Radiation-Hydrodynamic Simulations of Dwarf galaxies and their contribution to Reionisation

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Kimm et al. (2016, MNRAS, submitted)
Kimm & Cen (2014, ApJ,)

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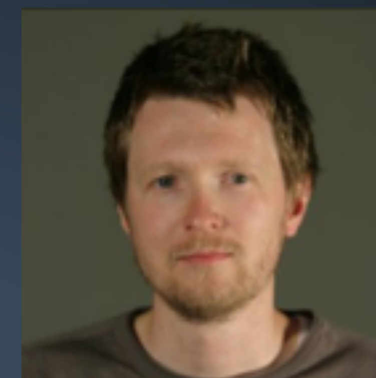

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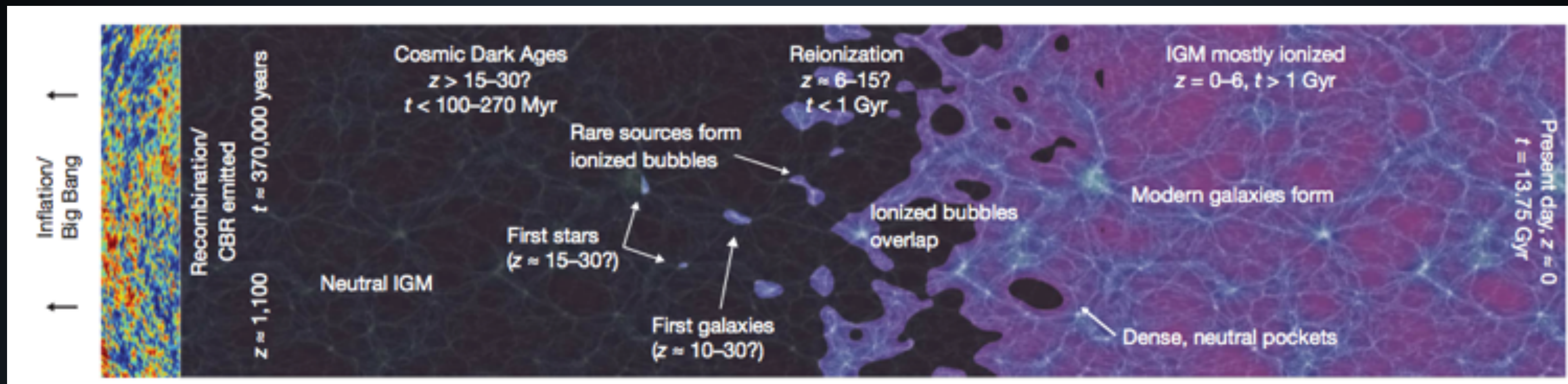
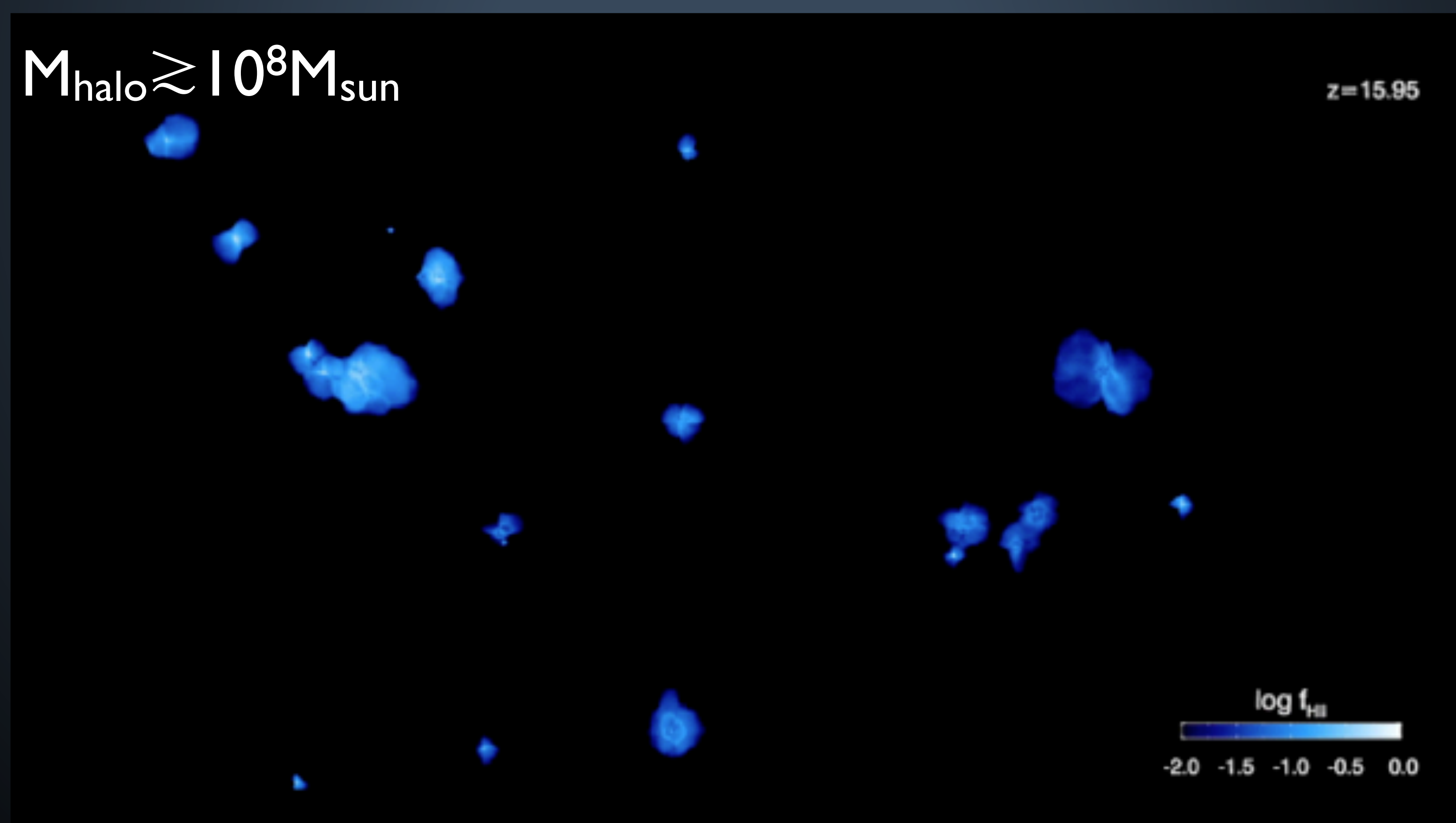
Reionisation of the Universe

Robertson et al. (2010)





white:
fully ionised
regions

HII fraction

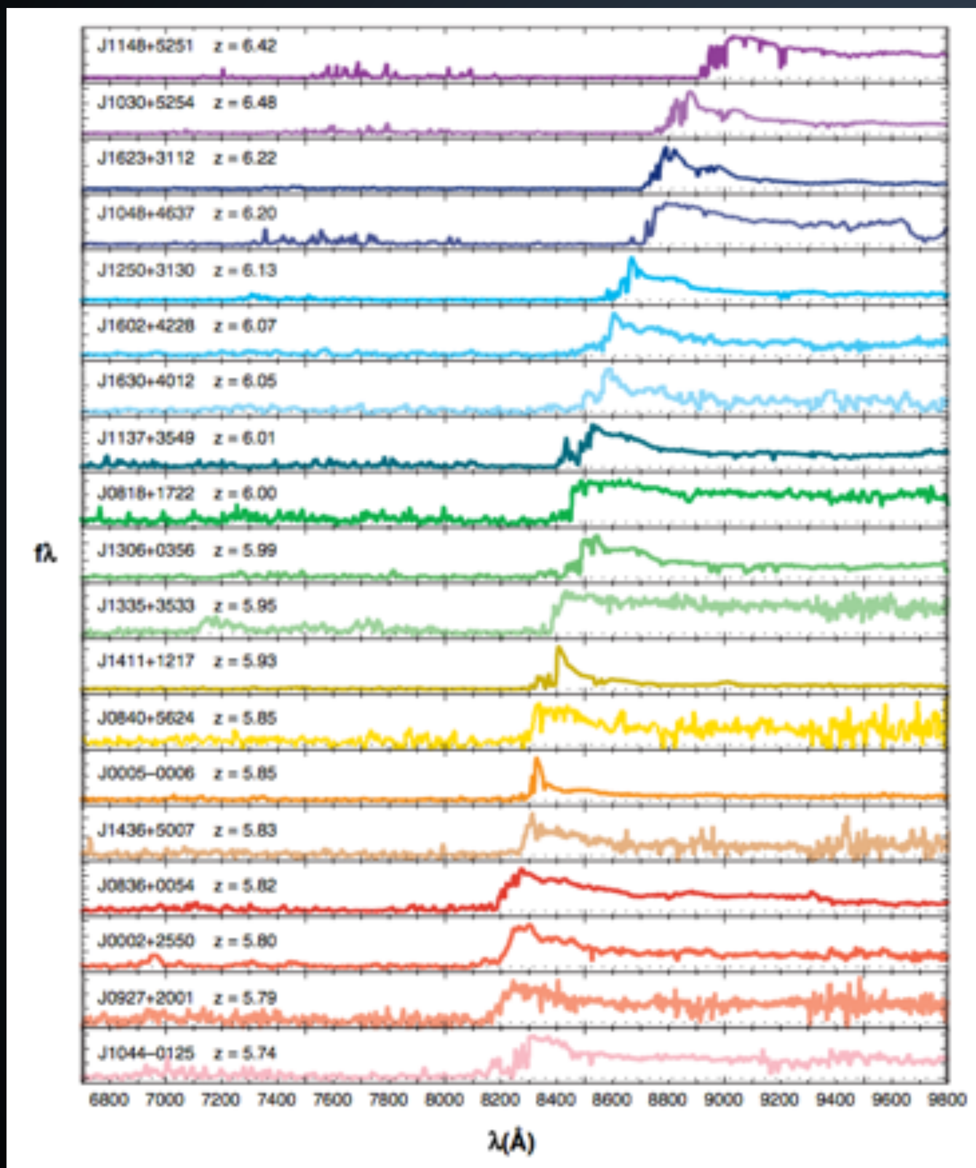
~10 cMpc

Kimm & Cen (2014)

Observational constraints

HI Gunn-Peterson Absorption Trough

z~6.5

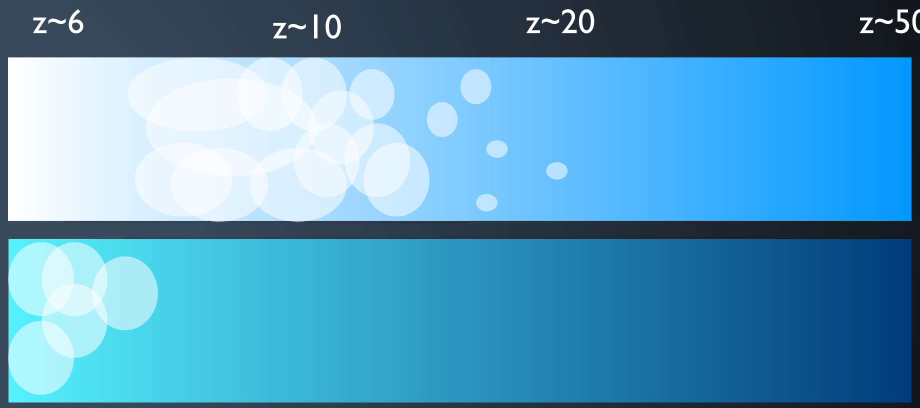


z~5.7

Fan et al. (2006)

