

# Dark Photon, CMB and radio data in our inhomogeneous universe

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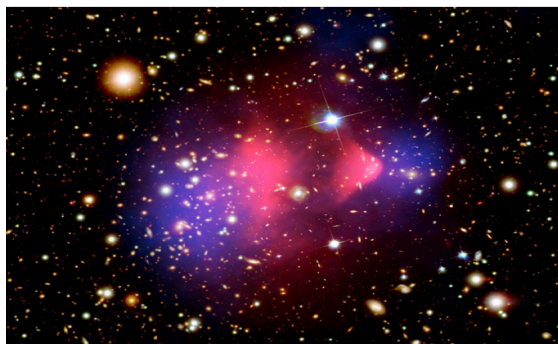
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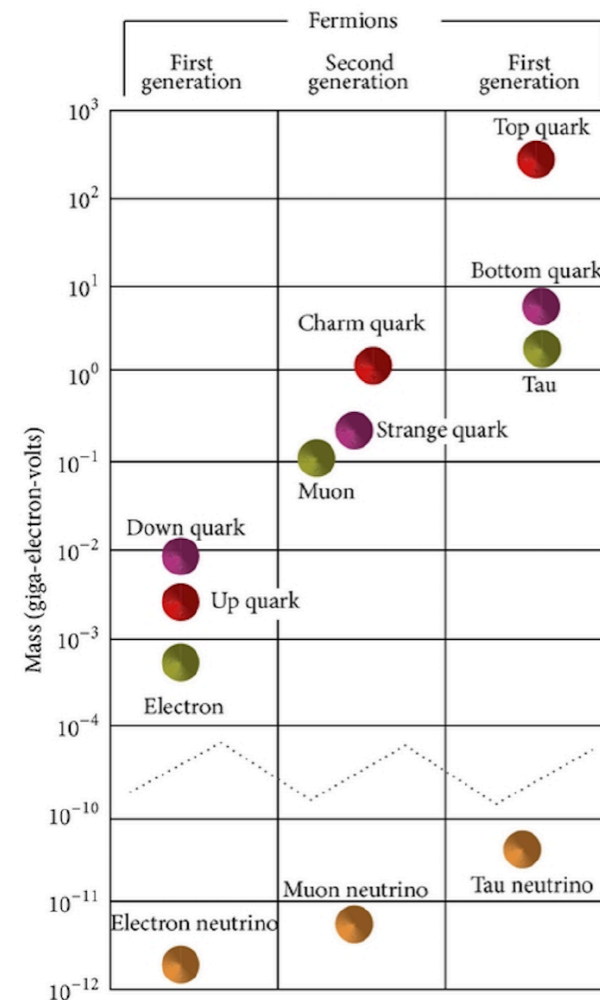
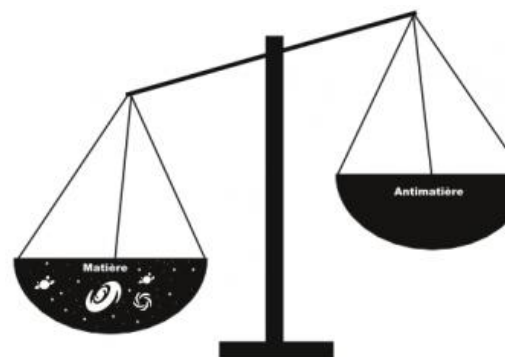
# We have a lot of evidences for physics beyond the Standard Model

Dark Matter

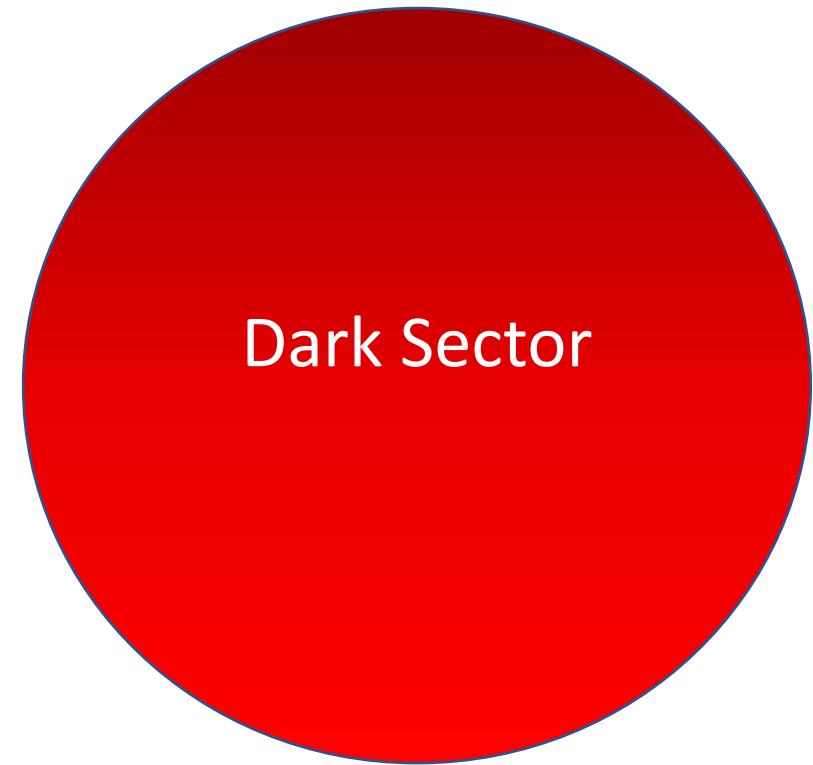


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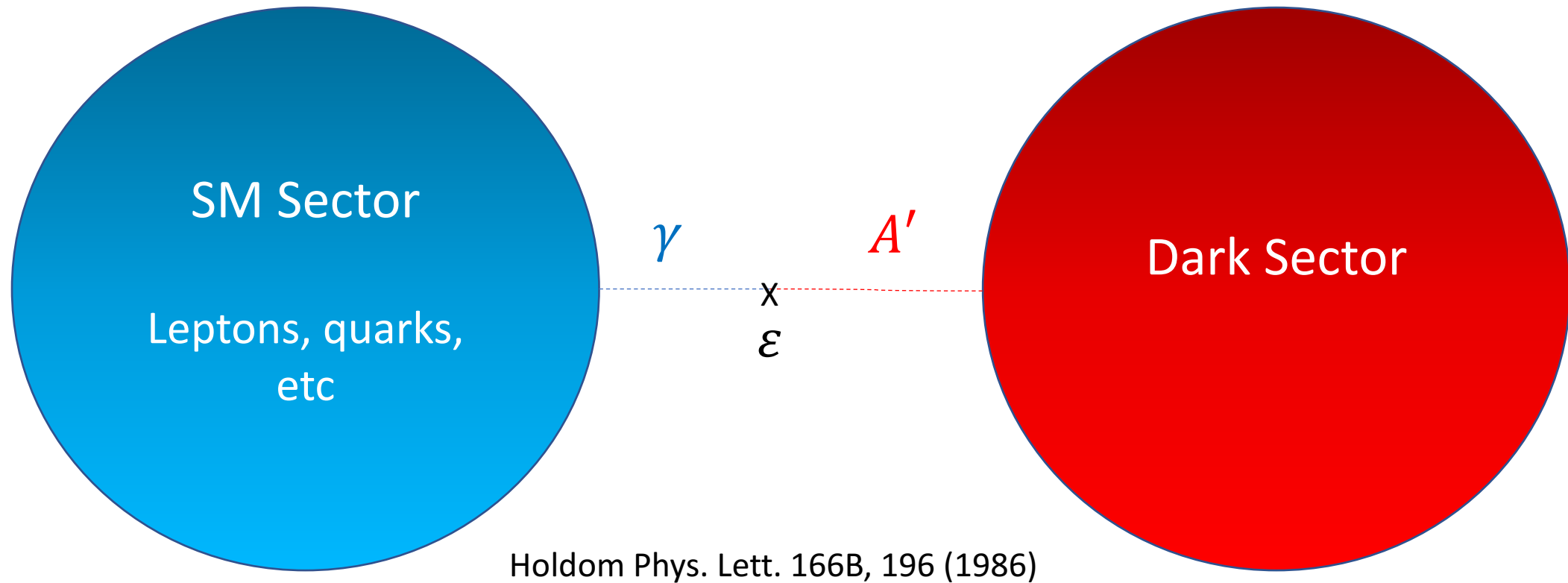
Matter Antimatter asymmetry



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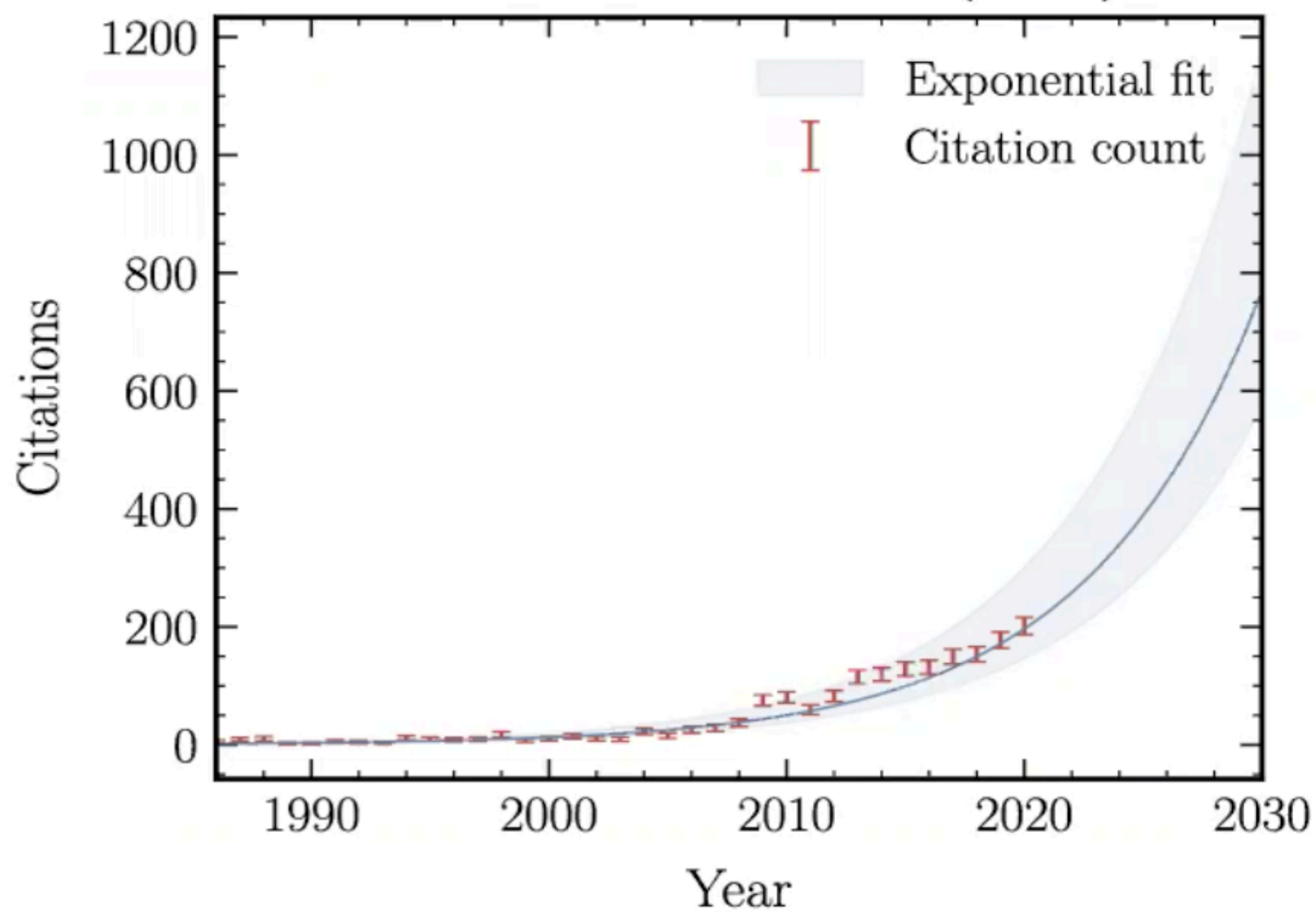
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We explored the so called vector portal, introducing a kinetic mixing among the SM photon and a **Dark photon** (other portal are possible, such as Higgs portal or neutrinos portal)

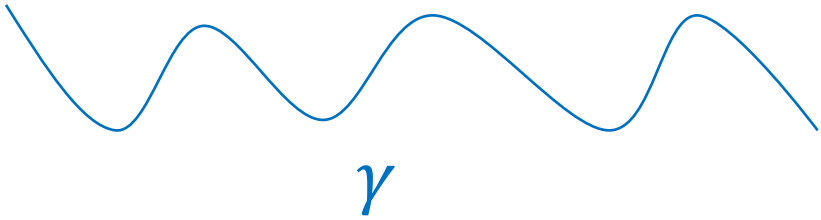


## Citations for Holdom (1986)

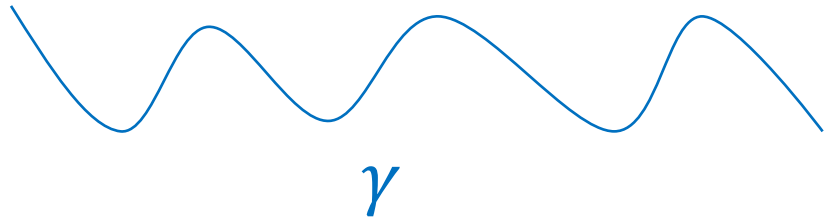


Now some plasma physics

Photons in Vacuum are massless



However medium effects give photon a mass,  
the usually called **plasma mass**



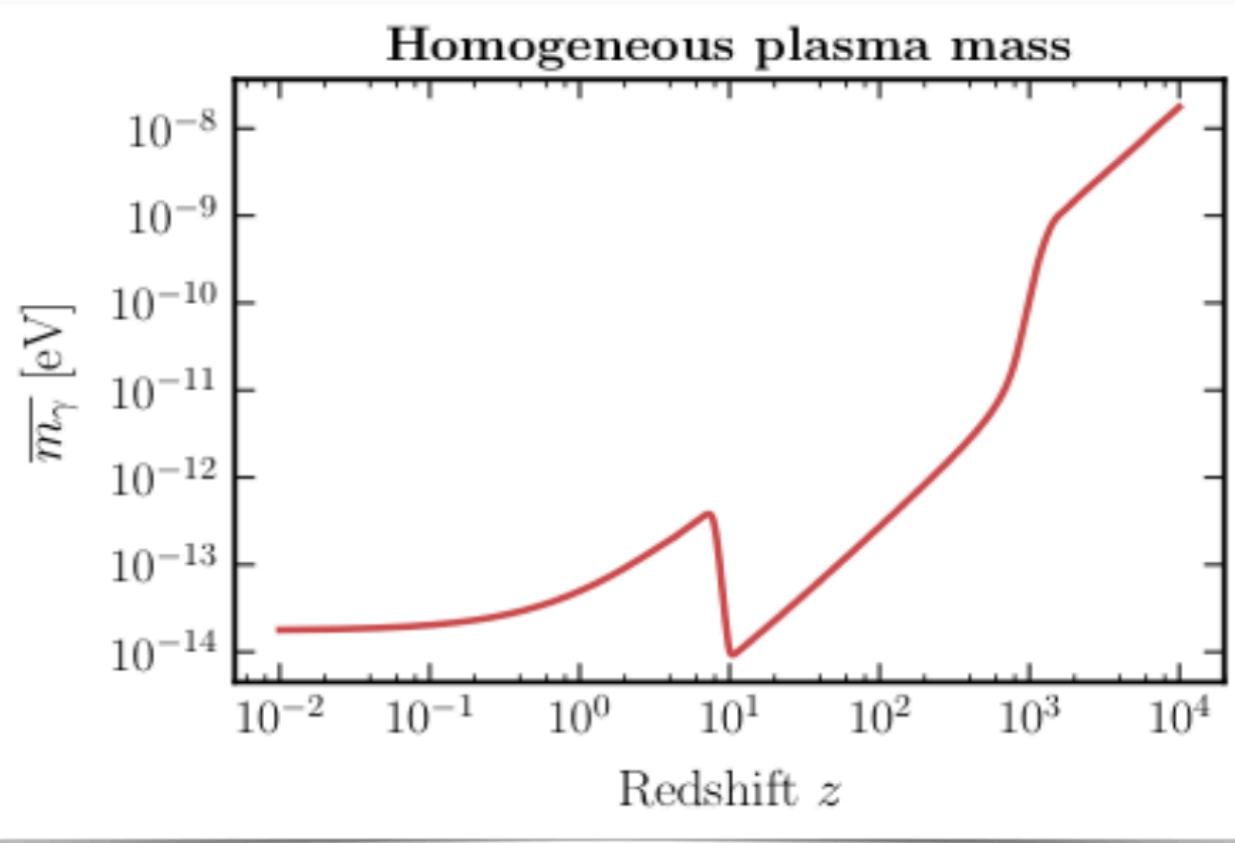
$$m_\gamma^2(z, \vec{x}) \simeq 1.4 \times 10^{-21} \text{ eV}^2 \left( \frac{n_e(z, \vec{x})}{\text{cm}^{-3}} \right)$$

