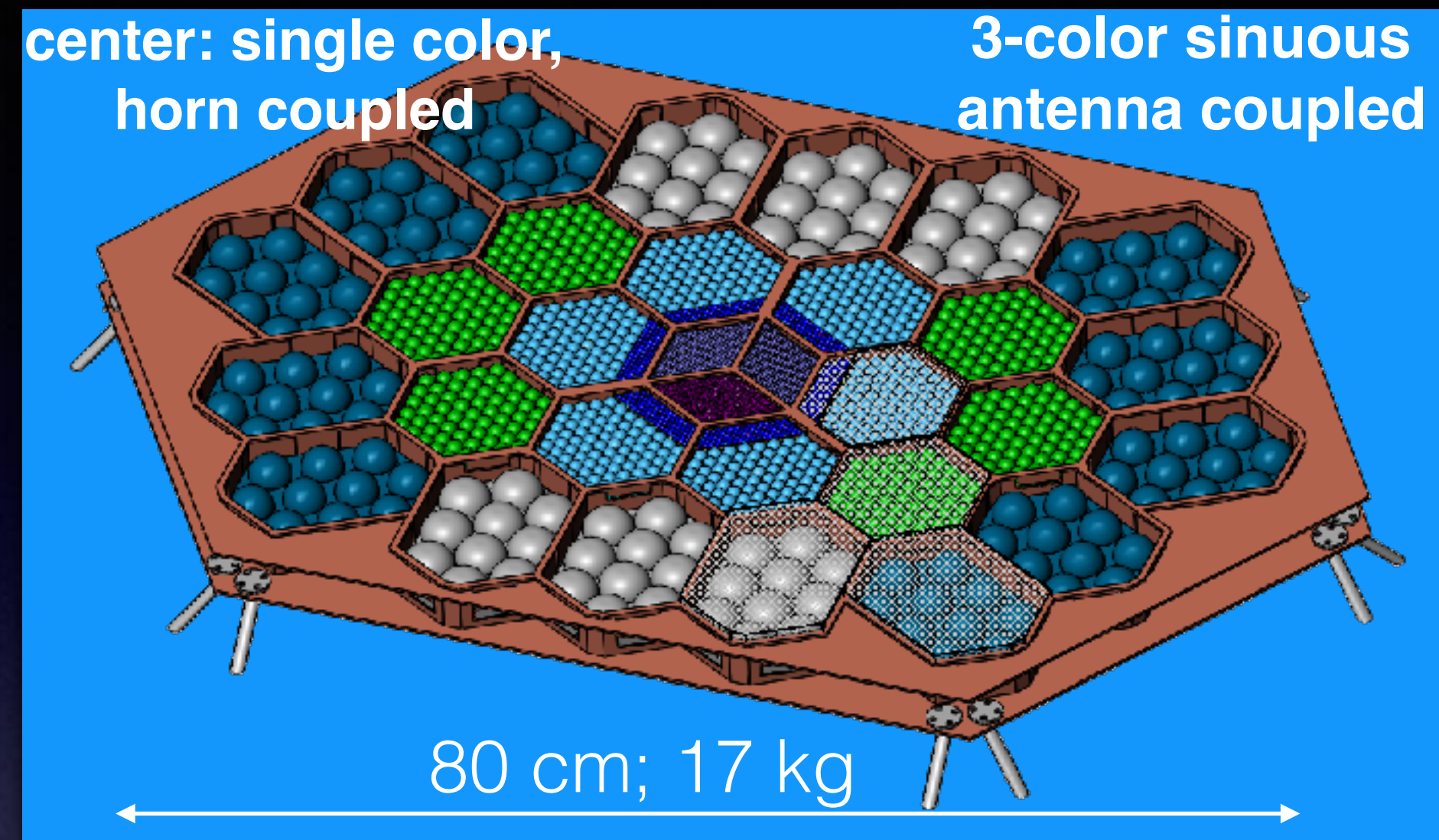


PICO: mm/submm All Sky Imaging Polarimetric Survey

- PICO will produce the deepest maps of Stokes I, Q, U in 21 frequency bands between 20 and 800 GHz
- Maps will have resolution between 38' and 1'.
8 maps, >200 GHz: highest resolution, full sky maps
- Ten redundant surveys: stringent control of systematic errors
- 13,000 transition edge sensor bolometers
- 5 year survey from L2
- Noise baseline: 3300 *Planck* missions ($0.87 \text{ uK} \cdot \text{arcmin}$)
- Noise Current estimate: 6400 *Planck* missions ($0.61 \text{ uK} \cdot \text{arcmin}$)



PICO Implementation: Heritage of Planck



Spinning

- 2-reflector "Open Dragone" Telescope
- Ambient temperature primary
- 4 K aperture stop
- 4 K secondary reflector
- 0.1 K focal plane (cADR)

PICO technologies are based on extensions of technologies currently used with space and sub-orbital instruments