Thompson optical depth

$$\tau_e(z) = \int_0^z c\,\langle n_{\rm H}\rangle\,\sigma_T\,f_e\,Q_{\rm HII}(z')\,\frac{(1+z')^2dz'}{H(z')}$$



$\tau_e \sim 0.1$

$\tau_e \sim 0.04$

WMAP9: $\tau_e = 0.089 \pm 0.014$

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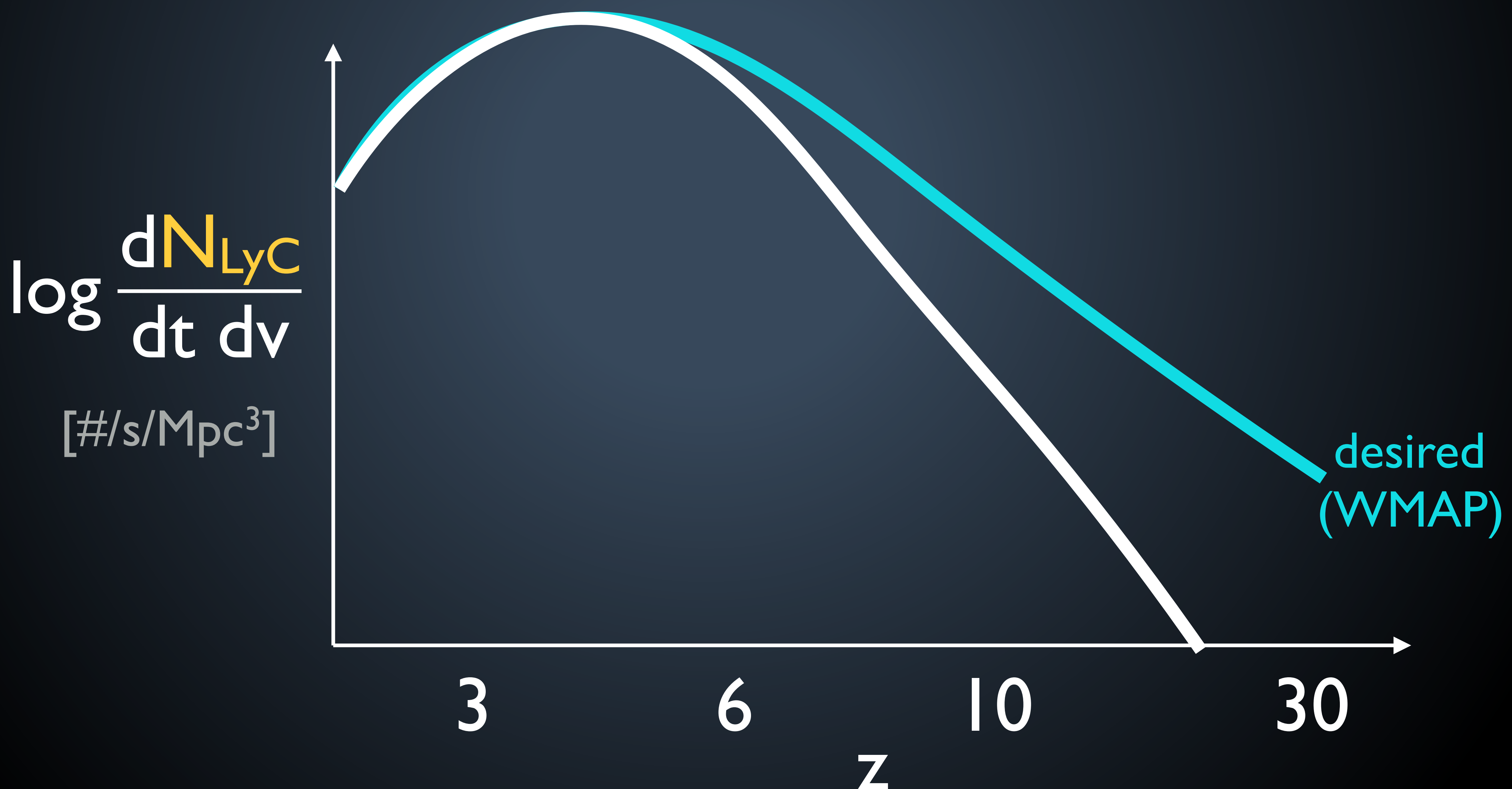
Bright galaxies in UV (MUV<~-18) alone cannot explain the high optical depth measured from the WMAP experiments (fesc~10-20% is assumed; c.f. 10-15% in Kimm & Cen 2014)
(e.g., Bunker+10; Finkelstein+10; Bouwens+12; Robertson+13)



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AGNs?

(e.g., Haehnelt+01; Cowie+09; Fontanot+14)

UV Faint dwarf galaxies in atomic-cooling haloes ($-18 < M_{uv} < -13$)

transition b/w molecular-cooling haloes and atomic-cooling haloes

Kimm & Cen (2014)
tau~0.06-0.07

Proto-galaxies in mini-haloes ($M_{halo} < 10^8 M_{sun}$)

(e.g., Ahn+12; Wise+14)

$M_{UV} > -13$

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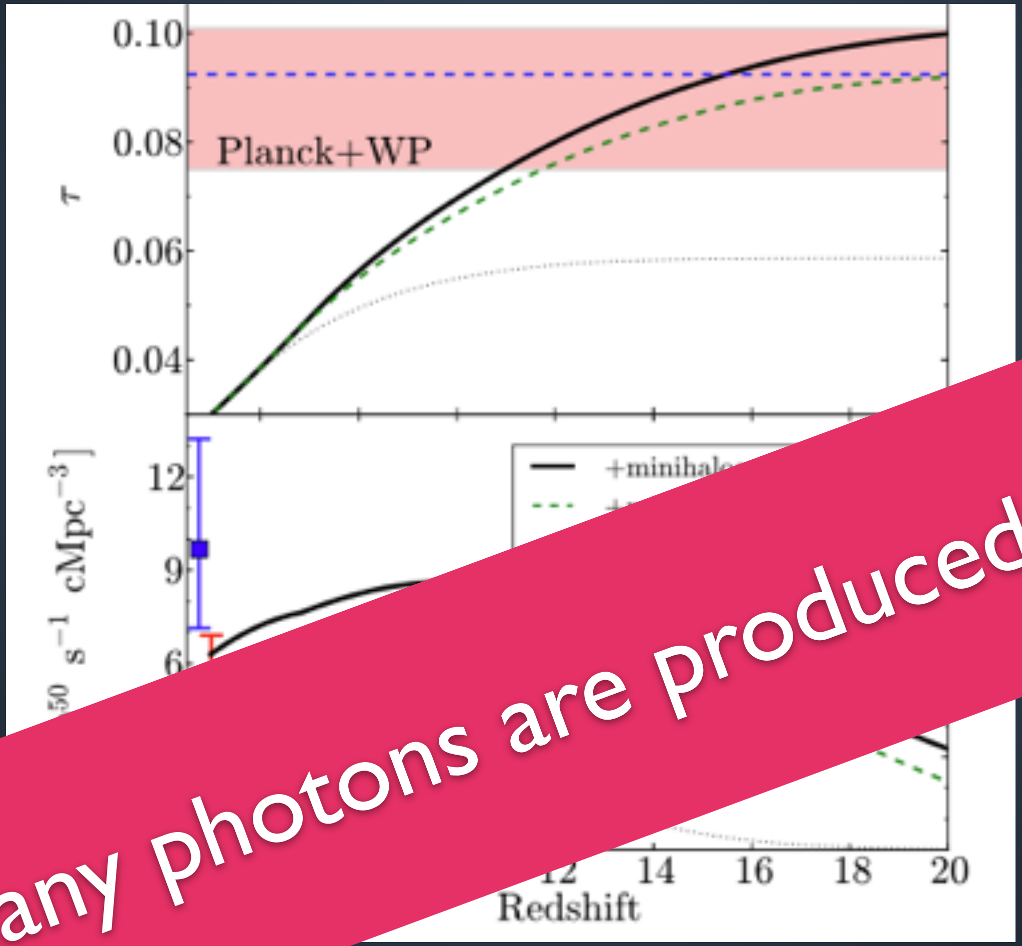
Wise et al. (2014)

1) Abundant
2) Efficient SF
3) High fesc



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Too many photons are produced !?

Planck15: $\tau_e = 0.066 \pm 0.016$

Planck16: $\tau_e = 0.055 \pm 0.009$

Which haloes (galaxies) are mainly responsible for reionisation?

- Can theory be reconciled with observations?
- Are mini-haloes really a significant source of ionising radiation?

Expansion of HII bubbles

Q_{HII}=HII filling factor

$$\frac{dQ_{\rm HII}}{dt} = \frac{\dot{n}_{\rm ion}}{\langle n_{\rm H}\rangle} - \frac{Q_{\rm HII}}{t_{\rm rec}(C_{\rm HII})}$$

Madau+(1999)

$$C \equiv \frac{\langle n_{\rm HII}^2\rangle}{\langle n_{\rm HII}\rangle^2}$$

(outside a DMH)

escaping rate of LyC photons

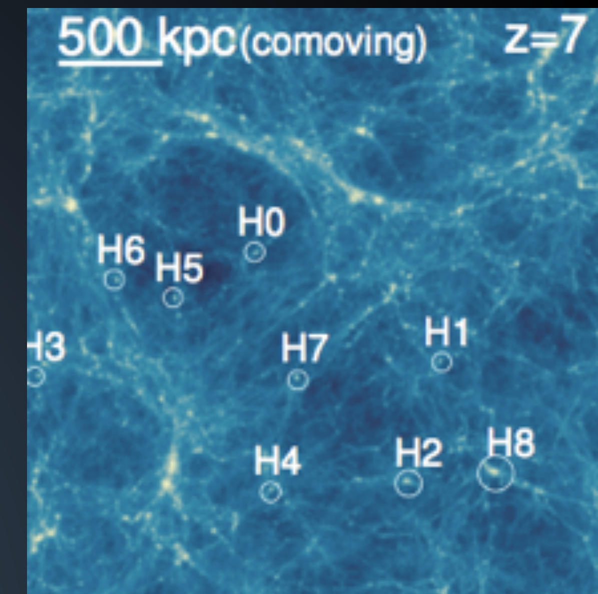
$$\dot{n}_{\rm ion} \propto \dot{M}_{\rm star} \times f_{\rm esc}$$

