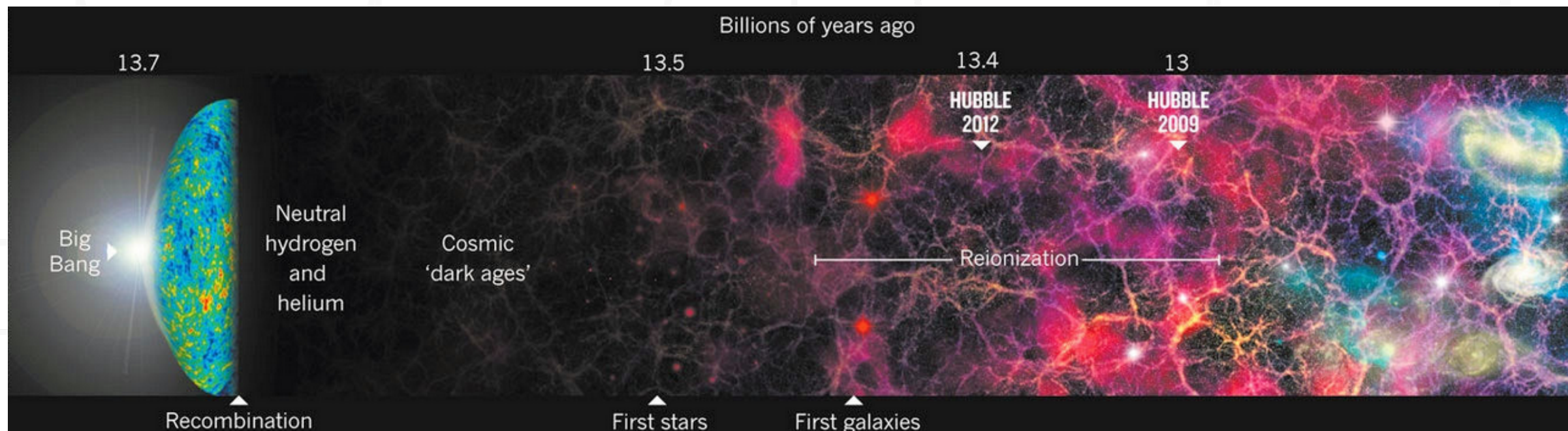


Constraints on Dark Matter scenarios from Reionization

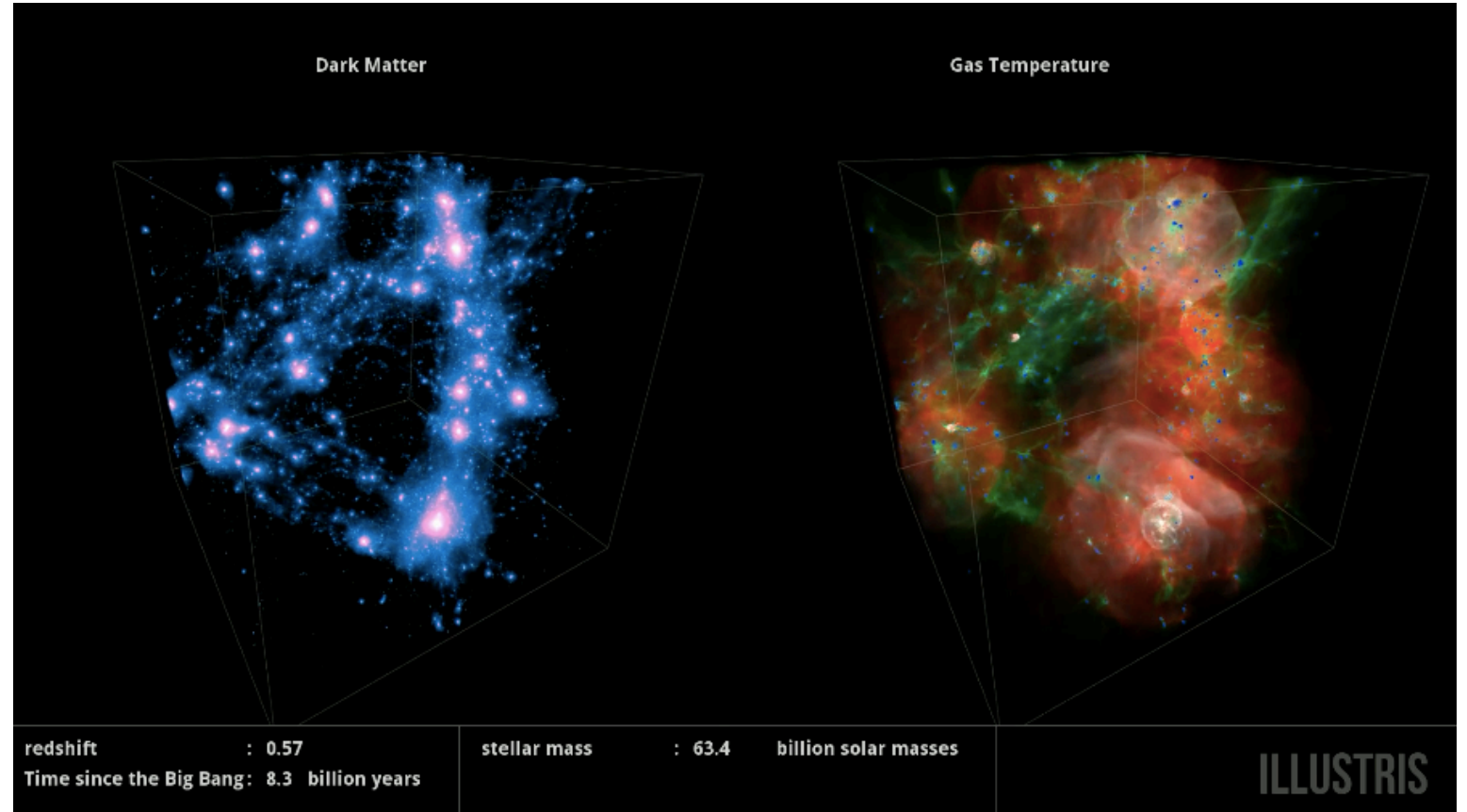
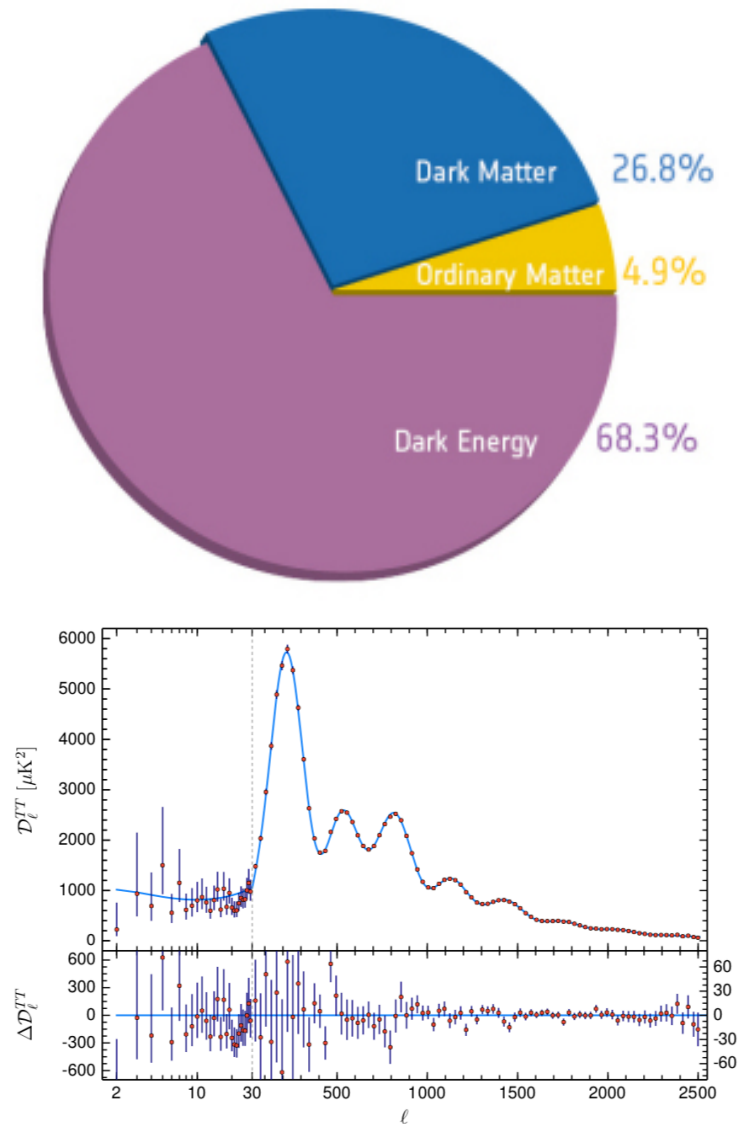
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Λ CDM model



Initial power spectrum yields to a hierarchical growth of matter perturbation

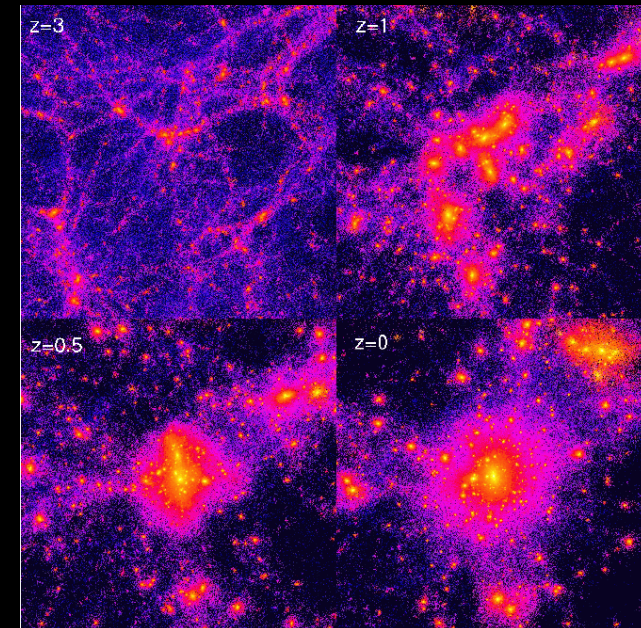
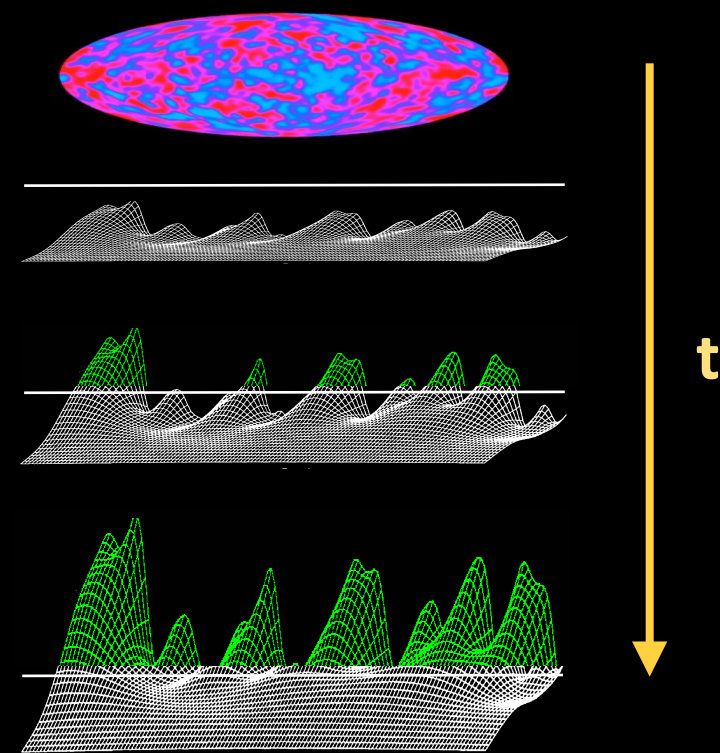
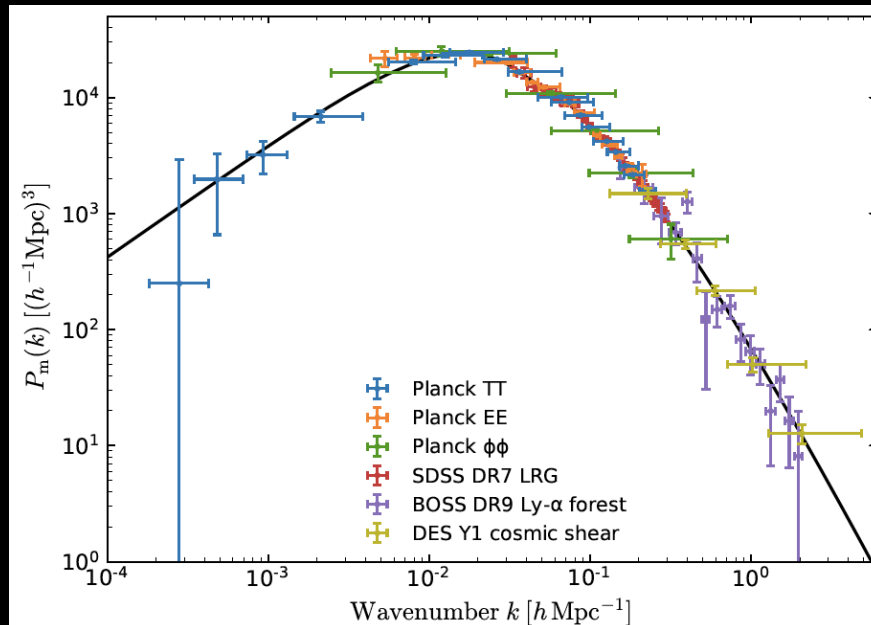
The Nature of DM determines the shape of the power spectrum $P(k)$ and hence of the variance $\sigma^2(M)$

