

# Probing the Cosmic Dawn using the redshifted 21-cm Bispectrum

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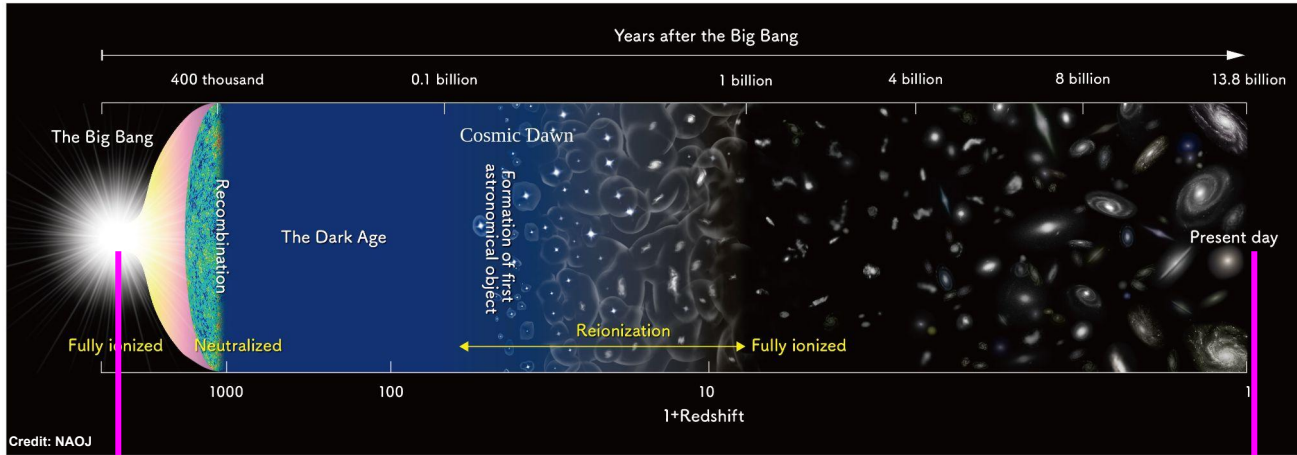


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# Motivation: 21-cm cosmology

# Cosmic History: Cosmic Dawn and Epoch of Reionization (CD-EoR)



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$$z \sim \infty$$

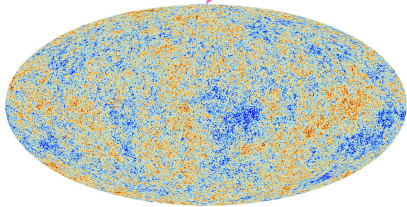
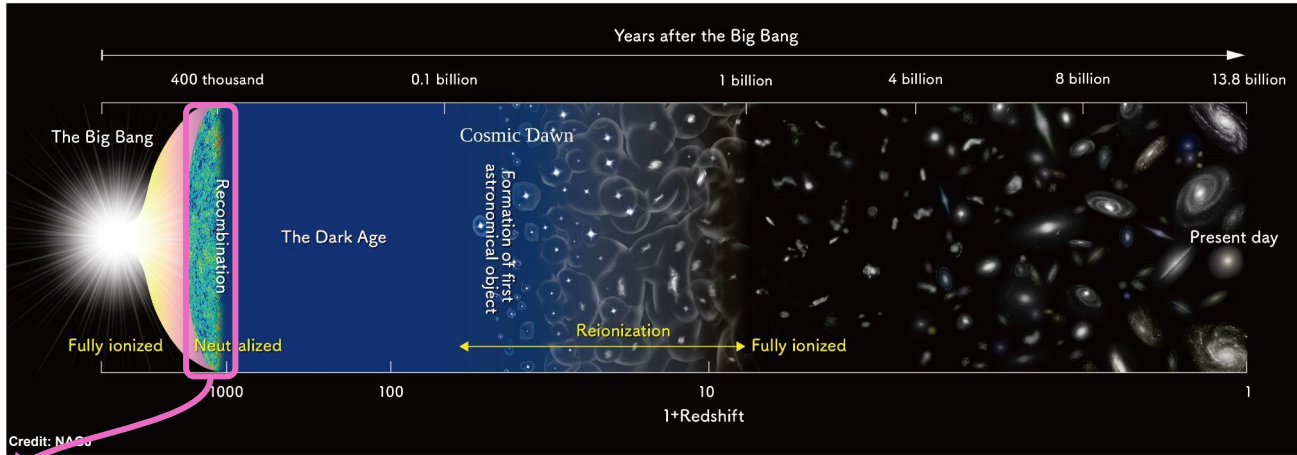
$$t_{\text{age}} \rightarrow \text{Age of the Universe}$$

$$z \rightarrow \text{redshift}$$

$$t_{\text{age}} \sim 13.8 \text{ Byr}$$

$$z = 0$$

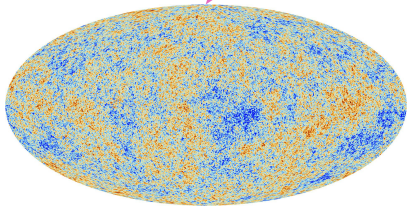
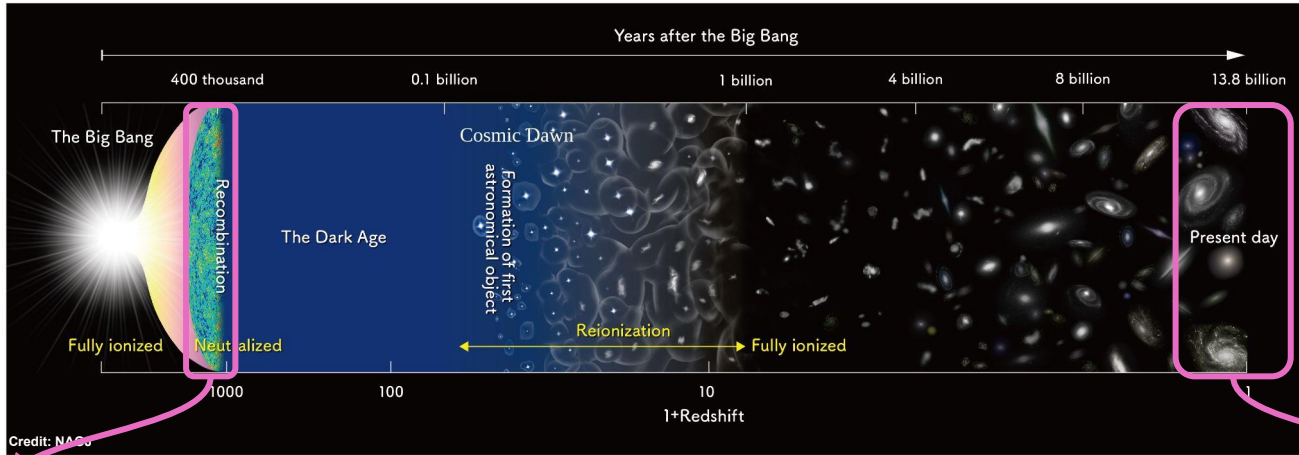
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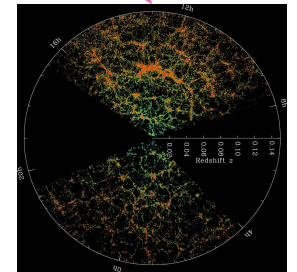
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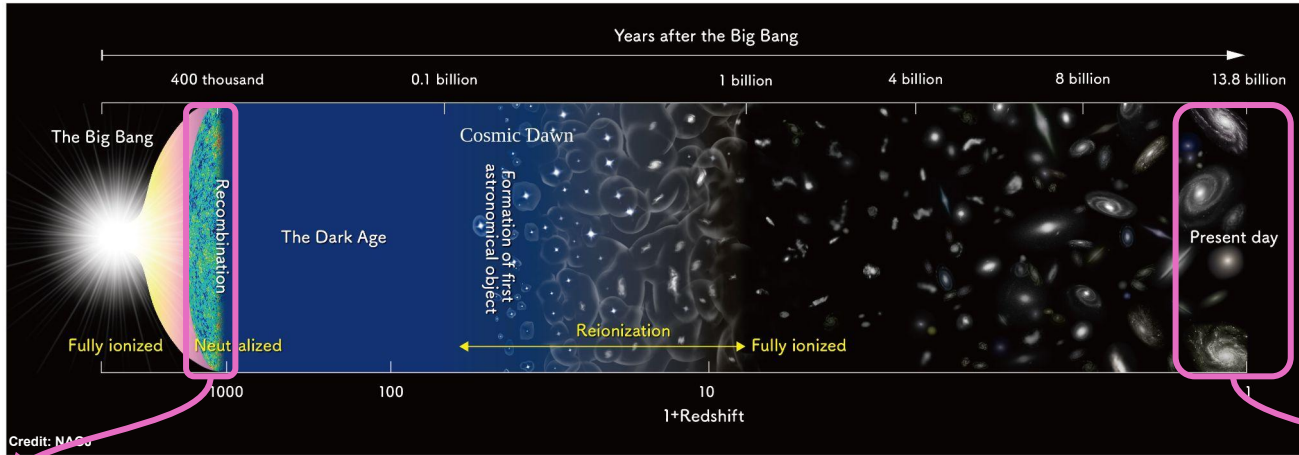


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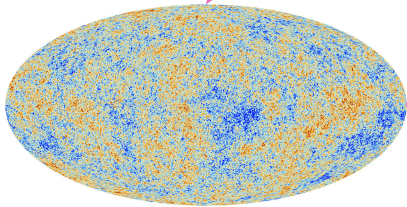


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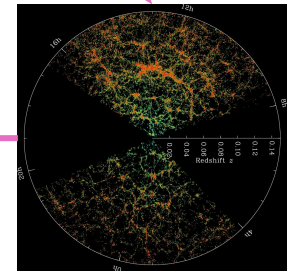


Credit: NASA



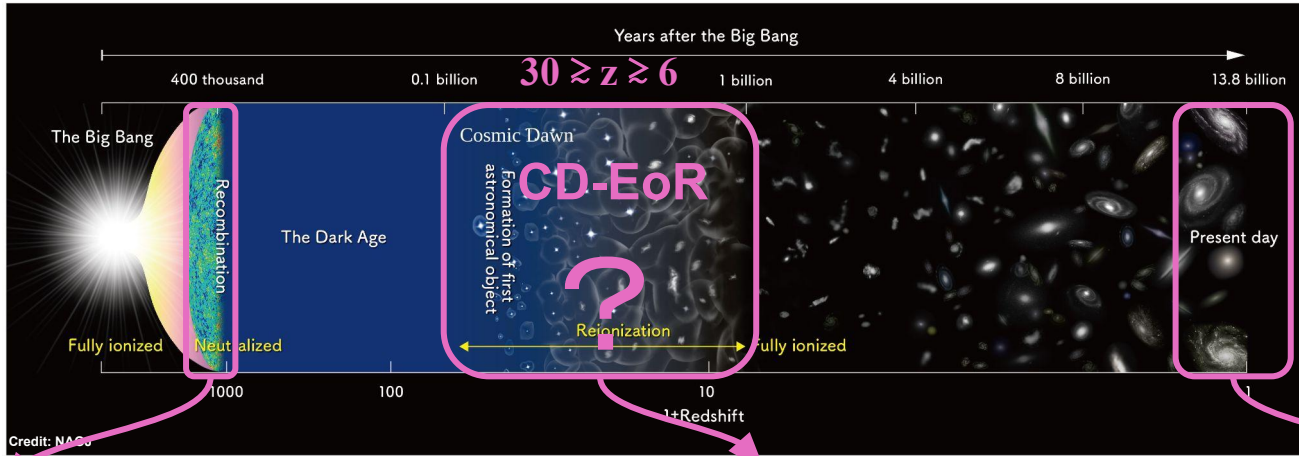
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Provide clear pictures of the LSS



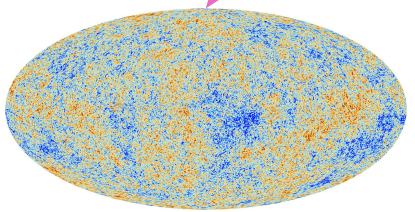
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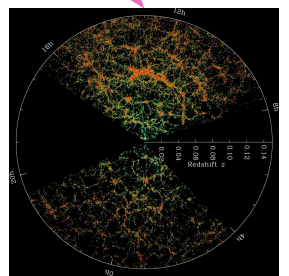


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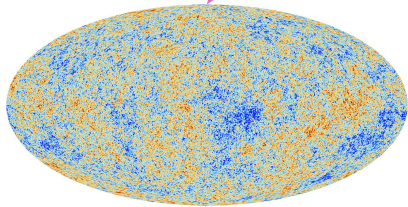
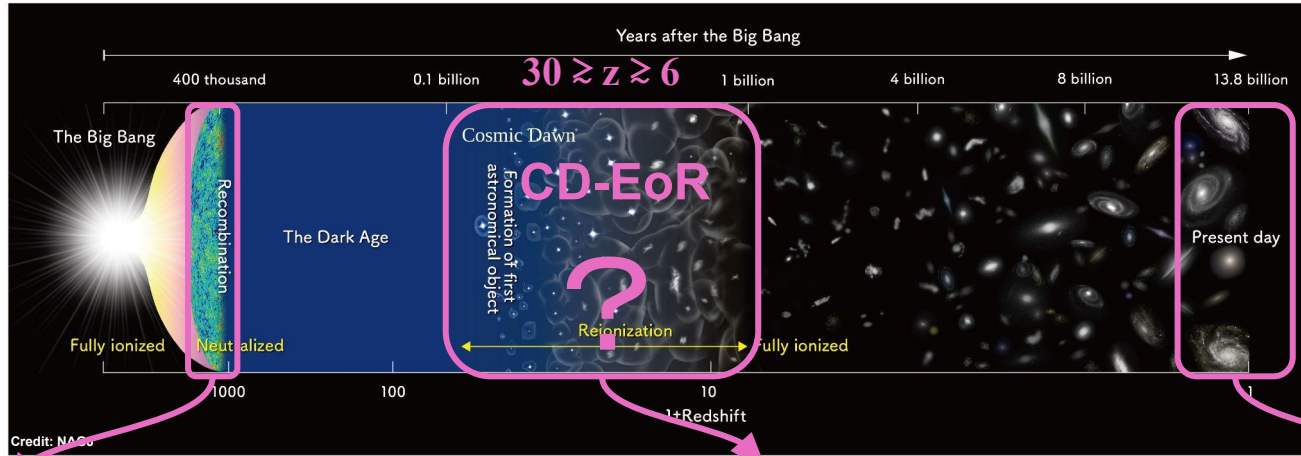


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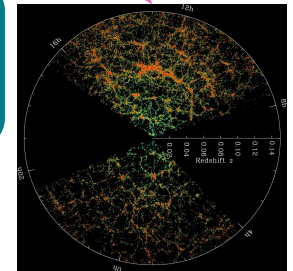


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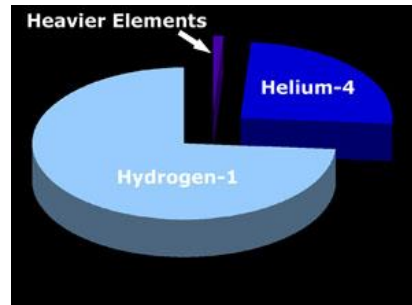
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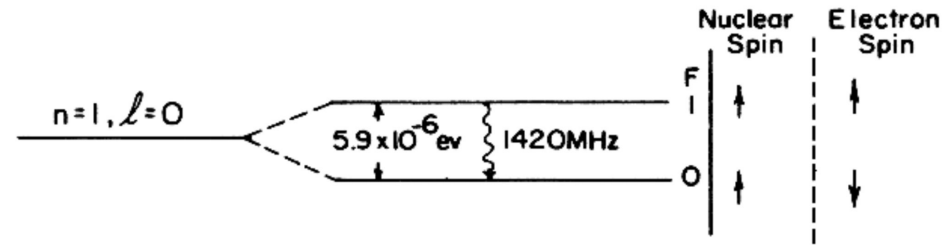
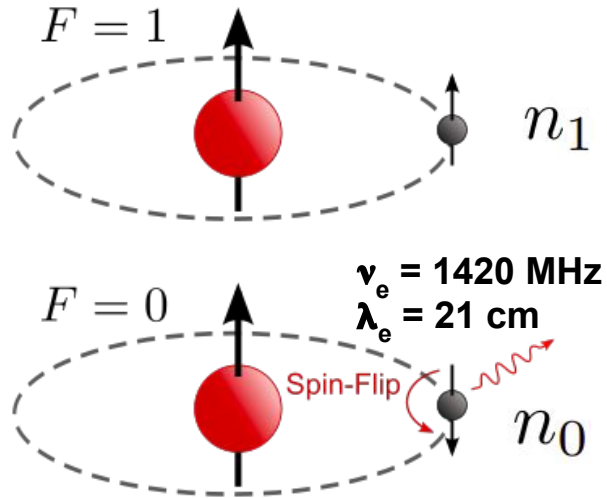


**Elemental composition of baryons in the Universe**

Source: [universeadventure.org](http://universeadventure.org)

# How can we see the hydrogen?

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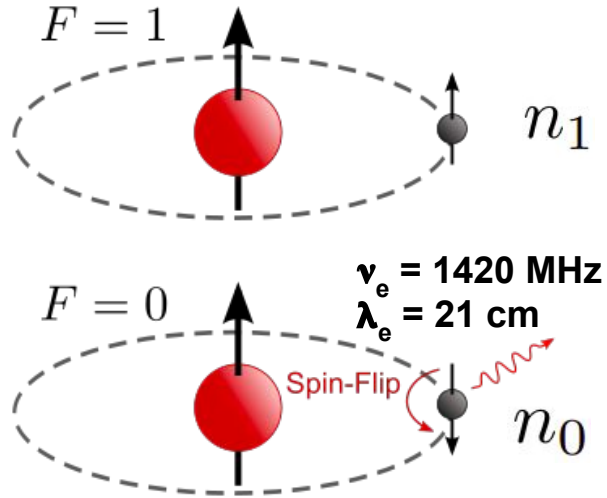


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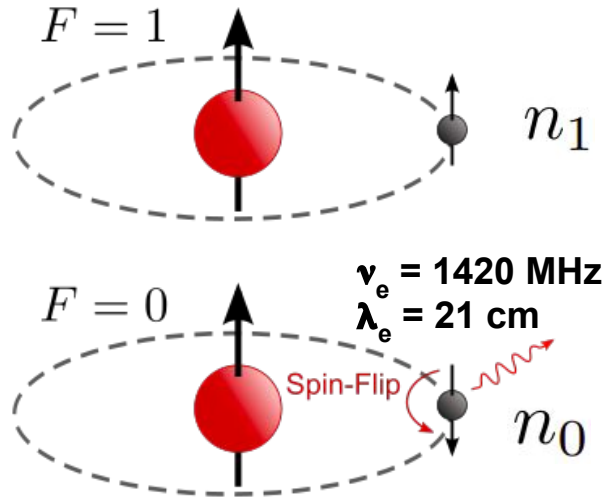
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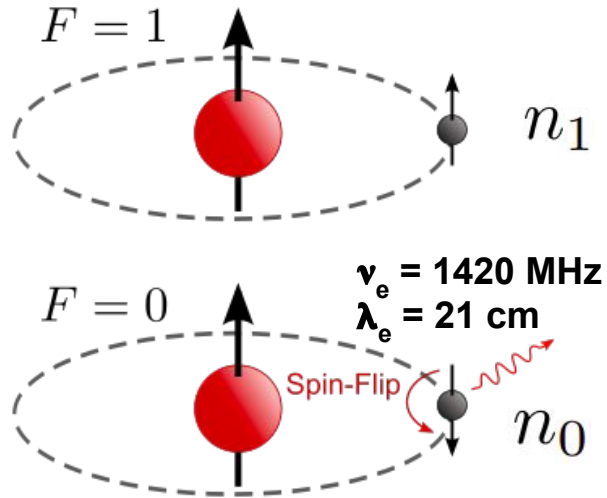
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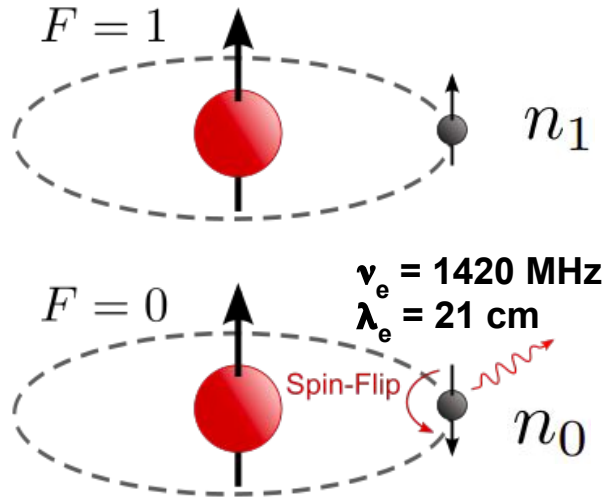
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Impact of the first light sources on the  $T_S$

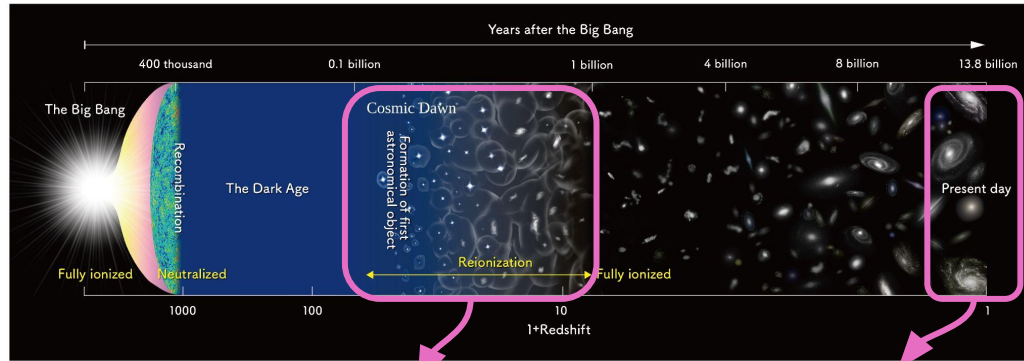
$$T_S(\mathbf{r}, z) = \frac{T_{\text{CMB}}(z) + x_\alpha(\mathbf{r}, z)T_g(\mathbf{r}, z)}{1 + x_\alpha(\mathbf{r}, z)}$$

IGM Processes: Dominant during Cosmic Dawn

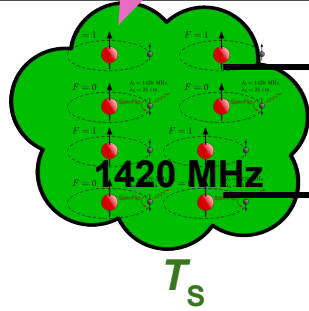
$\text{Ly}\alpha$  coupling  $\Rightarrow x_\alpha(\mathbf{r}, z)$

X-ray heating  $\Rightarrow T_g(\mathbf{r}, z)$

# Redshifted 21-cm line

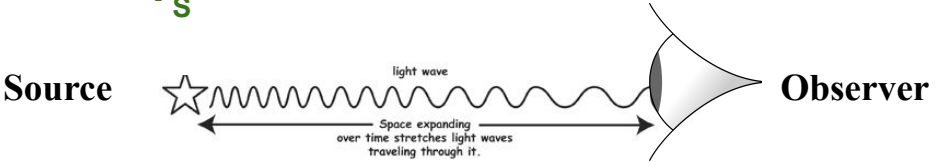


Carries the information about the IGM when it was emitted.



