

SEED MFS GENERATED DURING RECOMBINATION

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HARRISON MECHANISM

- Intuitively: photons (γ) + protons (p) + electrons (e)
tight-coupled before recombination

beyond the tight-coupling regime

$$v_p - v_e \neq 0 \Rightarrow E \neq 0 \Rightarrow B \neq 0$$

[Harrison, '70]

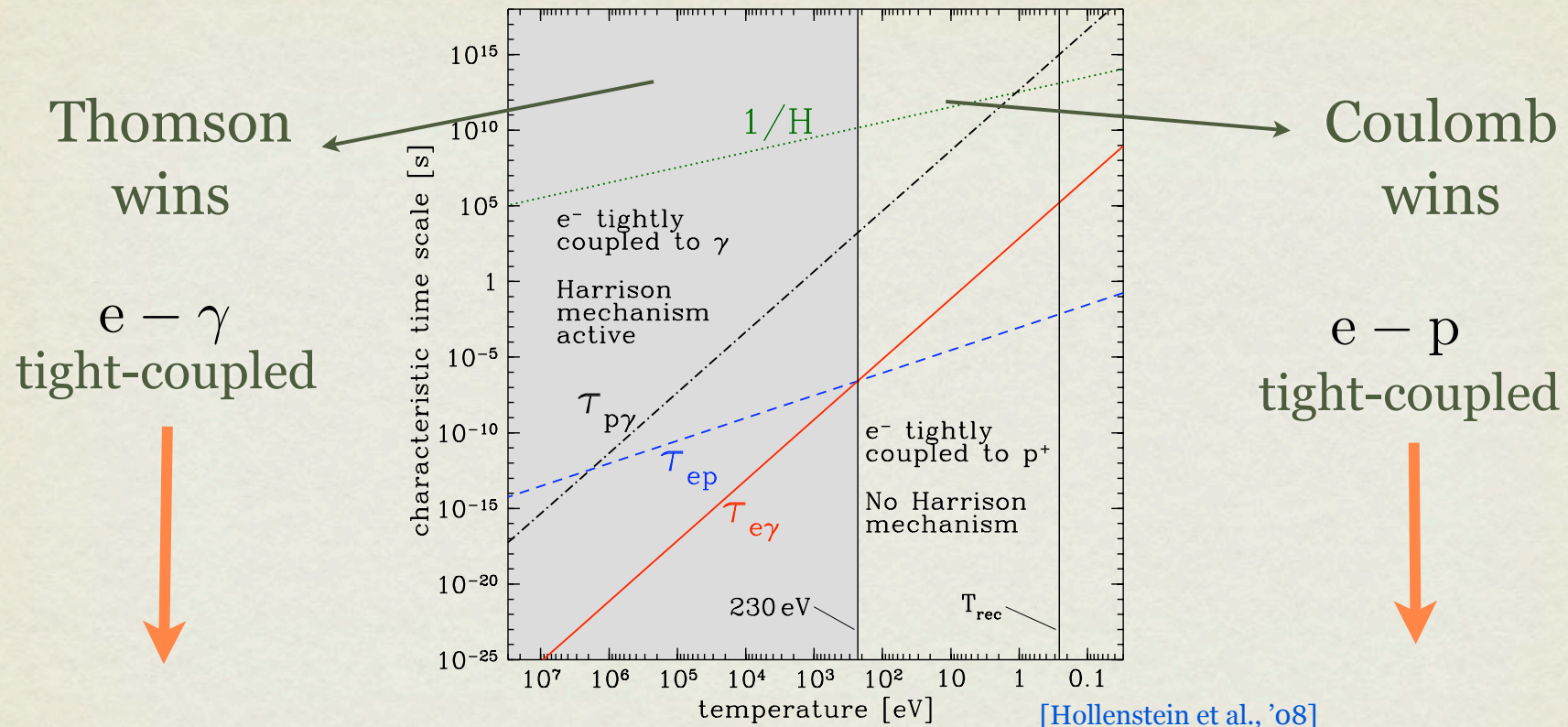
- Thomson cross-section for e $\propto \sigma_T \gg$ Thomson cross-section for p $\propto \left(\frac{m_e}{m_p}\right)^2 \sigma_T$

