

# In search of Global 21 cm signal using Artificial Neural Network in light of EDGES and ARCADE 2

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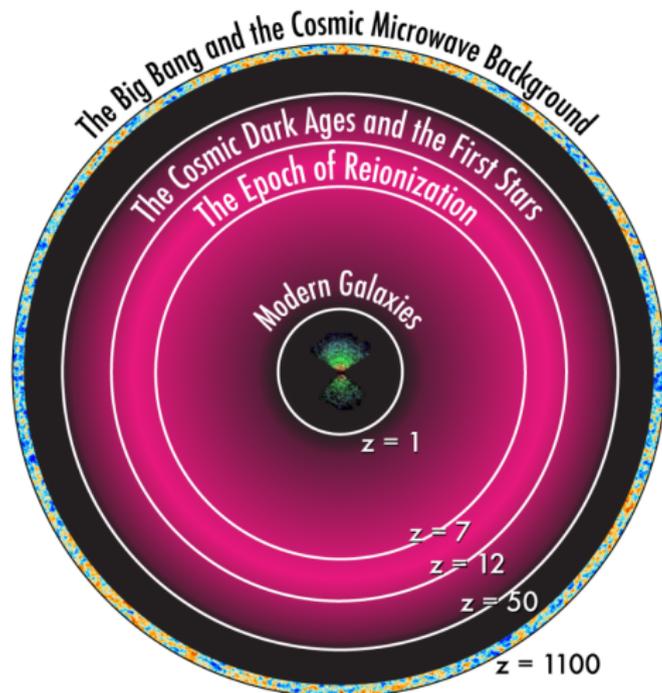
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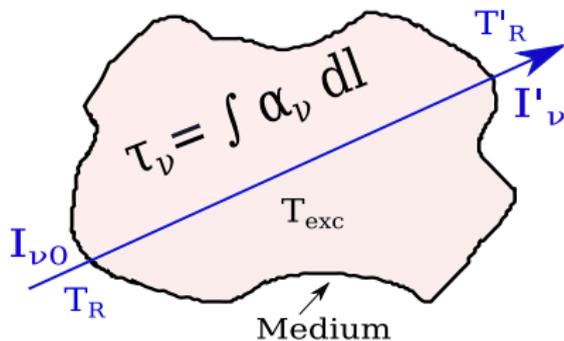


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- The 21 cm signal appears to be a treasure trove to study physics during cosmic dawn and reionization.
- The 21 cm line has been actively used to trace the neutral hydrogen in Milky Way for more than seven decades.



- Differential brightness temperature:



$$\delta T_B = T'_{\text{R}} - T_{\text{R}}$$

$$\frac{dl_{\nu}}{dl} = j_{\nu} - \alpha_{\nu} l_{\nu} \xrightarrow[\mathcal{I}_{\nu} = 2\nu^2 T]{2\pi\nu/T \ll 1} T'_{\text{R}} = T_{\text{exc}} (1 - e^{-\tau_{\nu}}) + T_{\text{R}} e^{-\tau_{\nu}} .$$

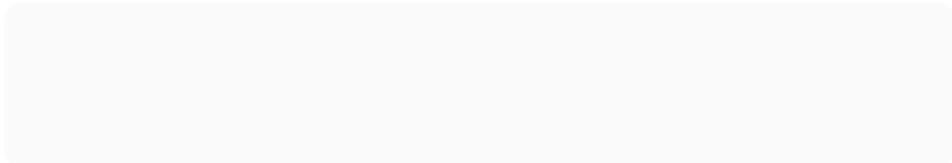
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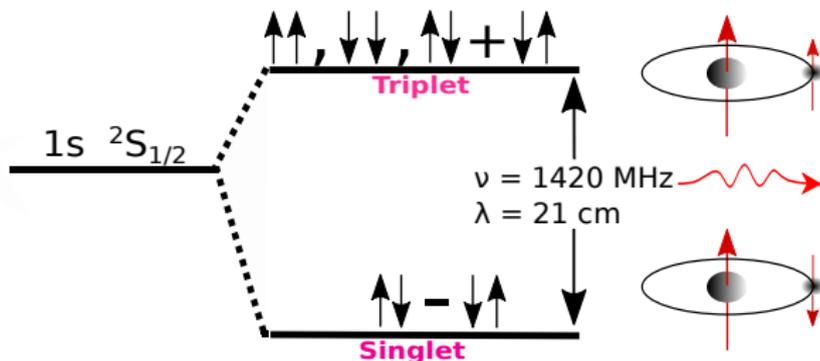
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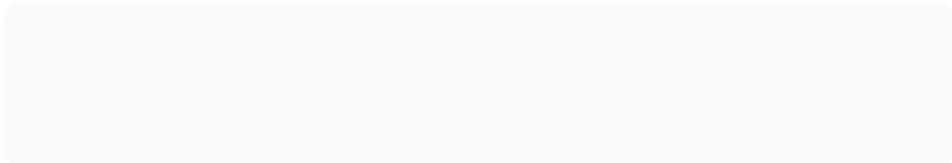
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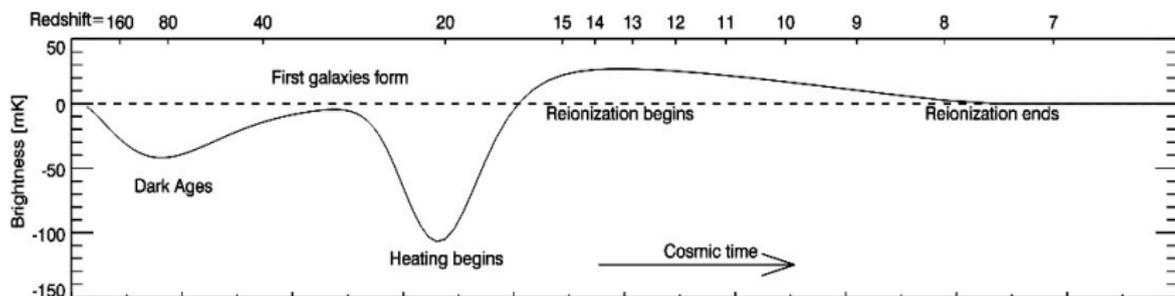
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$$\delta T_B = T_{21} = \frac{T_S - T_R}{1 + Z} (1 - e^{-\tau_\nu}), \quad \tau_\nu \approx \frac{3 A_{10} n_{\text{HI}}}{16 \nu_{\text{TS}}^2 H T_S}$$