Baryon-to-star conversion efficiency

Escape fraction

Radiation-Hydrodynamic Simulations

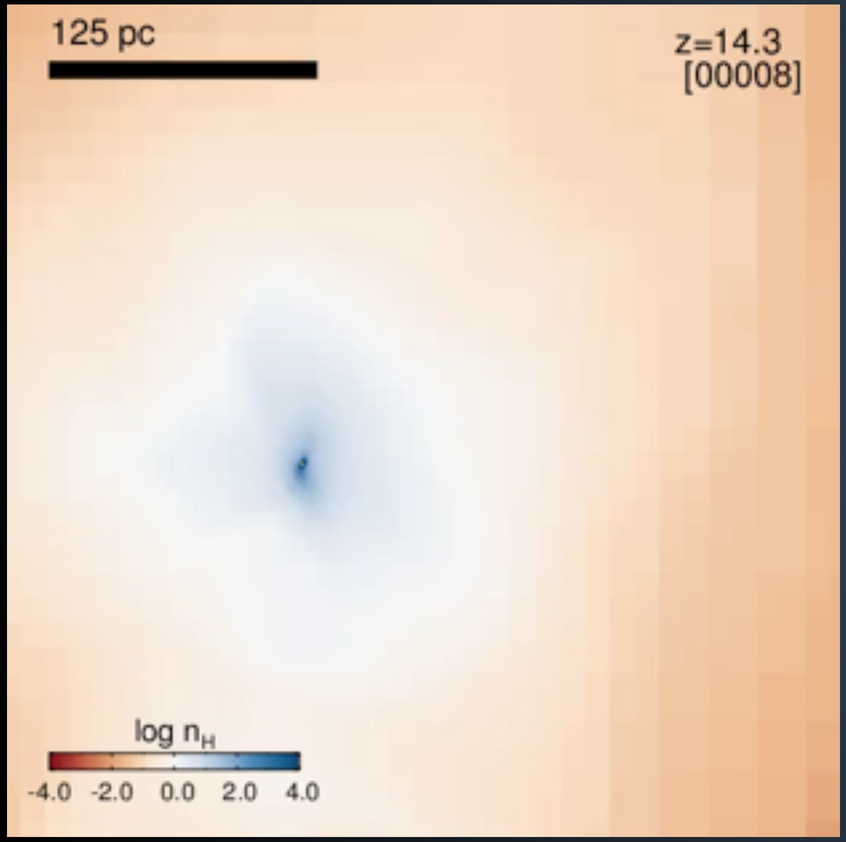
- RAMSES-RT (Teyssier 2002; Rosdahl et al. 2013, 2015)
- 9 Cosmological zoom-in simulations of ~$10^8 M_{sun}$ haloes
- M_{dm}~ 90 M_{sun}, $M_{star,popII}$~90 M_{sun}, 10 < M_{popIII} < $10^3 M_{sun}$
- dx_{min} ~ 0.7 pc (physical), Jeans length resolved by 32 cells
- Non-equilibrium chemistry and cooling with 8 photon groups (Katz, TK,+16, to be submitted soon)
- H_2 formation and destruction by LW radiation
- Star formation based on local thermo-turbulent conditions (gravitational binding + turbulence) (Devriendt, TK,+16, in prep)
- Mechanical SN feedback (Kimm & Cen 2014, Kimm et al. 2015)
- Photoionisation heating, Radiation pressure from UV and IR photons (Rosdahl & Teyssier 15)



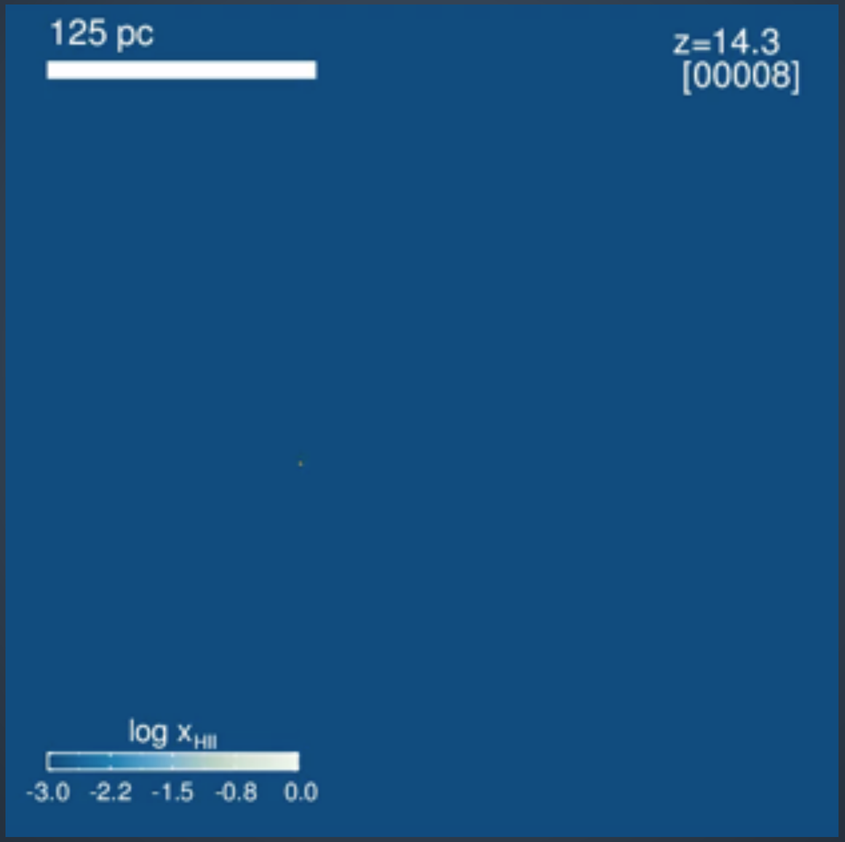
Photon group	ϵ_0 [eV]	ϵ_1 [eV]	κ [cm^2/g]	Main function
IR	0.1	1.0	5	Radiation pressure (RP)
Optical	1.0	5.6	10^3	Direct RP
FUV	5.6	11.2	10^3	Photoelectric heating
LW	11.2	13.6	10^3	H_2 dissociation
$EUV_{HI,1}$	13.6	15.2	10^3	HI ionisation
$EUV_{HI,2}$	15.2	24.59	10^3	HI and H_2 ionisation
EUV_{HeI}	24.59	54.42	10^3	HeI ionisation
EUV_{HeII}	54.42	∞	10^3	HeII ionisation

Radiation-Hydrodynamic Simulations

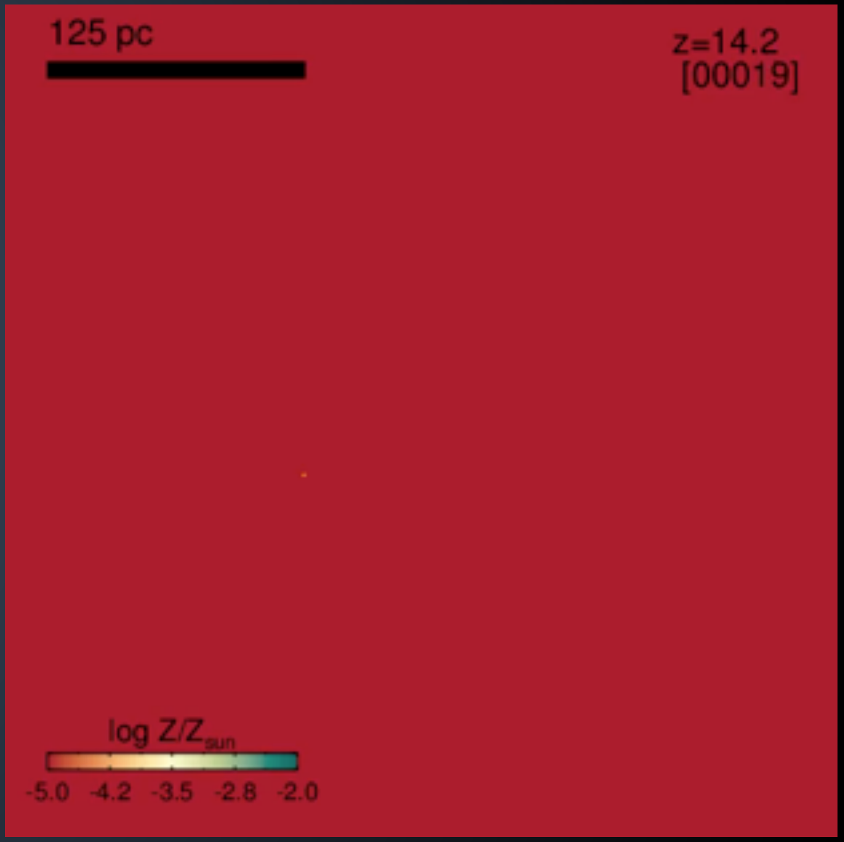
Density



HII fraction



Gas Metallicity

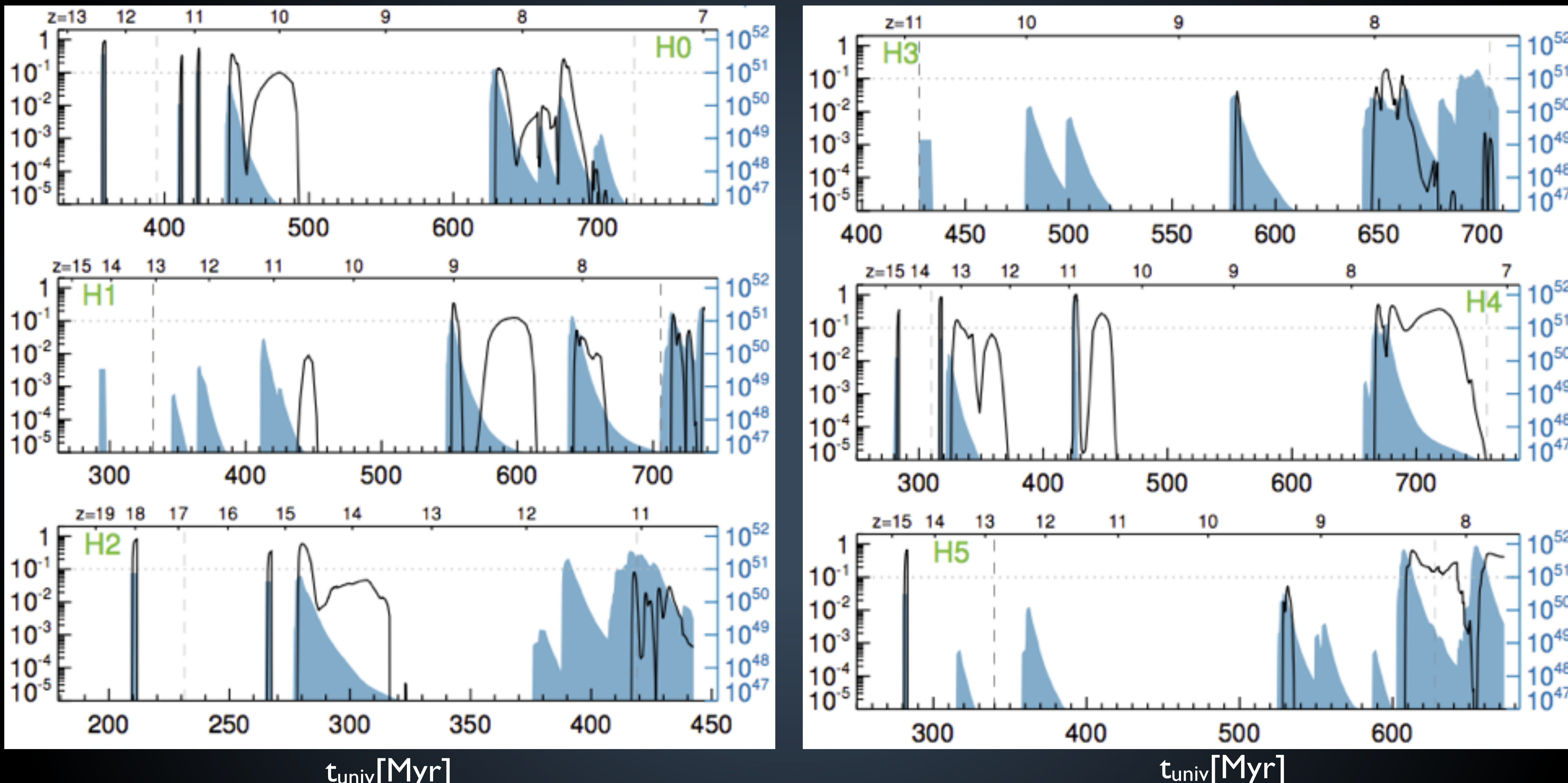


orange dots: young stars ($\lesssim$ 40 Myr)

black dots: old stars (after SNe)

