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Formation and growth of galaxies in the young Universe: progress & challenges

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	Planck+WP	
Parameter	Best fit	68% limits
$\Omega_{ m b} h^2$	0.022032	0.02205 ± 0.00028
$\Omega_{ m c}h^2$	0.12038	0.1199 ± 0.0027
100θ _{MC}	1.04119	1.04131 ± 0.00063
au	0.0925	$0.089^{+0.012}_{-0.014}$
$n_{\rm s}$	0.9619	0.9603 ± 0.0073
$\ln(10^{10}A_{\rm s})\ldots\ldots\ldots$	3.0980	$3.089^{+0.024}_{-0.027}$

Ly α forest spectra and small-scale initial structure

Viel, Becker, Bolton & Haehnelt 2013



Transmitted quasar flux in hydrodynamic simulations of the intergalactic medium in Λ CDM and WDM models.

High-frequency power is missing in the WDM case

Lyman α forest spectra for WDM relative to CDM



Viel, Becker, Bolton & Haehnelt 2013

High-resolution Keck and Magellan spectra match Λ CDM up to z = 5.4

This places a 2σ lower limit on the mass of a thermal relic

 $m_{_{WDM}} > 3.3 \text{ keV}$

This lower limit is too large for WDM to have much effect on dwarf galaxy structure N-body codes can simulate the evolution of the abundance, internal structure and clustering of dark halos at high precision



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The information relevant to galaxy formation is encoded in *sub*halo merger trees



Galaxies form by the cooling and condensation of gas in the cores of an evolving population of massive dark halos

DM gravity controls assembly through accretion and merging

Baryonic physics controls the gas supply for star formation and regulates the formation efficiency through feedback



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Plausible efficiencies also result in disc galaxy formation with dominant discs and photometric profiles similar to observation



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- Plausible scalings/efficiencies will likely explain N(M*, sSFR, Z, z)
- Clustering properties will constrain environmental effects
- Gas and IGM properties are critical and are currently poorly constrained

Promising frontiers?

• The high redshift universe What did the first objects look like? (galaxies? SN? BH?) Where did they form? How did they drive/structure/interact with reionisation?

• The intergalactic/circumgalactic medium

What is the large-scale morphology/filling factor of wind cavities? Is their growth driven by thermal or nonthermal pressure? What is the phase and metallicity structure of the gas within them? How does this influence later galaxy growth? Can they bias cosmological inferences from the Ly α forest?

- The cold gas content of high redshift galaxies Molecular line emission (ALMA) Dust emission (Planck, Herschel....)
- The internal structure of high redshift galaxies Differentiation and growth of disks, bulges, bars, stellar halos..