Generally in media the dispersion relations are generally modified by the interactions with the background.

$$\omega^2 = k^2 + \omega_P^2 \left( 1 + \frac{k^2}{\omega^2} \frac{T}{m_e} \right) \quad \text{Transverse,}$$

$$\omega^2 = \omega_P^2 \left( 1 + 3 \frac{k^2}{\omega^2} \frac{T}{m_e} \right) \quad \text{Longitudinal.}$$

# Homogeneous Plasma Mass

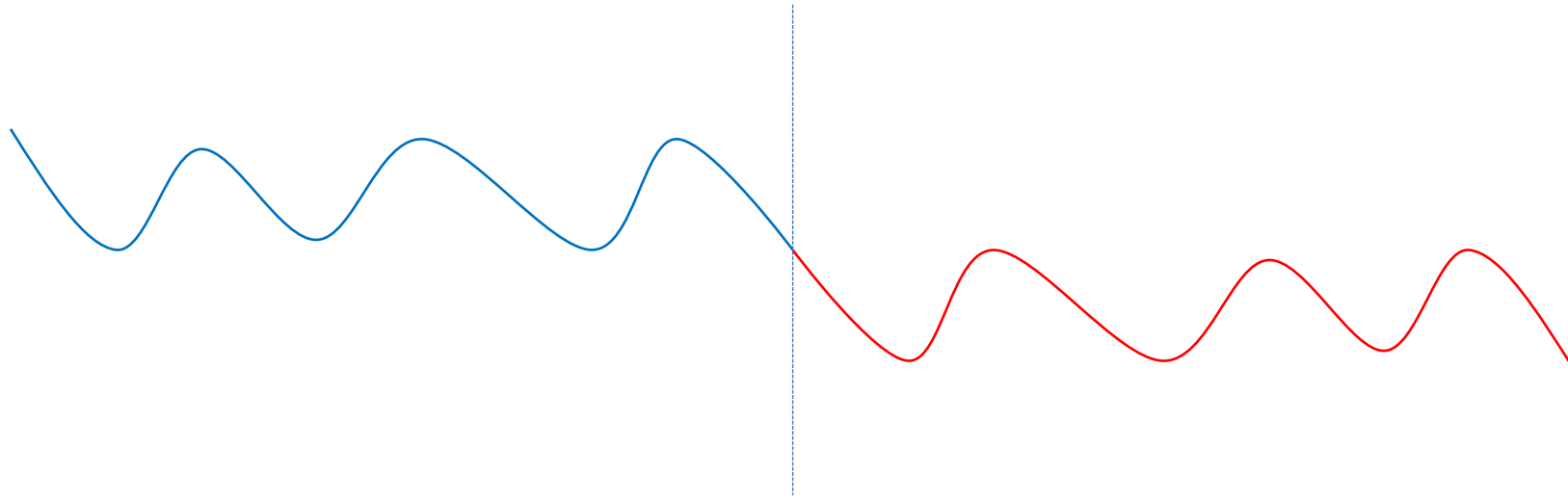


In the assumption of homogeneous medium, the photon mass after recombination varies between  $10^{-9}$  and  $10^{-14}$  eV

# Resonant Oscillations

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$\omega$



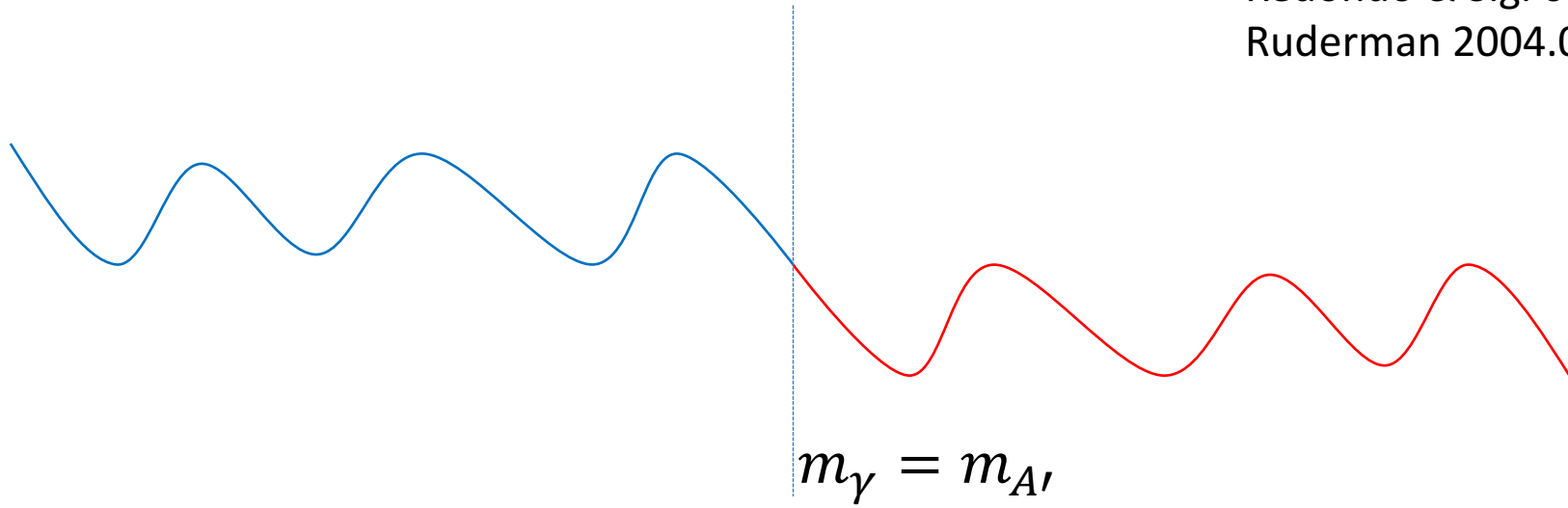
$$m_\gamma = m_{A'}$$

$$P_{\gamma \rightarrow A'} \simeq \sum_i \frac{\pi m_{A'}^2 \epsilon^2}{\omega(t_i)} \left| \frac{d \ln m_\gamma^2(t)}{dt} \right|_{t=t_i}^{-1},$$

Landau-Zener  
approximation

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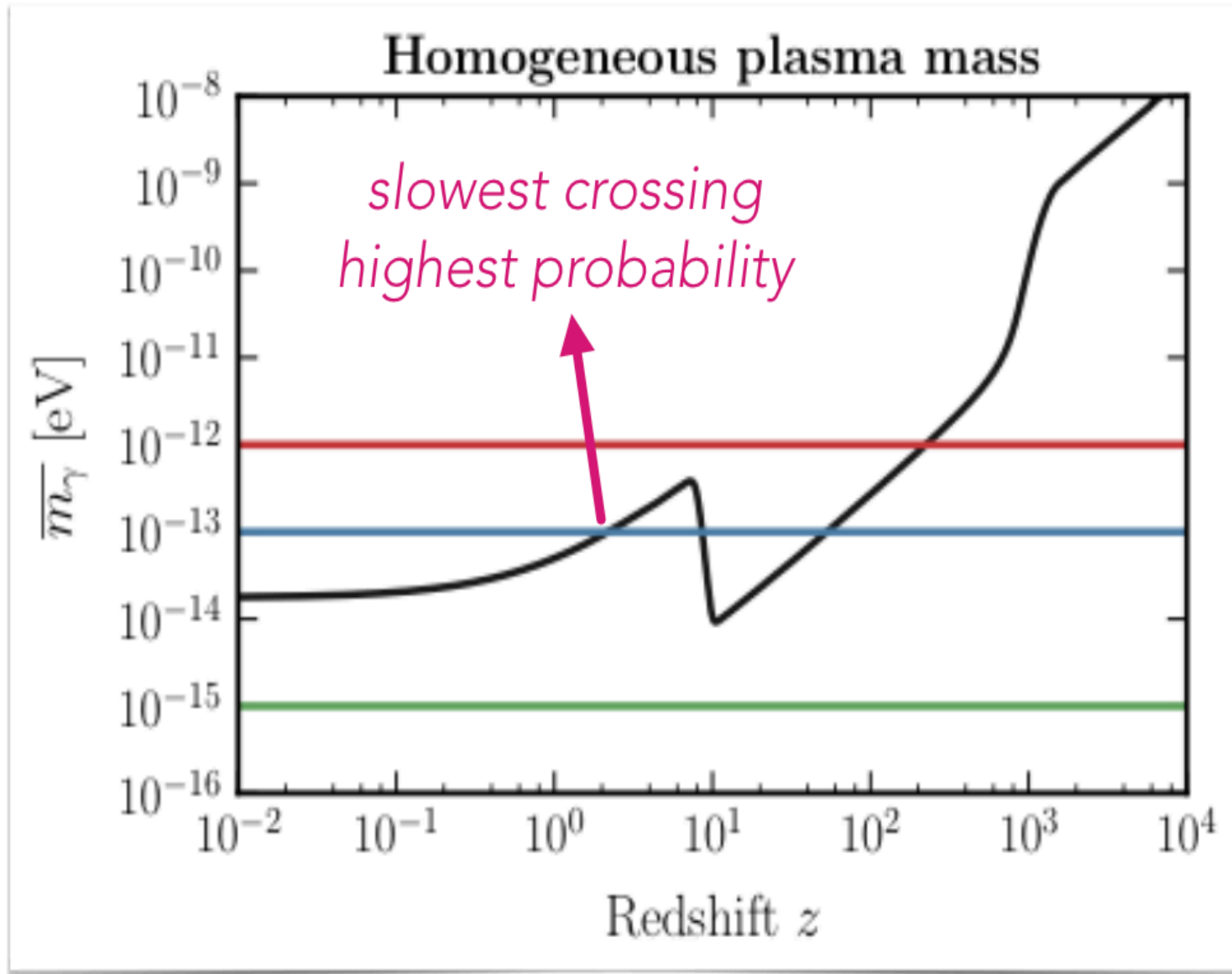
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$$P_{\gamma \rightarrow A'} = 2\pi \times \epsilon^2 \times \frac{m_{A'}^2}{2\omega} \times \left| \frac{d \ln m_\gamma^2}{dt} \right|_{m_\gamma = m_{A'}}^{-1}$$

$\nearrow$  mixing  
 $\nearrow (\gamma \rightarrow A' \text{ vacuum oscillation length})^{-1}$   
 $\nearrow$  resonance timescale  $\sim H^{-1}$

# You can also have multiple resonances!



$$P_{\gamma \rightarrow A'} = \sum_i \frac{\pi \epsilon^2 m_{A'}^2}{\omega} \left| \frac{d \ln m_\gamma^2}{dt} \right|^{-1}_{t_i=t_{\text{res}}}$$

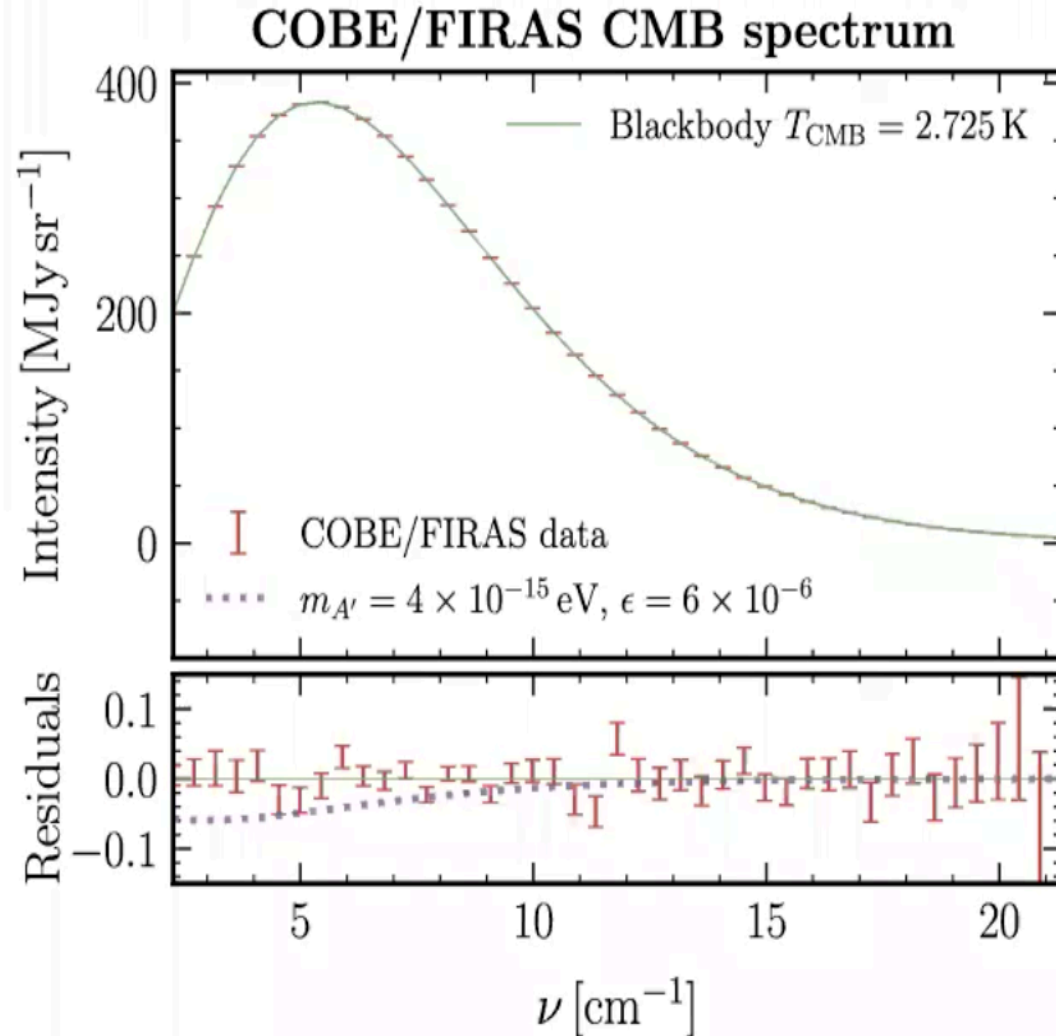
1 crossing

3 crossings

0 crossings



# CMB spectral distortions due to $\gamma \rightarrow A'$



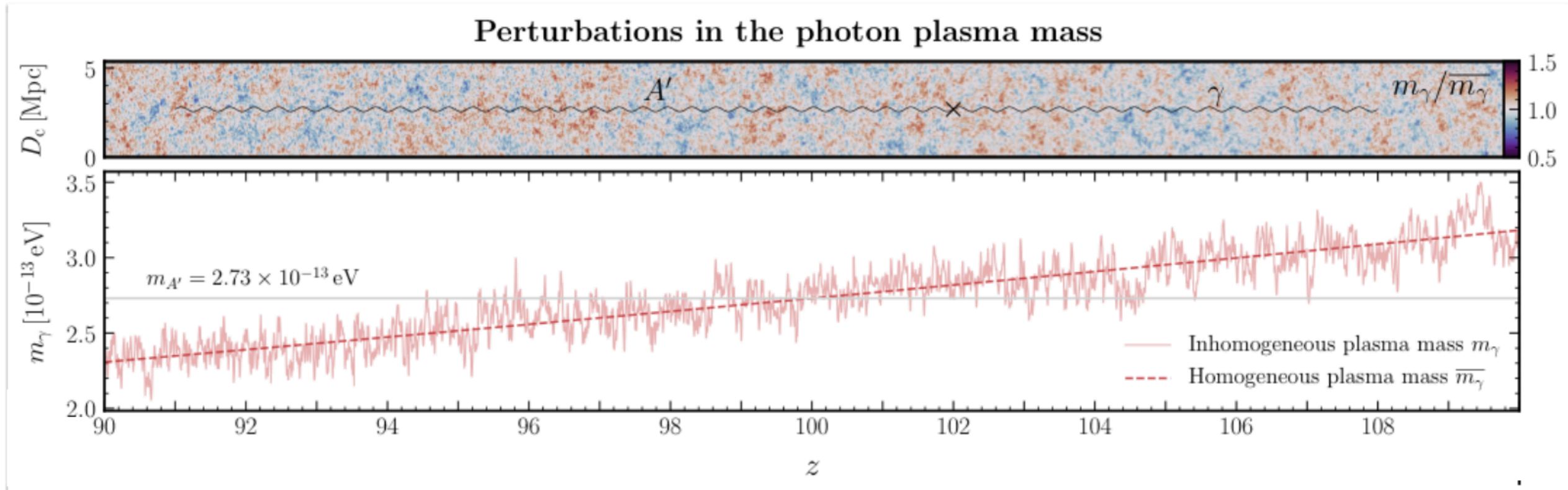
$$I_{\omega}(m_{A'}, \epsilon; T_{\text{CMB}}) = B_{\omega} (1 - P_{\gamma \rightarrow A'})$$

