

# The photon as new physics messenger

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In cosmology, most information has been brought to us through photons; especially true what regards the properties of the dark sector

=> in this talk, we consider new physics where photons directly point back to dark sector physics

**1** Cosmological 21cm photons as probe of new very light physics

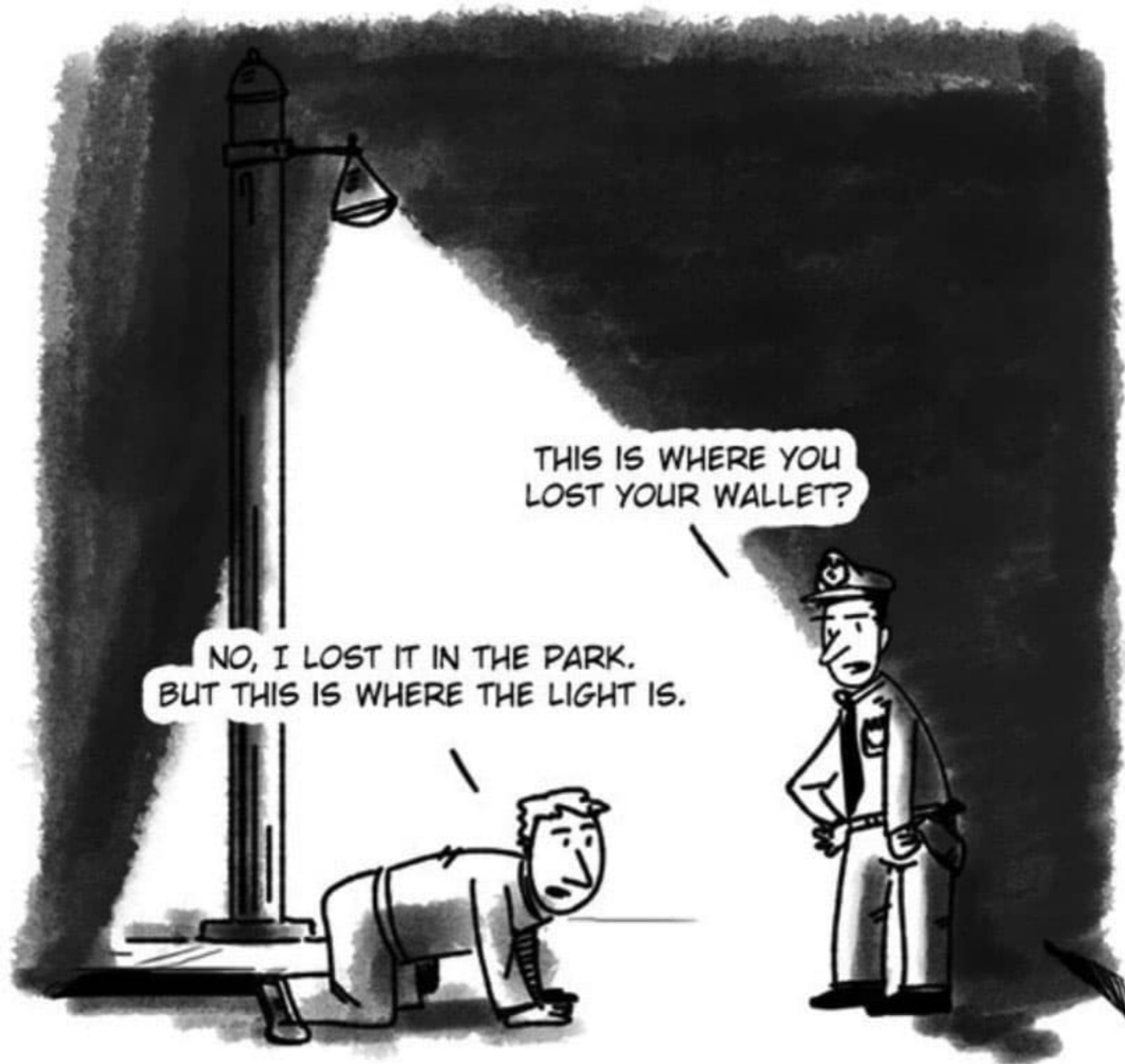
M. Pospelov, J. Ruderman, A. Urbano, PRL 2018, arXiv:1803.07048

**2** “Photon-portal” to new physics - direct dark state photon couplings

X. Chu, JP, L. Semmelrock, PRD 2019 arXiv:1811.04095

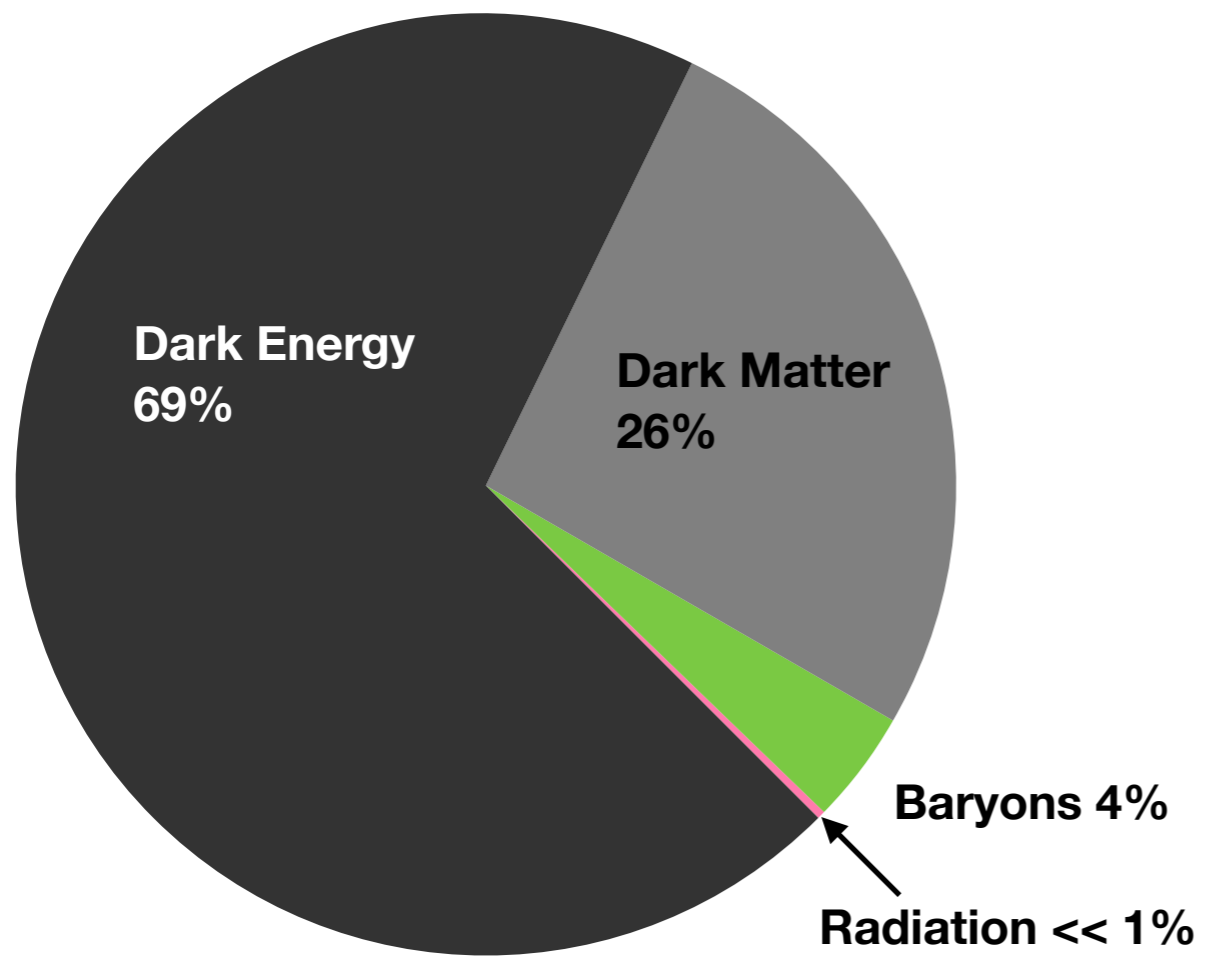
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# New Physics under the lamppost?



# The cosmic piechart

**Energy budget**



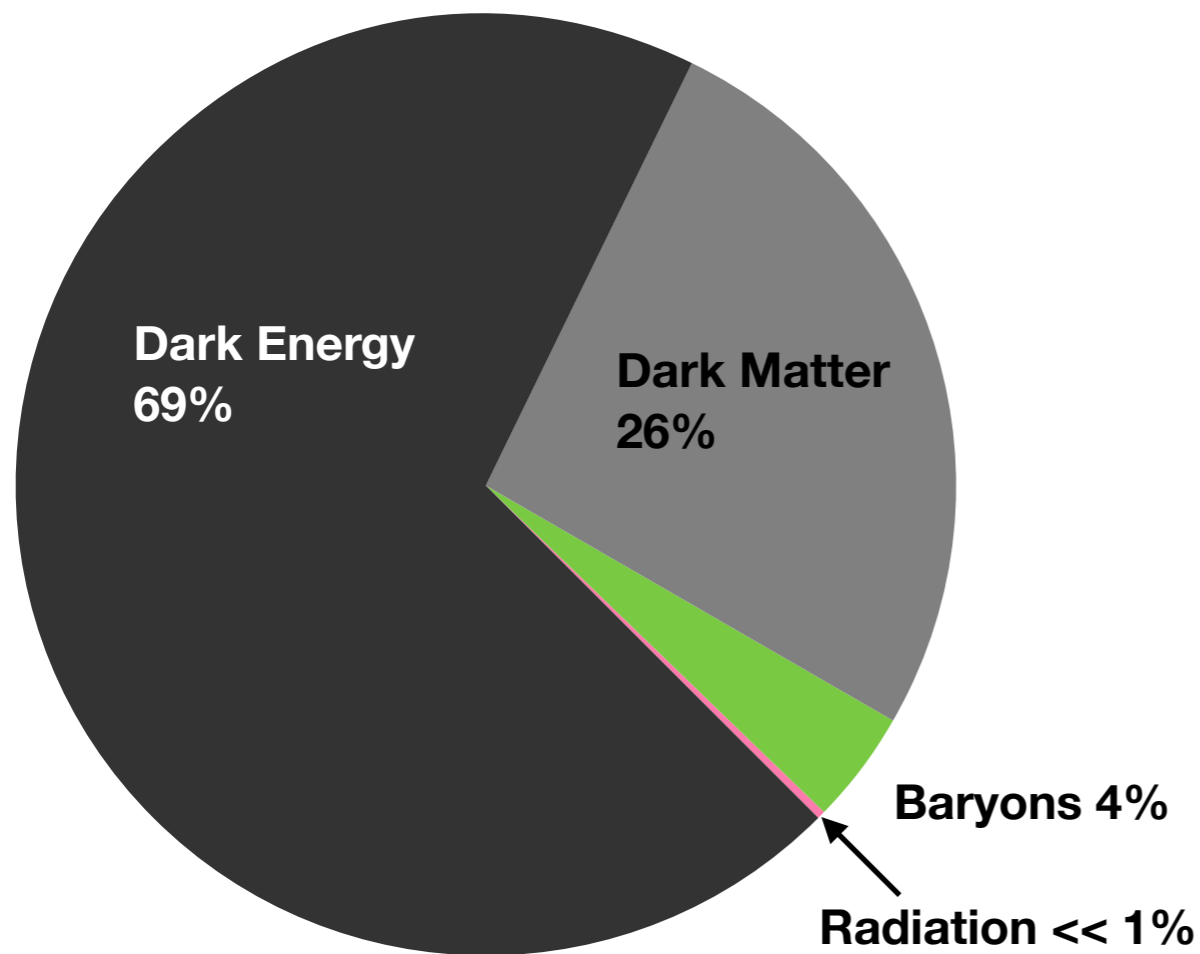
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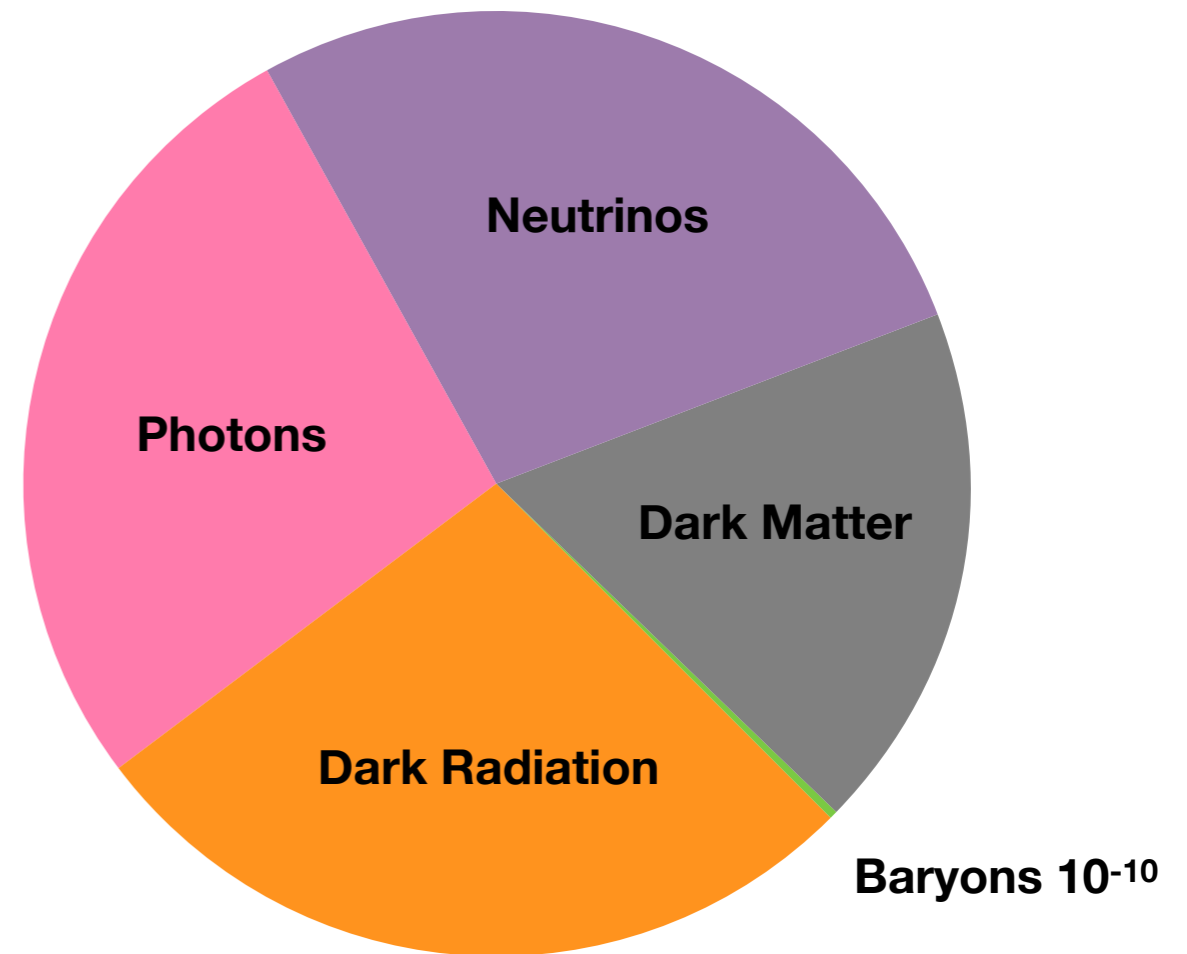
**Energy budget**

**vs.**

**Number budget?**

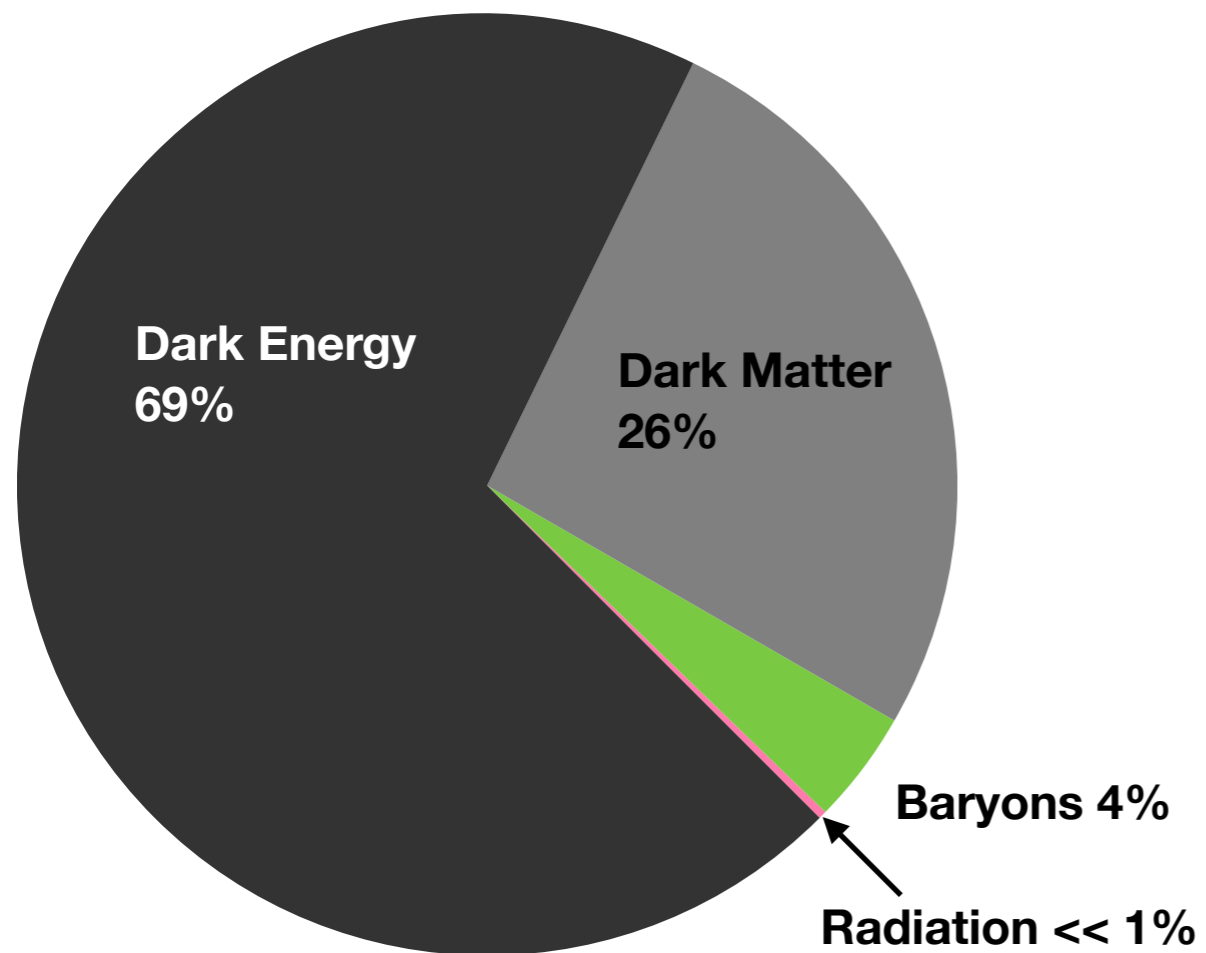


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**Dark Radiation can be dominant**

