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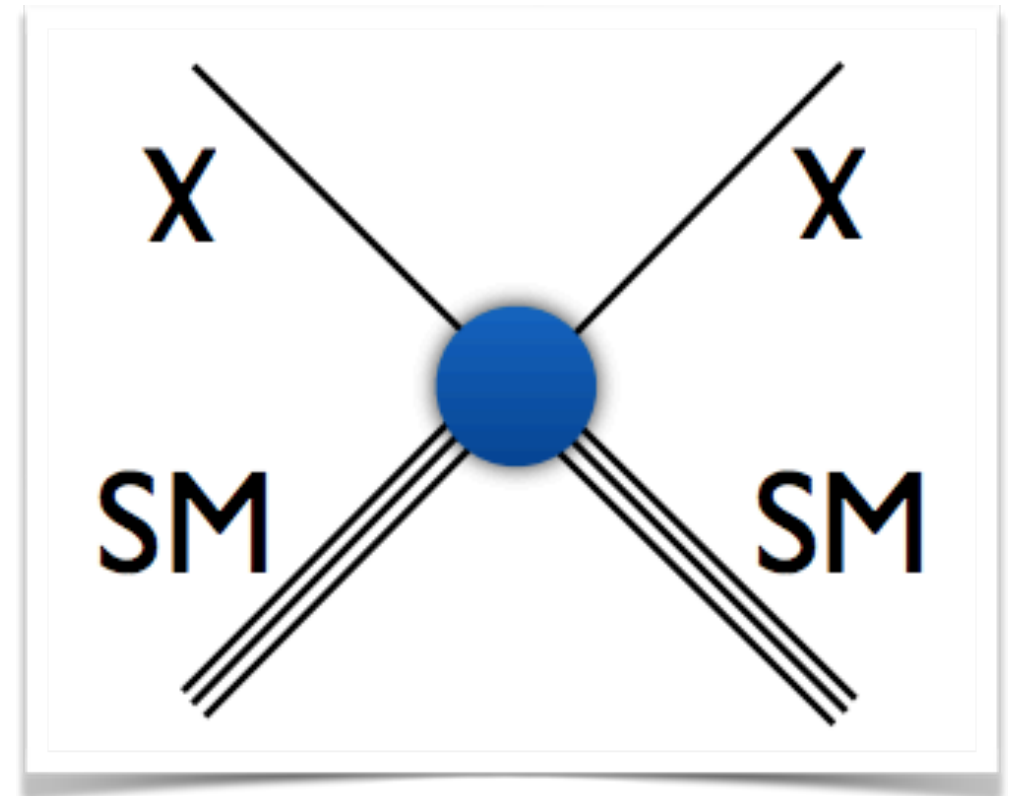
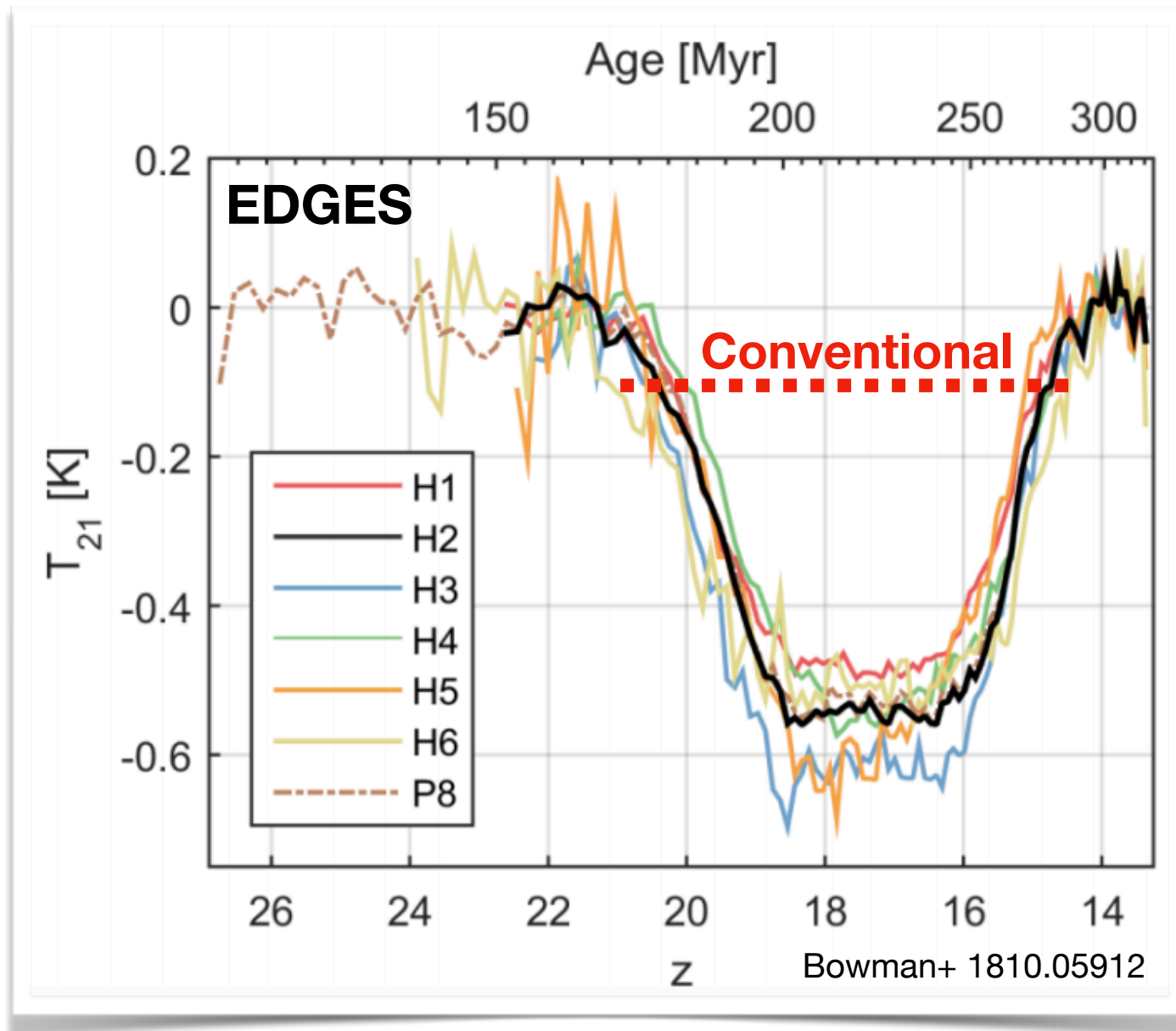
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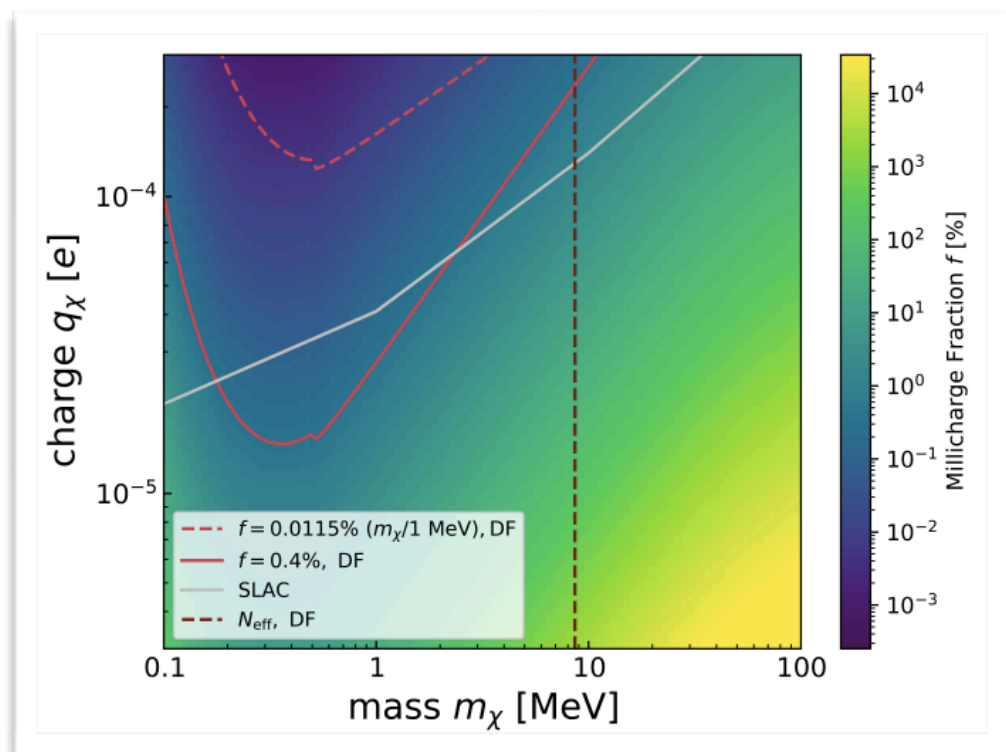


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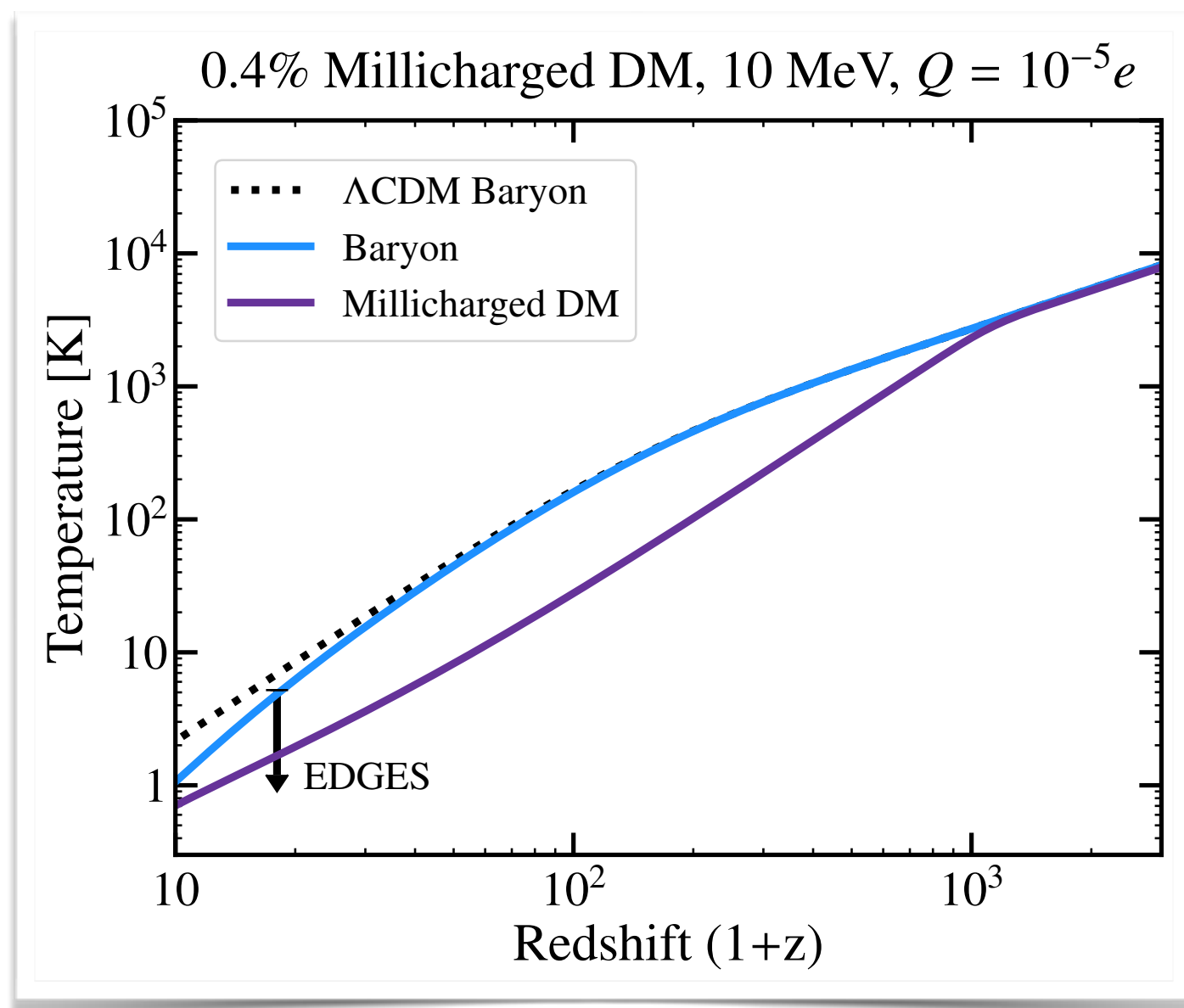
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Creque-Sarbinowski+ 1903.09154



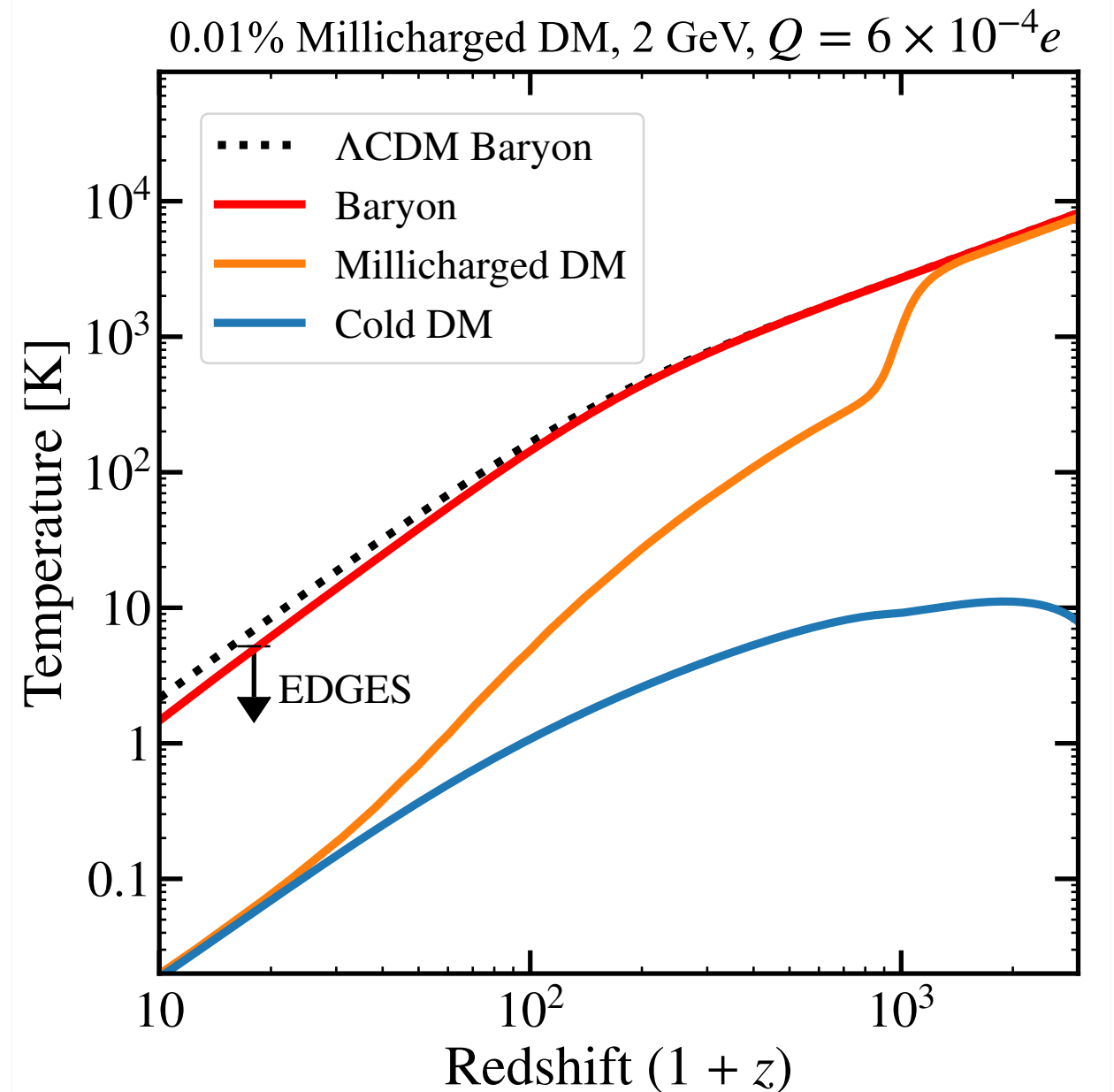
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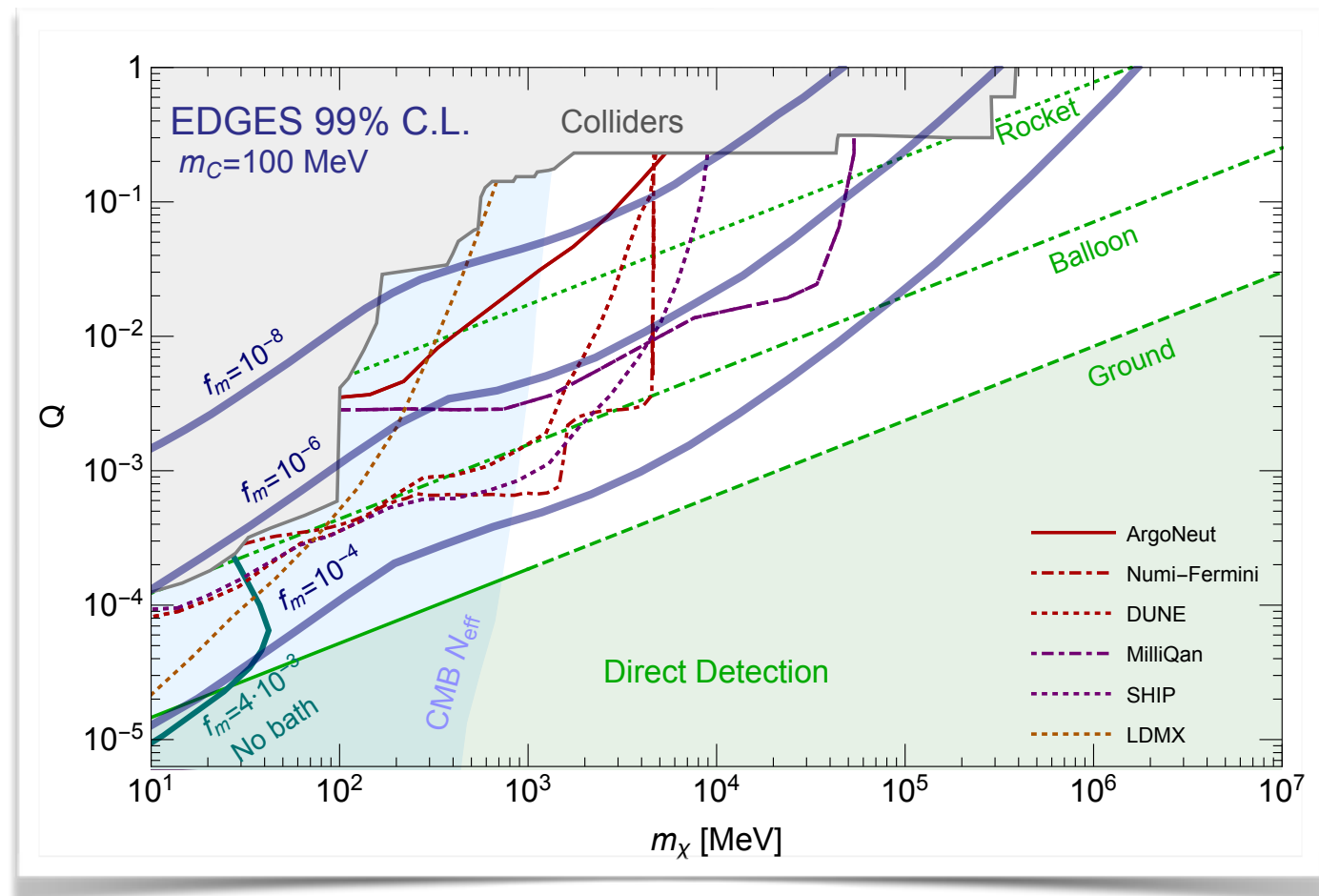
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Striking signatures predicted at both **beam** and **direct detection** experiments.

