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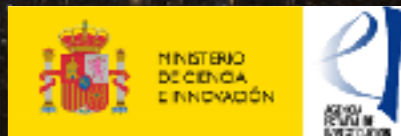
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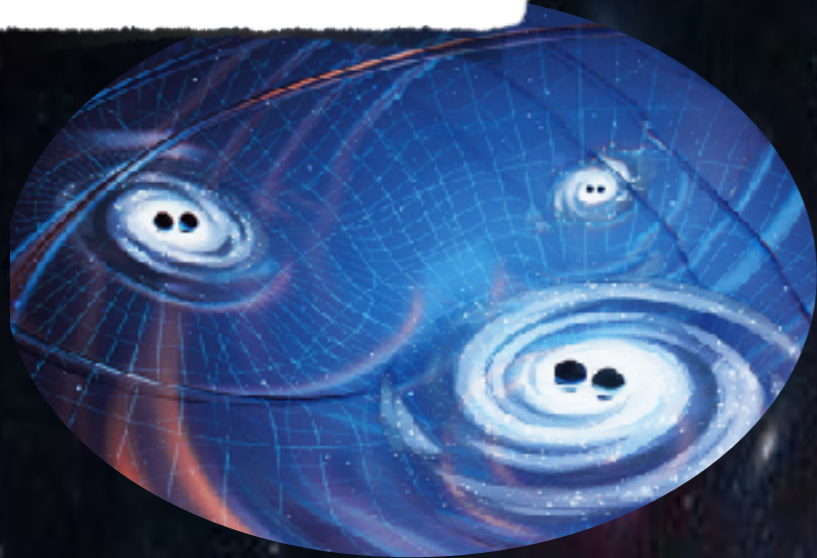


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Gravitational waves

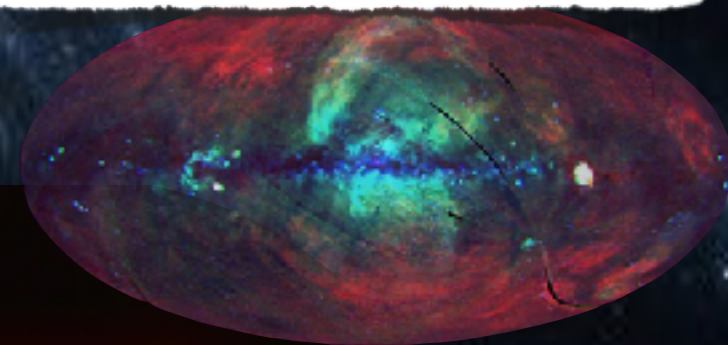


Dark Matter

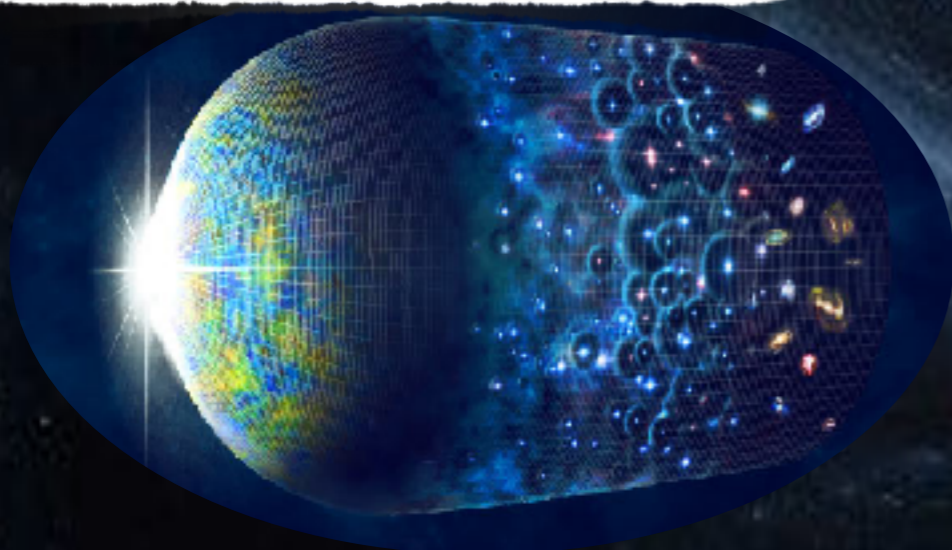


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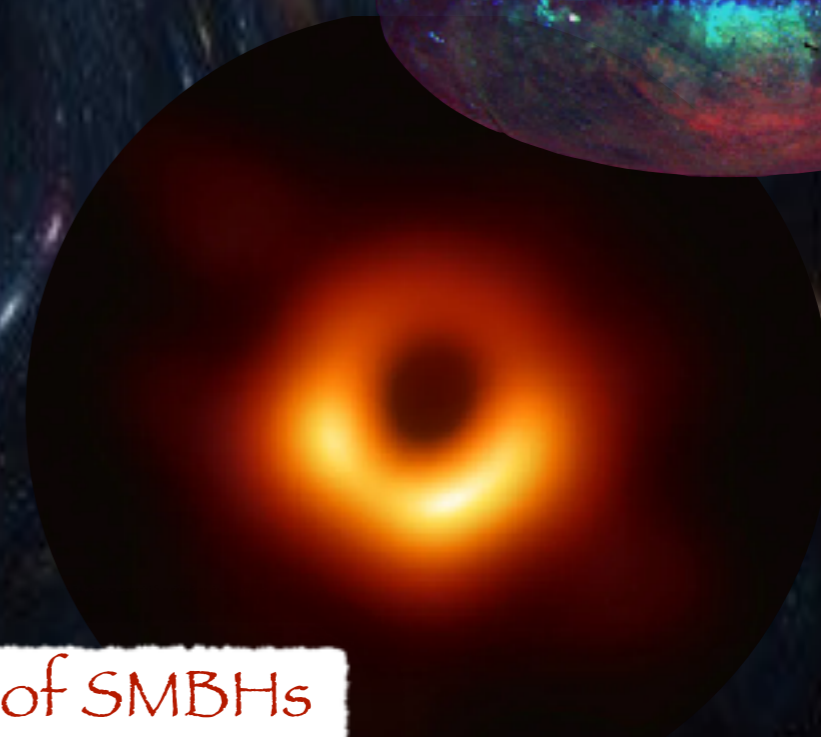
Cosmic X-ray background



Formation:  
Physics of the Early Universe



Origin of SMBHs

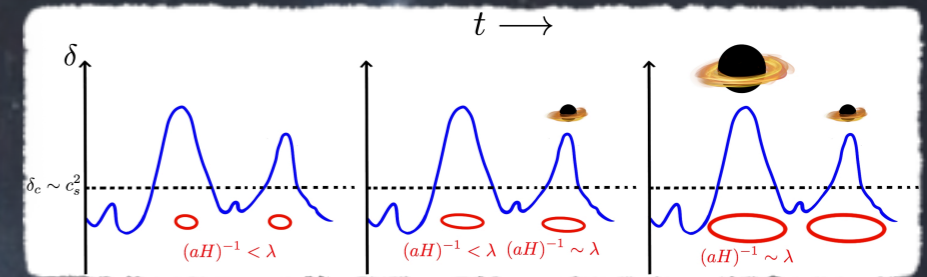


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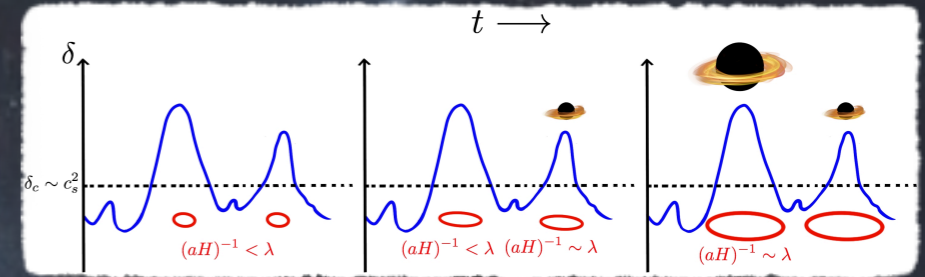
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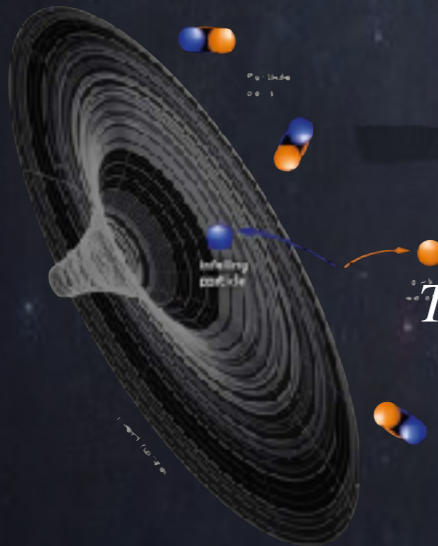
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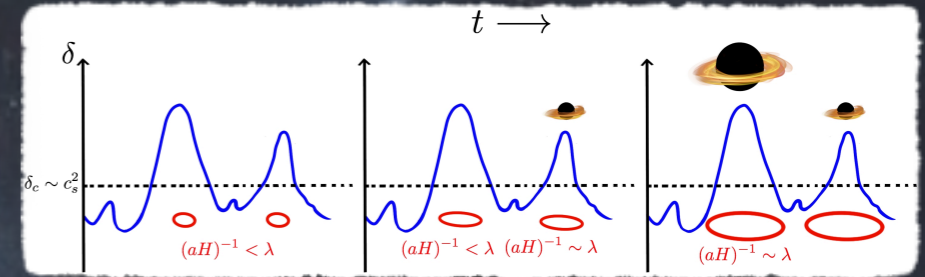


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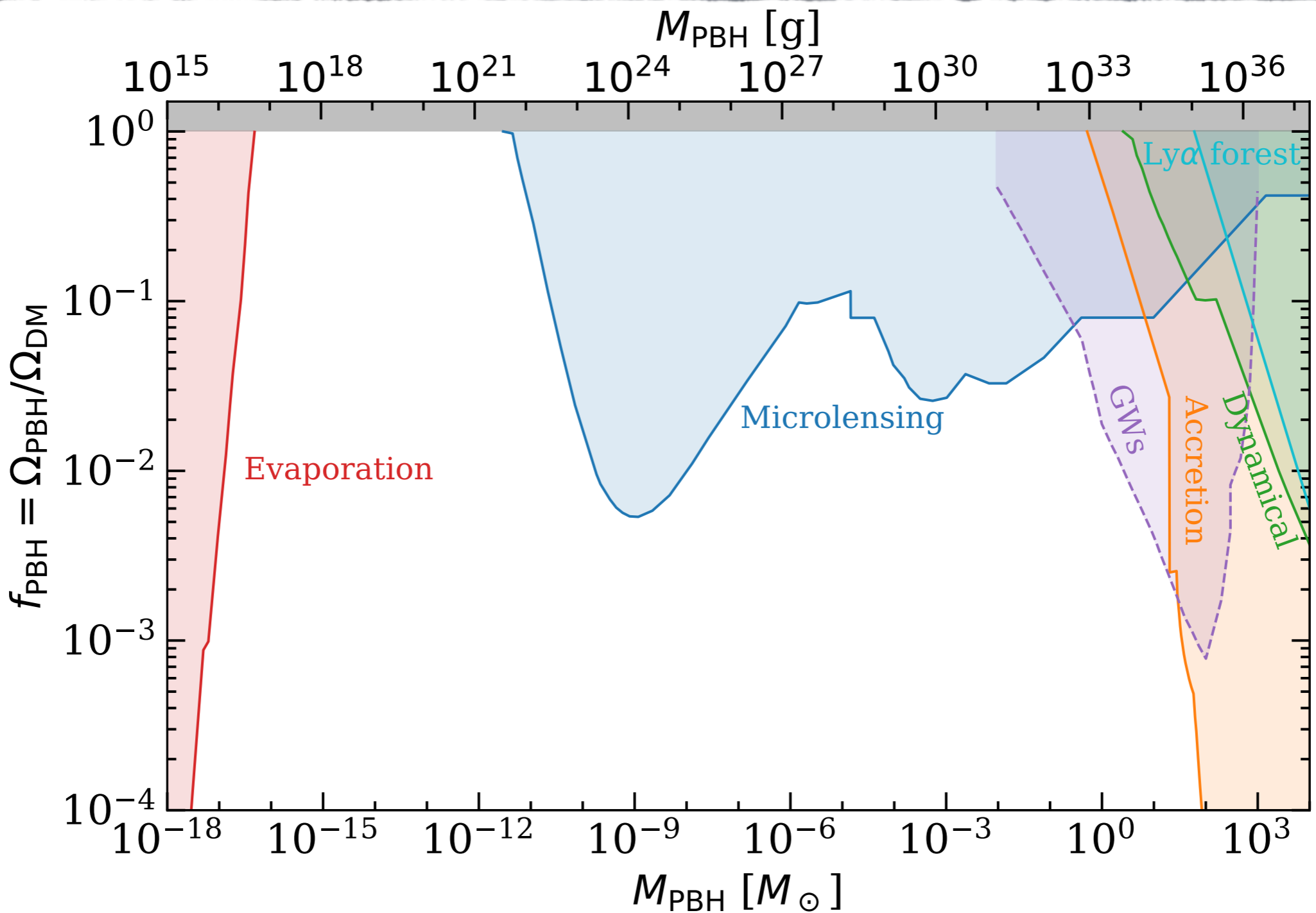
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PBHs would form before BBN, so they would not count as baryonic matter



A DM candidate which is not a new particle (although its formation usually involves BSM physics)

