Signatures and constraints on Warm Dark Matter scenarios from reionization, 21-cm, first galaxies

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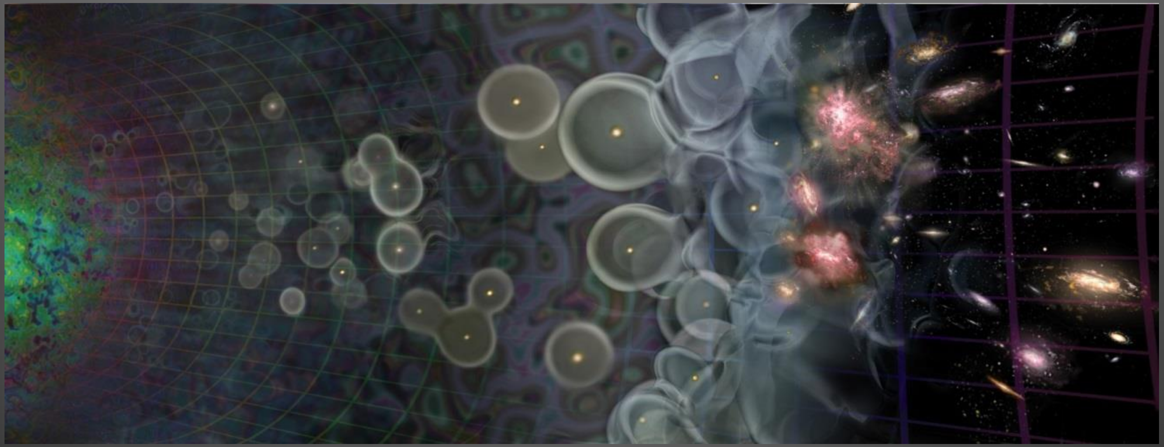
Outline

- The early Universe (overview)
- Effect of WDM on:
  1. Number Counts
  2. Thermal history and Reionization
  3. 21-cm signal
  4. Star formation



Today: Golden Age of Astronomy, Cosmology and Astrophysics

The Universe

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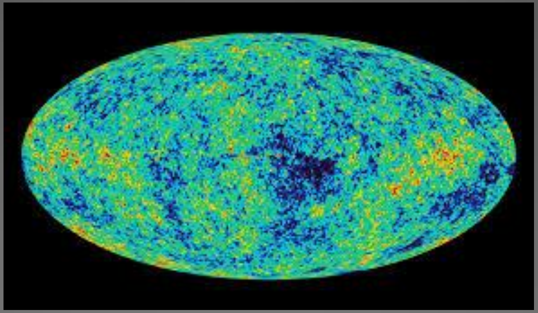

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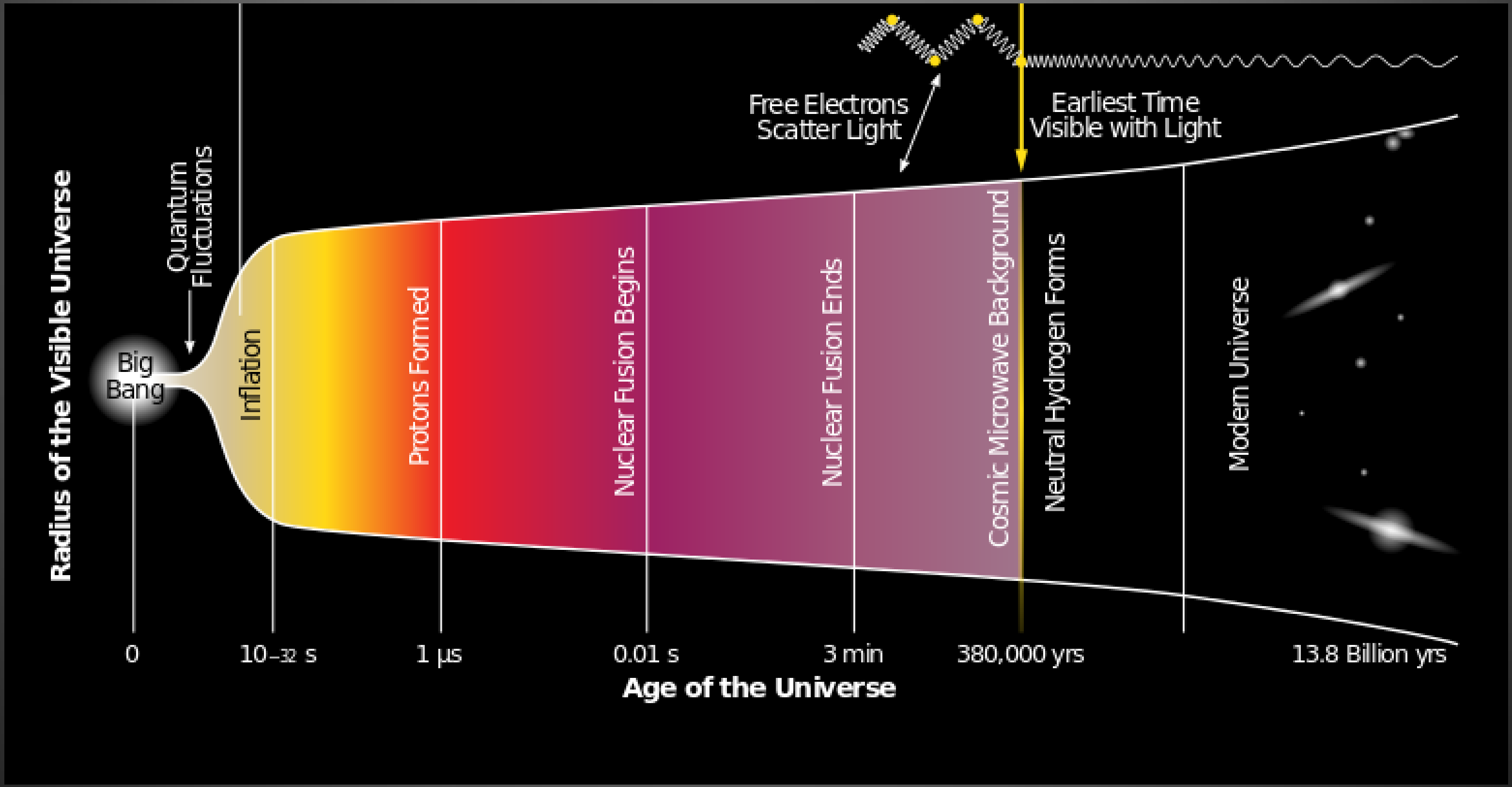

The Observable Universe

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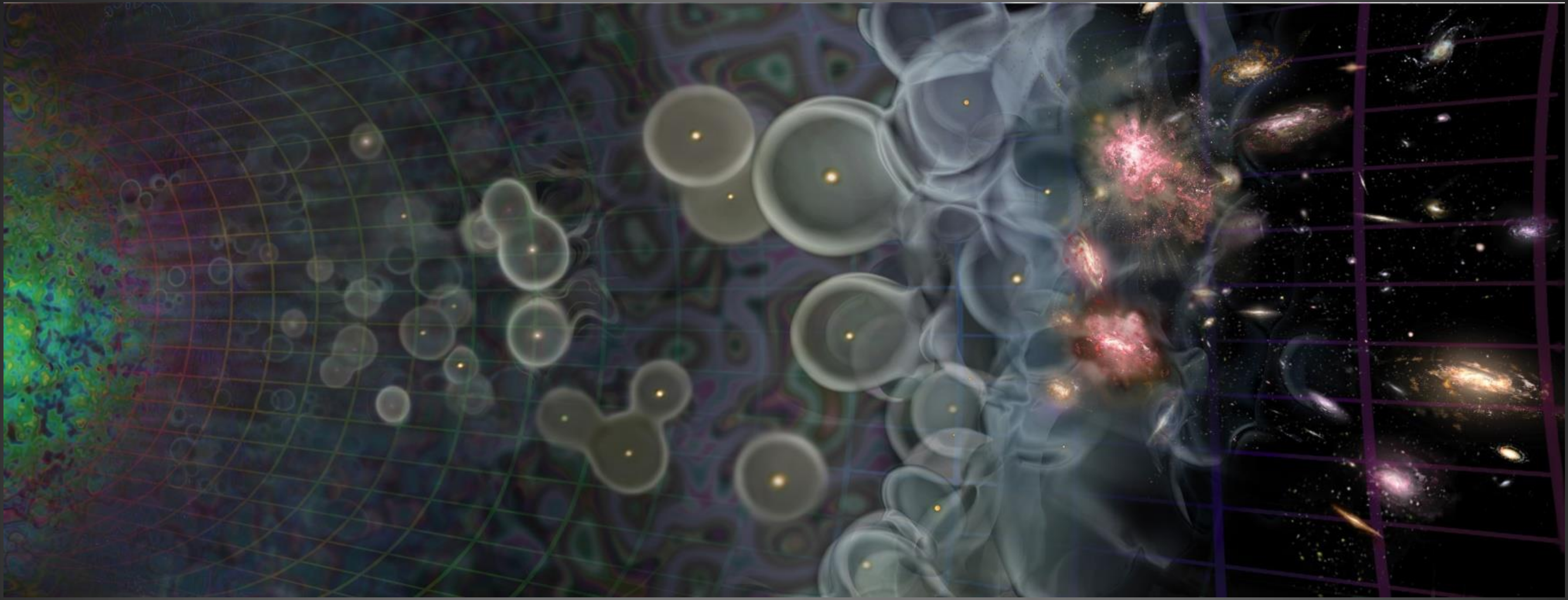

CMB
Dark Ages
First stars & galaxies
Reionization
Large Scale Structure

Unobserved Part of the Observable Universe

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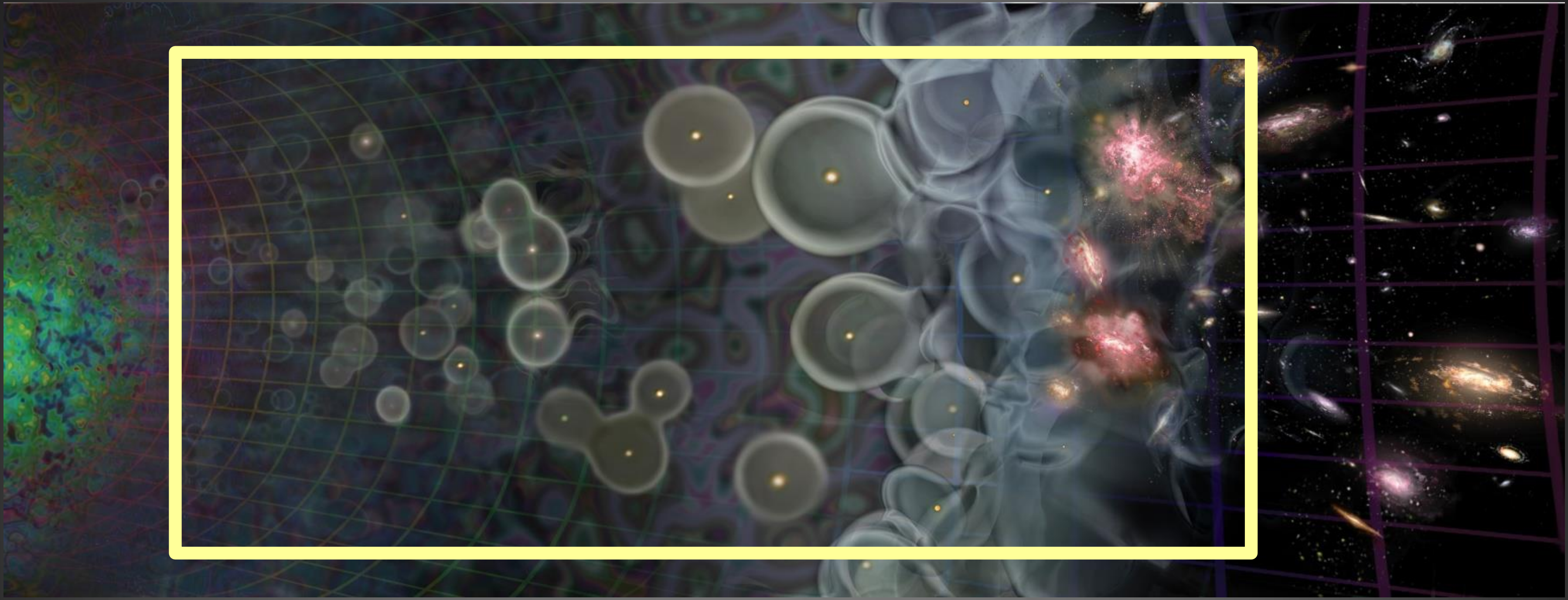

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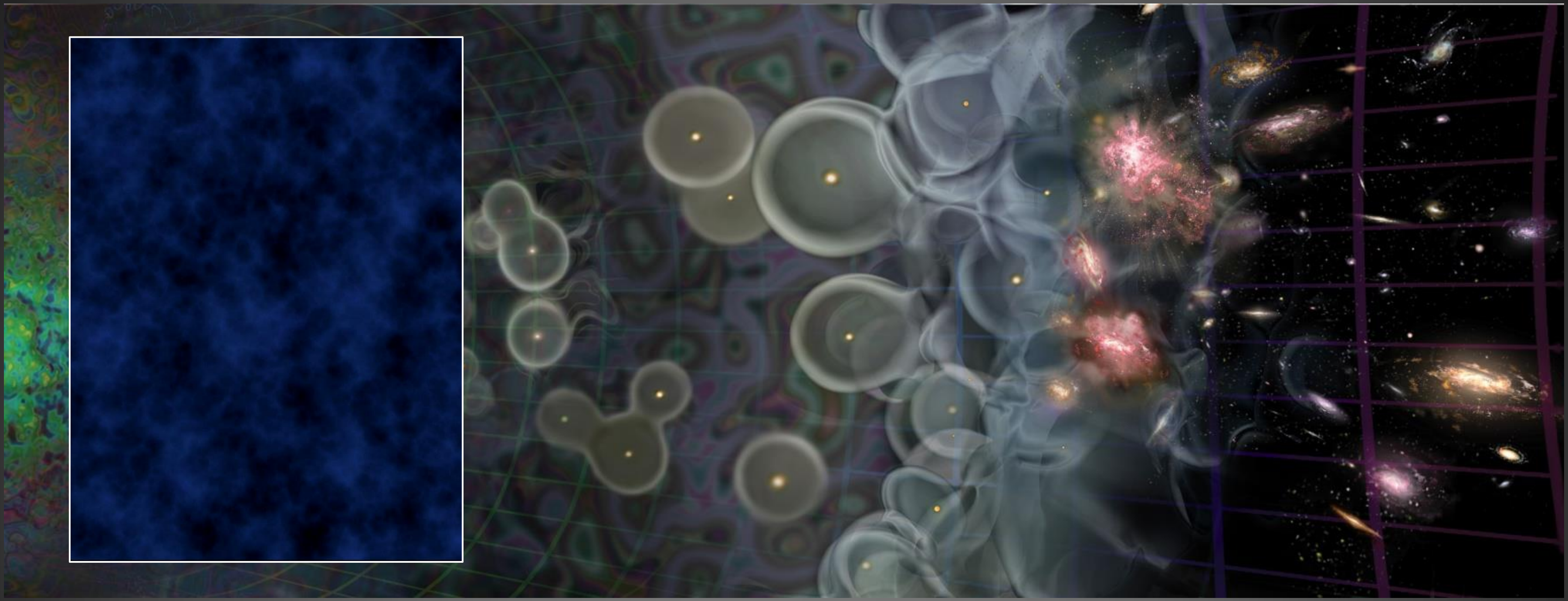
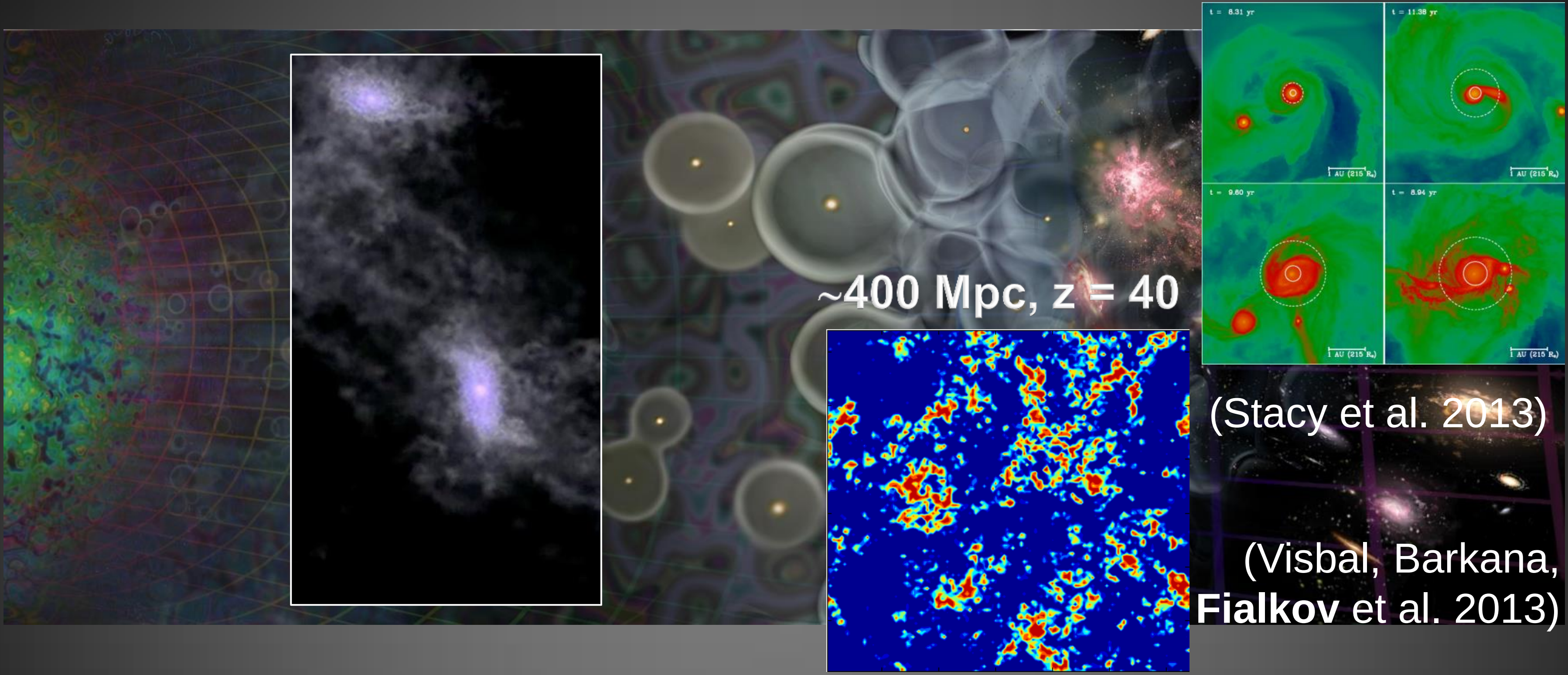
What can we learn about Dark Matter from Future Observations at Higher Redshifts?

