



# Neutrinos & High-Redshift Cosmic Web with the **Lyman- $\alpha$** Forest

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# Focus: Neutrinos, Dark Radiation, WDM

*'Neutrinos win the minimalist contest: zero charge, zero radius, and very probably zero mass.'*


– Leon M. Lederman

In *Leon Lederman and Dick Teresi, 'The God Particle: If the Universe is the Answer, What is the Question' (1993, 2006)*

**Instead, neutrinos are massive particles!**

Neutrino cosmology → beautiful example of complementarity with particle physics

**The winners of Nobel Prize in Physics 2015**



**Takaaki Kajita**  
Born: 1959, Higashimatsuyama, Japan  
University of Tokyo, Japan


**Arthur B. McDonald**  
Born: 1943, Sydney, Canada  
Queen's University, Canada

**NOBEL PRIZE IN PHYSICS 2015**

The Nobel Prize in Physics 2015 was awarded to Takaaki Kajita and Arthur B. McDonald for discovery of neutrino oscillations, which shows neutrinos have mass.

**WHAT IS A NEUTRINO?** Neutrinos are tiny subatomic particles, produced by nuclear reactions that take place in stars, including our sun, as well as in radioactive decay processes. They come in three 'flavours'.

$\nu_e$	$\nu_\mu$	$\nu_\tau$
ELECTRON NEUTRINO	MUON NEUTRINO	TAU NEUTRINO



The nuclear reactions in the sun produce neutrinos, which we can detect.

The number of neutrinos detected was only a third of the expected value.

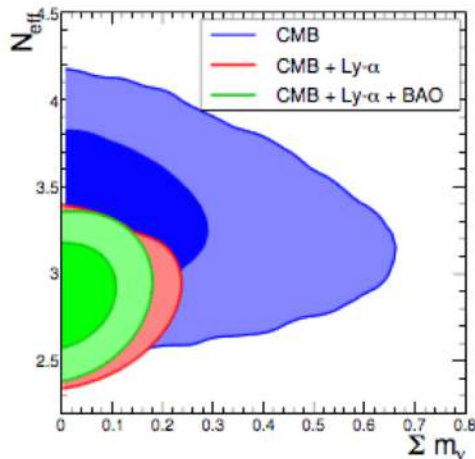
Neutrinos 'flip' between the three flavours, and only one type was being detected.

**WHY DOES IT MATTER?** If neutrinos oscillate between types, they must have mass, even if this mass is incredibly small. This contradicts the standard model of particle physics, which states they are massless.

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# Main Highlights

## MOTIVATION: ROBUST COSMOLOGICAL BOUNDS



Rossi et al. (2015)

- Numerical & modeling uncertainties
- Instrumental resolution & noise
- IGM thermal history, UV fluctuations, ...
- Degeneracies & systematics
- Details of statistical analysis

Massless sterile neutrino (thermalized) ruled out at  $> 5\sigma$

INDIVIDUAL CONSTRAINTS ON  $\sum m_\nu$  (95% CL)

$$\sum m_\nu < 0.12 \text{ eV} \rightarrow \text{CMB} + \text{Lyman-}\alpha + \text{BAO}$$

JOINT CONSTRAINTS ON  $N_{\text{eff}}$  AND  $\sum m_\nu$  (95% CL)

$$N_{\text{eff}} = 2.88^{+0.20}_{-0.20} \ \& \ \sum m_\nu < 0.14 \text{ eV} \rightarrow \text{CMB} + \text{Lyman-}\alpha + \text{BAO}$$





# Overall Strategy

## NEUTRINOS & DARK RADIATION: RATIONALE

For reliable constraints with multiple probes → need deeper understanding of physical effects driving impact of massive neutrinos and DR on LSS

### MAJOR GOALS

- Unique signature of massive neutrinos? Preferred scales?
- Can the Ly $\alpha$  forest break degeneracies? Assets? Synergies?

### METHODOLOGY

- High number density → effects on cosmic structures at **small scales**
- Novel hydro sims → tomographic evolution of shape & amplitude of matter & flux PS
- Preferred scales for signature of  $\nu$  and dark radiation

### IMPACT

- Relevance for current and upcoming surveys (data interpretation) → eBOSS, DESI, J-PAS, ...
- Neutrino mass scale important for **Standard Model** → leptogenesis, baryogenesis, right-handed neutrino sector + cosmological implications

# Outline

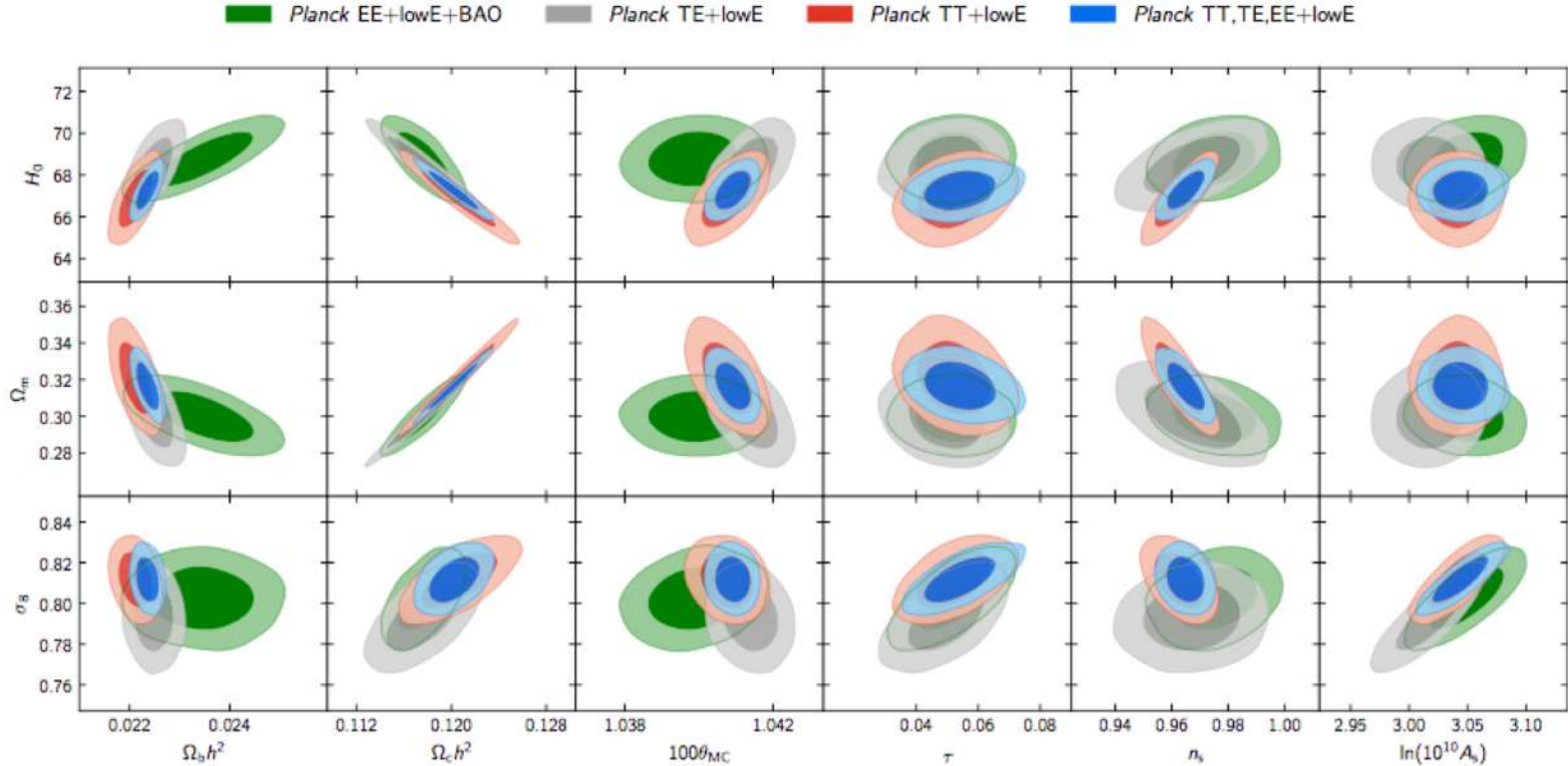
- Introductory Background
- Novel Hydro Simulations
- Neutrinos, High-z Web, Ly $\alpha$  Forest
- Techniques for Neutrino Constraints
- SDSS Constraints & Potential
- Summary & Outlook

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# INTRODUCTORY BACKGROUND

# Base LCDM



## BASE LCDM

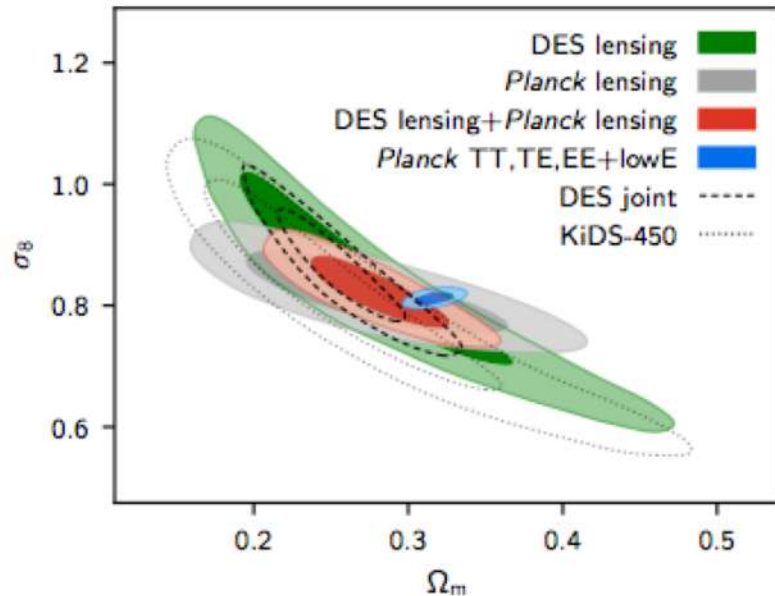
- Spatially-flat 6-parameter
- Power-law spectrum of adiabatic scalar perturbations
- $H_0 = 67.4 \pm 0.5$  km/s/Mpc
- $\Omega_m = 0.315 \pm 0.007$
- $\sigma_8 = 0.811 \pm 0.006$

## PLANCK 2018 (Planck Coll. 2018 - VI)

### PLANCK 2018

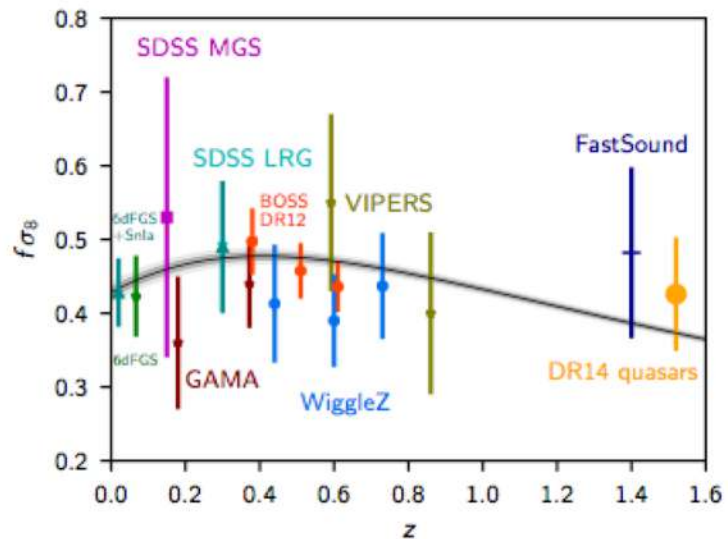
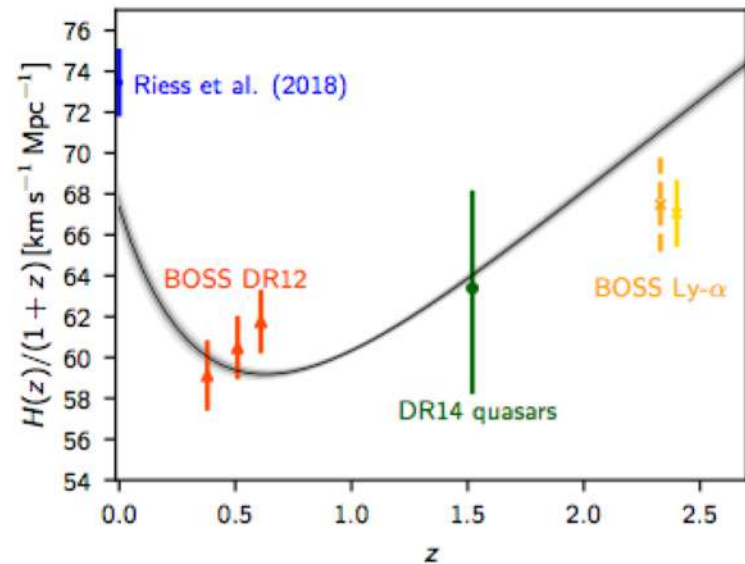
- $\Omega_c h^2 = 0.120 \pm 0.001$
- $\Omega_b h^2 = 0.0224 \pm 0.0001$
- $n_s = 0.965 \pm 0.004$
- $\tau = 0.054 \pm 0.007$

# LCDM Still Holds but ...



PLANCK 2018  
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Still Tensions ....  
and ... Massive Neutrinos ?





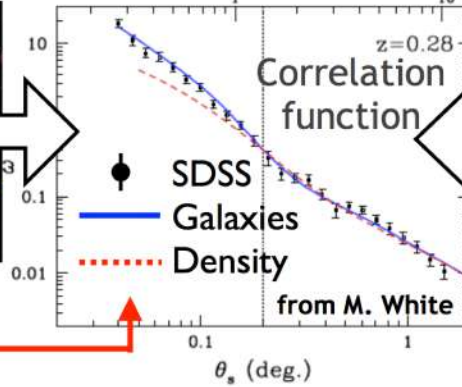
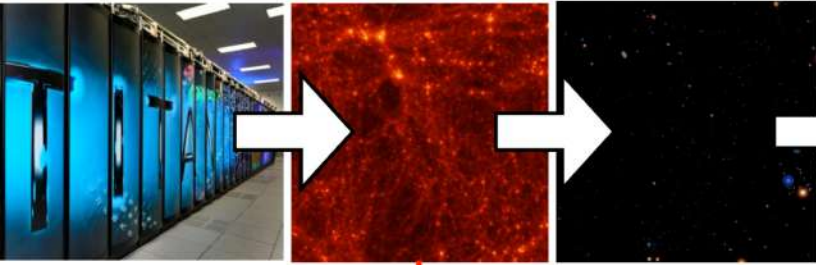
# Large-Scale Computing



Supercomputer

Dark matter

Galaxies



SDSS galaxies

Sloan Digital Sky Survey

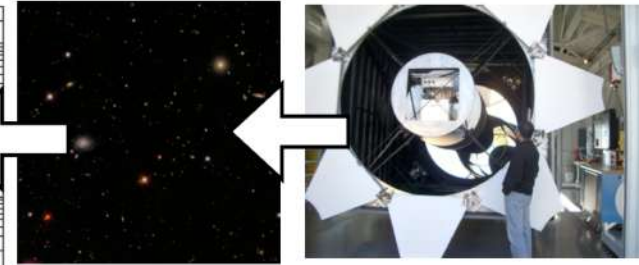
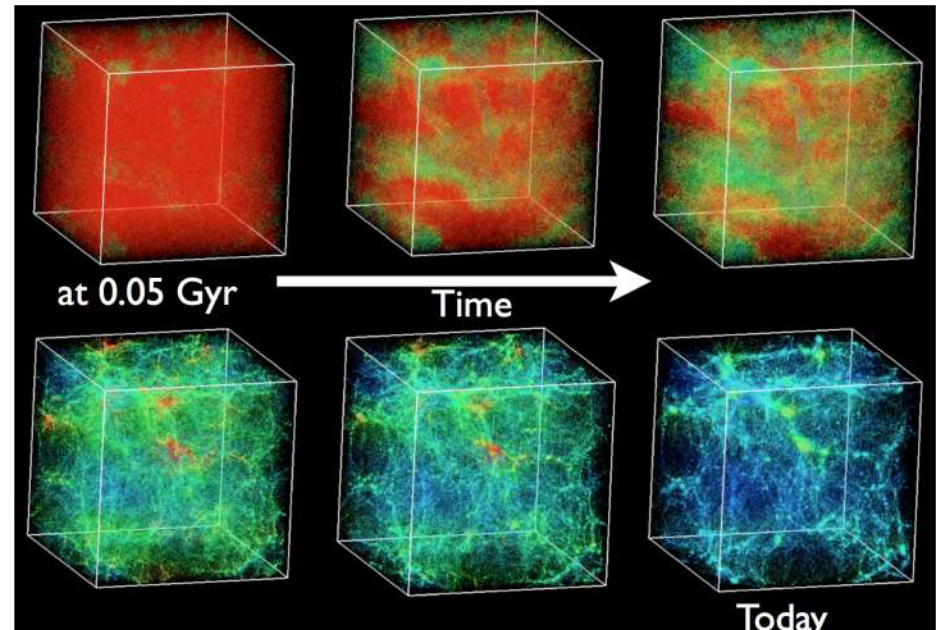


