

# Dark Photon and CMB data in our inhomogeneous universe

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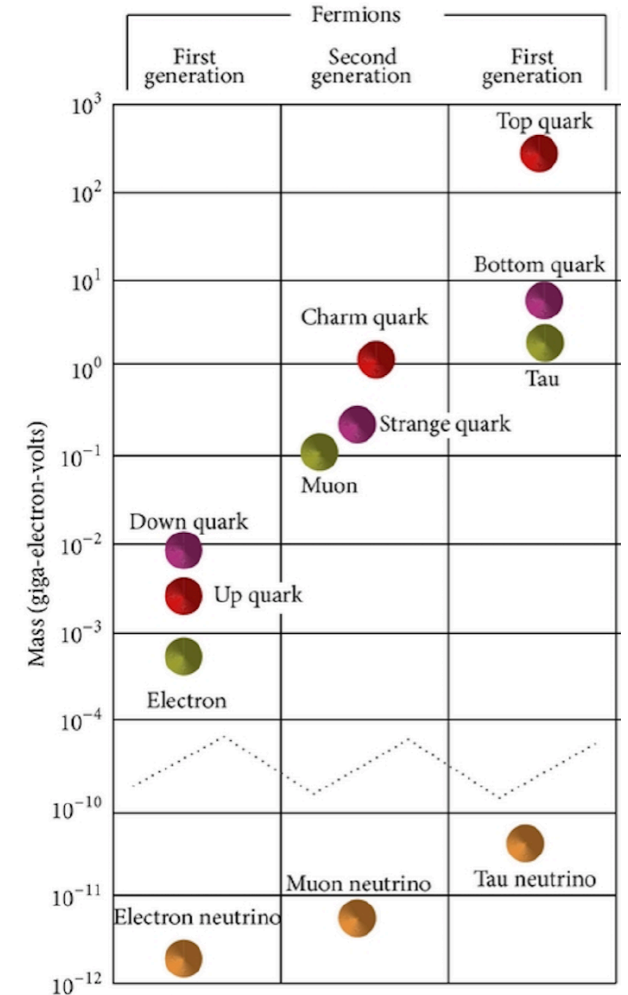


# We have a lot of evidences for physics beyond the Standard Model

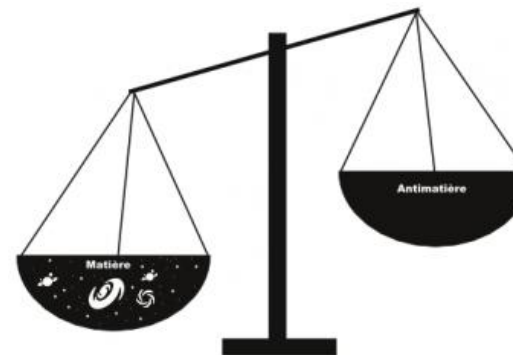
Dark Matter



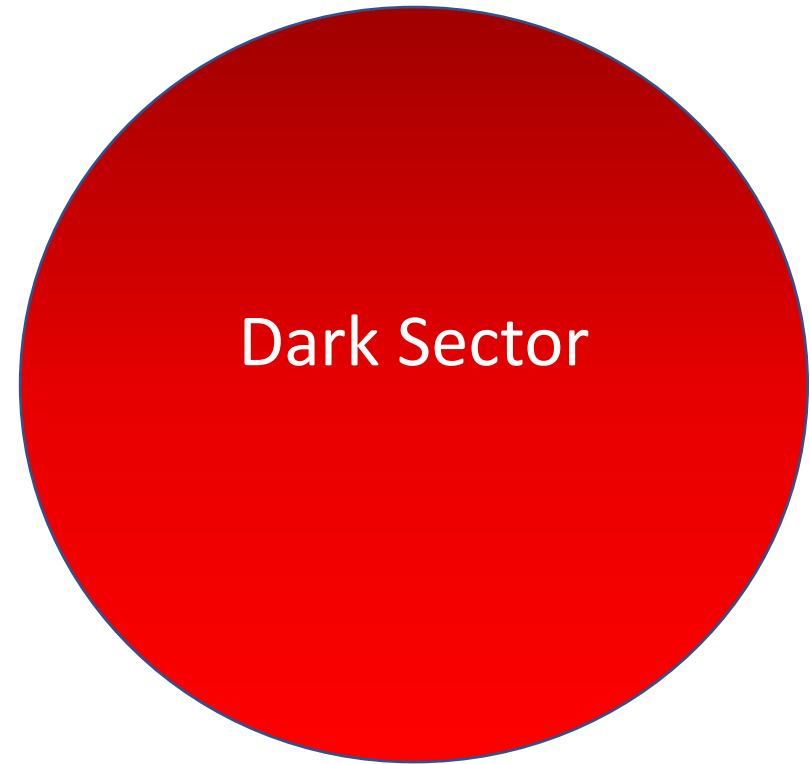
Neutrino Masses



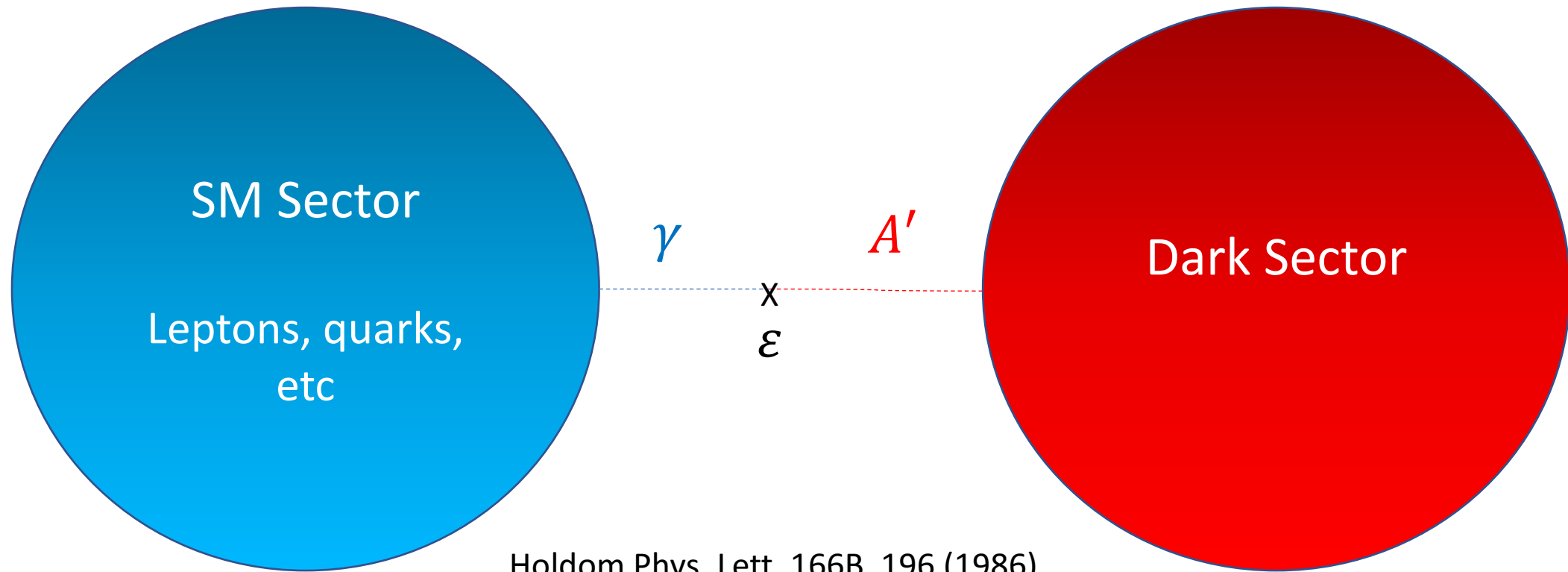
Matter Antimatter asymmetry



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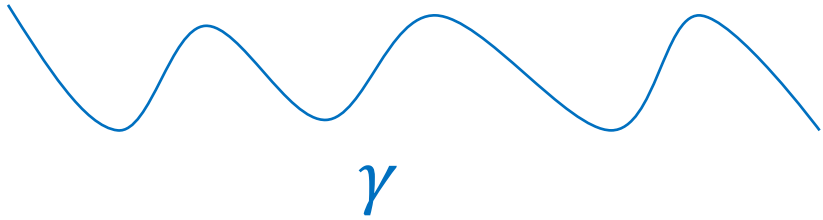
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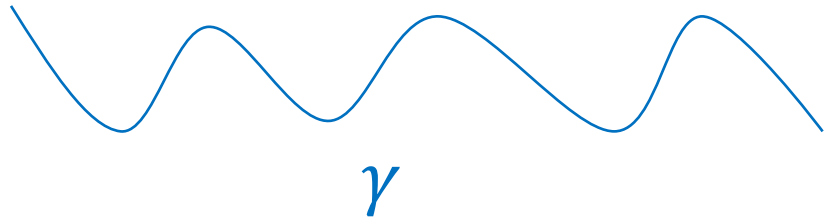
We explored the so called vector portal, introducing a kinetic mixing among the SM photon and a **Dark photon** (other portals are possible, such as Higgs portal or neutrinos portal)