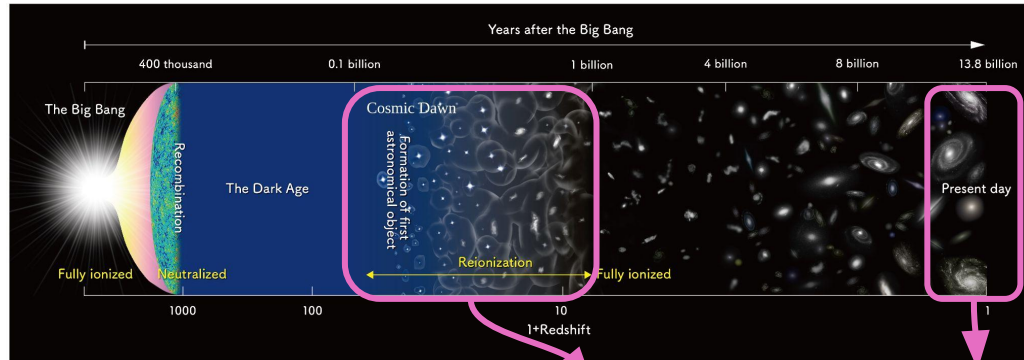
$$\nu_o = 1420 \text{ MHz}/(1+z)$$

**Very feeble!**



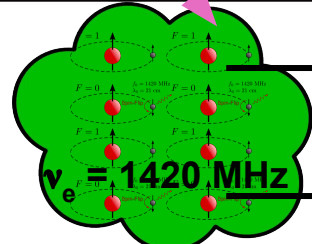
**21-cm observable**

# Differential brightness temperature



Simplistic picture-I:

No Background

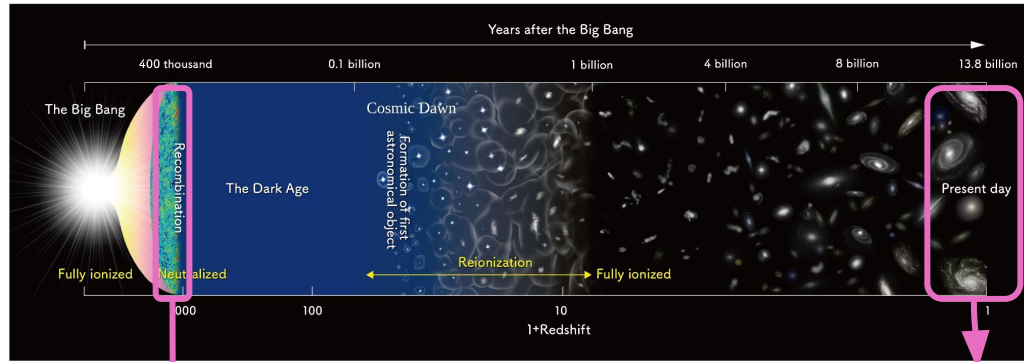


$\delta T_b$

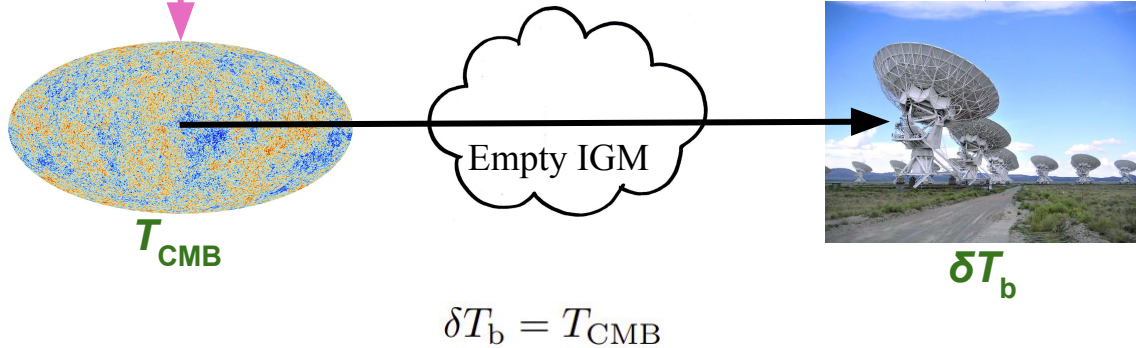
$$\delta T_b \propto T_S$$



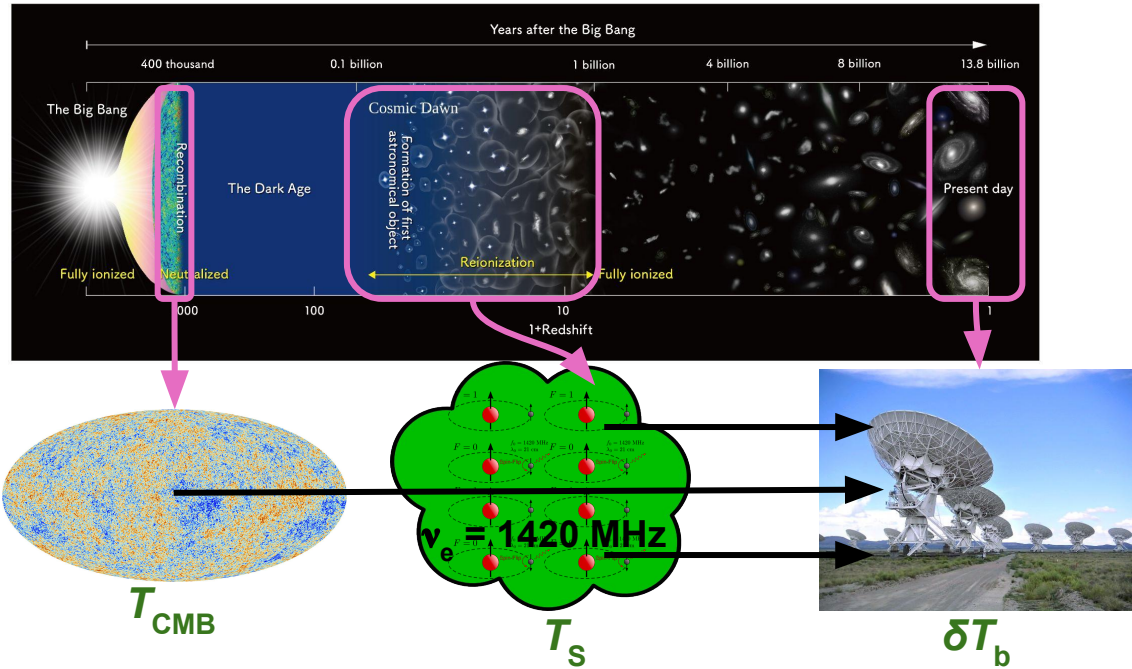
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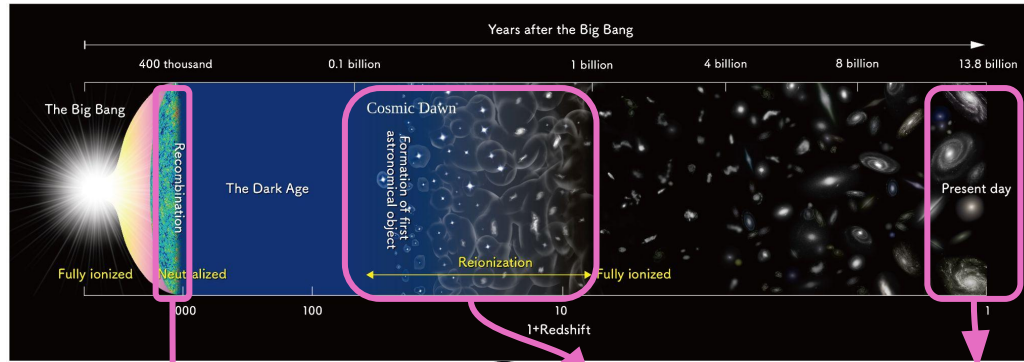


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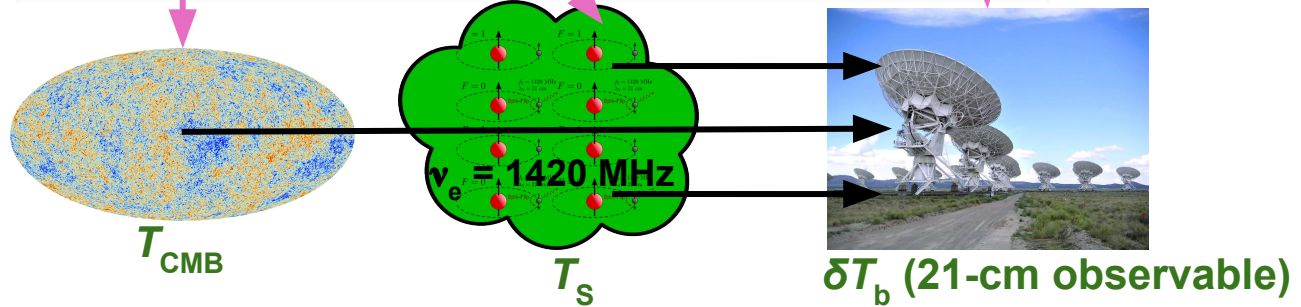


$$\delta T_{\text{b}}(\mathbf{r}, z) = \frac{T_{\text{S}} - T_{\text{CMB}}}{1 + z} (1 - e^{-\tau})$$

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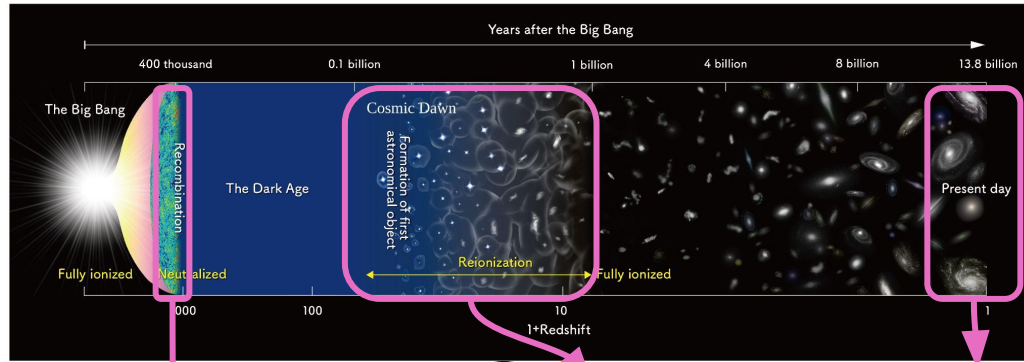


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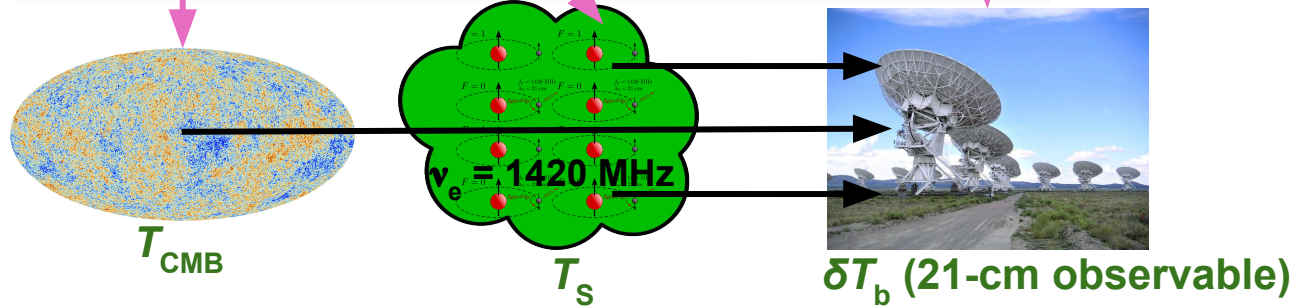
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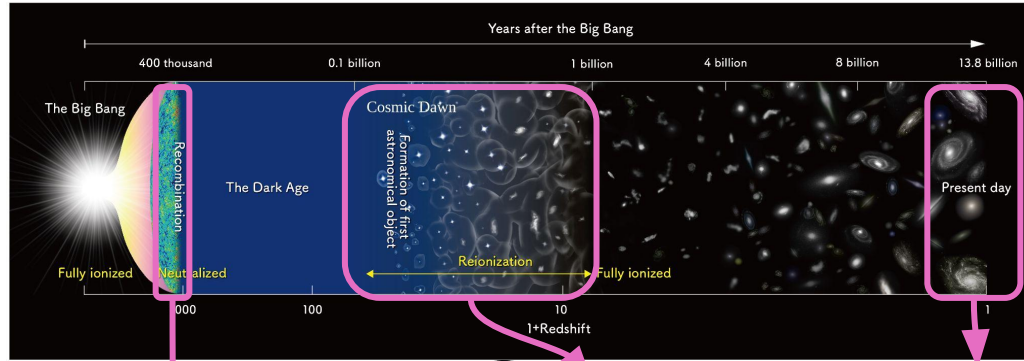
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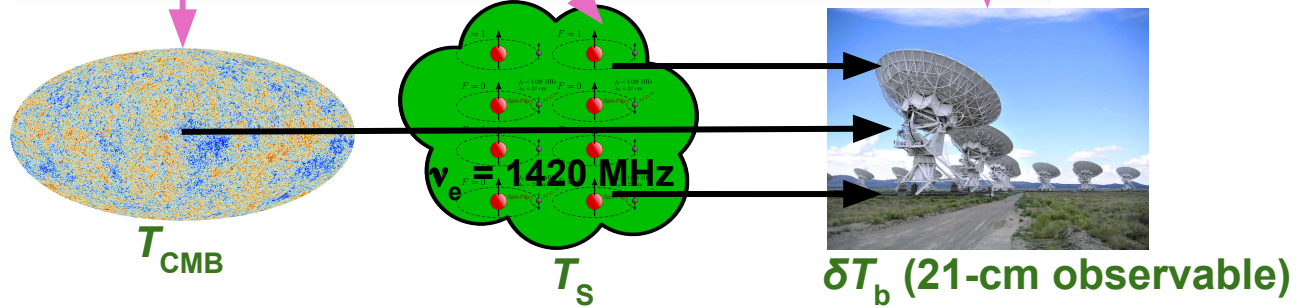
Absorption ( $\delta T_{\text{b}} < 0$ ):  $T_{\text{CMB}} > T_{\text{S}}$

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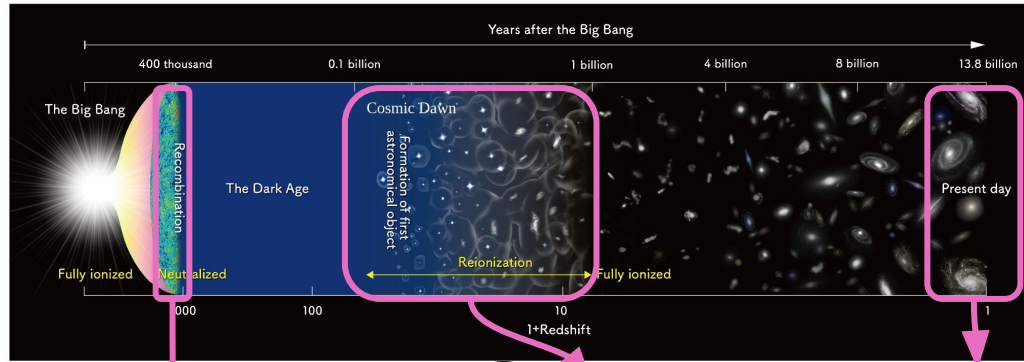
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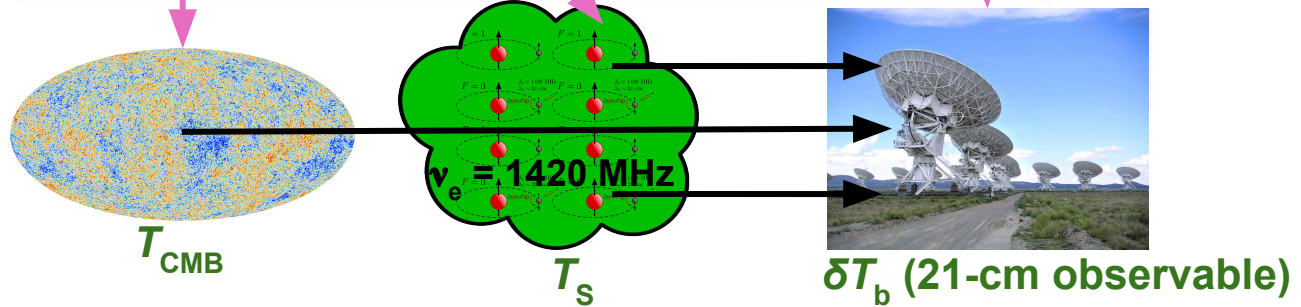
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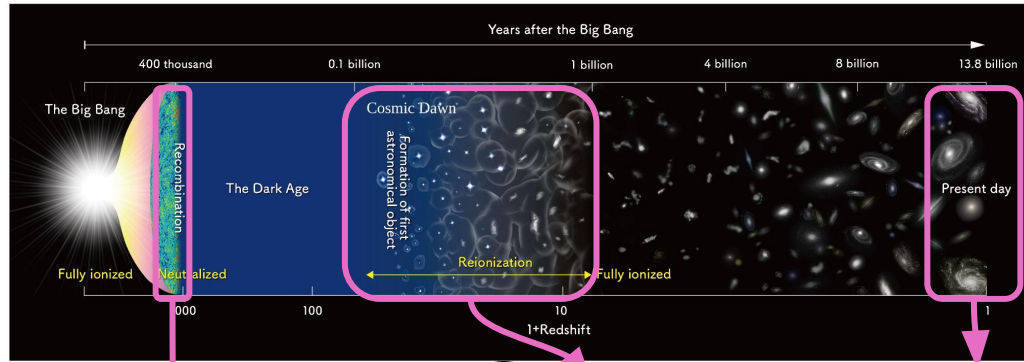
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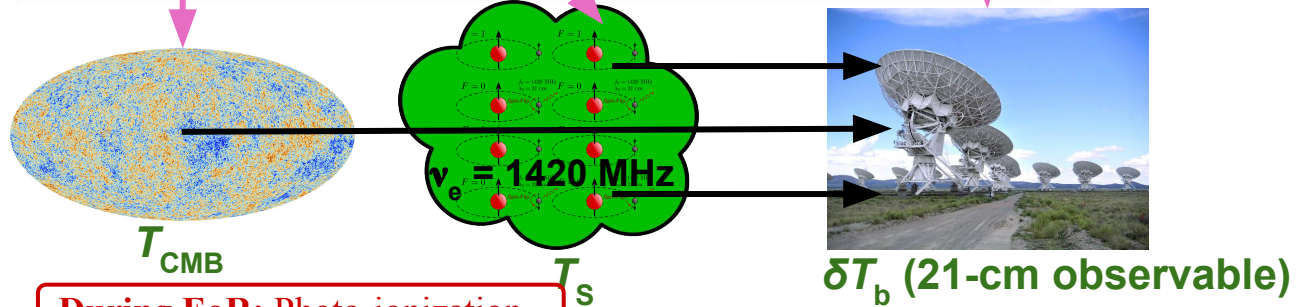
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Final expression: **During EoR: Photo-ionization**

