

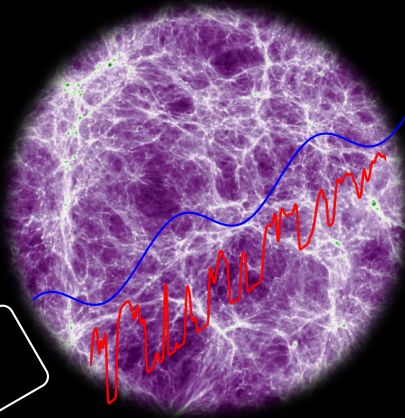
The IGM as a probe of the nature of dark matter



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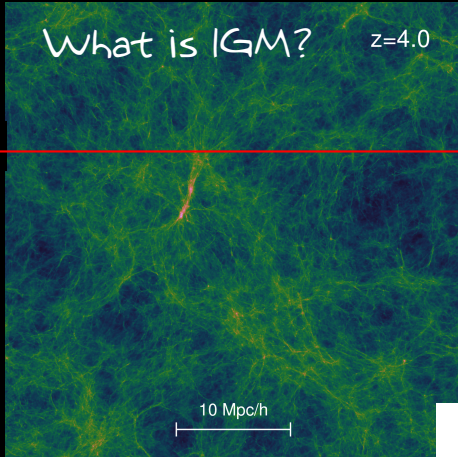


Competing Structure Formation Models

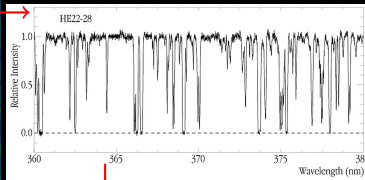
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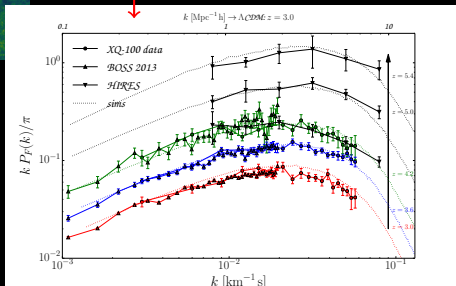
What is IGM? $z=4.0$



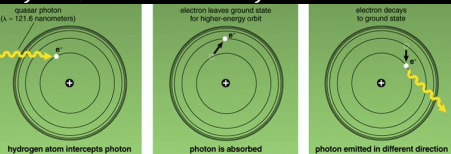
Absorption in Quasar spectra along the line of sight



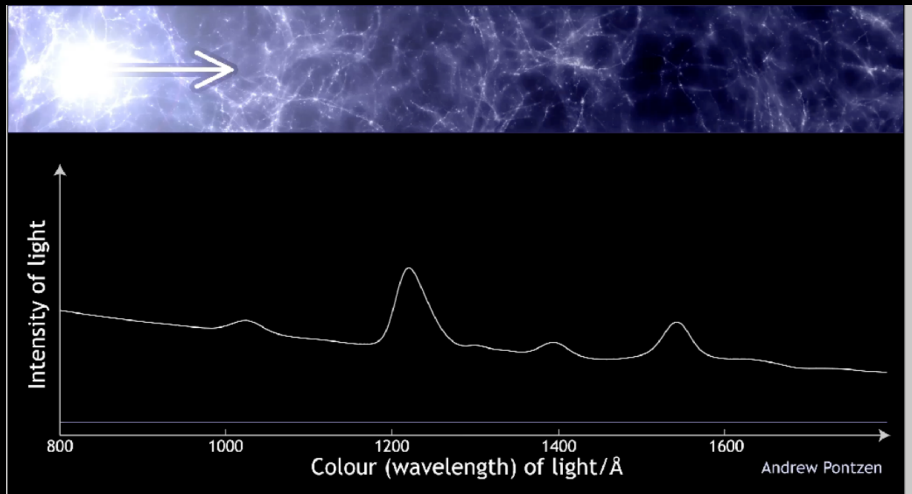
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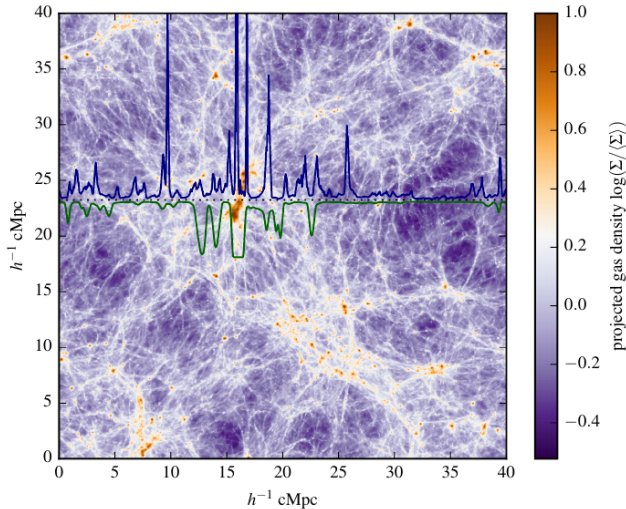
Scattering of the photon on $n=1 \rightarrow n=2$ Hydrogen transition (Lyman series)



Observable of the IGM



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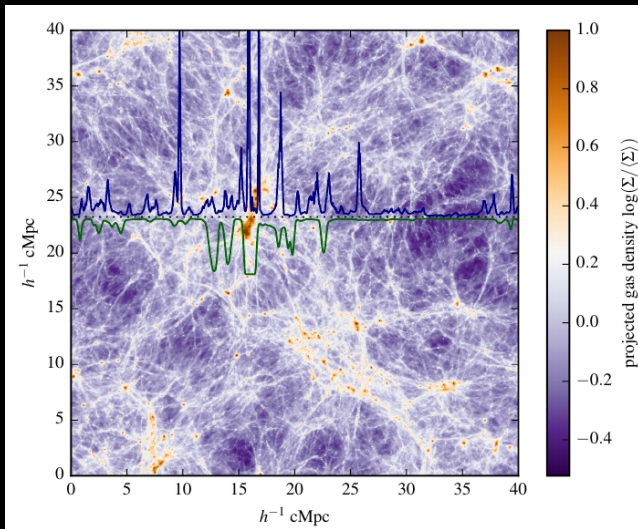
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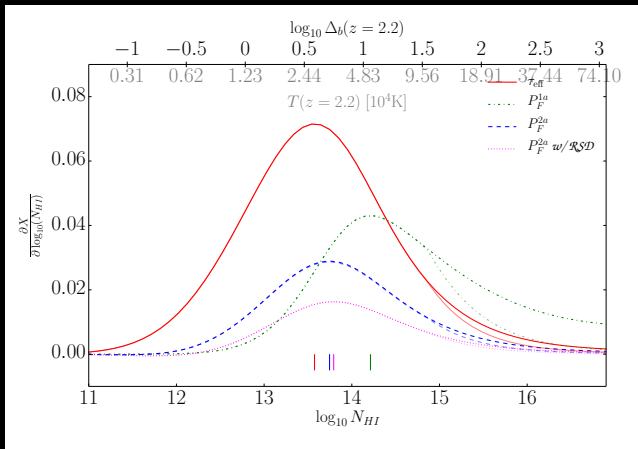
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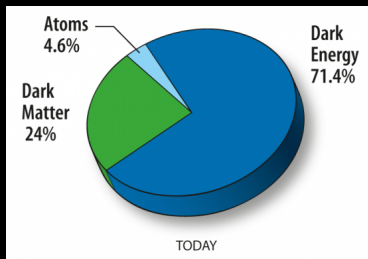
P_F^{2a} - cosmological
 P_F^{1a} - thermal gas

