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# 一箭双雕的21厘米森林探针

21-cm forest as a simultaneous probe of  
dark matter and cosmic heating history

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# 宇宙结构的起源与演化

暗物质的本质

暗能量的本质

原初密度扰动

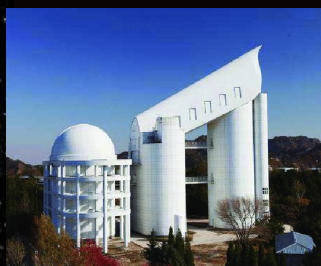
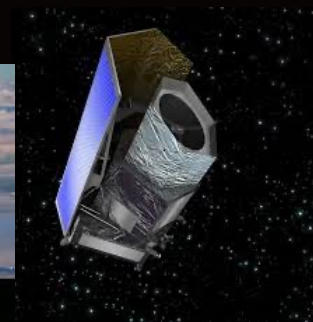
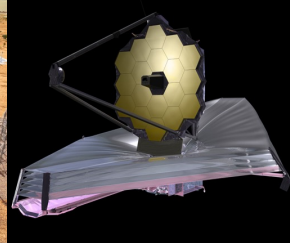
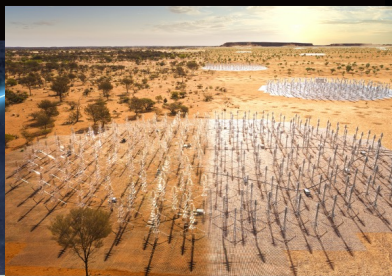
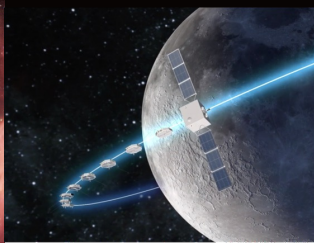
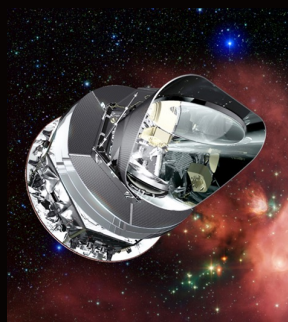
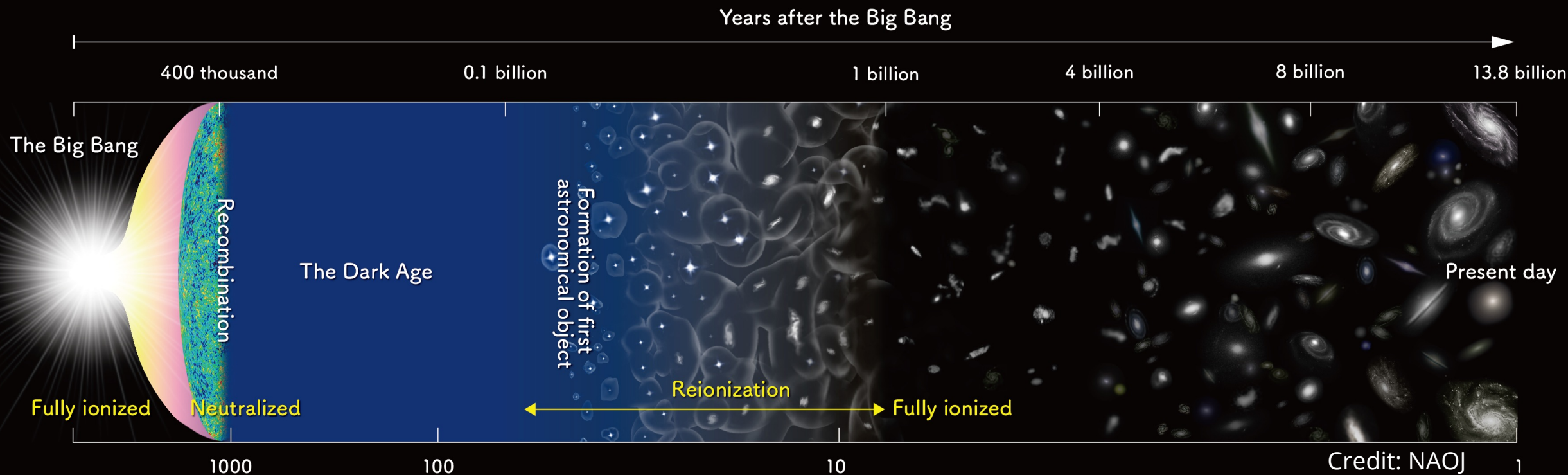
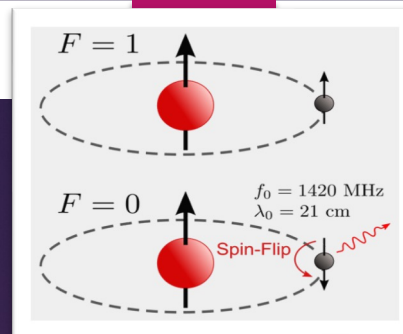
第一代发光天体的性质