Mean (square) value of perturbations of size $R(\sim 1/k)$ enclosing a mass M

$$P(k) = \frac{1}{V} \langle |\delta_k|^2 \rangle$$

$$\sigma_M^2 = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3 V} \int^{M \leftrightarrow k} dk k^2 P(k)$$

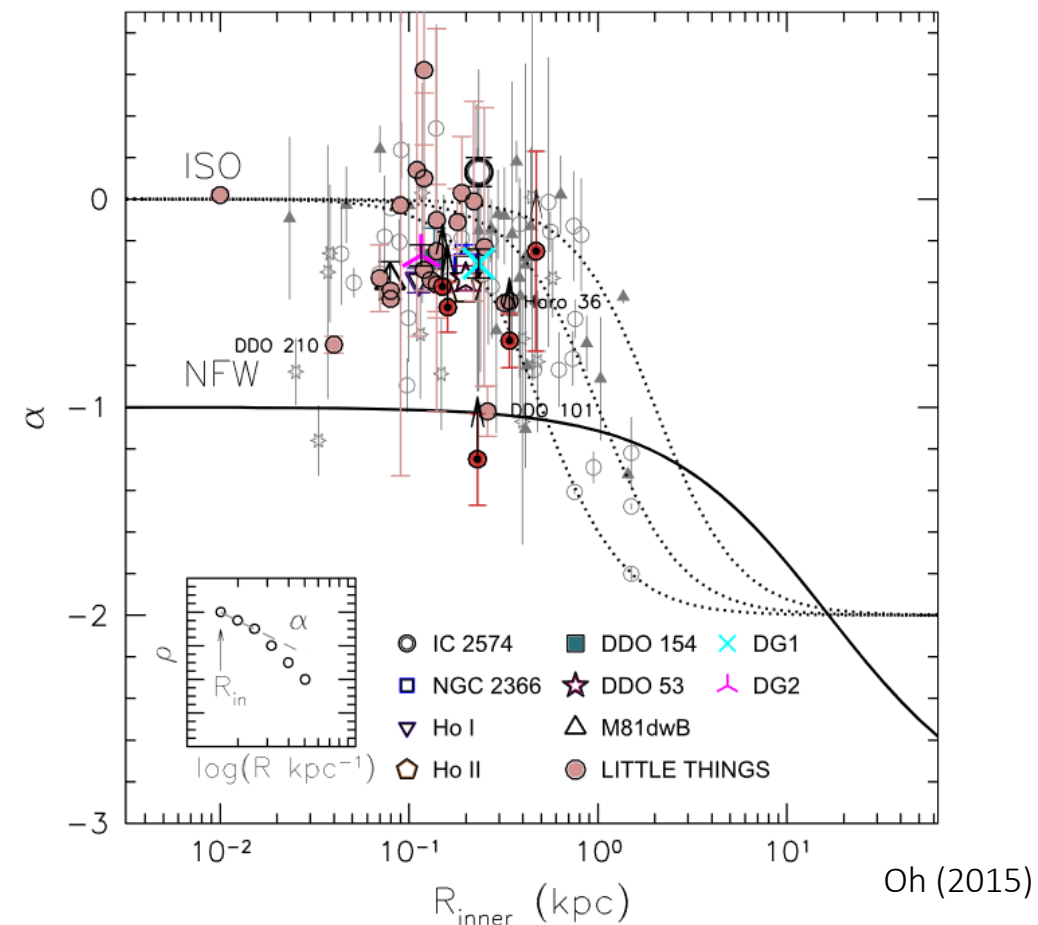
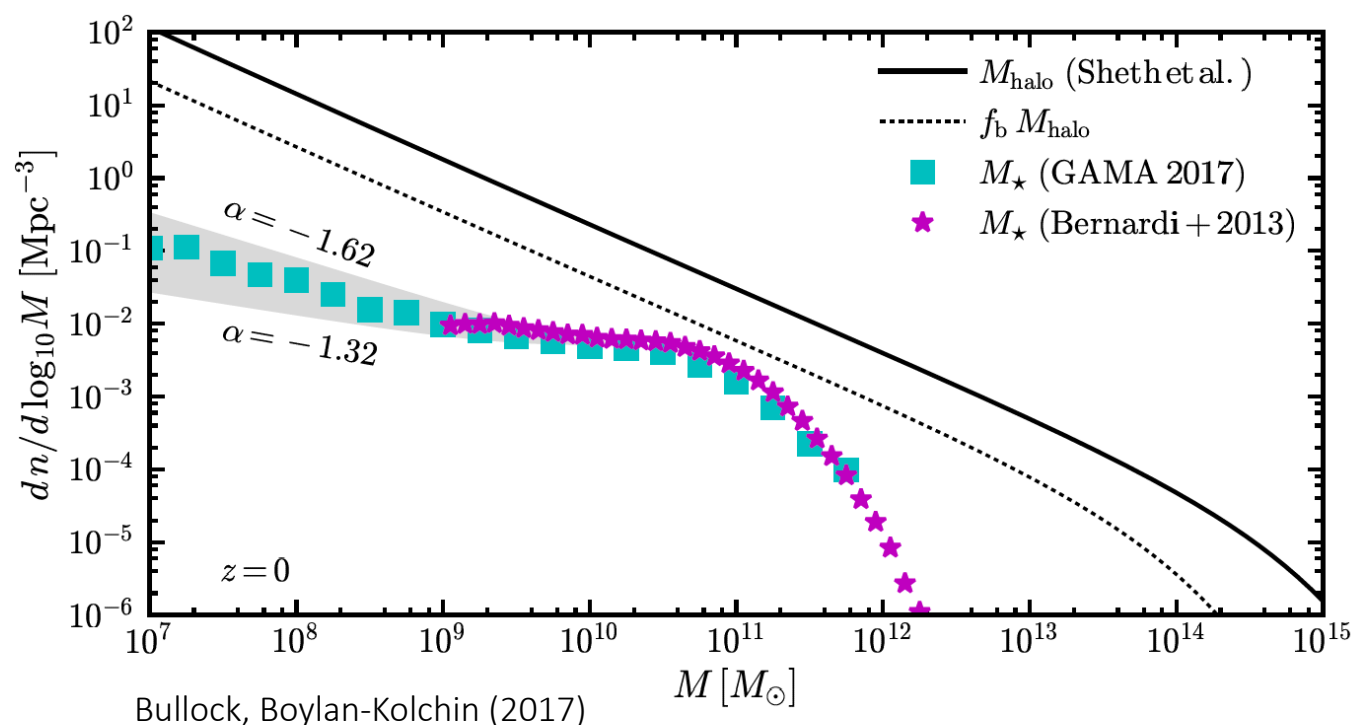
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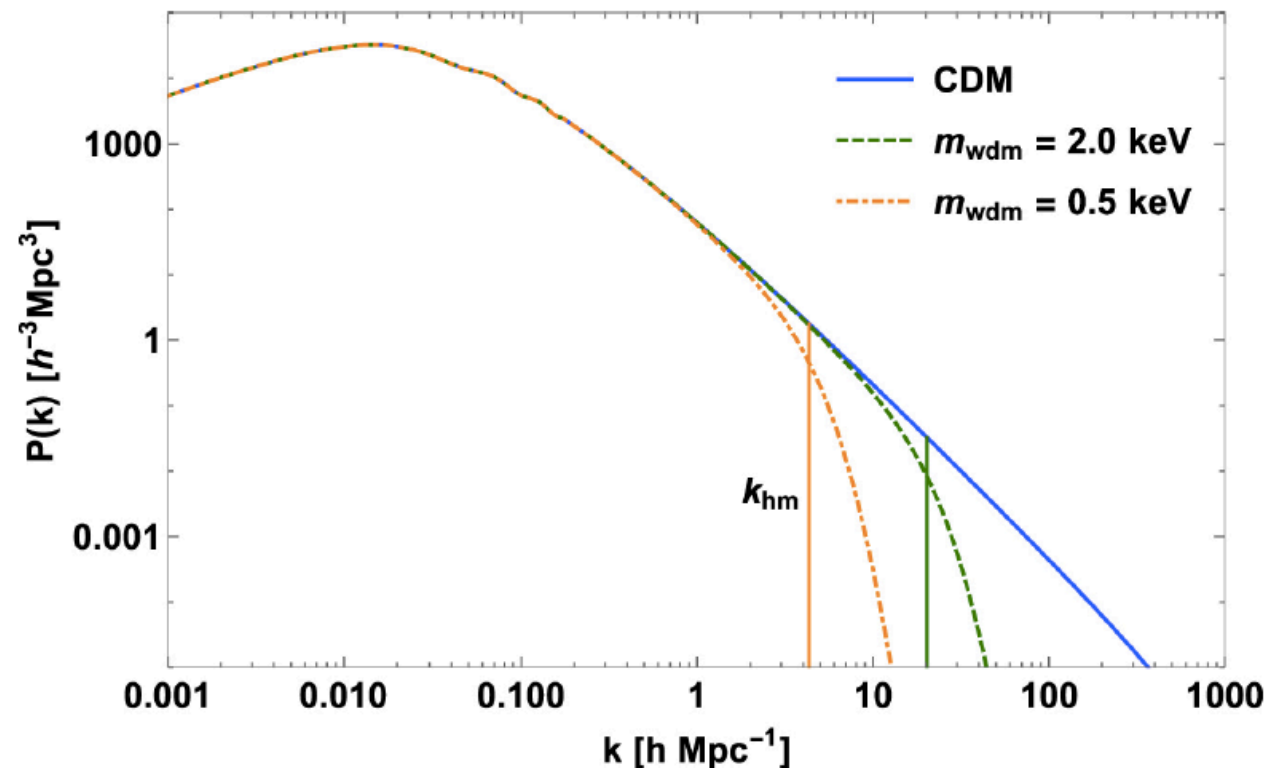
Issues with the Λ CDM model

Missing satellites and “too big to fail” debate

Cusp/core debate

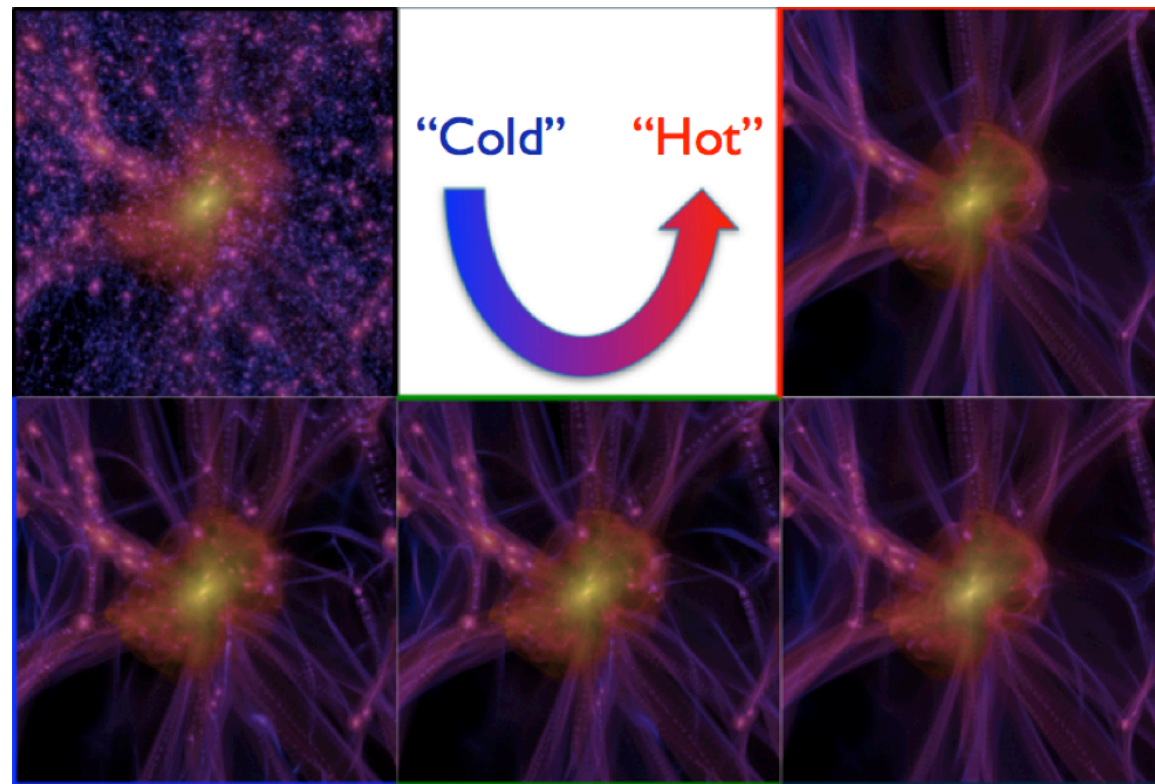


Possible alternative: WDM cosmologies



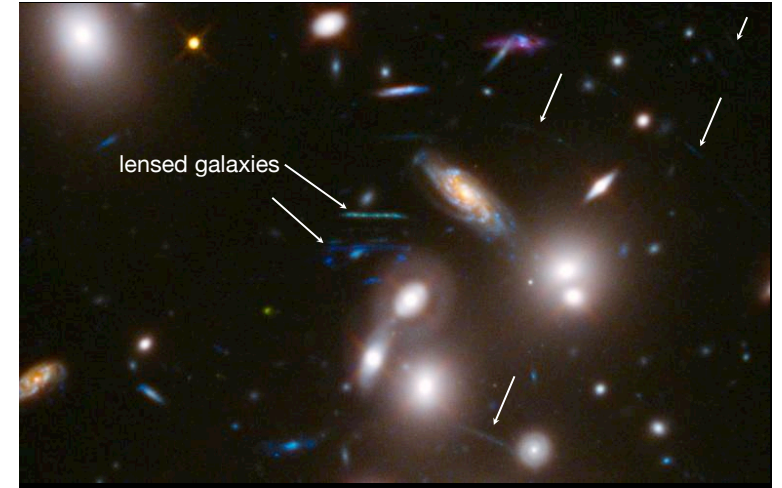
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Free-streaming of DM particles determines a suppression in low mass halos.

