

Science from the Cosmic Dawn



NESS Kickoff Meeting

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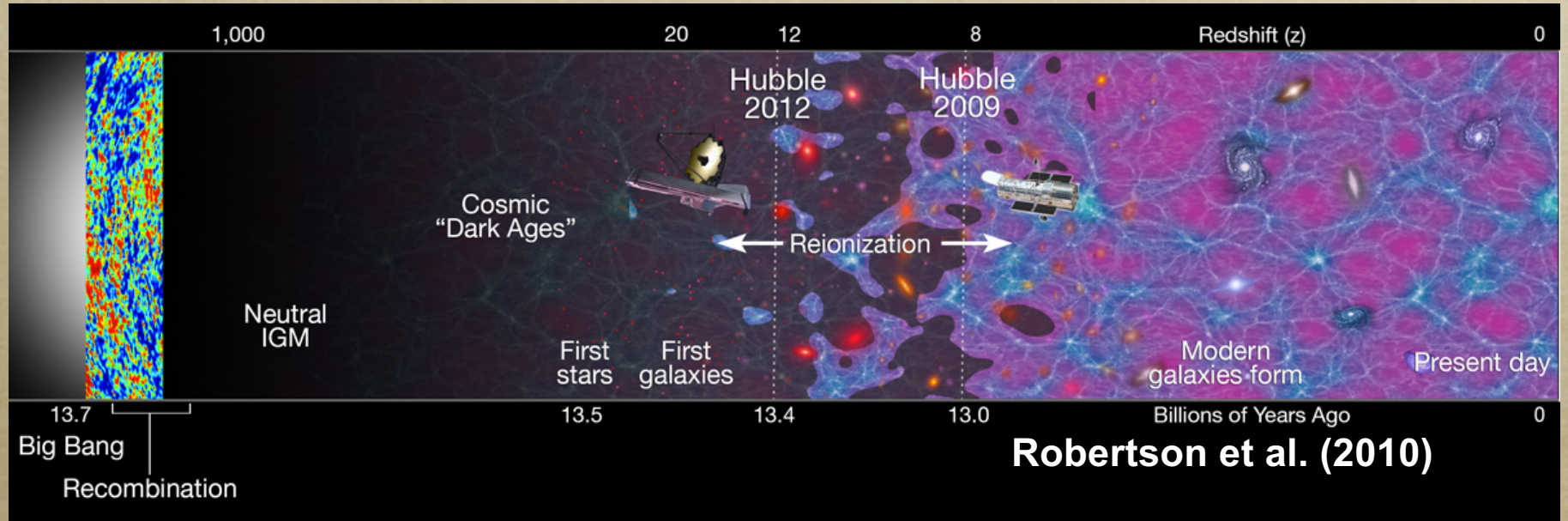
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Outline

- *Introduction and context*
- *Physics from the spin-flip transition*
- *Recent developments*
- *Year 1 plans*

The “Cosmic Dawn”

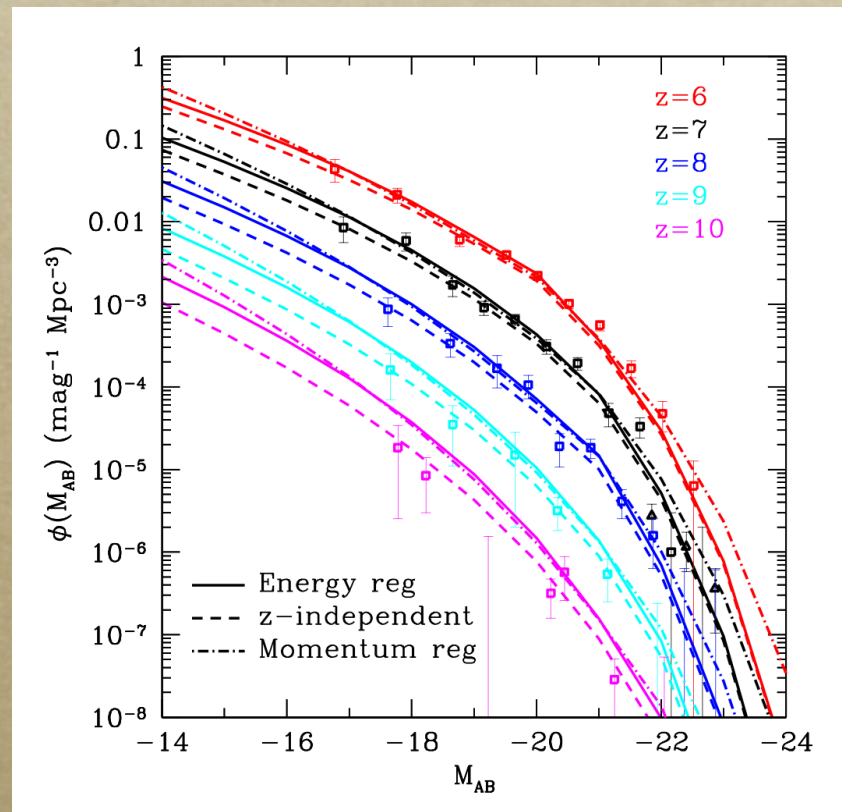


Reionization



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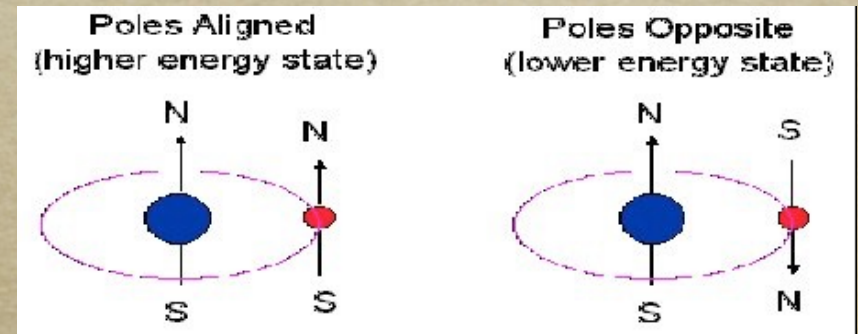
Galaxies in the Cosmic Dawn



Furlanetto et al. (2017)

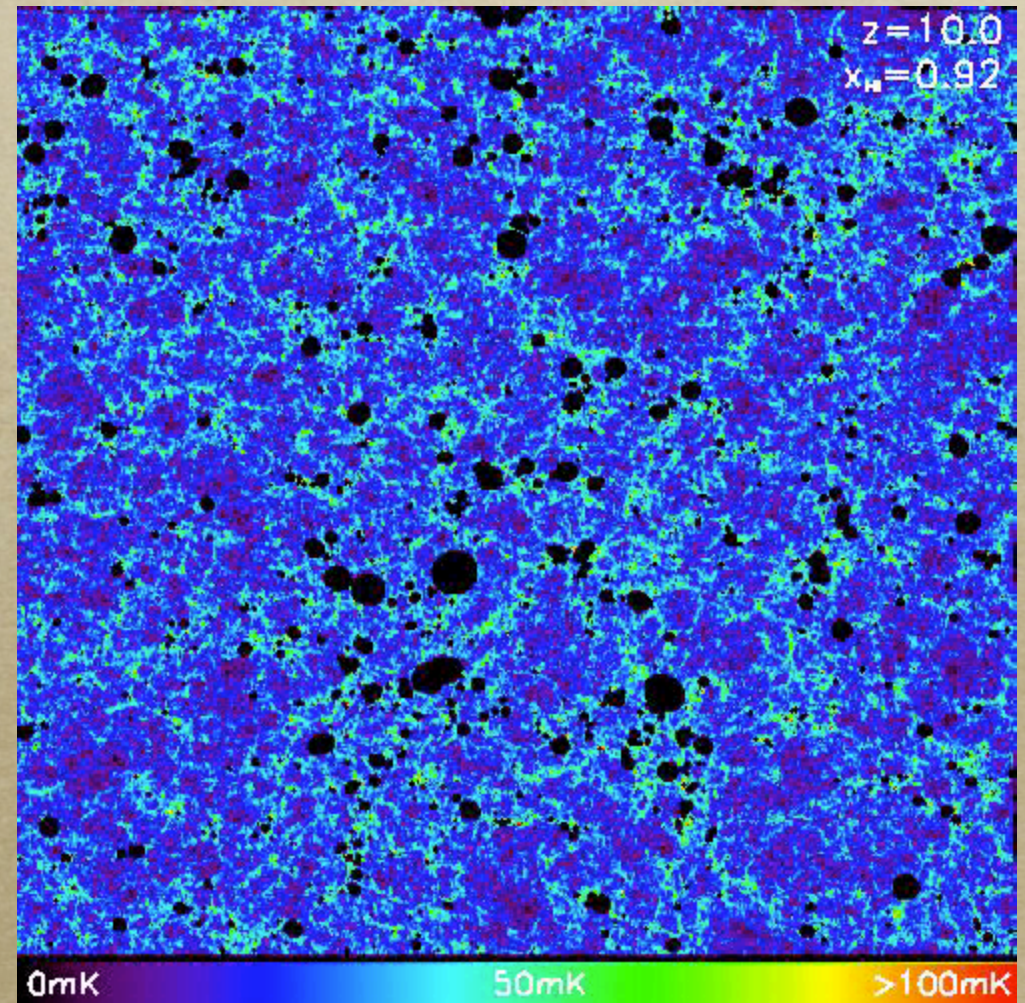
Studying Reionization: The Spin-Flip Transition

- *Protons and electrons both have spin and hence magnetic moments*
- *Produces 21 cm photons ($\nu \sim 1.4$ GHz)*



The 21-cm line

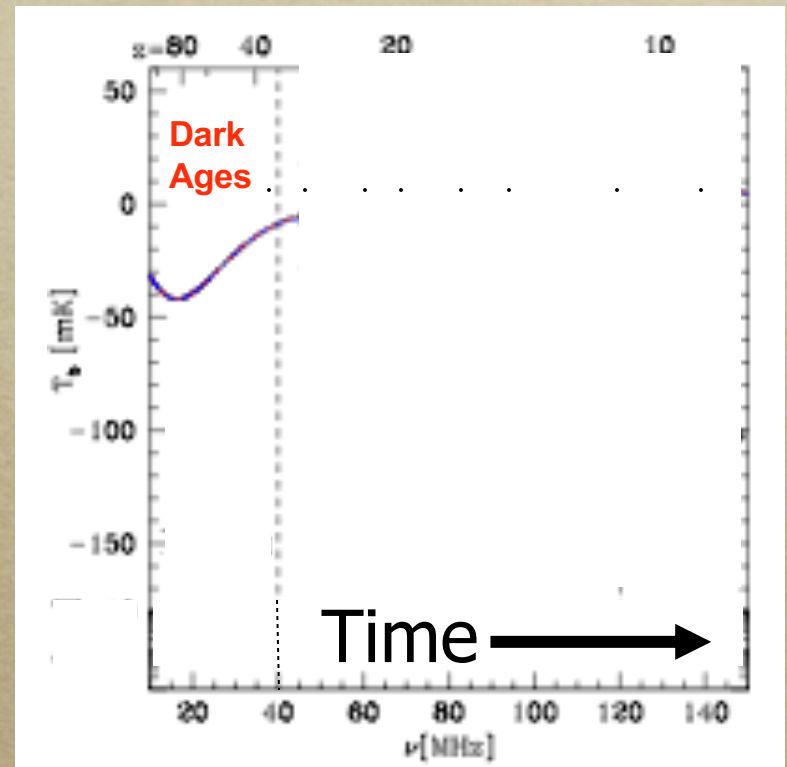
- *Spectral line measures entire history*
- *Directly measures intergalactic gas*
- *Weak absorption*



Mesinger & Furlanetto

How does the spin-flip background teach us about source populations?

