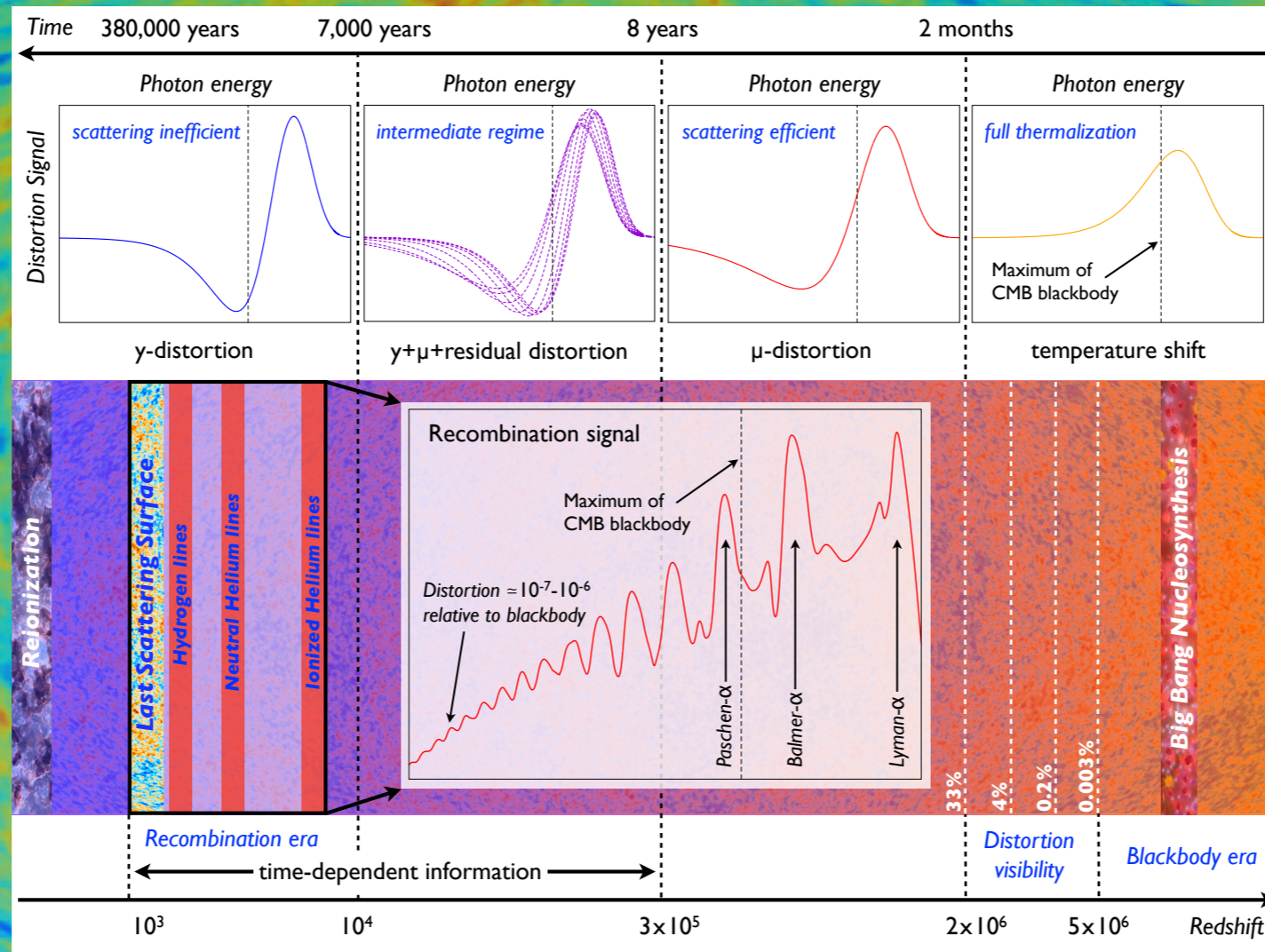


# CMB spectral distortion science beyond the Monopole



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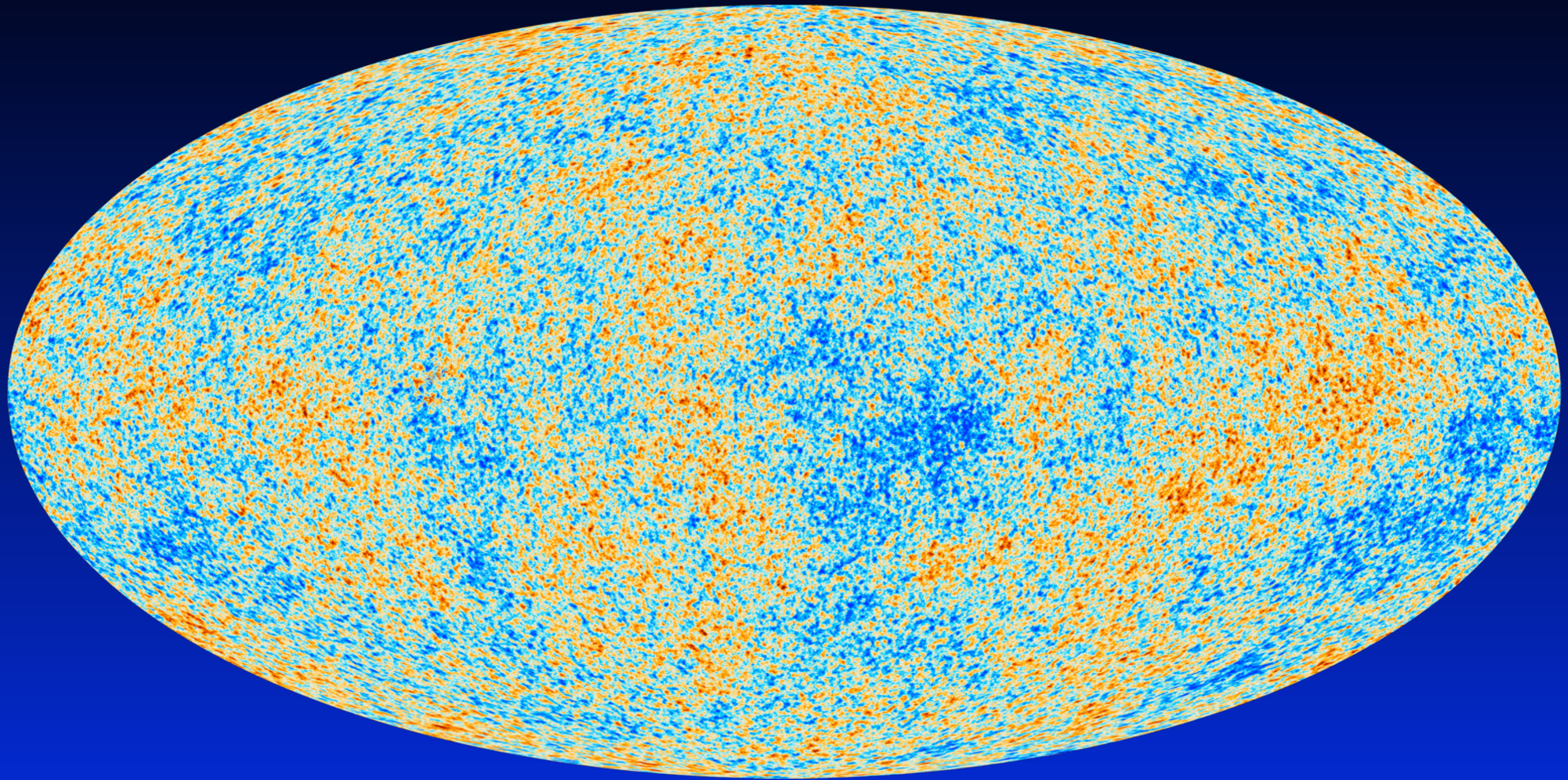
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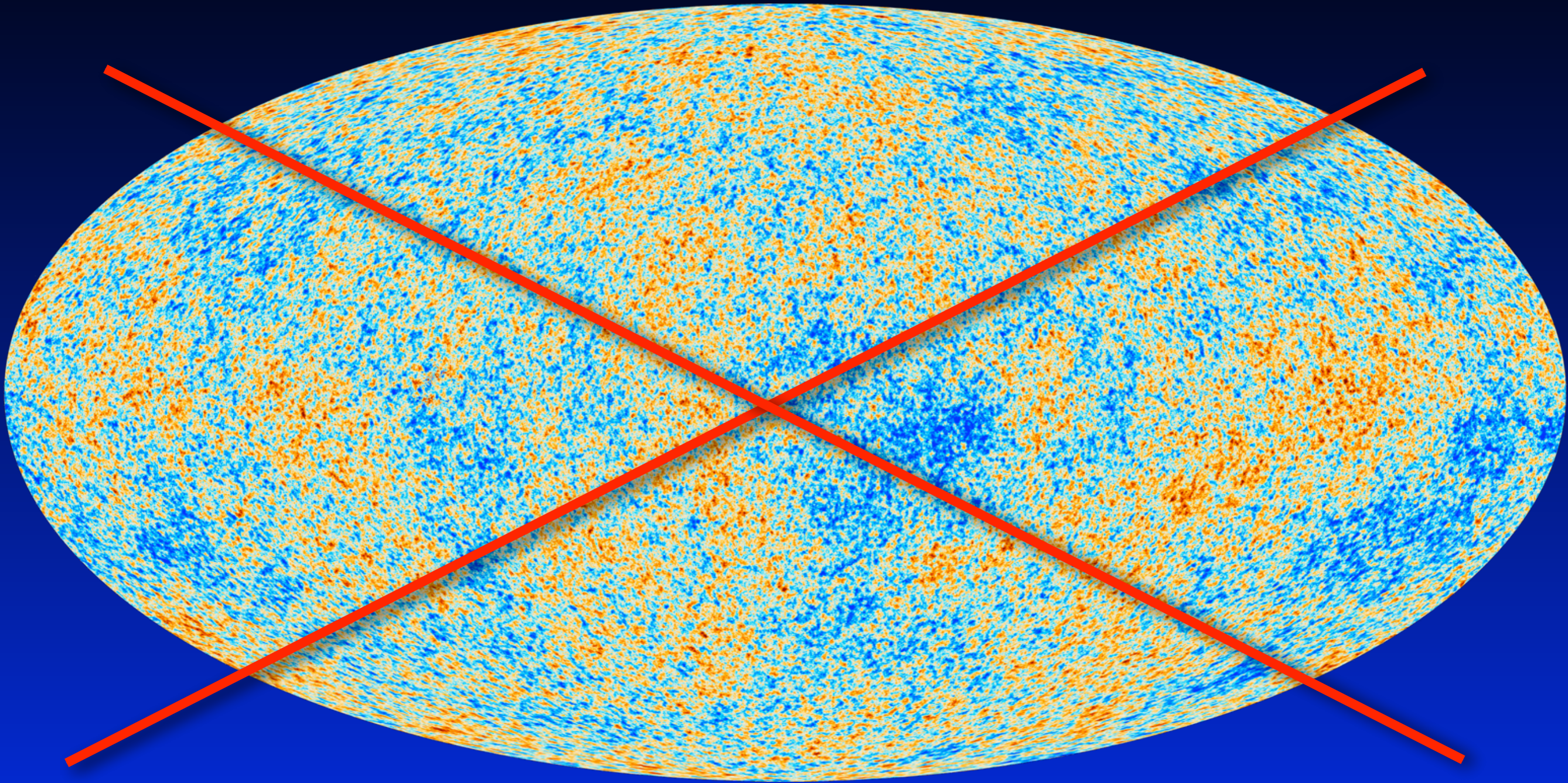


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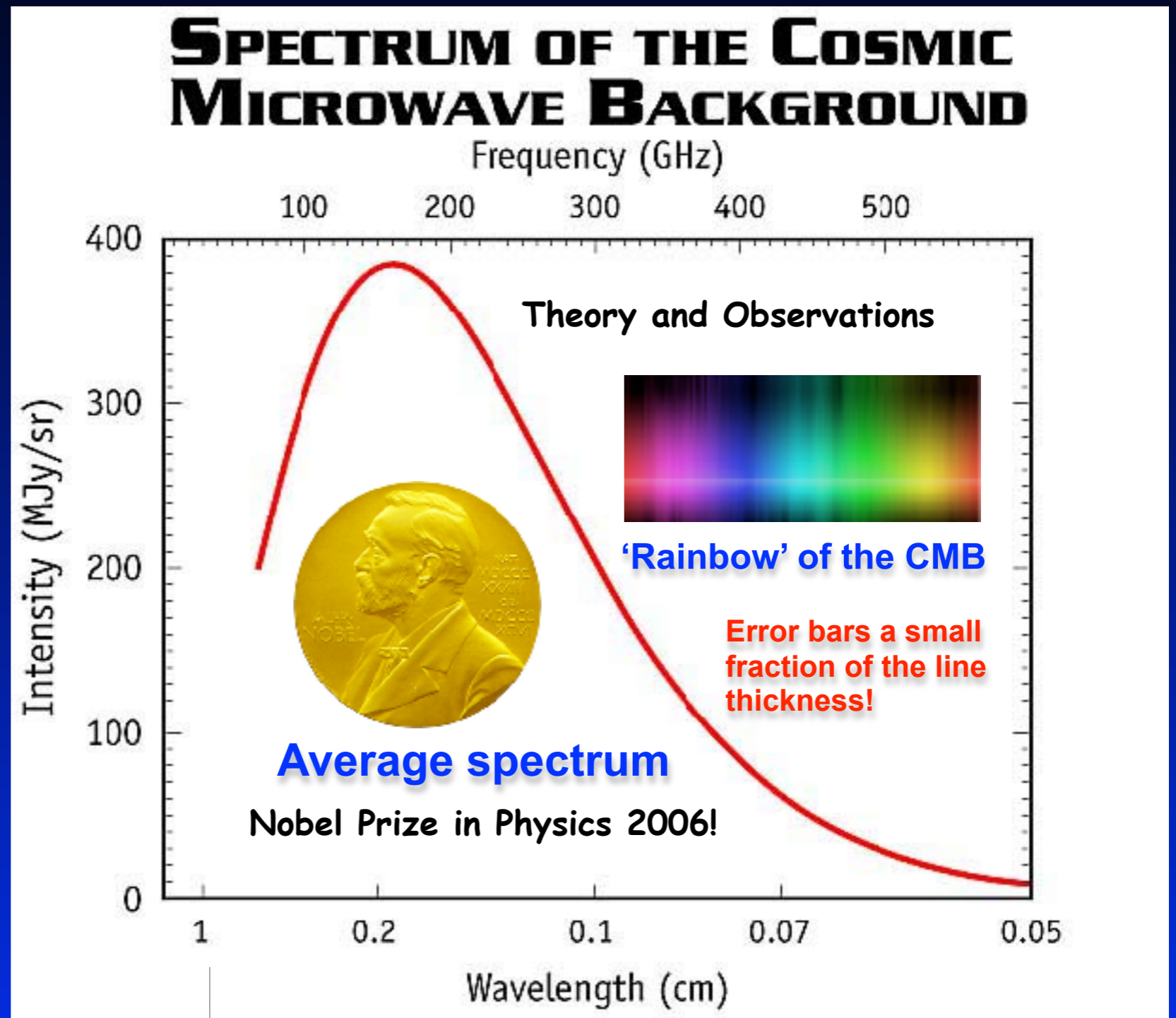


$$T_0 = 2.725 \pm 0.001 \text{ K}$$

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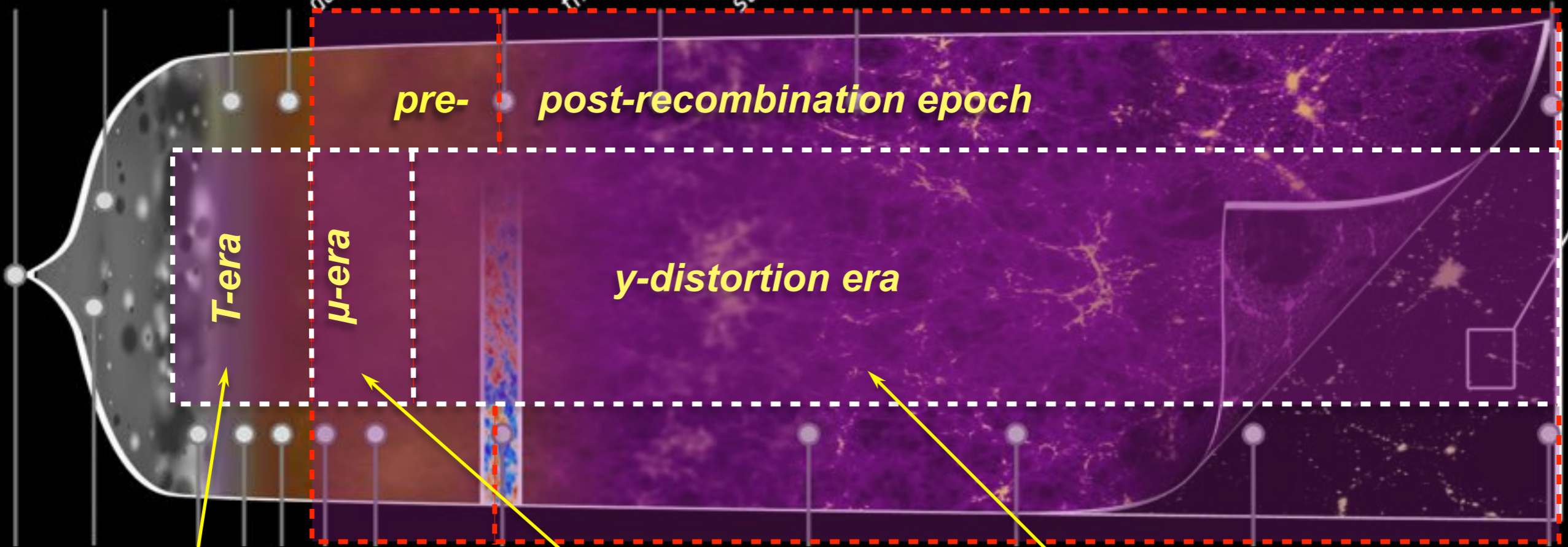
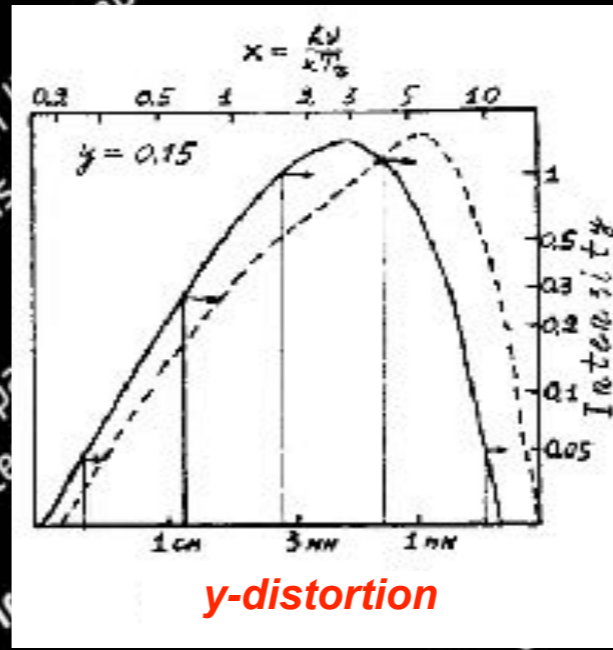
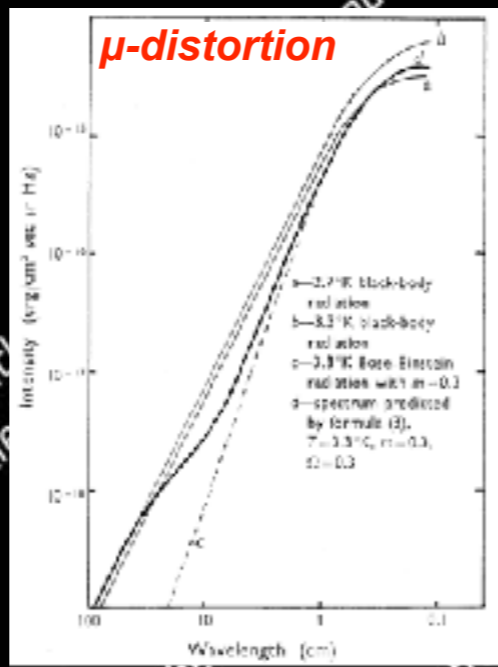
$$|\mu| \leq 9 \times 10^{-5}$$

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Blackbody spectrum to very high precision



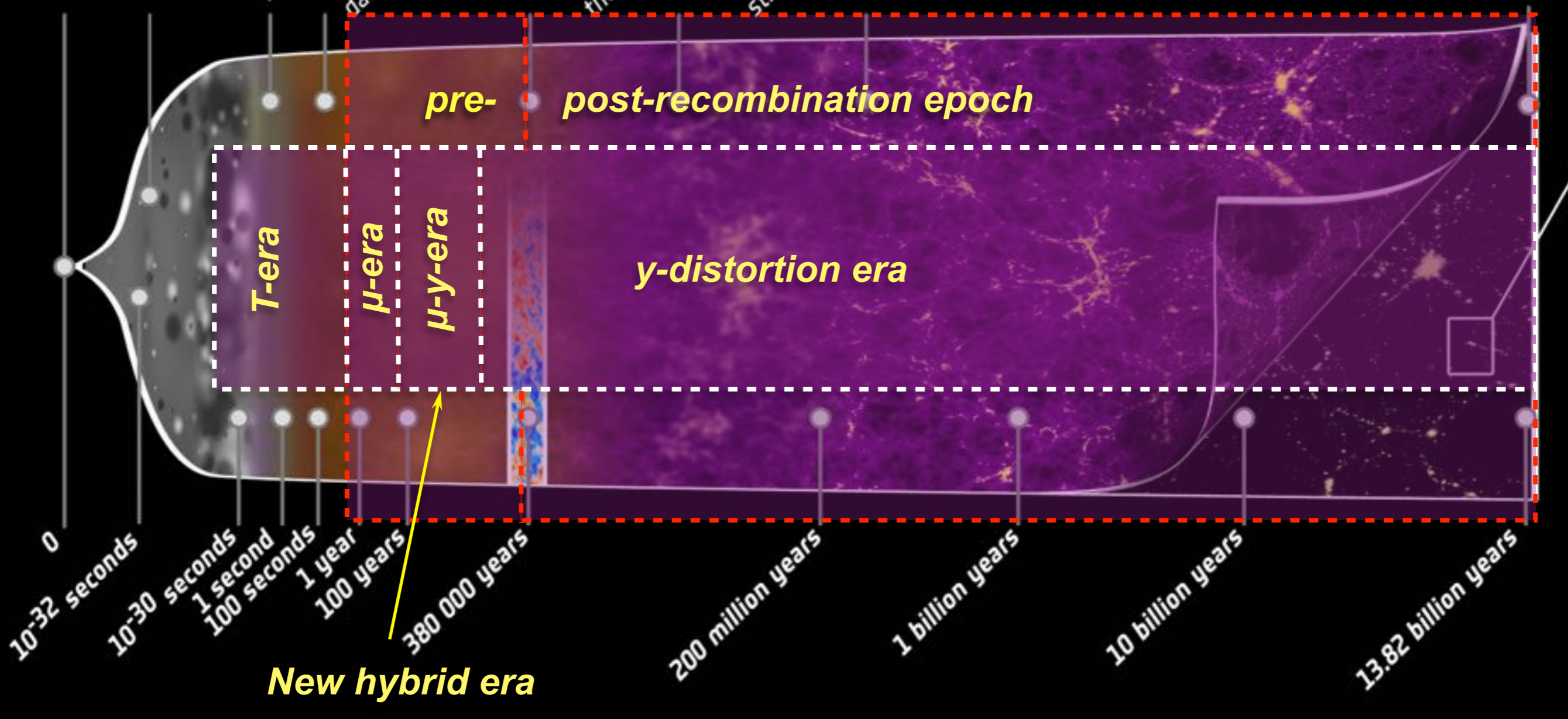
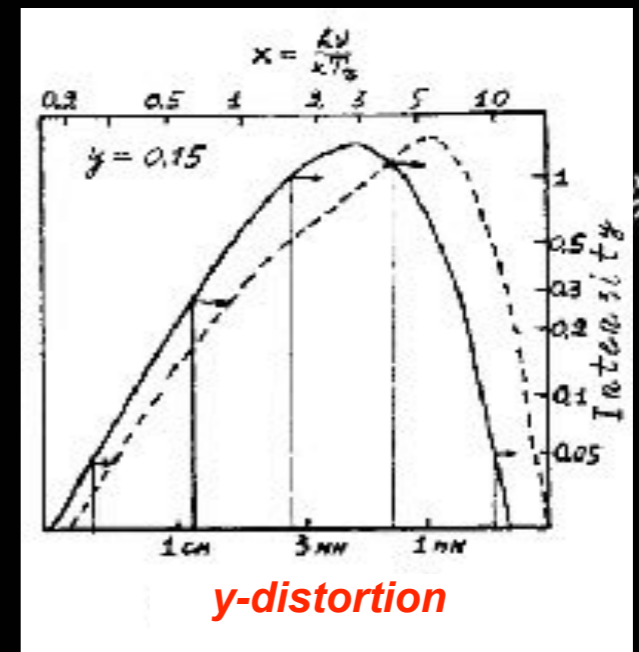
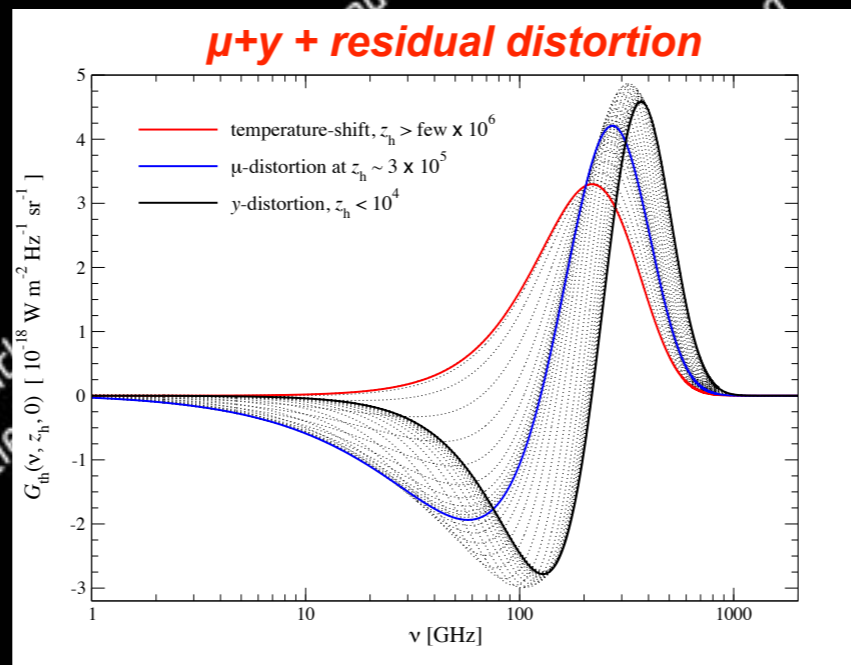
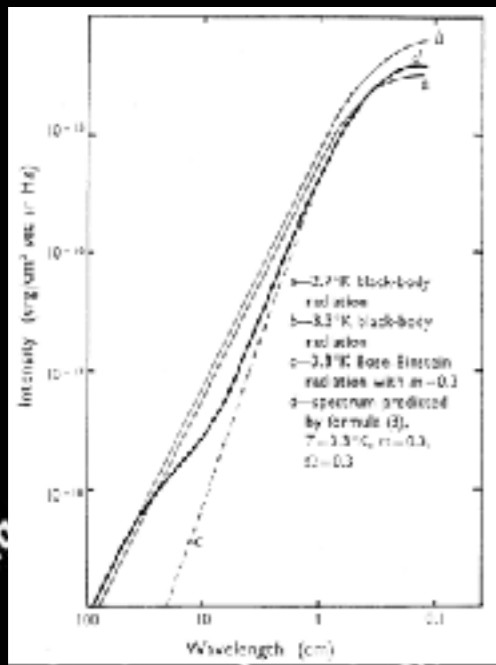


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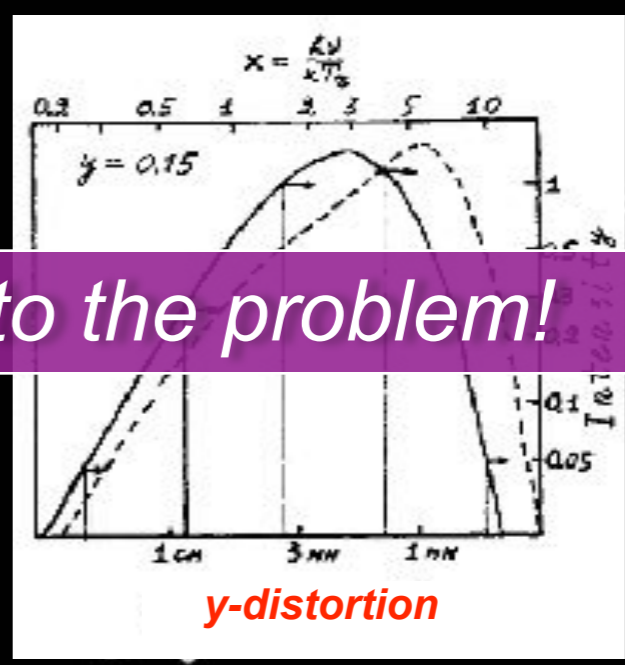
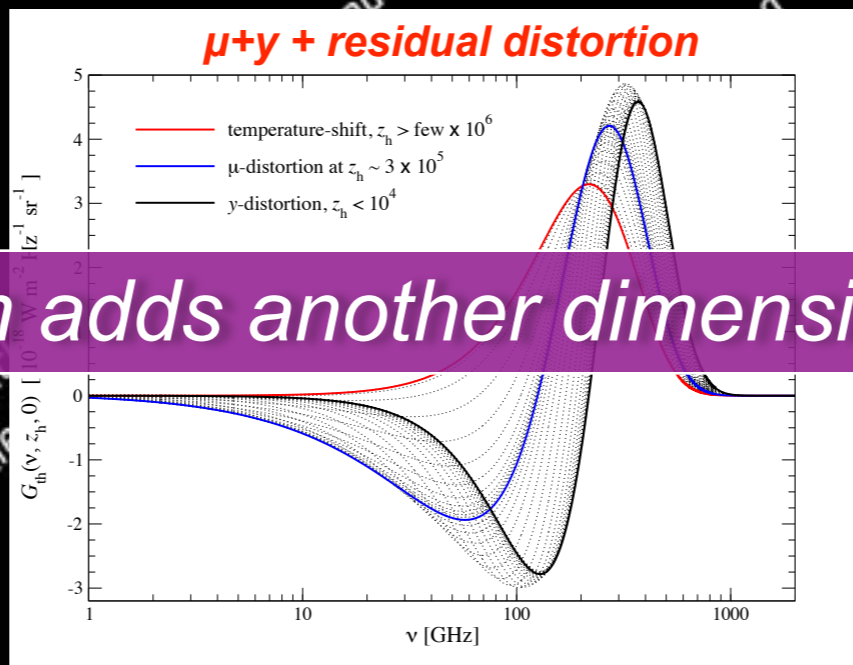
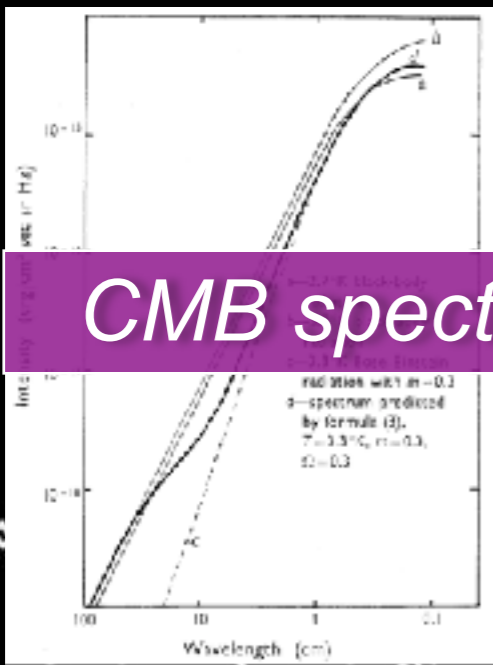
$$\mu \simeq 1.4 \left. \frac{\Delta \rho_\gamma}{\rho_\gamma} \right|_\mu$$

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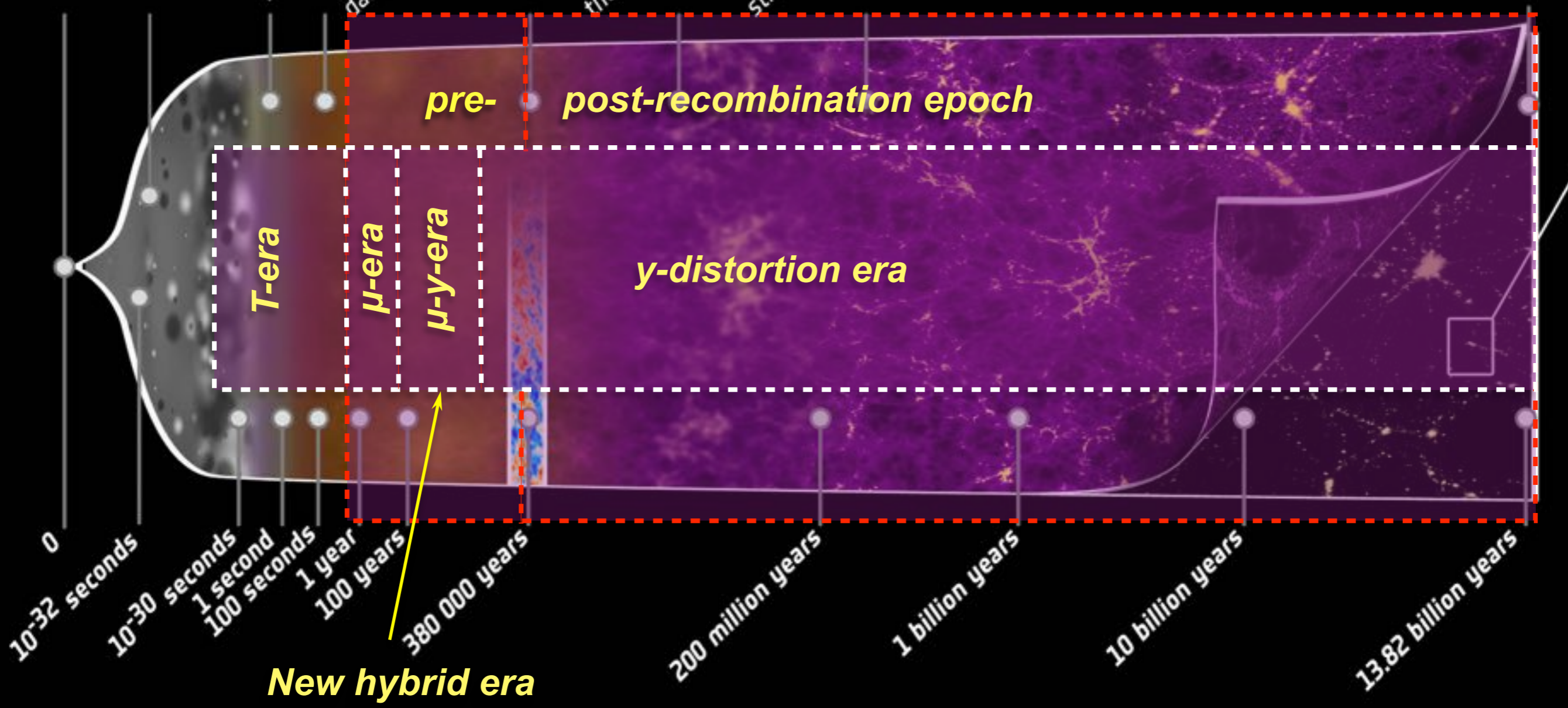