# 21 cm signal and its evolution

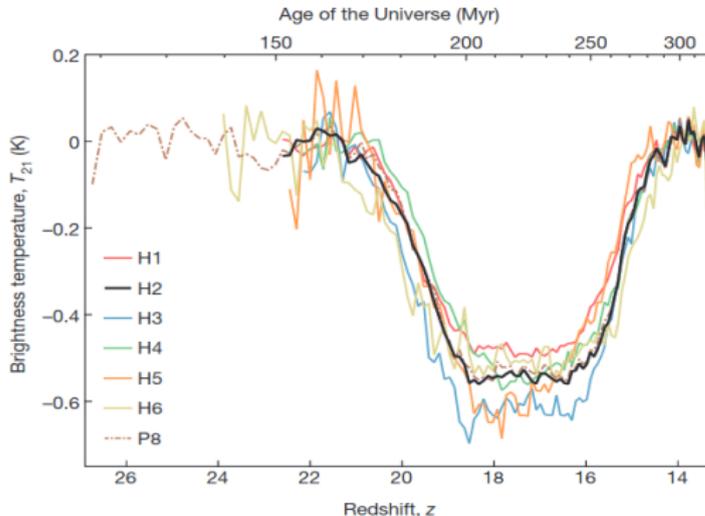
- Absorption/emission in 21 cm line:  $T_{21} \propto (1 - T_R/T_S)$ .
- Below  $z \sim 200$  ( $\Lambda$ CDM):  $T_{\text{gas}} \propto (1+z)^2$ ,  $T_{\text{CMB}} \propto (1+z)$ .



Pritchard & Loeb, Rep. Prog. Phys. 75, 086901 (2012)

# EDGES low band observation

- In 2018, such an absorption at  $z \sim 17$  has been confirmed by EDGES observation:



## EDGES low band observation

- It is centered at  $78 \pm 1$  MHz or  $z = 17.2 \pm 0.2$ . Here,  $\nu_0 = \frac{\nu}{1+z}$  and  $\nu = 1420$  MHz.
- To explain the EDGES anomaly, one requires to enhance  $T_R$  (Radio Background) above  $T_{\text{CMB}}$  or lower  $T_{\text{gas}}$  below 3.2 K at redshift  $\sim 17$ .



# Observations of Excess Radio Background

- ARCADE 2 observed Excess: 3-10 GHz
  - Combining ARCADE 2 with other Low-frequency data gives excess in the range of 22 MHz–10 GHz.
- Also supported by LWA-1 in range: 40-80 MHz.
- This excess radio radiation can also explain the EDGES anomaly.
- There are several theoretical models to explain this excess at CD, for e.g., axion-photon conversion & synchrotron radiation from electron in the presence of IGM MFs, radiative decays of relic neutrinos, accretion onto the first intermediate-mass BHs, etc.
- The excess radiation can be modelled as:<sup>1</sup>

$$T_R = T_{\text{CMB}} (1 + z) \left[ 1 + A_r \left( \frac{\nu_{\text{obs}}}{78 \text{ MHz}} \right)^\beta \right],$$