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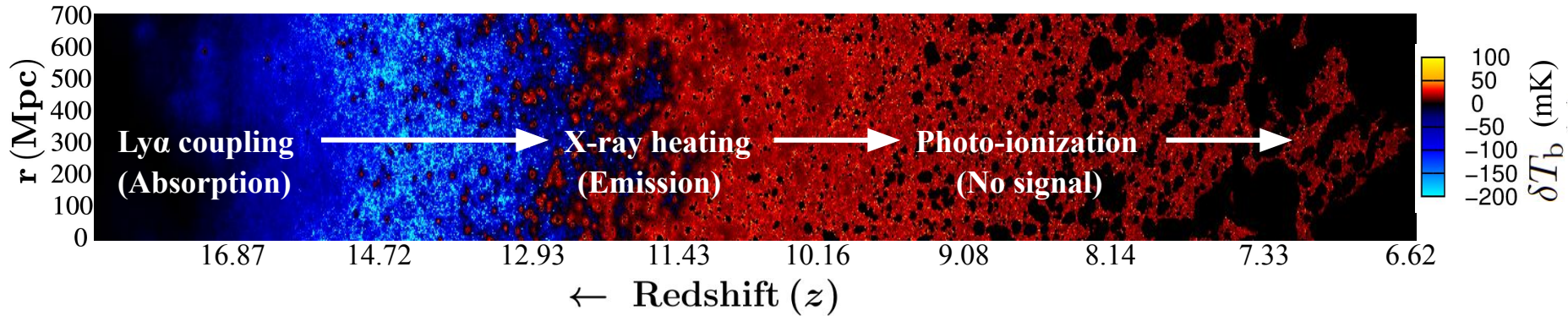
**21-cm fluctuations depend on position and time**

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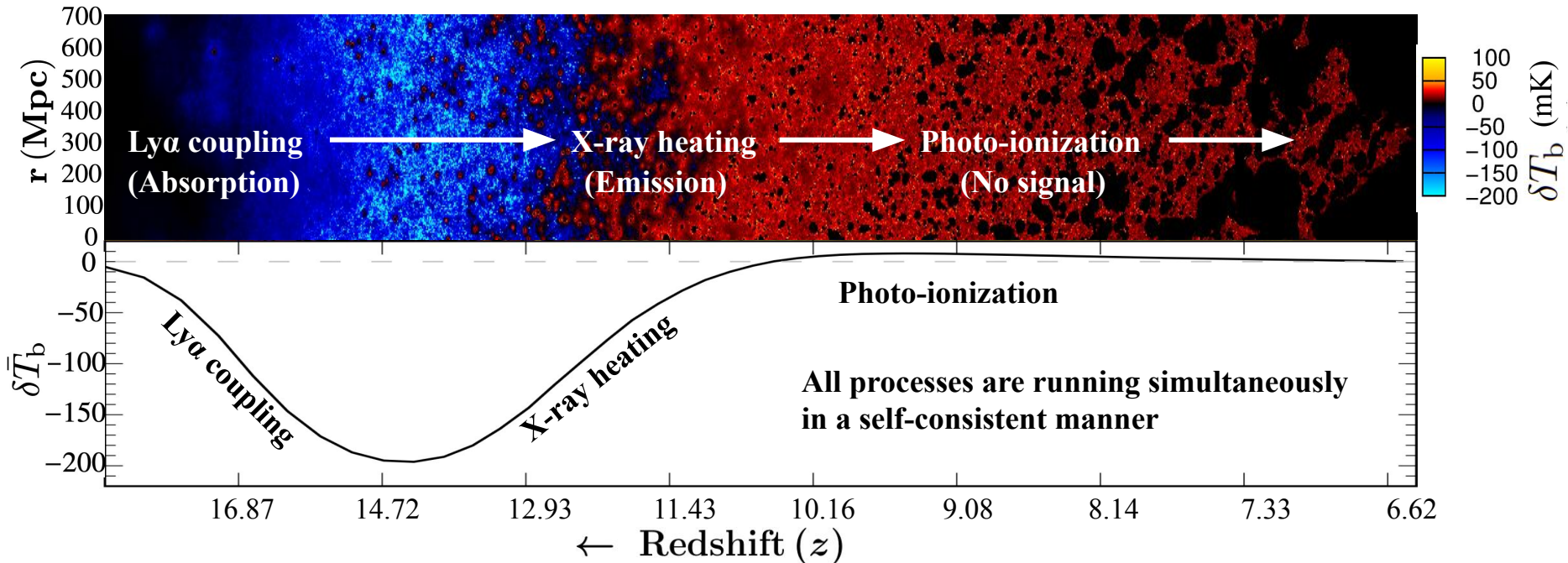
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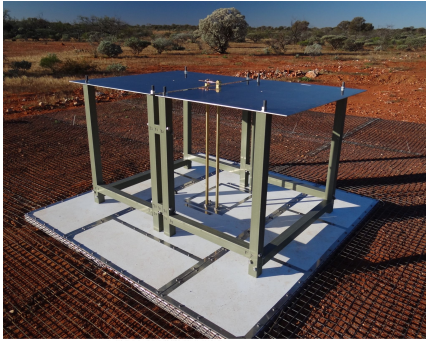


## Two broad classes of the 21-cm observations

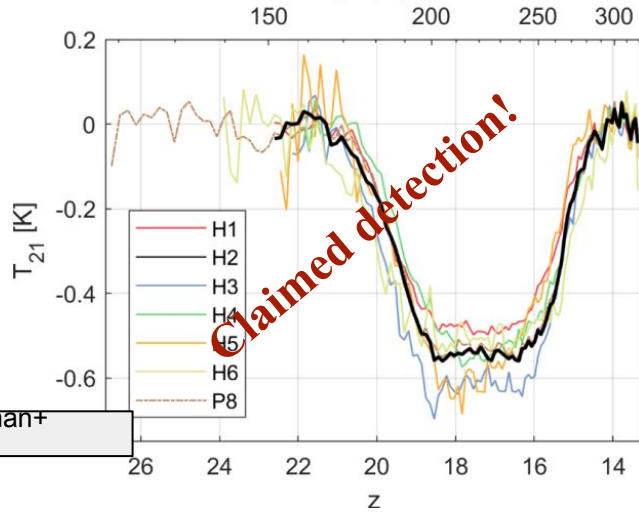
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**EDGES**

Western Australia



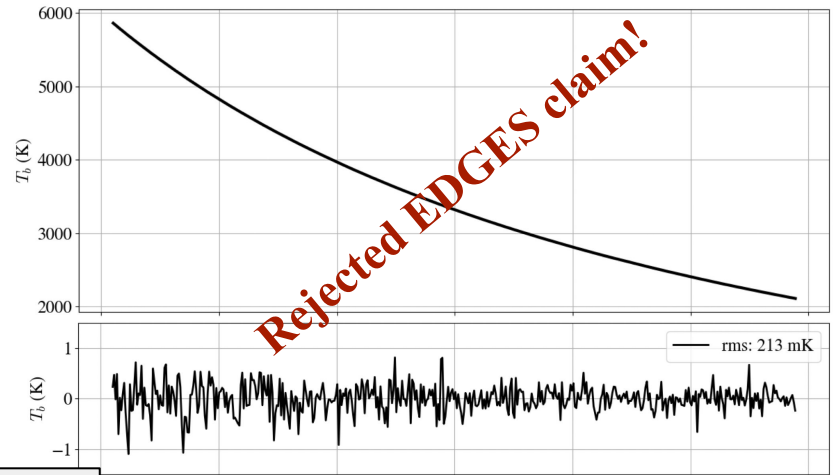
Age [Myr]



Bowman+  
2018

**SARAS3**

India



Singh+ 2022

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**GMRT**

India



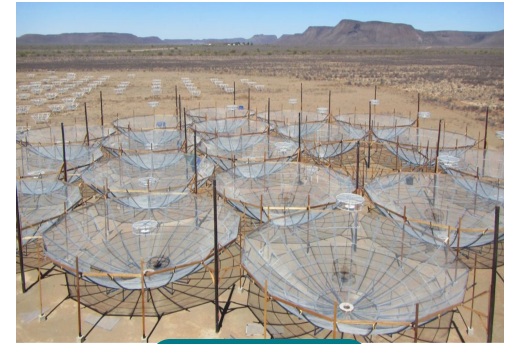
**LOFAR**

Netherland



**MWA**

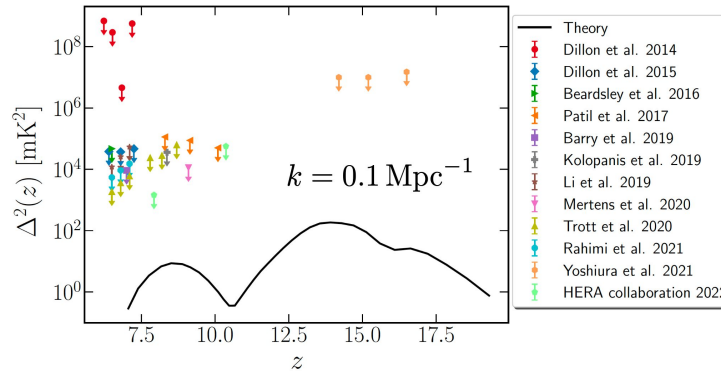
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South Africa

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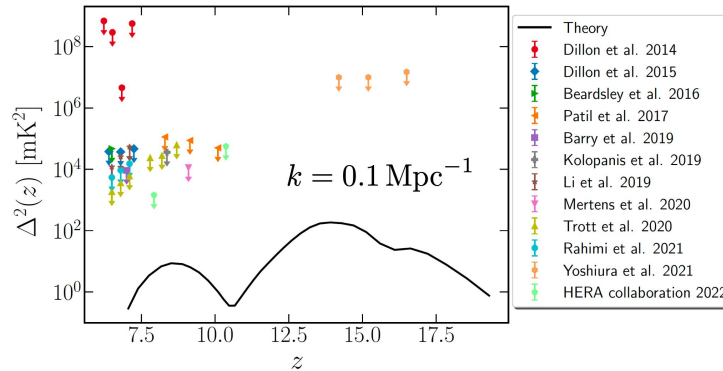


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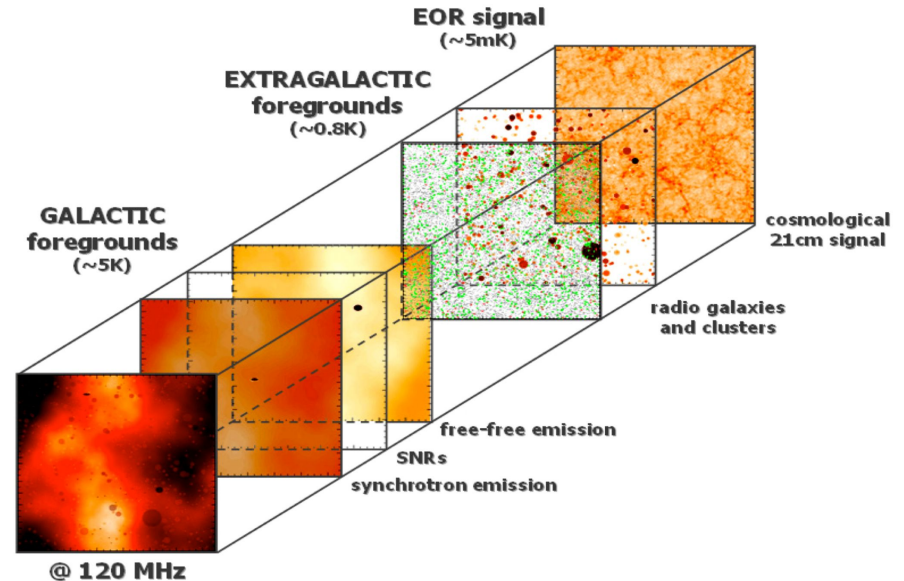
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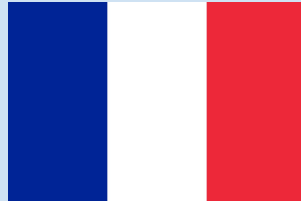
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**System Noise:** Possibly Gaussian Random; can be suppressed below signal for long integration time.

**RFI:** Radio frequency interference produced by humans.

**Ionospheric Effect:** Turbulence in the ionosphere refracts low frequency radio waves and distorts the apparent magnitude and location of the signal. In principle, this can be corrected for large baselines and wide field of view. However, in practice it is an extremely difficult problem to solve.



**SKA1 LOW** - the SKA's low-frequency instrument

The Square Kilometre Array (SKA) will be the world's largest radio telescope, revolutionising our understanding of the Universe. The SKA will be built in two phases - SKA1 and SKA2 - starting in 2018, with SKA1 representing a fraction of the full SKA. SKA1 will include two instruments - SKA1 MID and SKA1 LOW - observing the Universe at different frequencies.

Location: Australia

Frequency range: **50 MHz to 350 MHz**

**~130,000** antennas spread between **500 stations**

Total collecting area: **0.4km<sup>2</sup>**

Maximum distance between stations: **65km**

Total raw data output: **157 terabytes**

Enough to fill up **35,000 DVDs** every second

**5x** the estimated global internet traffic in 2015 (source: Cisco)

Compared to LOFAR Netherlands, the current best similar instrument in the world

**25%** better resolution

**8x** more sensitive

**135x** the survey speed

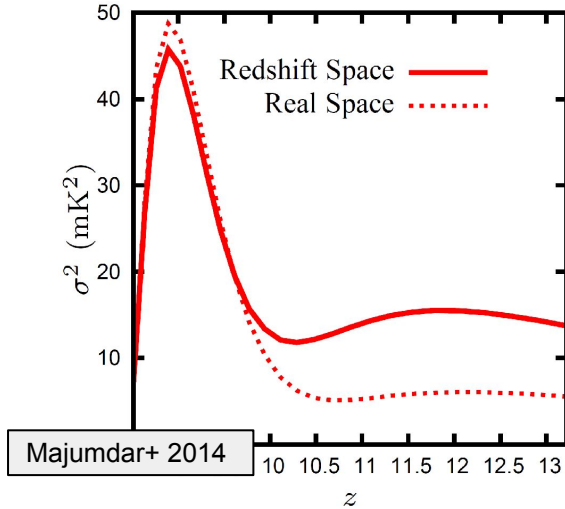
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The SKA is expected to be sensitive enough to make the CD-EoR 21-cm maps.

Until the **imaging** is possible, the first generations telescopes have been trying to detect the fluctuations in this signal using **Fourier statistics**

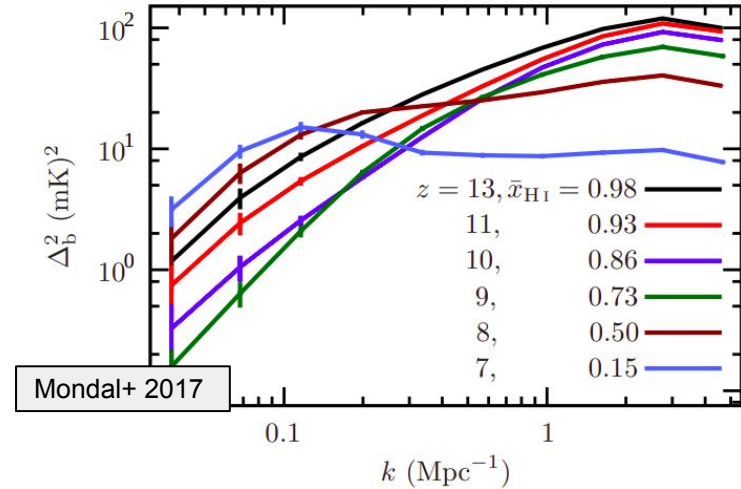
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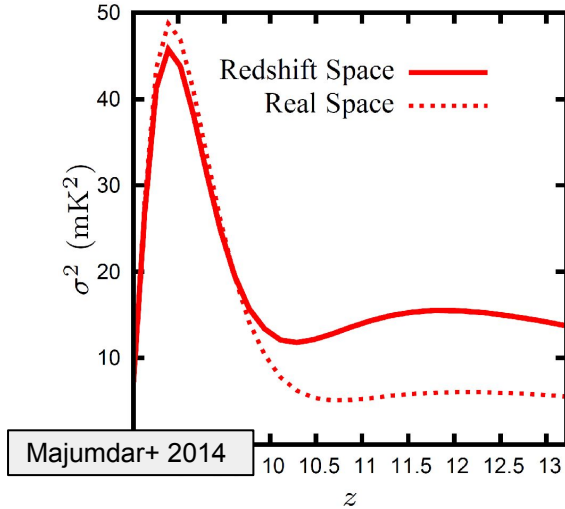
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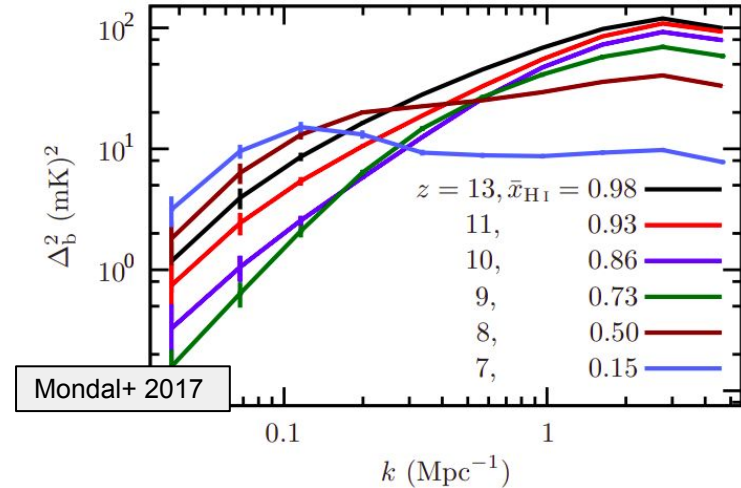
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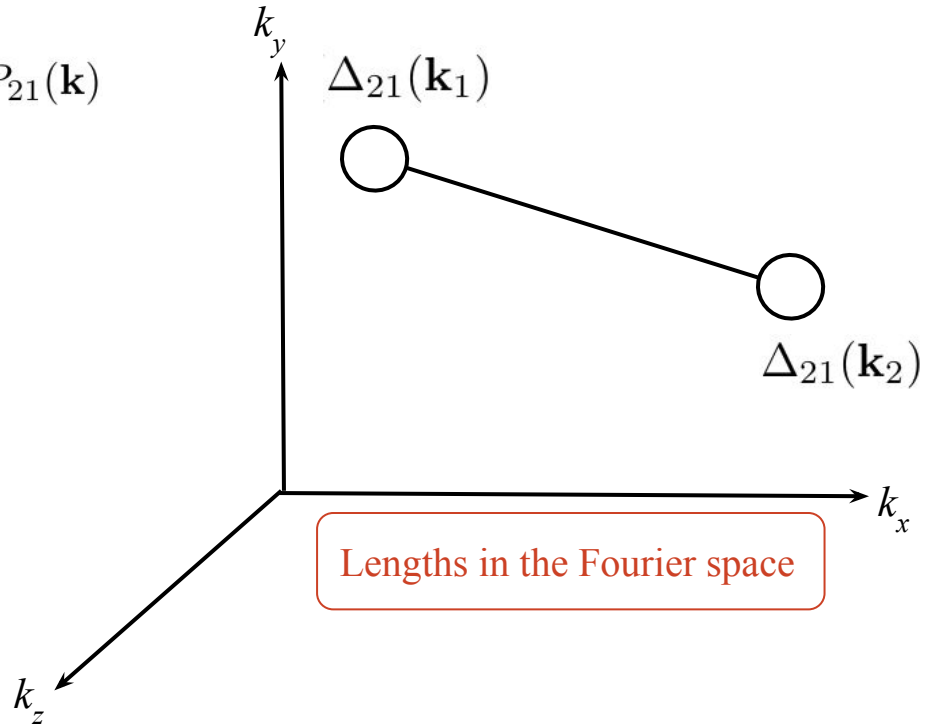


