

# Cosmology from Reionization and Cosmic Dawn: Theory and Data

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# An abridged history of the cosmos

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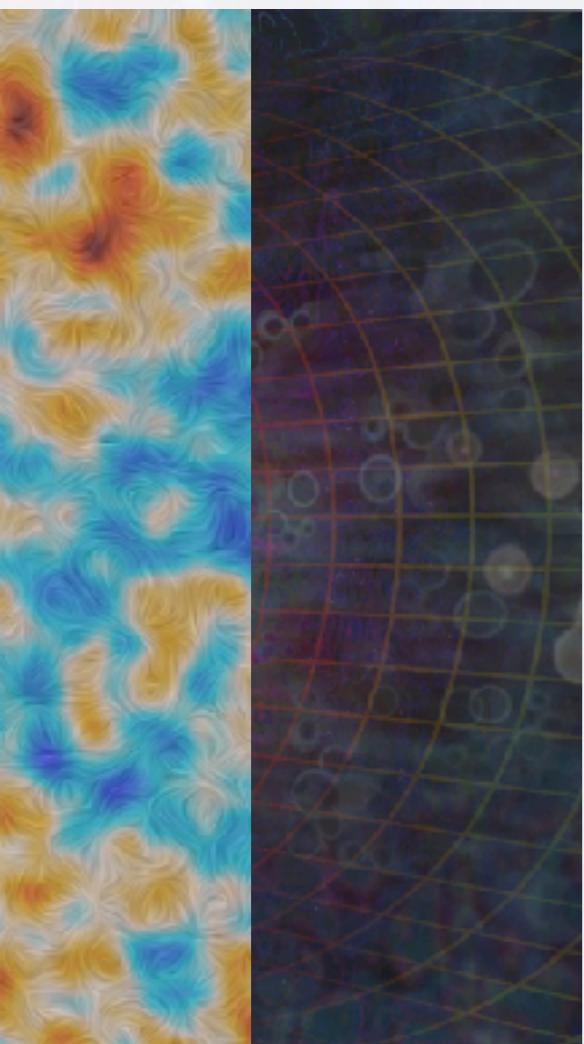


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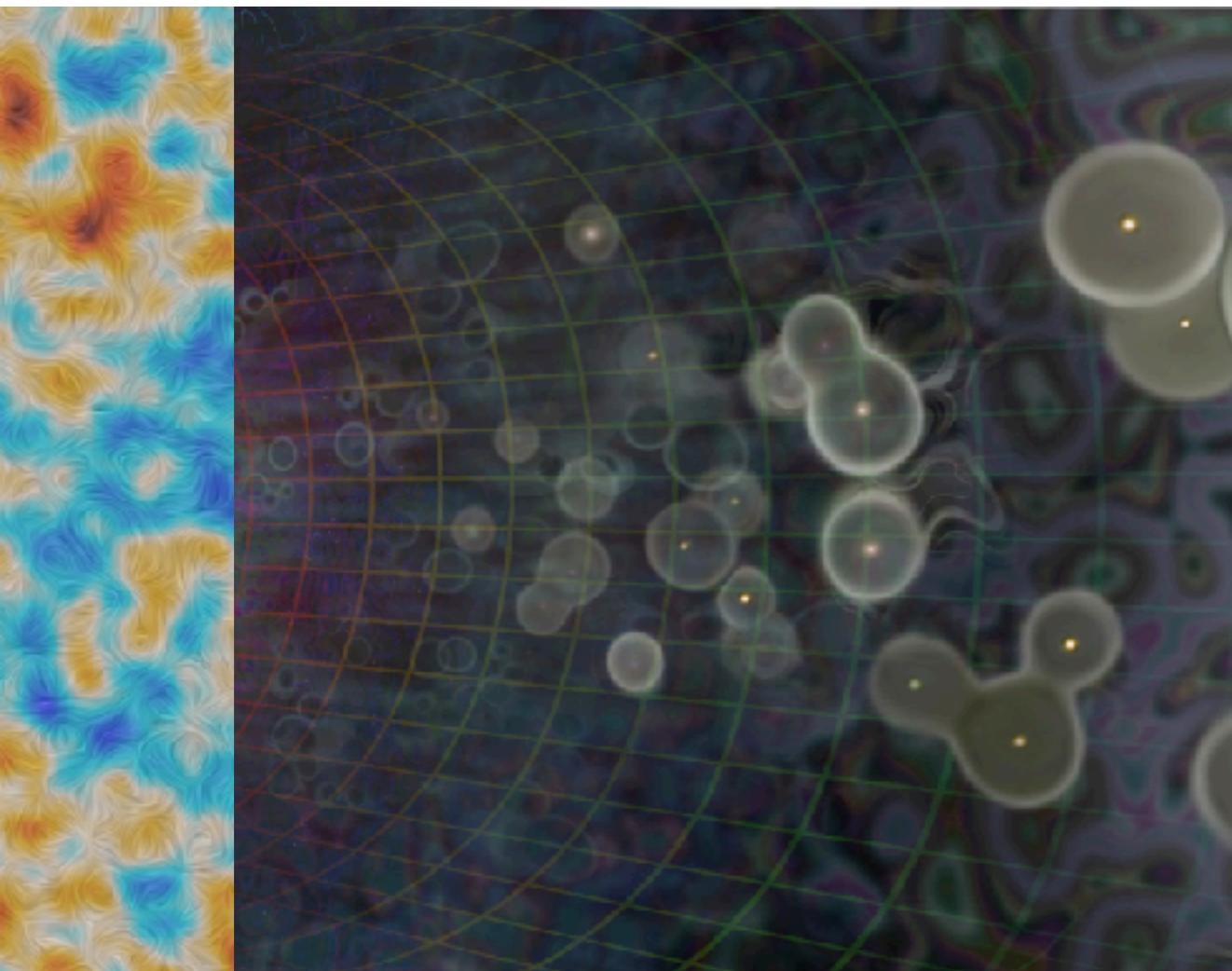
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## Cosmic Dawn



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$z \approx 30$



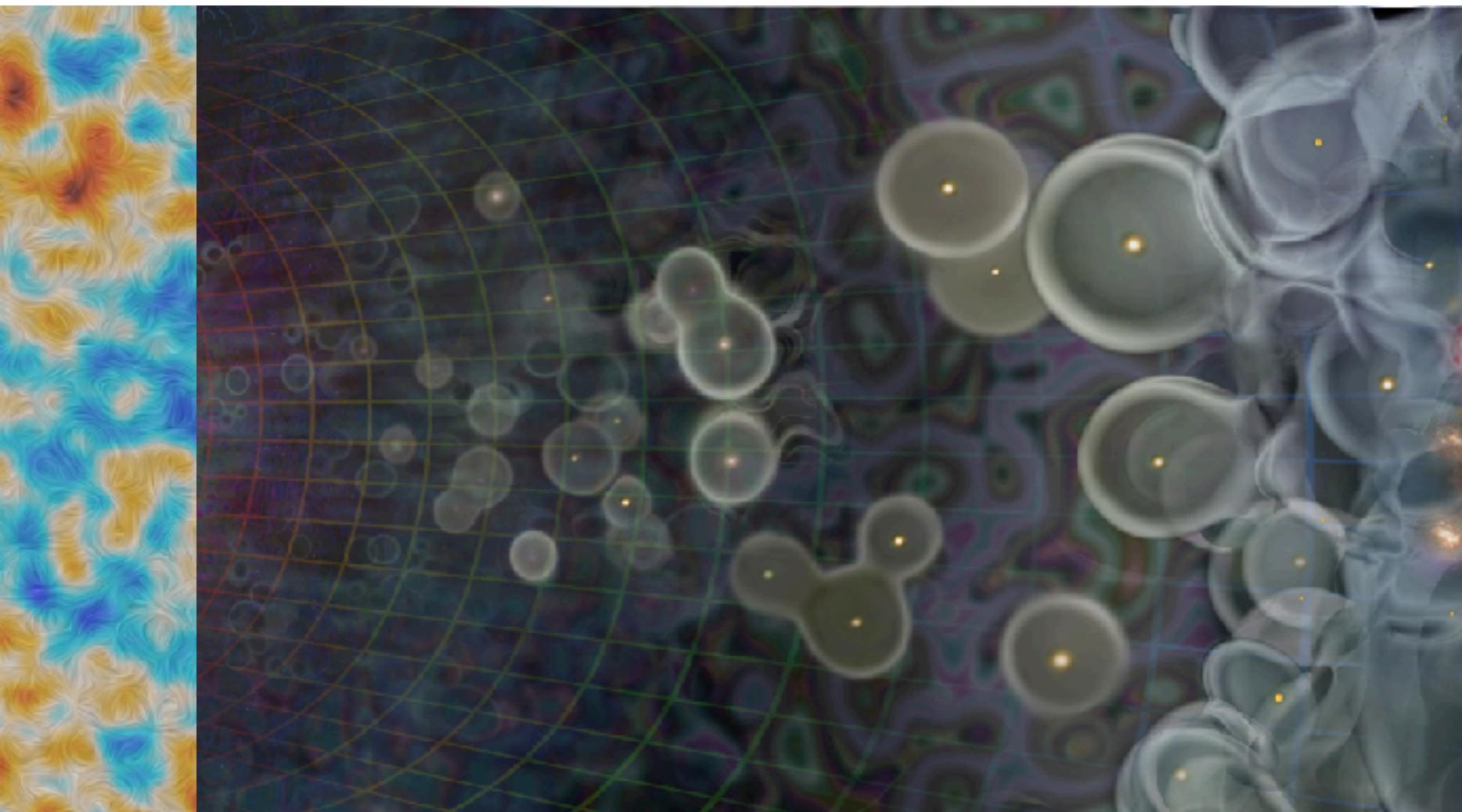
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Cosmic Dawn

Reionization



Nash's talk

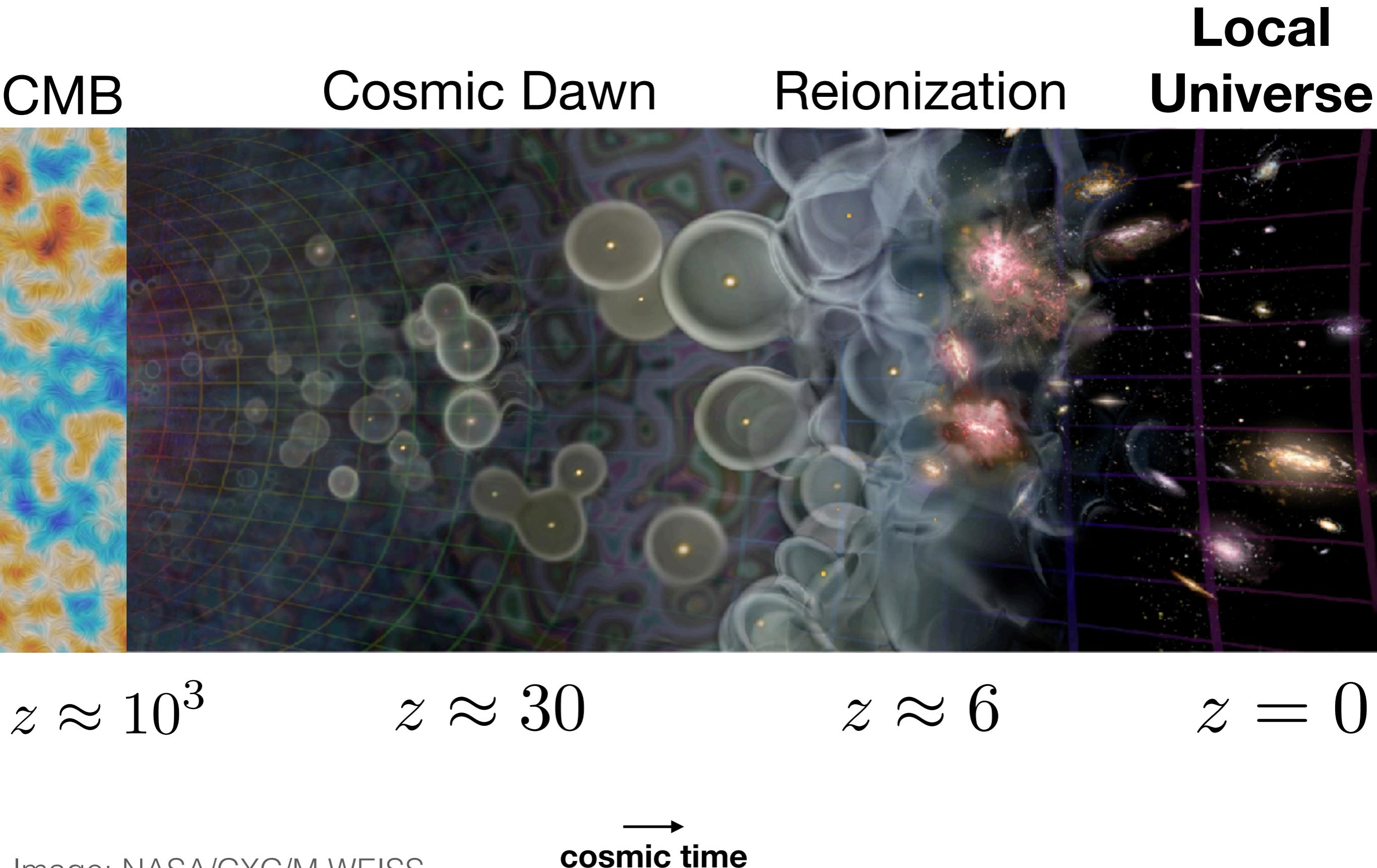
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$z \approx 30$

$z \approx 6$

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Vivien's talk

Local  
Universe

Héctor's and  
Zvonimir's talks

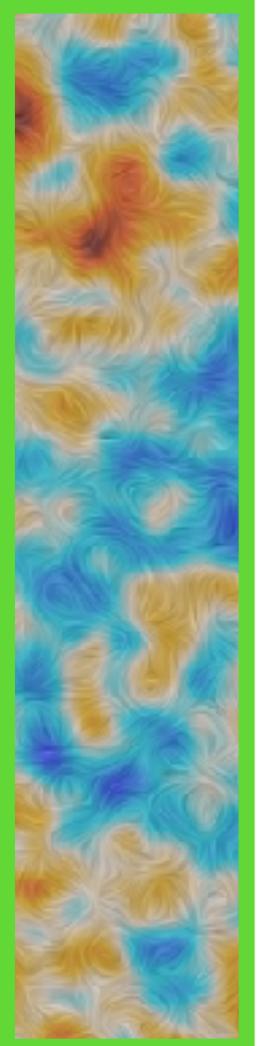


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# The pillars of cosmology

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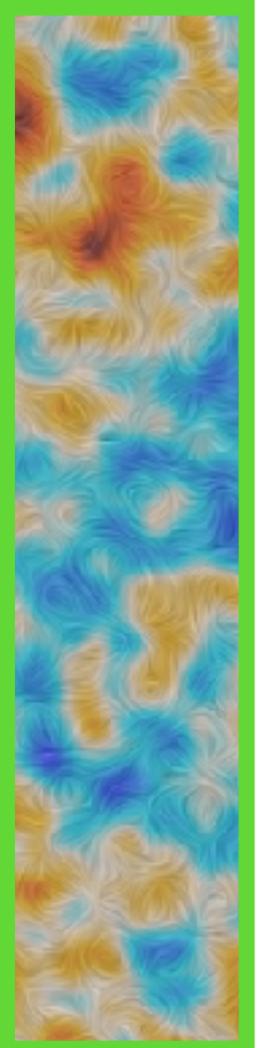
**There is Dark Matter**

$z \approx 10^3$

$z = 0$

# The pillars of cosmology

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Local  
Universe



**This DM is cold and collisionless**

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**There is Dark Energy**

$z \approx 10^3$

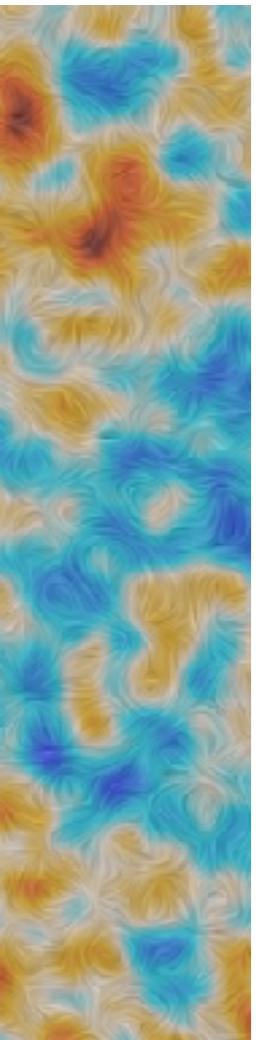
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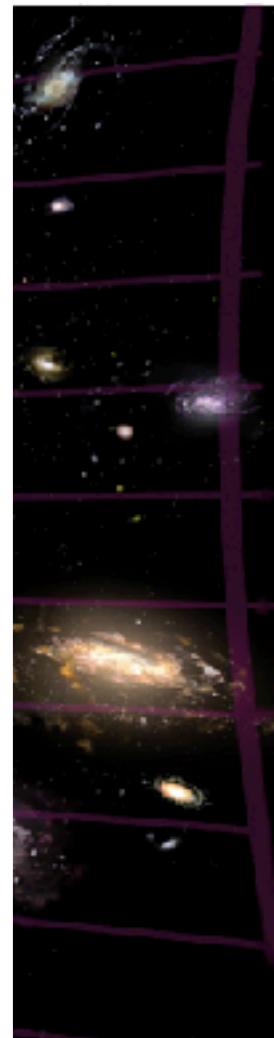
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# We've learned a lot, but...

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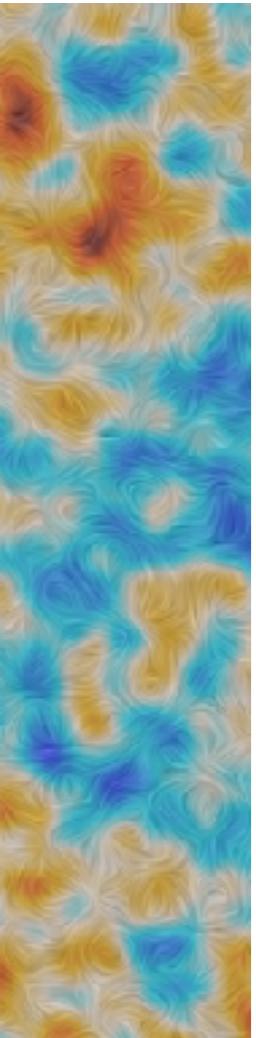
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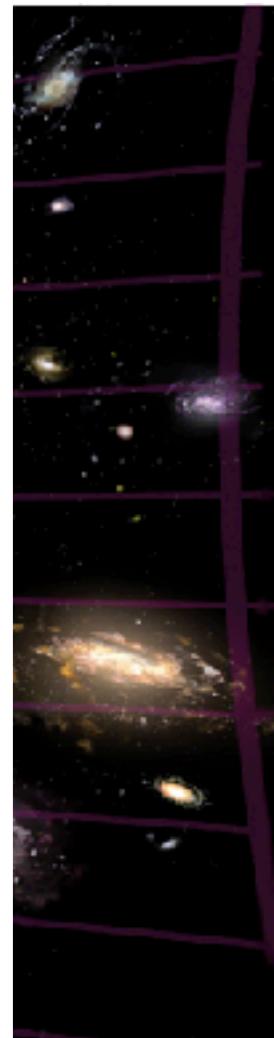
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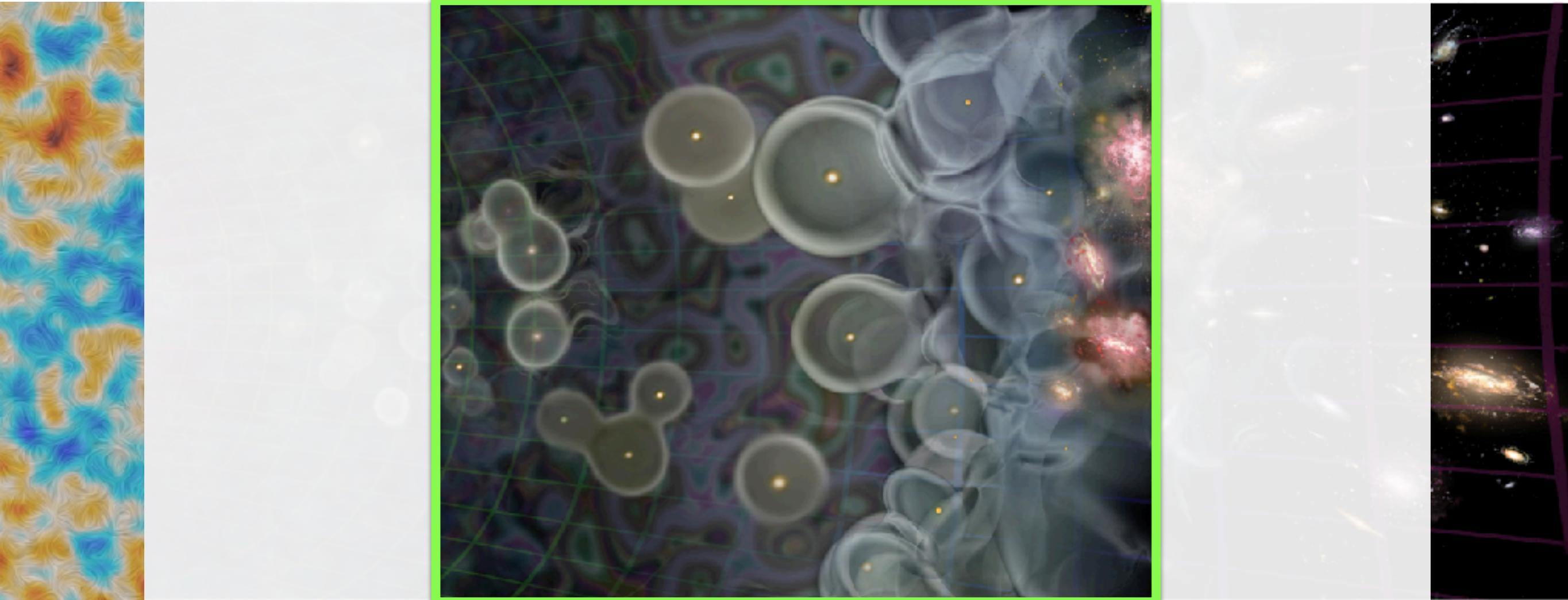
- We don't know what DM or DE are
- Cosmic tensions (e.g.,  $H_0$ ).**

