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# **Bounds of DM annihilations from 21-cm data**



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# Plan of the Talk

What EDGES has observed

Quick physics of the 21-cm line

A short history of the IGM properties

Bounds on Dark Matter properties

Outlook

## LETTER

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### An absorption profile centred at 78 megahertz in the sky-averaged spectrum

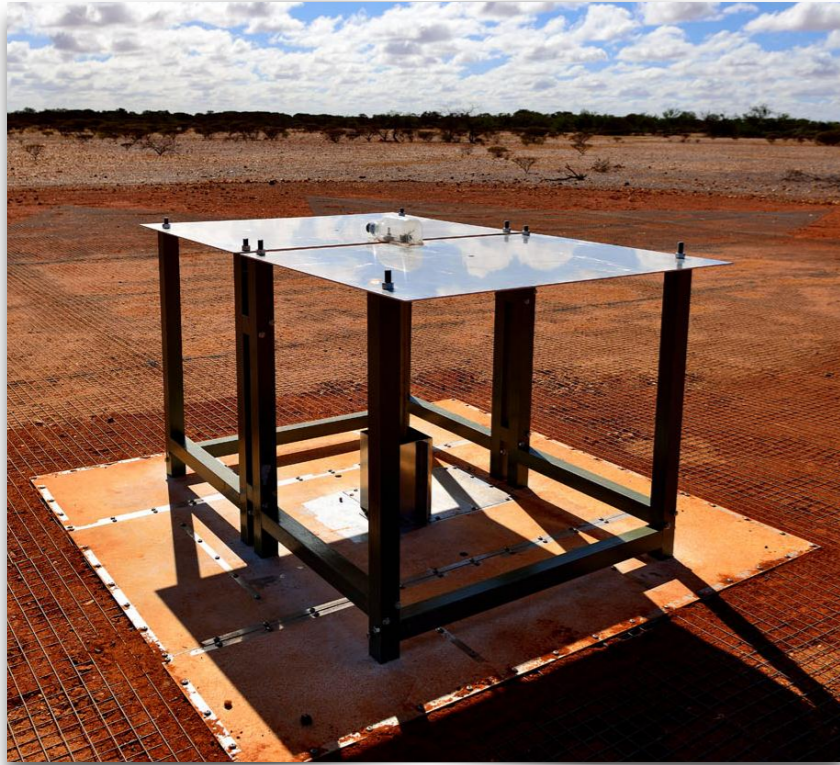
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A **21-cm signal** in *absorption*

Between redshifts **~20 and 15**

Amplitude *twice* as large as predicted (**~500 mK** vs. ~200mK)

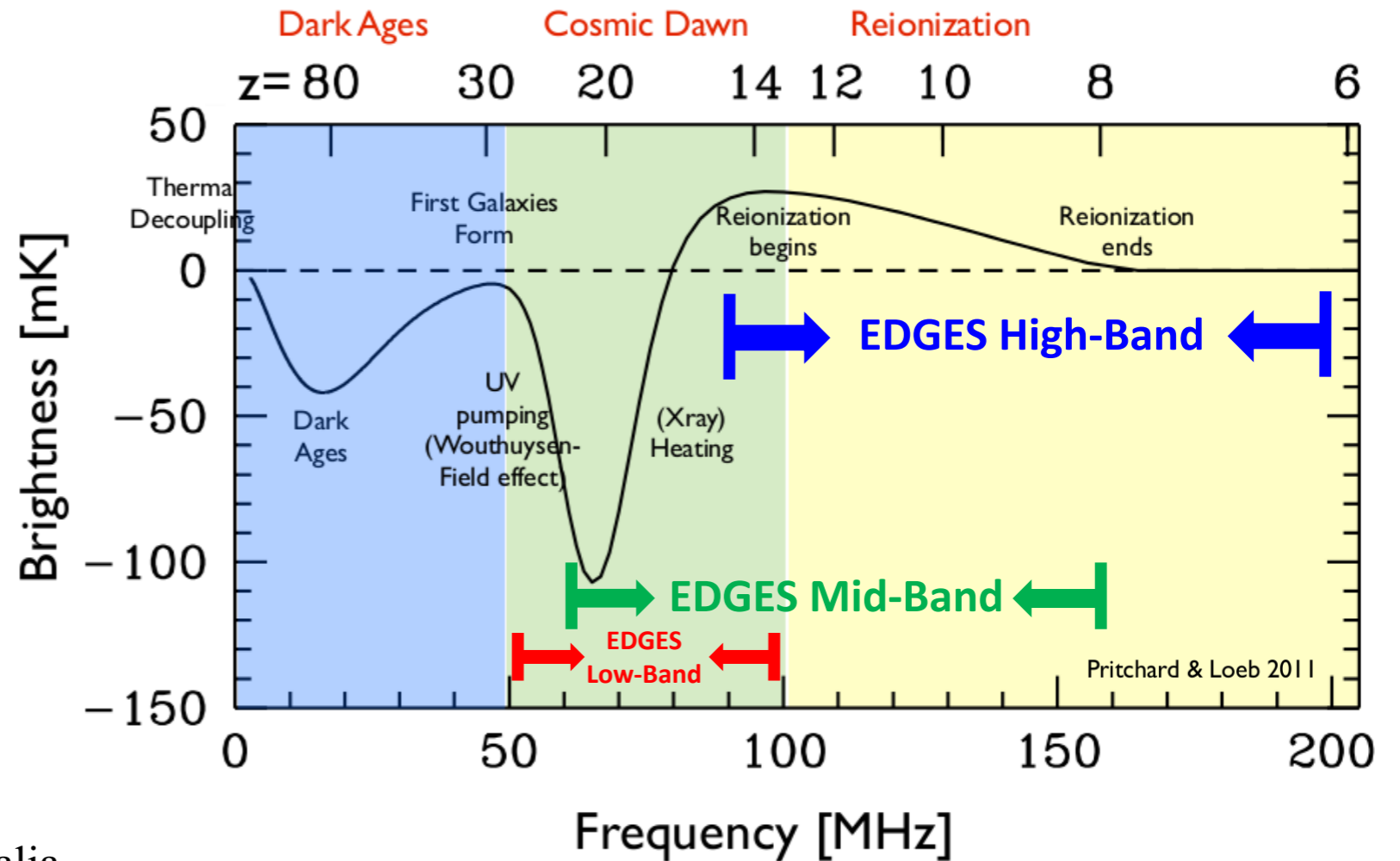
# The EDGES experiment



**Antenna size:** 2m long and 1m meter high

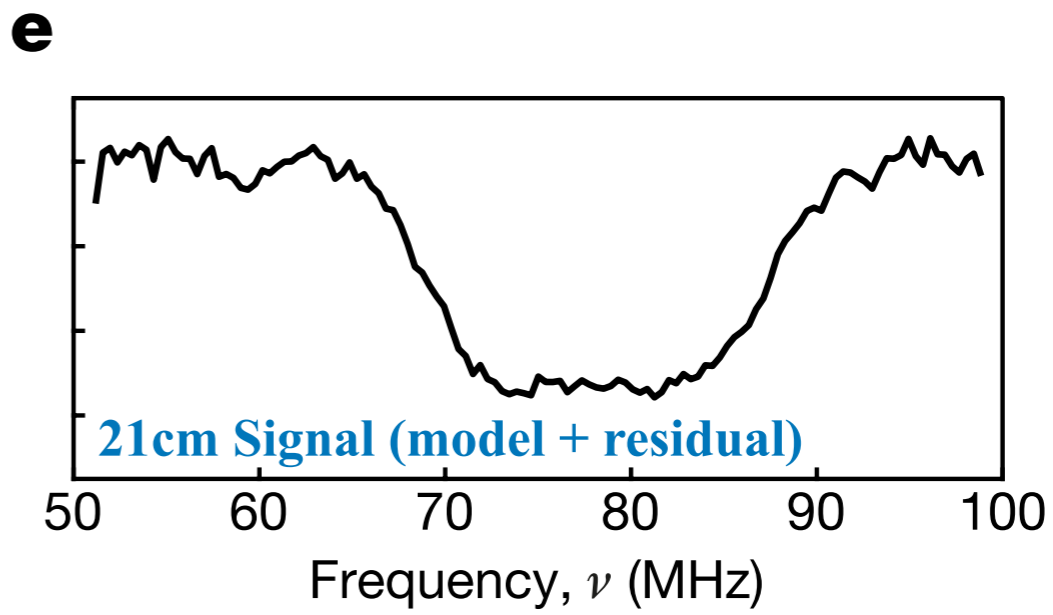
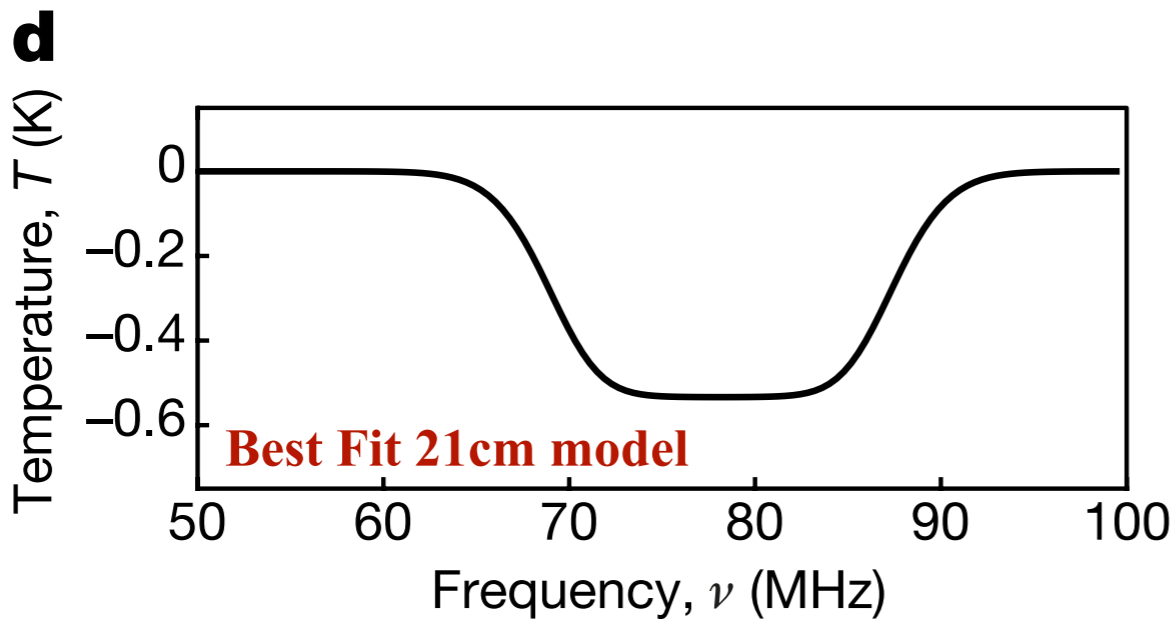
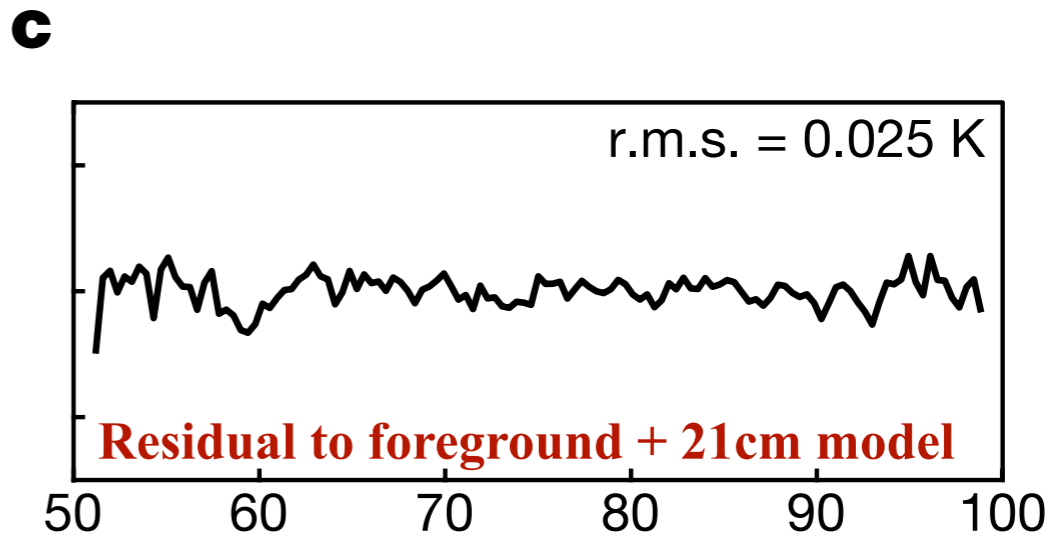
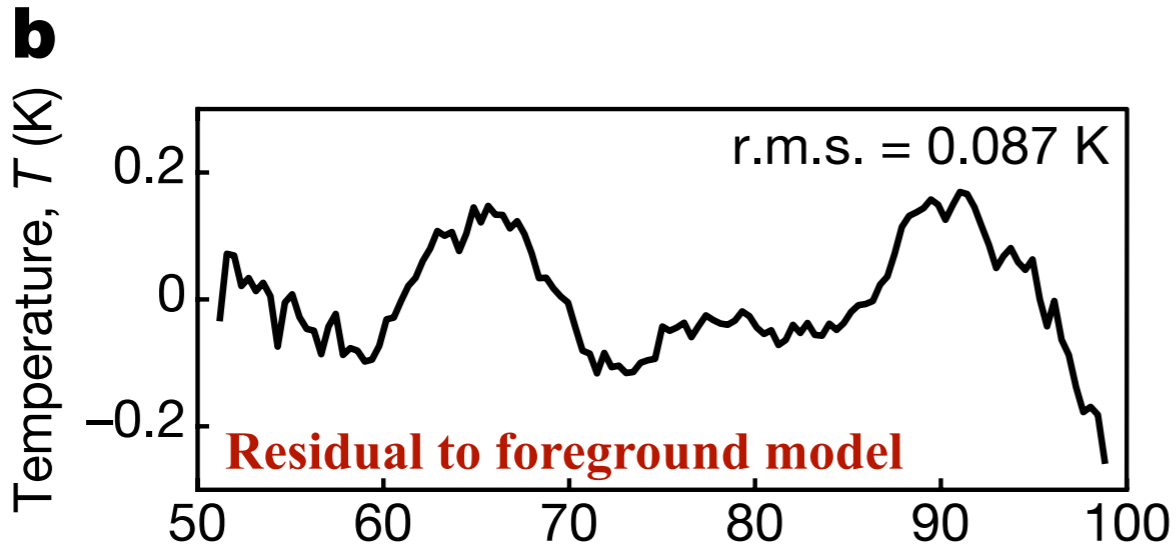
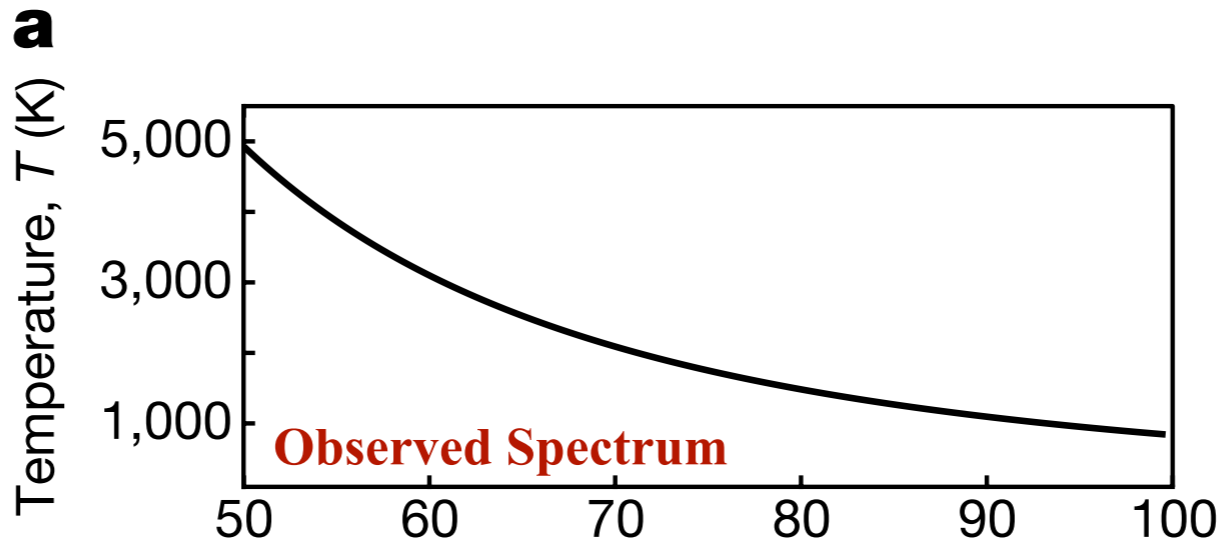
**Location:** radio quiet zone in western Australia

**Energy range:** from 50 to 150 Mhz

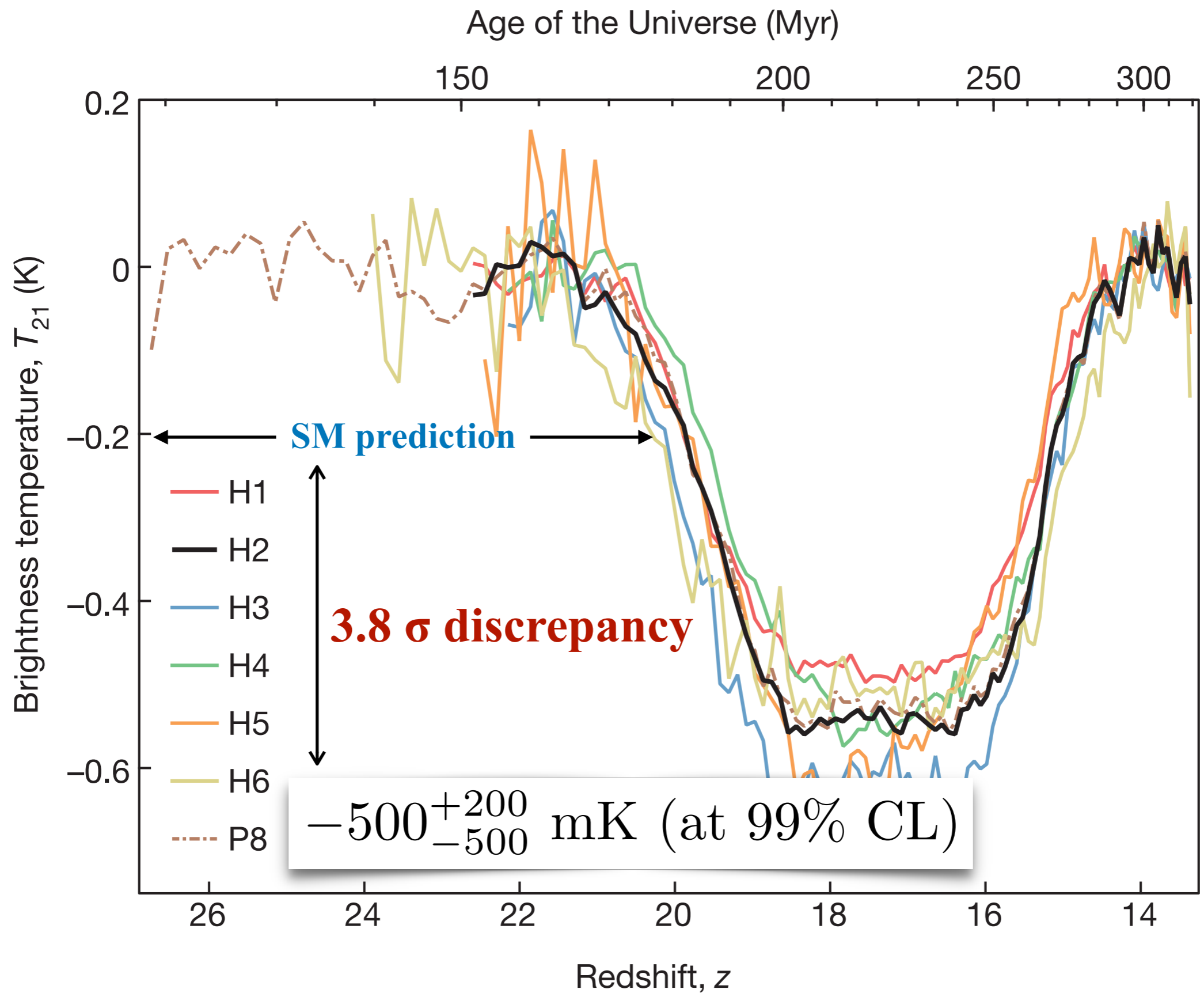


**Low-band antenna:** Designed to observe a spectral distortion in the 21-cm energy band at  $z \sim 20$  due to the absorption of CMB photons by the IGM

# What did EDGES see?



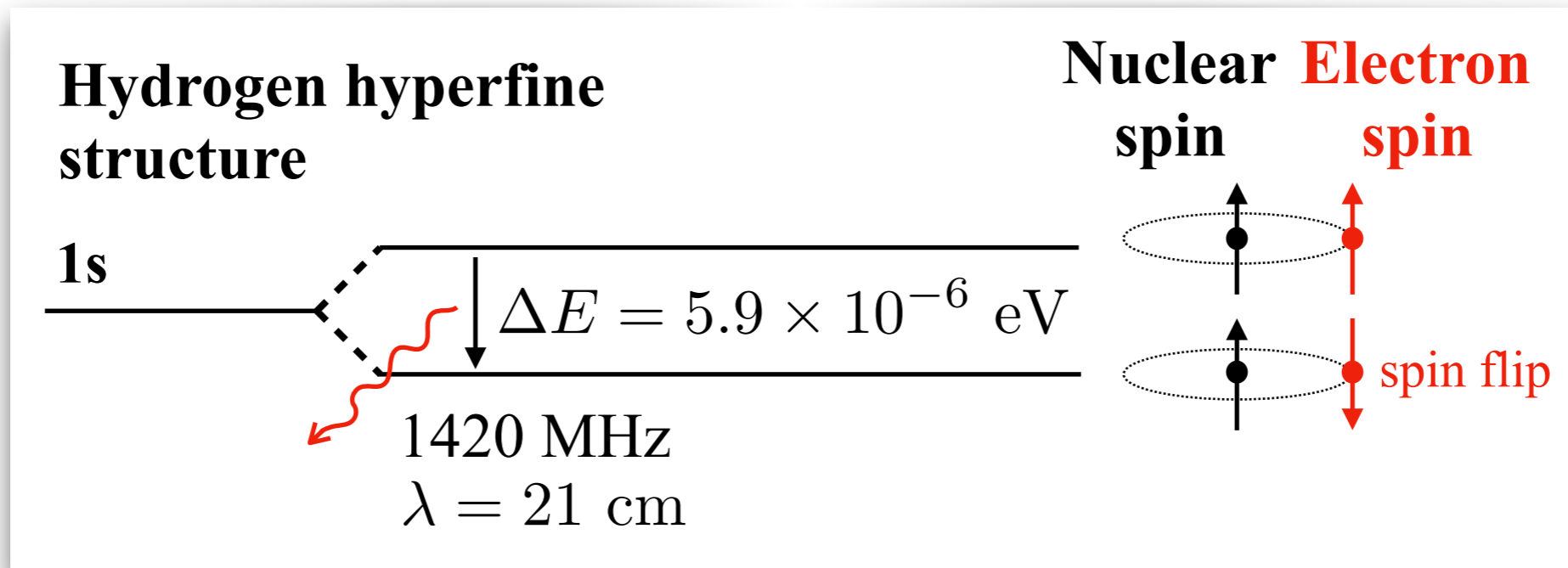
# Some analysis of systematics



# II PART

## *Physics of the 21-cm line*

# What is the 21-cm line?



Triplet-to-singlet transition of the atomic hydrogen 1s level

Define the **Spin temperature** by

$$\frac{n_{\uparrow\uparrow}}{n_{\uparrow\downarrow}} \equiv 3 e^{-\Delta E/T_S}$$

What sets the relative occupation?



