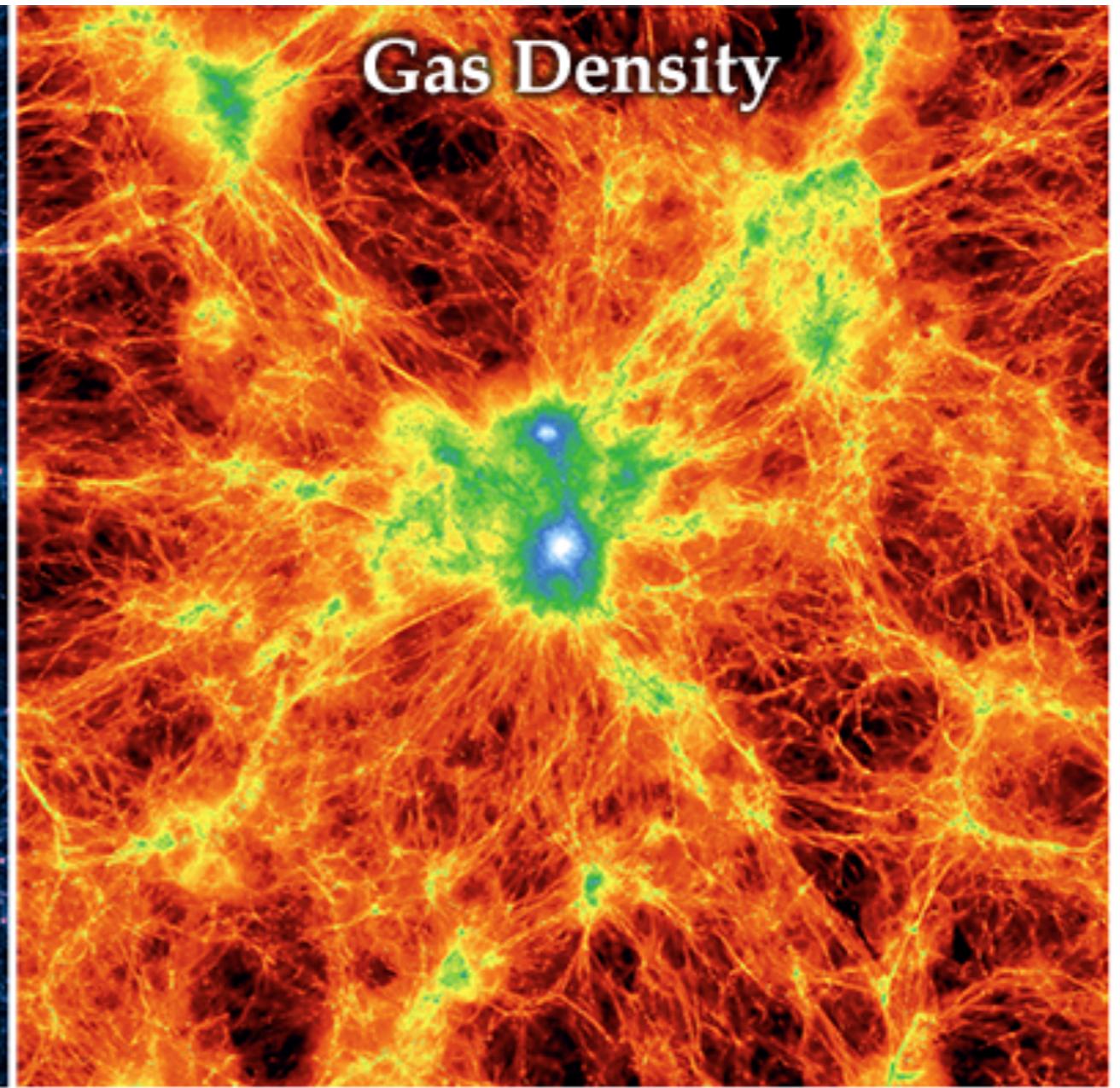
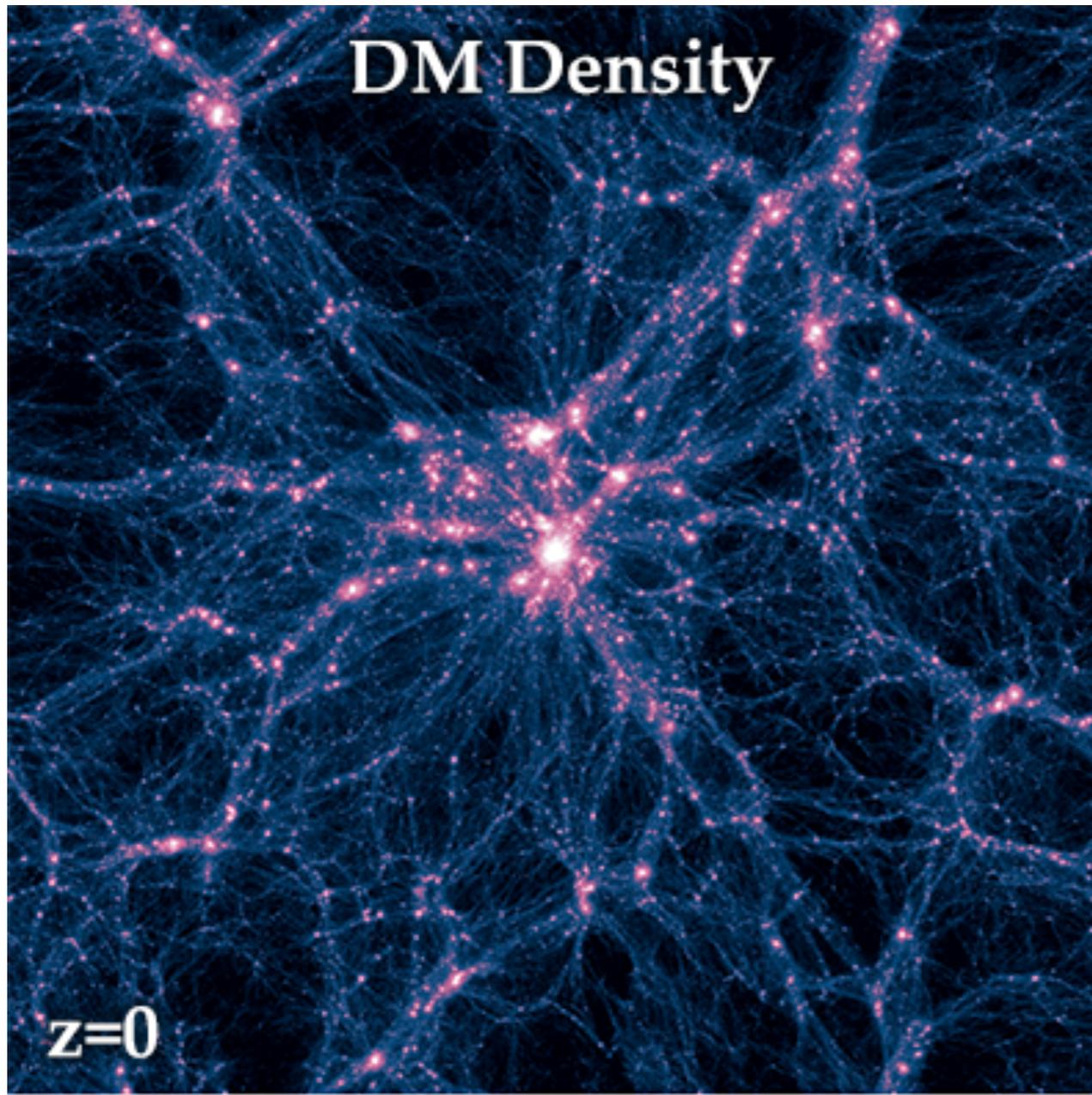
A visualization of the cosmic web, showing a complex network of blue filaments and nodes against a dark background. The filaments represent the large-scale structure of the universe, with nodes indicating regions of high density.

**SEARCHING FOR
THE FUNDAMENTAL NATURE OF DARK MATTER
IN THE COSMIC LARGE-SCALE STRUCTURE**

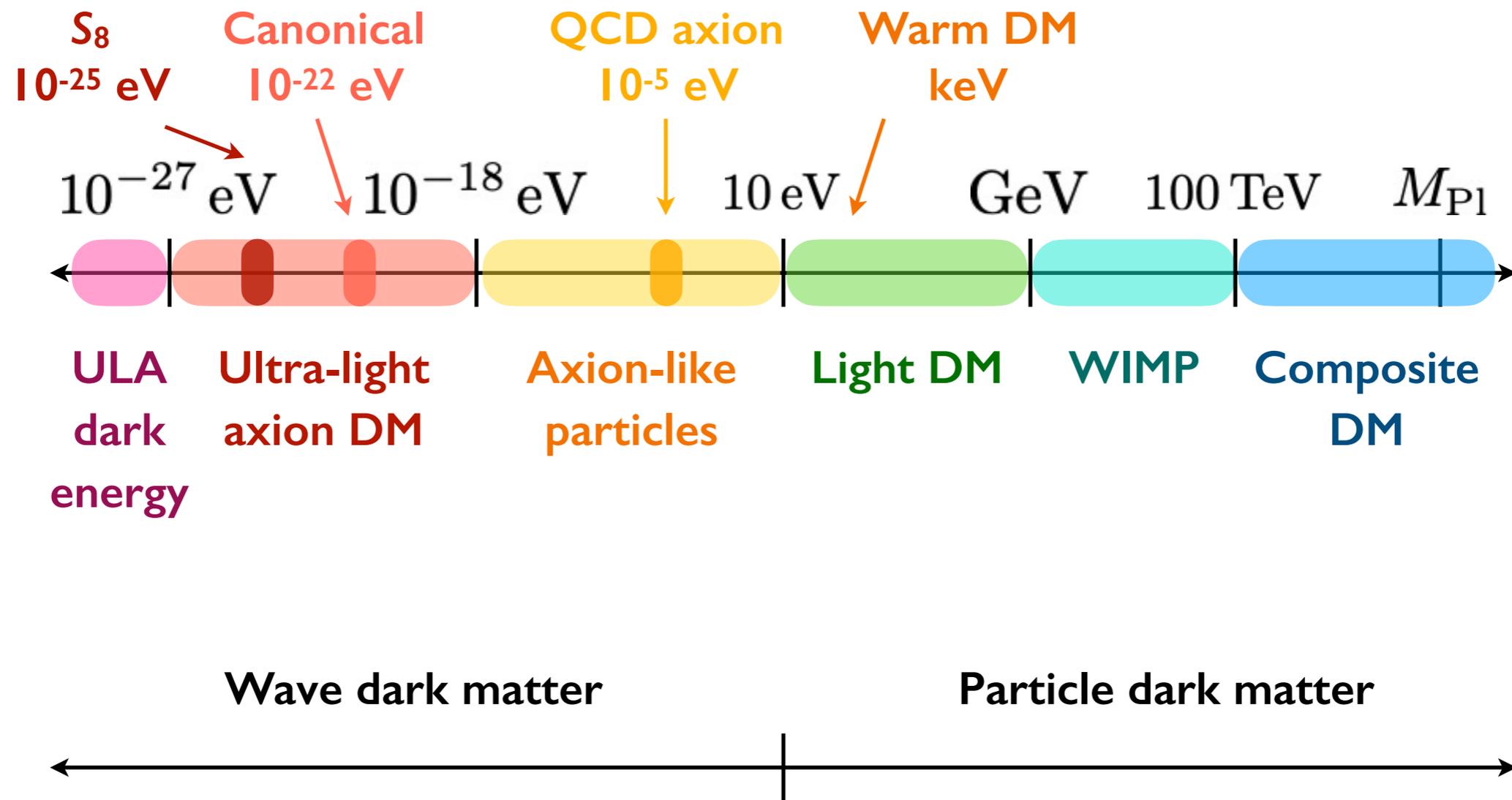
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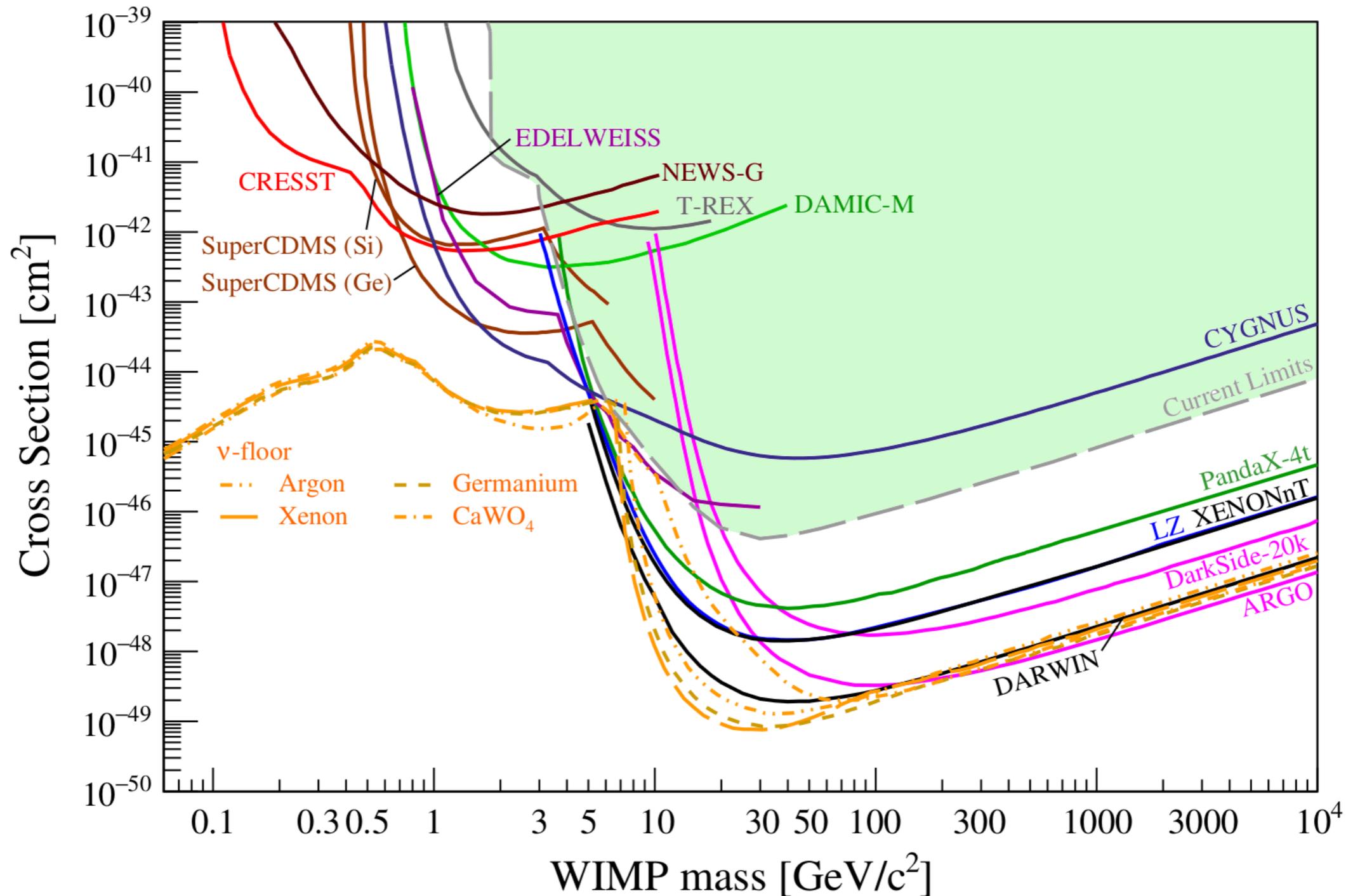
Find dark matter by only known interaction — gravity
— trace dark matter by galaxies & intergalactic gas