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<sup>1</sup>Fialkov & Barkana, MNRAS 486, 1763 (2019)

# IGM in the presence of Excess Radio and X-ray heating

- IGM gas temperature evolution:

$$\frac{dT_{\text{gas}}}{dz} = 2 \frac{T_{\text{gas}}}{1+z} + \frac{\Gamma_c}{(1+z)H} (T_{\text{gas}} - T_{\text{CMB}})$$

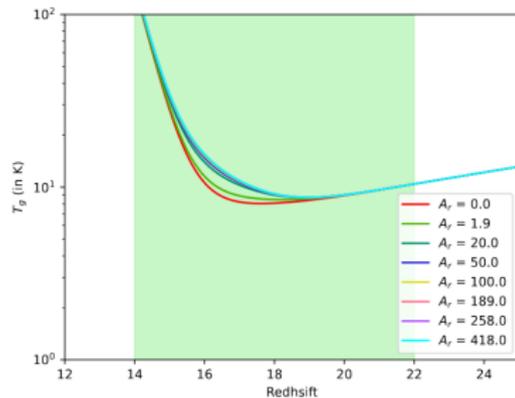
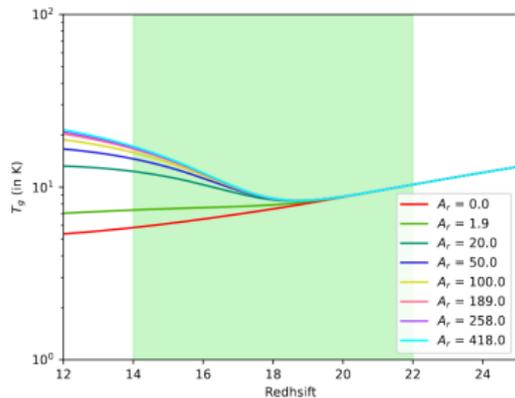
- Inclusion of first stars effect<sup>2</sup>:

$$+ \left. \frac{dT_{\text{gas}}}{dz} \right|_{\text{x-ray}} - \frac{\Gamma_R}{(1+z)(1+f_{\text{He}}+X_e)}; \Gamma_R = X_{\text{HI}} \frac{A_{10}}{2H} X_R \left[ \frac{T_R}{T_S} - 1 \right] T_{10}.$$

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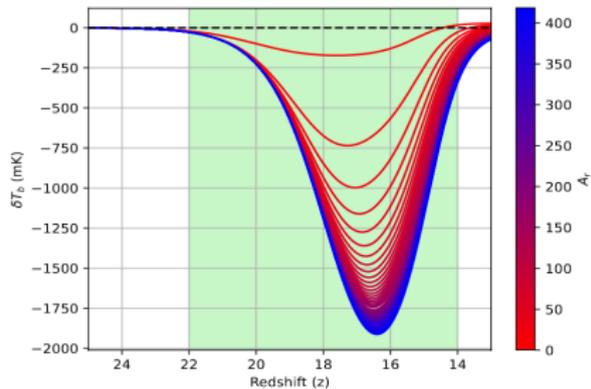
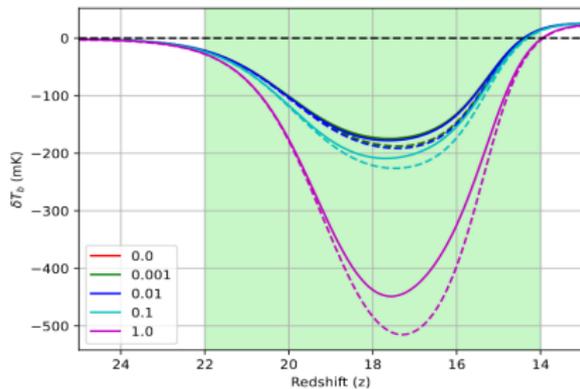
<sup>2</sup>Venumadhav et al., PRD 98, 103513 (2018).

# IGM gas temperature evolution for different cases



- Increases excess radiation fraction ( $A_r$ ) above 100, does not significantly change the  $T_{\text{gas}}$ .
- Because  $\Gamma_R \propto (T_R/T_S - 1) \sim T_R/T_S$
- Coupling between  $T_{\text{gas}}$  and  $T_S$  are  $\propto 1/T_R$ .