$$z \approx 10^3$$

$$z = 0$$

# A third pillar

## Cosmic Dawn and EoR



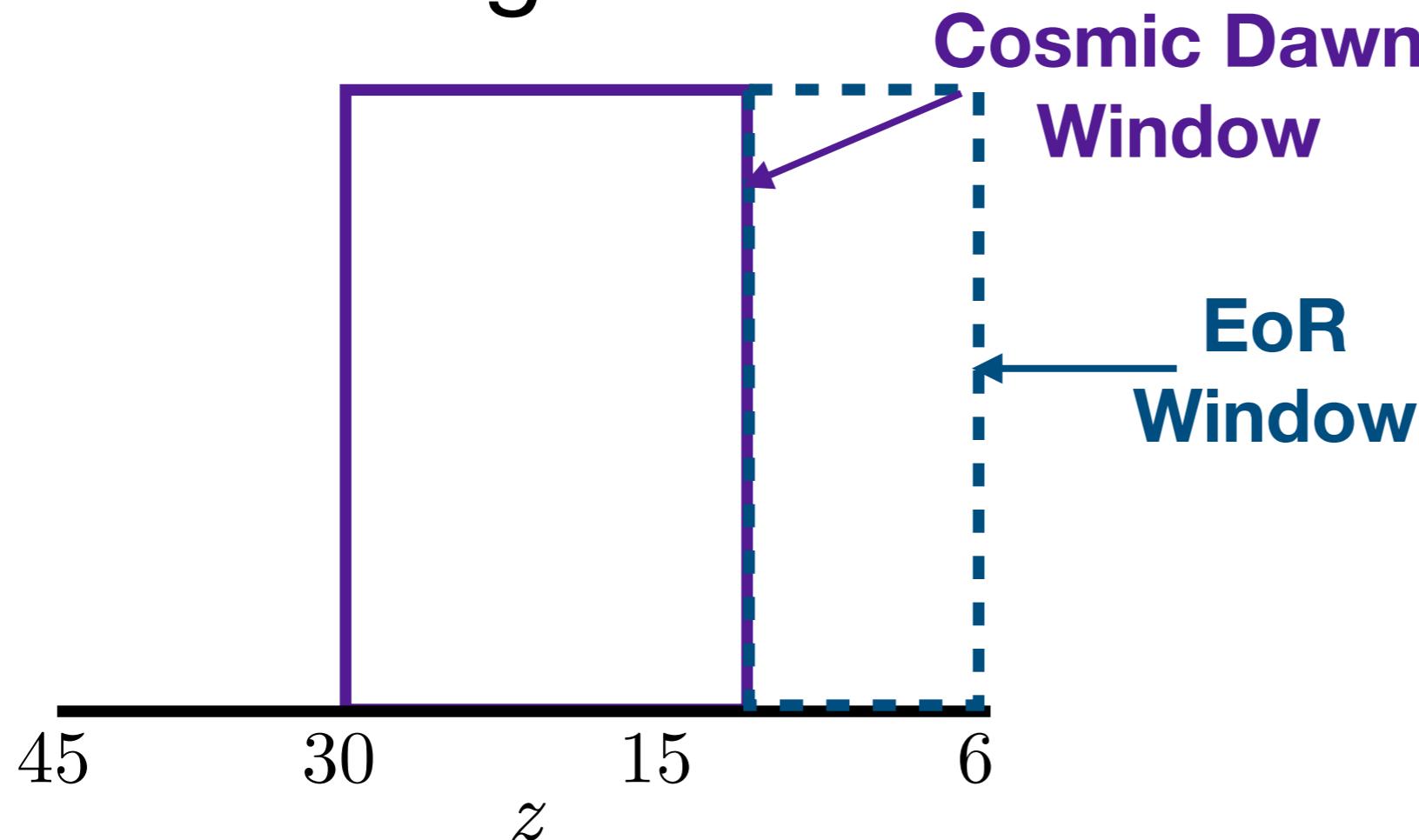
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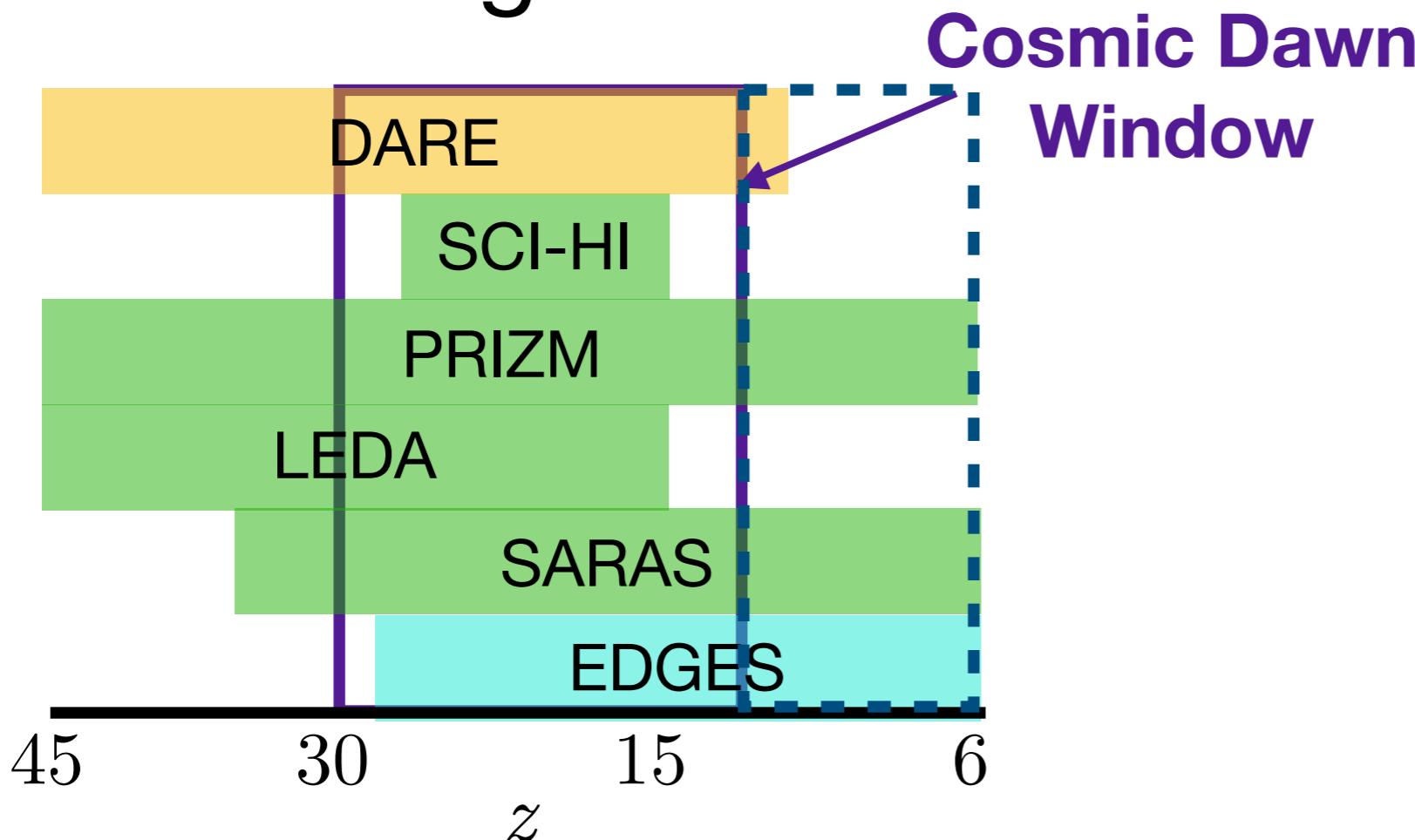
# The 21-cm experimental landscape

## Global Signal



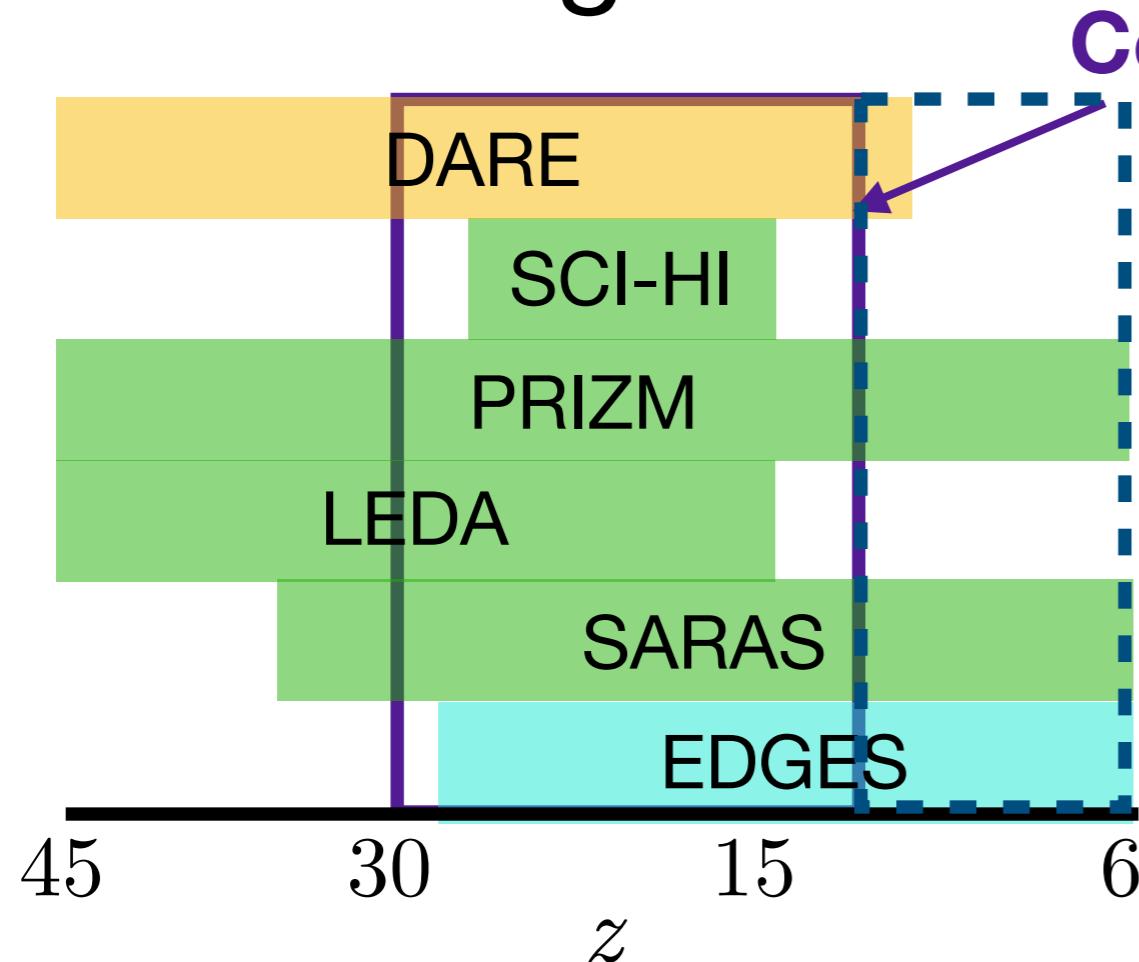
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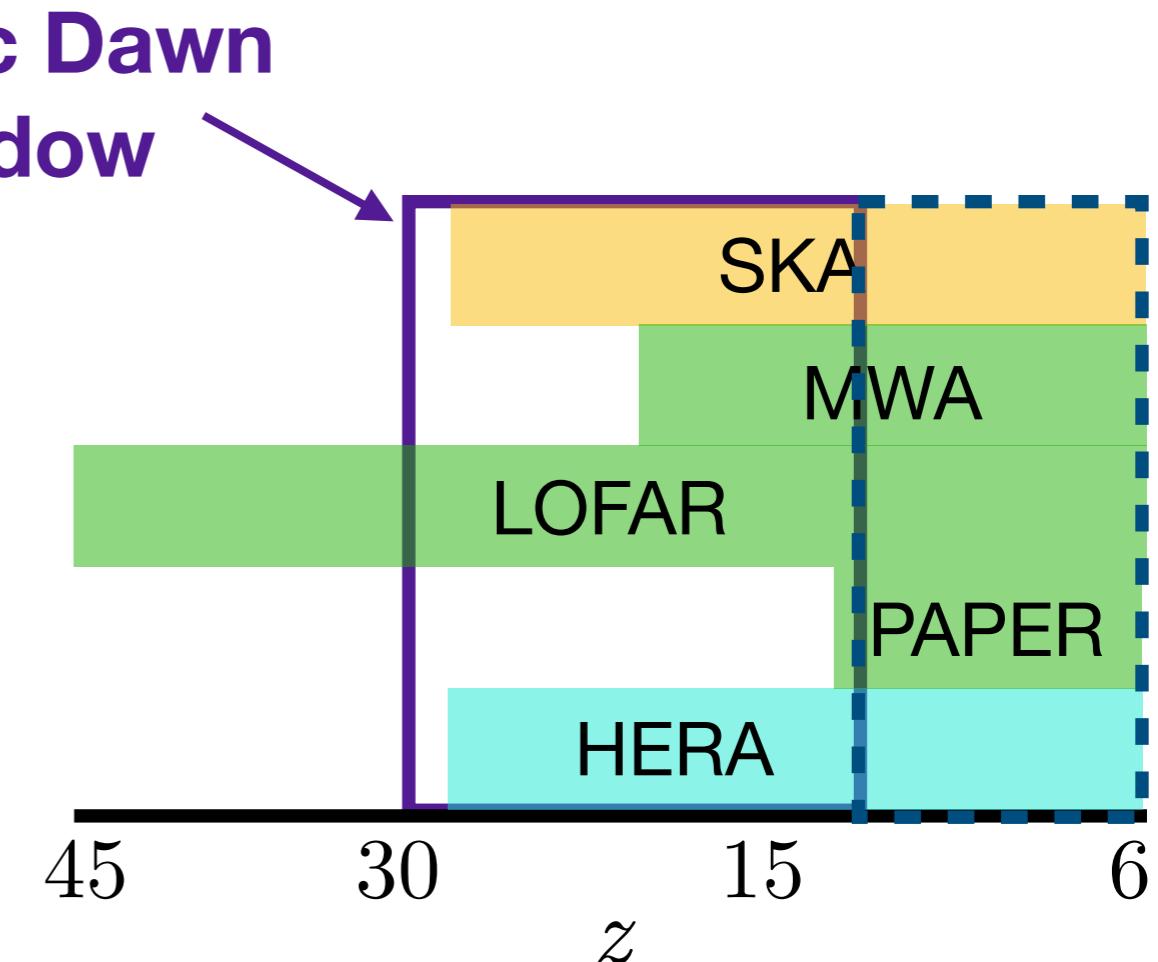


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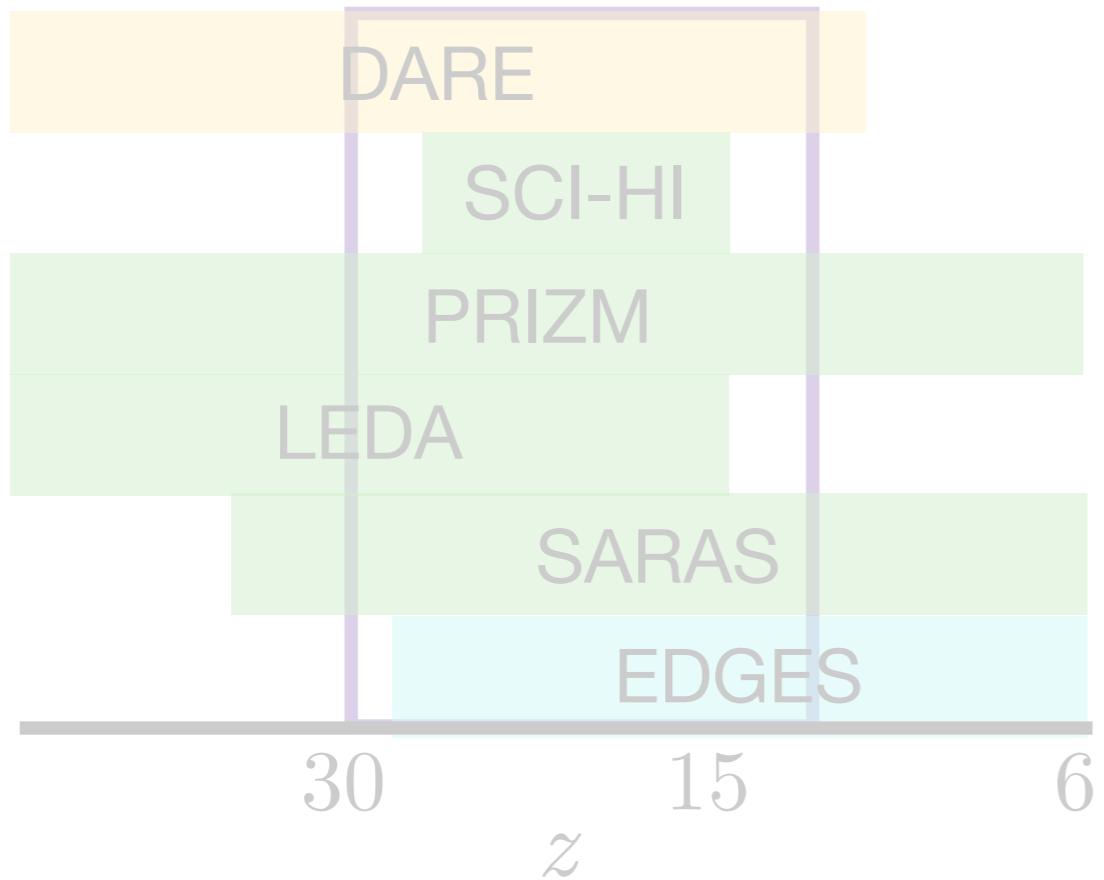


## Fluctuations

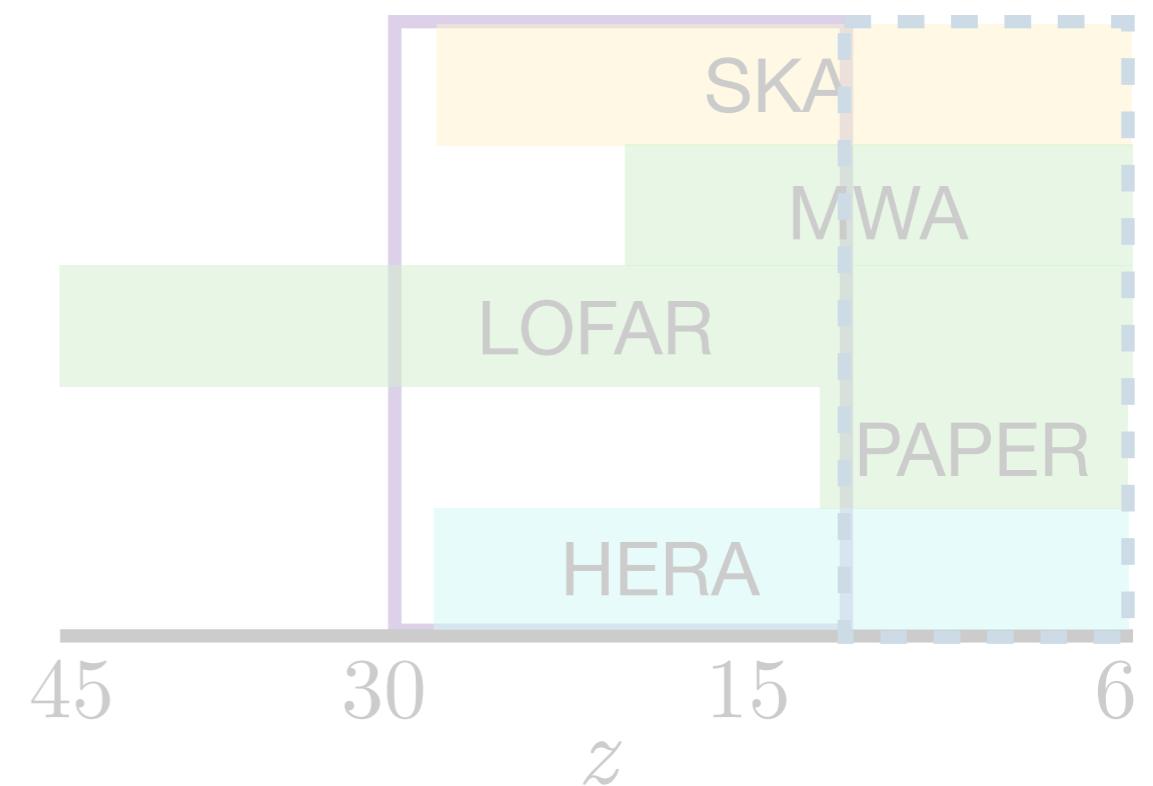


# What can we learn?

## Global Signal



## Fluctuations



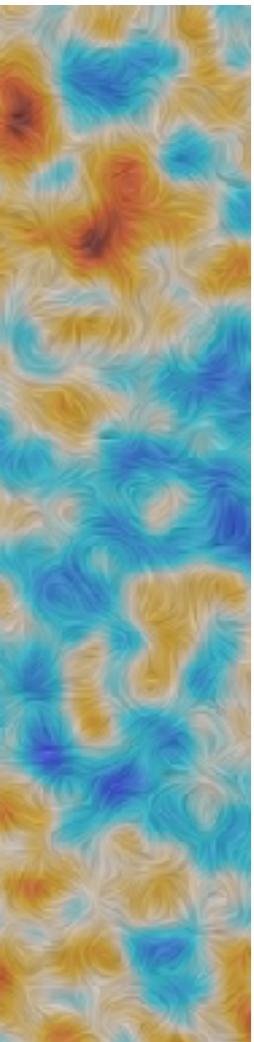
Does DM interact  
with us?

Is DM warm, fuzzy,  
or self-interacting?

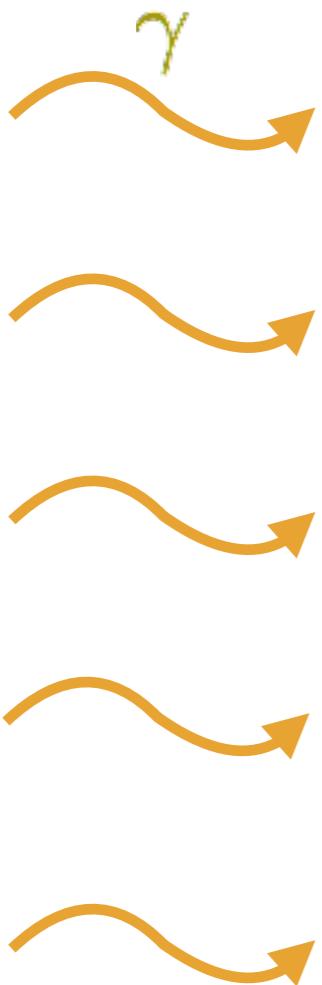
What is the expansion  
rate  $H(z=10-20)$ ?

# The basics of 21-cm

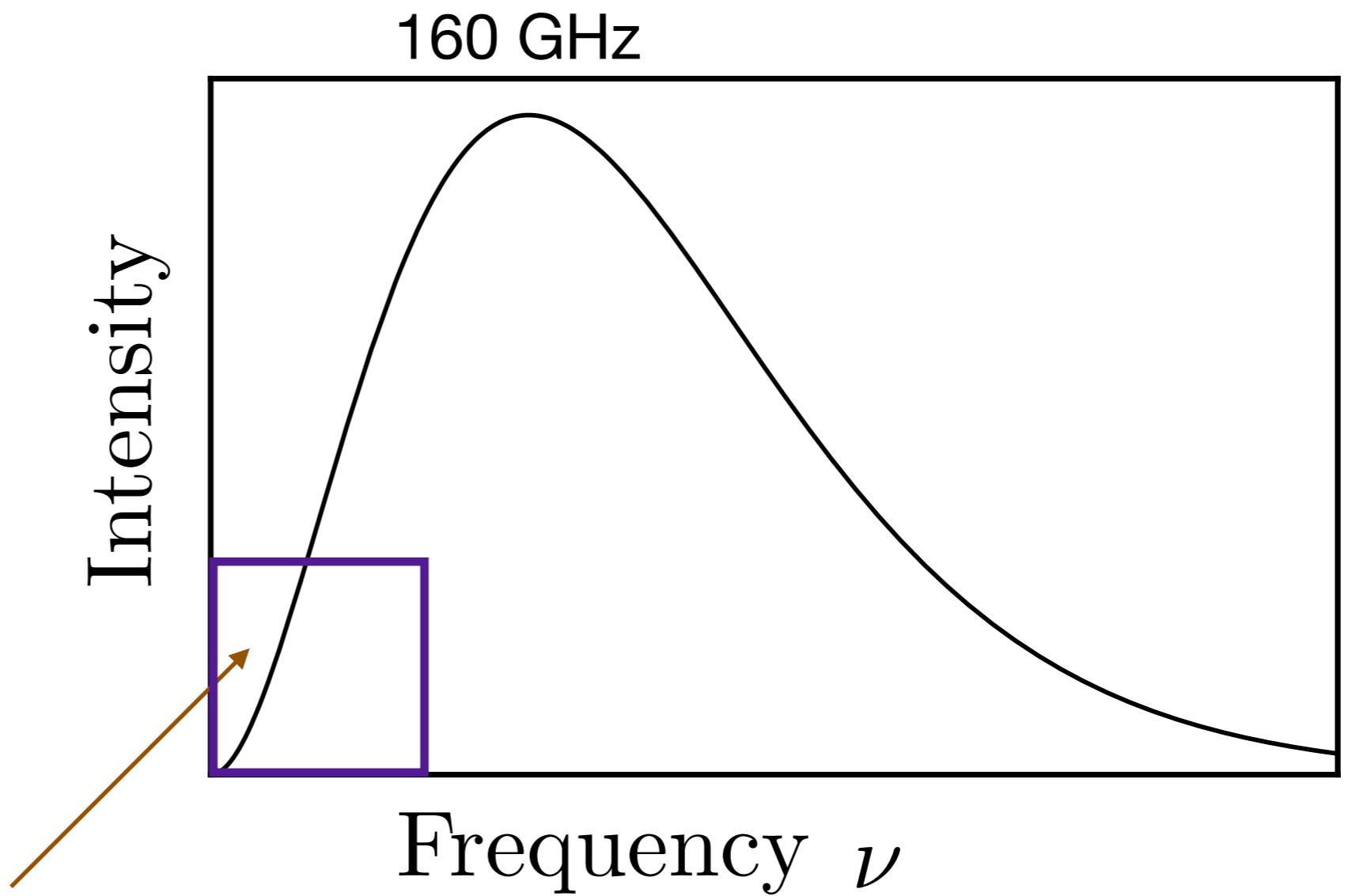
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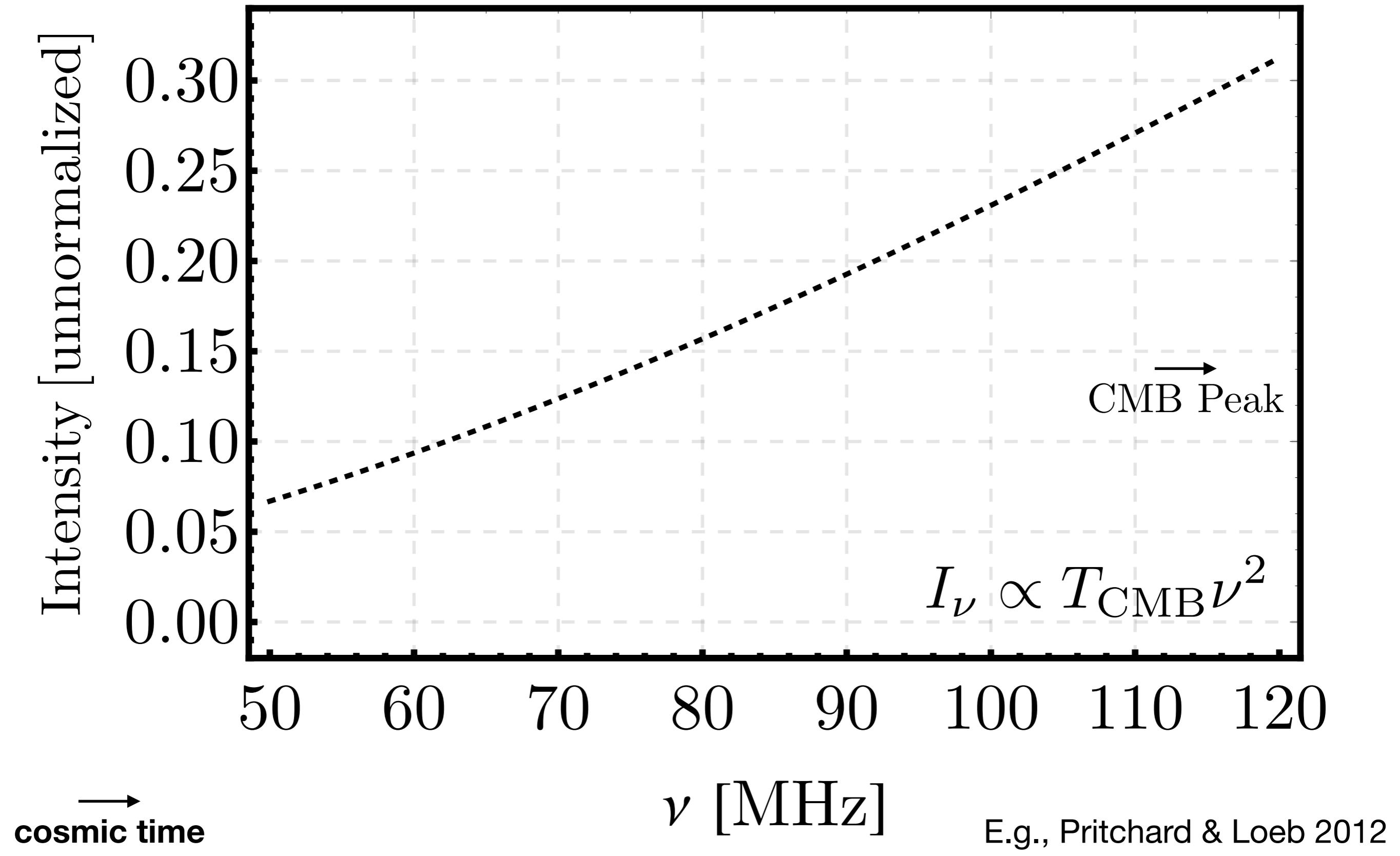
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21-cm wavelength: 1.4 GHz