\Rightarrow Vorticity of $\gamma \rightarrow$ vorticity of e

\Rightarrow Magnetic Field generation

THOMSON VS COULOMB

Period of interest: from e^\pm annihilation ($z \lesssim 10^{-9}$) until recombination



Electric field that couples tightly $e - p$ is generated

Coulomb scattering is not efficient

[Tahahashi et al., '08]

ELECTRIC FIELD GENERATION

Euler eqs. for p and e

$$\begin{aligned}
 m_p n_p \tilde{D}(v_p^\mu) &= \tilde{C}_{pe}^\mu + \tilde{C}_{p\gamma}^\mu \\
 m_e n_e \tilde{D}(v_e^\mu) &= -\tilde{C}_{pe}^\mu + \tilde{C}_{e\gamma}^\mu
 \end{aligned}
 \Rightarrow
 \begin{aligned}
 \cancel{\tilde{D}(\delta v_{pe}^\mu)} &\sim \cancel{n x_e^2 \eta c \delta v_{pe}^\mu} + x_e E^\mu \\
 &+ \sigma_T \rho_\gamma x_e \left(\delta v_{\gamma b}^\mu - \Theta^\mu{}_\nu v_b^\nu - \delta v_{pe}^\mu \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

Interaction terms

Initial conditions:

$$E = 0 = B, \quad \delta v_{pe} \neq 0 \neq \delta v_{\gamma b}$$

Maxwell eq.:

$$j^\mu = x_e n (v_p^\mu - v_e^\mu) = \text{curl} B^\mu - E^{\mu'}$$

\Rightarrow

$$E^\mu \neq 0$$

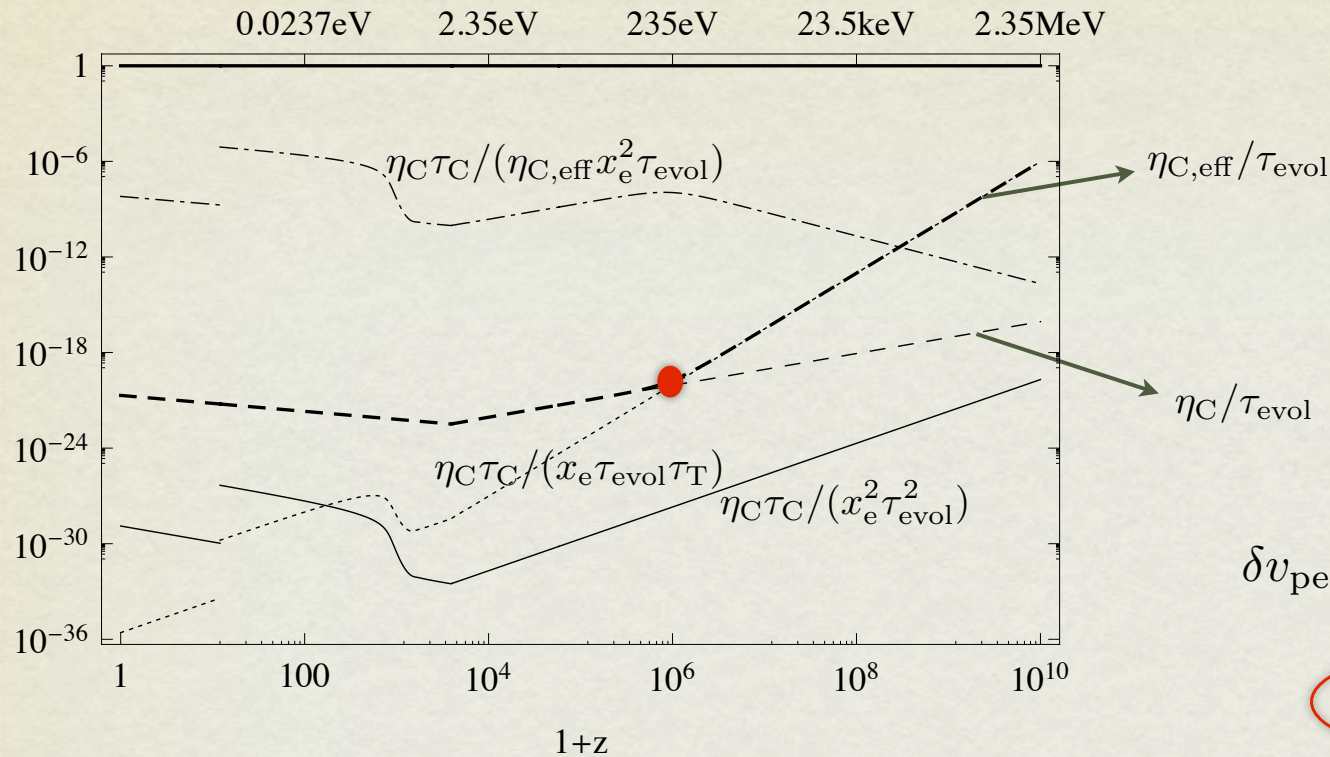
$$\delta v_{pe} \sim 0$$

electrons and protons
always tightly coupled

$$E^\mu \sim \frac{4\rho_\gamma \sigma_T}{3e} \left(\delta v_{\gamma b}^\mu - \frac{2}{5} \Theta^\mu{}_\nu v_b^\nu \right) \rightarrow \text{no } x_e !!$$

[Tahahashi et al, '08]

TIME SCALES



$\tau_C, \tau_T =$ relaxation times

$\eta_C \propto \frac{1}{\tau_C} =$ electric resistivity

$$\eta_{C,\text{eff}} \sim \eta_C \left(1 + \frac{\tau_C}{\tau_T} \right)$$

$$\tau_{\text{evol}} \sim \min \left[k_{\text{Silk}}^{-1}, k_{1\text{Mpc}}^{-1} \right]$$

$$x_e \neq 0$$

$$\delta v_{\text{pe}} \propto \frac{\eta_C \tau_C}{x_e \tau_{\text{evol}} \tau_T} \delta v_{\text{b}\gamma}$$

$$\delta v_{\text{pe}} \ll \delta v_{\text{b}\gamma}$$

$$\hat{E}^\mu \left[1 - \mathcal{O} \left(\frac{\eta_C \tau_C}{x_e^2 \tau_{\text{evol}}^2} + \frac{\eta_C}{\tau_{\text{evol}}} + \frac{\eta_C \tau_C}{x_e \tau_{\text{evol}} \tau_T} \right) \right]$$

$$= \text{curl} \hat{B}^\mu \eta_{C,\text{eff}} \left[1 - \mathcal{O} \left(\frac{\eta_C \tau_C}{\eta_{C,\text{eff}} x_e^2 \tau_{\text{evol}}^2} \right) \right] + \frac{4m}{3e\tau_T} \left[\hat{\delta} v_{\gamma\text{b}}^\mu - \Theta^\mu{}_\nu \hat{v}_{\text{b}}^\nu \right],$$

**ALWAYS
TRUE!**

NUMERICAL ANALYSIS

Second order in perturbation theory

- Curl of the generated EF (Maxwell eq.)

$$(a^2 B^i)' = -a^2 \epsilon^{ijk} \partial_j [(1 + \Phi - \Psi) E_k]$$

- Only the first order scalar potentials Ψ and Φ enter in the evolution equation for the MF
- $\delta v_{pe} \ll \delta v_{b\gamma} \Rightarrow$ solve for the dynamics of b and $\gamma \sim$ CMB
- Numerical integration \Rightarrow beyond the tight-coupling regime
- Stop the numerical integration AFTER recombination, since the MF is still produced!