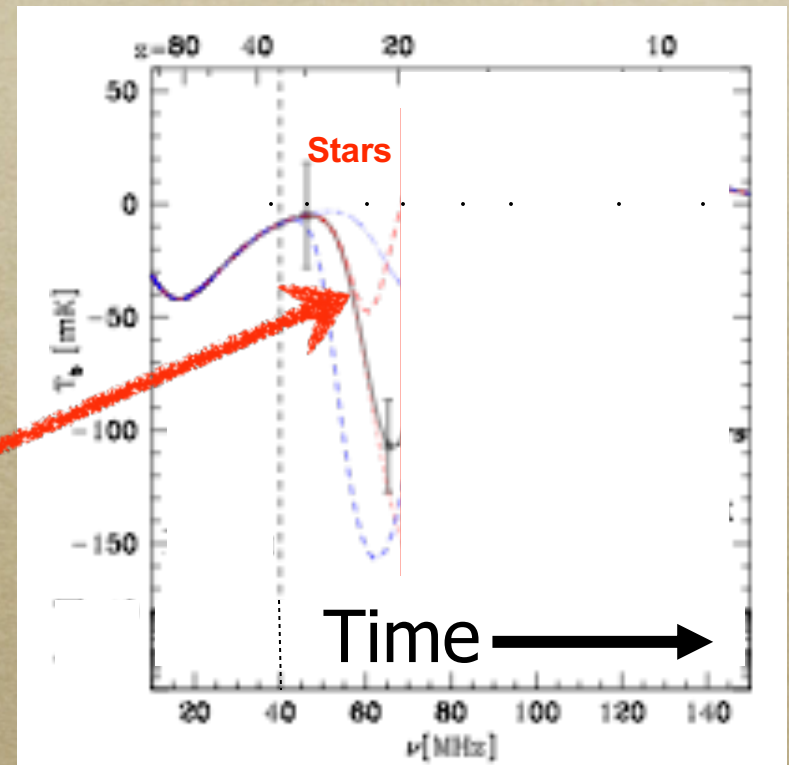
- *Four Phases to the spin-flip background*
 - *Dark Ages*
(potential probe of exotic physics)



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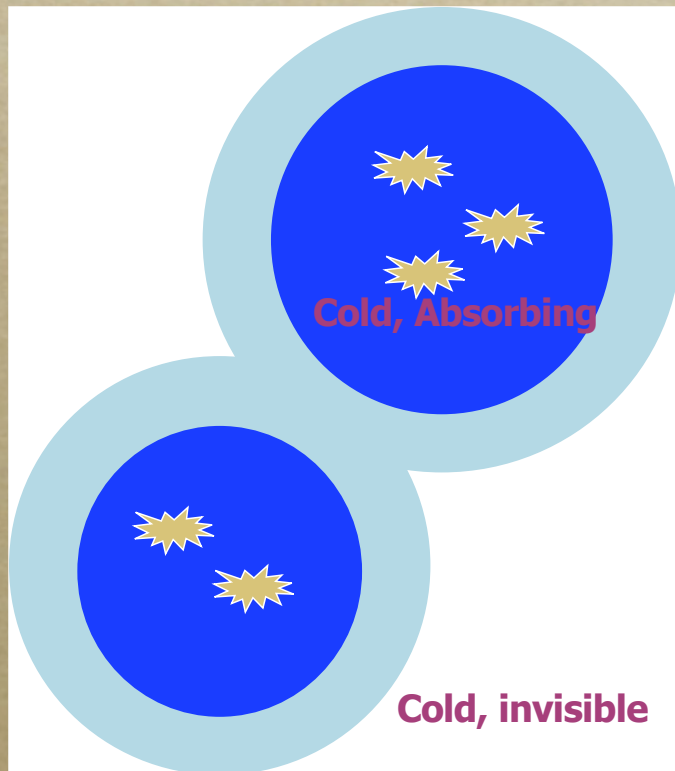
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 - *First Stars*



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The First Stars: Ly α Fluctuations

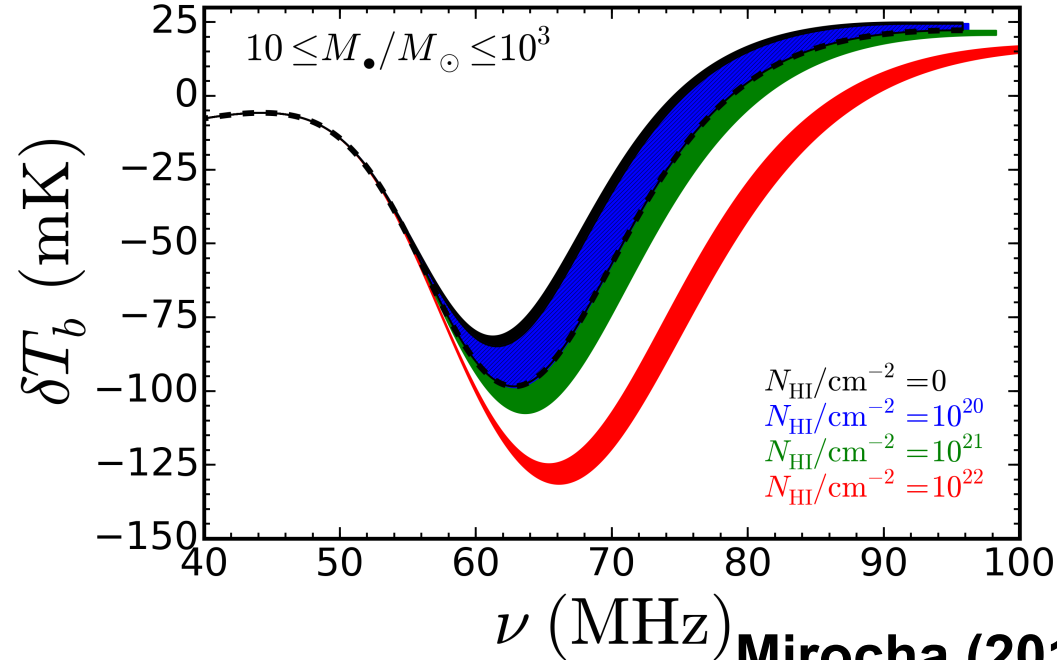


- *Strong absorption near first galaxies*
- *Eventually saturates*

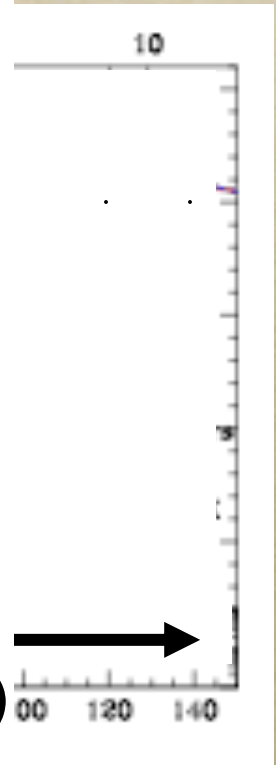
Barkana & Loeb 2004, Pritchard & Furlanetto 2006,
Mesinger et al. 2011

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- absorption: spectra.)

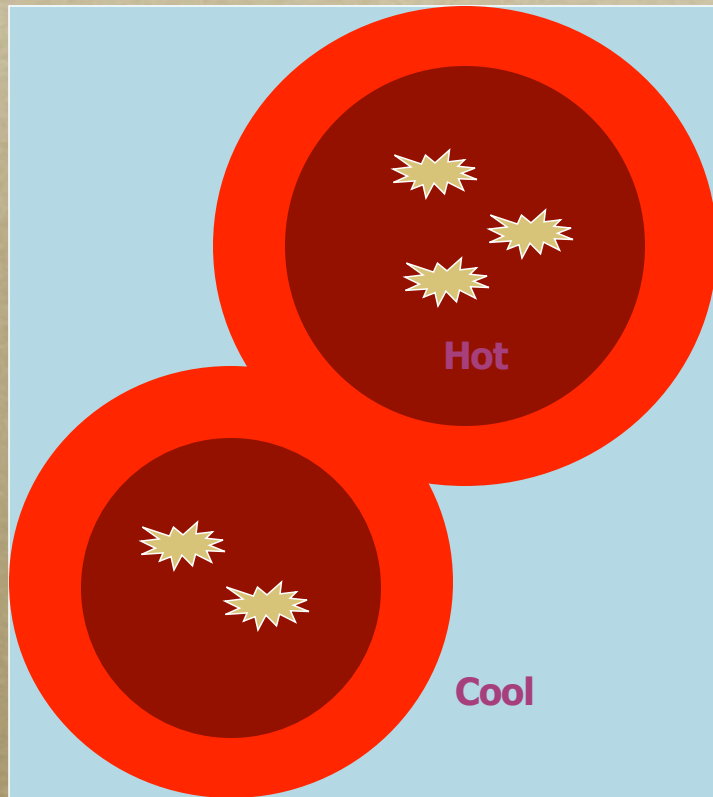


Mirocha (2014)



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The First Black Holes

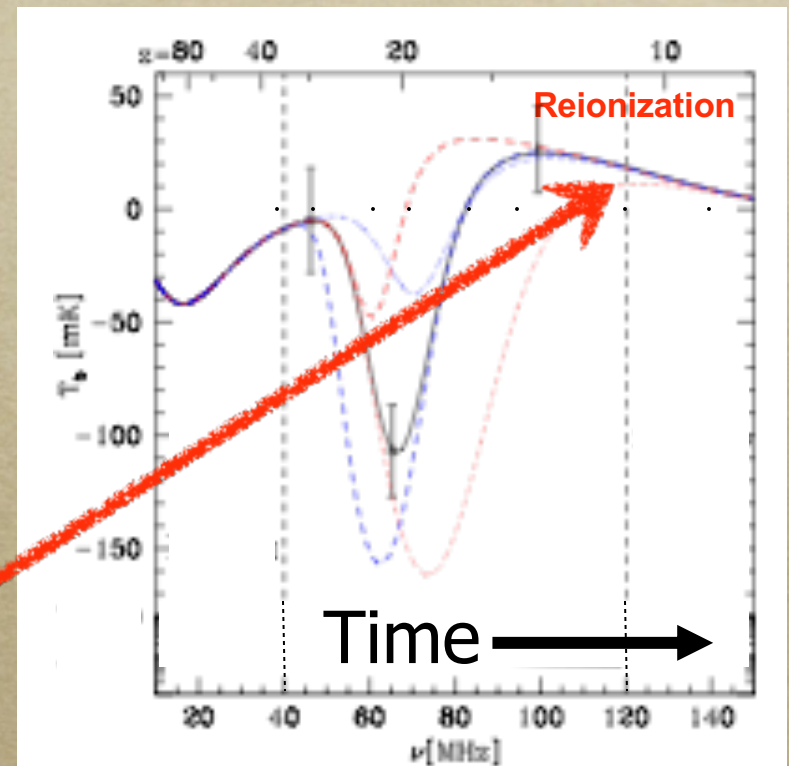


Pritchard & Furlanetto 2007, Chuzhoy et al. 2007,
Chen & Miralda-Escude 2008, Santos et al. 2009,
Mesinger, Furlanetto, & Cen 2011, Baek et al. 2010

- *X-ray photons heat gas around first black holes*
- *Supernovae*
- *Stellar remnants*
- *Quasars*
- *Hot IGM near them, cool IGM elsewhere*

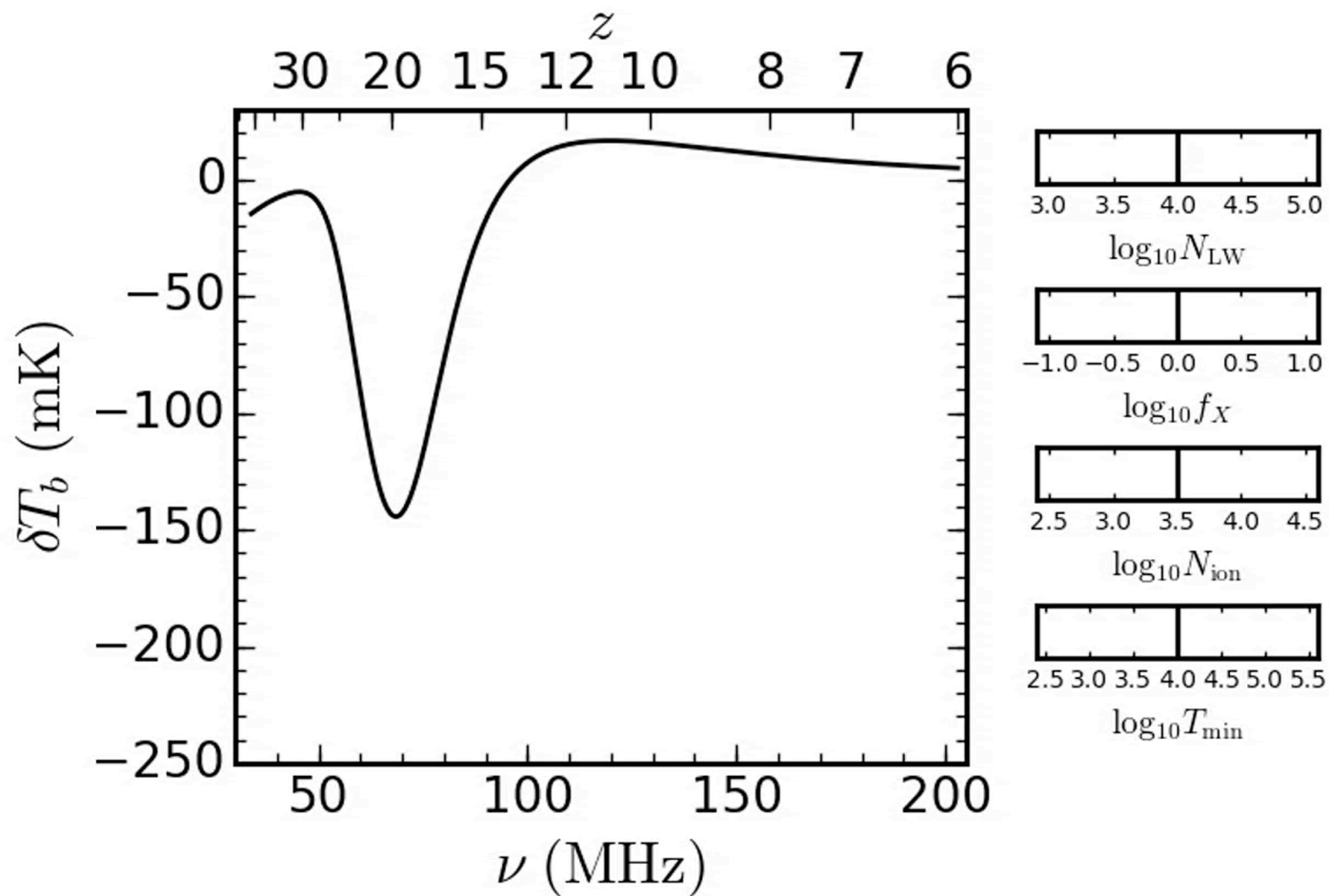
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- *Four Phases to the spin-flip background*
 - *Dark Ages*
 - *First Stars*
 - *First Black Holes*
 - *Reionization*



