Modeling Reionization Sources in the JWST Era



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The Flood Is Coming

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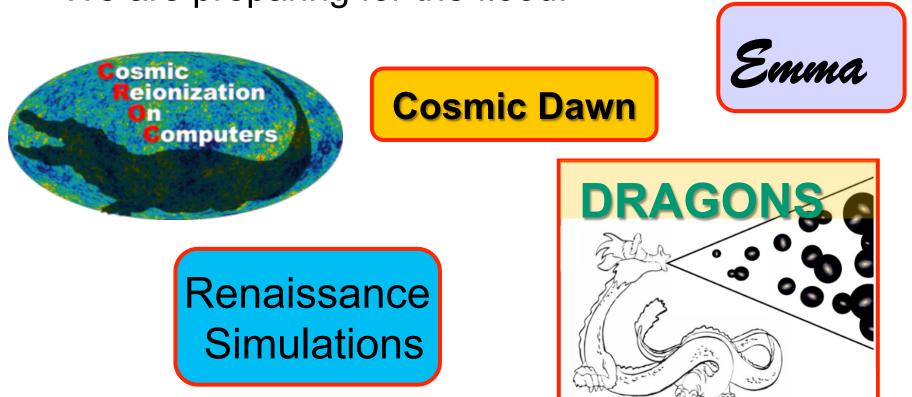
The priority science objectives chosen by the survey committee for the decade 2012-2021 are searching for the first stars, galaxies, and black holes;

- ALMA: 2014+
- JWST: 2018
- HERA: 2015-2020
- NGOT: 2021-2025 (GMT, TMT, E-ELT)



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- It is clear that forthcoming observations will make all existing theoretical models obsolete.
- We are preparing for the flood:

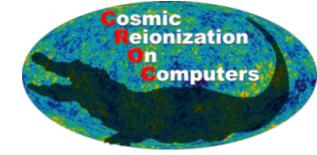


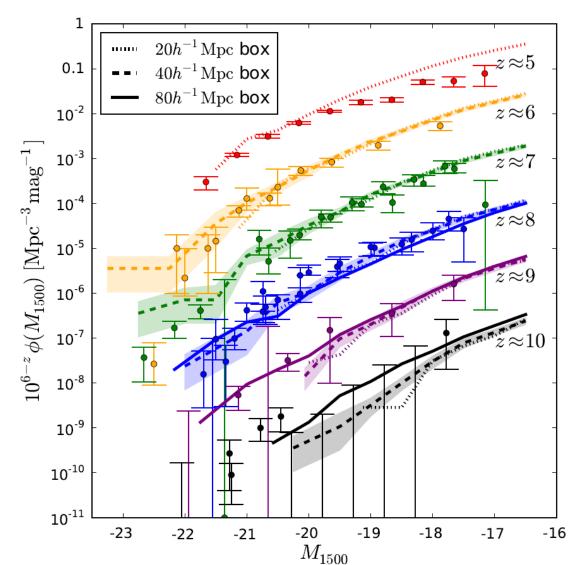
Covering The Gap

With modern computing power we can run (100 Mpc)³ volume simulations with 100 pc resolution and full physics.

	2000-2010		2015
	Small box	Large box	
physics	full	incomplete	full (SFF+RT)
spatial resolution	high	low	high (100 pc)
mass resolution	high	high	high (10 $^6~M_{\odot}$)
dynamic range	low	high	high (>10 ⁵)
volume	small	large	large (100 Mpc)

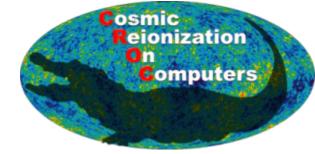
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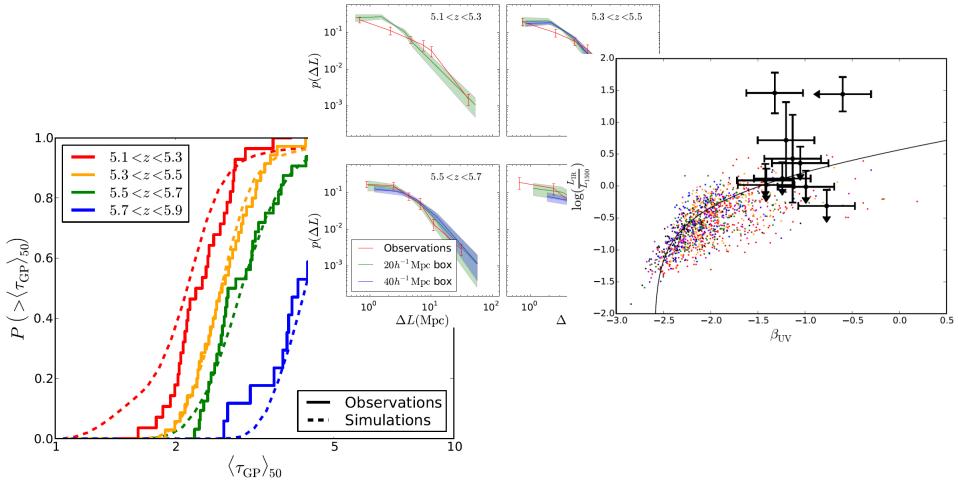


Galaxies in right halos
all the time!