MAGNETIC FIELD GENERATION

$$(a^2 B^i)' = \Delta v_{b\gamma}^{(2)} + [\delta_\gamma^{(1)} + \Phi^{(1)} - \Psi^{(1)}] \Delta v_{b\gamma}^{(1)} + [\Theta_2^{(1)} v_b^{(1)}]$$

- Scalar perturbations cannot generate MF, we need vortical perturbations
- We consider all the source terms, like the second order velocity difference between baryons and photons
- The sum is suppressed on large scales \Rightarrow if we do not consider the sum, we overestimate the final MF

[Ichiki et al., '07]

Early time and super-Hubble scales

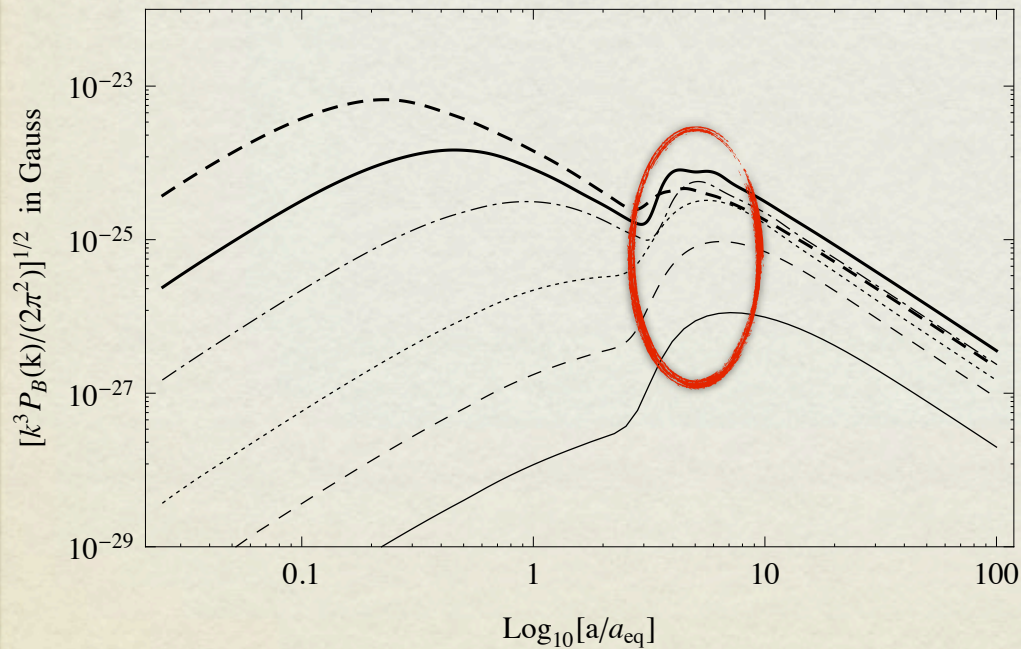
$$\delta_\gamma \propto \text{const}$$

$$v_b - v_\gamma \propto R \frac{k}{\tau'} \left(\frac{\delta_\gamma}{4} - \frac{\mathcal{H}v_b}{k} \right) \propto k^3 \eta^5$$

