

Title: Ultralight axions and Future CMB experiments

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primordial fluctuations

large scale B-modes

- tensor-to-scalar ratio (BB)
- damping tail
- primordial power on small scales (TE, TT, EE)
- primordial bispectrum (f_{NL} via TTT,TTE,... + lens/kSZ)

relativistic species

damping tail

→ N_{eff} (TE, TT, EE)

reionization

sources

- duration of reionization (kSZ)
- mean free path of photons (kSZ)

neutrino mass

lensing potential

(TT+EB), tSZ

→ Σm_ν

galaxy evolution

tSZ, kSZ

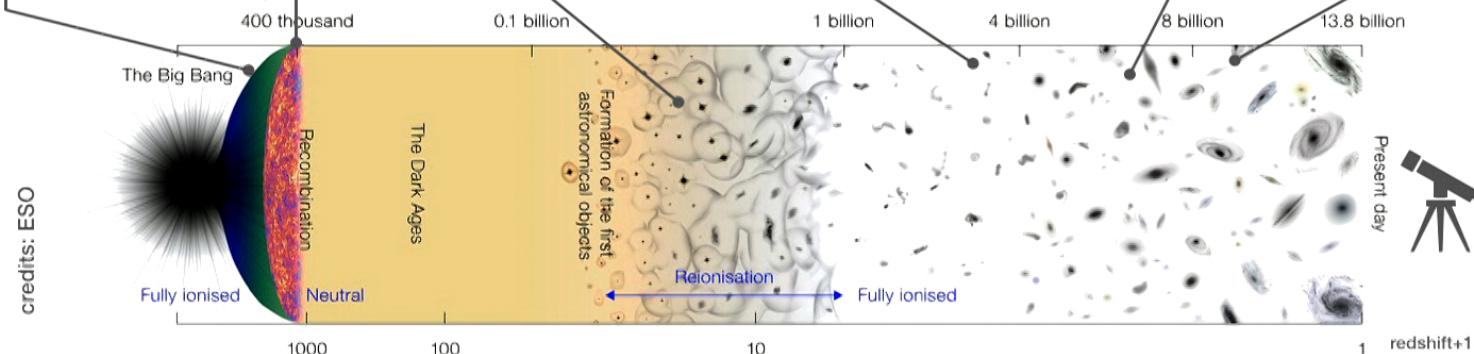
- non-thermal pressure (tSZ+kSZ)
- feedback efficiency (tSZ+kSZ)

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dark energy

tSZ, lensing

- σ_8 at $z=2-3$ (lensing, tSZ)
- growth of structure (kSZ)



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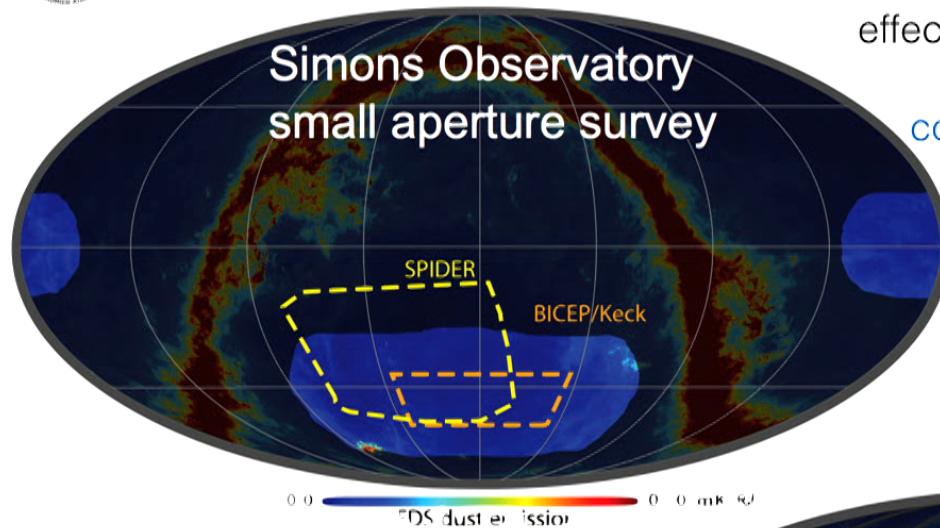
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SO forecast paper
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SO surveys