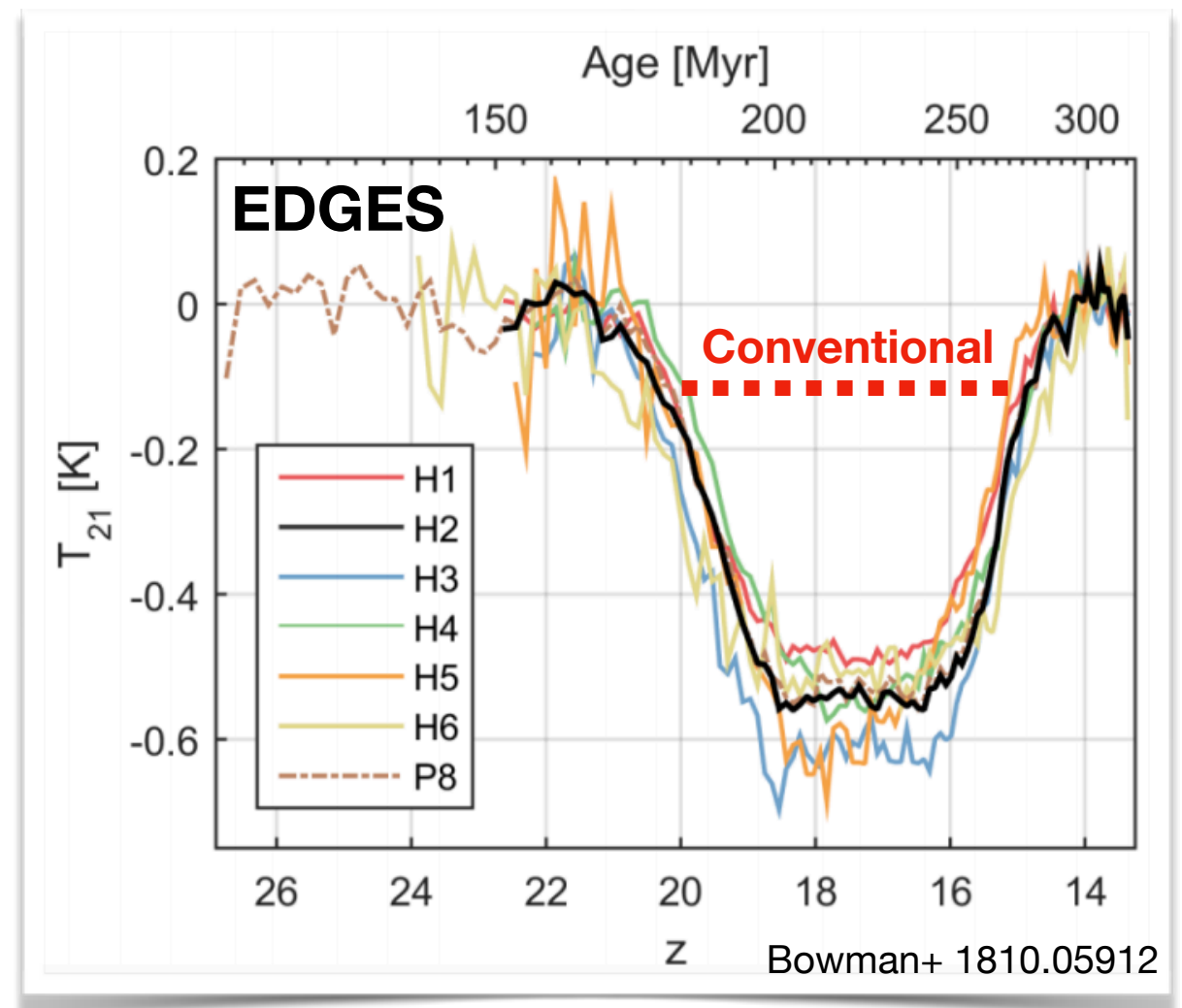
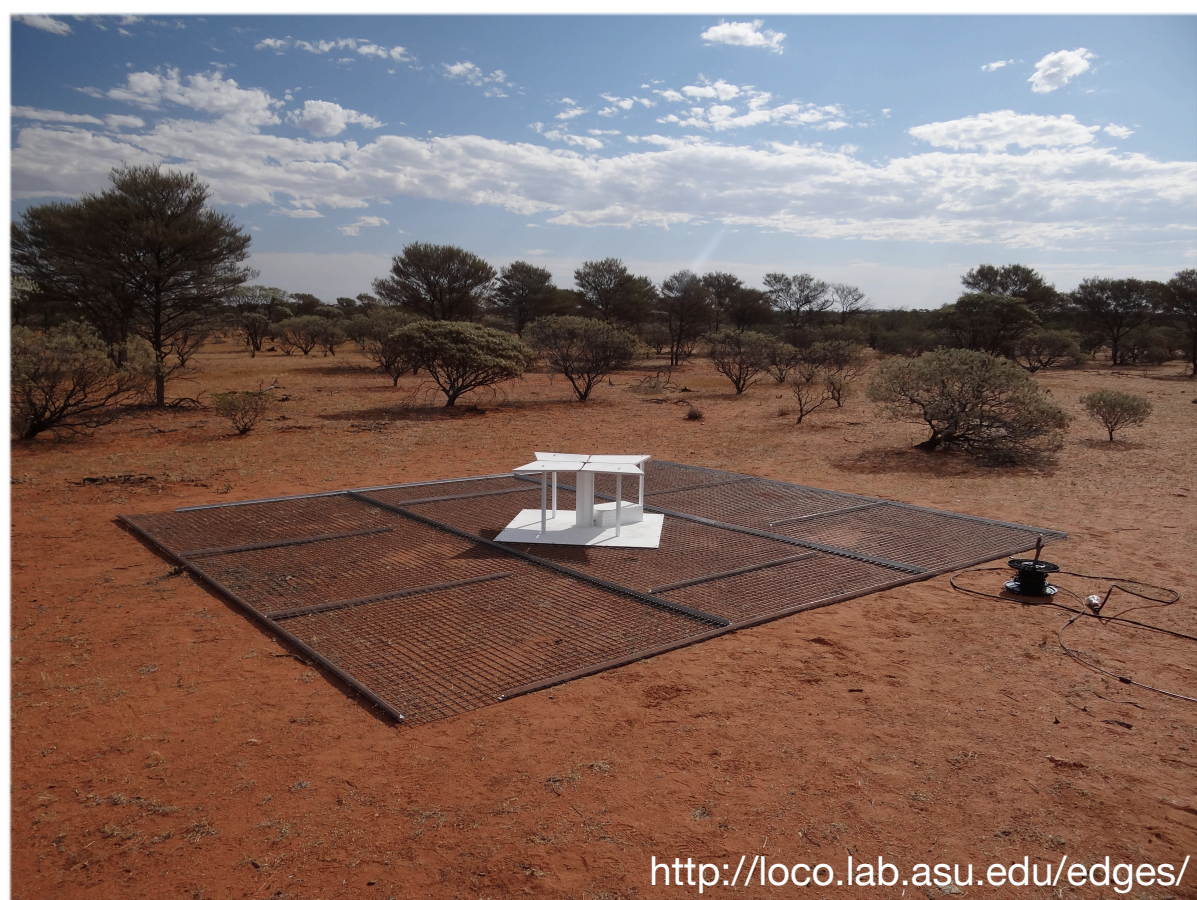


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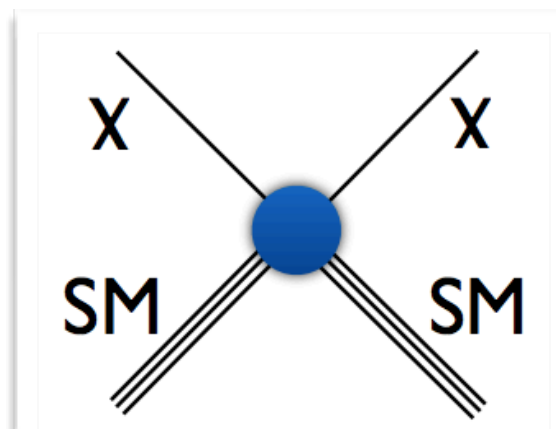
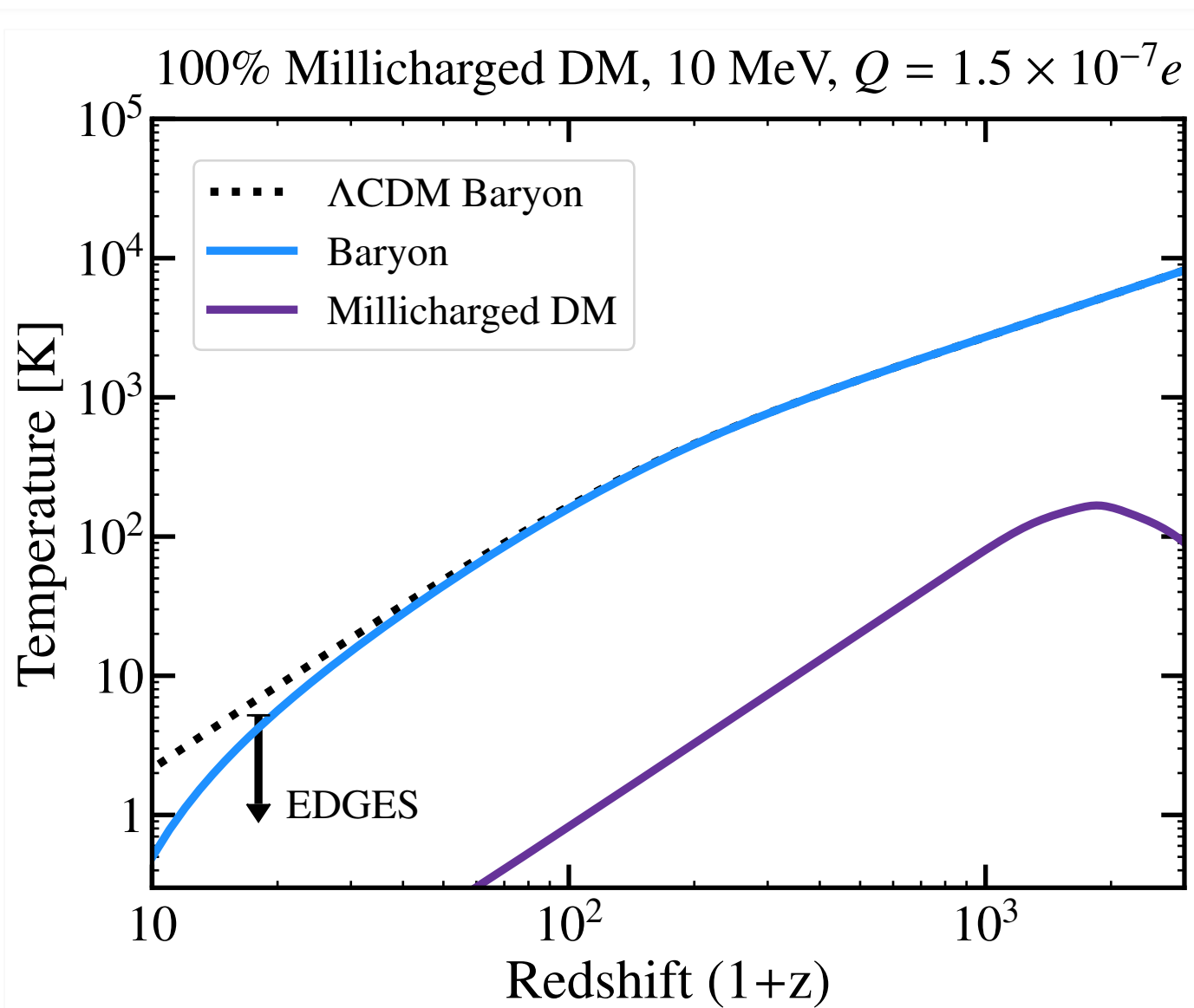


EDGES Experiment

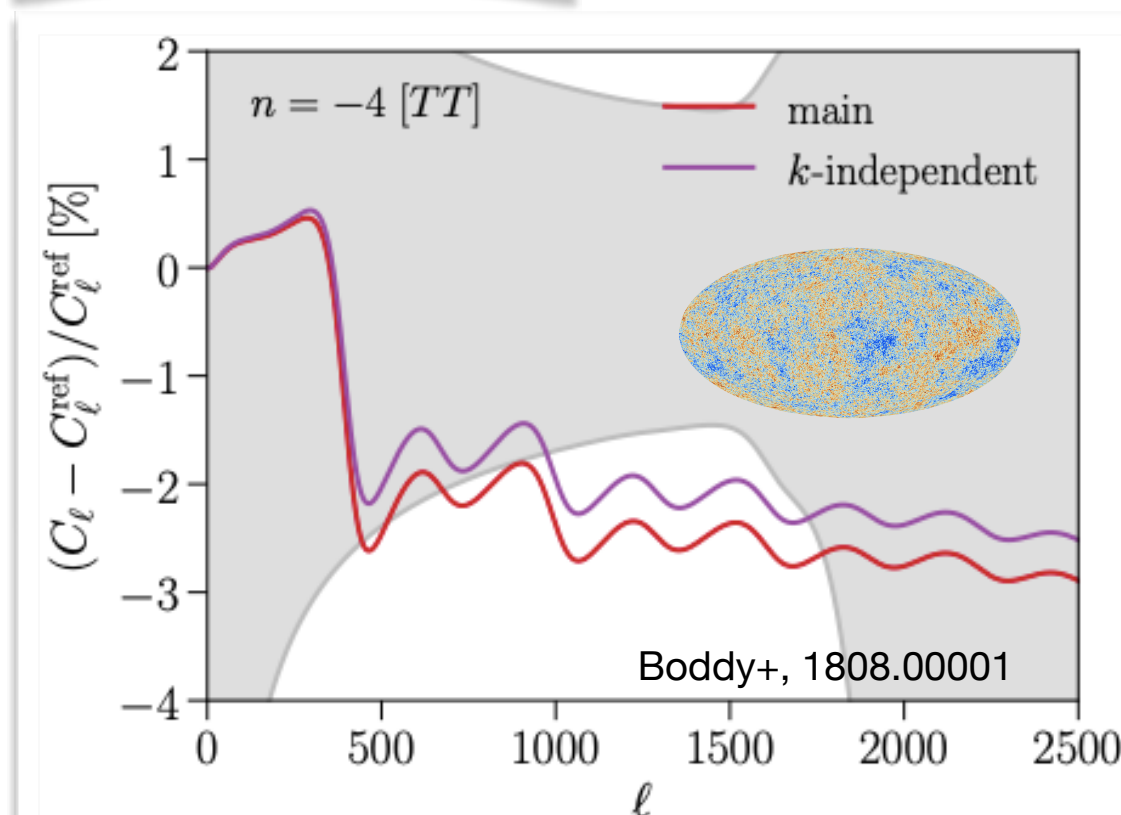


First measurement of the **21-cm global signal**. **Larger absorption** than expected!
 Suggests a **lower baryon temperature** than expected at $z \sim 17$:
at most 5.2 K instead of the conventional expectation, **6.8 K**.

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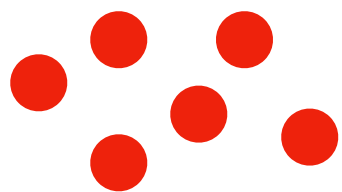
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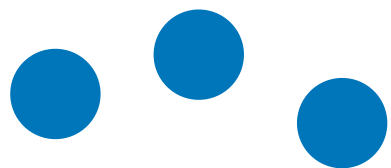
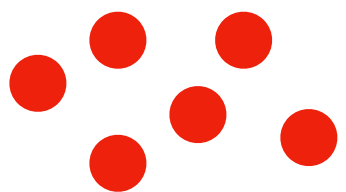
Significant impact on **thermal history of the universe**.
 Interesting target for **CMB** and **21-cm** experiments.

Baryon Cooling Requirements

Baryons



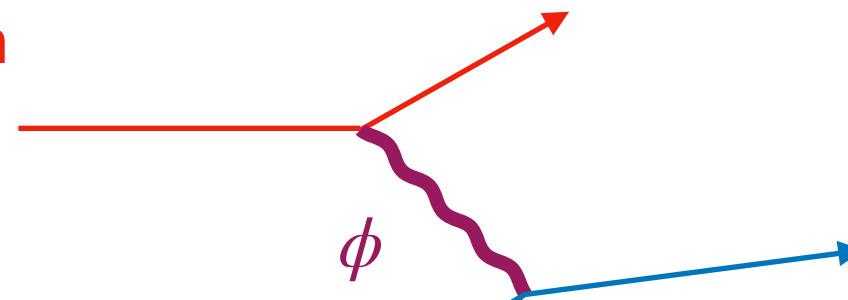
vs.



Dark Matter

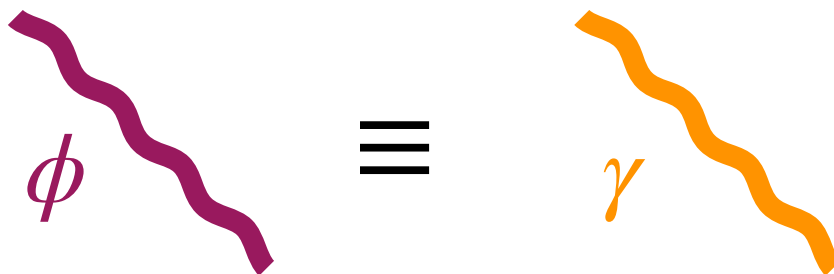
High heat capacity: $m_{\text{DM}} \lesssim \text{GeV}$.

Baryon



Dark Matter

Large scattering cross section.
 Constraints favor $\sigma \propto v^{-4}$ enhancement,
 i.e. **light mediator exchange.**



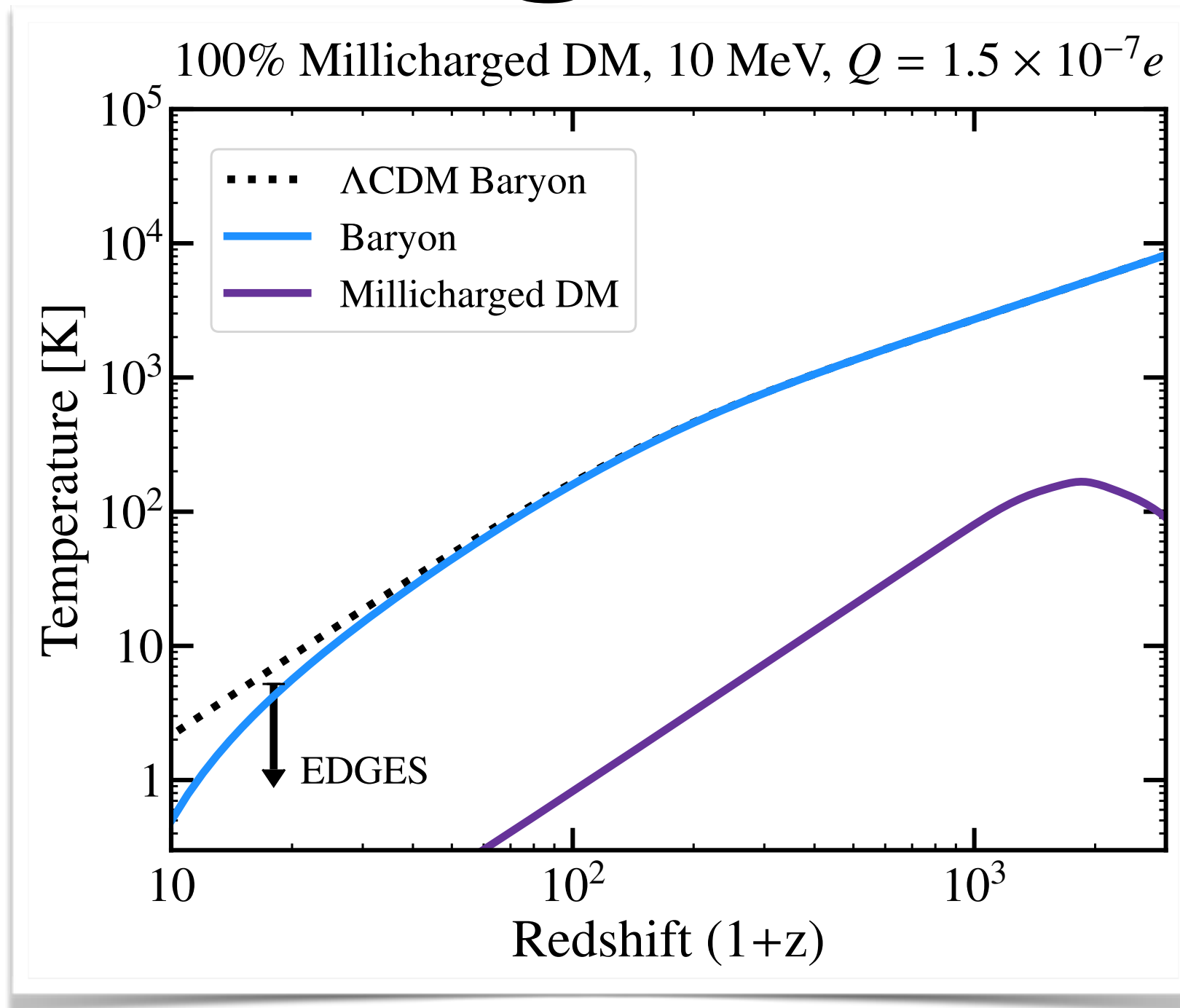
Mediator must be light compared to momentum transfer,
 i.e. $m_\phi \lesssim \text{keV}$. **Severe constraints** favor identifying ϕ
 with the **photon**, i.e. **millicharged dark matter!**

A Cosmic Microwave Background (CMB) fluctuation map showing temperature variations across the sky. The map uses a color scale from dark blue (cooler) to red (warmer). The left side shows a large-scale structure, likely the Milky Way, while the right side shows smaller-scale fluctuations.

