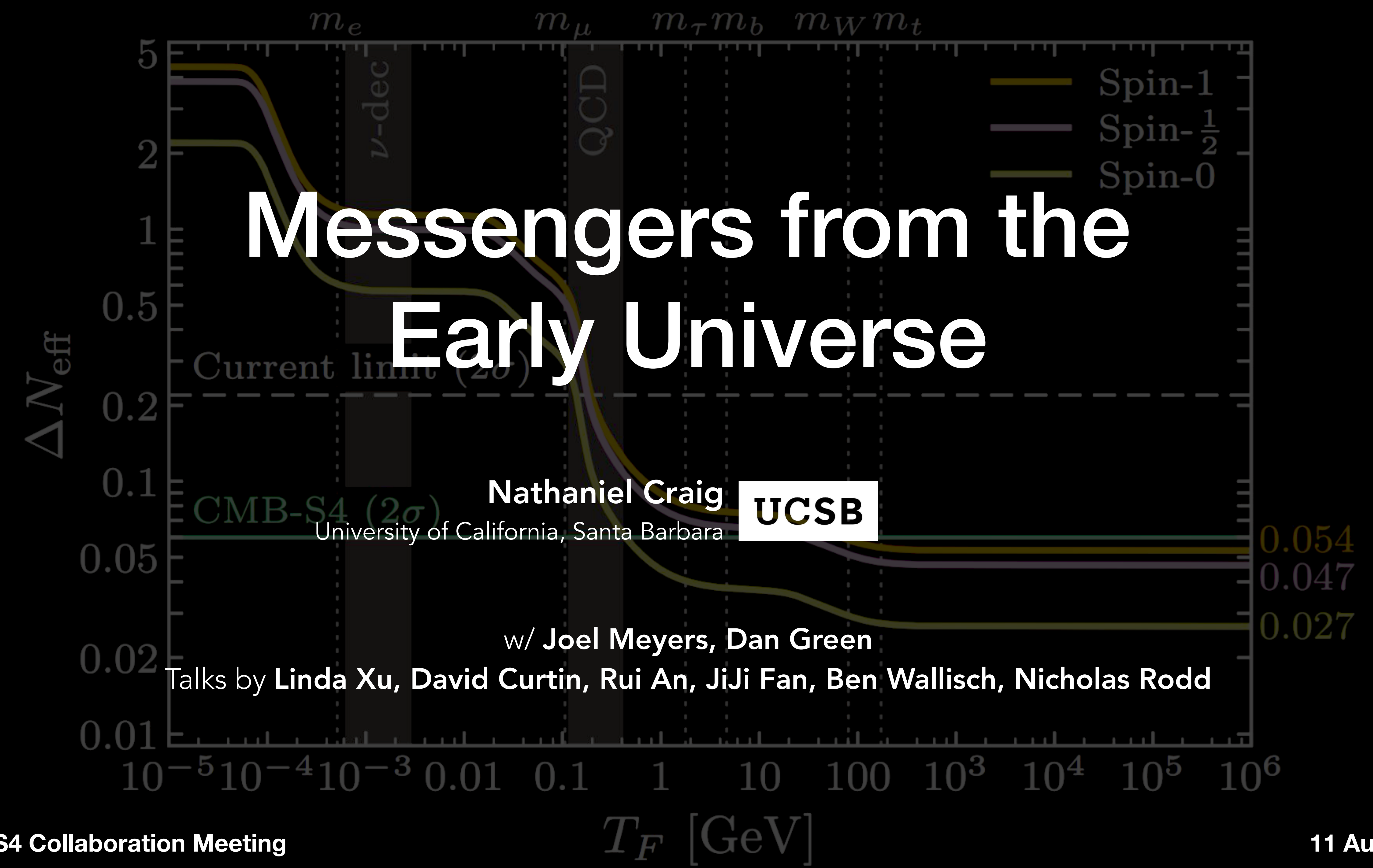


# Messengers from the Early Universe



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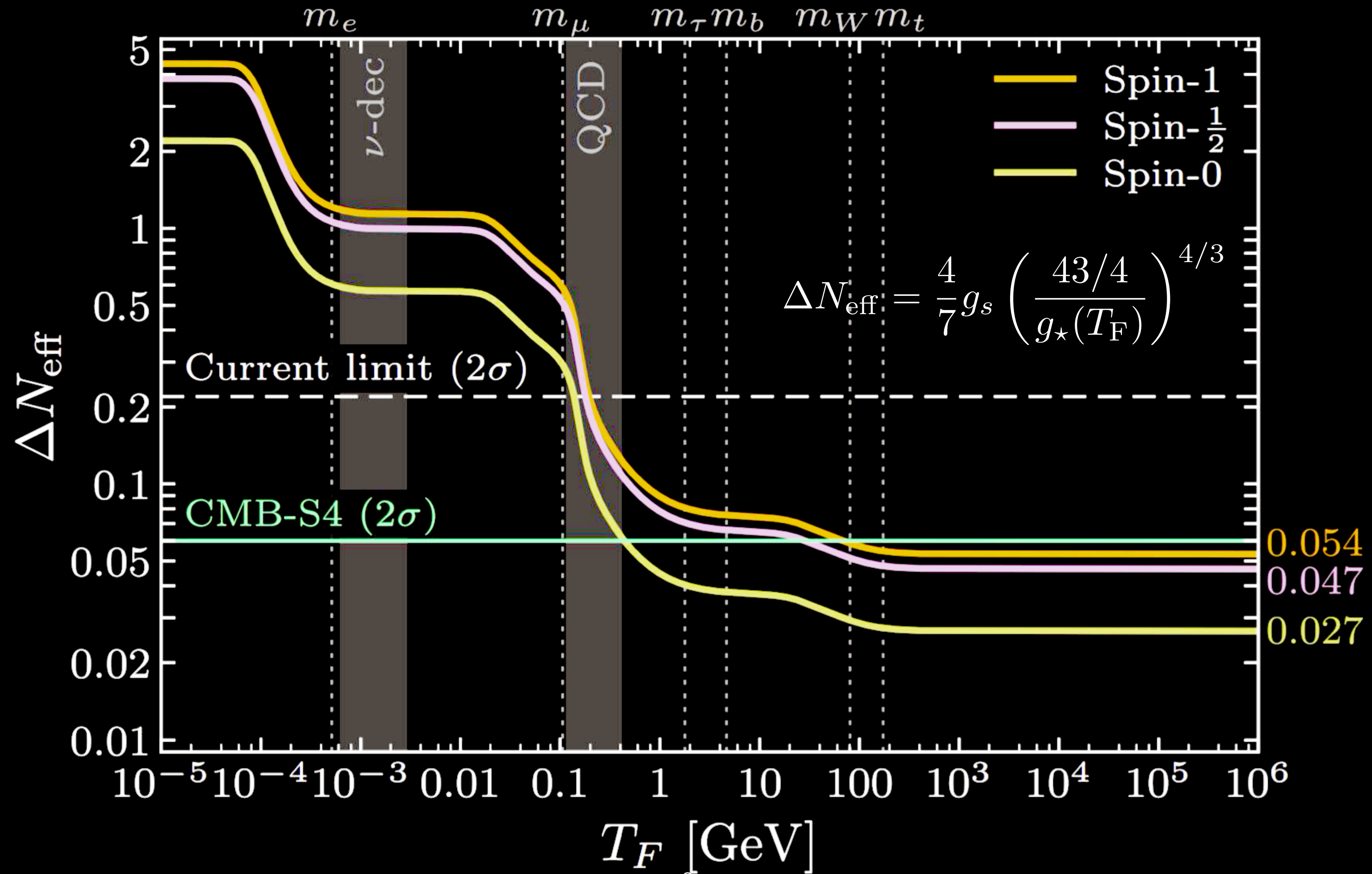




**Jolanda Neff**

Tokyo 2020 Olympic gold medalist, MTB





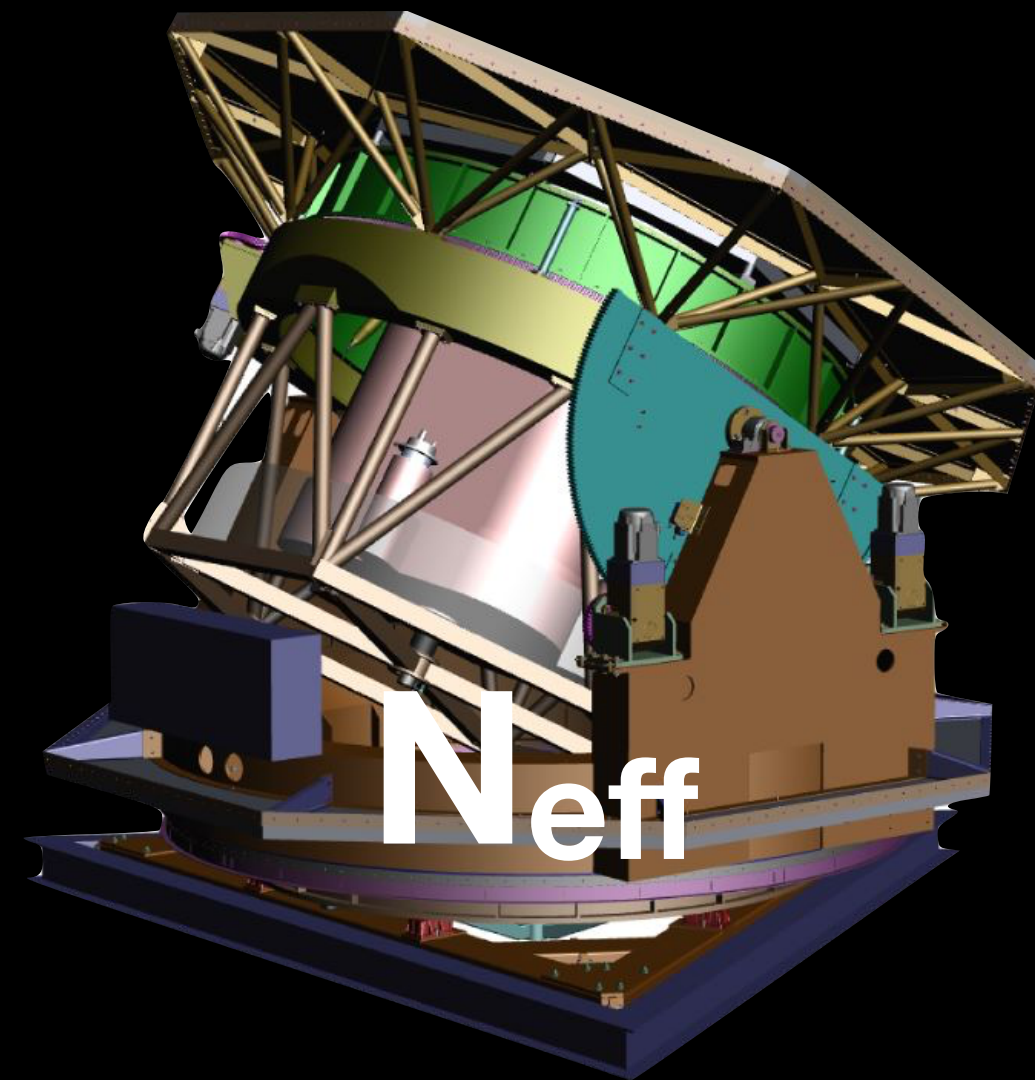


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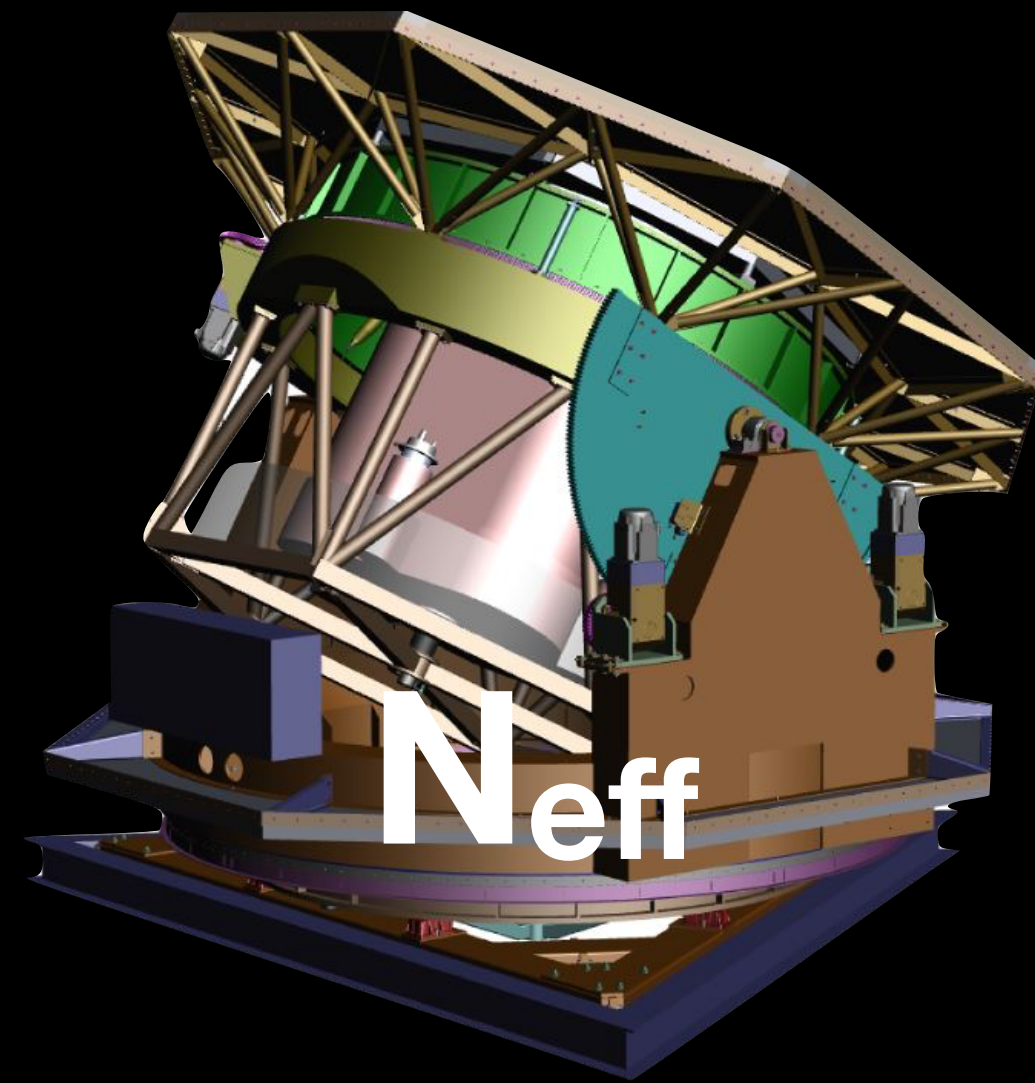


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# ~~Hierarchy Problem~~

## Naturalness Strategy

The naturalness strategy: an **analogy** from E&M

$$\Delta E_C = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{e^2}{r_e}$$

$$(m_e c^2)_{obs} = (m_e c^2)_{bare} + \Delta E_C$$

Experimentally  $r_e \lesssim 10^{-18} \text{ cm} \Rightarrow \Delta E_C \gtrsim 100 \text{ GeV}$