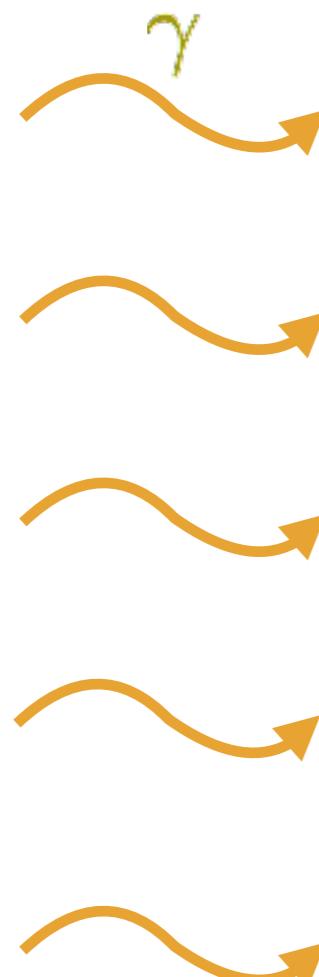
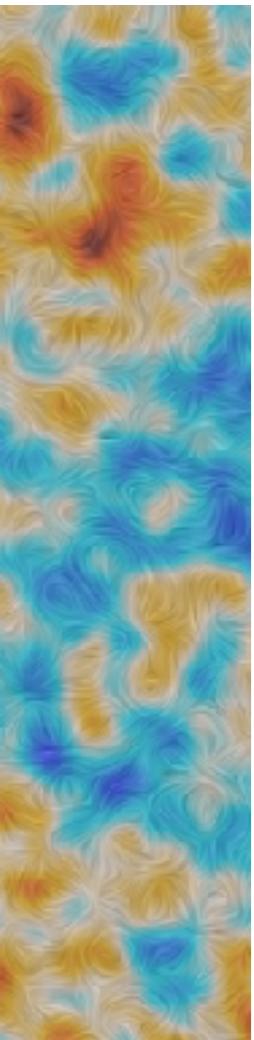


# The basics of 21-cm: The low- $\nu$ tail

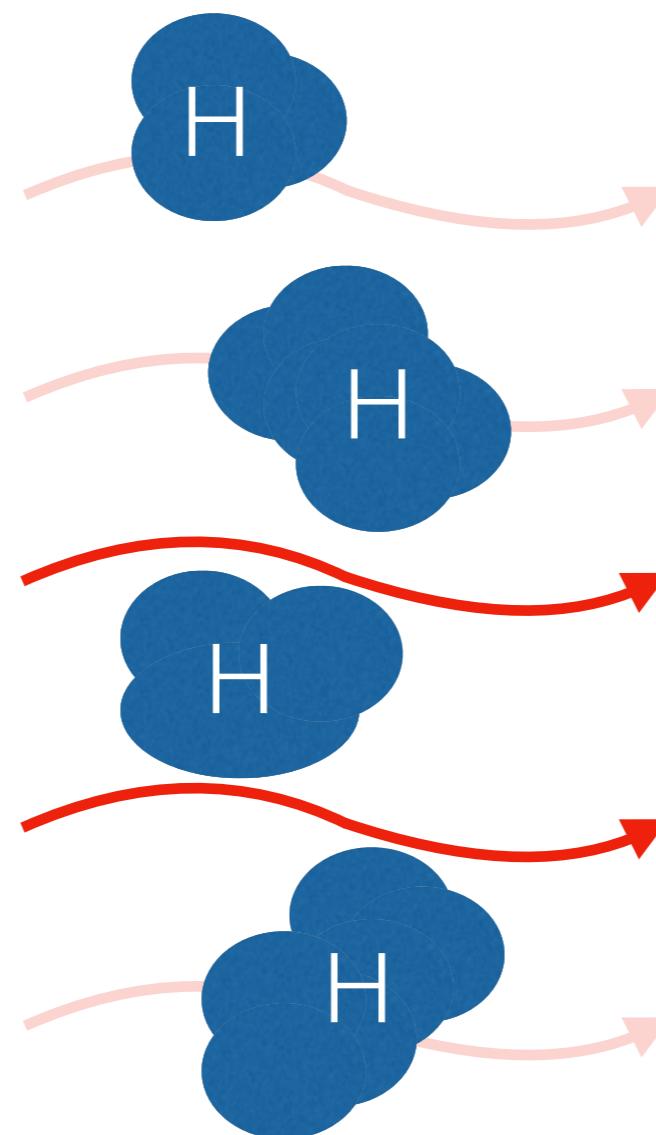


# The basics of 21-cm: Absorption

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$$\lambda = 21 \text{ cm}$$



$$z = 20$$

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cosmic time

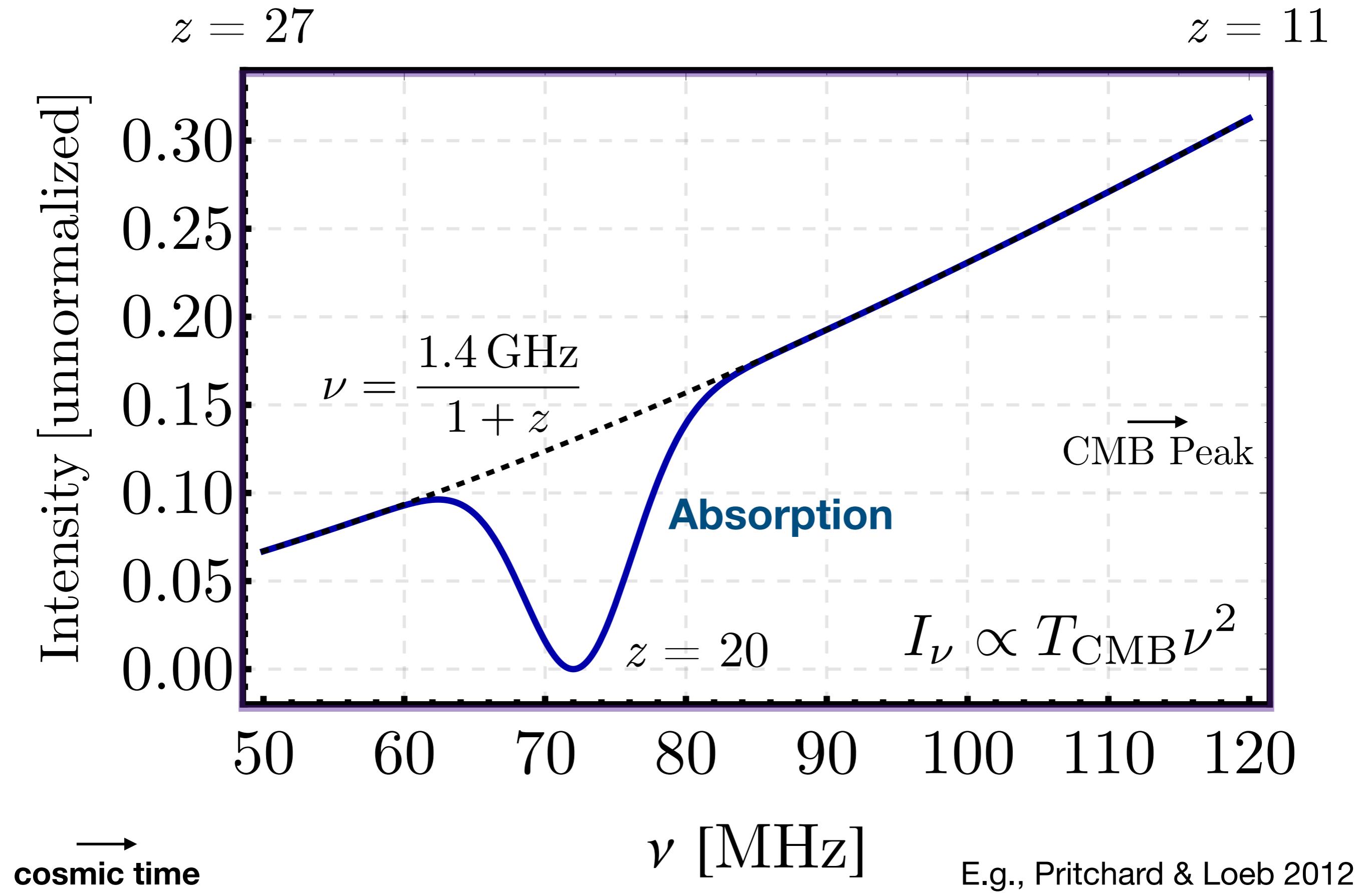
Earth



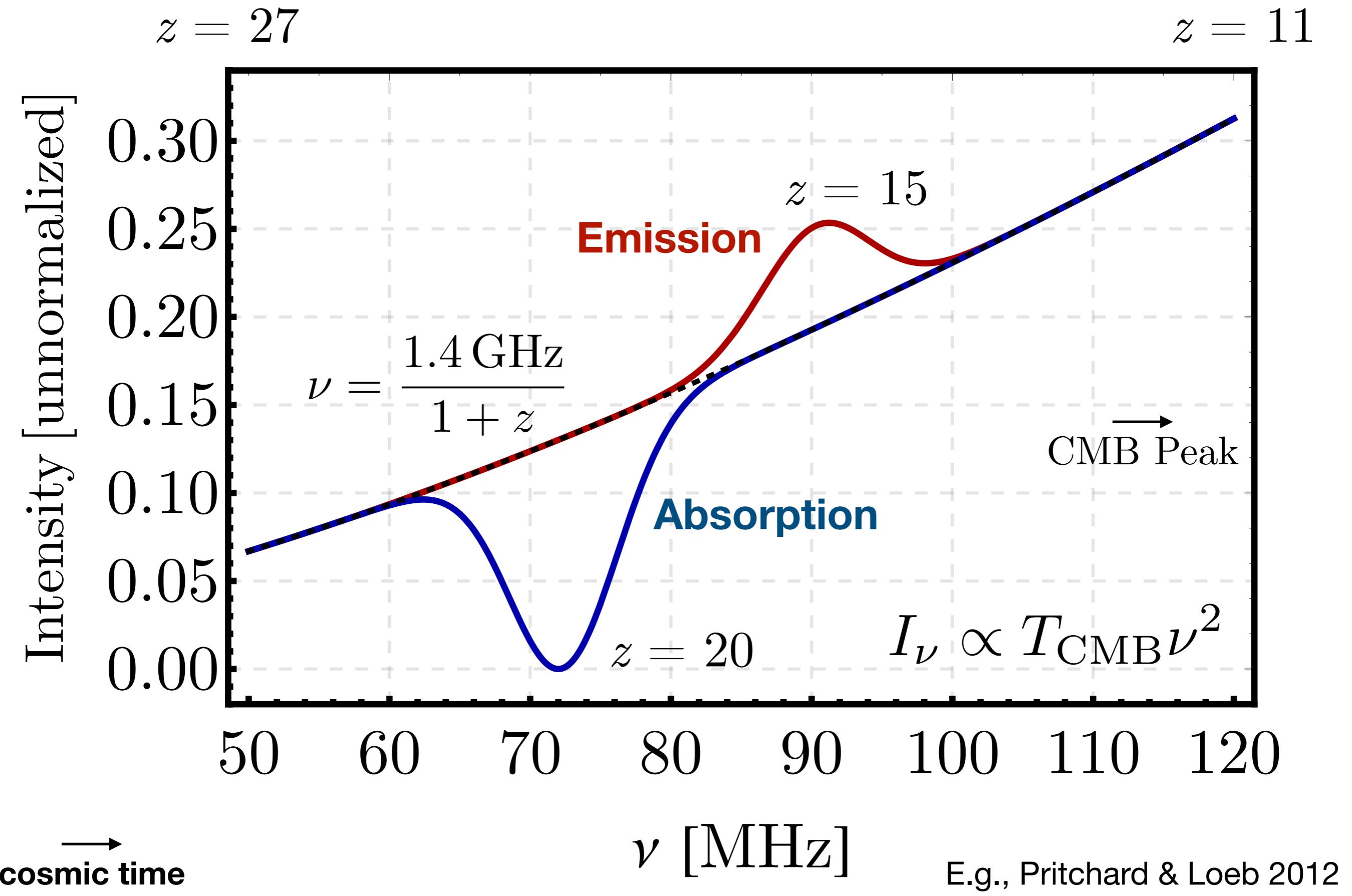
$$z = 0$$

$$z \approx 10^3$$

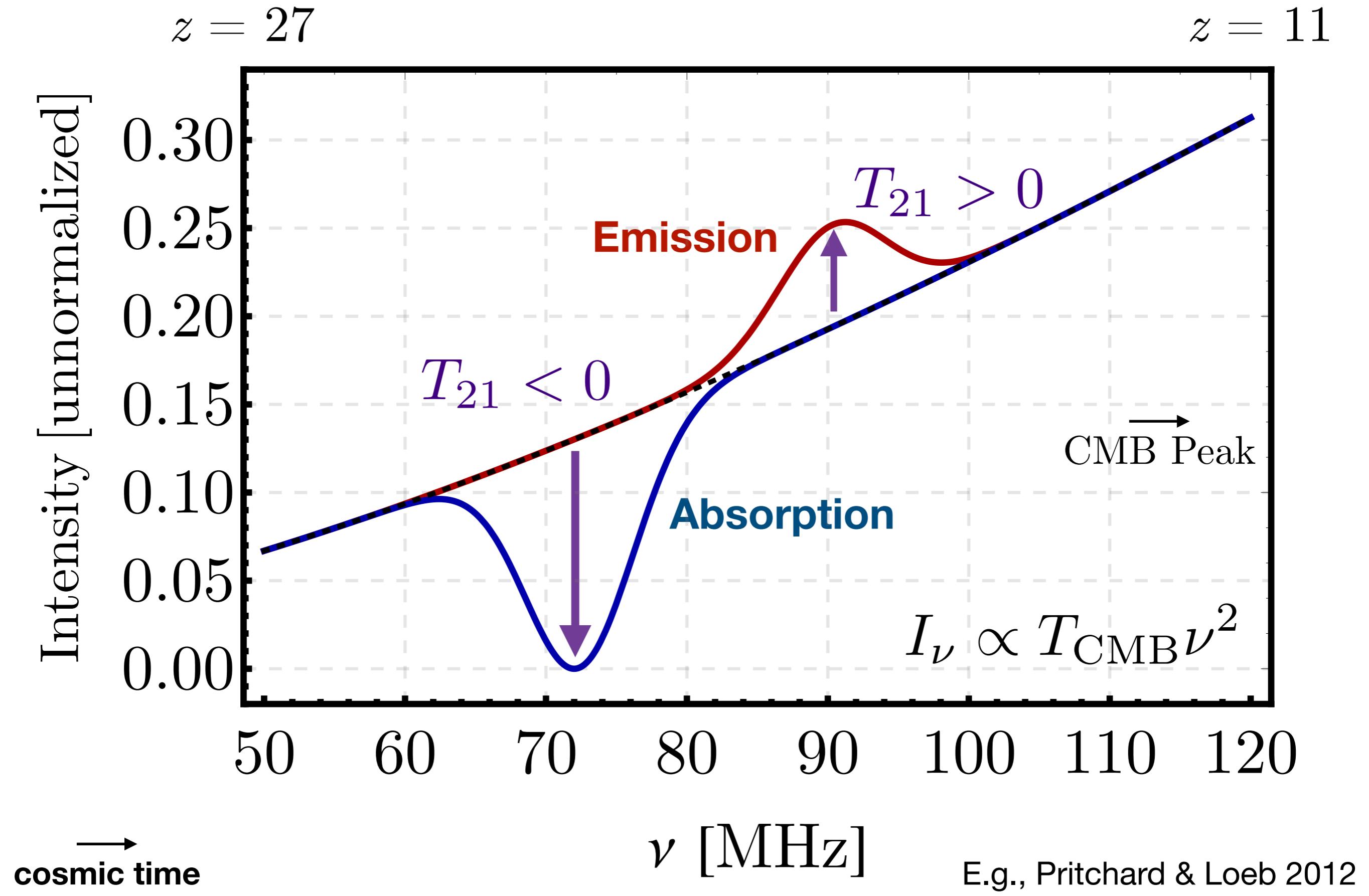
# The basics of 21-cm: Absorption



# The basics of 21-cm: Emission



# What would we see?

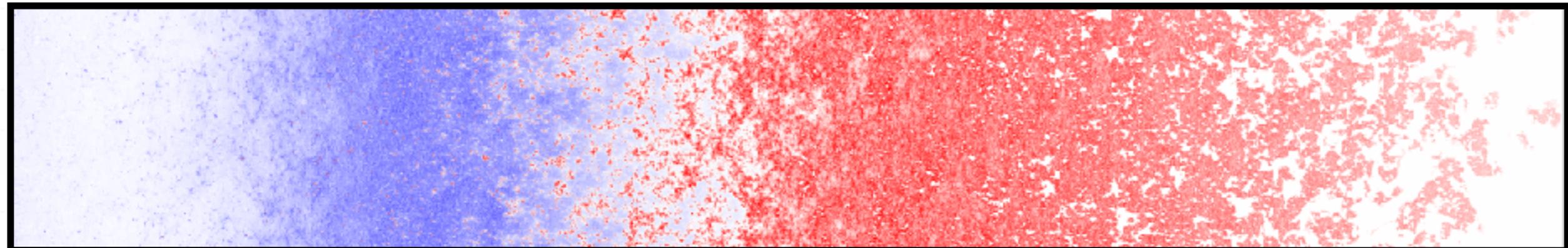


# A simulated 21-cm signal

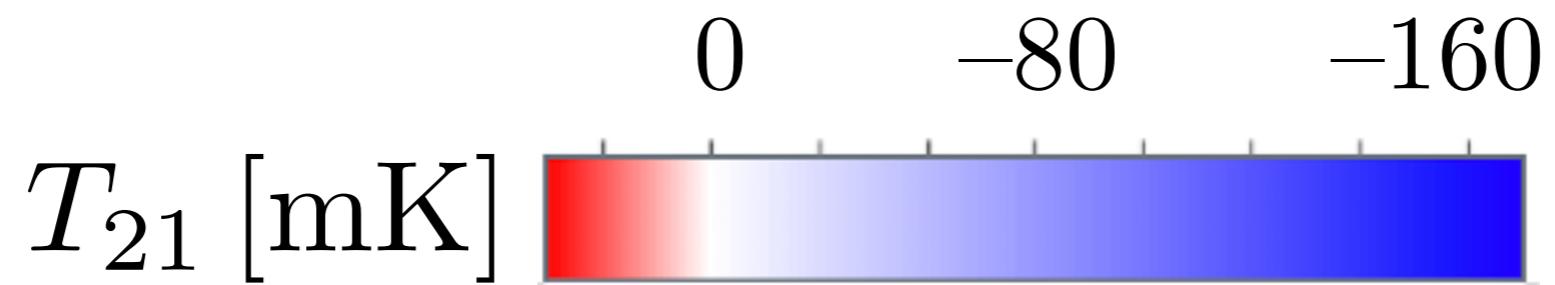
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Frequency,  $\nu$  [MHz]

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 $z$

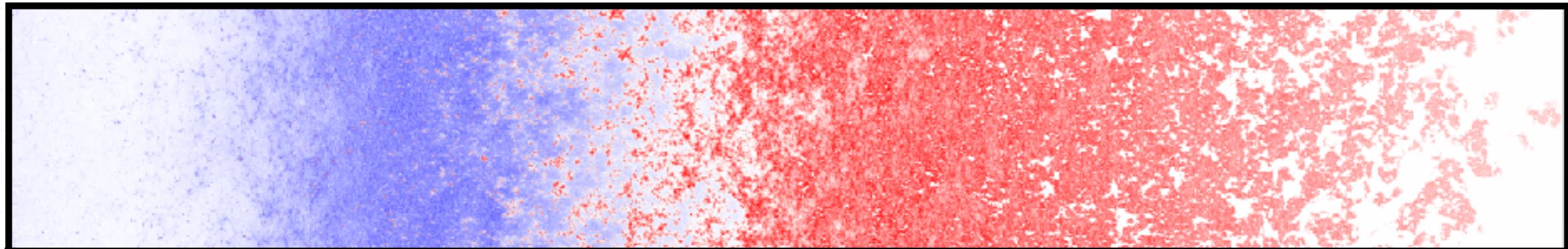


# A simulated 21-cm global signal

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$T_{21}$  [mK]

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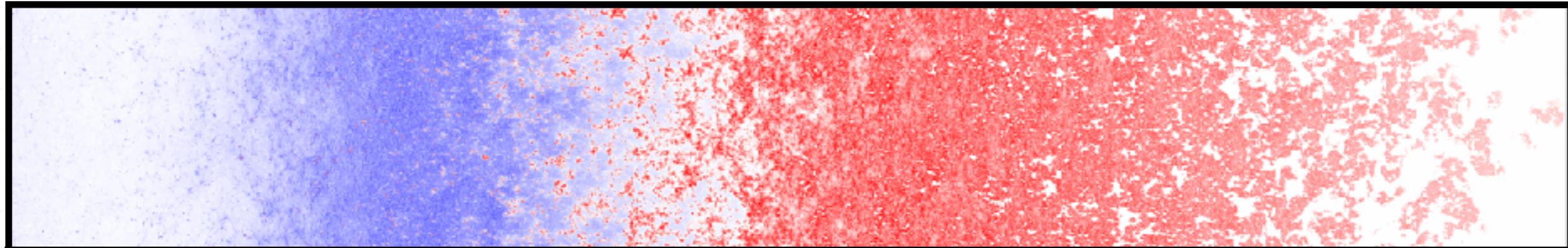
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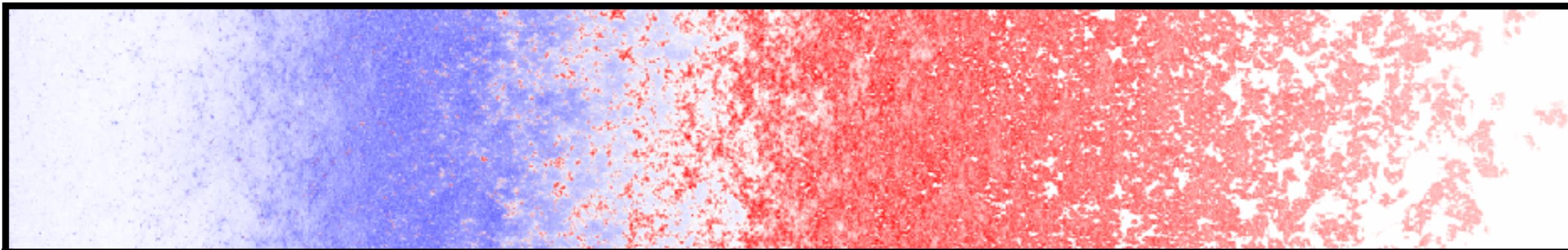


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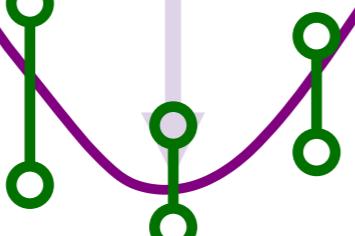
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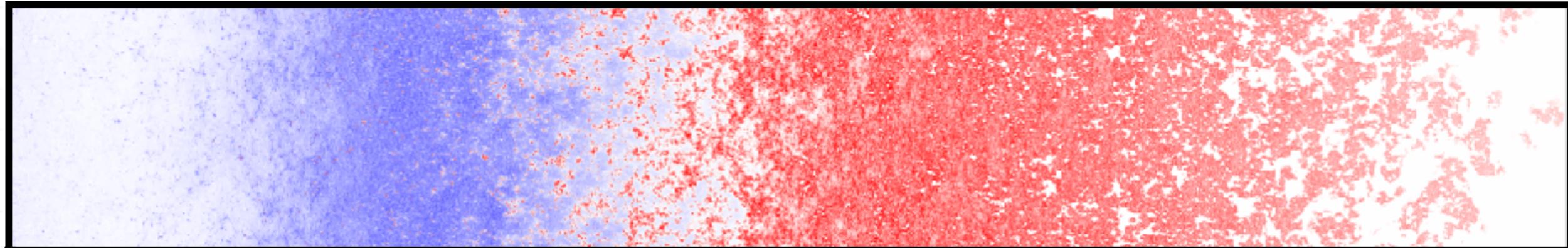
Learn about first galaxies:  
Pritchard+ 11  
Fialkov+ 14  
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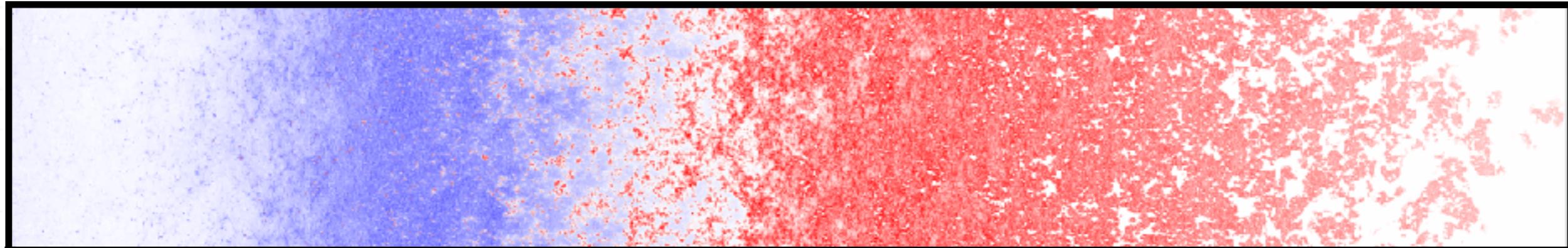
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**Heating:**

