

# 21-cm signal from cosmic dawn

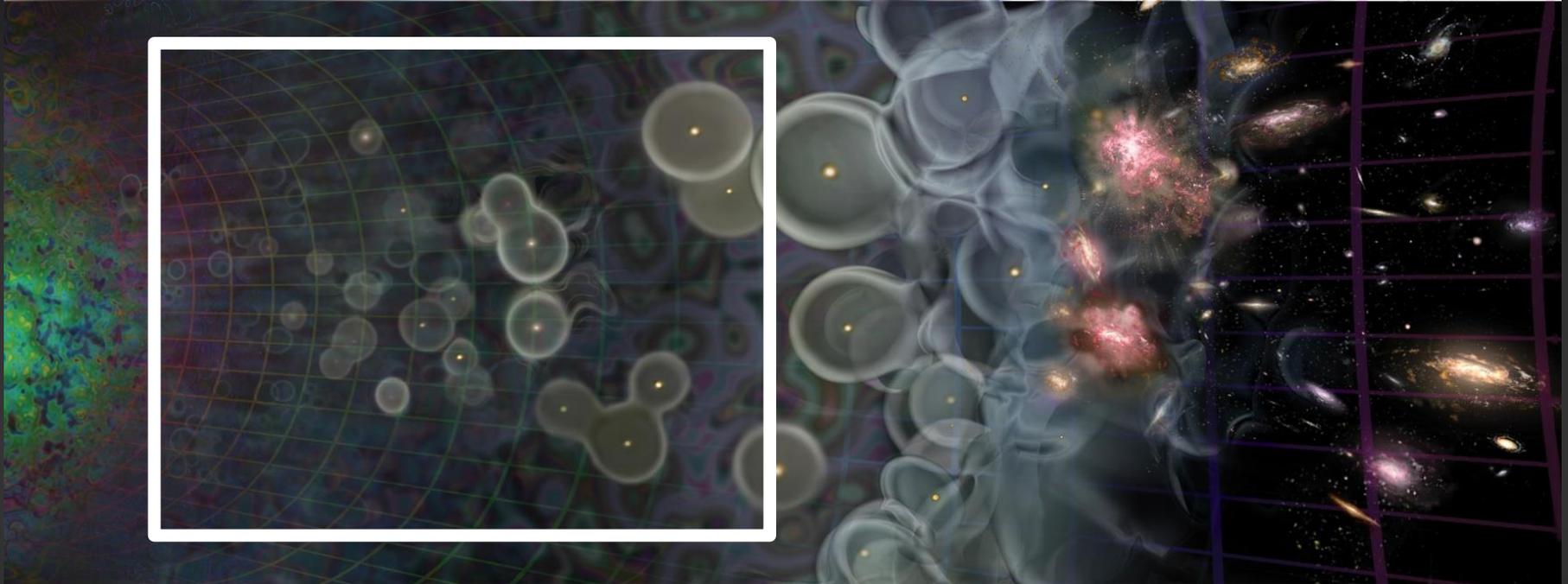


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# Looking back to first light:

Image: Loeb, Scientific American 2006

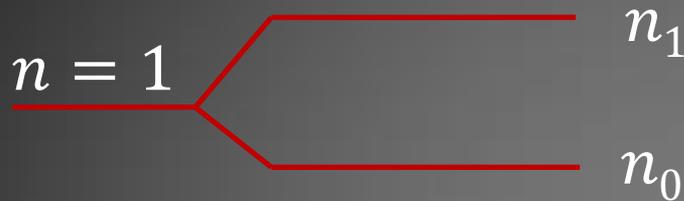


Cosmic dawn, the first stars

The dark ages

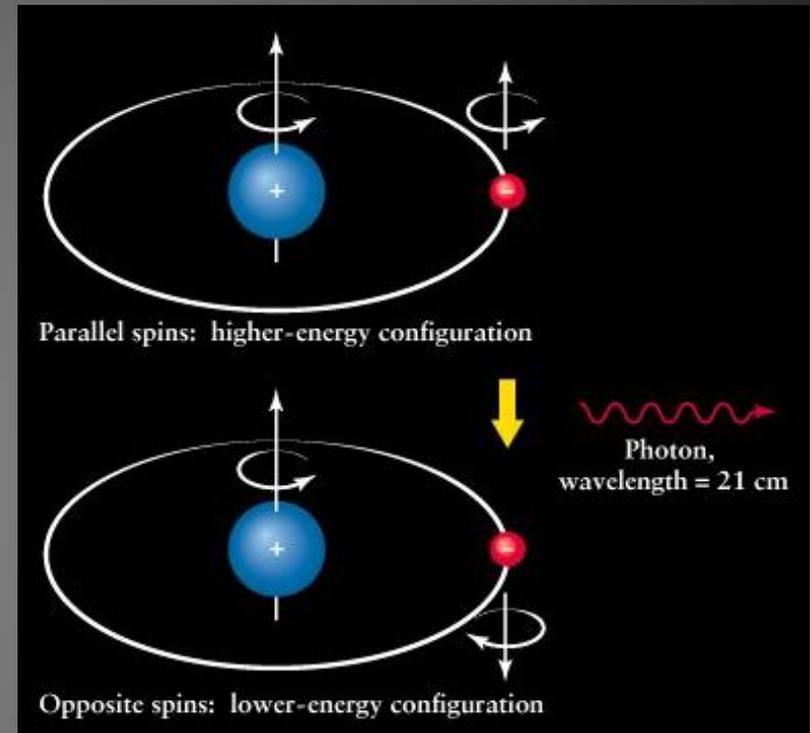
Recombination

# The history can be probed with 21-cm line:



$$n_1/n_0 \equiv 3 \exp(-T_*/T_S)$$

$$T_* = 0.068 \text{ K}$$



Spin temperature is a complicated function of gas temperature, Ly $\alpha$  intensity, collision rates etc.

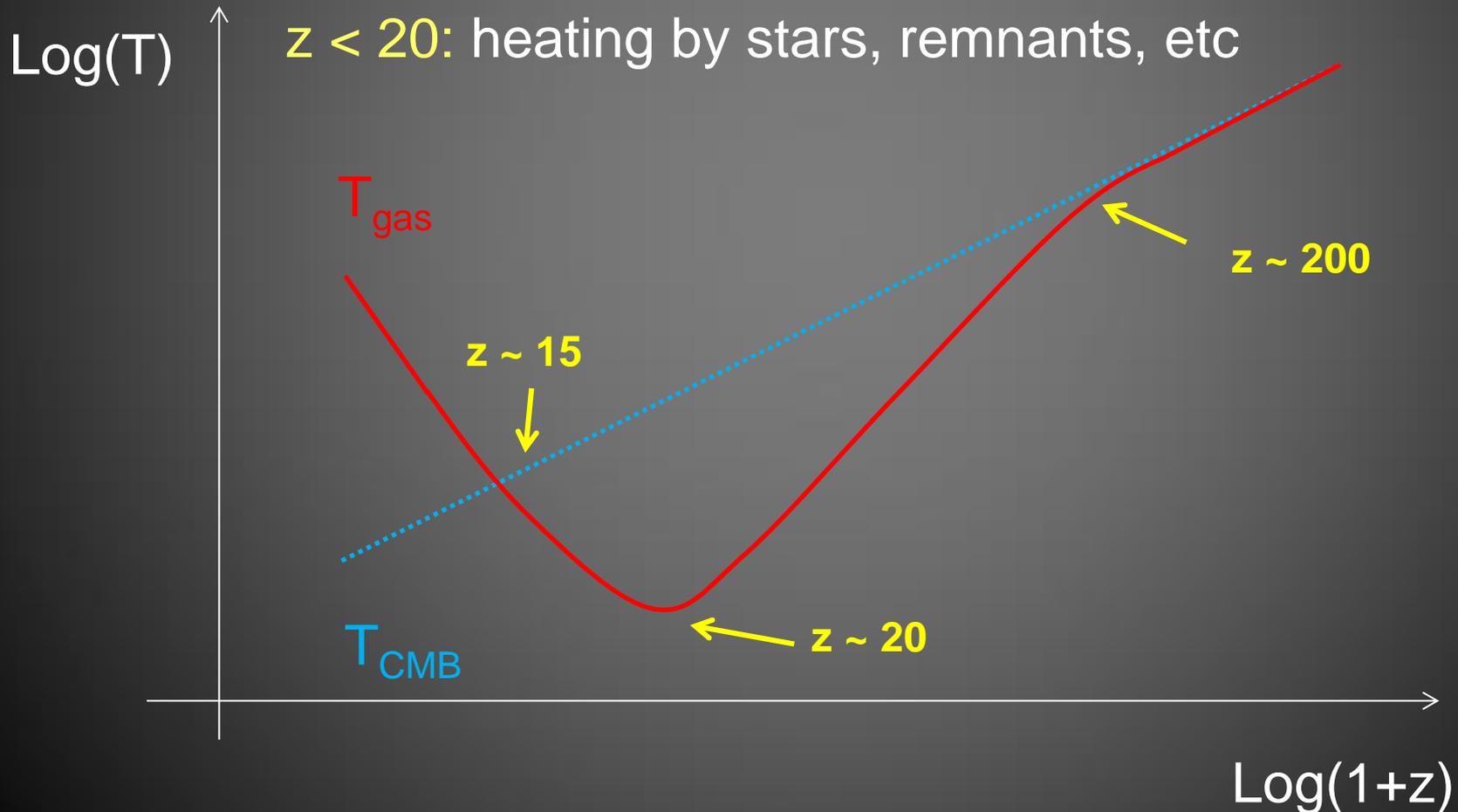
$$T_S^{-1} = \frac{T_{\text{CMB}}^{-1} + x_\alpha T_c^{-1} + x_c T_K^{-1}}{1 + x_\alpha + x_c}$$