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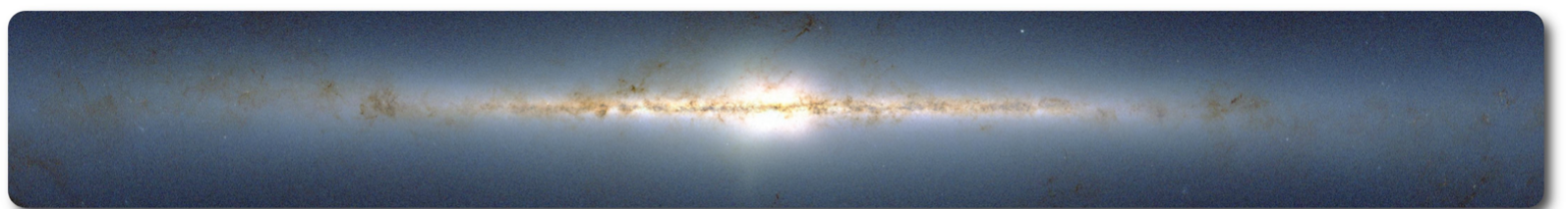
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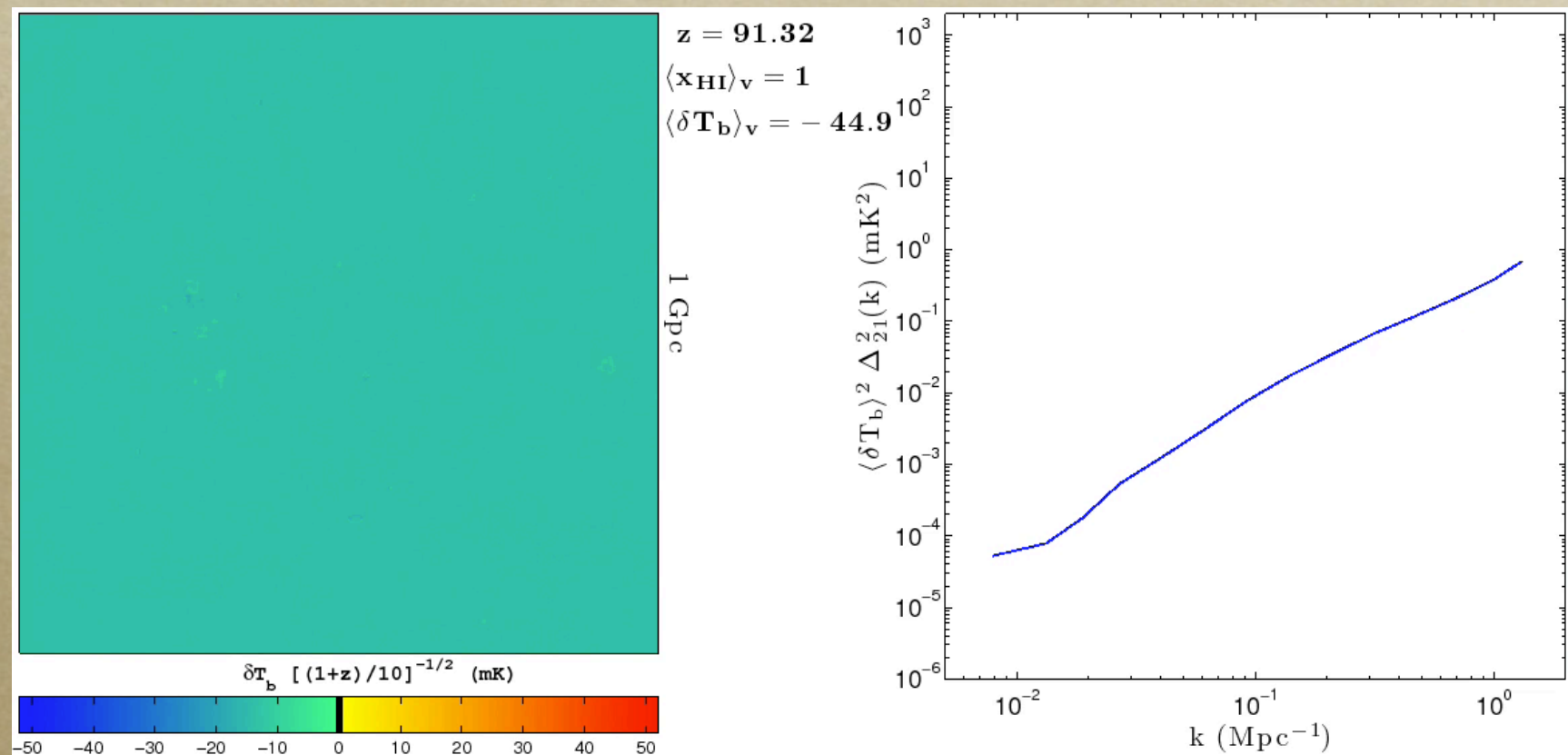
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But can we see it?

- *Terrestrial foregrounds*
- *Ionosphere*
- *Astrophysical foregrounds*

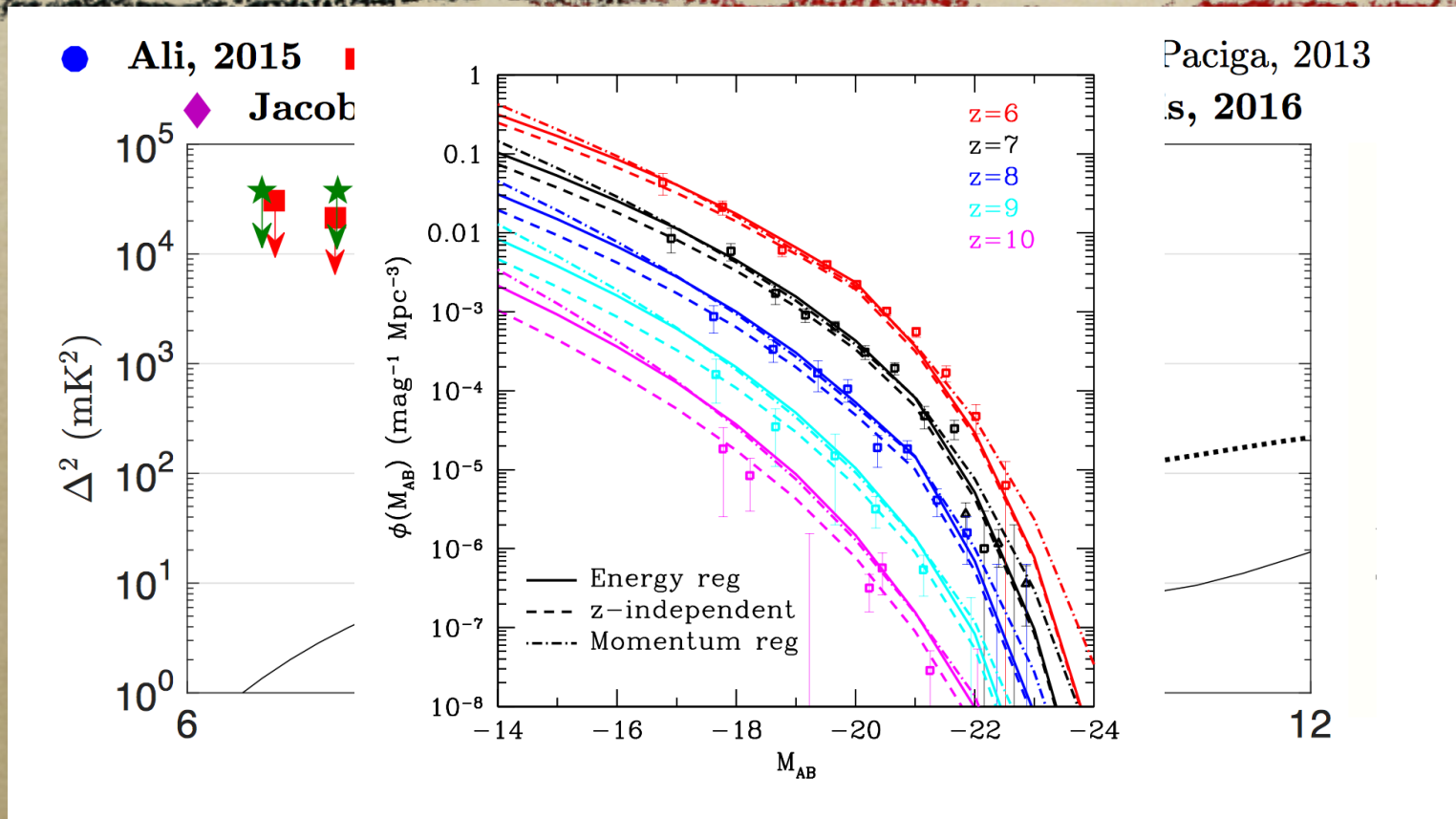


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Mesinger, Furlanetto, & Cen (2011)

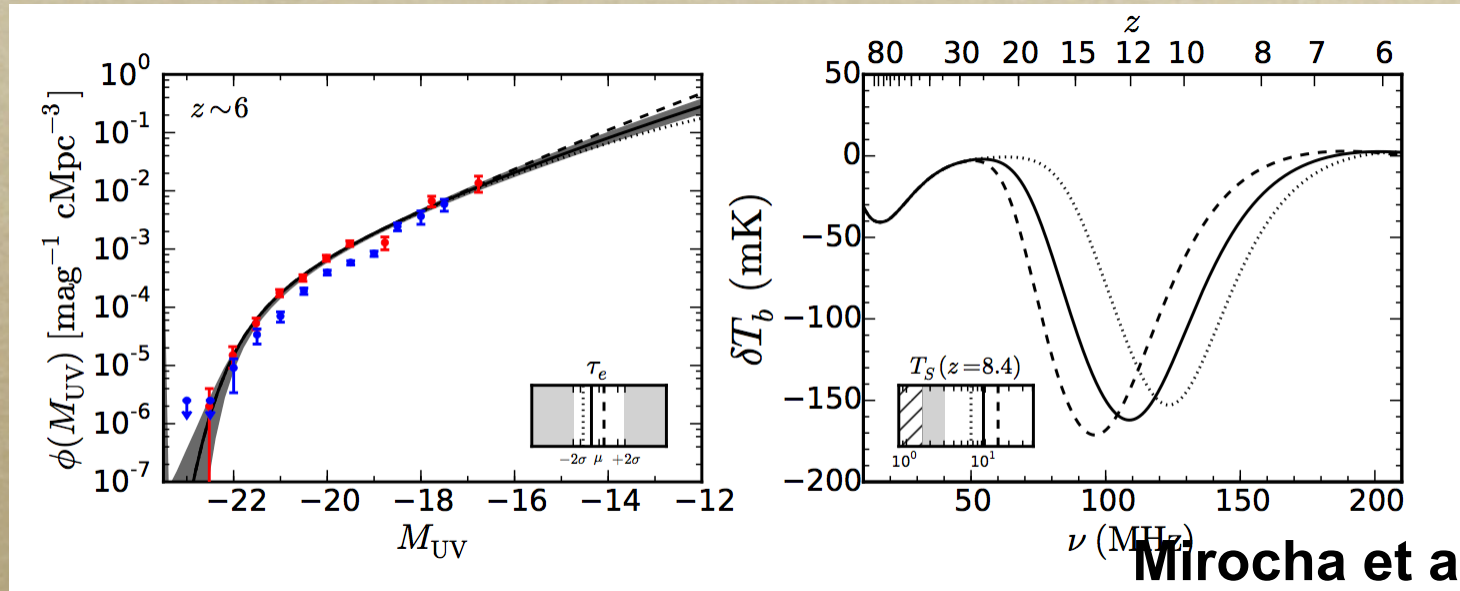
The Story So Far



- Four active interferometers: LOFAR, GMRT, MWA, PAPER
- Best constraints so far from PAPER
- New results from EDGES (Bowman, Monsalve, et al.)
- Rule out cold IGM at $z \sim 8$ (Pober et al. 2015)

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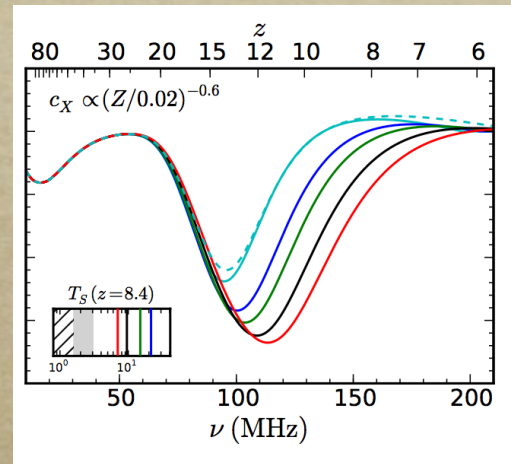
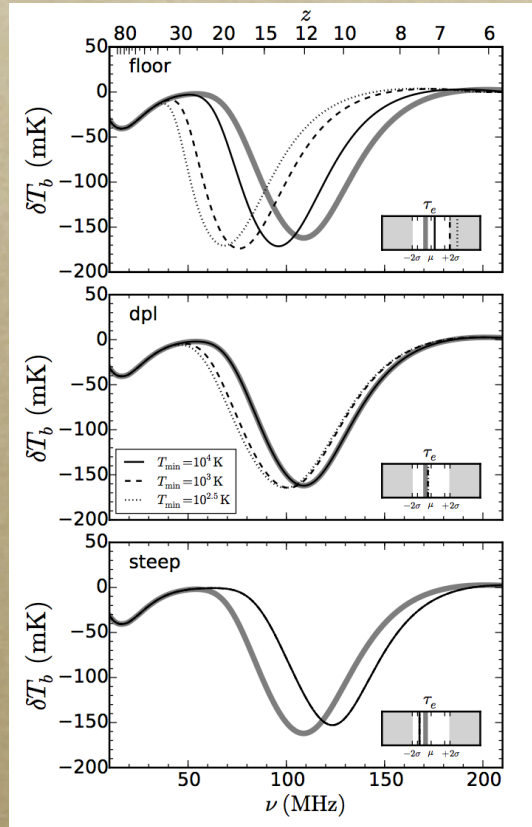
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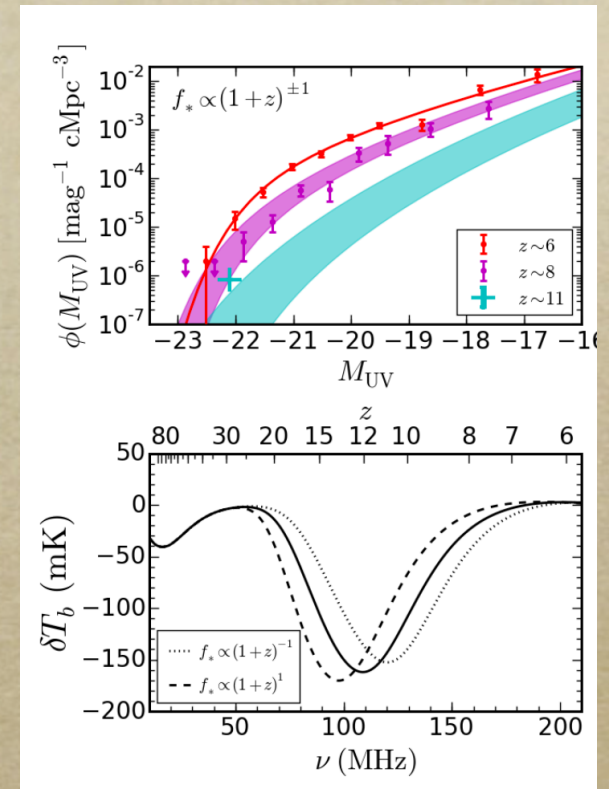
Mirocha et al. (2016)