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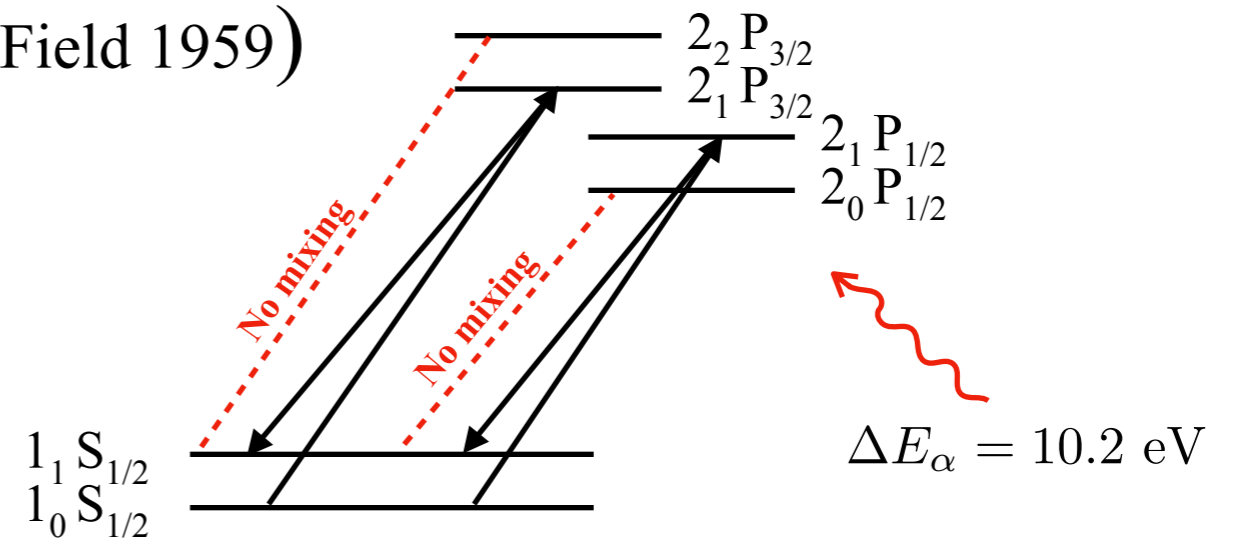
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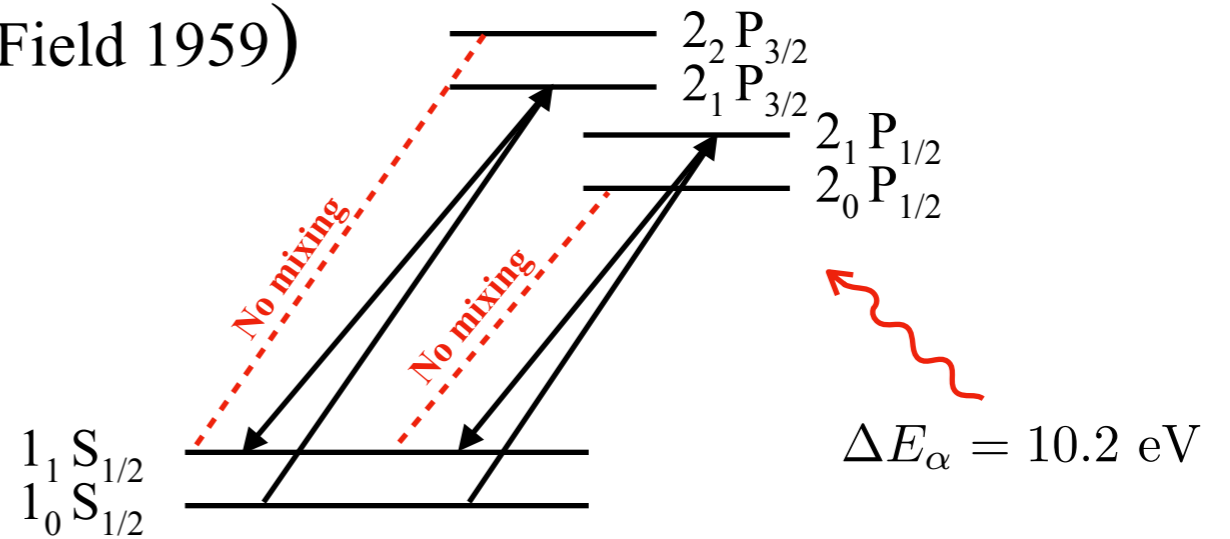
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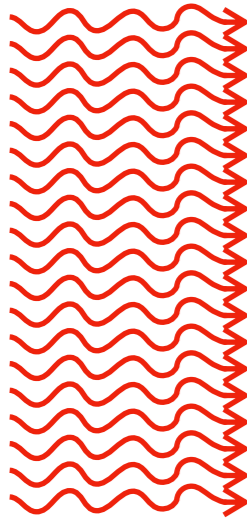
$$n_{\uparrow\uparrow}(C_{10} + \mathcal{P}_{10} + \mathcal{A}_{10} + \mathcal{B}_{10}I_{\gamma}) = n_{\uparrow\downarrow}(C_{01} + \mathcal{P}_{01} + \mathcal{B}_{01}I_{\gamma})$$

In terms of temperature:

$$T_S^{-1} = \frac{T_{\text{CMB}}^{-1} + y_C T_{\text{gas}}^{-1} + y_{\alpha} T_{\alpha}^{-1}}{1 + y_C + y_{\alpha}}$$

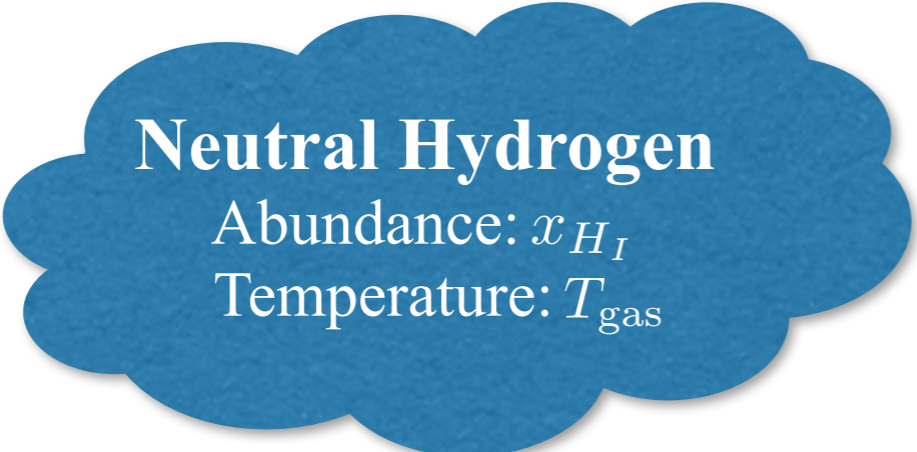
# What we see

CMB



$$I_\gamma$$

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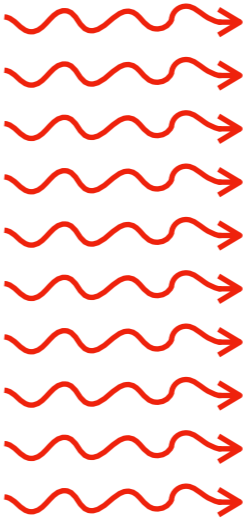


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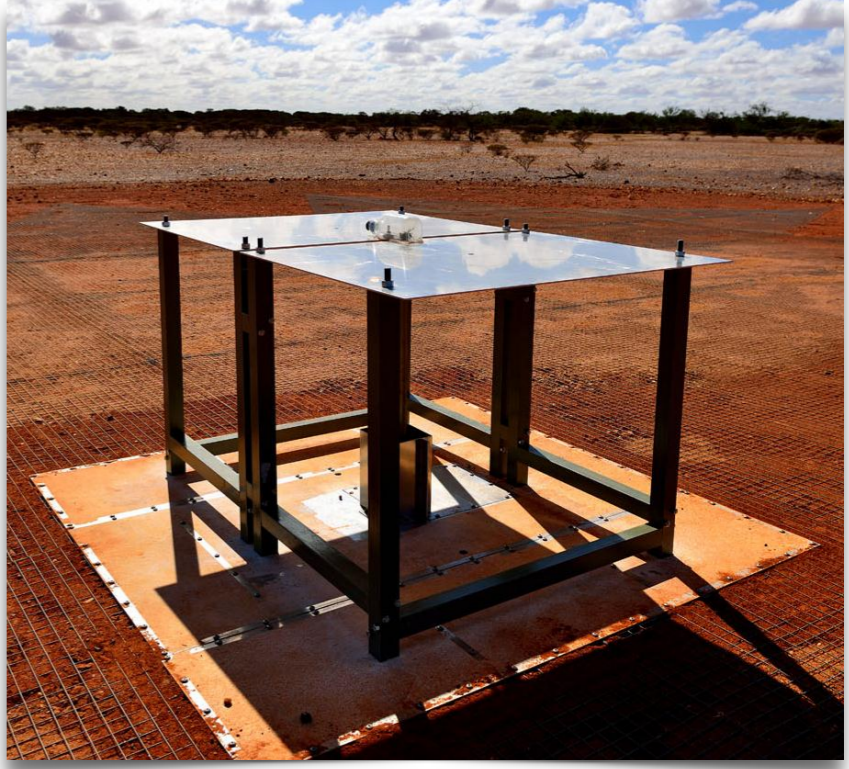
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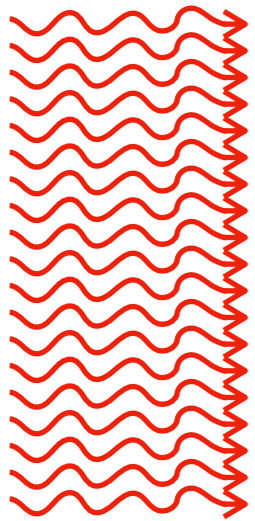
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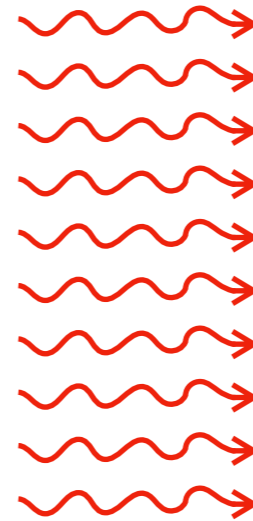
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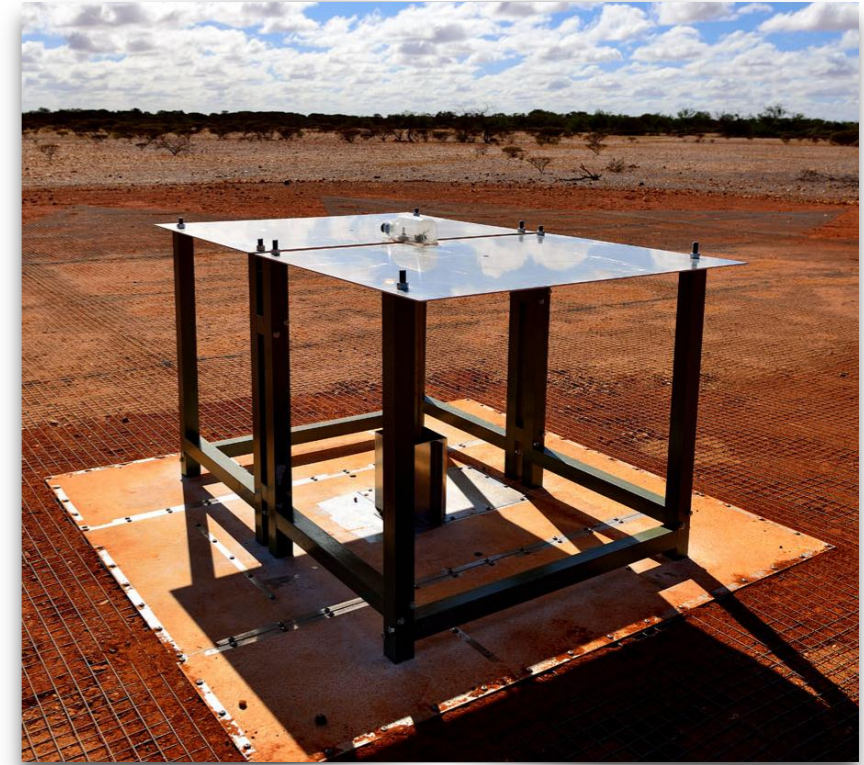
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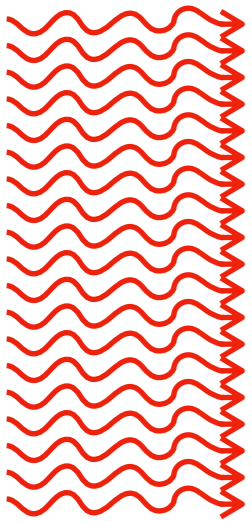
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$T_S = T_{\text{CMB}}$ : **NO** 21-cm signal

$T_S \neq T_{\text{CMB}}$ : 21-cm signal in absorption/emission

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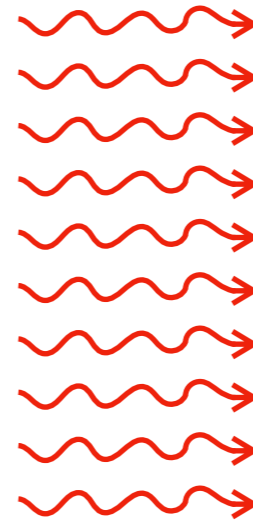
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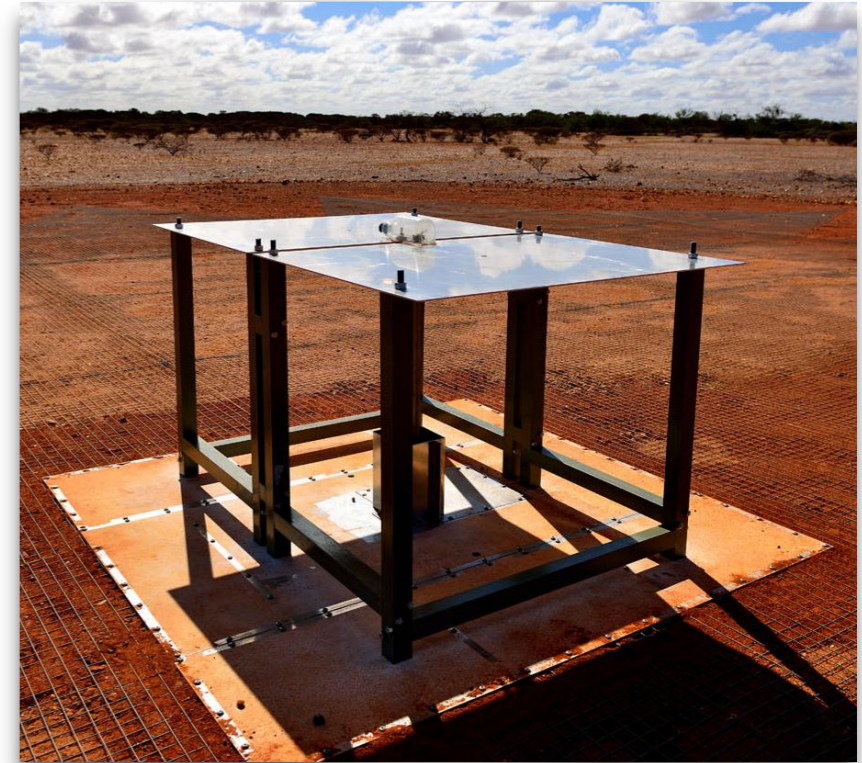
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**EDGES measurement implies**

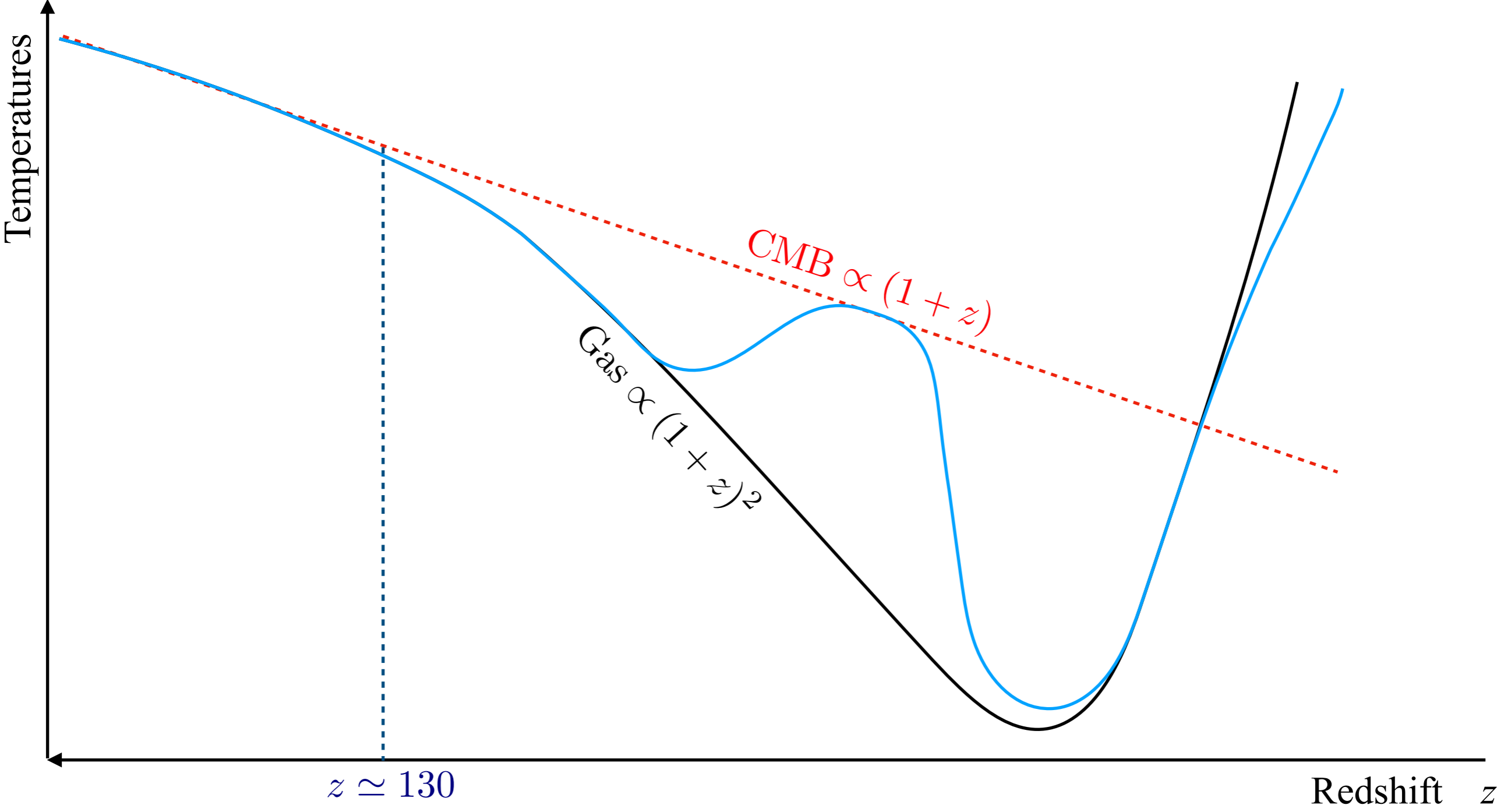
$$T_{\text{CMB}}/T_S \simeq 19 \text{ at } z = 17$$

$$T_S \simeq 3 \text{ K}$$



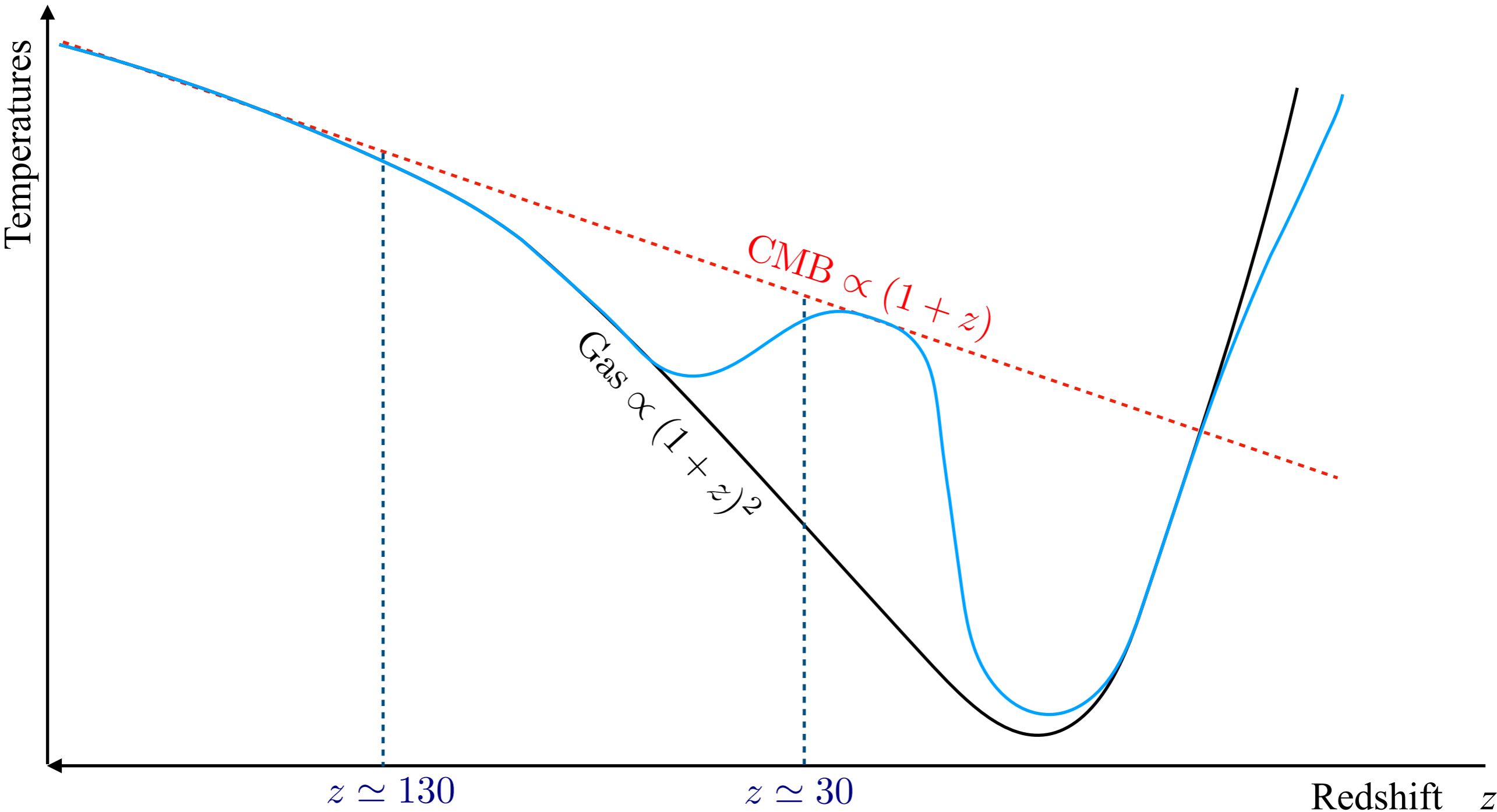
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→ Nothing happens until IGM thermally decouple, temperatures are all the same, zero signal