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# 21厘米谱线——填补宇宙历史中的观测空白



# 宇宙黎明的21厘米探测

► 以CMB为背景源

## 1. 21厘米全天平均频谱

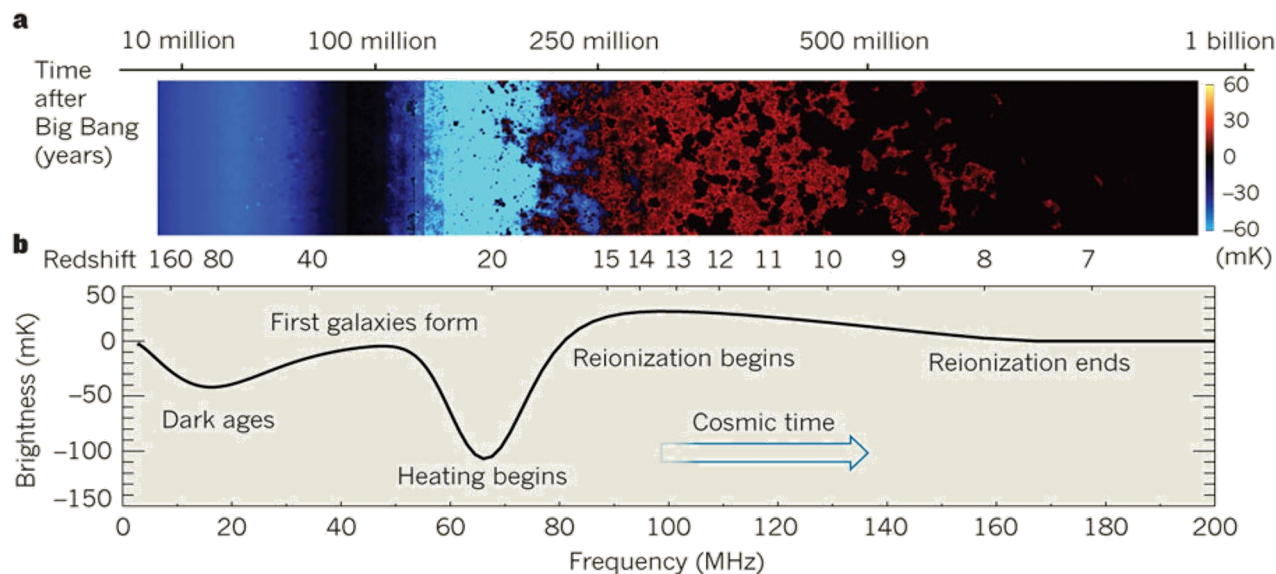
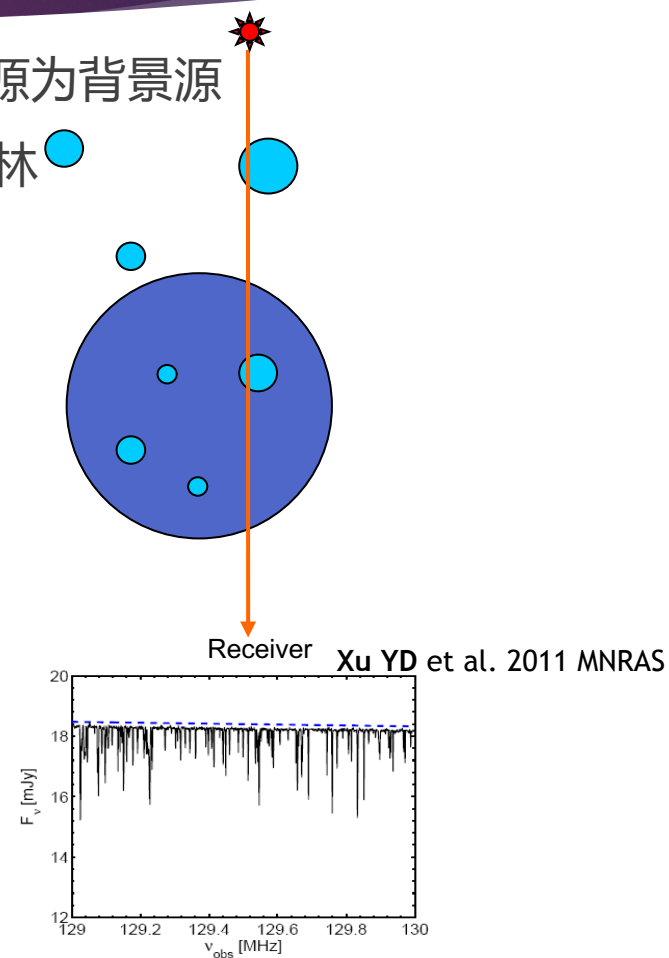


