

Constraints on Neutrino Mass from the Lyman-alpha Forest

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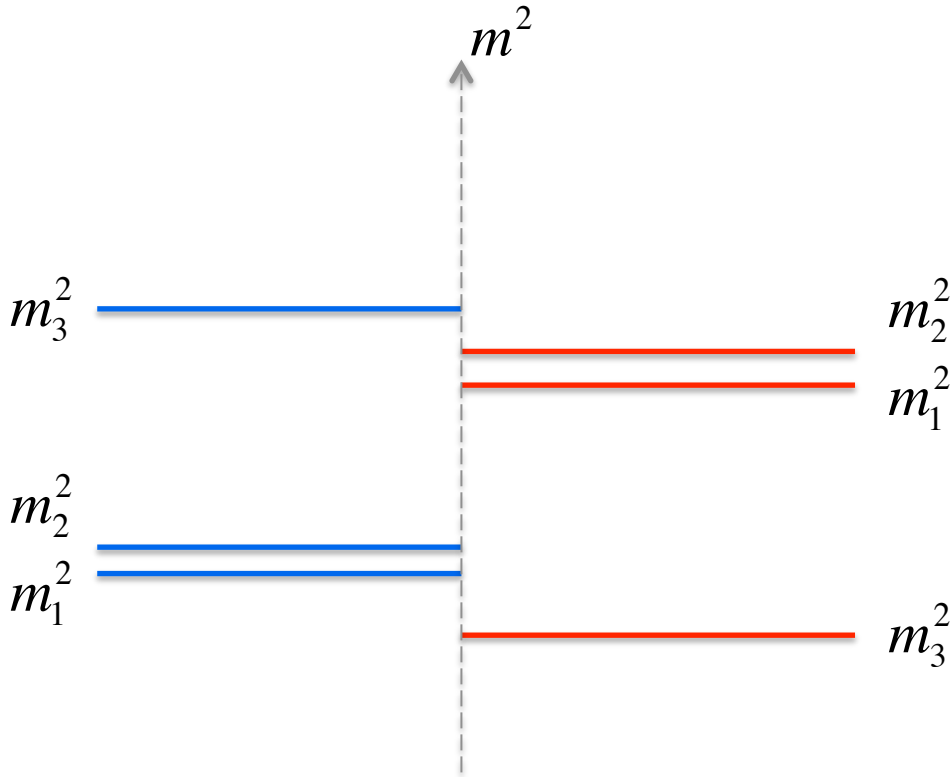
Mass Ordering

normal

$$\Delta m^2 > 0$$

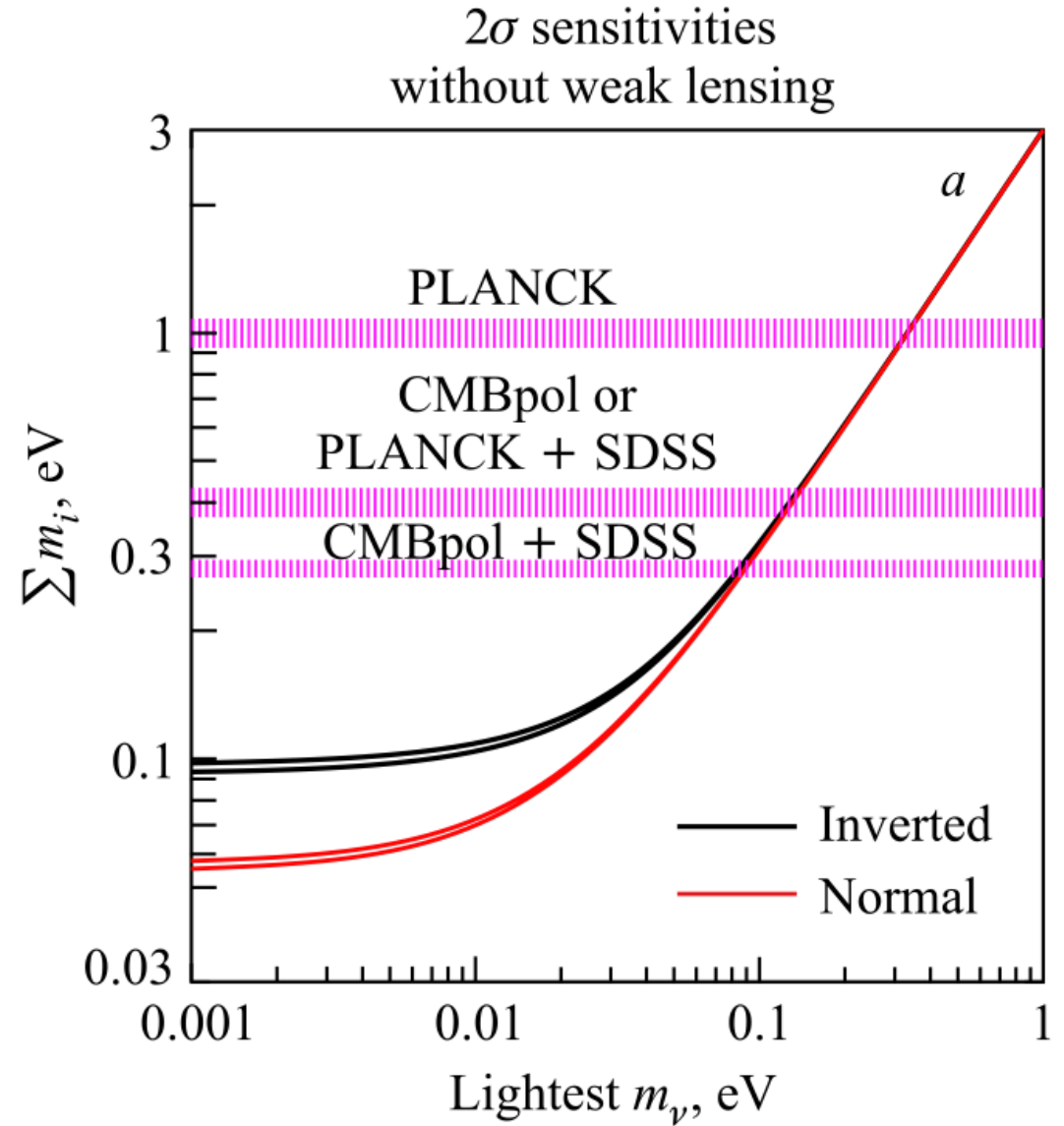
inverted

$$\Delta m^2 < 0$$



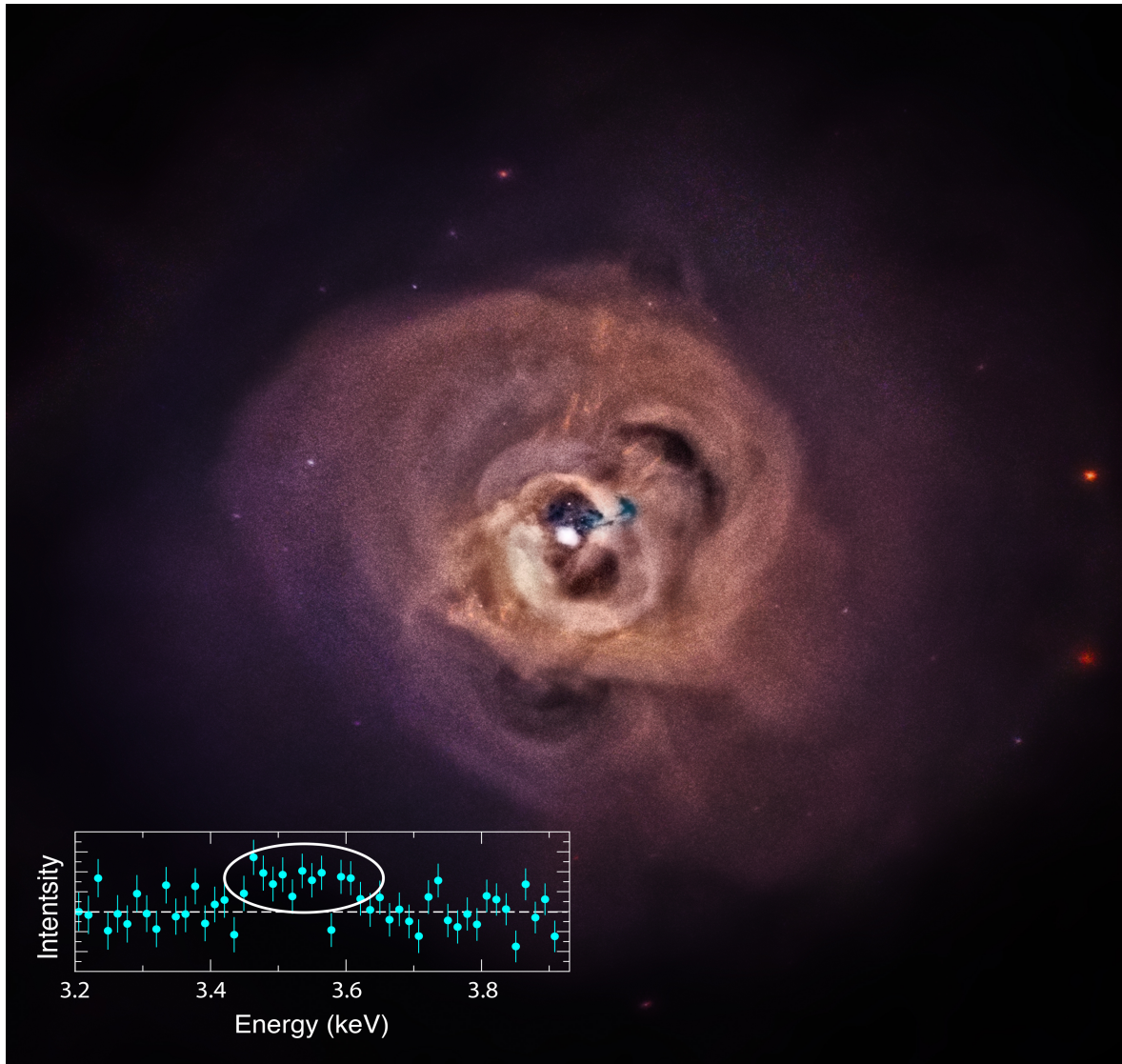
$$\Sigma m_\nu > 0.06 \text{ eV}$$

$$\Sigma m_\nu > 0.11 \text{ eV}$$



Lesgourgues & Pastor

Hints of Sterile ν ?



Perseus cluster
Chandra, XMM-Newton

3.55 keV line

Decay channel

$$X \rightarrow \gamma\gamma \quad \text{or} \quad X \rightarrow \nu\gamma$$

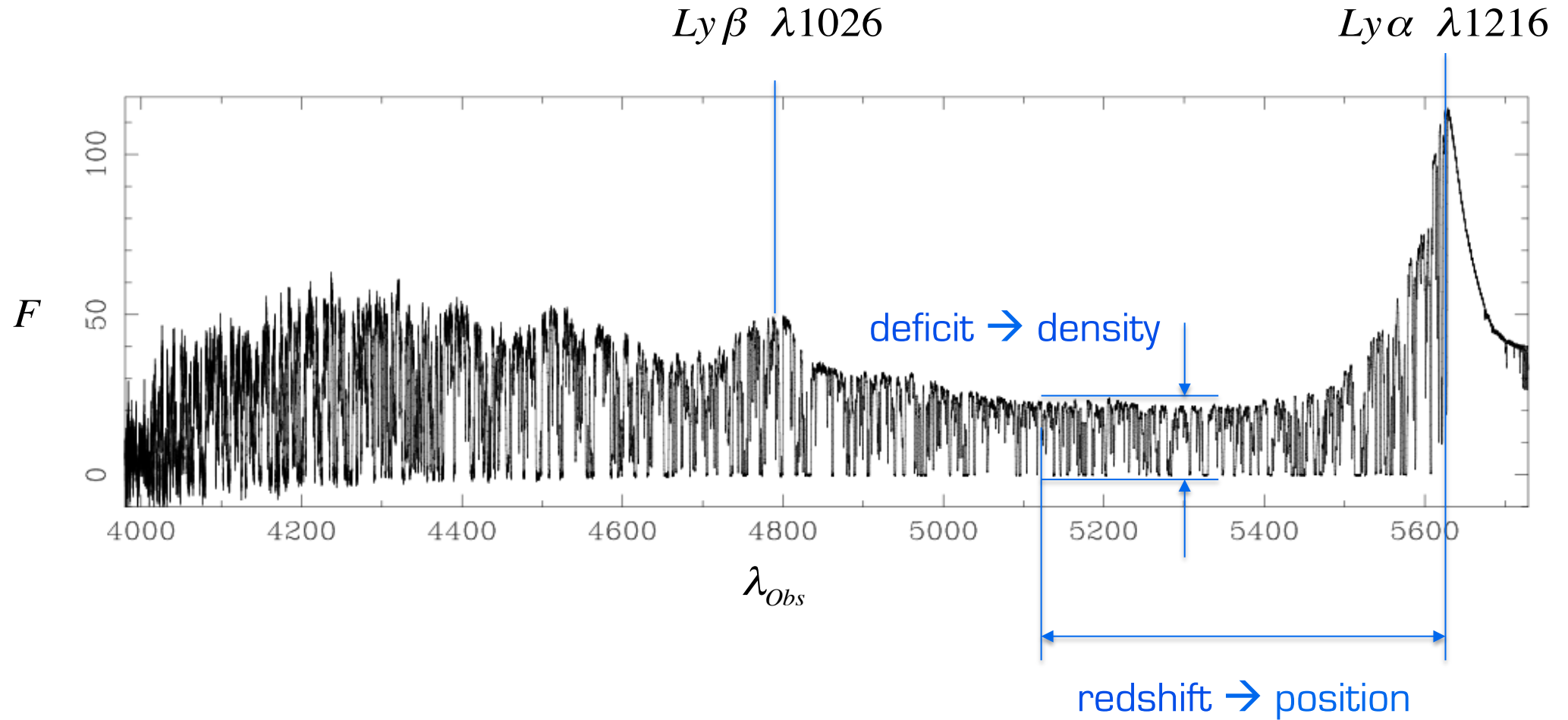
[Bulbul *et al.* 2014, *ApJ* 789 13](#)

