

Title: Constraining Primordial Magnetism

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Abstract: Primordial magnetic fields are a potentially interesting origin for cosmic magnetism. Such fields can leave an interesting signal not only in the CMB temperature and polarization, but in structure at low redshift, contributing to the matter power spectrum and SZ effect at small scales. I will talk about the reasons for considering primordial fields, their origin and evolution, and how their observational consequences constrain their nature.

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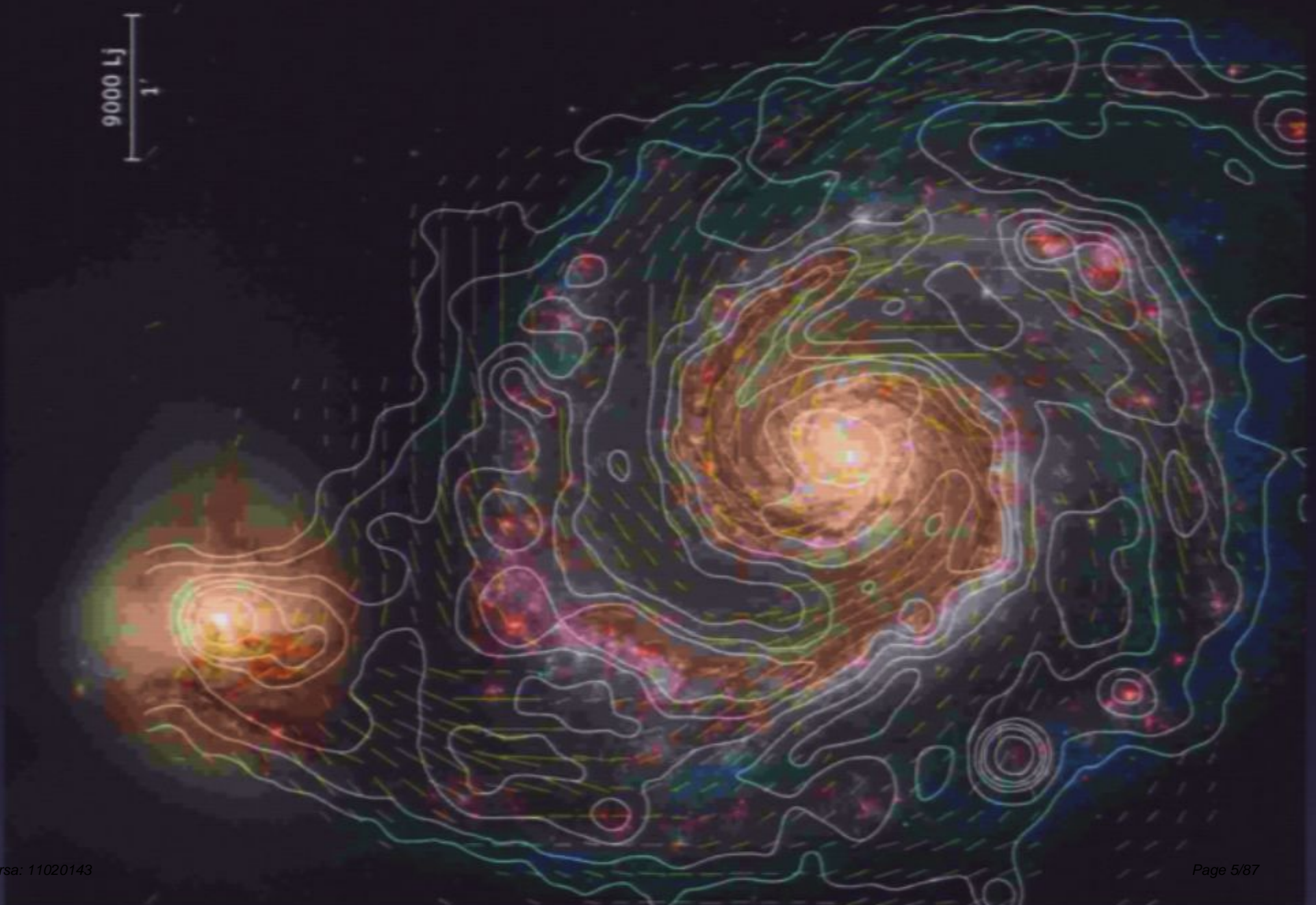
Magnetic Fields in the Universe

- Good review: Widrow 2002.
- Ubiquitous in gravitationally bound systems
 - Galaxies
 - Clusters
- Fields at the $1 \mu\text{G}$ level (Earth $\sim 1\text{G}$)

Observations

- Synchrotron Emission
- Faraday Rotation
- Zeeman Splitting Measurements

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1'

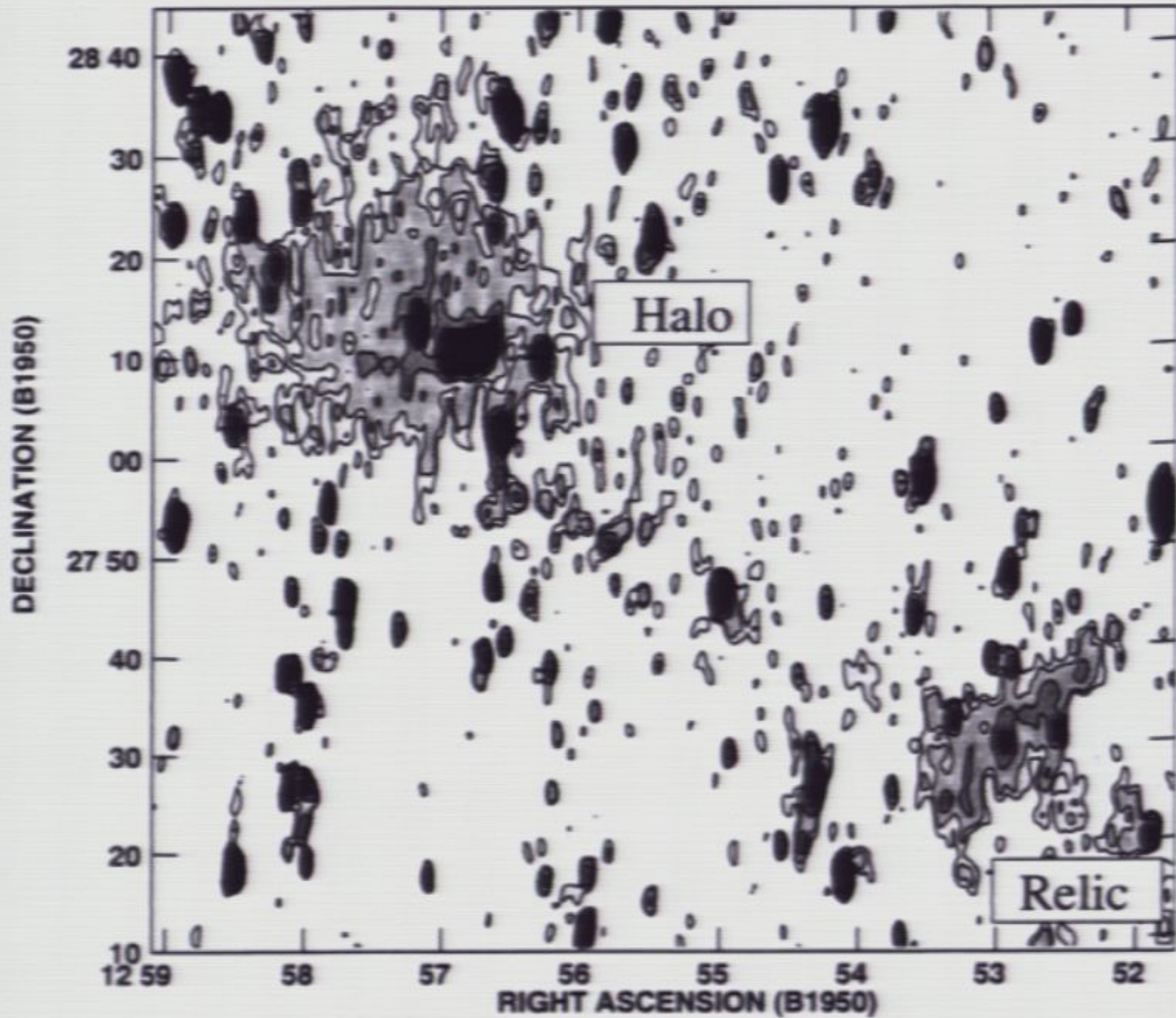


Galaxy Observations

- Hundreds of galaxies have magnetic field detections (1-10 μ G range)
- Observed in all types of galaxies
 - Spirals
 - Ellipticals
 - Dwarf Irregulars

Galaxy Observations

- Spirals exhibit coherence on scales comparable to their size
- Ellipticals much smaller coherence
- Galaxies observed with large fields at high-redshift: $\sim 10\mu\text{G}$ at $z \sim 0.7$ (Bernet et al 2008; Wolfe et al 2008)



Galaxy Clusters

- Clusters largest objects with confirmed magnetic fields
- Fields appear to be at the $0.1-3\mu\text{G}$ level

Intergalactic Fields

- Hints of fields on larger scales
- Radio emission suggests fields in superclusters of up to $\sim 0.5 \mu\text{G}$
- TeV Blazar observations suggest $B > 10^{-16} \text{ G}$ in voids (Neronov et al 2010)

Origins

- Problem in astrophysics
- Difficult to produce fields within a galaxy, requires huge voltage to drive currents
- Usual method is to amplify seed fields produced by either
 - ▶ Pre-galactic Astrophysical process
 - ▶ Early Universe Mechanism

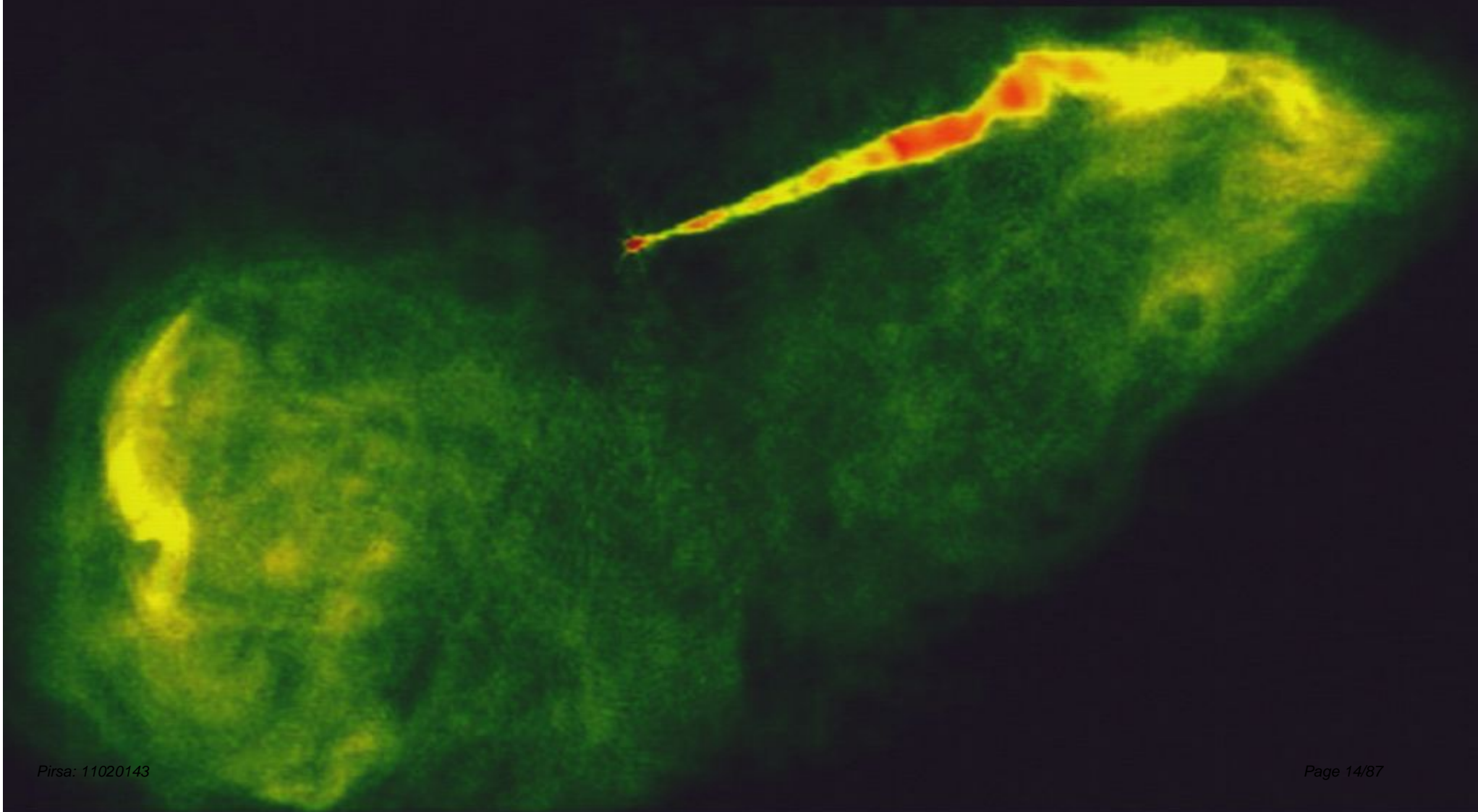
Adiabatic Amplification

- Need to amplify seed fields to today's observed levels
- Adiabatic growth of magnetic field in collapsing galaxy gives enhancement of around $\sim 10^3 - 10^4$ times
- Minimum field required $B \sim 10^{-10} \text{G}$

Dynamo Amplification

- An effective dynamo can exponentially grow field, enhancement up $\sim 10^{14}$ times
- Minimum seed field: $B \sim 10^{-23} \text{G}$
- Problems
 - Can dynamo survive back reaction?
 - Observations of high redshift galaxies
 - Mechanism in Ellipticals?

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Supernova



Early Universe Origins

- Post inflationary mechanisms (causal)
- Generation at Electroweak or QCD phase transition
- Horizon problem, how do the small scale field propagate up to galactic scales?
 - ▶ Very strong small-scale fields to give weaker large scale fields
 - ▶ Inverse cascade from helical fields

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Primordial Magnetism

- Define a density and anisotropic stress perturbation via

$$T_0^0 = -\rho_\gamma \Delta_B ,$$

$$T_j^i = p_\gamma (\Delta_B \delta_j^i + \Pi_B^i_j) ,$$

- Perturbations are constant in time
- As $\Delta_B \propto B^2(x^i)$, perturbation is manifestly non-gaussian

Early Evolution

- Imagine magnetic fields are produced at time τ_B prior to neutrino de-coupling τ_ν
- Photons, neutrinos, and baryons tightly bound. Zero anisotropic stress.
- Comoving curvature grows logarithmically
$$\zeta(\tau) = \zeta(\tau_B) - \frac{1}{3}R_\gamma \Pi_B \log(\tau/\tau_B)$$
- After τ_ν , decoupled neutrino stress grows. Total anisotropic stress quickly zero.

- Three types of perturbation generated

- ▶ Passive: Adiabatic-like mode

$$\zeta(\tau) \propto \Pi_B \log(\tau_\nu/\tau_B)$$

- ▶ Compensated magnetic stress mode (non-zero anisotropic stresses) $\propto \Pi_B$
- ▶ Compensated density mode (all non-zero density perturbation) $\propto \Delta_B$

- Similar for tensor (compensated and passive mode) and vector (compensated only)

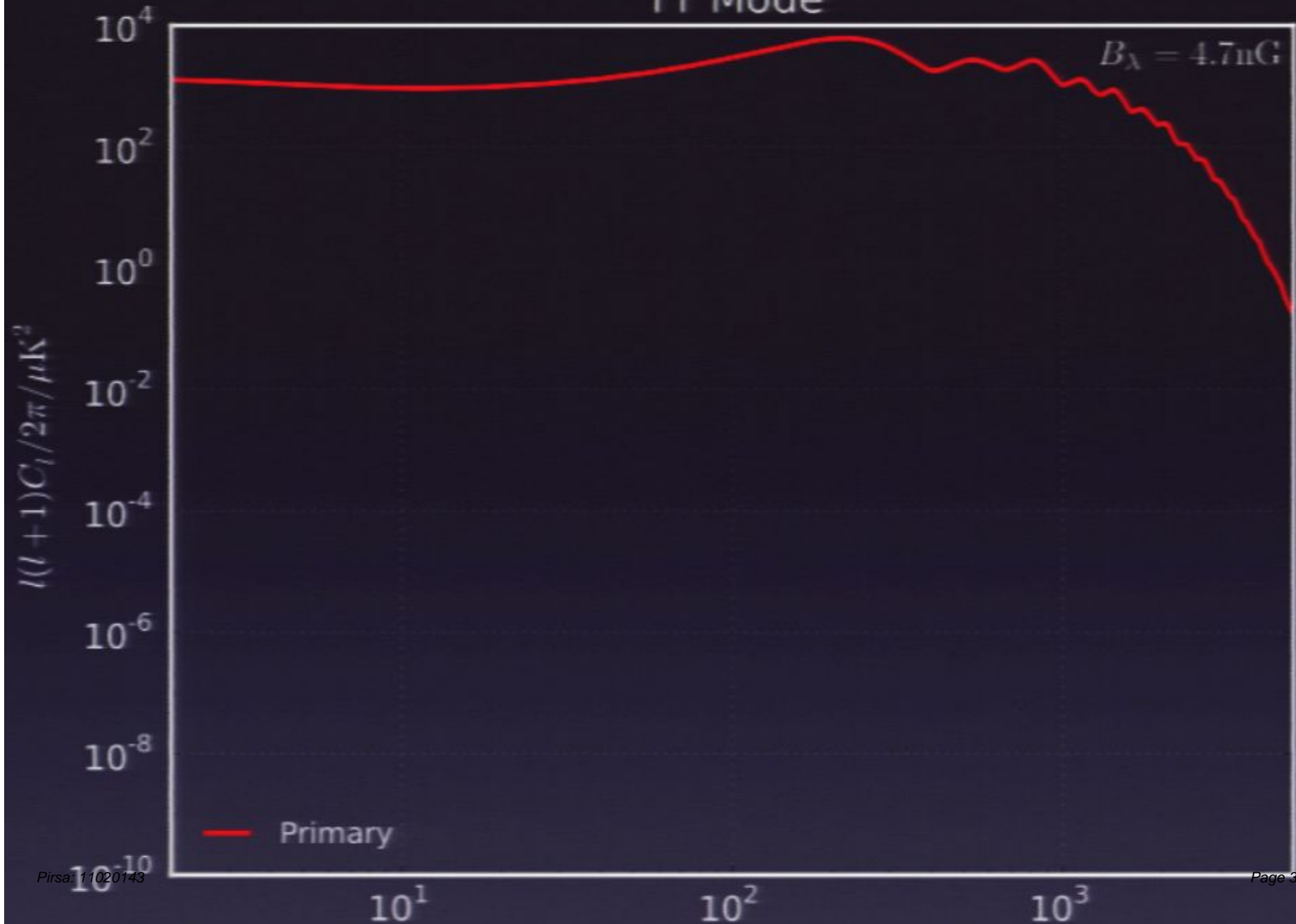
Statistics

- Magnetic field statistics gaussian with

$$\langle B_i(\mathbf{k}) B_j^*(\mathbf{k}') \rangle = (2\pi)^3 \delta(\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{k}') \frac{P_{ij}(\hat{k})}{2} P_B(k)$$