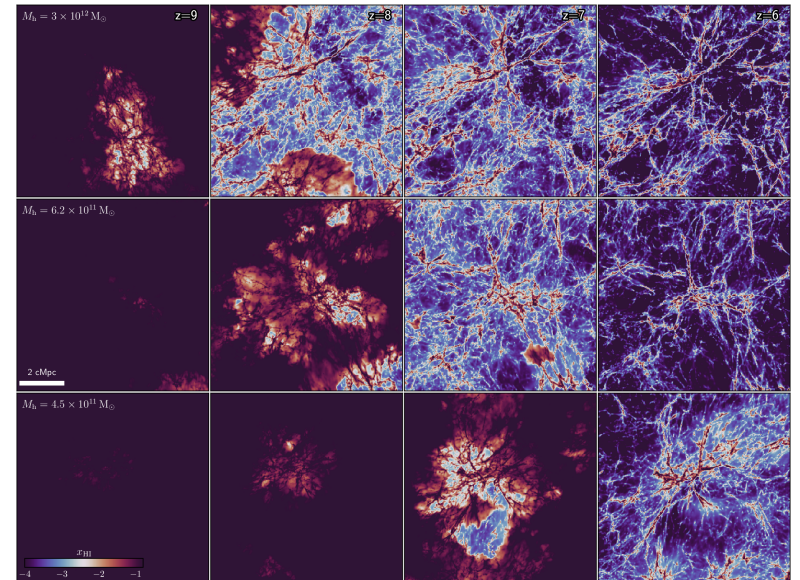


Outline of the talk

1) Constraints on WDM models from the number density of high-redshift galaxies



2) The epoch of reionization in WDM models

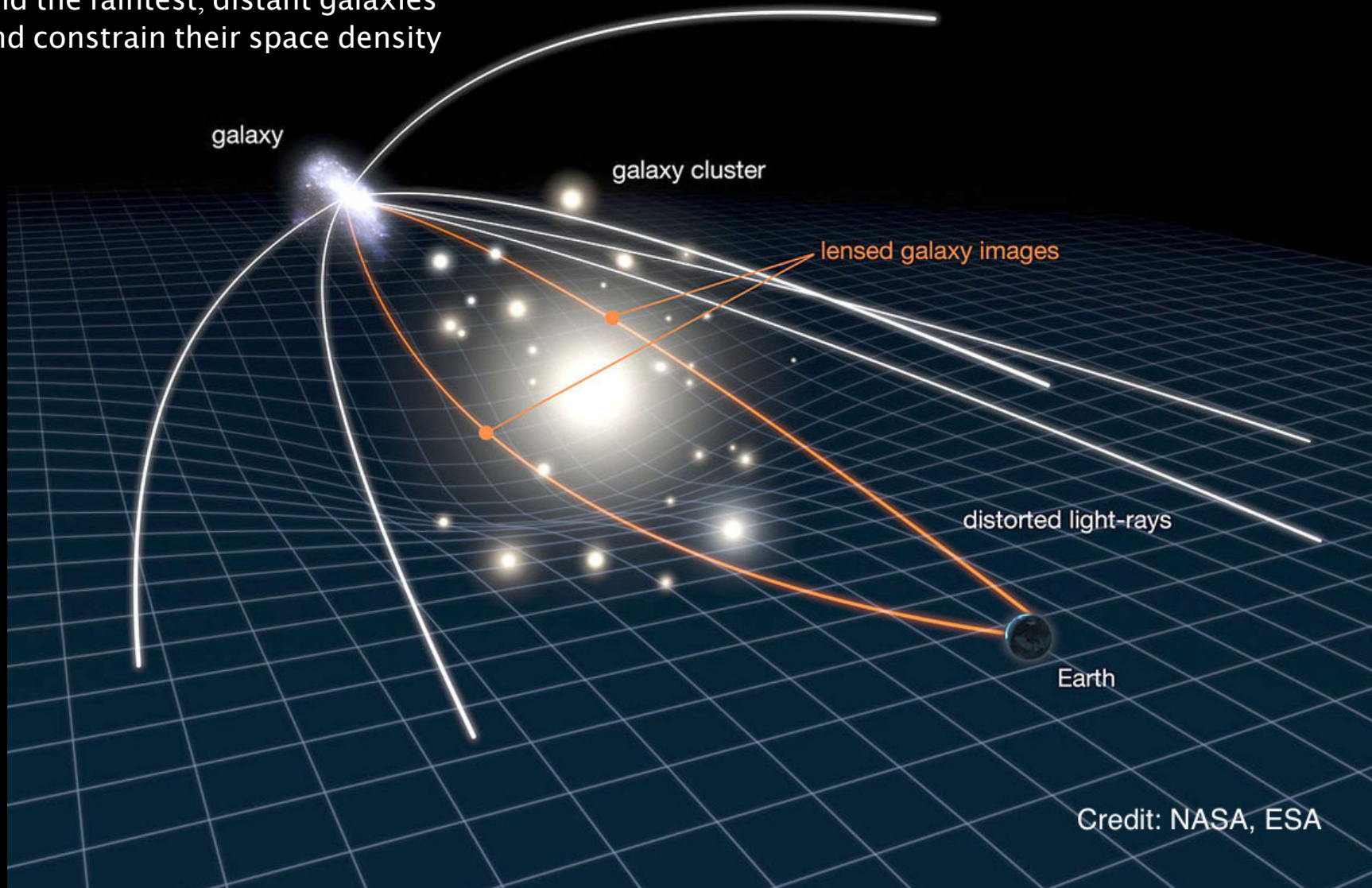


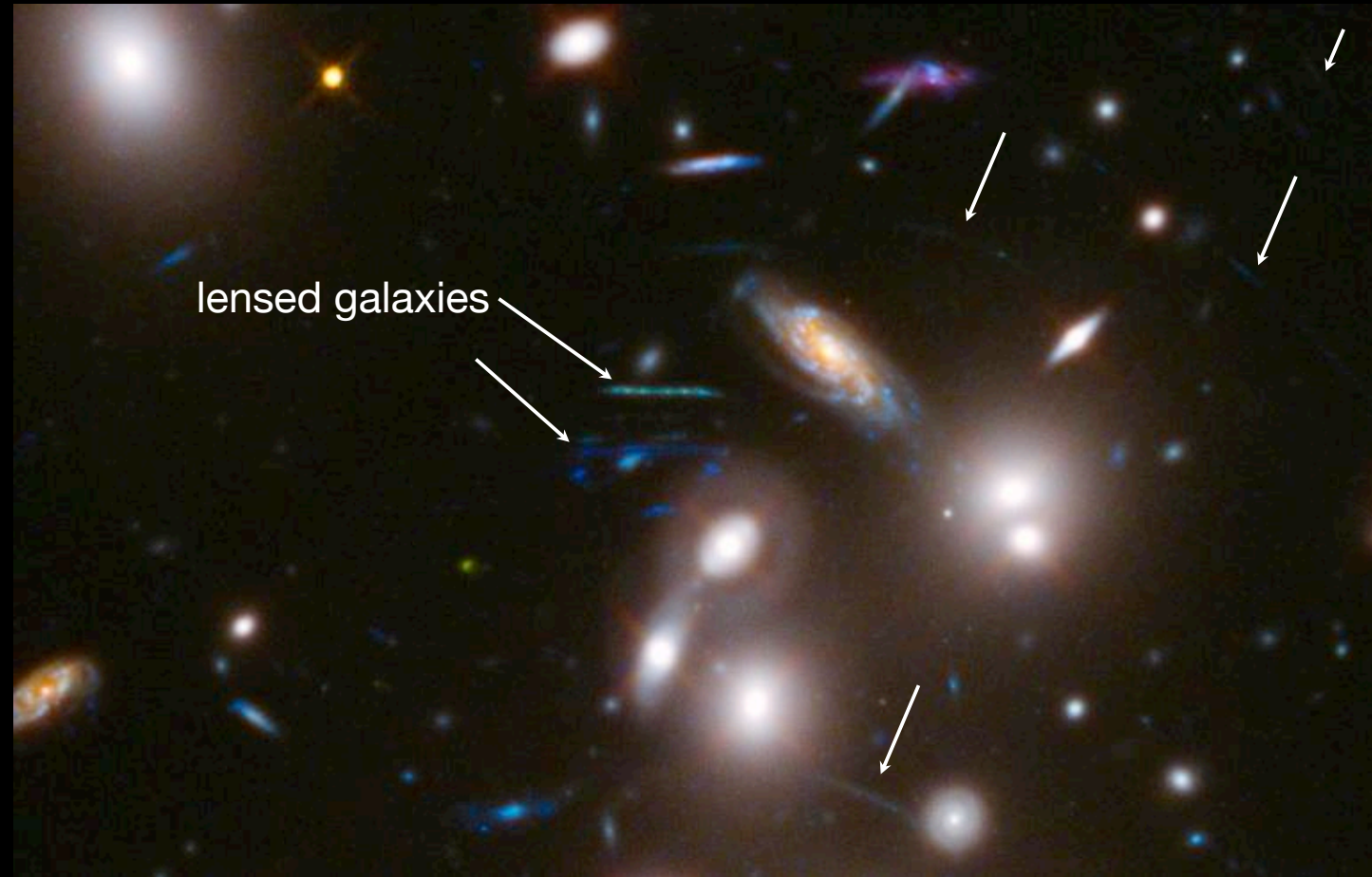
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Finding the faintest galaxies

Gravitational lensing is the tool we need to find the faintest, distant galaxies and constrain their space density

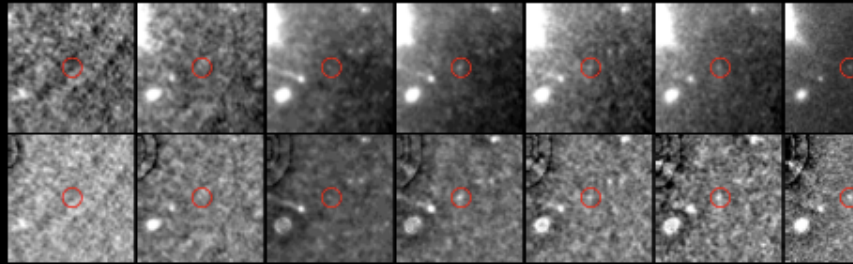




background galaxies are magnified by factors up to $\sim 10-20$,
providing the deepest yet view of the universe

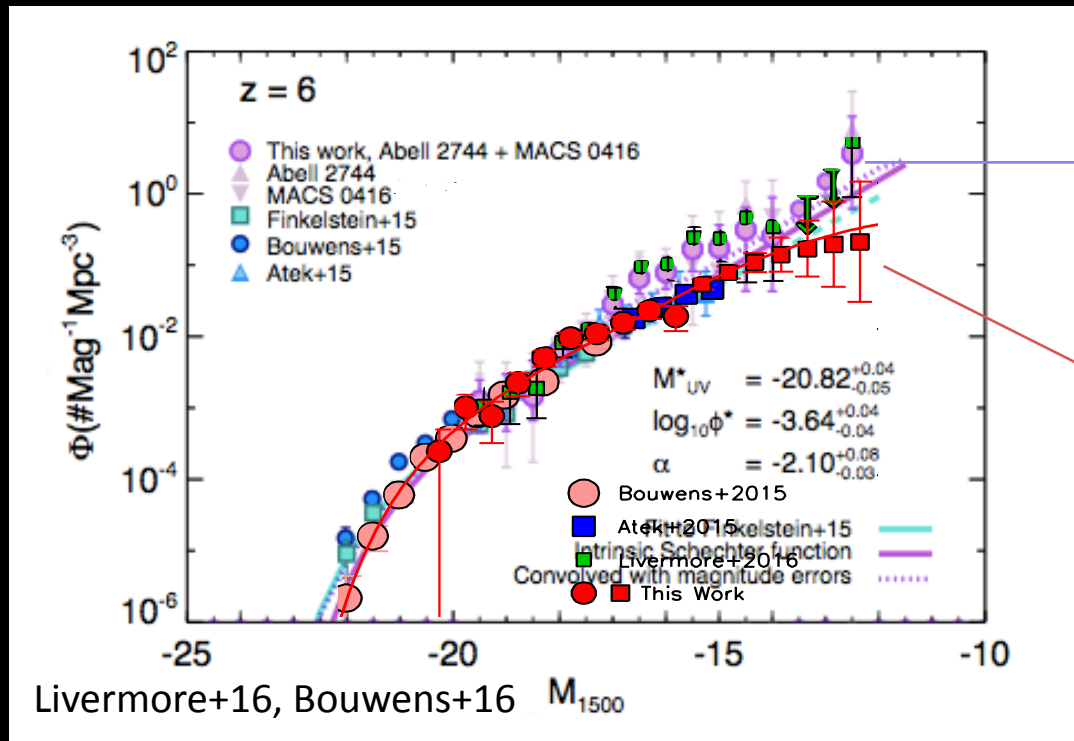
slide by Jennifer Lotz

Luminosity Functions of $z=6$ Galaxies in the Hubble Frontier Fields: Based on 2 HFF lensing clusters 164 galaxies at $z=6$



