

In the beginning of the Dark Ages, electrically neutral hydrogen gas filled the universe. As stars formed, they ionized the regions immediately around them, creating bubbles here and there. Eventually these bubbles merged together, and intergalactic gas became entirely ionized.



## HI across cosmic time



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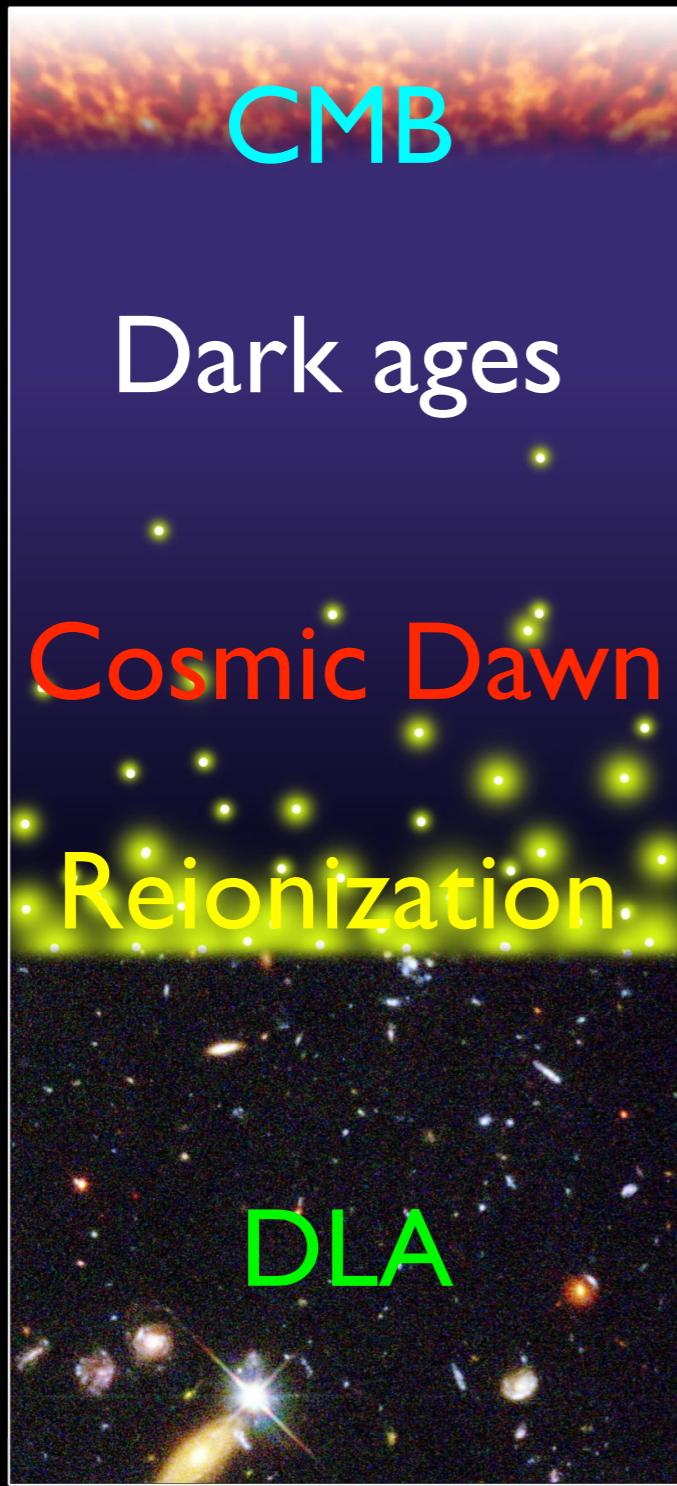
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← The Big Bang

The Universe filled with ionized gas

← The Universe becomes neutral and opaque

The Dark Ages start

Galaxies and Quasars begin to form

The Reionization starts

The Cosmic Renaissance

The Dark Ages end

← Reionization complete, the Universe becomes transparent again

Galaxies evolve

The Solar System forms

Today: Astronomers figure it all out!

- Story of hydrogen
- 21 cm mean signal
- 21 cm fluctuations
- Intensity mapping



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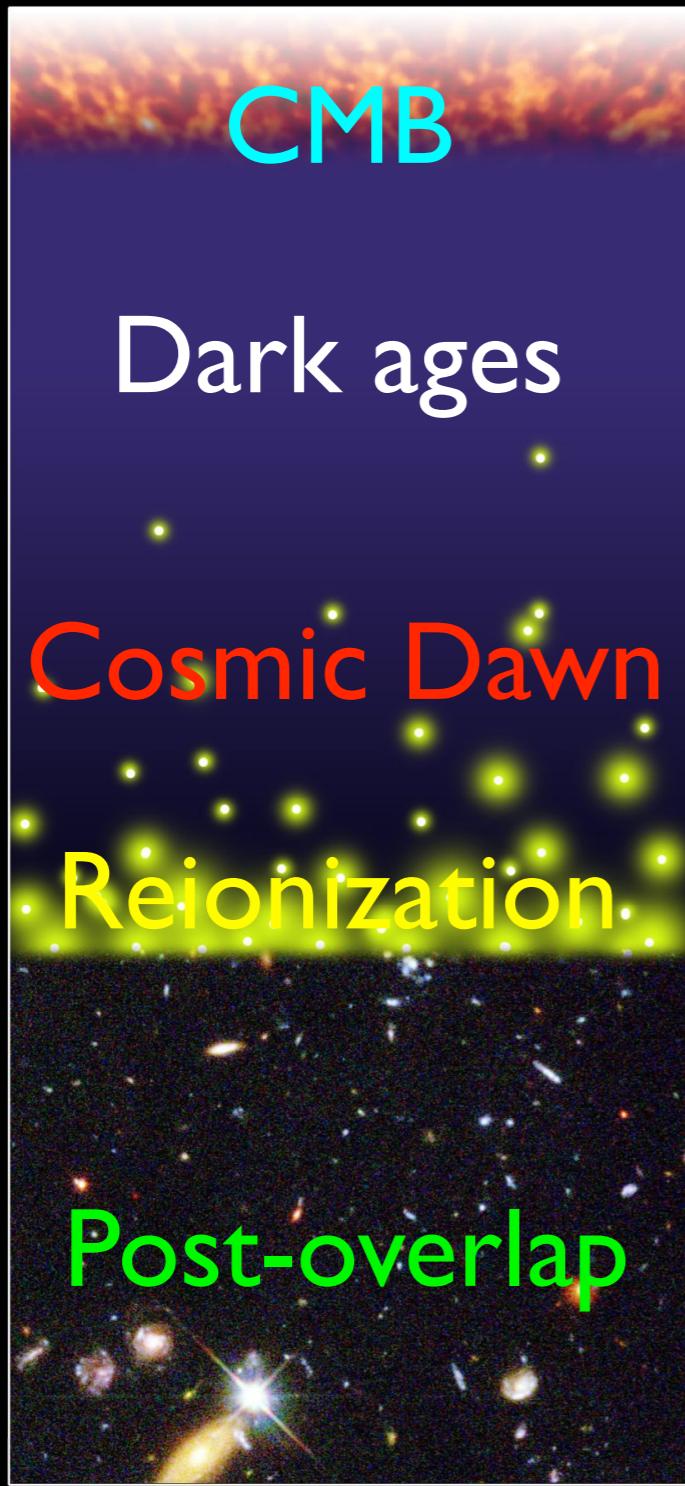
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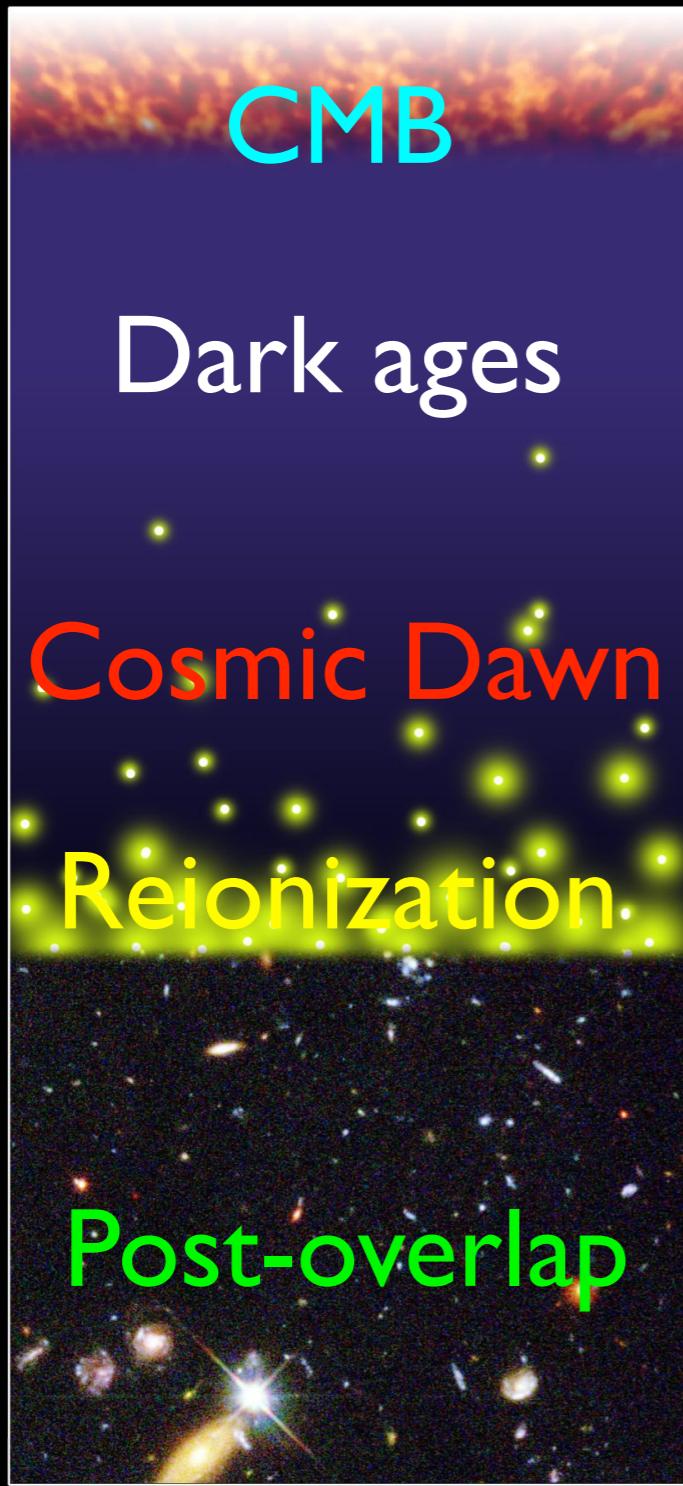
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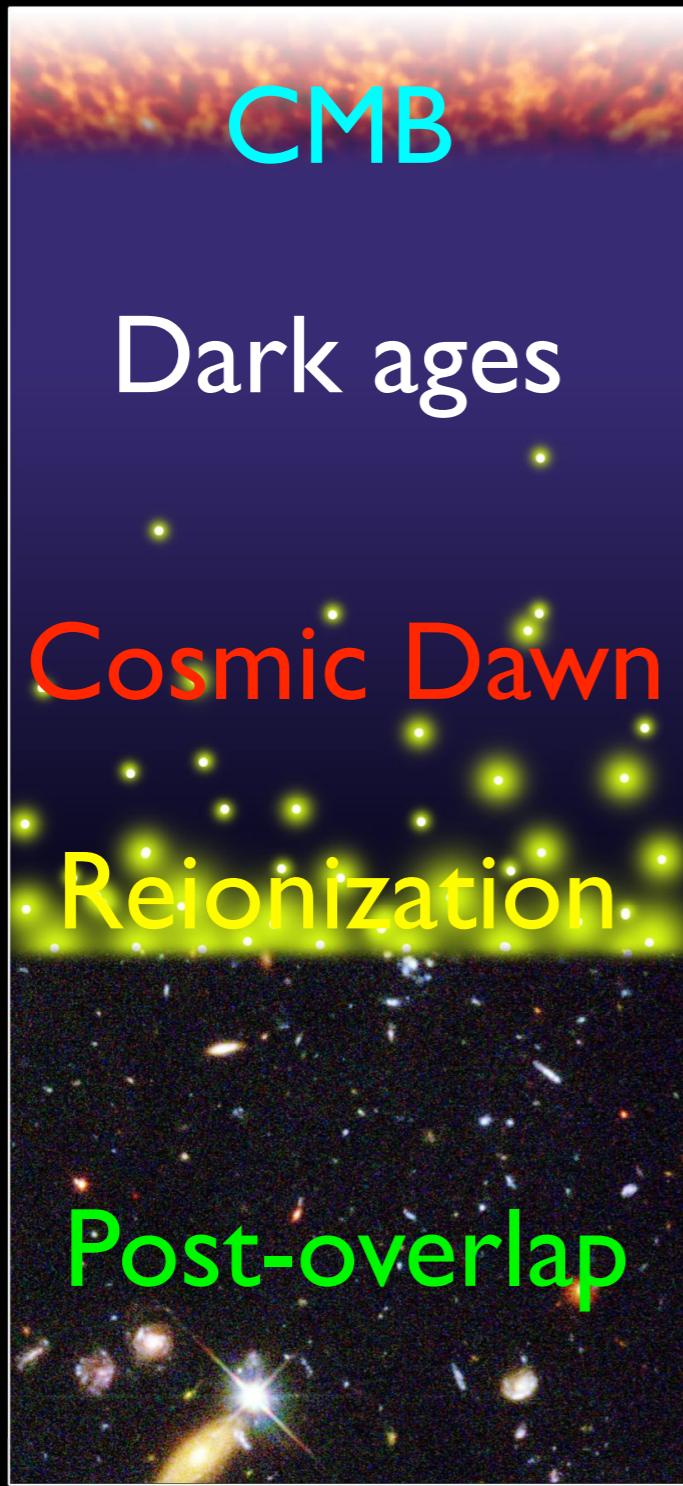
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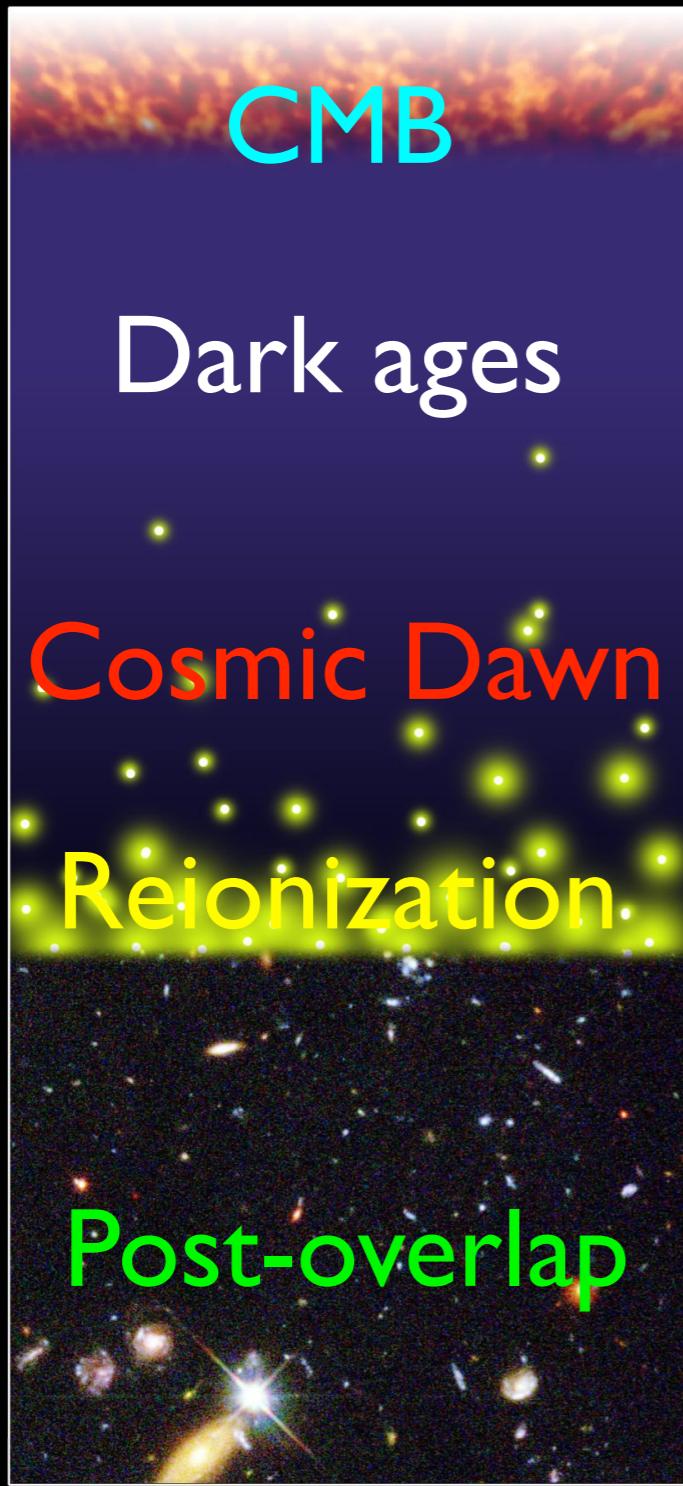
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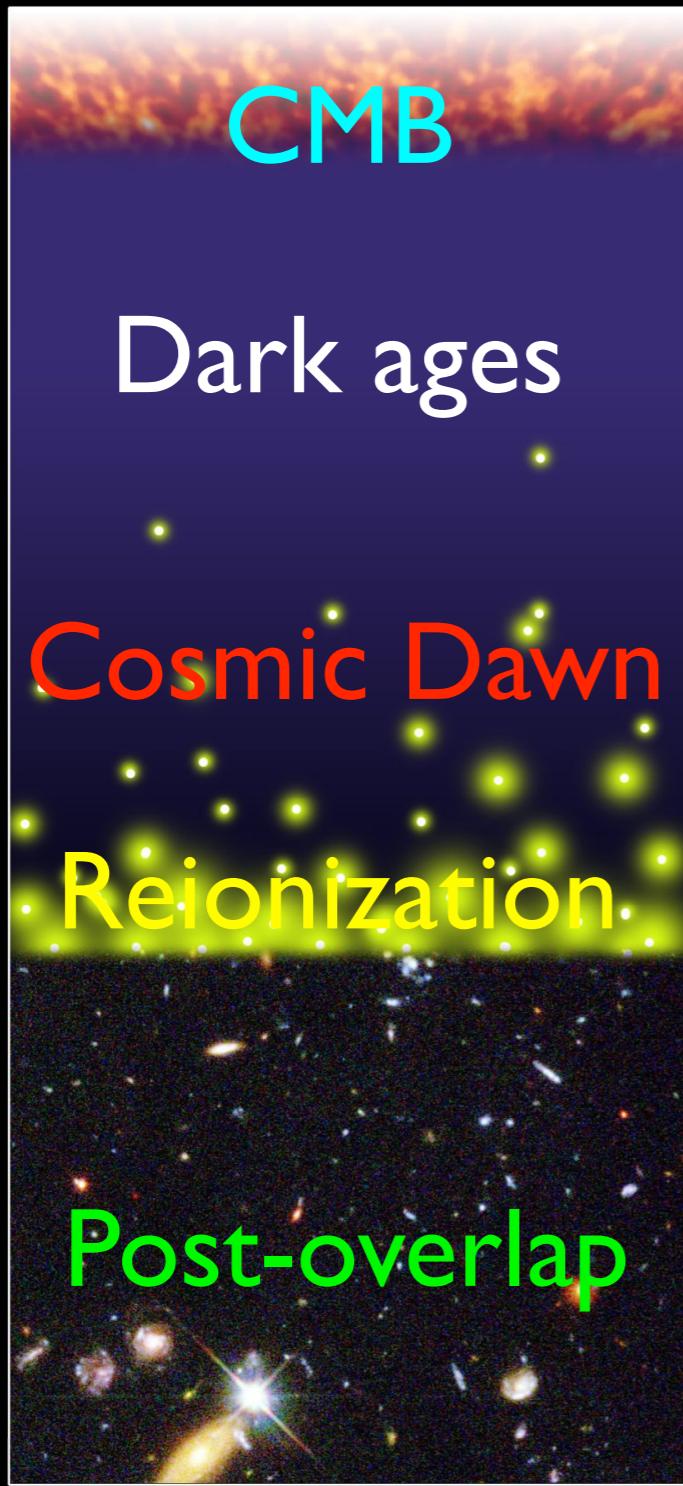
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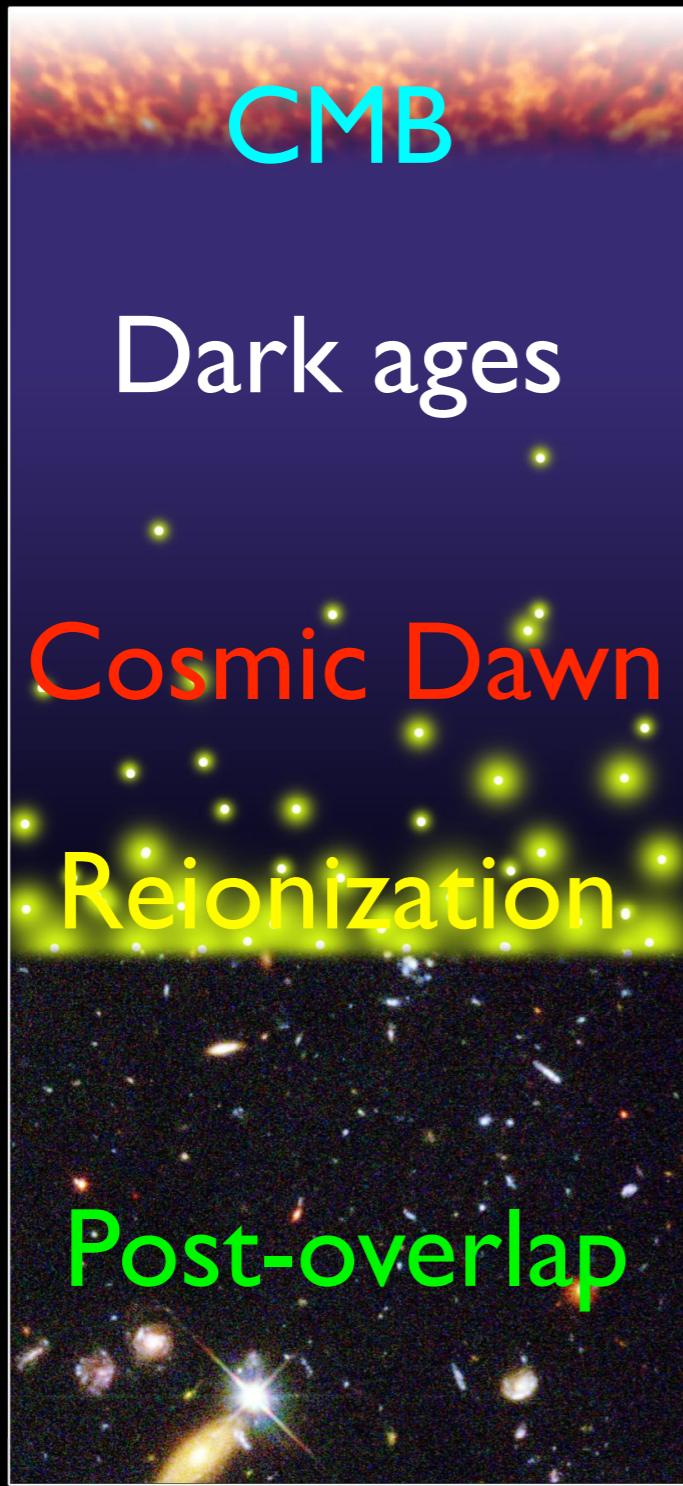
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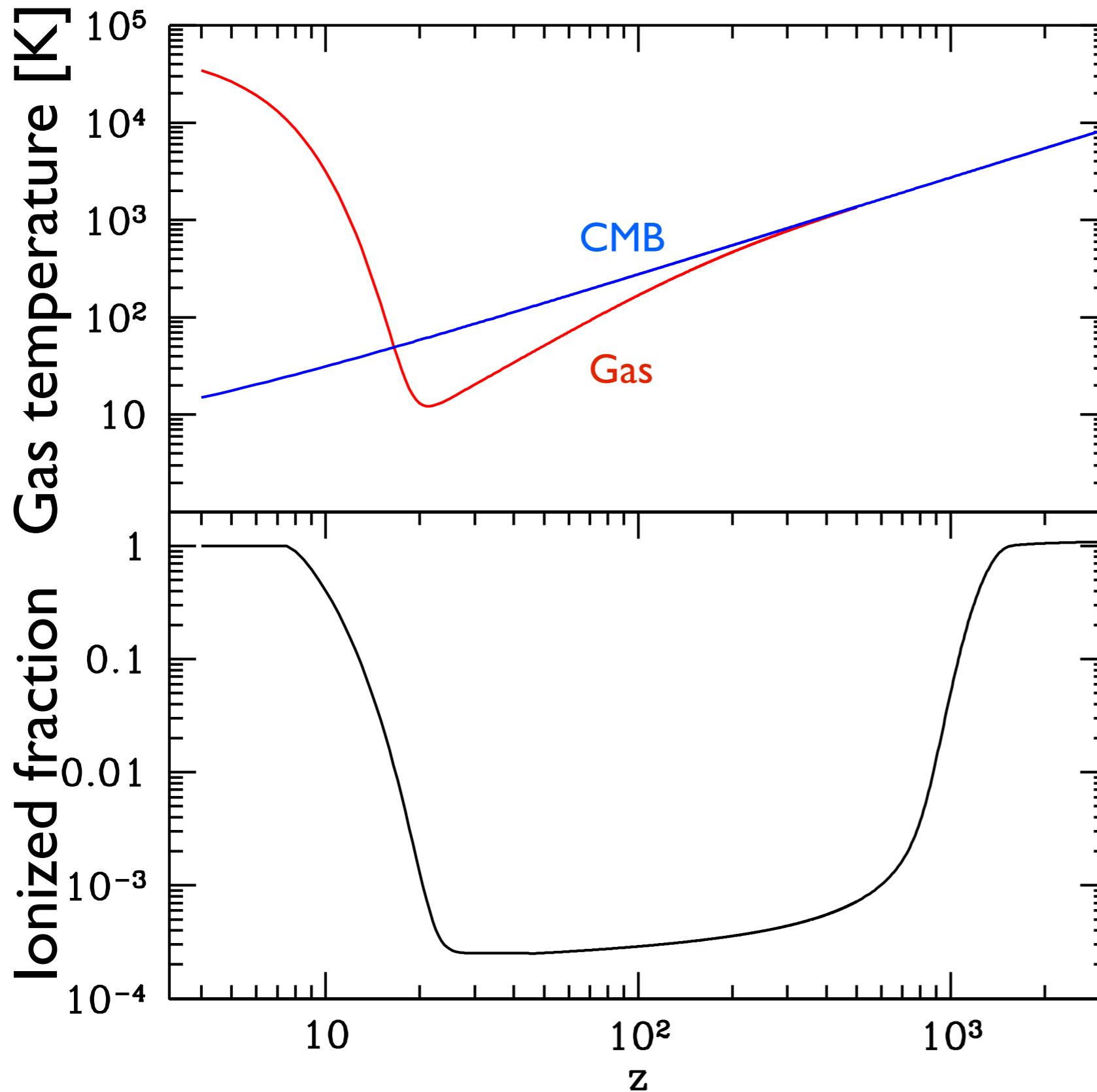
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only neutral hydrogen in **dense clumps**