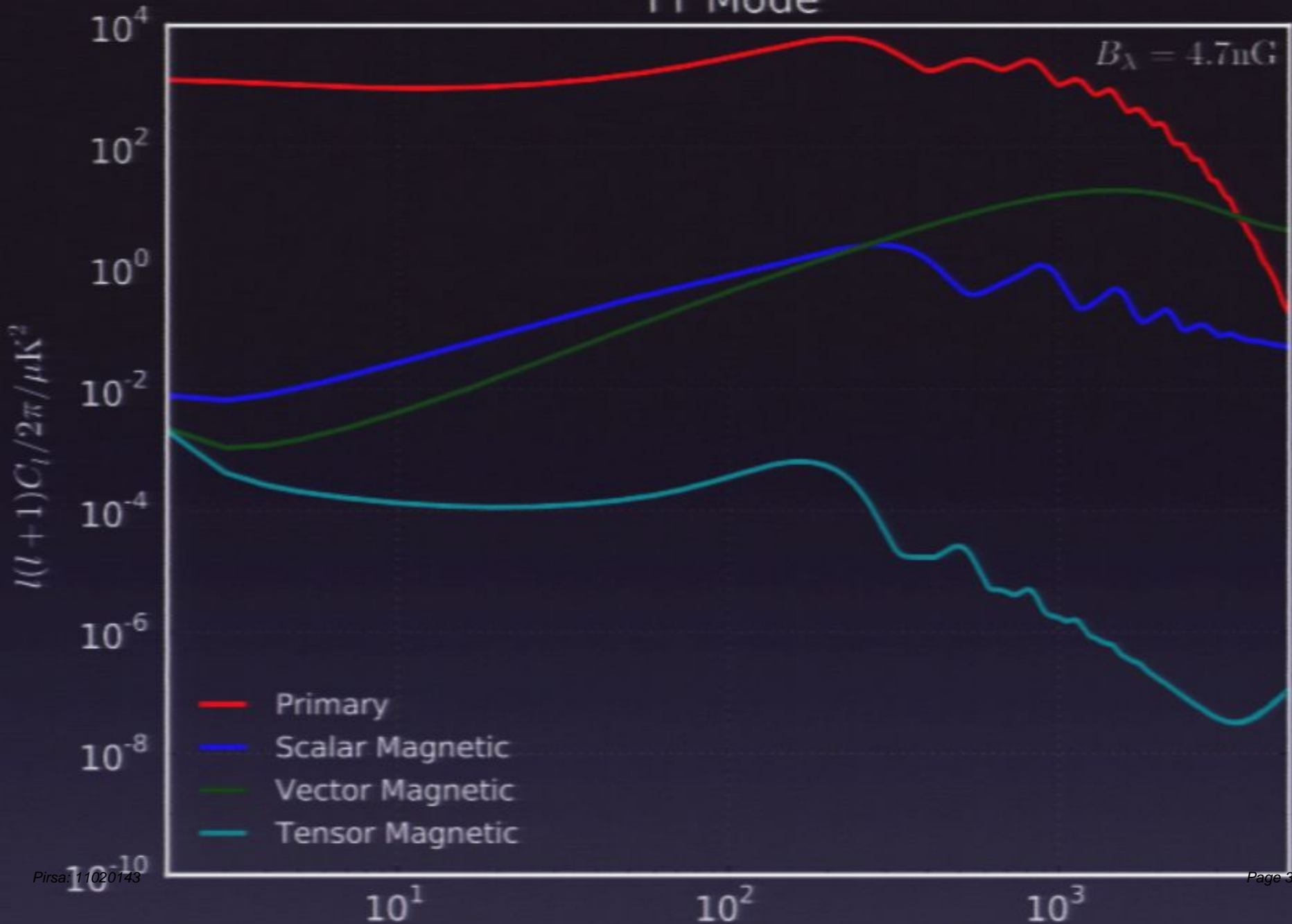
- Power spectrum $P_B(k) = Ak^{n_B}$
- Amplitude set by variance B_λ^2 at 1 Mpc
- We treat diffusion damping of magnetic field (Subramanian and Barrow 1997) and magnetic Jeans effect with evolving perturbations

TT Mode



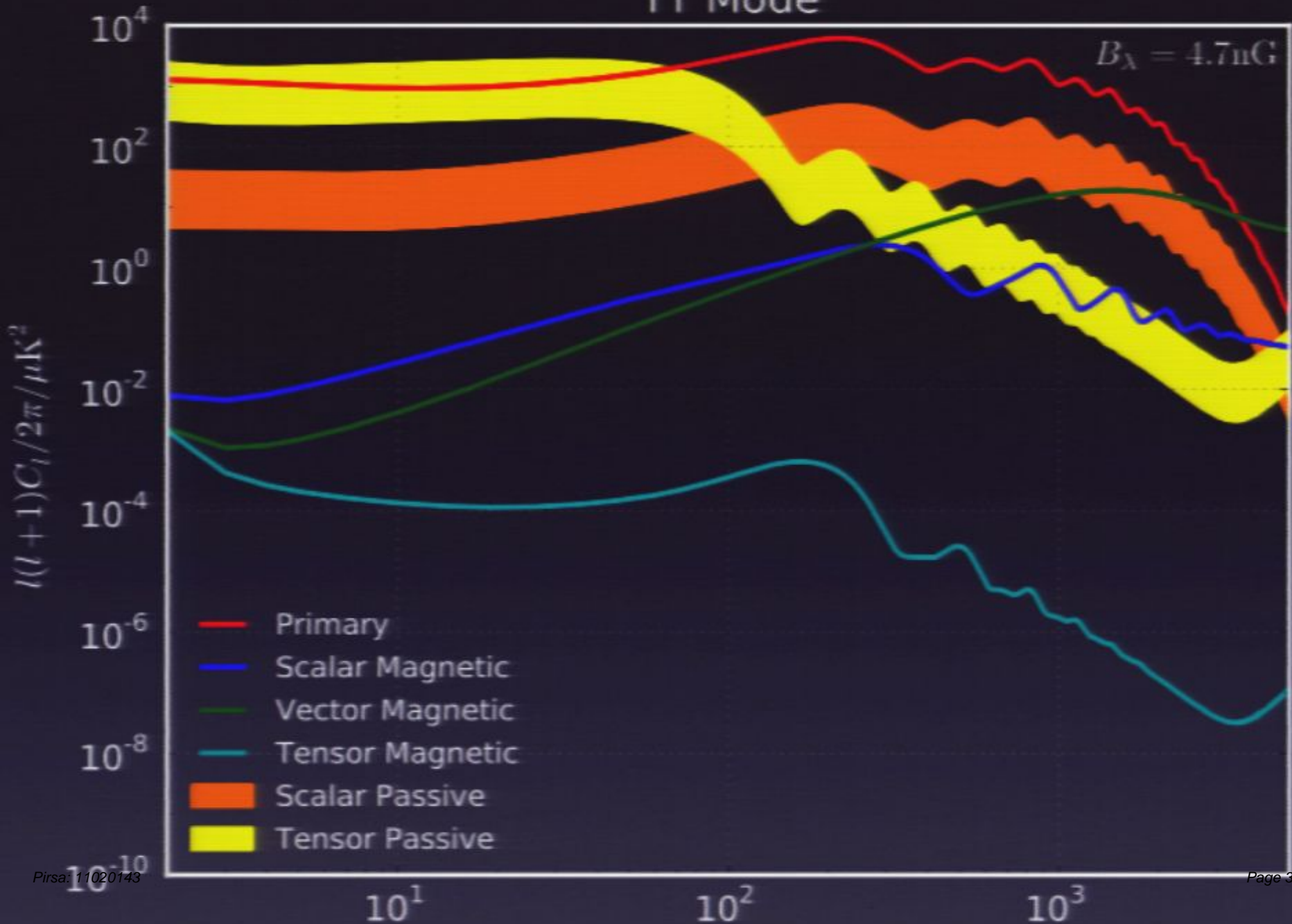
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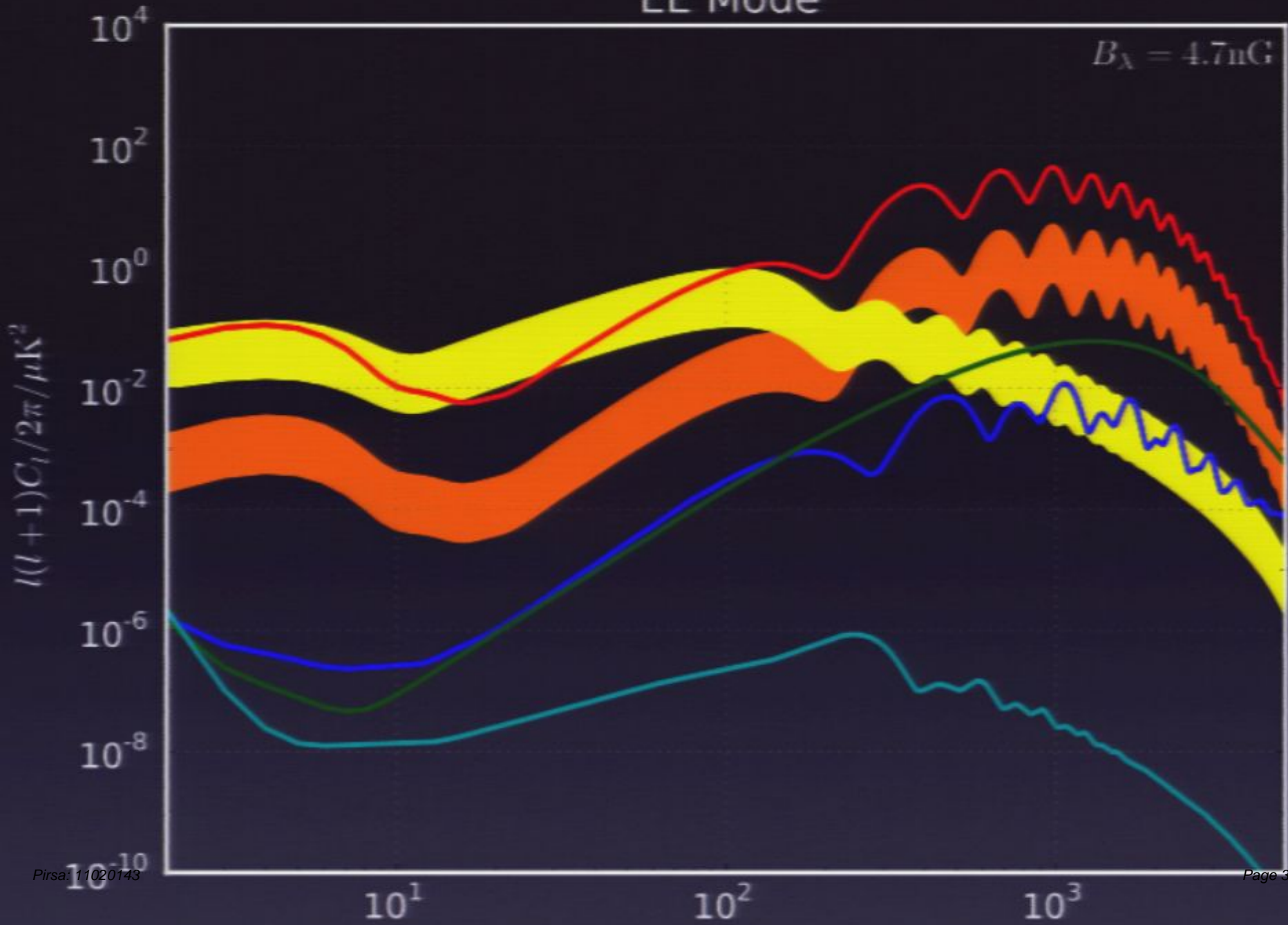
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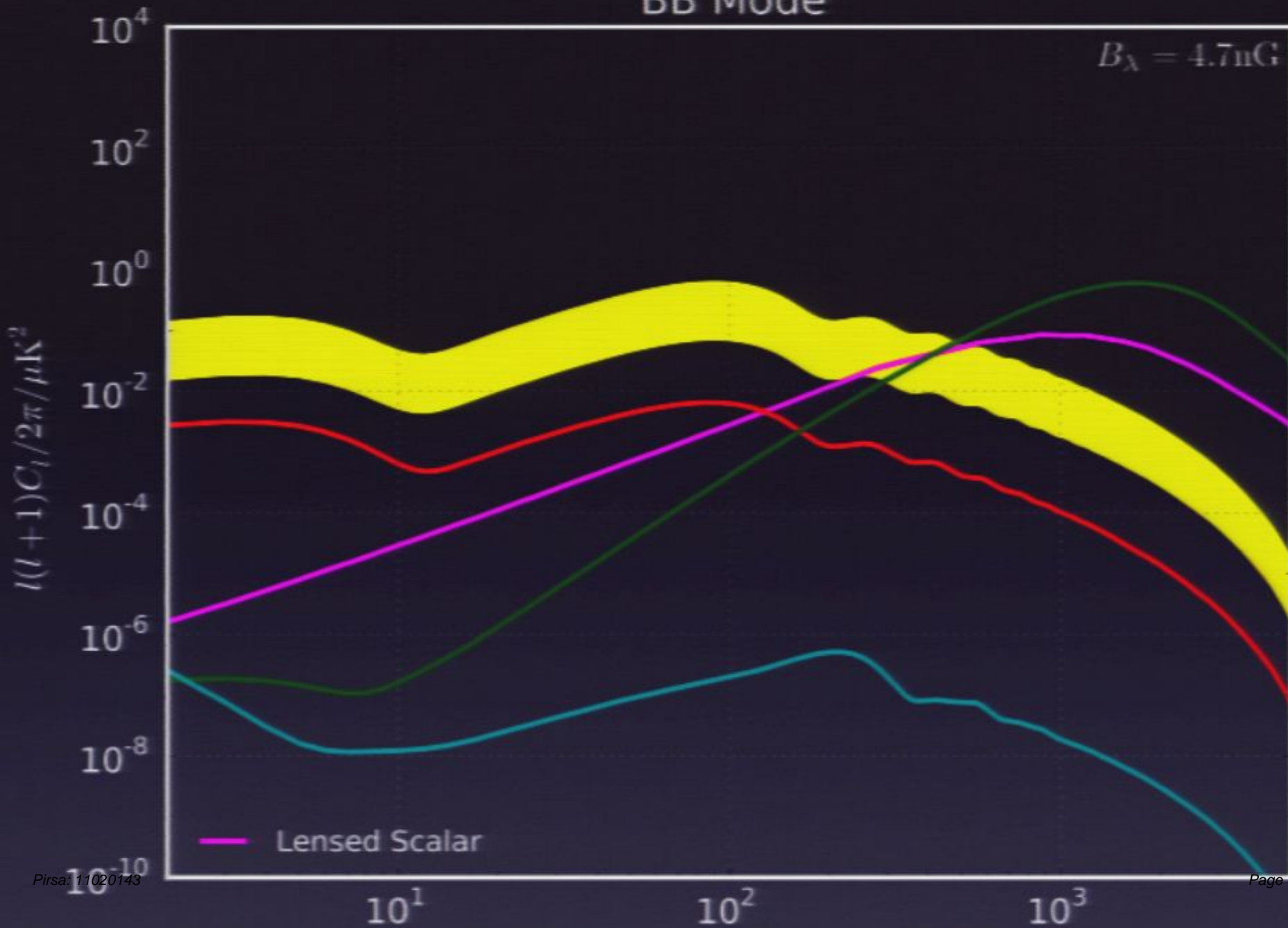
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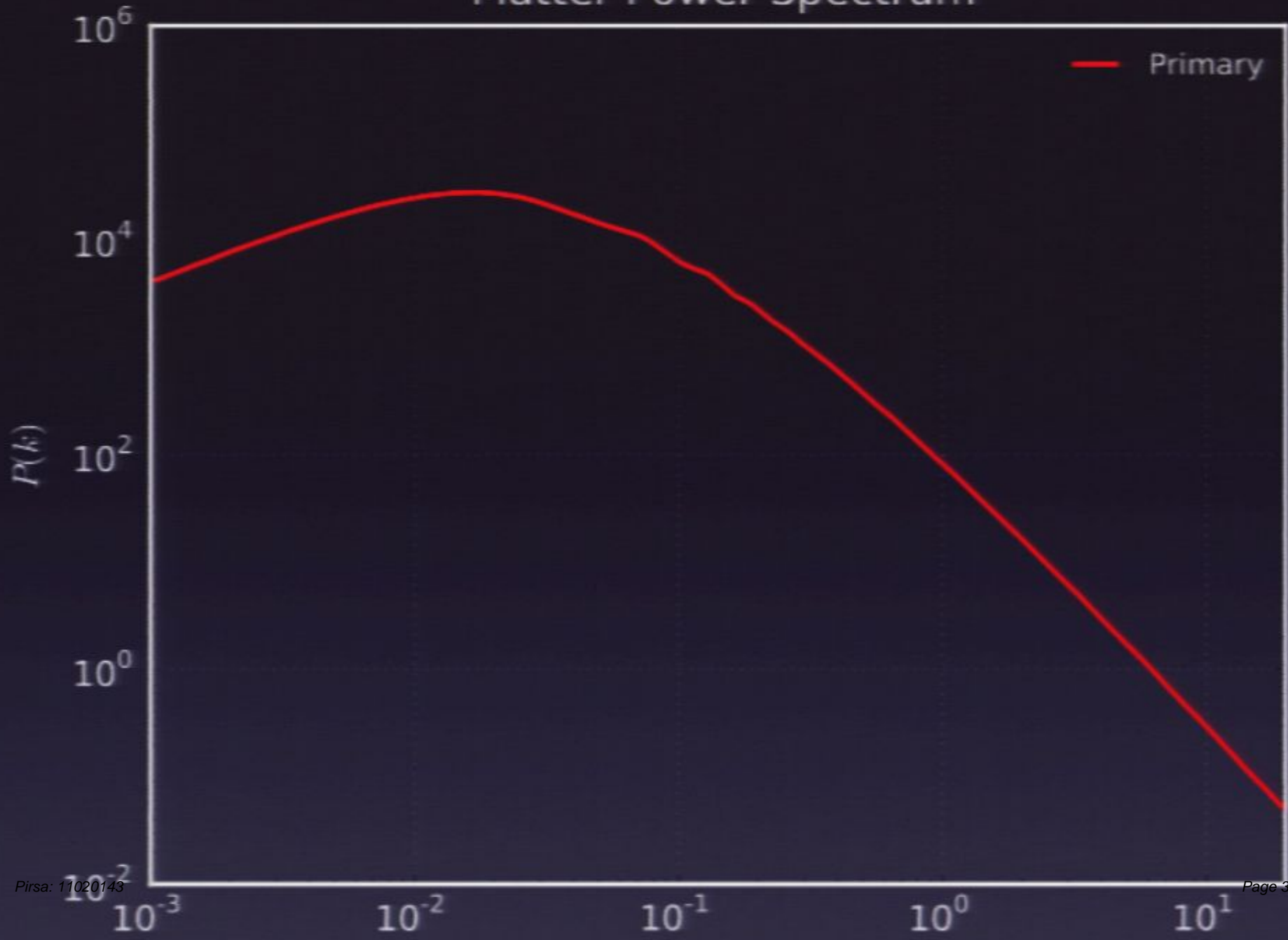