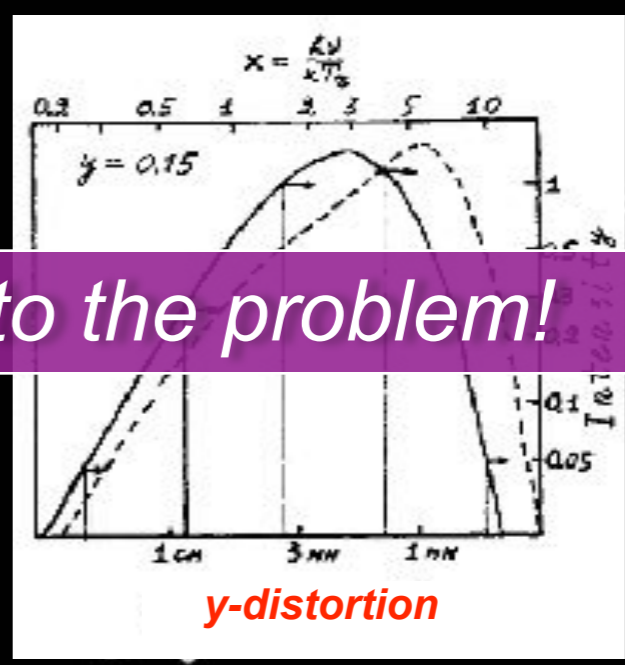
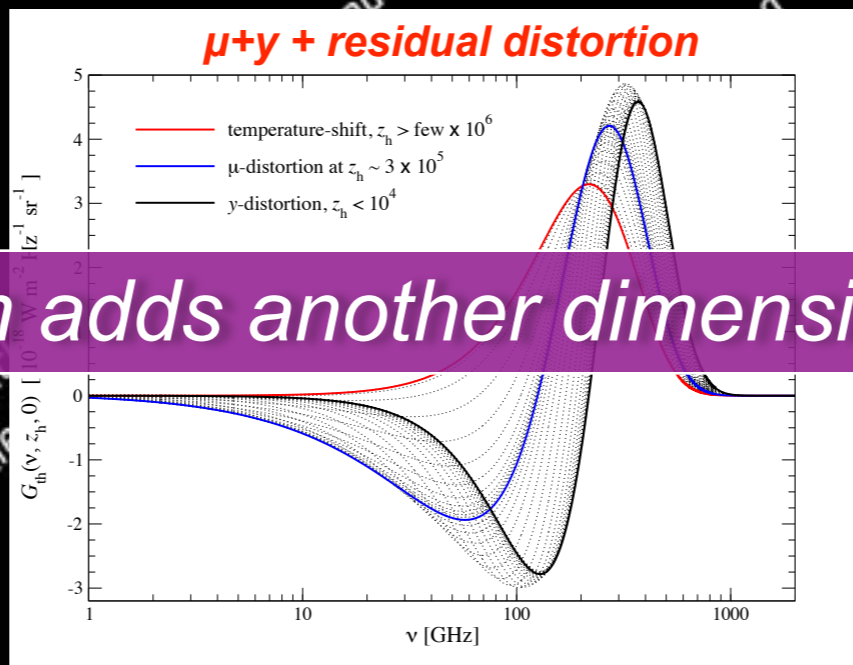
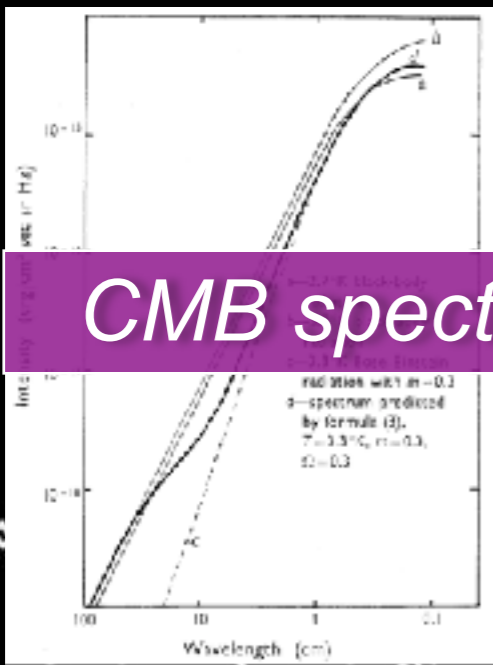




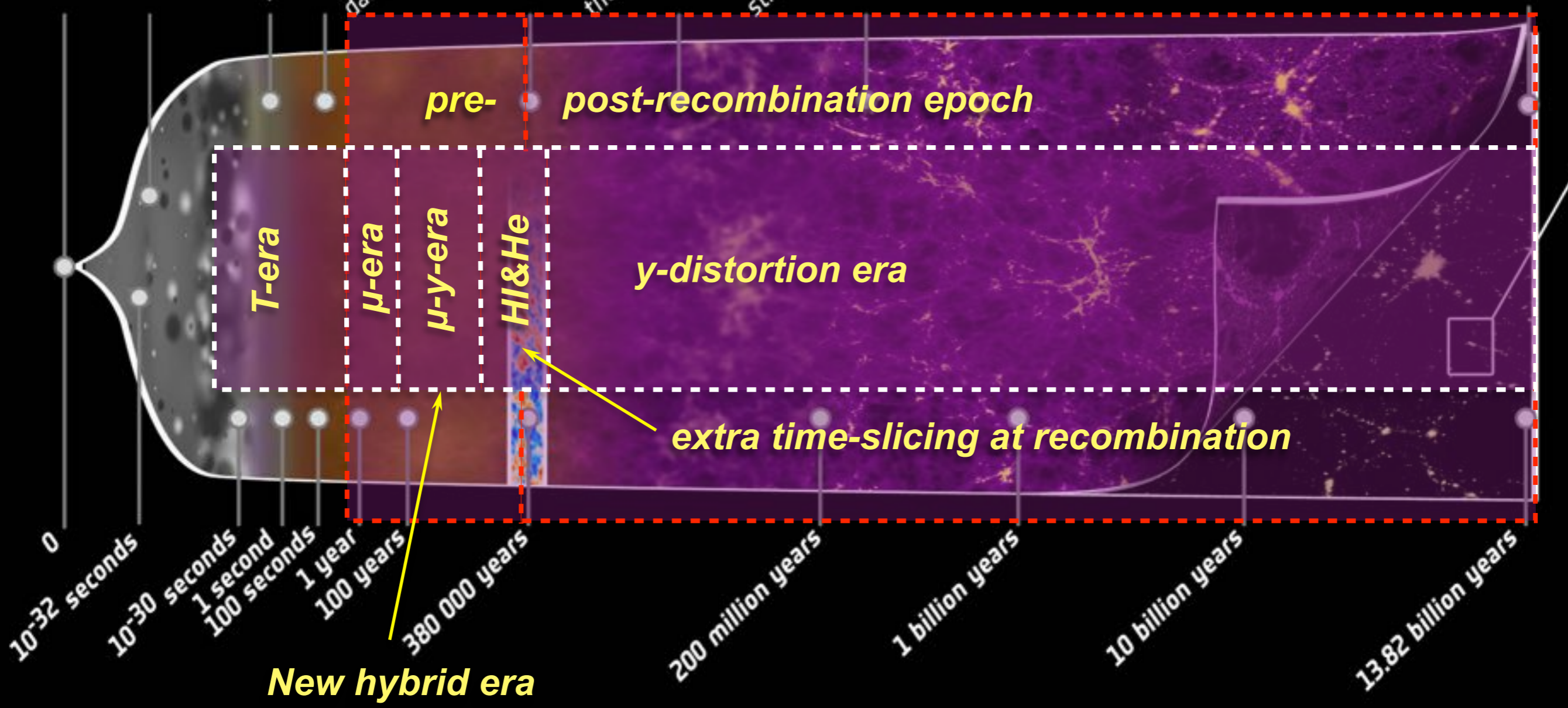
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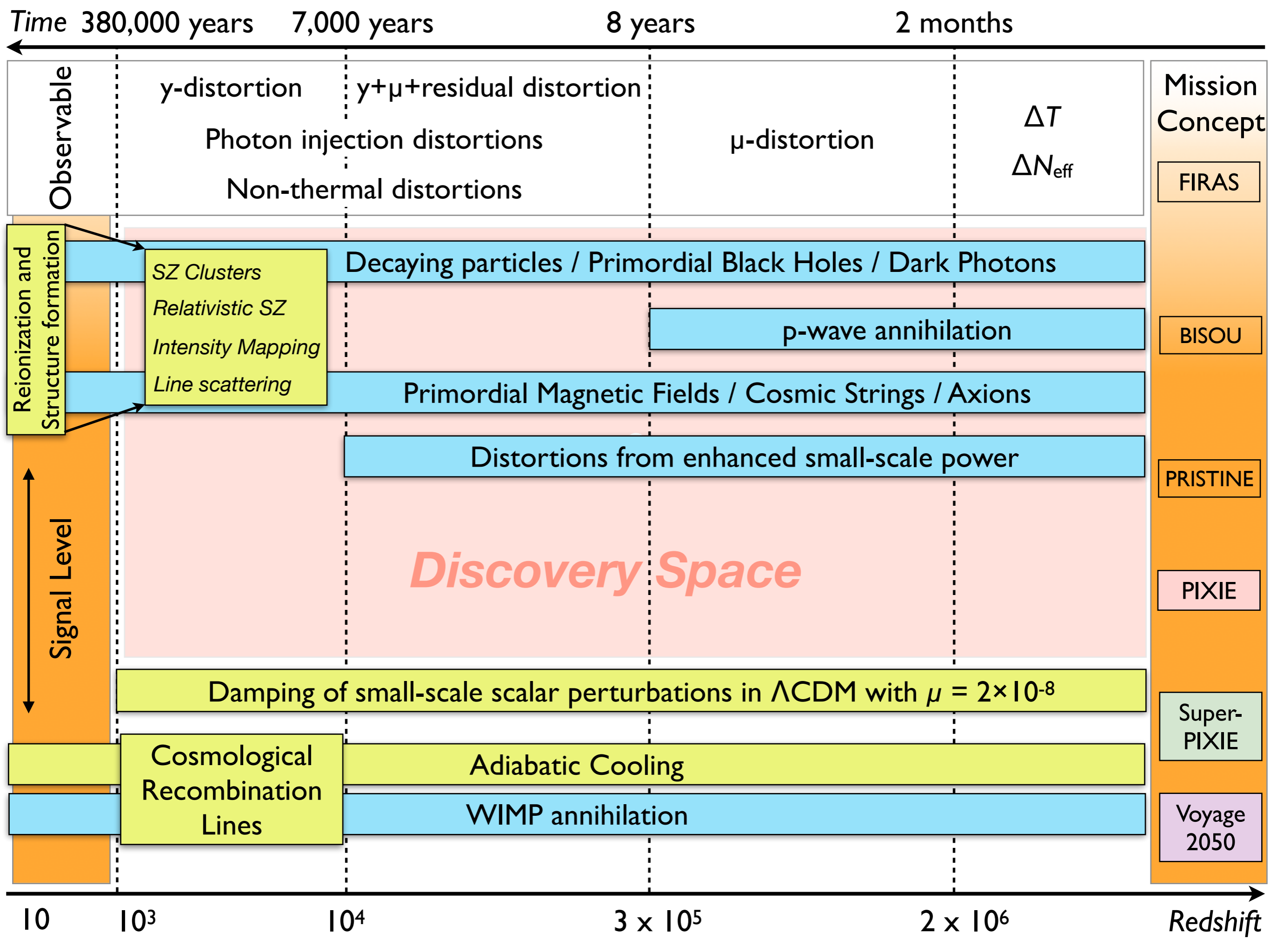




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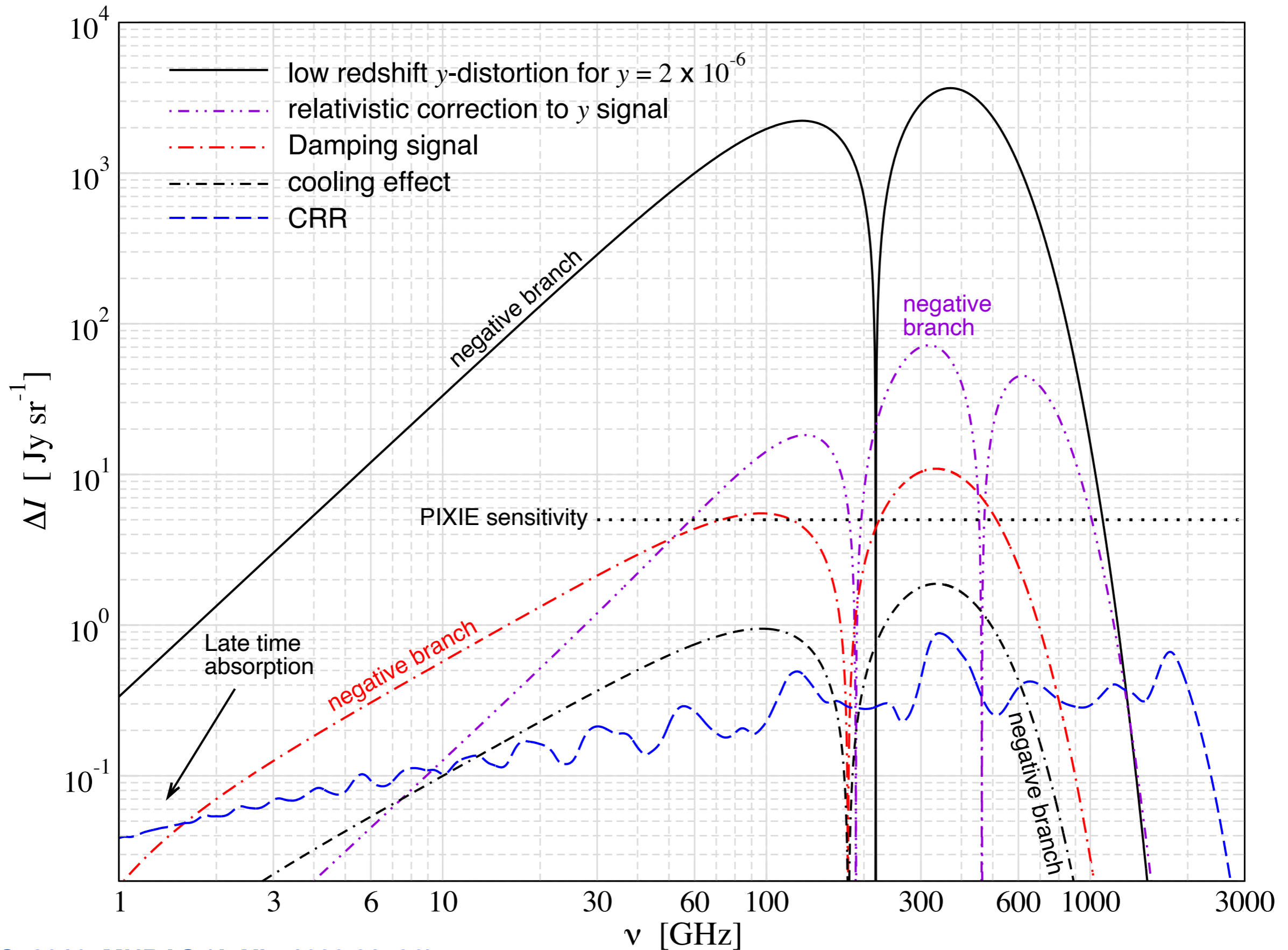






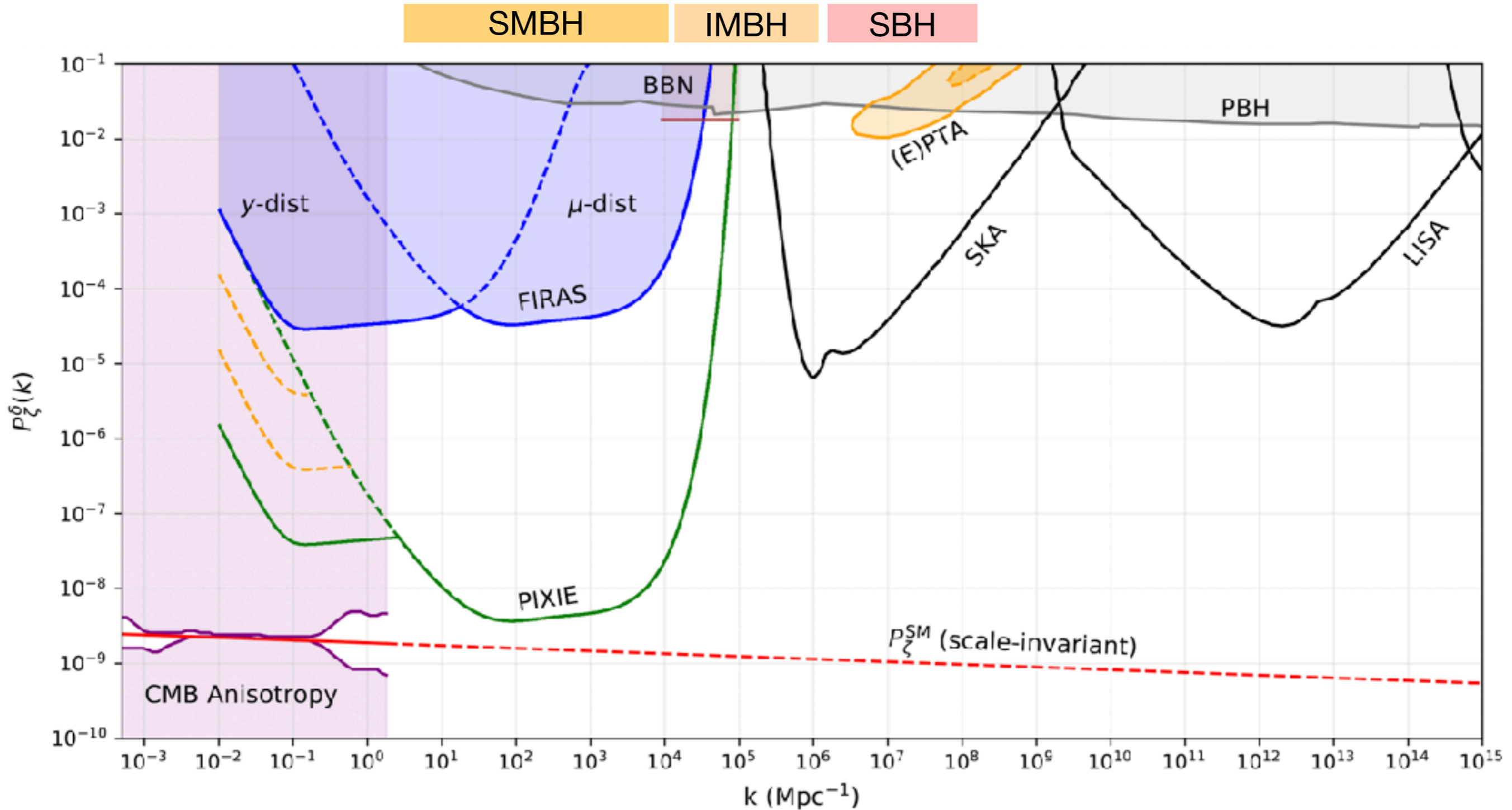


# Average $\Lambda$ CDM spectral distortions





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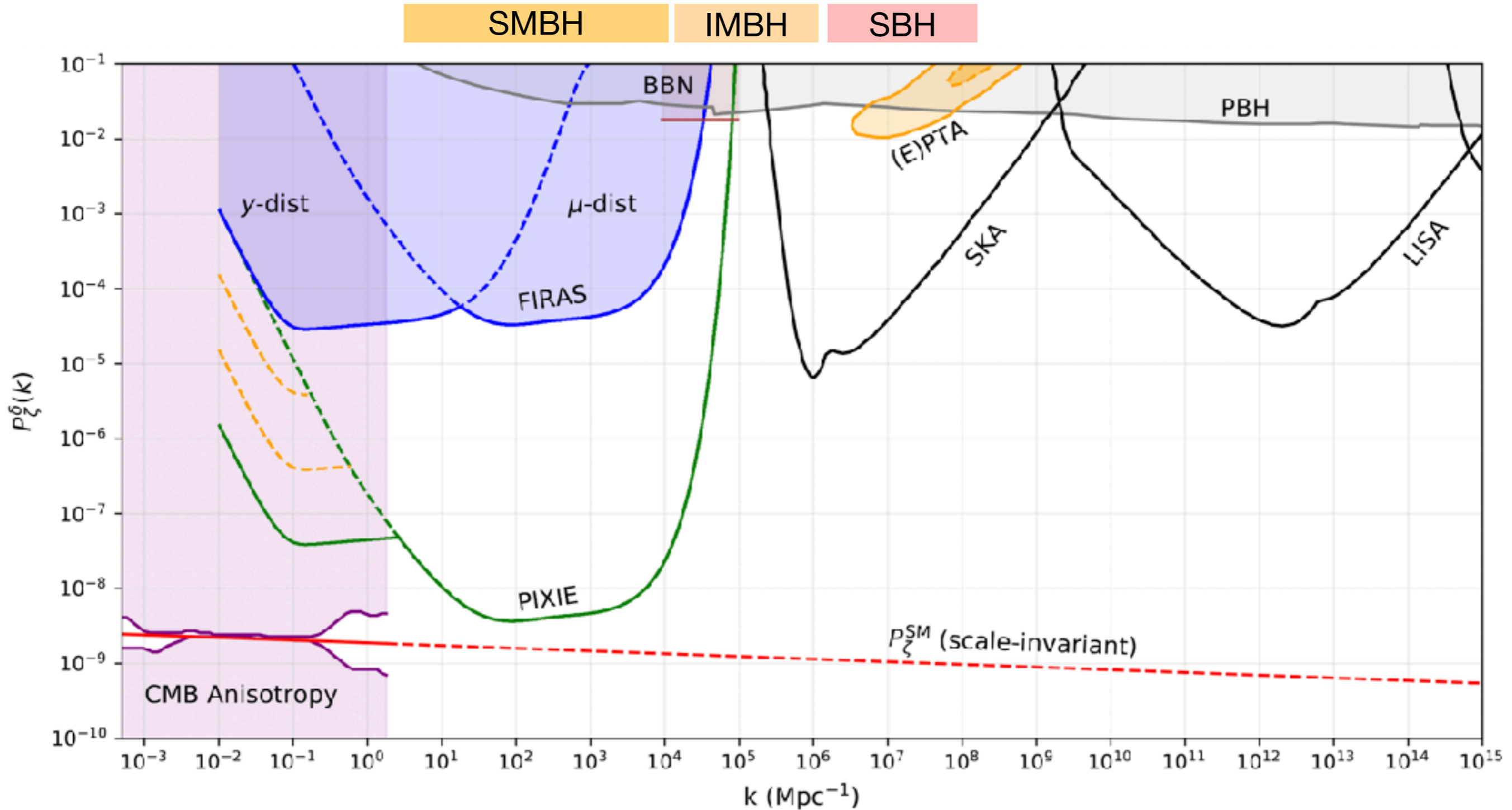
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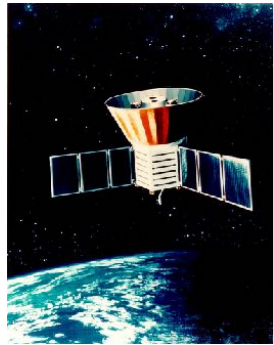


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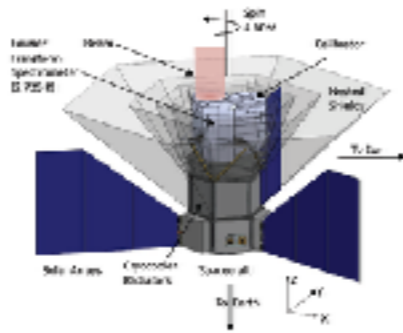
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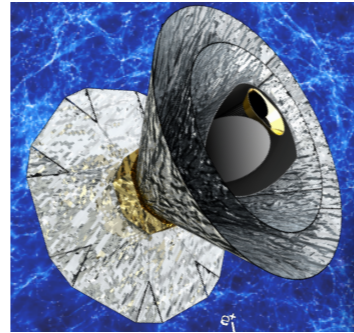
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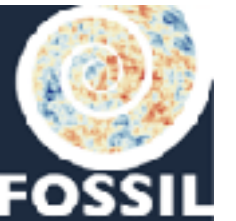


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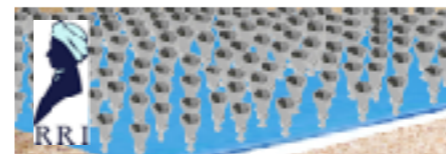
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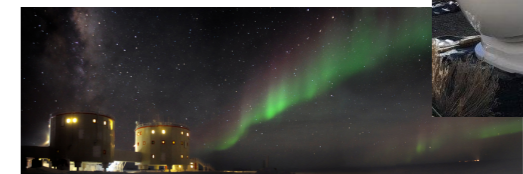
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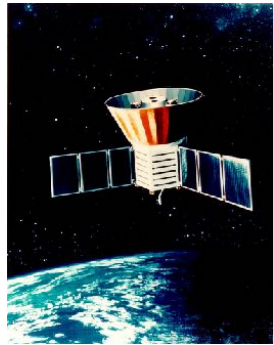
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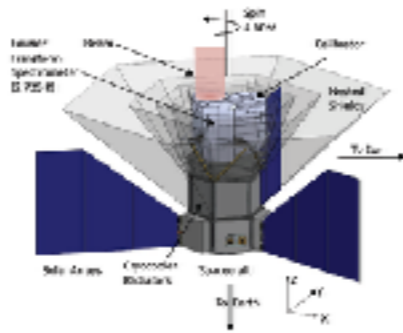




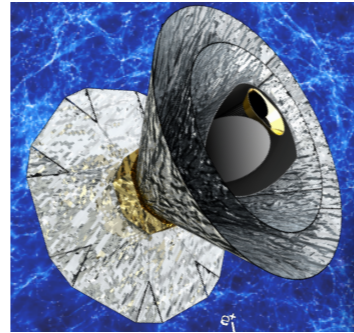
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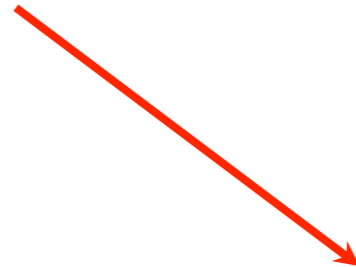


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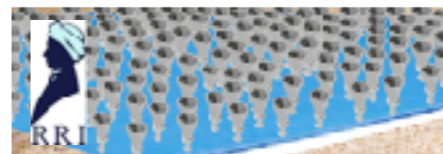
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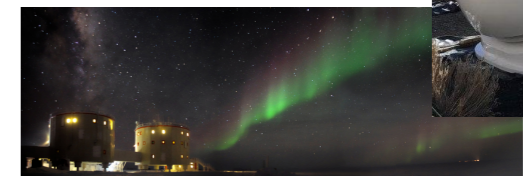
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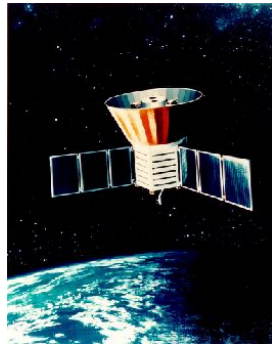
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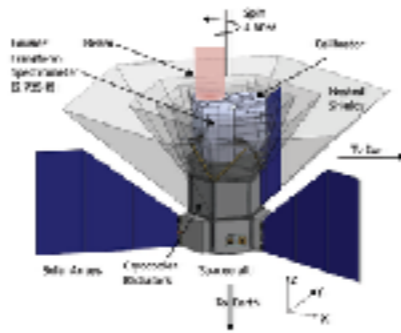




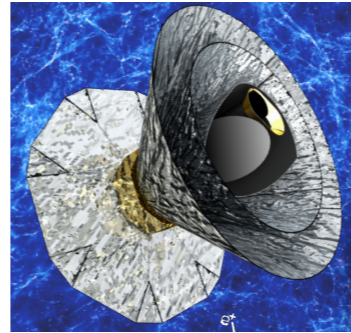
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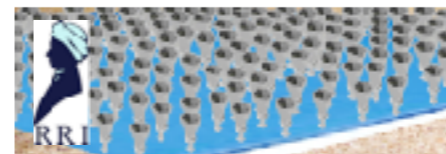
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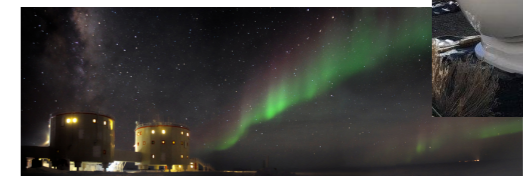
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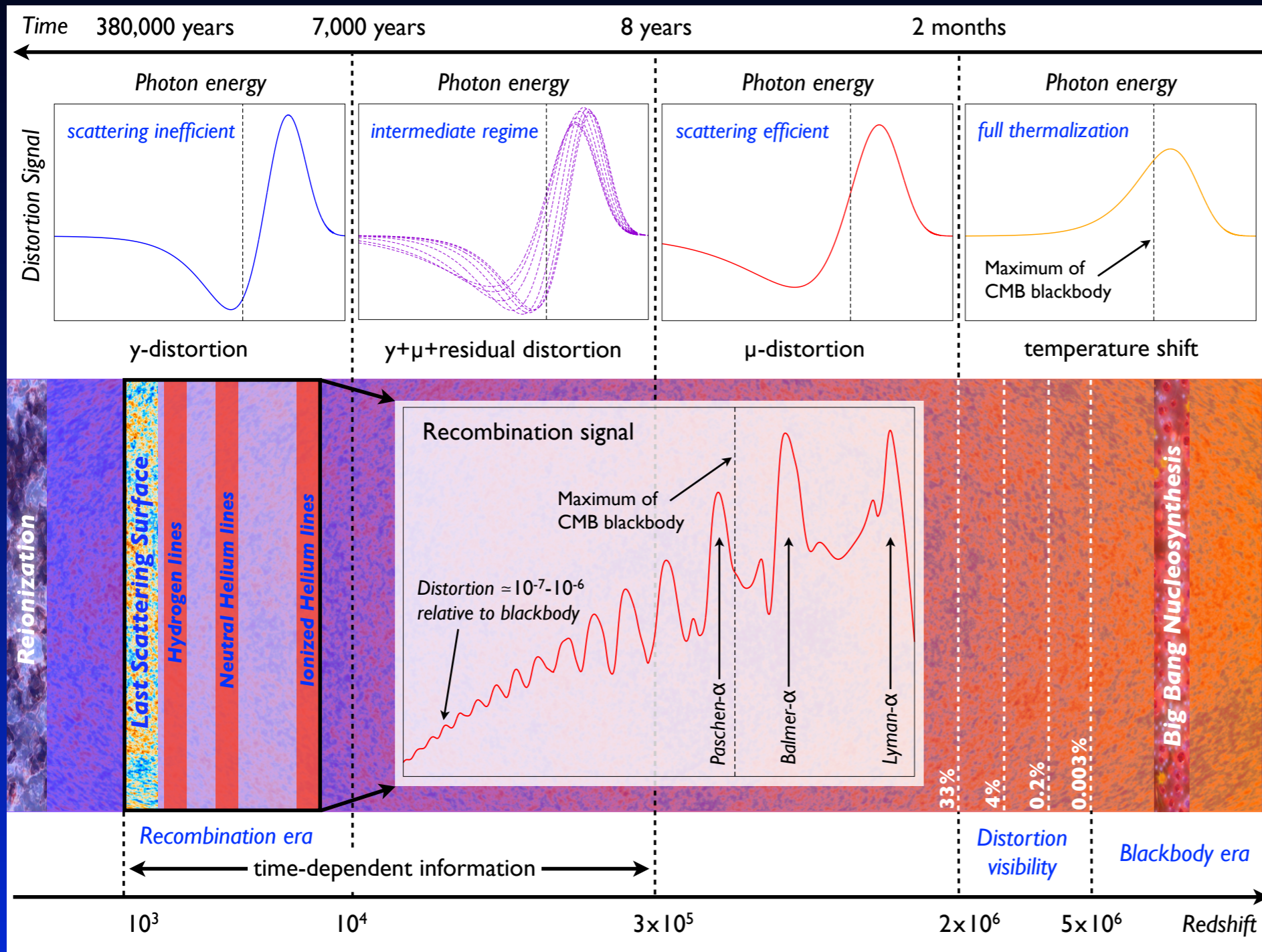
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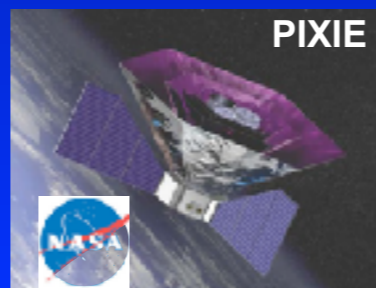
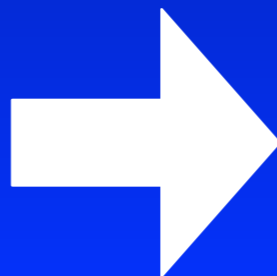
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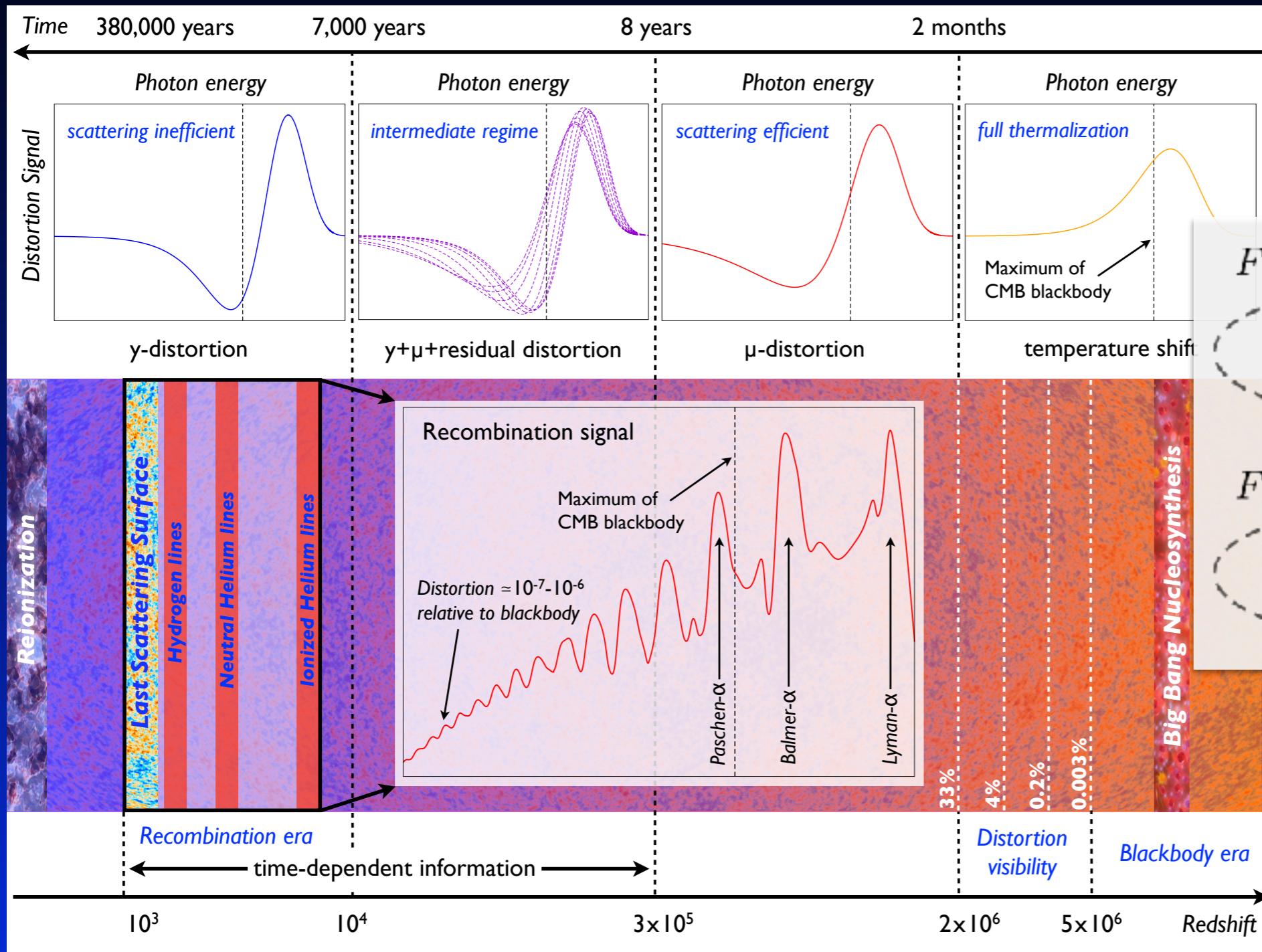
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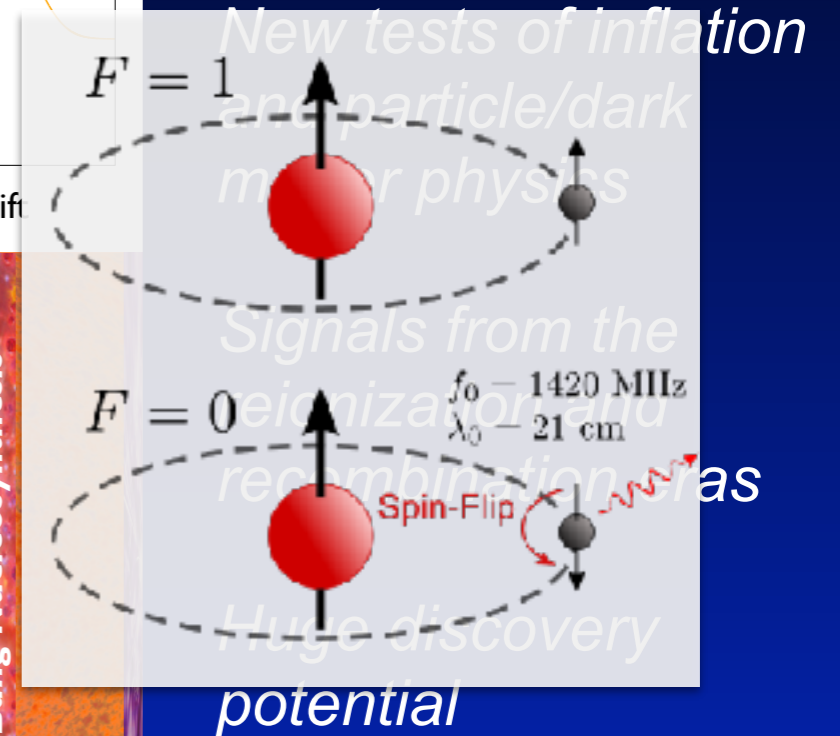
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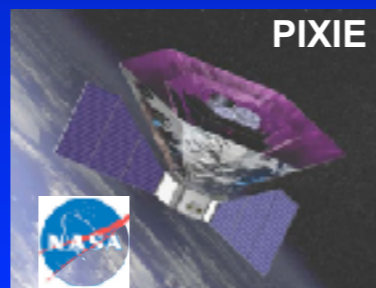
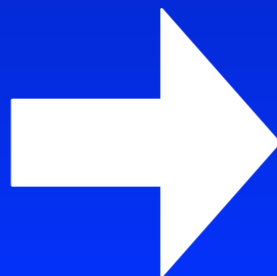