*WIMP*: Lopez-Honorez+ 2016

Liu & Slatyer, D'Amico+ 2018

*PBHs*: Clark+ 2018,

*A' DM*: Kovetz, Cholis, Kaplan 2018

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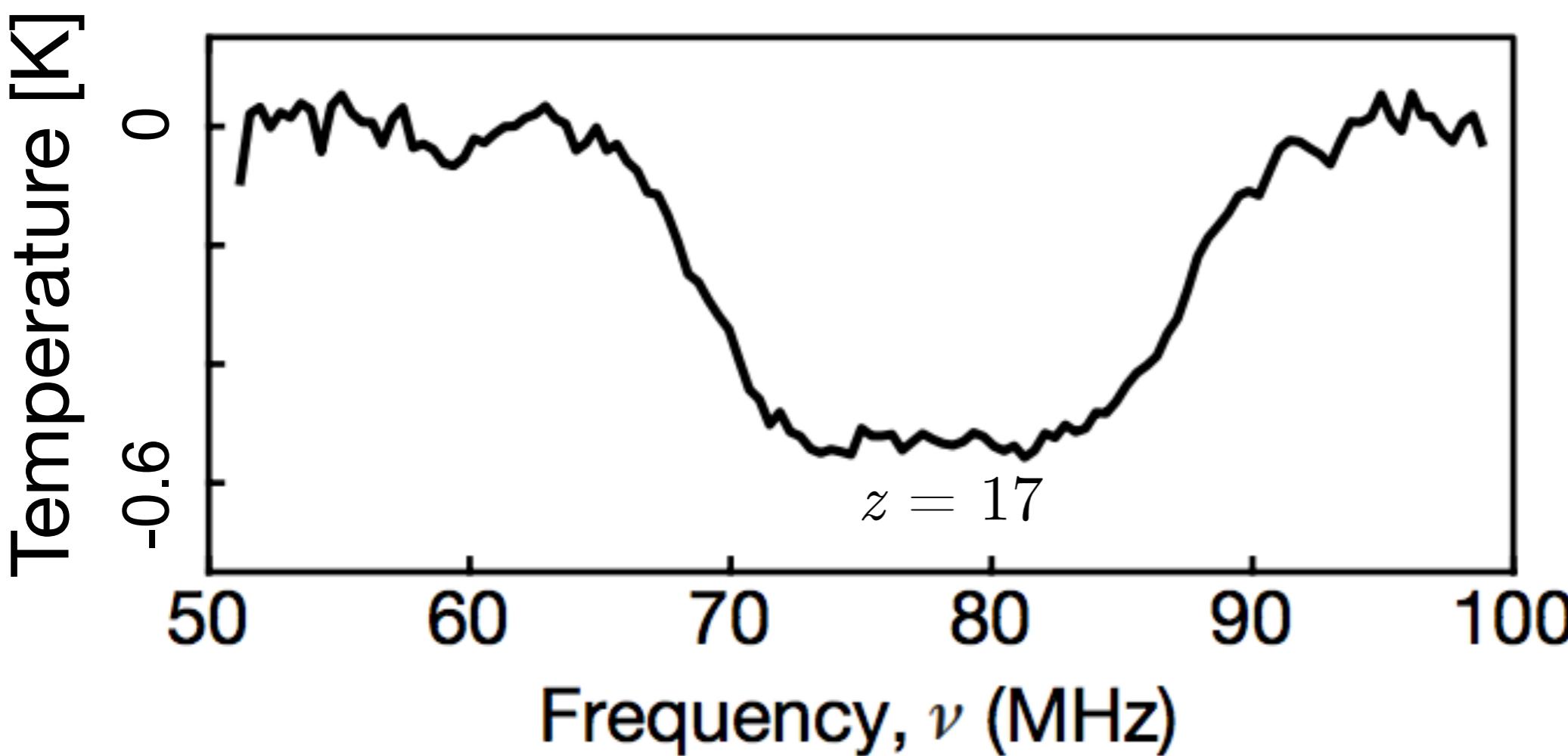
# Current data: EDGES

## Experiment to Detect the Global EoR Signature



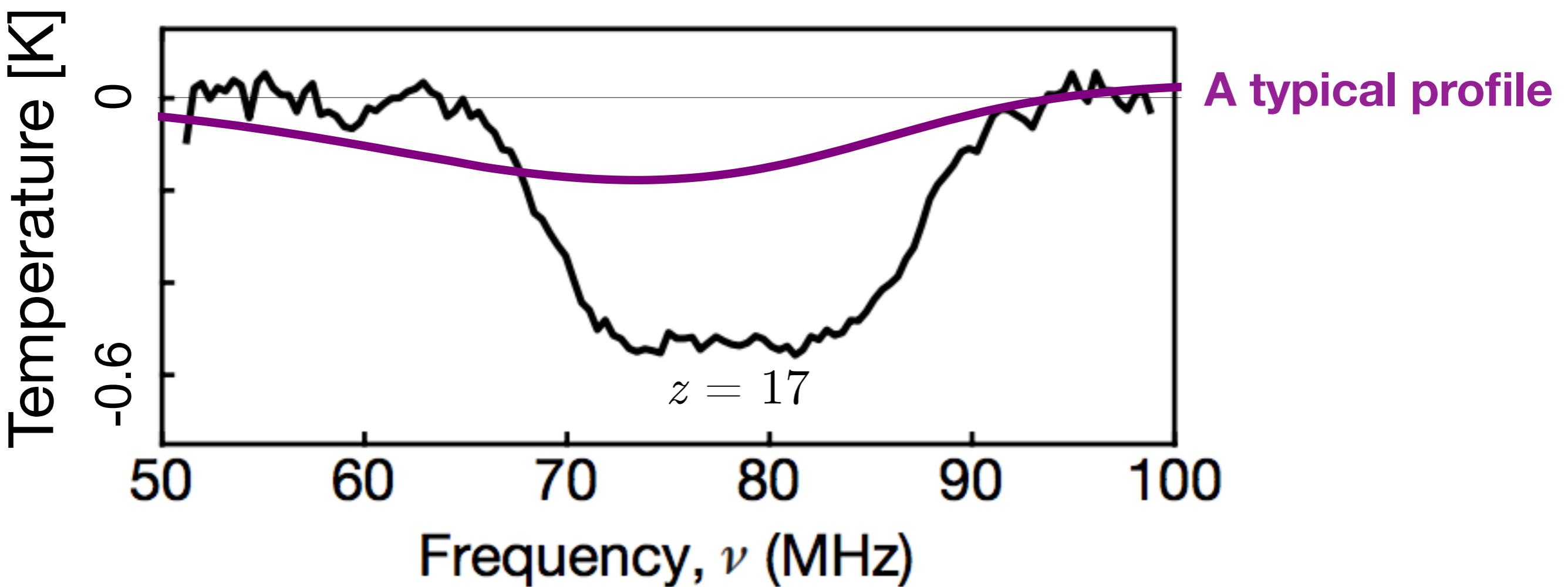
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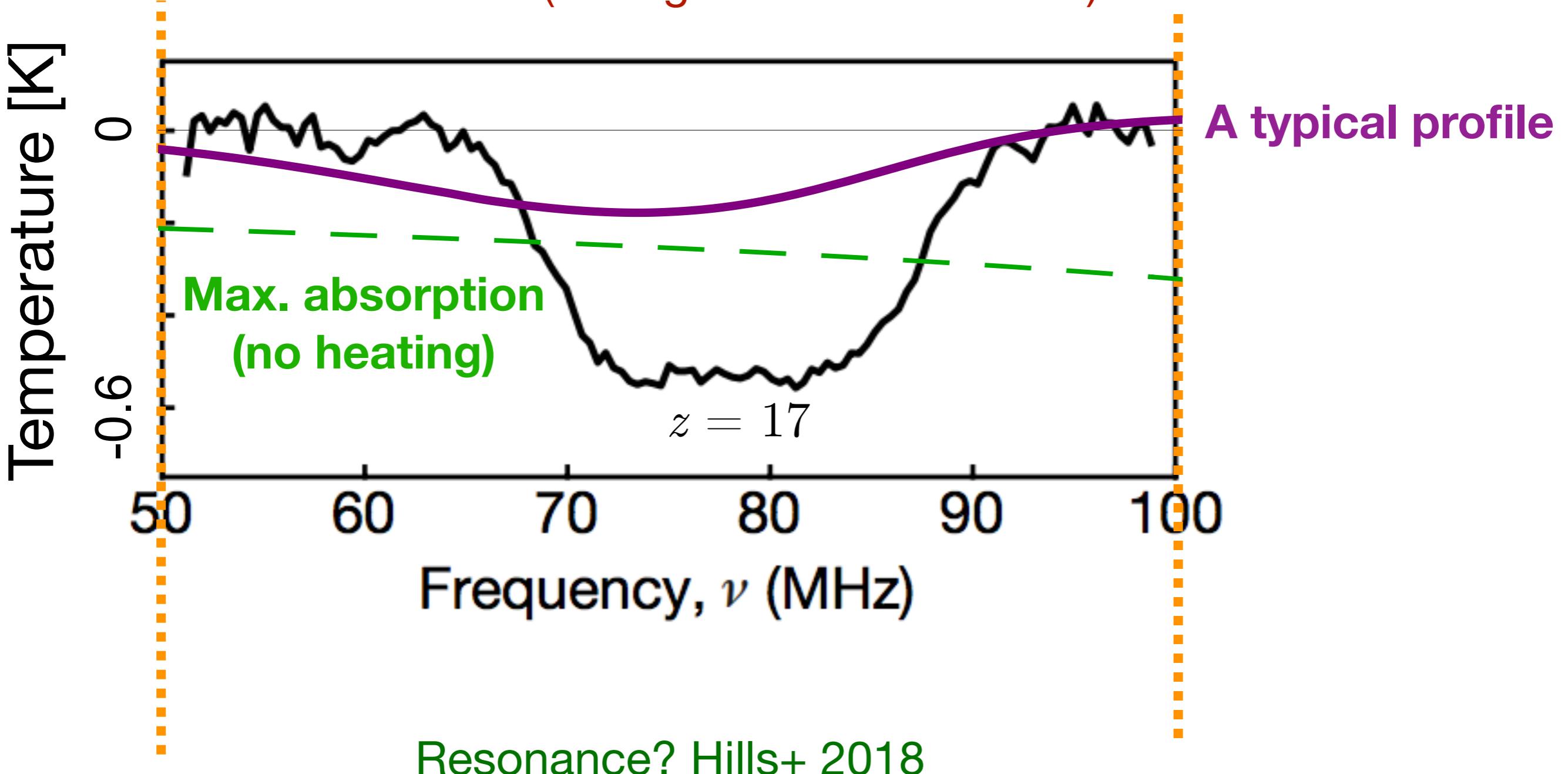
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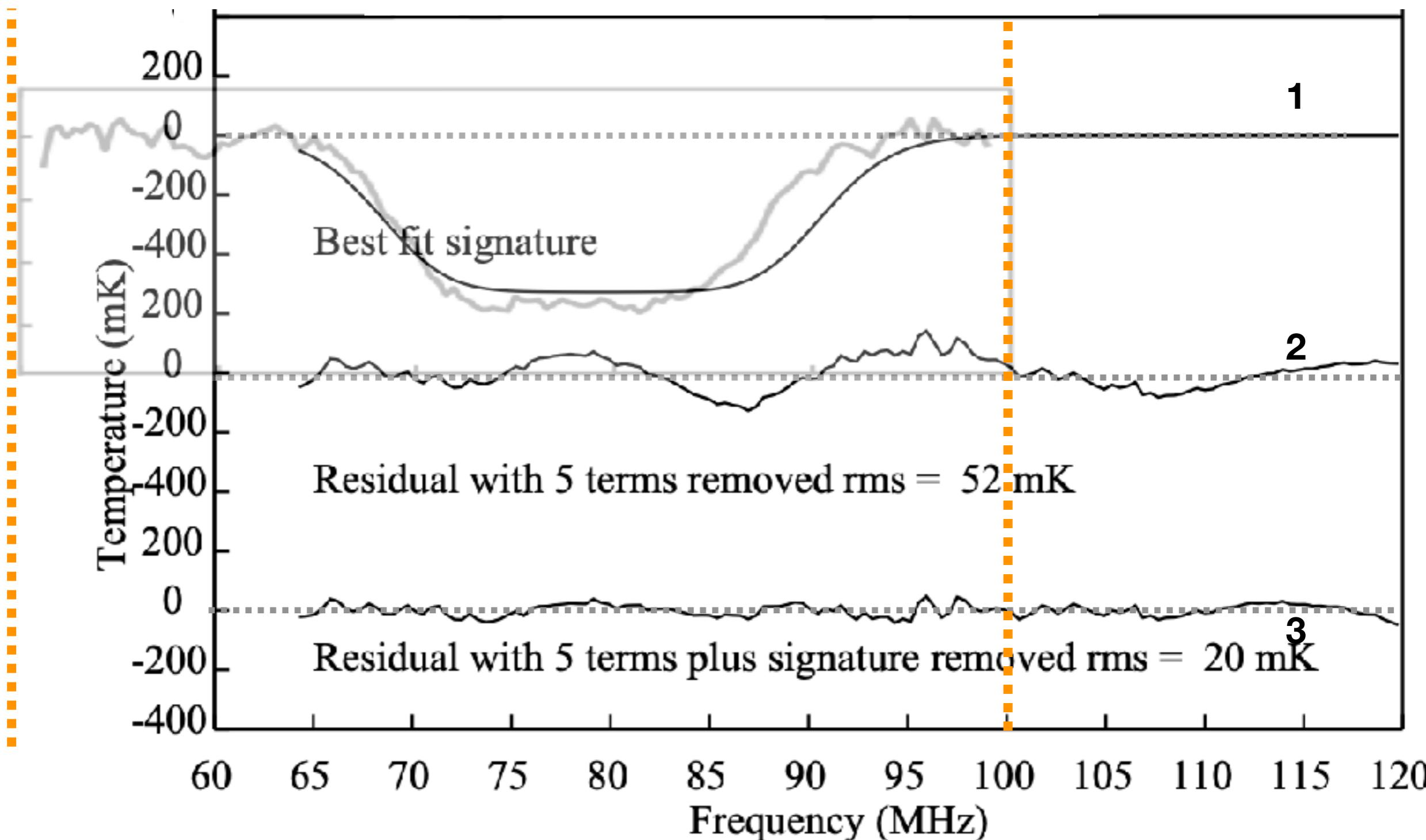
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# Mid-Band EDGES

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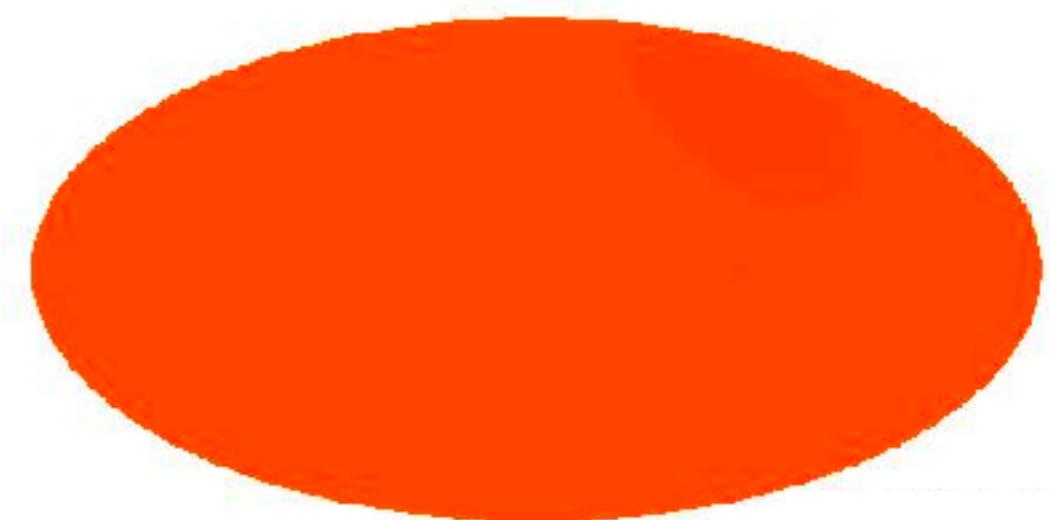
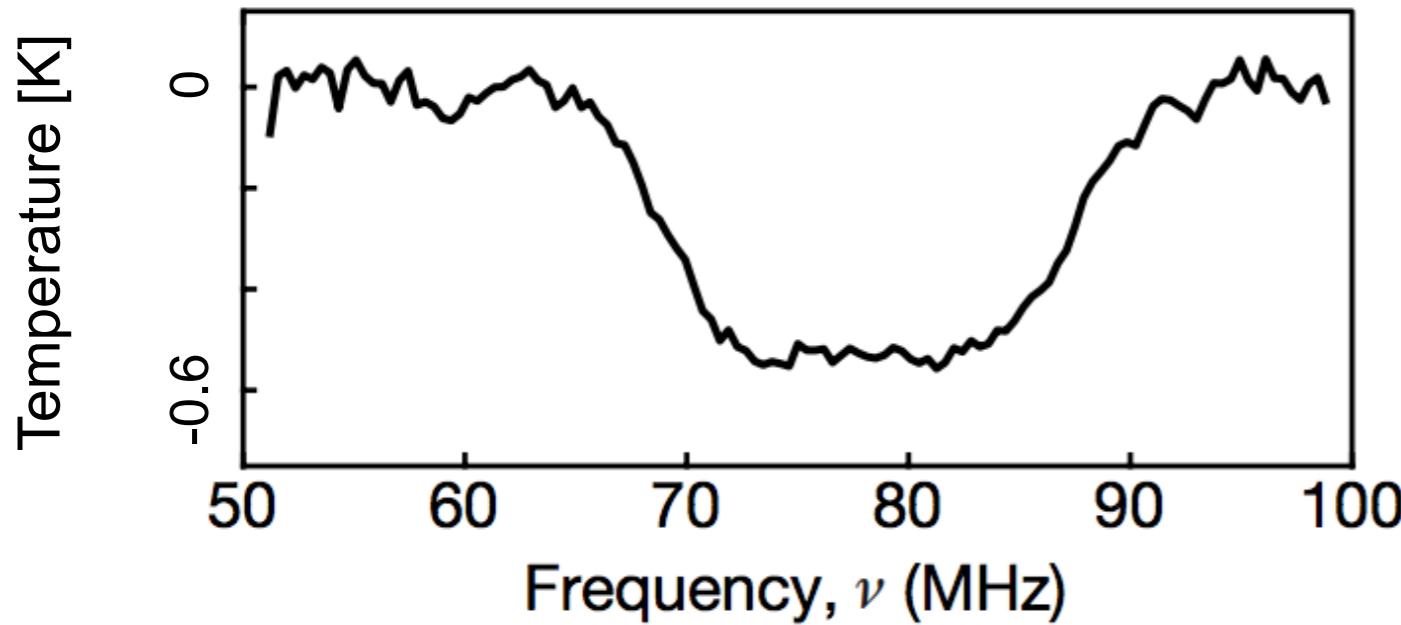