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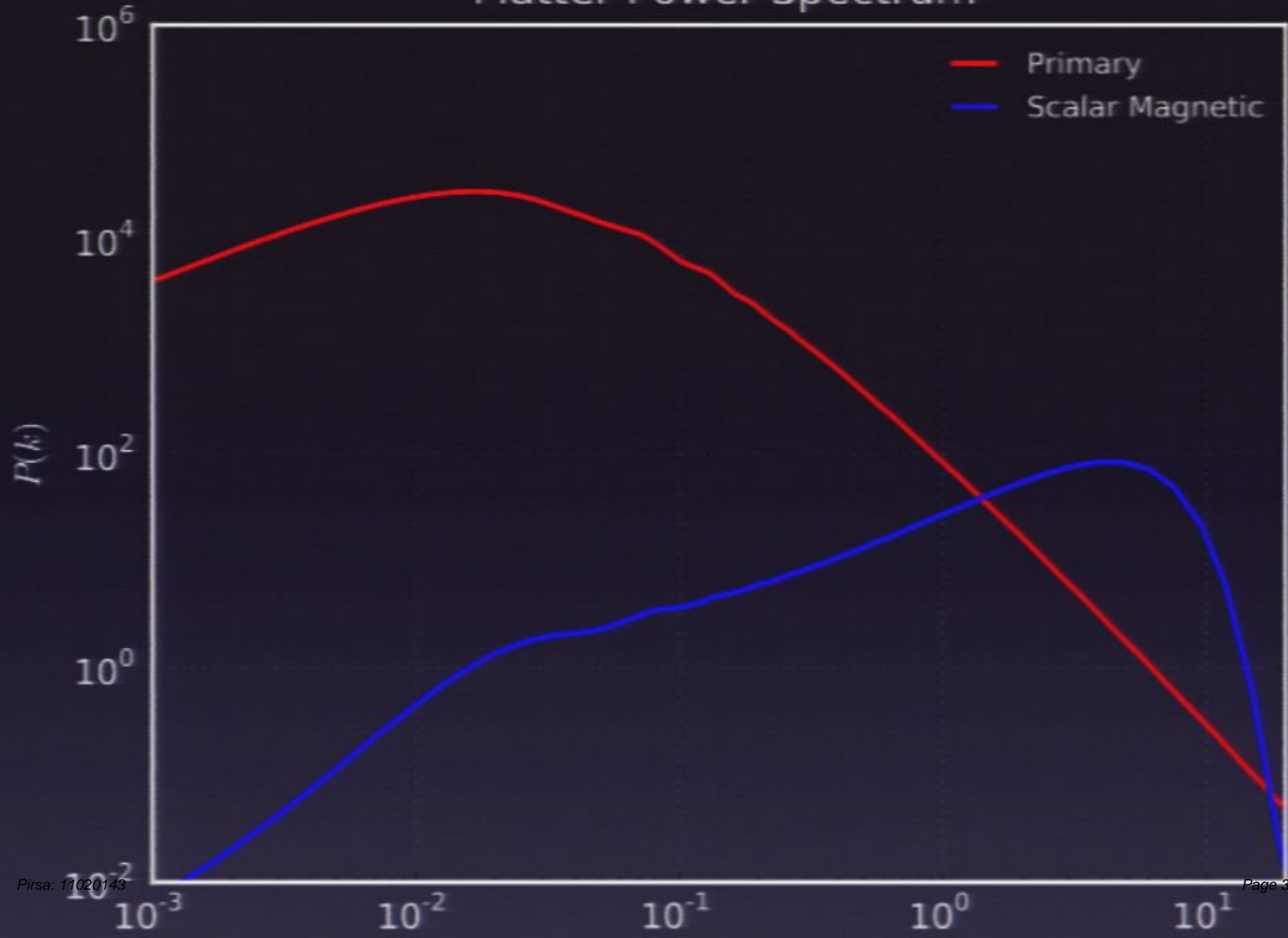
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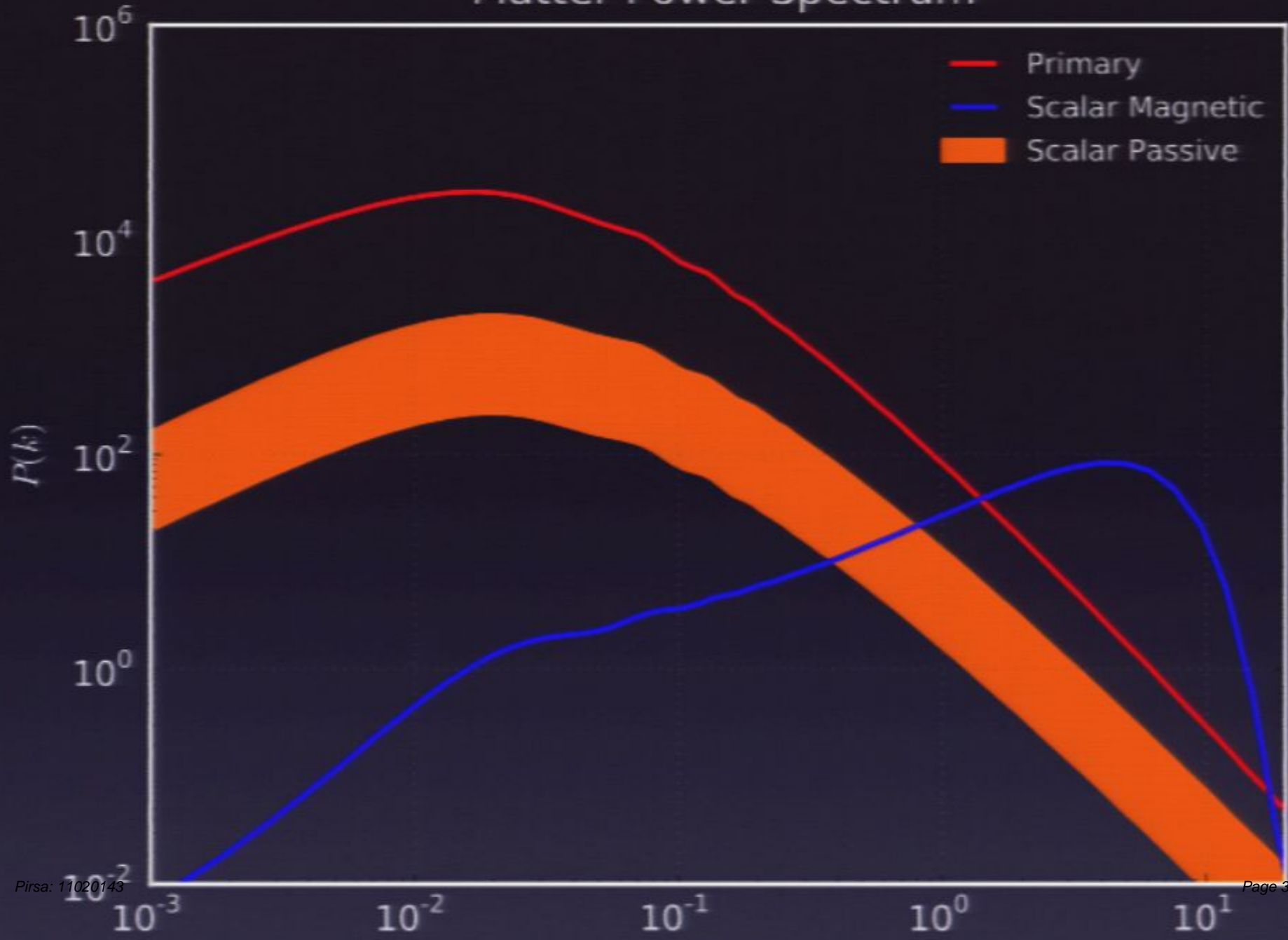
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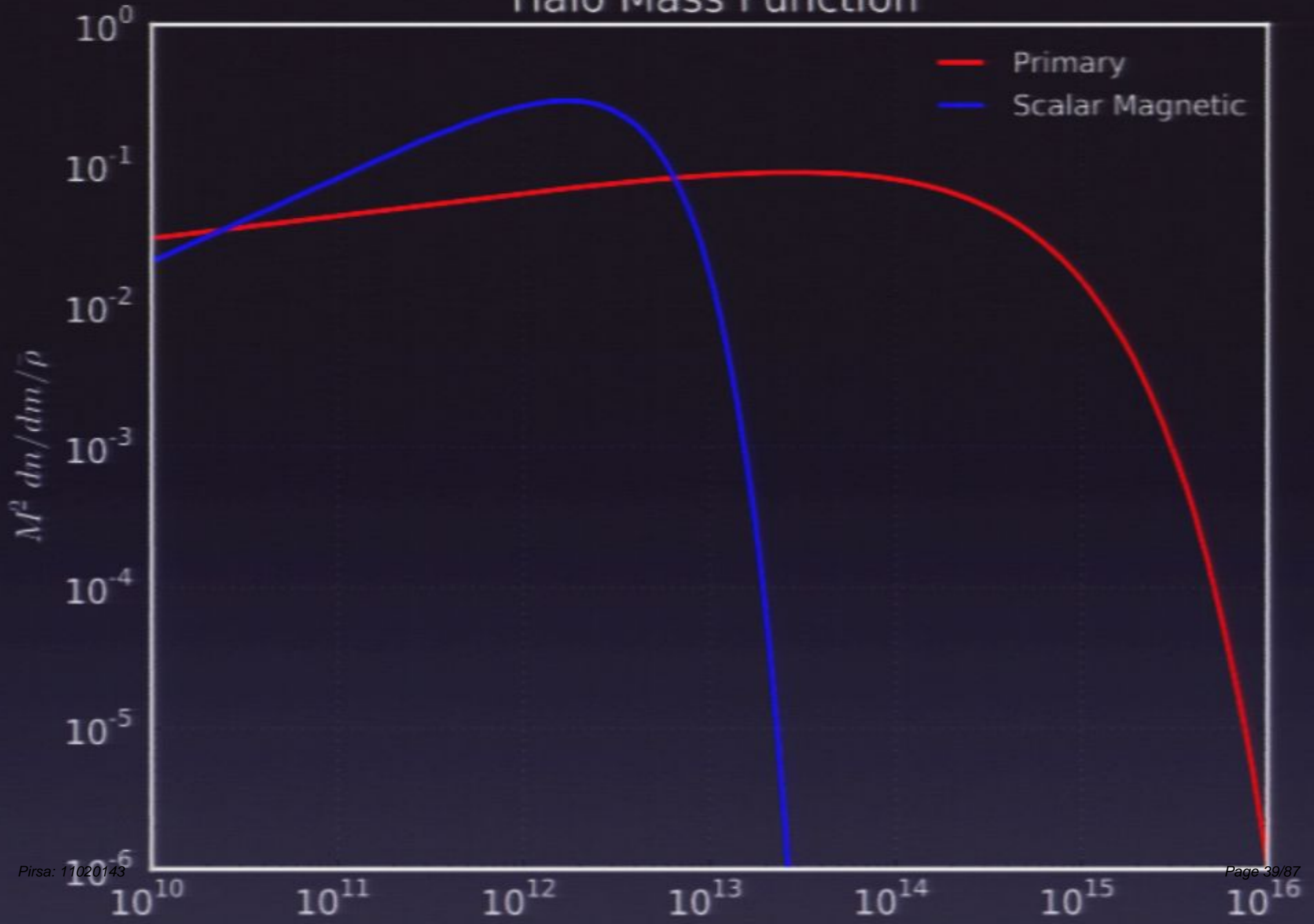
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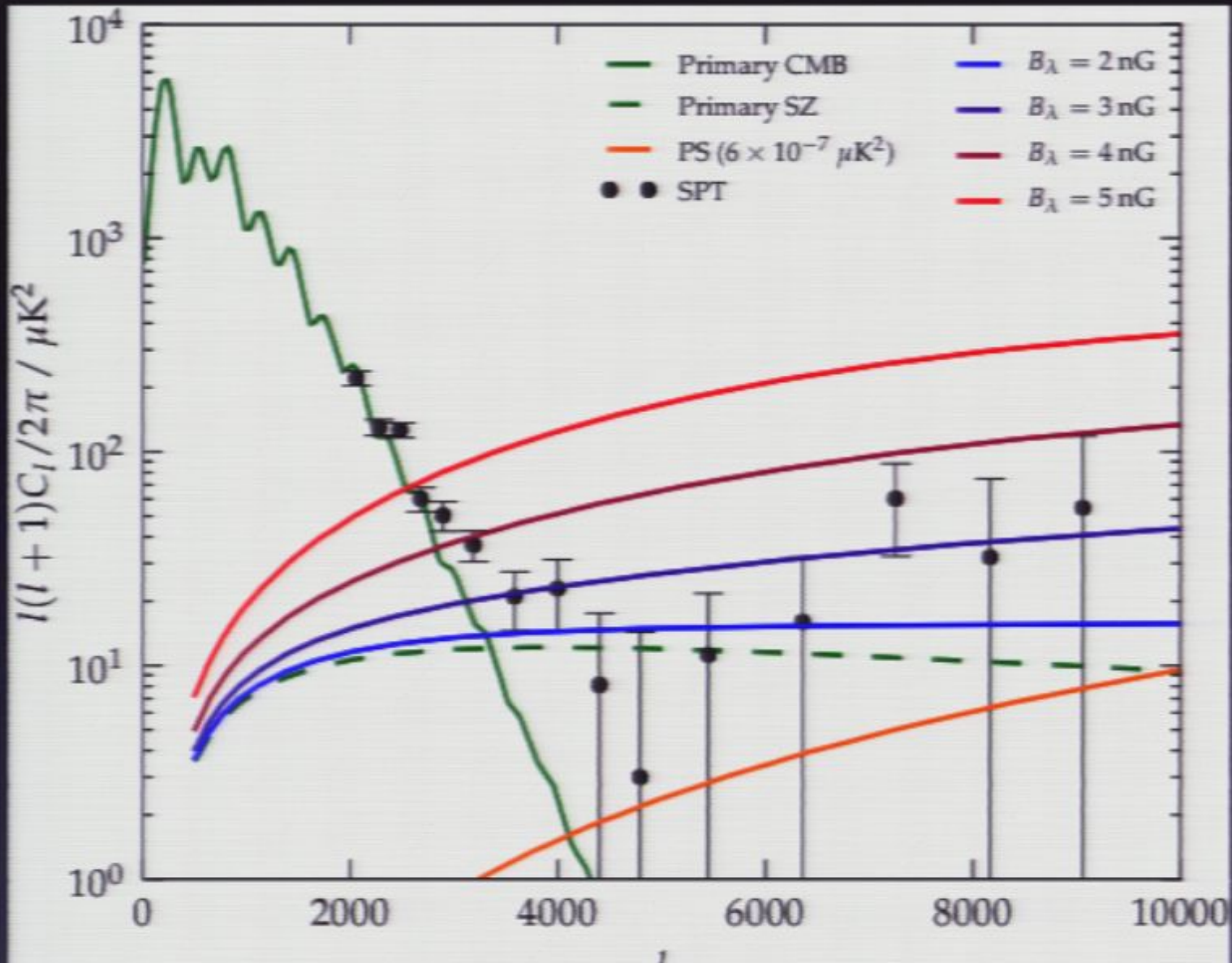
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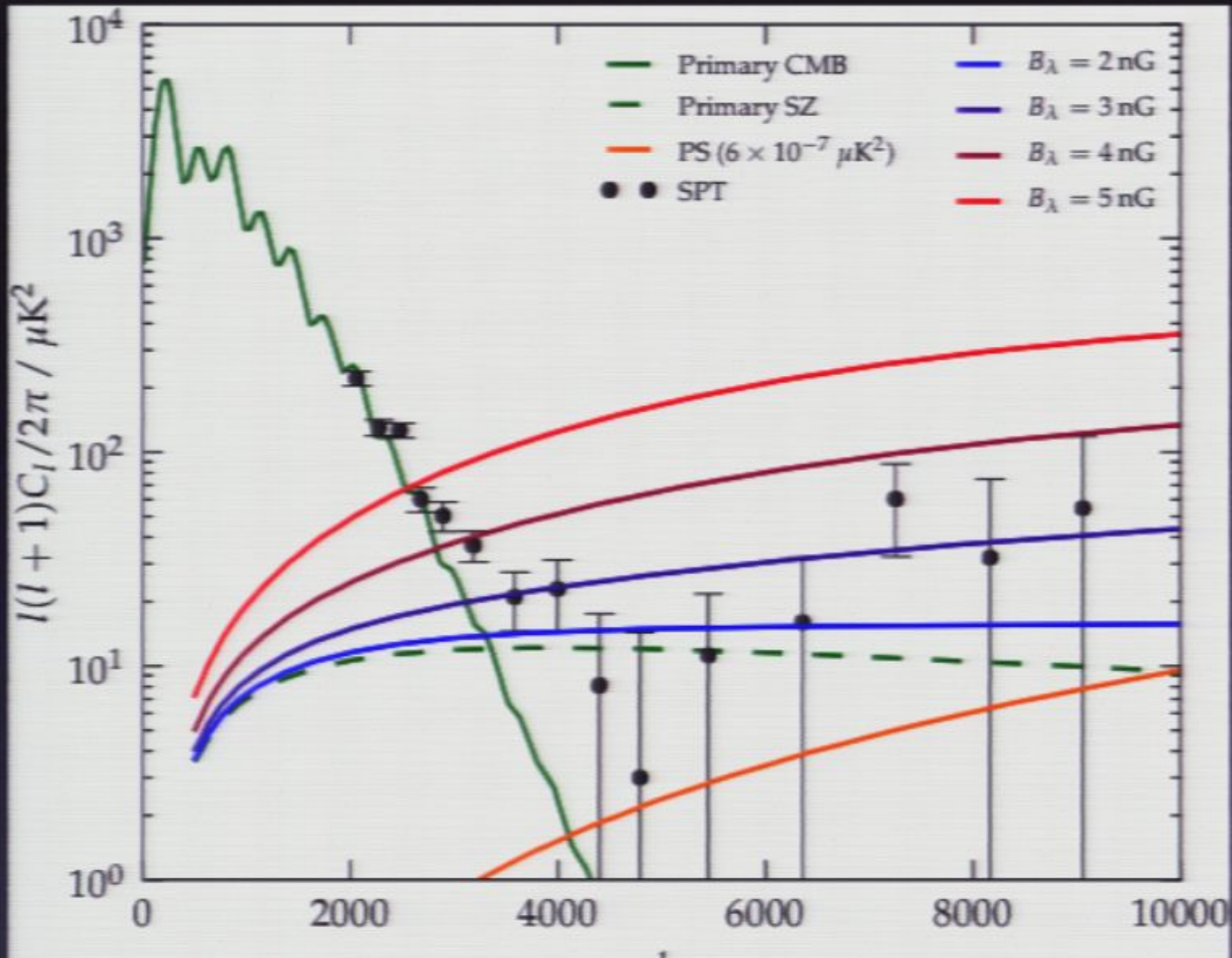