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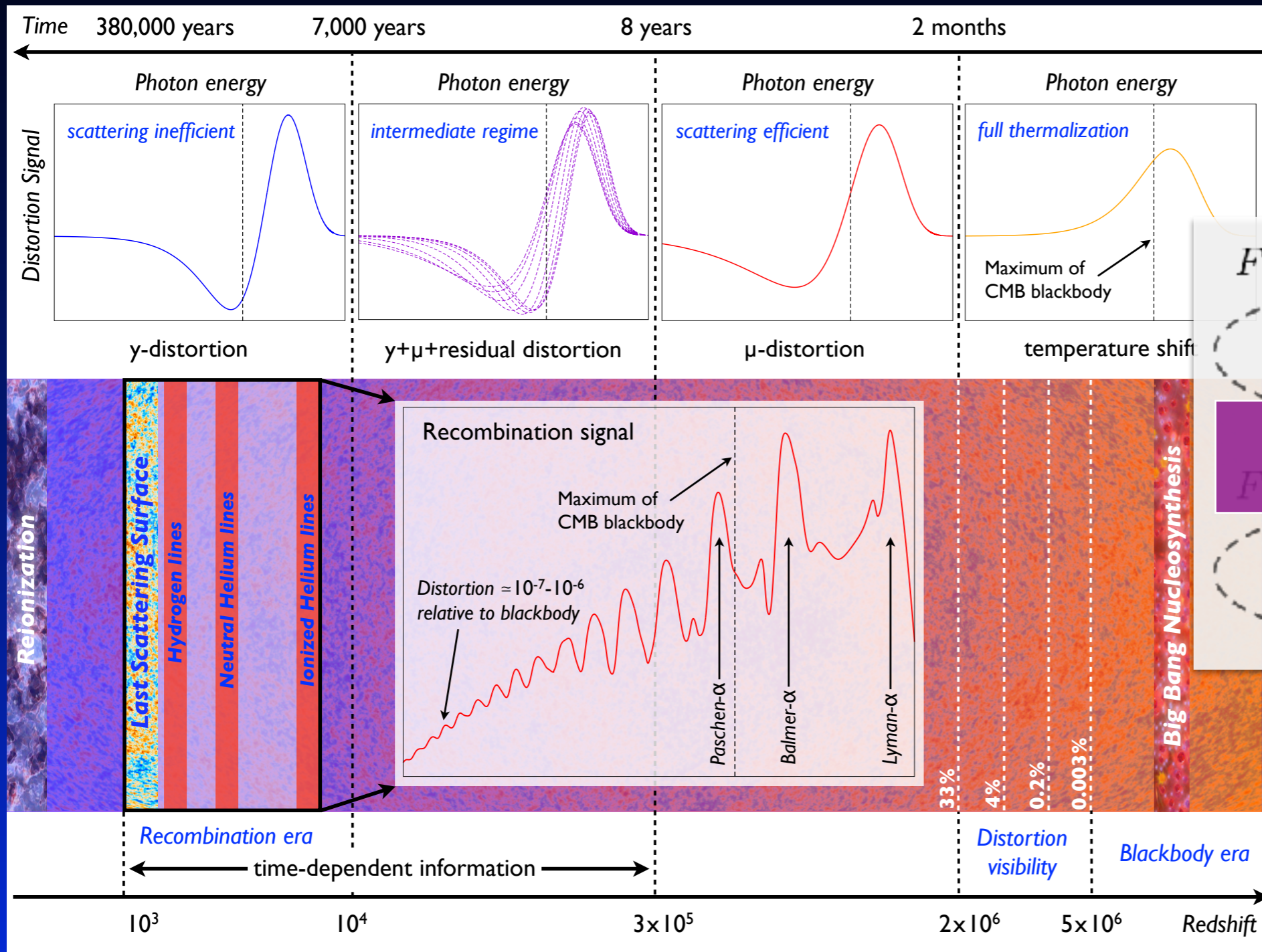
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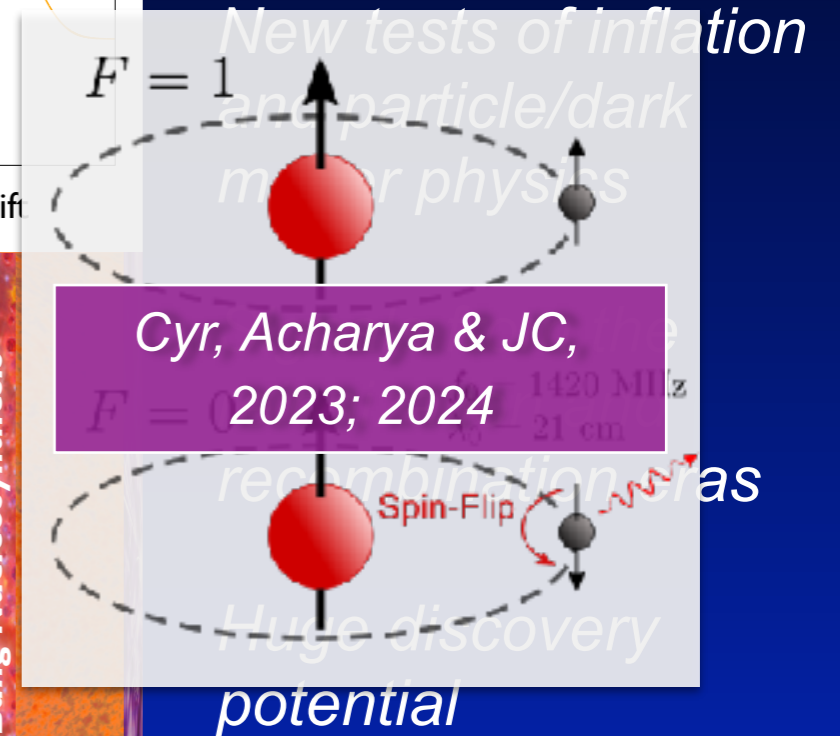
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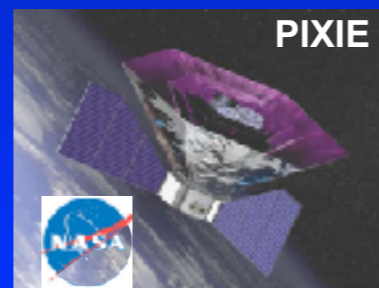
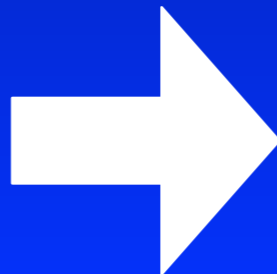


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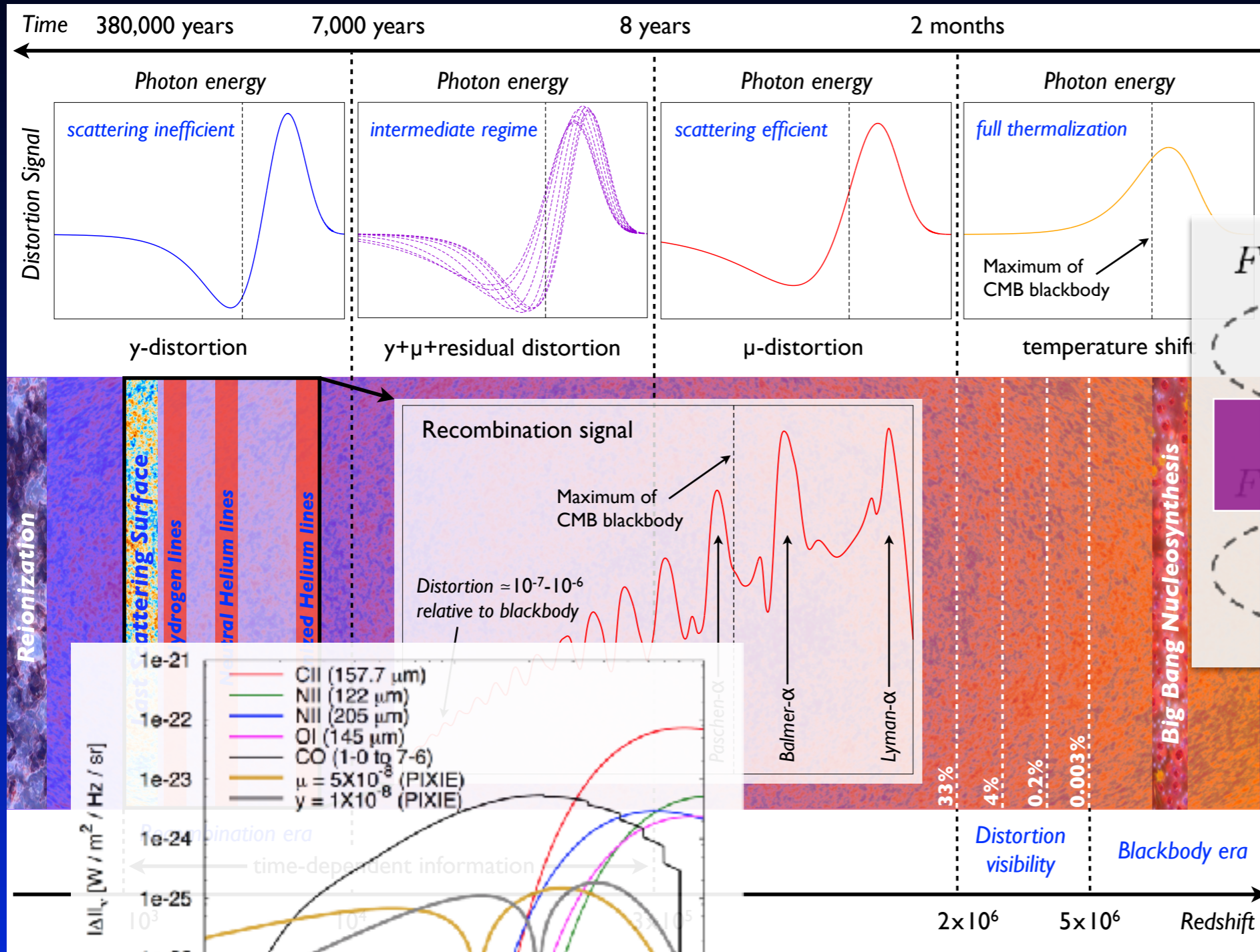
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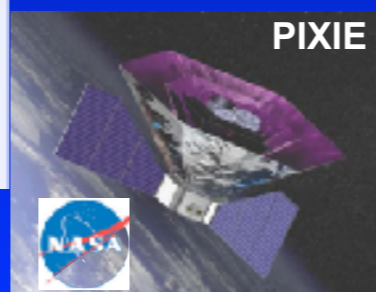
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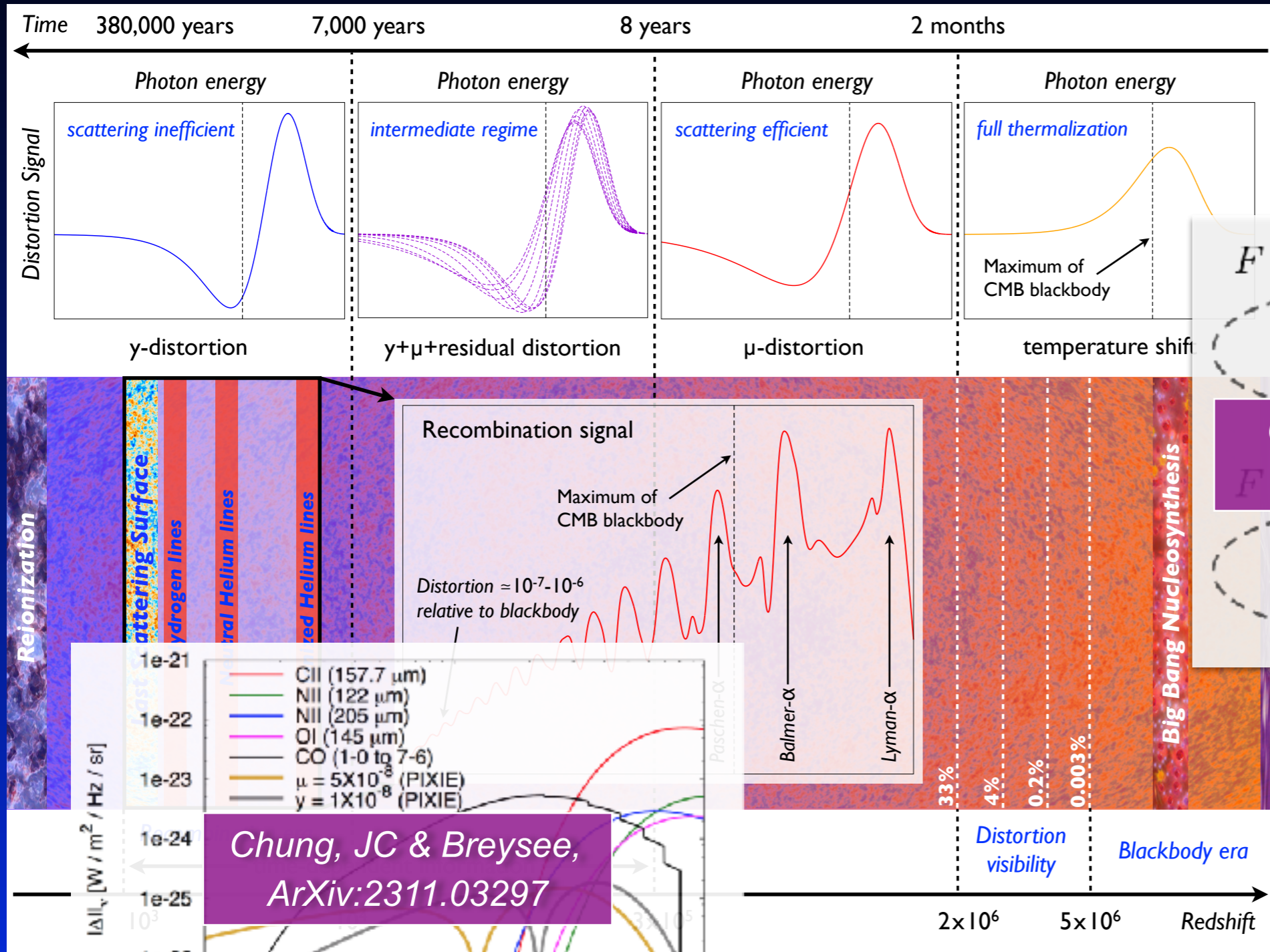
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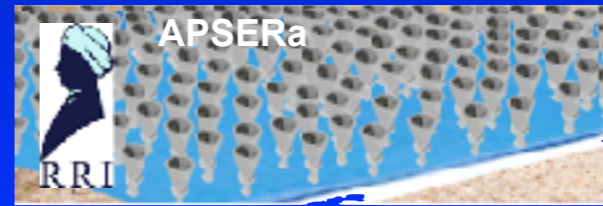
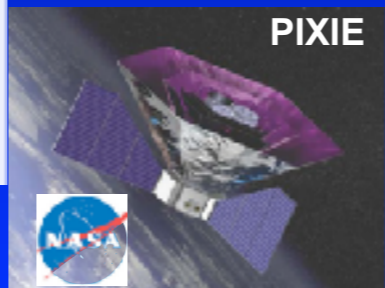
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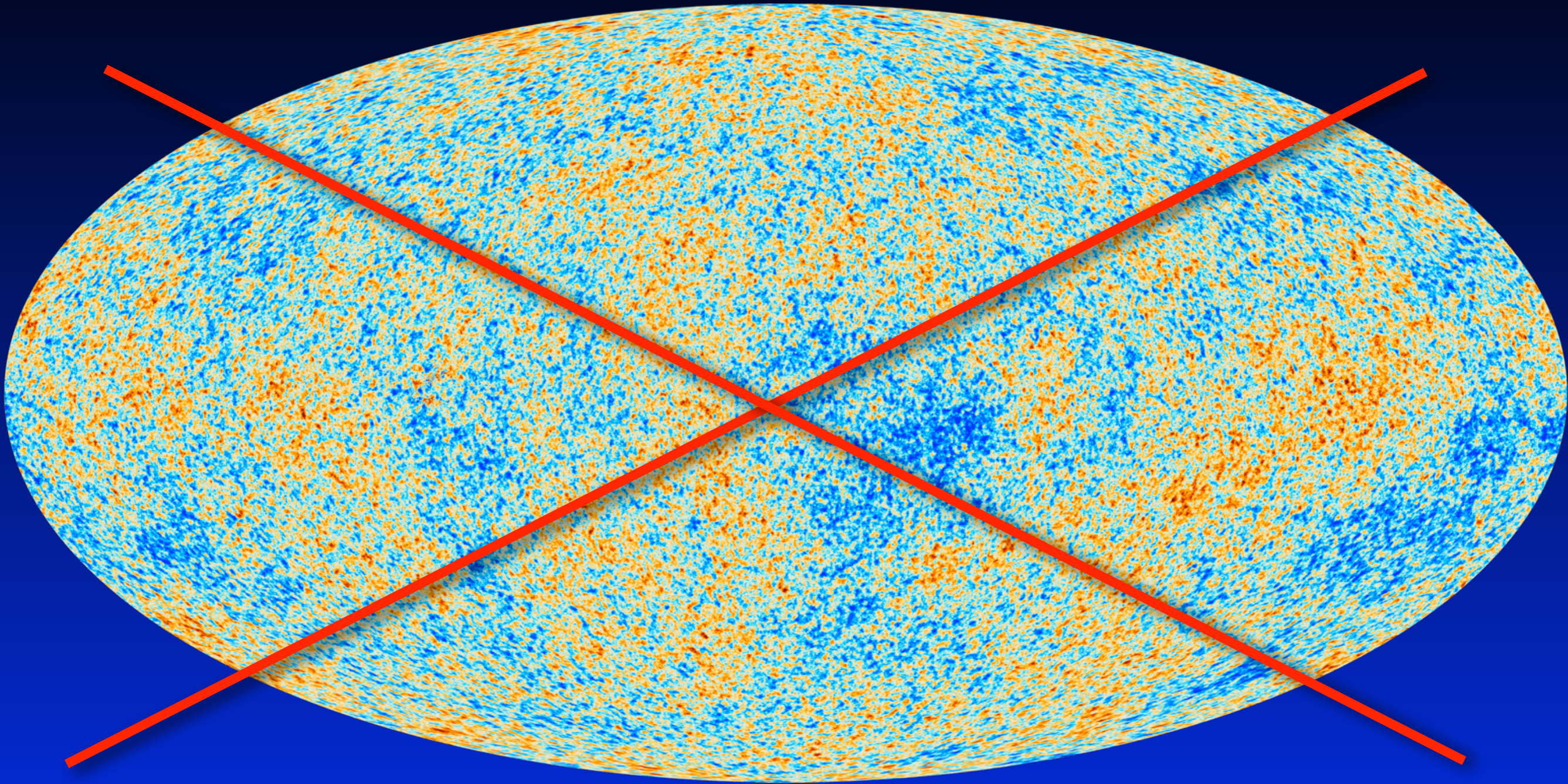
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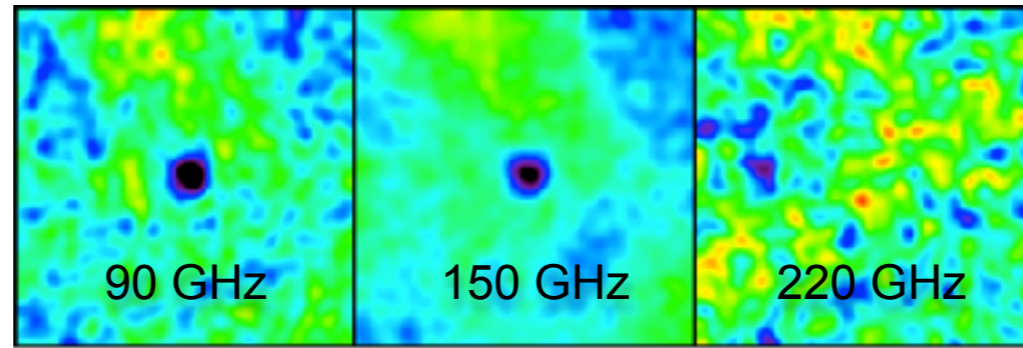
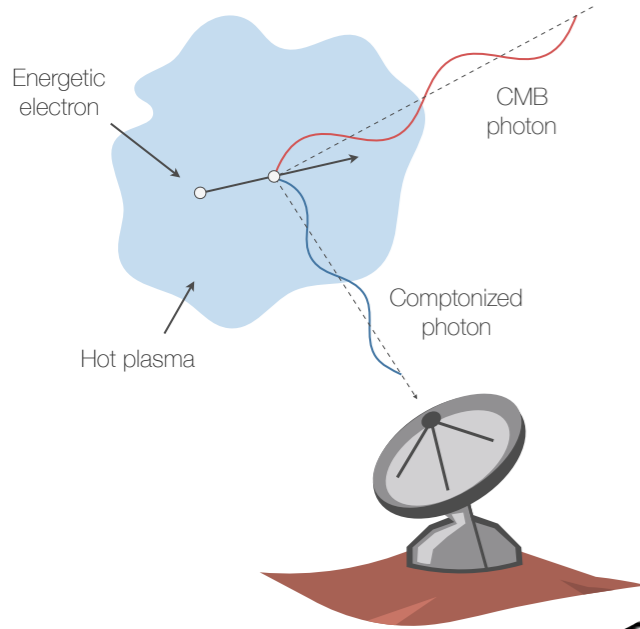
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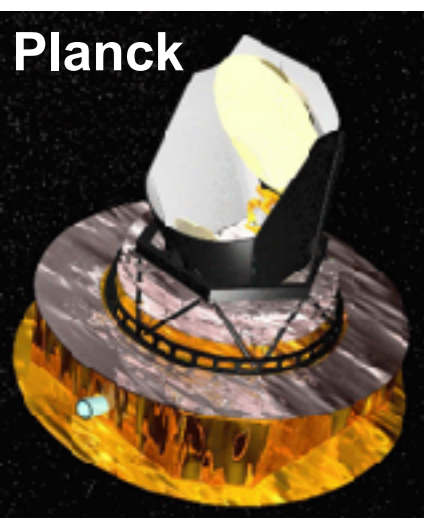
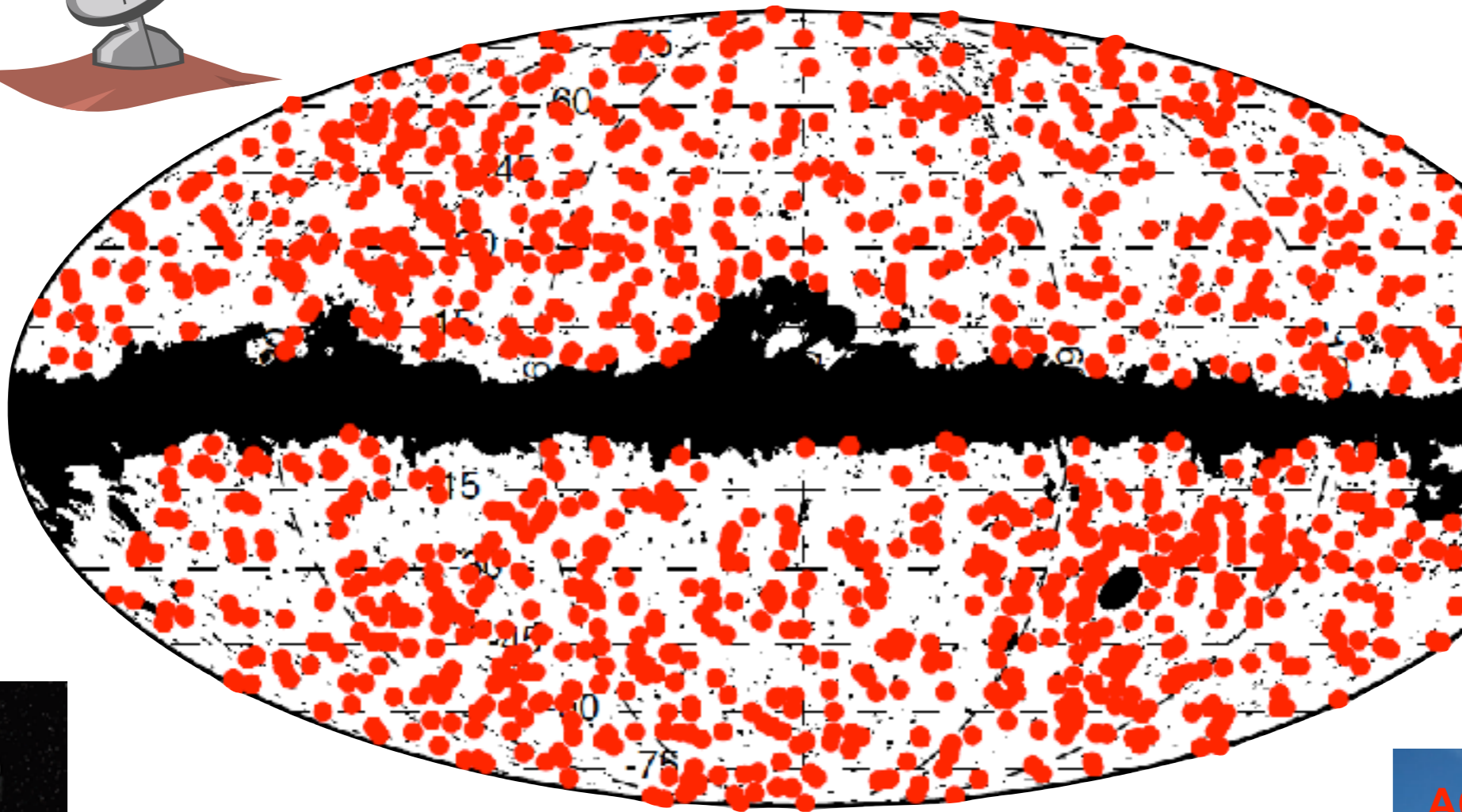
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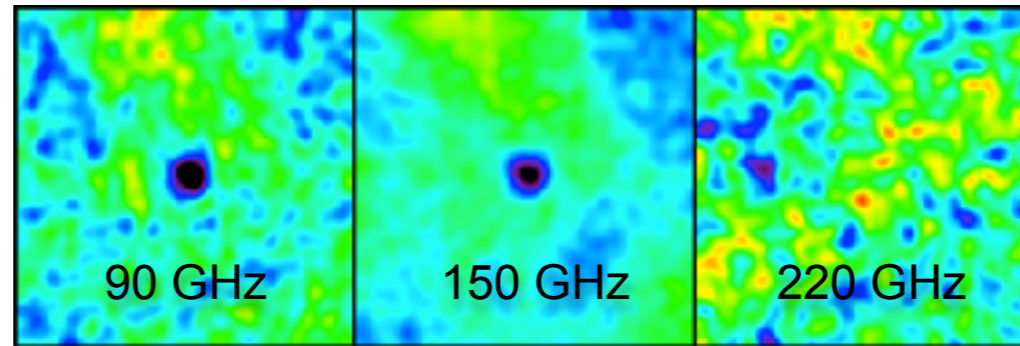
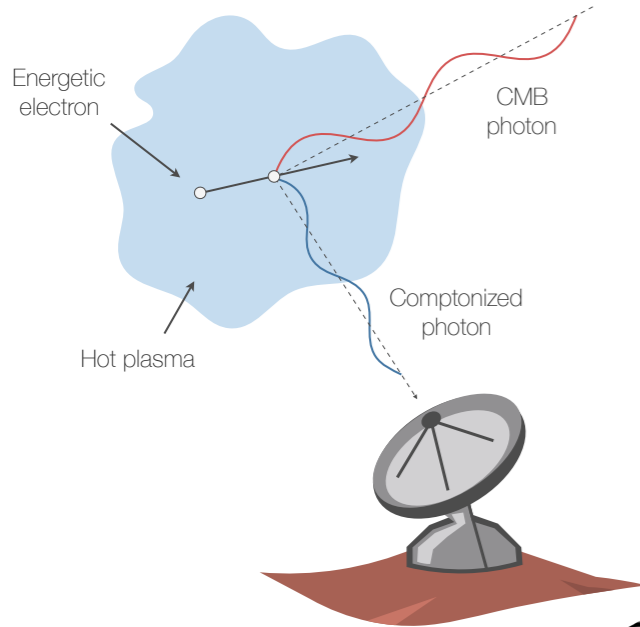


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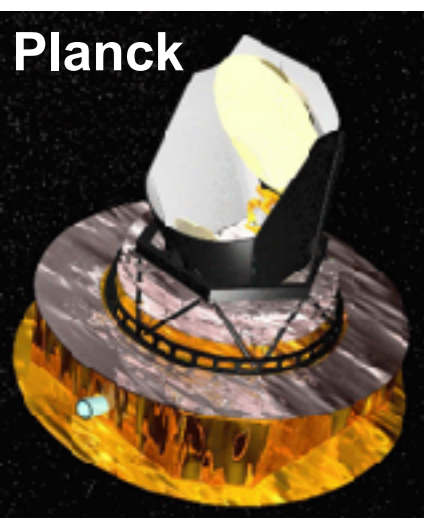
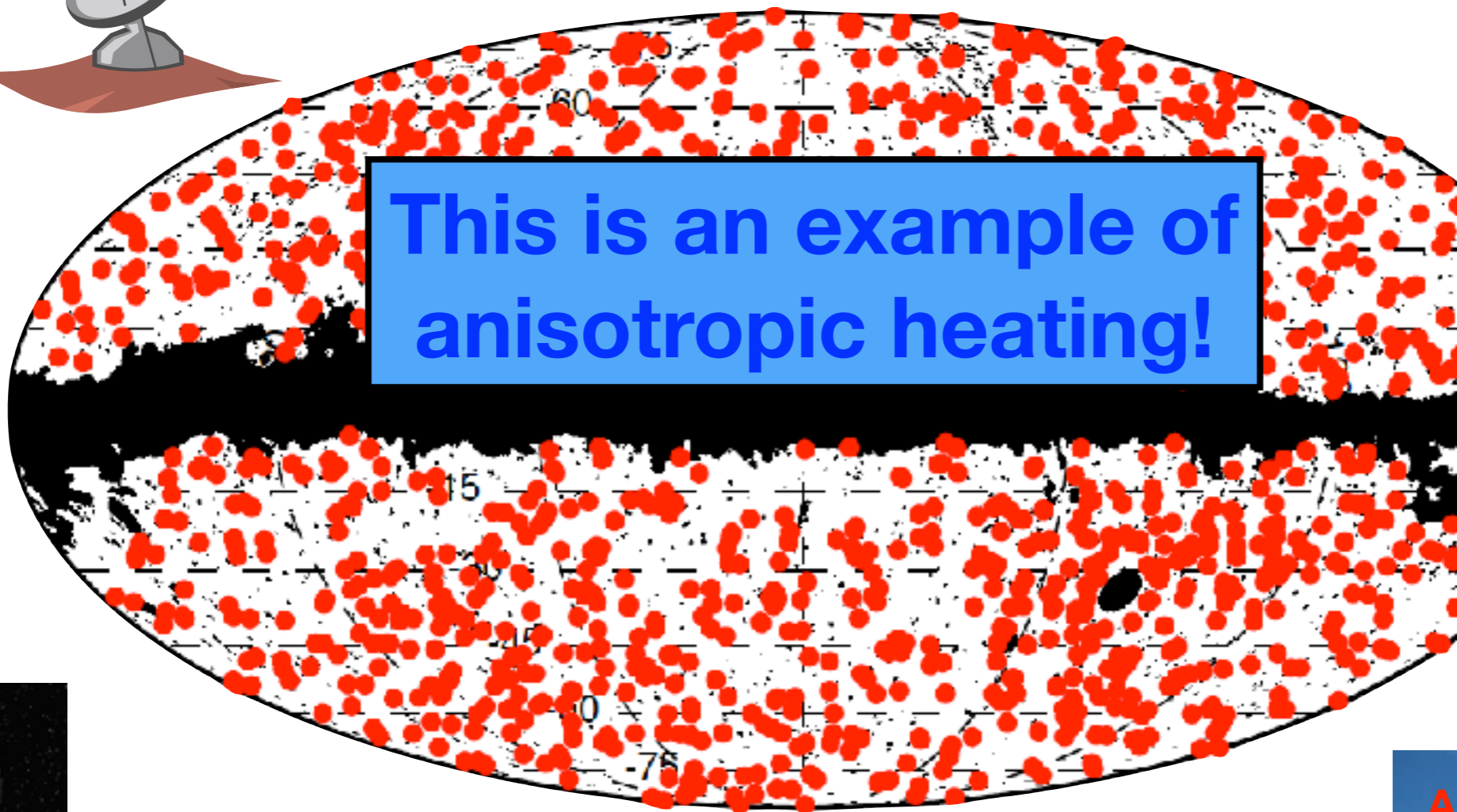