-Awaiting second result: **LEDA, SARAS, SciHi,...**

21-cm Global Signal  
**(EDGES, LEDA, SARAS, Sci-HI,...)**

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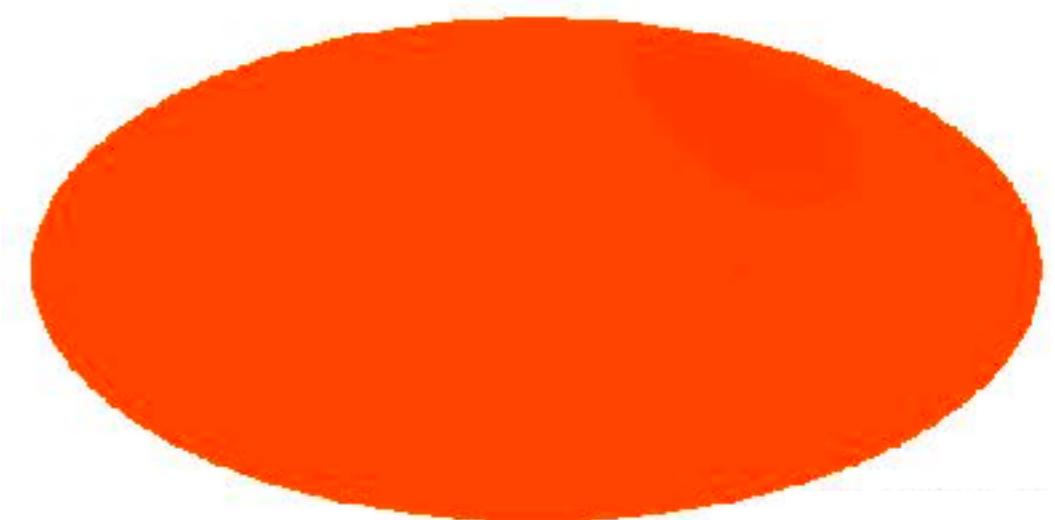
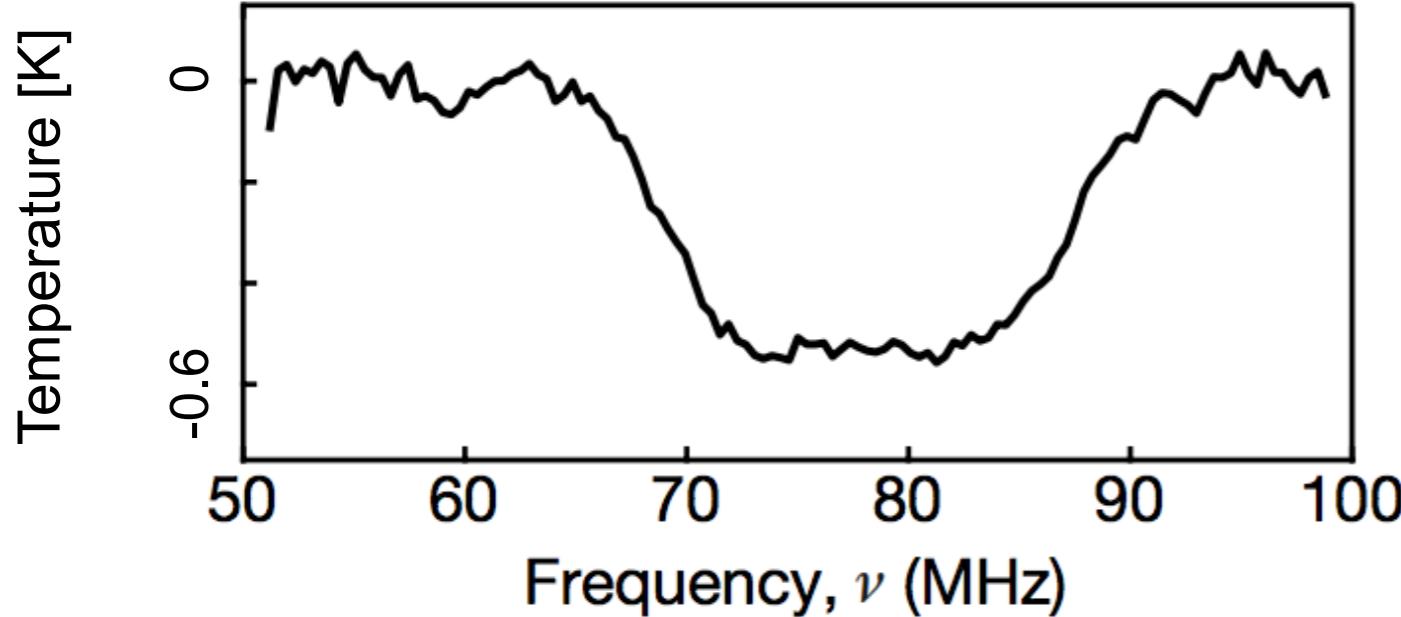
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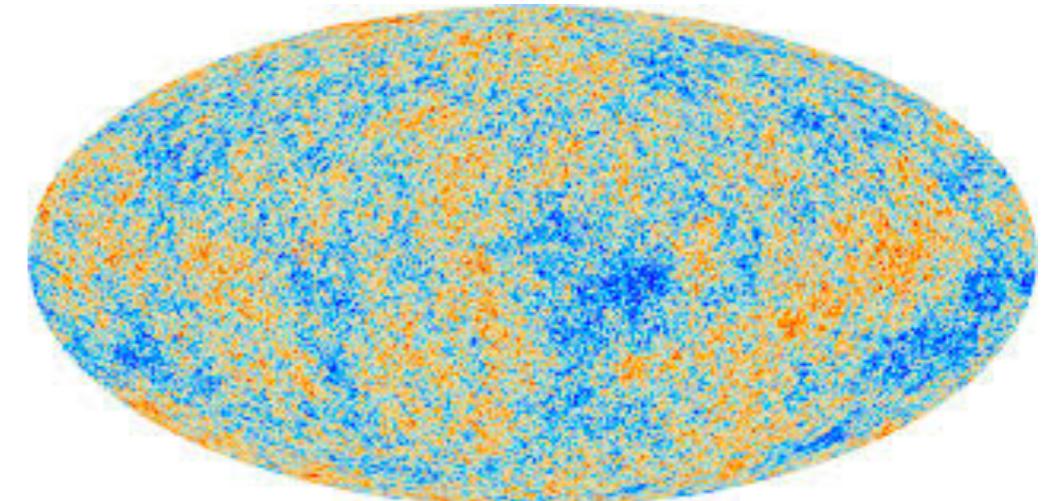
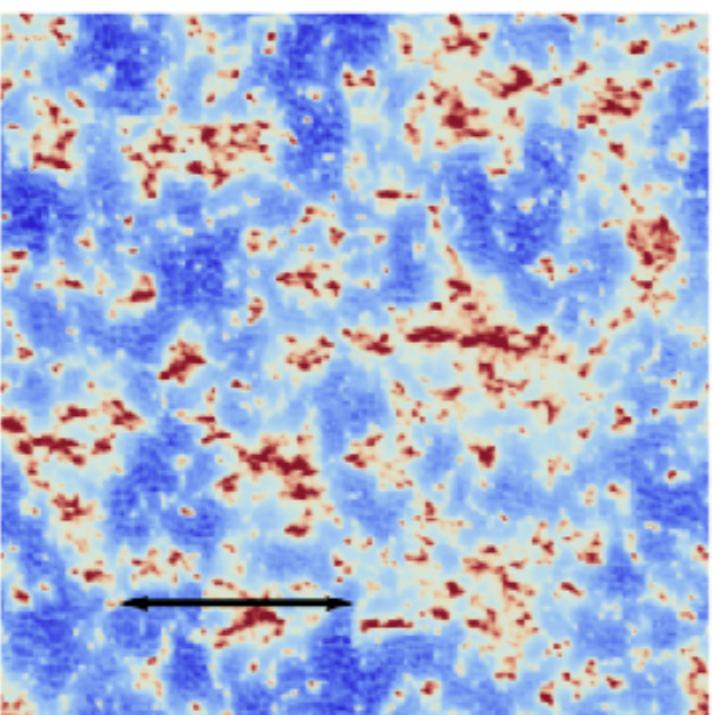
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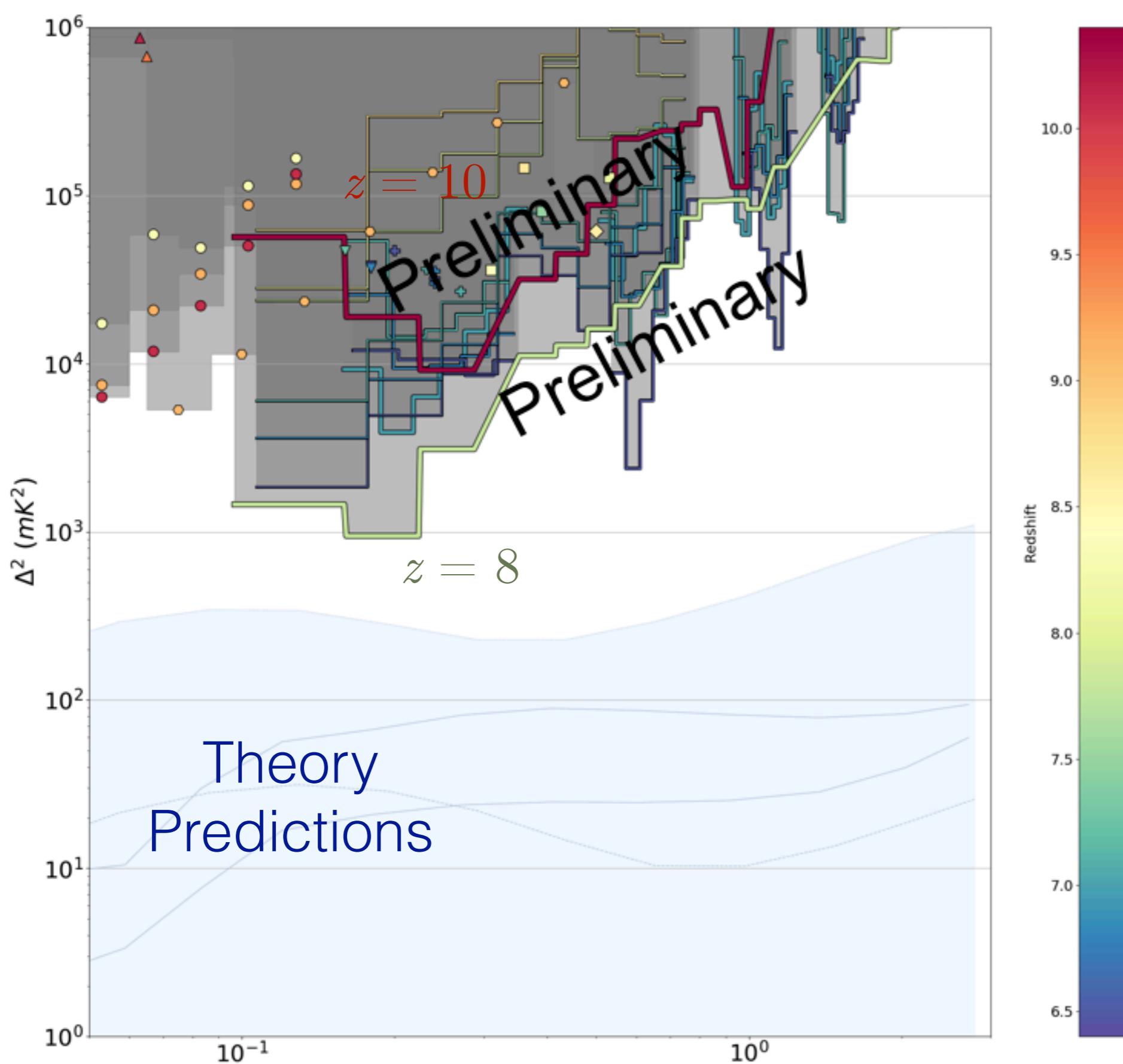


21-cm Fluctuations  
(**HERA**, MWA, LWA, PAPER, SKA,...)

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CMB Anisotropies





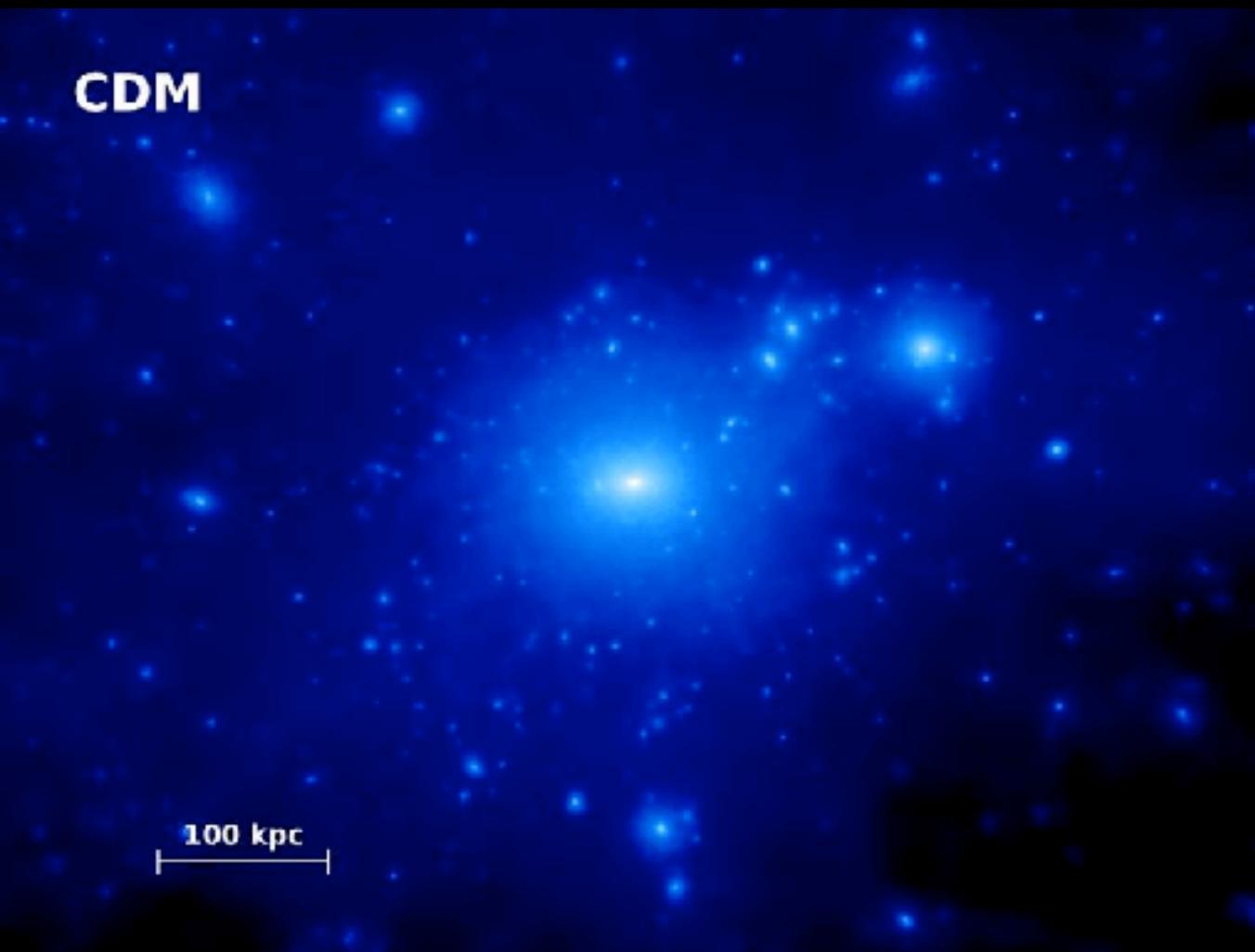
- ◆ GMRT (Paciga, 2013)
- ▲ MWA 32T (Dillon, 2014)
- ▼ MWA phase I (Dillon, 2015)
- + MWA phase I (Beardsley, 2016)
- LOFAR (Patil, 2017)
- MWA phase I (Barry, 2019)
- PAPER (Kolopanis, 2019)
- MWA phase II (Li, 2019)
- LOFAR (Mertens, 2020)
- MWA phase I (Trott, 2020)
- HERA (HERA Collaboration +, 2021)
- Theory : faint galaxies nf 0.9 (Mesinger, 2016)
- Theory : bright galaxies nf 0.9 (Mesinger, 2016)
- Theory : beta 1 z 8.5 (Pagano and Liu, 2020)
- Theory : beta -1 z 8.5 (Pagano and Liu, 2020)



HERA coll. ++  
(in prep.)

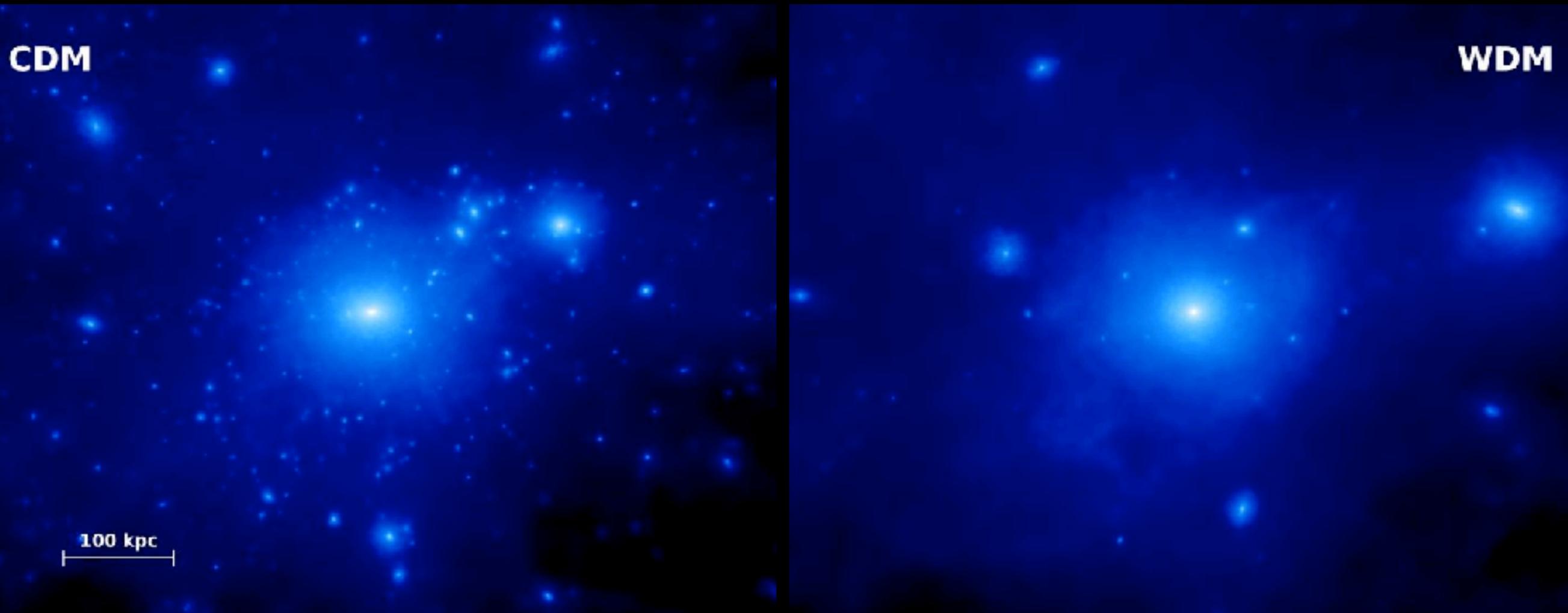
~20 nights  
~50 antennas

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Credit: Boehm (IPP Durham)

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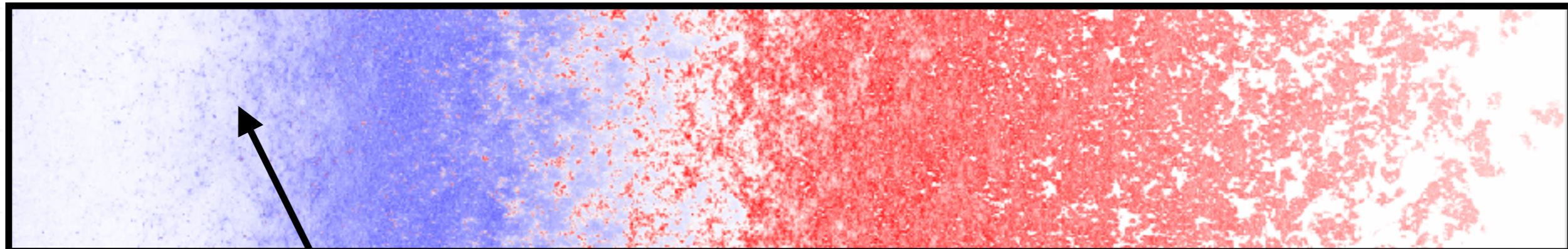
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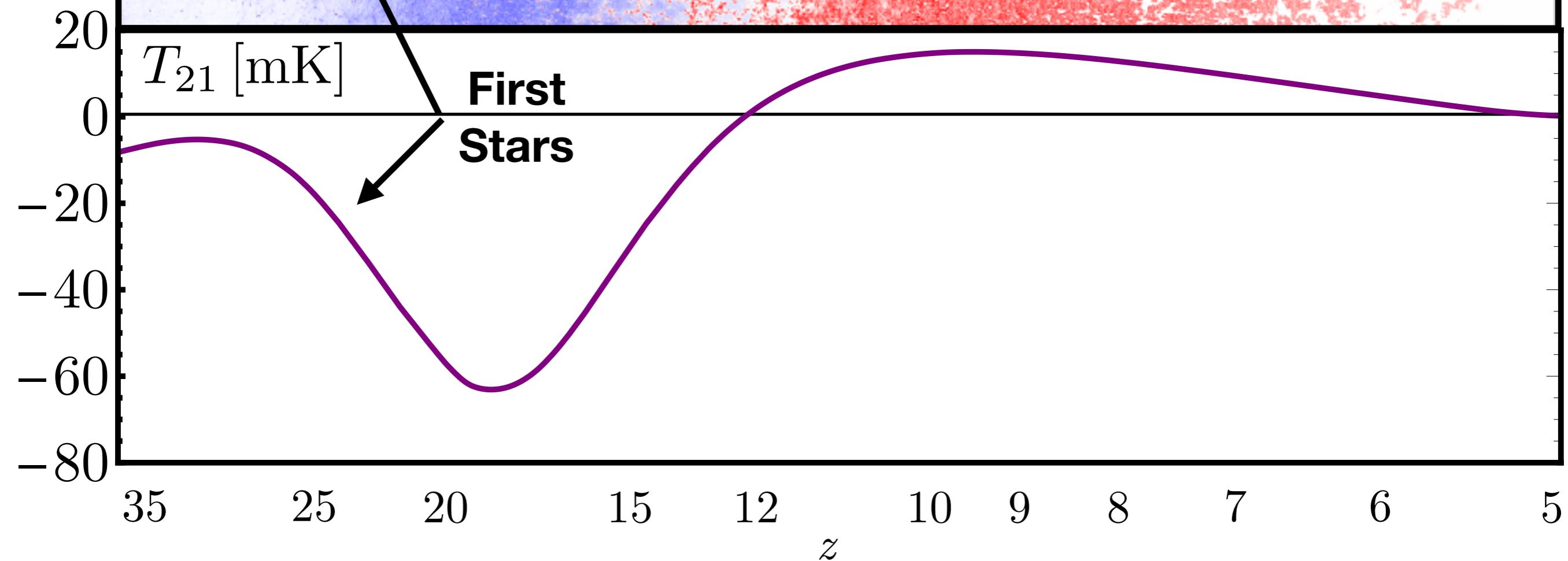
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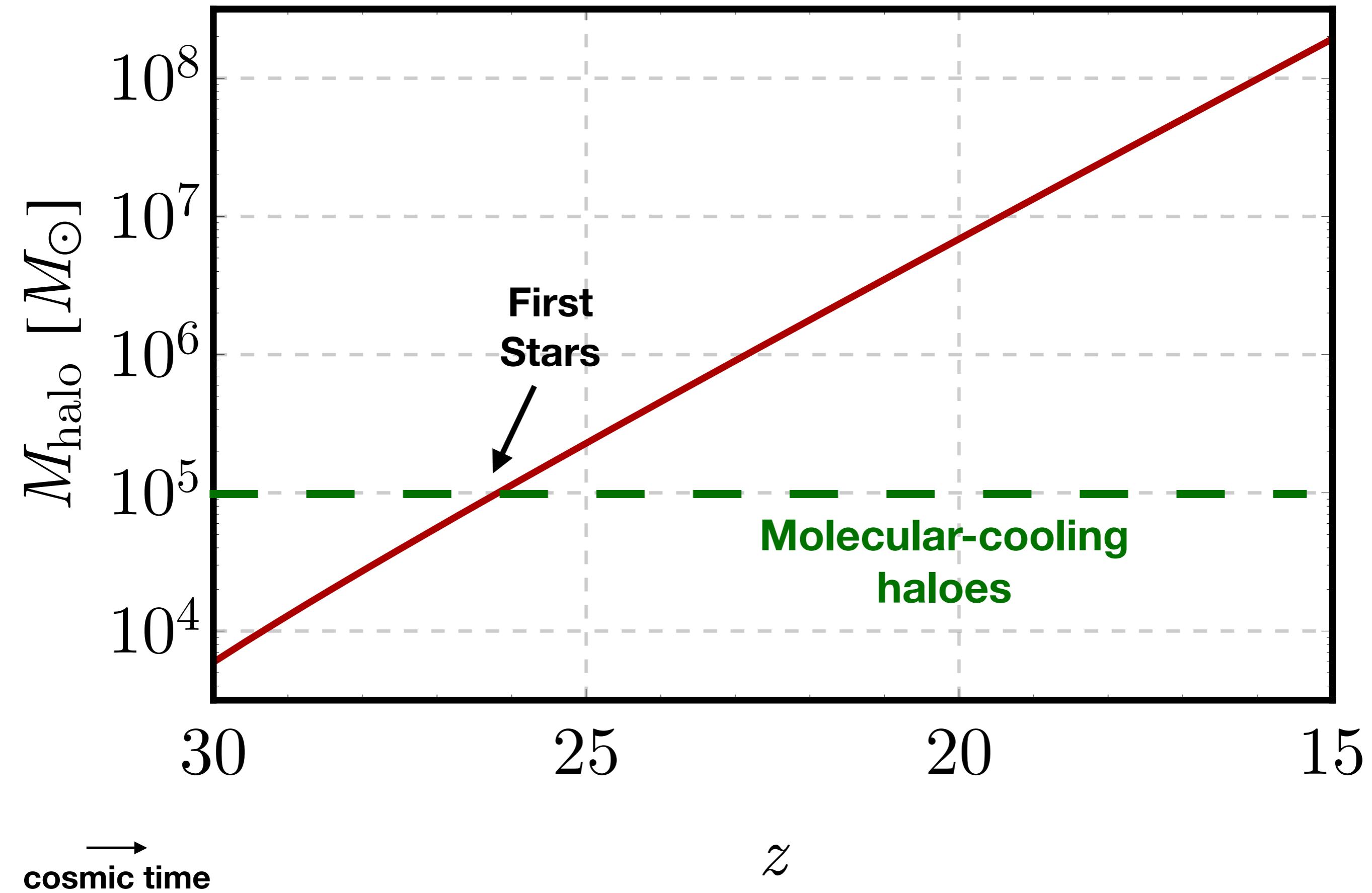


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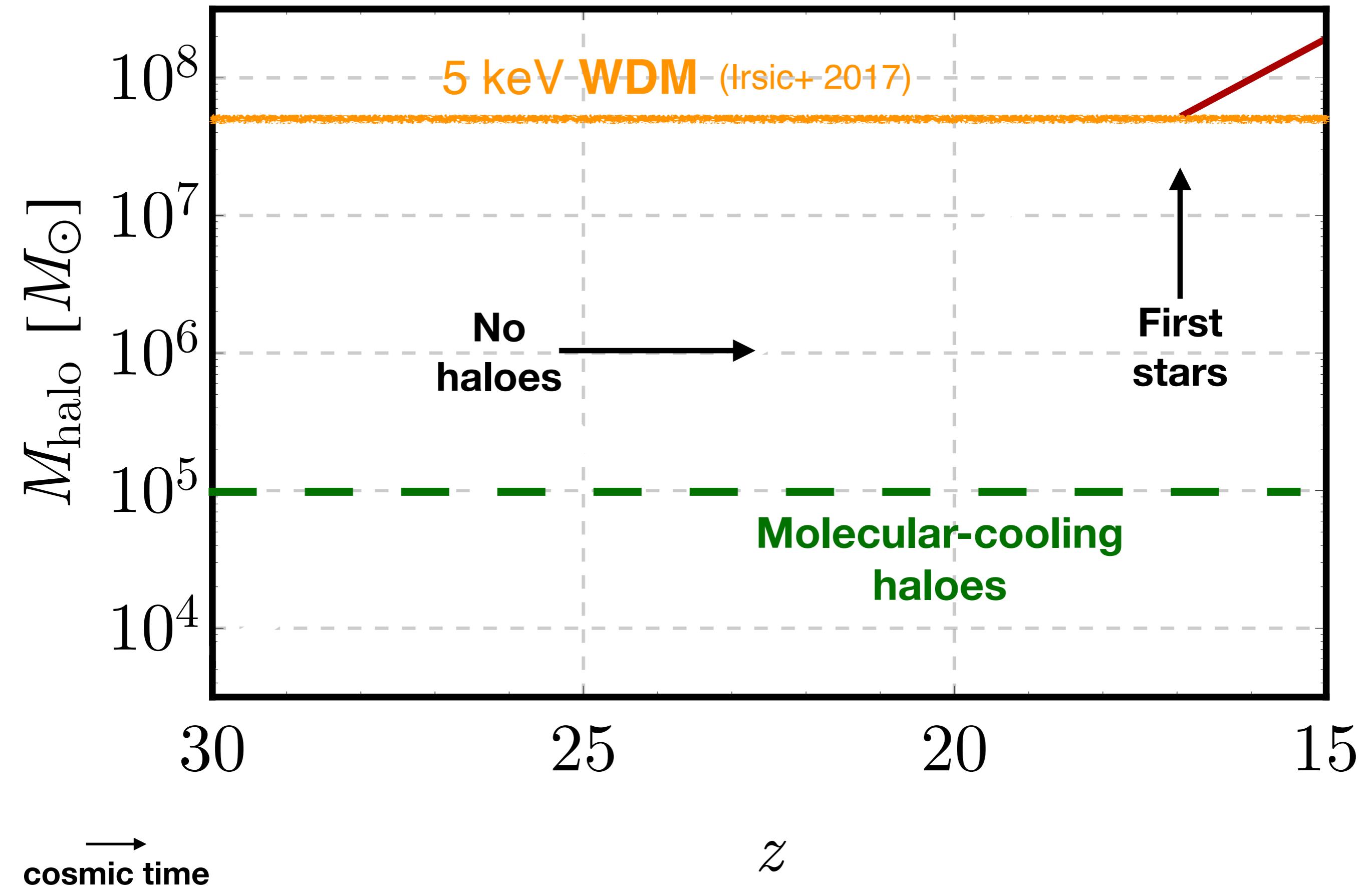
**First  
Stars**