Postage stamp image of a2744 z6 3341, from the $z \sim 6$ sample detected in the Abell 2744 cluster field. The circle shows a $0.4''$ aperture. This galaxy is magnified by a factor $\sim 20\times$, giving it an intrinsic UV magnitude of $M_{UV} = -14.54$, but was not detected in previous studies due to the bright foreground object close to the line of sight (top row). It is easily detected in the wavelet-subtracted images (lower row)

Integrated number densities of galaxies ($\#/Mpc^3$) down to the faints magnitude: correspond to



Livermore et al. 2017

Best fit	$\log \Phi_{\text{obs}} = 0.54$
1σ	$\log \Phi_{\text{obs}} = 0.26$
2σ	$\log \Phi_{\text{obs}} = 0.01$
3σ	$\log \Phi_{\text{obs}} = -0.36$

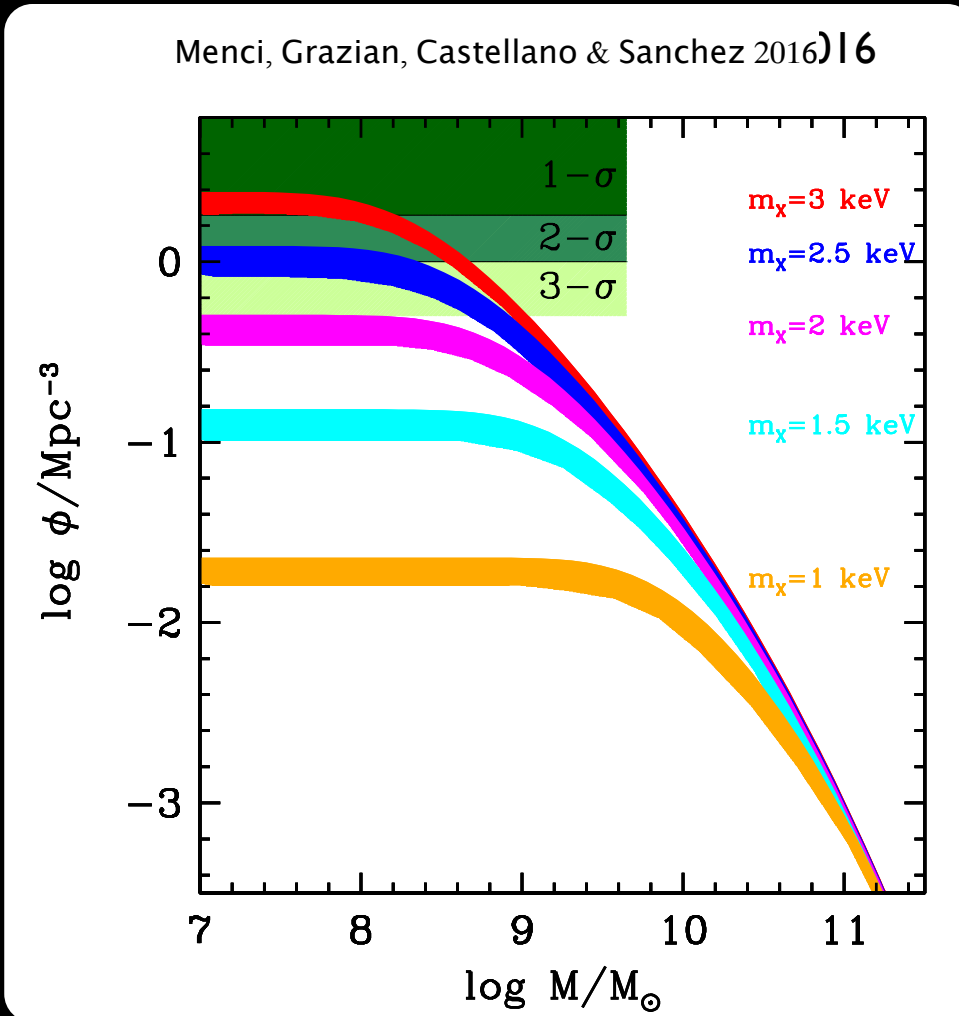
Bouwens et al. 2017

Best fit	$\log \Phi_{\text{obs}} = -0.25$
1σ	$\log \Phi_{\text{obs}} = -0.47$
2σ	$\log \Phi_{\text{obs}} = -0.62$
3σ	$\log \Phi_{\text{obs}} = -0.9$

HFF constraints on thermal WDM models

Based on 2 HFF lensing clusters Abell 2744 and MACS 0416

thermal relics



Menci, Grazian, Castellano & Sanchez 2016

1. Starting from observed luminosity function, we run 10^7 Monte Carlo extractions of galaxies according to the observed distribution and with an uncertainty provided by the observed error bars.

2. Compute the total number density of galaxies down to the faintest magn bin:
of galaxies/ Mpc^3
at different confidence levels:

3. Assume a Power Spectrum
 $P(m_{\chi}, \text{production model})$

4. Compute the associated WDM cumulative mass function and the corresponding maximum number density
 $\tilde{\Phi}(m_{\chi}, \text{production model})$

5. Allowed WDM models are those with
 $\Phi_{\text{obs}} \leq \tilde{\Phi}(m_{\chi}, \text{production model})$
observed galaxies cannot outnumber the DM halos

HFF constraints on thermal WDM models

$m_{\chi} > 3 \text{ keV}$ (1σ) $m_{\chi} > 2.4 \text{ keV}$ (2σ)

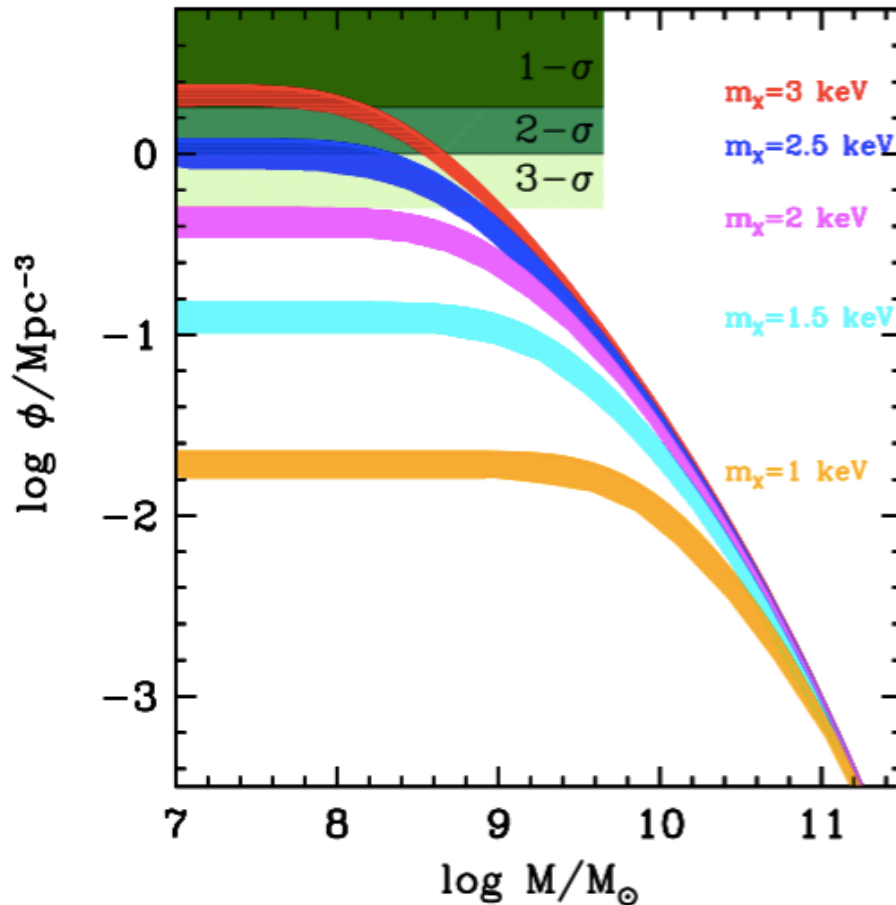
(comparing with [Livermore et al](#))

$m_{\chi} > 2.5 \text{ keV}$ (1σ) $m_{\chi} > 2. \text{ keV}$ (2σ)

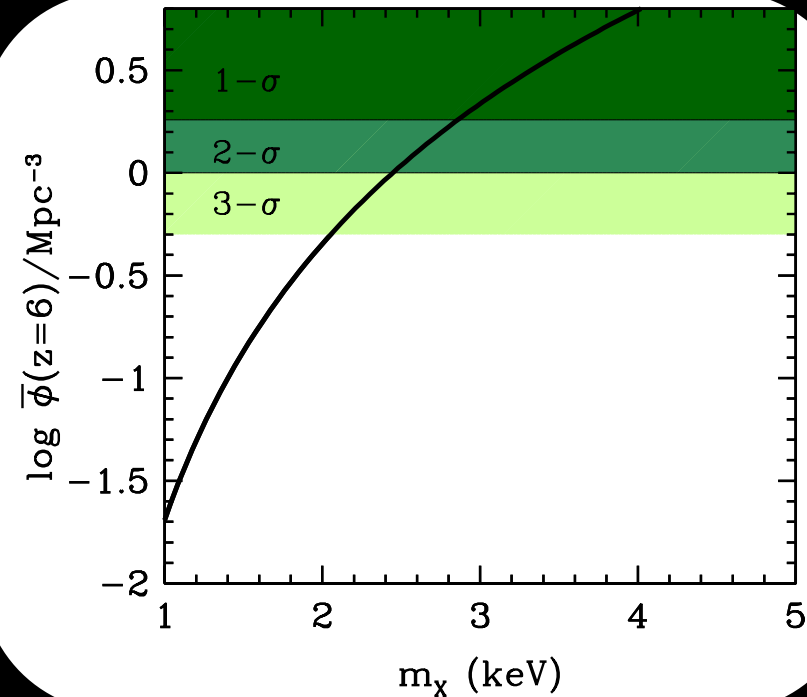
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The tighter limits derived so far independently of baryon physics visible galaxies cannot outnumber their host DM halos

Menci, Grazian, Castellano & Sanchez 2016



Very Conservative: The observed galaxies cannot outnumber their host DM halo, whose density saturates to a max. value depending on m_{χ}



Sterile Neutrino WDM

Exploring the Parameter Space of
Sterile Neutrino Models
based on resonant production

Grid of Values for
 m_ν $\sin^2(2\theta)$

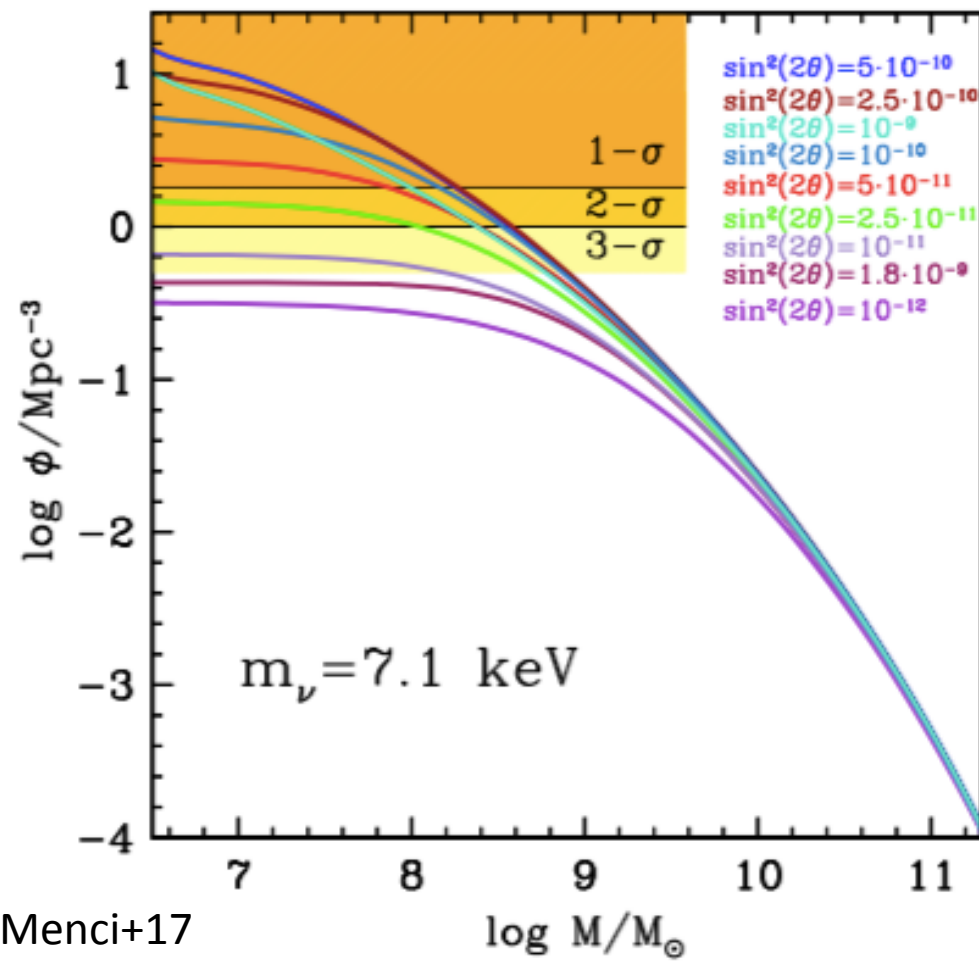
For each point in the grid
of parameter space