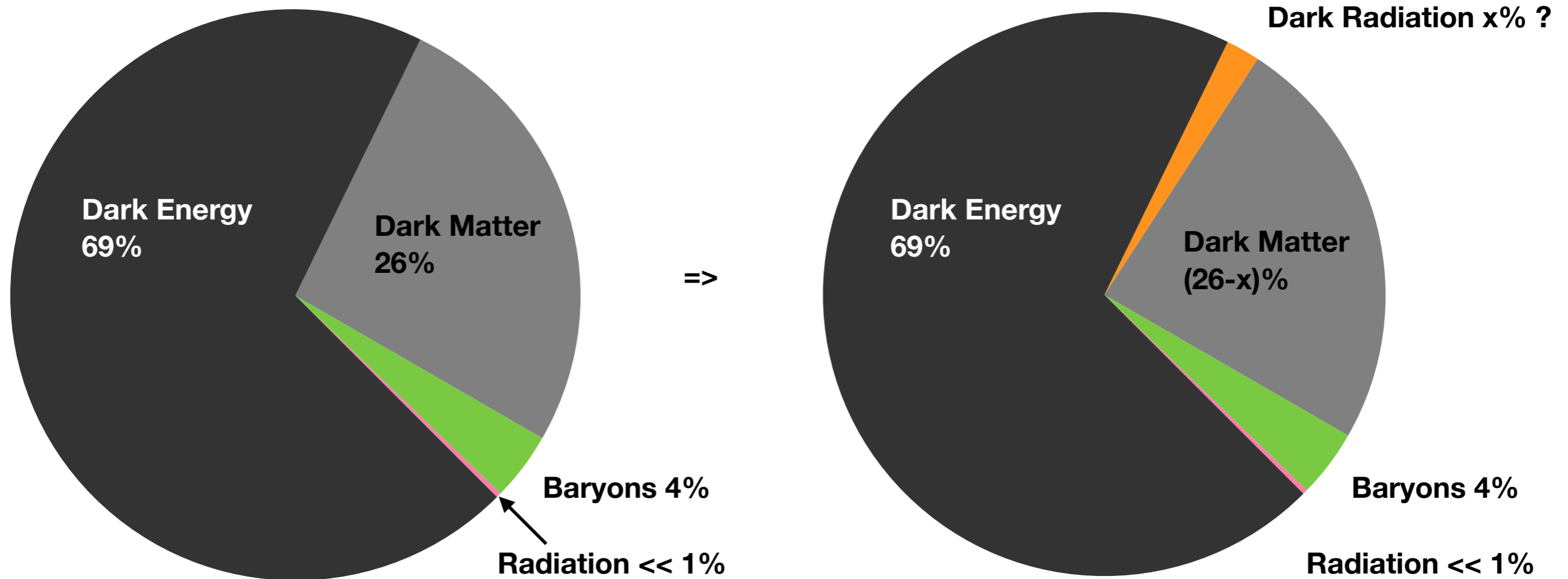
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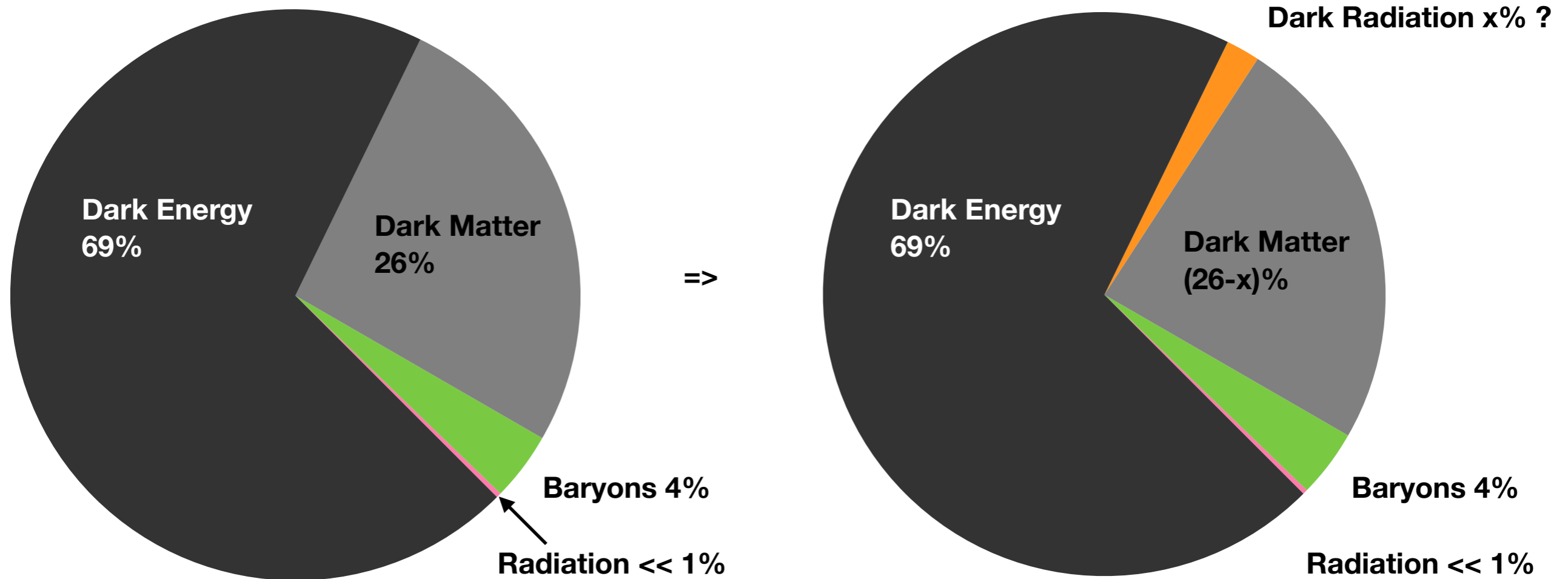


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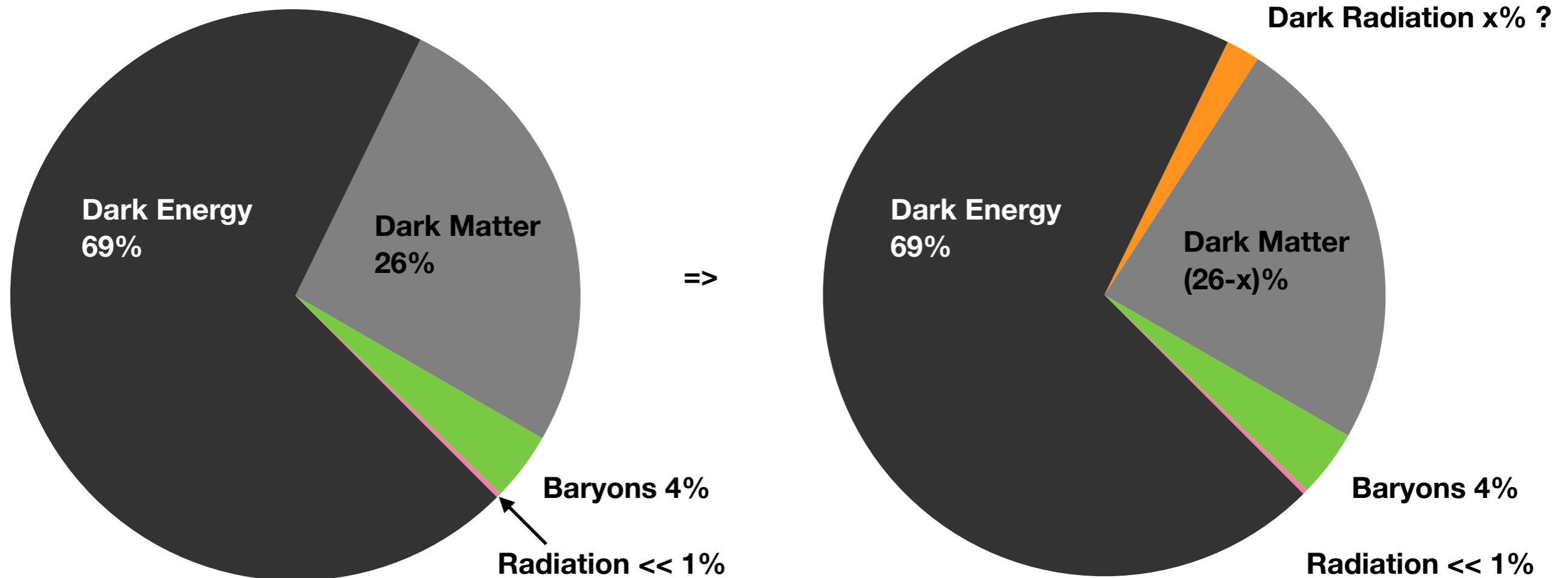
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**OPTION 1:**  $n_{\text{DR}} \ll n_{\gamma}, E_{\text{DR}} \gg E_{\gamma}$



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**CMB-inferred**

**Low redshift Universe**

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**OPTION 2:**  $\omega_{\text{DR}} \ll \omega_{\text{CMB}}, \quad n_{\text{DR}} > n_{\text{CMB}},$   
 $\omega_{\text{DR}} n_{\text{DR}} \ll \rho_{\text{tot}}$

# How much is possible?

Number of CMB photons in the RJ tail until  $\omega_{\max}$

$$n_{\text{RJ}} = \frac{1}{\pi^2} \int_0^{\omega_{\max}} \frac{\omega^2 d\omega}{\exp[\omega/T] - 1} \simeq \frac{T\omega_{\max}^2}{2\pi^2} \simeq 0.21 x_{\max}^2 n_{\text{CMB}}$$

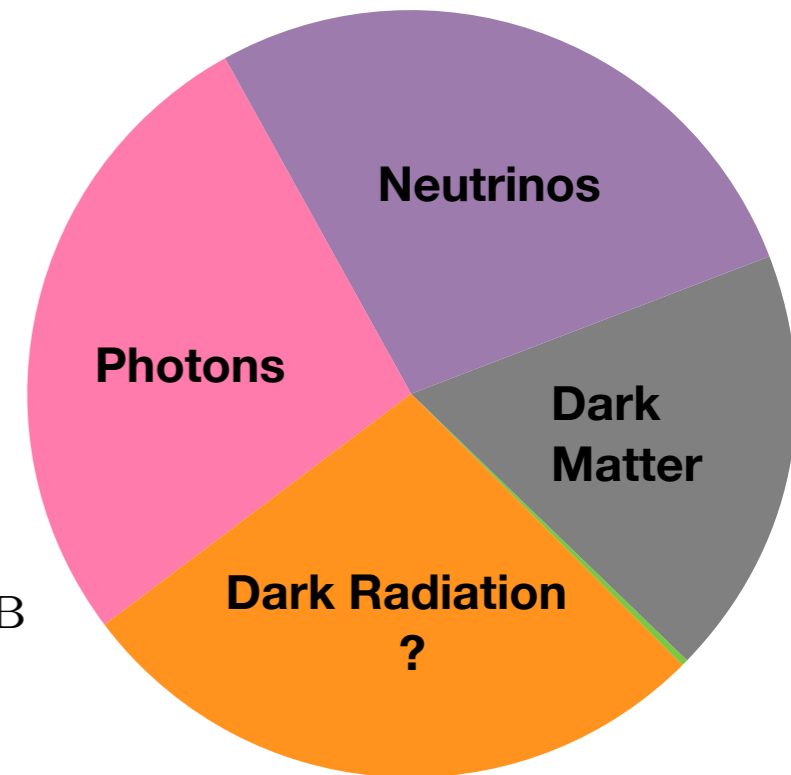
For  $x_{\max} \sim 10^{-3}$        $\frac{n_{\text{RJ}}}{n_{\text{CMB}}} \sim 10^{-6}$        $x = \omega/T$

For example,  $x_{\max} = 10^{-3}$ , and saturating the permissible numbers:

$$n_{\text{DR}} \lesssim 10^2 n_{\text{CMB}}, \quad \text{early DR with } \Delta N_{\text{eff}} = 0.5$$

$$n_{\text{DR}} \lesssim 10^5 n_{\text{CMB}}, \quad \text{late decay of } 0.05 \rho_{\text{DM}}$$

=> it is possible to add many more dark quanta in the RJ tail without running into immediate problems with cosmology



# Direct sensitivity to dark radiation?

Any **direct** sensitivity through a smaller branching fraction into SM states will strongly depend on the details of the model

Consider, e.g. DM decay  $X \rightarrow \chi\bar{\chi}$

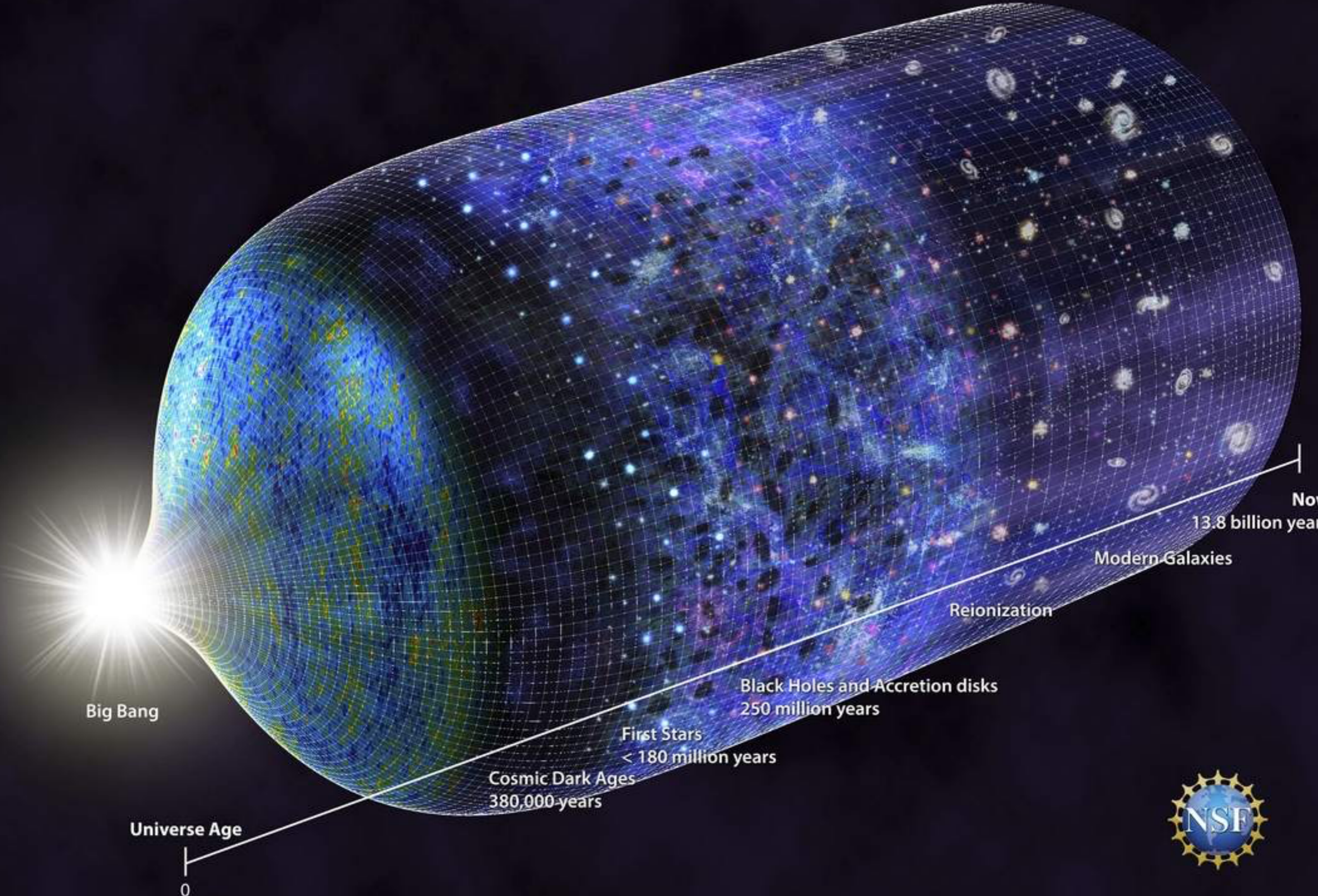
$\Rightarrow X \rightarrow \chi\bar{\chi}e^+e^-$  decay is highly suppressed

$$\text{Br}_{X \rightarrow \chi\bar{\chi}e^+e^-} \leq 10^{-3} G_\chi^2 m_X^4 \sim 10^{-13} \quad (m_X = 1 \text{ GeV}, G_\chi = G_F)$$

Our Universe has the chance to be permeated by **dark radiation** that is sourced by DM decay (or annihilation). What are the direct tests for it?