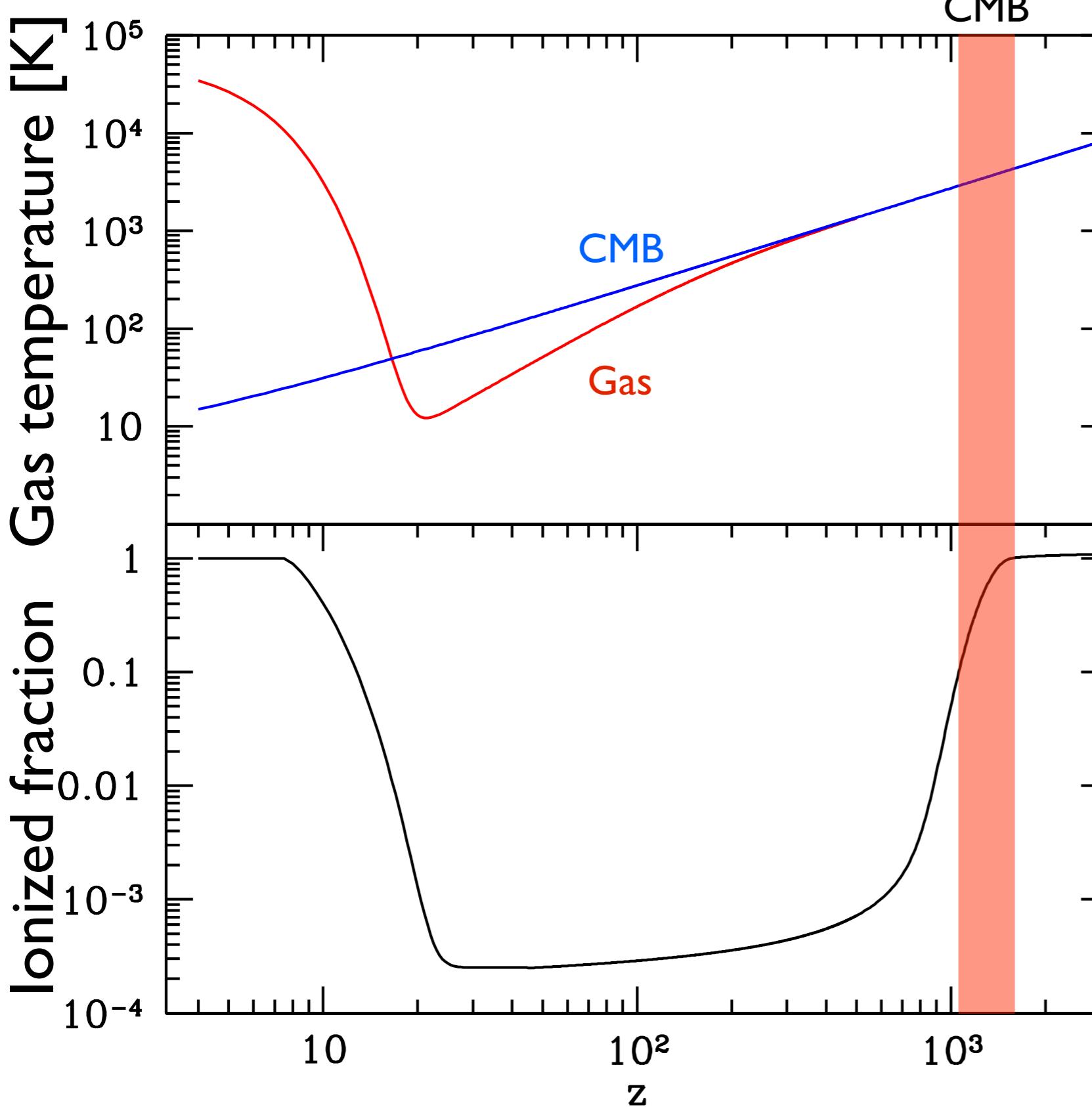


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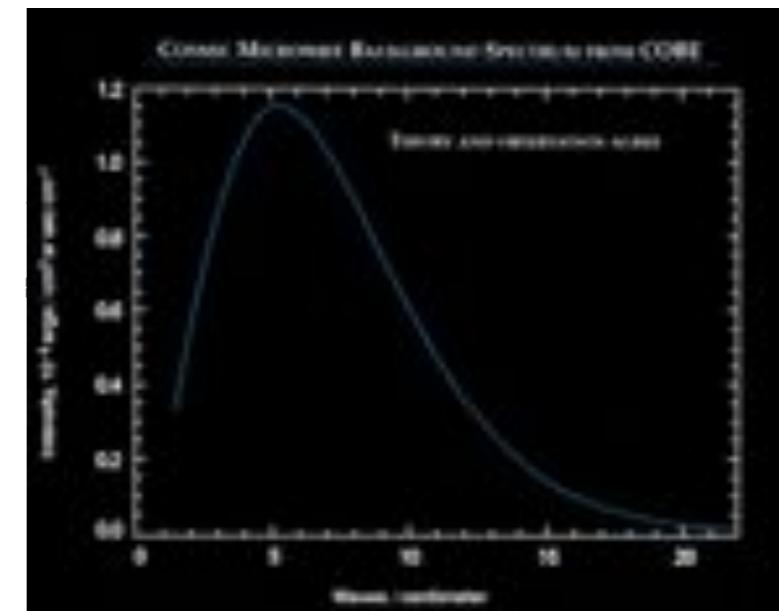




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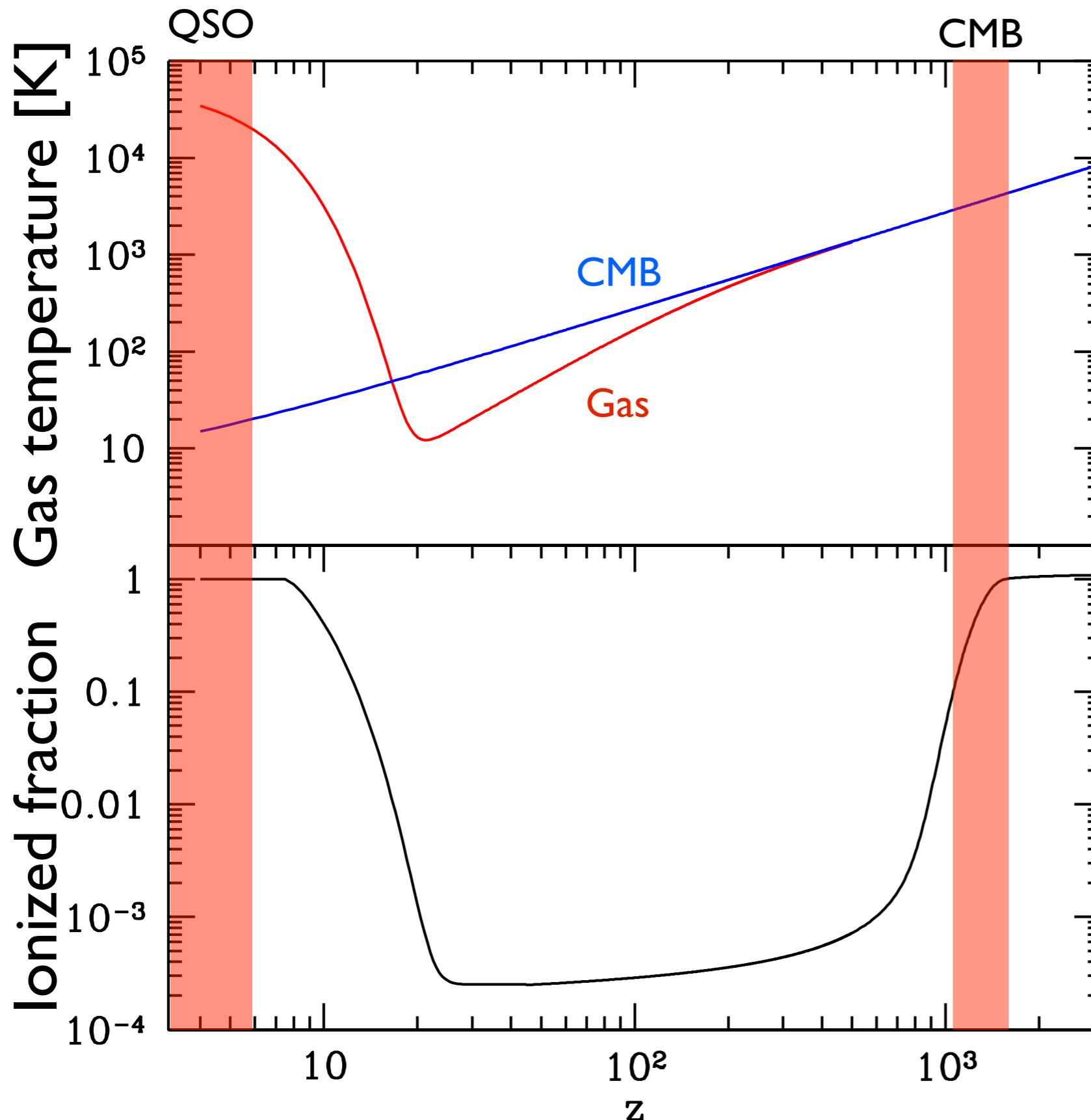


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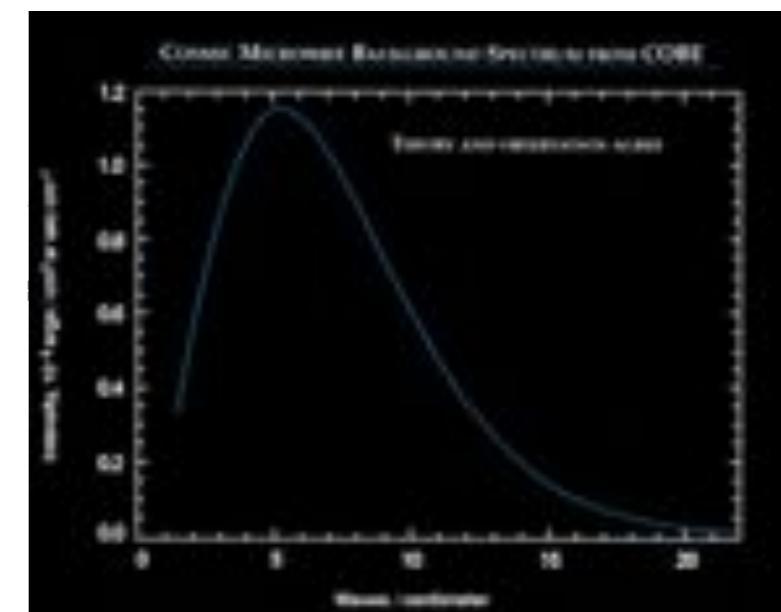




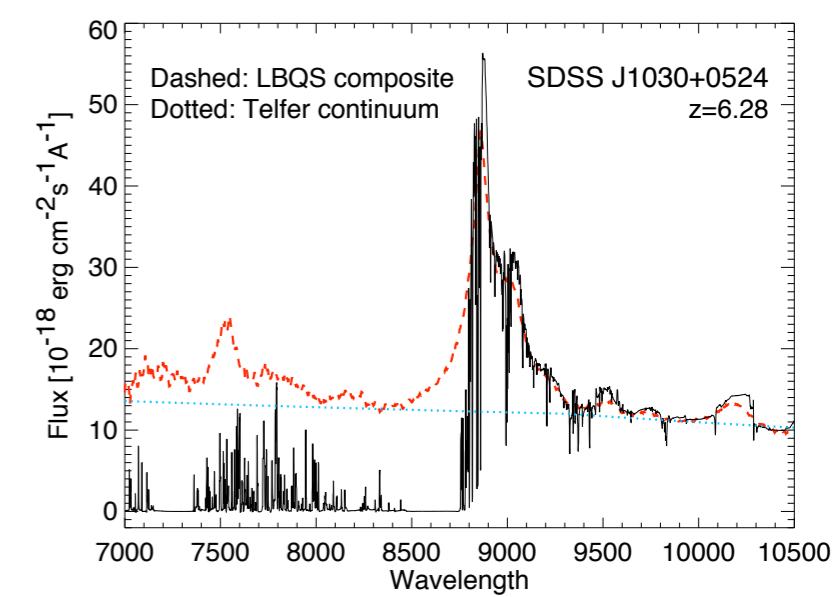
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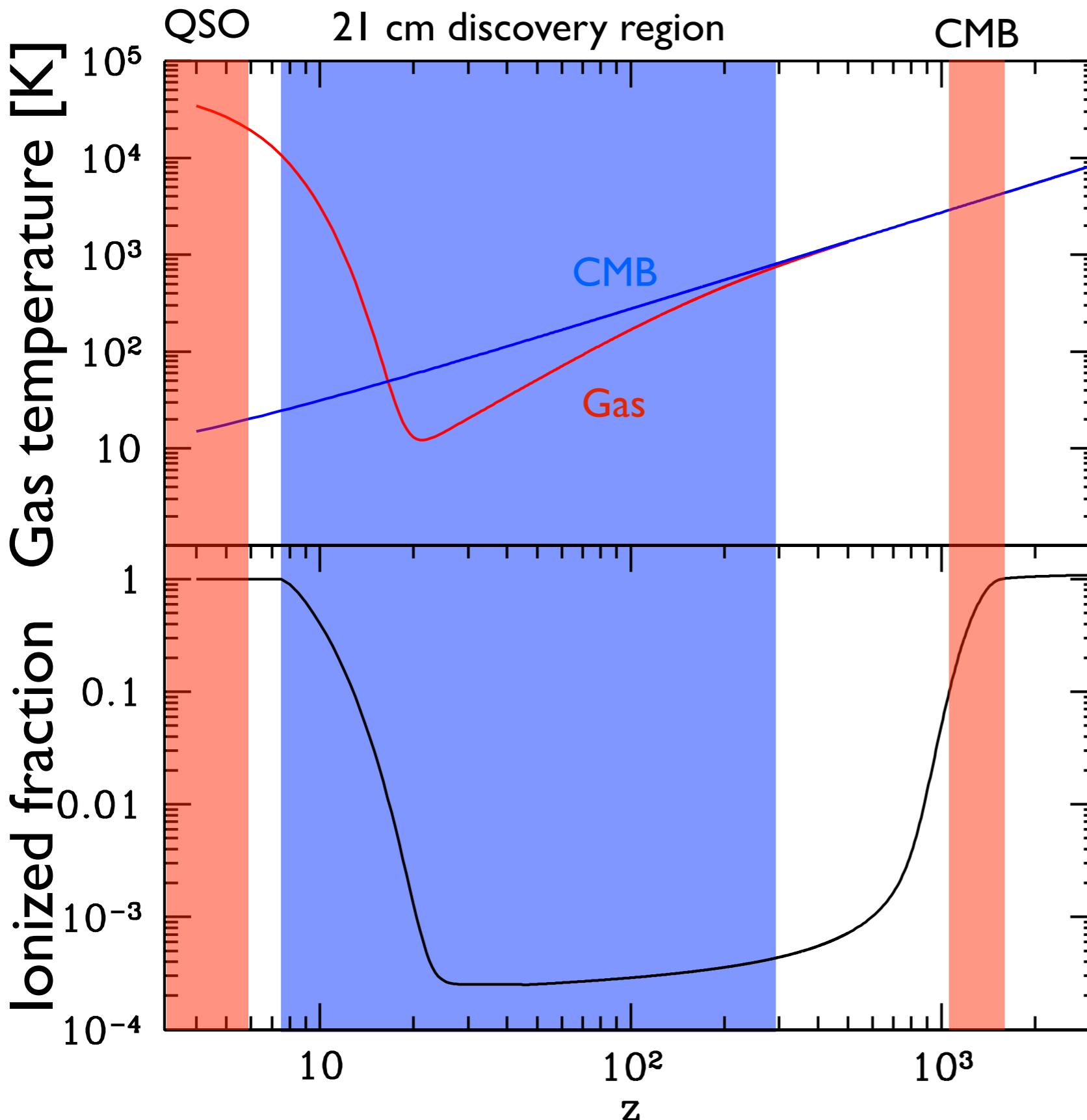


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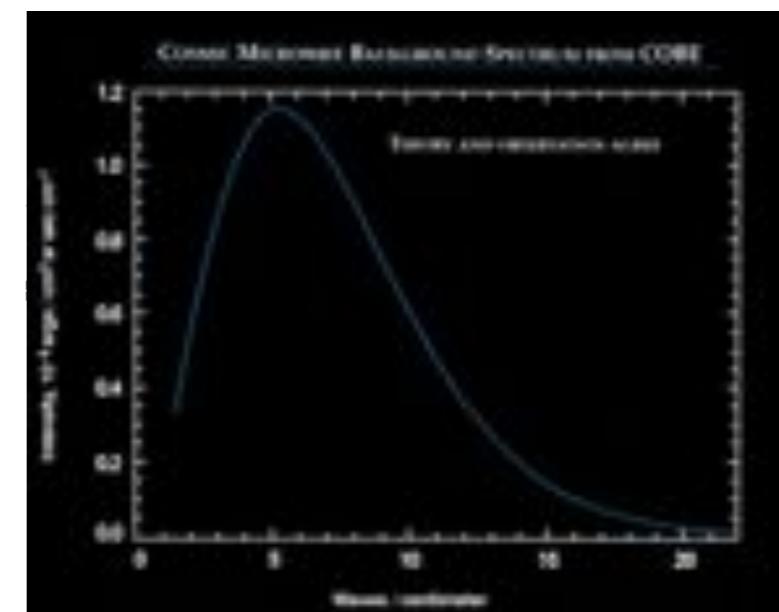