Millicharged Dark Matter

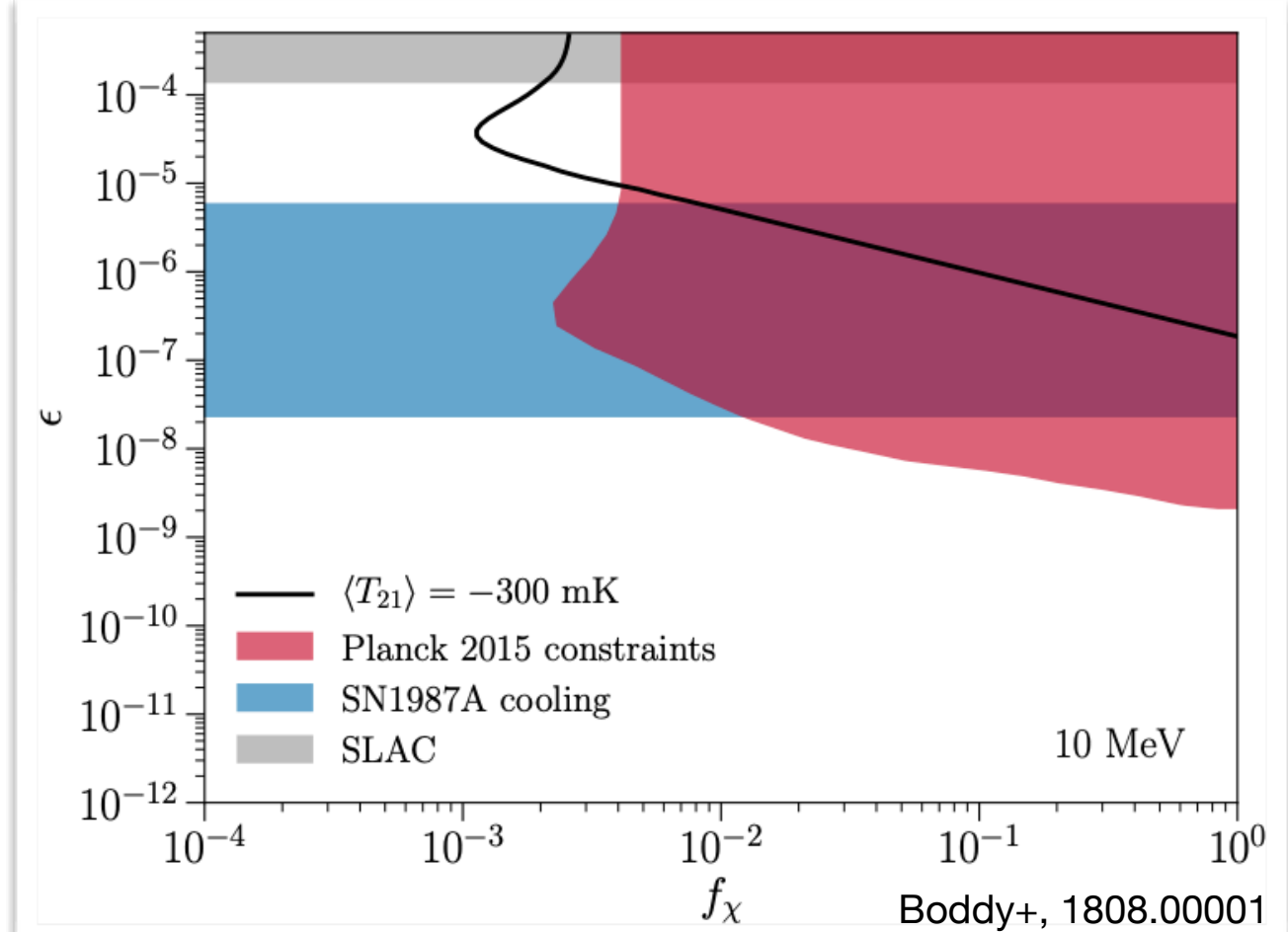
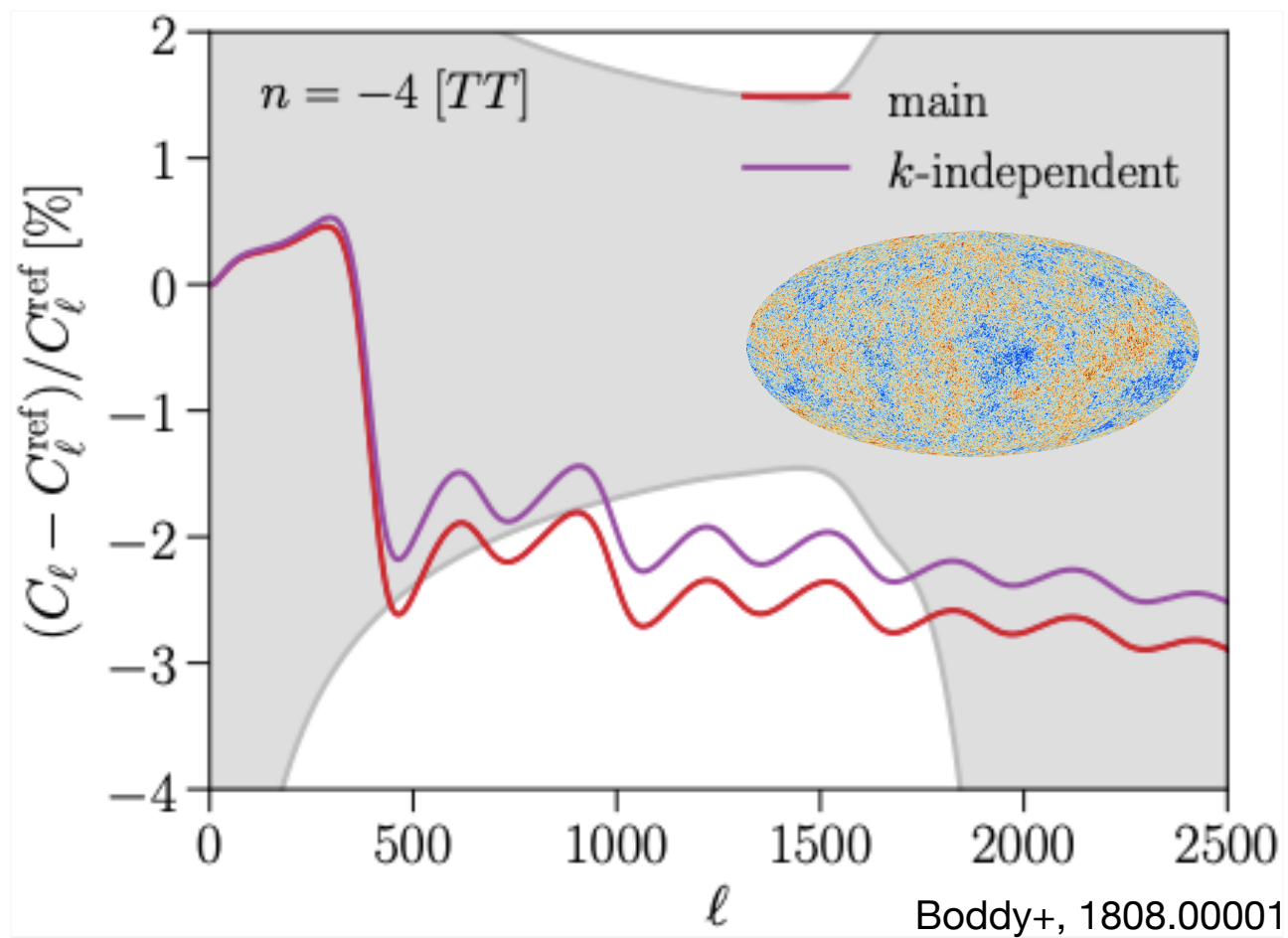


Millicharged Cooling



100% millicharged dark matter can do the job. **However...**

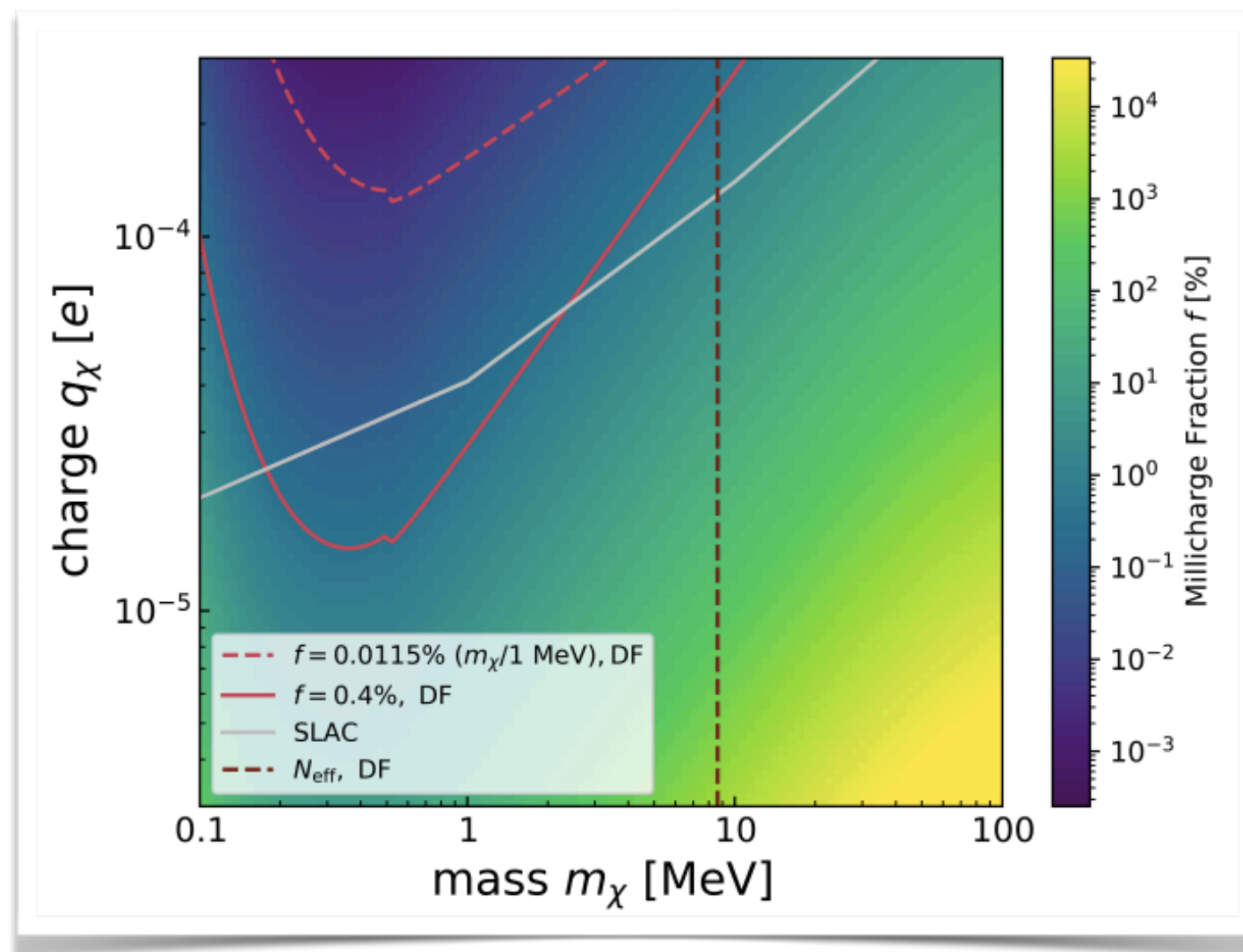
CMB Constraints



Constrained by **cosmic microwave background power spectrum**: dark matter-baryon scattering affects the **acoustic oscillations** and the **sound speed**.

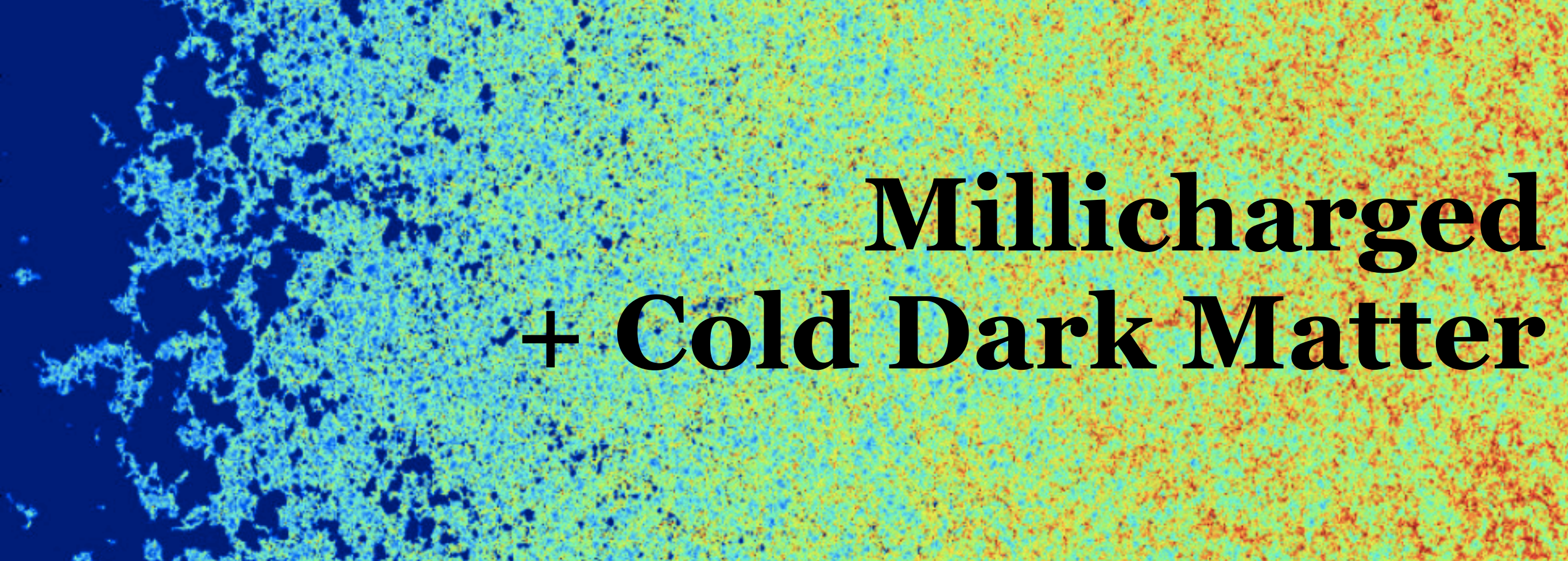
Millicharged dark matter limited to **less than 0.4% of all dark matter** by mass density.

N_{eff} Constraints



Berlin+ 1803.02804, Creque-Sarbinowski+ 1903.09154

Constraints on N_{eff} from **CMB power spectrum** are important, as millicharged particles can **thermalize** in the early universe. **Closes all available parameter space.**

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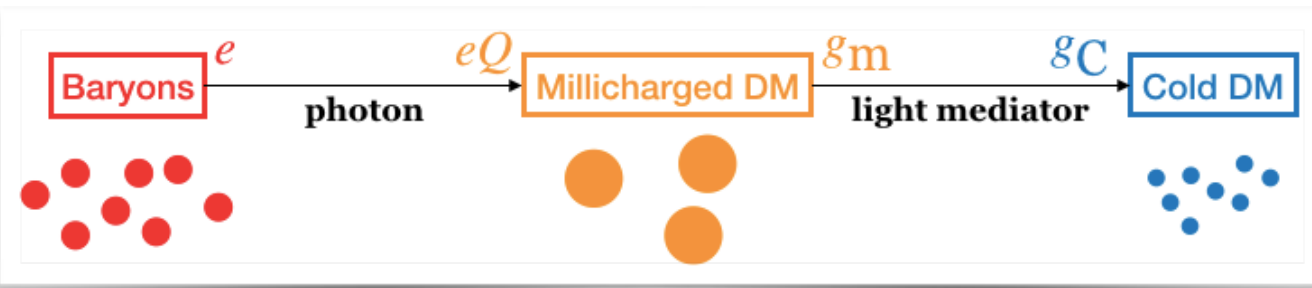


Scattering with **neutral H and He** are **important**.

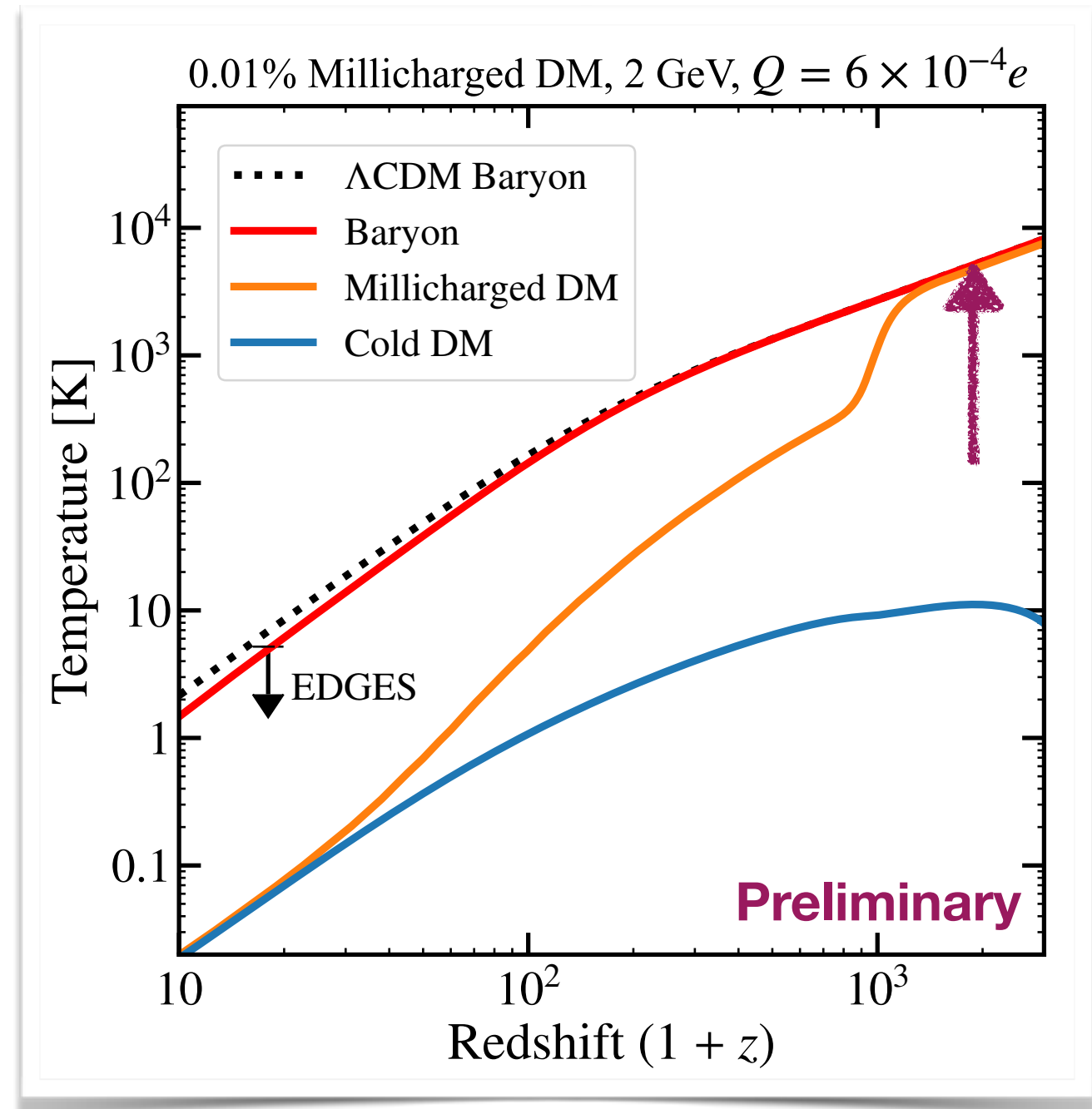
$\lesssim 0.4\%$ of dark matter.
Can be **up to TeV in mass!**

$\gtrsim 99.6\%$ of dark matter
Relatively light ($\lesssim 20$ GeV)
for **high heat capacity**.