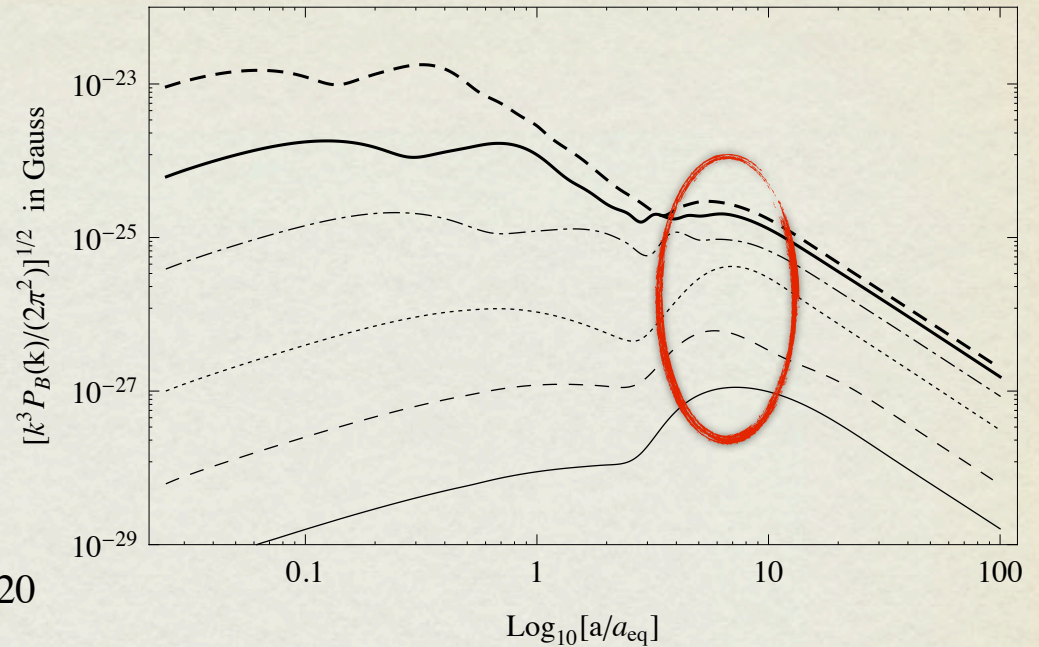
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suppressed in tight-coupling limit

$$\sqrt{k^3 P_B(k, \eta)} \propto k^4 \eta^2$$

$\delta_\gamma \cdot \Delta v$ contribution for $k/k_{\text{eq}} = .5, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20$



$\Theta_2 \cdot v_b$ contribution for $k/k_{\text{eq}} = .5, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20$