Dark Ages



- Universe expands and cools
- Large scale density fluctuations grow linearly
- No stars

Cosmic Dawn: First Stars and Galaxies

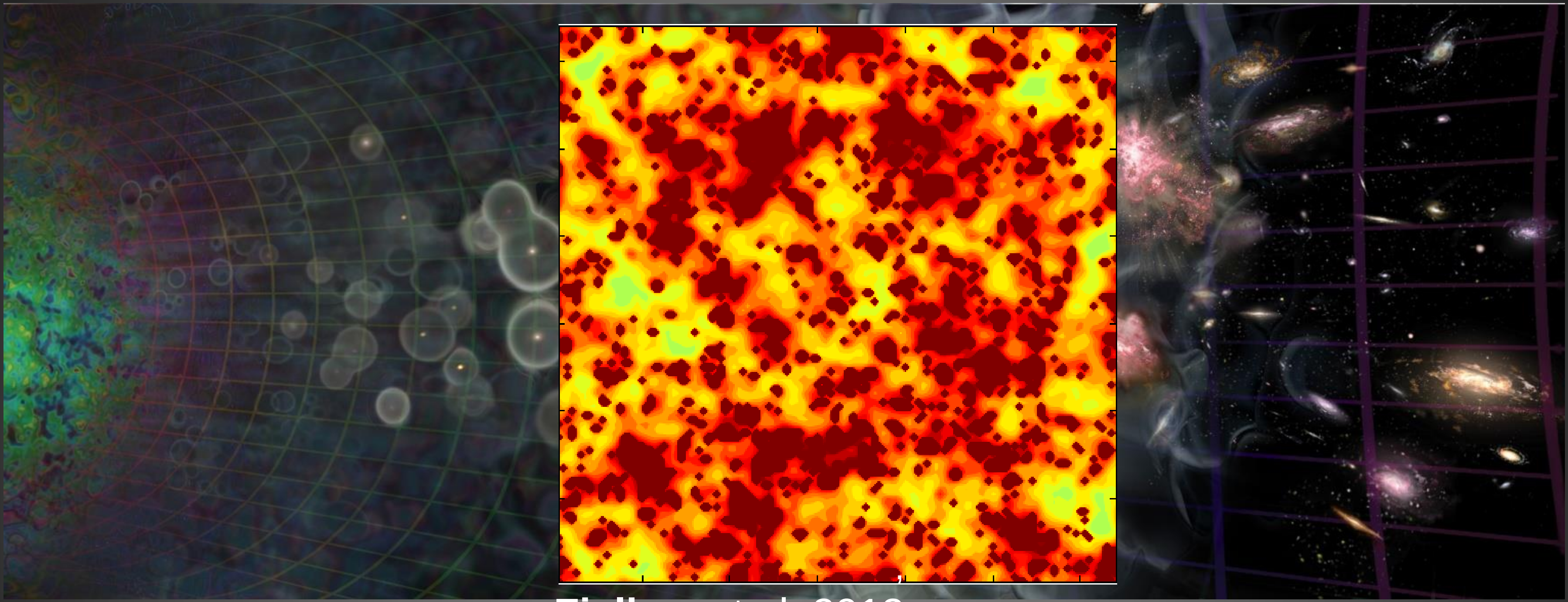


(Stacy et al. 2013)

(Visbal, Barkana, **Fialkov** et al. 2013)

- First halos collapse, start formation starts at $z \sim 65$ (majority form at $z < 30$)
- Primordial star formation in minihalos : H or H_2 cooling
- Stars are rare at high redshifts (biased by δ_{LS} and v_{bc})

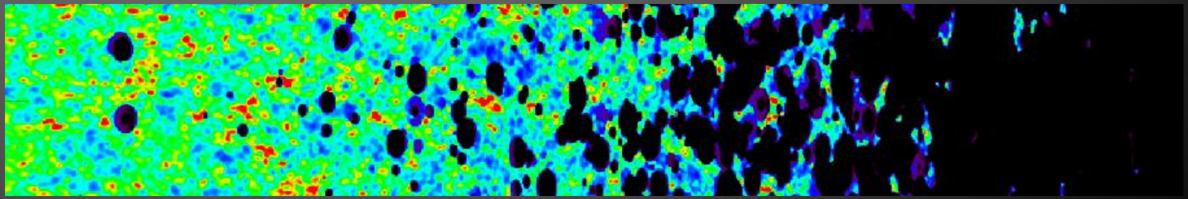
Reionization



Fialkov et al. 2013

- Radiation from stars and other sources gradually (re-) heats and (re-) ionizes intergalactic gas

- Ionization bubbles



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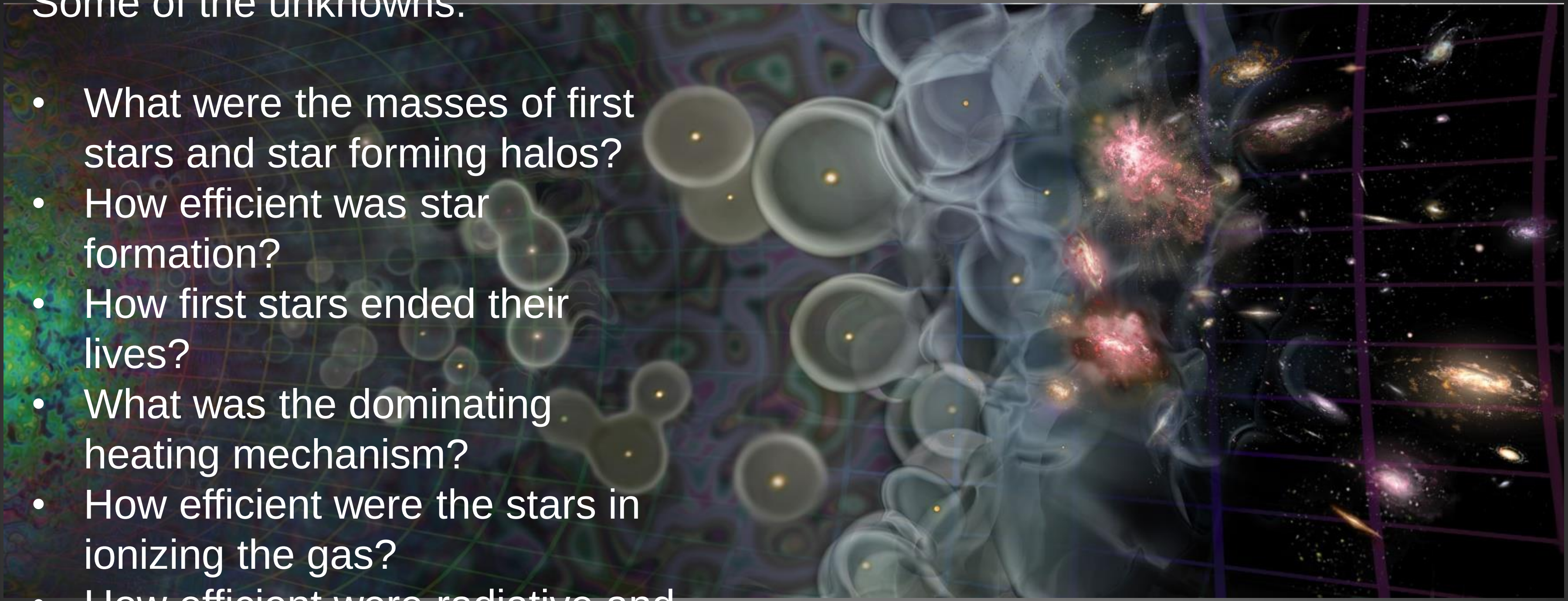

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- How efficient was star formation?
- How first stars ended their lives?
- What was the dominating heating mechanism?
- How efficient were the stars in ionizing the gas?
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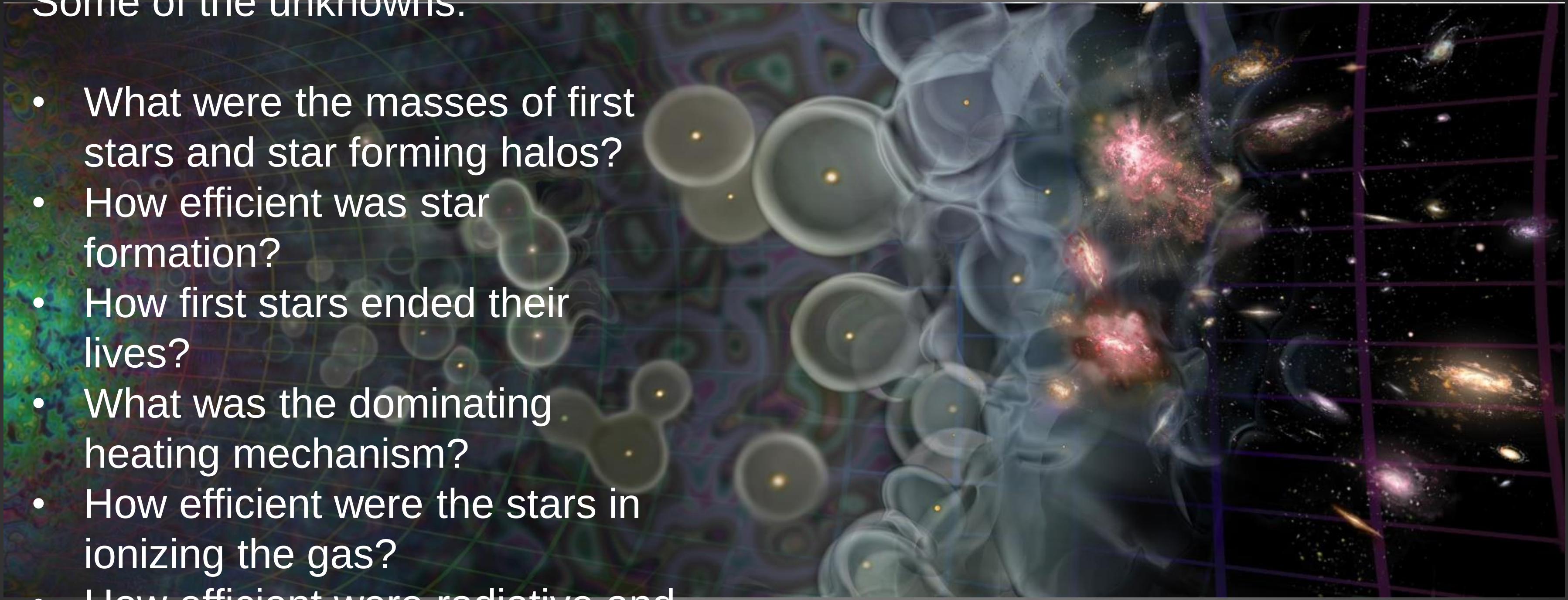

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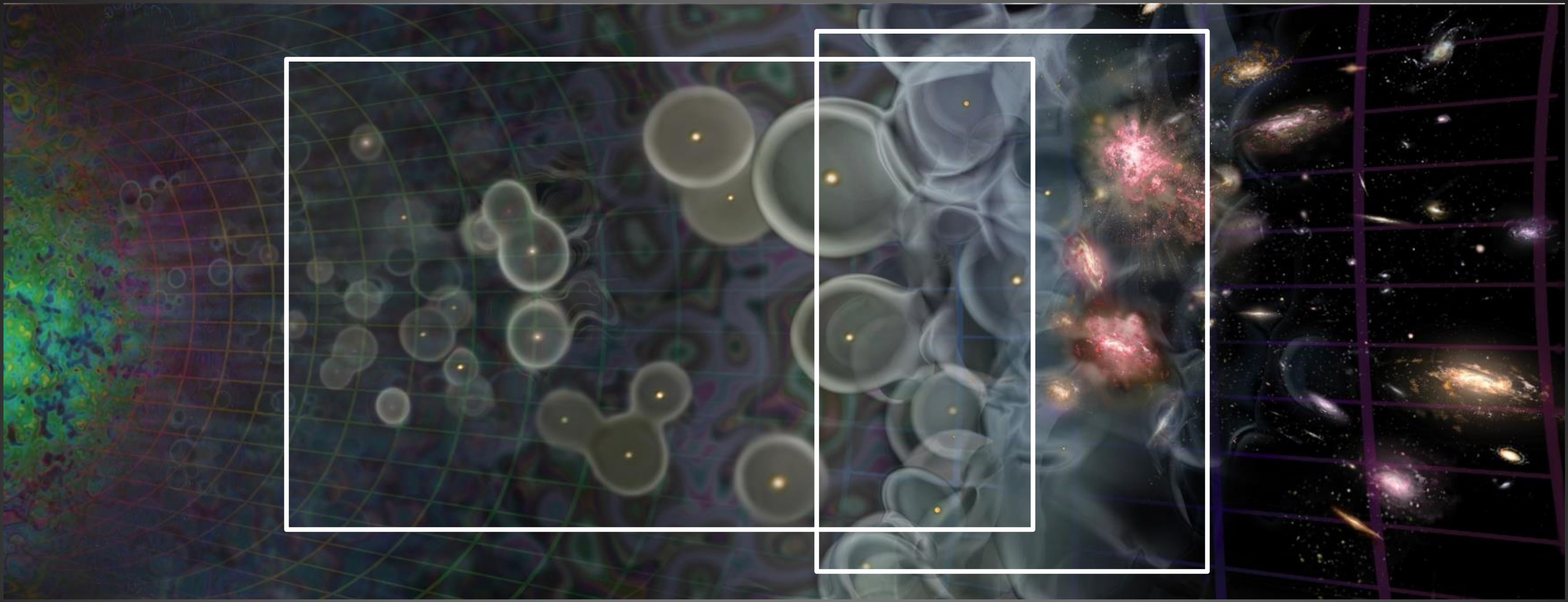
What is the nature of dark matter??

Prospects for High-z Observations

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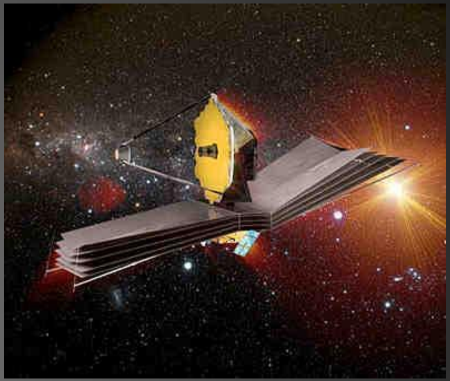
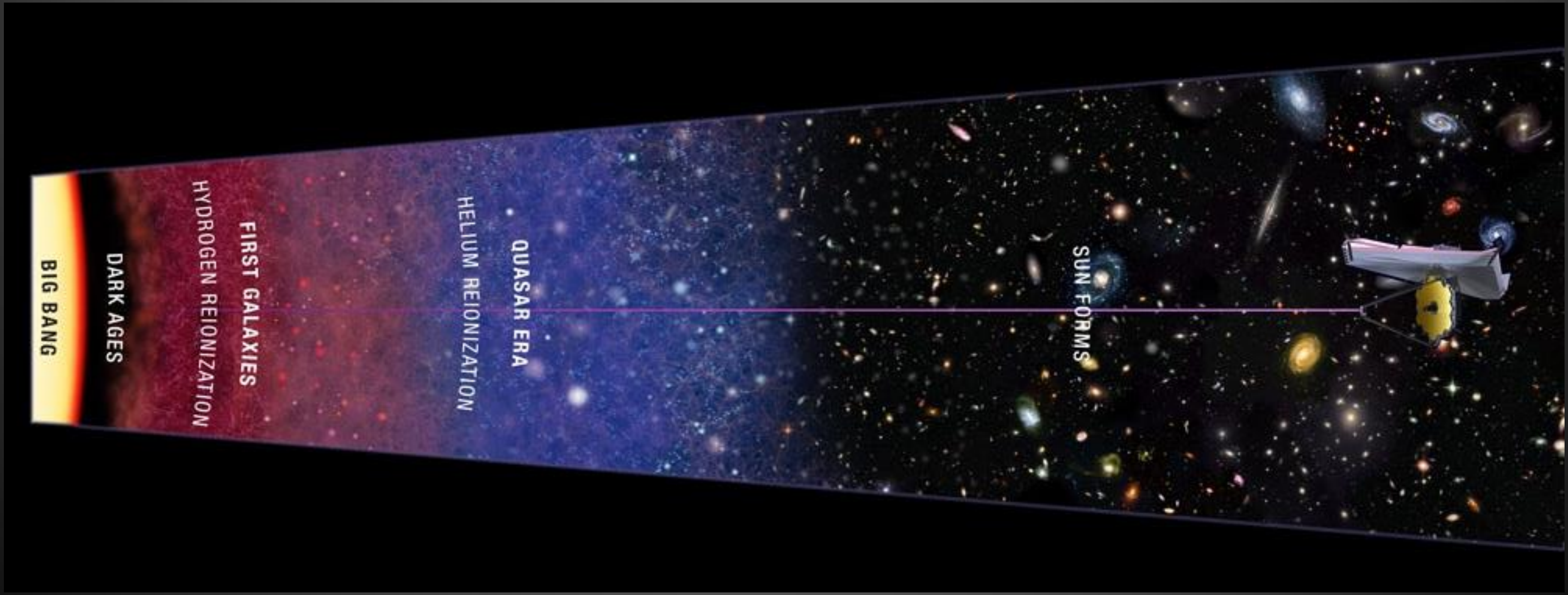
JWST

Seeing the First Galaxies

JWST will be a powerful time machine (IR) that will peer back over 13.5 billion years to see the first stars and galaxies forming out of the darkness of the early universe. Probe galaxies during reionization