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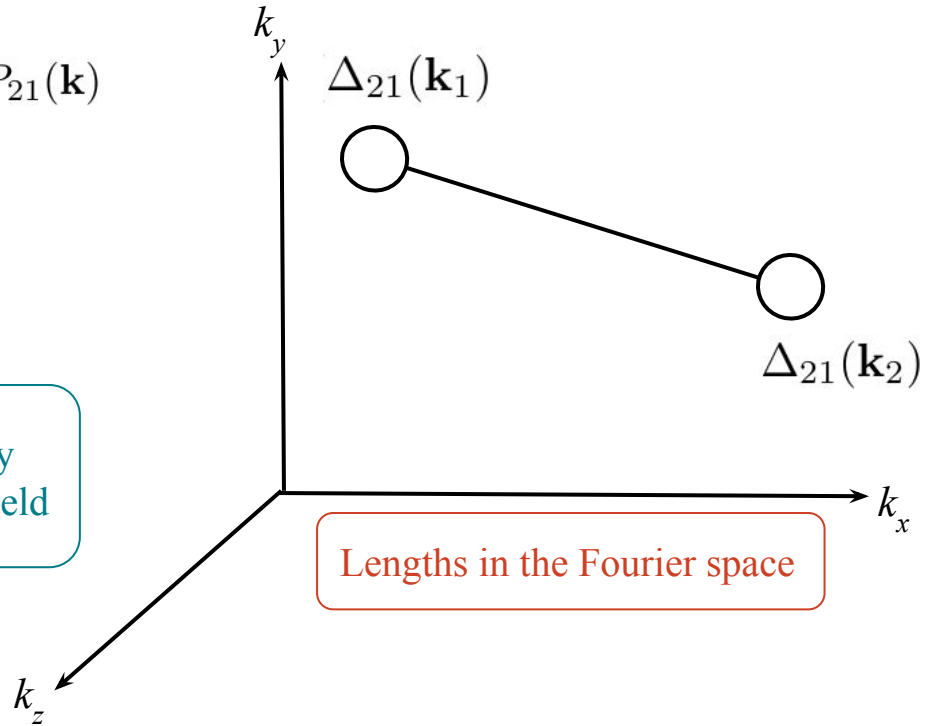


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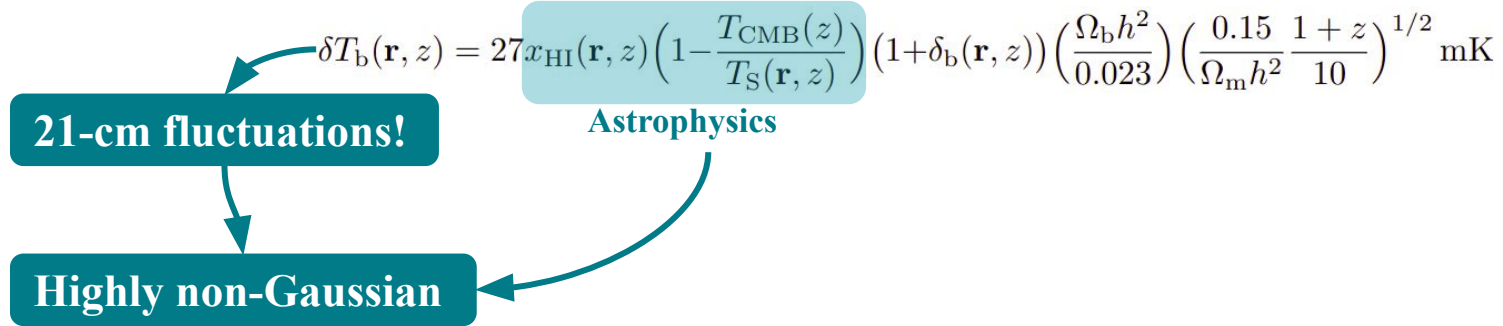
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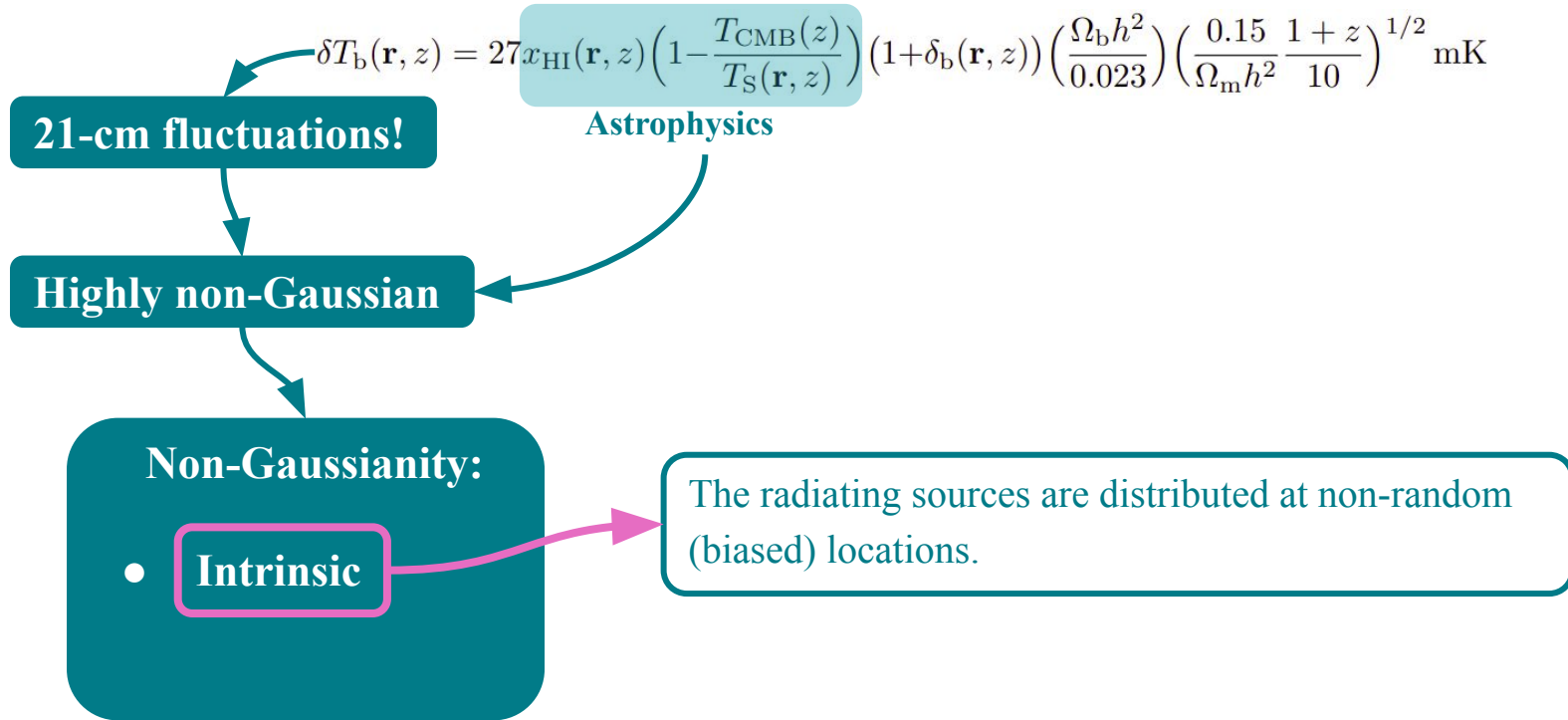


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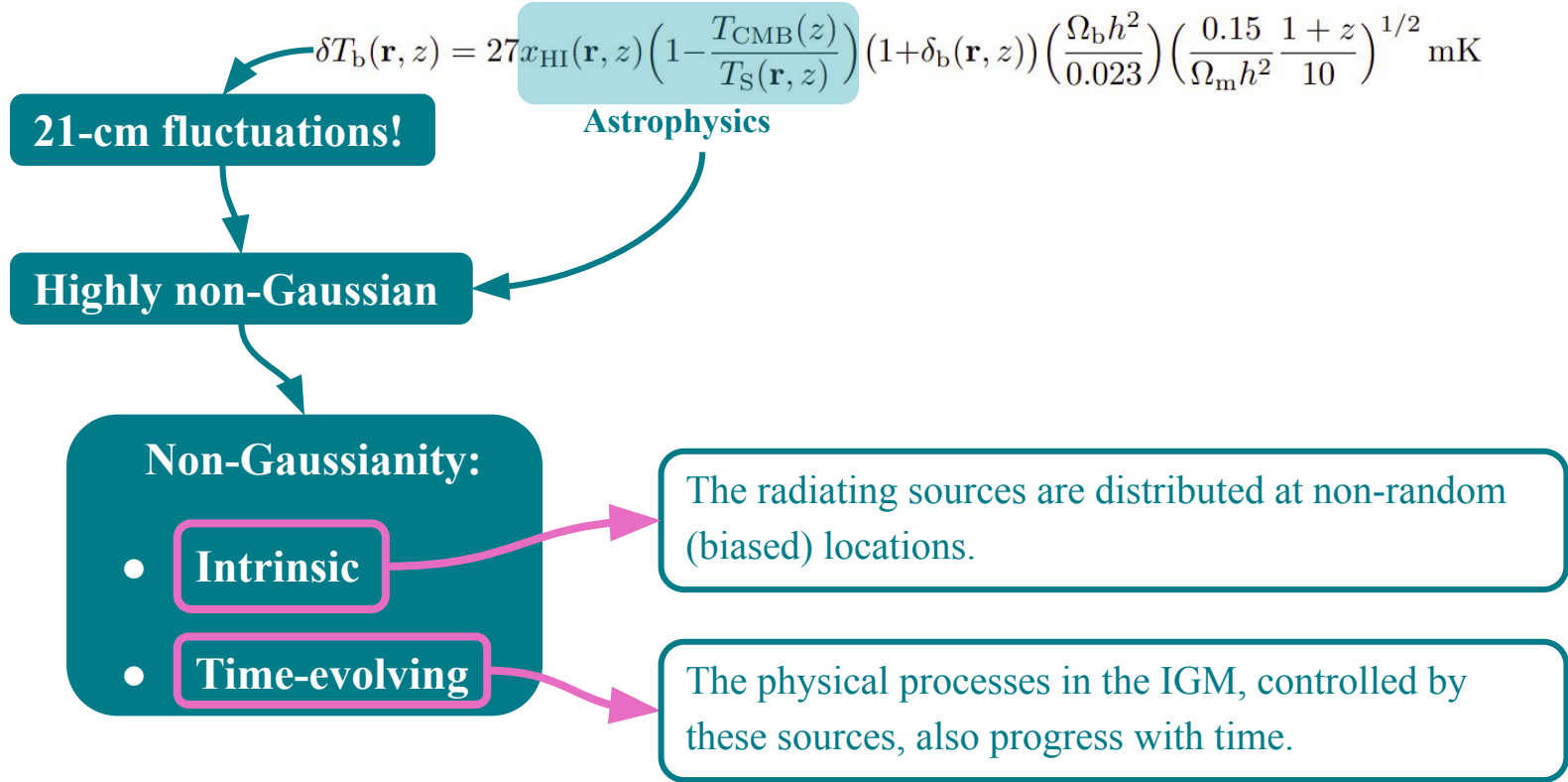
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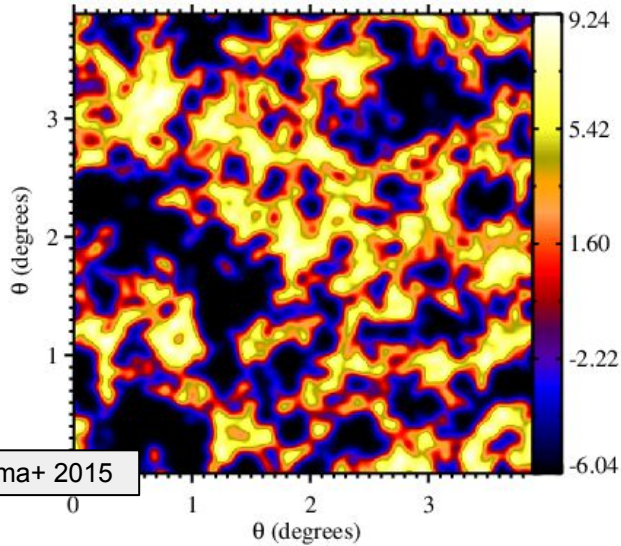


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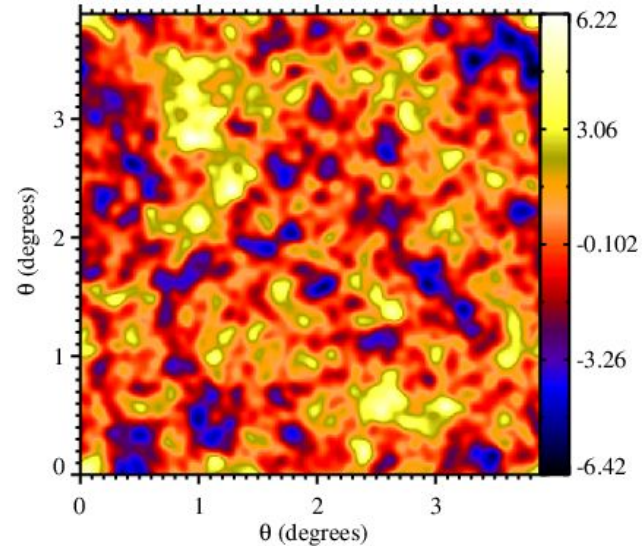


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Non-Gaussian 21-cm map



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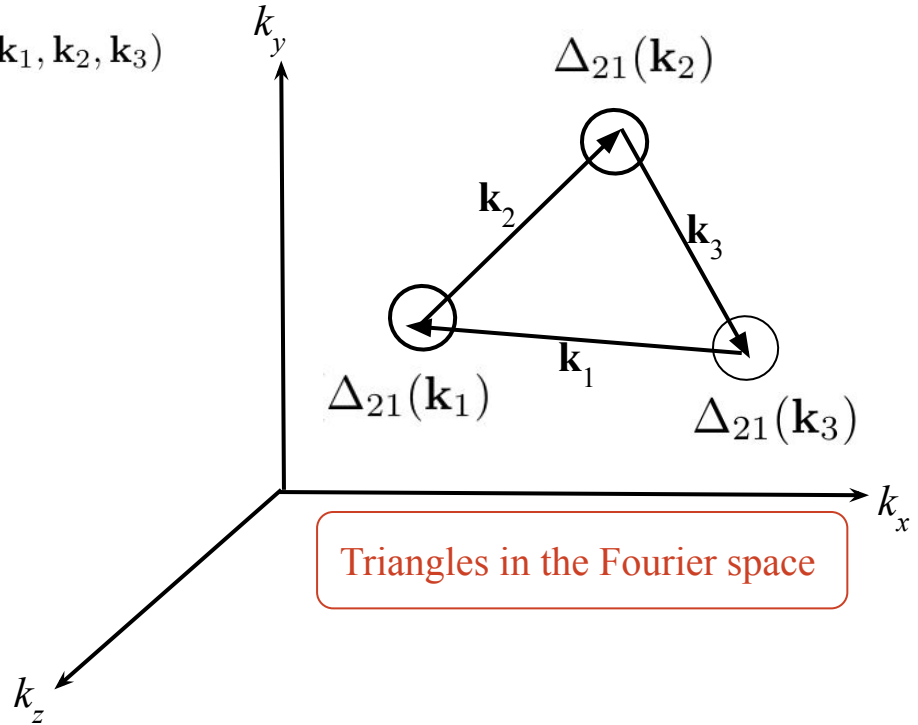


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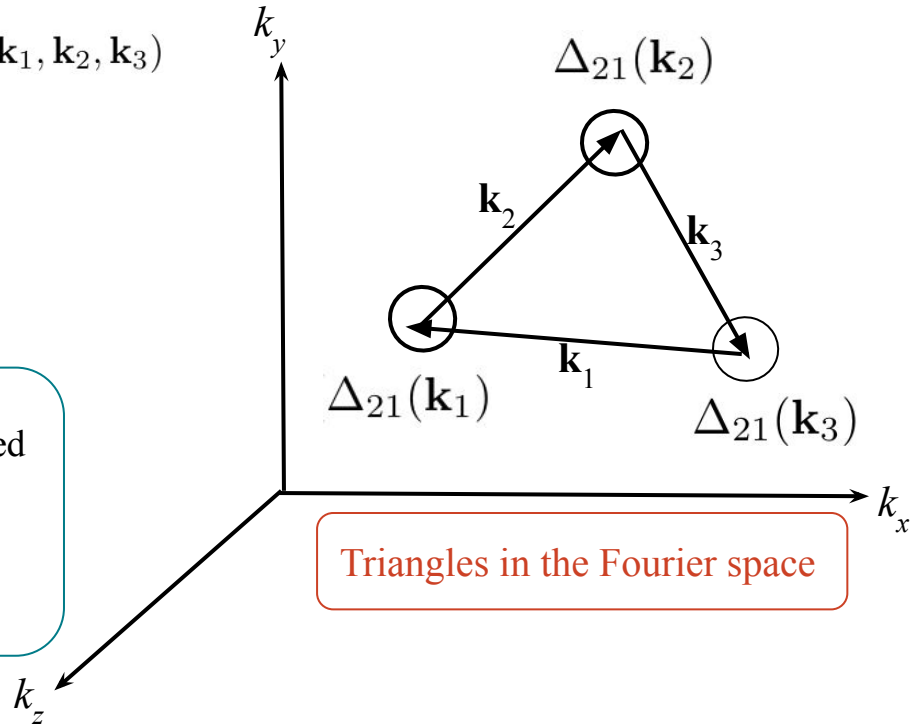
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$$\mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{k}_2 + \mathbf{k}_3 = 0$$





**SKA-like telescopes are expected to detect the CD-EoR 21-cm bispectrum**

Mondal+**Kamran** et al.2021 ; Tiwari+**Kamran** et al. 2022; Watkinson+ 2022

# Motivation to study the bispectrum

- Promising probe of the fundamental issues related to the CD-EoR.
- Contains way more information as compared to the power spectrum.

$P_{21}$  → Always +ve.

$B_{21}$  → +ve or -ve ⇒ Additional feature.

- Can potentially capture the non-Gaussianity.

