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A large, oval-shaped map of the Cosmic Microwave Background (CMB) fluctuations, showing a complex pattern of blue and orange/red spots. The map is centered on the slide.

Cosmic Birefringence: **How Our Universe May Violate *Left-Right Symmetry***

Margherita Lembo

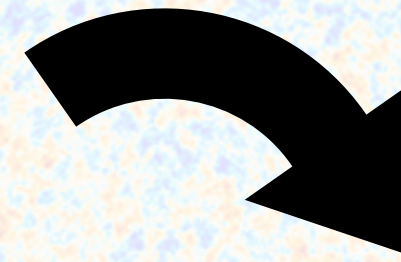
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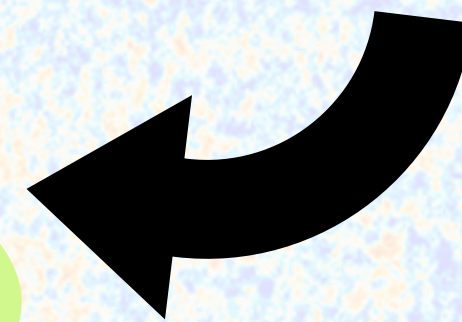
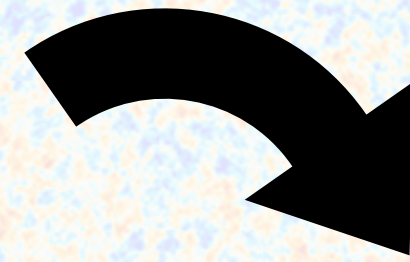
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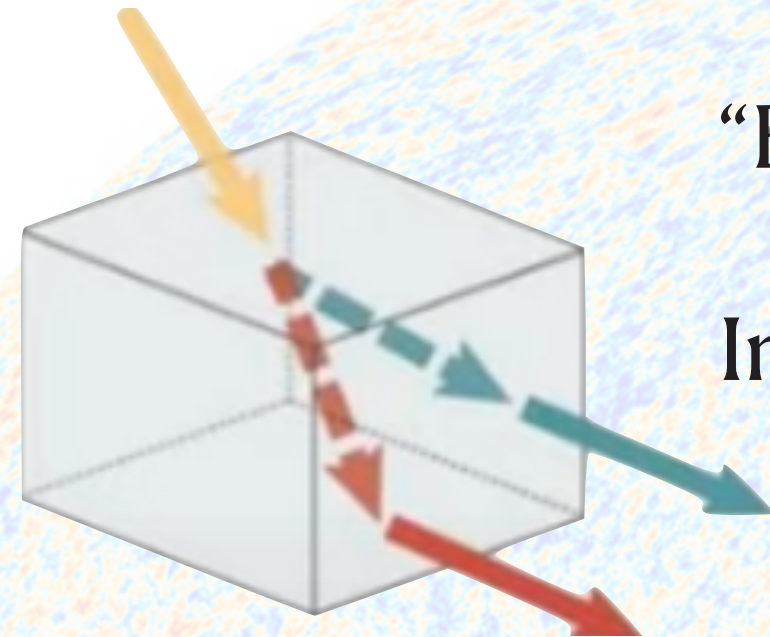
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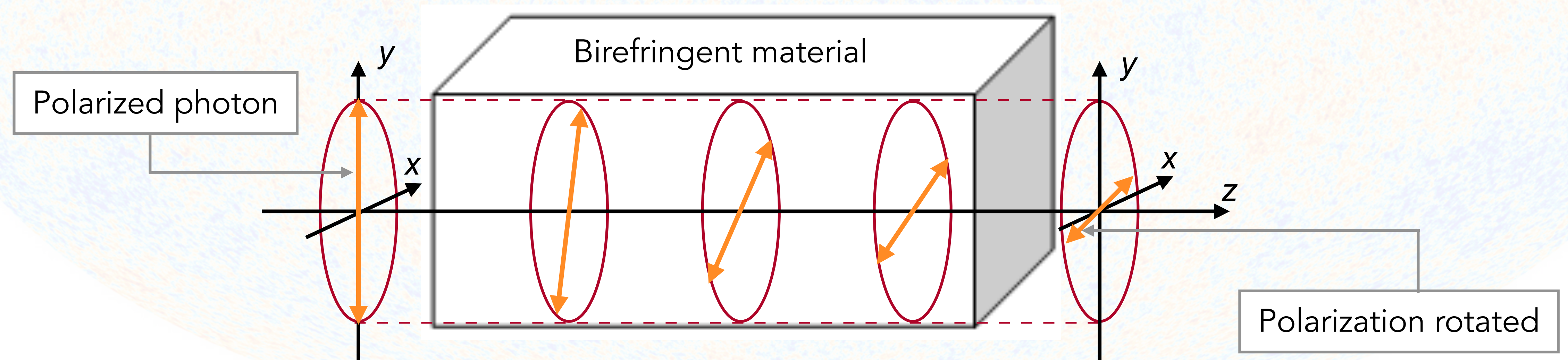
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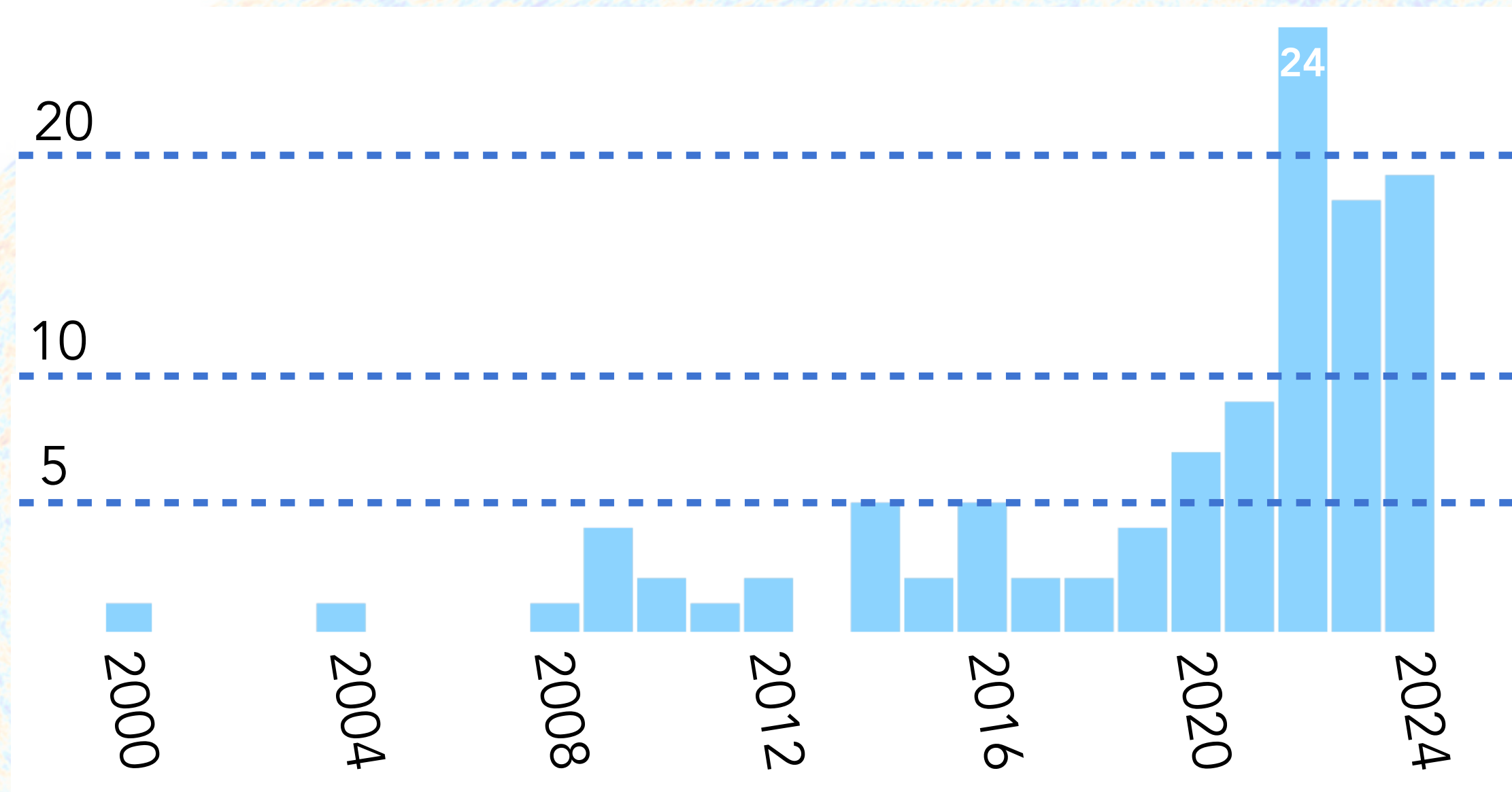


“Birefringence” refers generically to the fact that wave normal modes propagate at different velocities.

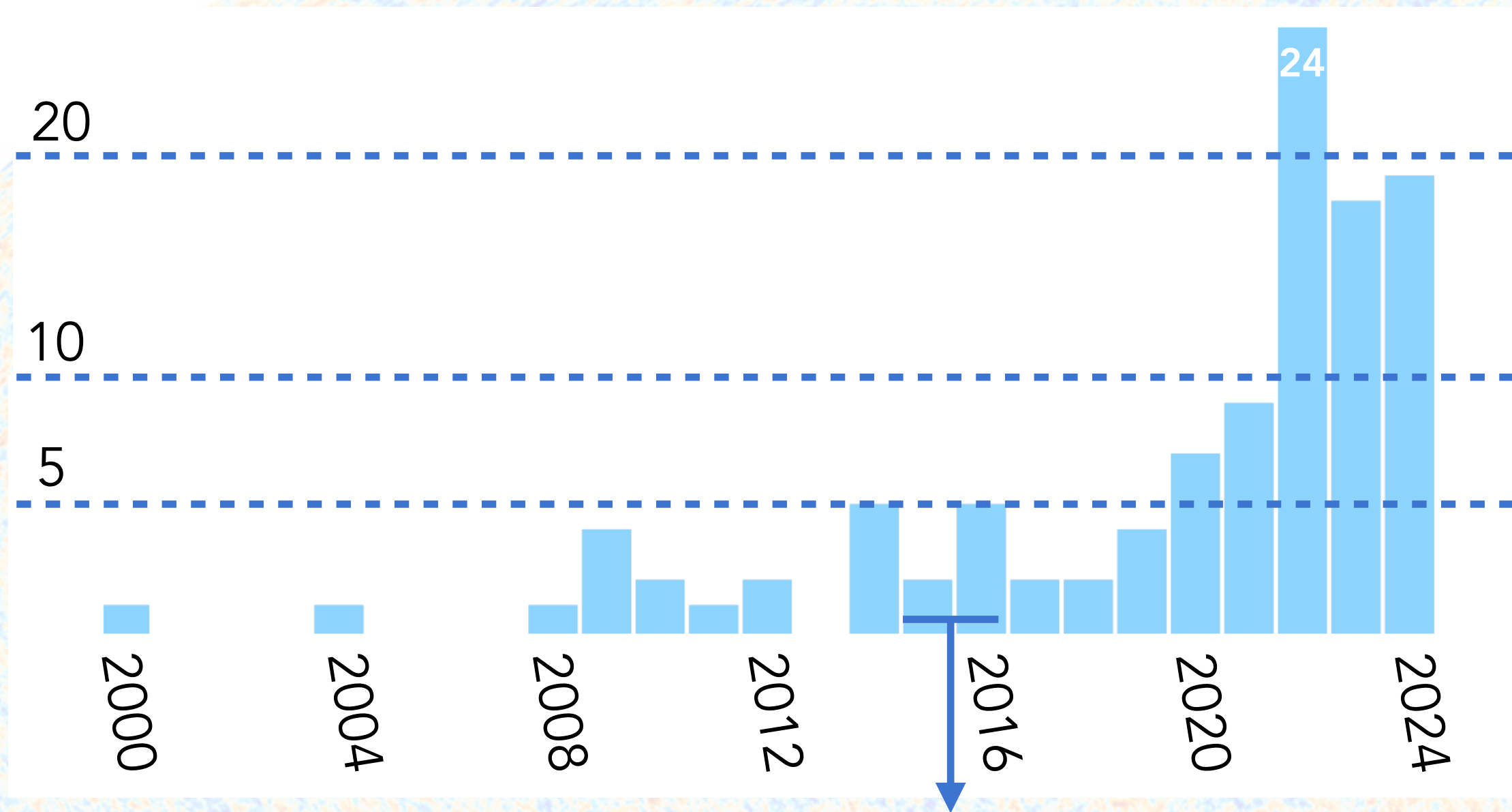
In the **cosmological literature**, the term “cosmic birefringence” describes the specific case of different propagation velocity of circular polarization states (**rotation of the linear polarization plane**).