- Extrapolation of existing galaxy observations + “vanilla” assumptions is changing our *conservative* models!
- Later (higher frequency) features
- Mixing heating and reionization eras

Uncertainties in the “Vanilla” Global Signal



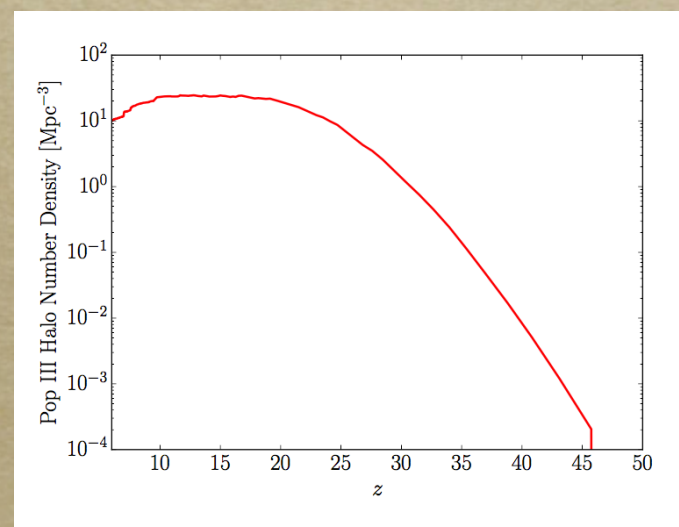
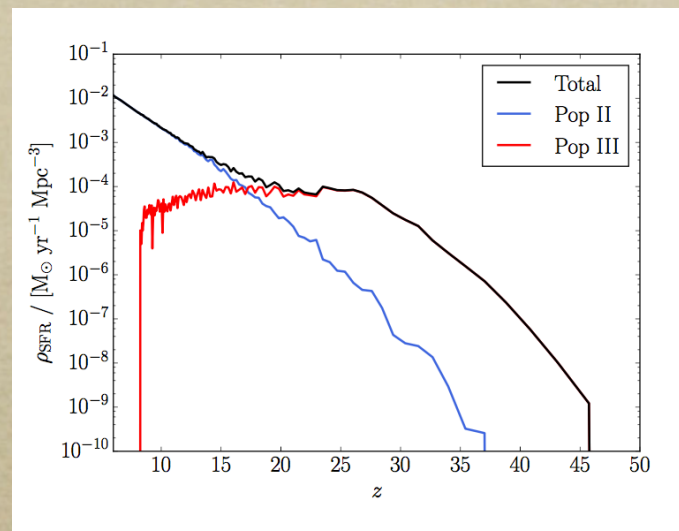
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- Lots of unknown parameters - spin-flip will help to focus models!
- Unclear so far how well interferometers can do on their own

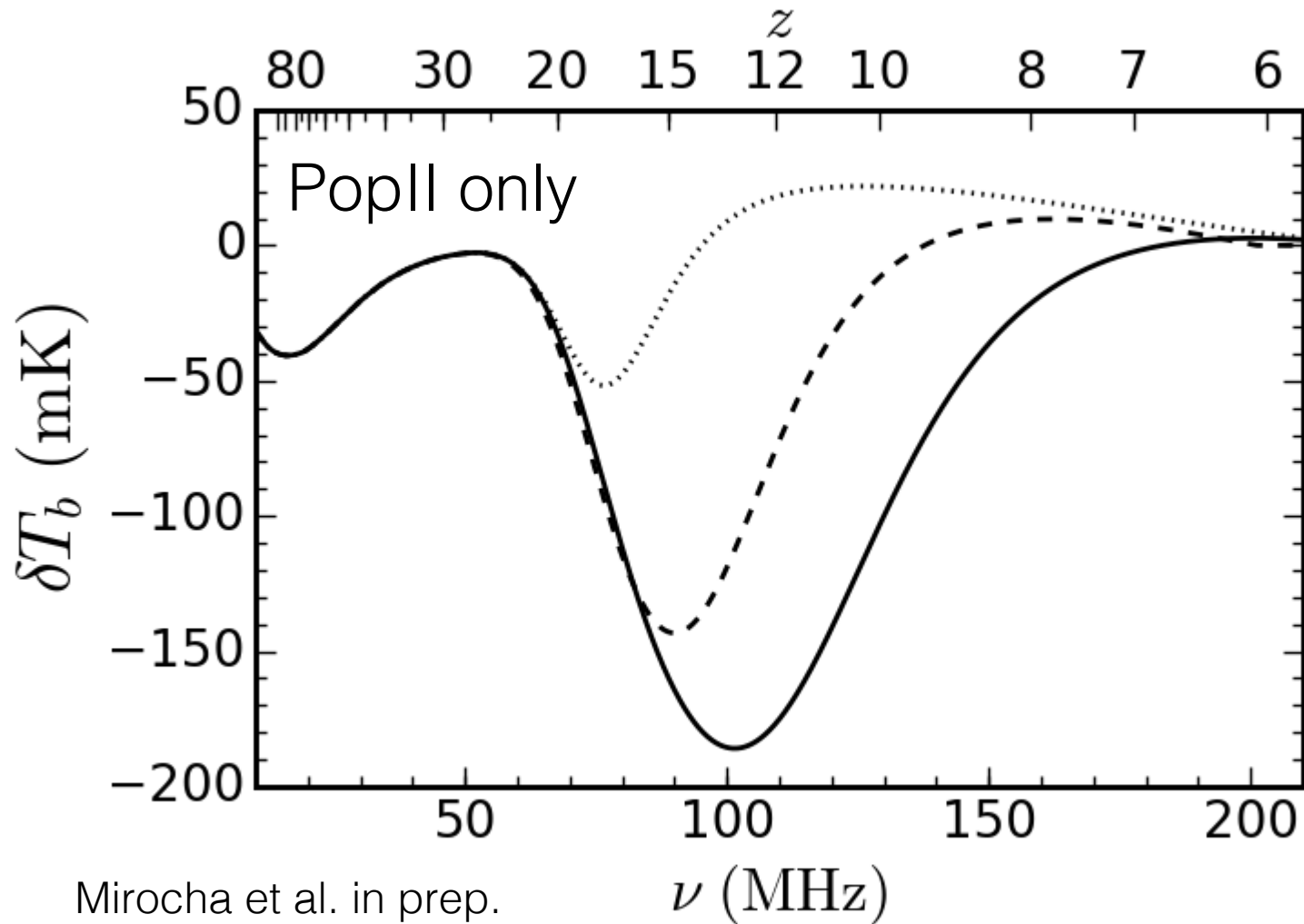
What about exotic populations?

- *Pop III stars*
 - *Form in metal-free gas: higher masses?*
 - *Form in fragile halos: bursty mode?*
- *Find a “plateau” in Pop III SFRD*
- *If more massive AND binary, may cause very strong X-ray heating!*



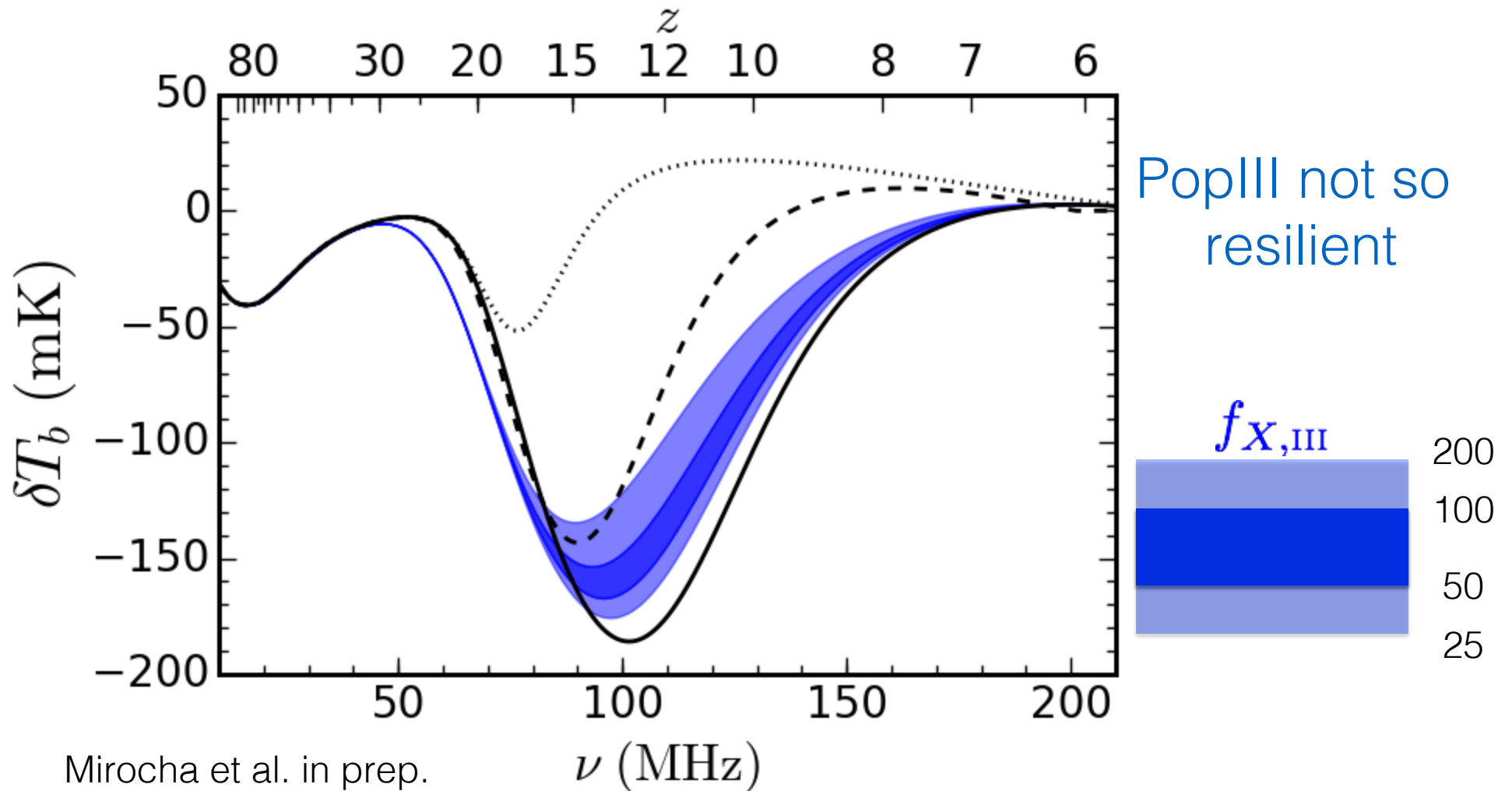
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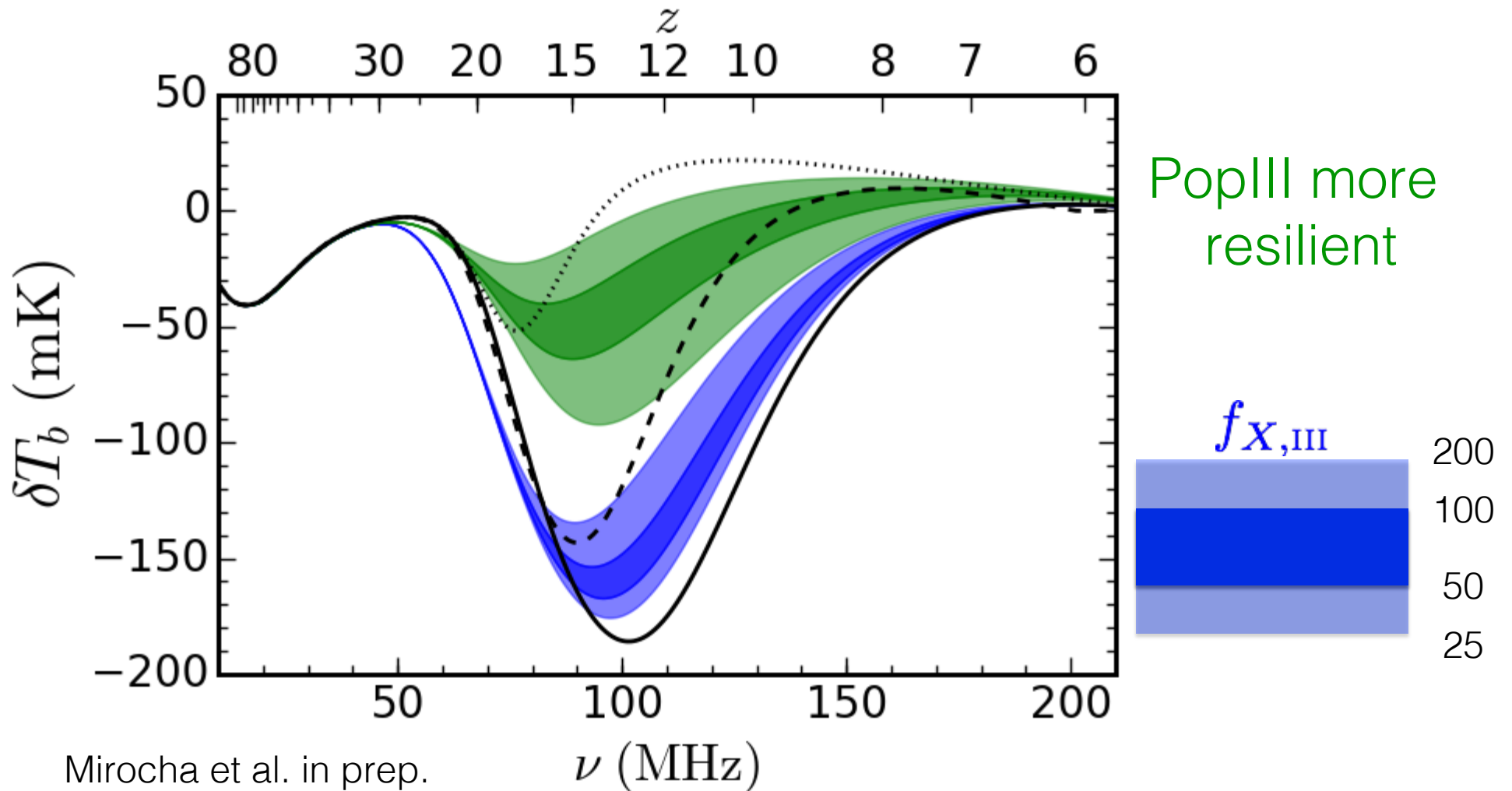