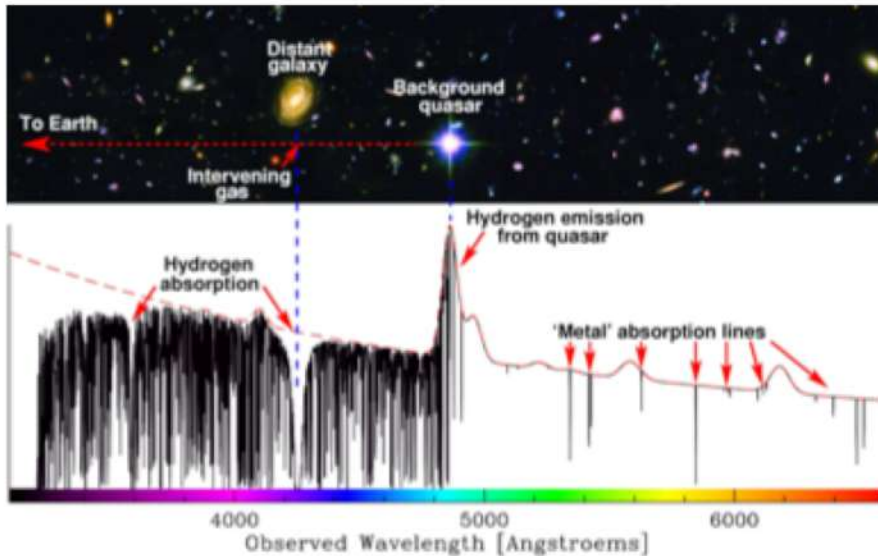
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- Data interpretation driven by simulations
- Simulations driven by underlying **science goals**
- No cosmology without large-scale computing
- **Challenges:** larger volumes, higher resolution, big data
- Simulating tracers: 'an art'



# Lyman- $\alpha$ Forest Asset



## LY- $\alpha$ : IMPORTANCE

- Probes the intergalactic medium at high- $z$
- Maps the primordial density fluctuations
- Synergy with other LSS probes

## LYA: DIFFICULTIES

- Need numerical simulations with full hydro
- Complex IGM thermal history
- Star formation uncertain
- Non-trivial frequency dependence
- Systematics and other technical issues

## LYA: ADVANTAGES

- Mildly nonlinear scales  
i.e.  $\rightarrow k [0.1 - 2] \text{ h/Mpc}, [0.002 - 0.02] \text{ s/km}$
- High redshift ( $2 \leq z \leq 5$ )
- Complementary and orthogonal to other probes
- Special role in probing free-streaming of neutrinos on matter PS
- Evolution of  $\nu \rightarrow$  signature with  $z$   
(scale-dependent suppression)

# Neutrinos: Peculiar Leptons, Everywhere

## NEUTRINOS: BASIC PROPERTIES

- Peculiar particle → weakest interactions, smallest possibly non-vanishing mass
- Important because second most abundant particle in the universe (after photons)
- Total number density (all flavors) →  $\sim 340/\text{cm}^3$  (for baryonic matter  $n_b \sim 2.5 \times 10^{-7}/\text{cm}^3$ )
- 3-flavor paradigm (3 flavor & mass eigenstates)
- Leptons but special particles
- Massless in standard model
- Only weak + gravity force, so very weak effects on matter
- Average energy of cosmic neutrinos very low →  $6.1K \sim 5 \times 10^{-4} \text{ eV}$

## NEUTRINO → LEPTON

- Electrically neutral
- Weakly interacting
- Half-integer spin

## NEUTRINO FLAVORS

- Electron neutrinos
- Muon neutrinos
- Tau neutrinos

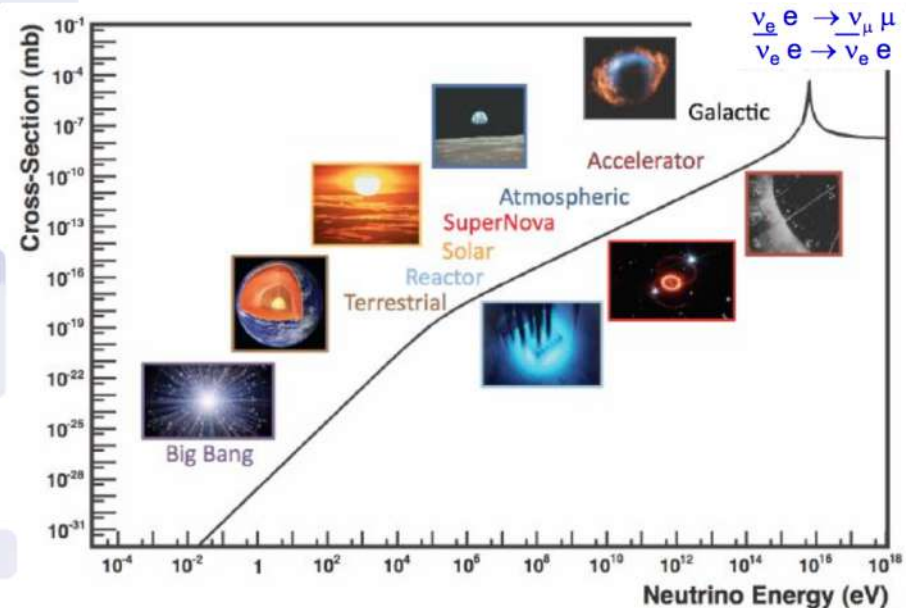
Focus here → **Cosmological Neutrinos**

High number density → effects on cosmic structures

## NEUTRINO FAMILIES

- Cosmological neutrinos
- Astrophysical neutrinos
- Solar neutrinos
- Atmospheric neutrinos
- Terrestrial (laboratory) neutrinos

Courtesy A. Bravar





# Neutrinos: Formalism

- $\nu_\alpha$  ( $\alpha = e, \mu, \tau$ )  $\rightarrow$  neutrino flavor eigenstates
- $\nu_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, 3$ )  $\rightarrow$  neutrino mass eigenstates
- $m_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, 3$ )  $\rightarrow$  neutrino individual masses
- $m_2 > m_1, m_2 \simeq m_1$
- $\Delta m_{21}^2 \equiv \Delta m_{\text{solar}}^2 \equiv \delta m^2 = m_2^2 - m_1^2 > 0 \rightarrow$  solar mass splitting
- $|\Delta m_{31}^2| \equiv |\Delta m_{\text{atm}}^2| = |m_3^2 - m_1^2| \rightarrow$  atmospheric mass splitting
- $\Delta m_{31}^2 > 0 \rightarrow$  normal hierarchy (NH)
- $\Delta m_{31}^2 < 0 \rightarrow$  inverted hierarchy (IH)
- Relation flavor-mass eigenstates  $\rightarrow$

$$|\nu_\alpha \rangle = \sum_i U_{\alpha i} |\nu_i \rangle$$

- $U_{\alpha i} \rightarrow$  mixing matrix, elements parameterized by  $(\theta_{12}, \theta_{23}, \theta_{13}, \delta, \xi, \zeta)$

# Massive Neutrinos & Cosmology

- Solar, atmospheric → cannot obtain absolute mass scale of neutrinos
- Fixing **absolute mass scale of neutrinos** → main target of terrestrial experiments
- *Oscillation experiments* → tight lower bounds on total neutrino mass ( $\sum m_\nu > 0.05 \text{ eV}$ )
- *Cosmology* → more competitive upper bounds on total neutrino mass ( $\sum m_\nu < 0.15 \text{ eV}$ )
- Neutrino mass scale important for **Standard Model** → leptogenesis, baryogenesis, right-handed neutrino sector + cosmological implications



# Absolute Neutrino Mass

## PROBING THE NEUTRINO MASS SCALE

1. Direct measurements through  $\beta$  decay kinematics
2. Neutrinoless double  $\beta$  decay ( $0\nu 2\beta$ )
3. Cosmological observations

① **Direct  $\beta$  decay**  $\rightarrow$  squared effective electron neutrino mass

$$m_{\beta}^2 = \sum_i |U_{ei}|^2 m_i^2$$

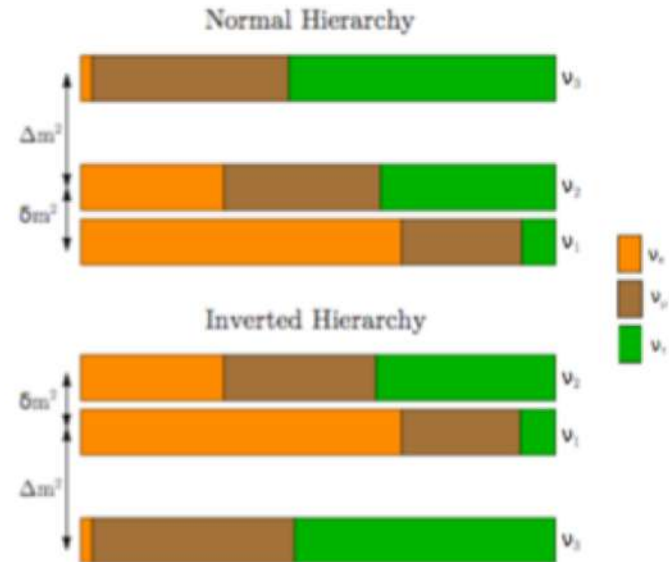
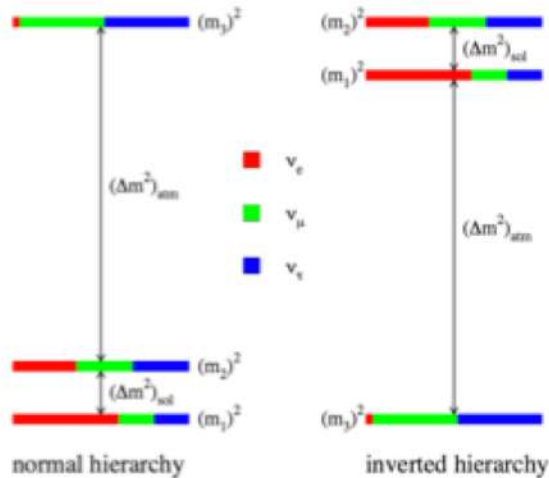
② **Neutrinoless double  $\beta$  decay ( $0\nu 2\beta$ )**  $\rightarrow$  effective Majorana mass

$$m_{\beta\beta} = \left| \sum_i U_{ei}^2 m_i \right| = \left| \sum_i \exp[i\Phi_i] |U_{ei}|^2 m_i \right|, \quad \Phi_2 = \xi, \Phi_3 = \zeta - 2\delta$$

③ **Cosmological observations**  $\rightarrow$  total neutrino mass

$$M_{\nu} = \sum_i m_i = m_1 + m_2 + m_3$$

# Neutrino Mass Hierarchy



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- $\delta m^2 \equiv \Delta m_{21}^2 = m_2^2 - m_1^2 > 0 \rightarrow$  solar mass splitting
- $\Delta m^2 = m_3^2 - \frac{m_1^2 + m_2^2}{2}$

3 active relativistic relic neutrinos in standard model

What about **sterile neutrinos**?

# Current Bounds

## LABORATORY EXPERIMENTS

- Solar, atmospheric, reactors, accelerators  $\rightarrow M_\nu > 0.05$  eV
- $\beta$ -decay  $\rightarrow M_\nu < 2.2$  eV

## COSMOLOGY: NEAR FUTURE

- eBOSS LyA + CMB  $\rightarrow M_\nu \sim 0.1$  eV
- ACTPol + Planck  $\rightarrow M_\nu \sim 0.07$  eV
- Planck + eBOSS, LSST, DES  $\rightarrow M_\nu \sim 0.06$  eV
- Surveys in 2020 (DESI)  $\rightarrow M_\nu \sim 0.03$  eV

## COSMOLOGY: Now (95% CL)

- LyA  $\rightarrow M_\nu < 0.9$  eV
- WMAP9  $\rightarrow M_\nu < 0.44$  eV
- WMAP7+LRG+ $H_0$   $\rightarrow M_\nu < 0.44$  eV
- WMAP7+ACT+BAO+ $H_0$   $\rightarrow M_\nu < 0.39$  eV
- WMAP7+WiggleZ+BAO+ $H_0$   $\rightarrow M_\nu < 0.29$  eV
- WMAP7+MegaZ+BAO+SN Ia+ $H_0$   $\rightarrow M_\nu < 0.281$  eV
- Planck+WP+highL+BAO  $\rightarrow M_\nu < 0.23$  eV
- Planck+WiggleZ+BAO  $\rightarrow M_\nu < 0.18$  eV
- Latest claims  $\rightarrow M_\nu < 0.11$  eV  $\rightarrow 0.13$  eV

## WARNING

Systematic offset between estimates of the matter PS obtained with different methods!

# NOVEL HYDRO SIMULATIONS

# Upgraded Simulation Suite

## NEW SIMULATION SUITE

## SIMULATING NEUTRINOS & DARK RADIATION

- Full hydro simulations with multiple components
- Boxes from  $25h^{-1}$  Mpc to  $100h^{-1}$  Mpc
- Resolution from  $208^3$ /type to  $832^3$ /type
- Range of neutrino masses ( $\sum m_\nu = 0.1 - 0.4\text{eV}$ )
- **Novelty of dark radiation** ( $N_{\text{eff}} \neq 3.046$ )
- Full snapshots at a given redshift ( $z = 5.0 - 2.0$ ,  $\Delta z = 0.2$ )
- 100,000 quasar sightlines per redshift interval per simulation

### SIMULATIONS: STATS

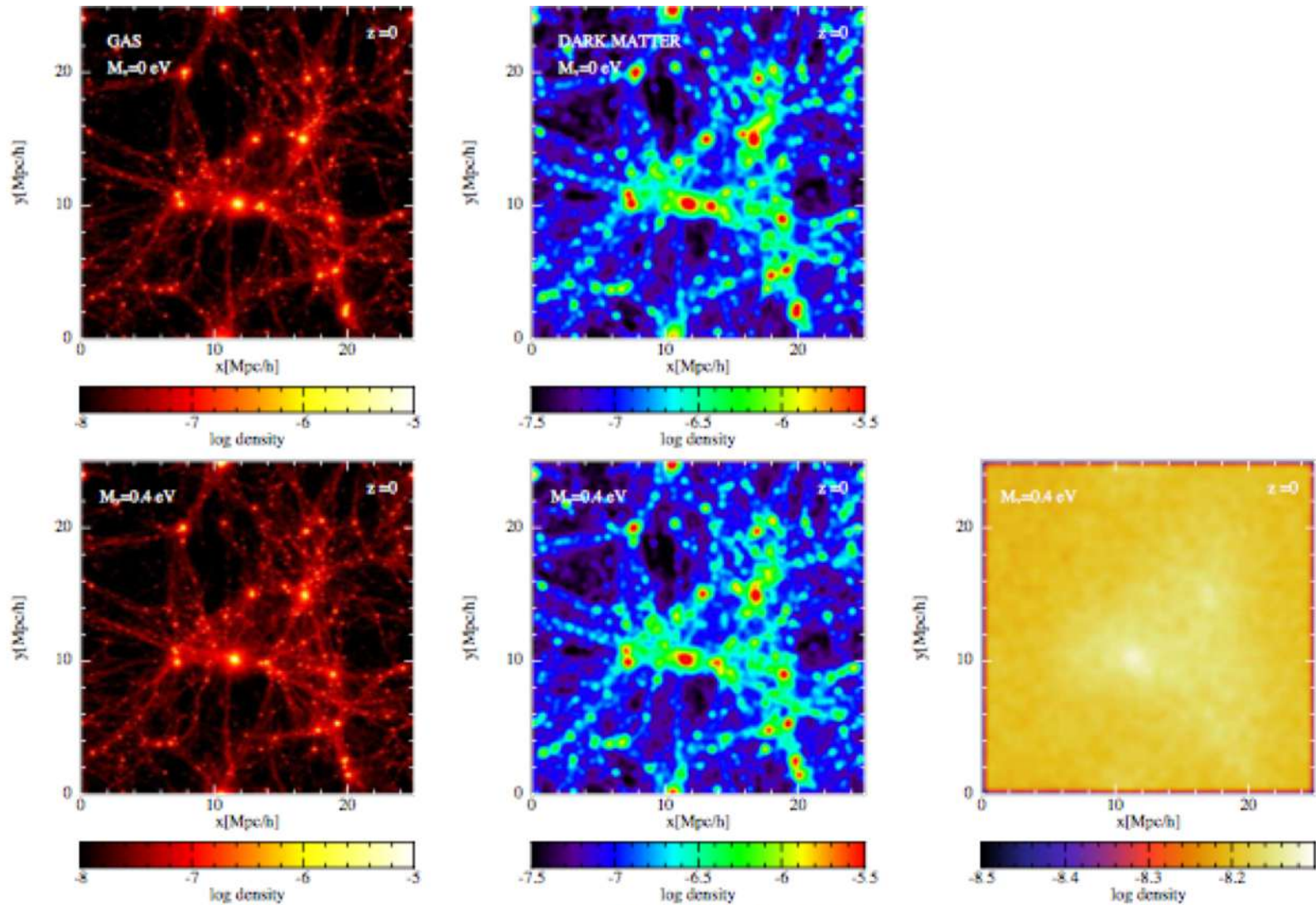
- Neutrinos included as a new type of particle
- Planck cosmological parameters + extended grid
- Updated prescriptions for radiative cooling and heating processes