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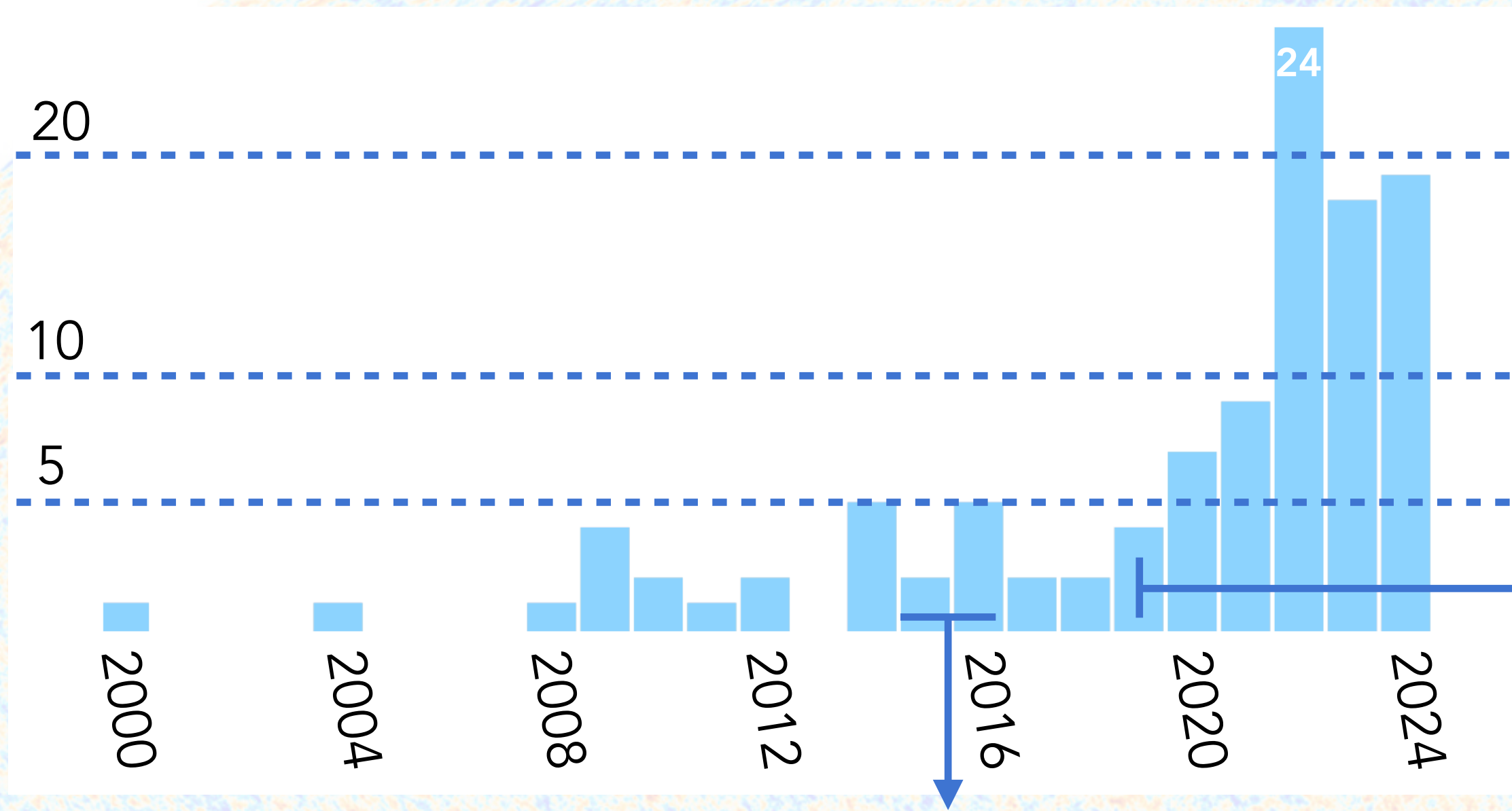
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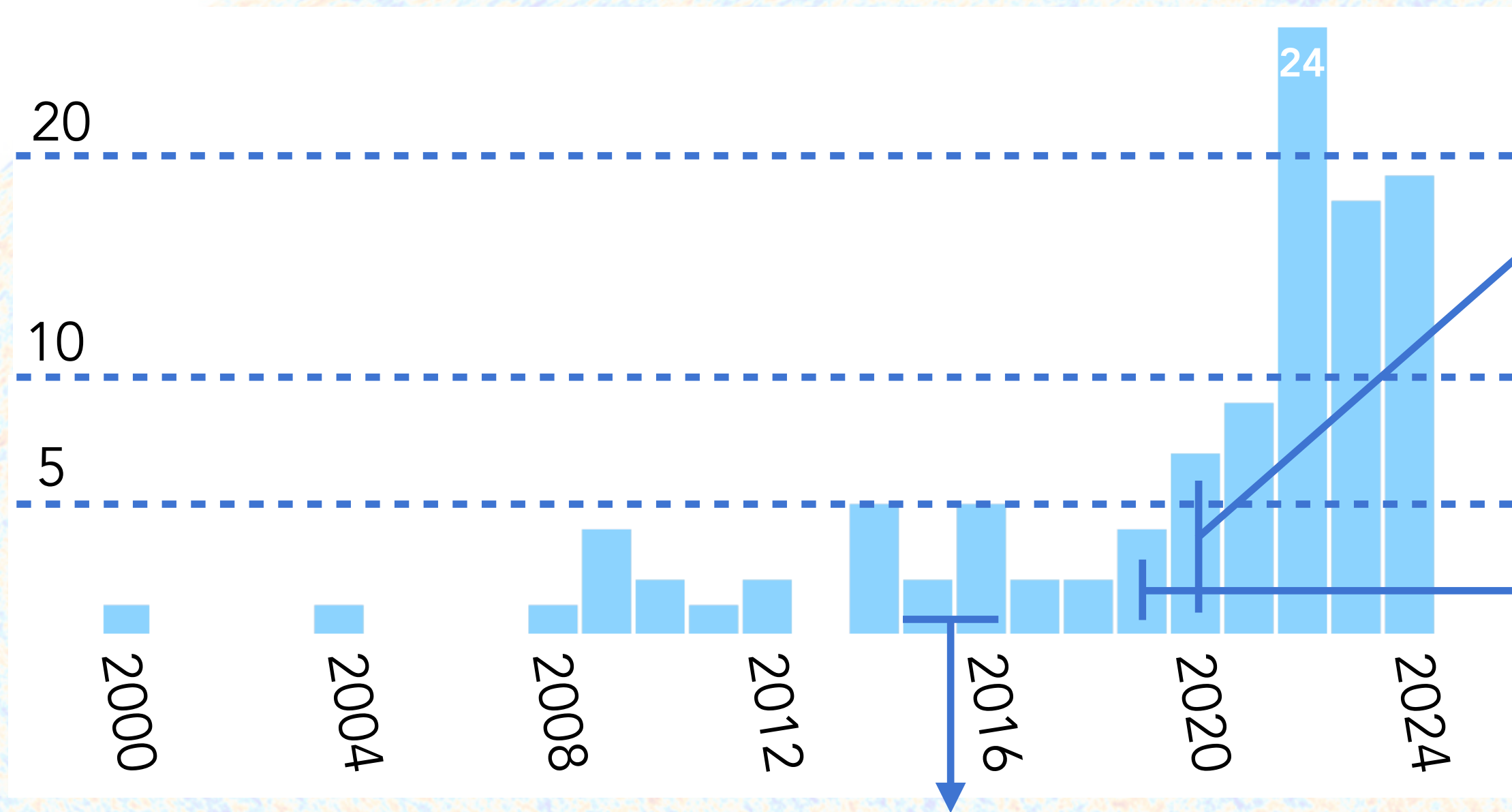
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Why is it interesting to study cosmic birefringence?

It is opening a window into **exciting theoretical scenarios**:

1. ALPs, that might be suitable candidates for both **dark matter** and **dark energy**
2. Modifications to the standard Maxwell electrodynamics

There is an **observational hint!**

Plenty of **CMB polarization measurements available** over a wide range of scales will be available in the **next decade!**

The most widely explored theoretical framework

If the Universe is filled with a **parity-violating** pseudoscalar field (**axion-like particles, ALP**)

$$\phi(-\vec{n}) = -\phi(\vec{n}),$$

coupled to the electromagnetic tensor via a **Chern-Simons coupling**

$$\frac{1}{4} g_\phi \phi F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu},$$

right- and left-handed helicity states of photons acquire different the phase velocities.



Dispersion relation of left/right polarization is modified $\omega_{L/R}^2 = k^2 \left[1 \pm \frac{g_\phi}{k} \dot{\phi} \right]$

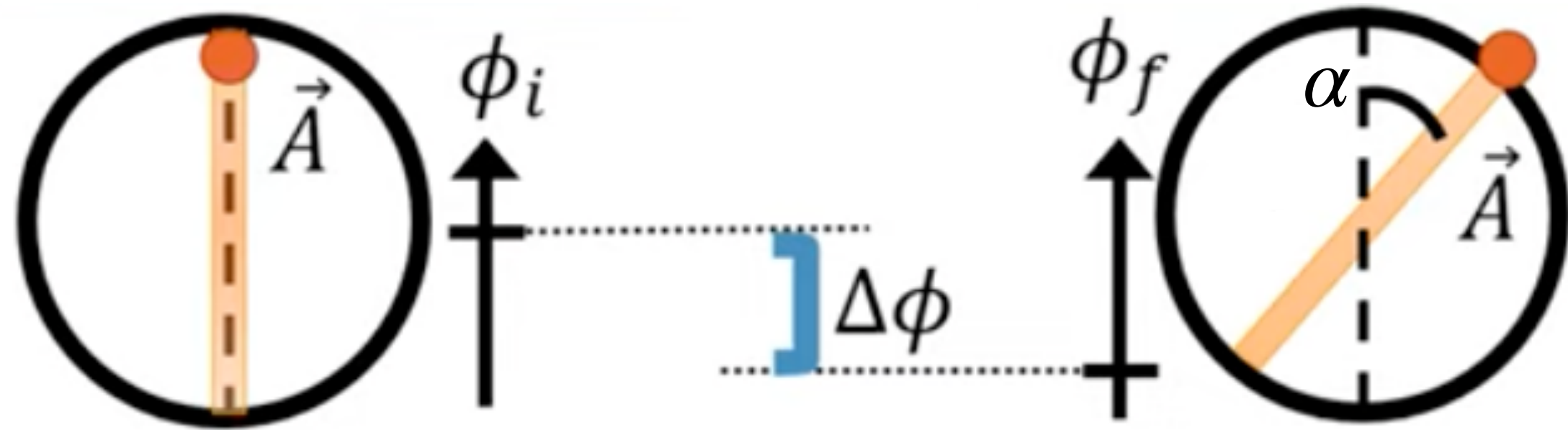
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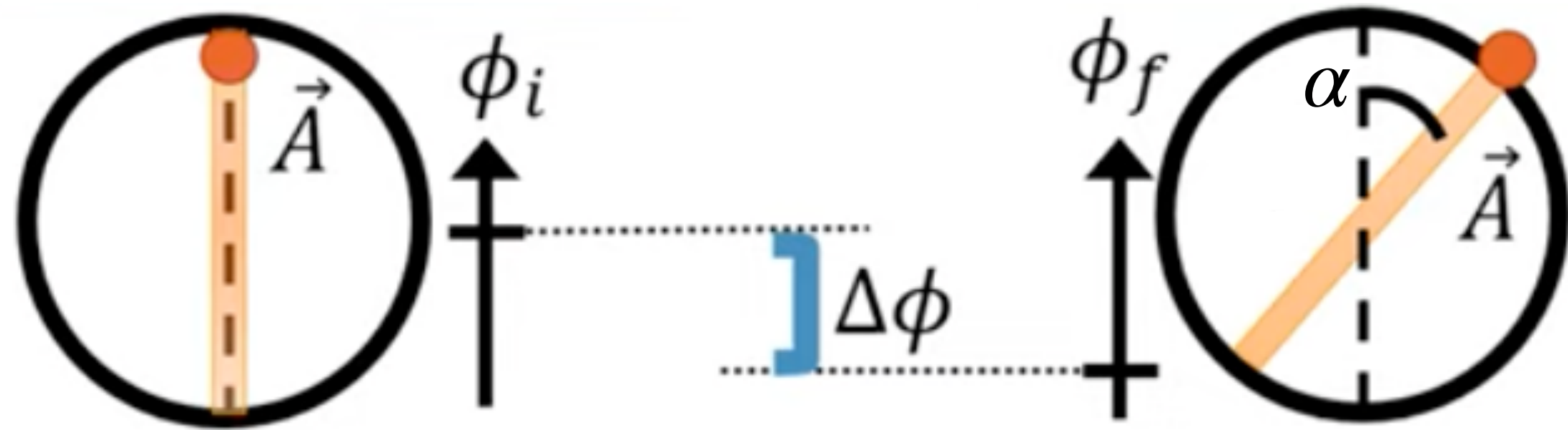
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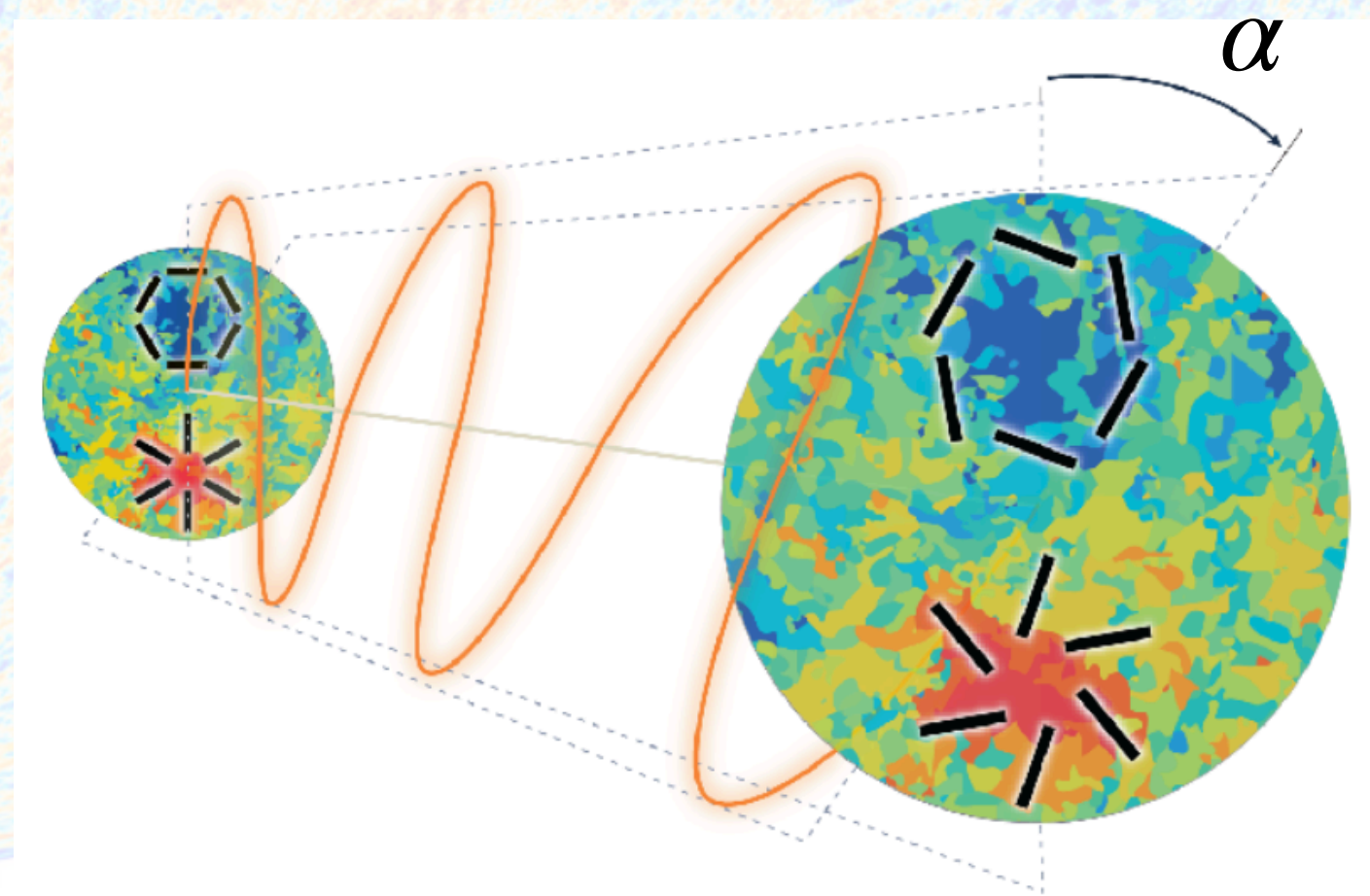
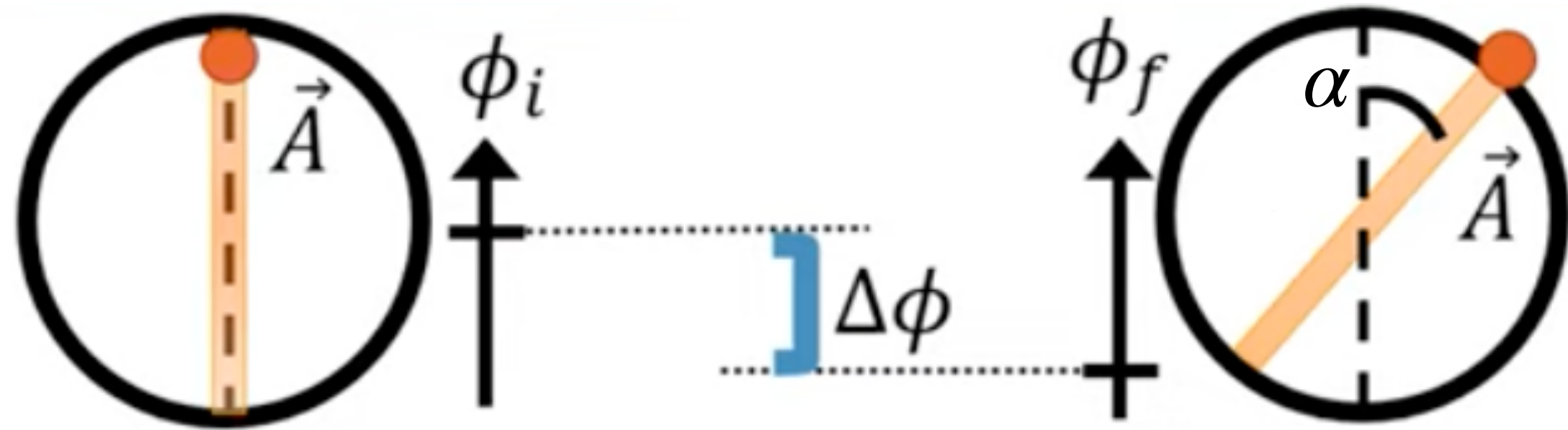
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Where the axion(-like) particles come from?

$$\mathcal{L}_{QCD} = \dots + \theta \frac{g_s^2}{32\pi^2} G_{\mu\nu}^a \tilde{G}^{a\mu\nu}$$

Experimental observations implies an an unnaturally small value

This term is explicitly parity and CP violating

The strong CP problem:

- Why is θ so small, or effectively zero?
- This extreme fine-tuning lacks a natural explanation in the Standard Model.