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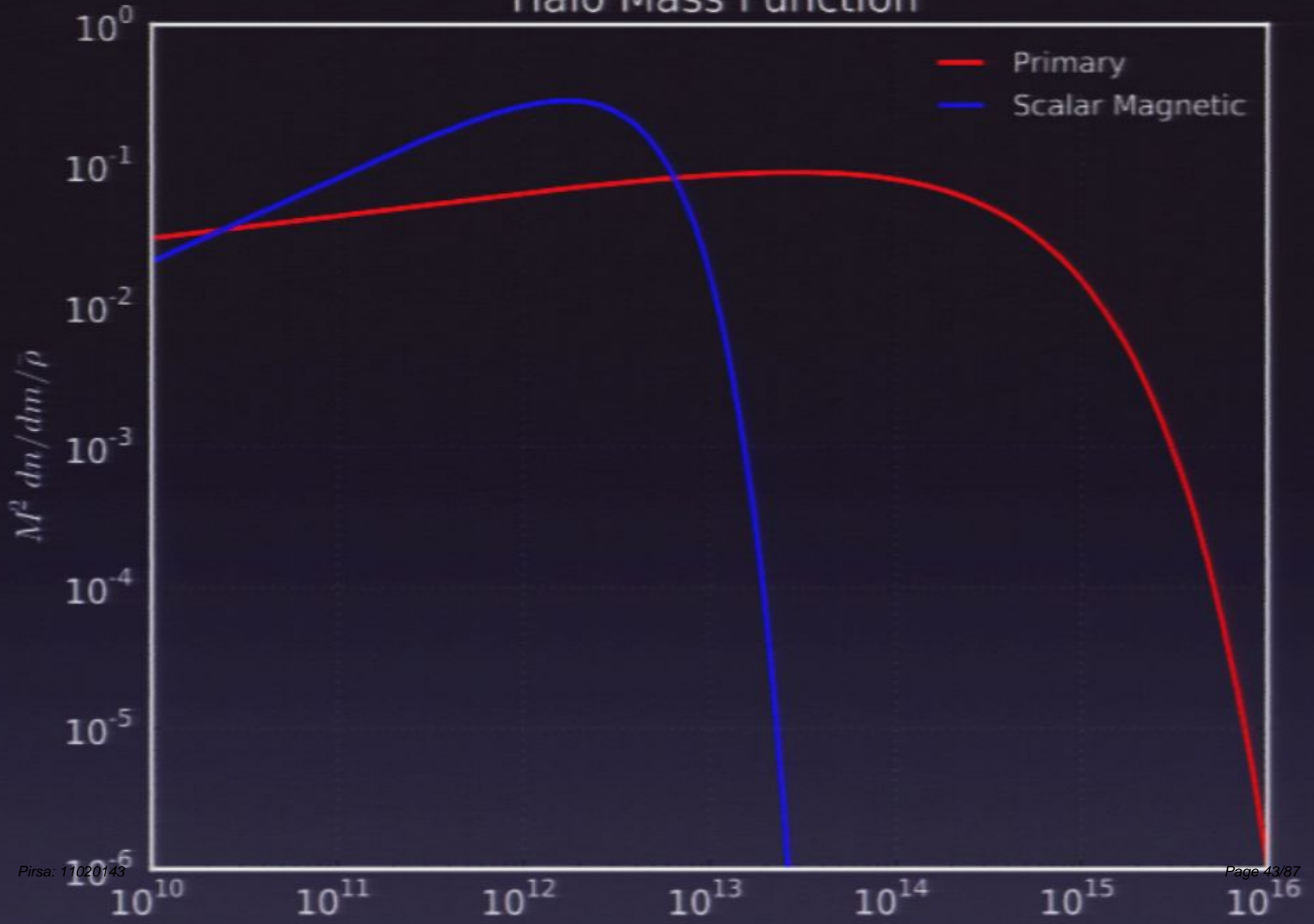
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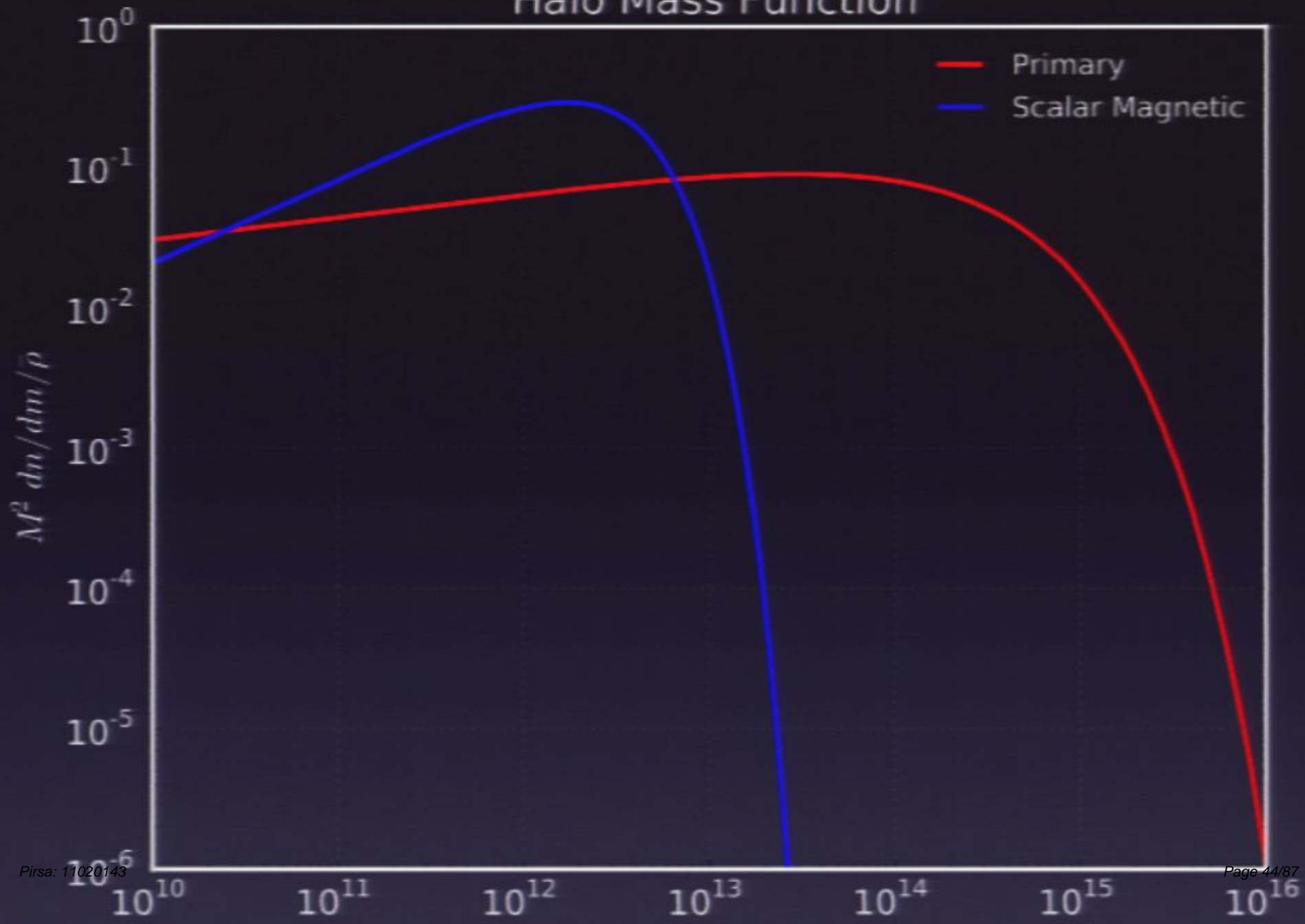
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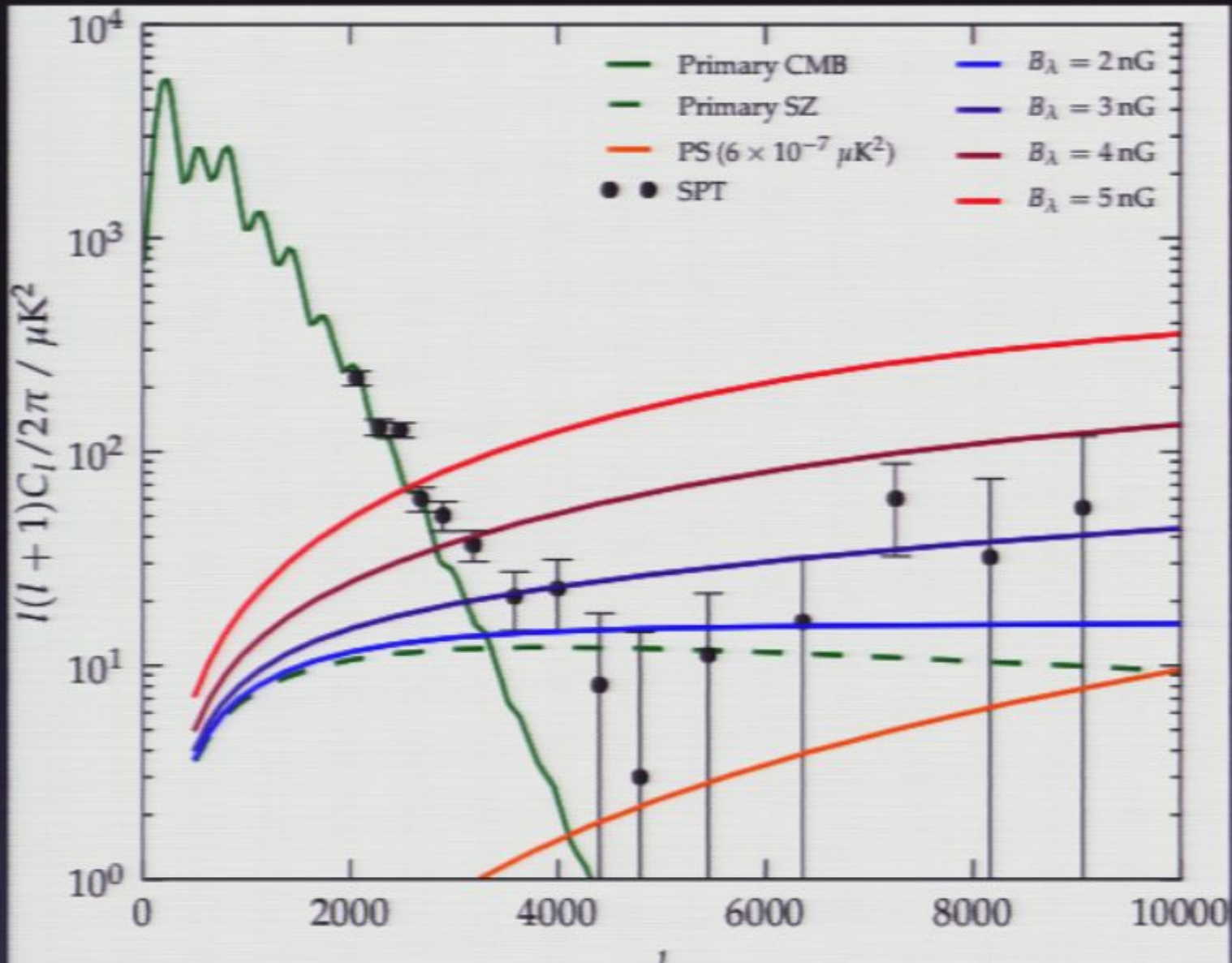
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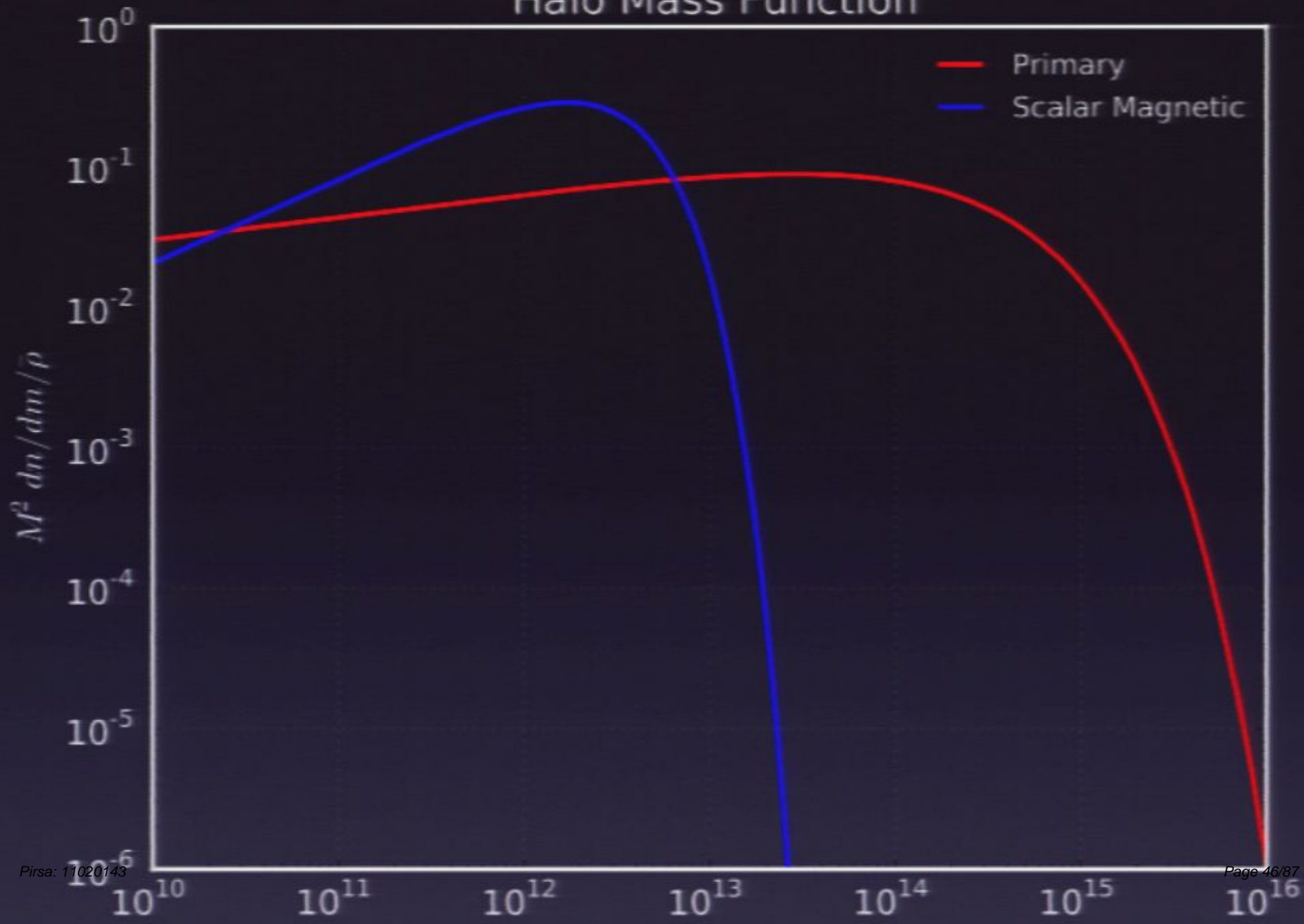
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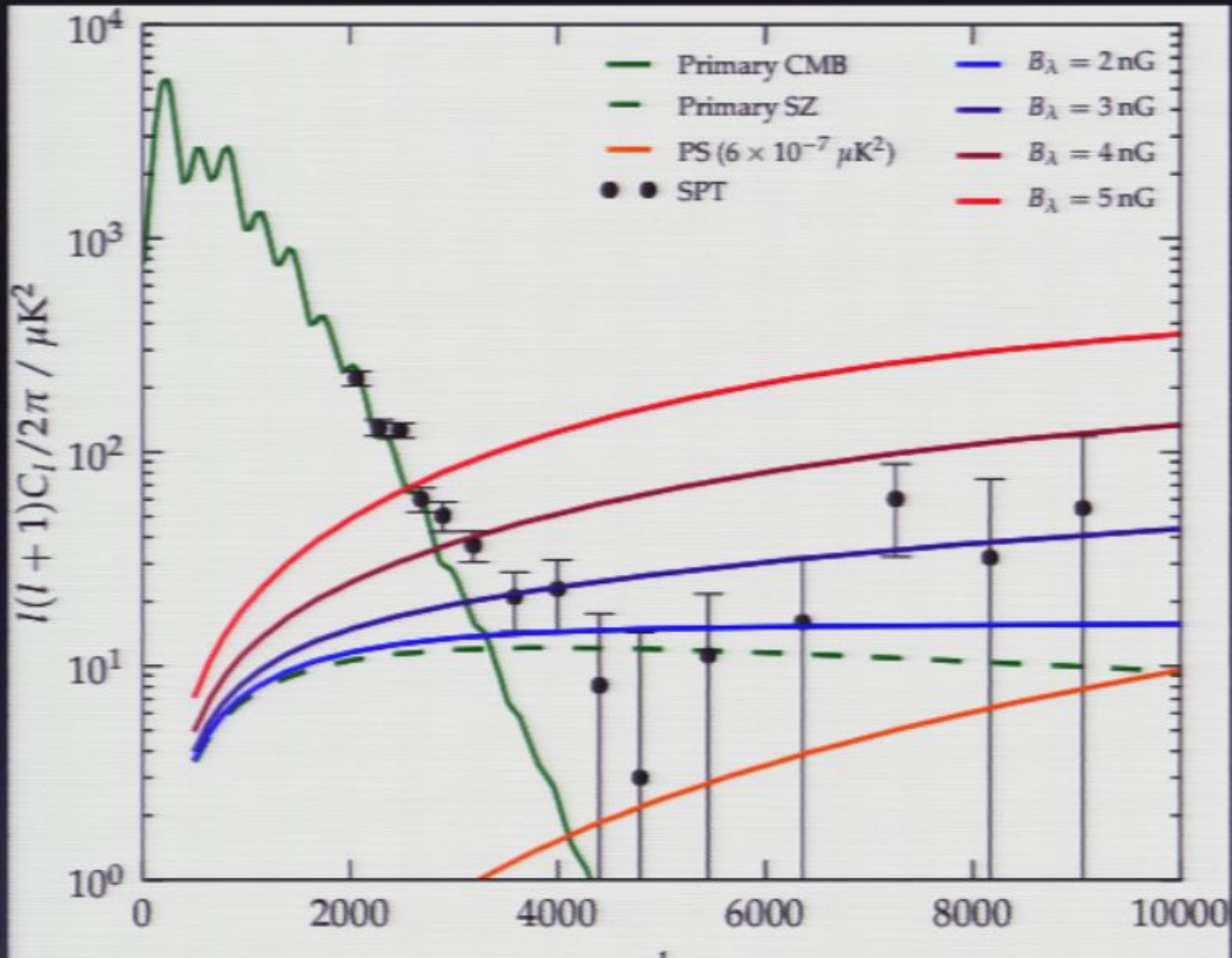