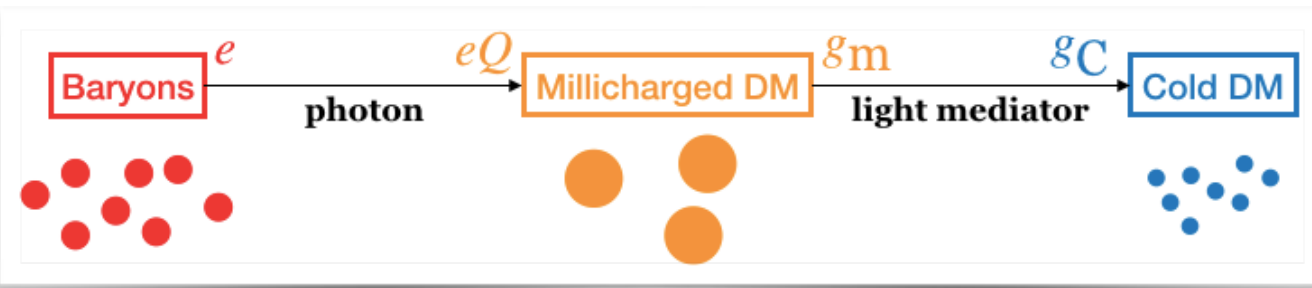
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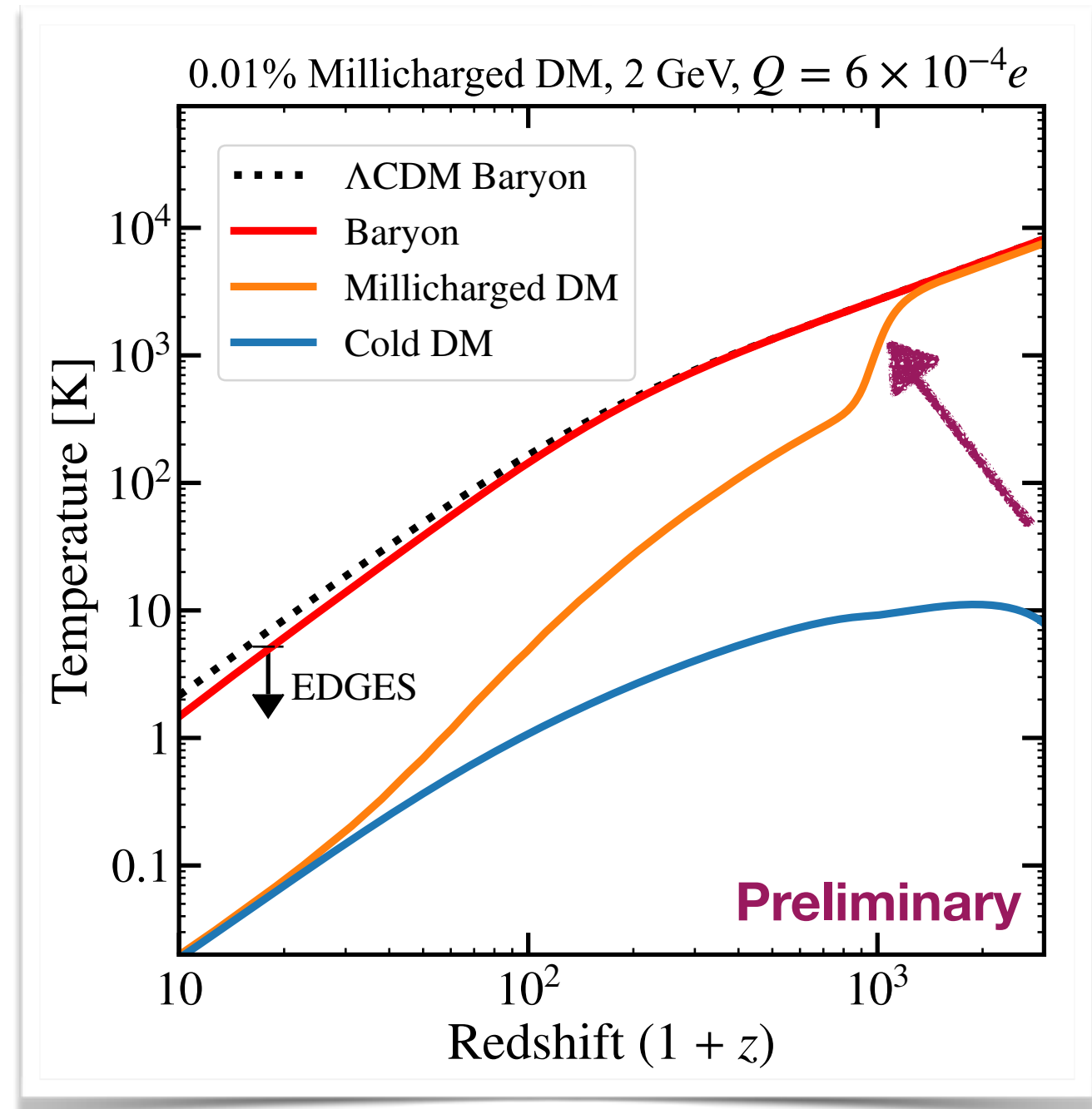


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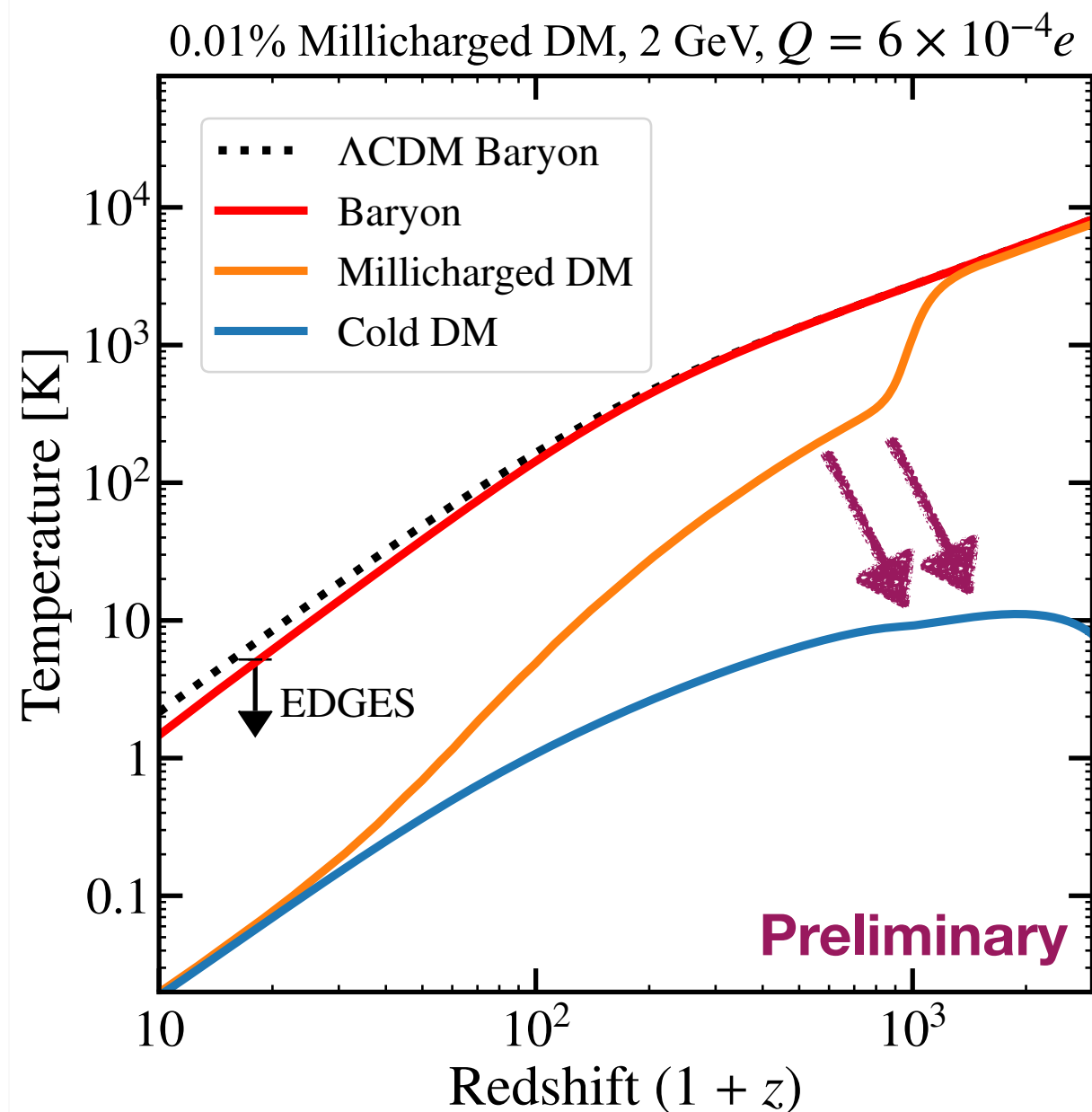
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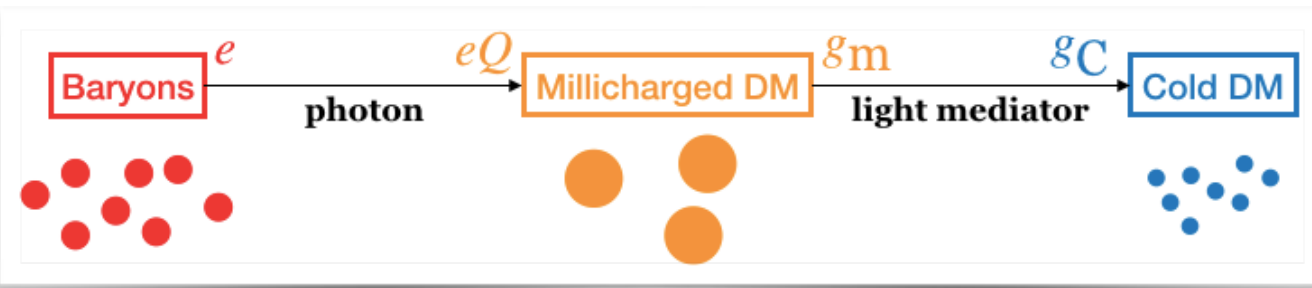
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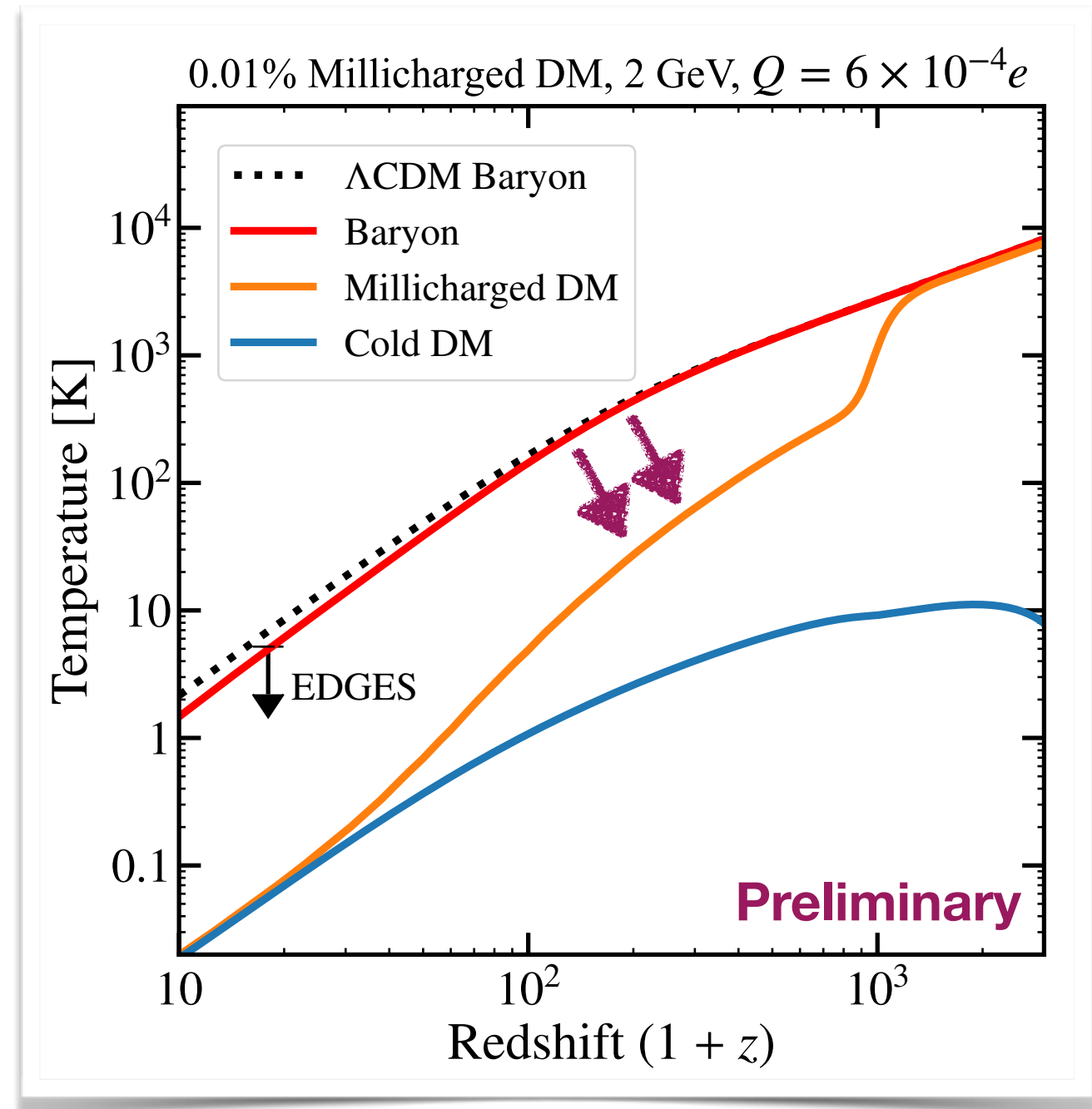


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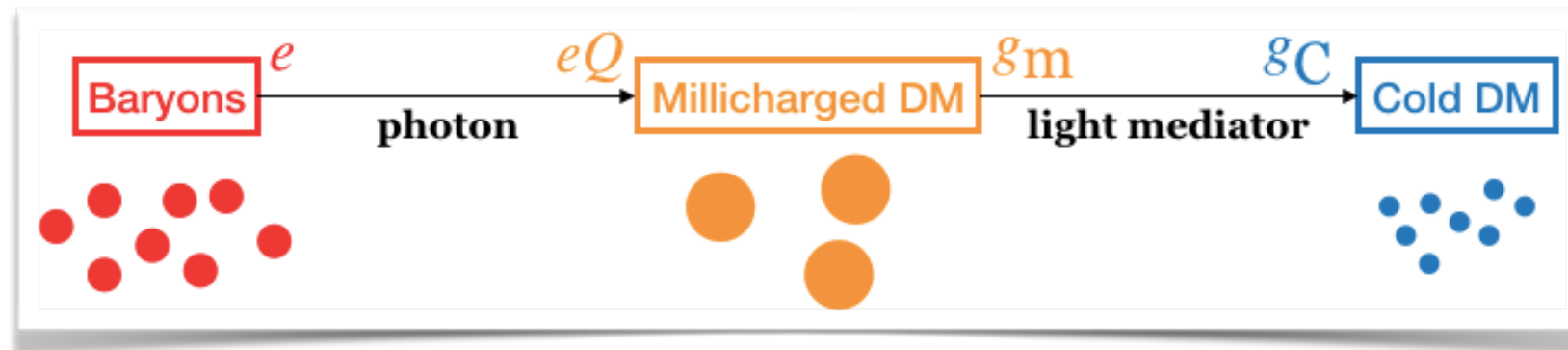
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Millicharged DM **cools baryons.** Also scatters off **neutral H and He!**