Shallow
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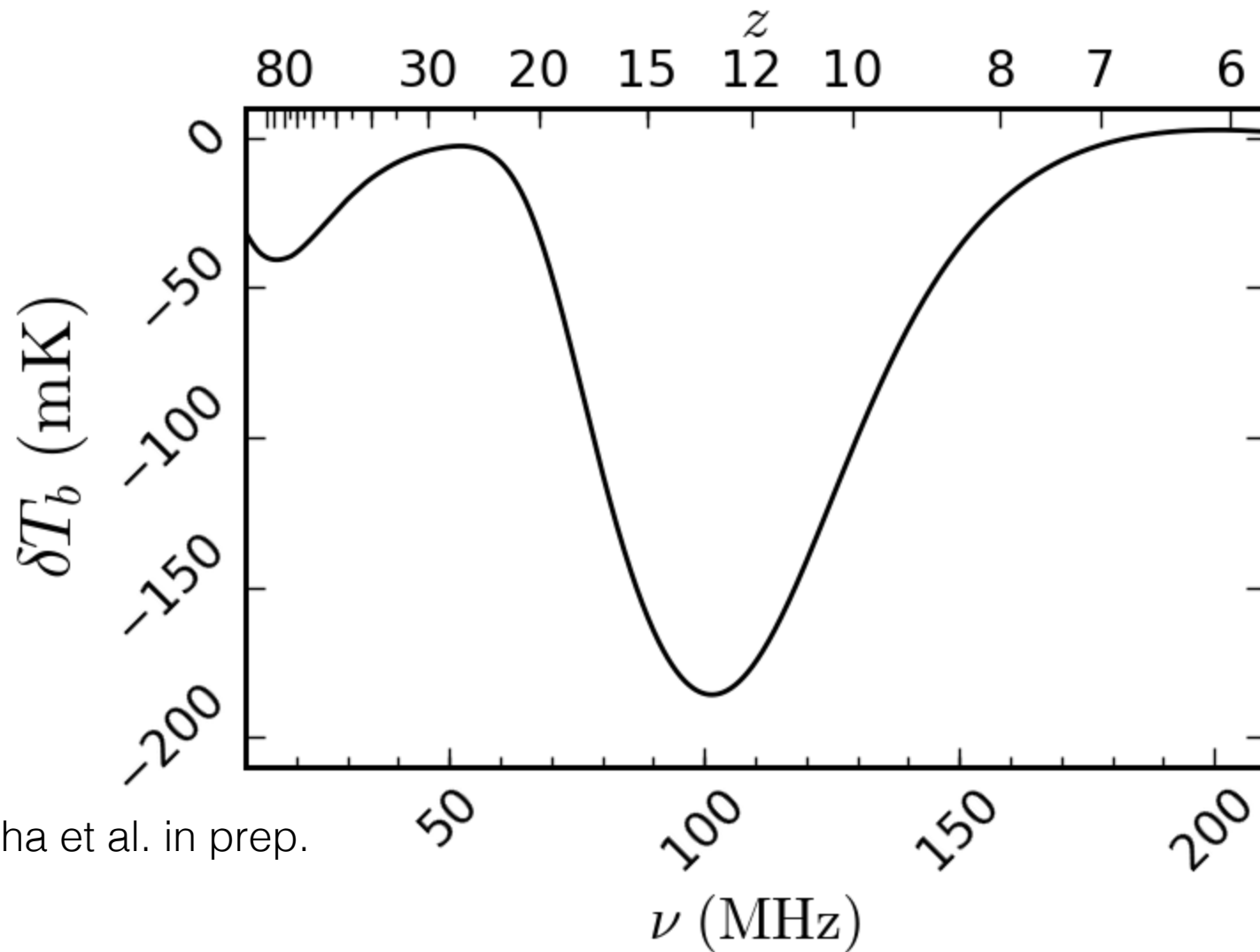