Compute Power Spectrum $P(k)$
(solve Boltzmann equation)

Compute $\bar{\phi}$

Compare with HFF number
density of galaxies at $z=6$ $\bar{\phi} \geq \phi_{obs}$
Allowed region:

Production from Active–Sterile Transitions



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Schneider et al. 2016

Lovell et al. 2015

Limits from Milky Way satellites:

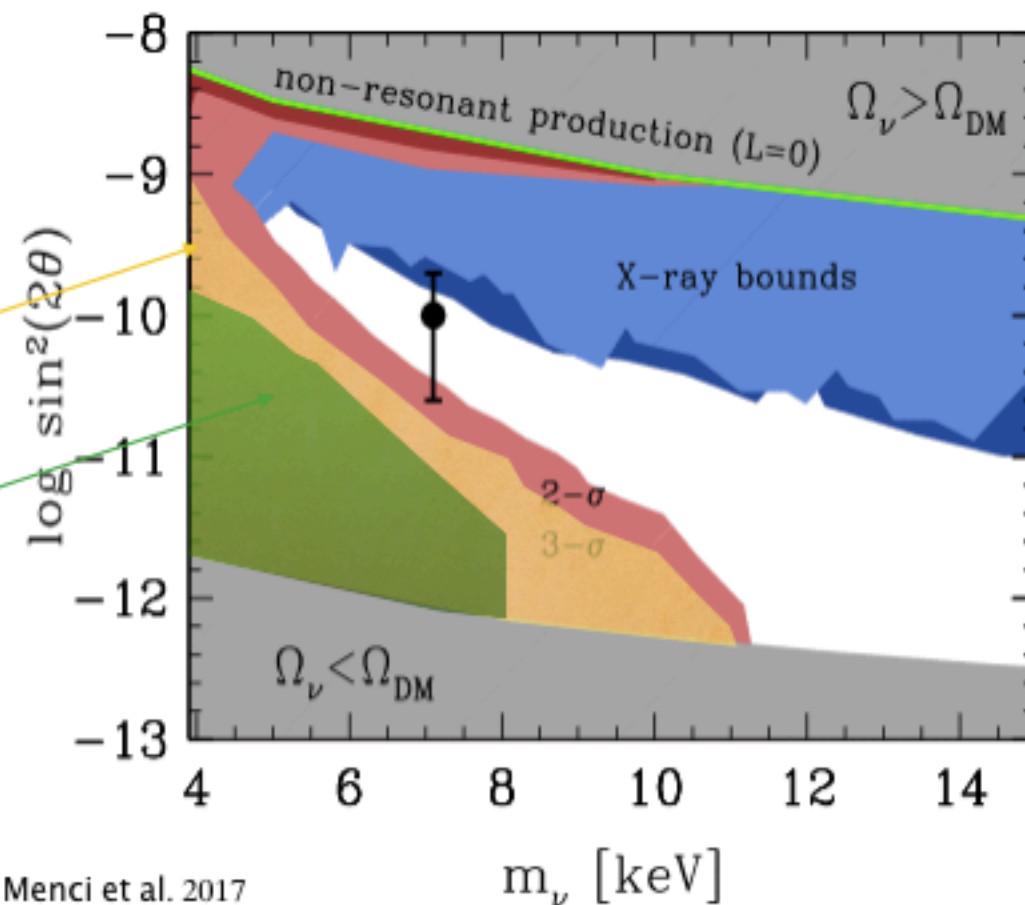
Depend on

assumed upper limit for MW mass

assumed lower limit for satellite masses (based on
estimated L/M ratio or stellar velocity dispersion
depending on assumed density profile)

assumed isotropic distribution to correct SDSS
observations for limited sky coverage

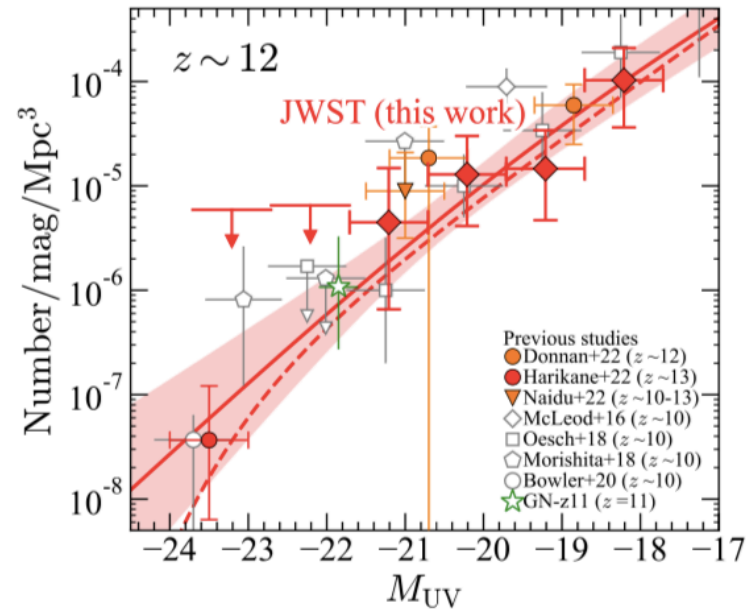
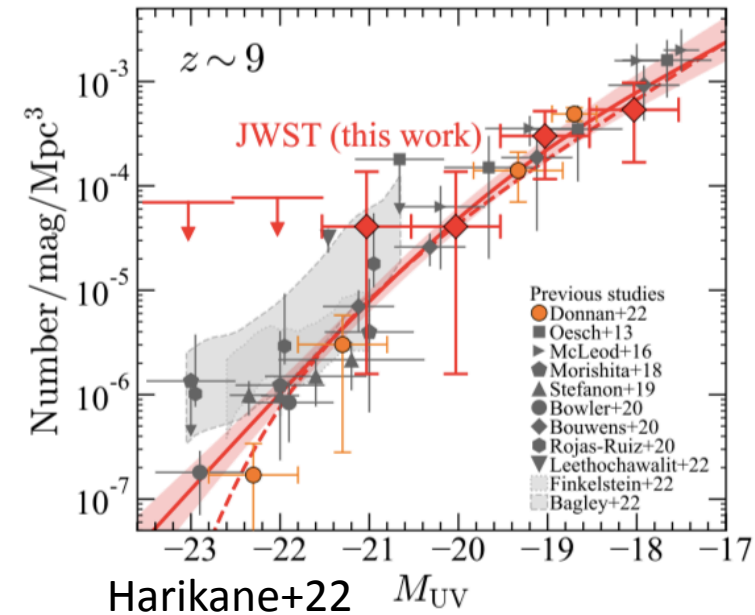
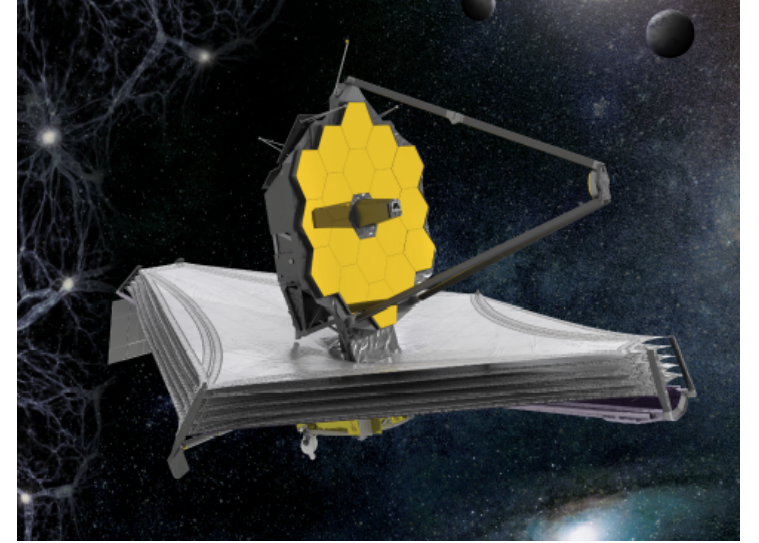
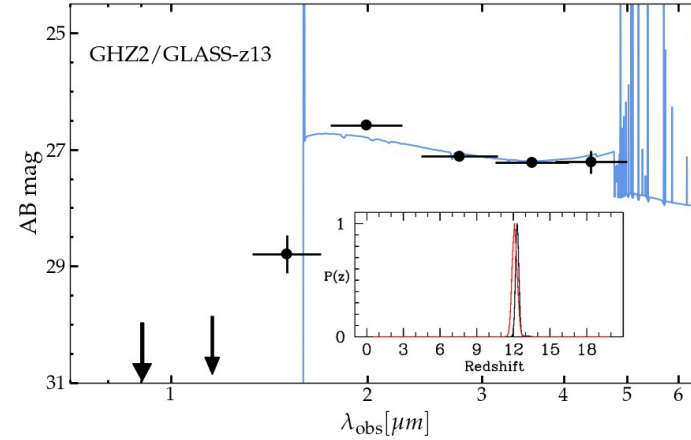
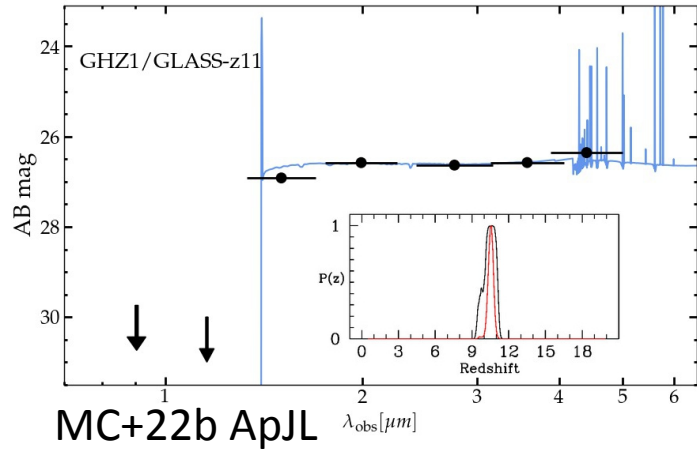
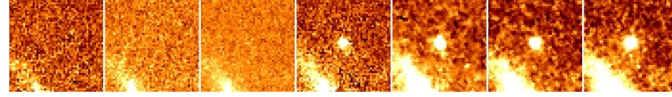
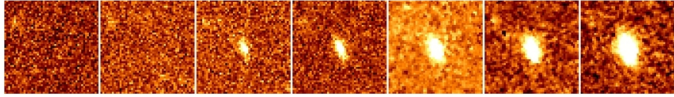
assumed halo-to-halo variance