Simulation	$M_\nu$ [eV]	$N_{\text{eff}}$	$\sigma_8(z=0)$	Boxes [Mpc $h^{-1}$ ]	$N_p^{1/3}$
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BG_UN a	0	3.046	0.8150	25	256
NU_NORM 01 a	0.1	3.046	0.8150	25	256
NU_NORM 02 a	0.2	3.046	0.8150	25	256
NU_NORM 03 a/c	0.3	3.046	0.8150	25/100	256/832
NU_NORM 04 a	0.4	3.046	0.8150	25	256
NU_UN 01 a/b/c	0.1	3.046	0.7926	25/100/100	256/ 512/832
NU_UN 02 a	0.2	3.046	0.7674	25	256
NU_UN 03 a/b/c	0.3	3.046	0.7423	25/100/100	256/ 512/832
NU_UN 04 a	0.4	3.046	0.7179	25	256
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DR_UN 04 a	0.4+s	4.046	0.6682	25	256
BG_VIS_NORM a	0	3.046	0.8150	25	208
NU_VIS_NORM 03 a	0.3	3.046	0.8150	25	208
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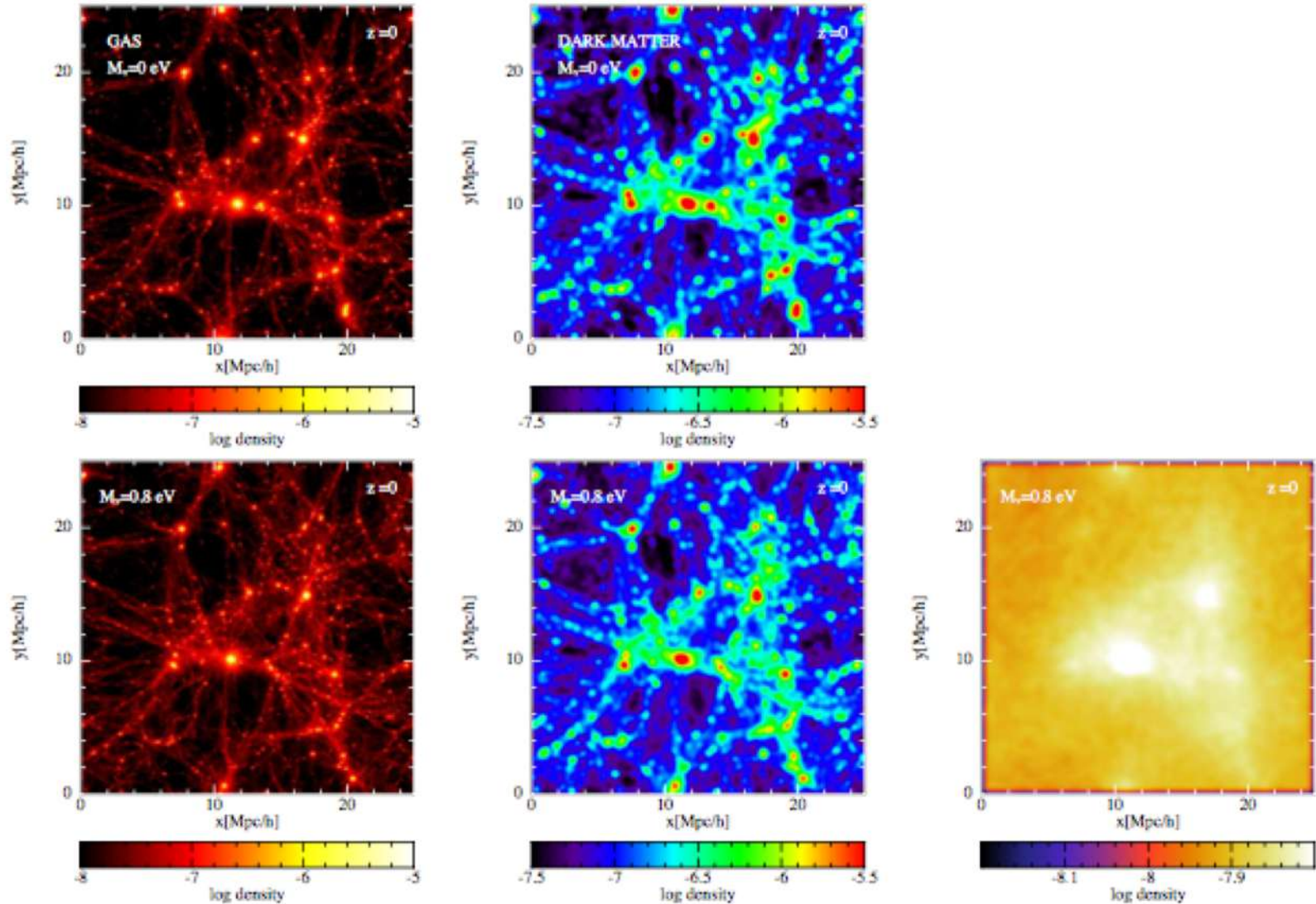


# Cosmologies with Massive Neutrinos (1)



Rossi et al. (2014)

# Cosmologies with Massive Neutrinos (2)

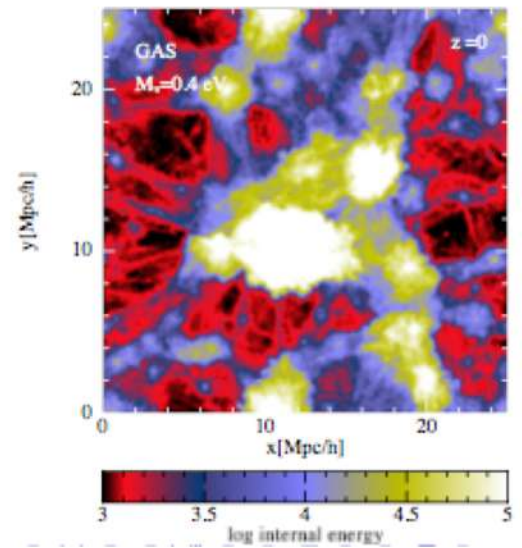
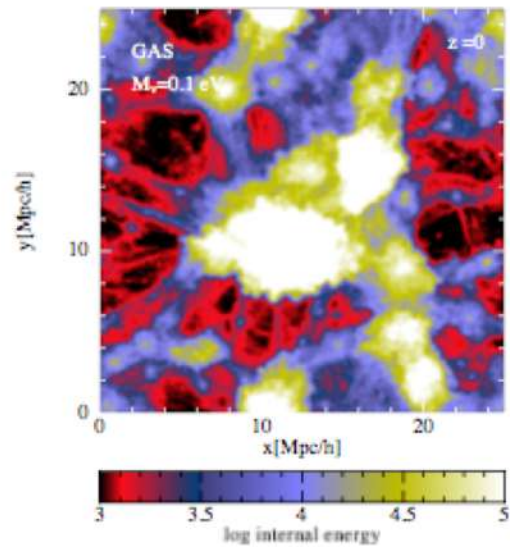
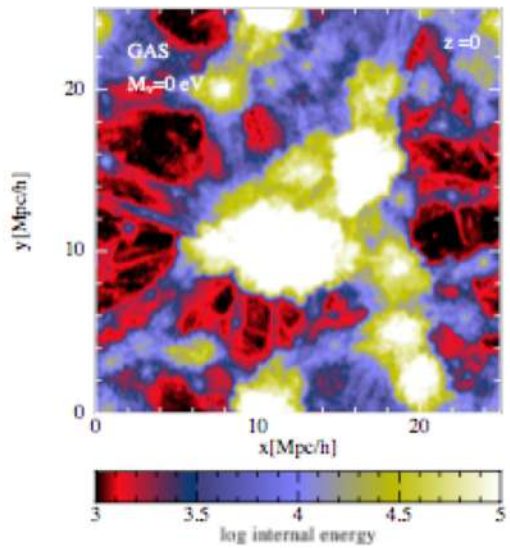
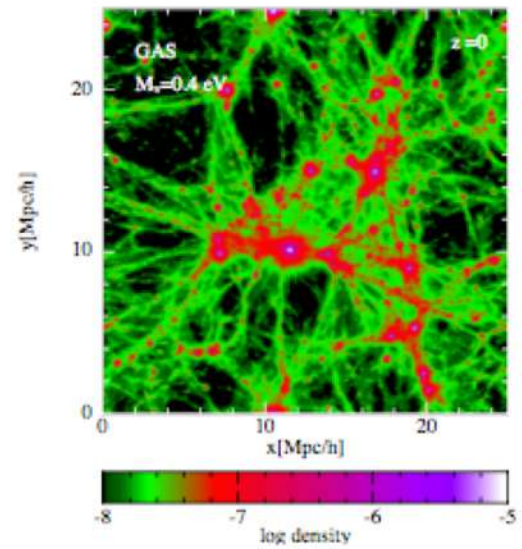
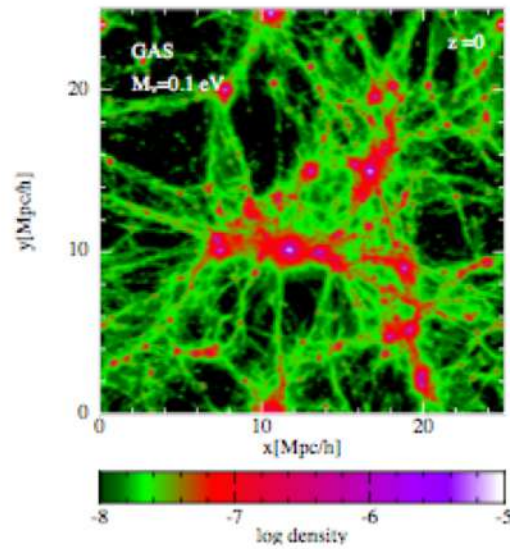
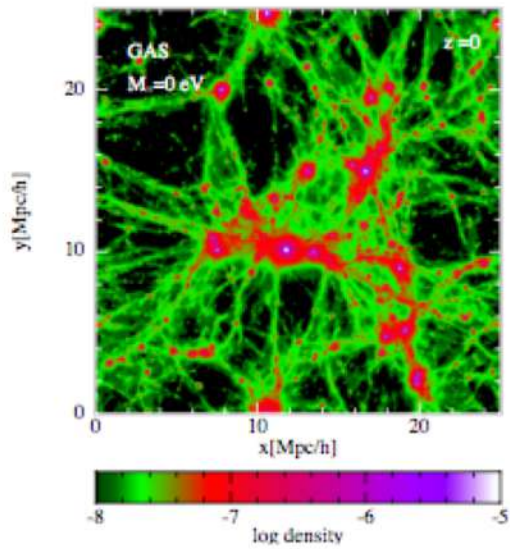


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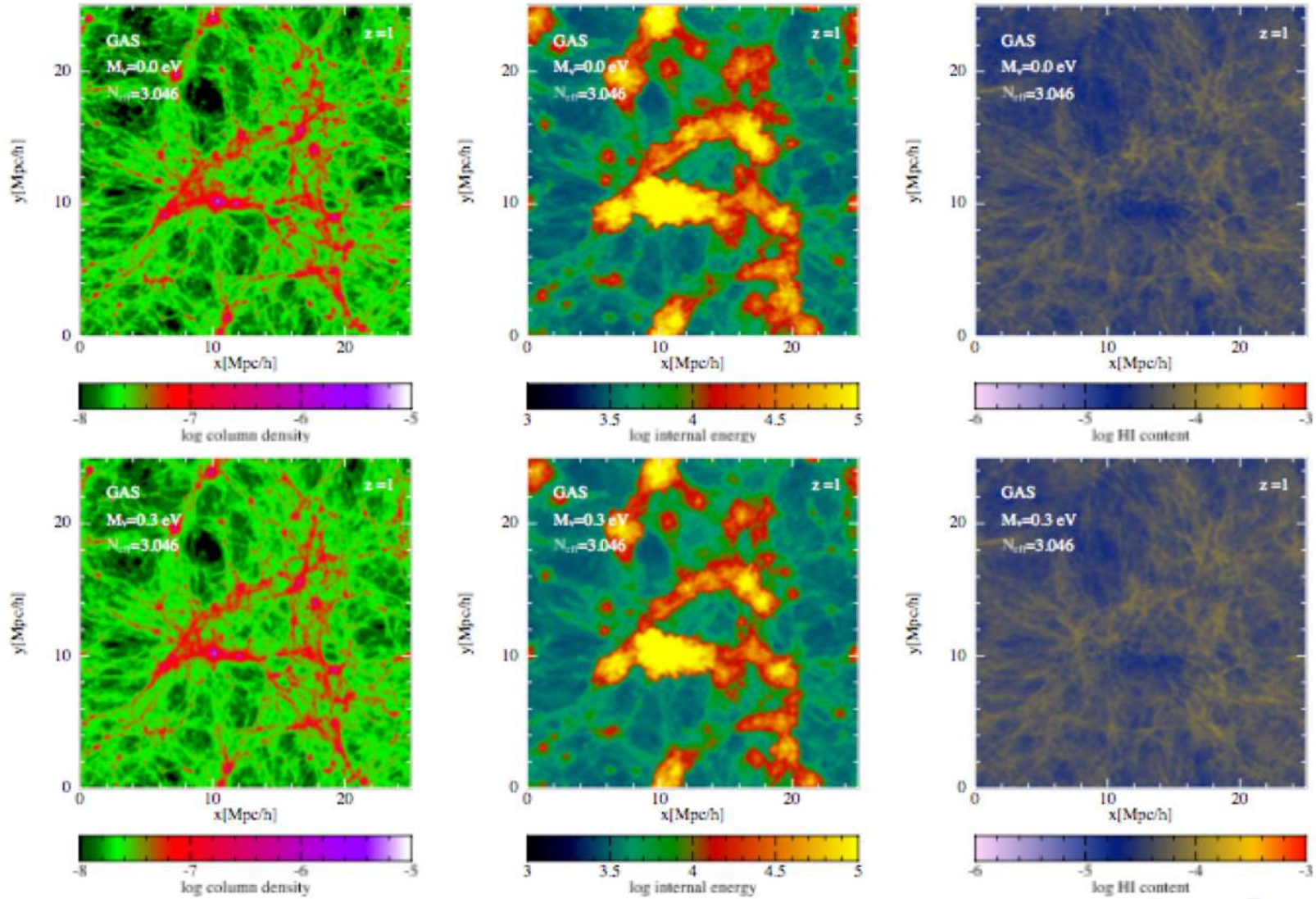
# Gas Properties (1)

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# Gas Properties (2)

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# Constructing Ly $\alpha$ Skewers

## SIMS DETAILS

- 1 Gas in simulations photoionized and heated by spatially uniform ionizing background
- 2 Applied in the optically thin limit and switched on at  $z = 8.8$ .
- 3 Thermal history in simulations consistent with recent IGM temperature measurements assuming a slope for the temperature-density relation of  $\gamma = 1.3$
- 4 Feedback options disabled
- 5 Galactic winds neglected
- 6 Two normalization conventions
- 7 Gas assumed of primordial composition with Helium mass fraction  $Y = 0.24$  and no metals
- 8 Simple star formation criterion
- 9 Inclusion of most relevant effects of baryonic physics that impact the IGM

## LY $\alpha$ SKEWERS: CONSTRUCTION

- Gadget-3 snapshot goes through elaborate pipeline
- 100 000 randomly placed simulated quasar sightlines drawn through simulation box at given  $z$
- Average spacing between sightlines  $\sim 10h^{-1}$  kpc, far smaller than scale probed by Ly $\alpha$  forest
- Absorption due to each SPH particle near sightline calculated from  $(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v}, \rho, T)$  of all SPH particles at a given  $z$  (Theuns et al. 1998)
- Simulated quasar spectra smoothed with 3D cubic spline kernel
- Spectra rescaled by a constant so that mean flux across all spectra and absorption bins matches observed mean flux at redshift  $z$
- Photoionization rate fixed requiring effective optical depth at each  $z$  to follow empirical power law  $\rightarrow \tau_{\text{eff}}(z) = \tau_A(1+z)^{\tau_S}$ ,  $\tau_A = 0.0025$ ,  $\tau_S = 3.7$

*Splicing technique used to enhance resolution of simulations*



# NEUTRINOS, HIGH-z WEB, Ly $\alpha$ Forest

# Linear Evolution (1)

## COSMOLOGICAL EFFECTS

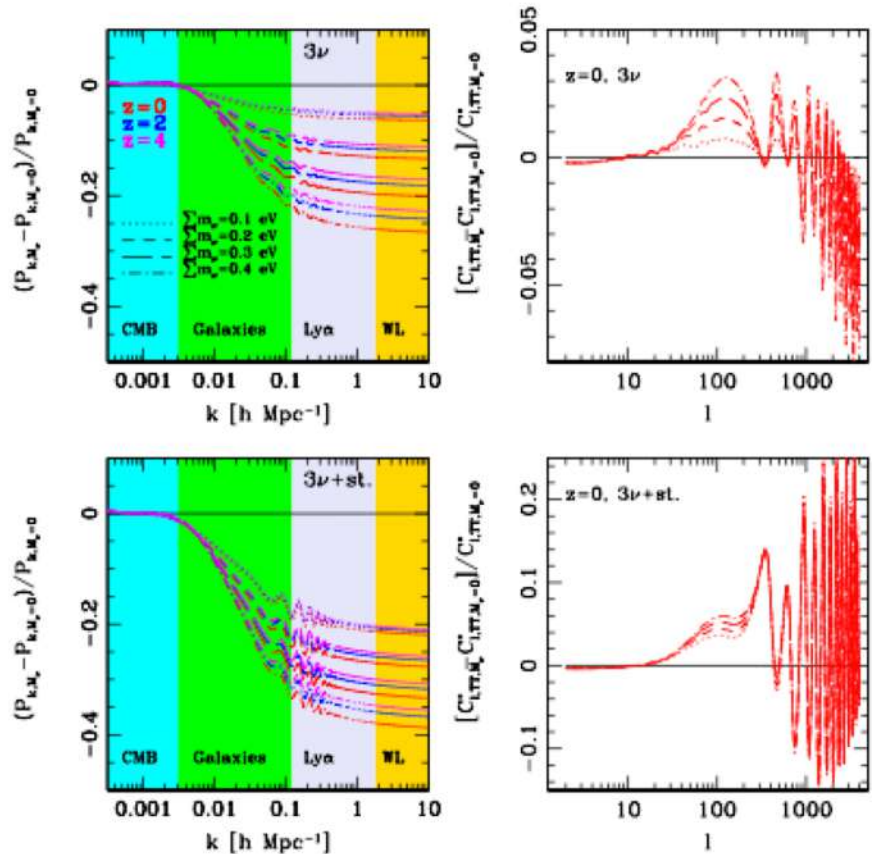
- Fix expansion rate at BBN
- Change background evolution  $\rightarrow$  PS effects
- Slow down growth of structures