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## 2. 21厘米层析观测

► 以射电点源为背景源

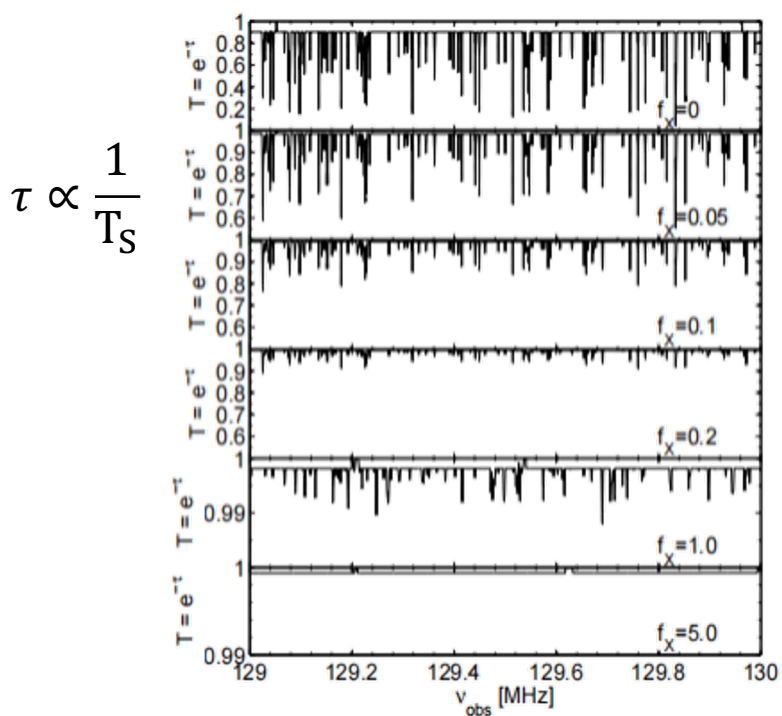
## 3. 21厘米森林





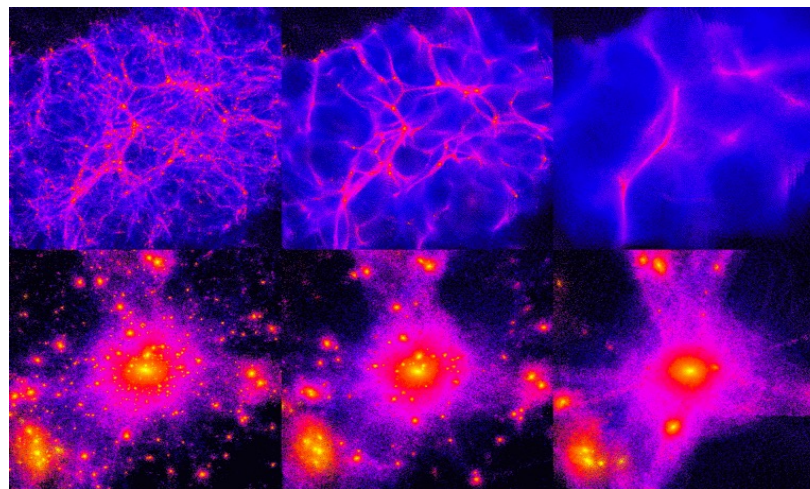
# 21厘米森林

## ► 星系际介质温度的灵敏探针



Xu YD et al. 2009, 2010, 2011

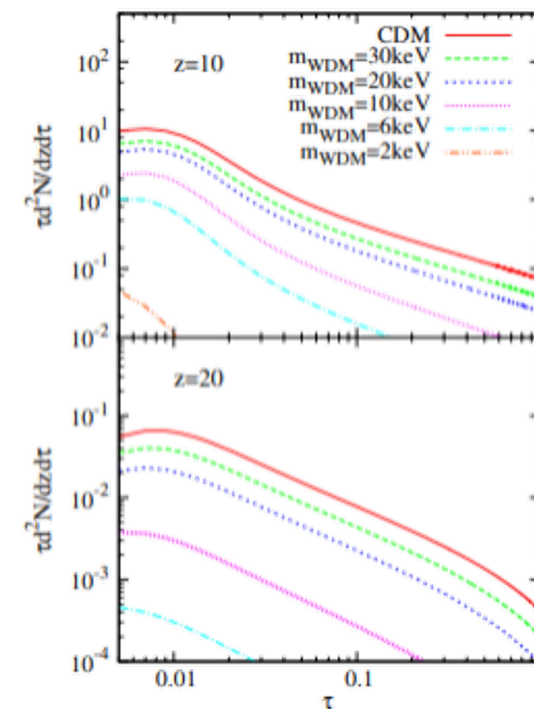
## ► 小尺度结构——暗物质粒子质量的高红移探针



冷暗物质  
WIMP/AXION

温暗物质  
Sterile  
Neutrino

热暗物质  
3 Neutrinos



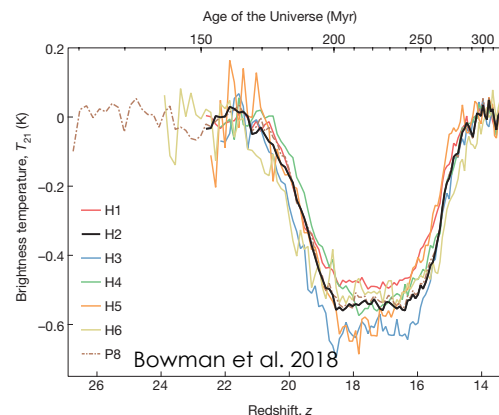
Shimabukuro et al. 2014



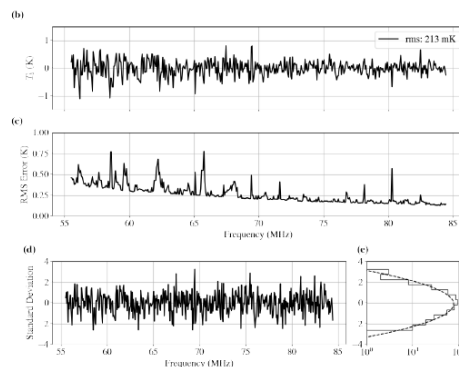
# 21厘米探测——唯独21厘米森林尚未尝试！？

## 1. 21厘米全天空平均频谱

EDGES-Low-band



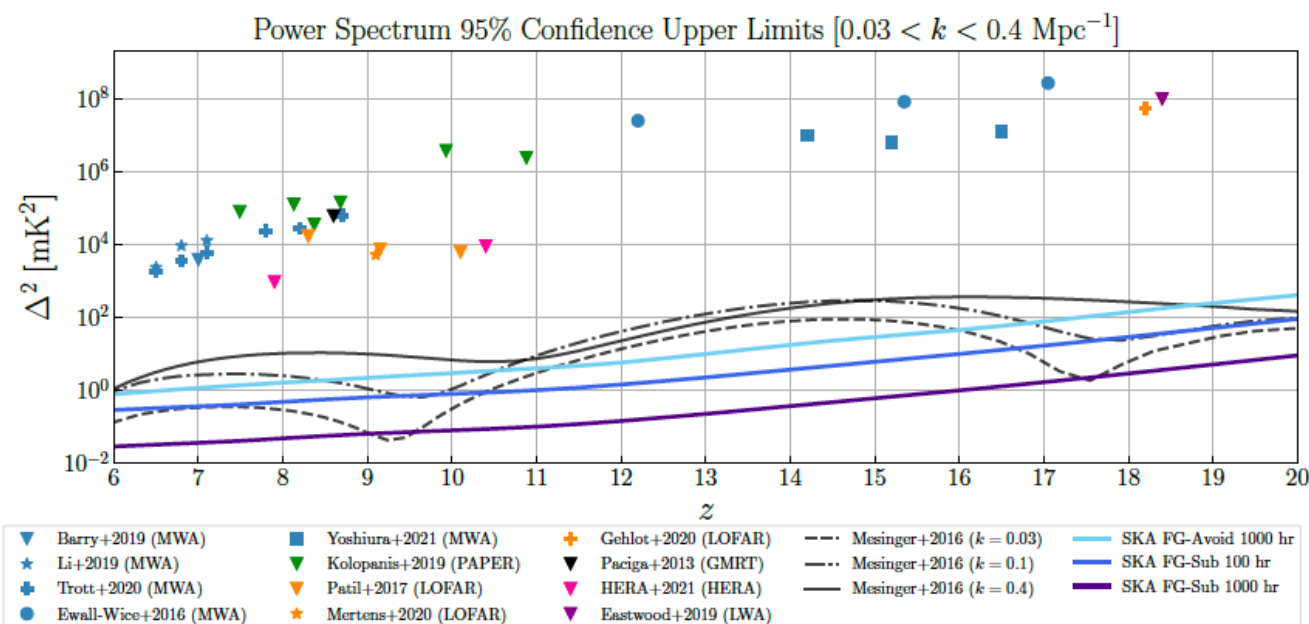
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Singh et al. 2112.06778

## 2. 21厘米层析观测

Interferometers



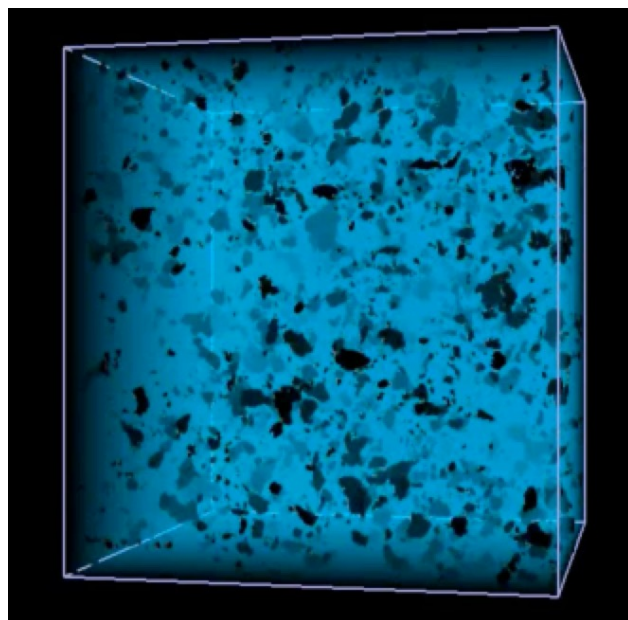
Barry et al. arXiv:2110.06173



# 21厘米森林理论难题

- 影响环境：宇宙大尺度电离场 & 温度场

1 Gpc



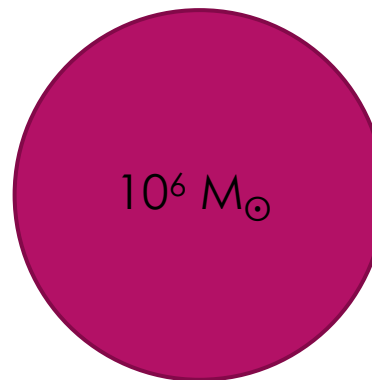
islandFAST, XuYD et al. 2017

- 信号主要贡献者：小暗晕 (minihalos) 及周边中性介质

$2 \times 10^5$



6 kpc @  $z=9$



密度轮廓

温度轮廓

电离&复合

自旋温度耦合机制

(碰撞、 $\text{Ly}\alpha$ 、CMB)