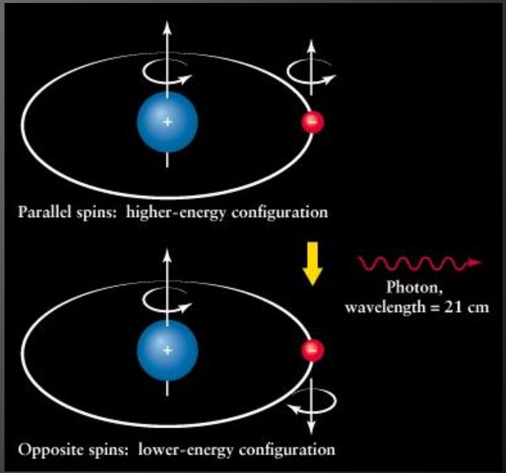
21-cm Signal of HI

Image: Loeb, Scientific American 2006

High-z Universe is mostly filled with HI

HI emits 21-cm signal, probe of

- Dark Ages
- Cosmic Dawn
- Reionization



Promising tools

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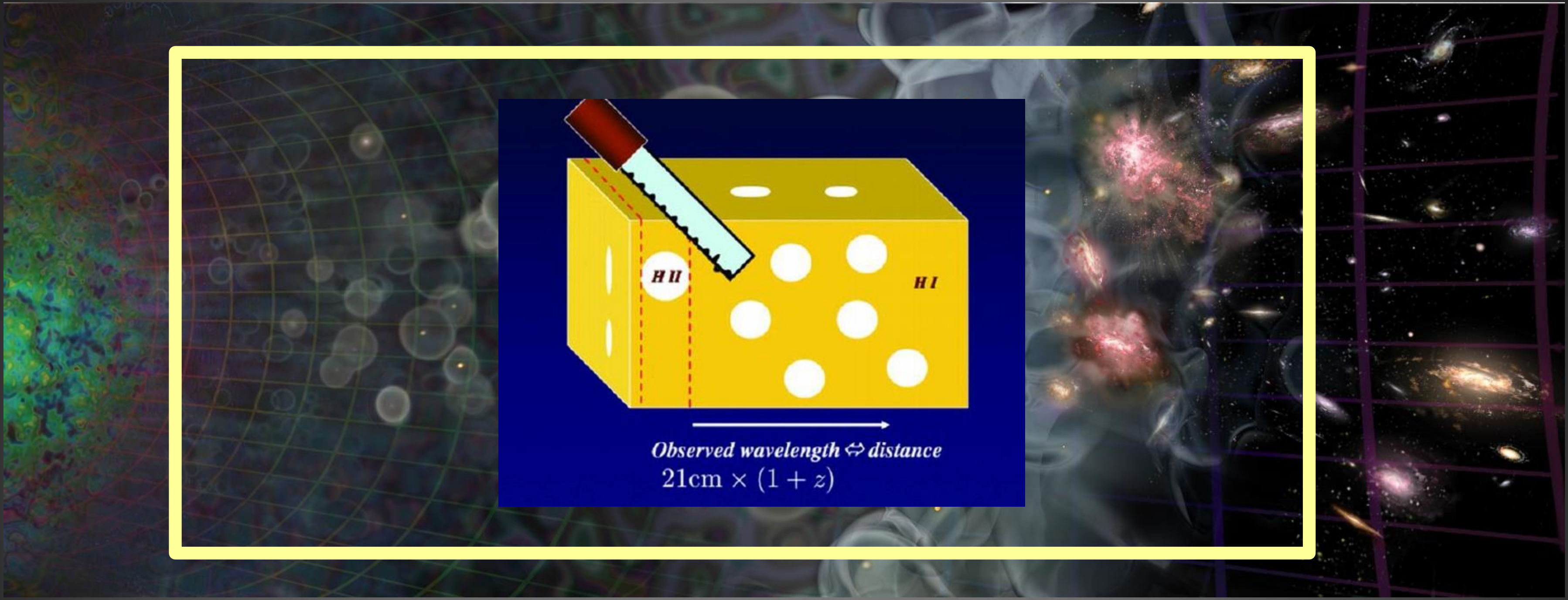
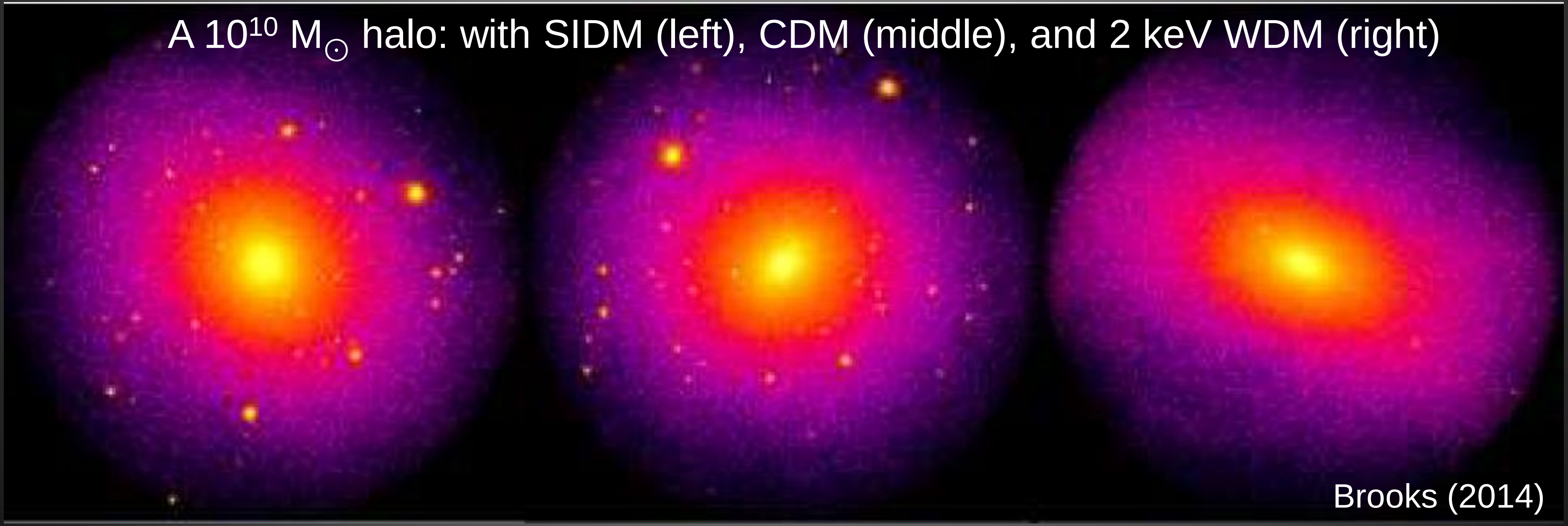


- 3D picture of the Universe
- Probe of small scale structure (no Silk damping)

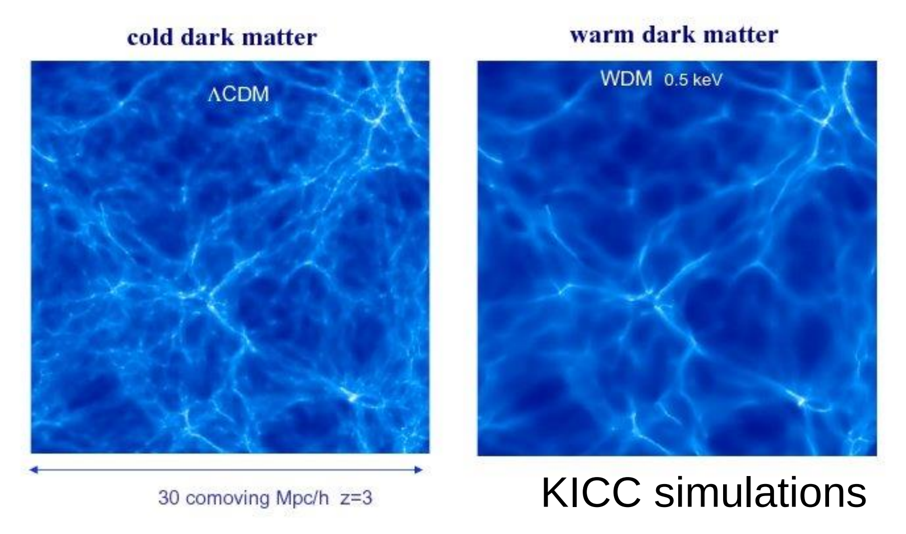
Probes of Warm Dark Matter in the Early Universe



A 10^{10} $M_\odot$ halo: with SIDM (left), CDM (middle), and 2 keV WDM (right)

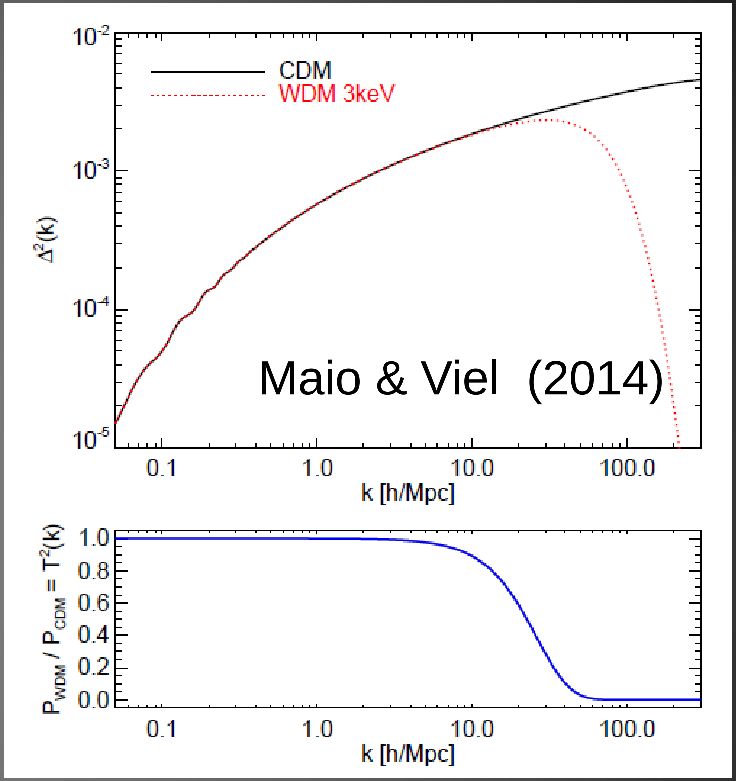
Brooks (2014)

Large Scale Structure



KICC simulations

Matter power spectra for 3 keV WDM

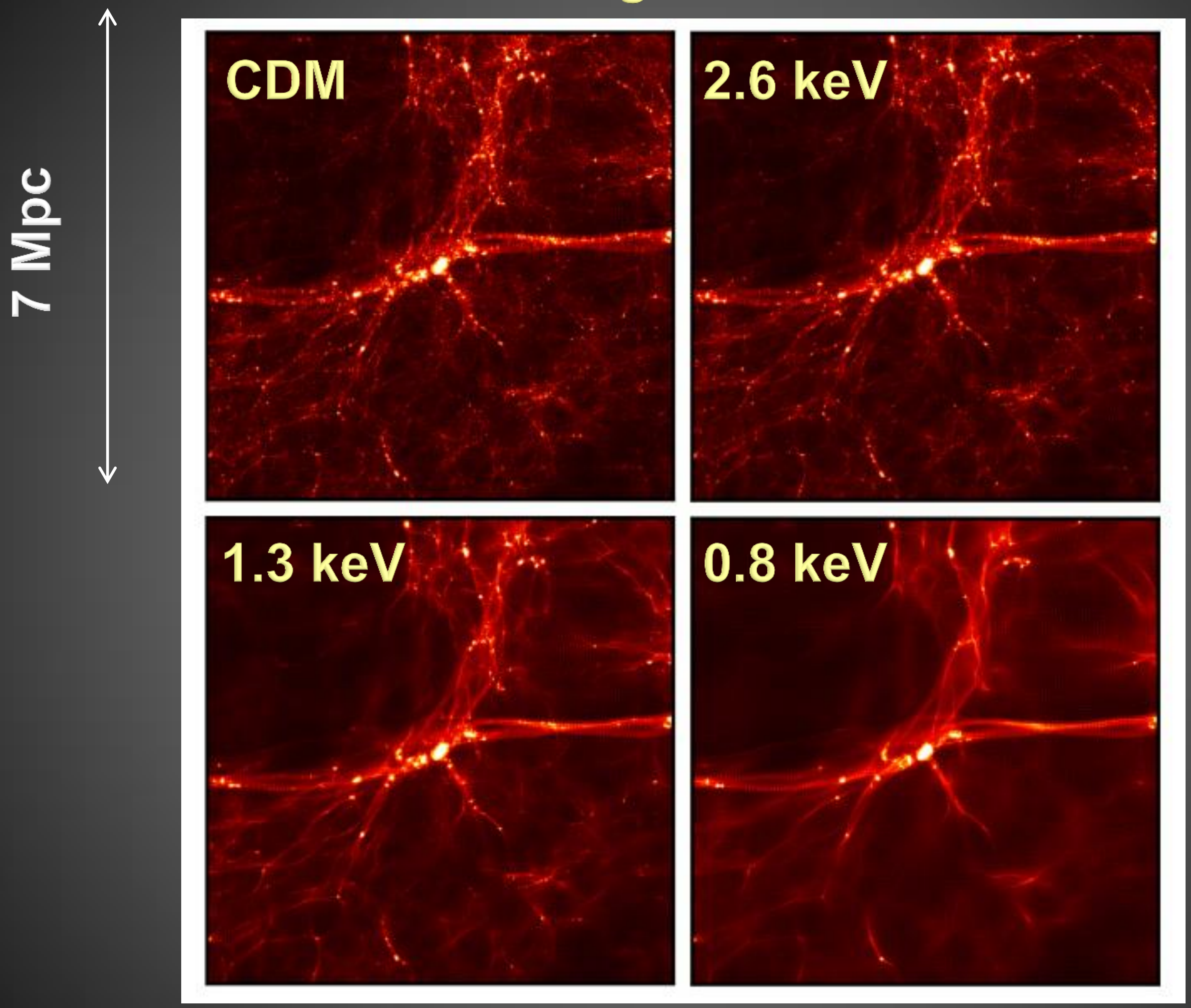


Maio & Viel (2014)

Structure formation on small scales is suppressed:

- Particle free streaming (Bode P., Ostriker J. P., Turok N., 2001)
- Residual velocity dispersion of the WDM delays gravitational collapse (Barkana R., Haiman Z., Ostriker J. P., 2001)

Clustering at z = 6

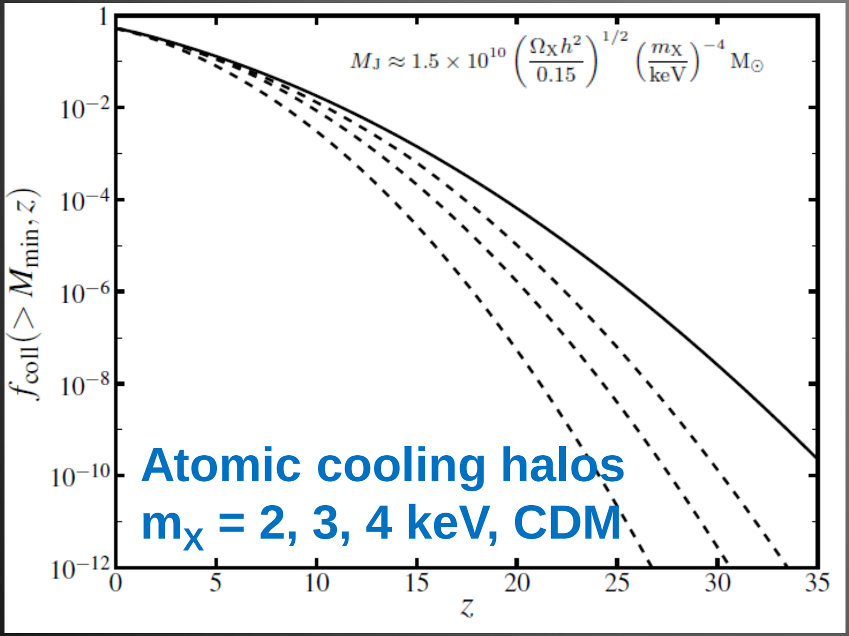


Schultz et al. 2014

Abundance of Dark Matter Halos

- Decrease in the number density
- Change in the mass build up of the smallest galaxies at the highest redshifts, WDM – no light galaxies

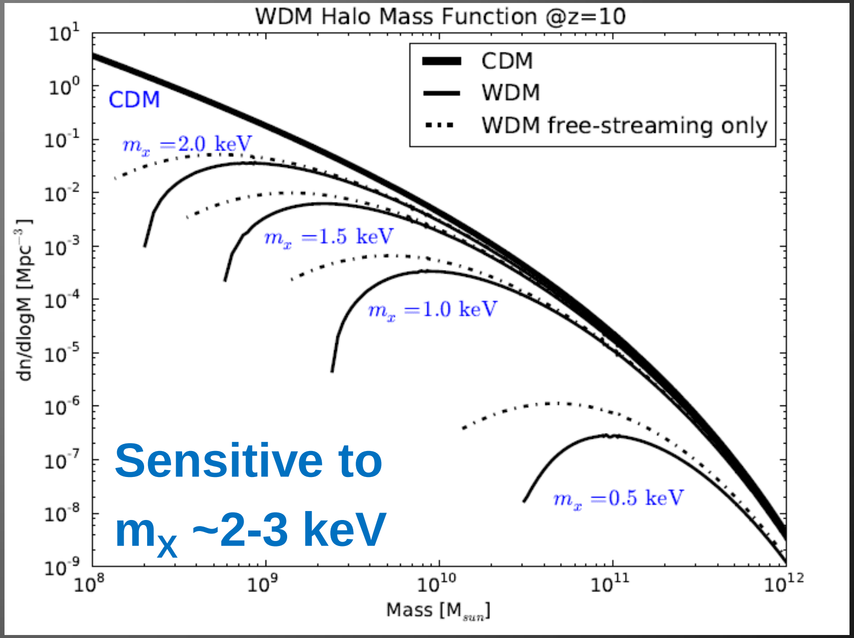
Collapsed fraction



Atomic cooling halos
m_X = 2, 3, 4 keV, CDM

Sitwell, Mesinger, Ma, Sigurdson 2014

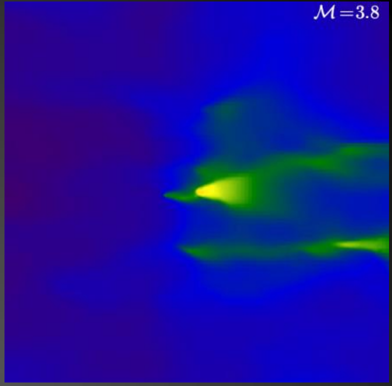
Number counts at z = 10



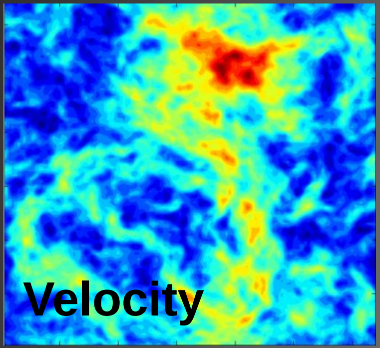
Sensitive to
m_X ~2-3 keV

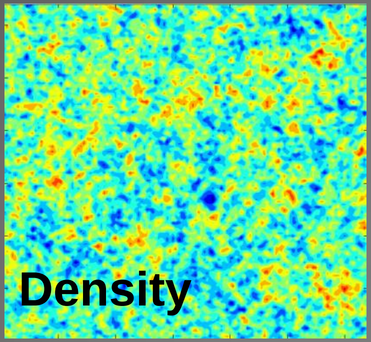
Pacucci, Mesinger, Haiman 2013

Sources of Astrophysical Uncertainties



Initial conditions



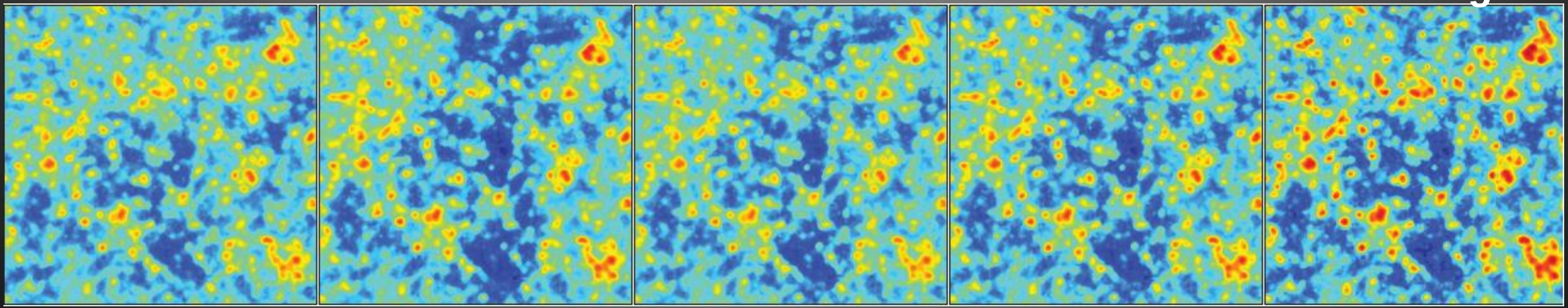


- Density
- Velocity
- Radiative backgrounds
  - X-rays
  - Ly-α
  - Lyman-Werner
  - Ionizing

21-cm brightness temperature

← **Molecular cooling** →

Atomic cooling



No feedback, No vbc

No feedback

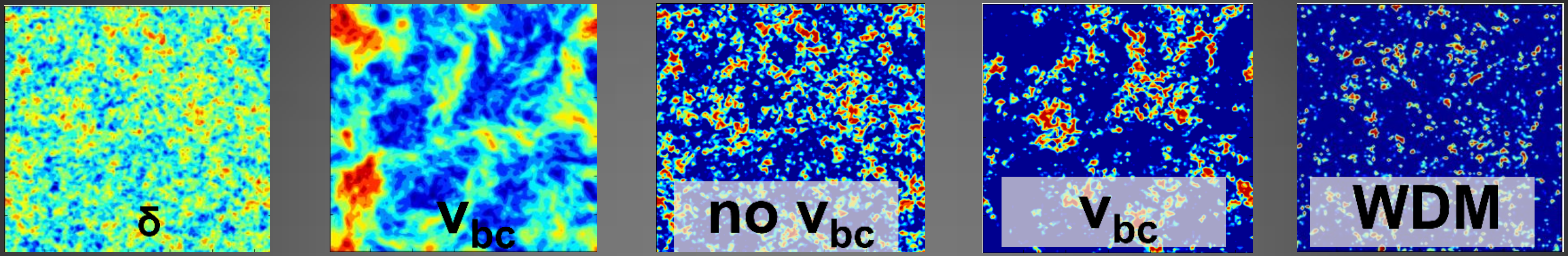
Weak feedback

Strong feedback

Saturated feedbback

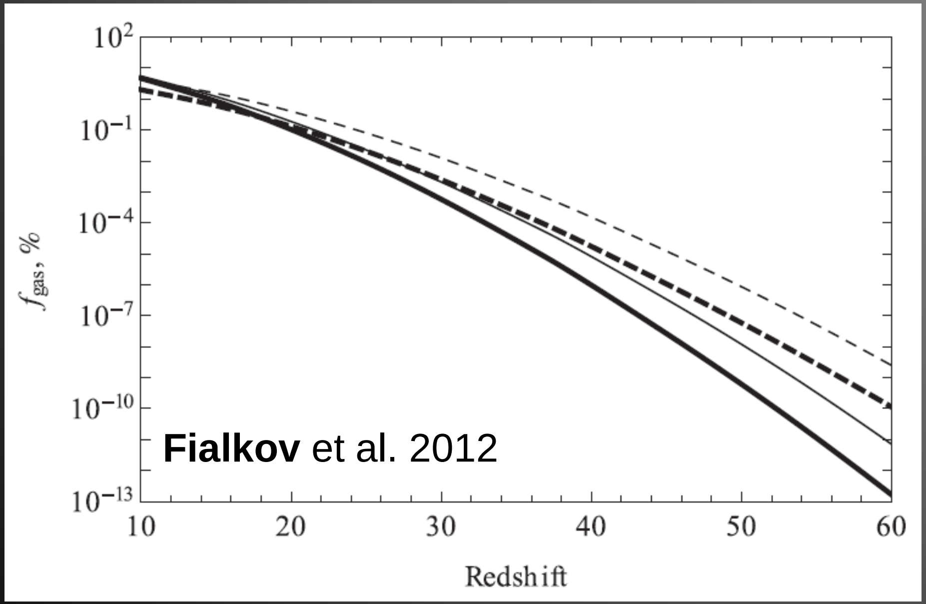
Fialkov, Barkana, Visbal, Tseliakhovich, Hirata (2013)

Abundance of Dark Matter Halos
Astrophysical Uncertainties



Star formation in 10^5-10^7 M_{sun} halos:

Interplay between WDM (~ 10 keV), astrophysics and v_{bc}.