# Global 21 cm signal for different cases

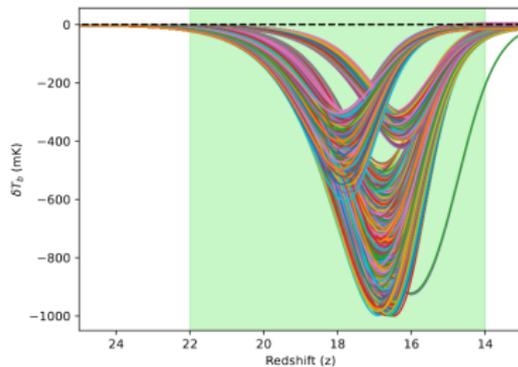
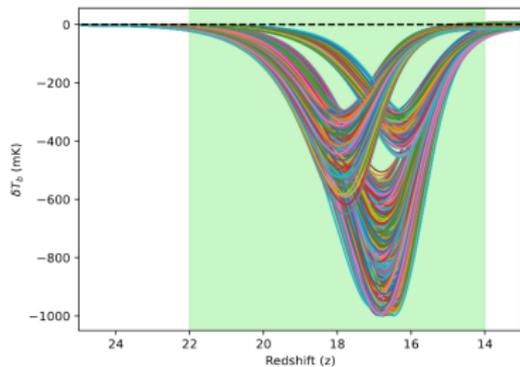


$$x_{\alpha} = x_{\text{ref}} \left( 1 + \tanh \left\{ (x_{z0} - z) / x_{dz} \right\} \right)$$

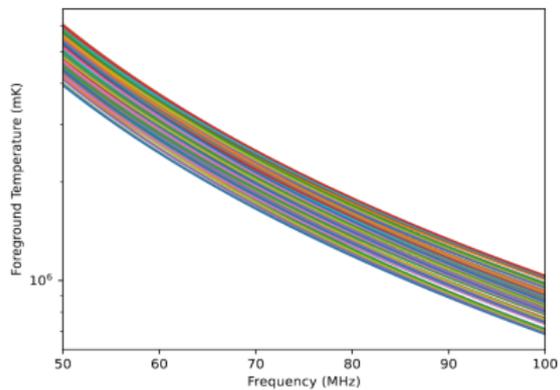
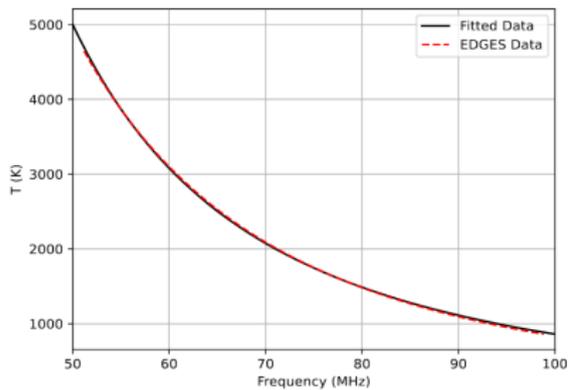
$$T_{\text{xray}} = T_{\text{ref}} \left( 1 + \tanh \left\{ (T_{z0} - z) / T_{dz} \right\} \right)$$

$$T_{\text{FG}}(\nu) \approx \left(\frac{\nu}{\nu_0}\right)^{-2.5} [b_0 + b_1 \ln(\nu/\nu_0) + b_2 (\ln(\nu/\nu_0))^2 + b_3 (\nu/\nu_0)^{-2} + b_4 (\nu/\nu_0)^{0.5}] \text{K}$$

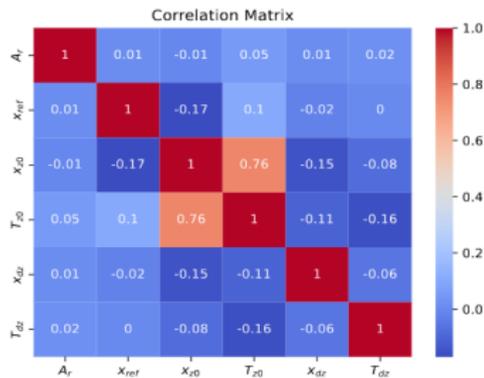
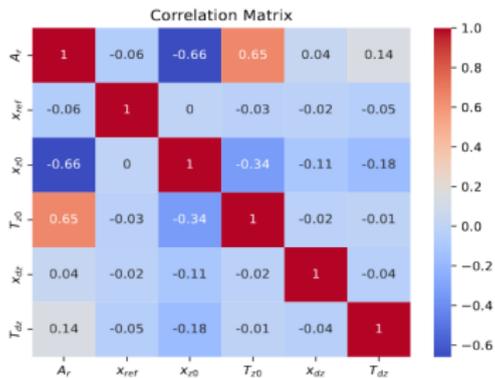
# 21 cm data for machine training



