

# Implications of the Dark Age Consistency Ratio for models beyond $\Lambda$ CDM

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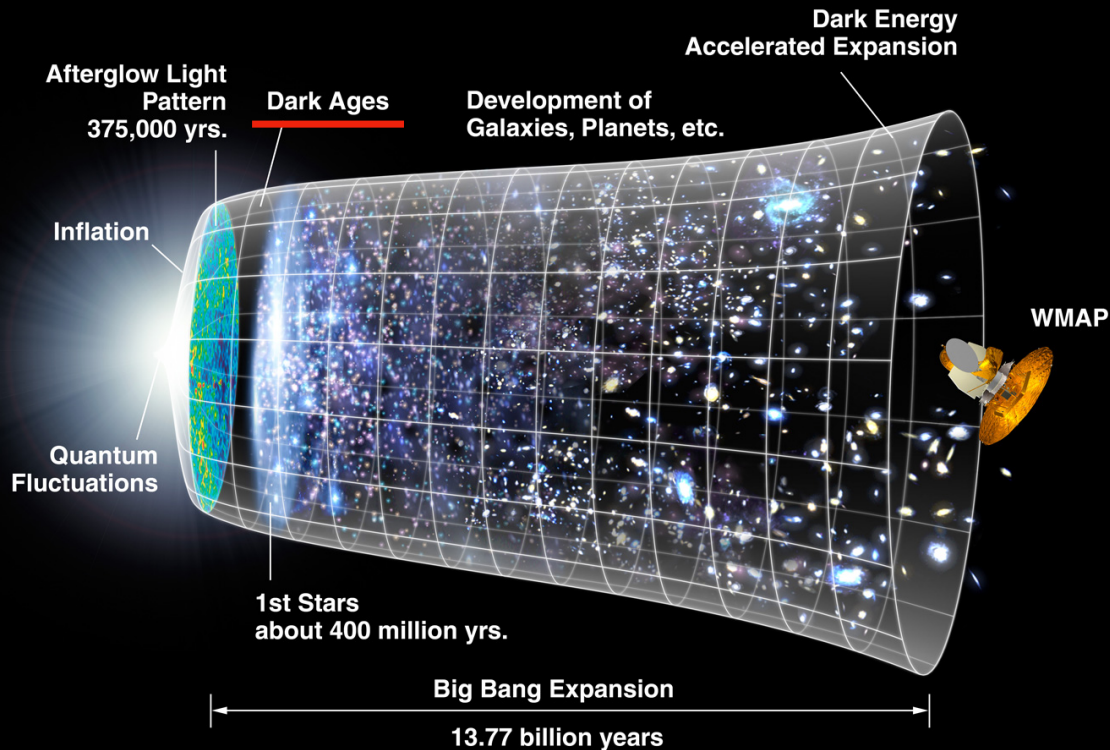
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# Purpose

- The frequency of the dark age 21cm signal is very low and difficult to observe from the ground due to the Earth's ionosphere.
- Various observations are now being planned to probe the dark age 21cm signal from **a telescope on the moon** or **a satellite orbiting around the moon**.
- We would like to investigate what kind of information can be obtained from the dark age 21cm signal.
- We propose **new observables** for the dark age 21cm line global signal and show that the new observables **can probe models beyond the standard model**.
- We also discuss **the possibility of constraining model parameters** using new observables.

# • Dark ages



The Dark Ages is the period when there are only neutral hydrogen gas and a small amount of helium gas, and **no astrophysical objects**.

The redshift corresponding to the dark ages is from 30 to 300.

During this period, we can ignore **the astrophysical effects**.

<https://map.gsfc.nasa.gov/media/060915/index.html>

• 21 cm line signal

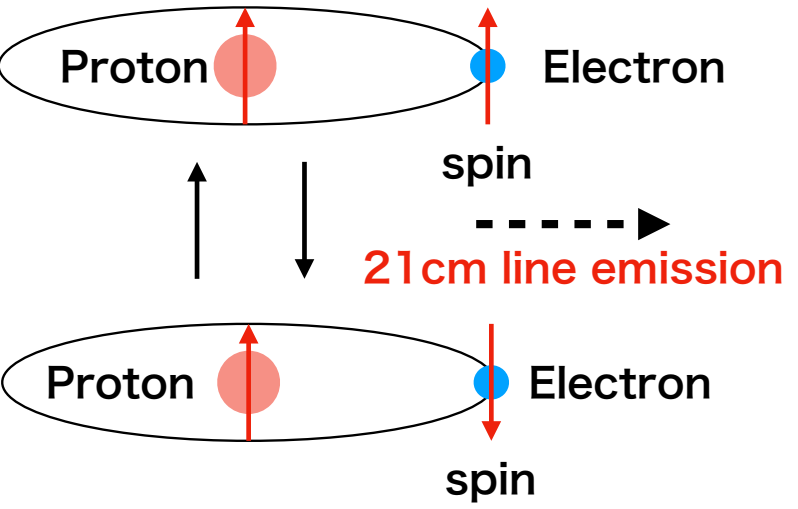
The neutral hydrogen  $H_I$

**The 21 cm line radiation :**

a spectral line emitted by transitions between two different levels, depending on the relative orientation of the proton and electron spins.

$$\nu_{21\text{cm}} \simeq 1420.40 \text{ MHz}$$

$$\lambda_{21\text{cm}} \simeq 21.10 \text{ cm}$$



• The spin temperature

$$\frac{n_1}{n_0} = 3 \exp\left(-\frac{T_*}{T_s}\right)$$

$n_0$  : the number density of 1S singlet state,

$n_1$  : the number density of 1S triplet state

$$T_* \equiv \frac{h_p c}{k_B \lambda_{21}} \simeq 0.068 \text{ K}$$

$h_p$  : Planck constant,  $k_B$  : Boltzmann constant,  $c$  : speed of light

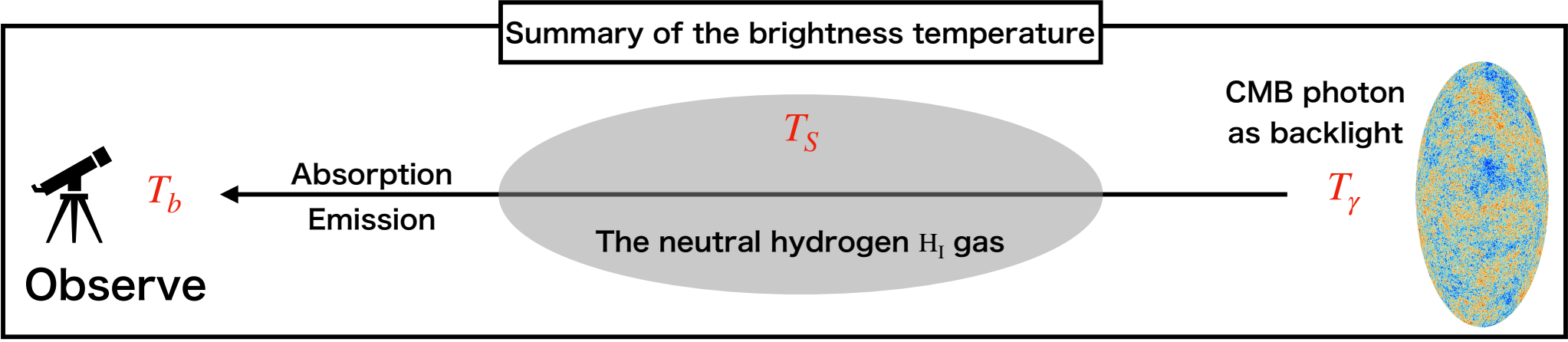
• 21 cm line signal

- The 21 cm signal is characterized by the brightness temperature.

$$T_b = \frac{T_s - T_\gamma}{1 + z} (1 - \exp(-\tau_{21}))$$

$$\tau_{21} = \frac{3ch_p\lambda_{21}^2 A_{10} x_{\text{HI}} (1 - Y_p) n_b}{32\pi k_B T_s H(z)}$$

$A_{10}$  : Einstein coefficient,  $x_{\text{HI}}$  : the fraction of the neutral hydrogen,  
 $Y_p$  : the abundance of Helium,  $n_b$  : the number density of baryon,  
 $H(z)$  : Hubble parameter,  $\tau_{21}$  : the optical depth for the 21 cm line



• 21 cm line signal

• Three processes affect the evolution of spin temperature.

- 1. Spin-flip effect due to collisions between atoms :  $x_c$   
Collisions between hydrogens, hydrogen and electron, proton and hydrogen
- 2. Transition effects due to absorption and emission of background photons(CMB photons).
- 3. Effects of transitions occurring via other energy levels due to Lyman- $\alpha$  effects (Wouthuysen-Field effect) :  $x_\alpha$

• The evolution of the spin temperature

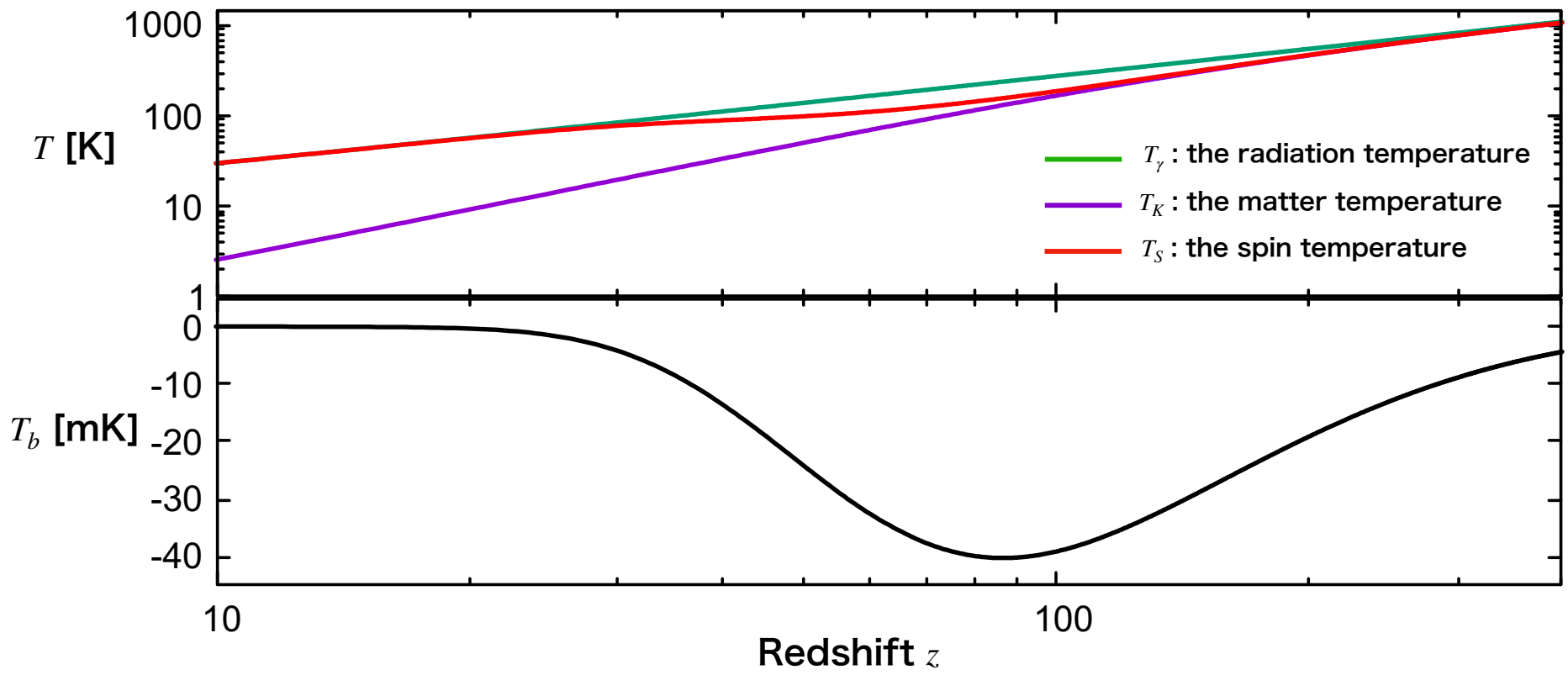
$$T_s^{-1} = \frac{T_\gamma^{-1} + x_c T_K^{-1} + x_\alpha T_K^{-1}}{1 + x_c + x_\alpha}$$

$x_c$  :the atomic collision coefficient,  $x_\alpha$  : Wouthuysen-Field effect,

$T_K$  : the matter temperature,  $T_\gamma$  : the photon temperature

• 21 cm line signal

- The evolution of the spin temperature in the  $\Lambda$ CDM model at the dark ages



✘ In the dark age, we can ignore  $x_\alpha$  when we consider  $\Lambda$ CDM model.

When considering non-standard models, it is possible that  $x_\alpha$  cannot be ignored. 7

# **Cosmological parameter dependence**

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- **For the standard  $\Lambda$ CDM model**

- We investigated the Dark ages 21 cm global signal in flat- $\Lambda$ CDM model.
- To predict the Dark ages 21 cm global signal, we have to specify cosmological parameters.

