

Constraining dark matter properties with structure formation

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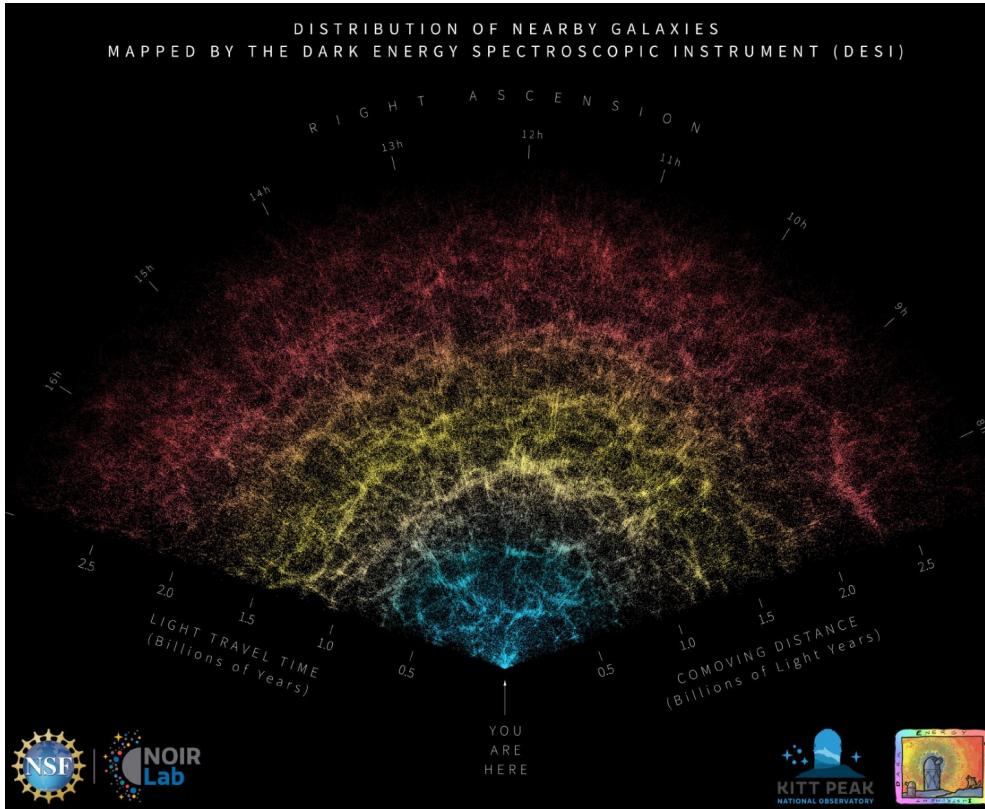
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$$\delta(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{n_{\text{gal}}(\mathbf{x}) - \bar{n}_{\text{gal}}}{\bar{n}_{\text{gal}}}$$

$$P(k) = < |\delta_{\mathbf{k}}|^2 >$$

$$\delta \sim 1$$



Galaxies

Webb's First Deep Field (NIRCam Image)

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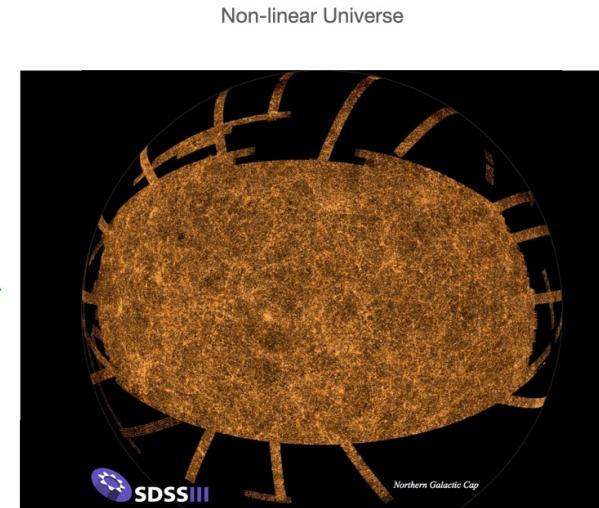
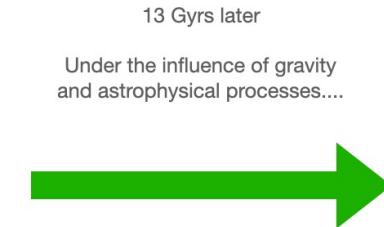
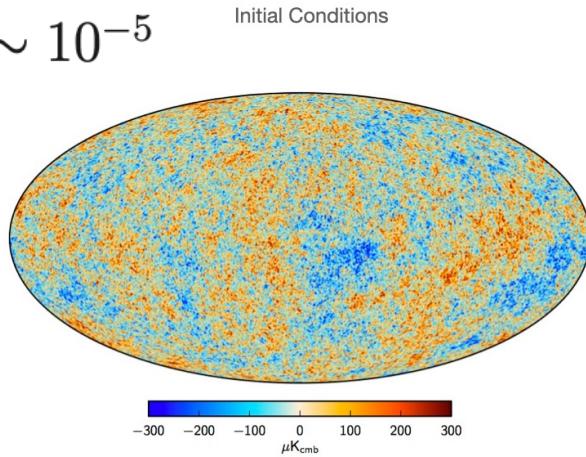


$$\delta \sim 10^6$$

Structure Formation

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$$\delta T/T \sim 10^{-5}$$



Λ CDM model:

- DM required at $>50\sigma$ from CMB data alone
- Support for hierarchical structure formation
- Quantitative understanding in terms of linear (Jeans) theory
 - + perturbation theories
 - + hydrodynamic simulations

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LARGE-SCALE BACKGROUND TEMPERATURE AND MASS FLUCTUATIONS DUE TO SCALE-INVARIANT PRIMEVAL PERTURBATIONS

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ABSTRACT

The large-scale anisotropy of the microwave background and the large-scale fluctuations in the mass distribution are discussed under the assumptions that the universe is dominated by very massive, weakly interacting particles and that the primeval density fluctuations were adiabatic with the scale-invariant spectrum $P \propto$ wavenumber. This model yields a characteristic mass comparable to that of a large galaxy independent of the particle mass, m_x , if $m_x \gtrsim 1$ keV. The expected background temperature fluctuations are well below present observational limits.

Subject headings: cosmic background radiation — cosmology — galaxies: formation



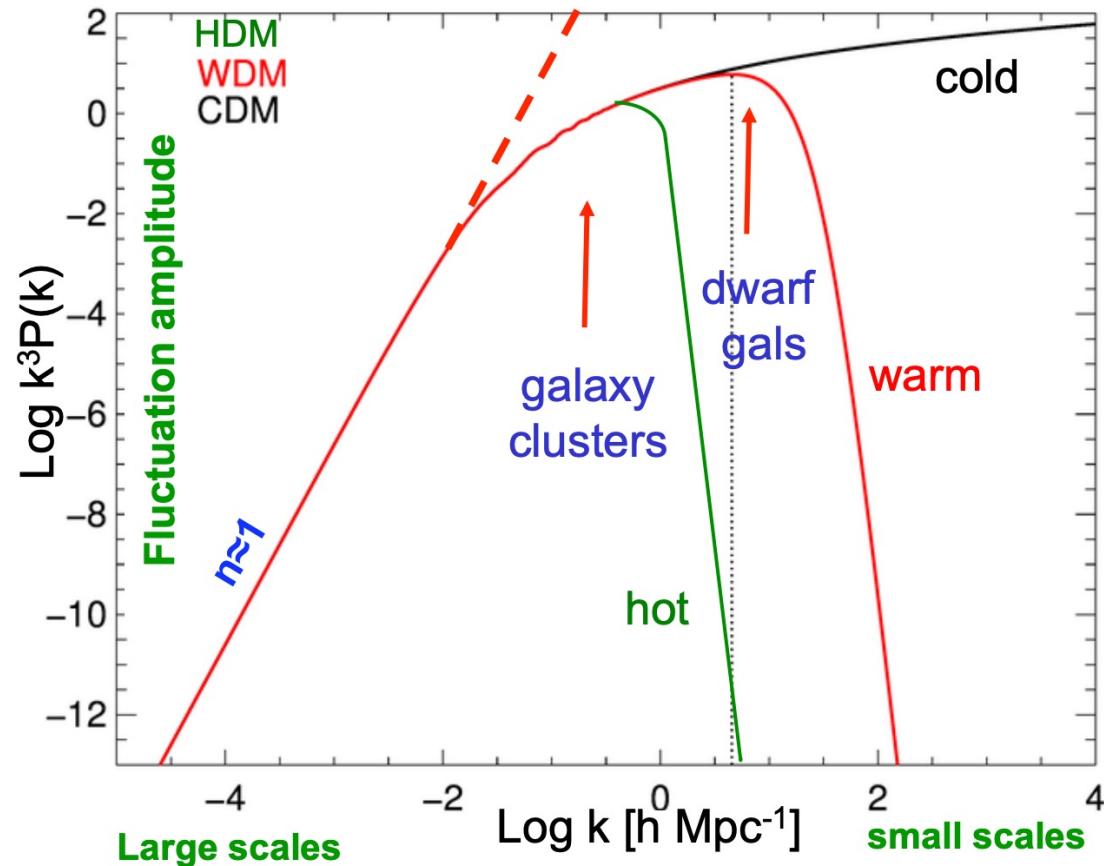
DM key ingredient in cosmic structure evolution
DM perturbations can grow before decoupling
(while baryon / radiation fluid oscillates)

Dark Matter Free Streaming

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$$\lambda_{\text{FS}} \propto m_{\text{DM}}^{-1}$$

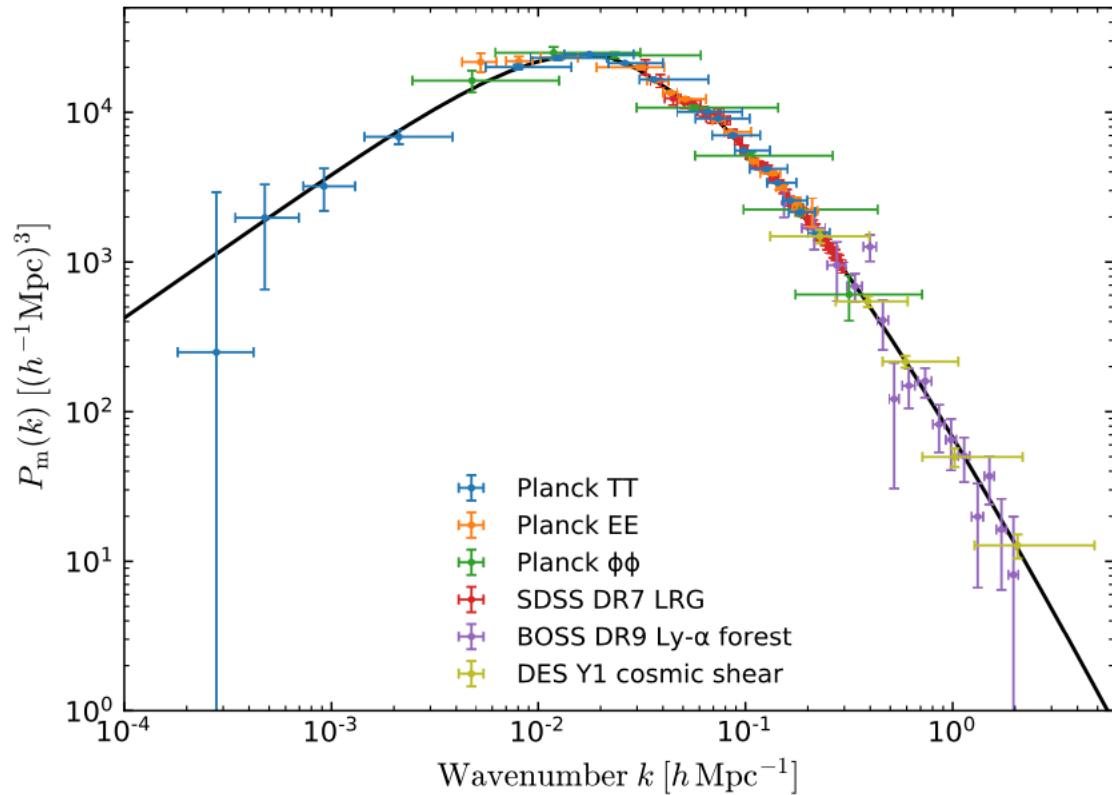
- $M_{\text{CDM}} \sim 100 \text{ GeV}$
SUSY – cutoff $10^{-6} M_\odot$
- $M_{\text{WDM}} \sim \text{few keV}$
sterile ν – cutoff $10^9 M_\odot$
- $M_{\text{HDM}} \sim \text{few eV}$
neutrinos – cutoff $10^{15} M_\odot$



The linear matter power spectrum $P(k)$

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- Fluctuations are now measured from a variety of observables
- Spanning a wide range of scales and redshifts
- Important tests for fundamental physics and structure formation processes



Crisis of (cold) dark matter at small scales?

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- Missing satellite problem: more Milky Way subhaloes than there are observed satellites
- Cusp-core problem: simulations tend to predict cuspy DM profiles while in some cases cored profile seemed to be preferred
- Too-big-to fail problem: DM sims have ~ 10 massive subhaloes with $V_{\text{max}} > 10$ km/s but only ~ 3 are observed
- The satellite-disk problem: a plane of corotating dwarf galaxies orbiting Andromeda

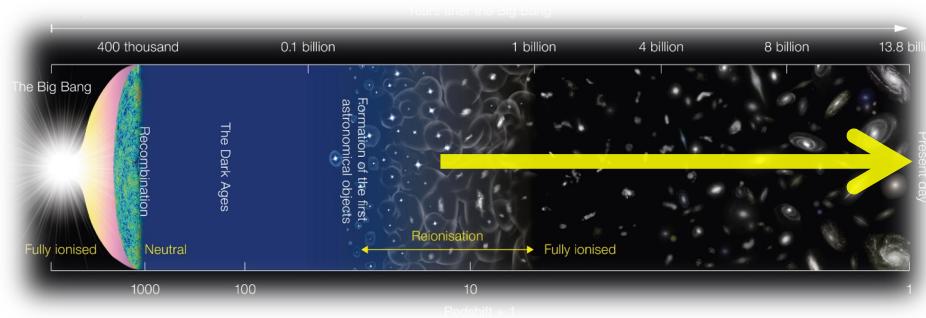
Crisis of (cold) dark matter at small scales?