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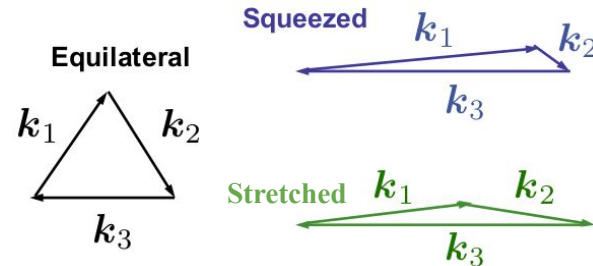
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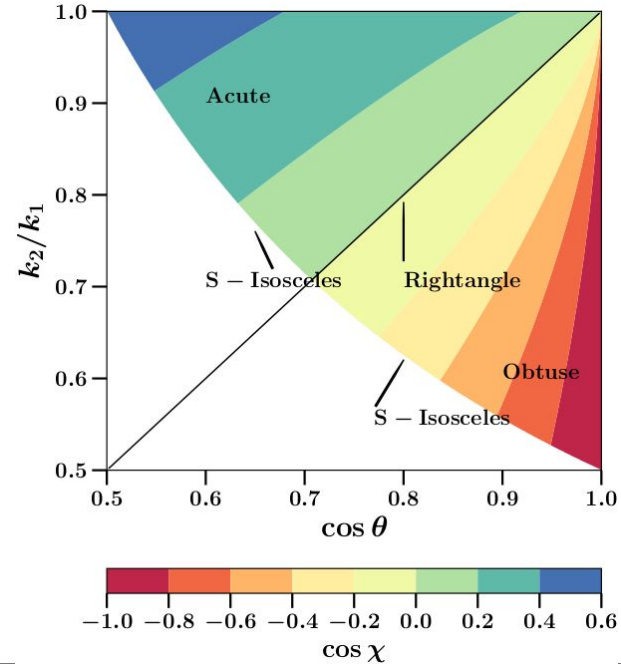
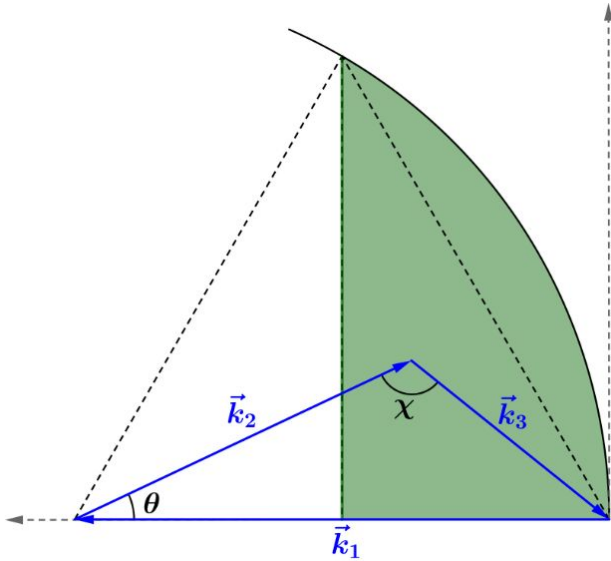


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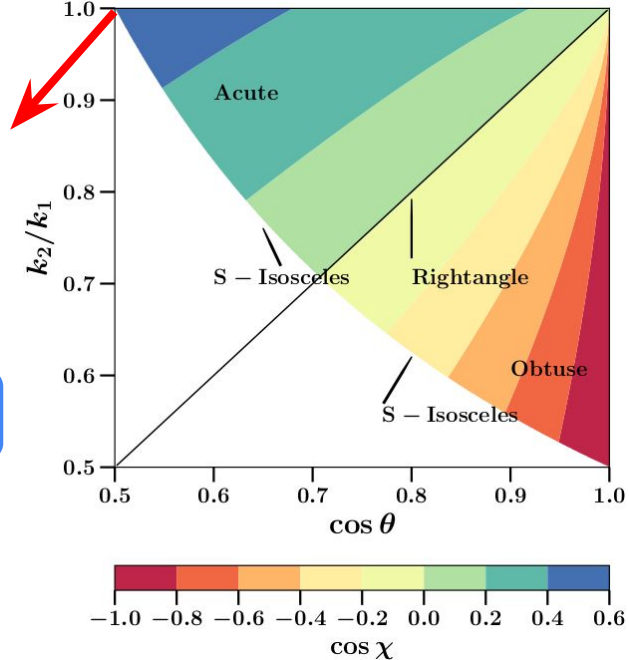
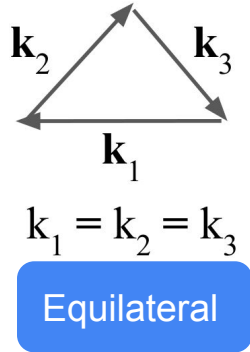
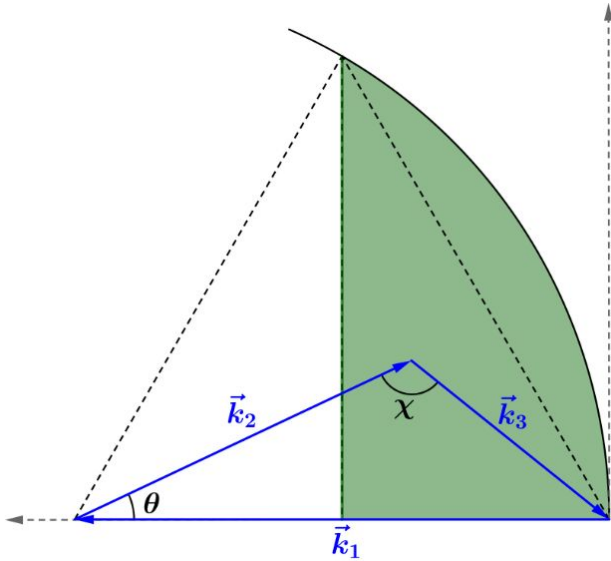
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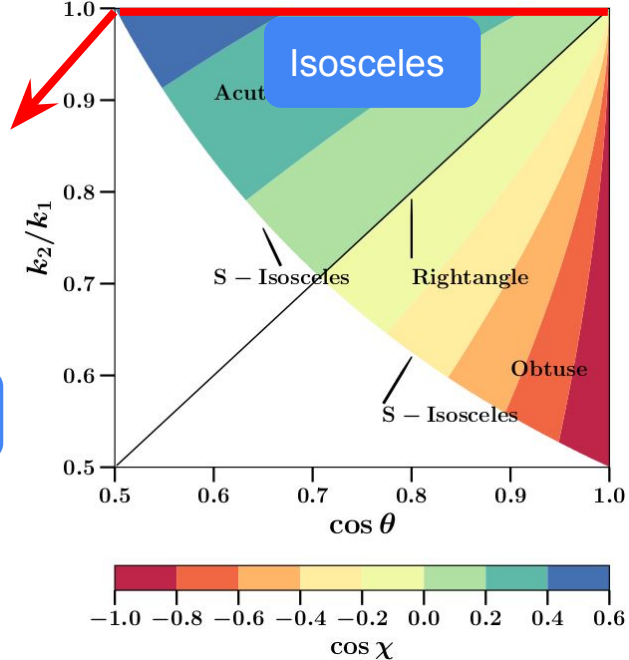
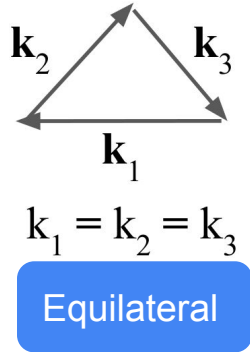
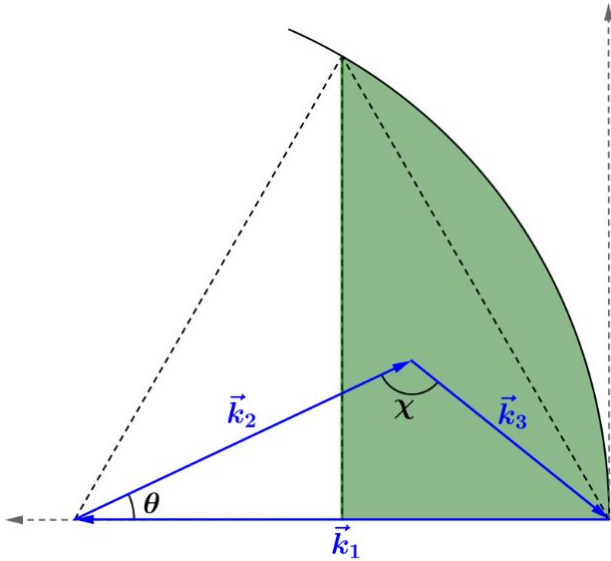


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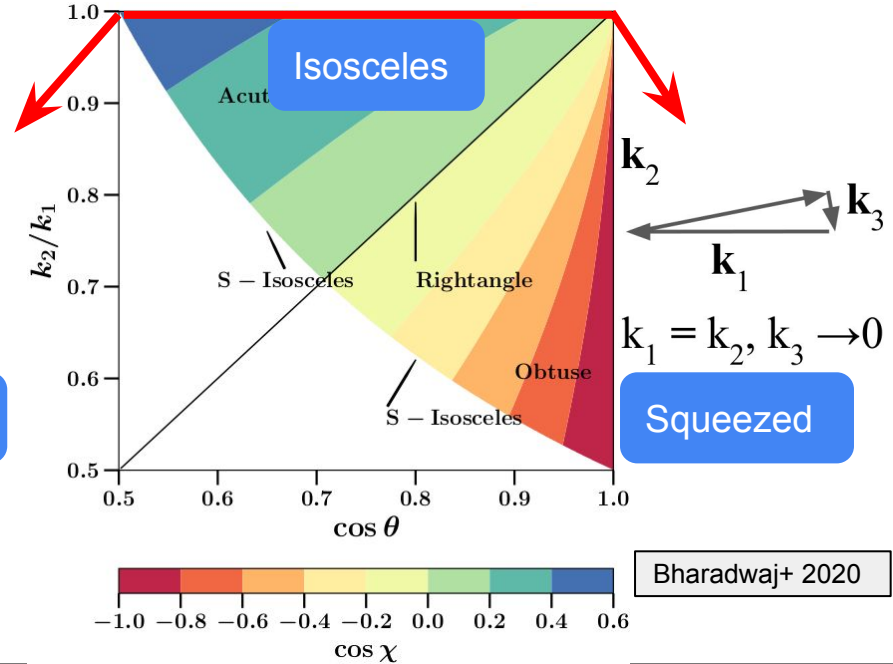
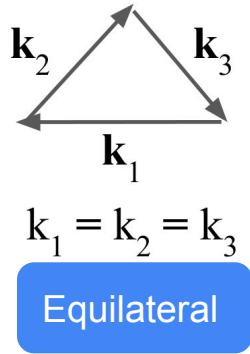
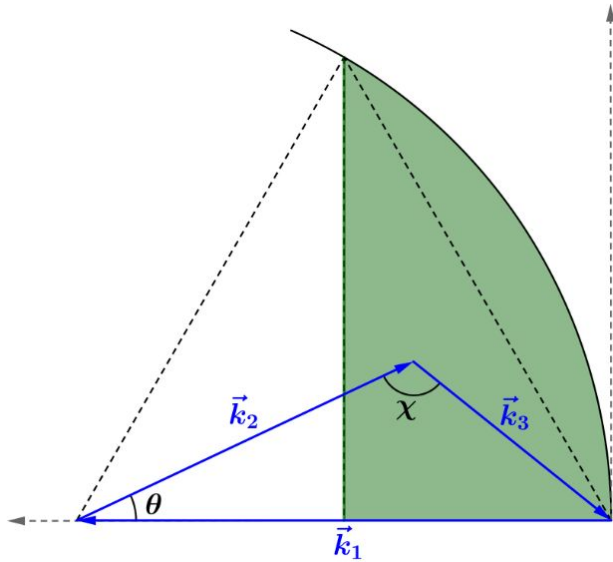
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# Simulations

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J. Harnois-Déraps+ 2013; Mondal+ 2015



- **Sem-num or radiative transfer simulations** → To generate CD-EoR 21-cm maps.

Majumdar+ 2014; Mondal+ 2017; Ghara+ 2015a, 2018



# Bispectrum estimation

Bispectrum estimator:

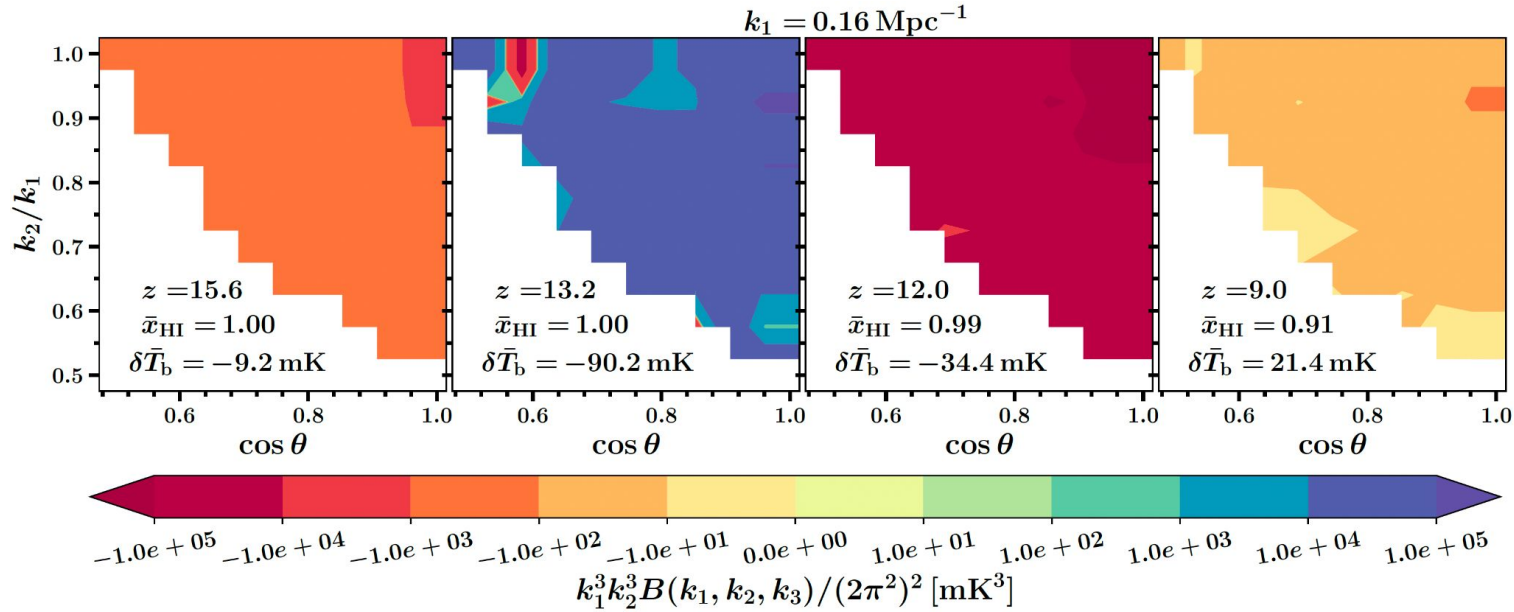
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# Results

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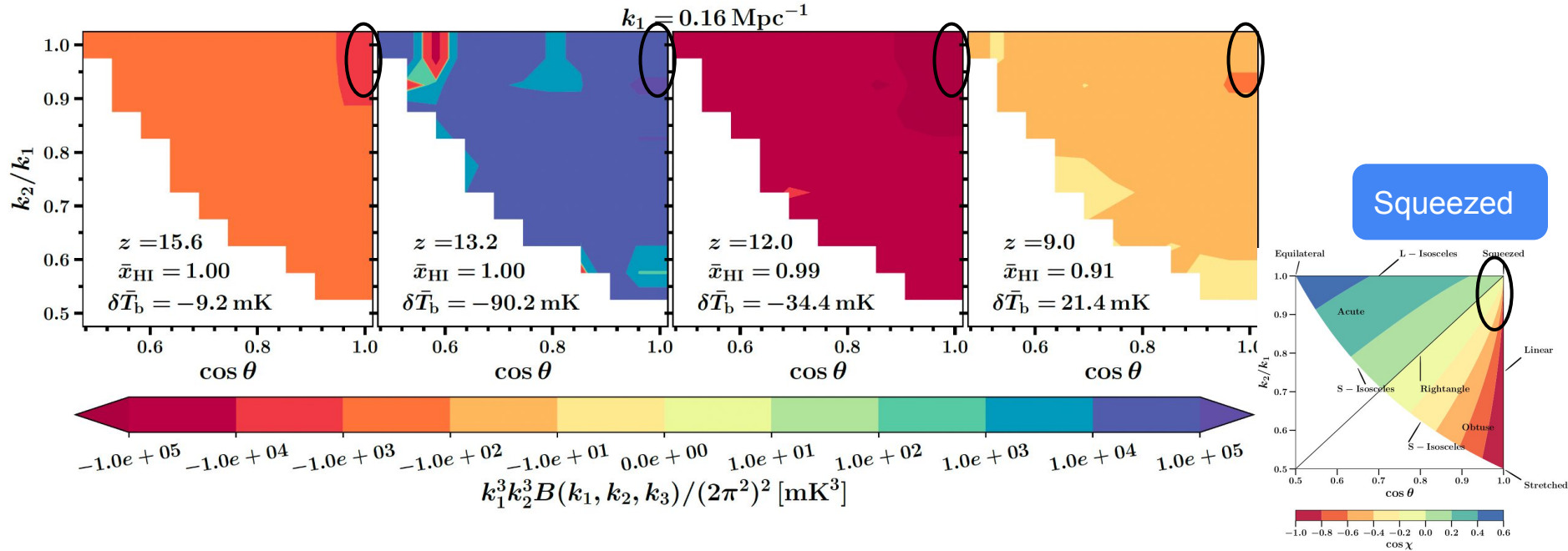


**Non-zero bispectra  $\Rightarrow$  high non-Gaussianity**

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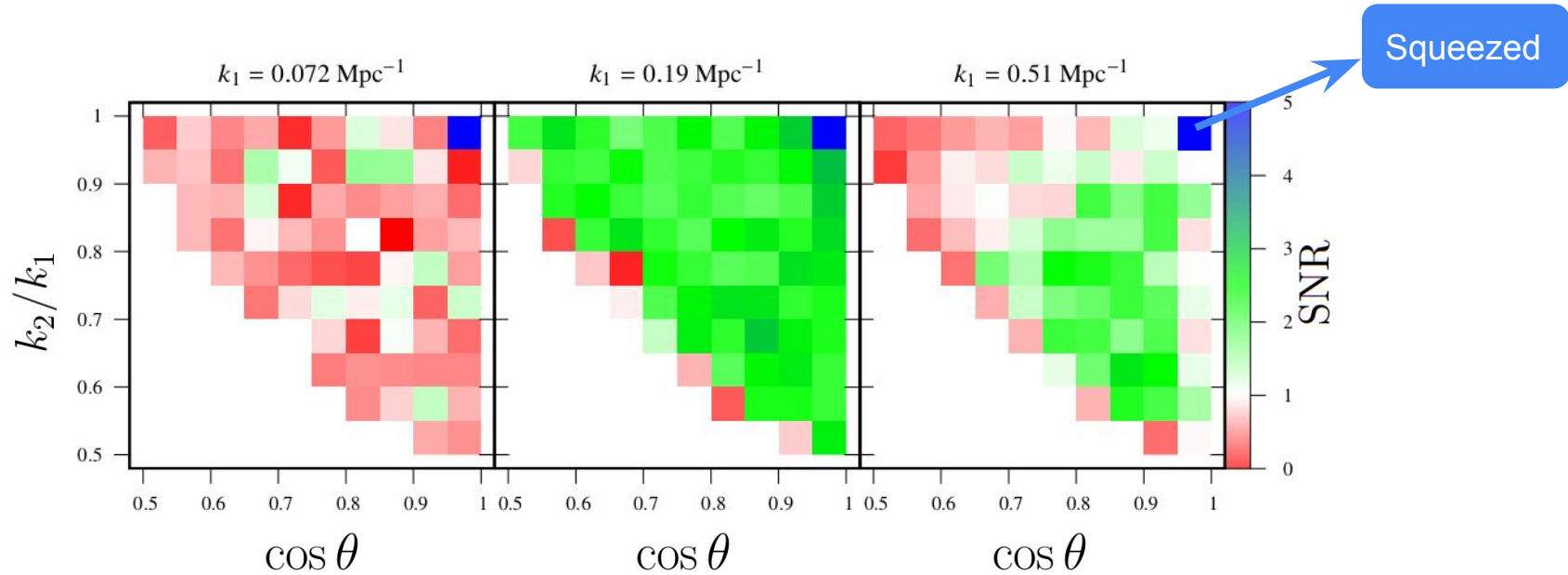
squeezed limit triangle bispectra attain maximum magnitude

Largest detection probability by the future SKA observations

Kamran+2021a, Majumdar+Kamran et al. 2020



# Detectability of the EoR 21-cm bispectrum



**Figure** - The SNR for detecting the SABS for all unique triangle configurations for  $t_{\text{obs}} = 1024$  hrs for three different triangle sizes.

Squeezed limit triangles are able to achieve a more than  $5\sigma$  significance over a wide range of scales,  $k_1 \lesssim 0.8 \text{ Mpc}^{-1} \Rightarrow$  will be the most measurable and hence useful.

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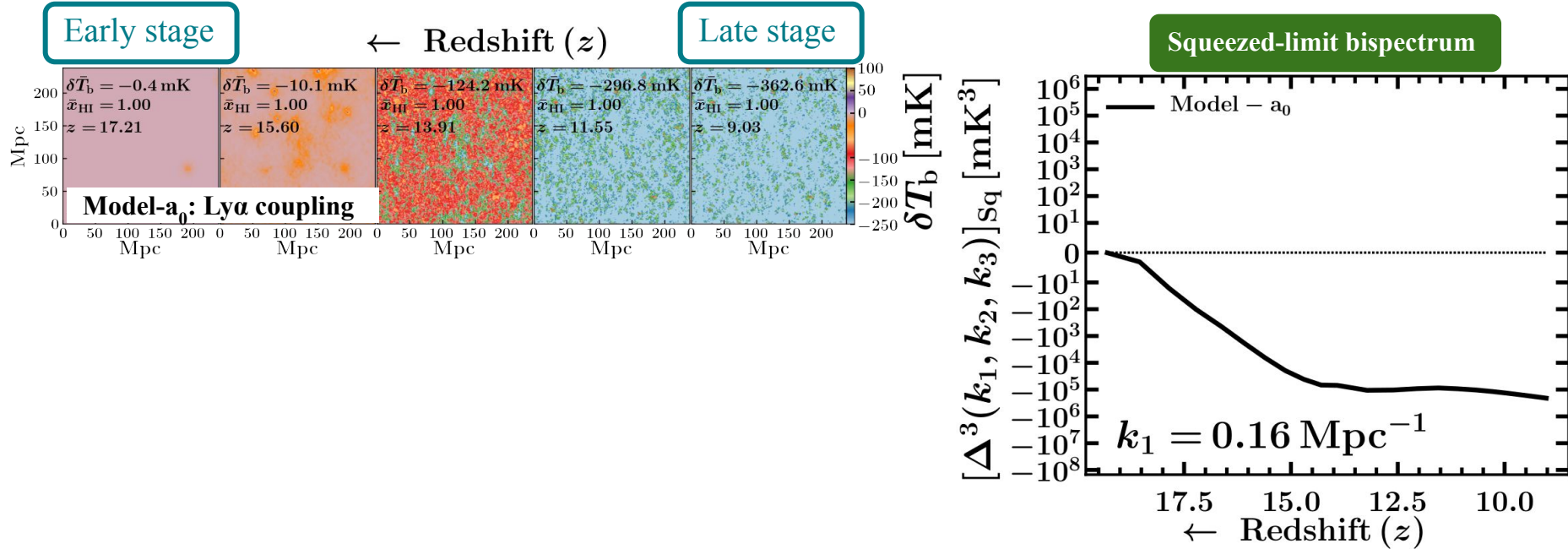
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**Importance of first three scenarios:** Used to identify the unique signature of each IGM processes on the 21-cm bispectrum  $\Rightarrow$  Helps in explaining the bispectrum from Model-c, the most realistic scenario.