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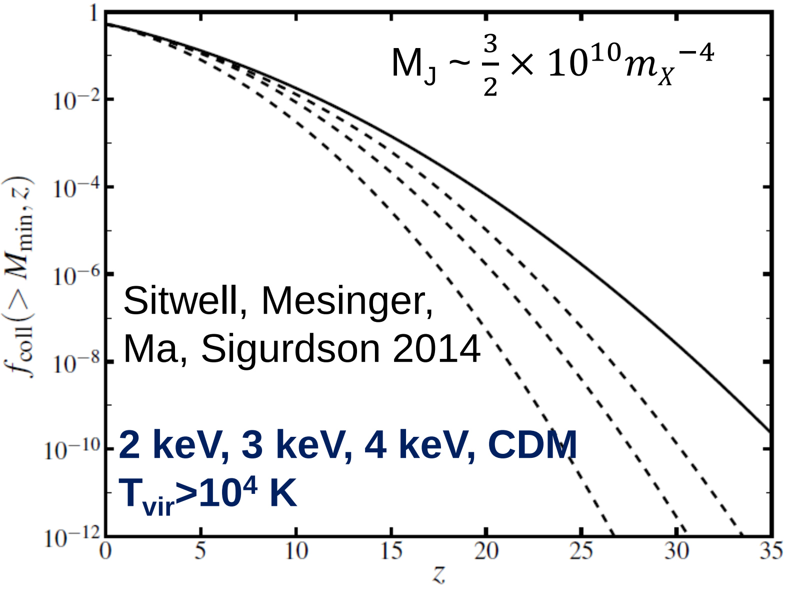


$M_J \sim \frac{3}{2} \times 10^{10} m_X{}^{-4}$

Sitwell, Mesinger, Ma, Sigurdson 2014

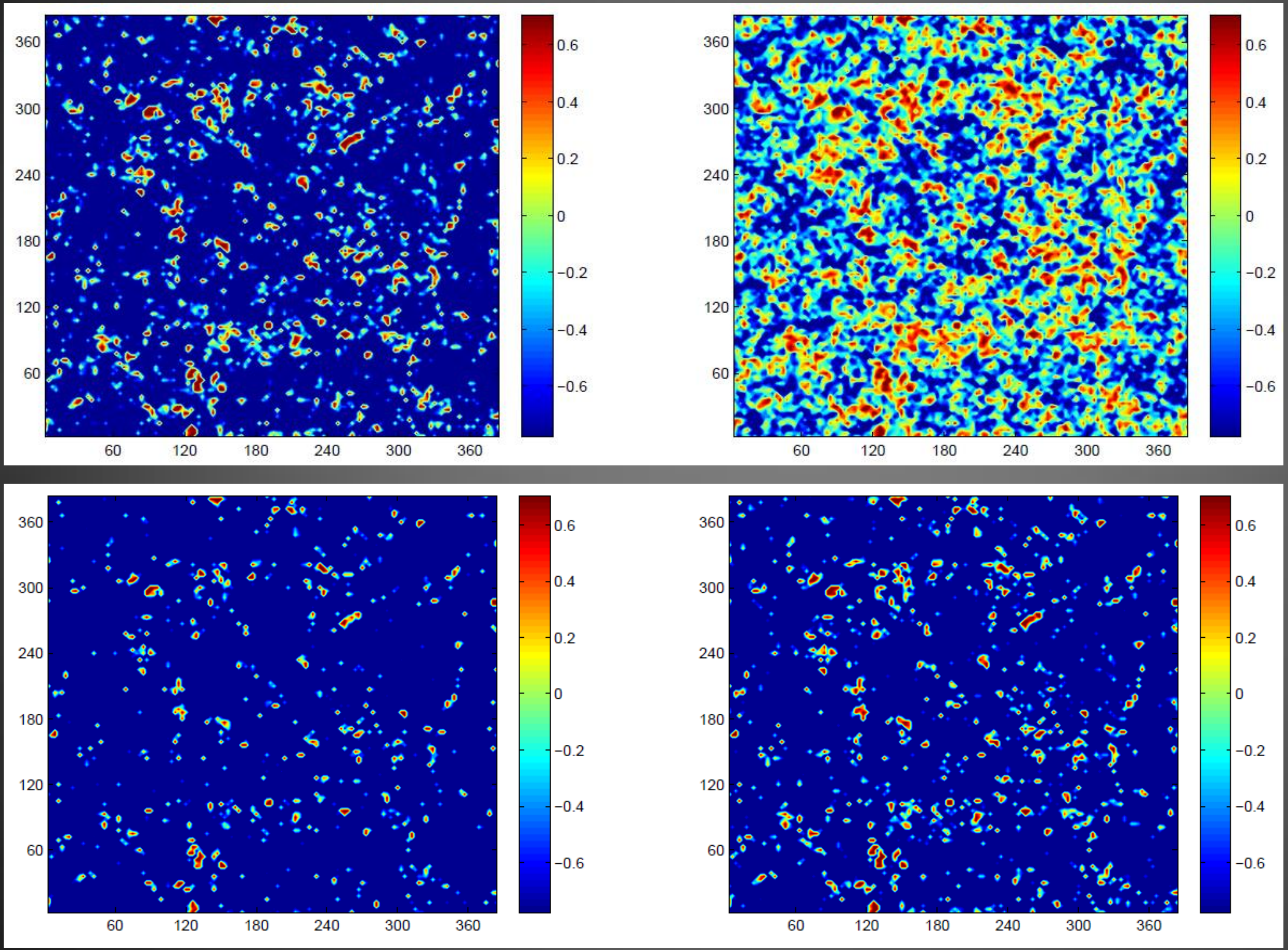
2 keV, 3 keV, 4 keV, CDM

T_{vir}>10^4 K

Collapsed Fraction at z = 10, Fluctuations

WDM, 3 keV, $M_J \sim 10^9\ M_{sun}$

CDM



Atomic cooling
$M>10^7\ M_{sun}$

Star formation
in heavy halos
$M>10^{10}\ M_{sun}$

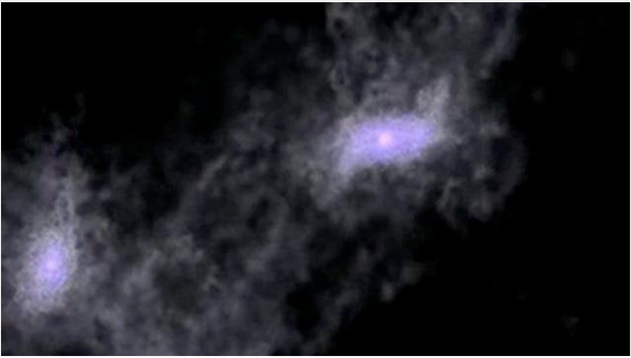
Fialkov, Preliminary results

First Stars

The First Billion Years of a Warm Dark Matter Universe

Umberto Maio[1,2★], Matteo Viel[1,3]

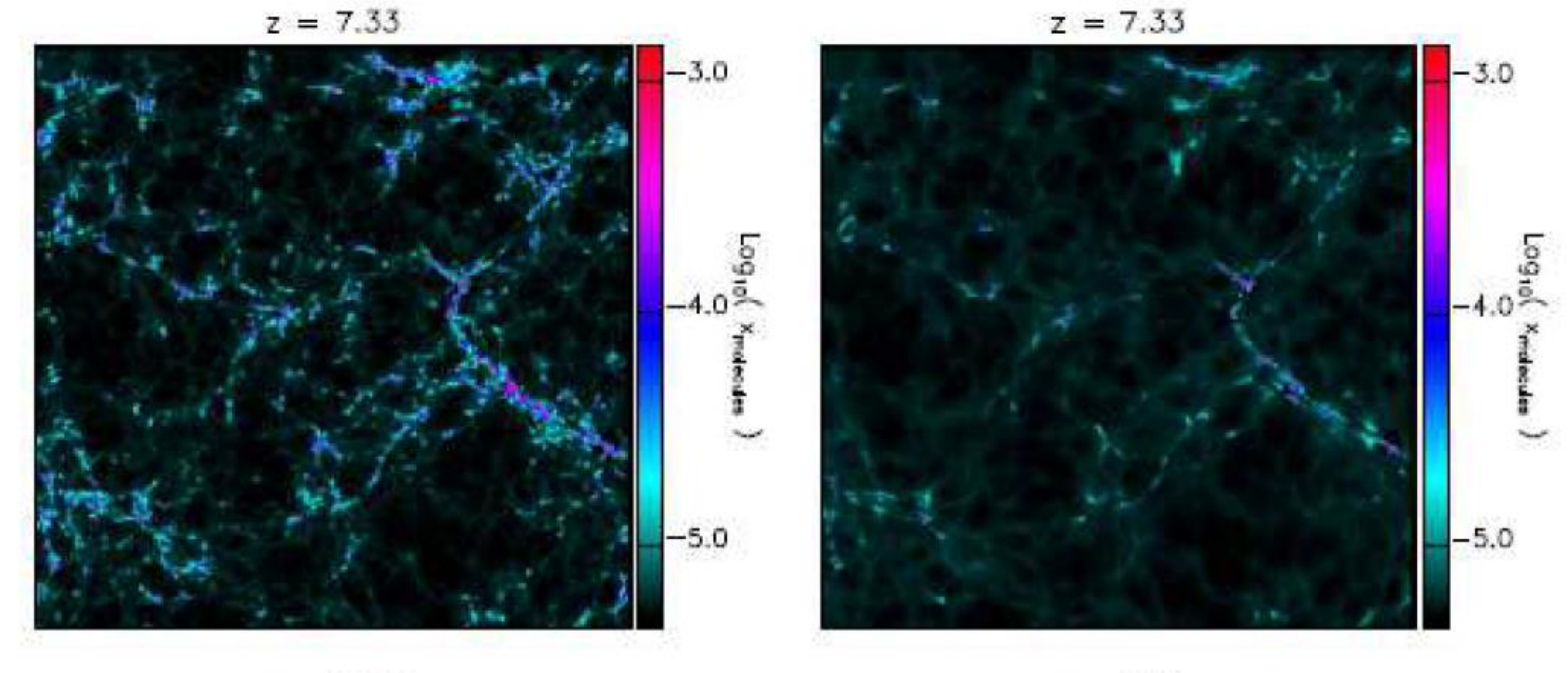
“The most striking effect of WDM results to be a **dramatic drop of star formation activity in the whole first billion years**. $\Delta z = 6$ (0.1 Gyr) delay in collapse and star formation”



First Stars

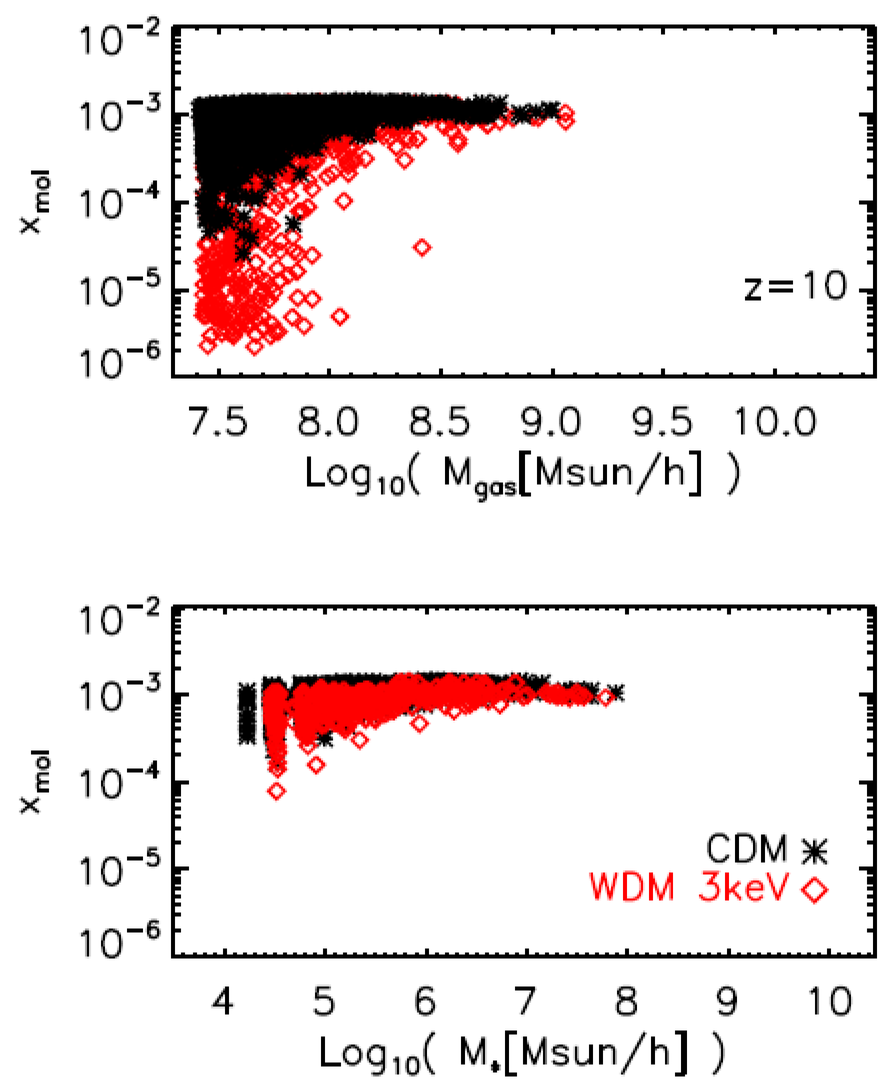
- Primordial stars form via H_2 or HI cooling
- WDM: no minihalos, H_2 cooling in WDM haloes (> 3 keV) is inhibited

Molecular Fractions, >3 keV

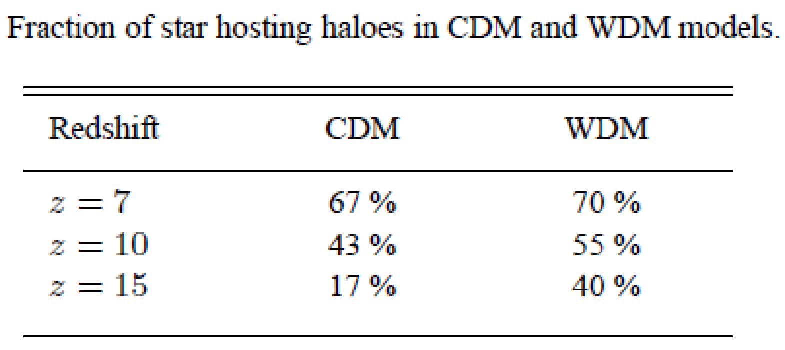


Maio & Viel (2014)

First Stars



- WDM : Less halos exist
- But more halos form stars
- Star formation via HI cooling and metal line cooling



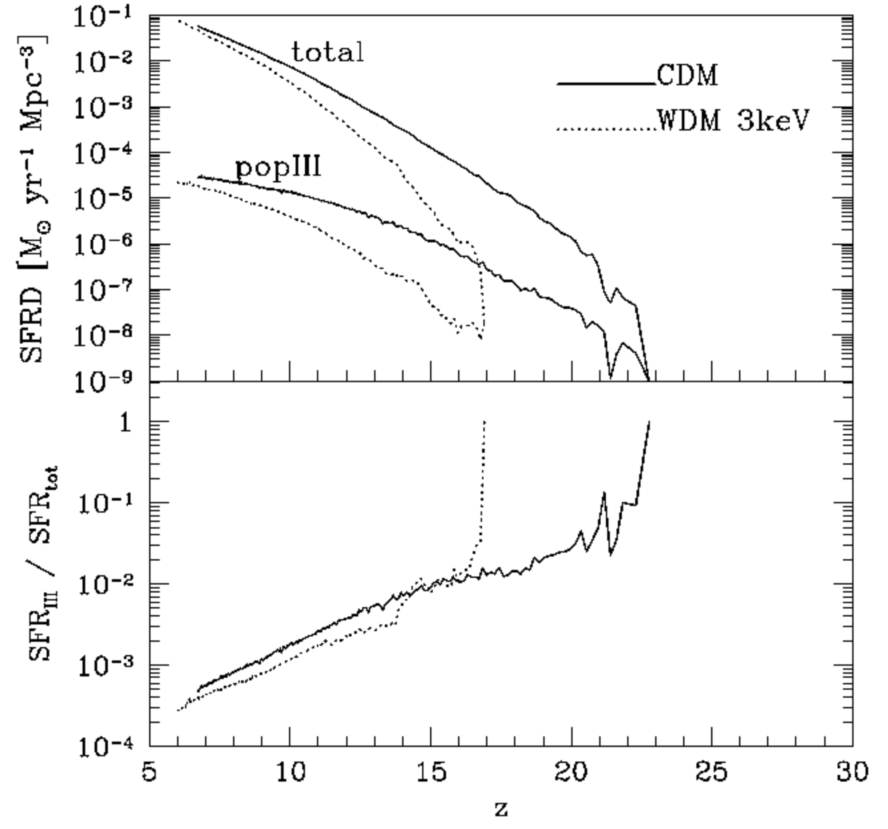
Fraction of star hosting haloes in CDM and WDM models.

Redshift	CDM	WDM
$z = 7$	67 %	70 %
$z = 10$	43 %	55 %
$z = 15$	17 %	40 %

Maio & Viel (2014)

Population III, SFR is suppressed

CDM : metal pollution starts earlier.
WDM : PopIII contribution drops down fast (enrichment takes place suddenly). More gas turns into stars and can experience more chemical feedback.