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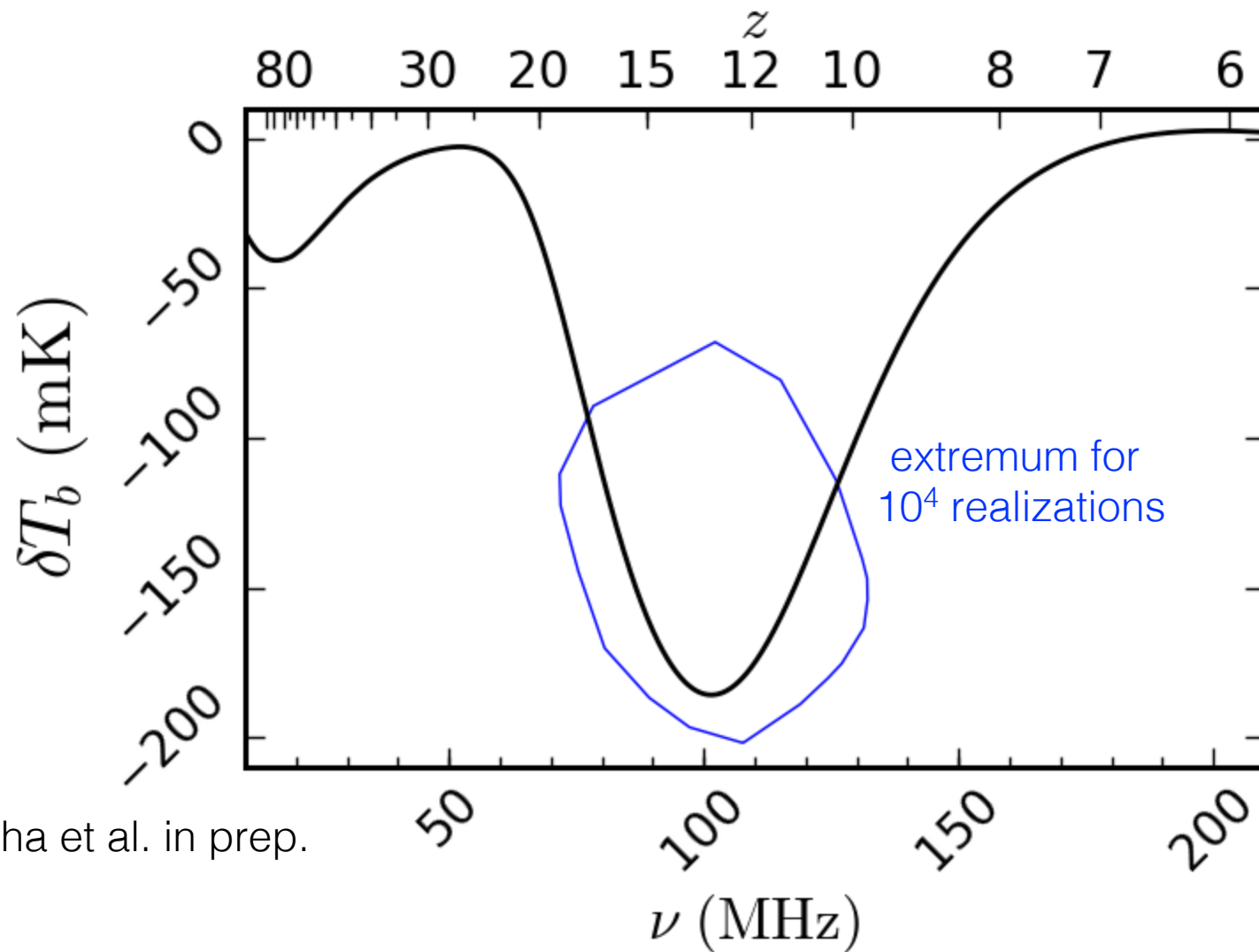
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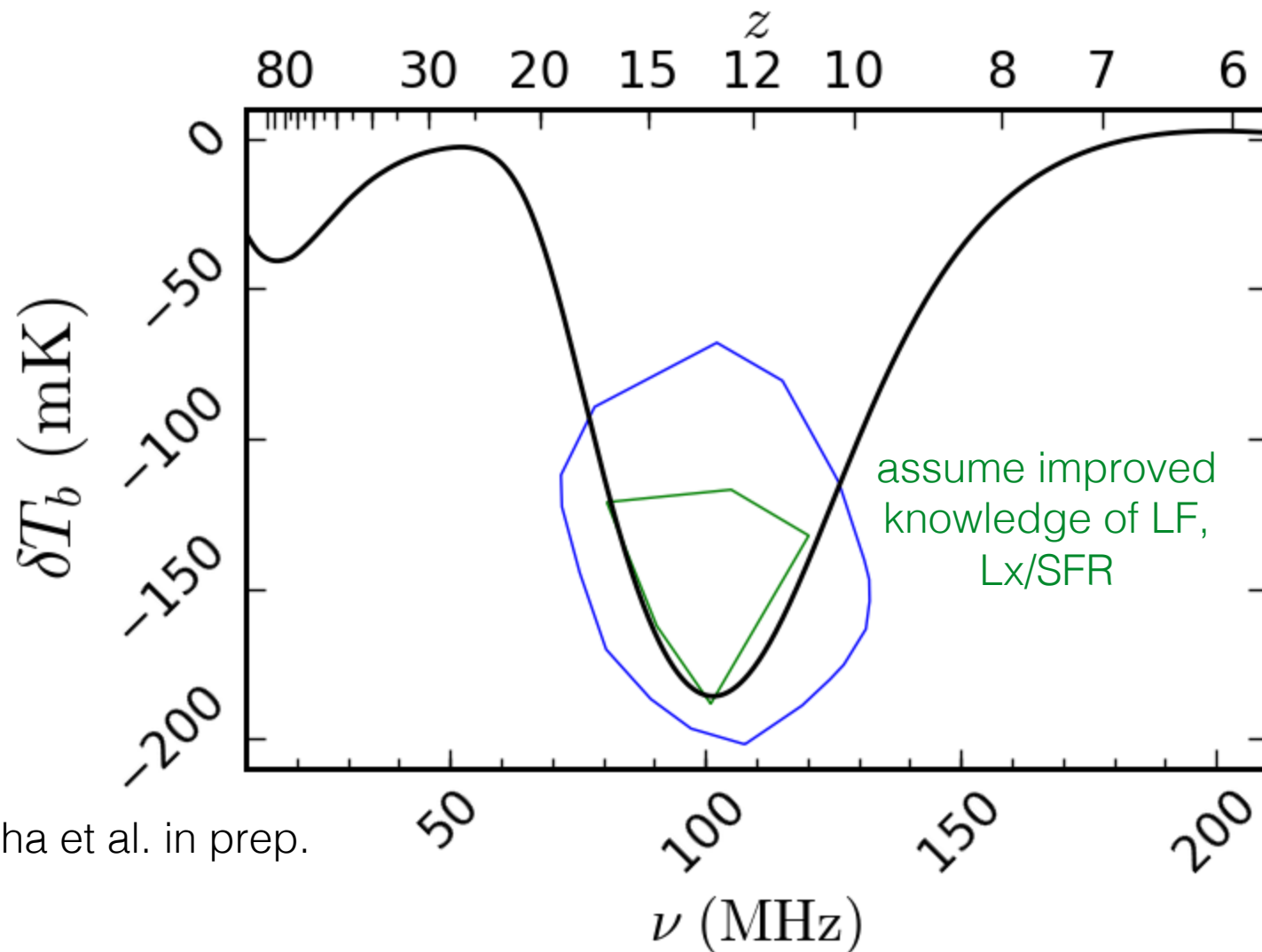
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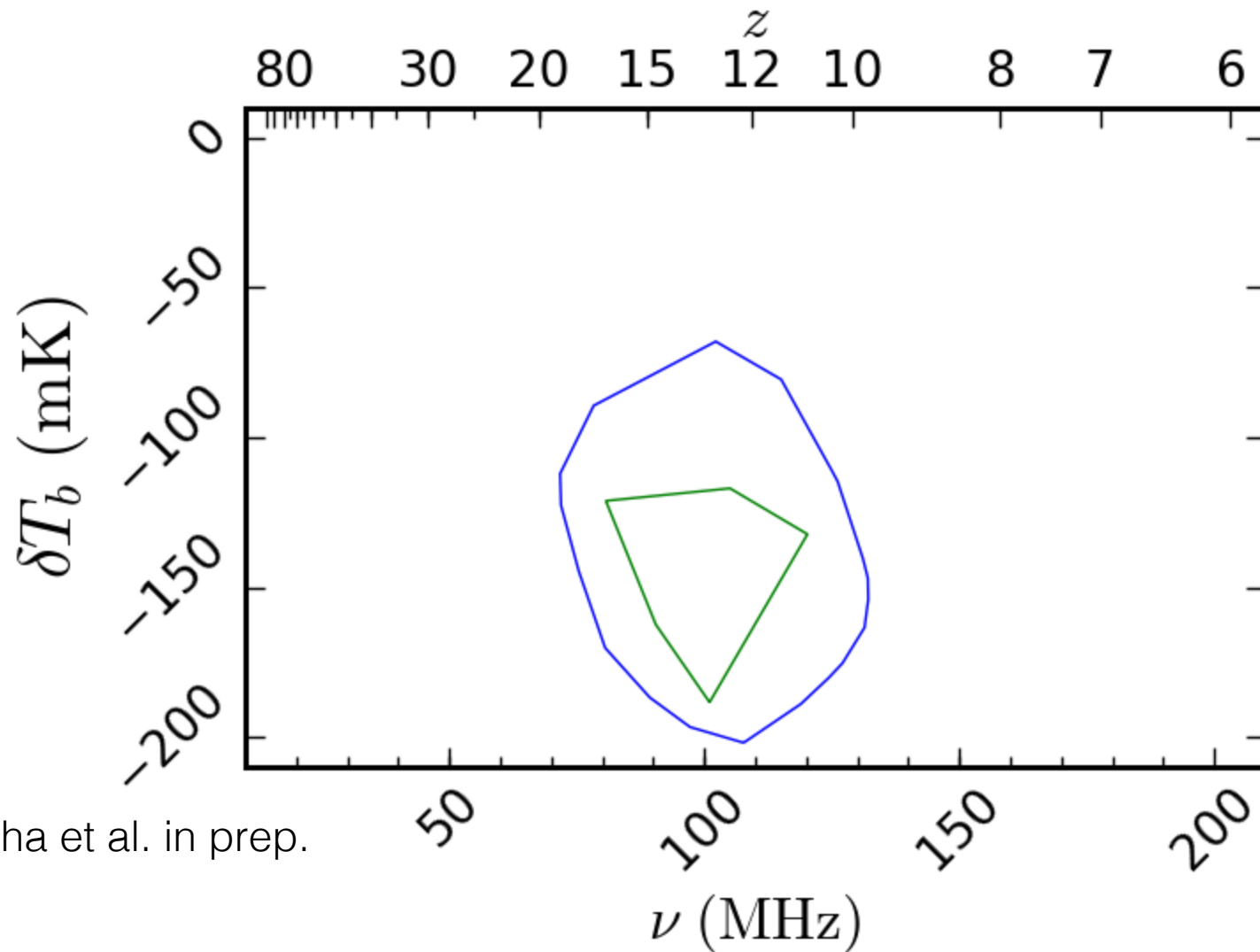
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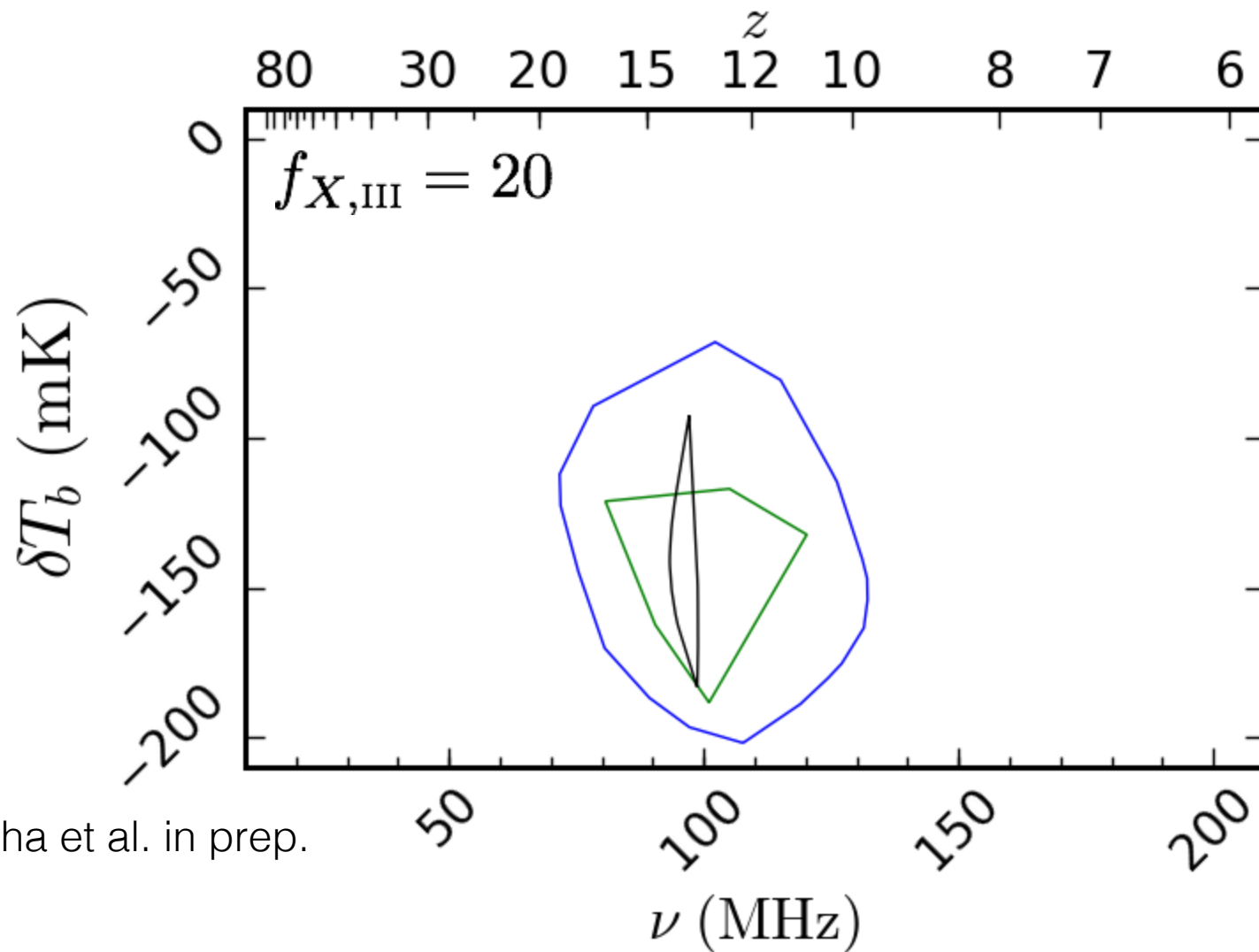
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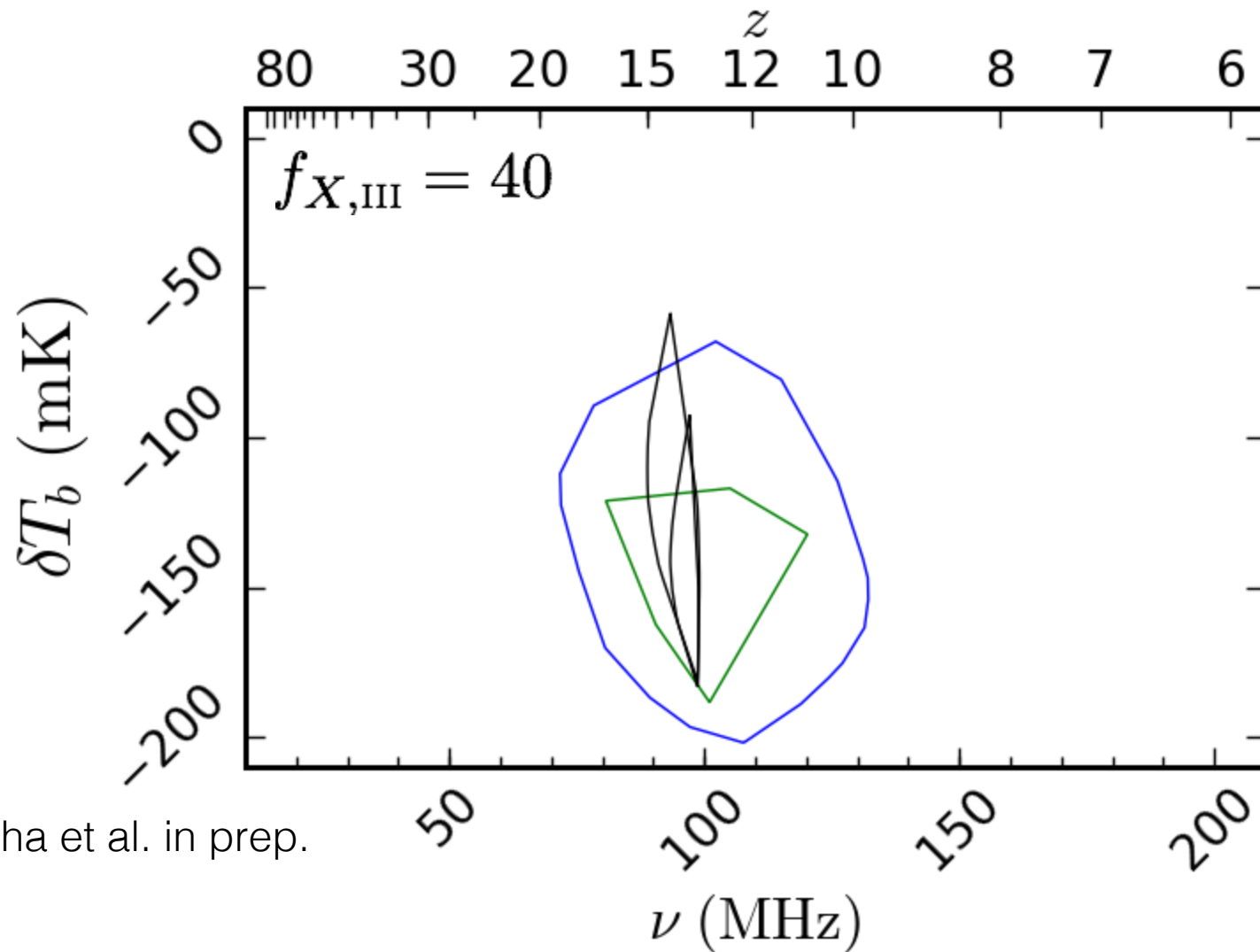
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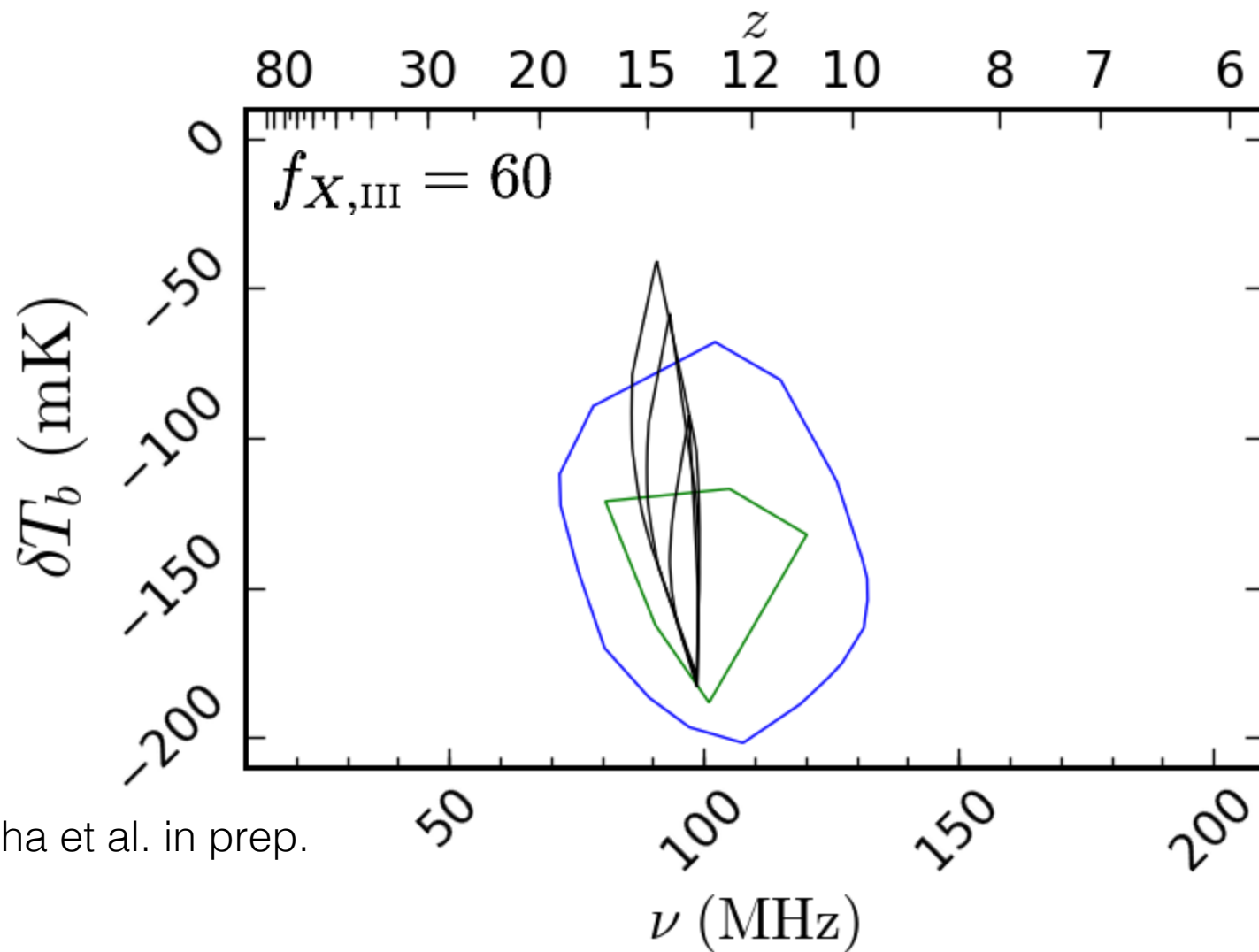