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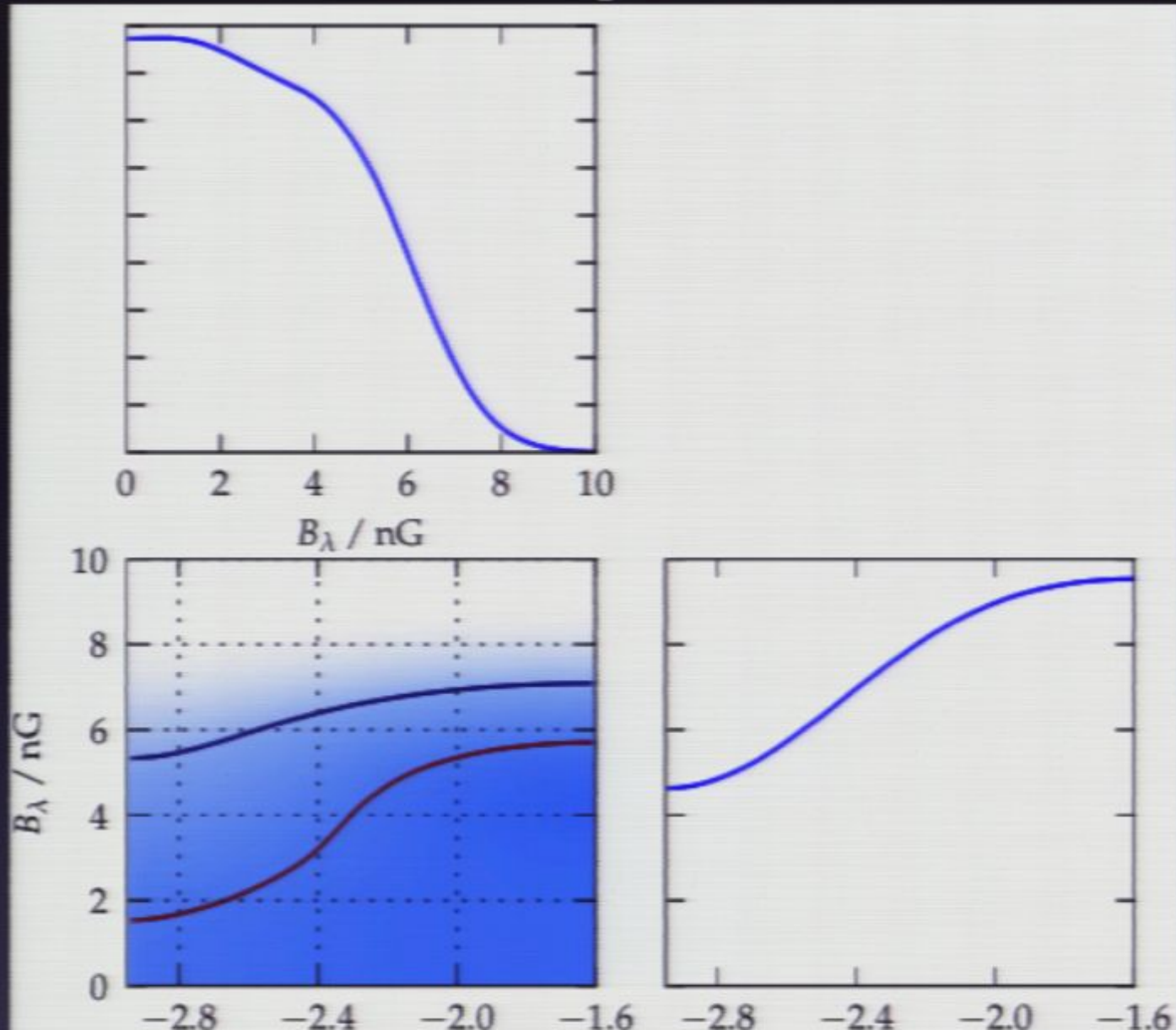
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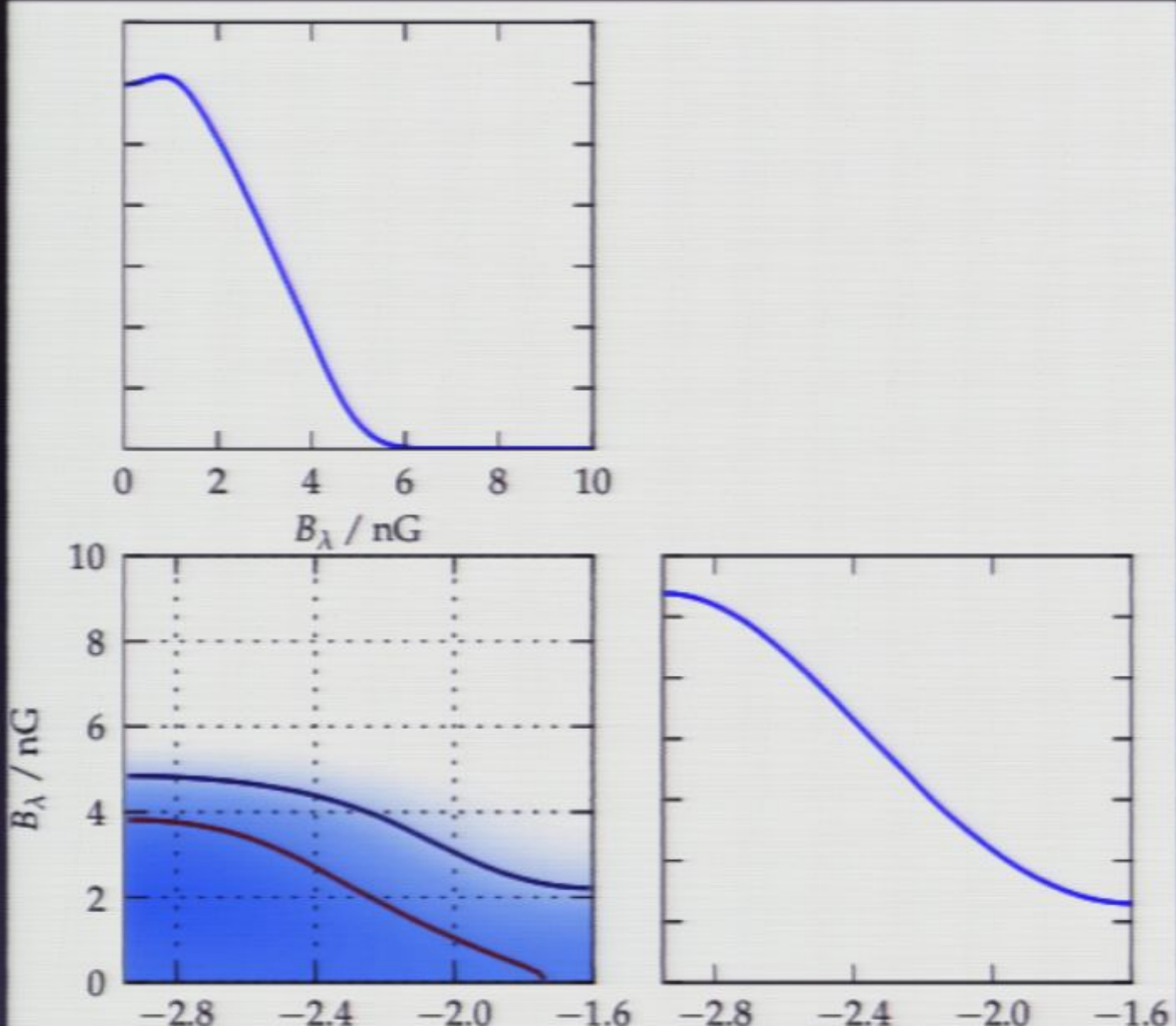
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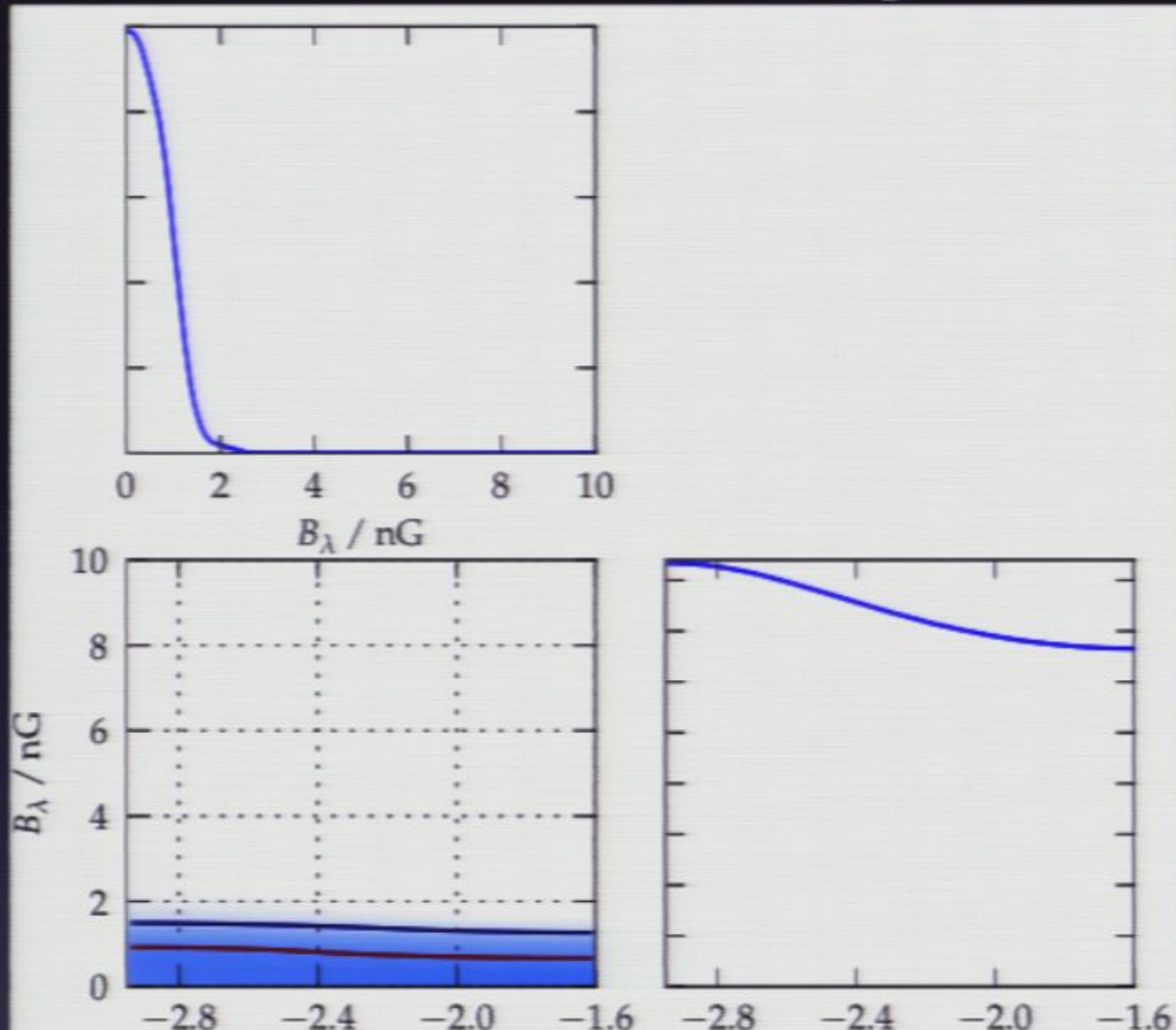
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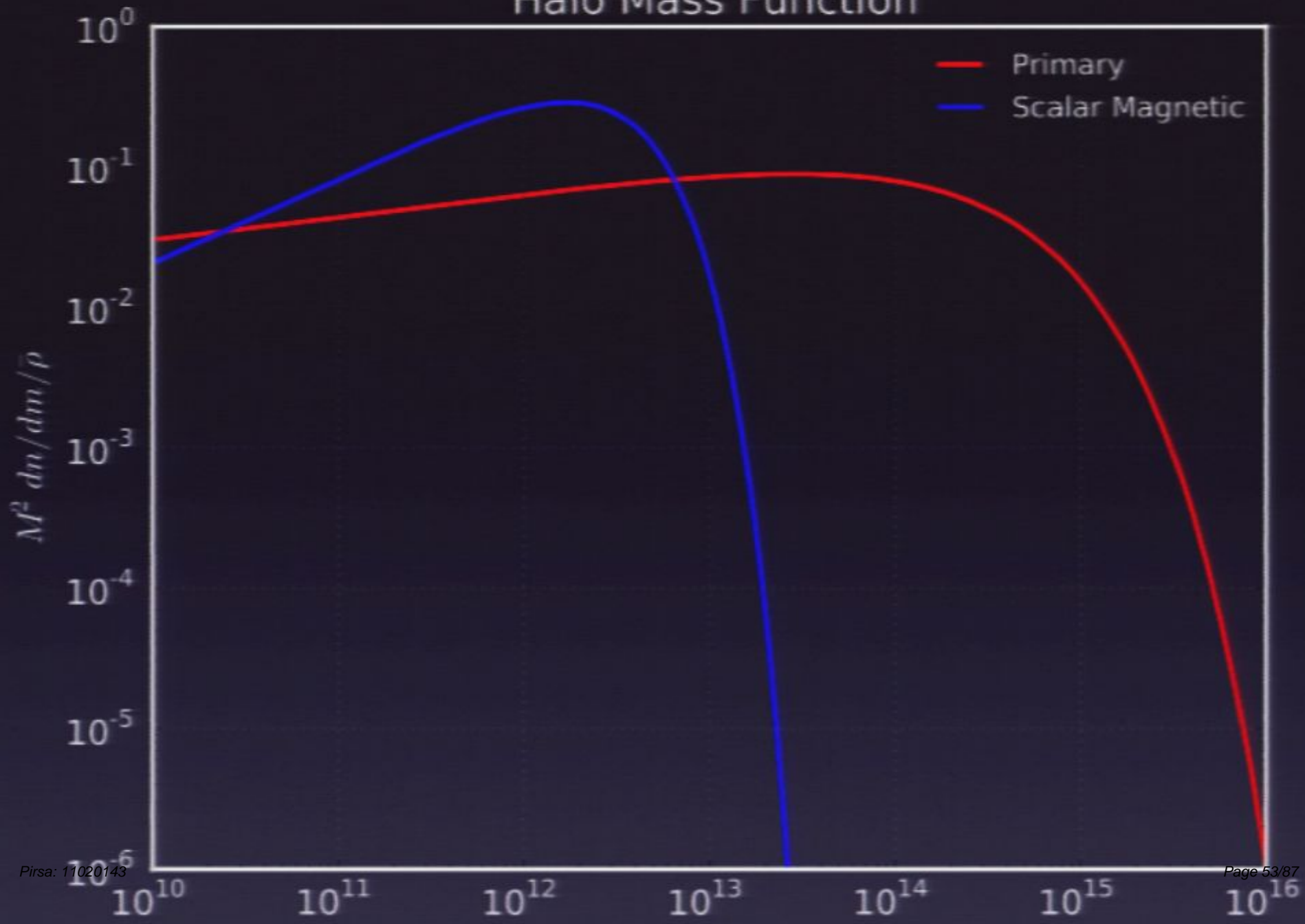
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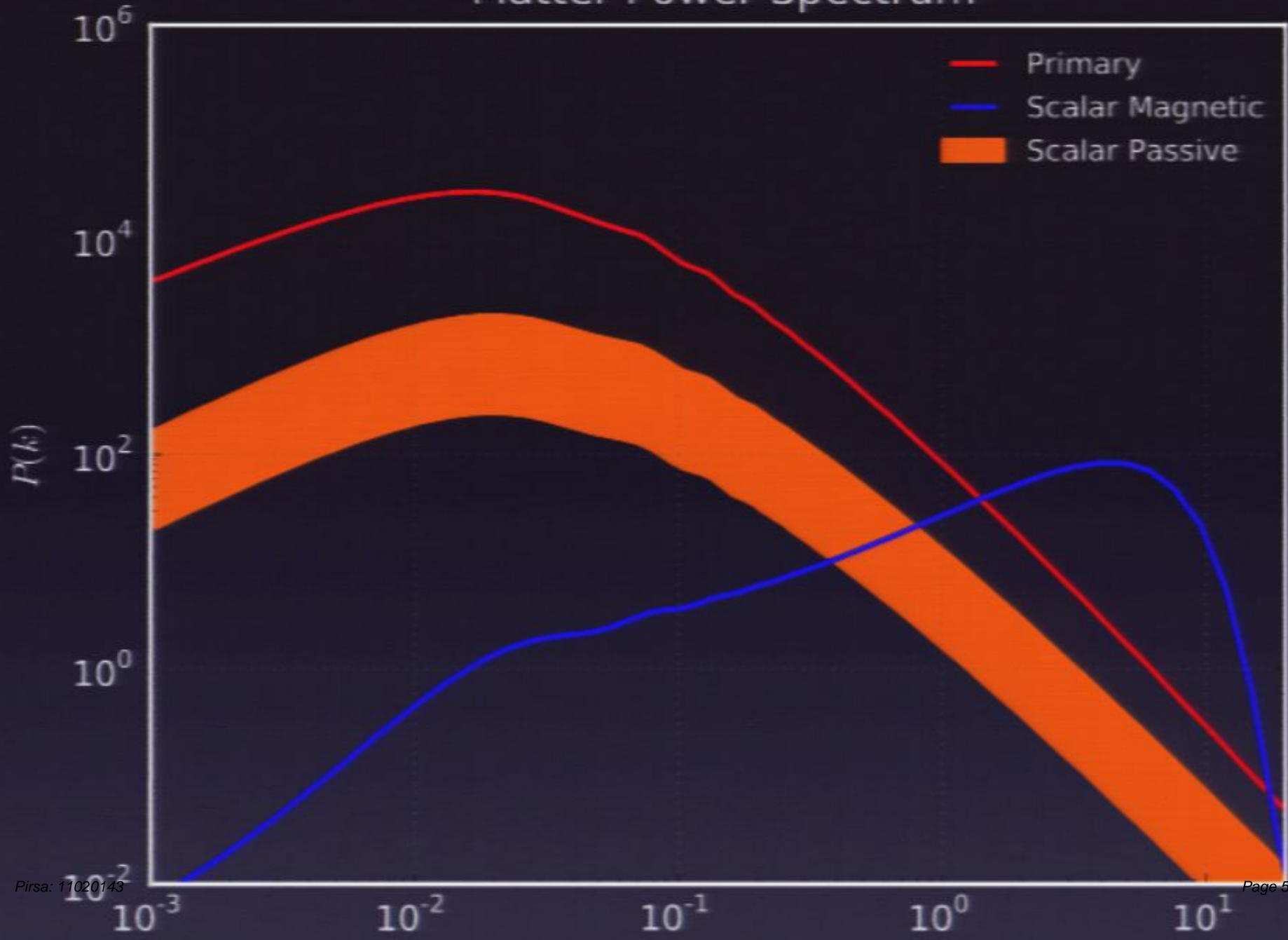