## NEUTRINO FREE-STREAMING

- After thermal decoupling  $\rightarrow \nu$  collisionless fluid
- Minimum free-streaming wavenumber  $k_{\text{nr}}$

## OBSERVABLES AND TECHNIQUES

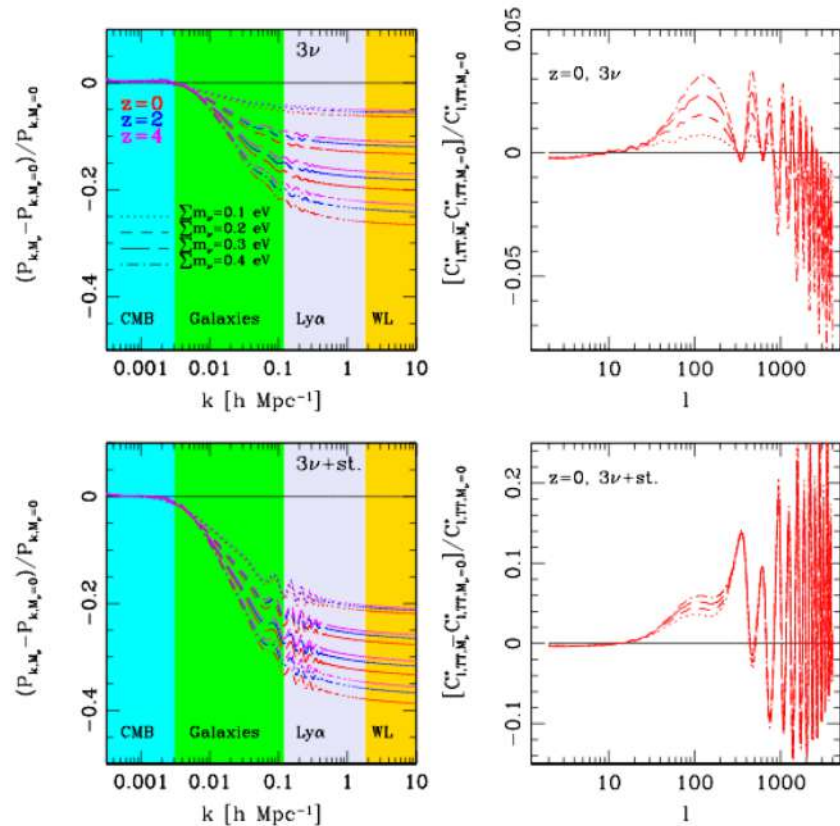
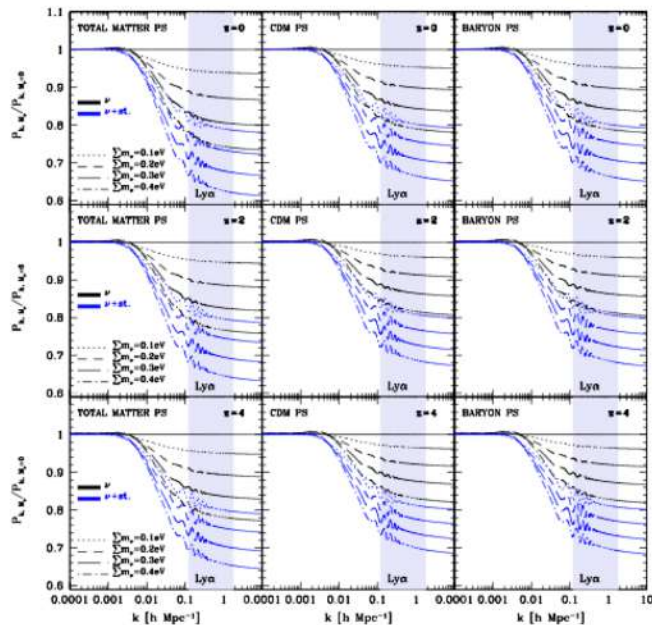
- CMB anisotropies  $\rightarrow$  PS, lensing
- LSS probes
  - Galaxy PS
  - Cluster mass function
  - Galaxy weak lensing
  - **Ly- $\alpha$  forest**
  - 21-cm surveys



G. Rossi (2017)

# Linear Evolution (2)

- Effects on  $C_\ell$  less intuitive  $\rightarrow$  mainly related to pre-recombination physics
- $\nu$  still ultrarelativistic, so repercussions only at bkgd level
- Later equality  $\rightarrow$  higher CMB peaks (1st & 3th)
- Increase size of sound horizon at recombination  $\rightarrow$  dependence on  $a_{\text{eq}}$  and  $\rho_b$
- Effects on BAO scale
- Addition of sterile neutrino  $\rightarrow$  suppress first peak and enhance others

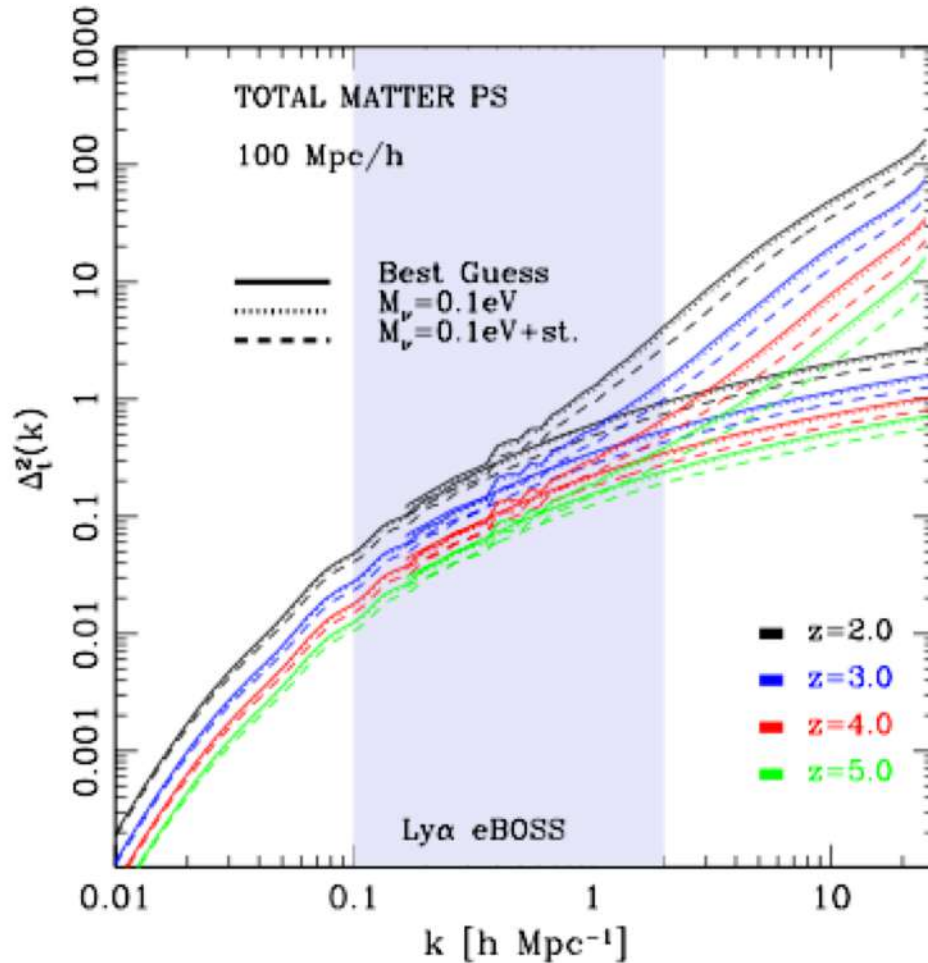


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Linear evolution per component

# Neutrinos & NL 3D Total Matter PS

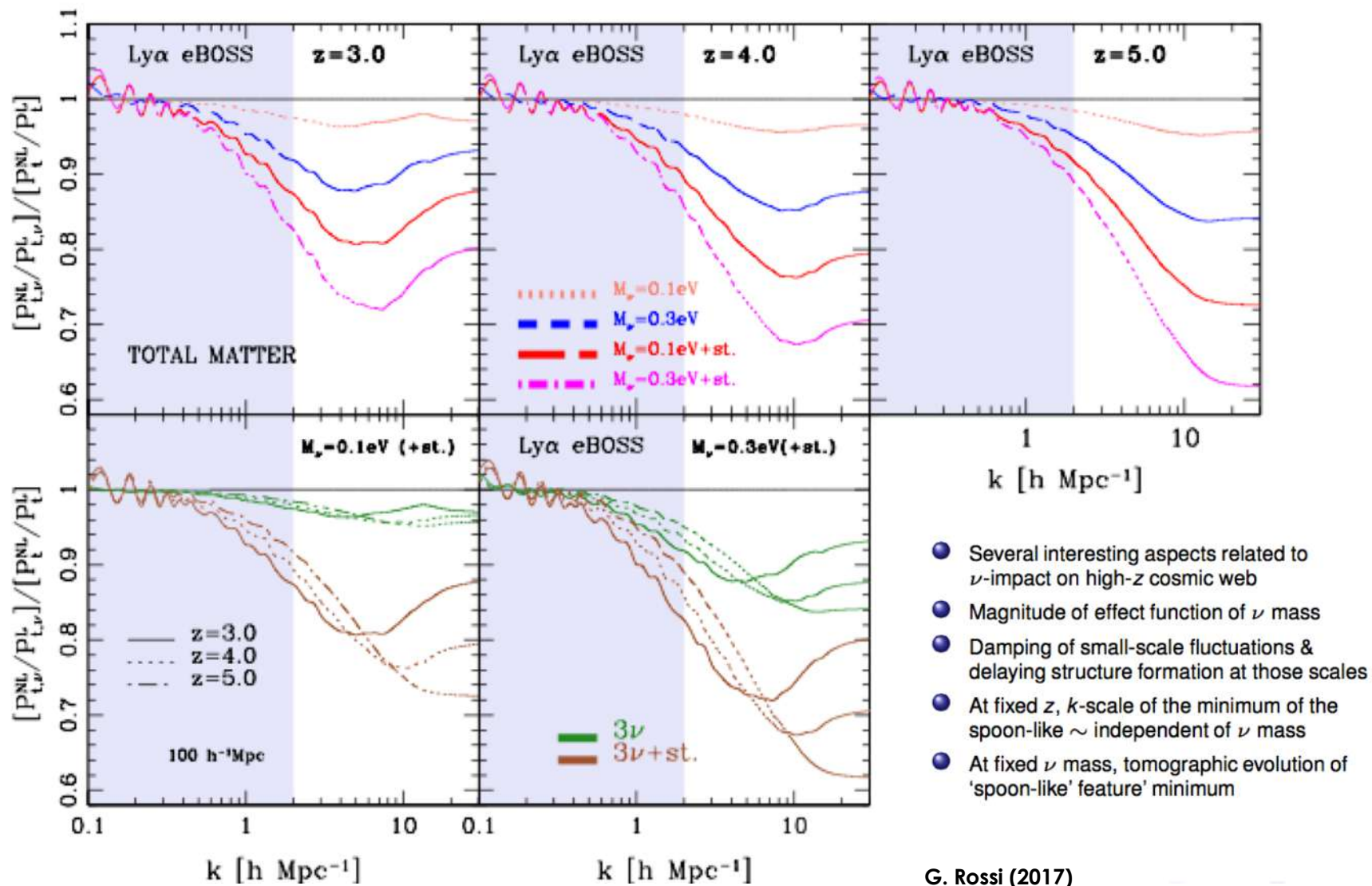
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- Linear theory unable to capture several key aspects of small-scale evolution
- Role of baryons critical
- Baryonic effects can mimic neutrino- or dark-radiation- induced suppressions
- Linear level  $\rightarrow$  if no  $\nu$ , matter fluctuations obey scale-independent eqn.
- Massive neutrinos induce scale-dependent distortion of power spectrum shape & combined evolution in  $P(k, z)$  amplitude



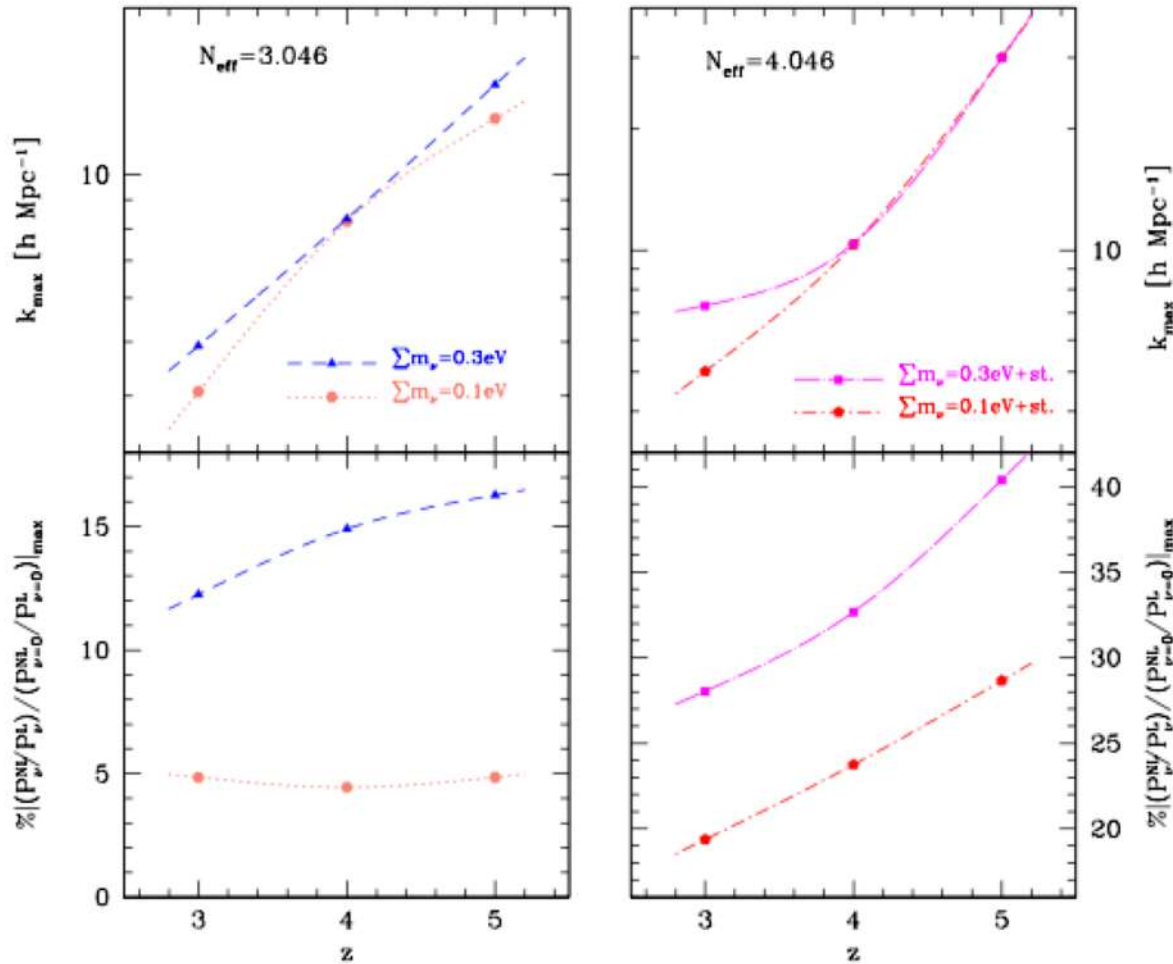
# Spoon-Like Effect on NL 3D Matter PS



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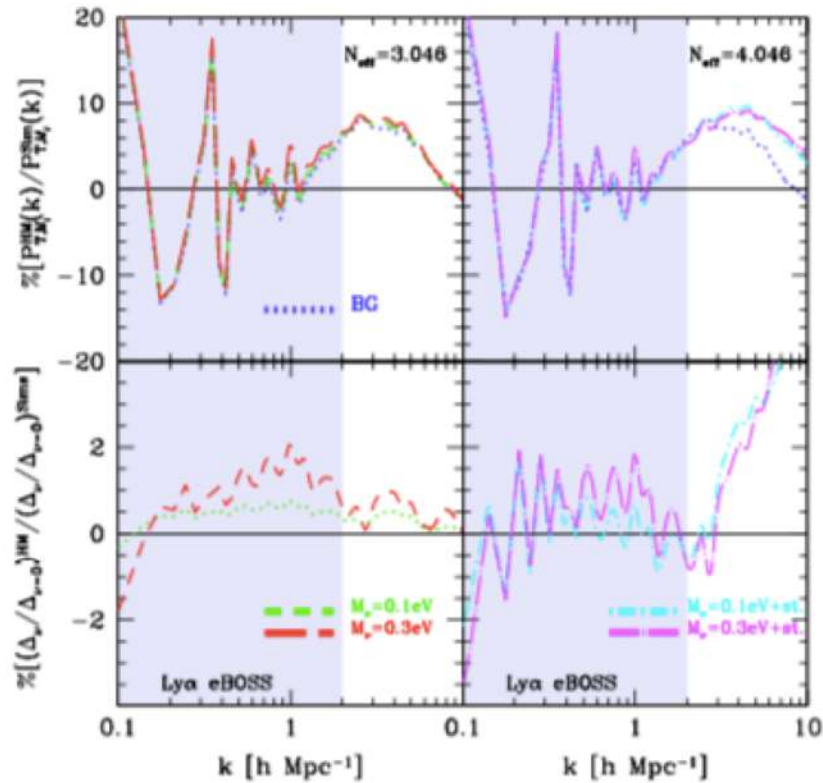
# Massive Neutrinos: Relevant NL Scales