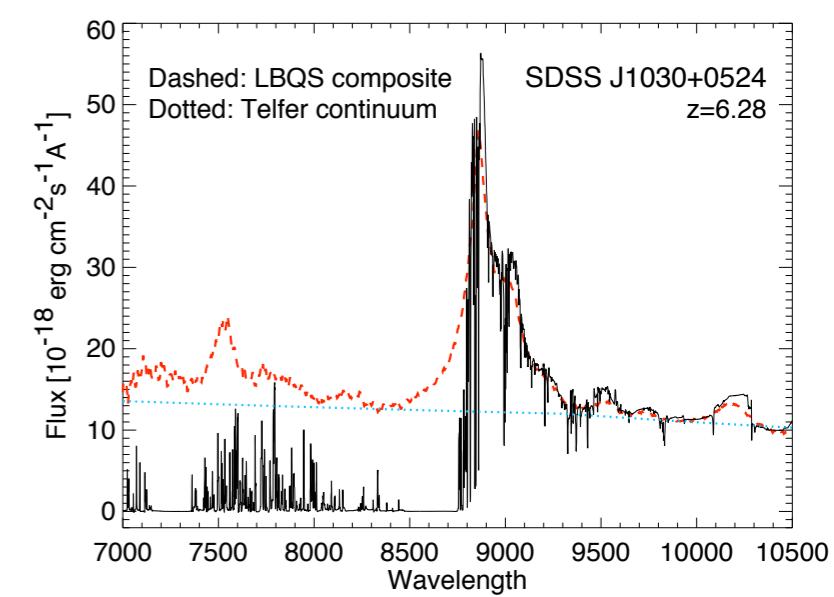
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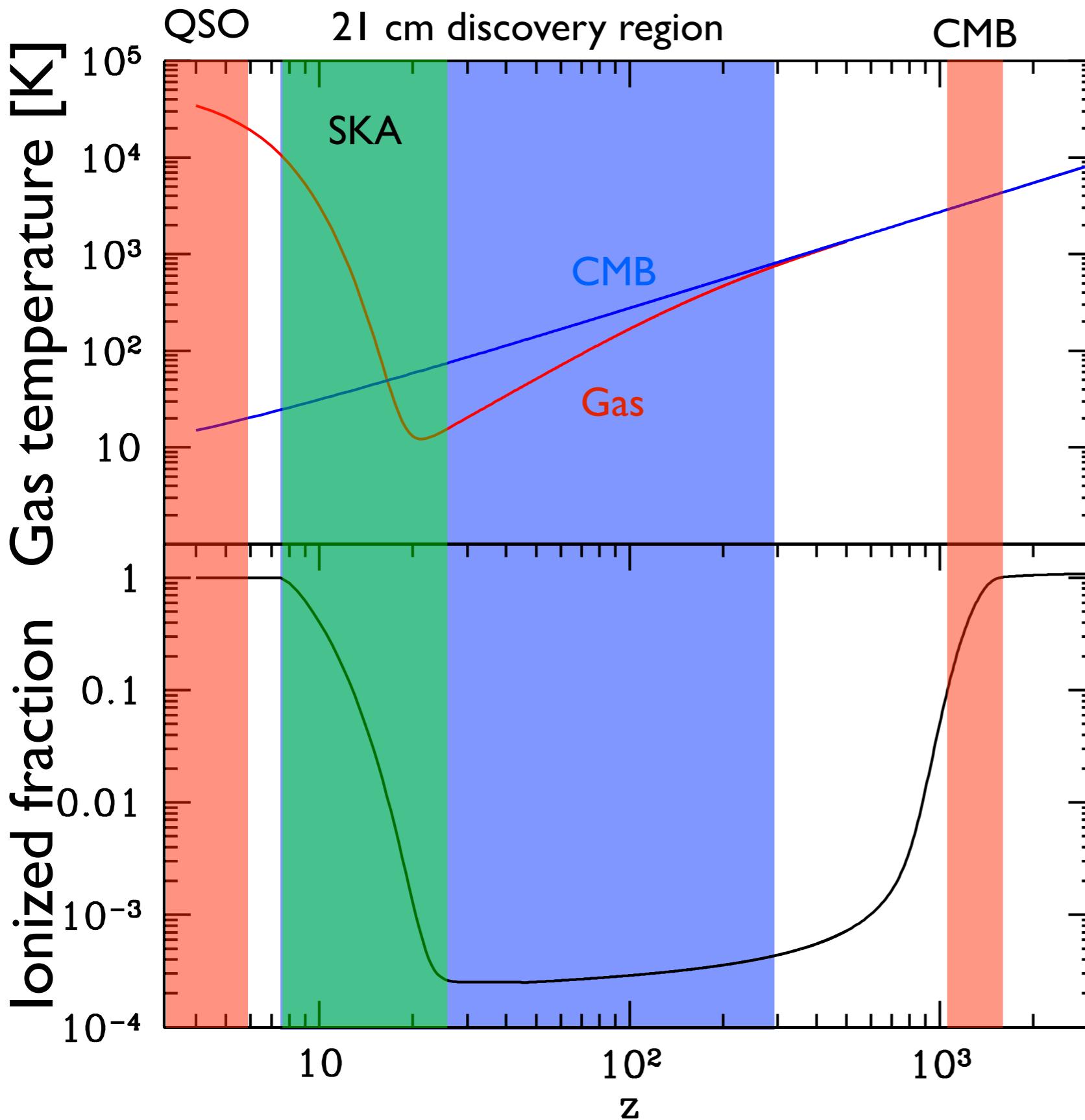
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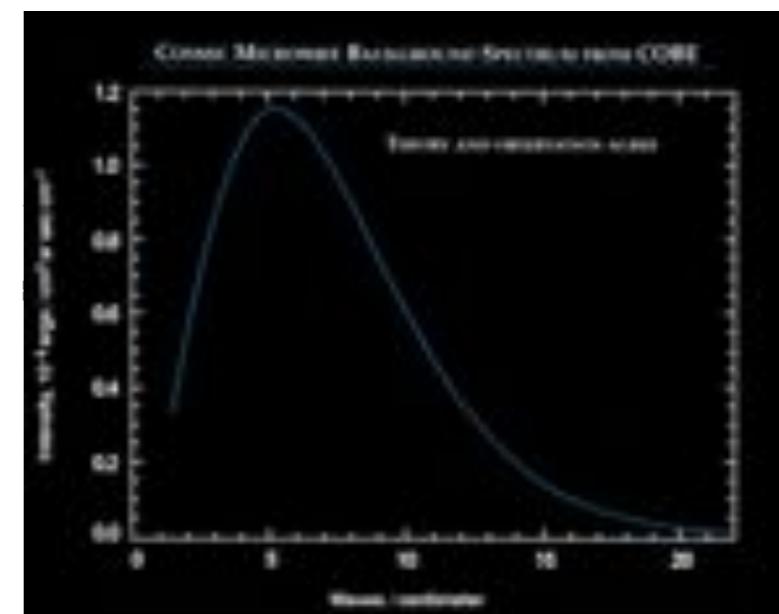
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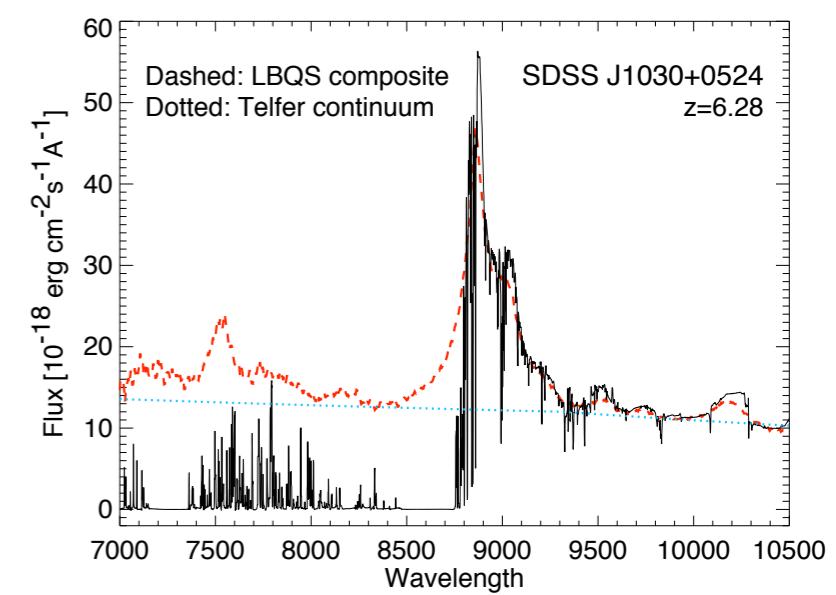
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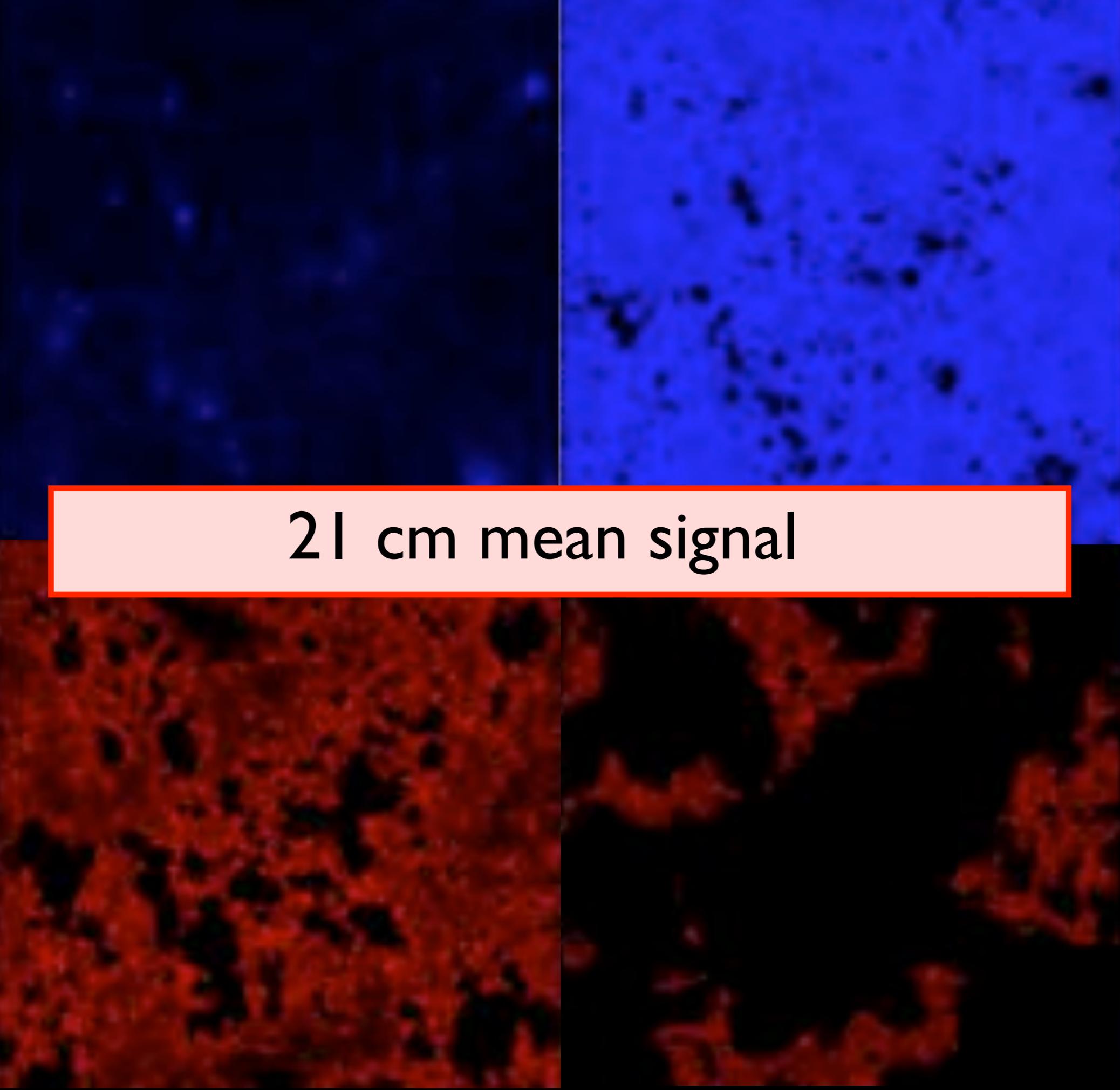
# What do we know about reionization?

- CMB optical depth => midpoint of reionization  $z \sim 10$
- Gunn-Peterson trough => universe mostly ionized at  $z < 6$
- Lyman alpha forest => ionizing background at  $z < 6$
- High redshift galaxies => ionizing background + star formation

Reionization complete by  $z \sim 6.5$

Midpoint of reionization  $z \sim 9-11$

Reionization extended, may begin  $z > 15$



**21 cm mean signal**

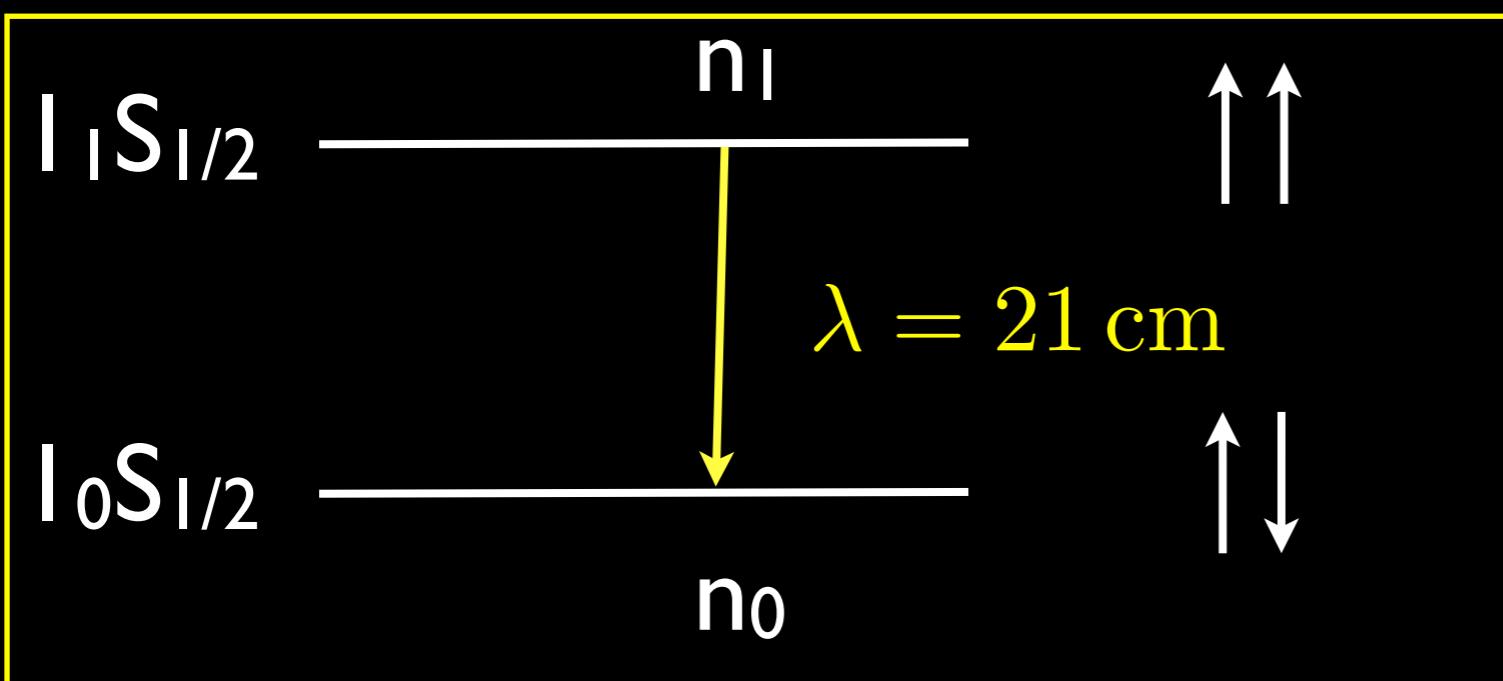


# 21 cm basics

Precisely measured transition from water masers

$$\nu_{21cm} = 1,420,405,751.768 \pm 0.001 \text{ Hz}$$

Hyperfine transition of neutral hydrogen



Useful numbers:

$$\begin{aligned} 200 \text{ MHz} &\rightarrow z = 6 \\ 100 \text{ MHz} &\rightarrow z = 13 \\ 70 \text{ MHz} &\rightarrow z \approx 20 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} t_{\text{Age}}(z = 6) &\approx 1 \text{ Gyr} \\ t_{\text{Age}}(z = 10) &\approx 500 \text{ Myr} \\ t_{\text{Age}}(z = 20) &\approx 150 \text{ Myr} \end{aligned}$$

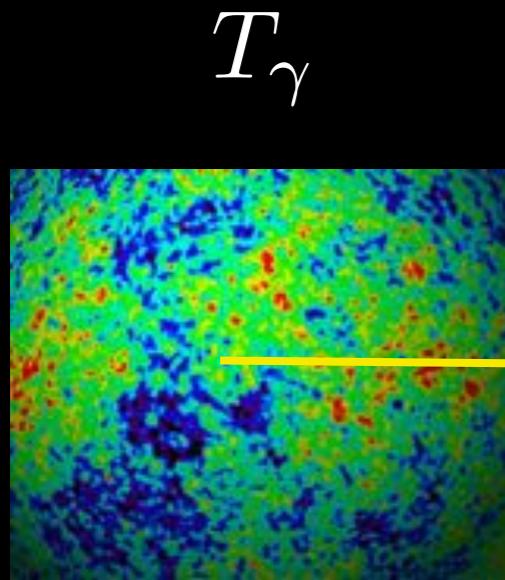
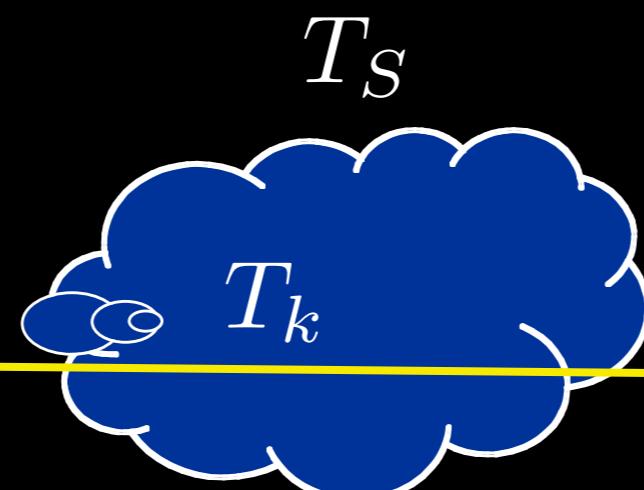
Spin temperature describes relative occupation of levels

$$n_1/n_0 = 3 \exp(-h\nu_{21\text{cm}}/kT_s)$$

$$t_{\text{Gal}}(z = 8) \approx 100 \text{ Myr}$$



# 21 cm line in cosmology

 $T_\gamma$  $z = 13$  $\nu = 1.4 \text{ GHz}$ 

CMB acts as  
back light

Neutral gas  
imprints signal

 $z = 0$  $\nu = 100 \text{ MHz}$ 

Redshifted signal  
detected

brightness temperature

$$T_b = 27x_{\text{HI}}(1 + \delta_b) \left( \frac{T_S - T_\gamma}{T_S} \right) \left( \frac{1+z}{10} \right)^{1/2} \left[ \frac{\partial_r v_r}{(1+z)H(z)} \right]^{-1} \text{ mK}$$

spin temperature

$$T_S^{-1} = \frac{T_\gamma^{-1} + x_\alpha T_\alpha^{-1} + x_c T_K^{-1}}{1 + x_\alpha + x_c}$$

Coupling mechanisms:  
Radiative transitions (CMB)  
Collisions  
Wouthysen-Field effect



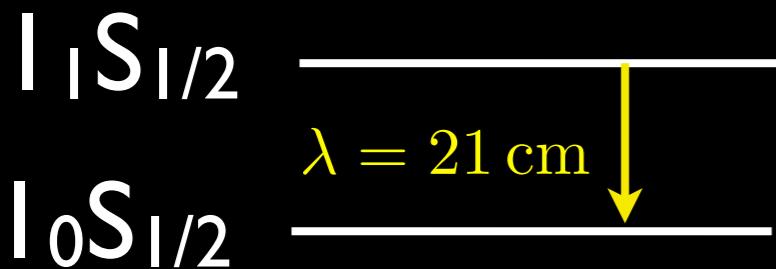
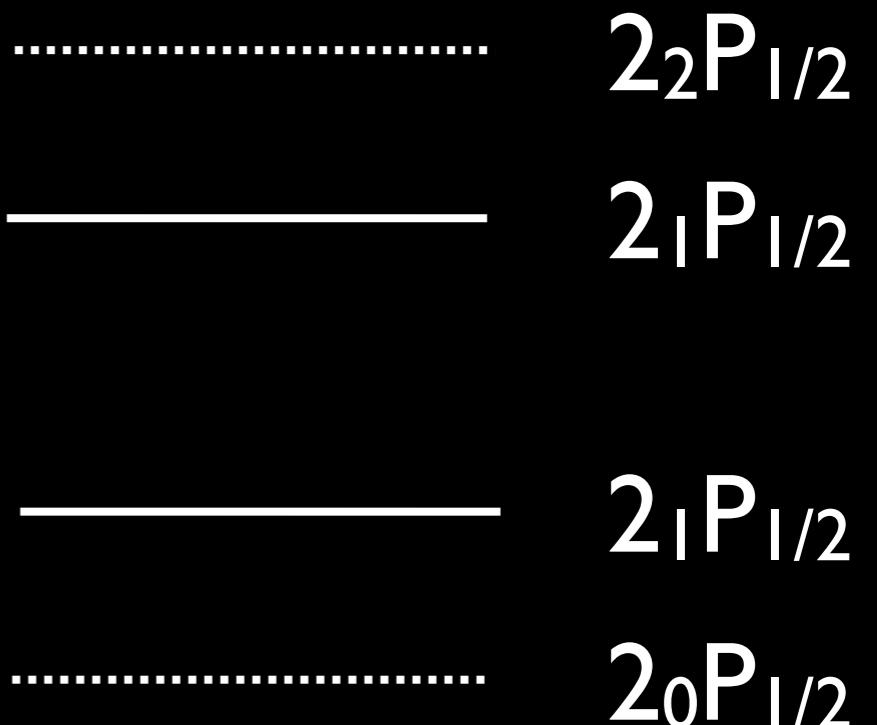
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## Hyperfine structure of HI

Resonant Lyman  $\alpha$  scattering couples ground state hyperfine levels

Coupling  $\propto$  Ly $\alpha$  flux

| spin                         | colour       | gas |
|------------------------------|--------------|-----|
| $T_S \sim T_\alpha \sim T_K$ |              |     |
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Wouthysen 1959