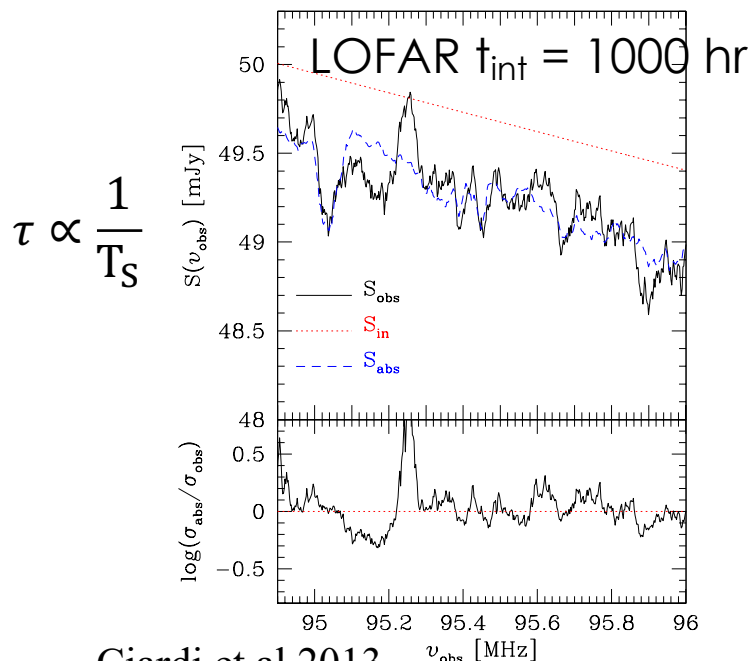
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$$\tau_{\nu_0}(\hat{\mathbf{s}}, z) \approx 0.0085 [1 + \delta(\hat{\mathbf{s}}, z)] (1+z)^{3/2} \left[ \frac{x_{\text{HI}}(\hat{\mathbf{s}}, z)}{T_{\text{S}}(\hat{\mathbf{s}}, z)} \right] \left[ \frac{H(z)/(1+z)}{dv_{\parallel}/dr_{\parallel}} \right] \left( \frac{\Omega_b h^2}{0.022} \right) \left( \frac{0.14}{\Omega_m h^2} \right)$$



# 21厘米森林探测难题

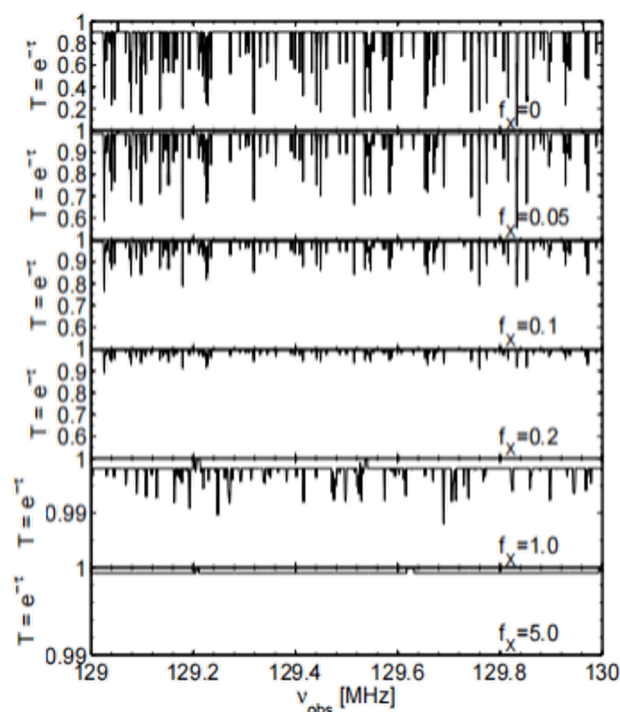
## ► 探测热历史——双刃剑



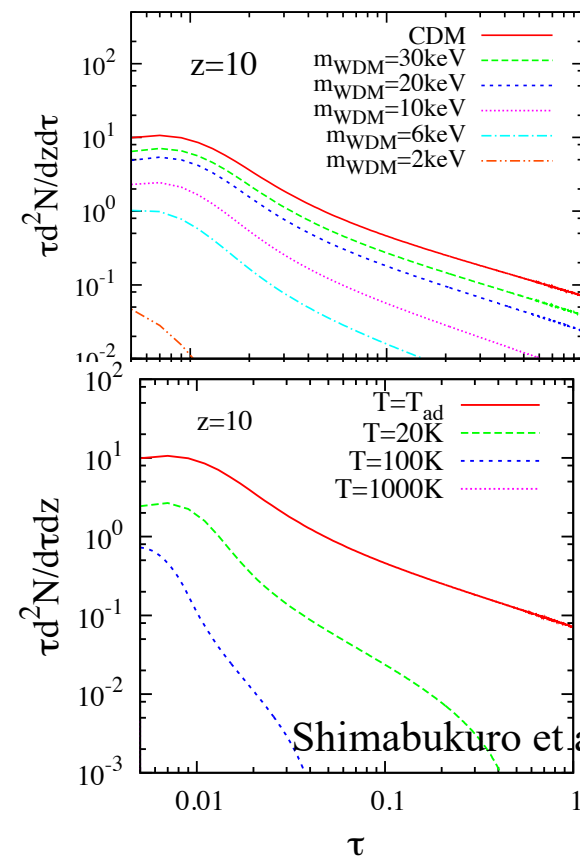
Ciardi et al 2013

Figure 13. Upper panel: Spectrum of a source positioned at  $z = 14$  (i.e.  $\nu \sim 95$  MHz), with an index of the power-law  $\alpha = 1.05$  and a flux density  $S_{\text{in}}(z_s) = 50$  mJy. The lines are the same as those in Figure 10. Here we have assumed the noise  $\sigma_n$  given in eq. 3, a bandwidth  $\Delta\nu = 20$  kHz, smoothing over a scale  $s = 20$  kHz, and an integration time  $t_{\text{int}} = 1000$  h. The IGM absorption is calculated from the reference simulation  $\mathcal{L}4.39$ .