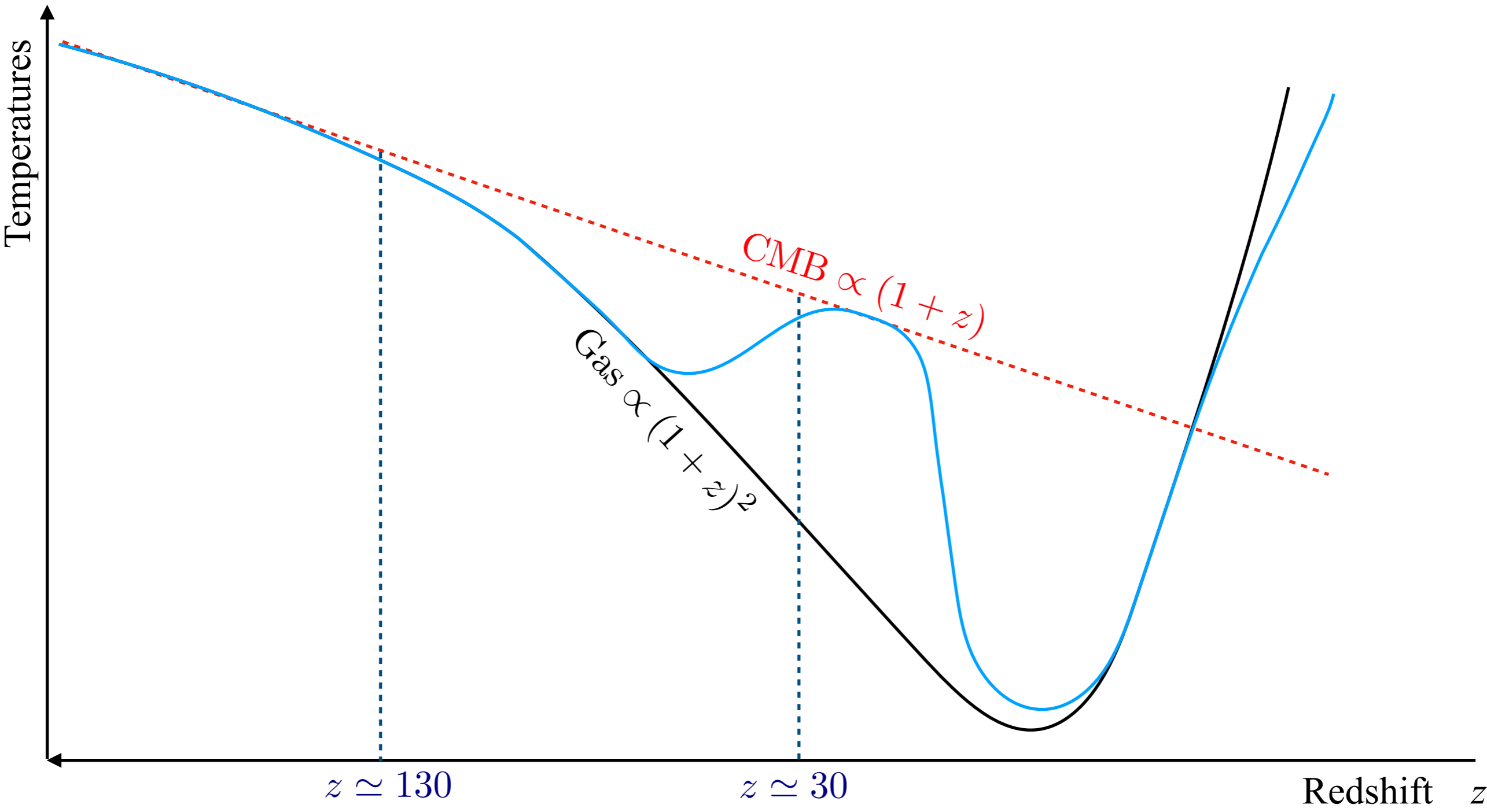
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➔ After  $z \sim 200$  until  $z \sim 30$ , collisions keep since the IGM is colder, I have a signal *in absorption*



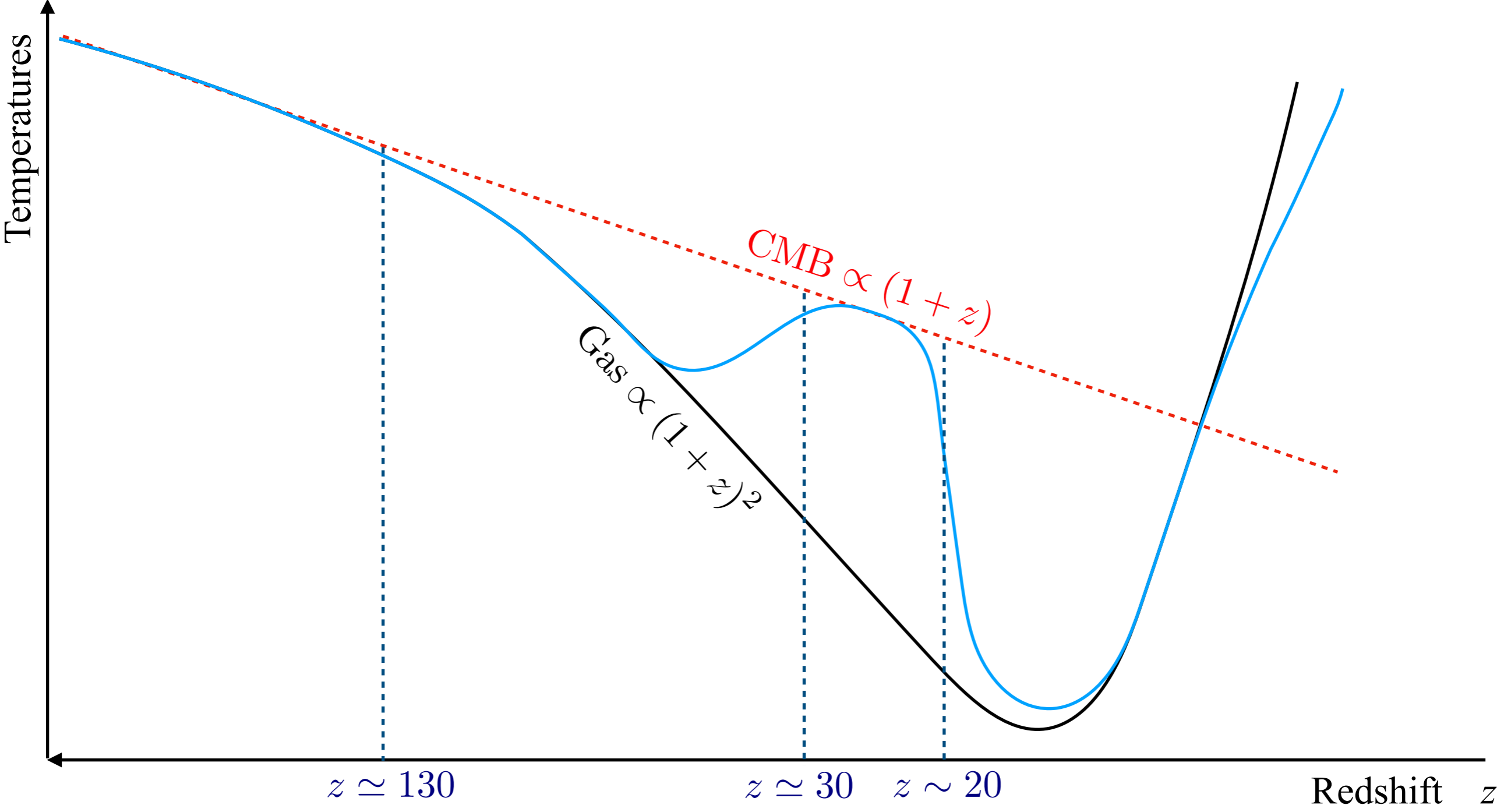
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➔ After, no collisions, no other radiation:  
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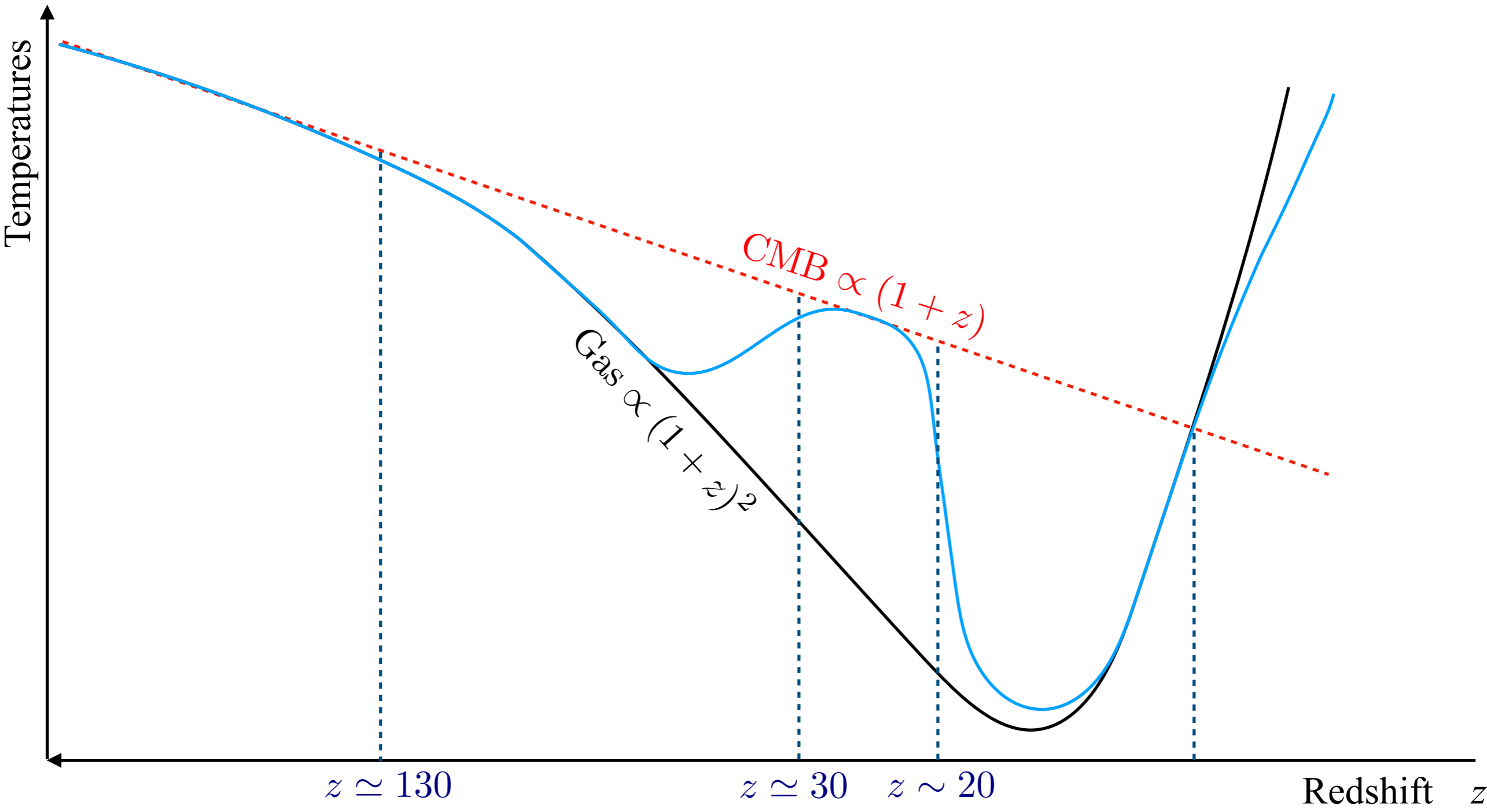
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➔ And then? **At some point, Ly- $\alpha$  photons recouple,** so I start decreasing and I get absorption

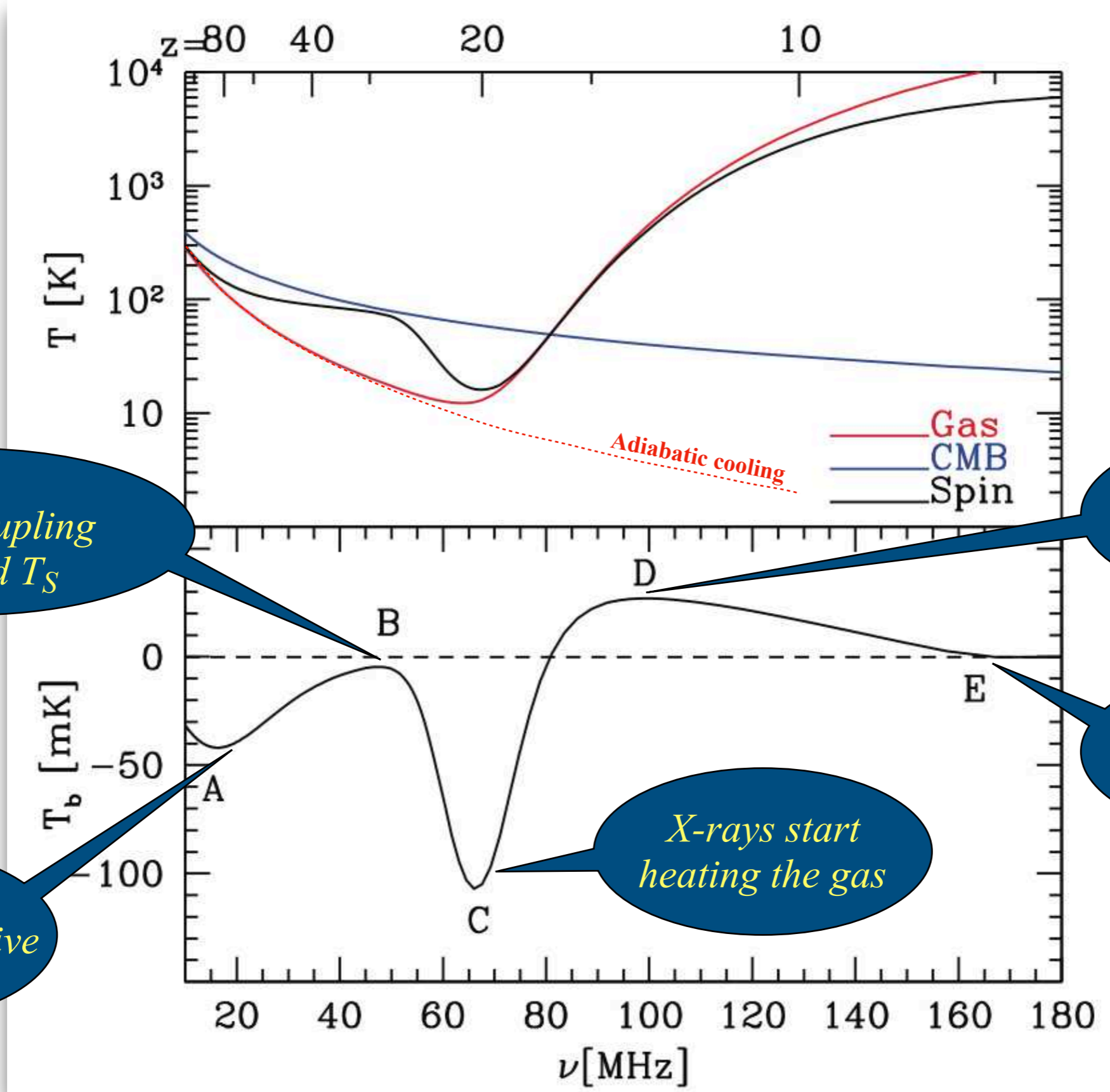


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→ Finally, as  $I$  goes up,  $I$  increase and get an emission until 21-cm signal dies after full reionization



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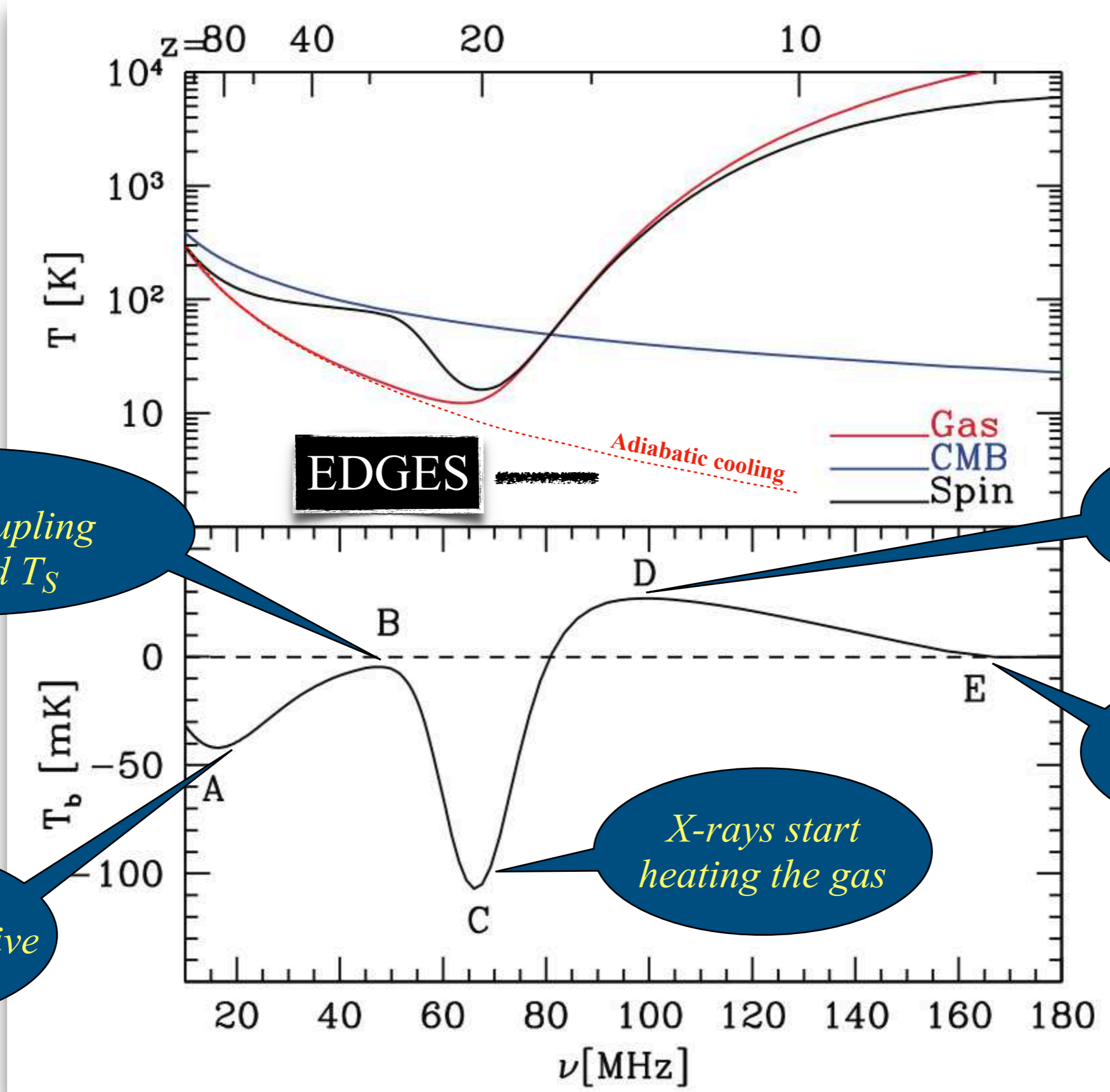
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Taylor et al. 2012  
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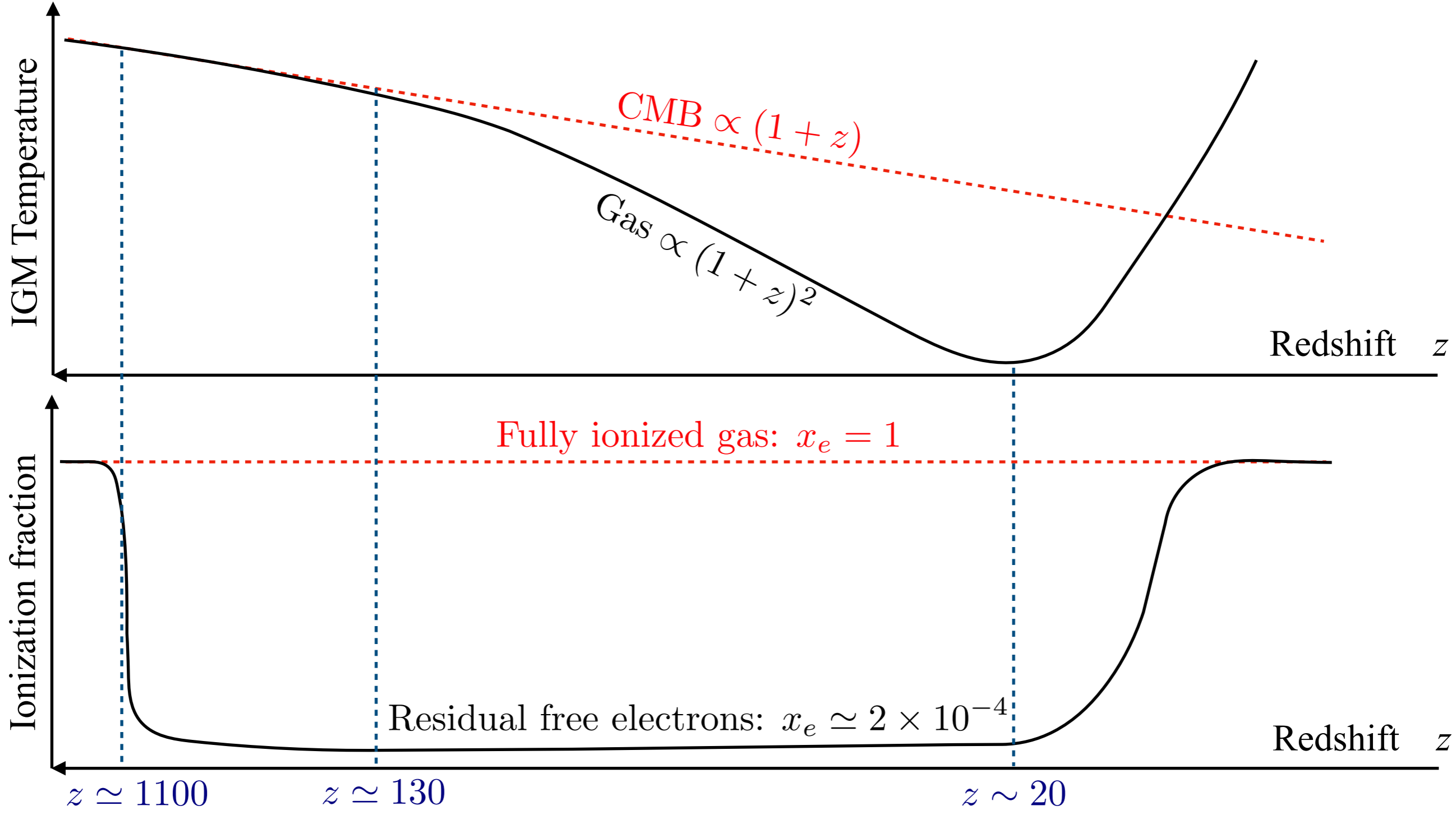
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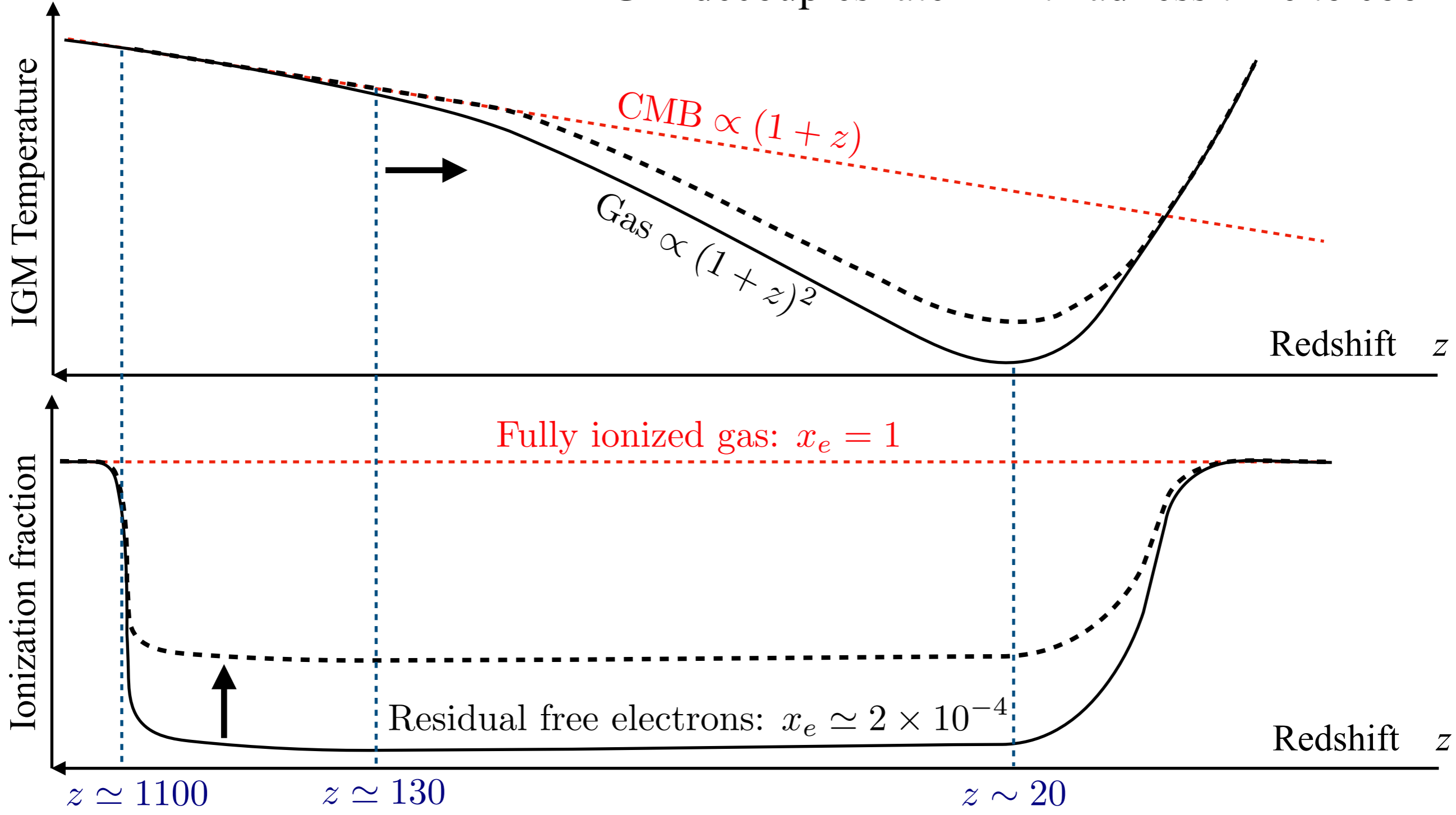
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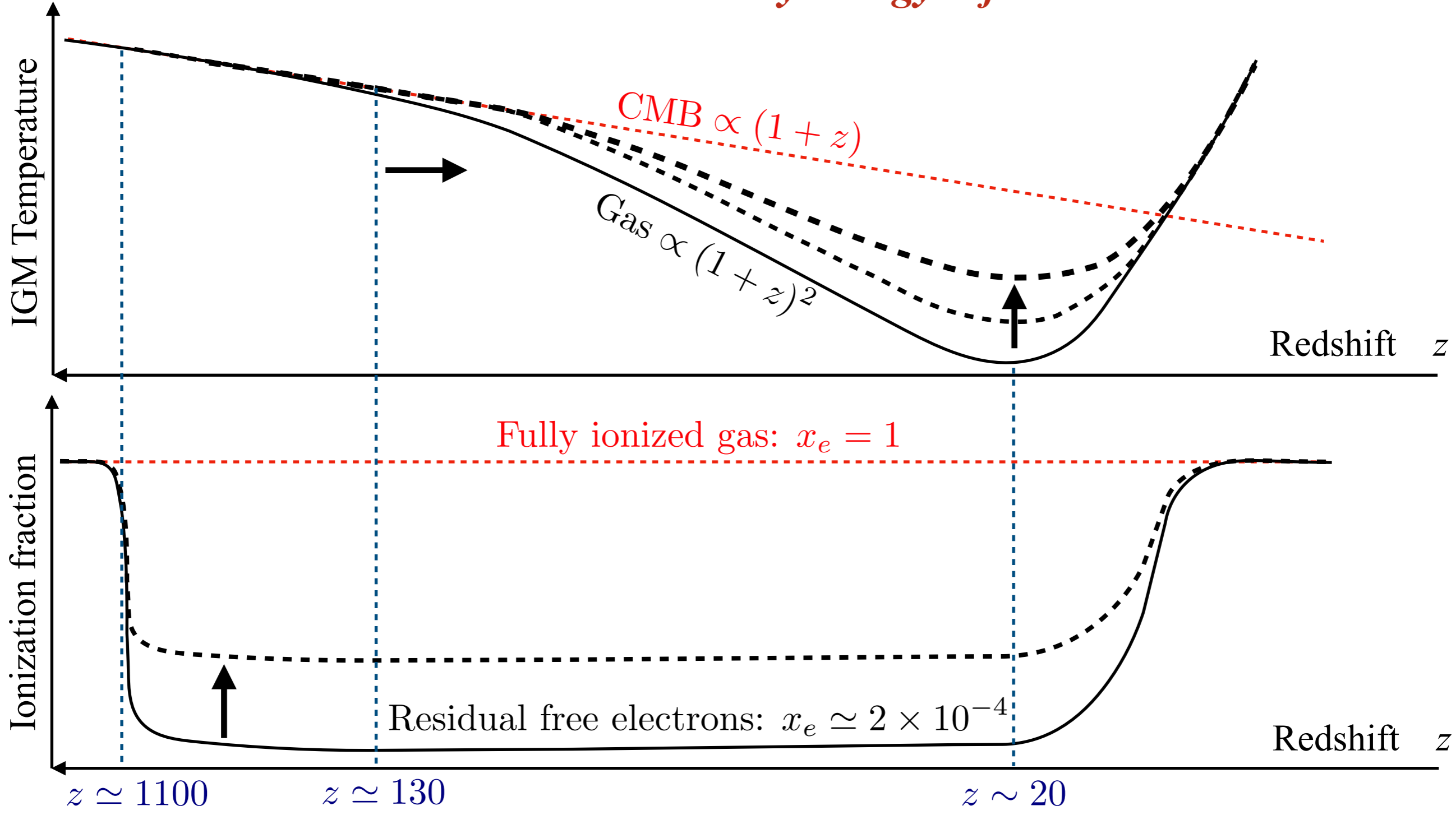
**Will heat the IGM** in 2 ways: → Annihilations *increase ionization fraction*  
IGM decouples later ⇒ it had less time to cool



