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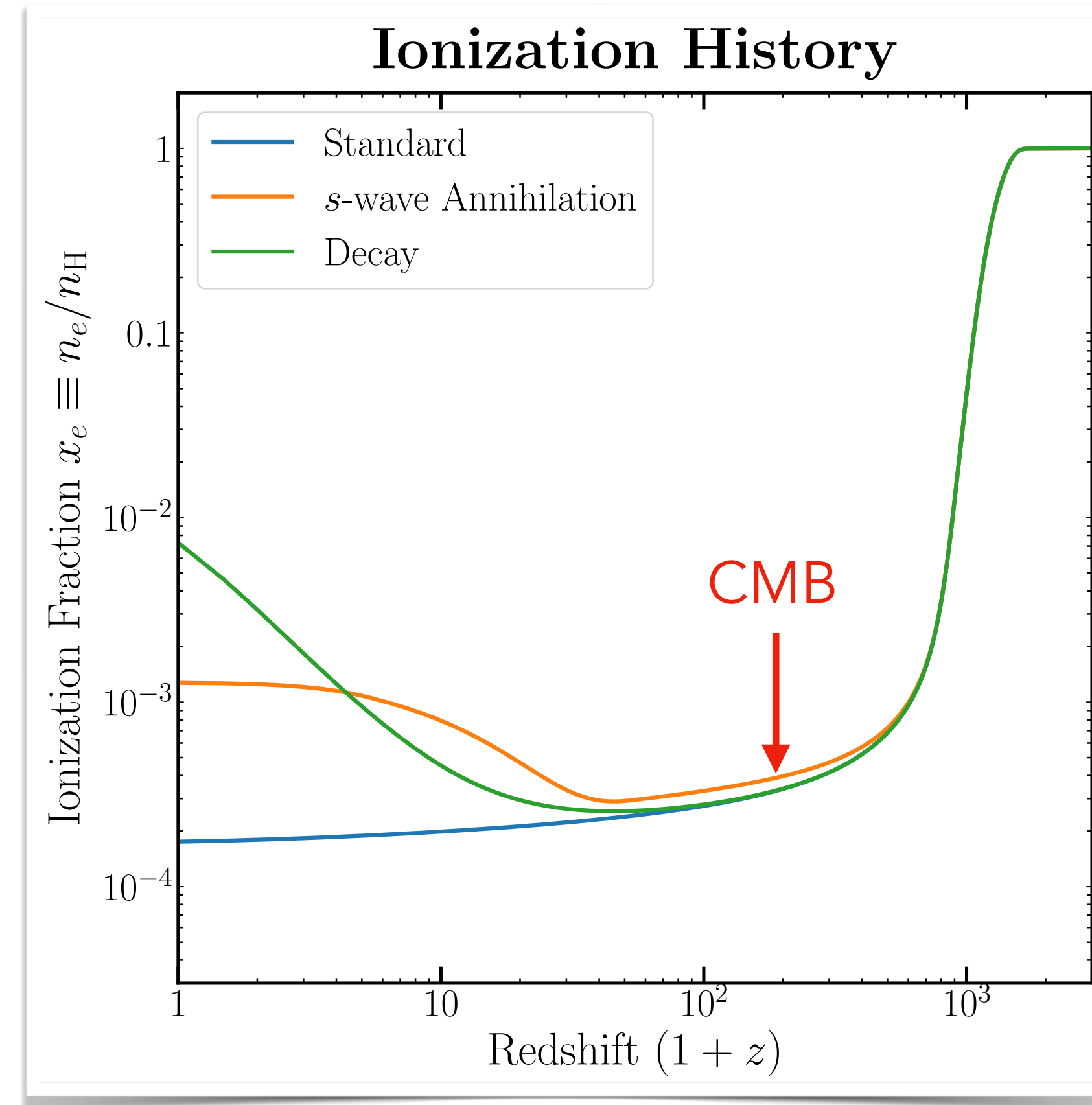
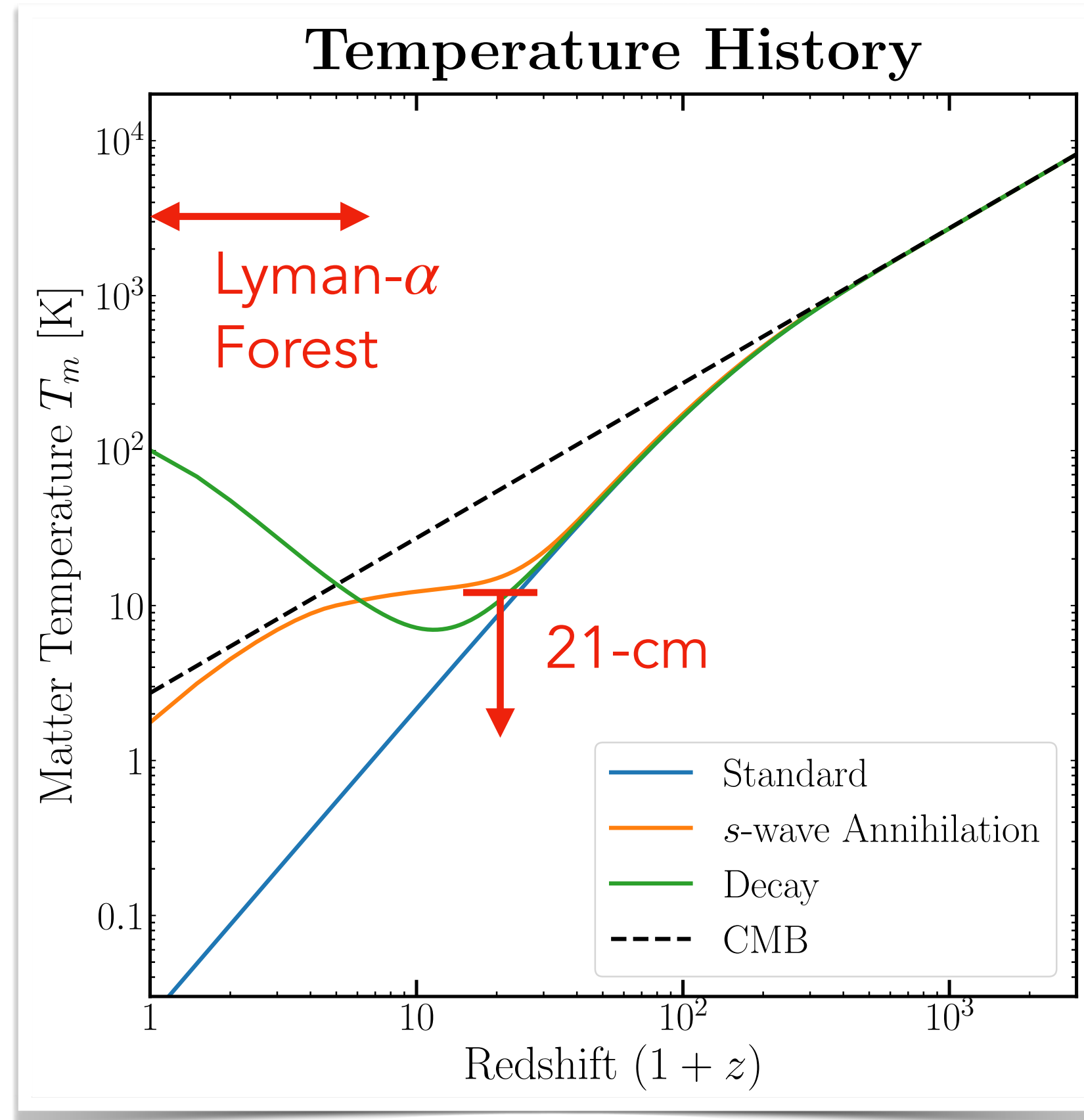
## Accurate Ionization and Thermal Histories with Exotic Energy Injection

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# Why DarkHistory?

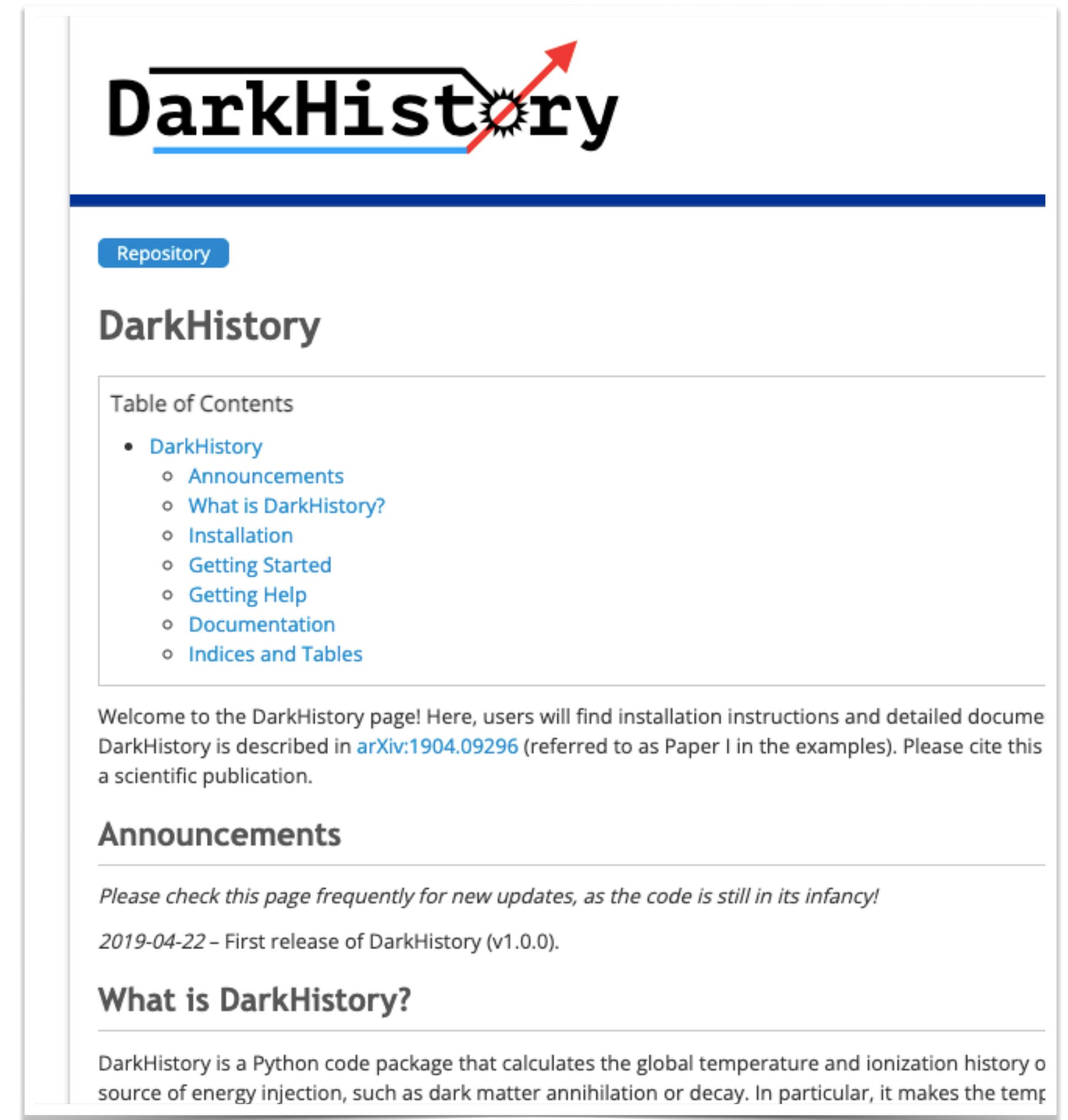


**Powerful cosmological probes** of exotic energy injection,  
if we can compute the effects correctly!

# DarkHistory Highlights

Open source code in **Python** with **documentation** and **Jupyter** notebook examples.

<https://github.com/hongwanliu/DarkHistory/>  
<https://darkhistory.readthedocs.io/>



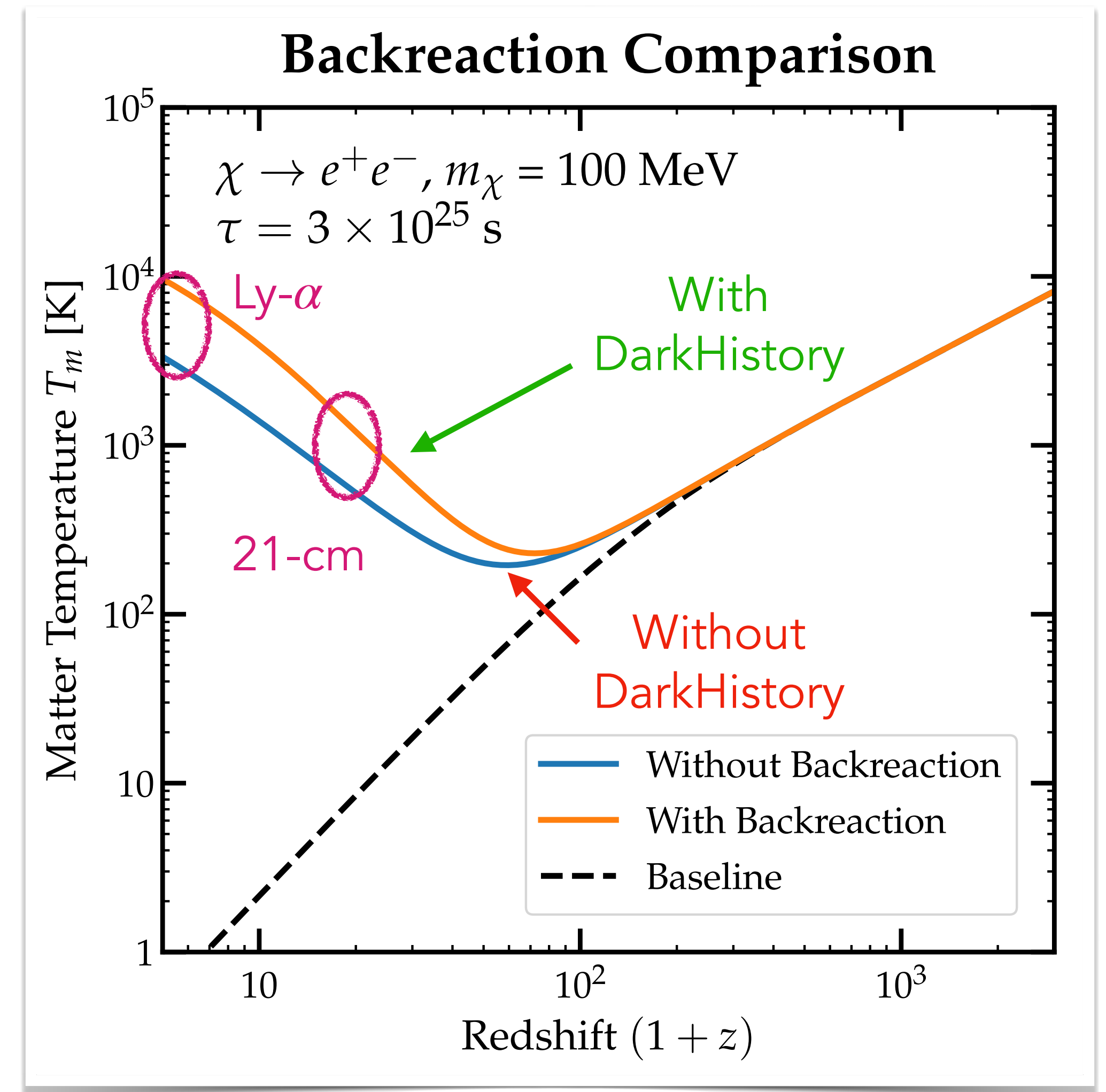
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Implements **important corrections** to **temperature** calculation.