① If dark radiation is a dark photon

$\Rightarrow$  21cm cosmology! The new game in town.



Big Bang

Universe Age

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Cosmic Dark Ages  
380,000 years

First Stars  
< 180 million years

Black Holes and Accretion disks  
250 million years

Reionization

Modern Galaxies

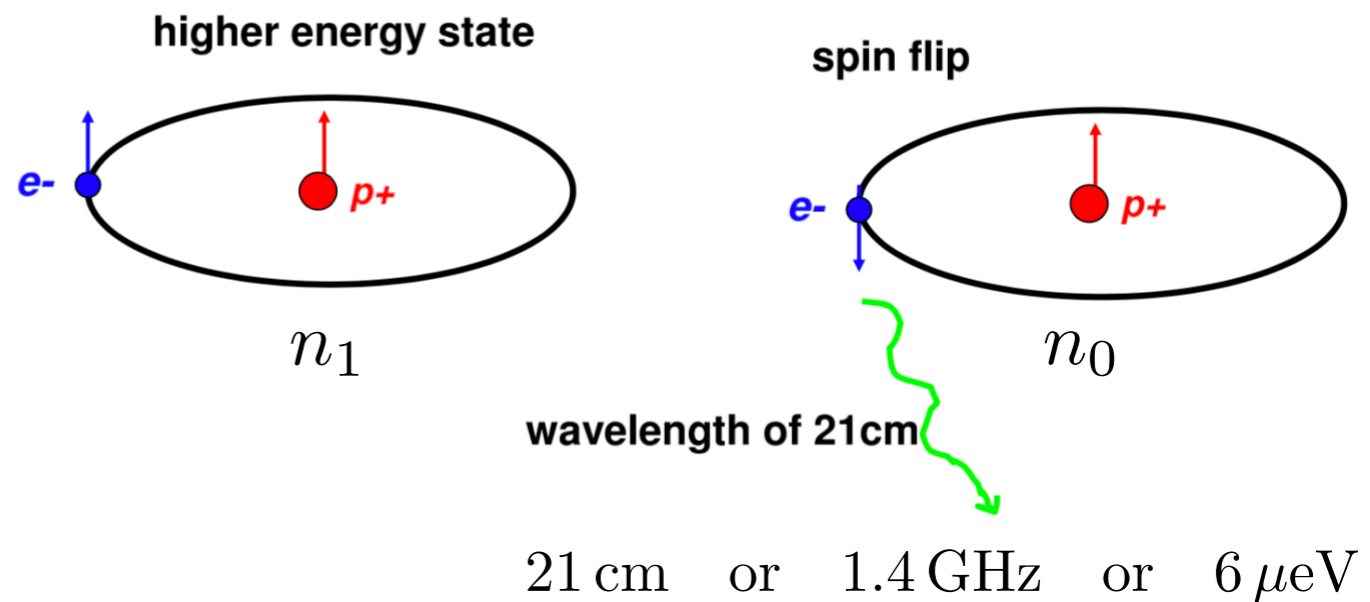
Now  
13.8 billion years



# 21 cm H hyperfine transition

$$\frac{n_1}{n_0} = \frac{g_1}{g_0} \exp \left\{ -\frac{T_\star}{T_s} \right\}$$

↑  
T<sub>s</sub> spin temperature



$$\dot{n}_0 + 3Hn_0 = -n_0(C_{01} + B_{01}I_\nu) + n_1(C_{10} + A_{10} + B_{10}I_\nu)$$

↑  
collisions

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Einstein coefficients

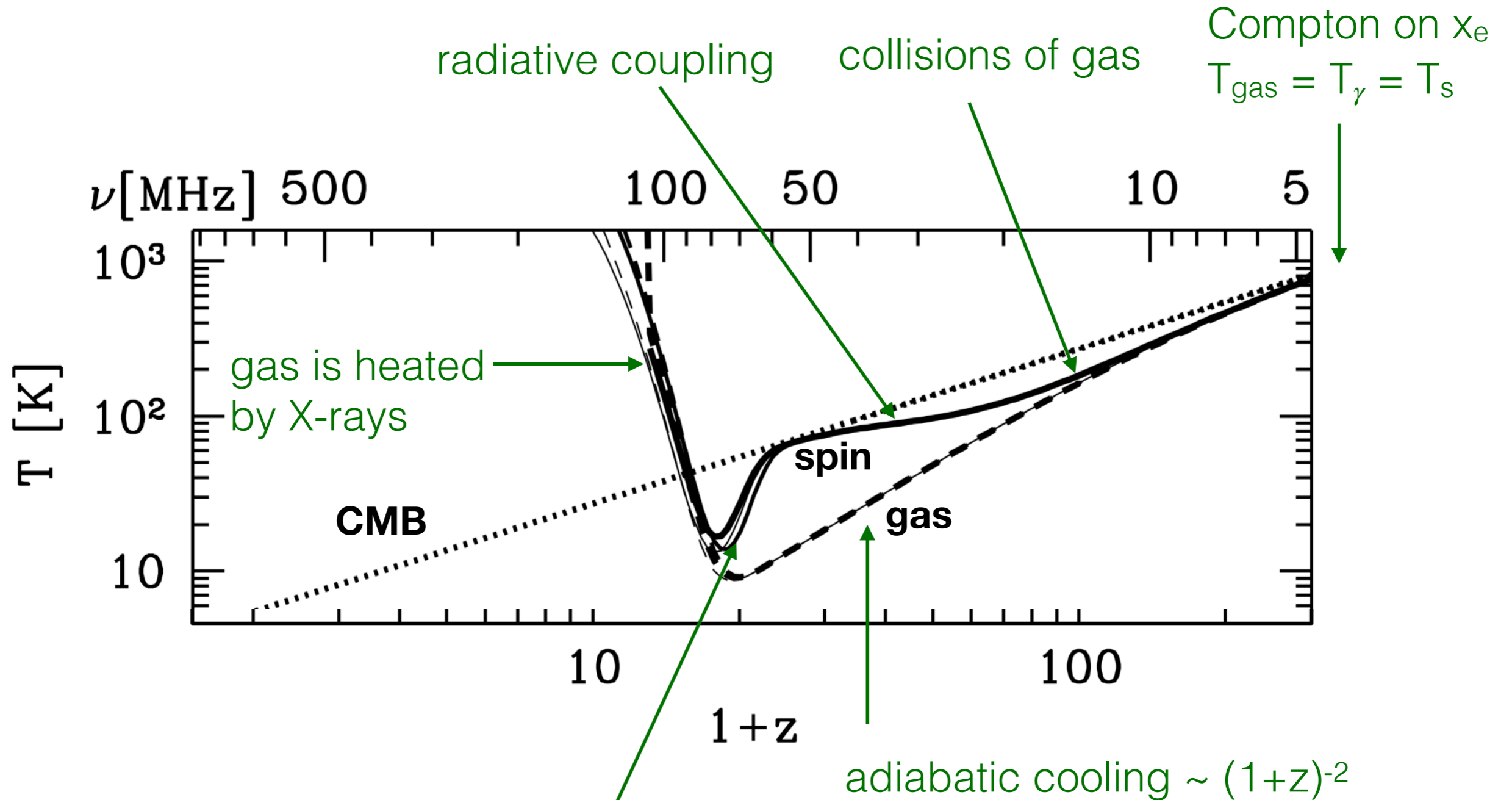
↑  
intensity of photons with 21cm wavelength  
 $I_\nu = T\omega^2/2\pi^2$

In reality, evolution is very complex, once Ly<sub>α</sub> & X-ray fluxes are generated by stars.

see [Venumadhav, Dai, Kaurov, Zaldarriaga 2018](#)

# Evolution of spin temperature

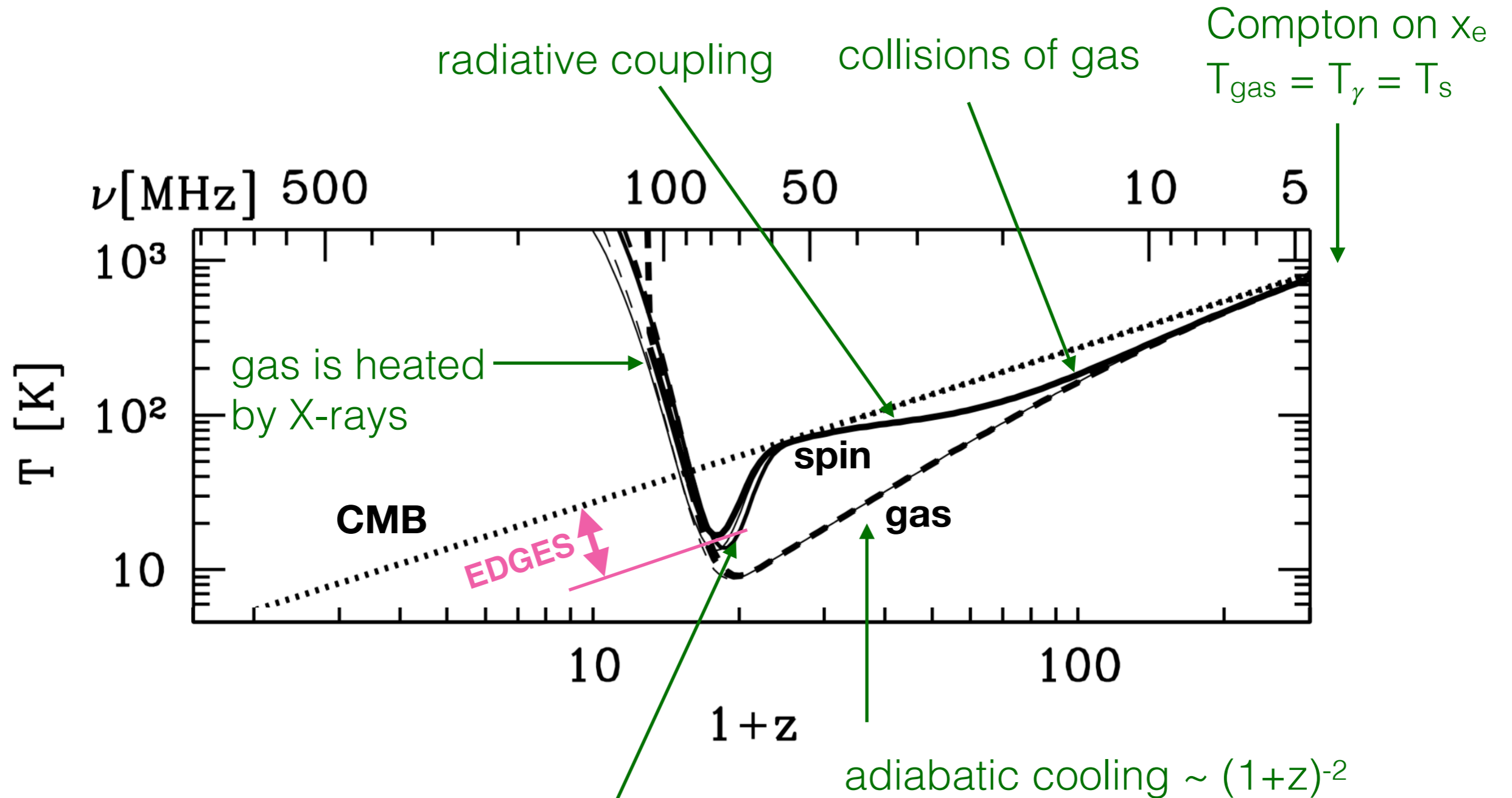
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# EDGES result

What is measured in 21 cm cosmology is a brightness temperature

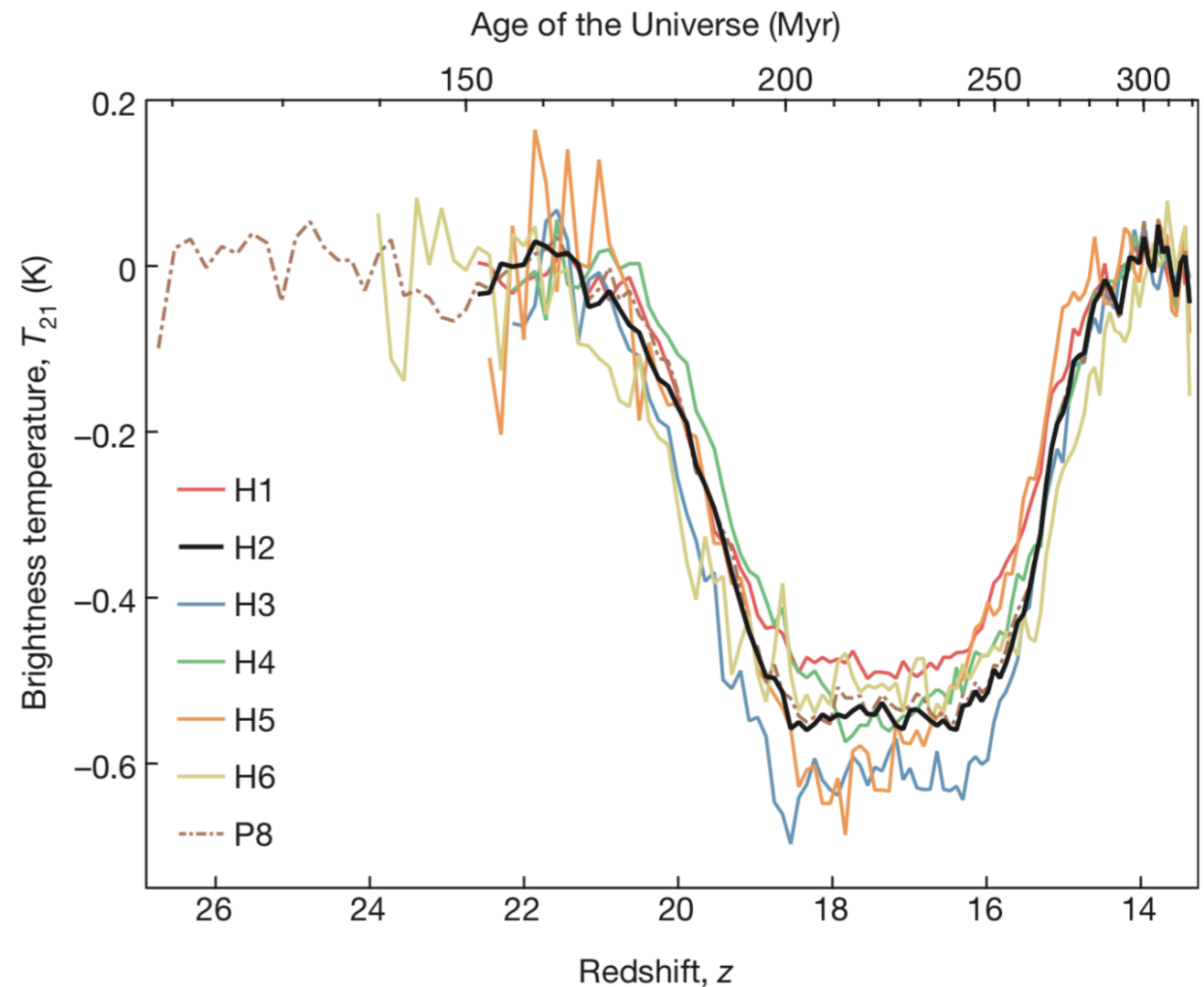
$$T_{21}(z) = \frac{\tau(T_s - T_r)}{1 + z}$$
$$\simeq 23 \text{ mK } x_H(z) \left[ 1 - \frac{T_r(z)}{T_s(z)} \right] \sqrt{\frac{1 + z}{10}}$$