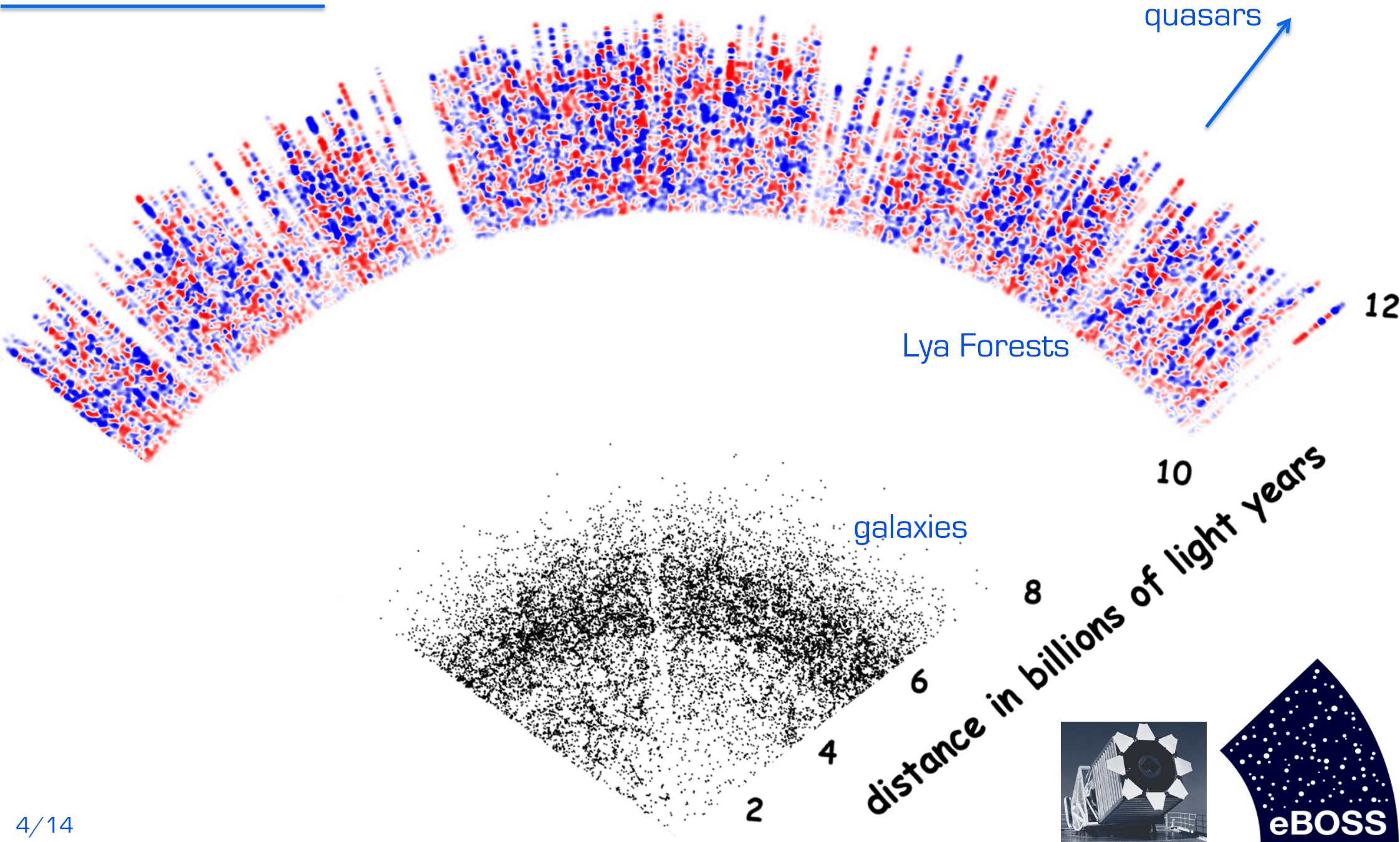
73 stacked XMM-N spectra
246 citations

[Boyarsky *et al.* 2014, *PRL* 113, 251301](#)

Andromeda & Perseus clusters
235 citations

Lyman-alpha Forest

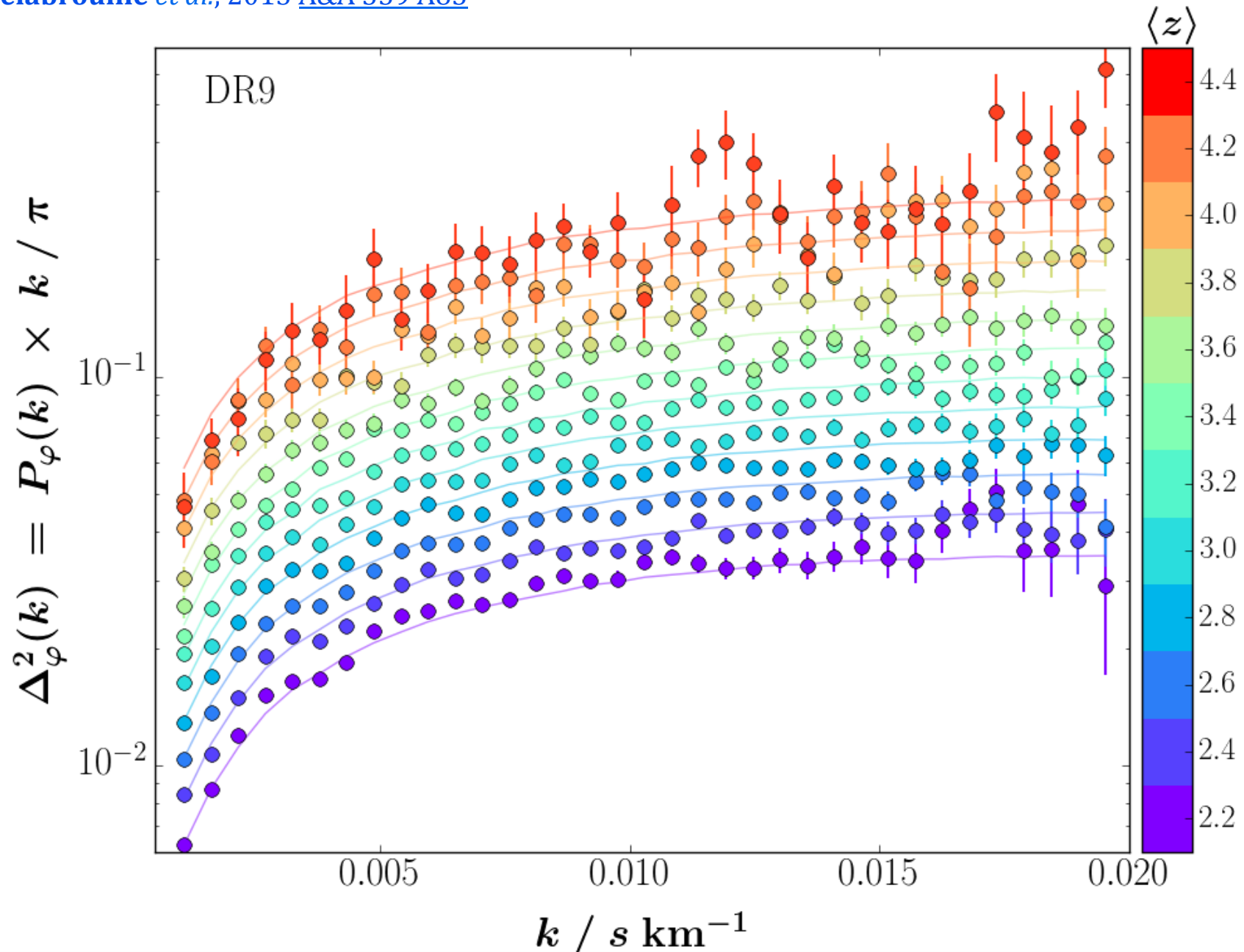




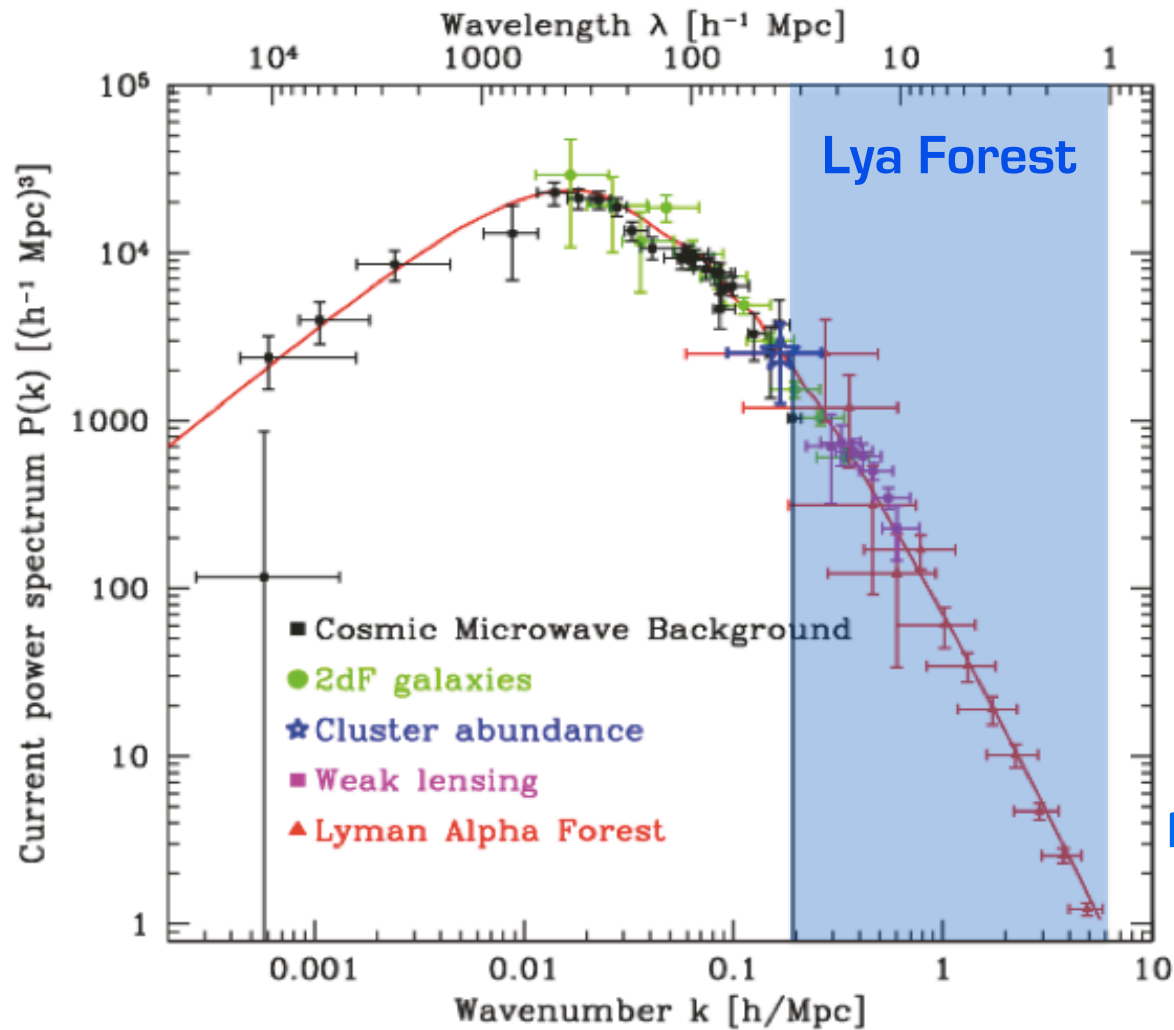
Flux Power Spectrum

$$P_\phi(k) = \left\langle \left| \tilde{\delta}_\phi(k) \right|^2 \right\rangle$$

Palanque-Delabrouille *et al.*, 2013 [A&A 559 A85](#)



from Flux PS to Matter PS



$$P_{1D}(k_{\parallel}) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{k_{\parallel}}^{\infty} k P_{3D}(k) dk$$

- ◆ unidimensional probe
- ◆ non-linear regime

Numerical Approach Required

Tegmark & Zaldarriaga, 2002

Simulations

$(100 \text{ h}^{-1} \text{ Mpc})^3$ cube containing:

3072^3 baryonic gas particles \rightarrow Hydrodynamics

3072^3 dark matter particles \rightarrow N-body

3072^3 collisionless neutrinos \rightarrow N-body

$z = 4.6$

$z = 3.4$

$z = 2.2$

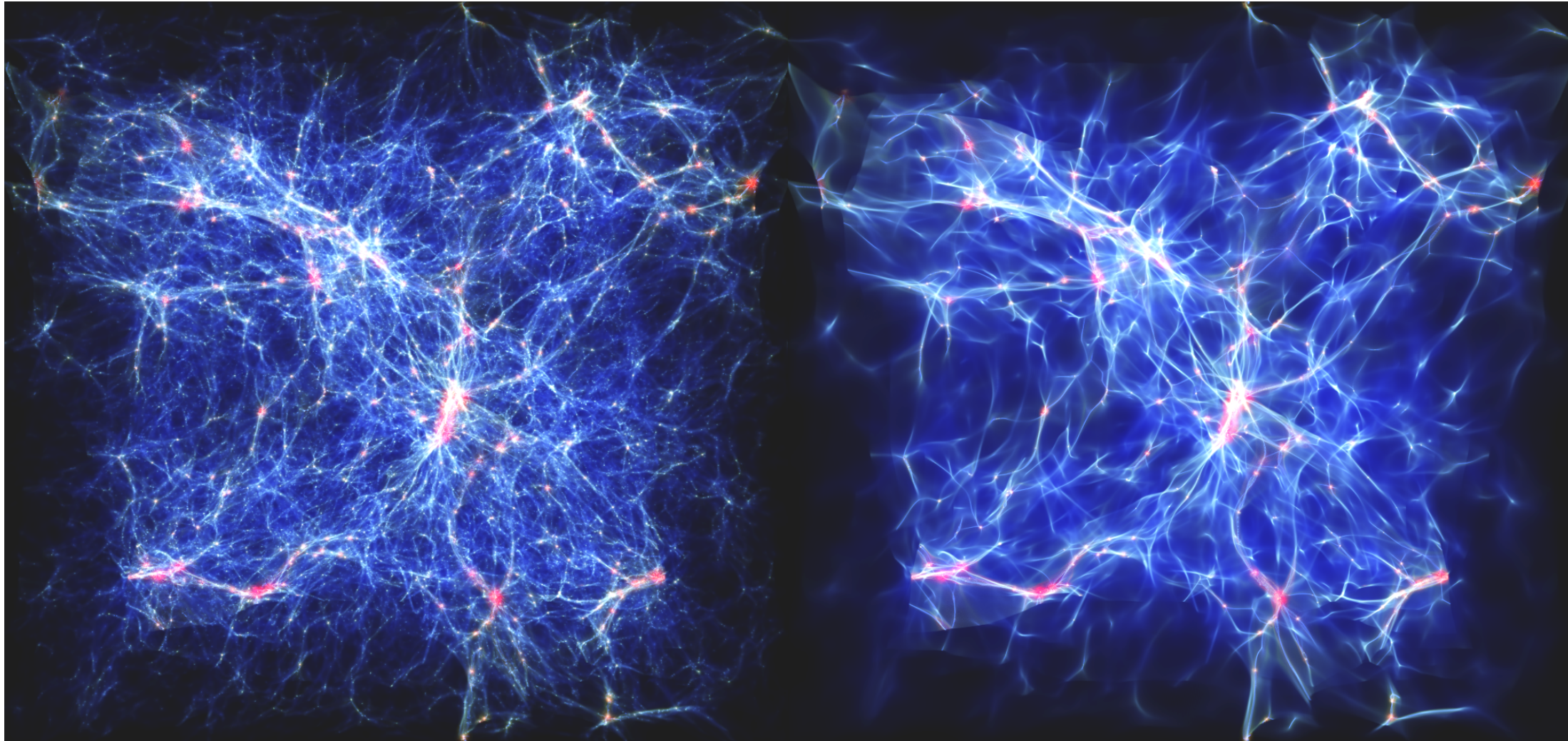
Rossi *et al.*, 2014, [A&A 567A 79R](#)

Borde *et al.*, 2014, [JCAP 07 005B](#)

Gadget-III

Free Streaming

$$\lambda_{\text{FSH}}^0 = \int_0^{t_0} \frac{\langle v \rangle}{a} dt = \int_0^1 \frac{\langle v \rangle}{a^2 H} da$$

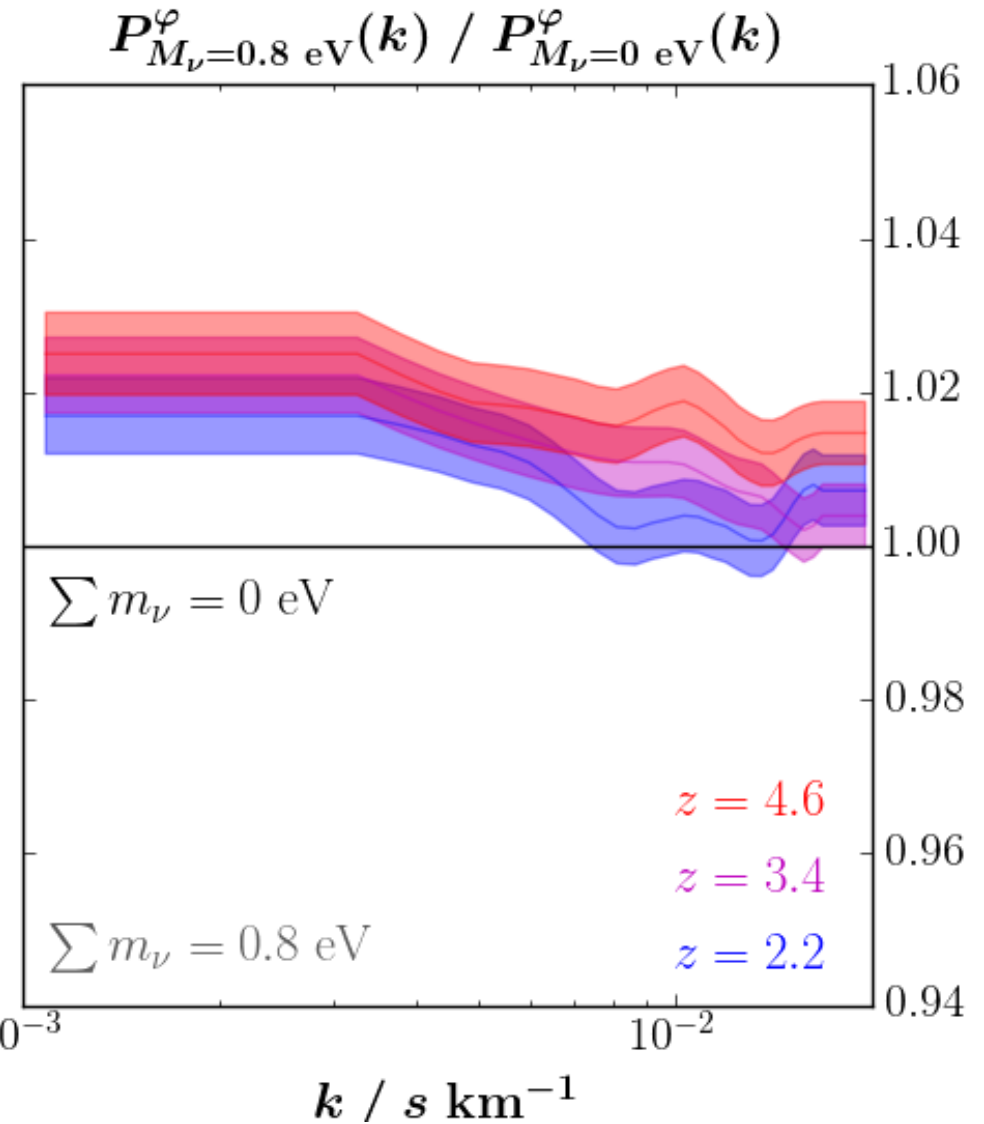
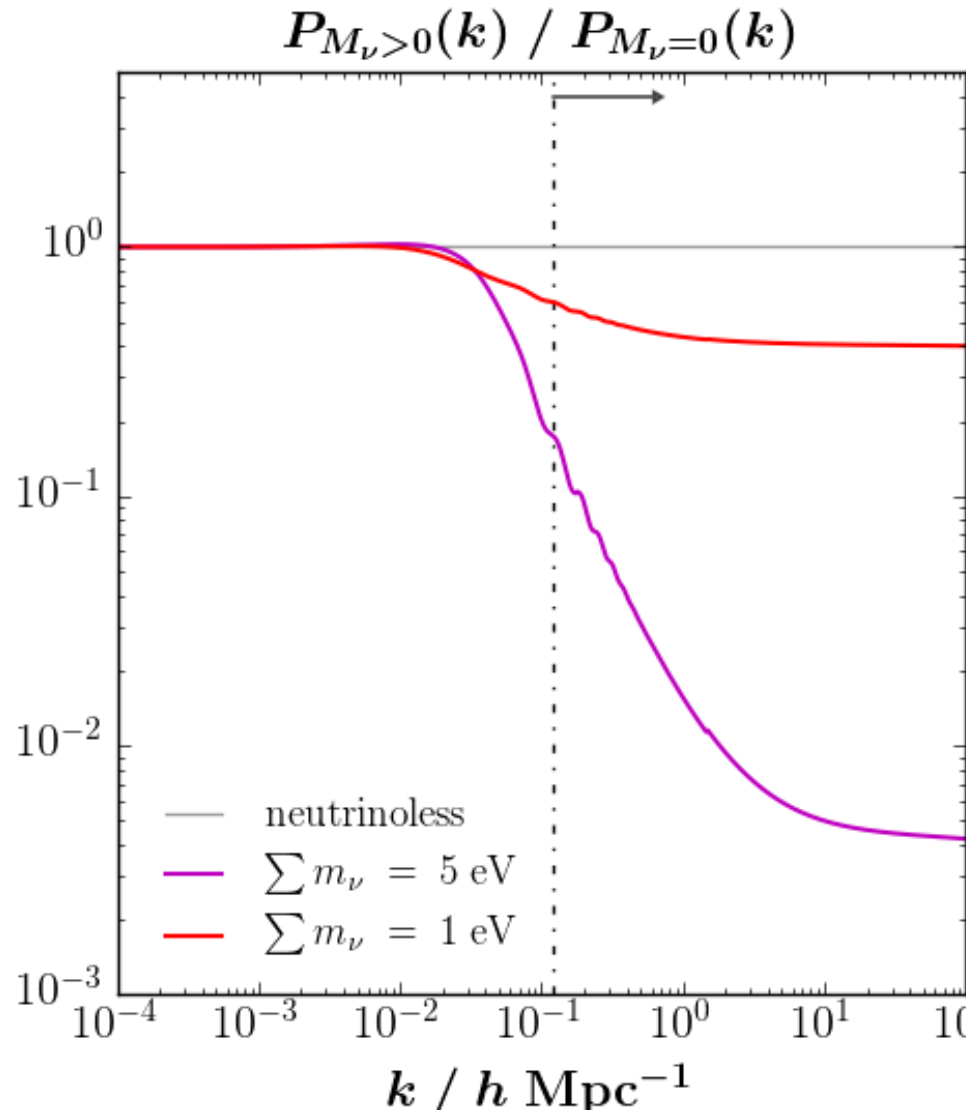


Cold Dark Matter

Warm Dark Matter

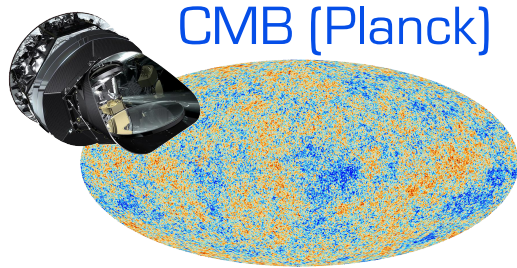
matter 3D PS

flux 1D PS

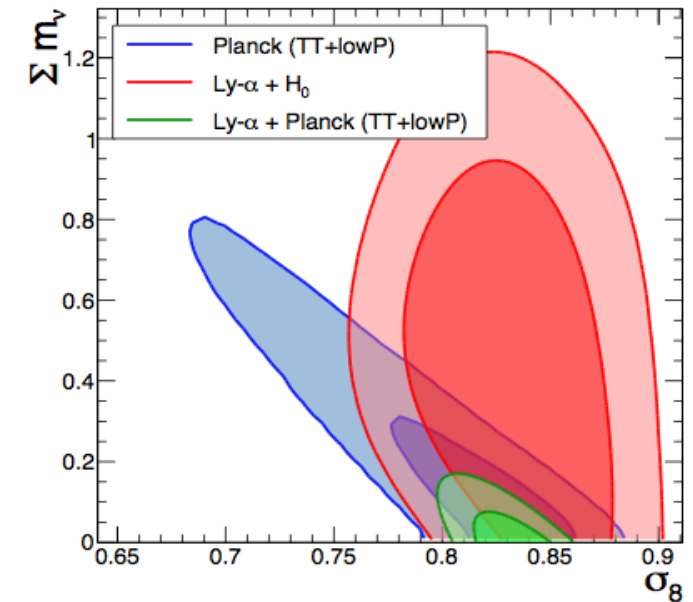
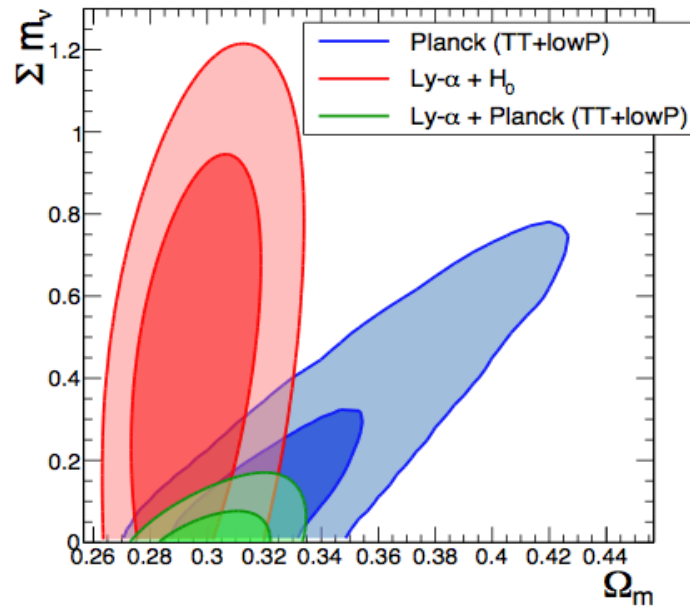
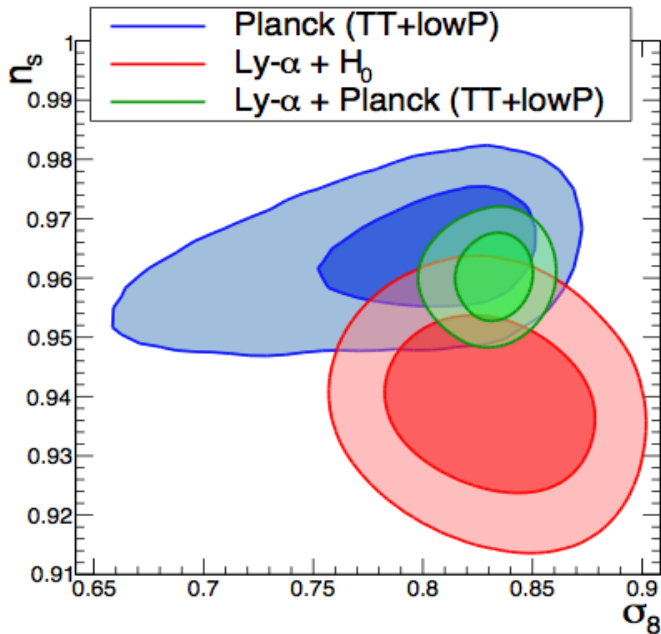
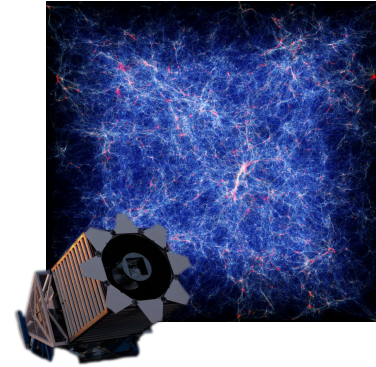