## ► 限制暗物质——参数简并



Xu YD et al. 2011



Shimabukuro et al. 2014



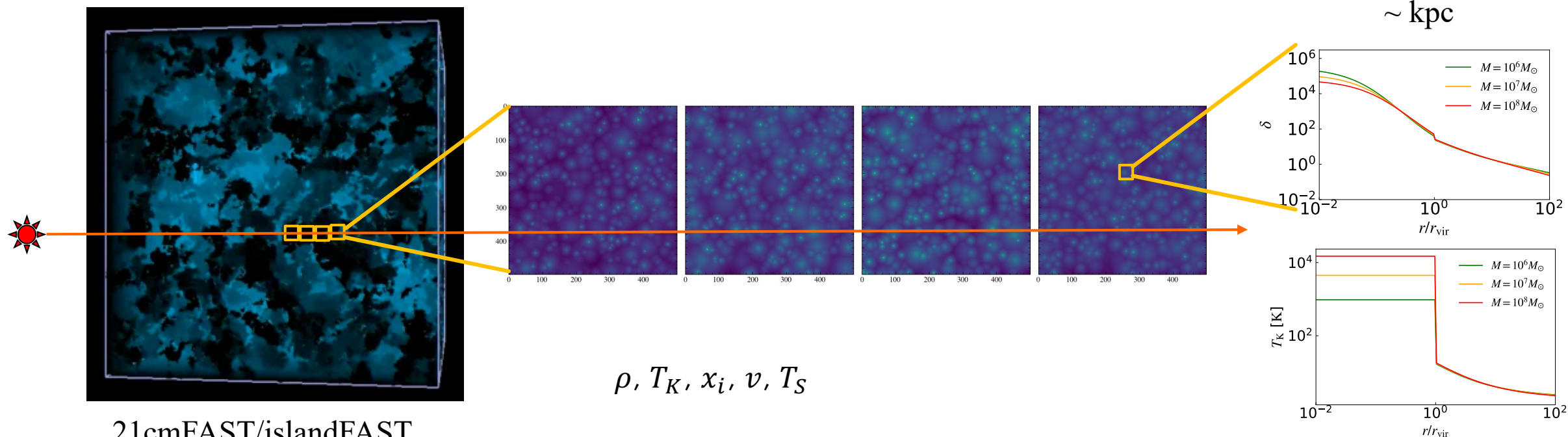
# 破局1——跨尺度混合建模

► 大尺度：准数值模拟

► 小尺度：精细解析建模

Box 1 Gpc  $\longrightarrow$   $500^3$  Grids

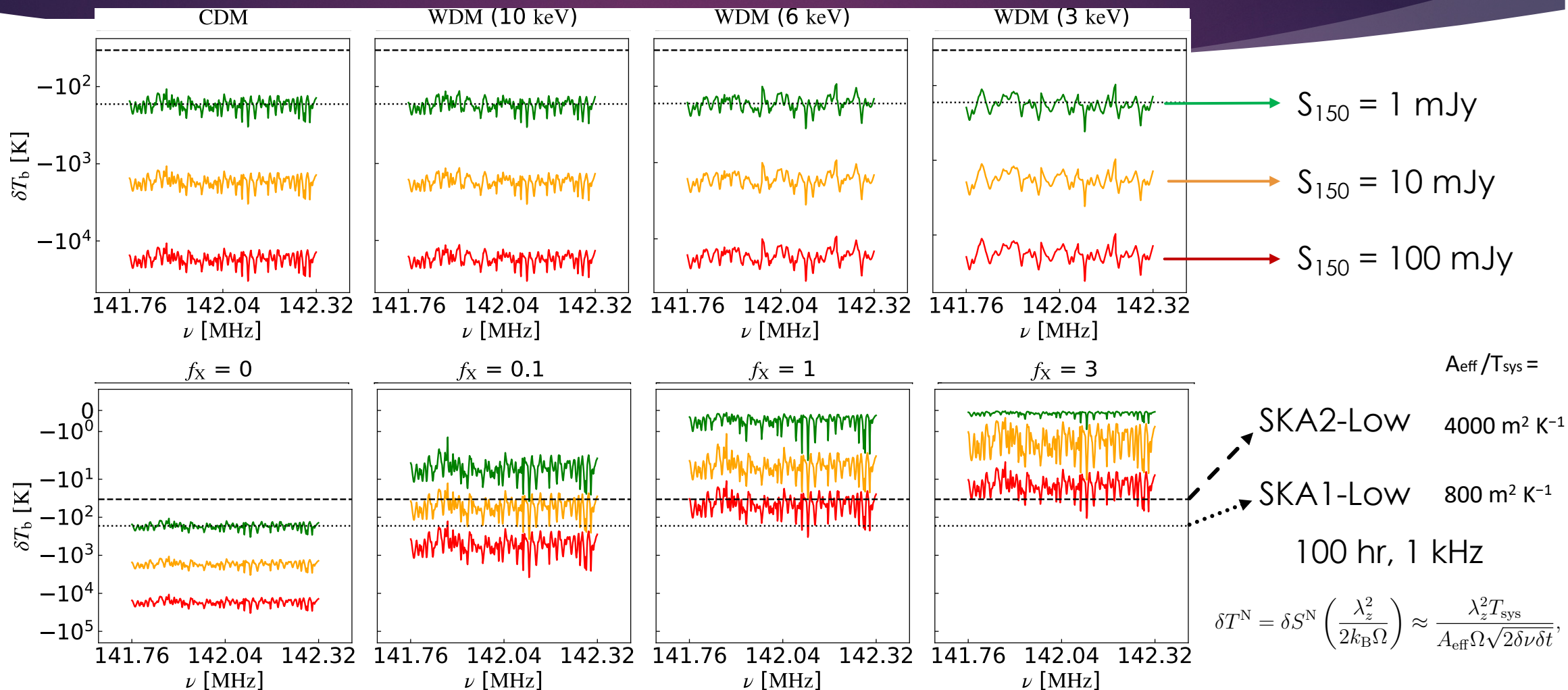
2 Mpc  $\longrightarrow$   $500^3$  Voxels