Now some plasma physics

Photons in Vacuum are massless



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



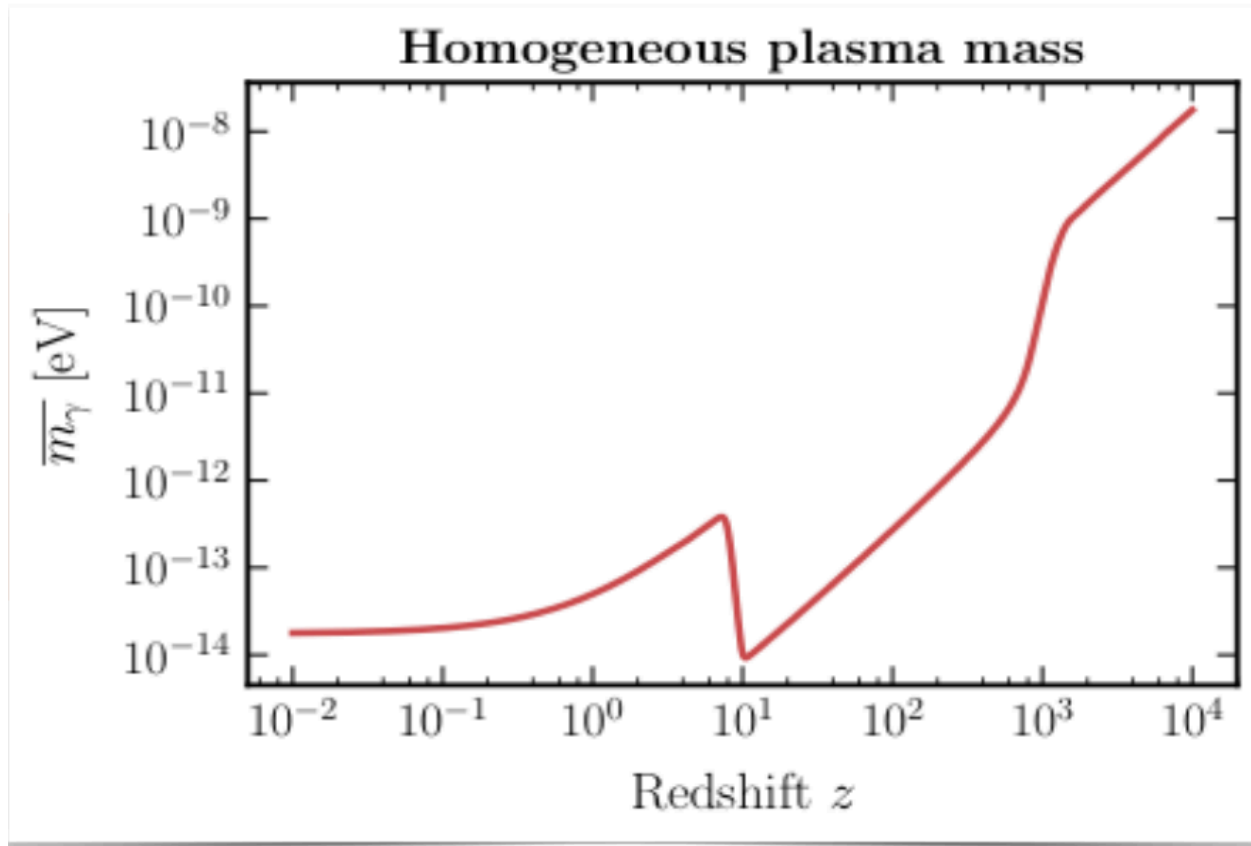
$$m_{\gamma}^2(z, \vec{x}) \simeq 1.4 \times 10^{-21} \text{ eV}^2 \left( \frac{n_e(z, \vec{x})}{\text{cm}^{-3}} \right)$$

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

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

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

# Homogeneous Plasma Mass

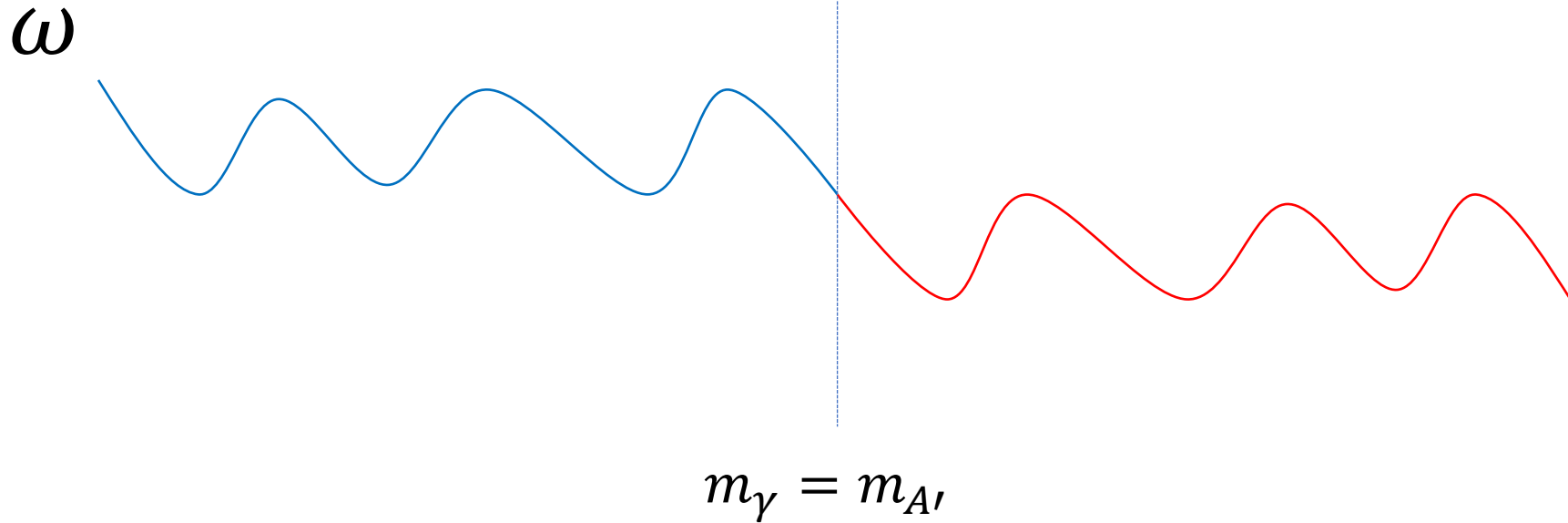


In the assumption of homogeneous medium, the photon mass after recombination varies between  $10^{-9}$  and  $10^{-14}$  eV



# Resonant Oscillations

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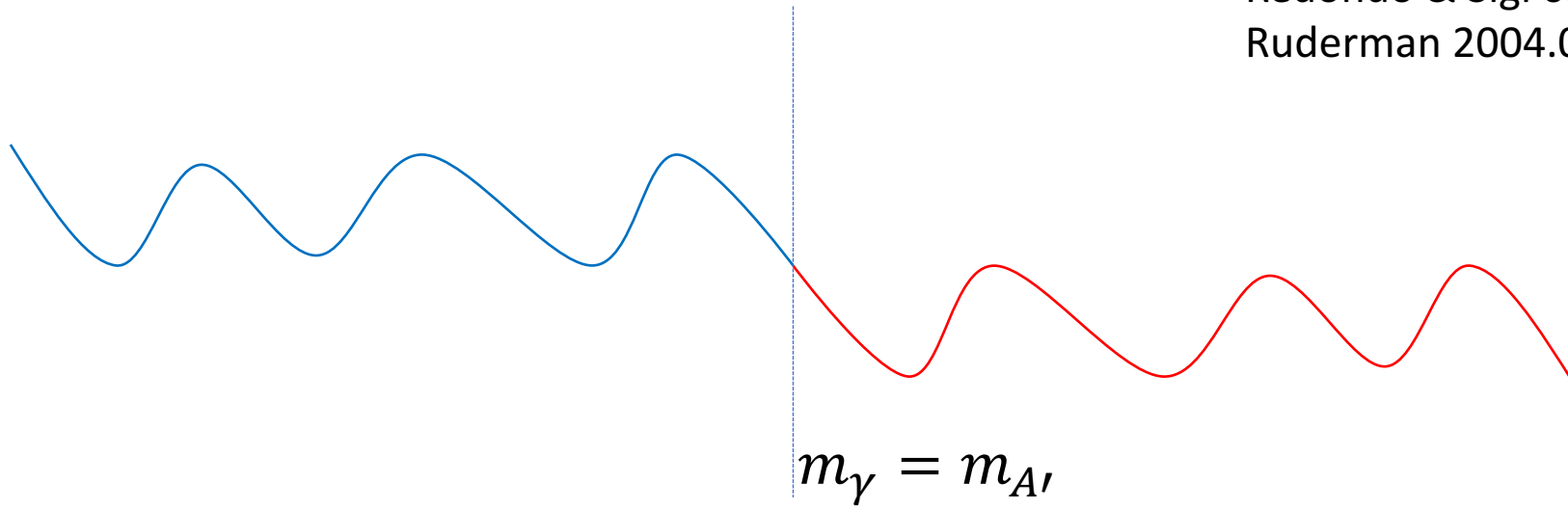


$$P_{\gamma \rightarrow A'} \simeq \sum_i \frac{\pi m_{A'}^2 \epsilon^2}{\omega(t_i)} \left| \frac{d \ln m_\gamma^2(t)}{dt} \right|_{t=t_i}^{-1},$$

Landau-Zener  
approximation

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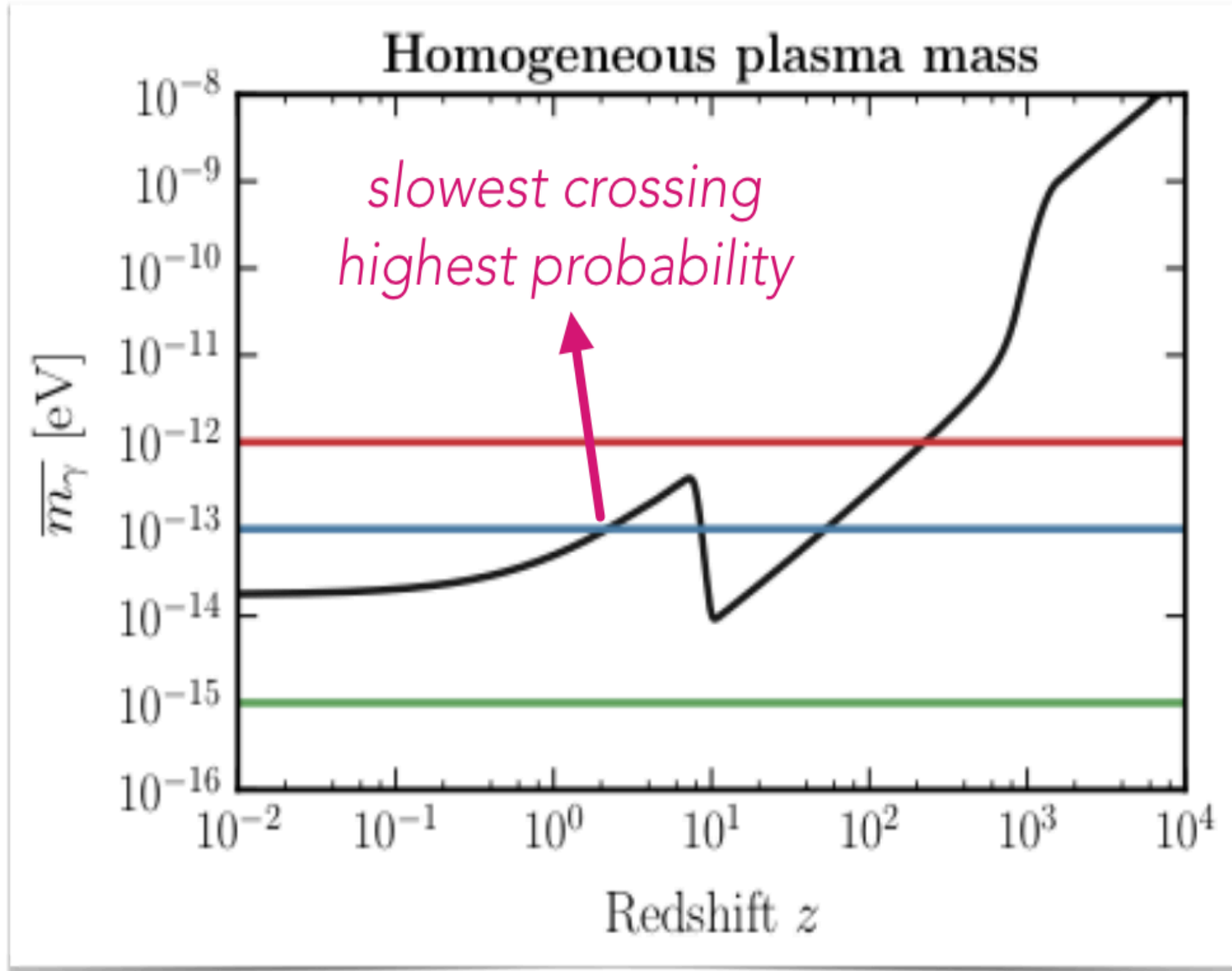
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$$P_{\gamma \rightarrow A'} = 2\pi \times \epsilon^2 \times \frac{m_{A'}^2}{2\omega} \times \left| \frac{d \ln m_\gamma^2}{dt} \right|_{m_\gamma = m_{A'}}^{-1}$$