Constraints on Neutrino Masses

Ly- α (SDSS/BOSS)



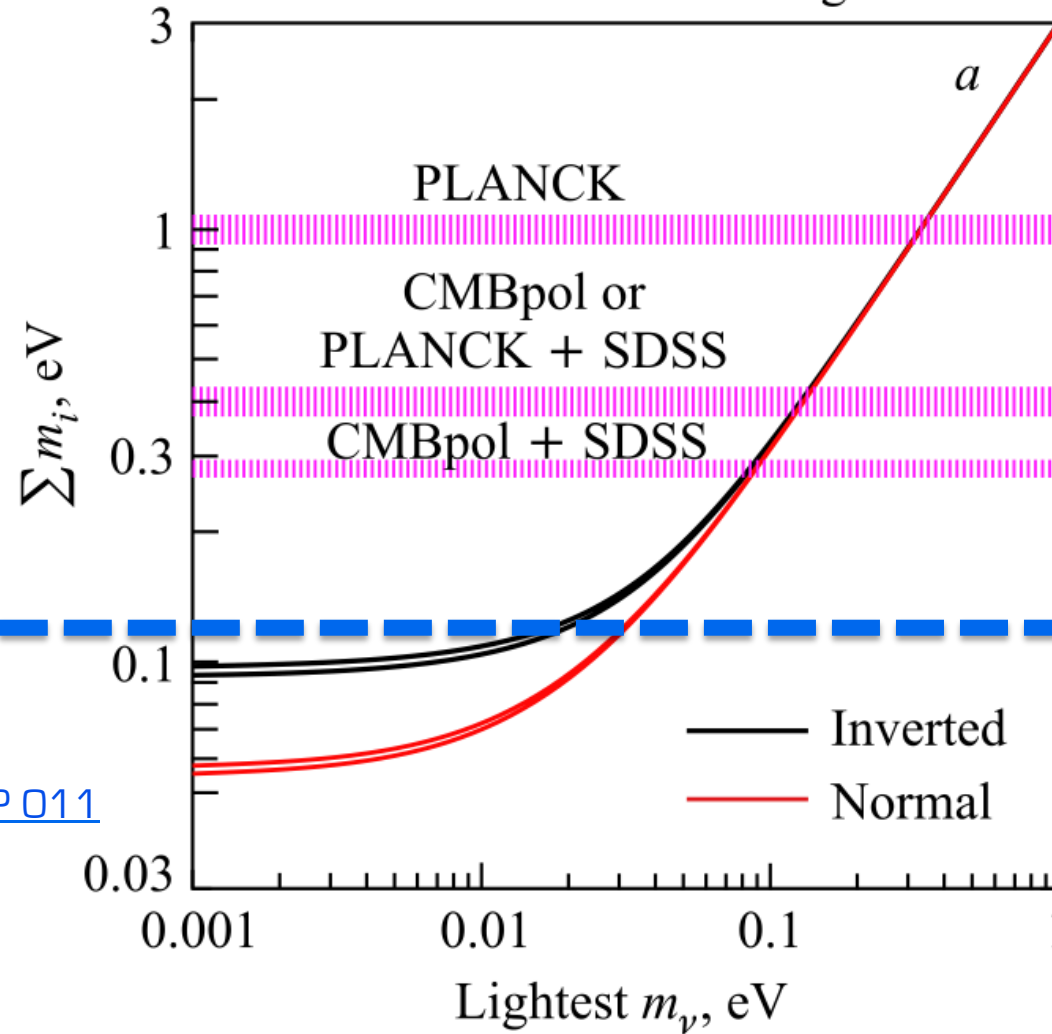
Planck only : $\Sigma m_\nu < 0.72 \text{ eV}$ (95% CL)
BOSS only : $\Sigma m_\nu < 1.1 \text{ eV}$ (95% CL)
Ly- α + Planck (TT+lowP) : $\Sigma m_\nu < 0.12 \text{ eV}$ (95% CL)



N.Palanque-Delabrouille *et al.*, 2015 [JCAP 011](#)

Results: Λ -CDM ν

2σ sensitivities
without weak lensing

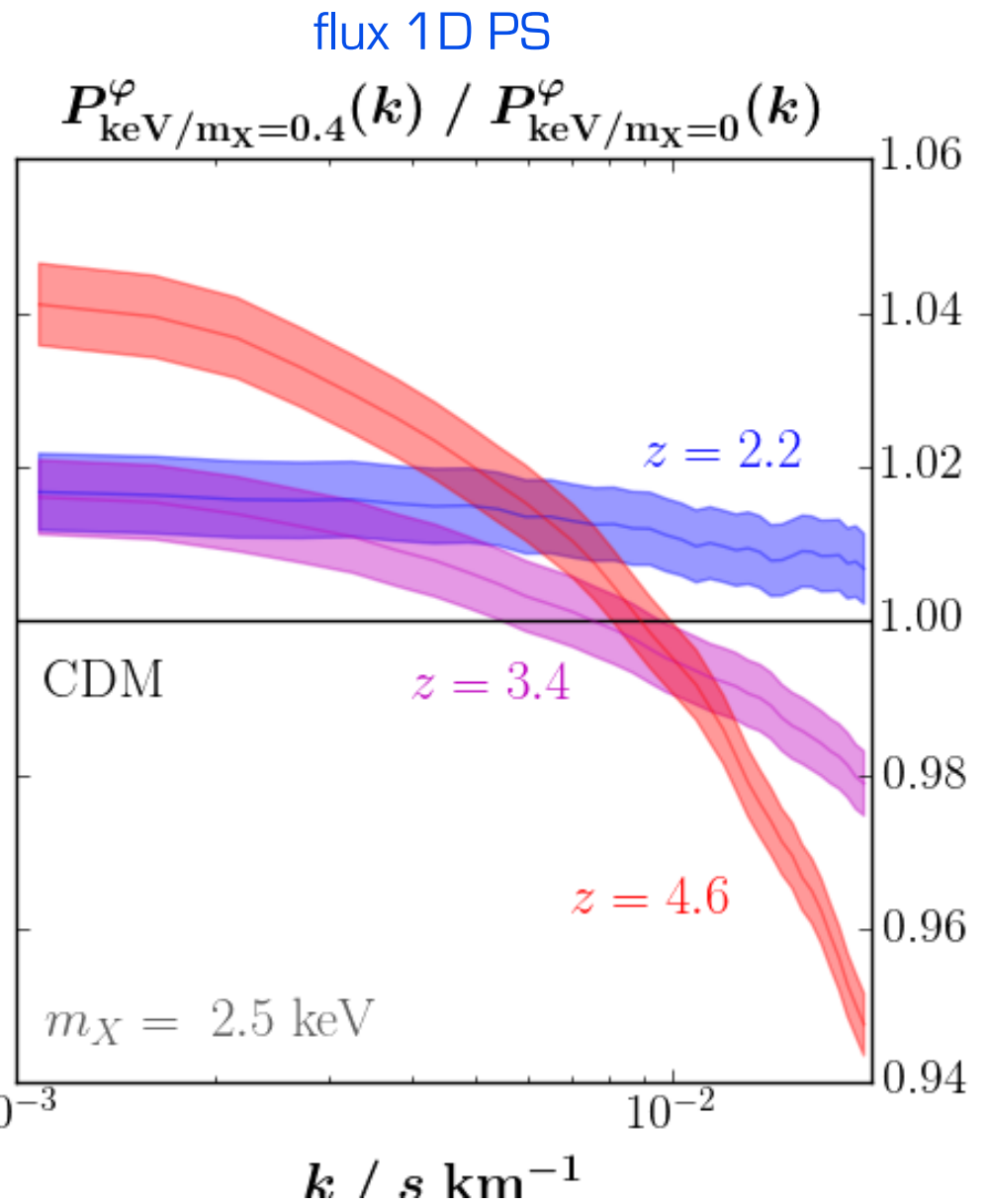
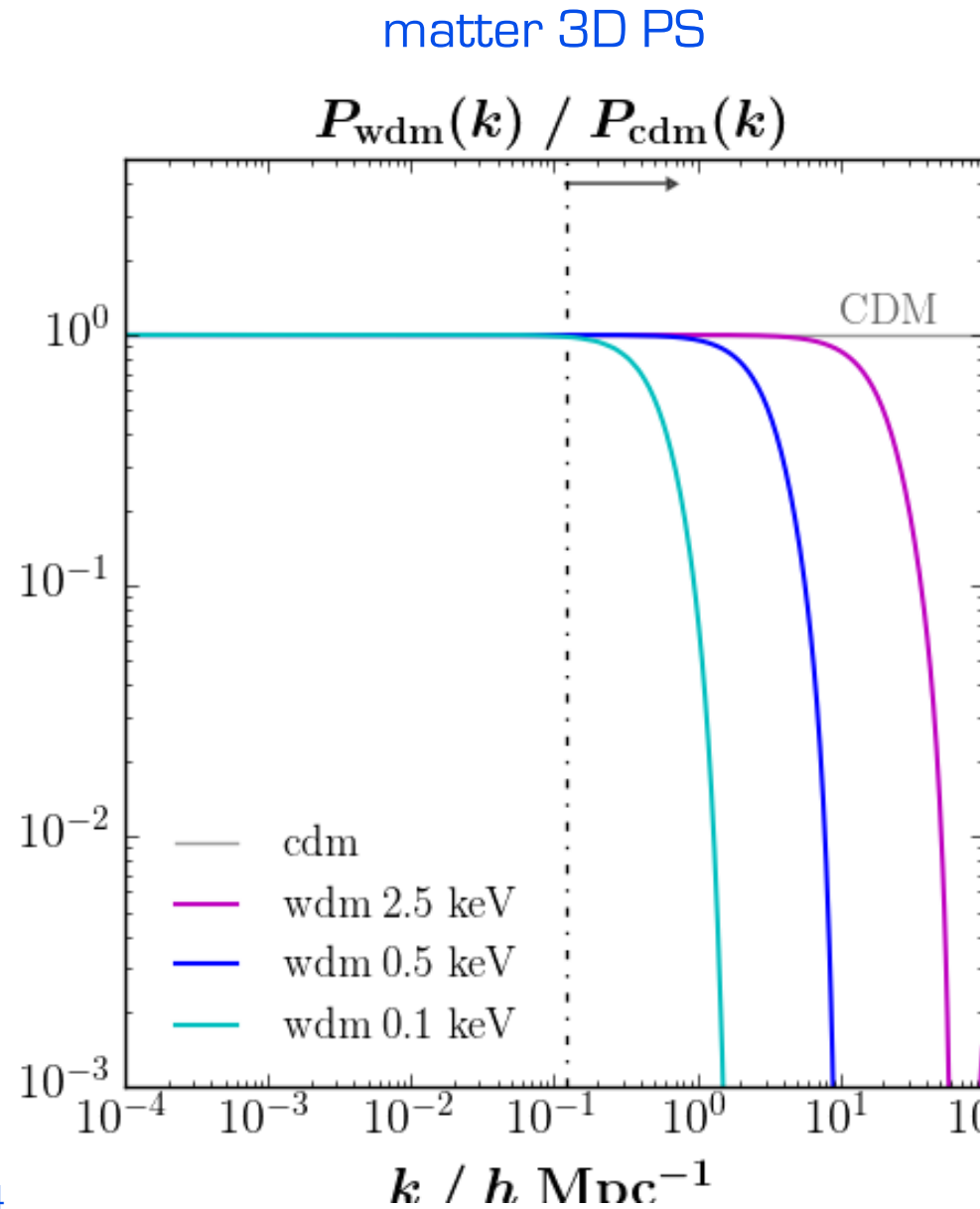