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- Missing satellite problem: more Milky Way subhaloes than there are observed satellites
Solution: more satellites have been observed and then most of the subhaloes do not form stars due to reionization
- Cusp-core problem: simulations tend to predict cuspy DM profiles while in some cases cored profile seemed to be preferred
Solution: physics of star formation can alter the profile
- Too-big-to fail problem: DM sims have ~10 massive subhaloes with $V_{\text{max}} > 10 \text{ km/s}$ but only ~3 are observed
Solution: physics of galaxy formation can reduce circular velocity in subhaloes
- The satellite-disk problem: a plane of corotating dwarf galaxies orbiting Andromeda
Solution: statistical ensemble of simulated Andromeda-like galaxies reduce the fine-tuning

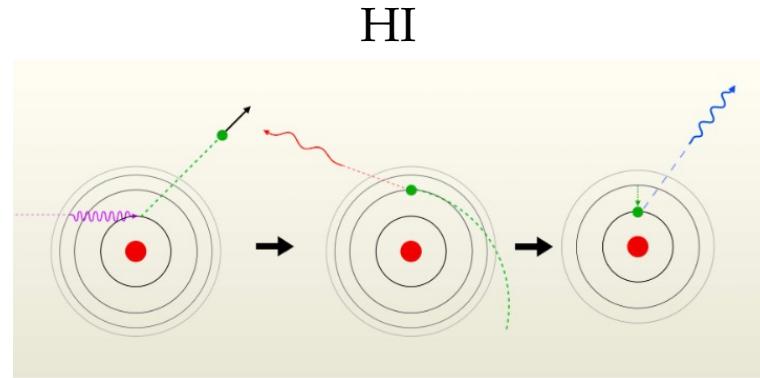
Intergalactic Medium

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Post-reionization Universe

- Complementary to Cosmic Microwave Background (CMB) and local probes
- More linear Universe (simpler physics?)
- High-z galaxies are cold gas (HI) dominated
- Large **uncharted** volume: JWST, LSST, Euclid, DESI, Intensity Mapping (IM) experiments

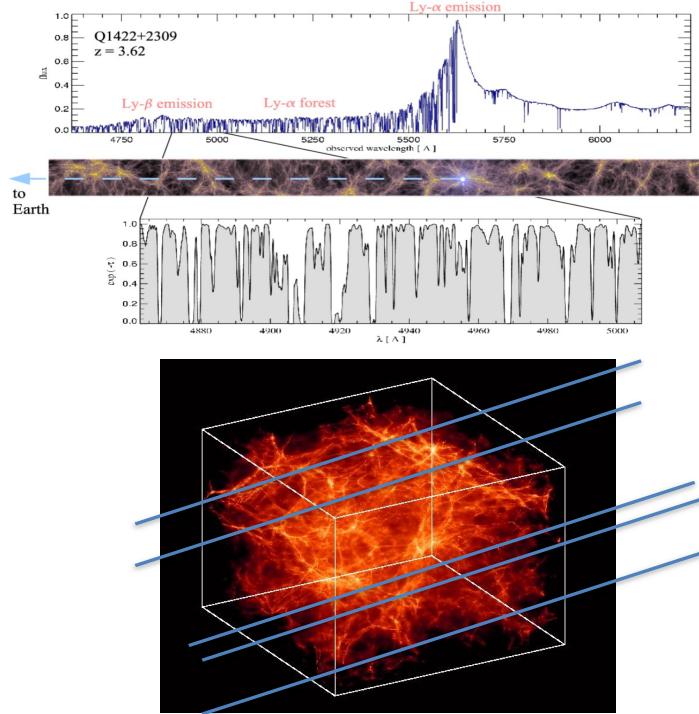


$$\lambda = \lambda_0(1 + z)$$
$$\lambda_0 = 1215.67 \text{ \AA}$$

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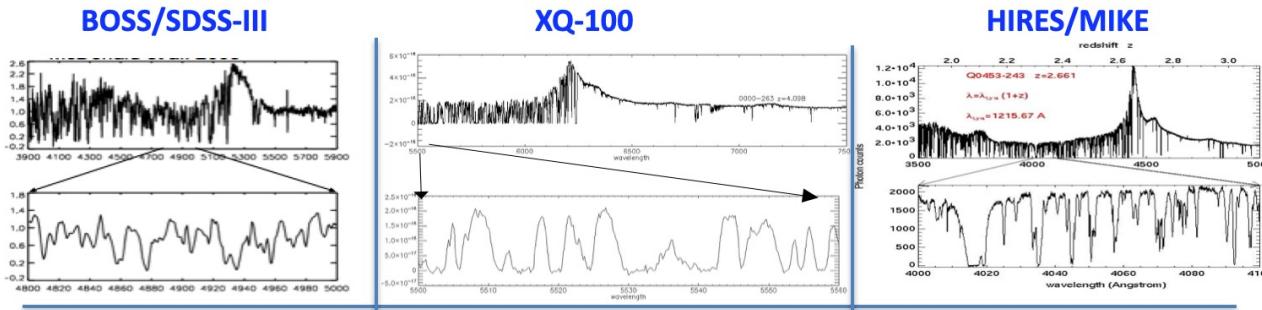
The Lyman-alpha forest



- **Intergalactic medium:** filaments at low density (outside galaxies) - distances spanned 0.1–100 Mpc/h
- Lyman-alpha forest its the main manifestation of the IGM
- High redshift observable, 1D projected power (but also 3D)

Data

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Low resolution BOSS and SDSS-III spectra S/N~2-3 - 160,000 spectra

Used to detect BAOs at $z=2.3$ and correlations in the transverse direction

Used to place stringent constraints on neutrino masses <0.12 eV

*Busca+13, Slosar+14, Font-Ribera+14
Palanque-Delabrouille+15
Seljak+06, Baur+16, Yeche+17 etc.*

Medium resolution X-Shooter VLT spectra S/N ~ 30

100 spectra at $z>3.5$

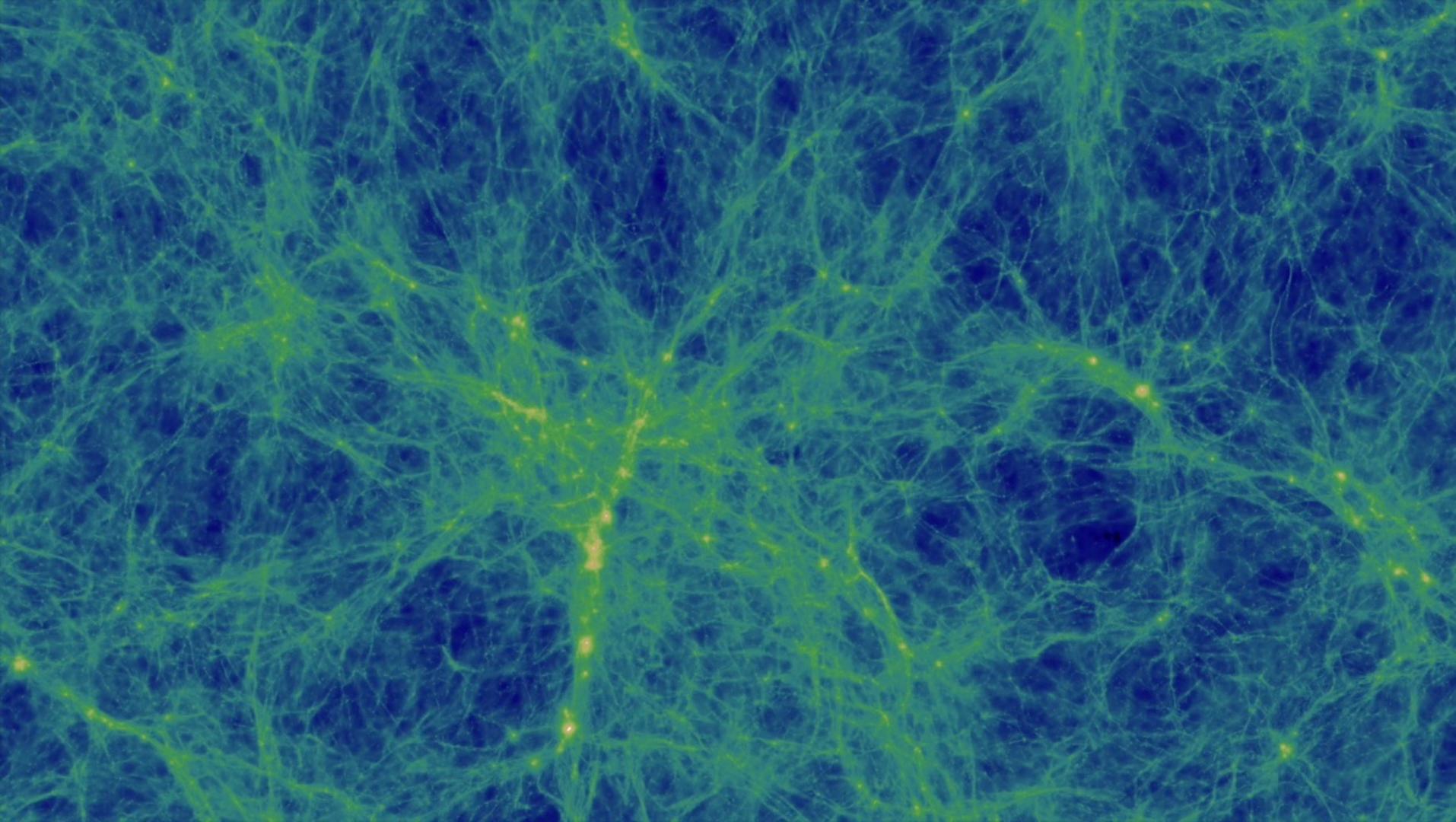
Used to place stringent constraints on Warm Dark Matter in combination with high res. spectra

*Irsic, MV+ 17a, 17b
Lopez+16, Irsic+16*

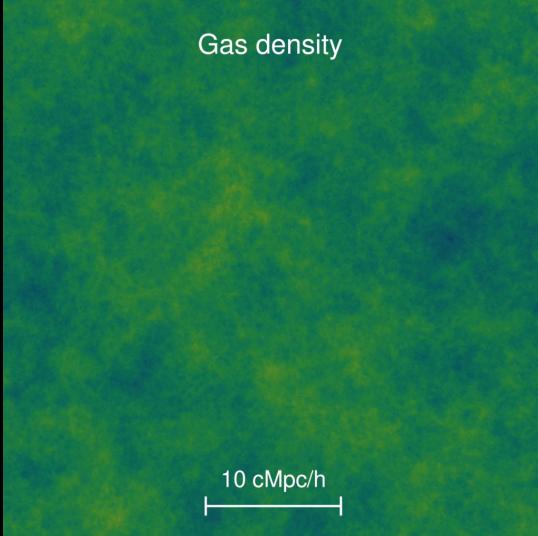
High resolution VLT or Keck spectra S/N ~100 - hundreds of spectra

Used for WDM, astrophysics of the IGM and galaxy formation, variation of fundamental constants

*MV+05, 08, 13, Becker+11
Yeche+17, Garzilli+18,
Bosman+18*



Gas density



Gas temperature $z=20.0$



HII fraction

HII photoionisation rate

The simulations - I

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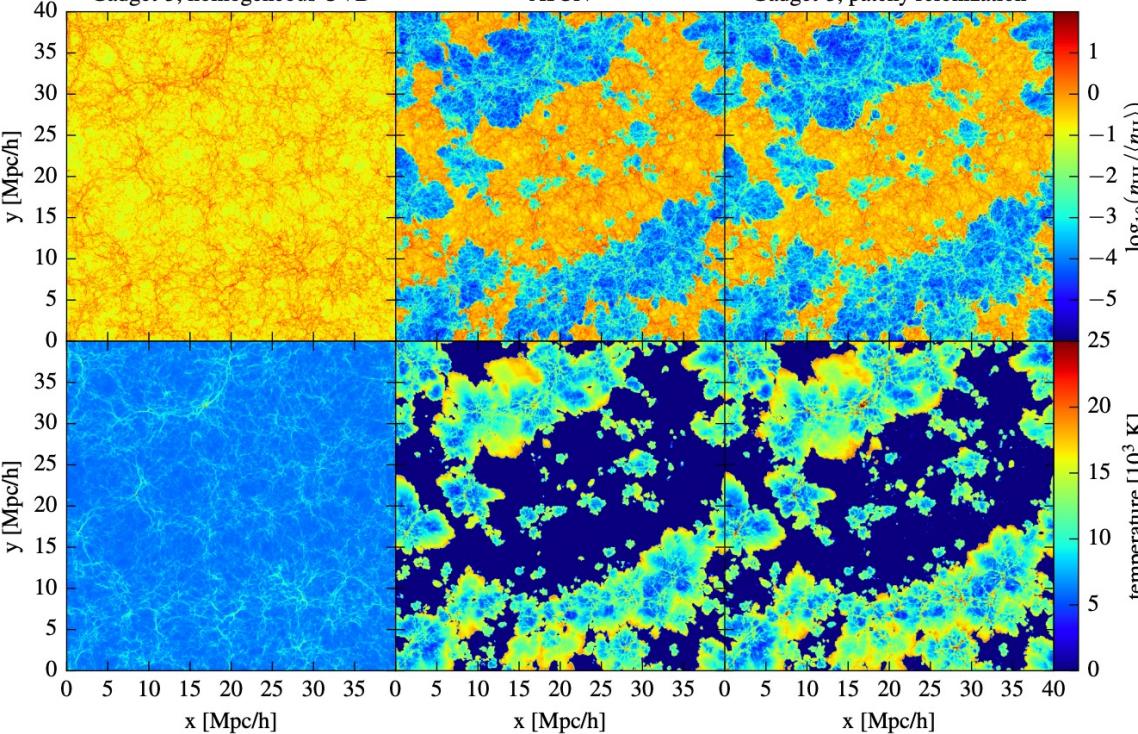
<https://www.nottingham.ac.uk/astronomy/sherwood/>

z=7 (with reionization finishing at z=5.3)