If so,  $0.511 = -99999.489 + 100000.000 \text{ MeV}$

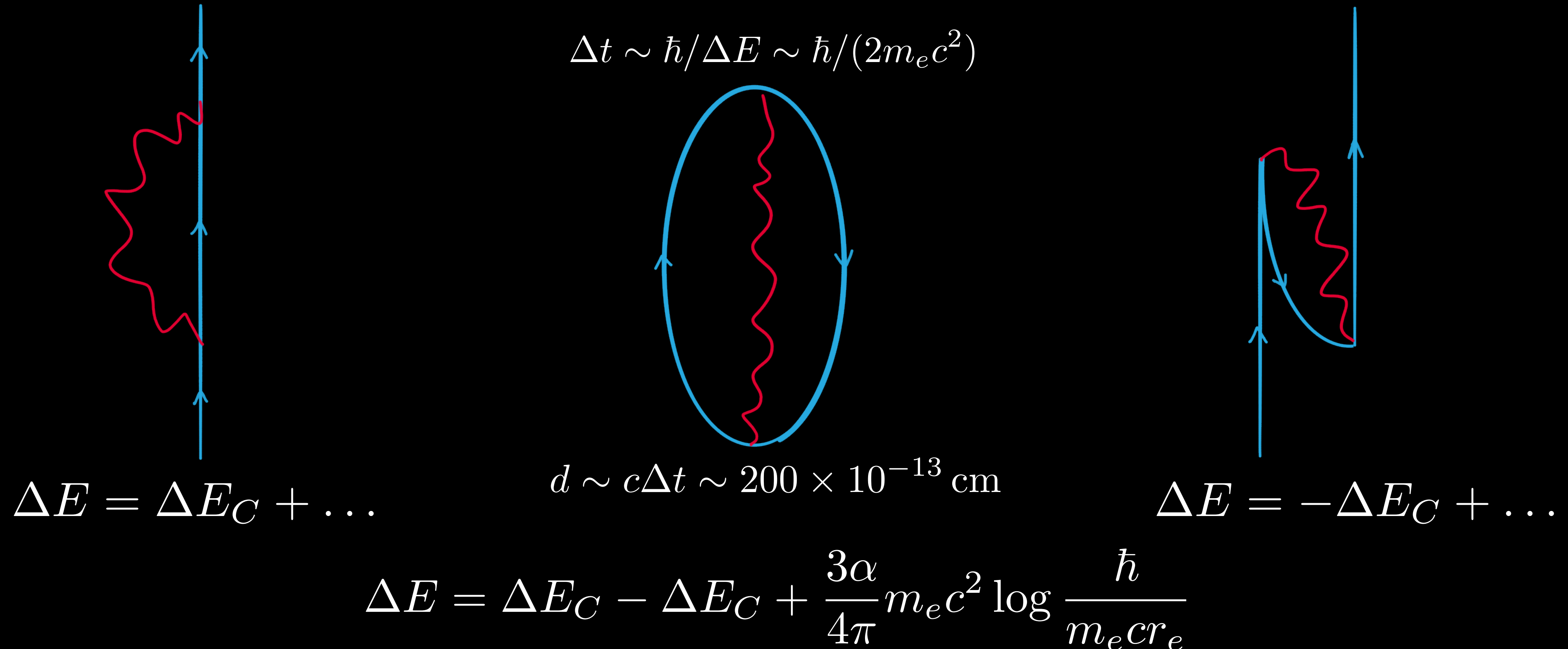
To avoid fine-tuning, i.e. for the theory to be “natural”, need picture to change on scales below  $2.8 \times 10^{-13} \text{ cm}$



# The Naturalness Strategy

**Dirac (1928/29):** There is a new state in the relativistic quantum theory

**Weisskopf (1939):** Compute the self-energy including the positron



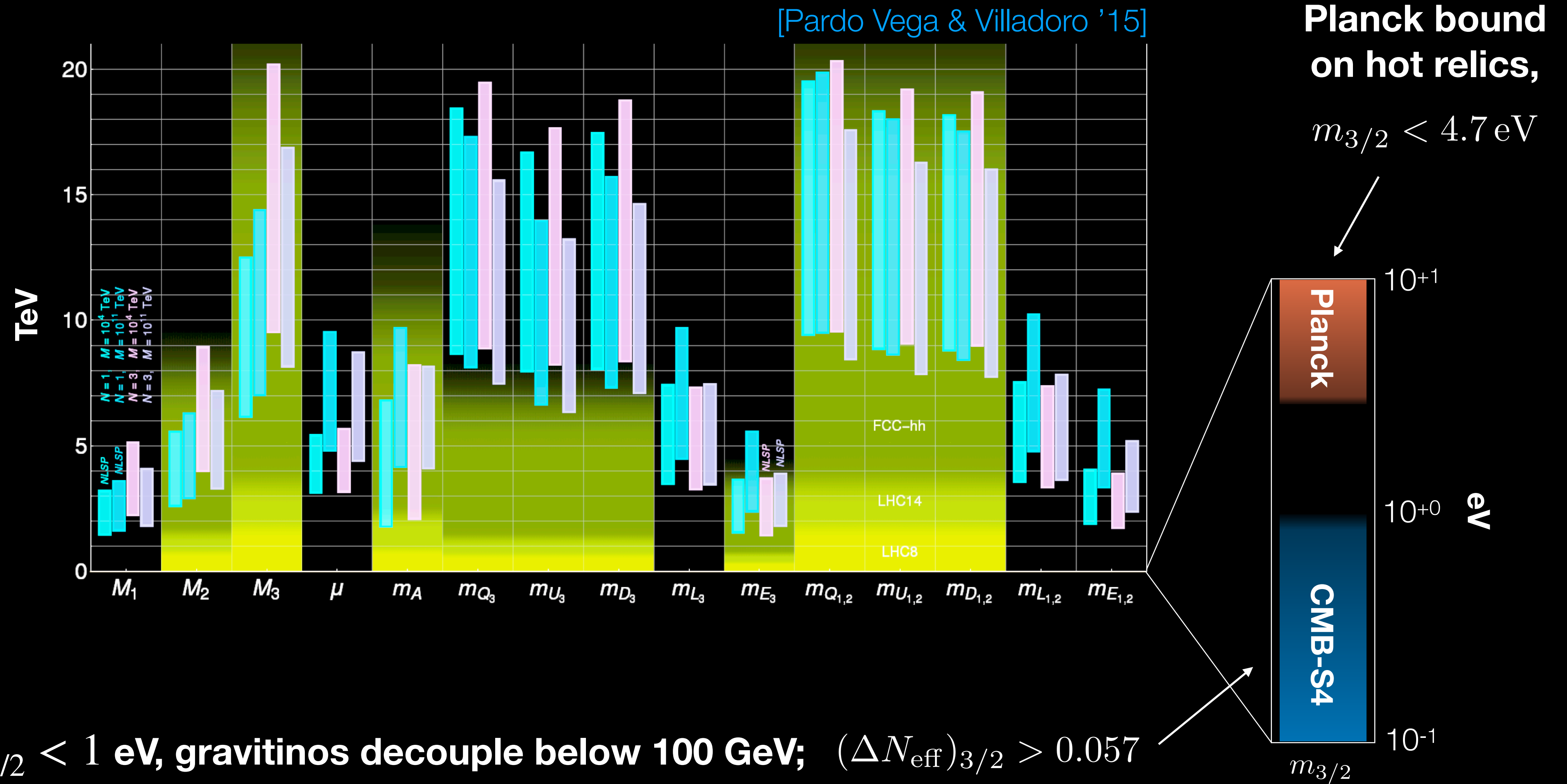


# The Naturalness Strategy

Param	UV sensitivity	Natural if	NP	Scale	Natural?
" $m_e$ "	$e^2 \Lambda$	$\Lambda \lesssim 5 \text{ MeV}$	Positron	511 keV	✓
$m_{\pi^\pm}^2 - m_{\pi^0}^2$	$\frac{3\alpha}{4\pi} \Lambda^2$	$\Lambda \lesssim 850 \text{ MeV}$	Rho	770 MeV	✓
$m_{K_L} - m_{K_S}$	$\frac{s_c^2 f_K^2 m_{K_L^0}}{24\pi^2 v^4} \Lambda^2$	$\Lambda \lesssim 2 \text{ GeV}$	Charm	1.2 GeV	✓
$m_H^2$	$-\frac{6y_t^2}{16\pi^2} \Lambda^2 + \dots$	$\Lambda \lesssim 500 \text{ GeV}$	?	?	?



# Supersymmetry

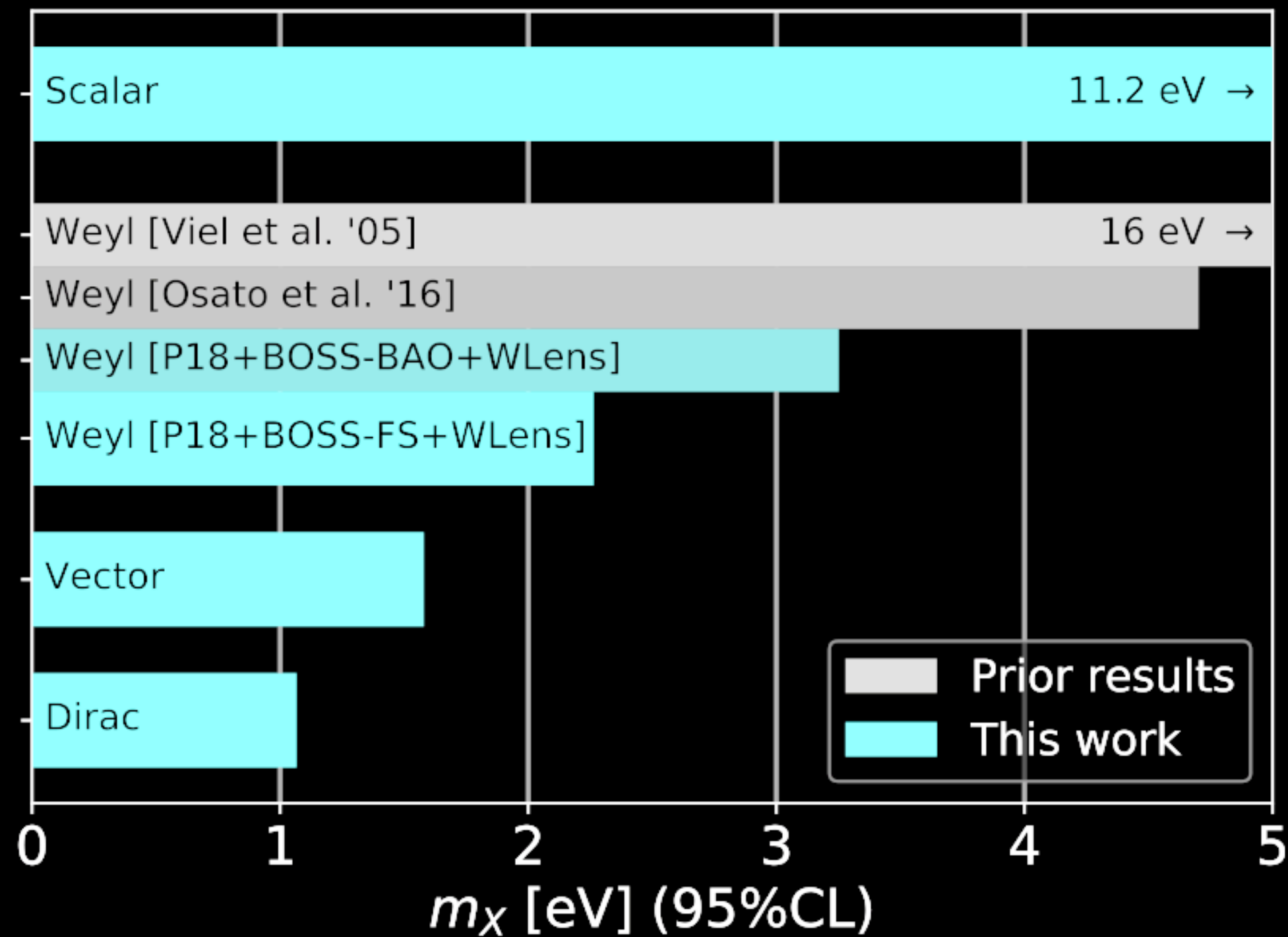


For  $m_{3/2} < 1 \text{ eV}$ , gravitinos decouple below 100 GeV;  $(\Delta N_{\text{eff}})_{3/2} > 0.057$

[CMB-S4 Science Book]



# Light but Massive Relics (LiMRs)

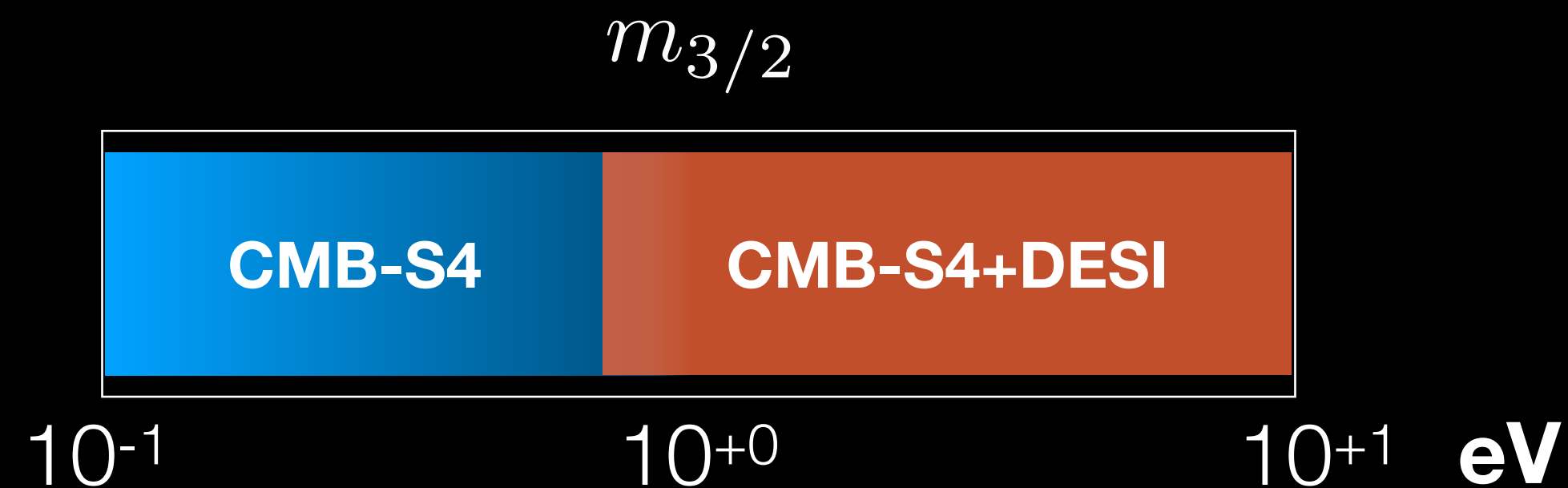


$T_X = 0.91 \text{ K}$

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$m_X$  (95% CL)

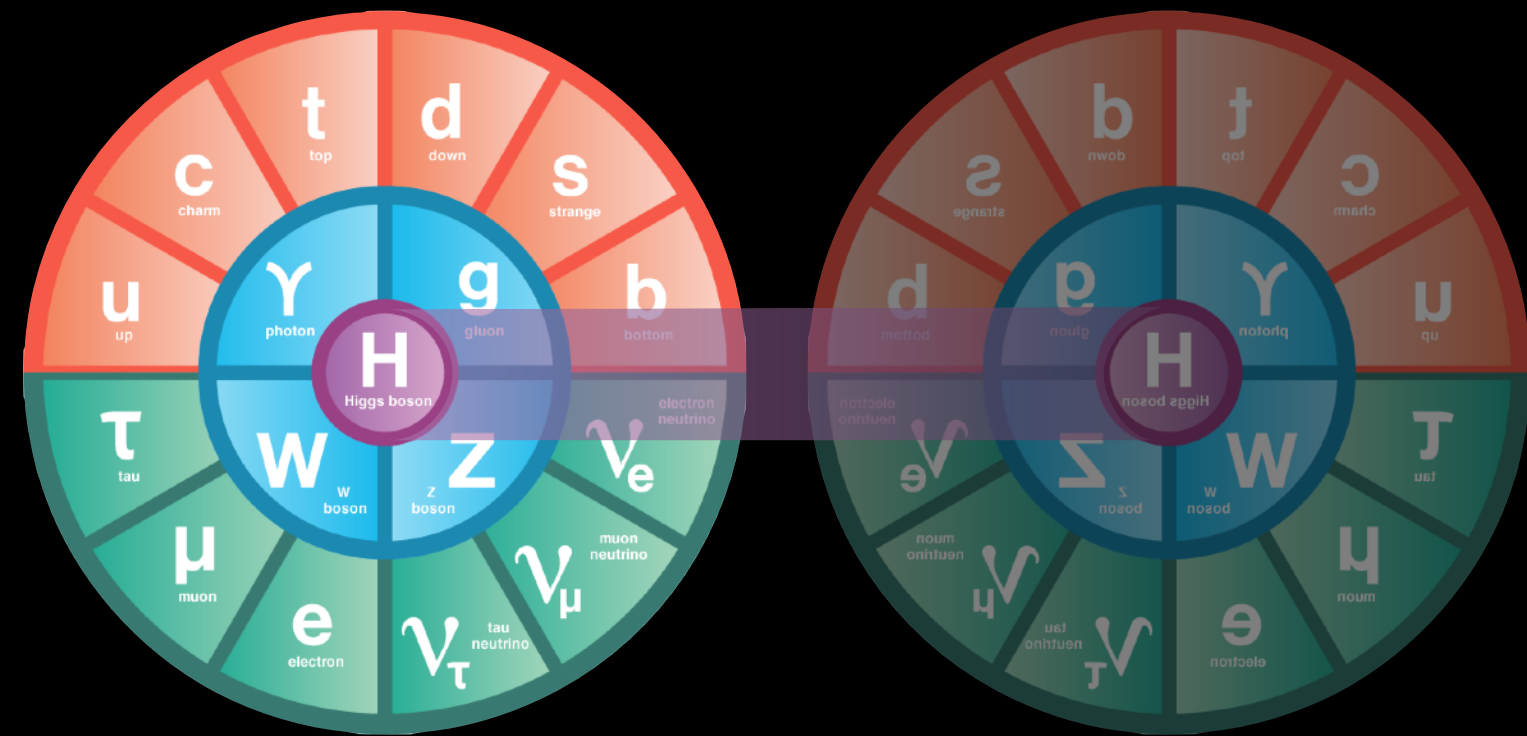
	BOSS + Planck	DESI + S4
Scalar	11.2 eV	0.94 eV
Weyl	2.26 eV	0.58 eV
Vector	1.58 eV	—
Dirac	1.06 eV	—



*Spectrum-independent exclusion/discovery of low-scale SUSY...*



# Discrete symmetries



E.g. “Twin Higgs” [Chacko, Goh, Harnik ’05, ...]