Zaldarriaga, Furlanetto, Hernquist 2004

=> EDGES collaboration has measured anomalously low value (3.8 sigma)

$$T_{21}(z \simeq 17) = -0.5 \text{ K} \quad (16 < z < 20)$$

Bowman et al 2018





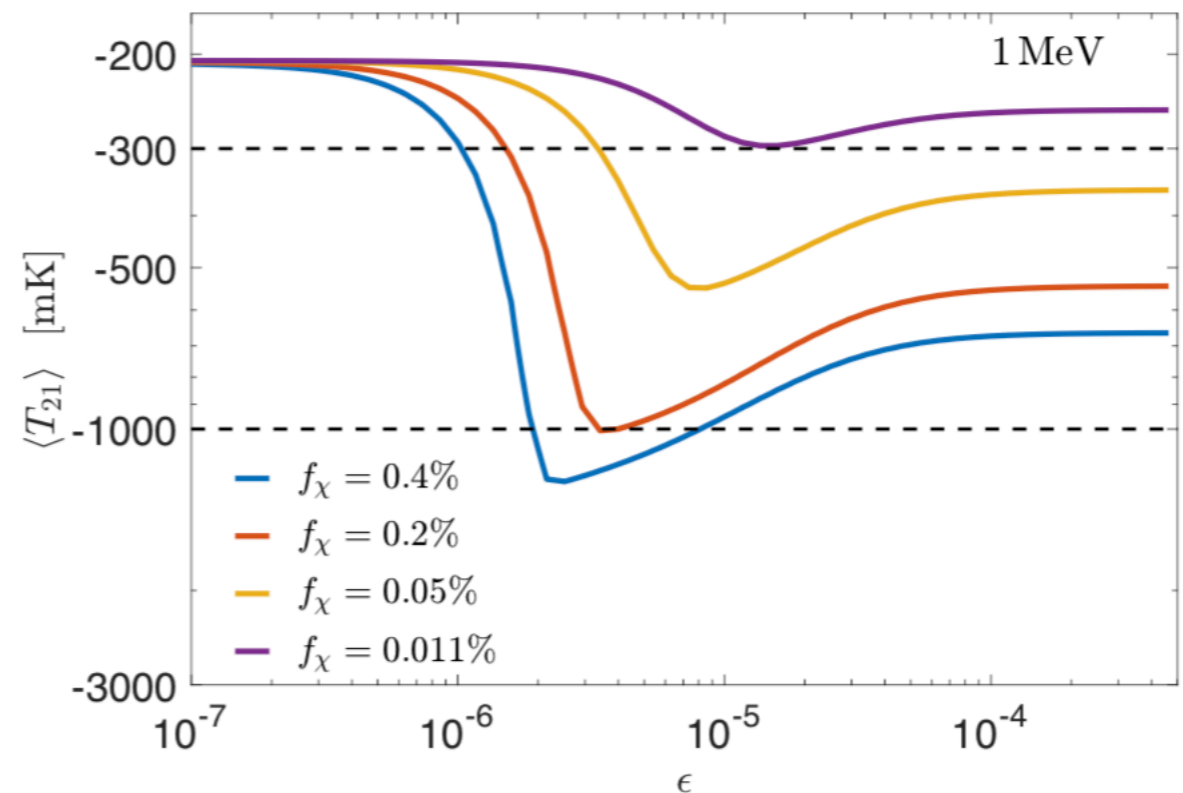
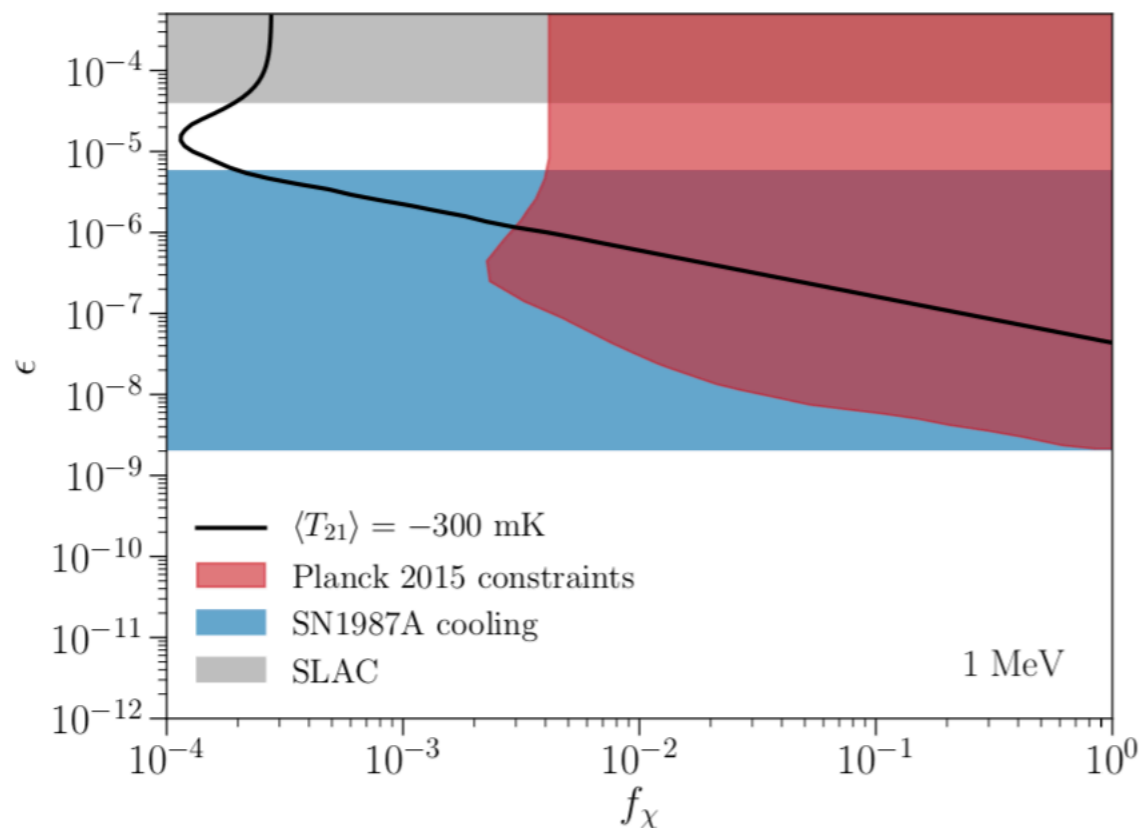
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Barkana;  
Munoz, Loeb;  
Barkana et al;  
Berlin et al; ...

## 1. Make baryons colder by coupling it to colder DM fluid

DM-baryon/electron cross section needs to be enhanced by  $1/v^4$  (i.e. massless mediator, Coulomb-like.) Milli-charged DM constraints apply; sub-% population may still do it.



Kovetz et al;

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=> raises “effective  $T_{\text{CMB}}$ ” in the low-energy **Rayleigh Jeans (RJ)** tail of the CMB

$$\frac{dn_{\text{CMB}}}{d\omega} = \frac{\omega^2}{\pi^2} \frac{1}{e^{\omega/T} - 1} \rightarrow \frac{T\omega}{\pi^2} \quad \Rightarrow \quad T \sim \frac{1}{\omega} \frac{dn_{\text{CMB}}}{d\omega}$$

=> those extra photons engage in the H hyperfine transition

=> needs a careful modification of the CMB, that is only operative in the IR (disfavors direct DM decay into photons)

**Rough criterion:** double the amount of RJ photons at  $x \equiv \omega_{21}/T_{\text{CMB}} = 10^{-3}$

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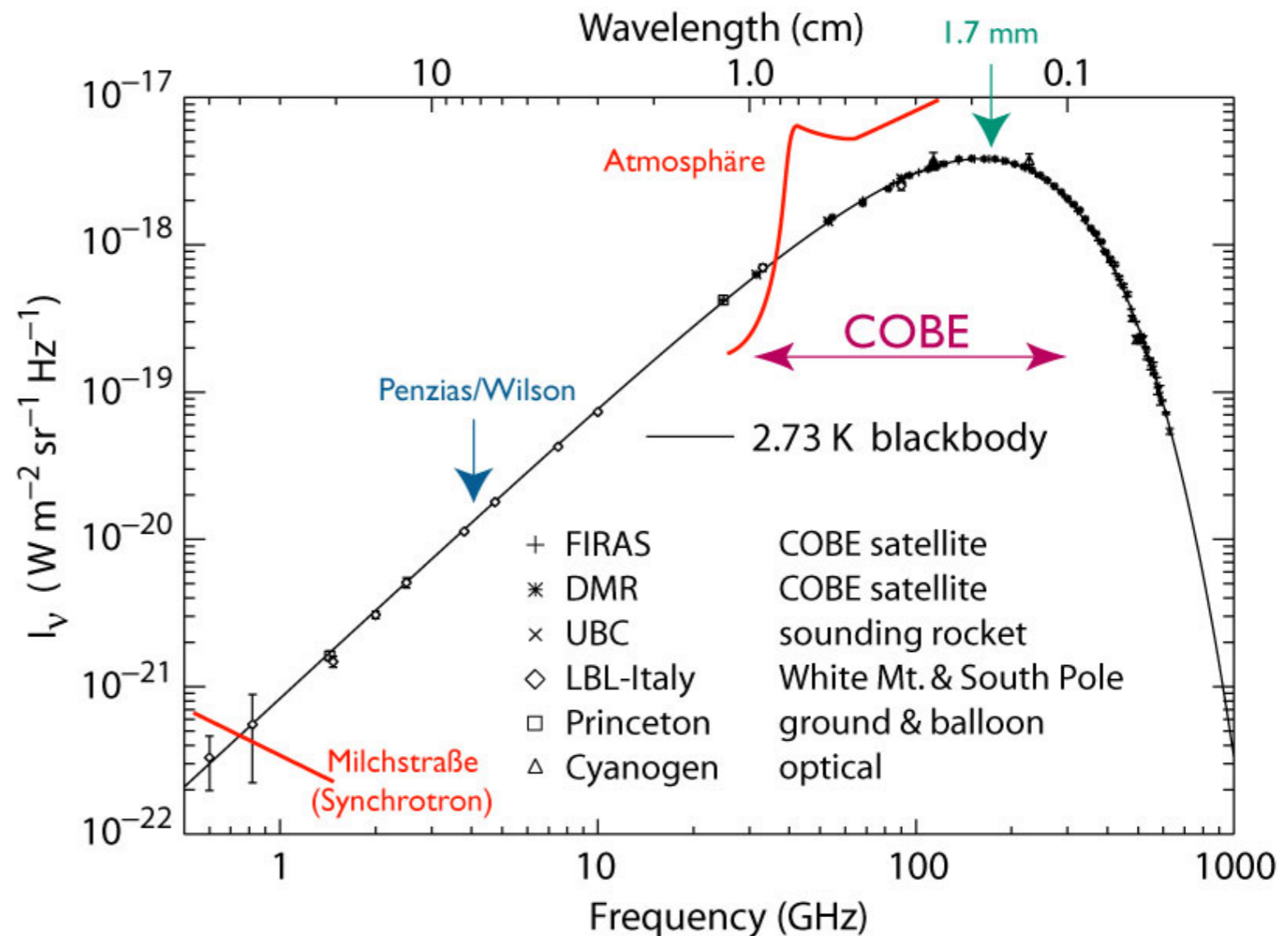
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$$x = \frac{\omega_{21}}{T_{\text{CMB}}} \simeq 10^{-3}$$

CMB not measured at  $x \sim 10^{-3}$   
 i.e below 100 MHz;  
 swamped by foregrounds

=> room to accommodate  
 primordial extra photons

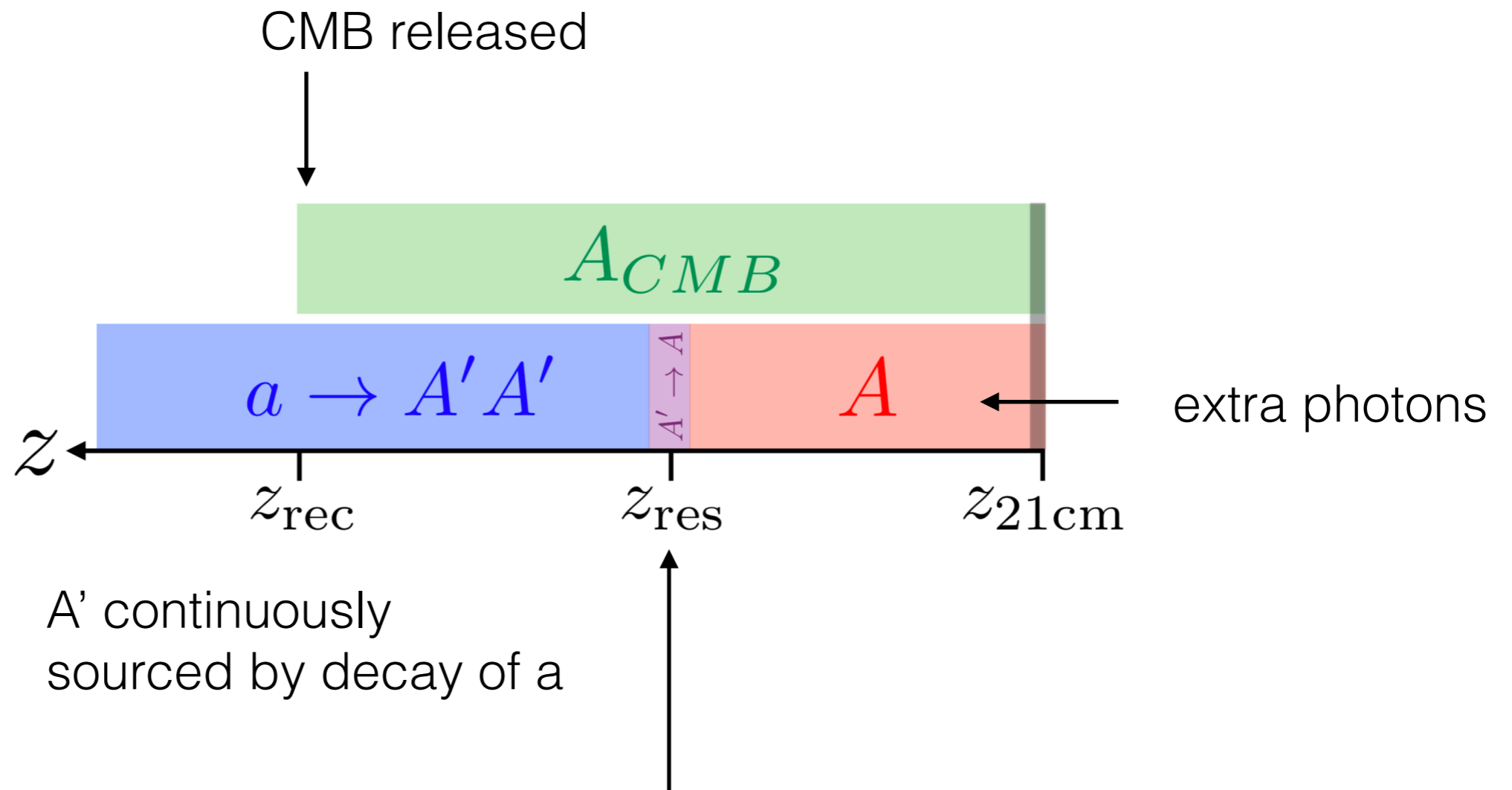
=> will affect 21cm signal



# Extra photons in the CMB

*dark radiation = dark photons*

**Our main idea:**

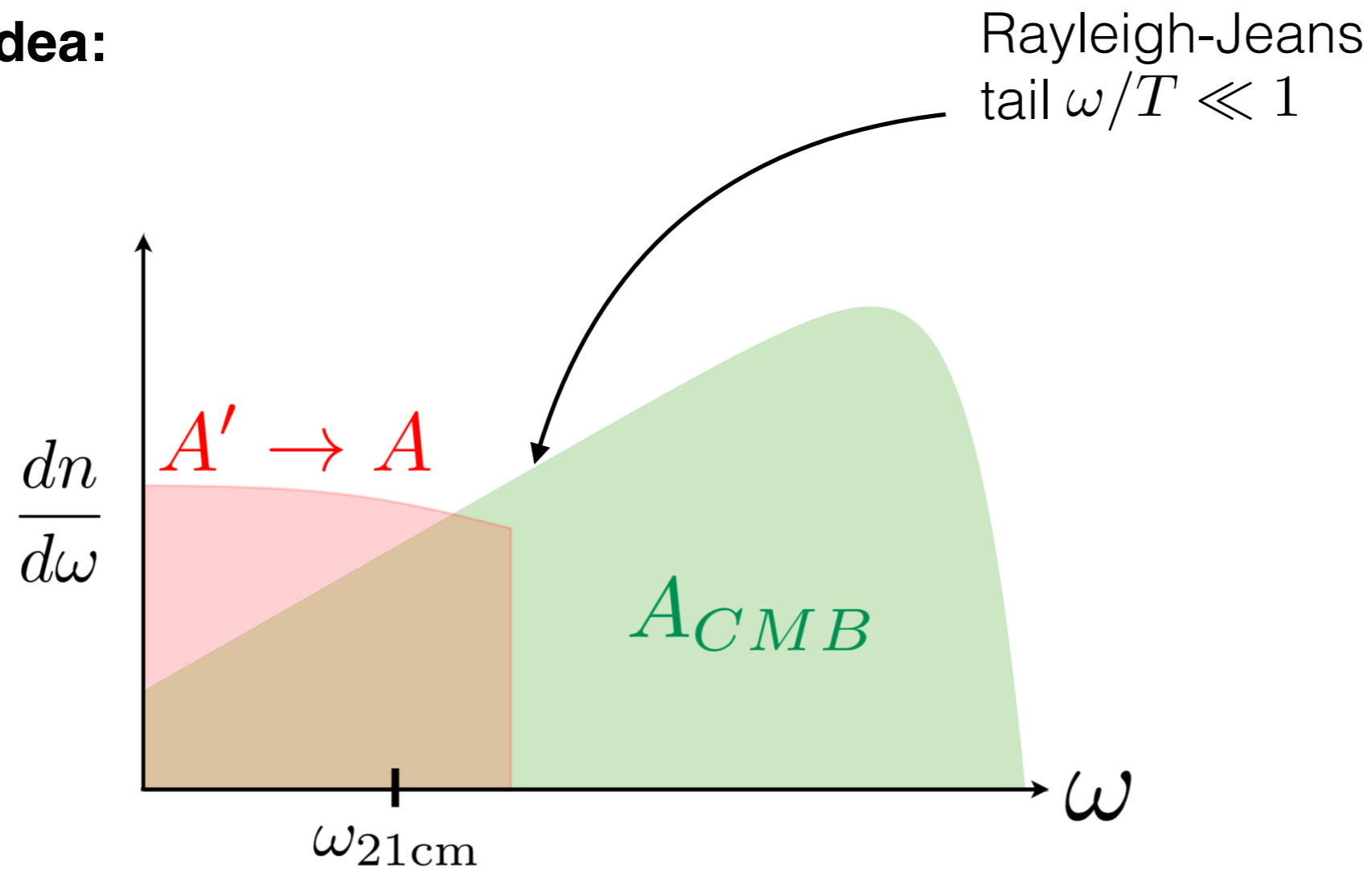


**Resonant conversion** of  $A'$  into ordinary photons  $A$

happens when  $m_A = m'_A(z)$

# Modification of the RJ tail of the CMB

**Main idea:**



$$\frac{dn_A}{d\omega} \rightarrow \frac{dn_A}{d\omega} \times P_{A \rightarrow A} + \frac{dn_{A'}}{d\omega} \times P_{A' \rightarrow A}$$