Gadget-3, homogeneous UVB

ATON

Gadget-3, patchy reionization



Bolton+17

Puchwein, Bolton+23



J. Bolton

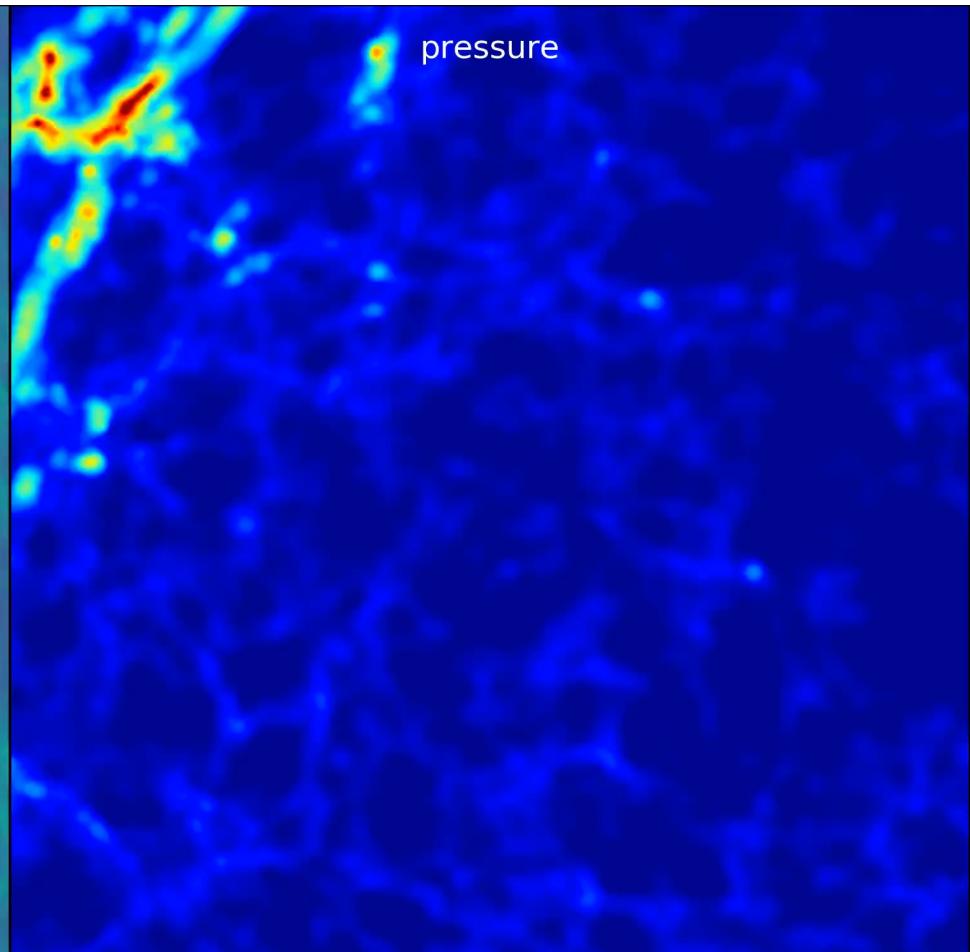
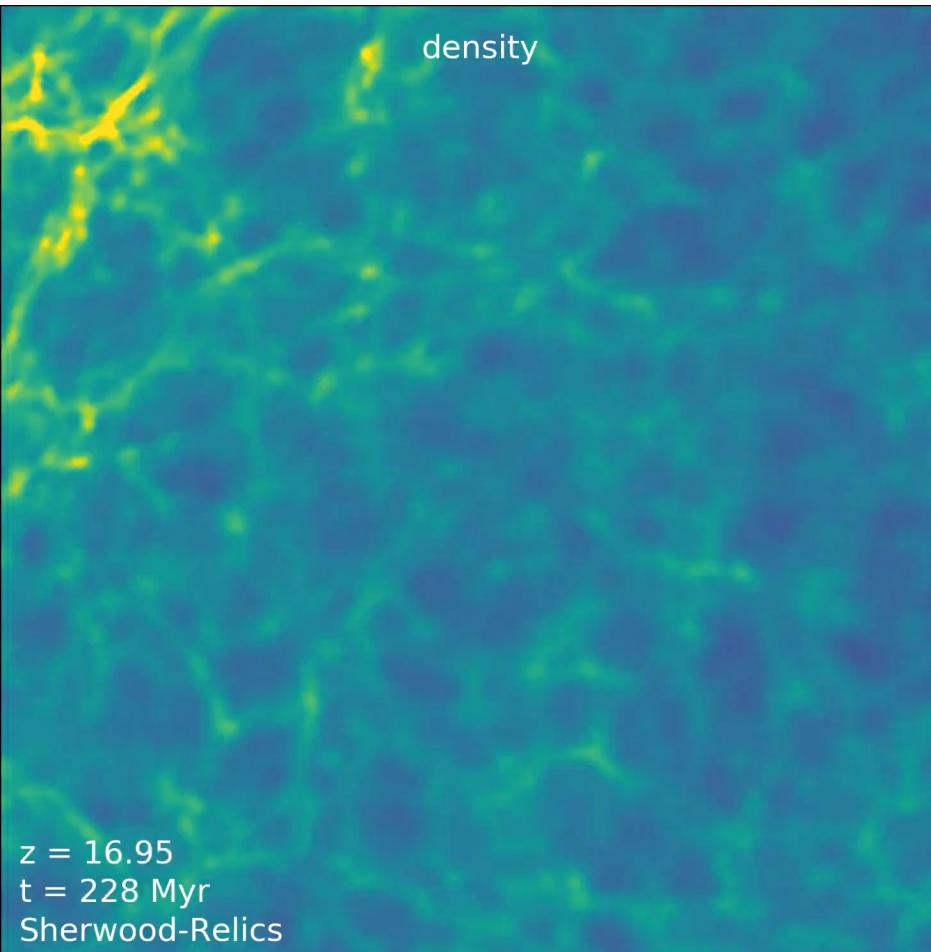


E. Puchwein

- **Sherwood-Relics suite** (>200 simulations: boxes 5-160 cMpc/h; $M_{\text{gas}} = 3.7 \times 10^3 - 6.4 \times 10^6 M_{\odot}$)
– about 75 Million CPU hrs (2017-now)
- G3 code + ATON to perform radiative transfer for patchy reionization
- Focus (and model calibration) on the high-z ($z > 4$) forest

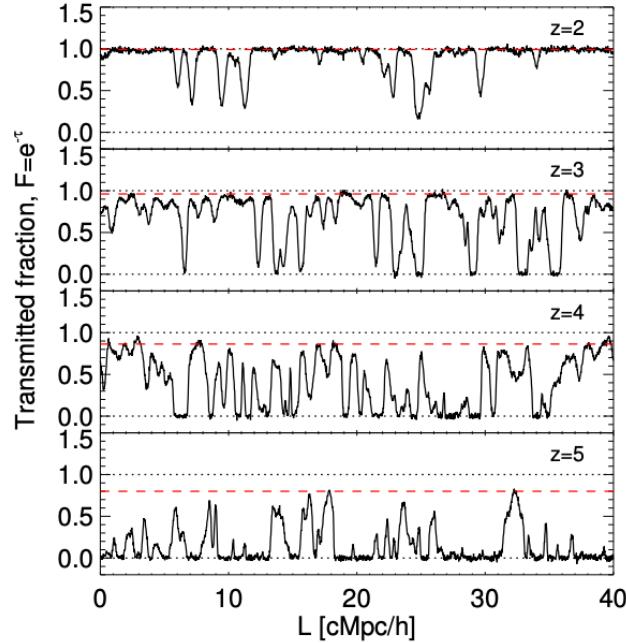
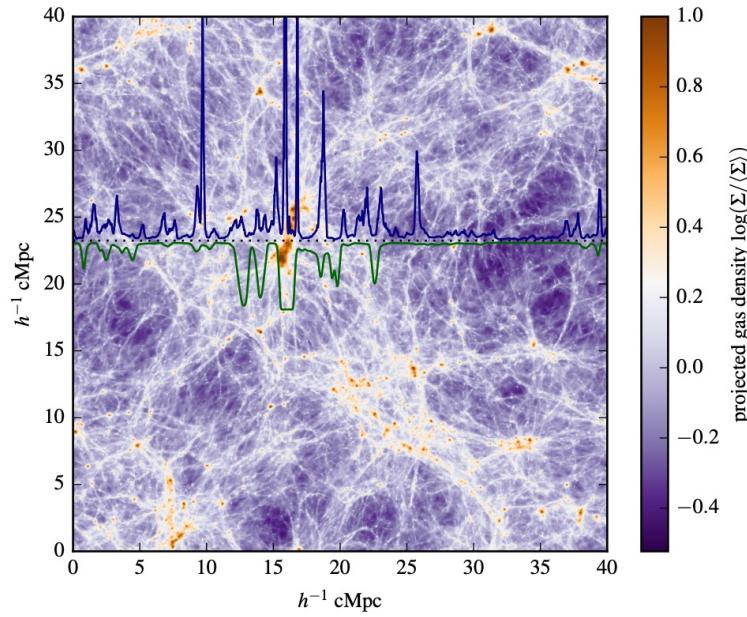
The simulations - II

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The simulations - III

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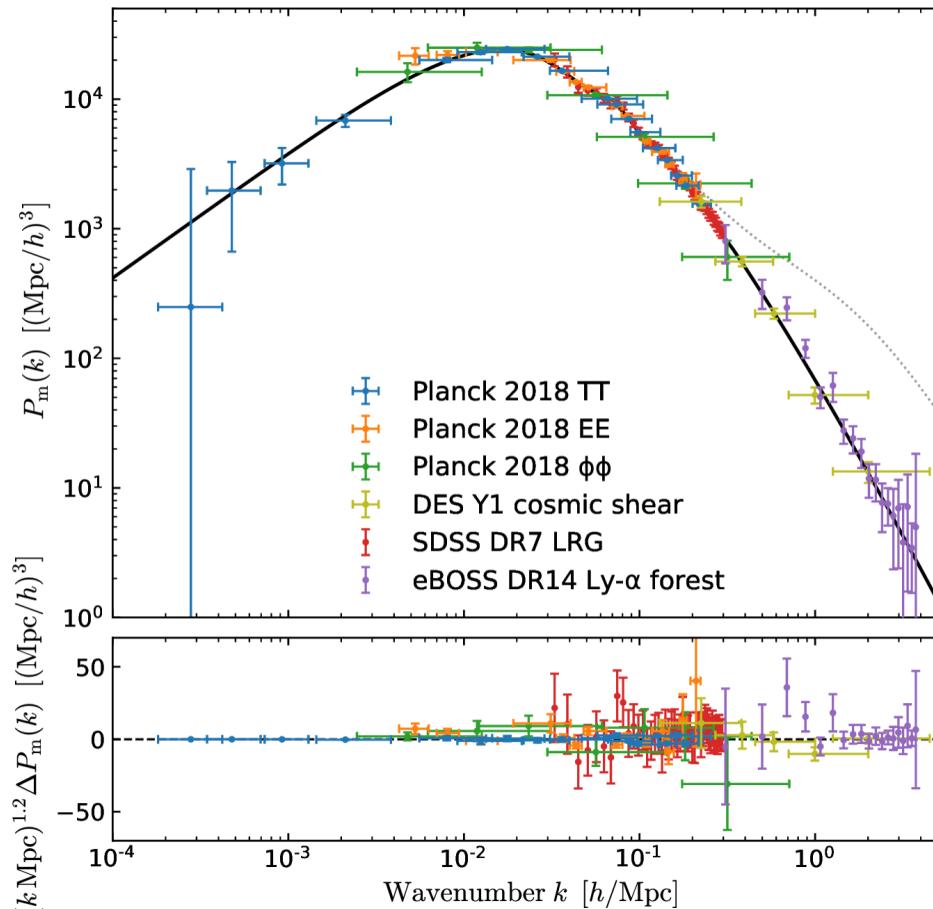
- Most of the flux statistics are in agreement with Λ CDM – 216,000 flux models fed into MCMC analysis

Increasing $z \rightarrow$ increasing HI \rightarrow more absorption

Long lever arm of the linear power spectrum

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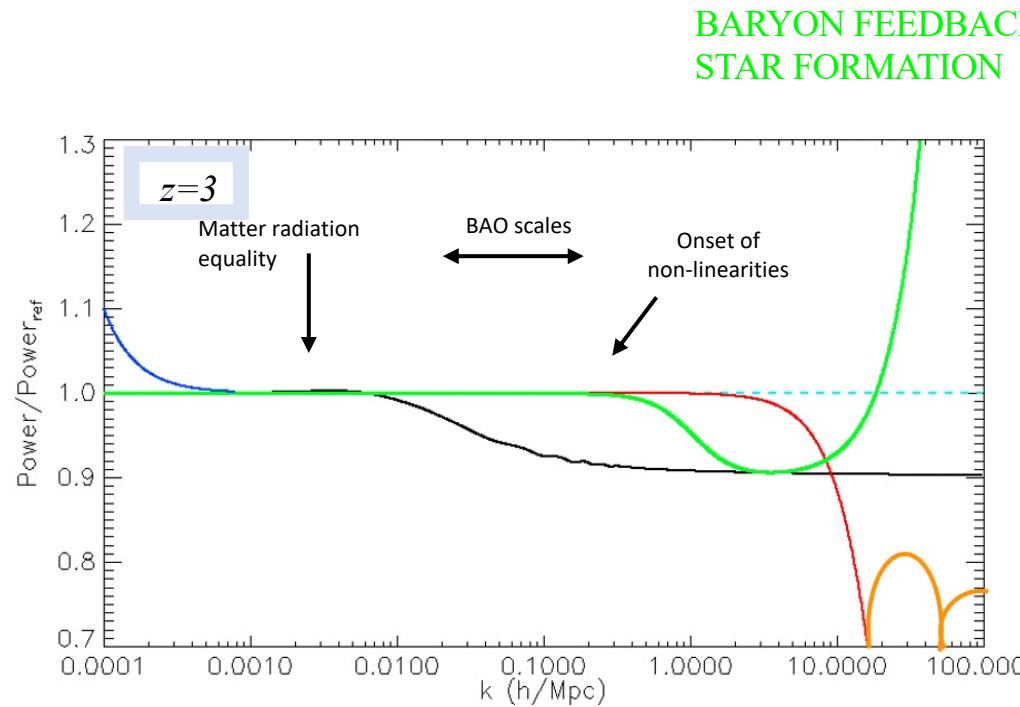
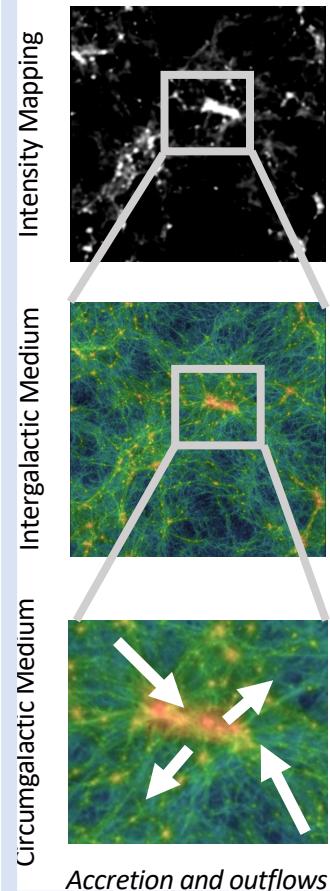
Chabrier+19



Two reasons for why
Ly α is so constraining:

- 1) 1D is projected power.
- 2) We are at high- z
possibly closer
to linear regime.