*David Curtin’s talk*

Consider SM + mirror SM with identical couplings. Combined Higgs potential has an accidental SU(4) global symmetry from SU(2) × SU(2) × Z<sub>2</sub>.

Higgs is a pNGB of the accidental SU(4)...

$$\Delta V = -\frac{6y_t^2}{16\pi^2}\Lambda^2 \underbrace{(|H_A|^2 + |H_B|^2)}_{|\mathcal{H}|^2} + \dots$$

...but spectrum only respects a Z<sub>2</sub>

$$\mathcal{H} = \begin{pmatrix} H_A \\ H_B \end{pmatrix}$$

*Still a plethora of new particles corresponding to a symmetry solution, not interacting via SM gauge forces but coupling to Higgs.*



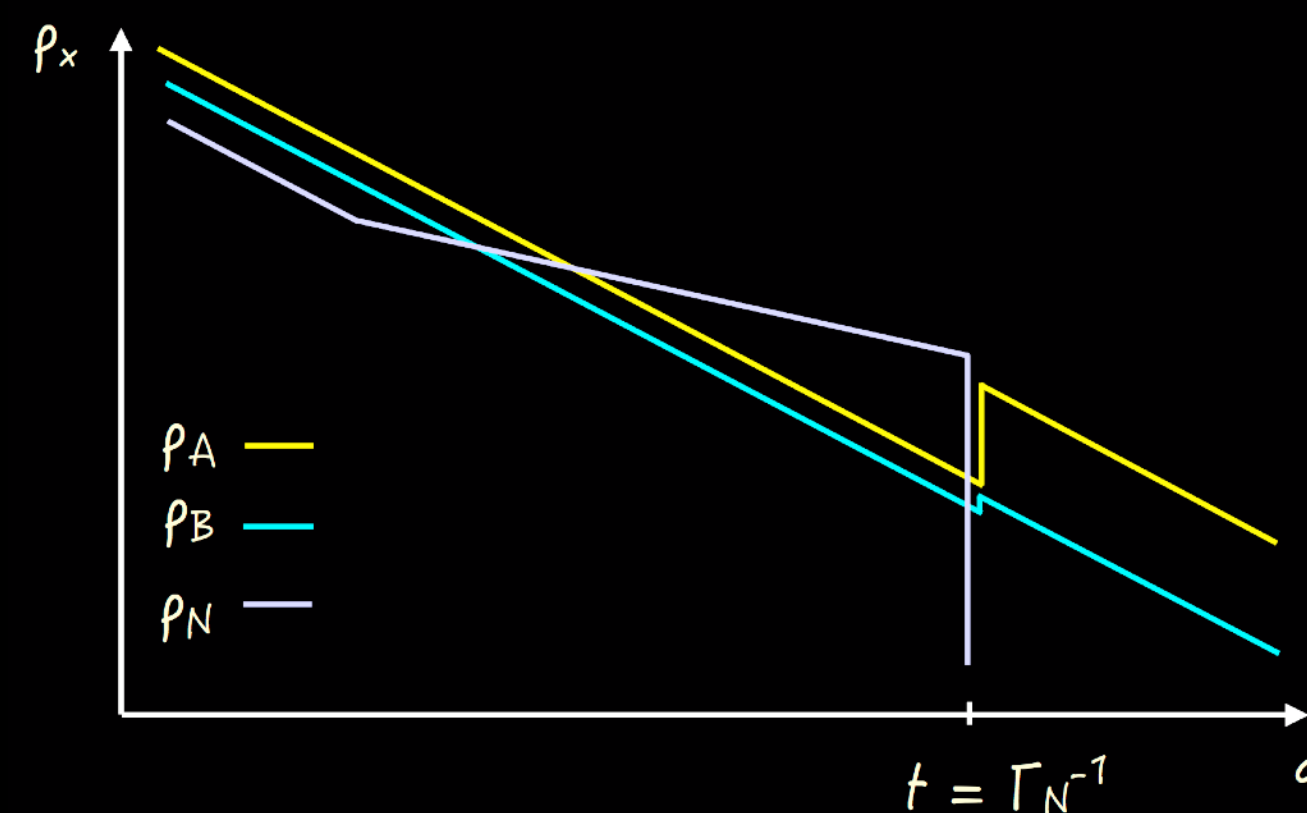
# Cosmology is Key

**The problem:** thermal history of  $Z_2$ -symmetric theory has too much energy density in twin  $\nu$ ,  $\gamma$

$$\Delta N_{\text{eff}} \approx 7.4 \frac{\rho_B}{\rho_A} \Big|_{\text{BBN}} \approx 5.6$$

Preserve symmetry & reconcile w/ current limits if energy density set by neutral particle  $N$  that

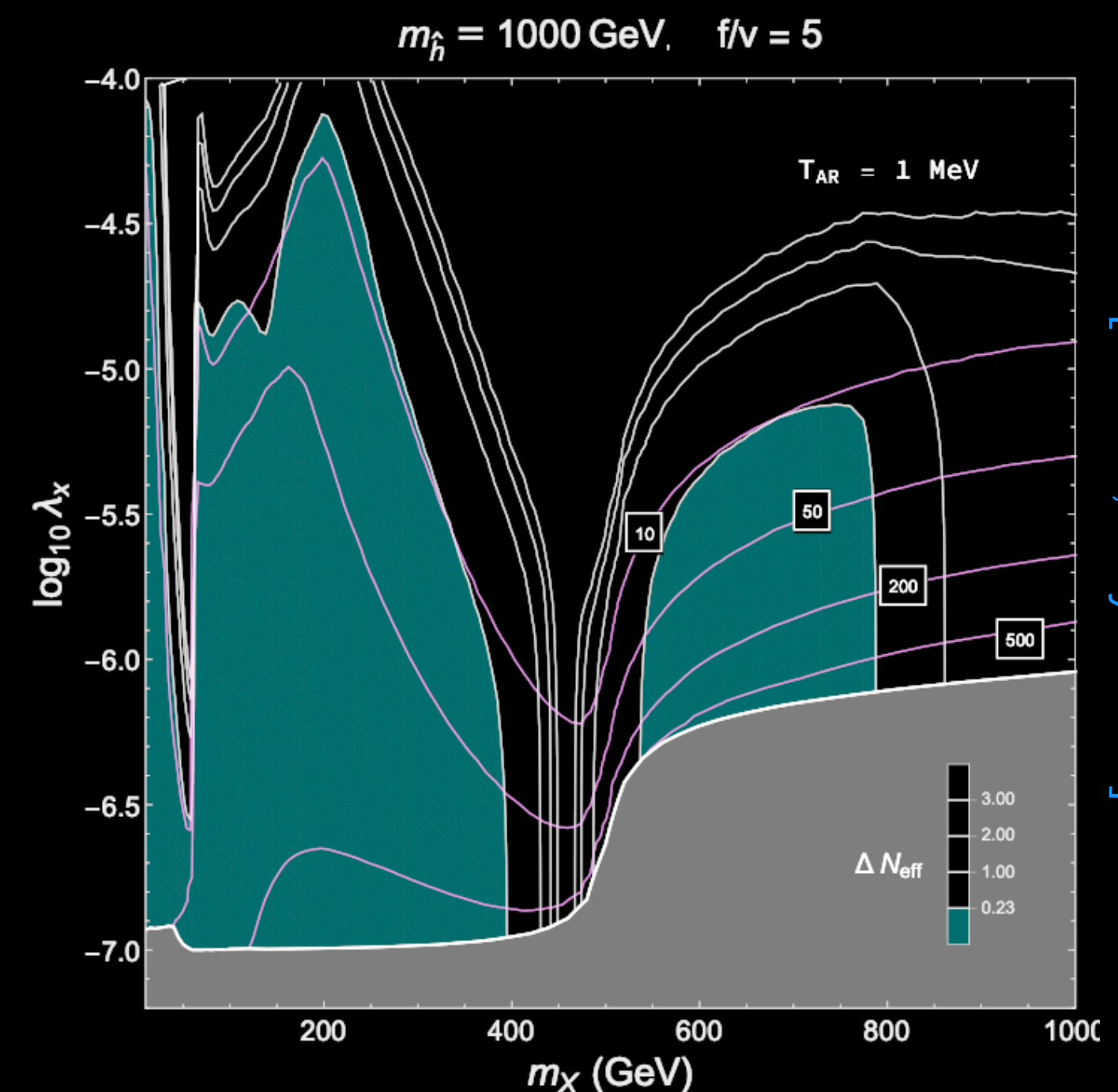
- decouples while relativistic
- decays some time thereafter
- decays primarily to  $A$  (SM)



*Easy to do w/ symmetric coupling to  $H_A$ ,  $H_B$*

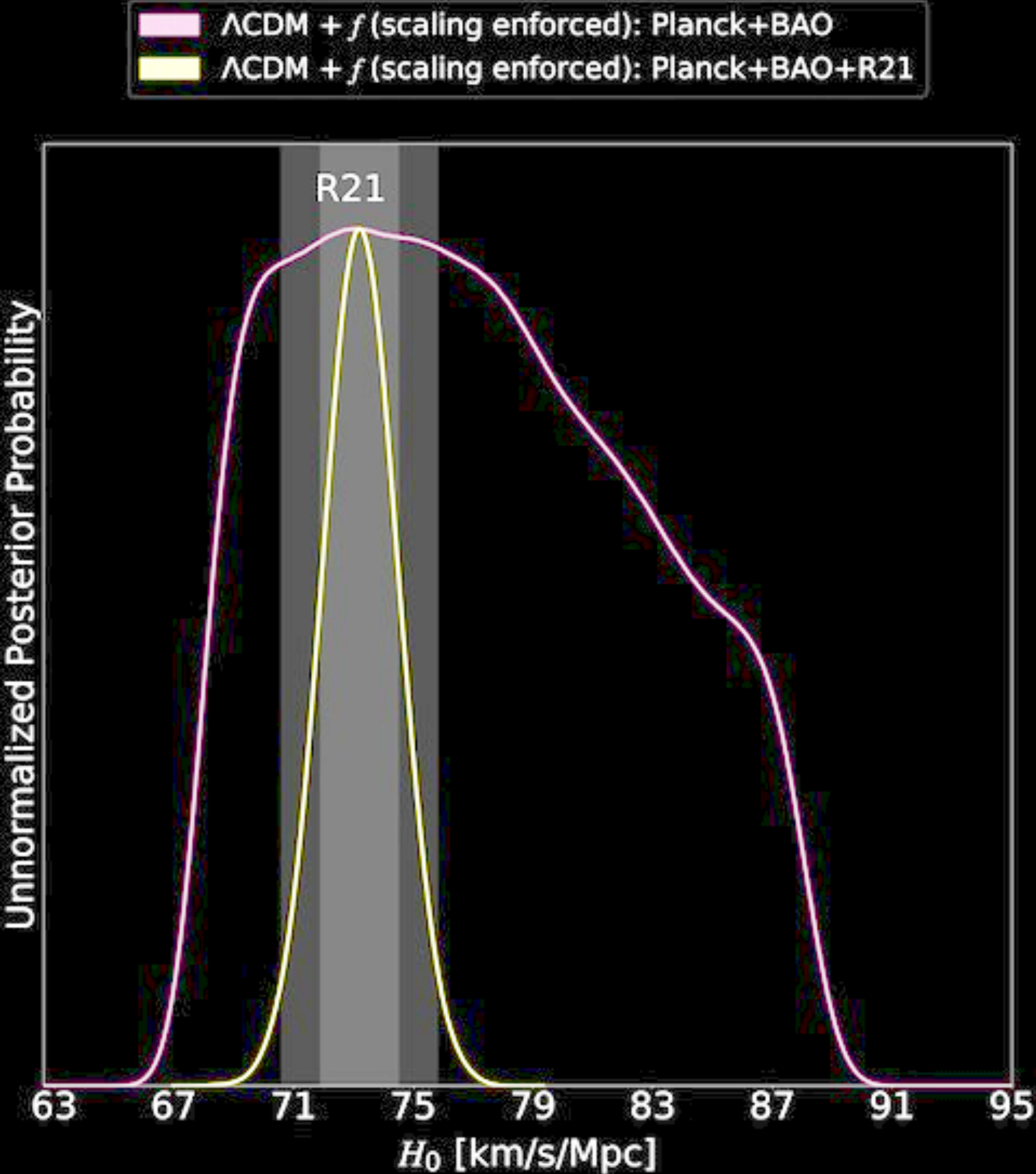
[Chacko, NC, Fox, Harnik '16; NC, Koren, Trott '16]