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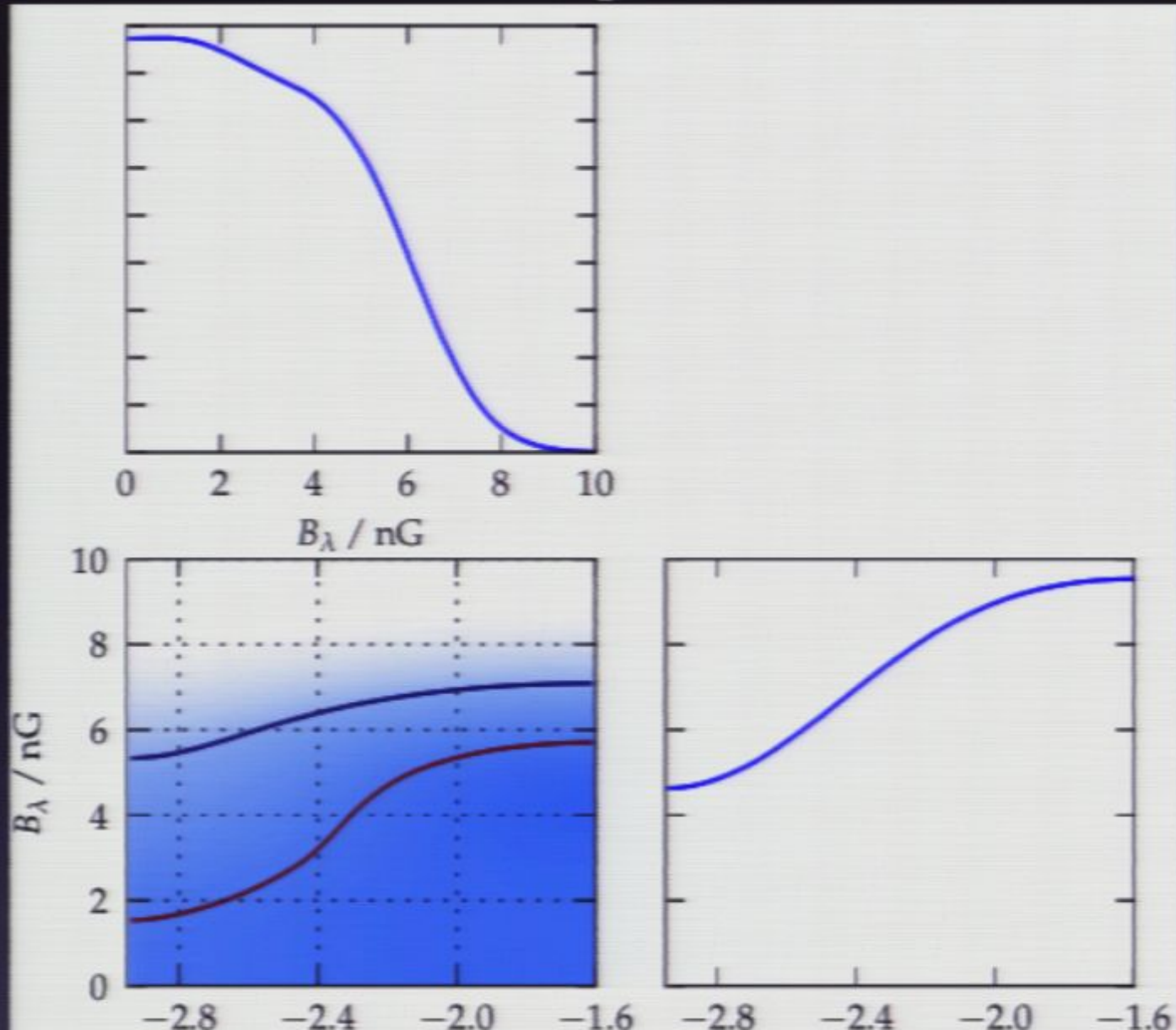
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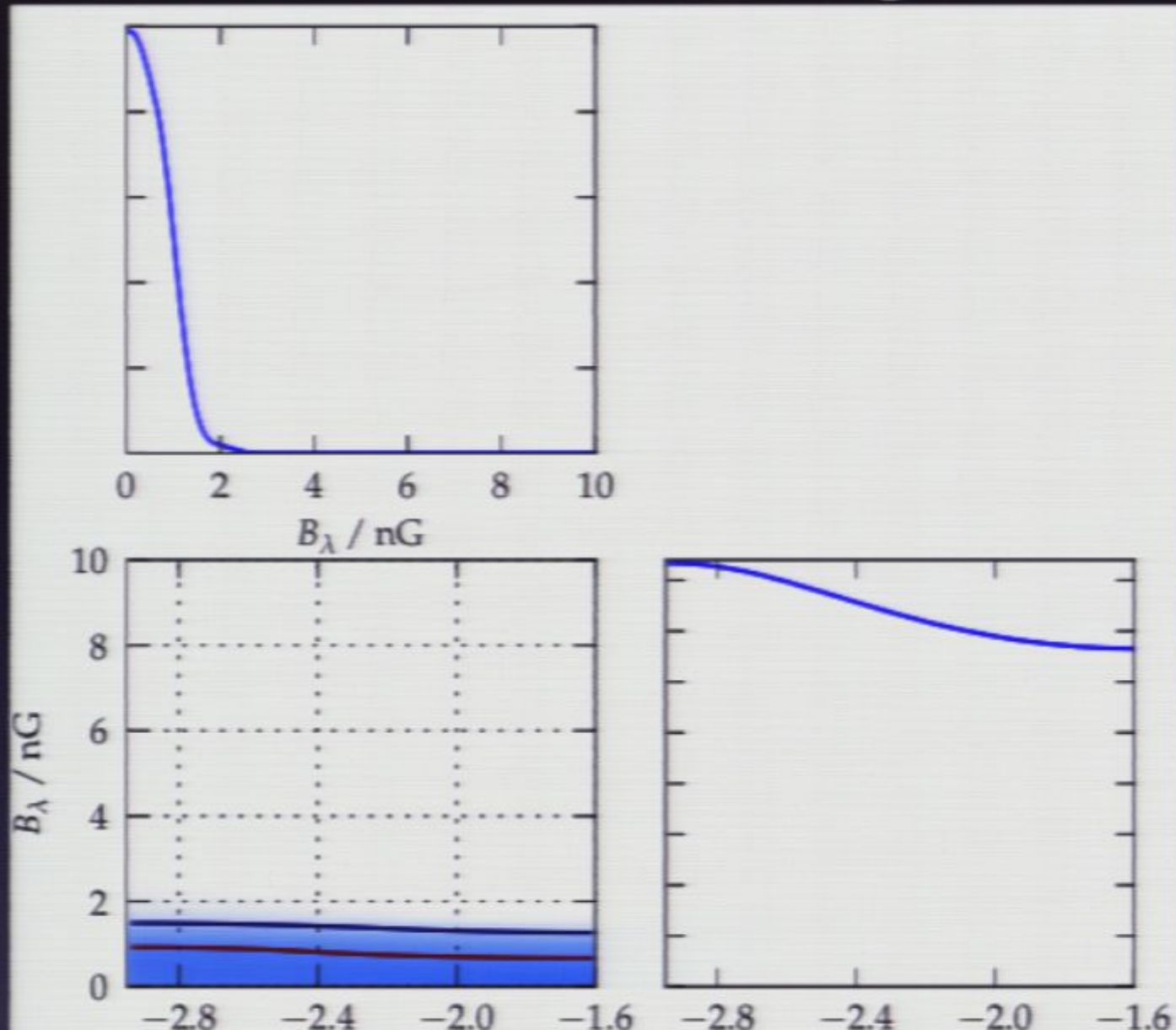
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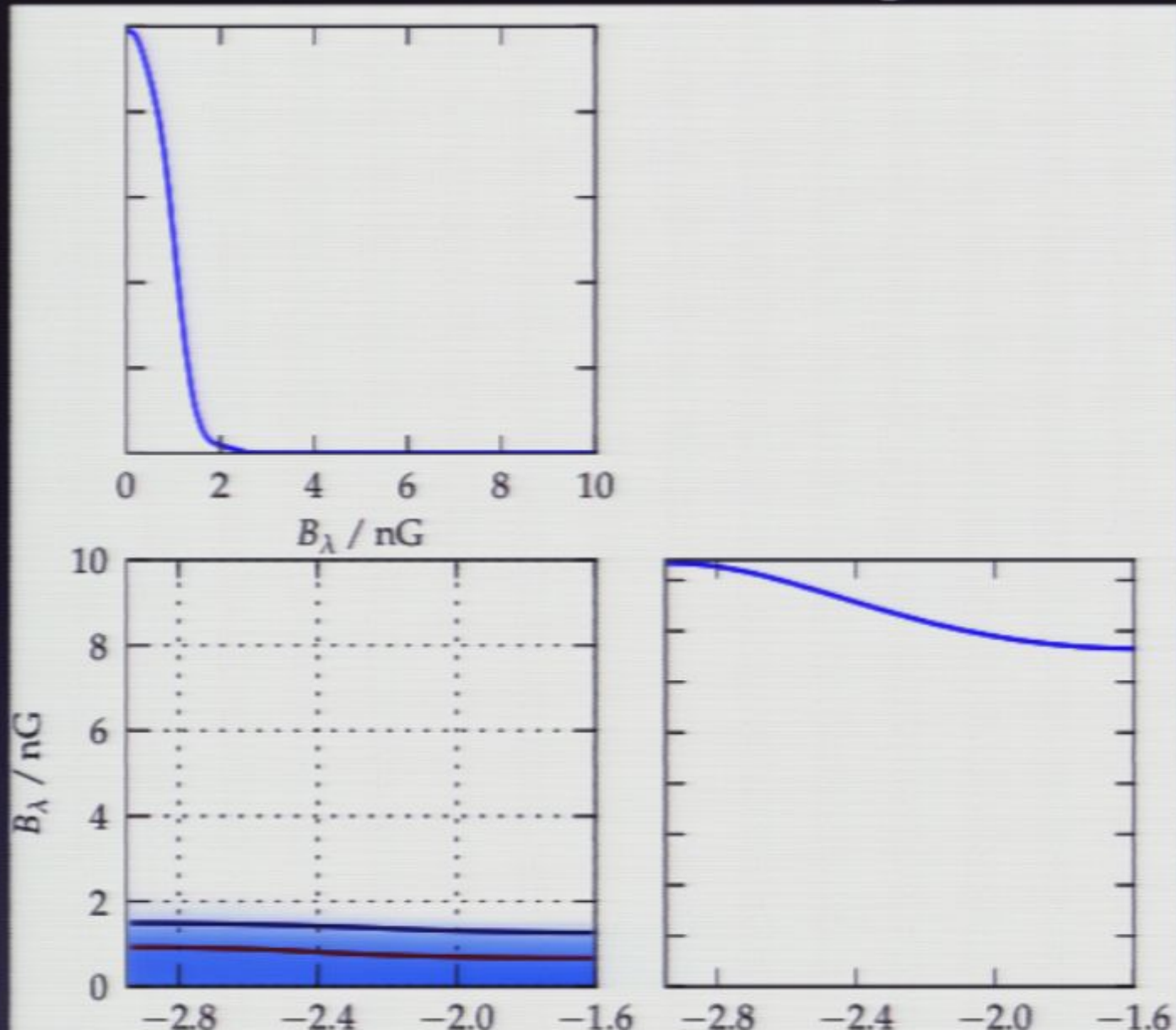
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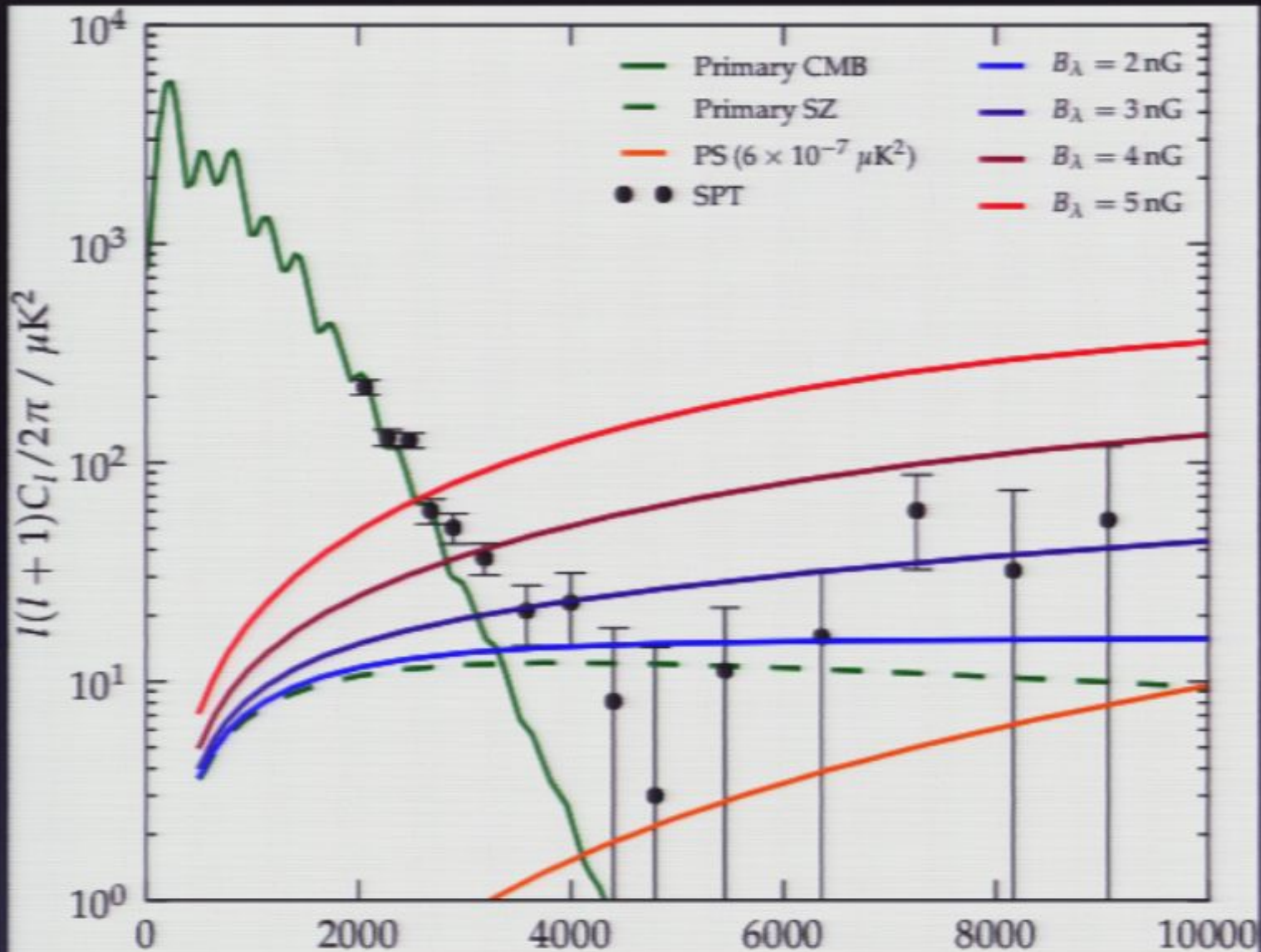
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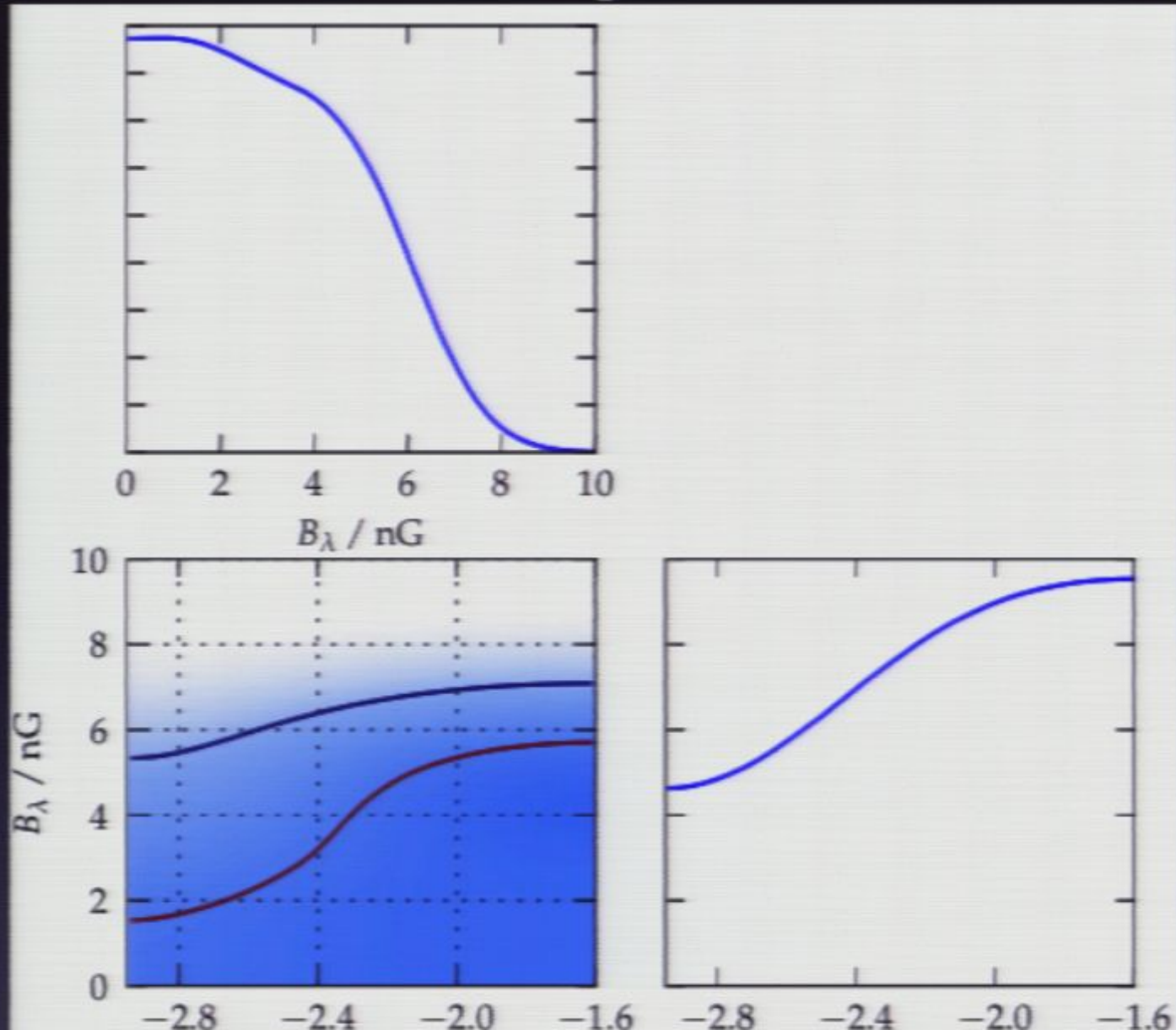