Blackbody spectrum

$\gamma$  disappearance probability

$$B_{\omega} = \frac{\omega^3}{2\pi^2} \left[ \exp\left(\frac{\omega}{T_{\text{CMB}}}\right) - 1 \right]^{-1} \quad P_{\gamma \rightarrow A'} \simeq \frac{\pi \epsilon^2 m_{A'}^2}{\omega(z_{\text{res}})} \left| \frac{d \ln m_{\gamma}^2(t)}{dt} \right|^{-1}_{z=z_{\text{res}}}$$

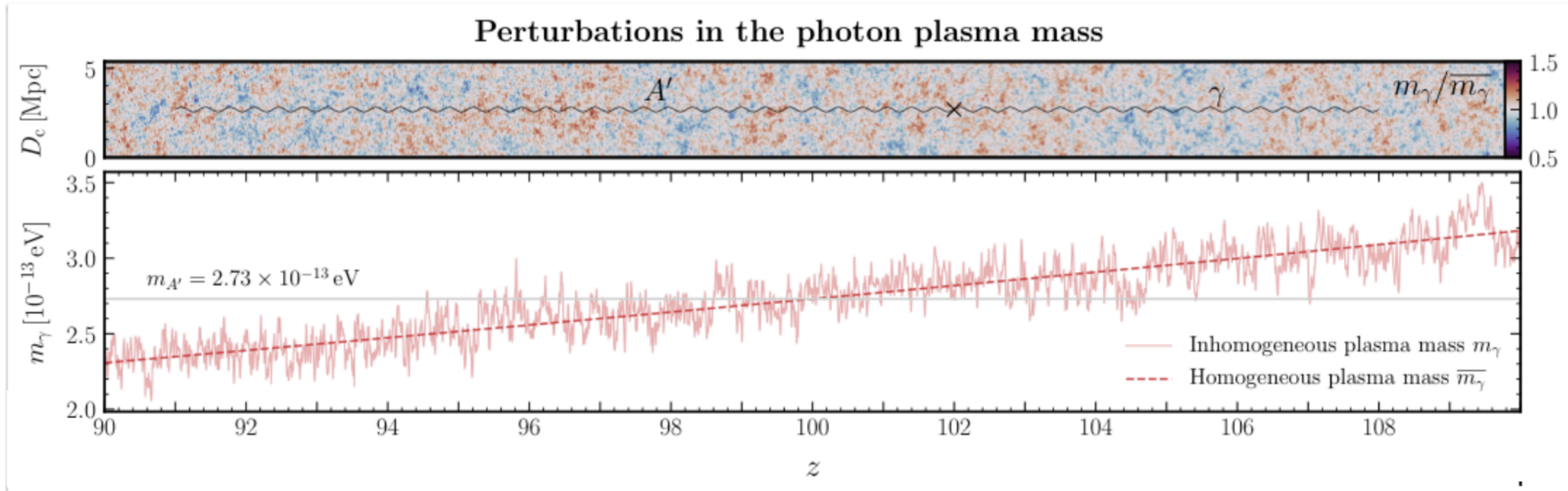
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The Universe is not homogeneous!



A. Caputo, H. Liu, S. Mishra-Sharma & J. T. Ruderman 2002.05165 and  
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See also the related works: Bondarenko, Pradler & Sokolenko 2002.08942 A. A. Garcia+ 2003.10465 Witte+ 2003.13698

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**Fluctuations** in electron density generate then fluctuations in the plasma mass of the photon. We have to make an average to get the real probability of conversion. We did this analytically!

# The analytical formula

## Rice's Formula (1944)

### Mathematical Analysis of Random Noise

By S. O. RICE

#### INTRODUCTION

**T**HIS paper deals with the mathematical analysis of noise obtained by passing random noise through physical devices. The random noise

$$P_{\gamma \rightarrow A'} = \int dt \frac{\pi \epsilon^2 m_{A'}^2}{\omega(t)} \delta_D(m_\gamma^2 - m_{A'}^2) m_\gamma^2$$

(time-dependent)  
probability density  
function

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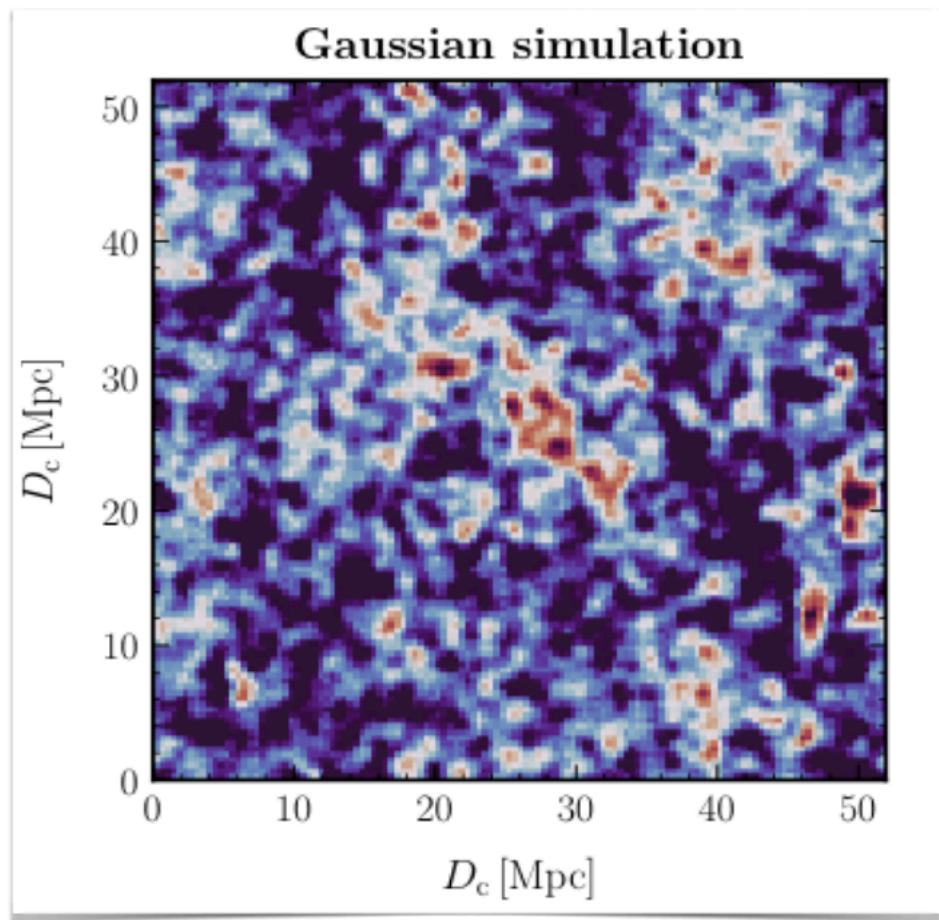
Then integrating over the mass using  
the delta function

$$\langle P_{\gamma \rightarrow A'} \rangle = \int dt f(m_\gamma^2 = m_{A'}^2; t) \frac{\pi \epsilon^2 m_{A'}^4}{\omega(t)}$$

The average conversion probability is related the PDF of the plasma mass squared



# One point PDF



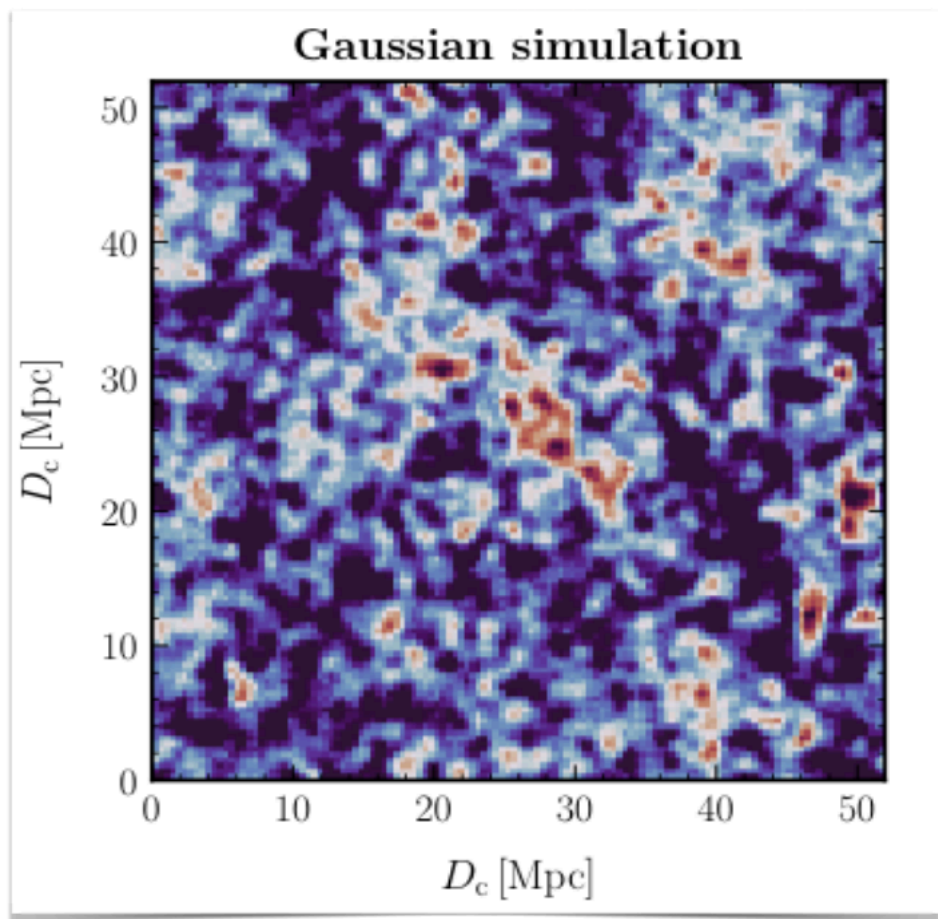
$$m_\gamma^2 \propto n_e \implies f(m_\gamma^2; t) \propto \mathcal{P}(\delta_b; t)$$

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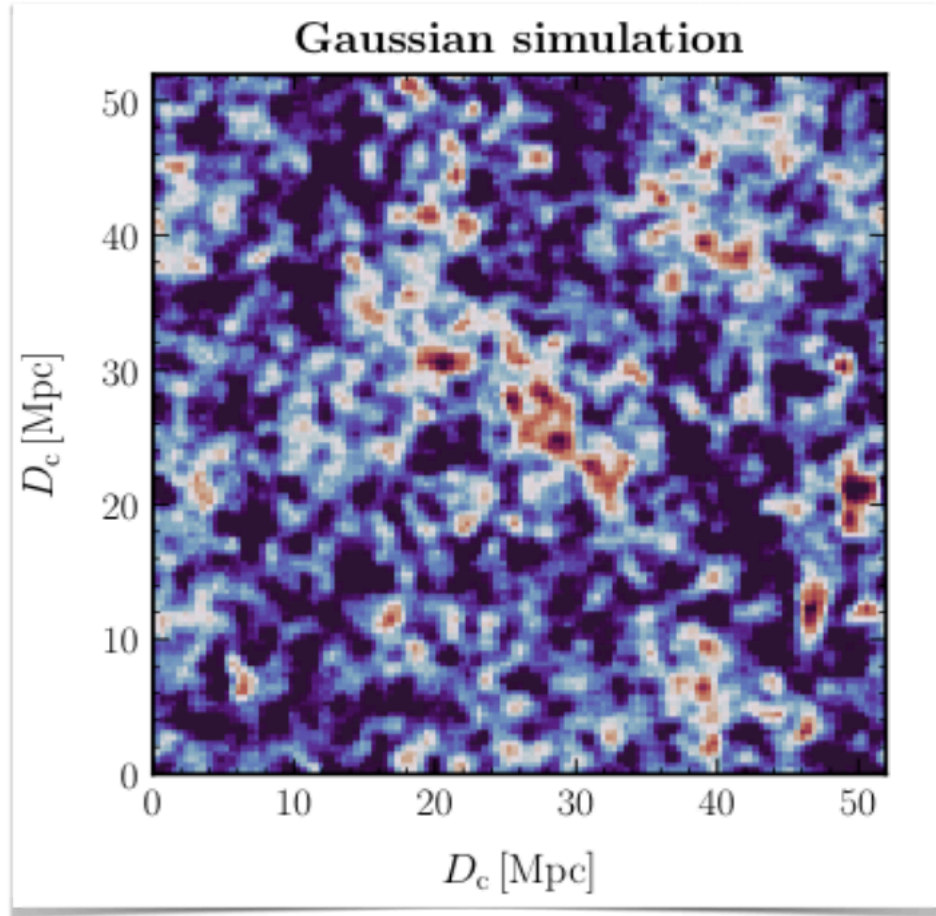
## Electron and baryon fluctuations

$$\bar{n}_e(1+\delta_e) = \bar{x}_e(1+\delta_{x_e}) \bar{n}_H(1+\delta_b)$$

$$\implies \delta_e = \delta_b + \delta_{x_e} + \delta_{x_e}\delta_b$$

$$\text{If } \delta_{x_e} \ll \delta_b \implies \delta_e \approx \delta_b$$

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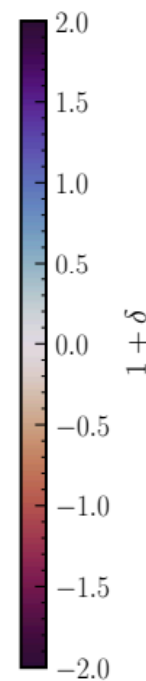
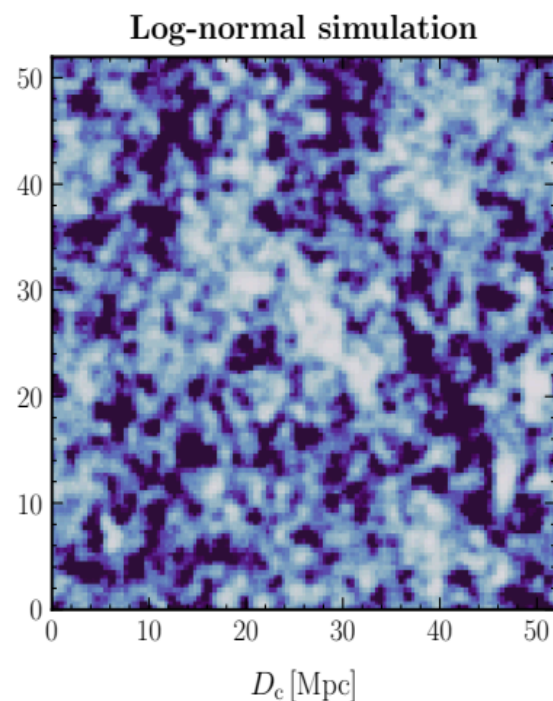
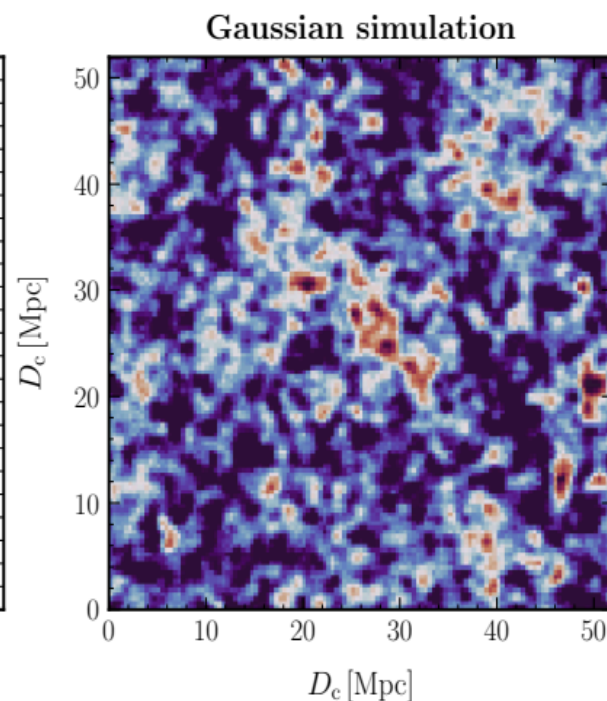
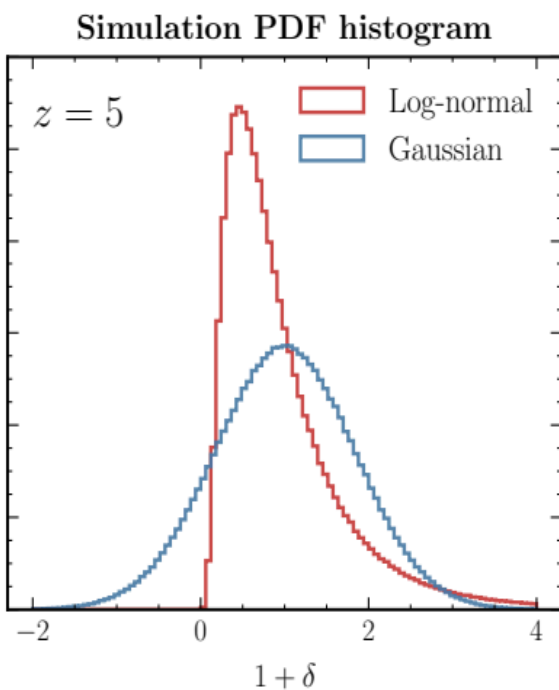
For example in the Gaussian case ( $z > 20$ )  
we would have