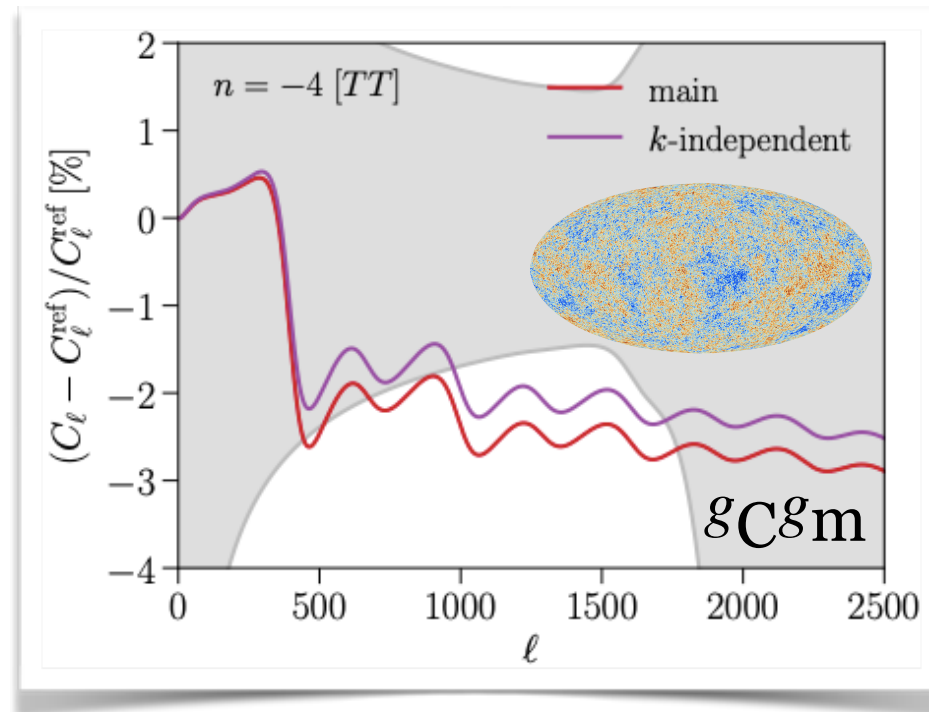
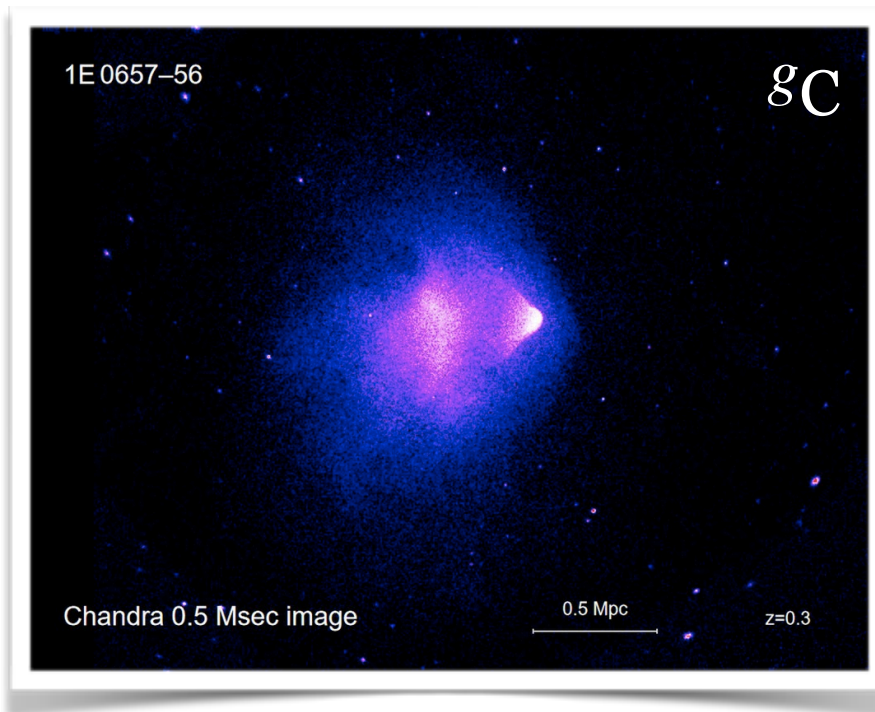
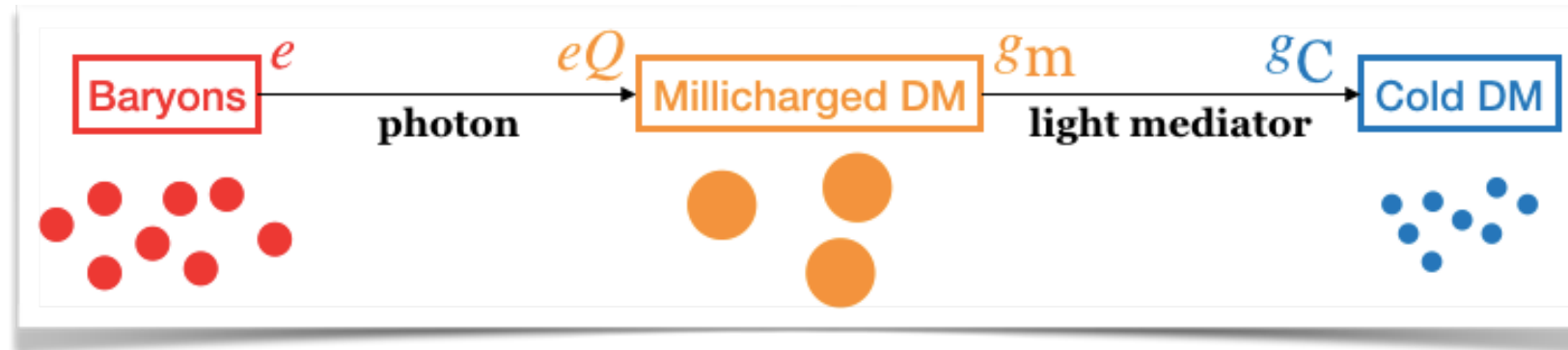


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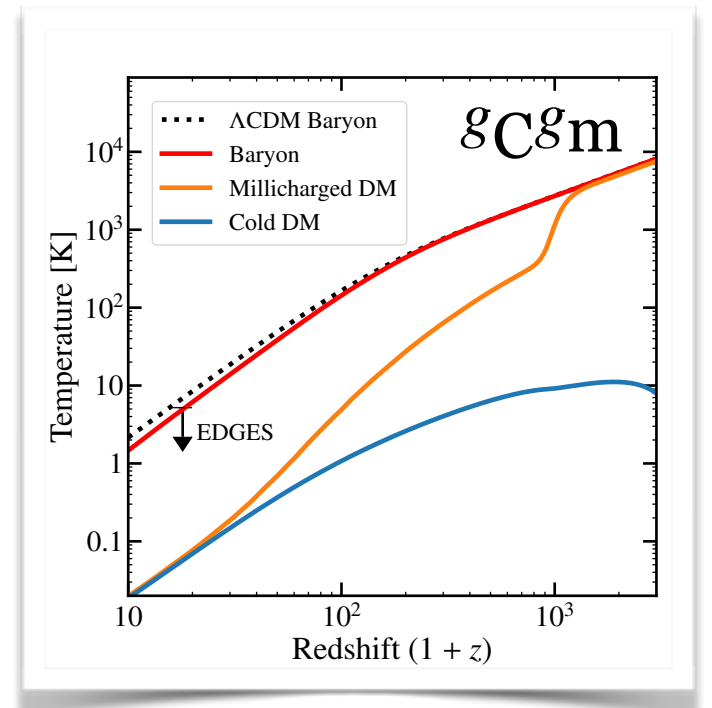
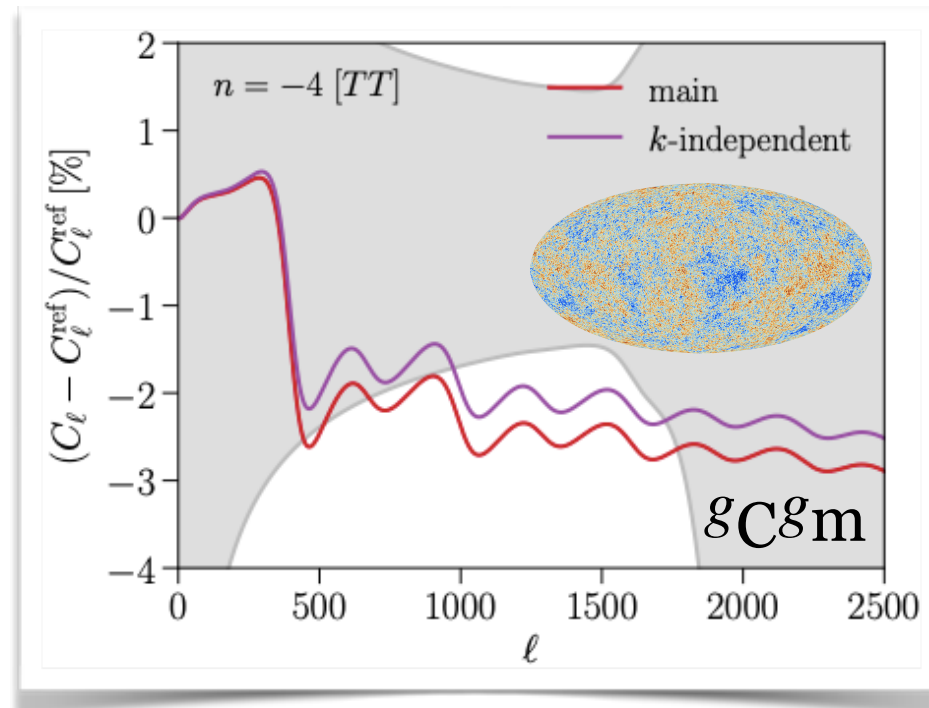
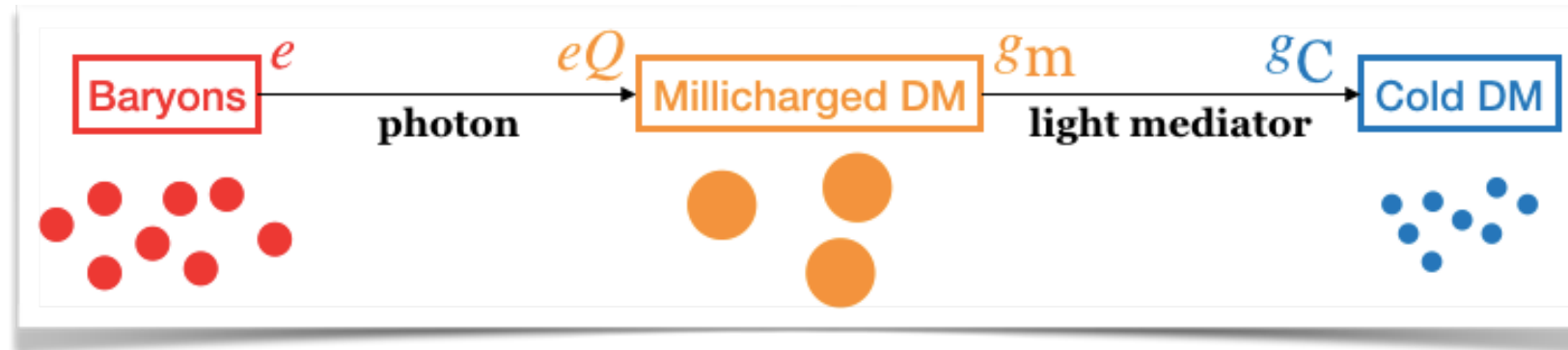
Self-interaction constraints set very weak limits on g_C .

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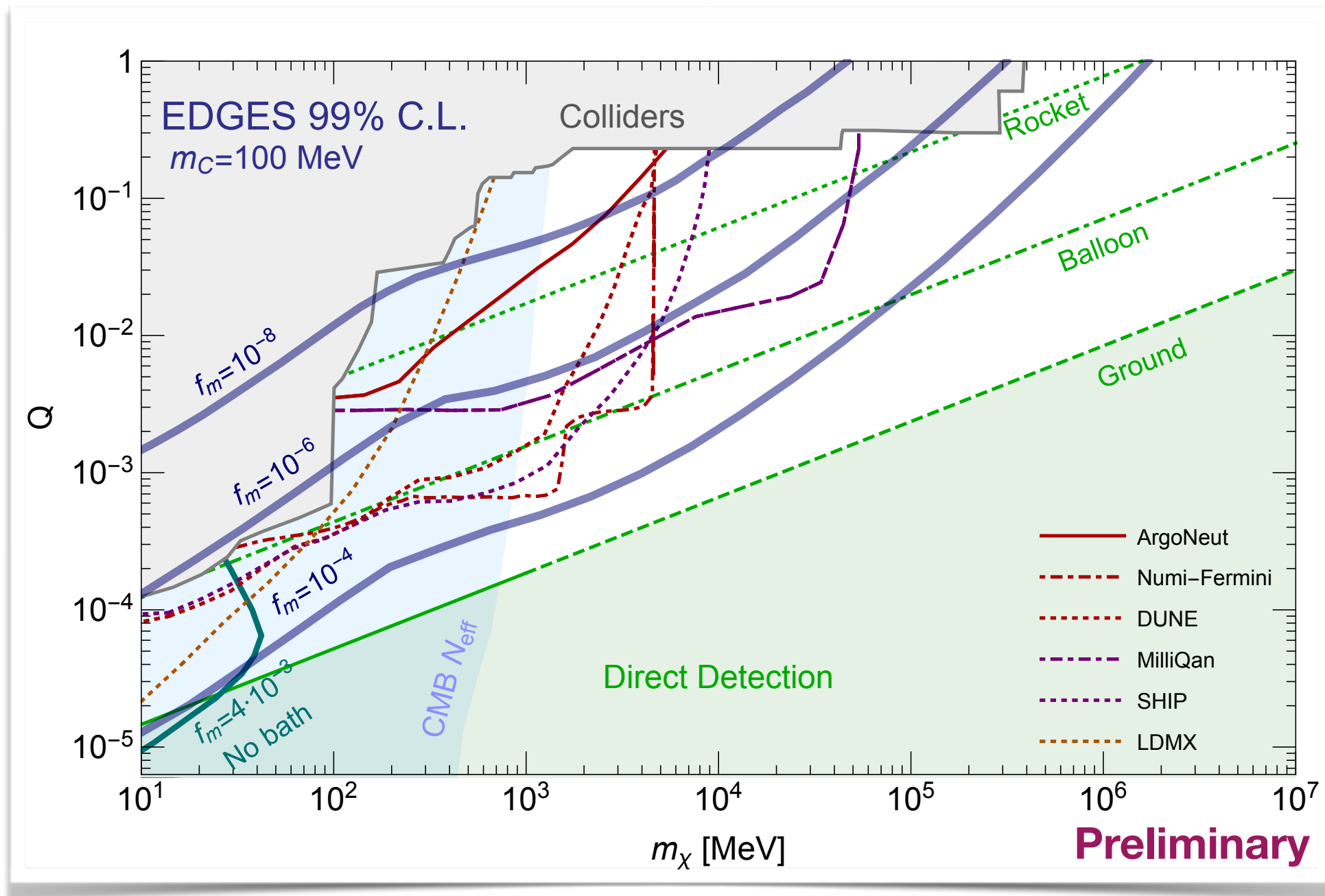
Same **CMB** constraints on dark matter-baryon interactions now limits both **millicharged fraction** ($f_m \lesssim 0.4 \%$) and $g_C g_m$ from limits on **momentum transfer** to dark matter.

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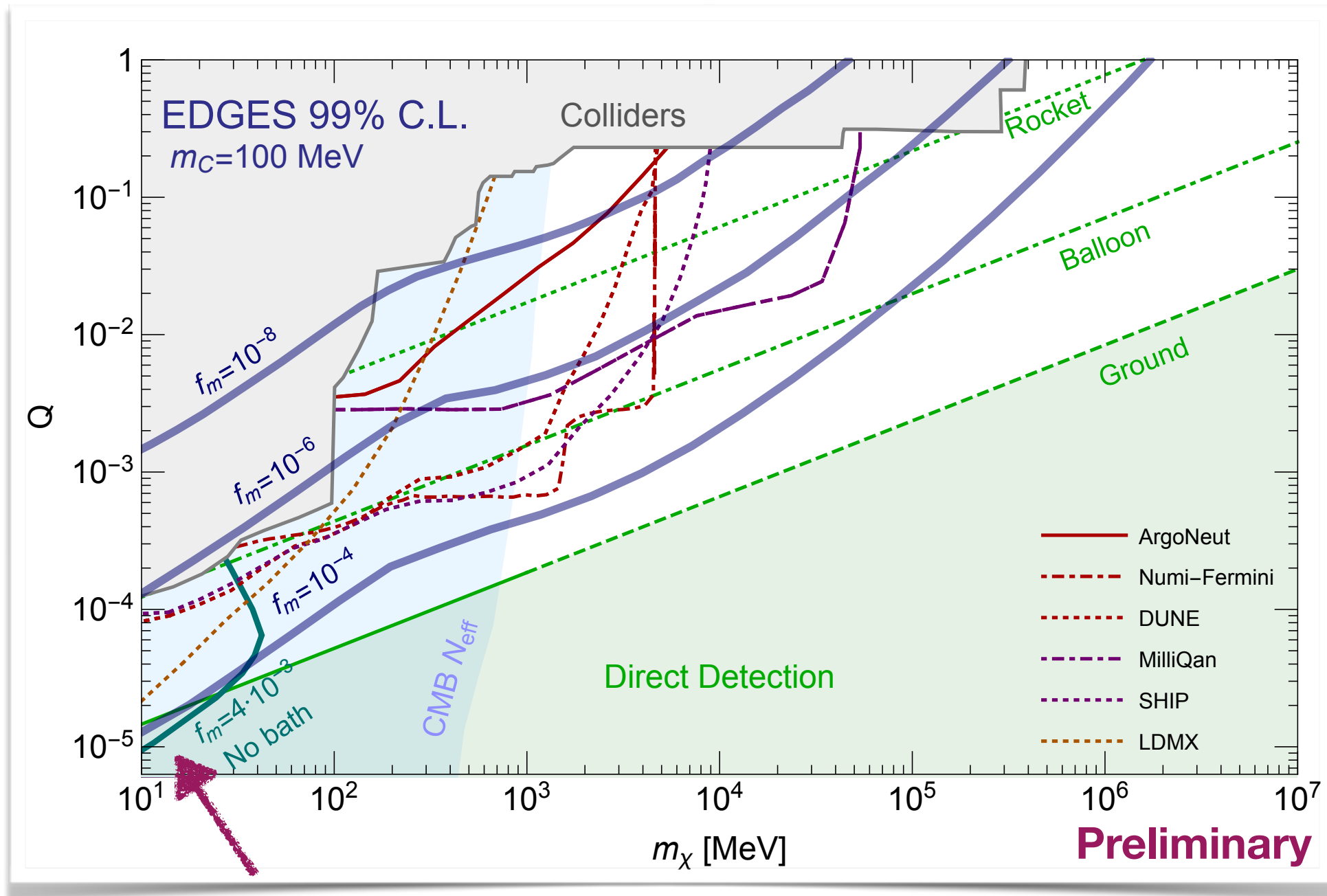


Requiring **tight coupling** between millicharged dark matter and baryons sets limits on $g_m g_C$ as a function of Q .