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Sensitive to mildly non-linear density fluctuations, along the line-of-sight, on scales $\sim 0.1 - 10$ Mpc/h

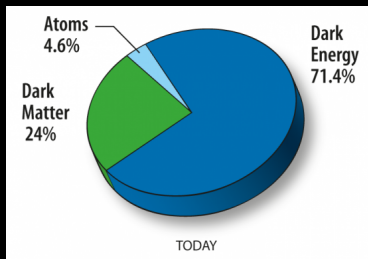
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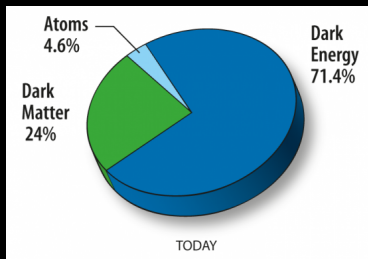
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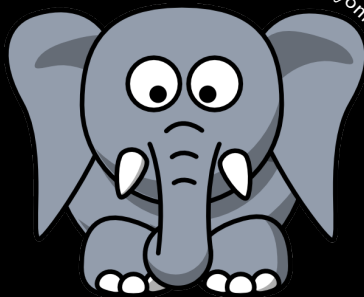
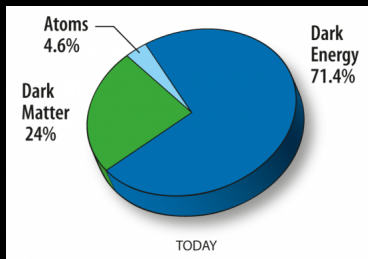
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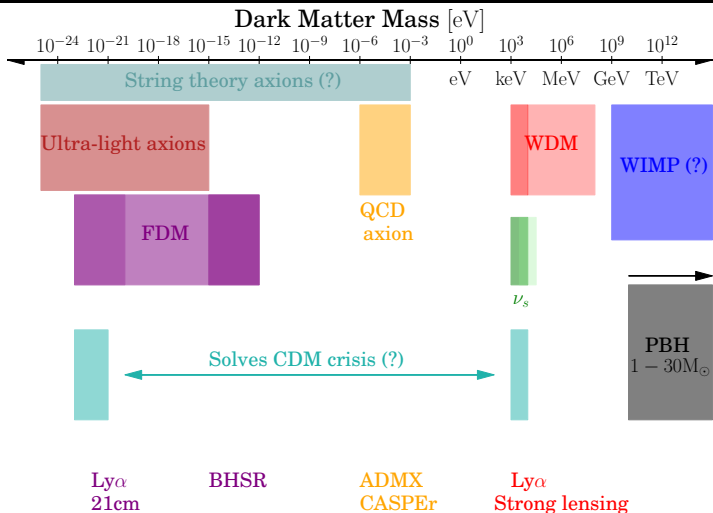
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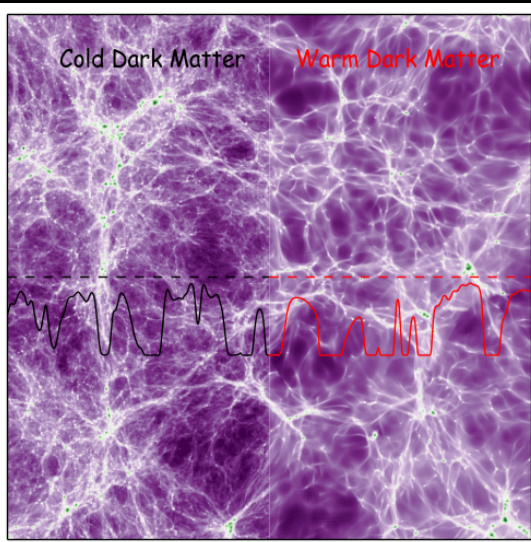
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Where to look for DM?



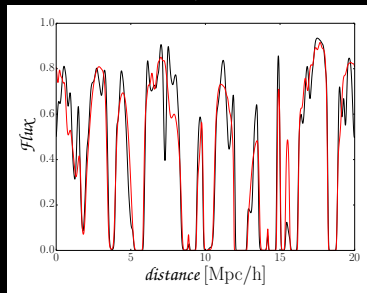
Non-CDM erases small scale structure



Warm Dark Matter (WDM):
Free-streaming of DM particles
(From the time they decouple
until they become non-relativistic)

Fuzzy Dark Matter (FDM):
de-Broglie wavelength
of ultra-light DM scalar
⇒ erases small scale structure

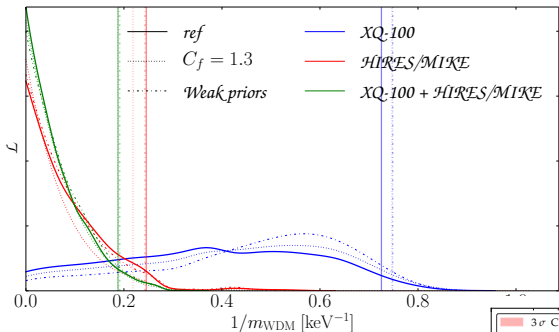
Typical $\lambda_{\text{FS}} \sim \text{Mpc}/h$



Typical DM particle mass
from local small-scale structure •

• $m_{\text{WDM}} \sim 2 - 3 \text{ keV}$ (WDM)

• $m_{\text{FDM}} \sim 1 - 10 \times 10^{-22} \text{ eV}$ (FDM)



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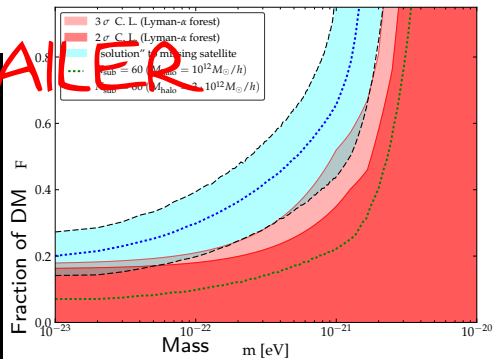
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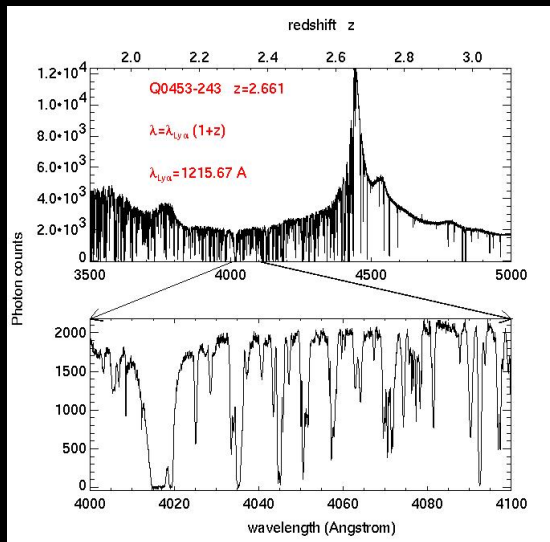
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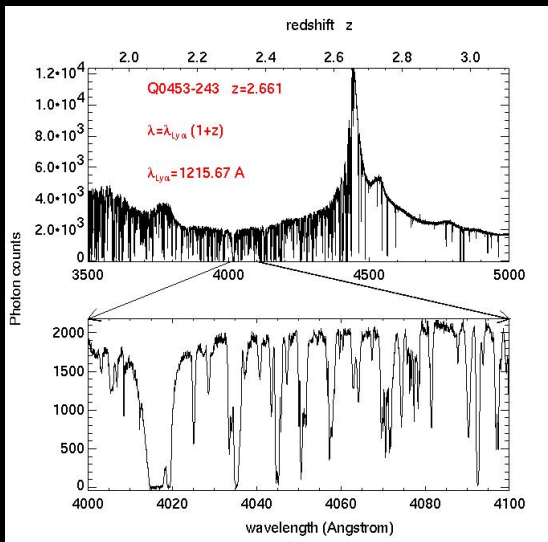
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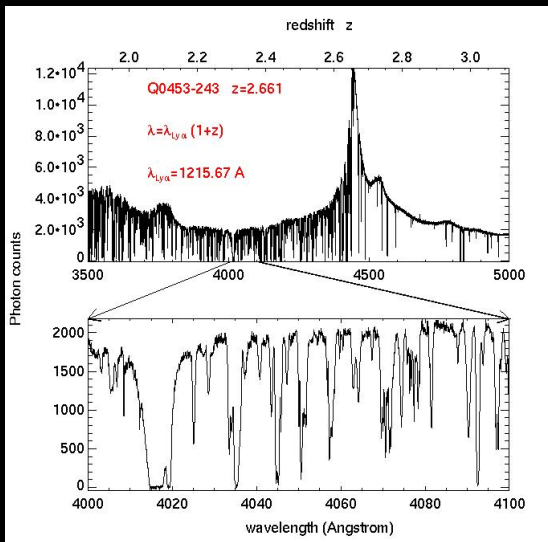