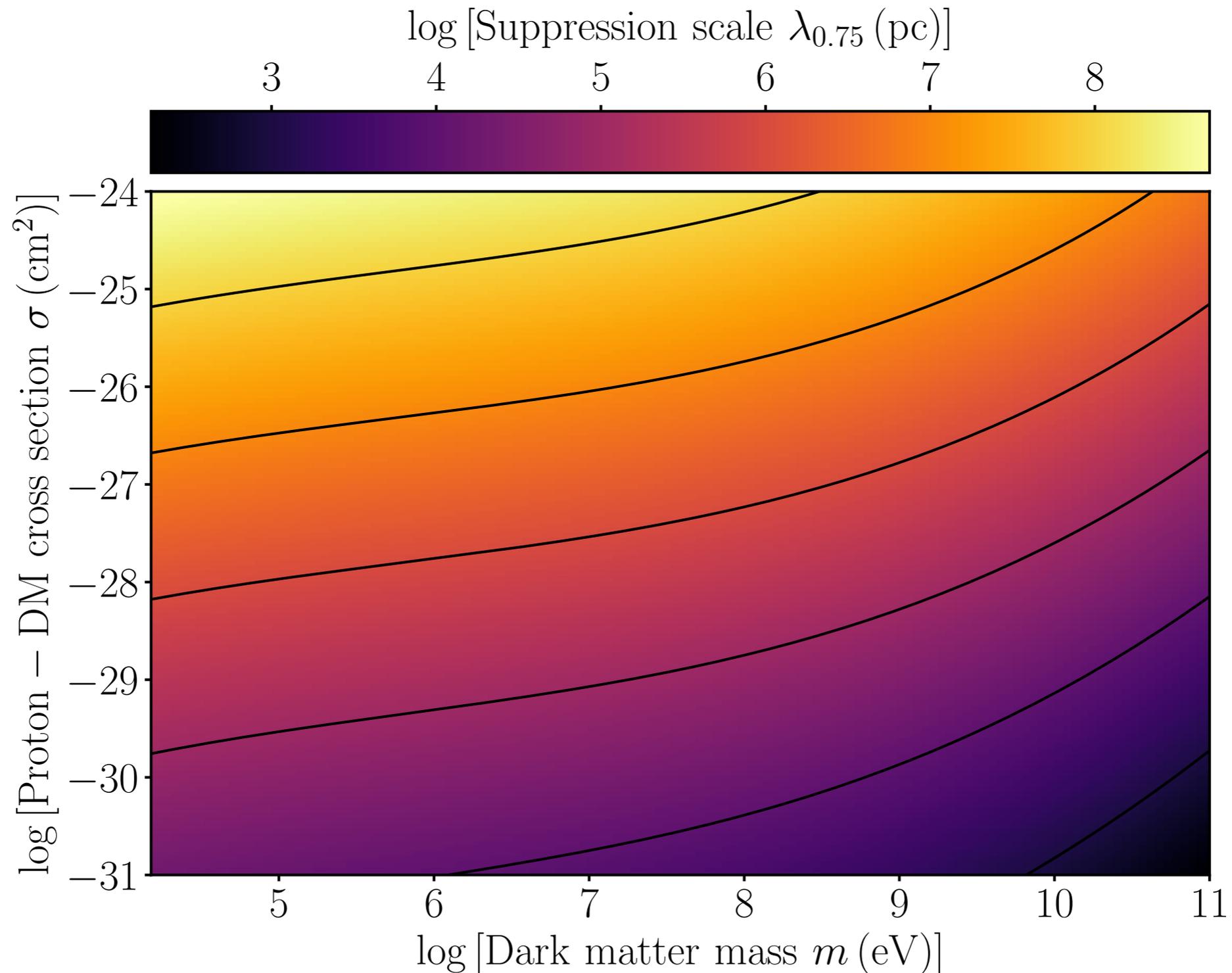
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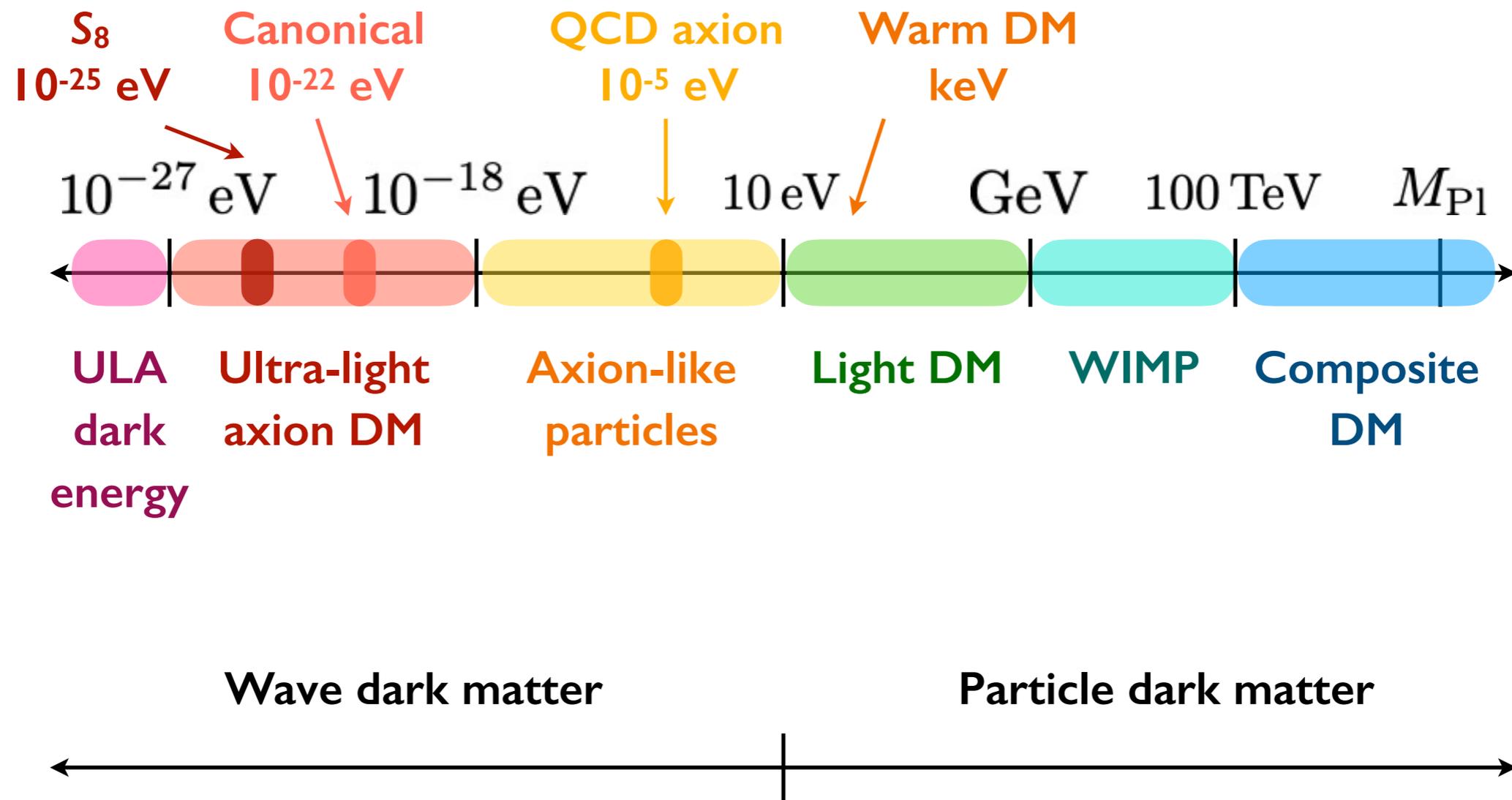
The technological frontier in dark matter direct detection is sub-GeV



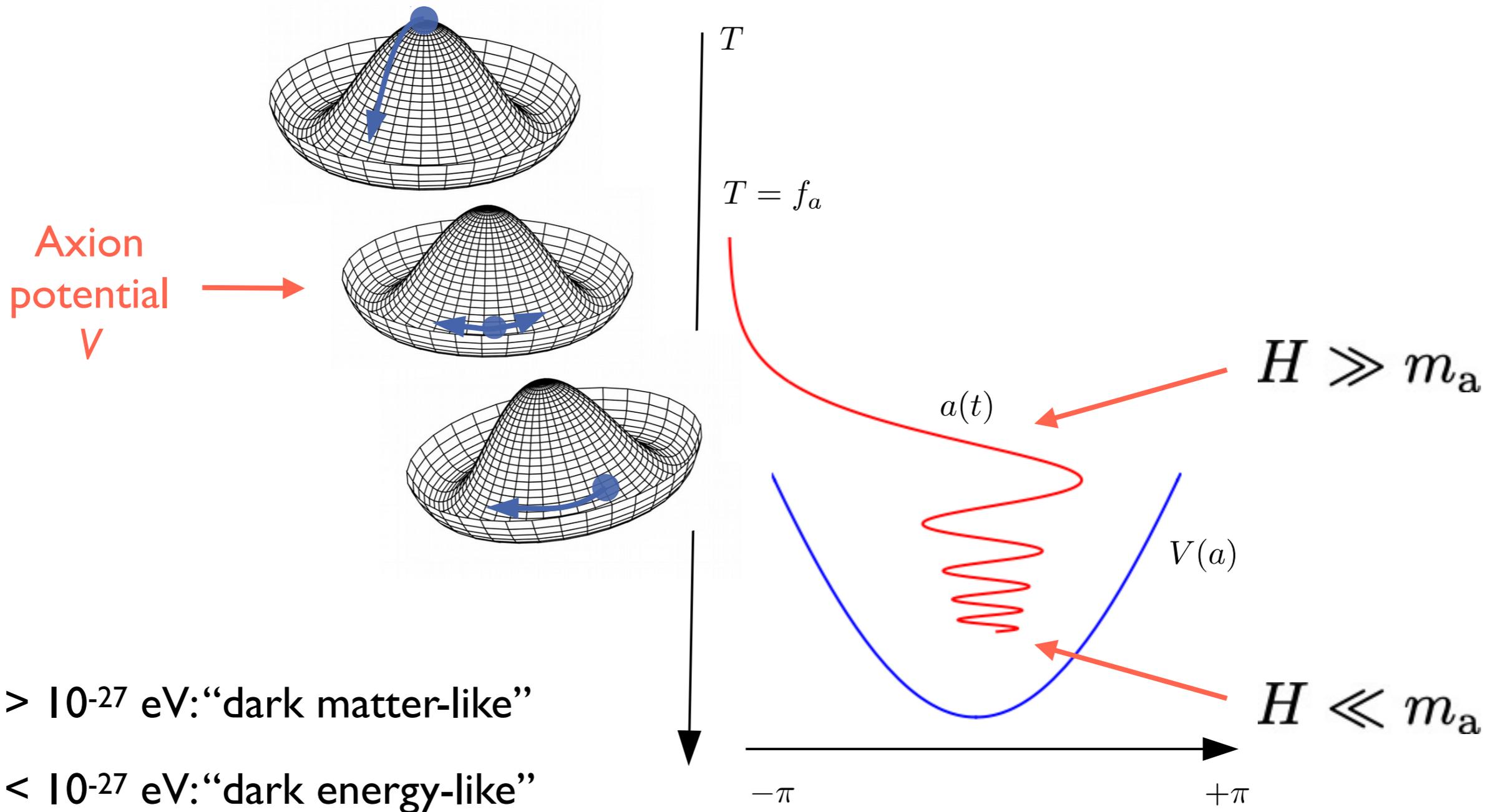
Light (sub-GeV) particle dark matter collisionally dampens growth of small-scale structure



Beyond the WIMP: dark matter model space

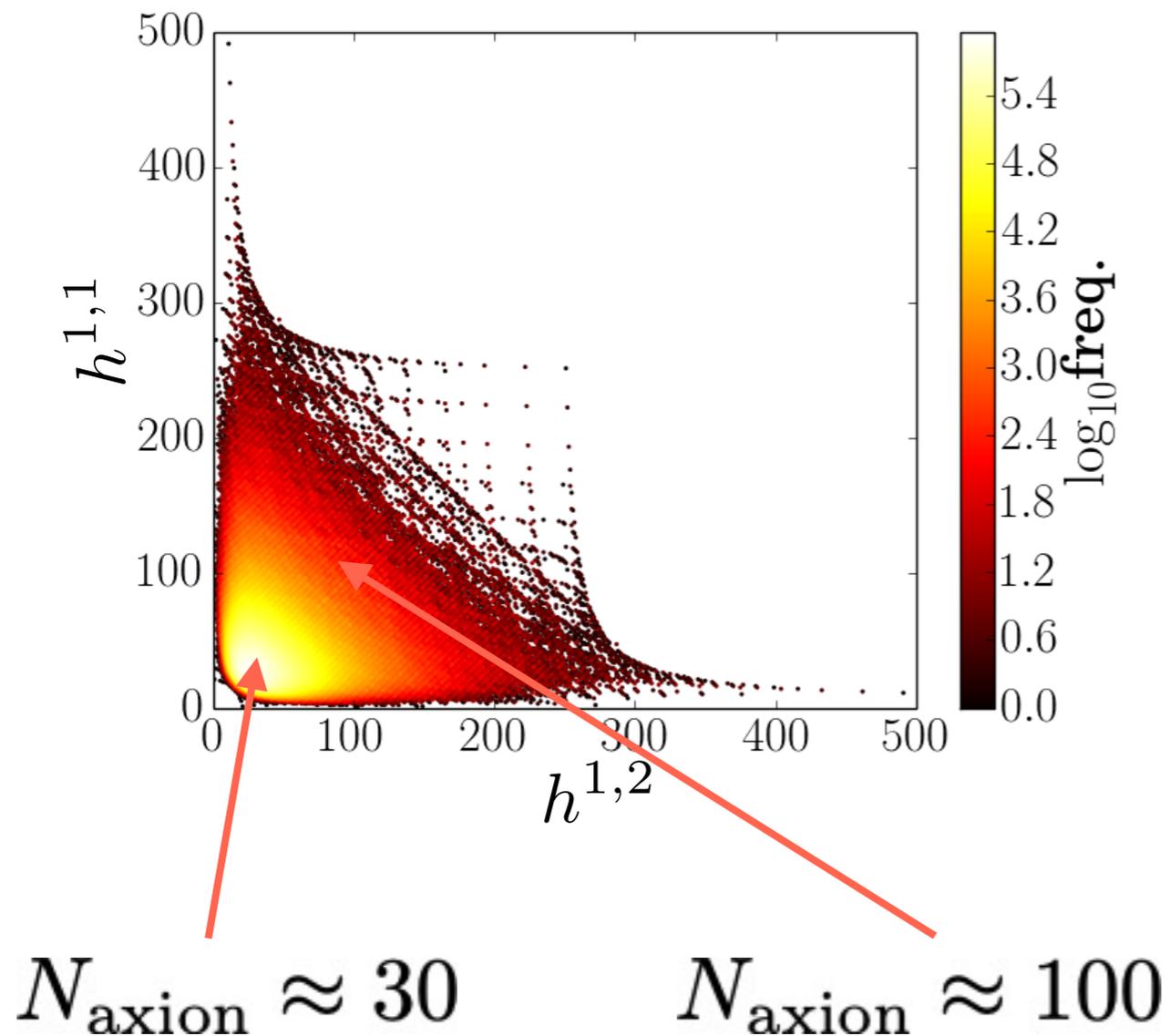


Axions are dark energy and dark matter candidates



- $m_a > 10^{-27}$ eV: “dark matter-like”
- $m_a < 10^{-27}$ eV: “dark energy-like”
- $m_a = 10^{-33}$ eV: cosmological constant