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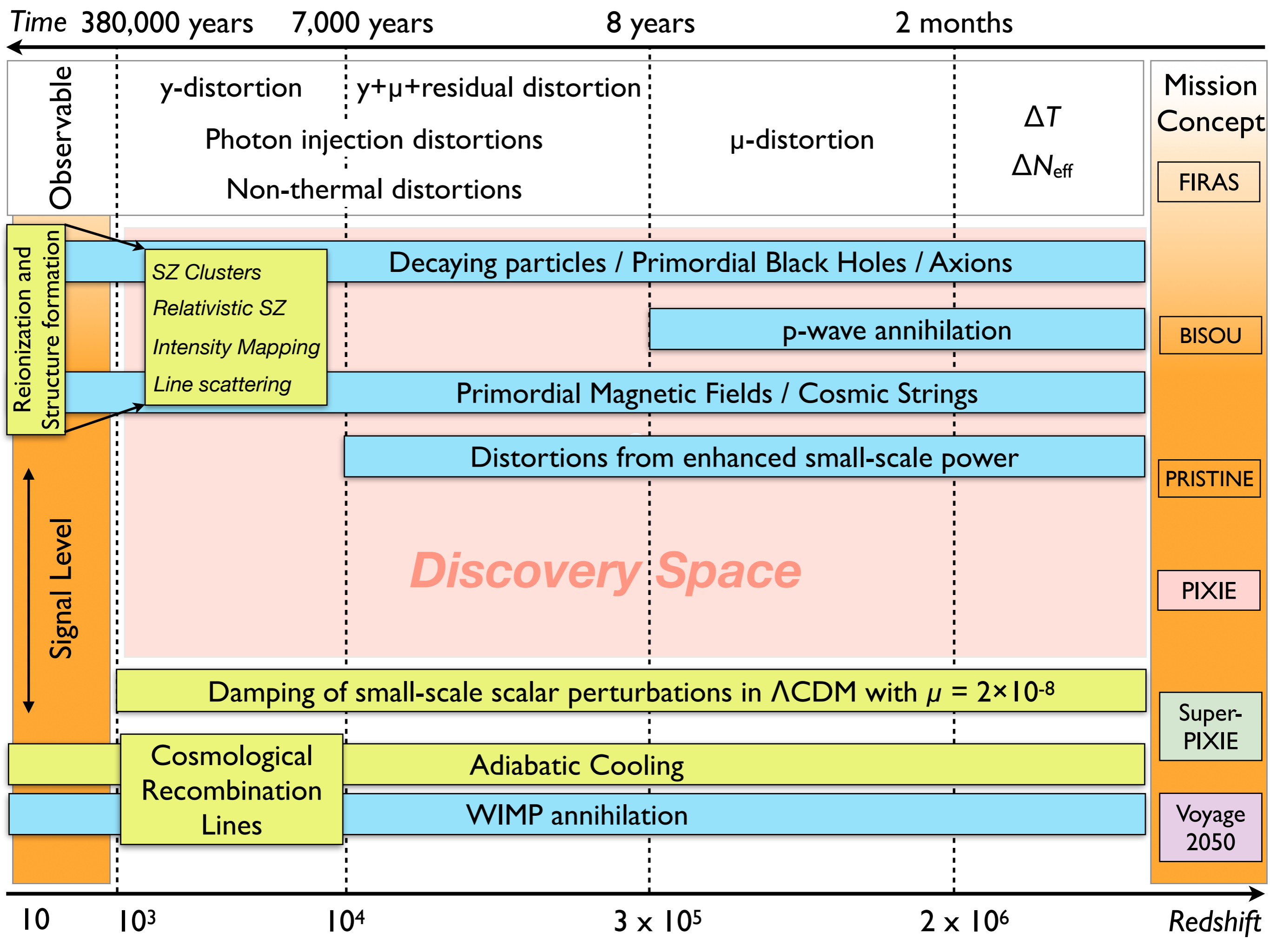
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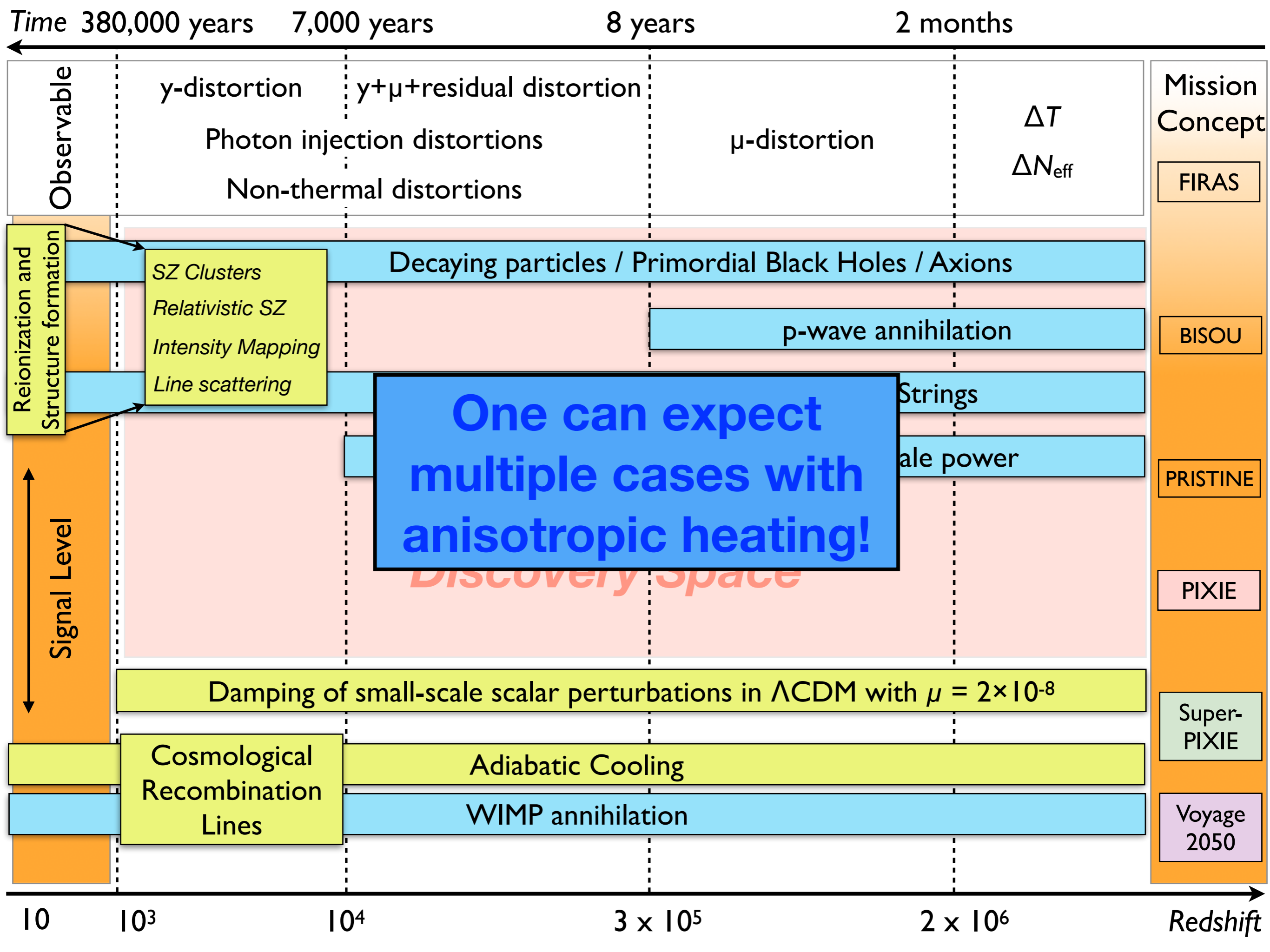
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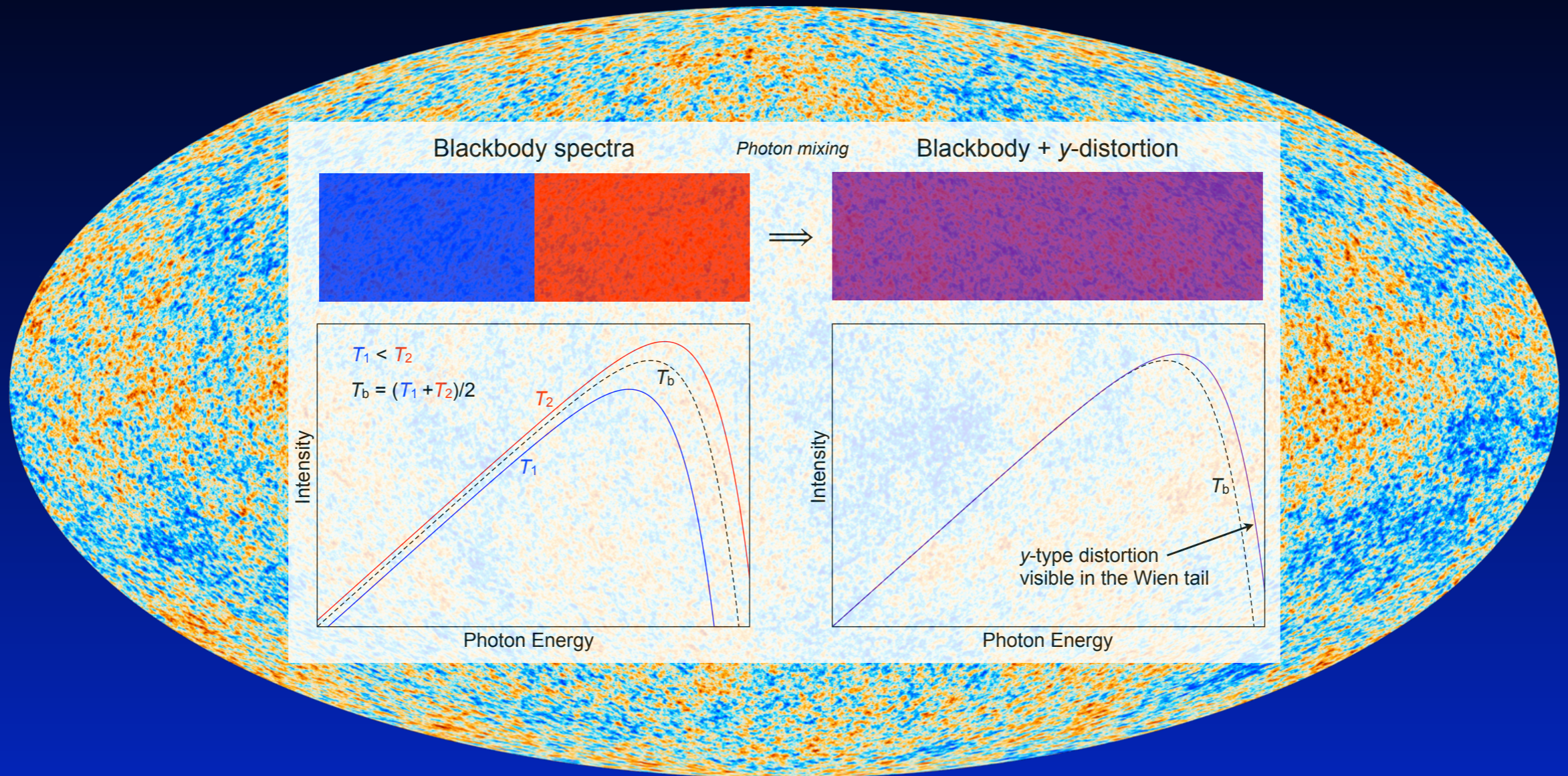




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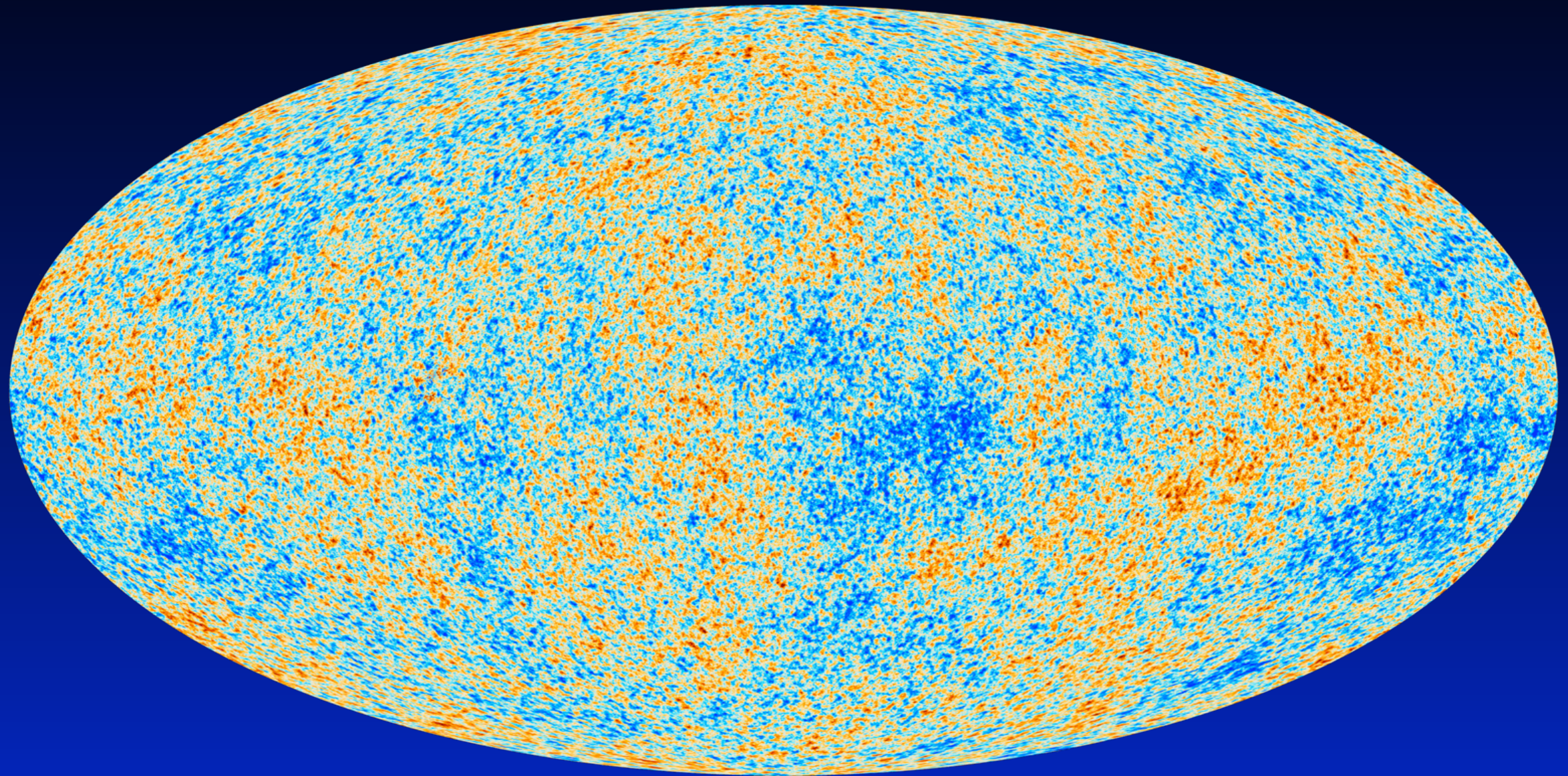
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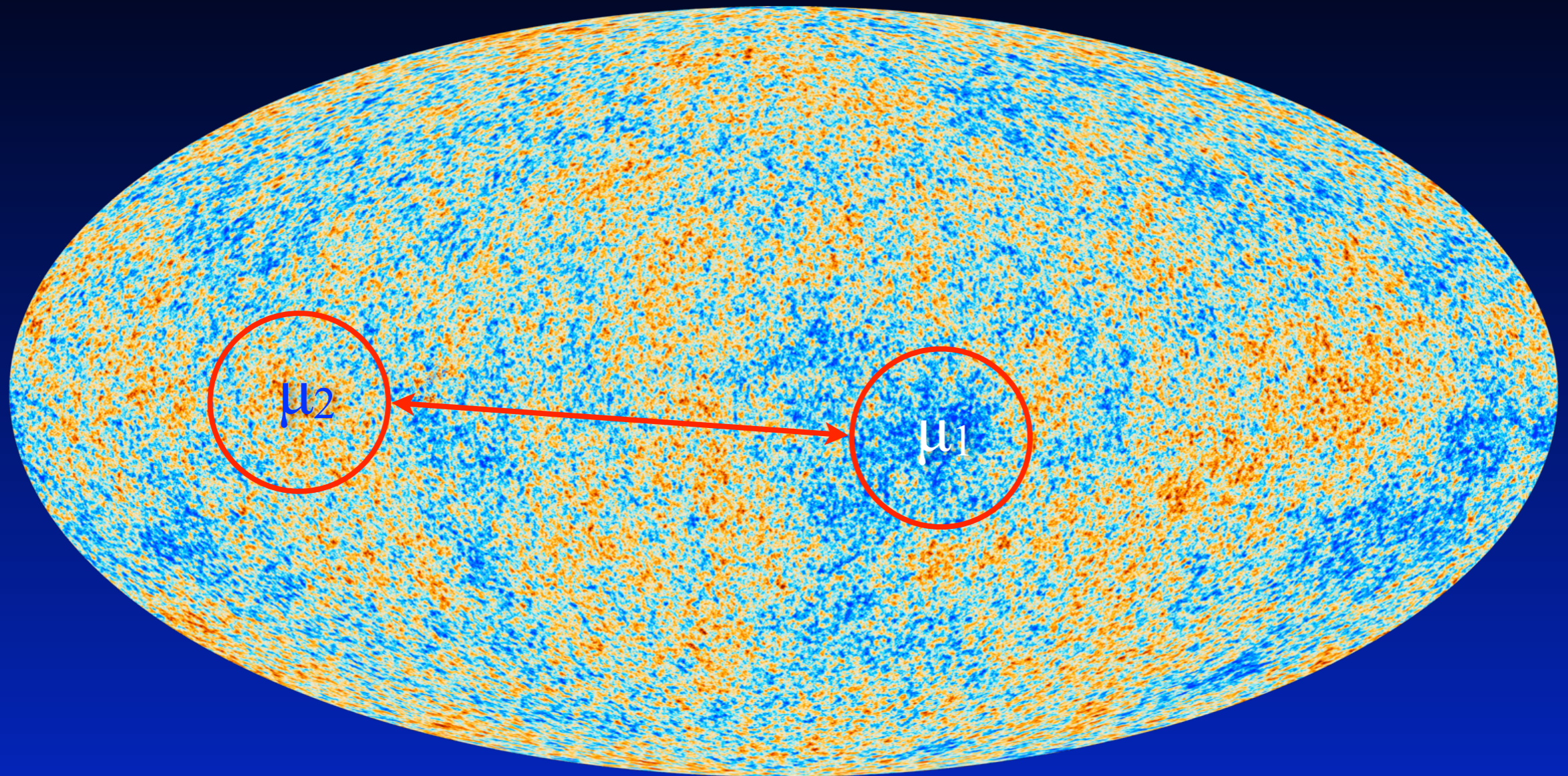
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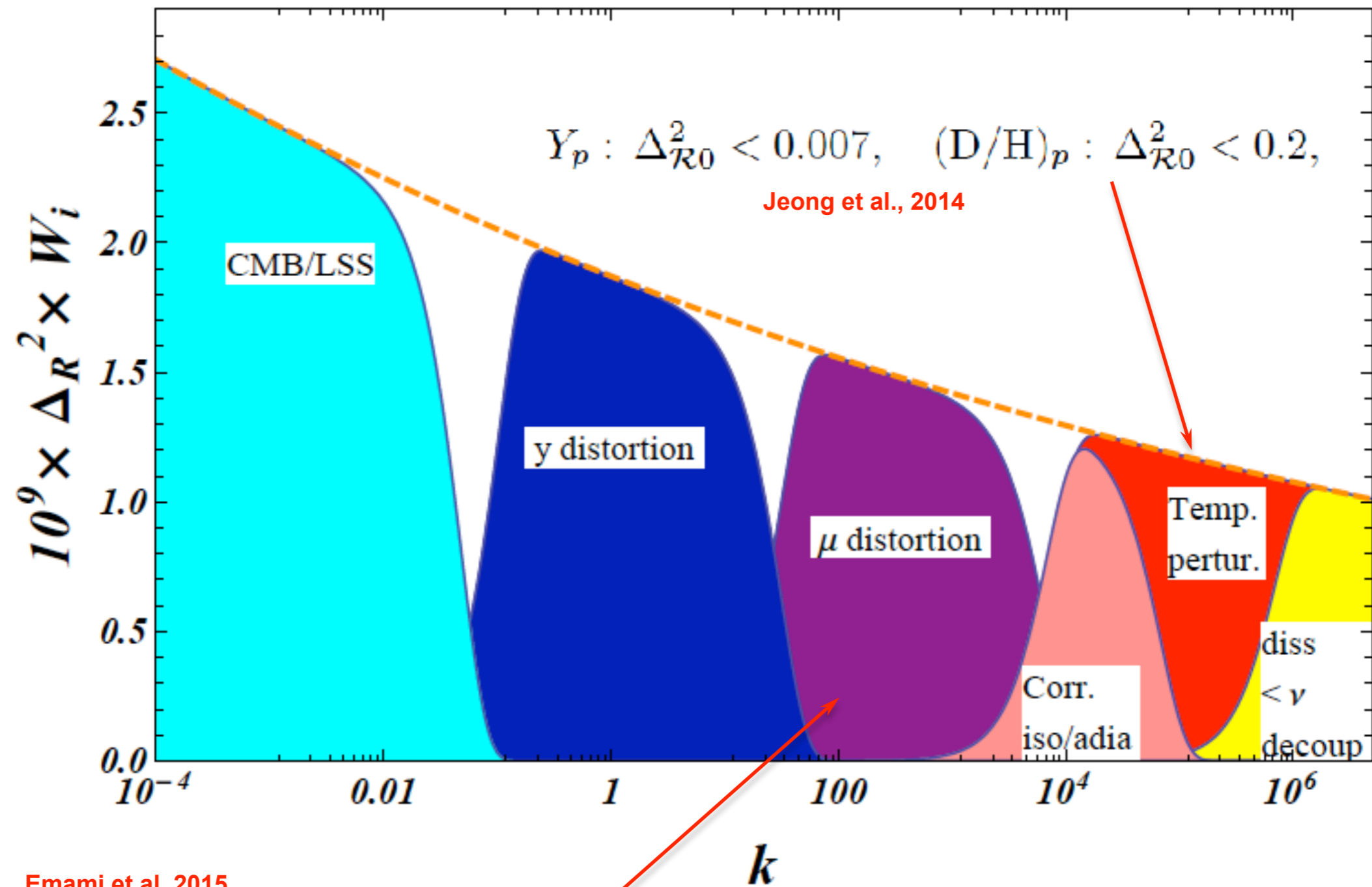


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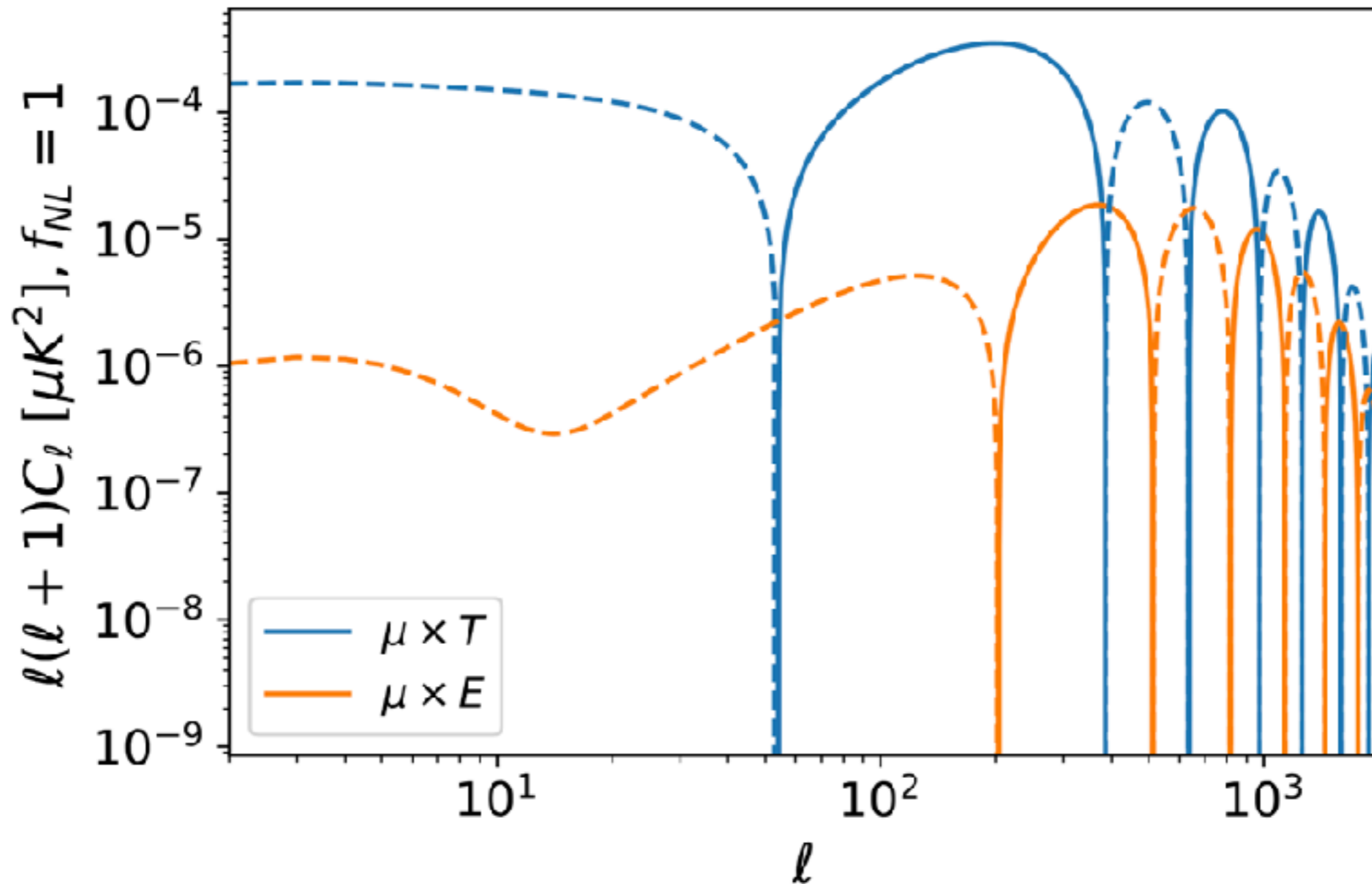




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# Primordial (local-type) non-Gaussianity causes $\mu$ - $T/E$ correlations

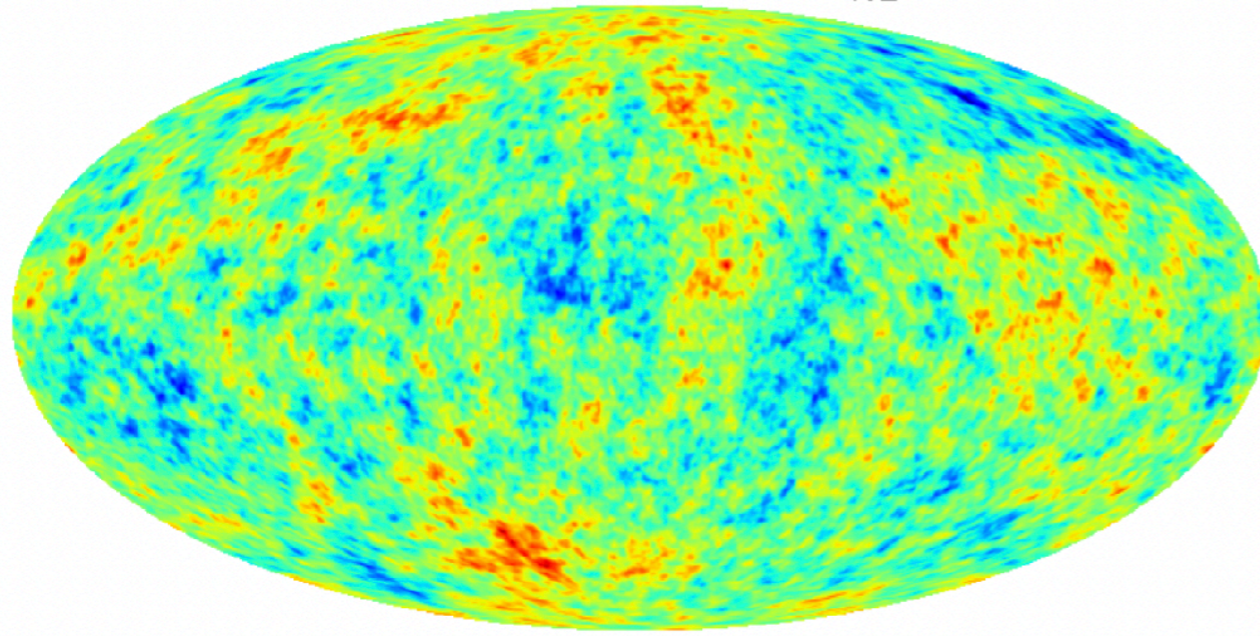


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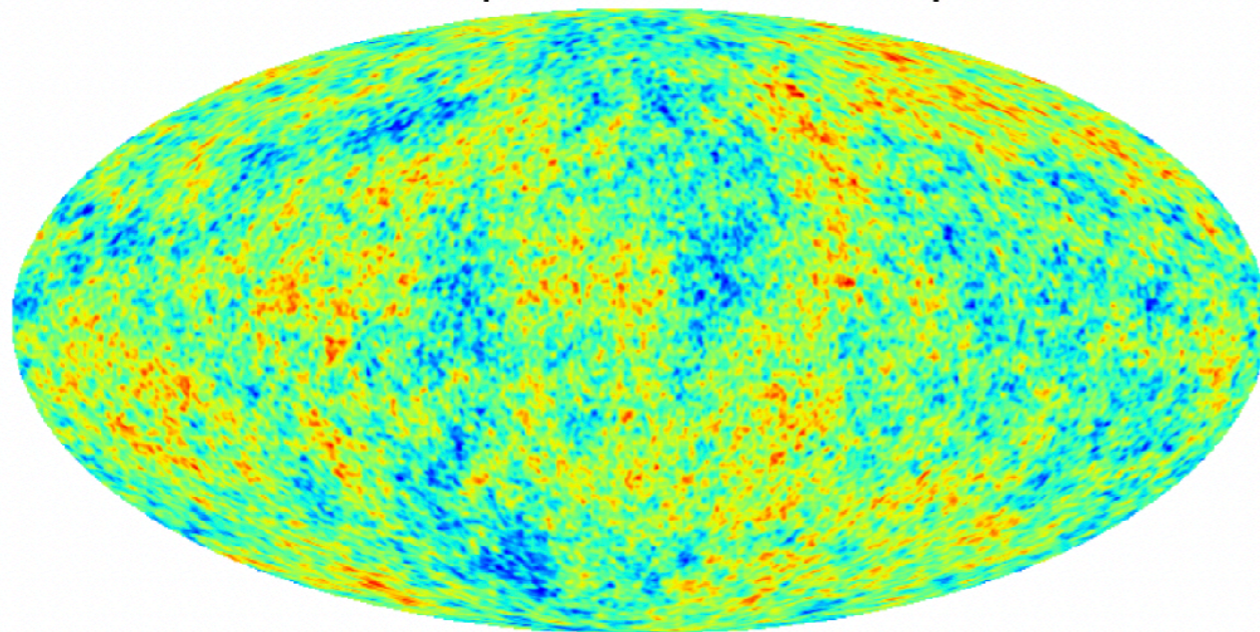


$\mu$ -distortion anisotropies ( $f_{\text{NL}}^\mu = 4500$ )



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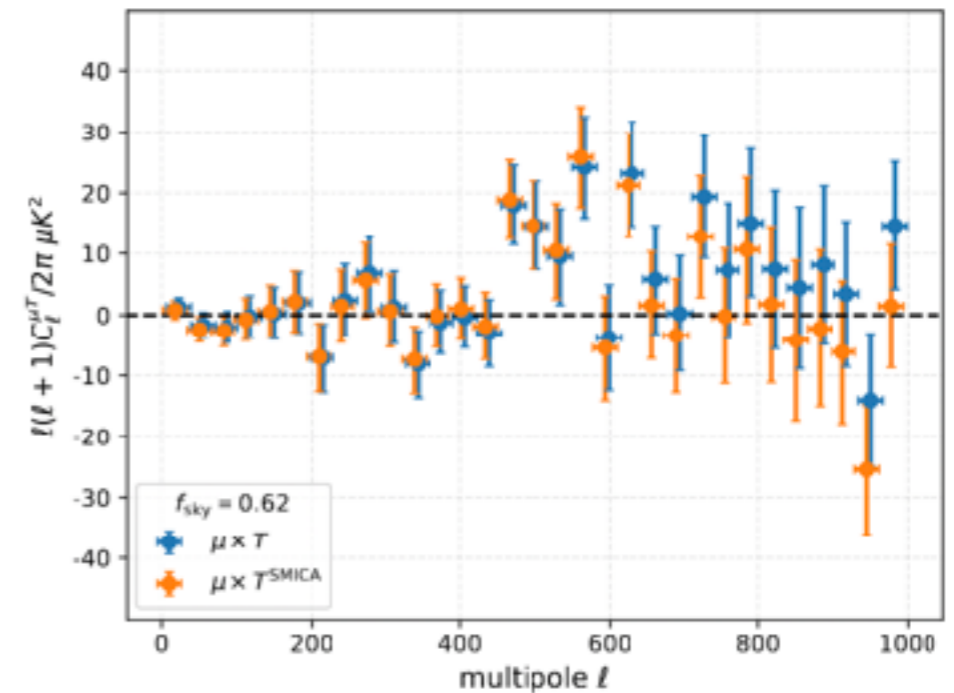
CMB temperature anisotropies



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## Distortion anisotropies

- Probe of primordial non-Gaussianity (local type)
- Sensitive to correlations at much *smaller scales*  $k \sim 740 \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$
- Complements other probes
- Science target for future CMB imagers (e.g., *Litebird*, CMB-S4 & *PICO*)
- Polarization correlations can also be used (reduced foreground challenge?)