# DM decay into dark photons

Axion-like particle together with dark photon:

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2}(\partial_\mu a)^2 - \frac{m_a^2}{2}a^2 + \frac{a}{4f_a}F'_{\mu\nu}\tilde{F}'^{\mu\nu} + \mathcal{L}_{AA'} ,$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{AA'} = -\frac{1}{4}F_{\mu\nu}^2 - \frac{1}{4}(F'_{\mu\nu})^2 - \frac{\epsilon}{2}F_{\mu\nu}F'_{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{2}m_{A'}^2(A'_\mu)^2$$

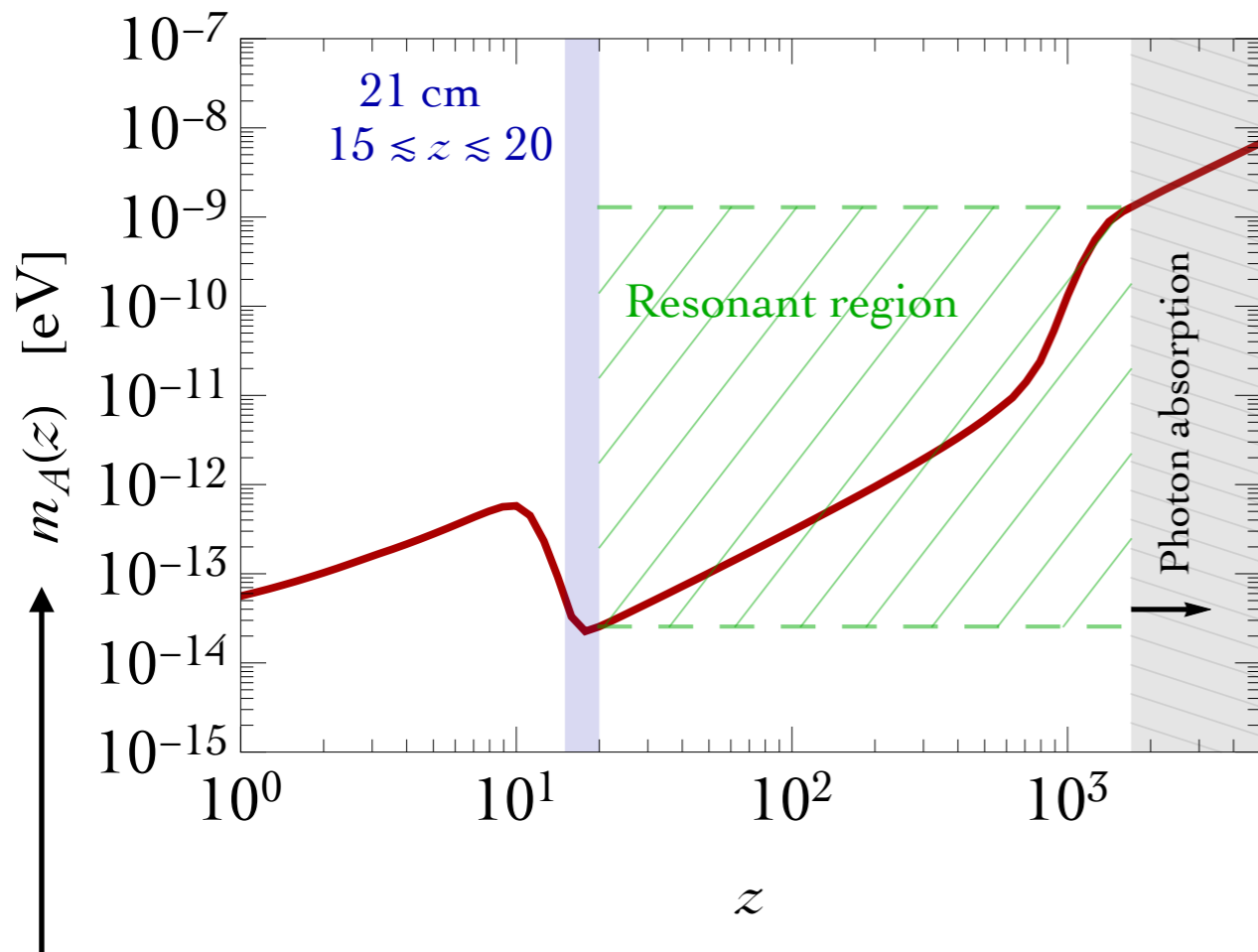
Lifetime can be anything from much shorter to much longer than the age of the Universe

$$\Gamma_a = \frac{m_a^3}{64\pi f_a^2} = \frac{3 \times 10^{-4}}{\tau_U} \left( \frac{m_a}{10^{-4} \text{ eV}} \right)^3 \left( \frac{100 \text{ GeV}}{f_a} \right)^2$$

Axion decay to two normal photons does not work because  $f_a > 10^9 \text{ GeV}$  and the rate is tiny.

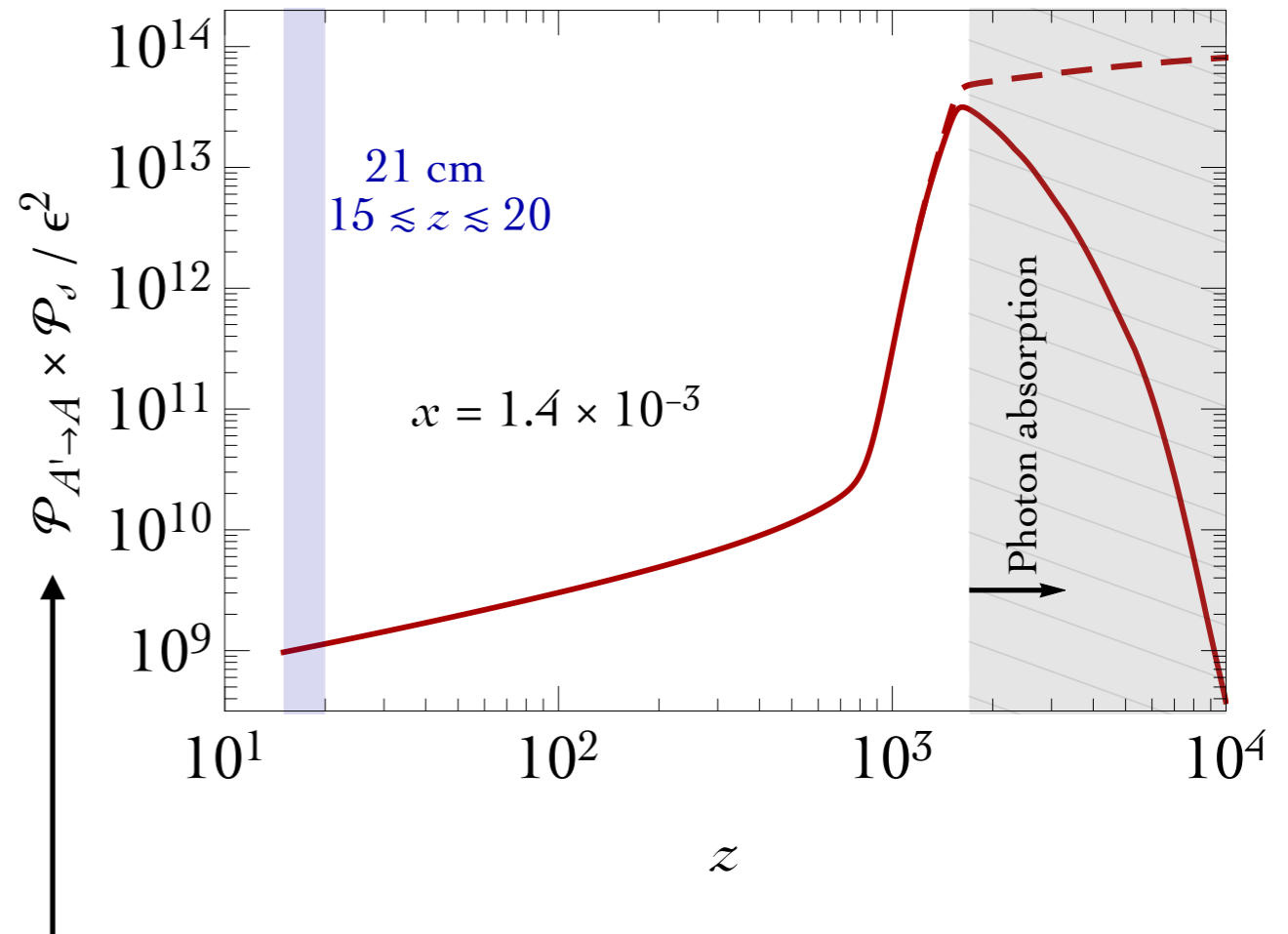
# Dark photon - photon conversion

$$m'_A = m_A(z)$$



photon plasma freq.

$$m_A(z) \simeq 1.7 \times 10^{-14} \text{eV} \times (1+z)^{3/2} X_e^{1/2}(z)$$

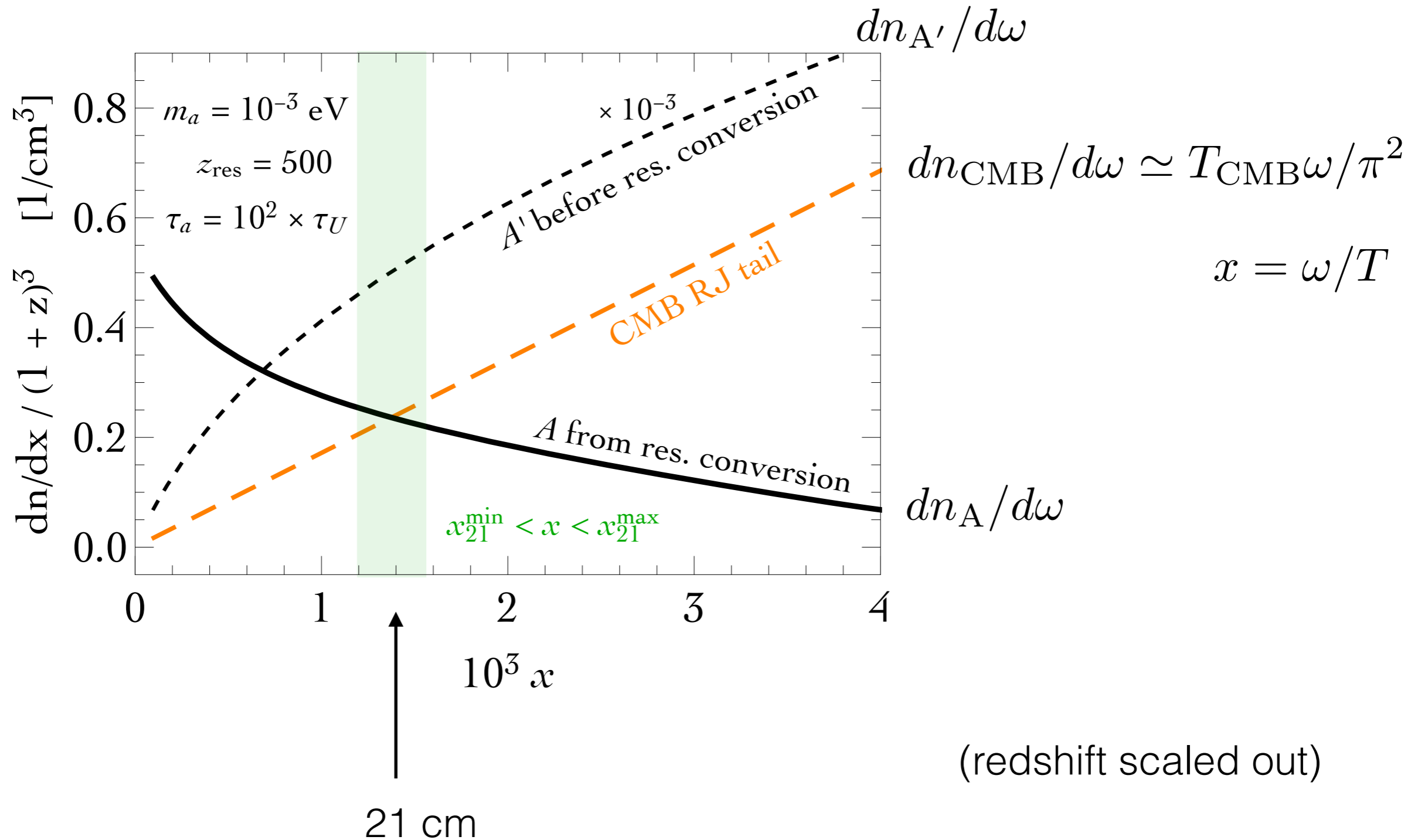


transition probability

$$P_{A \rightarrow A'} = P_{A' \rightarrow A} = \frac{\pi \epsilon^2 m_{A'}^2}{\omega} \times \left| \frac{d \log m_A^2}{dt} \right|_{t=t_{\text{res}}}^{-1}$$

see also [Mirizzi, Redondo, Sigl 2009]

# Spectra at 21cm wavelength





# DM lifetime vs. photon count

Example:

Fixing progenitor mass

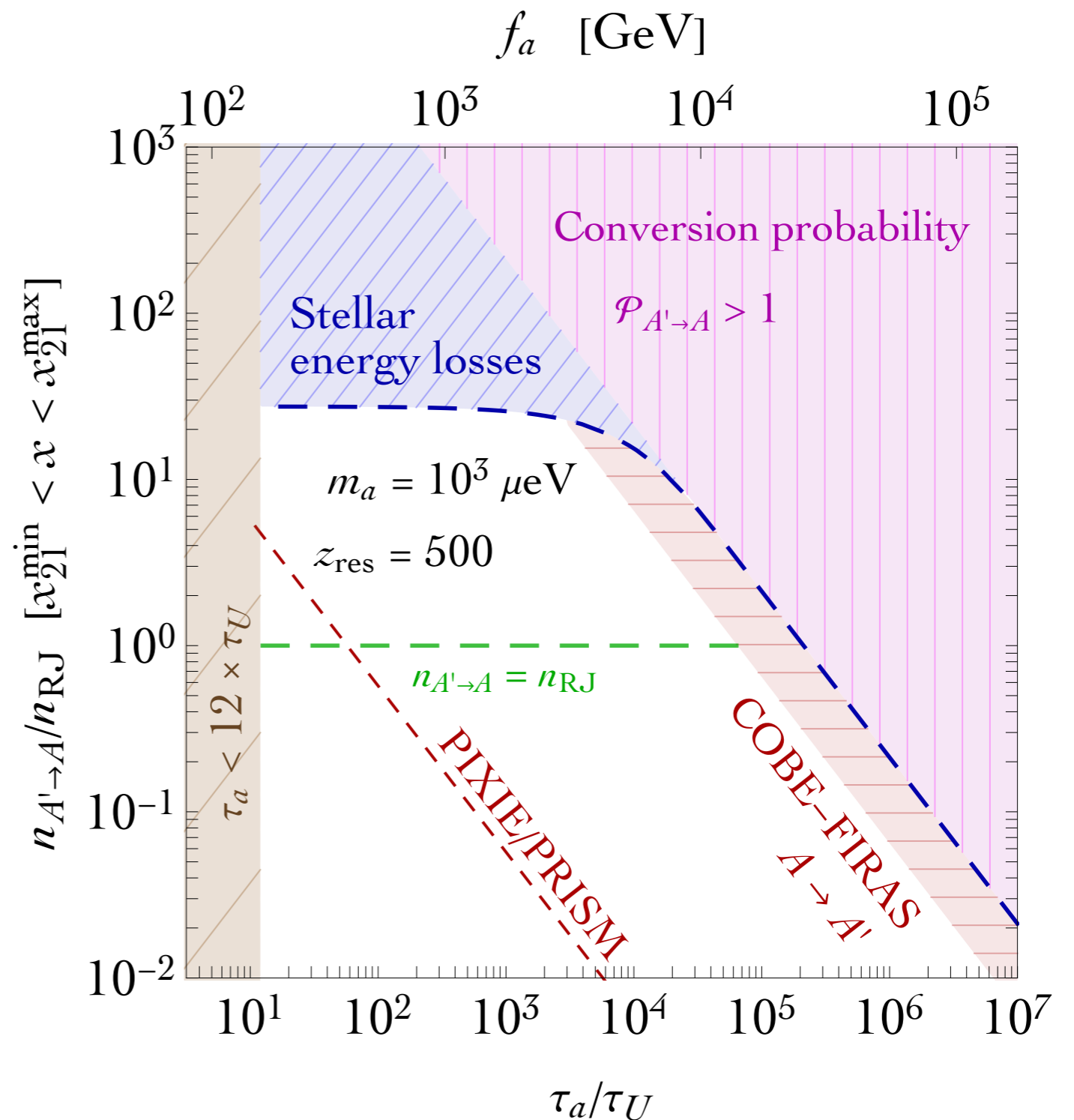
$$m_a = 10^{-3} \text{ eV}$$

and DP mass such that

$$z_{\text{res}} = 500$$

we obtain the possible enhancement in the photon count at  $x = 10^{-3}$

**green line: count doubled  
=> EDGES amplitude explained**

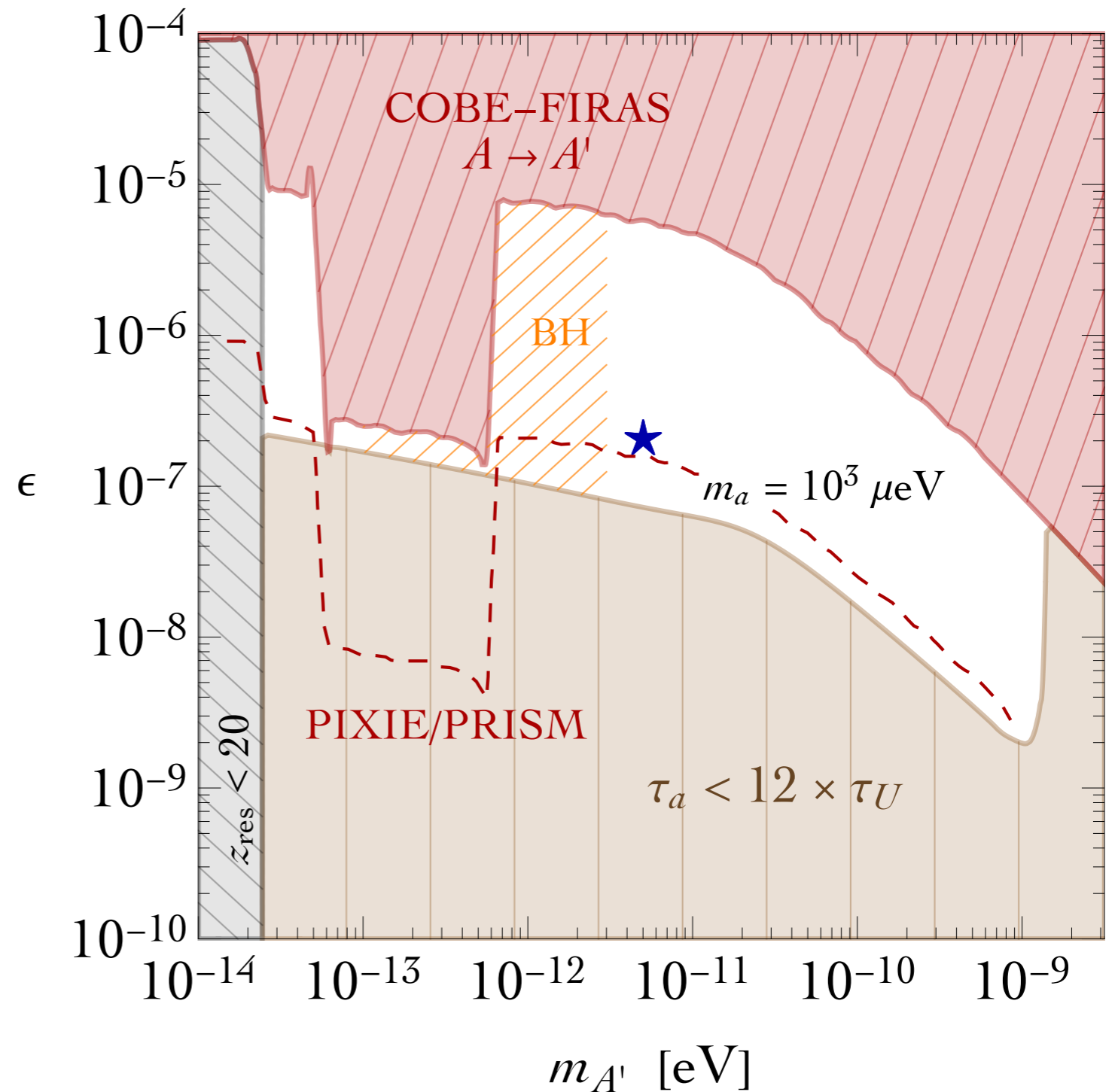


# Kinetic Mixing vs. DP mass

Imposing  $n_{A' \rightarrow A} / n_{\text{RJ}} = 1$ ,  
i.e. requiring that EDGES  
amplitude is explained, and  
for one value of axion mass

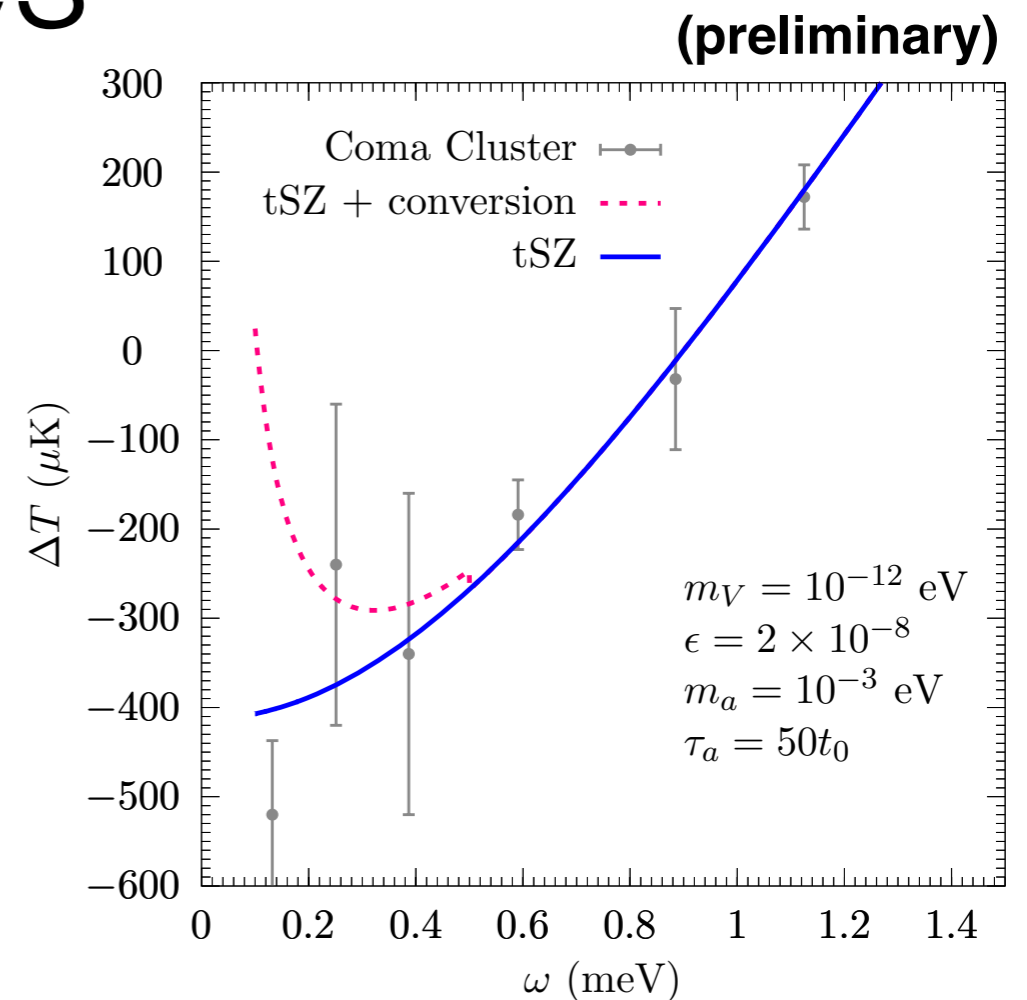
=> yields parameter space  
in DP mass vs. epsilon

=> much allowed.



# Additional signatures

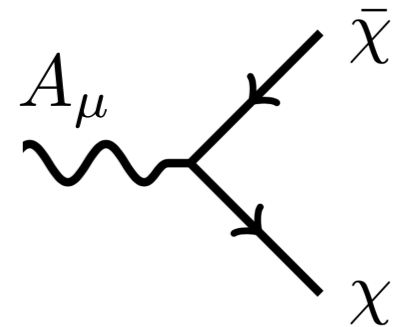
- Further constraints on the model will exist from conversions in the low- $z$  Universe, e.g.
  - from thermal SZ-effect measurements in specific Clusters
  - from “lines” from axion decay inside DM haloes today



- Interesting connection to ARCADE 2 radio observations. Measurement of (extragalactic) sky temperature in the range 3-8GHz show excess [compare FIRAS > 13 GHz]
- Can we learn more about EDGES, e.g. by considering the shape? (steep turn-on of the feature)

# 2 Dark States with EM-interactions

Electromagnetic neutral particles  $\chi$  can interact with the photon through higher-dimensional operators



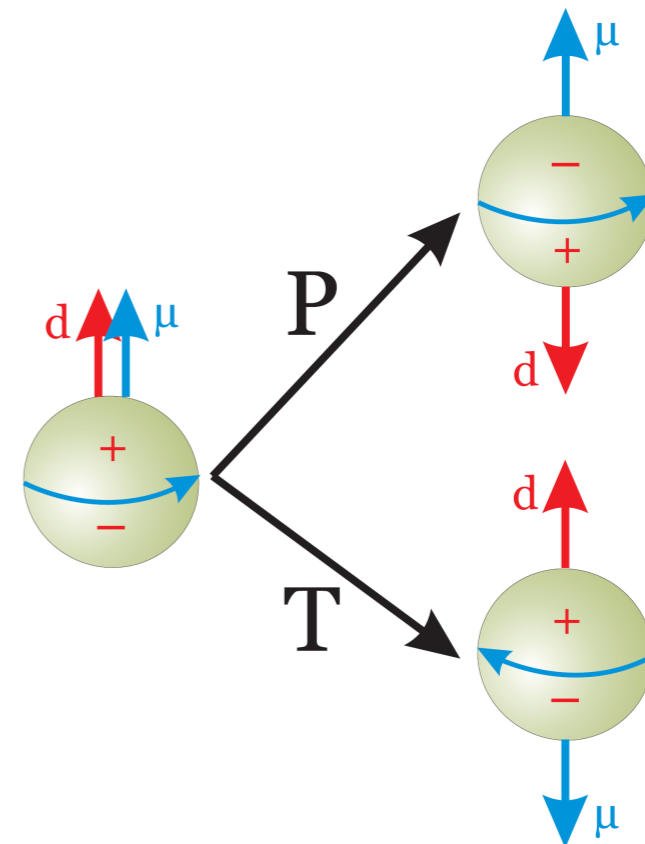
For a Dirac particle, best known are magnetic and electric dipole moments

$$H_{\text{MDM}} = -\mu_\chi (\vec{B} \cdot \vec{\sigma}_\chi)$$

P and T even

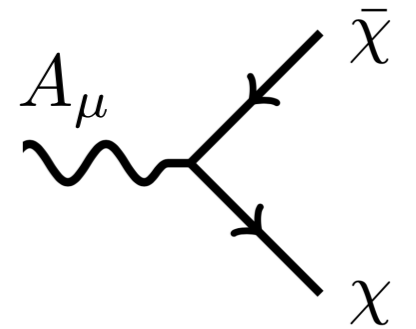
$$H_{\text{EDM}} = -d_\chi (\vec{E} \cdot \vec{\sigma}_\chi)$$

P and T odd  $\Rightarrow$  CP violating



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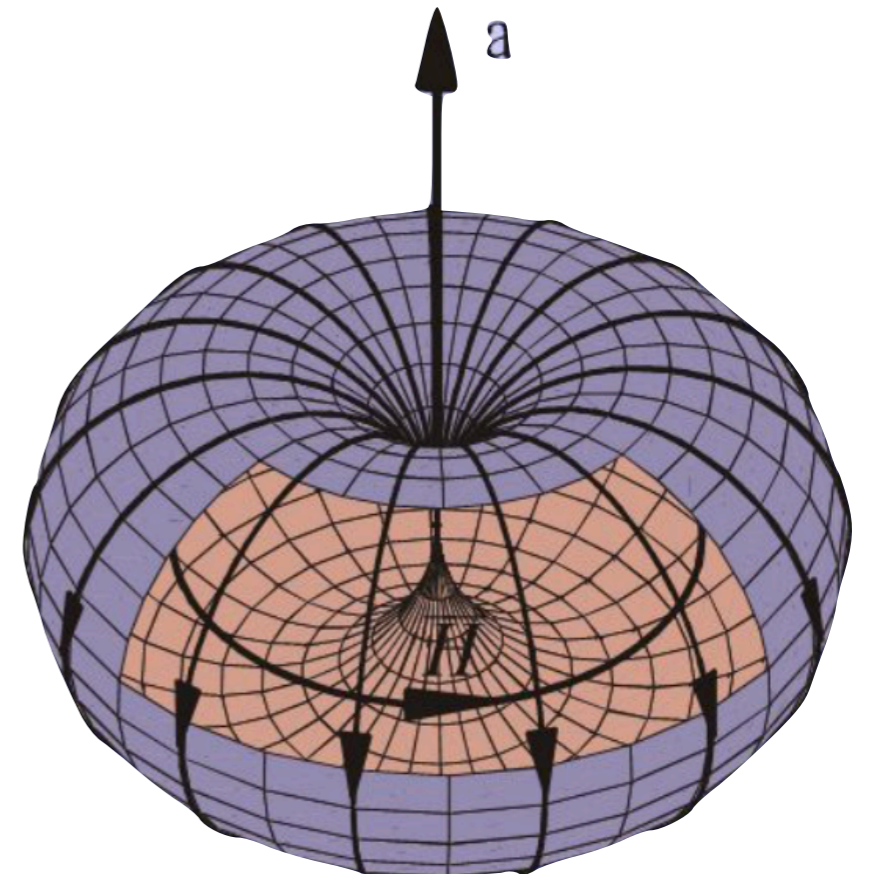
Charge radius interaction and anapole moments

$$H_{\text{AM}} = -a_\chi (\vec{J} \cdot \vec{\sigma}_\chi) \quad \text{Zel'dovich 1958}$$

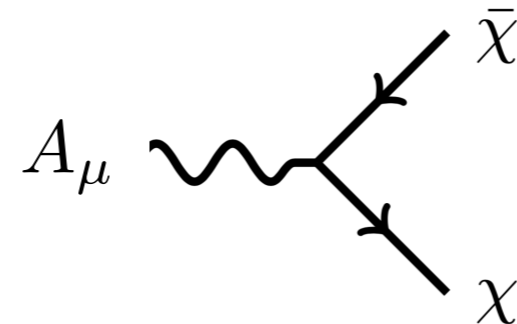
P odd but CP even

$$H_{\text{CR}} = -b_\chi (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E})$$

P and T even



# Dark States with EM-interactions



## Effective operators

millicharge ( $\epsilon Q$ ):

$$\epsilon e \bar{\chi} \gamma^\mu \chi A_\mu, \quad \text{dim 4}$$

magnetic dipole (MDM):

$$\frac{1}{2} \mu_\chi \bar{\chi} \sigma^{\mu\nu} \chi F_{\mu\nu}, \quad \dots\dots\dots$$

electric dipole (EDM):

$$\frac{i}{2} d_\chi \bar{\chi} \sigma^{\mu\nu} \gamma^5 \chi F_{\mu\nu}, \quad \text{dim 5}$$

anapole moment (AM):

$$a_\chi \bar{\chi} \gamma^\mu \gamma^5 \chi \partial^\nu F_{\mu\nu}, \quad \dots\dots\dots$$

charge radius (CR):

$$b_\chi \bar{\chi} \gamma^\mu \chi \partial^\nu F_{\mu\nu}. \quad \text{dim 6}$$

NB: Millicharged states at the intensity frontier have previously been discussed

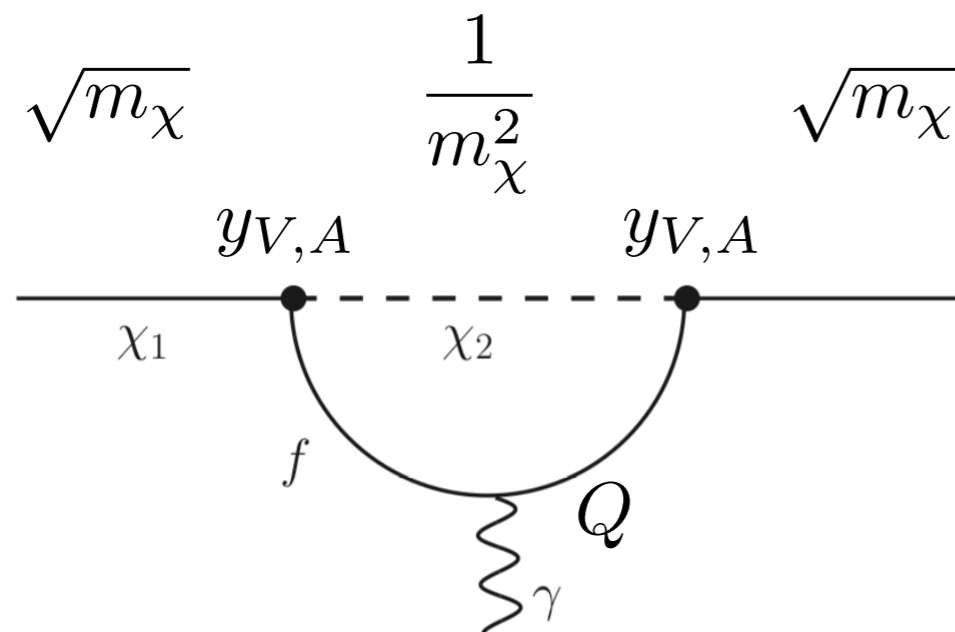
[Prinz et 1998](#); recent refs [Magill et al 2018](#); [Berlin et al 2018](#),