Millicharged Dark Matter Constraints

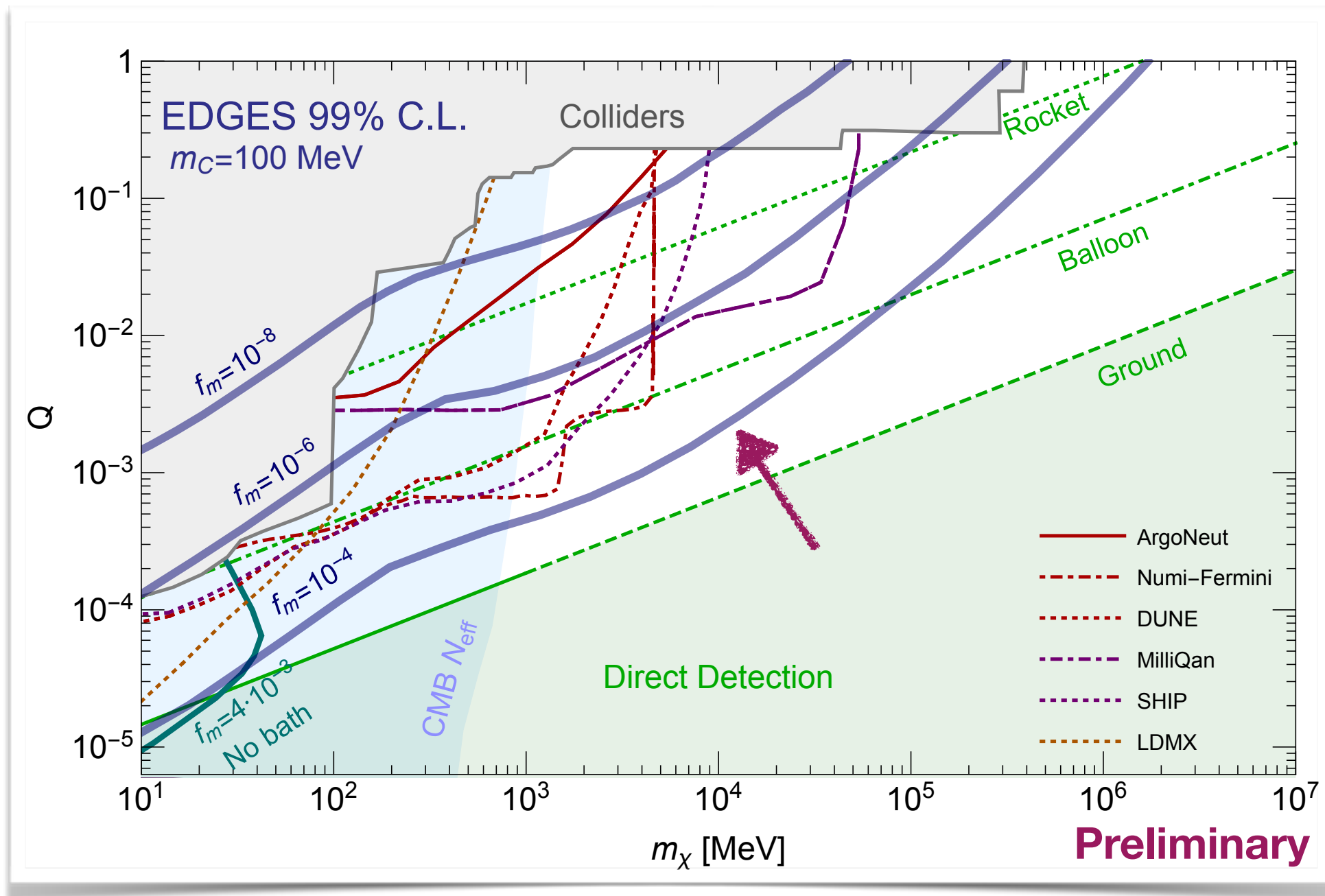


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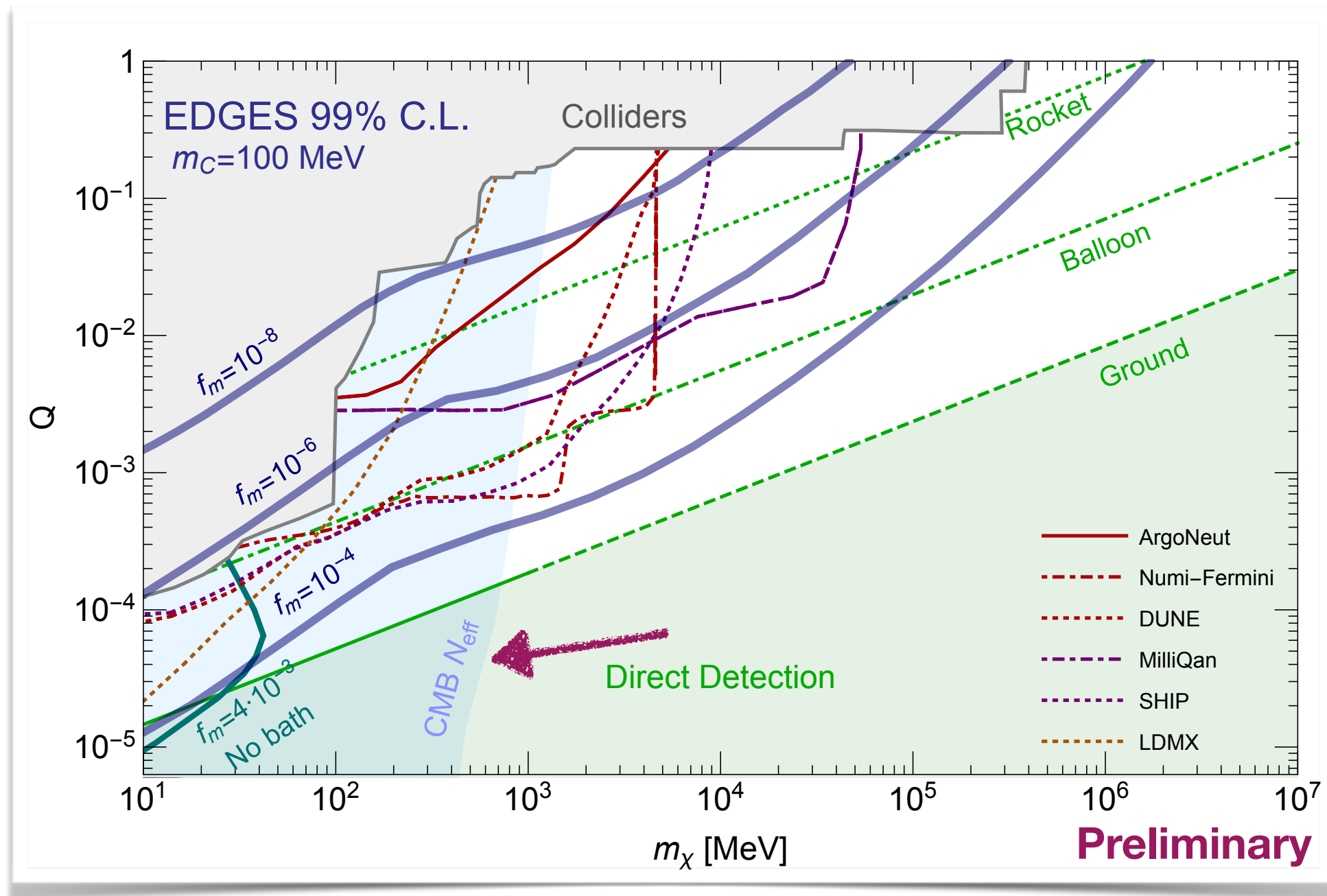
Pure millicharged model: ruled out by N_{eff} constraints.

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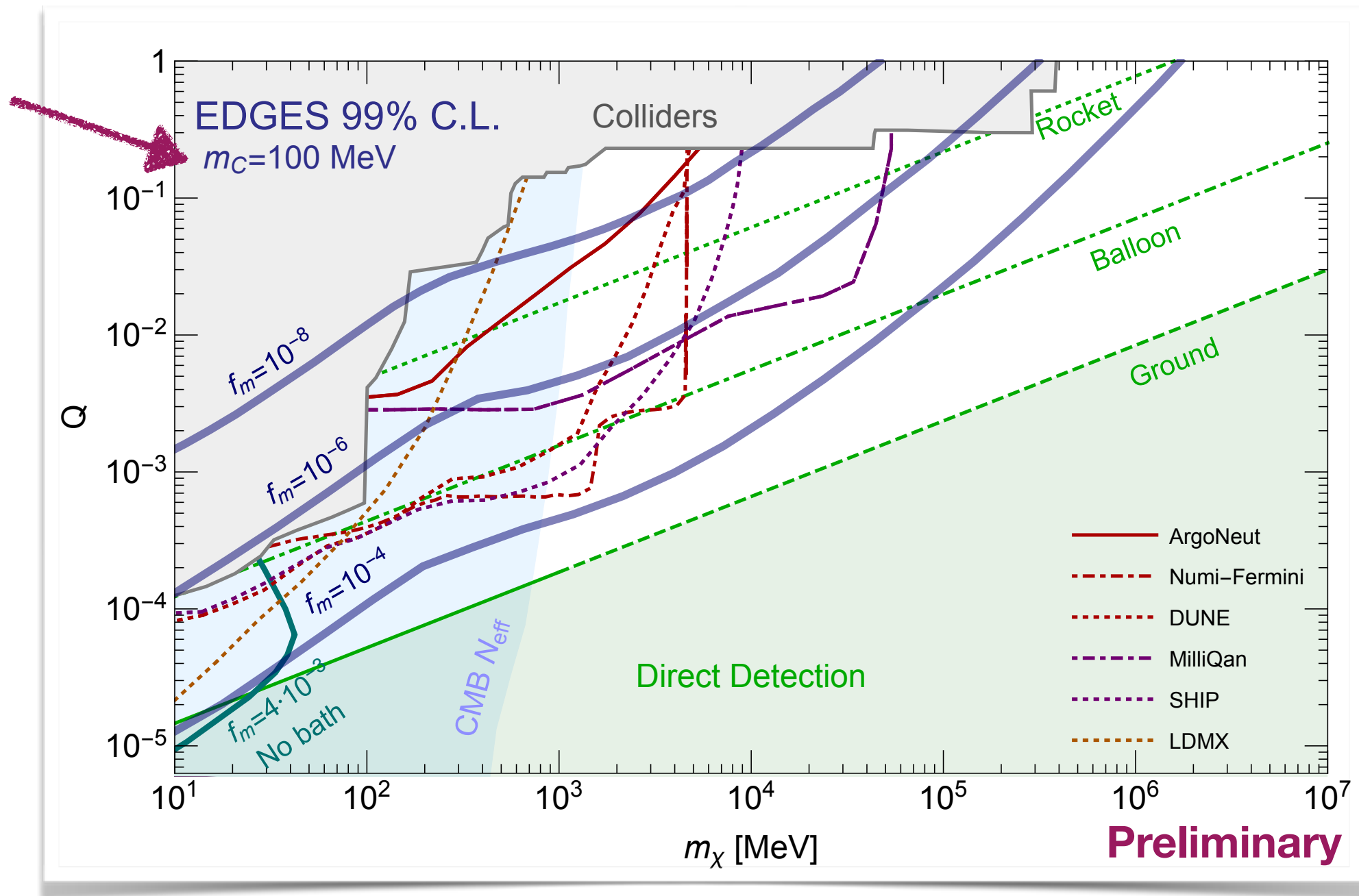
Our work: millicharged + cold dark matter model.
Small millicharged fraction of $10^{-8} \lesssim f_m \lesssim 4 \times 10^{-3}$ allowed.

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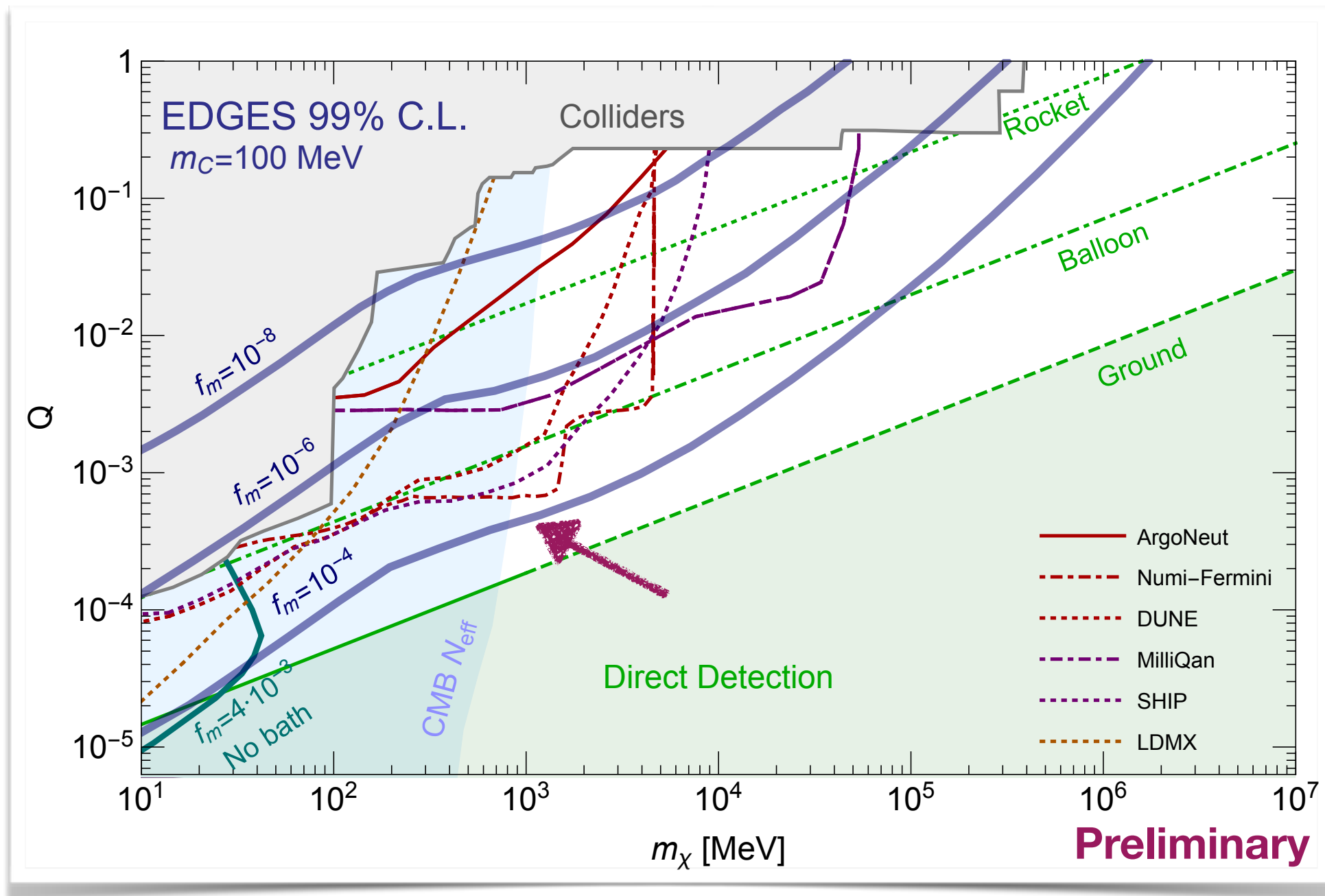
Millicharged dark matter **annihilate in the early universe to light mediators**: N_{eff} limits require \gtrsim GeV mass for millicharged dark matter.

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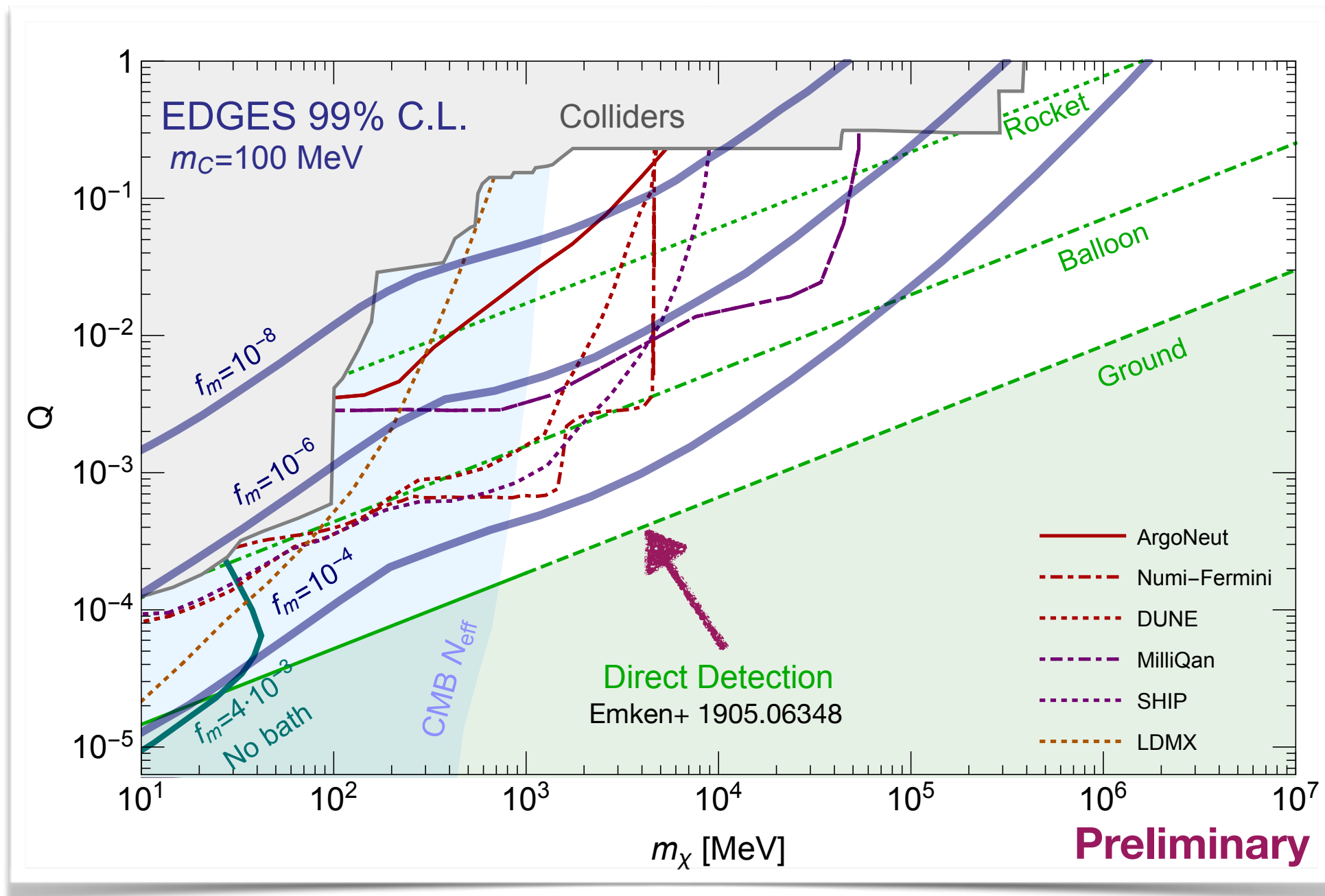
Relatively **independent** of cold dark matter mass, as long as $m_C \lesssim 10$ GeV.

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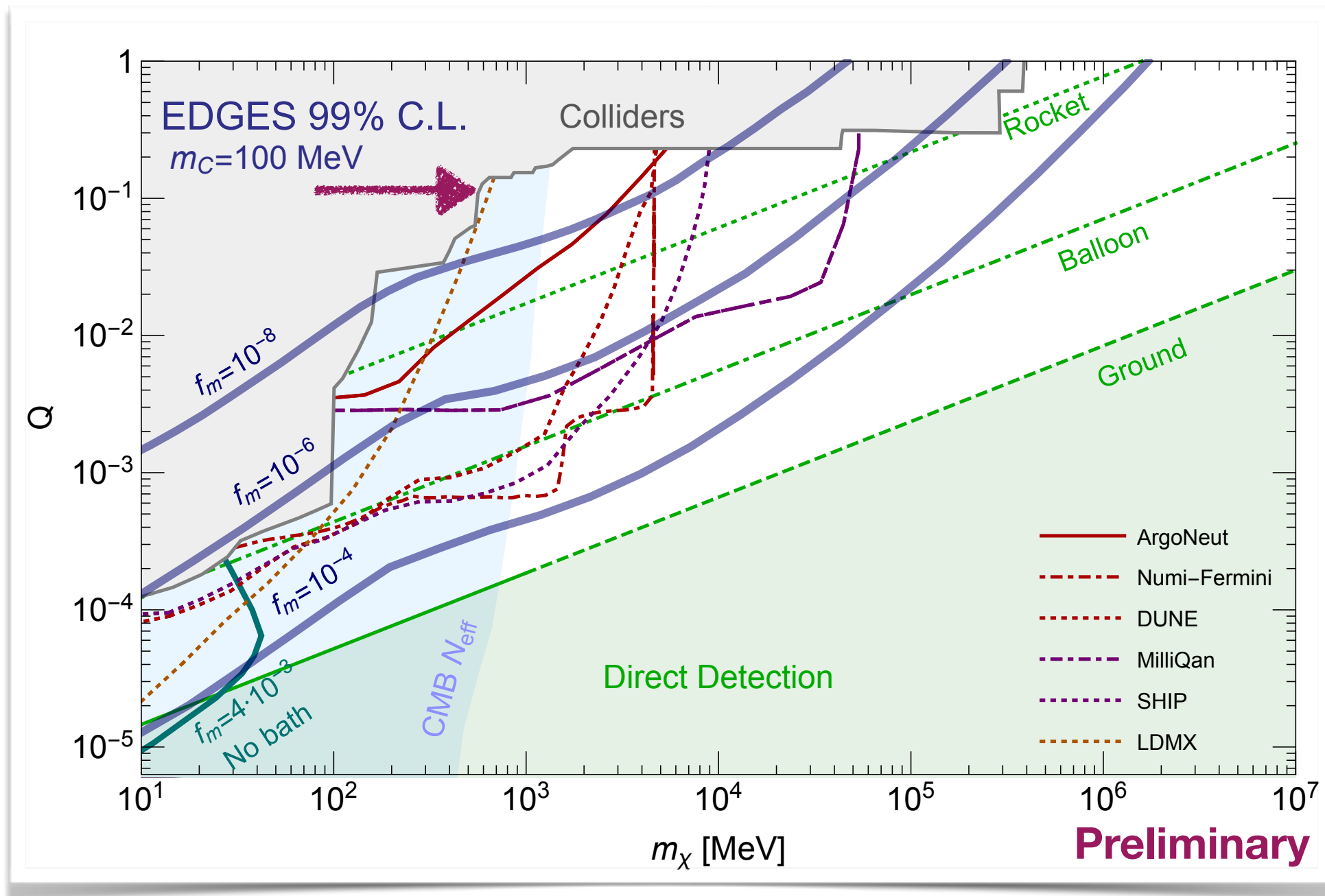
Change in $Q - m_m$ behavior at $m_m \sim \text{GeV}$ due to growing importance of scattering with neutral H and He.

Millicharged Dark Matter Constraints



Direct detection (e.g. SENSEI) sets lower limits. Must be **above ground** due to large Q , and **suppressed by small fraction**.