Physical Scales



Large scales

Small scales

BARYON FEEDBACK and
STAR FORMATION

LARGE SCALES with
IM (Rel. effects or Non-Gaussianities)

REFERENCE MODEL

NEUTRINOS

DARK MATTER
Interacting with baryons

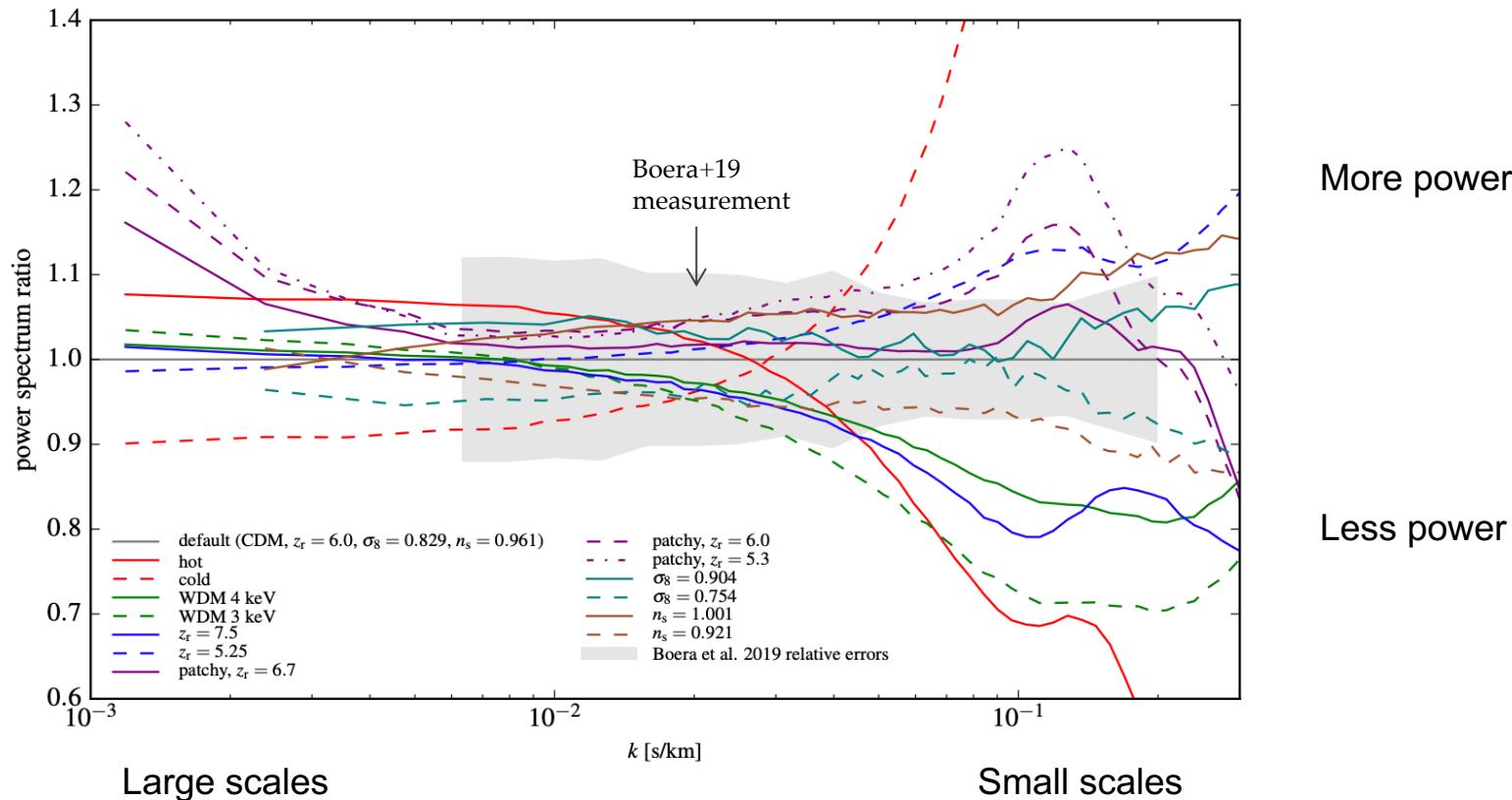
WARM DARK MATTER
(thermal)

HI measures density perturbations in a matter dominated regime!

Impact on 1D flux power

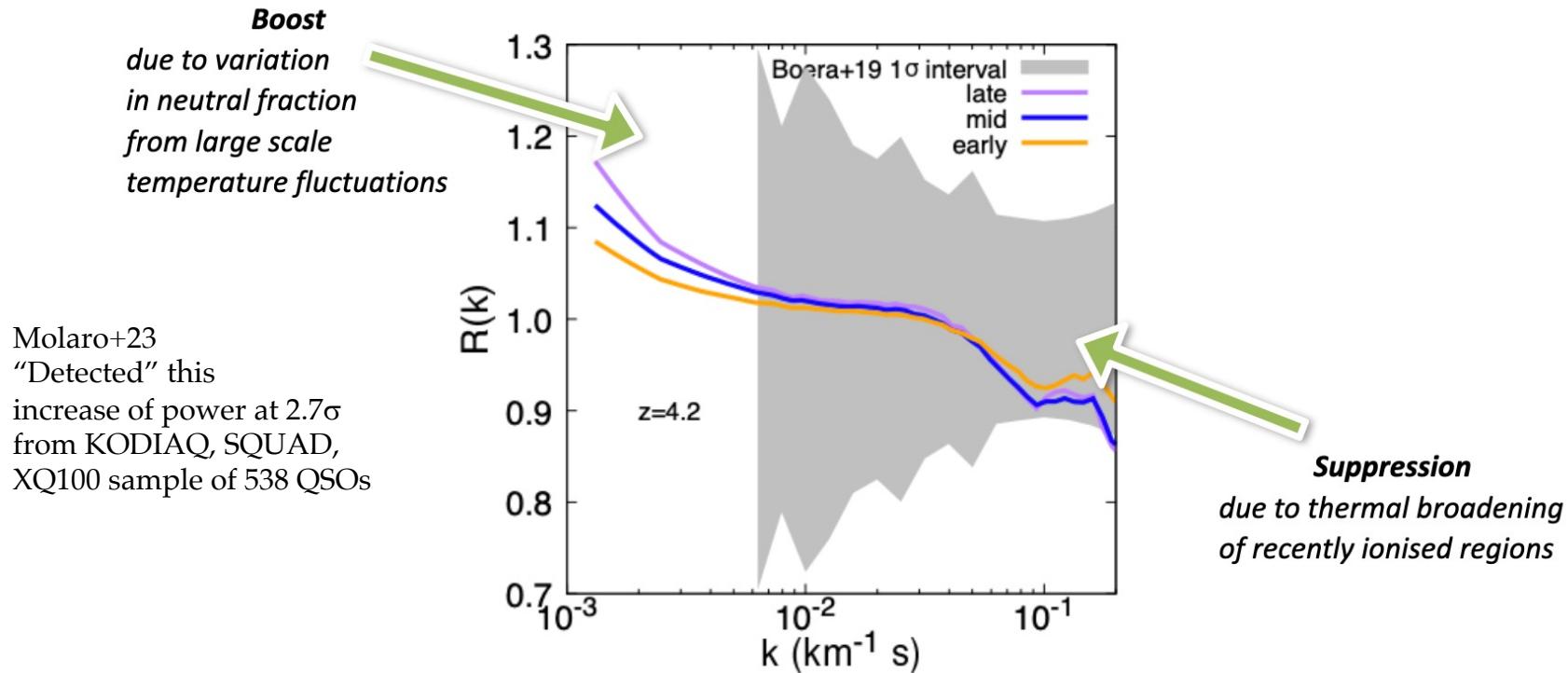
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Simulated 1D flux power @ $z=4.6$



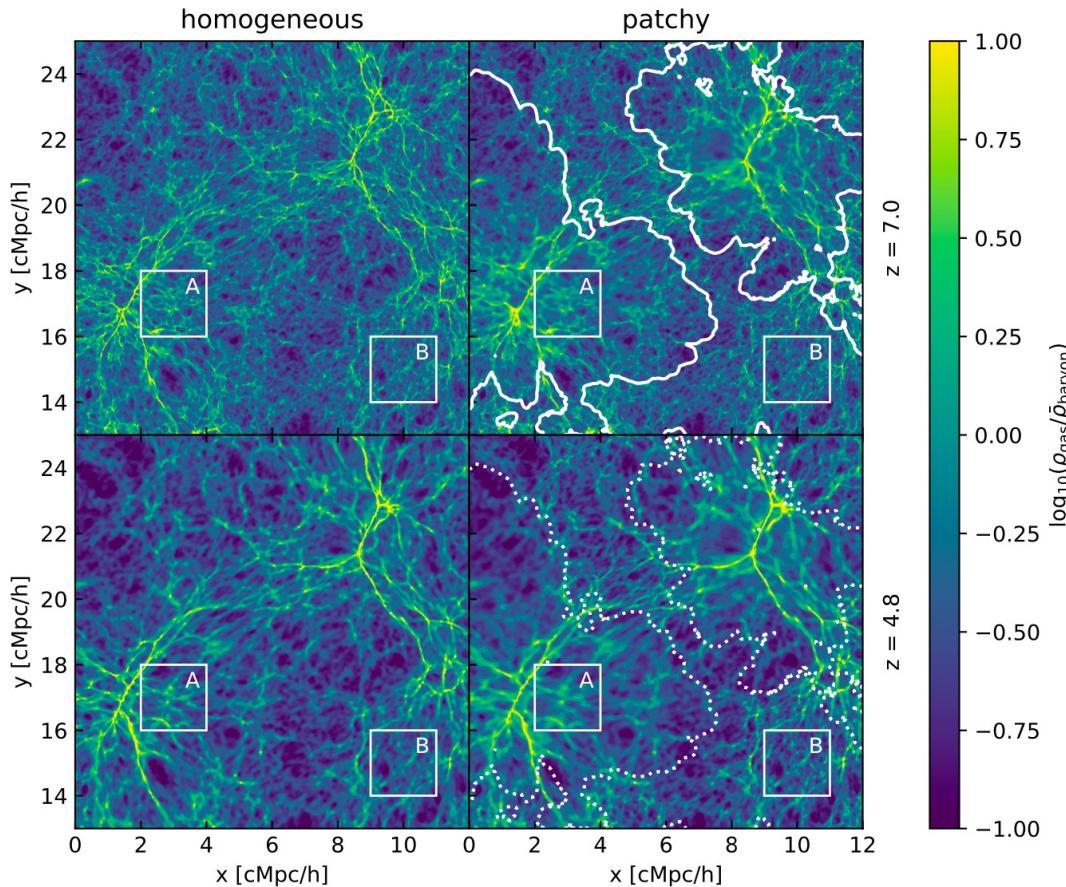
Patchy Reionization

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Puchwein+23

During reionization

After reionization is complete

Note:
Reionization ends
at $z = 5.4$

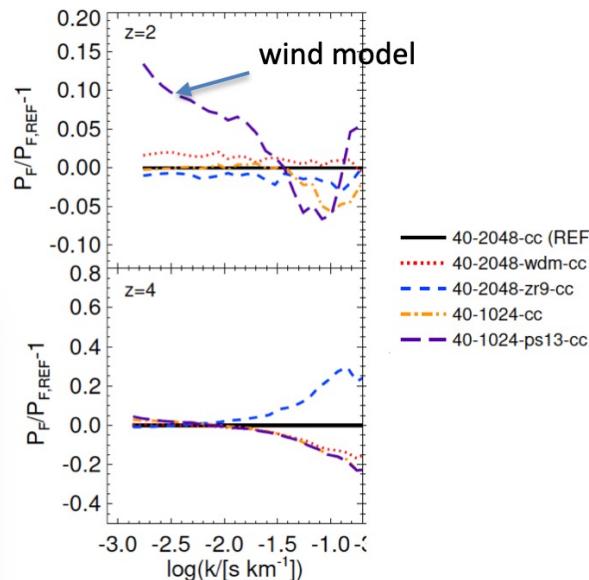
Galactic Feedback

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Low redshift:

constraining feedback

Known systematic errors
usually larger than statistical
errors



Temperature density
low density relation for the IGM
is largely unaffected by feedback,
while the amount of hot collisionally
Ionized gas changes

Viel+12
Bolton+17
Chabanier+23

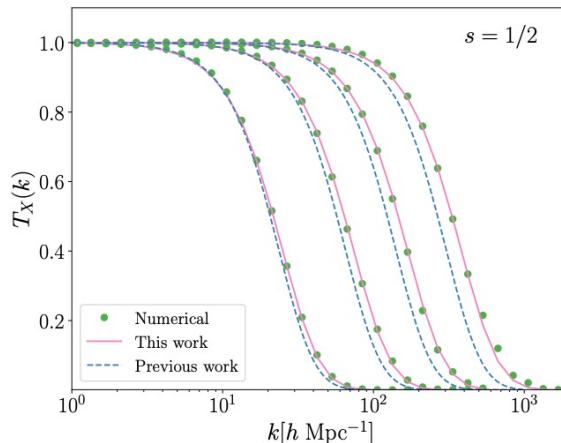
Matter power spectrum and WDM

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$$T(k) \equiv [1 + (k/k_{break})^p]^{-10/p} \quad \text{with } p = 2.24$$

$$k_{break} = \frac{1}{0.24} X^{0.83} \left(\frac{\omega_X}{0.25 \times 0.7^2} \right)^{0.16} \text{Mpc}^{-1} \quad \text{with } X \equiv \frac{m_X/T_X}{1 \text{ keV}} T_\nu^a$$

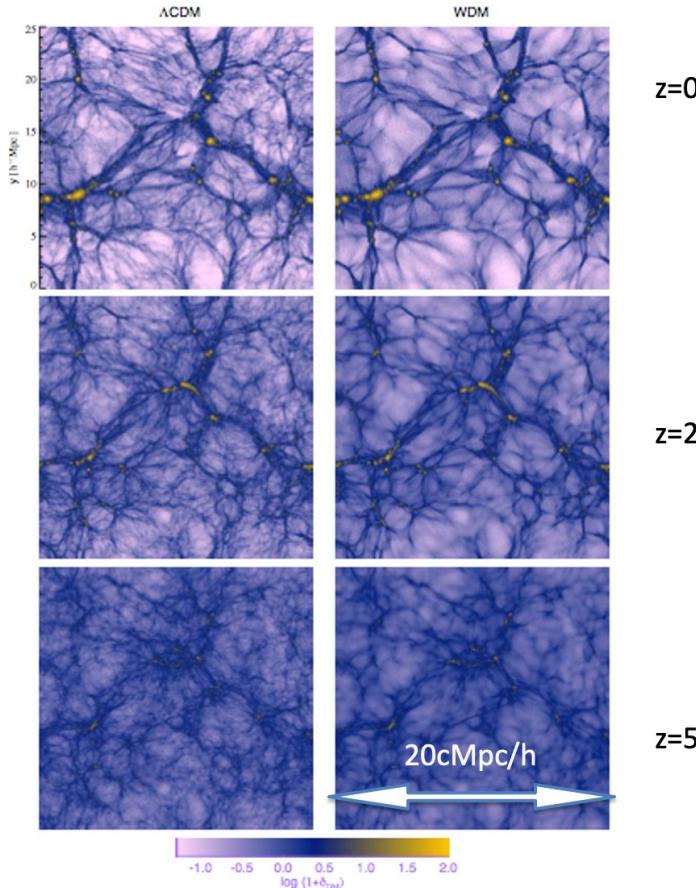
Important: unlike active neutrinos this depends on both DM density and X
Because free streaming horizon depends on those



Viel+05;
Vogel&Abazajian <https://arxiv.org/abs/2210.10753>

A warm cosmic web?