21cmFAST/islandFAST

XuYD et al. 2017

# 21厘米森林信号





# 破局2——一维交叉功率谱测量

► 两次观测/观测时间分两段，交叉相关抑制噪声

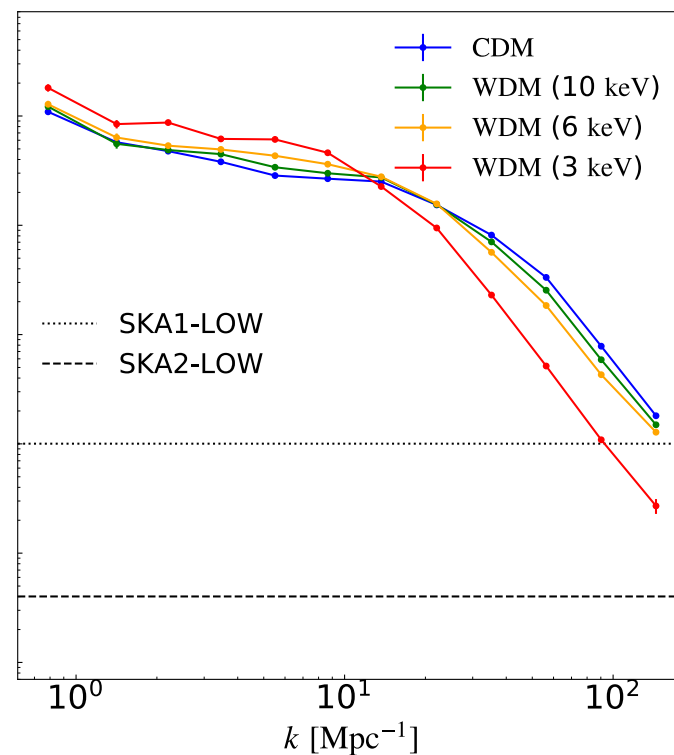
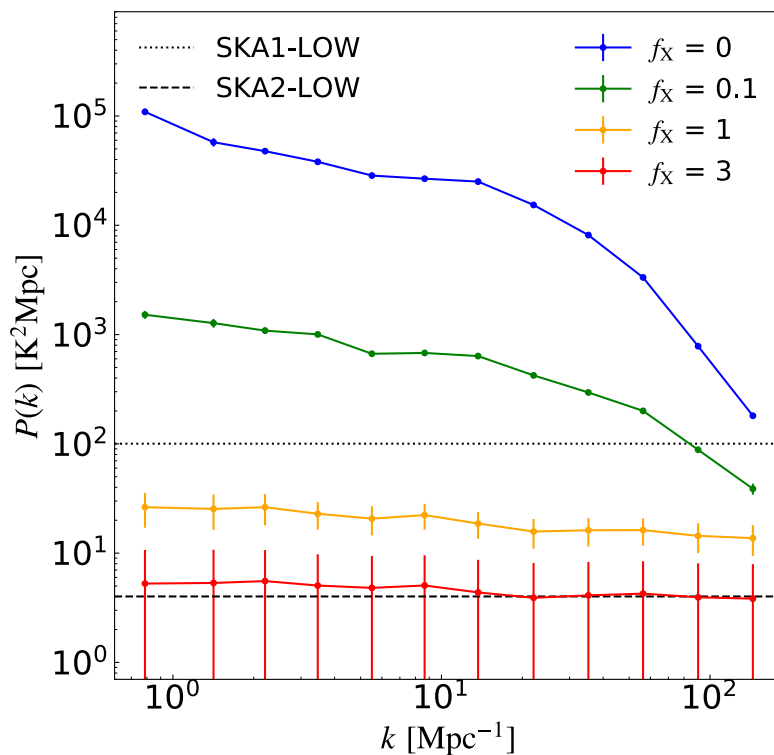
~ 10 sources with  $S_{150} = 10$  mJy at  $z = 9$

$$P(\hat{\mathbf{s}}, k_{\parallel}) = \left| \delta \tilde{T}'(\hat{\mathbf{s}}, k_{\parallel}) \right|^2 \left( \frac{1}{\Delta r_z} \right)$$

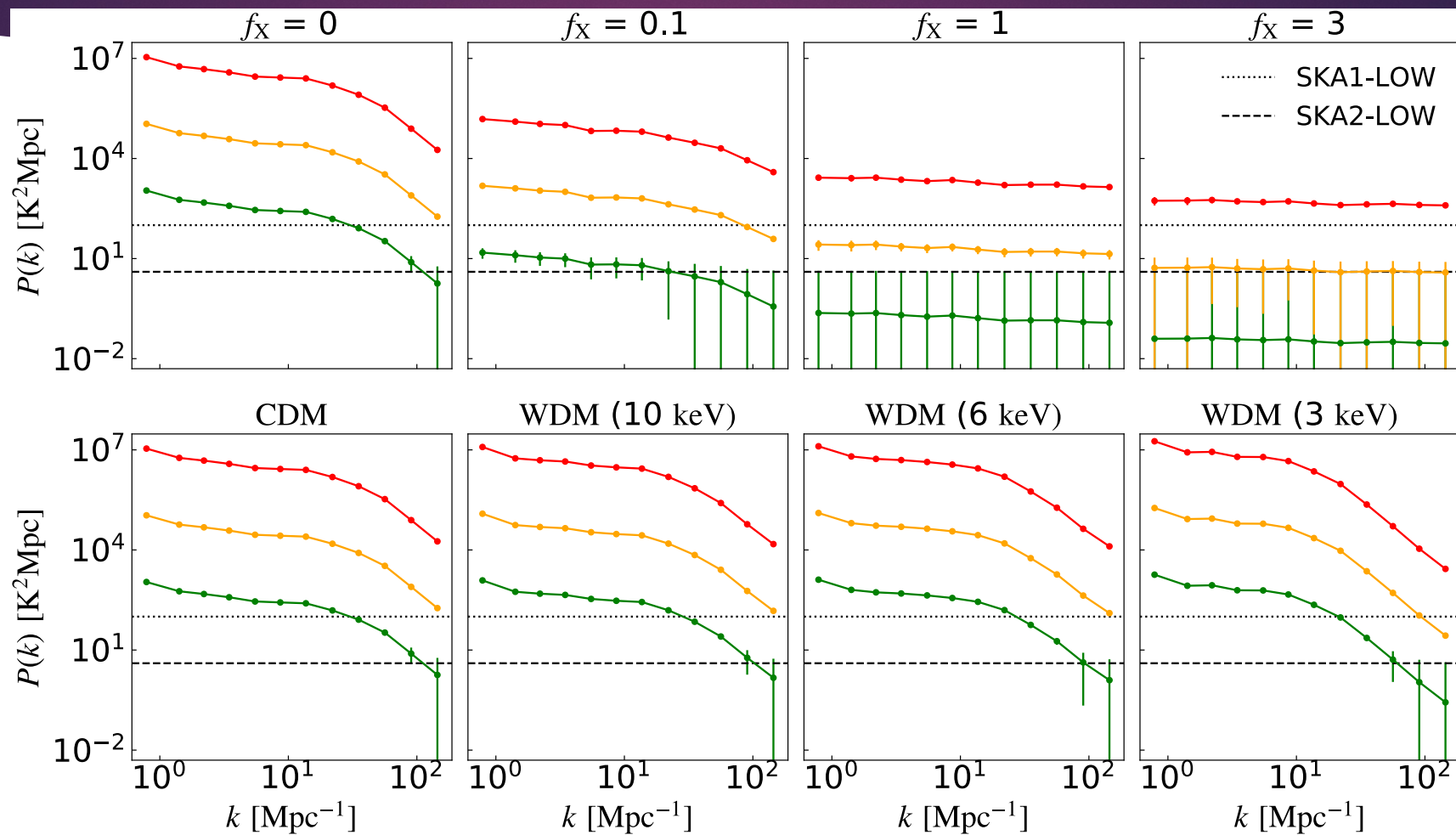
$$P^S = \sigma_P(k) / \sqrt{N_s \cdot N_m}$$