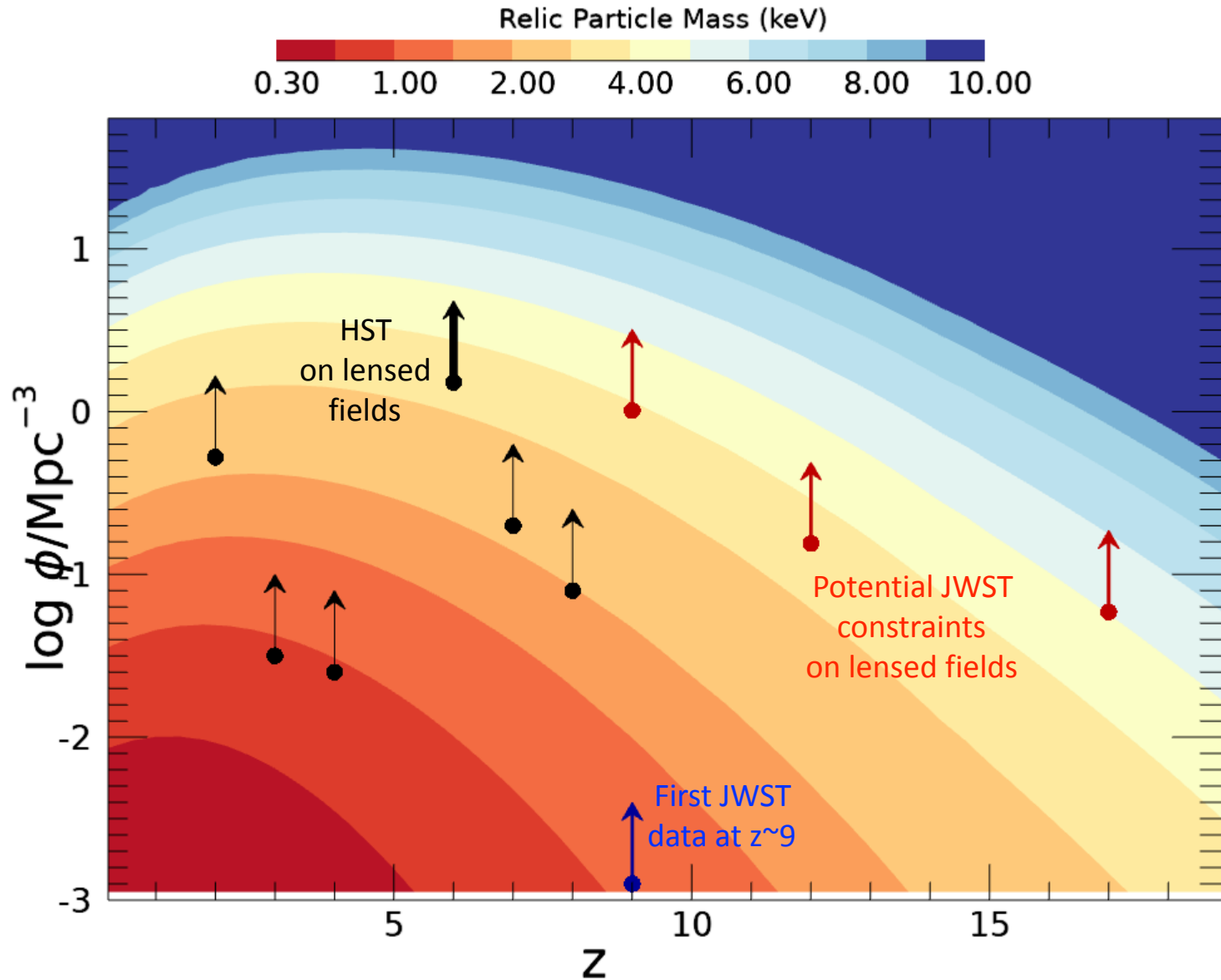
Sets lower bounds for mixing angle which are
Independent of baryon physics (L/M ratio) and of
the assumed density profile.

Unprecedented constraints on parameter space of
such models

The future: constraints at cosmic dawn with JWST



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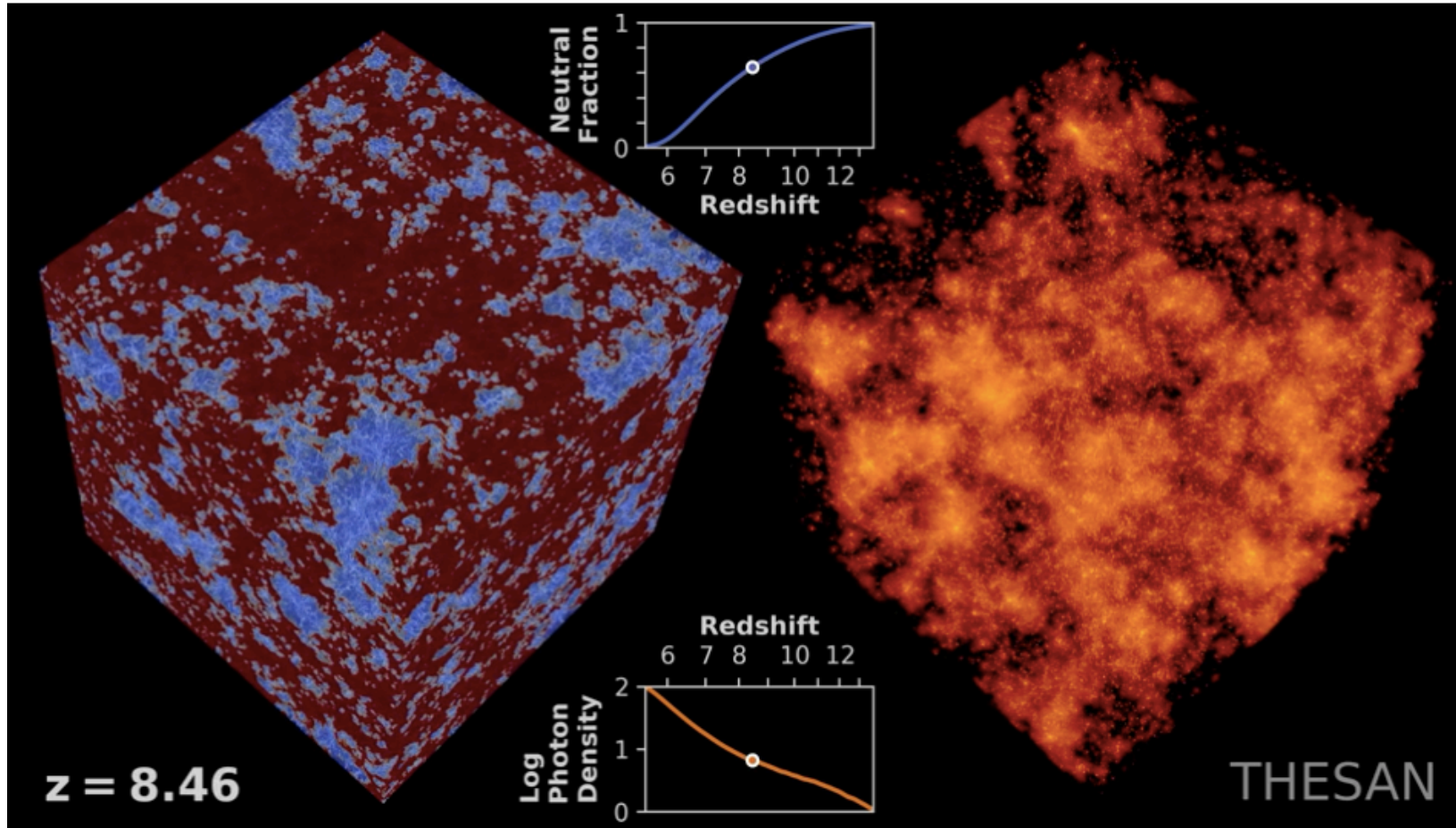
Galaxy number density becomes **more powerful as a probe of WDM at increasing redshift**

New JWST data probe $z=9$ and beyond, but not deep enough yet (**blue point**)

HST-based estimates (up to $z \sim 6$, **black points**) are more constraining still

But: similar JWST observations on deep lensed fields (**red points**) may improve constraints and potentially exclude $m_x < 4\text{-}5$ keV

2- The epoch of reionization in WDM models



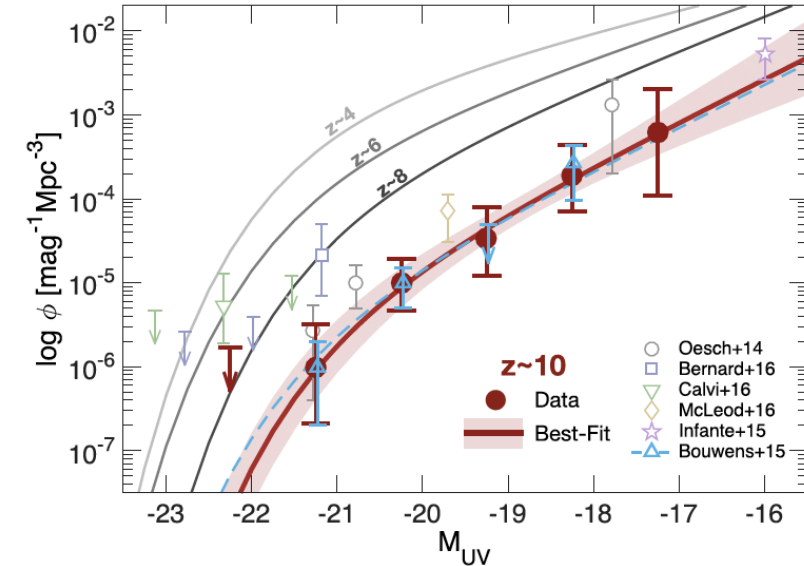
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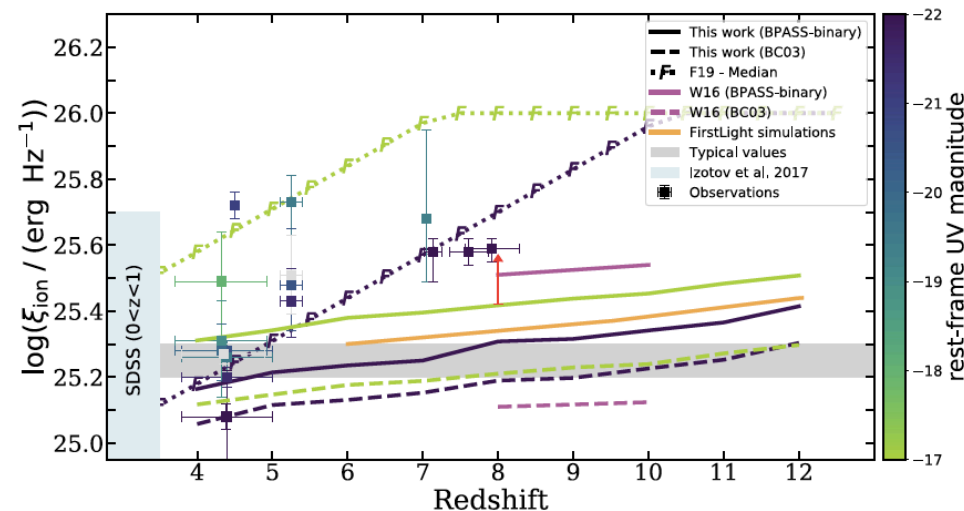
The Epoch of Reionization (EoR) marked a fundamental phase transition in the history of the Universe, during which the Intergalactic Medium (IGM) became transparent to UV photons.