$$\Theta_\gamma^{(1)} \propto \frac{k}{\tau'} v_\gamma \propto k^2 \eta^3$$

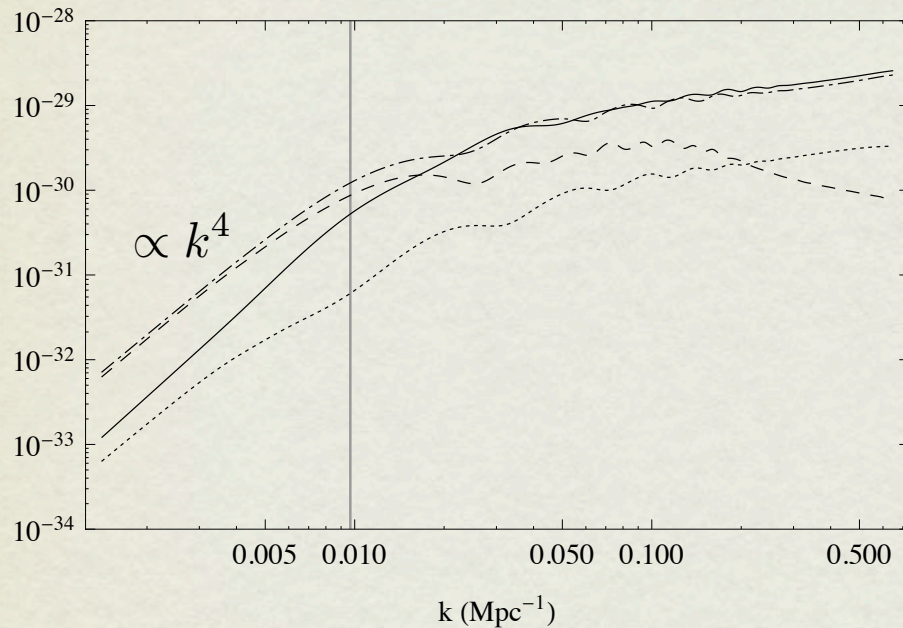
$$v_b \propto k \eta$$

$$\sqrt{k^3 P_B(k, \eta)} \propto k^4 \eta$$

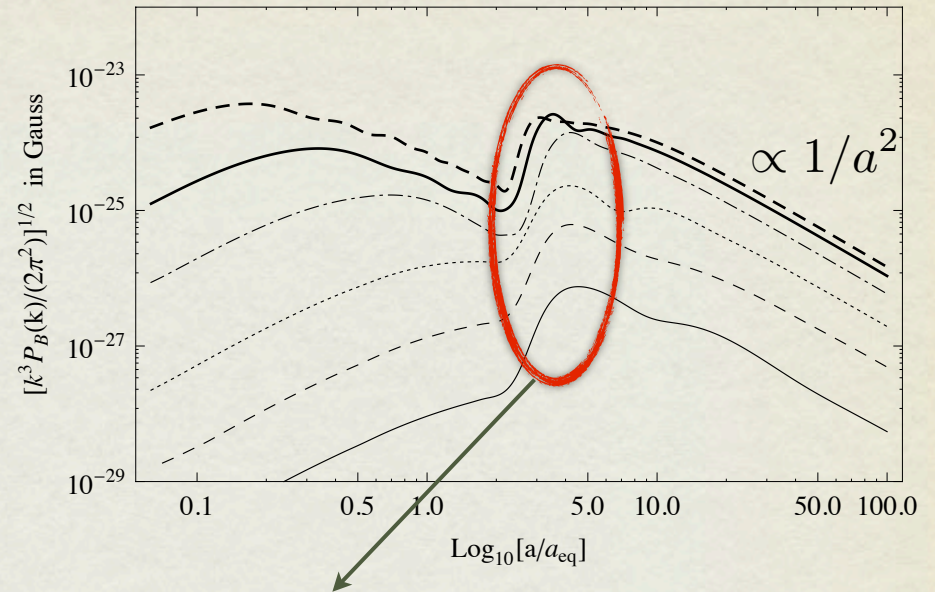
FINAL MF

Final MF power spectrum:

$[k^3 P_B(k)/(2\pi^2)]^{1/2}$ Gauss. Vertical bar: $k_{\text{eq}} = H_{\text{eq}}$.



All contributions for $k/k_{\text{eq}} = .5, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20$