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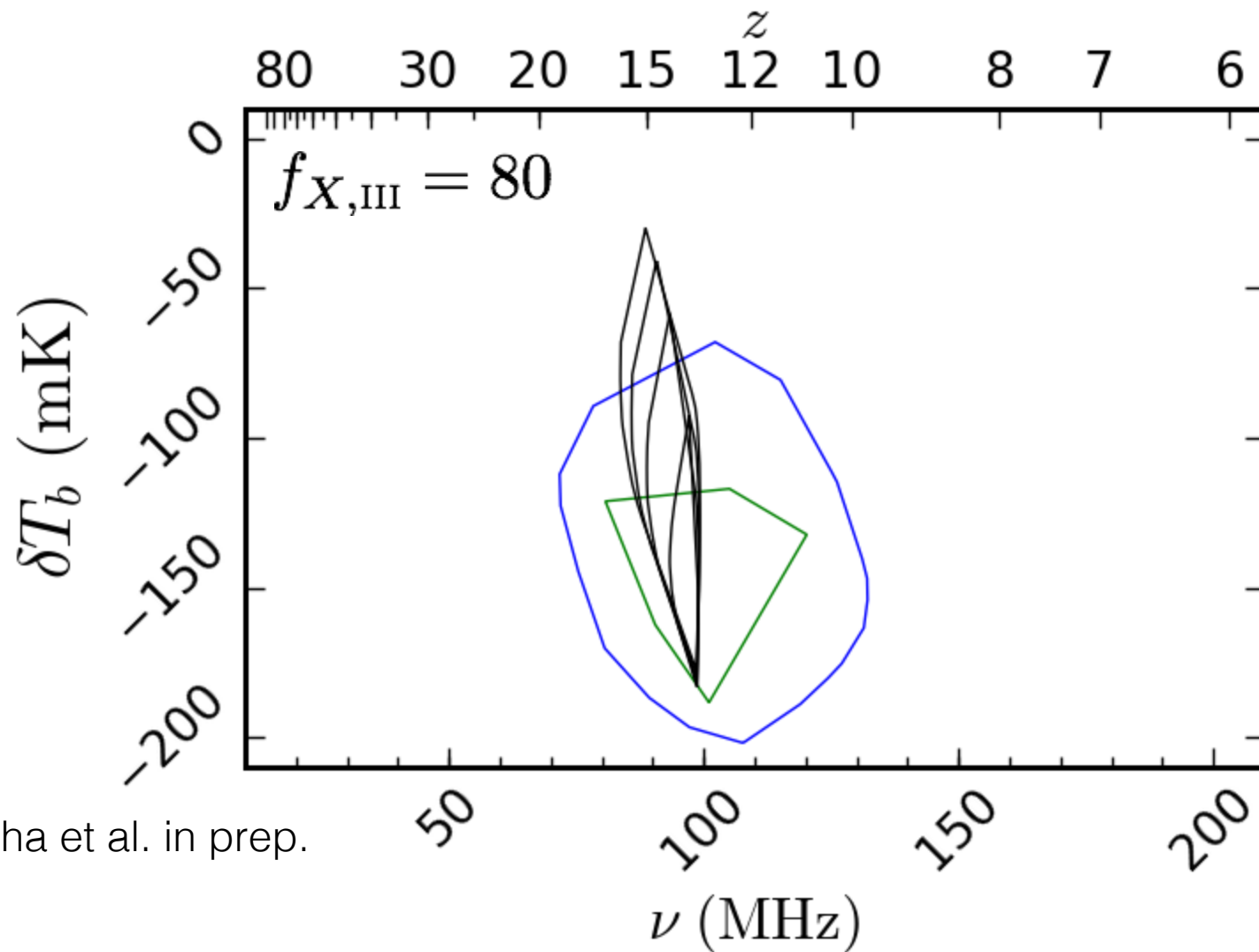
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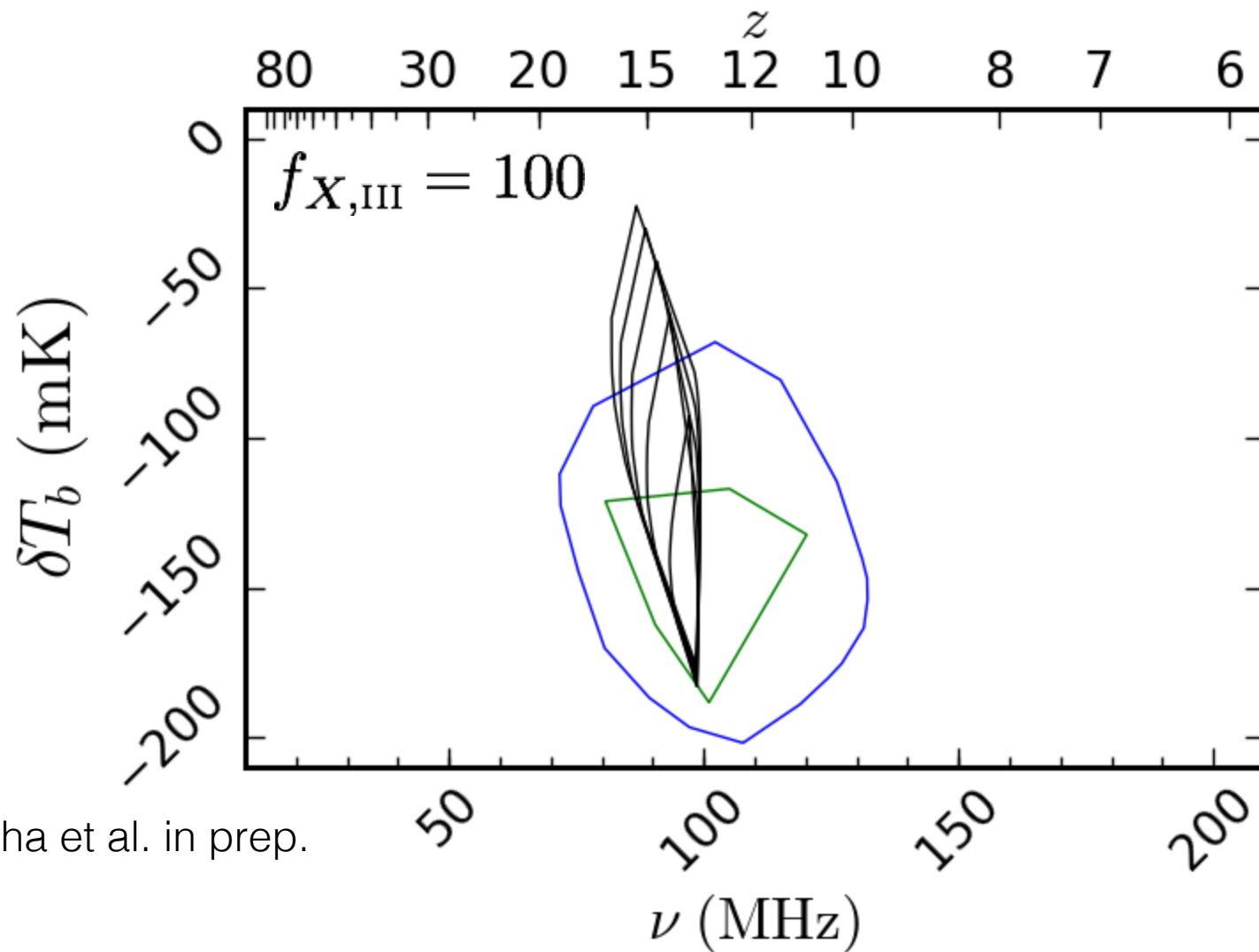
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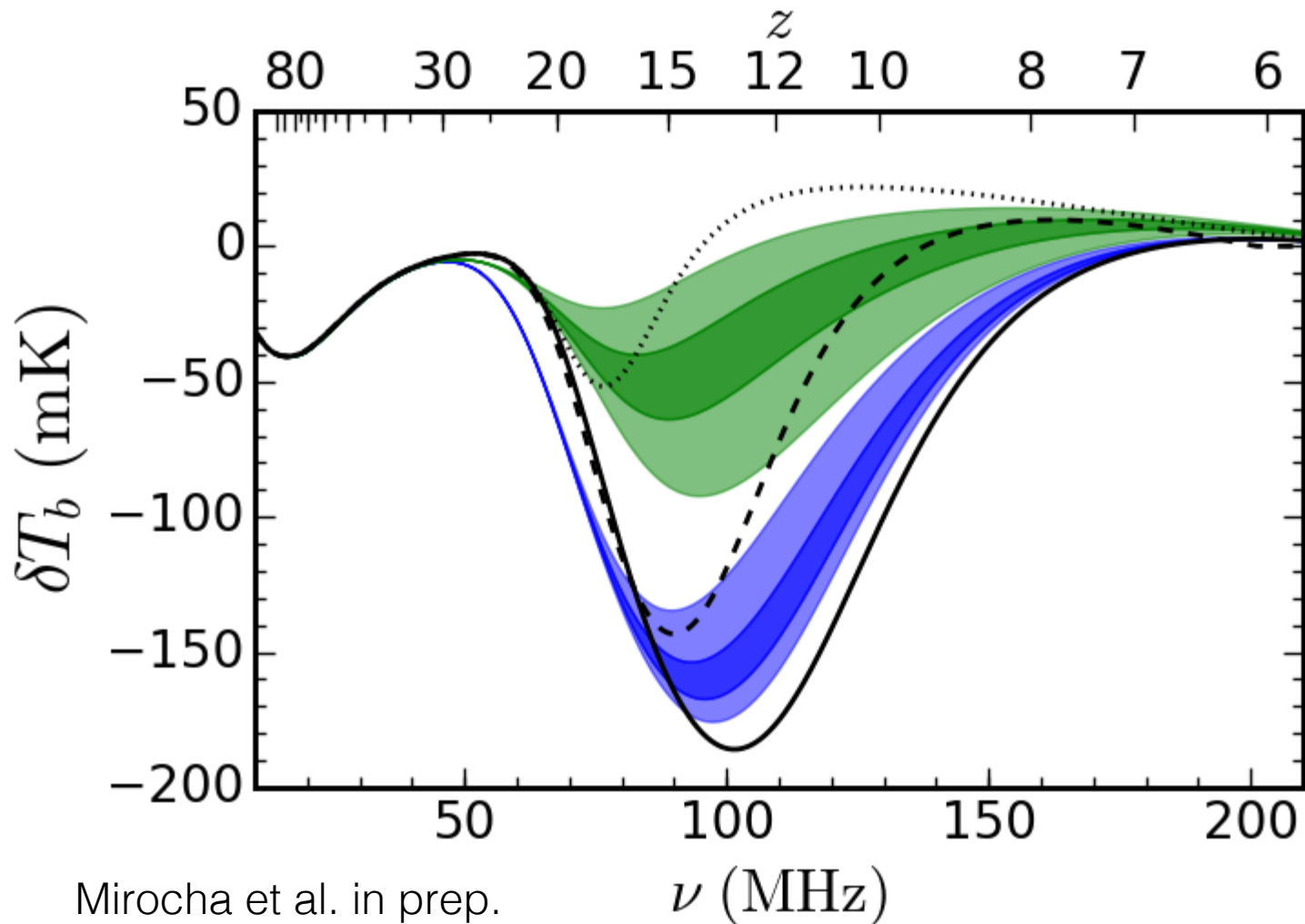
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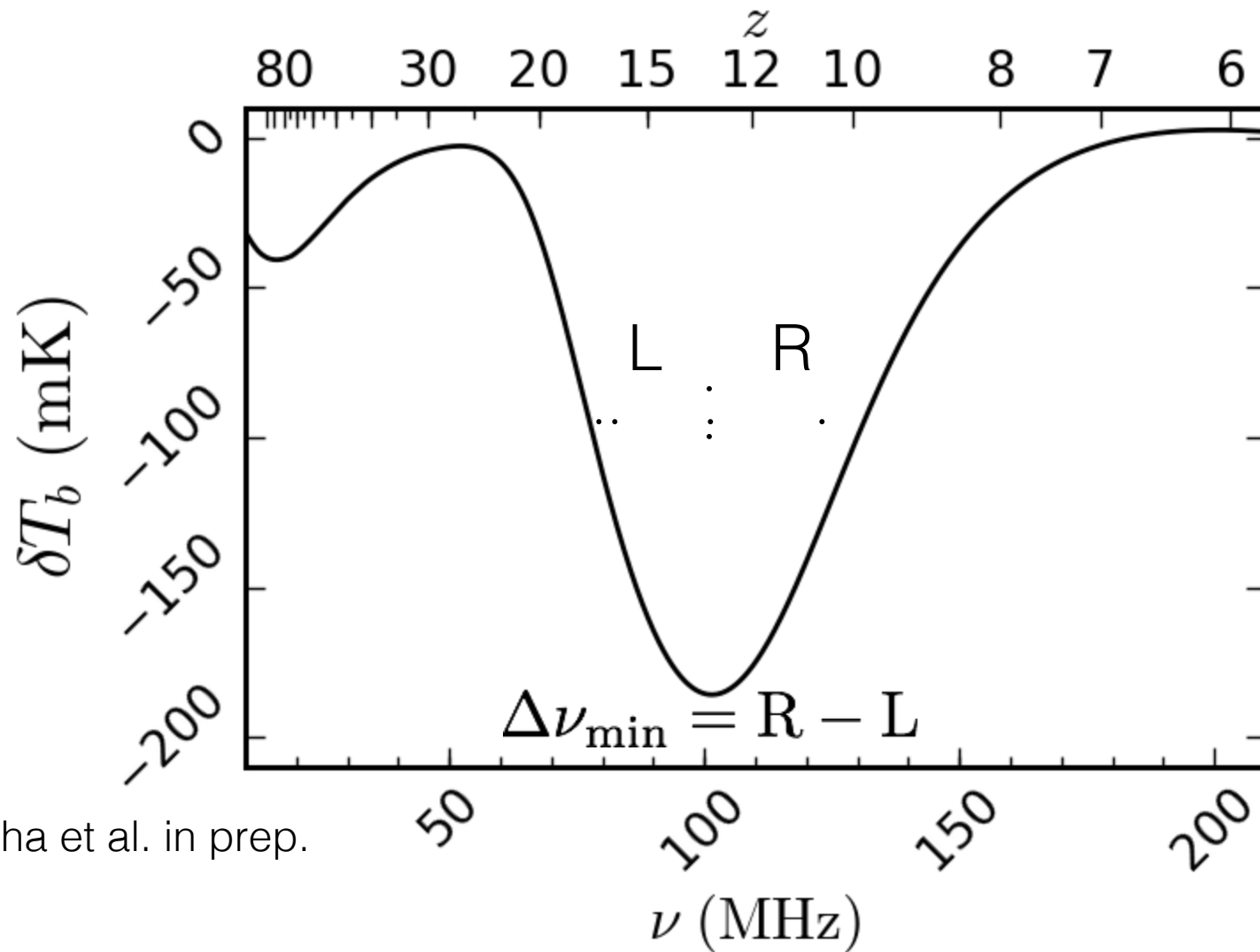
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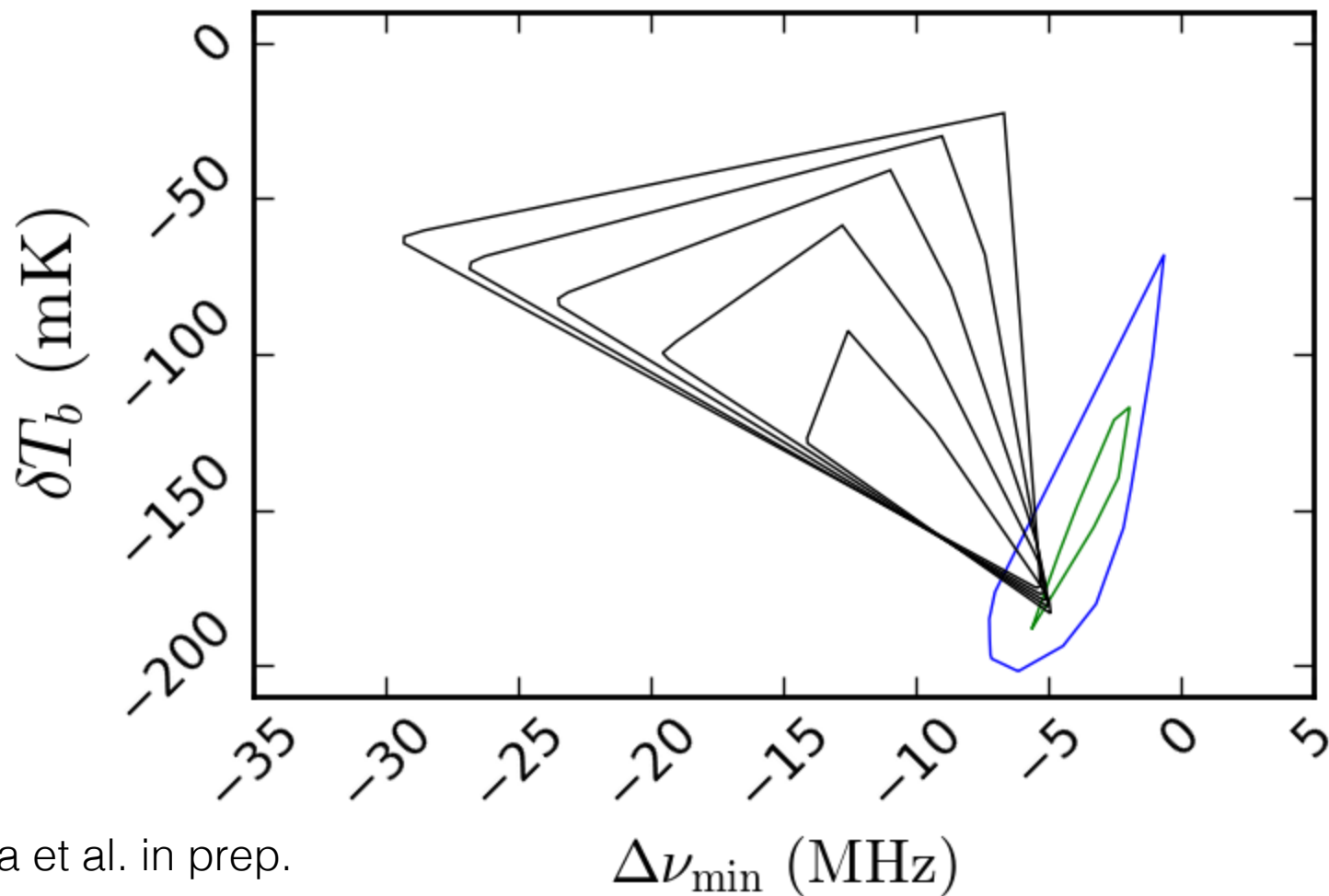
Remember it's really that the *shape* is different, not just the amplitude.