$\Omega_b h^2$  : baryon density,  $\Omega_c h^2$  : cold dark matter density,  
 $H_0$  : Hubble constant,  $Y_p$  : the helium abundance

- To indicate how the Dark ages 21 cm global signal depend on cosmological parameters • • •

mean value and $1\sigma$ error	Parameters range	
$\Omega_b h^2 = 0.02237 \pm 0.00015$	[0.02162, 0.02312]	Planck Collaboration., (arXiv:1807.06209)
$\Omega_c h^2 = 0.12 \pm 0.0012$	[0.114, 0.126]	
$Y_p = 0.2436^{+0.0039}_{-0.0040}$	[0.22384, 0.2633]	Hsyu et al, (arXiv:2005.12290)

- **For the standard  $\Lambda$ CDM model**

- $T_b$  has the following cosmological parameter dependence:

$$T_b \propto \frac{(\omega_b)^2(1 - Y_p)^2}{(\omega_m)^{1/2}} \quad \omega_b = \Omega_b h^2, \quad \omega_m = \Omega_m h^2$$

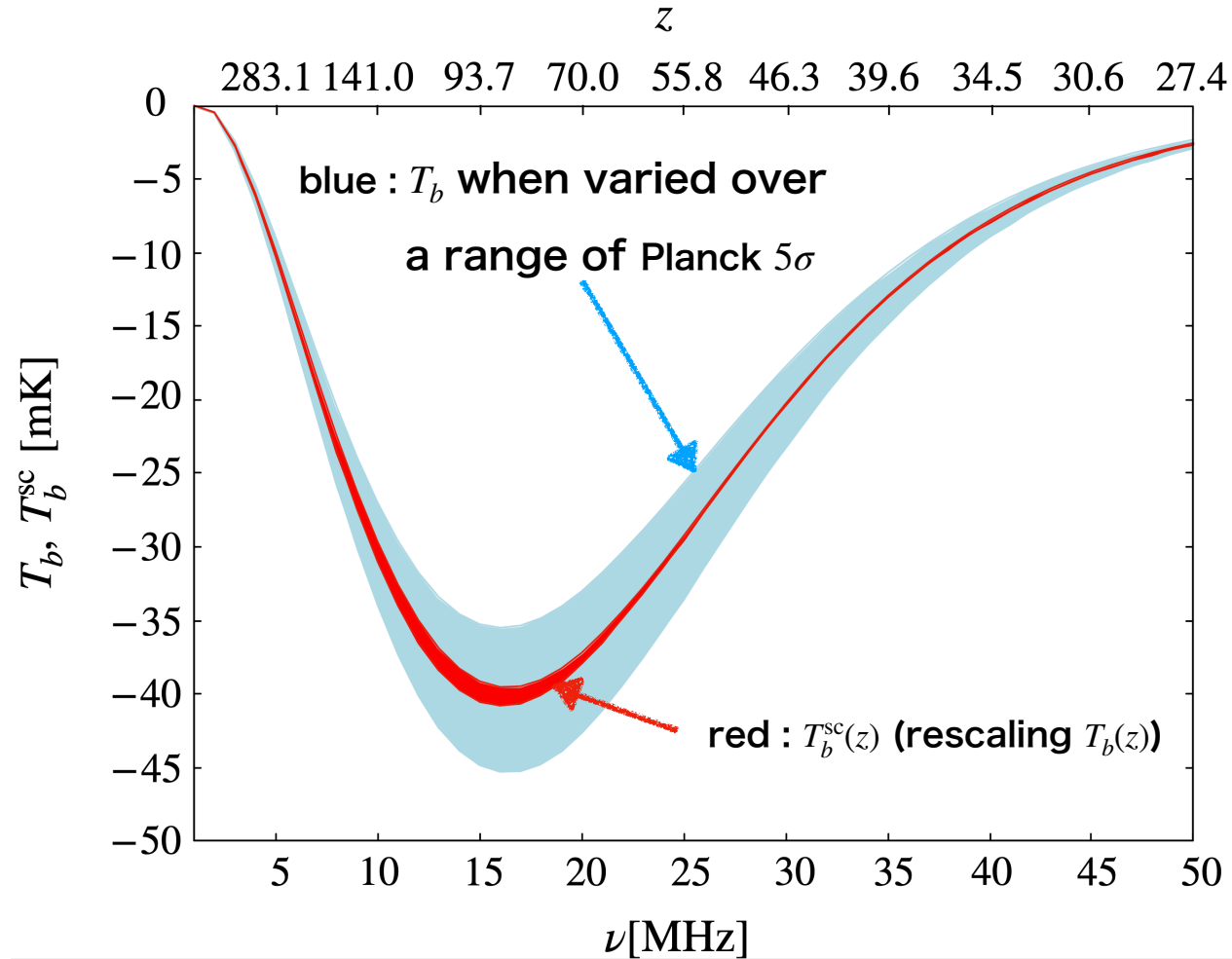
(See also [Mondal and Barkana \(2305.08593\)](#))

- Defining  $C(\omega_b, \omega_c, Y_p)$ , we obtain the equation rescaling  $T_b$  that is derived by different cosmological parameters.

$$T_b^{\text{sc}}(\nu; \tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) = T_b(\nu; \boldsymbol{\theta}) \frac{C(\tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}})}{C(\boldsymbol{\theta})} \quad C \equiv \frac{(\omega_b)^2(1 - Y_p)^2}{(\omega_m)^{1/2}}$$

$\boldsymbol{\theta} = (\omega_b, \omega_m, Y_p) \sim$  represent the reference value ( $\omega_b = 0.02237, \omega_c = 0.12, Y_p = 0.2436$ )

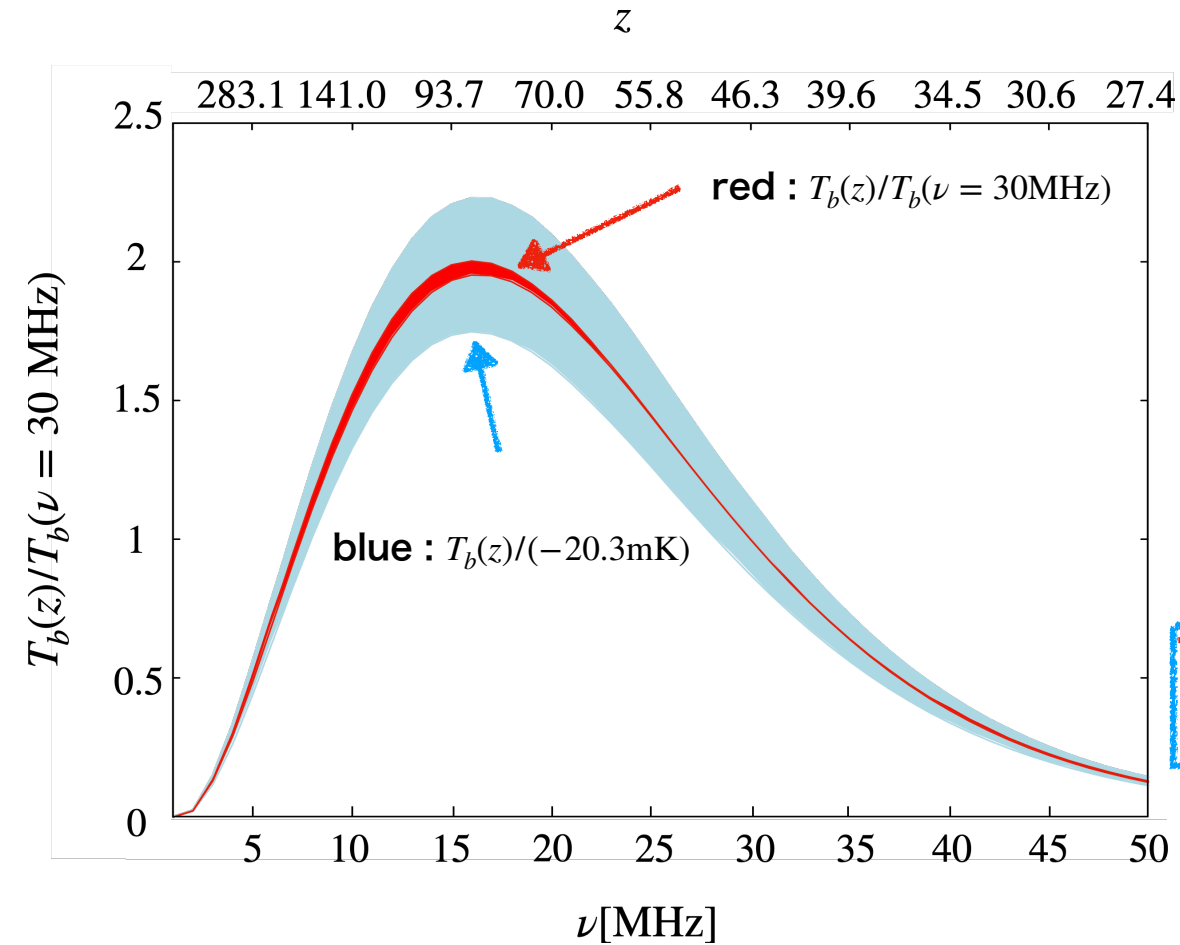
- For the standard  $\Lambda$ CDM model



✂ Rescaled  $T_b$  almost remains the same due to rescaling

Taking the ratios  $T_b$  at the different frequency, We get quantities that are independent of cosmological parameters

- For the standard  $\Lambda$ CDM model



- These quantities are almost constant regardless cosmological parameters



**They can be used as a consistency check of the standard  $\Lambda$ CDM model**

- **For the standard  $\Lambda$ CDM model**

- We define the ratio of  $T_b$  at different frequencies as:

$$R_{\nu_i / \nu_j} \equiv \frac{T_b(\nu = \nu_i \text{ [MHz]})}{T_b(\nu = \nu_j \text{ [MHz]})}$$

which we call the “the dark-age consistency ratio”.

- The bottom table shows  $R_{\nu_i / \nu_j}$  for some frequencies  $\nu_i$  when cosmological parameters are varied.

$\nu_i$	$R_{\nu_i / 30}$	$T_b(\nu_i)$ [mK]
40	$0.3873 \pm 0.0029$ (0.76%)	$-7.923 \pm 1.0107$ (12.76%)
35	$0.6401 \pm 0.0016$ (0.24%)	$-13.10 \pm 1.7301$ (13.20%)
25	$1.4454 \pm 0.0023$ (0.16%)	$-29.59 \pm 3.9133$ (13.23%)
20	$1.8487 \pm 0.0126$ (0.68%)	$-37.82 \pm 4.8074$ (12.71%)

• For the standard  $\Lambda$ CDM model

- If one or more of the following assumptions is violated in the dark ages, The deviation from the value of the  $\Lambda$ CDM model can appear.

(i) The universe is matter-dominated



Early Dark Energy

(ii) Lyman- $\alpha$  sources are negligible



Dark Matter Decay

(iii) Matter and photons are coupled via the Compton scattering

(iv) the radiation field is determined by CMB



Excess radio background

$$T_\gamma = T_{\text{CMB},0}(1 + z)$$

We investigate the consistency ratio in the above non-standard models.

- For models beyond the standard model

- Early Dark Energy model

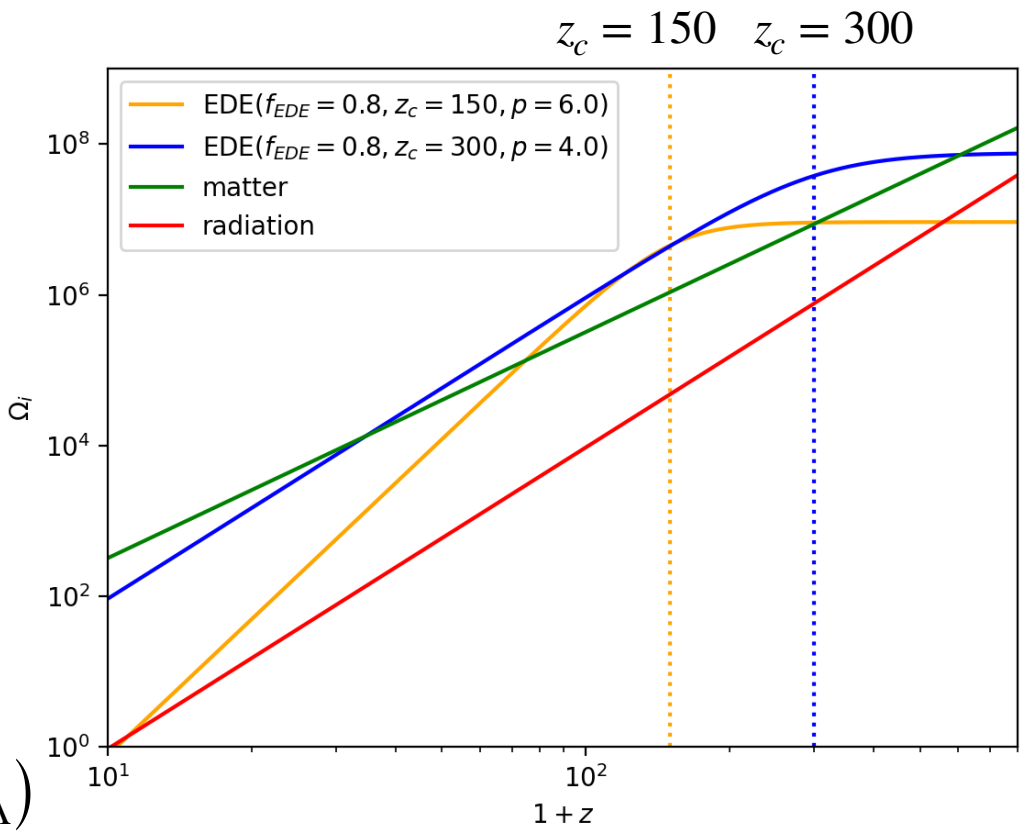
- It has been proposed to consider a non-negligible EDE component during the dark ages to explain the EDGES signal. (J. C. Hill and E. J. Baxter, (arXiv:1803.07555))

$$\rho_{\text{EDE}}(z) = \frac{f_{\text{EDE}}}{1 - f_{\text{EDE}}} \frac{\rho_{\text{r,m,DE}}(z_c)}{f(z_c)} f(z)$$

$$f(z) = \frac{1 + (1 + z_c)^{-p}}{(1 + z)^{-p} + (1 + z_c)^{-p}}$$

$$f_{\text{EDE}} = \frac{\rho_{\text{EDE}}(z_c)}{\rho_{\text{r,m,DE}}(z_c) + \rho_{\text{EDE}}(z_c)}$$

$$\rho_{\text{r,m,DE}}(z) = \rho_{\text{crit}} (\Omega_r(1 + z)^4 + \Omega_m(1 + z)^3 + \Omega_\Lambda)$$