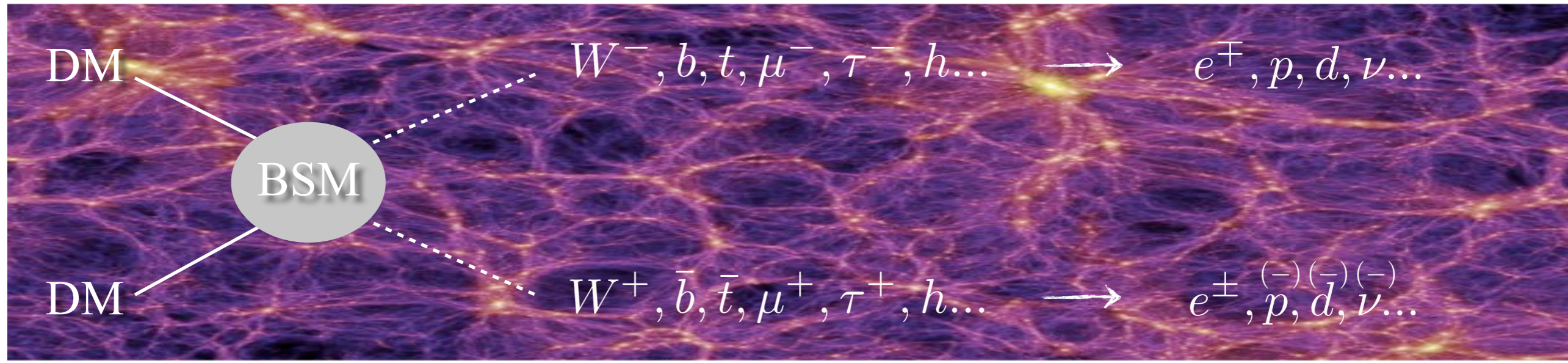
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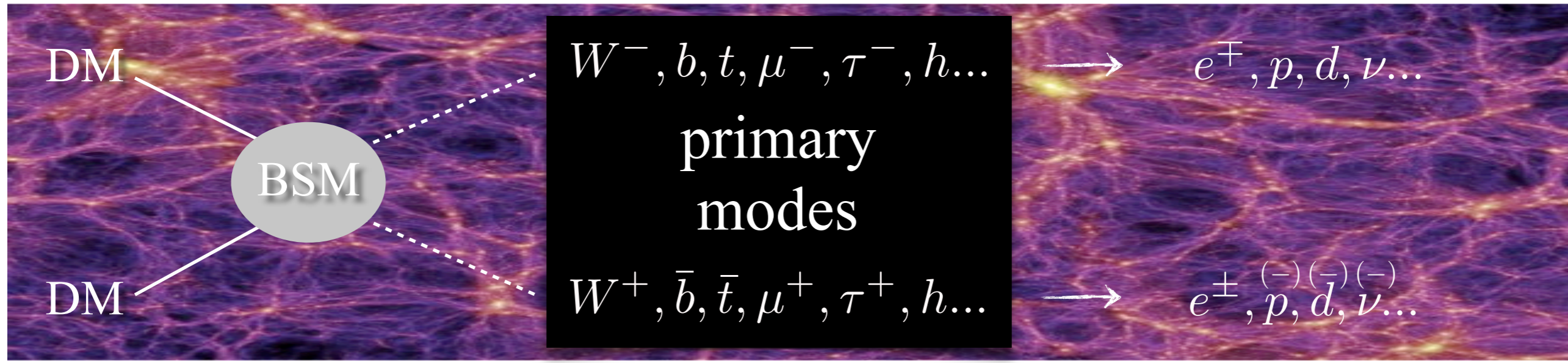
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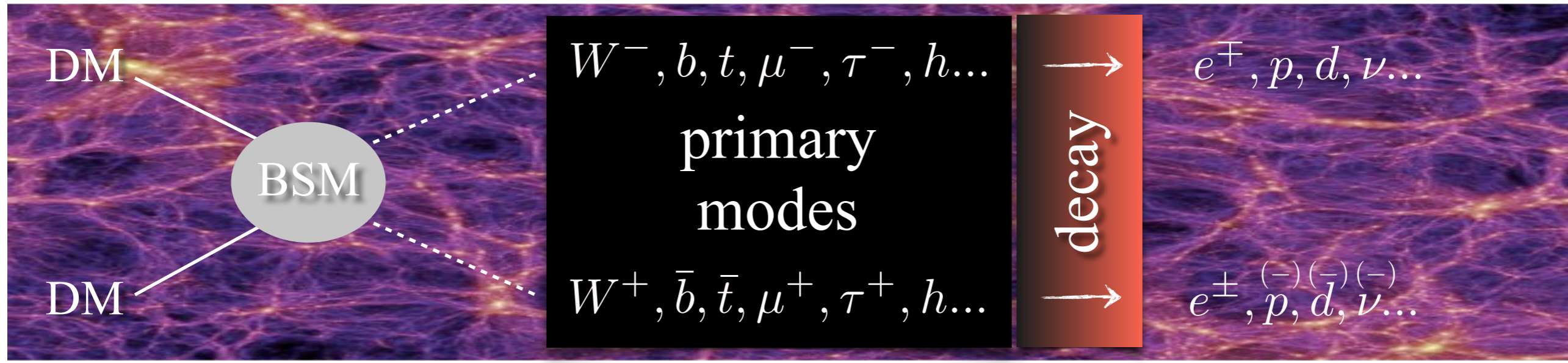
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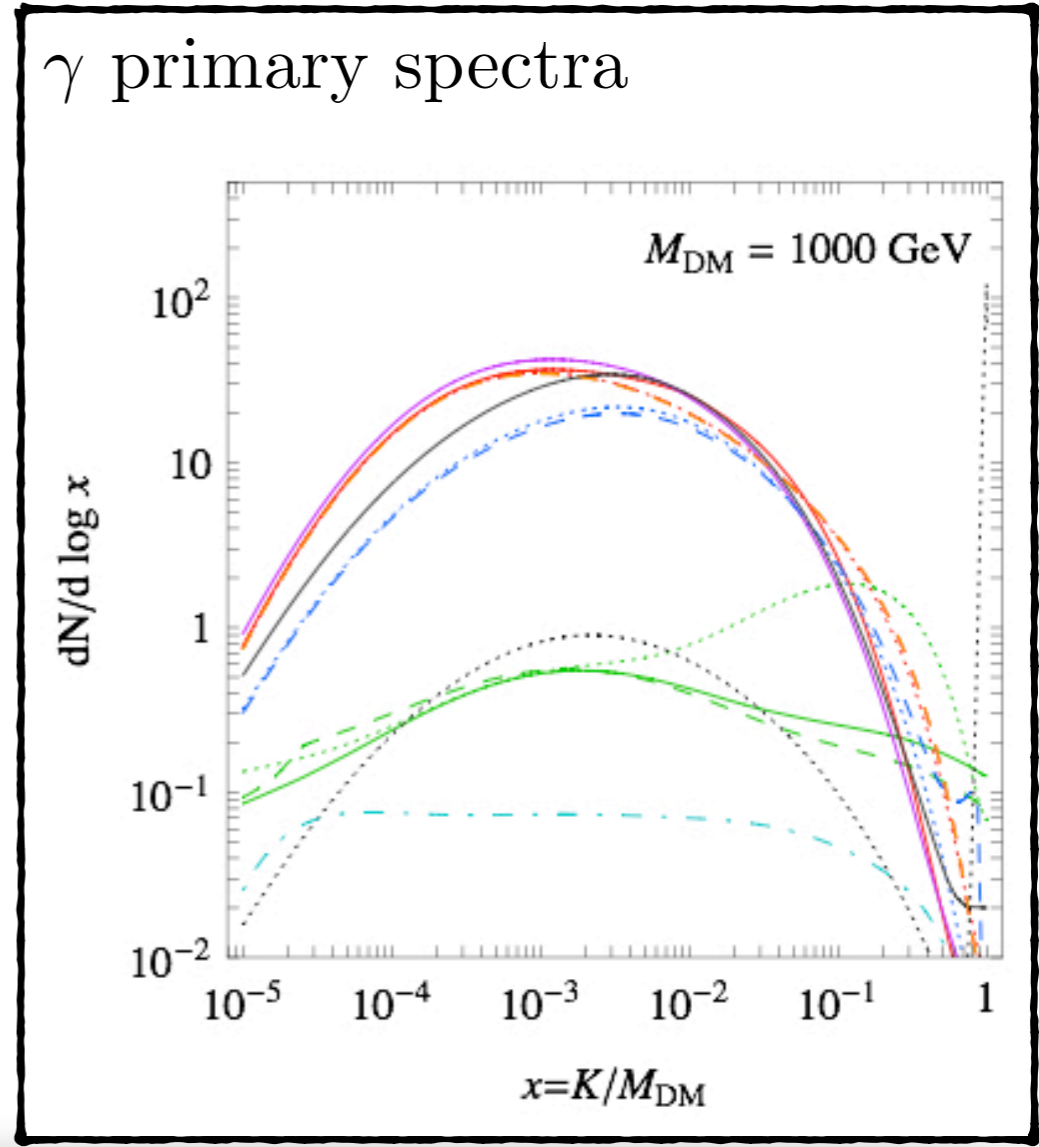
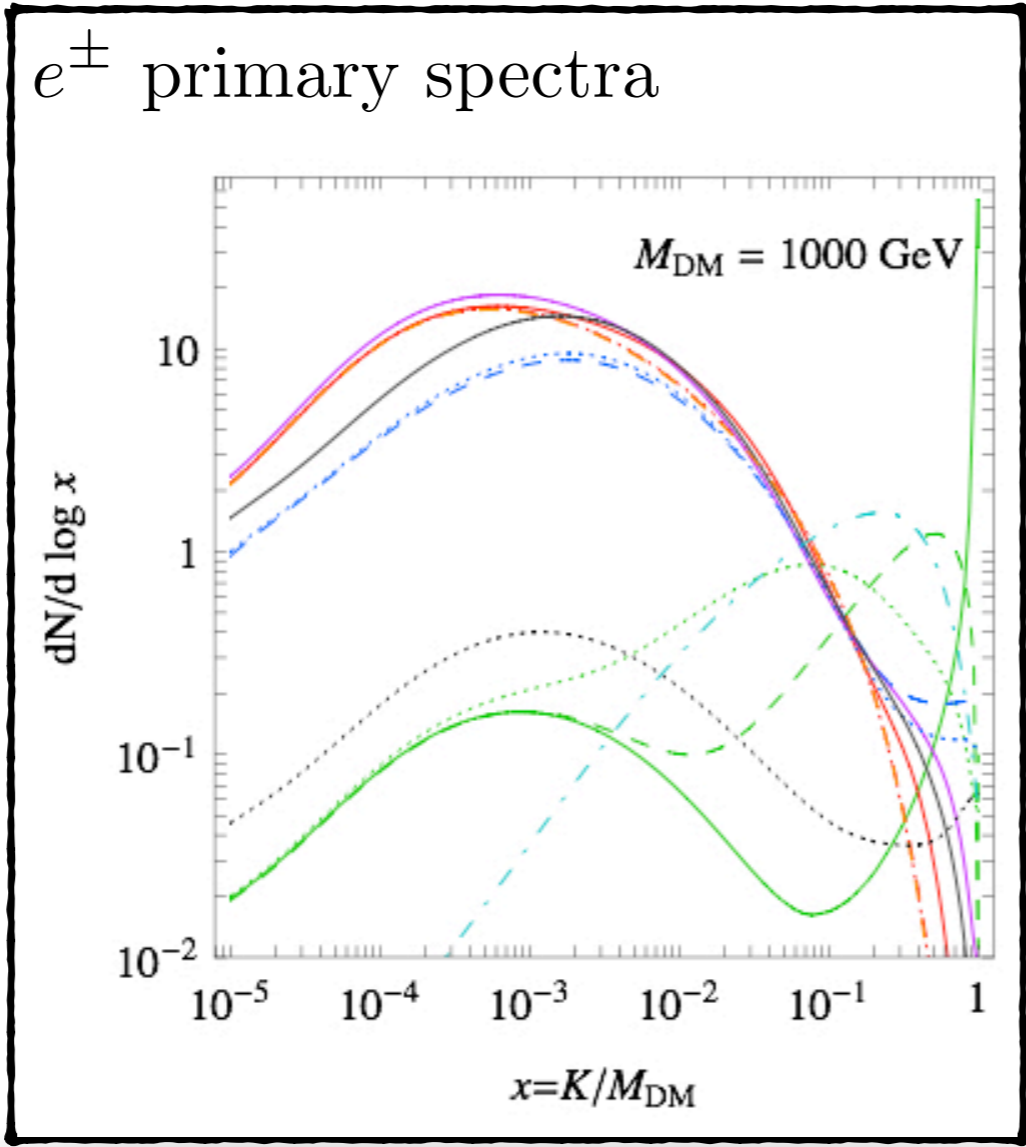
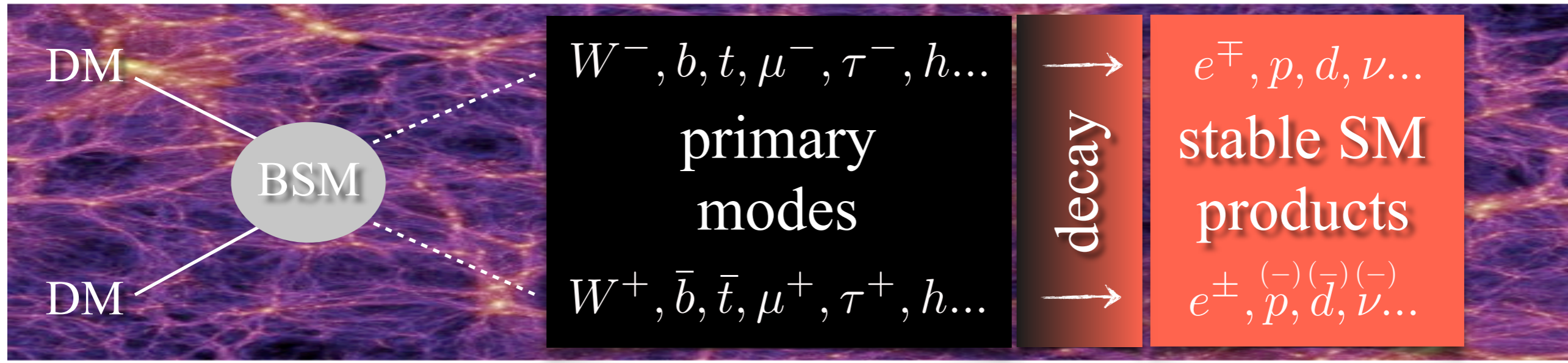
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...	$\tau$
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- - -	c
—	b
—	t
- - -	W
...	Z
—	$h_{115}$
- - -	g
...	$\gamma$
- - -	$V \rightarrow \mu$