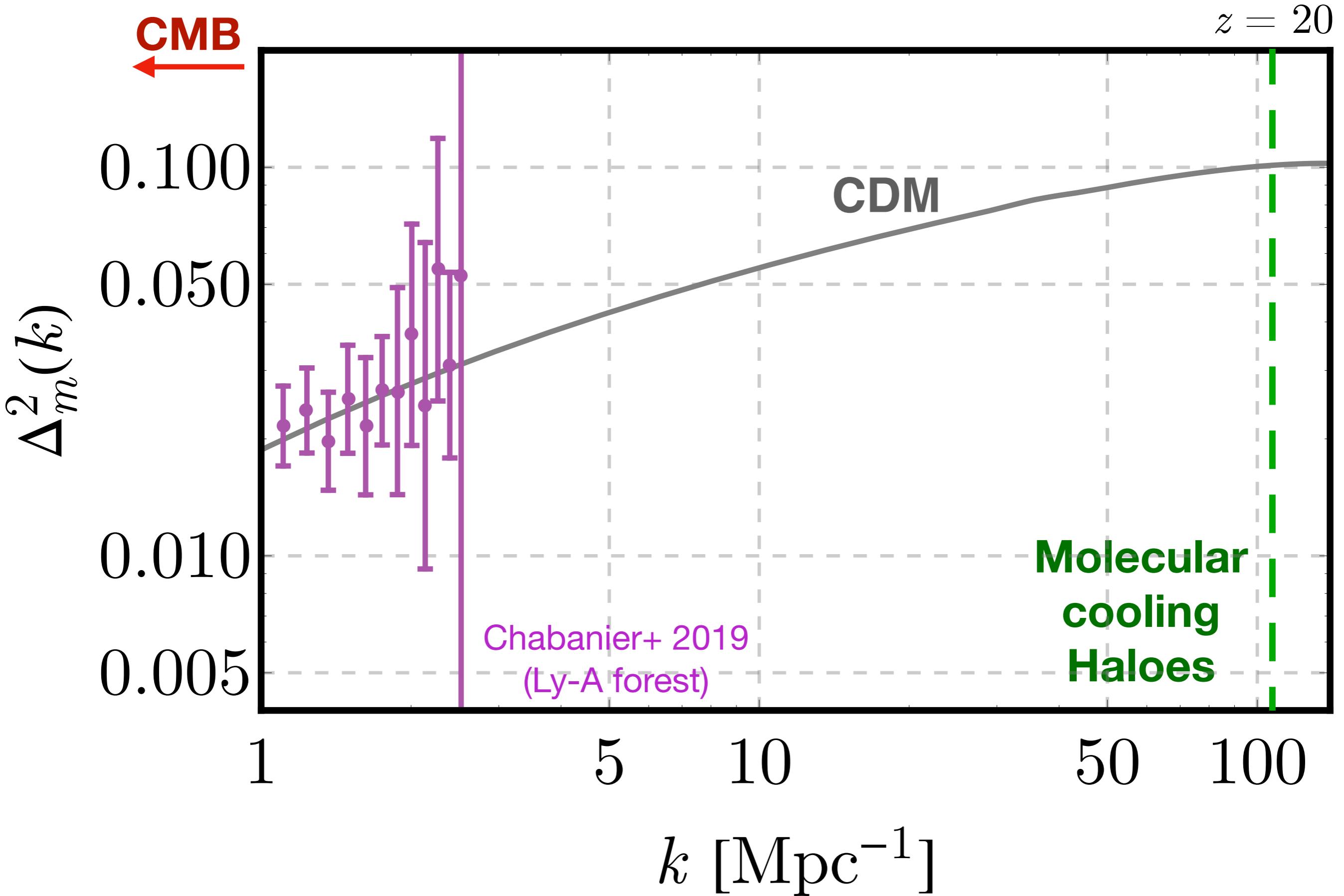
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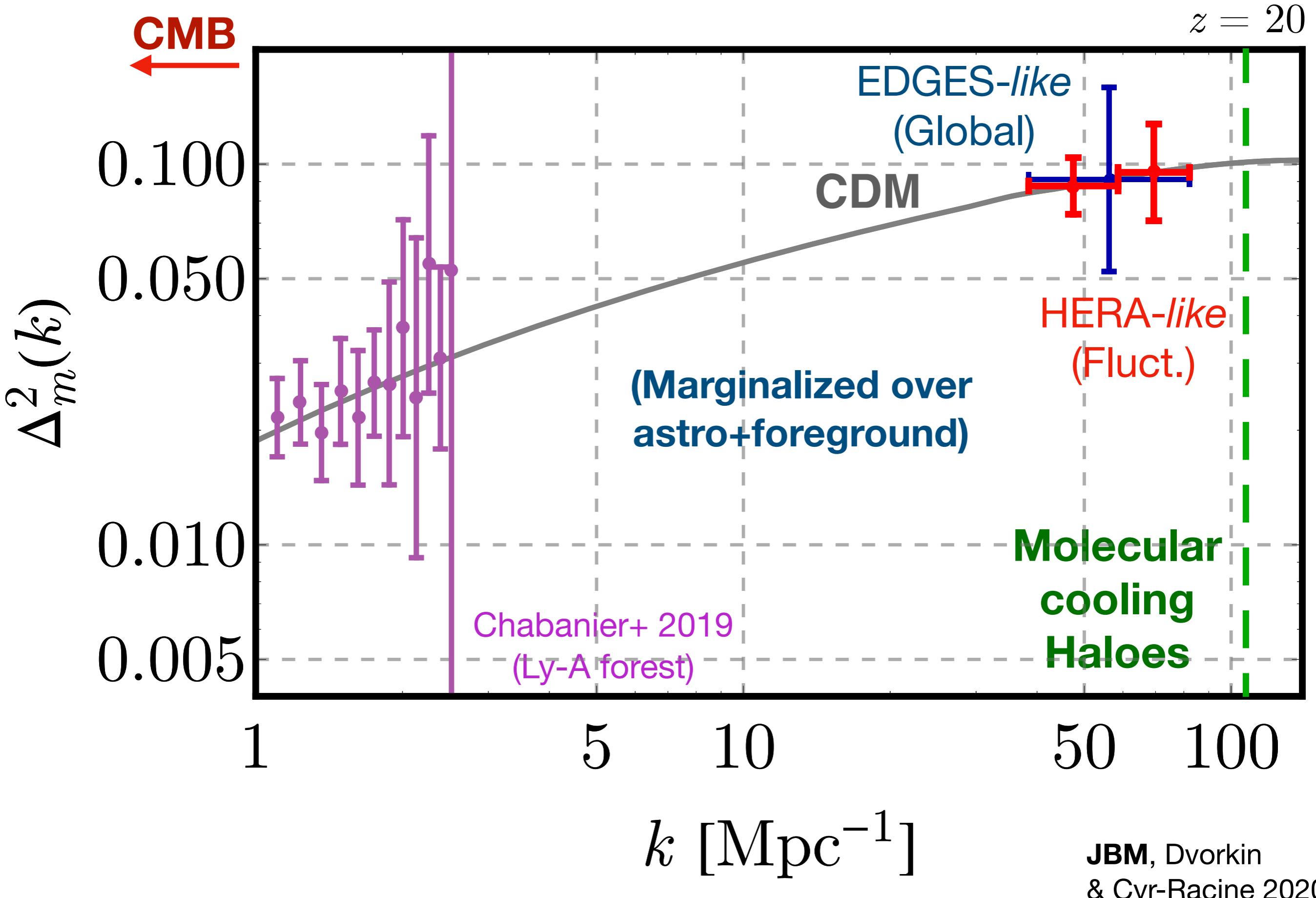
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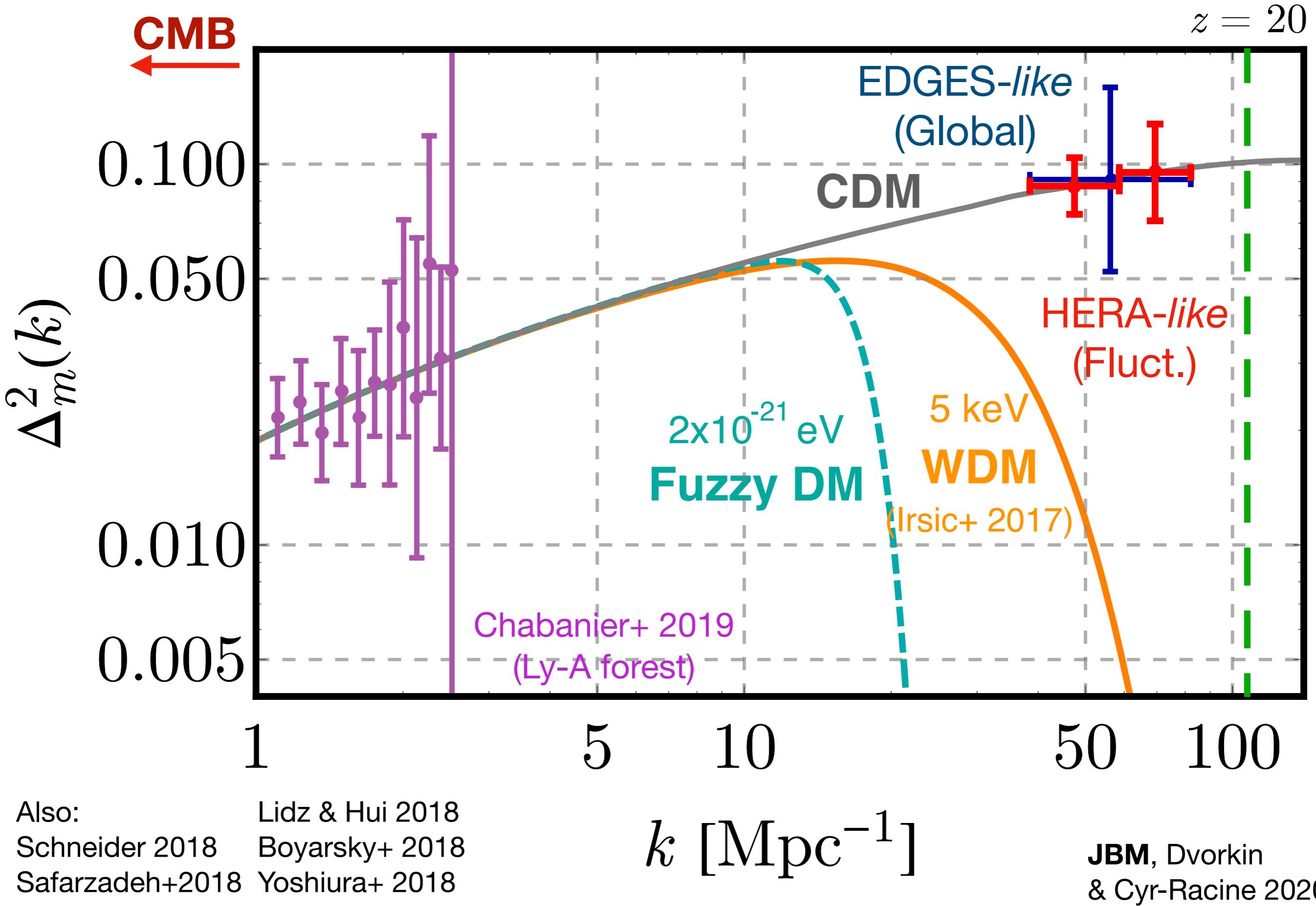
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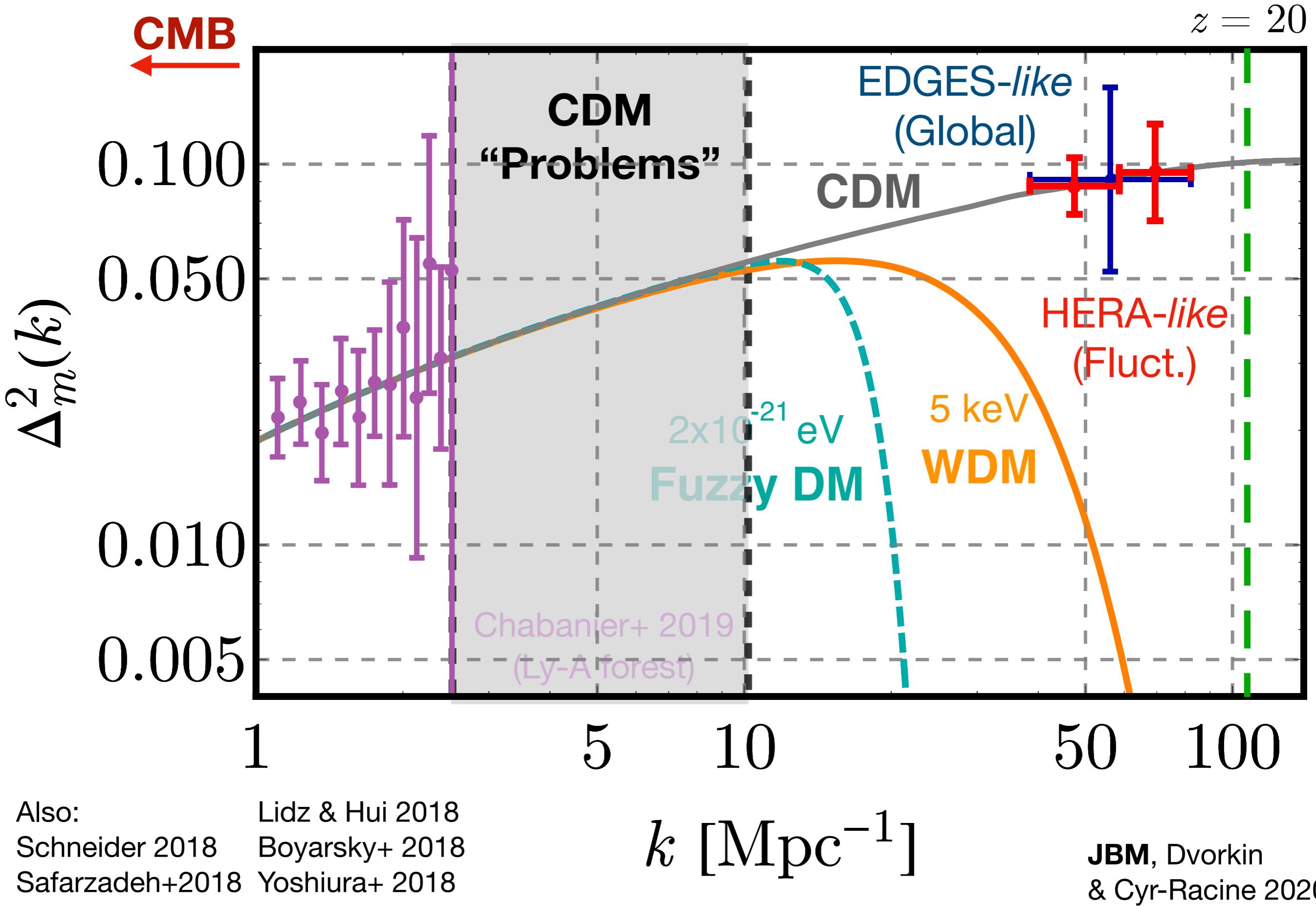
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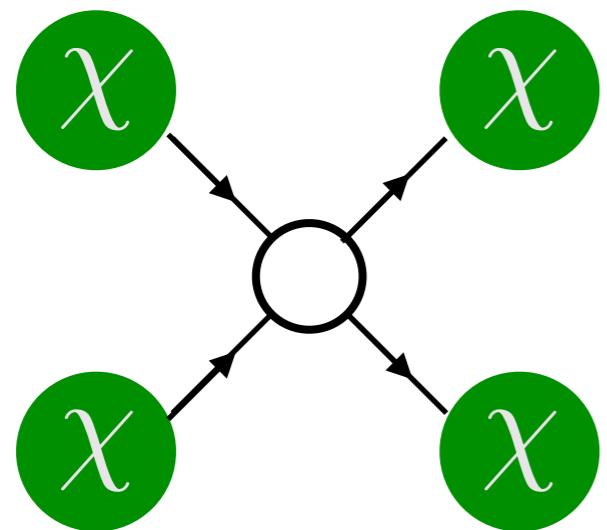
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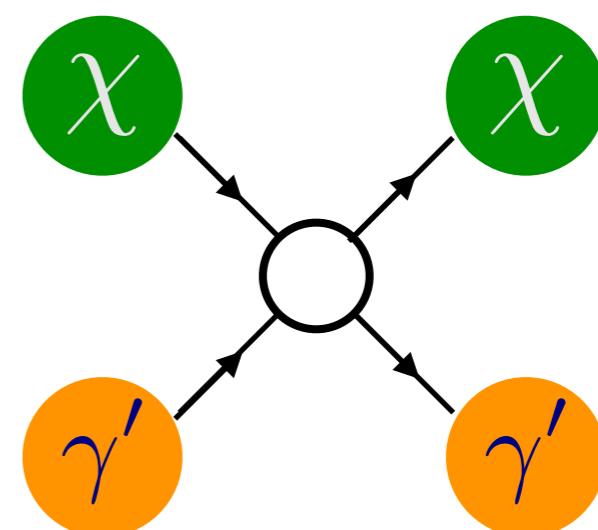
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# Beyond a cutoff: Self Interactions

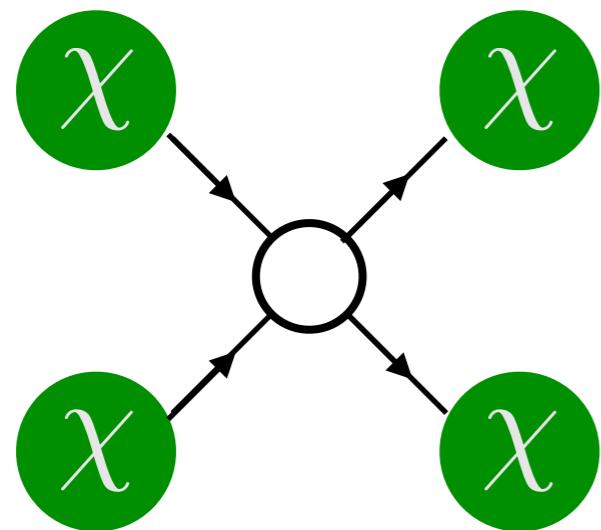


**DM-DM:**  
Halo profiles, etc.

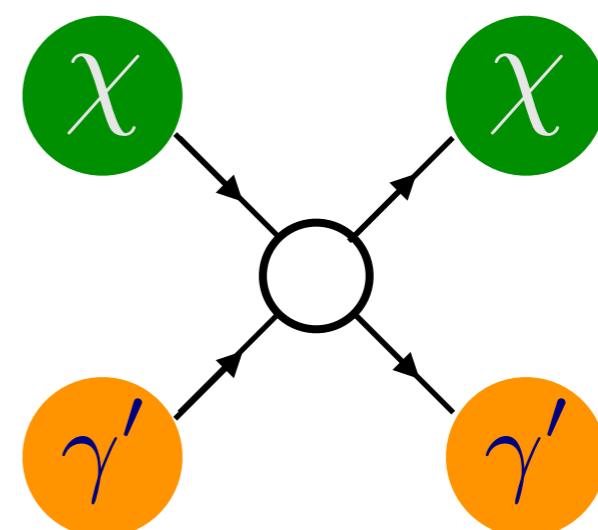


**DM-DR:**  
Power Spectrum

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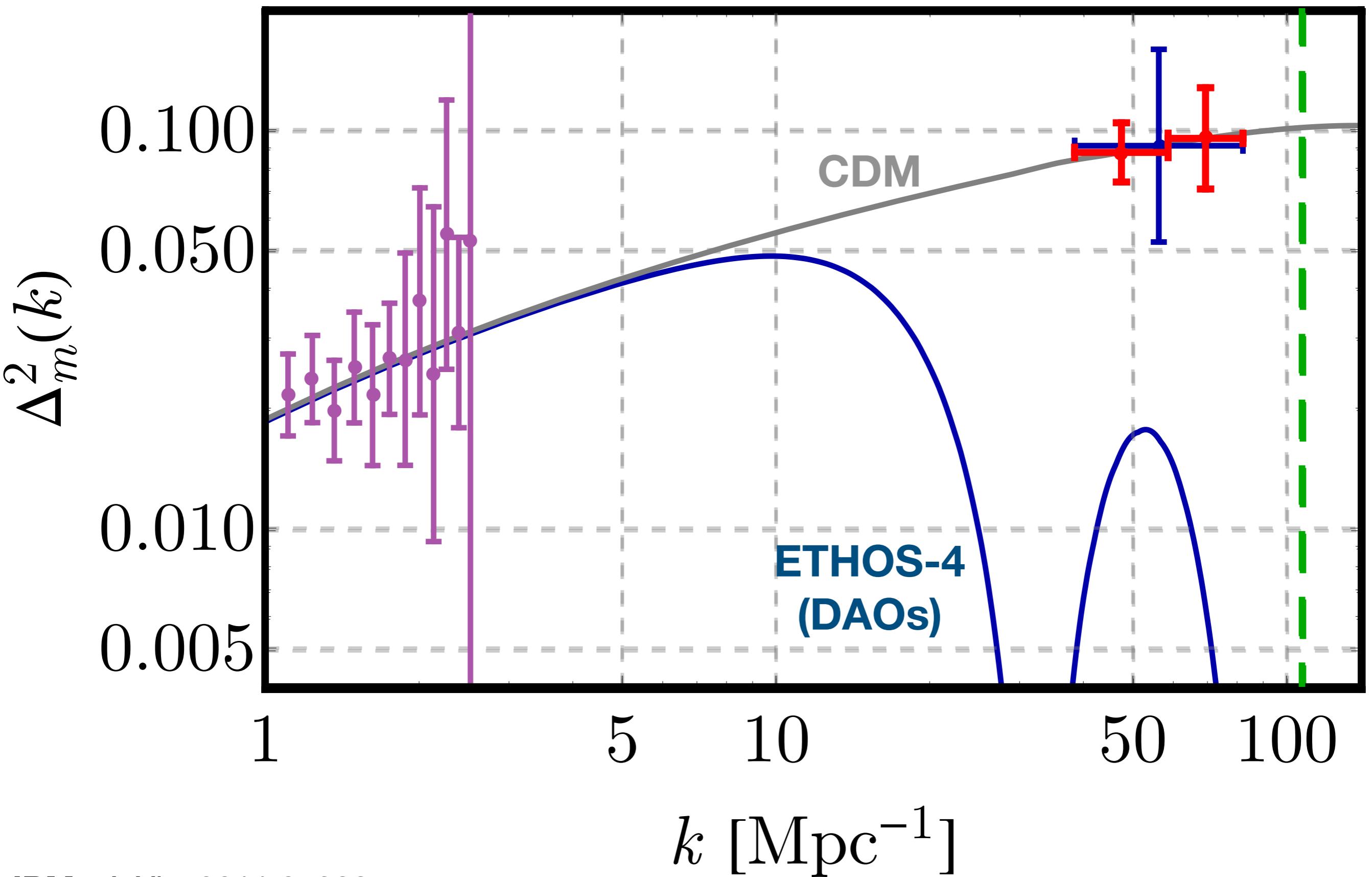


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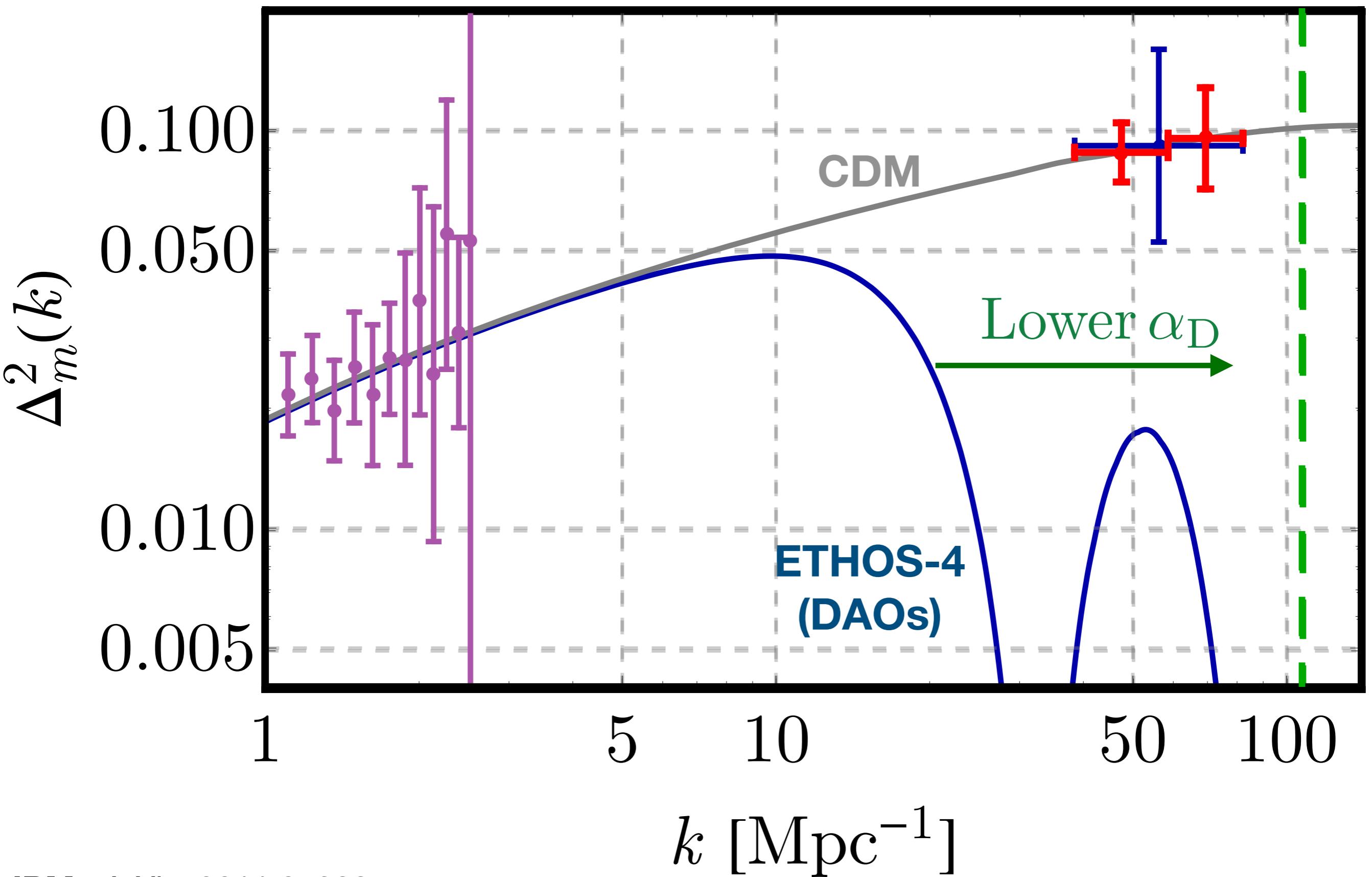
Effective Theory of Structure Formation: **ETHOS**