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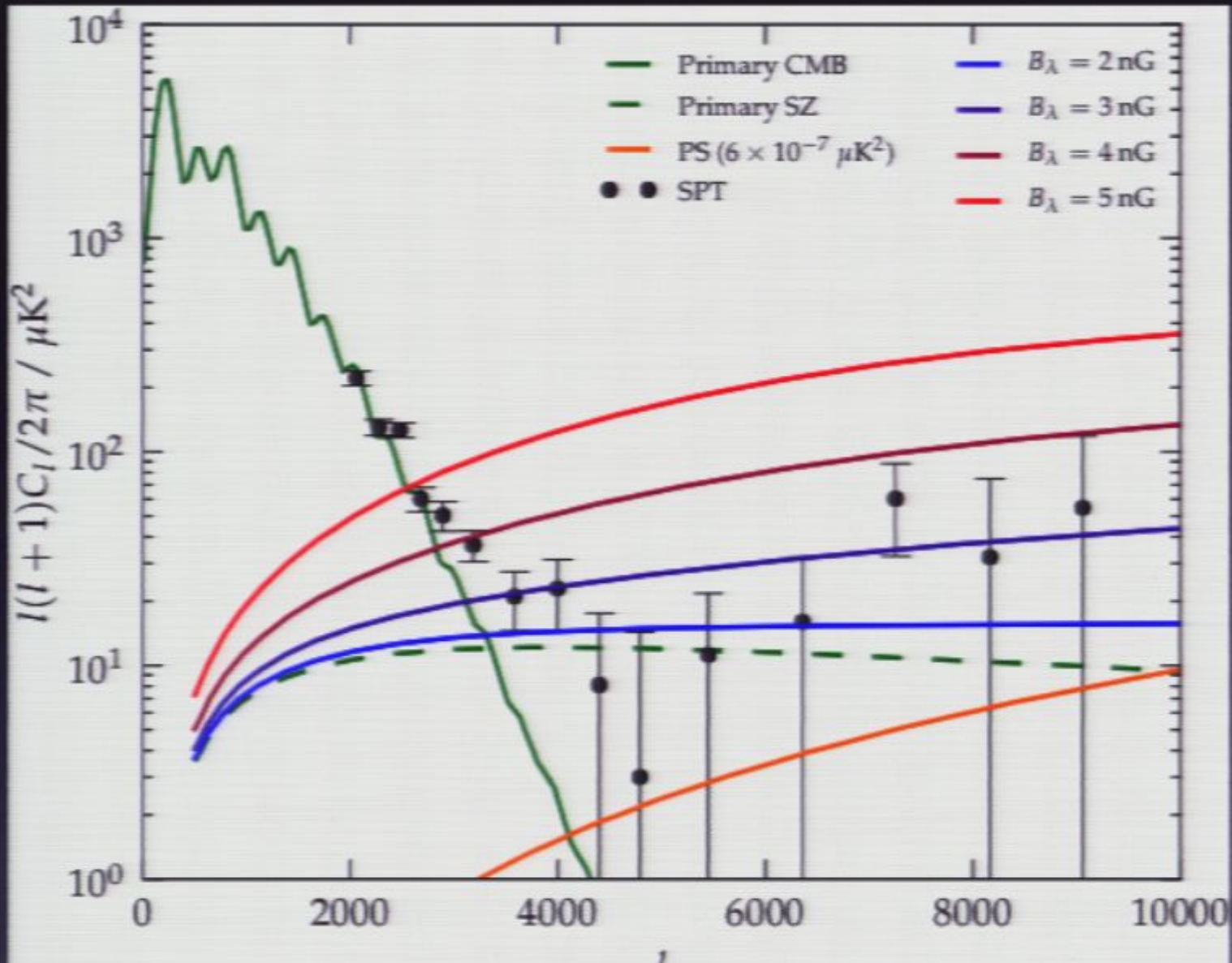
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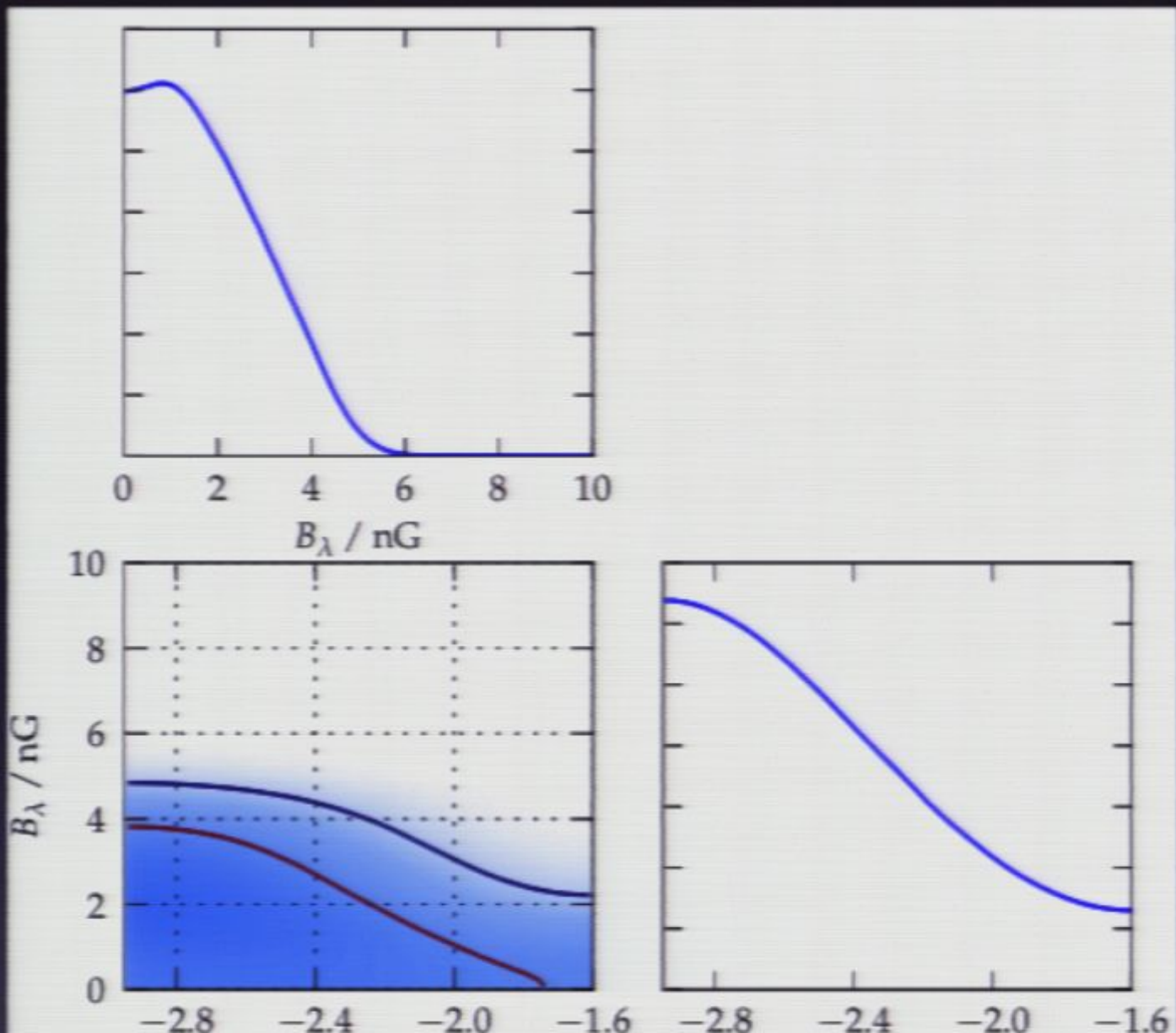
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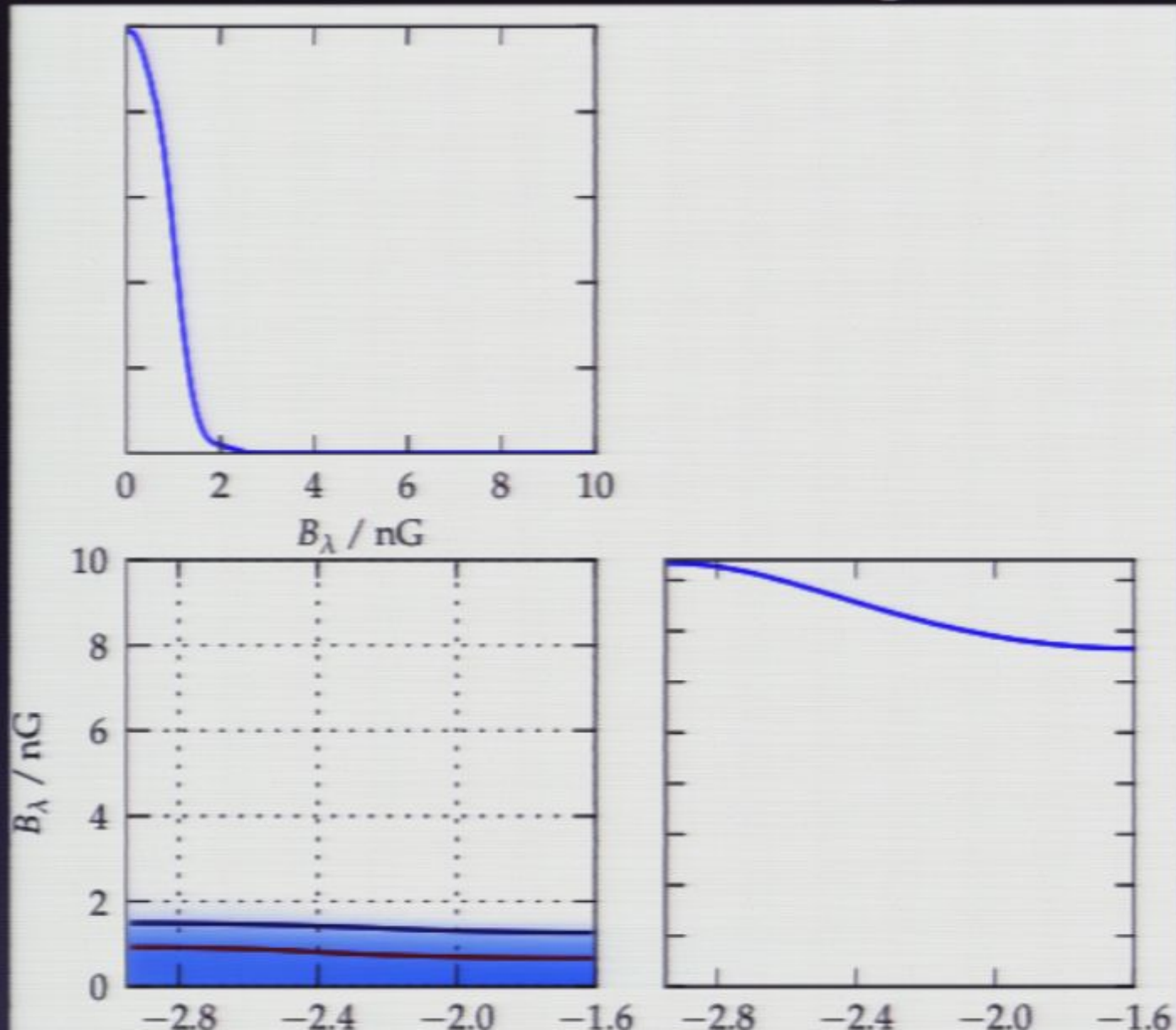
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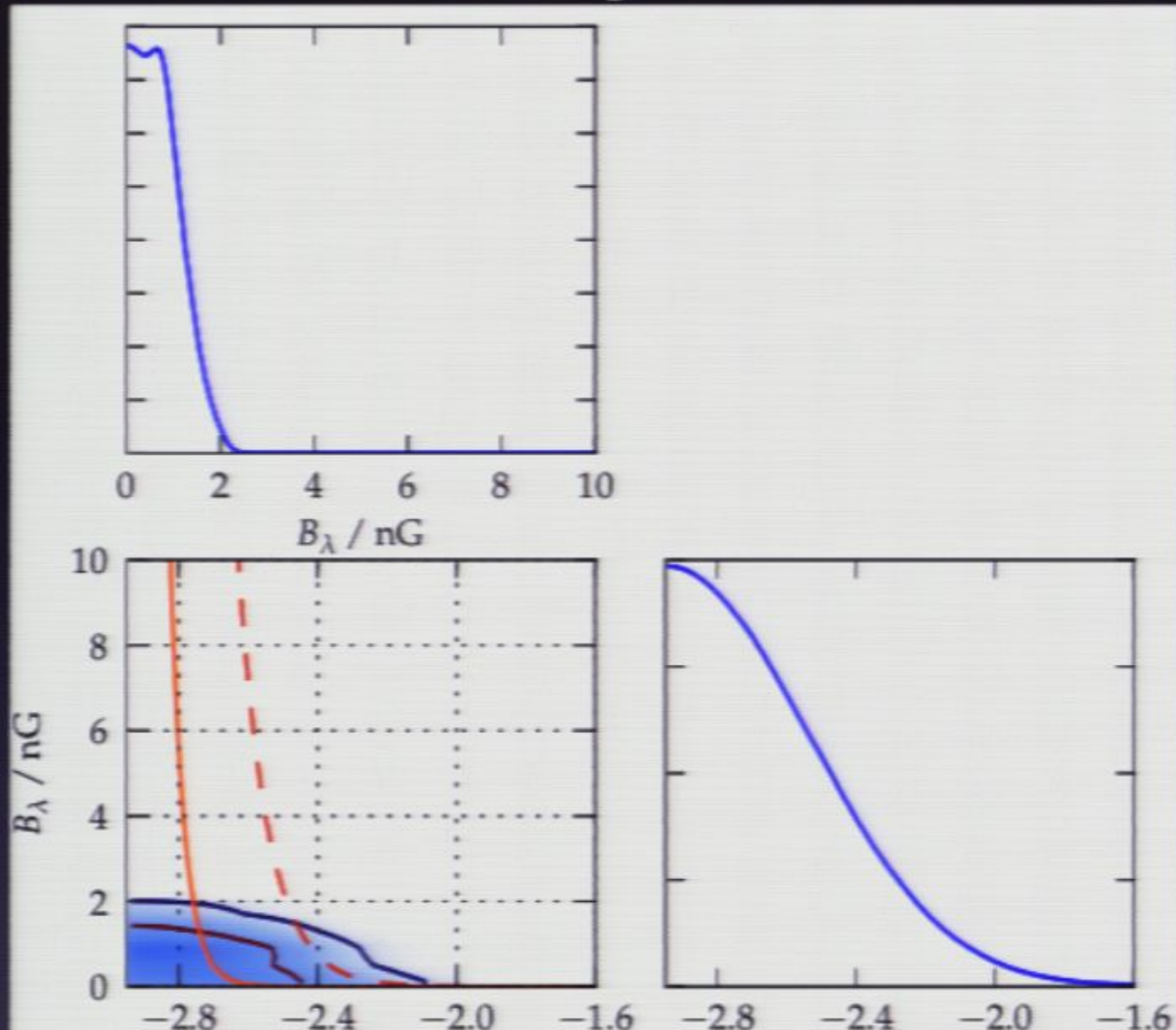
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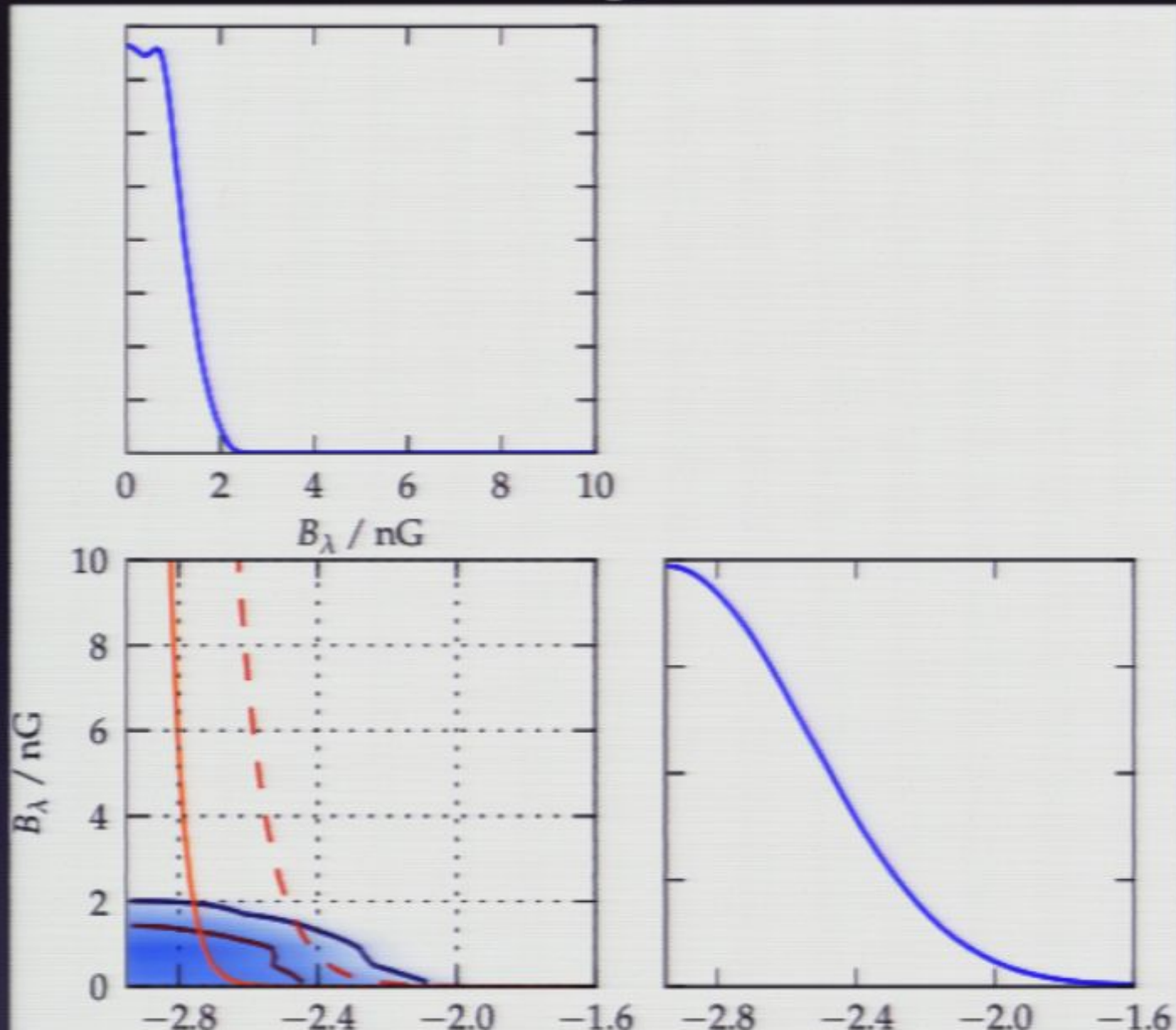
Future Constraints?