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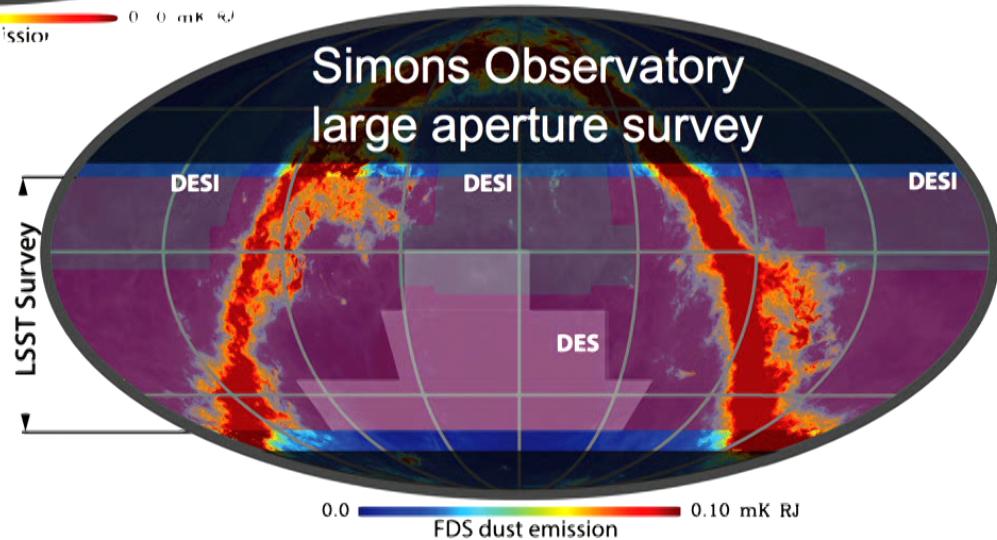


effective $f_{\text{sky}} \sim 10\%$
for SO noise and
coverage, dedicated
delensing survey
not required

SATs ($f_{\text{sky}} = 0.1$)			
Freq. [GHz]	FWHM (')	Noise (baseline) [$\mu\text{K}\text{-arcmin}$]	Noise (goal) [$\mu\text{K}\text{-arcmin}$]
LF	27	91	35
	39	63	17
MF	93	30	2.6 [$\mu\text{K}\text{-arcmin}$]
	145	17	3.3
HF	225	11	6.3
	280	9	16

effective $f_{\text{sky}} \sim 40\%$
maximal overlap w/
LSST, large overlap
w/ DESI