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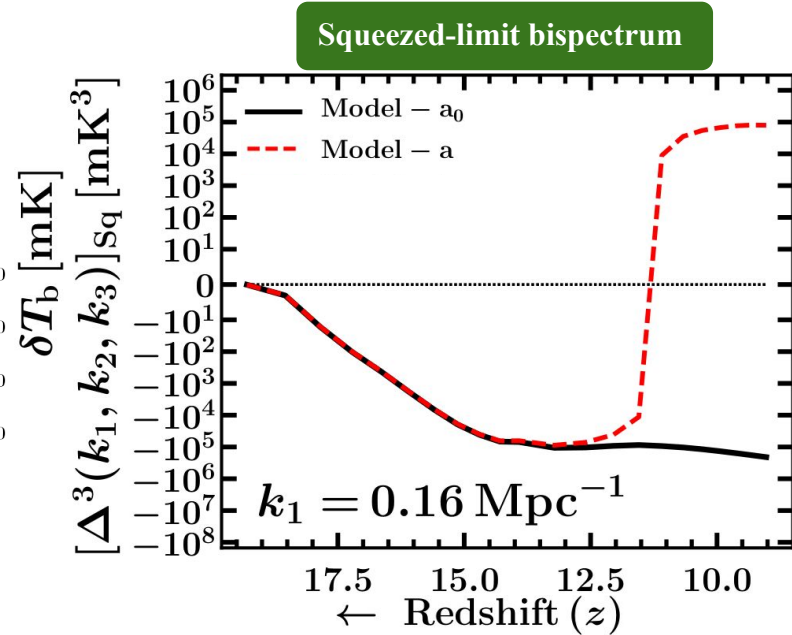
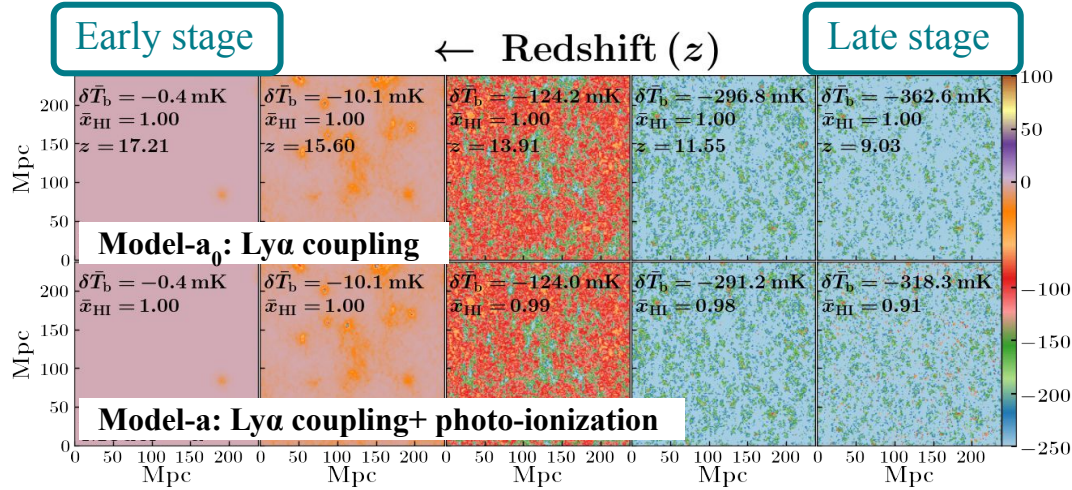


**Magnitude:** Monotonically increasing

**Sign:** Negative during entirety of CD

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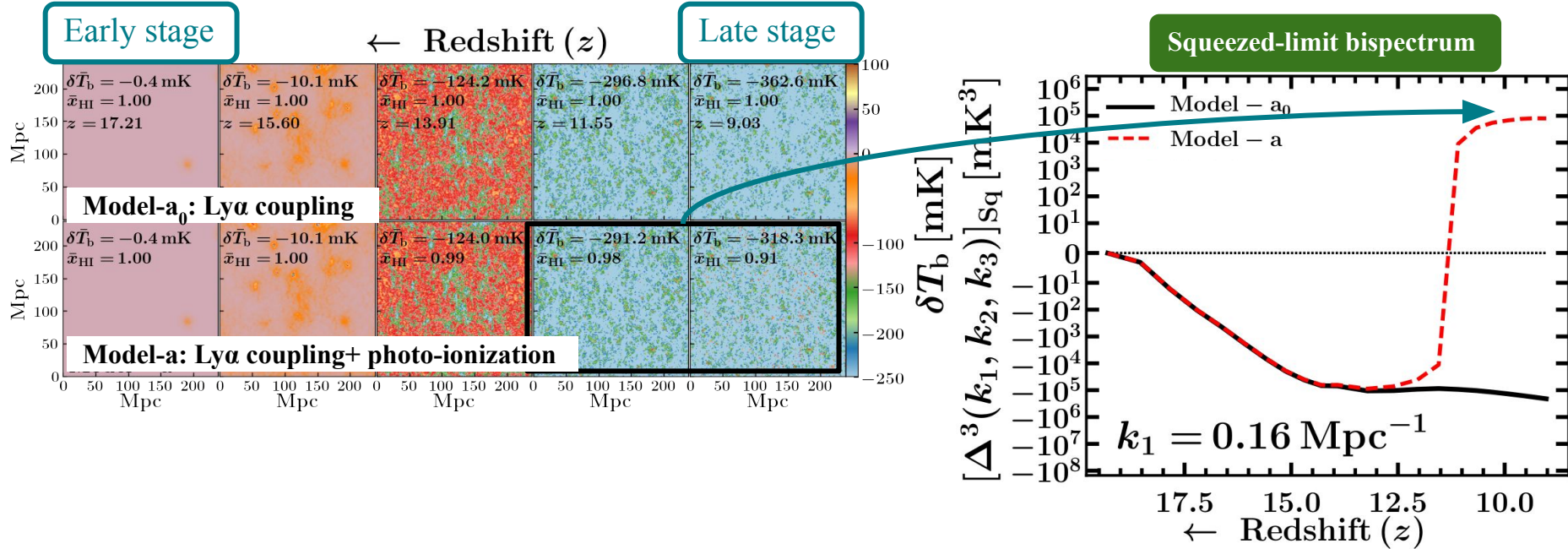
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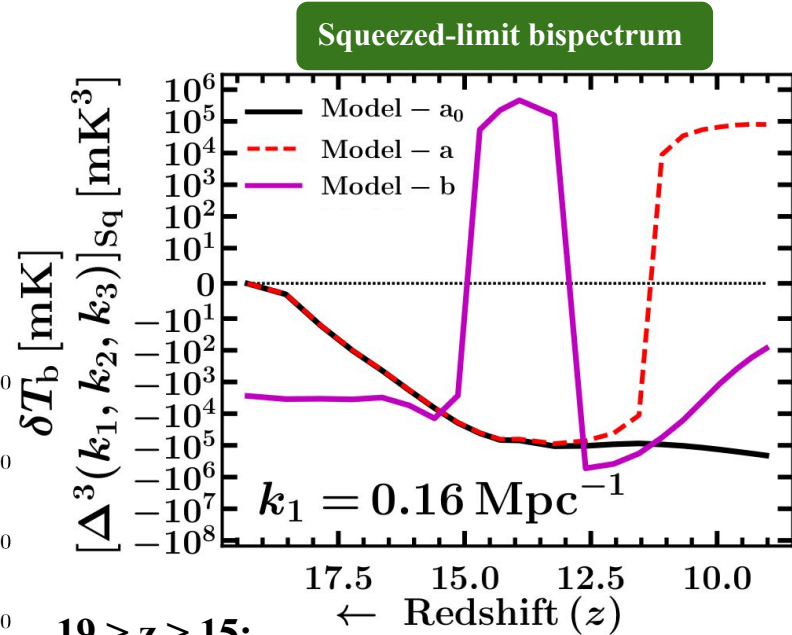
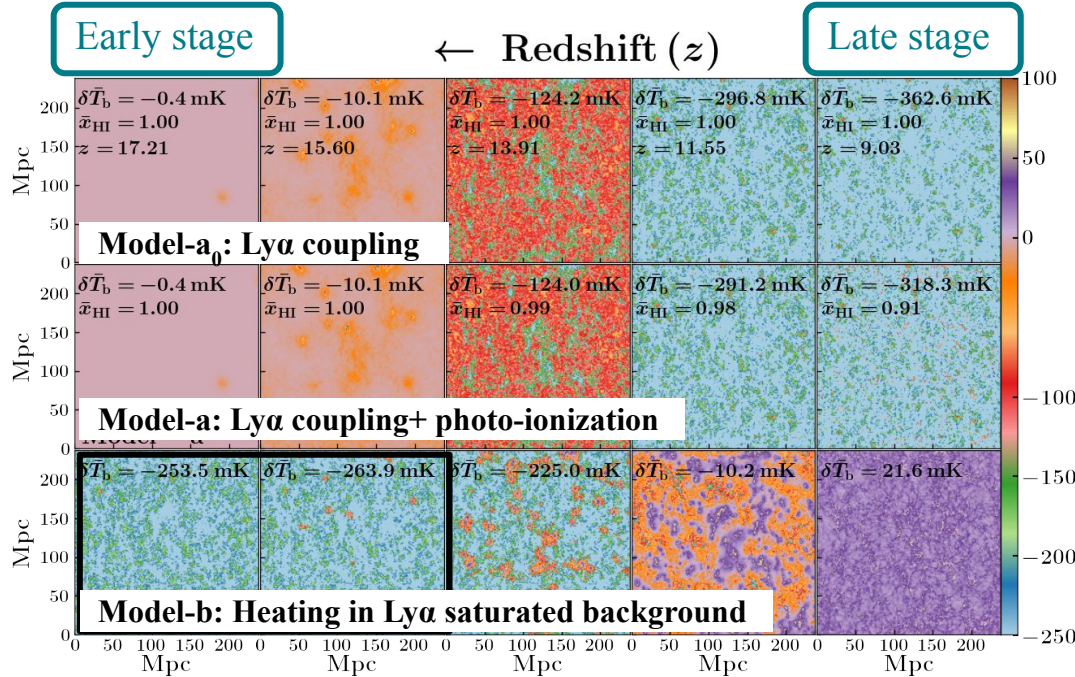
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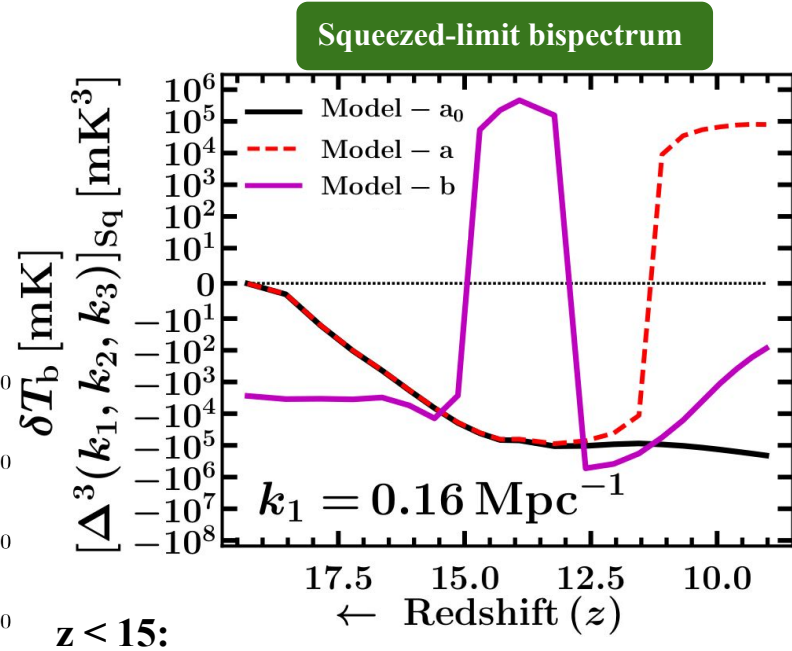
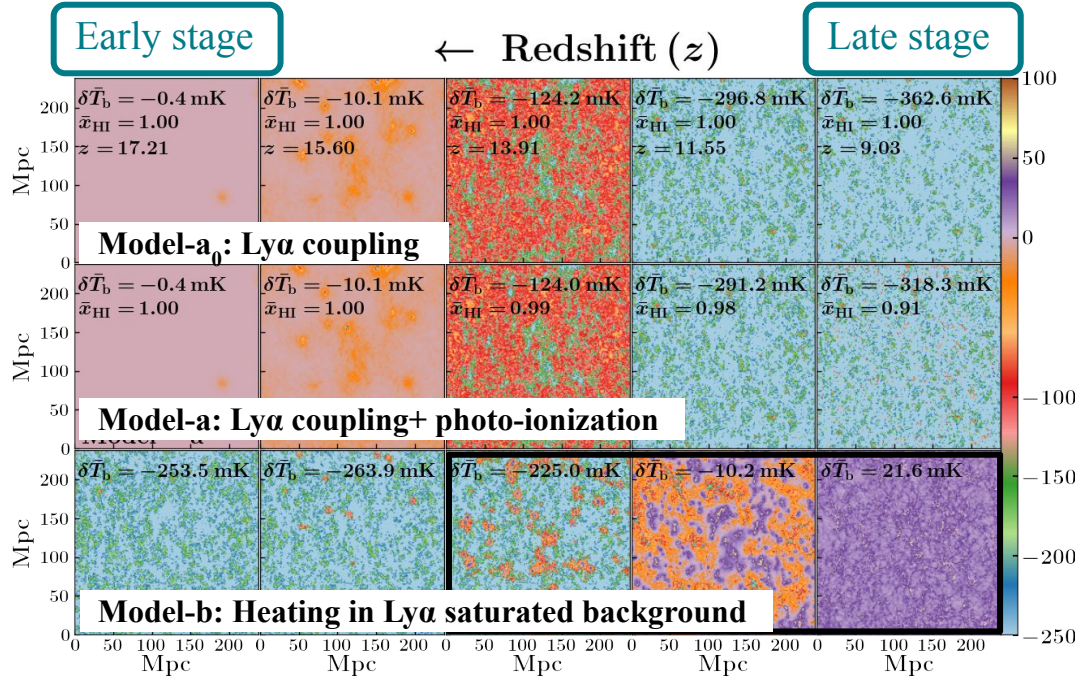
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Large magnitude due to already saturated Ly $\alpha$  background.

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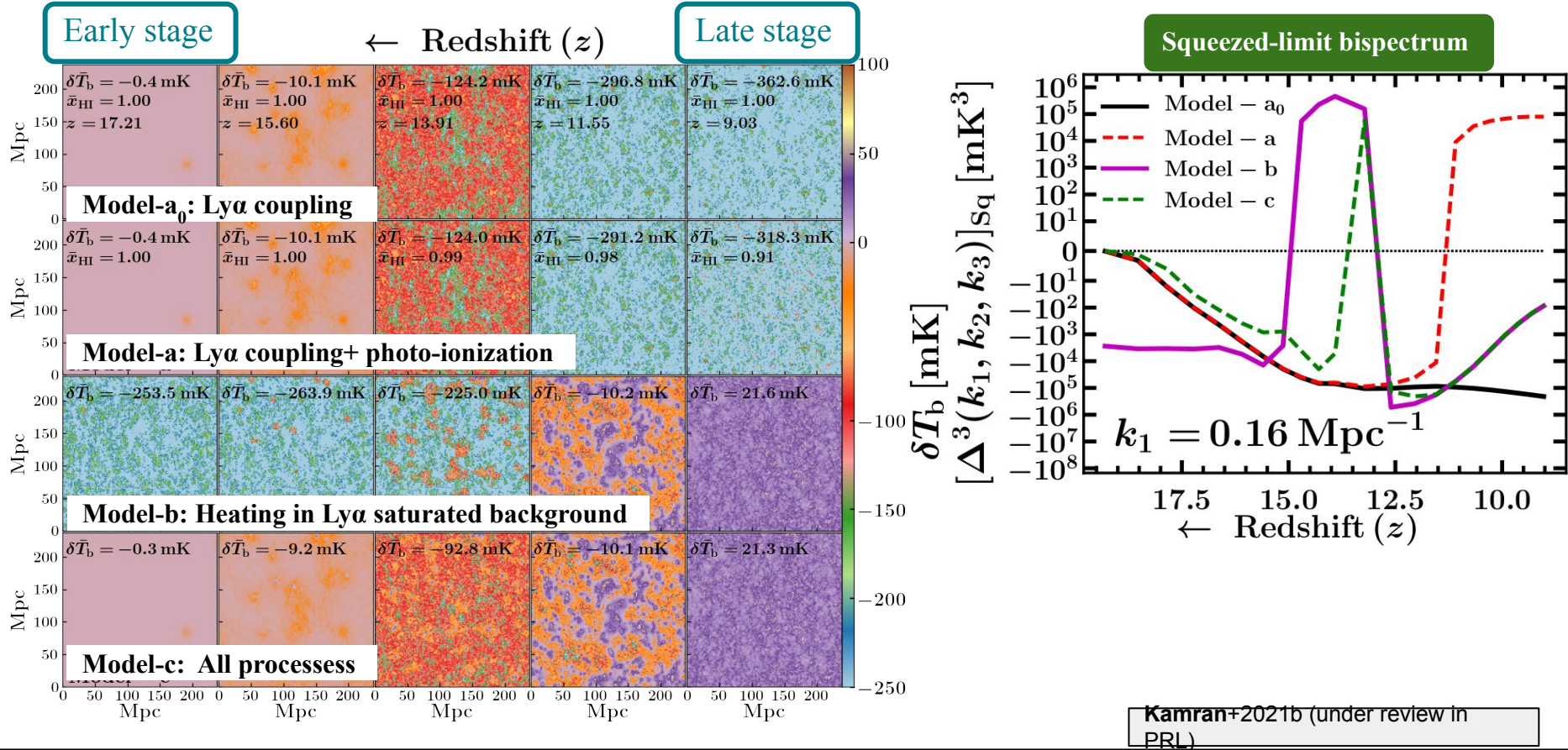