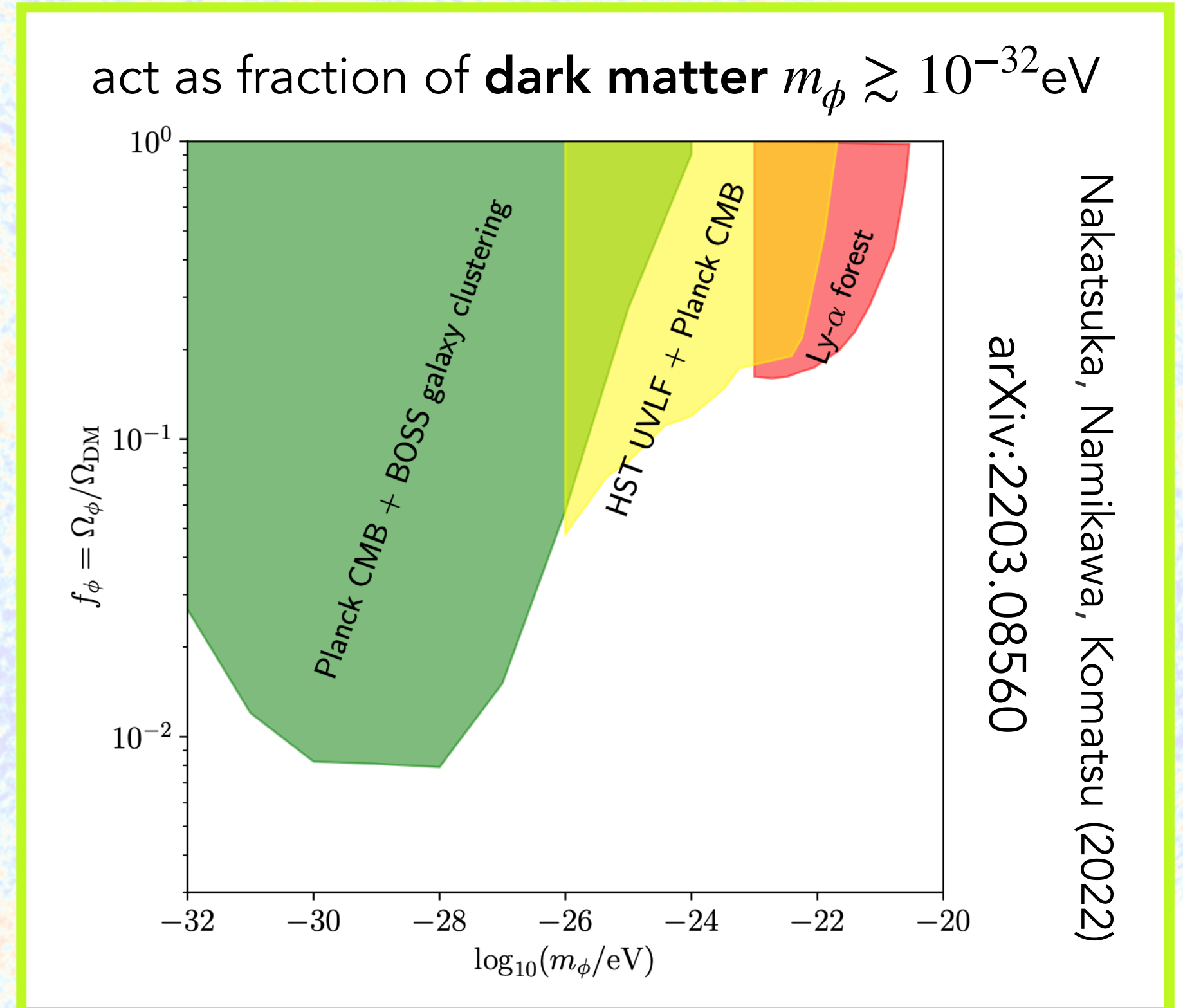
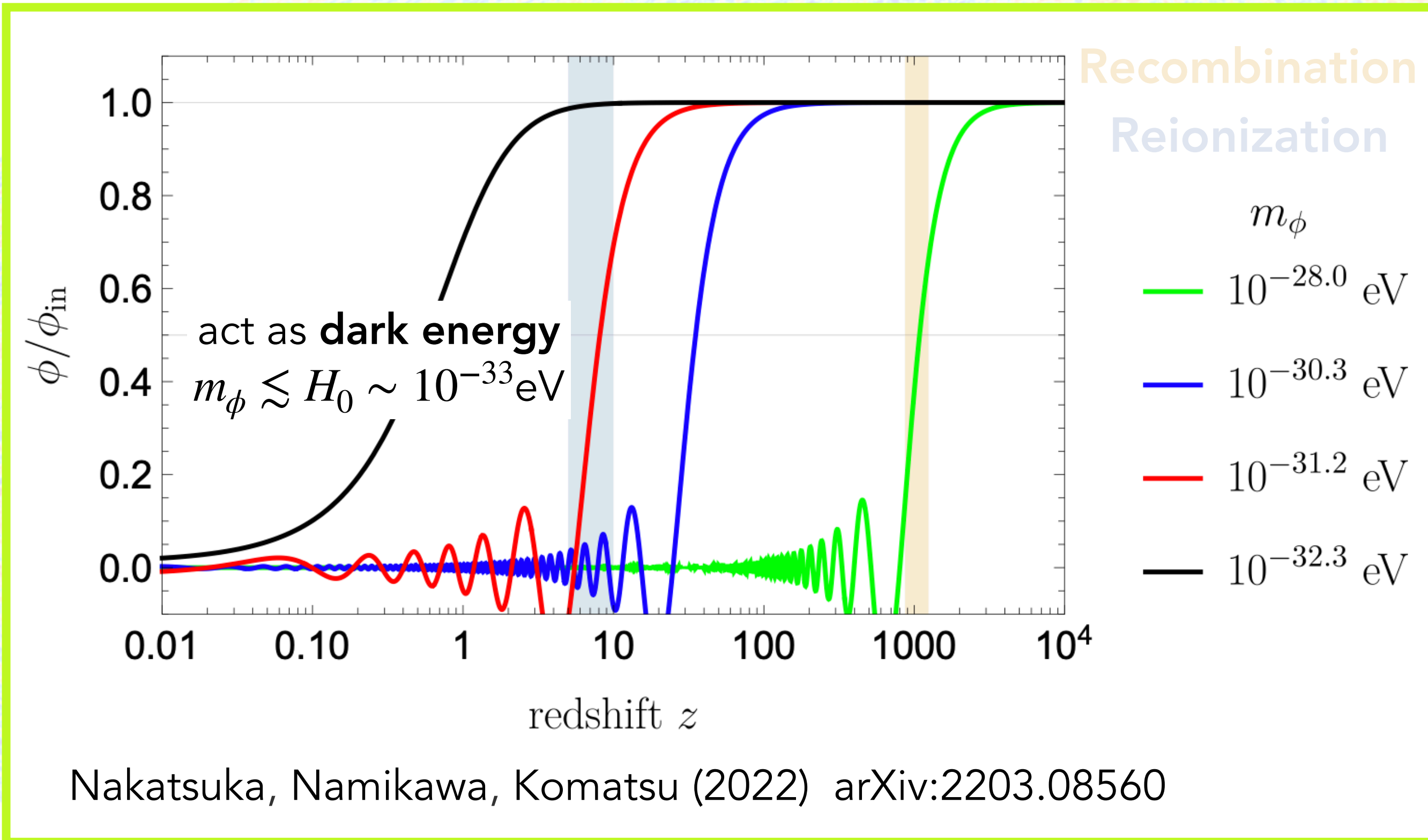
Peccei-Quinn mechanism (1977)

new light pseudoscalar particle, the **axion**, that dynamically relaxes θ to zero

ALPs are generalizations of QCD axions which is a well-motivated solution to the strong CP problem

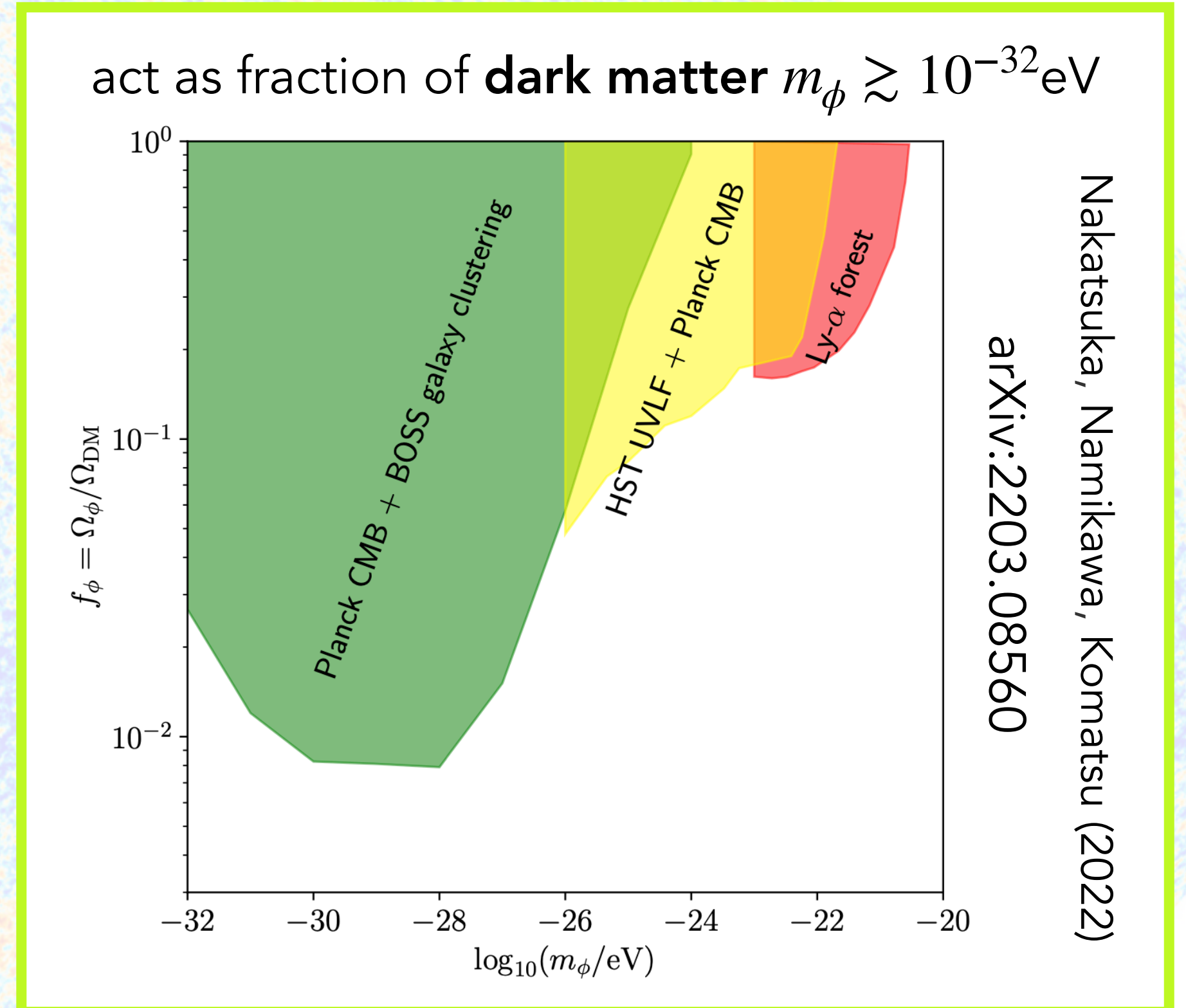
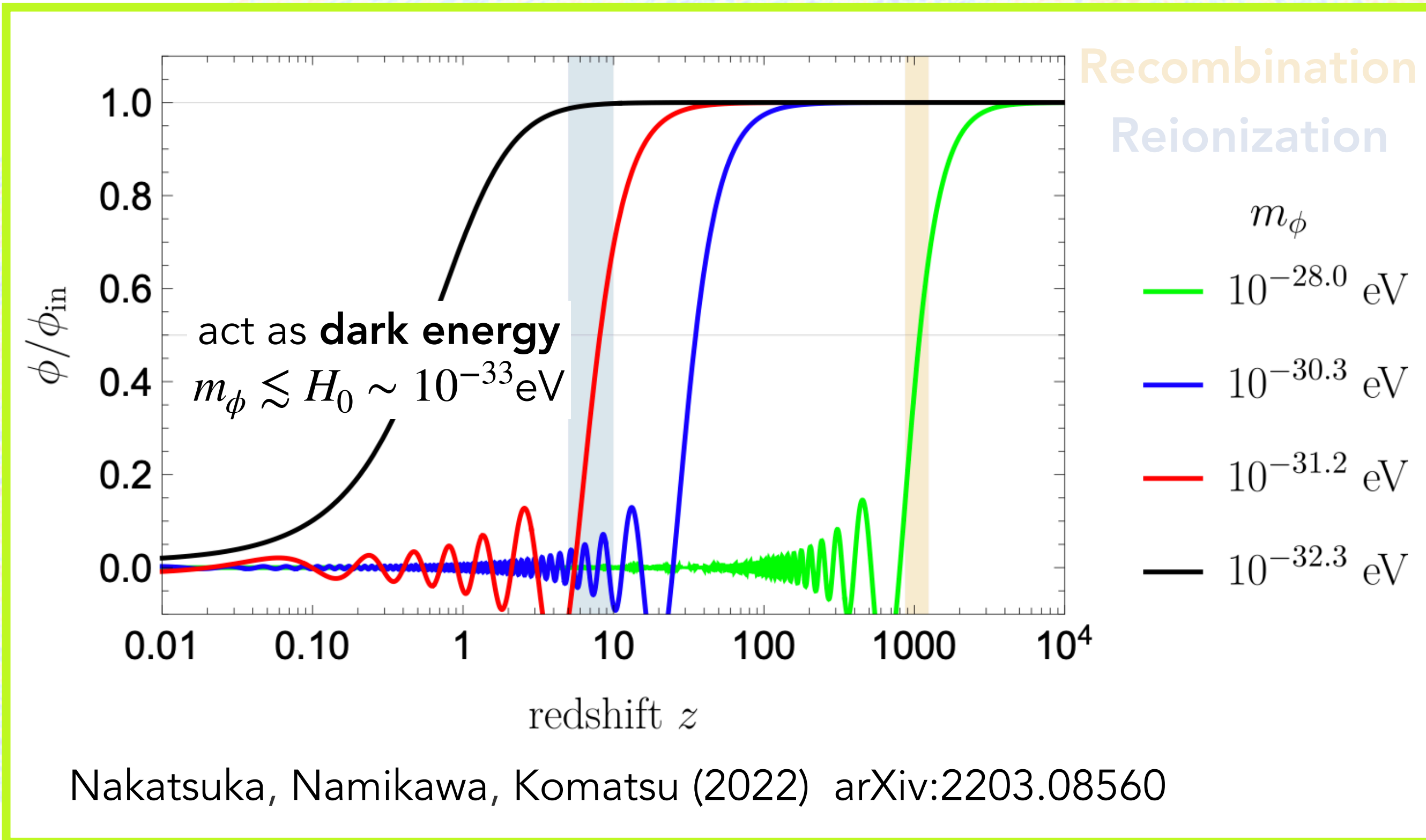