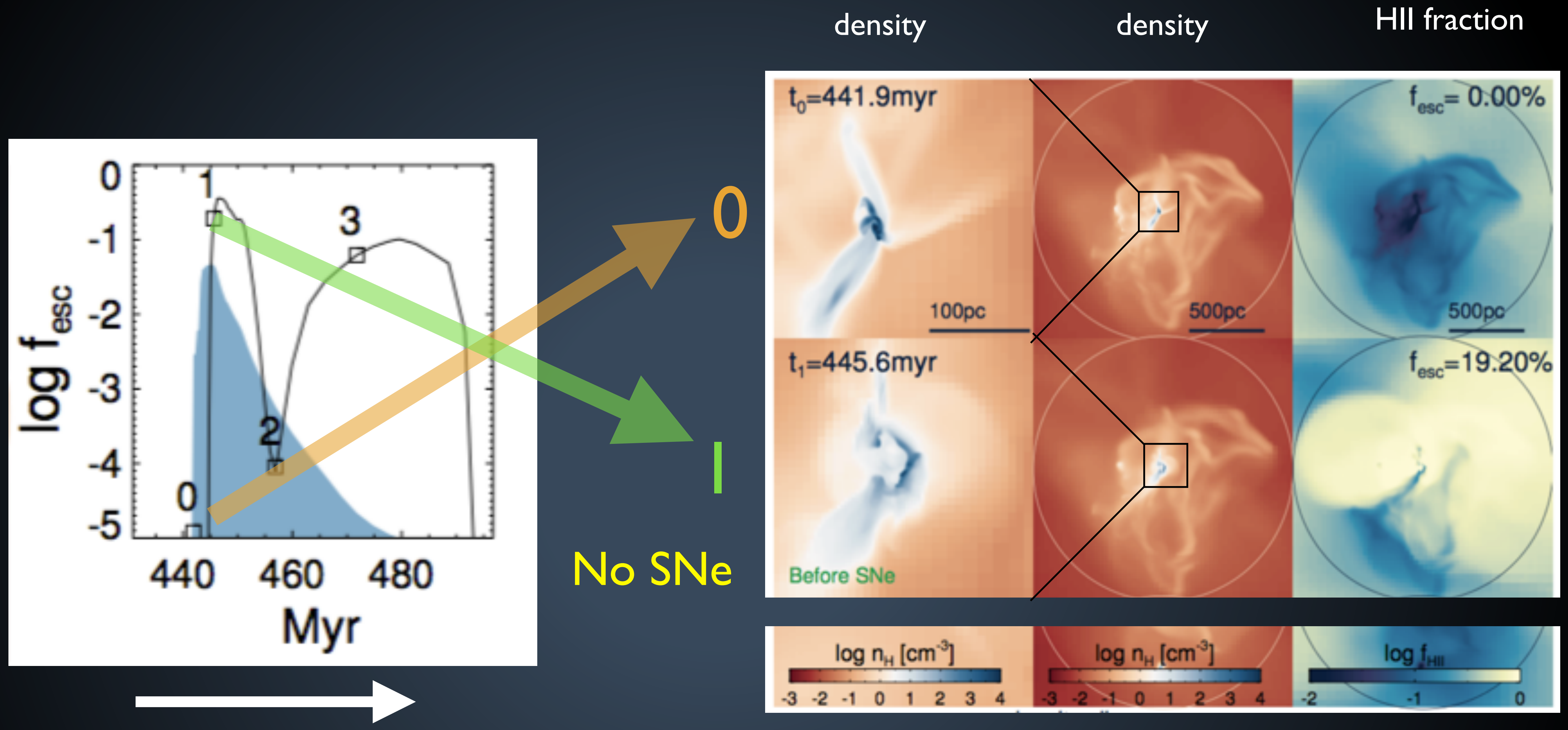
Evolution of Escape Fraction in individual haloes

black: fesc cyan: Nph [#/s]



- if fesc is high, the time delay is very short (≲5Myr)

Escape of LyC - radiation feedback

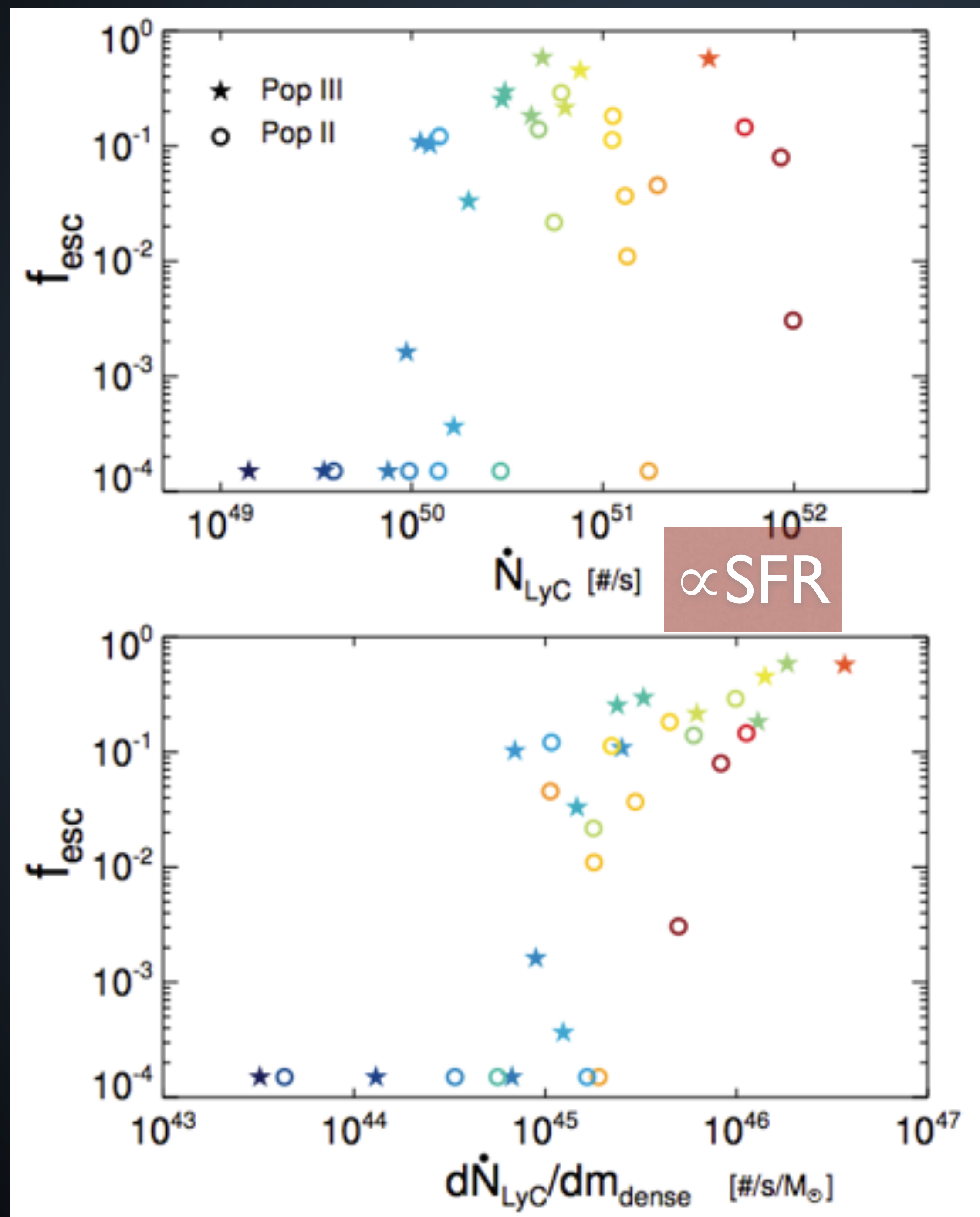


The escape fraction increases to 20% before SNe explode

- Radiation (Photo-heating) is responsible for the high escape fraction in mini-haloes
(be careful when post-processing hydro sims to estimate fesc!)

More intense burst of SF - High escape fractions

Photon number-weighted



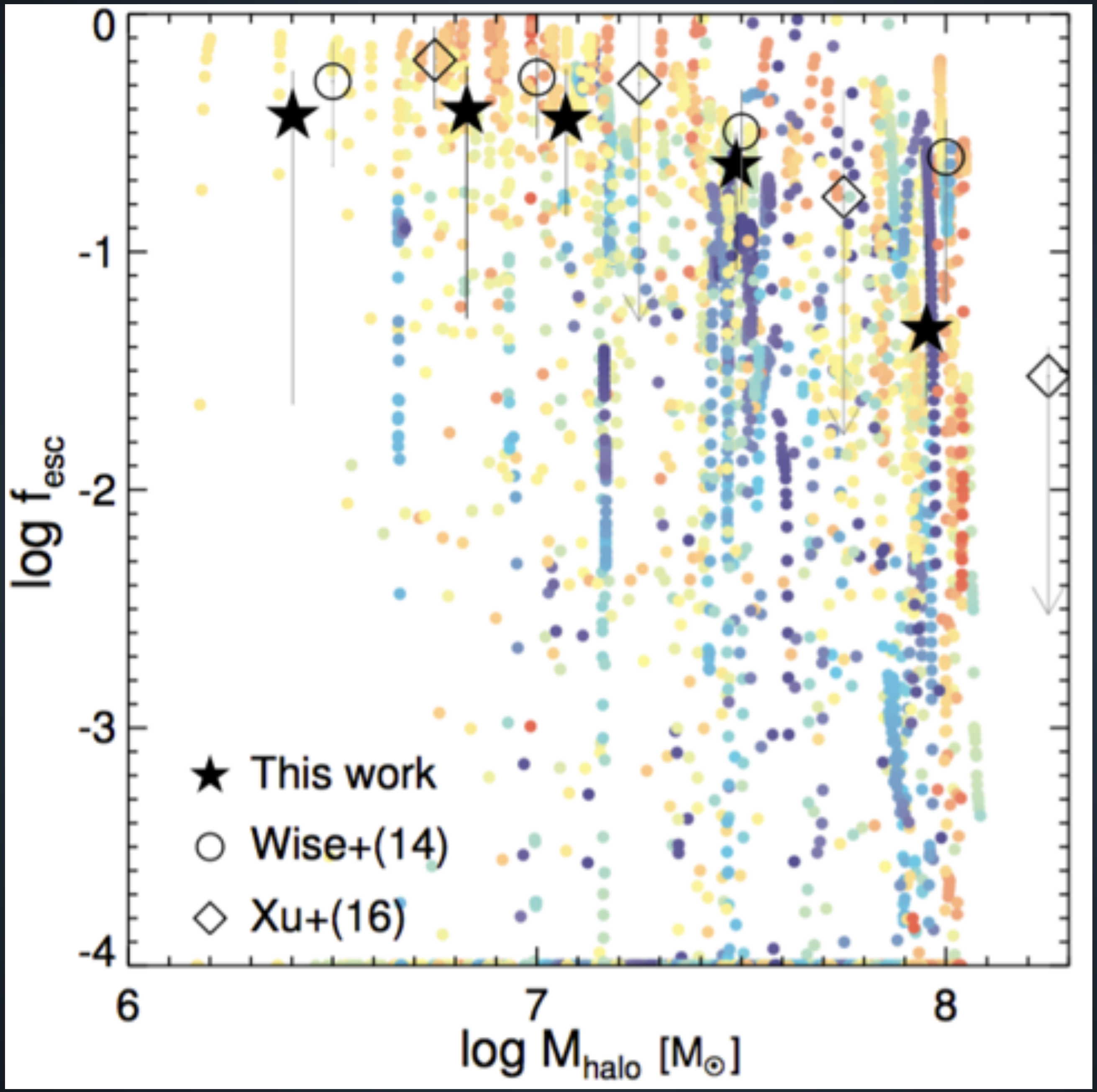
Kimm+(2016)