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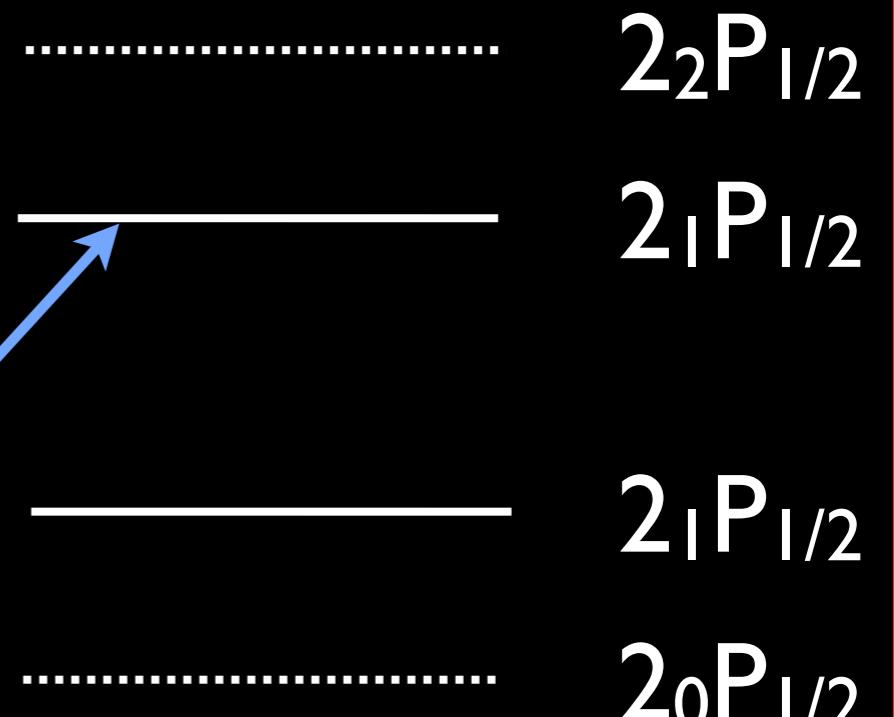
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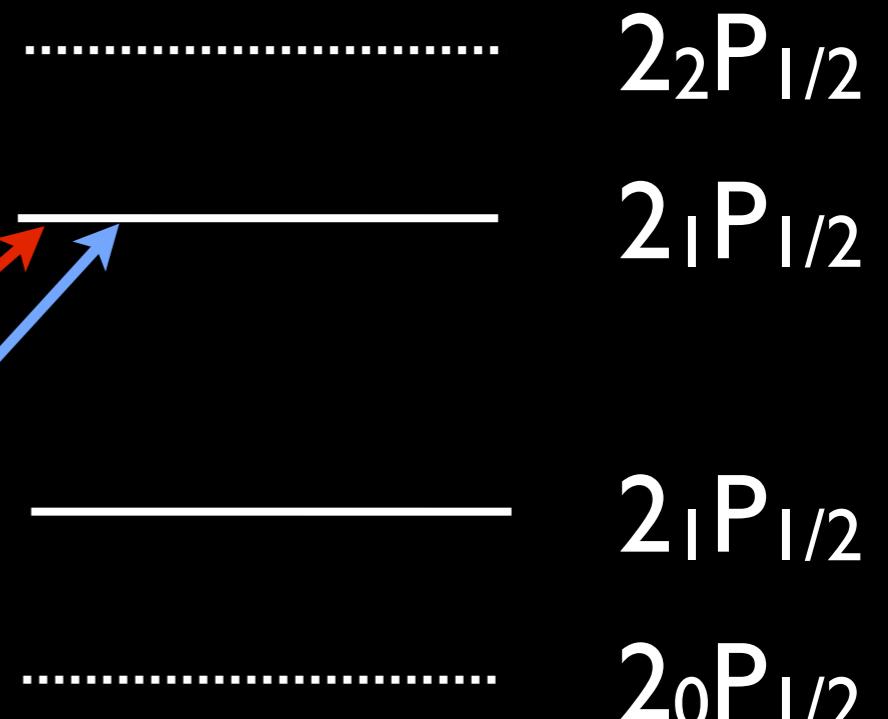
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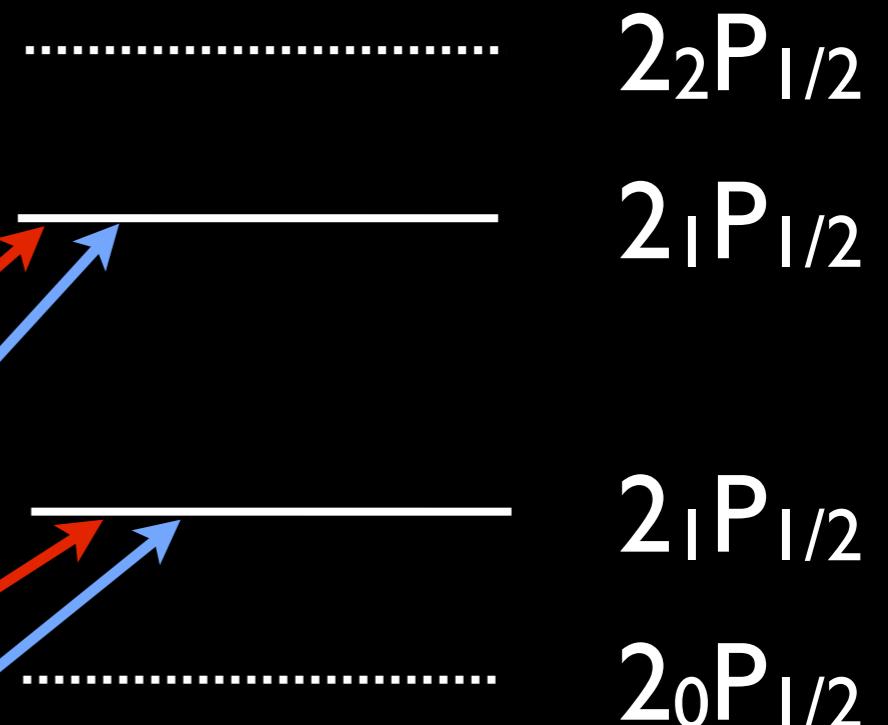
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# What did the first galaxies look like?

Lyman alpha photons  
originate from stars

Population II or III?  
(cooling by metals or hydrogen)

Star formation rate?  
(feedback from radiation or heating)

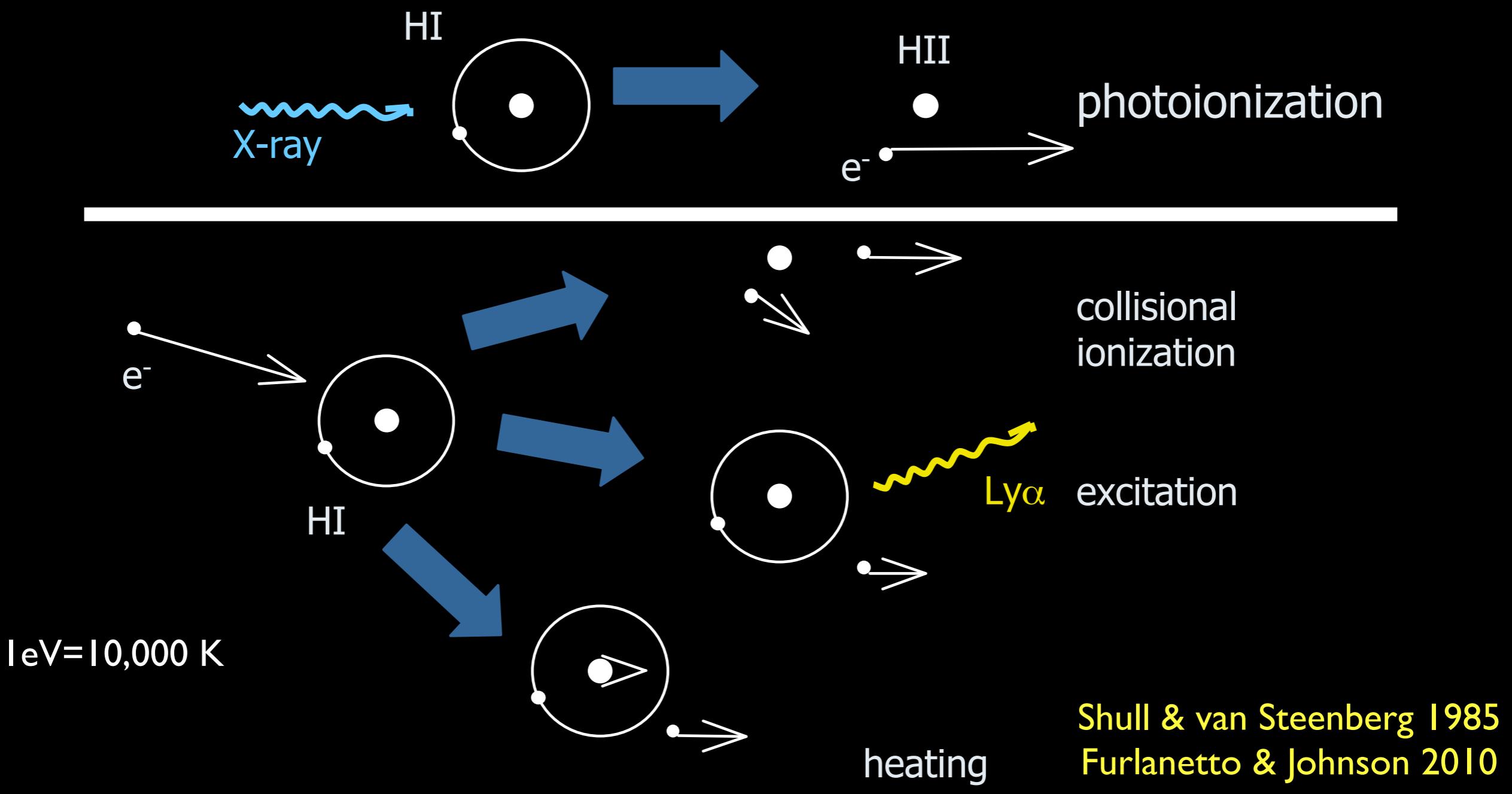
Clustering properties?  
(host halo mass)





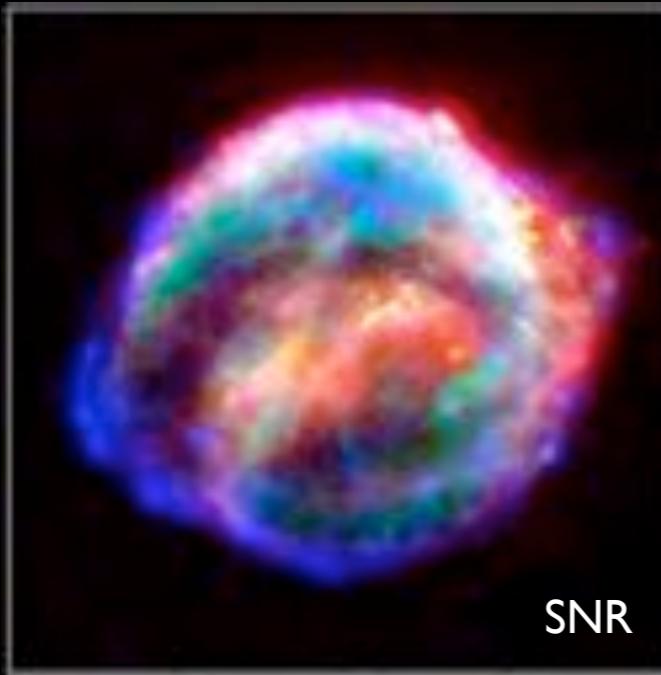
# Thermal history

- X-rays likely dominant heating source in the early universe
  - (Ly $\alpha$  heating inefficient, uncertain shock contribution)
- Long X-ray mean free path allows heating far from source





# What were the first X-ray sources?



- Only weak constraints from diffuse soft X-ray background

Dijkstra, Haiman, Loeb 2004

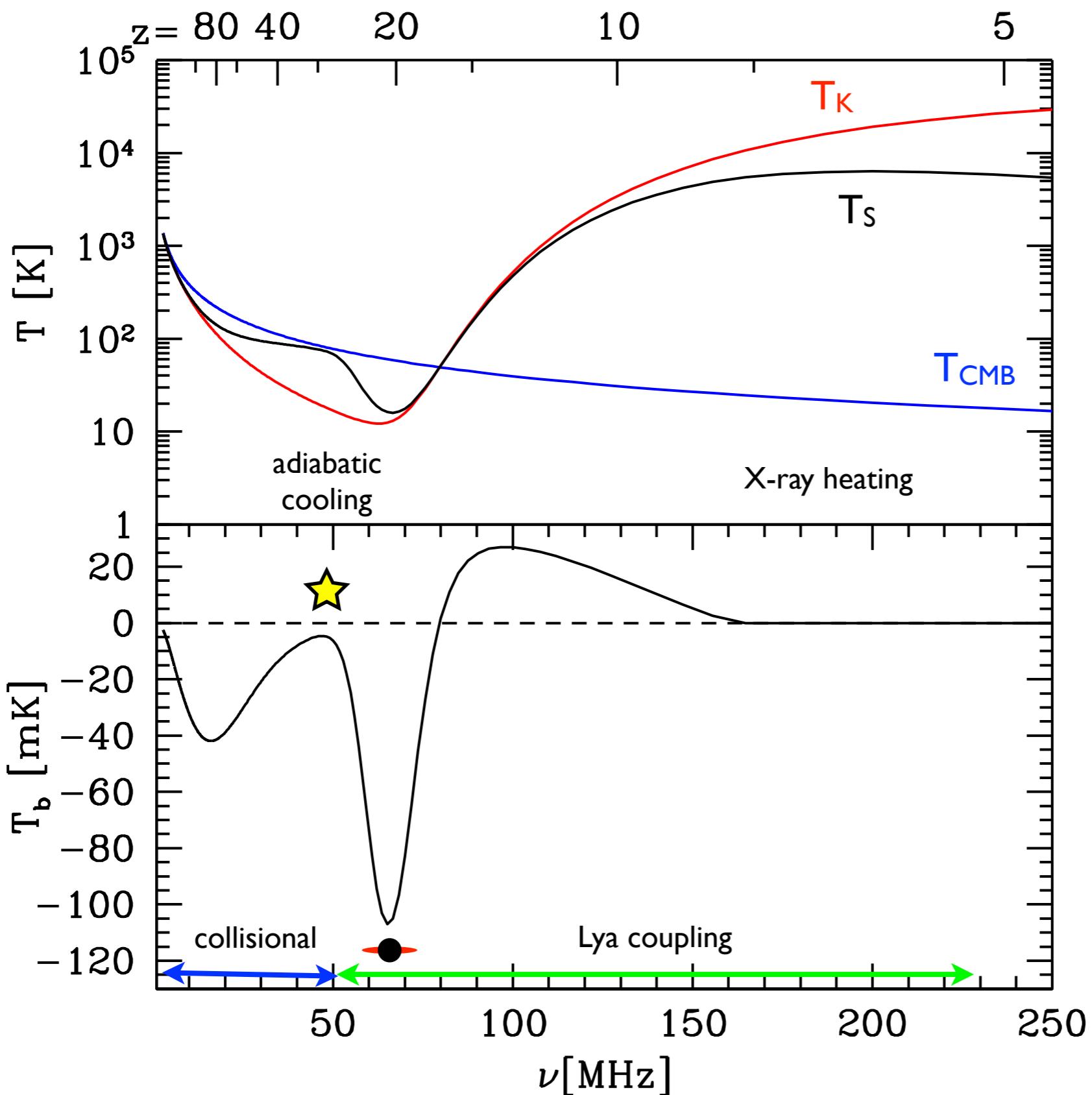
- Fiducial model extrapolates local X-ray-FIR correlation to connect X-ray emission to star formation rate  
~1 keV per baryon in stars

Glover & Brand 2003

- Might track growth of black holes instead of star formation

Zaroubi+ 2007

## 21 cm mean signal

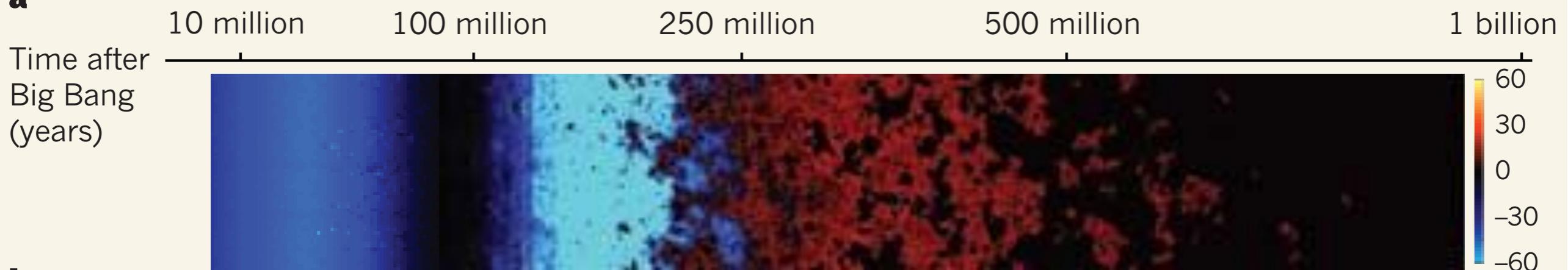
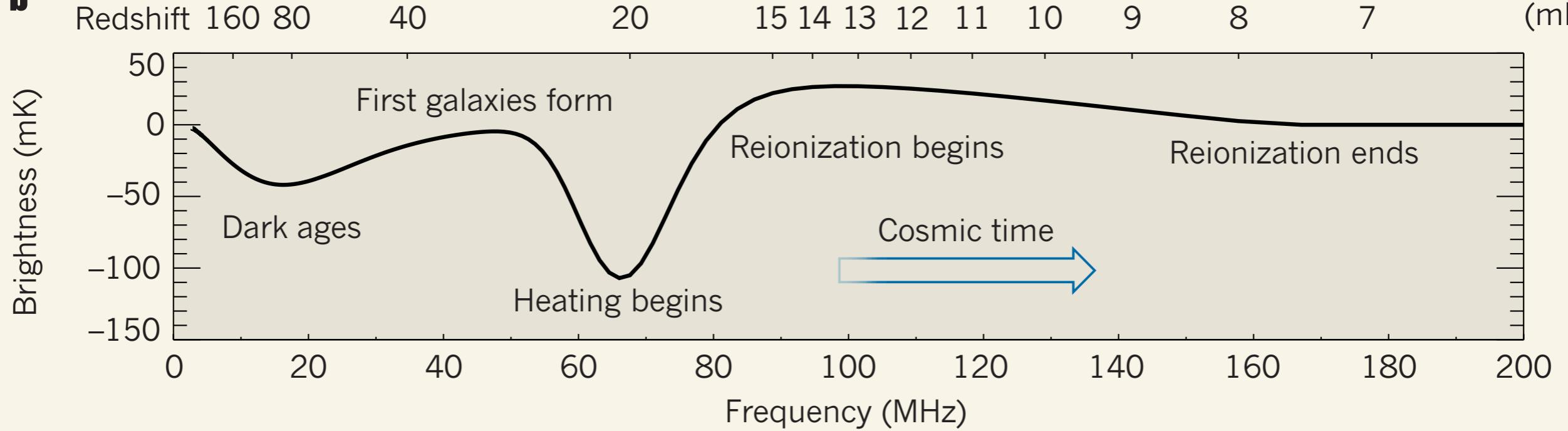


- Main processes:
- 1) Collisional coupling
  - 2) Ly $\alpha$  coupling
  - 3) X-ray heating
  - 4) Photo-ionization

Furlanetto 2006  
Pritchard & Loeb 2010



# EoR signal

**a****b**

Pritchard & Loeb 2010

>100 MHz

>70 MHz

>50 MHz



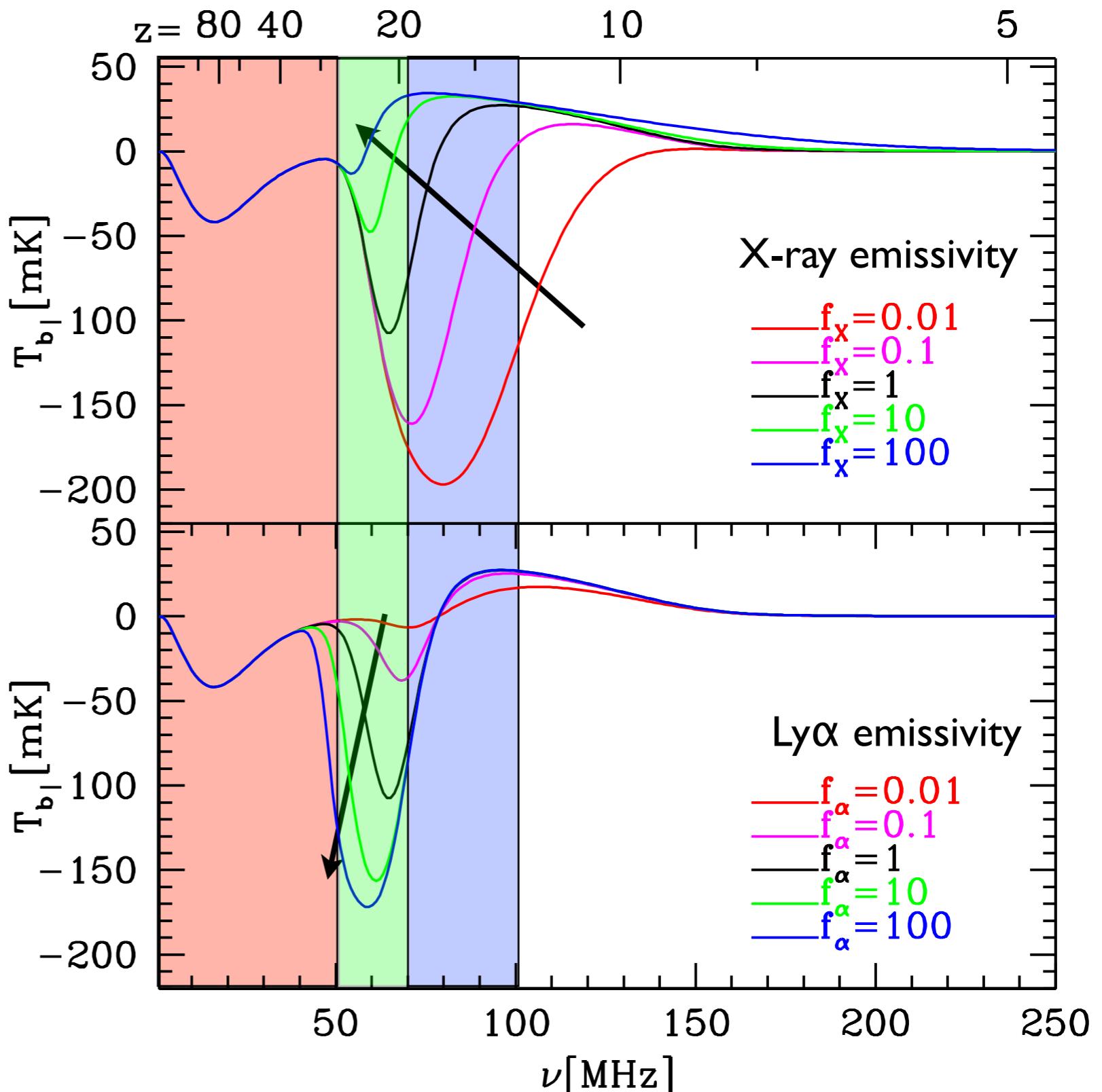
# Uncertain high redshift sources

Properties of first galaxies  
are very uncertain

Frequencies below 100 MHz  
probe period of X-ray heating  
& Ly $\alpha$  coupling