- For models beyond the standard model

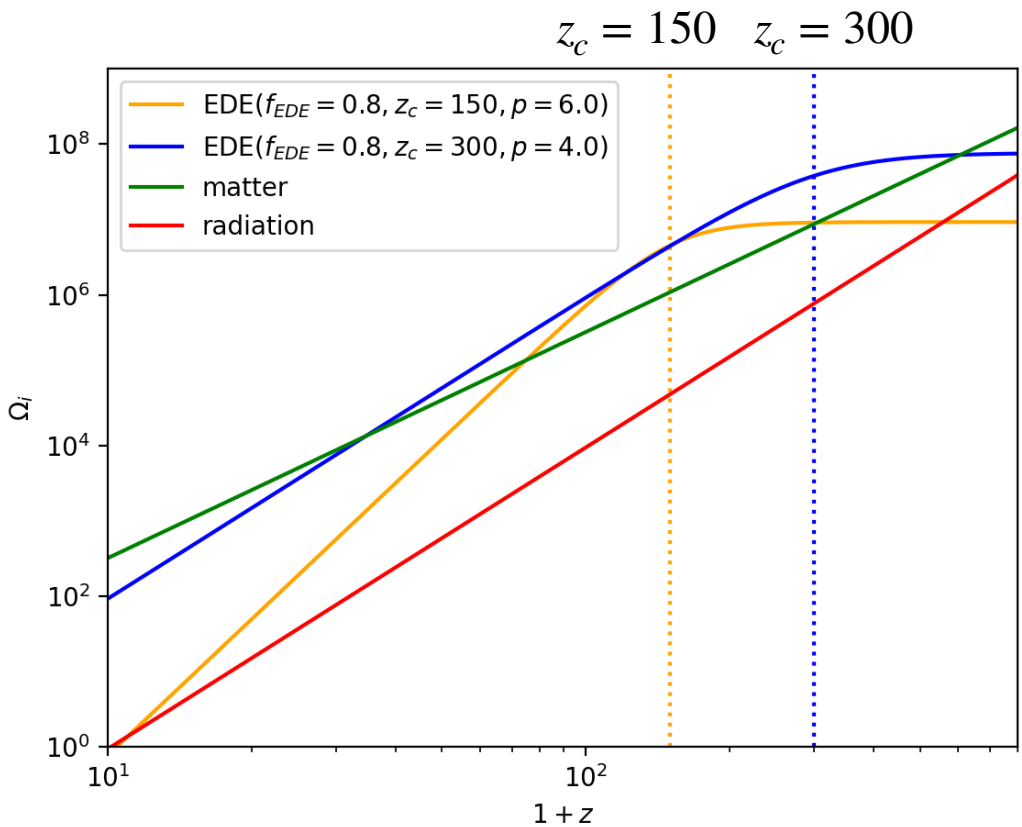
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- The EDE component...

For  $z \gg z_c$  → The energy density of EDE component is constant

For  $z \ll z_c$  → The energy density of the EDE component decreases.

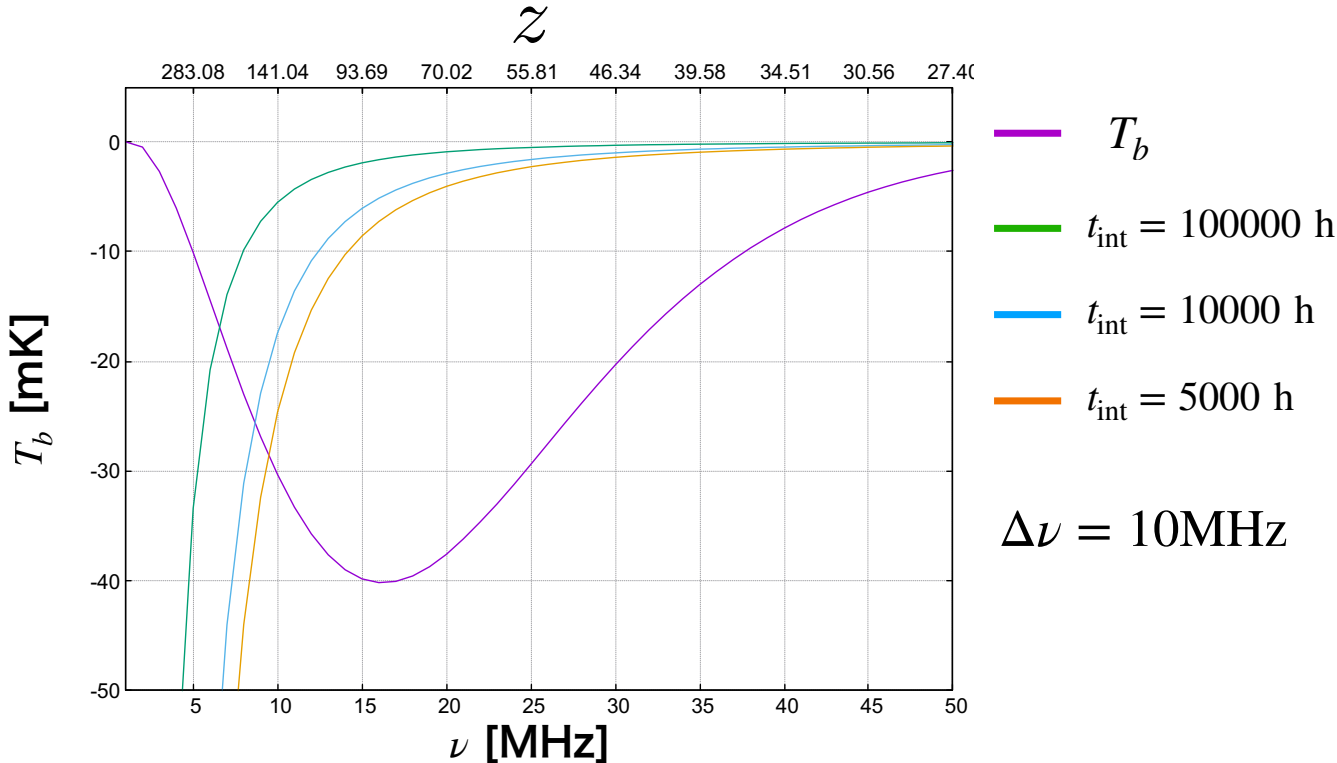




- For models beyond the standard model

- In order to evaluate expected noise for the 21 cm signal...

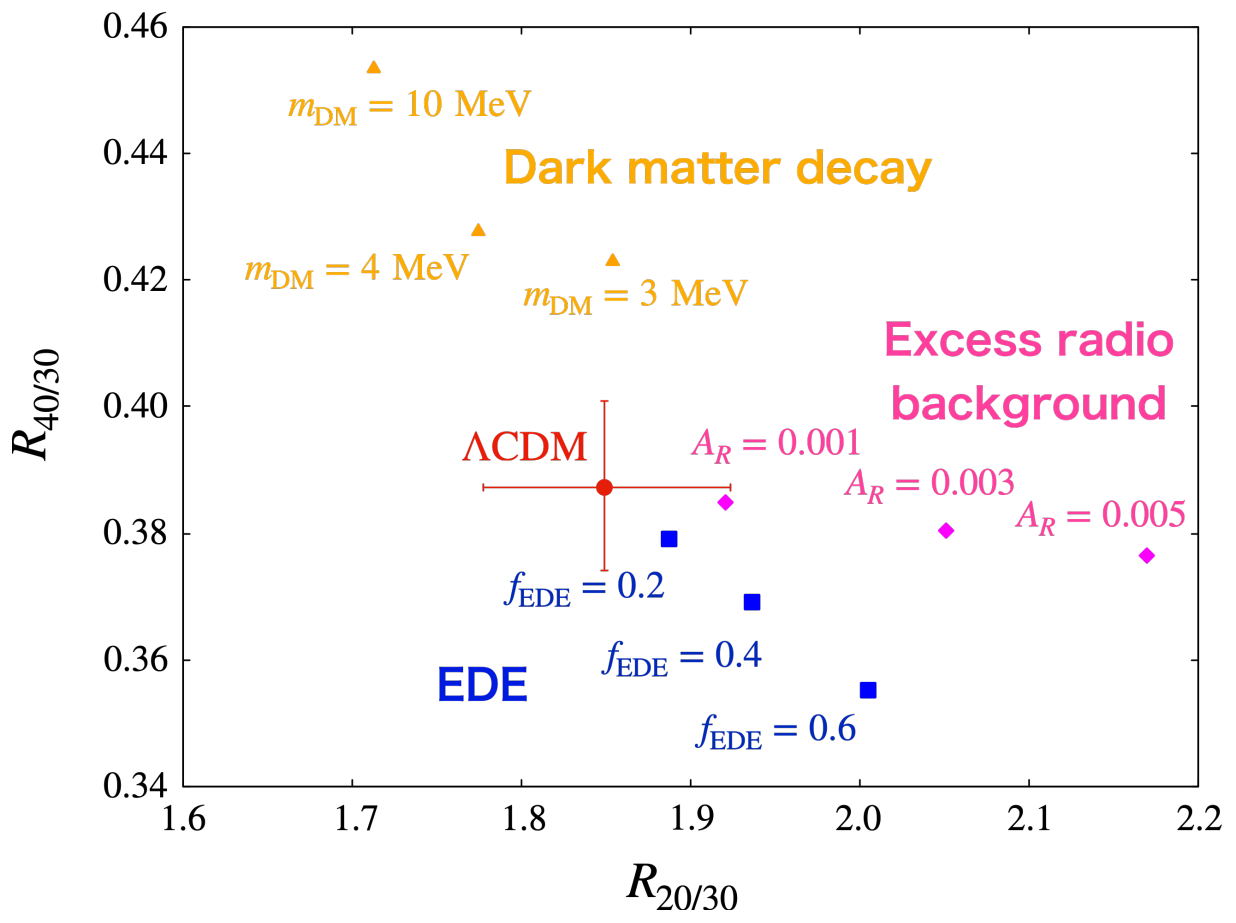
- thermal noise  $\sigma_\nu = \frac{T_{\text{sys}}}{\sqrt{\Delta\nu t_{\text{int}}}}$   $T_{\text{sys}} \simeq T_{\text{sky}} = 180 \times (\nu/180\text{MHz})^{-2.6} \text{ K}$
- $t_{\text{int}}$  : integration time



- We used  $t_{\text{int}} = 100000 \text{ h}$  and  $\Delta\nu = 10 \text{ MHz}$

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- For models beyond the standard model
- the consistency ratio  $R_{\nu_i / \nu_j}$

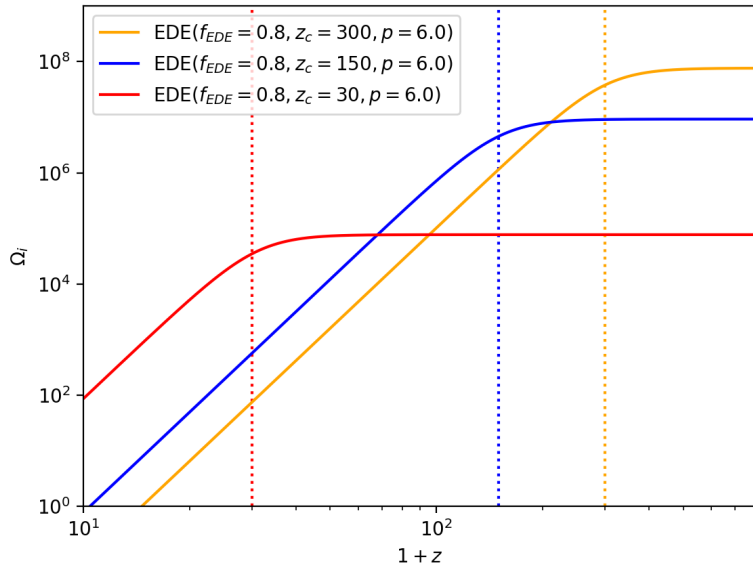
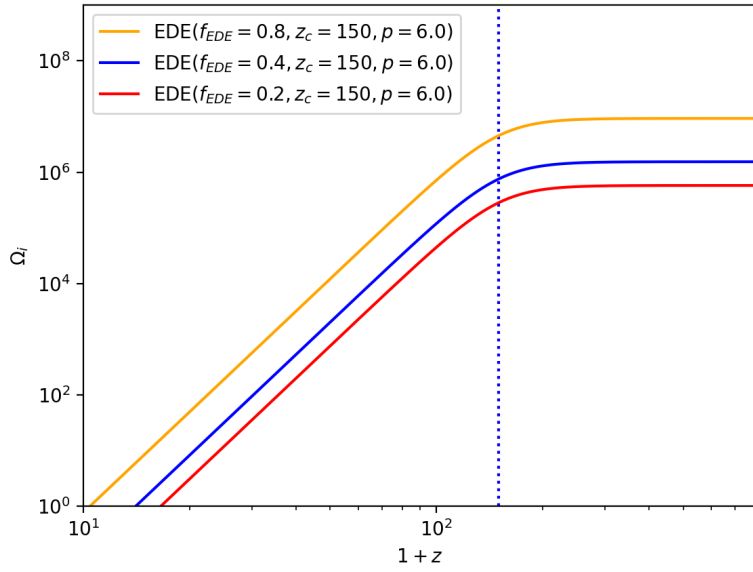


The dark-age consistency ratio is the useful probe of non-standard models

• For models beyond the standard model

- We check the behavior of the consistency ratio in the EDE model when the model parameters are changed.
- $f_{EDE}$  represents the contribution of the EDE component to the total energy density.
- $z_c$  is the redshift at which the energy density of the EDE begins to decrease.
- We show the result when the model parameters are varied within the following ranges.