$f_{esc} \gtrsim 0.1$

$f_{esc} \ll 0.1$

Photon number-weighted Escape fraction

redder colours - larger photon production rates

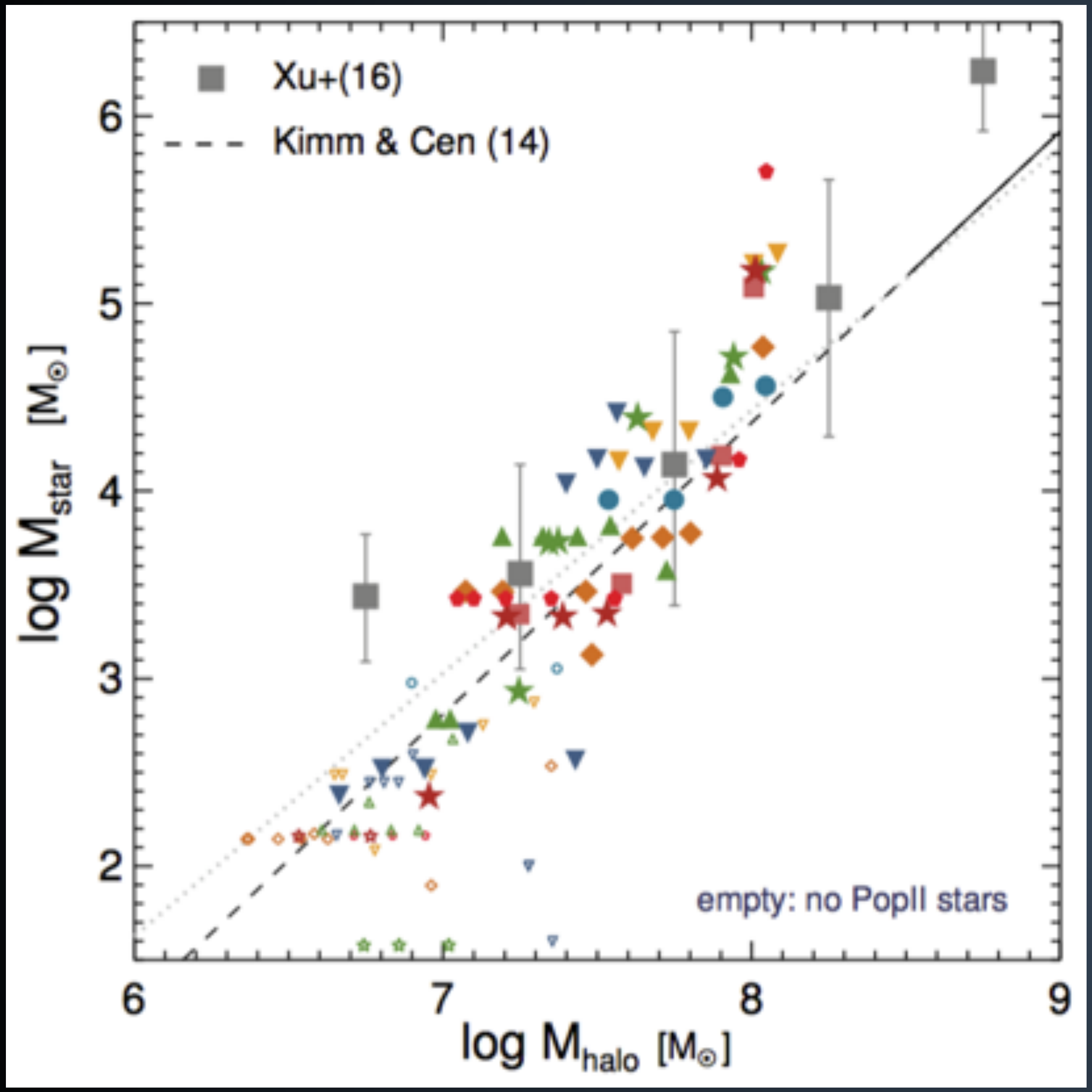


Kimm+(2016)

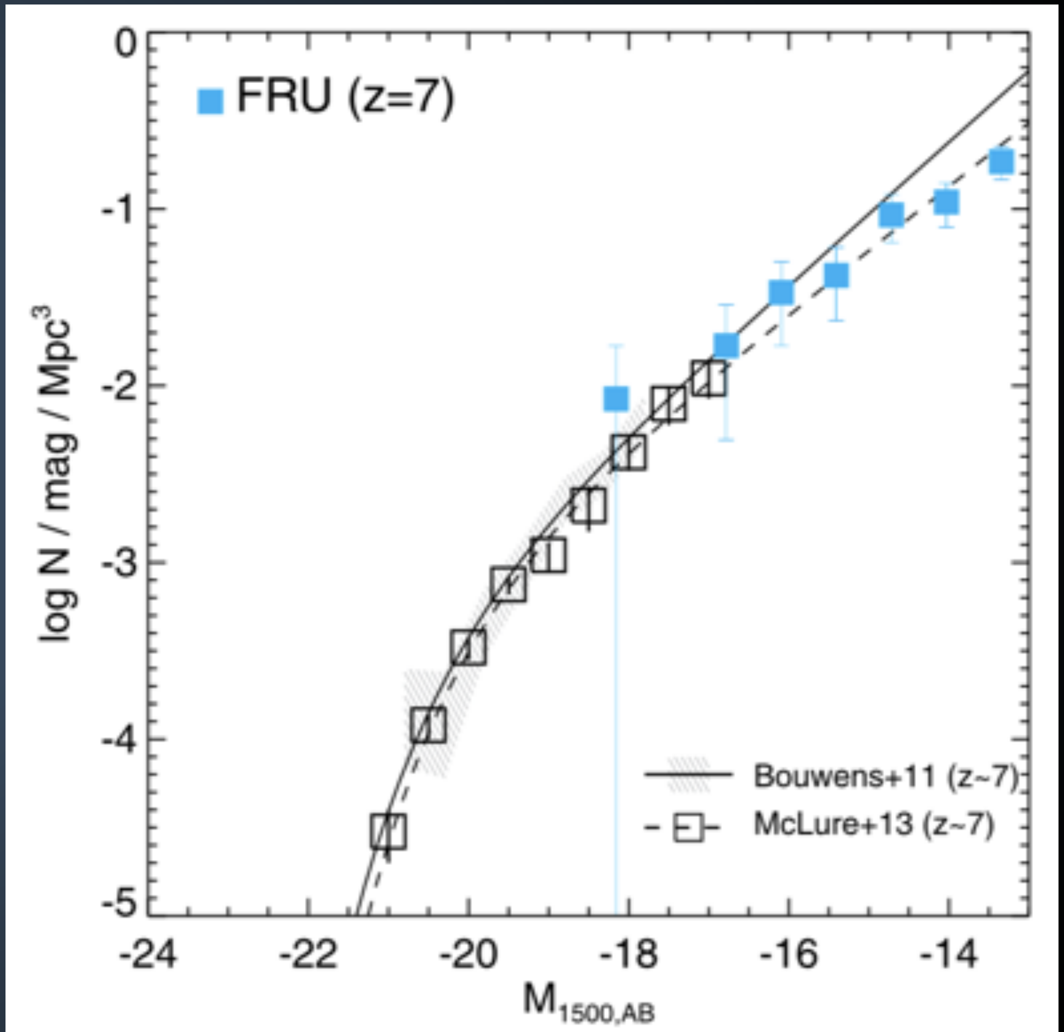
Large escape fraction of 20-40 %,
consistent with other AMR simulations (Wise+14, Xu+14)

Star formation in mini-haloes

Kimm+(2016)



Kimm & Cen (2014)



No dependence on redshift at z>6
(see also Xu et al. 2016)

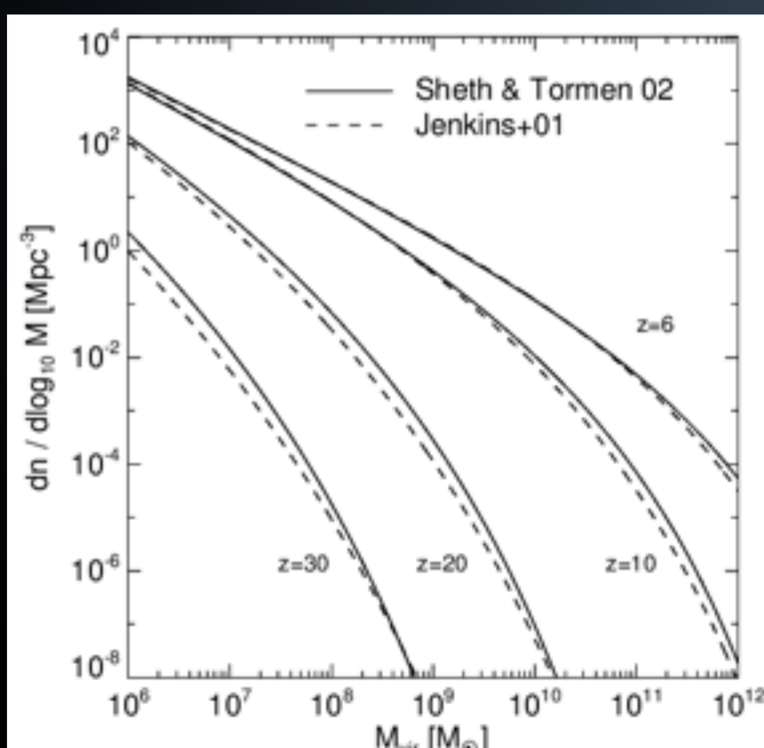
Simple analytic model for reionisation

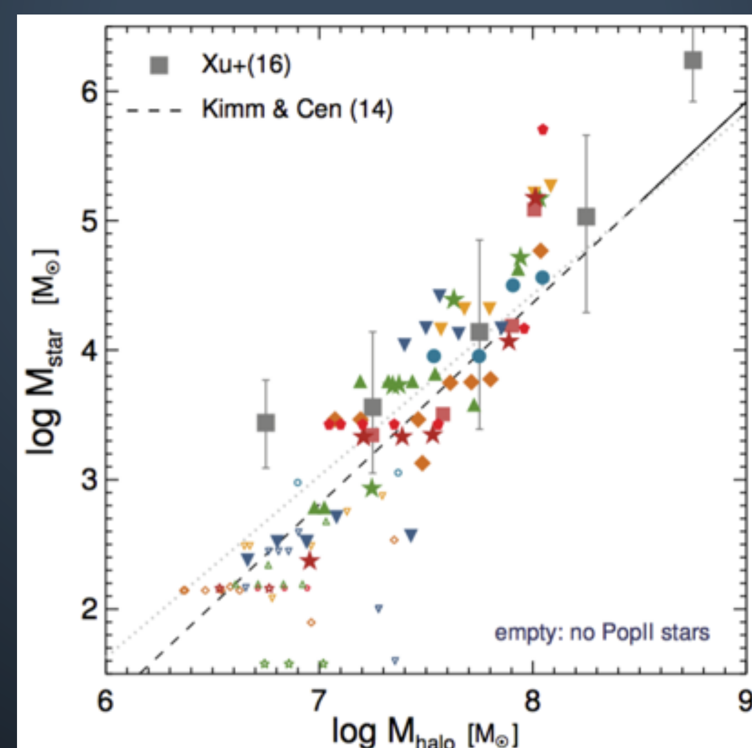
$$\frac{dQ_{\mathrm{HII}}}{dt} = \frac{\dot{n}_{\mathrm{ion}}}{\langle n_{\mathrm{H}} \rangle} - \frac{Q_{\mathrm{HII}}}{t_{\mathrm{rec}}(C_{\mathrm{HII}})}$$