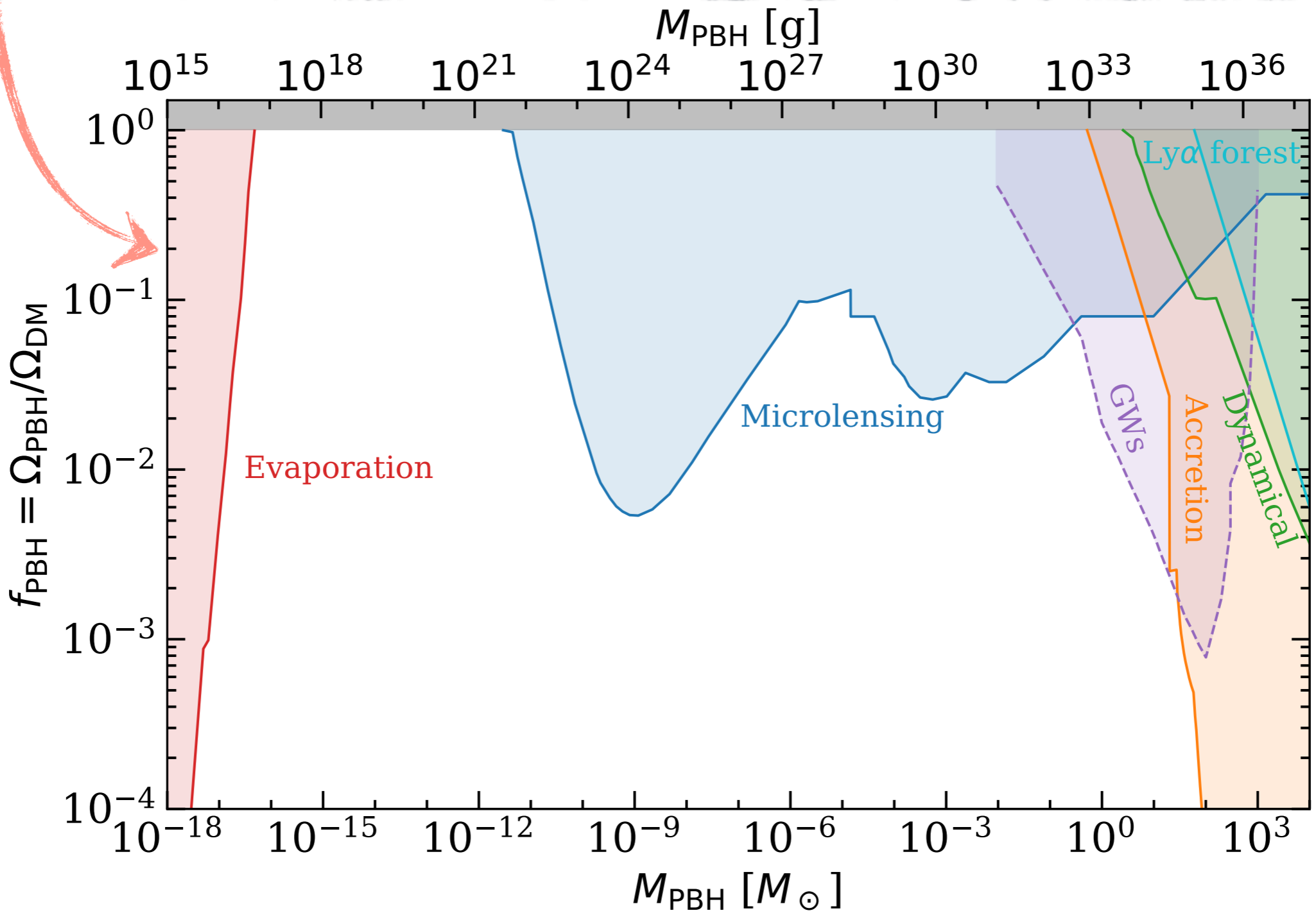
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Partial evaporation

Hawking radiation: cosmic-ray,  $\gamma$ -ray,  $\nu$  bkg; ionization and thermal history

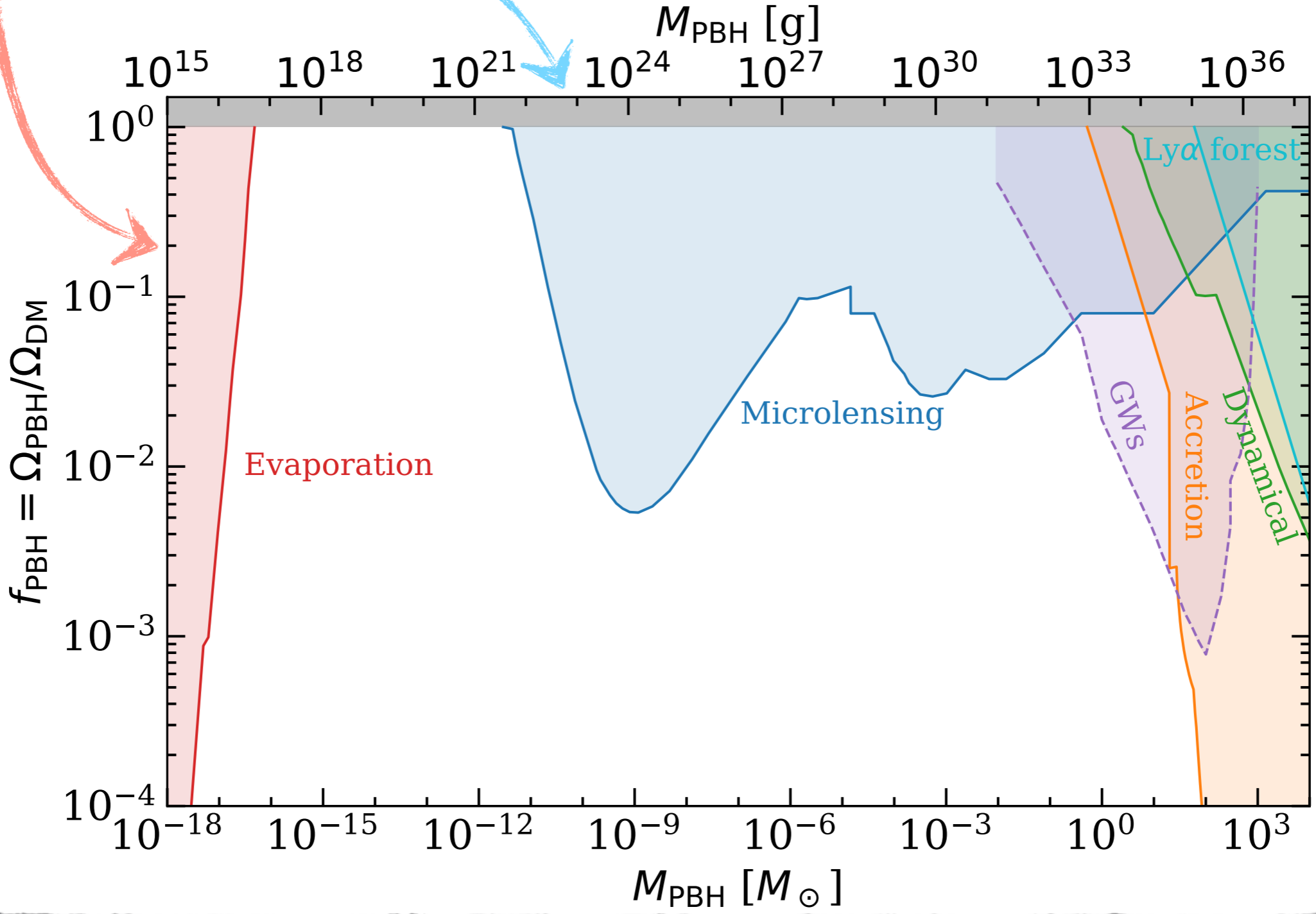


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Partial evaporation

(femto, micro, milli) Lensing of GRBs, stars, SN, QSO, pulsars, FRBs

Gravitational lensing



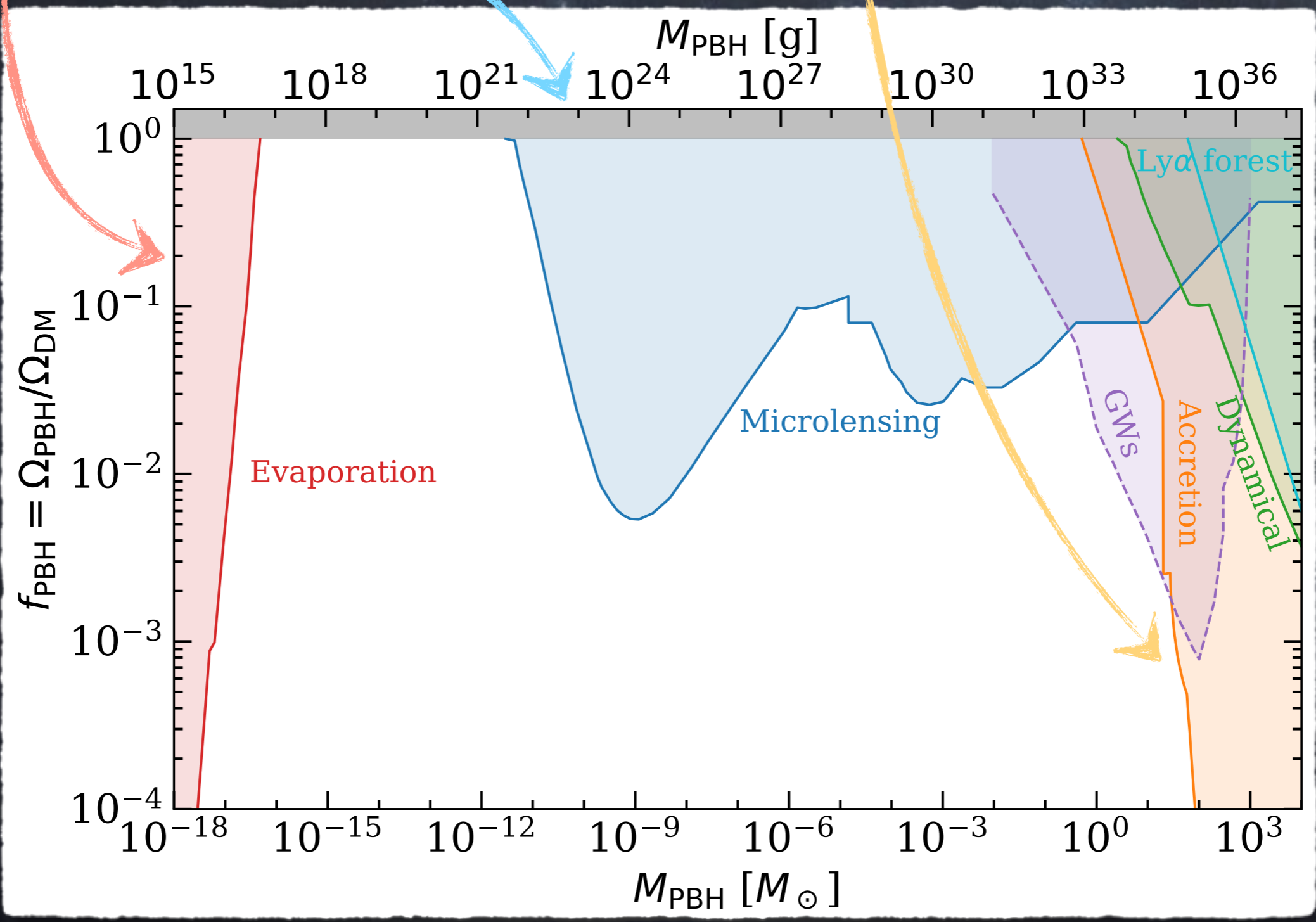
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Partial evapo