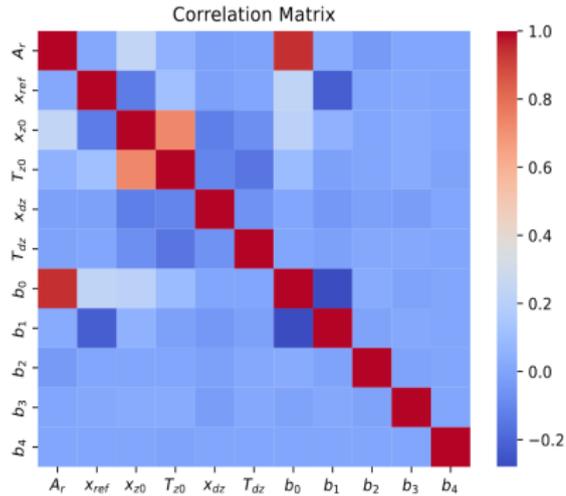
# Inclusion of foreground



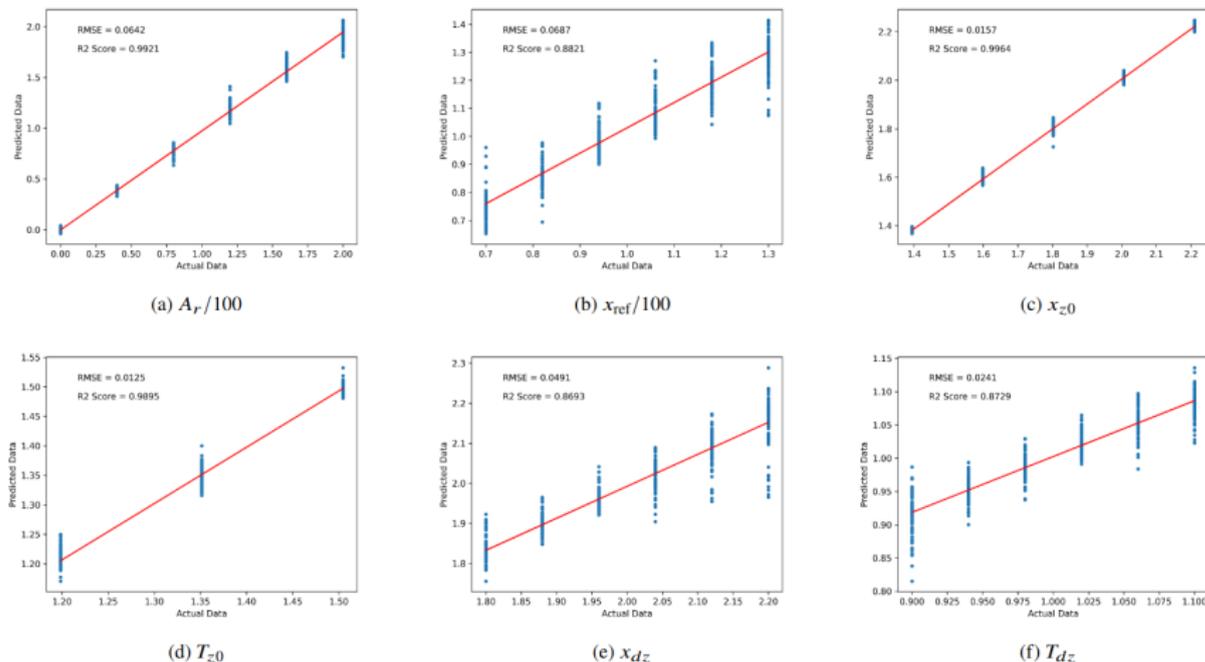
# Pearson correlation in IGM parameters



# Pearson correlation in FG parameters

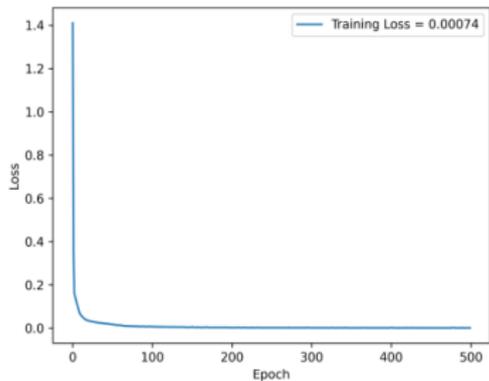


# Prediction of parameters with RMSE and R2 score

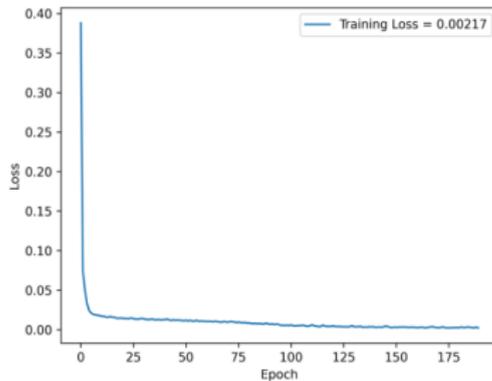


**Figure 11.** Each plot above shows the prediction of the aforementioned parameters with RMSE and R2 score assigned in the absence of the VDKZ18.