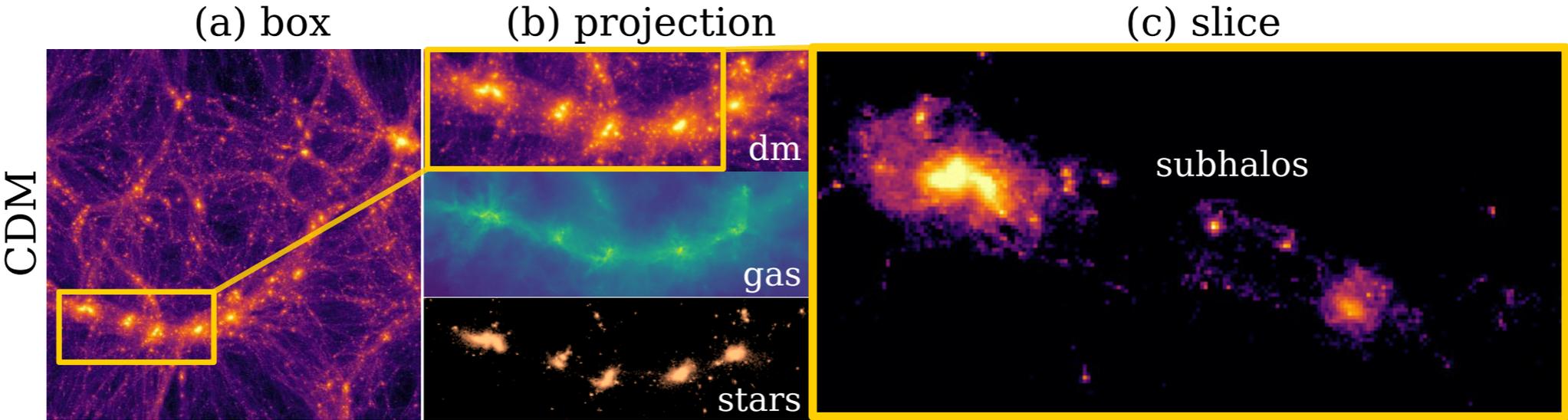
Axion-like particles abundantly produced in high-energy theory



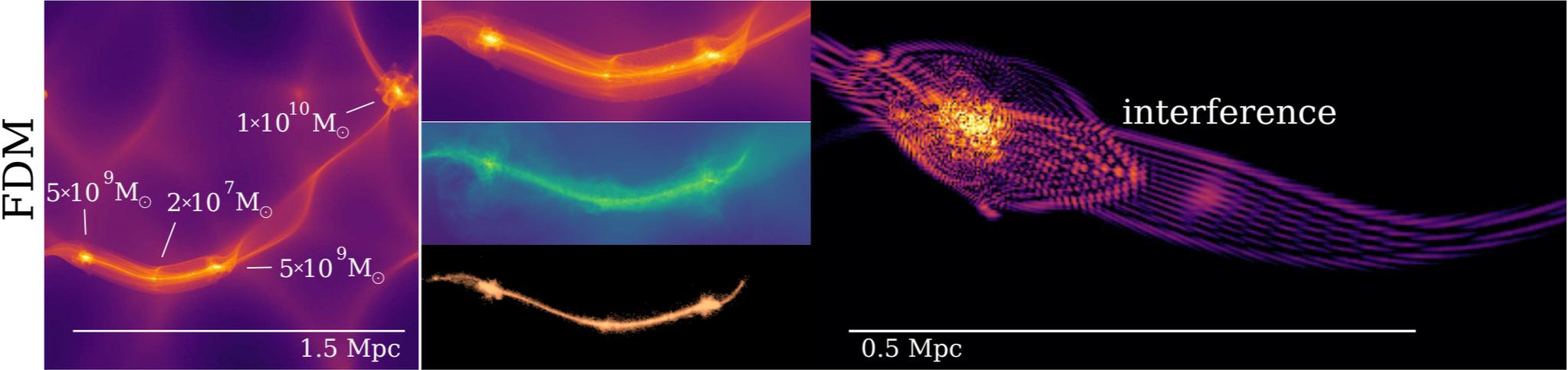
- Axion-like particles widely formed in BSM theories, inc. string models
- Axiverse of different mass axions from spacetime compactification
- One/more **string axions can be DM**

Wave vs particle dark matter

Cold
(massive
particle)
DM



Fuzzy
(wave)
DM
($m < 10^{-18}$ eV)



Ultra-light axions are invoked to resolve so-called cold dark matter “small-scale crisis”

Cusp-core problem?

Missing satellites problem?

Too-big-to-fail problem?

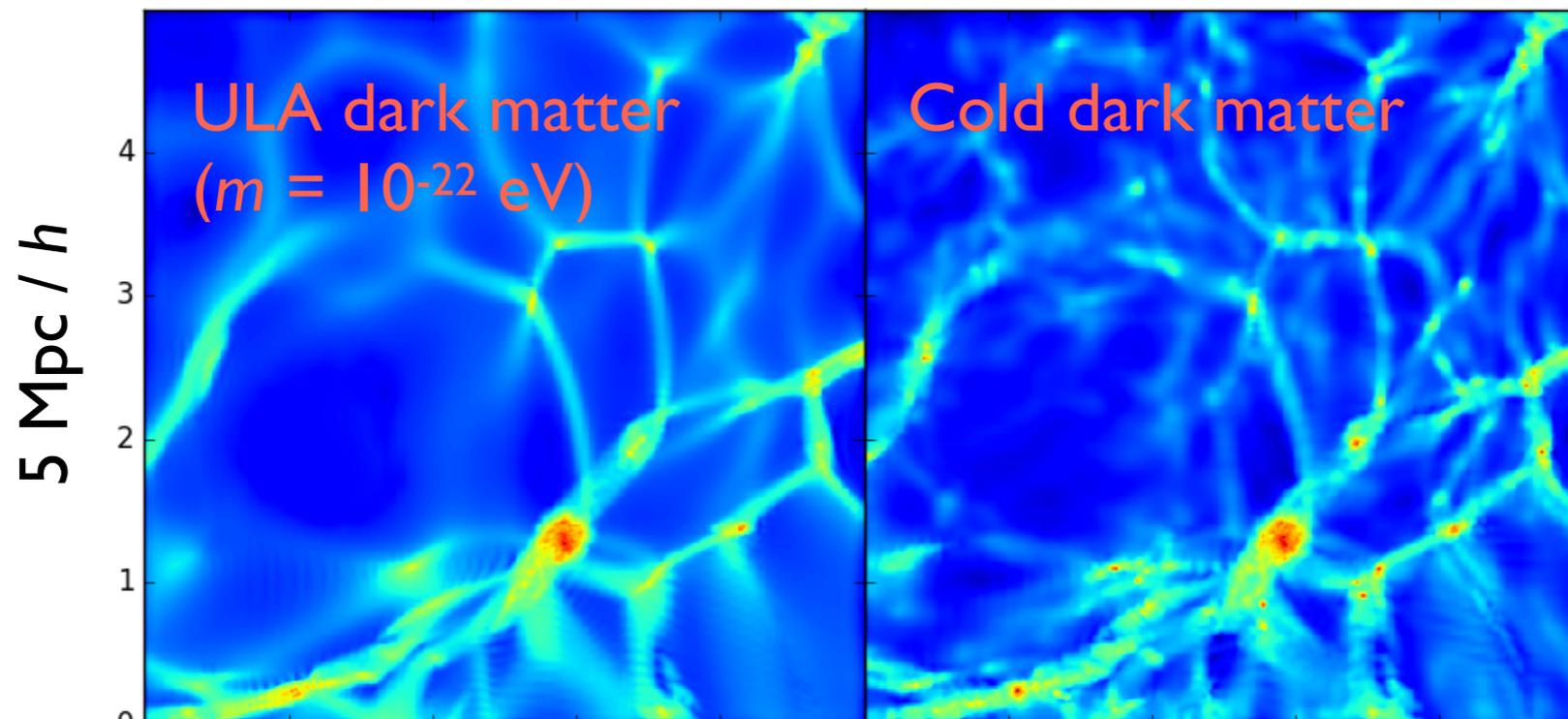
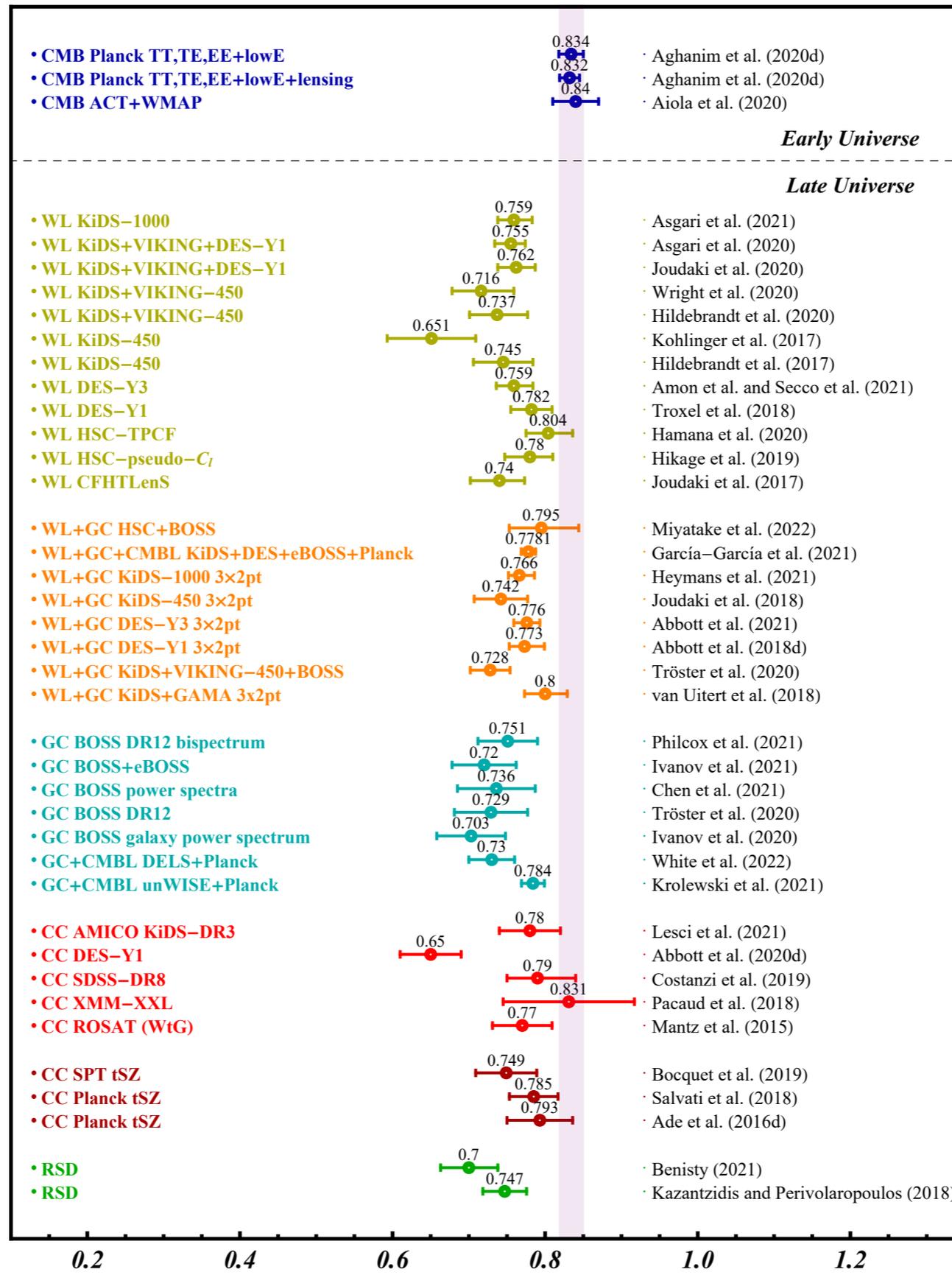


Figure credit: Armengaud et al. (2017); Hu et al. (2000)