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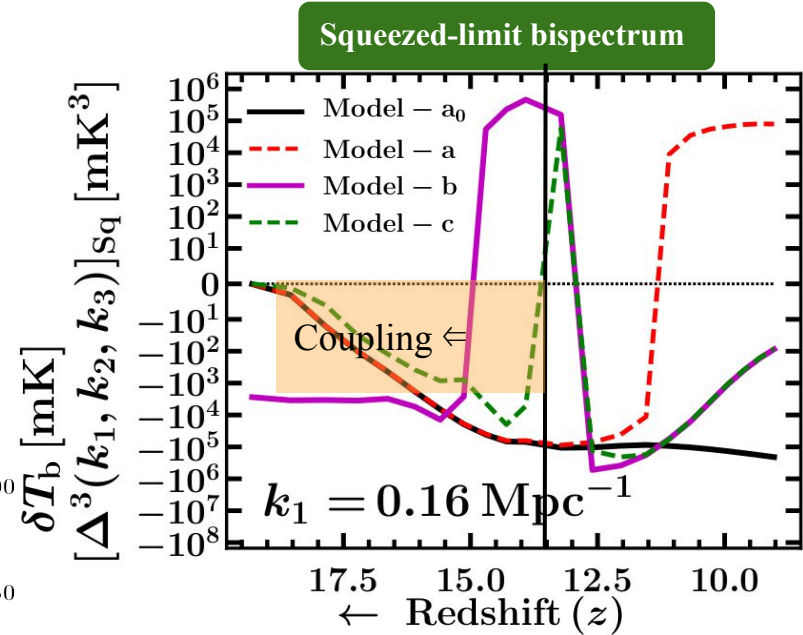
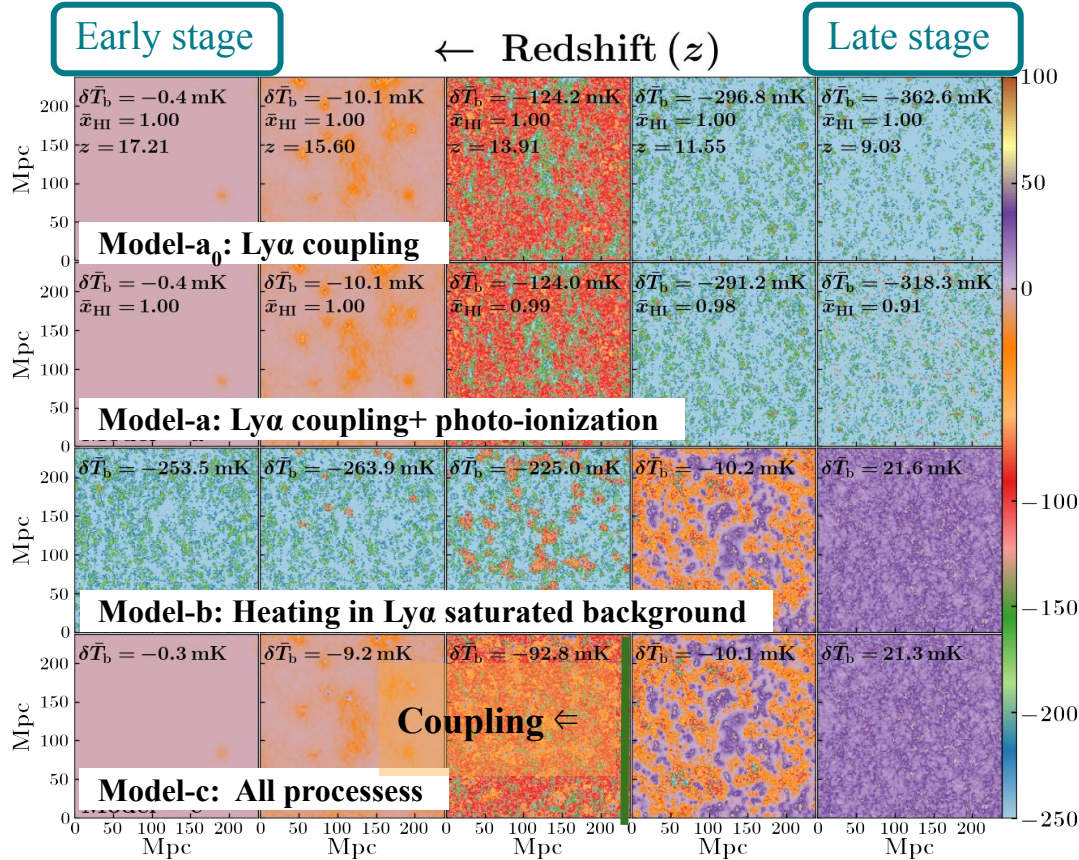
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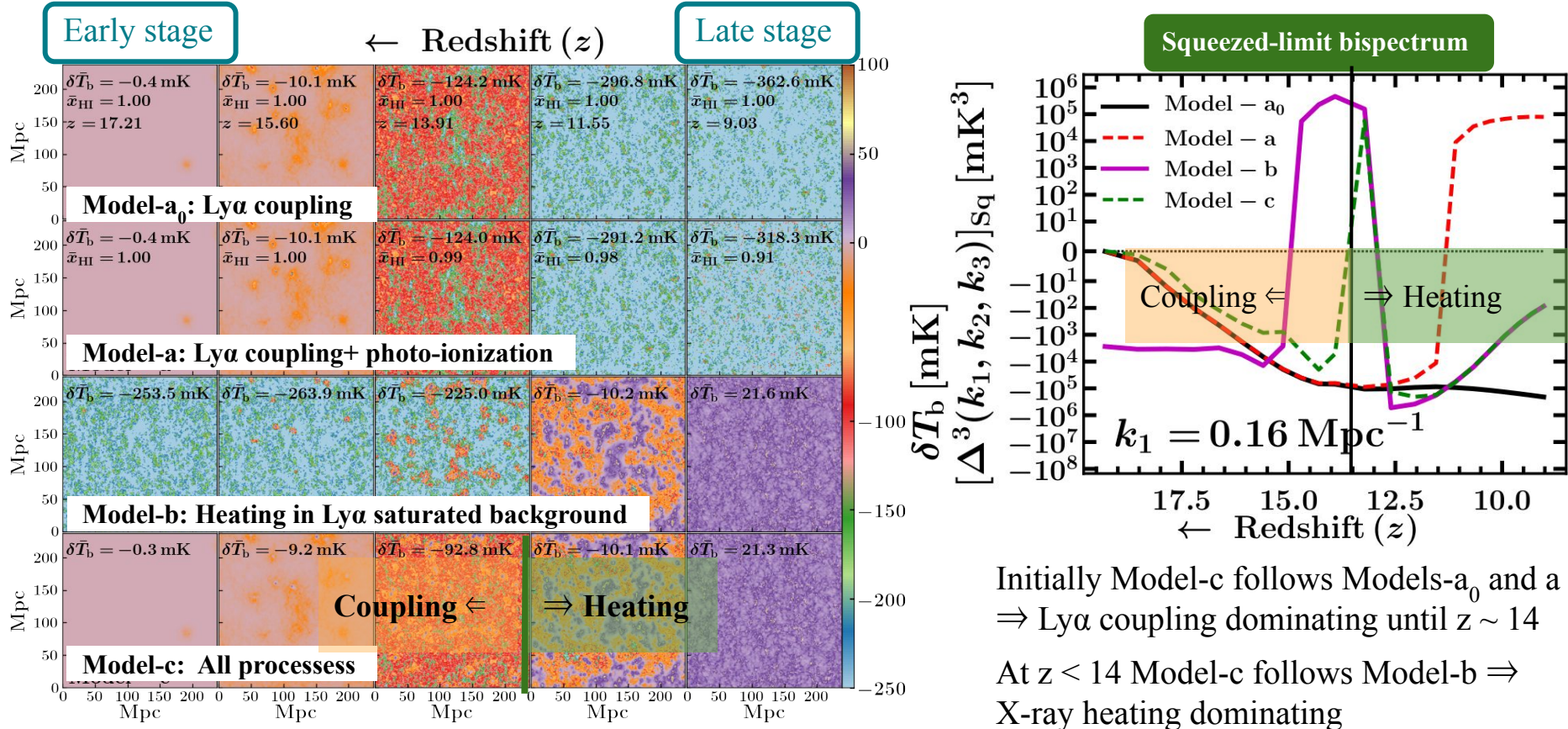


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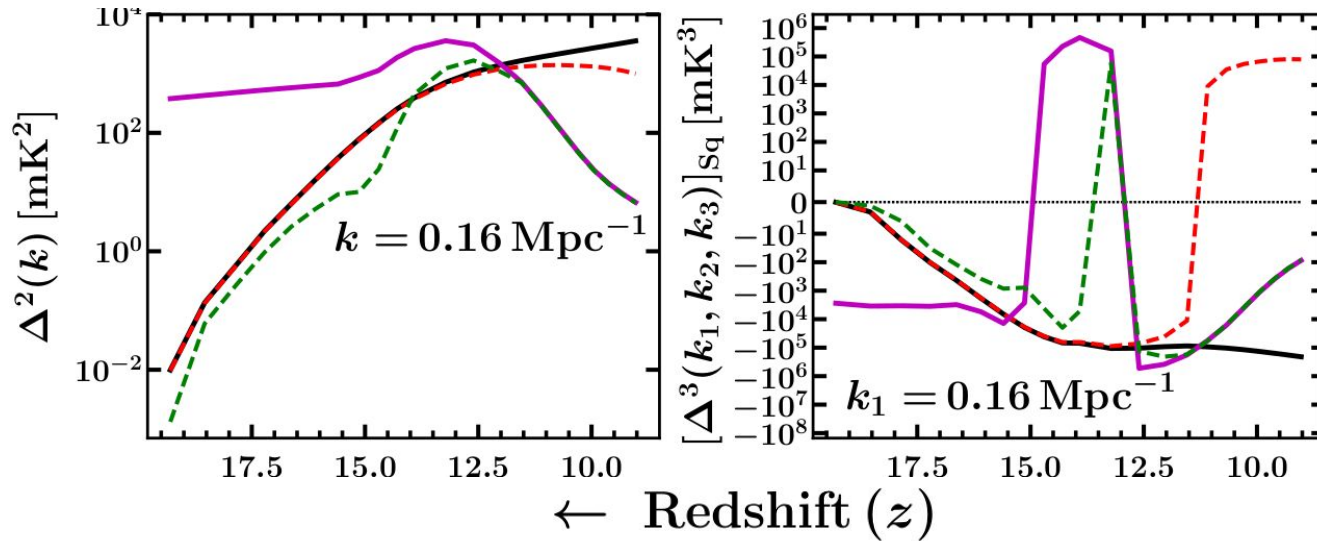
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## Power spectrum vs bispectrum



Bispectrum via its sign and sign changes can conclusively tell us which IGM process dominates the 21-cm fluctuations at what cosmic time.

Power spectrum  $\Rightarrow$  always +ve  $\Rightarrow$  it is difficult to unequivocally identify these transitions on the basis of the power spectrum alone.

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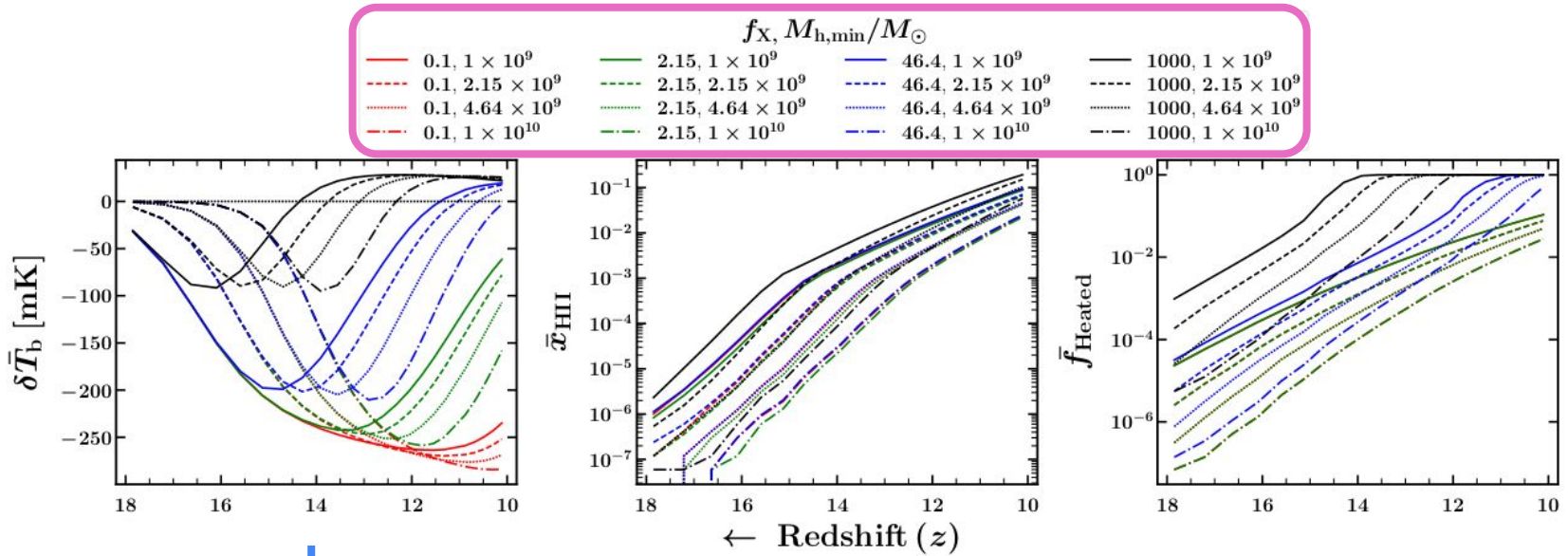
Source Properties



$f_X$	0.1	2.15	46.4	1000
$M_{h,\text{Min}} (10^9 M_\odot)$	1.0	2.15	4.64	10.0

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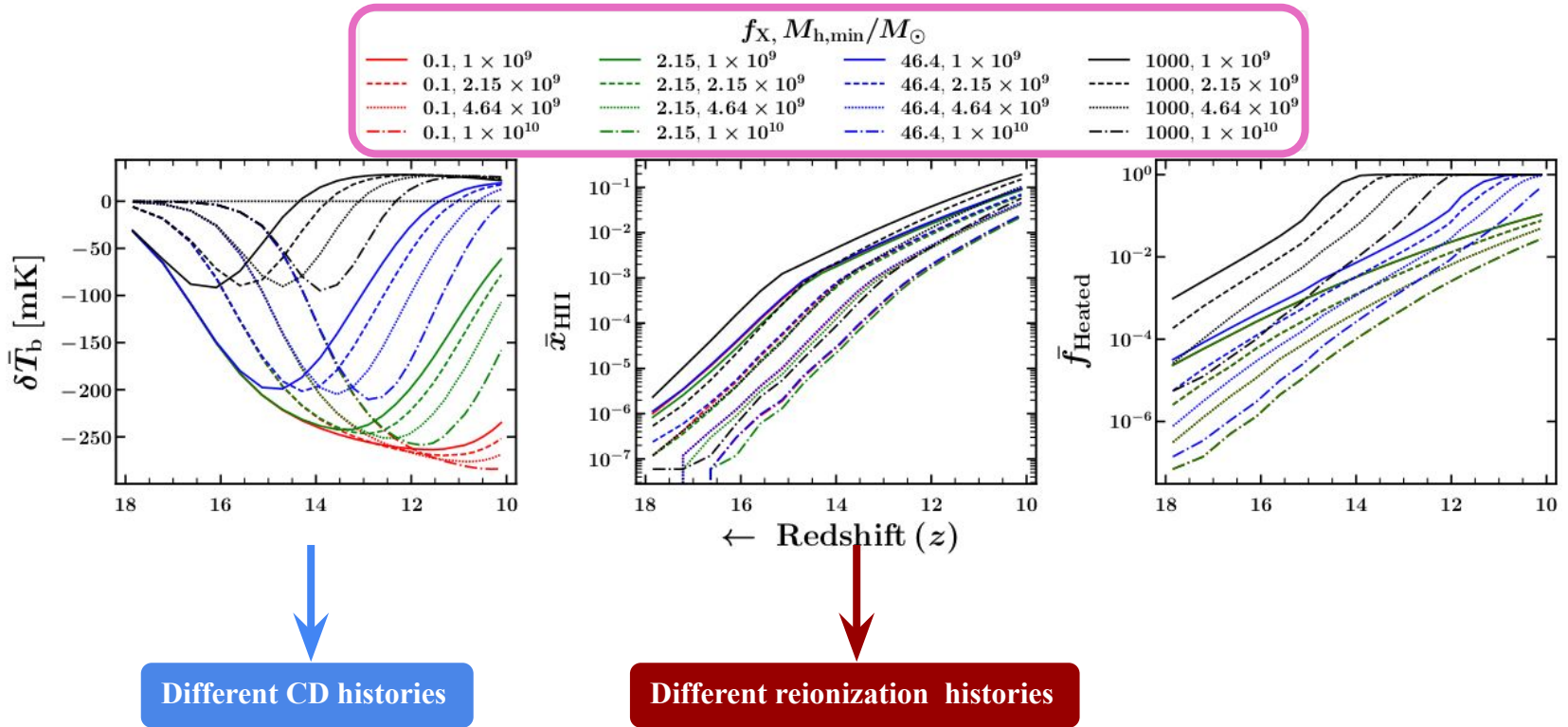


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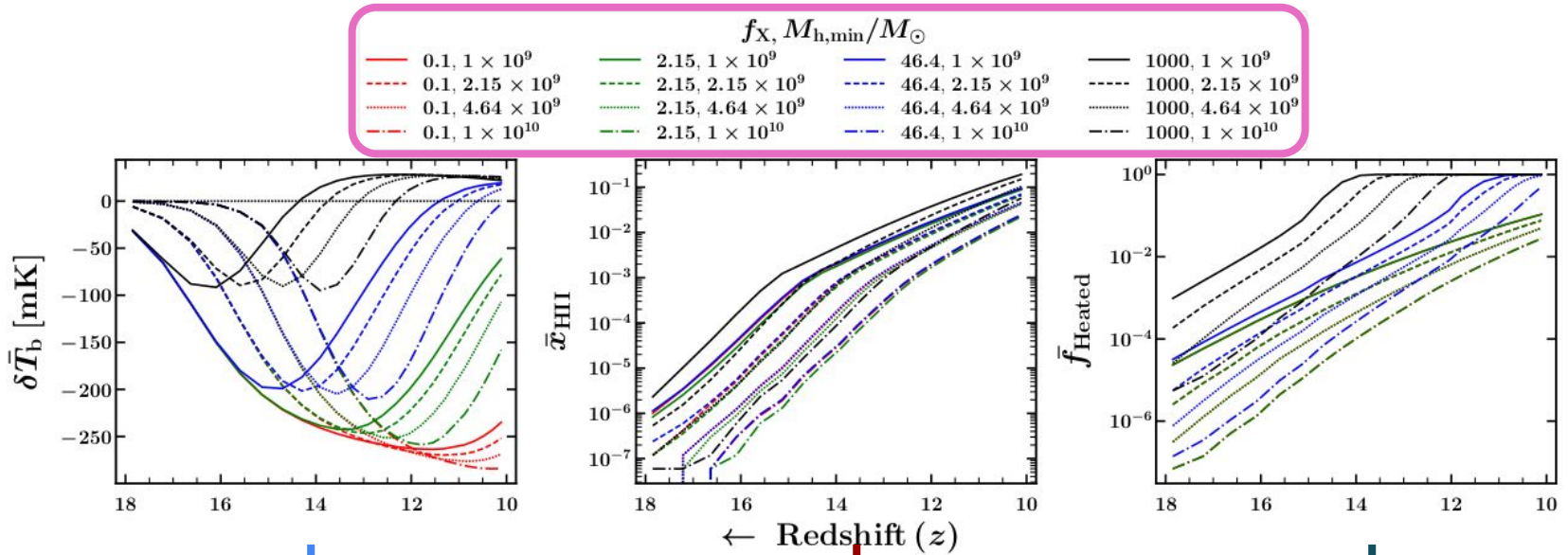