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$z=0$

$$k_{\text{FS}} \sim 15.6 \frac{h}{\text{Mpc}} \left(\frac{m_{\text{WDM}}}{1 \text{keV}} \right)^{4/3} \left(\frac{0.12}{\Omega_{\text{DM}} h^2} \right)^{1/3}$$

$z=2$

Free streaming scale
of thermal warm dark
matter

$z=5$

Viel et al 2005

The smoothing scales

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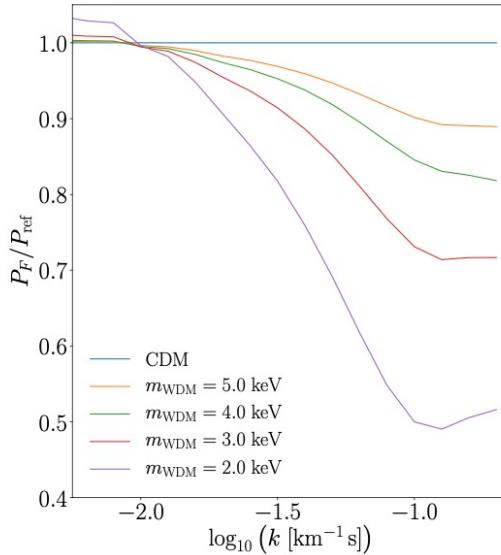
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Unveiling Dark Matter free-streaming at the smallest scales with high redshift Lyman-alpha forest

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WDM free streaming



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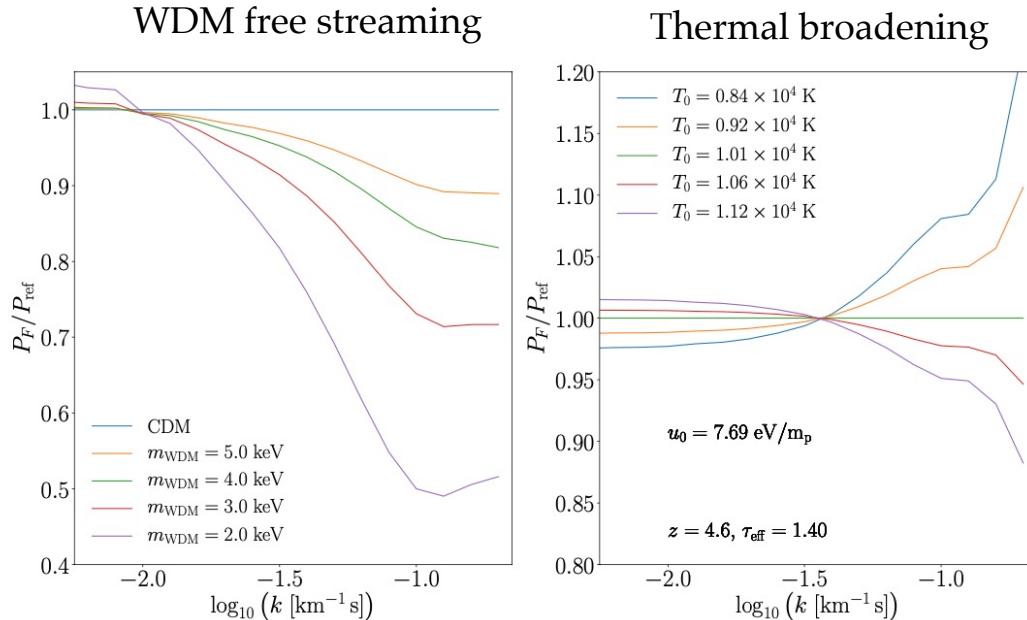
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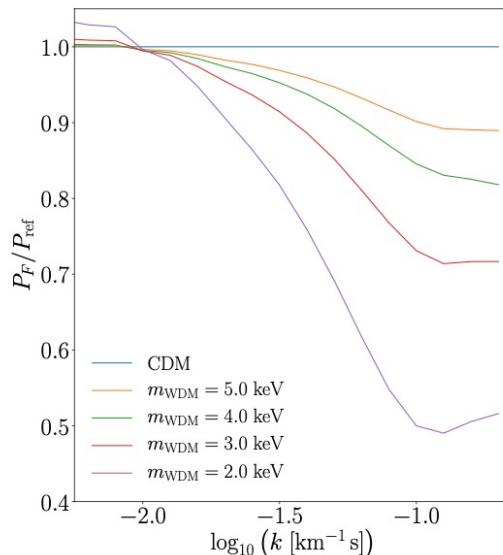
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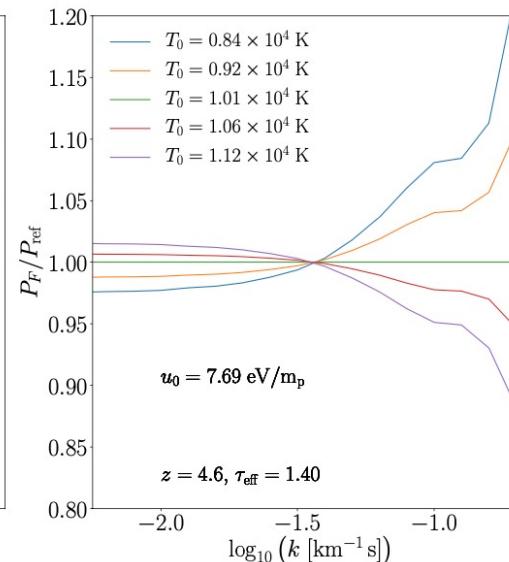
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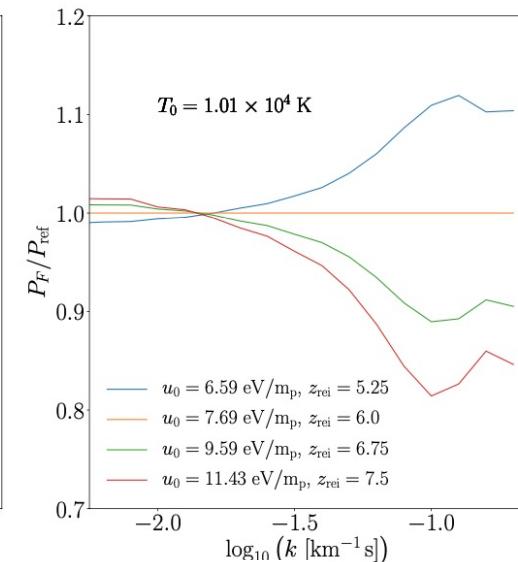
WDM free streaming



Thermal broadening



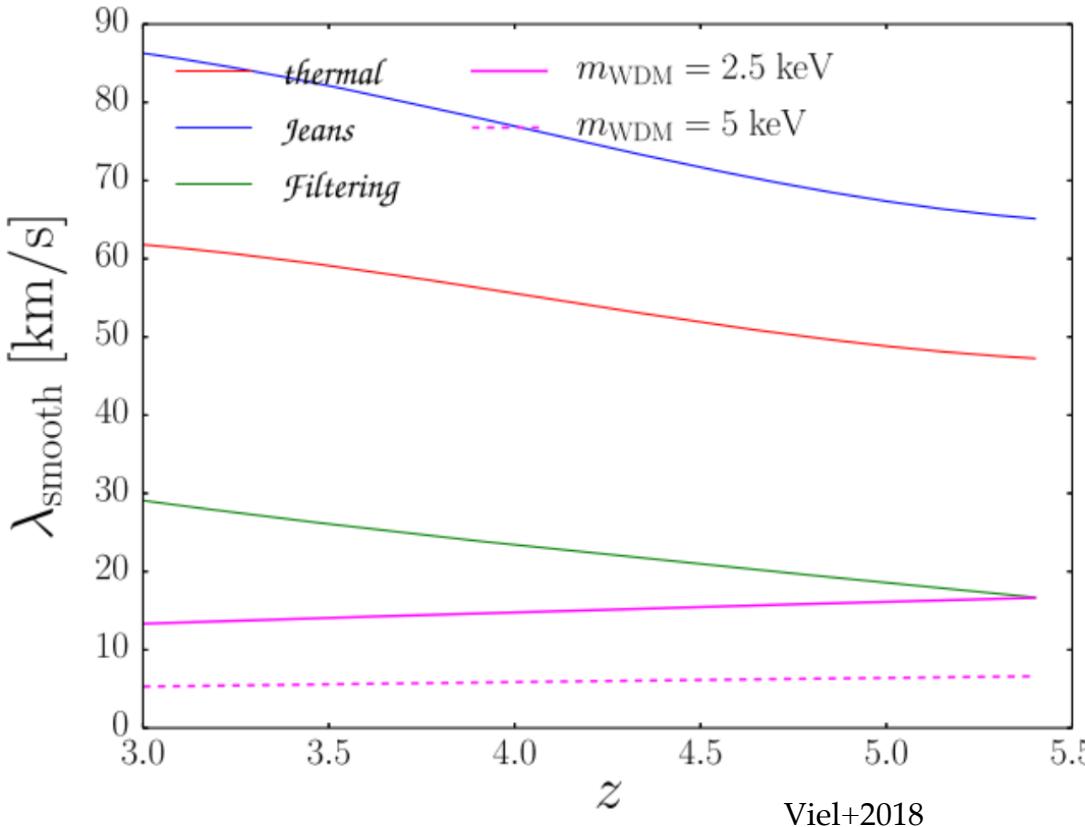
Gas pressure



$$u_0(t) = \int_0^t dt \frac{\mathcal{H}}{\bar{\rho}_m} \frac{3k_B}{2\mu} \quad \mathcal{H} \text{ is heating rate}$$

The smoothing scales - II

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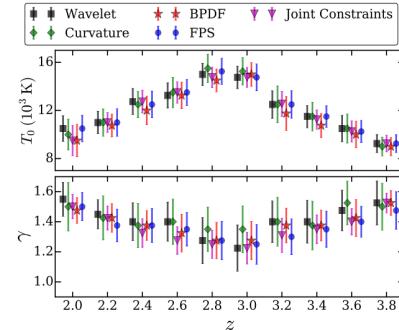
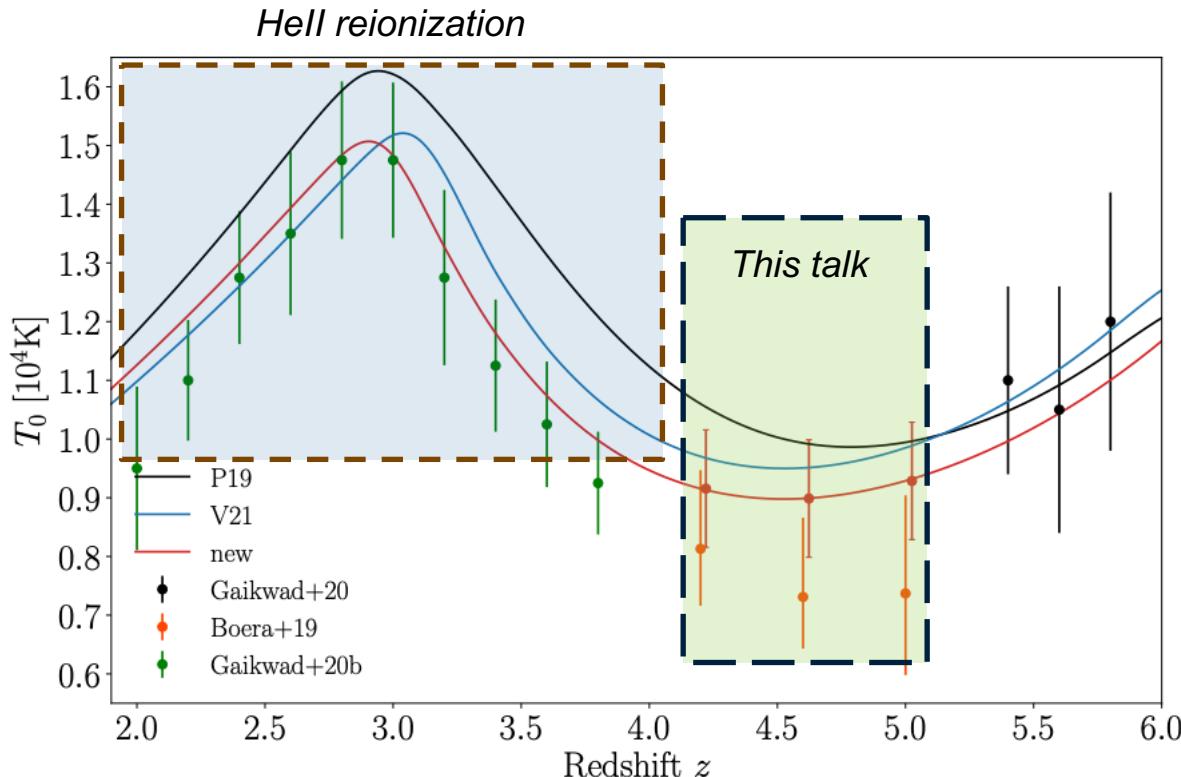


Different physical scales (on top of instrumental resolution) affect the power spectrum cutoff:

- thermal: instantaneous temperature at that redshift;
- filtering scale: depends on all the past thermal history – related to Jeans scale;
- WDM cutoffs are basically redshift independent

The IGM thermal state

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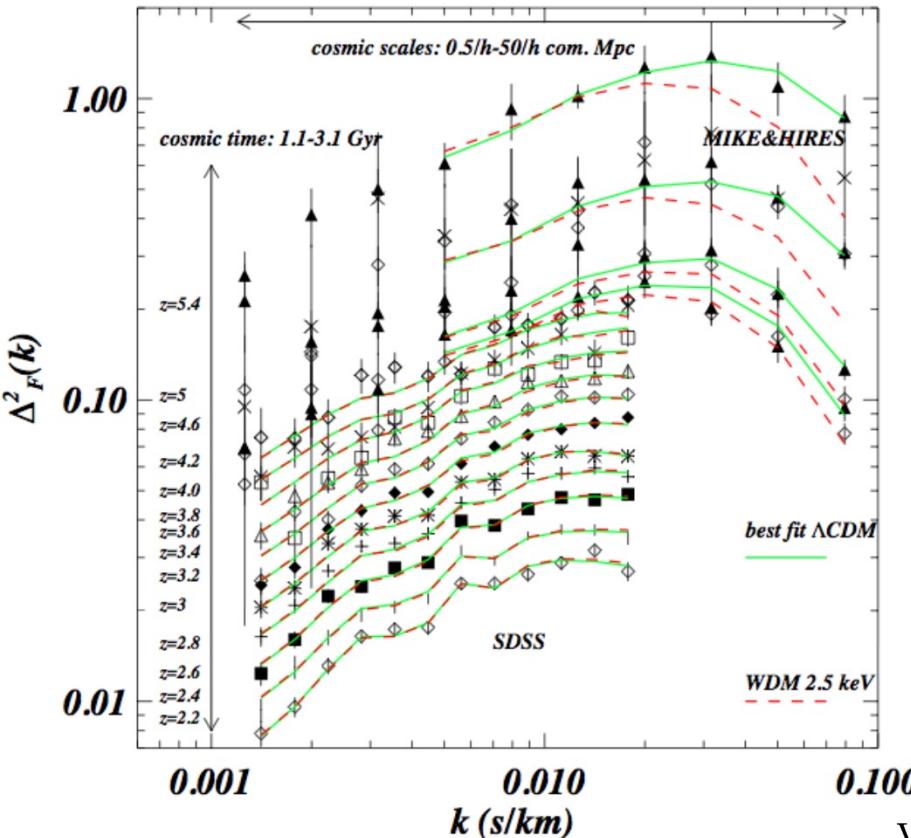