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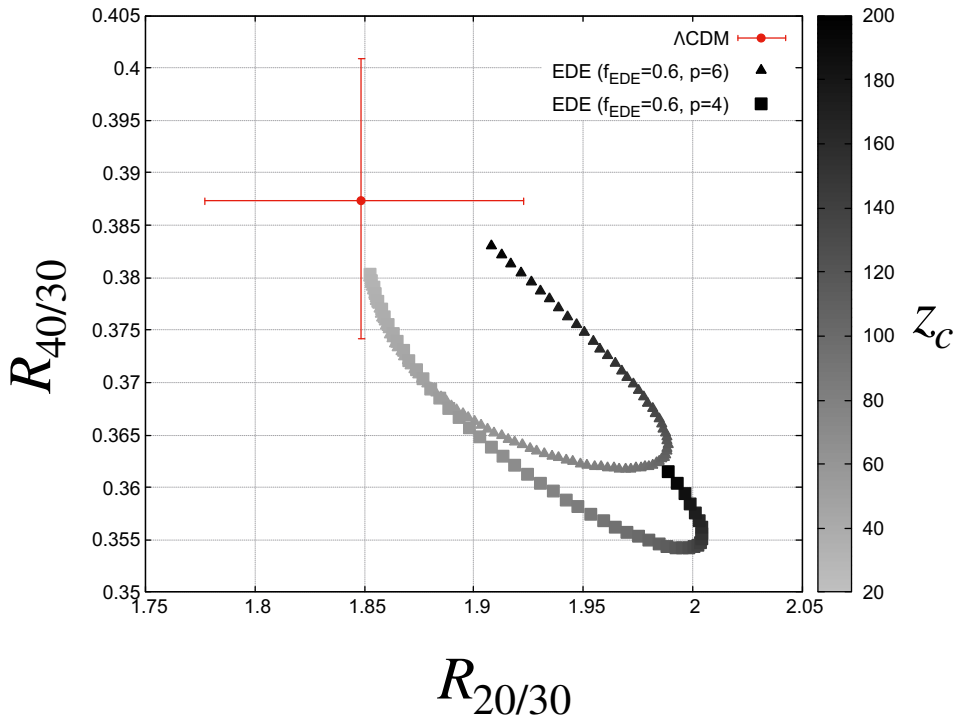
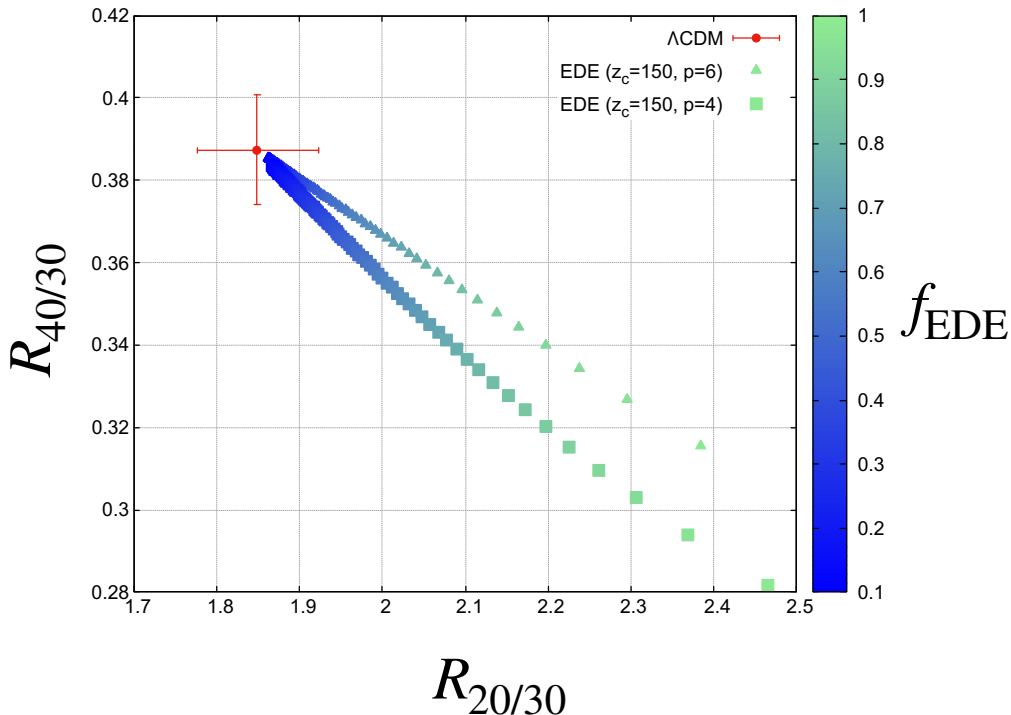
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- Using the  $\Lambda$ CDM model's consistency ratios  $R_{40/30}$  and  $R_{20/30}$  as mock data, we perform a  $\chi^2$  analysis to constrain  $f_{\text{EDE}}$  and  $z_c$ .