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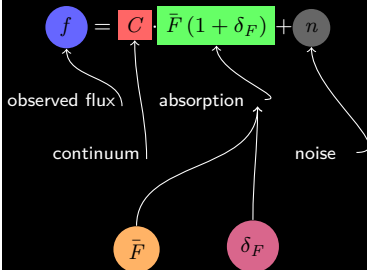
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observed flux continuum absorption noise

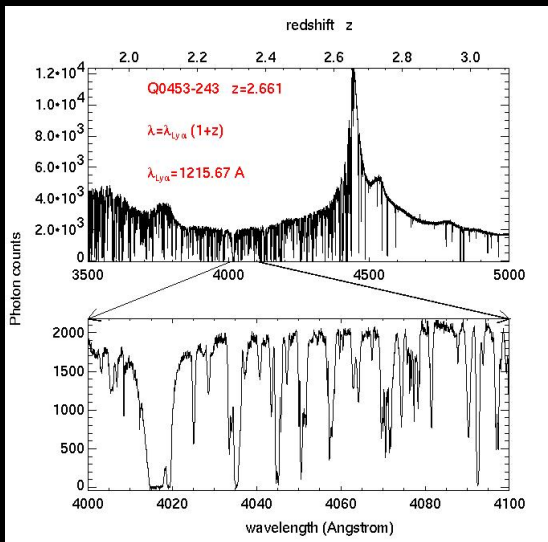
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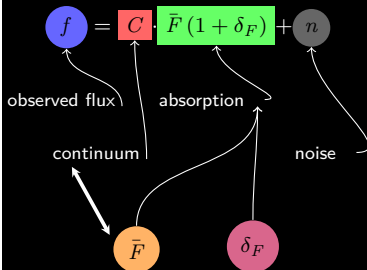
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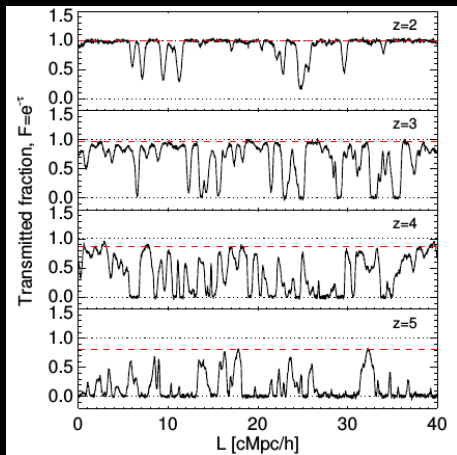
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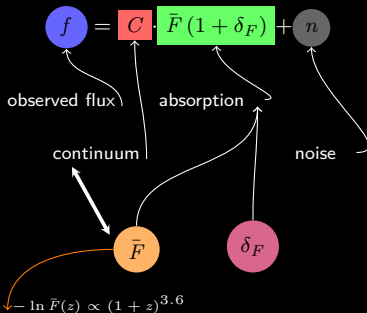
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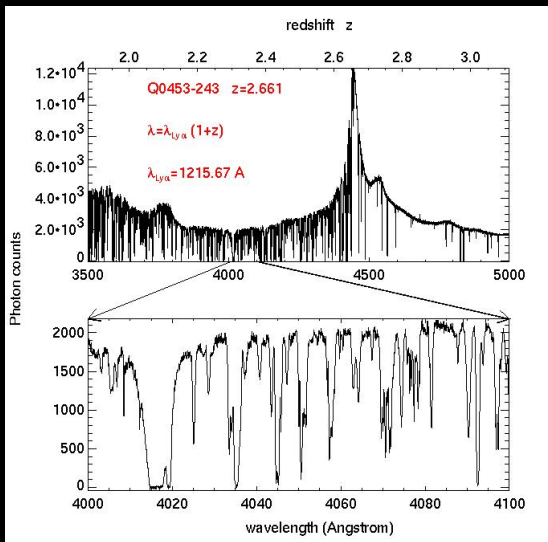


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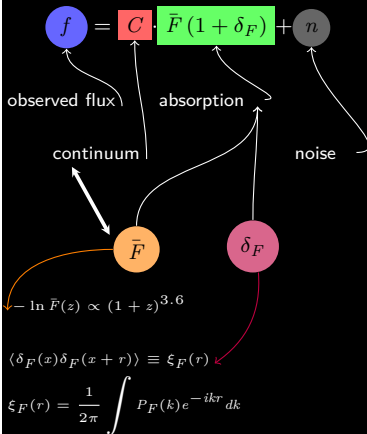


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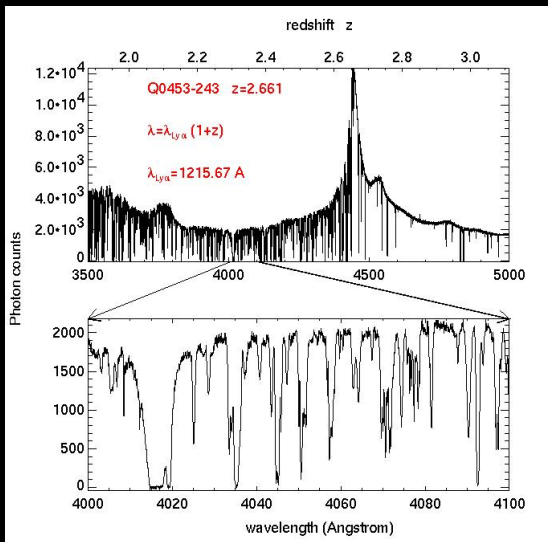
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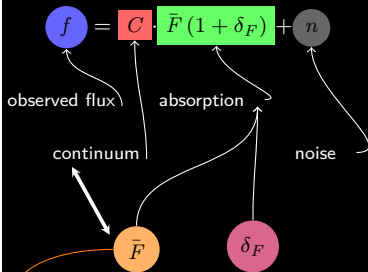
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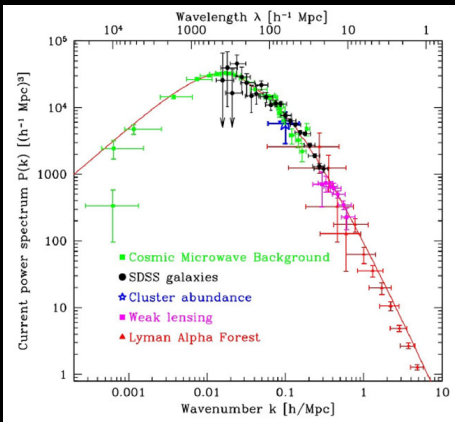
$$\langle \delta_F(x) \delta_F(x+r) \rangle \equiv \xi_F(r)$$

$$\xi_F(r) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int P_F(k) e^{-ikr} dk$$