# Loss while training



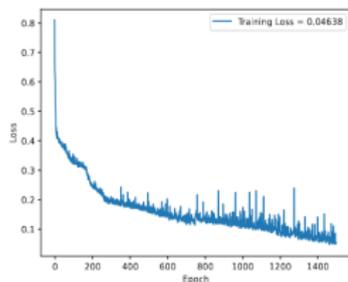
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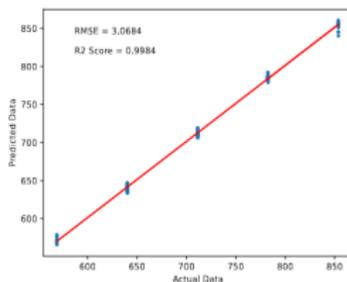
(b)

**Figure 9.** Variation of the model loss during the training process, where (a) in the presence of the VDKZ18 and (b) in the absence of the VDKZ18

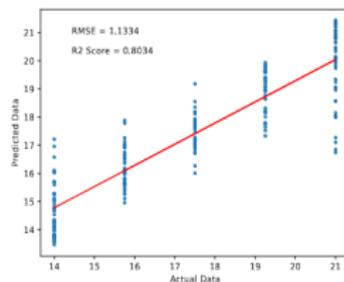
# Model loss & prediction of parameters with RMSE and R2 score



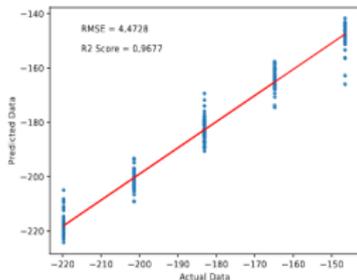
(a) Model Loss with epoch



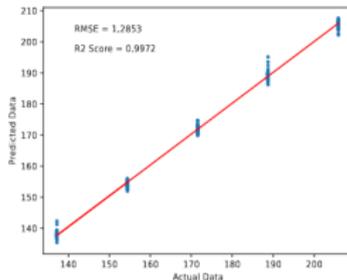
(b)  $b_0$



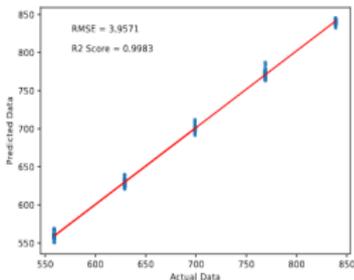
(c)  $b_1$



(d)  $b_2$



(e)  $b_3$



(f)  $b_4$

## Summary & conclusion

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## Summary and conclusion

- The signal can provide a good insight into the period when the galaxies and first stars formed.
- We generated synthetic data by resolving the typical cosmological equations
- The accuracy of one of our estimations is evaluated by examining the RMSE and R2 scores for each case
- As far as our understanding goes, most authors have employed Markov Chain Monte Carlo (MCMC), nested sampling, or similar methods for parameter space sampling.
- As ANN (Artificial Neural Network) and MCMC have different methodologies, we cannot directly compare their speed.

## Summary and conclusion

- However, ANN offers the advantage of bypassing the requirement of computing the likelihood function multiple times to derive inferred parameter values.
- Thus, when dealing with a higher dimensional parameter space, ANN is computationally more efficient and faster.
- In future works, we wish to include energy injection terms linking directly to the first star's astrophysical properties, instrument response and contamination model to make the NN more robust.
- Also, we intend to apply this concept and algorithm to more realistic data, like EDGES, SARAS 3, SKA, etc.

**Thank You!**

# A brief introduction to evolution of our Universe

10<sup>-32</sup> seconds

1 second

100 seconds

380 000 years

300–500 million years

Billions of years

13.8 billion years

Beginning  
of the  
Universe



## Inflation

Accelerated expansion of the Universe

## Formation of light and matter

## Light and matter are coupled

Dark matter evolves independently: it starts clumping and forming a web of structures

## Light and matter separate

- Protons and electrons form atoms
- Light starts travelling freely: it will become the Cosmic Microwave Background (CMB)

## Dark ages

Atoms start feeling the gravity of the cosmic web of dark matter

## First stars

The first stars and galaxies form in the densest knots of the cosmic web

## Galaxy evolution

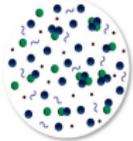
## The present Universe



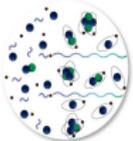
- *Tiny fluctuations: the seeds of future structures*
- *Gravitational waves?*



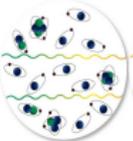
*Frequent collisions between normal matter and light*



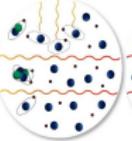
*As the Universe expands, particles collide less frequently*