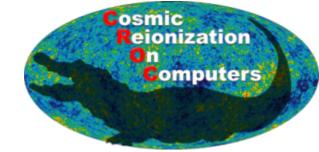
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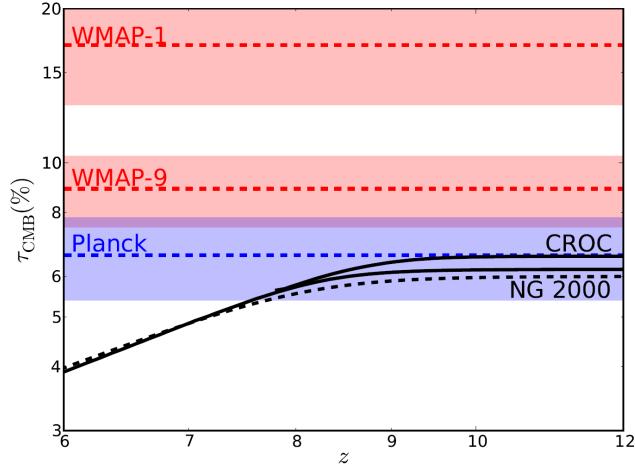
Many other observations are reproduced too...



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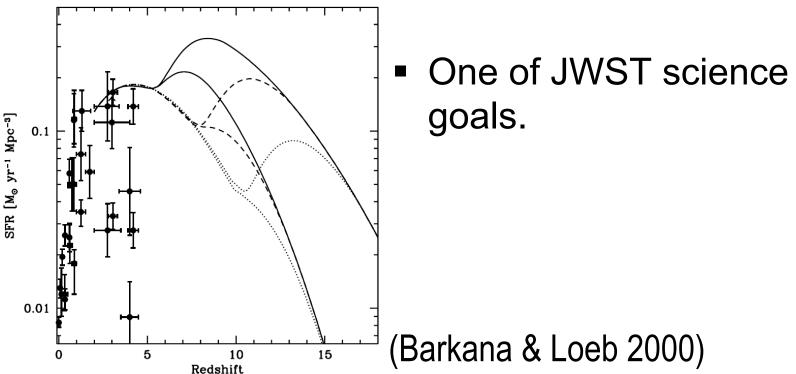


 Finally, CMB observations succeeded in matching theoretical predictions.

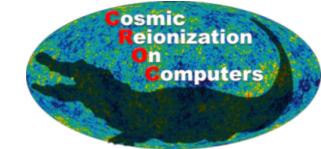


Lesson 1: Backreaction of Reionization on Galaxies

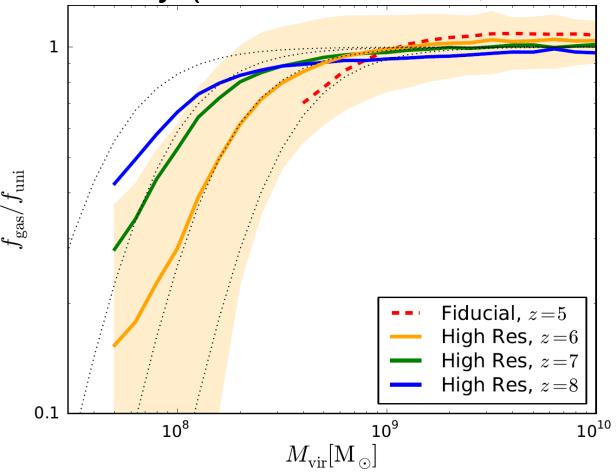
- Reionization suppresses gas accretion on low mass halos ("photoevaporation").
- Reionization may affect global star formation rate ("Barkana & Loeb effect").



Backreaction: Gas Fractions

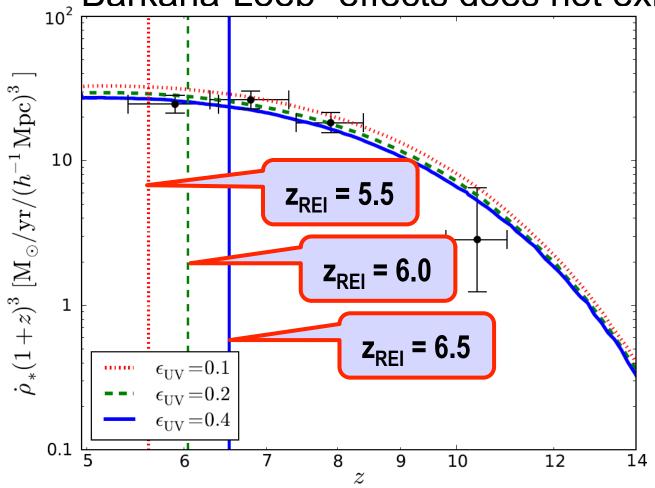


 Match Okamoto et al (2008) results exactly (after reionization, of course).



Backreaction: Barkana-Loeb Effect

 There is no feature at reionization: "Barkana-Loeb" effects does not exist.