# Thermal history of cosmic gas:

$z > 200$ : thermal coupling to CMB (Compton scattering), cooling as  $(1+z)$

$20 < z < 200$ : adiabatic cooling as  $(1+z)^2$

$z < 20$ : heating by stars, remnants, etc



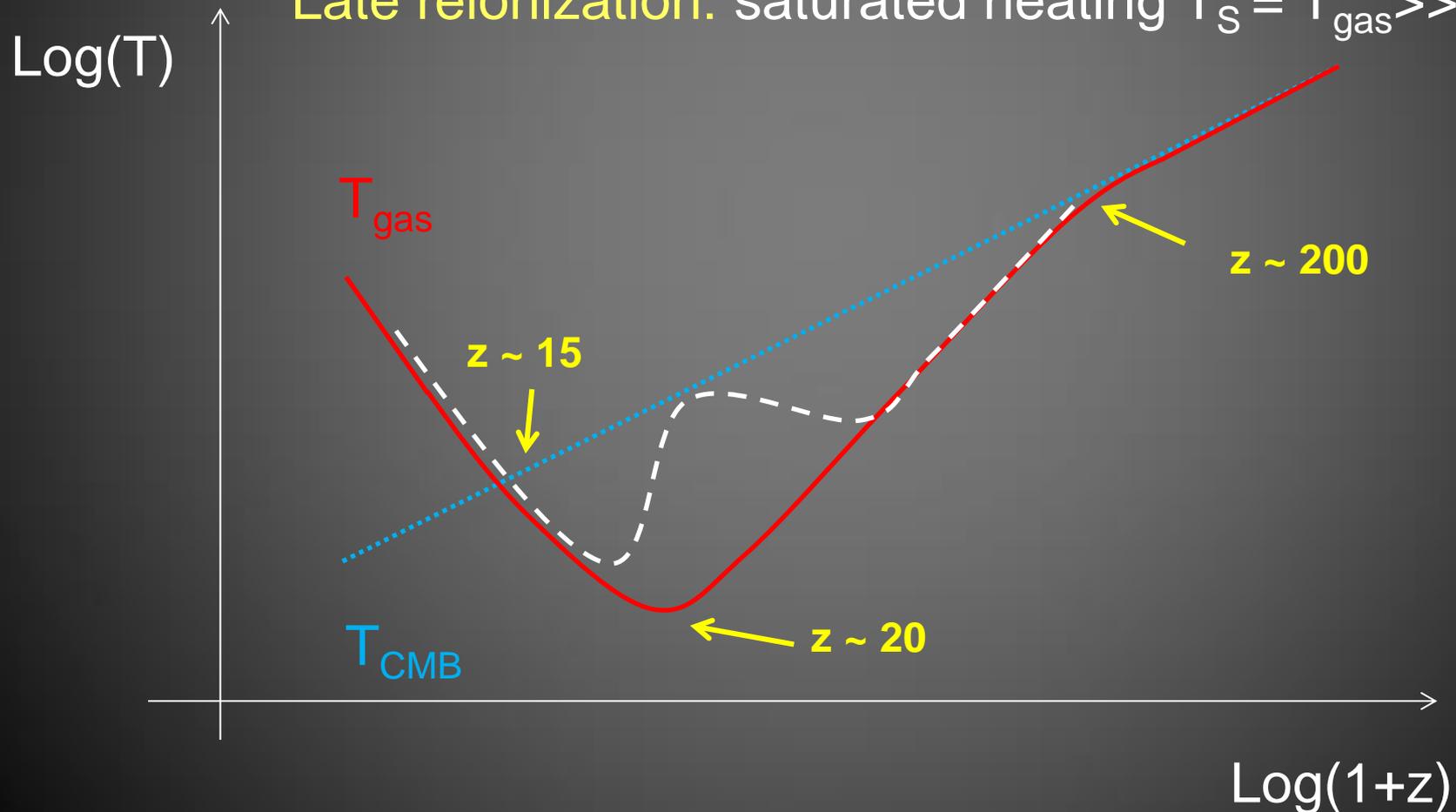
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Dark ages: collisional coupling  $T_S = T_{\text{gas}}$

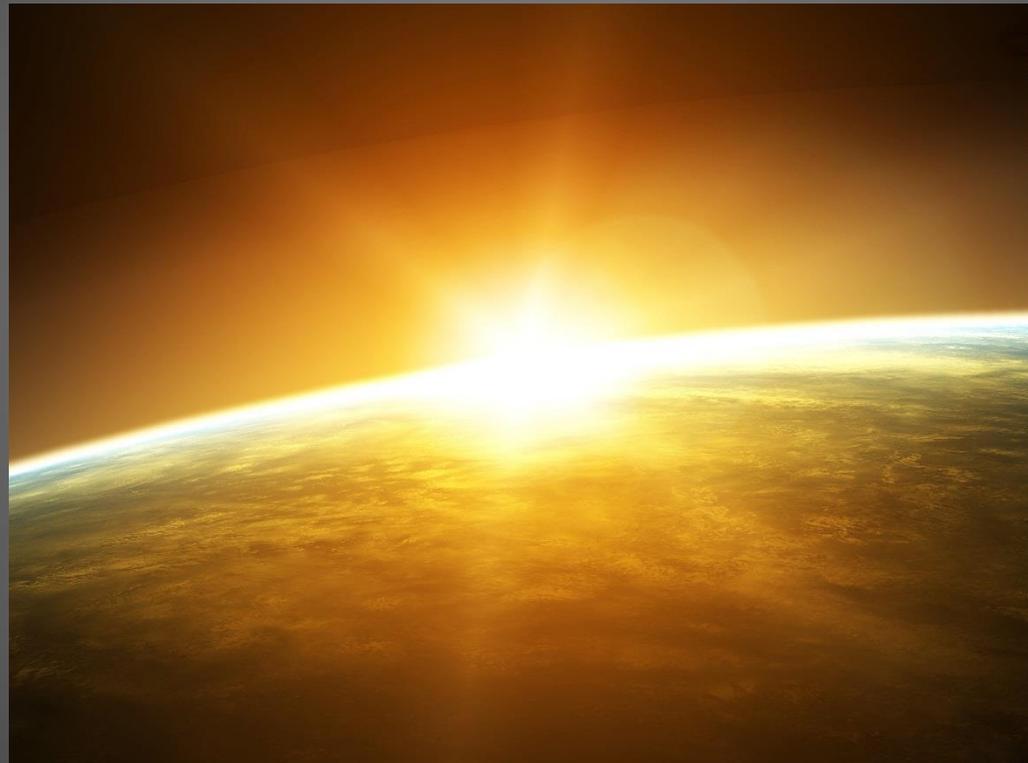
Cosmic dawn:  $T_S = f(T_{\text{gas}}, J_\alpha, J_{\text{LW}}, \delta, \dots)$