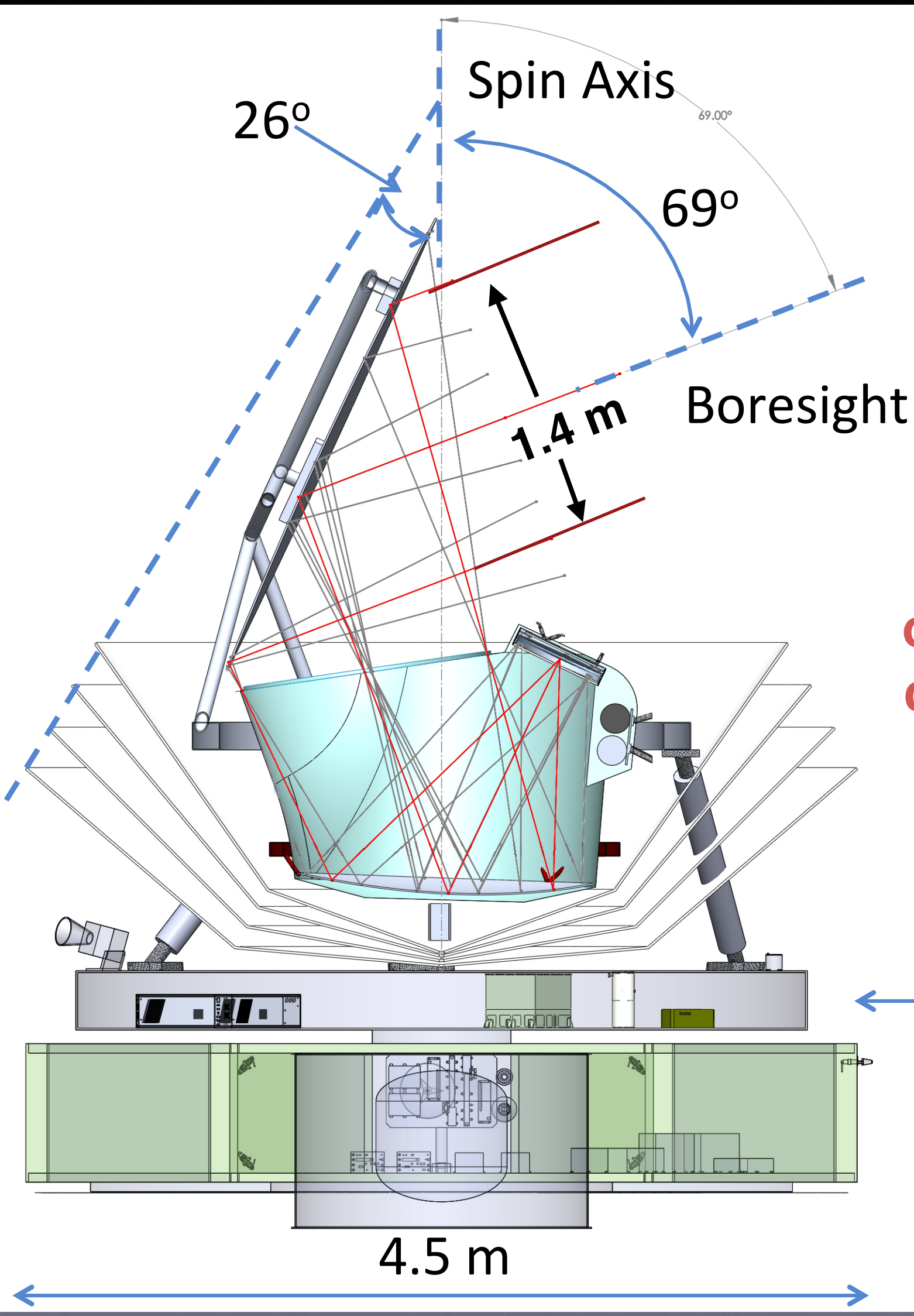
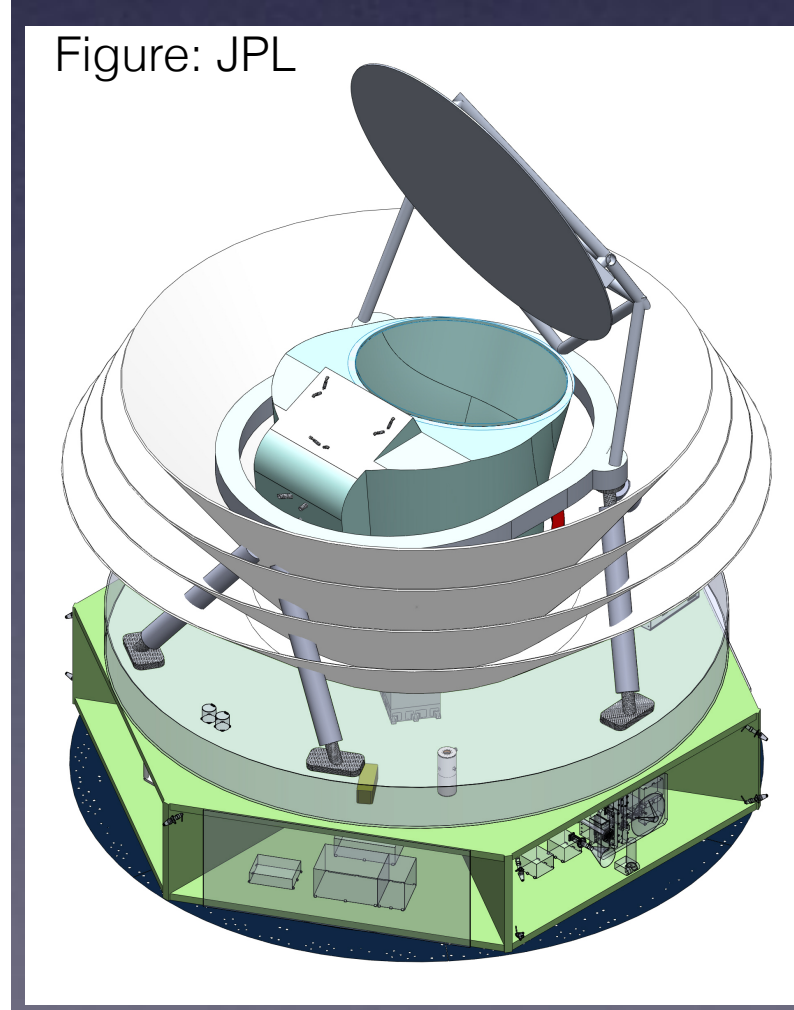
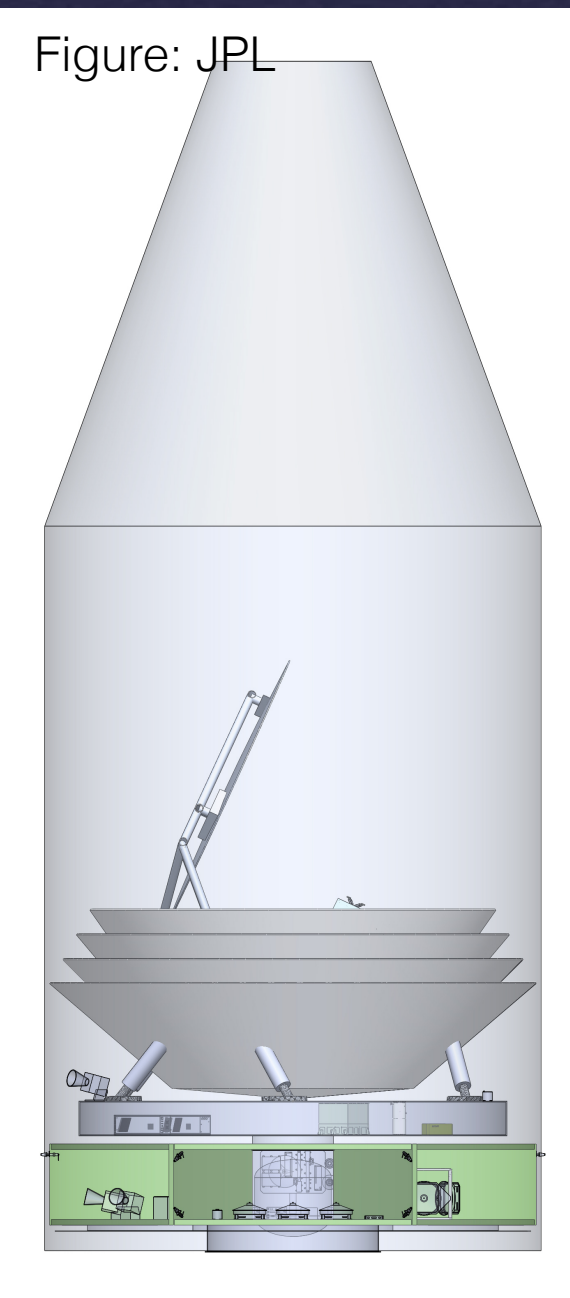
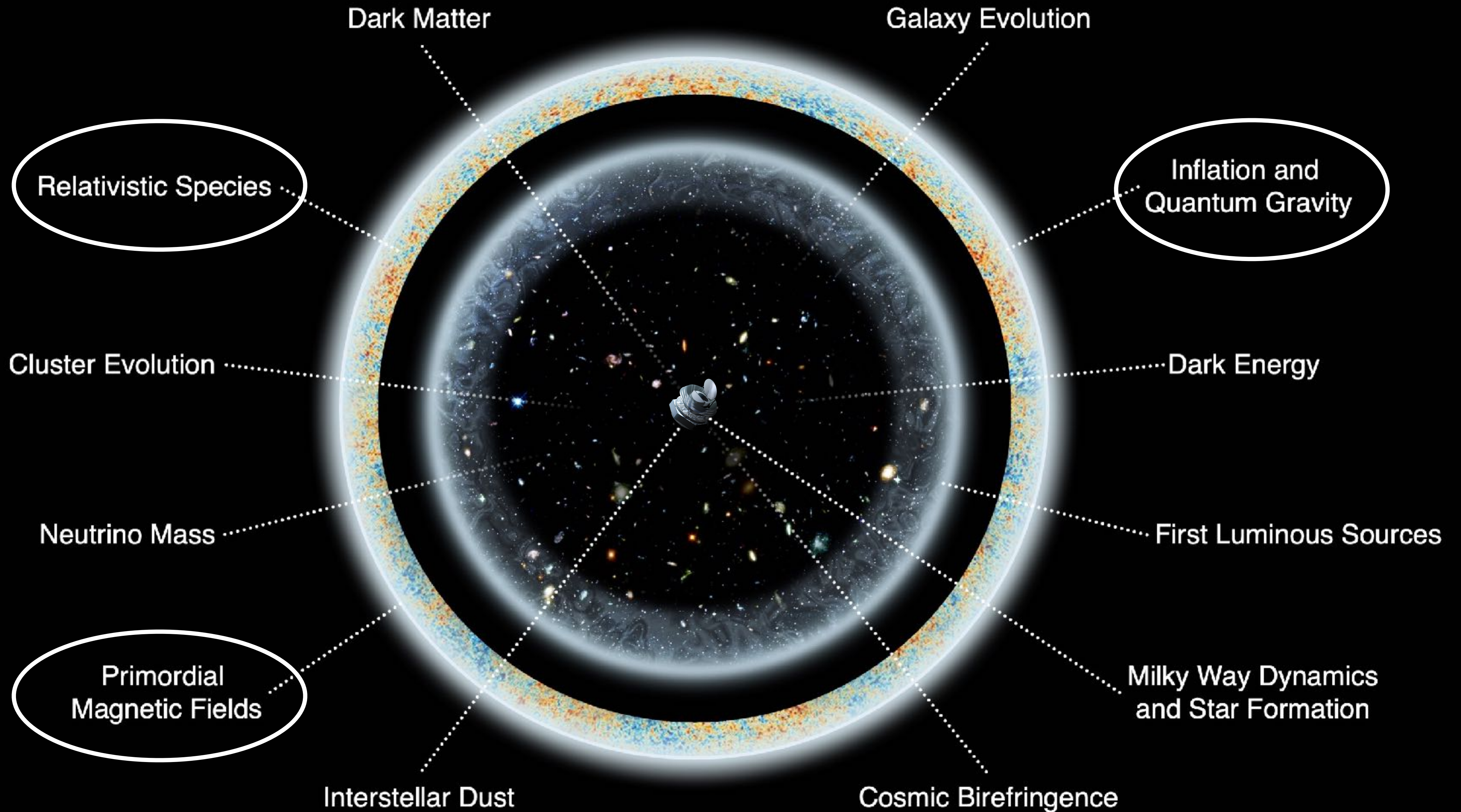
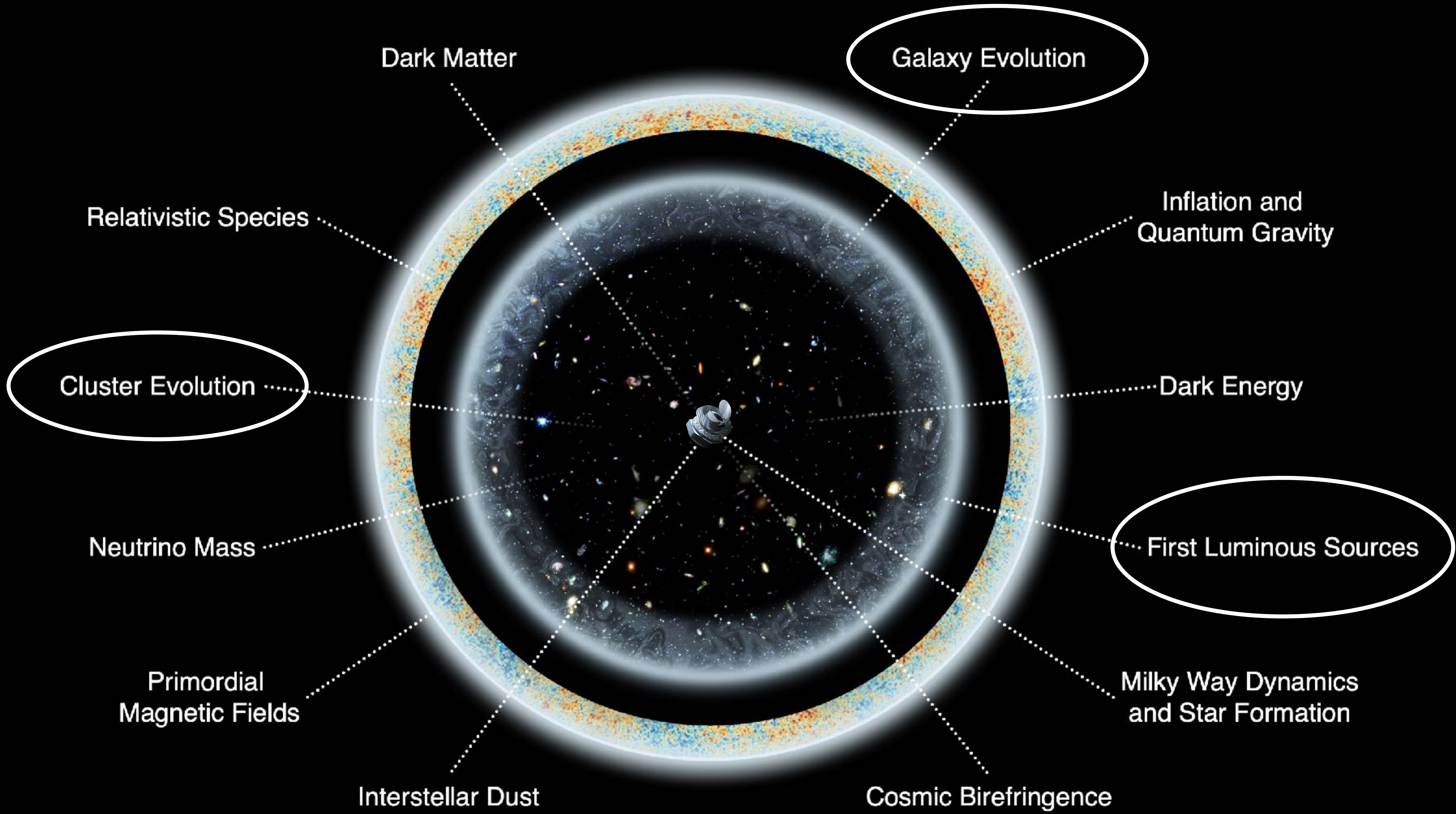
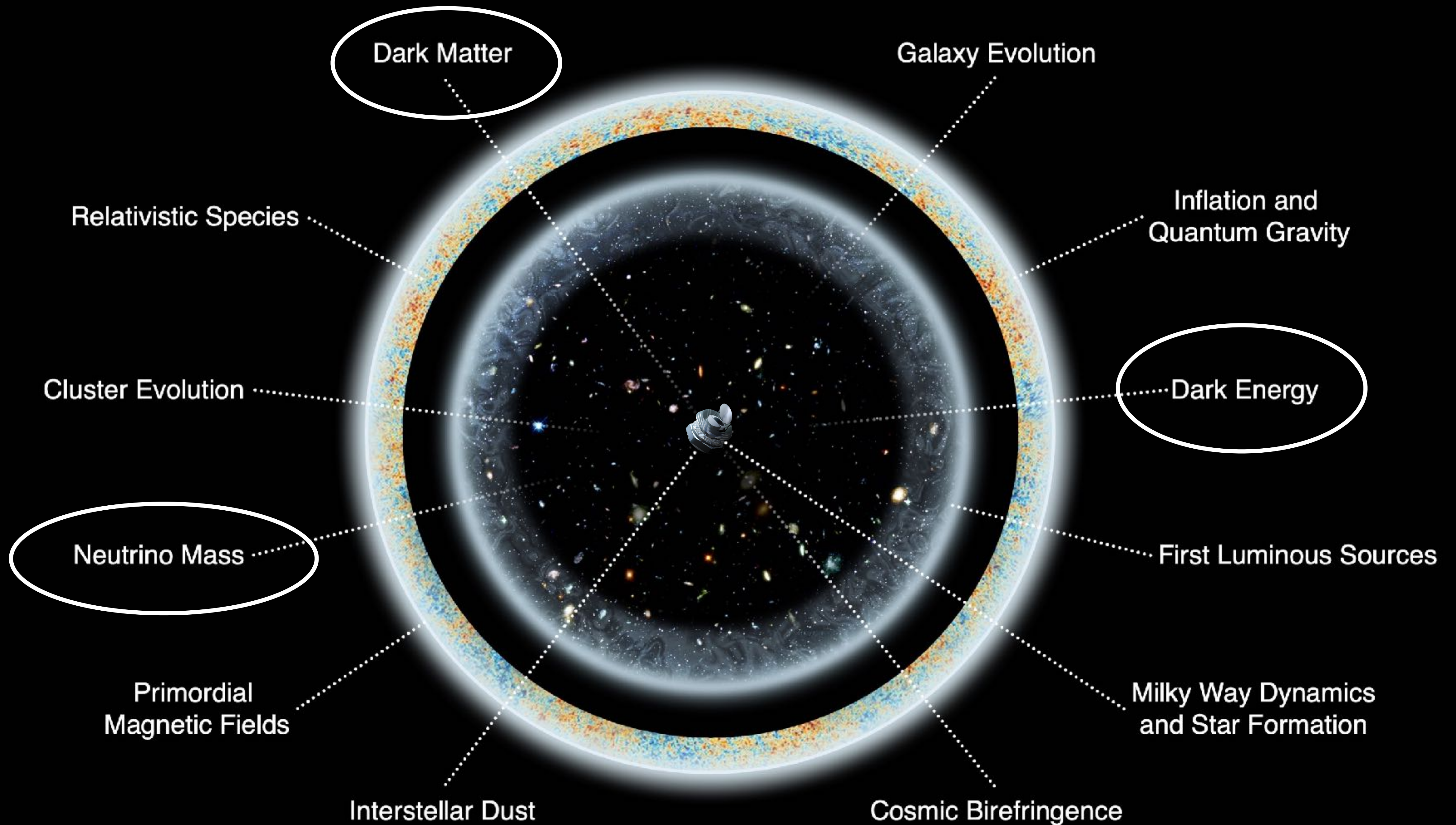