Ionization and thermal history,  
radio and X-ray emission

Accretion

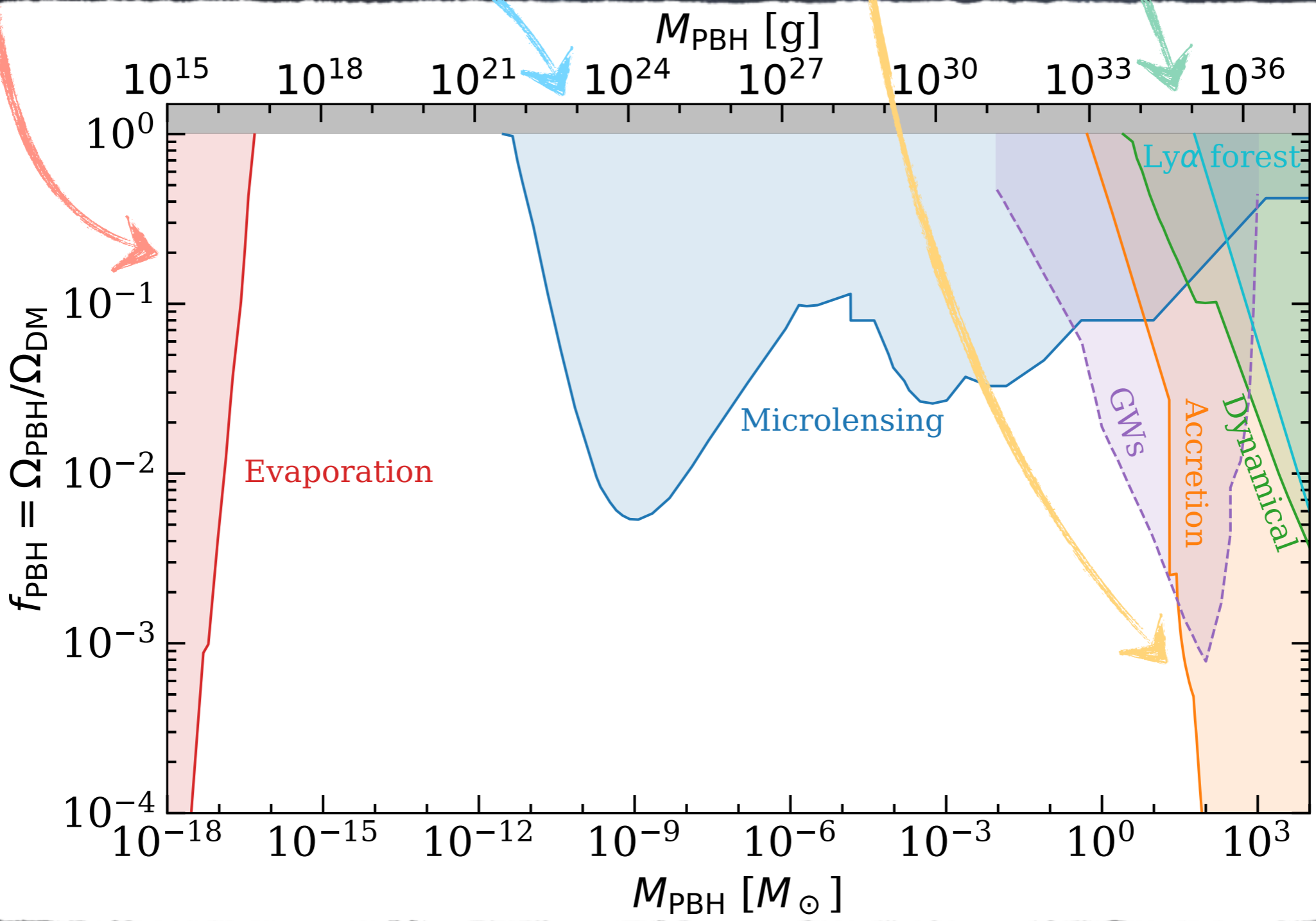


Partial evaporation

Destruction of astronomical systems by the passage of PBHs

Gravitation

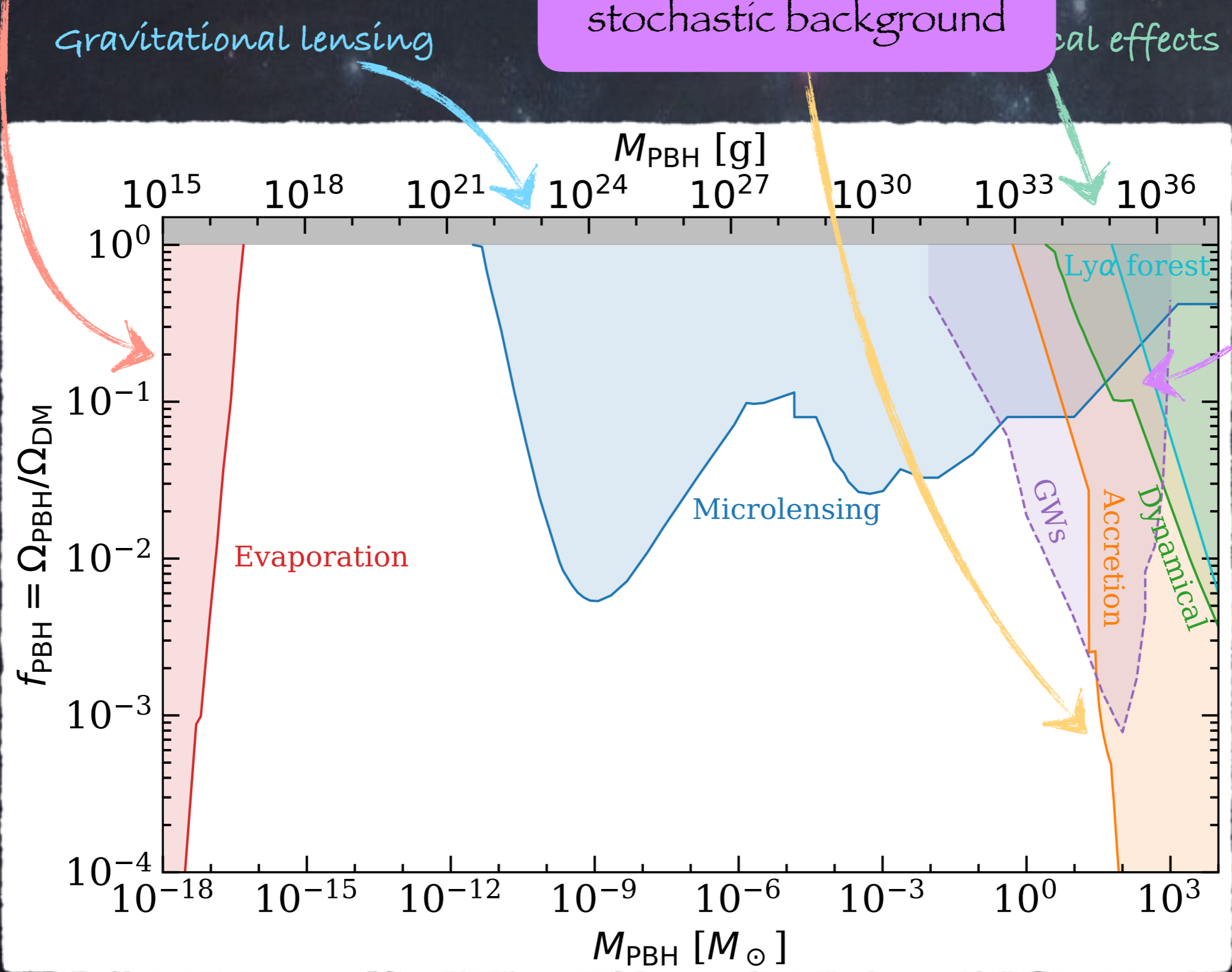
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Partial evaporation

LIGO/VIRGO events  
stochastic background

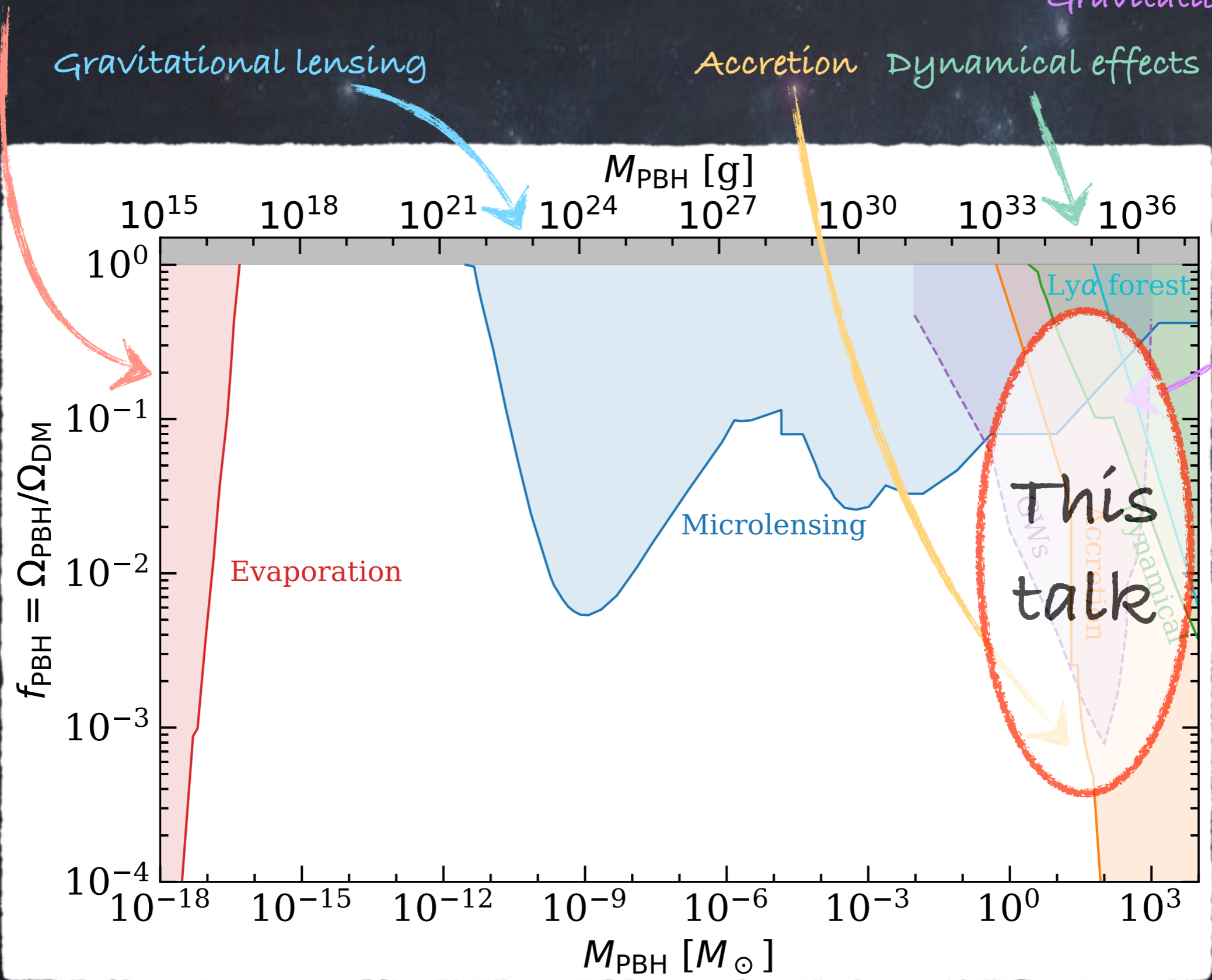
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Even if they cannot form all the dark matter... still interesting

Recent detection of black hole mergers with gravitational waves

B. P. Abbott et al. [LVC], Phys. Rev. Lett. 116:061102, 2016;  
Phys. Rev. Lett. 116:241103, 2016; Phys. Rev. Lett. 116:131102, 2016;  
Phys. Rev. X6:041015, 2016; Phys. Rev. Lett. 118:221101, 2017;  
Astrophys. J. 851:L35, 2017; Phys. Rev. Lett. 119:141101, 2017

Did LIGO detect dark matter?

S. Bird et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 116:201301, 2016



Insight into early universe physics  
(inflation, topological defects,  
phase transitions...)

WIMPs and PBHs relation: no go

B. Lacki and J. F. Beacom, Astrophys. J. 720:L67, 2010

R. Saito and S. Shiraí, Phys. Lett. B697:95, 2011

D. Zhang, Mon. Not. Roy. Astron. Soc. 418:1850, 2011

Timing problem:

Could PBHs be connected to the origin of supermassive BHs?

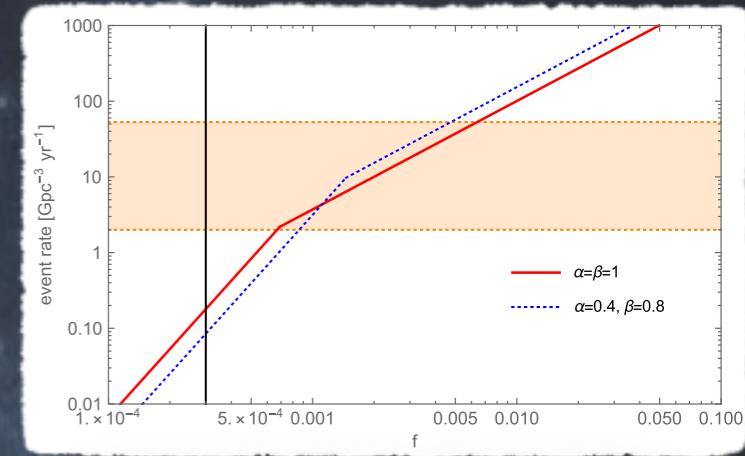
e.g., A. Smith and V. Bromm, Contemp. Phys. 60:111, 2019

# SOLAR MASS PBHS ABUNDANCE

VIRGO/LIGO:

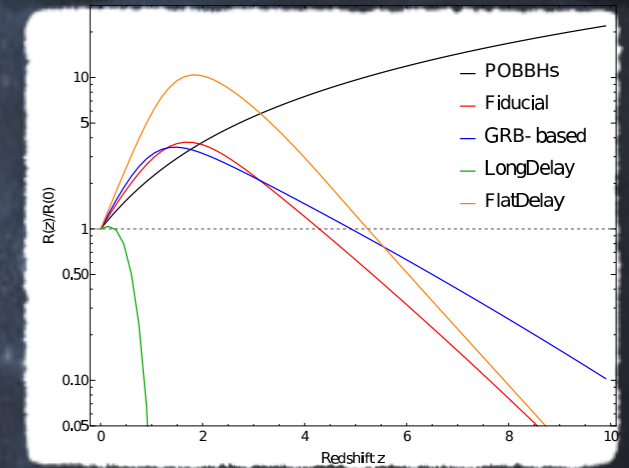
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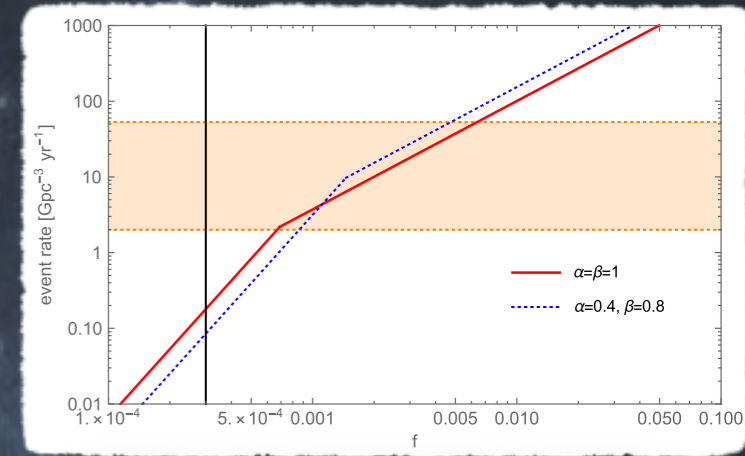
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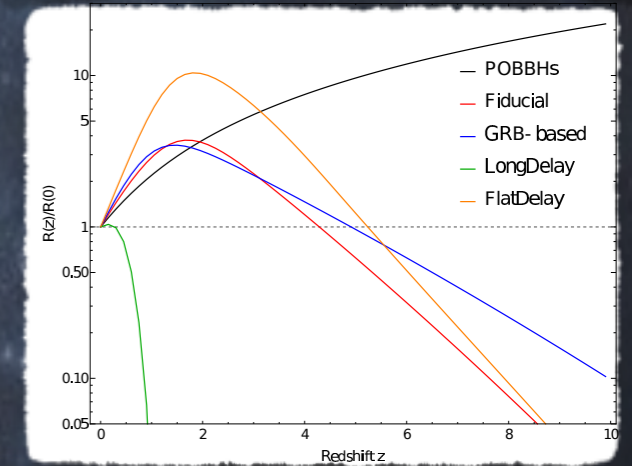
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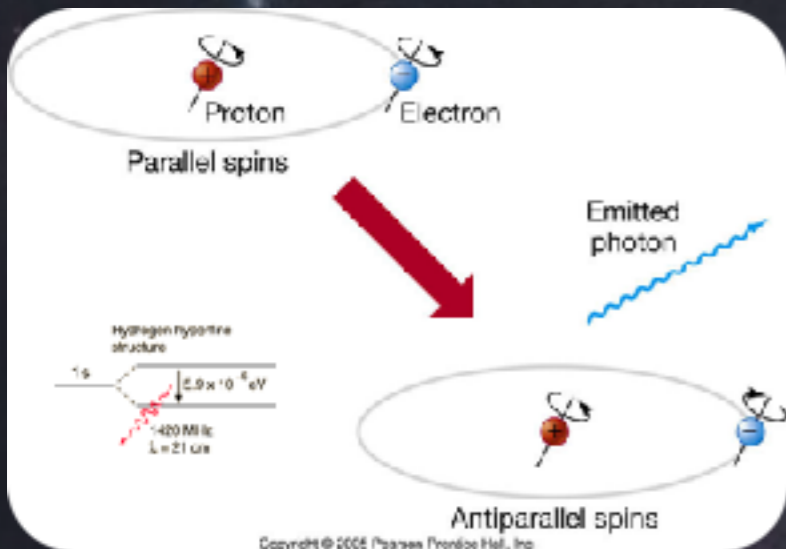
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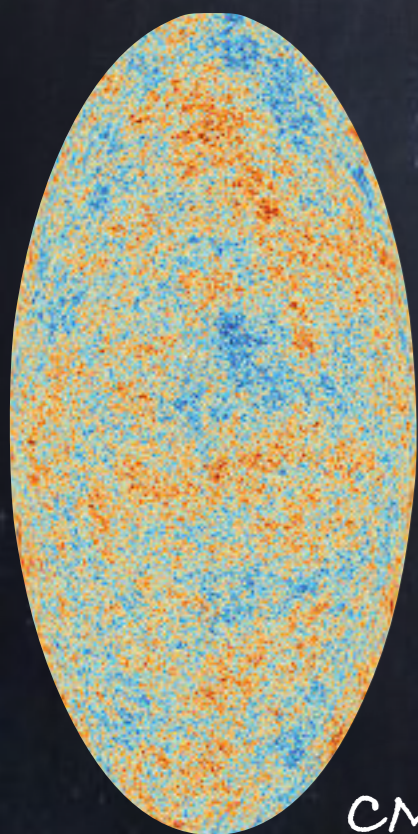


Hyperfine transition:  $\nu = 1420 \text{ MHz}$

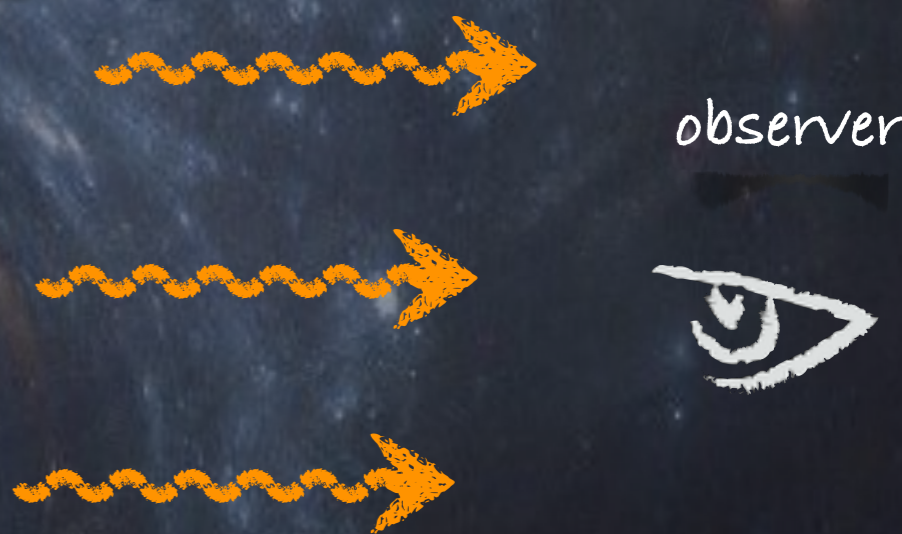
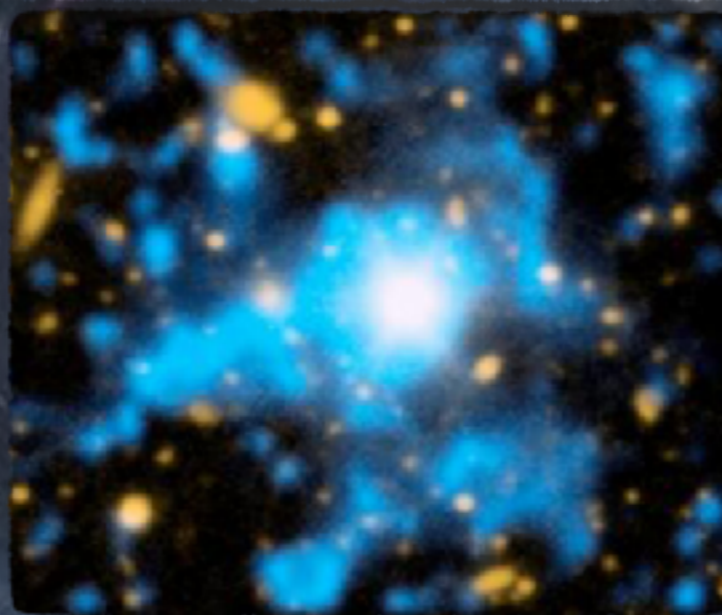
21cm photon from HI clouds during the dark ages:  $\nu \sim 100 \text{ MHz}$

$$\nu = \frac{\nu_0}{(1+z)}$$

neutral hydrogen gas (intergalactic medium: IGM)



CMB photons as backlight



emission/absorption

$z \sim 1000$

Population of ground and excited states controlled by:

absorption and stimulated emission of background radiation  
collisions of neutral hydrogen  
excitation/de-excitation by Lyman- $\alpha$  photons

$z=0$



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Probing Dark Ages  
Cosmic tomography

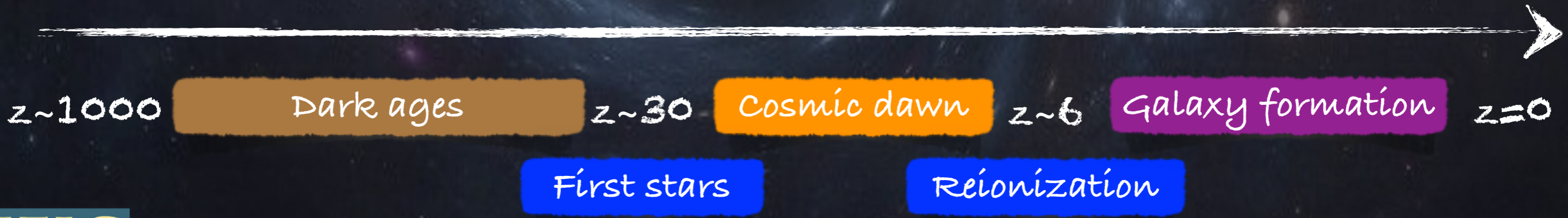
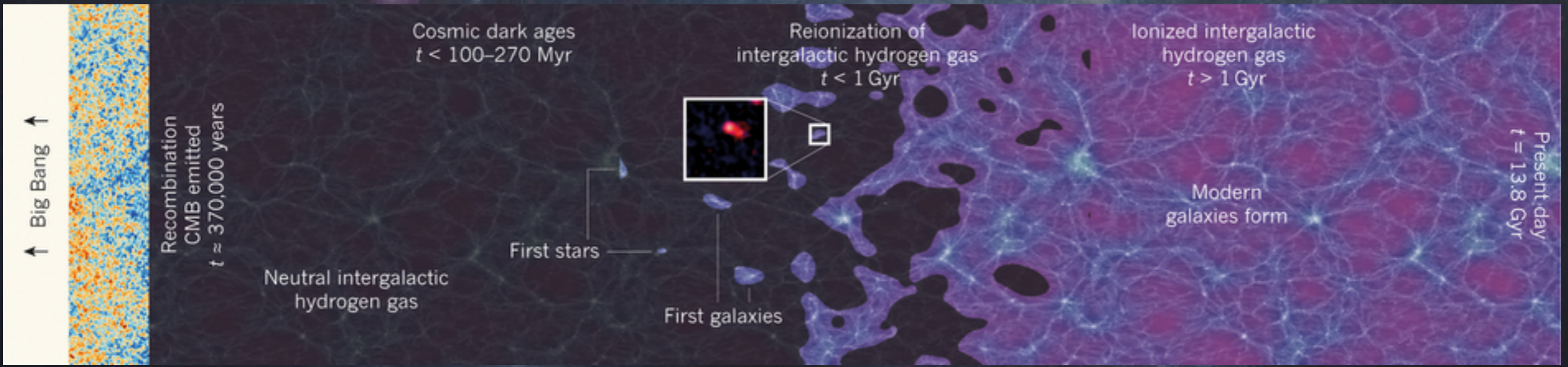


**Interferometers**  
LOFAR, MWA, PAPER,  
GMRT, LEDA, HERA, SKA

**Galaxy Surveys**

$z \sim 6-30$

$z < 6$



# THE 21CM SIGNAL

Differential brightness temperature

$$\delta T_b(\nu) \approx 27 x_{HI} (1 + \delta) \left( 1 - \frac{T_{CMB}}{T_S} \right) \left( \frac{1+z}{10} \right)^{1/2}$$