Late reionization: saturated heating  $T_S = T_{\text{gas}} \gg T_{\text{CMB}}$



# 1. Cosmic Dawn

Rare first stars start to heat and ionize the cosmic gas

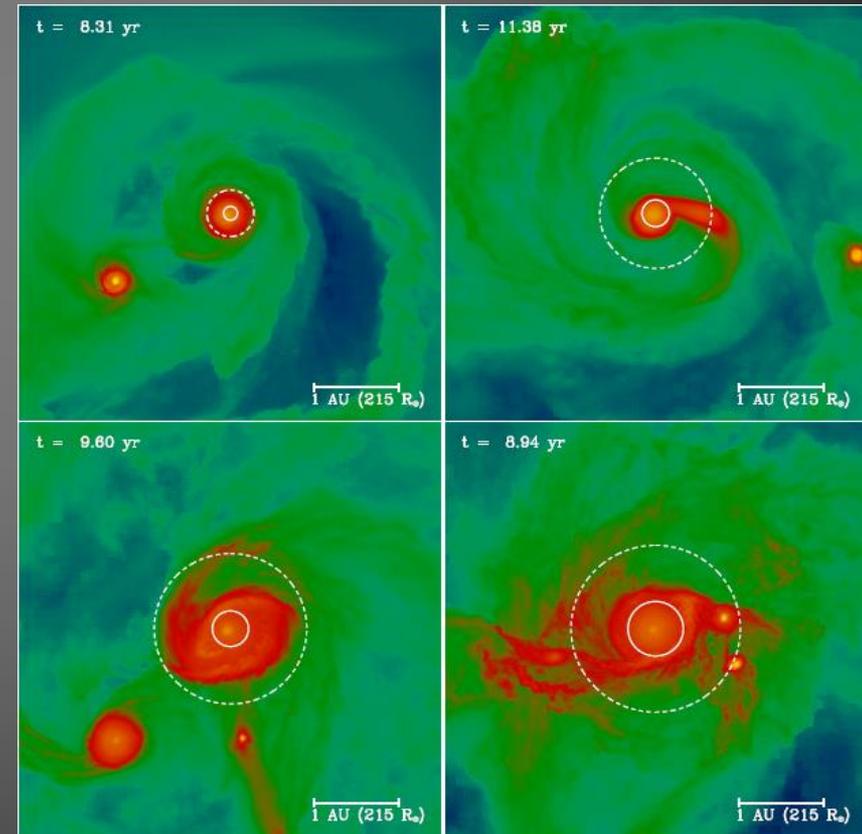
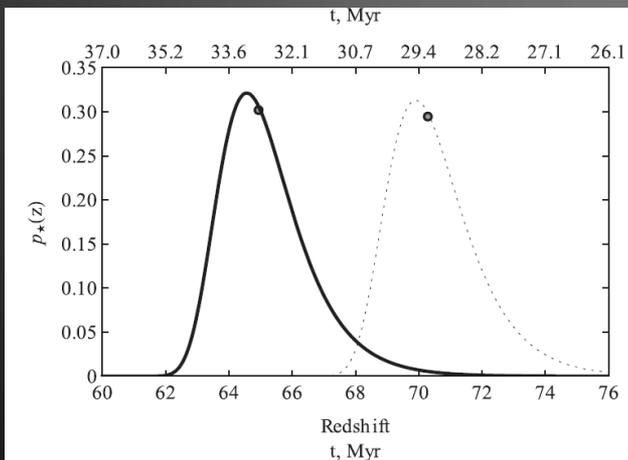


# First sources of light:

Form in metal free environment  
Atomic cooling in  $\sim 10^7 M_{\text{sun}}$  halos  
Molecular cooling  $\sim 10^5 M_{\text{sun}}$  halos  
(Tegmark et al 1997)

Formation of  $\sim 30 M_{\text{sun}}$   
PopIII star under  
radiative feedback  
(Stacy et al 2013)

At  $z \sim 65$   
(Fialkov et al 2012)



# Predicting 21-cm signal from cosmic dawn is difficult

First sources are rare, effect on large scales

Interplay between:

Heating

Ionization

Feedbacks

Effect of initial conditions

Exotic physics.

Nonlocal effects of radiation.

References: works by Mesinger et al (2012, 2013), Christian and Loeb (2013), Visbal et al (2012), Fialkov et al (2014, 2013) and others

Image: NASA

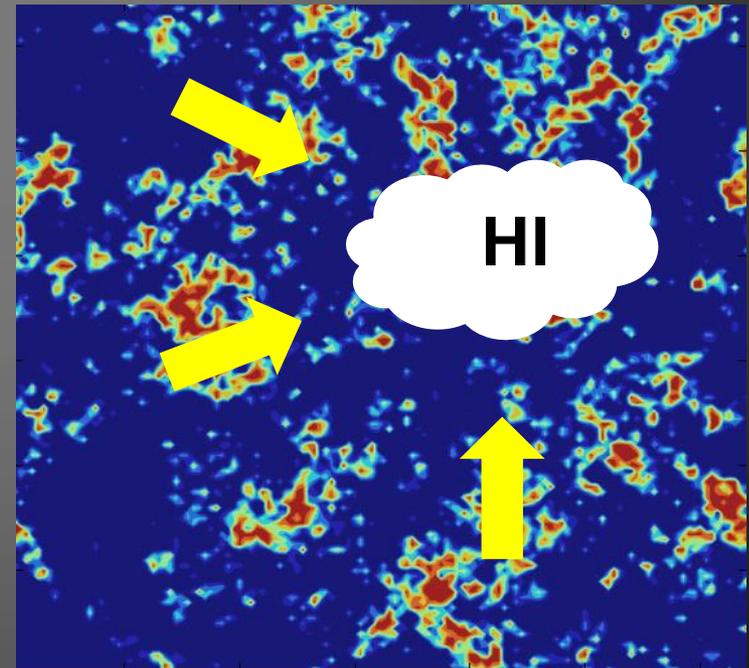
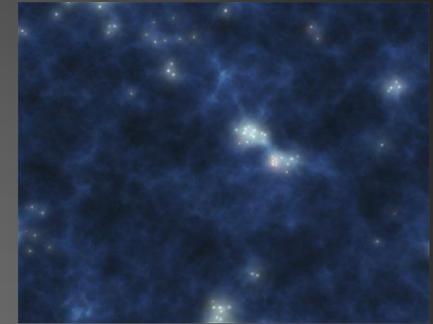
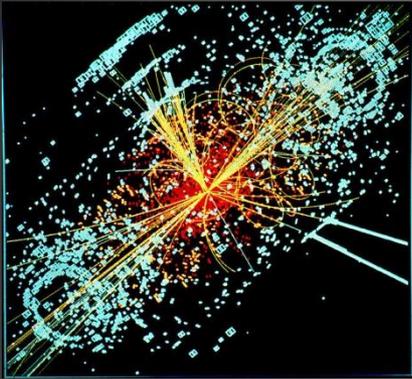


Image: Visbal et al 2012

# Heating of cosmic gas

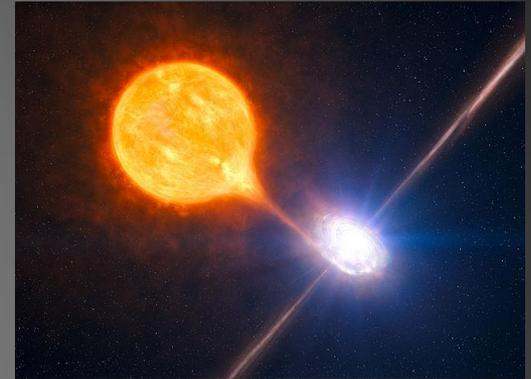
$T_{\text{gas}}$  is essential for understanding the 21-cm signal



LHC  
Dark matter annihilation



A quasar



A black hole binary  
(ESO image)

X-ray binaries (talk by F. Mirabel)

Thermal emission from galaxies

Quasars, mini quasars

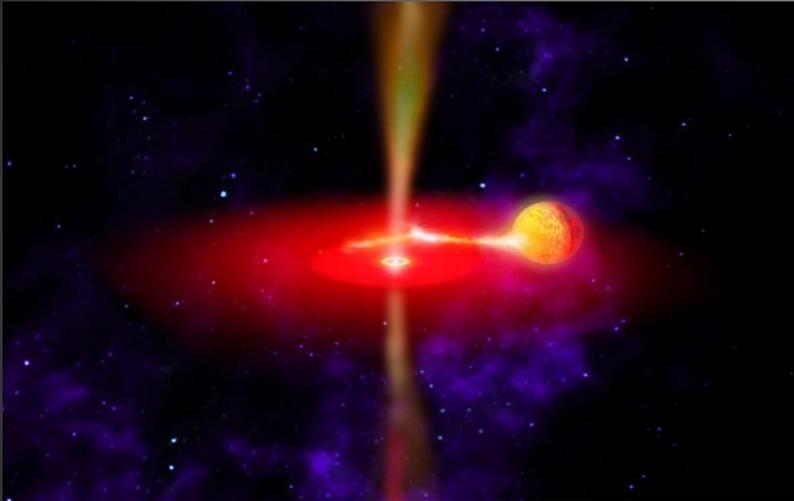
Dark matter annihilation

etc

# Realistic high-z heating

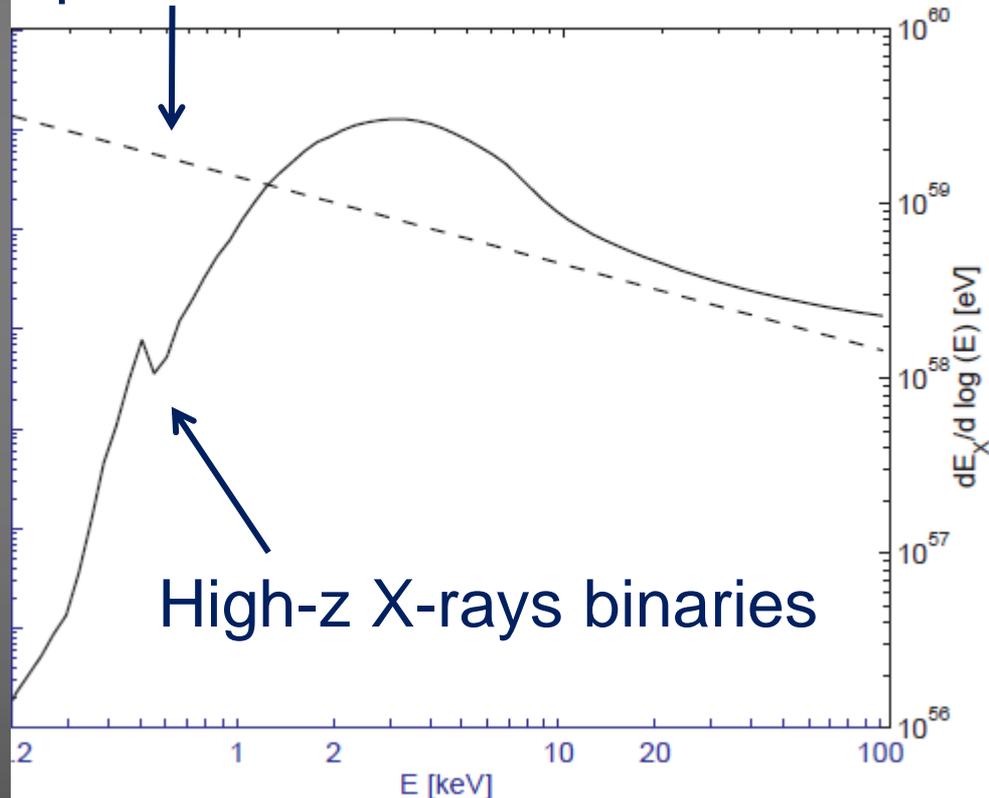
## Energy Feedback from X-Ray Binaries in the Early Universe