Signals predominantly in CMB-S4



D. Curtin's talk: plethora of exotic astrophysical signals if CMB-S4 sees anomalous  $N_{\text{eff}}$





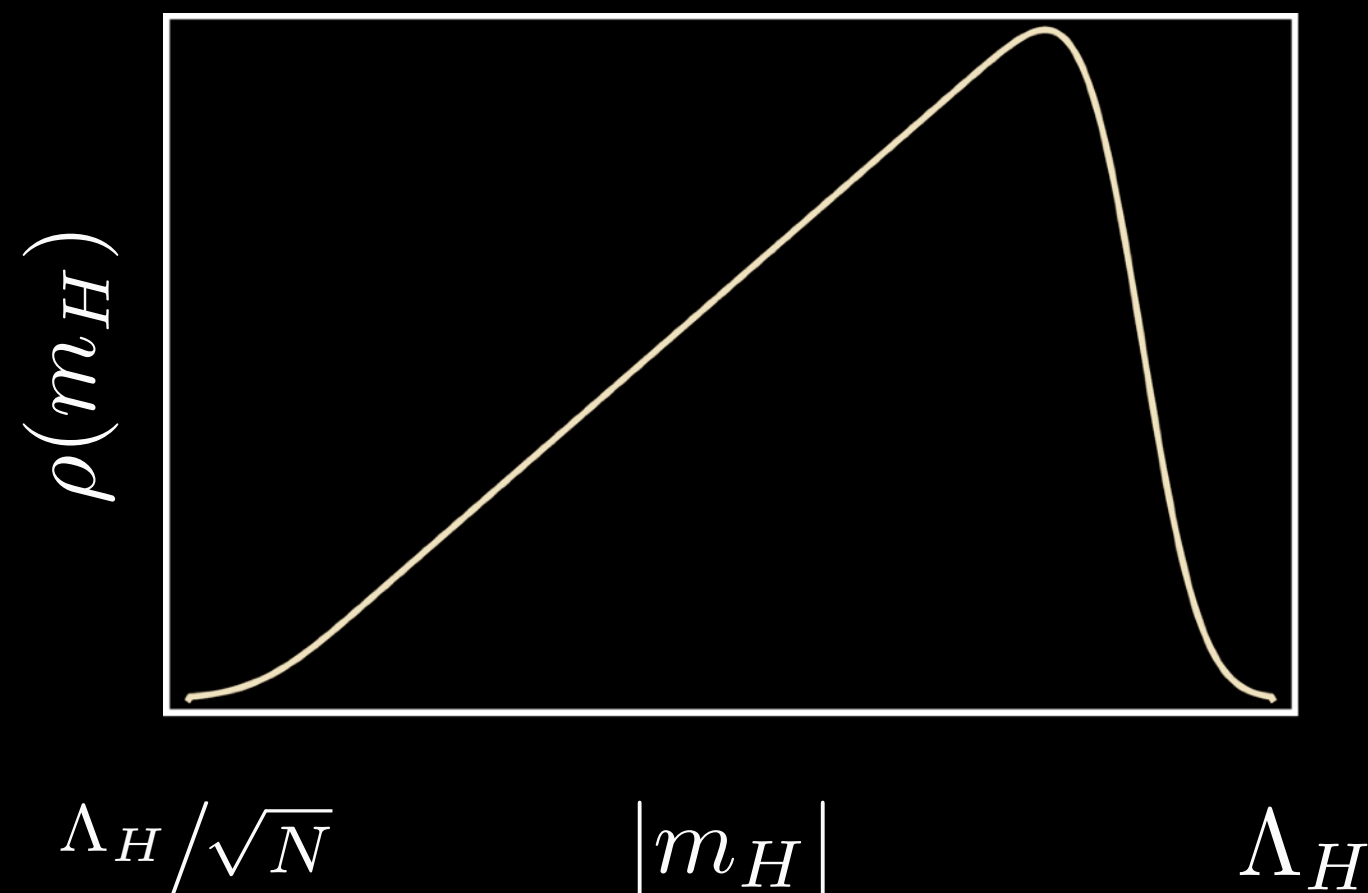


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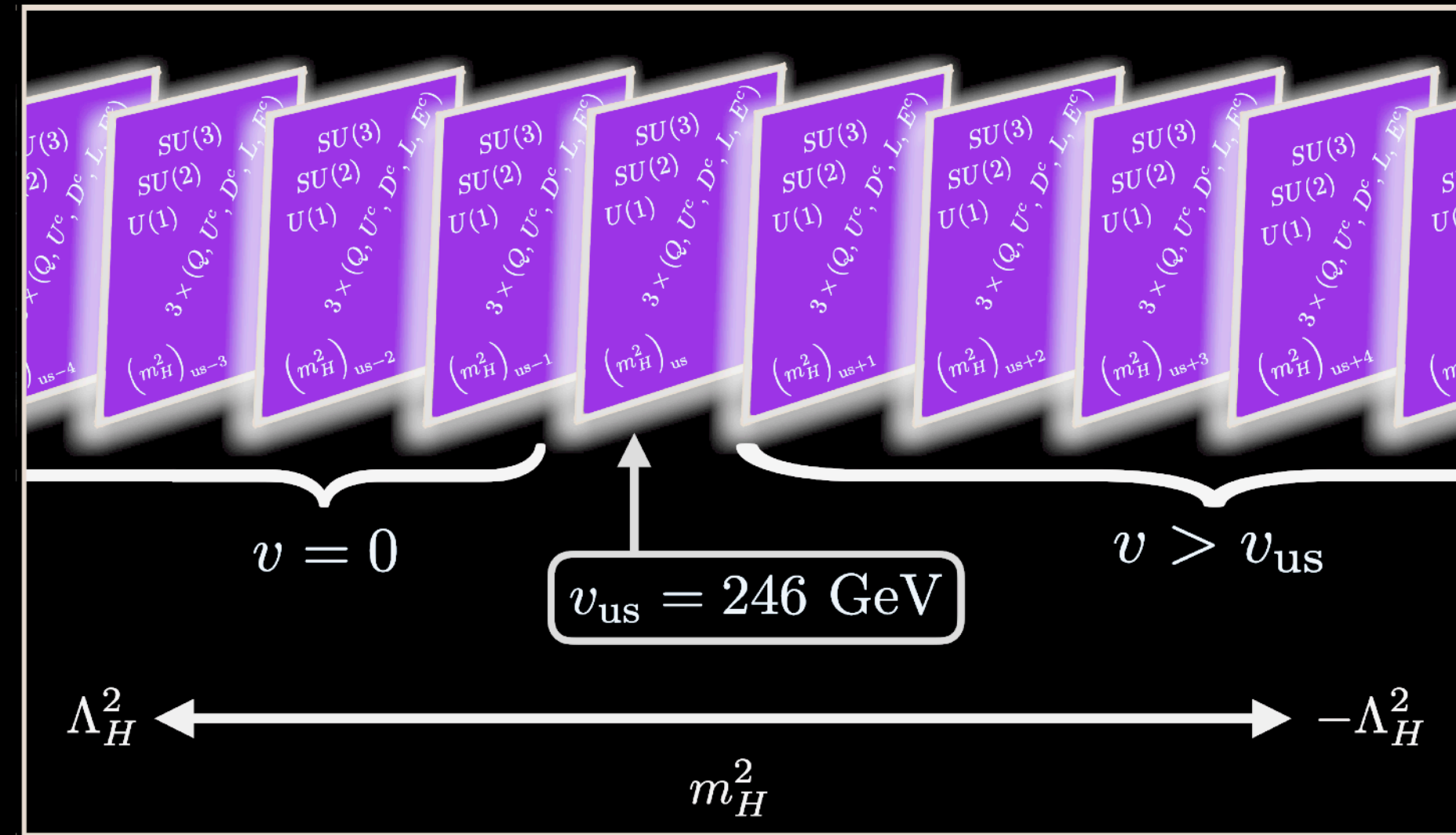
[Arkani-Hamed, Cohen, D'Agnolo, Hook, Kim, Pinner '16]

**N copies of the SM w/ UV scale  $\Lambda_H$**

Random UV contributions to Higgs mass-squared  $\rightarrow$  distribution of  $m_H^2$  between  $\pm\Lambda_H^2$



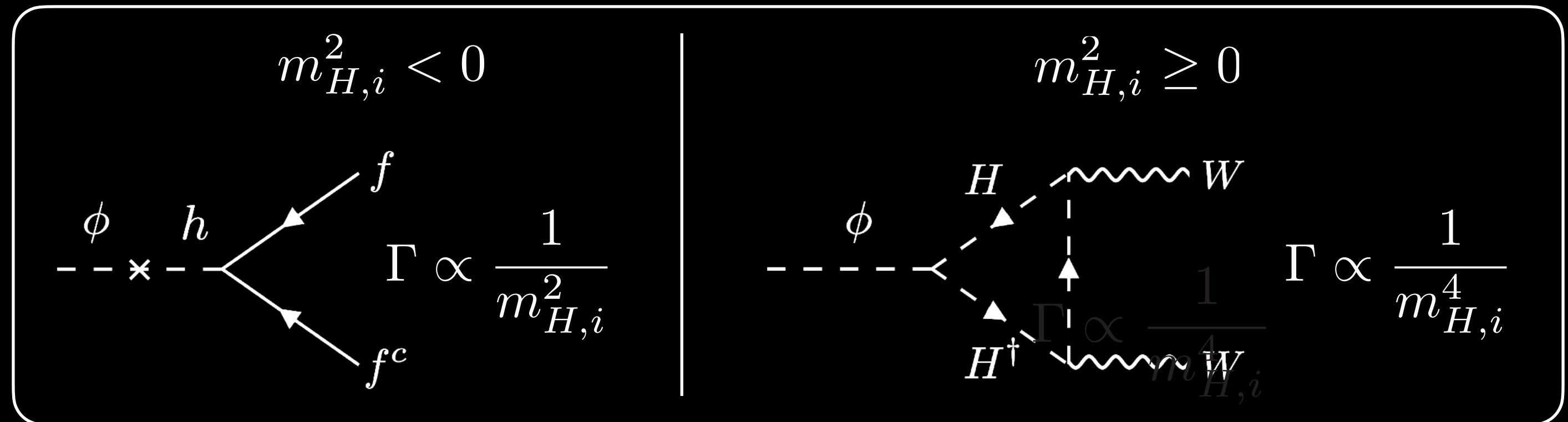
At least 1 copy w/  $|m_H| \sim \Lambda_H/\sqrt{N}$



Why does copy w/ smallest  $m_H$  dominate? *Cosmology.*

Reheaton  $\phi$  starts universe via  $\phi |H_i|^2$  couplings

Decays (provided  $m_\phi < |m_{H_i}|$ )



Preferentially reheats copy w/ smallest  $|m_H|$  &  $m_H^2 < 0$



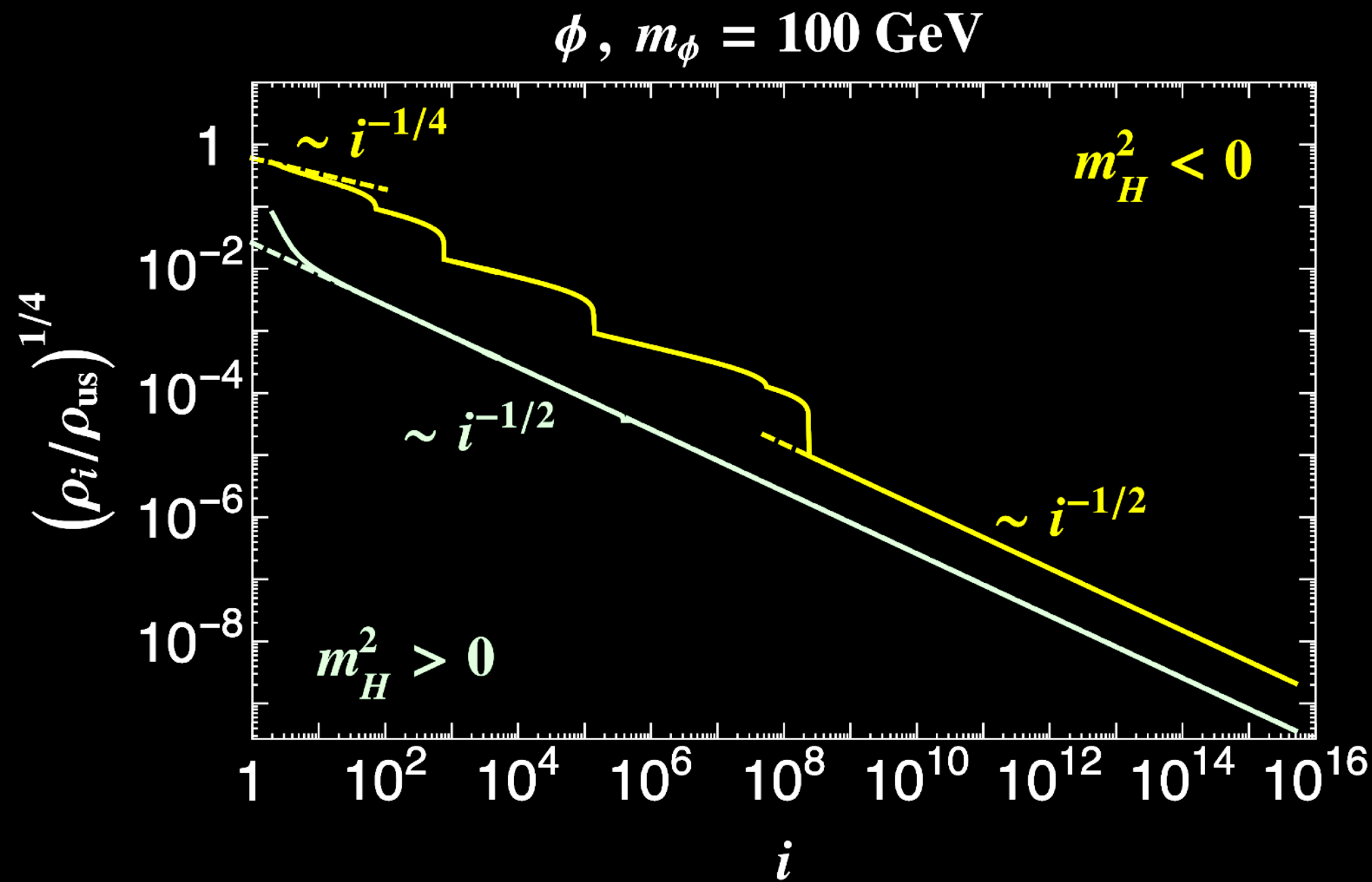
# N Higgses...in the sky

All sectors reheated by some amount  $\Rightarrow$  dark radiation

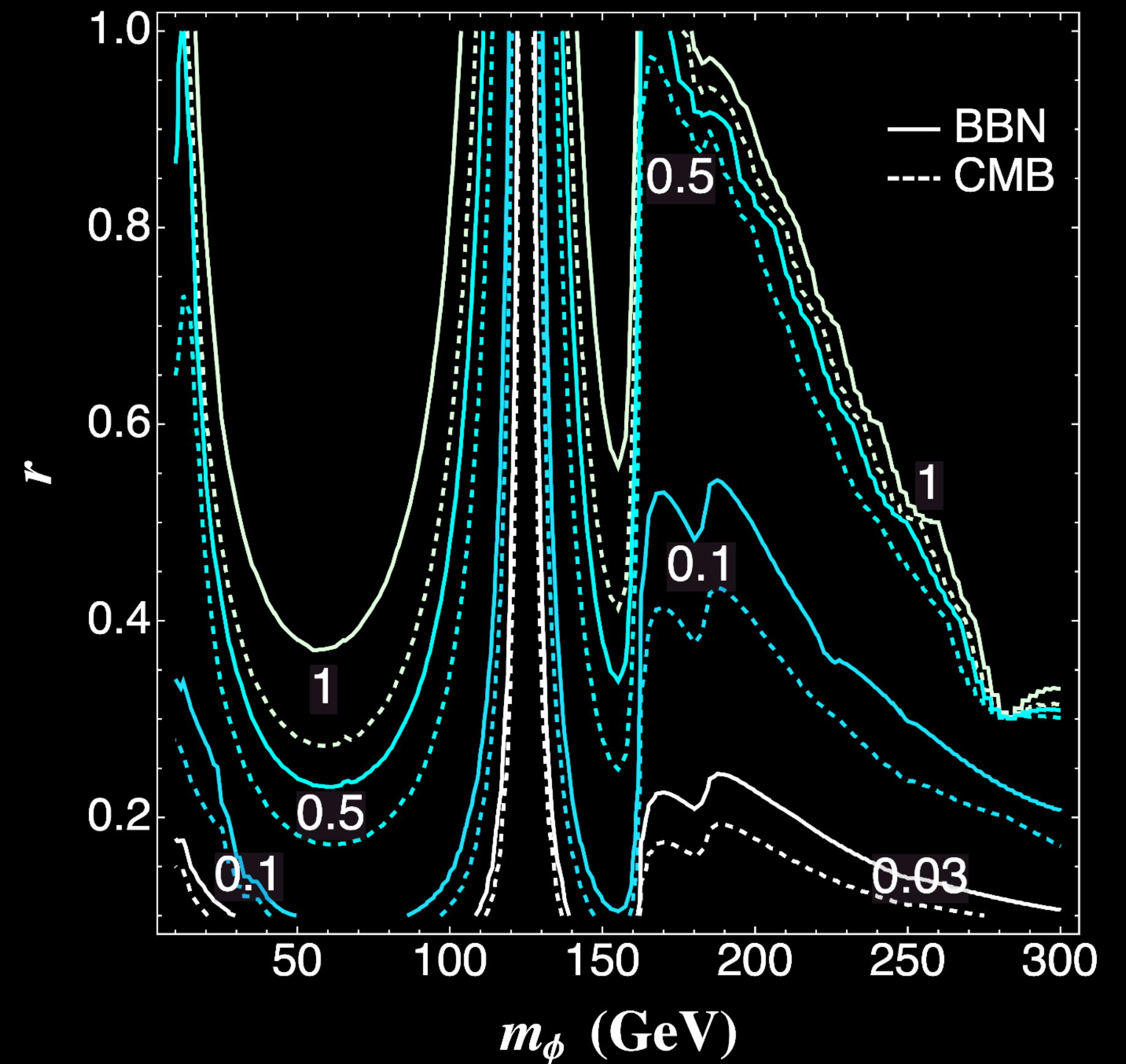
[Arkani-Hamed, Cohen, D'Agnolo, Hook, Kim, Pinner '16]

$$\frac{\rho_i}{\rho_{\text{us}}} \frac{\Gamma_i}{\Gamma_{\text{us}}}$$

Dominated by sectors with similar scales



$\Delta N_{\text{eff}}, \phi, N = 10^4$



[Arkani-Hamed, Cohen, D'Agnolo, Hook, Kim, Pinner '16]