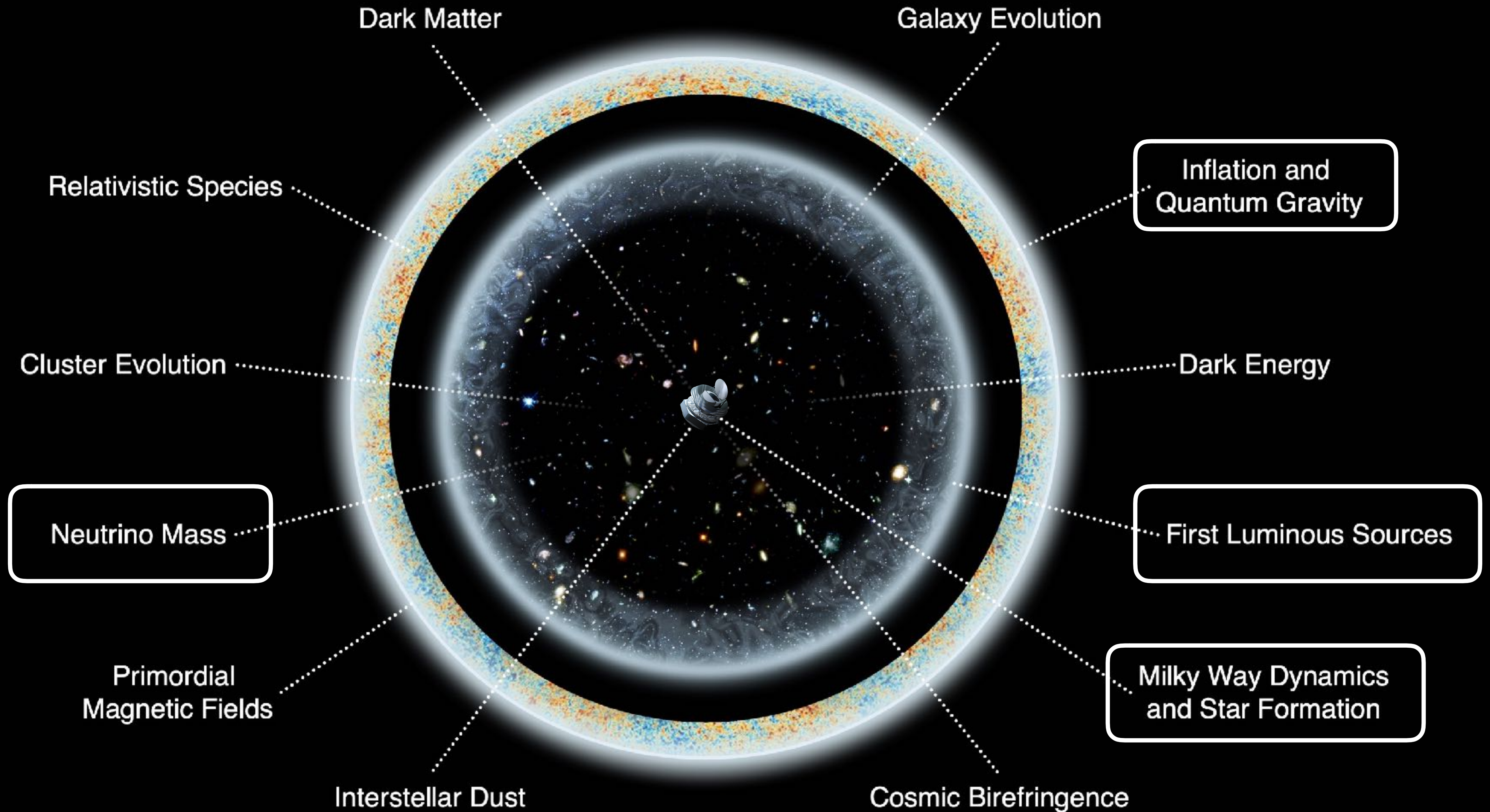
Figure: JPL











Explore How the Universe Began: Inflation

- What is the energy scale of Inflation? What is the physics driving Inflation? Can we directly observe the epoch of quantum gravity?

- $E_{\text{inf}} = 3.7 \cdot 10^{16} r^{1/4} \text{ GeV}$

- $B_{80} = 0.08r \mu\text{K}^2$

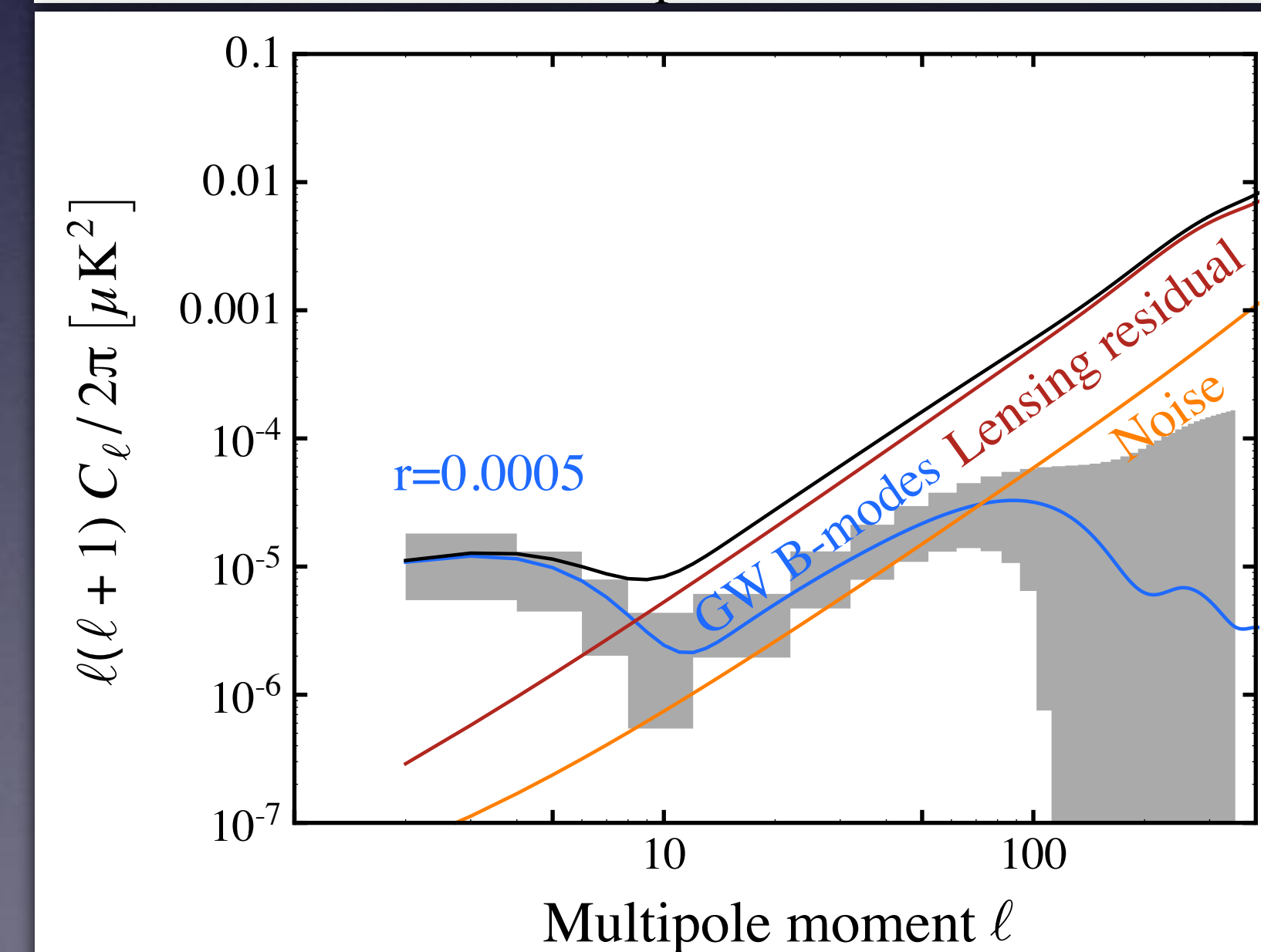
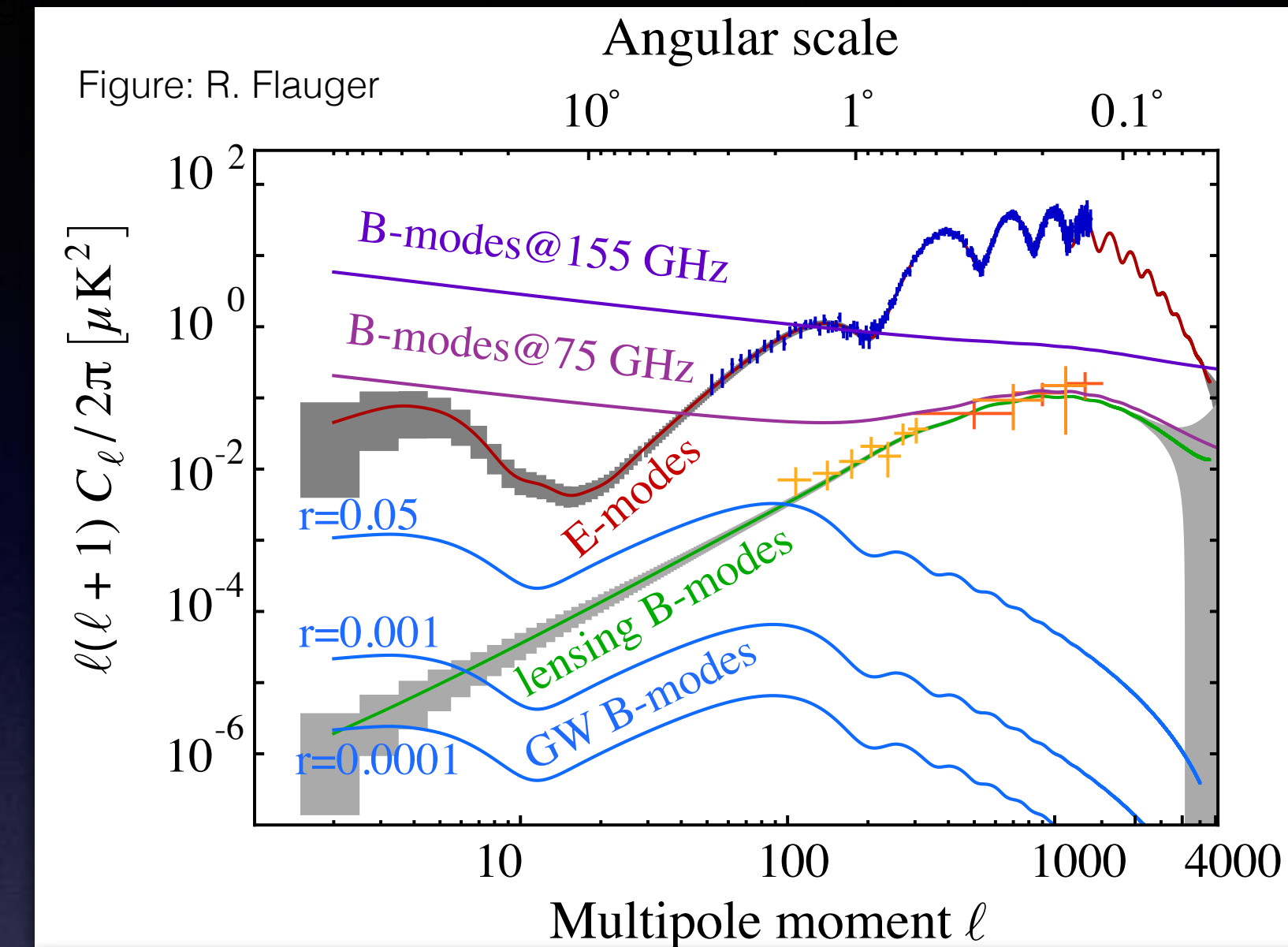
- Currently $r < 0.06$ (95%) (BKA+Planck)

- Signal is substantially weaker than Galactic foregrounds and mostly below Lensing foregrounds

- PICO requirement

$$r < 2 \cdot 10^{-4} \text{ (95\%)}; r = 5 \cdot 10^{-4} \text{ (5}\sigma\text{)}$$

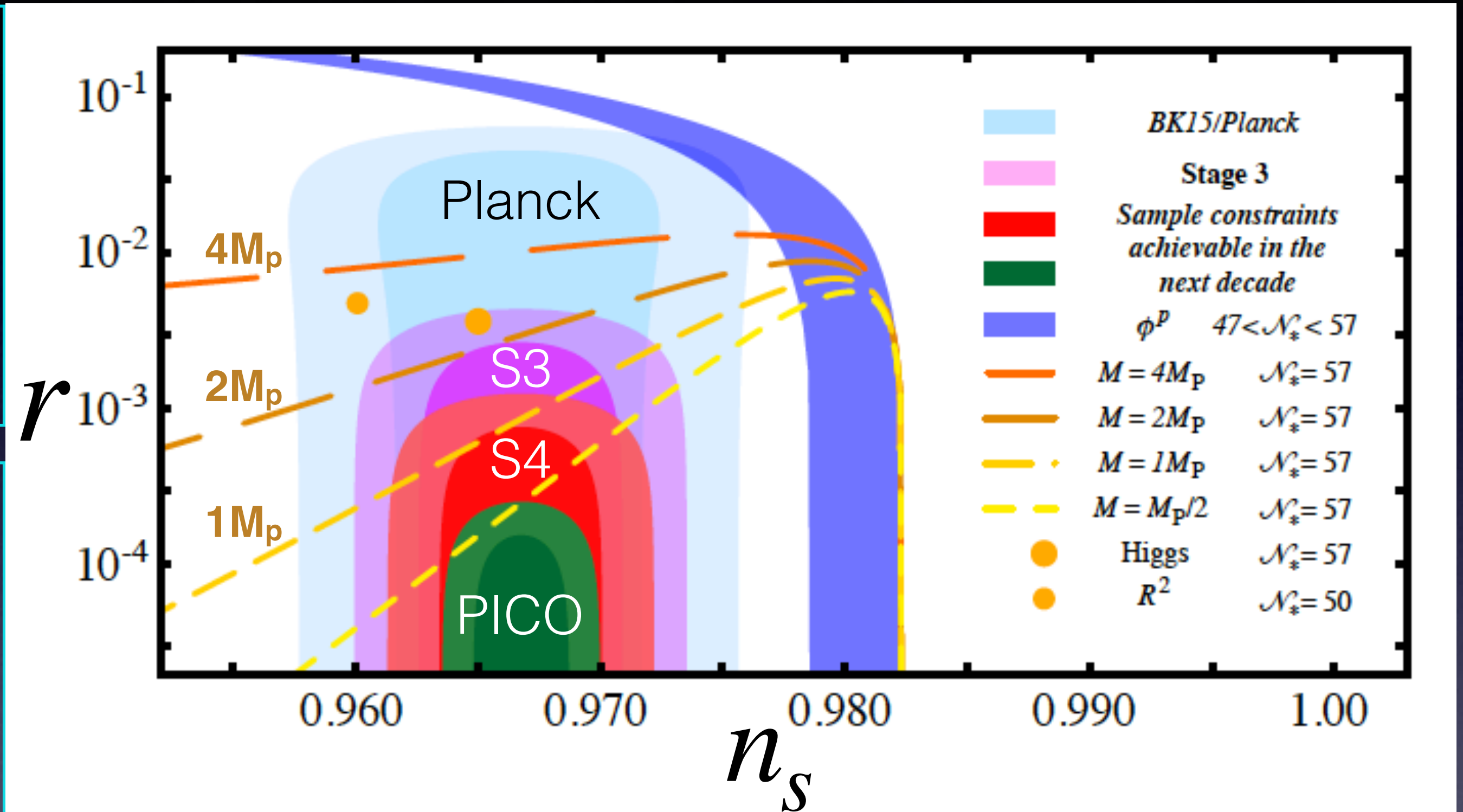
- 300 times lower than current constraint



Detect Inflation or Rule Out Key Textbook Models

Textbook Inflation models that naturally explain the spectral index and have superPlanckian mass scale

Only the PICO exclusion will reject all models with superPlanckian scale in the potential with high confidence



“If this threshold is passed without detection, most textbook models of inflation will be ruled out, and the data would force a significant change in our understanding of the primordial Universe”
(Shandera et al. 2019, Community endorsed decadal white paper)

Can the foregrounds be handled ?