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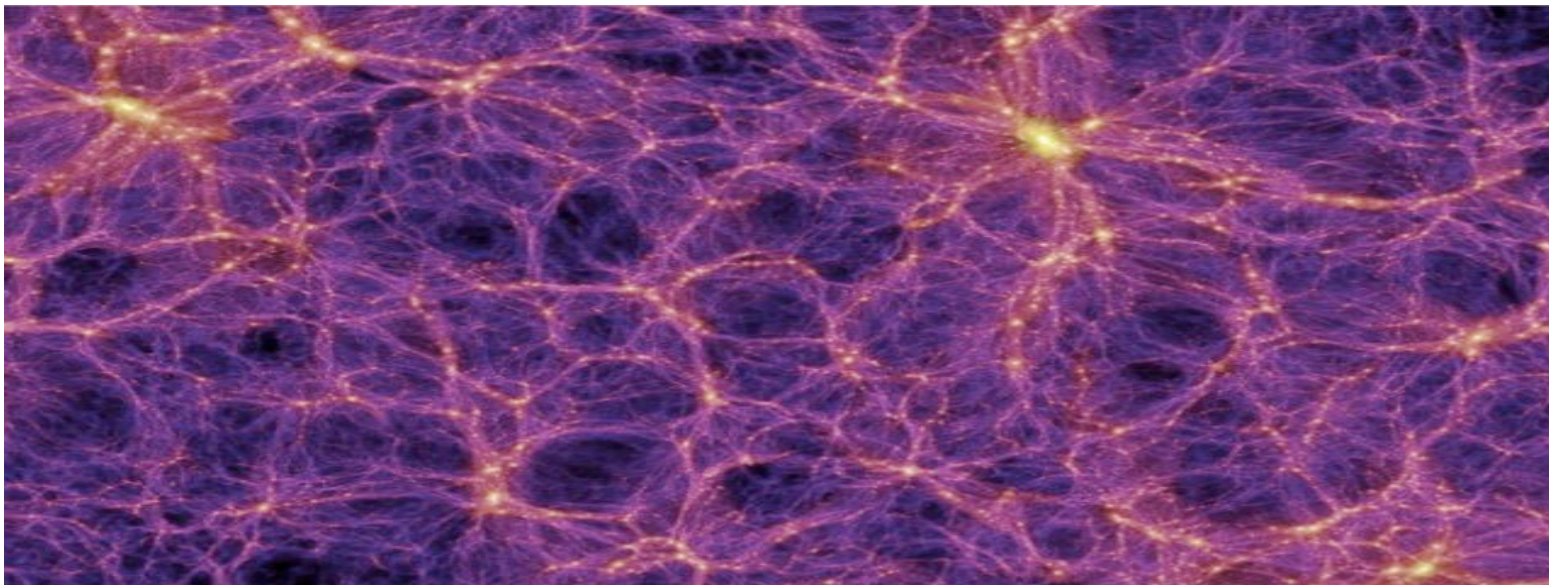
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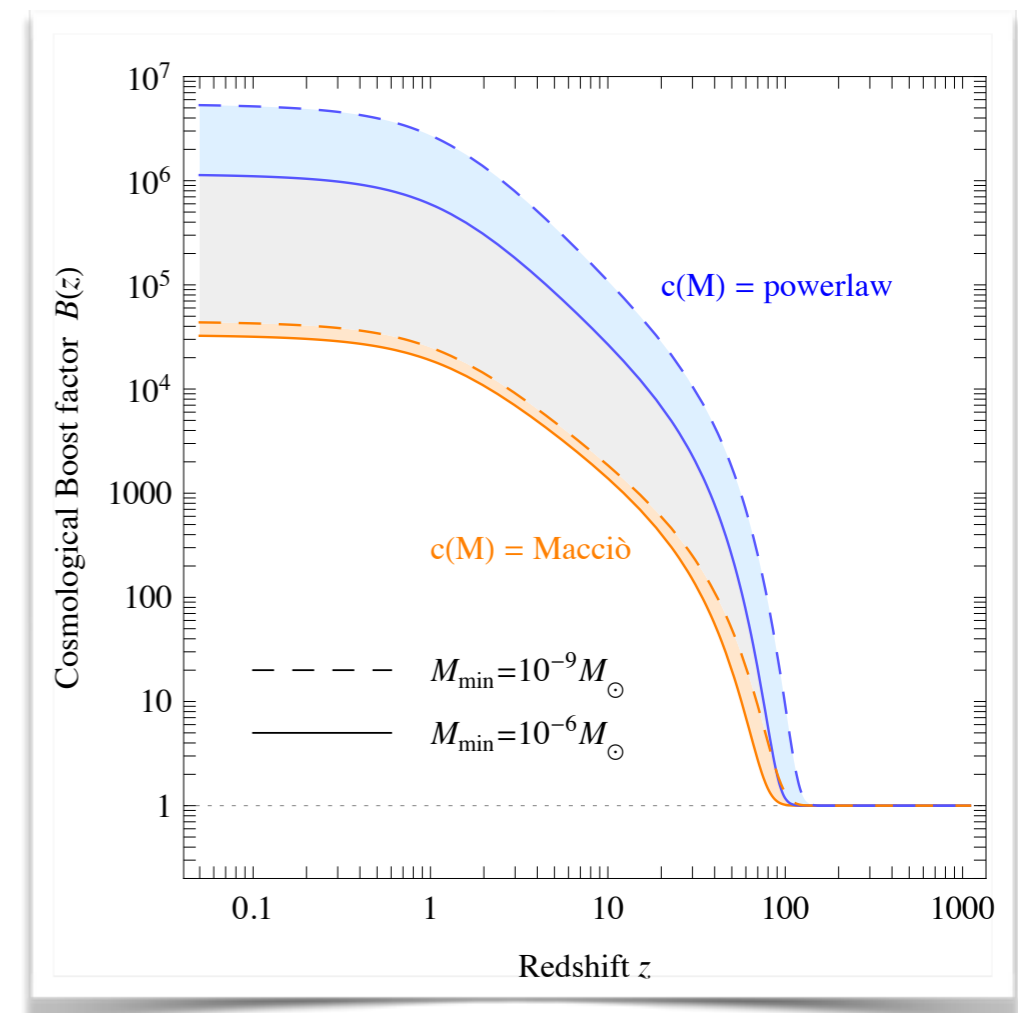
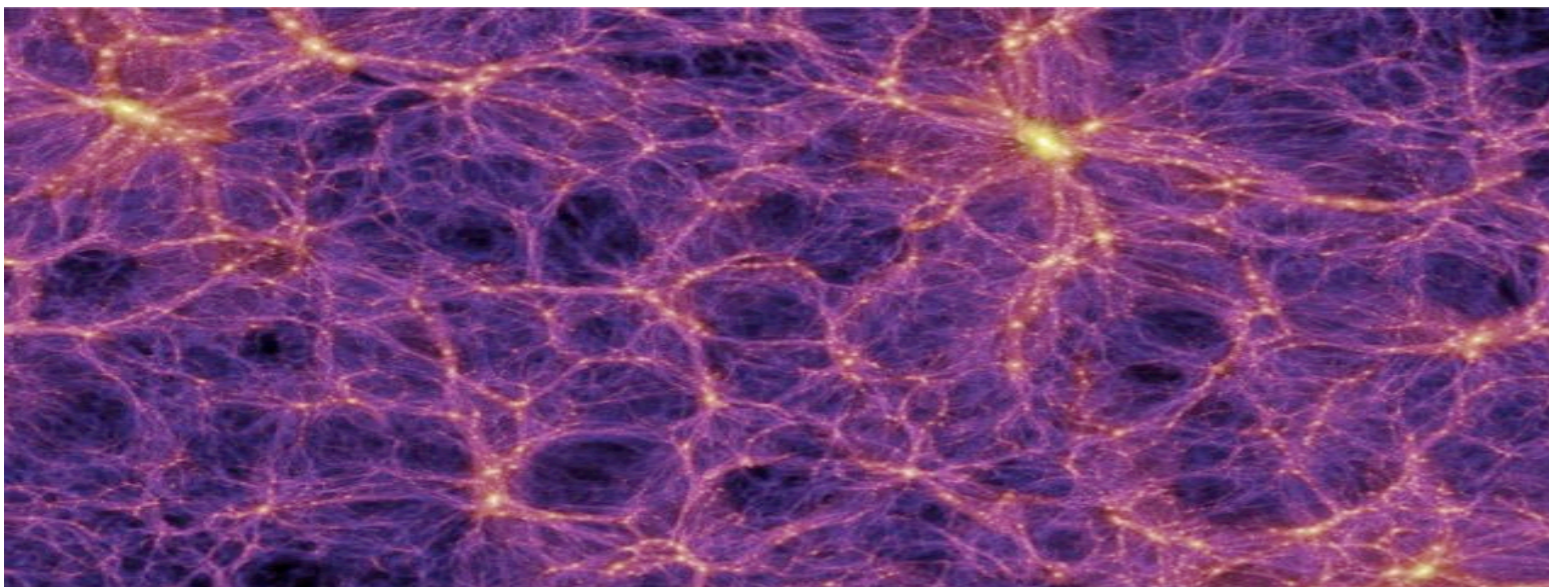
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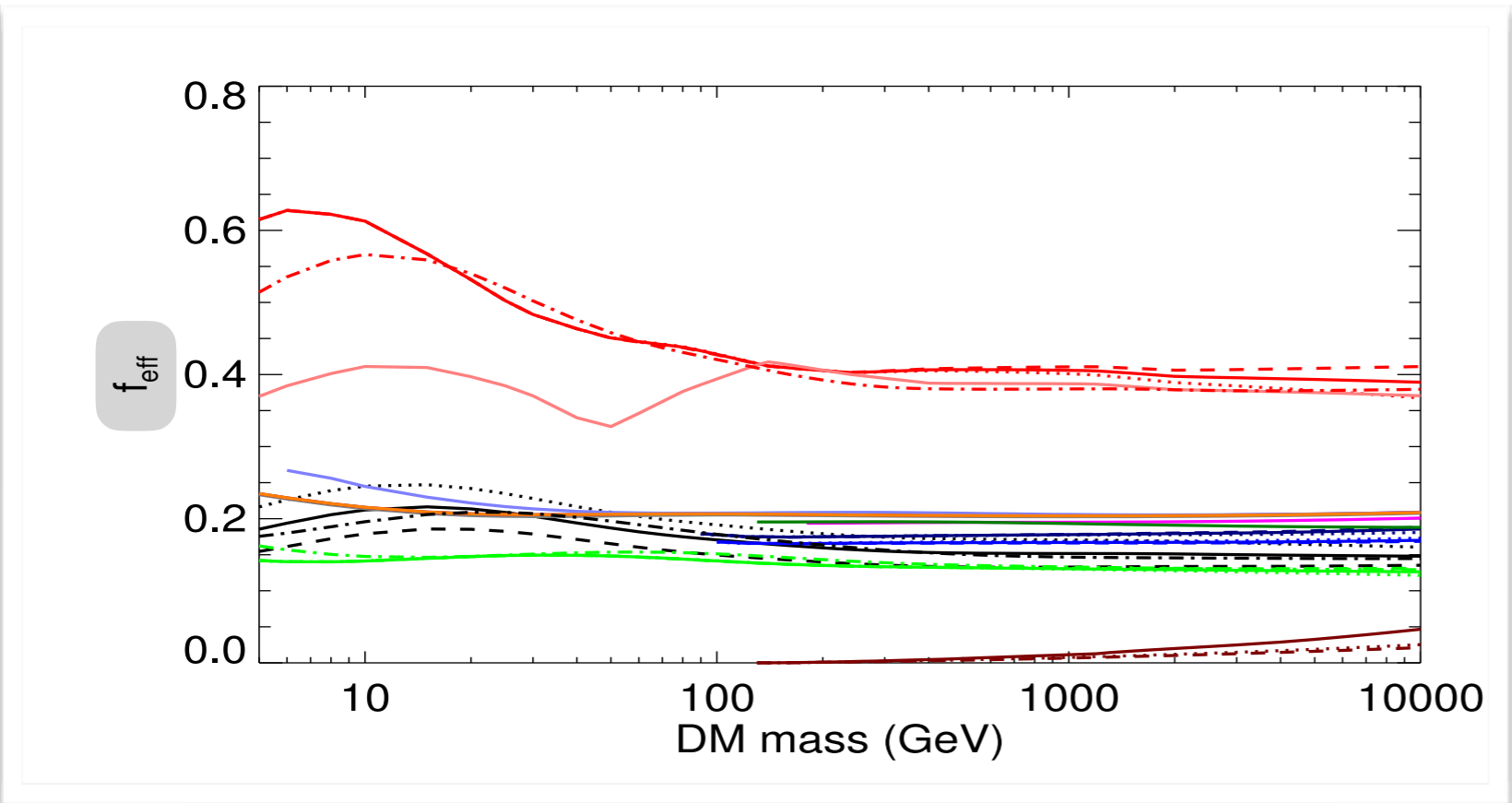
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Annihilation channels:

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.....	$Z_L^+ Z_L^-$
.....	$Z_T^+ Z_T^-$
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-----	$gg$
-----	$\gamma \gamma$
-----	$h h$
-----	$\nu_e \bar{\nu}_e$
.....	$\nu_\mu \bar{\nu}_\mu$
.....	$\nu_\tau \bar{\nu}_\tau$
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- Excite  $H_I$
- Heat the IGM


**DELAYED DEPOSITION:** important at low redshift (EDGES from 20 to 15)

$$f_c(z) = \frac{\int dz' \frac{H(z)(1+z)^3}{H(z')(1+z')^4} \int dE E \mathcal{T}_c(E, z, z') \frac{d\mathcal{N}}{dV dE dt}(E, z')}{\text{Hubble Rate} \times \left. \frac{d\mathcal{E}}{dV dt} \right|_{\text{inj}} \times \text{Injection redshift}}$$

$f_c(z)$  → Deposition redshift  
 $\mathcal{T}_c(E, z, z')$  → Accounts for EM shower → Slatyer 1506.03811, 1506.03812  
 Injection redshift

Evolution of the **free electrons abundance**:


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Recombination of  $H_I$                       Ionization of  $H_I$

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Adiabatic cooling term                      Compton heating term

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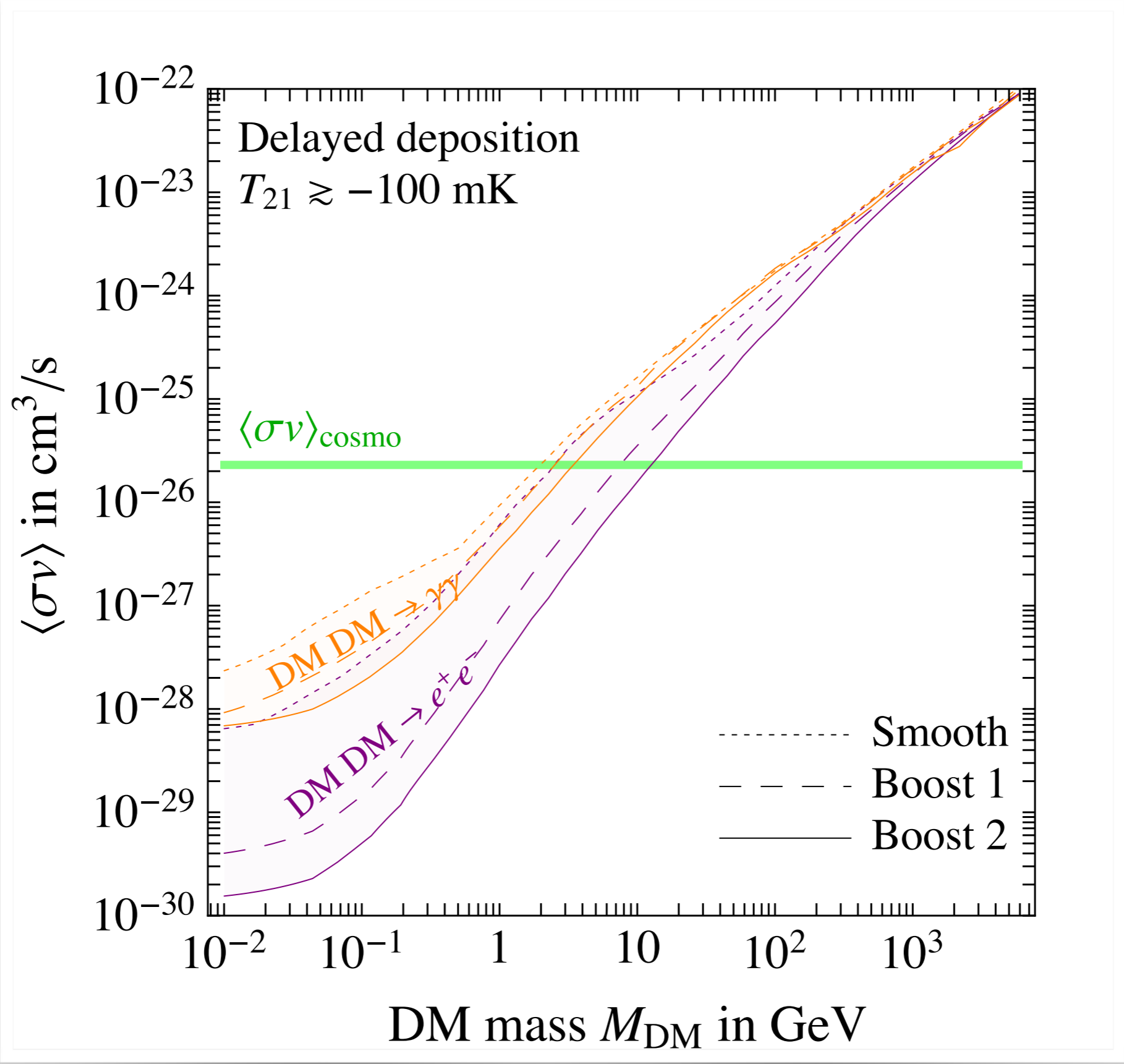
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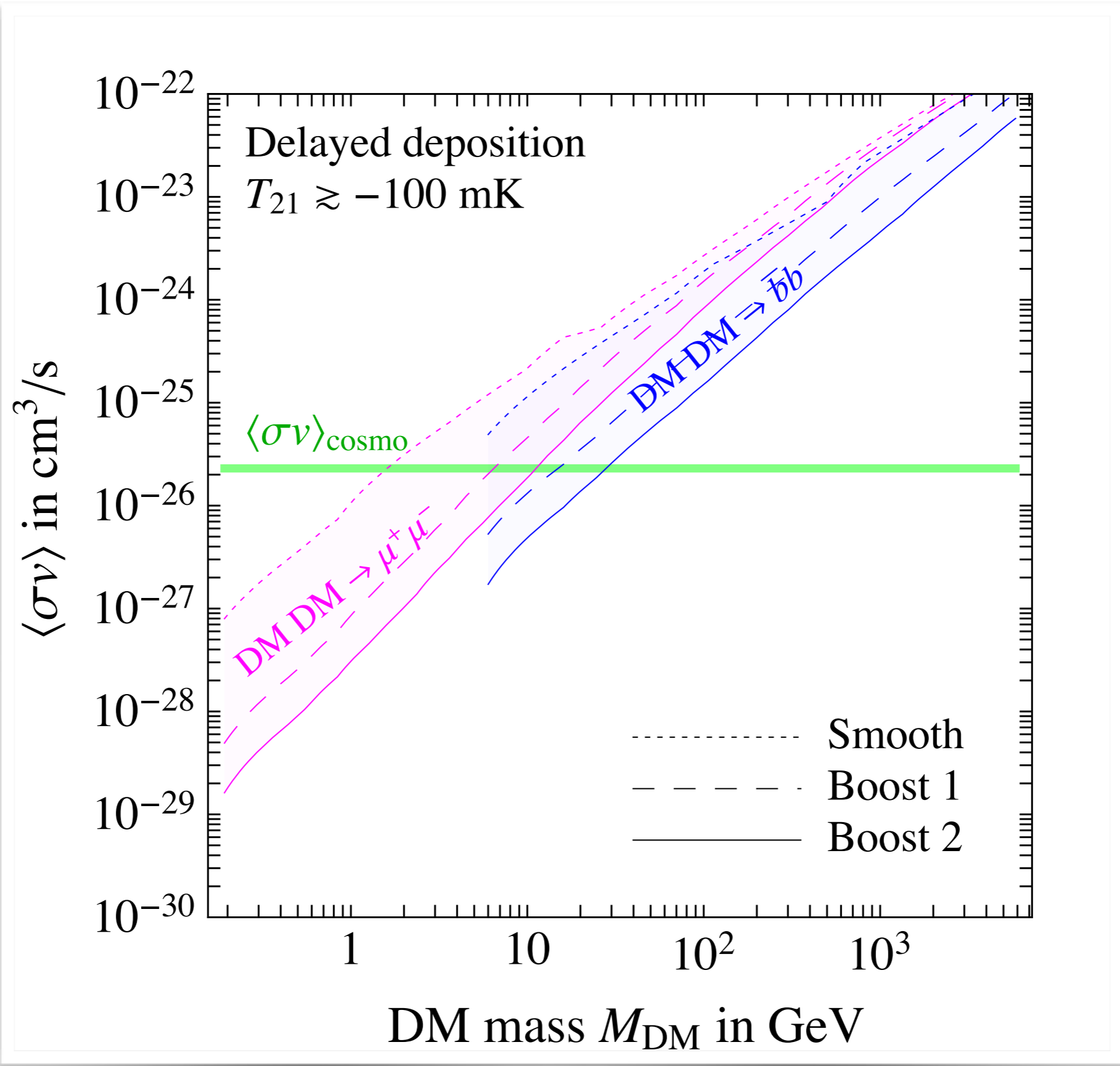
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Can the monopole 21cm alone shed light on dark matter?

Backup slides

# World Wide 21cm

PRI<sup>Z</sup>M  
(Kwazulu-Natal, Sievers et al.)



SARAS 2  
(RRI, Subrahmanyan et al.)



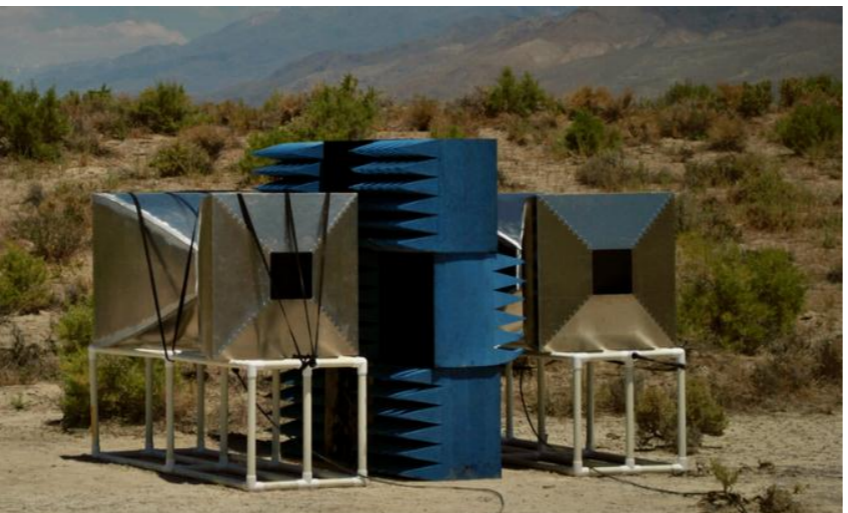
LEDA  
(Harvard, Greenhill et al.)



SCI-HI  
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HYPERION  
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CTP  
(NRAO, Bradley et al.)