Larger scales

Smaller scales

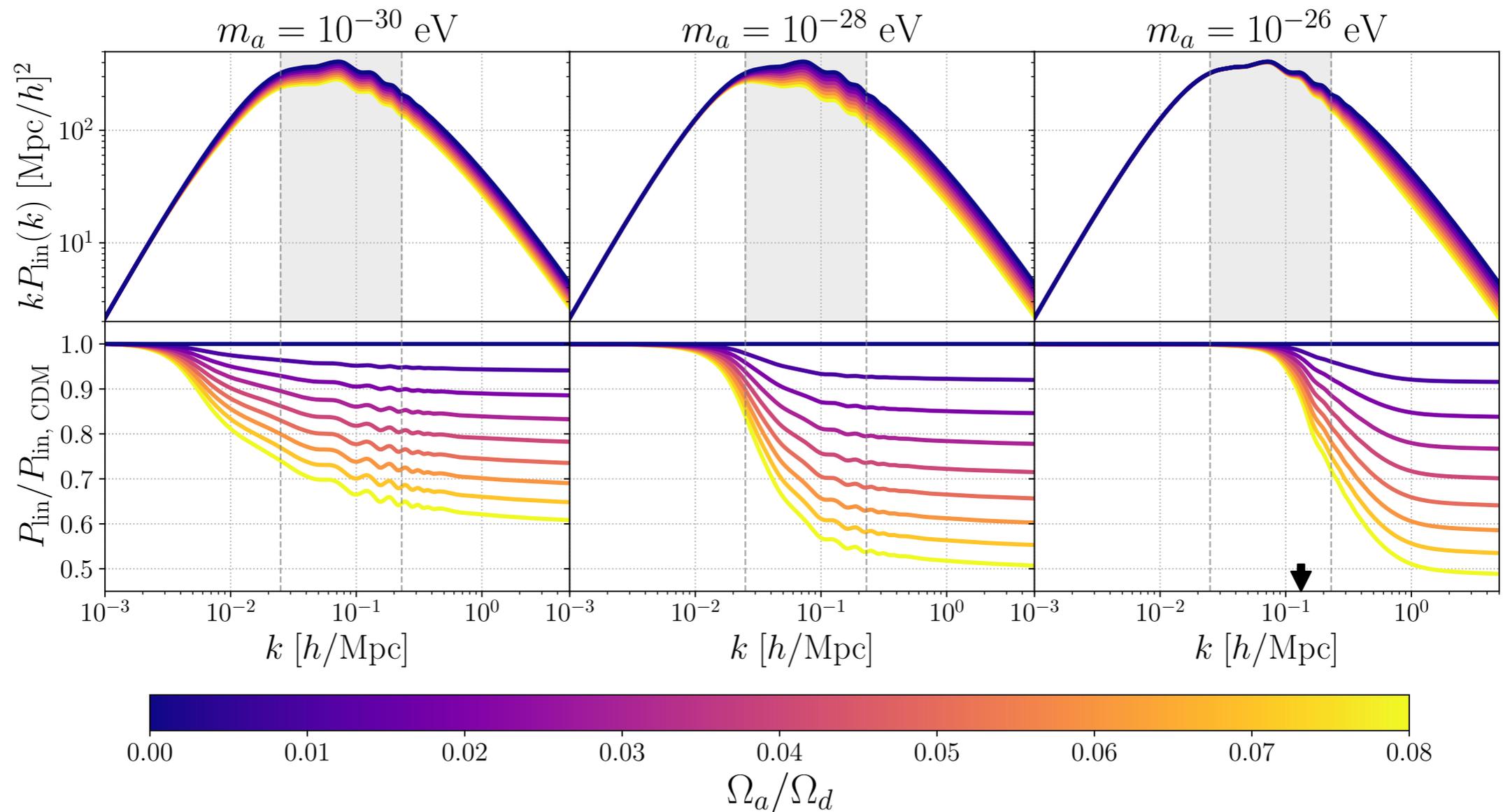


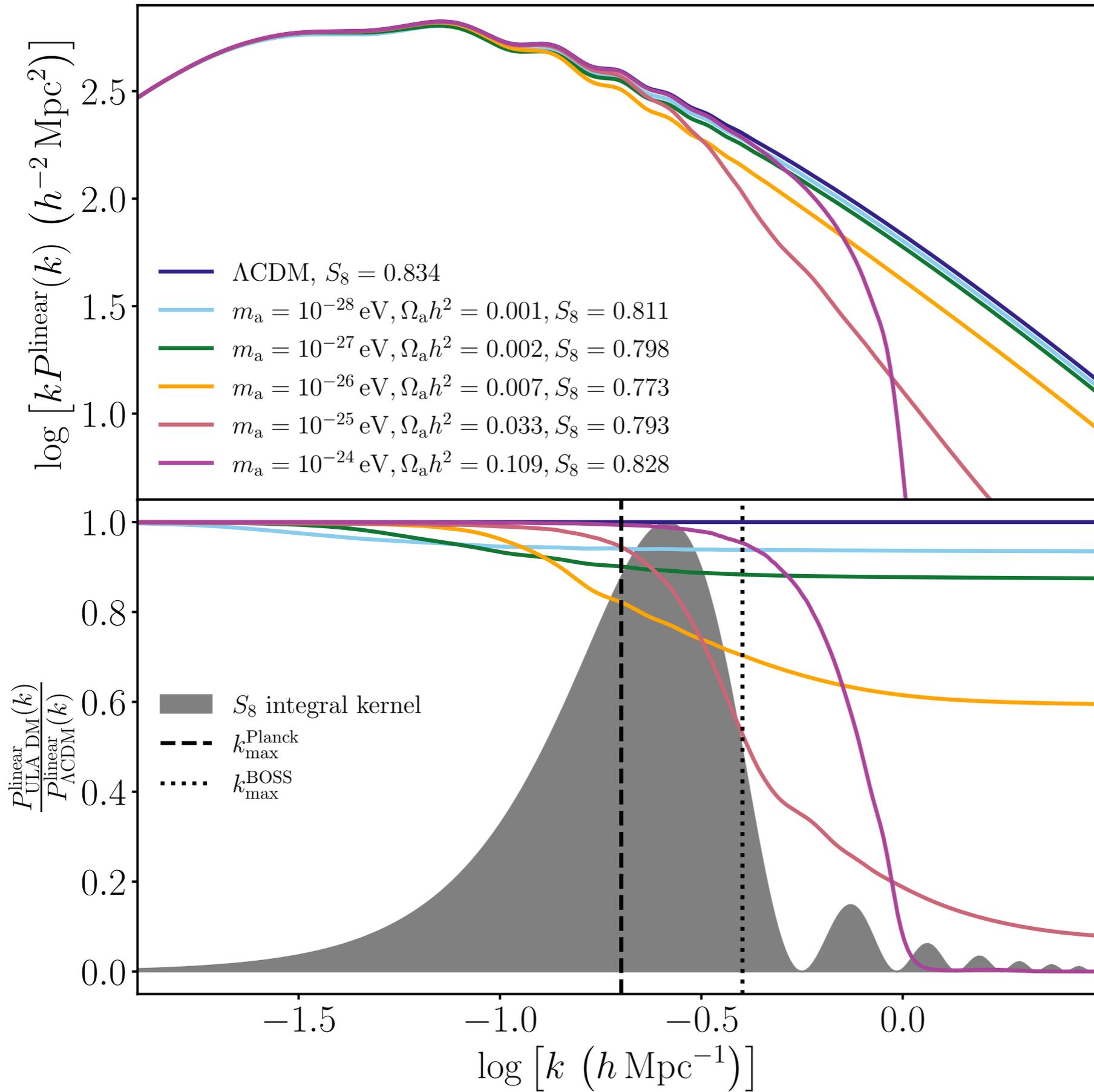
S_8 tension

$S_8 \sim$ amplitude of density fluctuations at 8 Mpc/h

Ultra-light axion dark matter causes scale-dependent suppression in matter clustering

$$\lambda_{\text{Jeans}} = 9.4 (1+z)^{\frac{1}{4}} \left(\frac{\Omega_a h^2}{0.12} \right)^{-\frac{1}{4}} \left(\frac{m}{10^{-26} \text{ eV}} \right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \text{ Mpc}$$





Axions lower S_8



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AXIONEMU: NEURAL NETWORK EMULATOR OF AXION POWER SPECTRA

with Anran Xu

<https://github.com/keirkwame/axionEmu>

$\ln [10^{10} A_s]$

n_s

h

τ

ω_b

ω_{CDM}

+

ω_{axion}

m_{axion}

+

ϕ_{axion}

CAMB ~ 1 second
chains ~ hours

axionCAMB ~ 10 seconds
chains ~ days

extreme-axionCAMB ~ 60 seconds
chains ~ weeks

C_ℓ^{TT}

C_ℓ^{TE}

C_ℓ^{EE}

$C_\ell^{\phi\phi}$

$P(k)_{\text{linear}}$



$$\ln [10^{10} A_s]$$

$$n_s$$

$$h$$

$$\tau$$

$$\omega_b$$

$$\omega_{\text{CDM}}$$

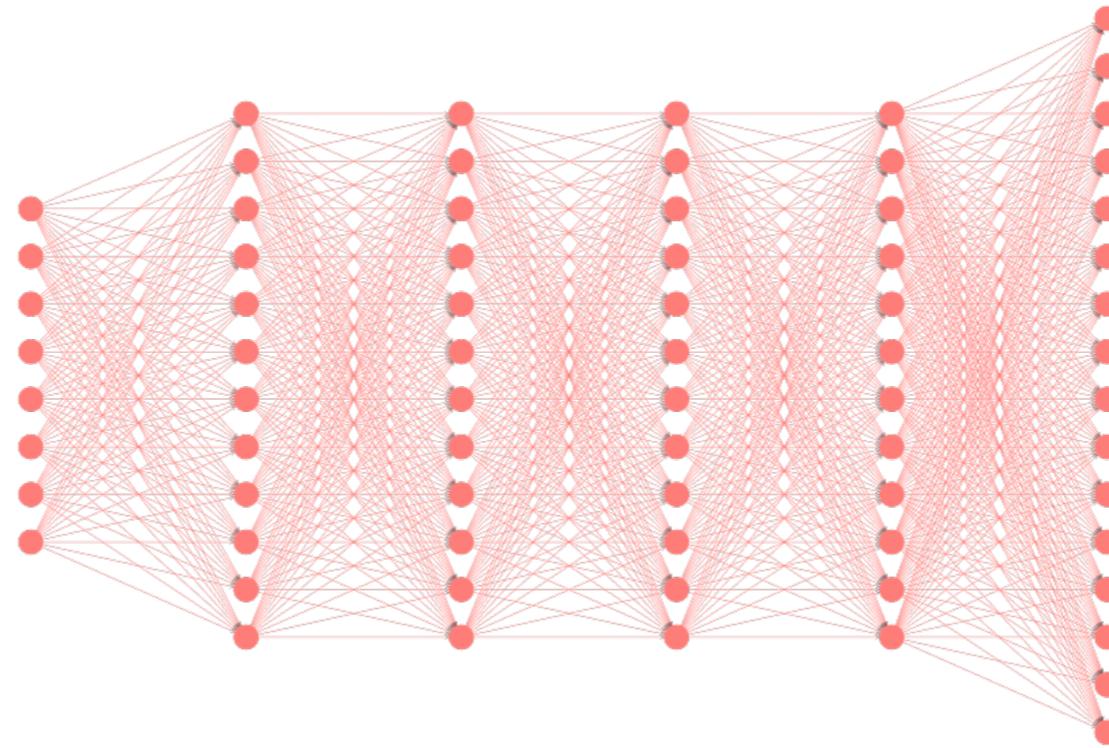
+

$$\omega_{\text{axion}}$$

$$m_{\text{axion}}$$

+

$$\phi_{\text{axion}}$$



axionEmu neural networks
 $\sim 10^{-4}$ seconds

$$C_\ell^{TT}$$

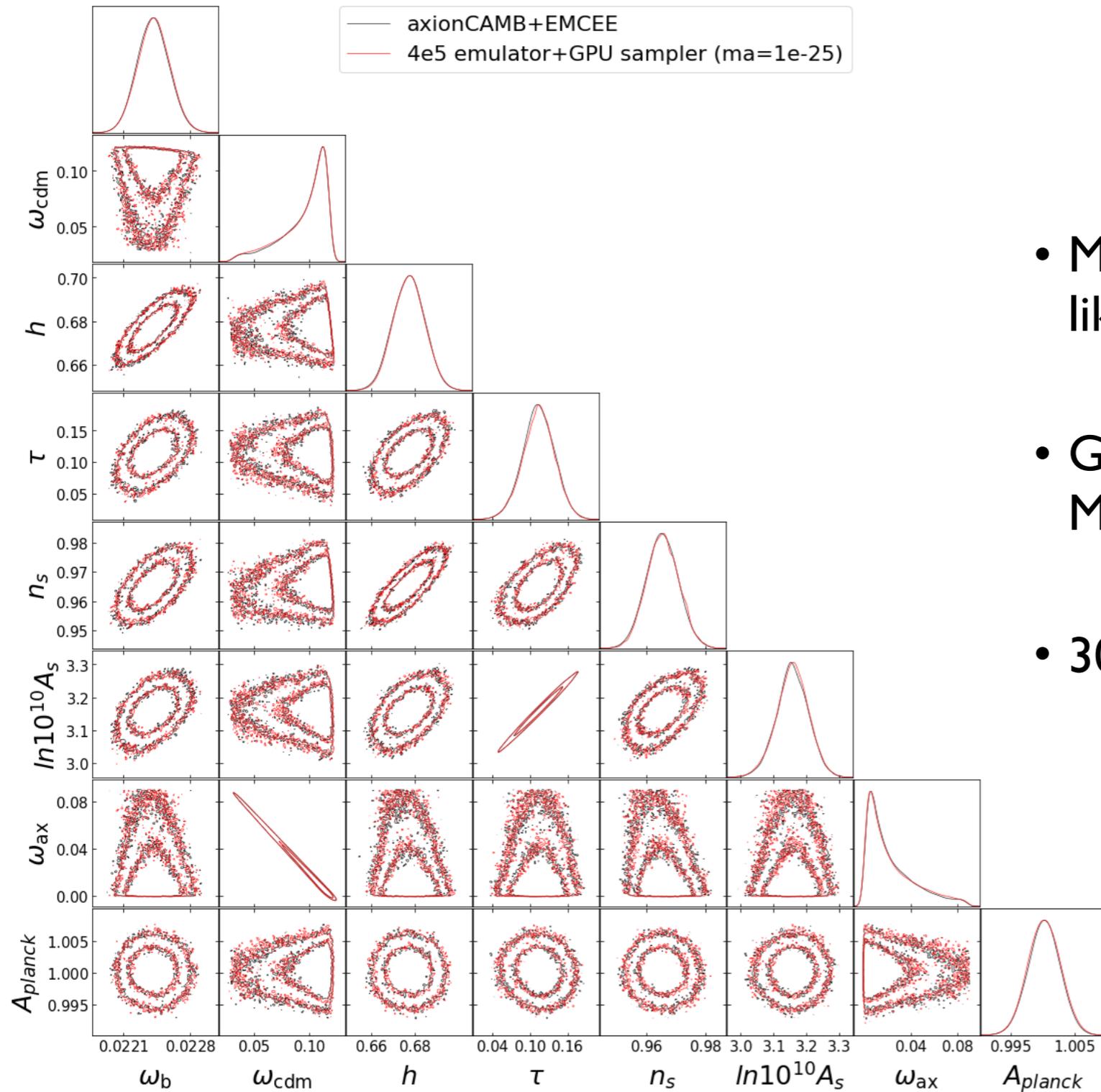
$$C_\ell^{TE}$$

$$C_\ell^{EE}$$

$$C_\ell^{\phi\phi}$$

$$P(k)_{\text{linear}}$$

Neural net emulators will accelerate next-generation data analyses in GPU-heavy computing landscape



- Modified TensorFlow *Planck* CMB likelihood code
- GPU-accelerated Markov chain Monte Carlo sampling
- 30 hours \rightarrow 10 seconds