- Right: one sky model; 21 bands; PICO noise; $n_{\text{side}}=512$; analyzed with GNILC; 50% of sky; 85% delensing
- Left: several sky models
- residual foregrounds are x5-10 below r for $\ell=5$; x3-4 below r for $\ell=100$

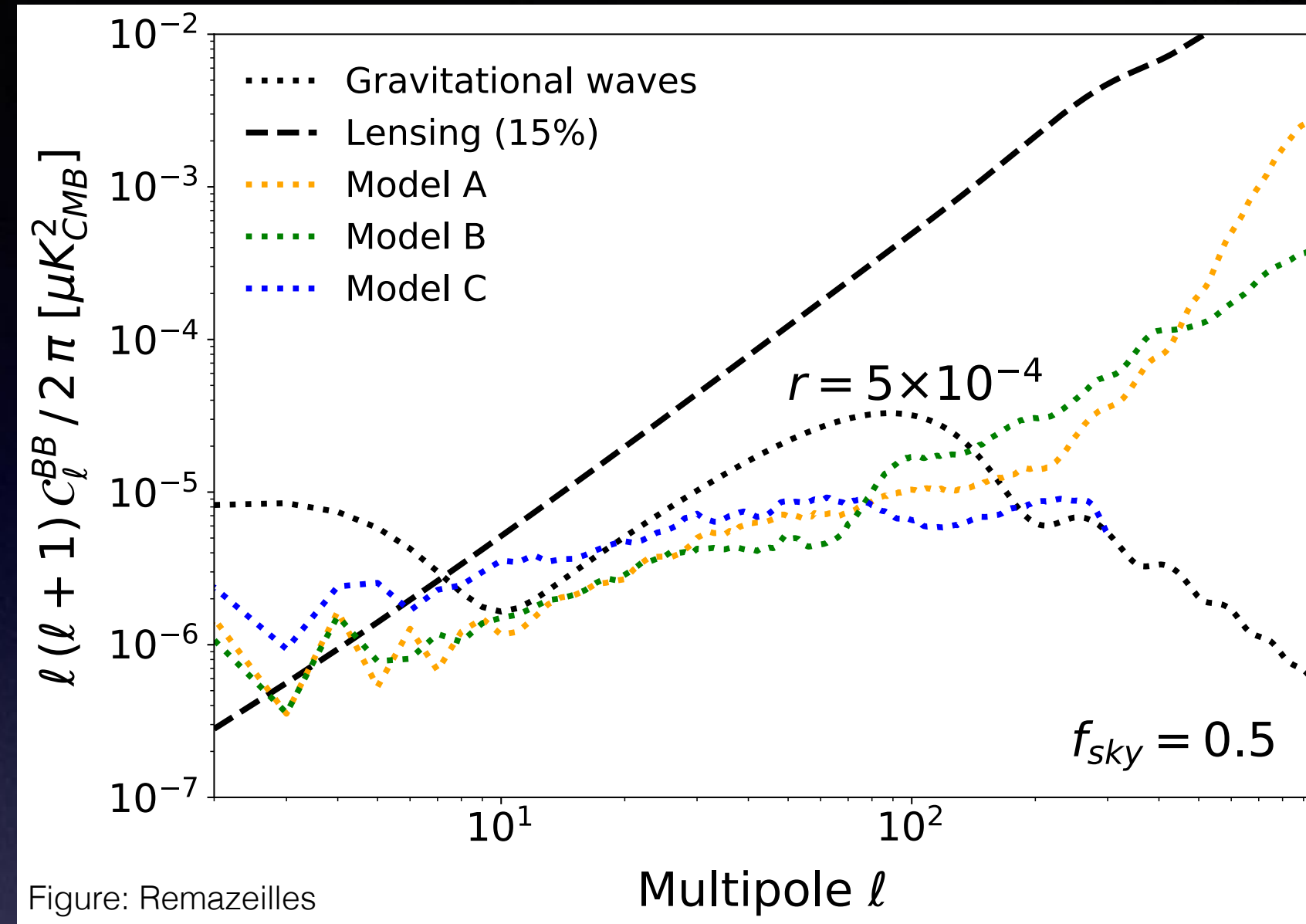


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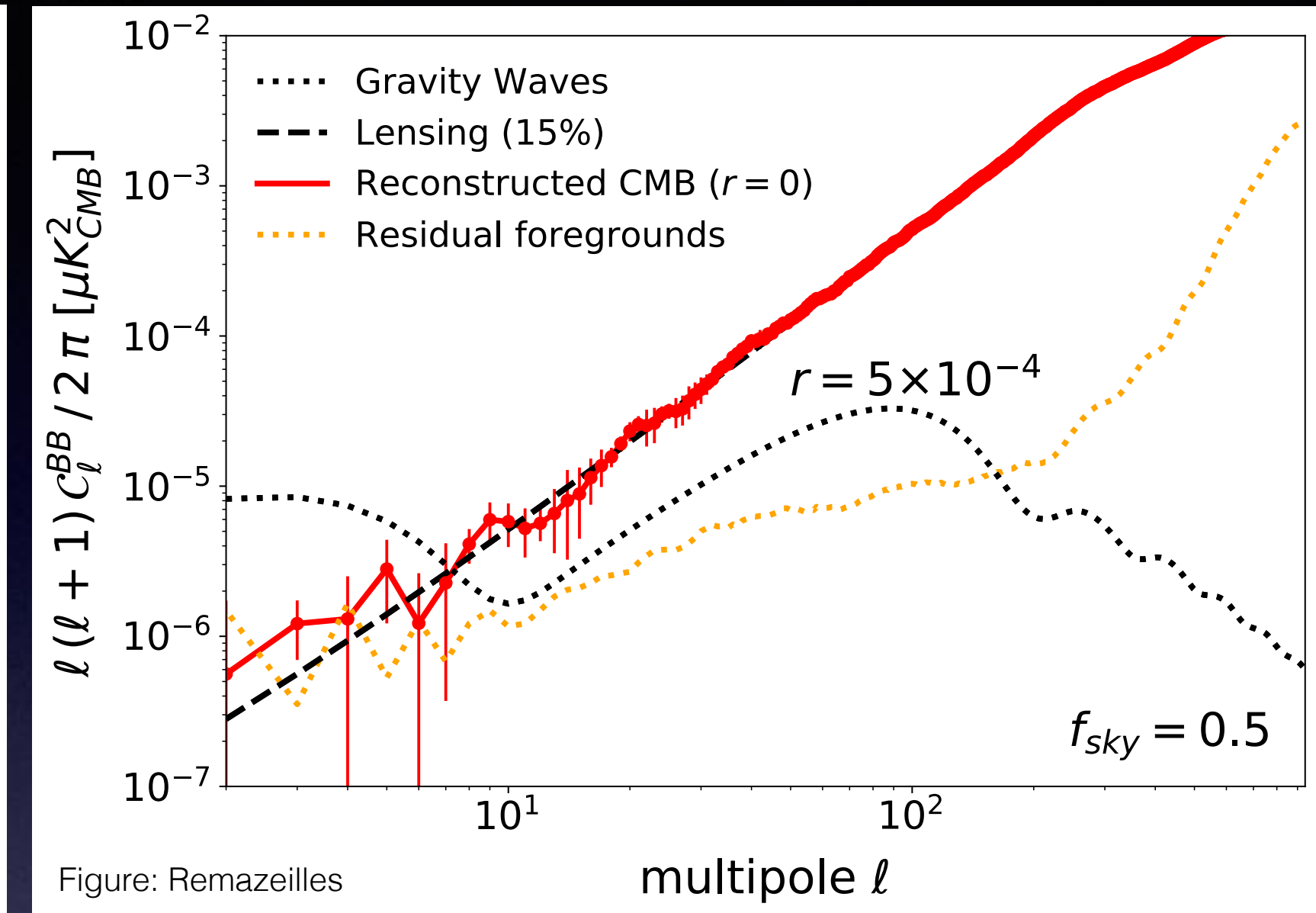


Figure: Remazeilles

multipole ℓ

- Bottom left: reconstructing CMB and foregrounds with 21 bands has no r bias ($r=0.001$)
- Bottom right: removing low/high frequencies introduces bias