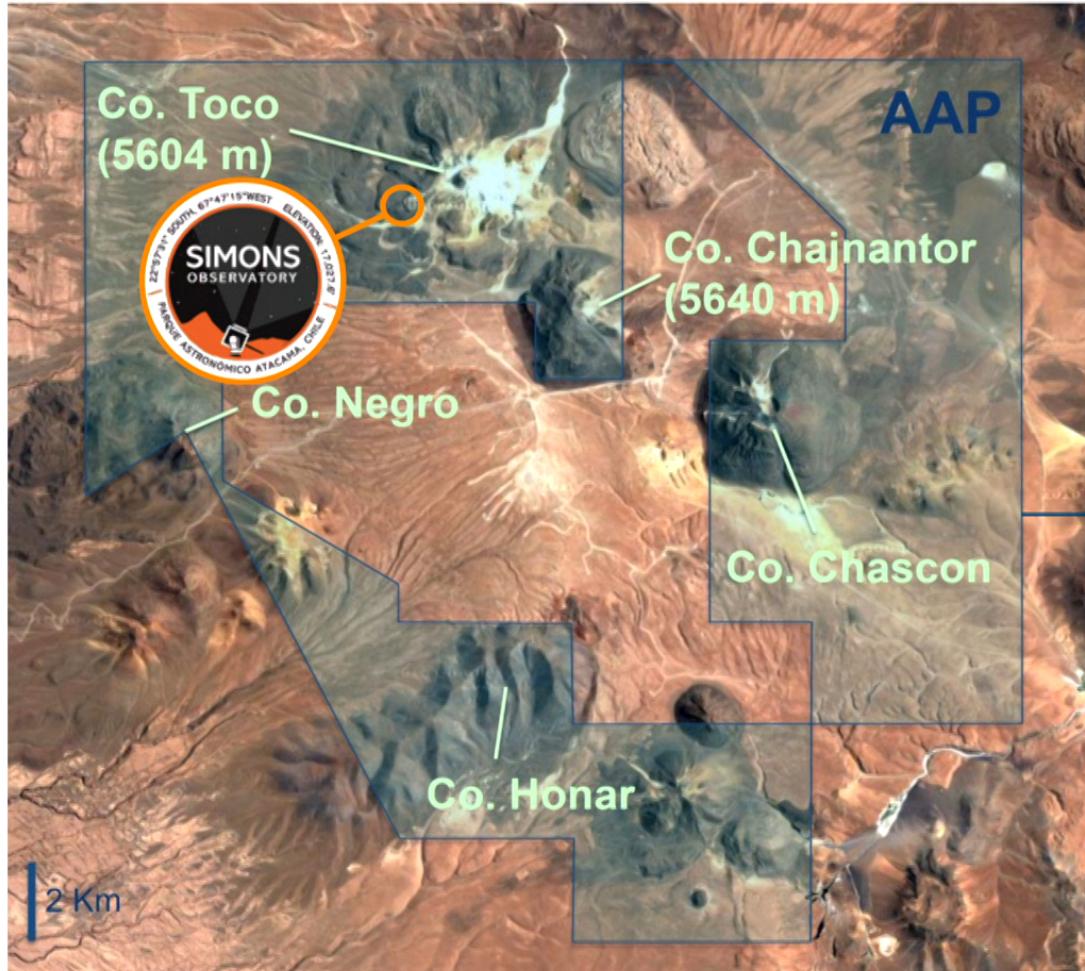
LAT ($f_{\text{sky}} = 0.4$)		
FWHM (')	Noise (baseline) [$\mu\text{K}\text{-arcmin}$]	Noise (goal) [$\mu\text{K}\text{-arcmin}$]
7.4	71	52
5.1	36	27
2.2	8.0	5.8
1.4	10	6.3
1.0	22	15
0.9	54	37