Possibility of heating from  
shocks or exotic physics too

Pritchard & Loeb 2010





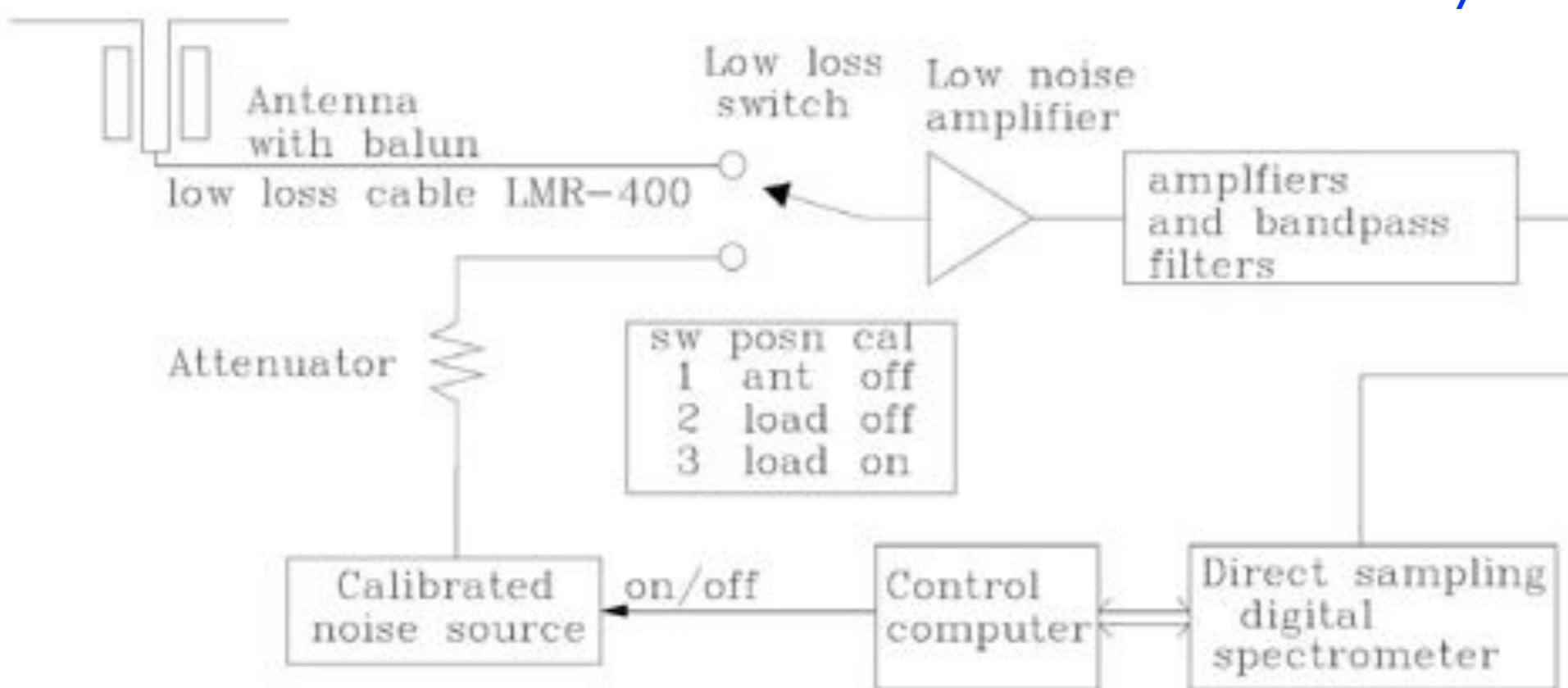
# Global 21 cm experiments



EDGES

Global signal can be probed  
by single dipole experiments  
e.g. EDGES - [Bowman & Rogers 2008](#)  
CoRE - [Ekers+](#)

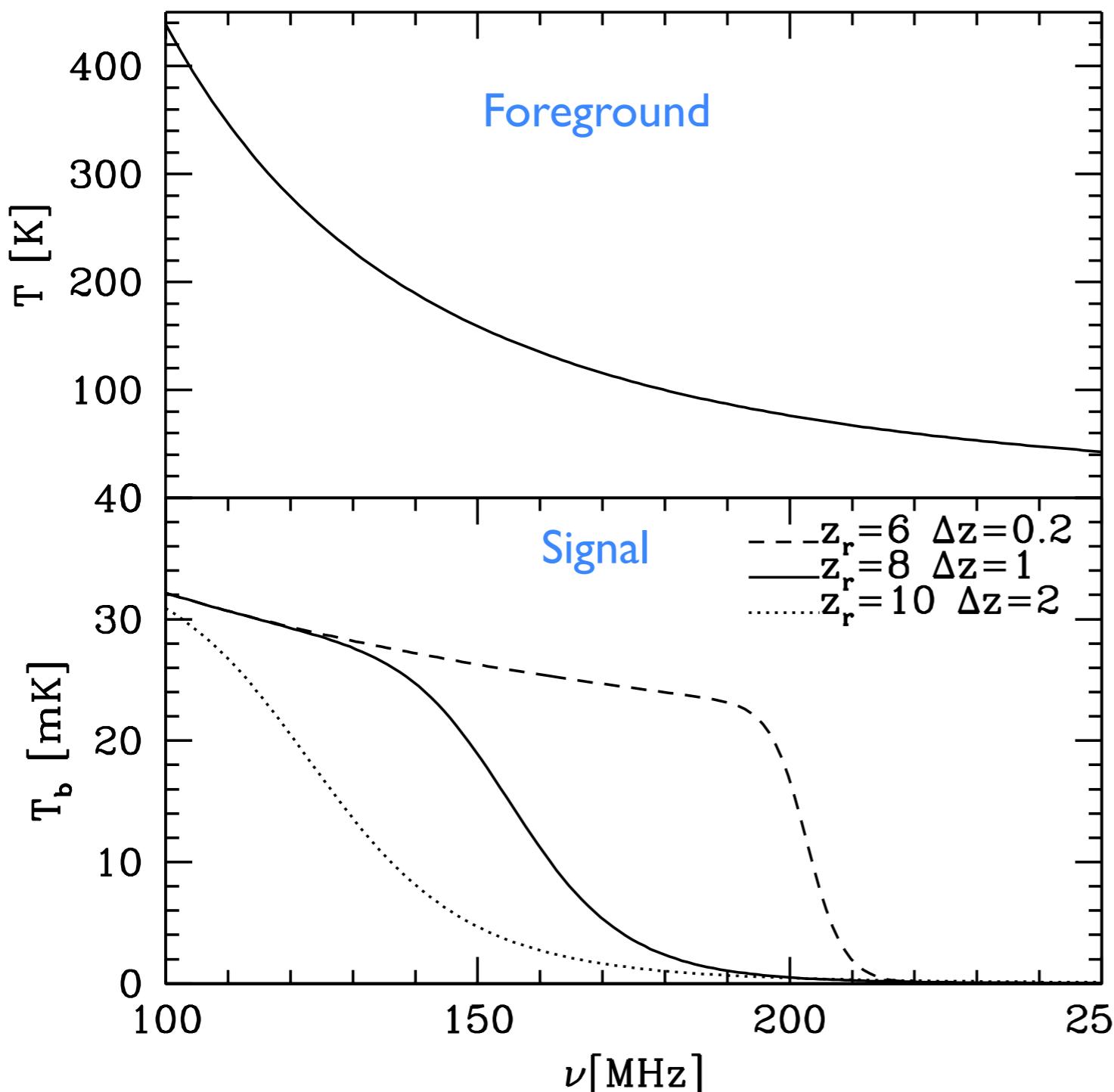
[Bowman & Rogers 2010](#)  
[today's Nature](#)



Switch between sky and calibrated noise source



# Frequency subtraction



Look for **sharp** 21 cm signal  
against smooth foregrounds  
Shaver+ 1999

$$\log T_{\text{fit}} = \sum_{i=0}^{N_{\text{poly}}} a_i \log(\nu/\nu_0)^i.$$

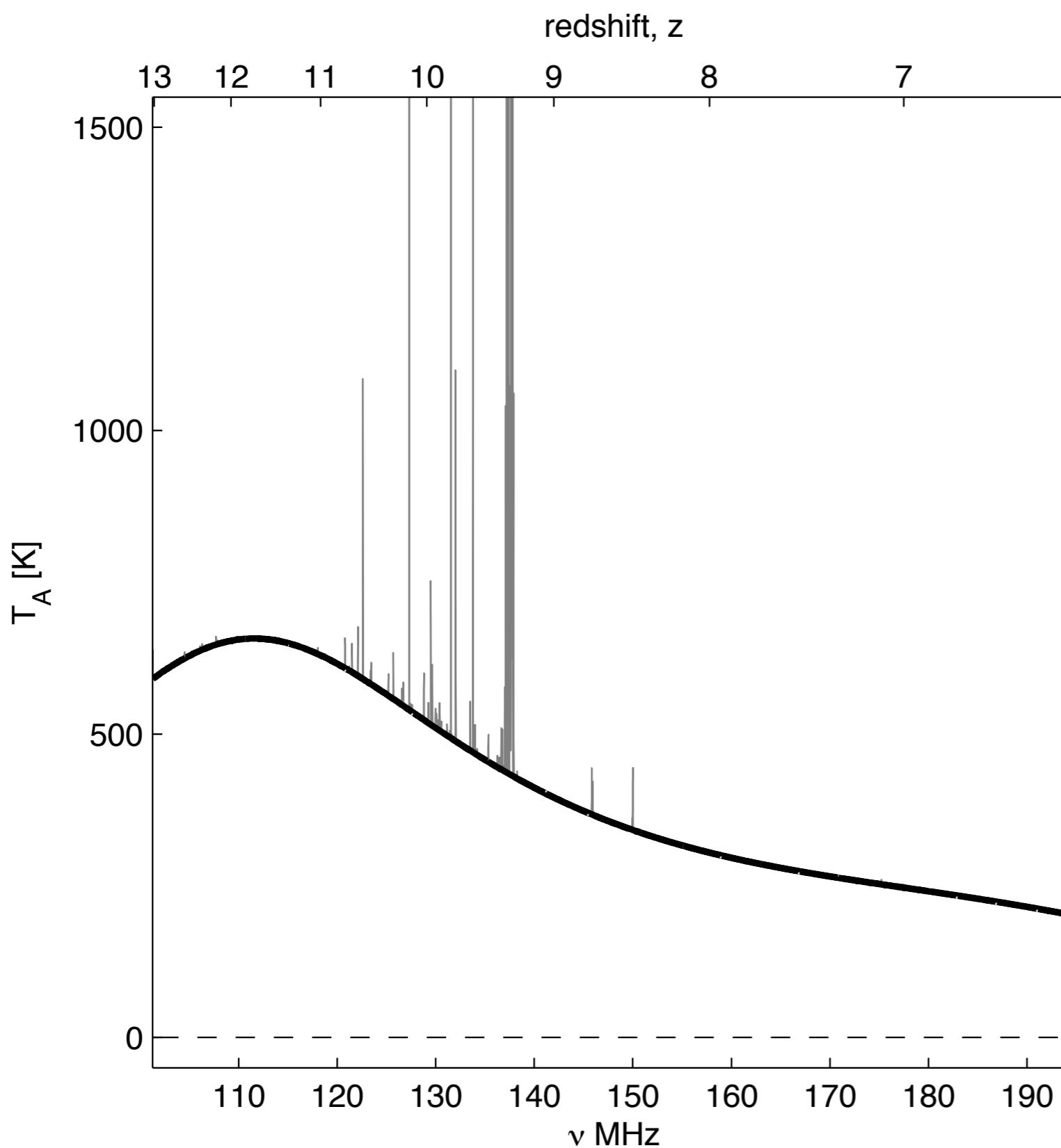
**TS>>TCMB**  
no spin temperature  
dependence

**Extended** reionization histories  
closer to foregrounds

$$T_b(z) = \frac{T_{21}}{2} \left( \frac{1+z}{10} \right)^{1/2} \left[ \tanh \left( \frac{z-z_r}{\Delta z} \right) + 1 \right]$$



# Latest results from EDGES



Bowman & Rogers 2010  
today's Nature

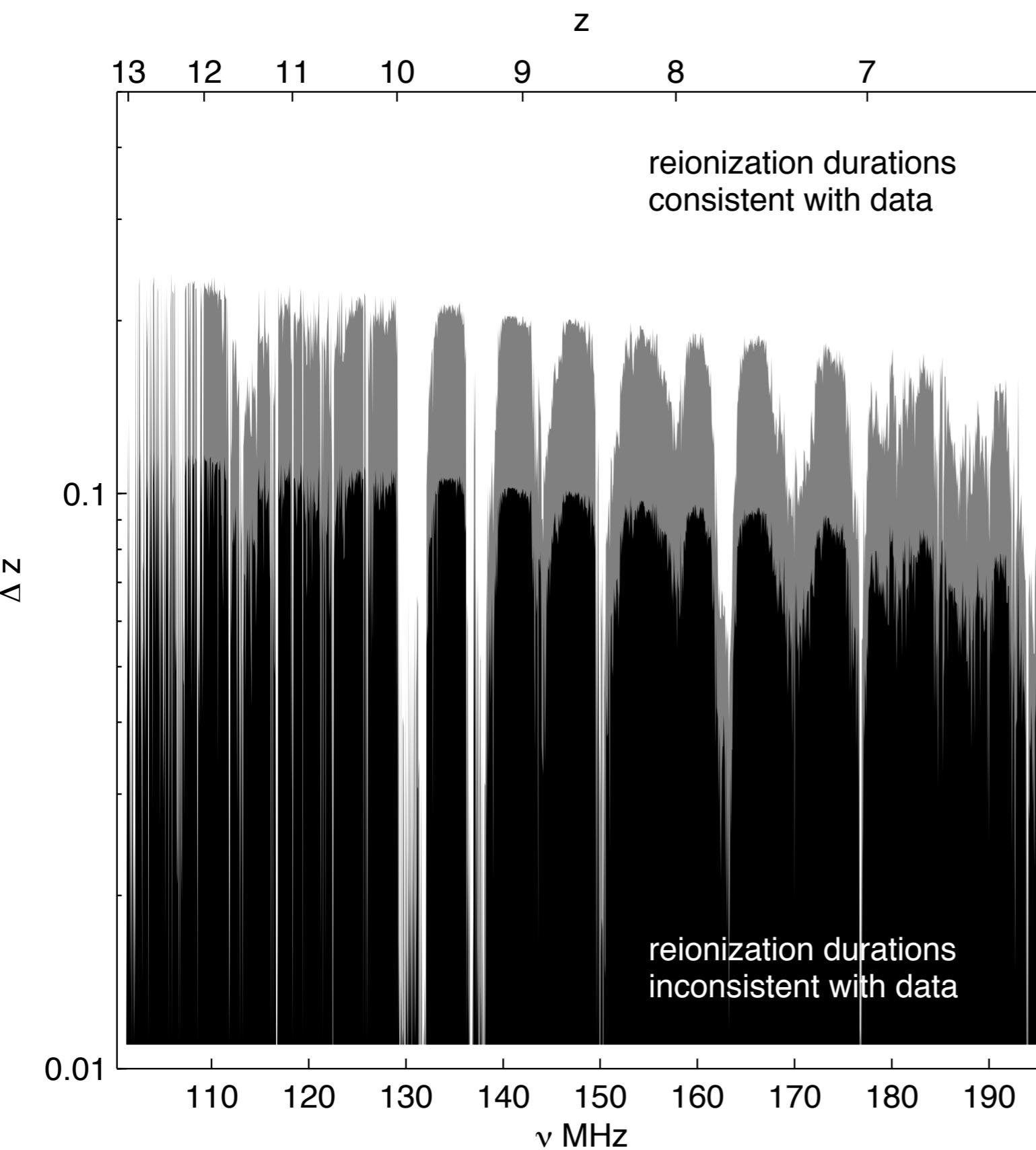
Three months integration  
at low duty cycle  
at MWA site

Thermal noise  $\sim 6\text{mK}$

Role off at edges of band  
due to instrumental response



# Reionization constraints

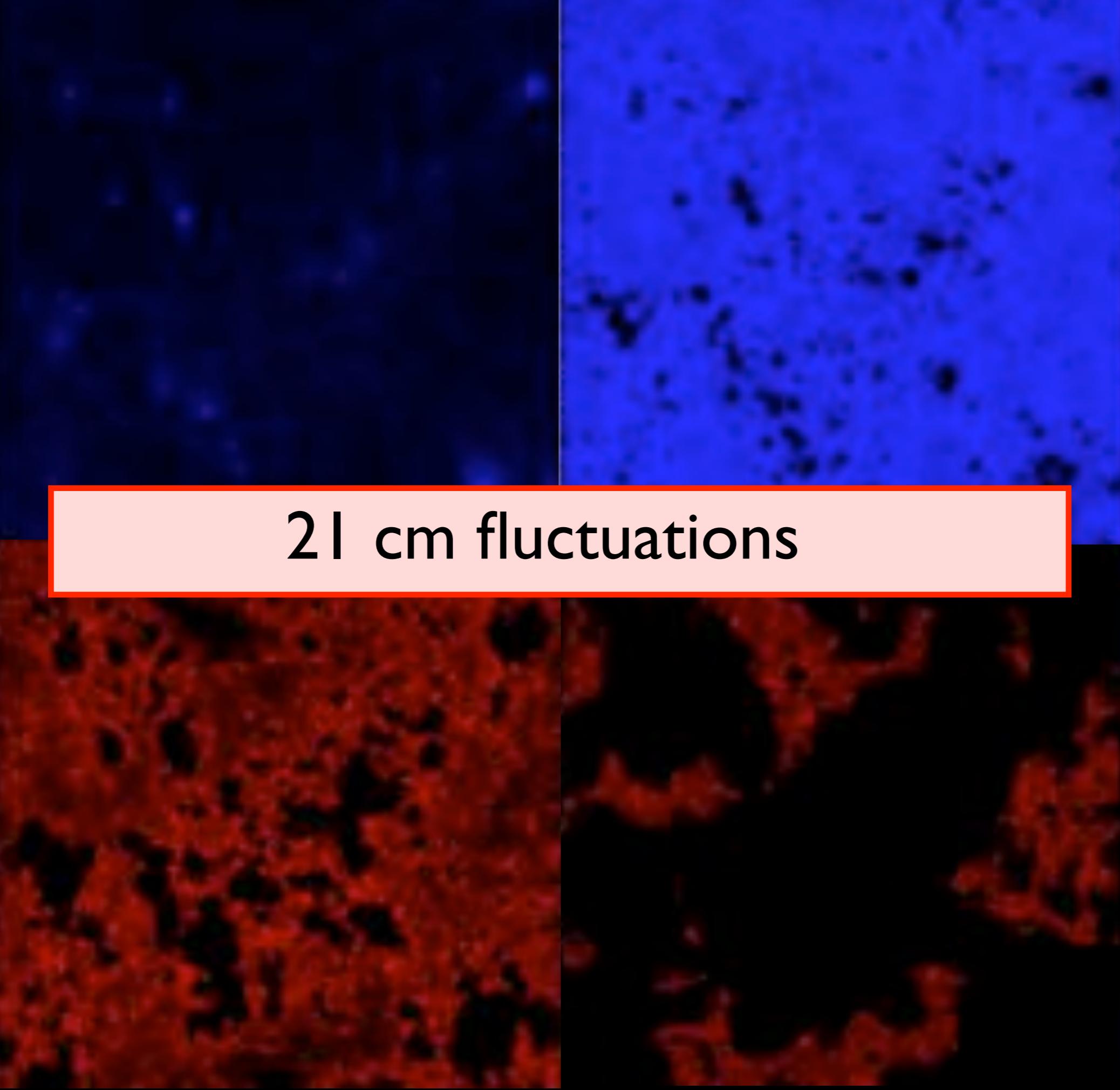


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today's Nature

marginalising over 12th order  
polynomial fit to foregrounds  
and instrument response

Some channels lost to RFI

$\Delta z < 0.06$  excluded at 95% level



**21 cm fluctuations**



# Brightness Fluctuations

brightness  
temperature

density

neutral  
fraction

gas  
temperature

Lyman alpha  
flux

peculiar  
velocities

$$\delta T_b = \beta \delta_b + \beta_x \delta_{x_{HI}} + \beta_T \delta_{T_k} + \beta_\alpha \delta_\alpha - \delta_{\partial v}$$

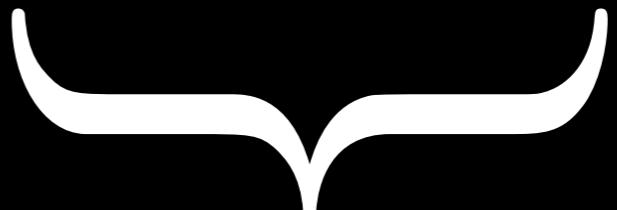
cosmology

reionization

X-ray heating

Lya sources

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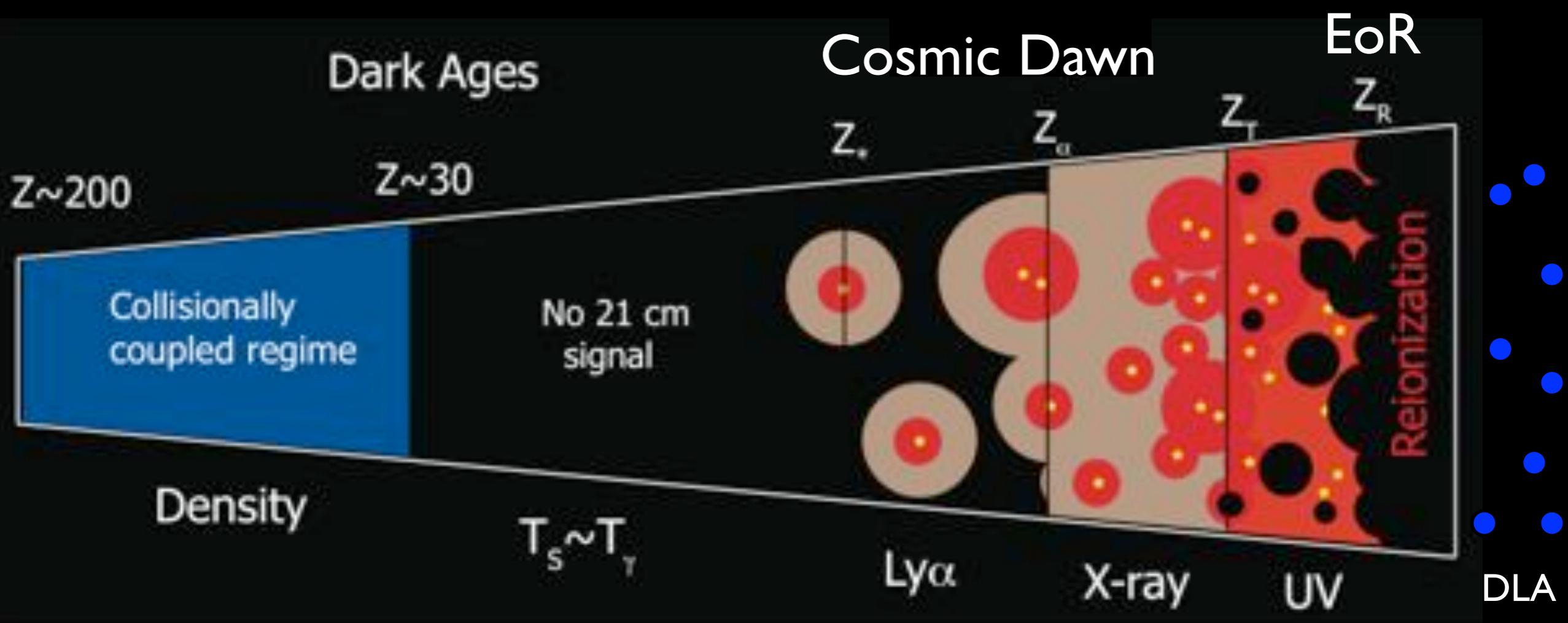