Vogelsberger+ 2016  
Cyr-Racine+2016

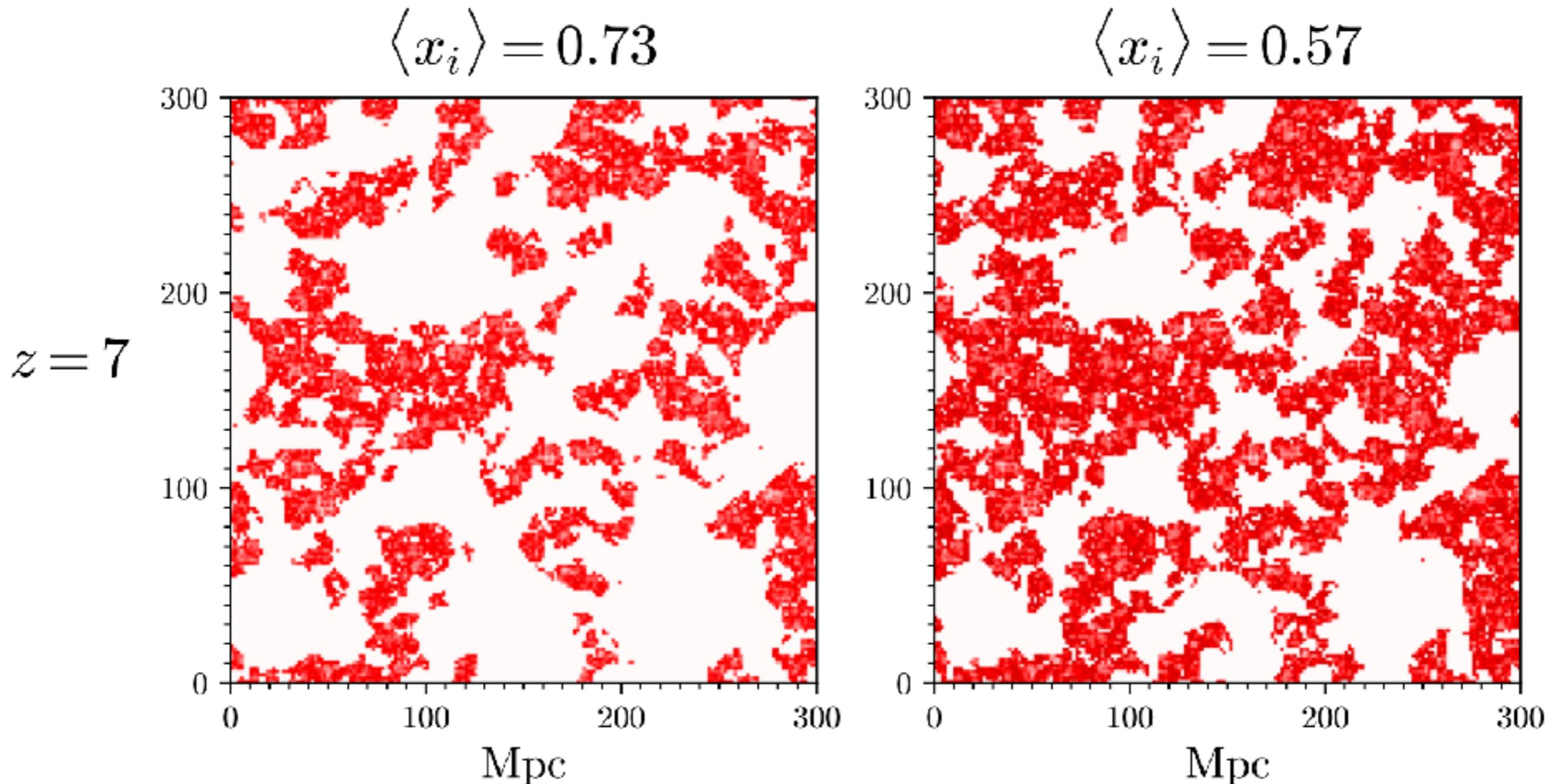
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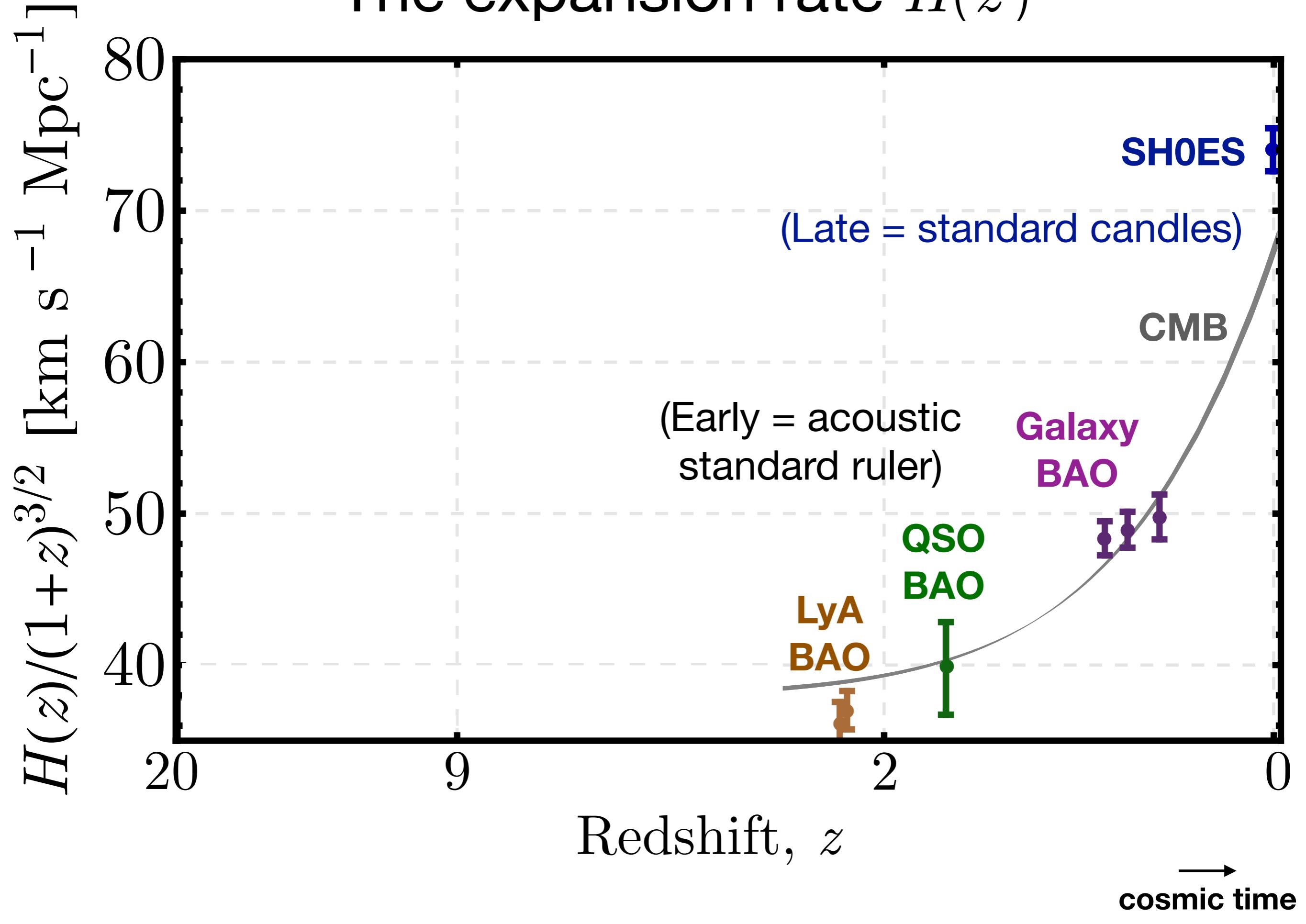


# Also during the EoR!

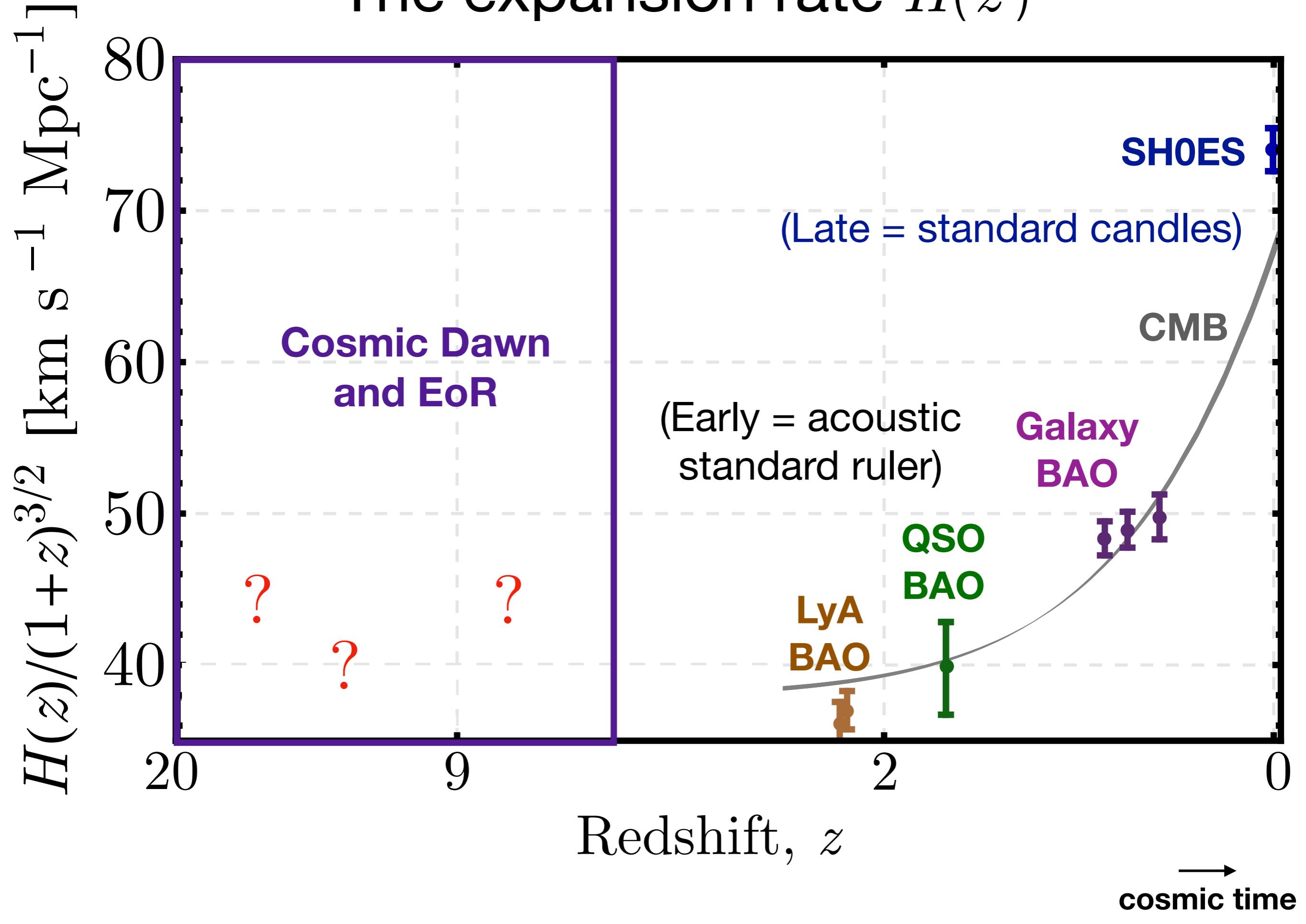


Jones+ 2021  
 $10^{-21}$  eV

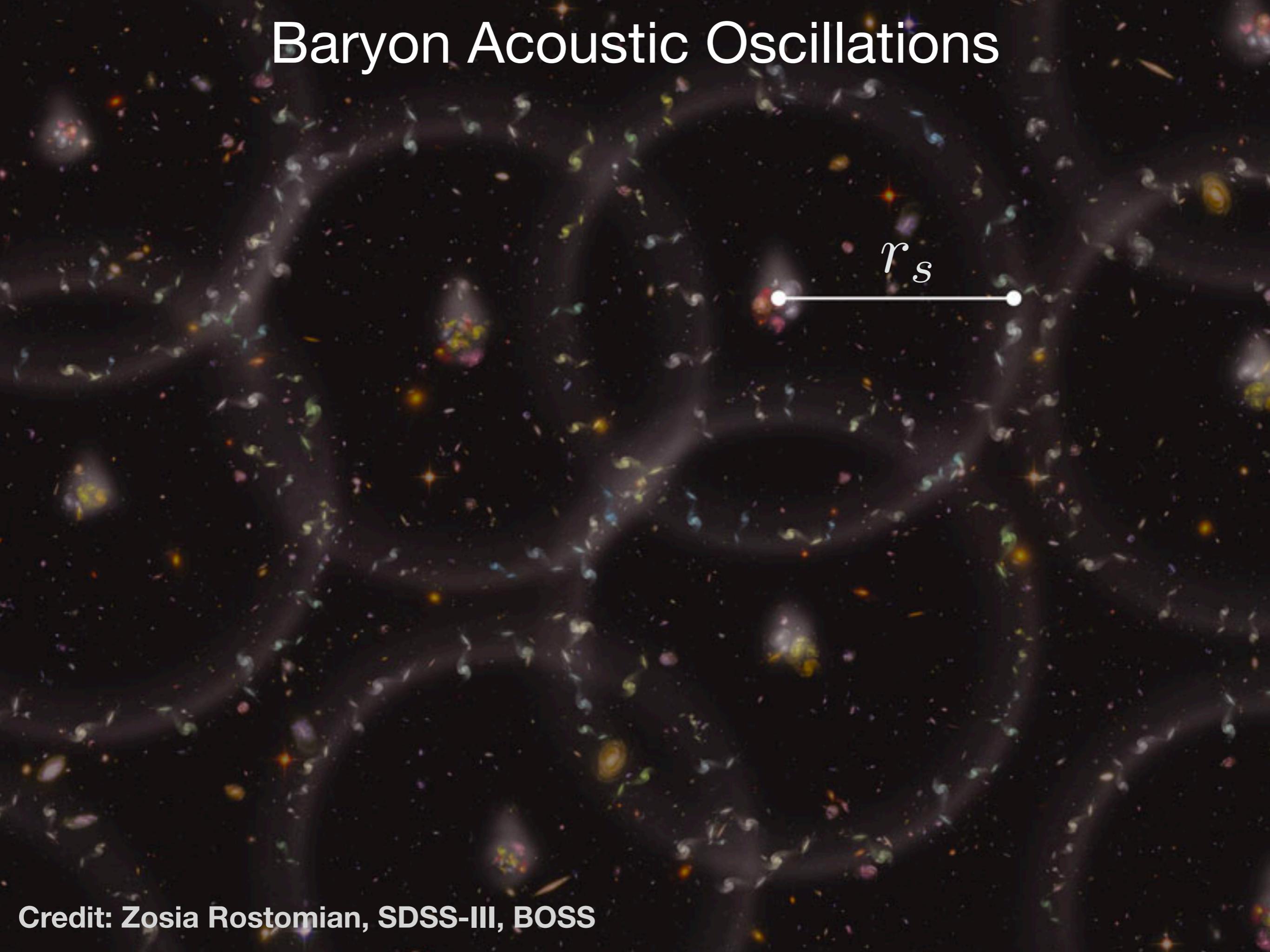
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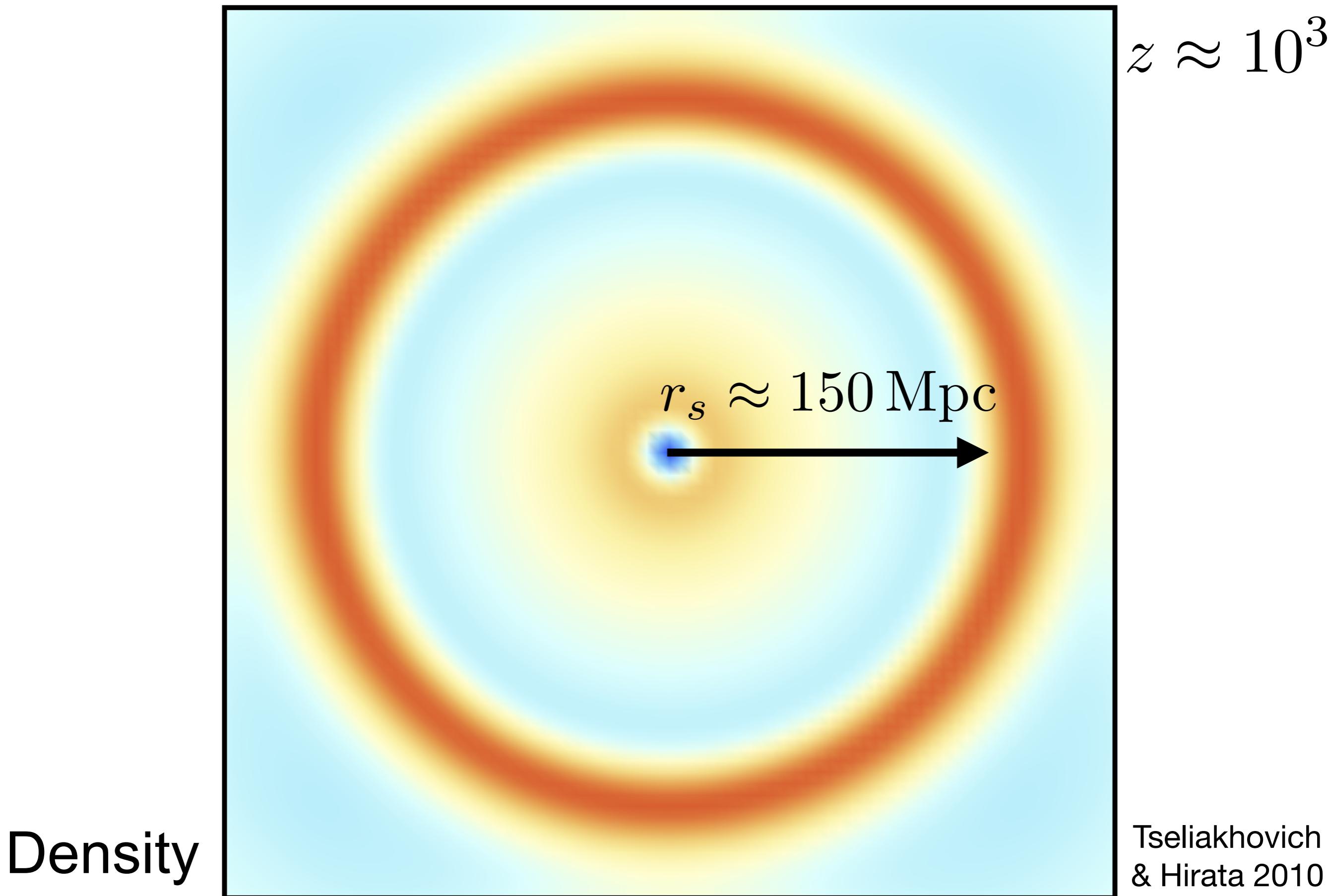
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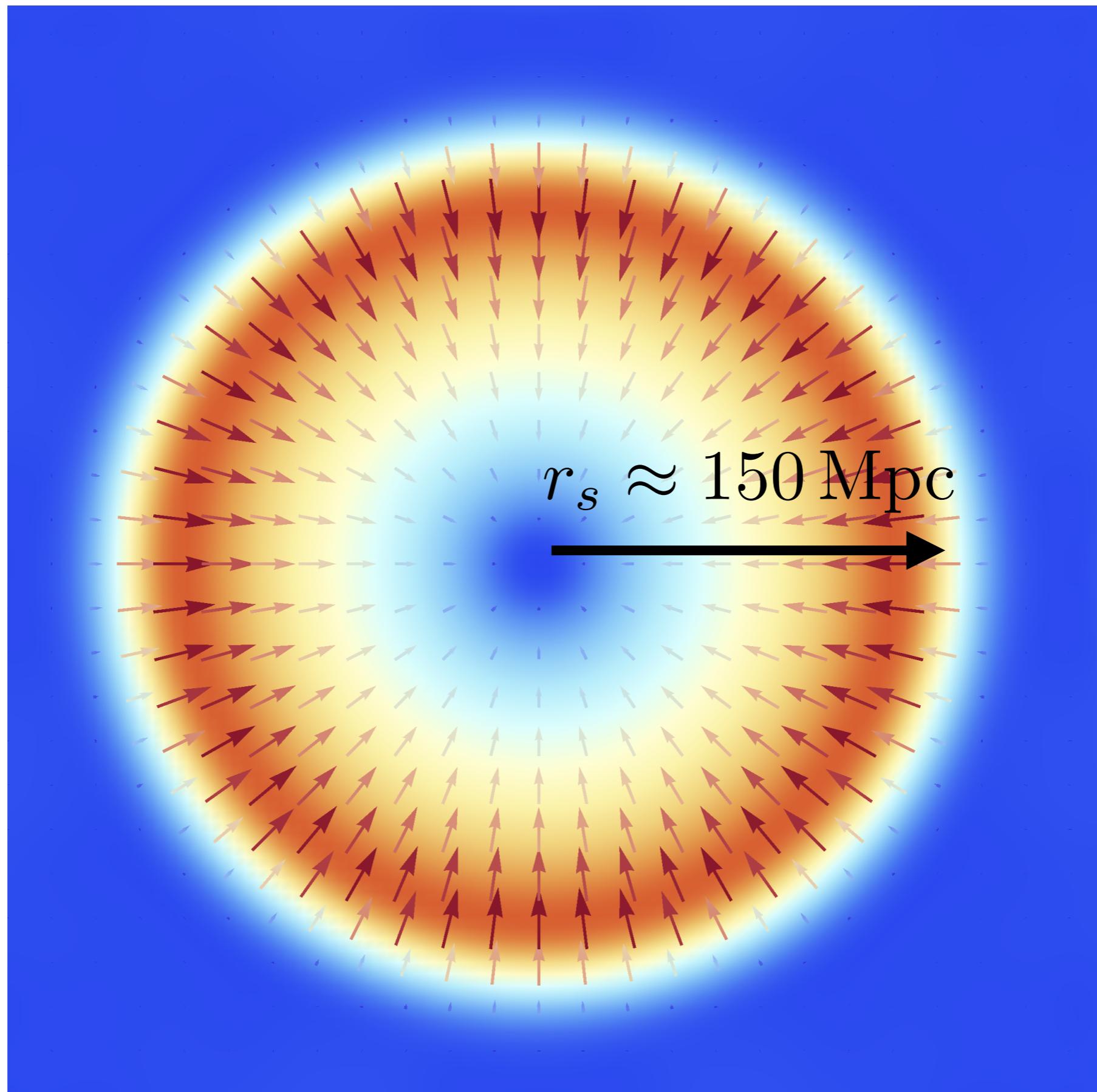
 $r_s$