Self-consistent treatment of **exotic energy injection and reionization**.

Critical for **21-cm** and **Lyman- $\alpha$  forest** comparison.



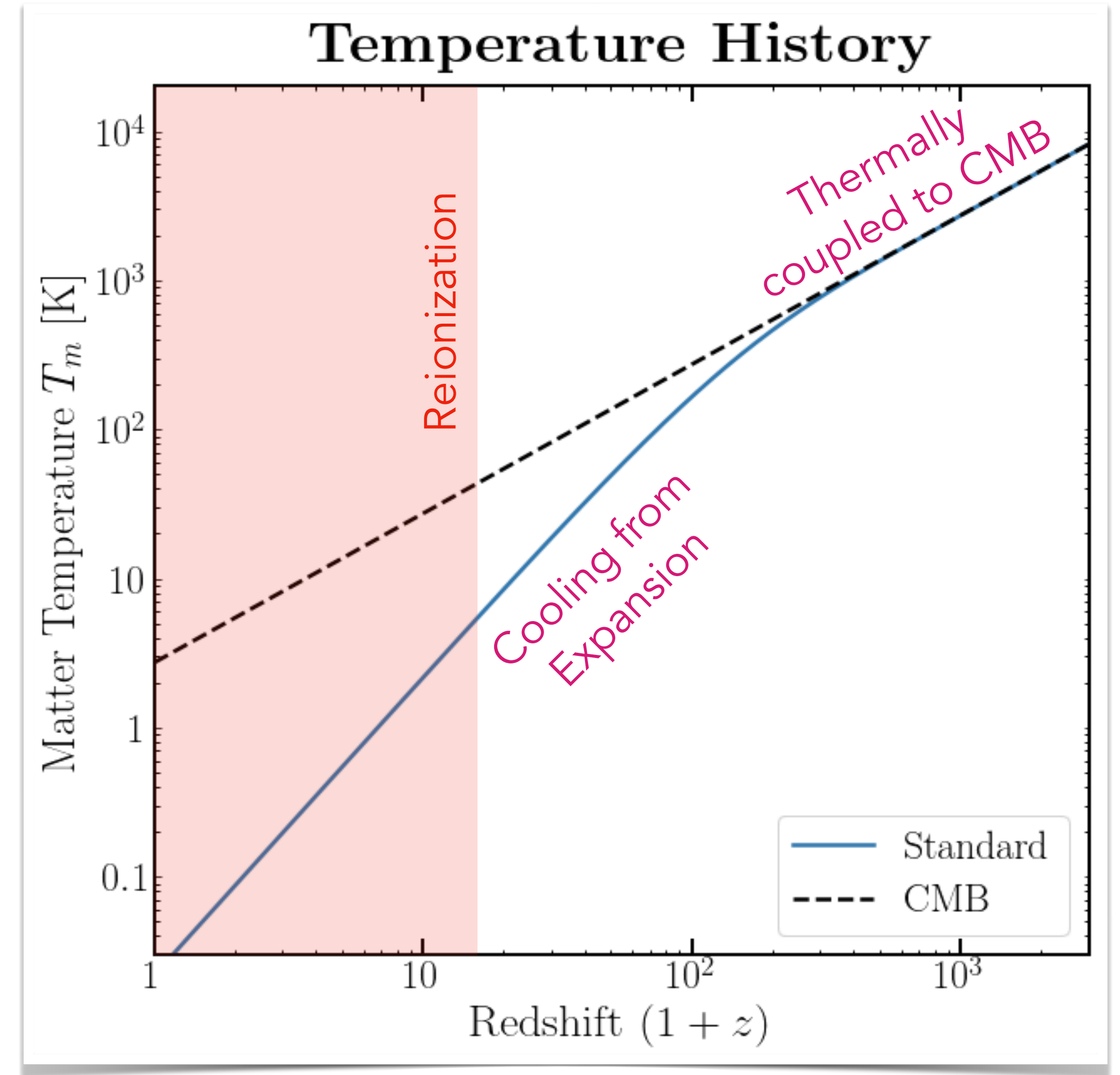
# Temperature History

## Matter Temperature

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Cooling from  
Expansion

Heating from CMB



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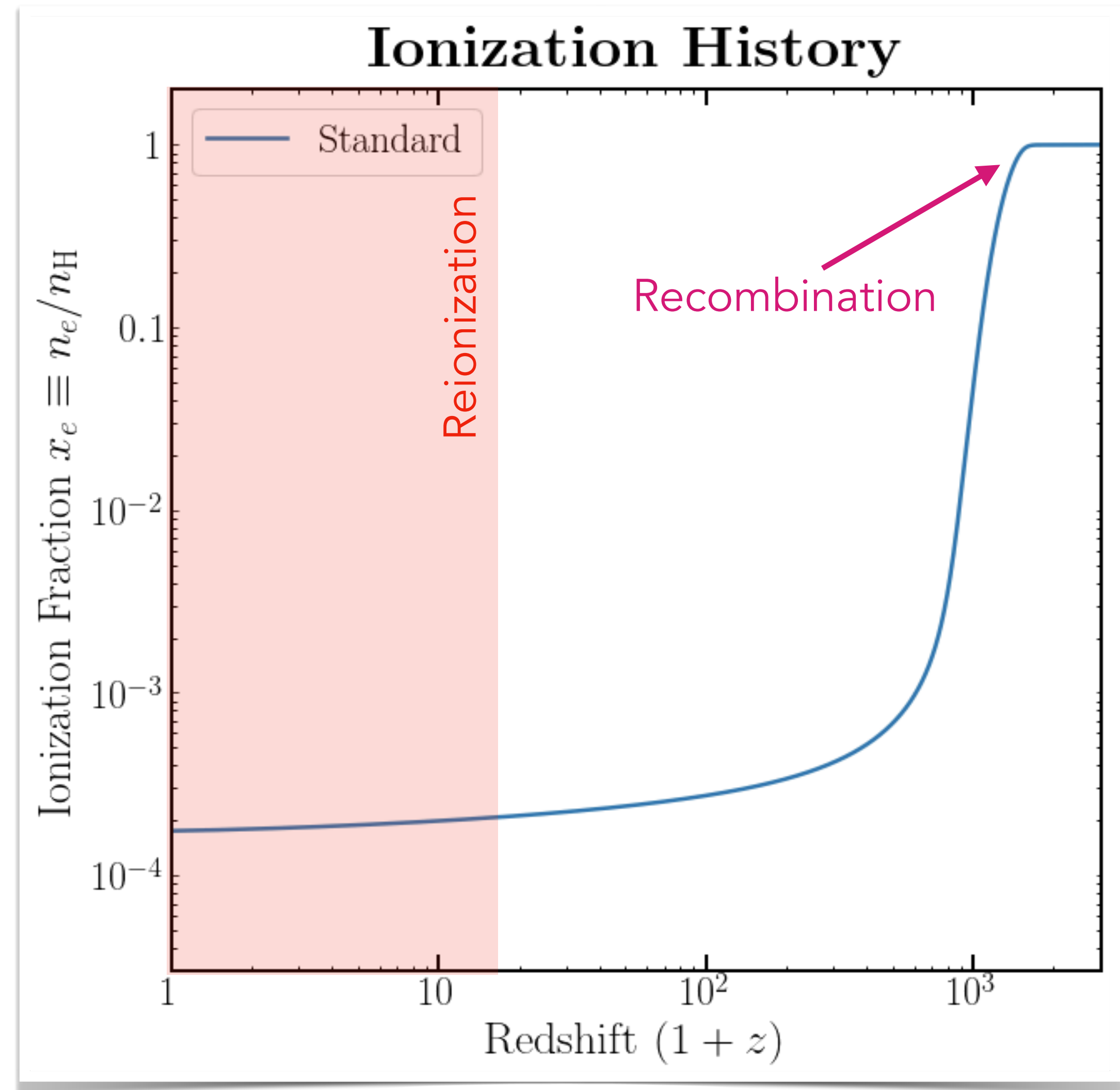
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## Ionization

$$\dot{x}_e = -\mathcal{C} \left[ n_H x_e^2 \alpha_B - 4(1 - x_e) \beta_B e^{-E_{21}/T_{\text{CMB}}} \right]$$