$$\mathcal{P}(\delta_b; z) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma_b^2(z)}} \exp\left(-\frac{\delta_b^2}{2\sigma_b^2(z)}\right)$$



# Log-normal PDF

$$\mathcal{P}_{\text{LN}}(\delta_b; z) = \frac{(1+\delta_b)^{-1}}{\sqrt{2\pi \Sigma^2(z)}} \exp \left( -\frac{\left[ \ln(1+\delta_b) + \Sigma^2(z)/2 \right]^2}{2\Sigma^2(z)} \right)$$



# Alternative PDF prescriptions

## Log-normal PDF

Log-normal PDF with nonlinear baryon power spectrum

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## “Analytic” PDF

Non-linear spherical collapse of linear matter field

Ivanov, Kaurov, Sibiryakov [1811.07913]

$$\mathcal{P}_{\text{an}}(\delta_b; z) = \frac{\hat{C}(\delta_b)}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma_{R_j}^2(z)}} \exp \left[ -\frac{F^2(\delta_b)}{2\sigma_{R_j}^2(z)} \right]$$

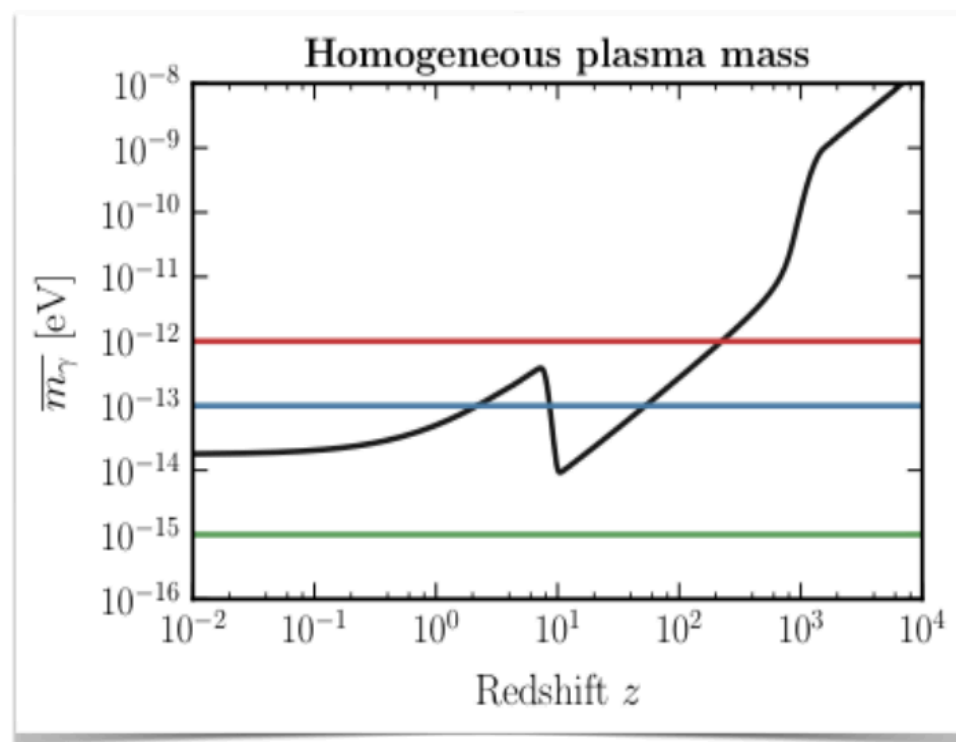
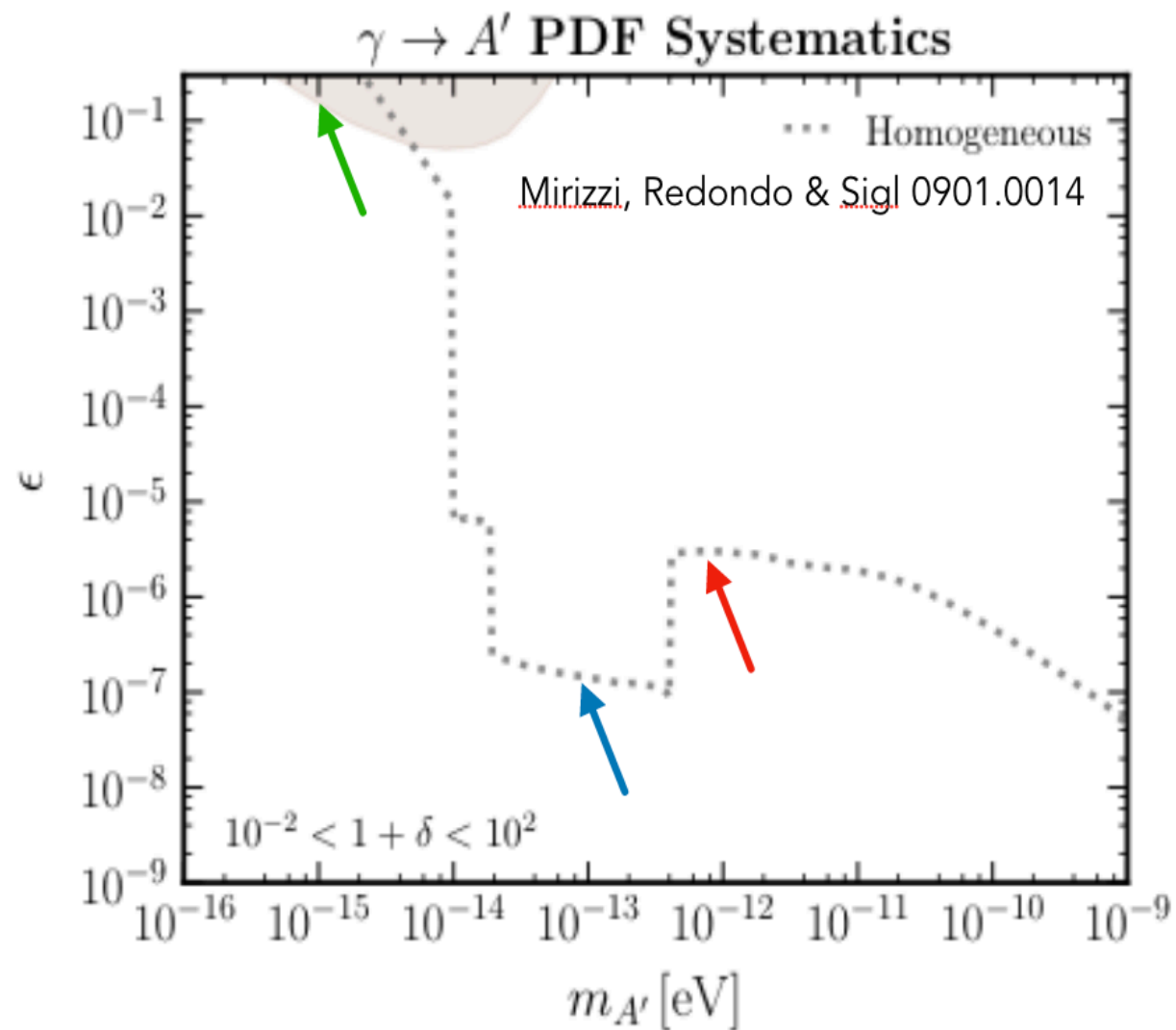
## Cosmic voids PDF

PDF of matter underdensities

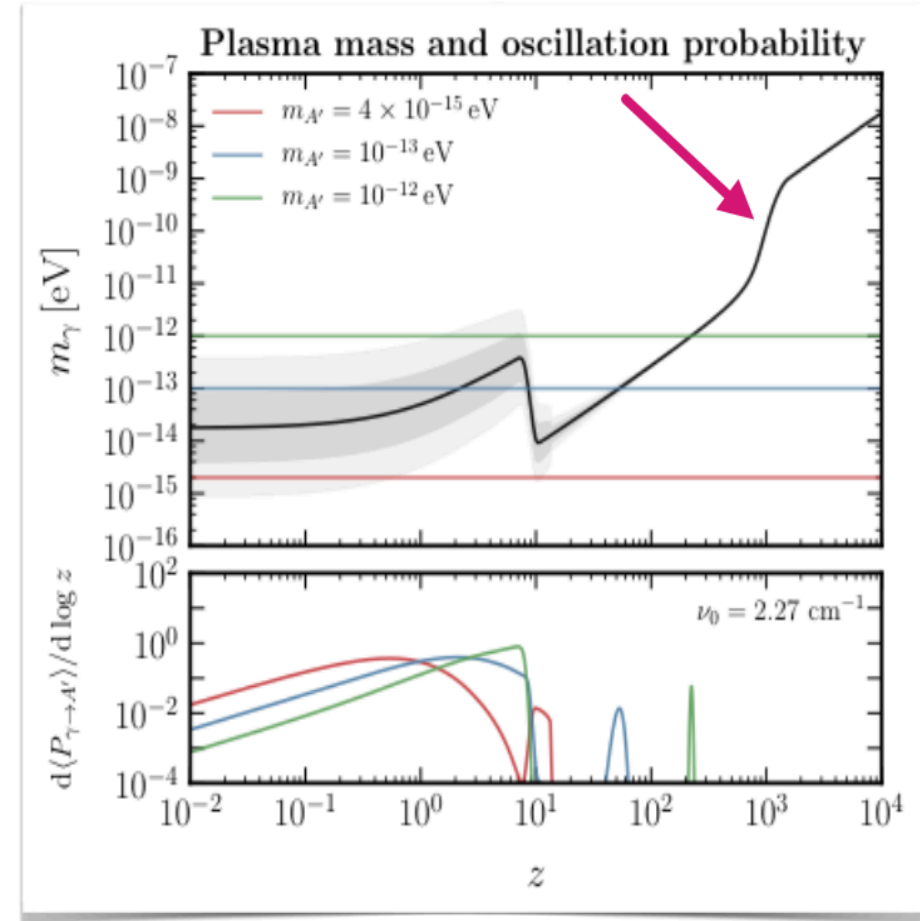
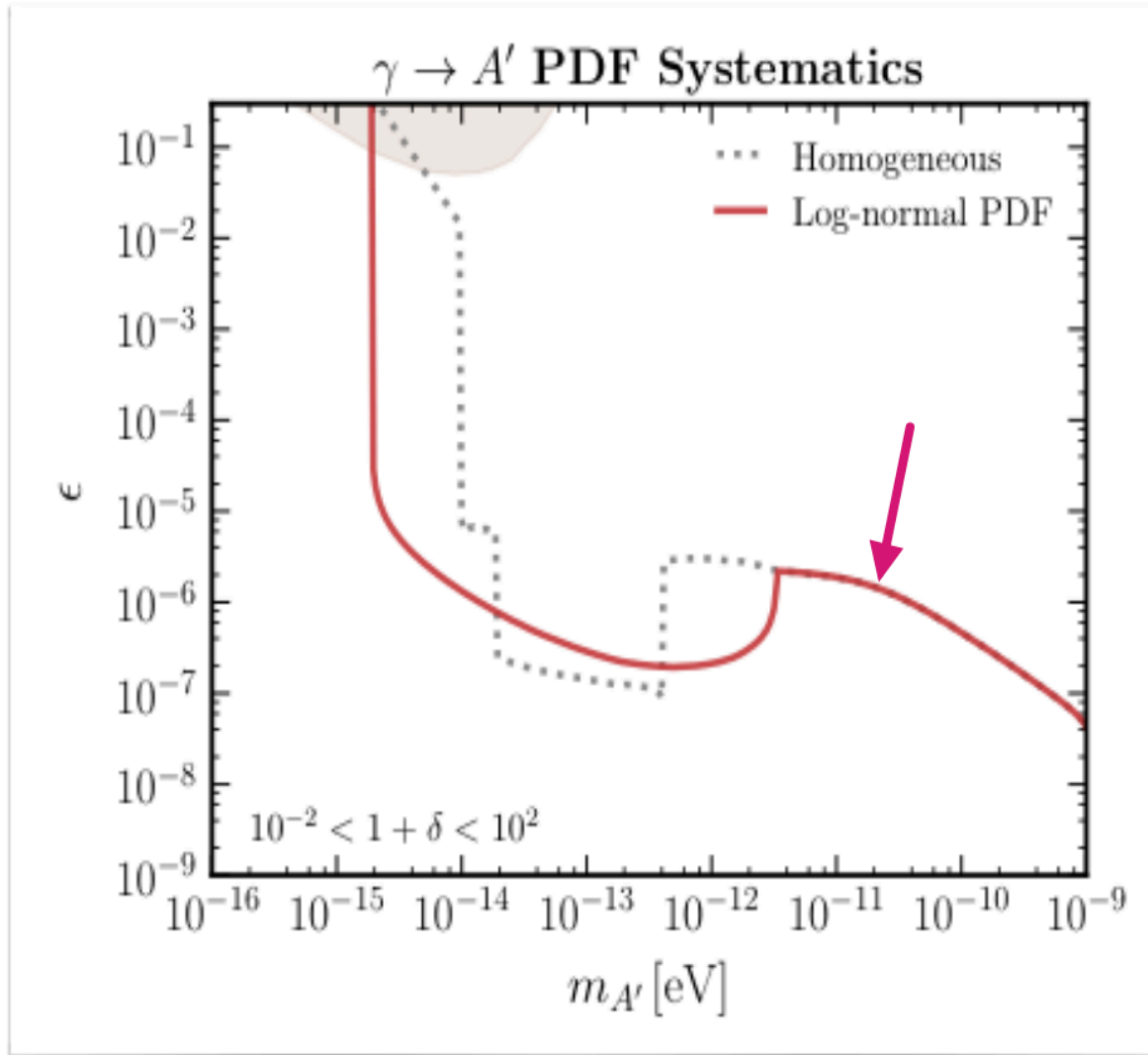
Adermann et al [1703.04885, 1807.02938]