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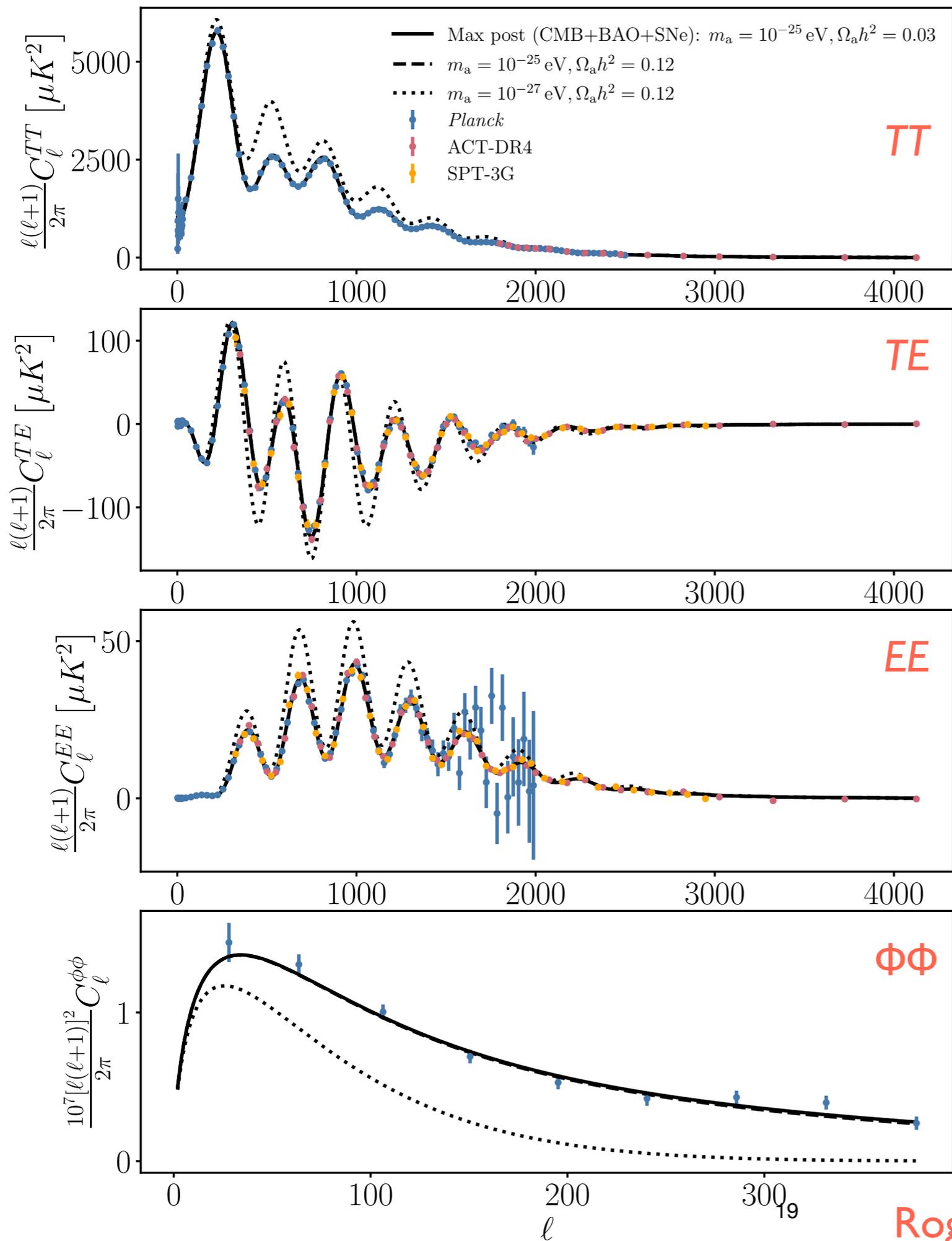
JOINT CONSTRAINTS ON ULTRA-LIGHT AXIONS FROM CMB & GALAXY SURVEYS

arXiv: 2301.08361

JCAP, 01, 049, 2022

MNRAS, 515, 5646, 2022

with Hložek, Laguë, Ivanov, Philcox, Cabass, Akitsu, Marsh, Bond, Dentler, Grin

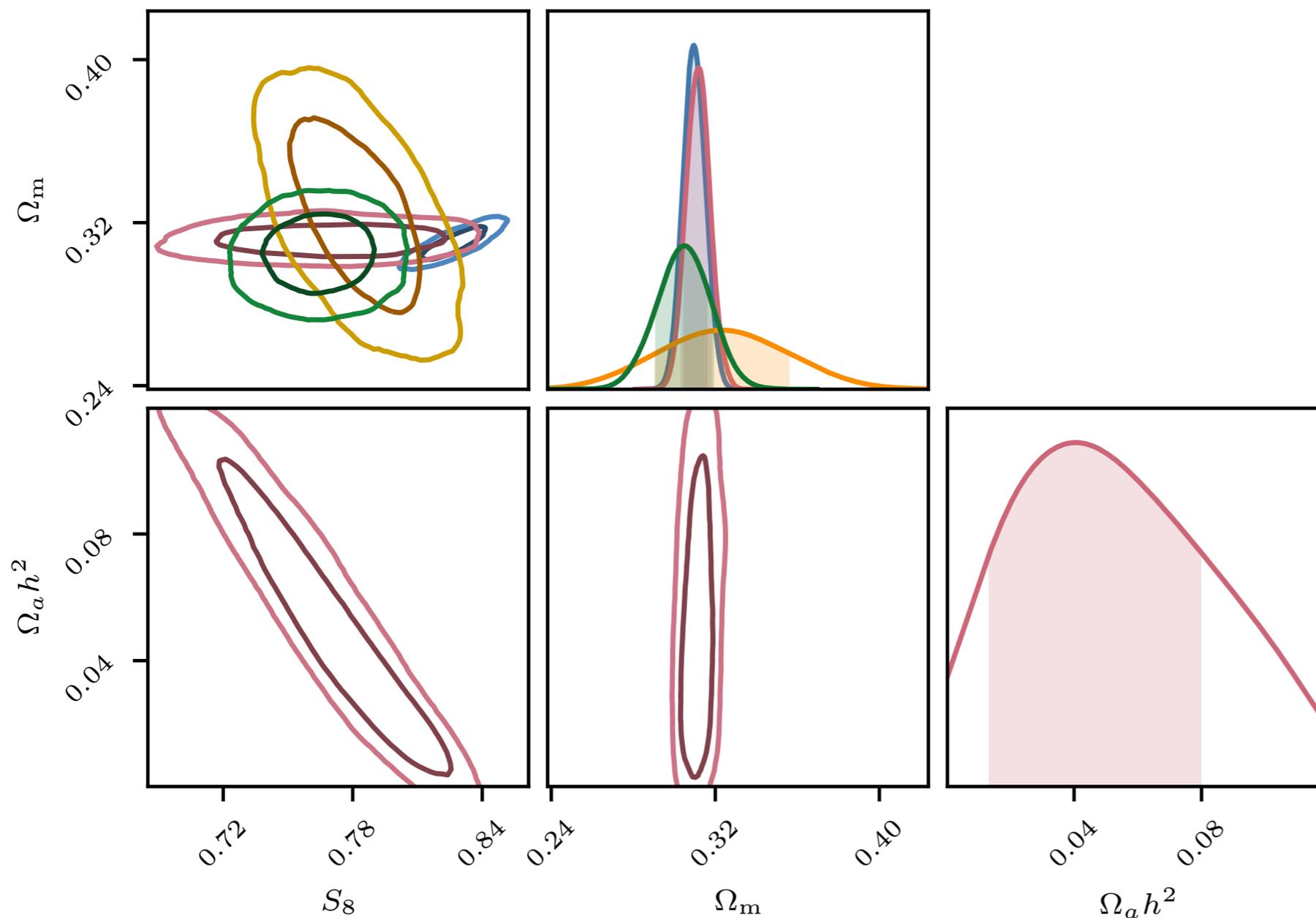


**DE-like axions
 constrained by CMB
 acoustic oscillations &
 lensing potential**

$$m_a \leq 10^{-26} \text{ eV}$$

All CMB + BAO + SNe (Λ CDM)
 All CMB + BAO + SNe ($m_a = 10^{-25}$ eV)
 DES-Y3 3×2 (Λ CDM)
 KiDS 3×2 (Λ CDM)

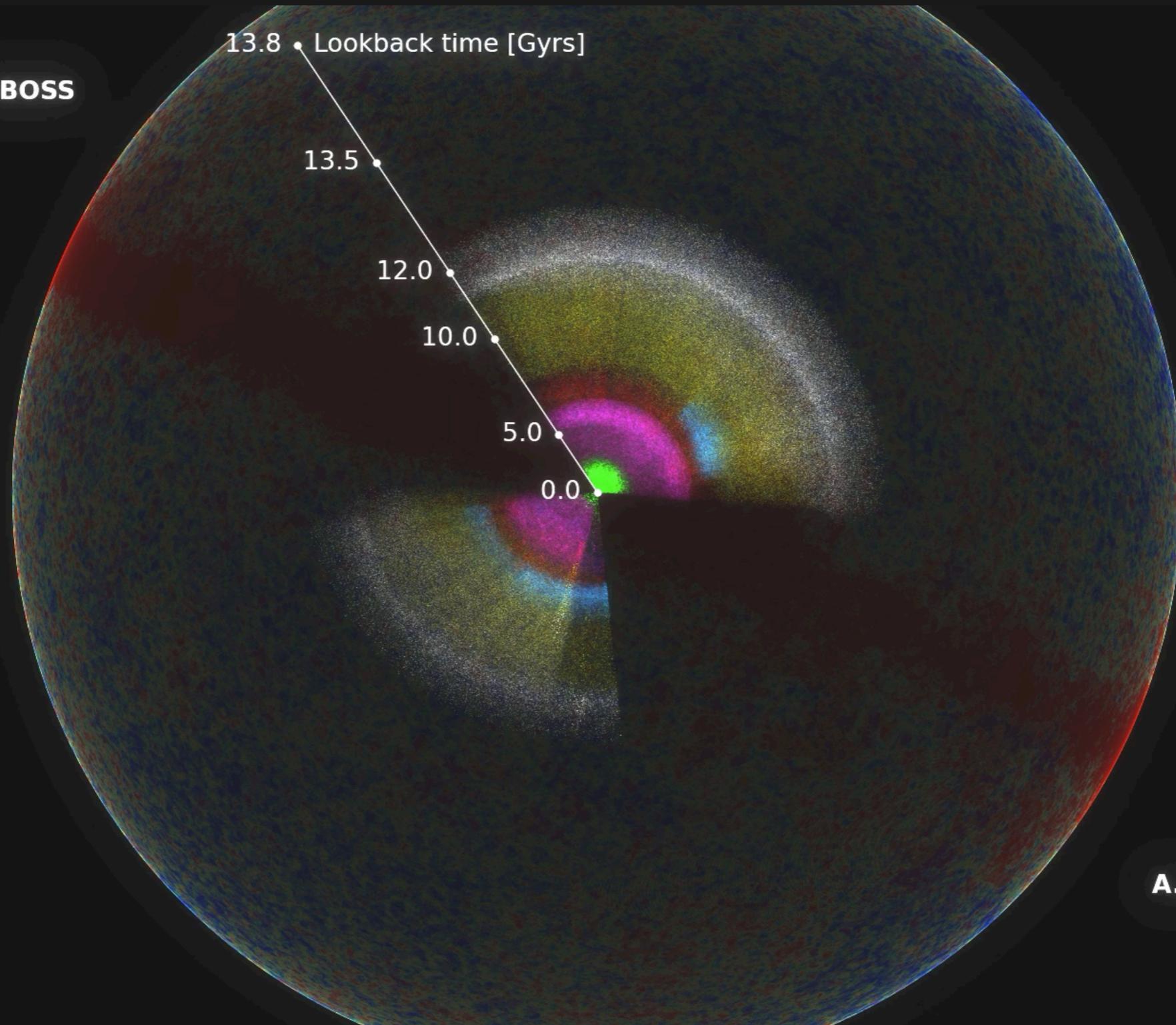
Axions bring CMB, BAO & SNe data compatible with low S_8



$$m = 10^{-25} \text{ eV}$$

Sloan Digital Sky Survey maps galaxies and intergalactic gas towards edge of observable Universe

SDSS I-II + BOSS + eBOSS
(1998-2019)



A. Raichoor (EPFL)

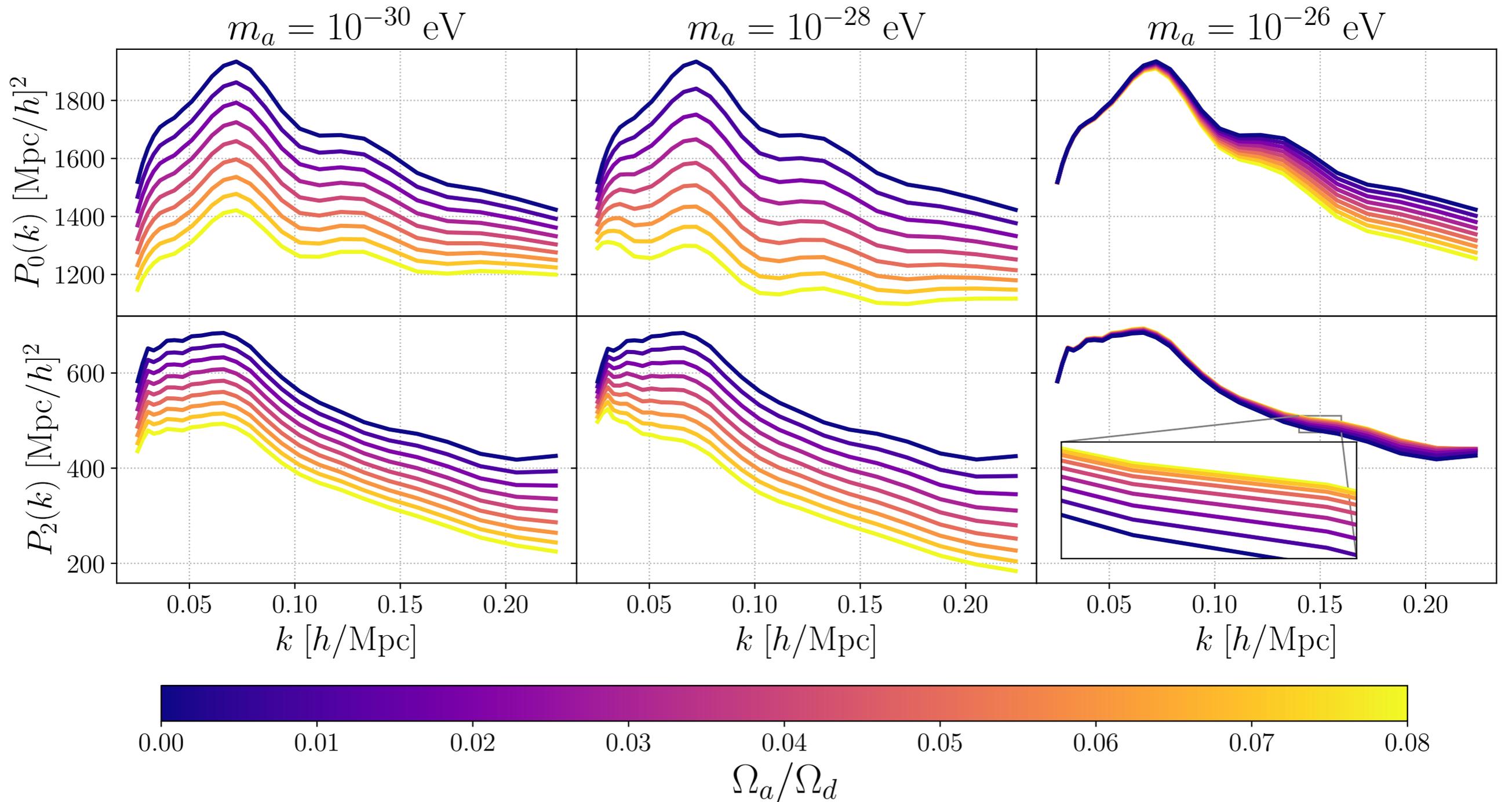
Model galaxy clustering into mildly non-linear regime with effective field theory of large-scale structure

$$P_\ell(k) = P_\ell^{\text{Tree}}(k) + P_\ell^{1\text{-loop}}(k) + P_\ell^{\text{Counter}}(k) + P_\ell^{\text{Stoch}}(k)$$