Recombination

Photoionization



# Exotic Injection

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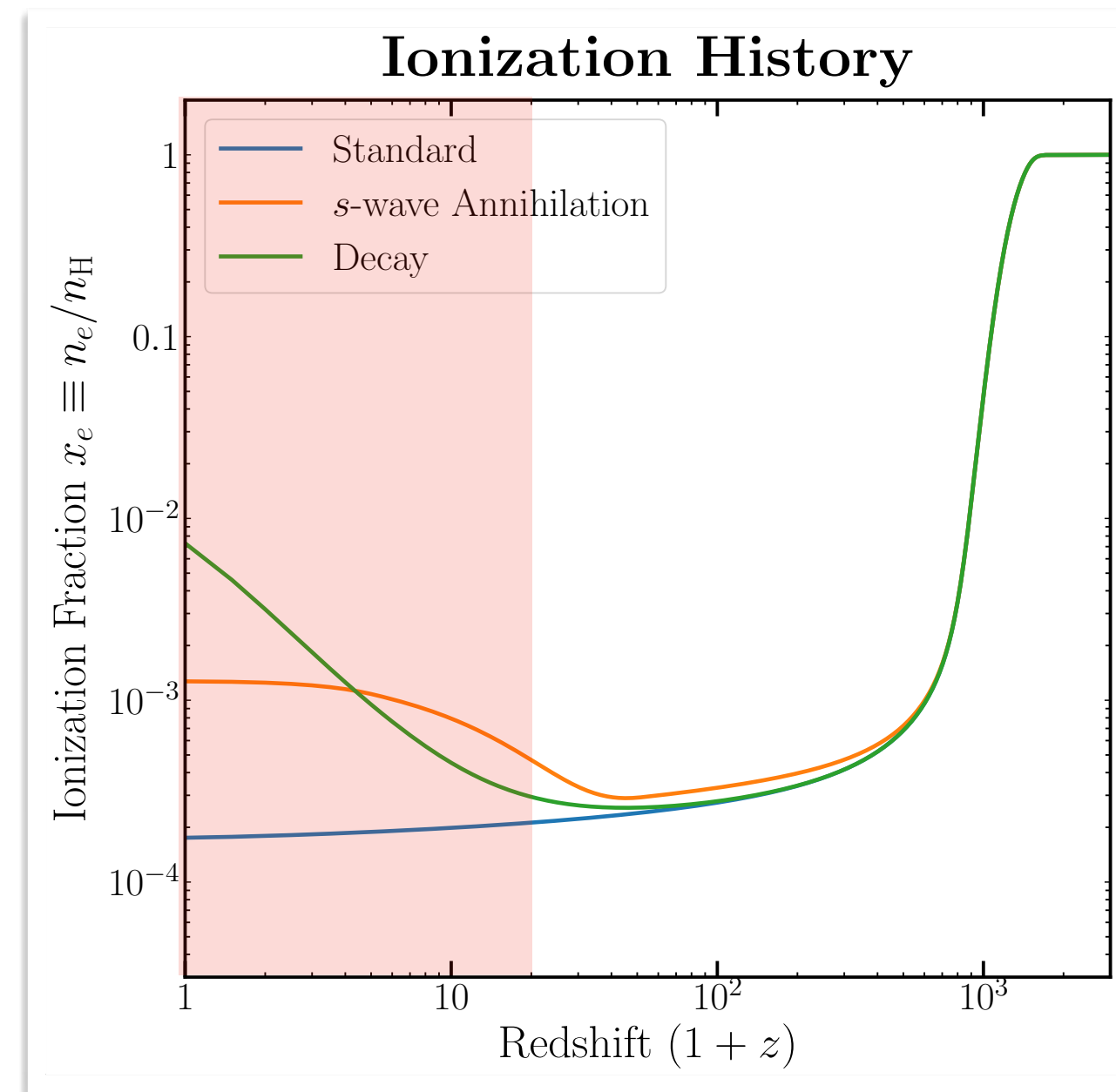
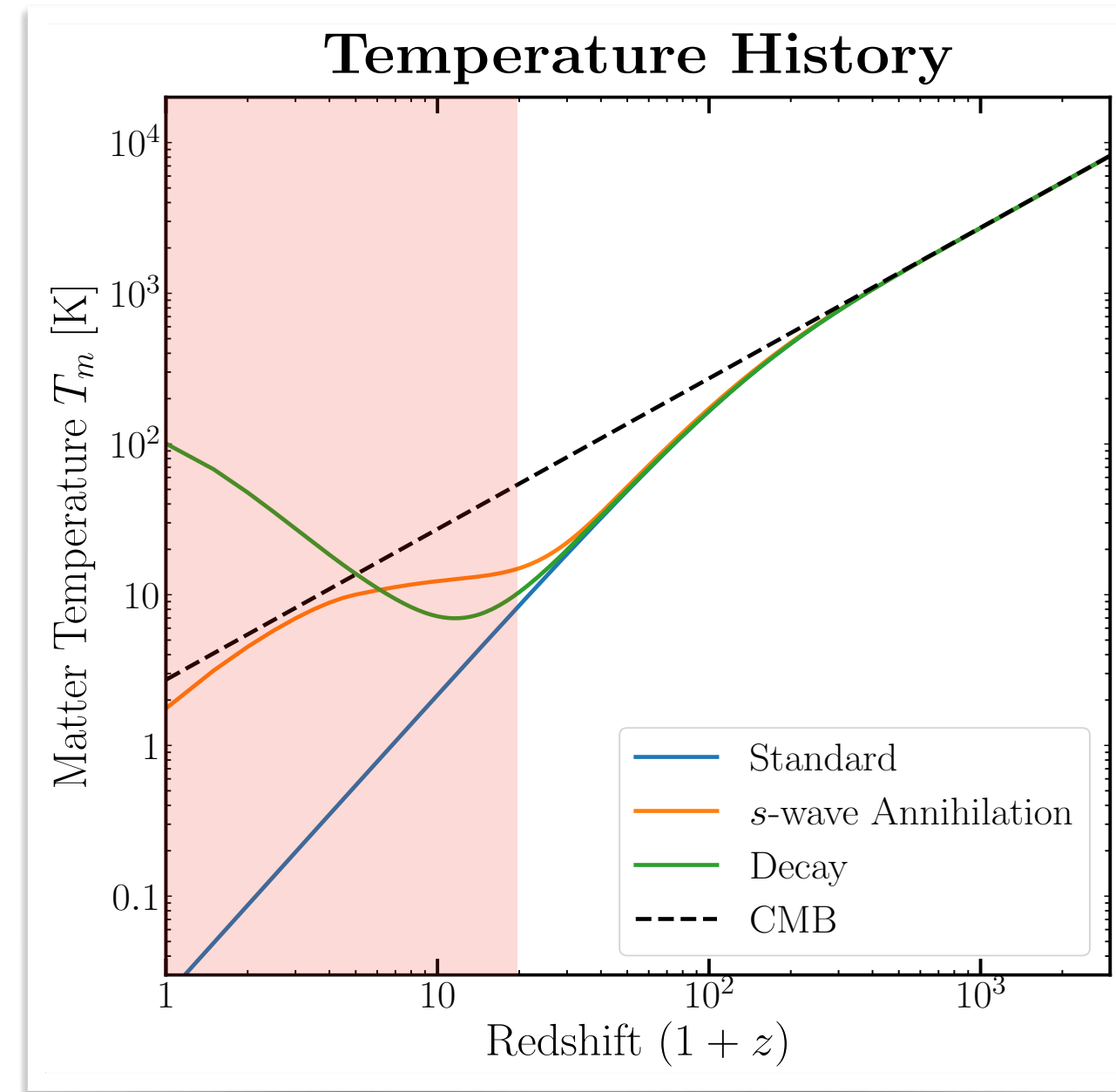
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Cooling from Expansion     
 Heating from CMB     
 Exotic heating

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Recombination     
 Photoionization     
 Exotic ionization     
 Additional ionization from exotic excitation



# Deposition Efficiency and Ionization

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Cooling from Expansion     Heating from CMB     exotic heating

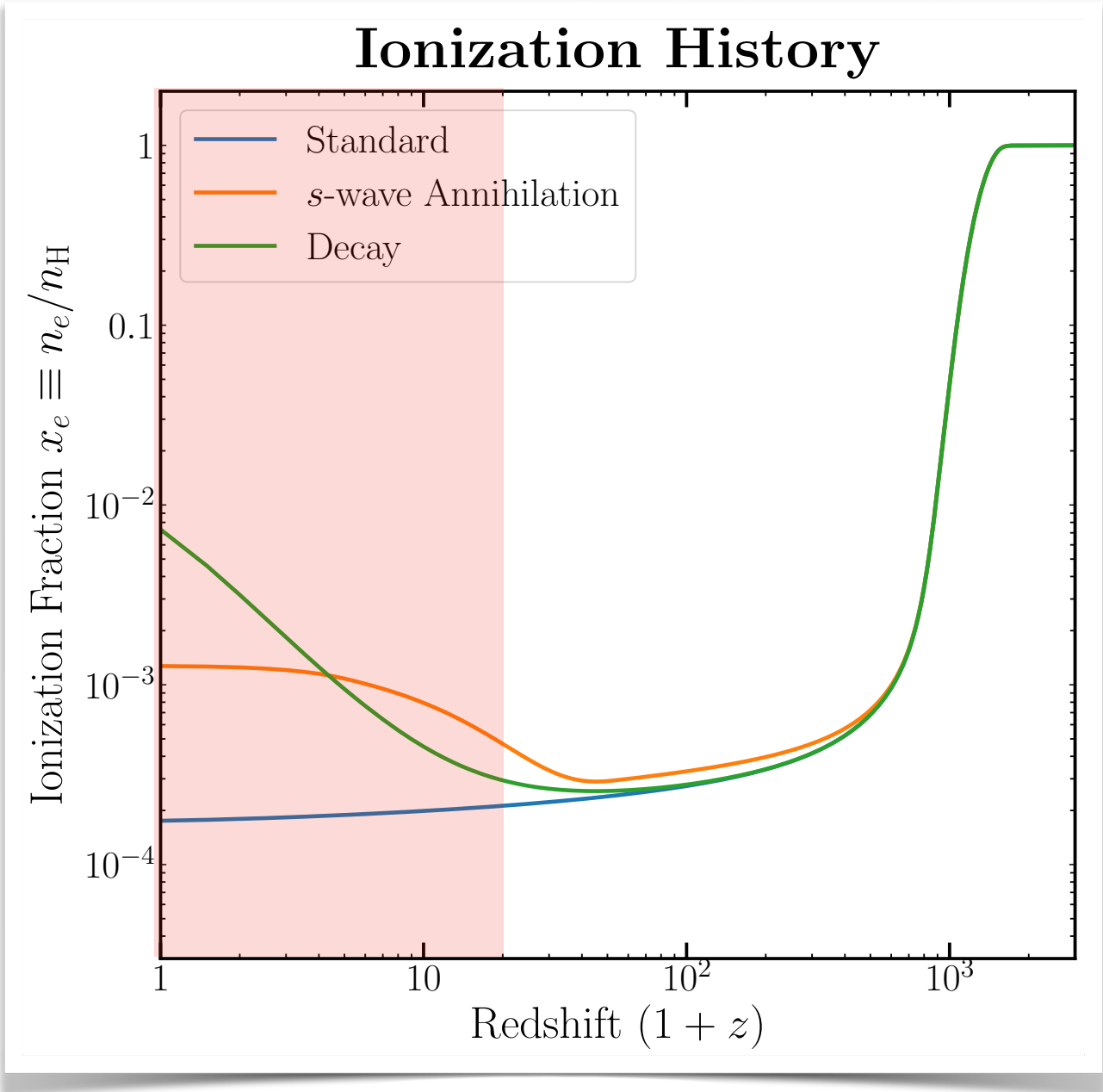
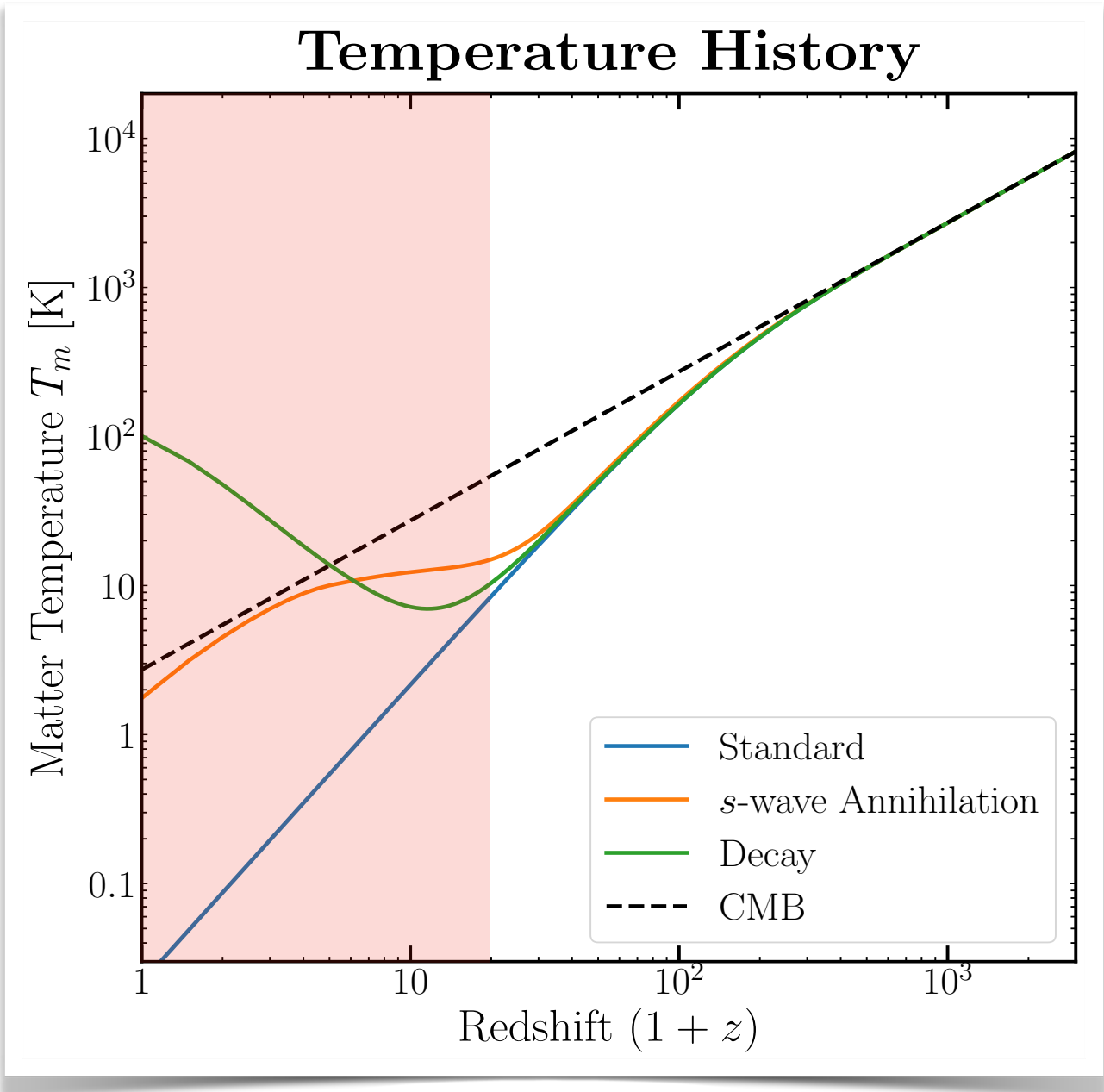
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ionization excitation

## Ionization

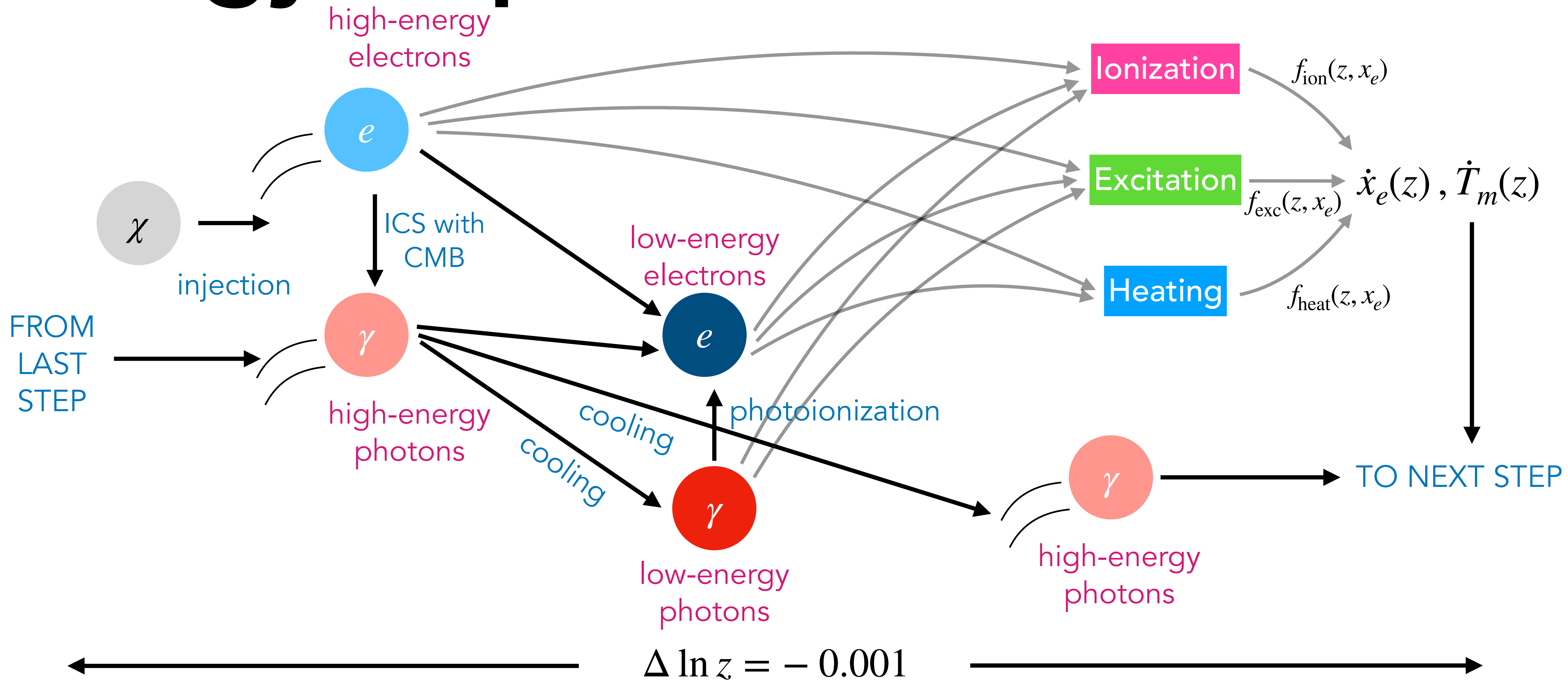
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Recombination     Photoionization