$$\mathcal{P}_{\text{voids}}(\delta_b; z) \sim \text{from simulations}$$

# CMB Constraints

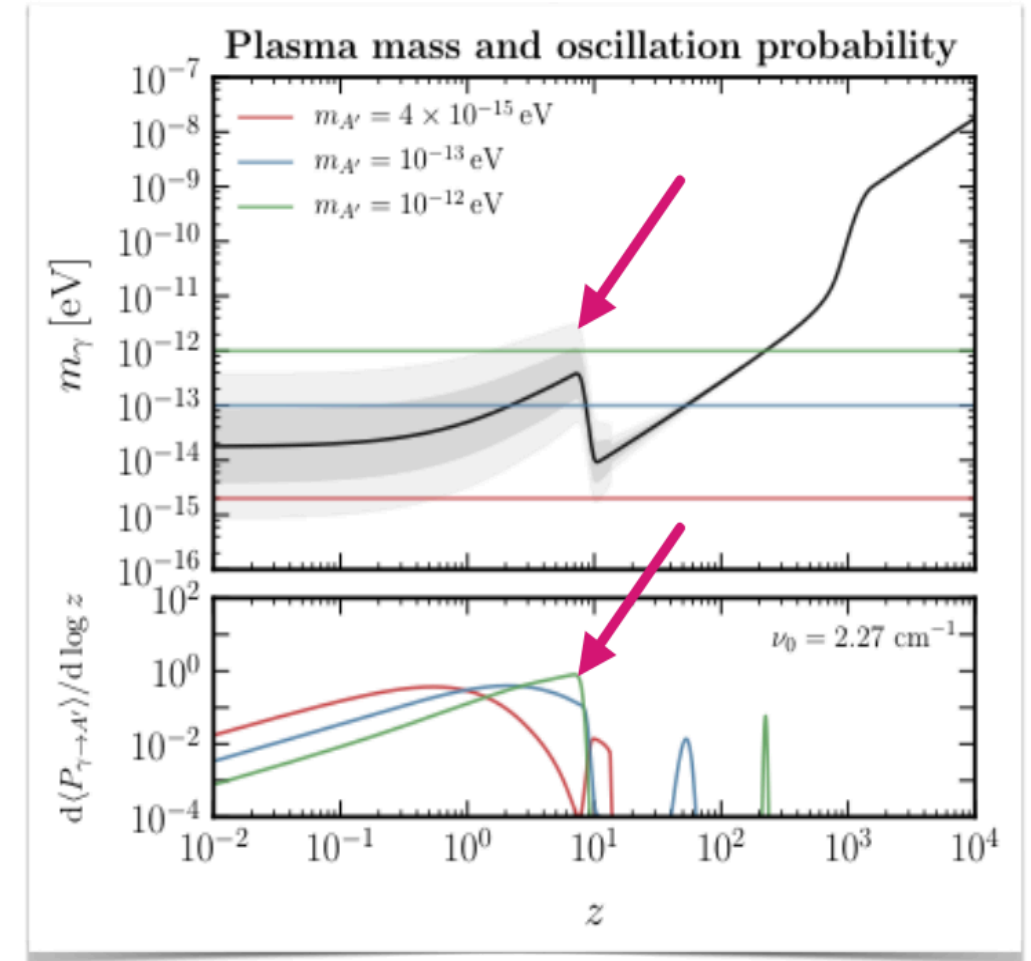
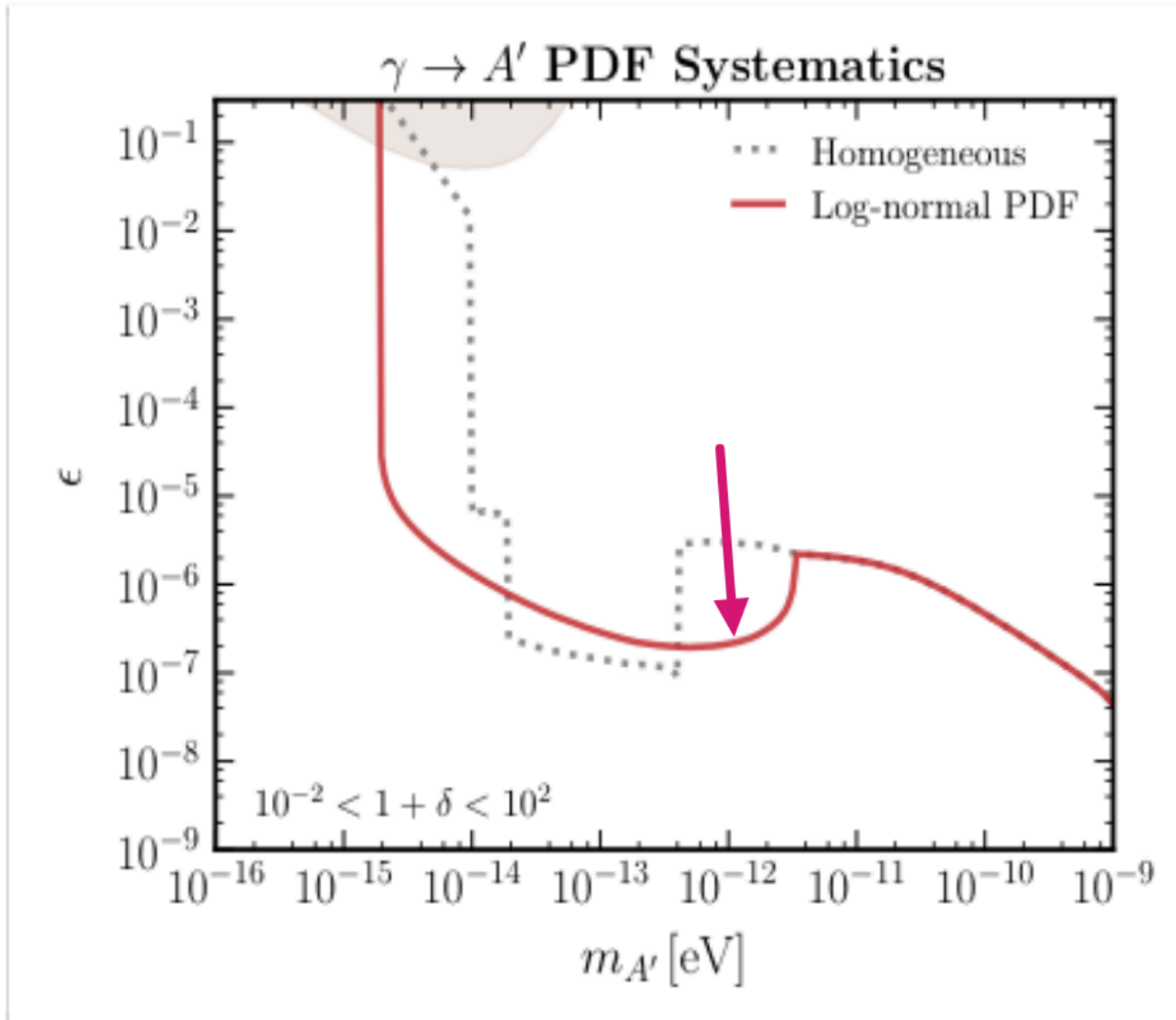


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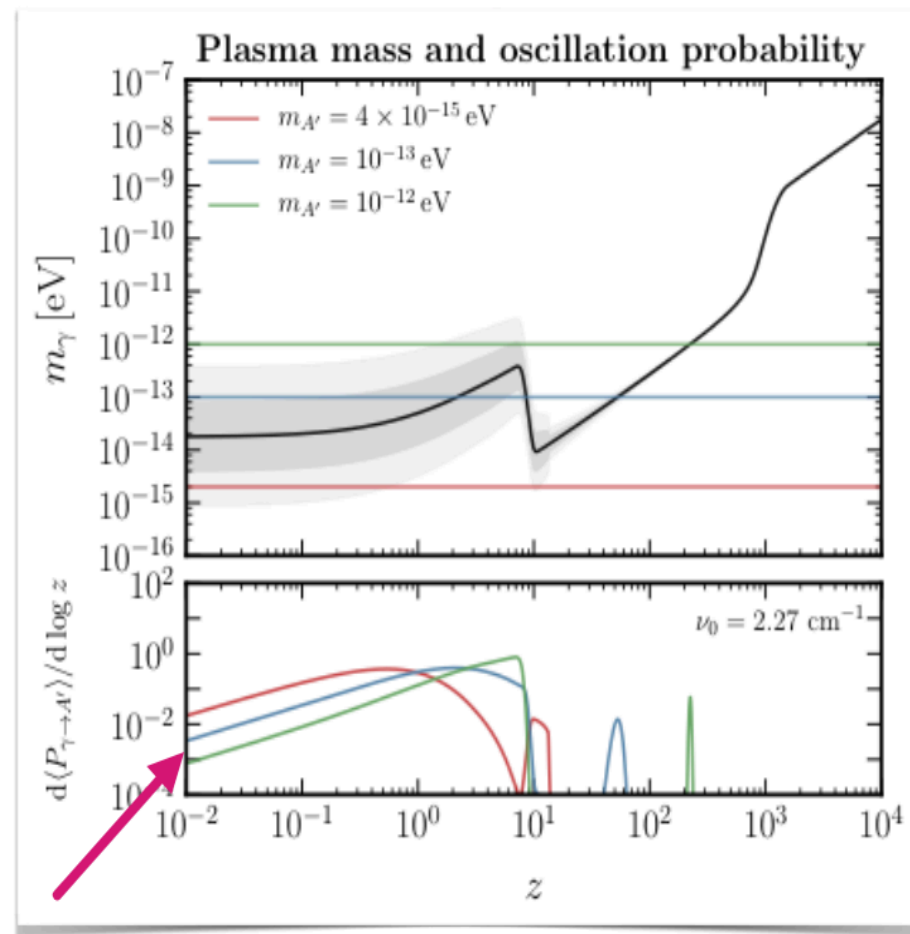
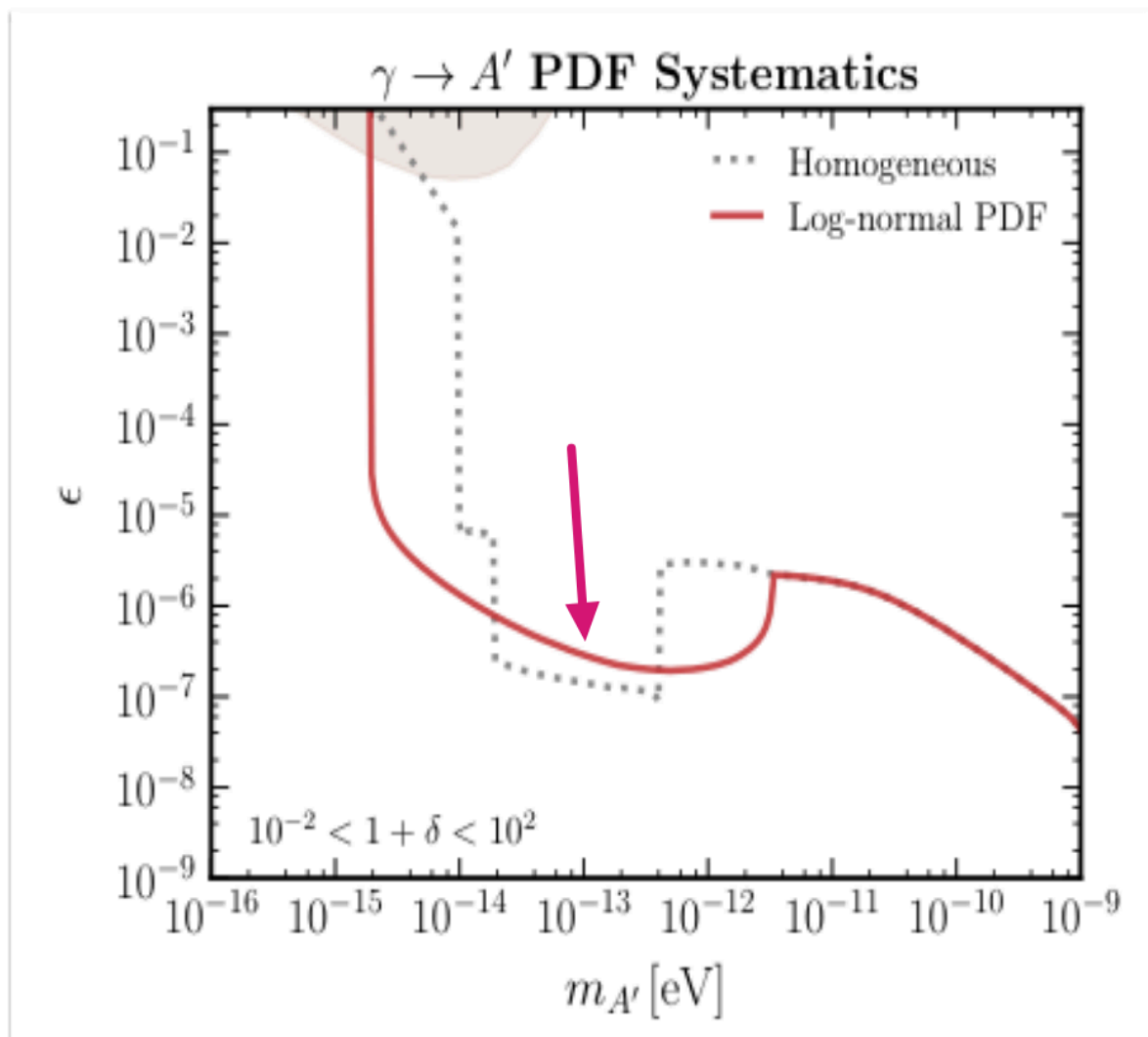
Small fluctuations at high redshift:  
similar to the homogeneous case