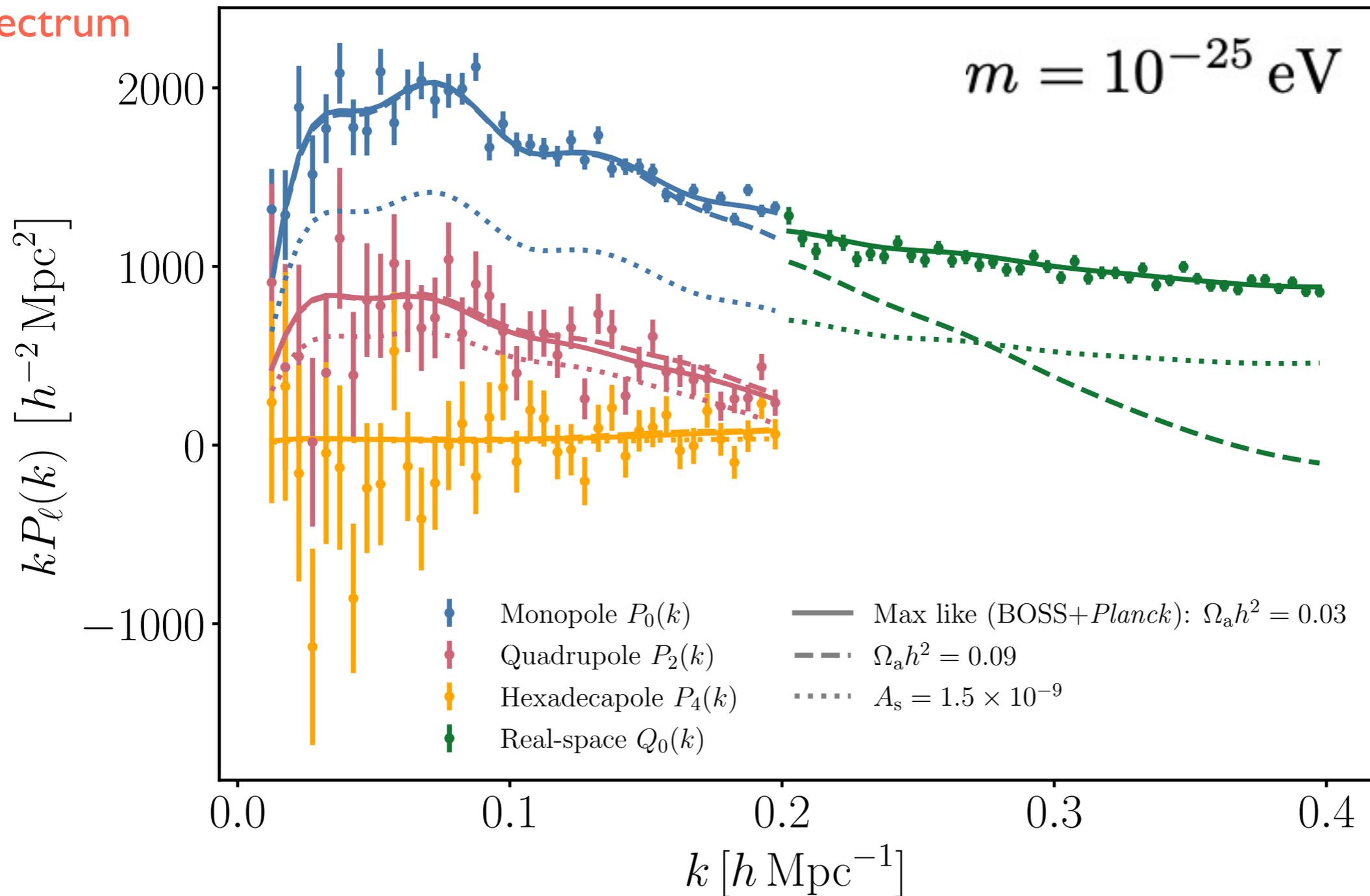
+ Infrared resummation
+ Alcock-Paczynski distortion

Galaxy clustering traces dark matter clustering — revealing signature of ultra-light axions

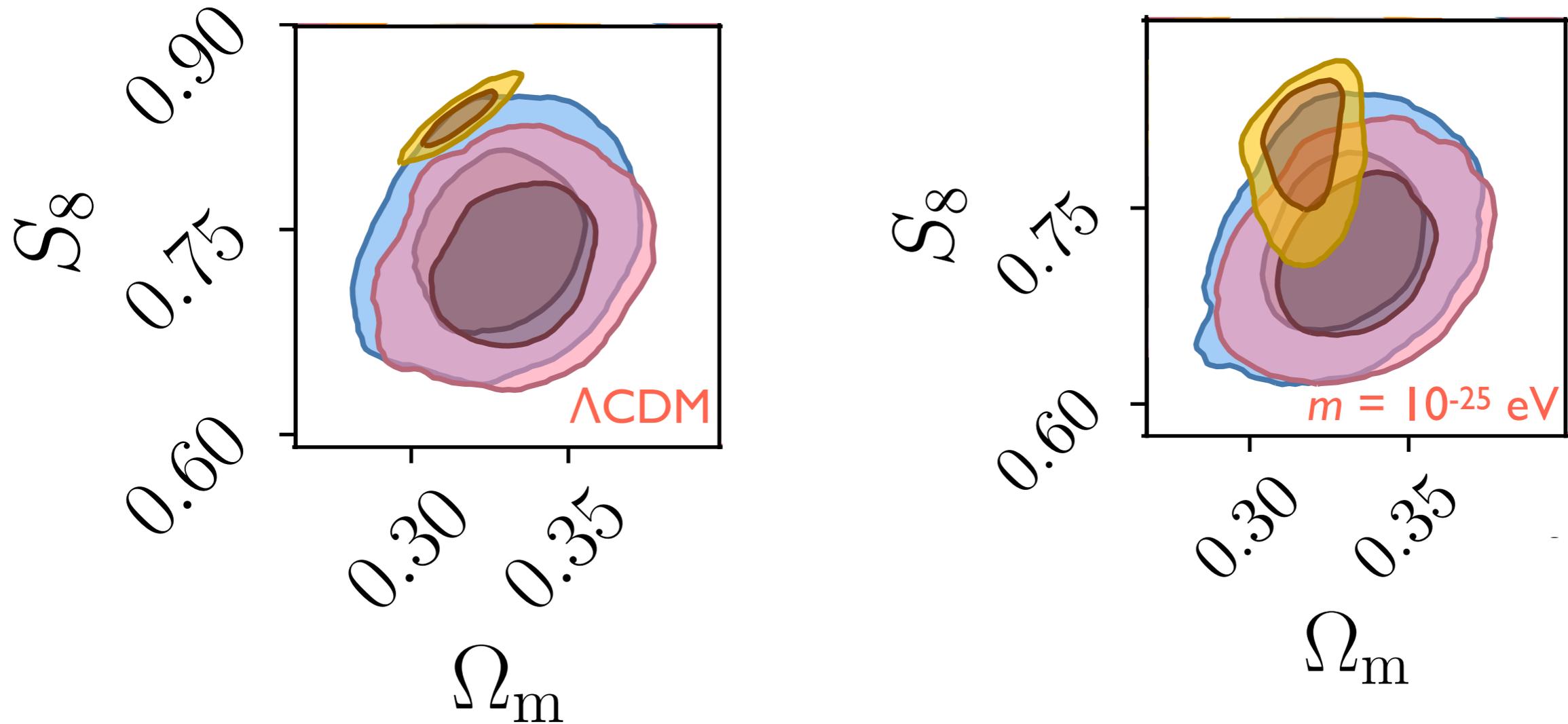


Full-shape BOSS galaxy power spectrum increases sensitivity to ultra-light axions

Power spectrum

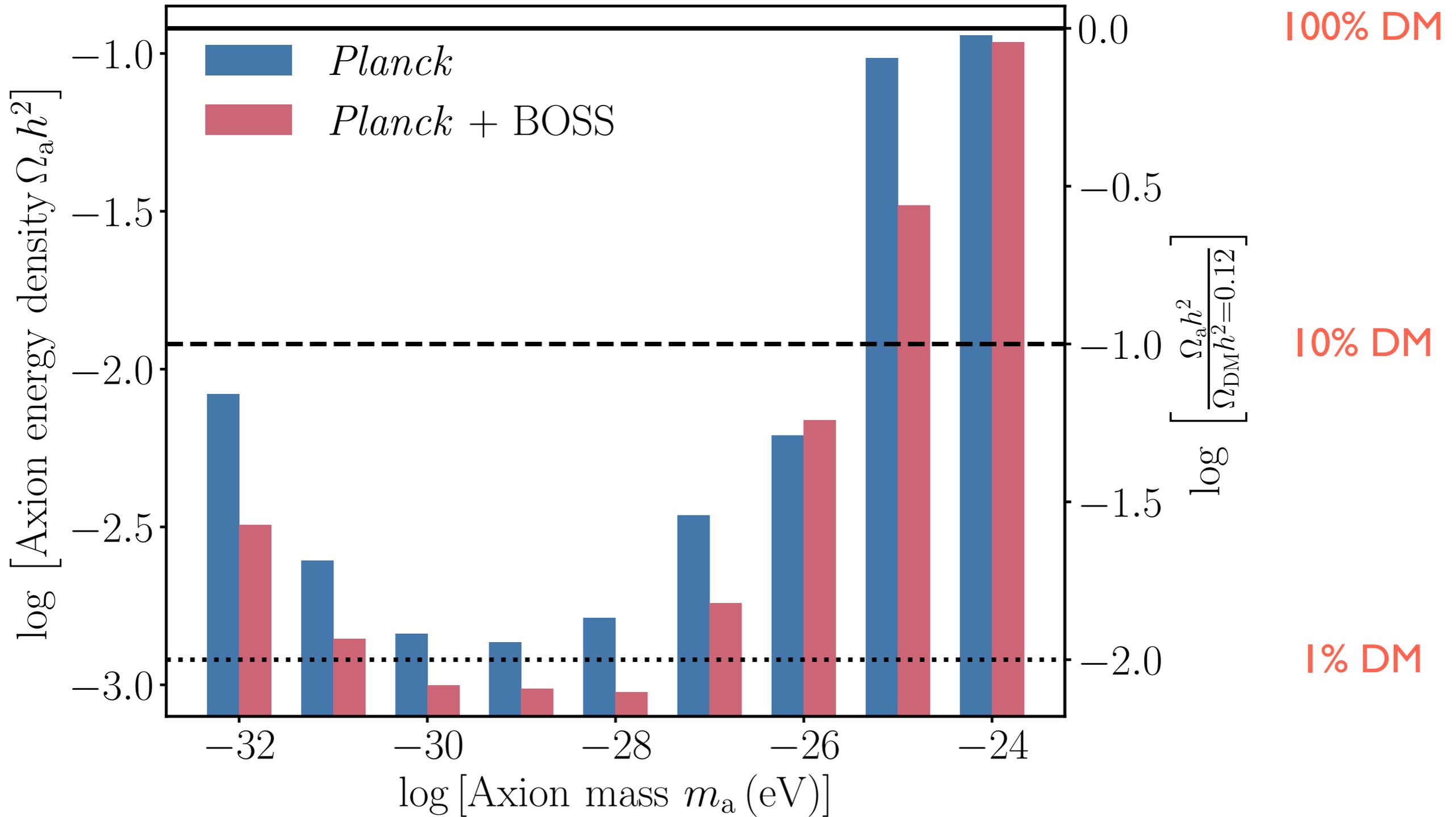


Axions improve consistency between *Planck* and BOSS



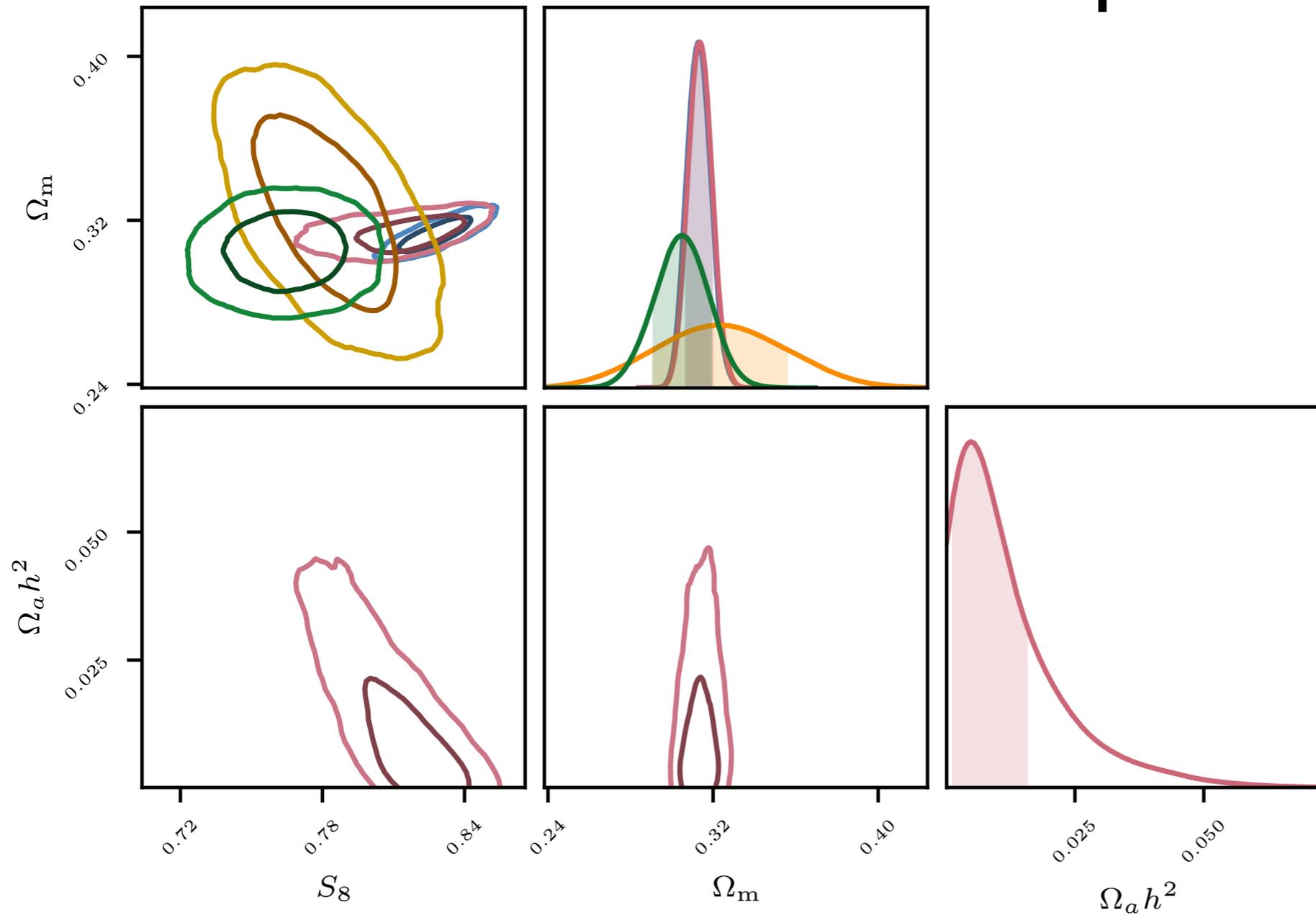
- *Planck* cosmic microwave background
- BOSS galaxy power spectrum
- BOSS galaxy power spectrum + bispectrum

Strongest axion limits come from combining cosmic microwave background & galaxy clustering