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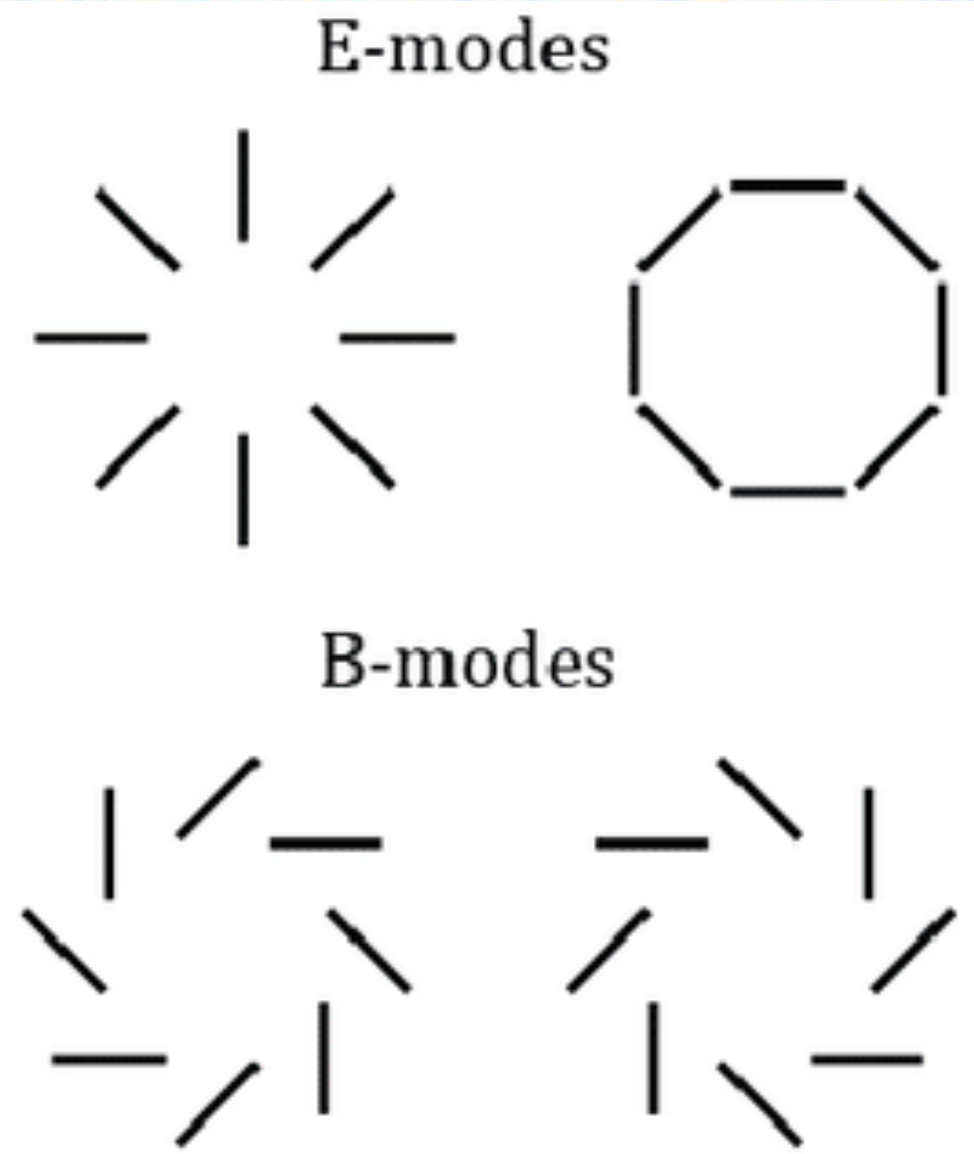
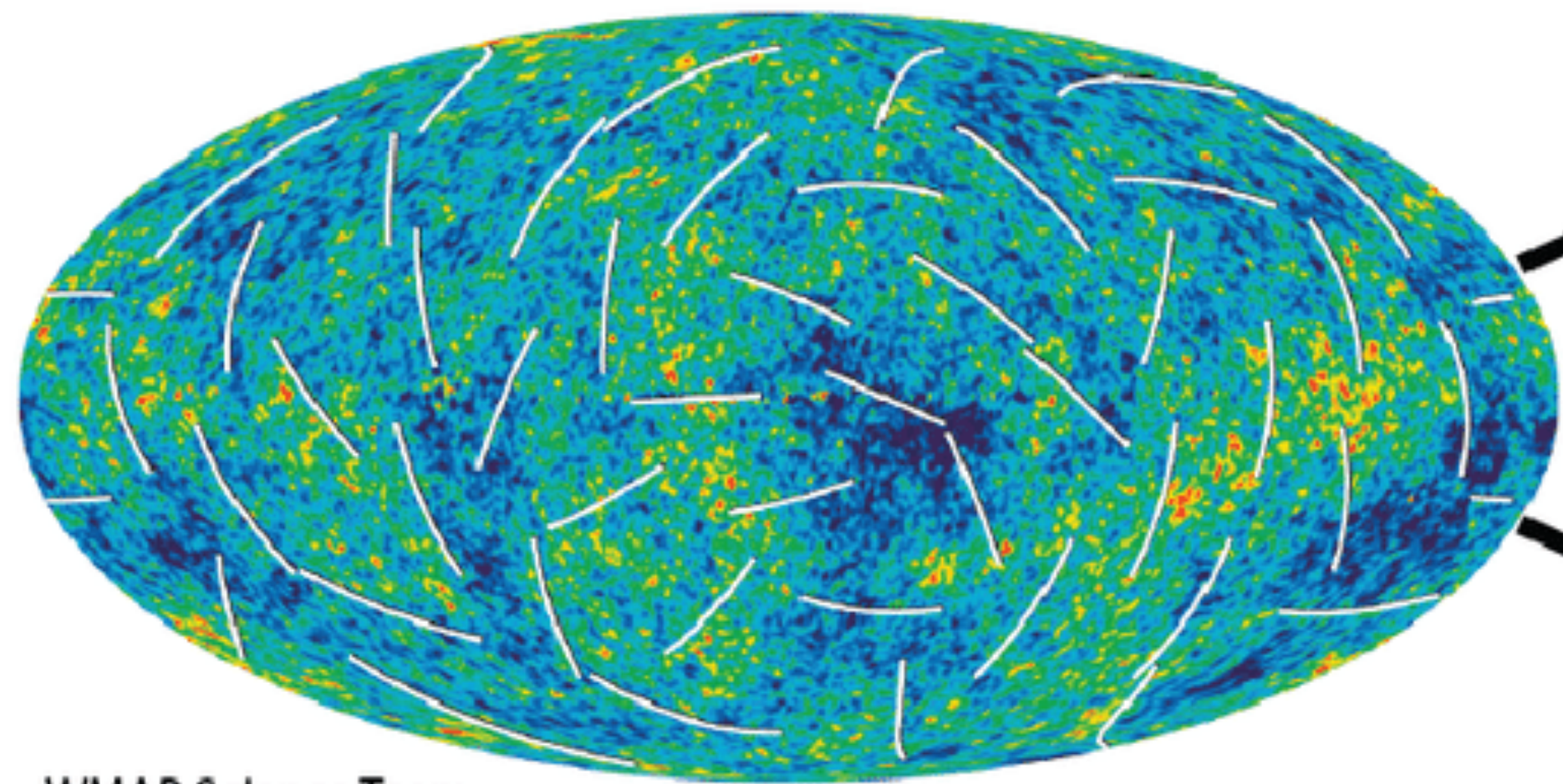
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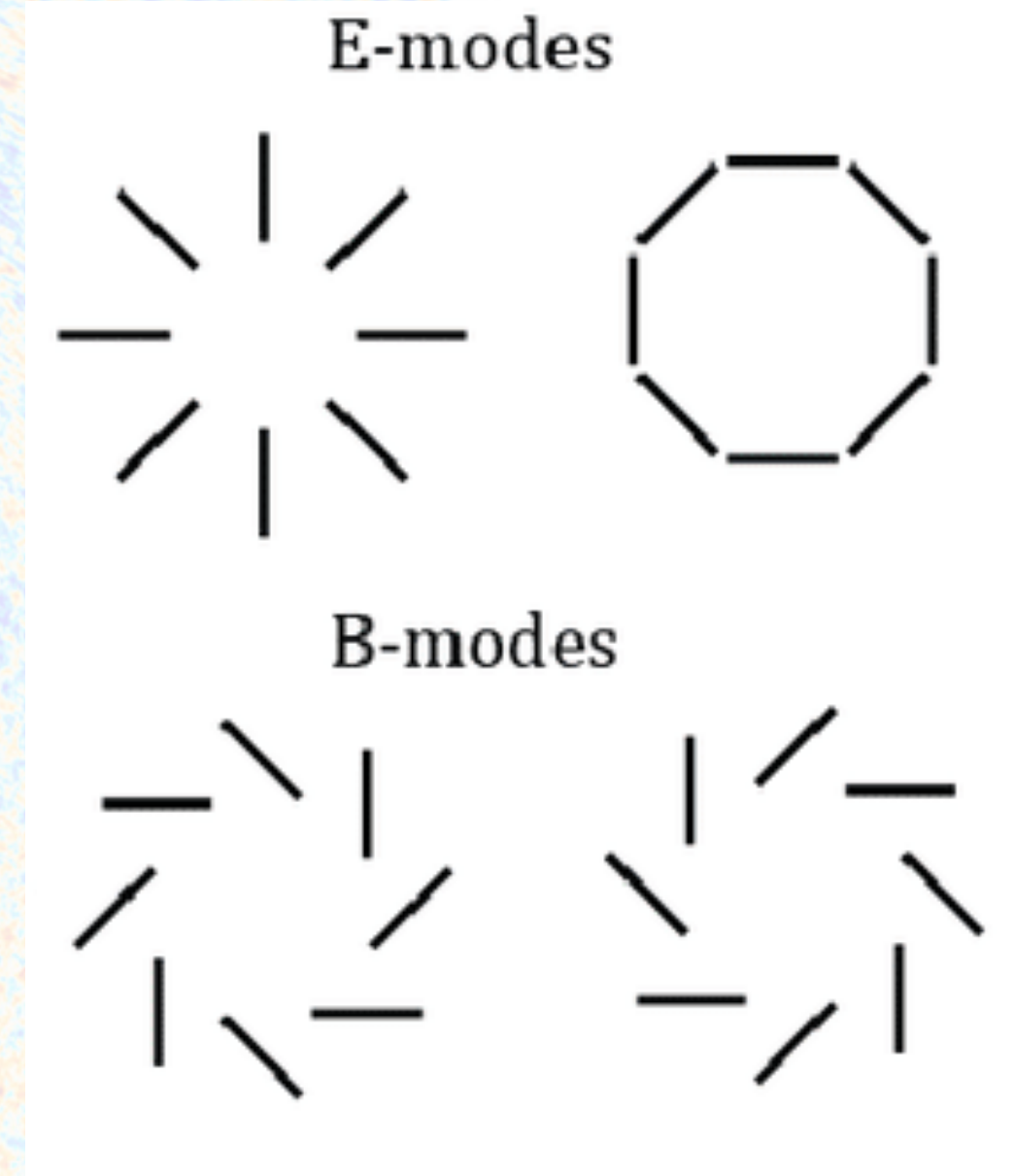
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With **anisotropic birefringence**, you can probe higher masses because faster oscillating axion-like particles (ALPs) induce localized or directional birefringence effects in the CMB polarization

Impact on CMB polarization spectra



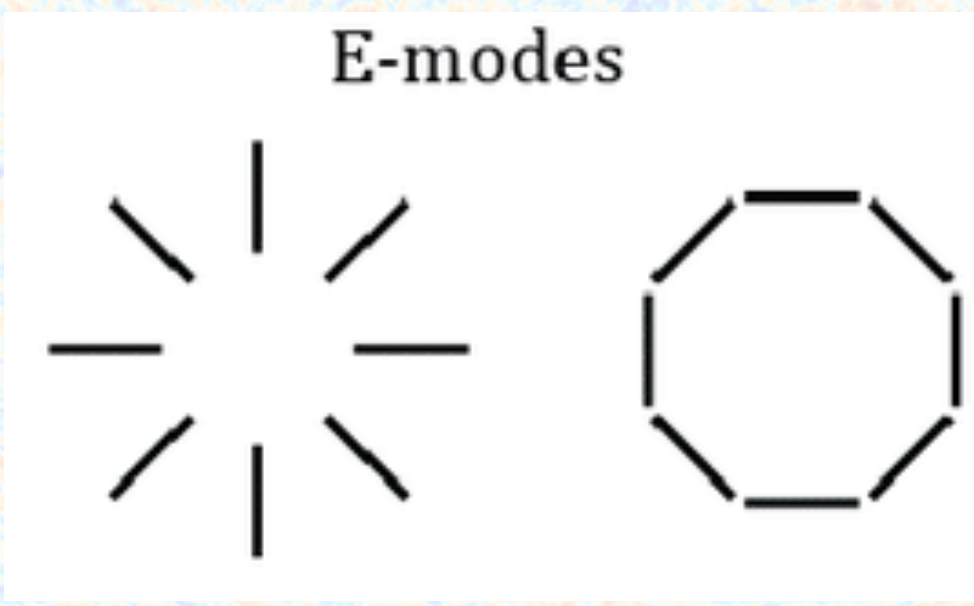
Parity Transformation



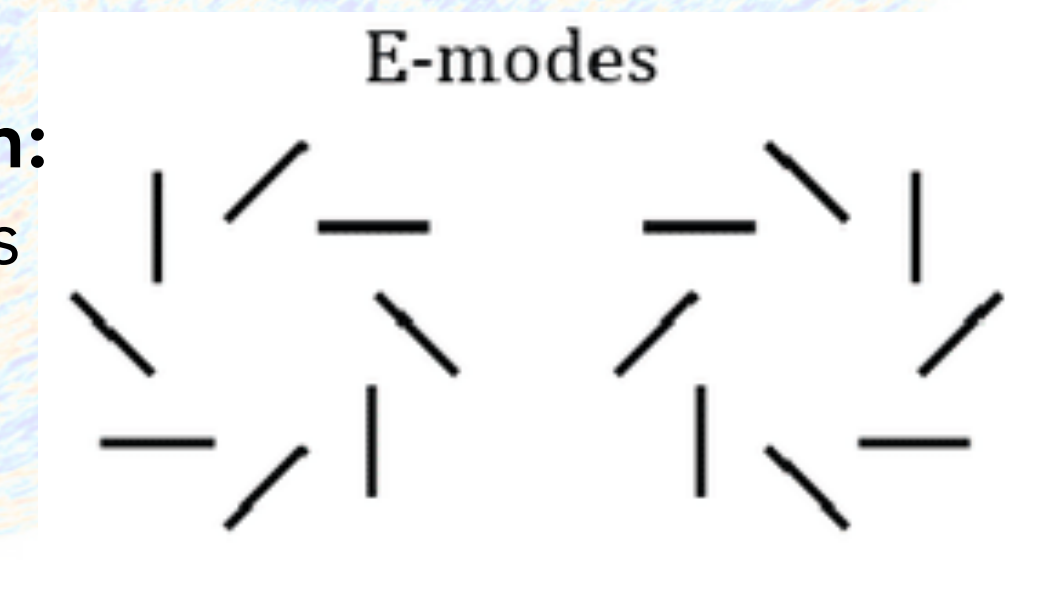
$$\alpha = \alpha_0 + \delta\alpha(\vec{n})$$

Isotropic :
non-vanishing EB and TB spectra and the mixing between EE and BB spectra

Anisotropic:
mixes the EE and BB spectra by introducing a coupling among different multipoles



Polarization Rotation:
Mixing E- to B-modes



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$$C_{\ell}^{TT} = \tilde{C}_{\ell}^{TT}$$

$$C_{\ell}^{TE} = \tilde{C}_{\ell}^{TE} \cos(2\alpha_0)$$

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$$C_{\ell}^{EE} = [\tilde{C}_{\ell}^{EE} \cos^2(2\alpha_0) + \tilde{C}_{\ell}^{BB} \sin^2(2\alpha_0)]$$

$$C_{\ell}^{BB} = [\tilde{C}_{\ell}^{BB} \cos^2(2\alpha_0) + \tilde{C}_{\ell}^{EE} \sin^2(2\alpha_0)]$$

$$C_{\ell}^{EB} = \sin(4\alpha_0) \frac{1}{2} (\tilde{C}_{\ell}^{EE} - \tilde{C}_{\ell}^{BB})$$

$$\alpha = \alpha_0$$

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$$C_\ell^{EE} = \left[\tilde{C}_\ell^{EE} \cos^2(2\alpha_0) + \tilde{C}_\ell^{BB} \sin^2(2\alpha_0) \right] (1 - 4V_\alpha) + \sum_{\ell_1 \ell_3} \left[(1 - (-1)^L \cos(4\alpha_0)) \tilde{C}_{\ell_1}^{EE} + (1 + (-1)^L \cos(4\alpha_0)) \tilde{C}_{\ell_1}^{BB} \right] C_{\ell_3}^{\alpha\alpha} \frac{M_{\ell\ell_1\ell_3}}{2}$$