Neutral  
hydrogen

spin  
temperature

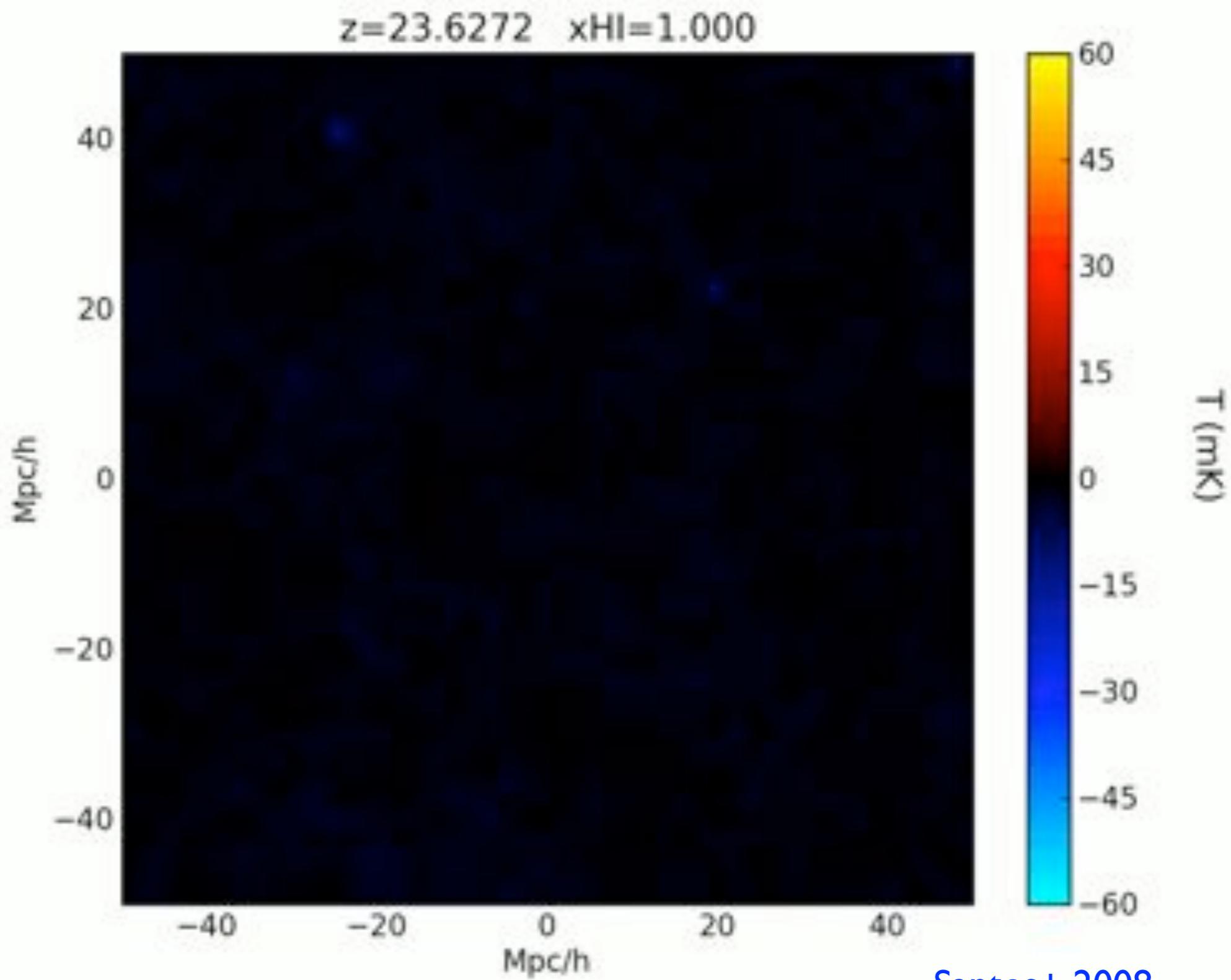
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|   |         |                     |                    |                     |                        |
|---|---------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| brightness<br>temperature   | density | neutral<br>fraction | gas<br>temperature | Lyman alpha<br>flux | peculiar<br>velocities |
| $\delta T_b = \beta \delta_b + \beta_x \delta_{x_{HI}} + \beta_T \delta_{T_k} + \beta_\alpha \delta_\alpha - \delta_{\partial v}$ |         |                     |                    |                     |                        |
| cosmology   |         | reionization        | X-ray heating      | Lya sources         | cosmology              |



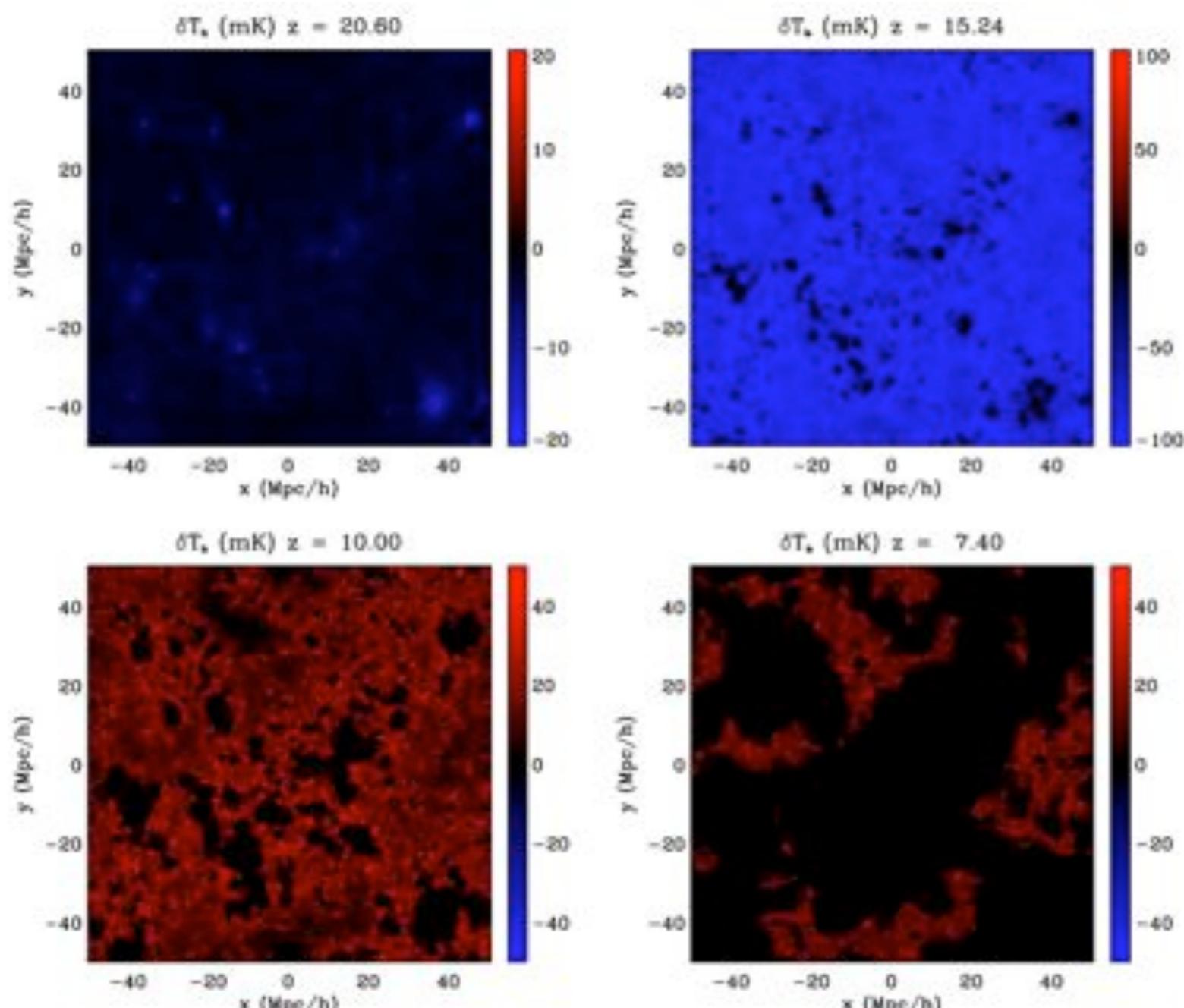


# Numerical simulation





# Numerical simulations



Santos+ 2008

↔  
100/h Mpc  $\sim$  1 deg @ $z=7.4$

Basics of reionization simulation well understood  
- dynamic range is hard

Fast approximate schemes being developed:

- Santos+ 2009 "Fast21CM"
- Mesinger+ 2010 "21cmFast"
- Thomas+ 2010 "BEARS"

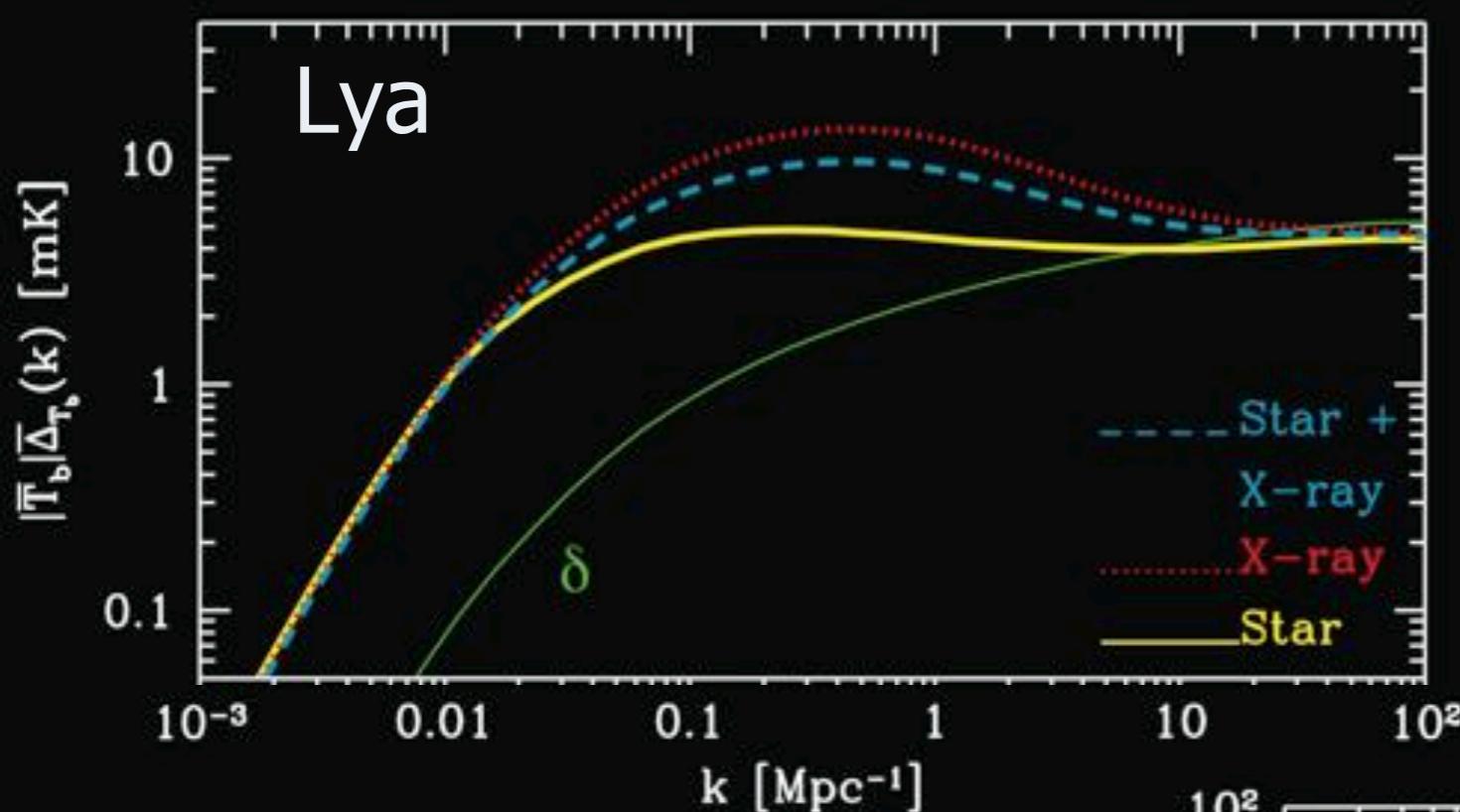
Detailed numerical simulation including spin temperature limited but underway:

- Baek+ 2008, 2010



# Power spectrum

bias      source properties      density



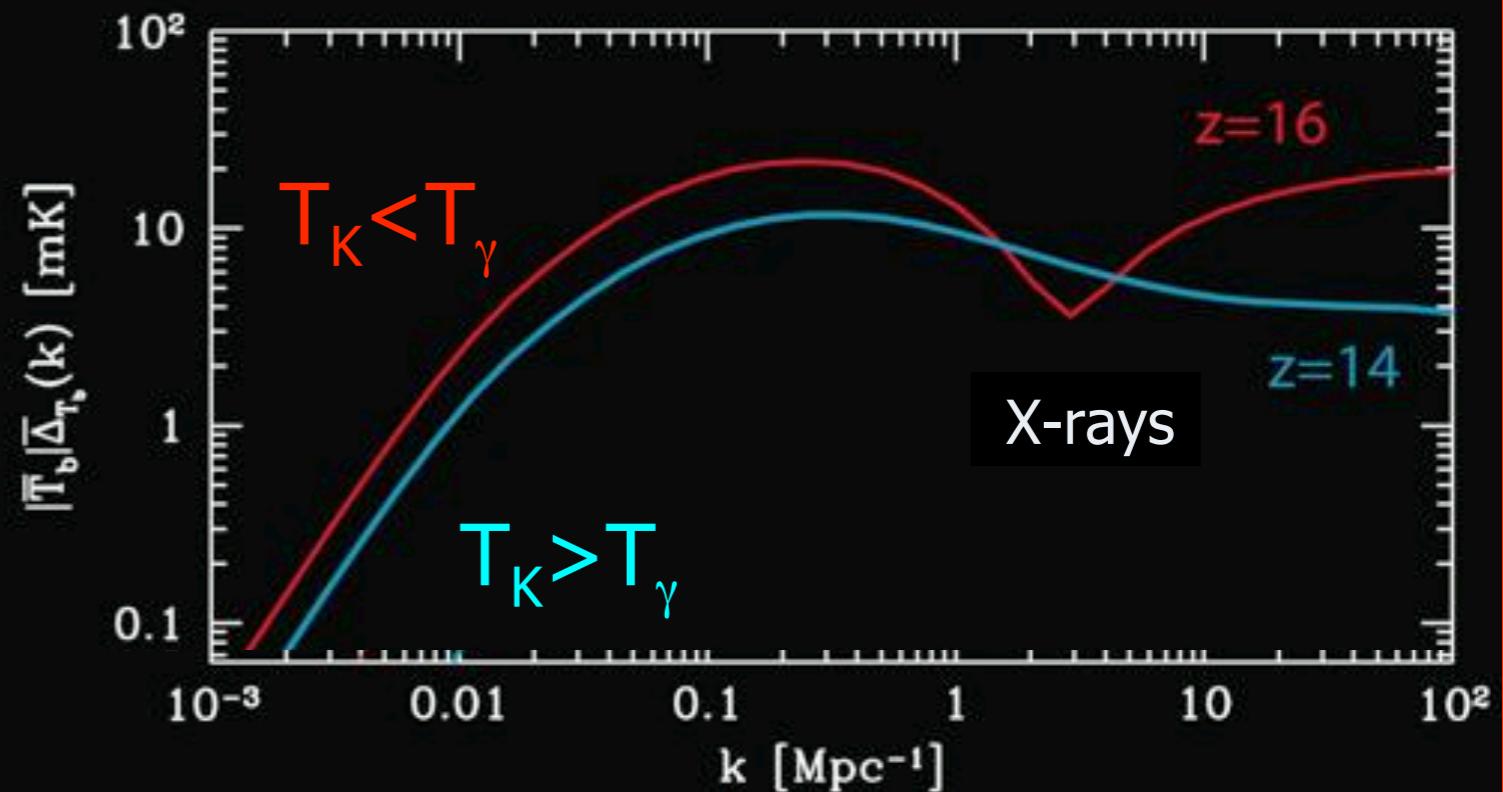
Ly $\alpha$  fluctuations add power on large scales  
Largest scales give information on source bias  
Intermediate scales on source spectrum

Barkana & Loeb 2004  
Chuzhoy, Alvarez & Shapiro 2006  
Pritchard & Furlanetto 2006

T fluctuations give information on thermal history

clustering/growth of mini-quasars could be very different

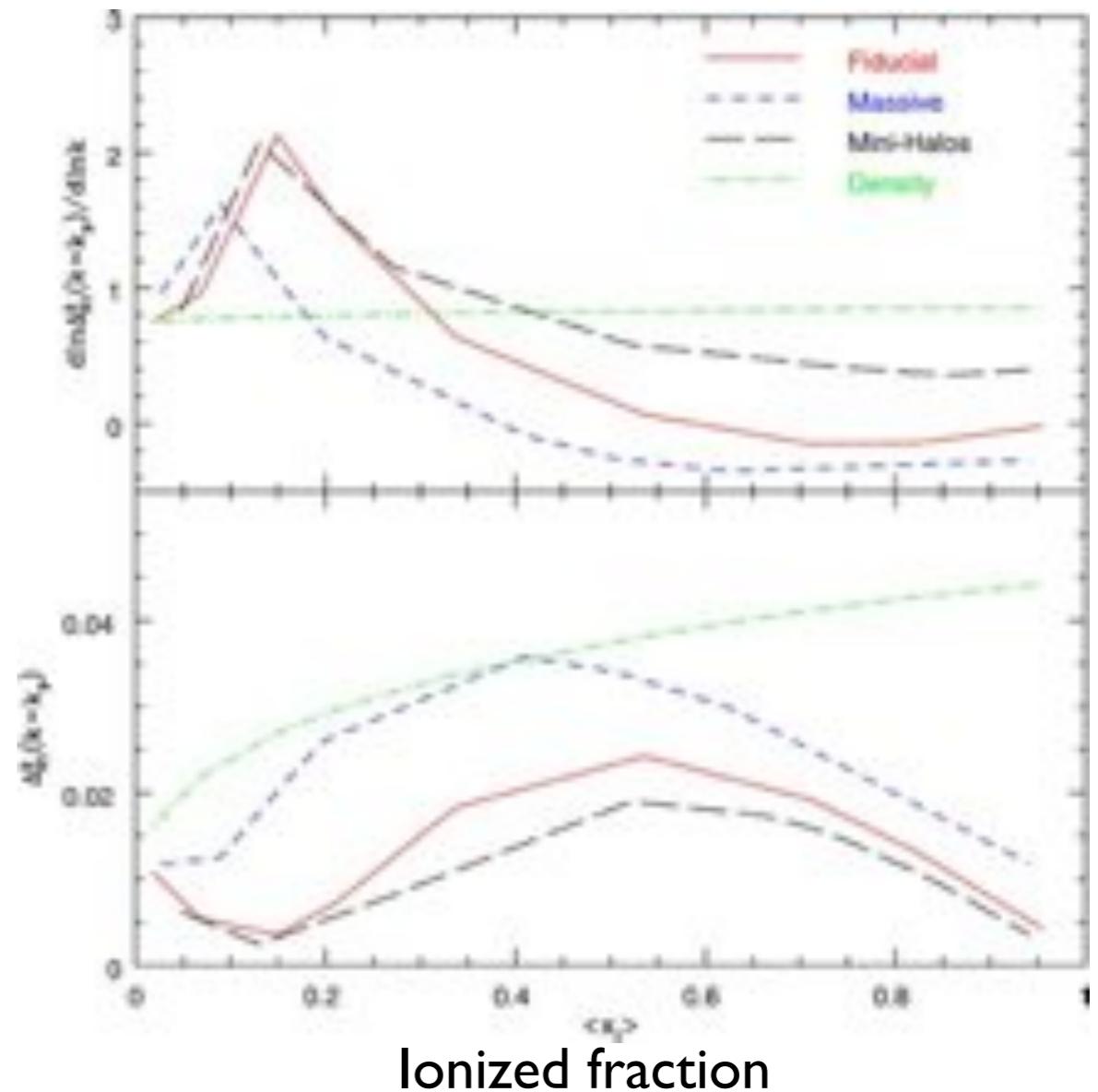
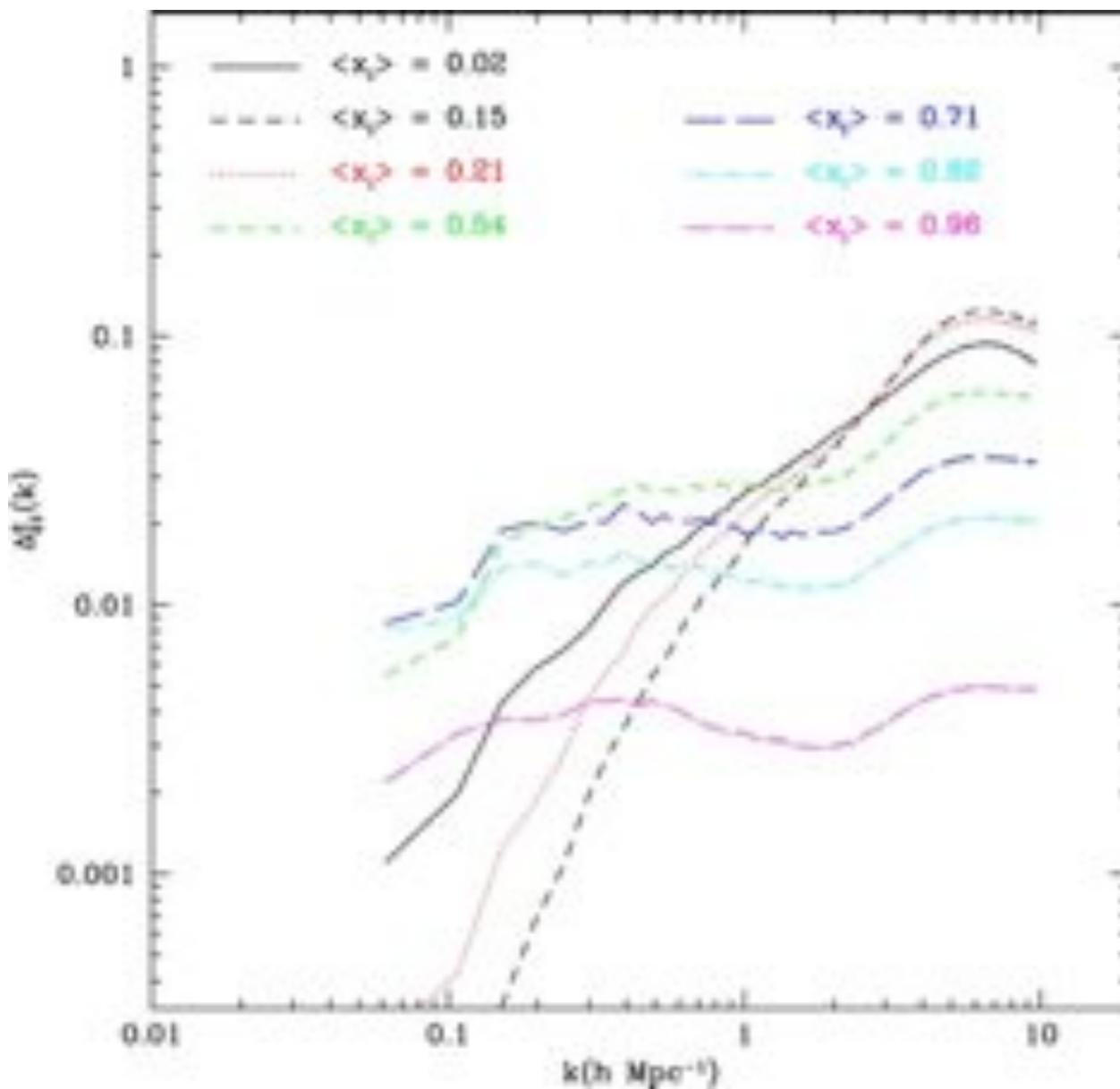
Pritchard & Furlanetto 2007