1D

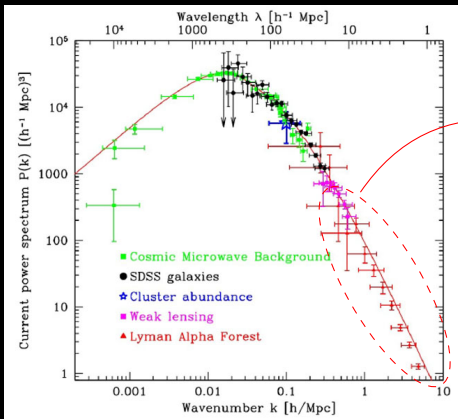
Matter \leftrightarrow Lyman- α

3D: Matter Power spectrum $P_m(k, z)$

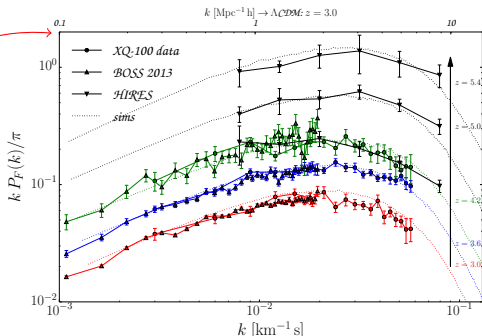


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1D: Flux Power spectrum $P_F(k, z)$



1D: small scales, gas physics, m_{wdm} , ...

$F(\rho_g)$: Complex non-linear relationship

Flux fluctuations in Ly α forest trace matter density fluctuations

$$F = \exp[-\tau(\delta)]$$

- Intergalactic medium (IGM) is mainly highly ionized hydrogen gas (Gunn & Petterson)
- UV photo-ionization in equilibrium with recombination
- Data & simulations suggest the state of IGM: 10^4 K and low densities 10^{-4} cm^{-3}
- Equation of state of the IGM can be approximately described by $T \propto \rho^\gamma$

Highly nonlinear relation between flux and density

$$F = \exp[-A(1 + \delta)^P]$$

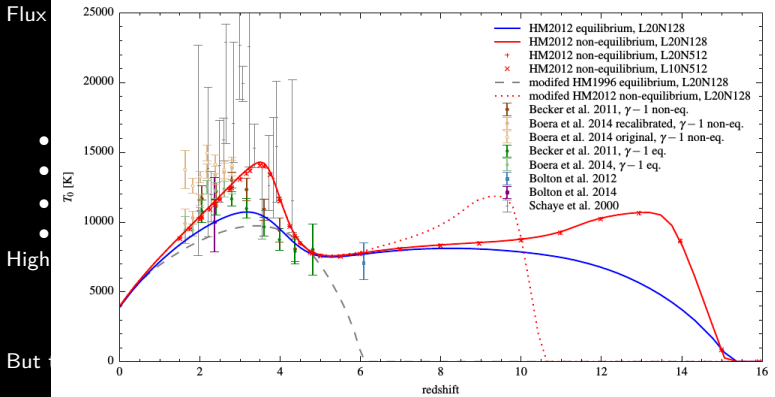
But that is not all... Temperature + peculiar velocity effects:

$$F(v) = \exp \left[-A(\bar{z}; \Omega_i) \int ds \left(1 + \delta_b(s)\right)^2 T(s)^{-0.7} \Gamma_{\gamma, HI}^{-1} V\left(v - s - v_p(s); T(s)\right) \right]$$

Annotations:

- strength of the UV background (points to $A(\bar{z}; \Omega_i)$)
- peculiar velocity shift (points to $v_p(s)$)
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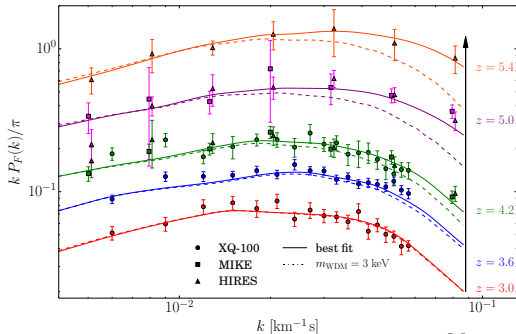


Petterson)
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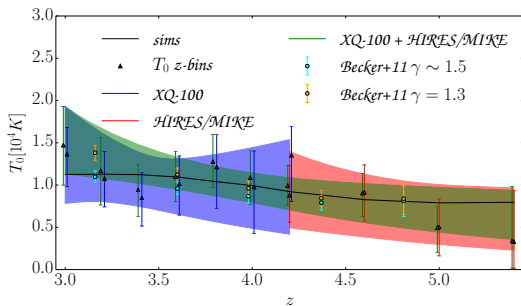
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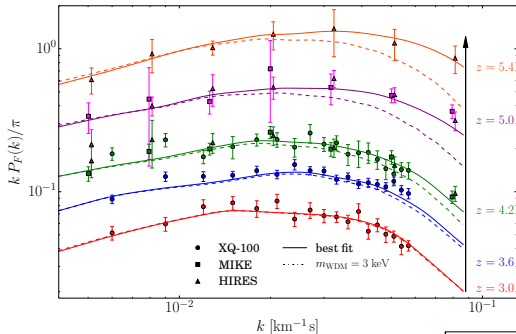
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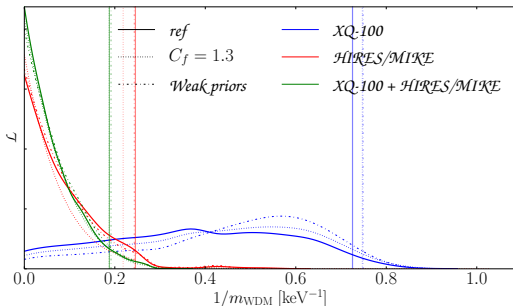
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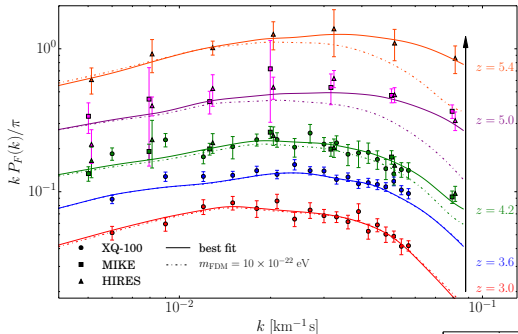
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FDM mass constraints