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$$C_\ell^{EB} = \sin(4\alpha_0) \frac{1}{2} (\tilde{C}_\ell^{EE} - \tilde{C}_\ell^{BB}) (1 - 4V_\alpha) + \sin(4\alpha_0) \sum_{\ell_1 \ell_3} \left[\frac{1}{2} (\tilde{C}_{\ell_1}^{EE} - \tilde{C}_{\ell_1}^{BB}) \right] C_{\ell_3}^{\alpha\alpha} (-1)^{L+1} M_{\ell\ell_1\ell_3}$$

$$L = \ell + \ell_1 + \ell_3$$

$$M_{\ell\ell_1\ell_3} = \frac{(2\ell_1 + 1)(2\ell_3 + 1)}{\pi} \begin{pmatrix} \ell & \ell_1 & \ell_3 \\ 2 & -2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}^2$$

$$4\pi V_\alpha = \sum_{\ell} (2\ell + 1) C_\ell^{\alpha\alpha}$$

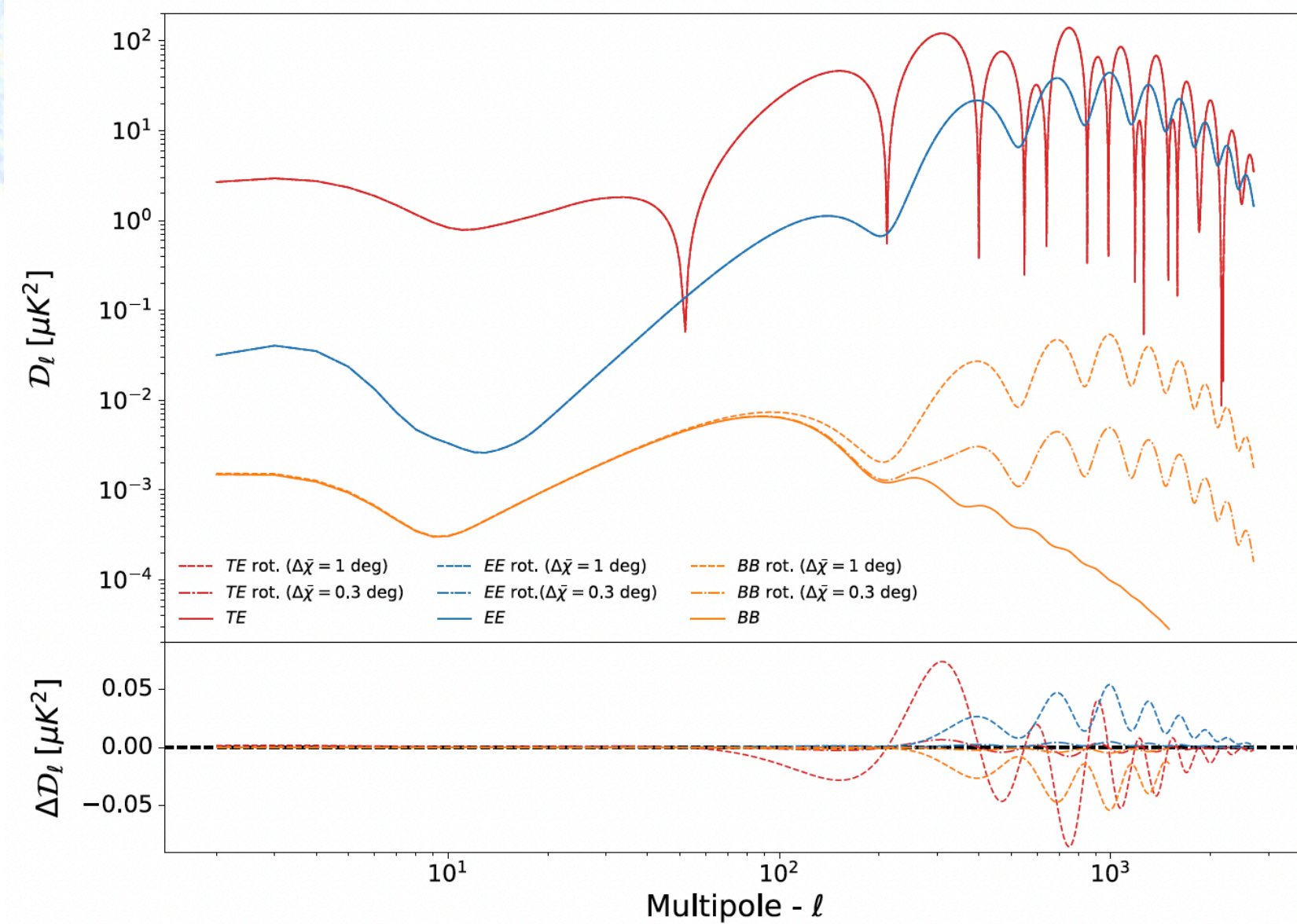
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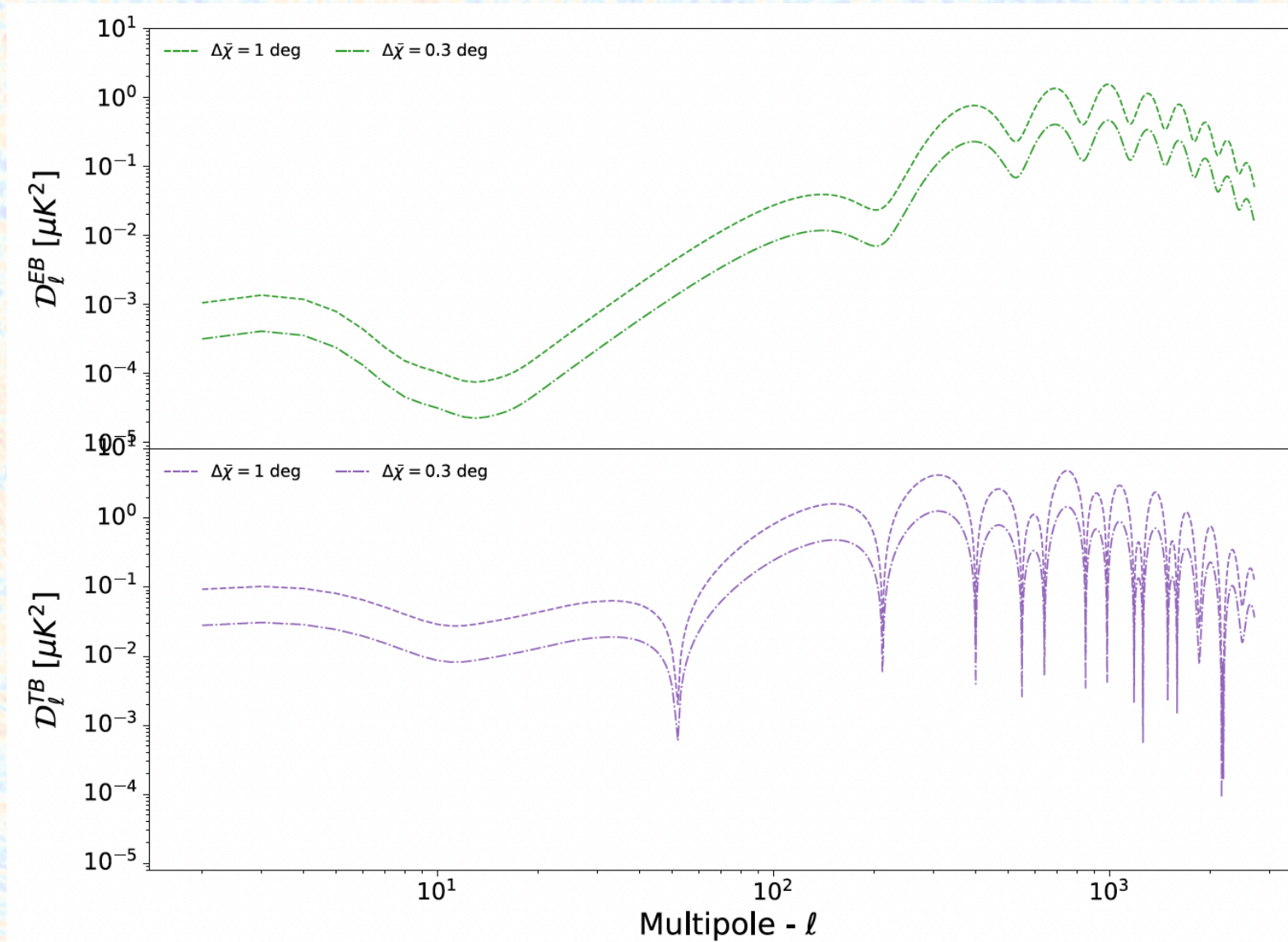
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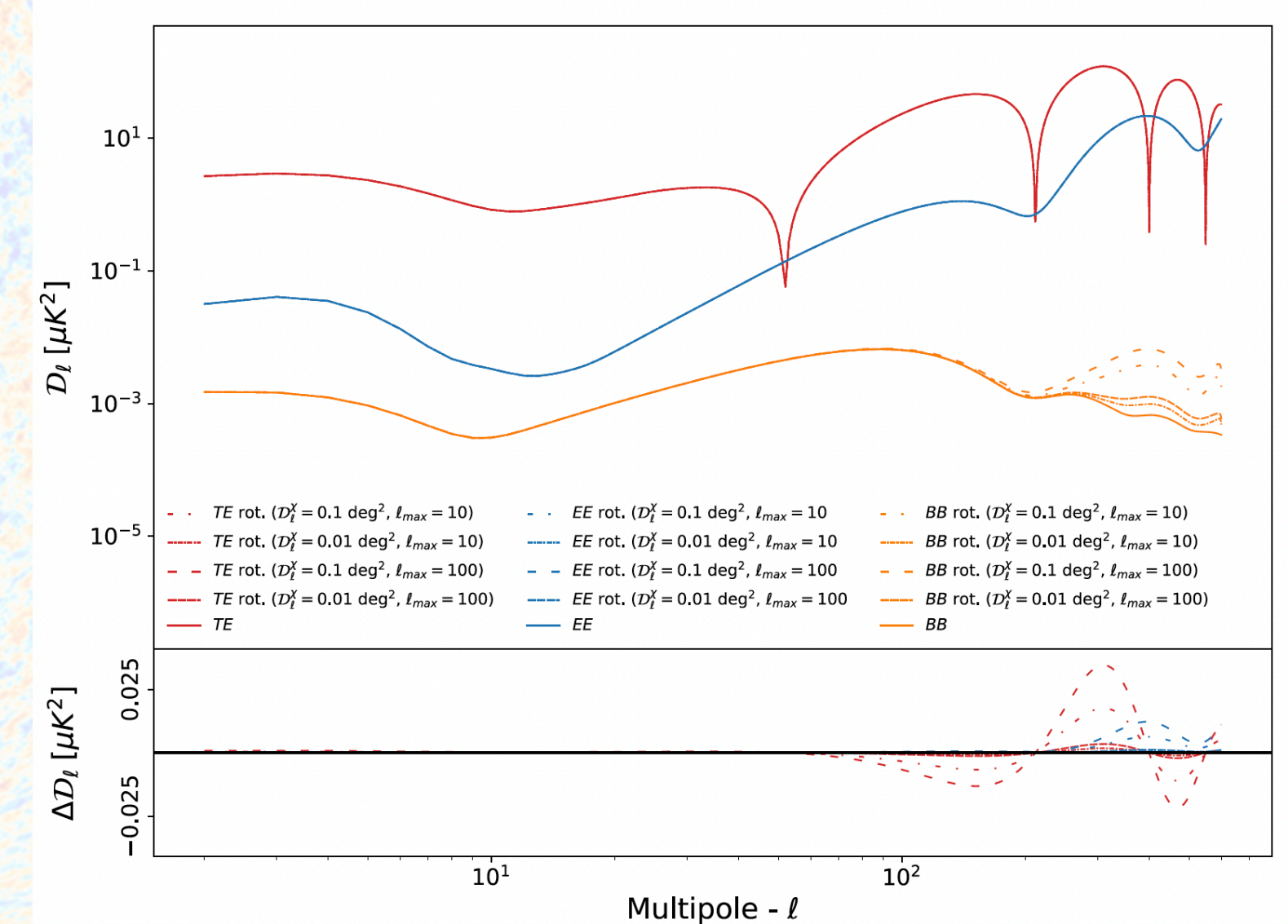
Isotropic (effect on TE, EE and BB)



Isotropic (non-zero EB and TB)



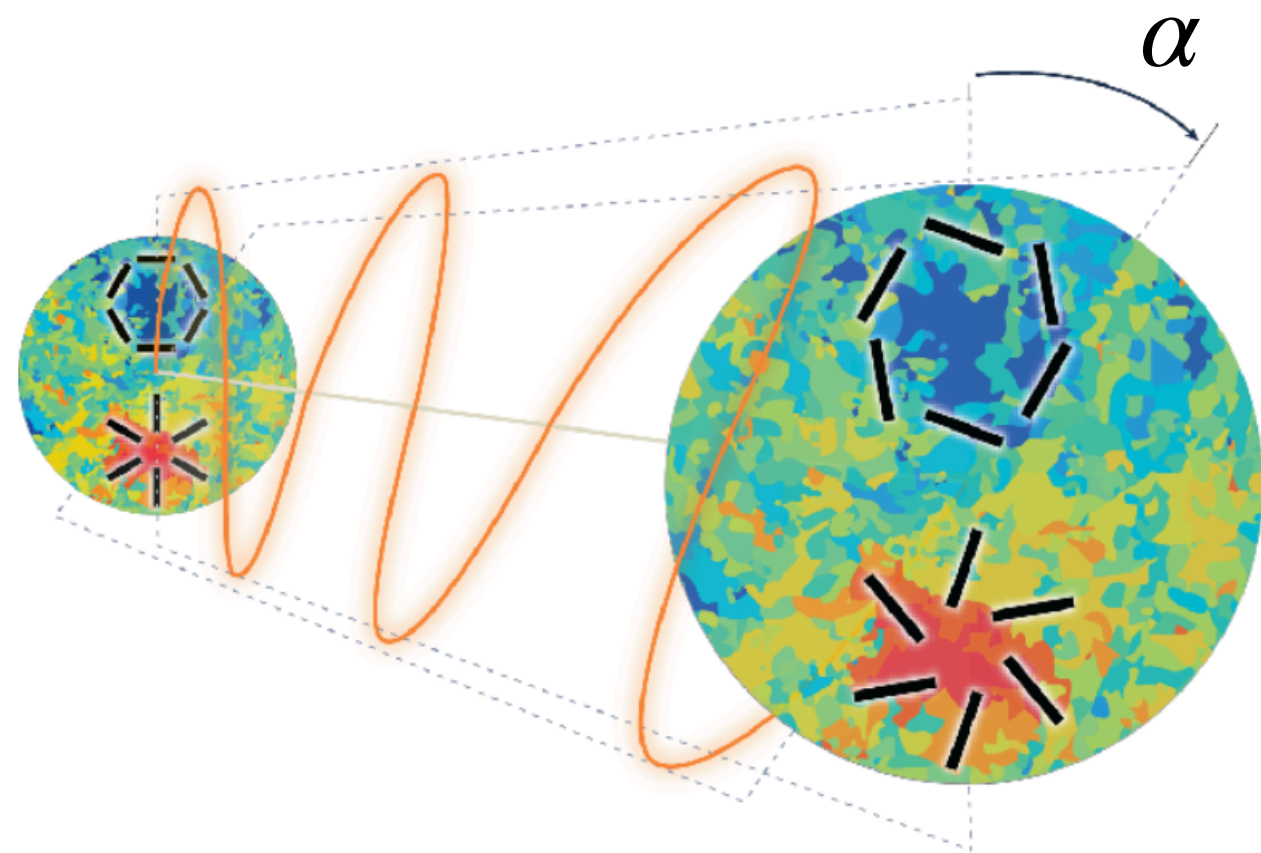
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Take-home messages (1)