*mixing* →
*( $\gamma \rightarrow A'$  vacuum oscillation length)<sup>-1</sup>* →
*resonance timescale* →  
 $\sim H^{-1}$

# You can also have multiple resonances!



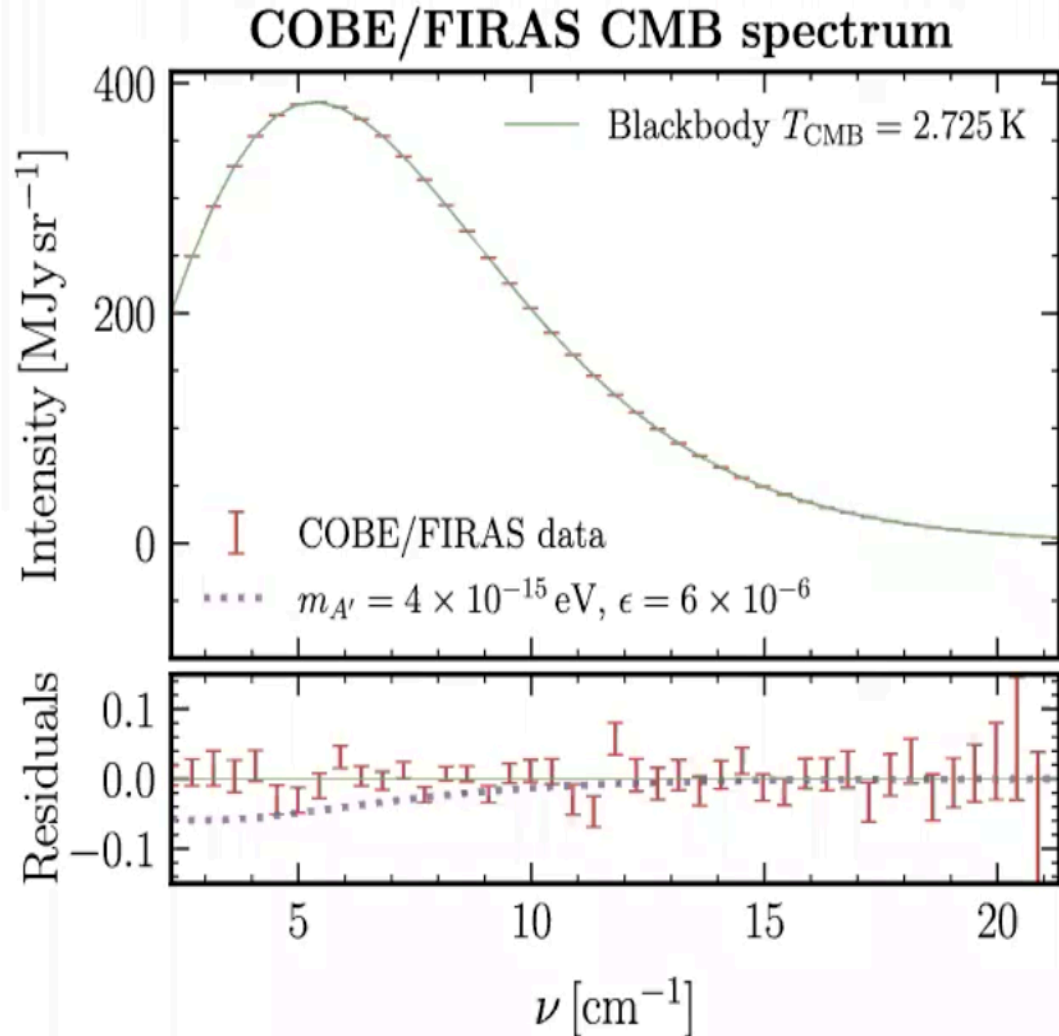
$$P_{\gamma \rightarrow A'} = \sum_i \frac{\pi \epsilon^2 m_{A'}^2}{\omega} \left| \frac{d \ln m_\gamma^2}{dt} \right|^{-1}_{t_i = t_{\text{res}}}$$

*1 crossing*

*3 crossings*

*0 crossings*

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



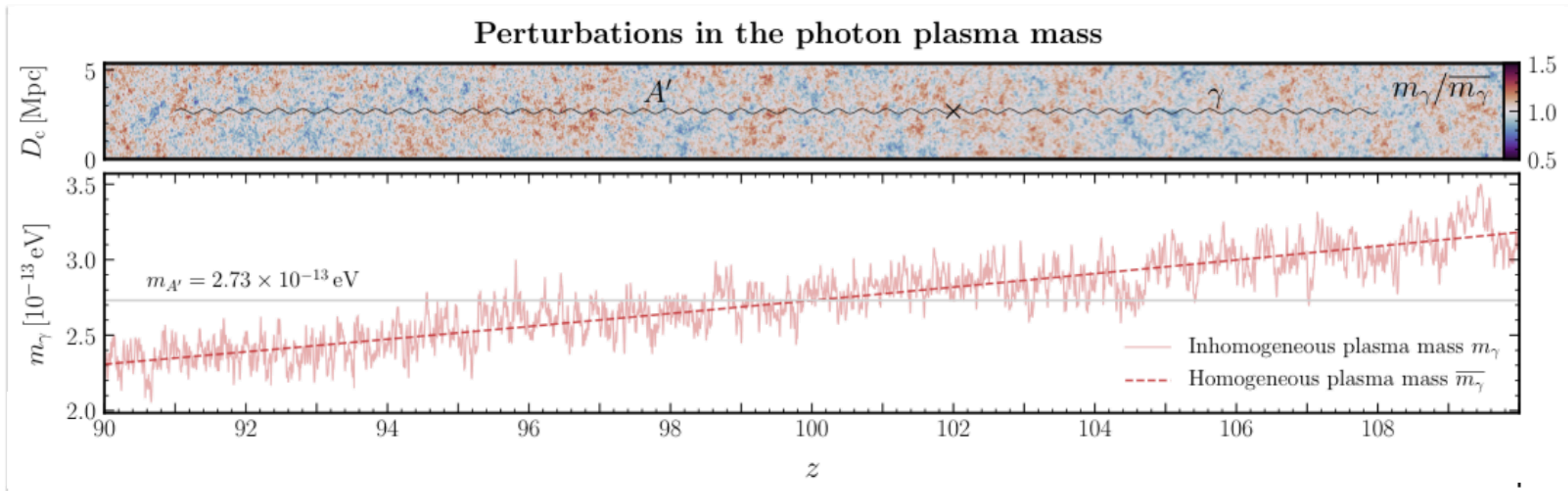
$$I_{\omega} (m_{A'}, \epsilon; T_{\text{CMB}}) = B_{\omega} (1 - P_{\gamma \rightarrow A'})$$

Blackbody spectrum

$\gamma$  disappearance probability

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

However there is an important piece missing.  
The Universe is not homogeneous!



A. Caputo, H. Liu, S. Mishra-Sharma & J. T. Ruderman 2002.05165 and  
2004.06733

See also the related works: Bondarenko, Pradler & Sokolenko 2002.08942 A. A. Garcia+ 2003.10465 Witte+ 2003.13698

# 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*

*Average over  
distribution of  $m_\gamma^2$*

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

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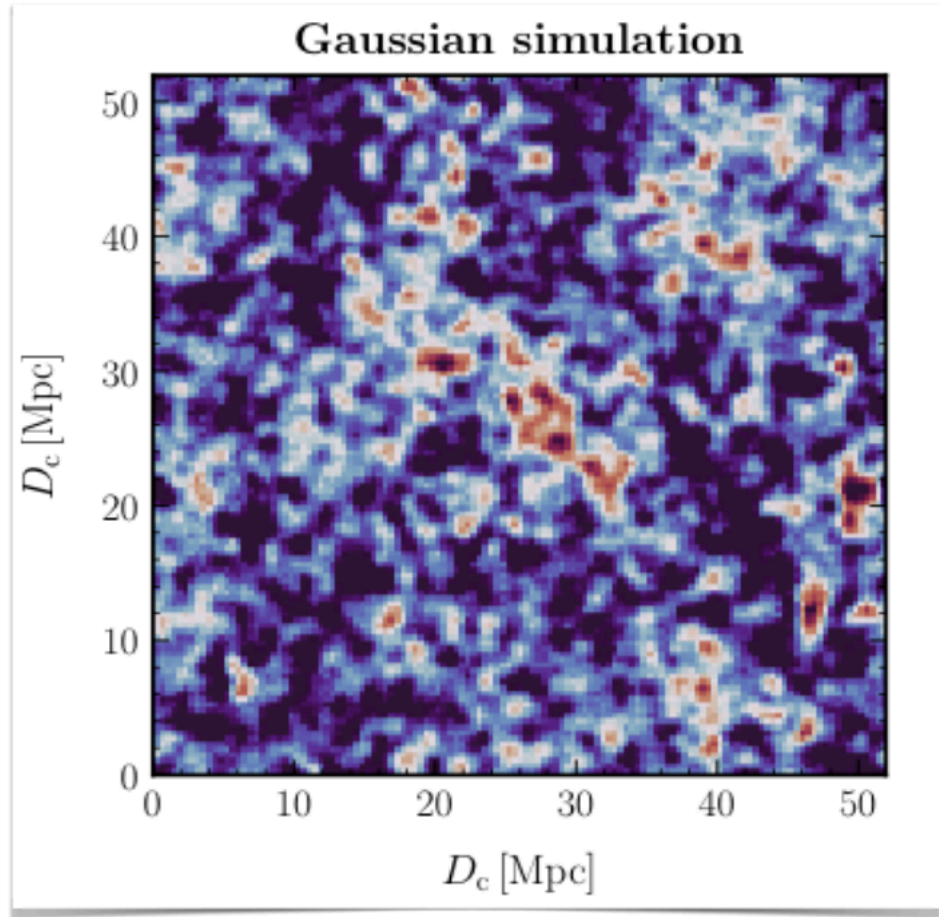
Then integrating over the mass using  
the delta function

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

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



# One point PDF



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

*one-point PDF  
of baryon fluctuations*

$$\delta_b \equiv \frac{\rho_b - \bar{\rho}_b}{\bar{\rho}_b}$$

$m_\gamma^2$  fluctuations directly related to **baryon density** fluctuations, a well-defined **cosmological parameter**.