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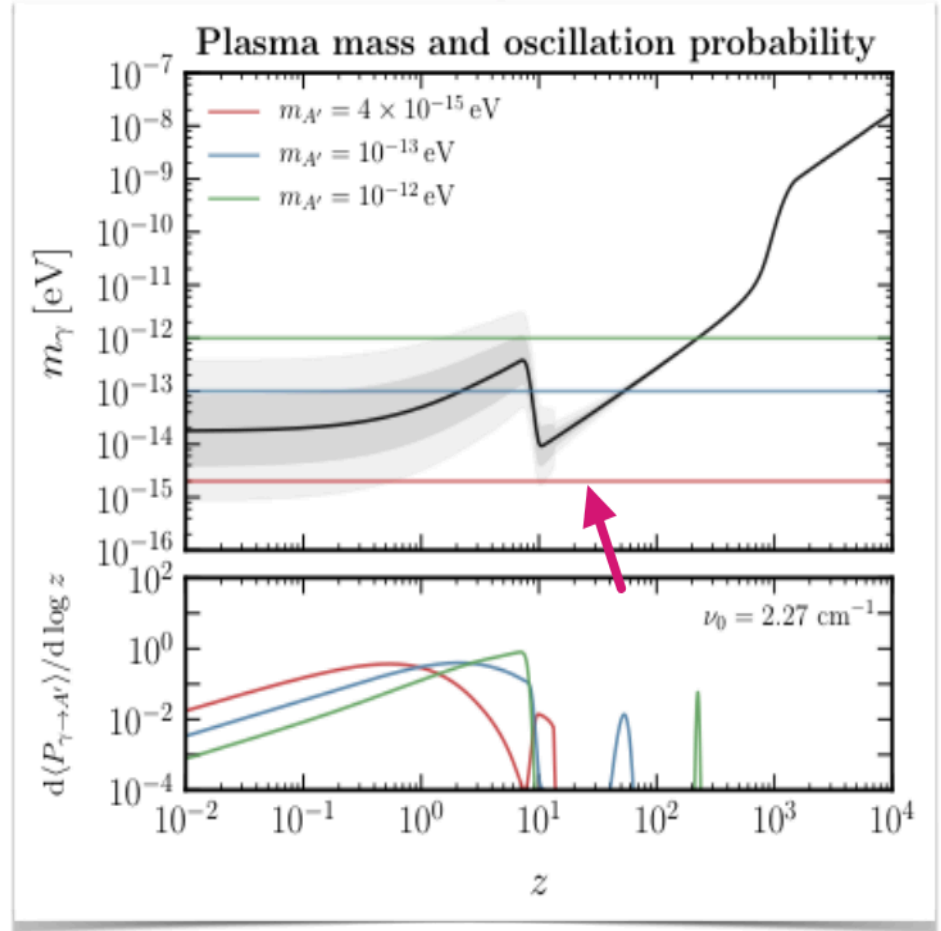
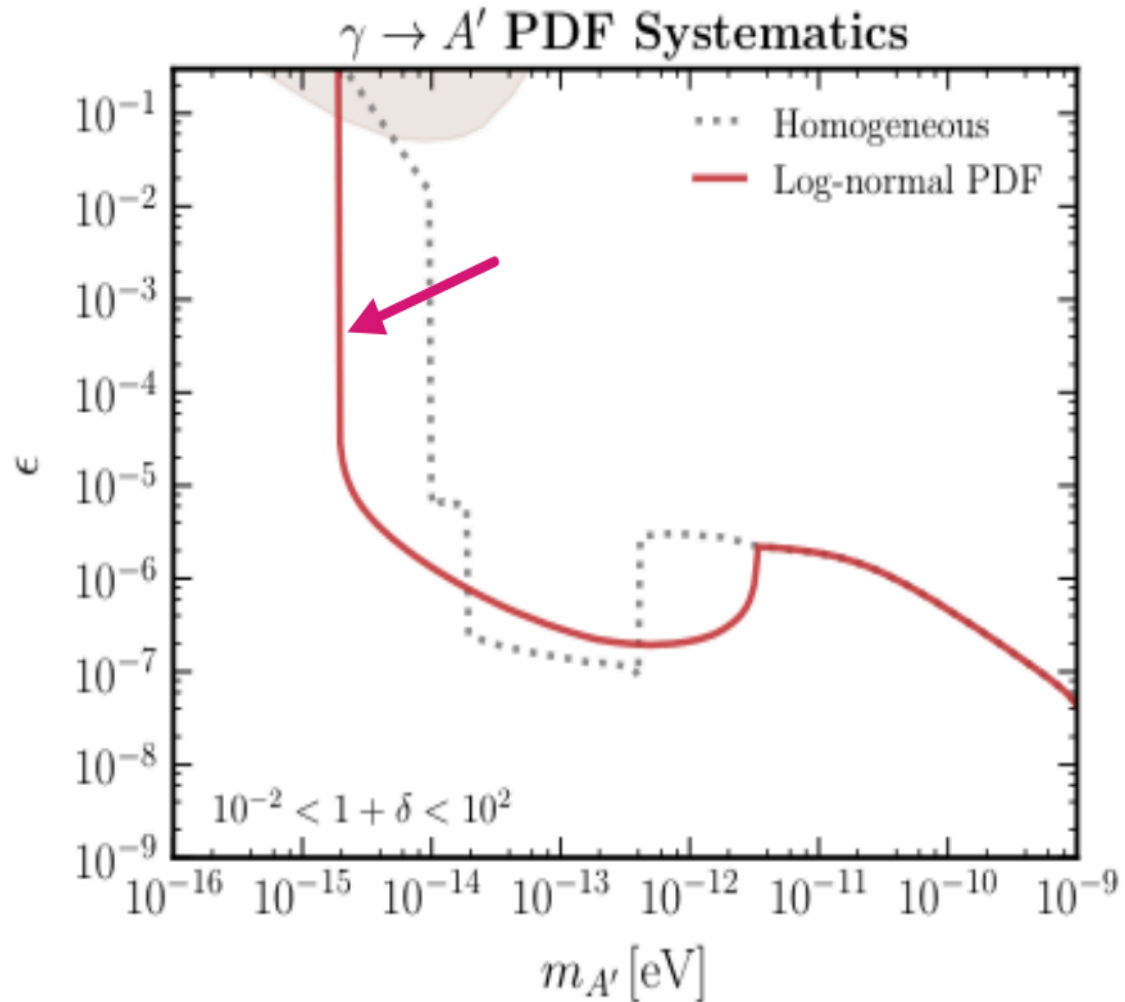
Later conversions available

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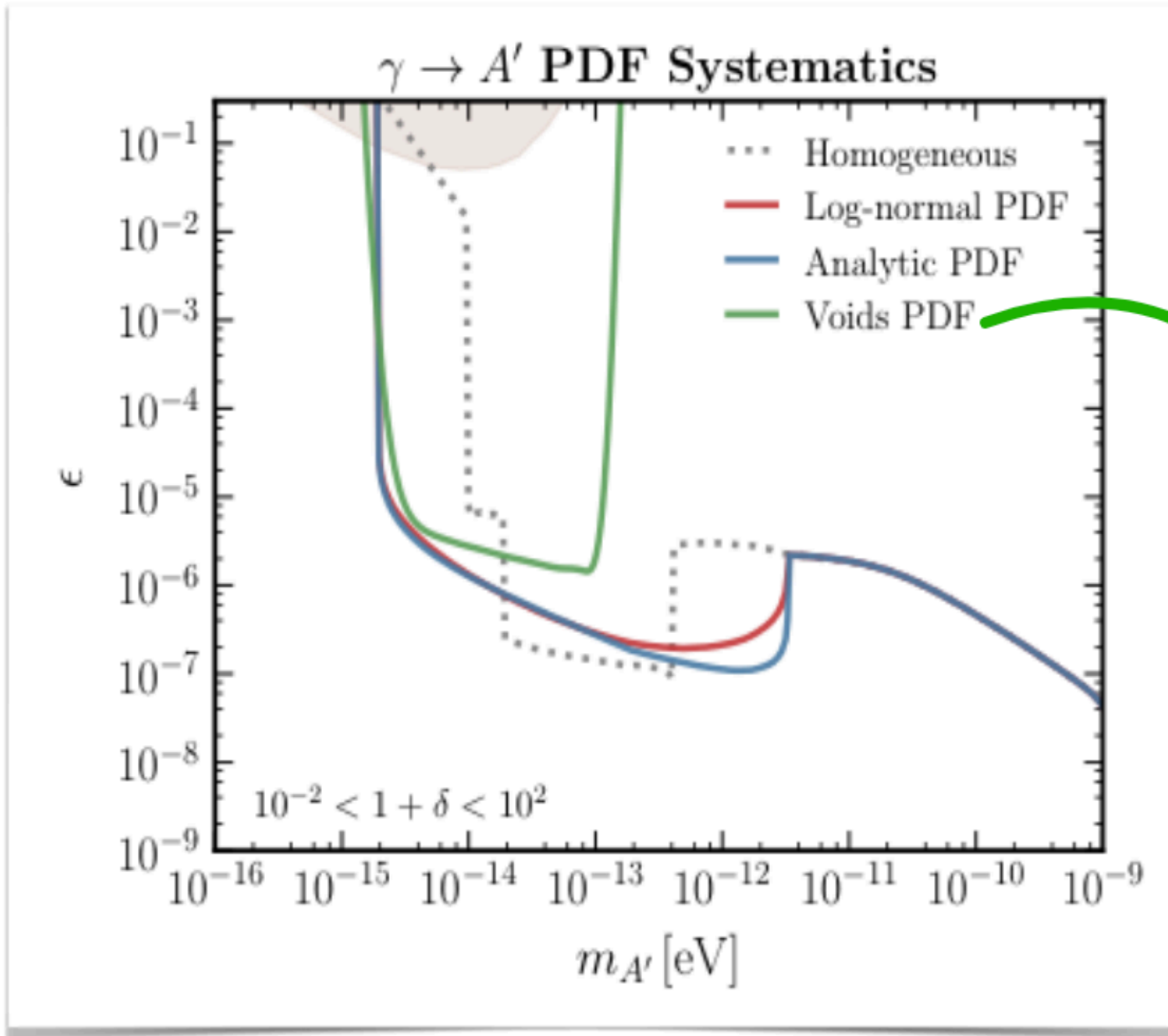


Constraints weakened here, as some conversion probability is in the future

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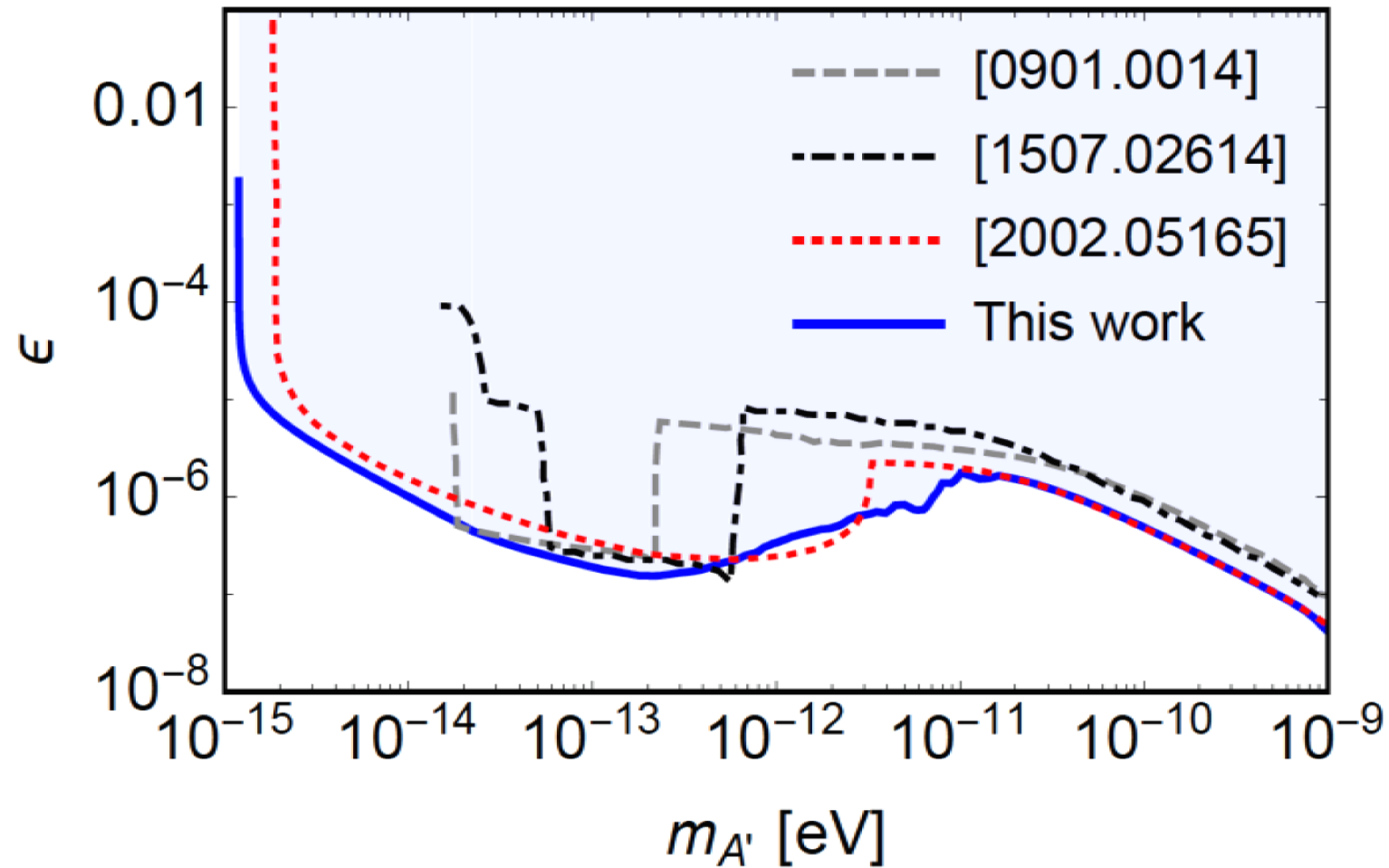
Limits extend to lower masses  
because of under-fluctuations



check for  
underdensities



# Comparison with numerical approach



Bondarenko, Pradler, Sokolenko [2002.08942]

Garcia et al [2003.10465]

An extra ingredient: dark matter axion

Now what we want to do is instead to put this kind of coupling but with the dark photon

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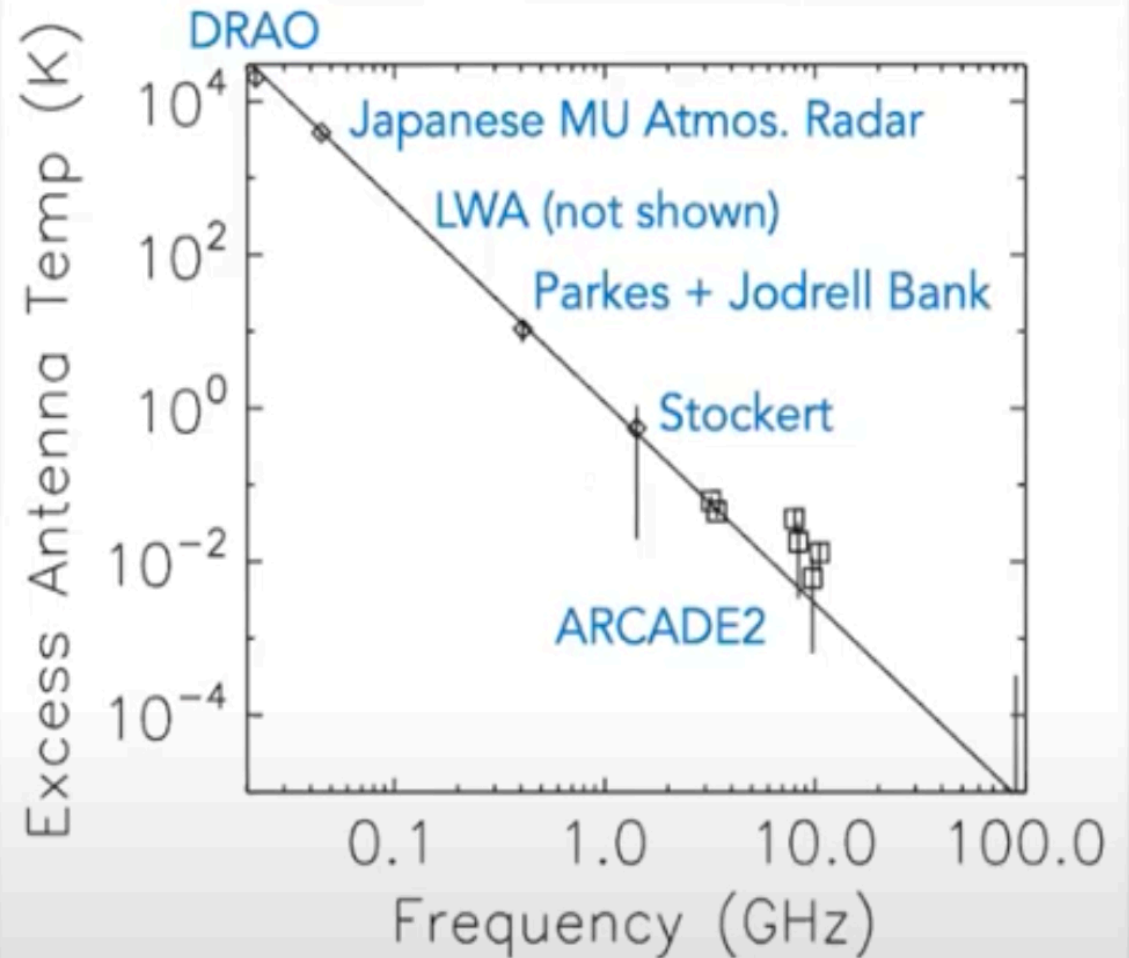
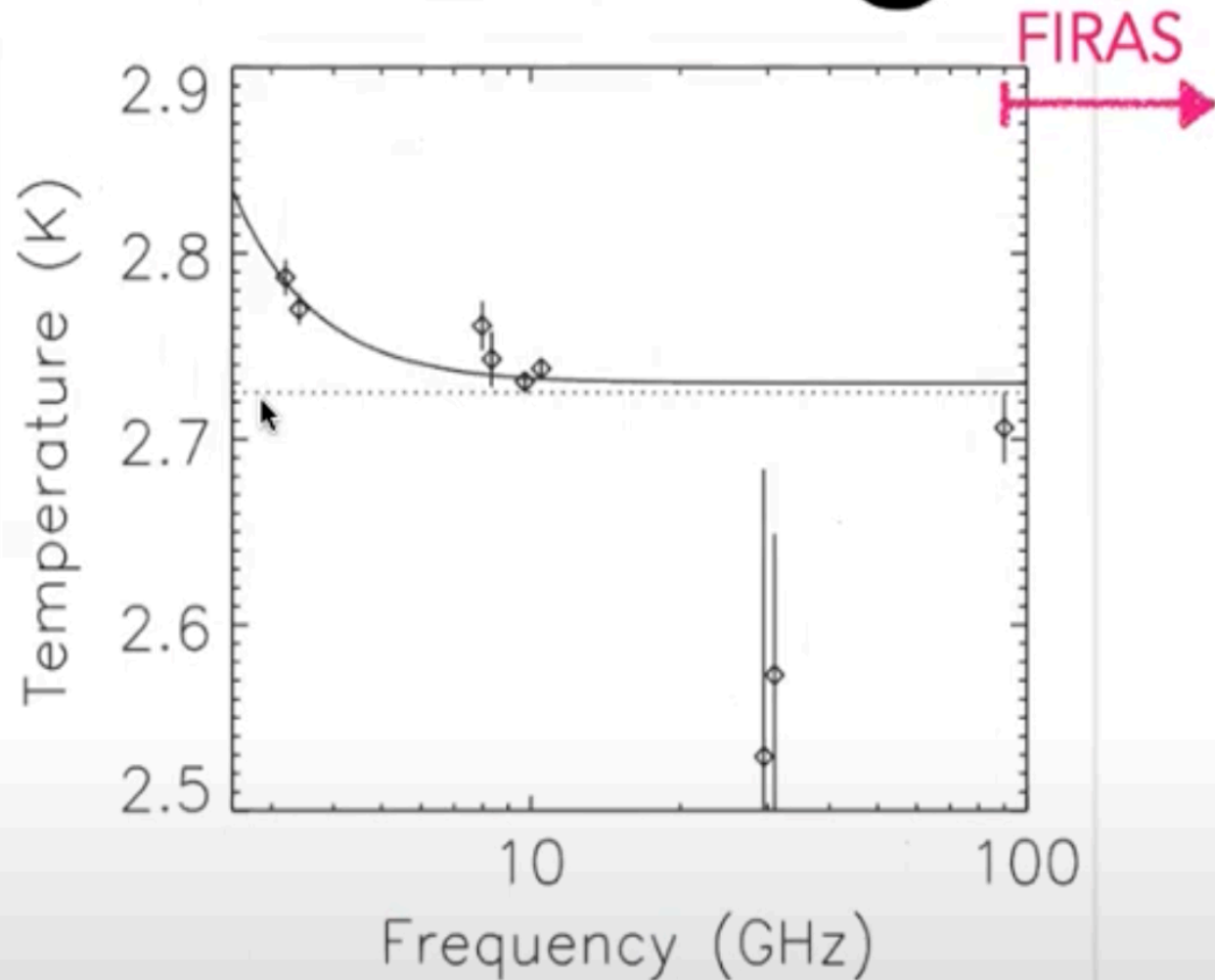
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Then the dark photon will possibly oscillate  
to ordinary photon, essentially modifying the  
apparent number count of CMB radiation