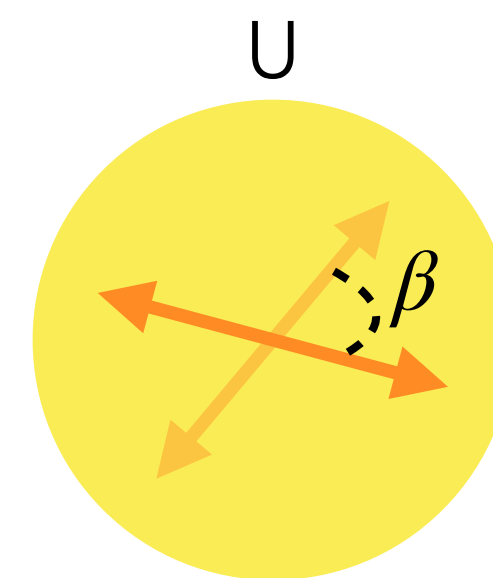
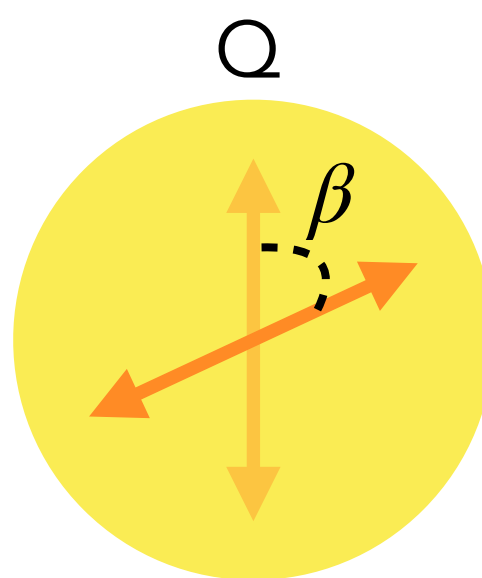
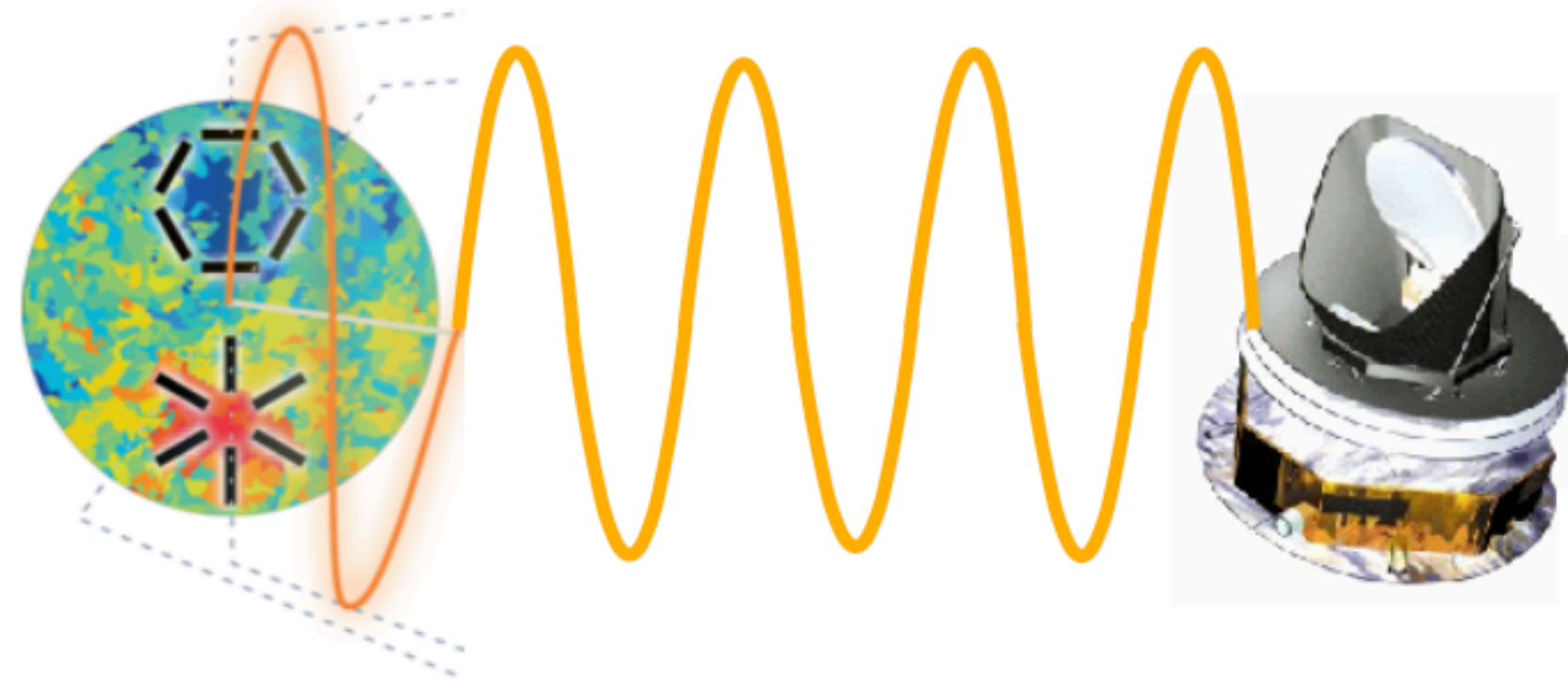
- ☑ Cosmic birefringence (CB) is the **rotation of the linear polarization plane** of CMB photon.
- ☑ This rotation might be both **isotropic** and **anisotropic**, and induces **non-zero parity violating** power spectra and **mixing between the EE and BB** power spectra.
- ☑ This mixing generates **spurious B-mode component** that acts as a potential **contaminant** for all the measurements of primordial B-modes.
- ☑ **Ultralight APLs** can explain the observational hint of cosmic birefringence. Axions already **well-motivated** by the strong CP problem.
- ☑ Depending on their mass APLs might act as **dark energy** or part of **dark matter**.

Cosmic or Instrumental?



Cosmic birefringence
rotates CMB linear
polarization plane by
 α angle

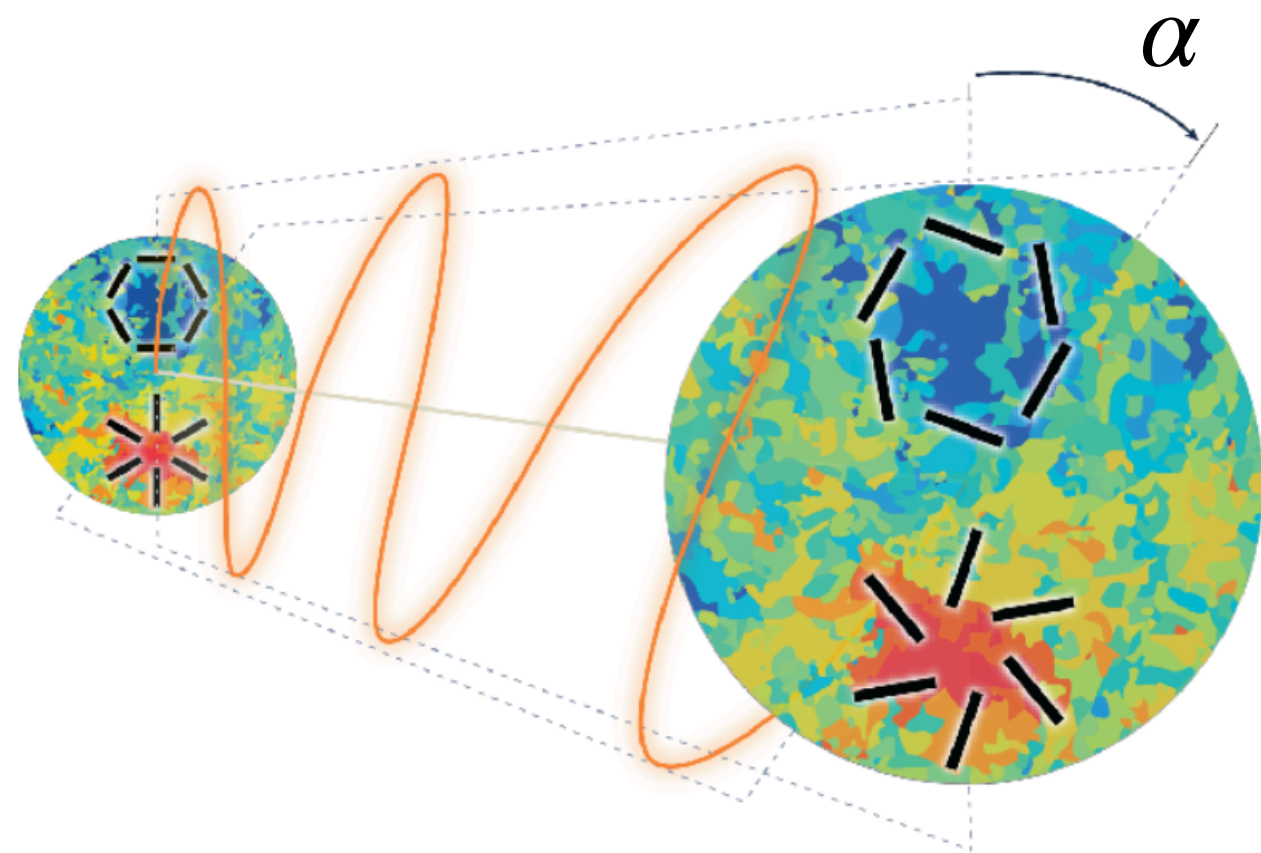
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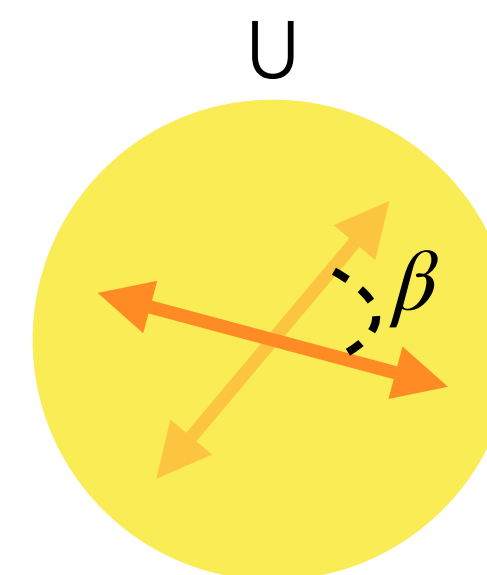
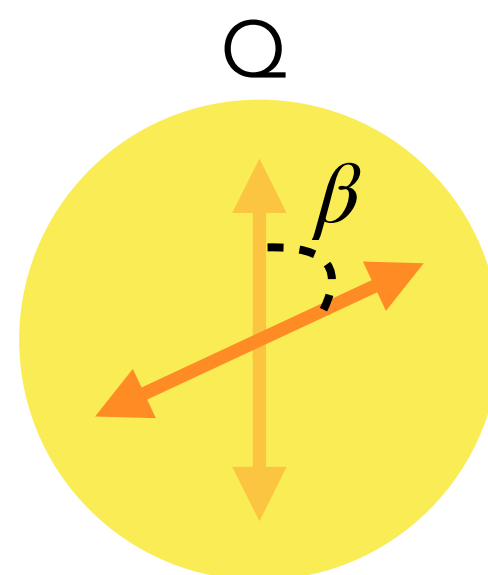
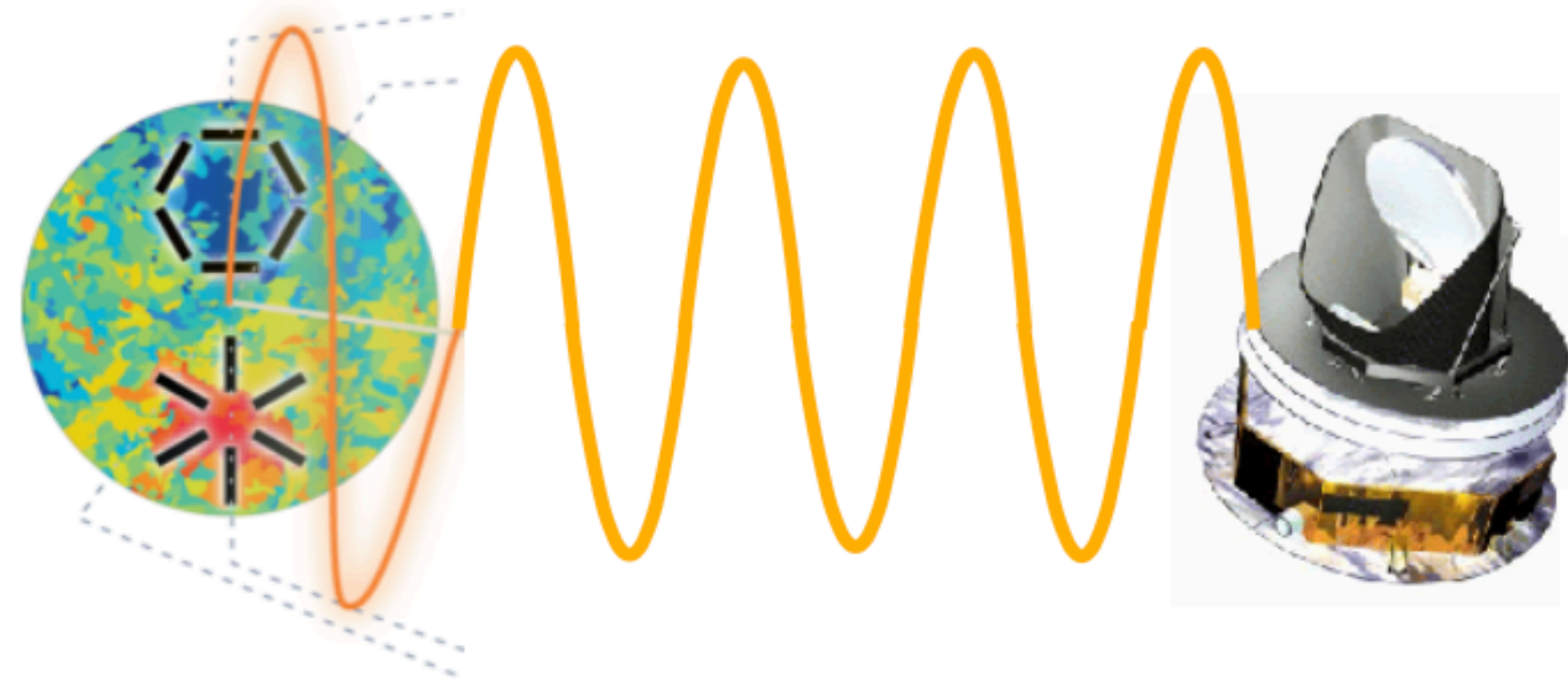
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Minami+2019

The sky contains: CMB+Galactic foreground emission. Photons of the **foreground emission do not travel for a long distance**, receiving only a negligible amount of α .

We can **assume** that the **foreground polarization is rotated only by the miscalibration angle β** .

or



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Constraining isotropic birefringence angle

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	150		$+0.83 \pm 0.94(\pm 0.5)$	
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<i>Planck</i> [32]	30–353	100–1500	$-0.35 \pm 0.05(\pm 0.28)$	Pre-flight source / Tau A [33, 34]
ACTPol (Choi et al., Murphy et al.)[14, 15]	150	600–1800	$-0.07 \pm 0.09(\pm \sim 0.1)$	Metrology+modeling+point sources
ACTPol (Namikawa et al., Murphy et al.) [15, 25]	98 + 150	200–2048	$0.12 \pm 0.06(\pm \sim 0.1)$	Metrology+modeling+point sources
Planck PR3 HFI (Minami et al.)[19])	100–353	50–1500	-0.35 ± 0.14	Galactic foregrounds
Planck PR4 HFI (Diego-Palazuelos et al.)[20]	100–353	50–1500	-0.30 ± 0.11	Galactic foregrounds
Planck PR4 HFI + LFI (Eskilt et al.)[21]	30–353	50–1500	-0.33 ± 0.10	Galactic foregrounds
Planck PR4 HFI + LFI + WMAP (Eskilt et al.)[22]	23–353	50–1500	$-0.342^{+0.094}_{-0.091}$	Galactic foregrounds
BICEP3 2-year (this work)	95	40–500	$\alpha \pm 0.078(\pm 0.3)$	Polarized source
Forecast: BICEP3 7-year + RPS improved performance	95	40–500	$\alpha \pm 0.055(\pm \sim 0.07)$	Polarized source

Constraints originally reported using the HEALPix polarization convention have been sign-flipped to match the **IAU polarization convention**

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Minami technique

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Constraining isotropic birefringence angle