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

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



# Alternative PDF prescriptions

## Log-normal PDF

Log-normal PDF with nonlinear baryon power spectrum

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

## “Analytic” PDF

Non-linear spherical collapse of linear matter field

Ivanov, Kaurov, Sibiryakov [1811.07913]

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

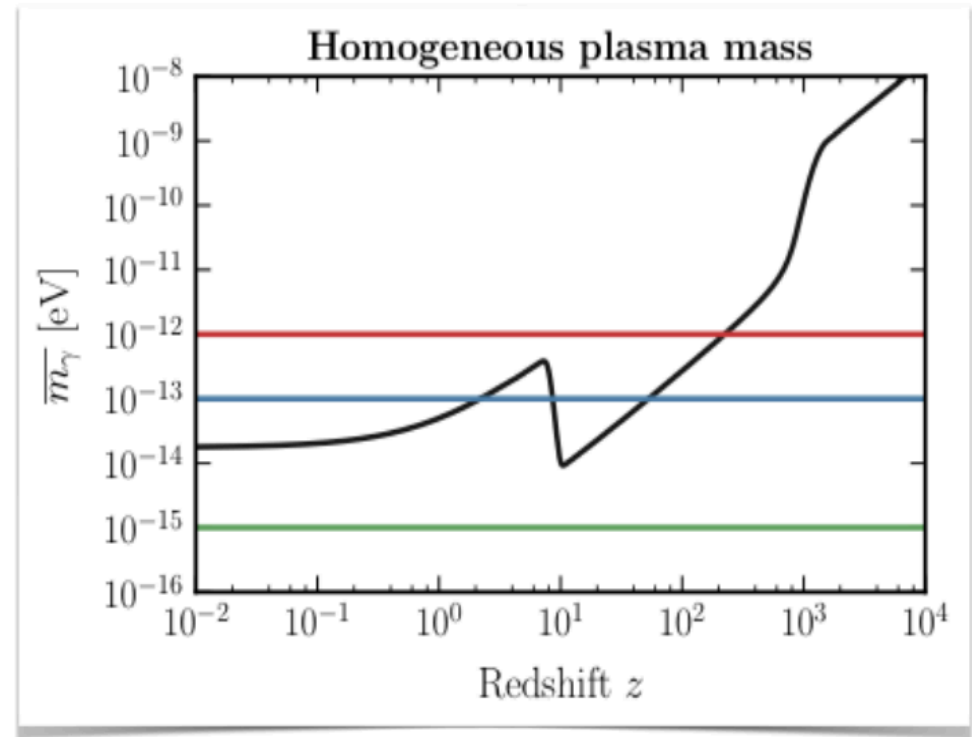
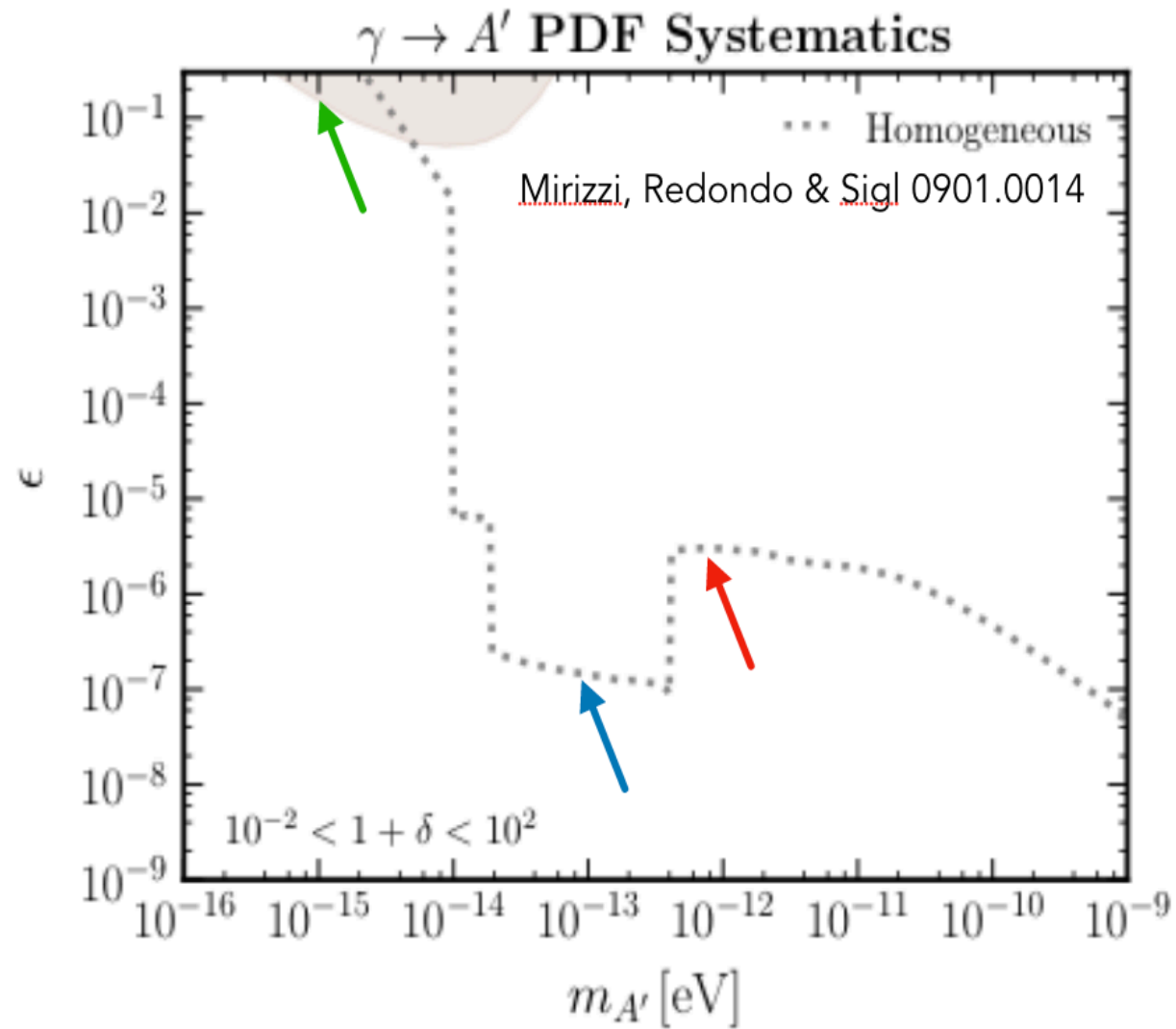
## Cosmic voids PDF

PDF of matter underdensities

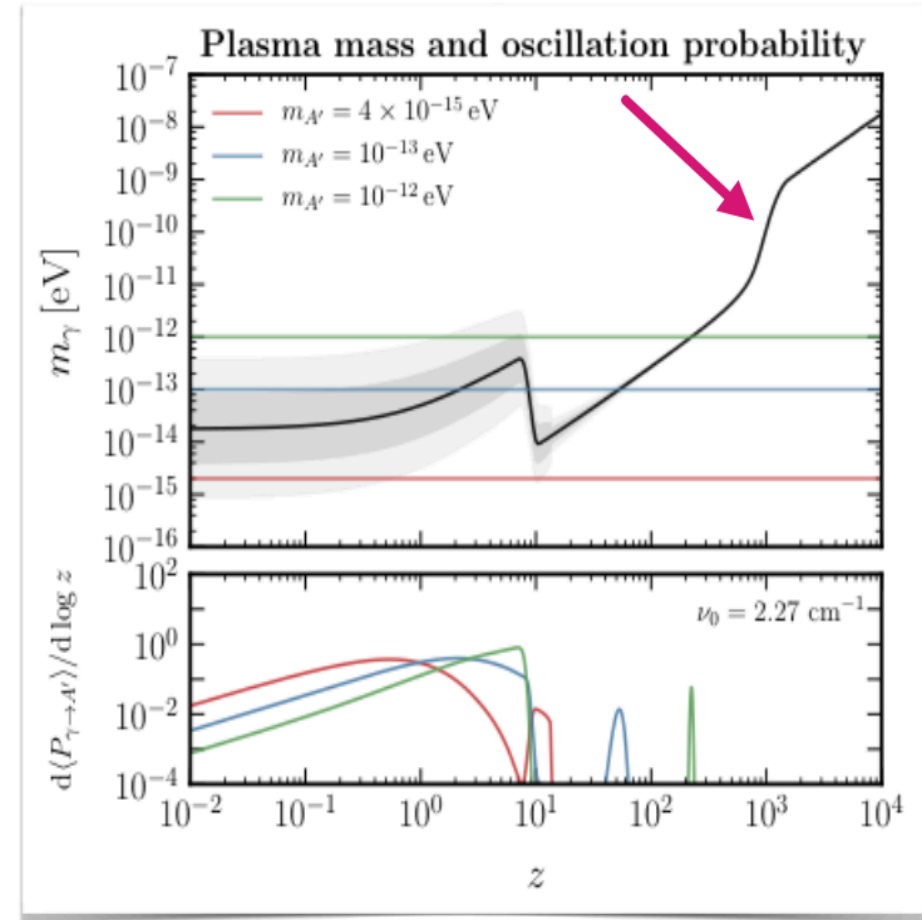
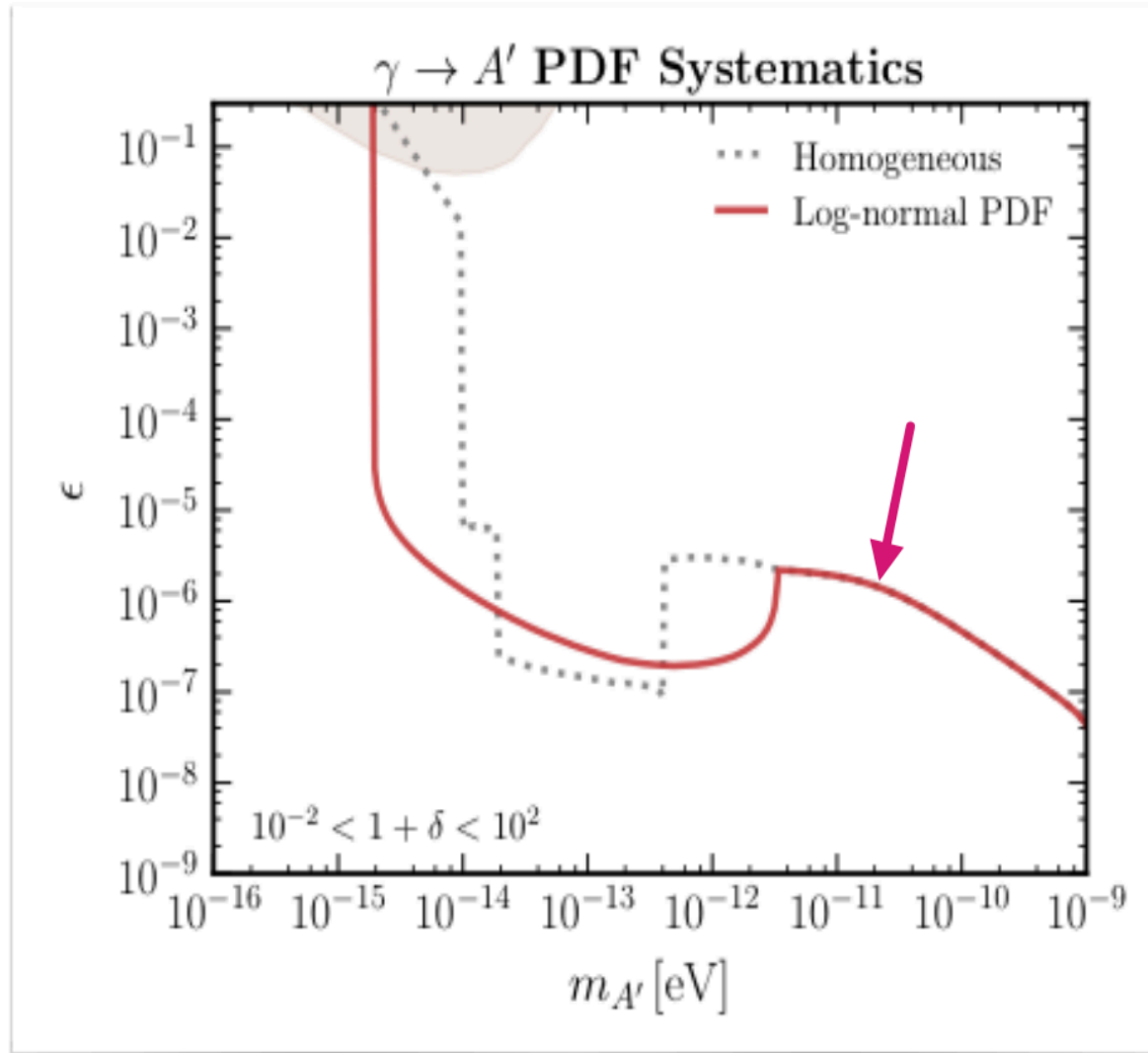
Adermann et al [1703.04885, 1807.02938]