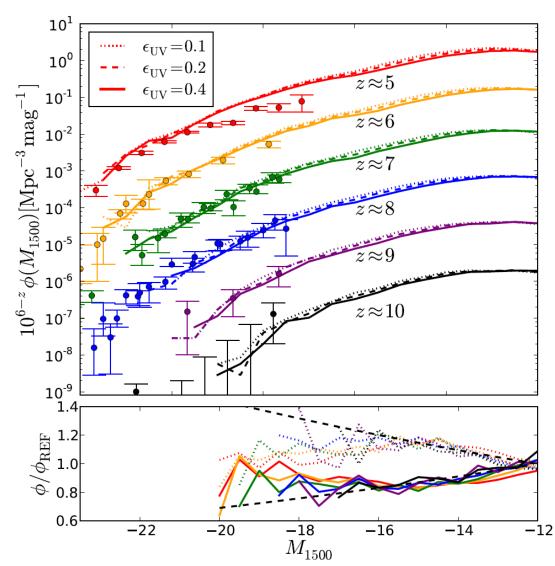
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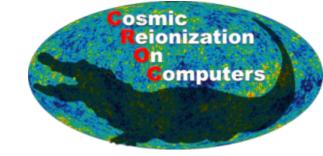
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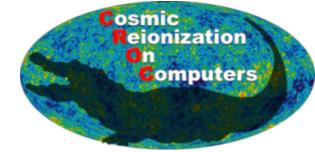
Backreaction: Faint-End Slope



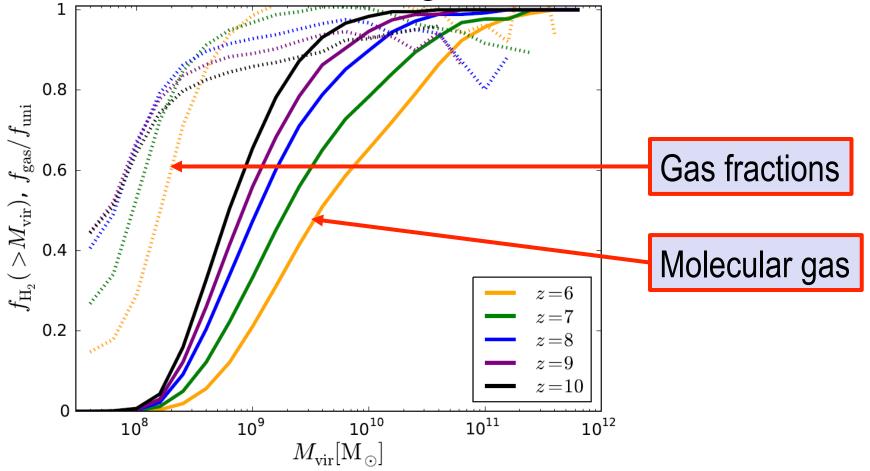


The faint-end slope of UV luminosity function varies by for 0.1 $\Delta z = 1$

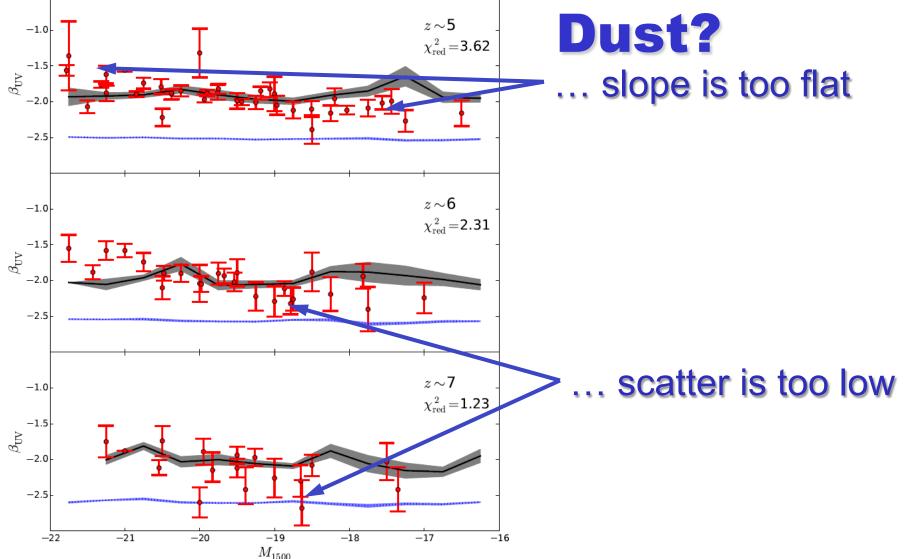
Backreaction: Why?



 Galaxies affected by photoionization contain no molecular gas.



Lesson 2: Are We Seeing The Birth of



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Computers



- Supercomputing power has passed the "petascale" mark. That power is just right for modeling cosmic reionization numerically.
- The first *realistic* simulations of reionization are currently being developed by several groups (CROC, DRAGONS, CosmicDawn, etc).
- We already learned new things (there is no backreaction, dust is a living beast, why blue galaxies are bright in FIR, ...).
- By the time JWST floods us with data, theorists' Ark will be ready.