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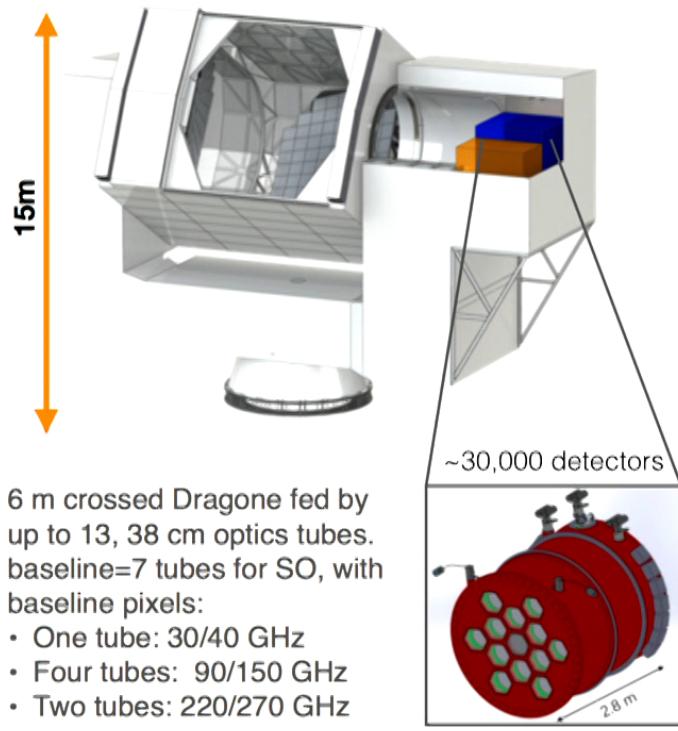
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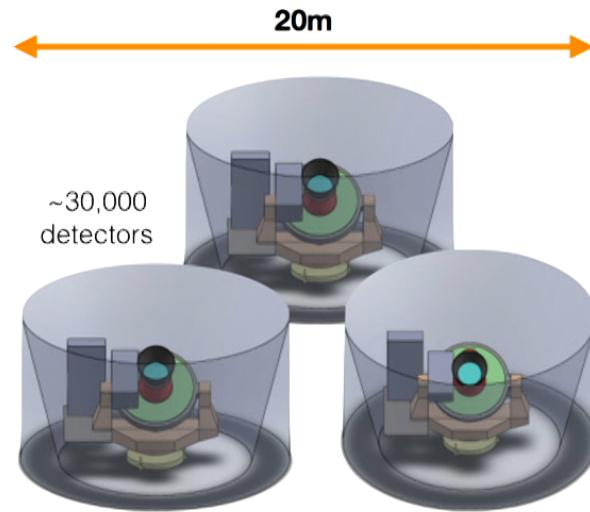
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large aperture telescope



small aperture telescopes

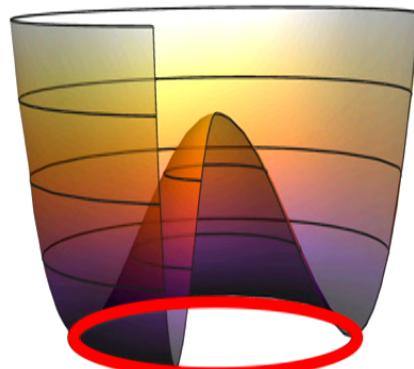


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Ultralight axions

Axions originally solved the CP problem - but we are considering the ultralight axions (ULAs) that may arise from string theory.



$$\theta = \phi / f_a$$



[arXiv.org > hep-th > arXiv:0905.4720](https://arxiv.org/abs/0905.4720)

High Energy Physics – Theory

String Axiverse

Asimina Arvanitaki, Savas Dimopoulos, Sergei Dubovsky, Nemanja Kaloper, John March-Russell

Ultralight axions



arXiv.org > hep-th > arXiv:1903.12643

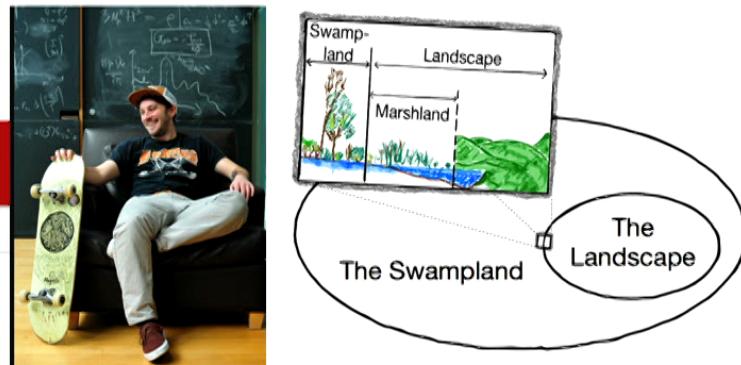
High Energy Physics – Theory

The Marshland Conjecture

David M.C. Marsh, J.E. David Marsh

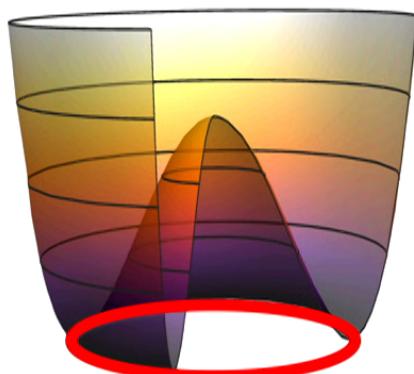
(Submitted on 29 Mar 2019)