**Planck:**  $|f_{\text{NL}}| \lesssim 6800$  (95% c.l.)

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\*using conformal Newtonian gauge



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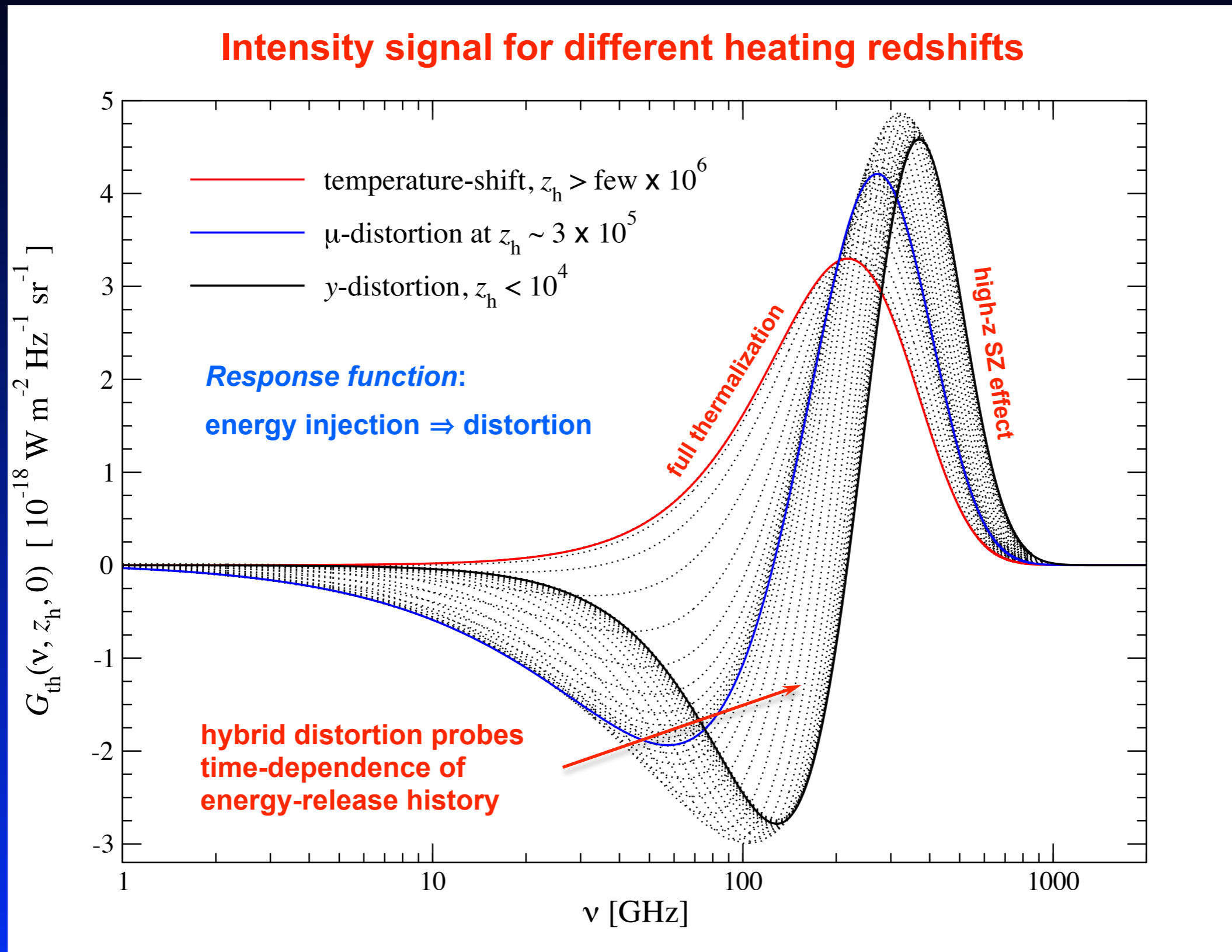
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*Problem becomes 'uncomfortable' even with additional approximations and HPC!*

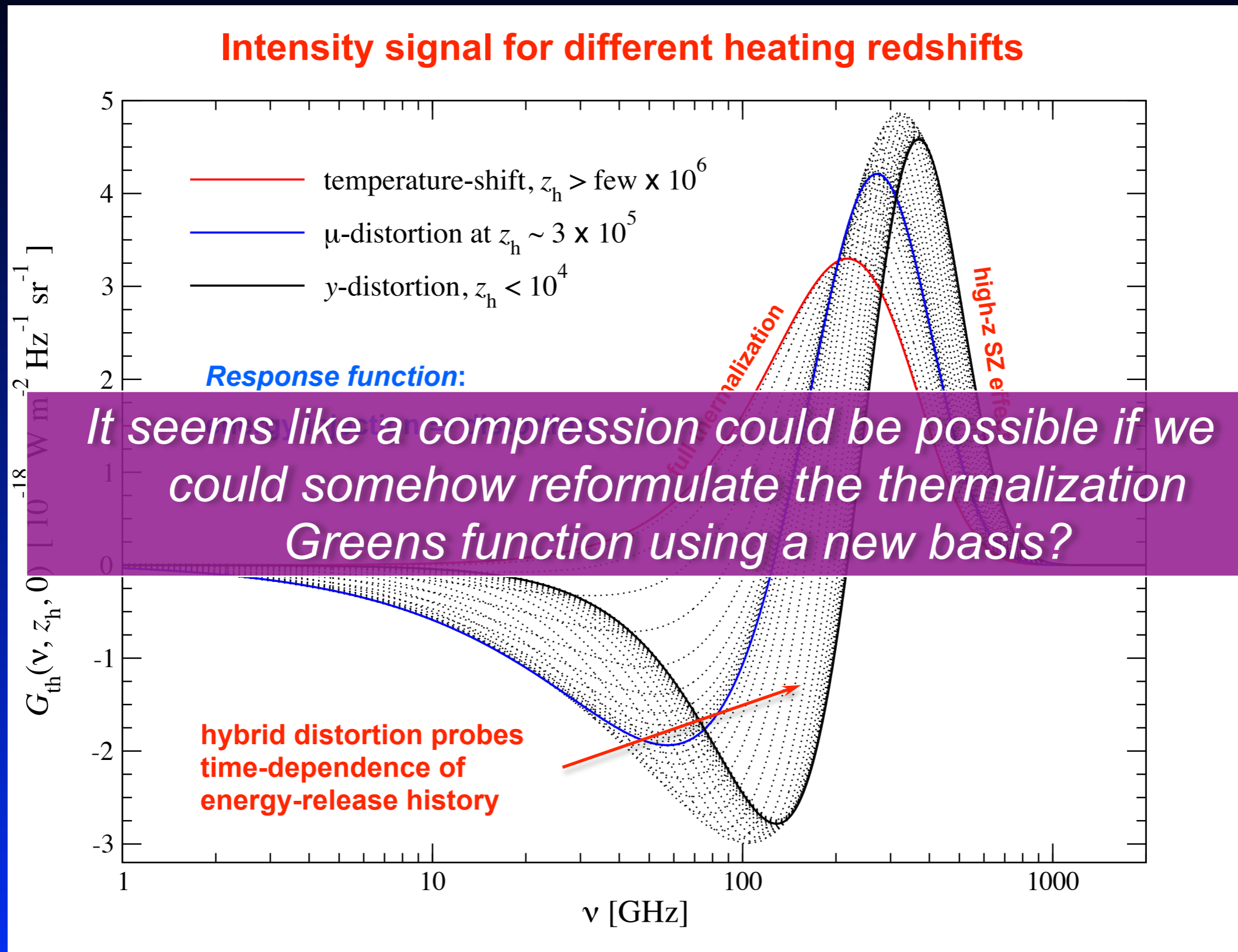


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y-distortion

$$M(x) = G(x) \left[ \frac{1}{\beta_M} - \frac{1}{x} \right]$$

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Source of distortions

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Dimensionless temperature

$$\gamma_T, \gamma_N, \gamma_\rho$$

Coefficients from energy integrals

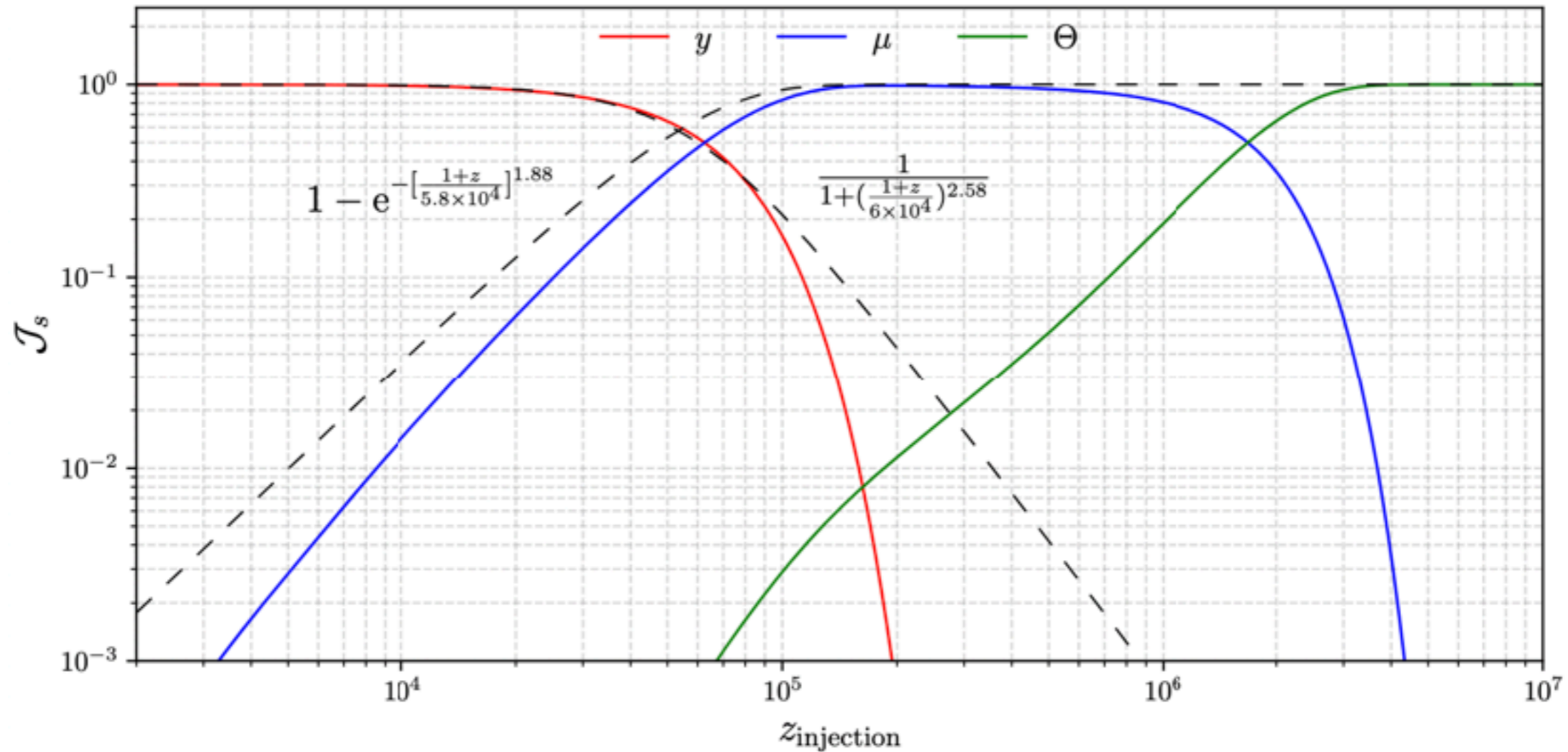
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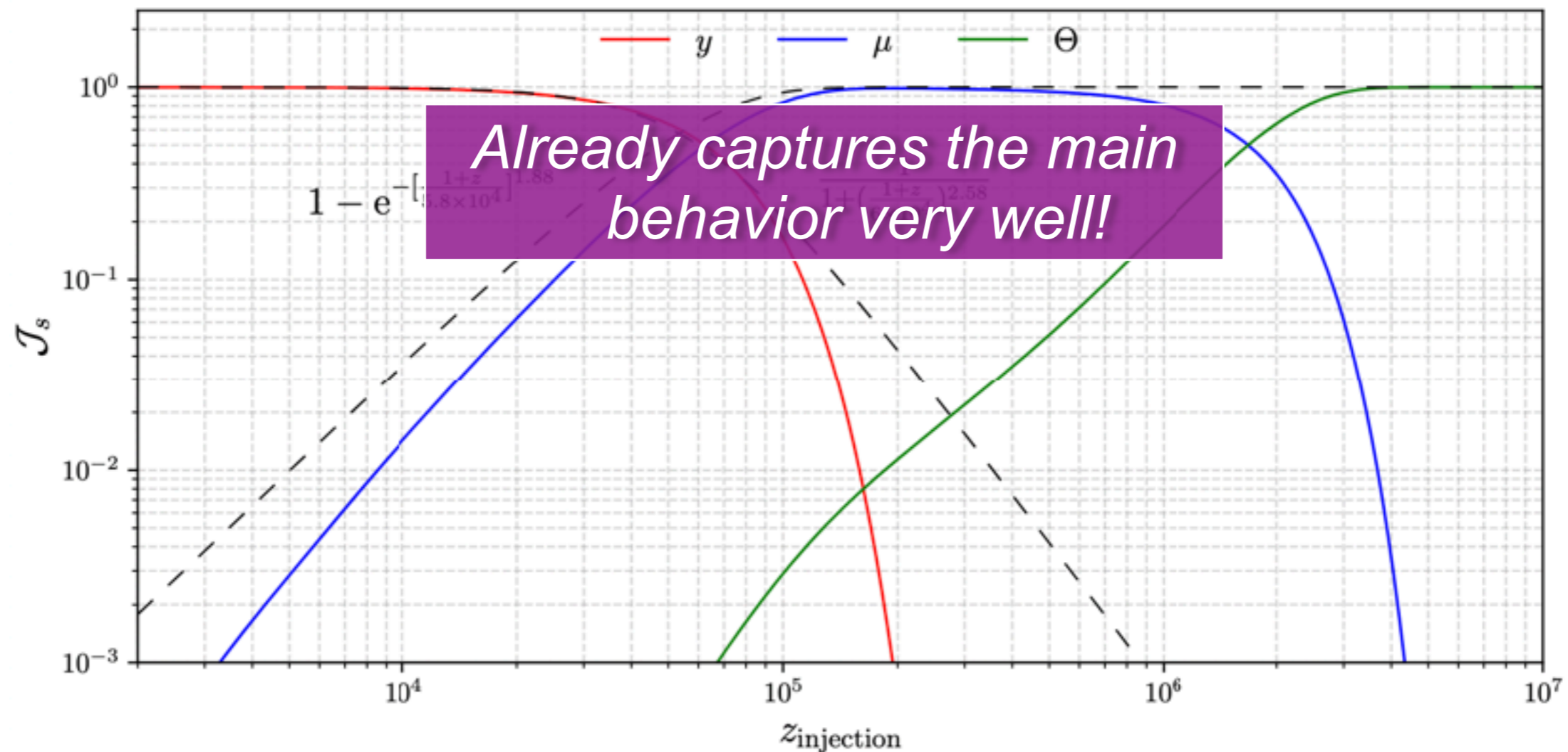
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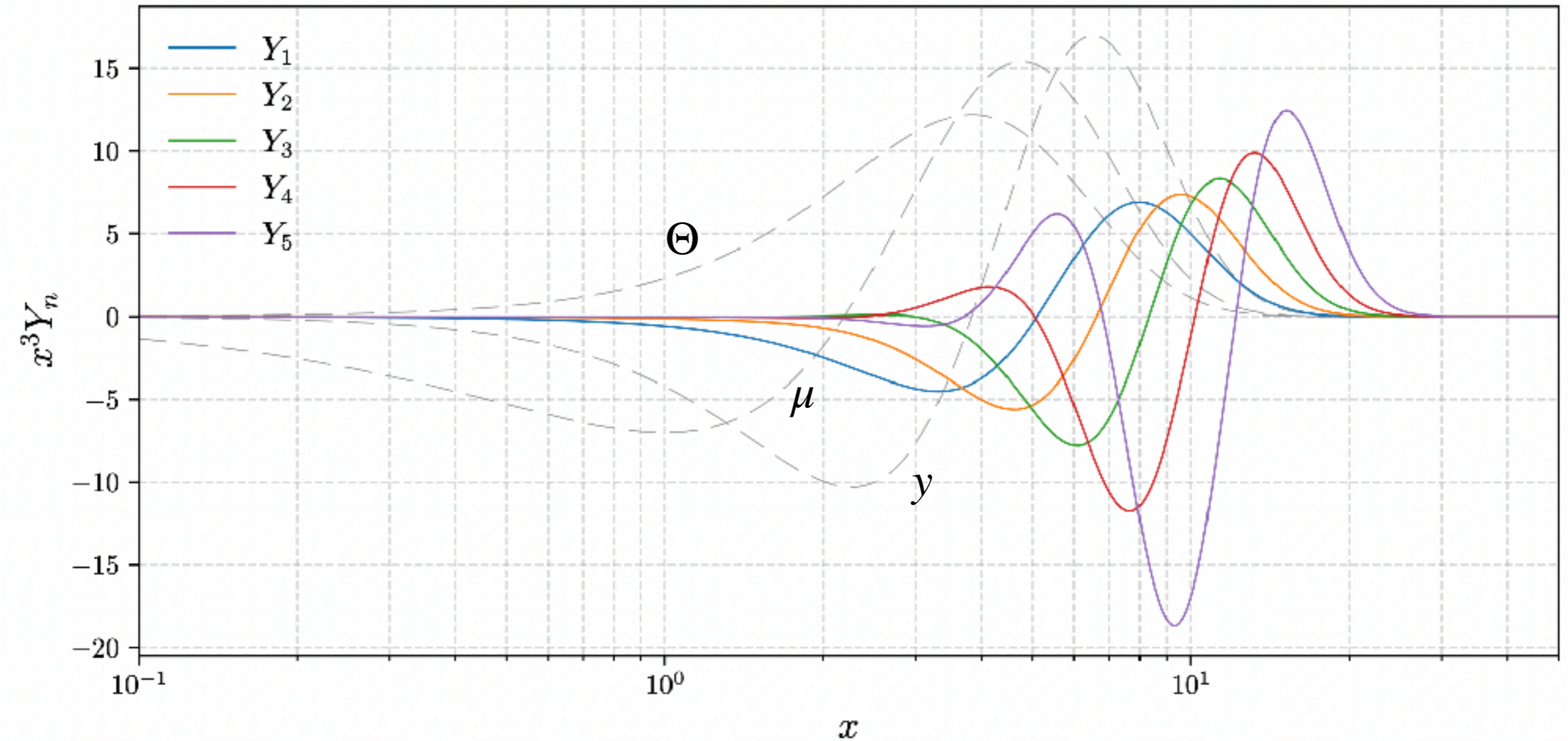
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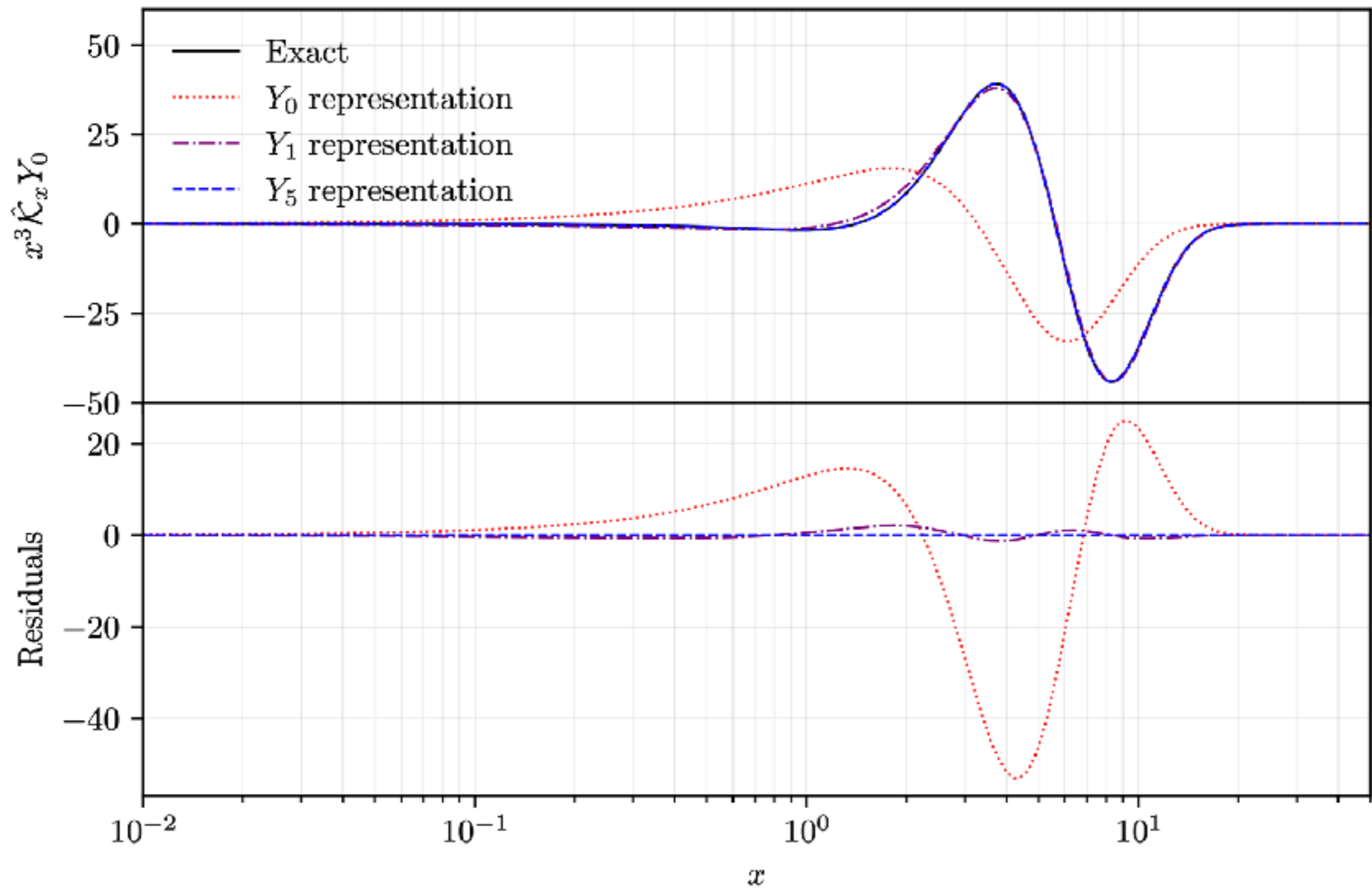
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Spectral parameter vector

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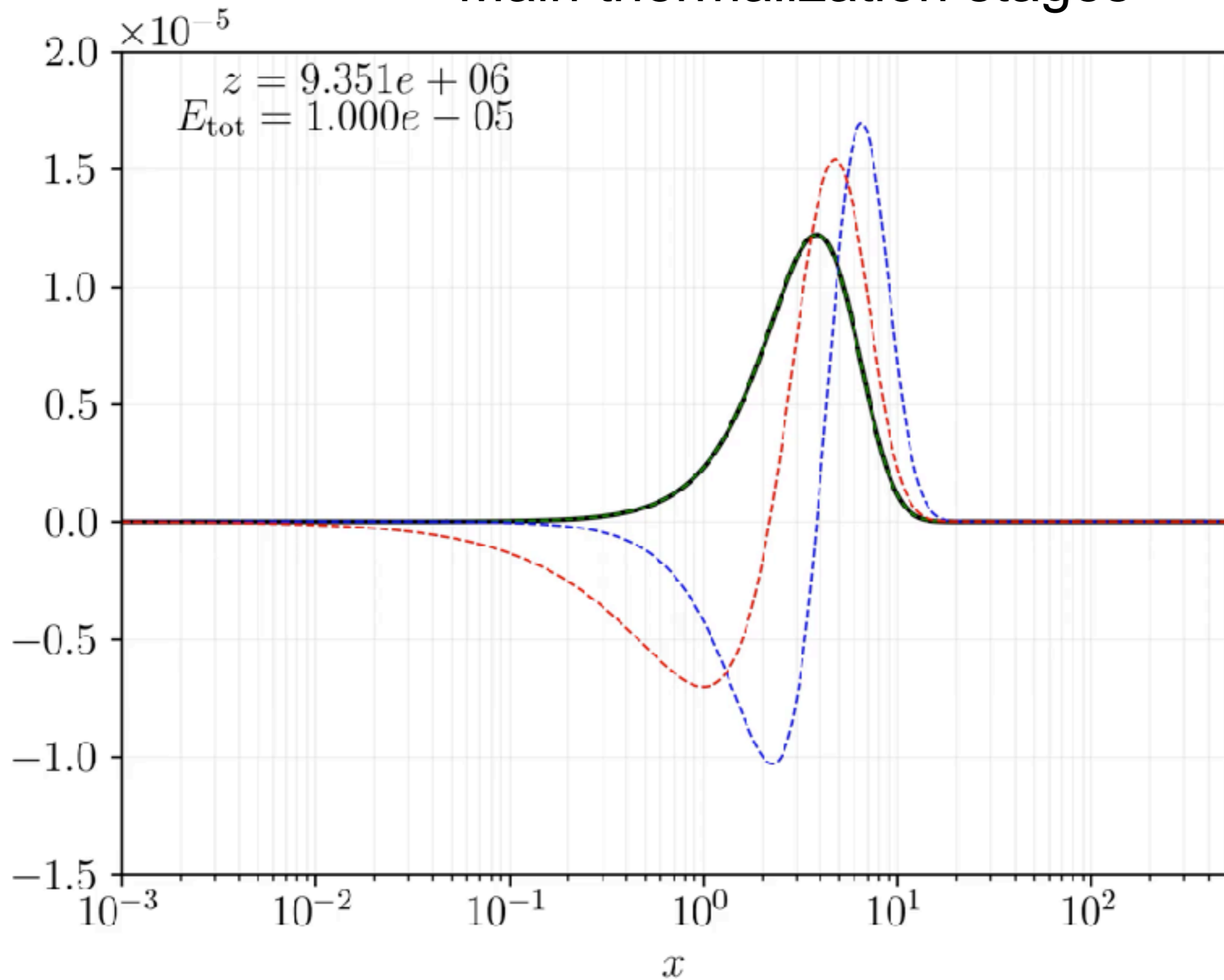
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*Thermalization problem reduced to rotation of the spectral distortion parameters with y-source!*

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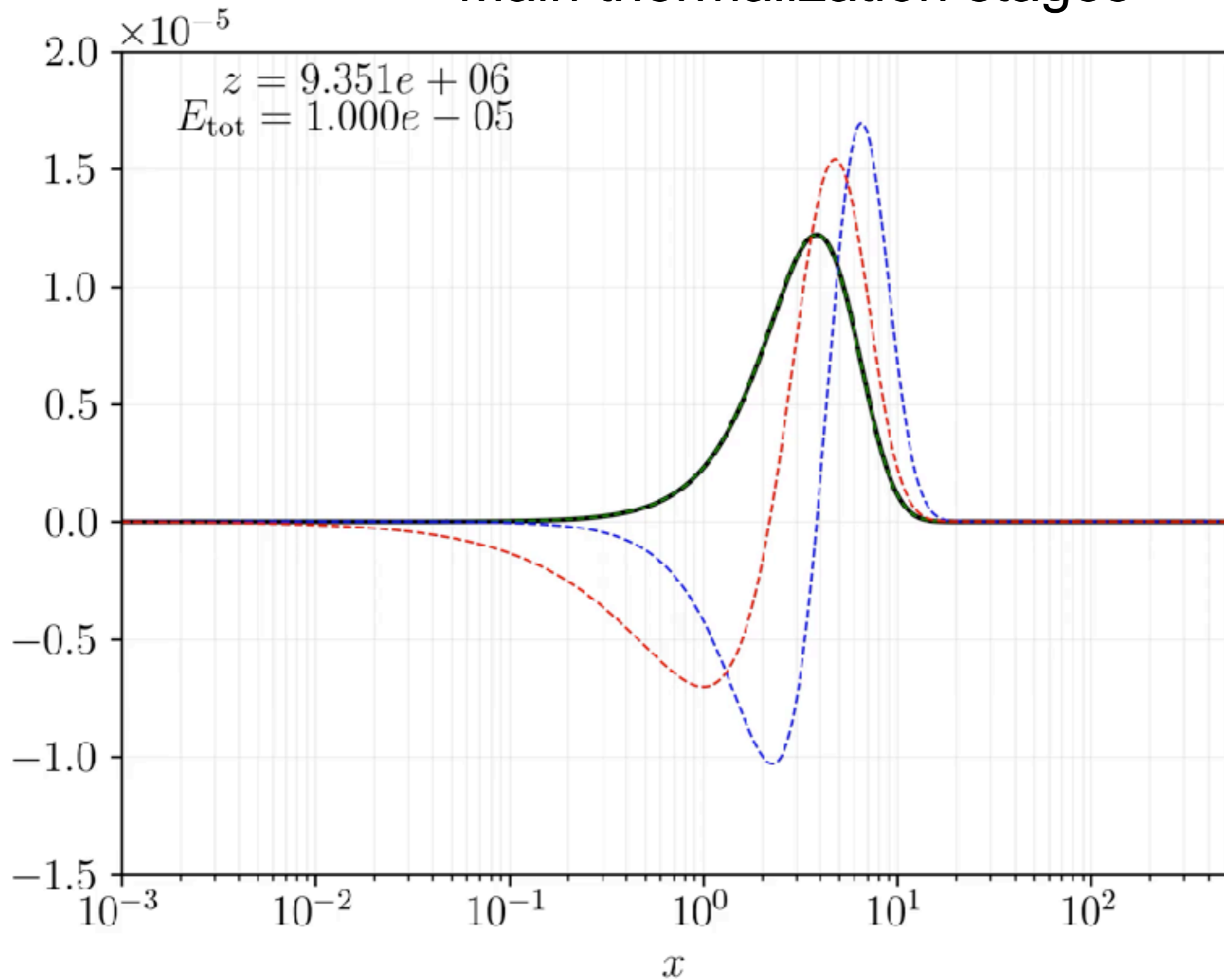


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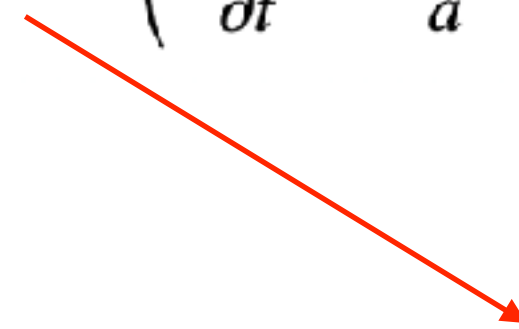


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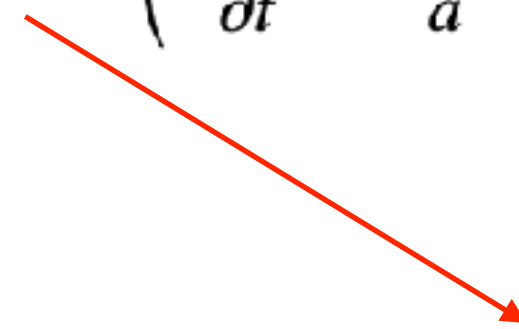
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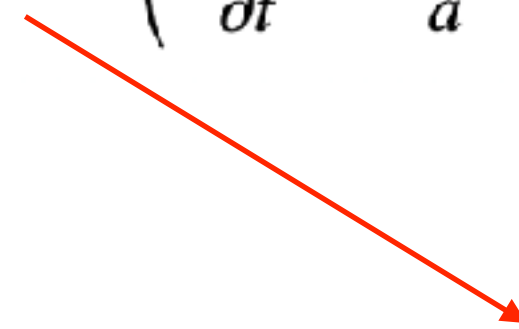
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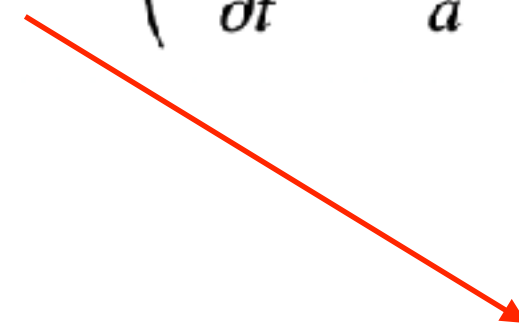
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# Generalizing the Boltzmann hierarchy

$$\frac{\partial n^{(1)}}{\partial t} + \frac{c\hat{\gamma}}{a} \cdot \nabla n^{(1)} + \hat{\mathcal{O}}_x n^{(0)} \left( \frac{\partial \Phi^{(1)}}{\partial t} + \frac{c\hat{\gamma}}{a} \cdot \nabla \Psi^{(1)} \right) \approx \dot{\tau} \left[ n_0^{(1)} + \frac{1}{10} n_2^{(1)} - n^{(1)} + \beta^{(1)} \chi \hat{\mathcal{O}}_x n^{(0)} \right]$$

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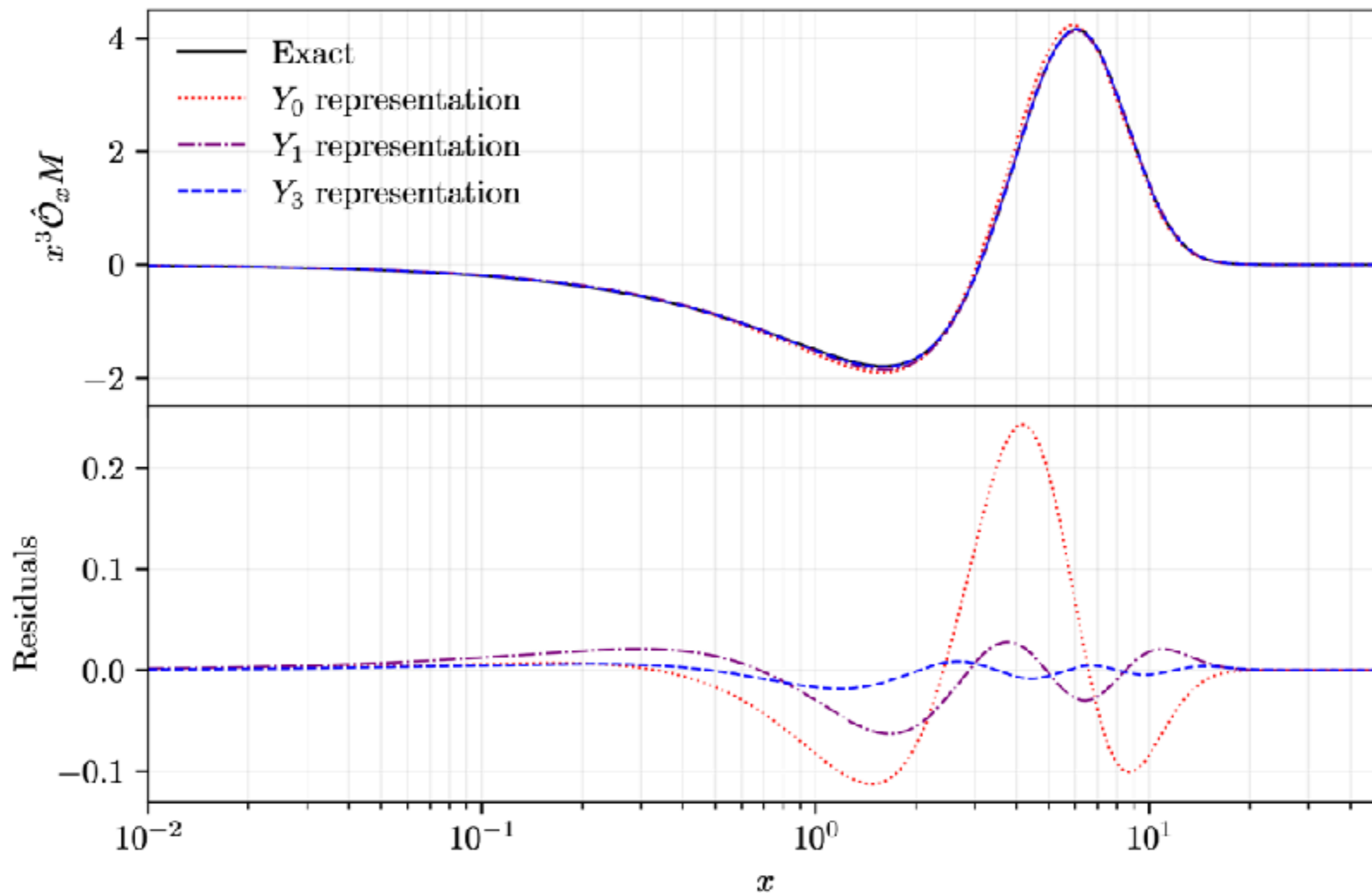
*Time-dependent change of Doppler and potential driving*

# More general source vector due to coupling with average background

$$\mathbf{b}^{(0)} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + M_B \mathbf{y}^{(0)} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & O_{N,1} & O_{\mu,1} \\ 0 & 4 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & O_{N,2} & O_{\mu,2} \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & O_{N,3} & O_{\mu,3} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & O_{N,N-2} & O_{\mu,N-2} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 4 & 0 & O_{N,N-1} & O_{\mu,N-1} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 4 & O_{N,N} & O_{\mu,N} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & O_{N,N+1} & O_{\mu,N+1} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \Theta^{(0)} \\ y_0^{(0)} \\ y_1^{(0)} \\ y_2^{(0)} \\ \vdots \\ y_{N-2}^{(0)} \\ y_{N-1}^{(0)} \\ y_N^{(0)} \\ \mu^{(0)} \end{pmatrix} .$$



# Representation of Boosts of $\mu$ -spectrum



$$\hat{O}_x M(x) \approx 0.3736 Y(x) + 1.9069 M(x)$$

*Even very lowest order projections work well in this case*

# Including thermalization effects

*Greens function discretization*

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*Obvious new terms*

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*Thomson terms as we just discussed*



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*New thermalization terms in perturbed monopole*

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*This gives a new photon Boltzmann hierarchy with thermalization*