- Constraints obtained with a variety of data and methods
- Sensitive to lines rather than the lines' clustering
- HeII bump quite well detected

Large scales

Small scales

1D flux power



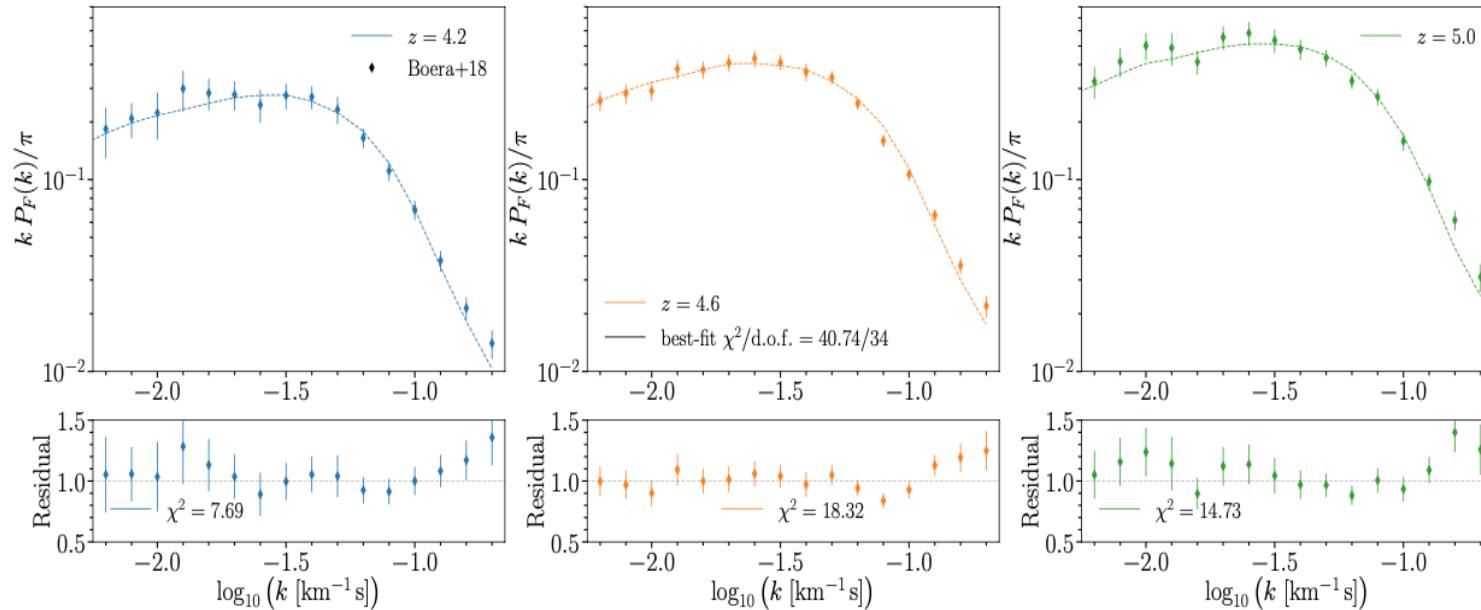
Viel+13

- Test of structure formation for a LCDM Universe in a unique “pre-galactic” environment
- $m_{WDM} > 3.3 \text{ keV}$ (2σ C.L.)

Note: 10 yrs later only a factor 2 more high-z QSOs

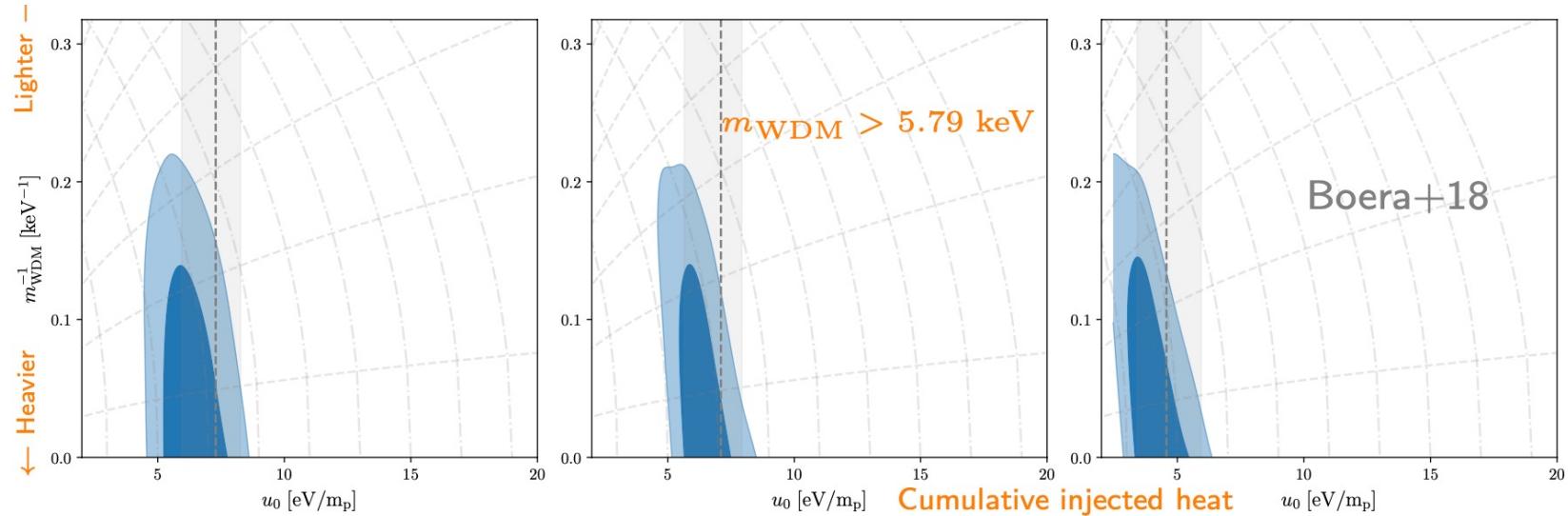
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Thermal WDM

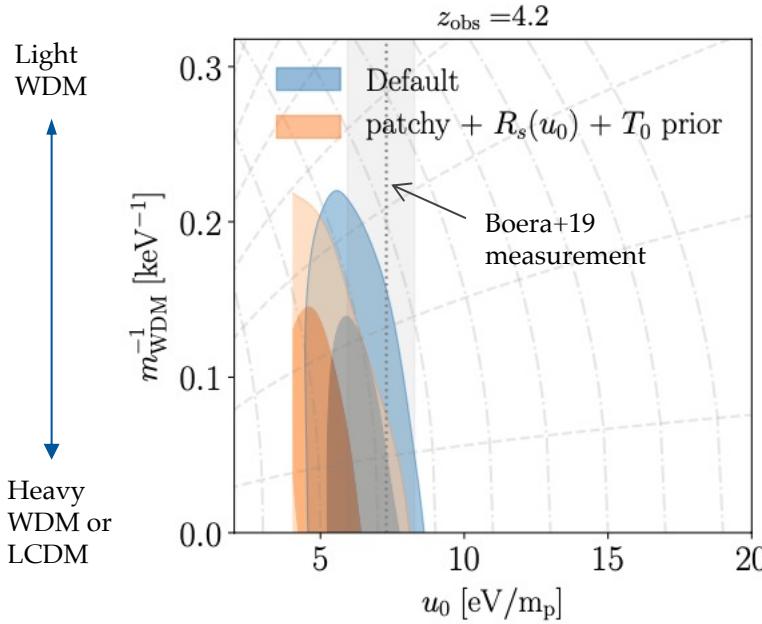
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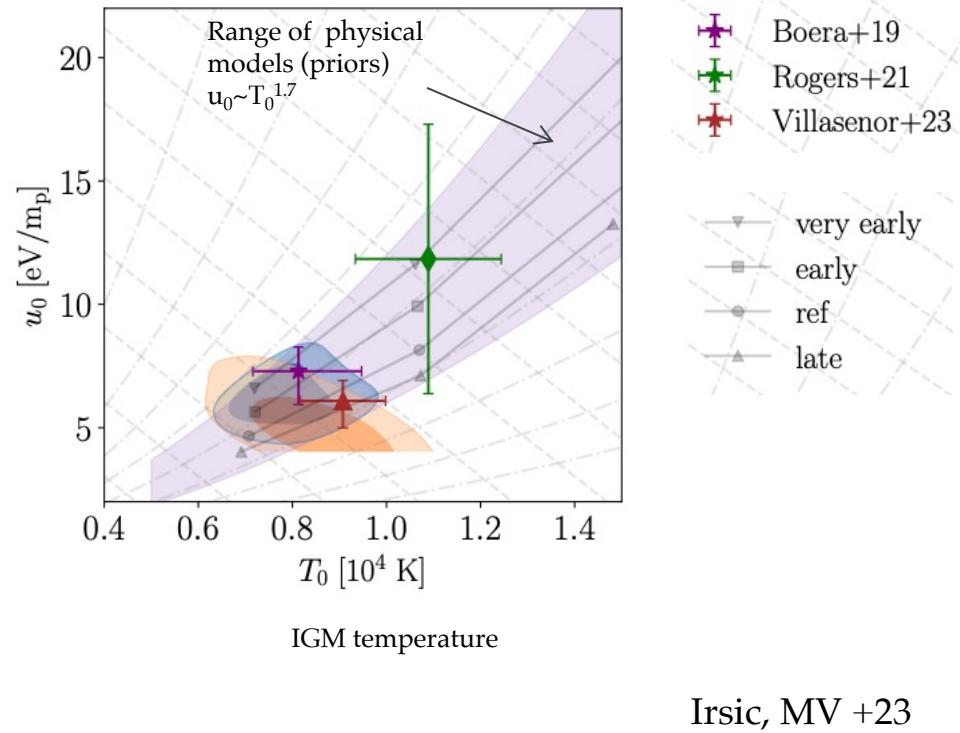
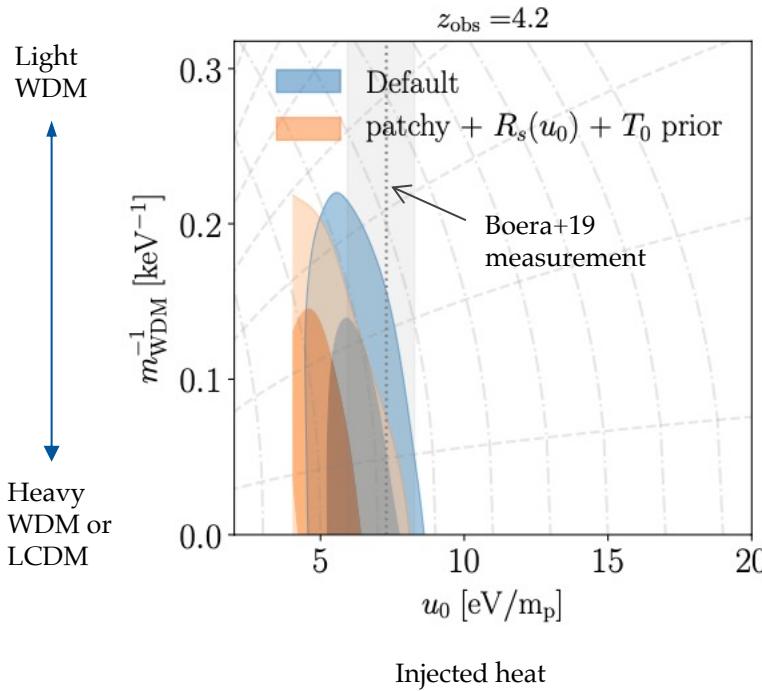


Injected heat

Irsic, MV +23

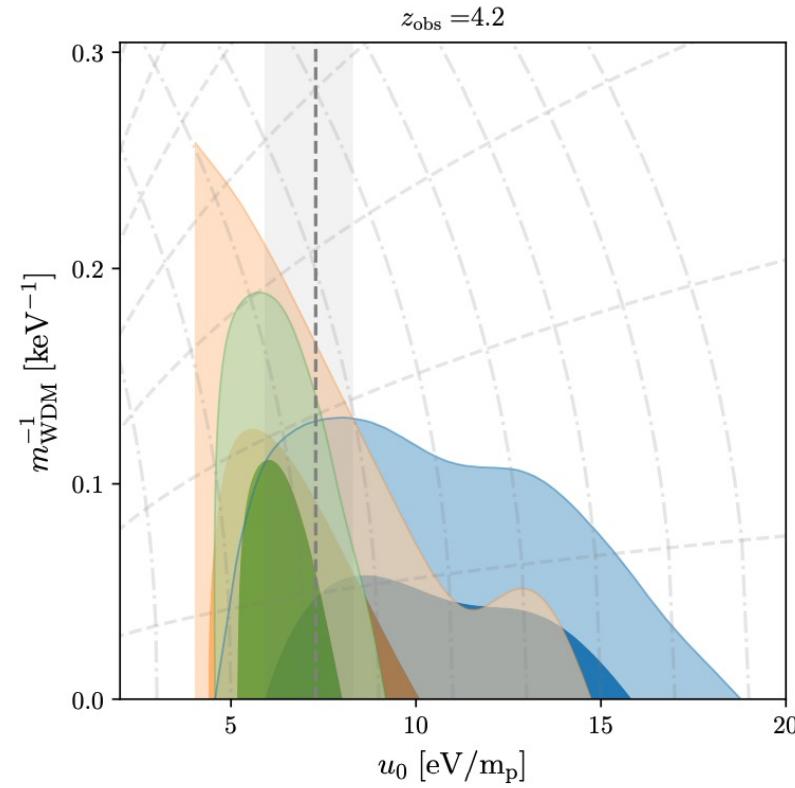
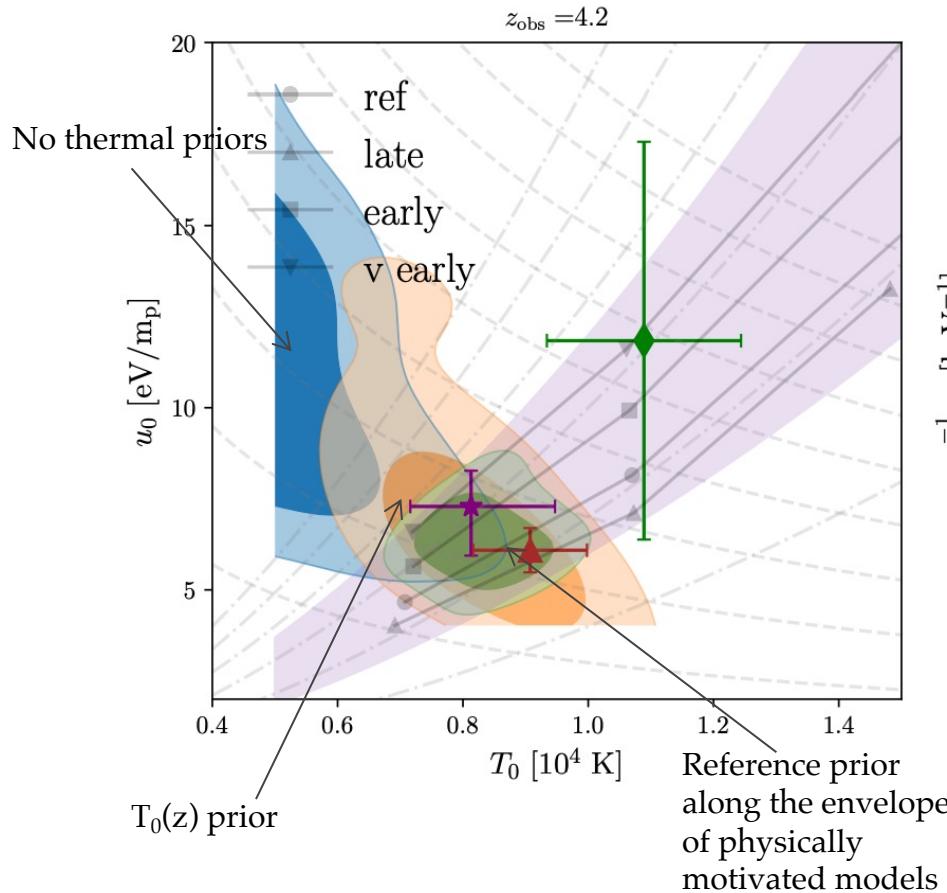
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Thermal WDM – the effect of thermal priors