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

# CMB Constraints

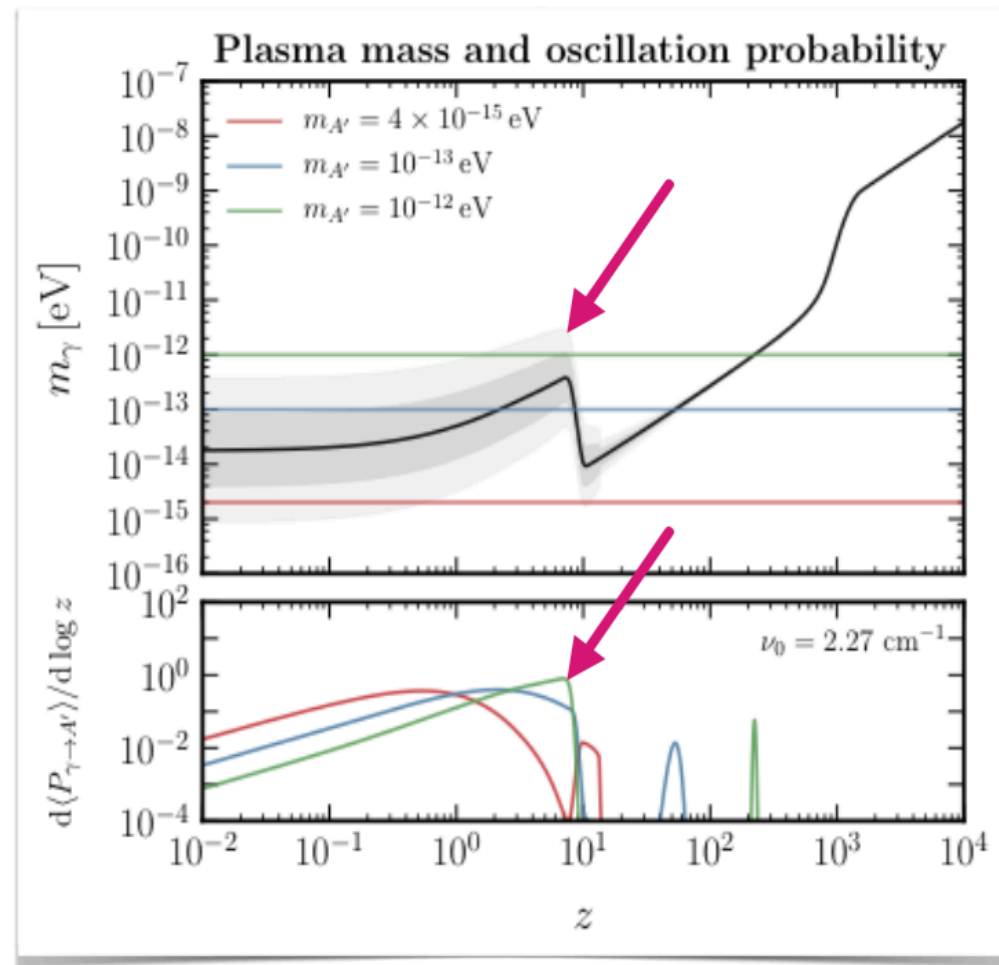
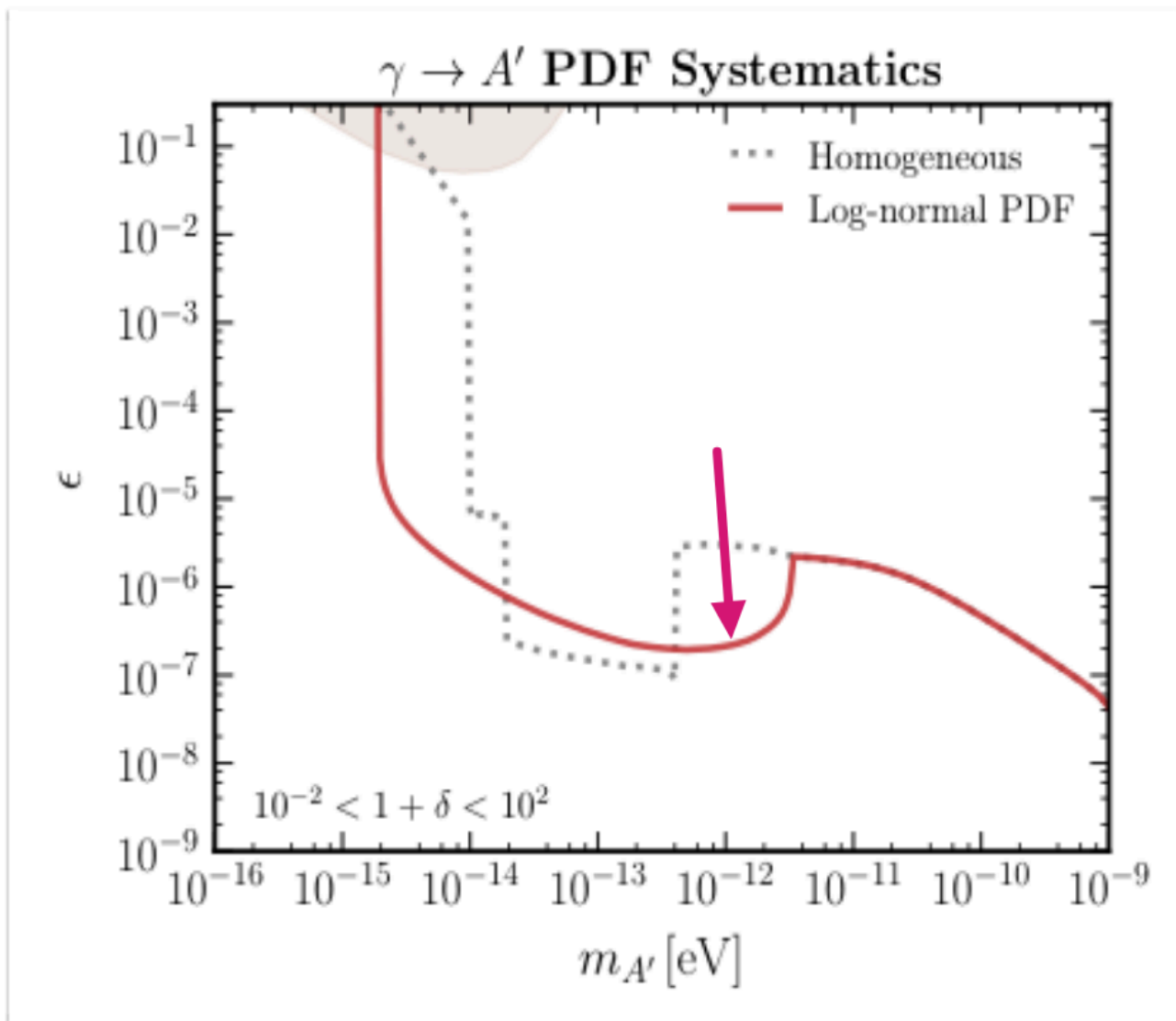