# Final photon Boltzmann hierarchy with thermalization effects

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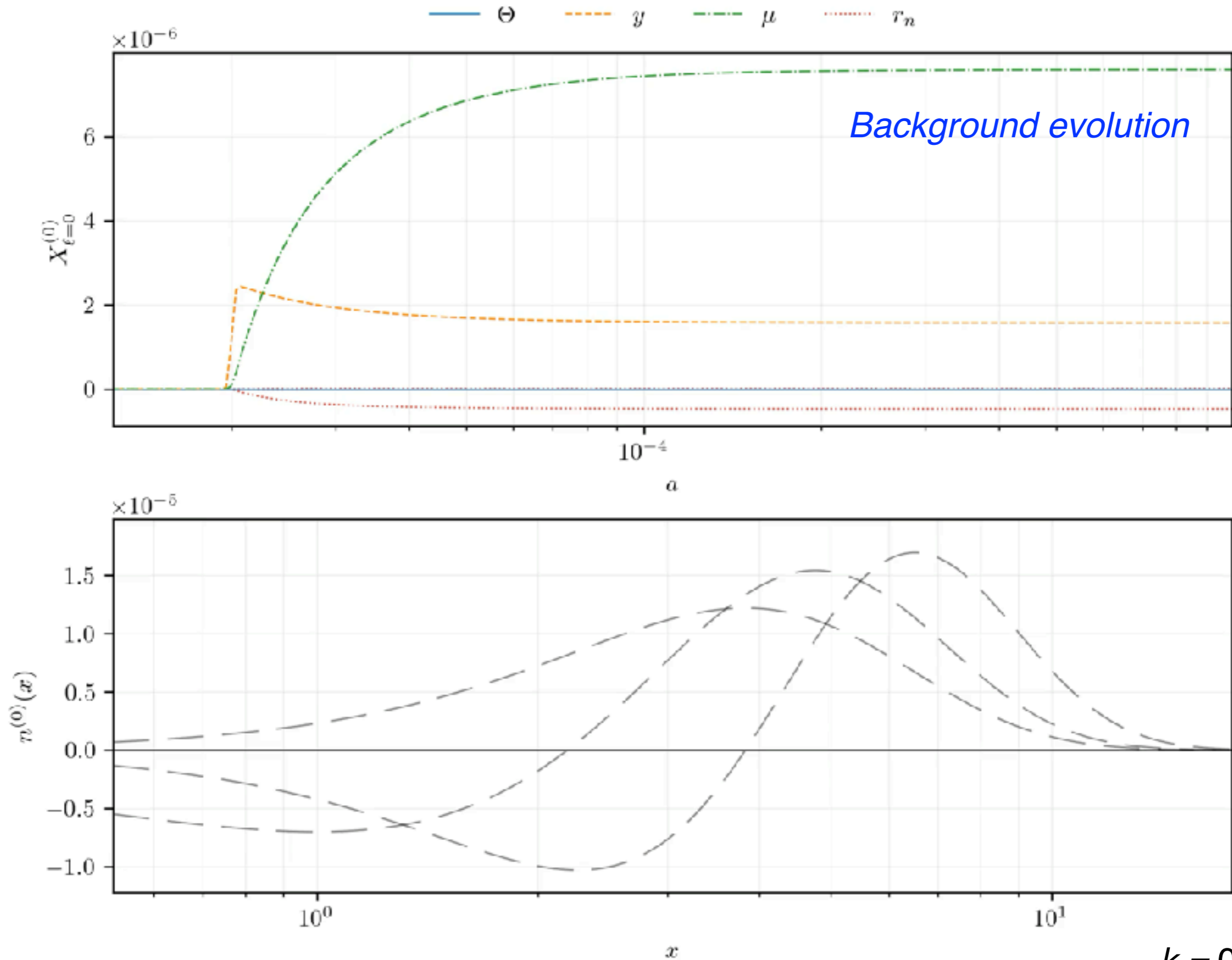
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*Now implemented in CosmoTherm but can be done with any Boltzmann code (e.g., CAMB or CLASS)*

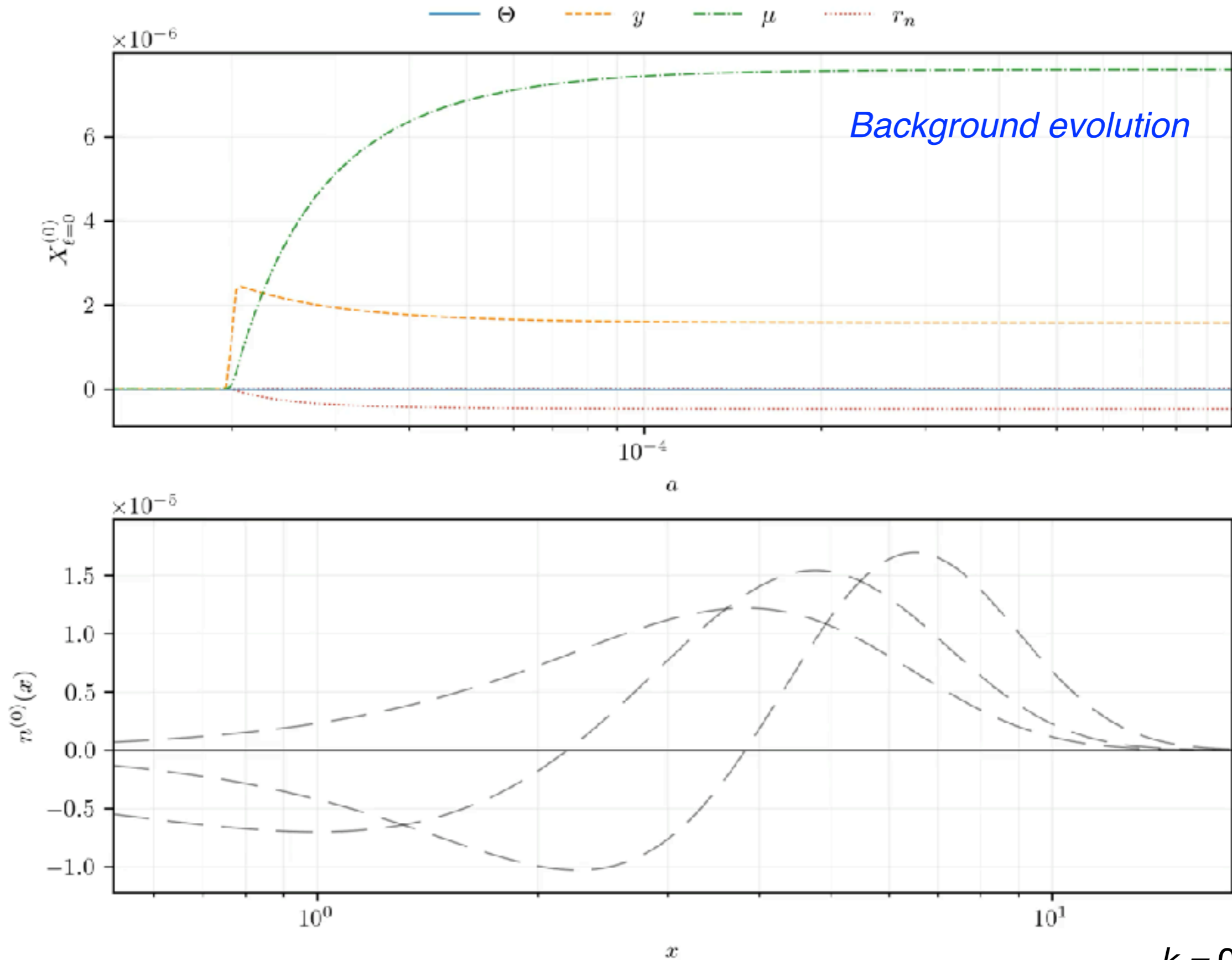
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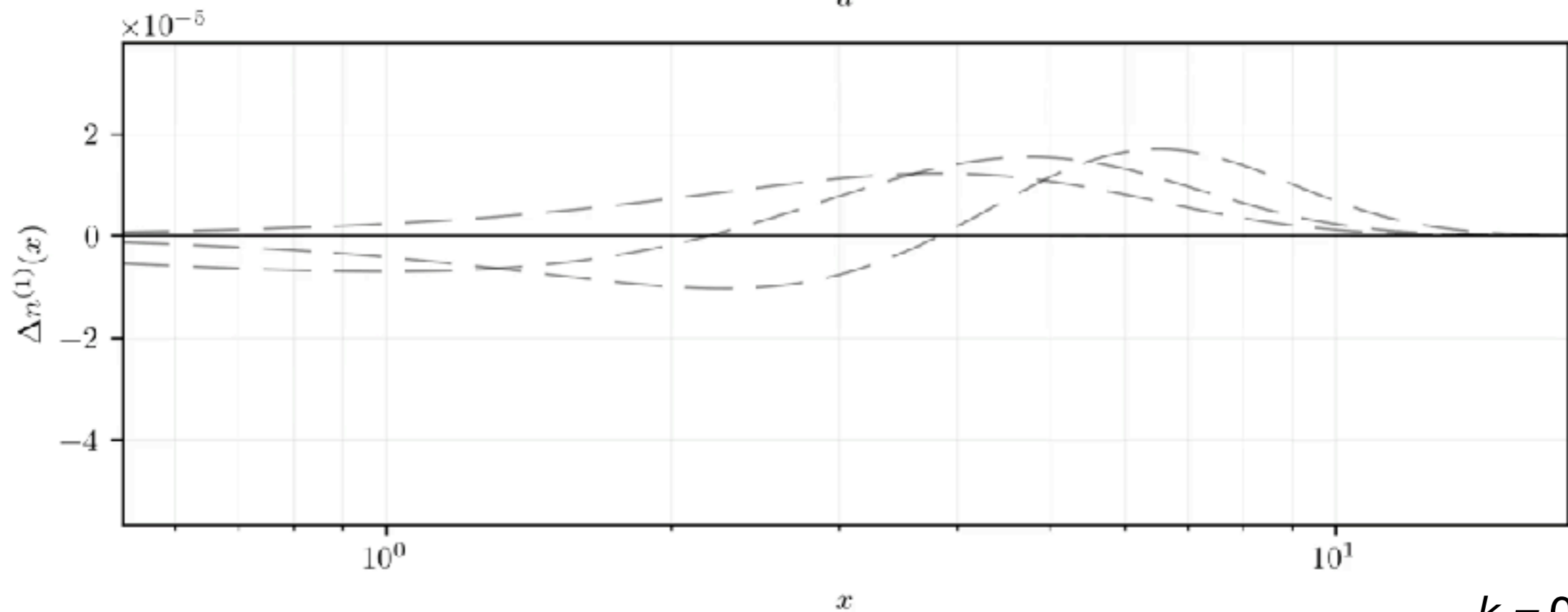
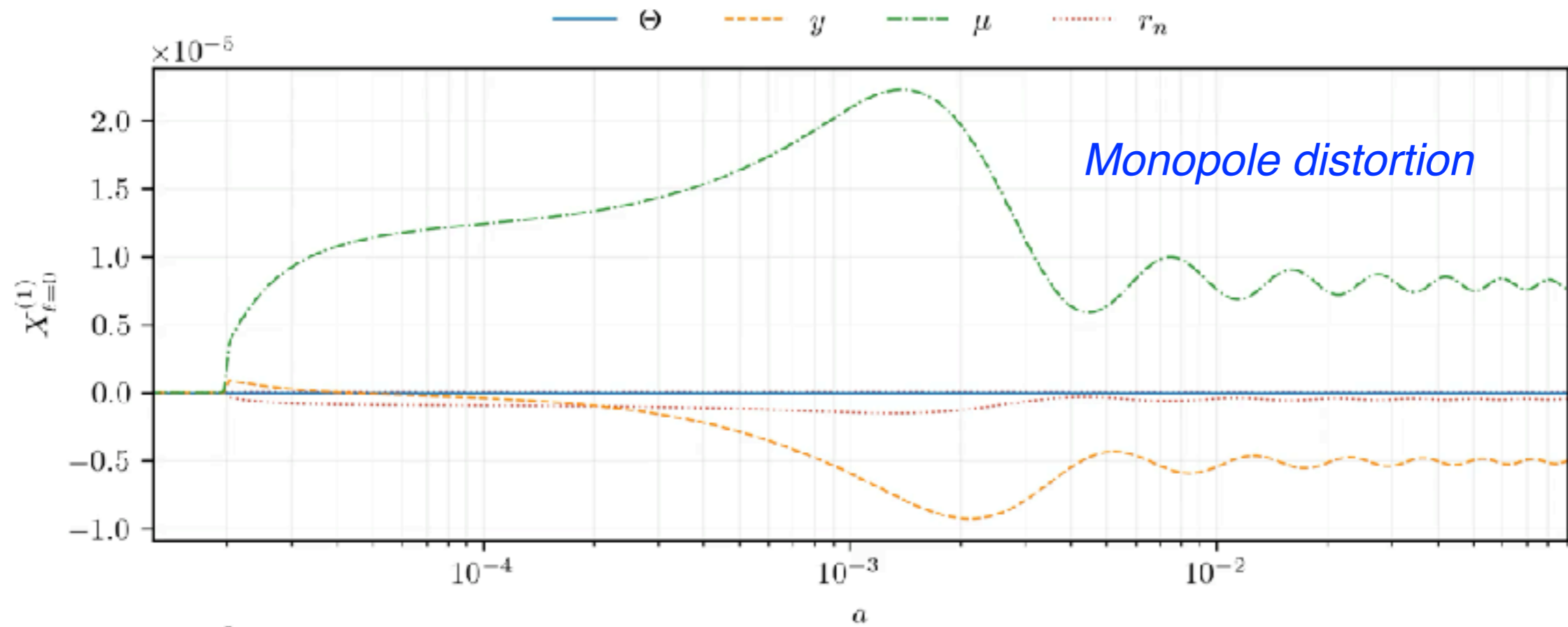


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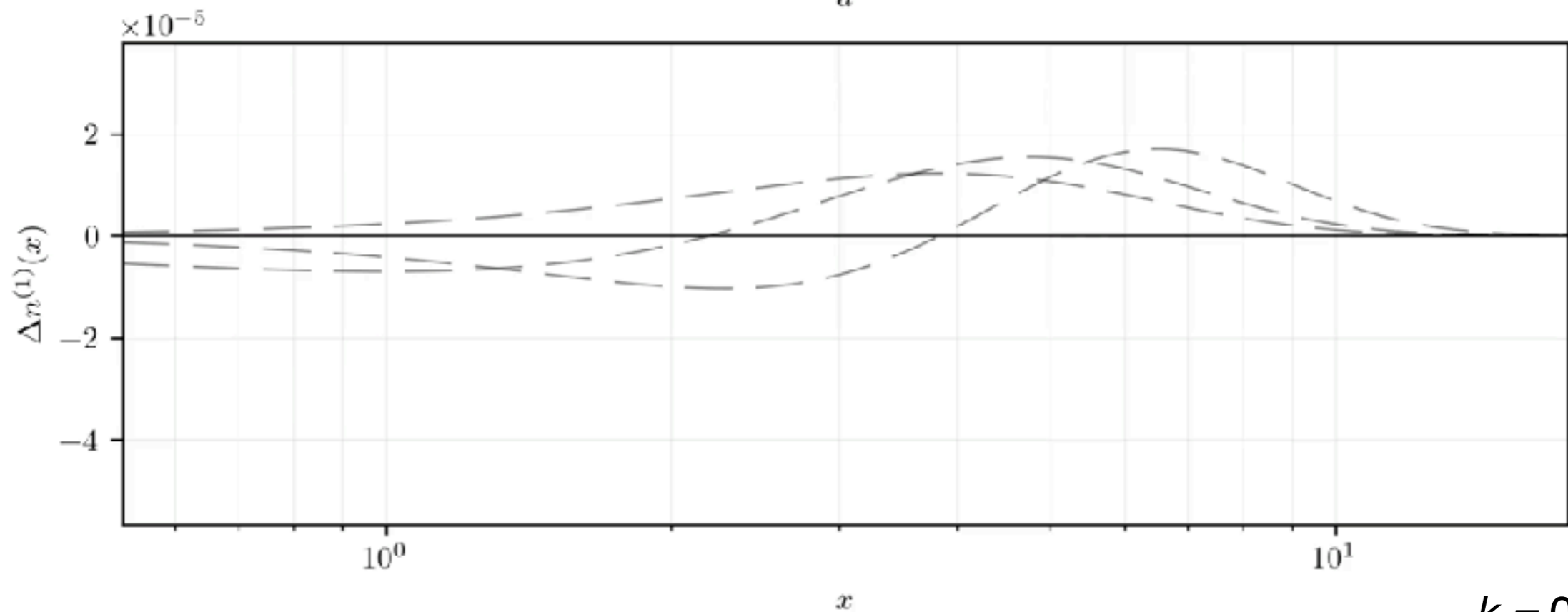
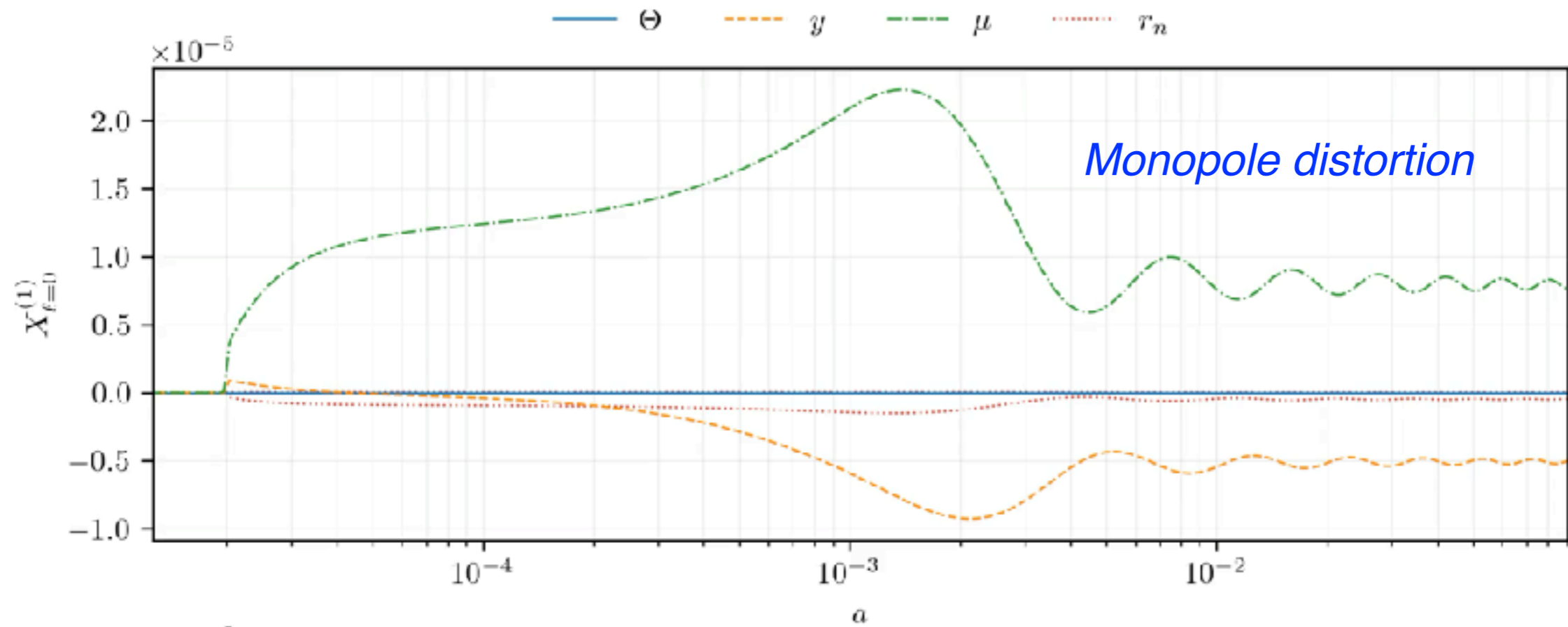
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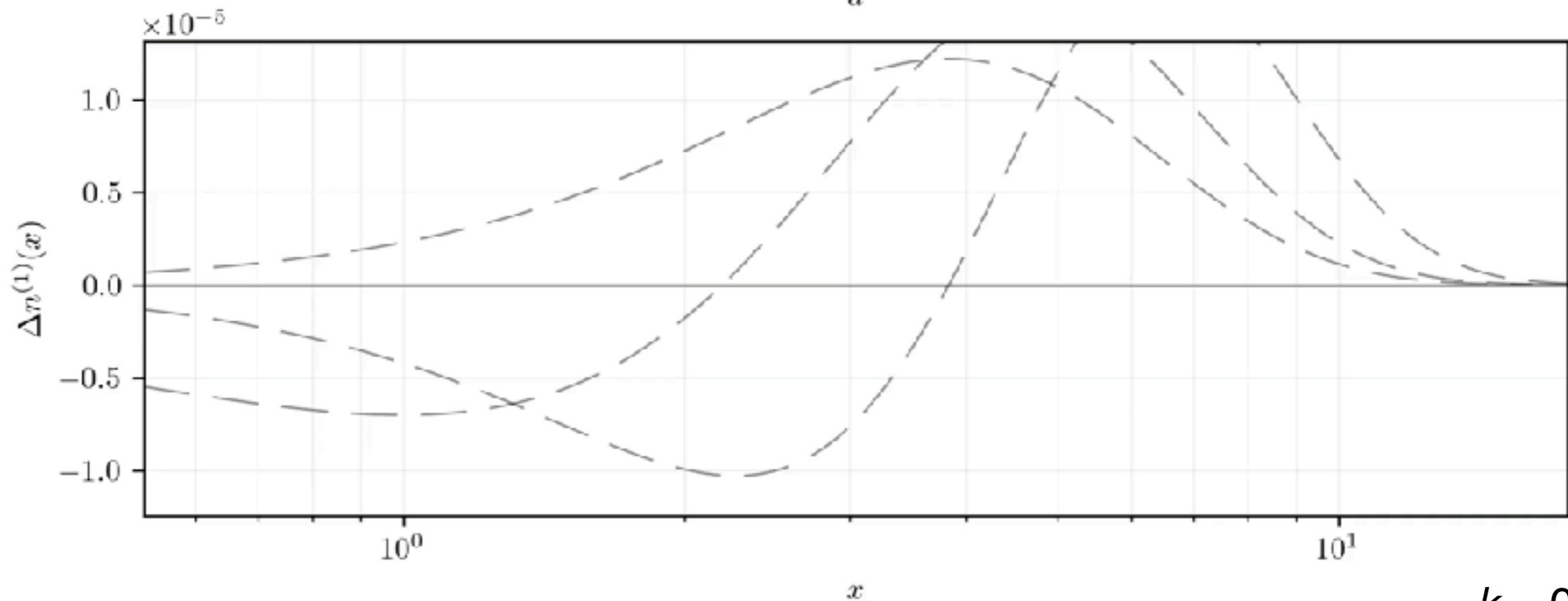
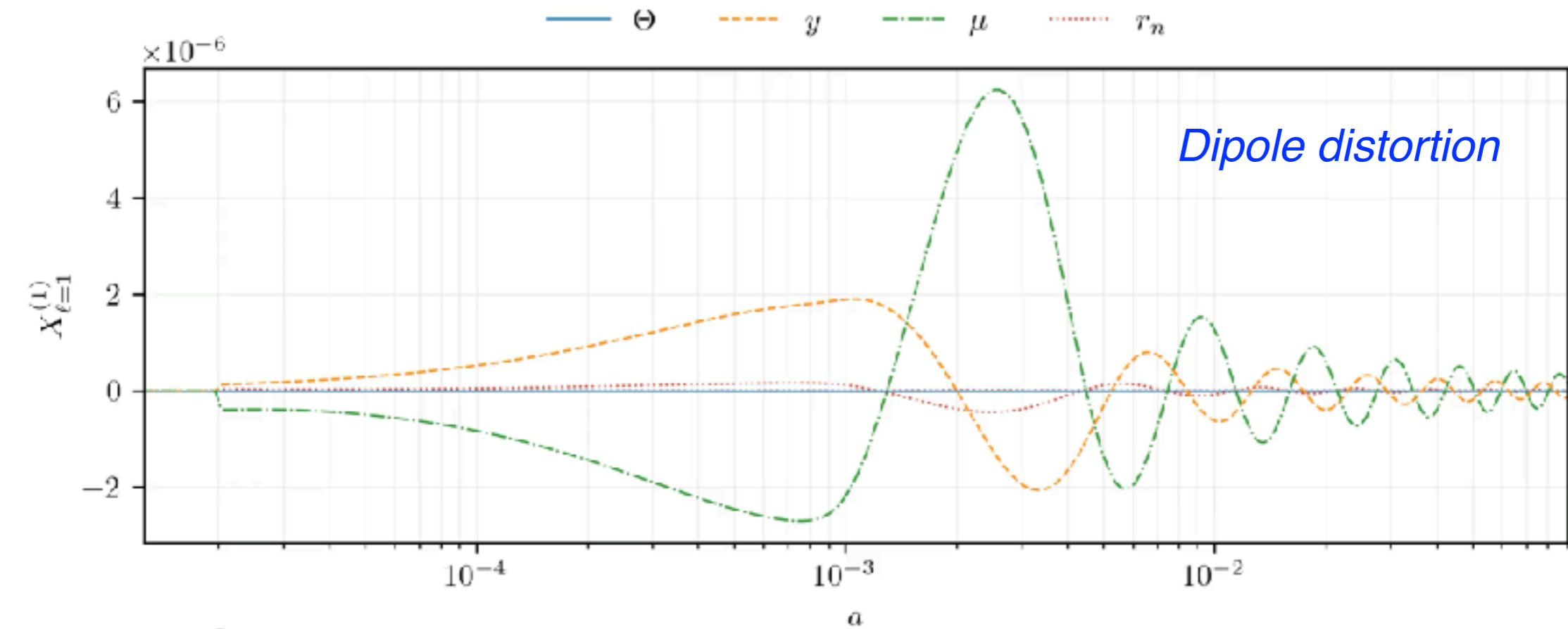


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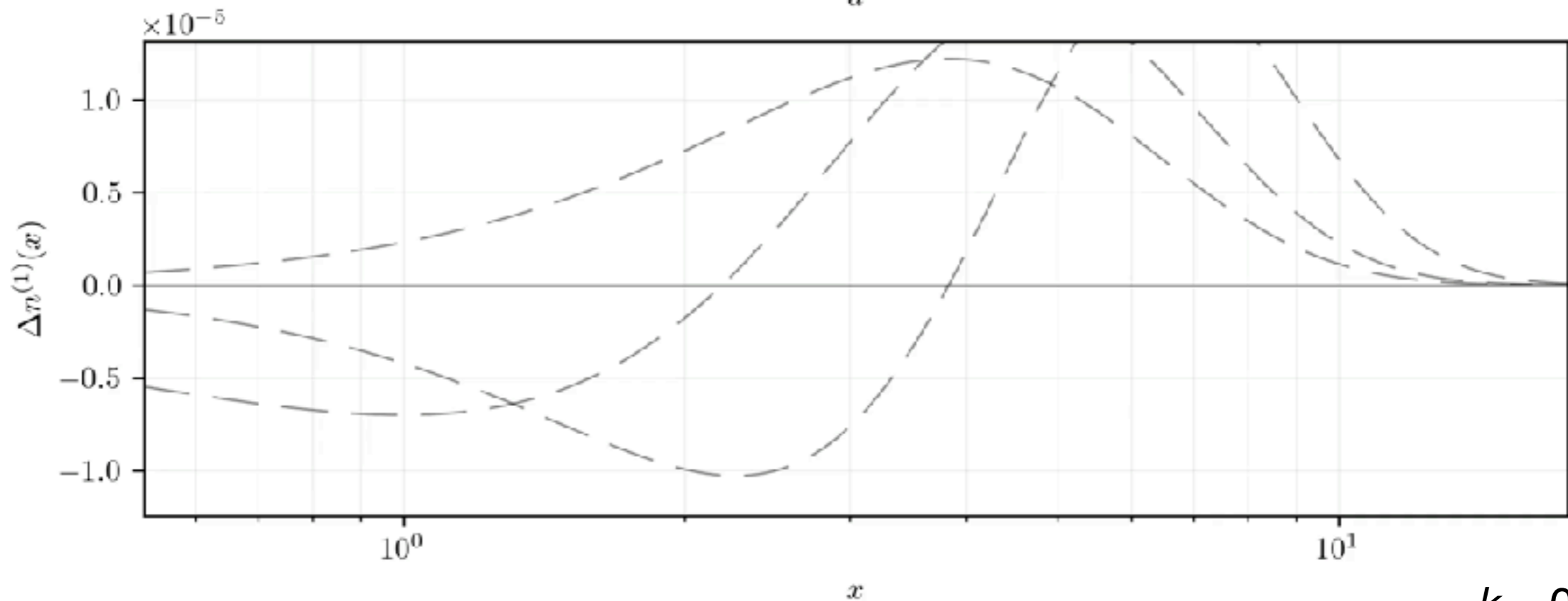
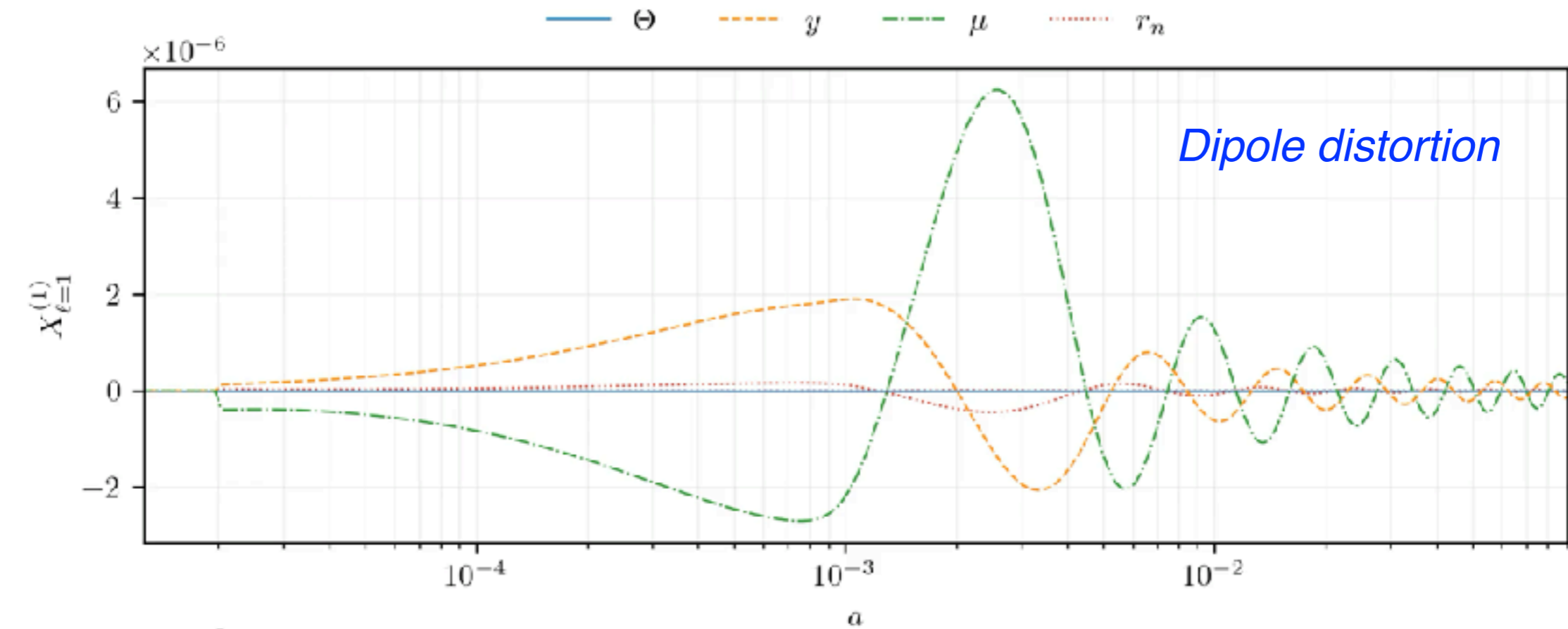
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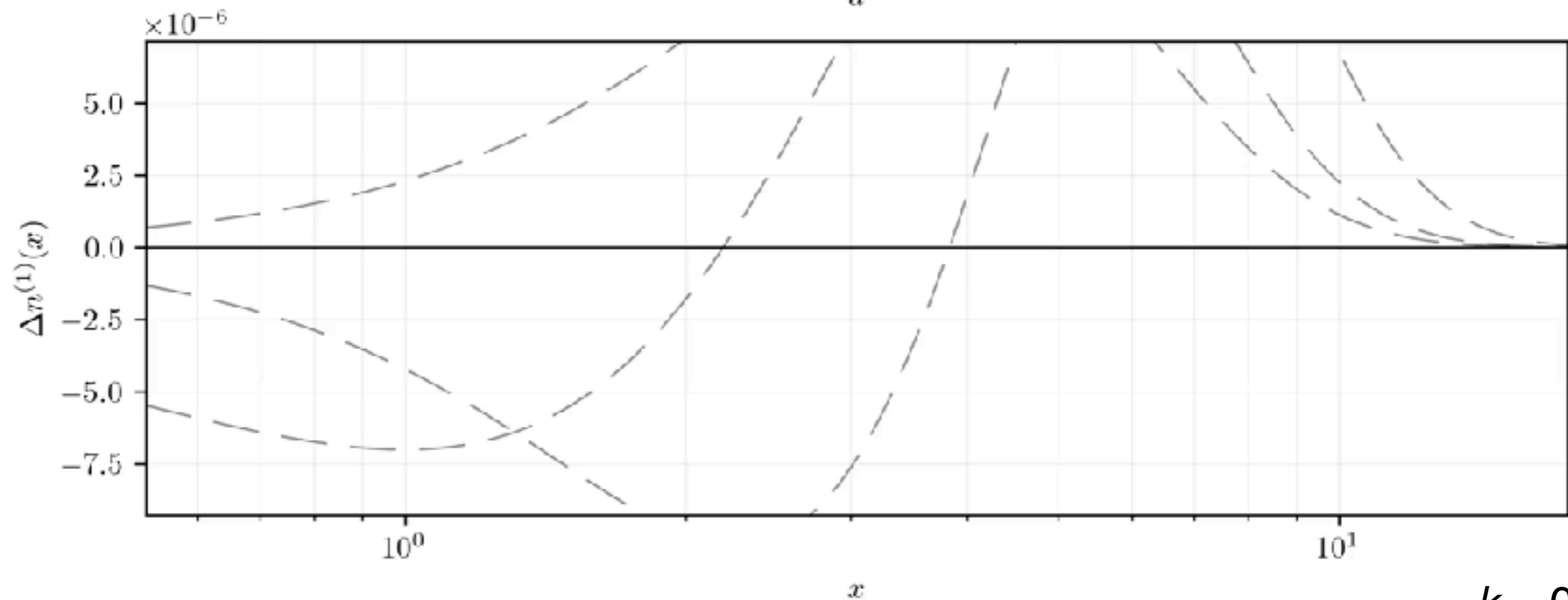
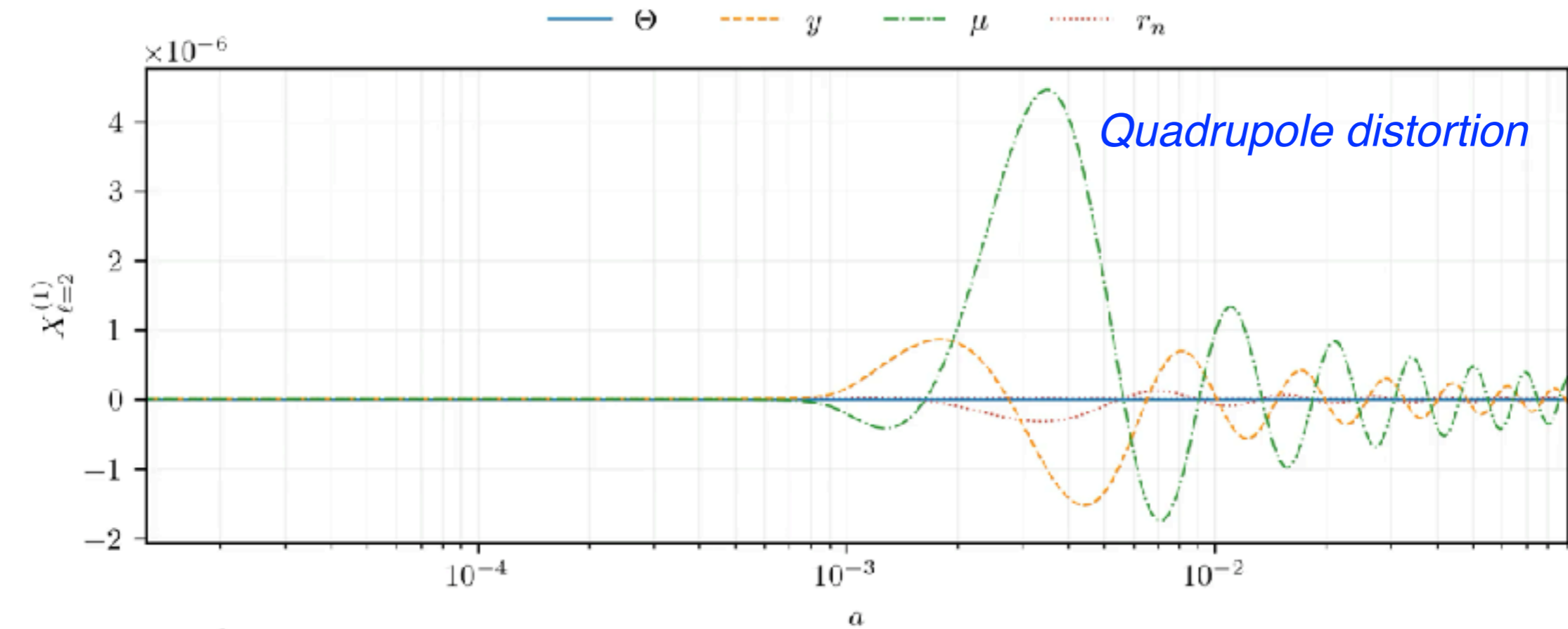