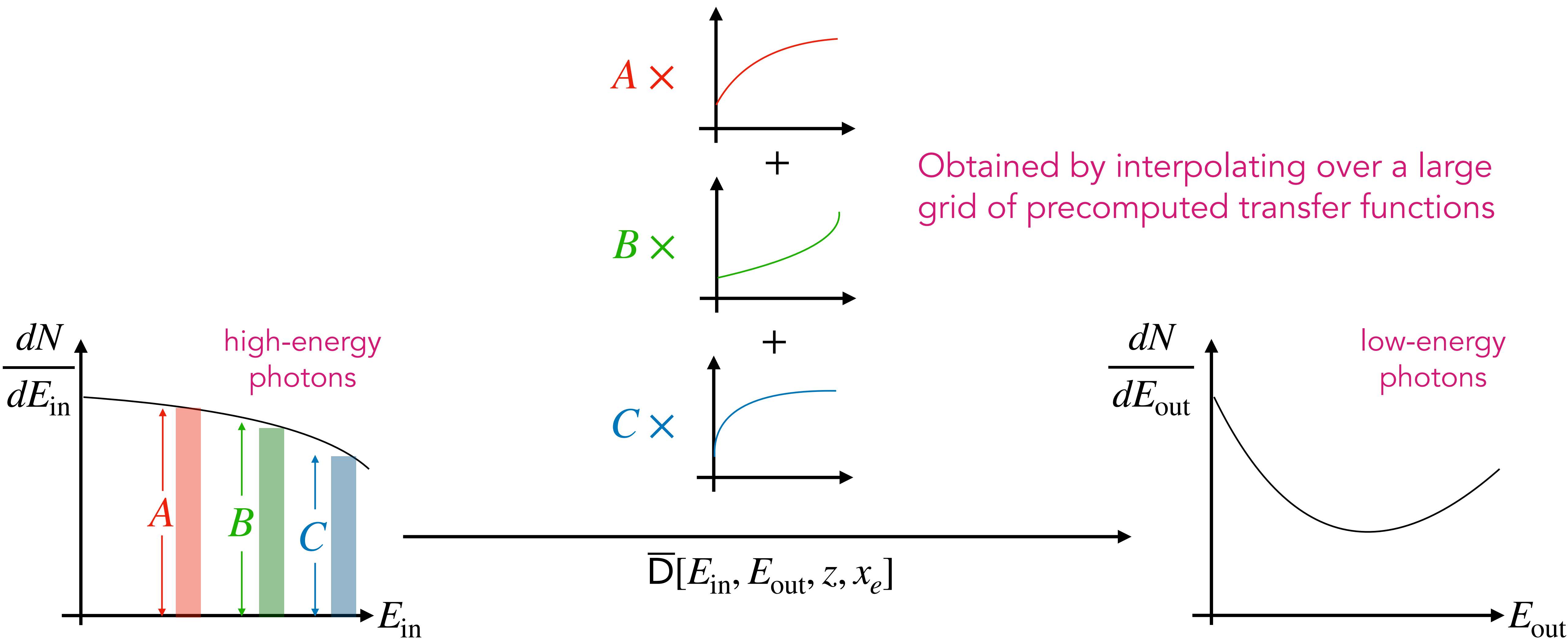




# Energy Deposition



# Transfer Functions



# Dark Matter Effects

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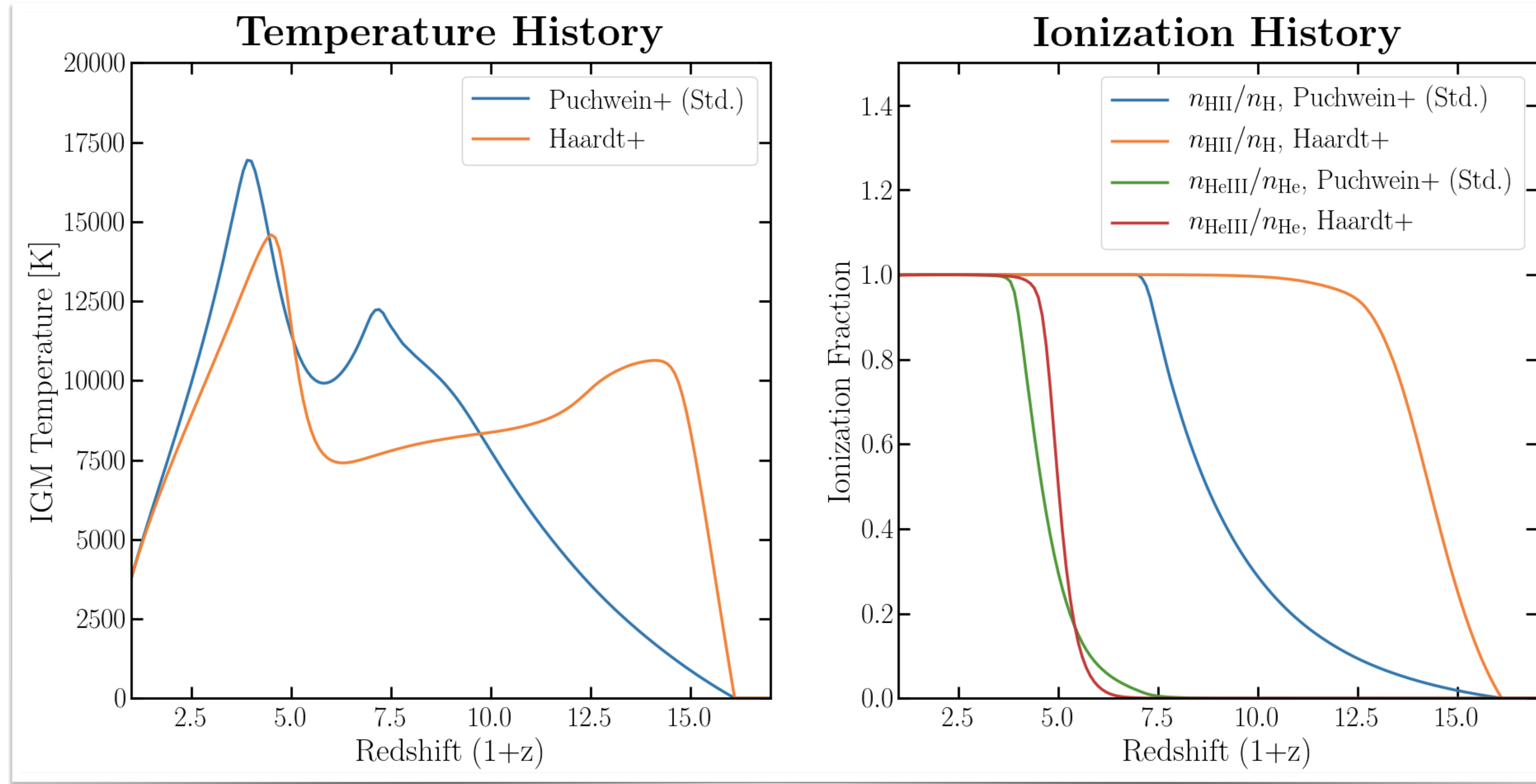
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+ reionization terms

Accurate calculation of  $f(z, \mathbf{x}_e)$  allows **self-consistent treatment** of **exotic energy injection and reionization**.

# Reionization



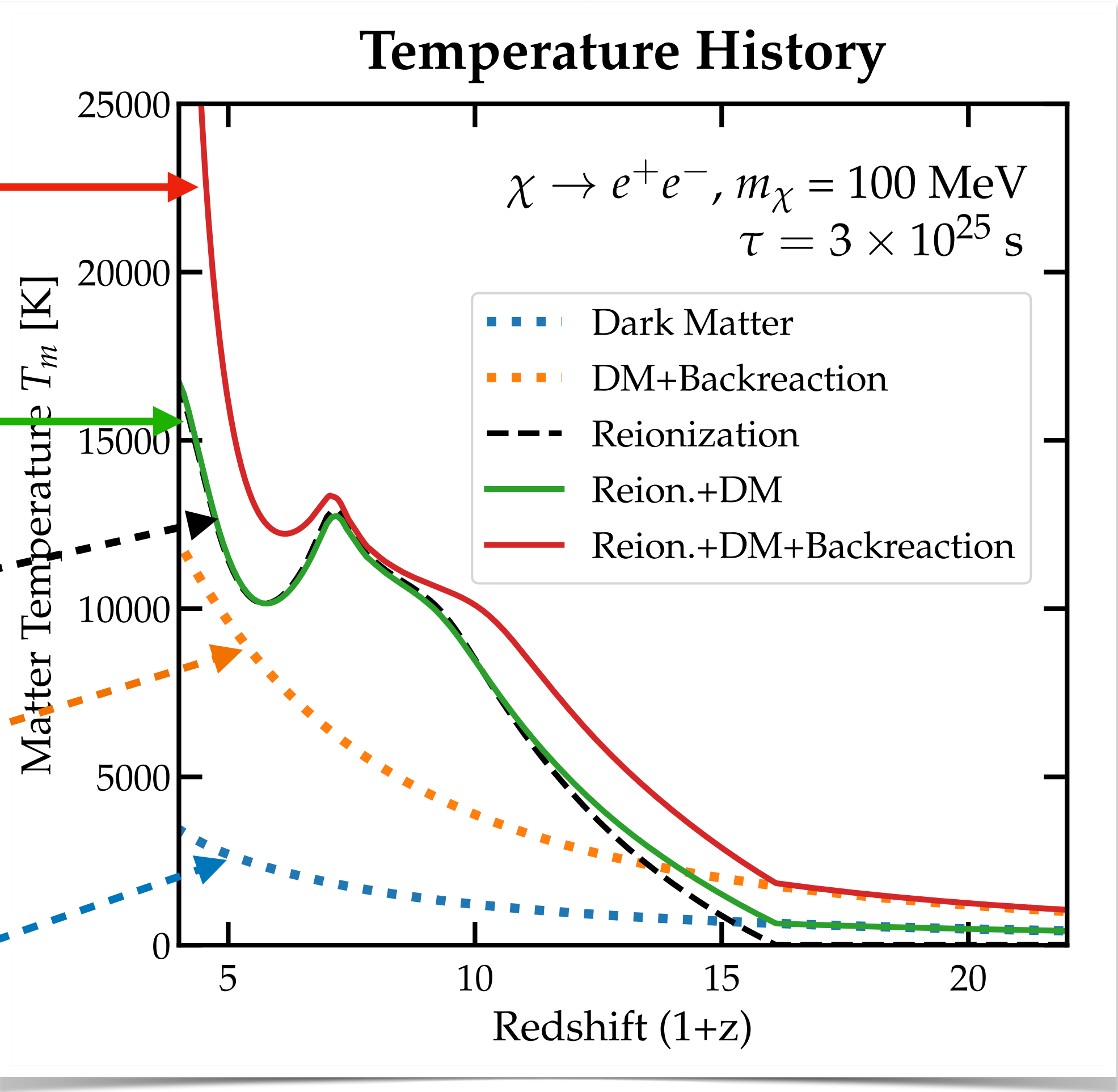
Easily include **photoionization, photoheating** and **atomic processes** to model reionization.