Experiment/Dataset	Frequency [GHz]	ℓ range	$\alpha \pm \text{stat}(\pm \text{syst})[^\circ]$	Measurement Method
QUaD[26]	100	200–2000	$-1.89 \pm 2.24(\pm 0.5)$	Polarized source
	150		$+0.83 \pm 0.94(\pm 0.5)$	
BOOM03[27]	143	150–1000	$-4.3 \pm 4.1(\pm 0.69)$	Pre-flight polarized source
ACTPol	146	500–2000	$-0.2 \pm 0.5(-1.2)$	As-designed
WMAP9[28]	23–94	2–800	$0.36 \pm 1.24(\pm 1.5)$	Pre-flight ground calibration/tau A [1] A
BICEP2[29]	150	30–300	$-1 \pm 0.2(\pm 1.5)$	Dielectric Sheet
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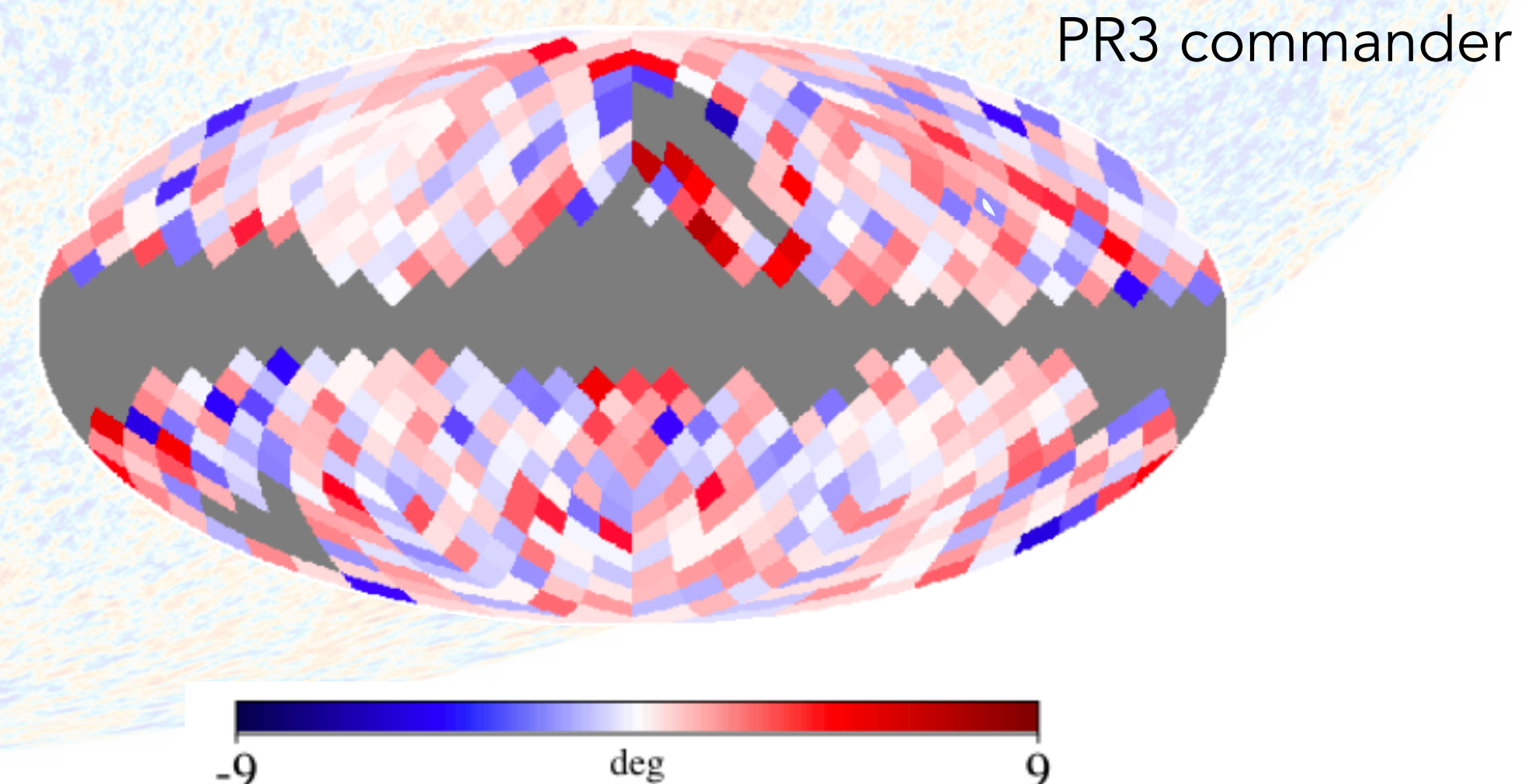
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Cosmic birefringence maps

Pipeline:

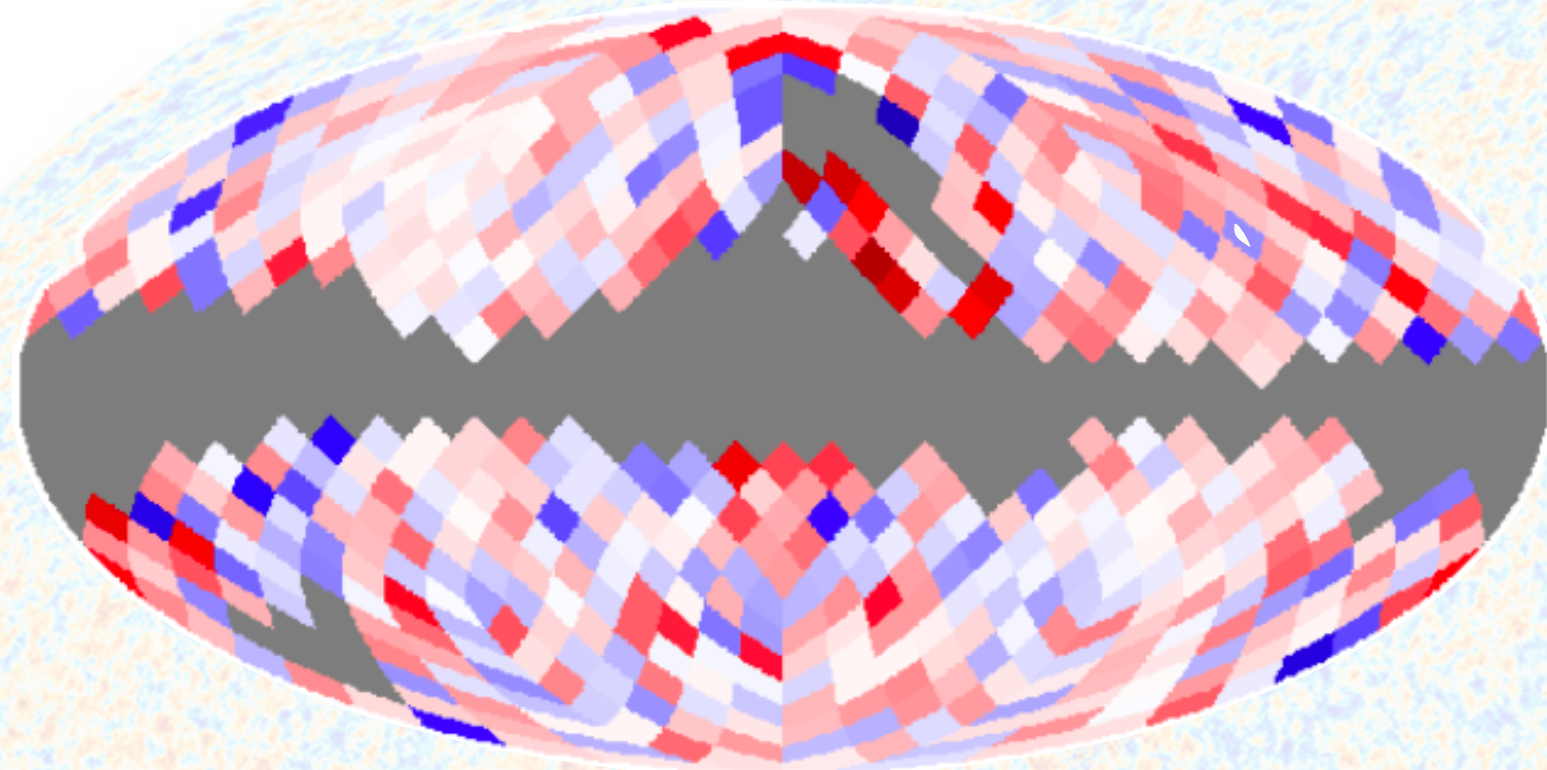
- Cleaned PR3 and NPIPE maps (Commander/NILC/SEVEM/SMICA)
- **Dividing the sky in “patches”** ($N_{side} = 8$, $f_{sky,p} \simeq 0.13\%$, $N_{tot p} = 768$)
- Applying masks (Galactic foreground and bad pixel)
- SkyPatches to Spectra with NaMaster
- Assuming **isotropic CB in each patches** and applying D^{EB} estimator
- In each patch, estimation of α_0 maximizing the log-likelihood function \rightarrow map of CB angles
- Estimation of α_0 **as monopole of the CB map**

Bortolami+ (2022)	
case	α [deg]
PR3 Commander	0.27 ± 0.05 (stat) ± 0.28 (syst)
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This extends previous work ($N_{side} = 4$) Gruppuso+ (2020)

Cosmic birefringence maps



parameter	Bortolami+ (2022)			(L = 24)
	Commander	NILC	SEVEM	SMICA
$A^{\alpha\alpha}$ [deg ²] PR3	< 0.007	< 0.007	< 0.010	< 0.007
$A^{\alpha\alpha}$ [deg ²] NPIPE	< 0.010	-	< 0.009	-

$A_{\text{SMICA}}^{\alpha\alpha} < 0.104 \text{ deg}^2$ at 95% C.L. (L = 12) Gruppuso+ (2020)

QML estimator

$$\hat{C}_{\ell}^{\alpha\alpha}$$

Assuming scale invariant spectrum

constraints on $A_{\ell}^{\alpha} = \ell(\ell + 1) C_{\ell}^{\alpha\alpha} / 2\pi$

Other constraints on the scale-invariant amplitude A^{α} :

Contreras, Boubel, Scott(2018) - Planck data $\leq 0.018 \text{ deg}^2$

Bianchini, SPT collaboration (2020) $\leq 0.033 \text{ deg}^2$

Namikawa, ACT collaboration (2020)

All results compatible with **no anisotropic birefringence** signal

Cosmic Birefringence map from PR4

$D^{EB}(\alpha)$ estimator $\rightarrow \alpha$ angle

Bortolami, Billi, Gruppuso, Natoli, Pagano (2022)
Gruppuso, Molinari, Natoli, Pagano (2020)

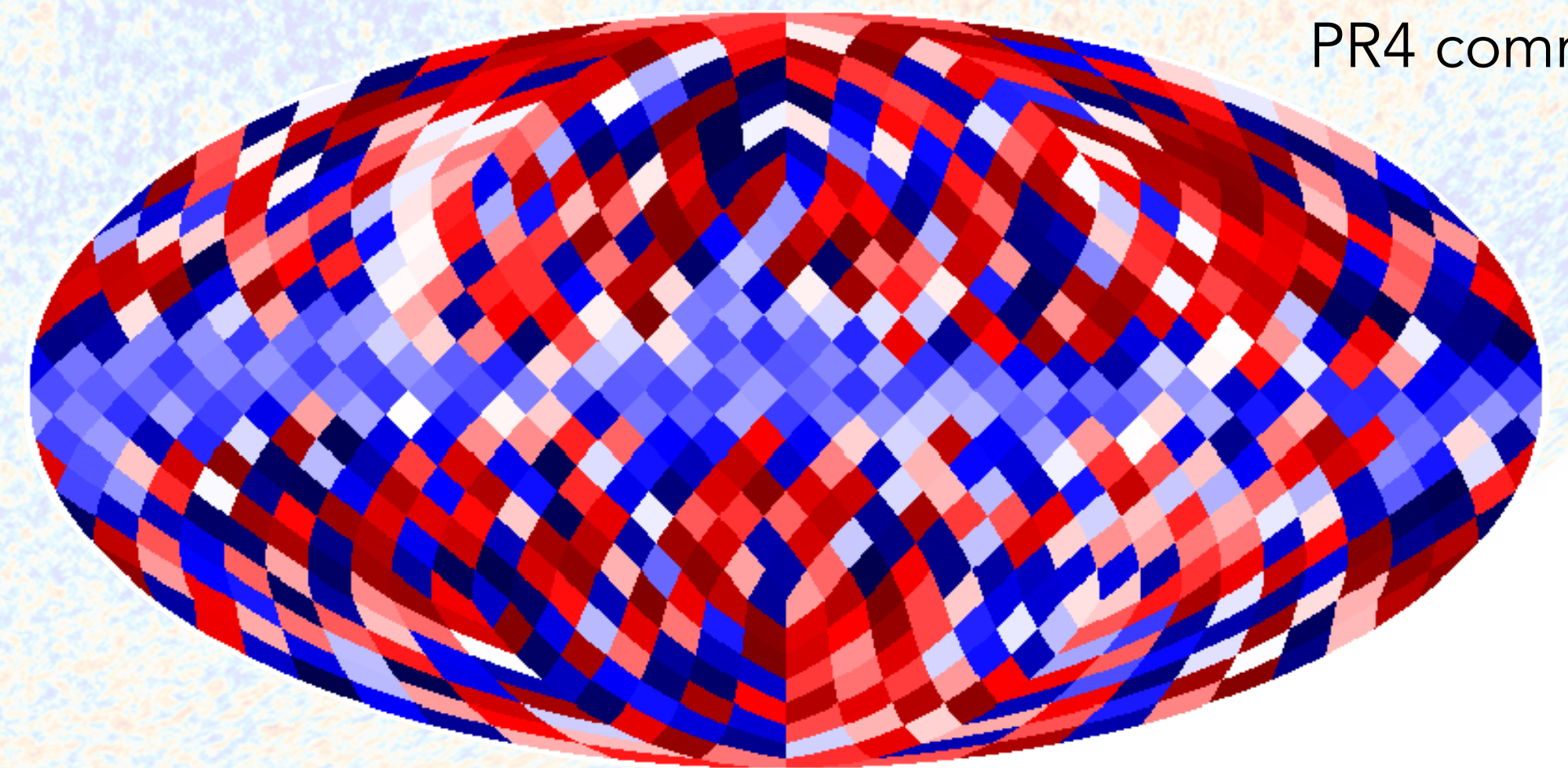
Kind of estimator as in
Gluscevic+ (2012)

$\hat{\alpha}_{LM}^{EB}$ estimator $\rightarrow \alpha_{LM}$

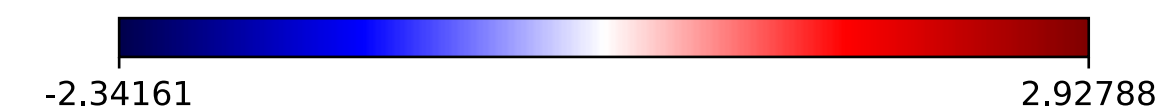
Zagatti, Bortolami, Gruppuso, Natoli, Pagano (2024)

See her talk tomorrow! 😲

- L up to $2 \ell_{max}$ of CMB maps
- Computationally less expensive
- CB spectrum compatible with 0 at $\sim 2\sigma$
(w/o assuming a scale invariant spectrum)



PR4 commander



Take-home messages (2)

- ☑ **Miscalibration** of detector's polarization angle **degenerate with CB angle**.
- ☑ **Minami+2019 developed a new technique** to independently constrain both these angles using CMB observations.
- ☑ Using this technique several papers claimed **2-3 σ detection of isotropic CB angle**.
Anisotropic CB spectrum still compatible with zero.
- ☑ **D-estimators** (based on C_ℓ) is the most largely used estimator (see Giorgia's talk for harmonic estimator).