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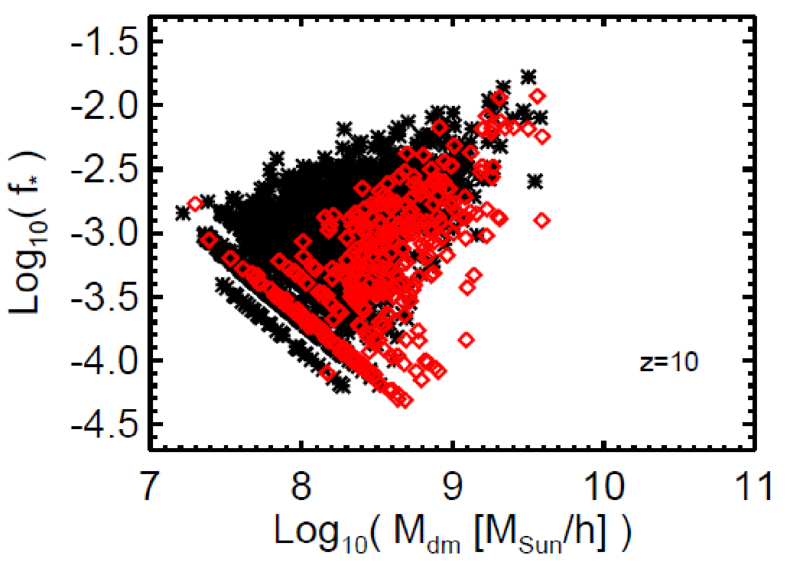
First Luminous Objects



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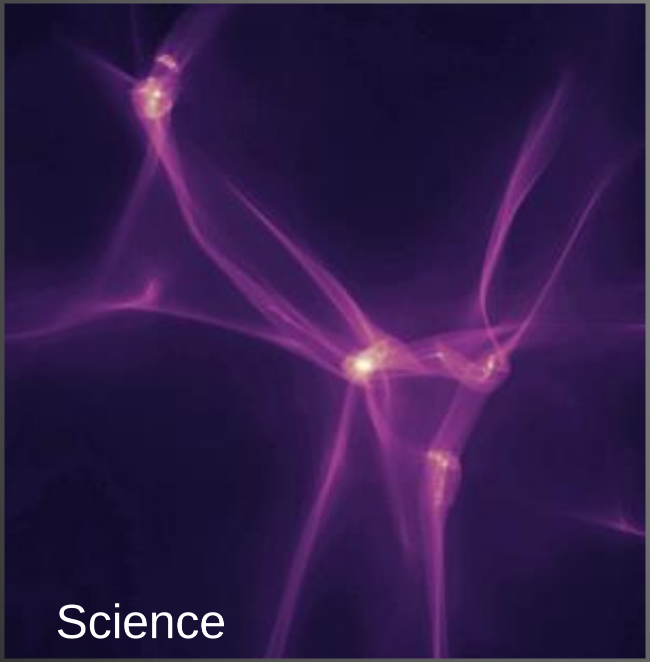
- Luminous objects in WDM are very rare at z > 10, due to the sparser and retarded evolution of mini-haloes

- Future high-z observations of faint galaxies have the potential to discriminate between CDM and WDM scenarios by means of cosmic stellar mass density and specific SFR.

Stellar Mass in the Universe

- Galaxies in WDM models form later
- Assemble their stars more rapidly compared to CDM.
- Younger, more UV luminous stellar population.



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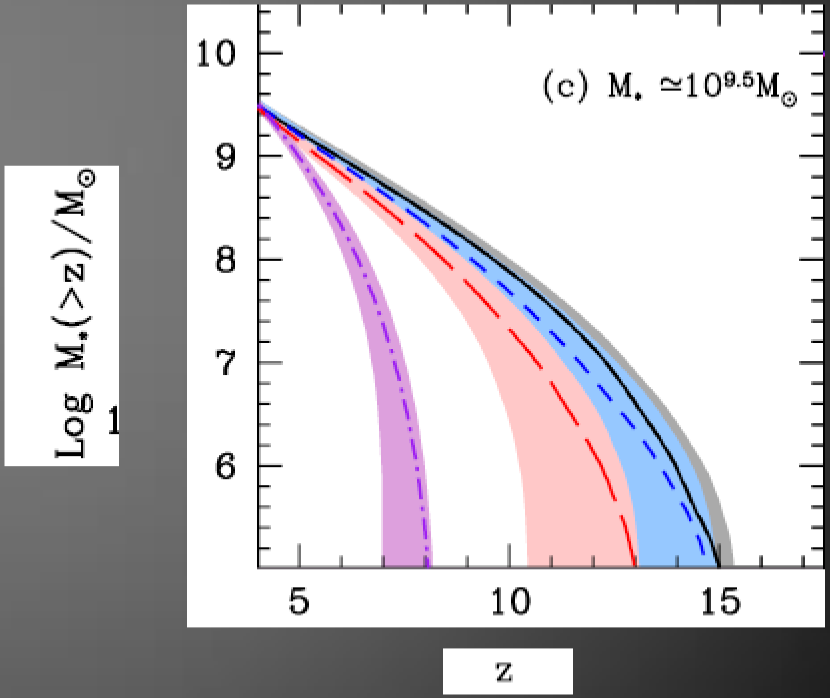
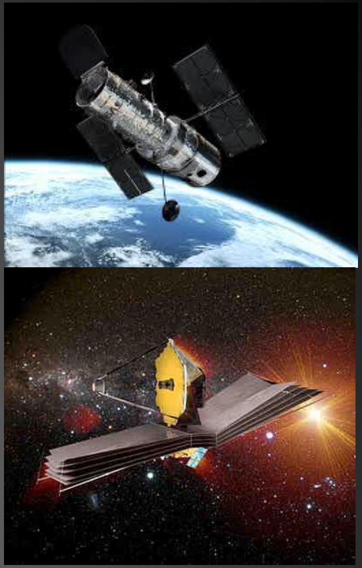
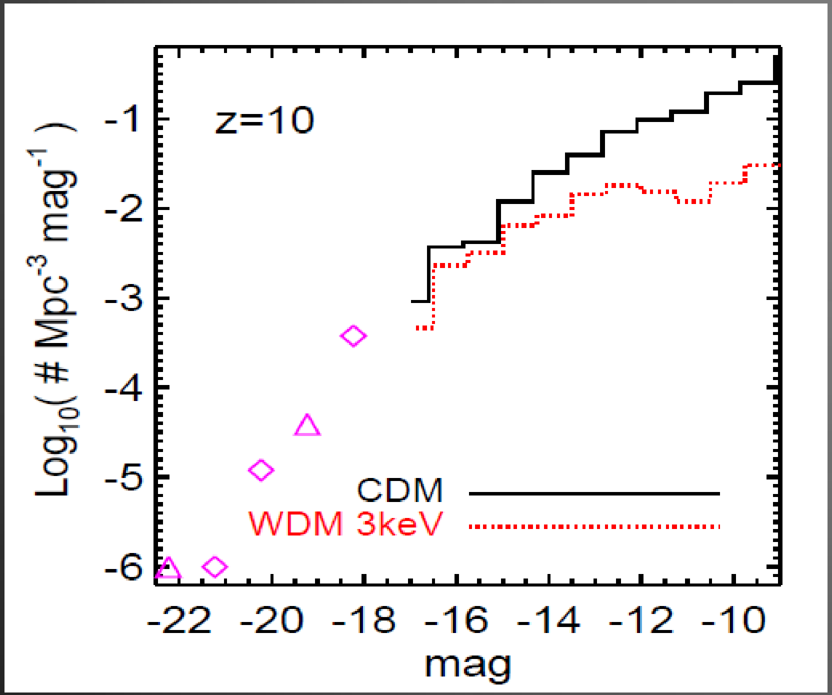


Average stellar mass assembly of galaxies as a function of z, Dayal et al. 2014

Effect on the Luminosity Function at High Redshfts



Faint galaxy counts at higher redshift will be sensitive to WDM scenario



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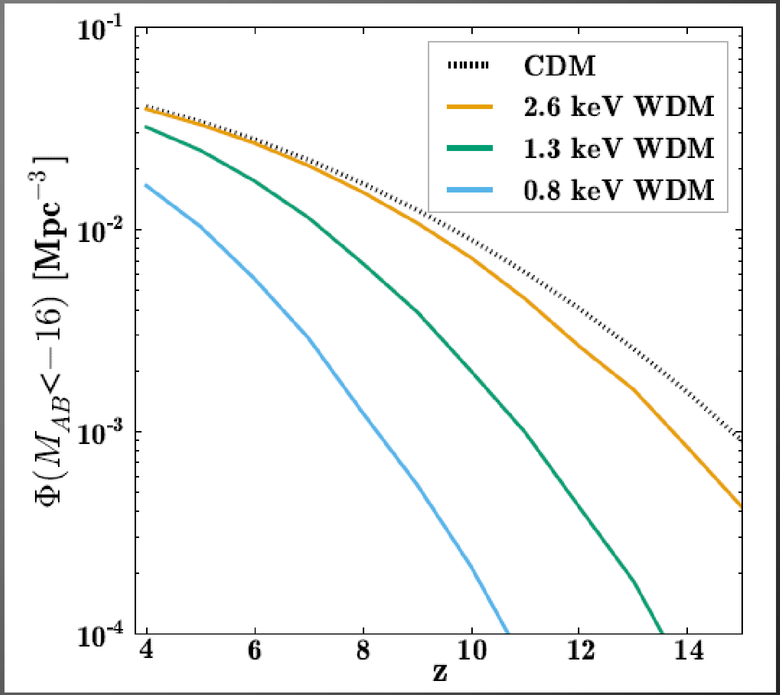
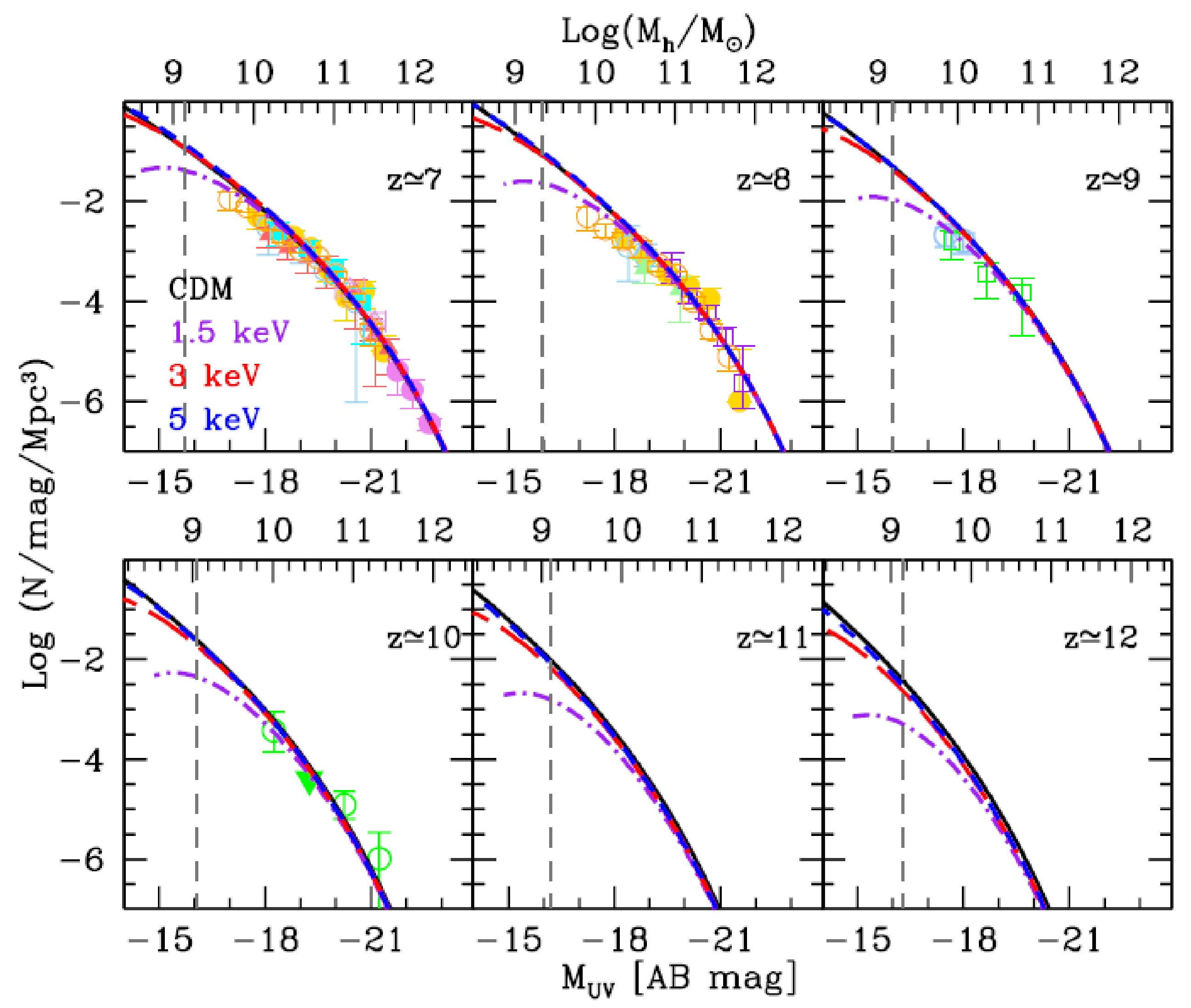
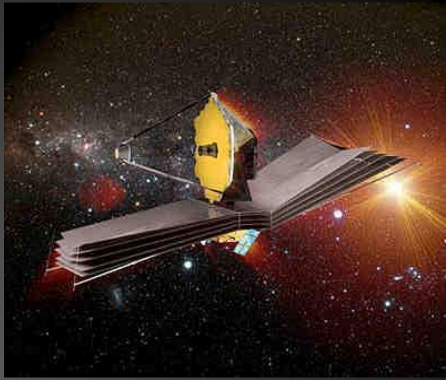


Predicted number density of galaxies brighter than M_{AB} = -16 (Schultz et al. 2014)

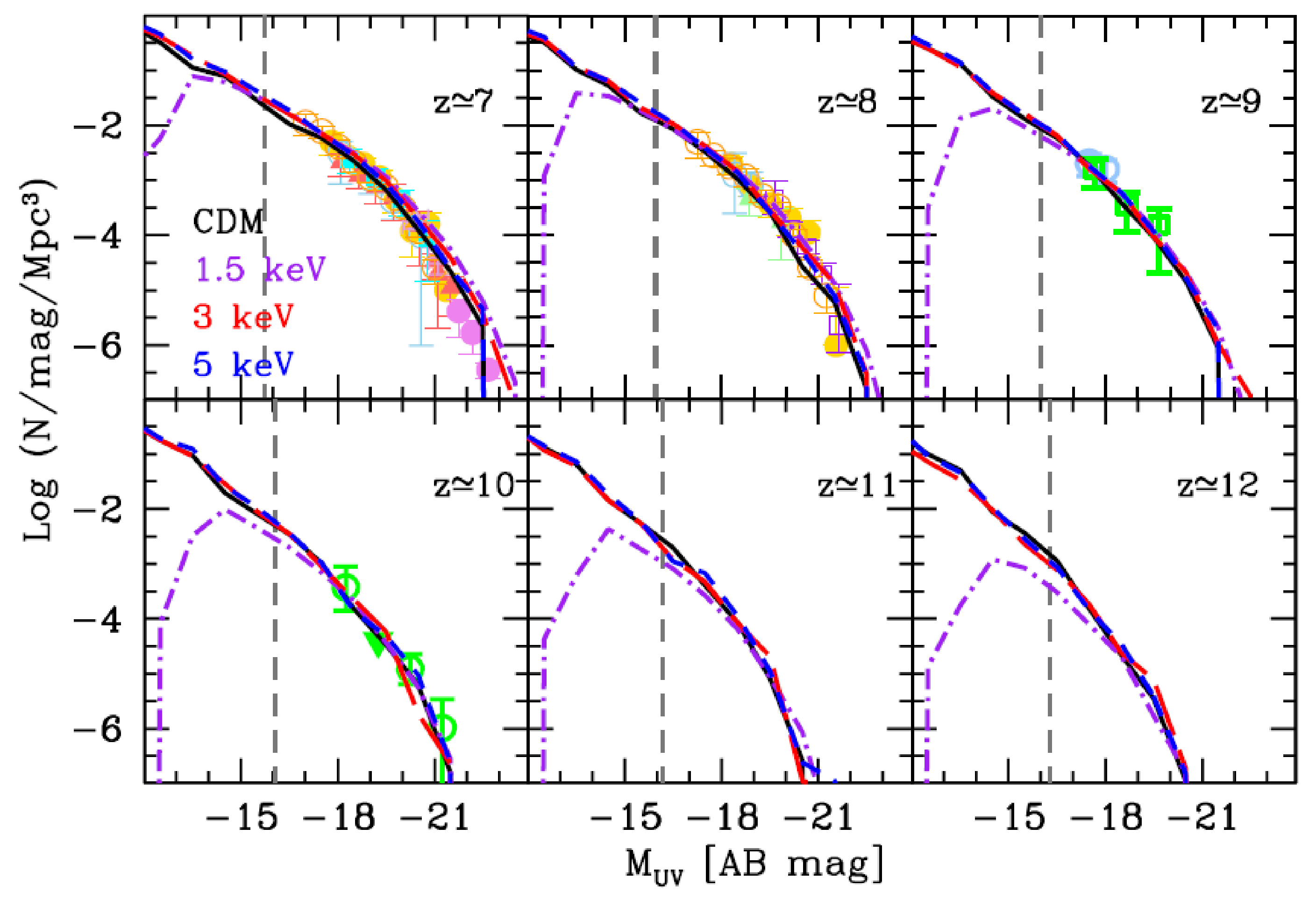
Luminosity Function





Dayal et al. 2015

Luminosity Function with UV Feedback



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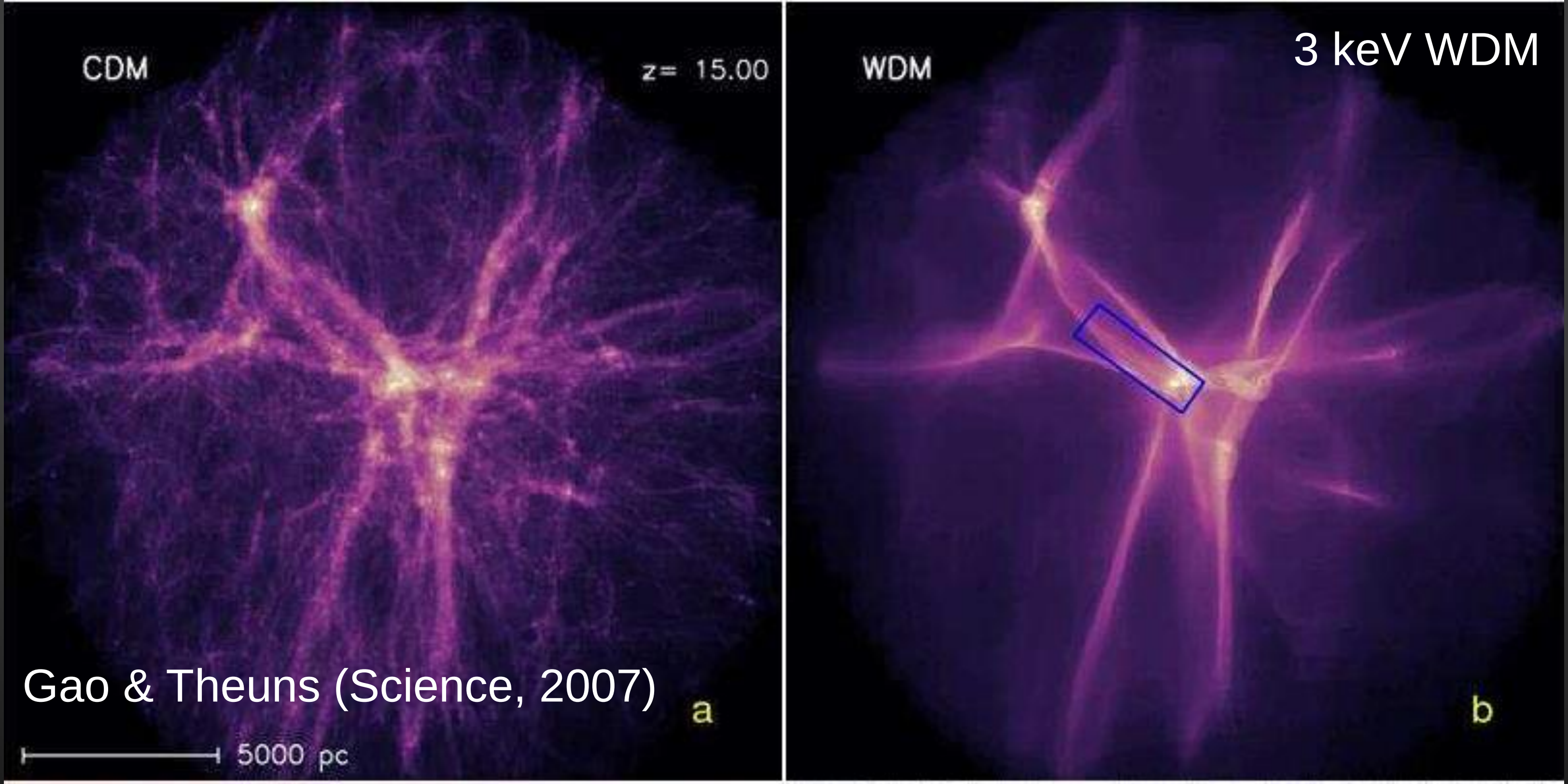
Small differences in the LF