# Origin of form factor interactions

a) compositeness

e.g. Bagnasco, Dine, Thomas 1994; Foadi, Frandsen, Sannino 2009;  
Antipin, Redi, Strumia, and Vigiani 2015

b) radiatively (possibly enhanced by mass degeneracies)



$$\mu_\chi \sim \frac{Q |y_{A,V}|^2}{m_\chi} \quad d_\chi \sim \frac{Q \operatorname{Im}[y_V y_A^*]}{m_\chi}$$

$$a_\chi, b_\chi \sim \frac{Q |y_{A,V}|^2}{M^2}$$

or

$$a_\chi, b_\chi \sim \frac{Q |y_{A,V}|^2}{m_\chi} \times \frac{1}{\Delta m}$$

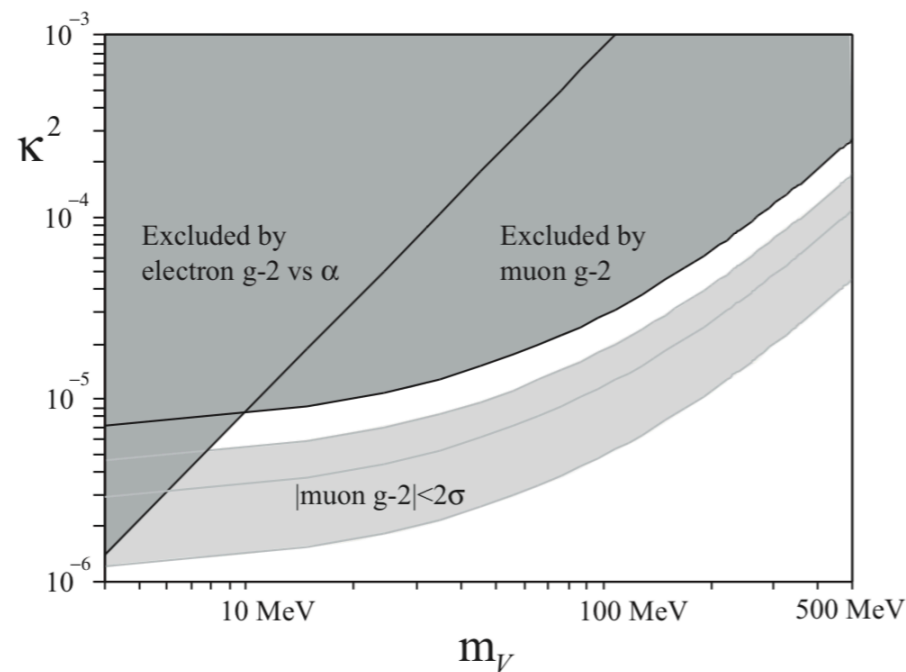
see also recent ref. Kavanagh, Panci, Ziegler 2018

# Muon g-2

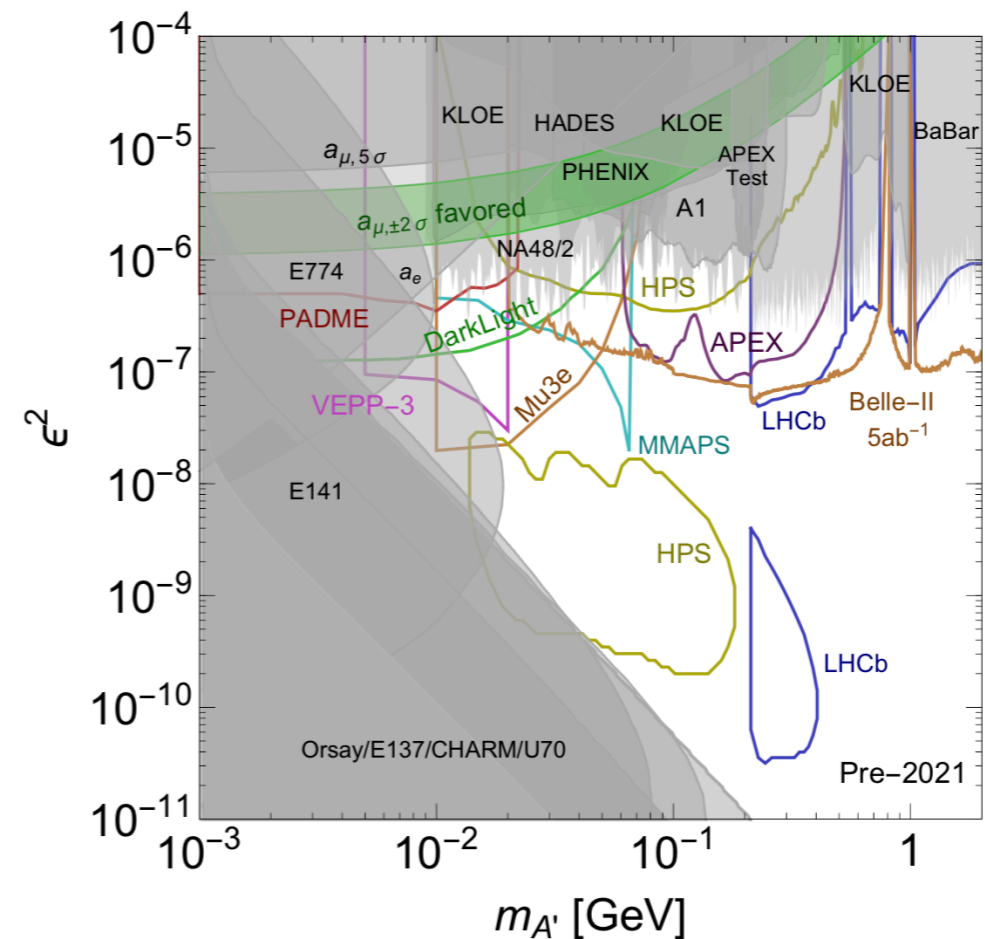
- Muon g-2 puzzle: (3-4) $\sigma$  tension between SM prediction and measurement

$$\Delta a_\mu = a_\mu^{\text{exp}} - a_\mu^{\text{SM}} = (290 \pm 90) \times 10^{-11}$$

- Prospective solutions became a driver for intensity frontier efforts, think: dark photon.



$\Rightarrow$





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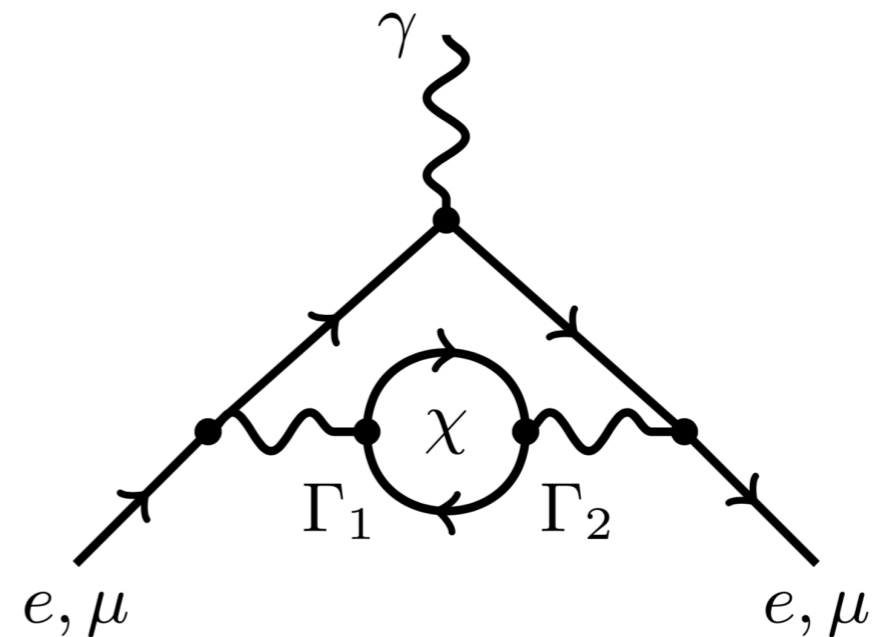
- For form-factor interactions, contributions enter through the vacuum polarization

e.g. use dispersion relation + unitarity

$$\Delta a_\mu = \frac{1}{4\pi^3} \int_{4m_\chi^2} ds \sigma_{e^+e^- \rightarrow \chi\bar{\chi}}(s) K(s)$$

solution to g-2 for

$$|\mu_\chi|, |d_\chi| \sim \text{few} \times 10^{-3} \mu_B$$



=> we shall see, that it is excluded by BaBar

# Precision tests

- In EW theory,  $G_F$ ,  $m_W$  and  $m_Z$  are related and receive calculable quantum corrections, summarized in the  $\Delta r$  parameter

$$\Delta r_{\text{obs}} = 1 - \frac{A_0^2}{M_W^2 s_w^2} = 0.03492 \pm 0.00097$$

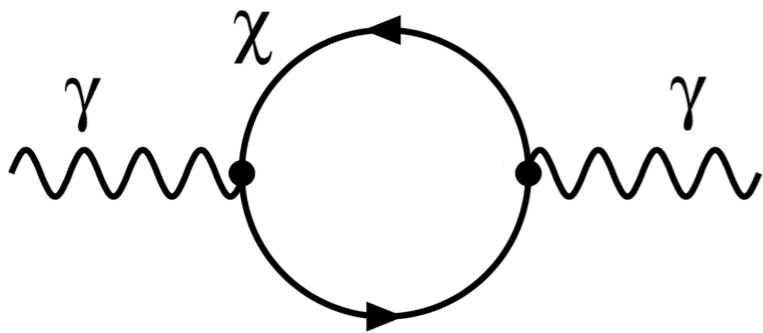
$$A_0 = (\pi\alpha/\sqrt{2}G_F)^{1/2}$$

$$s_w^2 = 1 - M_W^2/M_Z^2$$

$$-0.0038 < \Delta r_{\text{new}} < 0.00018$$

(tighter upper limit from 1.8 tension)

Running of  $\alpha$  contributes  $\Delta r_{\text{new}} \simeq \Pi(-M_Z^2) - \Pi(0)$



$$|\mu_\chi| \text{ or } |d_\chi| < 3.2 \times 10^{-6} \mu_B$$

(saturating upper limit)

$$|a_\chi| \text{ or } |b_\chi| < 3.2 \times 10^{-5} / \text{GeV}^2$$

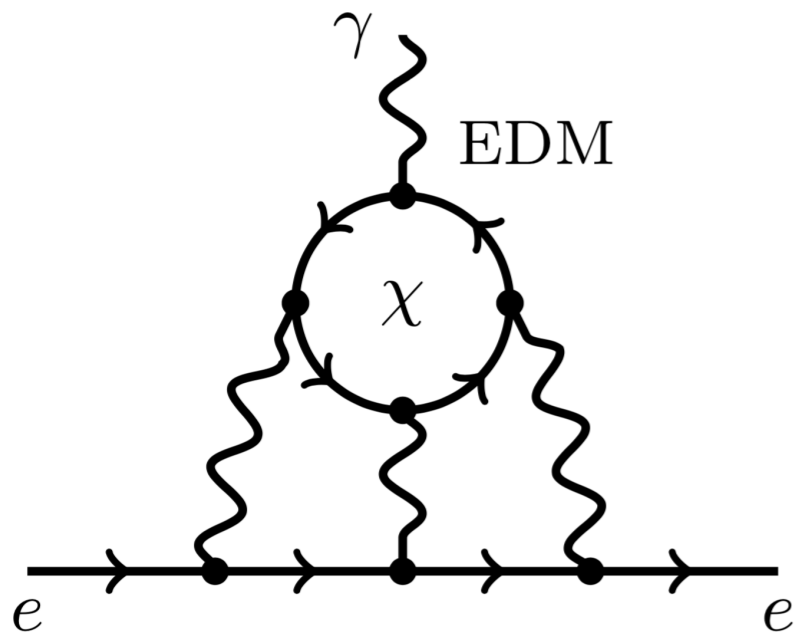
(saturating lower limit)

# EDMs

- Recently, ACME collaboration improved bound on electron EDM

$$|d_e| < 1.1 \times 10^{-29} \text{ e cm} = 6 \times 10^{-19} \mu_B$$

- Dark states may induce an EDM operator via insertion of dark  $d_\chi$



3 loop it is

$$d_e \sim e^3 m_e d_\chi \times (\text{mass})^{-1}$$

$$(\text{mass})^{-1} \sim \epsilon^3 e^3 / m_\chi, \mu_\chi^3 m_\chi^2,$$

$$d_\chi^2 \mu_\chi m_\chi^2, b_\chi d_\chi^2 m_\chi^3 \dots$$

e.g. dim-5 operators only:

$$(10^{-5} - 10^{-6}) \mu_B \sqrt{\text{GeV}/m_\chi}$$

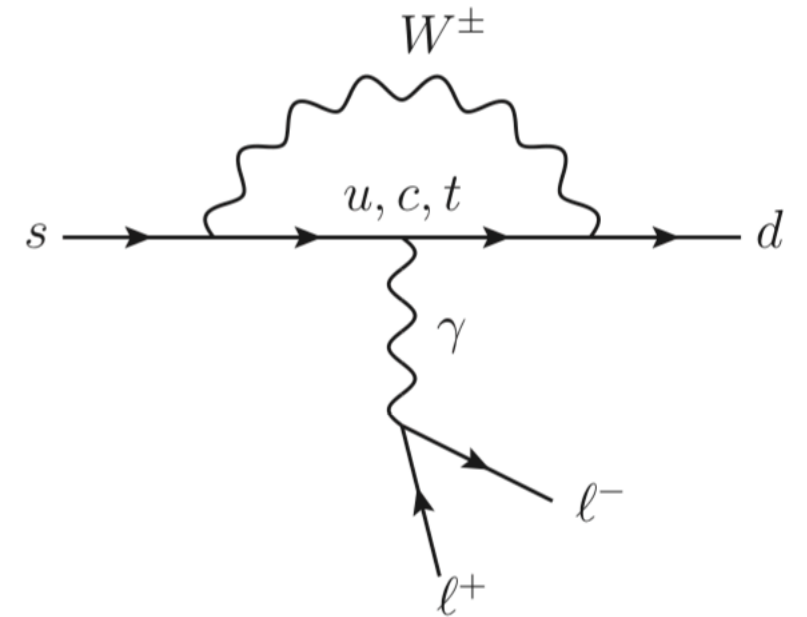
# Rare Meson Decays

- $\chi$  pair-production through  $\gamma^*$  in flavor changing  $s \rightarrow d$  and  $b \rightarrow s$  transition closely related to  $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ l^+ l^-$  and  $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ l^+ l^-$

e.g. for Kaons

$$\frac{\Gamma(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \bar{\chi} \chi)}{\Gamma(K \rightarrow \pi e^+ e^-)} \simeq 1.9 \times 10^4 \left( \frac{\mu_\chi \text{ or } d_\chi}{\mu_B} \right)^2$$

$$\frac{\Gamma(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \bar{\chi} \chi)}{\Gamma(K \rightarrow \pi e^+ e^-)} \simeq 2.6 \times 10^4 \left( \frac{a_\chi \text{ or } b_\chi}{\text{TeV}^2} \right)^2$$



constrained from  $\text{Br}(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ + \text{inv}) \lesssim 4 \times 10^{-10}$  [E949; see also NA62](#)

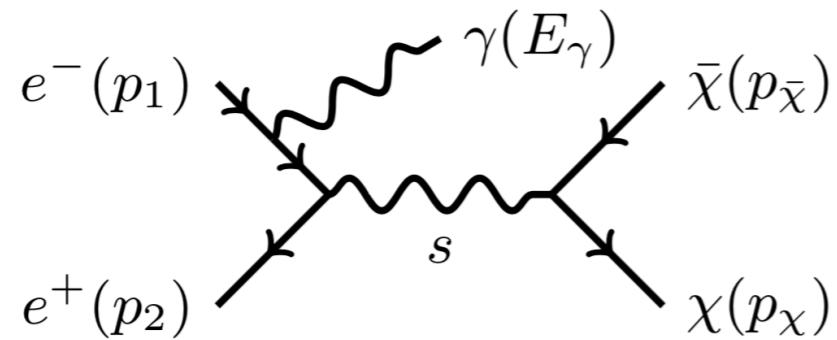
$$|\mu_\chi| \text{ or } |d_\chi| \lesssim 3 \times 10^{-4} \mu_B$$

$$|a_\chi| \text{ or } |b_\chi| \lesssim 0.2 \text{ GeV}^{-2}$$

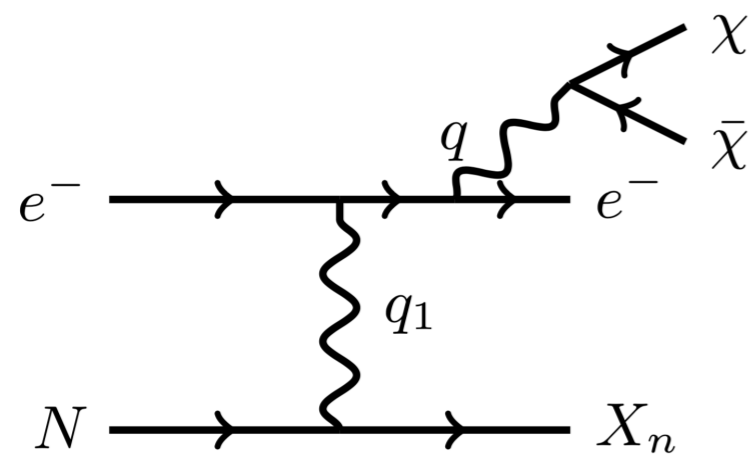
likewise for  $\text{Br}(B^+ \rightarrow K^+ + \text{inv}) \lesssim 7 \times 10^{-5}$  [BaBar 2003](#)