$$\Sigma m_\nu < 0.12 \text{ eV}$$

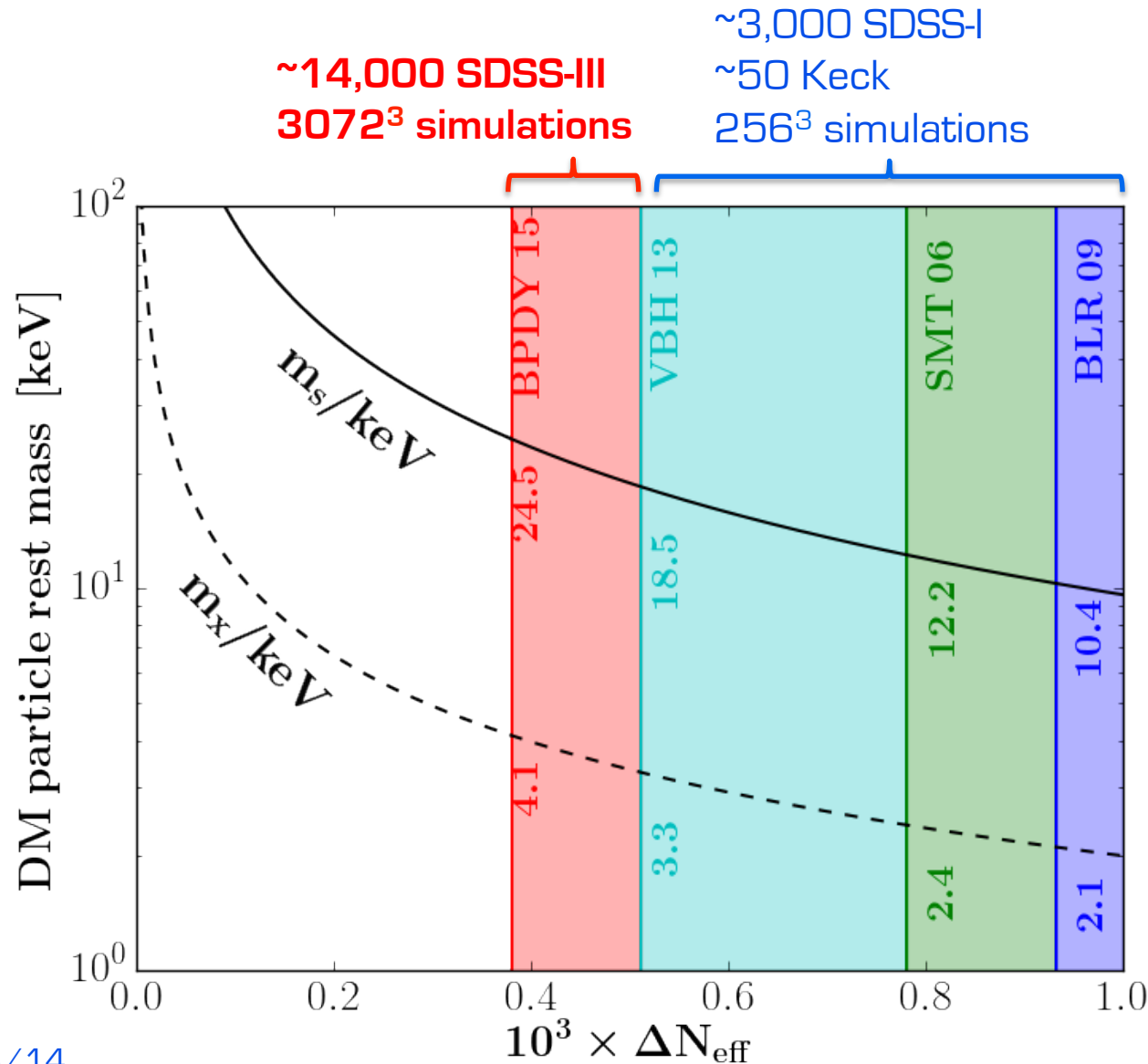
Lya + CMB + BAO [95% CL]

N.Palanque-Deslauriers *et al.*, 2015 [JCAP 011](#)

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Constraints on WDM mass



Lya **4.11 keV**

Lya+CMB 3.02 keV

Lya+CMB+BAO 2.98 keV

Running on spectral index

Lya+CMB **4.30 keV**

Lya+CMB+BAO **4.17 keV**

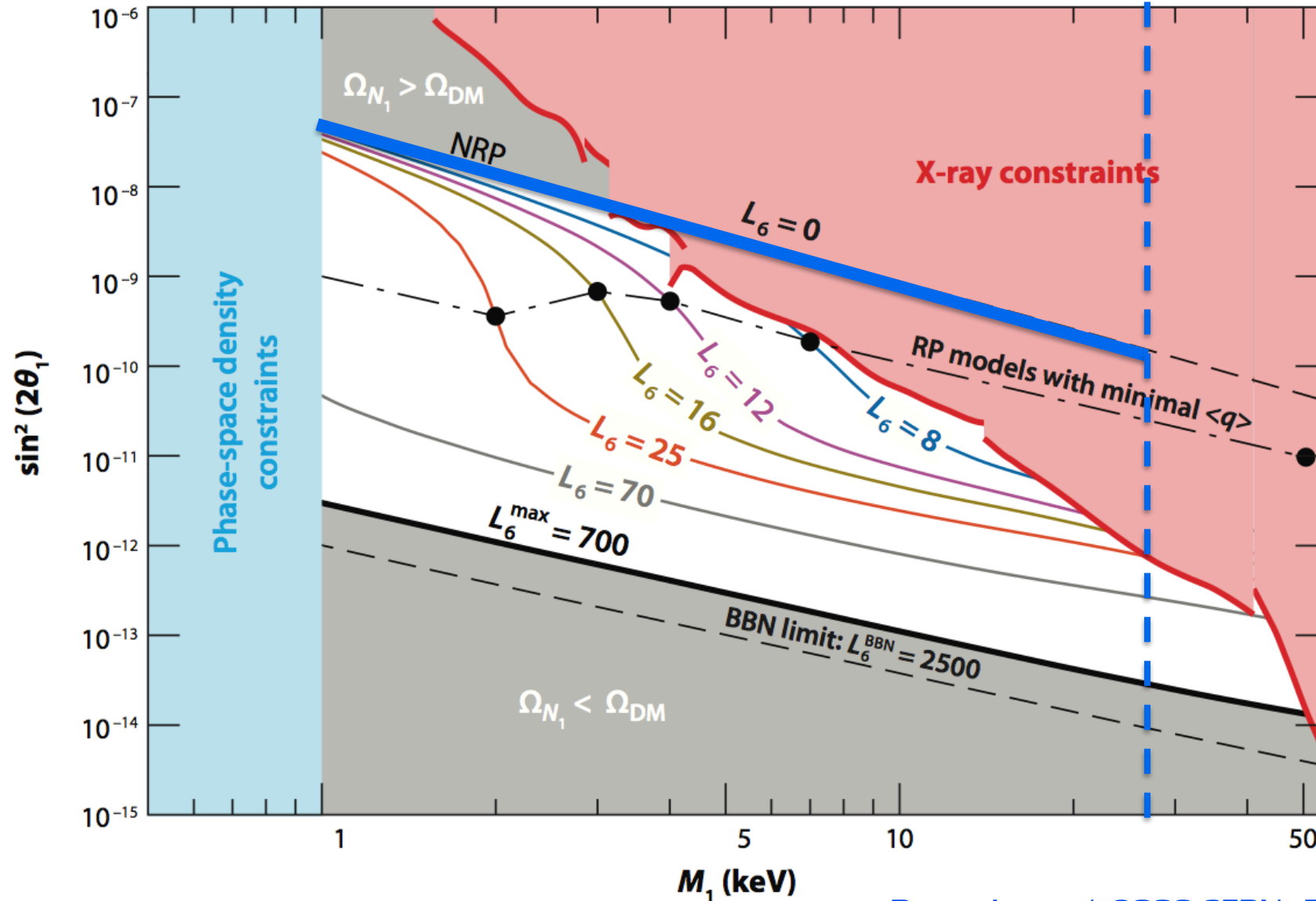
Baur *et al.*, 2015 [arXiv:1512.01981](https://arxiv.org/abs/1512.01981)

Conclusion: Λ -WDM

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$$m_\nu^{NRP} > 24.5 \text{ keV}$$

Lya [95% CL]



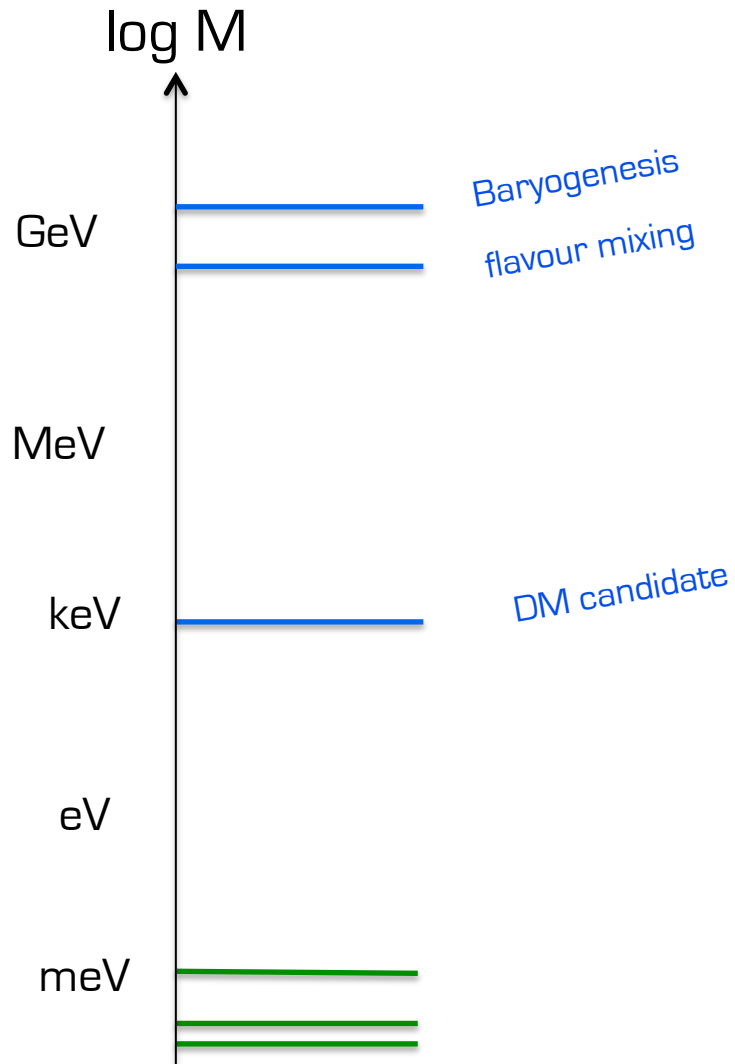
Boyarsky *et al.*, 2008 [CERN-PH-TH 2008 234](https://arxiv.org/abs/0807.3252)

The background of the slide is a dense network graph. The nodes are represented by small red dots, and the edges are thin green lines. The network is highly interconnected, with a central hub-and-spoke structure and many smaller clusters. The overall appearance is that of a complex, multi-scale network.

Thank You !

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BACKUP



sterile sector
right-handed SU(2) \times U(1) singlets

ν MSM

$$\begin{pmatrix} |\nu_A\rangle \\ |\nu_S\rangle \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\theta_M) & \sin(\theta_M) \\ -\sin(\theta_M) & \cos(\theta_M) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} |\nu_1\rangle \\ |\nu_2\rangle \end{pmatrix}$$