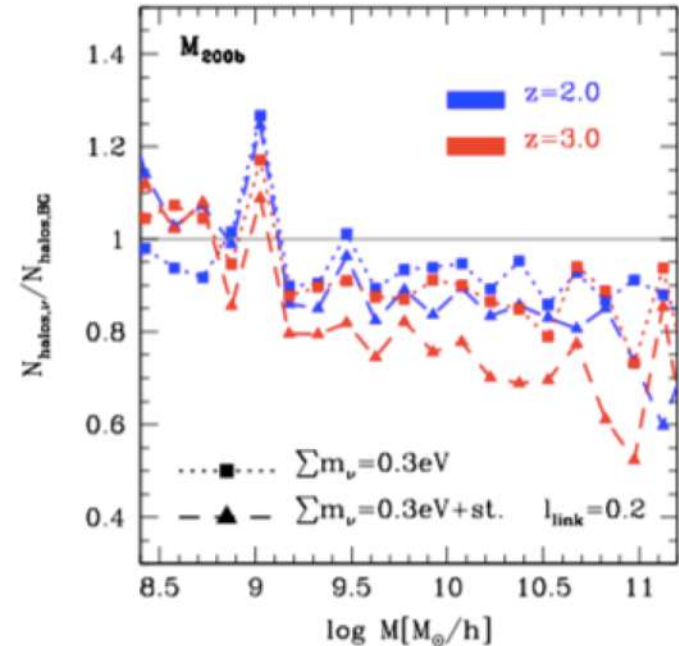
- NL scale based on 'spoon-like'-feature
- Close relation with halo formation times
- Close relation with building of halo mass function in  $\nu$ -cosmologies
- Combine  $k$ -max of spoon-like minimum & amplitude of its effect across  $z$

G. Rossi (2017)

# Halo Model Interpretations

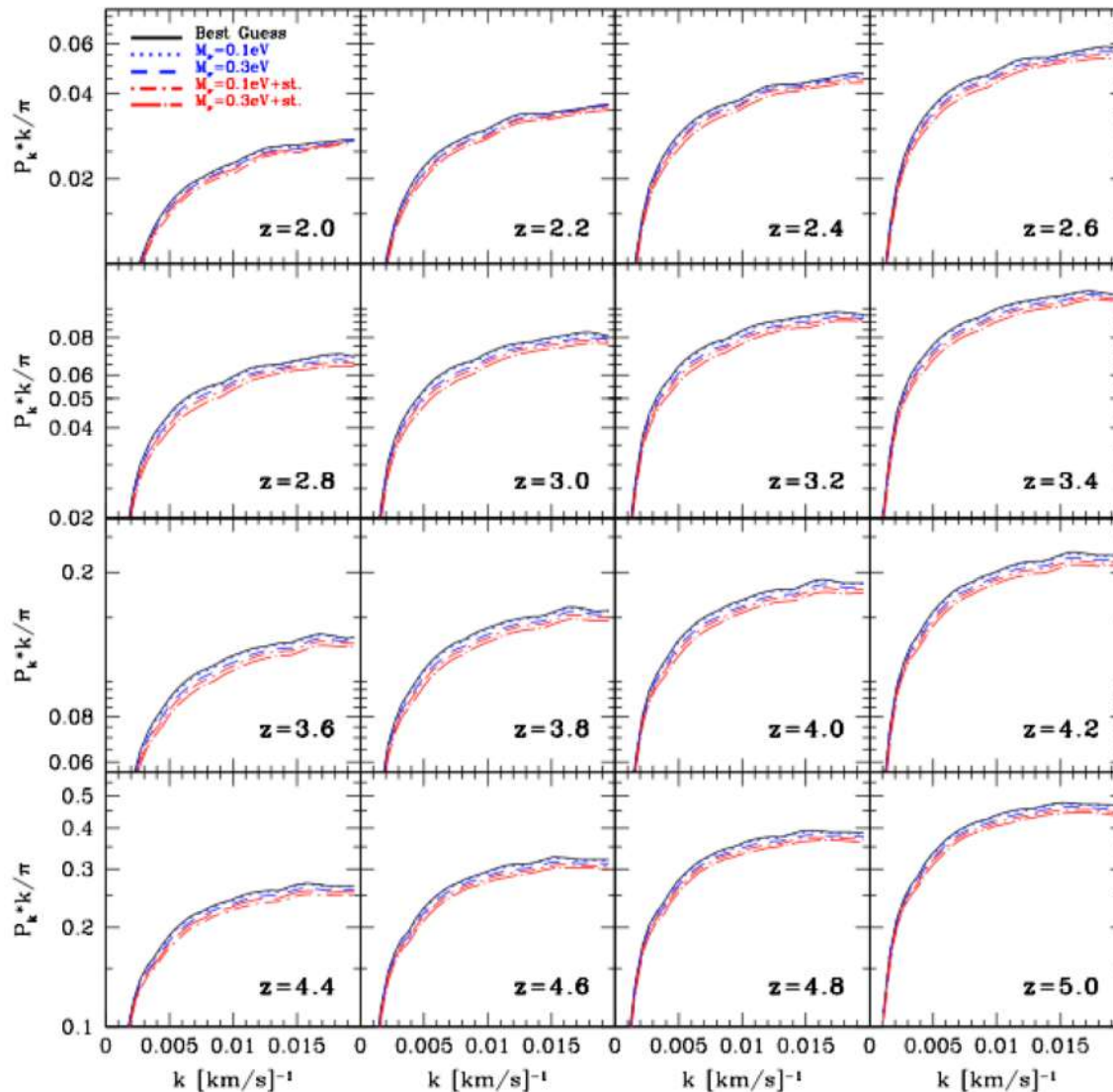


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- Halo model predictions → up to 20% discrepancies
- Better in terms of ratios
- Relevance of one-halo term
- Effects on halo mass function

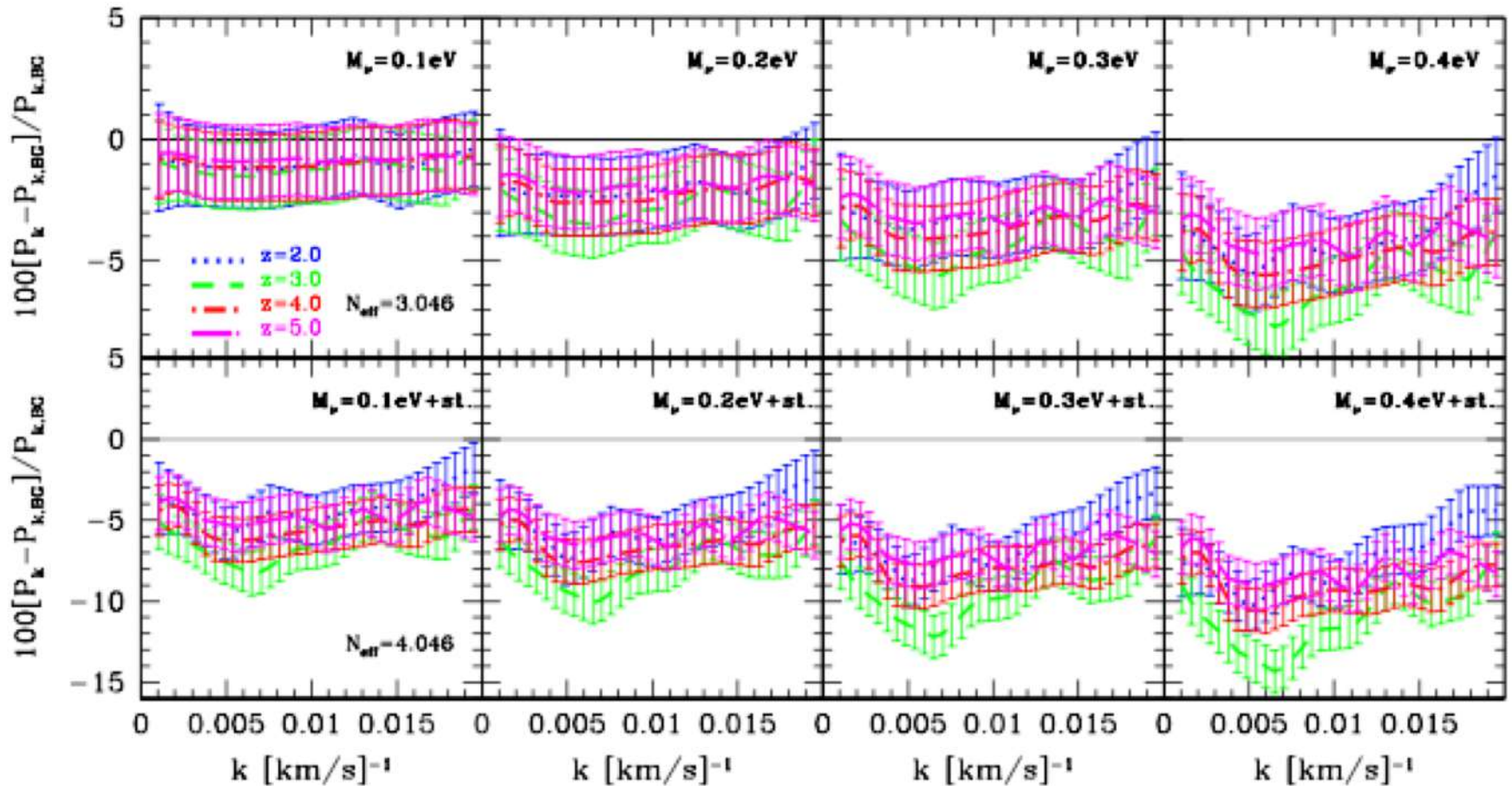
# Flux Statistics (1)



- Tomographic evolution of 1D PS shape & amplitude
- $z = 2.0 - 5.0, \Delta z = 0.2$
- Averaged over 10,000 mock absorption spectra per  $z$ -interval
- Propagation of 'spoon-like' feature to flux PS

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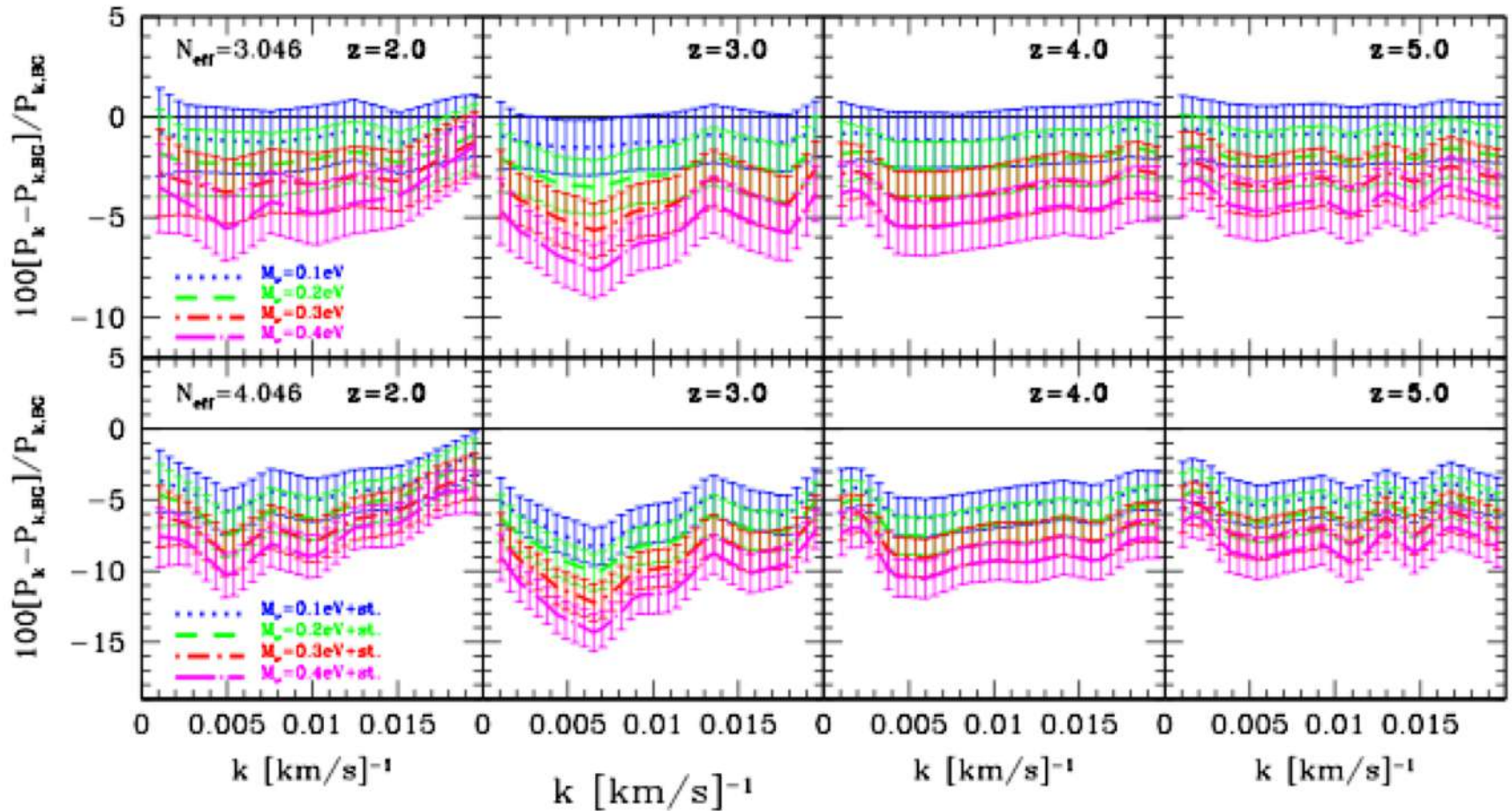
# Flux Statistics (2)



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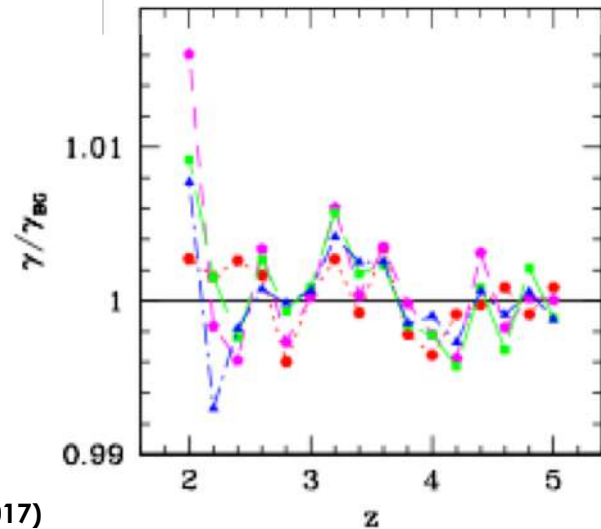
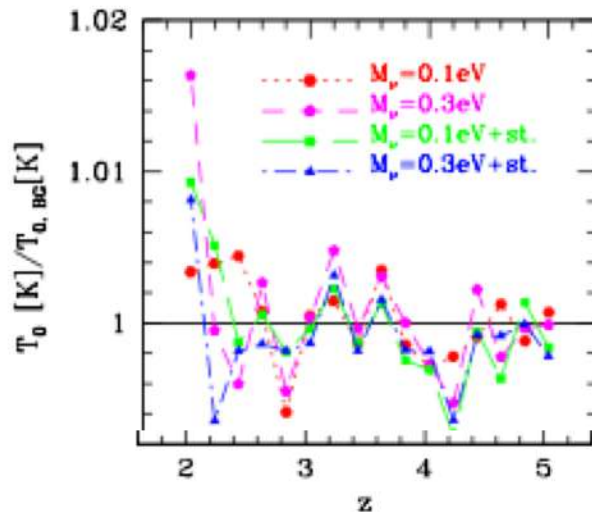
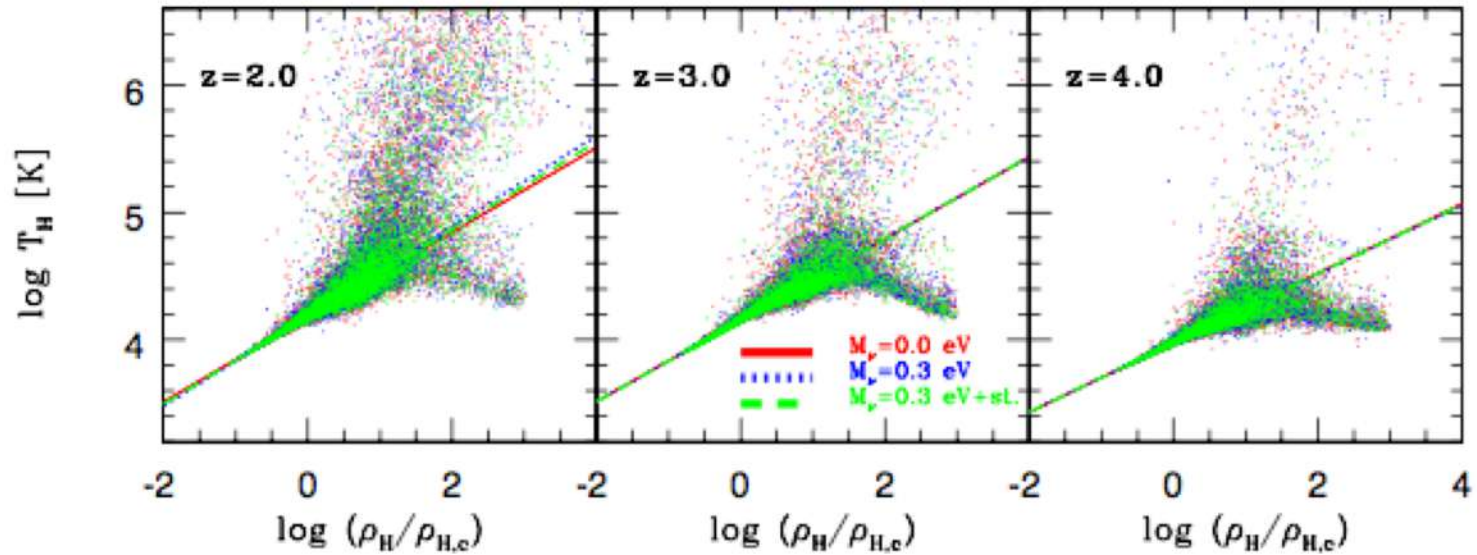
# Flux Statistics (3)