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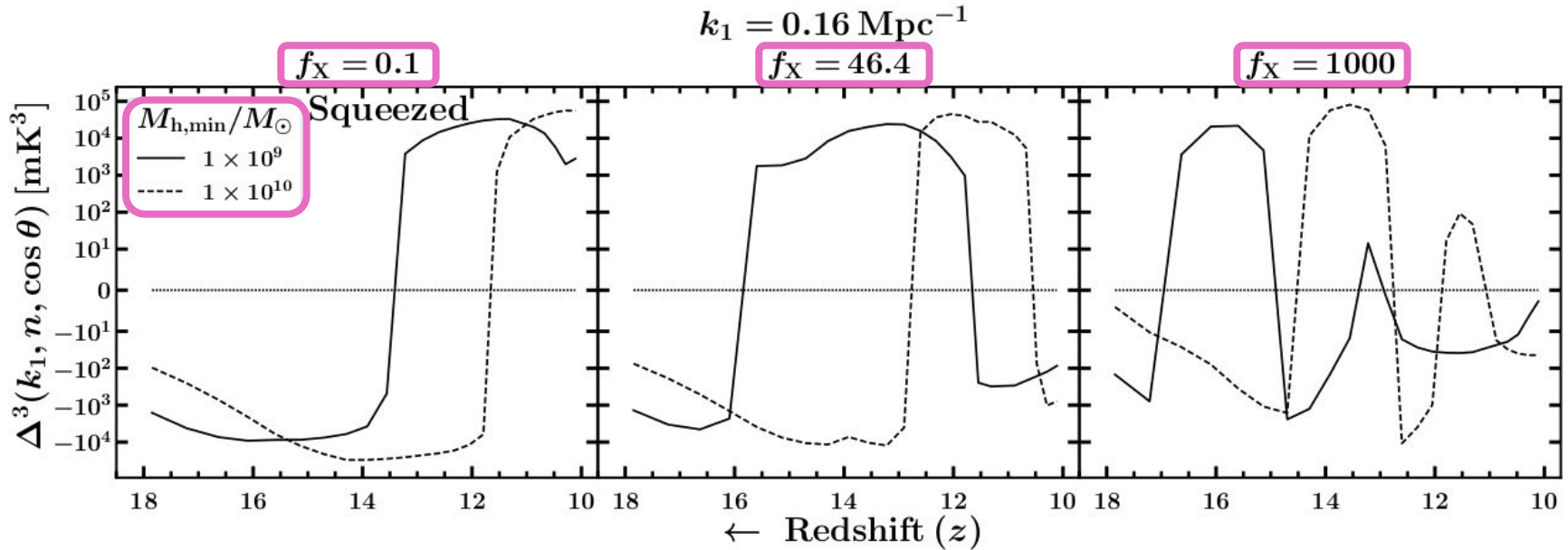
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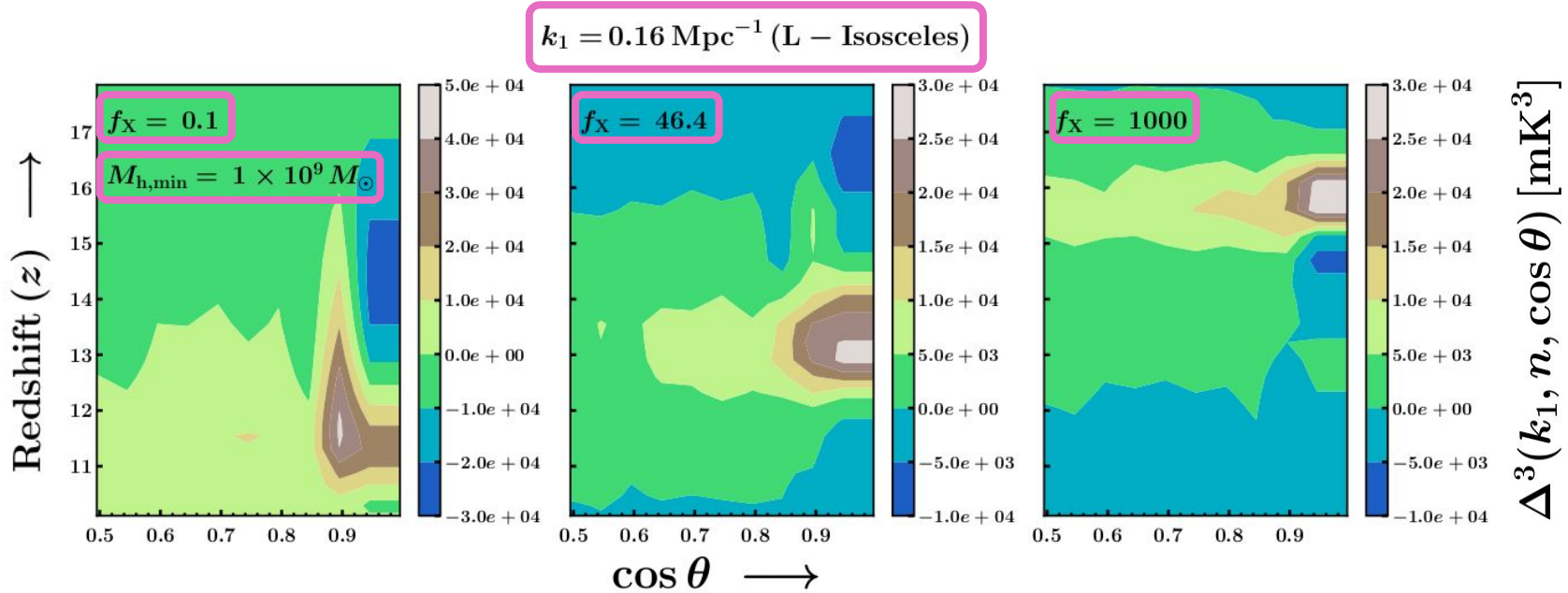
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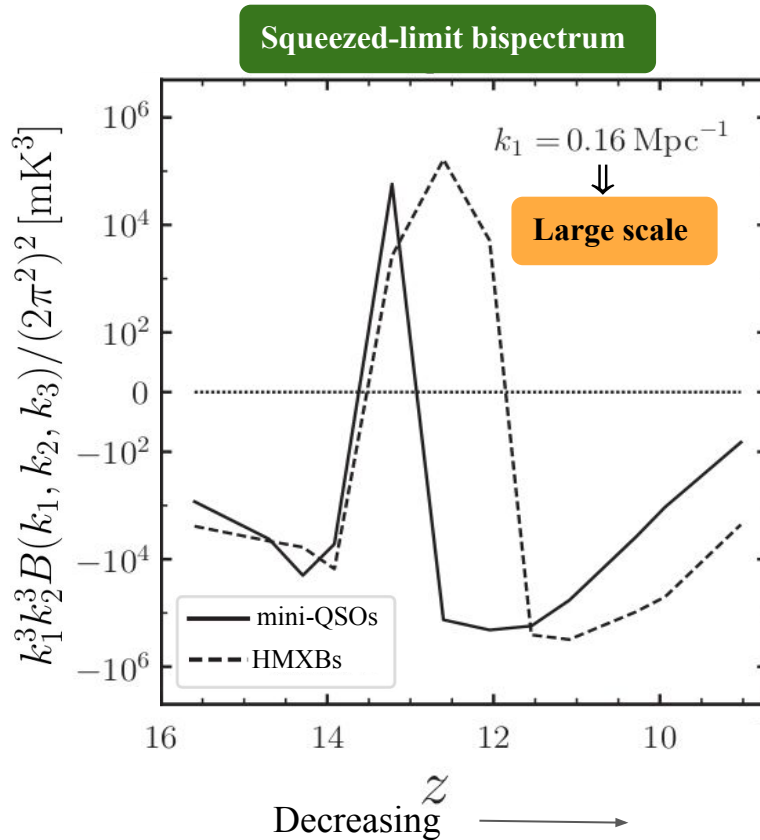


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# Impact of different first sources (mini-QSOs, HMHBs)



Realistic simulations of the CD

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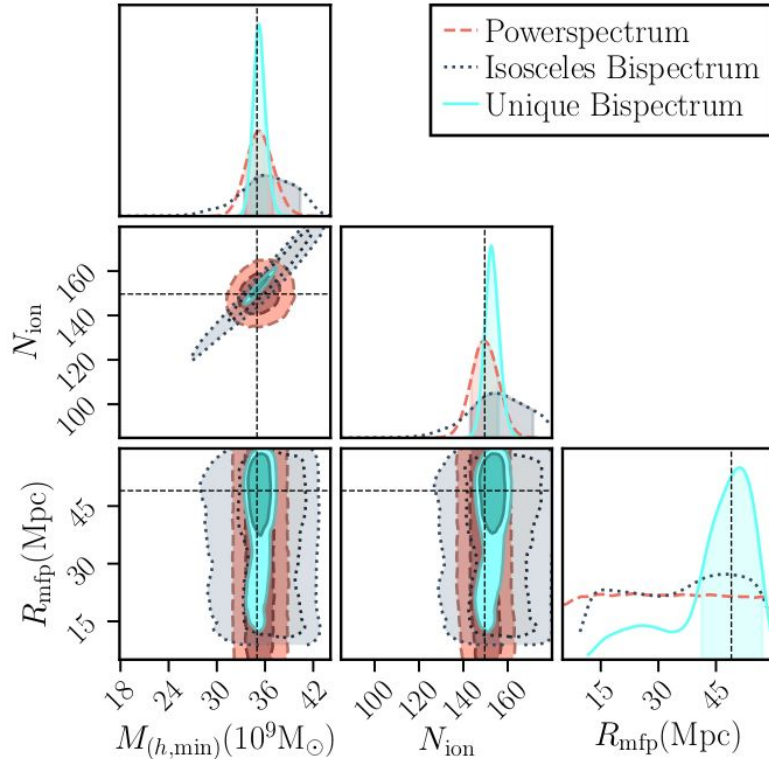
Bispectrum magnitude and sign follow a generic trend e.g. **double sign change**.

Bispectrum is way more sensitive to the CD-EoR parameters than the power spectrum

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# Parameter inference

## EoR parameter estimation using the 21-cm bispectrum

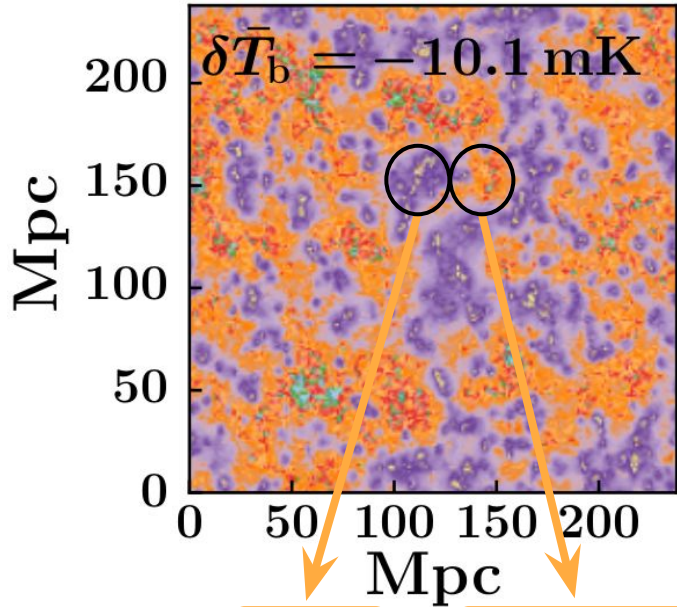


The unique  $k$ -triangle bispectra provides tighter constraints on the EoR source parameter compared to when the same is done by using the bispectra for only a particular set of  $k$ -triangle and as well as the power spectrum.

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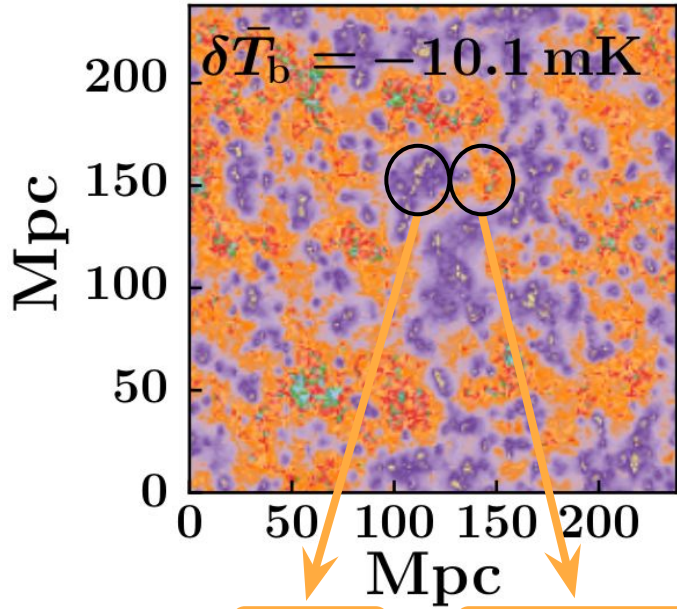
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**The sign and shape of the bispectrum works as a smoking gun for the dominant physical processes in the IGM.**

## What next?

1. To probe dominant IGM processes during EoR using the 21-cm bispectrum.



This can be further used to constrain the properties of ionizing sources during this era

2. To explore the possibility of using the 21-cm bispectrum to constrain the CD model parameters using SKA.
3. To predict the detectability of the CD 21-cm bispectrum using the realistic simulations with the **telescope response, foreground, noise** etc.
4. To quantify the LoS anisotropies in the 21-cm bispectrum with the higher order multipoles → can provide better insights into the IGM physics.
5. **21-cm + galaxies (CII, OIII, Ly $\alpha$ ) cross bispectrum** → will open a new avenue to get better insights into the IGM physics → will be able to put tighter constraints on the model parameters

# SKA SDC3: Inference

**Extraction of reionization parameters (SWG contacts: Mesinger & Mellema )**

Target Participants: SWGs like CD/EoR.

Input Data: EoR PS + noise and residual foreground contamination

**Challenge will be based on:**

a) ability to extract the IGM and source properties

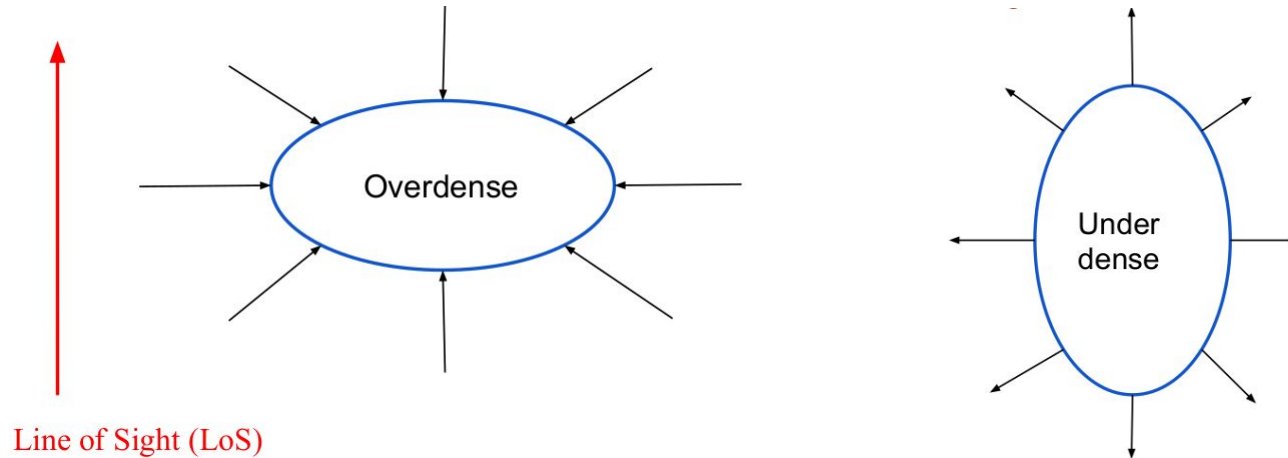
**Verification of the results from participants**

Comparison with the input EoR history (**ionization fraction**)

# 21-cm bispectrum from the CD-EoR

## Impact of the Line of Sight effects

**1. Redshift Space Distortions (RSD):** Signal distortion along the LoS of an observer due to the gas peculiar velocities.

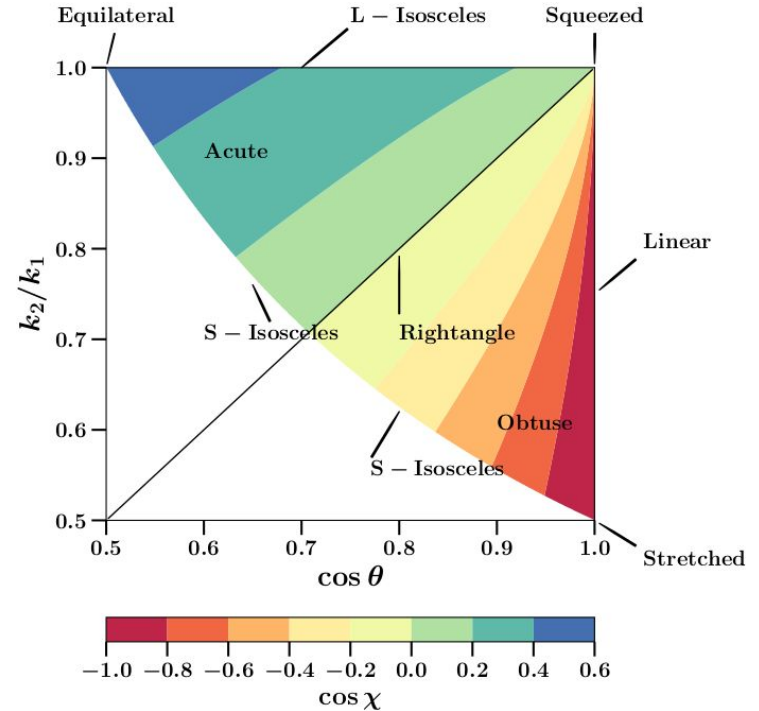
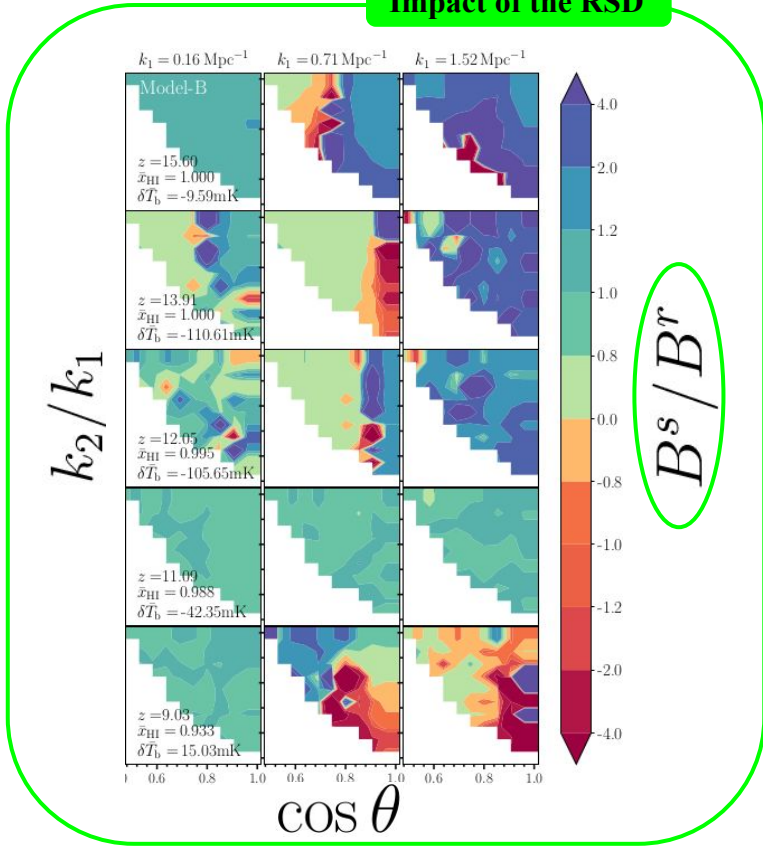


**2. Light Cone (LC) effect :** Signal distortion along the LoS of an observer due to the finite travel time of the signal.

Essential to consider for correctly interpreting the observed signal statistics.

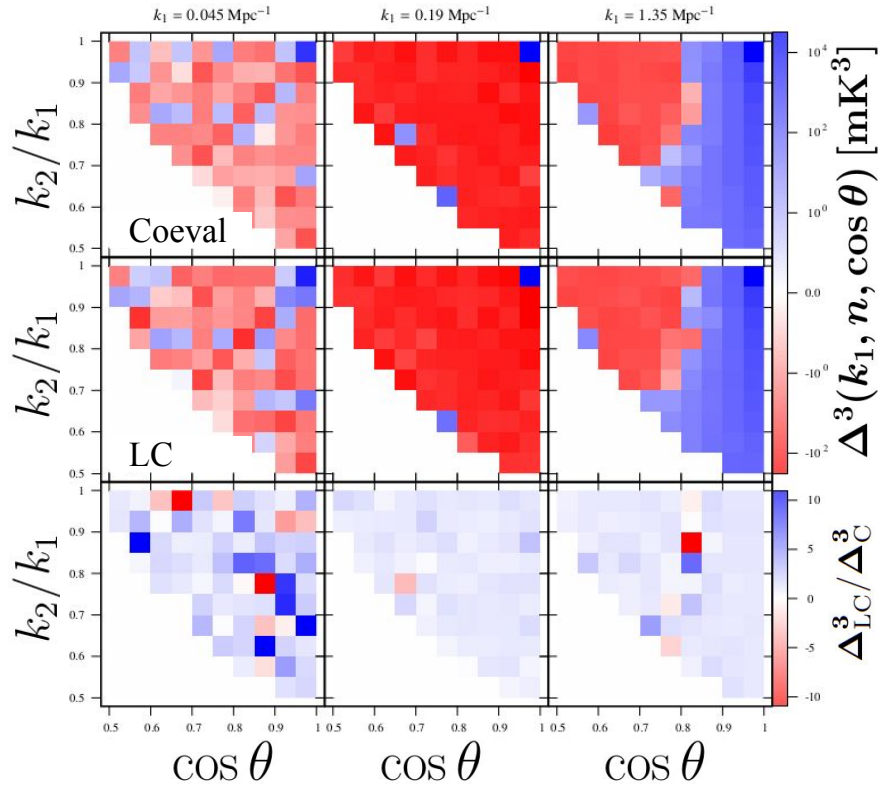
# Impact of the RSD effect

## Impact of the RSD



**Impact is significant on magnitude (>20%) and sign of the bispectrum**

# Impact of the Light Cone effect



The impact of LC effect is largest for large scale observations.

**RSD+LC**  $\Rightarrow$  Important to consider for interpreting the observed signal statistics correctly.

## Backup Slides

$$f_X = \frac{\int_{10.2 \text{ eV}}^{10 \text{ keV}} I(E) dE}{\int_{100 \text{ eV}}^{100 \text{ eV}} I(E) dE}$$

$$I_q(E) = A E^{-\alpha}$$