Beyond Cosmic Birefringence

We consider the *minimal Standard Model Extension* - contains only renormalizable operators with mass dimension ≤ 4

$$\mathcal{S} = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[-\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{2} \varepsilon^{\alpha\beta\mu\nu} A_\beta(k_{AF})_\alpha F_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{4} (k_F)^{\alpha\beta\mu\nu} F_{\alpha\beta} F_{\mu\nu} \right]$$

Standard
Maxwell term

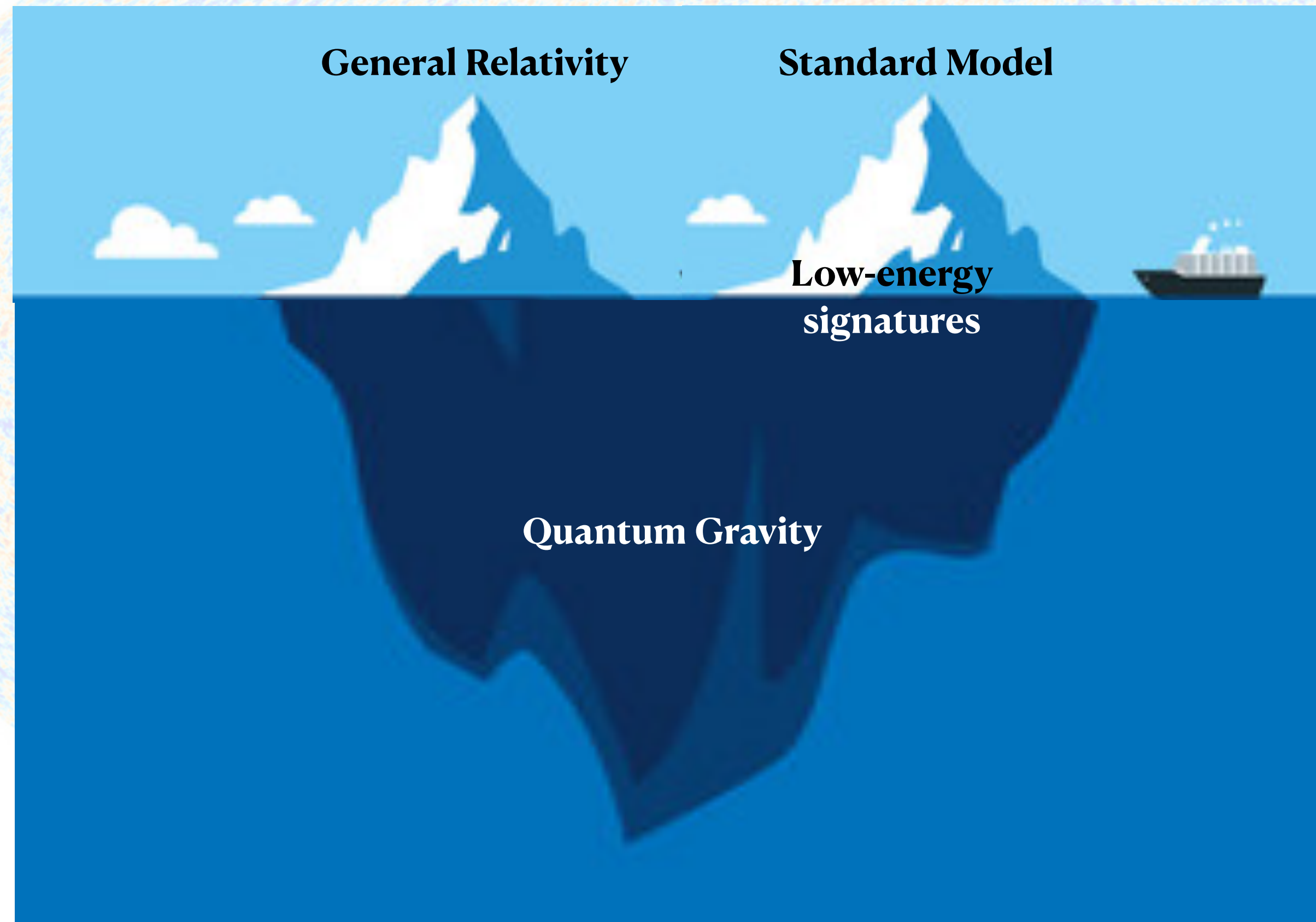
CPT-odd term

CPT-even term

The time and the space components of the coupling k_{AF} lead to isotropic and anisotropic birefringence, respectively

The couplings k_F lead to a conversion of linear polarization (EE and BB spectra) into circular polarization (VV spectrum)

Motivations: Why Lorentz-violating theories?



Quantum gravity?

Problem: typical energy scale **well above** the capabilities of any Earth based experiment as well as any observationally **accessible regime**



Solution: looking for low energy “**relic signatures**”, which would lead to deviation from the standard theory predictions (standard model of particle interactions (SM) plus GR) in specific regimes

“**QG phenomenology**”:

- **Violation of symmetries**
- imprint on initial cosmological perturbations
- Cosmological variation of couplings
- TeV Black Holes, related to extra-dimensions
- Quantum decoherence and state collapse
- ...

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applying the *dark crystal formalism* as described in

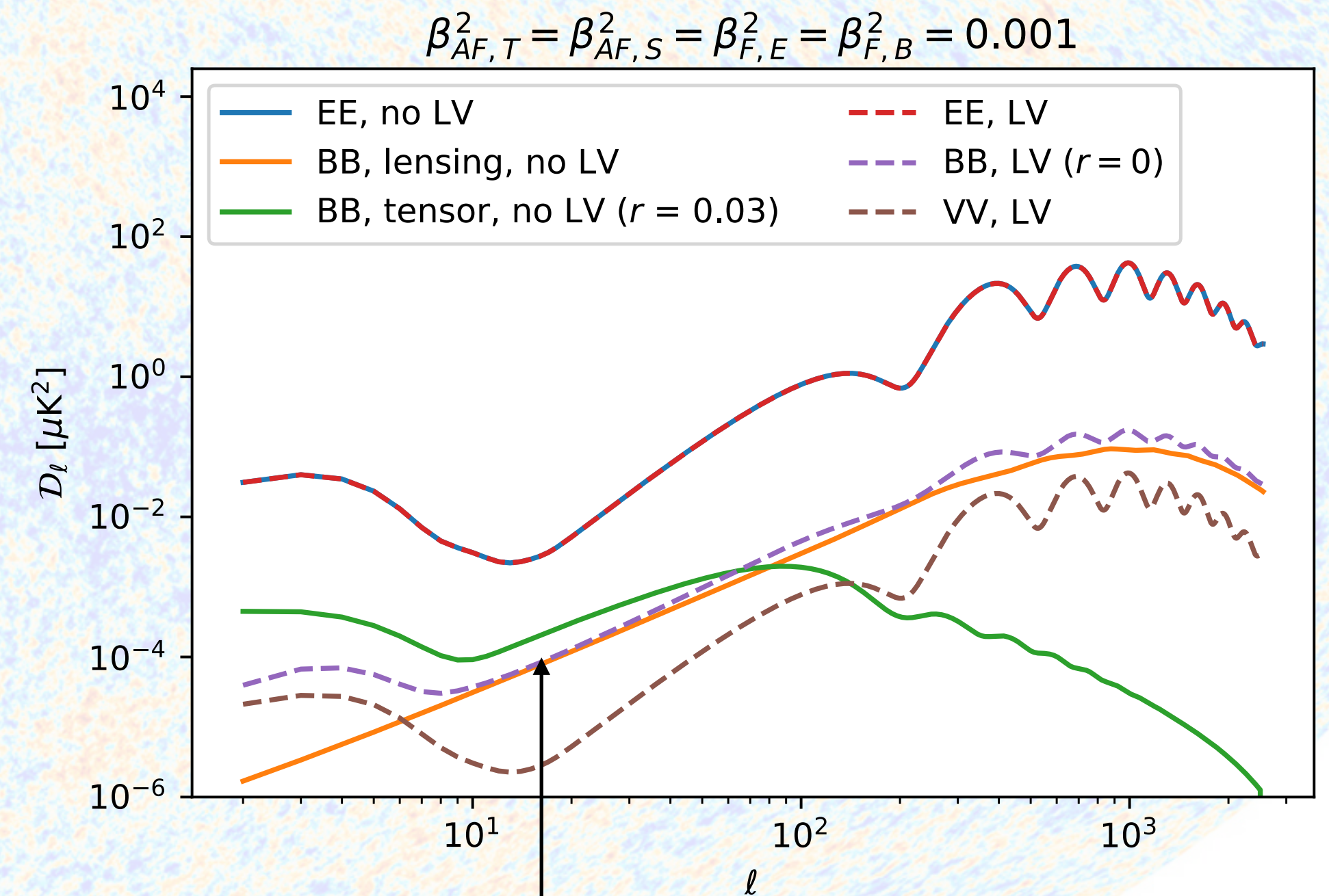
Lembo, Lattanzi, Pagano, Gruppuso, Natoli, Forastieri (PRL2021)

CMB spectra (including EB, TB, VV $\neq 0$) as function of some effective parameters:

$\beta_{AF,TS}^2$ related to time/space components of k_{AF} (**CPT-odd**)

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The spectra are generated using `camb-cpt` (our custom-made version of `camb`)

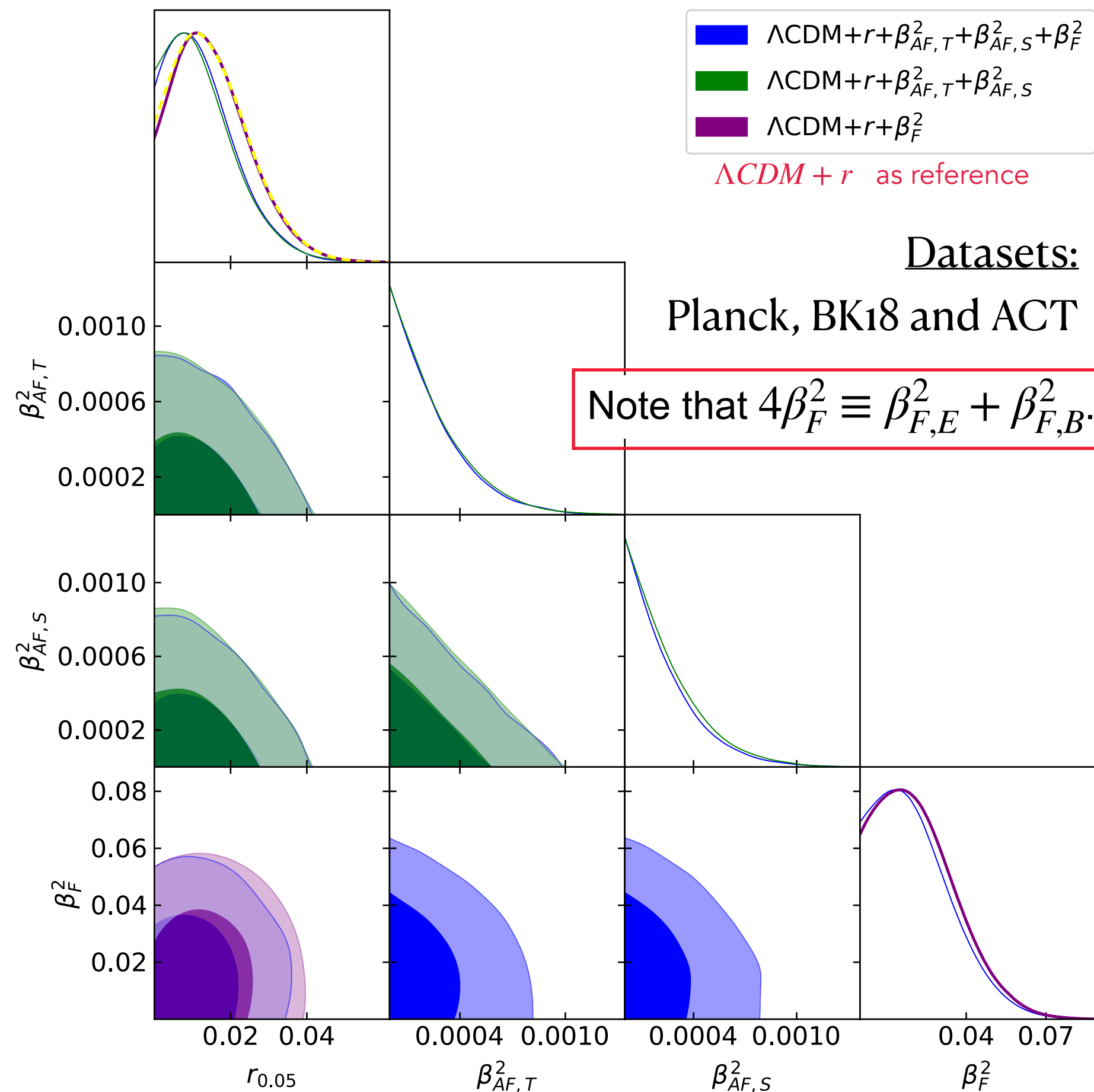


Spurious B-mode component even in absence of tensor modes (dashed purple line).

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Comparison with previous works

First comprehensive study of the signatures of Lorentz violation in electrodynamics on CMB anisotropies.

(see V.A. Kostelecky and N. Russell, Data Tables for Lorentz and CPT Violation [arXiv:0801.0287](https://arxiv.org/abs/0801.0287))

CPT-odd

Our bounds are the strongest to date, both considering CMB and other sources.

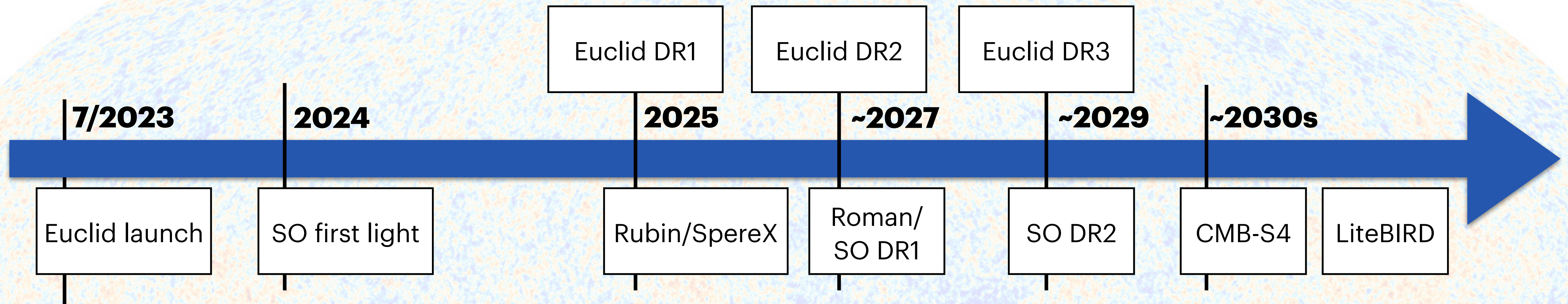
CPT-even

Our bound improves previous constraints by roughly one order of magnitude. This bound is only overcome by those obtained from optical polarimetry of extragalactic sources.

Take-home messages (3)

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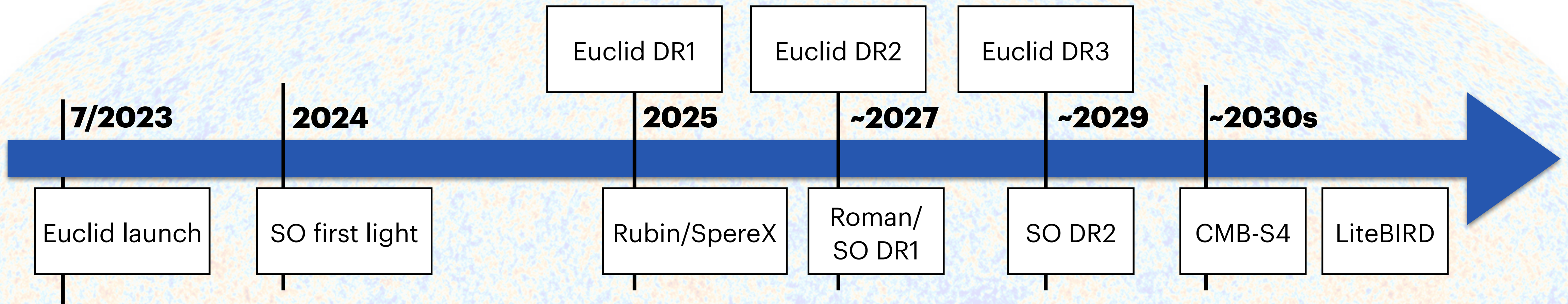
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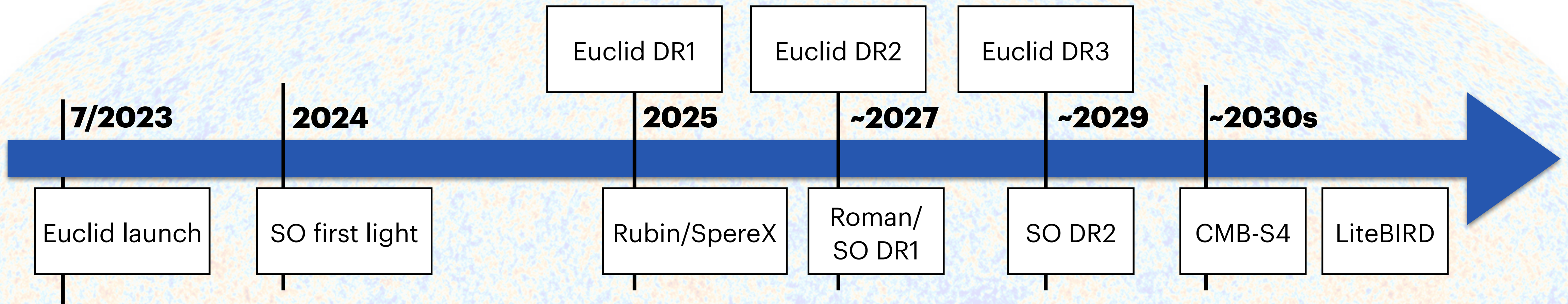
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