# A preferred distance scale



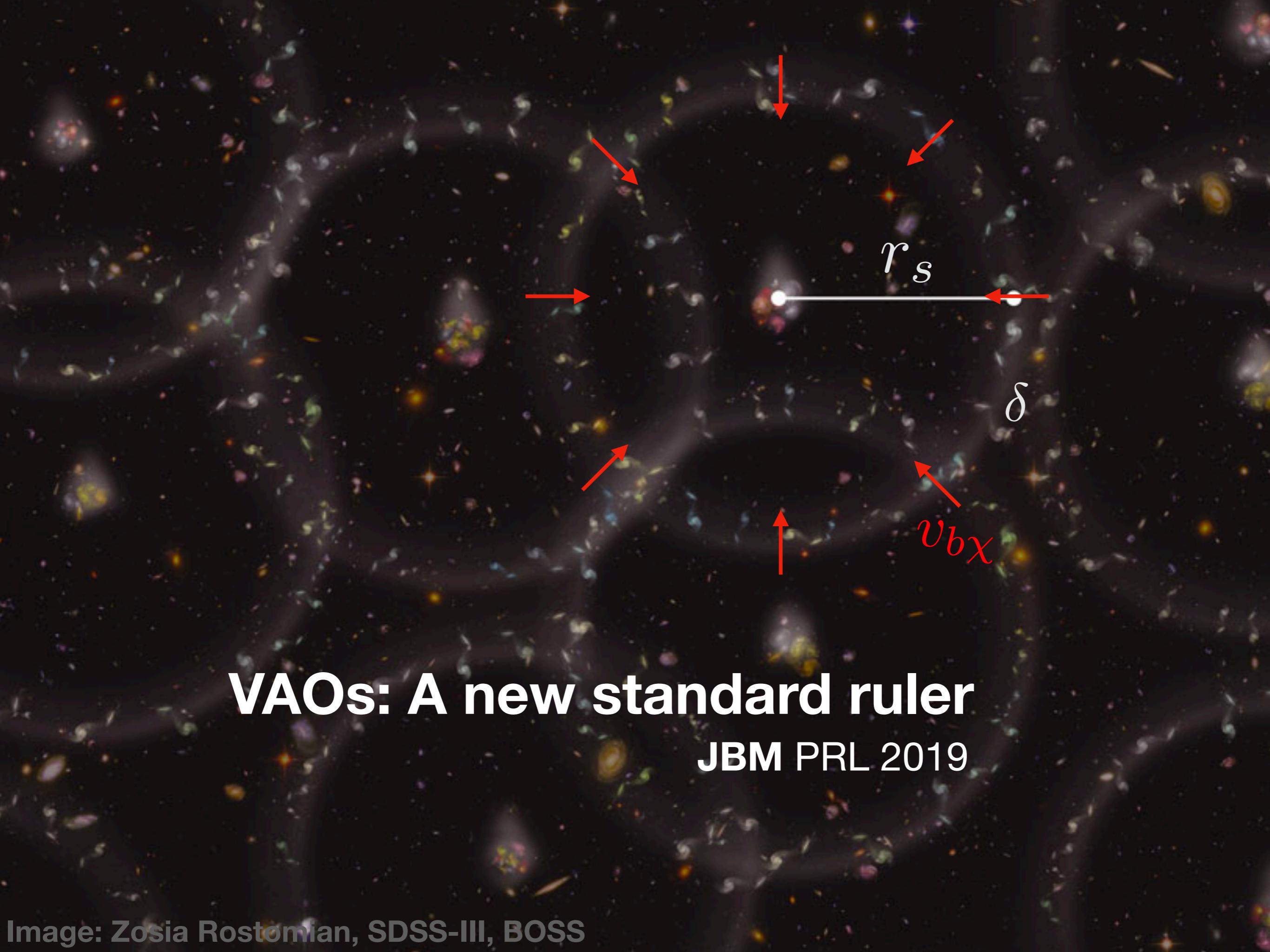
$$\vec{v}_{b\chi} = \vec{v}_b - \vec{v}_\chi$$

$z \approx 10^3$



Velocity

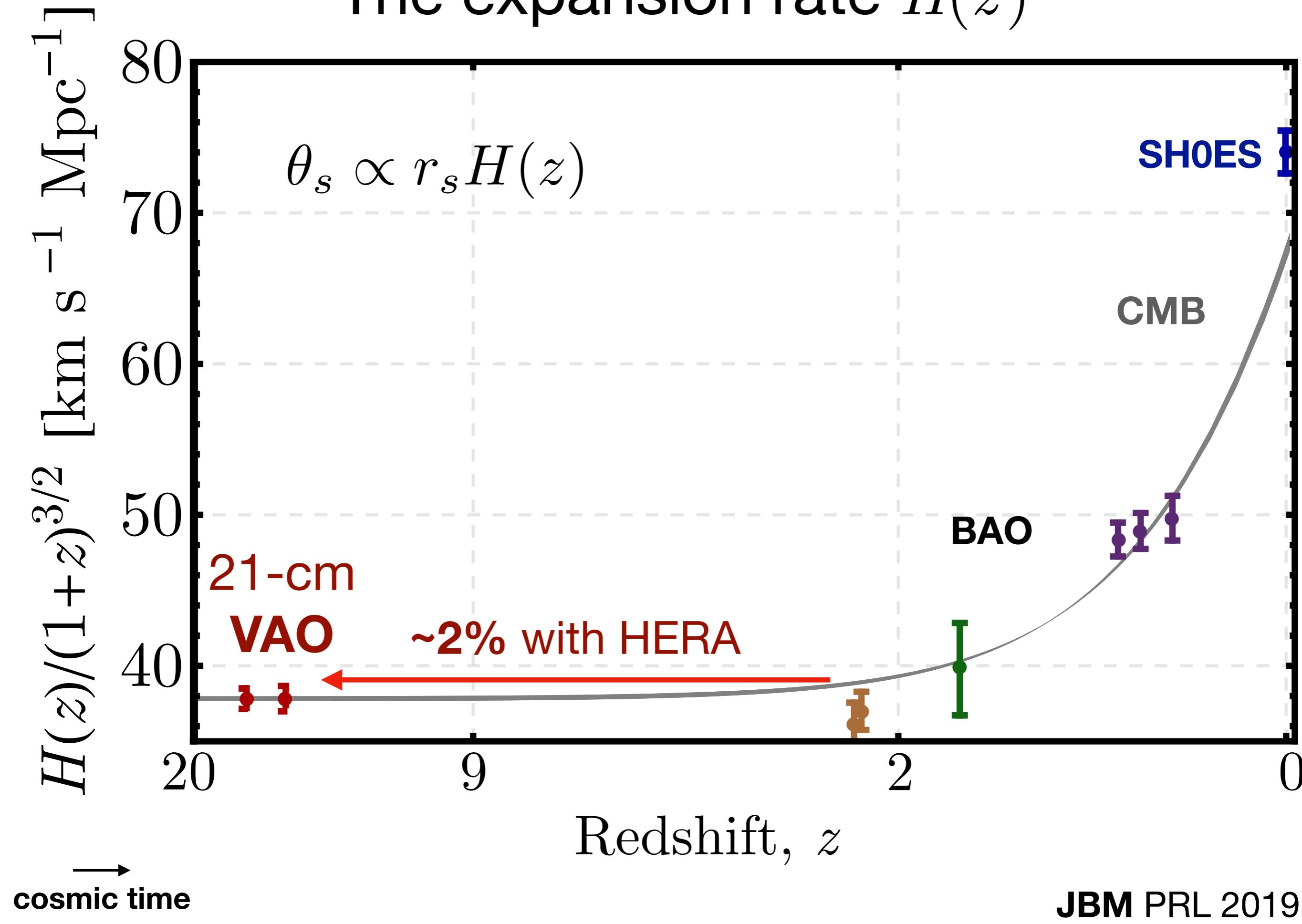
Tseliakhovich  
& Hirata 2010



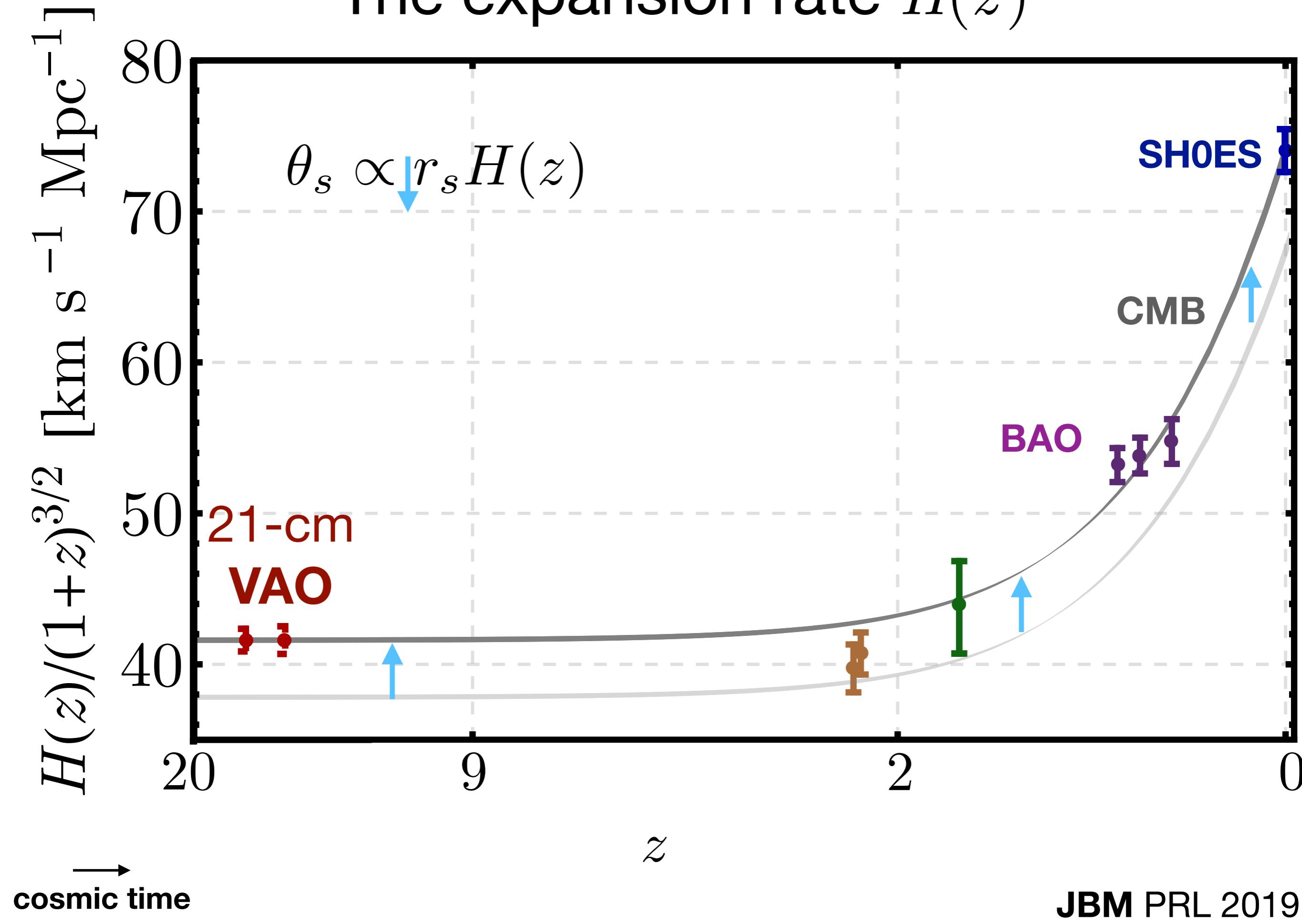
# VAOs: A new standard ruler

JBM PRL 2019

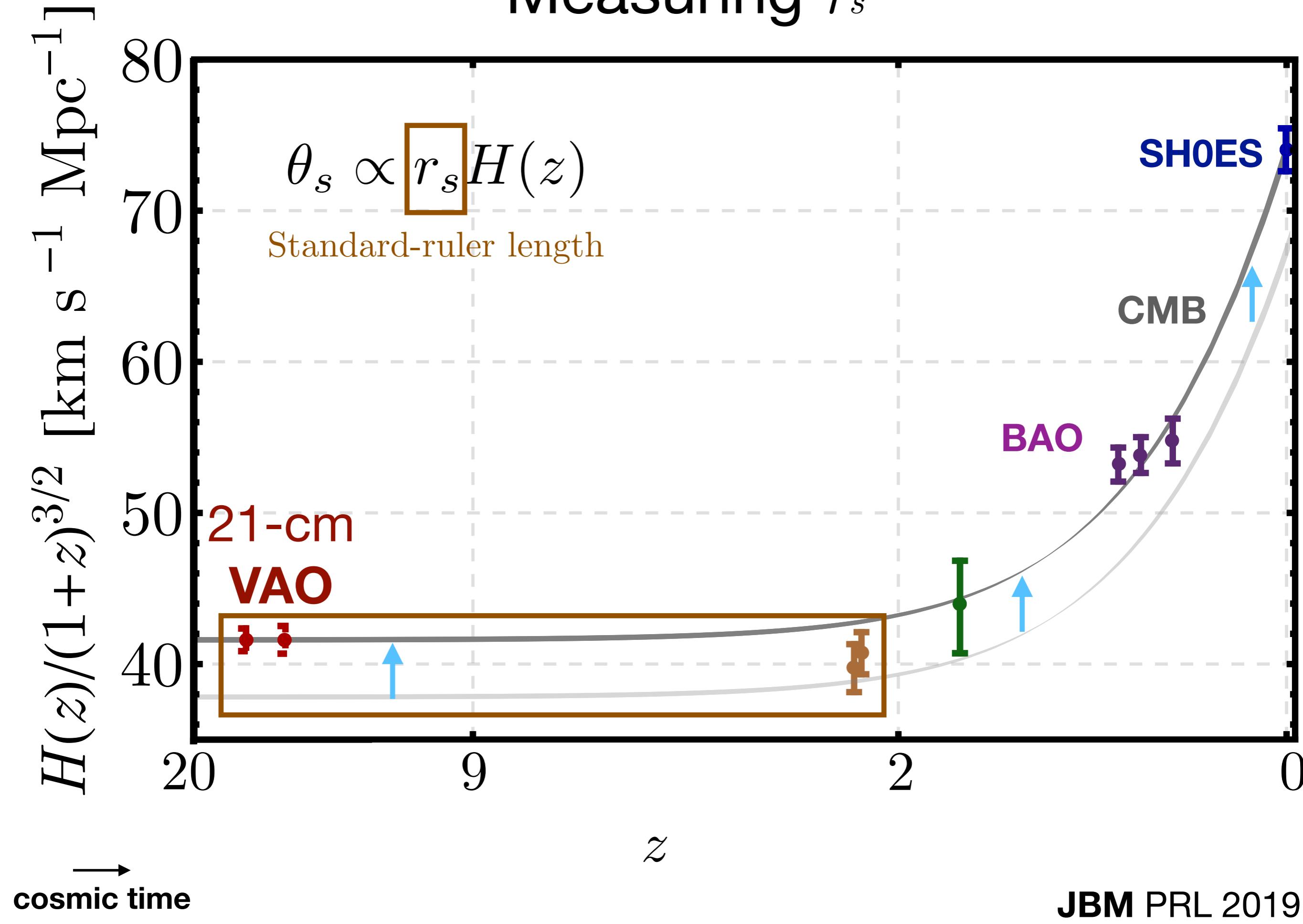
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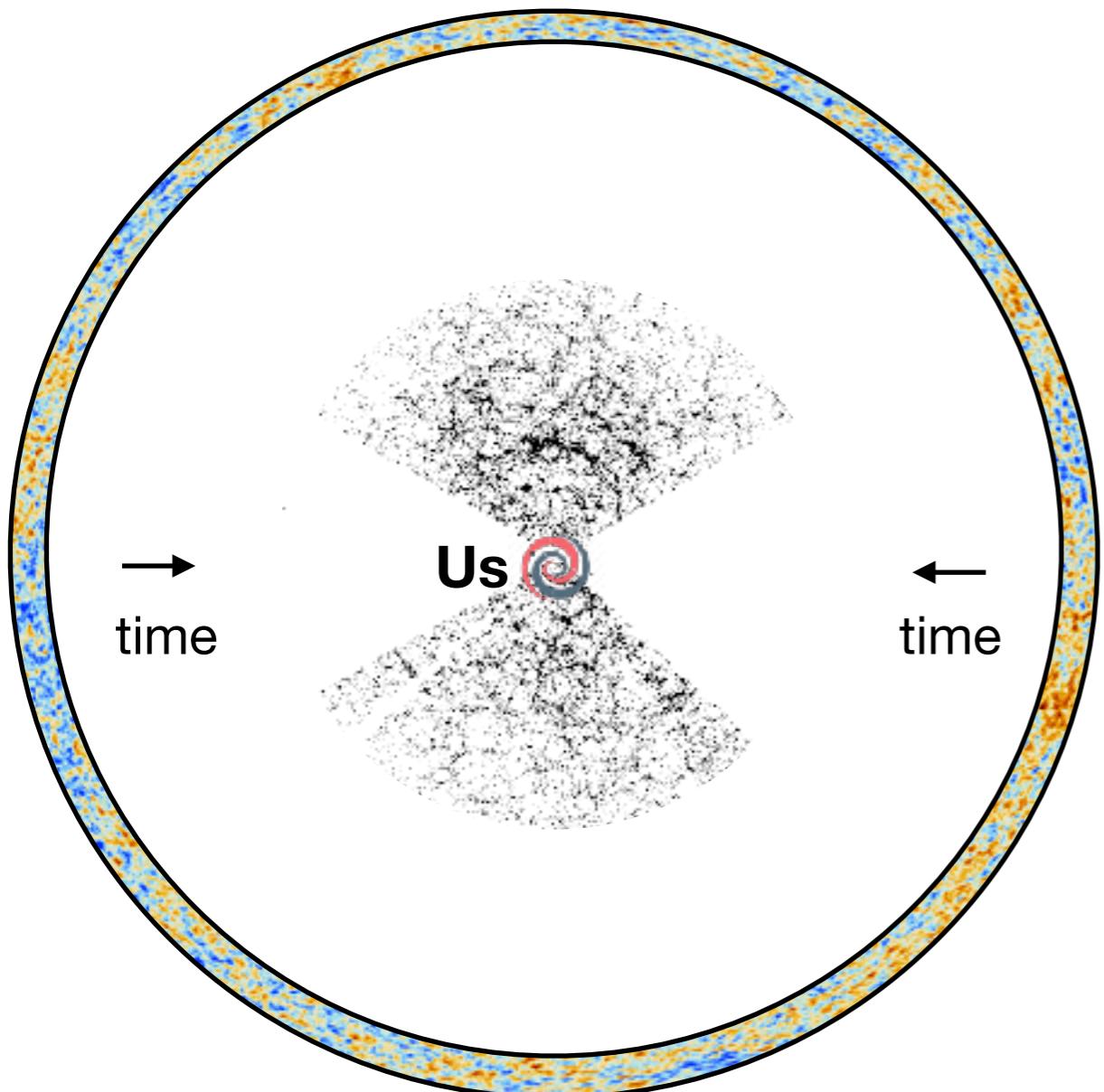


# Measuring $r_s$



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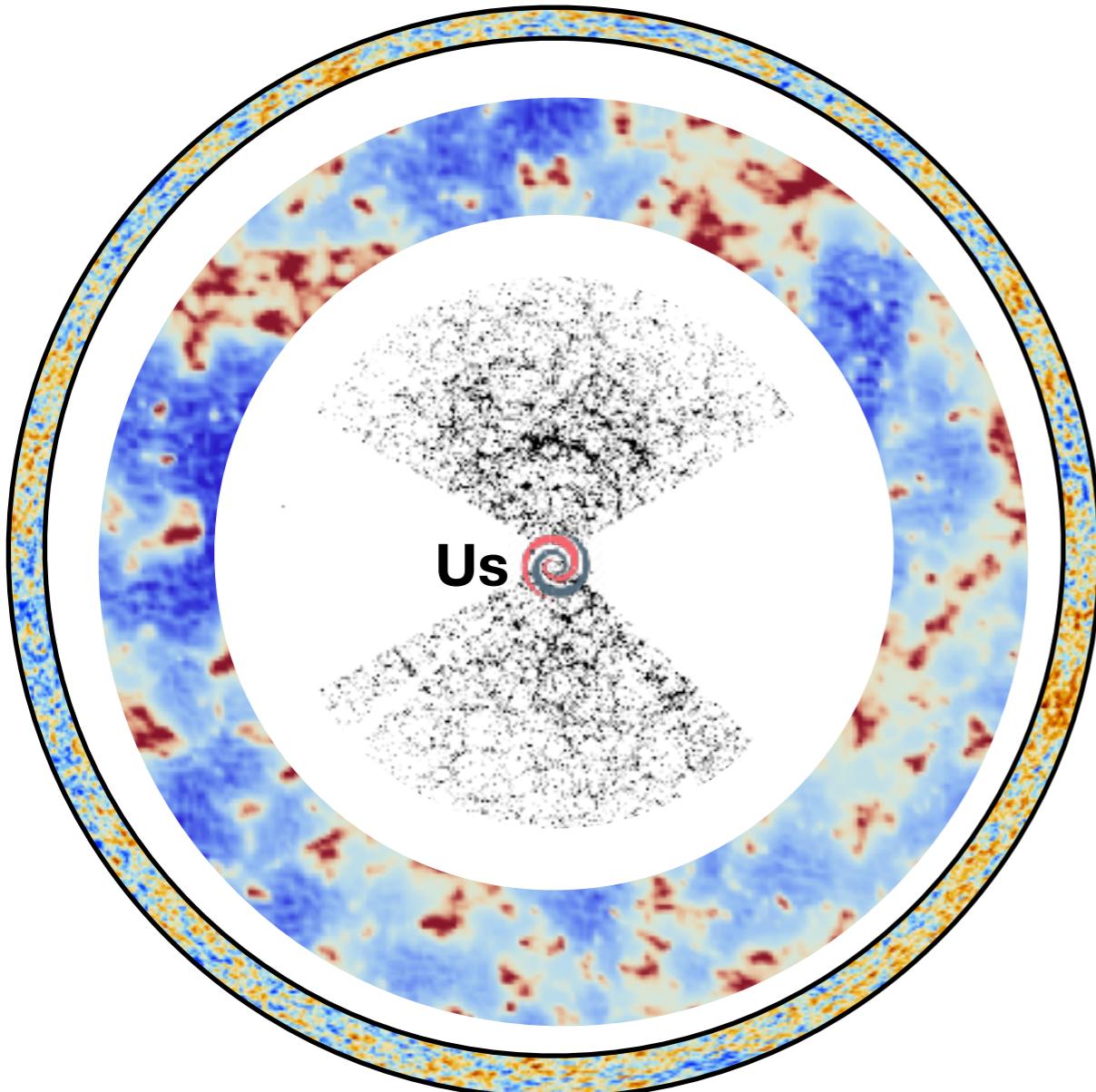
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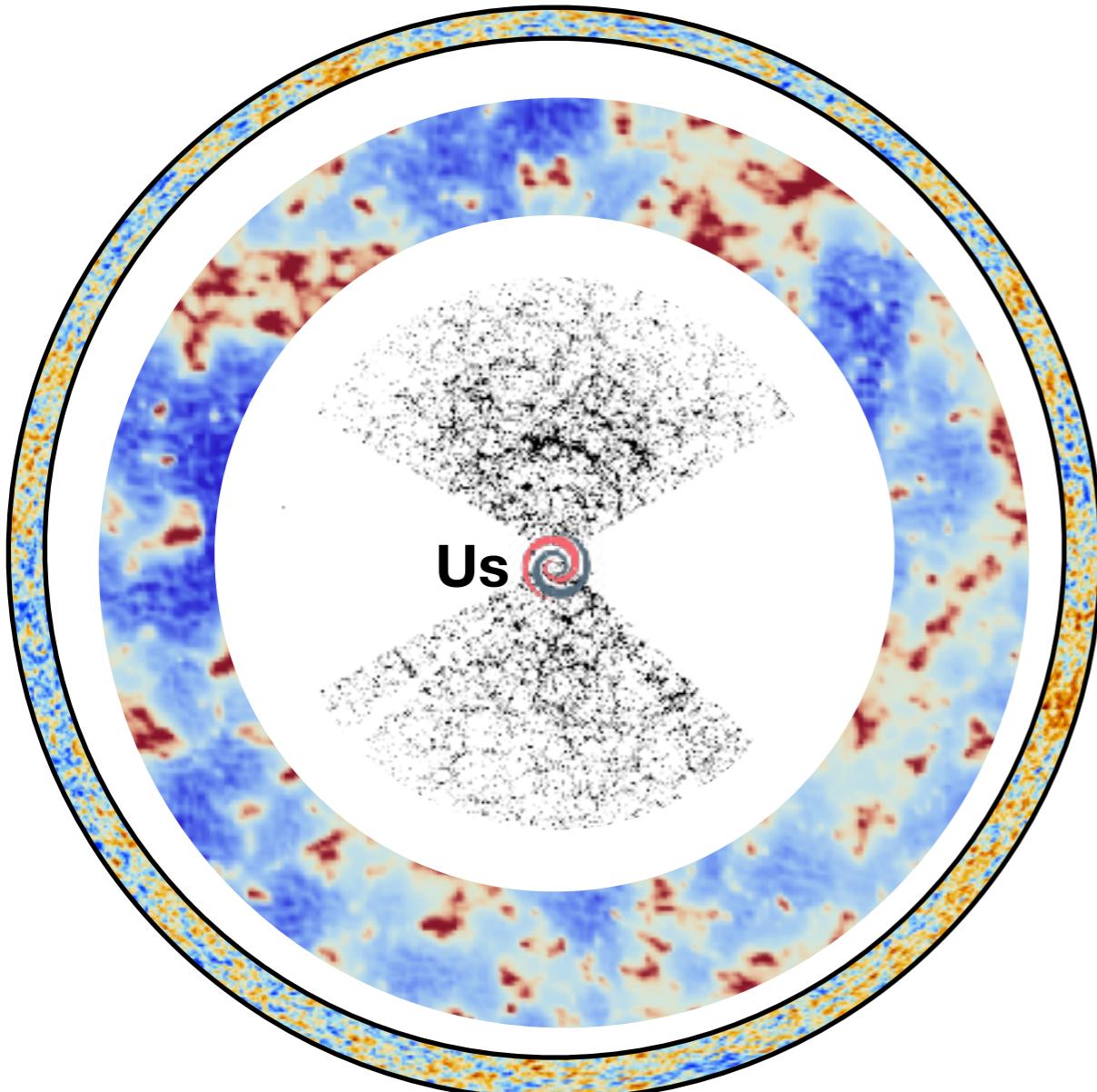
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-Use it to answer questions:

Does DM interact with us?

JBM, Ali-Haïmoud, Kovetz 2015  
JBM & Loeb Nature 2018

Is DM warm, fuzzy, or self-interacting?

JBM, Dvorkin & Cyr-Racine PRD 2020  
JBM, Bohr++ PRD 2021

What is the expansion rate  $H(z=10-20)$ ?

JBM PRL, PRD 2019  
JBM++ (in prep.)