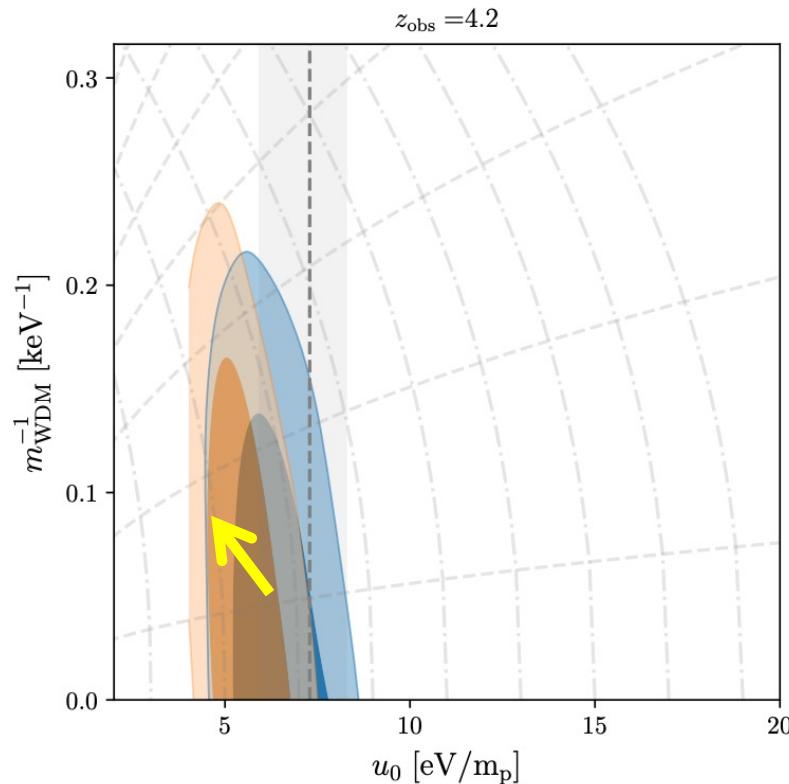
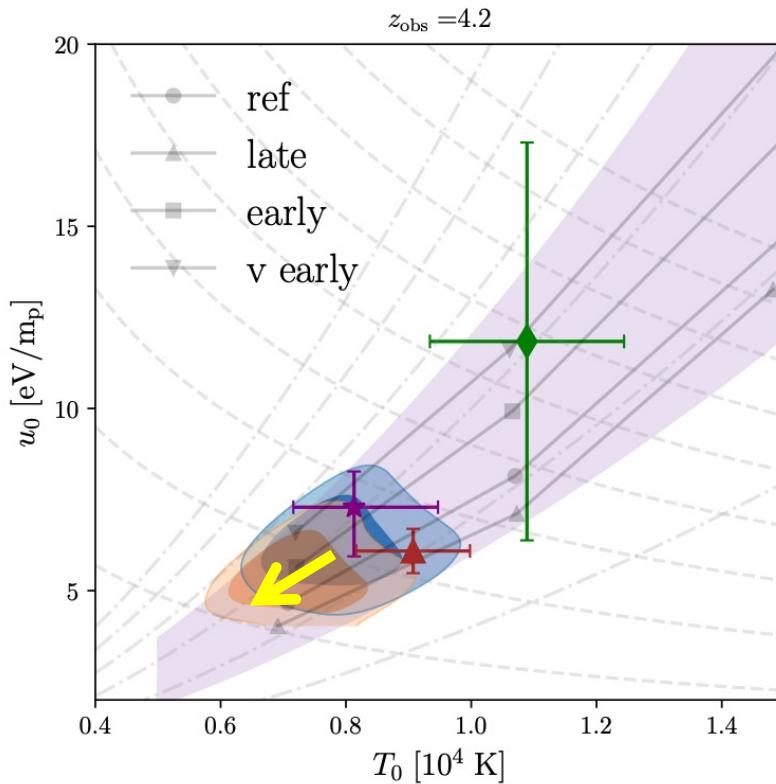
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Thermal WDM – inclusion of patchy correction

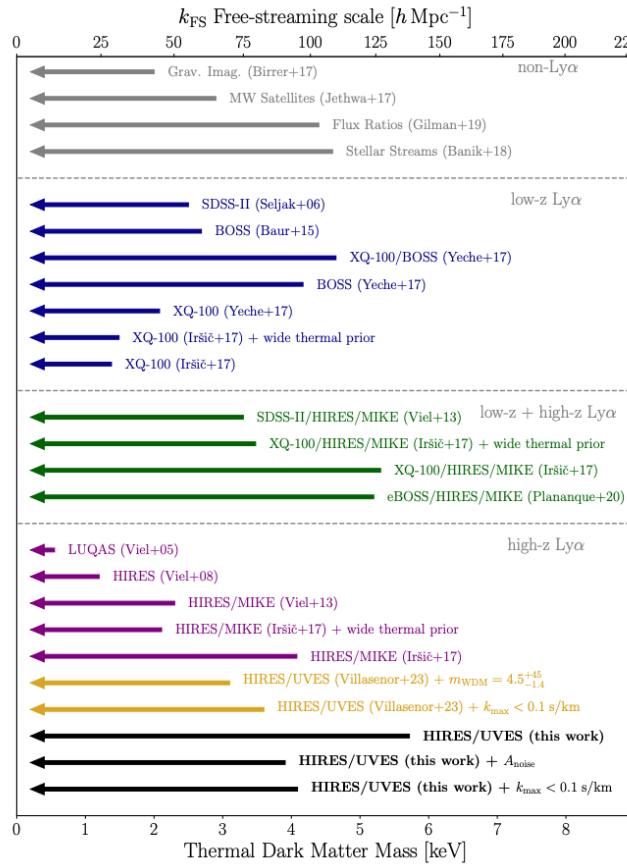
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Tests made:

Cut small scales

Marginalize over data noise

Assume / Remove T_0 priors

Correct for a model dependent resolution

Patchy reionization models

Name	m_{WDM} [keV] (2σ)	$\tau_{\text{eff}}(z = 4.6)$	$T_0(z = 4.6) [10^4 \text{ K}]$	$\gamma(z = 4.6)$	$u_0(z = 4.6) [\text{eV}/\text{m}_p]$	$A_{\text{noise}}(z = 4.6)$	χ^2/dof
Default	> 5.72	$1.502^{+0.061}_{-0.061}$	$0.743^{+0.041}_{-0.075}$	$1.35^{+0.24}_{-0.19}$	$6.19^{+0.68}_{-0.68}$	-	40.7/34
$k_{\text{max}} < 0.1 \text{ km}^{-1} \text{ s}$	> 4.10	$1.501^{+0.060}_{-0.074}$	$0.840^{+0.095}_{-0.340}$	$1.28^{+0.09}_{-0.28}$	$8.91^{+1.57}_{-5.26}$	-	10.2/20
A_{noise}	> 3.91	$1.458^{+0.053}_{-0.074}$	$0.966^{+0.156}_{-0.466}$	$1.23^{+0.06}_{-0.23}$	$5.93^{+0.38}_{-2.28}$	$1.12^{+0.49}_{-0.29}$	18.4/31
T_0 prior	> 5.85	$1.494^{+0.062}_{-0.077}$	$0.770^{+0.110}_{-0.120}$	$1.31^{+0.10}_{-0.31}$	$6.50^{+1.00}_{-1.60}$	-	47.6/34
$R_s(u_0)$ mass resolution	> 4.44	$1.531^{+0.073}_{-0.064}$	$0.617^{+0.007}_{-0.118}$	$1.38^{+0.28}_{-0.13}$	$7.90^{+1.70}_{-2.30}$	-	30.7/34
patchy reion.	> 5.10	$1.486^{+0.058}_{-0.068}$	$0.686^{+0.046}_{-0.080}$	$1.33^{+0.17}_{-0.26}$	$5.32^{+0.58}_{-0.52}$	-	41.0/34
$R_s(u_0) + T_0$ prior	> 4.24	$1.473^{+0.056}_{-0.076}$	$0.83^{+0.11}_{-0.11}$	$1.28^{+0.09}_{-0.28}$	$5.53^{+0.73}_{-1.2}$	-	39.4/34
patchy + $R_s(u_0) + T_0$ prior	> 5.90	$1.450^{+0.051}_{-0.070}$	$0.828^{+0.098}_{-0.098}$	$1.26^{+0.08}_{-0.26}$	$4.87^{+0.52}_{-0.71}$	-	40.8/34

Iršič+23

Scalar Dark Matter

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$$\nabla_\mu \nabla^\mu \phi = m^2 \phi, \quad G_{\mu\nu} = 8\pi G T_{\mu\nu},$$

KG and Einstein equations

$$T_{\mu\nu}^\phi = g_{\mu\nu} \left(-\frac{1}{2} \partial_\rho \phi \partial^\rho \phi - \frac{1}{2} m^2 \phi^2 \right) + \partial_\mu \phi \partial_\nu \phi.$$

Energy momentum tensor
for the scalar field

$$ds^2 = -(1 + 2\Phi)dt^2 + a(t)^2(1 - 2\Phi)d\mathbf{x}^2.$$

Metric

$$\phi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2m}} (\varphi e^{-imt} + \varphi^* e^{imt})$$

Oscillating field

$$i \left(\dot{\varphi} + \frac{3}{2} H \varphi \right) = -\frac{\partial^2 \varphi}{2a^2 m} + m \Phi \varphi.$$

Dropping higher order and averaging
over one oscillating period:
Schrodinger type eq.

$$\rho_\phi \equiv m \varphi \varphi^*, \quad v_i \equiv \frac{\partial_i \{\arg(\varphi)\}}{am} = -\frac{i}{2am} \left(\frac{\partial_i \varphi}{\varphi} - \frac{\partial_i \varphi^*}{\varphi^*} \right)$$

Defining density and velocities
of the fluid

$$\dot{v}_i + Hv_i + \frac{v_j \partial_j v_i}{a} = -\frac{\partial_i \Phi}{a} + \frac{1}{2a^3 m^2} \partial_i \left(\frac{\partial^2 \sqrt{\rho_\phi}}{\sqrt{\rho_\phi}} \right)$$

Euler eq. NOTE the pressure term

$$\dot{\rho}_\phi + 3H\rho_\phi + \frac{\partial_i (\rho_\phi v_i)}{a} = 0.$$

Continuity

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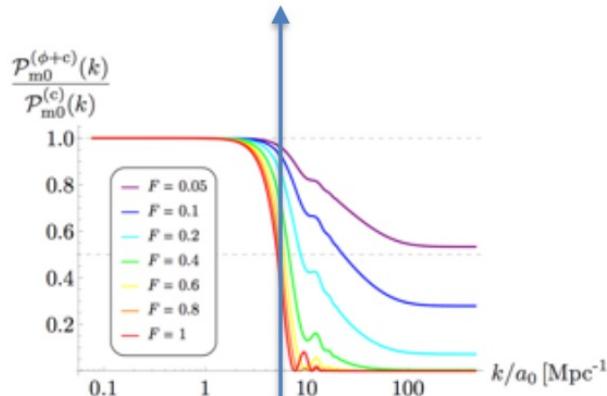
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$$\delta_m = F\delta_\phi + (1-F)\delta_c.$$

$$\ddot{\delta}_{\phi k} + 2H\dot{\delta}_{\phi k} + \frac{c_s^2 k^2}{a^2} \delta_{\phi k} - \frac{3}{2} H^2 \delta_{mk} = 0,$$
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$$c_s^2 \equiv \frac{k^2}{4a^2 m^2}, \quad \frac{k_J}{a} = \sqrt{Hm},$$

$$\frac{k_{J\text{eq}}}{a_0} = \frac{a_{\text{eq}}}{a_0} \sqrt{H_{\text{eq}} m} \approx 7 \text{ Mpc}^{-1} \left(\frac{m}{10^{-22} \text{ eV}} \right)^{1/2}$$