Fraction of neutral H

Reionization suppresses the signal

Baryon overdensity

Spin temperature:  
occupation of the two states

$$\delta T_b \approx 0 \quad \text{if} \quad T_S \sim T_{CMB}$$

no signal

$$\delta T_b > 0 \quad \text{if} \quad T_S > T_{CMB}$$

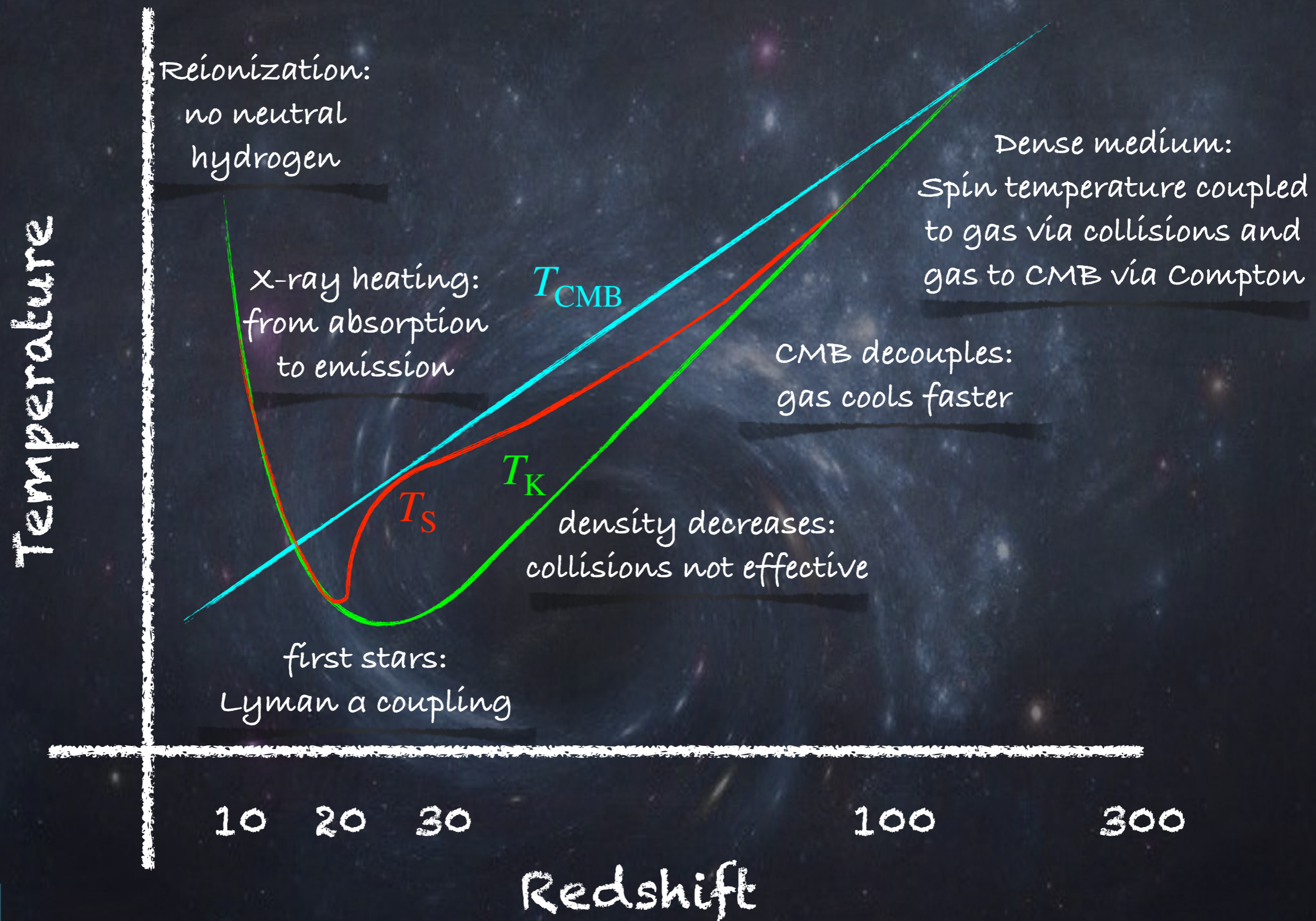
signal in emission, can saturate

$$\delta T_b < 0 \quad \text{if} \quad T_S < T_{CMB}$$

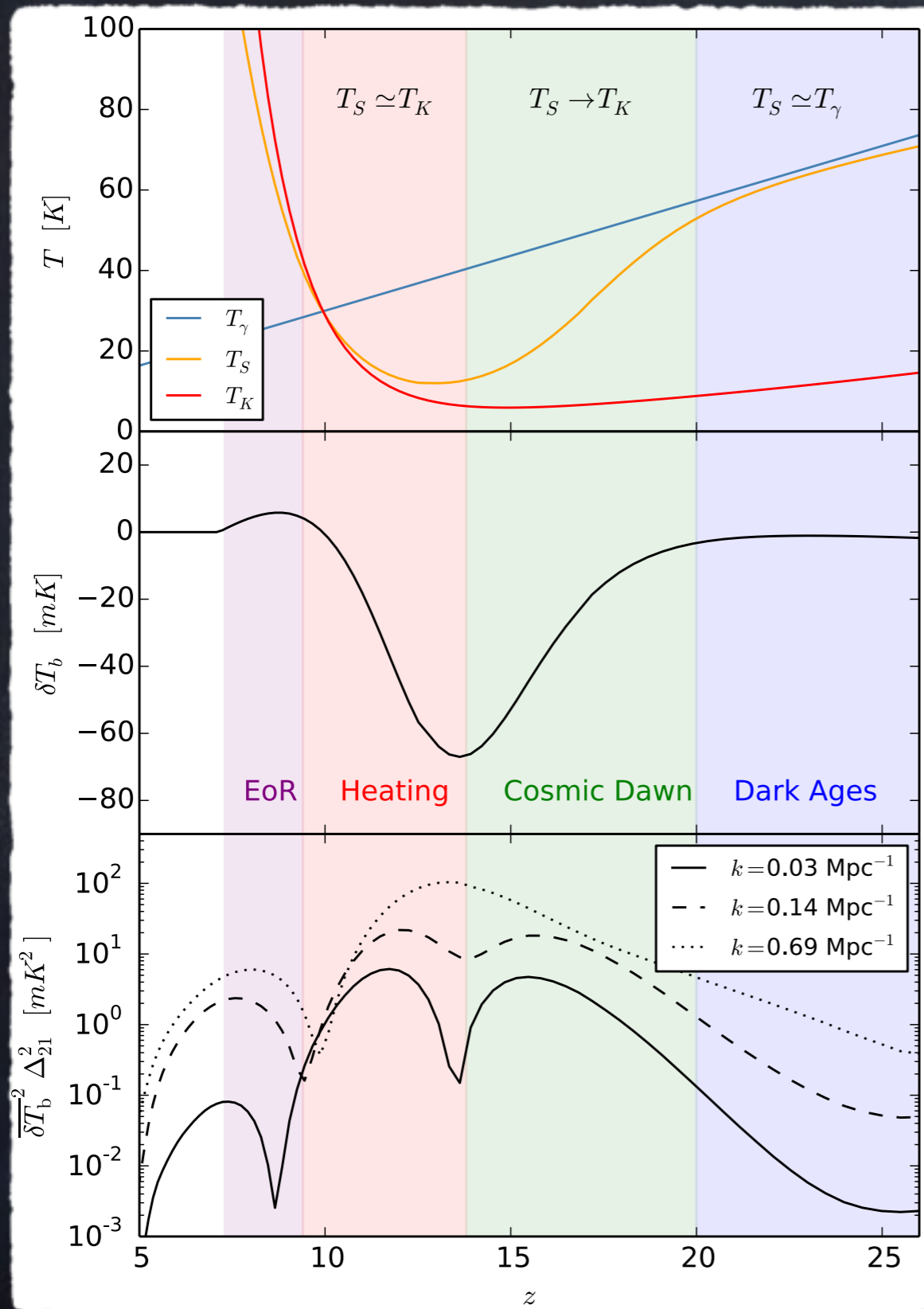
signal in absorption,  
limited by gas temperature

Astrophysical processes decouple  $T_S$  from  $T_{CMB}$

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Dense medium:  
Spin temperature coupled  
to gas via collisions and  
gas to CMB via Compton