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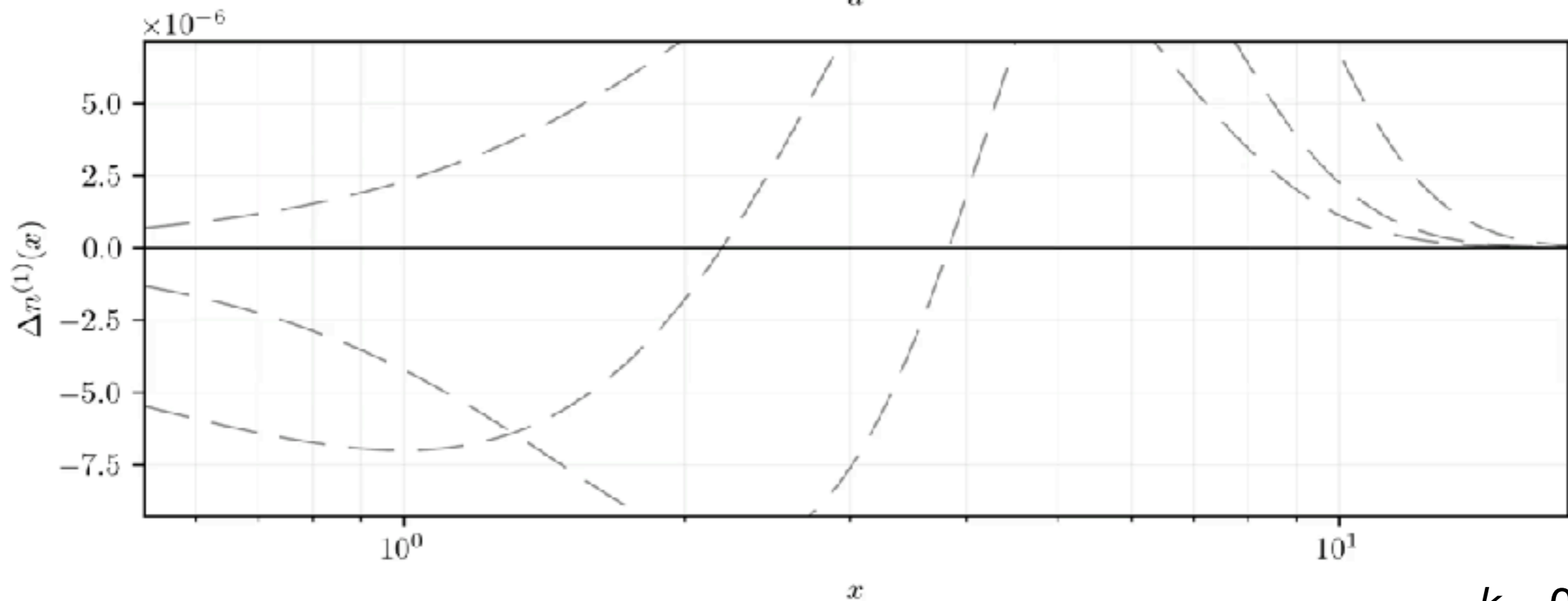
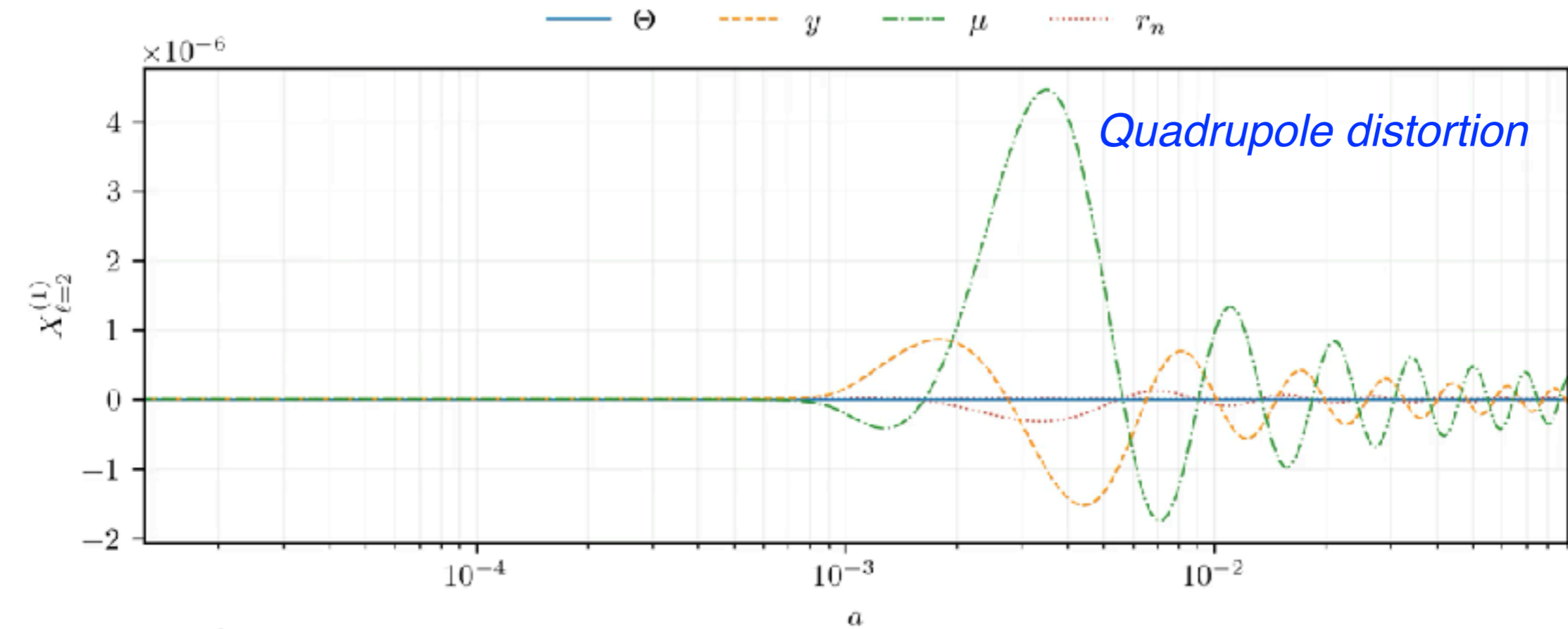
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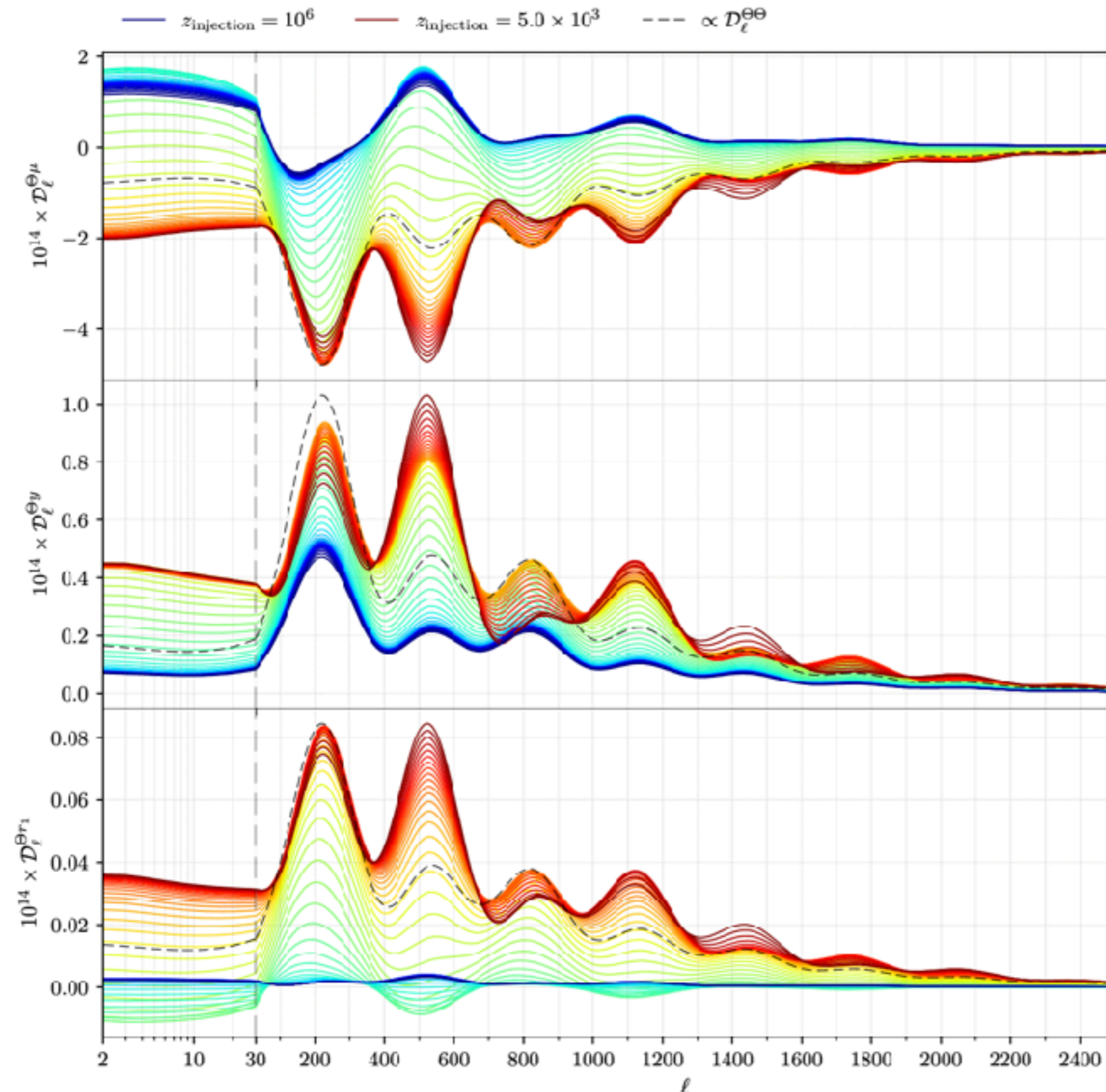


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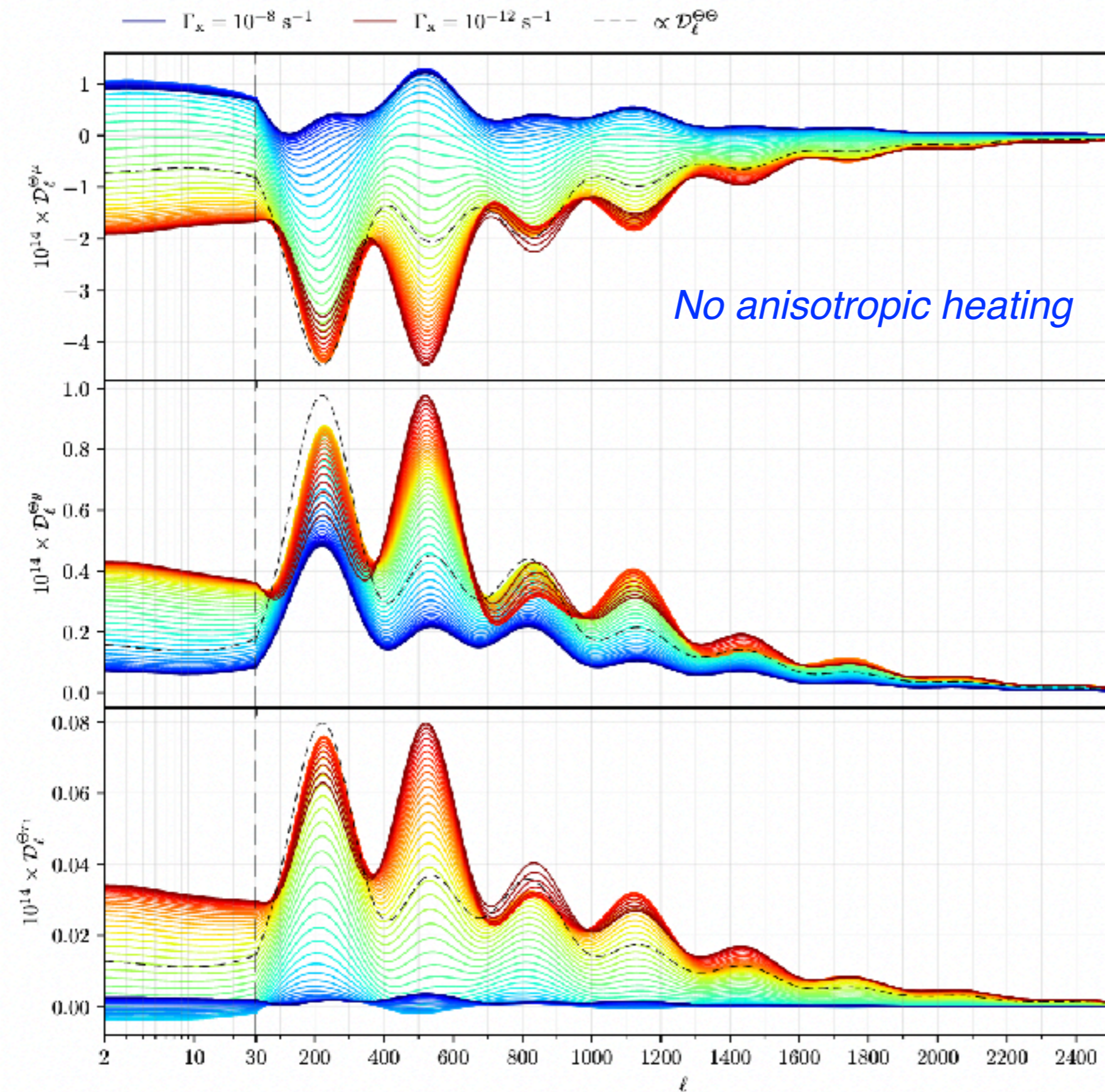
# CMB power spectra for injection at various $z$



- CosmoTherm is able to reproduce standard CMB temperature signals
- Auto spectra indeed quite small...
- Cross-power spectra are within reach without violating COBE/FIRAS!
- Time-dependent information visible through spatial modes
- Extra information in residual distortion signals
- Polarization available



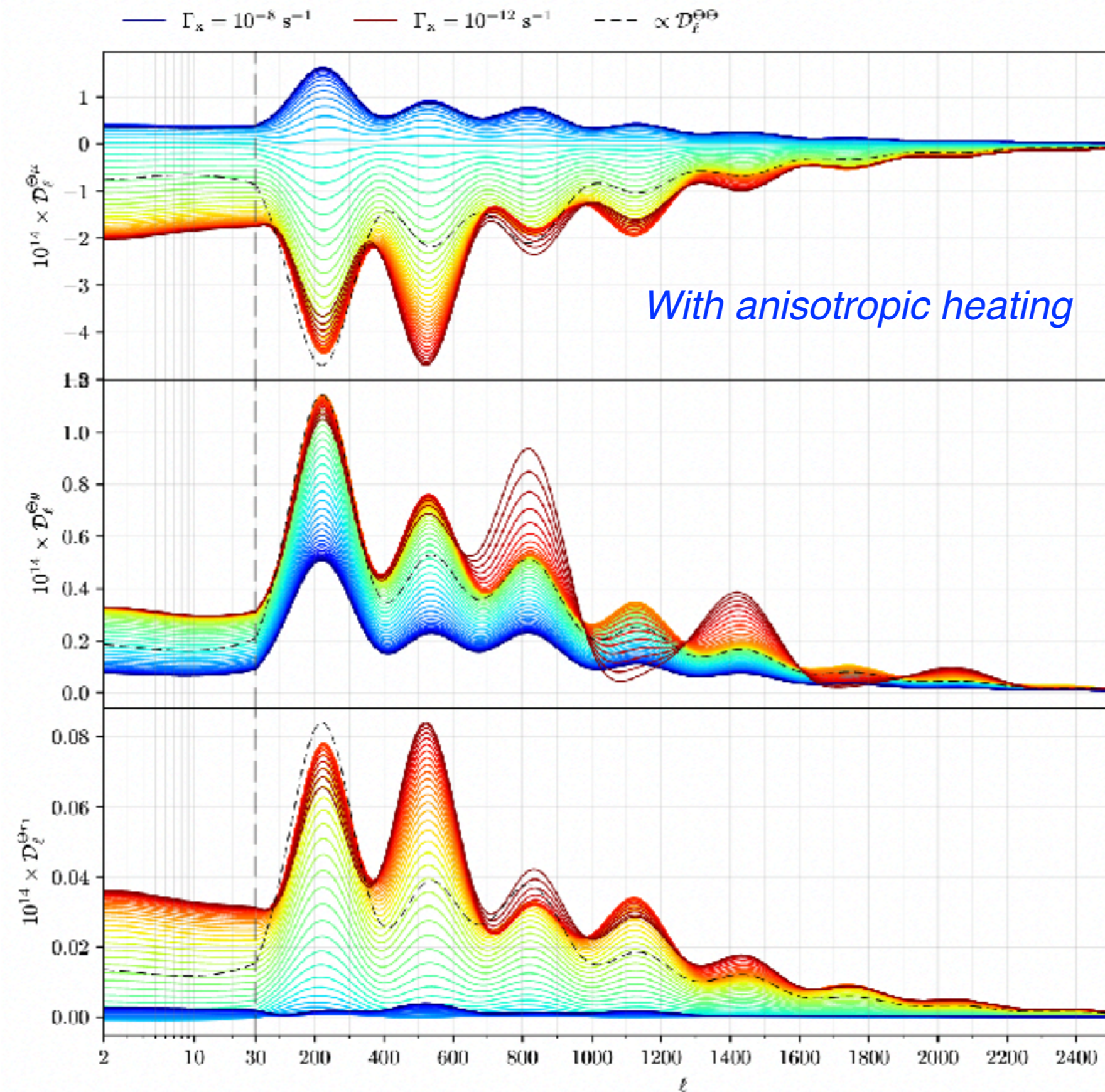
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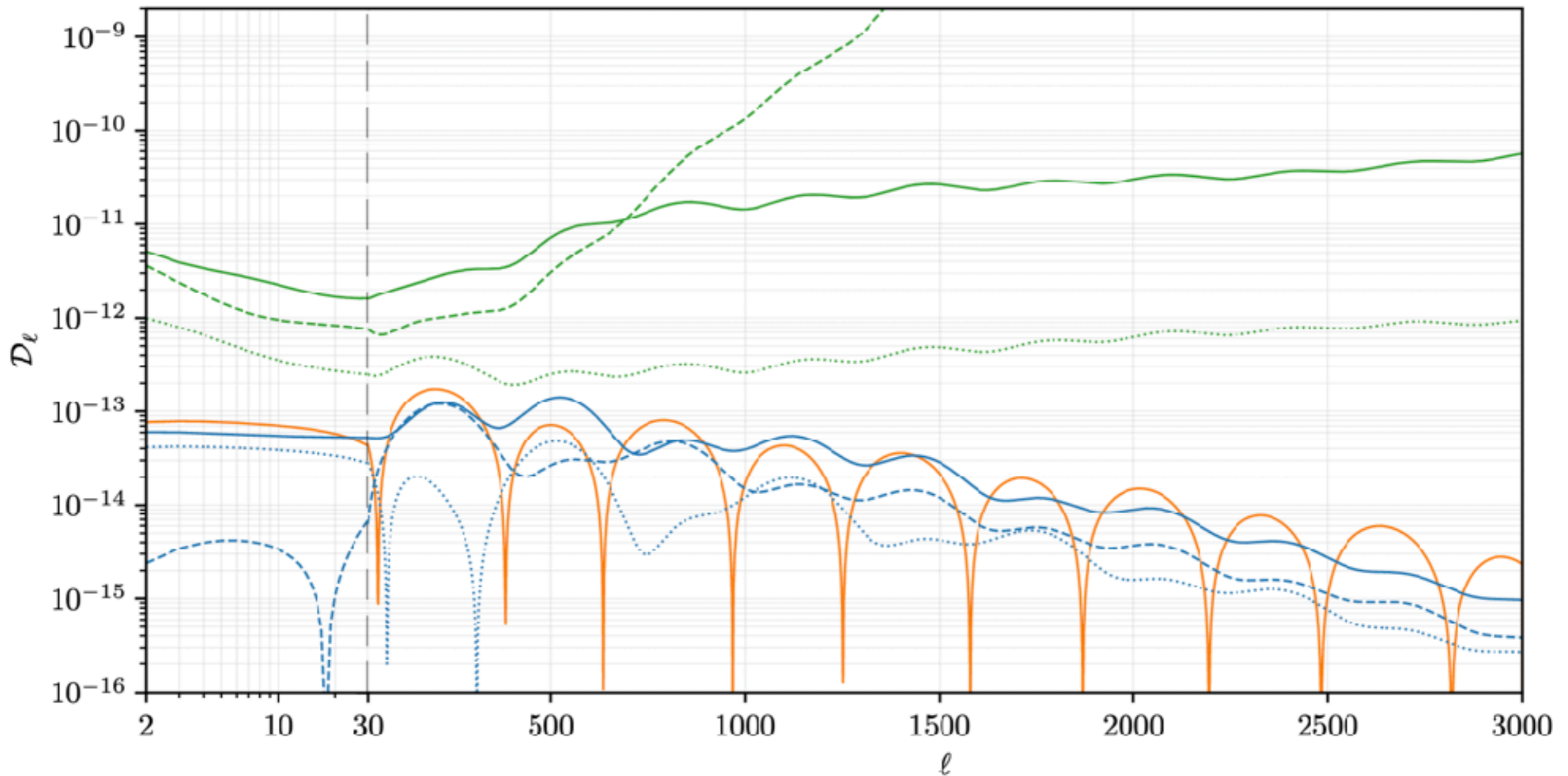


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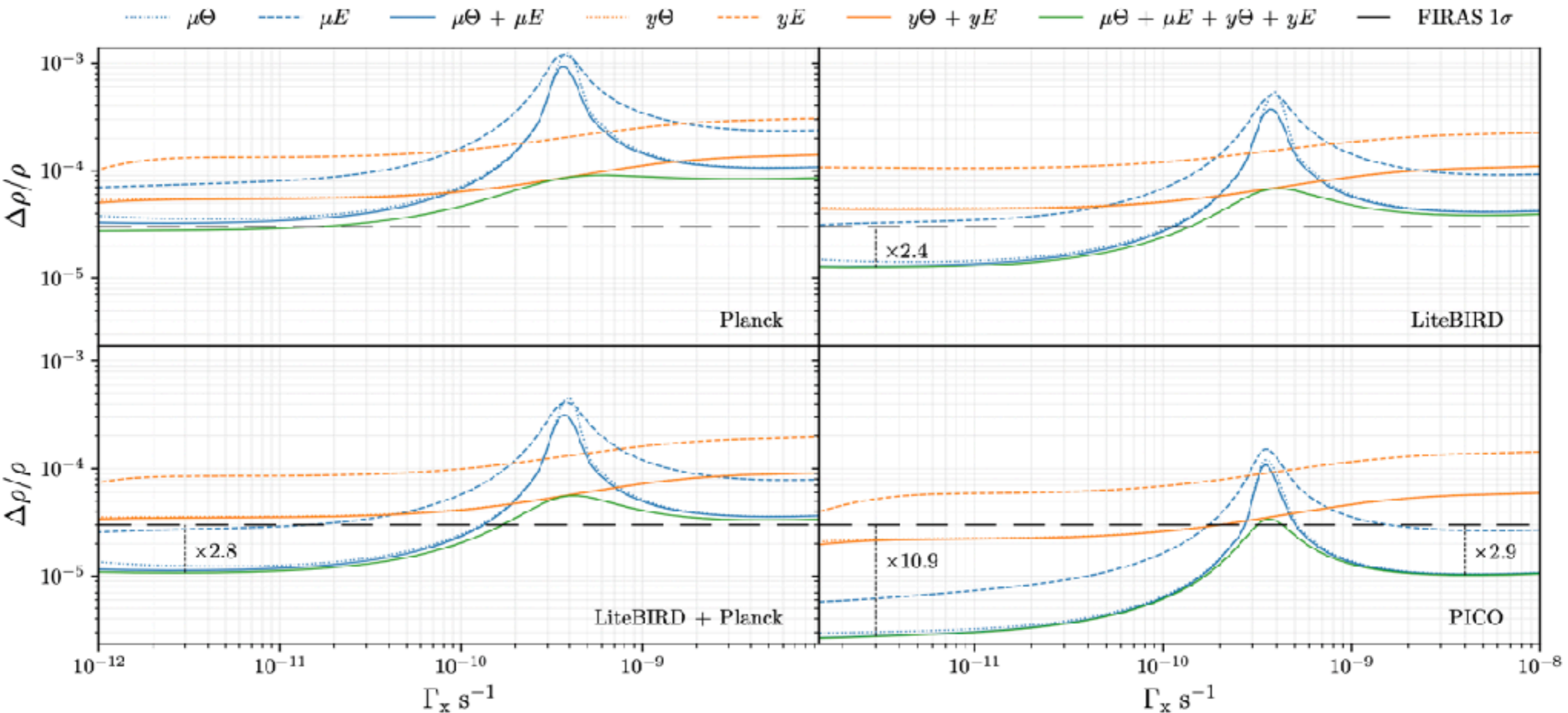
# These new signals are *not* negligible!

- $\mu\Theta$   $z_{\text{injection}} = 5 \times 10^3$
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- $N_{\ell}^{\text{Planck}}$
- $N_{\ell}^{\text{LiteBIRD}}$
- $N_{\ell}^{\text{PICO}}$
- NG  $f_{\text{NL}} = 3000$



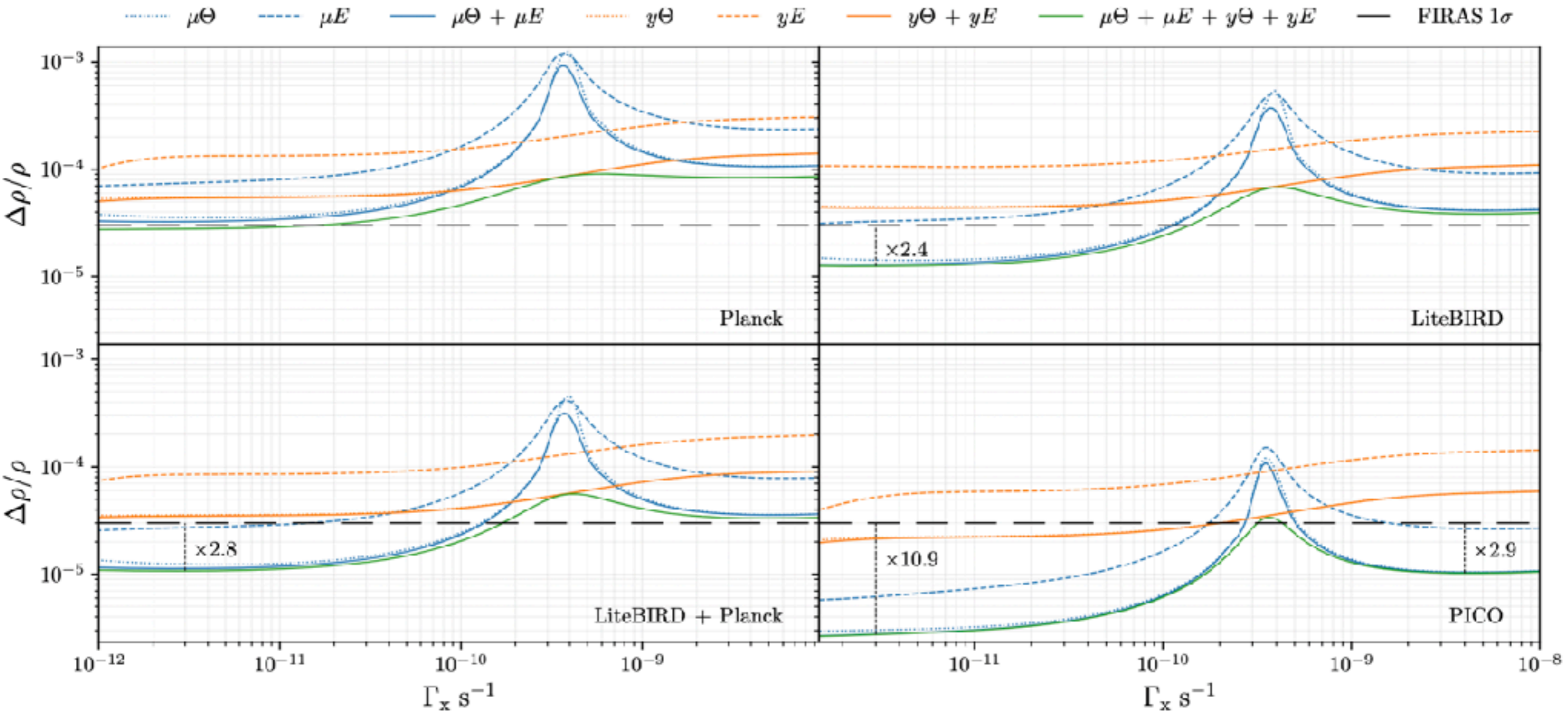
Could be primordial ‘foreground’ for non-Gaussian signals

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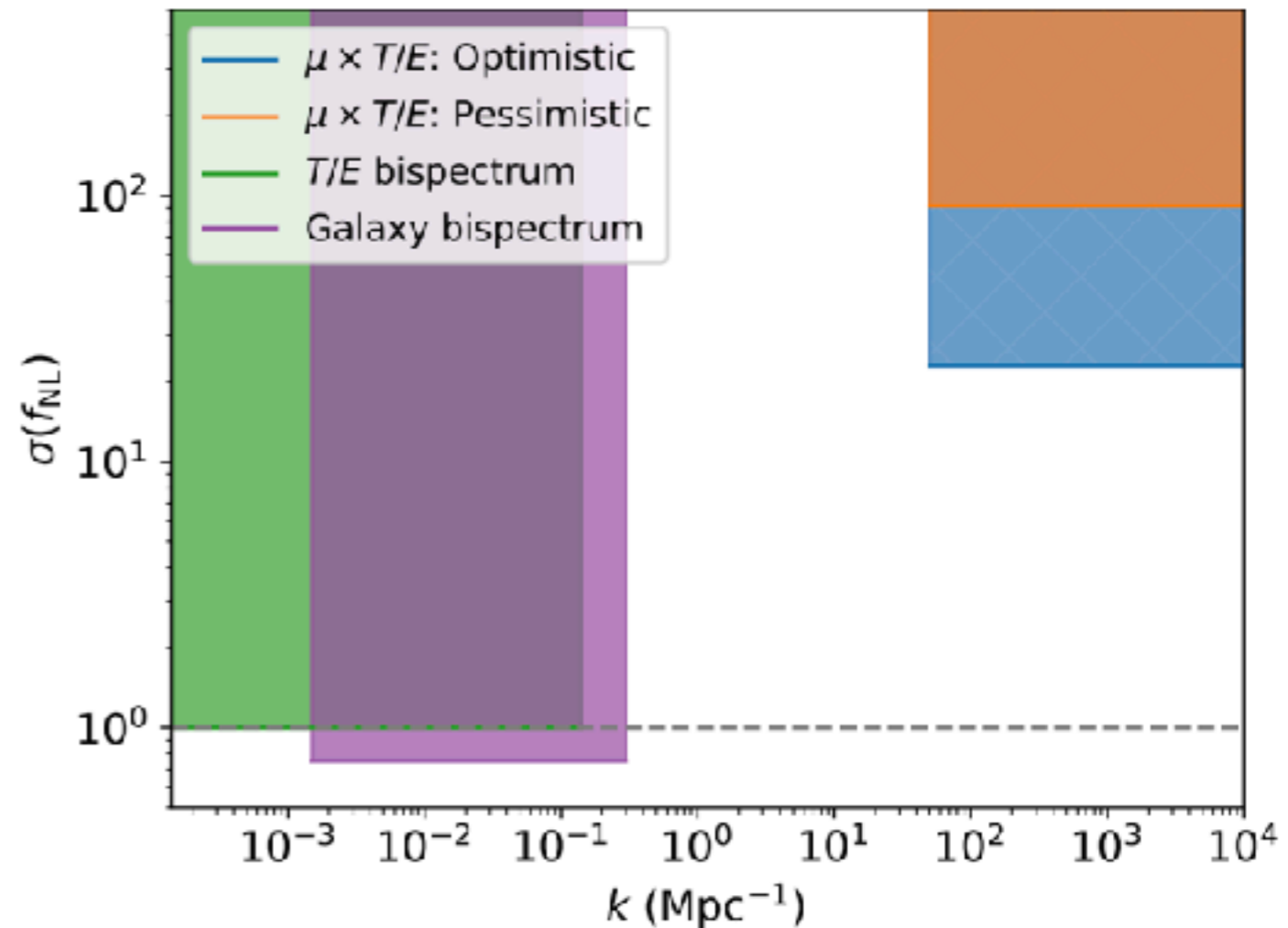
*Novel synergistic targets for both CMB anisotropy and distortion enthusiasts!*

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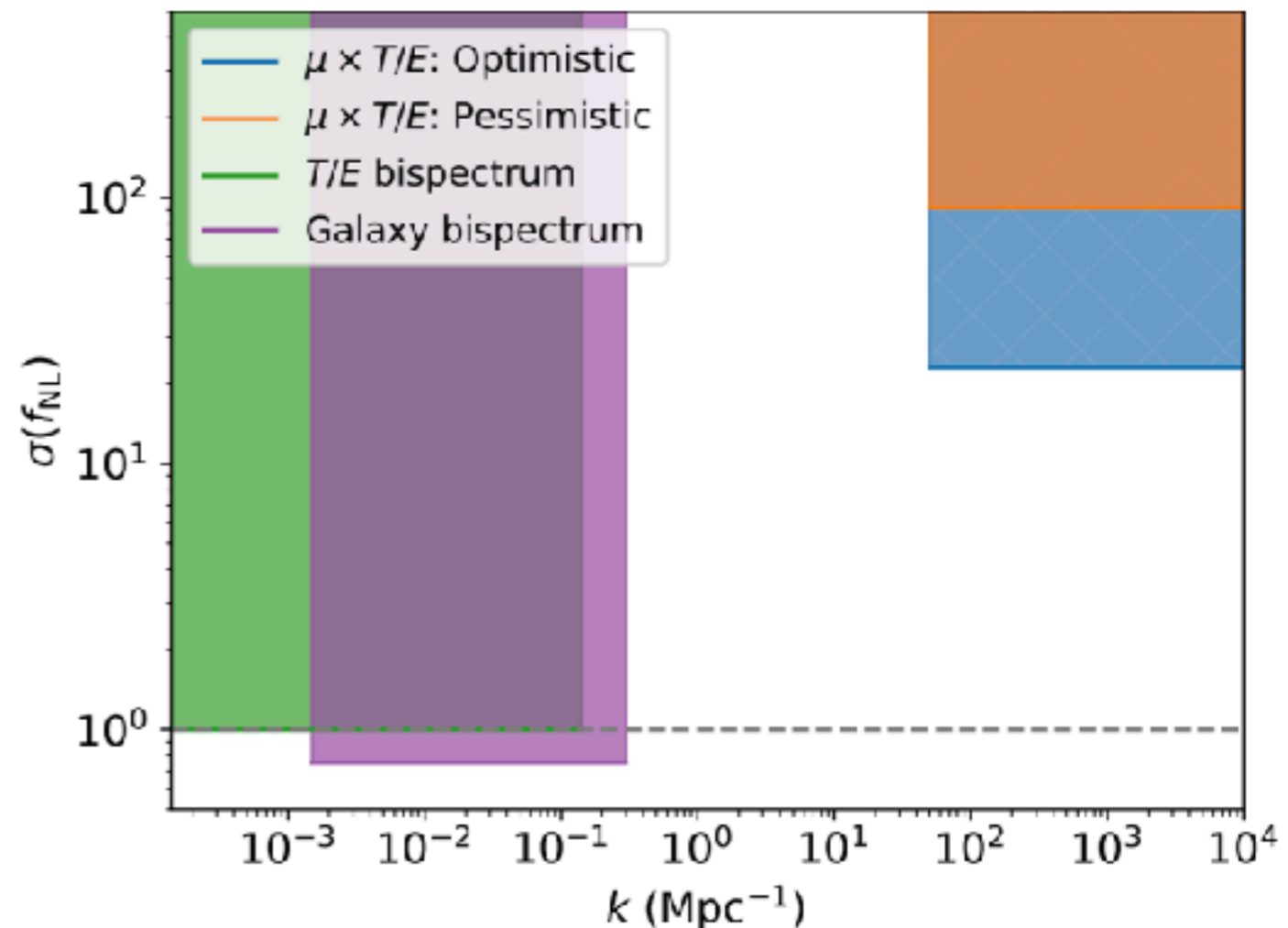
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*Detailed study with realistic foregrounds and systematics is required!*