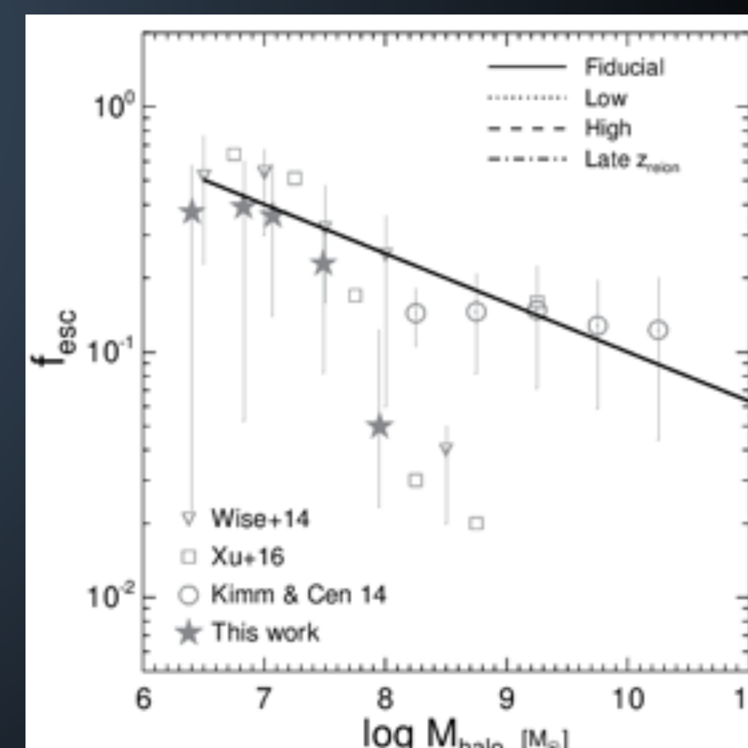
$$\frac{dN_{DMH}(z)}{d\log M}$$

$M_{star}=f(M_{halo})$

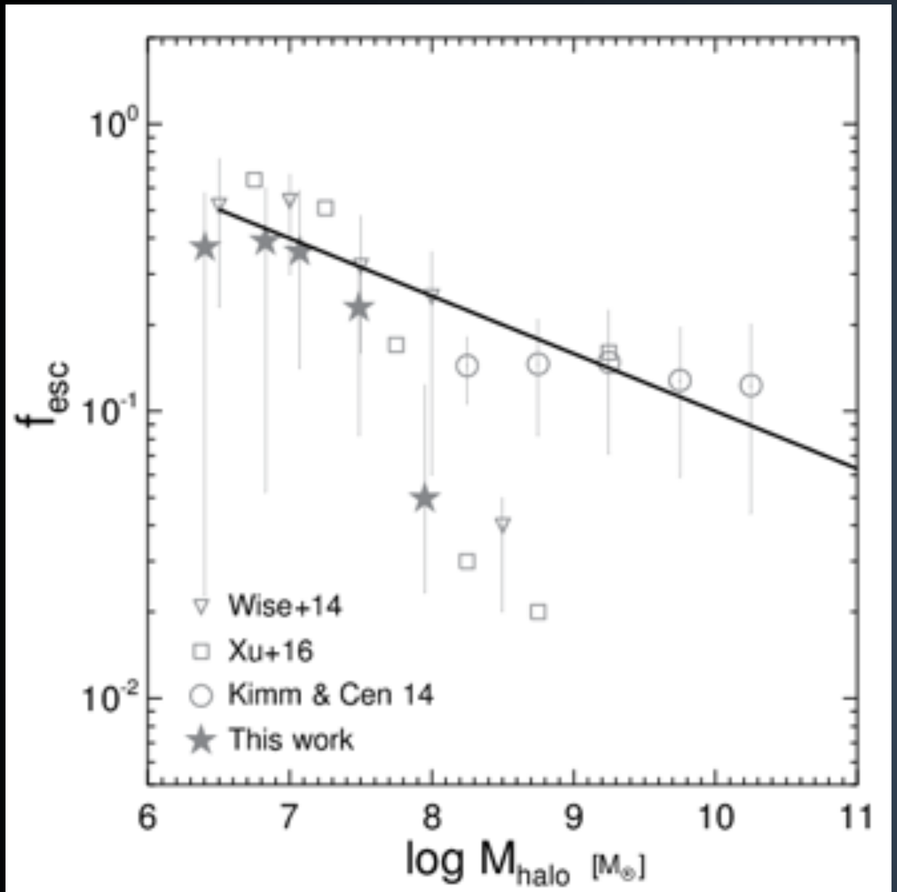
$f_{esc}=f(M_{halo})$

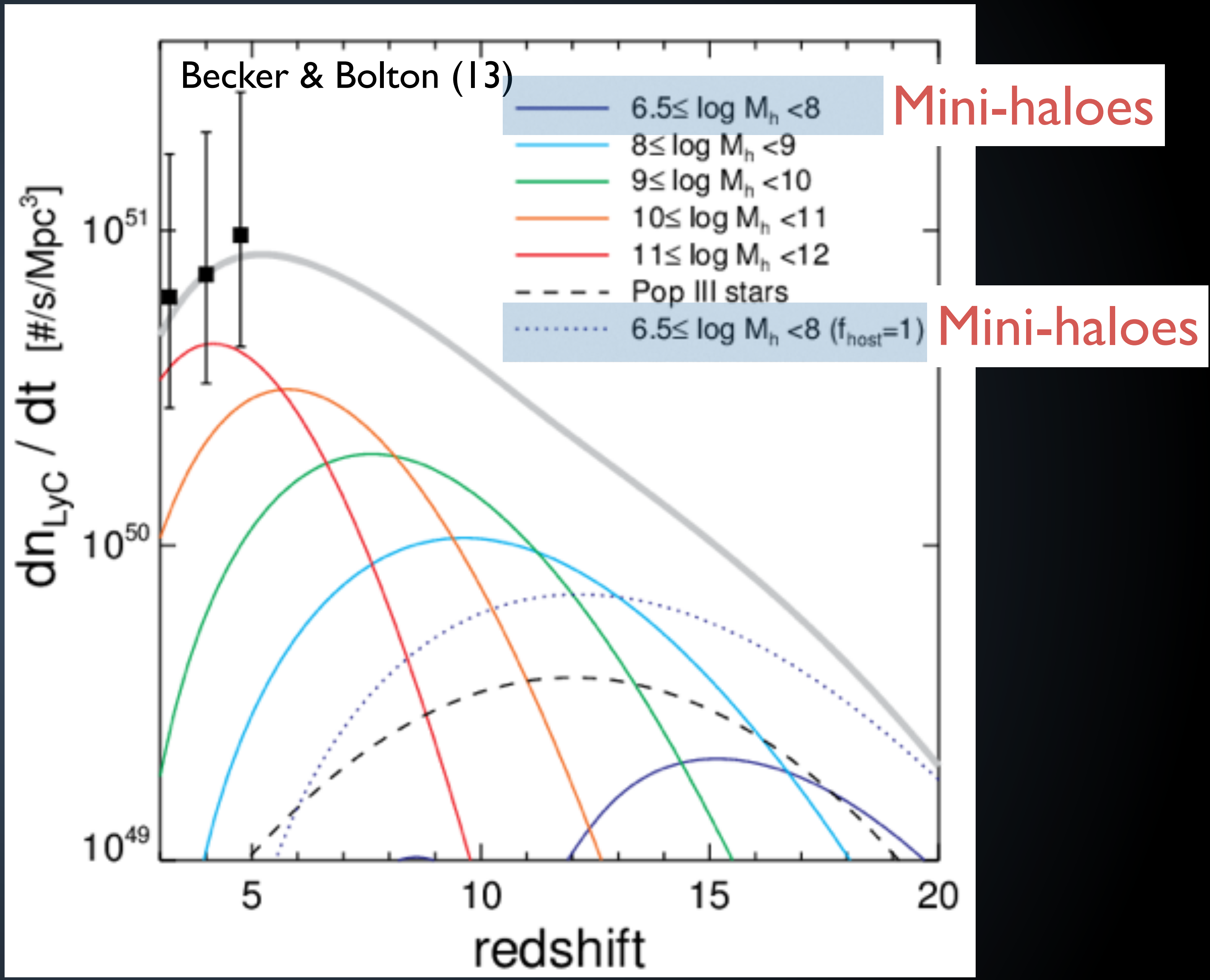