T. Fragos<sup>1,2</sup>, B. D. Lehmer<sup>3,4</sup>, S. Naoz<sup>2,7</sup>, A. Zezas<sup>1,5,6</sup>, and A. Basu-Zych<sup>4</sup>



X-ray binary

“Traditional” soft X-ray spectrum



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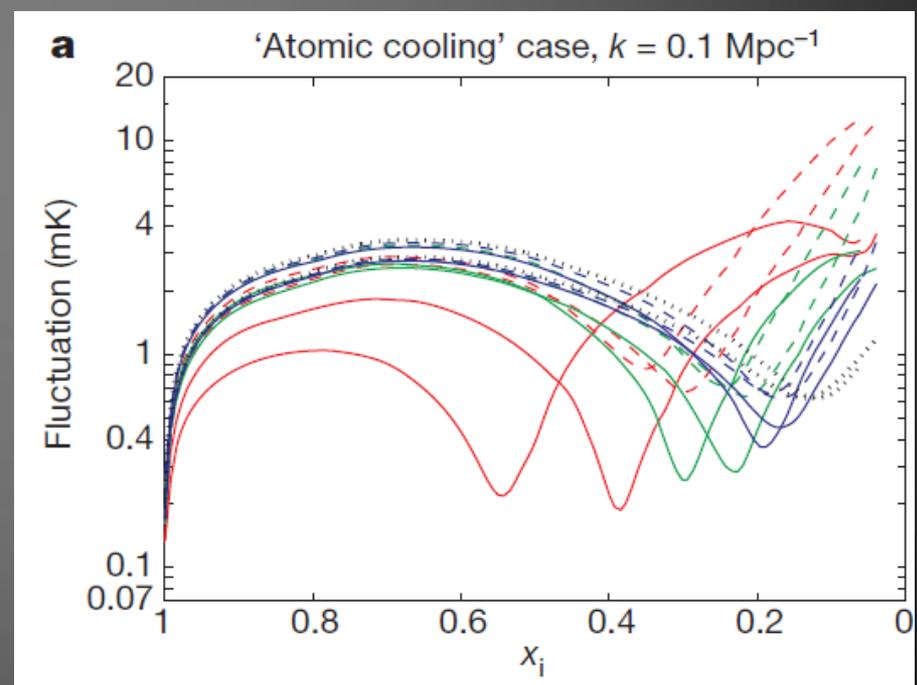
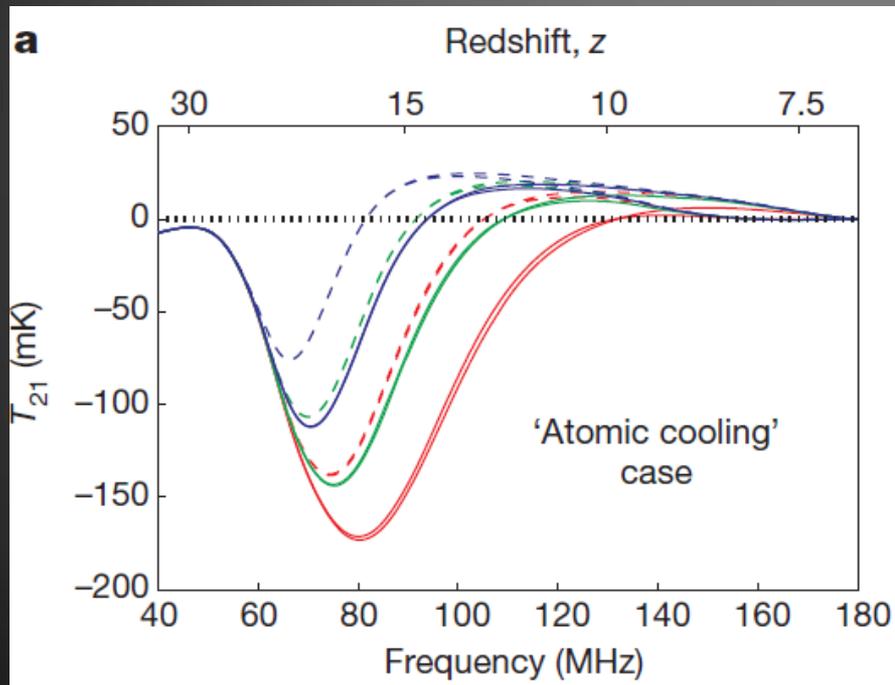
The observable signature of late heating of the Universe during cosmic reionization

Anastasia Fialkov<sup>1,2</sup>, Rennan Barkana<sup>1</sup> & Eli Visbal<sup>3,4,5</sup>

Fragos et al (2013), Fialkov et al (2014)

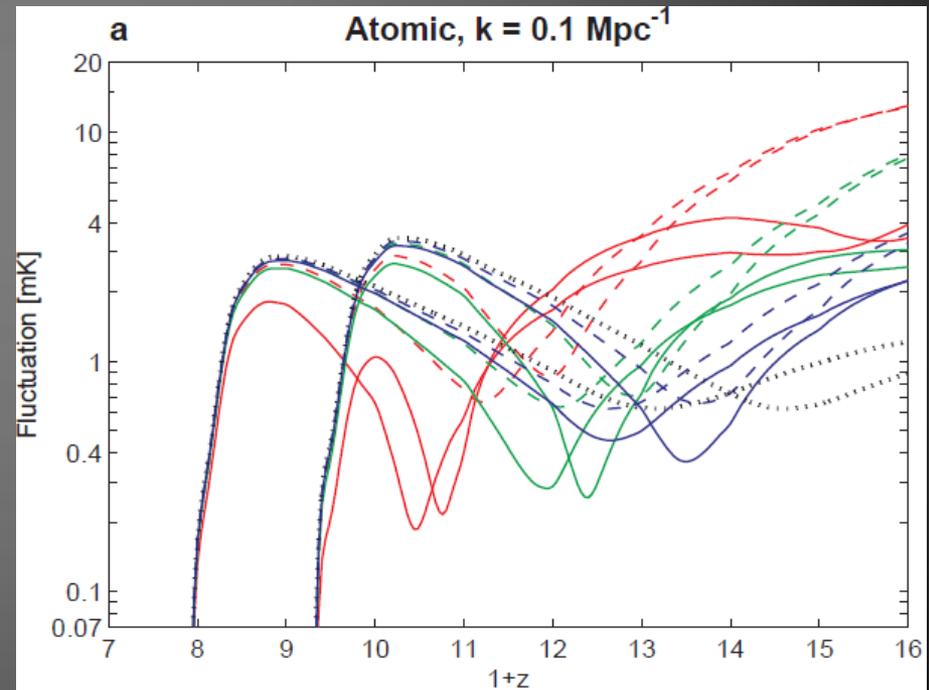
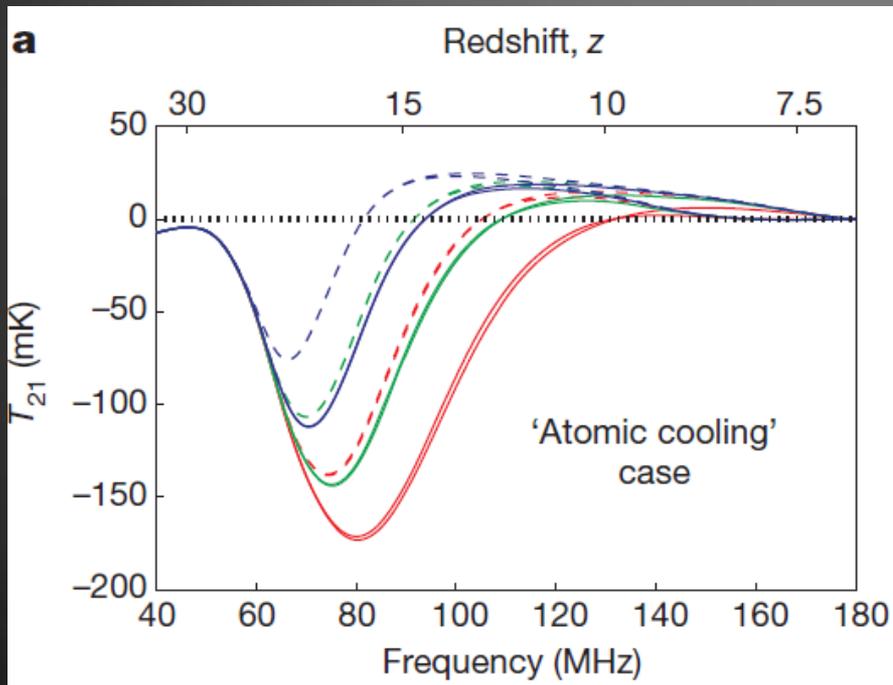
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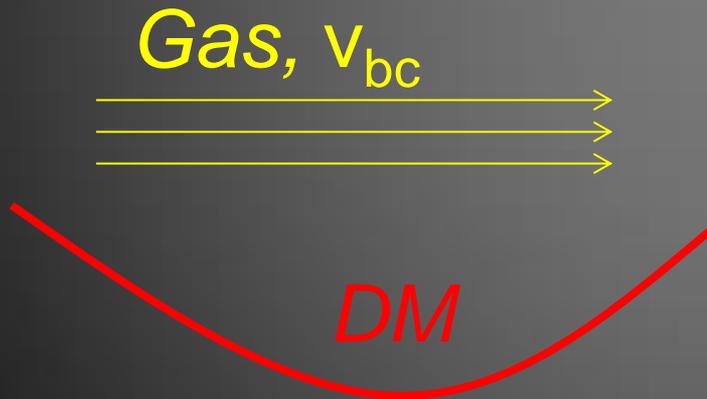
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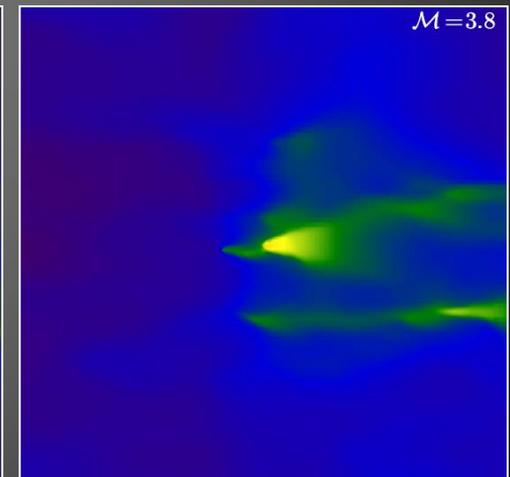
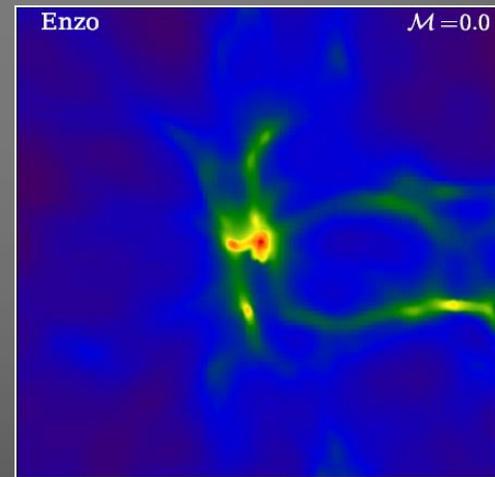
# Another example: Initial condition for structure formation