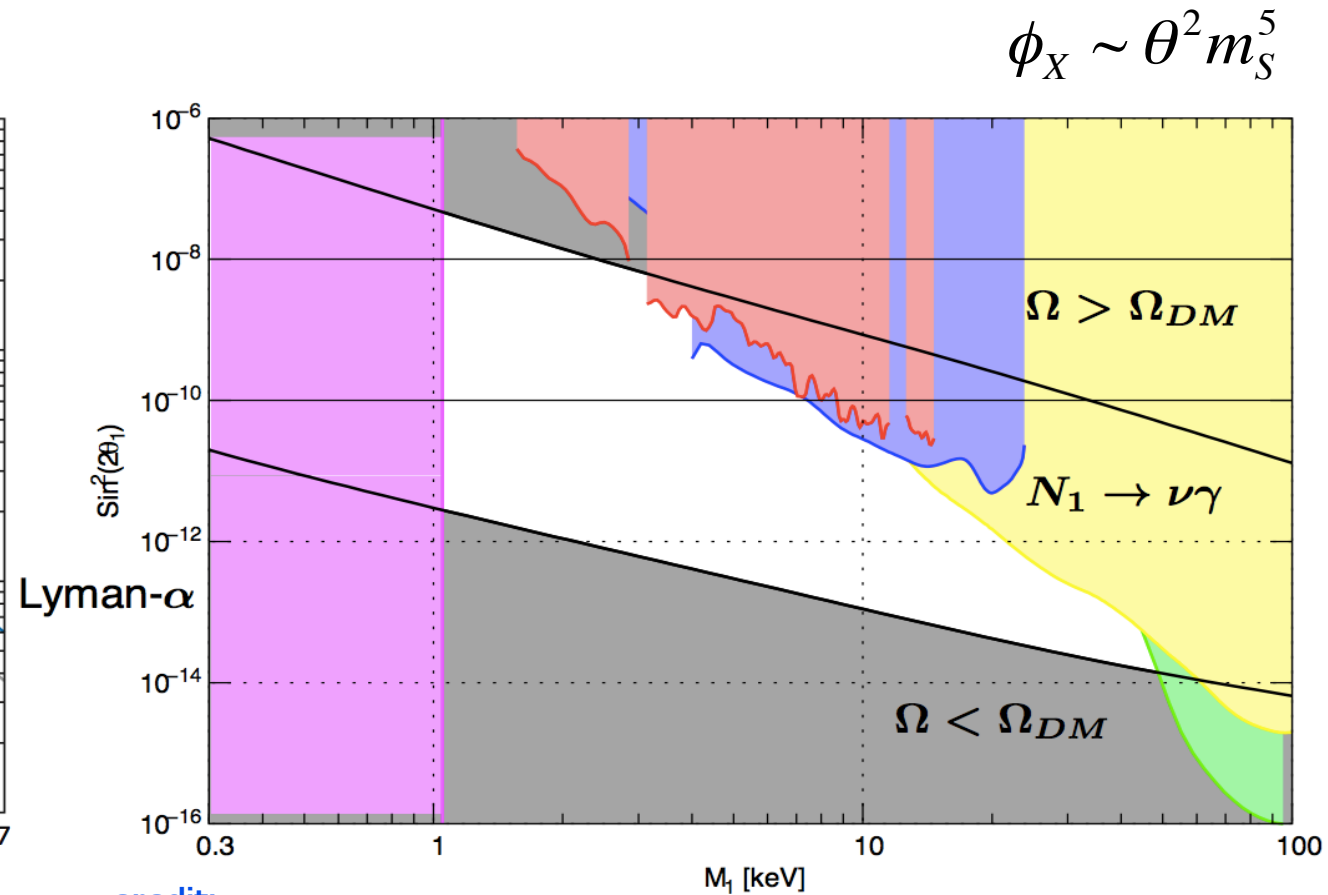
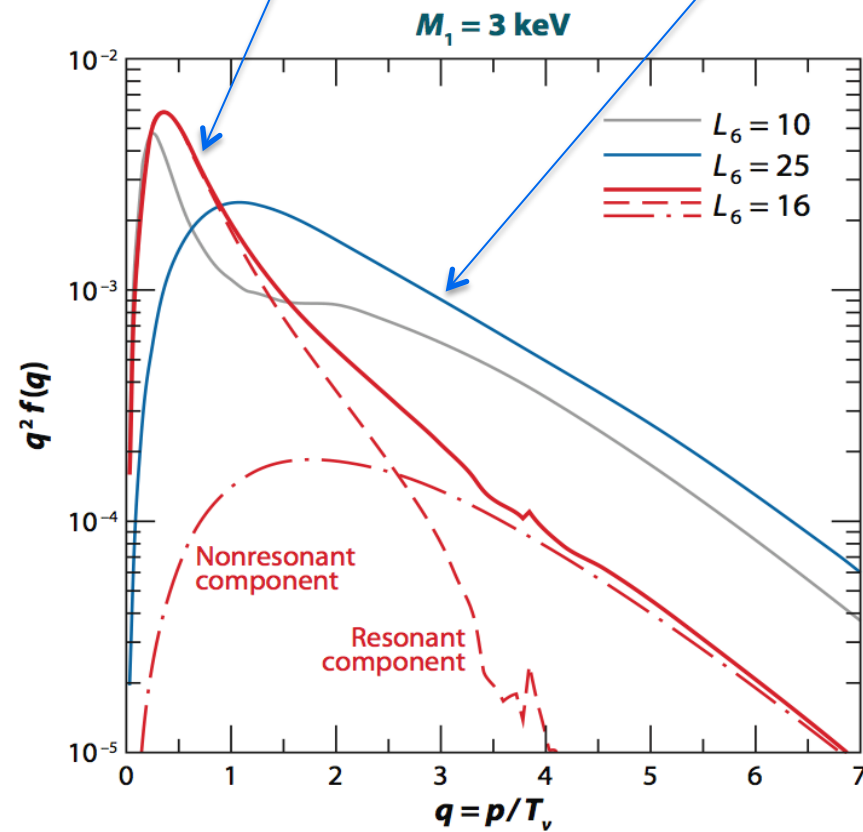
active sector
left-handed SU(2) \times U(1) doublets

BSM

Parameter Space

« non-thermal » RP

« thermal » NRP

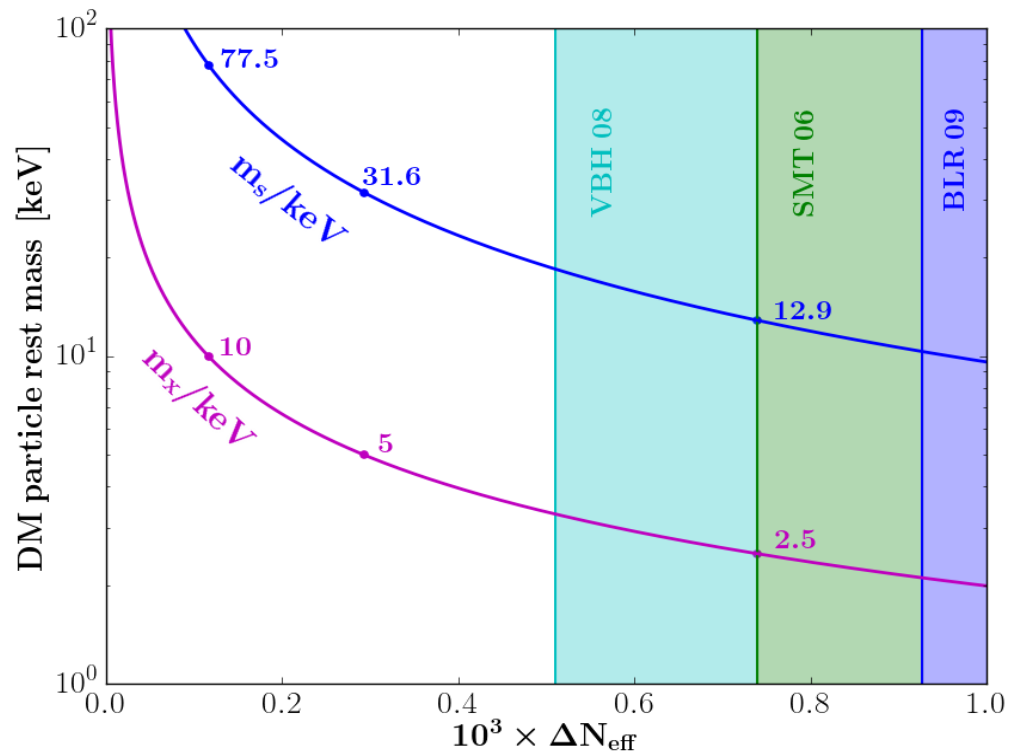


credit:

Boyarsky, Ruchayskiy, Shaposhnikov

Oscillations with active sector

Dodelson & Widrow '94



- ◆ Efficient active–sterile oscillations at

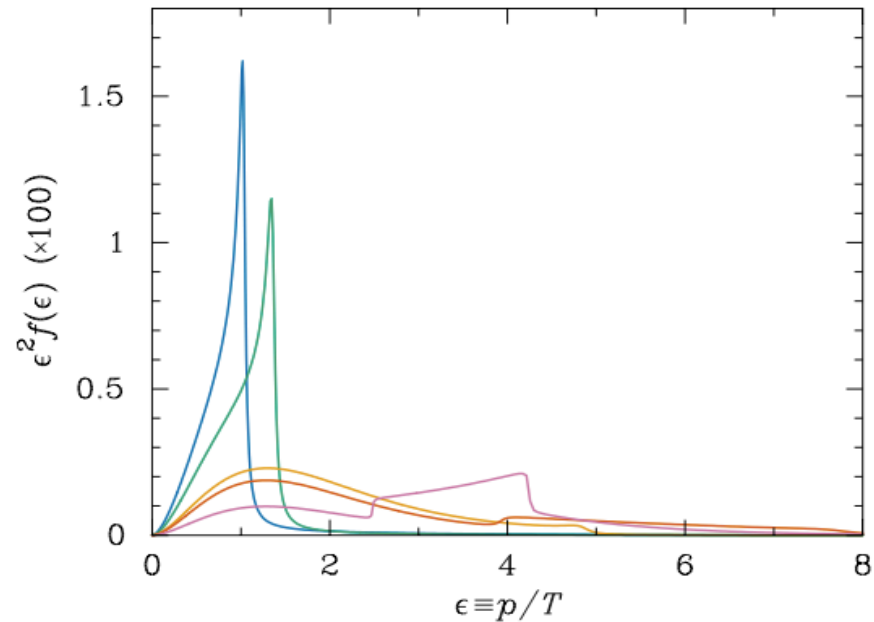
$$T \sim 150 \text{ MeV} \left(\frac{m_s}{\text{keV}} \right)^{-1/3}$$

- ◆ Never reach thermal equilibrium, but ...

- ◆ Quasi–thermal PSD

$$f(p) = \frac{\sin^2 2\theta}{1 + \exp[p/T]}$$

MSW-type Resonance

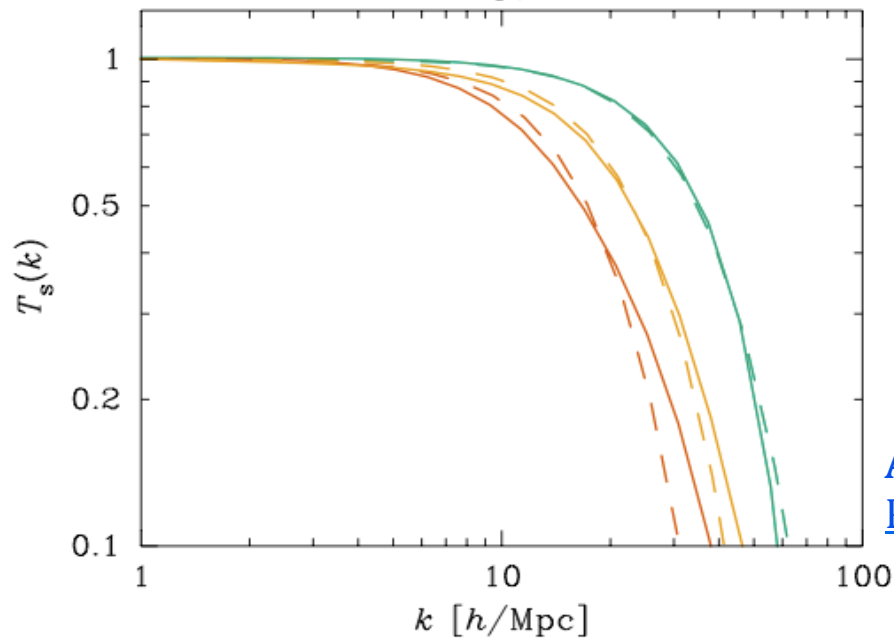


Shi & Fuller '99

- ◆ active-sterile resonance at

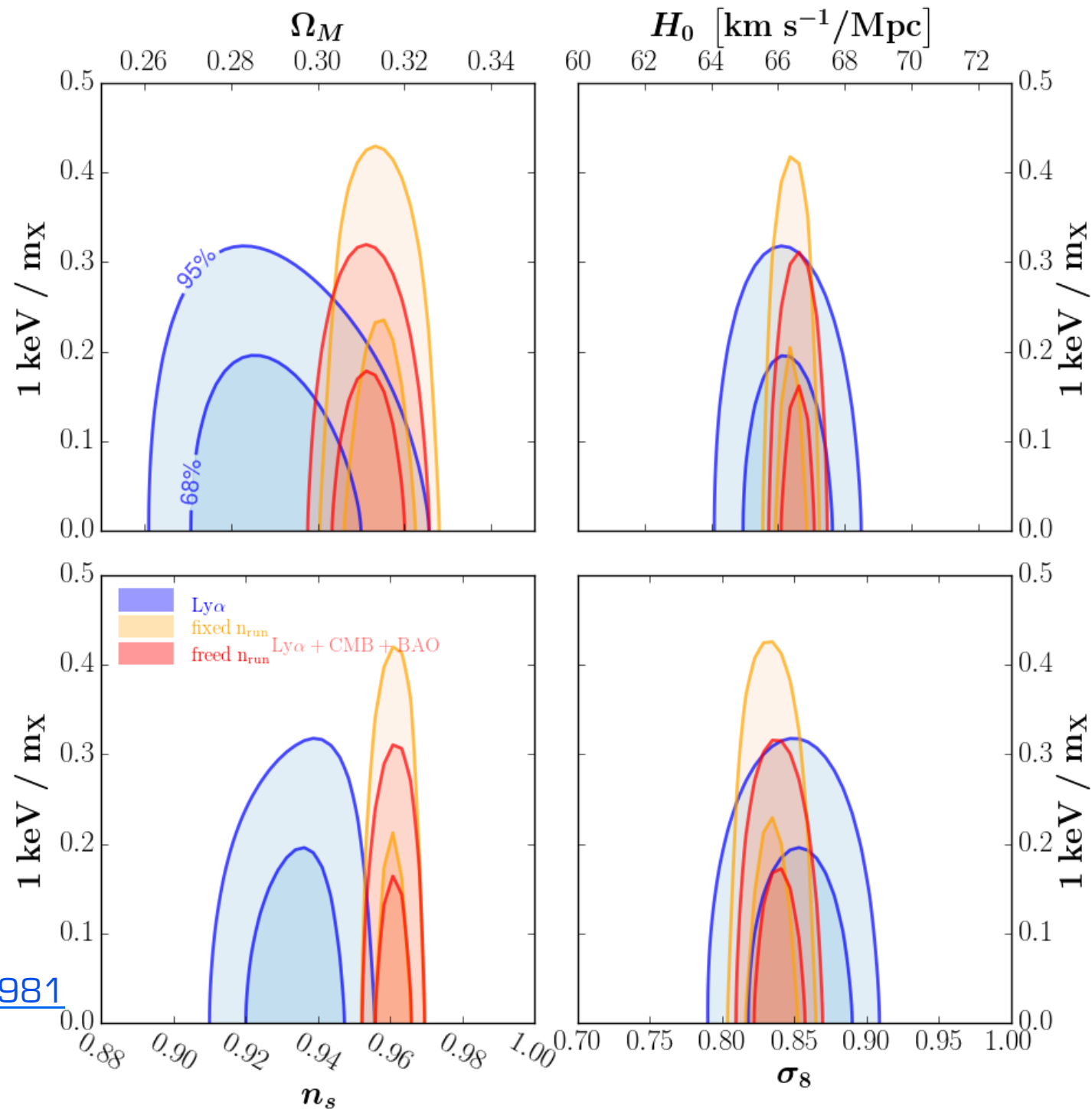
$$\left. \frac{p}{T} \right|_{res} \propto \frac{\delta m^2 \cos 2\theta}{T^4 L}$$