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

# Radio Background

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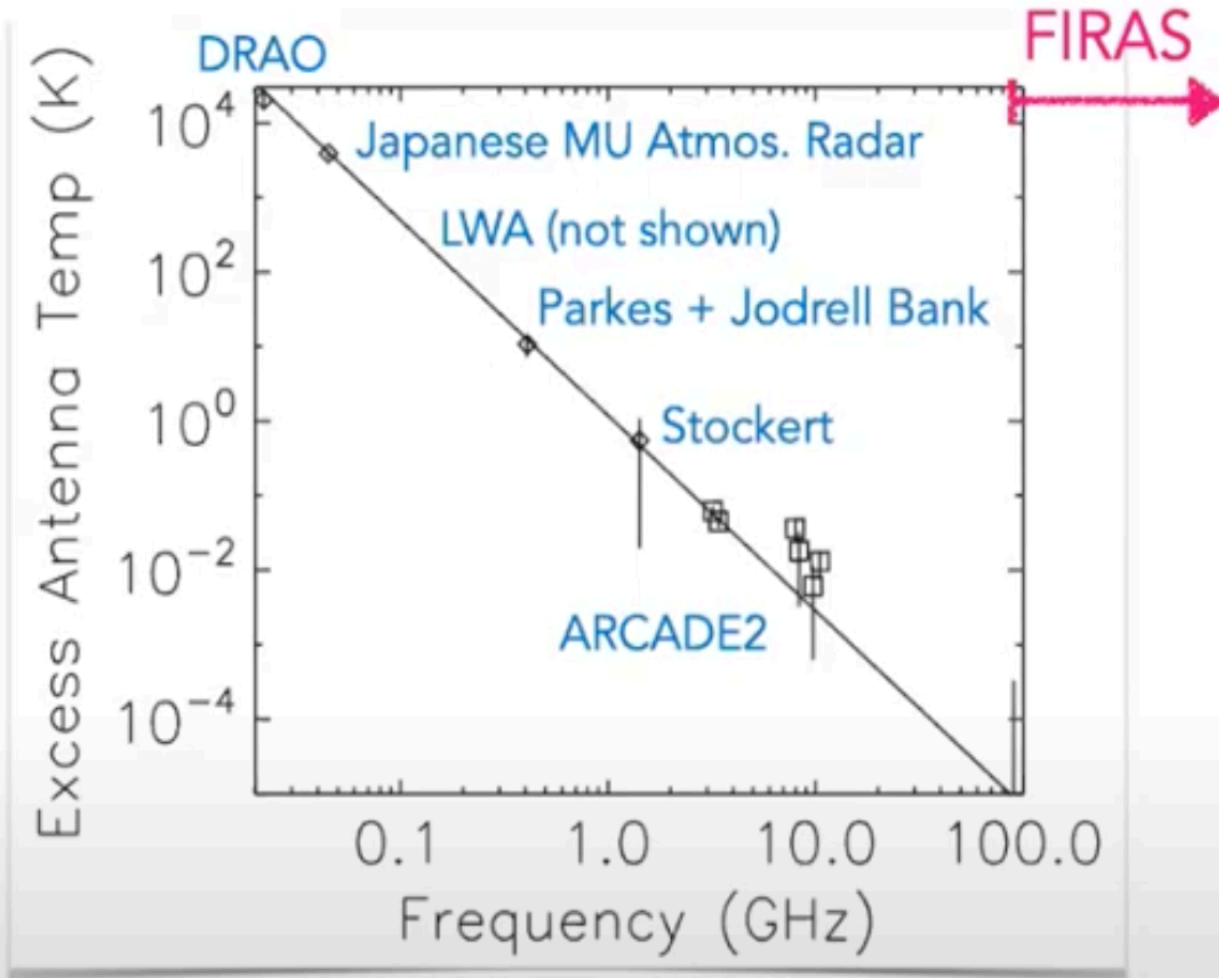


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# ARCADE Excess

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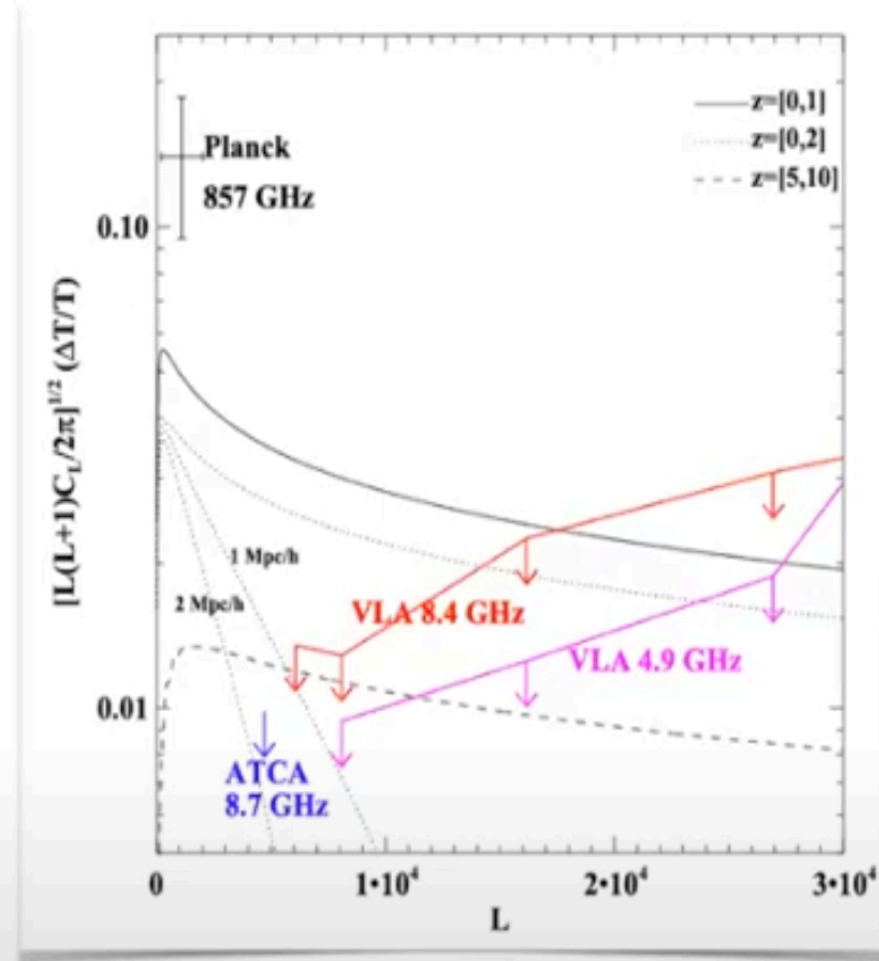
$$T = 2.729 \text{ K} + 1.19 \text{ K} \left( \frac{\nu}{1 \text{ GHz}} \right)^{-2.62}$$
$$T = \frac{\pi^2}{\omega} \frac{dn_\gamma}{d\omega} \Rightarrow \frac{dn_\gamma}{d\omega} \propto \omega^{-1.62}$$



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# Smooth Emission

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The emission is extremely **smooth**: assuming perfect correlation with structure, it **cannot be emitted when  $z \lesssim 5$** , or **dominated by large structures ( $\gtrsim$  few Mpc)**.



# Astrophysical explanations do not seem to work

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- **Extragalactic origin?** Seems to be the case, but still difficult with ordinary astrophysics explanations:
  1. would require an incredibly numerous new population of radio sources far below the flux densities currently probed;
  2. far-infrared background would be overproduced

# Dark matter explanation?

Synchrotron contribution from DM annihilation (or decay) products, see for example Fornengo et al. (2011), Hooper et al. (2012), Fang, Linden (2014).

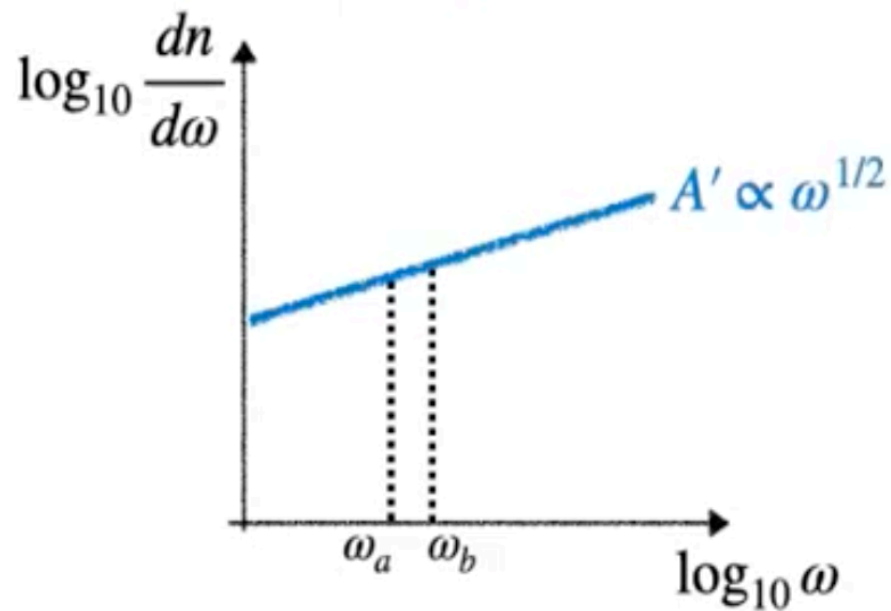
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Typically requires too large magnetic fields and/or exotic magnetic field configurations. Also, the best fit spectrum is typically too soft (e.g in Fang, Linden (2014)).

# Dark Photon Spectrum

Goal:  $dn/d\omega \propto \omega^{-3/2}$



$$\omega \frac{dn_{A'}}{d\omega} = (1 + z_\star) \frac{dn_{A'}}{d(1 + z)}(z_\star)$$

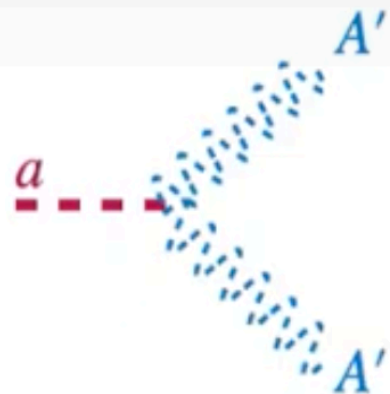
$$= (1 + z_\star) \times \frac{dn_{A'}}{dt}(z_\star) \times \frac{dt}{dz}(z_\star)$$

$$= (1 + z_\star) \times \frac{2\Gamma\rho_a}{m_a} \times \frac{1}{H(z_\star)(1 + z_\star)}$$

$$\frac{dn_{A'}}{d\omega} \propto \omega^{1/2}$$

$A'$  with energy  $\omega$  was produced at  $(1 + z_\star) = m_a/2\omega$ .

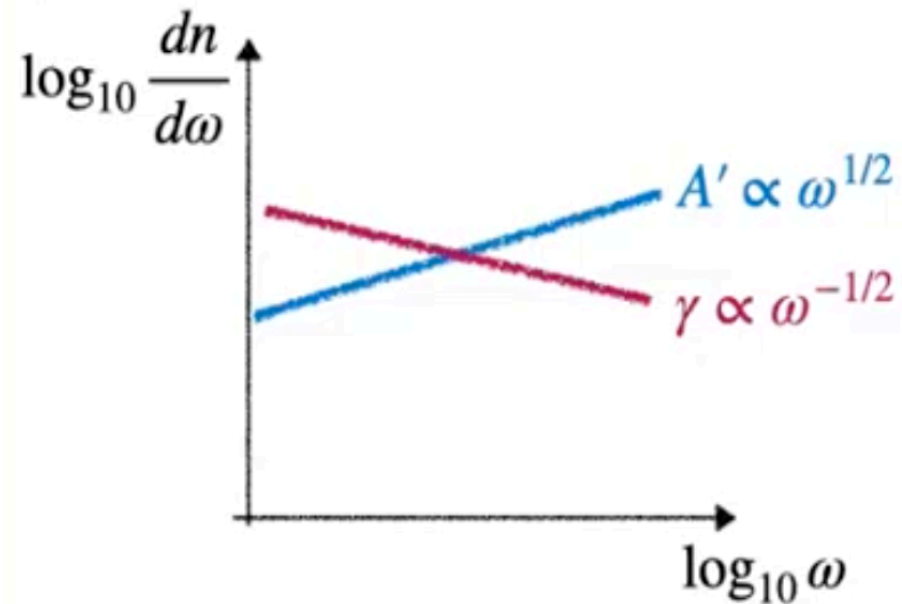
$$\frac{\omega_a}{\omega_b} = \frac{1 + z_b}{1 + z_a} \Rightarrow d \log \omega = - d \log z$$



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Probability of  $\gamma \rightarrow A'$  conversion (homogeneous):