Results later confirmed by independent groups:

Yeche et al. 2017 (WDM)

Armengaud et al. 2017 (FDM)

Garzilli et al. 2018 (WDM - ν_s)

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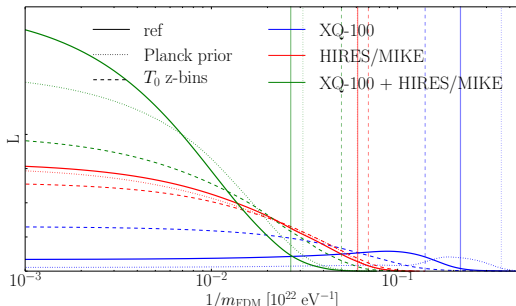
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FDM + Quantum Pressure - **Simple physical prior**

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Nori, Murgia, VI, Baldi, Viel (2018)

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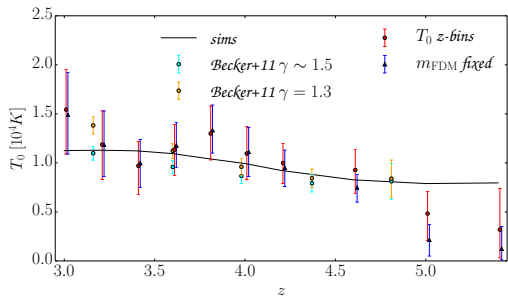
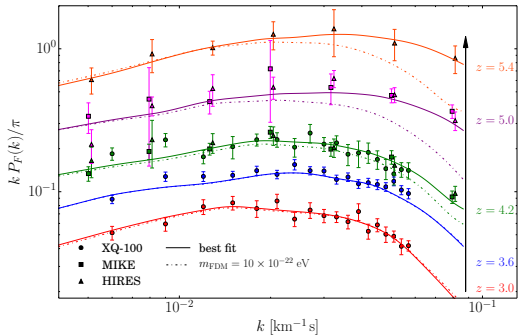


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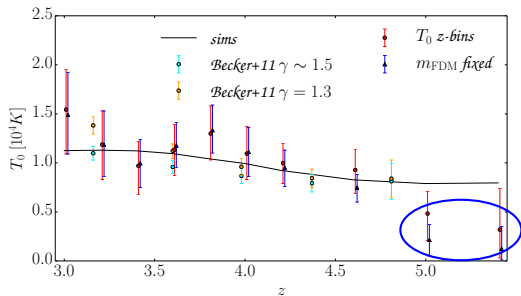
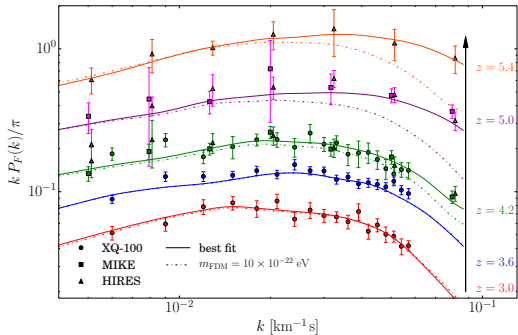
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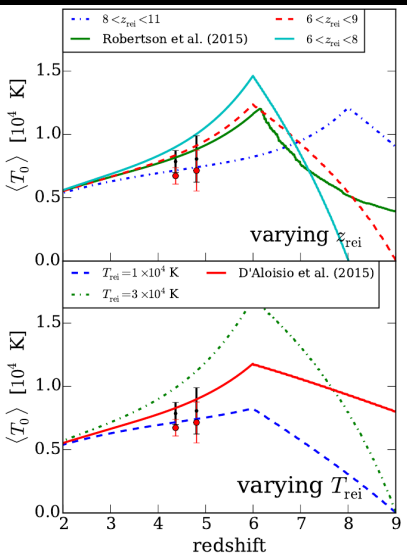
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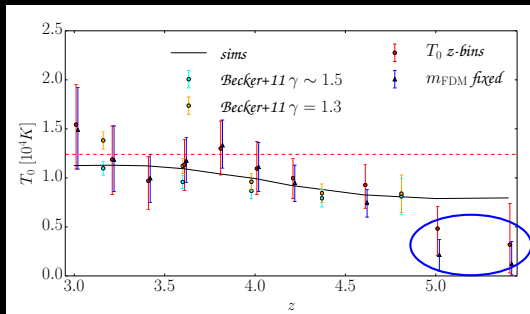
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- instantaneous H reionisation at $z_{\text{rei}} = 9$
- HI photo-heating, depends on spectral index of UV intensity $\alpha_{bk} = 0$
- Compton cooling + adiabatic expansion

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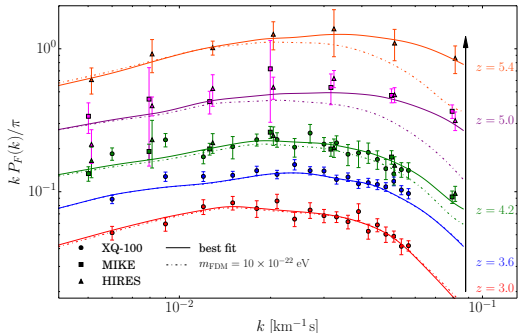


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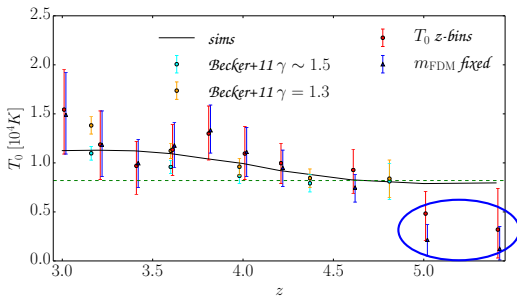
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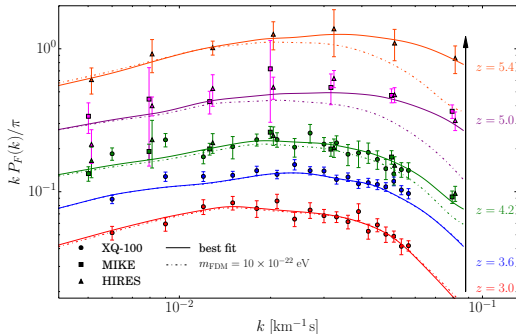
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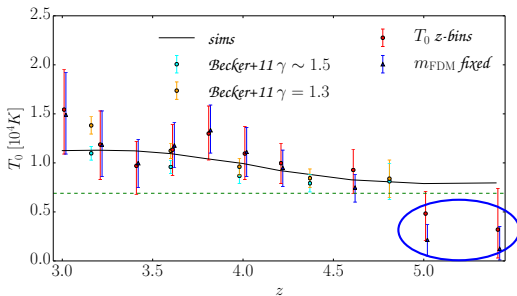
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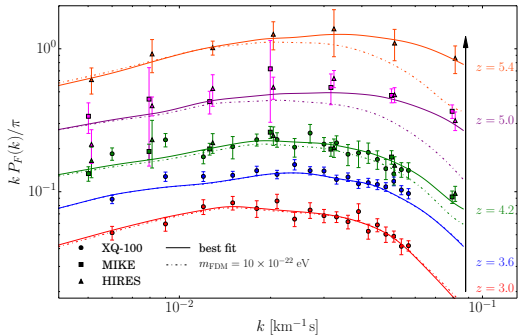
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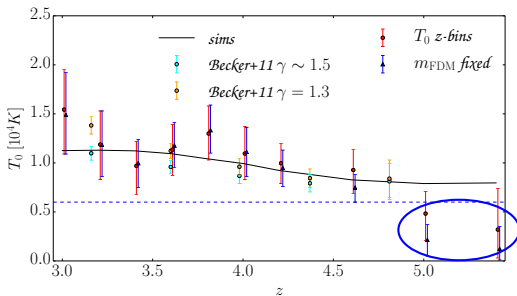
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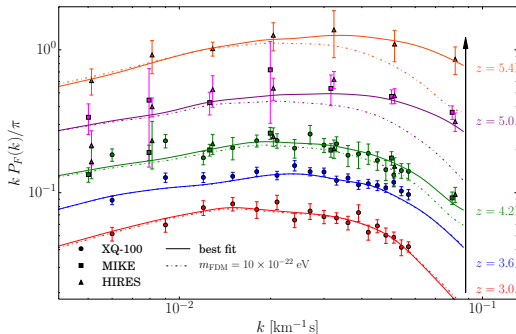
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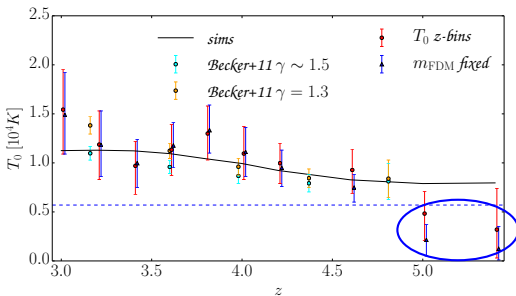
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$$T_0(z = 5.0) = 5,700 \text{ K}$$