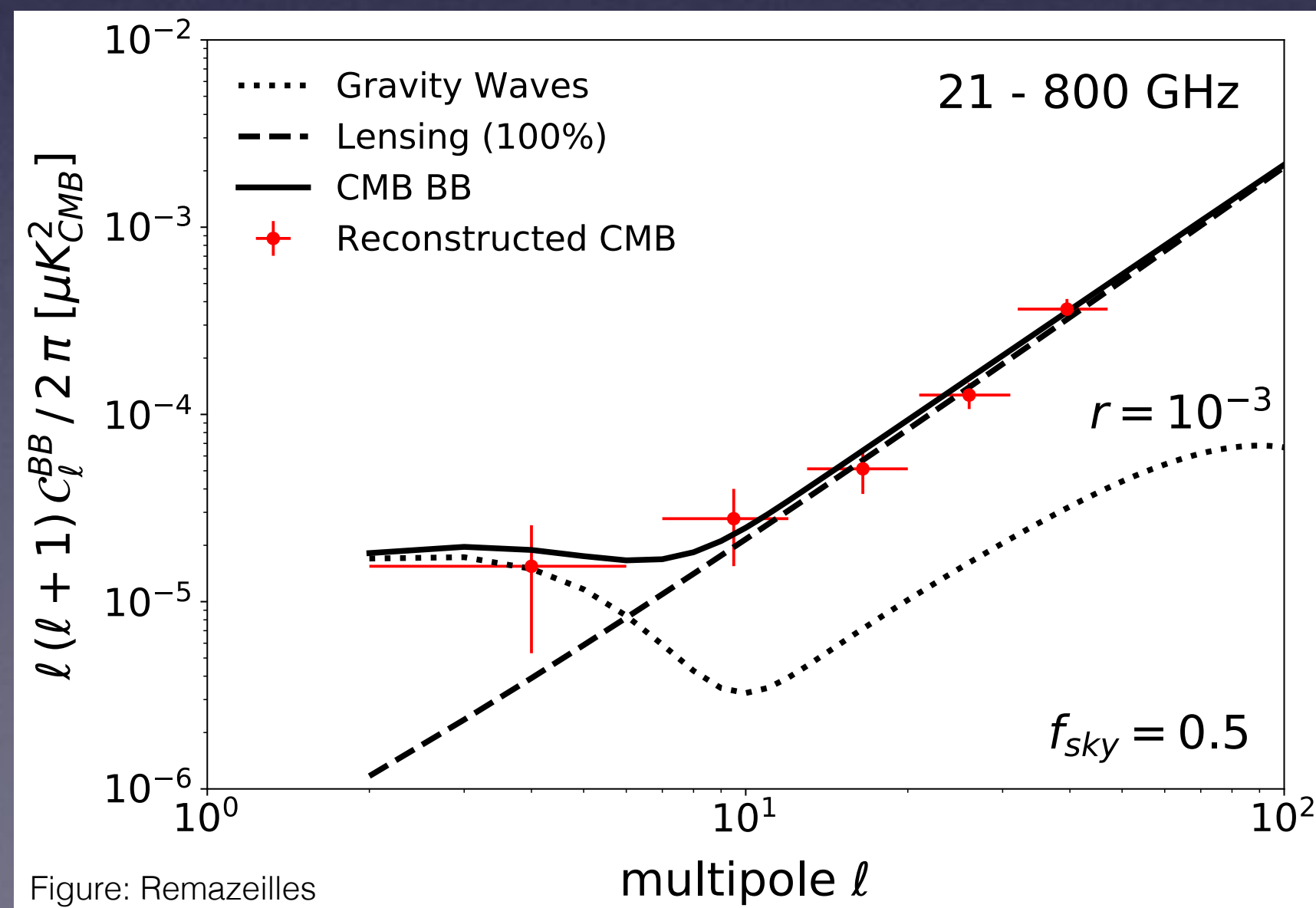


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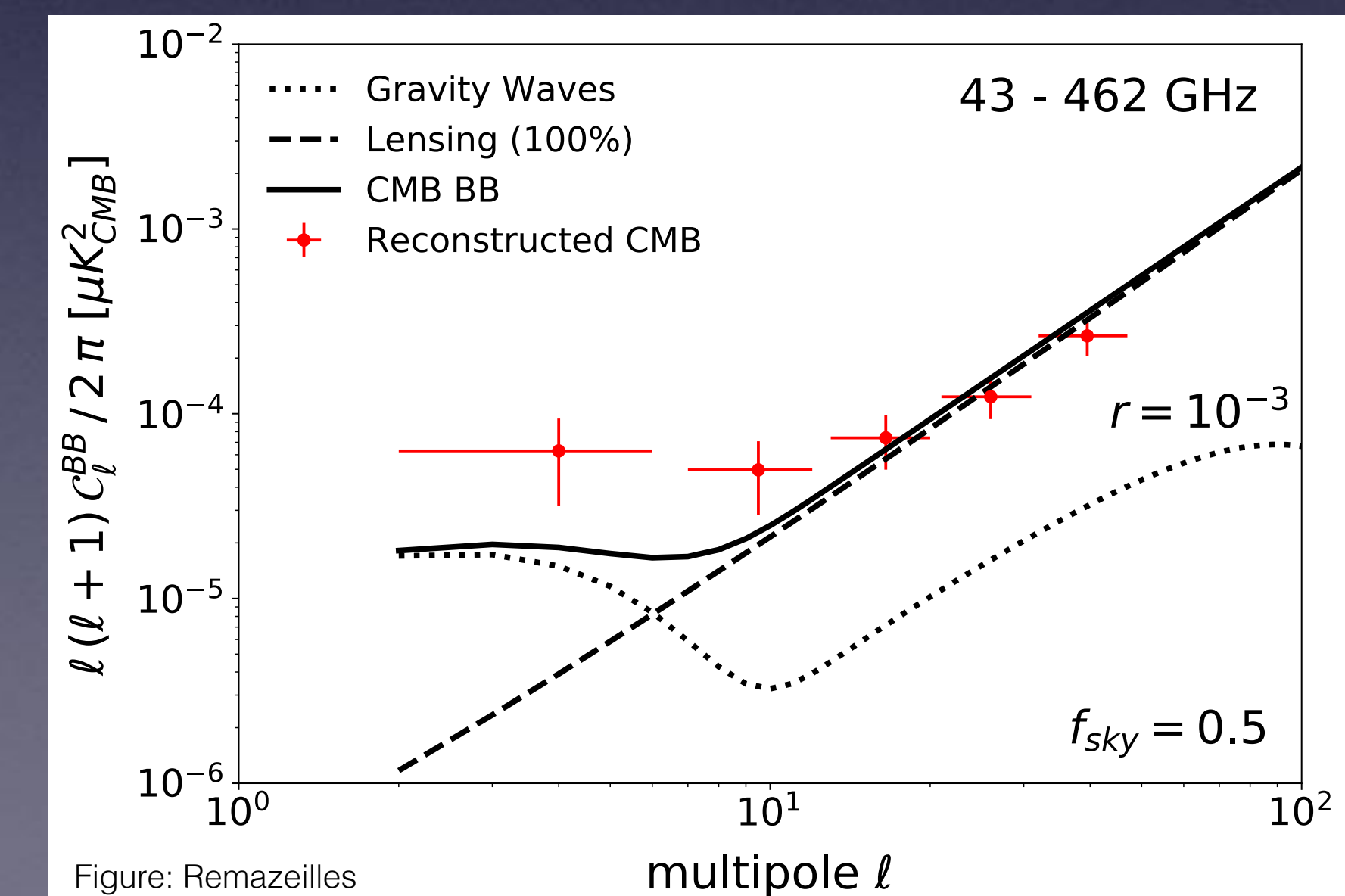


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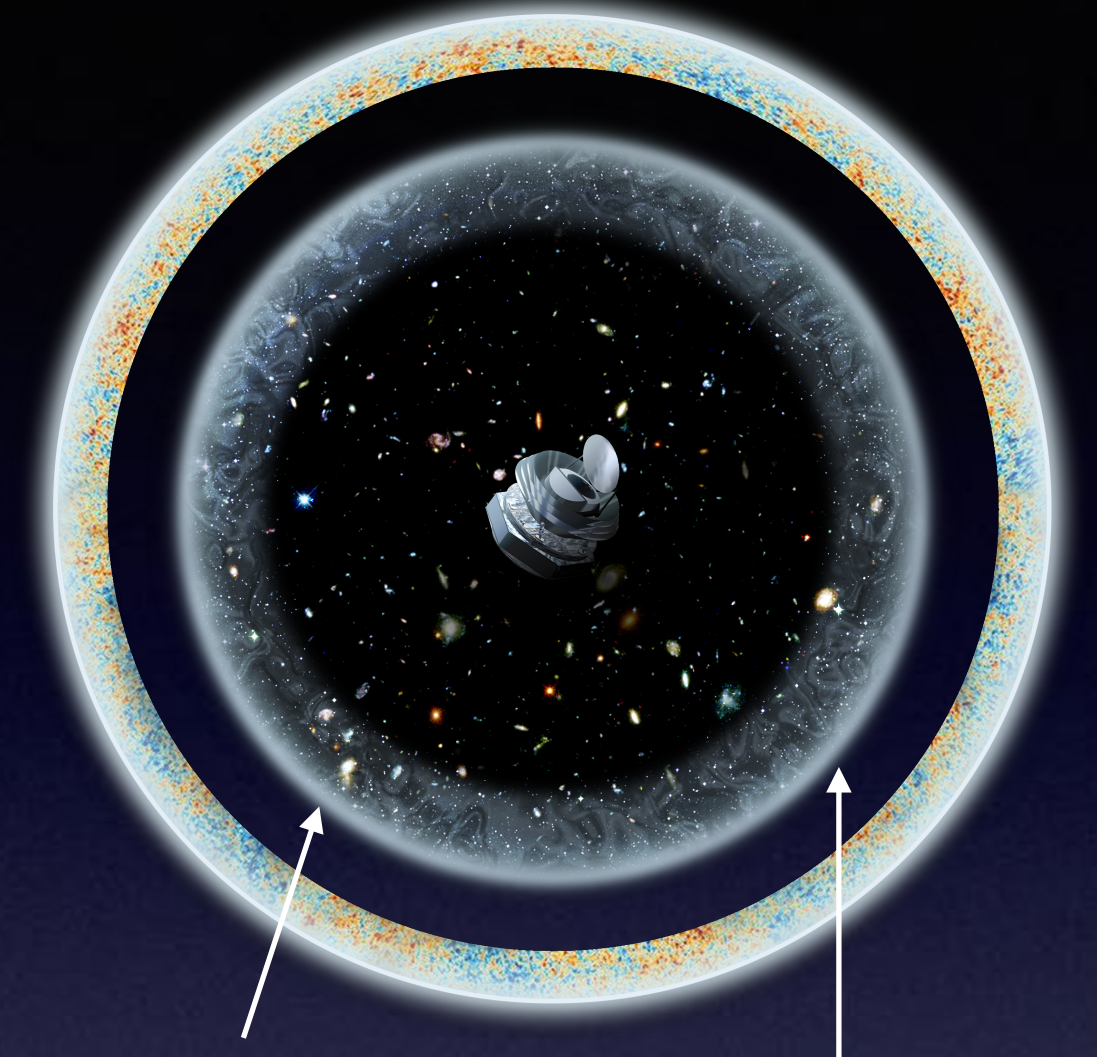
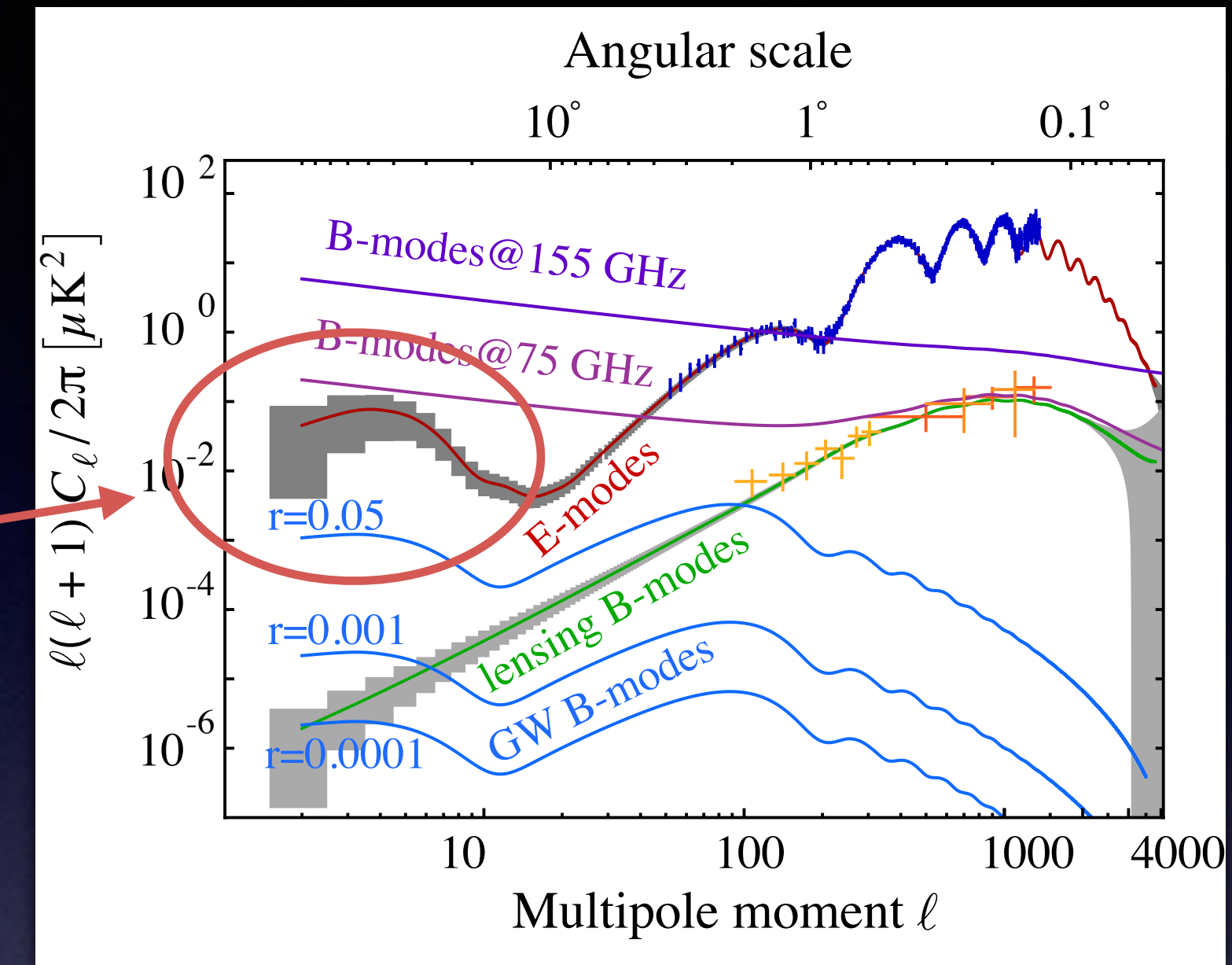