# A target for the intensity frontier

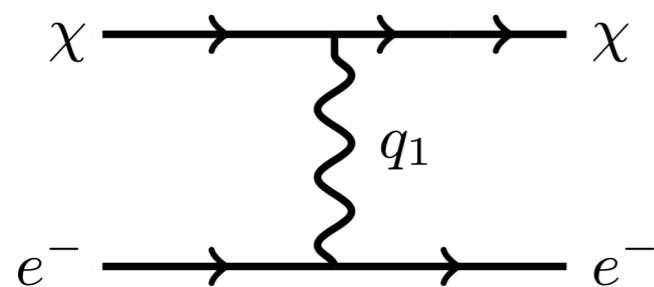
e.g. utilizing electron beams



1. search for missing momentum in  $e^+e^-$  colliders such as BaBar, Belle, Belle-II and BESIII



2. search for missing energy in  $e^-$  fixed-target experiments such as NA64 and LDMX

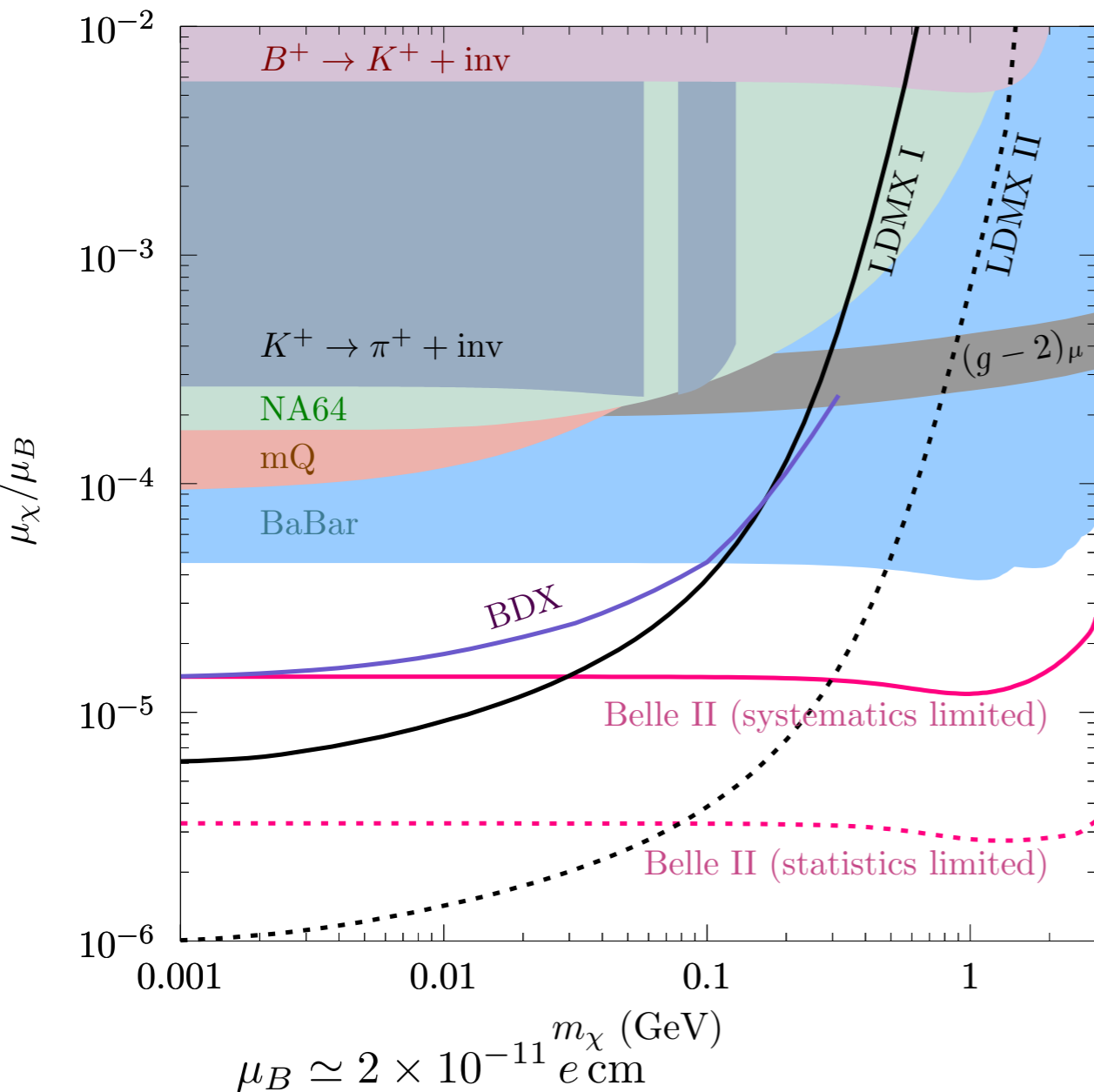


3. direct search for  $\chi N$  or  $\chi e^-$  scattering of  $\chi$  particles produced in  $e^-$  fixed-target experiments mQ, BDX (at SLAC or Mainz)

# Direct sensitivity

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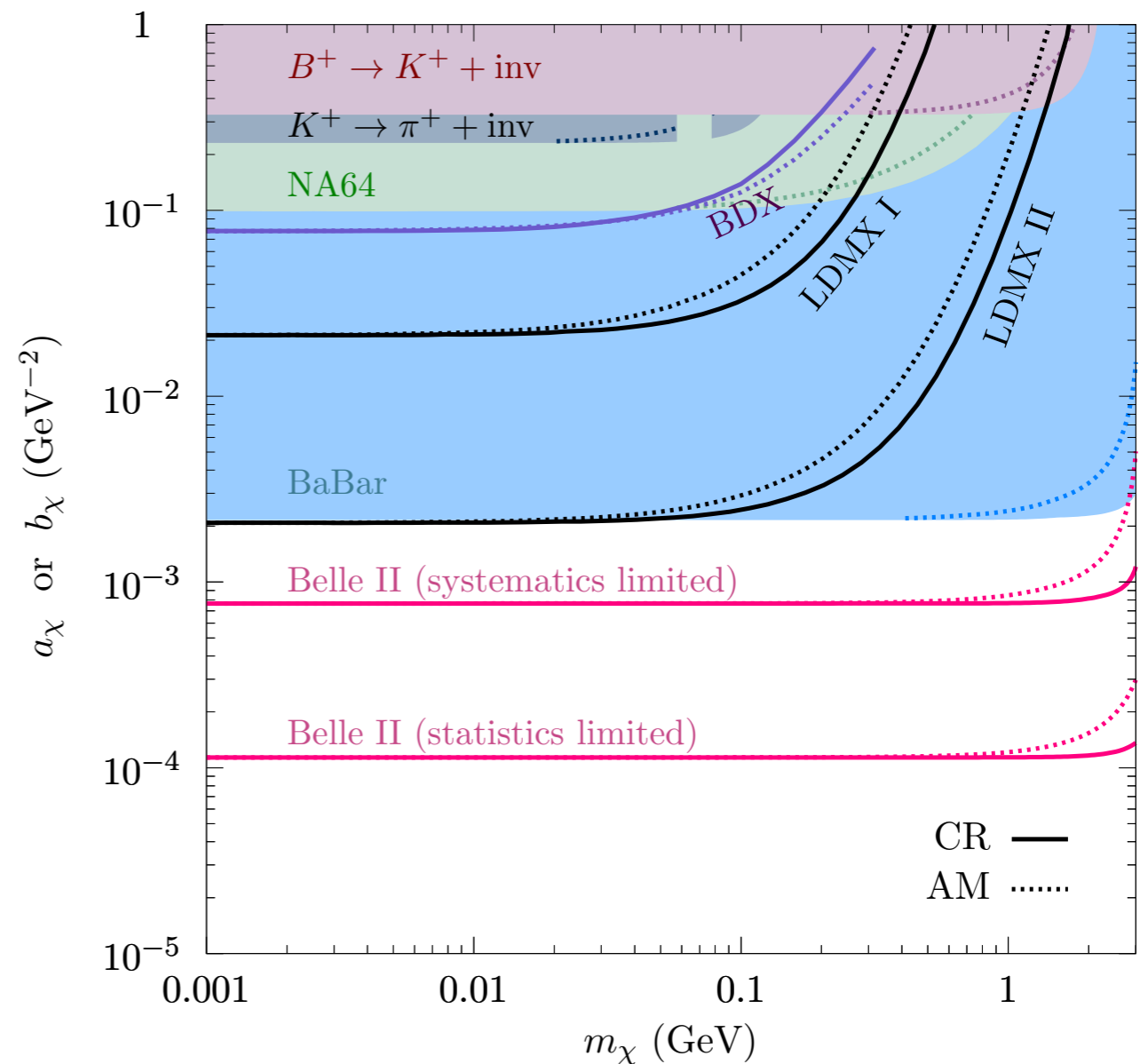
magnetic or electric dipole



LDMX I:  $4 \times 10^{14}$  EOT, 4 GeV beam on W  
 LDMX II:  $3.2 \times 10^{15}$  EOT, 8 GeV beam on Al

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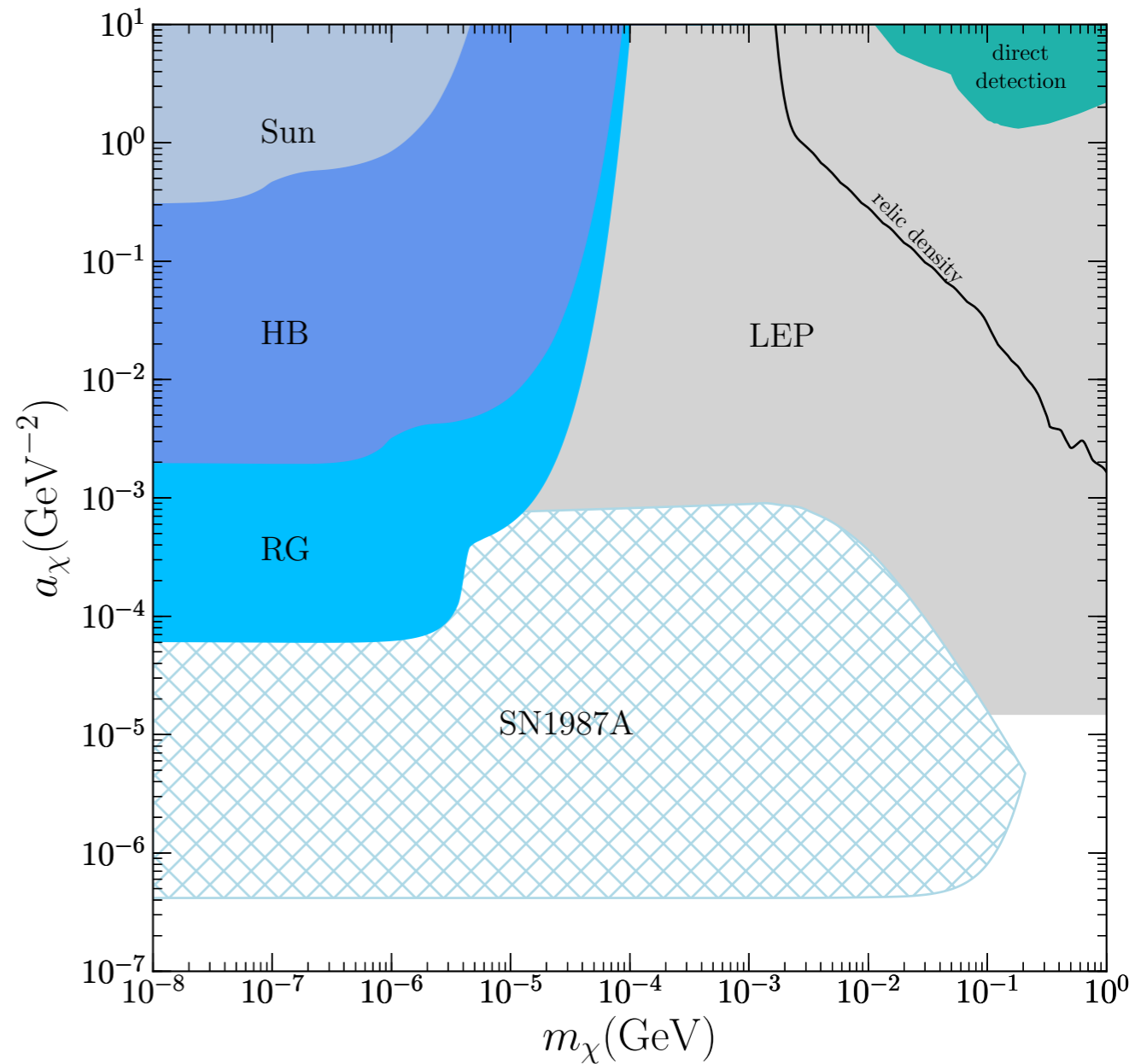
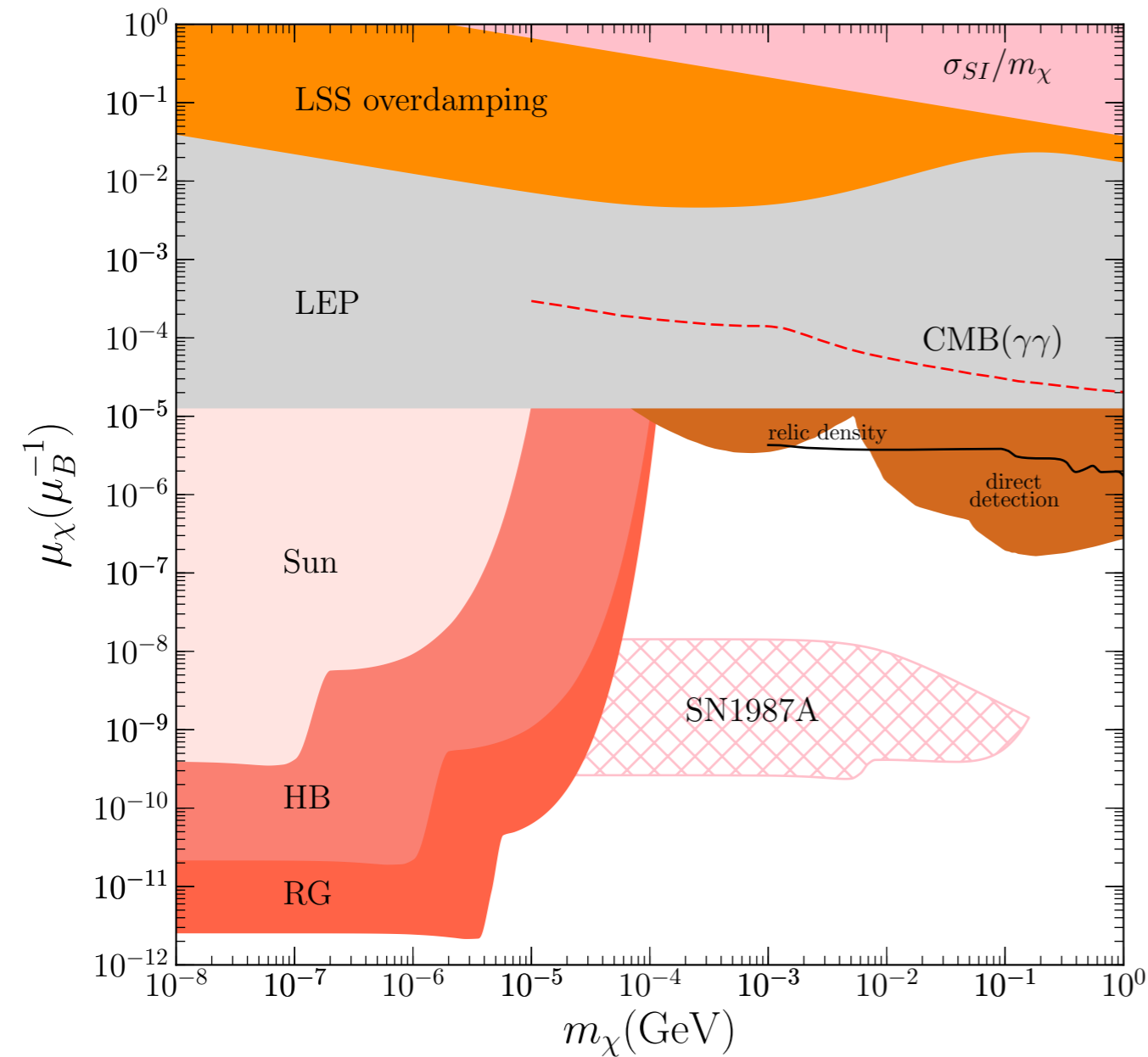
anapole / charge radius



mQ:  $8.4 \times 10^{18}$  EOT, 29.5 GeV beam on W  
 BDX:  $3.2 \times 10^{22}$  EOT, 11 GeV beam on Al

# Form-factor "landscape"

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=> see Jui-Lin Kuo's poster

# Photon as New Physics Messenger

1

**21cm cosmology is new probe non-standard population of soft photons, sourced by new physics processes**

Cosmic pie-chart in number densities is largely unwritten. Our Universe could be filled with dark radiation, and when the energy of quanta is small, it can be so in large numbers;

Dark photon sourcing particles, that supply an extra population of cosmological photons through resonant conversion => can account for EDGES signal

2

**Neutral sub-GeV dark sector particles may directly talk to the photon through electromagnetic interactions**

We are filling the “landscape” in form factor coupling and dark sector mass; another science case that lines up with much activity on the “intensity frontier” and the exploration of light dark sector physics