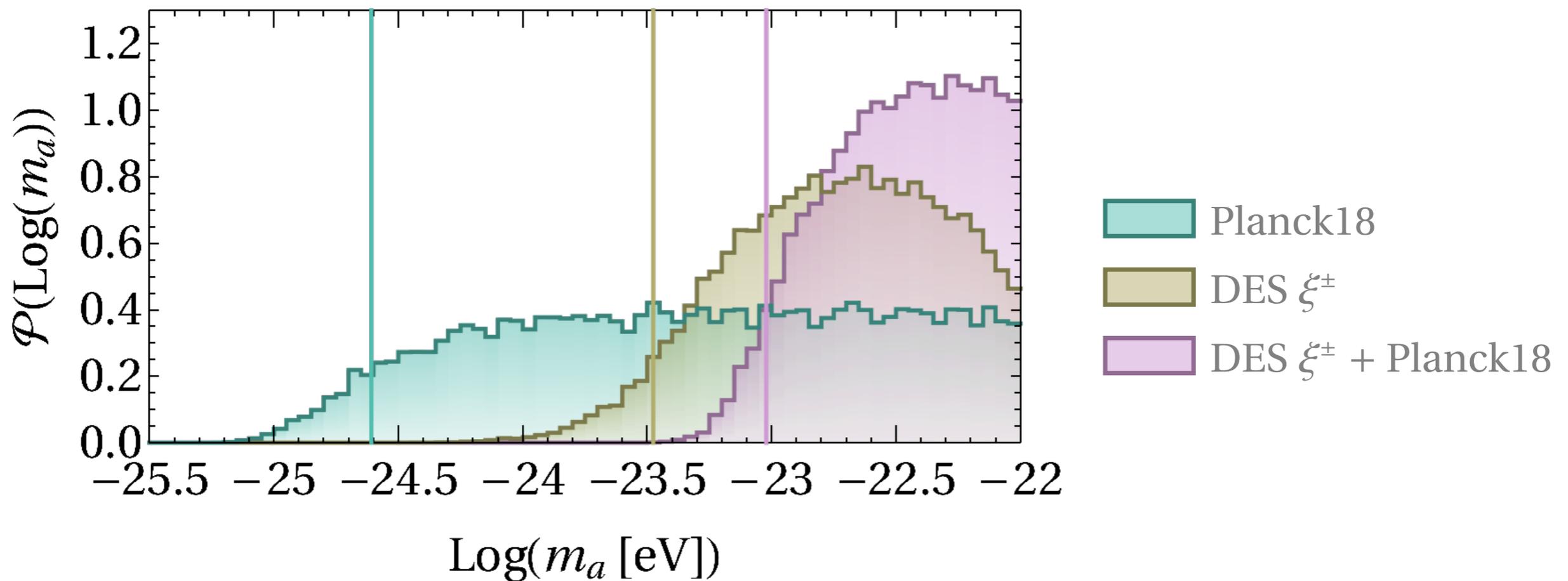
Planck + BOSS (Λ CDM)
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Axions bring CMB & galaxy clustering compatible with low S_8

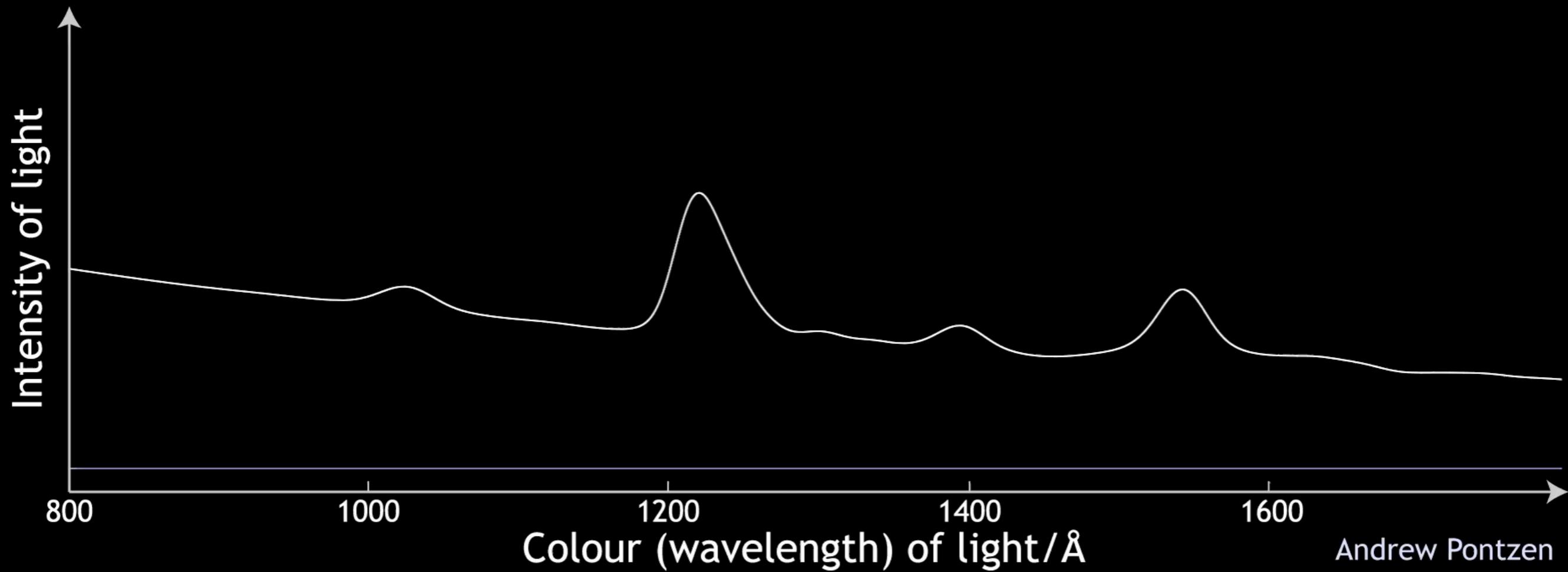


$$m = 10^{-25} \text{ eV}$$

Joint CMB & galaxy weak lensing limits using axion dark matter halo model

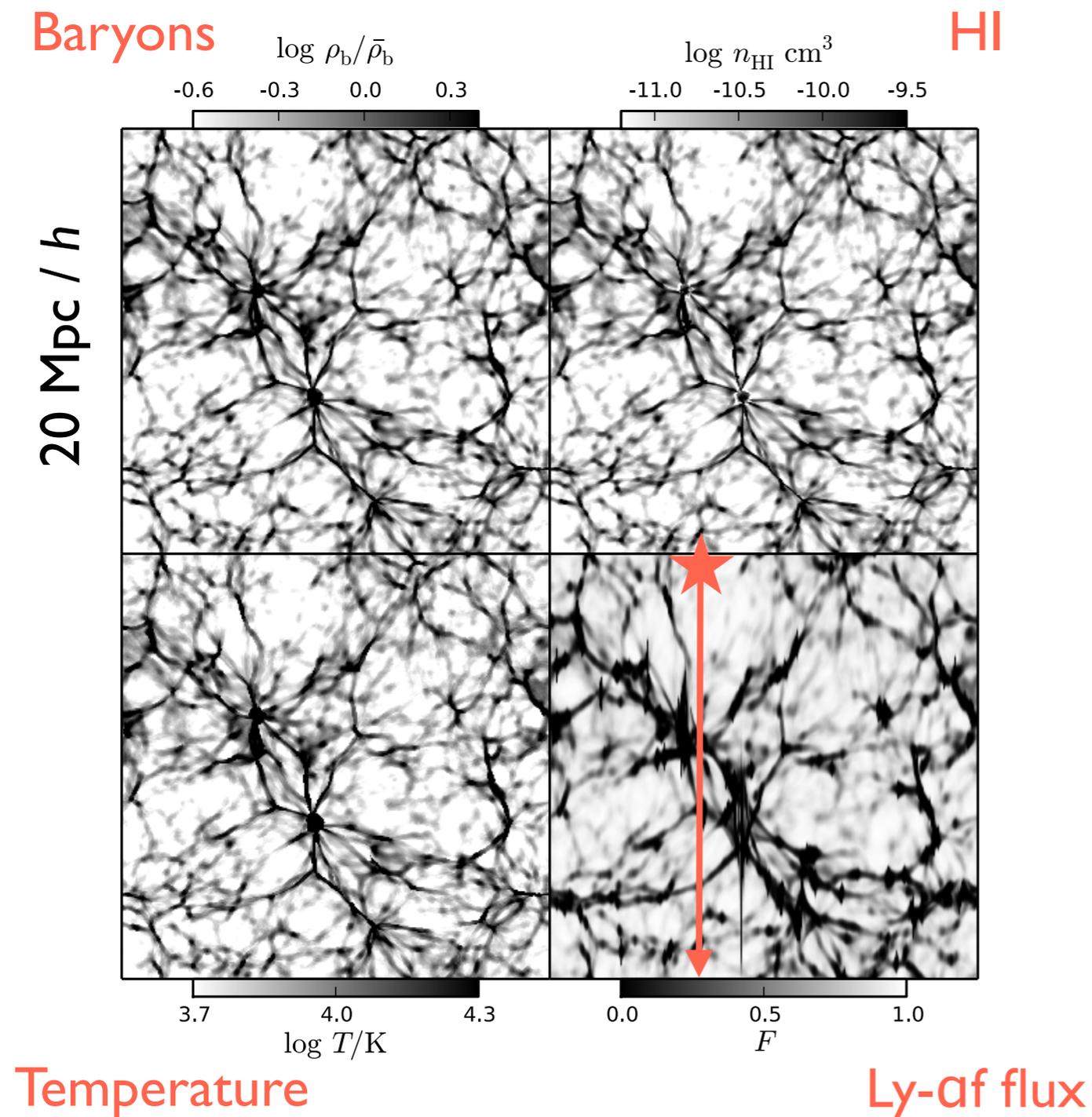


Lyman-alpha forest probes smallest cosmic scales



Andrew Pontzen

Lyman-alpha forest probes smallest cosmic scales — robustly account for range of astrophysical states



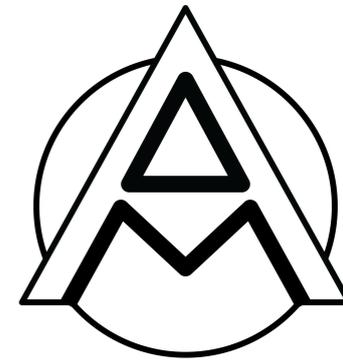
- Ly-alpha forest traces DM & intergalactic medium astrophysics
- ~ 3000 CPU-hours per simulation in 12-D parameter space
- \Rightarrow need ML-accelerated **emulator**



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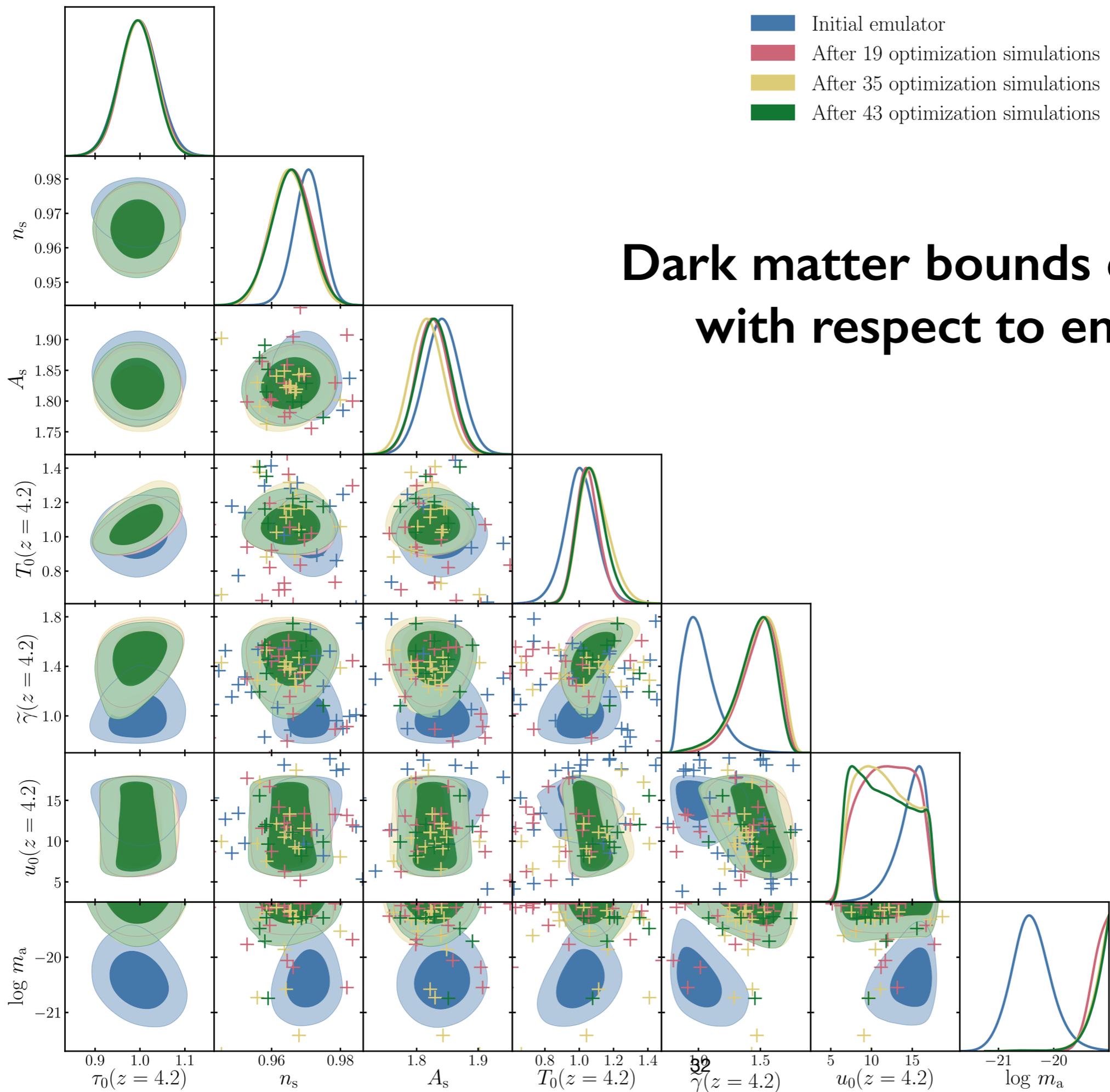
DARK MATTER EMULATOR WITH ACTIVE LEARNING