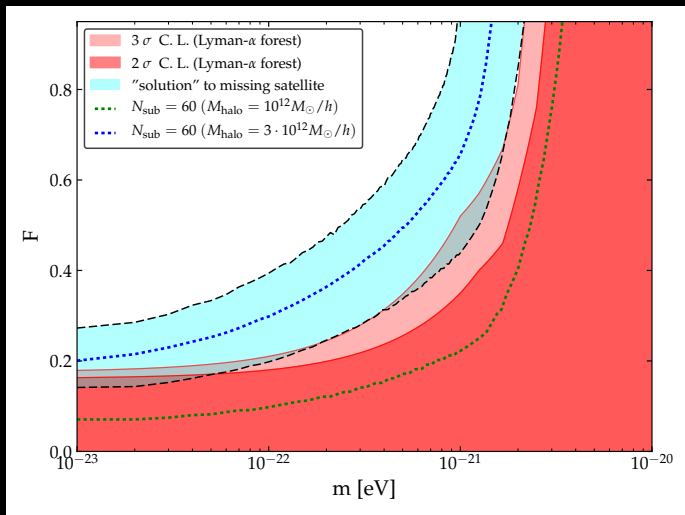
McQuinn & Upton Sanderback (2015),
Upton Sanderback et al. (2016)

Other things assumed:

- T fluctuations increase above this temperature
- He I and He II photo-heating only increases the temperature
- H II, He III recombination cooling decreases temperature by \sim few %
- Planck Λ CDM Cosmology
- $T_{\text{rei}} = 10,000 \text{ K}$ (more realistic would be 20,000 K)



Overlapping constraints with different probes

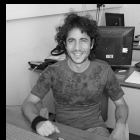
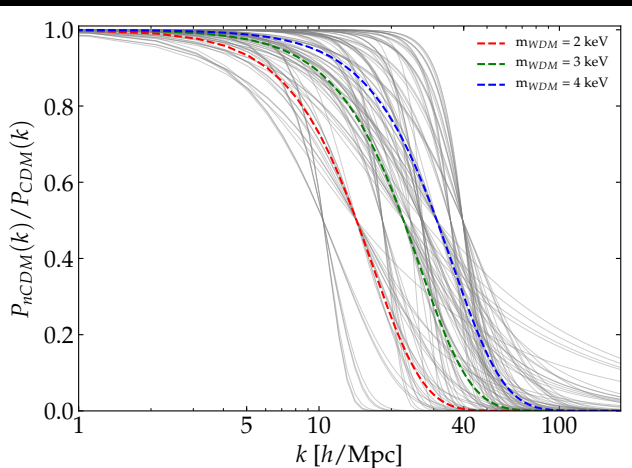


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General non-CDM models

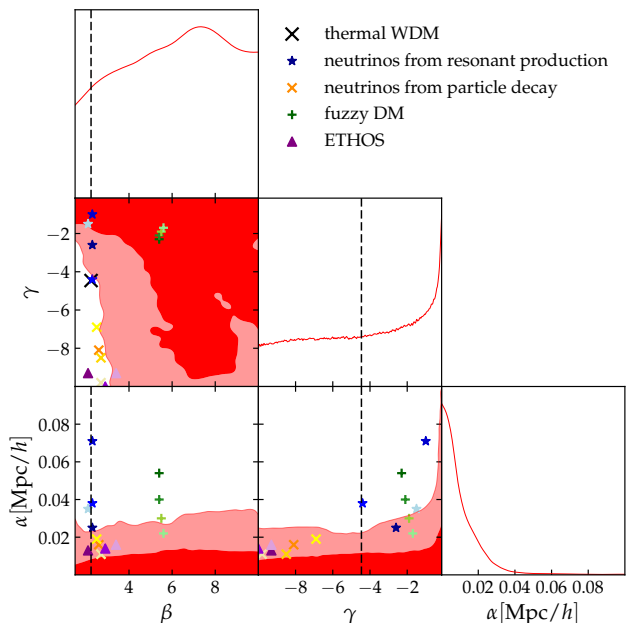
General transfer function for DM: $T(k) = \sqrt{\frac{P_{\text{nCDM}}}{P_{\text{CDM}}}} = [1 + (\alpha k)^\beta]^\gamma$,

E.g. for thermal WDM: $\beta = 2.24$, $\gamma = -4.46$, $\alpha \propto 0.049 \left(\frac{m_{\text{WDM}}}{1 \text{ keV}}\right)^{-1.11} h^{-1} \text{ Mpc}$



with R. Murgia
(SISSA)

Constraints on the shape of the n CDM $T(k)$



	α [Mpc/h]	β	γ
Neutrinos from resonant production	0.025	2.3	-2.6
	0.071	2.3	-1.0
	0.038	2.3	-4.4
	0.035	2.1	-1.5
Neutrinos from particle decay	0.016	2.6	-8.1
	0.011	2.7	-8.5
	0.019	2.5	-6.9
	0.011	2.7	-9.8
Mixed models	0.16	3.2	-0.4
	0.20	3.7	-0.18
	0.21	3.7	-0.1
	0.21	3.4	-0.053
Fuzzy DM	0.054	5.4	-2.3
	0.040	5.4	-2.1
	0.030	5.5	-1.9
	0.022	5.6	-1.7
ETHOS models	0.0072	1.1	-9.9
	0.013	2.1	-9.3
	0.014	2.9	-10.0
	0.016	3.4	-9.3