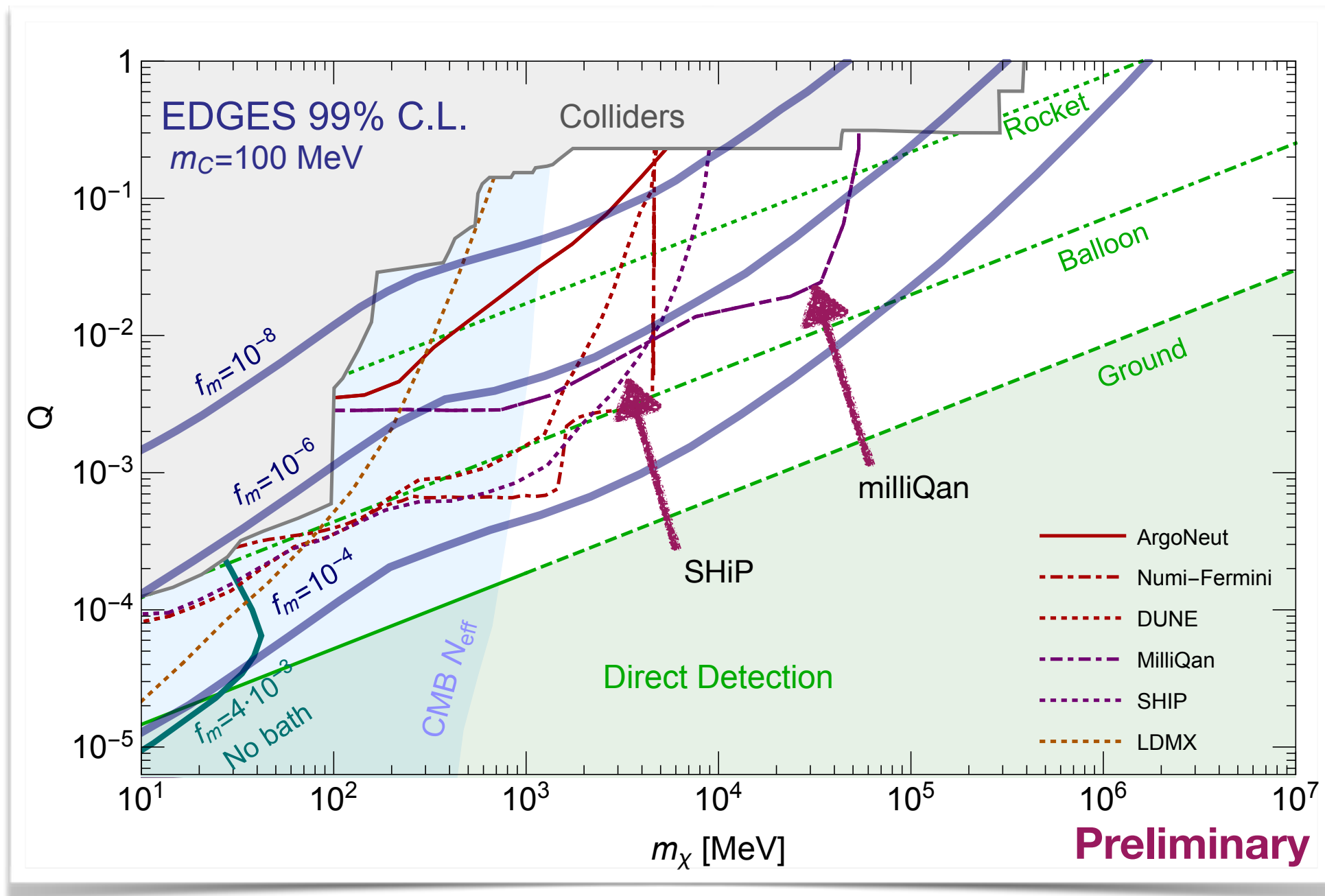
Millicharged Dark Matter Constraints



Beam experiment limits on millicharged particles from combination of SLAC milliQ, CMS, LSND and MiniBooNE.

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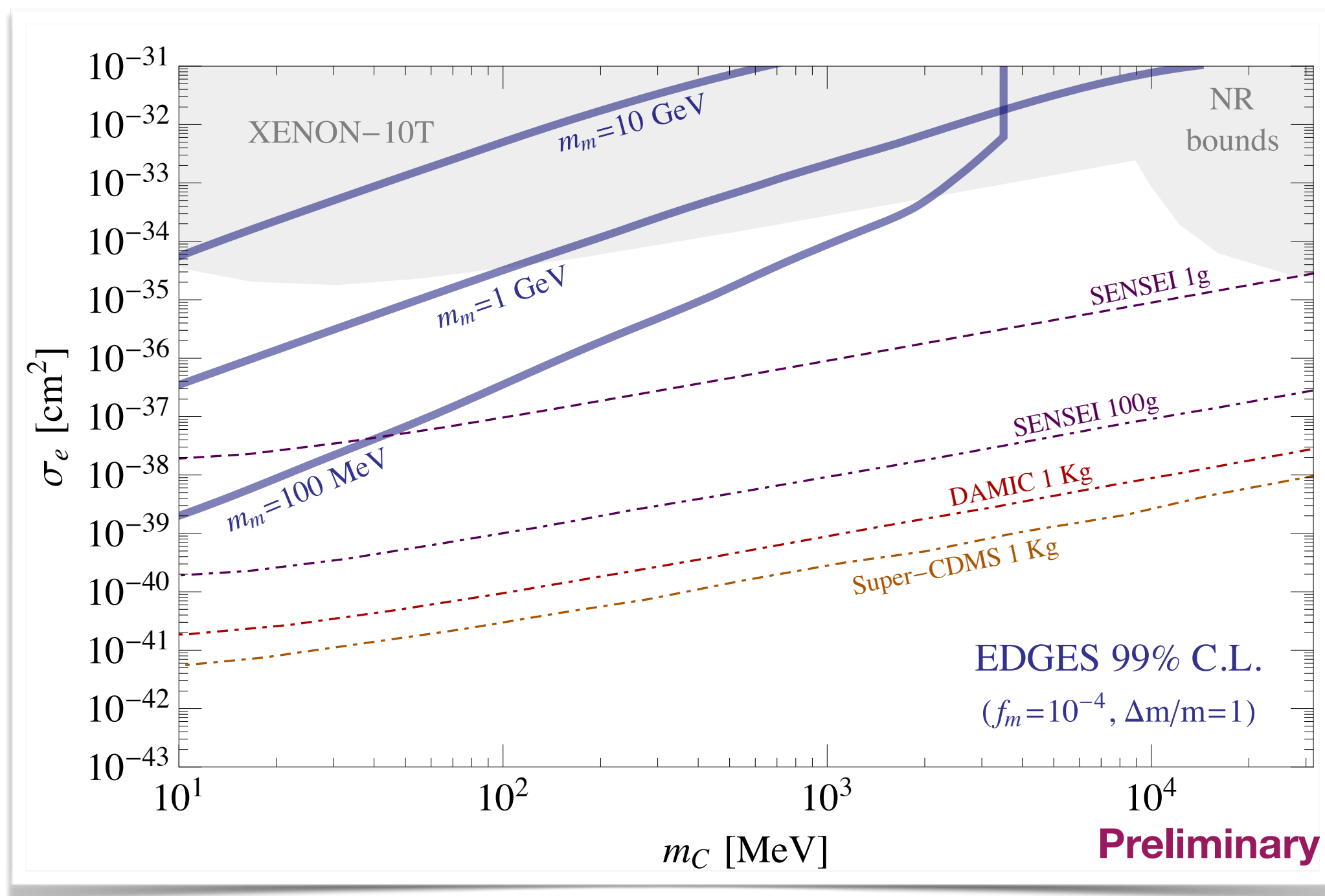
Millicharged Dark Matter Constraints



Future beam experiments will be very important, particularly **milliQan** and **SHiP**.

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Harnik+ 1902.03246,
Berlin+ 1807.01730

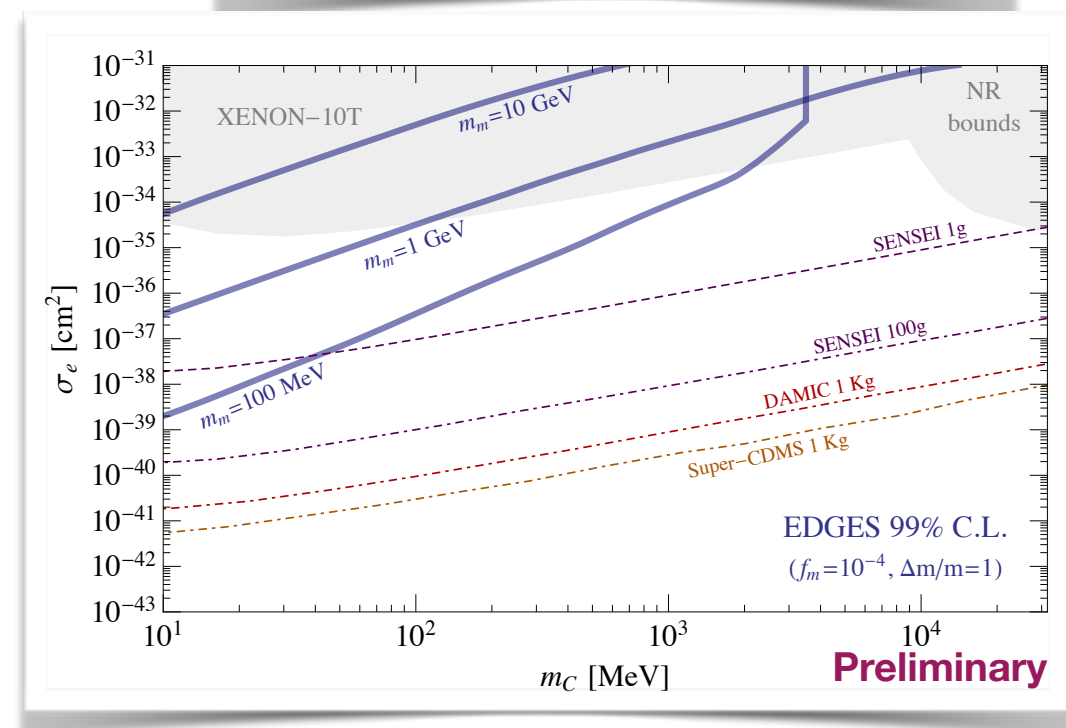
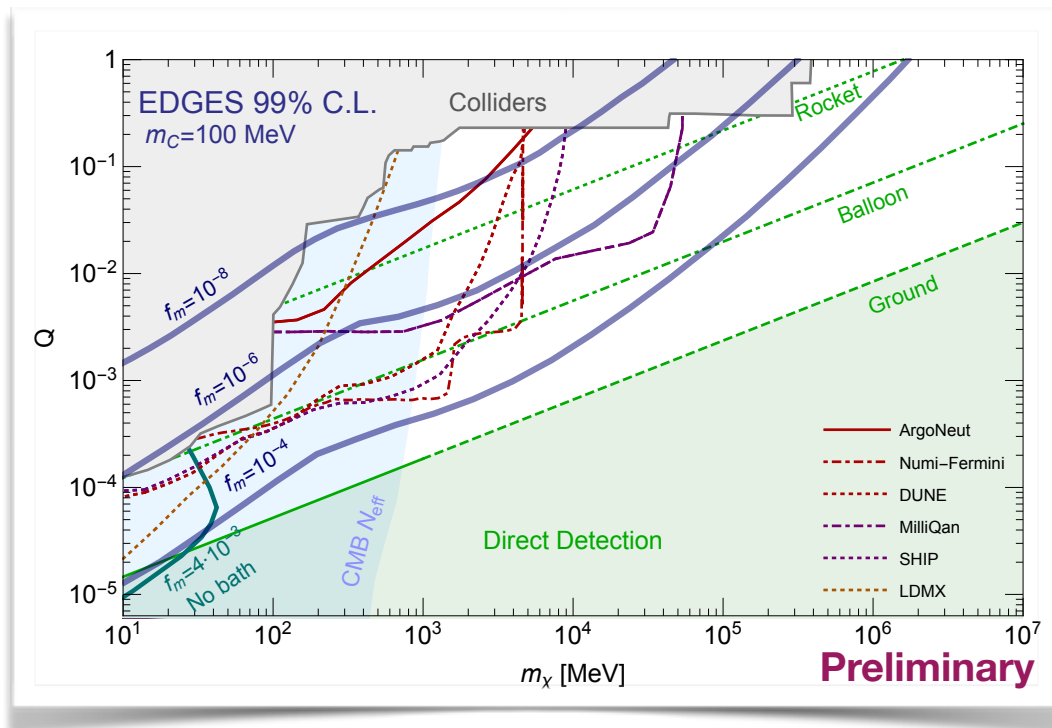
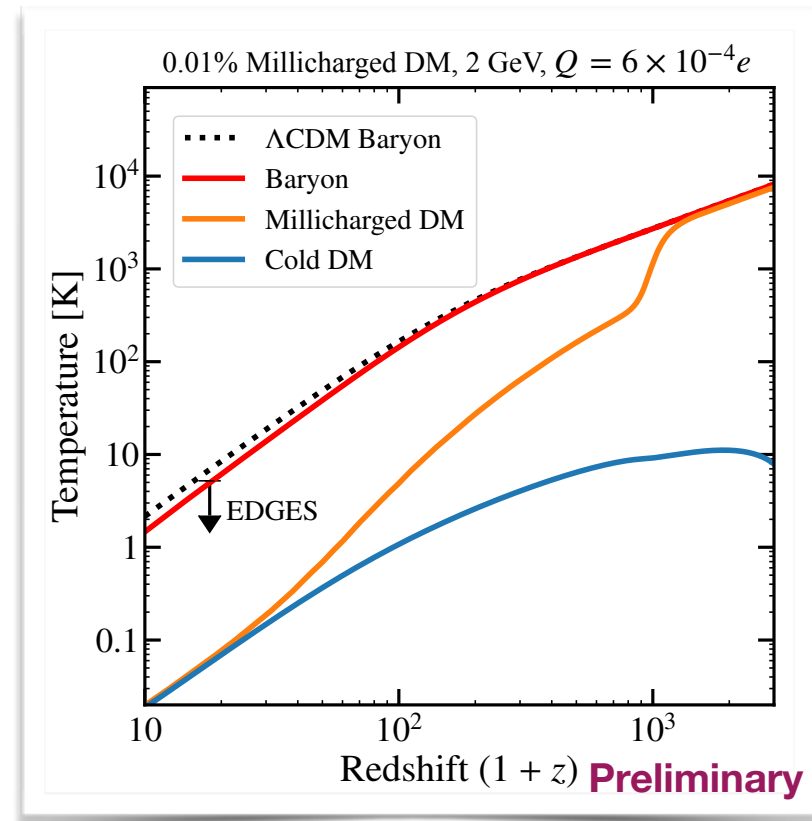
Cold Dark Matter Constraints



Cold dark matter has a **model dependent** interaction with baryons at one-loop. Most naive implementation a **prime target** for upcoming **direct detection** experiments.

Conclusion

1. **Millicharged + cold dark matter** can consistently produce striking 21-cm signatures, and can explain the EDGES observation.
2. **Broad range of parameter space** allowed: $\text{GeV} \lesssim m_m \lesssim \text{TeV}$ with $f_m \lesssim 0.4\%$, and $m_C \lesssim 10 \text{ GeV}$.
3. Very testable at **beam experiments** and **direct detection**, both current and future.

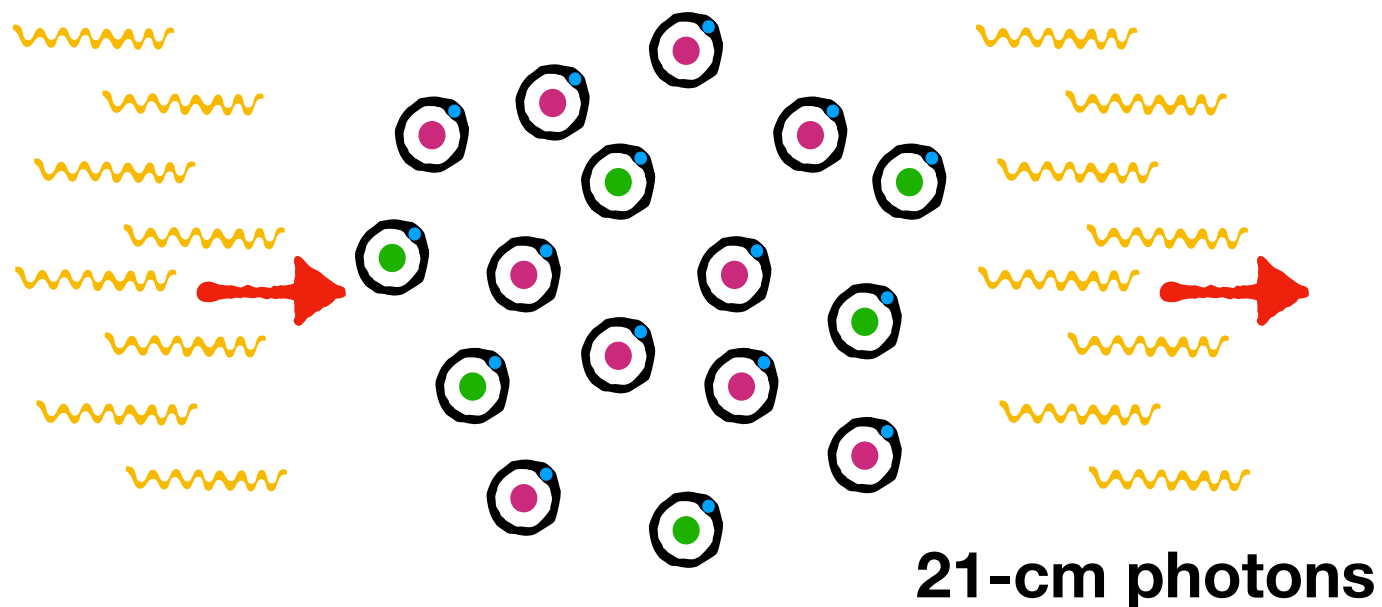
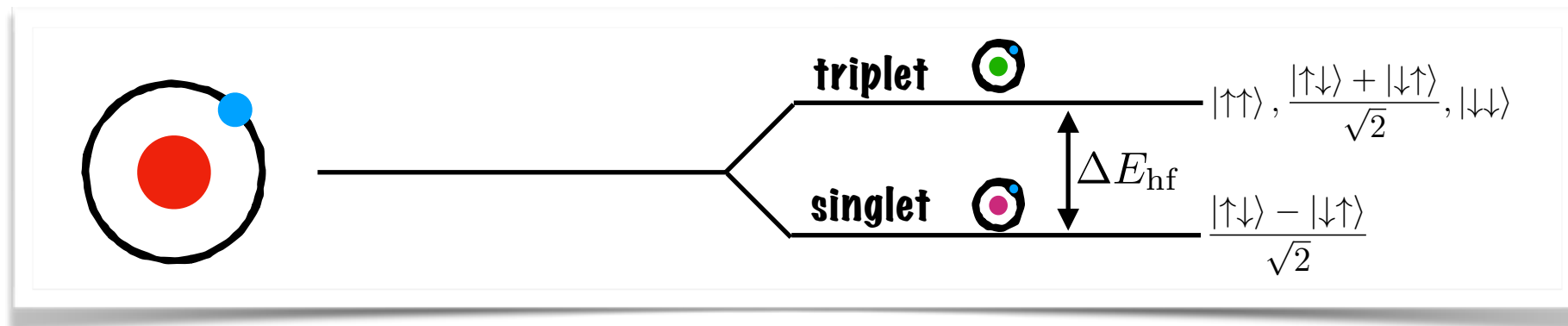