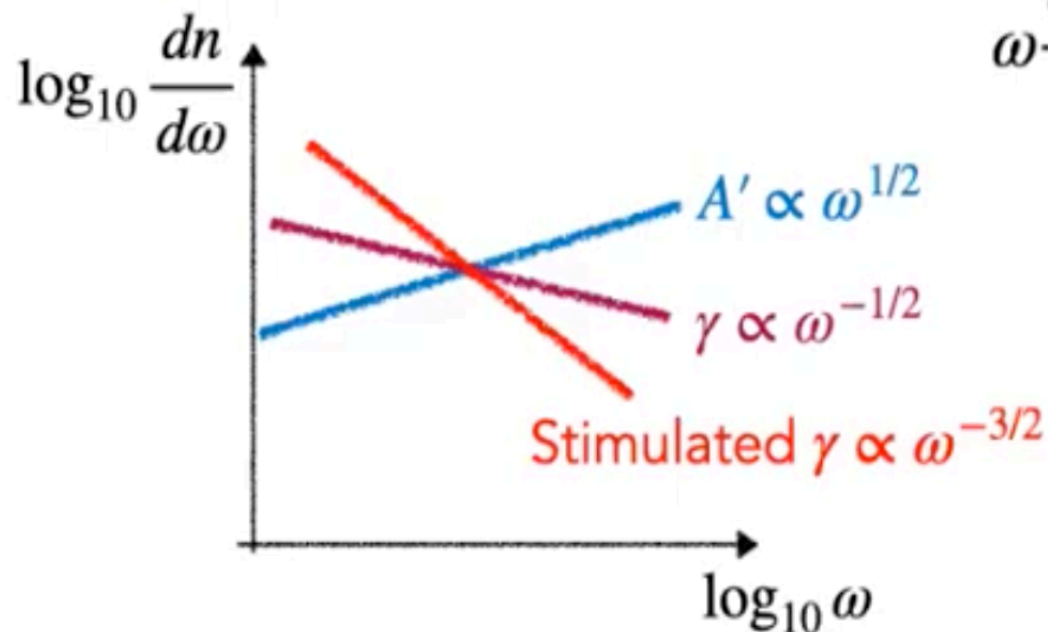
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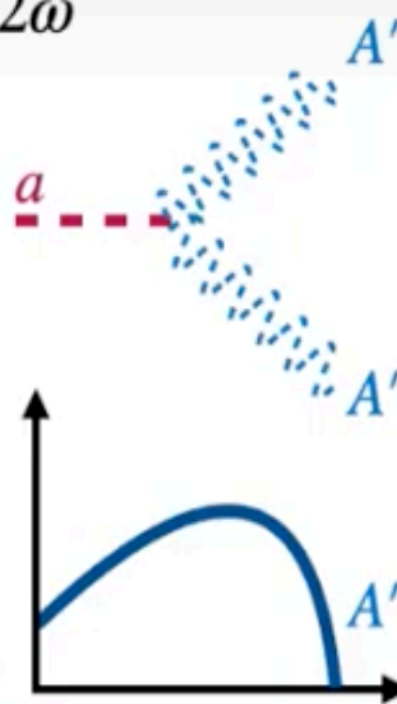
# Stimulated Decay

$$1 + z_{\star} = m_a/2\omega$$

Goal:  $dn/d\omega \propto \omega^{-3/2}$



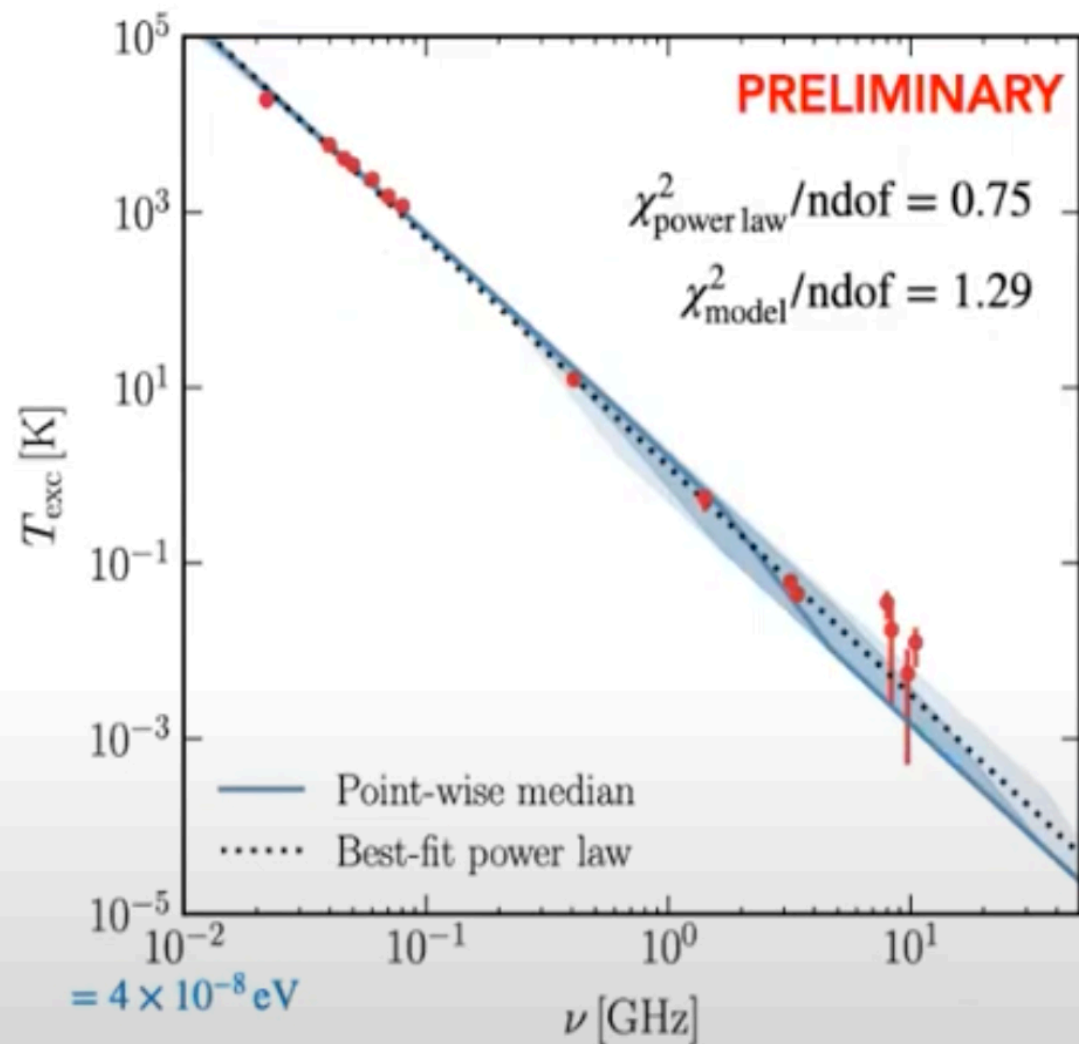
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$$\frac{dn_{\gamma}}{d\omega} \sim \frac{dn_{A'}}{d\omega} P_{\gamma \rightarrow A'} = \propto \omega^{-3/2}$$

$A' \rightarrow A + \gamma$

# Spectral Fit



$$m_a = 4.9 \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV}$$

$$m_{A'} = 3.3 \times 10^{-14} \text{ eV}$$

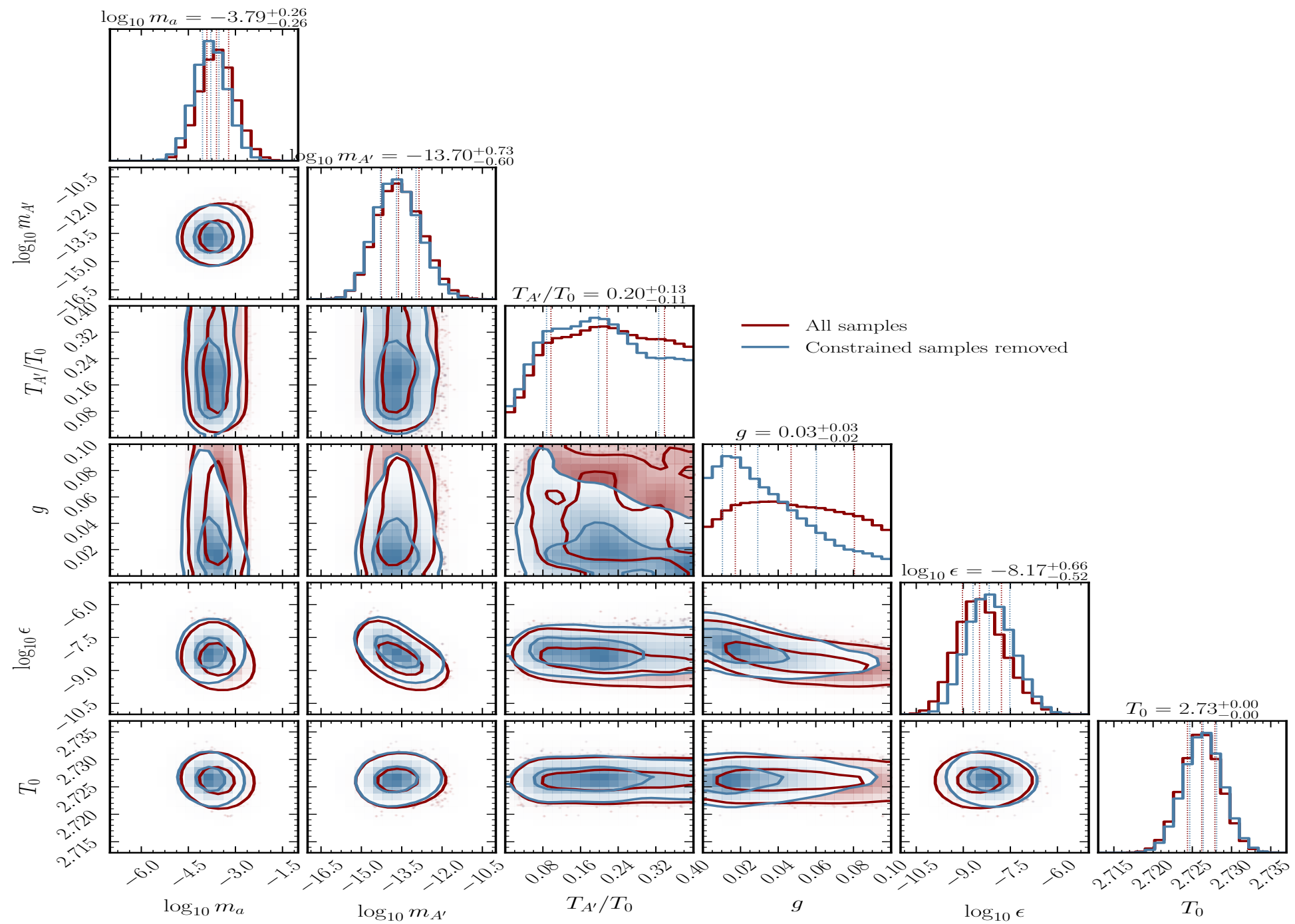
$$g = 0.03 \text{ GeV}^{-1}$$

$$\epsilon = 4.6 \times 10^{-9}$$

$$T_{A'} = 0.22 T_{\text{CMB}}$$

Includes **inhomogeneities**,  
thermal  $A' \rightarrow \gamma$  oscillations, and  
20% extragalactic background.





# What about the isotropy of the signal?

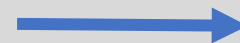
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We want to compute this quantity

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We need the joined probability distribution for conversion in two different point in space

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Covariance matrix

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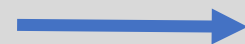
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We have anisotropies safely smaller than Holder's data

# Conclusions

- The interplay between particle physics, astrophysics and cosmology is crucial;
- CMB for example can put strong constraints on dark photon models; for these is of particular importance to treat universe **inhomogeneities**;
- We propose a simple model to explain longstanding radio excess such as ARCADE-2, and it seems to work!

Thanks for the attention

Backup slides

# Statistical Analysis

We construct a Gaussian log-likelihood as

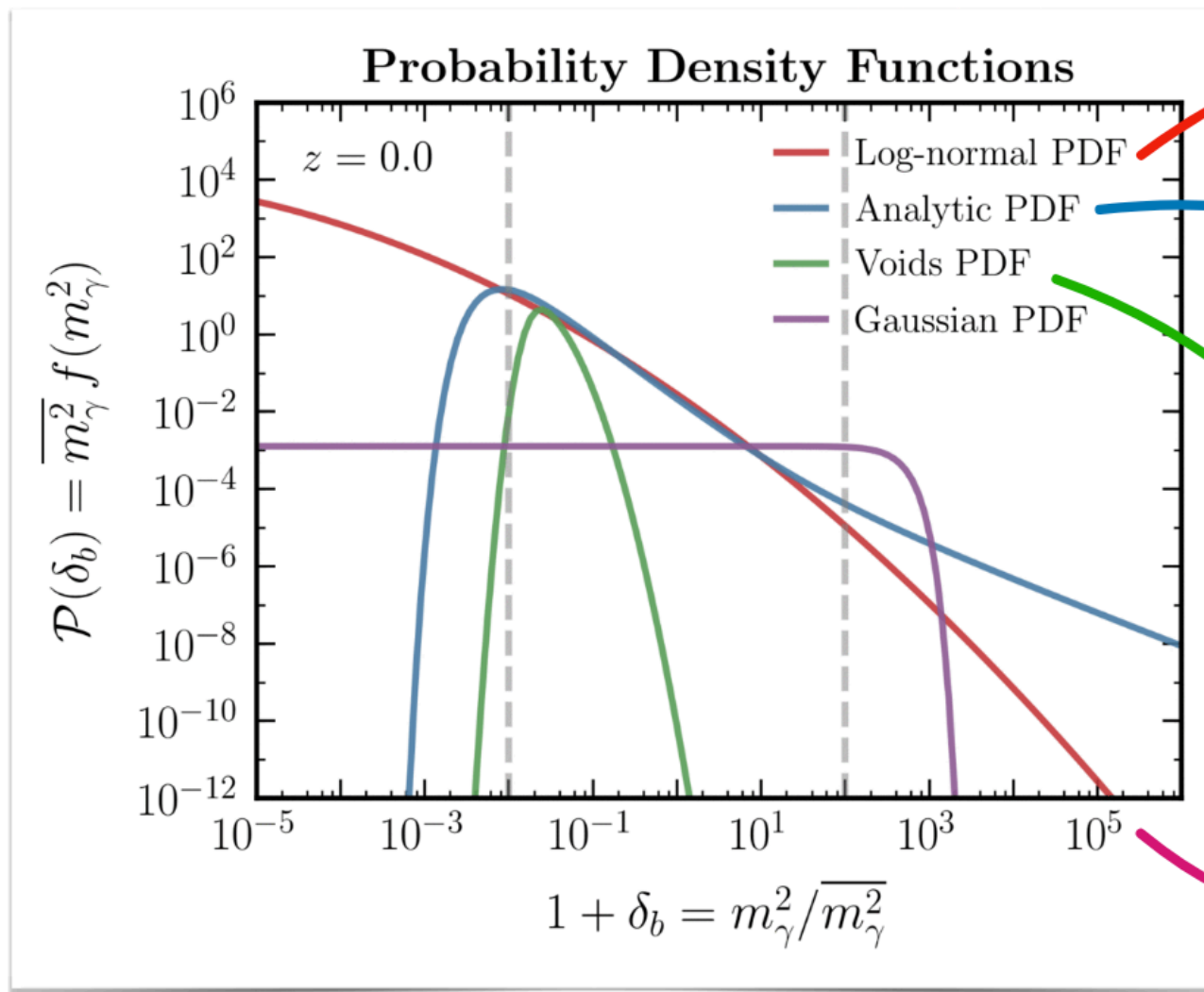
$$\ln \mathcal{L}(d|m_{A'}, \epsilon) = \max_{T_{\text{CMB}}} \left[ -\frac{1}{2} \Delta \vec{I}^T \mathbf{C}_{I_d}^{-1} \Delta \vec{I} \right], \quad (\text{A2})$$

where  $\Delta \vec{I} = \left( \vec{I}(m_{A'}, \epsilon; T_{\text{CMB}}) - \vec{I}_d \right)$  is the residual between the distorted CMB spectrum  $\vec{I}(m_{A'}, \epsilon; T_{\text{CMB}}) = \{I_{\omega_1}, I_{\omega_2}, \dots\}$  and the FIRAS data vector  $\vec{I}_d$ , and  $\mathbf{C}_{I_d}$  is the data covariance matrix. We treat the CMB temperature as a nuisance parameter and profile over it by maximizing the log-likelihood for  $T_{\text{CMB}}$  at each  $\{m_{A'}, \epsilon\}$  point. We define our test-statistic as

$$\text{TS}(m_{A'}, \epsilon) = 2 [\ln \mathcal{L}(d|m_{A'}, \epsilon) - \ln \mathcal{L}(d|m_{A'}, \hat{\epsilon})], \quad (\text{A3})$$

where  $\hat{\epsilon}$  is the value of  $\epsilon$  that maximizes the log-likelihood for a given  $m_{A'}$ , and obtain our limit by finding the value of  $\epsilon$  at which  $\text{TS} = -2.71$  corresponding to 95% containment for the one-sided  $\chi^2$  distribution.

# PDF Functional Form



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