- ◆ Never reach thermal equilibrium
- ◆ PSD requires full Boltzmann treatment



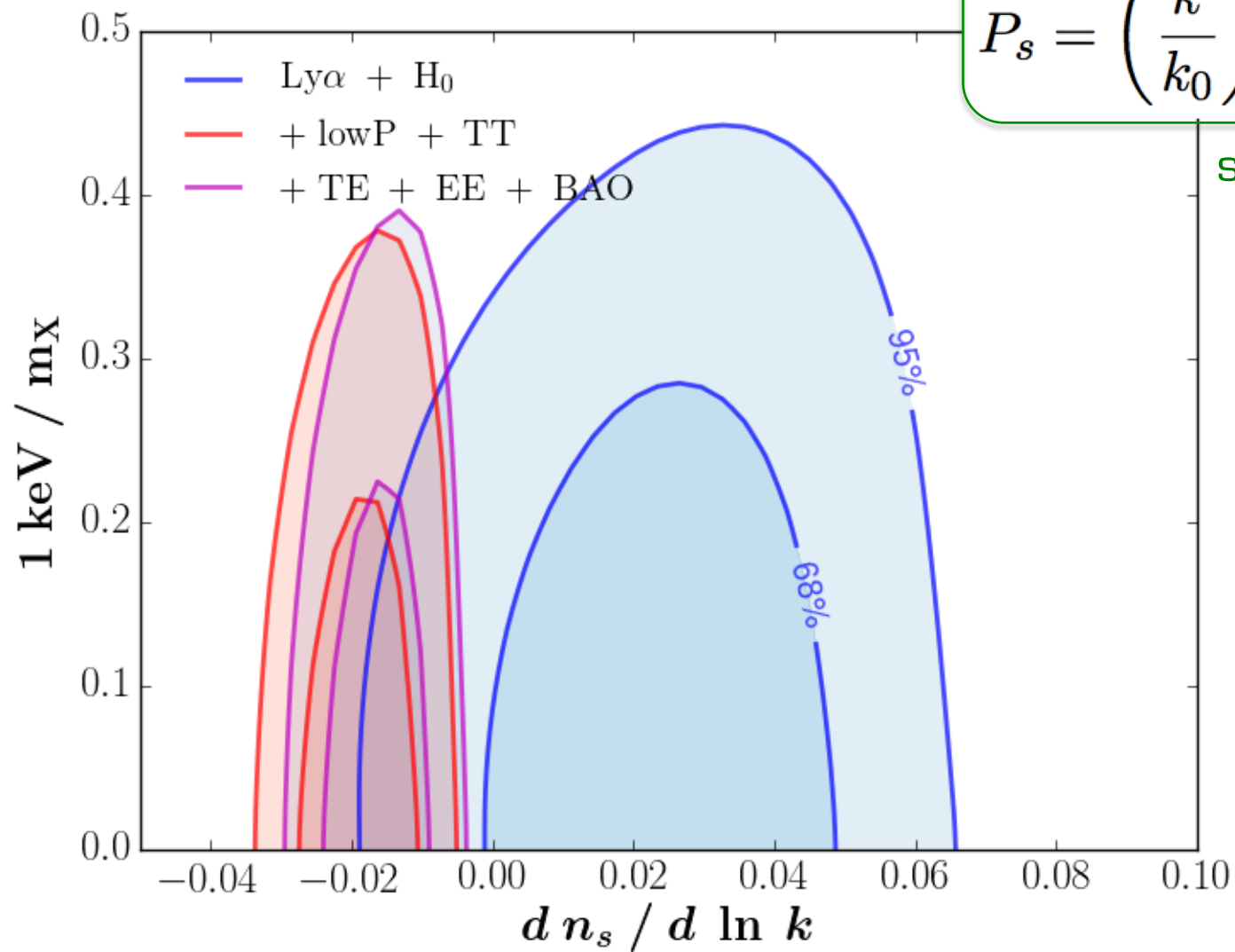
Abazajian, 2014
[PRL 112, 161303](#)

Degeneracies



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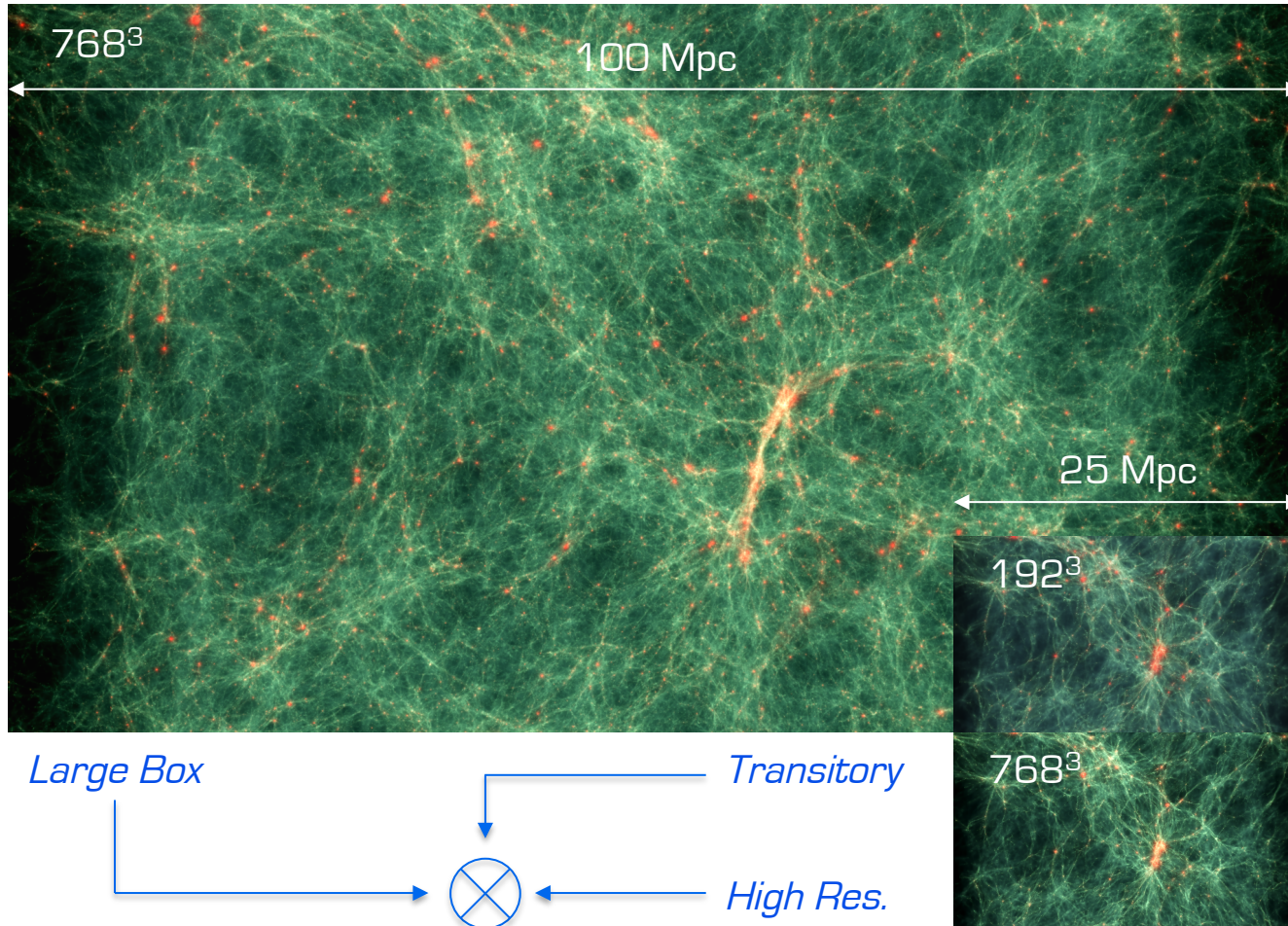
Spectral Index Running



$$P_s = \left(\frac{k}{k_0} \right)^{n_s - 1 + \frac{1}{2} \frac{dn_s}{d \ln k} \ln(k/k_0)}$$

scalar power spectrum

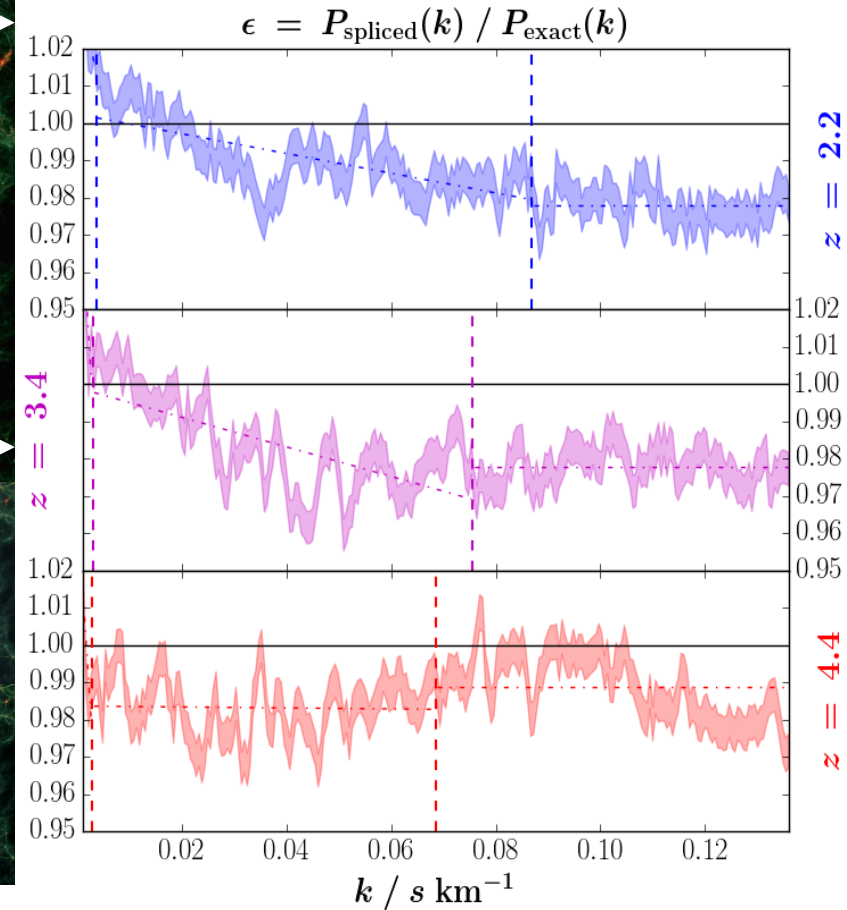
Splicing Method



3072³ particles per species
in (100 Mpc)³ box

OMG !

Residuals for N=2048 simulation



Simulation Parameters

<i>parameter</i>	<i>central</i>	<i>range</i>
$1keV / m_x$	0.0	+0.2 +0.4
n_s	0.96	± 0.05
Ω_M	0.31	± 0.05
σ_8	0.83	± 0.05
H_0	67.5	± 5.0
$T_0(z=3)$	14k	$\pm 7k$
$\gamma(z=3)$	1.3	± 0.3
A^τ	0.0025	± 0.0020
η^τ	3.7	± 0.4

Neutrino mass

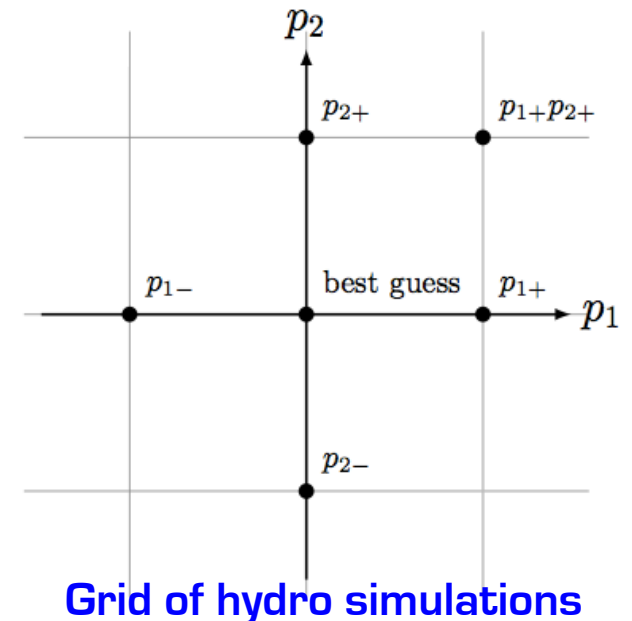
Cosmology

Intergalactic Medium

Optical Depth (UV)

Nuisance Parameters

Re-ionization Redshift	1
IGM thermal state	3
Ionizing UV background	1
Feedback Processes	5
running of the spectral index	1
Simulations Uncertainty	2
Spectrograph Resolution	2
Data Noise	12