Primary signals in dark radiation, extensive coverage by CMB-S4

See also [Choi, Chiang, Loverde '18]

( $r=1 \leftrightarrow$  flat  $m_H^2$ ;  $r<1 \leftrightarrow$  larger splitting)

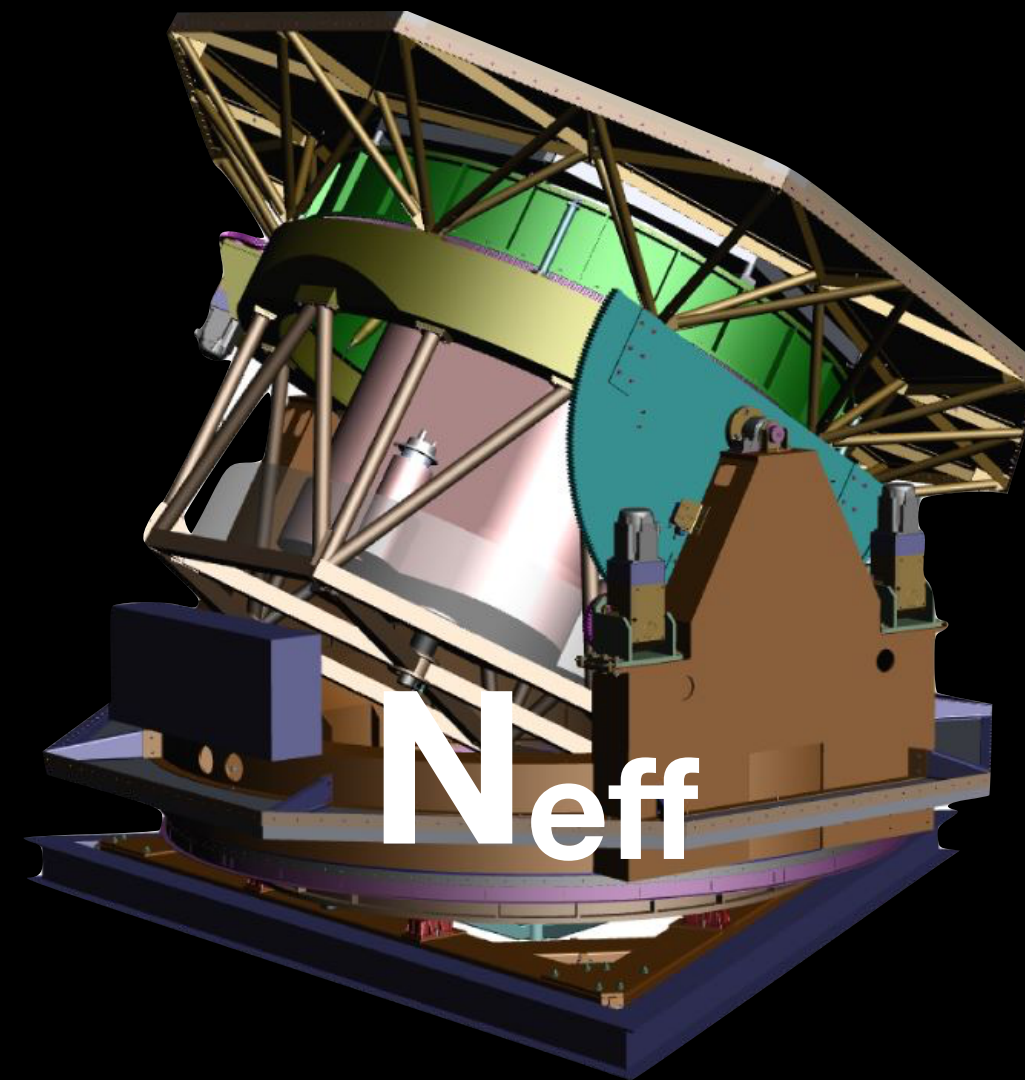


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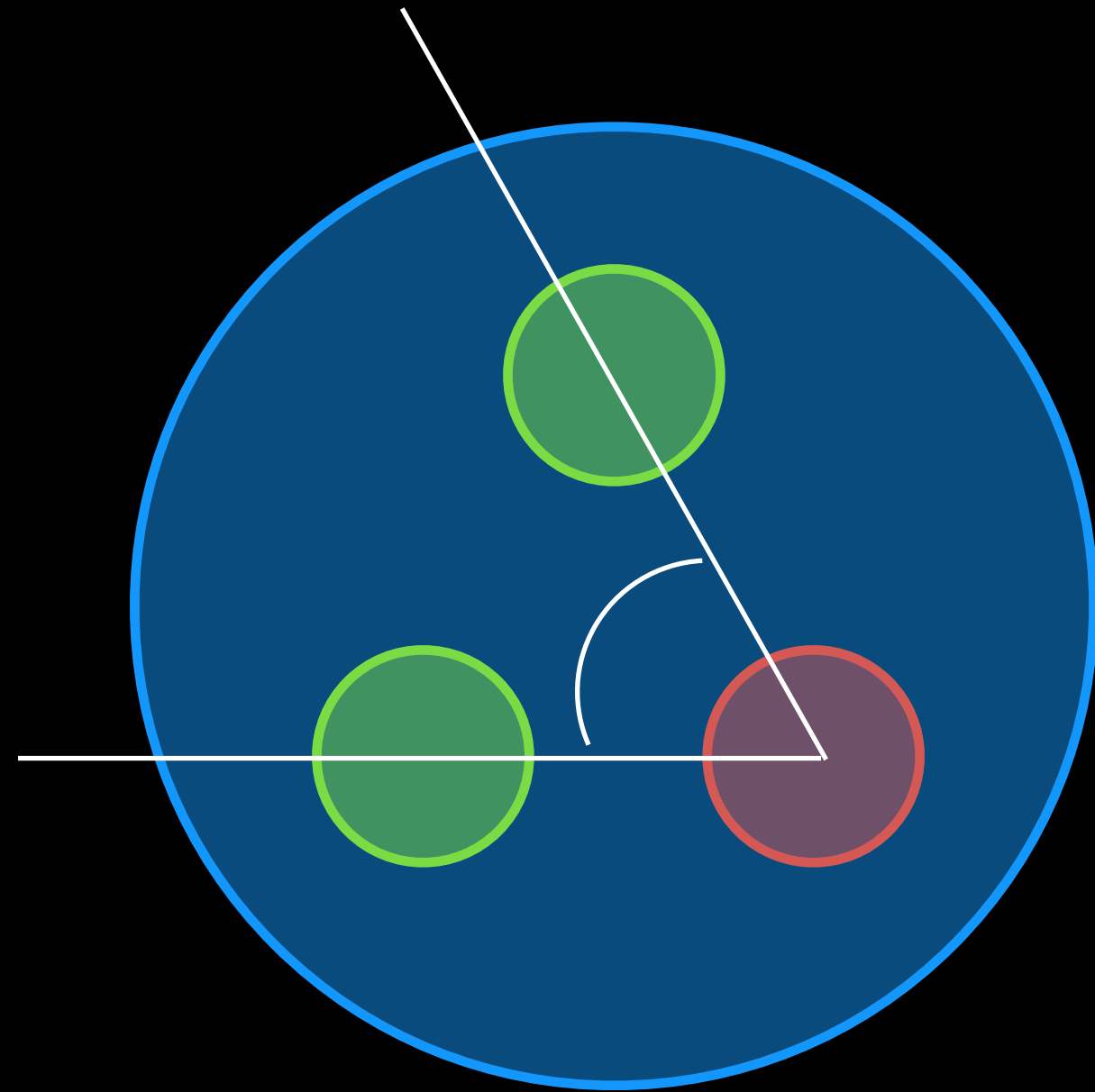
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# Strong CP Problem



**Classical version:** bound on neutron EDM

$$|d_n| \lesssim 3 \times 10^{-26} \text{ e cm}$$

“implies” up, down quarks aligned to within  $10^{-12}$

**Quantum version:** naively O(1) CP-violating  $\theta$  parameter  $\mathcal{L} \supset \frac{\theta}{32\pi^2} G_{\mu\nu}^a \tilde{G}^{\mu\nu,a}$  is actually  $< 10^{-10}$

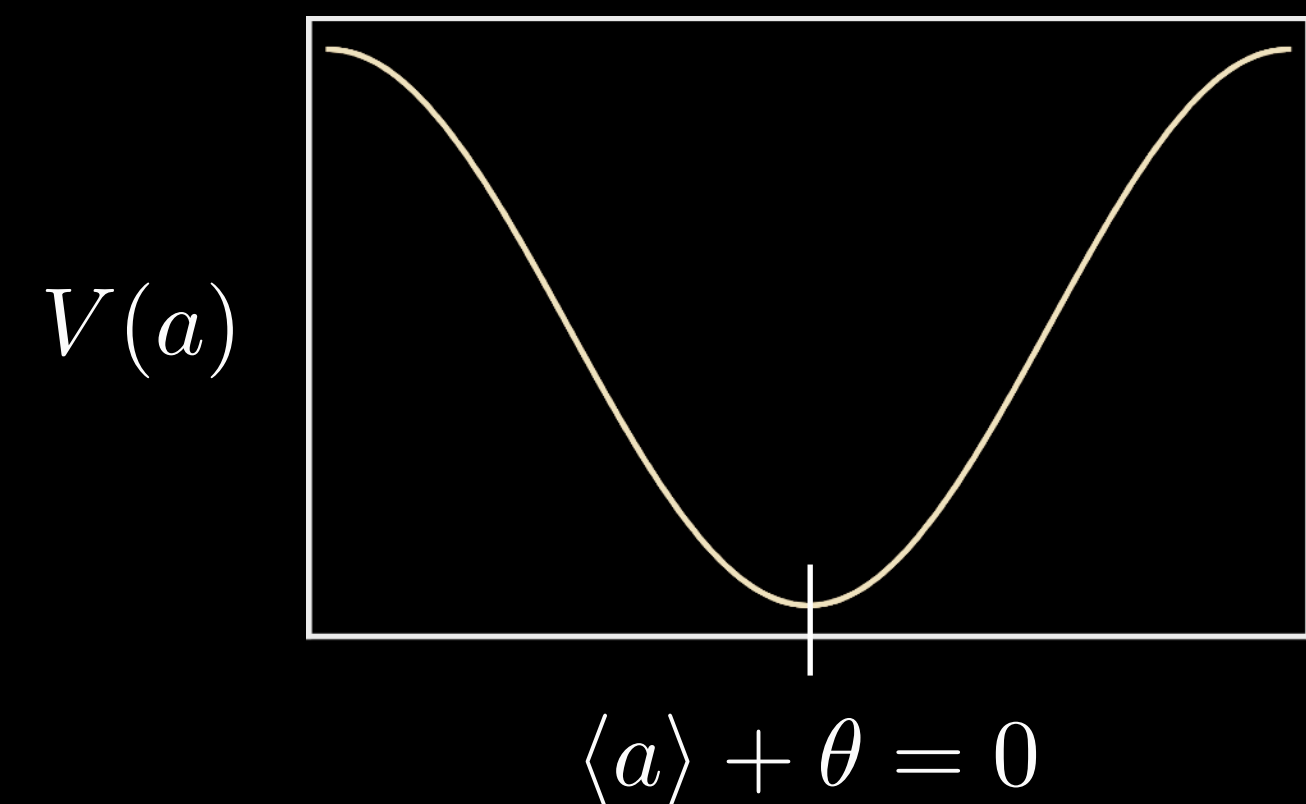
Many solutions; **axion** preferred because it can relax away all contributions to  $\theta$ , furnish a DM candidate, etc.

$$\underbrace{\frac{a}{f_a} \frac{1}{32\pi^2} G\tilde{G}}_{\text{Model independent}}$$

Model independent

$$\underbrace{\frac{a}{f_\gamma} \frac{1}{32\pi^2} F\tilde{F} + \frac{\partial_\mu a}{f_Q} Q^\dagger \bar{\sigma}^\mu Q}_{\text{Model dependent}}$$