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- Amplitudes $\propto B_\lambda^4$
- Big improvement in observations. Weak improvement in constraints

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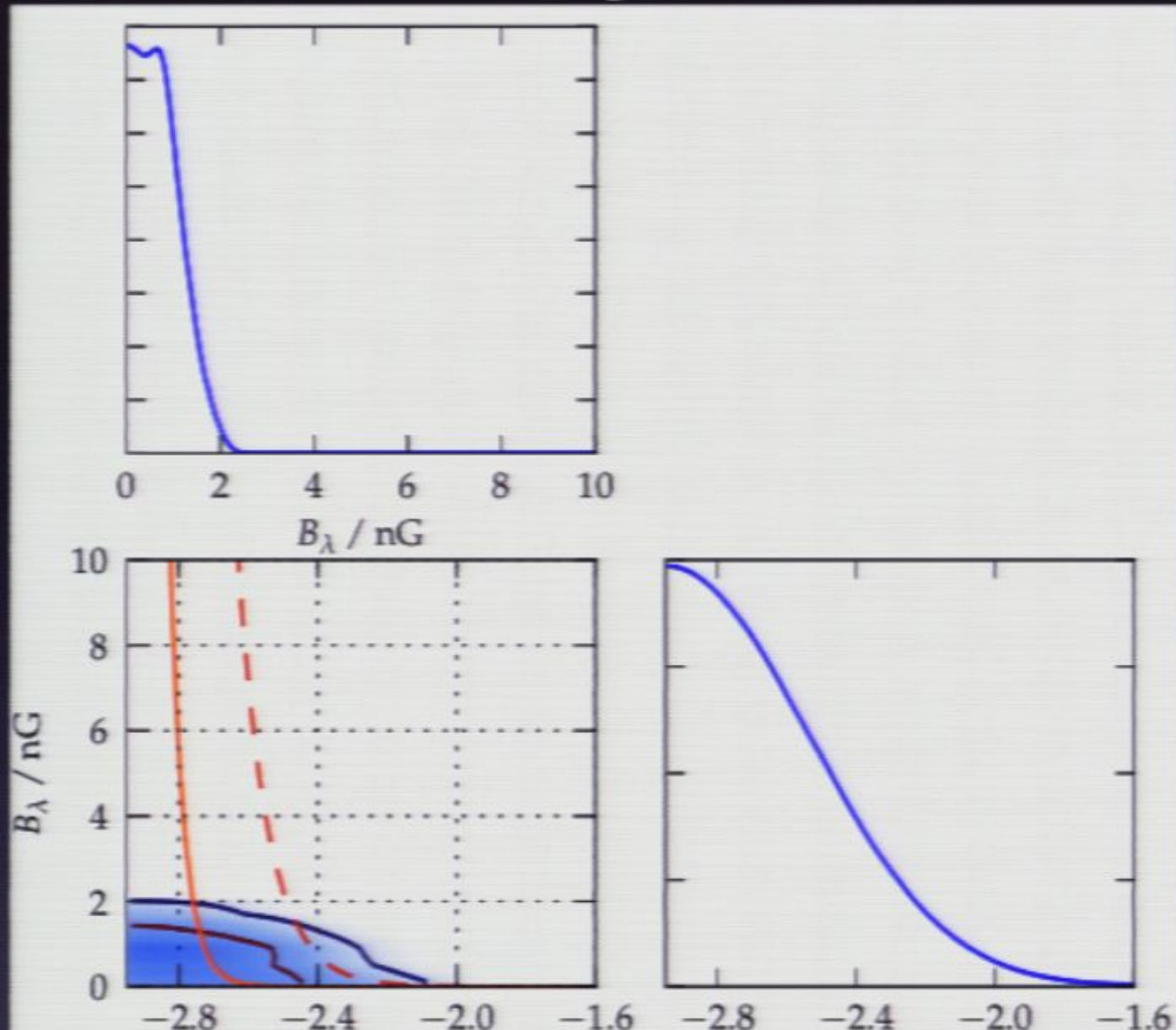
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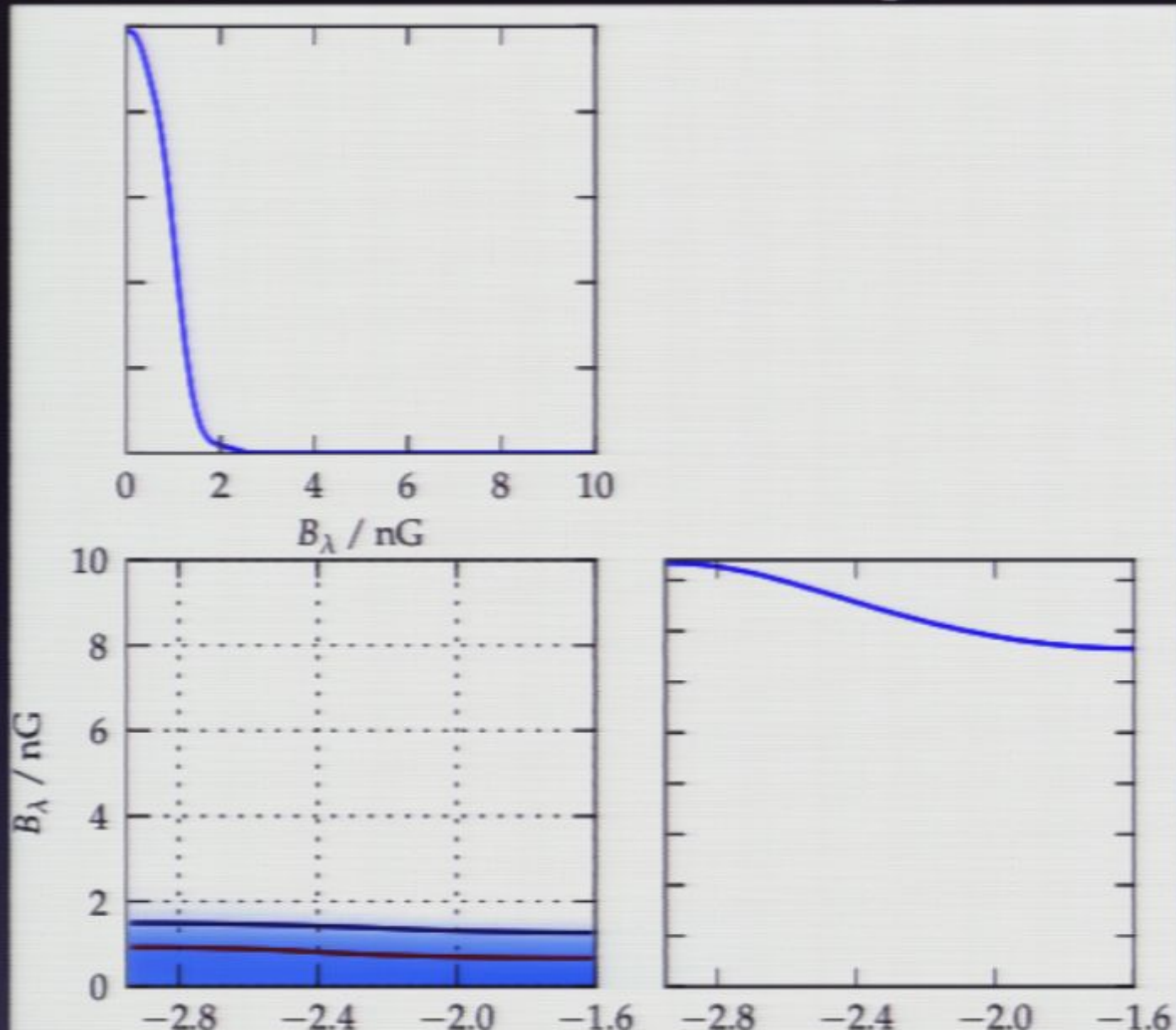
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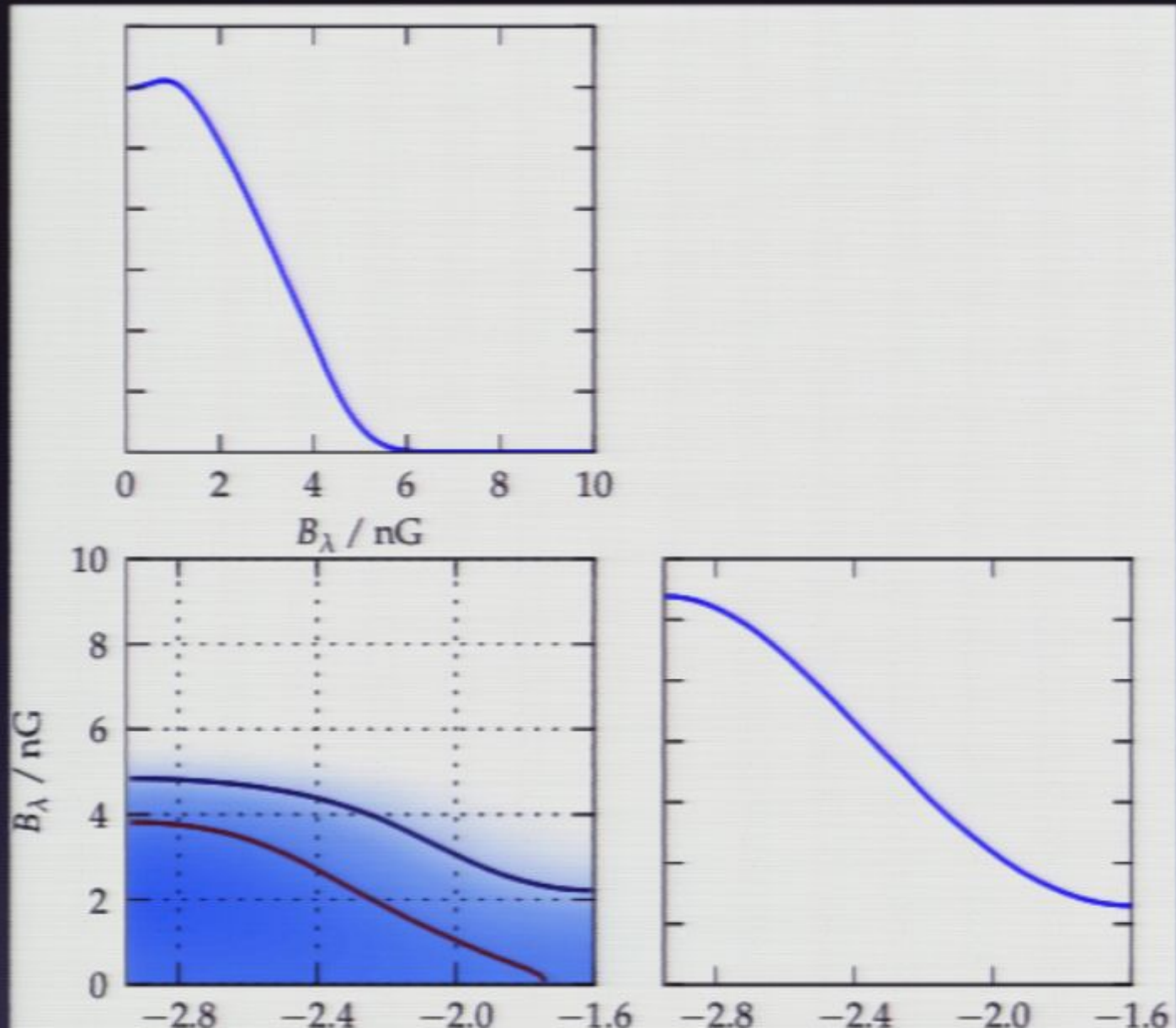
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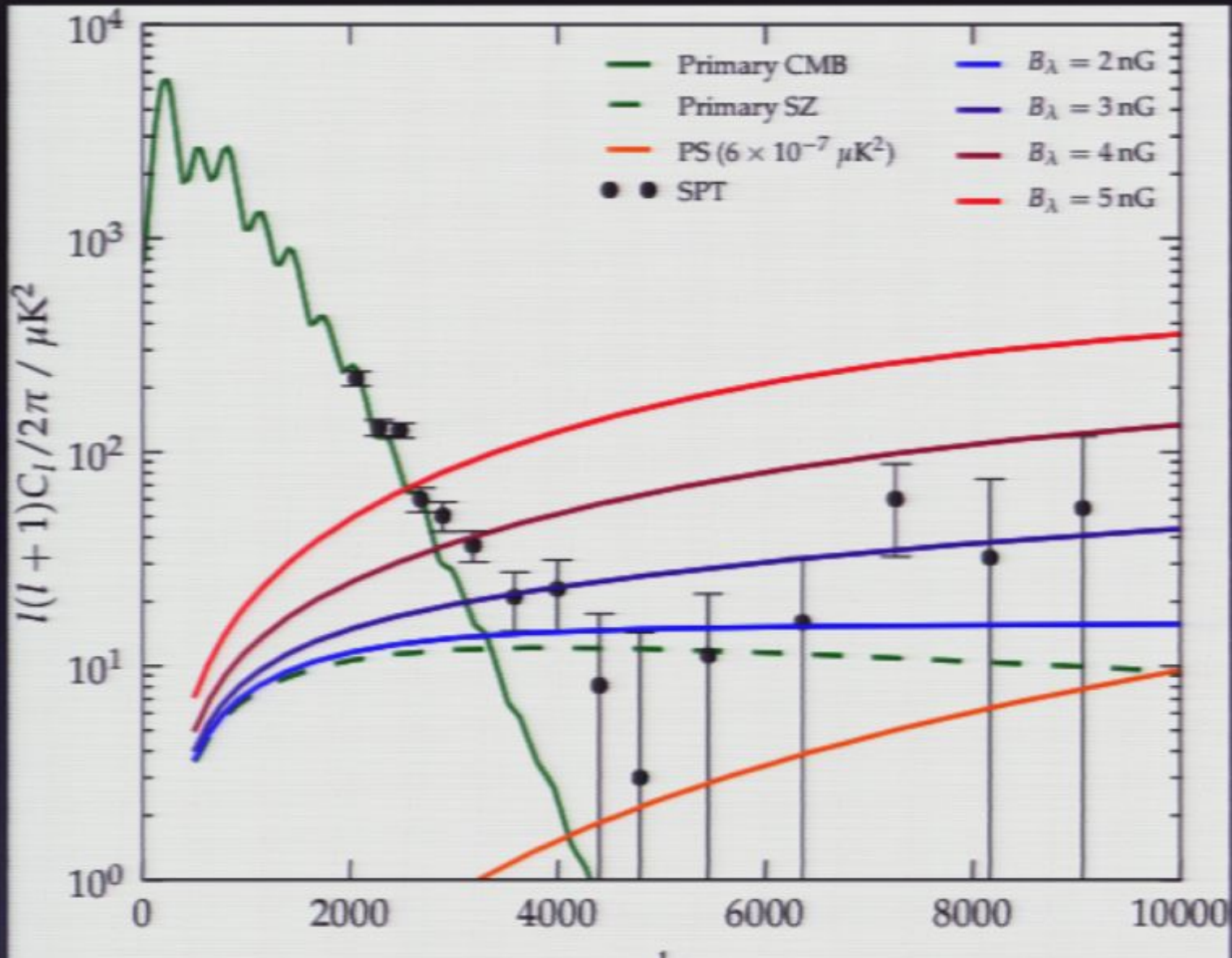
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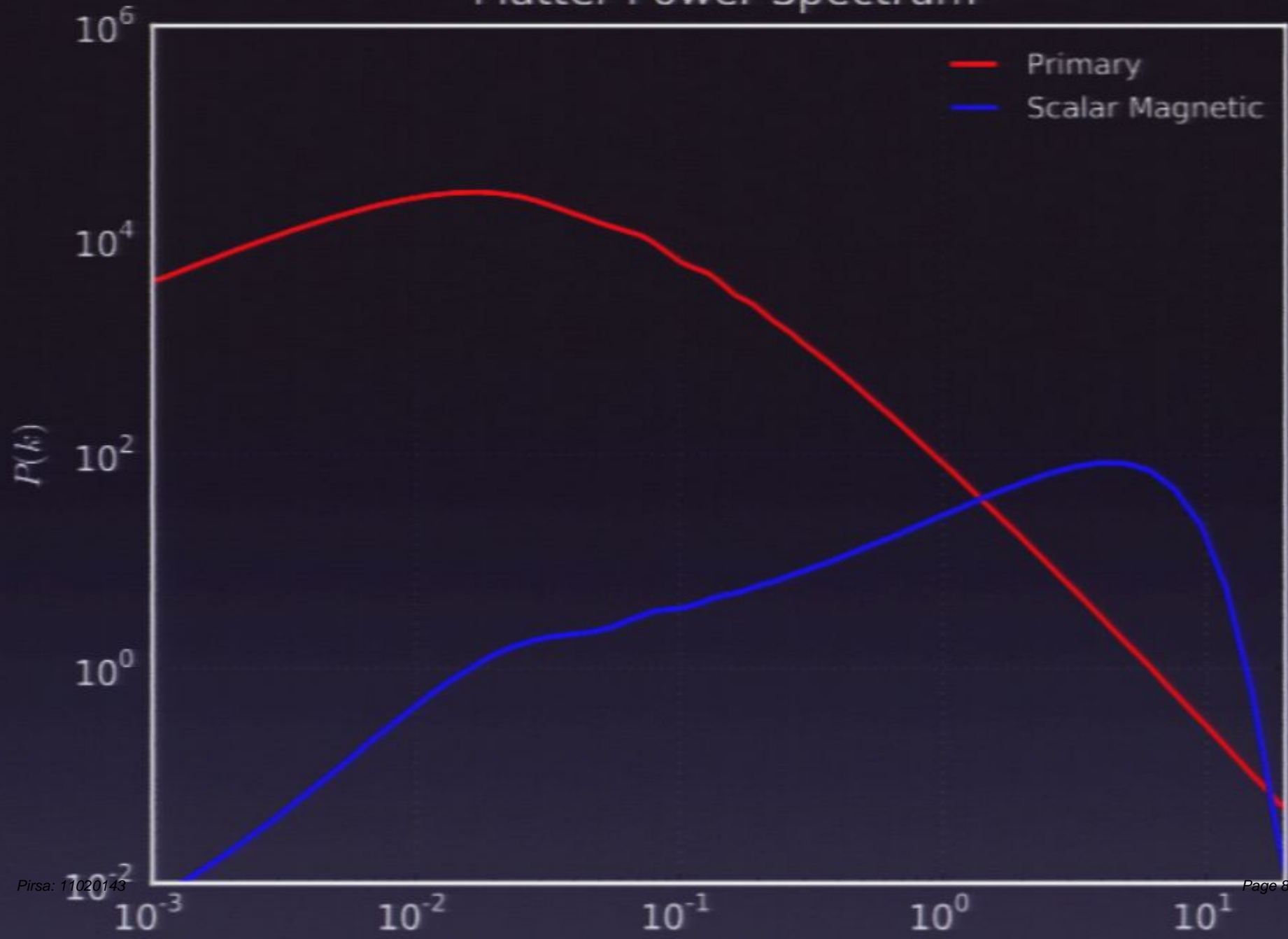
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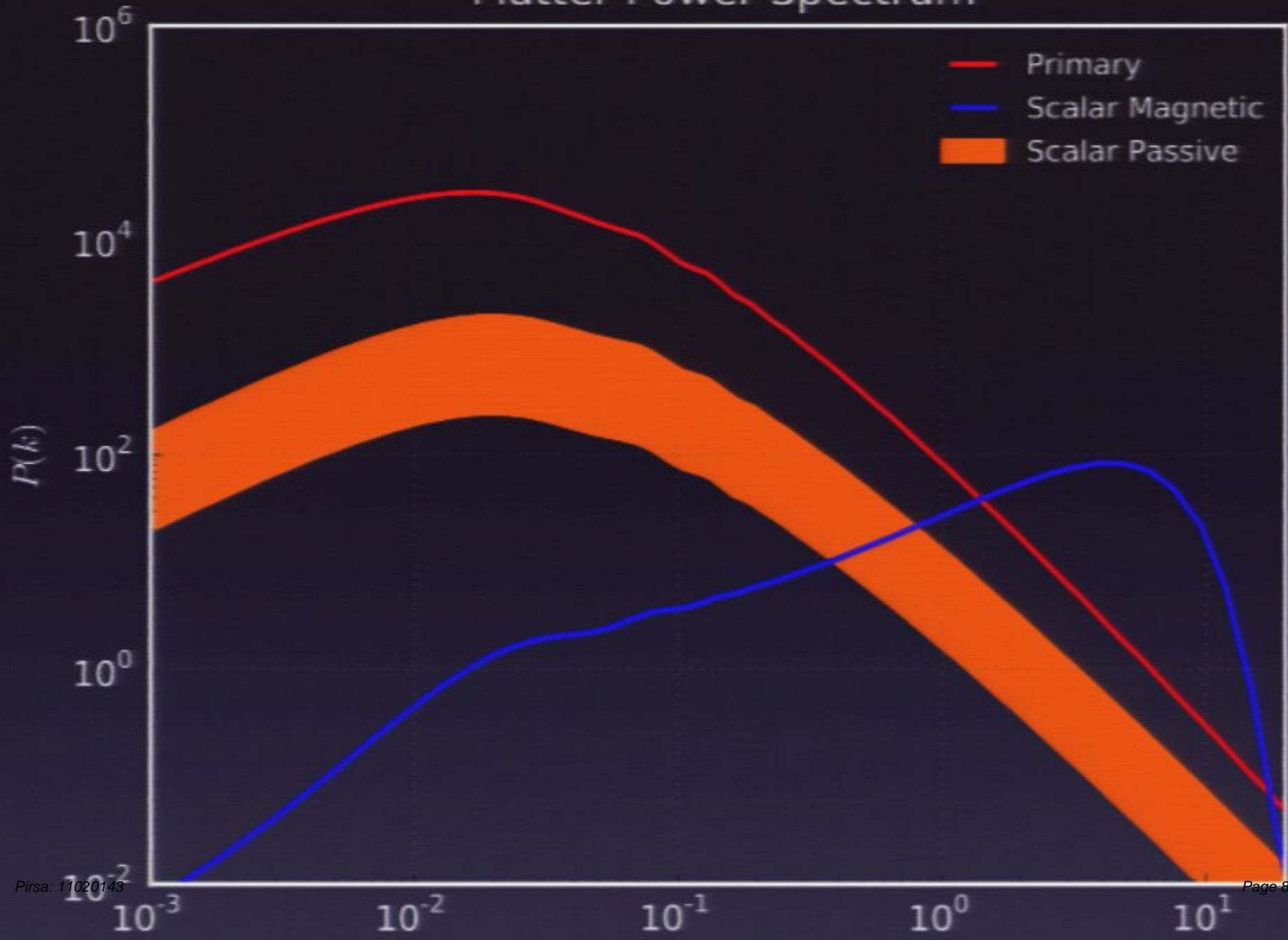
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