Shape Diagnostic



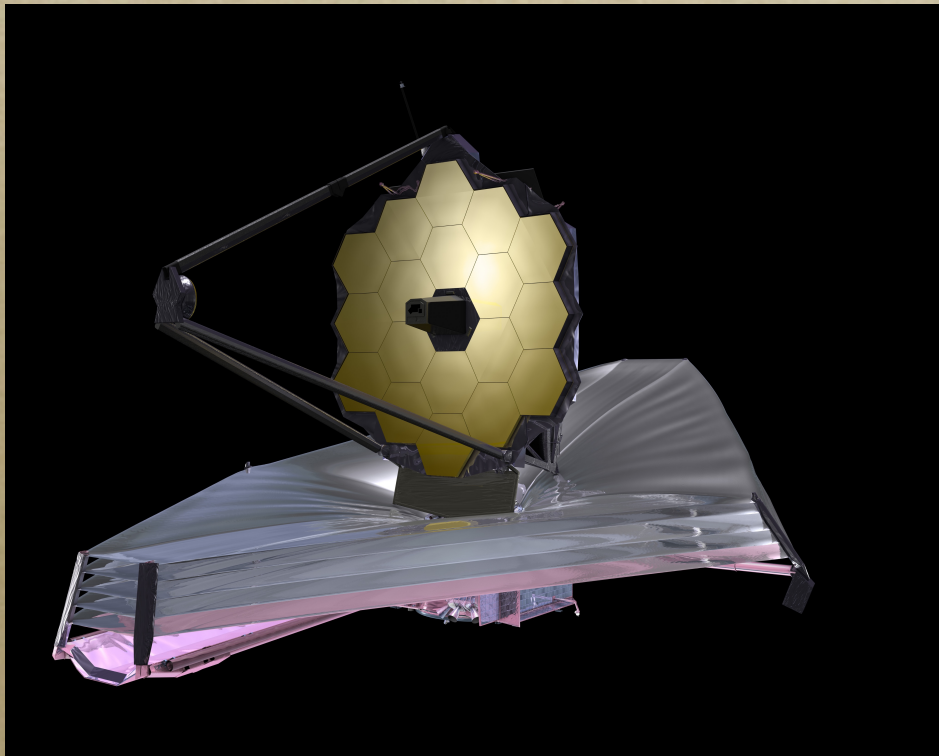
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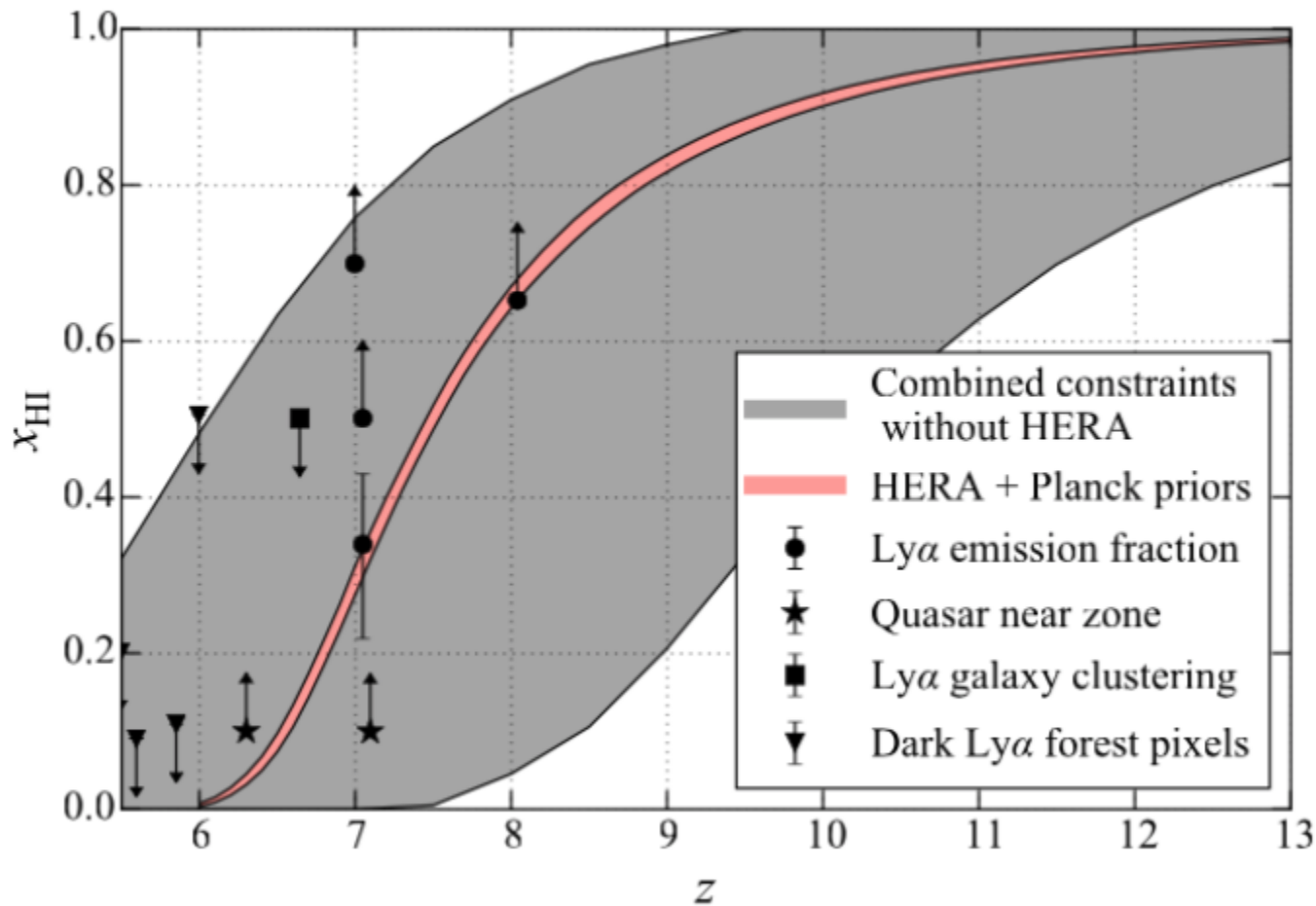
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The 21-cm Signal and Future Instruments



- *Continuing improvement in galaxy observations*
 - *HST Frontier Fields*
 - *Quasar surveys*
 - *ALMA*
 - *JWST (2018+)*
 - *Thirty-meter class telescopes*
- *How do these inform spin-flip measurements, and vice versa?*

The Hydrogen Epoch of Reionization Array



Year 1 Plans - UCLA

- *Project #1: Complete models of Pop III star formation (Mebane)*
- *Project #2: Complete quantification of Pop III signatures in global signal (Mirocha)*
 - *Run through DARE pipeline for detectability estimate?*
- *Project #3: Combine global signal, interferometer, galaxy, and CMB constraints into one framework (Mirocha)*