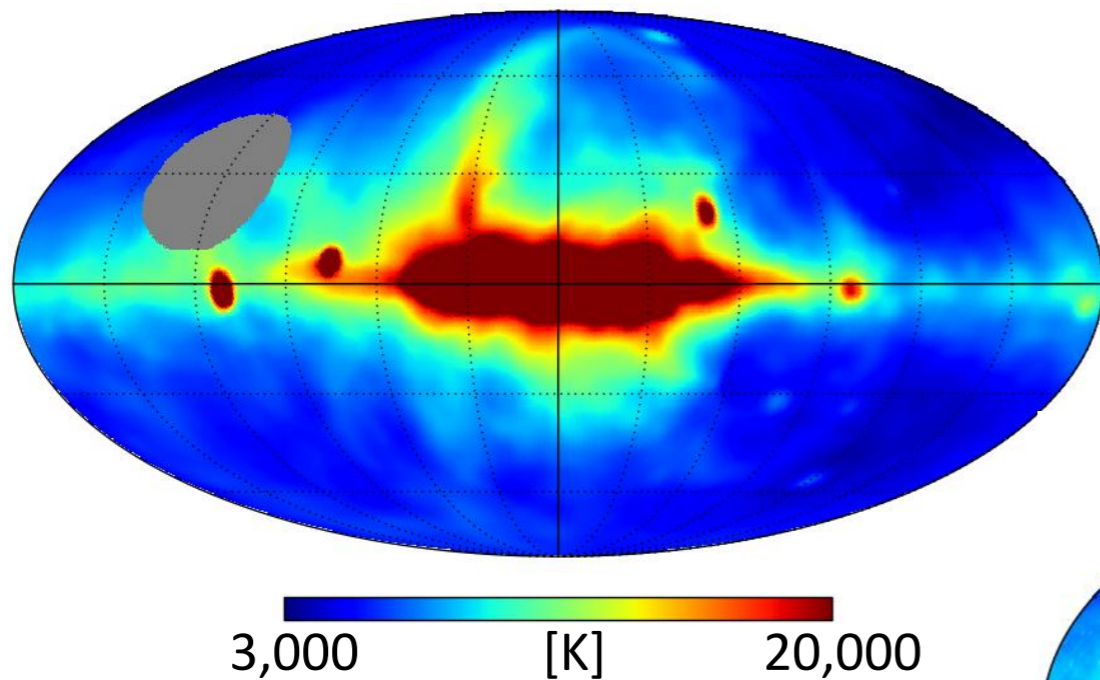




## Diffuse Foregrounds

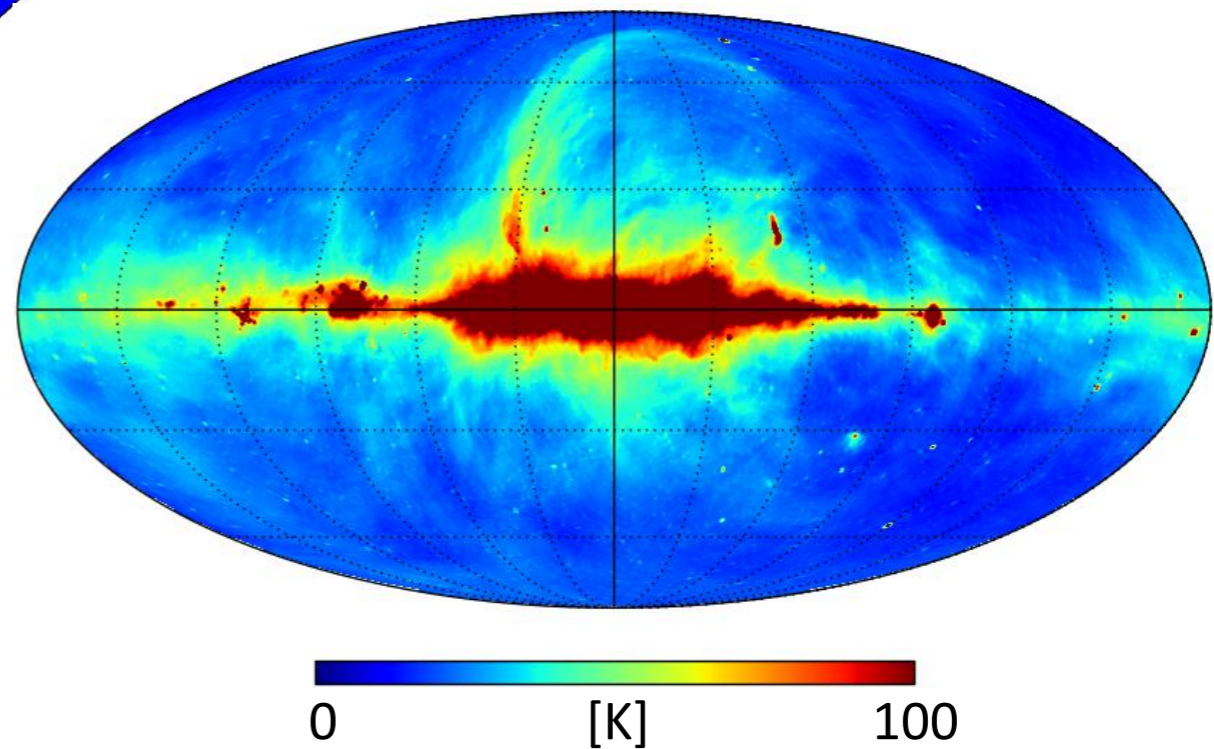
45-MHz Map

Guzmán et al. (2011)



408-MHz Map

Haslam et al. (1982)



### Main features of the Diffuse Foregrounds:

- 1) **Brightness temperature:** always more than 100 K
- 2) **Spectrally smooth** but might need **several terms** to model (see e.g. Bernardi et al. 2015)
- 3) **Large spatial gradient** (in particular close to the GC)

# EDGES Fitting procedure

Linearized version of Physically-Motivated foreground model

$$m_{\text{fg}}(\mathbf{a}_i) = \mathbf{a}_0 \left(\frac{\nu}{\nu_n}\right)^{-2.5} + \mathbf{a}_1 \left(\frac{\nu}{\nu_n}\right)^{-2.5} \left[\log\left(\frac{\nu}{\nu_n}\right)\right] + \mathbf{a}_2 \left(\frac{\nu}{\nu_n}\right)^{-2.5} \left[\log\left(\frac{\nu}{\nu_n}\right)\right]^2 \\ + \mathbf{a}_3 \left(\frac{\nu}{\nu_n}\right)^{-4.5} + \mathbf{a}_4 \left(\frac{\nu}{\nu_n}\right)^{-2}$$

Alternative Polynomial Model

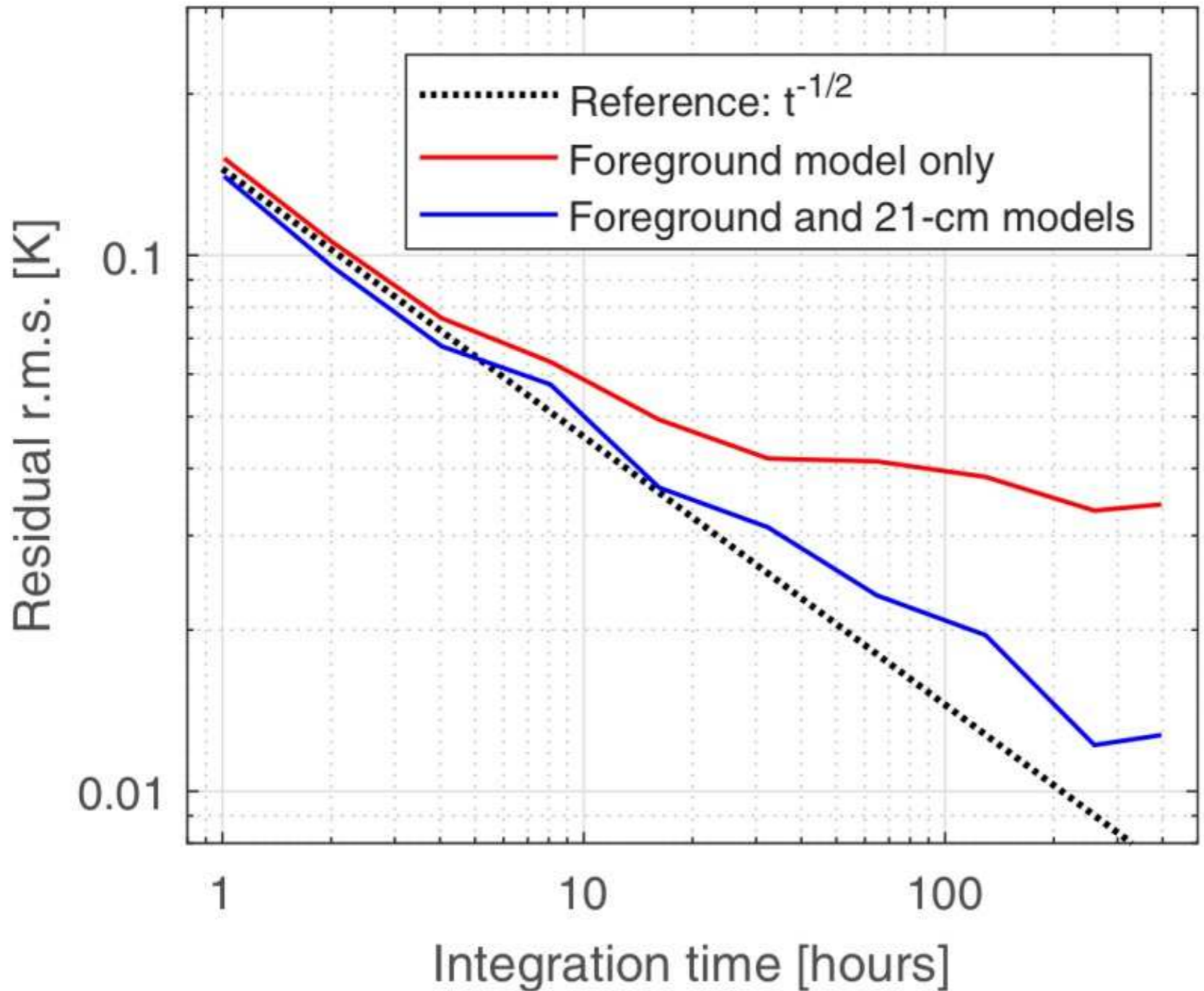
$$m_{\text{fg}}(\mathbf{a}_i) = \left(\frac{\nu}{\nu_n}\right)^{-2.5} \sum_{i=0}^{N_{\text{fg}}-1} \mathbf{a}_i \left(\frac{\nu}{\nu_n}\right)^i$$

**Smooth sets of basis functions** that model well, with few terms, the spectrum over wide frequency ranges.

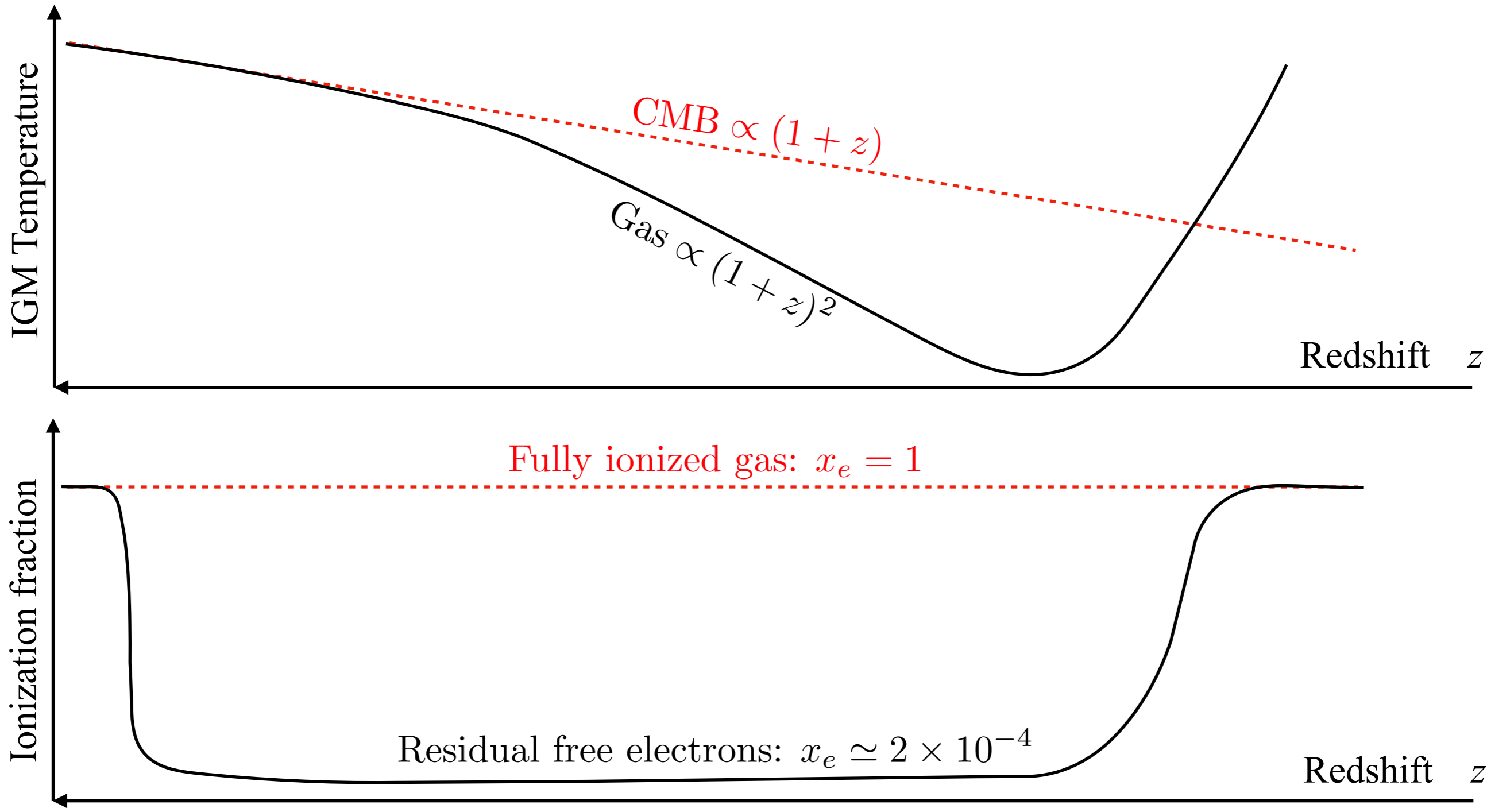
Linear fit coefficients **not intended to be assigned physical interpretation**.

Slide from Monsalve's talk @ CERN

# EDGES Residuals r.m.s.

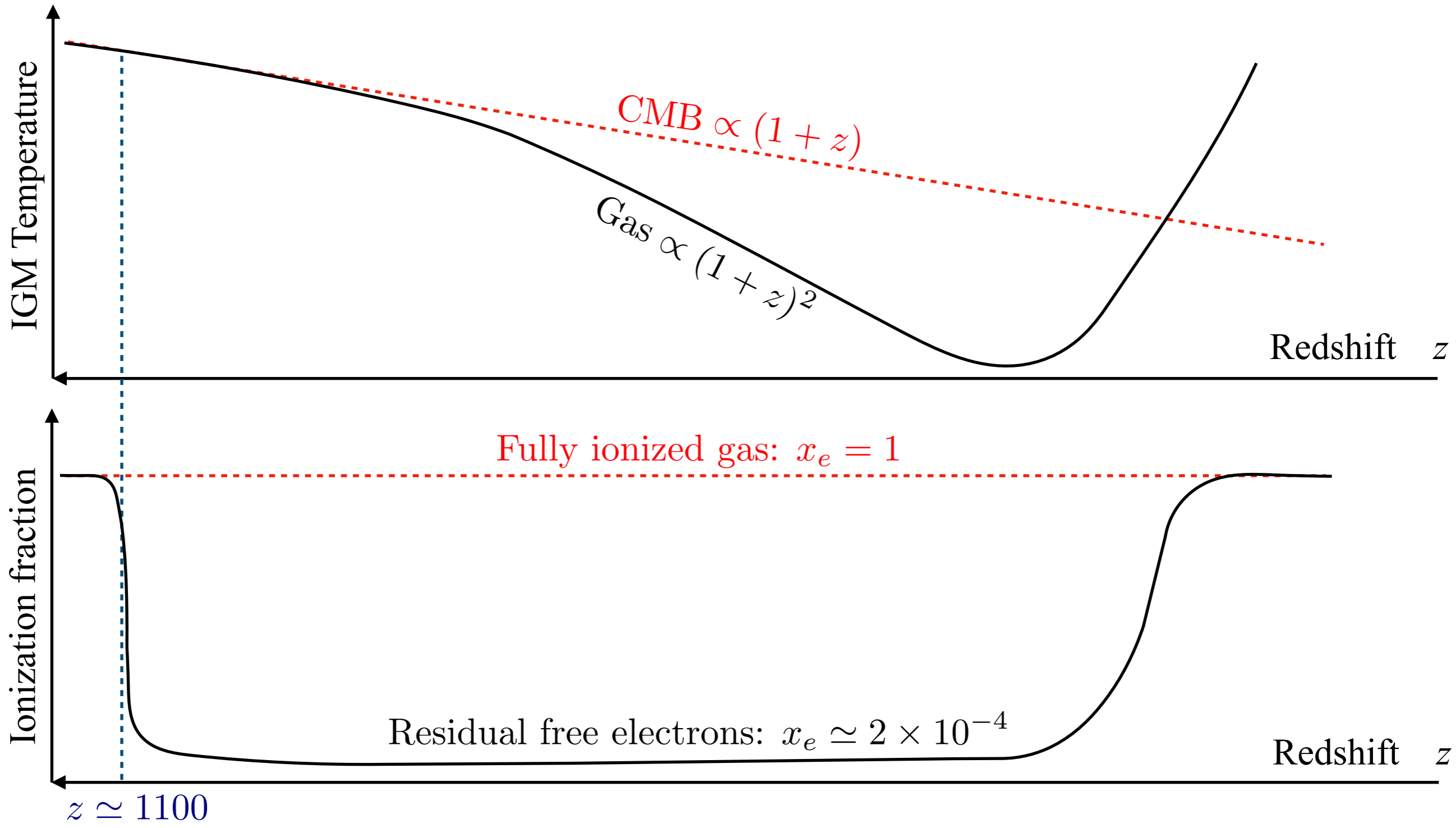


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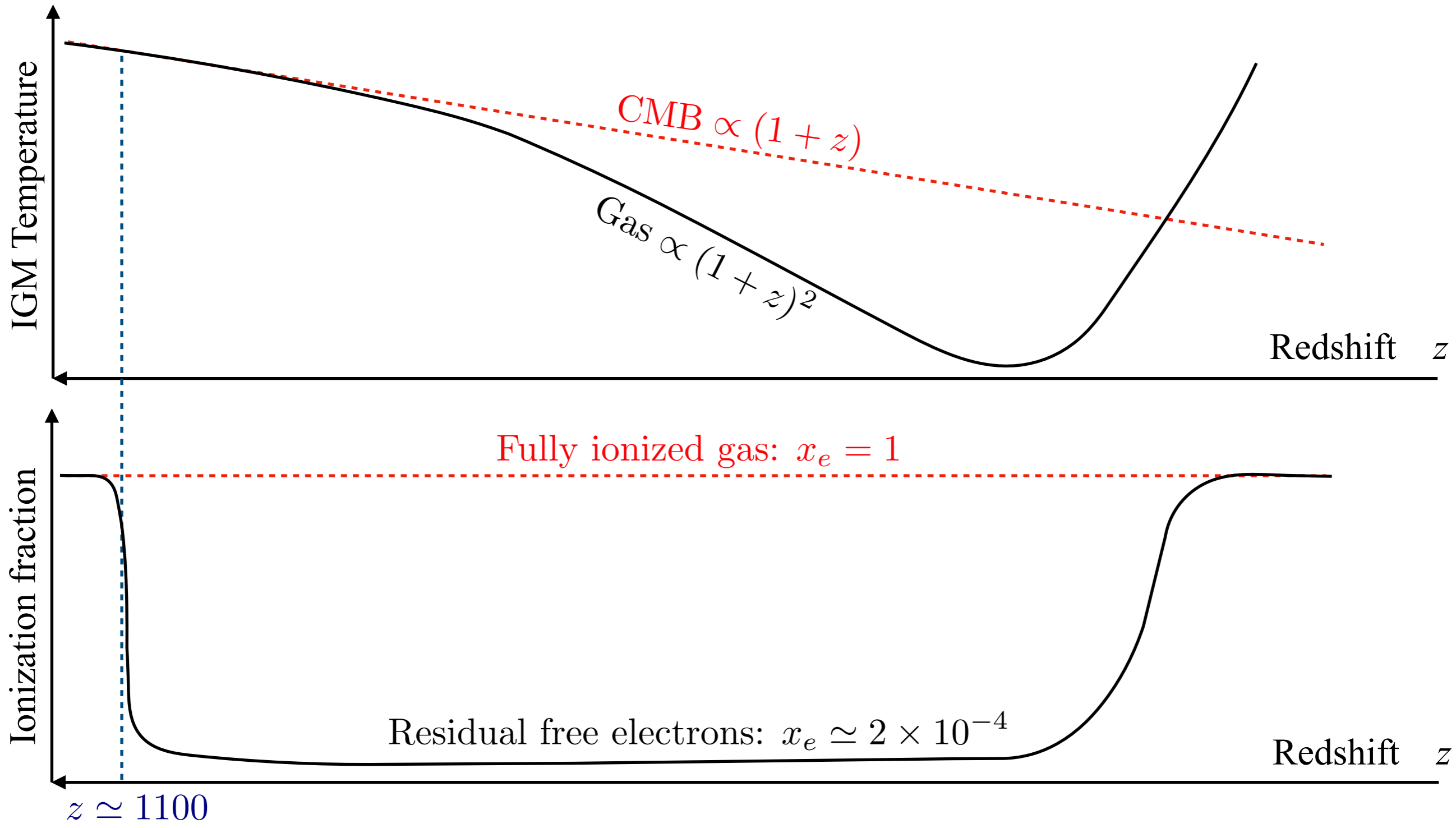
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→ At  $z \sim 1100$ , CMB and IGM kinetically decouple:  
the Universe becomes neutral



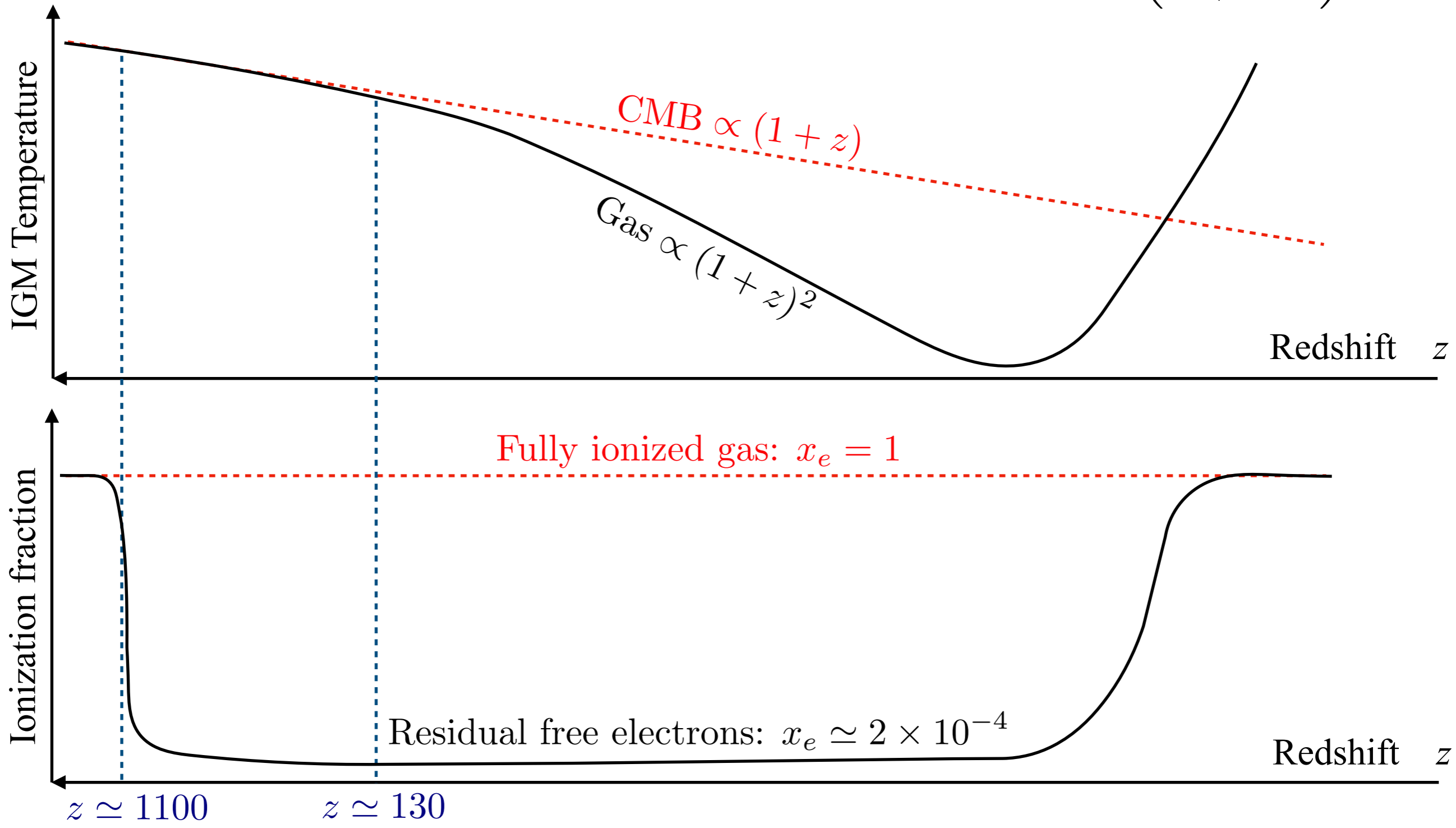
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→ However, the gas & CMB temperatures are still the same, because of efficient Compton scattering