$$P^N = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N_s}} \left( \frac{\lambda_z^2 T_{\text{sys}}}{A_{\text{eff}} \Omega} \right)^2 \left( \frac{\Delta r_z}{2 \Delta \nu_z \delta t_{0.5}} \right)$$

$$t_{\text{int}} = 2 * 50 \text{ hr}$$

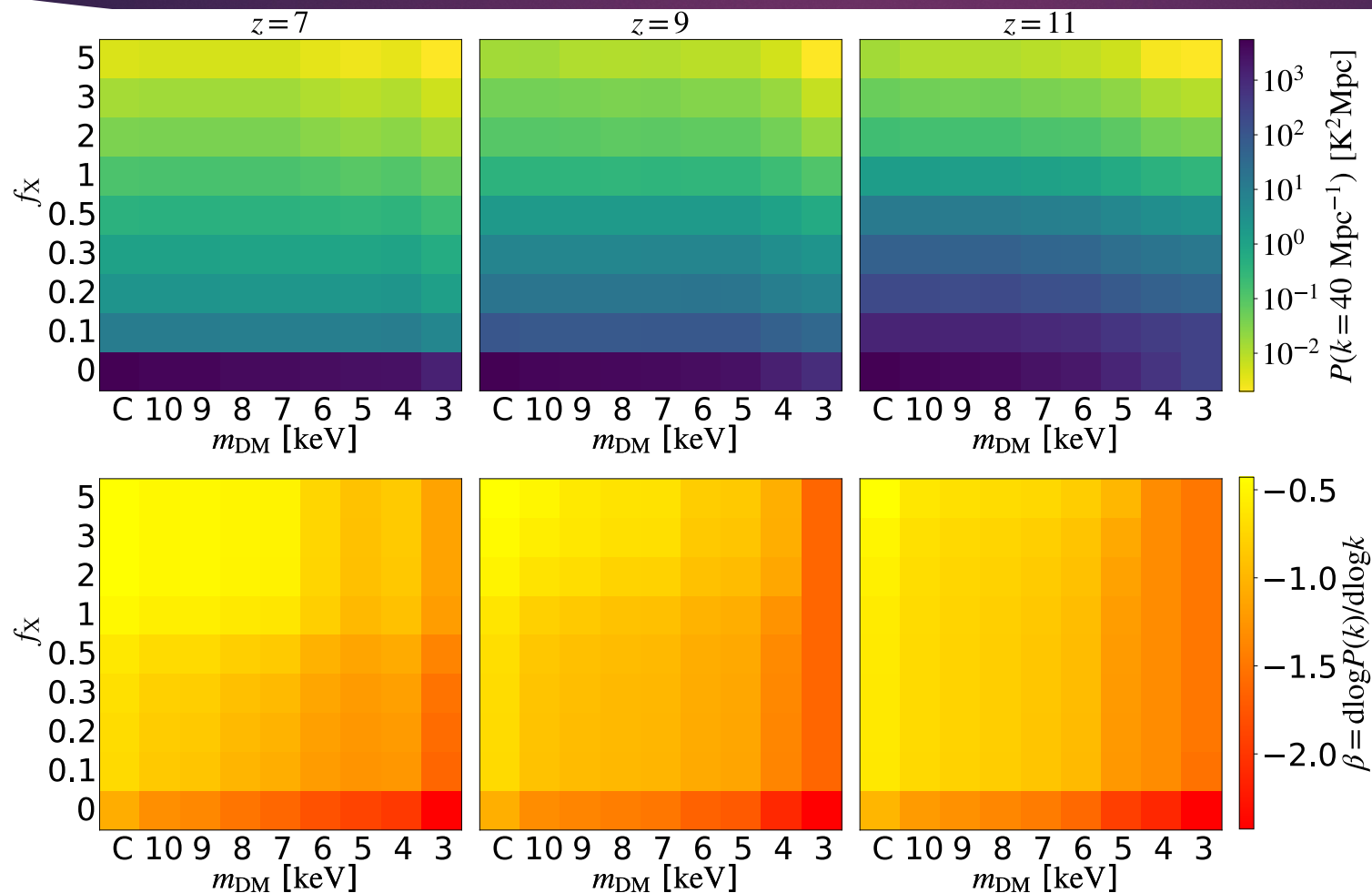


# 一维功率谱结果





# 参数简并方向不同 → 一箭双雕



## ► 科学上

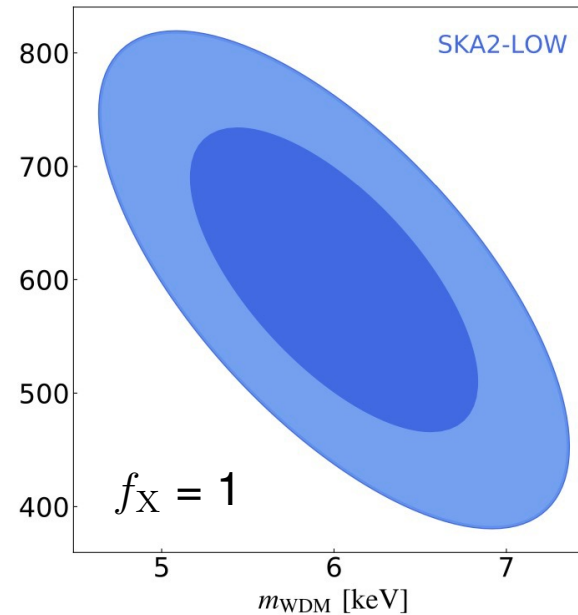
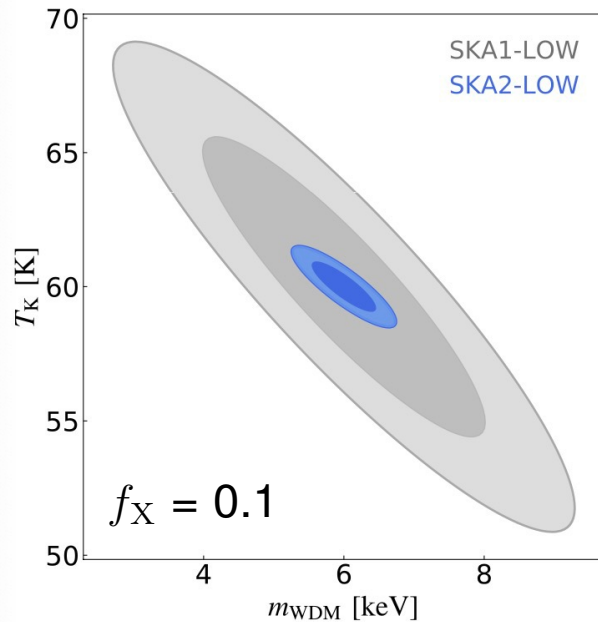
1. 暗物质粒子质量
2. 宇宙热演化历史