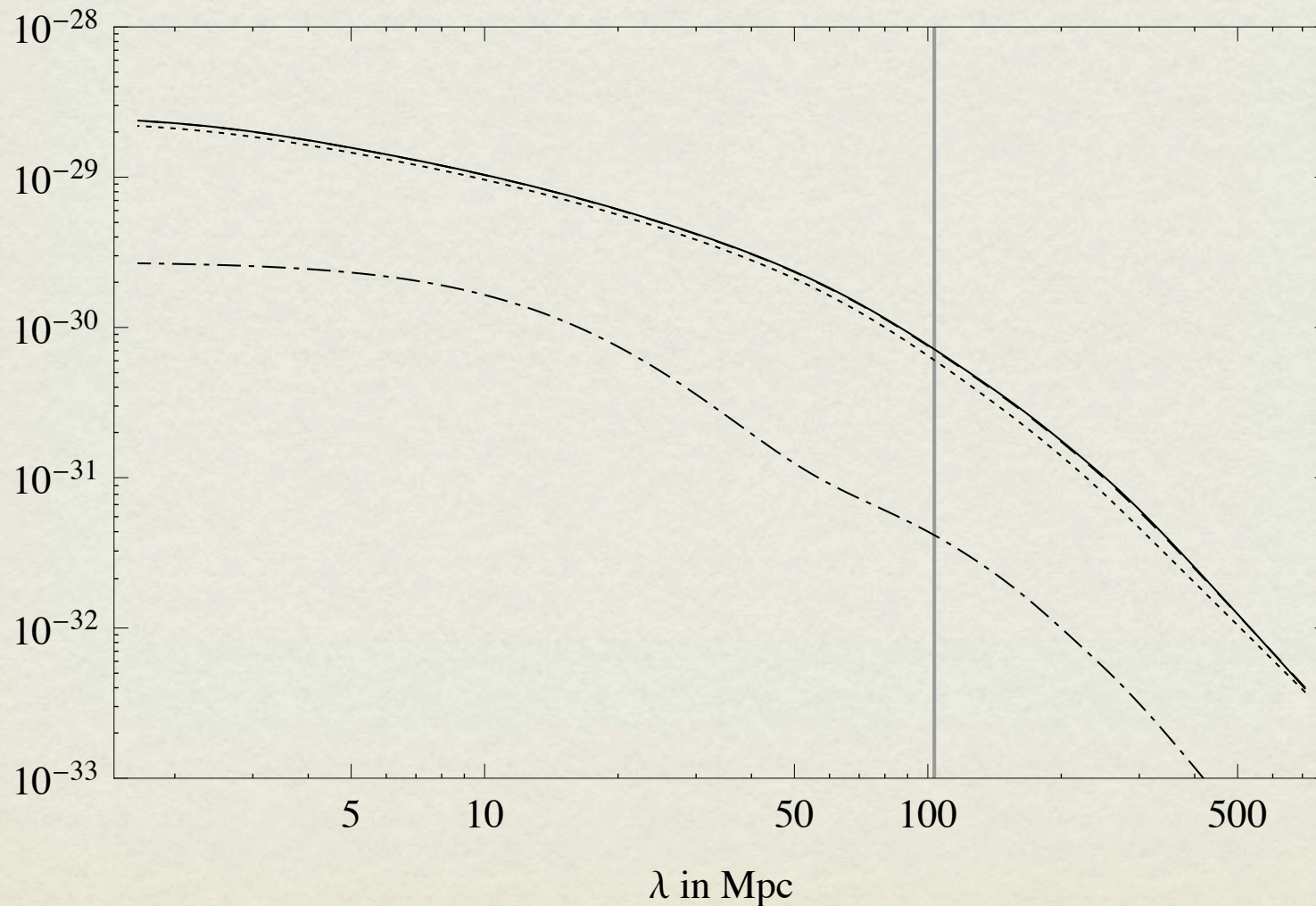


no $x_e \Rightarrow$ recombination bump

$$enx_e E^\mu = C_{b\gamma}^\mu = \nabla_\nu T_b^{\mu\nu} \Rightarrow B'_i \propto \rho_\gamma \frac{\epsilon^{ijk} \partial_j C_k^{\gamma b}}{x_e} \propto \rho_\gamma \frac{\epsilon^{ijk} \partial_j \nabla_\mu T_b^\mu}{x_e}$$

$$B_\lambda^2 \propto \int_0^\infty dk k^2 P_B(k) e^{-\frac{k^2 \lambda^2}{2}} \sim 10^{-29} \text{ Gauss}, \quad \lambda \sim 1 \text{ Mpc}$$

$(a_0/a)^2 B_\lambda$ (G) at $a=a_0/X$ with $X=1,10,100,1000$



KEY-POINTS AND PHYSICAL INSIGHT

Tight-coupling
limit

$$(a^2 B_1)' \sim \omega_i^b + \mathcal{O}(\text{quadratic})$$

vorticity of baryons

quadratic terms present even in the tight-coupling limit

$$\left[\omega_{ij}^{\text{pl}'} + \mathcal{H}(2 - 3c_{\text{pl},s}^2) \omega_{ij}^{\text{pl}} \right] \simeq 0$$

$$\omega_{\text{pl}}^i \simeq \omega_{\text{b}}^i \simeq \omega_{\gamma}^i$$

Vorticity exchange between photons and baryons which sources the MF, present only at 2nd order

[Ichiki et al., '07]

No vorticity generation at 2nd order in the tight-coupling regime

Suppression on large scales $\propto (k\eta)^2$

[Hollenstein et al., '08]

It's the same mechanism!

- Bump after recombination when tight-coupling breaks down \Rightarrow need of numerical integration