Linear perturbation theory
in CDM+scalar field model

Sound speed of scalar DM and Jeans scale definition

At $k < k_J$ no pressure

At $k > k_J$ pressure and oscillations
no growth

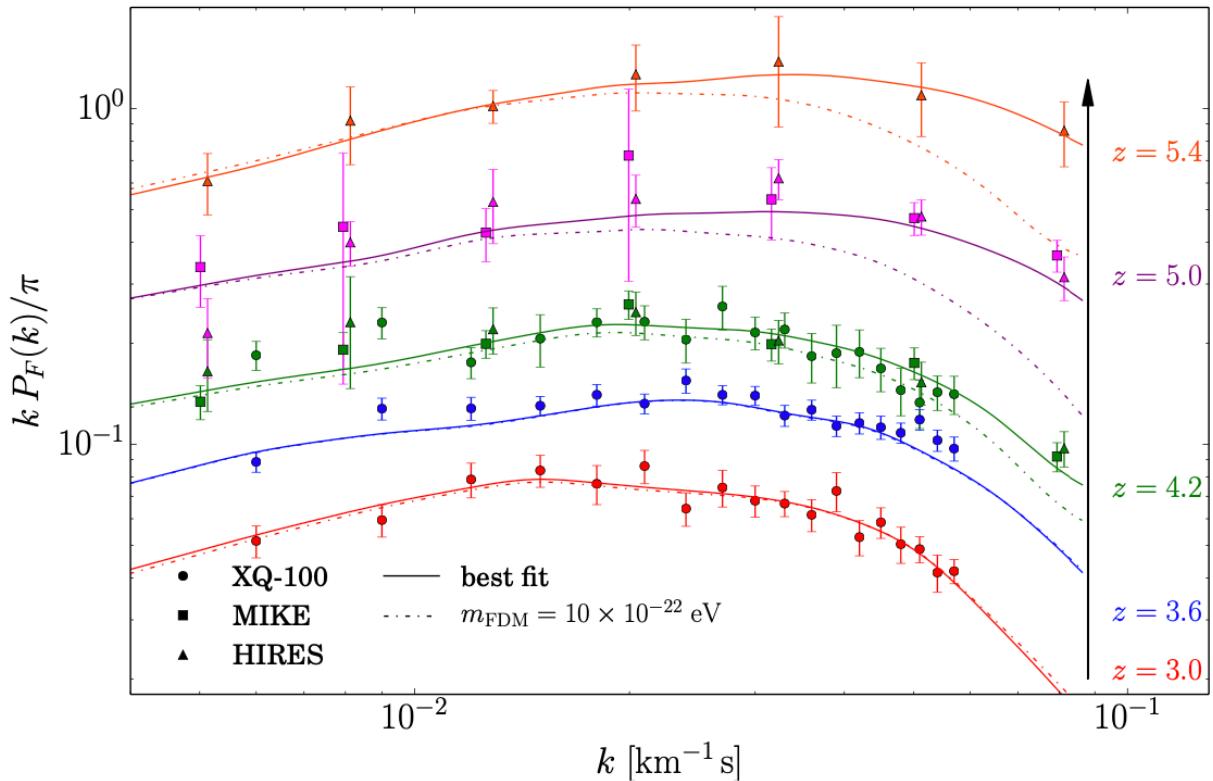
Comoving Jeans $k_J \sim a^{1/4}$ in MD

Important quantity is k_J at equil.

Plateau is set by FDM fraction
Cutoff scale set by FDM mass

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The IGM as a thermometer

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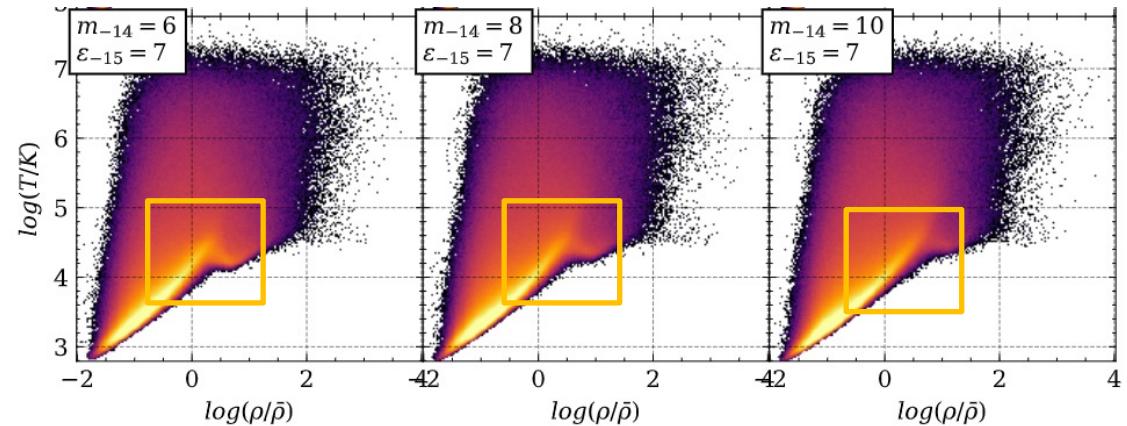
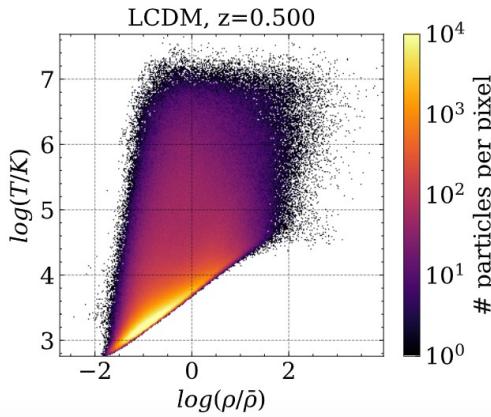
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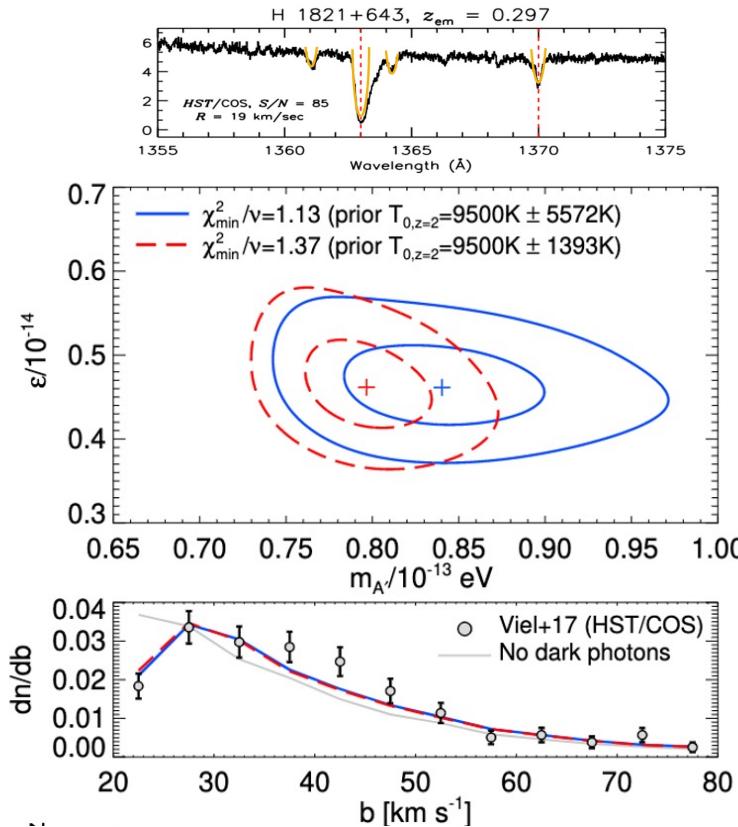
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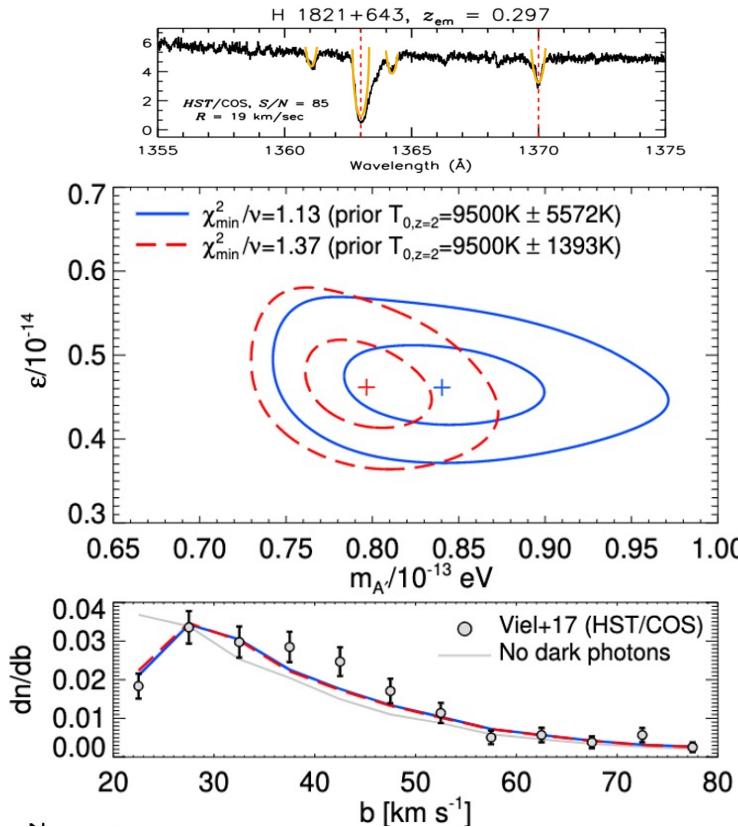
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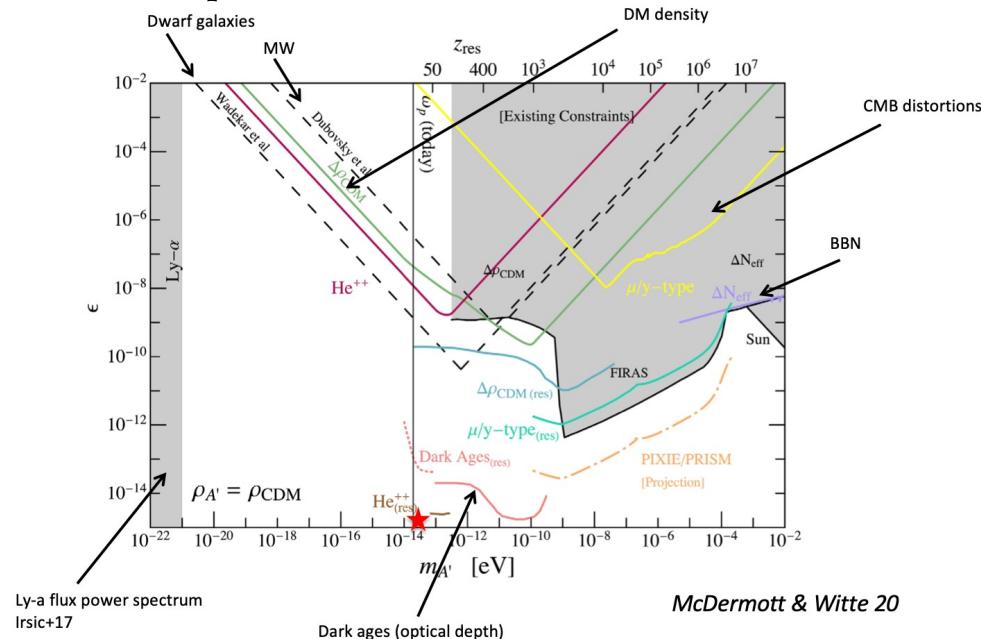
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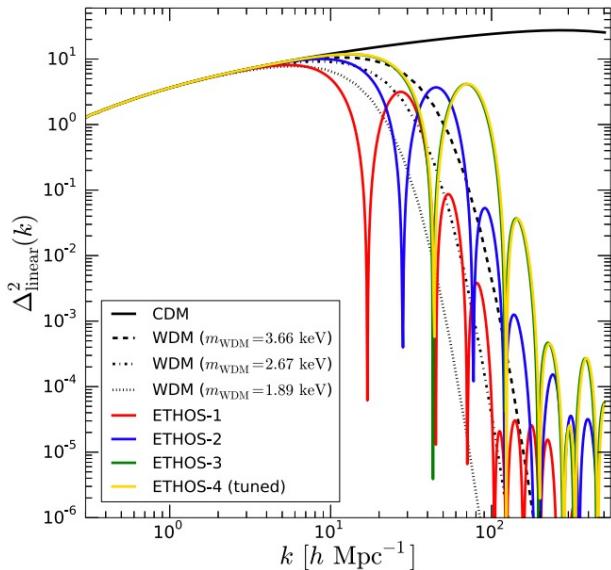
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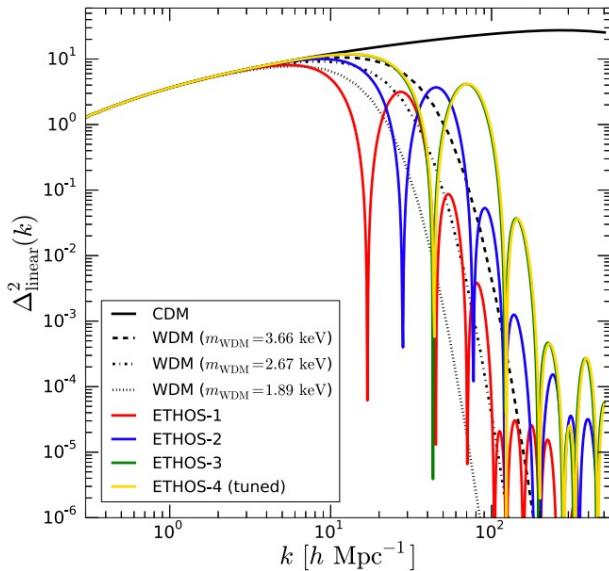


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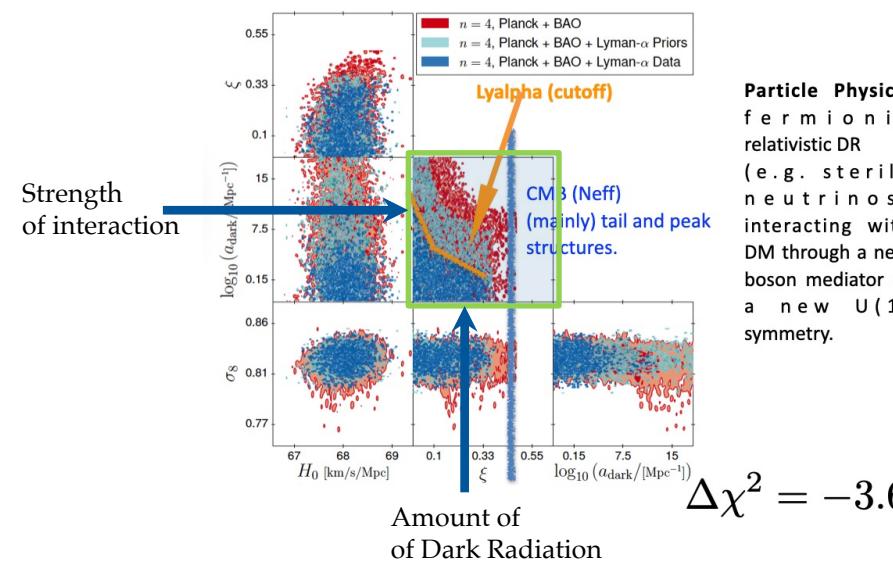
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if you stop at $k < 0.1 \text{ s/km}$ then **4 keV** is a robust and conservative limit
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