Model dependent

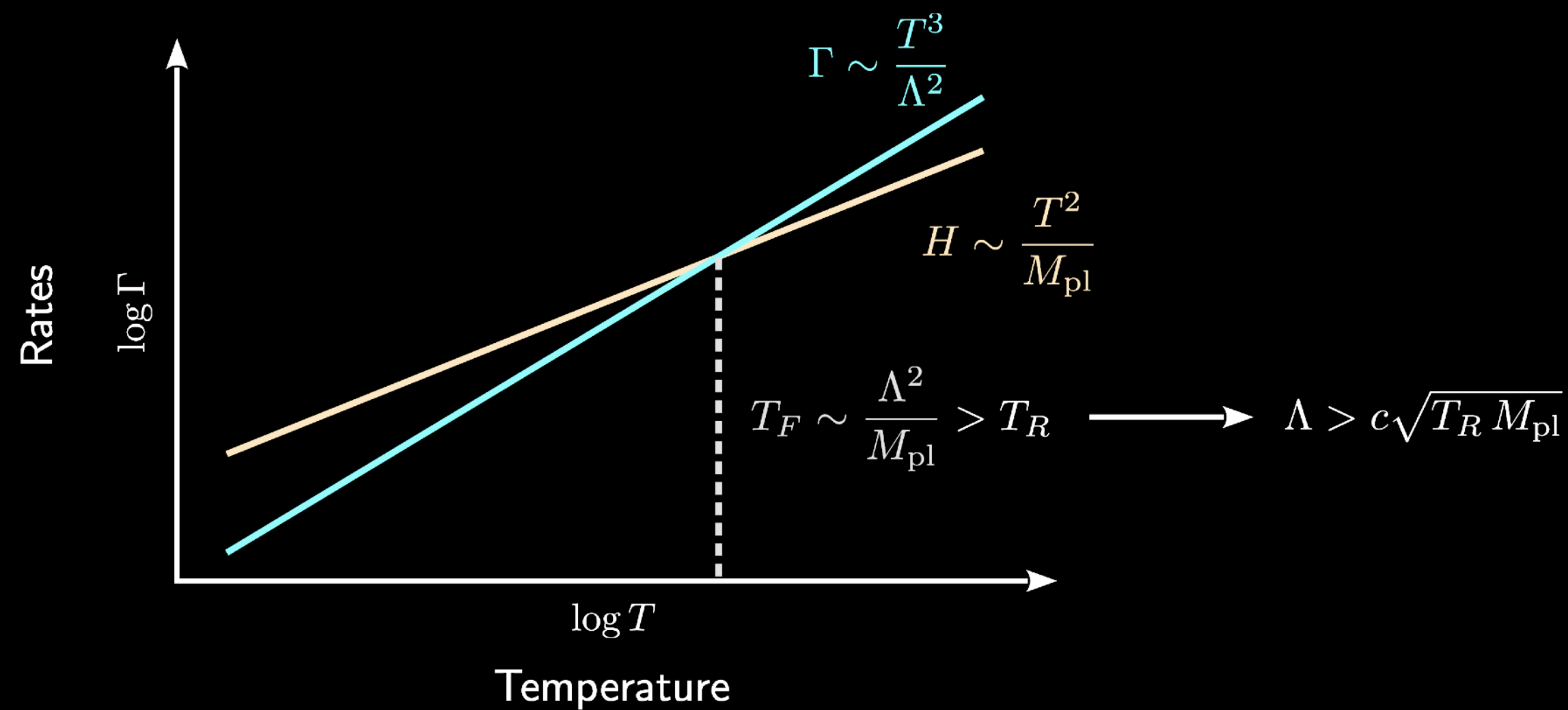




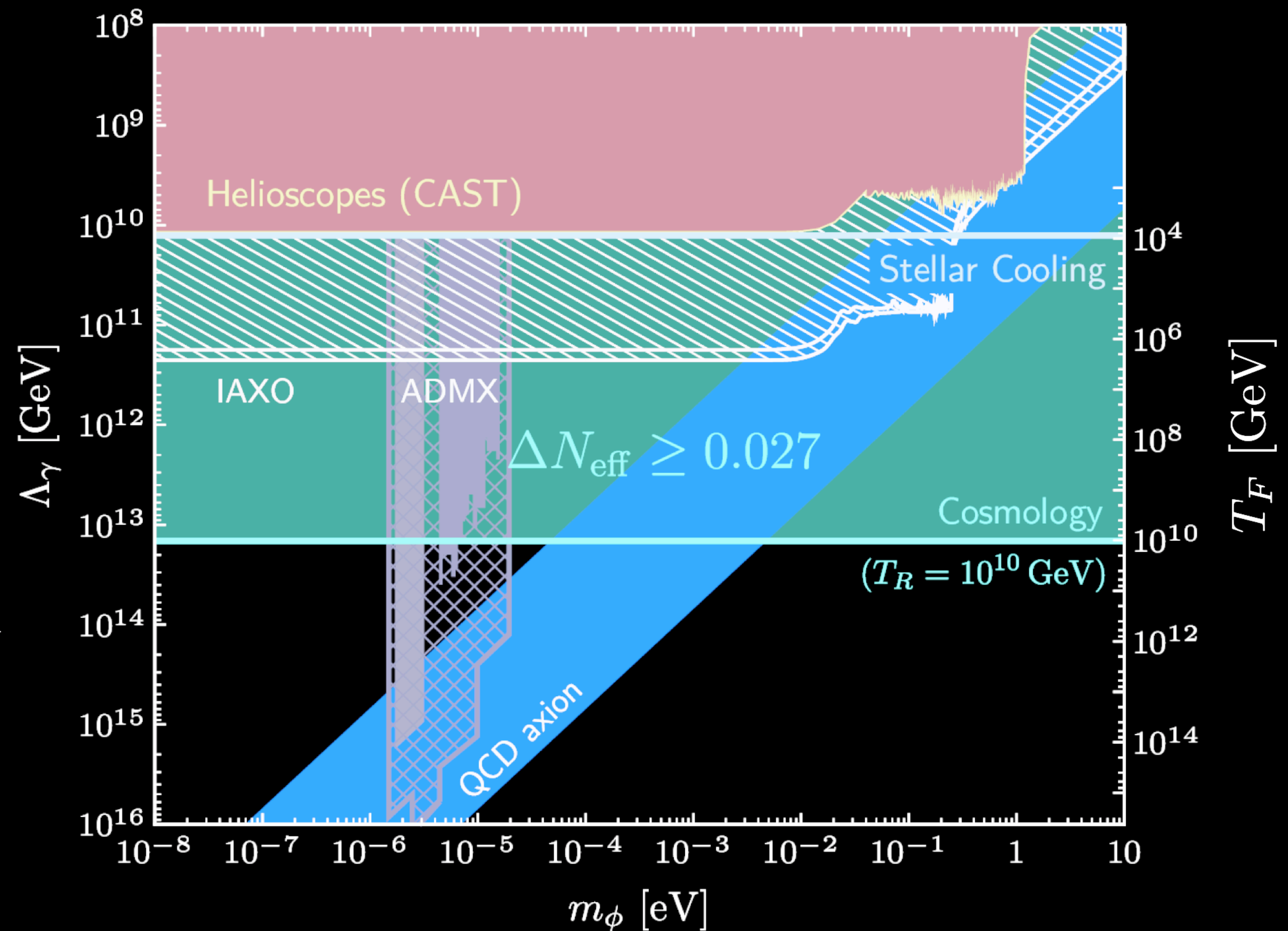
# Strong CP Problem

From B. Wallisch's talk

If ever in thermal equilibrium w/ SM,  
sub-eV axions constrainable by  $\Delta N_{\text{eff}}$ ;  
only alternative is to have  $T_F > T_R$



[Baumann, Green, Wallisch '16]

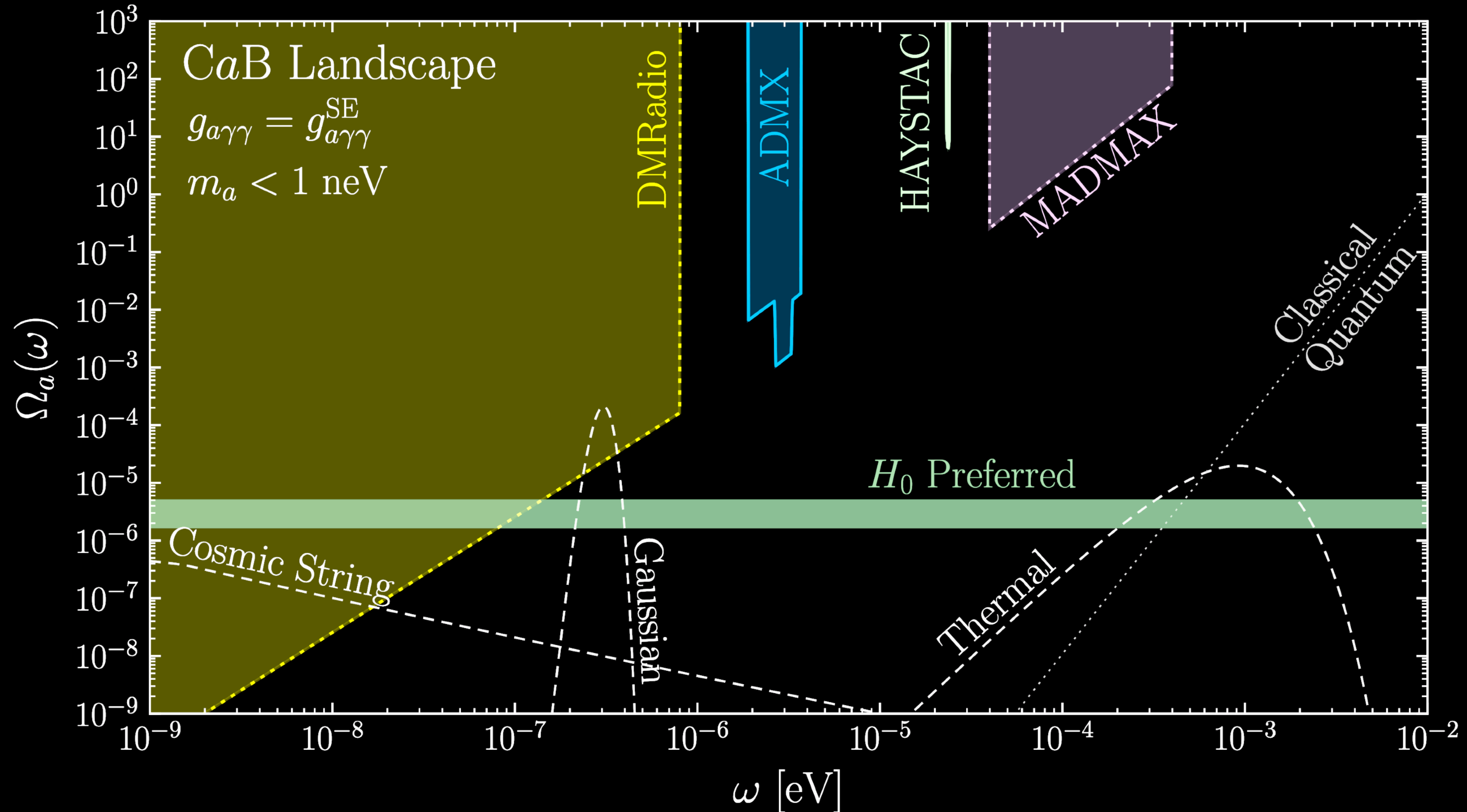




# Cosmic Axion Background

From N. Rodd's talk

[Dror, Murayama, Rodd '21]