## Relative motion between gas and dark matter

After recombination gas and dark matter halos move at supersonic relative speed (Tseliakhovich and Hirata 2010)



Gas overshoots  
DM halos



O'Leary & McQuinn (2012)

# Main impact on high $z$ and small scales

$10^4 - 10^7 M_{\text{sun}}$

- Suppresses halo abundance

Tselikhovich & Hirata 2010; Naoz, Yoshida, Gnedin 2012...

- Suppresses amount of gas in halos

Dalal, Pen & Seljak 2010; Tselikhovich, Barkana & Hirata 2011; Naoz, Yoshida, Gnedin 2012...

- Harder to form stars (boosts minimal cooling mass)

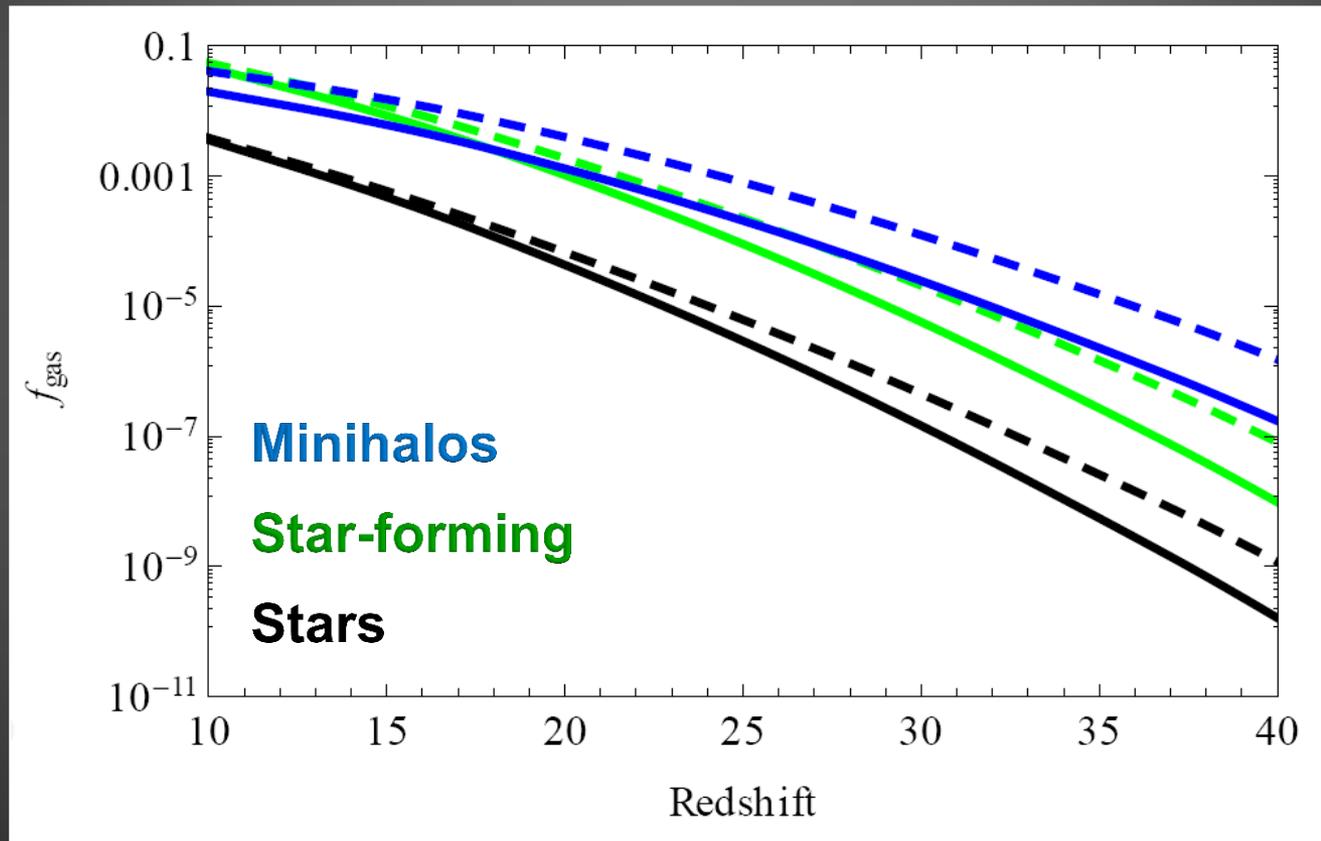
**Fialkov et al** 2012, (relying on the simulations: Maio, Koopmans & Ciardi 2011; Stacy, Bromm & Loeb 2011; Greif, White, Klessen & Springel 2011; Naoz, Yoshida & Gnedin 2011; O'Leary & McQuinn 2012; Bromm 2013) ...