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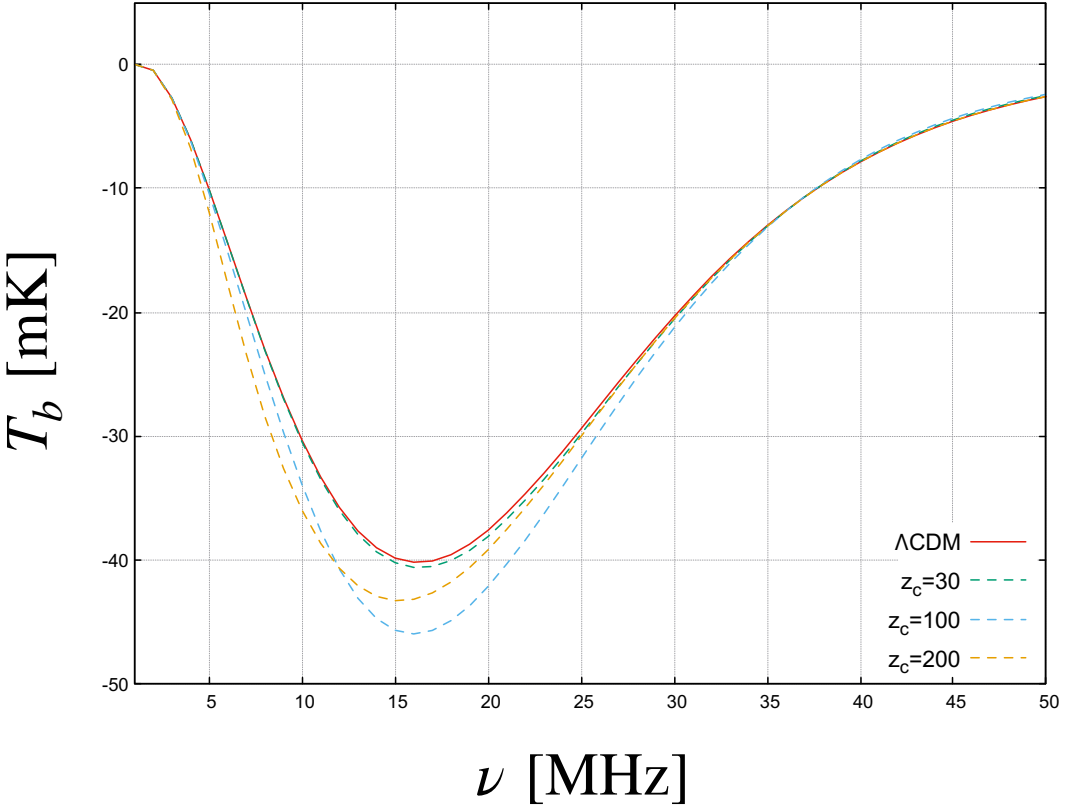
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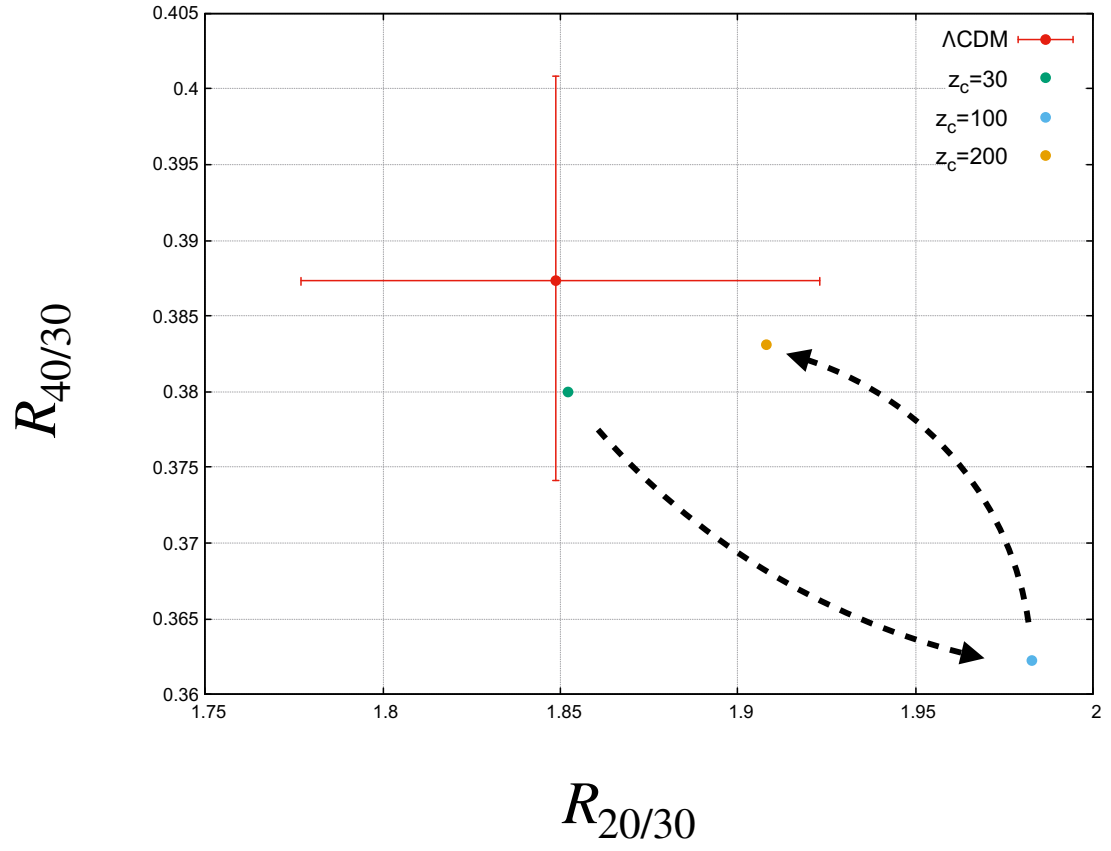
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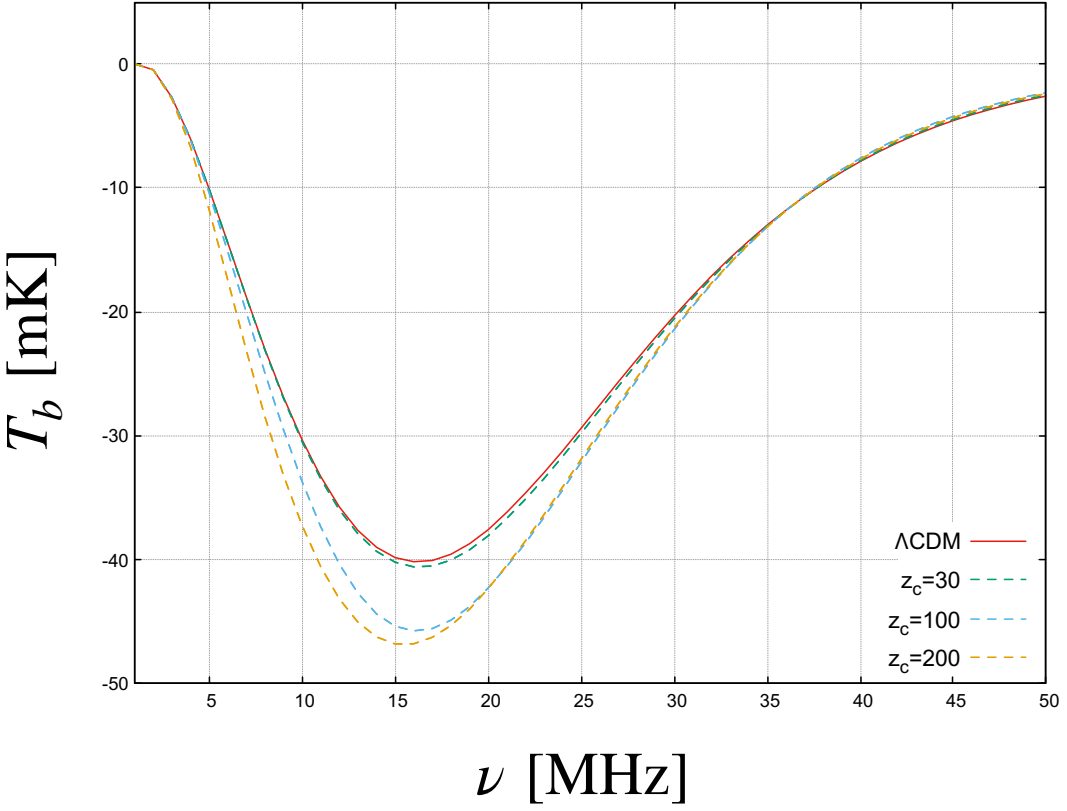
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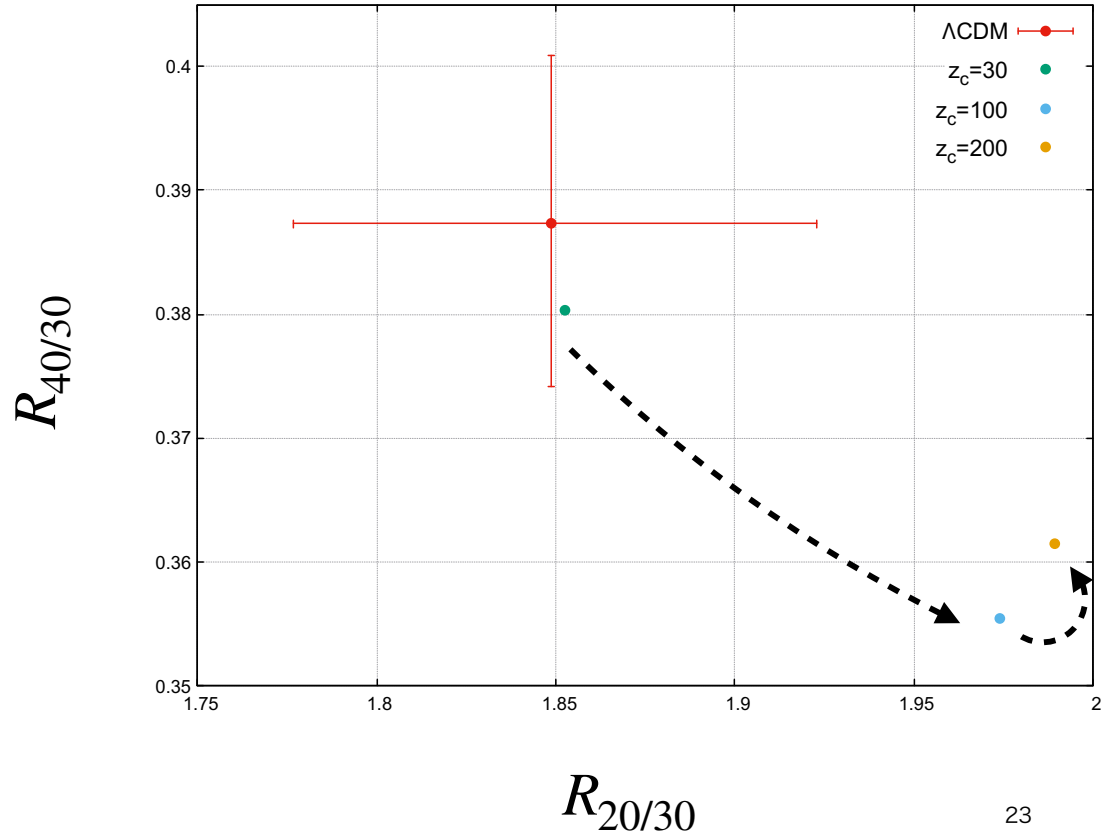
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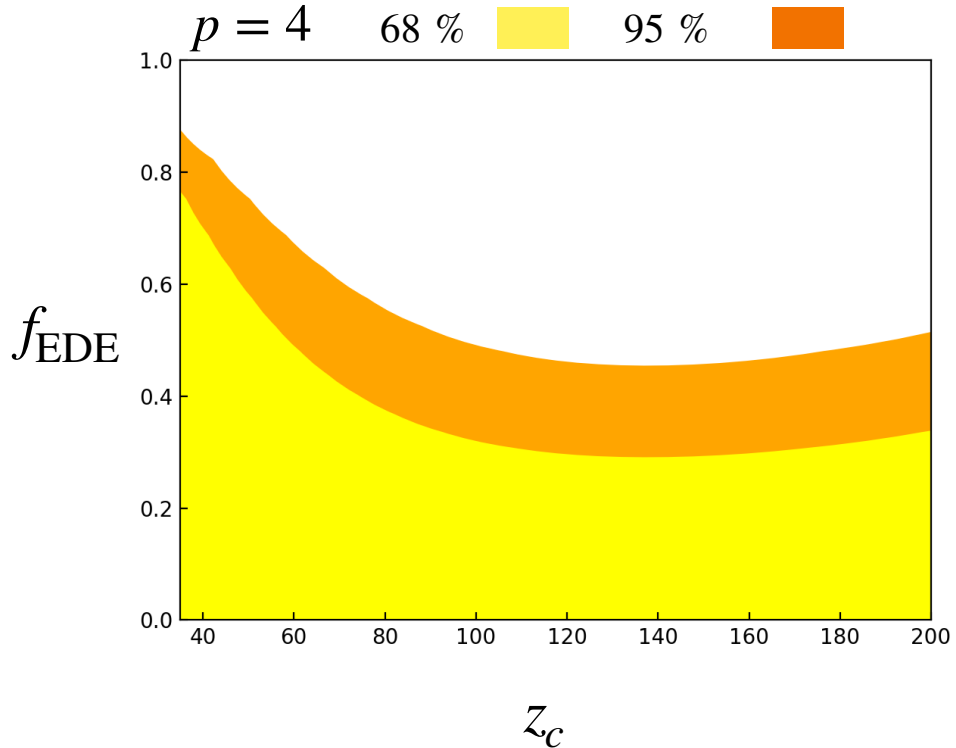
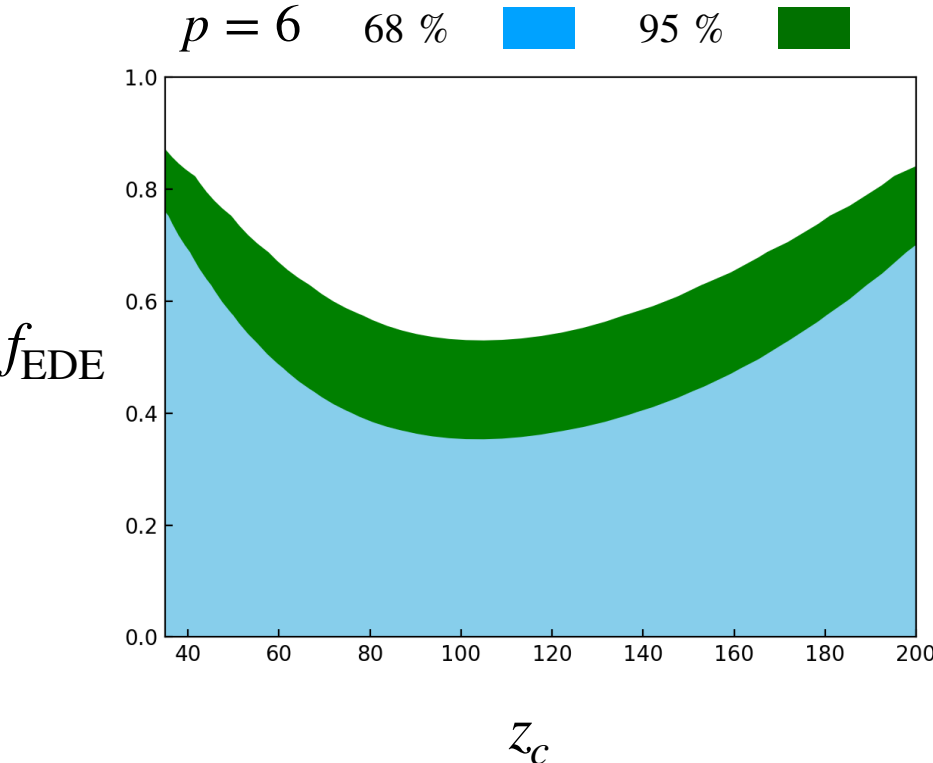


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- For models beyond the standard model

- For EDE model...



- The parameter space of each area is allowed.

- For  $z \geq 80$ , the constraints for the  $p = 4$  case are more stringent than for the  $p = 6$  case.



# Conclusion

- We proposed **the new observable**  $R_{\nu_i/\nu_j}$ , so-called "**the dark-age consistency ratio**", for the dark age 21 cm global signal.



It is based on the fact the shape of the functional form of the brightness temperature against the frequency is cosmological-parameter independent in the standard  $\Lambda$ CDM model

- The consistency ratio value of the  $\Lambda$ CDM model is almost constant and could be used as an important test of cosmological models.
- The new observable only needs measurement at some frequency bands **so that the useful information on cosmology can be obtained even at the early stage of 21 cm observations of the dark ages**
- Using the dark age consistency ratio, we investigated the possibility of constraining model parameters for the EDE model.

**Backup**

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# 質問

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- Why is the reference frequency 30MHz?
- consistency ratioが宇宙論パラメータに依存しない理由は？
- Dark matter decay modelにおいて、massが3 MeVから10MeVになるだけで、 $T_b$ やratioが大きく変わる理由は？
- EDEでEDGESが説明できる理由は？

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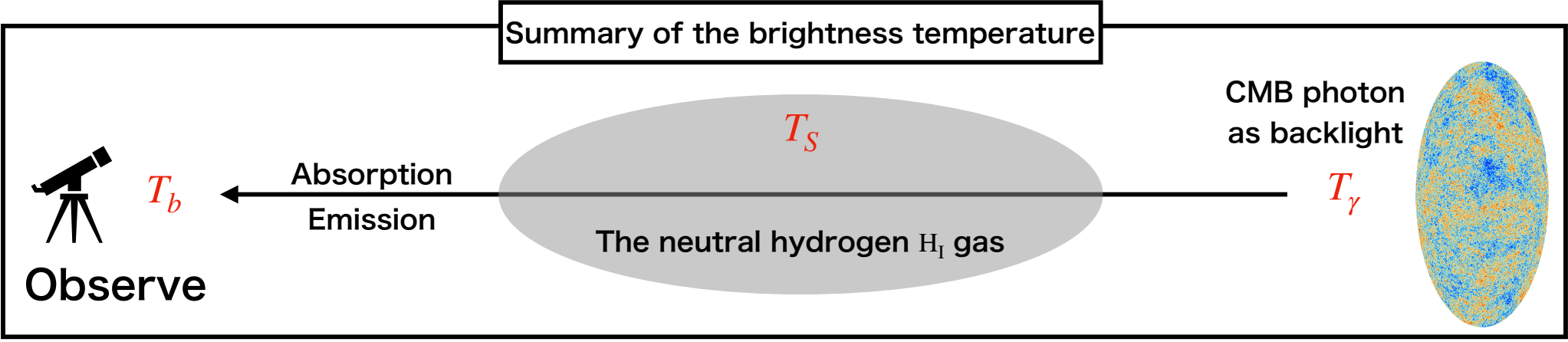
- The 21 cm signal is characterized by the brightness temperature.

$$T_b = \frac{T_s - T_\gamma}{1 + z} (1 - \exp(-\tau_{21}))$$

$T_b > 0$  : The 21 cm line is **the emission** for CMB.

$T_b < 0$  : The 21 cm line is **the absorption** for CMB.