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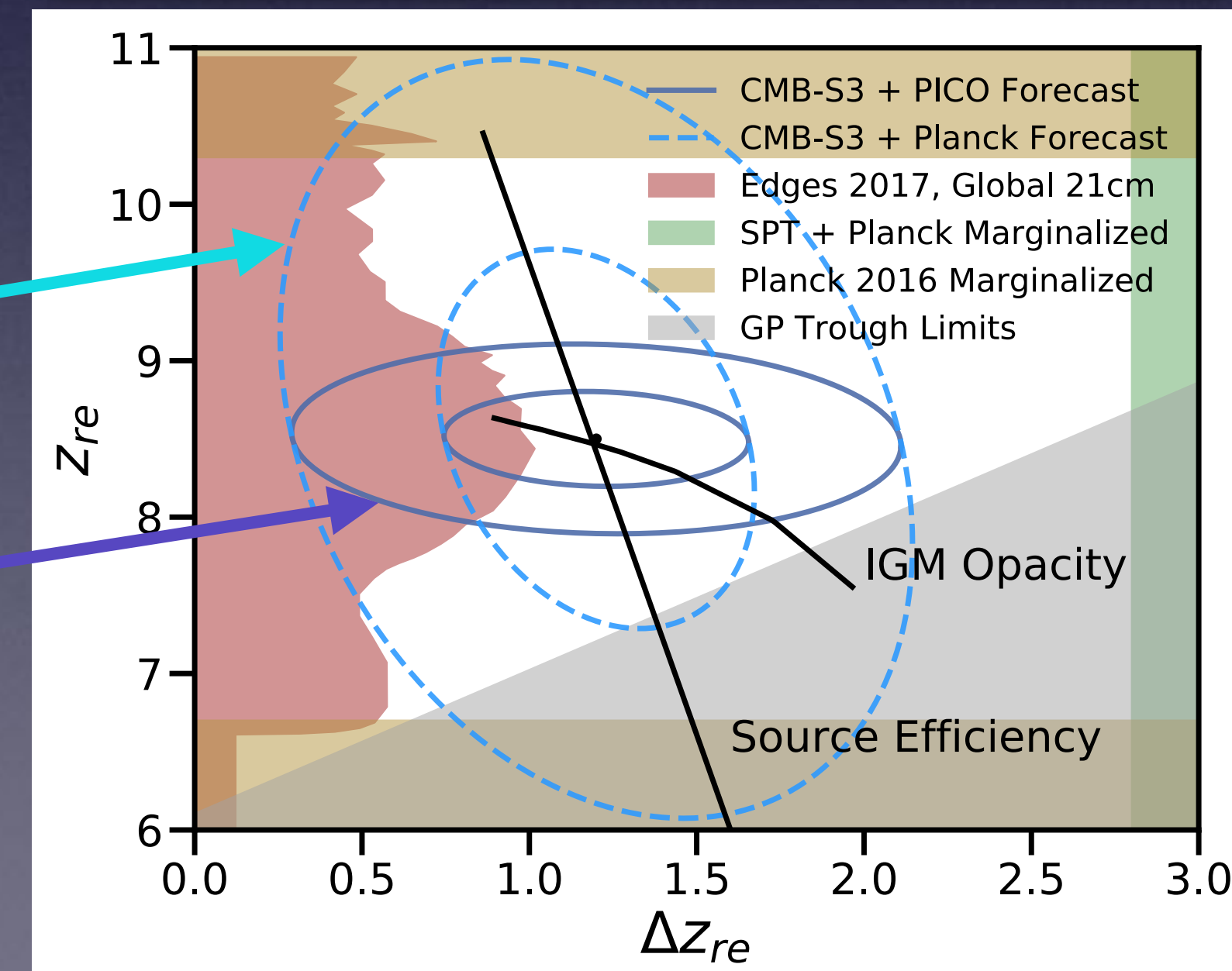
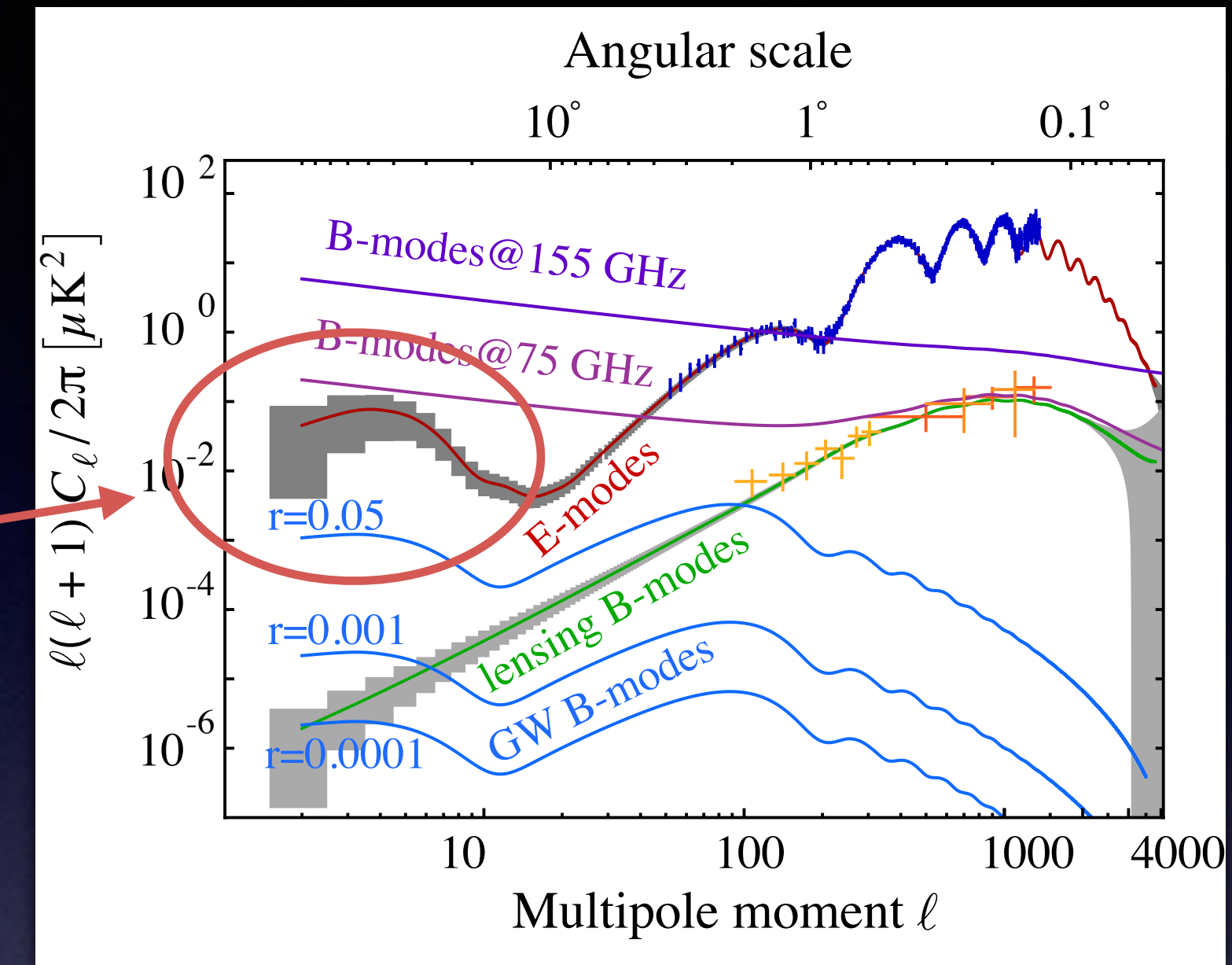
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With kSZ (Δz_{re}) constrain physical models of reionization

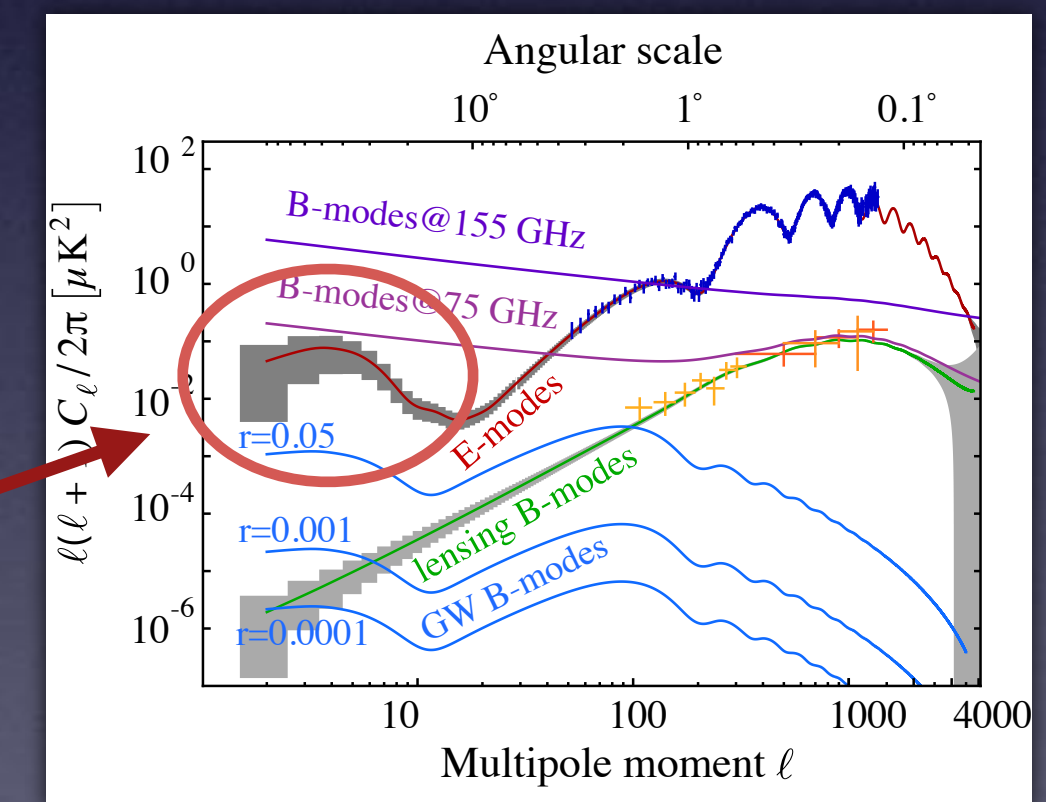
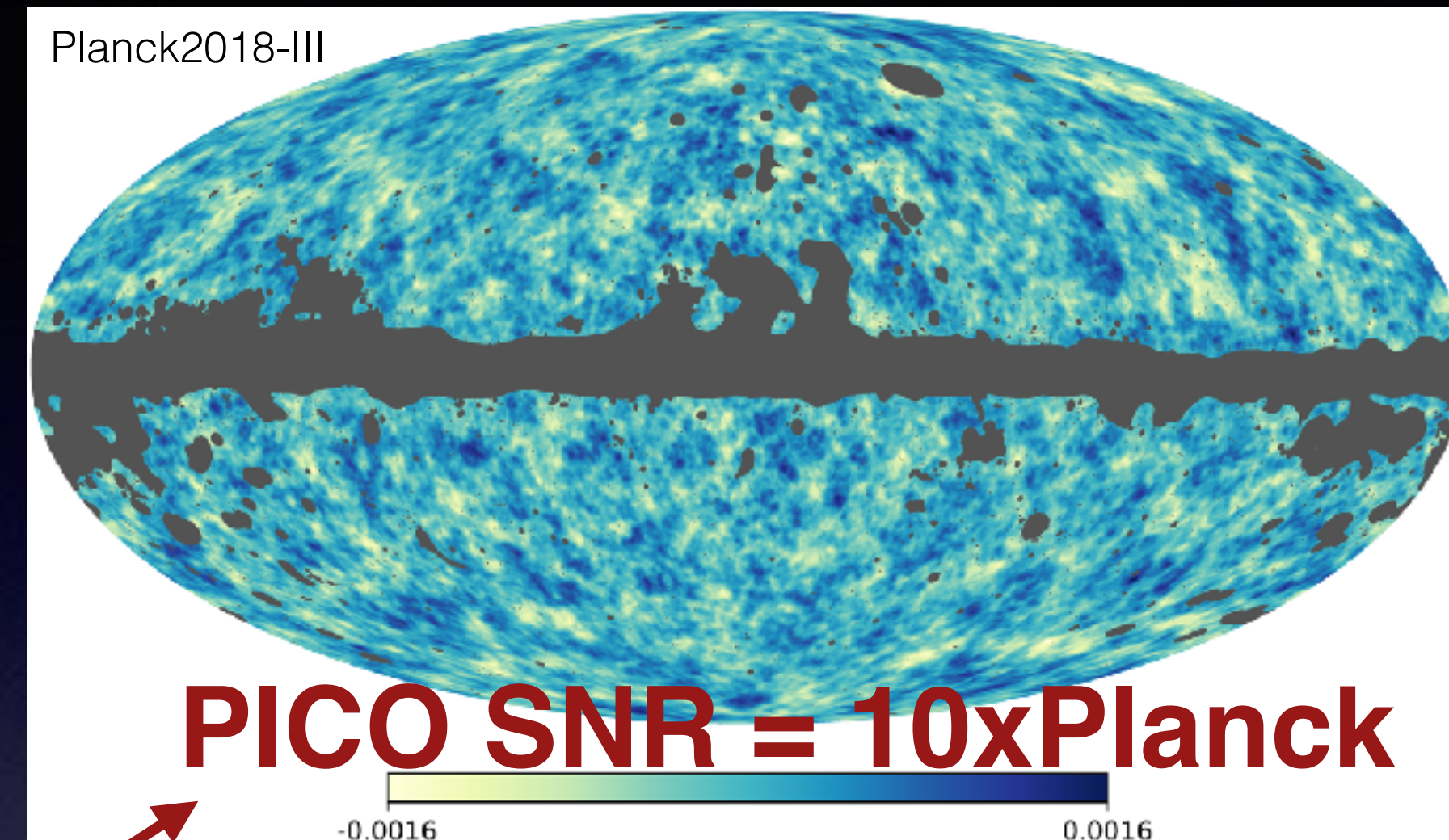