**In total:**

**Nonhomogeneous delay in star formation**

# The effect of motion on gas in halos

Average  $f_{\text{gas}}$  in star-forming halos is lower by  $\sim 2$  at  $z = 20$

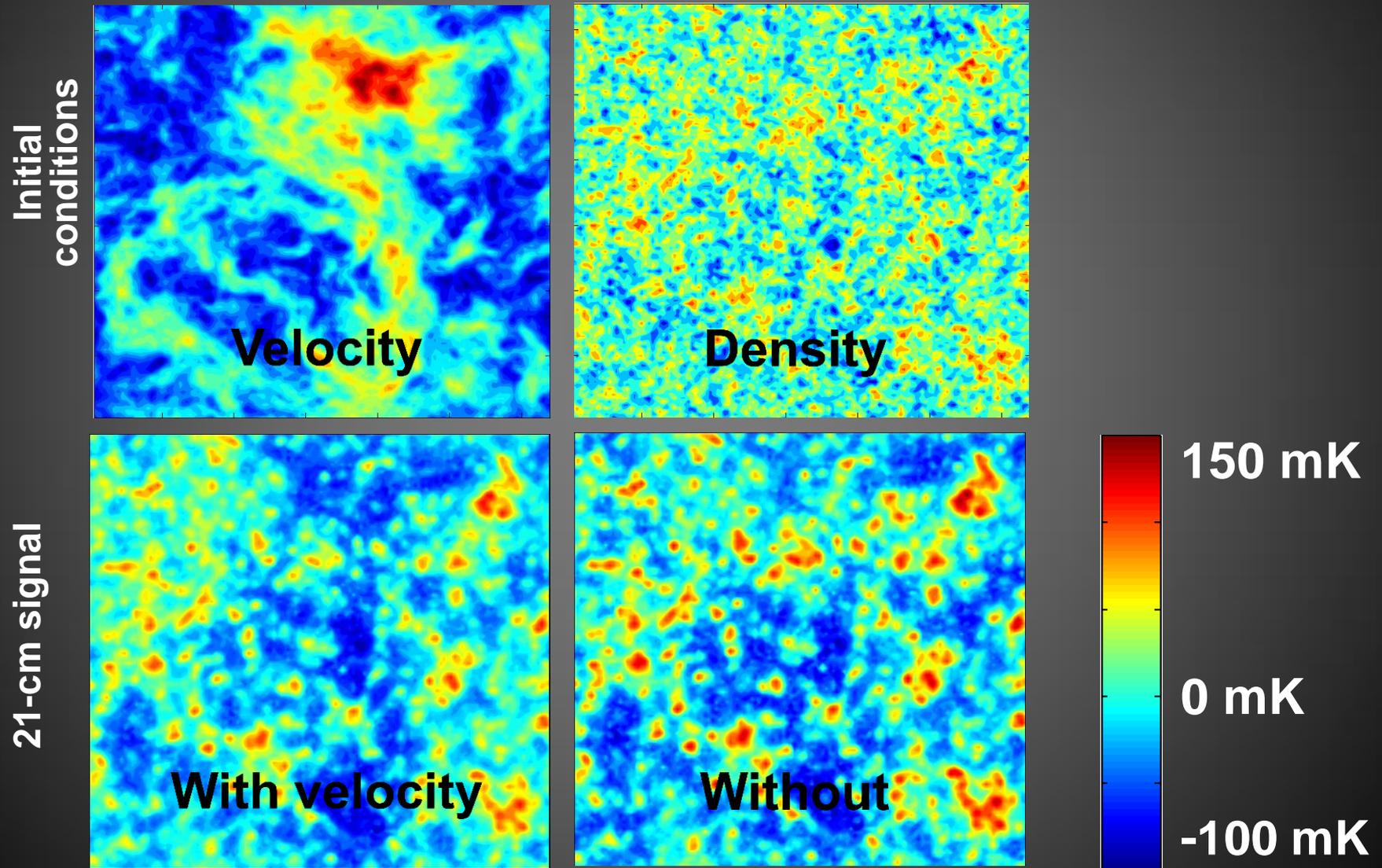


Tselikhovich, Barkana & Hirata (2010)

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# Effect of the motion on 21-cm signal

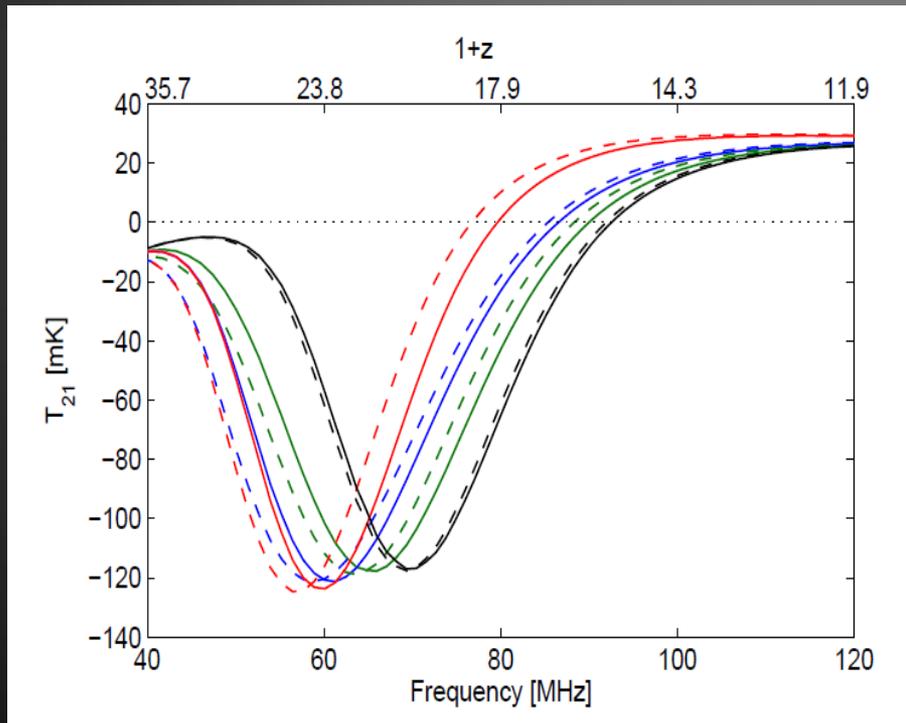
Visbal et al (2012), Fialkov et al (2013)



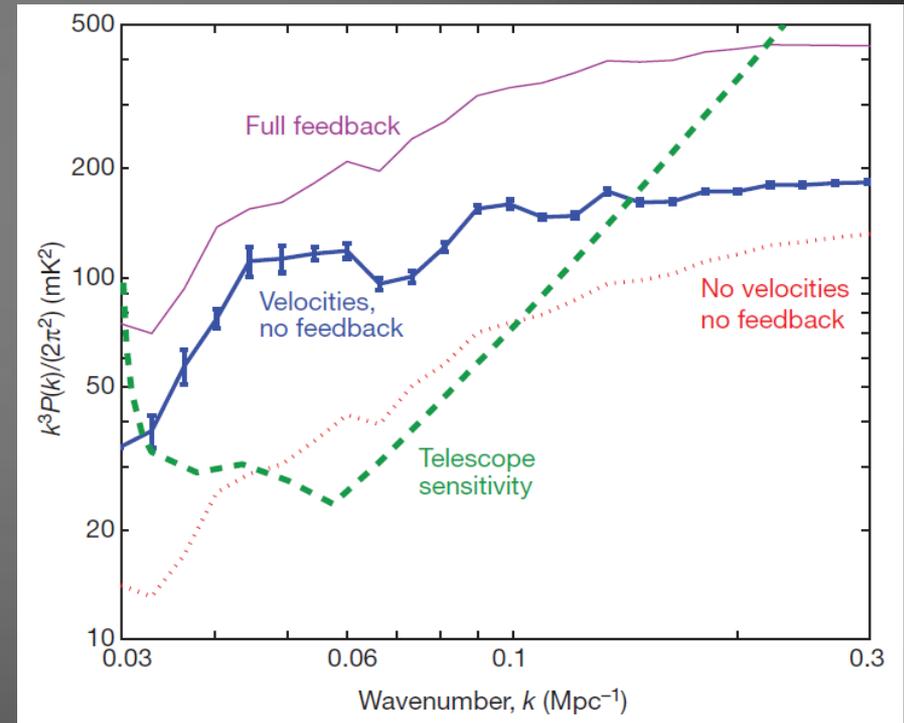
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## Probe of LW feedback

How heavy were the first star forming halos?



Fialkov et al (2013)



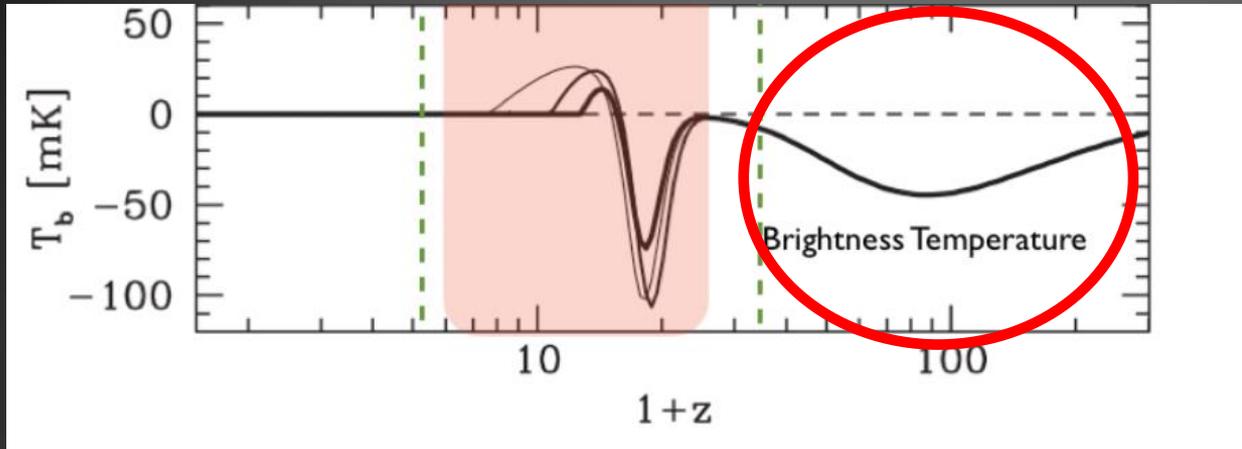
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## 2. The dark ages