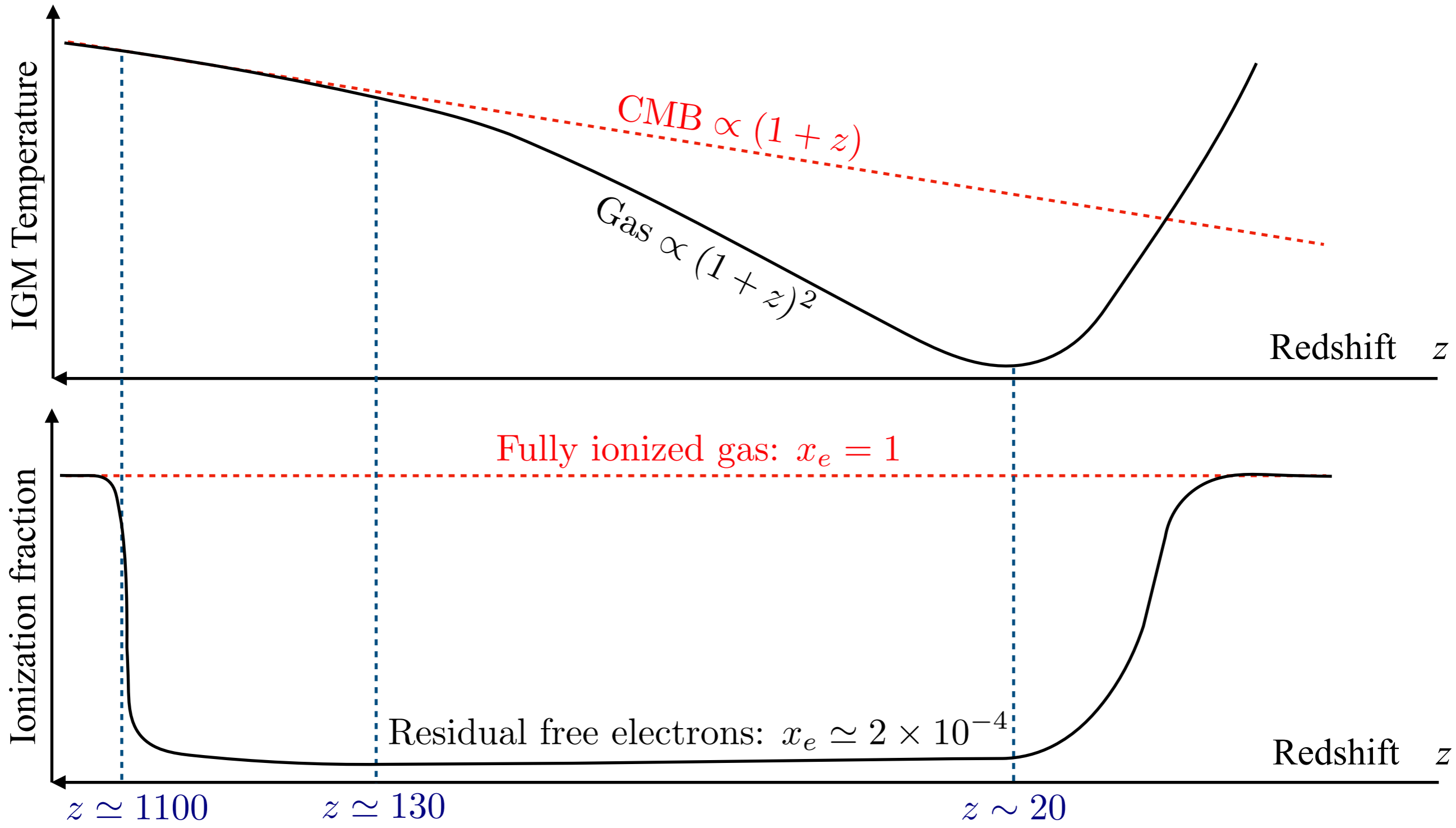
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➔ Finally, around  $z \sim 130$ , IGM thermally decouples:  
it thereafter cools down adiabatically as:  $T_{\text{gas}} \simeq T_{\text{CMB}}^{z=130} \left( \frac{1+z}{1+130} \right)^2$



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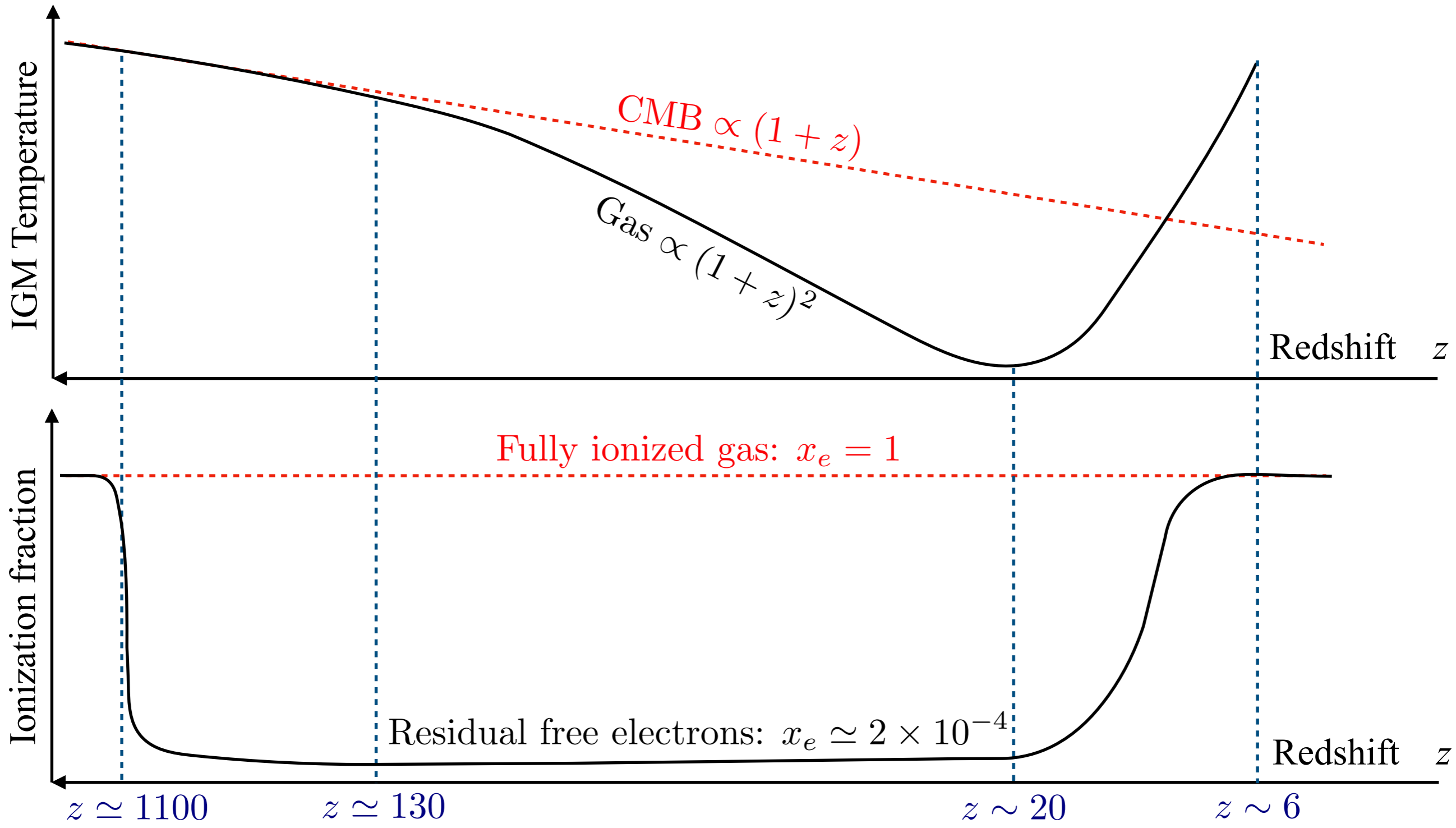
➔ At some point, lights turn on: X-rays and Ly- $\alpha$  photons go around the Universe, heat the IGM, finally reaching





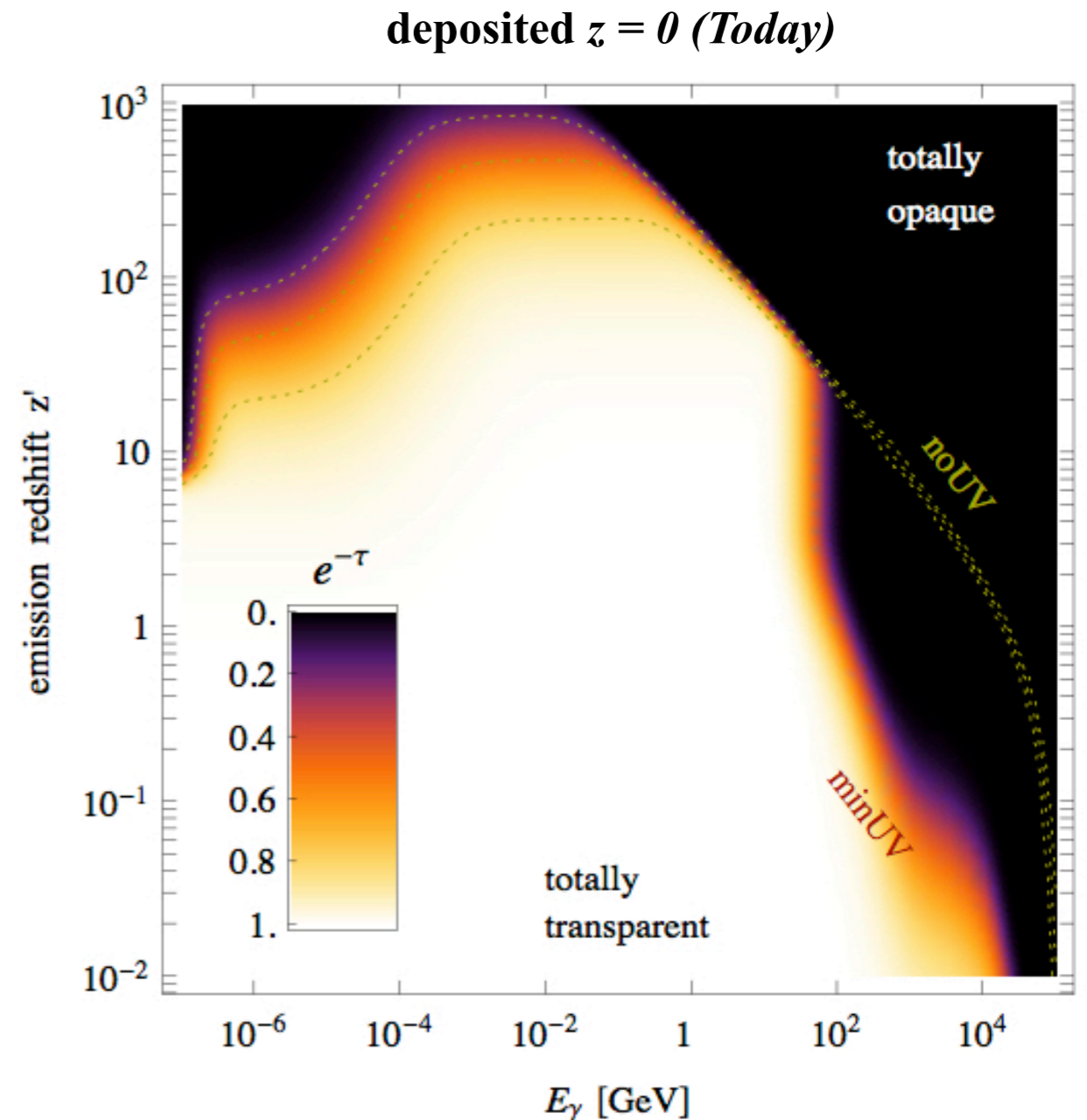
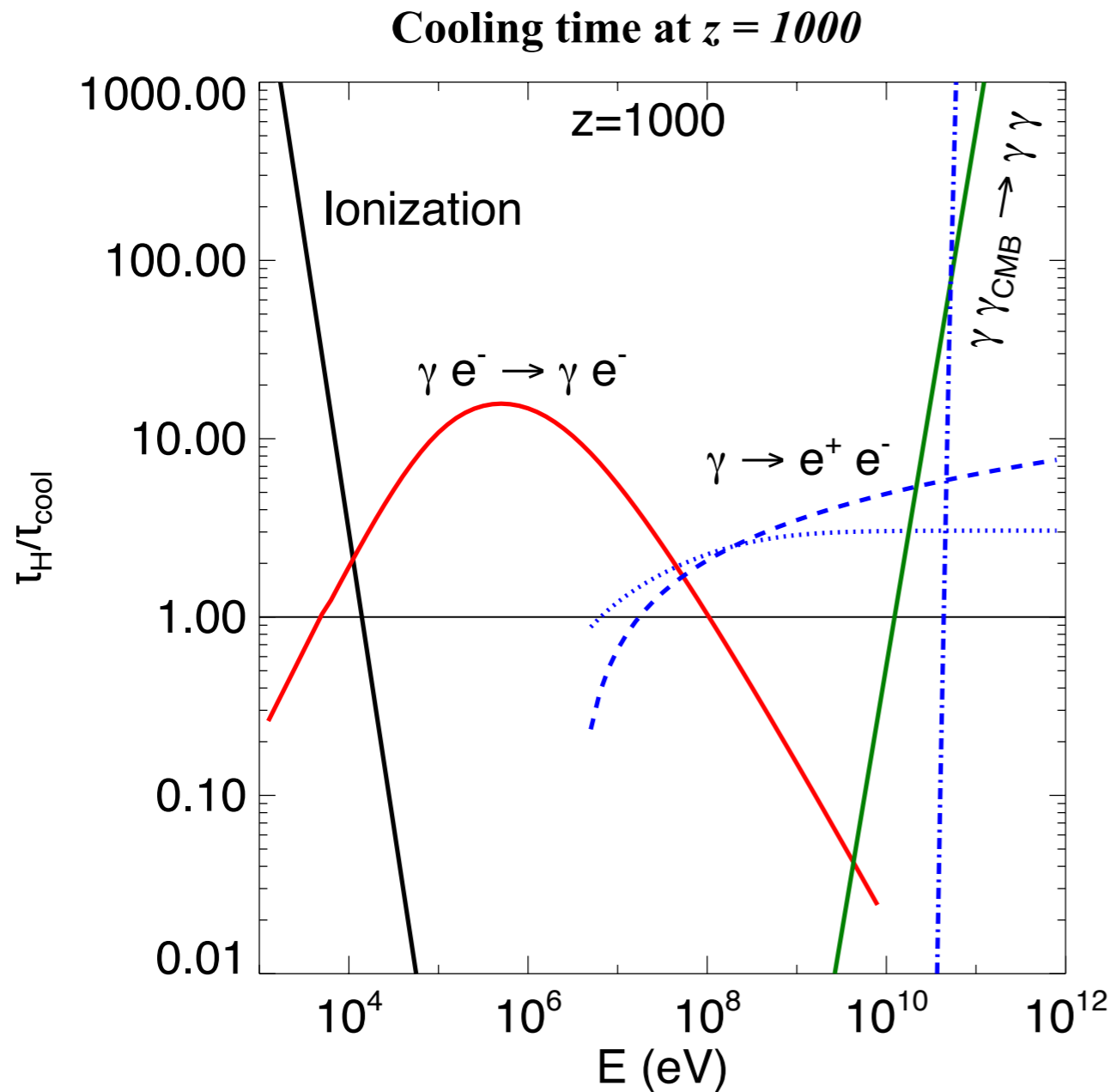
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→ **Reionization**: the Universe becomes ionized again, no neutral atomic hydrogen anymore

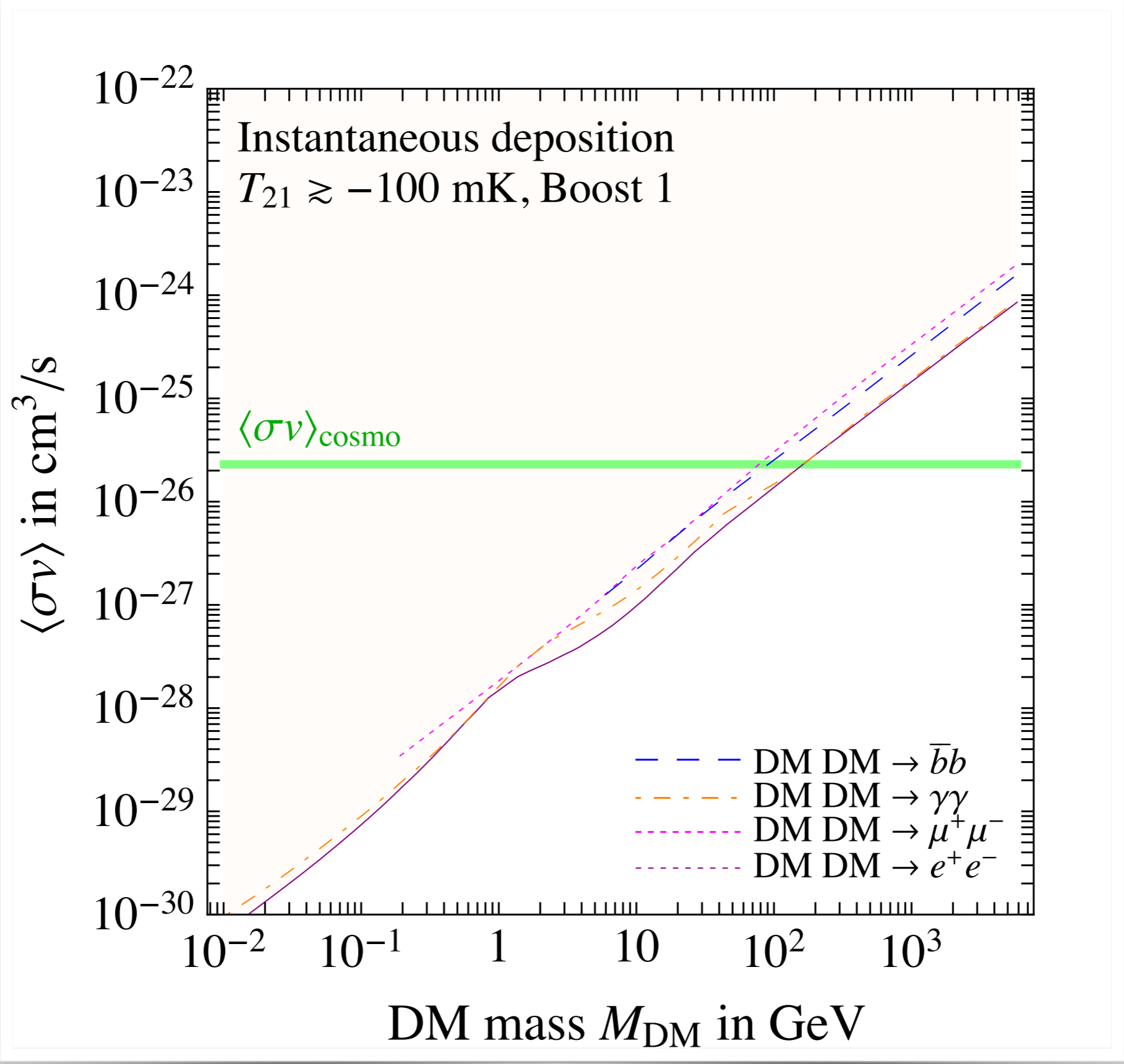


The *delayed transfer function* encodes the physics of the EM shower

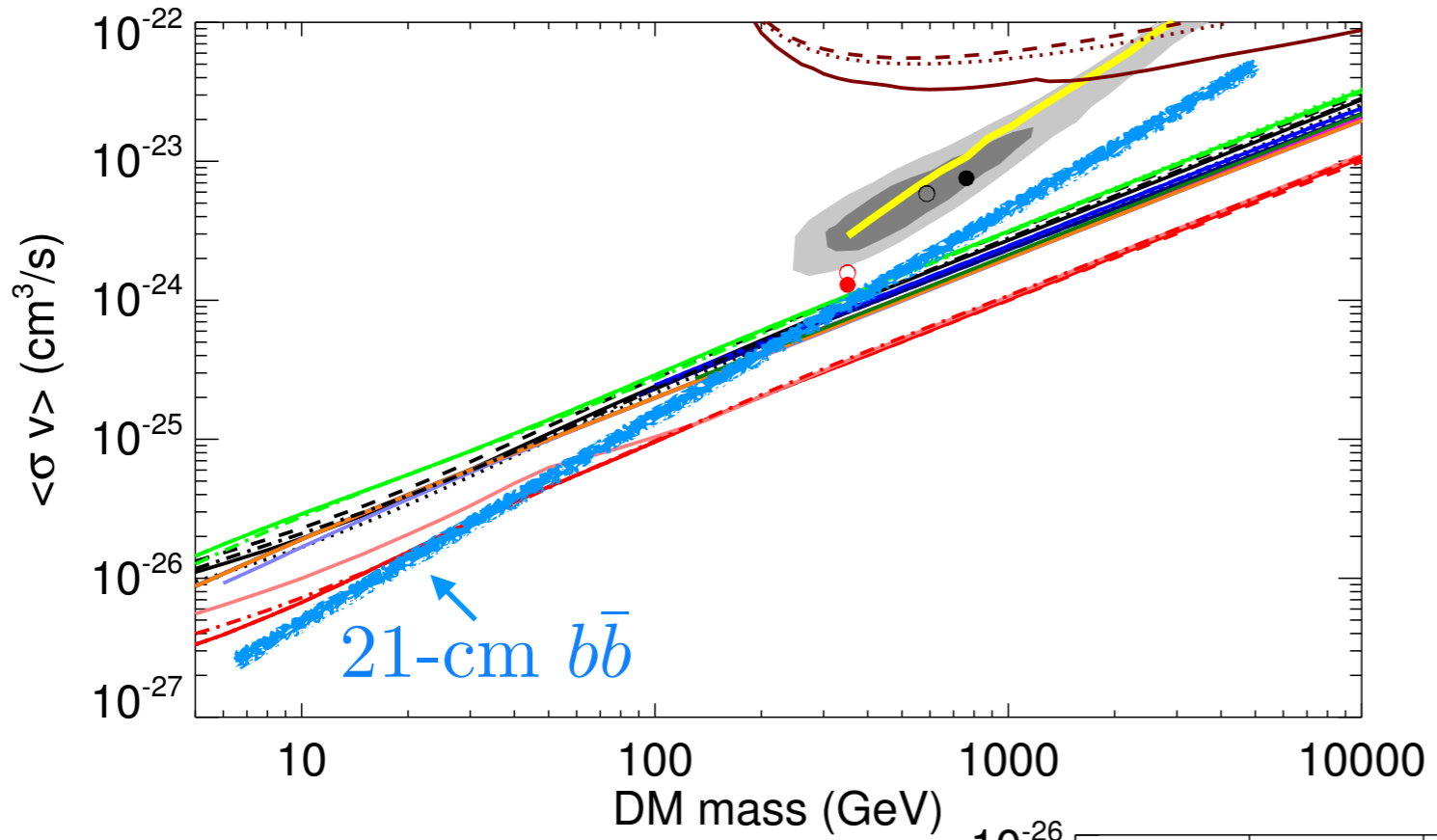
- ★ Mean free path of the electrons/positrons at a given redshift  $z$
- ★ Absorption of photons in the IGM