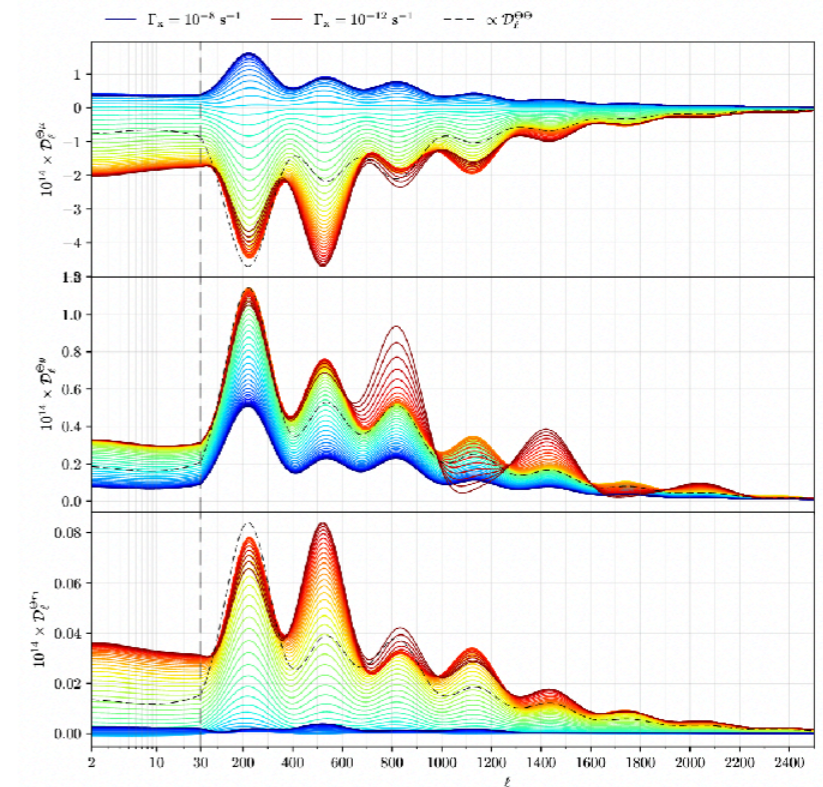
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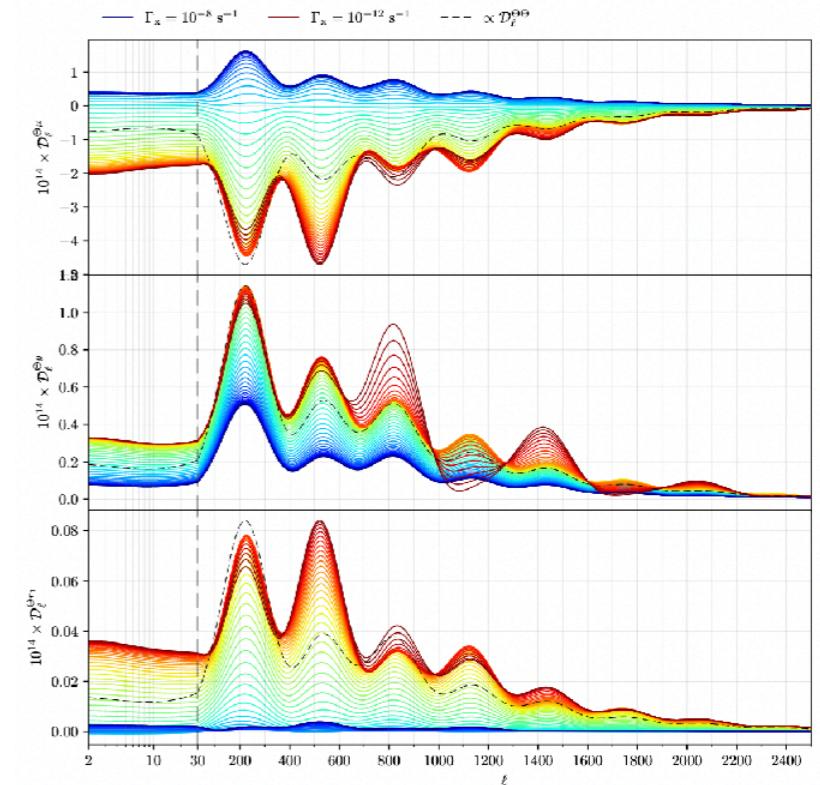
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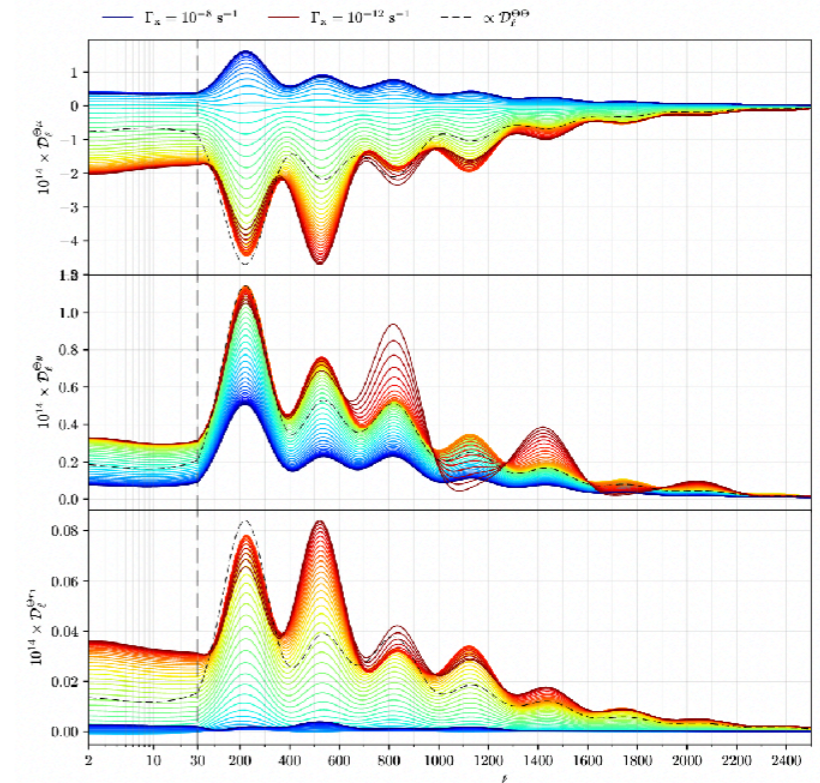
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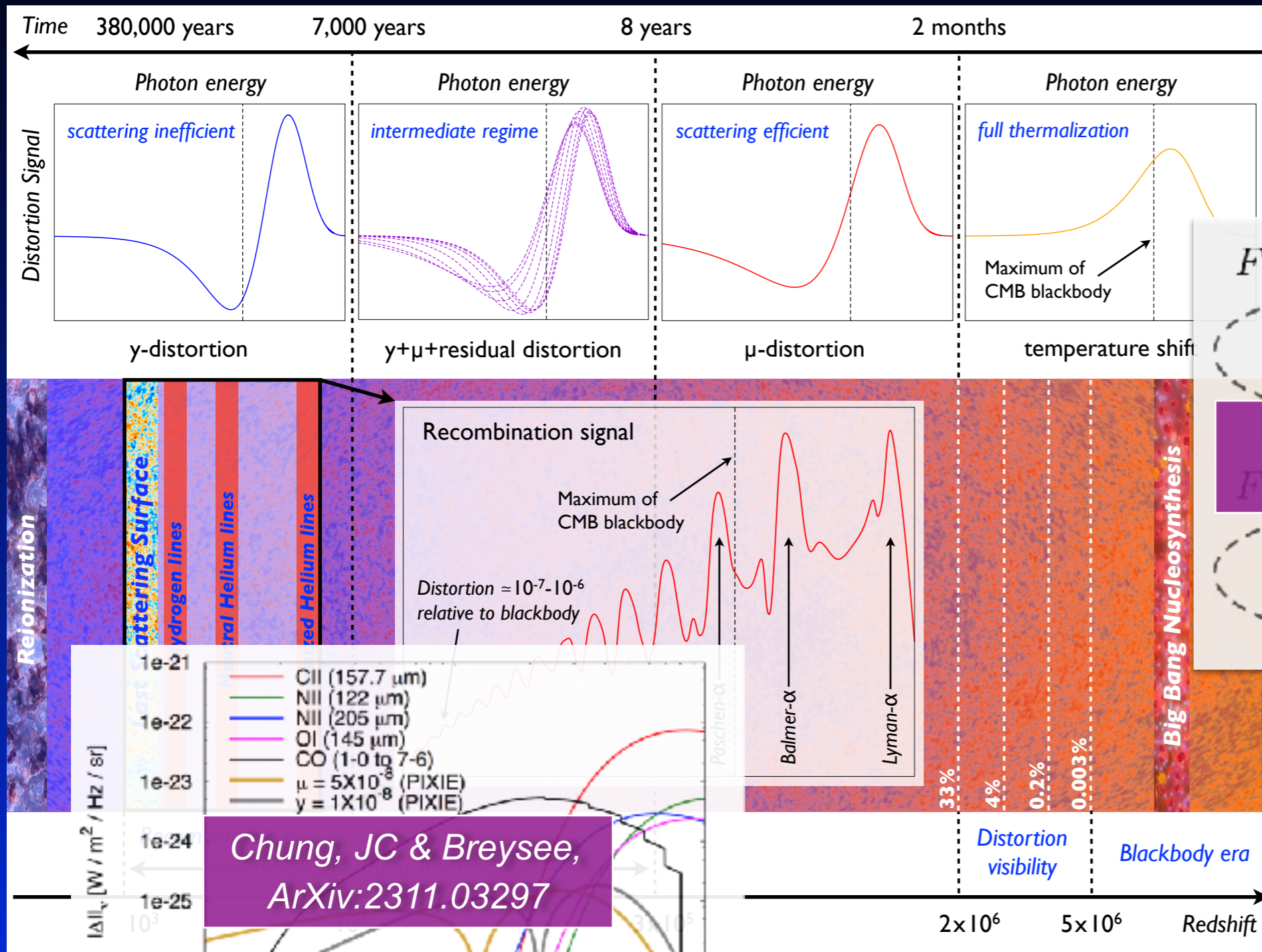
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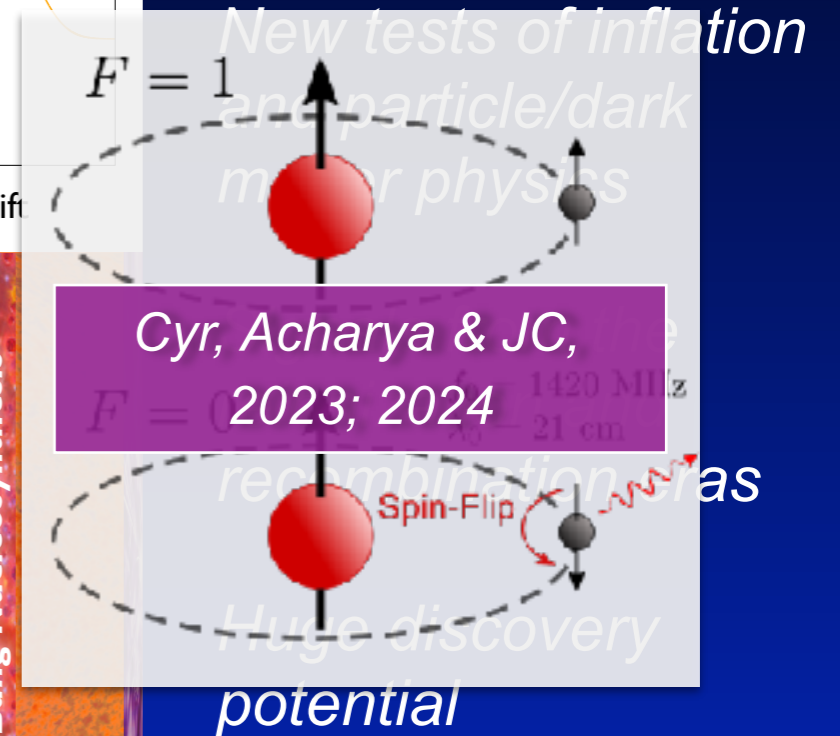
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- Foreground challenge for extraction of  $\mu$ -distortion monopole
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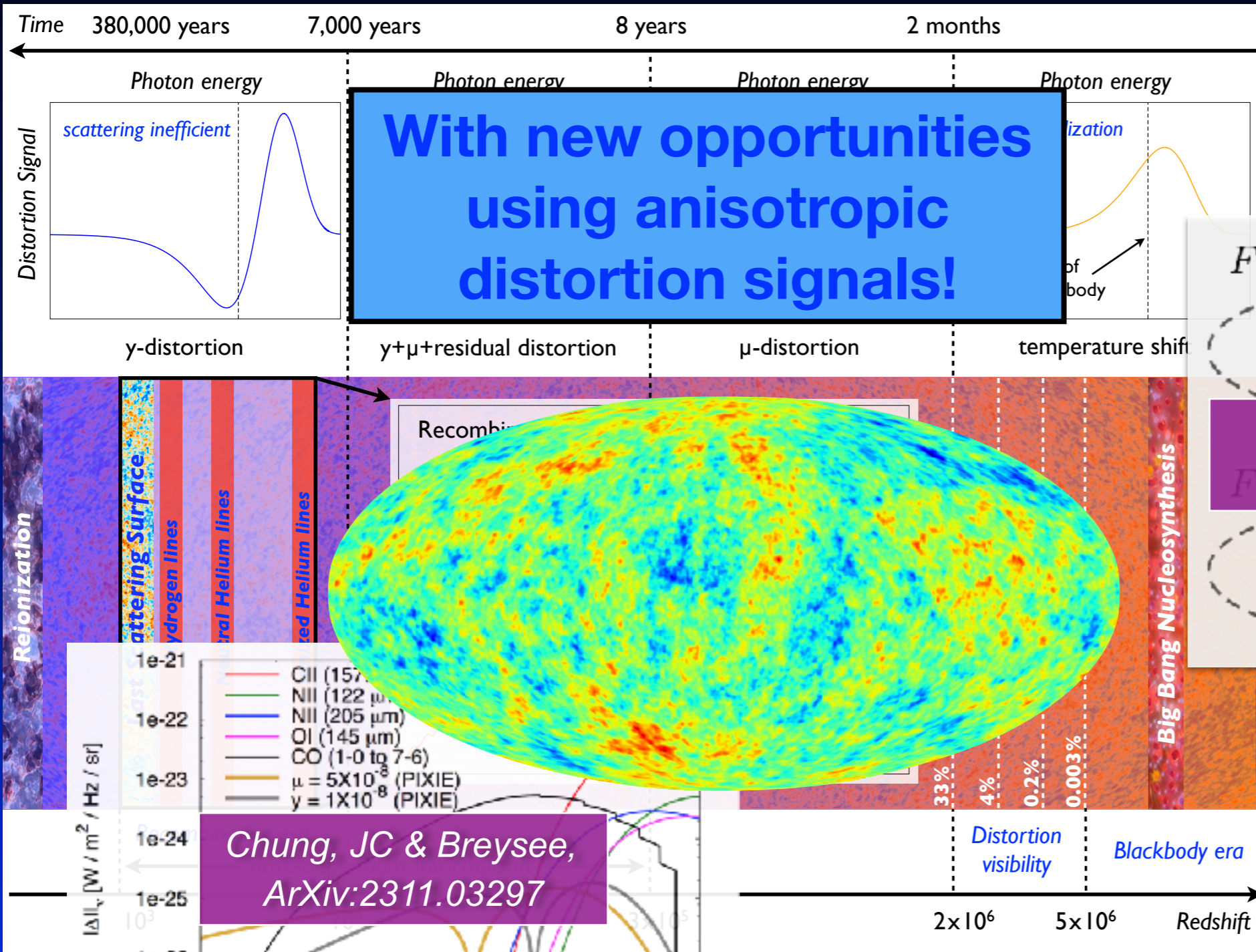


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**Litebird, CMB-S4, PICO**

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**With new opportunities using anisotropic distortion signals!**



New tests of inflation and particle/dark matter physics

$F = 1$

Cyr, Acharya & JC, 2023; 2024

1420 MHz

21 cm

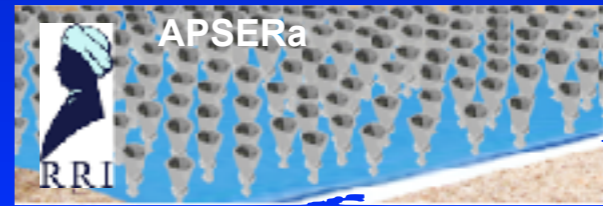
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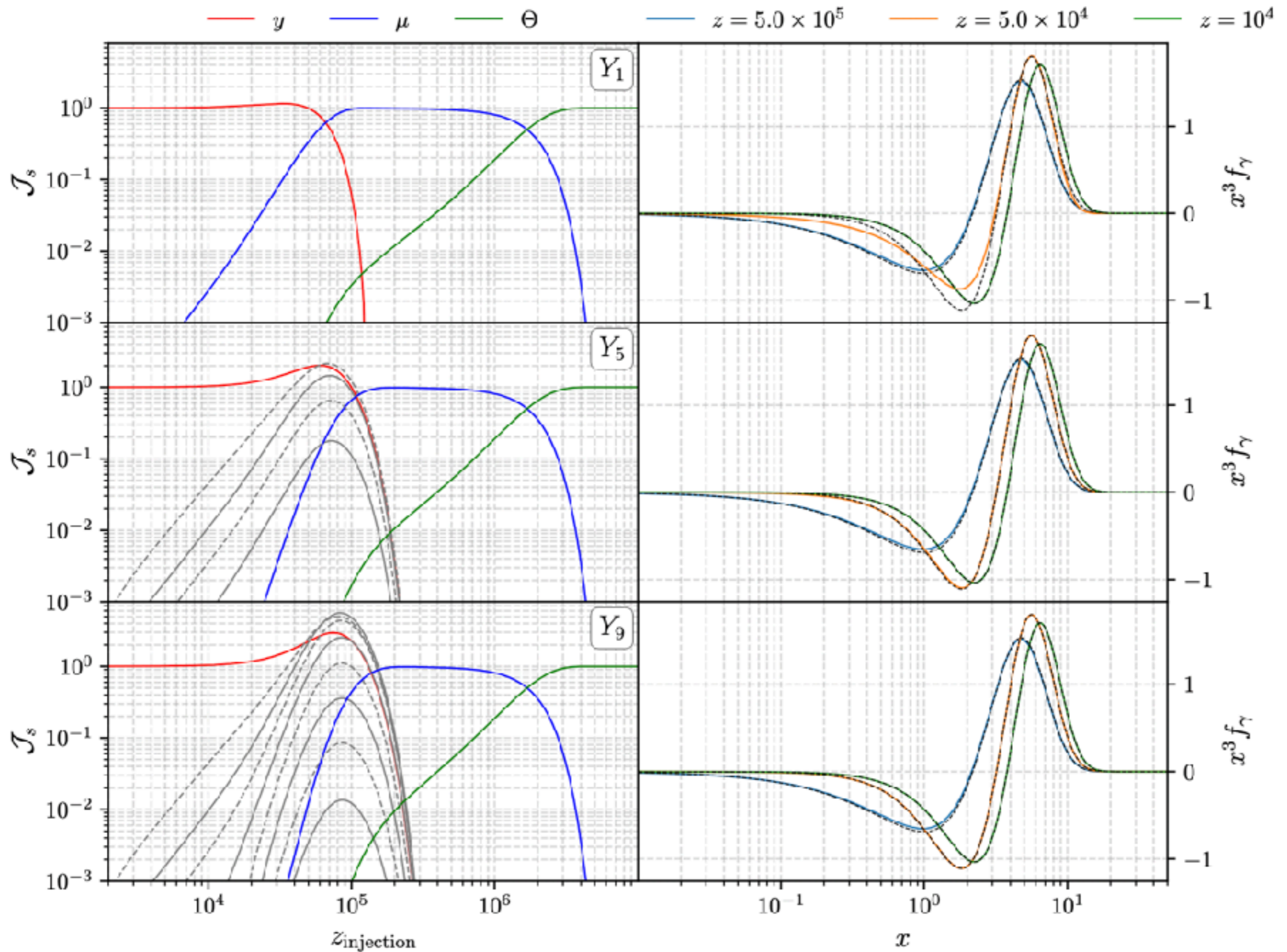


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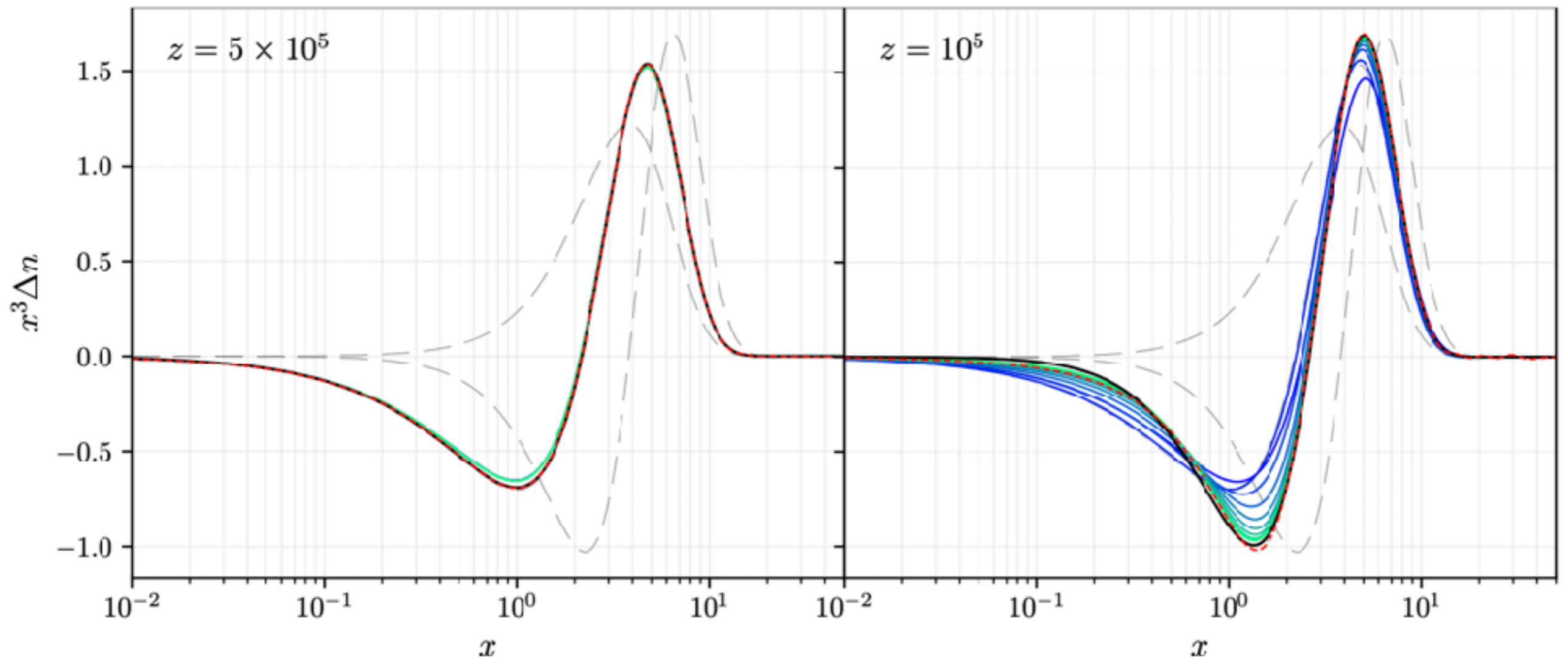


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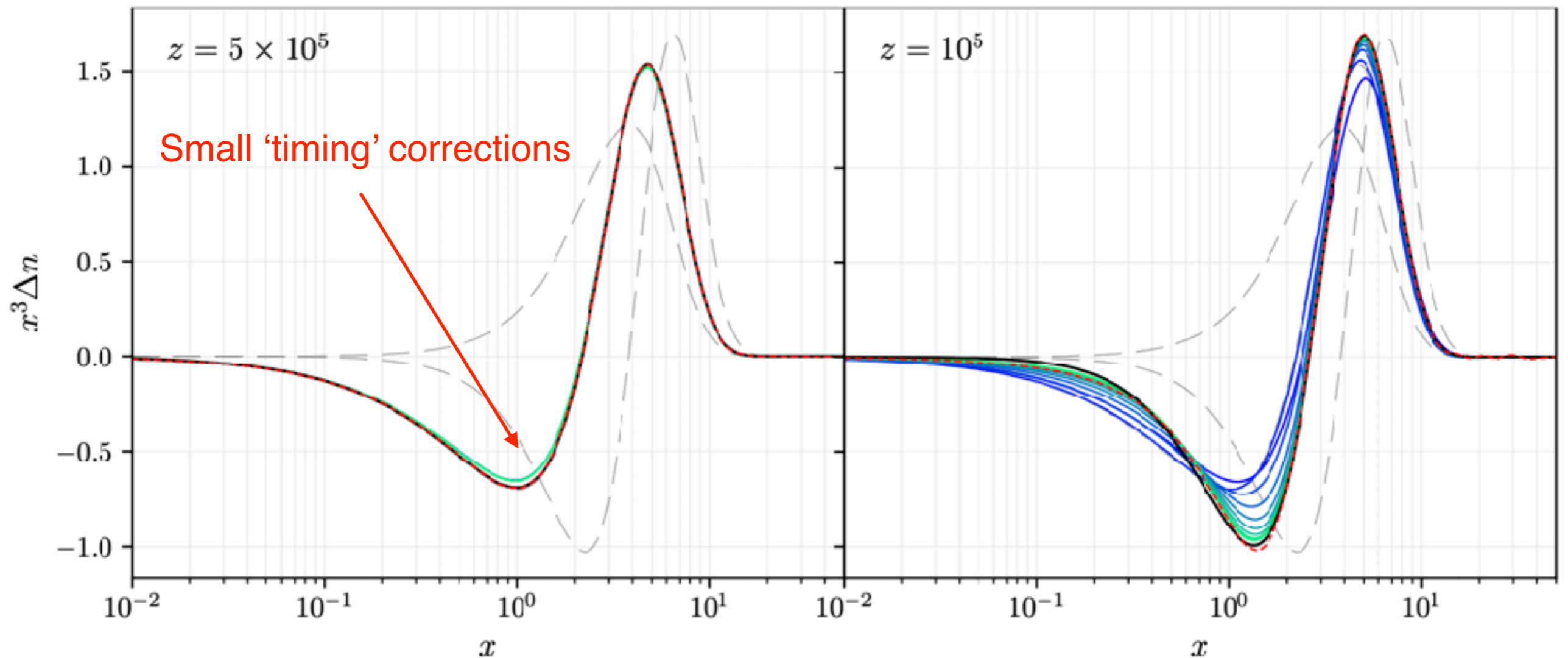


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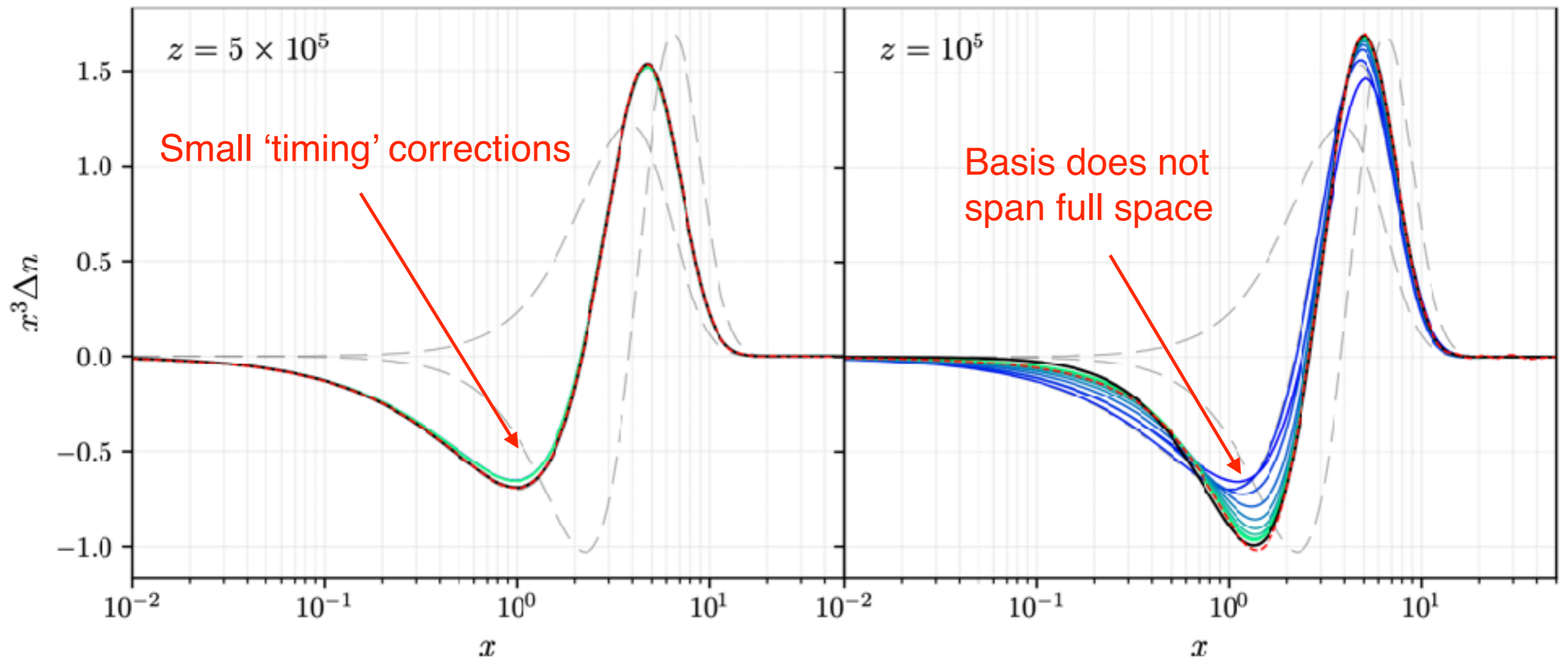
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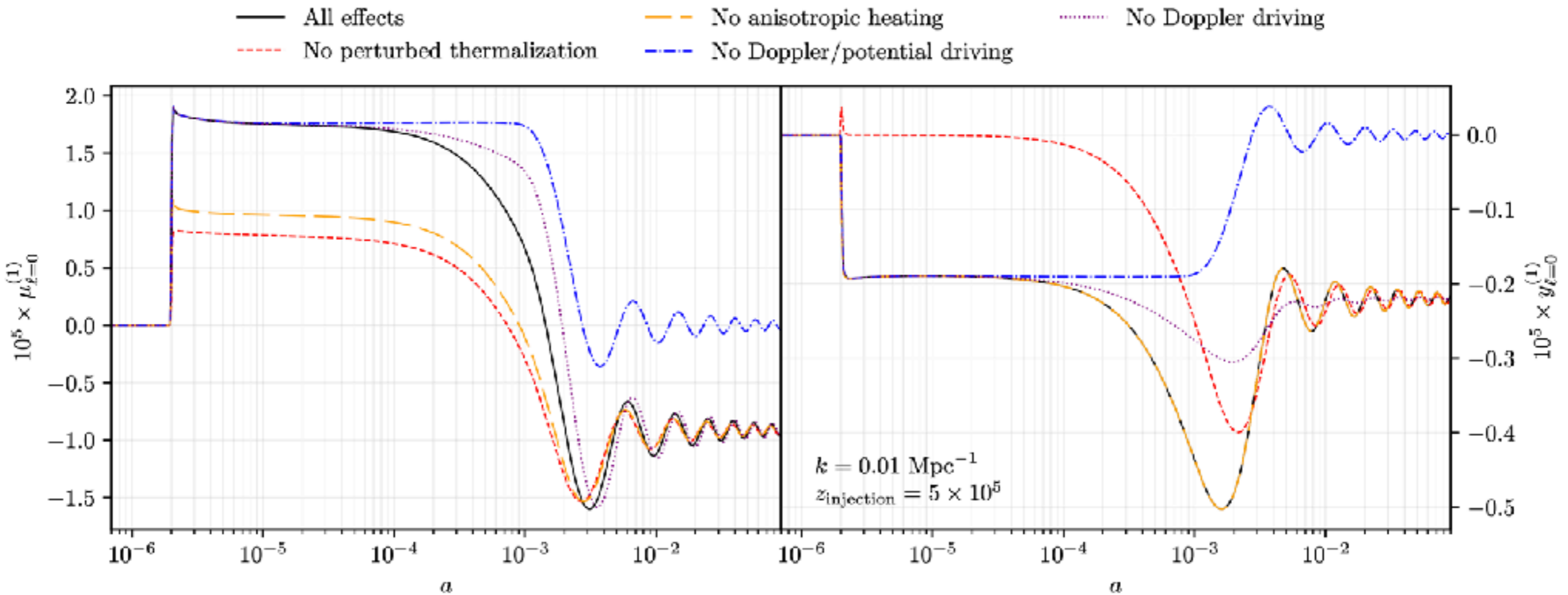


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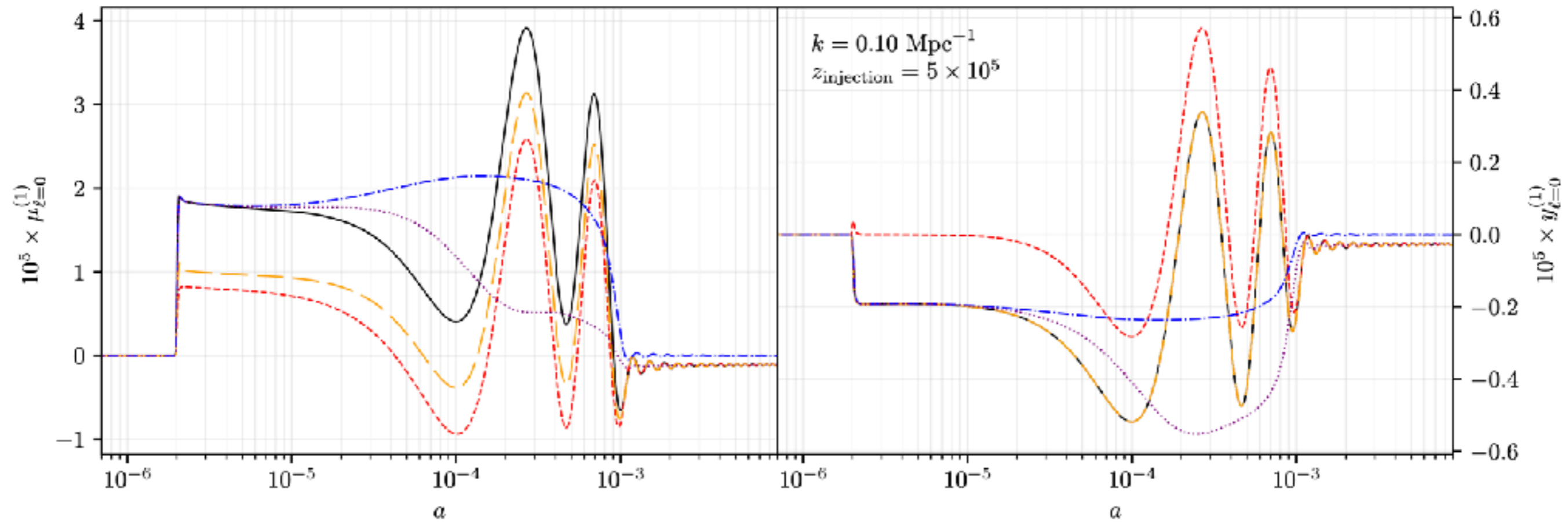


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- - - No anisotropic heating
- - - No Dopler/potential driving
- ⋯ No Doppler driving



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