Even JWST (probes UVLF M_{UV}~16) will be hard pressed to obtain constraints on m_x ~ 2

Filaments

The structure of the filaments is very different:

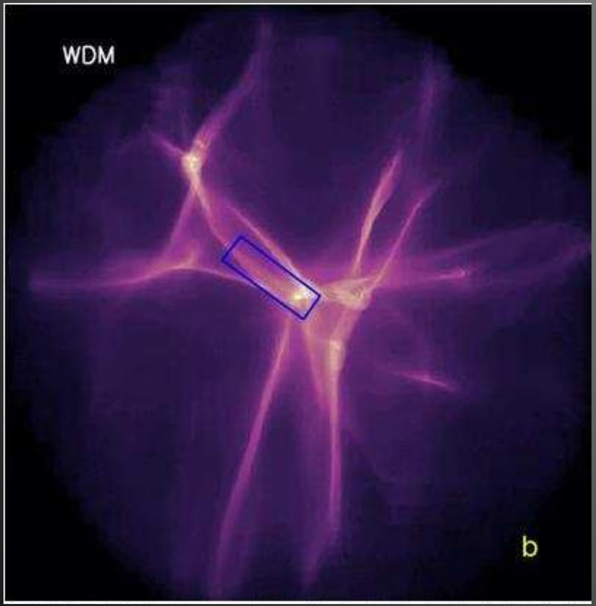
- CDM filaments fragment into numerous nearly spherical high density regions (‘halos’)
- WDM filaments are mostly devoid of such substructure

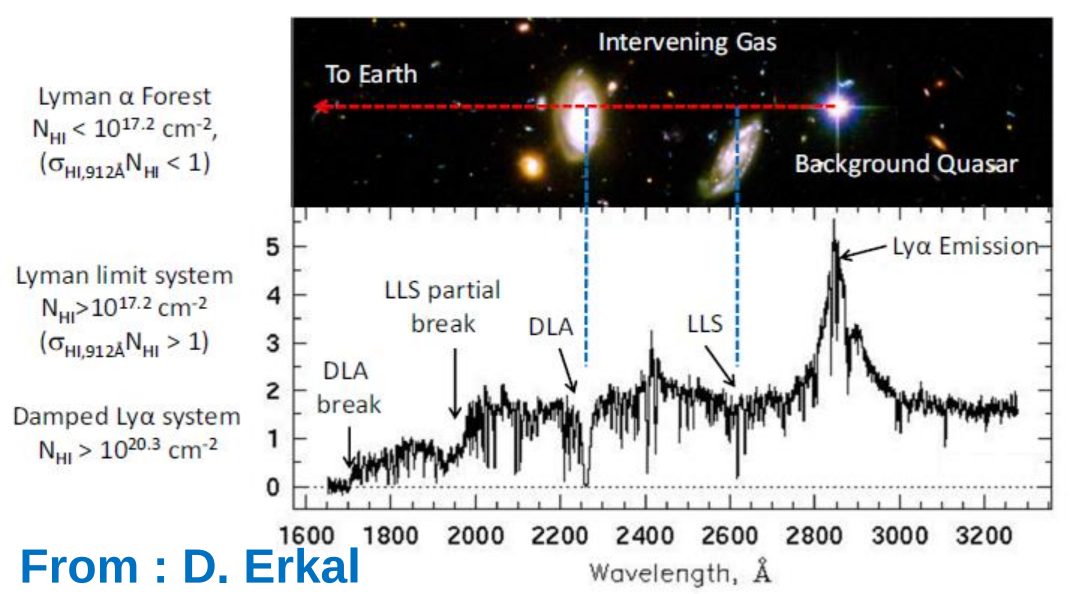


Gao & Theuns (Science, 2007)

Observational Prospects: LLSs & DLAs

- Atomic line cooling allows gas in the centers of filaments to cool, resulting in a very striking pattern of extended Lyman-limit systems (LLSs).
- Column density of gas through the WDM filaments is very high (> 10^{18} cm^{-2})
- Presence of very long and narrow Lyman-limit systems (LLS) in WDM is very striking.

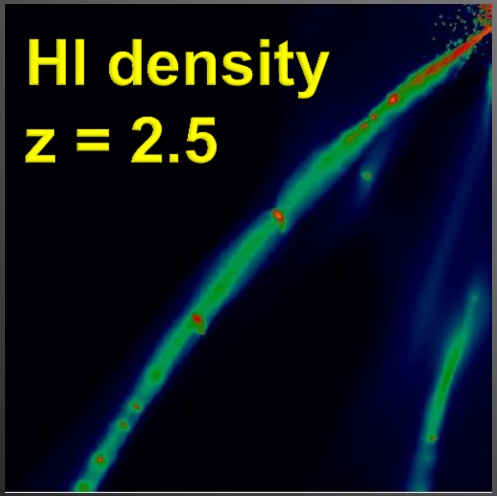




From : D. Erkal

Stars in WDM can form in Filaments!

- For $m_x \sim 1.5$ keV → SF in filaments dominates at $z > 6$!
- Reionisation → gas density in filaments decreases, more usual star formation in haloes dominates at $z < 6$
- By $z = 0$, 15 % of stars in a simulated galaxy formed in filaments.
- However: “No theory” for star formation in filaments yet.

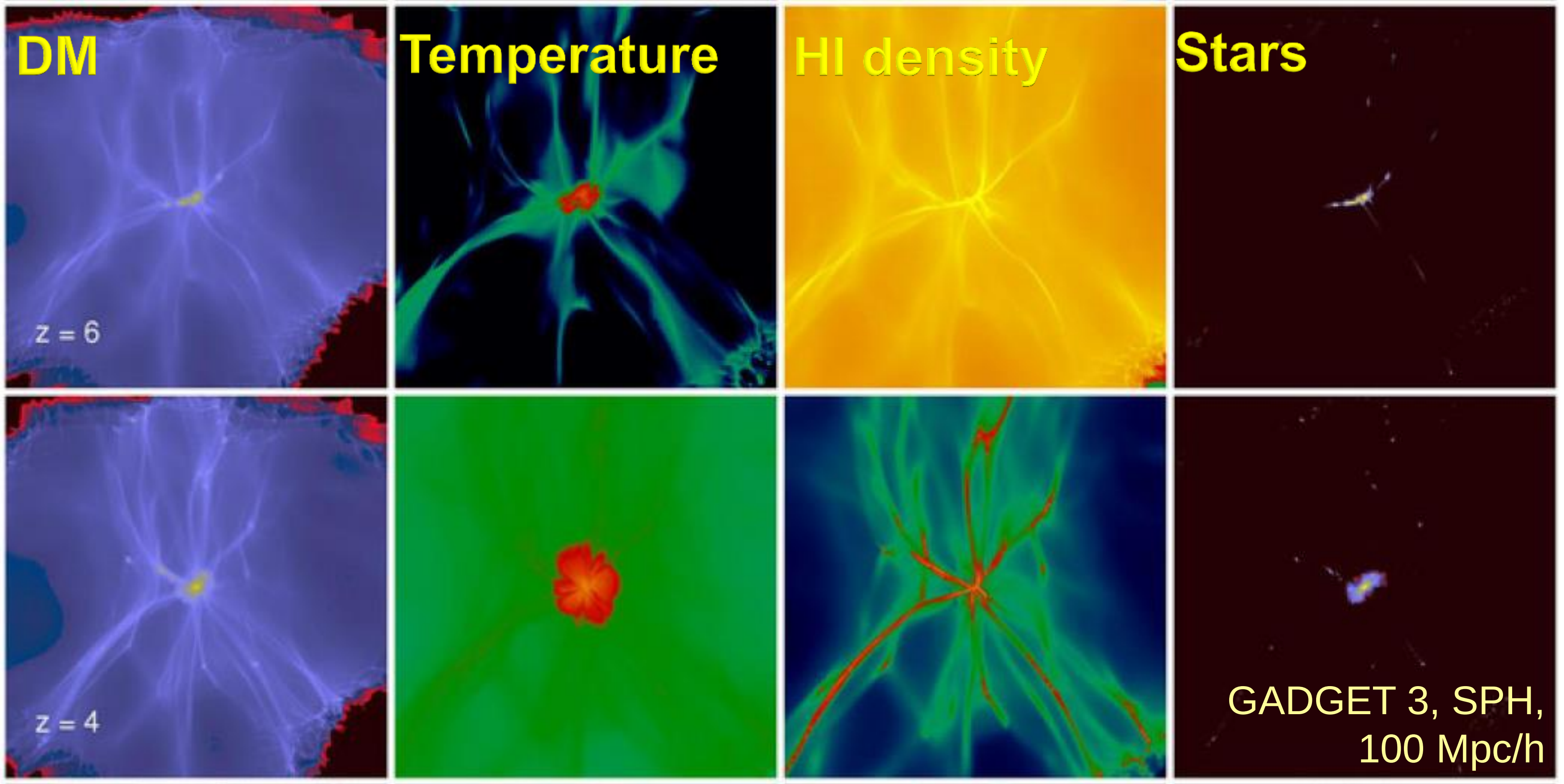


WDM: Filaments form before DM haloes themselves appear

(Gao & Theuns, 2007; Gao, Theuns, Springel 2014)

Effect of WDM on First Stars

Example: Star Formation in Filaments for 1.5 keV WDM, atomic cooling

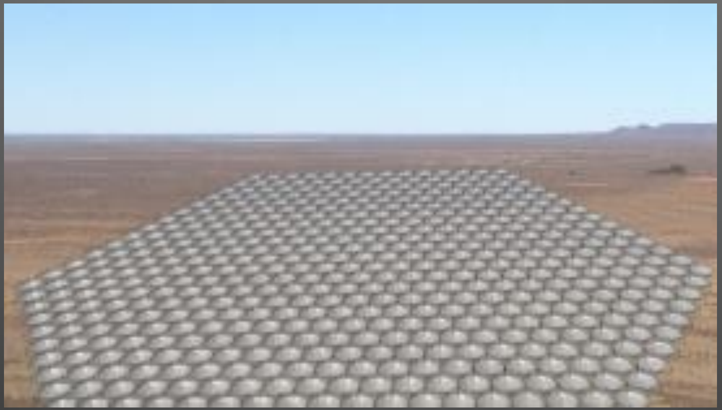


GADGET 3, SPH,
100 Mpc/h

Gao, Theuns, Springel (2014)

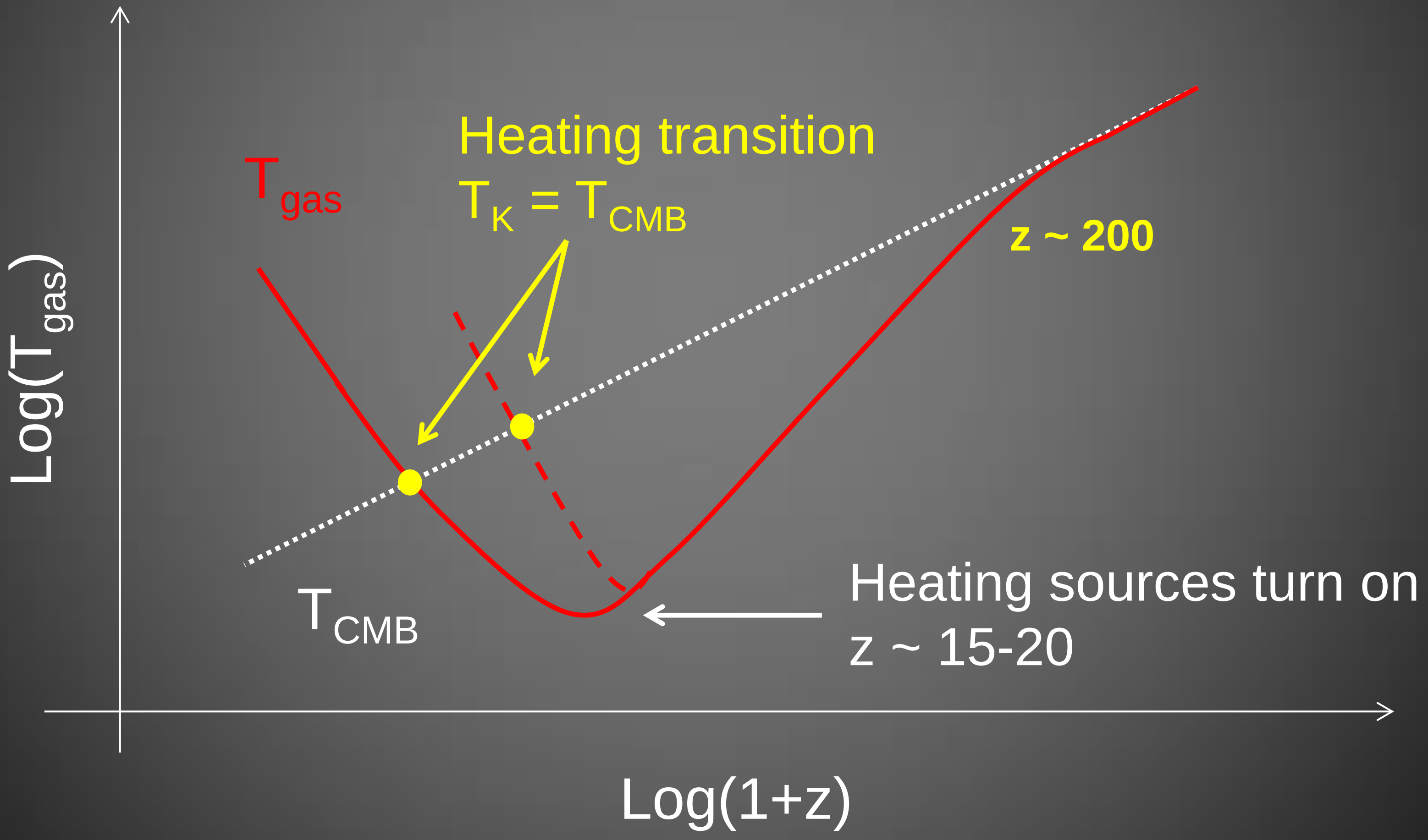
Results from zoomed cosmological hydrodynamical simulations. Formation of a Milky Way-like galaxy in WDM.

Thermal history, reionization and 21-cm signal as a probe of WDM

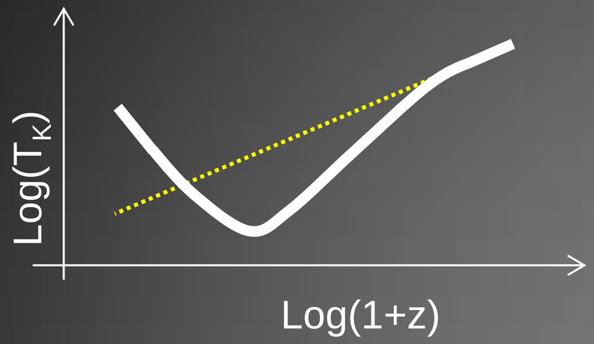


High-z Thermal History is Unknown

Different types of heating sources → different thermal histories



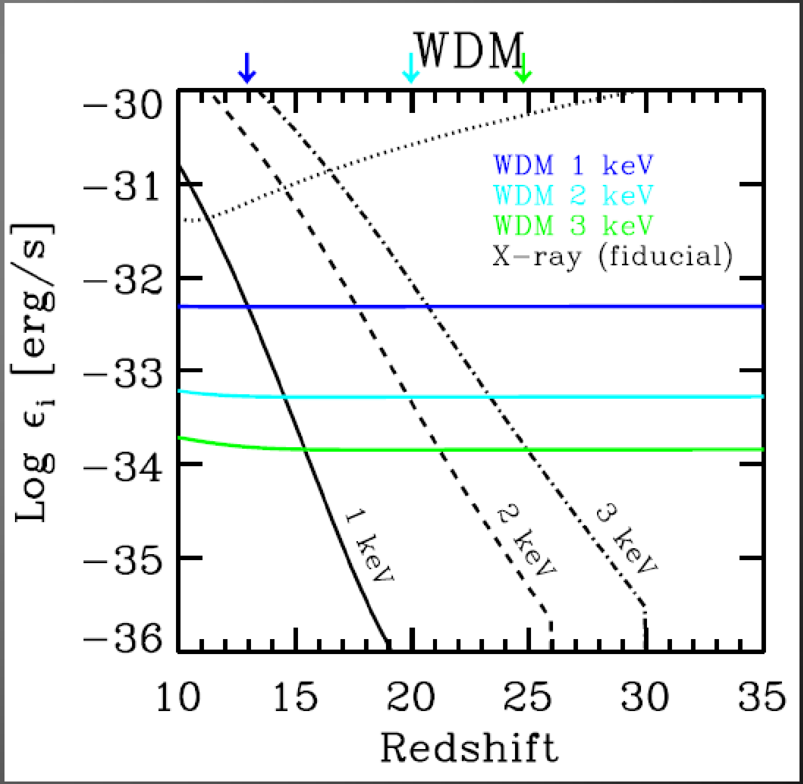
Thermal History WDM vs CDM



Heating from WDM decay, astrophysical heating (X-rays), and adiabatic cooling rates

Effect of WDM on Heating

- Suppressed structure formation, delay in heating and reionization
- Heat transfer to gas from WDM decay (insignificant)

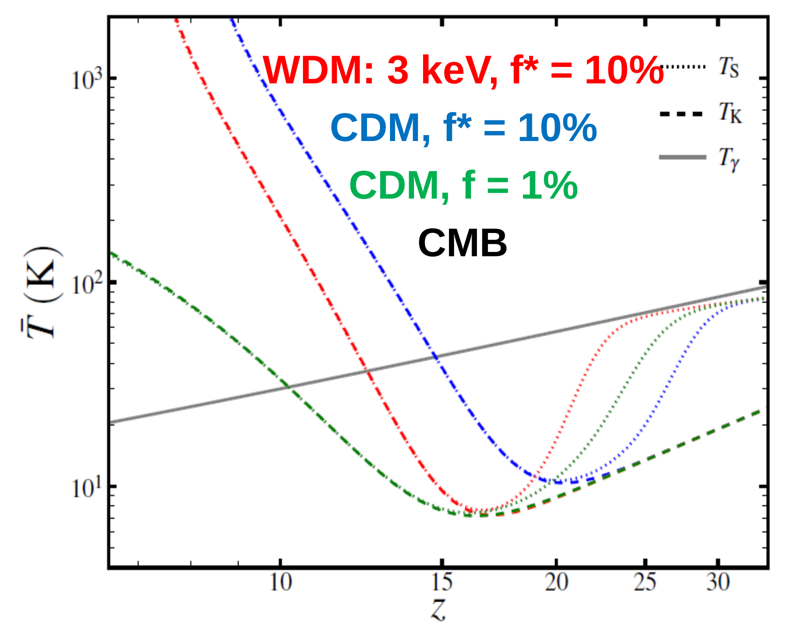


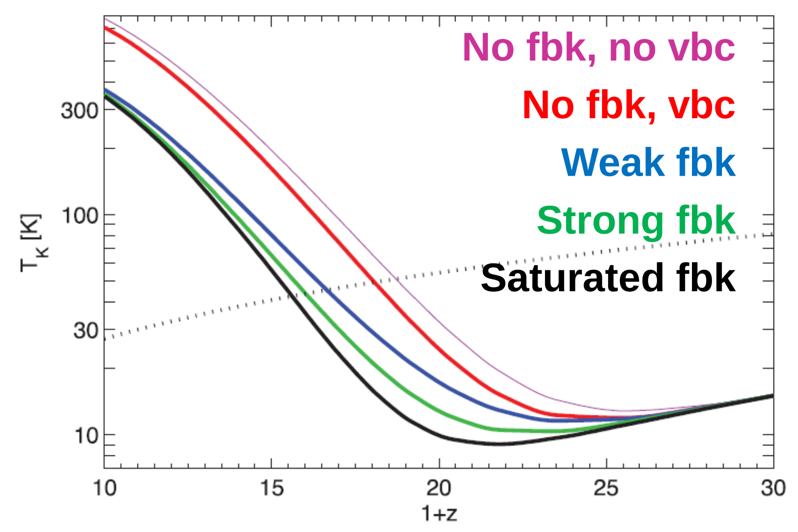
Evoli et al. 2014

Thermal History WDM vs CDM
Astrophysical Uncertainties

- Heating efficiencies Δz ~ few
- Star formation scenario Δz ~ 0.8
- v_{bc} : Δz < 1
- Radiative feedbacks: Δz ~ 2.5

Sitwell, Mesinger, Ma, Sigurdson (2014)





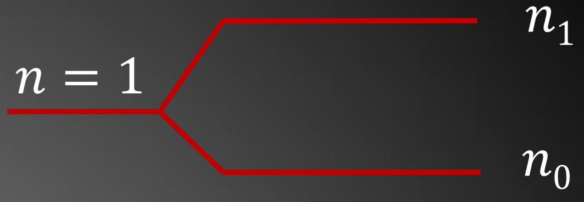
Fialkov et al. (2013)

21-cm Signal
3D Picture of the Universe

Golden Mine for astrophysics and cosmology!