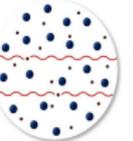
*Last scattering of light off electrons*  
→ **Polarisation**



*The Universe is dark as stars and galaxies are yet to form*



*Light from first stars and galaxies breaks atoms apart and "reionises" the Universe*



*Light can interact again with electrons*  
→ **Polarisation**

Image credits: European Space Agency (ESA)

## Collisional & Ly $\alpha$ coupling coefficients

- The collisional coupling coefficient<sup>3</sup>,

$$x_c = \frac{P_{TS}^C}{P_{TS}^R} = \frac{T_{10}}{T_R A_{10}} \times (N_H k_{10}^{HH} + N_e k_{10}^{He} + N_p k_{10}^{Hp}), \quad P_{TS}^R = \left(1 + \frac{T_R}{T_{10}}\right) A_{10}$$

- $k_{10}^{ij}$  scattering rate between  $i$  &  $j$  particles
- After the inclusion of x-ray and VDKZ18 heating effects, the gas temperature remains  $> 10$  K.
- Therefore, we can take (for  $10 \text{ K} < T_{\text{gas}} < 10^3 \text{ K}$ ),

$$k_{10}^{HH} \approx 3.1 \times 10^{-11} (T_{\text{gas}}/\text{K})^{0.357} \exp(-32 \text{ K}/T_{\text{gas}}) \text{ cm}^3/\text{sec}$$

- WF coupling coefficient:  $x_\alpha = T_{10}/(T_R A_{10}) \times 4P_\alpha/27$ ,  $P_\alpha$  scattering rate of Ly $\alpha$  photons<sup>4</sup>. Einstein coefficient:  $A_{10} = 2.85 \times 10^{-15} \text{ sec}^{-1}$

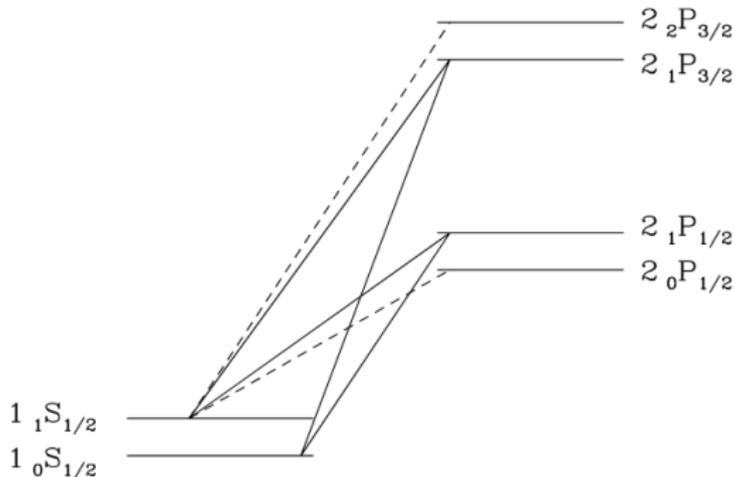
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<sup>3</sup>Pritchard & Loeb, Rep. Prog. Phys. 75, 086901 (2012)

<sup>4</sup>Wouthuysen S. A., ApJ, 57, 31 (1952). Field G. B., Proc. IRE, 46, 240 (1958).

# Collisional & Ly $\alpha$ coupling coefficients

- WF coupling<sup>5</sup>:



- we consider  $x_\alpha = 2A_\alpha(z) \times (T_0/T_R)$ , step height  $A_\alpha = 100$ , pivot redshift  $z_{\alpha 0} = 17$  &  $\Delta z_\alpha = 2$ ,  $A_i(z) = A_i(1 + \tanh[(z_{i0} - z)/\Delta z_i])$ .<sup>6</sup>
- $\{A_X, z_{X0}, \Delta z_X\} = \{1000 \text{ K}, 12.75, 1\}$ ,  $\{A_{xe}, z_{xe}, \Delta z_{xe}\} = \{1, 9, 3\}$ .

<sup>5</sup>Furlanetto et al., Phys. Rept. 433 (2006) 181-301.

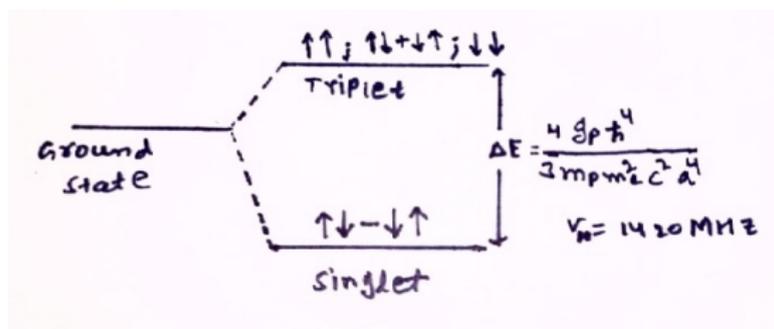
<sup>6</sup>Kovetz et al., PRD 98, 103529 (2018); Mirocha et al., ApJ. 813, 11 (2015); Harker et al., MNRAS, 455, 3829 (2016).