The sources of reionization

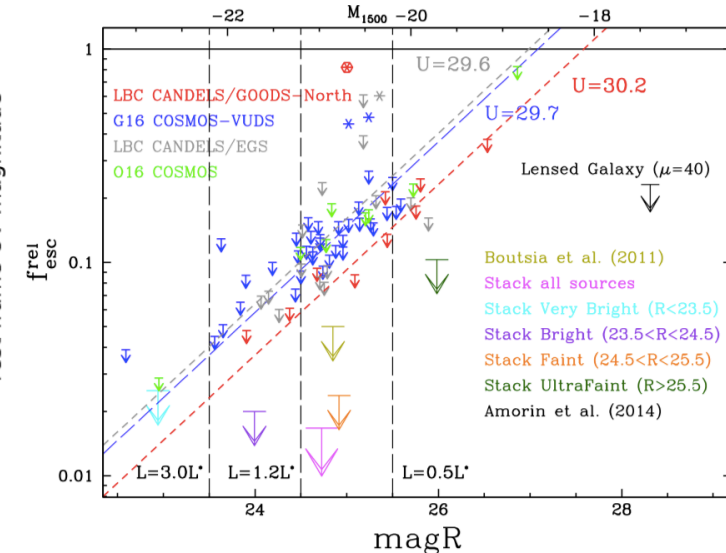
UV Luminosity Density



Ionizing photon production



Escape fraction of ionizing photons



$$\dot{N}_{ion} = \rho_{UV} \xi_{ion}^* f_{esc}$$

$$\dot{Q}_{HII} = \frac{\dot{N}_{ion}}{\bar{n}_H} - \frac{Q_{HII}}{t_{rec}}$$

$$\bar{n}_H \approx 2 \times 10^{-7} (\Omega_b h^2 / 0.022) \text{ cm}^{-3}$$

$$t_{rec} \approx 3.2 \text{ Gyr} [(1+z)/7]^{-3} C_{HII}^{-1}$$

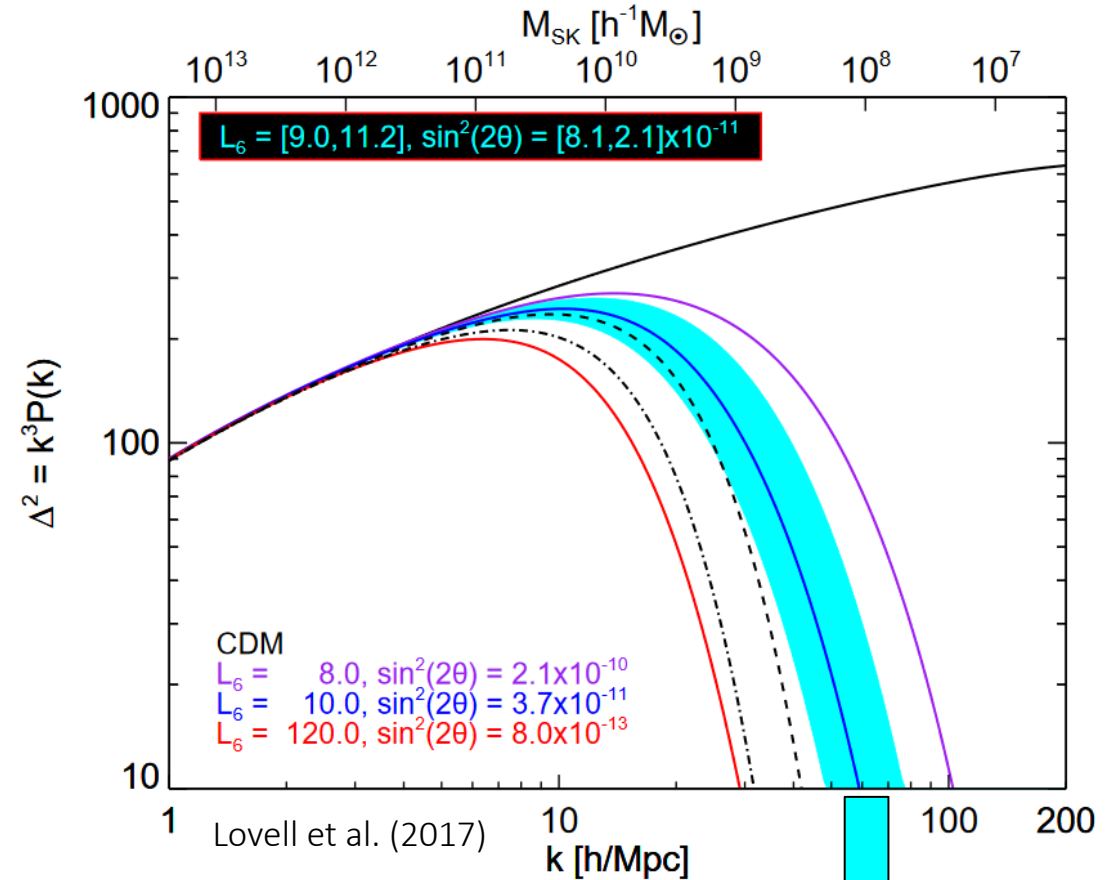
The evolution of the ionized fraction depends on several factors

Dependence on UV luminosity density implies a dependence on the power spectrum, i.e. on DM models

WDM power spectrum

DM model	$M_{hm} (M_{\odot})$
LA8	1.3×10^8
LA9	2.6×10^8
LA10	5.3×10^8
LA11	9.2×10^8
LA120	3.1×10^9
WDM 2	1.6×10^9
WDM 3	4.1×10^8
WDM 4	1.6×10^8

From Lovell et al. (2020)



In thermal WDM case the half-mode mass:

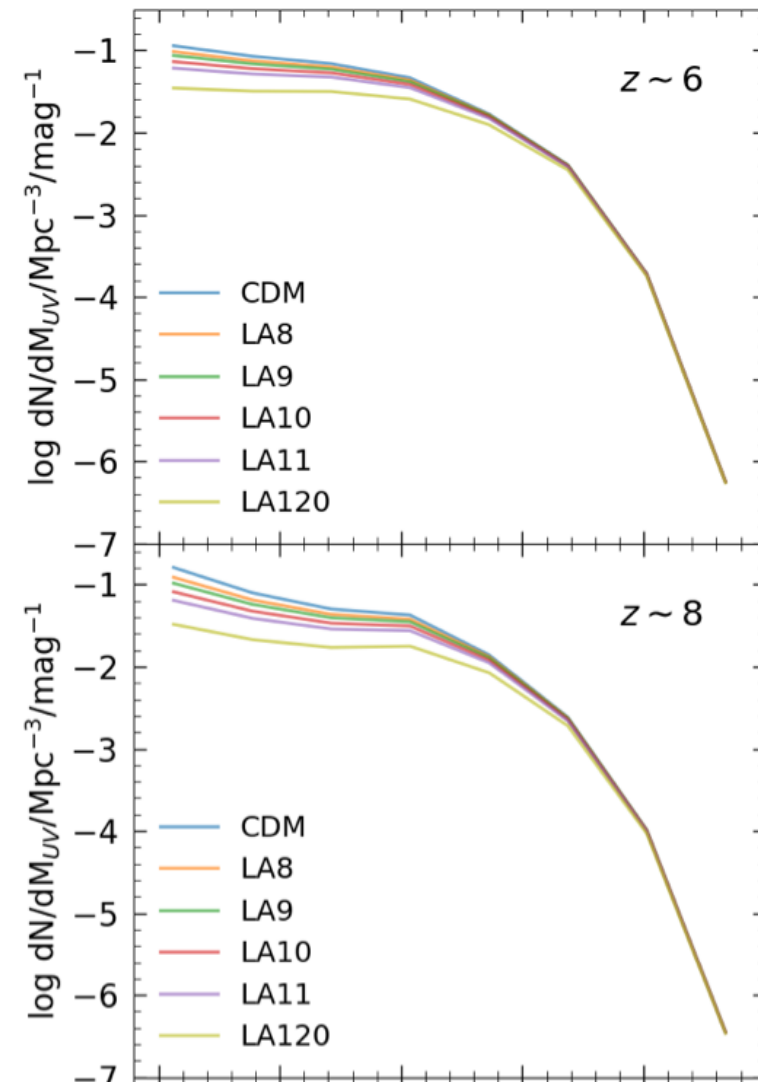
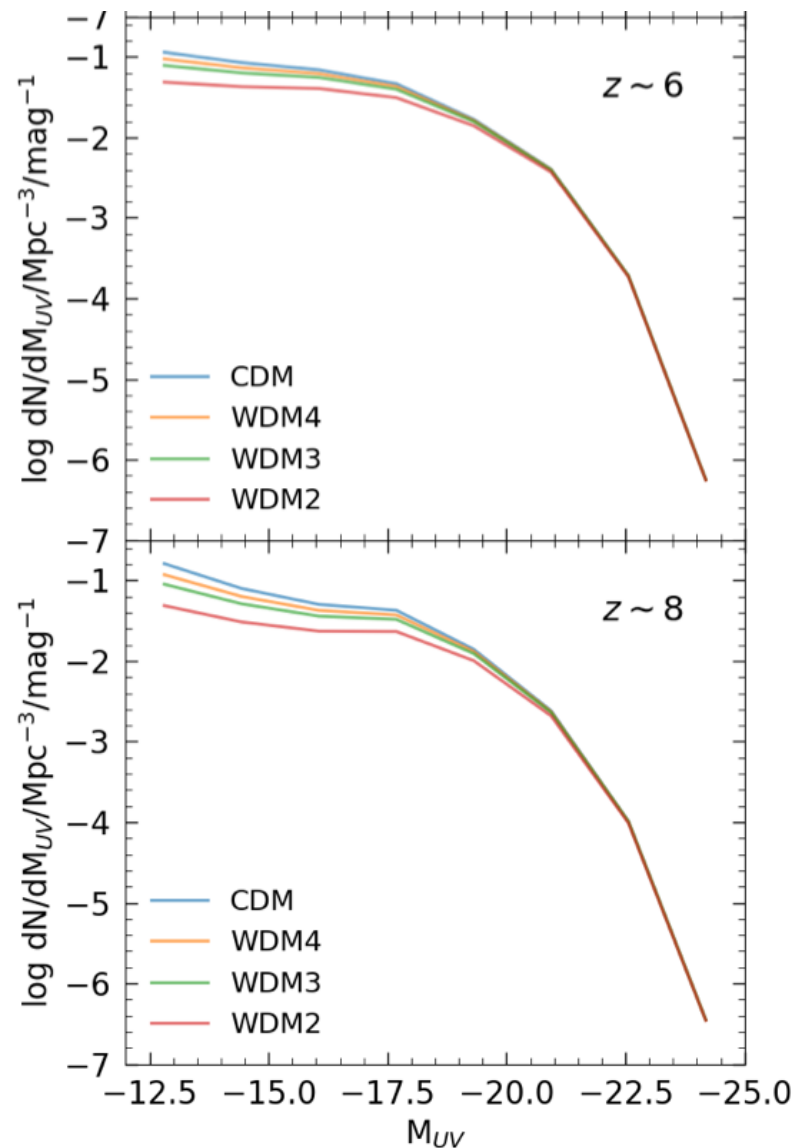
$$M_{hm} \approx 3 \times 10^8 \left(\frac{m_X}{3.3 \text{ keV}} \right)^{-3.33} M_{\odot}$$

LA9-LA10-LA11 are compatible with 3.5 keV emission line observed towards galaxy-clusters.

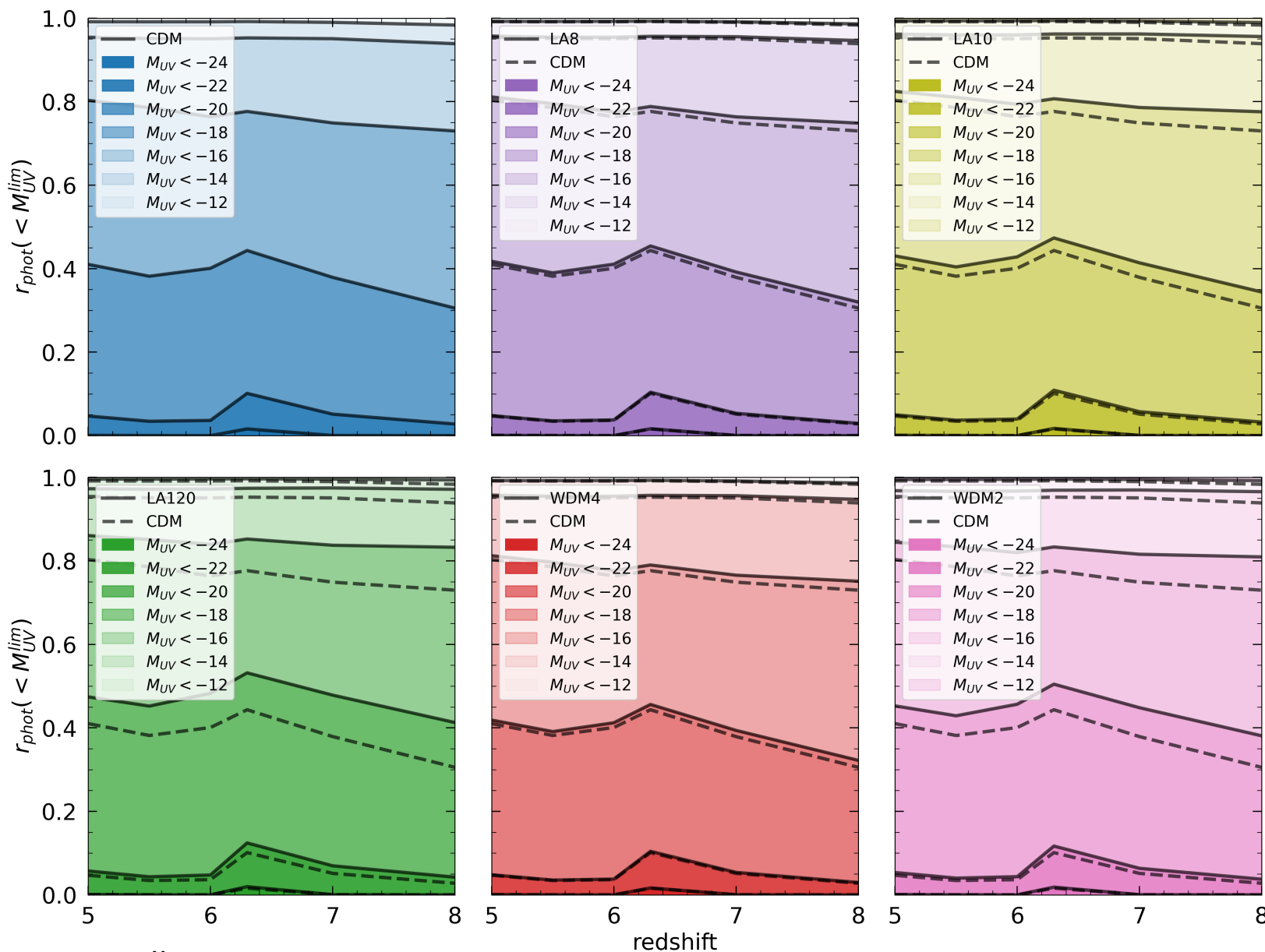
The UV Luminosity Function

We use the PANDA semi-analytic model (Menci+18) to compute UV LF with CDM and WDM power spectra under several assumptions on galaxy properties