# Reionization + Dark Matter

DM Effects

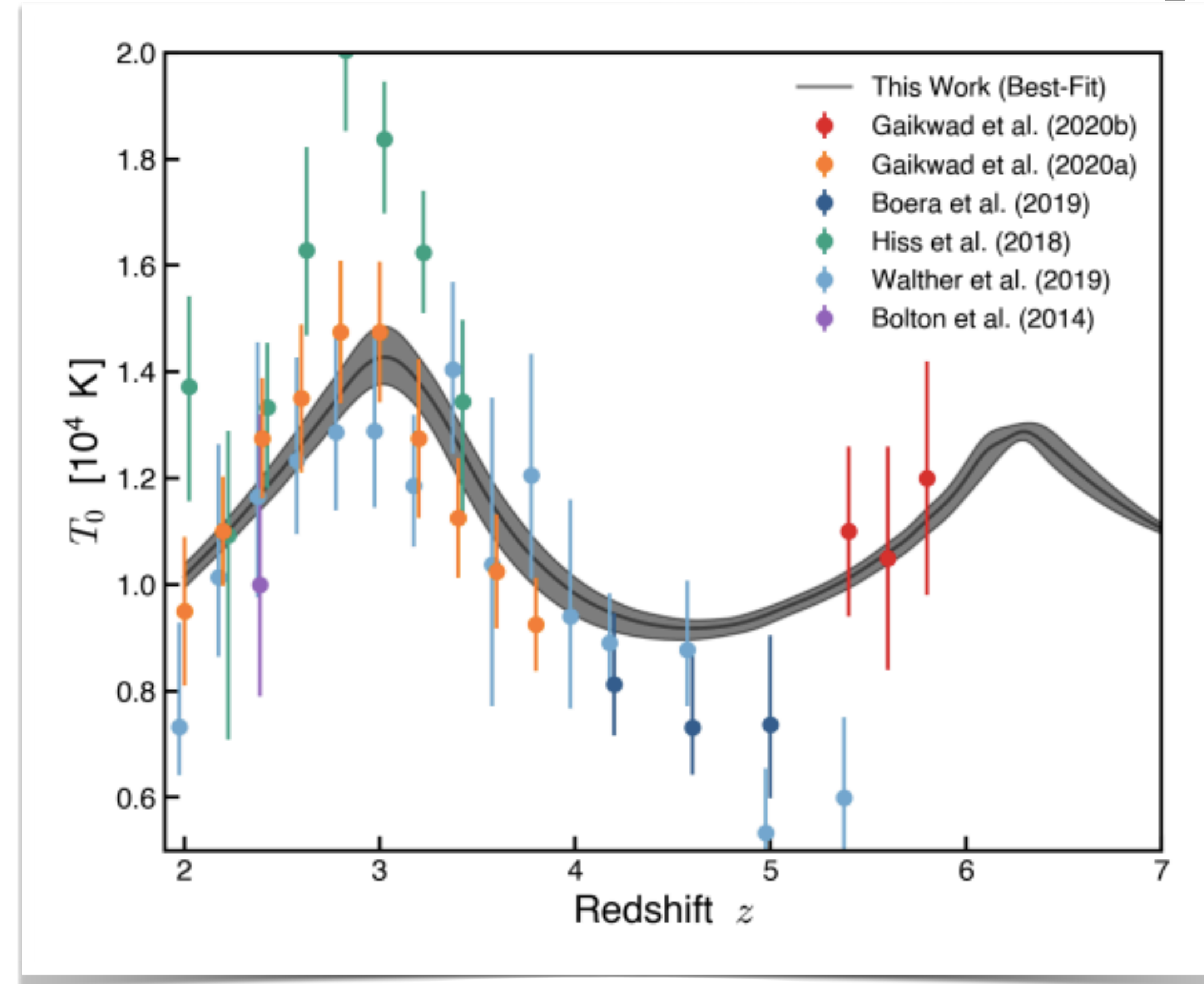
Using  
DarkHistory

Reionization  
Effects



# Intergalactic Medium Temperature

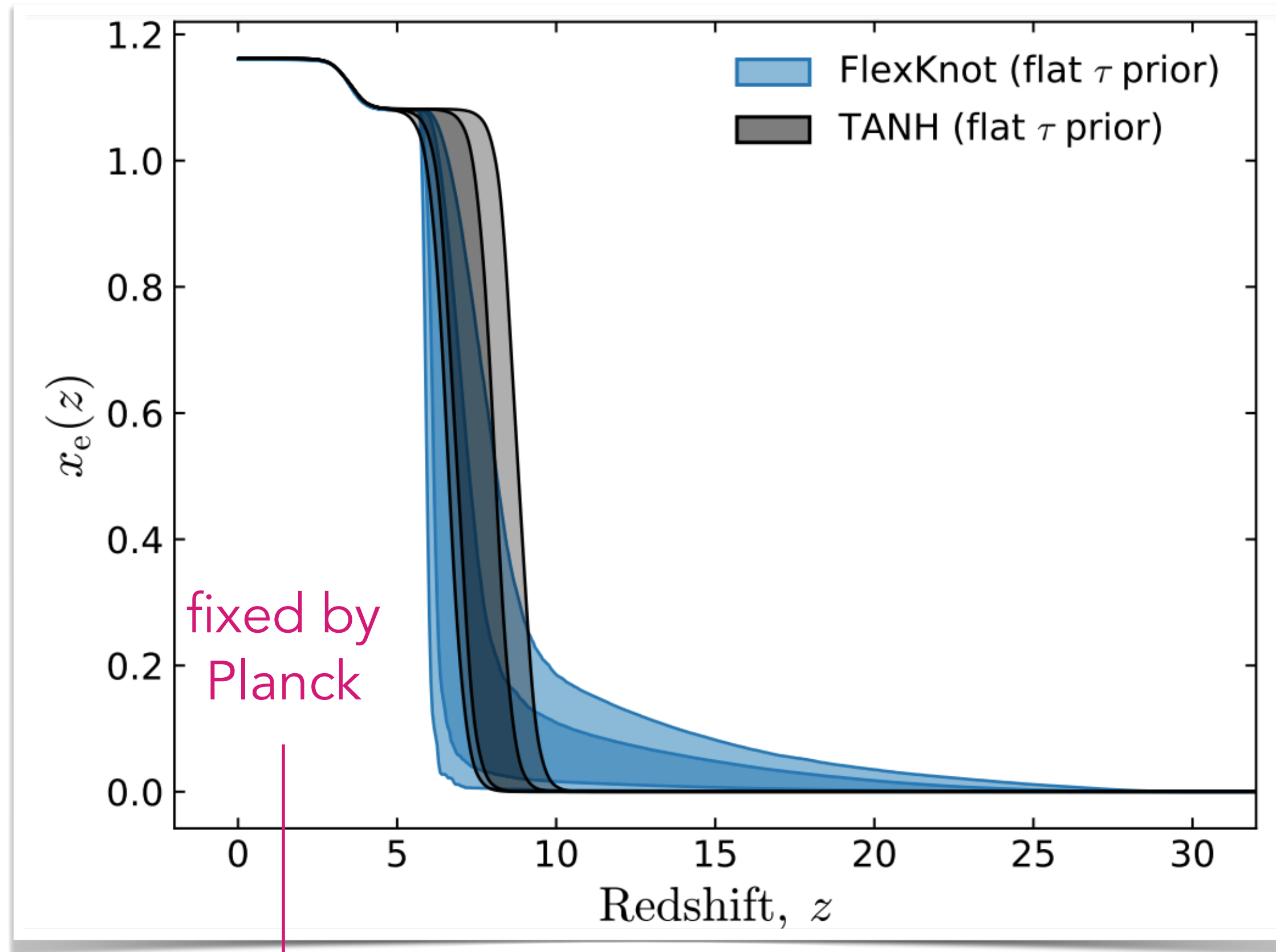
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**Intergalactic medium temperature** measured by **Lyman- $\alpha$  forest** observations can constrain DM processes.

# Ionization History

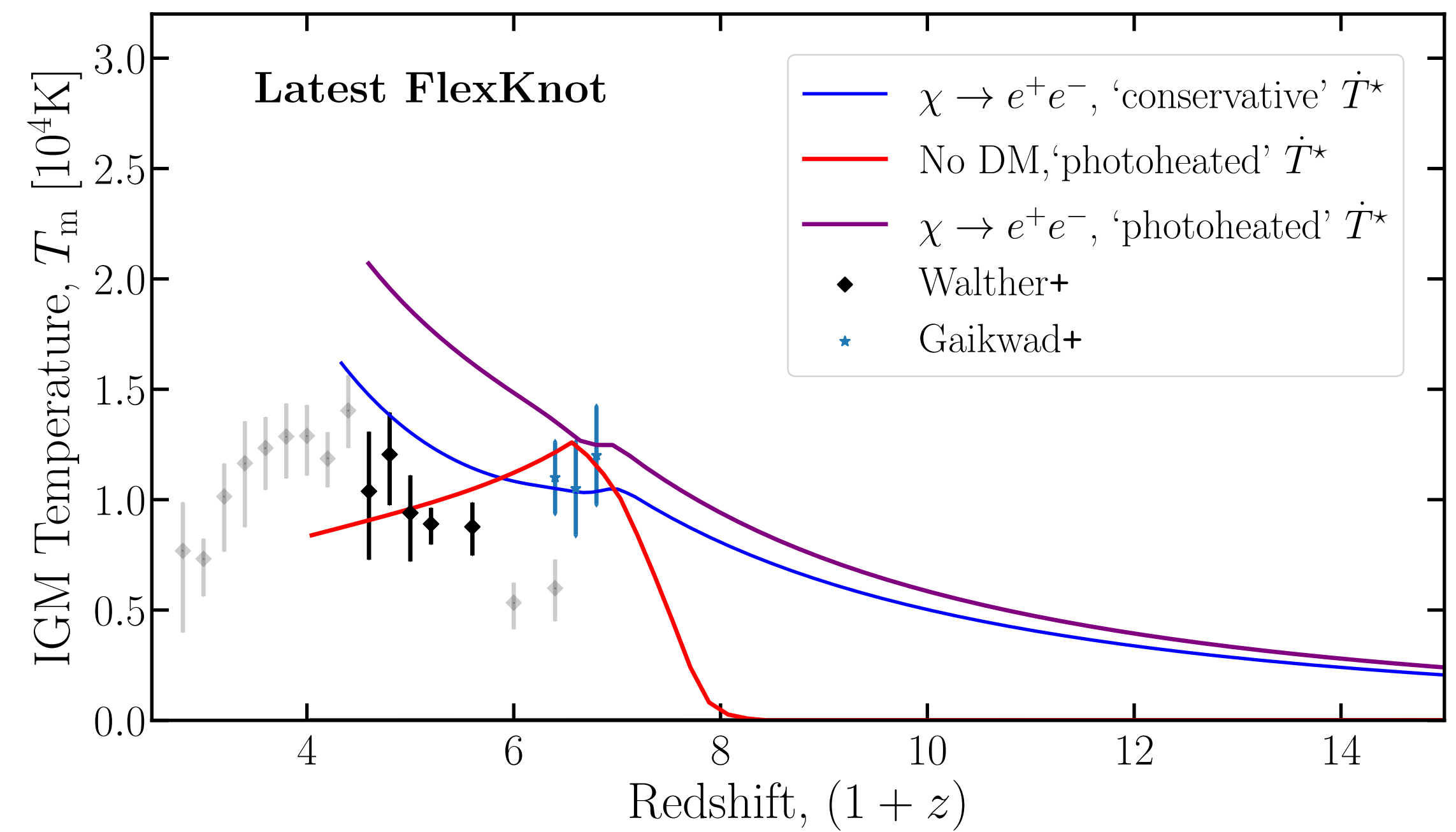
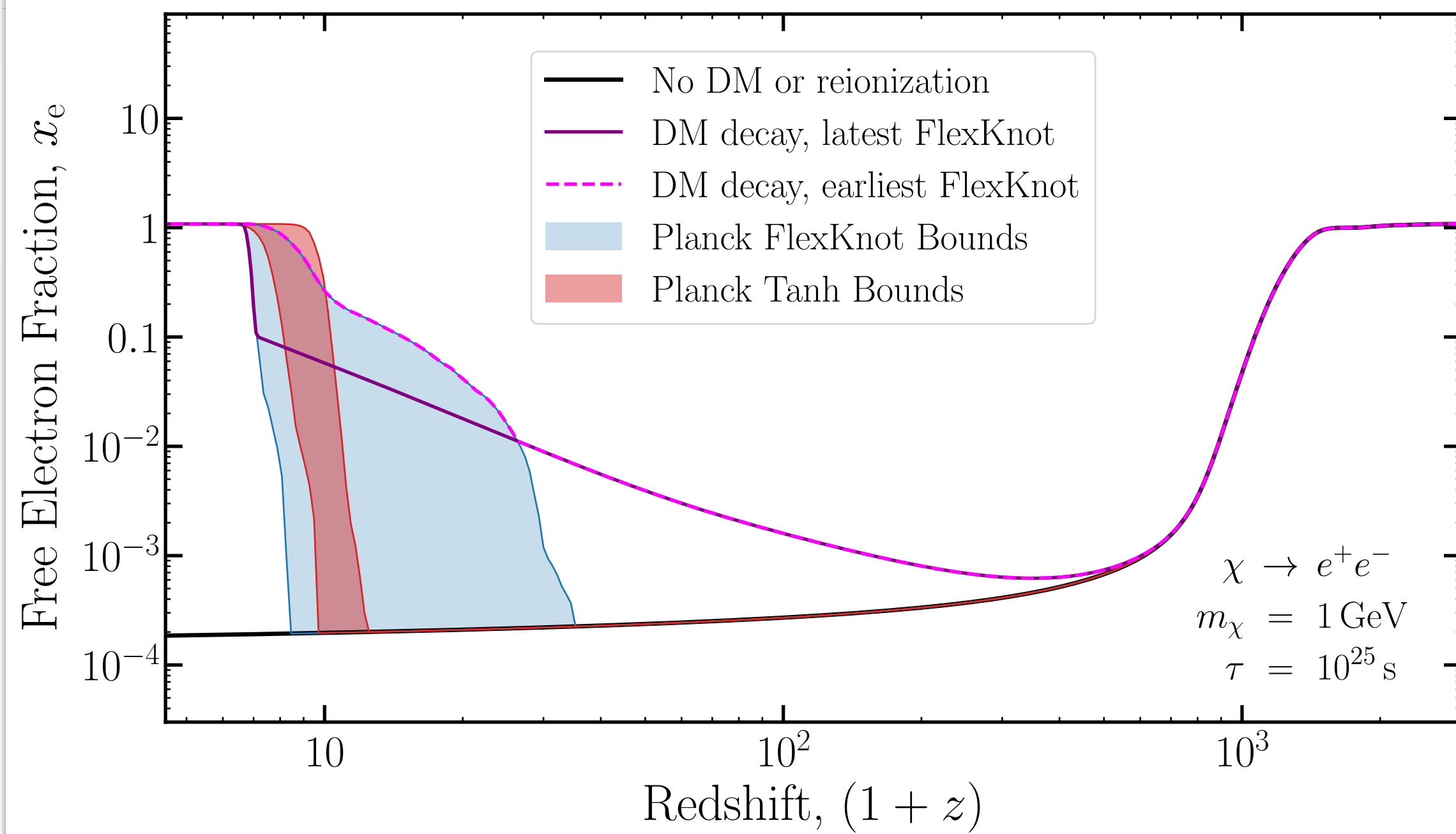
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1. Pick a history within Planck 95% containment, call it  $\dot{x}_e^{\text{Pl}}$ .
2. Given this ionization history, we can compute  $f_c(z, x_e)$ .
3. For a given DM model, DM energy injection makes up  $\dot{x}_e^{\text{DM}}$ .
4. Reionization responsible for the rest through photoionization,  $\dot{x}_e^{\star}$ .

