# Constraining the nature of DM with Lyman alpha forest

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## **COLD DARK MATTER:** the particles were created/decoupled non-relativistic

WARM DARK MATTER: particles were created/decoupled relativistic, but became non-relativistic in the radiation-dominated epoch

HOT DARK MATTER: particles were created relativistic, became nonrelativistic around the matter-dominated epoch



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(Tegmark & Zaldarriaga 2002)



#### Lyman-a forest







#### WDM or IGM temperature?



The flux power spectrum at small scales is affected by: (Gnedin & Hui 1998)

- temperature of the IGM (1D effect)
- pressure (3D)

(Gnedin & Hui 1998) (Theuns, Schaye & Haehnelt 2000) (Onorbe et al 2017)

#### temperature of M7L12 compatible with data HIRES



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#### we have considered uncertainties from the small data sample

#### new HIRES data-set



### Summary

- We have re-analyzed previously available HIRES data, taking into account sample variance and varying thermal history of the IGM -> we conclude that previous constraints do not hold
- We have shown that Sterile neutrinos dark matter with mass ~7keV is allowed by large scale structures data
- We have analyzed the most recent HIRES data, and we have produced new robust constraints on WDM