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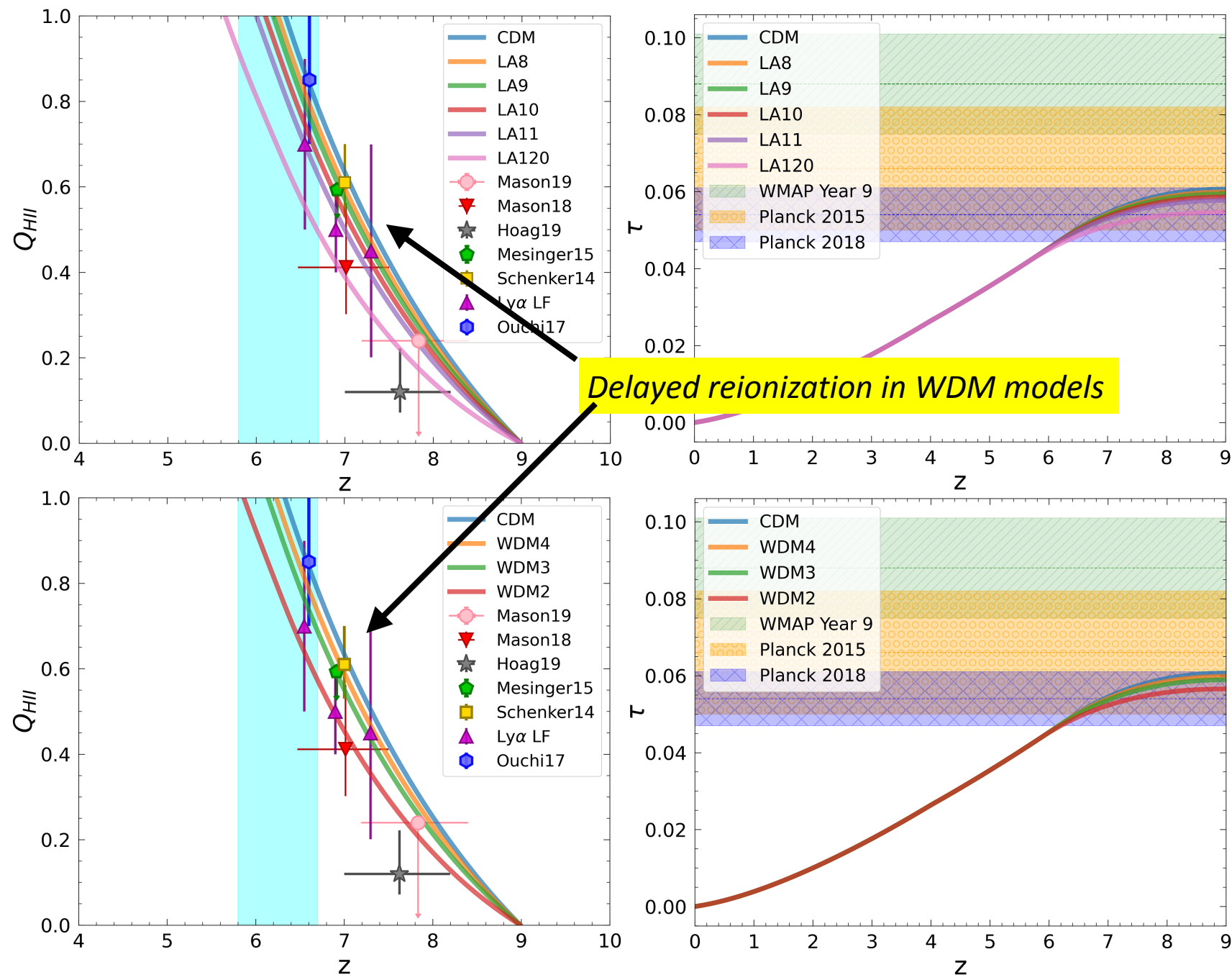


Reionization and UV magnitude



$$r_{\text{phot}}(< M_{\text{lim}}^{\text{UV}}) = \frac{\dot{N}_{\text{ion}}(M_{\text{UV}} < M_{\text{lim}}^{\text{UV}})}{\dot{N}_{\text{ion,tot}}}$$

1. Role of bright galaxies increases with time.
2. Faint galaxies are suppressed in WDM cosmologies.



Different DM models yield to different reionization histories

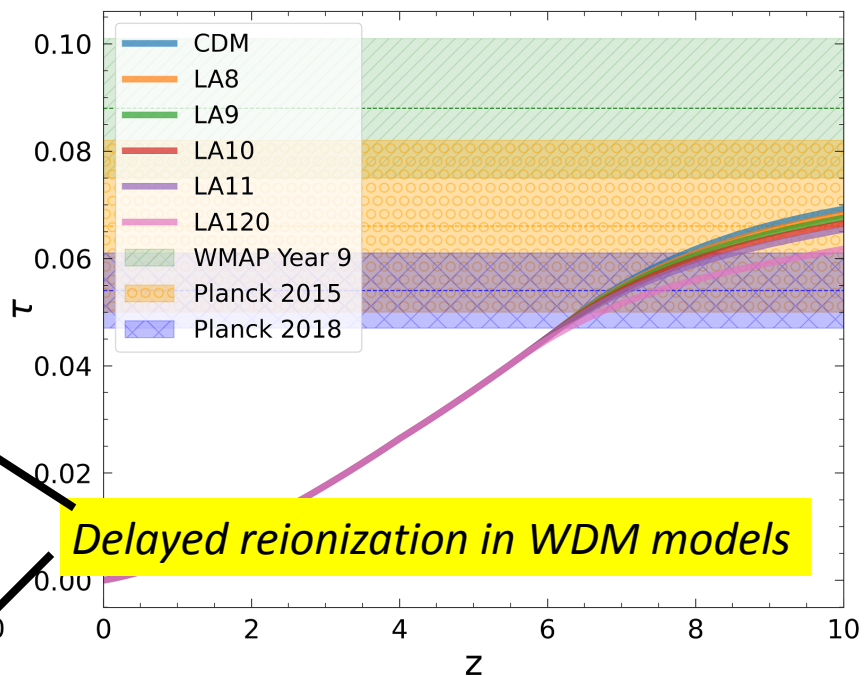
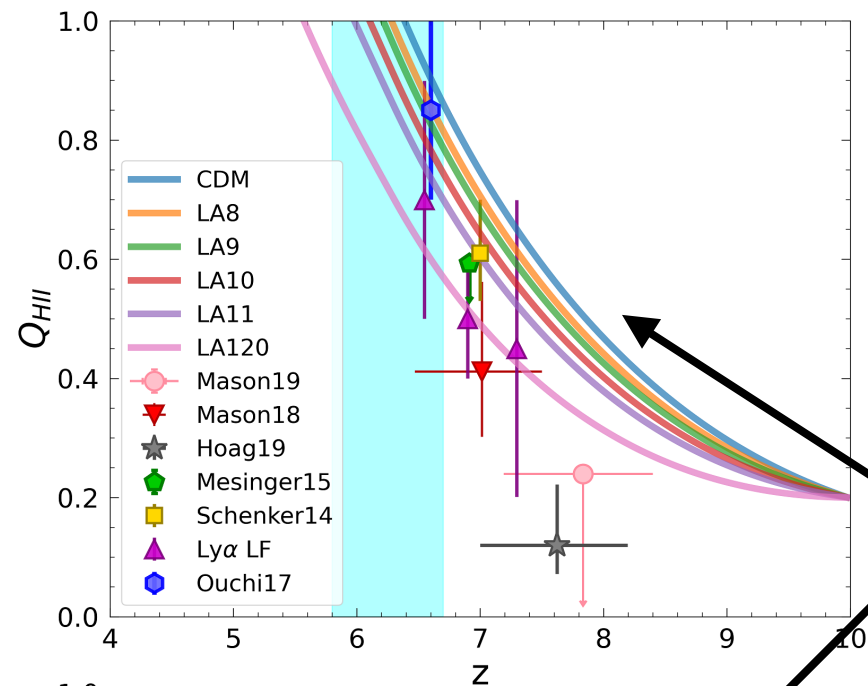
Current constraints are not strong enough to discriminate DM models, due also to degeneracies with galaxy properties (ionizing budget and escape fraction).

Probing highest redshifts with JWST will be fundamental.

$$Q_{\text{HII}}(z = 9) = 0.0$$

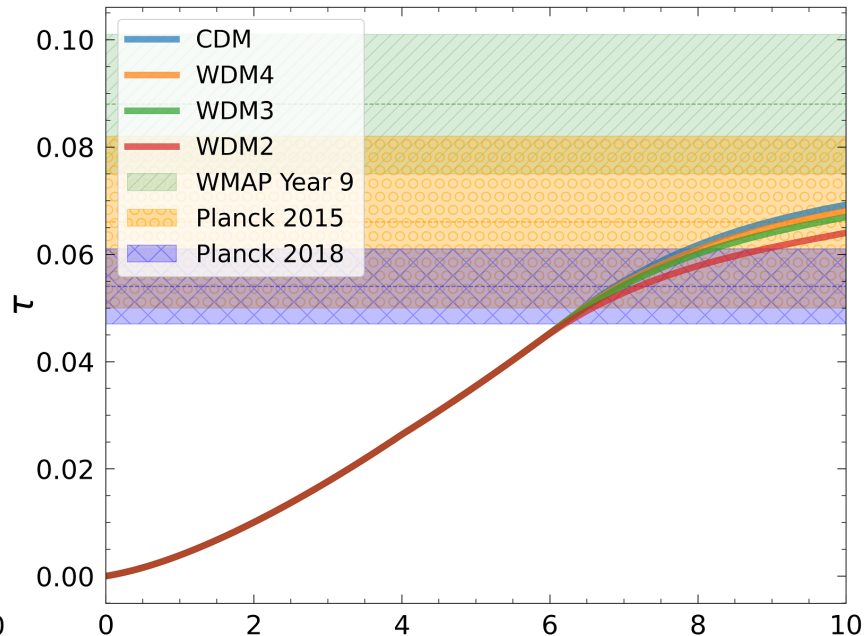
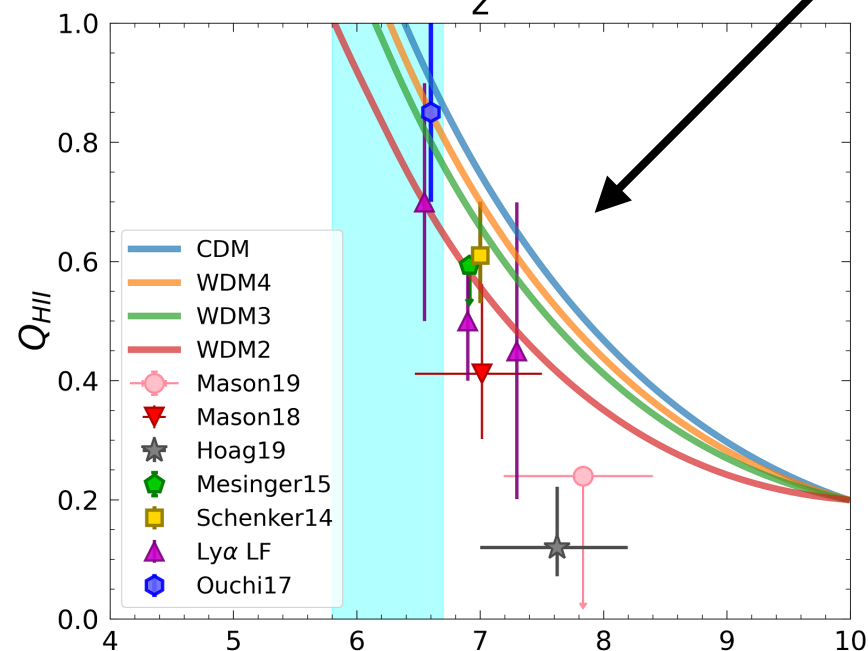
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Romanello, Menci, MC 2021



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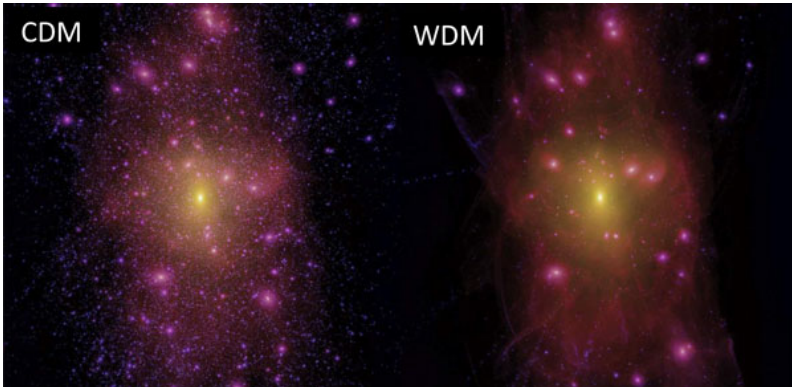


Probing highest redshifts with JWST will be fundamental.

$$Q_{HII}(z = 10) = 0.2$$

$$f_{\text{esc}} = 6\%$$

Summary and conclusion



- The abundance of faint galaxies at $z \sim 5-7$ yields strong constraints on DM models
- $m_\chi > 2.4$ keV for thermal relics at $2\text{-}\sigma$ level
- Sterile neutrinos from resonant production: unprecedented lower limits for $\sin^2(2\theta)$ as a function of m_{sterile} . E.g., for $m_{\text{sterile}} = 7$ keV we obtain $-10.4 < \log \sin^2(2\theta) < -9.8$ at $2\text{-}\sigma$ level
- The impact of faint-galaxies ($M_{\text{UV}} > -20$ or $M_{\text{halo}} < 10^{10.5} M_{\text{sun}}$) is dominant during the EoR ($z > 6$)
- WDM scenarios yield to an overall reduction of the ionizing photons and to a delay in Reionization process with respect to CDM
- Future JWST observation will be fundamental to constrain WDM models with very high-redshift galaxies