$$\dot{x}_e^{\text{Pl}} = -\mathcal{C} \left[ n_{\text{H}} x_e^2 \alpha_{\text{B}} - 4(1 - x_e) \beta_{\text{B}} e^{-E_{21}/T_{\text{CMB}}} \right] + \left[ \frac{f_{\text{ion}}(z, x_e)}{\mathcal{R} n_{\text{H}}} + \frac{(1 - \mathcal{C}) f_{\text{exc}}(z, x_e)}{0.75 \mathcal{R} n_{\text{H}}} \right] \left( \frac{dE}{dV dt} \right)_{\text{inj}} + \dot{x}_e^{\star}$$

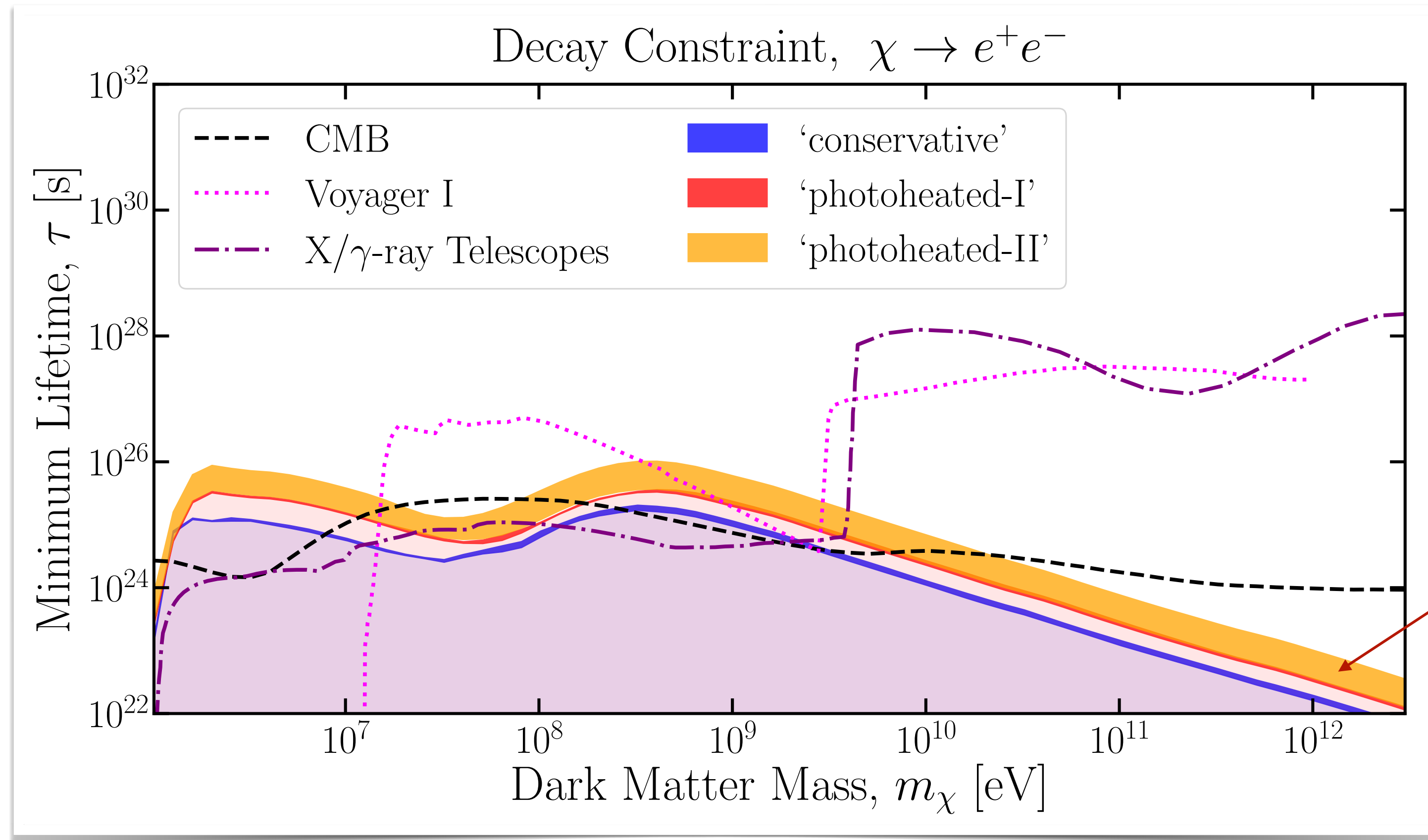
# Dark Matter Constraints



Scan over ionization histories and photoionization rates. Adopt **different parametrizations** for photoheating as a function of **photoionization**, including **no photoheating**.



# Constraints — Decay



**Competitive** with other constraints for **dark matter decay** into  $e^+e^-$  pairs.

# Other Uses

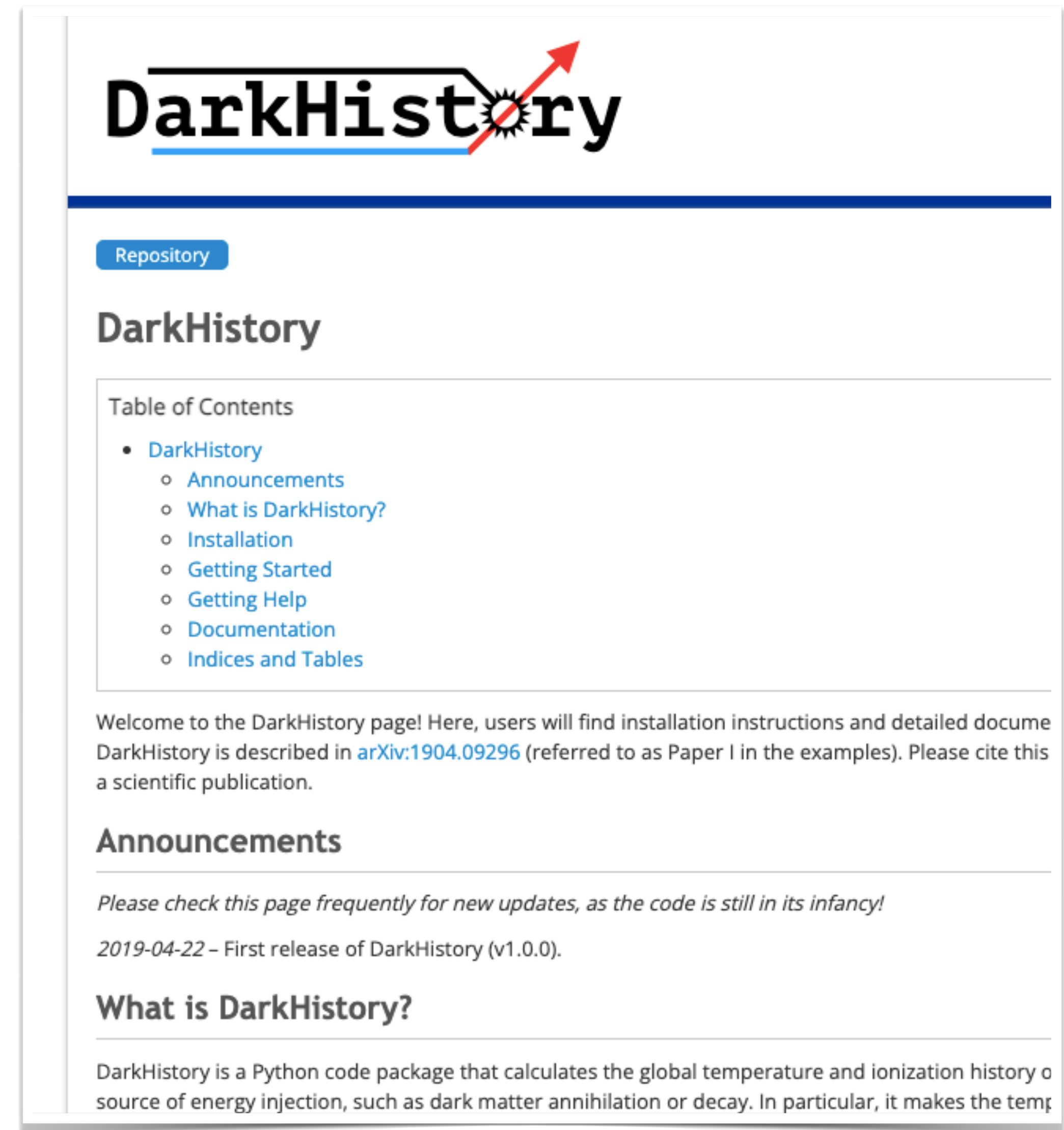
1. Spinning black holes and global 21cm signal, *Natwariya+ 2107.12358*
2. Primordial black holes constraints with 21-cm signal, X-ray heating and radio background, *Mittal+ 2107.02190*
3. Millicharged dark matter and 21-cm signal, *HL+ 1908.06986*
4. *more upcoming!*

Tidbit: **fast evaluation** of integrals  
over **Bose-Einstein** and **Fermi-Dirac distributions**.

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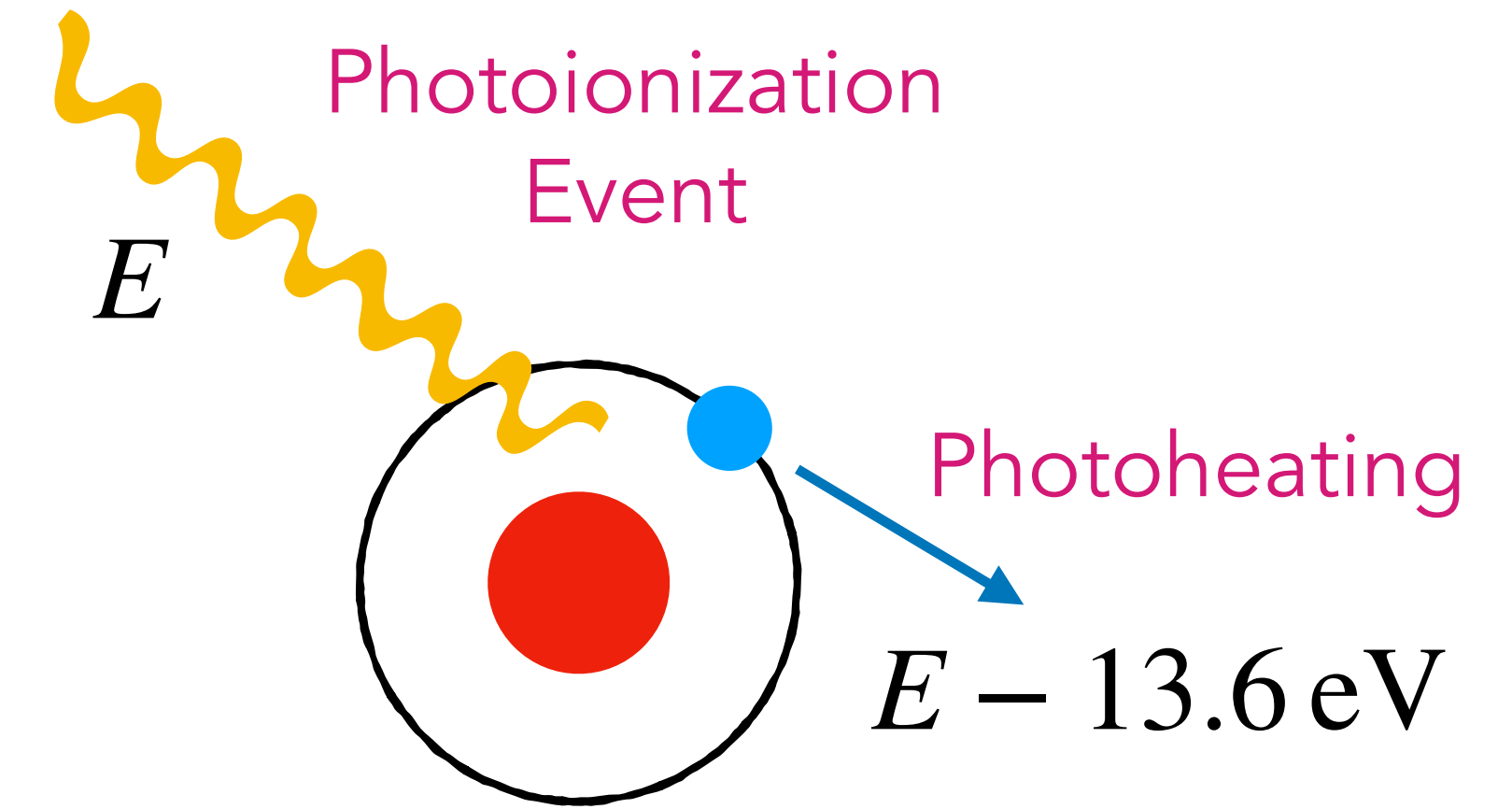
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# Backup Slides