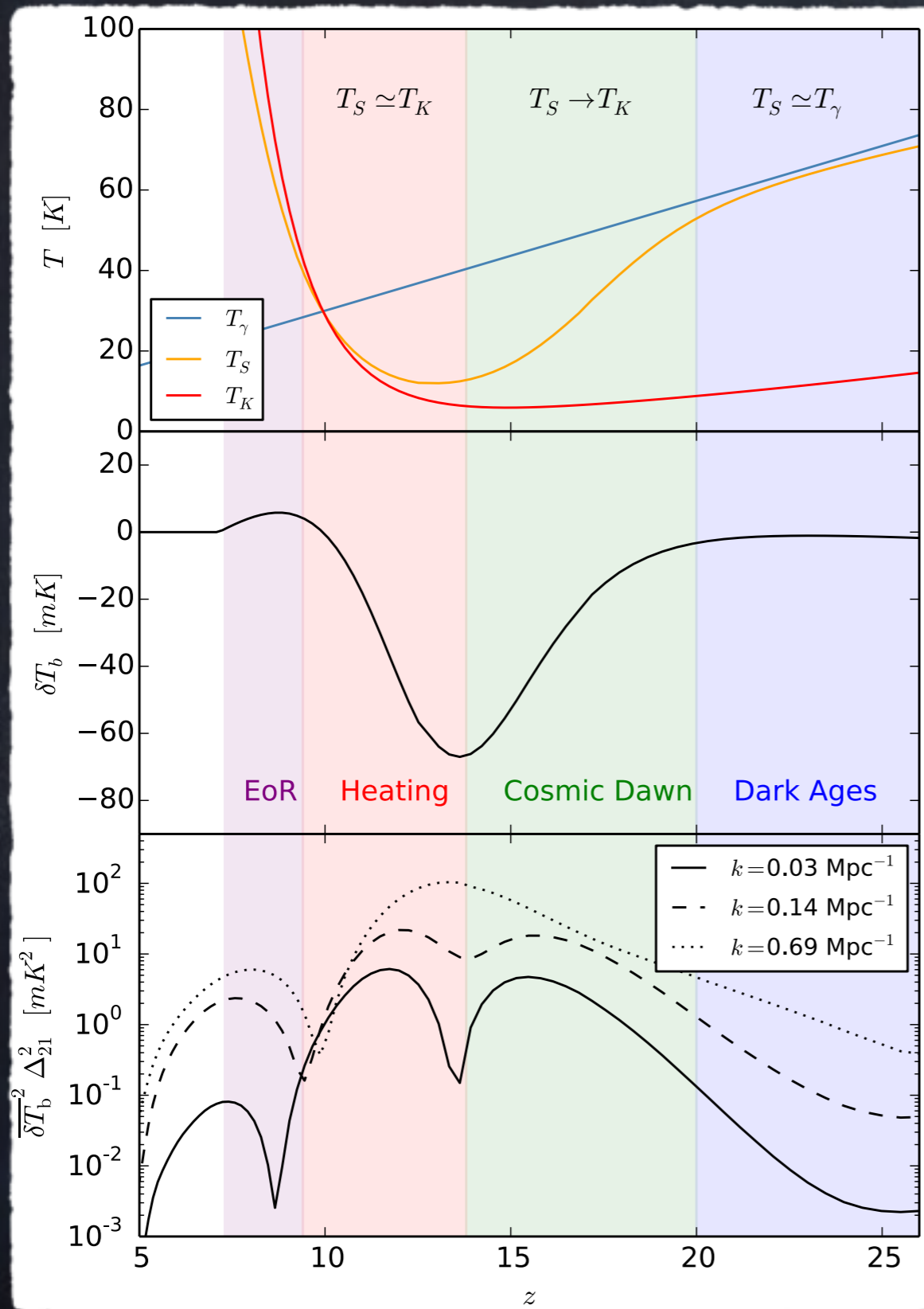
CMB decouples:  
gas cools faster

Density decreases:  
collisions not effective

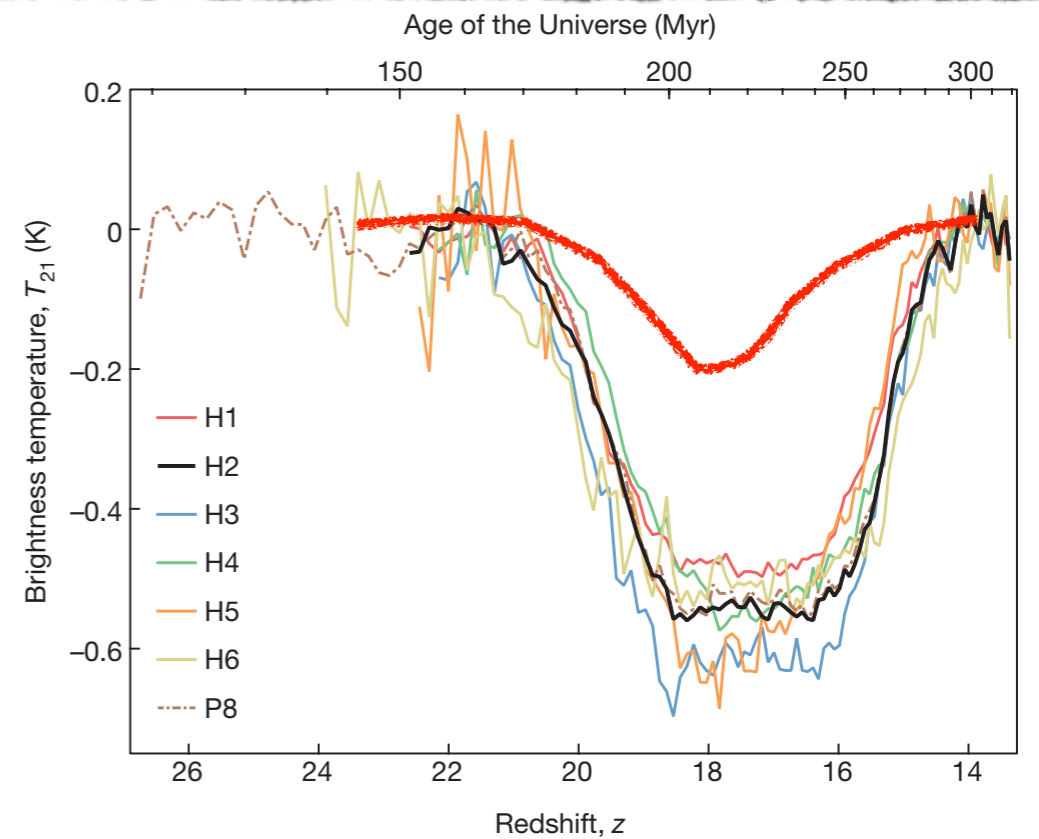
100

300

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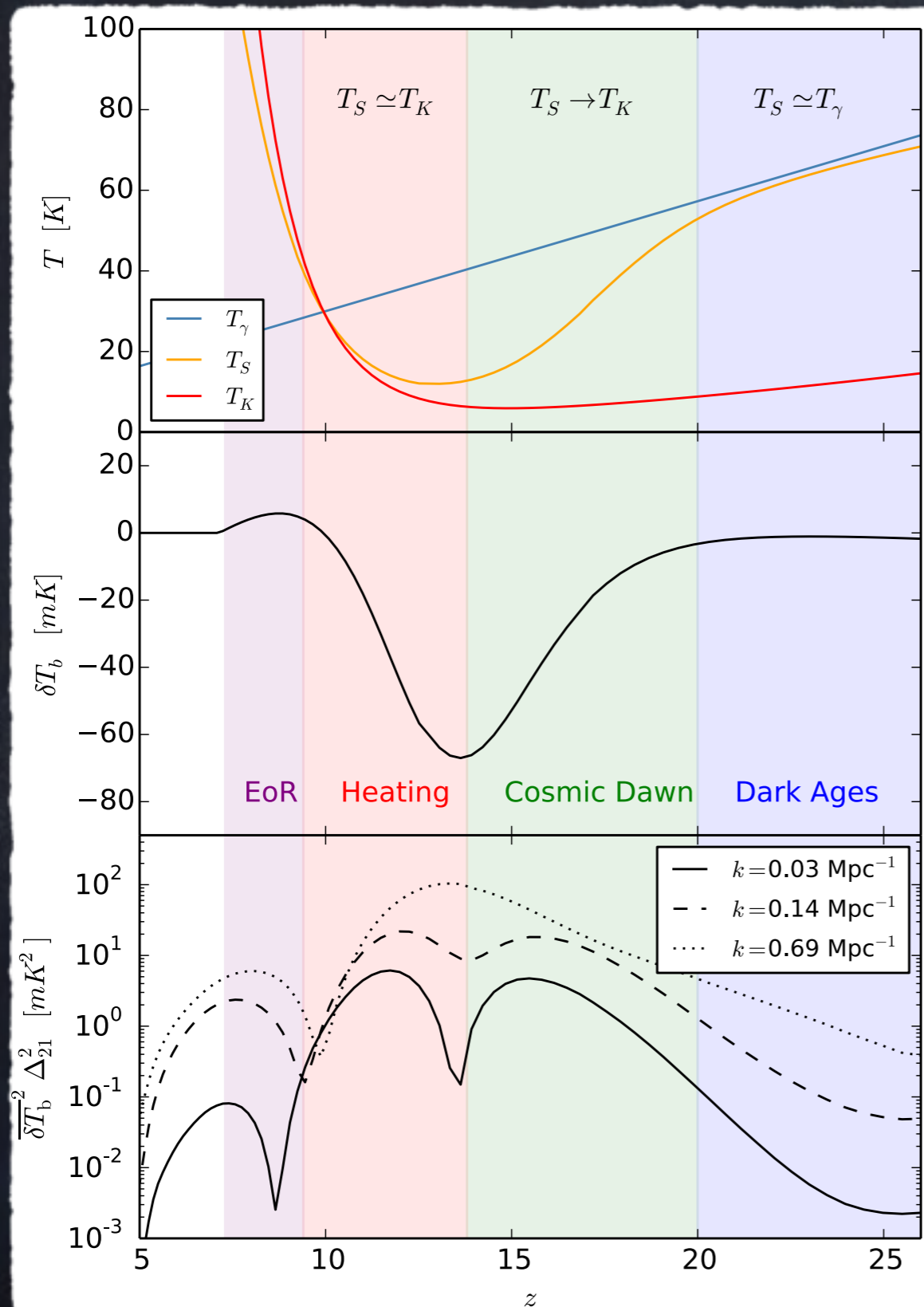
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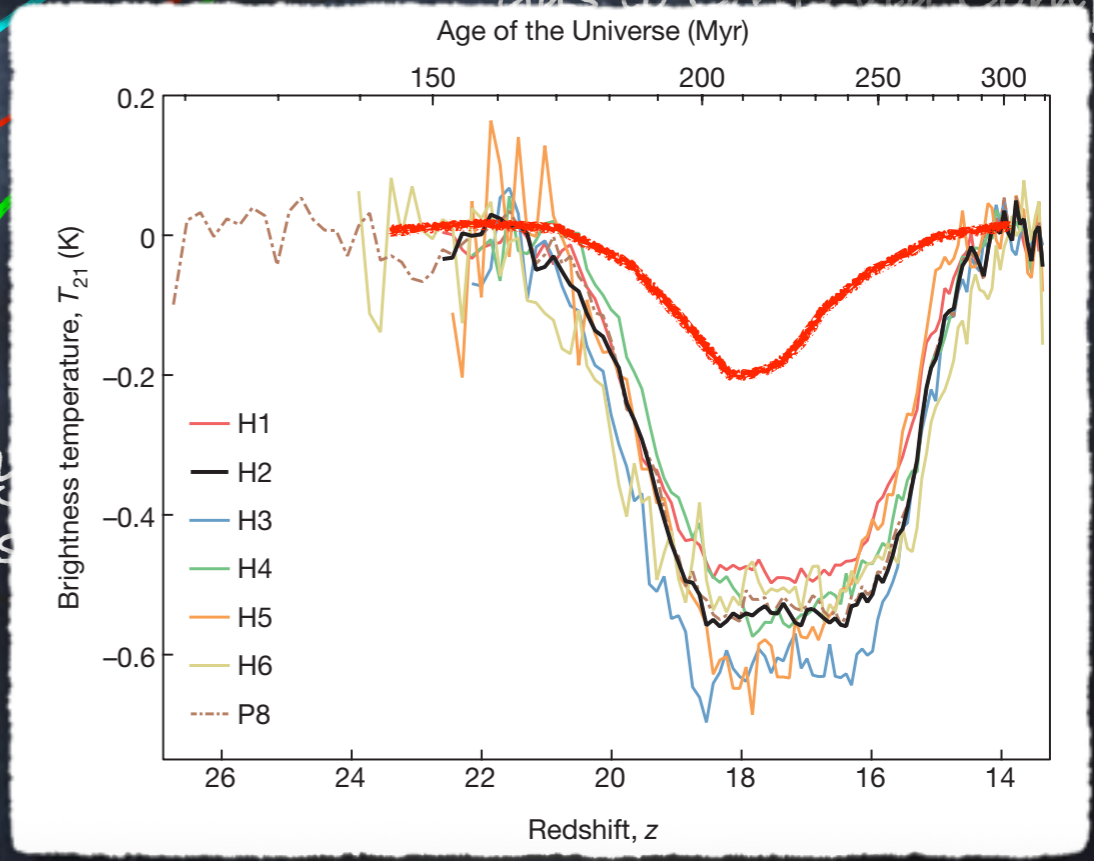
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Fully incompatible (amplitude AND shape)  
with standard scenarios

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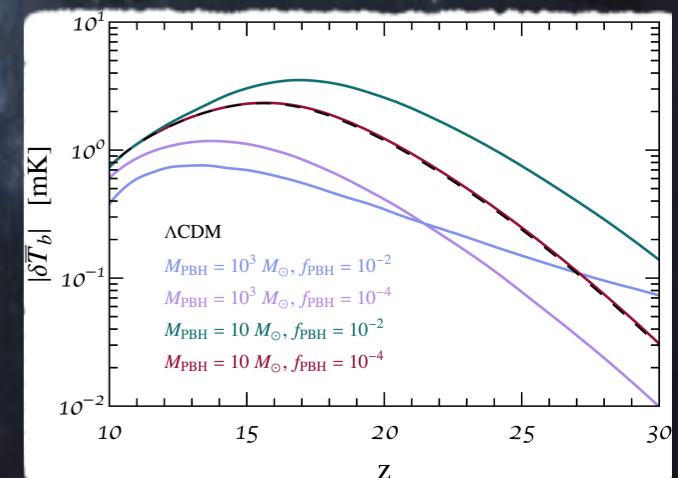
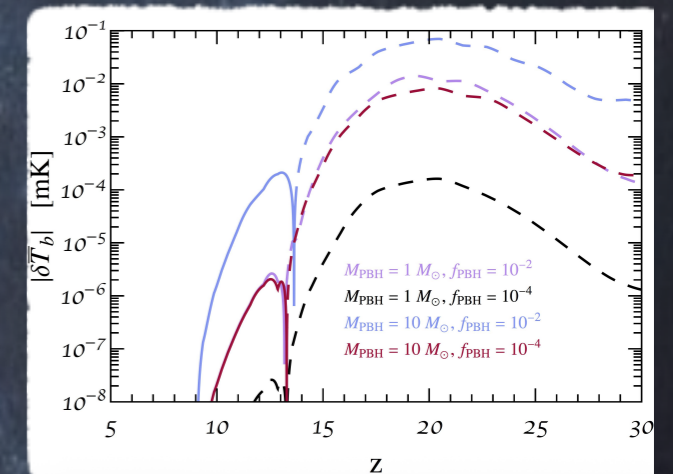
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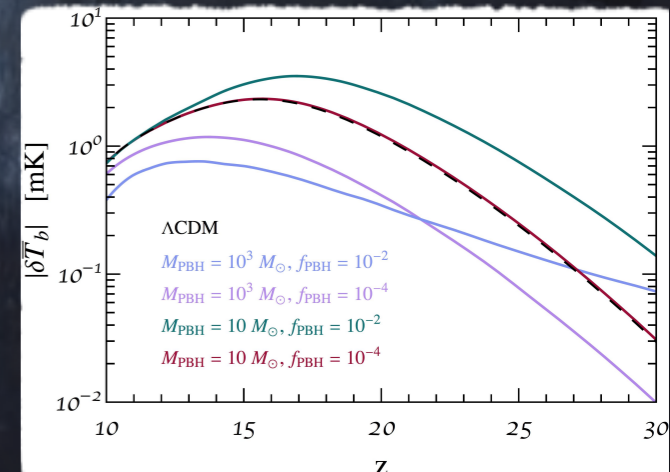
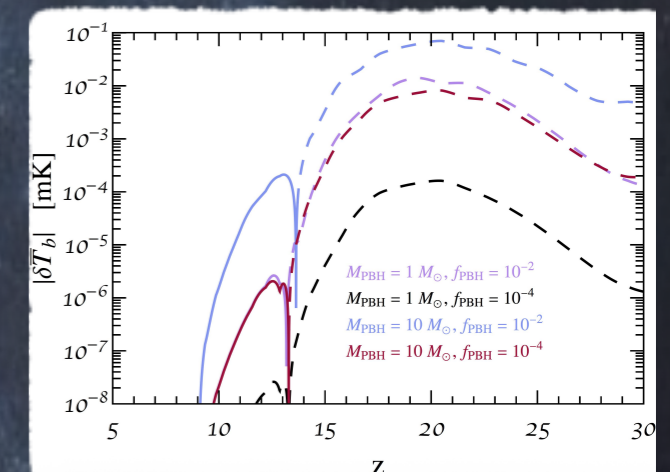
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See, however, effects on the 21cm forest:

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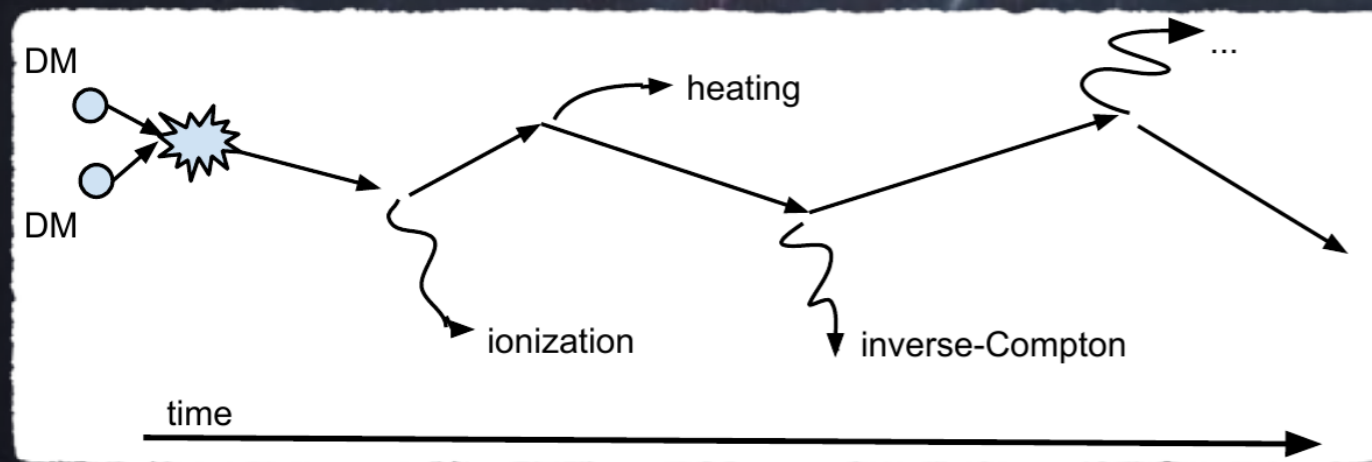
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# ENERGY INJECTION: EFFECT ON THE 21CM SIGNAL

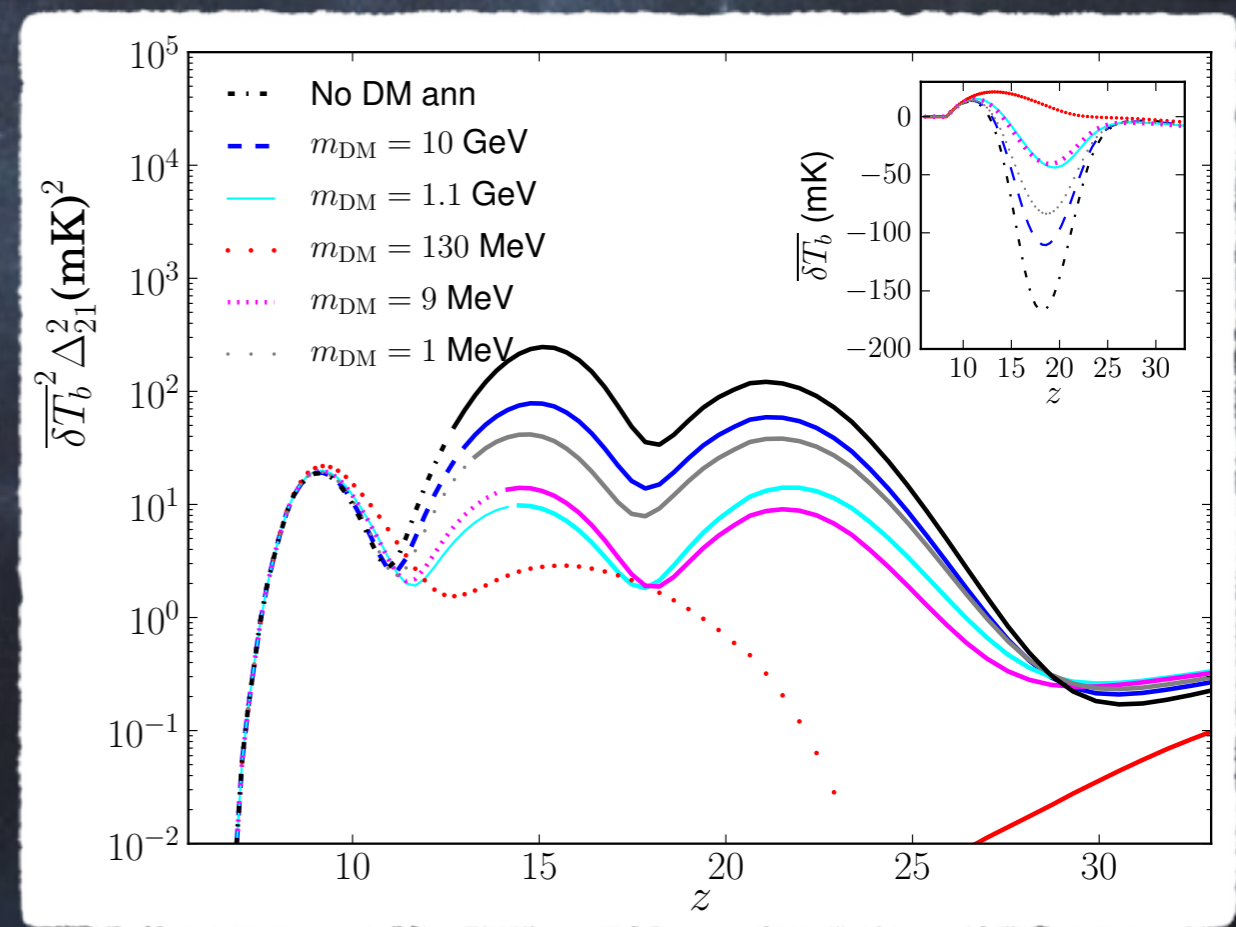
Dark matter annihilations:  
inject energy into the IGM