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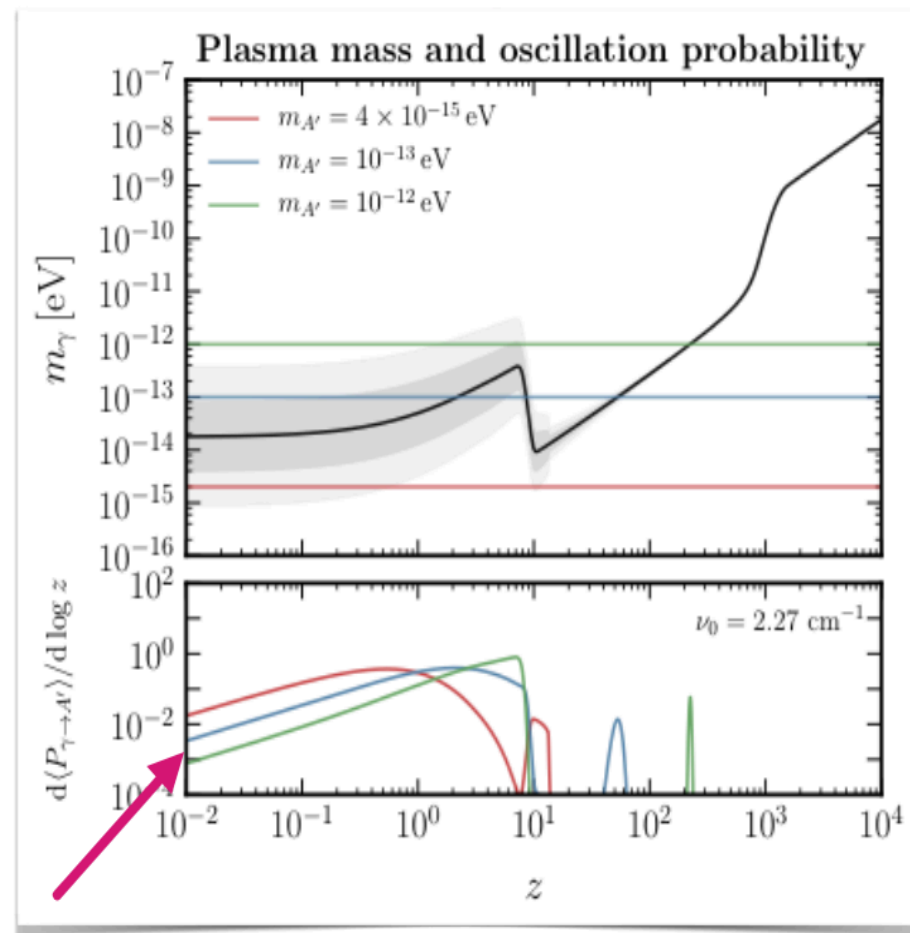
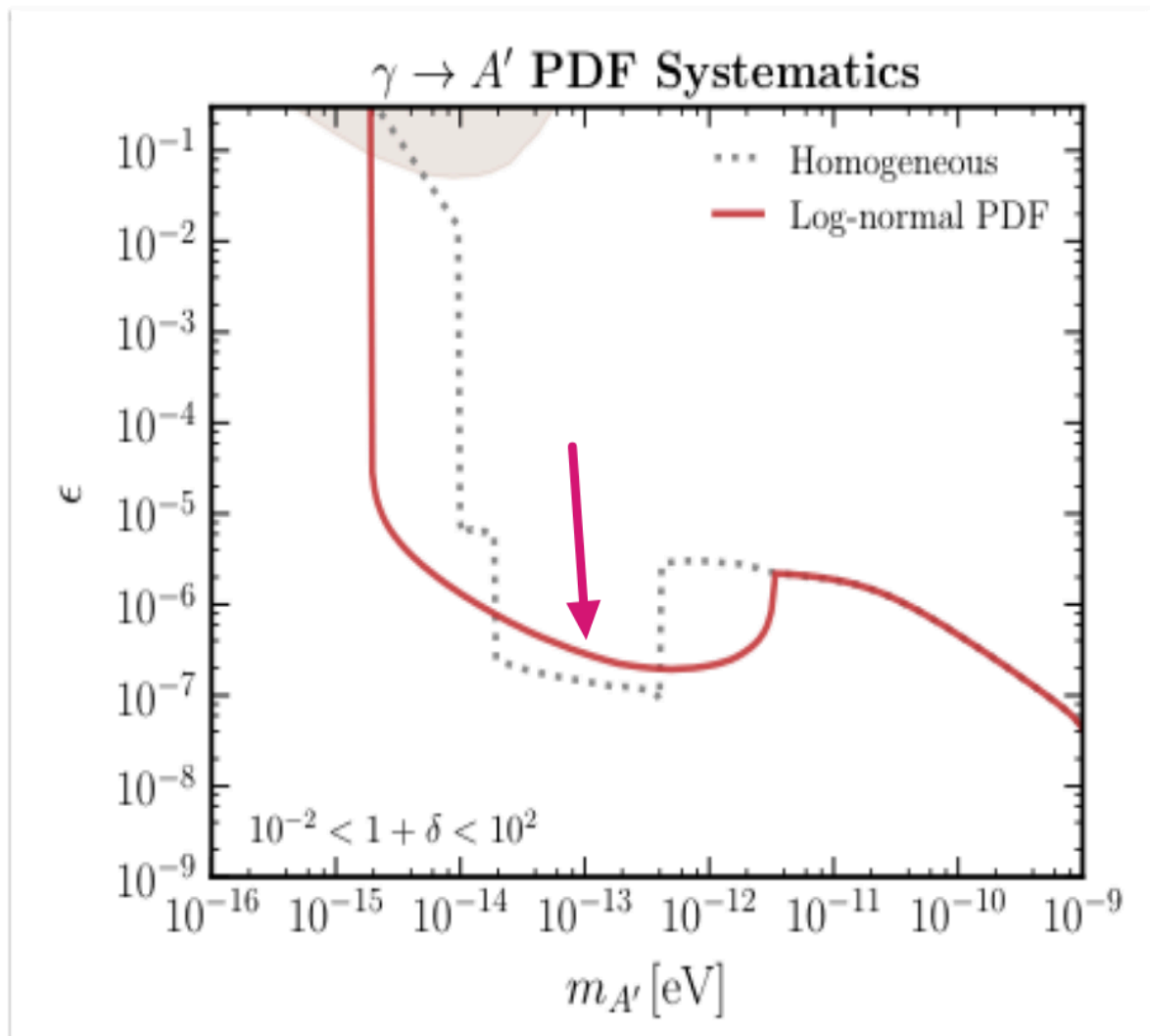
Small fluctuations at high redshift:  
similar to the homogeneous case

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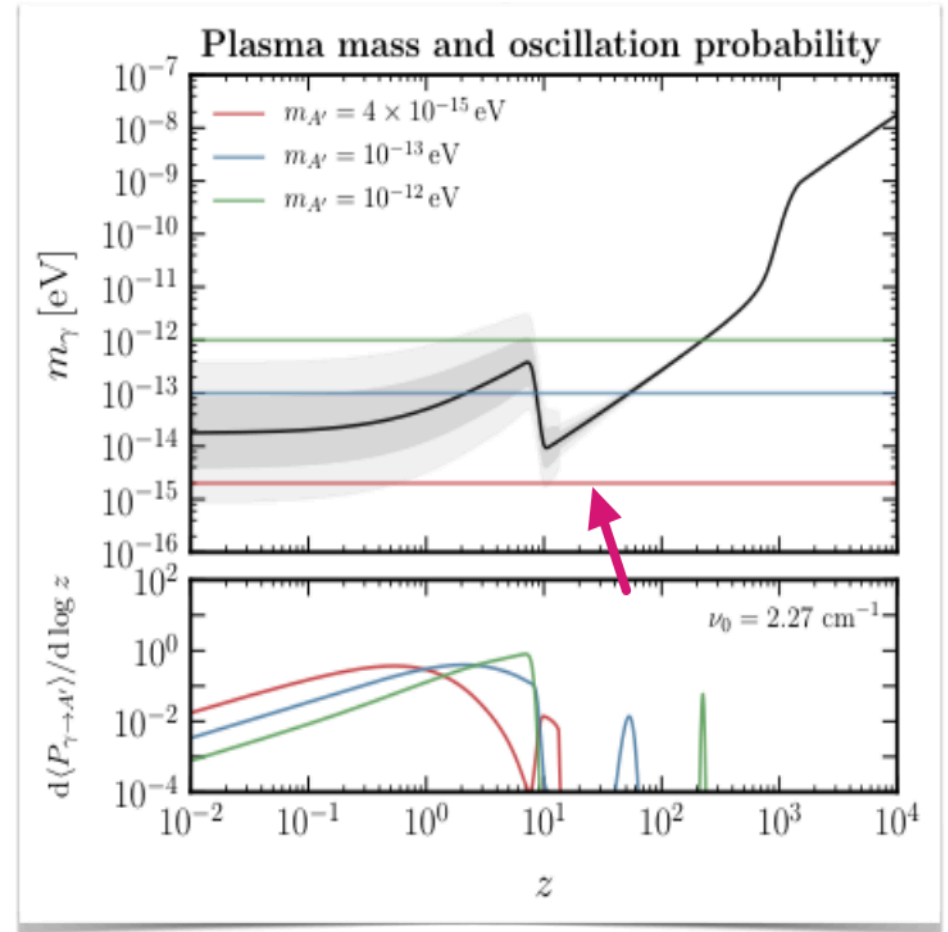
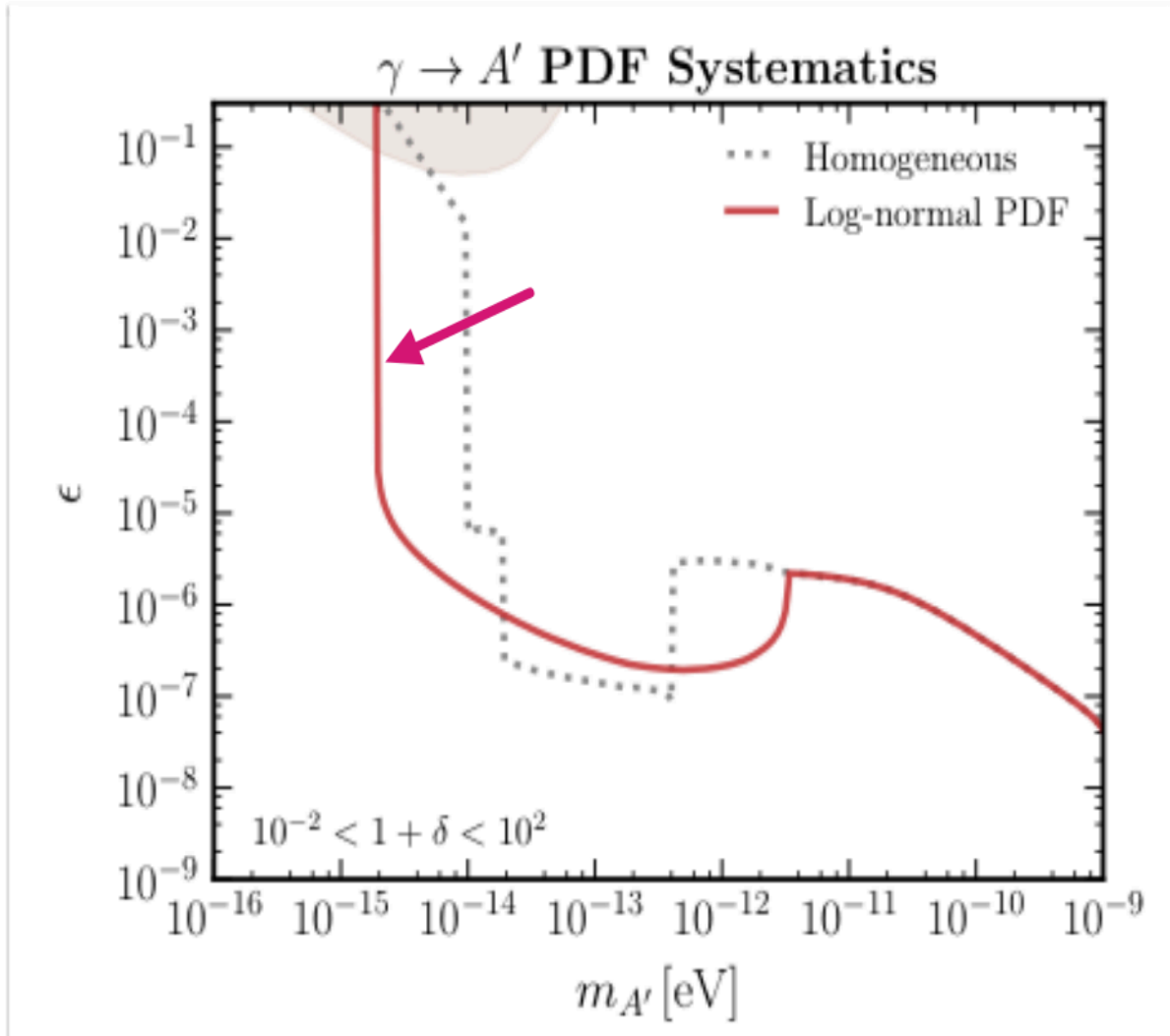
Later conversions available