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Simple forecast

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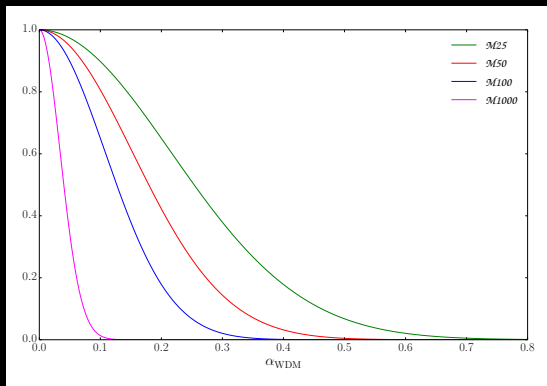
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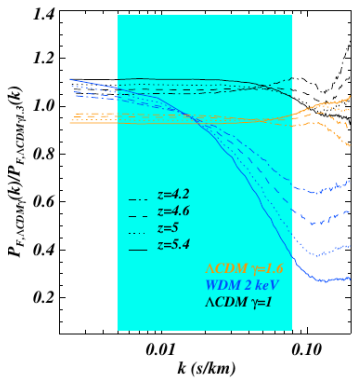
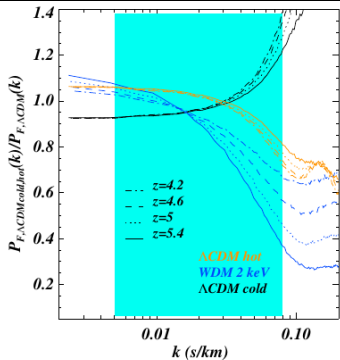


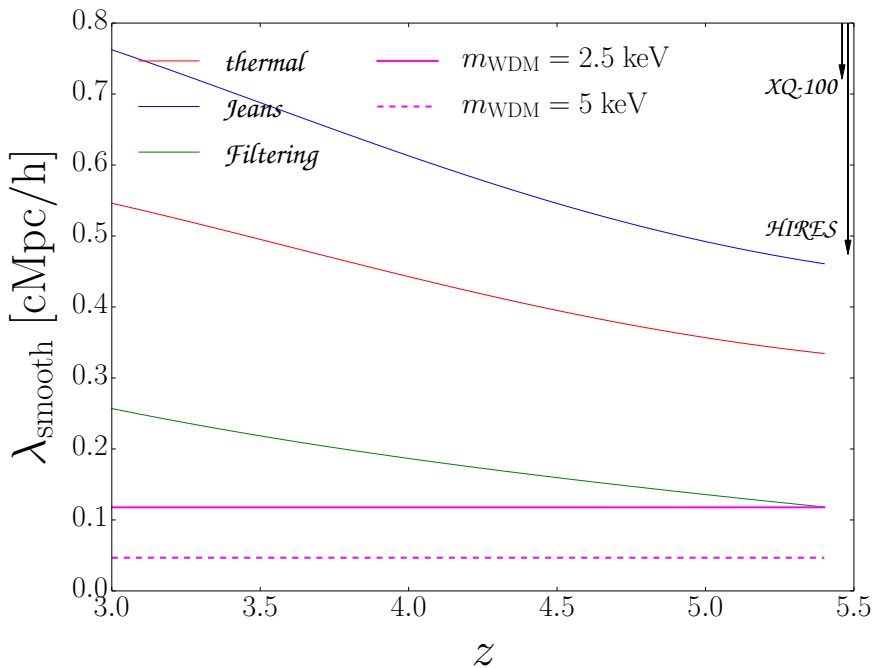
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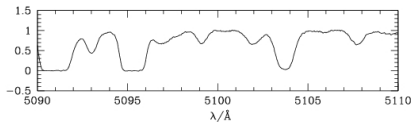
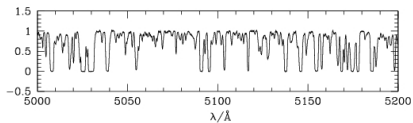
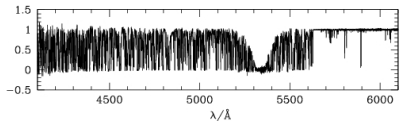
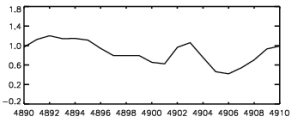
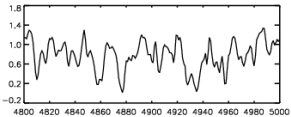
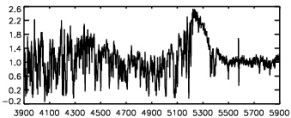


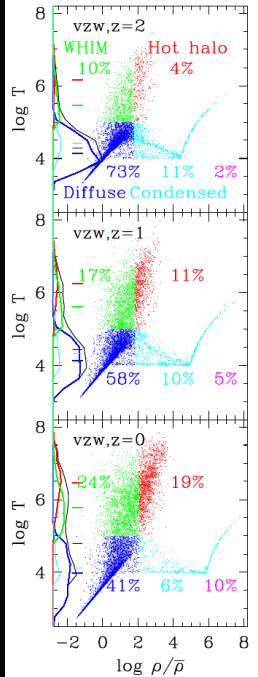
Conclusions

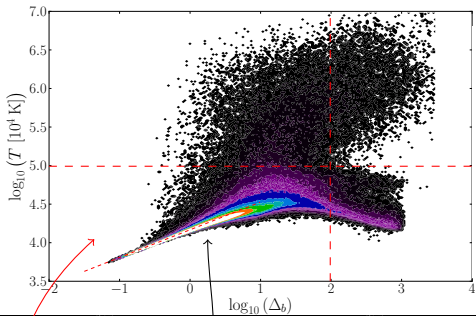
- Lyman- α forest is a unique probe of the IGM (in both redshift range and small scales access)
- Robust constraints on DM models (e.g. WDM, FDM)
 - ▶ [astro-ph/1702.01764](#), [astro-ph/1703.04683](#)
- WDM/FDM mass values from "local" Universe leads to unphysically small high- z temperature
- WDM/FDM parameter space greatly constrained: it is hard to solve missing satellite problem and satisfy Ly α constraints
- Possibility to study DM model extensions (e.g. Quantum Pressure for FDM, production mechanisms of WDM)
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- Statistically dominated at high- z – need more high quality QSO sightlines
 $z > 4.5$





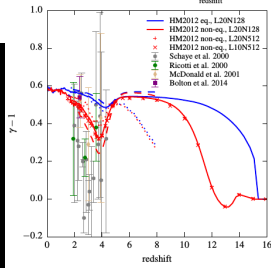
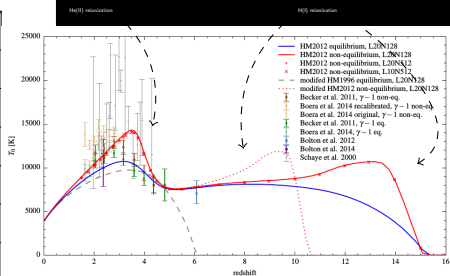