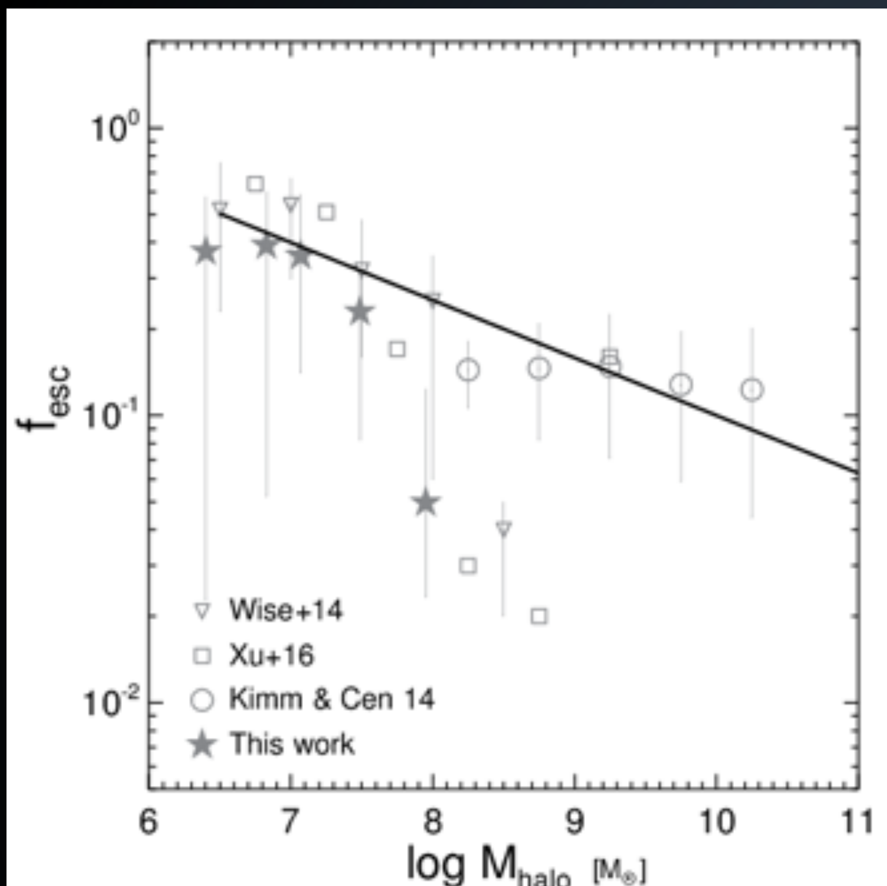


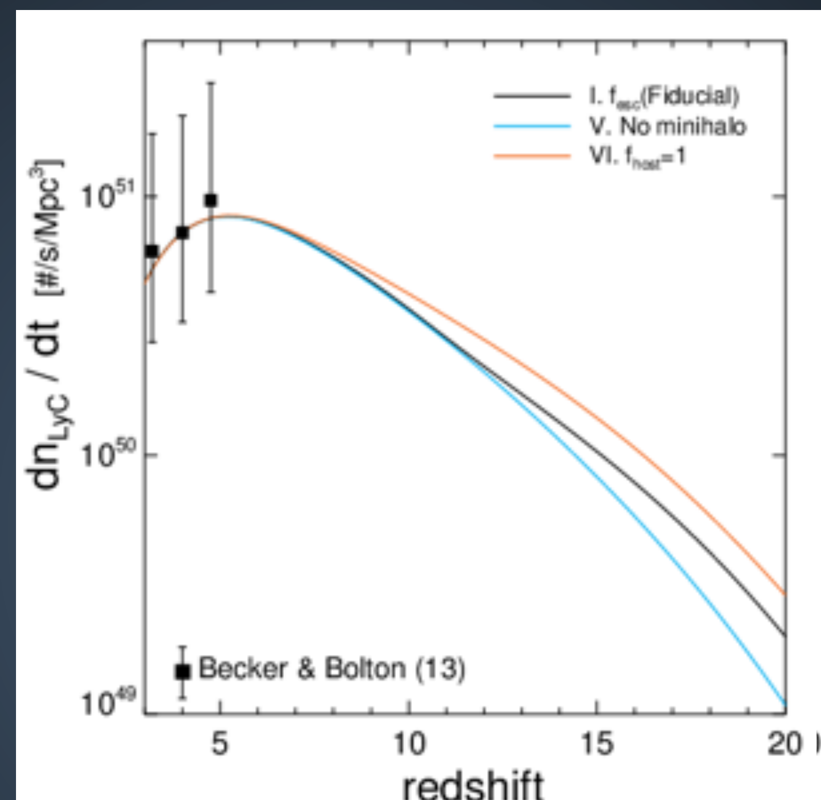
Photon Budget in halos of different masses

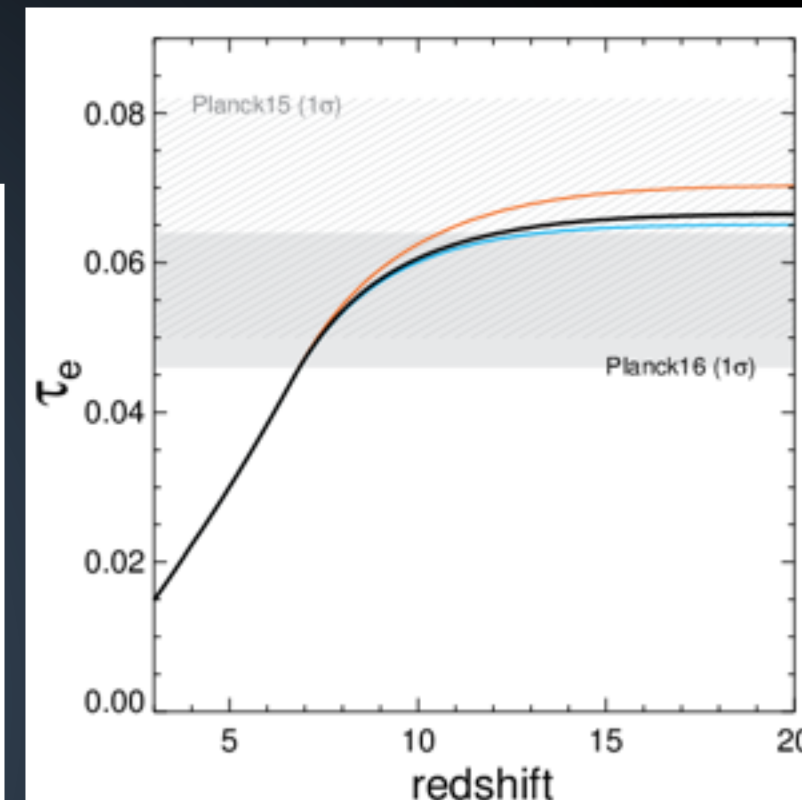


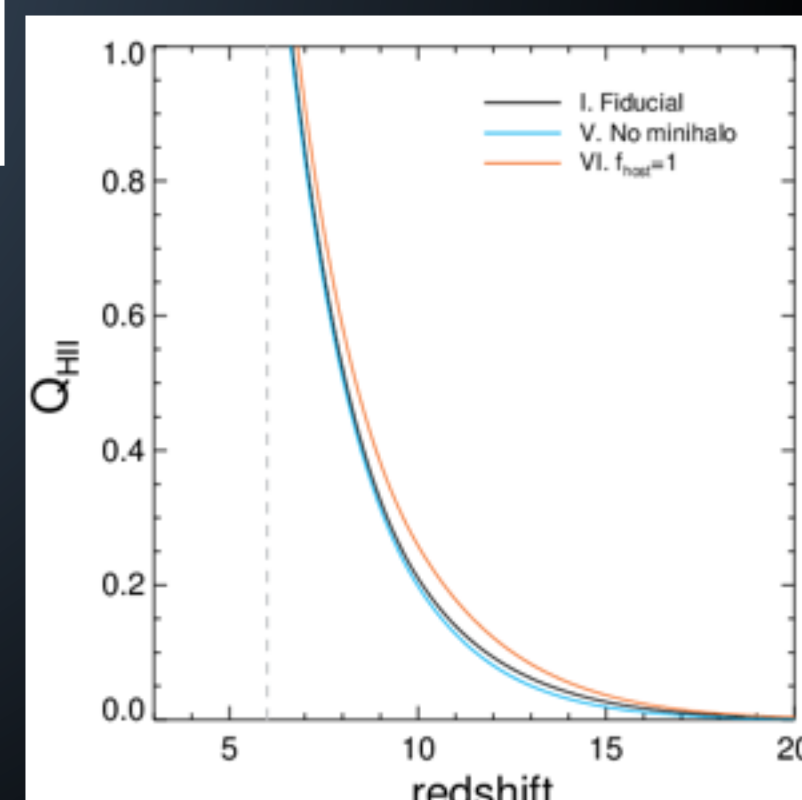


Mini-haloes?