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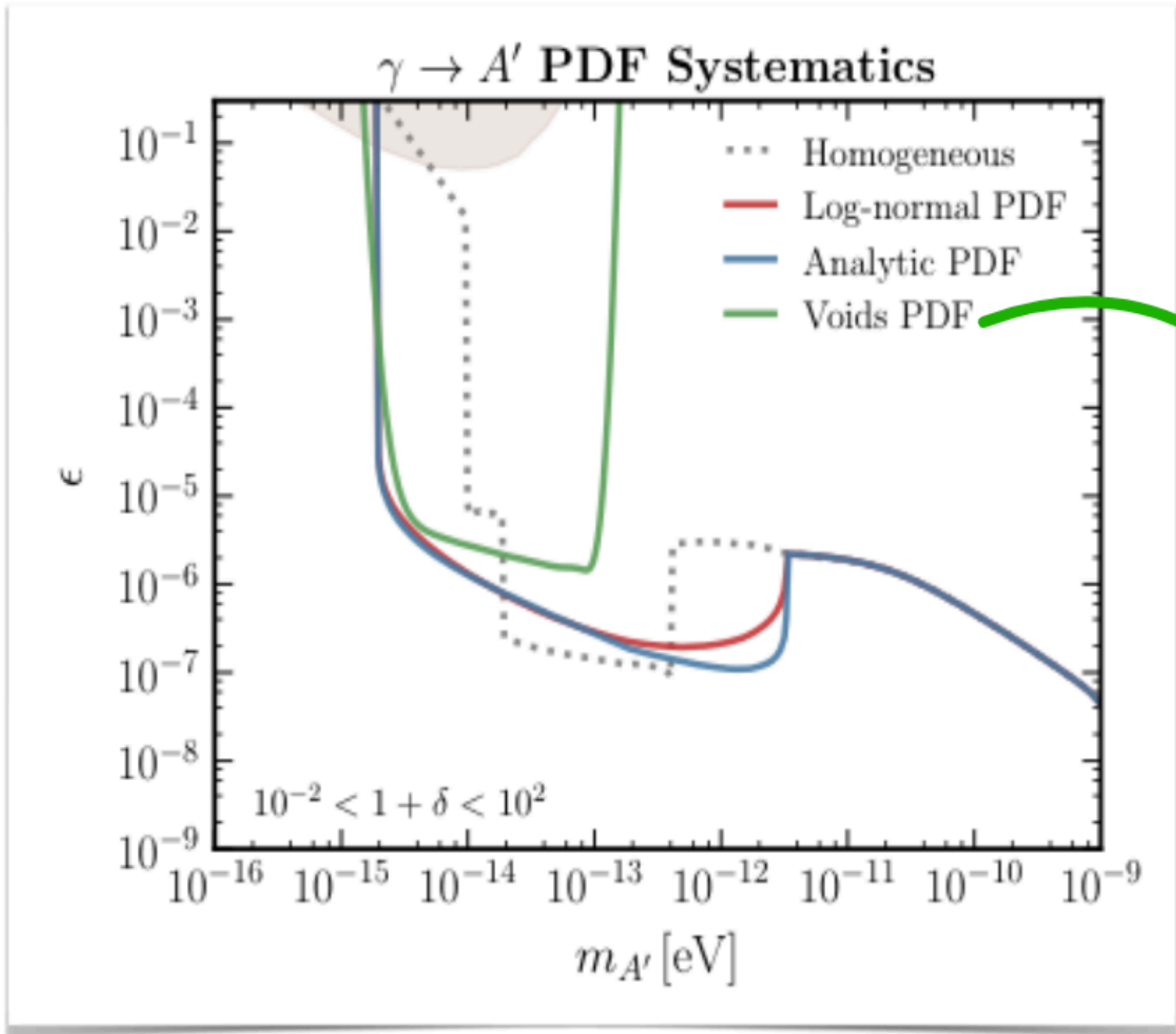


Constraints weakened here, as some conversion probability is in the future

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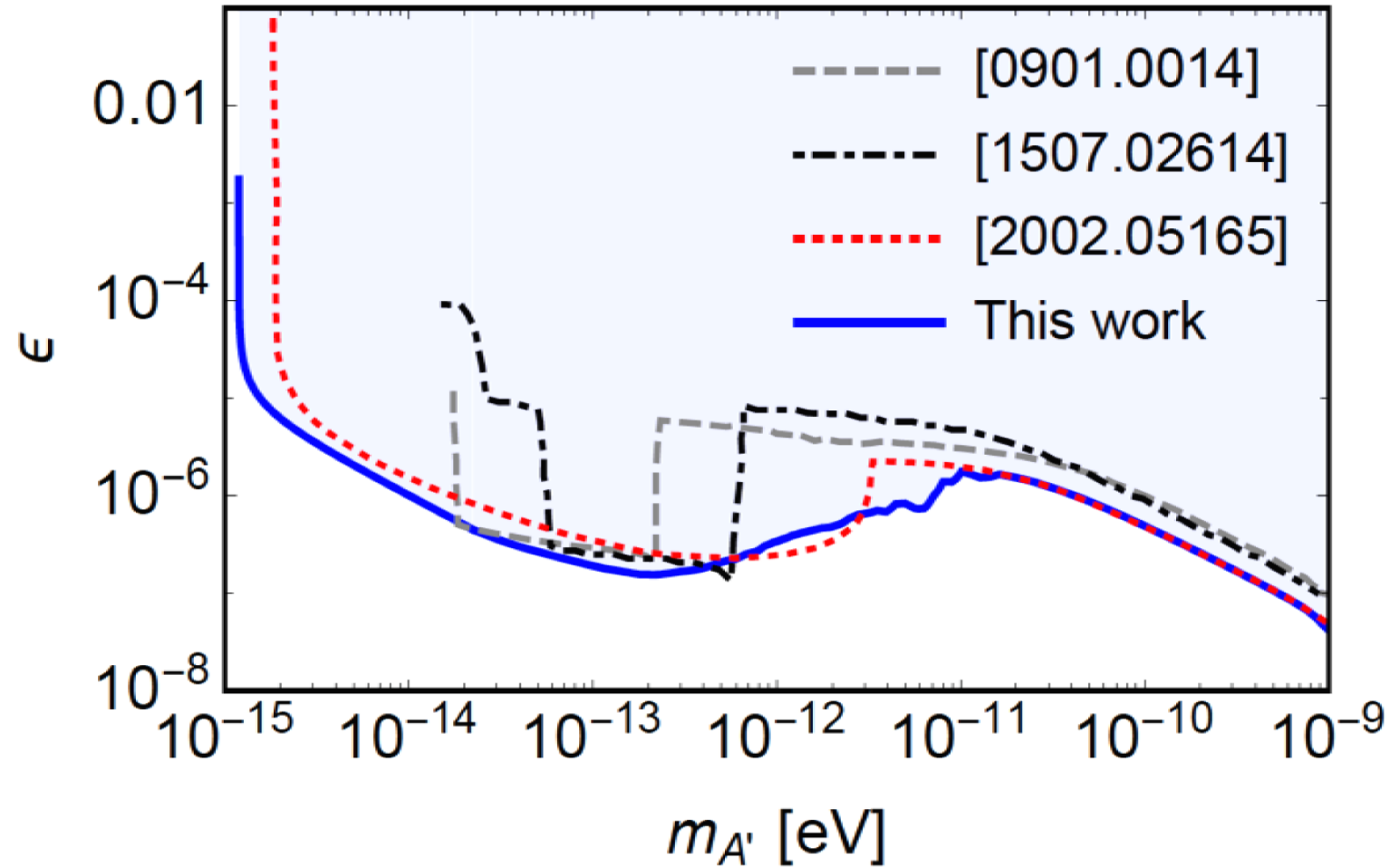


Limits extend to lower masses because of under-fluctuations



check for underdensities

# Comparison with numerical approach



Bondarenko, Pradler, Sokolenko [2002.08942]

Garcia et al [2003.10465]



# Conclusions

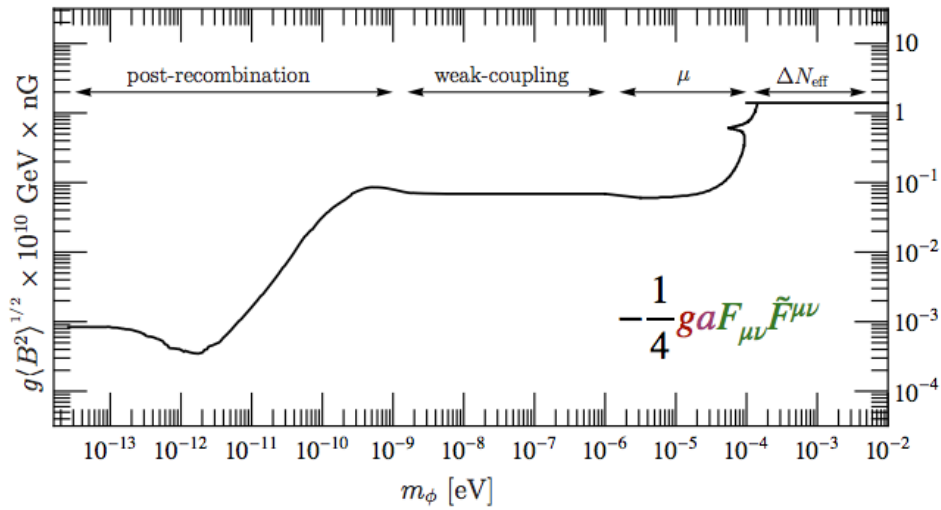
- The interplay between particle physics, astrophysics and cosmology is crucial;
- CMB for example can put strong constraints on dark photon models; for these is of particular importance to treat universe **inhomogeneities!**  
We provide a simple analytical recipe to do so

Thanks for the attention!