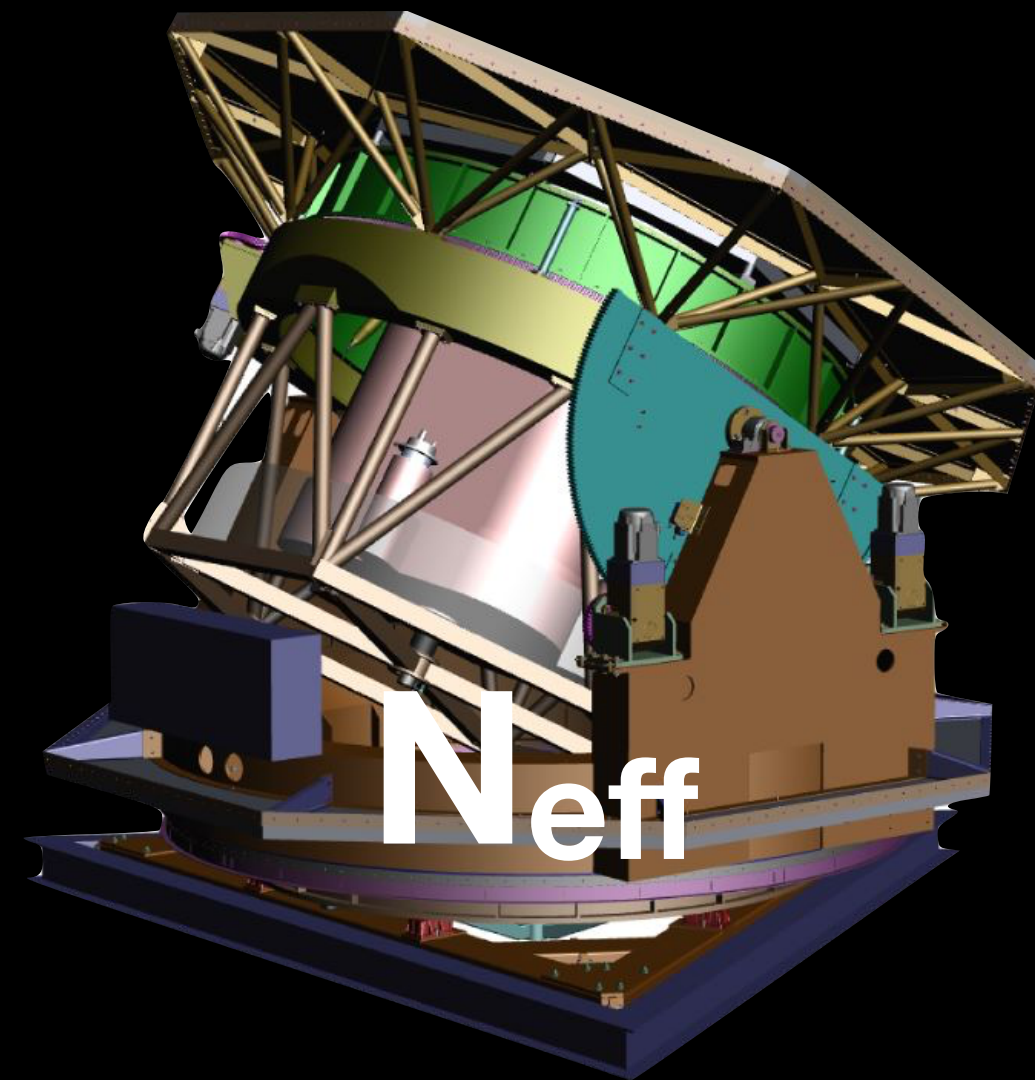


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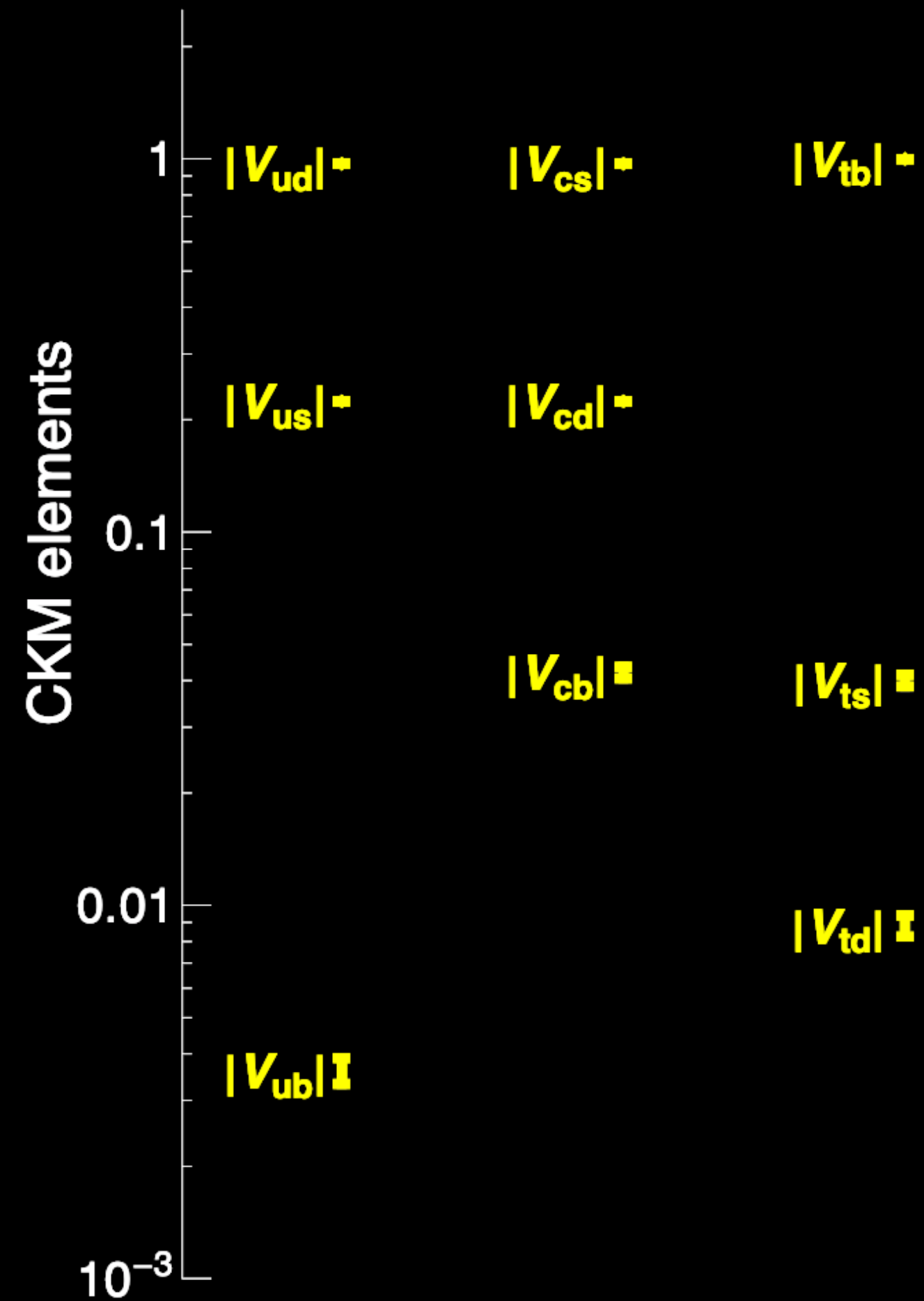
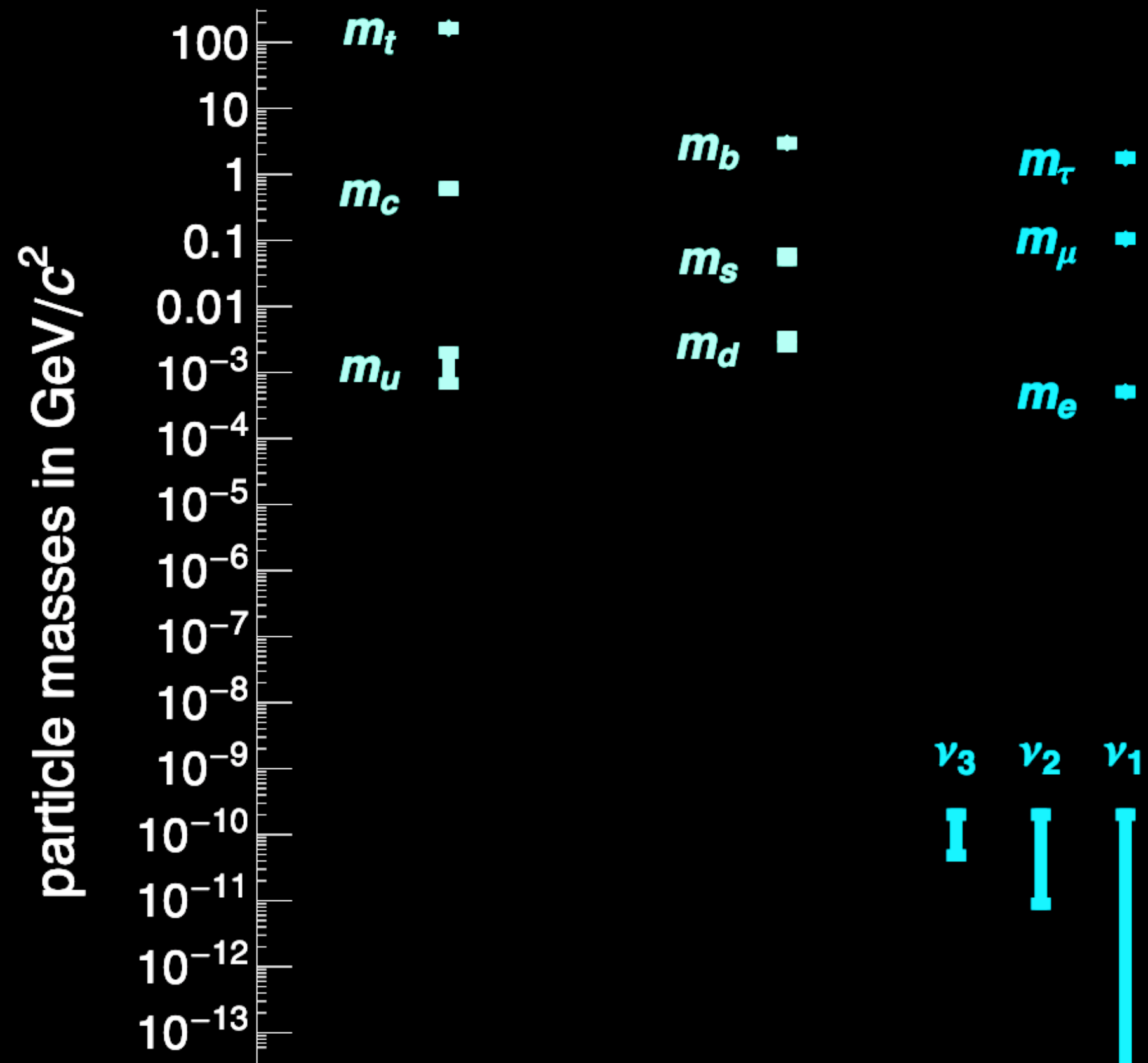
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# Flavor Puzzle



Hints of an organizing principle...

$$|V| \simeq \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \lambda & \lambda^3 \\ \lambda & 1 & \lambda^2 \\ \lambda^3 & \lambda^2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

+ signs of lepton flavor universality violation?

# Familons

B. Wallisch's talk

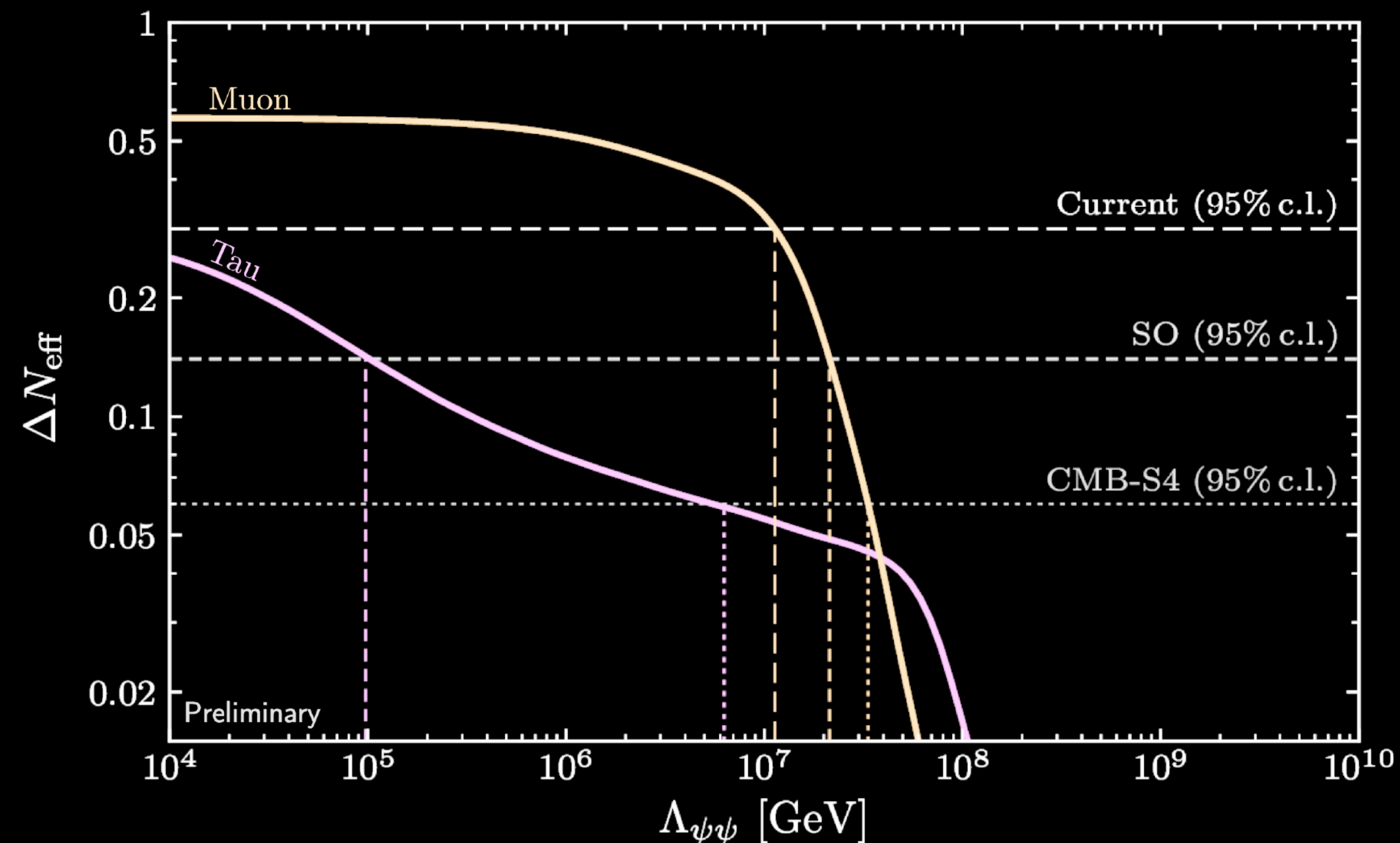
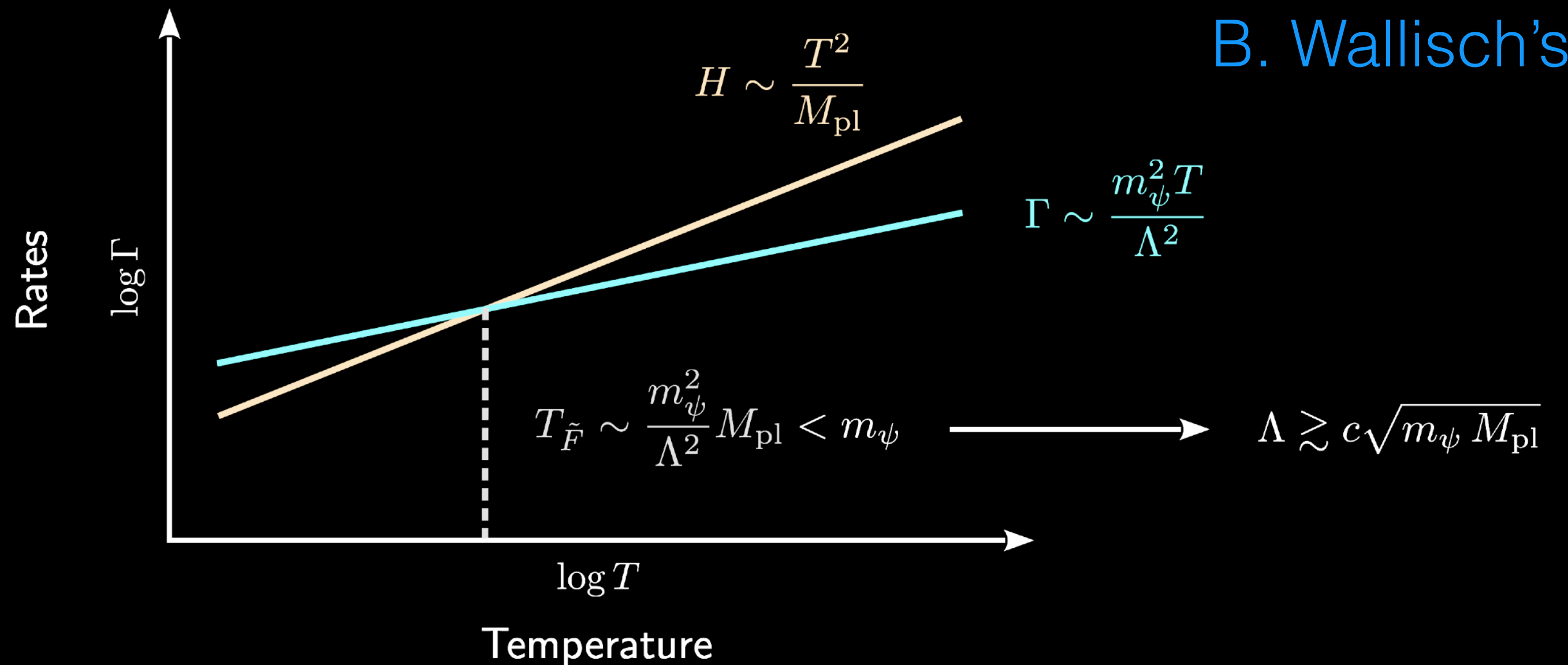
What if some of the pattern of SM flavor symmetry breaking

$$U(3)^5 \rightarrow U(1)_B \times U(1)_L$$

is spontaneous? Expect goldstone bosons (familons) coupling to SM fermions via

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{\Lambda} \partial_\mu f^a J^{\mu a}$$

Generate thermal population via freeze-in; sub-eV axions constrainable by  $\Delta N_{\text{eff}}$



Current:  
 $\Lambda_{\mu\mu} > 10^{7.1}$  GeV  
 $\Lambda_{\tau\tau} > 10^{3.2}$  GeV

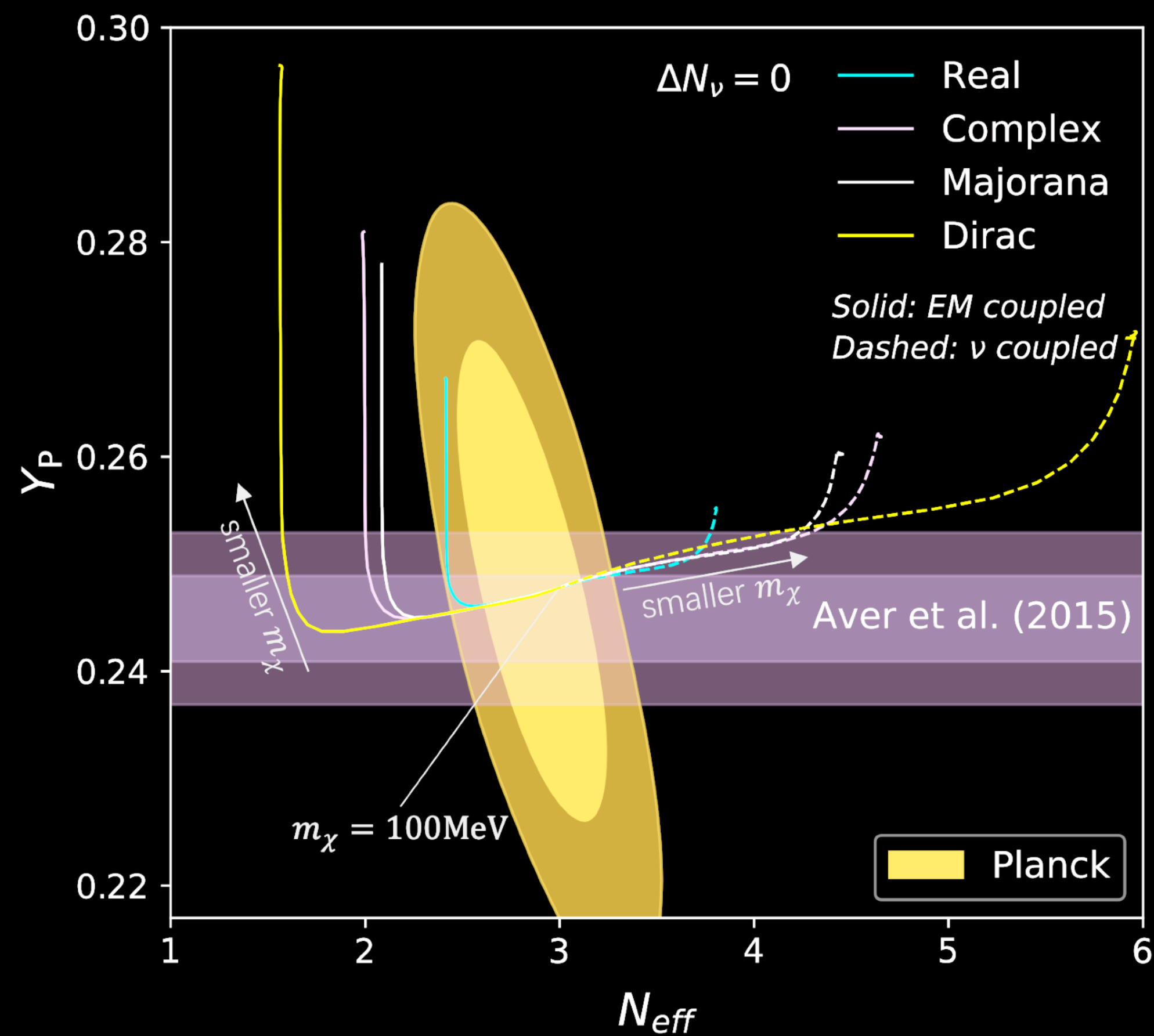
SO:  
 $\Lambda_{\mu\mu} > 10^{7.3}$  GeV  
 $\Lambda_{\tau\tau} > 10^{5.0}$  GeV