Backup Slides



21-cm Absorption/Emission



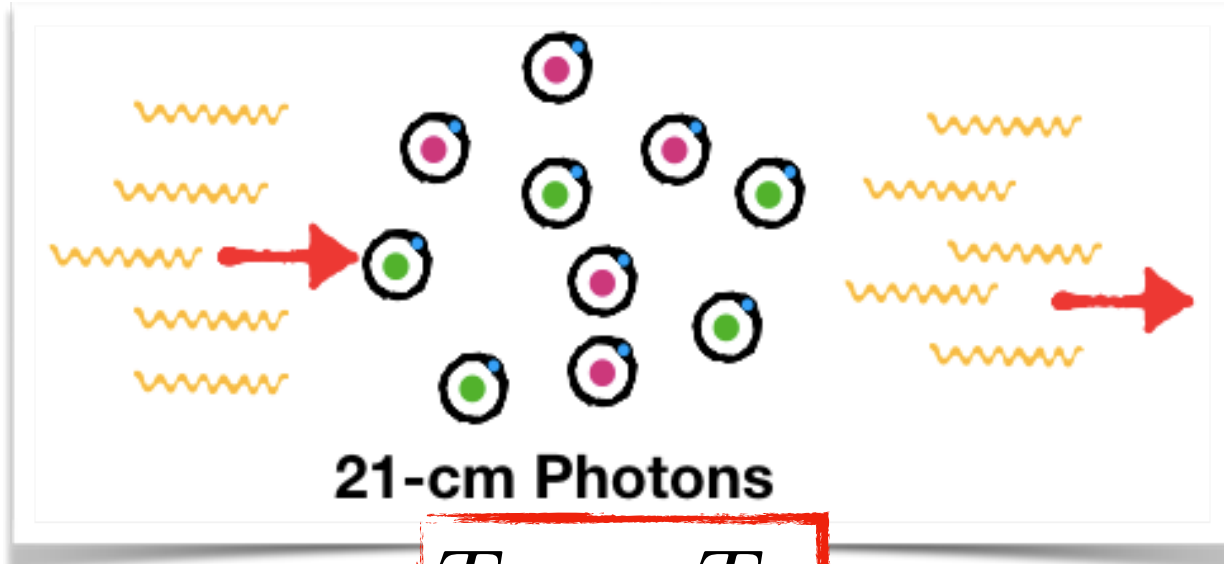
Two-level system, occupancy characterized by **spin temperature**:

$$\frac{n_2}{n_1} = 3e^{-\Delta E_{\text{hf}}/T_S}$$

If neutral hydrogen were in **equilibrium** with a background source of 21-cm radiation, e.g. the **CMB**,

$$T_S = T_R$$

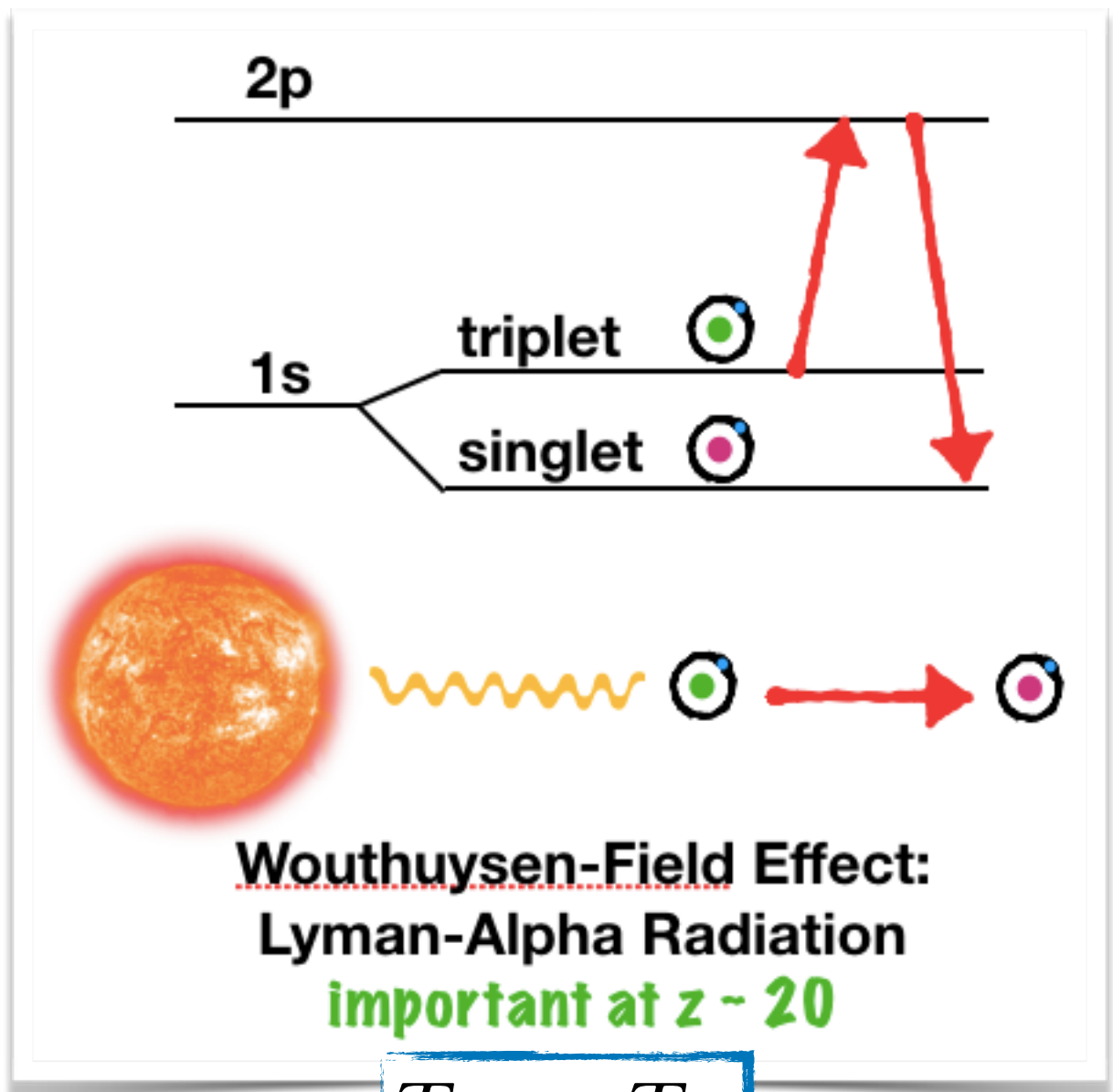
21-cm Processes



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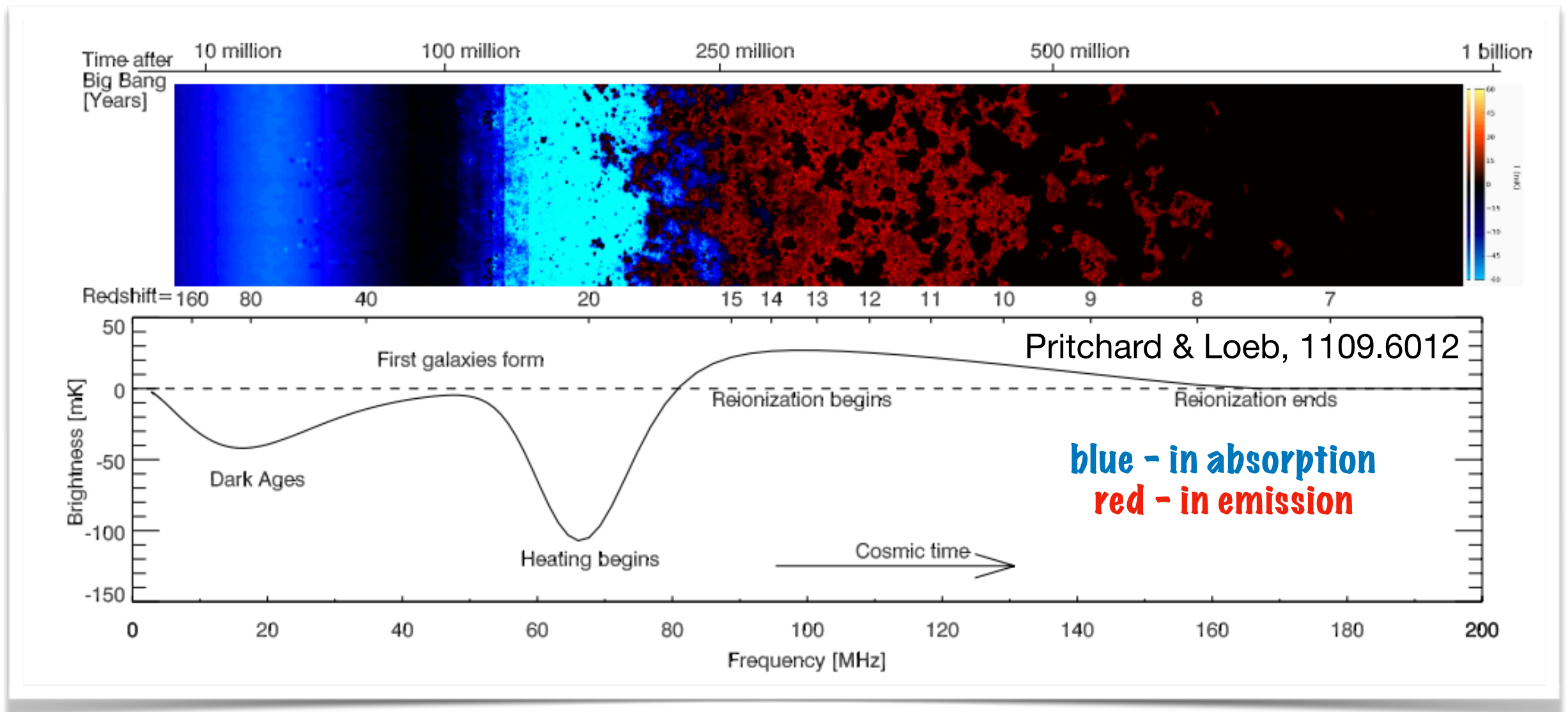


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21-cm Cosmology



Measure the brightness of the sky in MHz, relative to CMB temperature.
Constrains the ratio of **baryon temperature** T_m to **21-cm radiation temperature** T_R
in the early universe, T_m/T_R .

Evolution Equations

$$\frac{dT_b}{d \log a} + 2T_b = \frac{2f_m \rho_{\text{DM}}}{3H(1+x_e+\mathcal{F}_{\text{He}})} \sum_j \frac{x_j \mu_{jm}}{m_m + m_j} \left[I_{jm}^D + \frac{T_m - T_b}{m_m u_{jm}^2} I_{jm}^T \right] + \frac{\Gamma_{\text{Comp}}}{H} (T_\gamma - T_b),$$

$$\frac{dT_C}{d \log a} + 2T_C = \frac{2f_m \rho_{\text{DM}}}{3H} \frac{\mu_{mC}}{m_m + m_C} \left[I_{mC}^D + \frac{T_m - T_C}{m_m u_{mC}^2} I_{mC}^T \right],$$

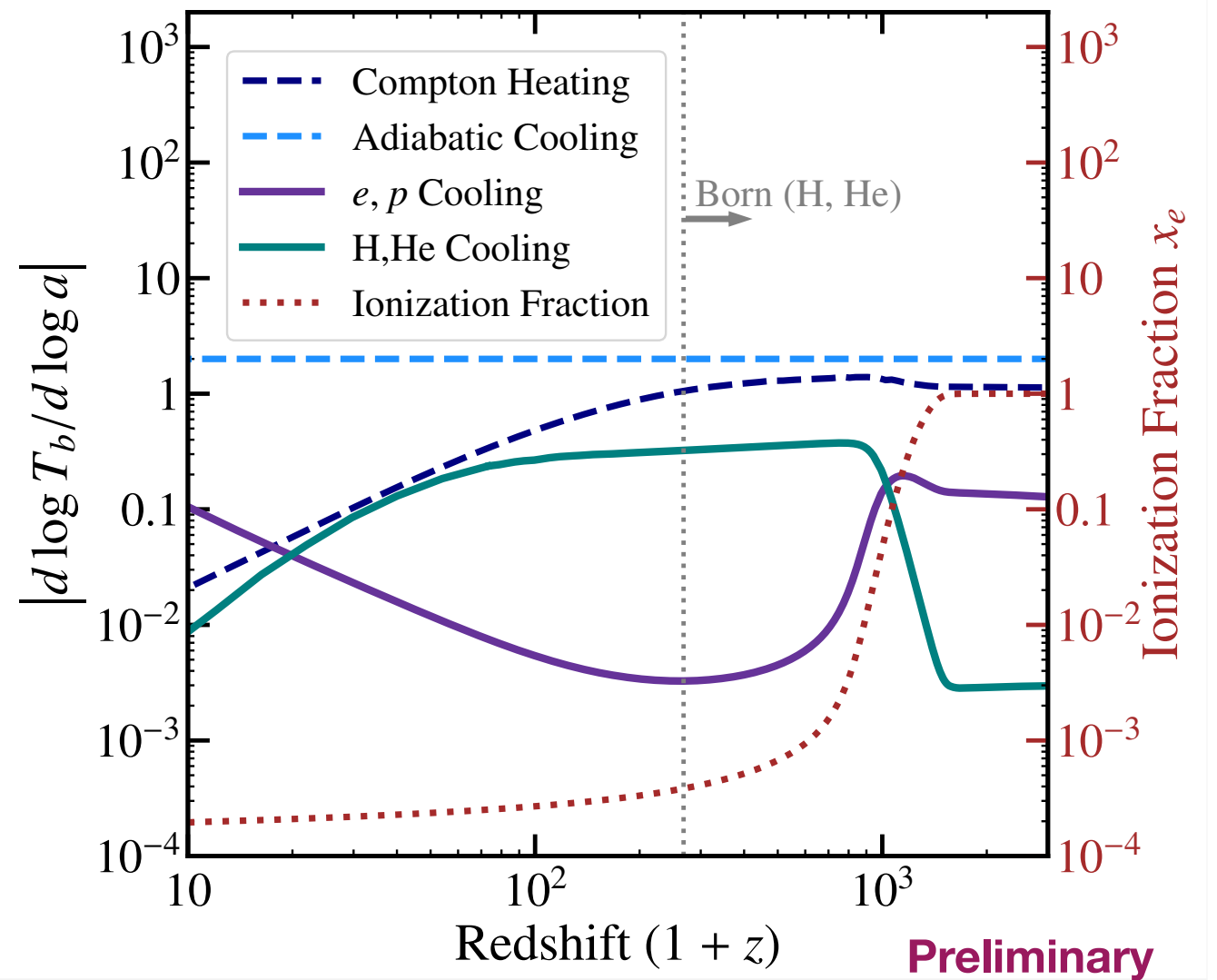
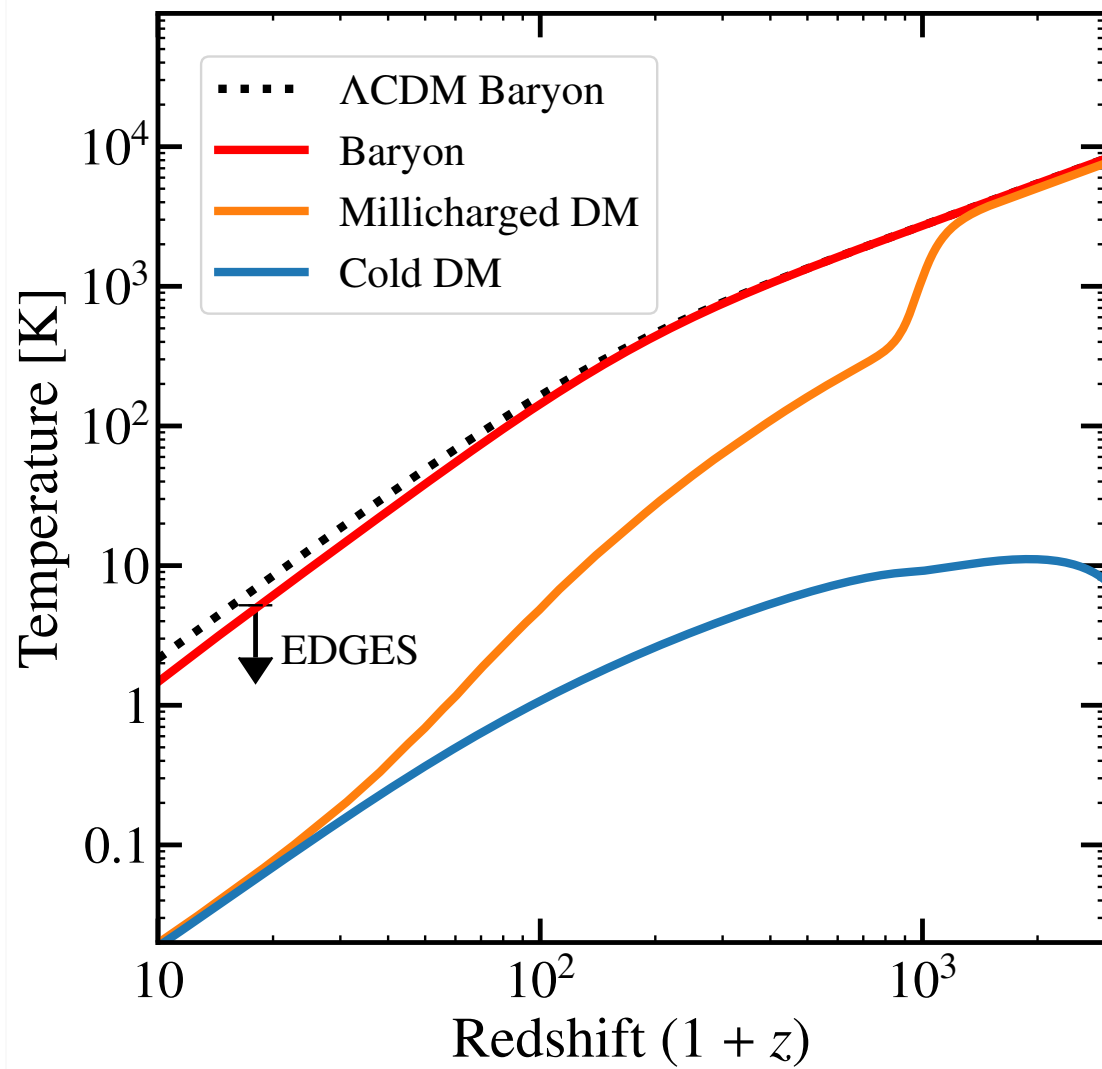
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$$\frac{dV_{bm}}{d \log a} + V_{bm} = - \left(\frac{\rho_m}{\rho_b} + 1 \right) \sum_j \frac{\rho_j}{m_m + m_j} \frac{I_{jm}^D}{H V_{bm}} + \frac{\rho_C}{m_m + m_C} \frac{I_{mC}^D}{H V_{mC}},$$

$$\frac{dV_{mC}}{d \log a} + V_{mC} = - \frac{\rho_m + \rho_C}{m_m + m_C} \frac{I_{mC}^D}{H V_{mC}} + \sum_j \frac{\rho_j}{m_m + m_j} \frac{I_{jm}^D}{H V_{bm}},$$

$$\frac{dx_e}{d \log a} = - \frac{C}{H} \left(n_H \mathcal{A}_B x_e^2 - 4(1-x_e) \mathcal{B}_B e^{3E_0/(4T_\gamma)} \right).$$

Rates Plot



Preliminary

CMB and SI Limit

CMB:

$$\sigma_T^{m_C} (V_{\text{rel}}) V_{\text{rel}}^4 \lesssim \frac{m_C + m_m}{m_p} \left(1 + \frac{\Omega_b}{f_m \Omega_{\text{DM}}} \right) \times 1.7 \times 10^{-41} \text{ cm}^2$$

Self-Interaction:

$$\frac{\alpha_C^2}{m_C^3} \lesssim 10^{-11} \text{ GeV}^{-3}$$

Scattering

Momentum Transfer Cross Section

$$\sigma_T^{\text{bm}} \simeq \frac{2\pi Q^2 \alpha_{\text{em}}^2}{\mu_{\text{m}}^2 v_{\text{rel}}^4} \log \left(\frac{T_{\text{b}} m_p \mu^2 v_{\text{rel}}^4}{Q^2 \alpha_{\text{em}}^3 \rho_{\text{b}}} \right)$$

$$\sigma_T^{\text{mC}} = \frac{2\pi \alpha_C \alpha_{\text{m}}}{\mu_{\text{mC}}^2 v_{\text{rel}}^4} \log \left(\frac{\mu_{\text{mC}}^2 v_{\text{rel}}^4}{\alpha_C \alpha_{\text{m}} m_{\phi}^2} \right)$$

Non-Minimal Cold DM