Backup slides

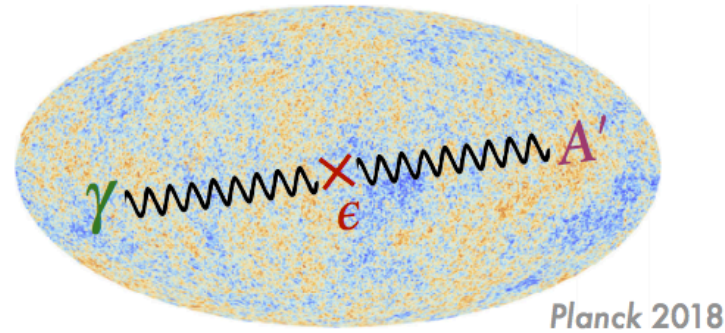
# Work in Progress

## Implications for axion-like particles

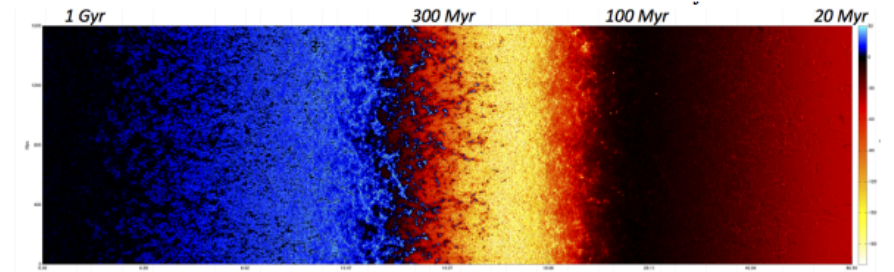


Mirizzi, Redondo, Sigl [0905.4865]

## Effect on CMB and 21-cm anisotropy



Planck 2018



Messinger, Greig, Sobacchi [1602.07711]

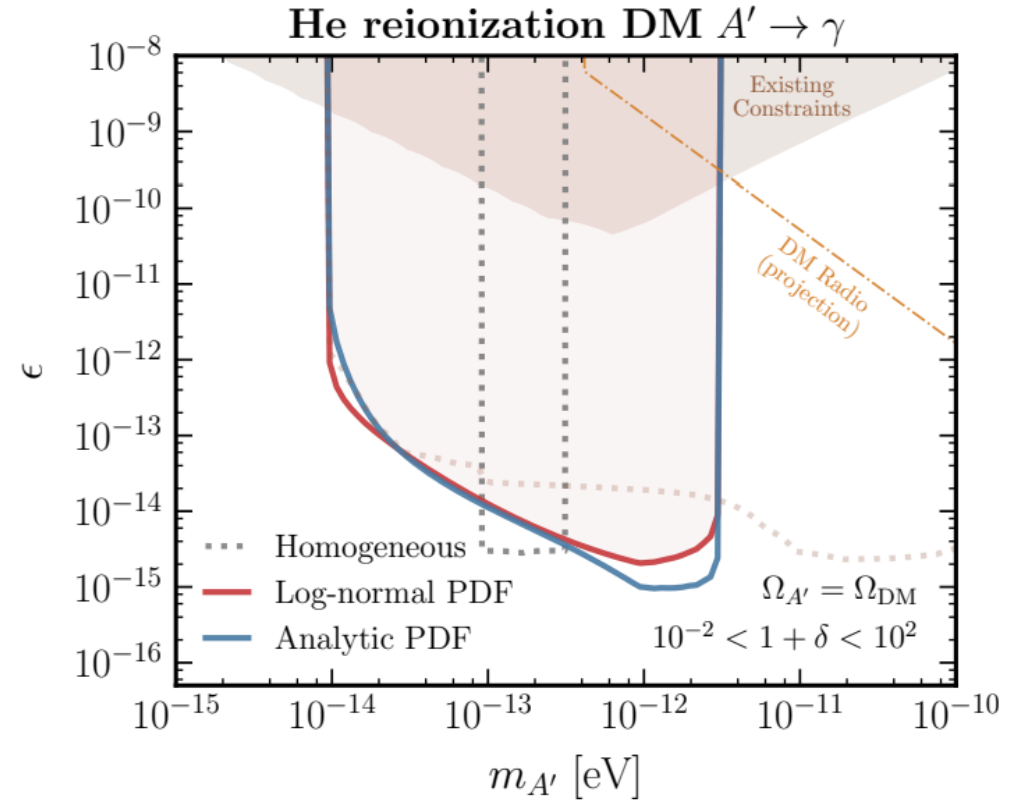
# $\epsilon - m_{A'}$ constraints on dark photon dark matter\*

$A' \rightarrow \gamma$

Additional constraints apply when the  $A'$  is the dark matter

McDermott & Witte [1911.05086]

- Anomalous heating of the IGM during He II reionization is constrained to be  $< 1$  eV
- This constrains the energy injected due to  $A' \rightarrow \gamma$  during  $2 \lesssim z \lesssim 6$



See also Witte et al [2003.13698]

$$\frac{d \langle E_{A' \rightarrow \gamma} \rangle_{\text{local}}}{dz} = \pi m_{A'}^3 \epsilon^2 \frac{\bar{\rho}_{A'}}{b \bar{n}_b} \left| \frac{dt}{dz} \right| f(m_\gamma^2 = m_{A'}^2; t) *$$

\* Assumes energy is uniformly distributed among baryons

# Statistical Analysis

We construct a Gaussian log-likelihood as

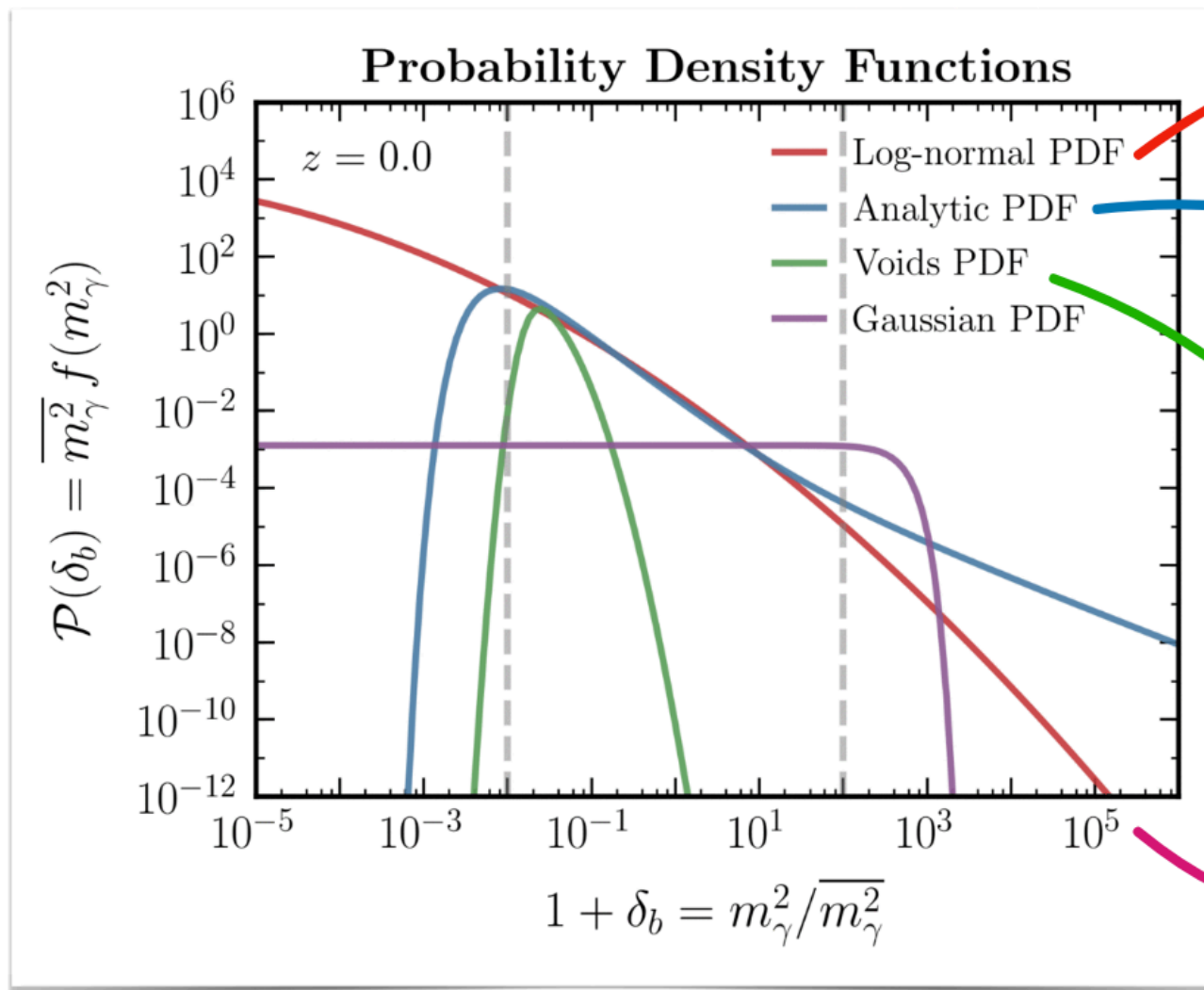
$$\ln \mathcal{L}(d|m_{A'}, \epsilon) = \max_{T_{\text{CMB}}} \left[ -\frac{1}{2} \Delta \vec{I}^T \mathbf{C}_{I_d}^{-1} \Delta \vec{I} \right], \quad (\text{A2})$$

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



*phenomenological*

*theoretically motivated  
PDF from first principles*

Ivanov, Kaurov & Sibiriyakov 1811.07913

*from simulations of voids:  
useful for underdensities*

*good agreement between  
fiducial for  $10^{-2} \leq 1 + \delta_b \leq 10^2$ .*

*fiducial*