CMB-S4:  
 $\Lambda_{\mu\mu} > 10^{7.5}$  GeV  
 $\Lambda_{\tau\tau} > 10^{6.8}$  GeV

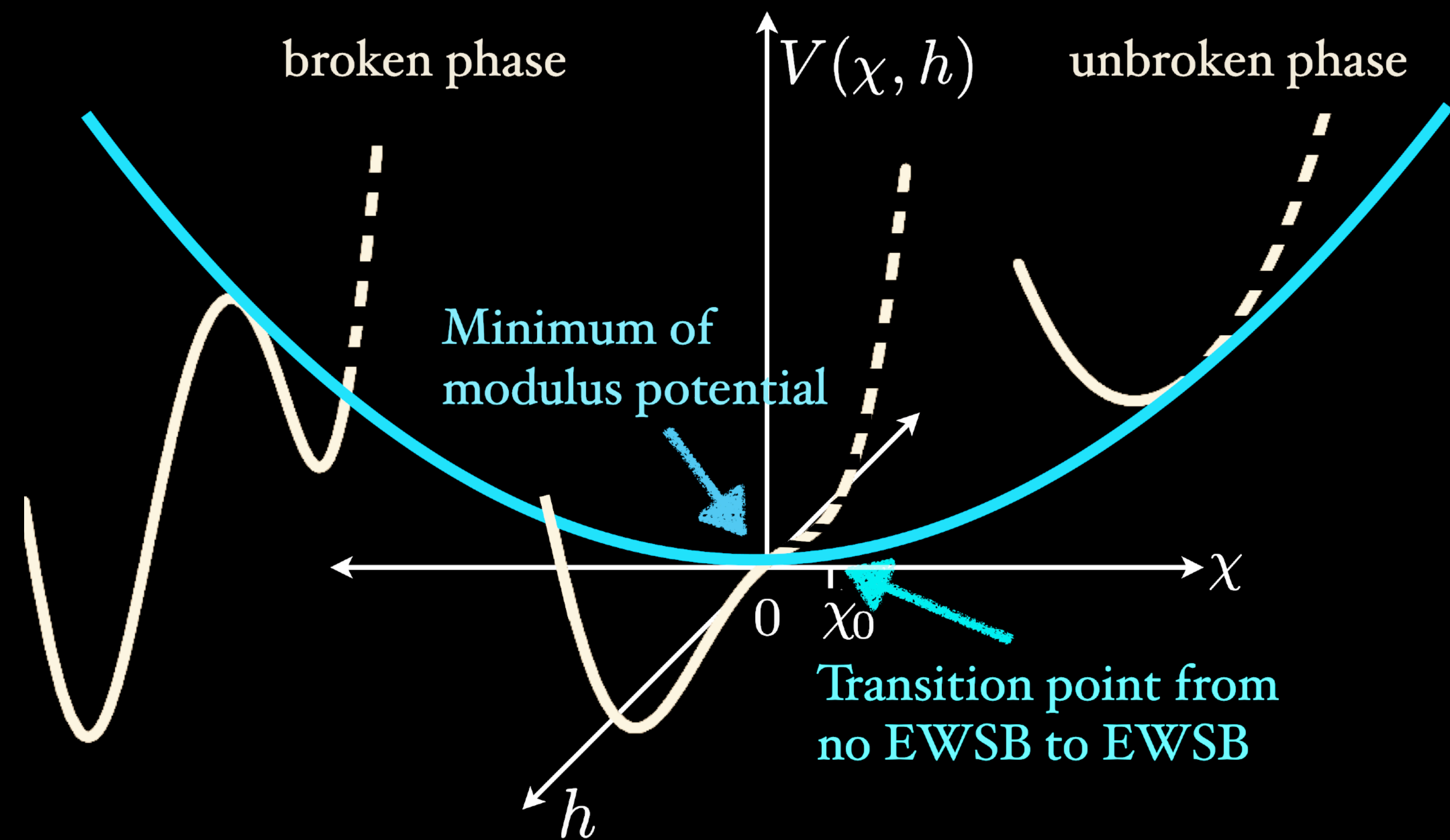
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Rui An's talk: CMB and BBN constraints on light thermally coupled WIMPs



JiJi Fan's talk: Modulating Fields and the CMB

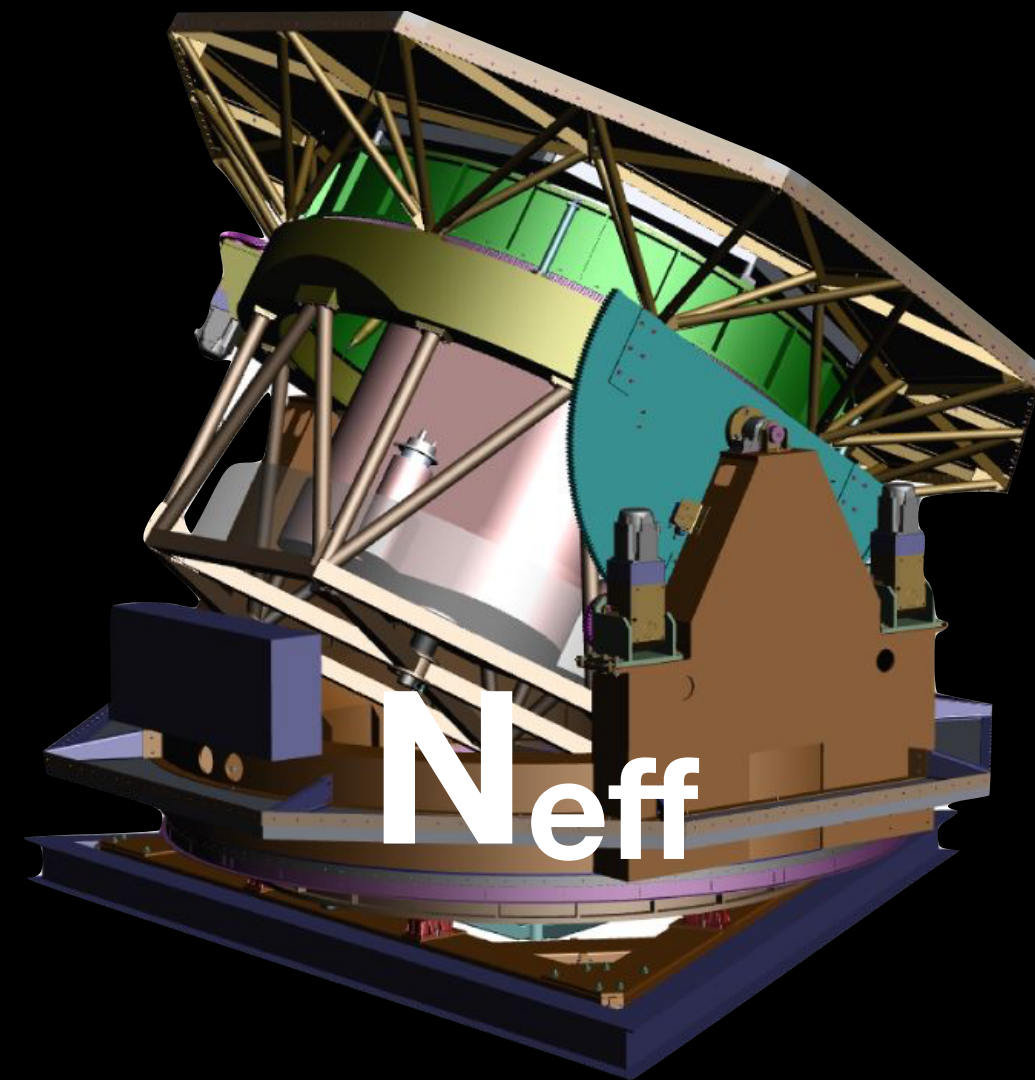


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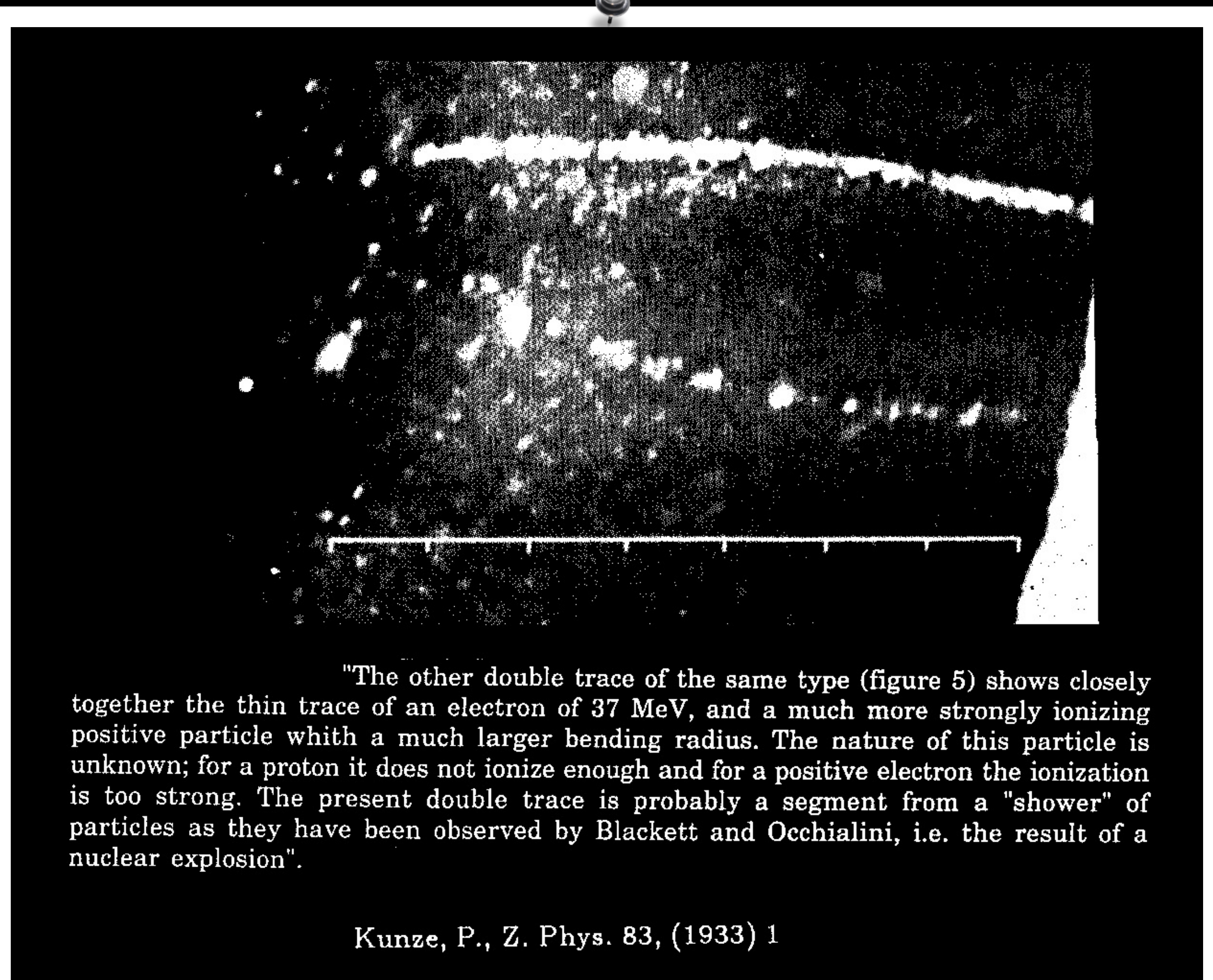
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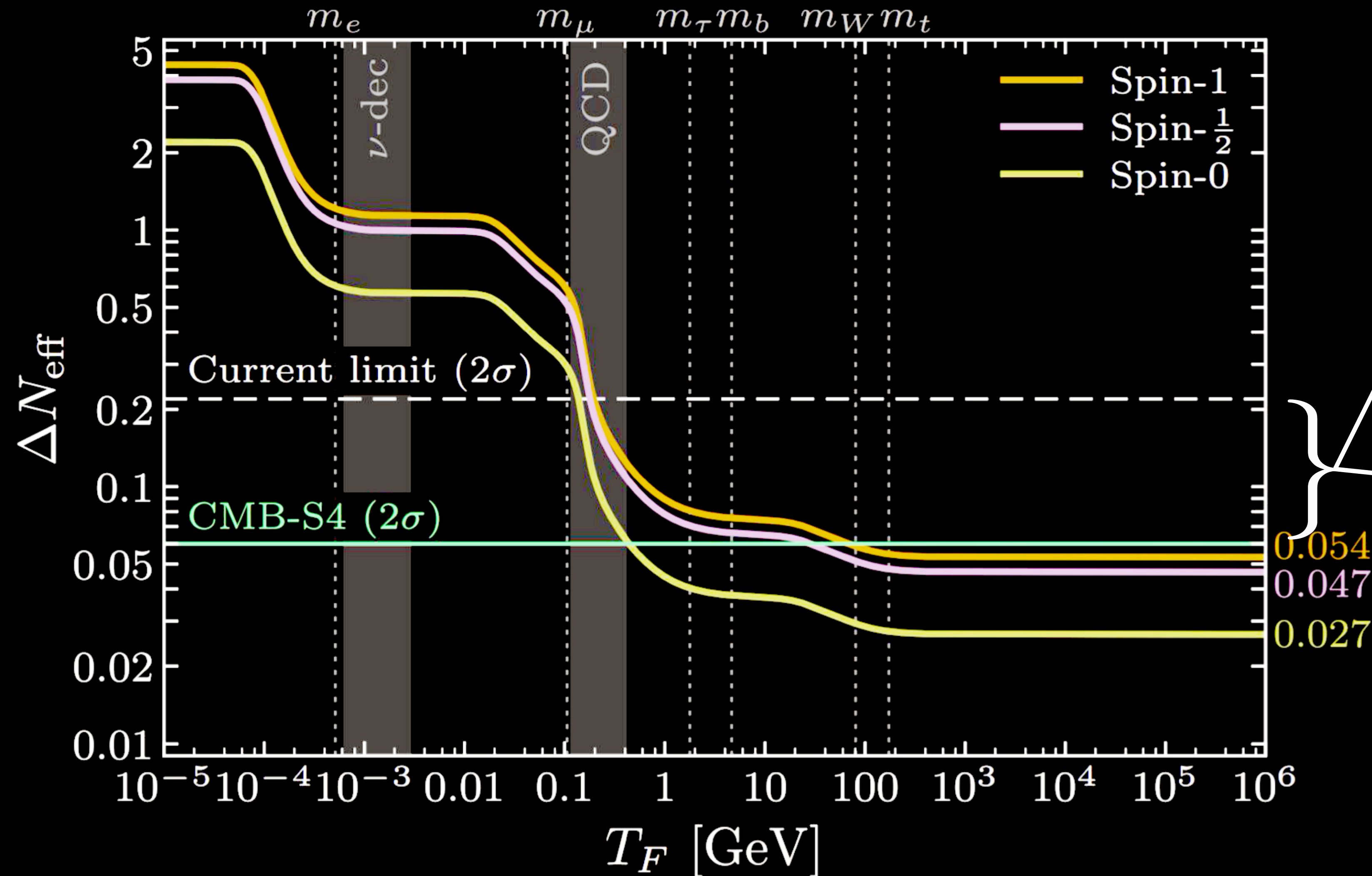
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"The other double trace of the same type (figure 5) shows closely together the thin trace of an electron of 37 MeV, and a much more strongly ionizing positive particle which has a much larger bending radius. The nature of this particle is unknown; for a proton it does not ionize enough and for a positive electron the ionization is too strong. The present double trace is probably a segment from a "shower" of particles as they have been observed by Blackett and Occhialini, i.e. the result of a nuclear explosion".

Kunze, P., Z. Phys. 83, (1933) 1



# Who Ordered That?



## CMB-S4 sensitive to:

- Any sub-eV particle decoupling from SM between EW phase transition and QCD phase transition.
- More than  $\sim$ one copy of any sub-eV particle ever in thermal equilibrium with the SM.

*Extraordinary opportunity for "who ordered that"...*





Thank you!