$\tau_{21}$  : the optical depth for the 21 cm line



## • 21 cm line signal

- The evolution of the spin temperature

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

$x_c$  : the atomic collision coefficient,  $x_\alpha$  : Wouthuysen-Field effect,

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$$x_c = \frac{T_*}{A_{10} T_\gamma} \left( \kappa_{10}^{\text{HH}}(T_K) n_{\text{H}} + \kappa_{10}^{\text{eH}}(T_K) n_{\text{e}} + \kappa_{10}^{\text{pH}}(T_K) n_{\text{p}} \right)$$

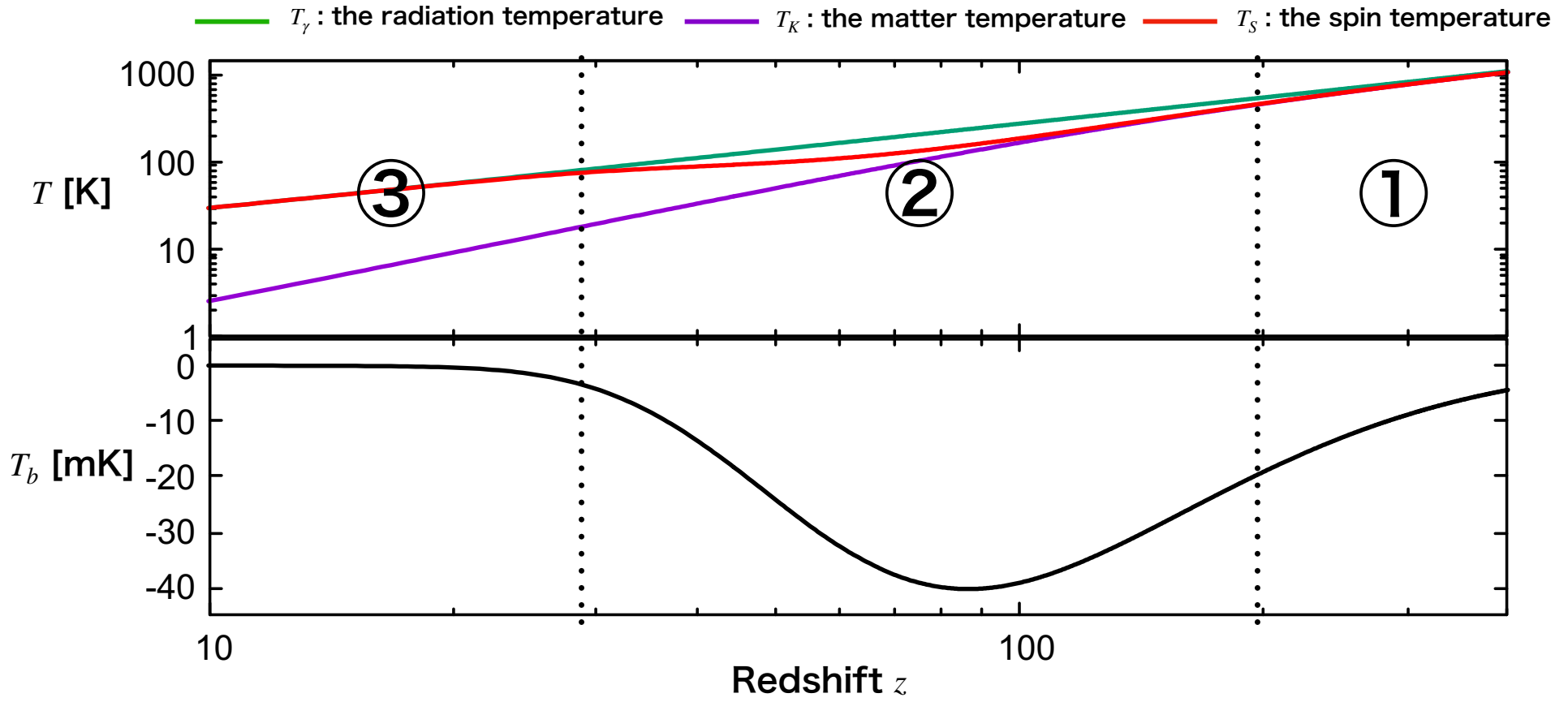
$\kappa_{10}^{i\text{H}}$  : Scattering rates for HH (hydrogen-hydrogen), eH (electron-hydrogen),

and pH (proton-hydrogen) collisions,

$n_i$  : the number density of H,e,p

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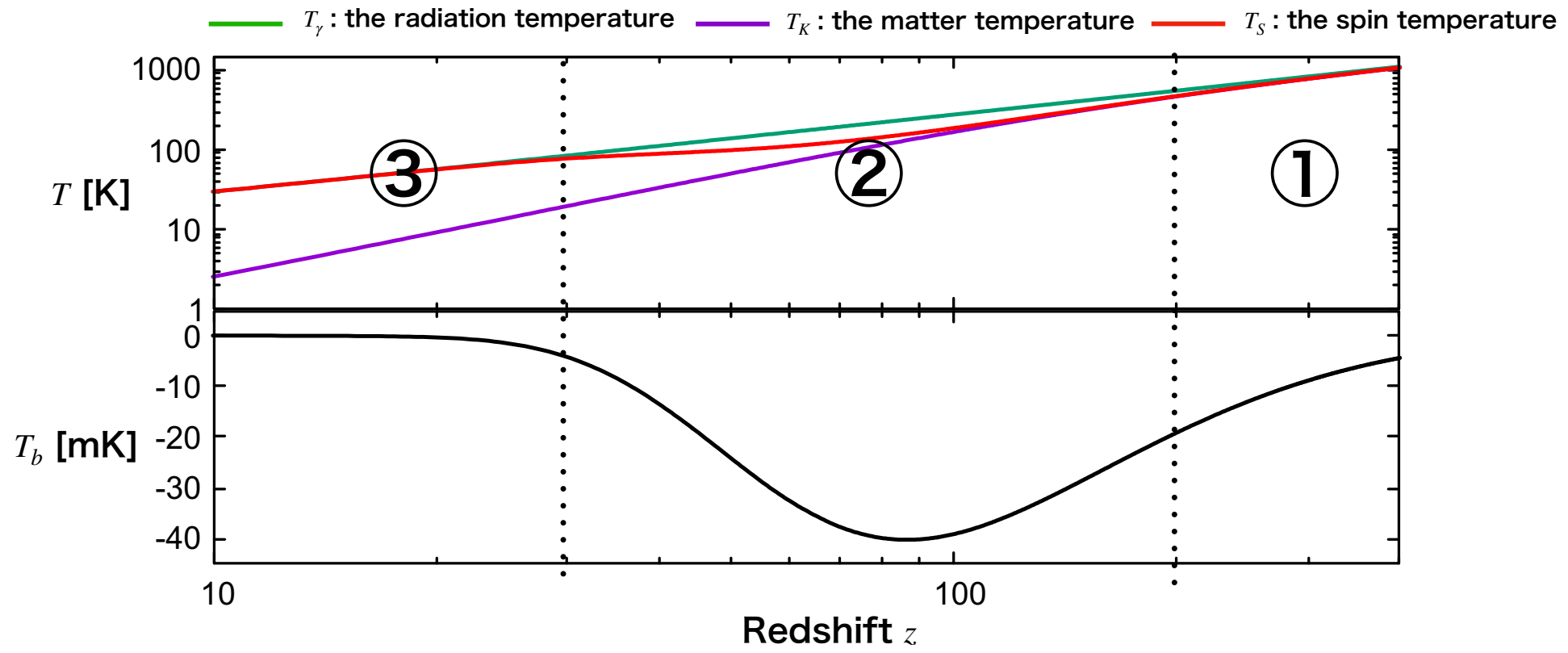


① After recombination, there remains free electrons to keep  $T_\gamma$  and  $T_K$  via Compton scattering.

$$T_\gamma = T_K = T_S, T_b = 0$$

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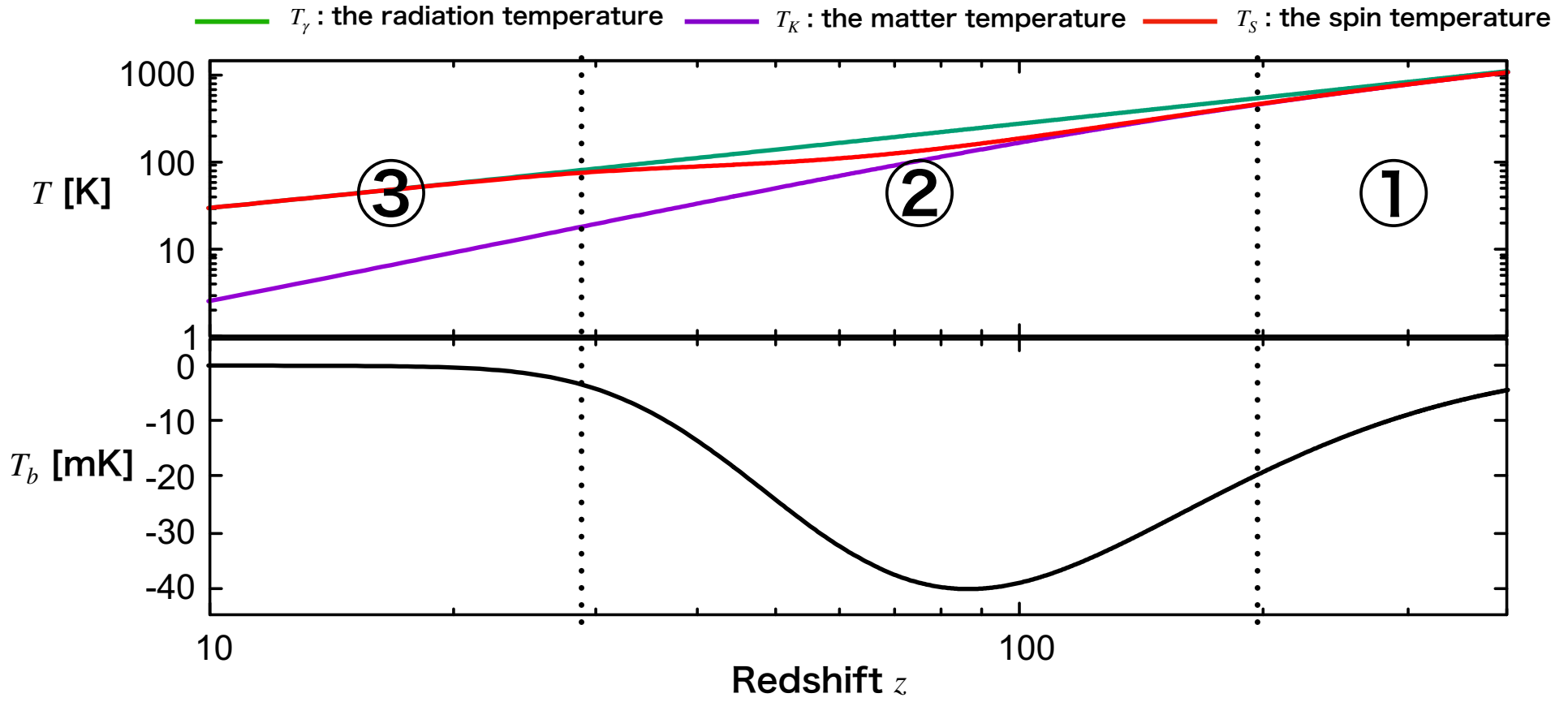
② Compton scattering becomes ineffective.  $T_K \propto \frac{1}{(1+z)^2}$ .

$T_K = T_S, T_\gamma > T_S, T_b < 0$

In this time, effects of collisions is larger than transition effects due to CMB photons.

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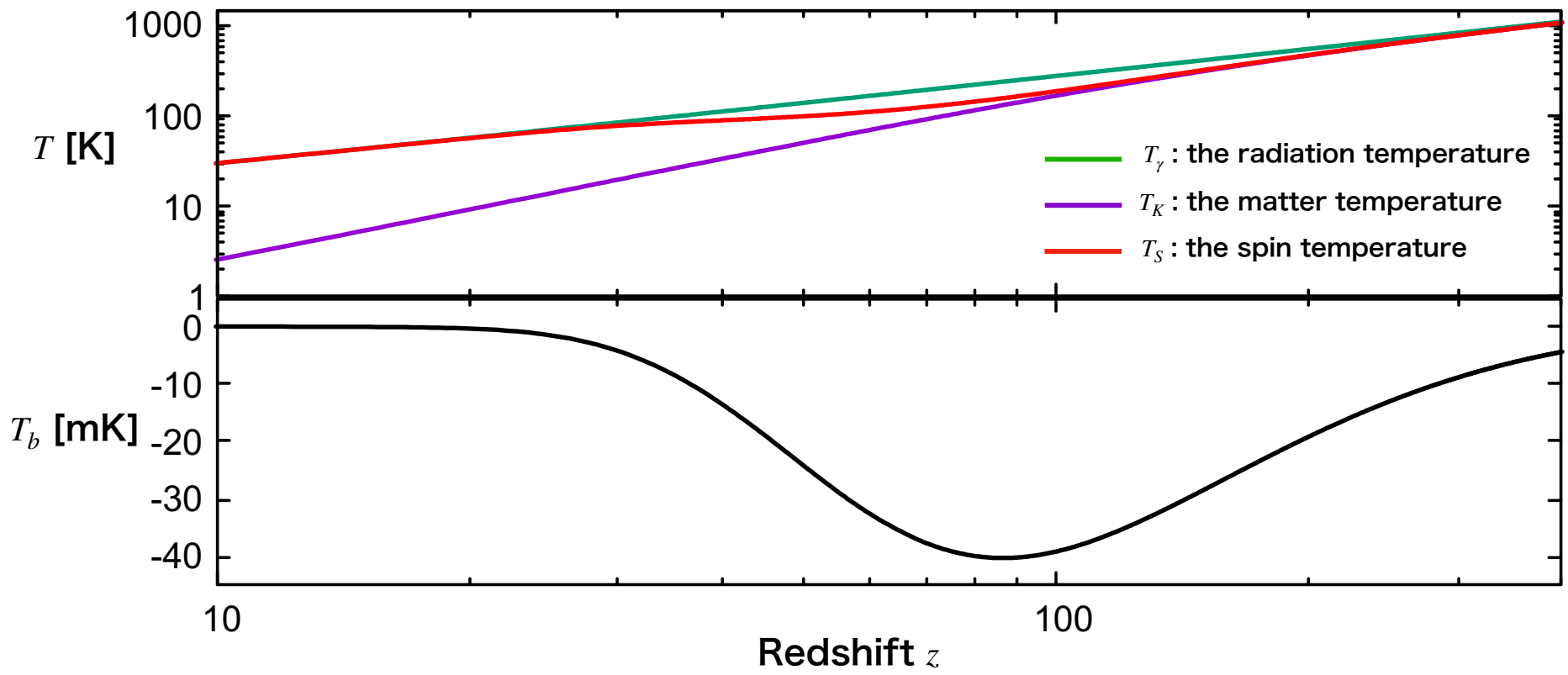
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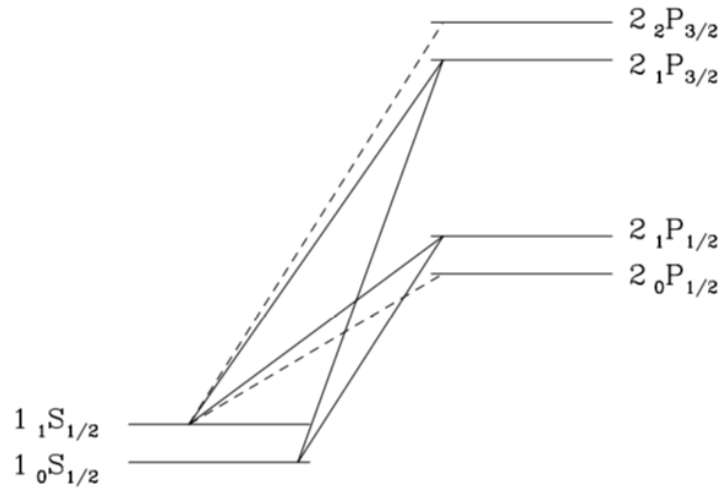


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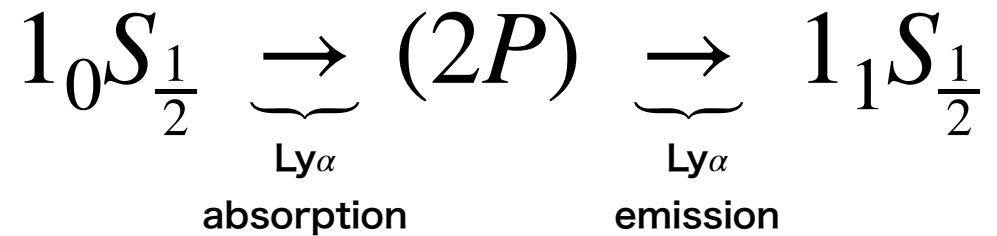
# • The Wouthuysen-Field effect

Jonathan R. Pritchard and Abraham Loeb, (arXiv:1109.6012)

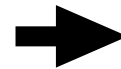


Hyperfine structure of the hydrogen atom and transitions relevant for the Wouthuysen-Field effect

- Lyman- $\alpha$  photons absorb or emit when transitions between 1s orbital and 2p orbital occur.