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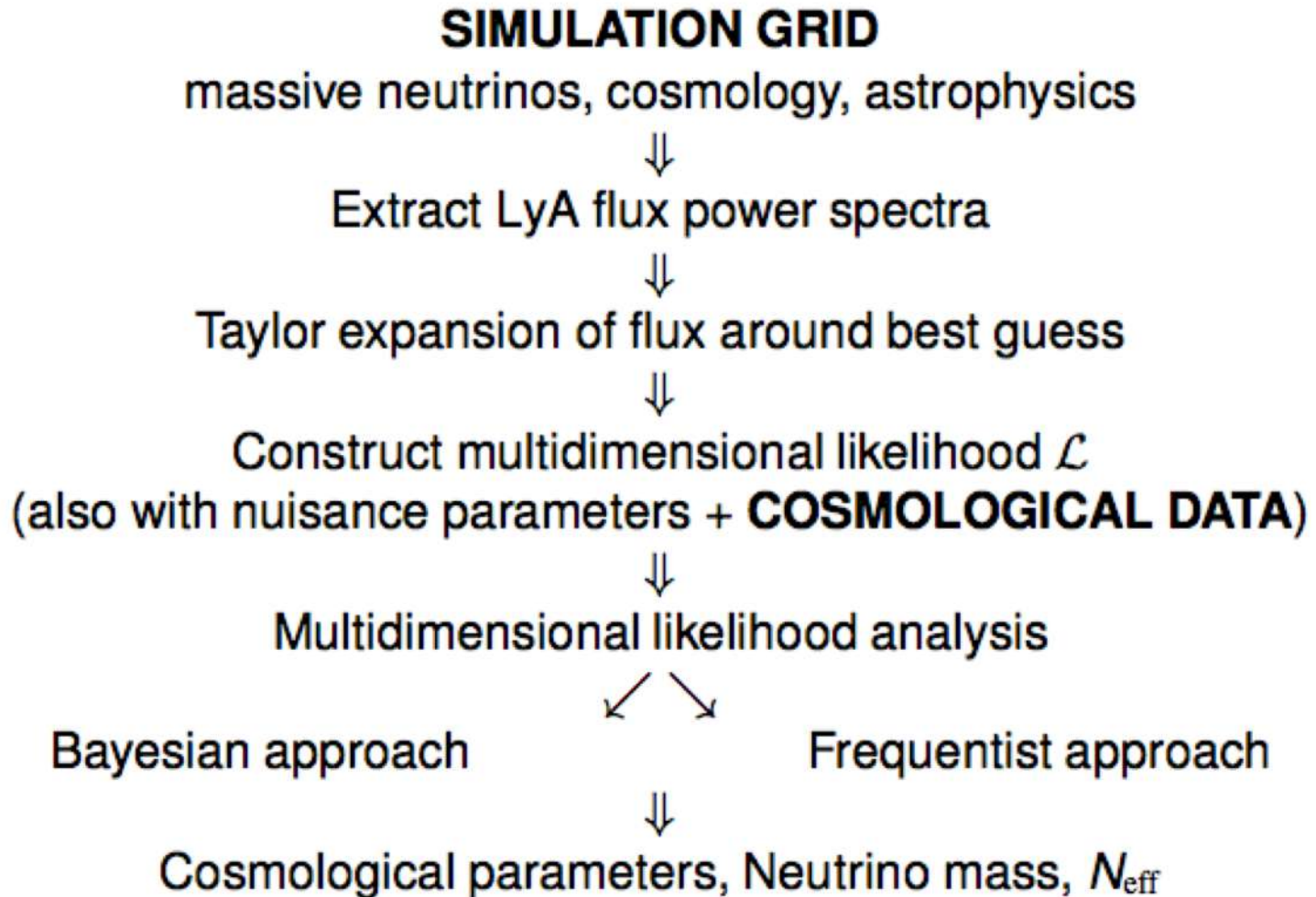
# IGM Physics: Impact



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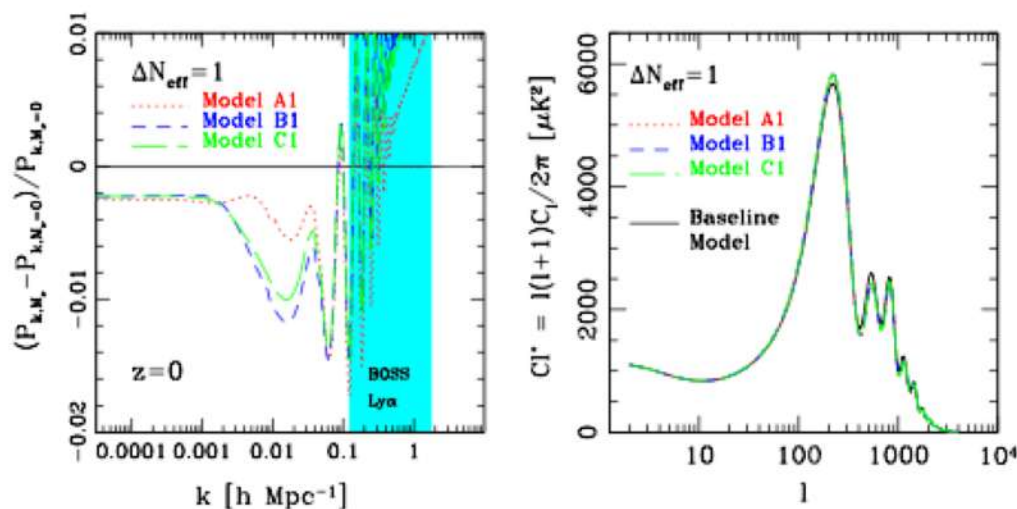
# TECHNIQUES FOR NEUTRINO CONSTRAINTS

# Constraints: General Strategy



# DR: Proxy for Ly $\alpha$ Forest

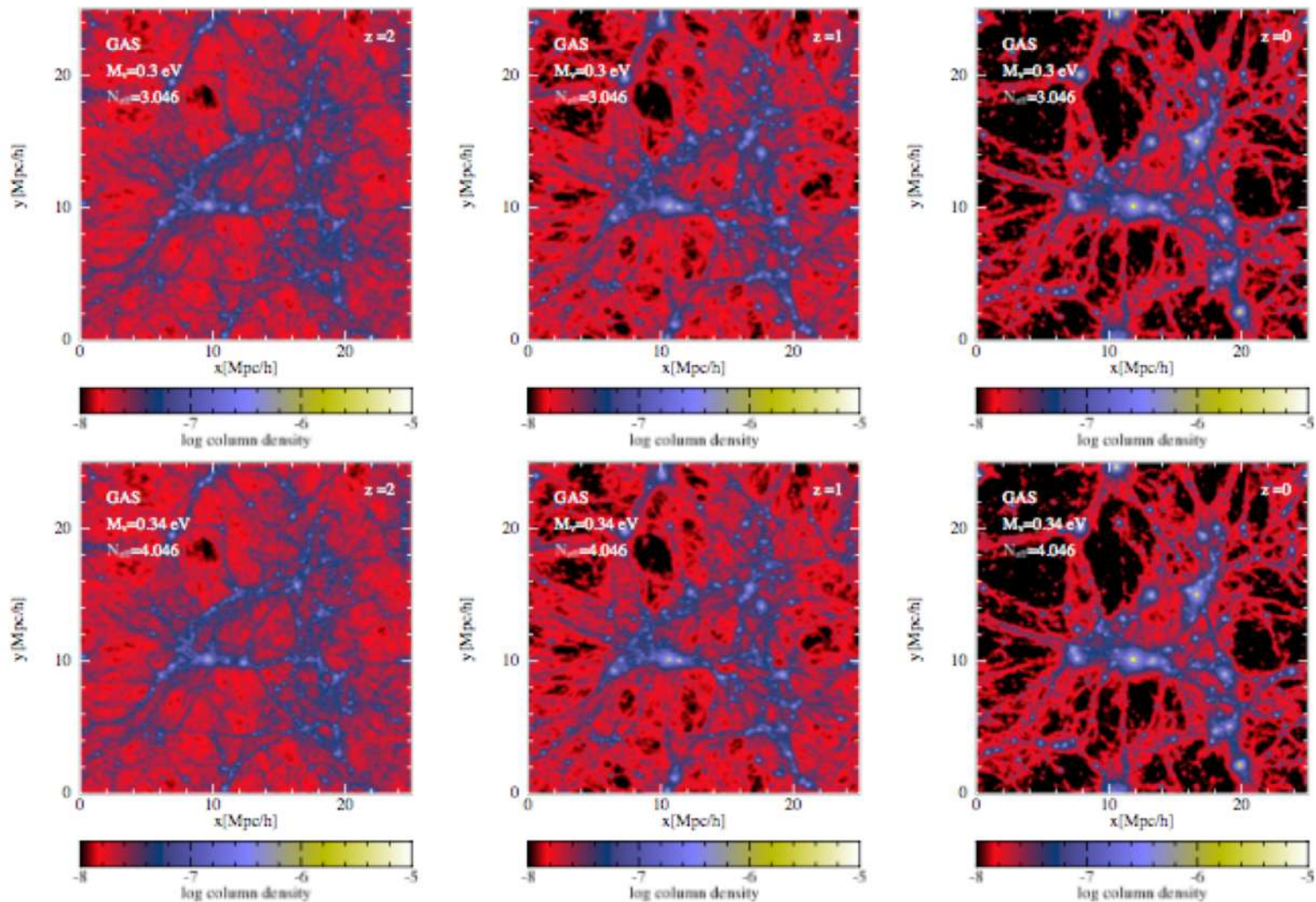
- Technique of Palanque-Delabrouille et al. (2015) extended with analytic proxy for dark radiation models in Ly $\alpha$  likelihood
- **Trick**  $\rightarrow$  If two models have same linear matter PS  $\rightarrow$  nearly identical NL matter and flux PS
- Simulations with non-standard  $N_{\text{eff}}$  to confirm analytic proxy



Rossi et al. (2015)



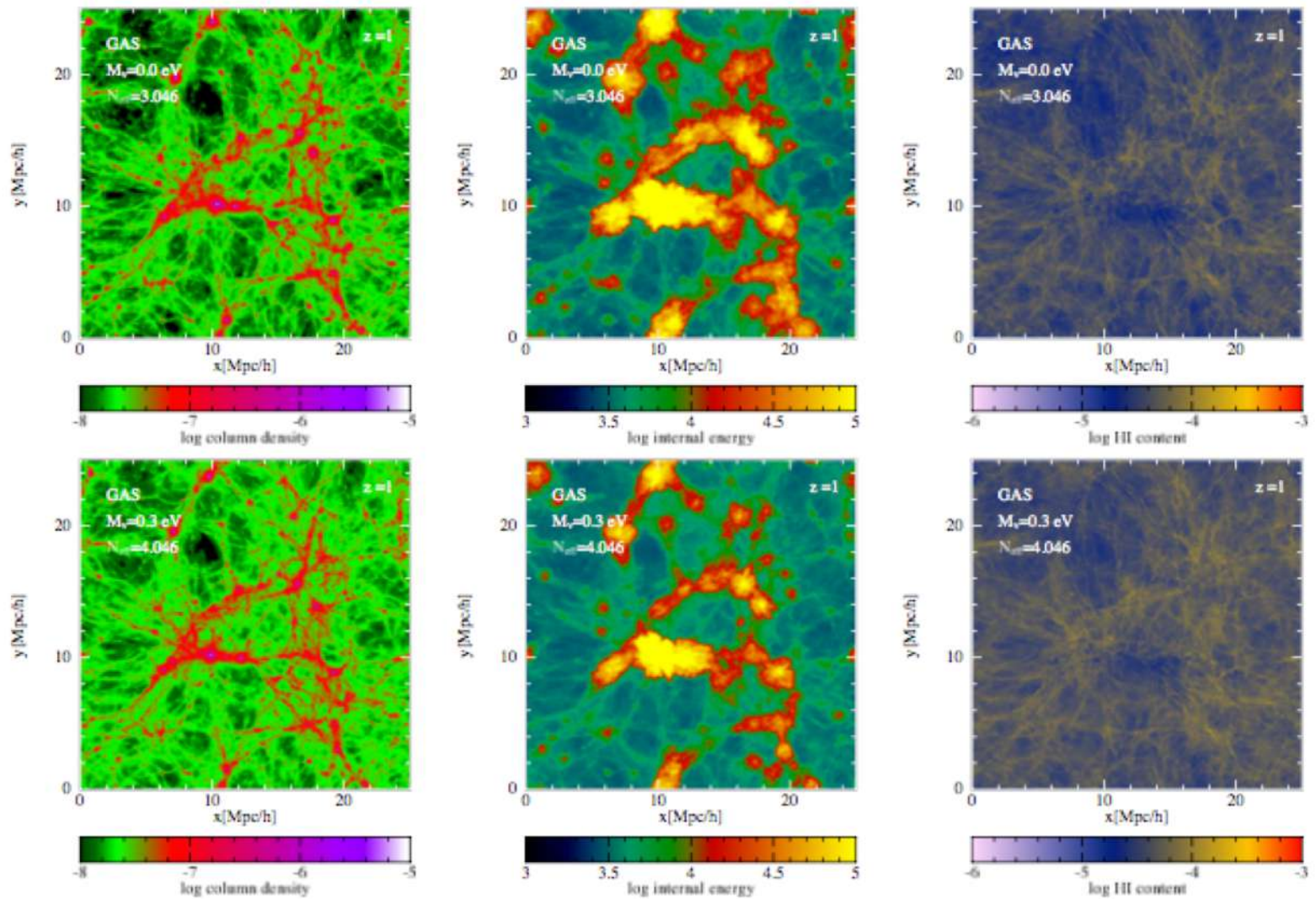
# Simulations with Dark Radiation (1)



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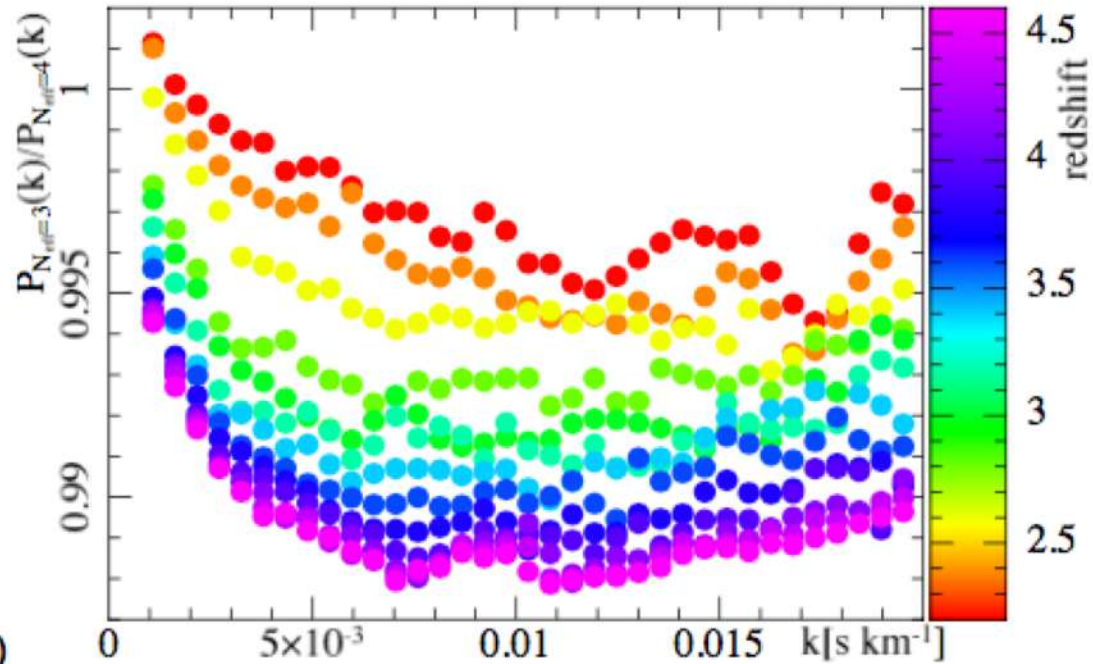


# Simulations with Dark Radiation (2)



Rossi (2018)

# Sensitivity to $N_{\text{eff}}$



Rossi et al. (2015)

- Deviations in flux PS all within 1% of baseline model
- Analytic proxy for LyA likelihood fully validated in NL regime

# Analysis Techniques

## ANALYSIS STRATEGIES

- Bayesian Approach
- Frequentist Approach

## FREQUENTIST APPROACH: INSIGHTS

- Minimize  $\chi^2(\mathbf{X}, \sigma | \Theta) = -2 \ln[\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{X}, \sigma | \Theta)]$
- Compute the global minimum  $\chi_0^2$ , leaving all the  $N$  cosmological parameters free
- Set confidence levels (CL) on a chosen parameter  $\alpha_i$  by performing the minimization for a series of fixed values of  $\alpha_i$  – thus with  $N - 1$  degrees of freedom
- Difference between  $\chi_0^2$  and the new minimum allows us to compute the CL on  $\alpha_i$