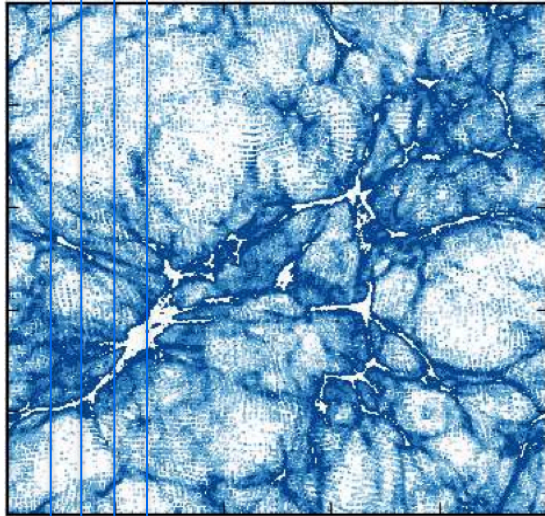


55 for Σm_ν
55 for keV/m_x

Fit in our likelihood computation

Constructing the simulated Ly α PS

Gadget snapshot



100,000 l.o.s.
1,000,000 particles

12 z-bins in Ly α forest range

Thermal history of IGM

$$T(\rho, z) = T_0(z) (1 + \delta)^{\gamma(z)-1}$$

Optical Depth

$$\tau_{\text{eff}} = A^\tau \times (1 + z)^{\eta^\tau}$$

Cosmology

Parameter	(1) Ly α + H_0^{Gaussian} ($H_0 = 67.3 \pm 1.0$)	(2) Ly α + Planck TT+lowP	(3) Ly α + Planck TT+lowP + BAO	(4) Ly α + Planck TT+TE+EE+lowP + BAO
σ_8	0.831 ± 0.031	0.833 ± 0.011	0.845 ± 0.010	0.842 ± 0.014
n_s	0.938 ± 0.010	0.960 ± 0.005	0.959 ± 0.004	0.960 ± 0.004
Ω_m	0.293 ± 0.014	0.302 ± 0.014	0.311 ± 0.014	0.311 ± 0.007
H_0 (km s $^{-1}$ Mpc $^{-1}$)	67.3 ± 1.0	68.1 ± 0.9	67.7 ± 1.1	67.7 ± 0.6
$\sum m_\nu$ (eV)	< 1.1 (95% CL)	< 0.12 (95% CL)	< 0.13 (95% CL)	< 0.12 (95% CL)
Reduced χ^2	0.99	1.04	1.05	1.05

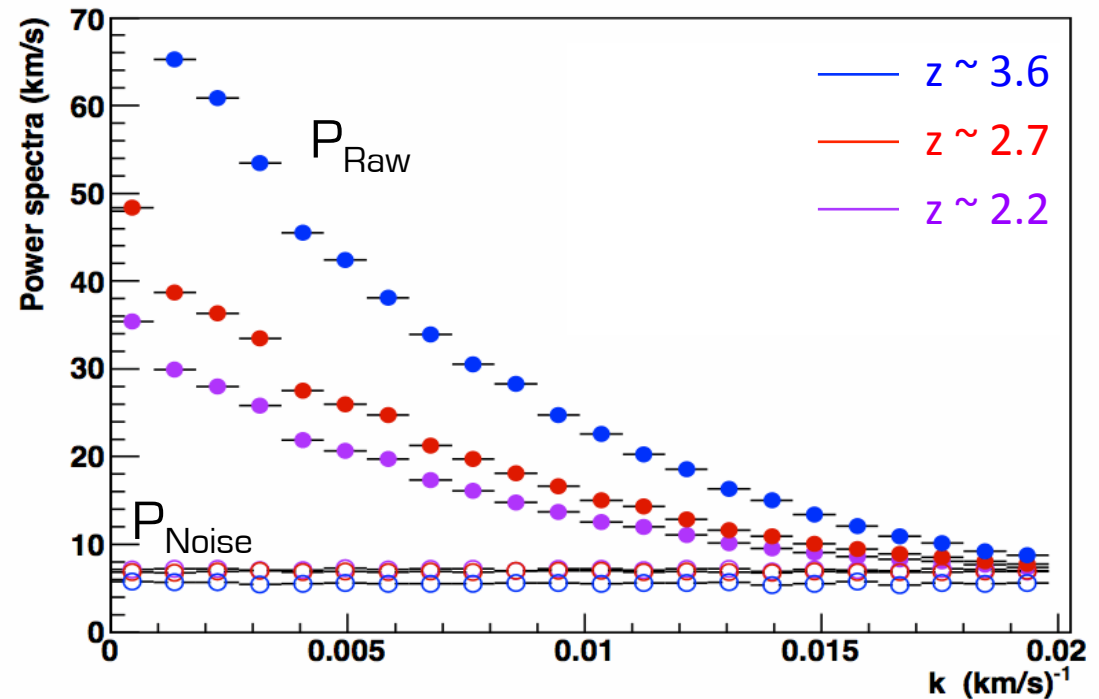
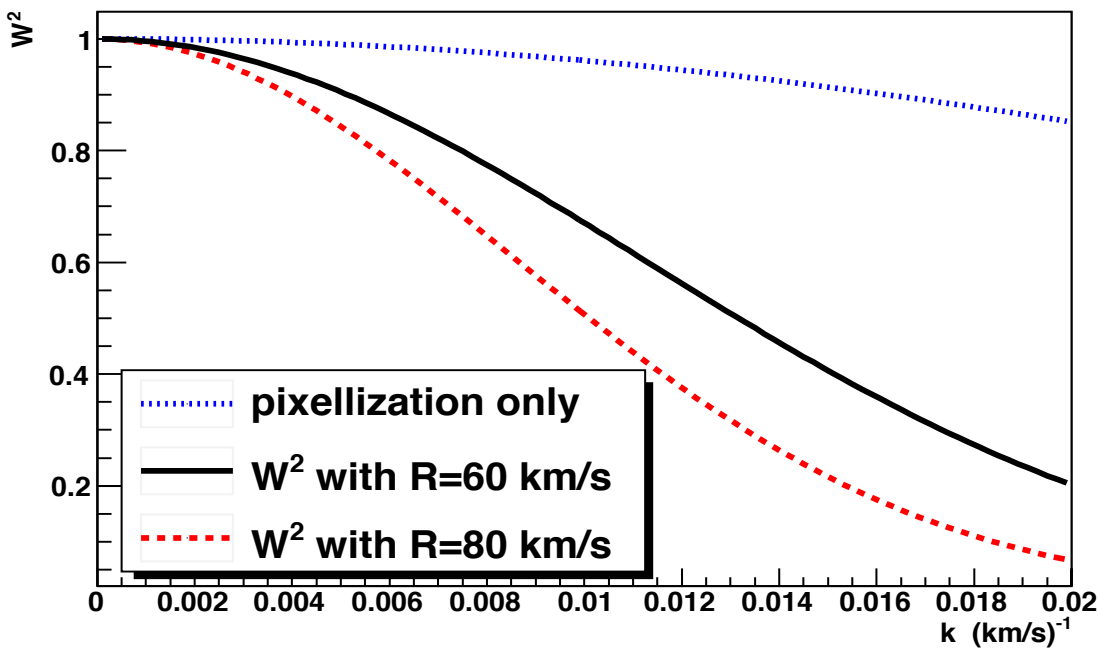
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Lya Power Spectrum

$$P_{\text{Raw}}(k) = [P_{\text{Lya}}(k) + P_{\text{Lya-SIII}}(k) + P_{\text{metals}}(k)] \times W^2(k) + P_{\text{Noise}}(k)$$

correlated SIII-Lya absorption
metals background
window function
white noise

what we measure \uparrow $P_{\text{Raw}}(k)$
 what we want \uparrow $[P_{\text{Lya}}(k) + P_{\text{Lya-SIII}}(k) + P_{\text{metals}}(k)]$

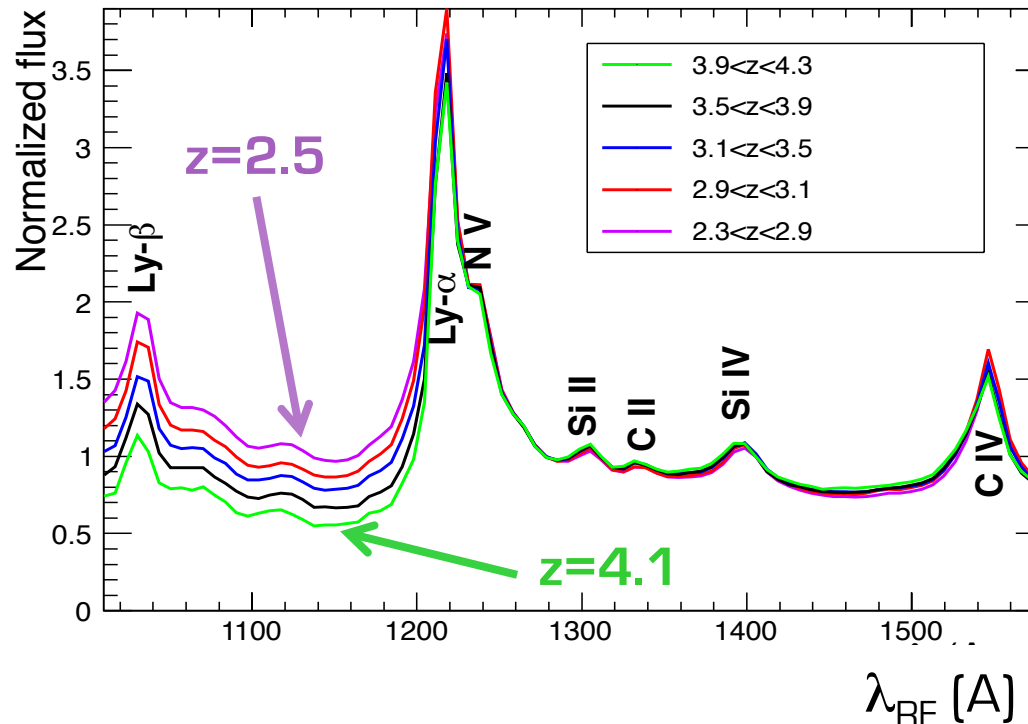


Sample

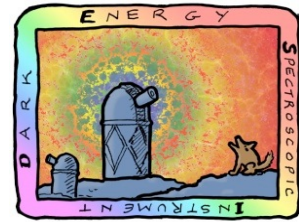
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- 14,000 DR9 QSOs out of 60,000
 - Selected for:
 - ◆ quality (no flagged pixels, no high density absorbers)
 - ◆ SNR > 2
 - ◆ resolution < 85 km/s
- } to obtain $\sigma_{\text{sys}} \sim \sigma_{\text{stat}}$

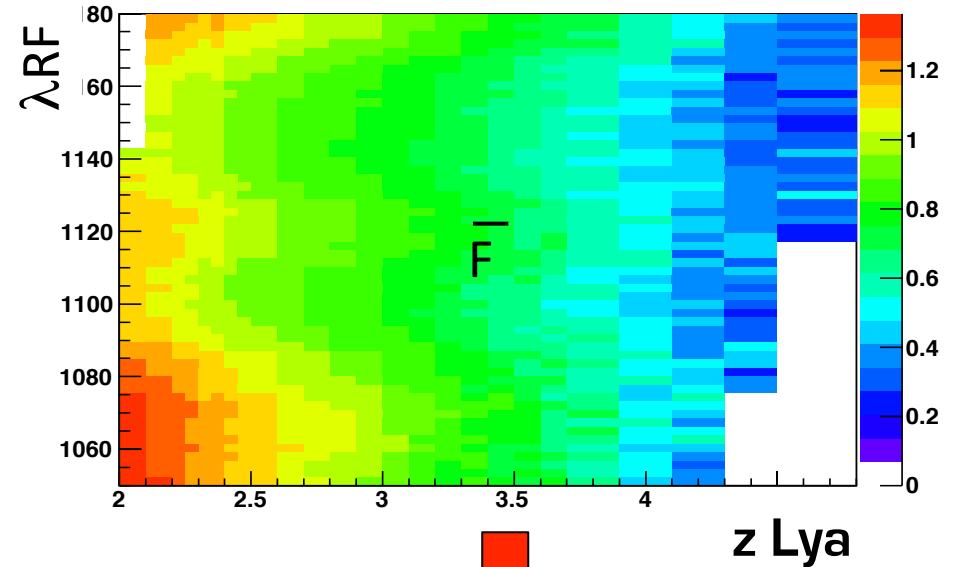
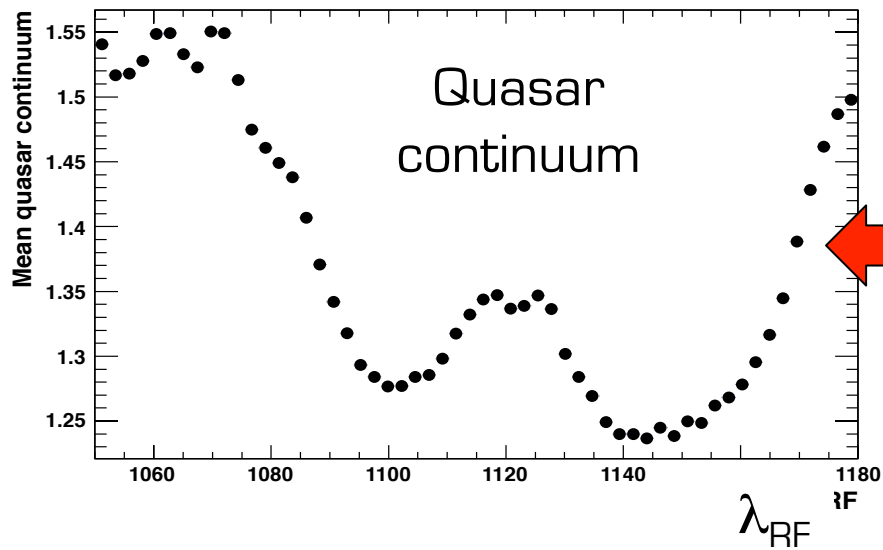
Stacked QSO spectra



1D Power Spectrum



$$P_{raw}(k) = |FT(\delta)|^2 \quad \text{where} \quad \delta = \frac{F}{\bar{F}} - 1$$



δ : normalized transmitted flux fraction