- When the above process occurs, it is a spin flip.



These process are the Wouthuysen-Field effect

- **For the standard  $\Lambda$ CDM model**

$$T_b = \frac{T_s - T_\gamma}{1 + z} (1 - \exp(-\tau_{21}))$$

- $\tau_{21} \ll 1$ , we assume the universe is the matter dominant so that obtain as follows:

$$T_b \simeq 85\text{mK} \left( \frac{T_s - T_\gamma}{T_s} \right) \left( \frac{\Omega_b h^2}{0.02237} \right) \left( \frac{0.144}{\Omega_m h^2} \right)^{1/2} \left( \frac{1 - Y_p}{1 - 0.24} \right) \left( \frac{1 + z}{100} \right)^{1/2} x_{\text{HI}}$$

$$\Omega_b h^2 + \Omega_c h^2 = \Omega_m h^2$$

- $T_s$  is written as:

$$\frac{T_s - T_\gamma}{T_s} = \frac{x_c}{1 + x_c} \left( 1 - \frac{T_\gamma}{T_K} \right) \quad \text{which } x_\alpha = 0$$

- **For the standard  $\Lambda$ CDM model**

- Since  $x_c$  is mainly determined by HH collision,

$x_c$  has the cosmological parameter dependence as follows:

$$x_c \propto \Omega_b h^2 (1 - Y_p)$$

- In addition,  $x_c \ll 1$  in  $30 \leq z \leq 80$  so that  $T_b$  is proportion relation as:

$$T_b \propto \frac{(\omega_b)^2 (1 - Y_p)^2}{(\omega_m)^{1/2}} \quad \omega_b = \Omega_b h^2, \quad \omega_m = \Omega_m h^2$$

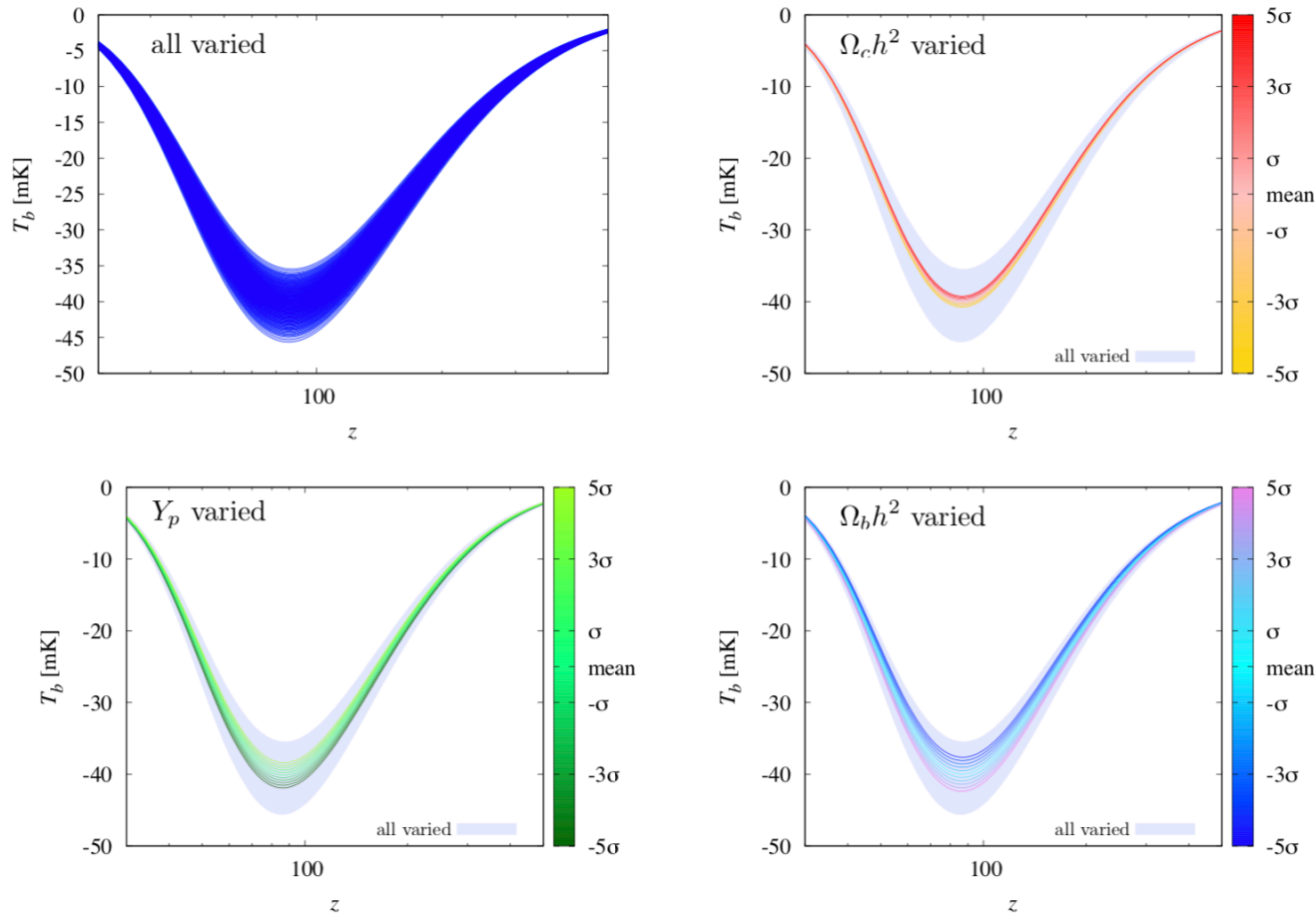
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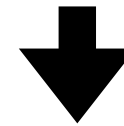


- The redshift of the global signal peak is little changed.

$$z_{\text{peak}} \sim 86.5$$

$$\nu_{\text{peak}} \sim 16.2 \text{ MHz}$$

- The amplitude of the global signal peak is affected



In the  $\Lambda$ CDM model,  
We derive the cosmological parameter  
dependence of global signal.

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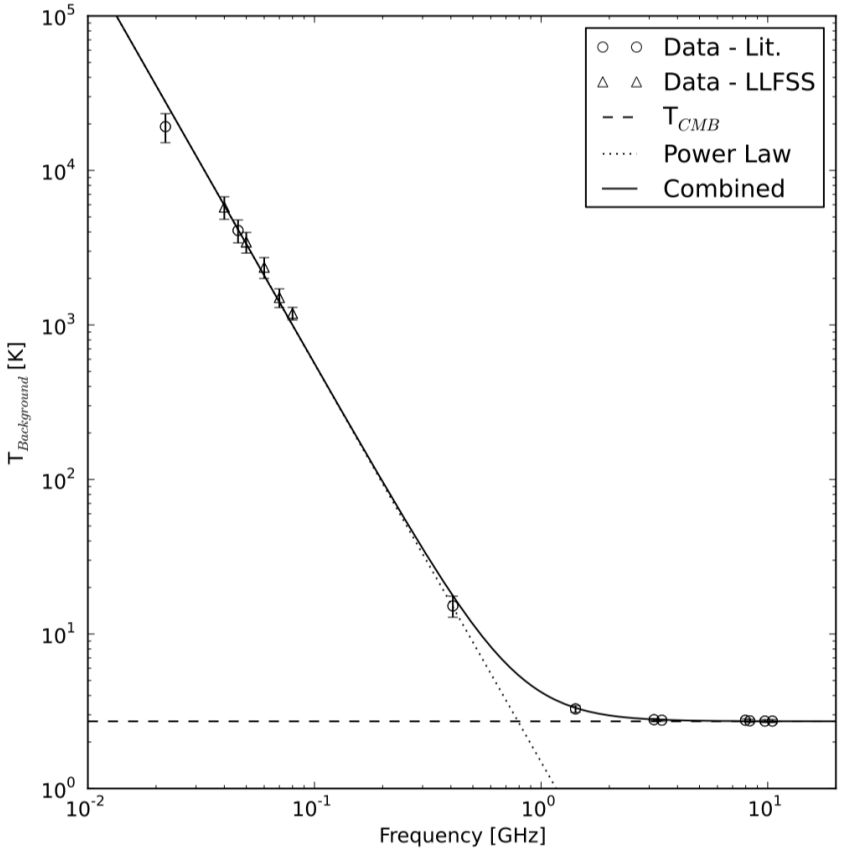
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- For models beyond the standard model

- Excess radio background model

- This model has been proposed by ARCADE2 (D. J. Fixsen et al, (arXiv:0901.0555)) and LWA1 (D. Dowell and G. B. Taylor, (arXiv:1804.08581)) etc...



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- The existence of excess radio background has been suggested by Bridle MNRAS, 136, 219 (1967).
- The left-figure shows the modeled background temperature using observed the extragalactic temperature data.

$$T_{\gamma} = T_{\text{CMB}}(1 + z) \left[ 1 + A_R \left( \frac{\nu}{\nu_{\text{ref}}} \right)^{\beta} \right]$$

$A_R$  : the relative size of the extra source to the CMB temperature

$$\beta = - 2.6, \nu_{\text{ref}} = 78 \text{ MHz}$$

- For models beyond the standard model

- Dark matter decay model

- Dark matter decay/annihilation may generate photons in the Lyman- $\alpha$  energy range, providing an additional heat source to the gas temperature.
- In this work, we use a method similar to [\(M. Valdes et al ,\(astro-ph/0701301\)\)](#) and present results for a DM decay model in which light-dark matter with some mass decays.
- The rate of the energy transfer due to dark matter decays

$$\dot{E}_\chi(z) = f_{\text{abs}}(z)\dot{n}_{\text{DM}}(z)m_{\text{DM}} \simeq f_{\text{abs}}(z)\frac{n_{\text{DM},0}}{\tau_{\text{DM}}}m_{\text{DM}}$$

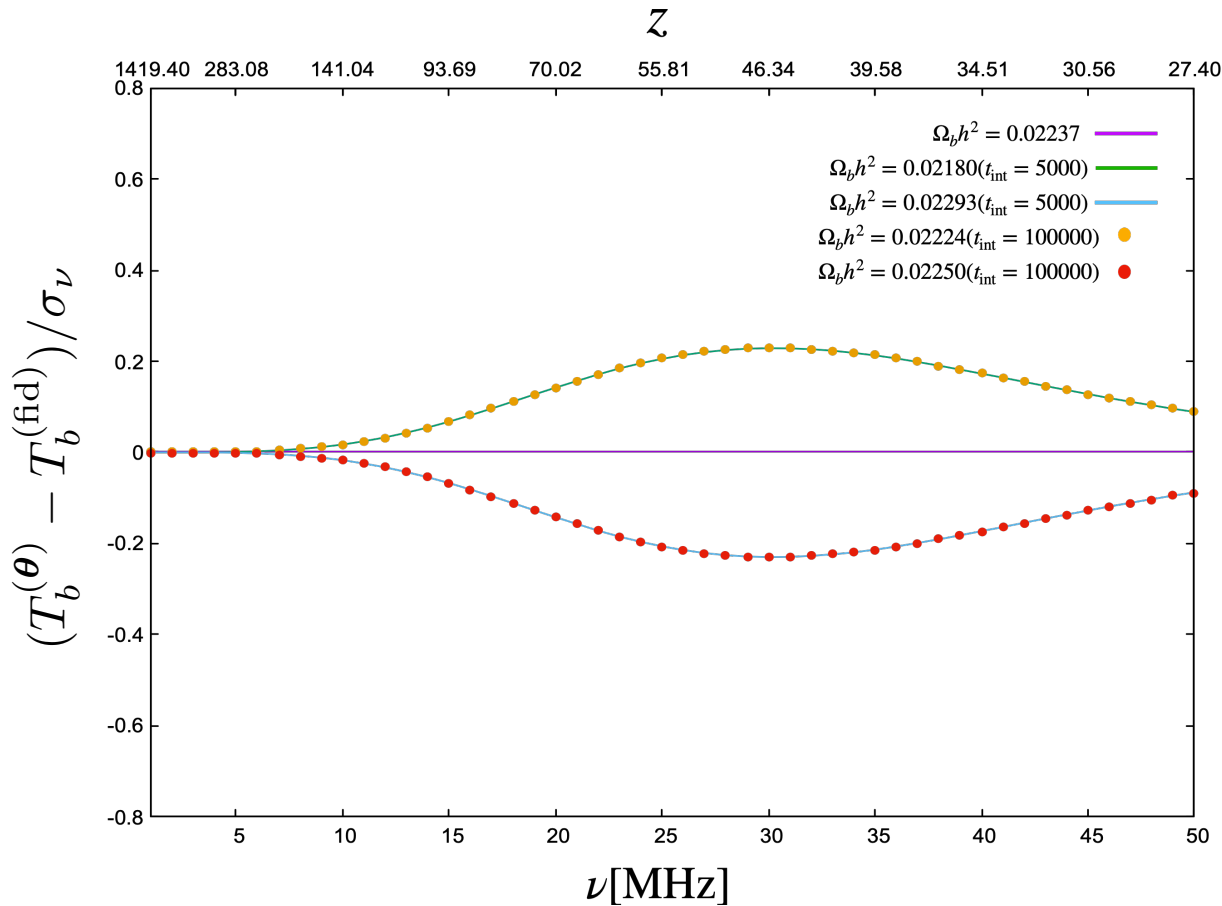
$f_{\text{abs}}$  : the fraction of the DM particle rest mass that is absorbed by the gas at a given redshift  $z$