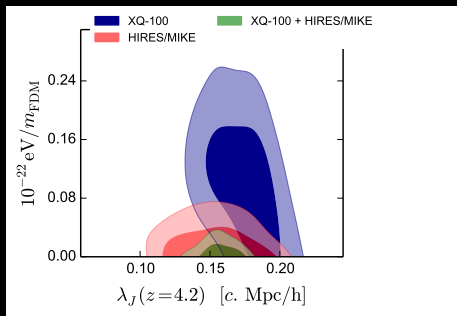


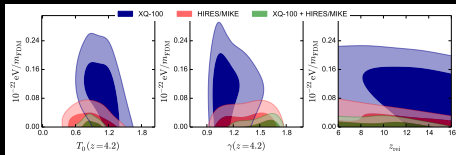


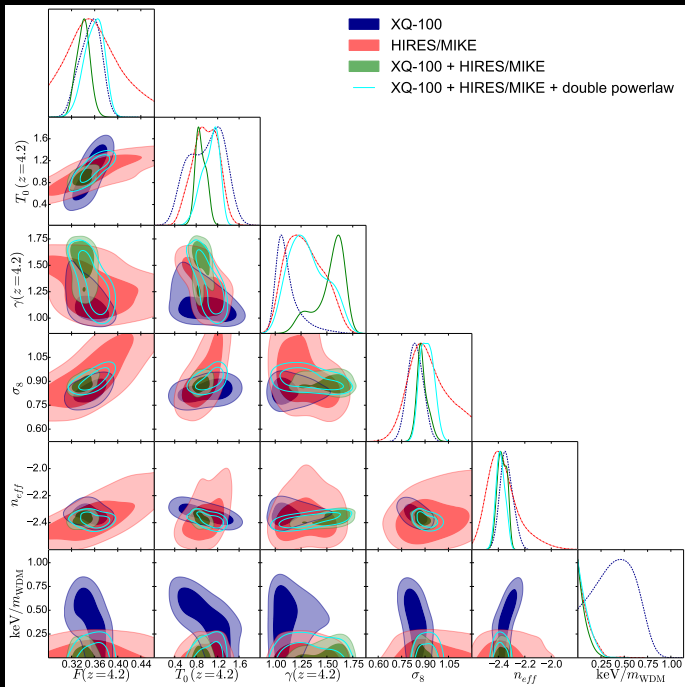
$$T = T_0 \Delta_b^{\gamma-1}$$

80-90% of baryons at $z \sim 3-4$

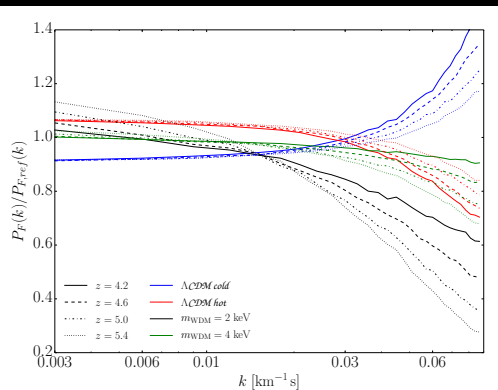






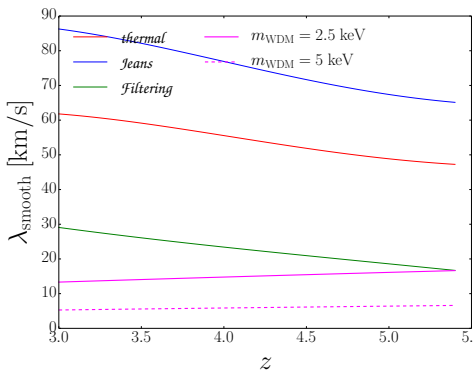


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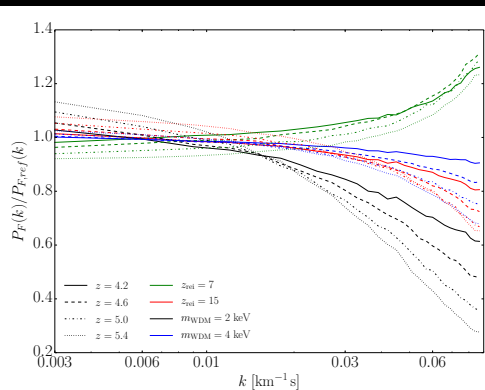


DM and thermal smoothing:
different redshift dependence

m_{WDM}, T_0 : different scale dependence



Redshift evolution breaks the degeneracies

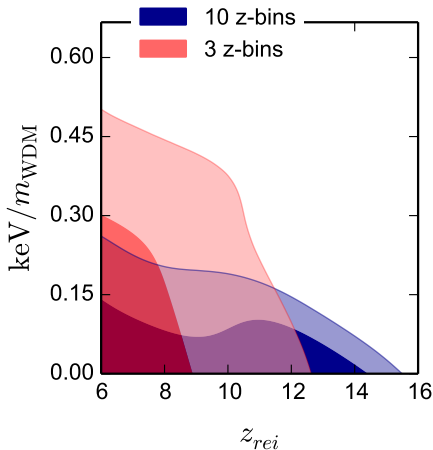


m_{WDM}, z_{rei} :

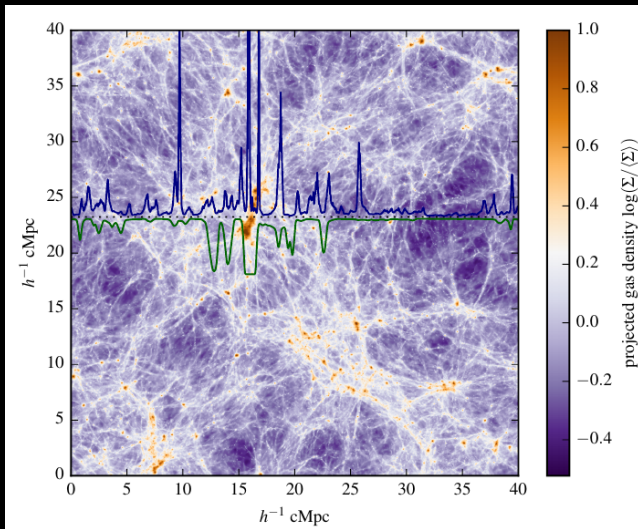
different scale/redshift dependence

10 z-bins: 3.0 – 5.4

3 z-bins: 4.0, 4.2, 4.6



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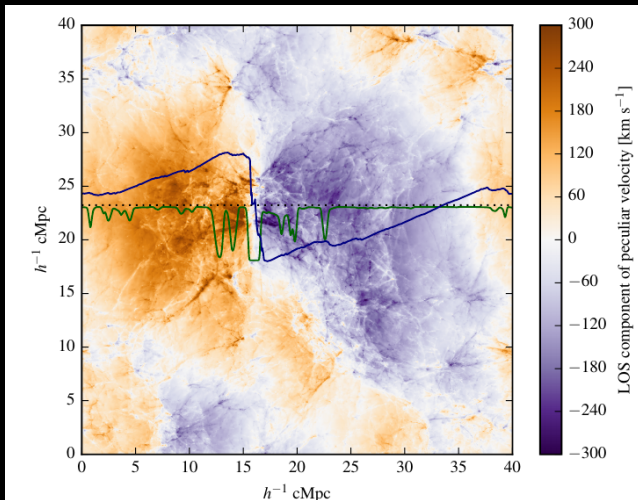
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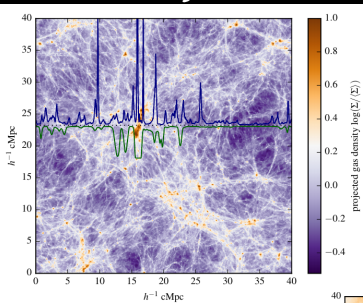
$$v_p = v_{||} - H(z) r(z)$$

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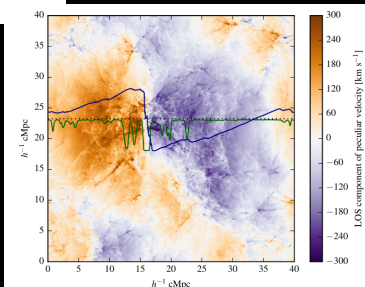
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