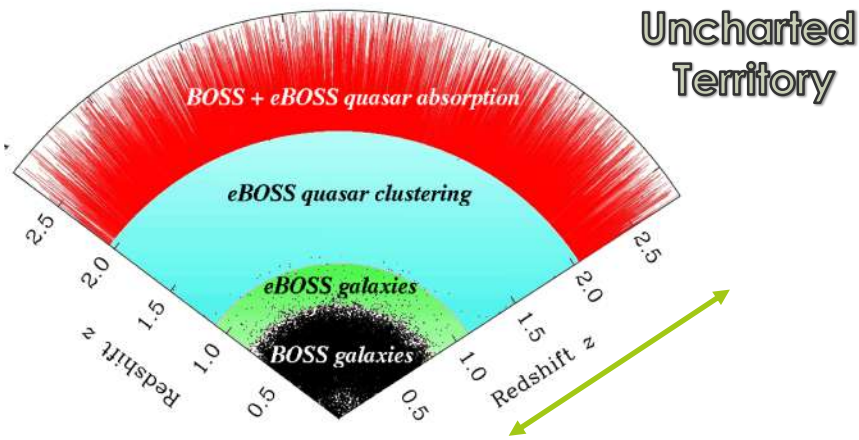
# SDSS CONSTRAINTS & POTENTIAL



# SDSS-IV: eBOSS DR14 QSOs

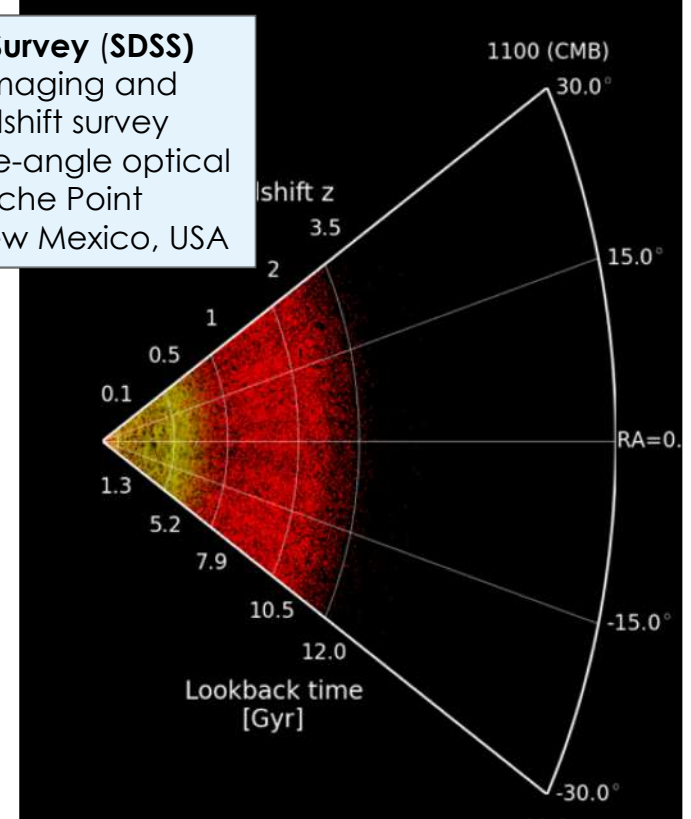
## ASTRONOMERS MAKE THE LARGEST MAP OF THE UNIVERSE YET

Astronomers with the Sloan Digital Sky Survey (SDSS) have created the first map of the Universe based entirely on quasars, the incredibly bright and distant points of light powered by supermassive black holes.



### Sloan Digital Sky Survey (SDSS)

major multi-filter imaging and spectroscopic redshift survey using a 2.5-m wide-angle optical telescope at Apache Point Observatory in New Mexico, USA



# DR14 QSOs Results

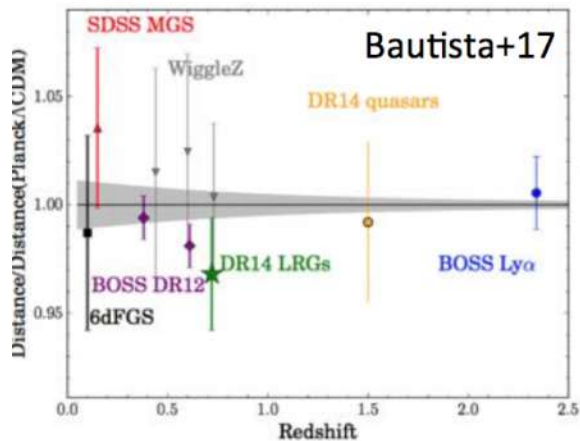
## eBOSS BAO from DR14

Next Nov: final results

Laurent et al. (2018)  
 Rodríguez-Torres et al. (2018)  
 Ata et al. (2018)  
 Gil-Marín et al. (2018)  
 Zarrouk et al. (2018)

Zhao et al. (2018)  
 Wang et al. (2018)  
 Ruggeri et al. (2018)  
 Hou et al. (2018)  
 Zhu et al. (2018)

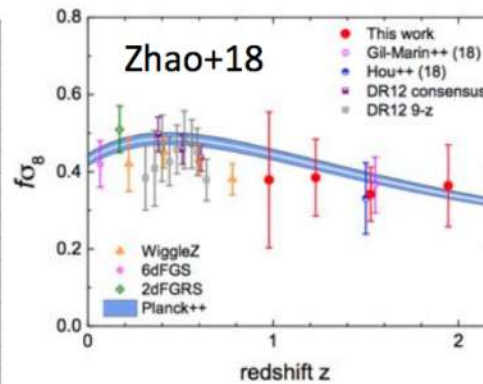
Distances: 80k LRGs, 2.6% distance  
 147k QSOs, 4.4% distance



Quasars: Ata+17, Zhu+18, Wang+18  
 LRGs: Bautista+17



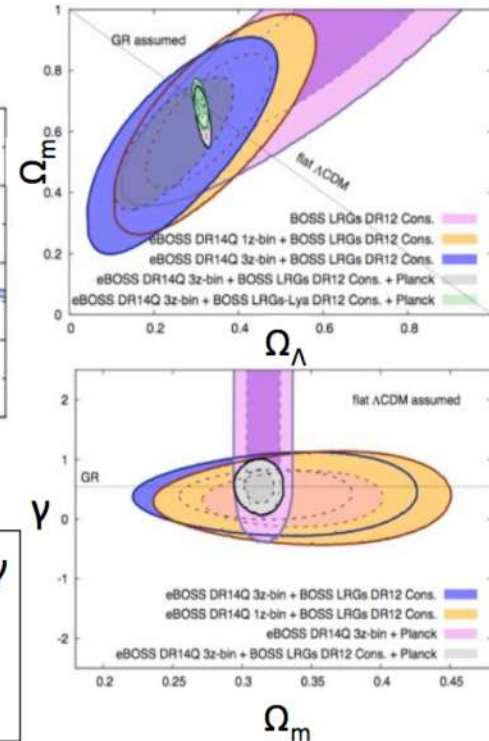
Structure growth from quasars:



$$f(z) \equiv \frac{d \log \delta}{d \log a} = [\Omega_M(z)]^\gamma$$

$\delta$  is over-density  
 $\sigma_8$  goes as  $D(z)$

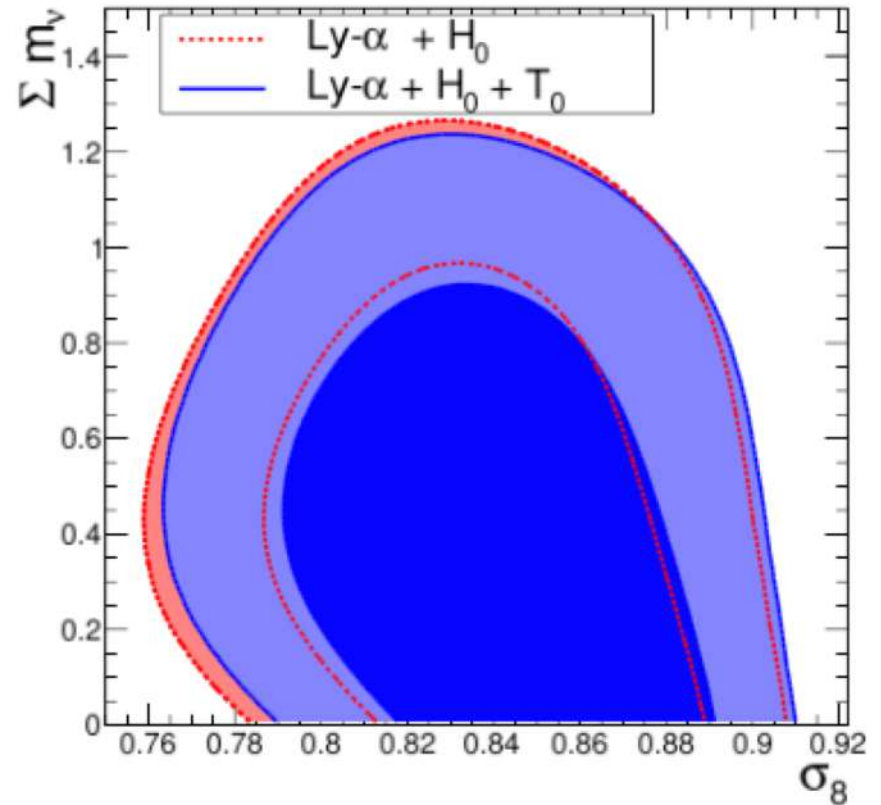
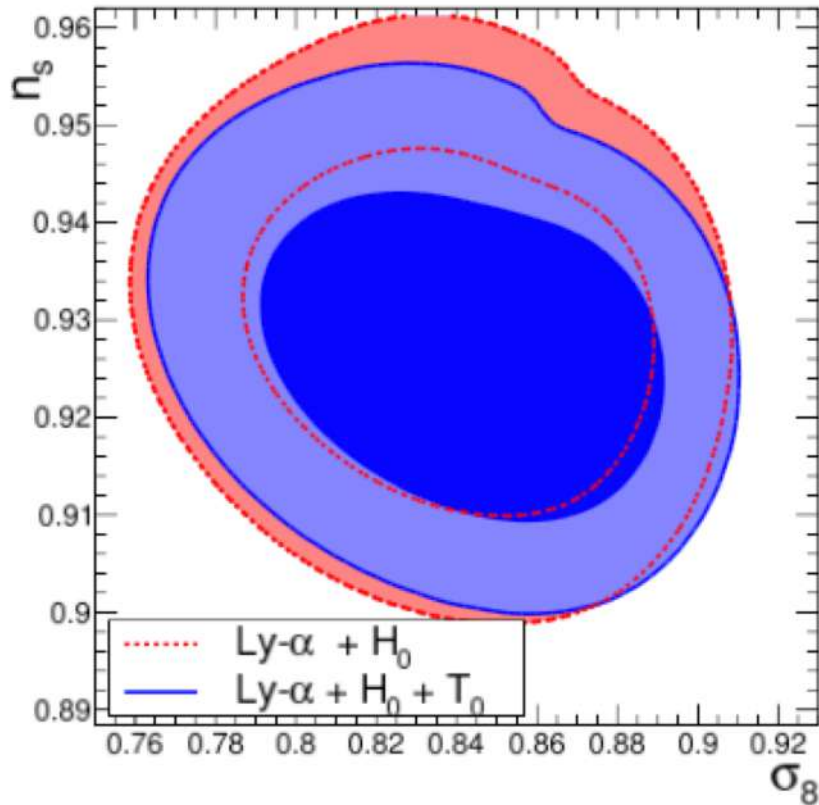
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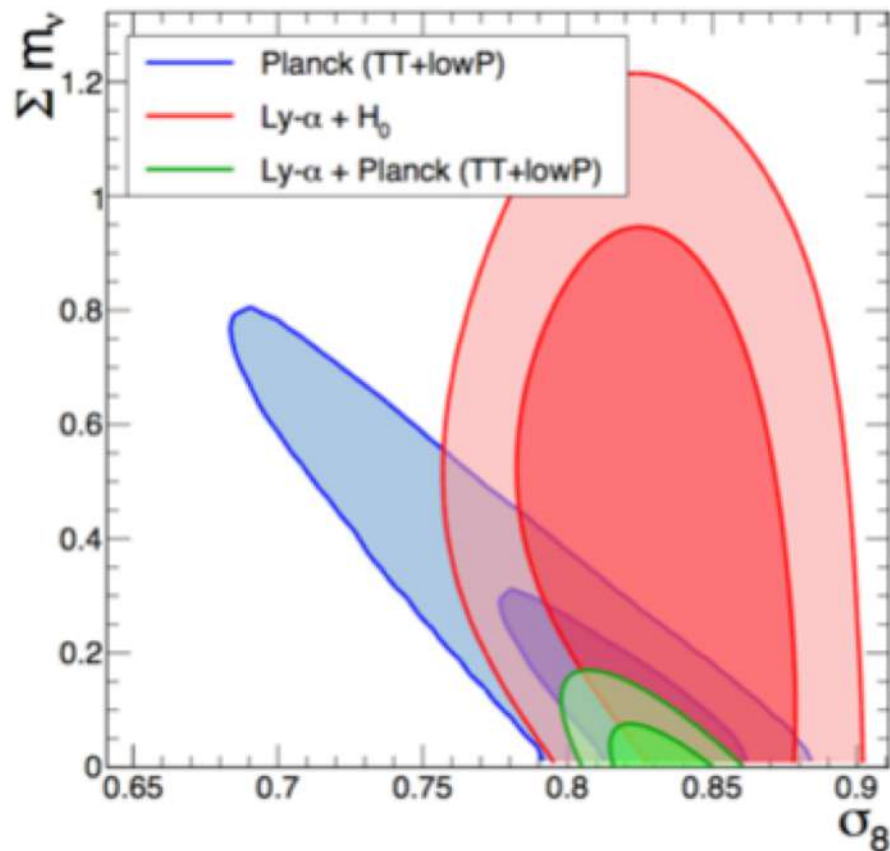
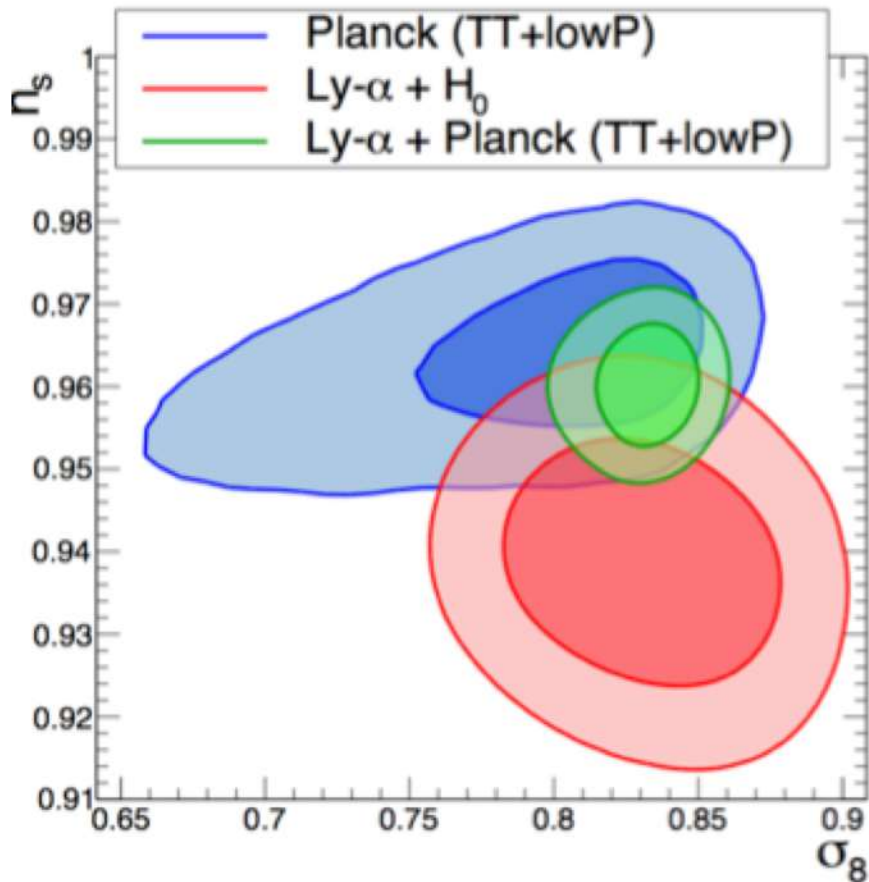
# Ly $\alpha$ Alone

Palanque-Delabrouille et al. (2015a)



# Combinations (Frequentist)

Planque-Delabrouille et al. (2015b)