# Frequencies and wavelengths

Category	Range of Wavelengths (nm)	Range of Frequencies (Hz)
gamma rays	< 1	$> 3 \times 10^{17}$
X-rays	1–10	$3 \times 10^{16} - 3 \times 10^{17}$
ultraviolet light	10–400	$7,5 \times 10^{14} - 3 \times 10^{16}$
visible light	400–700	$4,3 \times 10^{14} - 7,5 \times 10^{14}$
infrared	700– $10^5$	$3 \times 10^{12} - 4,3 \times 10^{14}$
microwave	$10^5 - 10^8$	$3 \times 10^9 - 3 \times 10^{12}$
radio waves	$> 10^8$	$< 3 \times 10^9$

$$\text{Ly}\alpha = 2.47 \times 10^9 \text{ MHz}$$

## 21-cm signal and spin temperature



$$\frac{dn_0}{dt} = -n_0 P_{01}^c + n_1 P_{10}^c,$$

- $P_{01}^c$  &  $P_{10}^c$  are excitation and deexcitation coefficients.
- In the equilibrium,  $\frac{n_1}{n_0} = \frac{P_{01}^c}{P_{10}^c} \Rightarrow \frac{P_{01}^c}{P_{10}^c} = \frac{g_1}{g_0} \exp\left[-\frac{2\pi\nu_{10}}{T_{\text{gas}}}\right]$ ,
- $T_S = T_{\text{gas}}$  because in equilibrium  $T_S$  will reach to the  $T_{\text{gas}}$ .
- Planck spectrum,  $B_\nu(T) = \frac{2h\nu^3/c^2}{\exp(h\nu/k_b T) - 1}$ , in the Rayleigh-Jeans regime,  $2\pi\nu/T \ll 1$ ,  $B_\nu(T) = 2\nu^2 T$ .

## 21-cm signal and spin temperature

$$I_\nu = S_\nu(1 - e^{-\tau}) + I_{\nu_0} e^{-\tau}$$

- Hydrogen is characterized by  $T_S$ ,  $S_\nu(T) = j_\nu/\alpha_\nu \equiv B_\nu(T_S)$ .  
 $I_{\nu_0} = B_\nu(T_{\text{CMB}})$ .

$$I_\nu(T_B) = I_\nu(T_S)(1 - e^{-\tau}) + I_\nu(T_{\text{CMB}})e^{-\tau},$$

- $T_B$  is final brightness temperature.
- 21 cm differential brightness temperature,  $T_{21} = T_B - T_{B_0}$ .
- $T_{B_0} = T_B(\tau = 0) = T_{\text{CMB}}$ .  $T \propto (1 + z)$ . Therefore, the observed,

$$T_{21} = \frac{T_S - T_{\text{CMB}}}{1 + z} \times (1 - e^{-\tau}).$$

- To find  $\tau$ , write complete eq,

$$\frac{dI_\nu}{dl} = \frac{h\nu_e}{4\pi} \phi(\nu) [n_1 A_{10} + I_\nu n_1 B_{10} - I_\nu n_0 B_{01}].$$

# Hyperfine splitting<sup>(4)</sup>

- Dipole moments of electron and proton<sup>7</sup>:

$$\boldsymbol{\mu}_e = -\frac{(g_e = 2)e}{2m_e} \mathbf{S}_e \quad \& \quad \boldsymbol{\mu}_p = \frac{(g_p = 5.59)e}{2m_p} \mathbf{S}_p.$$

- Magnetic field due to dipole ( $\boldsymbol{\mu}$ ):

$$\mathbf{B} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi r^3} [3(\boldsymbol{\mu} \cdot \hat{r})\hat{r} - \boldsymbol{\mu}] + \frac{2\mu_0}{3} \boldsymbol{\mu} \delta^3(\mathbf{r}).$$

- Hamiltonian of electron in the presence of Magnetic field due to dipole of proton:

$$H_{\text{HF}} = -\boldsymbol{\mu}_e \cdot \mathbf{B}_p.$$

- Expectation value:

$$E_{\text{HF}} = \frac{4g_p}{3m_p m_e^2 a^4} \times \begin{matrix} +1/4 \\ -3/4 \end{matrix}$$

- Energy gap:  $\Delta E = 5.88 \times 10^{-6}$  eV
- Corresponding  $\nu = \Delta E/2\pi \simeq 1420.4$  MHz &  $\lambda \simeq 21$  cm.

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<sup>7</sup>Quantum Mechanics by David J. Griffiths