# Amplitude and Tilt

Lidz+ 2008



Slope

Amplitude

Power spectrum flattens and drops as reionization proceeds

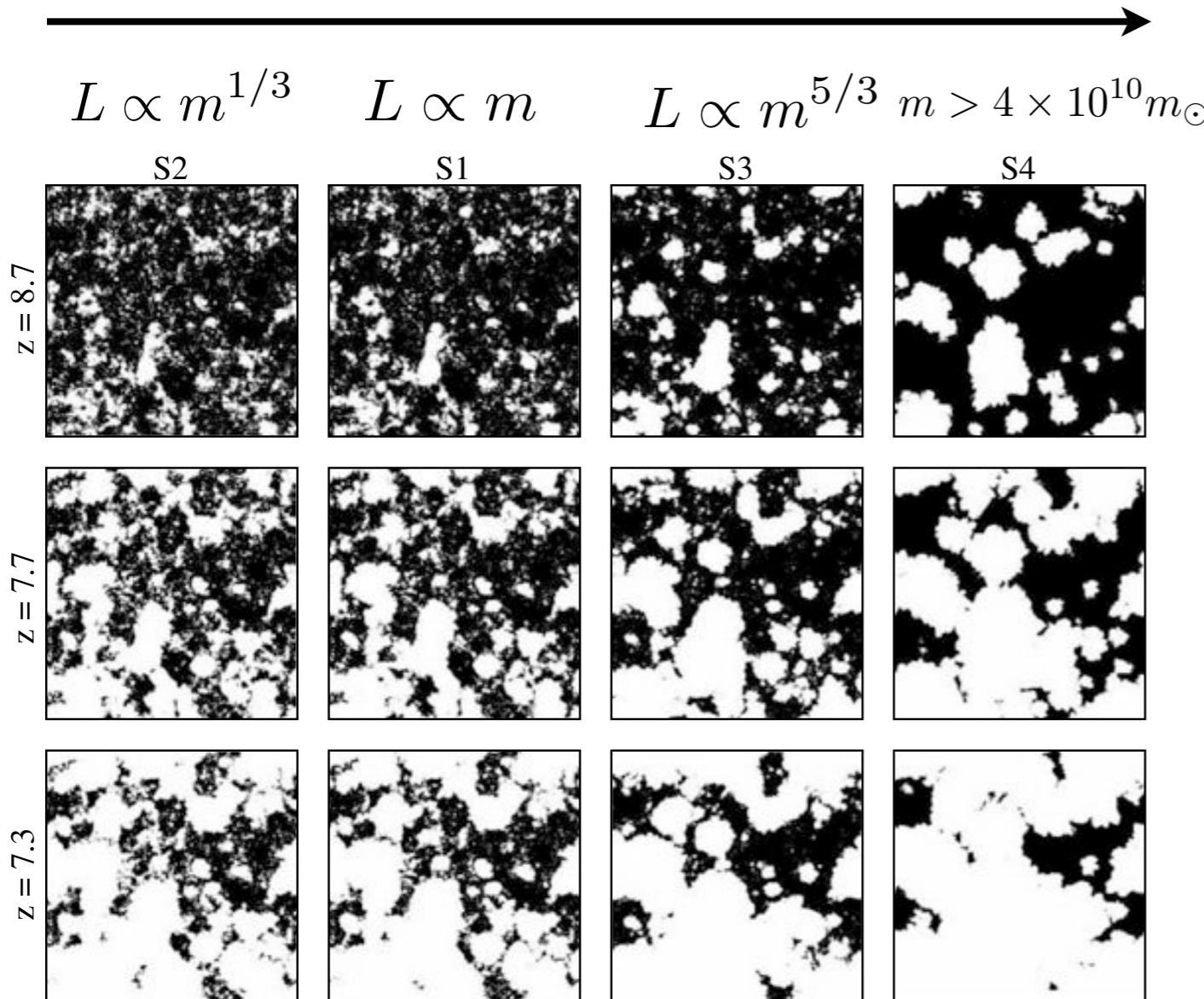
MWA/LOFAR probably limited to amplitude and slope

-> neutral fraction measurement at 10% level at several redshifts

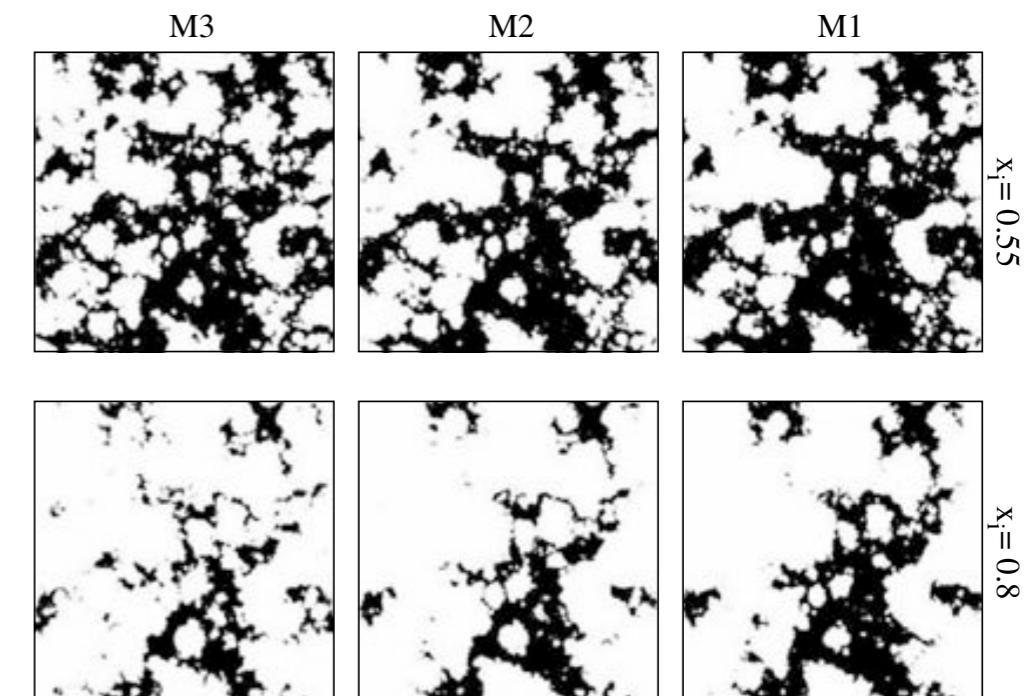


# HII region morphology

More massive sources dominate



Minihaloes less important



McQuinn+ 2007

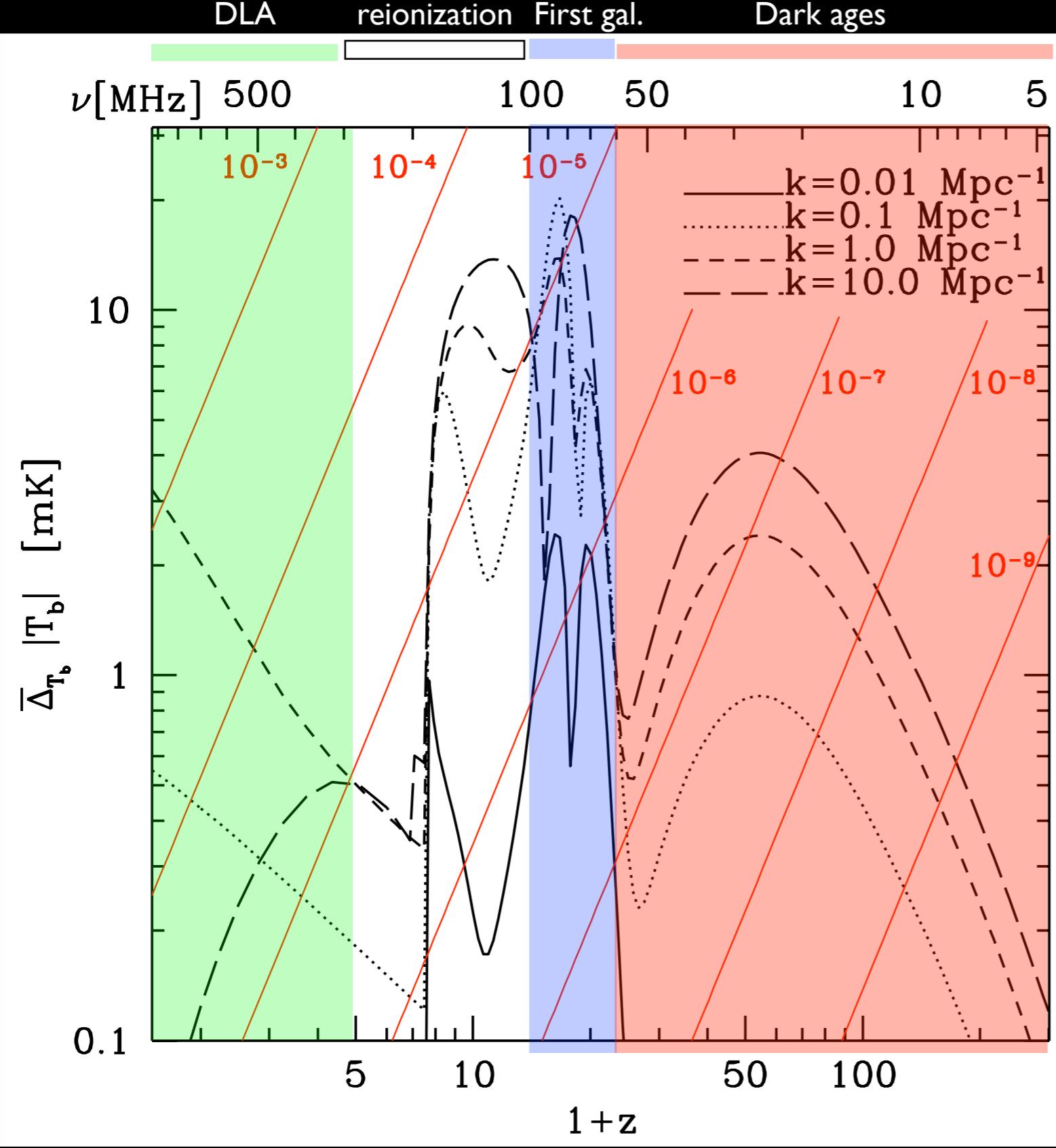
HII region morphology determined primarily by:

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2. Sources
3. Sinks
4. Thermal feedback

Precise power spectrum measurements can distinguish these different scenarios



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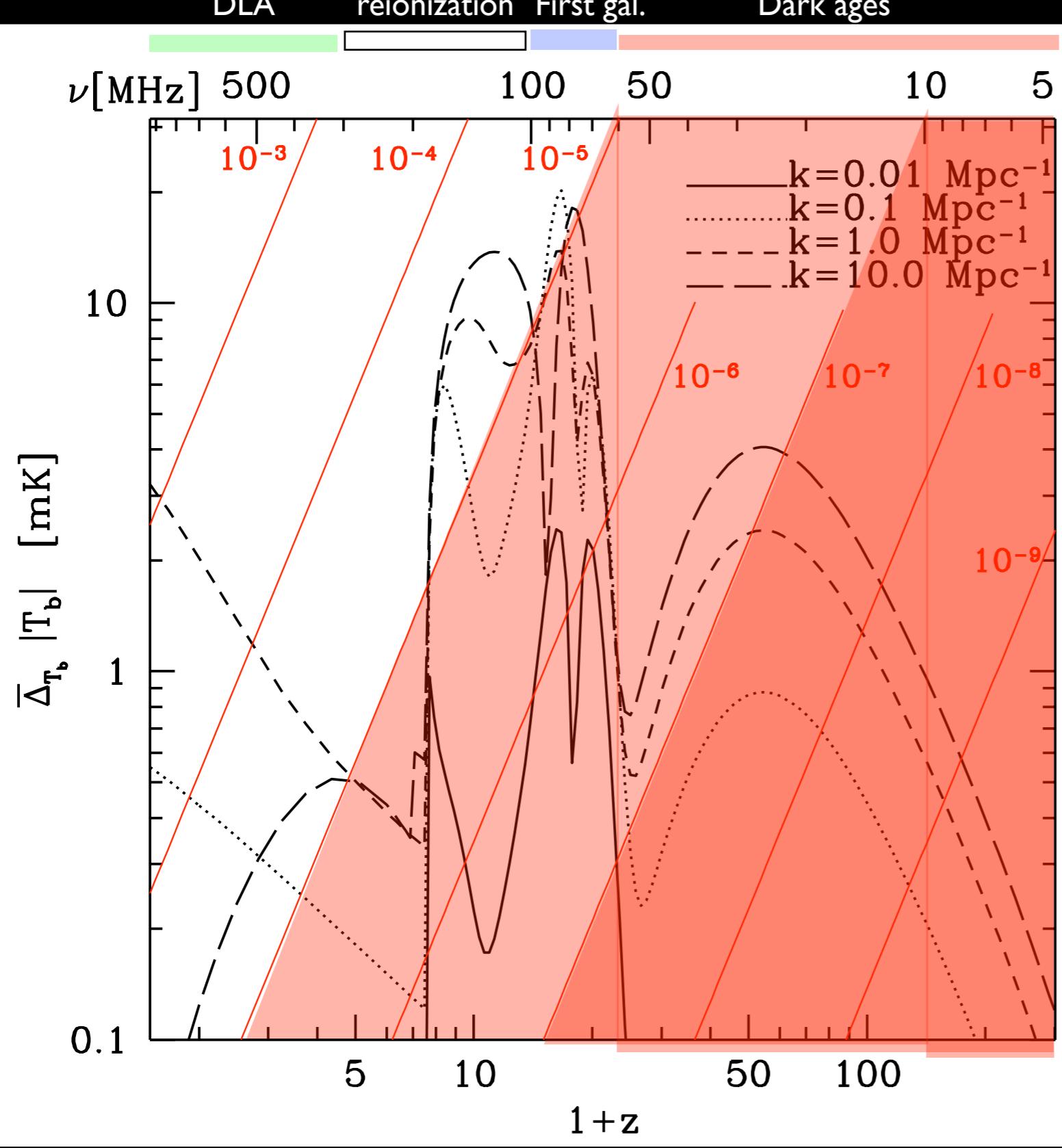
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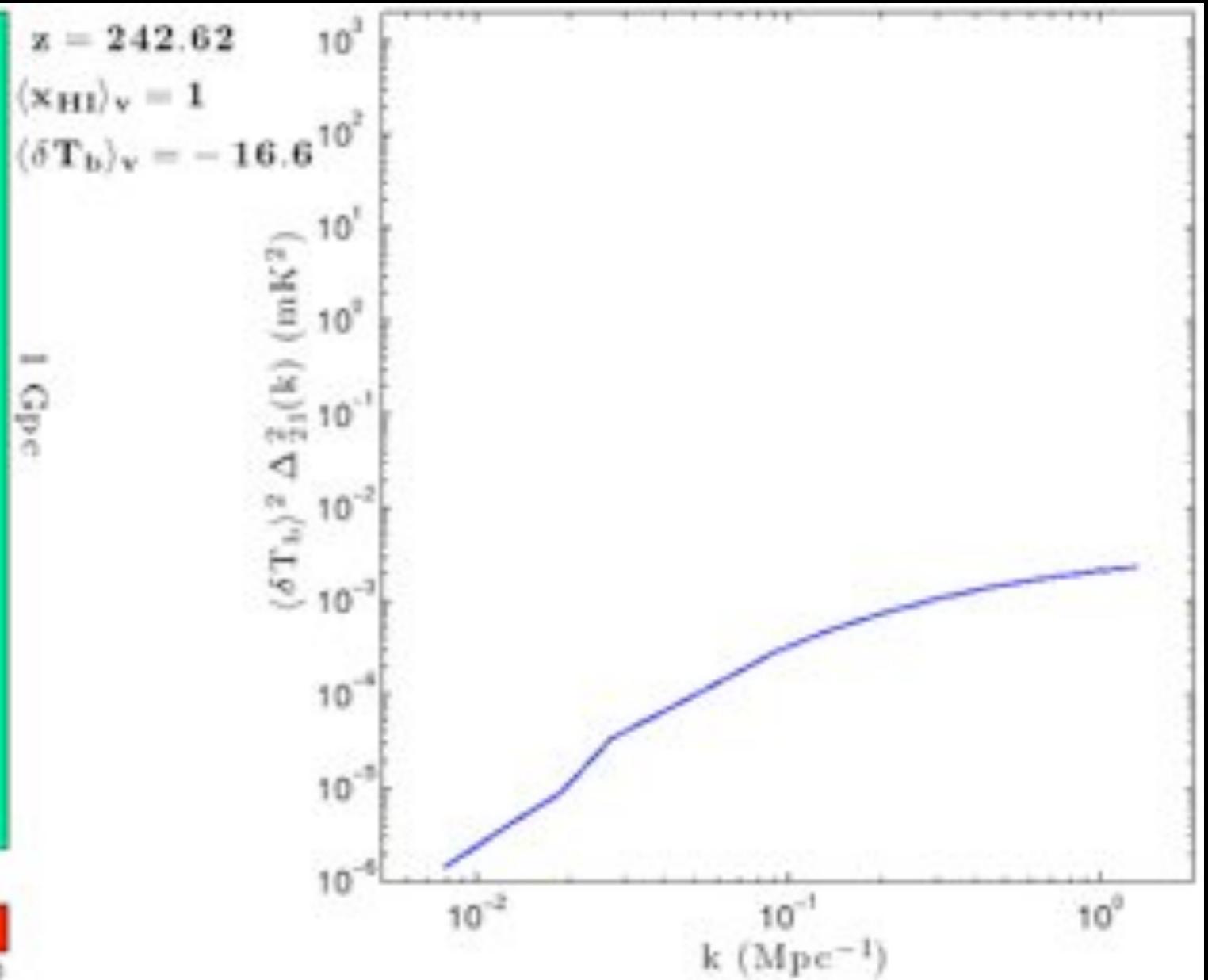
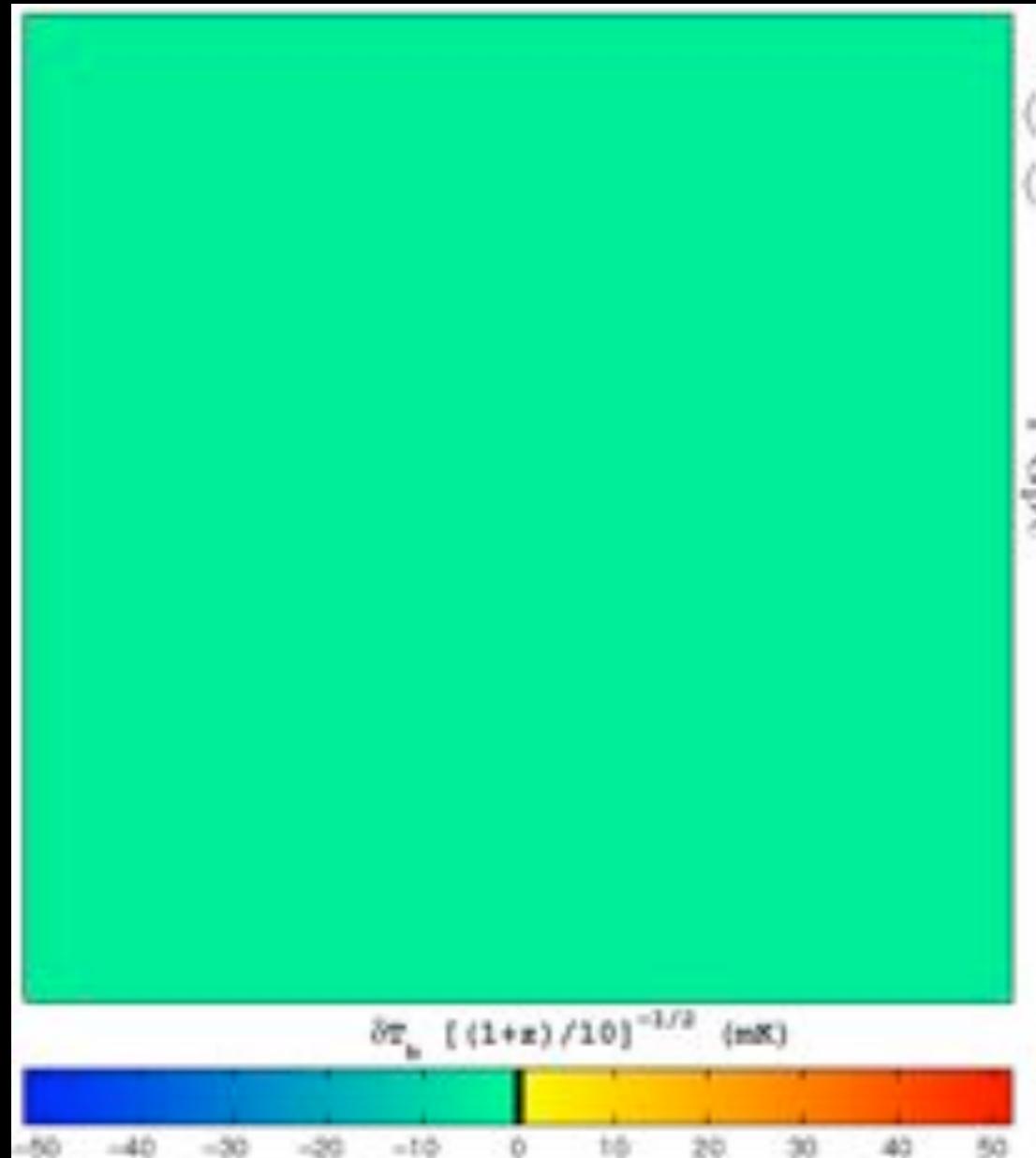
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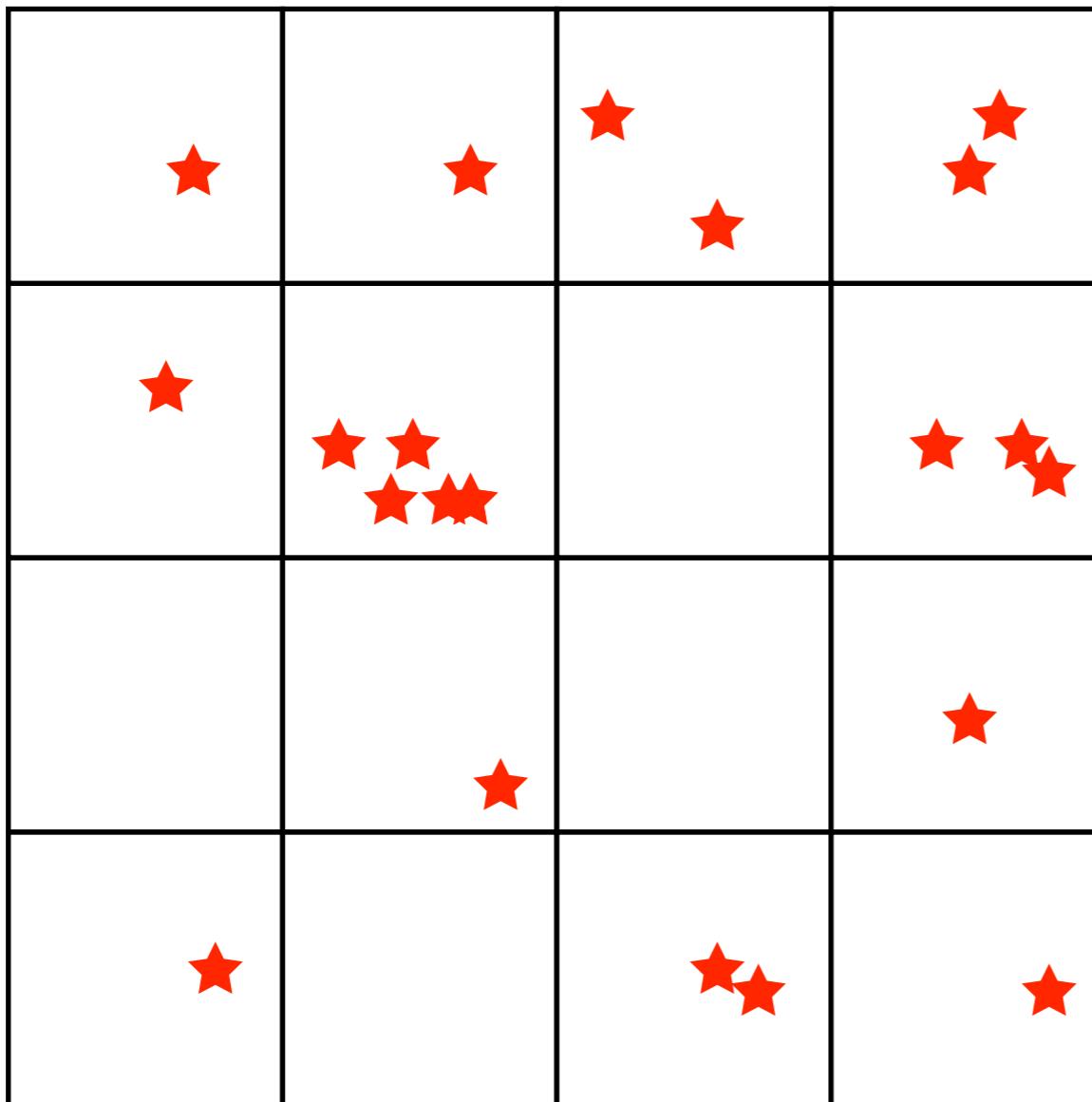
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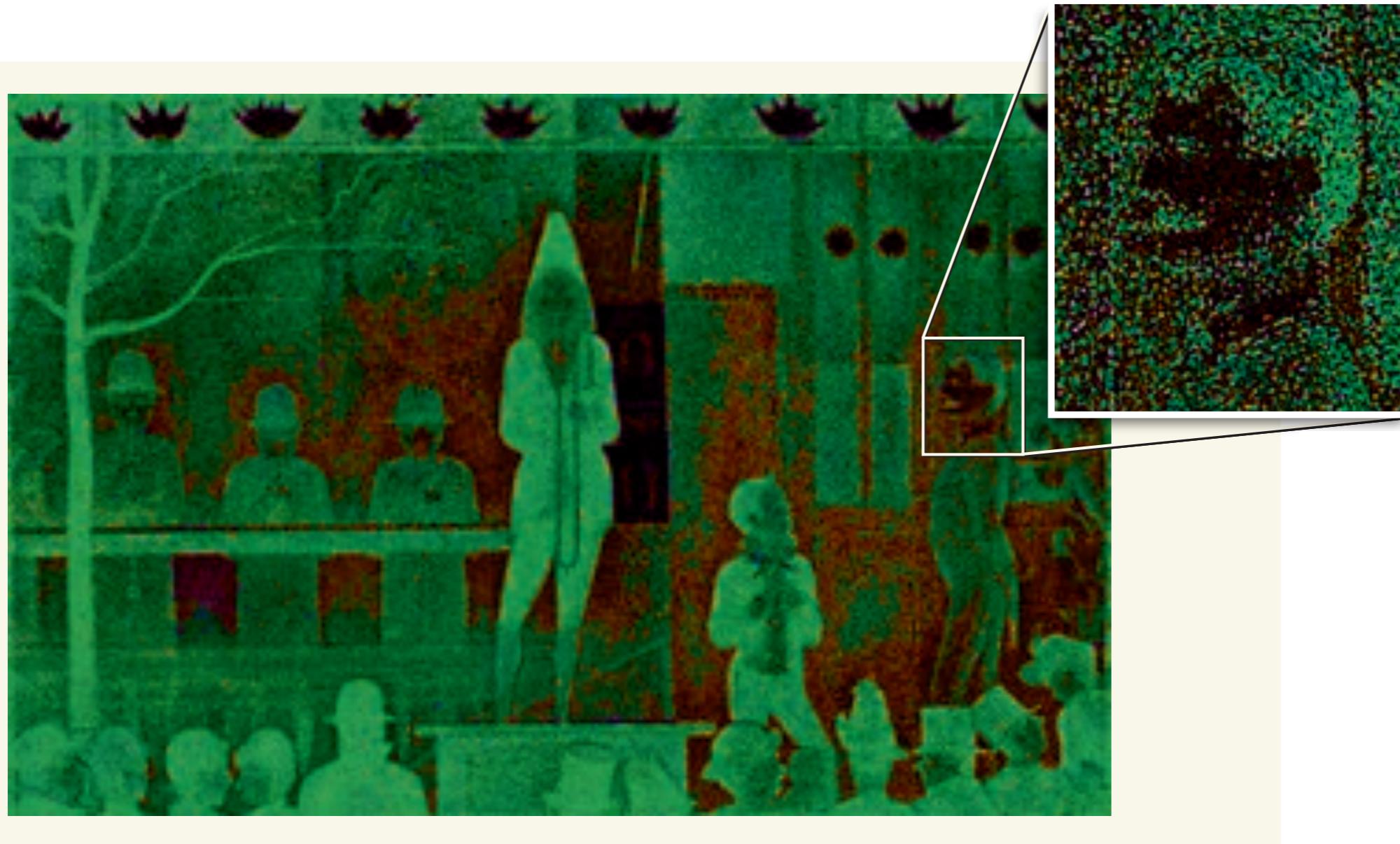