## ► 方法上

1. 提升灵敏度 → 探测切实可行
2. 打破参数简并 → 有效观测限制

# SKA观测预研

Using  $\sim 10$  sources with  $S_{150} = 10$  mJy at  $z = 9$



► For SKA1-Low:

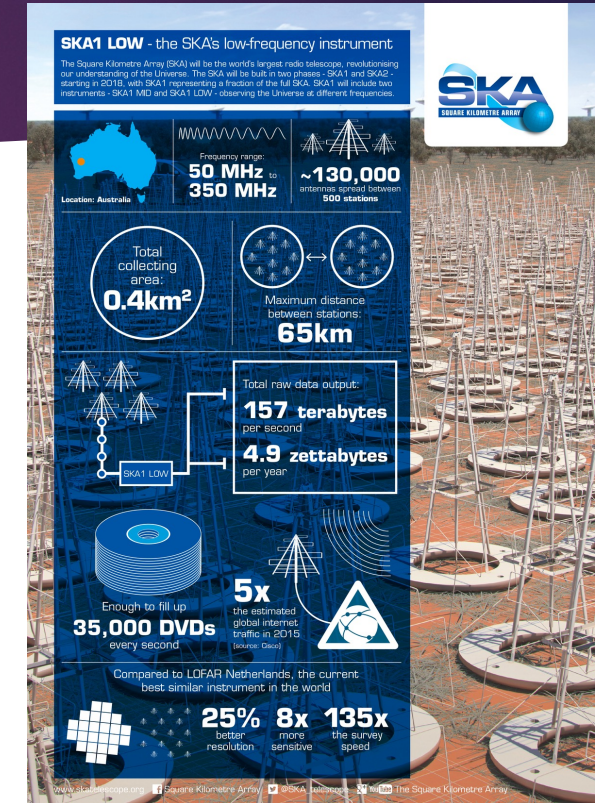
$$\sigma_{m_{\text{WDM}}} = 1.3 \text{ keV and } \sigma_{T_{\text{IGM}}} = 3.7 \text{ K}$$

► For SKA2-Low:

$$\sigma_{m_{\text{WDM}}} = 0.3 \text{ keV and } \sigma_{T_{\text{IGM}}} = 0.6 \text{ K}$$

► For SKA2-Low:

$$\sigma_{m_{\text{WDM}}} = 0.6 \text{ keV and } \sigma_{T_{\text{IGM}}} = 88 \text{ K}$$





# 高红移背景射电源？？——Yes！

## ► High-z radio-loud quasars

- ~ 250 quasars discovered at redshift  $z \geq 6$
- ~ 12 radio-loud quasars at  $z > 6$
- J1427+3312 at  $z = 6.12$  (McGreer et al. 2006); J1429+5447 at  $z = 6.18$  (Willott et al. 2010); J2318–3113 at  $z = 6.44$  (Decarli et al. 2018; Ighina et al. 2021); J0309+2717 at  $z = 6.10$  (Belladitta et al. 2020, 2022); J172.3556+18.7734 at  $z = 6.82$  (Bañados et al. 2021); J233153.20+112952.11 at  $z=6.57$  (Koptelova & Hwang 2022); ILTJ1037+4033 at  $z = 6.07$ ; ILTJ1133+4814 at  $z = 6.25$ ; ILTJ1650+5457 at  $z = 6.06$ ; ILTJ2336+1842 at  $z = 6.60$  (Gloudemans+2022); DES J0320–35 at  $z = 6.13 \pm 0.05$  and DES J0322–18 at  $z = 6.09 \pm 0.05$  (Ighina+2023);

➔ A few hundred radio quasars with  $> 8$  mJy at  $z \sim 6$  are expected (Gloudemans+2021)

➔ ~ 2000 sources with  $> 6$  mJy at  $8 < z < 12$  (Haiman+2004)

## ► Radio afterglows of high-z GRBs

- GRB090423 at  $z = 8.1$  (Salvaterra+2009)
- GRB090429B at  $z = 9.4$  (Cucchiara+2011)

➔ The expected detection rate of luminous GRBs from Population III stars is **3 – 20 yr<sup>-1</sup> at  $z > 8$**  (Kinugawa+2019)

# 21厘米森林——冷门探针的春天

## ► 跨尺度的混合建模

## ► 一维交叉功率谱测量 →

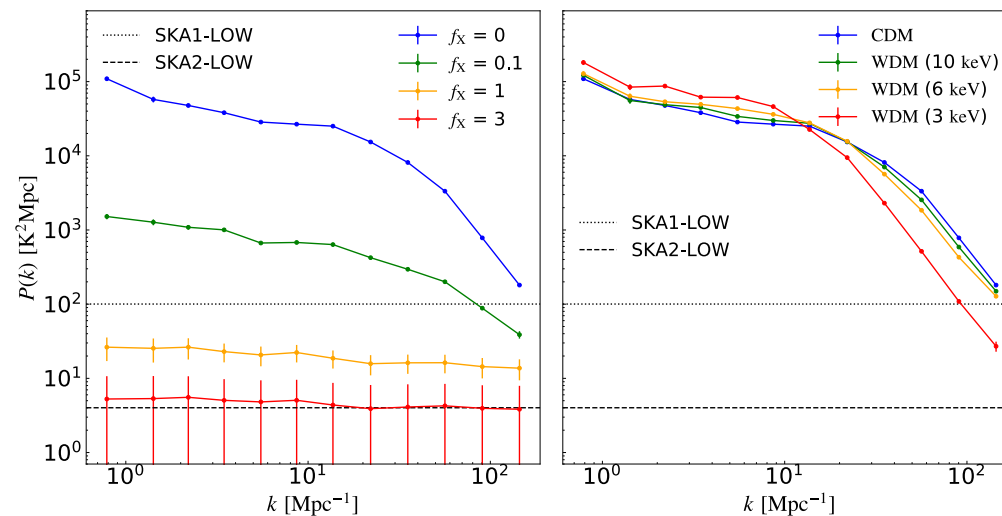
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2. 打破参数简并→有效观测限制

## ► 一箭双雕 →

1. 暗物质粒子质量：在宇宙黎明限制暗物质的性质，构建完整演化图景

2. 宇宙热演化历史：揭示第一代星系的性质

## ► 为SKA观测提供指导，交叉验证，联合限制。





# 谢谢！

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