# Instantaneous deposition



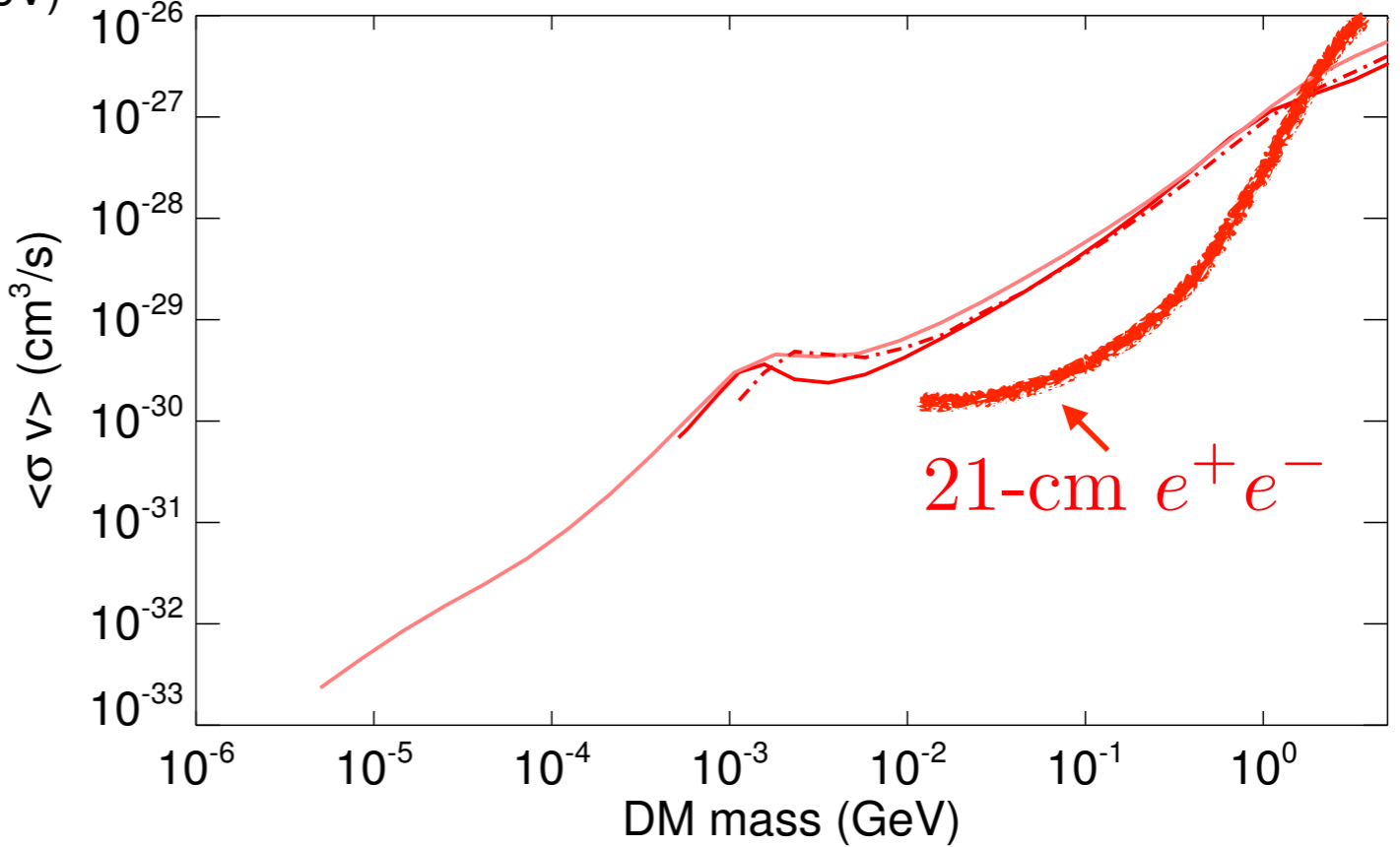
# Comparison: PLANCK



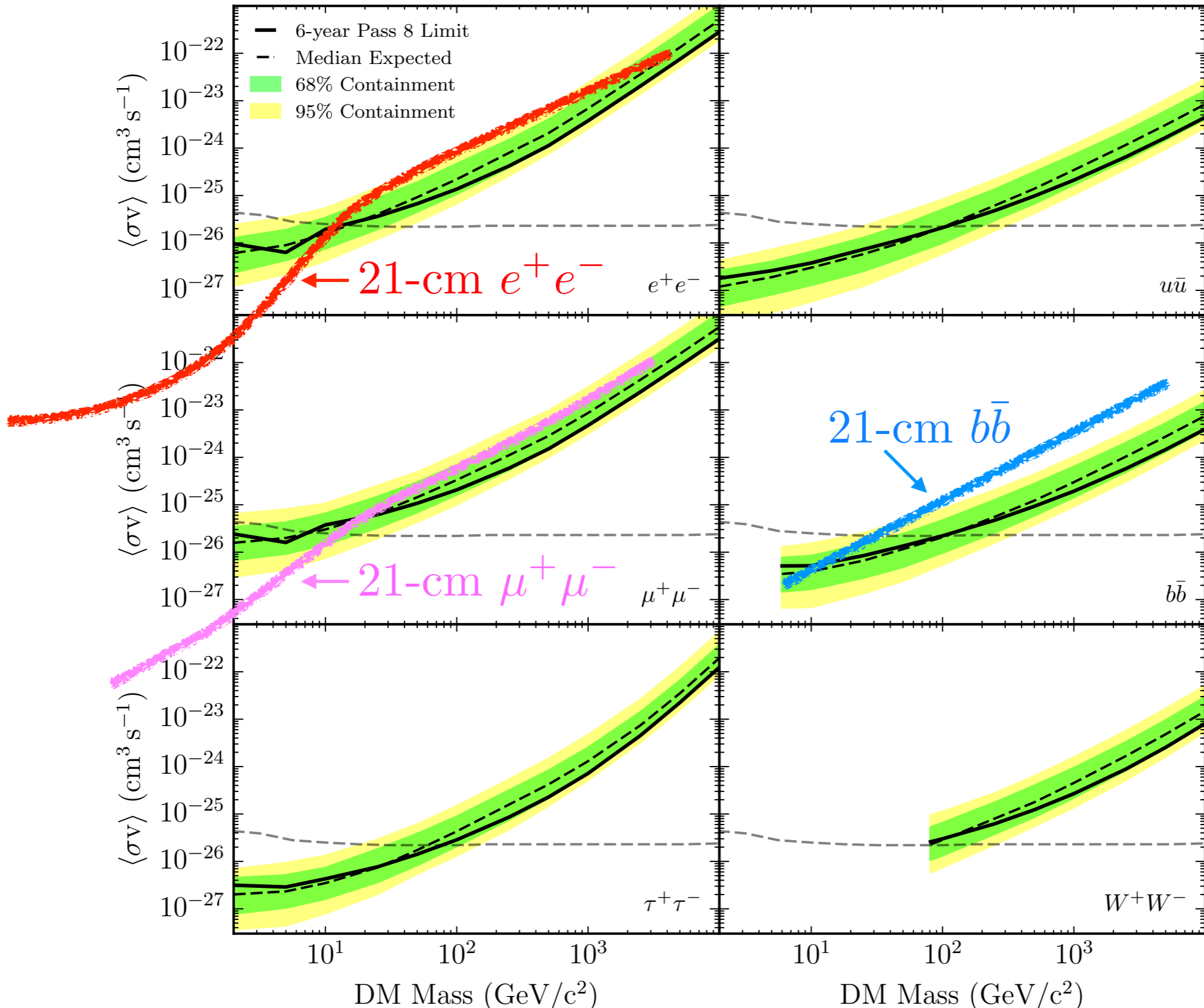
Annihilation channels:

$e_L^+ e_L^-$	$W_L^+ W_L^-$
$e_R^+ e_R^-$	$W_T^+ W_T^-$
$e^+ e^-$	$W^+ W^-$
$\mu_L^+ \mu_L^-$	$Z_L^+ Z_L^-$
$\mu_R^+ \mu_R^-$	$Z_T^+ Z_T^-$
$\mu^+ \mu^-$	$Z^0 Z^0$
$\tau_L^+ \tau_L^-$	$gg$
$\tau_R^+ \tau_R^-$	$\gamma \gamma$
$\tau^+ \tau^-$	$h h$
$q\bar{q}$	$\nu_e \bar{\nu}_e$
$c\bar{c}$	$\nu_\mu \bar{\nu}_\mu$
$b\bar{b}$	$\nu_\tau \bar{\nu}_\tau$
$t\bar{t}$	$VV \rightarrow 4e$
	$VV \rightarrow 4\mu$
	$VV \rightarrow 4\tau$

Slatyer 1506.03811



# Comparison: FERMI dSphs



# Explain the Anomaly

Could DM do it? Yes, **BUT** it cannot be “normal” WIMP or axion with the interactions that are too weak !!

$$T_{21} \approx 21 \text{ mK } x_{H_I} \left( 1 - \frac{T_\gamma}{T_S} \right) \sqrt{\frac{1+z}{10}}$$

$T_\gamma > T_{\text{CMB}}$  : Increase the CMB Rayleigh-Jeans tail

$T_S \simeq T_{\text{gas}} < T_{\text{gas}}^{\text{ad}}$  : Cool the gas even more

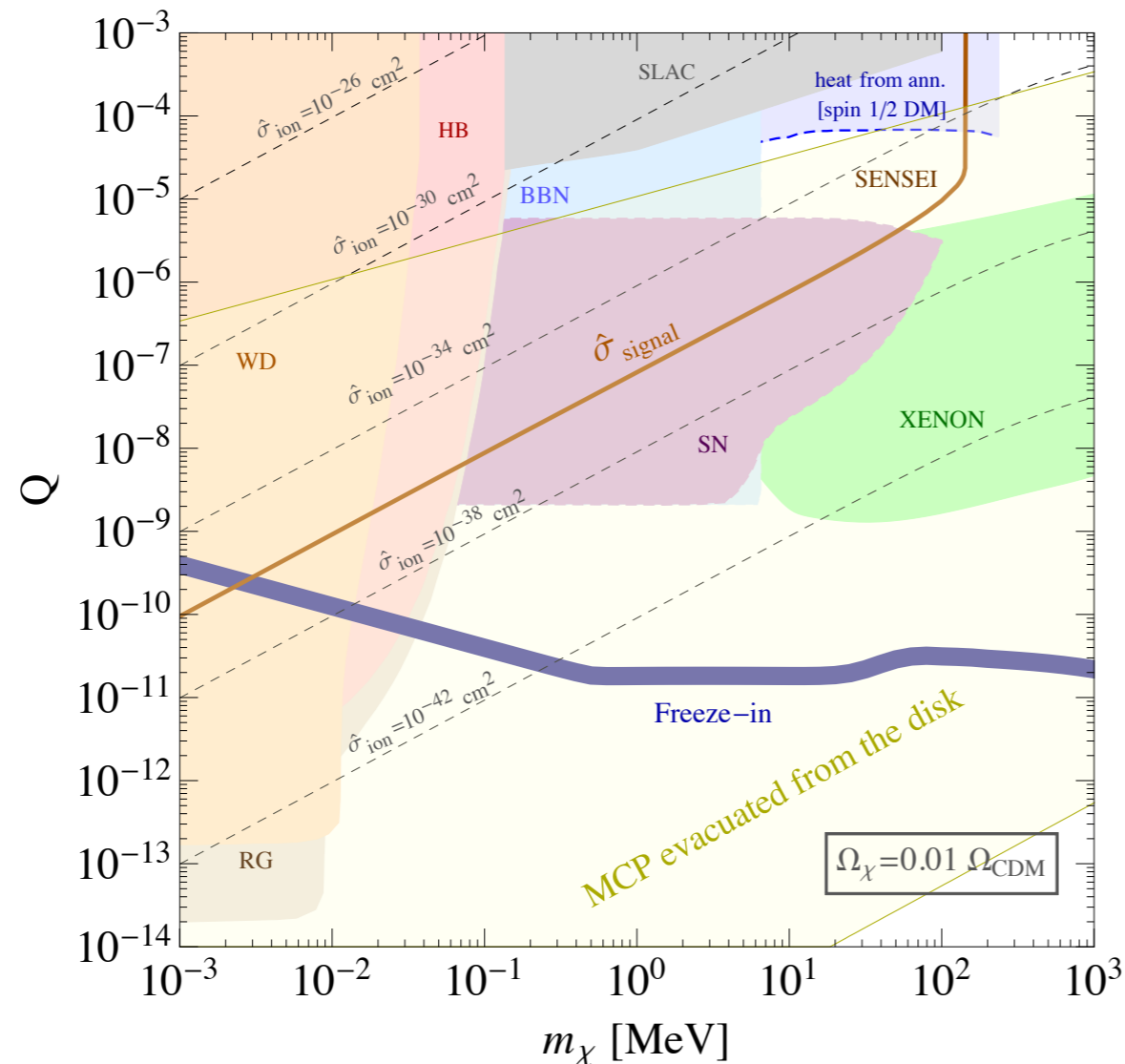
- ➔ Approach 1: *Cool the baryonic kinetic temperature even more* (90% of attempts: see e.g. **Barkana et al.**; **Munoz, Loeb**; ....)
- ➔ Approach 2: *Make more photons* that can mediate the 21-cm transition prior  $z \sim 20$  (**Pospelov, Pradler, Ruderman, Urbano**)
- ➔ Approach 3: *Decouple protons from the CMB earlier* (**Falkowski & Petraki**)

# 1: Cool the IGM even more

*Entropy transfer from the baryonic to the Dark sector*

**Milli-charged DM** could work: DM-atom cross section is enhanced as  $d\sigma/d\Omega \propto \sigma_0 v^{-4}$ , which is Coulomb-like dependence

**Implication:** a significant fraction of DM has a milli-charge  
*Not clear if the model survives all the constraints*



$$m_\chi \simeq (10 - 80) \text{ MeV} ,$$

$$Q \simeq (10^{-6} - 10^{-4}) ,$$

$$f_{\text{DM}} \simeq (0.1 - 2)\%$$

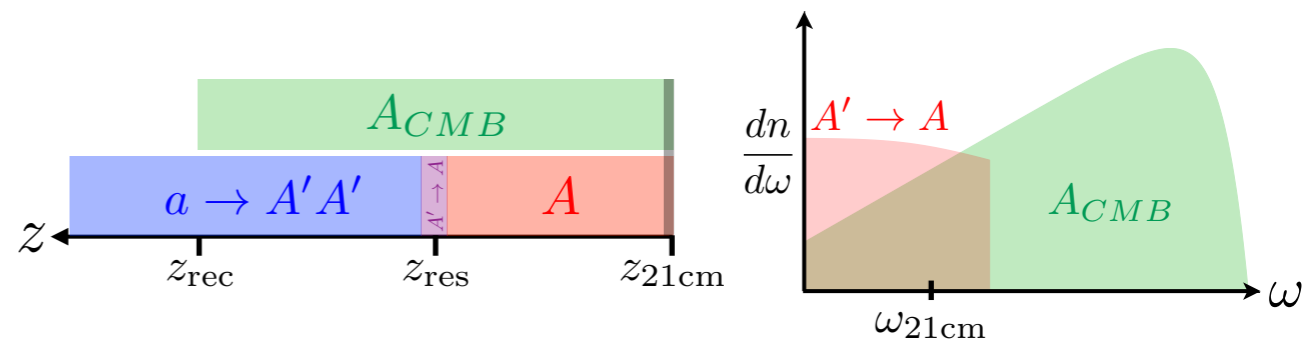
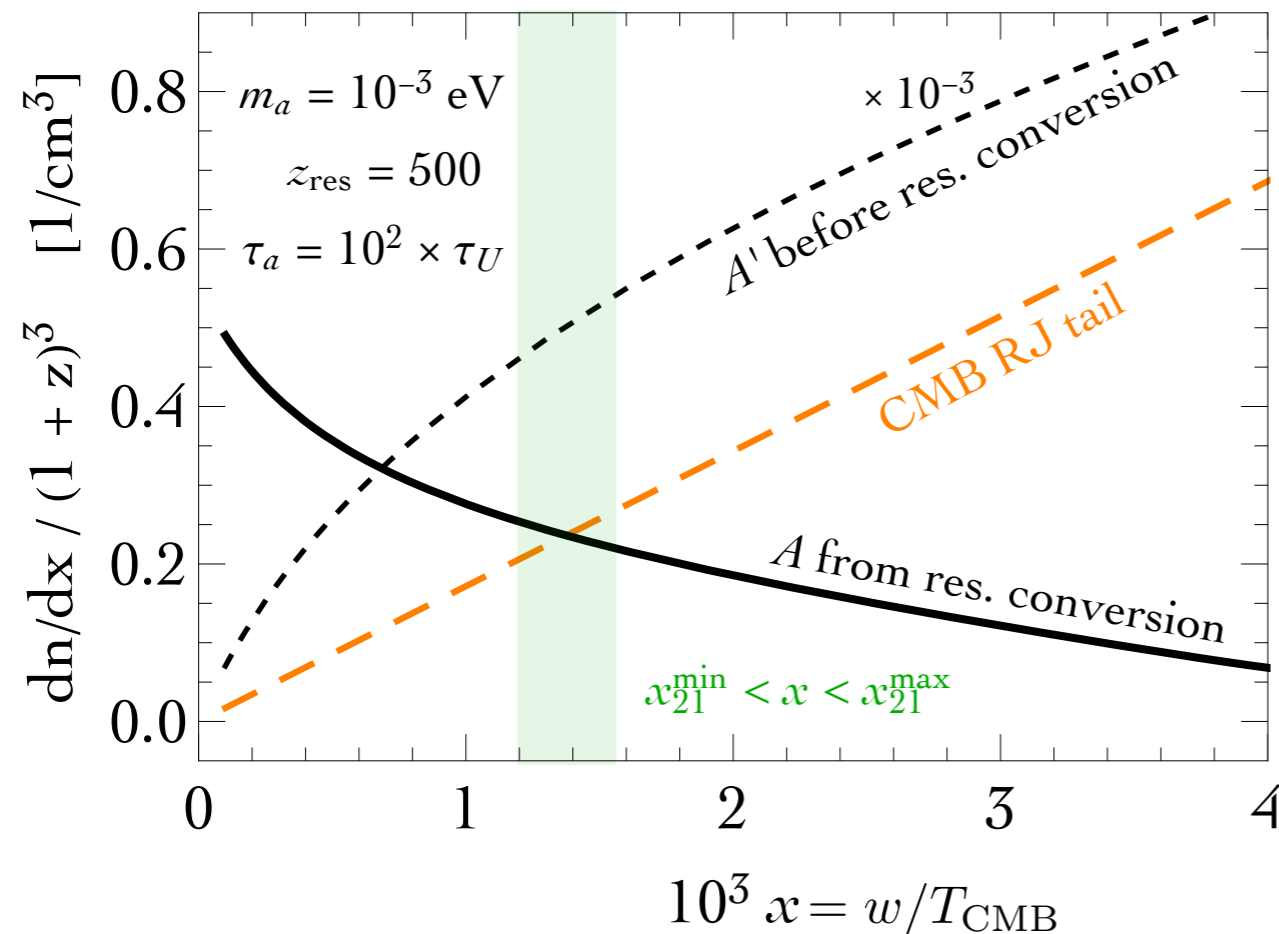
Barkana *et al.*  
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# 2: Increase the CMB RJ tail

Early ( $z > 20$ ) decays (either DM or of DR species) create a non-thermal population of DR dark photon  $A'$ . Typical multiplicity is larger than  $n_{RJ}$

Dark photons can oscillate to normal photons. At some redshift  $z_{res}$  a resonant oscillation of  $A'$  into  $A$ . This happens when the plasma frequency is  $m_{A'}$

Enhanced number of RJ quanta are available in the  $z = (15-20)$  window, making a deeper than expected absorption signal



Pospelov *et al.*  
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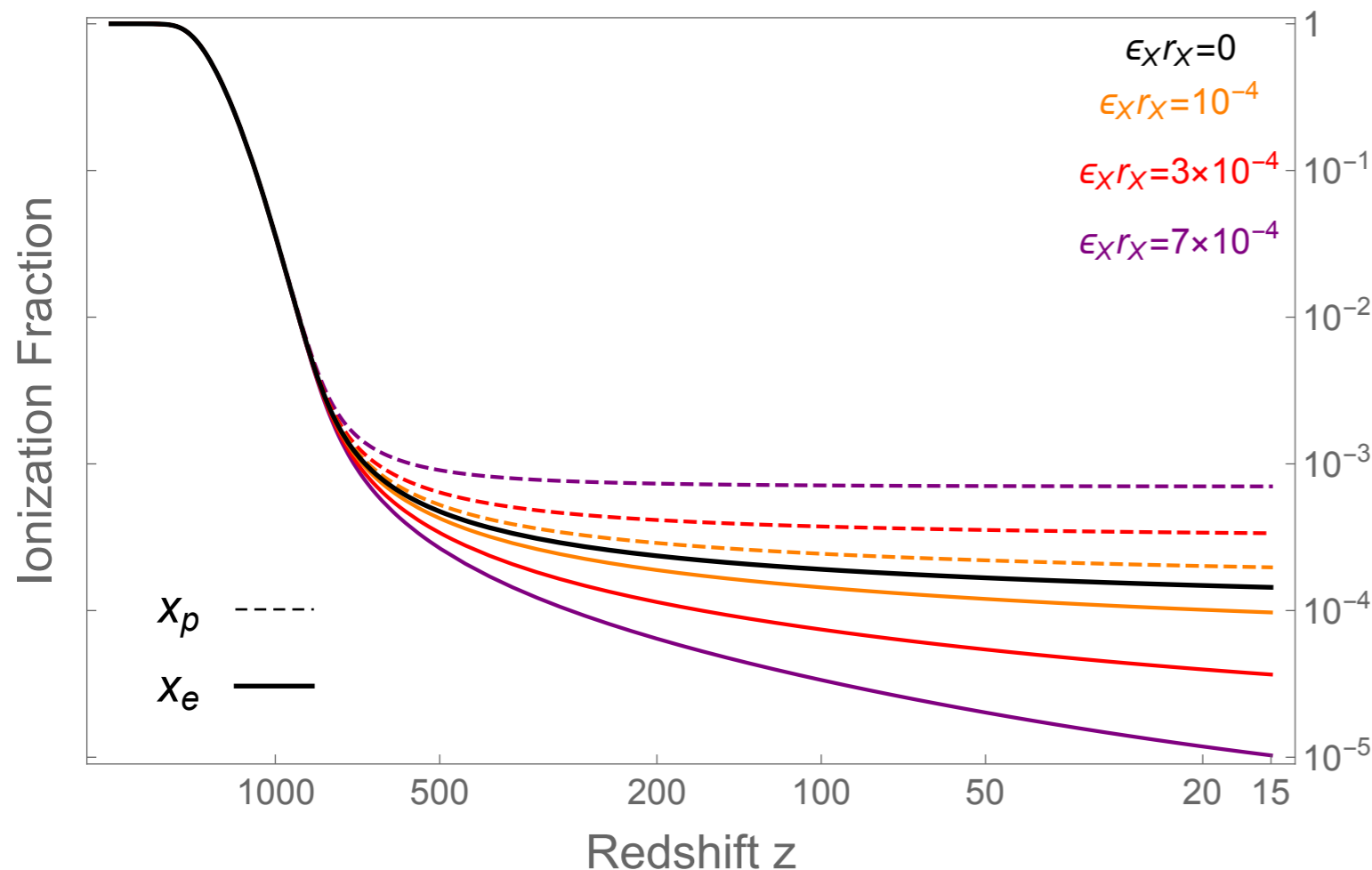
# 3: Charge sequestration

Postulate that there is a *mismatch between proton and electron numbers* in the Universe, such that  $n_e < n_p$

The Universe is not charge neutral: *A clear disaster!!*

Thus one can introduce a *stable particle with negative charge and non-zero abundance* in the Universe. **The Universe is neutral again!!**

Charge neutrality imposes the relation:  $x_p = x_e + \epsilon_\chi r_\chi$  with  $r_\chi = n_\chi/n_b$



Falkowski, Petraki  
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