Linear regime

No stars

# In LCDM the dark ages are well-understood

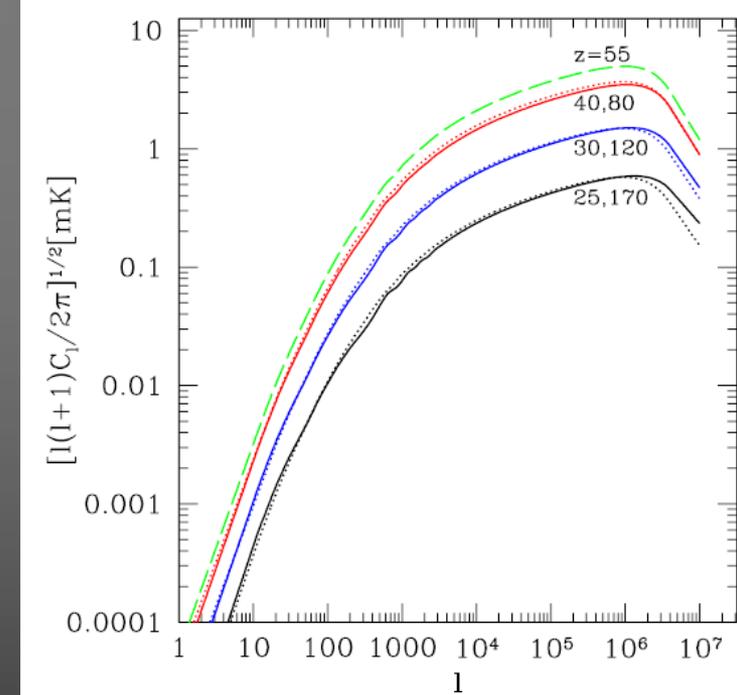


Mellema et al (2013)

Loeb & Zaldarriaga (2004)  
Lewis & Challinor (2007)

21-cm signal from dark ages is well defined by atomic physics

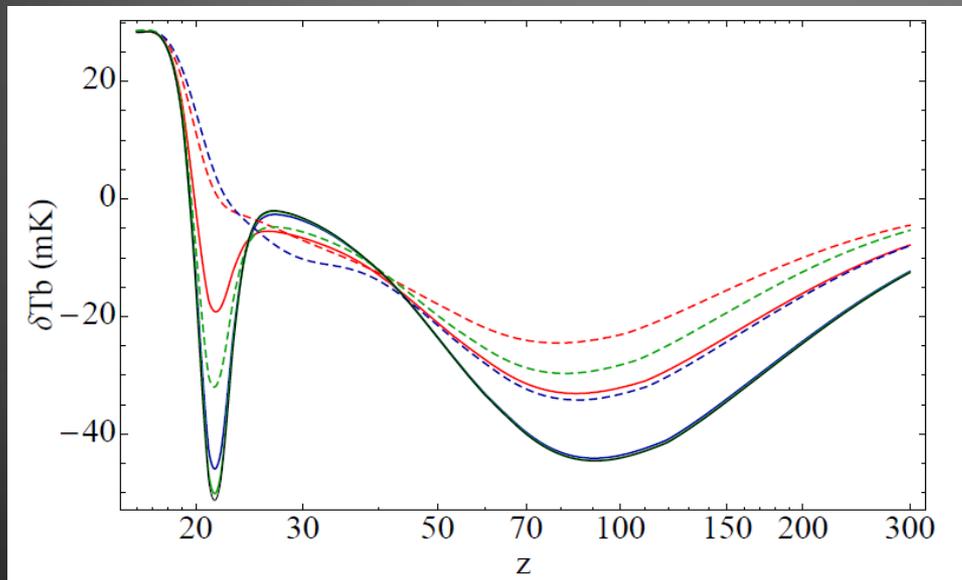
The main source of fluctuations: density of neutral hydrogen



# Good time to probe cosmology and exotic physics!

What makes up over 95 % of the Universe?

21-cm signal offers a new window for indirect search for dark matter



Valdes et al (2013)

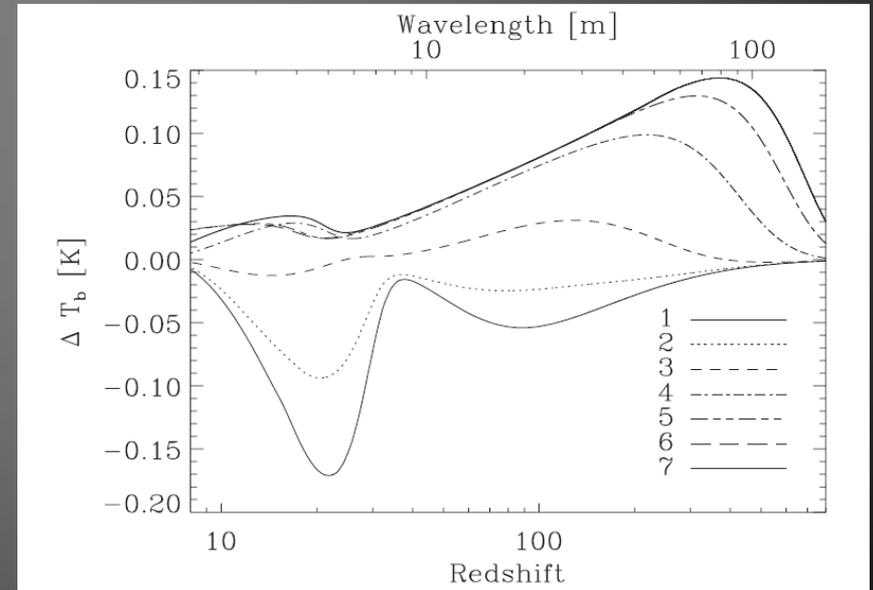
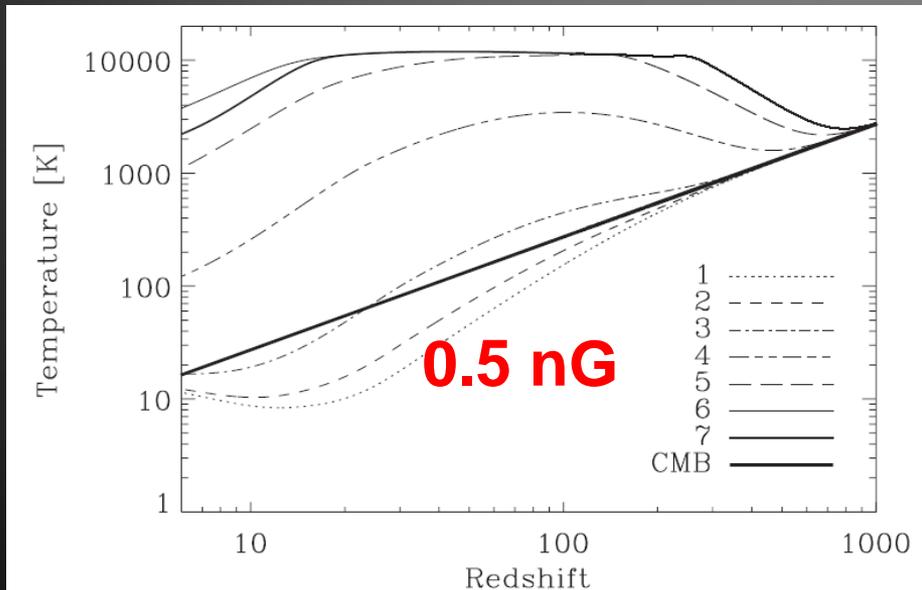
Imprint of dark matter annihilation in the global 21-cm signal