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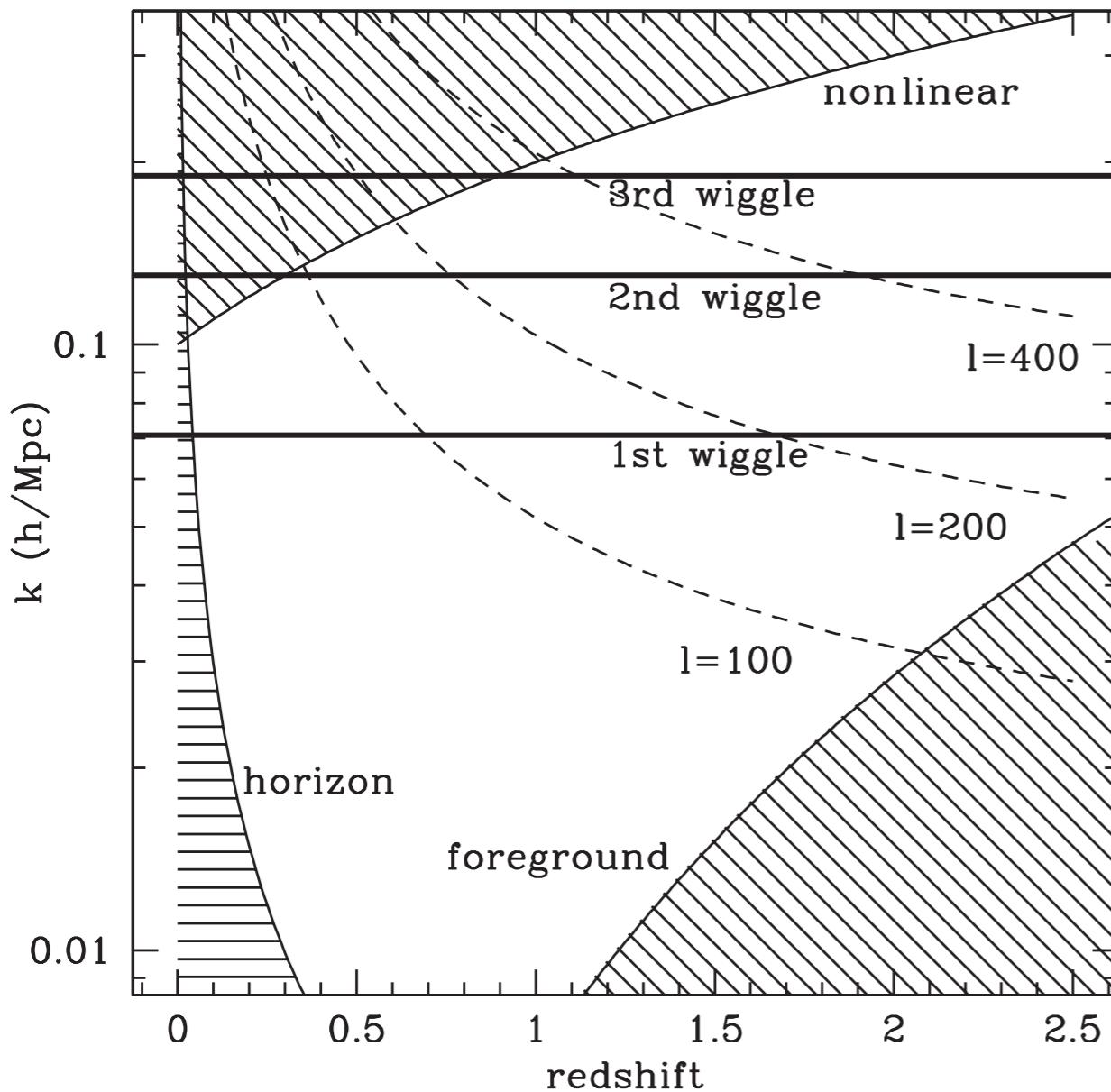


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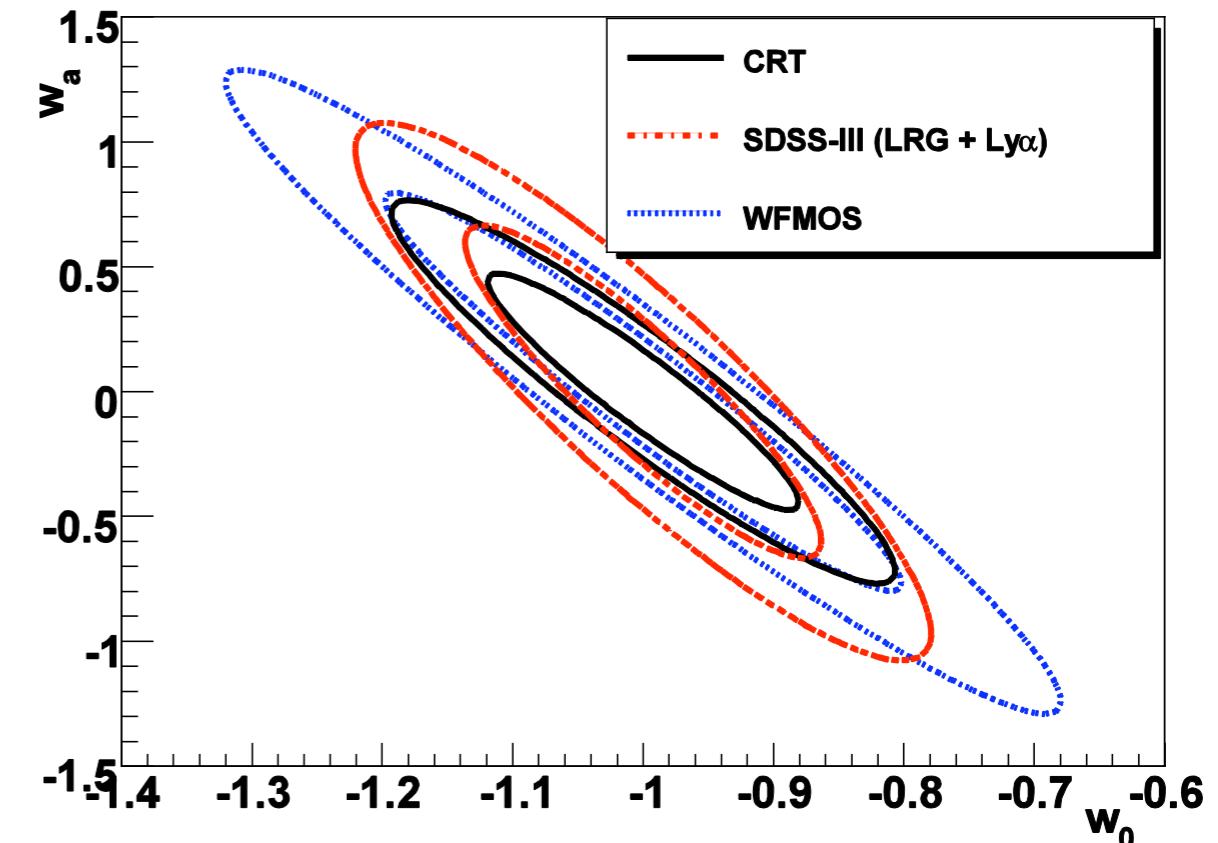
# Intensity mapping and dark energy



BAO first peak  $\sim 130 \text{ h}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}$

BAO third peak  $\sim 35 \text{ h}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}$   
corresponds to  $\sim 20$  arcmin

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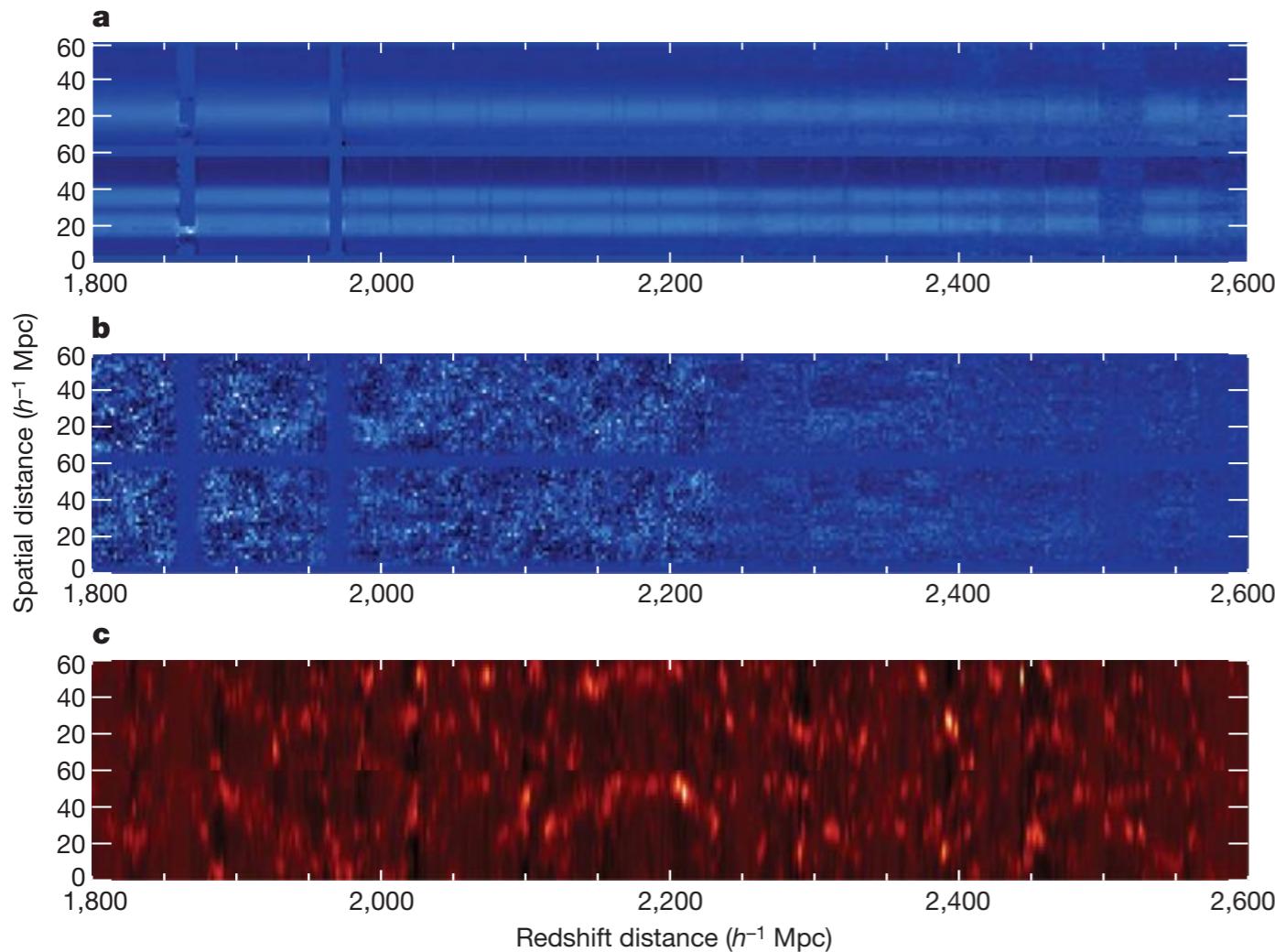


Cylinder Radio Telescope  $\sim 10,000 \text{ m}^2$

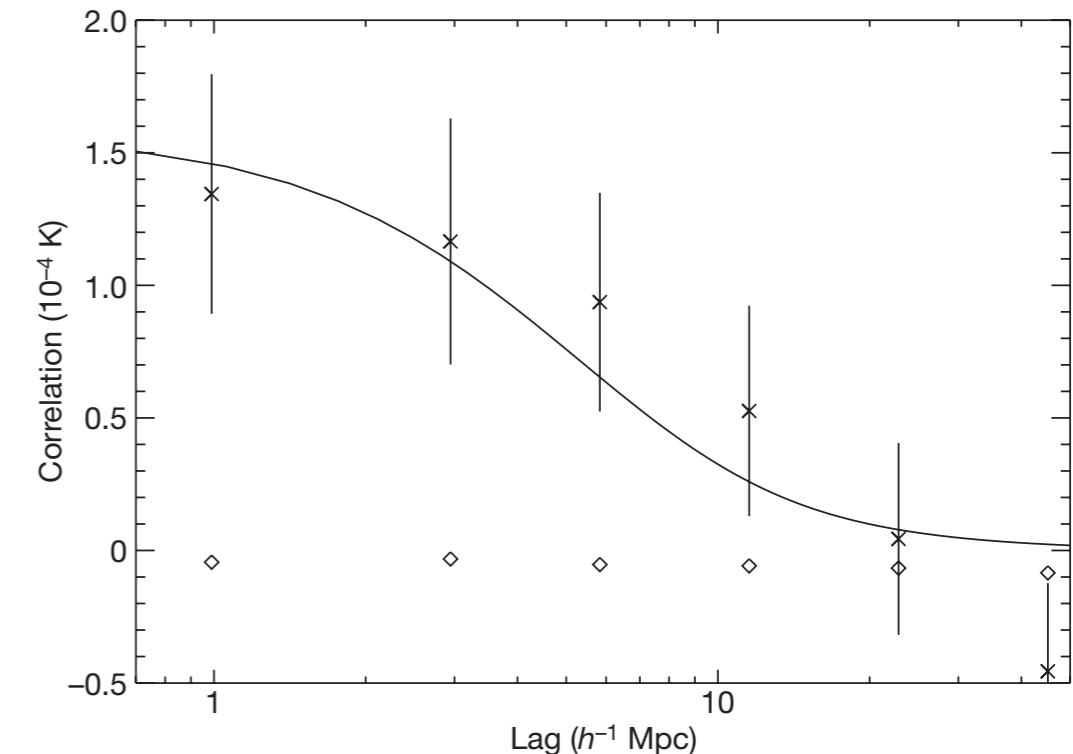
Covering large volumes allows strong constraints on dark energy and geometry

Also learn about  $\Omega_{\text{HI}}$

# Intensity mapping results



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**Figure 2 | The cross-correlation between the DEEP2 density field and GBT H $\alpha$  brightness temperature.** Crosses, measured cross-correlation temperature. Error bars, 1 $\sigma$  bootstrap errors generated using randomized optical data. Diamonds, mean null-test values over 1,000 randomizations as described in Supplementary Information. The same bootstrap procedure performed on randomized radio data returns very similar null-test values and error bars. Solid line, a DEEP2 galaxy correlation model, which assumes a power law correlation and includes the GBT telescope beam pattern as well as velocity distortions, and uses the best-fit value of the cross-correlation amplitude.

Observations at  $0.5 < z < 1$  showing cross-correlation between radio and galaxy signal



# Conclusions

- Currently know very little observationally about reionization history
- Need to understand both sources and IGM => 21 cm observations with SKA-low key
- 21 cm global experiments capable of constraining broad-brush properties of signal
- 21 cm fluctuations complement the global signal and contain wealth of information
  - Lyman alpha fluctuations => star formation rate
  - Temperature fluctuations => X-ray sources
  - Neutral fraction fluctuations => topology of reionization
- For specified assumptions can begin to calculate 21 cm signal including all relevant physics
  - still large uncertainties in what assumptions about first galaxies are reasonable
- Spatial and redshift information are critical to separating the different contributions to the 21 cm signal
- SKA<sub>1</sub> and SKA<sub>2</sub> potentially sensitive to very first galaxies at lowest frequency range
- 21 cm intensity mapping provides a powerful alternative to galaxy surveys that should be explored