# Temperature History



## Ionization History

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Fixed by DM Injection Rate

Fixed by Planck

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Fixed by DM Injection Rate

Photoheating

Expansion

Compton  
with CMB

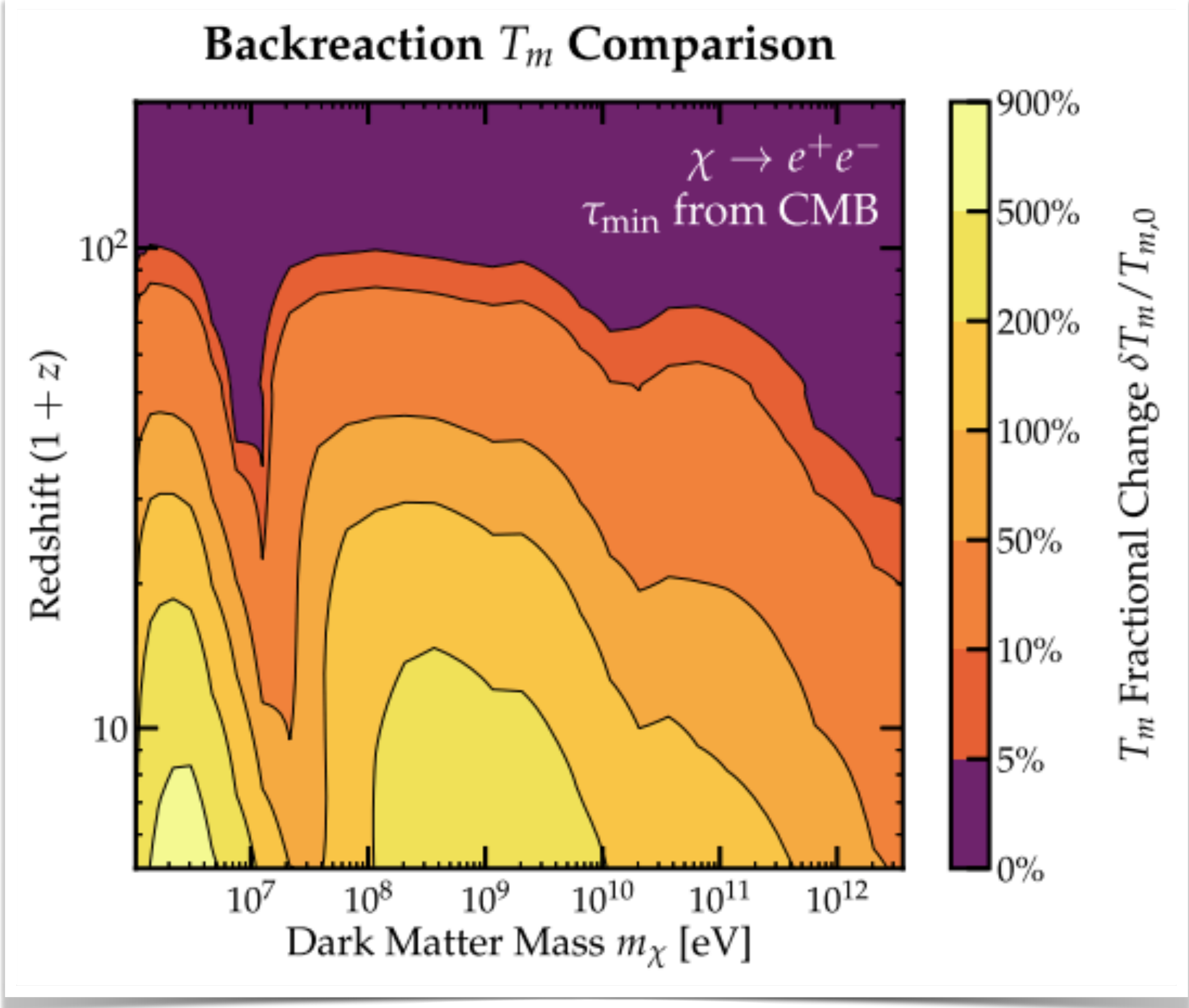
Atomic Cooling  
Processes

Fixed by DM Injection Rate

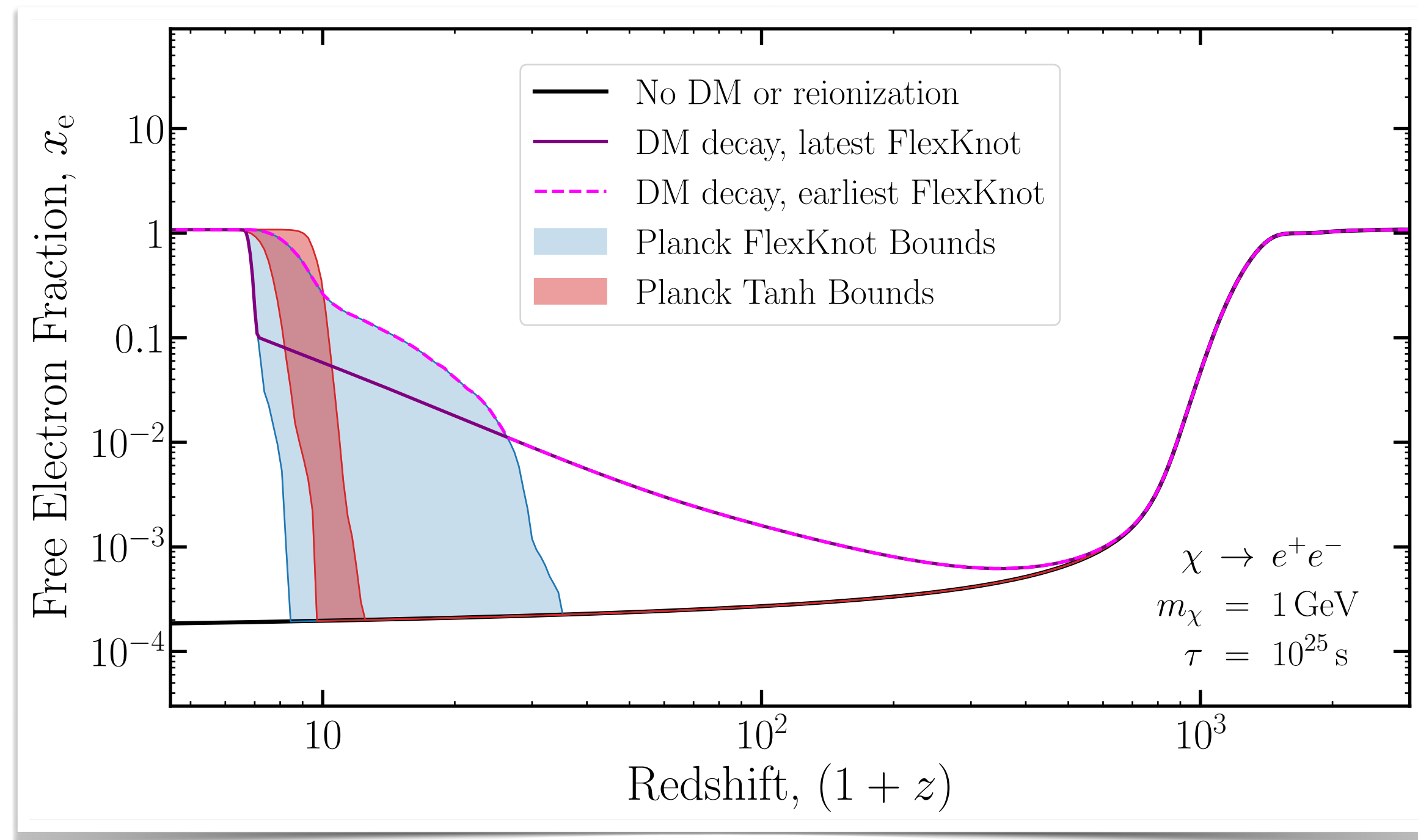
Photoheating

leads to

# Change in Temperature due to Backreaction



# Ionization History

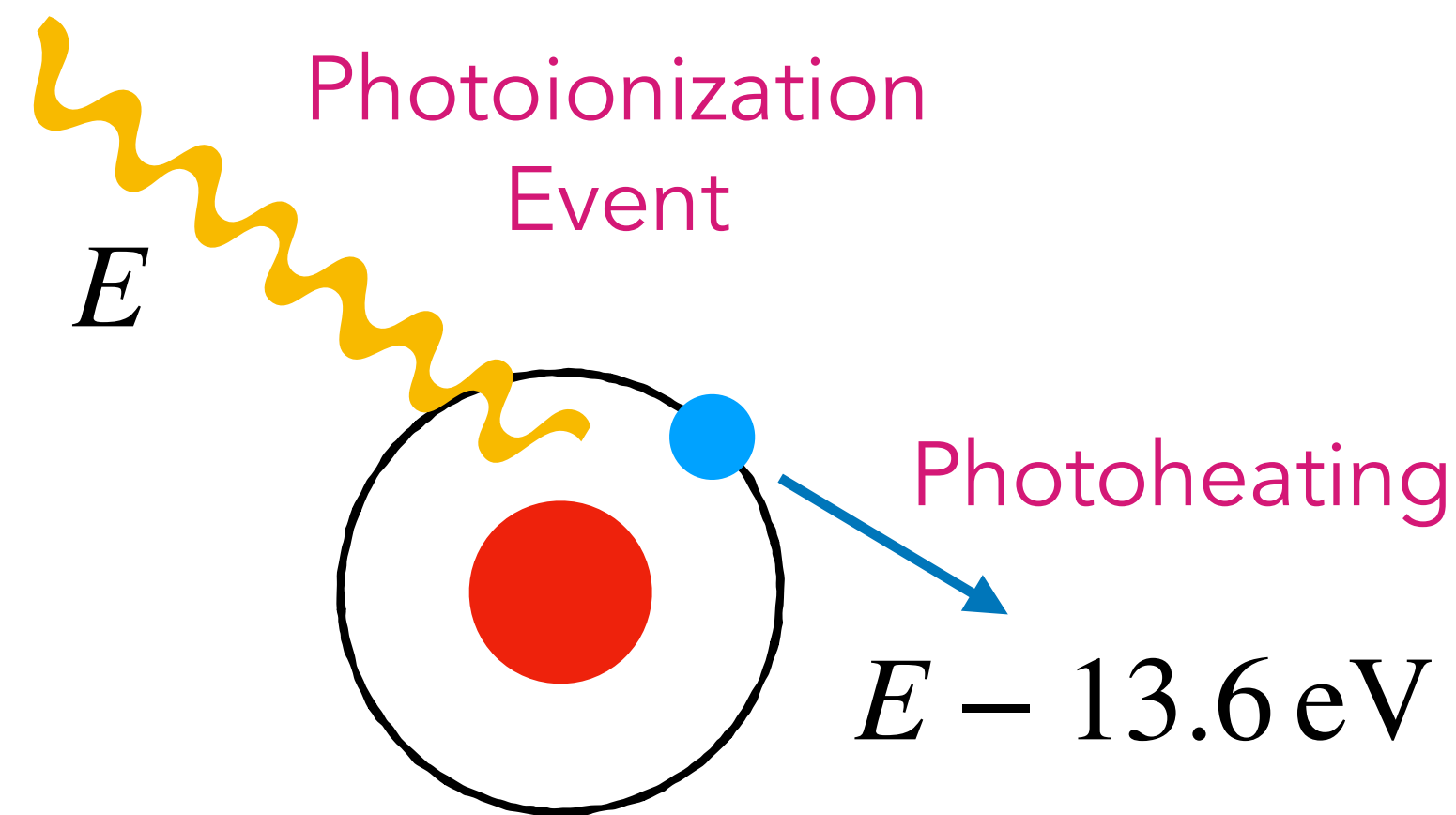


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Adiabatic cooling      Compton heating      DM heating      Atomic cooling      Photoheating



$$\dot{T}^* = \dot{x}_e^* \Delta T. \quad \Delta T \sim 2.5 \times 10^4 \text{ K}$$

without DM is a good fit.

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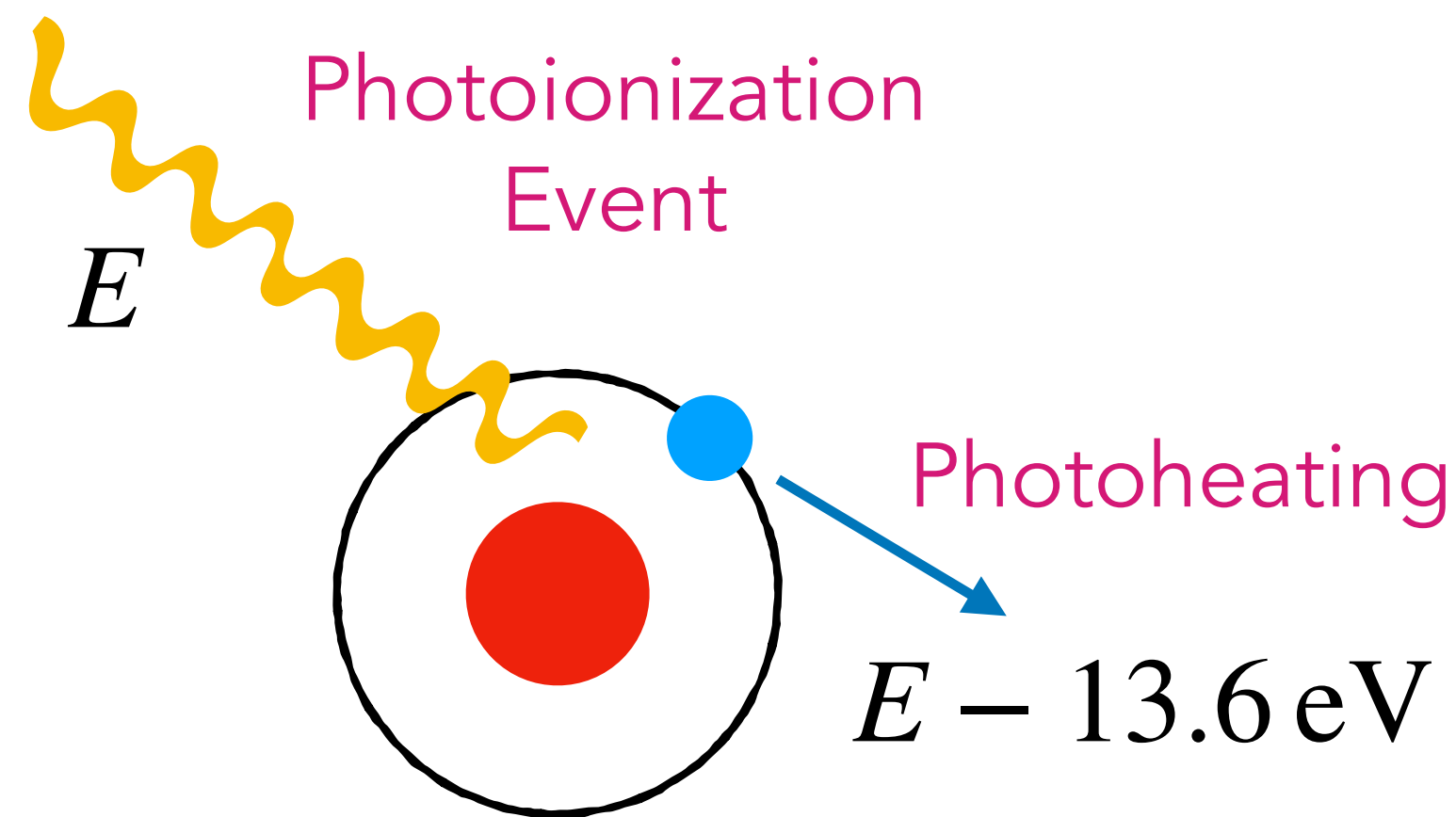
**Before reionization, we use a common, well-motivated parametrization photoheating.**