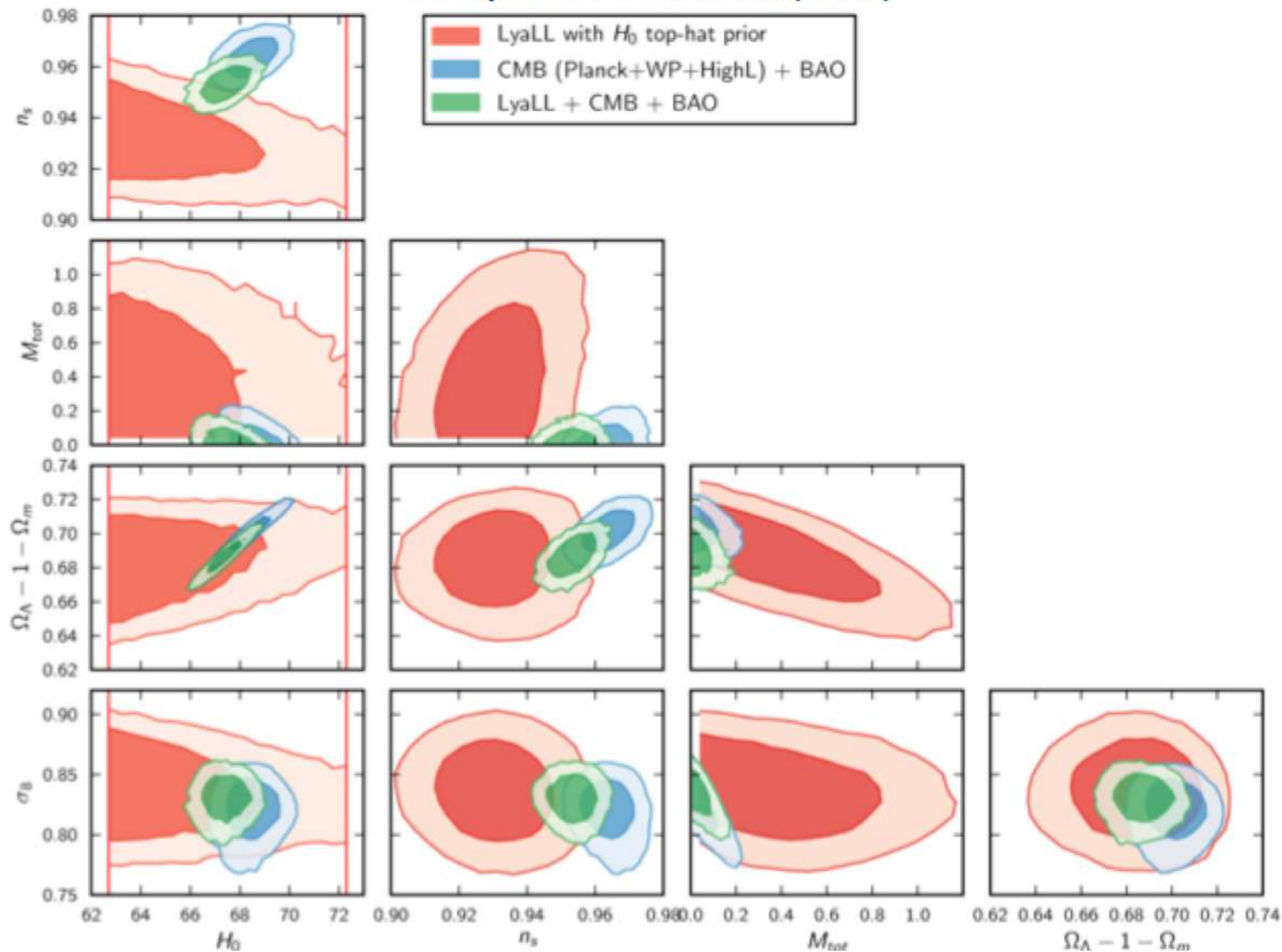


$\sum m_\nu < 0.12 \text{ eV} \rightarrow \text{CMB} + \text{Lyman-}\alpha + \text{BAO}$

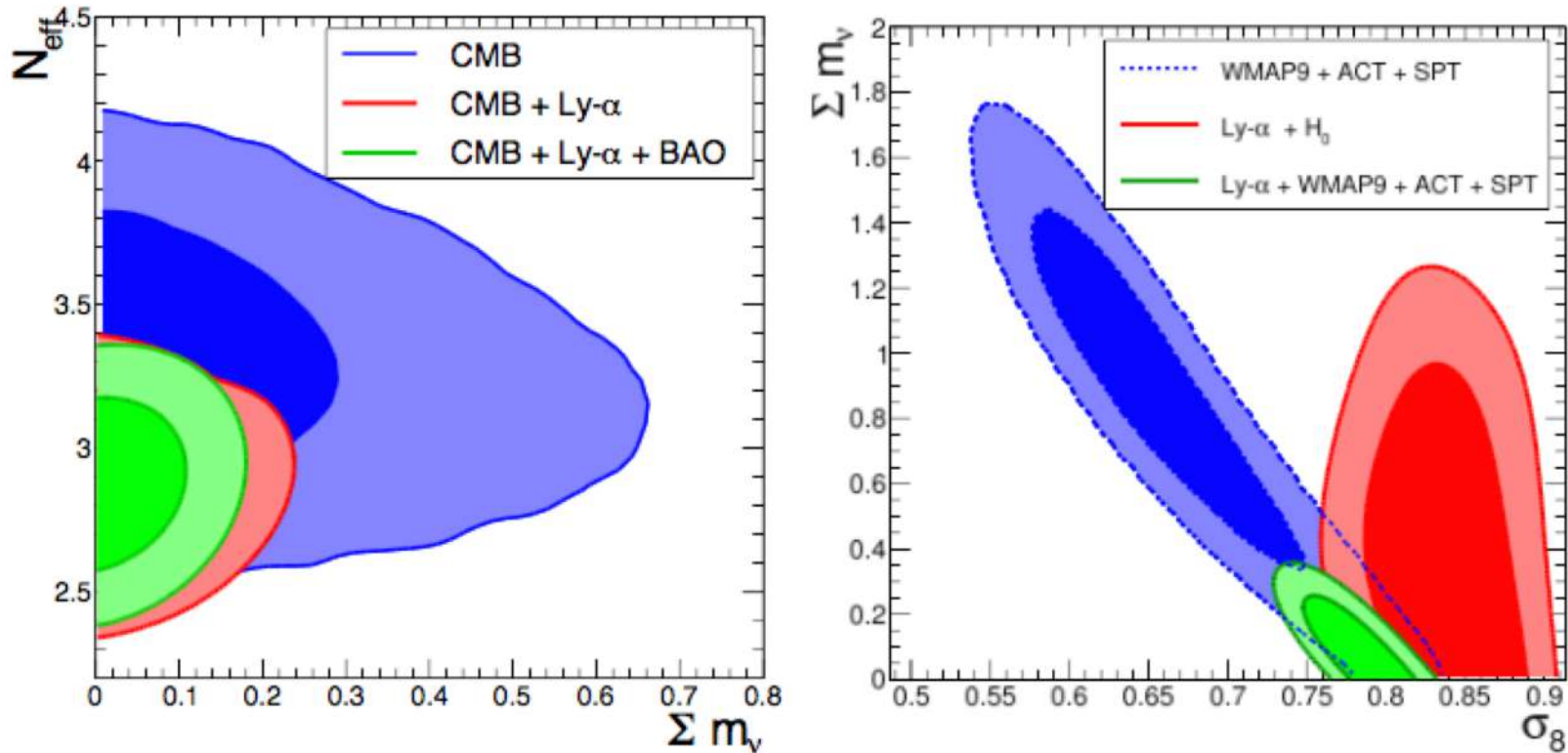


# Combinations (Bayesian)

Palanque-Delabrouille et al. (2015a)



# Final Joint Constraints



Rossi et al. (2015)

- $N_{\text{eff}} = 2.91^{+0.21}_{-0.22}$  and  $\Sigma m_\nu < 0.15$  eV (all at 95% CL)  $\rightarrow$   
CMB + Lyman- $\alpha$

# eBOSS Forecasts: Examples

**Table 9**

Basic Parameters Expected for Each EBOSS Sample, Together with Predictions for the Effective Volumes and Fractional Constraints on BAO Distance Measurements and Growth of Structure

Sample	Epoch	Area (deg <sup>-2</sup> )	$\sigma_H/H$	$\sigma_{D_A}/D_A$	$\sigma_R/R$	$\sigma_{f\sigma_8}/f\sigma_8$
LRG	year 2	2790	0.032	0.017	0.012	0.040
	year 4	4185	0.026	0.015	0.010	0.034
	year 6	6975	0.021	0.012	0.008	0.026
ELG (High Density DECam)	year 4	1100	0.047	0.031	0.020	0.038
Quasar	year 2	3000	0.066	0.043	0.028	0.050
	year 4	4500	0.054	0.036	0.023	0.041
	year 6	7500	0.042	0.028	0.018	0.032
BOSS Ly $\alpha$ Quasars	...	10,400	0.02	0.025	...	...
BOSS + eBOSS Ly $\alpha$ Quasars	year 2	3000	0.017	0.021	...	...
	year 4	4500	0.016	0.020	...	...
	year 6	7500	0.014	0.017	...	...

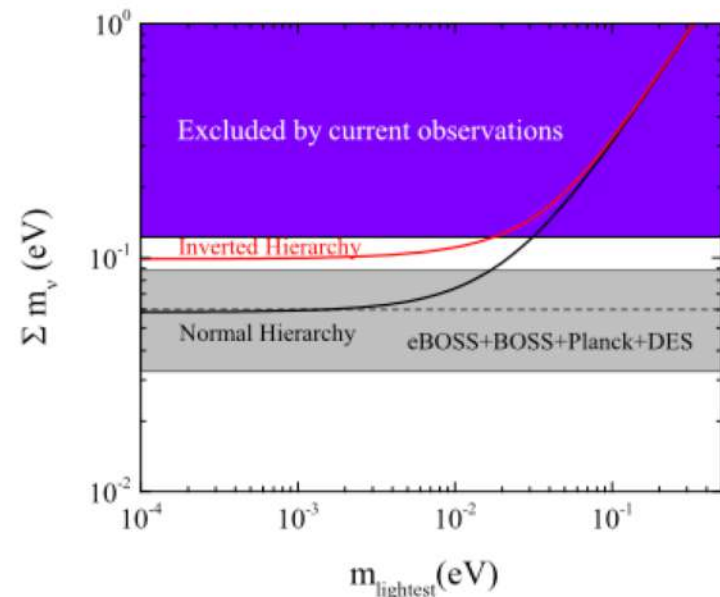
Zhao et al. (2016)  
Dawson et al. (2016)

**Table 10**

Predicted Precision From the Combination of CMB and Large-scale Structure Measurements

Parameter	Constraint From CMB	Constraint From BOSS and CMB	Constraint From BOSS, eBOSS, and CMB
$\Omega_M h^2$	0.008	0.0028	0.0017
$w_0$	0.52	0.17	0.15
$w_a$	1.4	0.67	0.48
$\gamma$	30.0	0.13	0.10
$\sum m_\nu$	0.81 eV	0.29 eV	0.16 eV
$n_s$	0.0045	0.0026	0.0022

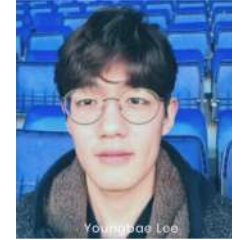
**Note.** All values correspond to the estimated 1 -  $\sigma$  uncertainties.



# Ly $\alpha$ Forest Cosmology @ Sejong

## Main Goals

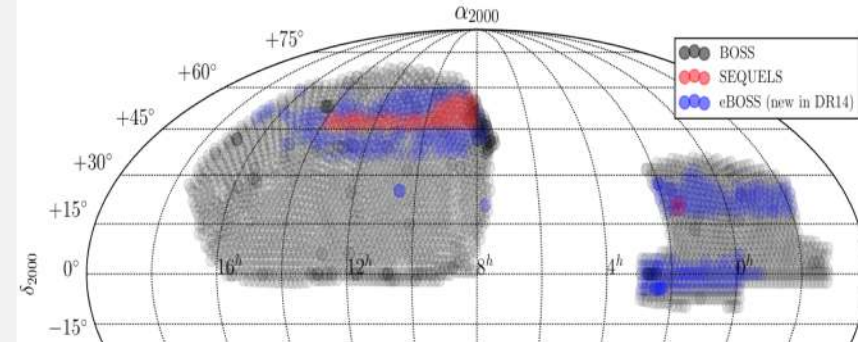
- Measure 1D PS from latest SDSS data



Young Bae Lee –  
Master Thesis

## DR14 & DR14 QSO CATALOG

- Cumulative and re-release of all previous data
- First data release from eBOSS
- 500 eBOSS new plates cover  $\sim 2480 \text{ deg}^2$
- DR14 catalog contains 526,356 QSOs
- including 144,046 new discoveries
- Over 500,000 QSOs in the range  $0.9 < z < 2.2$
- Over 50,000 new Ly $\alpha$  forest QSOs at  $z > 2.1$



*Abolfathi et al. 2018*

## DATA SELECTION

- From DR14Q, we select Ly $\alpha$  forest QSOs based on redshift & quality
- Apply quality cuts to the spectra –  $R < 85 \text{ km/s}$  &  $S/N > 3, 4, 6, 8$
- Define Ly $\alpha$  forest range  $1050 < \lambda_{RF} < 1180 \text{ \AA}$
- Ly $\alpha$  forest spans a redshift range  $\Delta z \sim 0.4$  to  $0.6$
- Split forest into subregions to improve redshift resolution  $\Delta z < 0.2$ , '**z-sectors**'



# Future & Outlook

# Key Results & Outlook

JOINT CONSTRAINTS ON  $N_{\text{eff}}$  AND  $\sum m_\nu$  (95% CL) – ROSSI ET AL. (2015)

$$N_{\text{eff}} = 2.88^{+0.20}_{-0.20} \text{ \& } \sum m_\nu < 0.14 \text{ eV} \rightarrow \text{CMB} + \text{Lyman-}\alpha + \text{BAO}$$

## MOTIVATION & MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS

- For robust constraints need deeper understanding of physical effects driving impact of  $\nu$  and DR on LSS
- Novel suite of hydrodynamical simulations (multicomponent), including massive neutrinos and dark radiation
- Detailed study of impact of massive neutrinos and dark radiation on Ly $\alpha$  forest observables
- Tomographic evolution of shape & amplitude of matter & flux power spectra:  $\nu$  and DR NL effects
- Unique signatures of  $\nu$  & DR and preferred scales  $\rightarrow$  novel insights

## KEY RESULTS

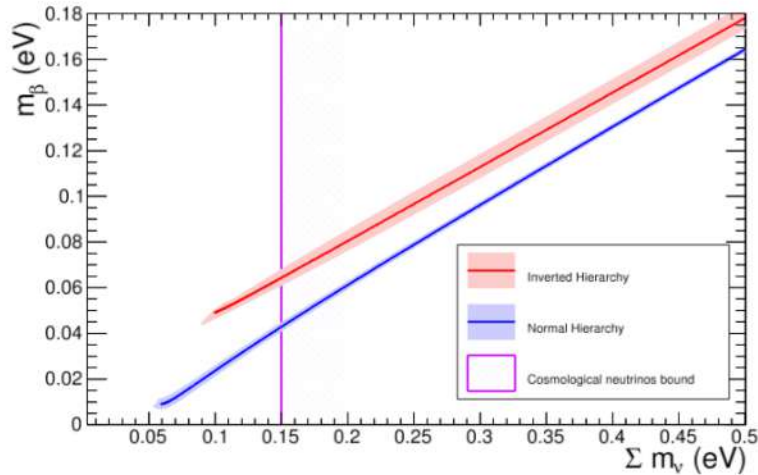
- Suppression of matter PS by  $\sum m_\nu = 0.1 \text{ eV}$  at  $k \sim 5 \text{ hMpc}^{-1} \rightarrow \sim 4\%$  at  $z = 3$
- Flux PS & high- $z$  IGM excellent probe for  $\nu$  and DR at  $z \sim 3$  for  $\sum m_\nu = 0.1 \text{ eV}$  in Ly $\alpha$  forest regime

## RELEVANCE & OUTLOOK

- Relevance for current and upcoming surveys  $\rightarrow$  eBOSS, DESI, J-PAS, ...

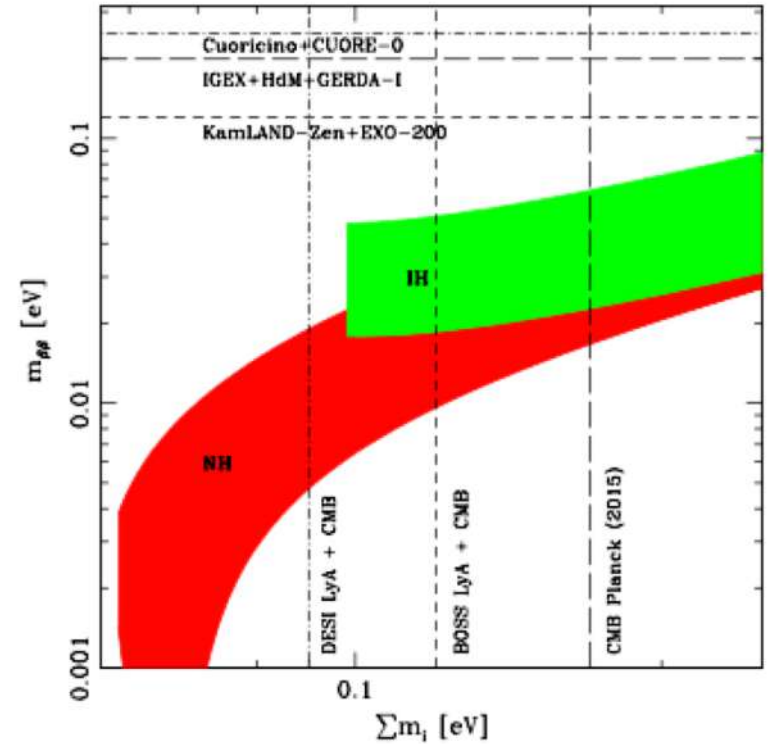
# Particle Physics Implications

Palanque-Delabrouille et al. (2015a)



$\Sigma m_\nu < 0.15$  eV  $\rightarrow m_\beta < 0.04$  eV  $\rightarrow$  If KATRIN detects  $m_\beta > 0.2$  eV the 3-neutrino model is in trouble!

**Signal out of reach for next generation experiments?**



G. Rossi (2018)

## CAUTIONARY WARNINGS

*Ly $\alpha$  forest alone very weak, combination with CMB nontrivial (i.e.,  $A_{\text{lens}} = 1$ ?), lower  $n_s$ , running of spectral index + much more to be understood ...*