Planck + Stage3

PICO + Stage3

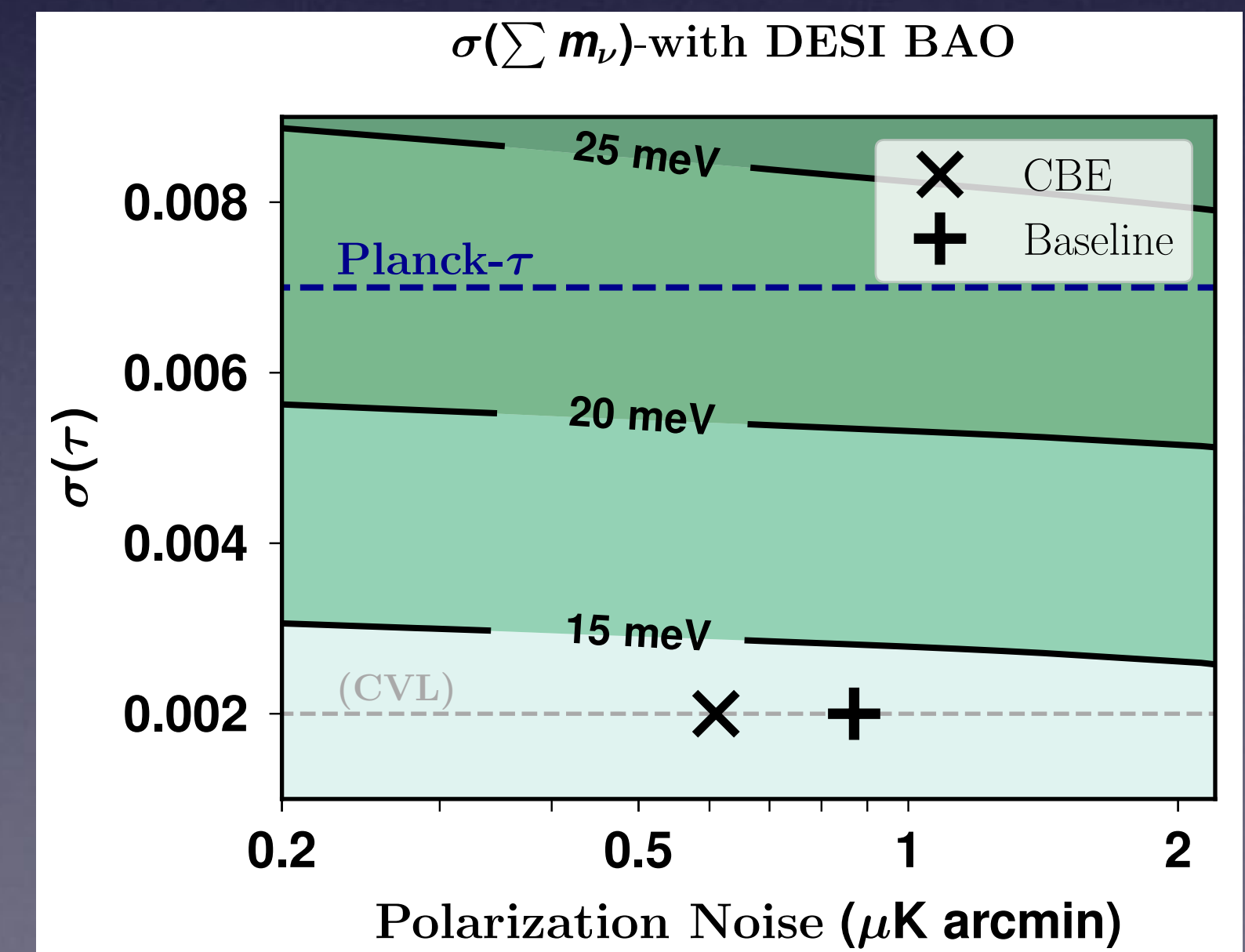
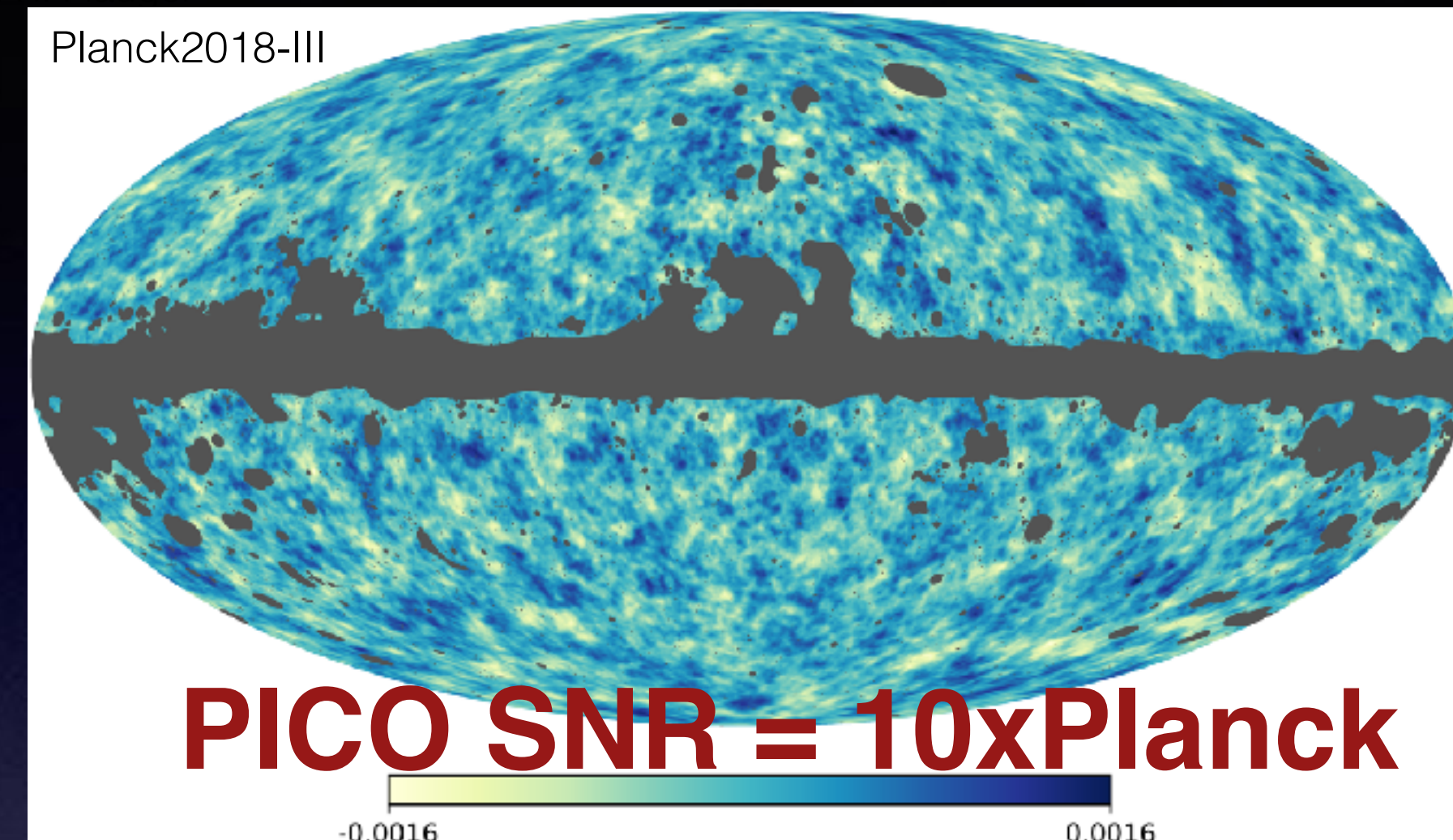
How Does the Universe Evolve: Neutrino Mass

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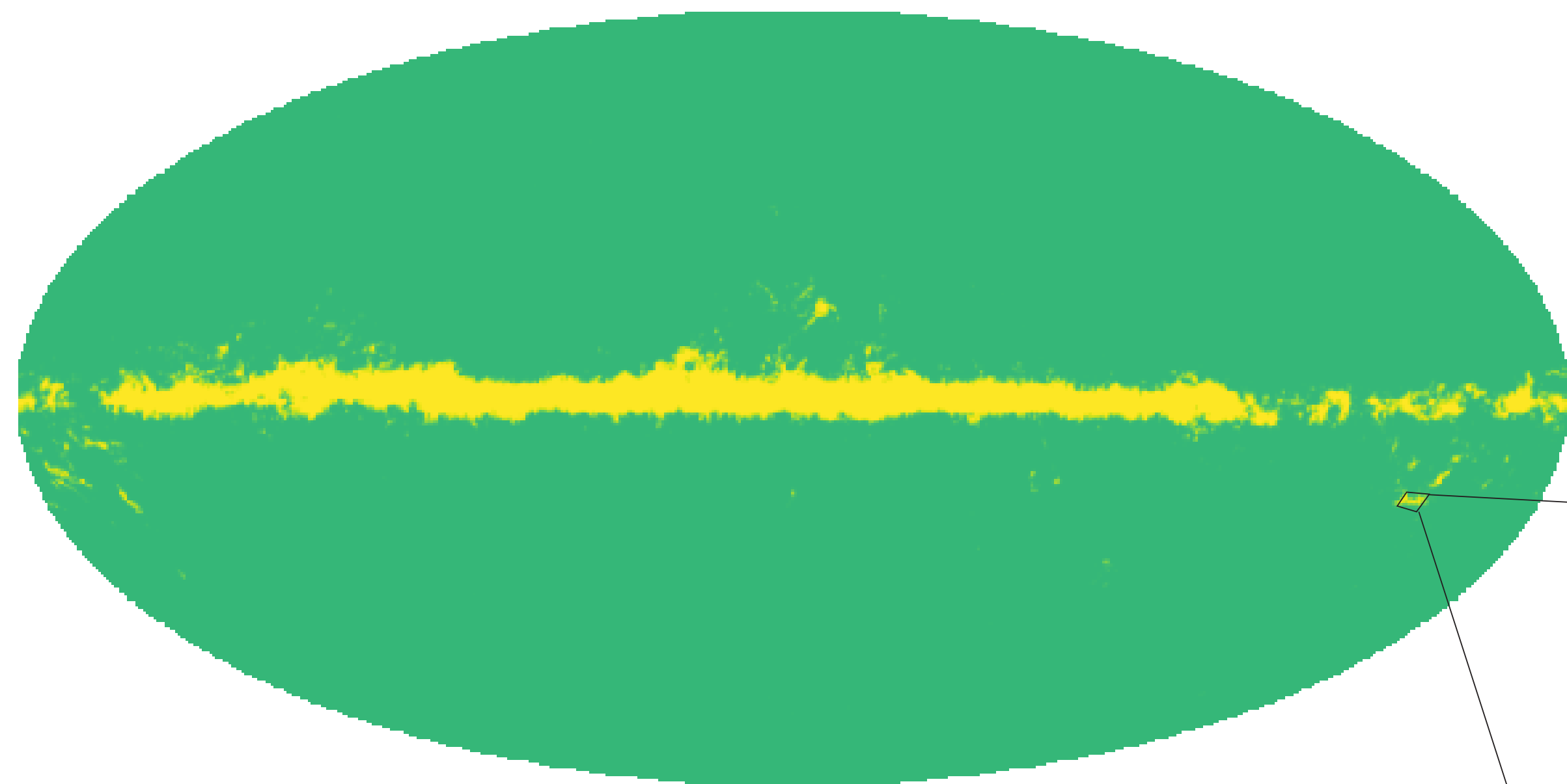


Solve Puzzle of Low Star Formation Efficiency

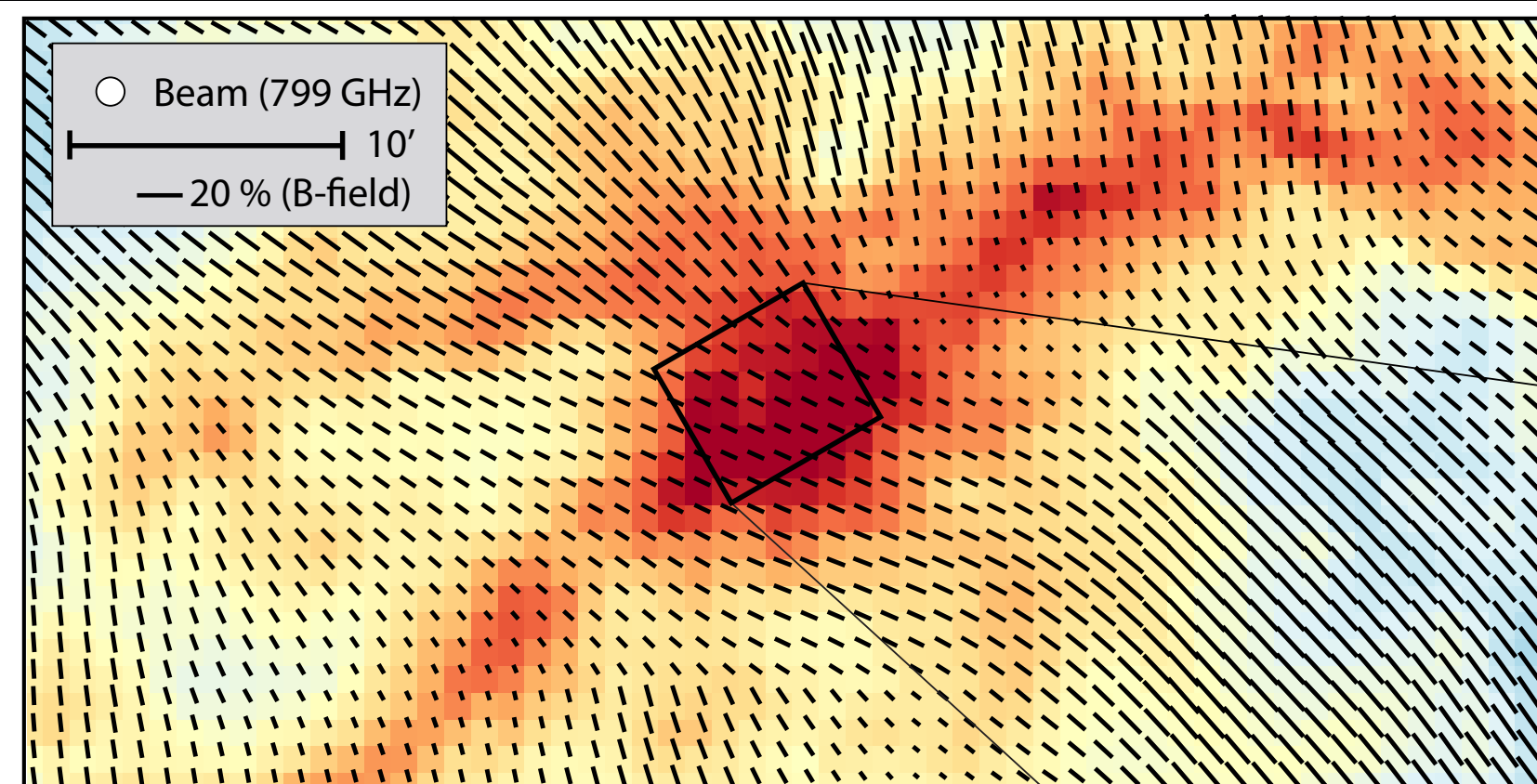
- Milky Way stars form at much lower rate than would be expected from gravitational collapse
- Gas turbulence and magnetic fields slow collapse from the diffuse ISM to molecular clouds to star forming regions
- What is the ratio of energy stored in the magnetic field to that stored in turbulent motion? How does this ratio vary over spatial scales from the diffuse ISM to dense cores, which host star formation?
- Need measurements of magnetic fields over scales of galaxy down to dense cores
- Millimeter-wave polarimetry gives magnetic field parameters