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$$\dot{T}^* = \frac{13.6 \text{ eV} \times \alpha_A}{3(\gamma - 1 + \alpha_{\text{bk}})}$$

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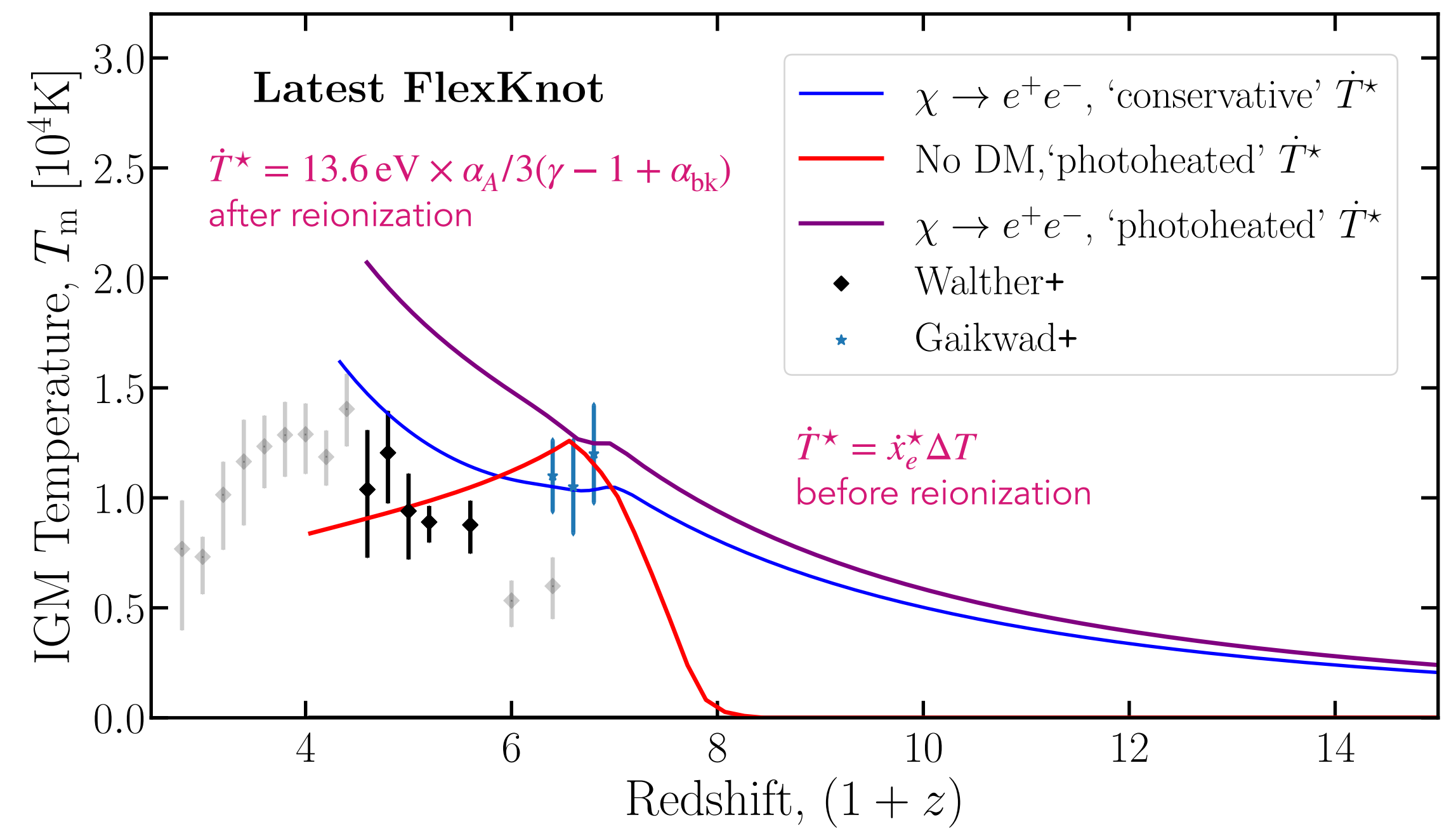
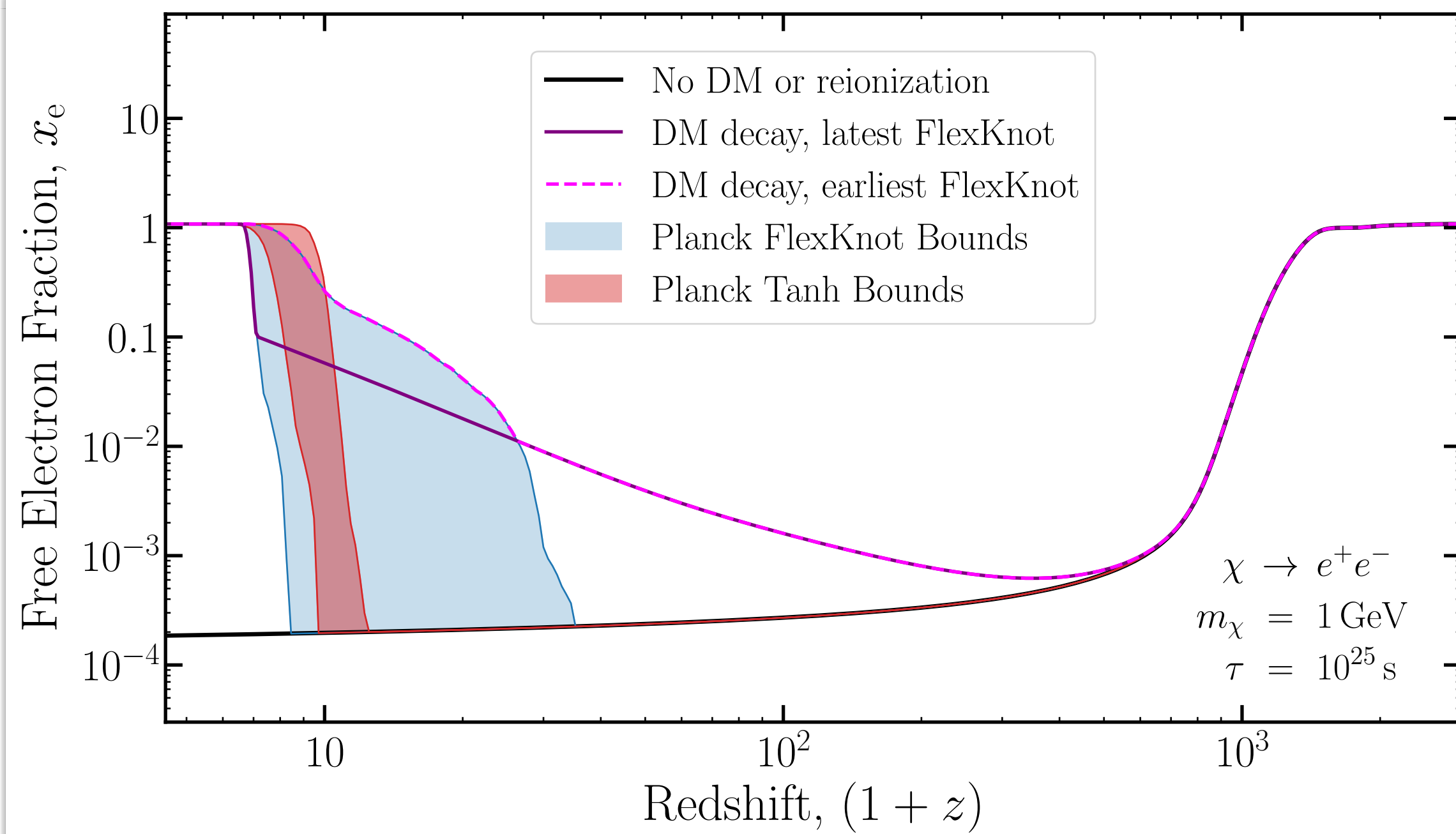
Case-A recombination coefficient

$\sigma_{\text{PH}} \propto \nu^{-\gamma}$

Spectral index near ionization threshold,  $J_\nu \propto \nu^{-\alpha_{\text{bk}}}$

**After reionization, simple relation between UV spectrum at threshold and temperature evolution.**

# Histories



For each DM model (mass, injection parameter), do a **goodness-of-fit** test, marginalizing over  $\Delta T$ ,  $\alpha_{\text{bk}}$  for "photoheated" cases.

# Statistical Test

Specifically, our test statistic only penalizes DM models that overheat the IGM relative to the data, which accounts for the fact that any non-trivial photoheating model would only result in less agreement with the data, whereas DM models that underheat the IGM could be brought into agreement with the data given a specific photoheating model. We define the following test statistic for the  $i$ th IGM temperature bin:

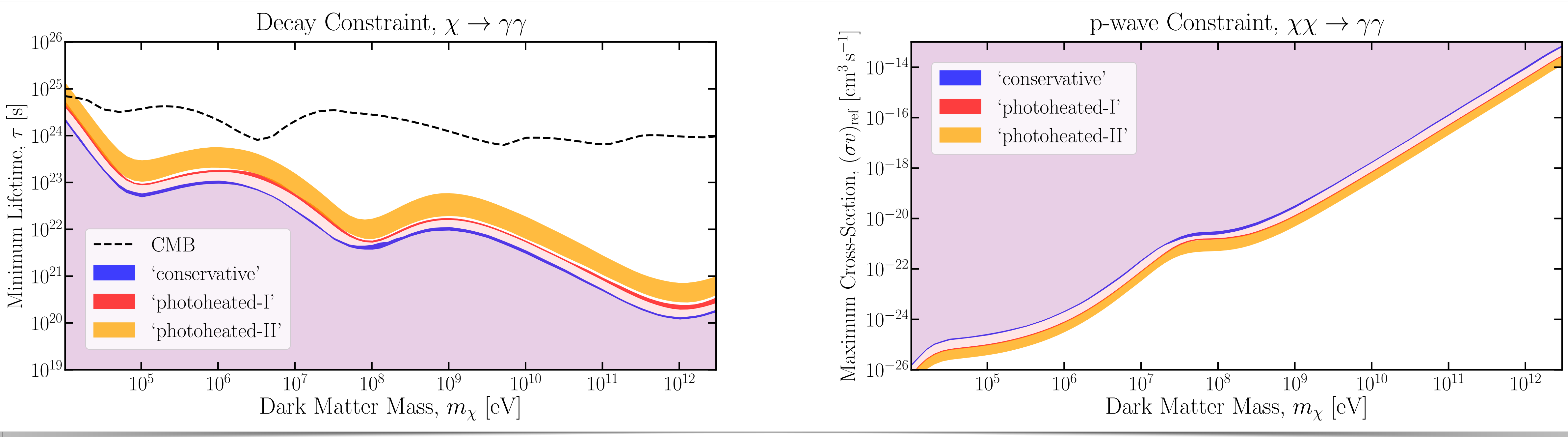
$$\text{TS}_i = \begin{cases} 0, & T_{i,\text{pred}} < T_{i,\text{data}}, \\ \left( \frac{T_{i,\text{pred}} - T_{i,\text{data}}}{\sigma_{i,\text{data}}} \right)^2, & T_{i,\text{pred}} \geq T_{i,\text{data}}, \end{cases} \quad (5)$$

where  $T_{i,\text{data}}$  is the fiducial IGM temperature measurement,  $T_{i,\text{pred}}$  is the predicted IGM temperature given a DM model and photoheating prescription, and  $\sigma_{i,\text{data}}$  is the  $1\sigma$  upper error bar from the fiducial IGM temperature data. We then construct a global test statistic for all of the bins, simply given by  $\text{TS} = \sum_i \text{TS}_i$ . Assuming the data points  $\{T_{i,\text{data}}\}$  are each independent, Gaussian random variables with standard deviation given by  $\sigma_{i,\text{data}}$ , the probability density function of TS given some model  $\{T_{i,\text{pred}}\}$  is given by

$$f(\text{TS}|\{T_{i,\text{pred}}\}) = \frac{1}{2^N} \sum_{n=0}^N \frac{N!}{n!(N-n)!} f_{\chi^2}(\text{TS}; n). \quad (6)$$

$N$  is the total number of temperature bins and  $f_{\chi^2}(x; n)$  is the  $\chi^2$ -distribution with argument  $x$  and number of degrees-of-freedom  $n$ , where the  $n = 0$  case is defined to

# Photons



# Muons and Pions