DM annihilations: suppress power  
but effects are degenerated with astrophysics

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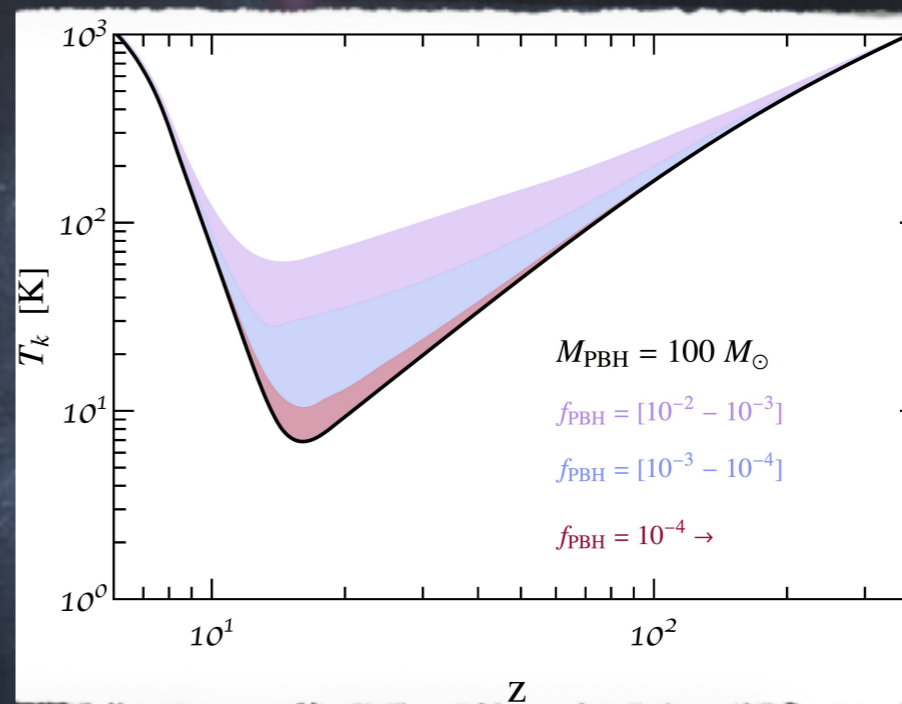
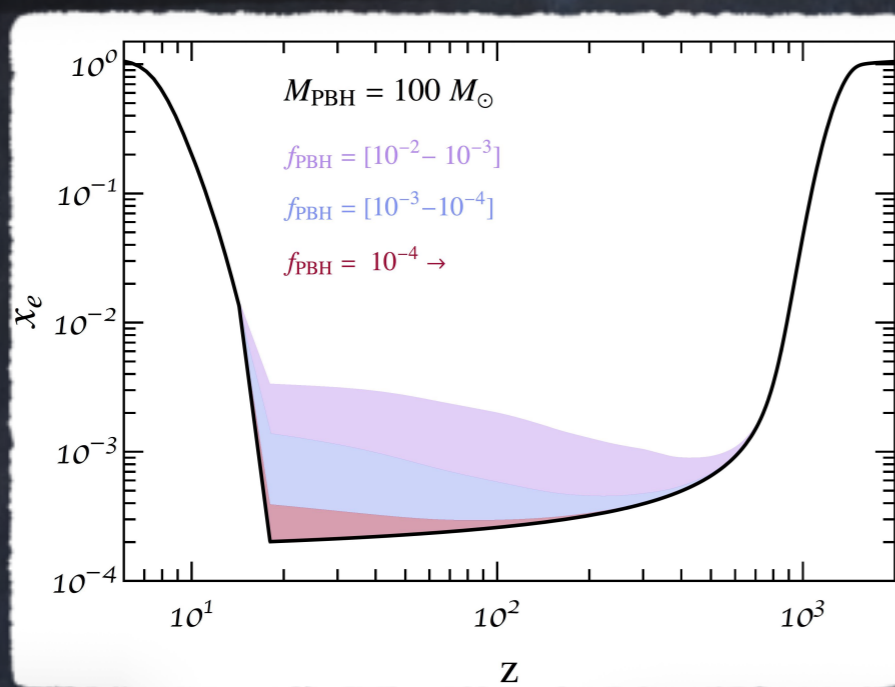
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SPR and A. C. Vincent, JCAP 1608:004, 2016

# PBHs: BRIGHTNESS TEMPERATURE

*Accretion:* Injected energy goes into ionizing and heating the IGM

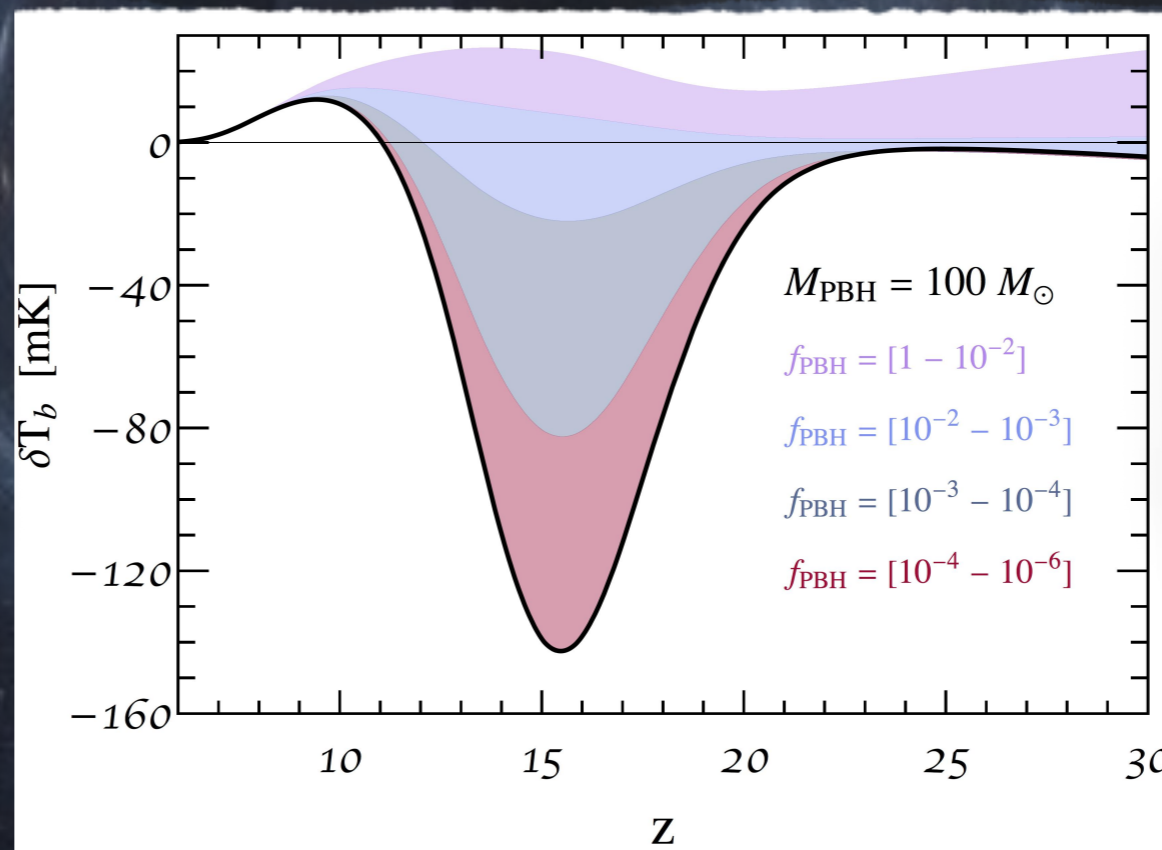


We use CosmoRec

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Impact on the  
brightness temperature:  
suppression of signal