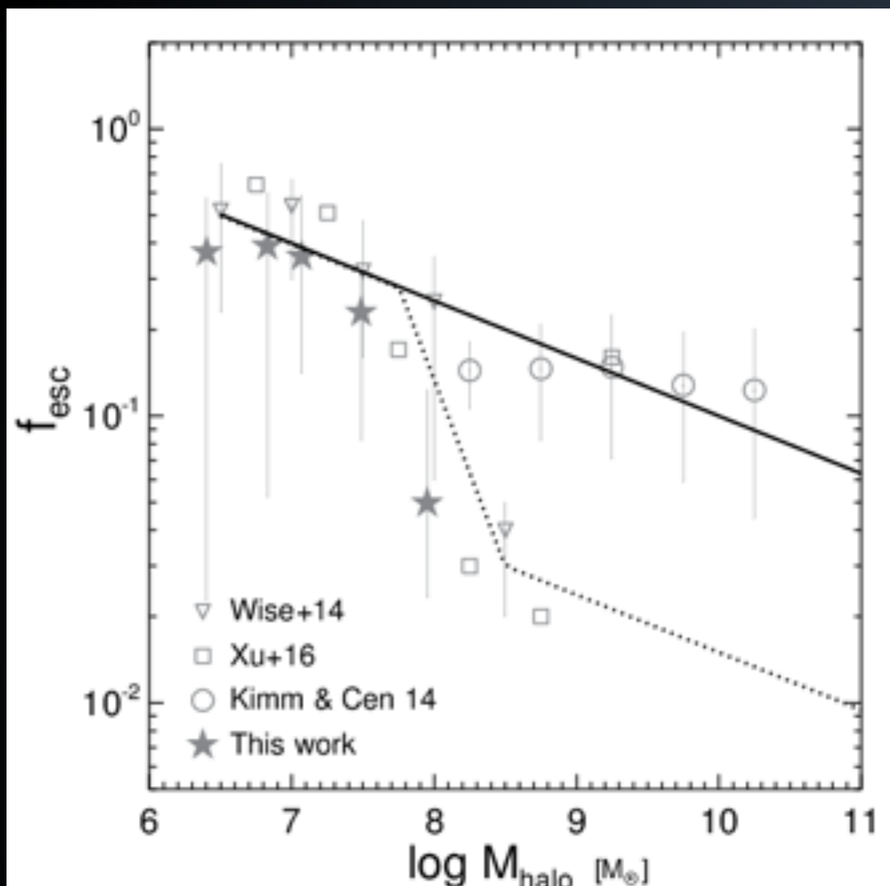


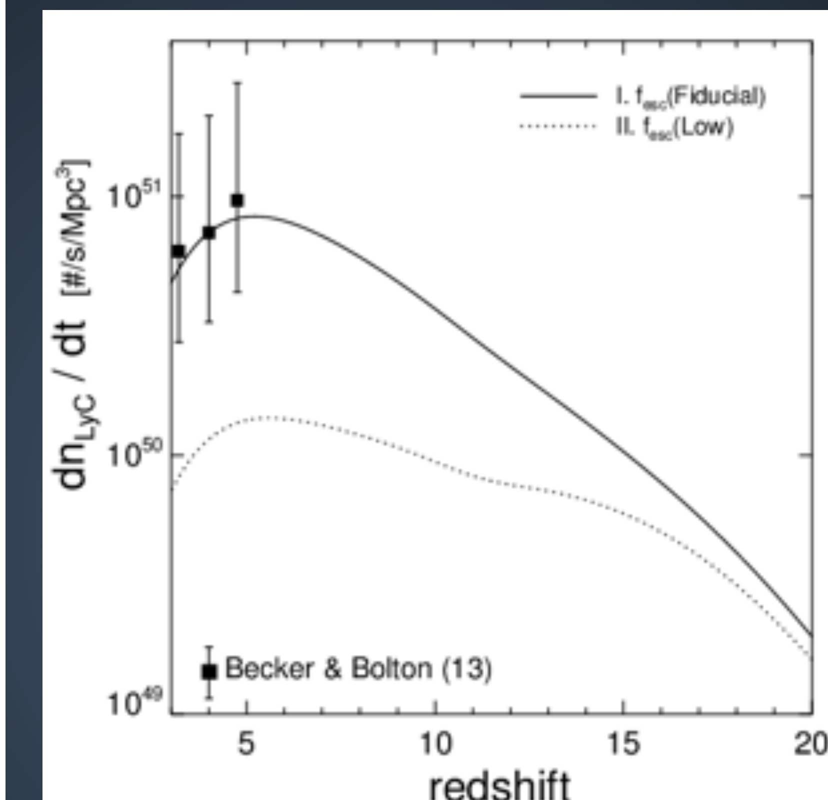


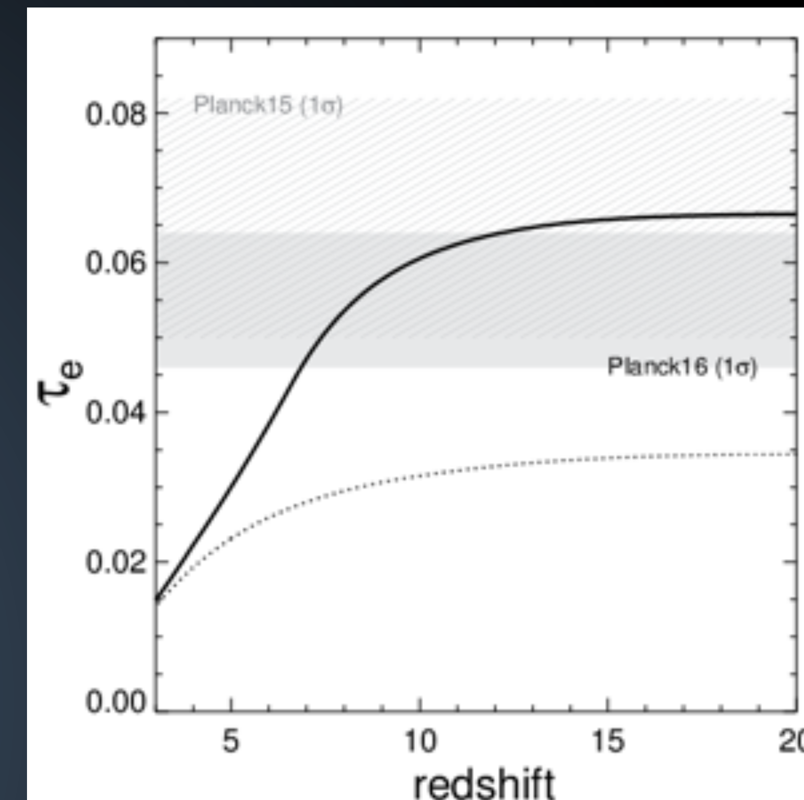
Mini-haloes are of minor importance for reionisation of the Universe!

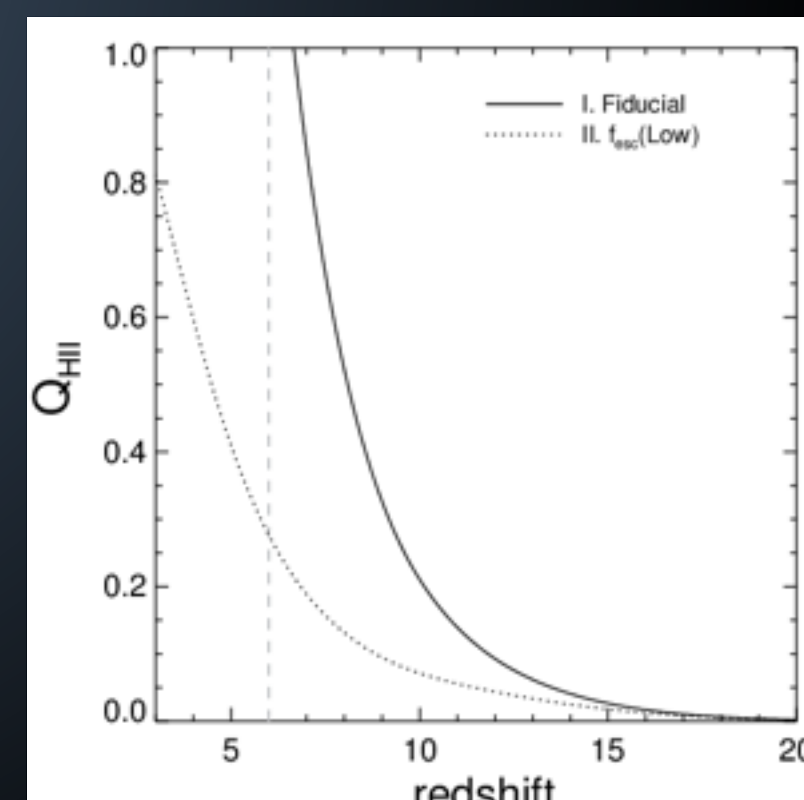
- due to inefficient SF

ACHs need to have high escape fractions





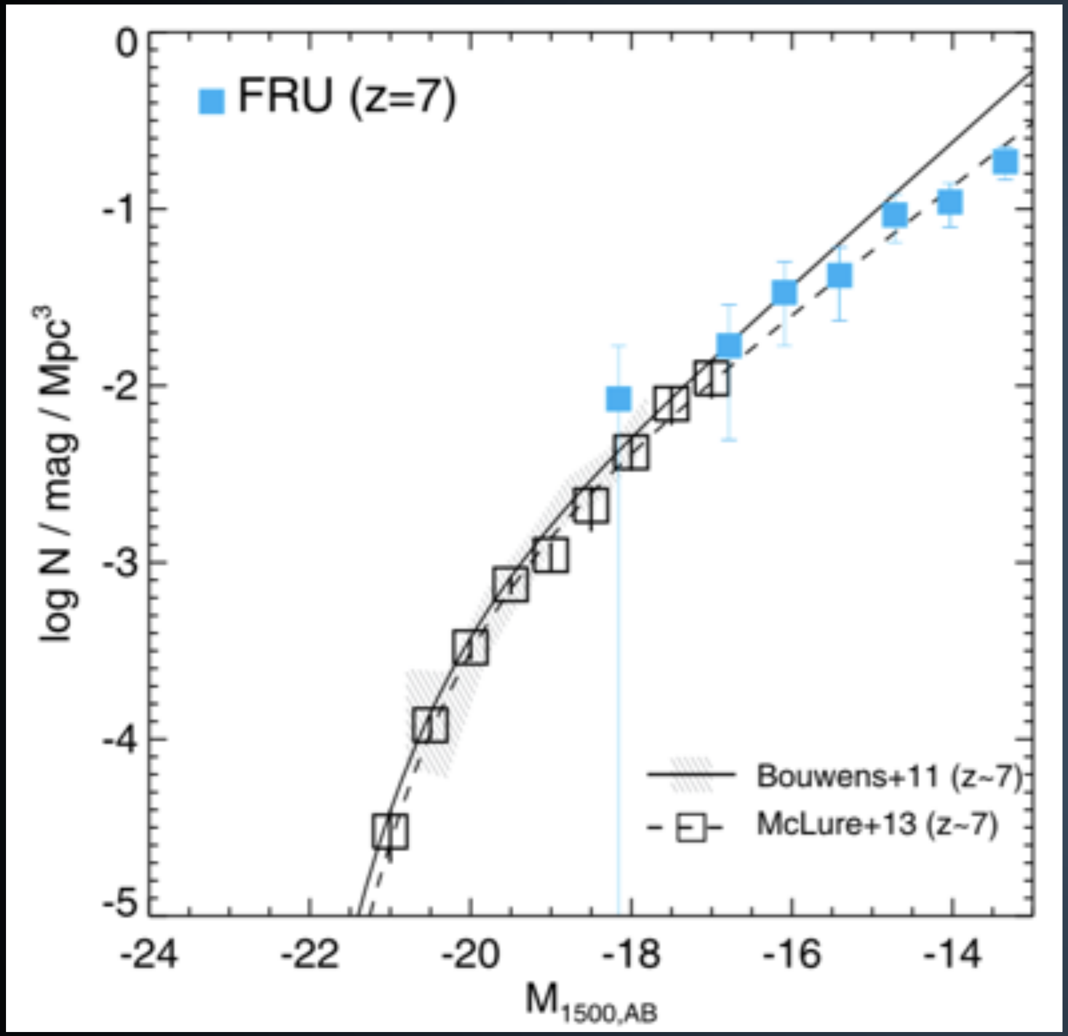




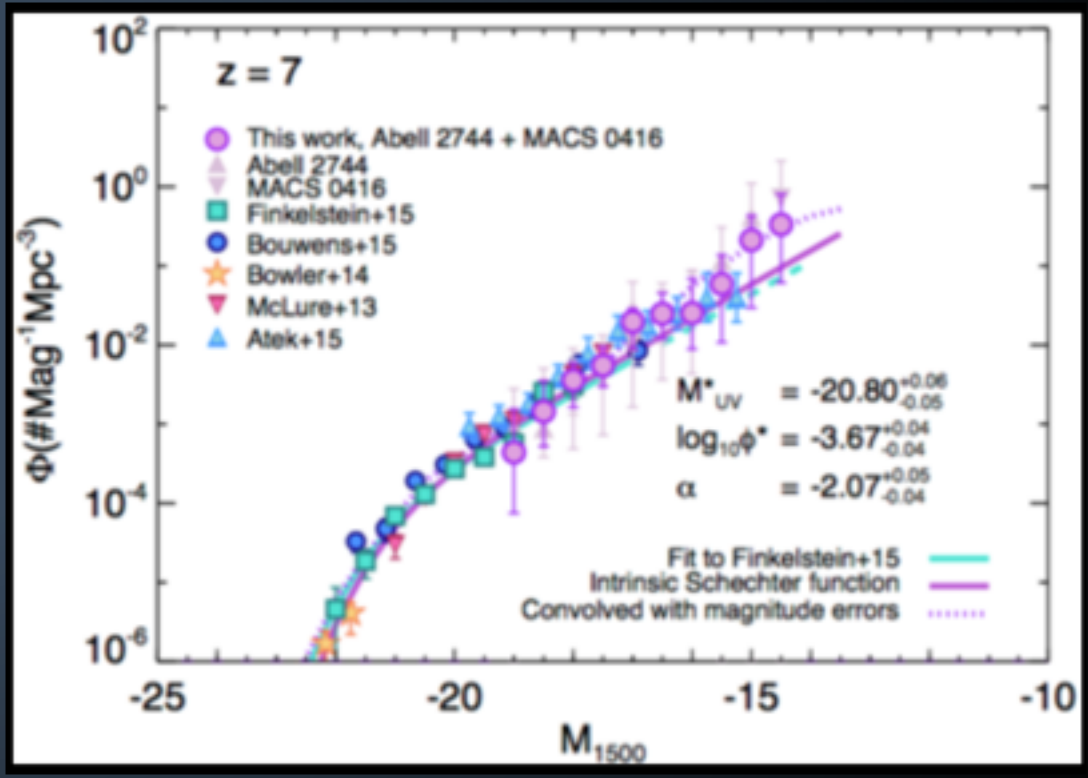
The low fesc case would require significant contributions from other sources

Faint-end UVLF during Reionisation

Kimm & Cen (2014)



Livermore, Finkelstein, Lots (16)



Future comparison with JWST, GMT will be useful
to constrain the dwarf galaxy-driven reionisation picture

Summary

- The escape fraction in mini-haloes is large (20 - 40 %)
- Heating from photoionisation governs the escape of LyC photons in mini-haloes
- Star formation is very inefficient in mini-haloes
(intriguingly similar to z~0 Mstar-Mhalo)
- Mini-haloes are of minor importance for reionisation of the Universe
- Dwarf galaxies residing in Atomic-cooling haloes with $10^8 M_{sun}$- $10^{11} M_{sun}$ are still the leading candidate