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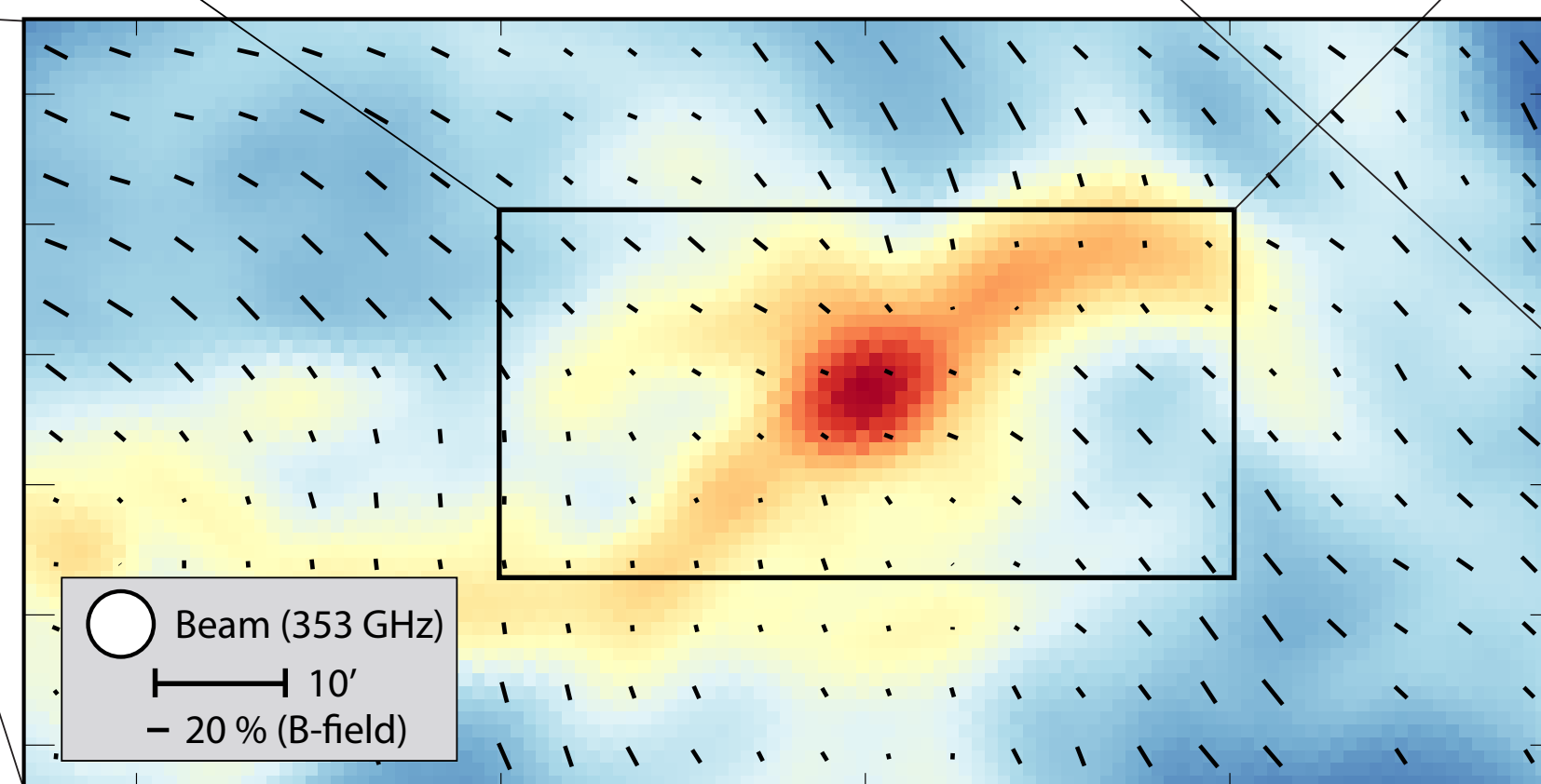
86,000,000 independent B field measurements;
x1000 more than Planck



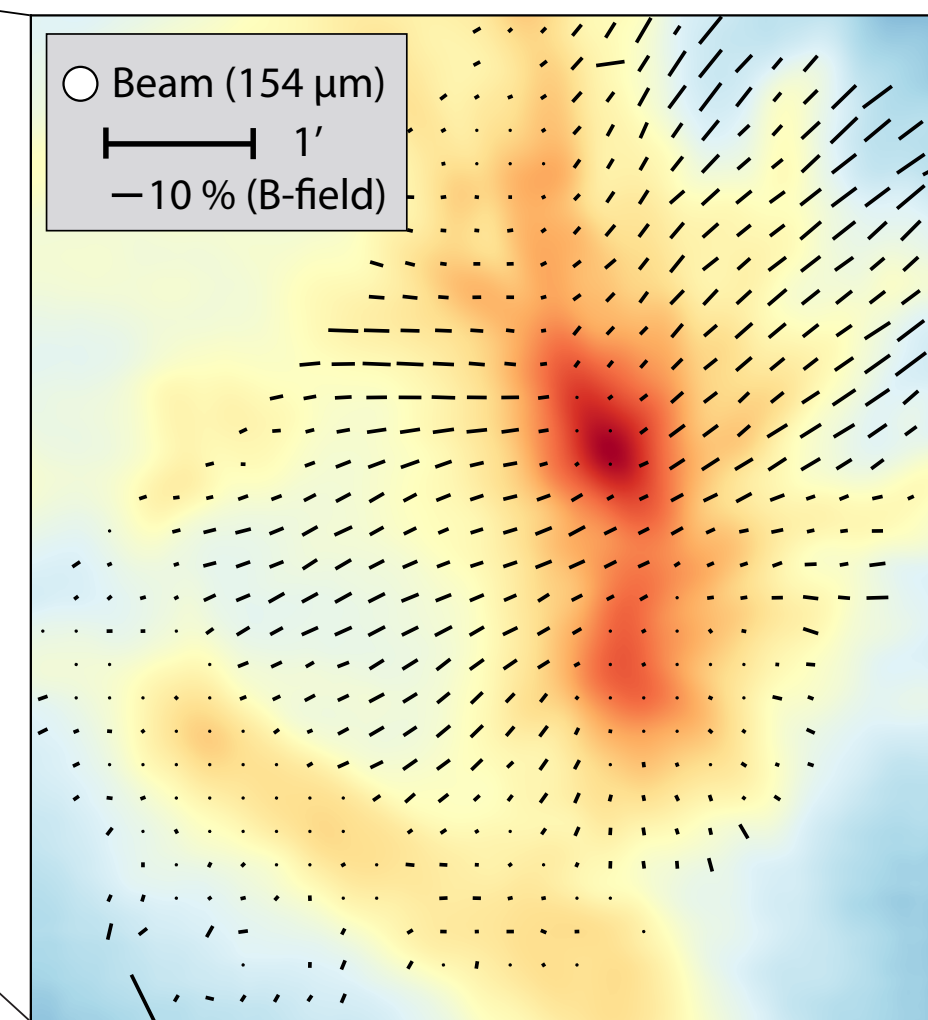
Planck 353 GHz polarization 5' resolution, $\sigma_p < 0.67\%$
PICO 799 GHz polarization 1' resolution, $\sigma_p < 0.67\%$



PICO (1')



Planck (5')
Orion Region



SOFIA (13'')

Legacy Surveys Available only with PICO Data

Science

- Early galaxy formation and dark matter substructure
- Early cluster formation
- Correlation of dust with galaxy properties
- Physics of jets in radio sources
- Ordering of magnetic fields in external galaxies

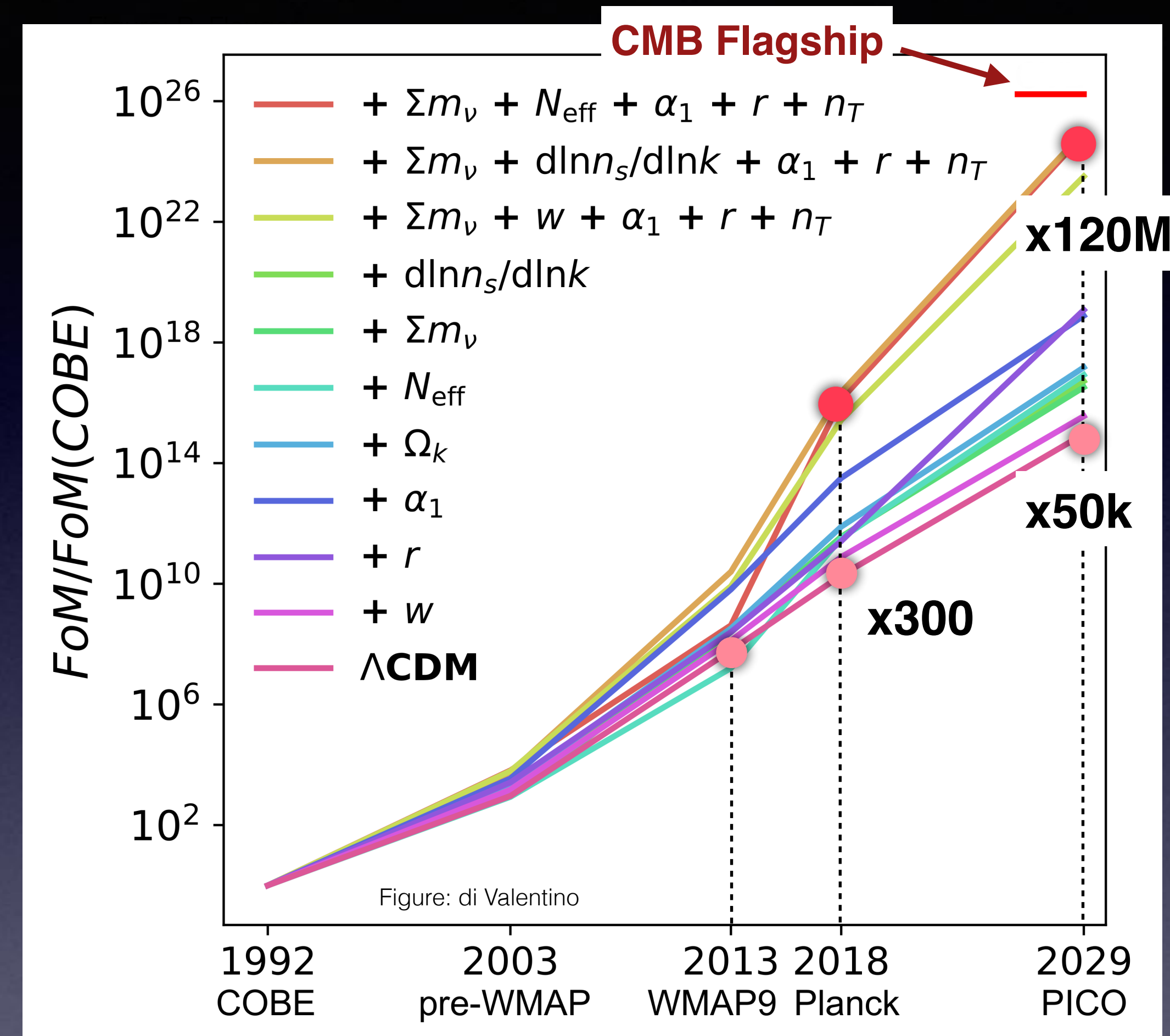
Data will be mined for years by astrophysicists in many sub-disciplines

Catalog

- 4500 strongly lensed galaxies, $z \sim 5$; (x400)
- 50,000 proto-clusters, $z \sim 4.5$; (x1000)
- 30,000 galactic dust SEDs, $z < 0.1$; (x10)
- 2000 polarized radio sources; (x10)
- Polarization of few thousand dusty galaxies (x1000);

Set Cosmological Paradigm for the 2030s

- 6-parameter Λ CDM describes the Universe well
- But tensions exist
 - 3.4σ between supernovae and CMB measurements of H_0
 - 2σ in measurements of σ_8 (amplitude of fluctuations)
 - What is most of the Universe made of?
- Constraint on 6-parameter Λ CDM:
 - PICO/Planck = 50,000 (Planck/WMAP9 = 300)
- Constraint on 11-parameter Λ CDM+:
 - PICO/Planck = 1.2×10^8



Λ CDM will either survive this stringent scrutiny, or a new cosmological paradigm will emerge

Why PICO, Why Now

- Transformative science; Much of the science can only be done from space
- Further progress with CMB requires a leap in sensitivity, foreground characterization, and systematic control. Space is the most cost-effective approach.
- PICO is the only instrument with the combination of sky coverage, resolution, frequency bands, and sensitivity to achieve all of the science with one platform.
- A space mission is best suited to provide the level of control of systematic uncertainties necessary
- PICO relies on current technologies or straightforward extensions

Figure: R. Flauger



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