JCAP, 02, 031, 2019

JCAP, 02, 050, 2019

Phys. Rev. D, 103, 043526, 2021

with Peiris, Bird, Pontzen, Verde, Font-Ribera



Dark matter bounds converged with respect to emulator



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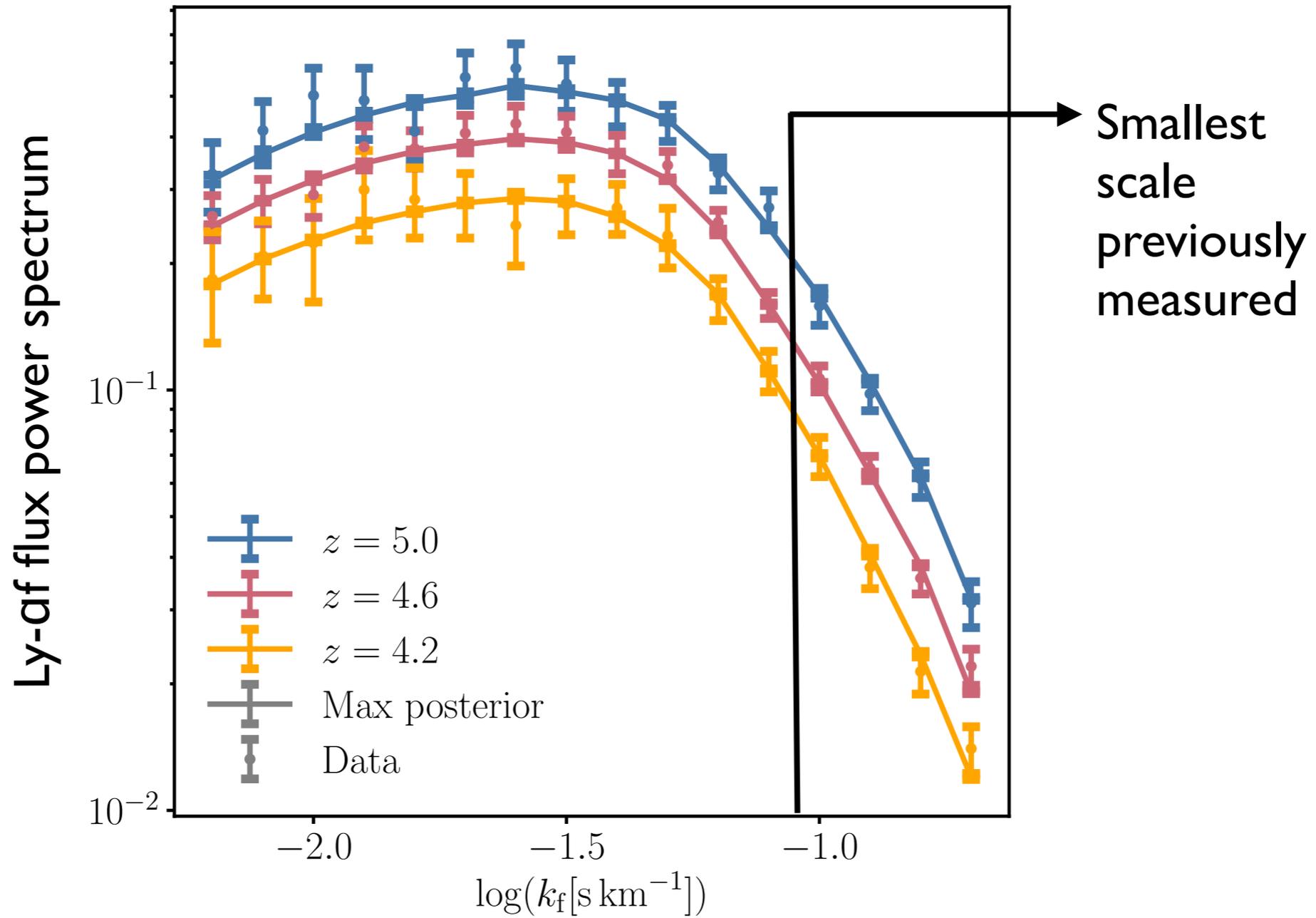
NEW LIMITS ON DARK MATTER — PROTON INTERACTION

Phys. Rev. Lett., 128, 171301, 2022

Phys. Rev. D, 103, 043526, 2021

with Dvorkin, Peiris

Dark matter limits driven by new small-scale data



Data: Boera et al. (2019)

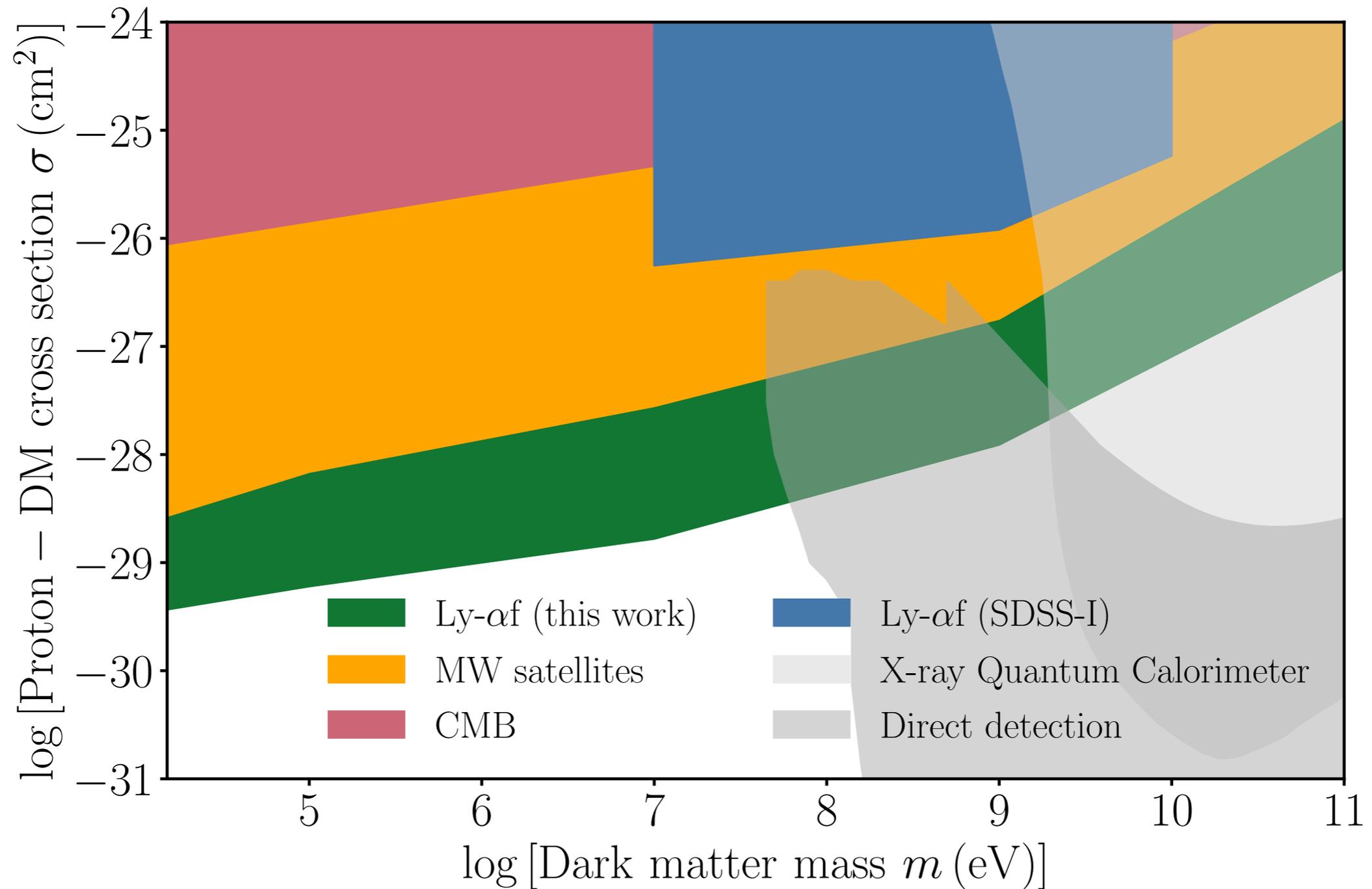


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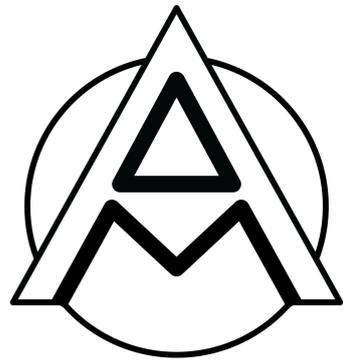
Rogers & Peiris (PRL, 2021); Rogers et al. (PRL, 2022)

Cosmological limits on light (sub-GeV) dark matter highly complementary to direct detection





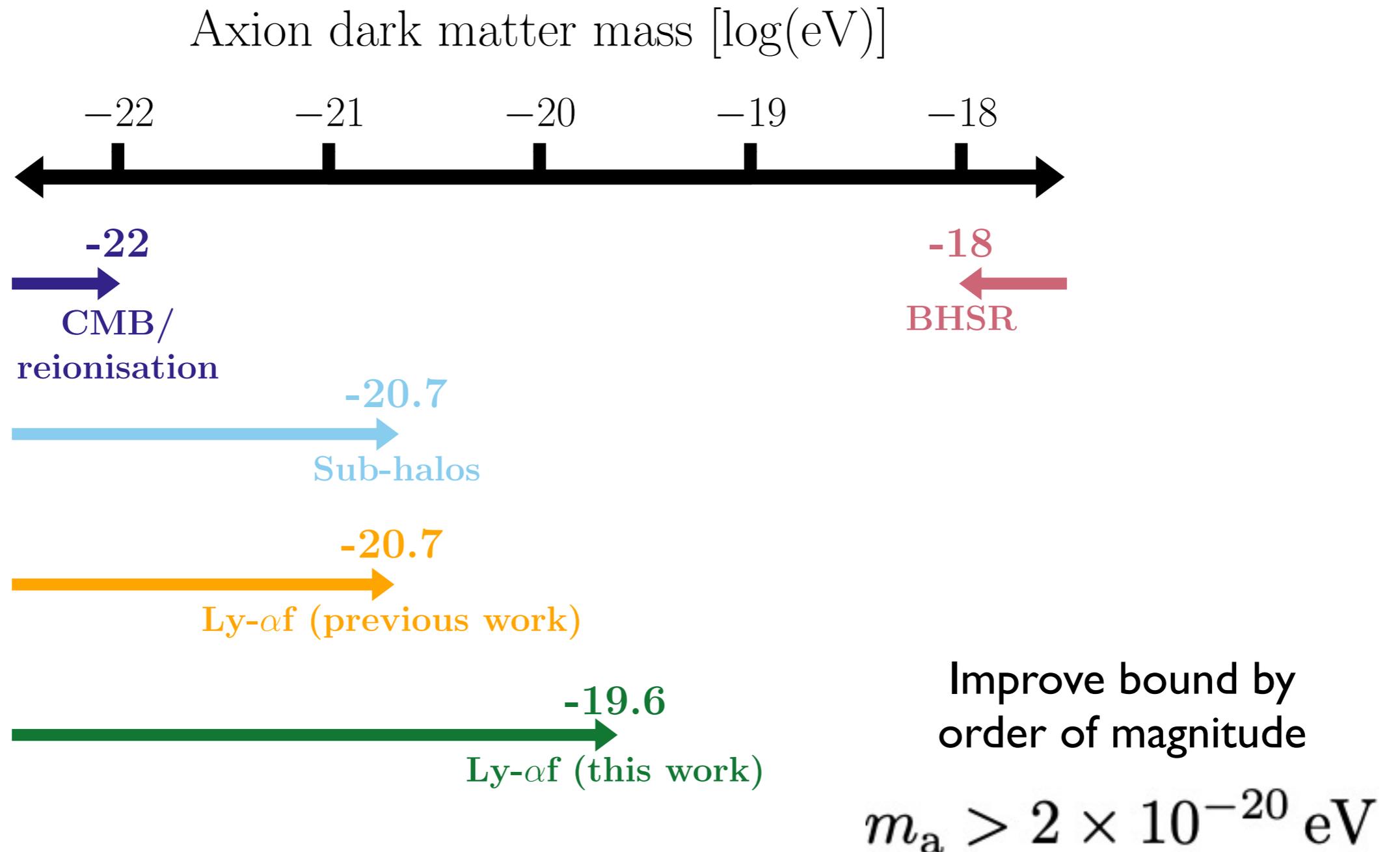
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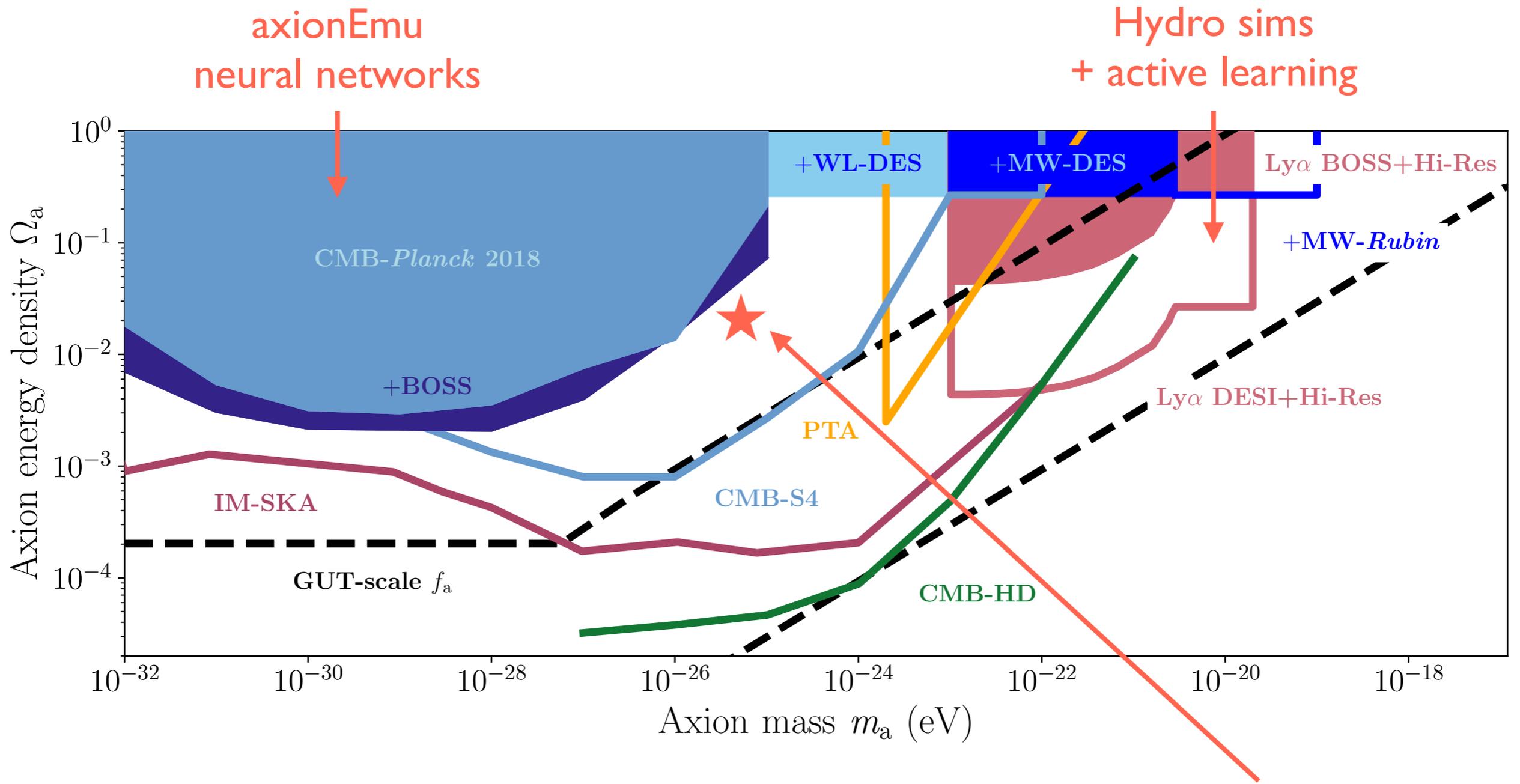
STRONG BOUND ON CANONICAL ULTRA-LIGHT AXION DARK MATTER

Phys. Rev. Lett., 126, 071302, 2021
with Peiris

“Canonical” 10^{-22} - 10^{-21} eV axion DM is ruled out



Multi-probe approach to detect ultra-light axions



Summary

- **New frontier in dark matter detection** is light & ultra-light dark matter
- Rule out “small-scale crisis” axion; but axions could **resolve S_8 tension**
- Machine learning emulator approaches to **accelerate next-gen data analyses**