$\dot{n}_{\text{DM}}$  : the decrease rate of the number of DM particle per baryon,       $m_{\text{DM}}$  : the mass of DM particle

$n_{\text{DM},0}$  : the current number of DM particle per baryon,       $\tau_{\text{DM}}$  : the lifetime of DM particle



- For the standard  $\Lambda$ CDM model



- Why is the reference frequency 30 MHz?

- thermal noise

$$\sigma_\nu = \frac{T_{\text{sys}}}{\sqrt{\Delta\nu t_{\text{int}}}}$$

$\Delta\nu = 1\text{MHz}$     $t_{\text{int}} = 5000$  or  $100000$  hour

$$T_{\text{sys}} \simeq T_{\text{sky}} = 180 \times (\nu/180\text{MHz})^{-2.6} \text{ K}$$

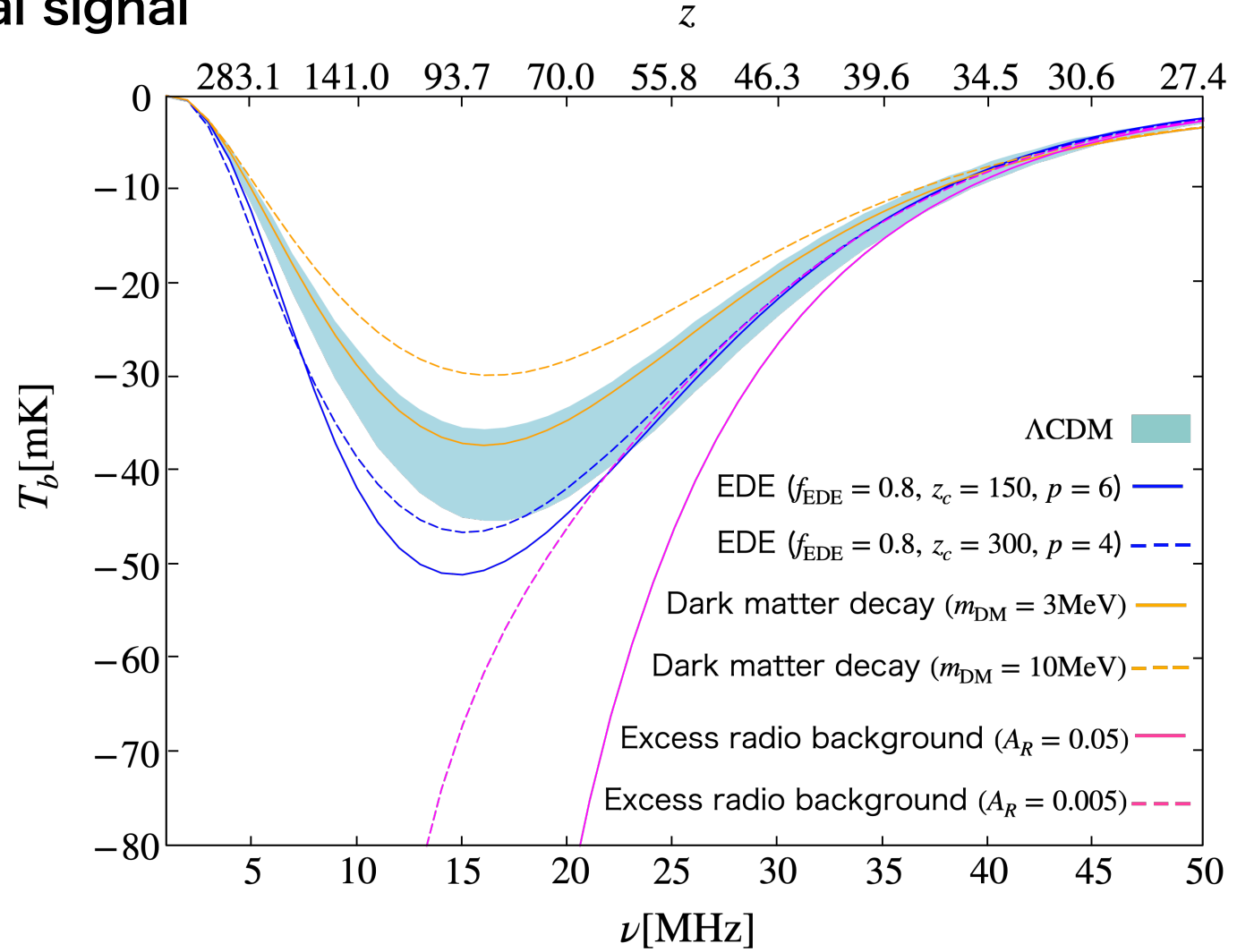
Signal to Noise reaches its maximum at around 30 MHz.



We treat  $T_b$  at 30 MHz as the reference frequency.

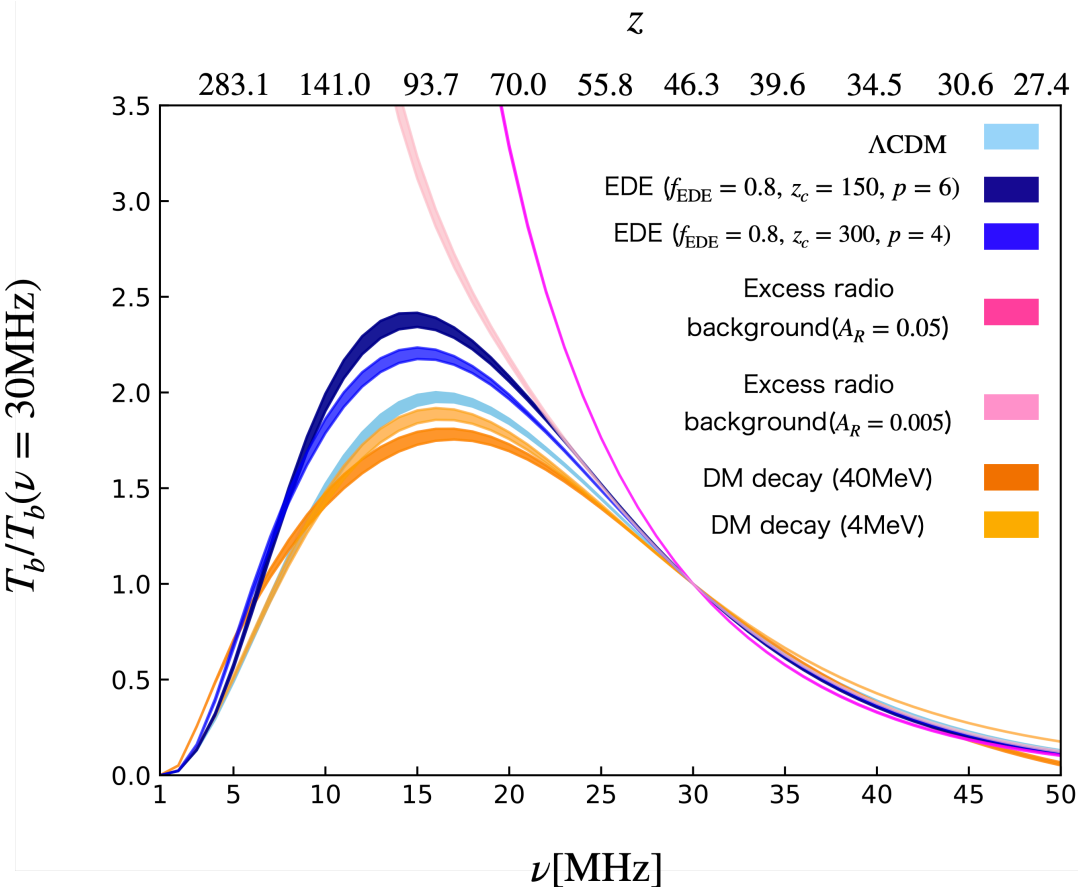
• For models beyond the standard model

• 21 cm global signal



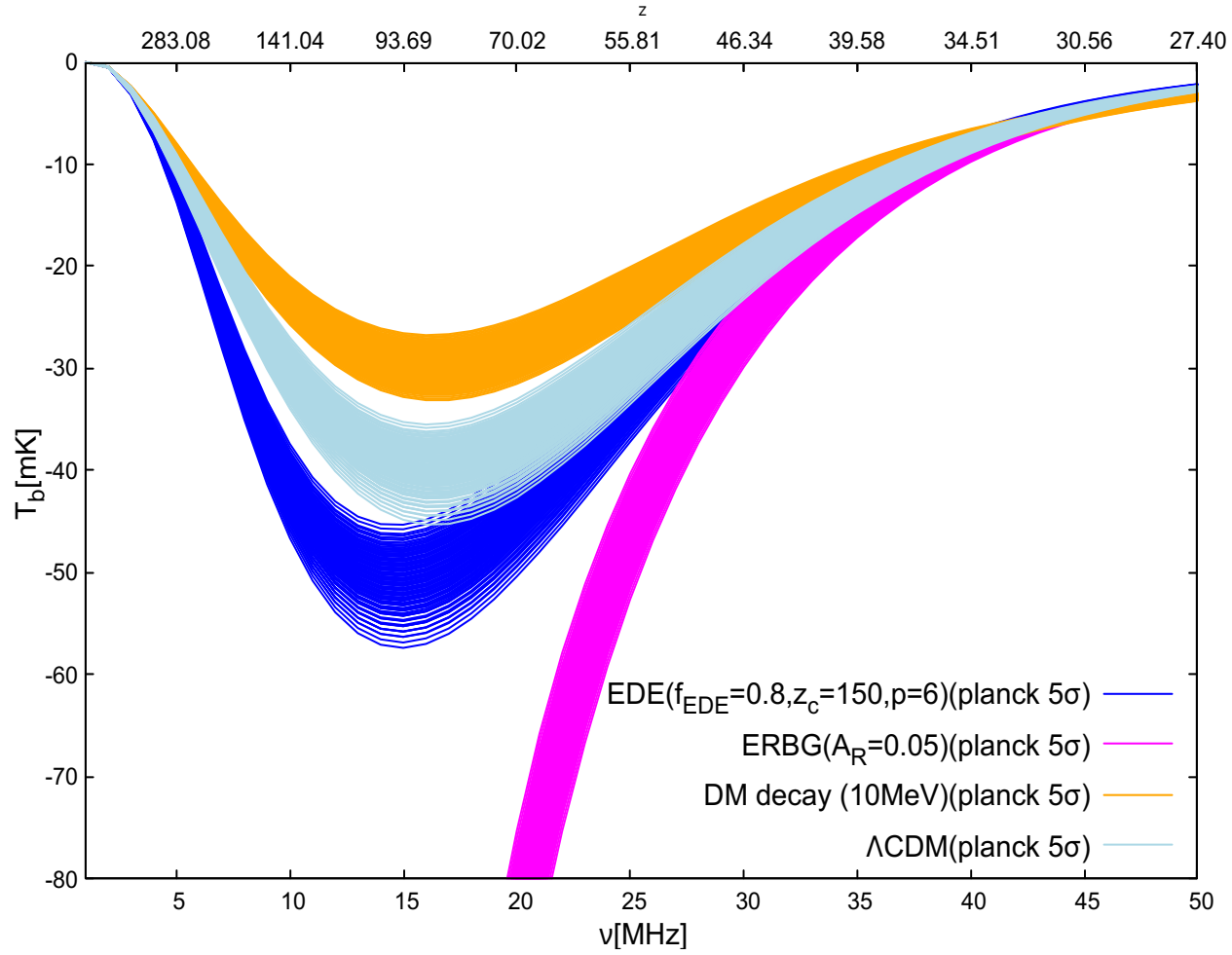
- For models beyond the standard model

- This figure shows the ratio of  $T_b$  at each frequency to  $T_b$  at 30 MHz for several models with varying cosmological parameters.



- Even in the non-standard models considered in this study, the ratio is determined by about 1%.

- For non-standard models when cosmological parameters are varied



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