From  
absorption to  
emission

We use 21cmFAST

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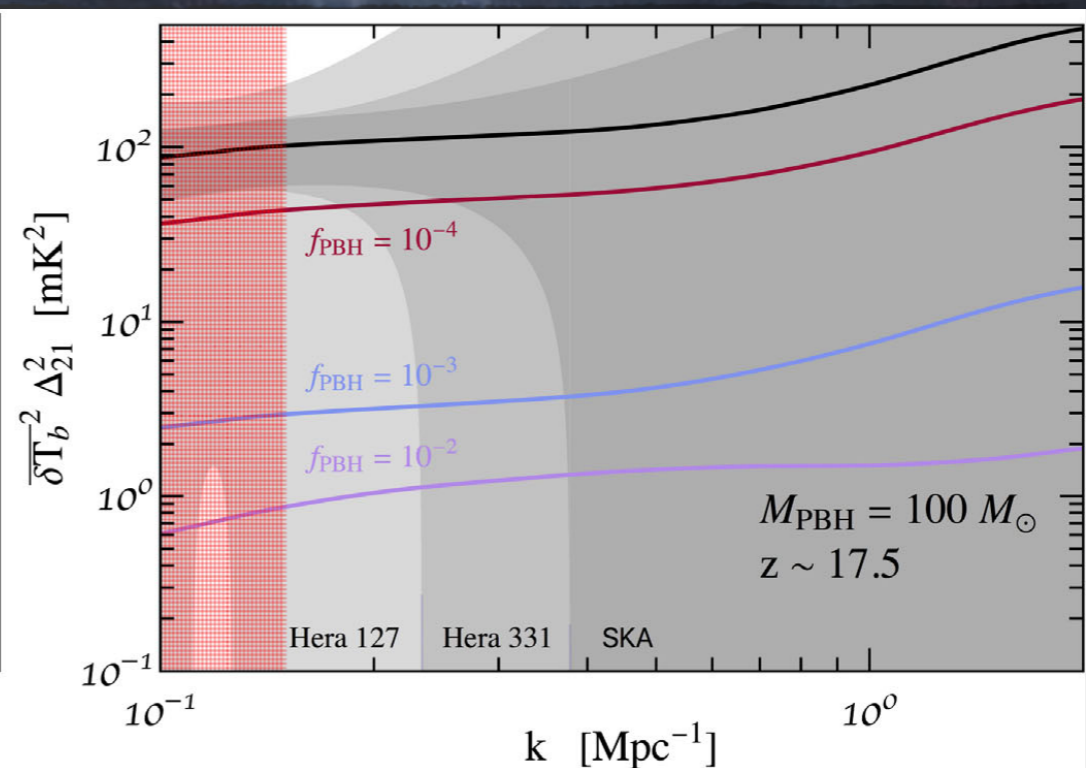
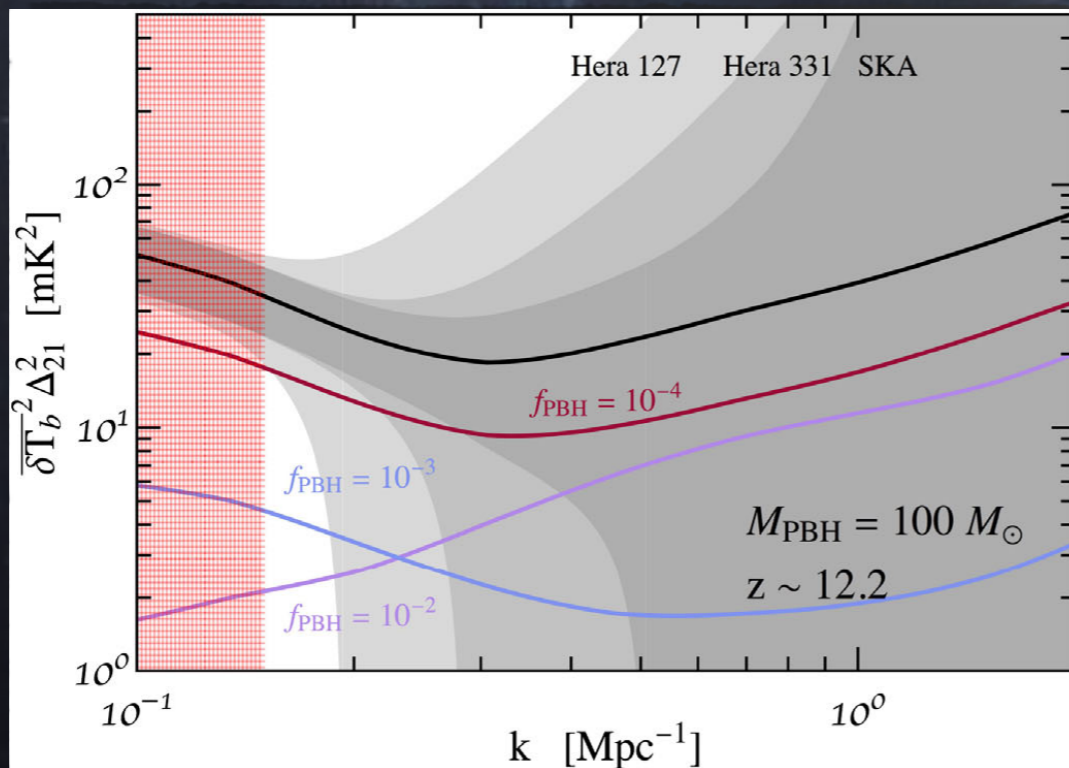
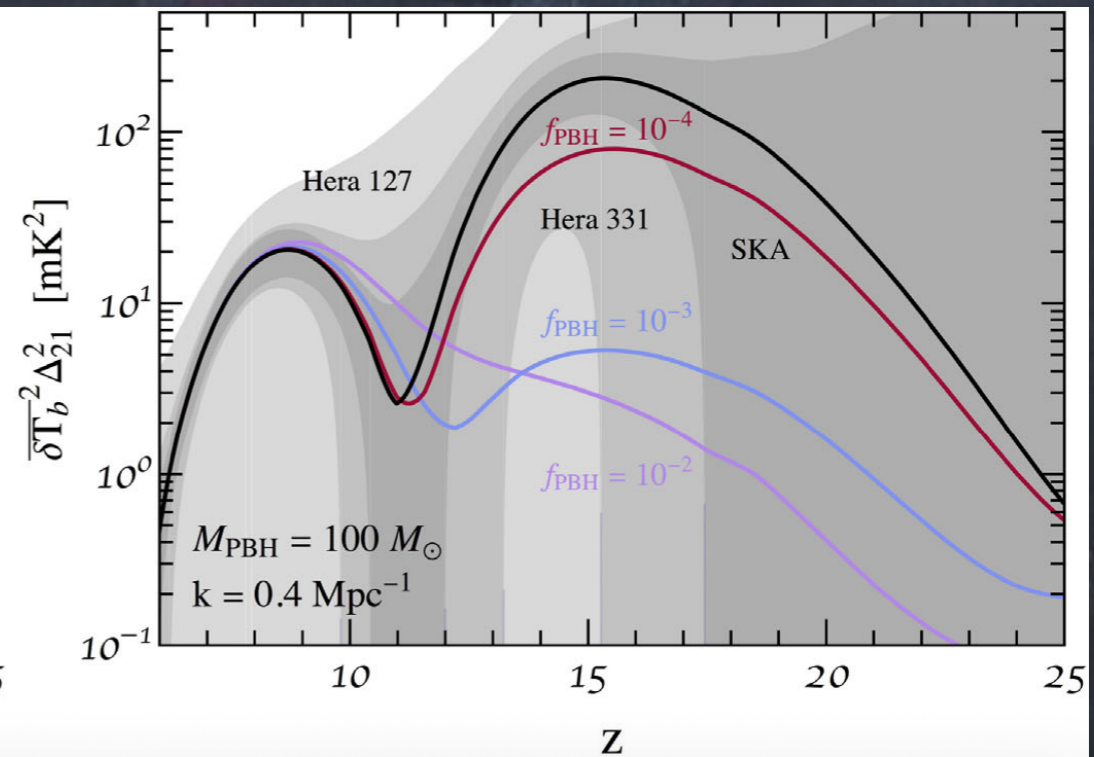
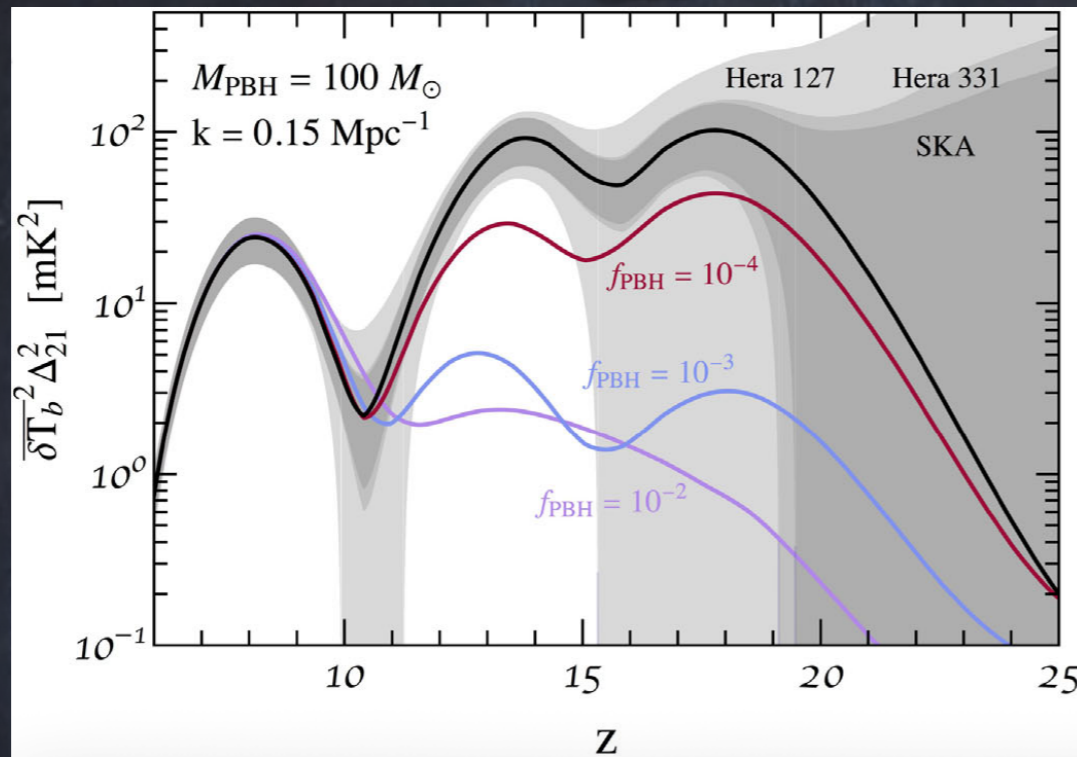
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We use 21cmSense

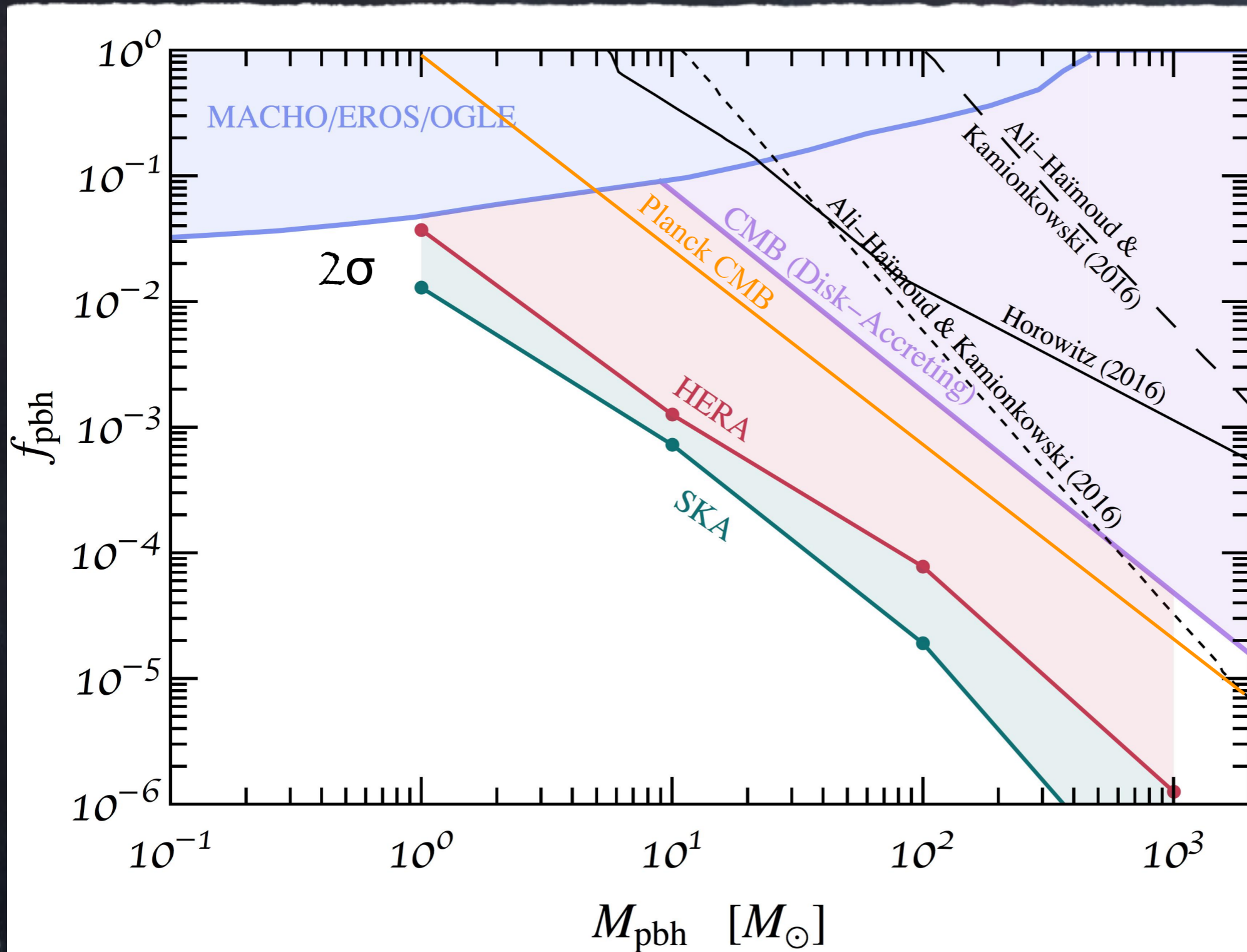
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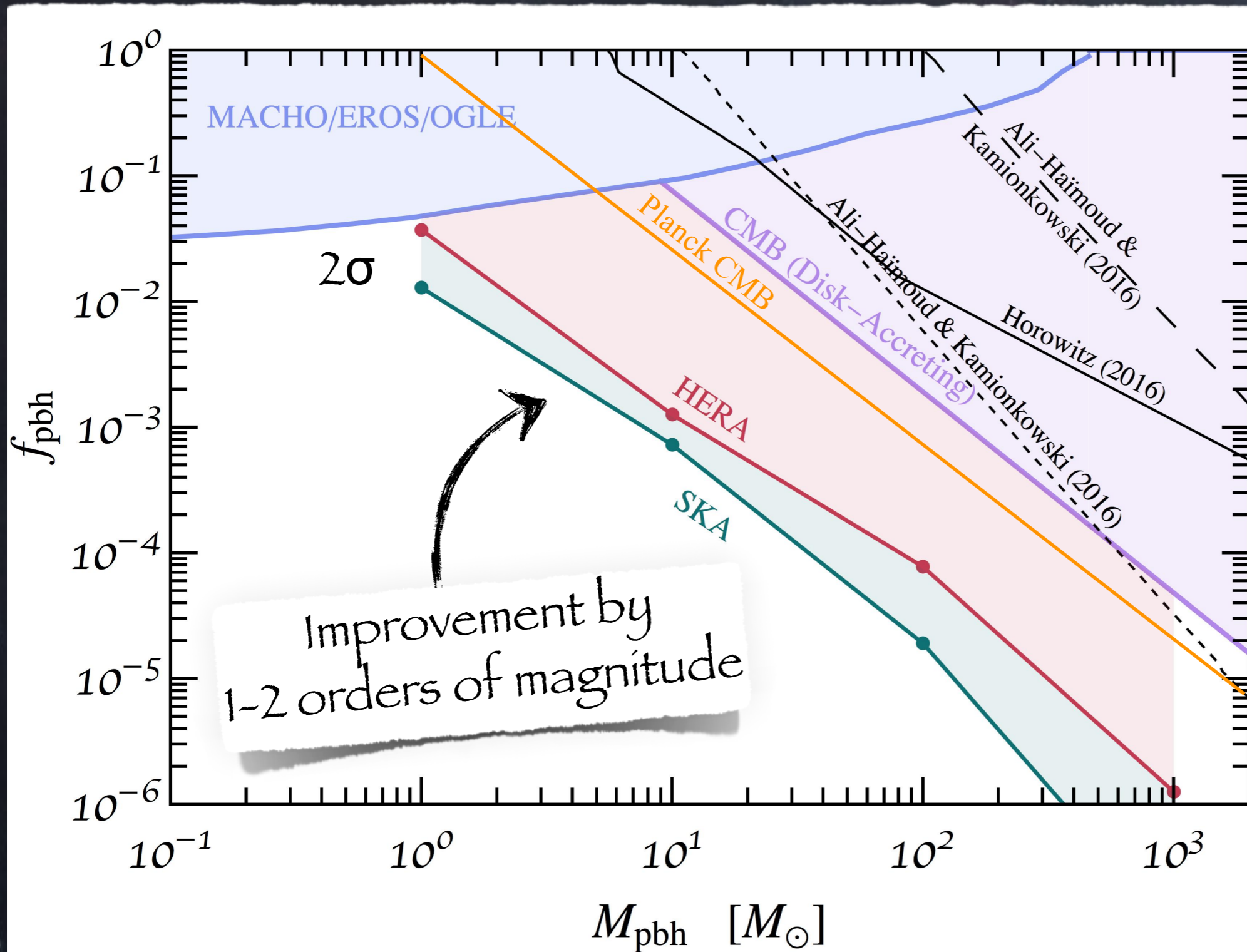
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## CONCLUSIONS

Great interest in PBHs, triggered by GW measurements

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21cm radio observatories will be a powerful tool to learn about exotic energy injection mechanisms into the IGM (PBHs, DM...) during dark ages and cosmic dawn

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Sensitivity to solar mass PBHs will be improved by up to 2 orders of magnitude with future interferometers (HERA, SKA)... and also great sensitivity to comet-size PBHs

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