10 GeV, 200 GeV and 1 TeV particles

# Good time to probe cosmology and exotic physics!

Primordial magnetic fields can heat the gas early

- Ambipolar diffusion
- Decay of turbulences



# Future Prospects: Radio Astronomy on the Moon

Also talk by B. Cecconi

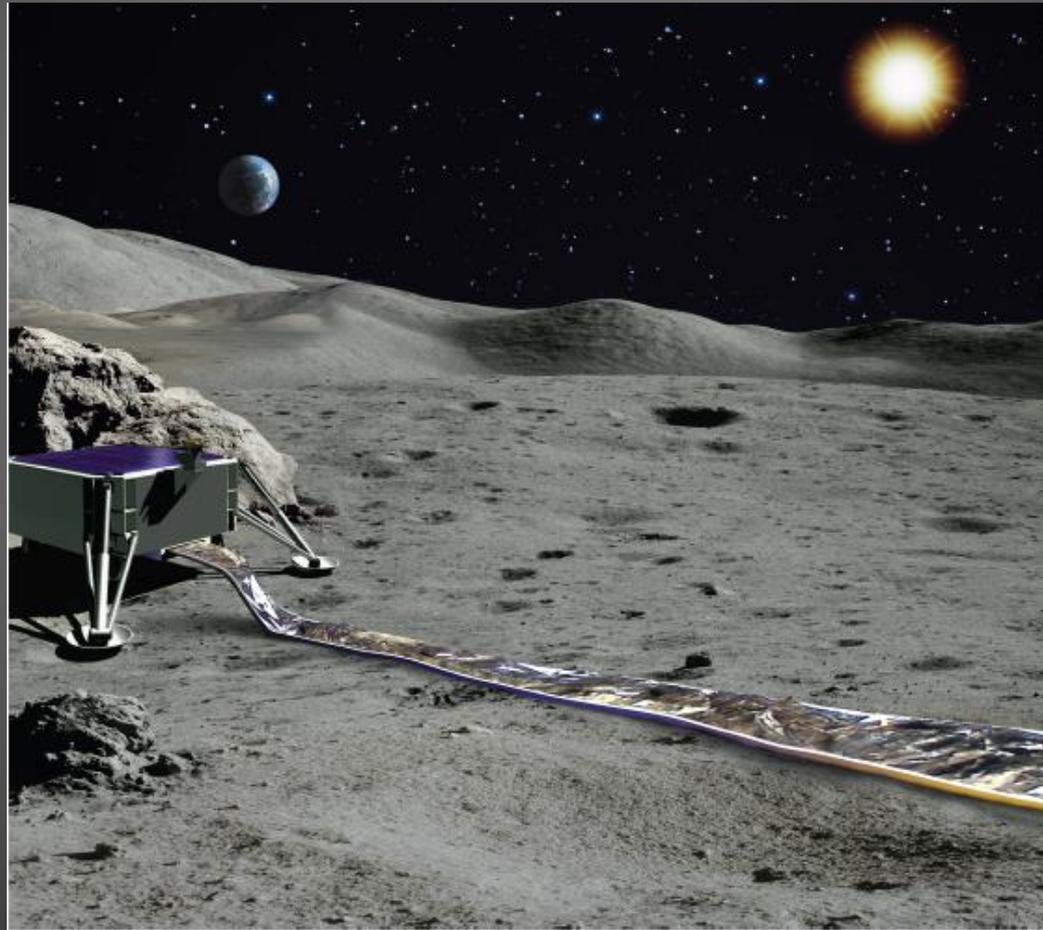
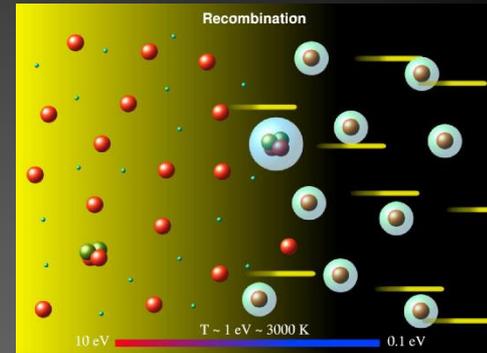


Image from poster by J. Lazio

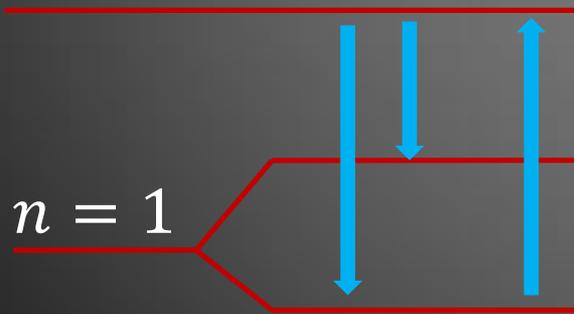
# Non-vanishing 21-cm signal from recombination

Ly- $\alpha$  photons from recombination enhance the expected signal through the WF effect

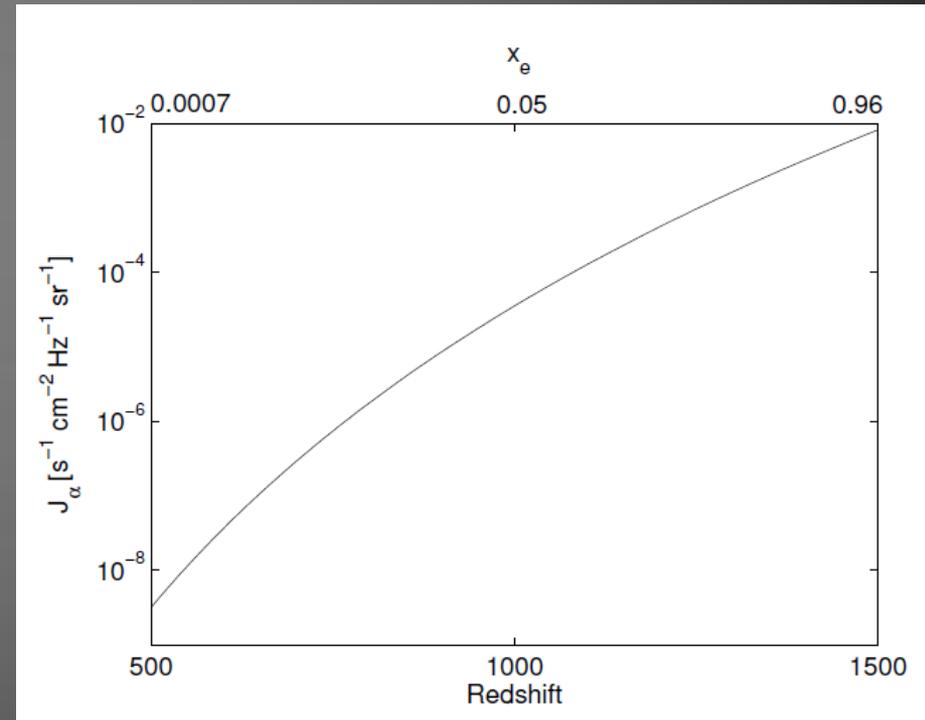


$n = 2$

$n = 1$



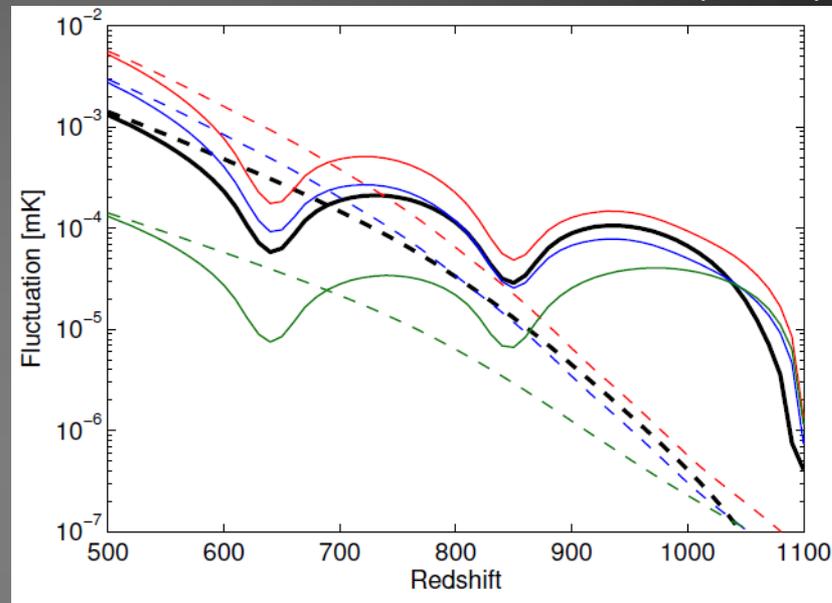
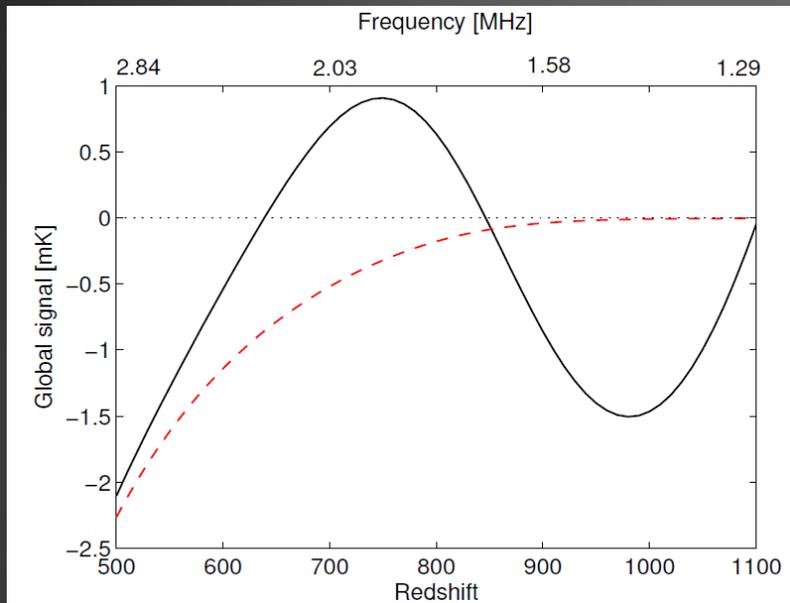
Wouthuysen 1952, Field 1958



Fialkov & Loeb (2013)  
Based on CosmoREC by J. Chluba et al.

# New expectations for cosmological ~200 m signal

Fialkov & Loeb (2013)



**Lunar Radio Array**

<http://lunar.colorado.edu/lowfreq/>