- Dark Ages
- First Stars and Galaxies
- Reionization

21-cm Signal
Spin-flip Transition of HI



- Allows to map distribution of neutral hydrogen
- Probe Dark Ages, Cosmic Dawn and Reionization

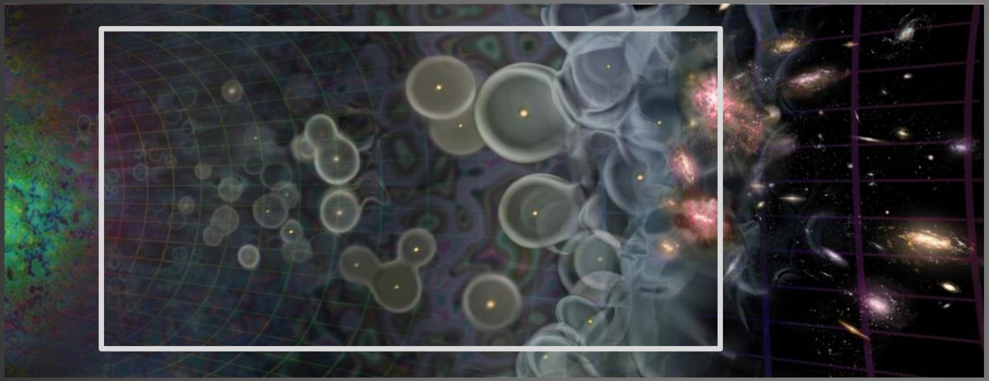
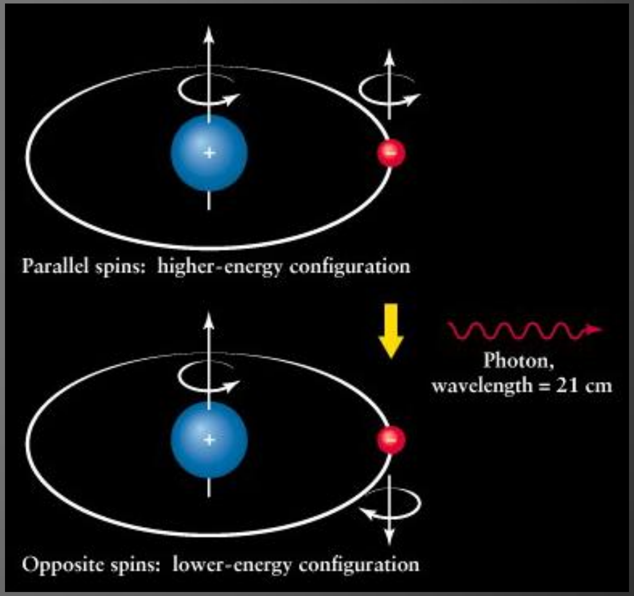


Image: Loeb, Scientific American 2006



Spin Temperature

$n_1/n_0 \equiv 3\exp(-T_*/T_S)$,

$T_* = 0.068$ K

λ = 21 cm

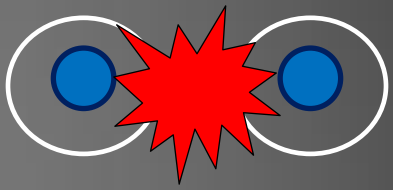
ν = 1420 MHz (Radio)

T_S is Determined by 3 Processes

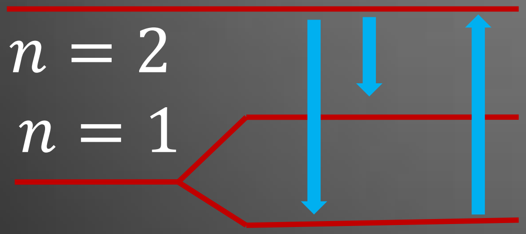
- Absorption of CMB: $T_S \rightarrow T_{CMB}$

$$\frac{1}{T_s} = \frac{T_{\rm CMB}^{-1} + x_C T_K^{-1} + x_\alpha T_C^{-1}}{1 + x_C + x_\alpha}$$

- Collisions with other HI: x_C, $T_S \rightarrow T_{gas}$



- Absorption and reemission of Lyα: x_α, $T_S \rightarrow T_c \sim T_{gas}$ (Wouthuysen 1952, Field 1958)

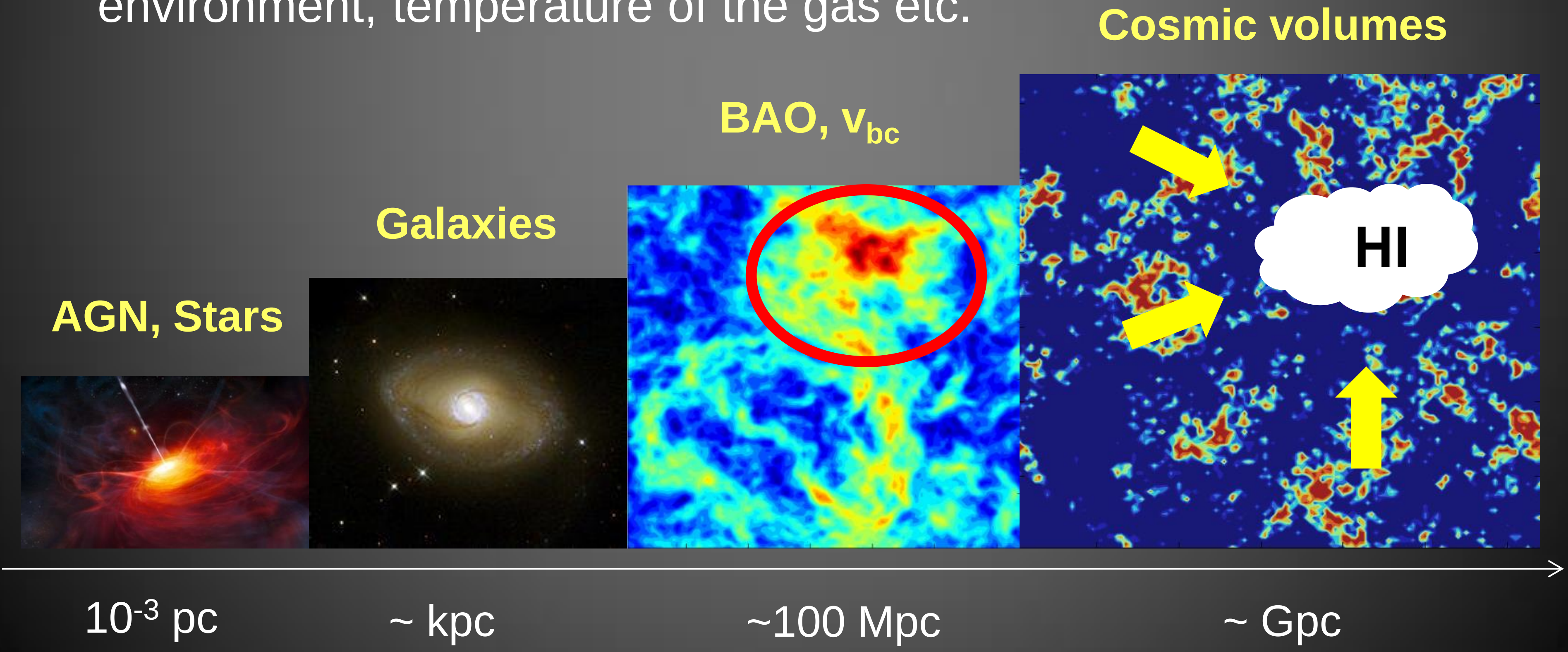


T_S depends on many astrophysical and cosmological parameters

21-cm Signal is Science-rich but Hard to Model

Simulate both small scales (stars) and large cosmological scales (size of the Universe)

Include many parameters: IC, first stars, their radiation, environment, temperature of the gas etc.



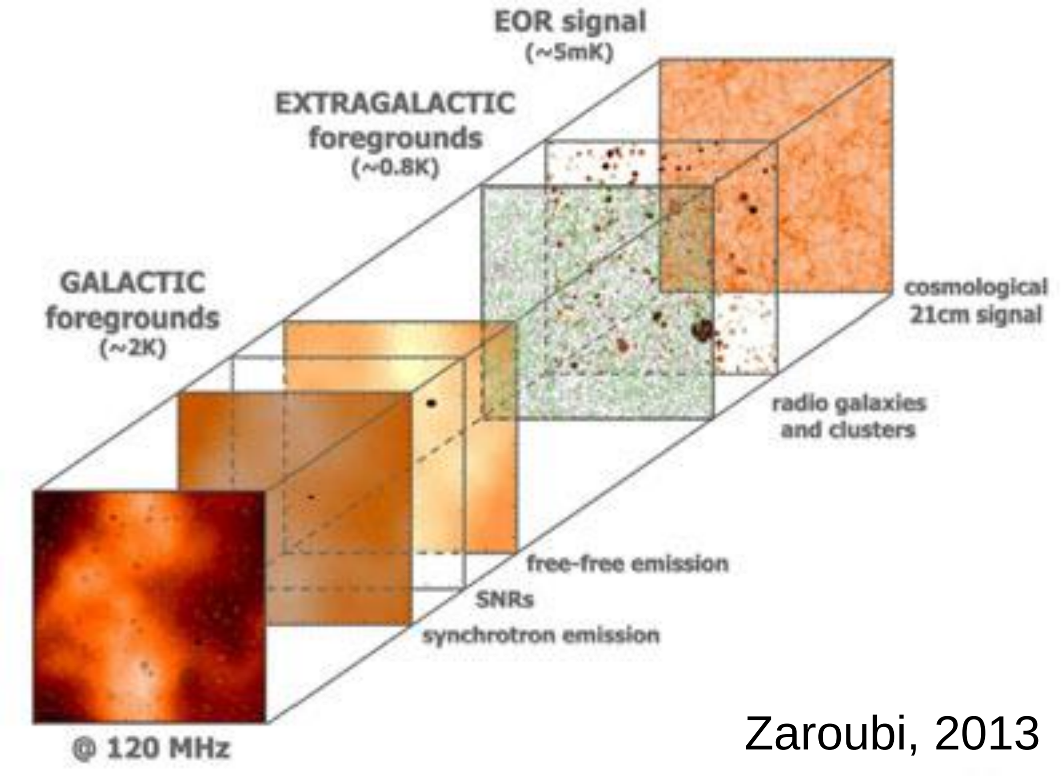
21-cm Signal is Science-rich but Hard to Measure

Astrophysical Foregrounds

- Galactic Synchrotron Emission
- Extragalactic Radio Sources

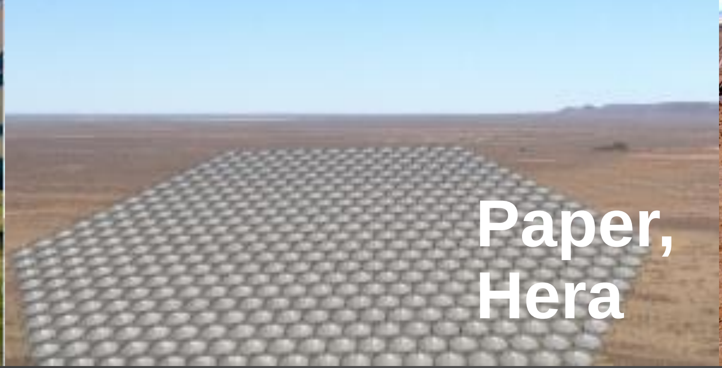
Terrestrial

- Radio Frequency Interference
- Ionosphere Distortions

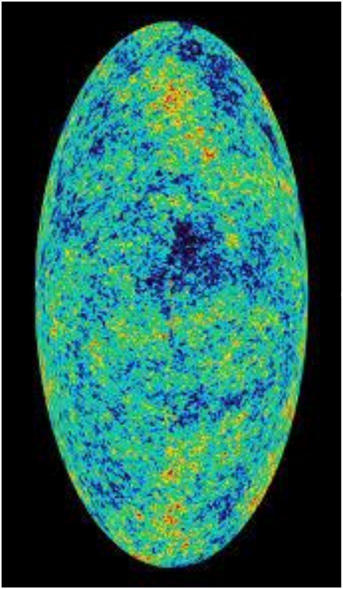


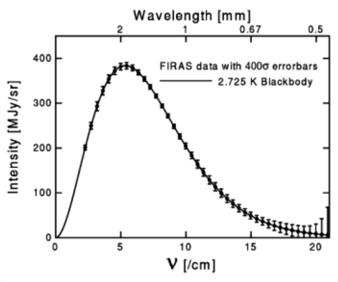
Zaroubi, 2013

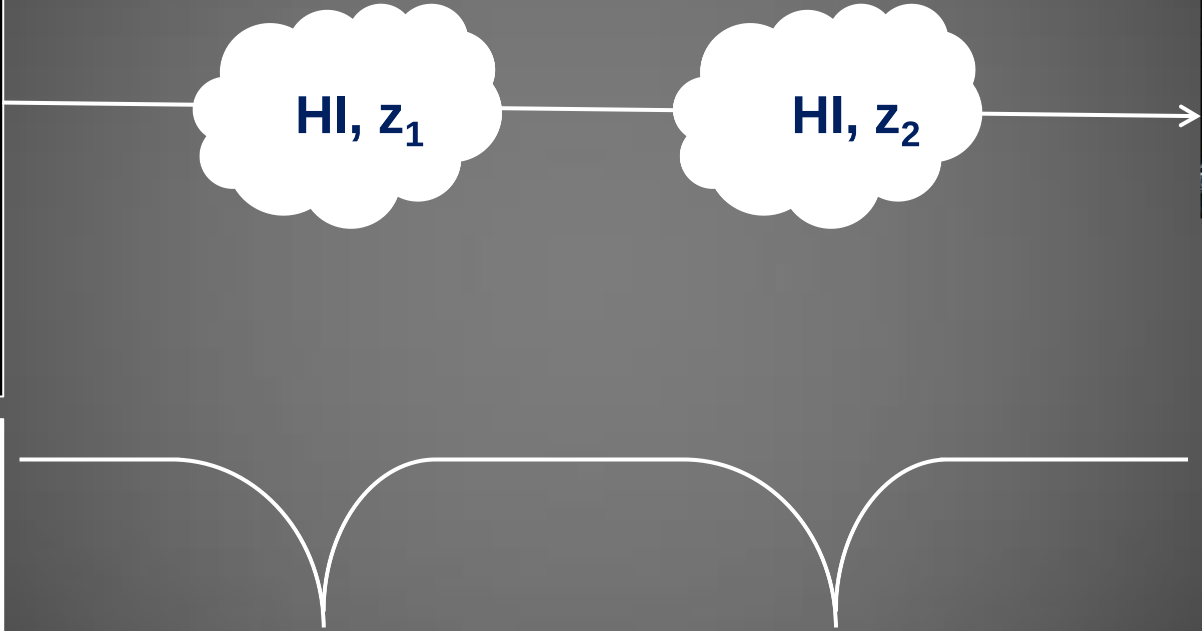
Current and Future Observational Effort:



What do We Actually Observe?

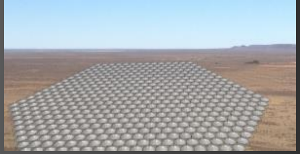






HI, z_1

HI, z_2

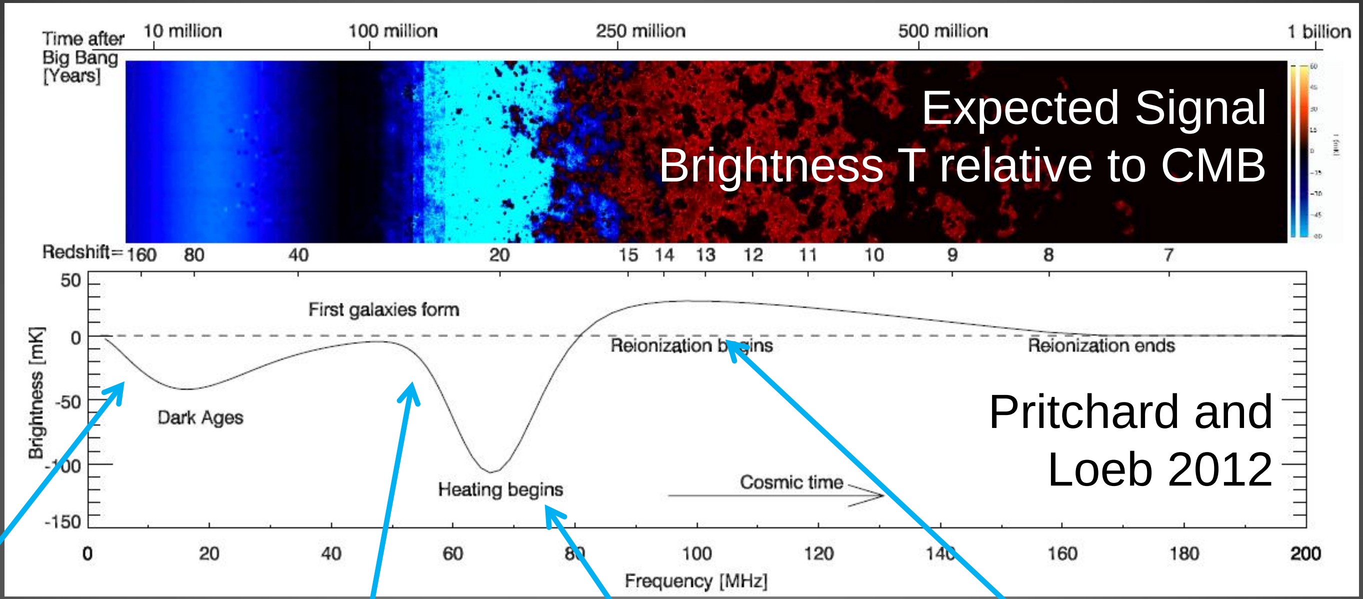


$\lambda_{obs} = 21(1+z_1)$ cm

$\lambda_{obs} = 21(1+z_2)$ cm

The redshifted 21-cm line probes 3D distribution and properties of HI

Predicted Global 21-cm Signal



Expected Signal
Brightness T relative to CMB

Pritchard and Loeb 2012

Dark ages, Collisional coupling

Stars appear Ly-a coupling

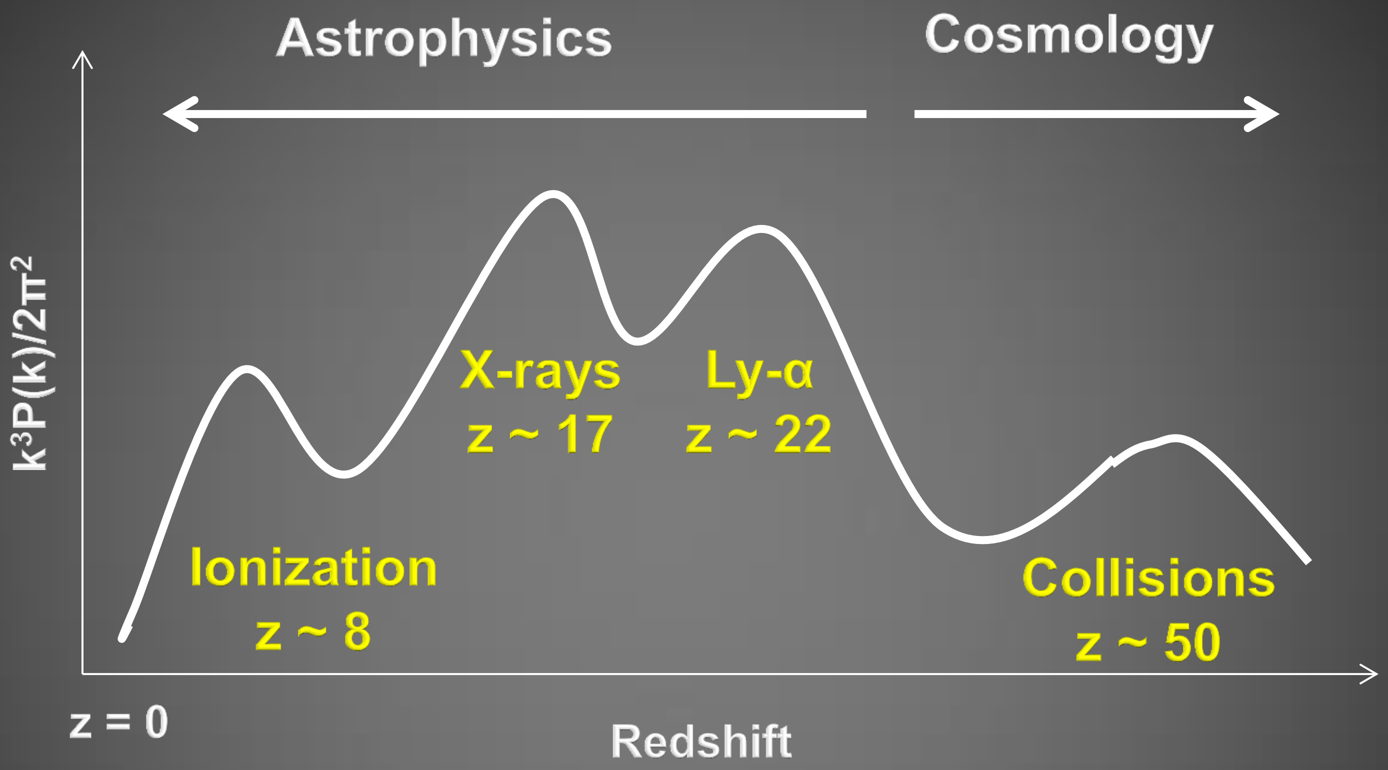
Heating

Ionization

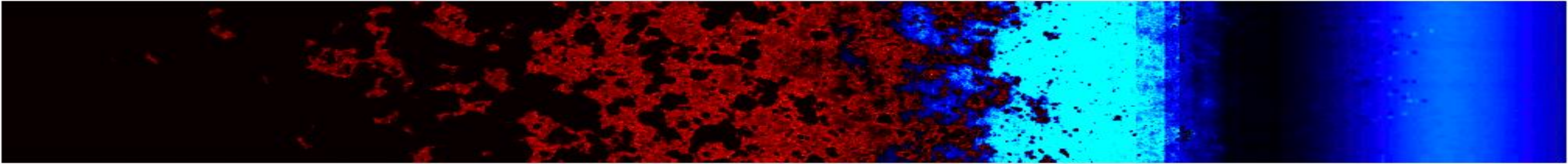
$$\delta T_b(\nu) = \frac{T_S - T_\gamma(z)}{1+z}\left(1 - e^{-\tau_{\nu 0}}\right) \approx \frac{T_S - T_\gamma(z)}{1+z}\,\tau_{\nu 0}$$

$$\approx 9\, x_{\rm HI}(1+\delta)\,(1+z)^{1/2}\left[1 - \frac{T_\gamma(z)}{T_S}\right]\left[\frac{H(z)/(1+z)}{{\rm d}v_\parallel/{\rm d}r_\parallel}\right]\ {\rm mK}$$

Inhomogeneous Signal. Fluctuations

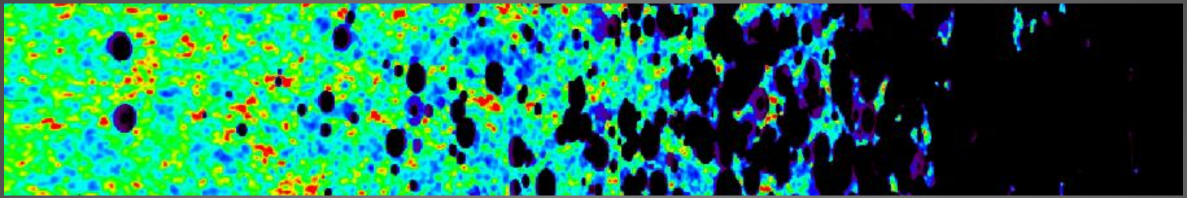


- Generic dependence of power spectrum on z for a given k
- Each source of fluctuations contributes at different epoch



Reionization WDM vs CDM

Changes in the abundance of early galaxies → different reionization histories.



- Delayed: fewer stars at high redshifts

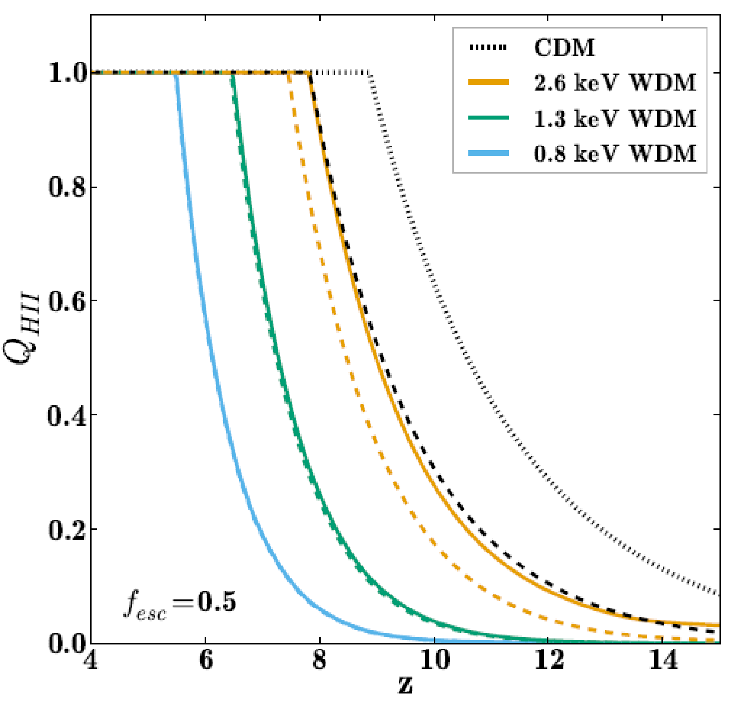
  (Mesinger, Ewall-Wice, Hewitt 2014; Yue, Chen 2012).

- Enhanced: less sinks (minihalos), lower recombination rate

  (e.g., Haiman et al. 2001, Benson et al. 2001; Barkana & Loeb 2002; Shapiro et al. 2004; Iliev et al. 2004, 2005; Ciardi et al. 2006; Yue et al. 2009; Alvarez & Abel 2010; Yue, Chen 2012).

- Astrophysical uncertainties: star formation efficiency; escape fraction.

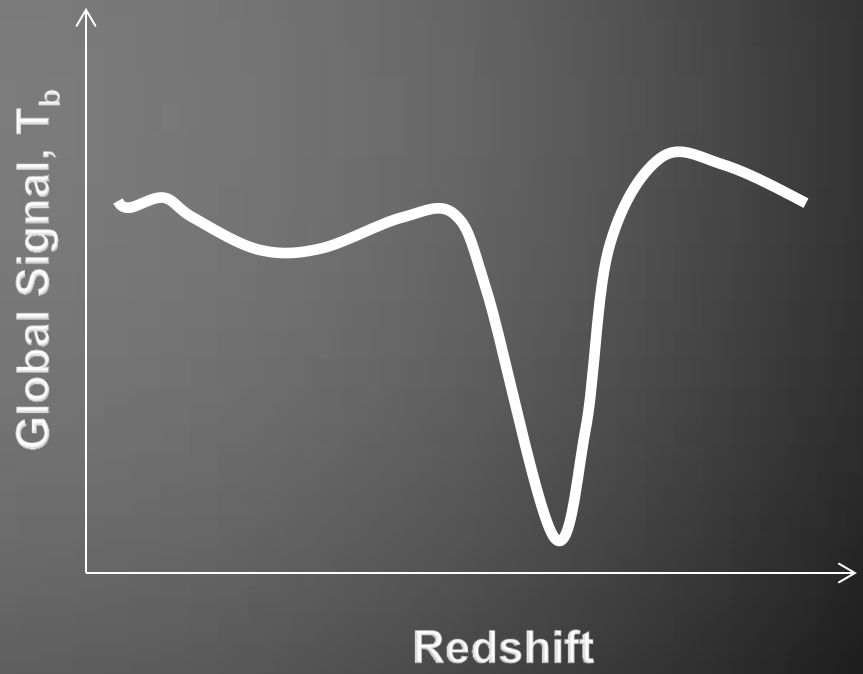
Volume filling fraction of ionized hydrogen



Schultz et al. 2014

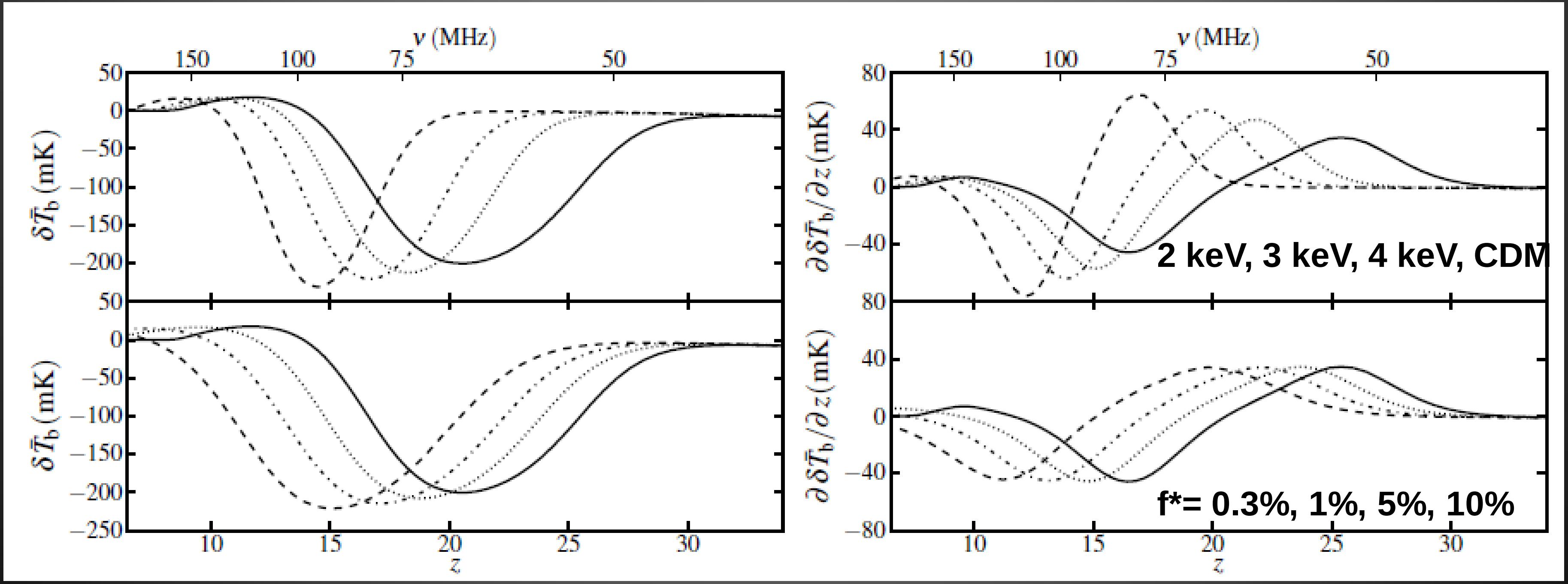
WDM Fingerprints in the 21-cm Signal

- Delayed stellar evolution
- Deeper absorption trough
- “Accelerated” heating (later start)



WDM Fingerprints in the 21-cm Signal
Degenerated with Star Formation

- Absorption trough is deeper by ~25 % than in CDM (cools longer)
- Shift of the trough Δz ~ 5
- Larger derivatives at higher freq. Easier to observe (e.g., LEDA)
- Astrophysical uncertainties: feedback, X-ray heating, v_{bc} …

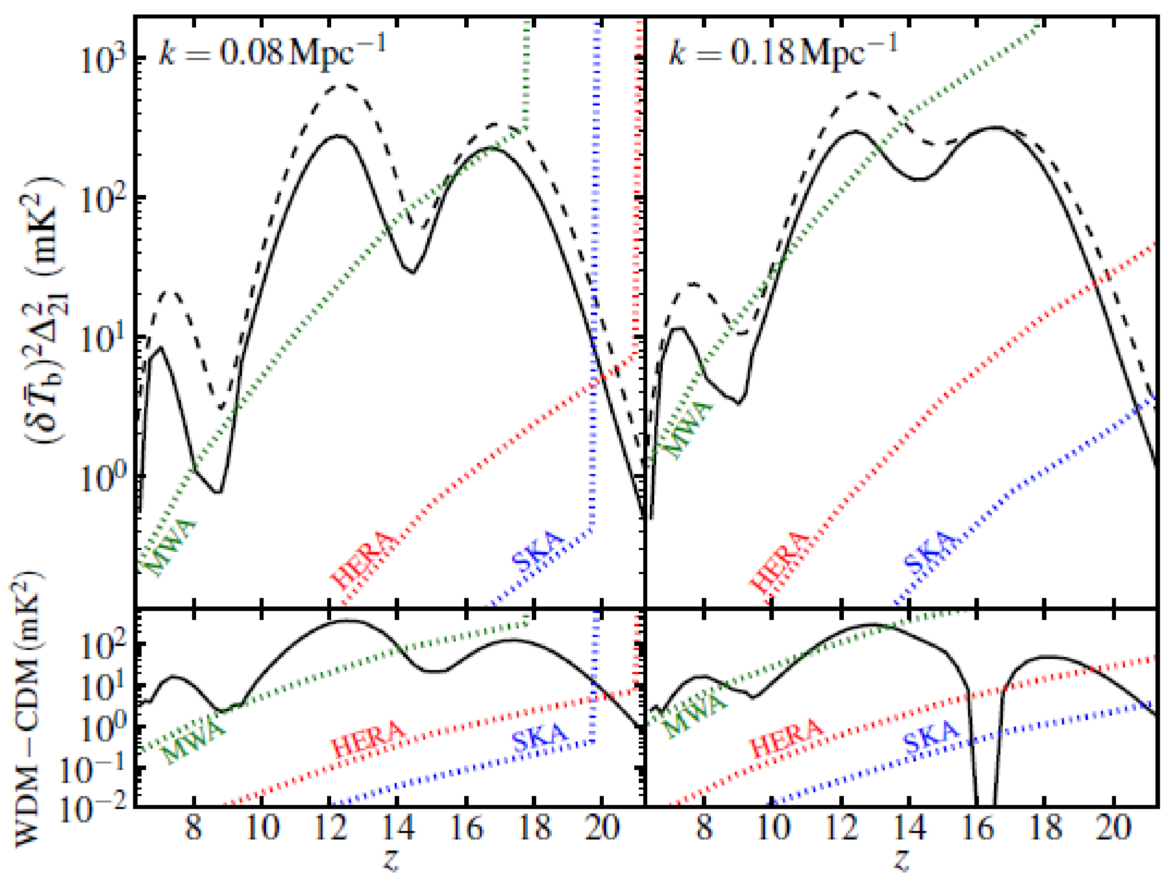


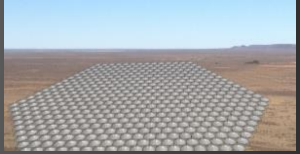
2 keV, 3 keV, 4 keV, CDM

f*= 0.3%, 1%, 5%, 10%

Sitwell, Mesinger, Ma, Sigurdson (2014)

21-cm Power Spectrum



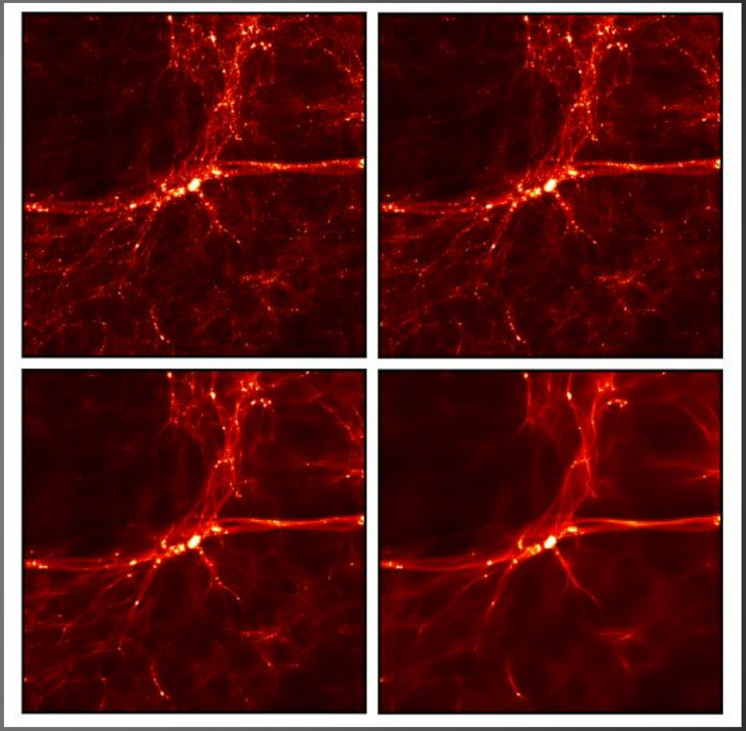


Dotted curves show forecasts for the 1σ power spectrum thermal noise with 2000h of observation time.

Summary: DM in the Early Universe

WDM

- Suppresses fluctuations at small scales
- Delays stellar evolution
- Delays build-up of radiative feedbacks
- Affects reionization
- 21-cm signal from $z \lesssim 20$
- **Stars could form in filaments**



'Noises' (e.g. in 21-cm signal):

- v_{bc}, feedbacks, X-ray heating, SF efficiency, escape fraction,…