We posit the existence of the Marshland within string theory. This region is the boundary between the landscape of consistent low-energy limits of quantum gravity, and the swampland of theories that cannot be embedded within string theory because they violate certain trendy and obviously uncontroversial conjectures. The Marshland is probably fractal, and we show some pretty pictures of fractals that will be useful in talks. We further show that the Marshland contains theories with a large number of light axions, allowing us to cite lots of our own papers. We show that the Marshland makes up most of the volume of the landscape, and admits a novel, weakly broken \mathbb{Z}_2 Marshymmetry that we find strong evidence for by considering a carefully crafted example.



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Axion dynamics specified by the scalar field potential:

$$\ddot{\phi}_0 + 2\mathcal{H}\dot{\phi}_0 + m_a^2 a^2 \phi_0 = 0$$

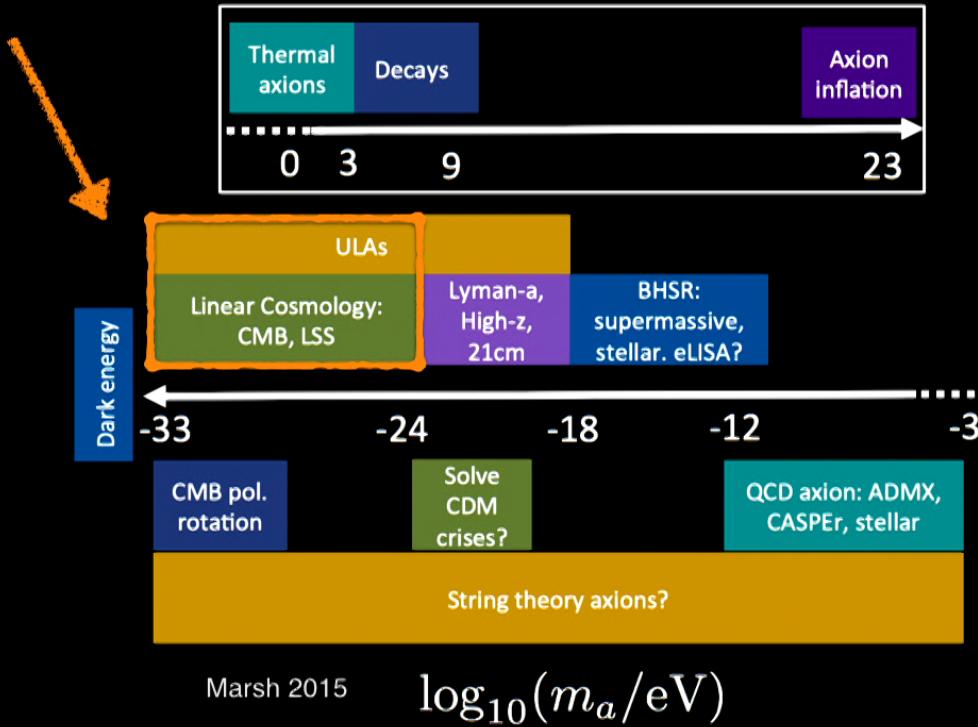
Simple harmonic oscillator

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$$\rho_a = \dot{\phi}^2/2 + m_a^2 \phi^2/2 \sim \begin{cases} \text{const. for } H \gtrsim m_a, \\ 1/a^3 \quad \text{for } H \lesssim m_a. \end{cases}$$

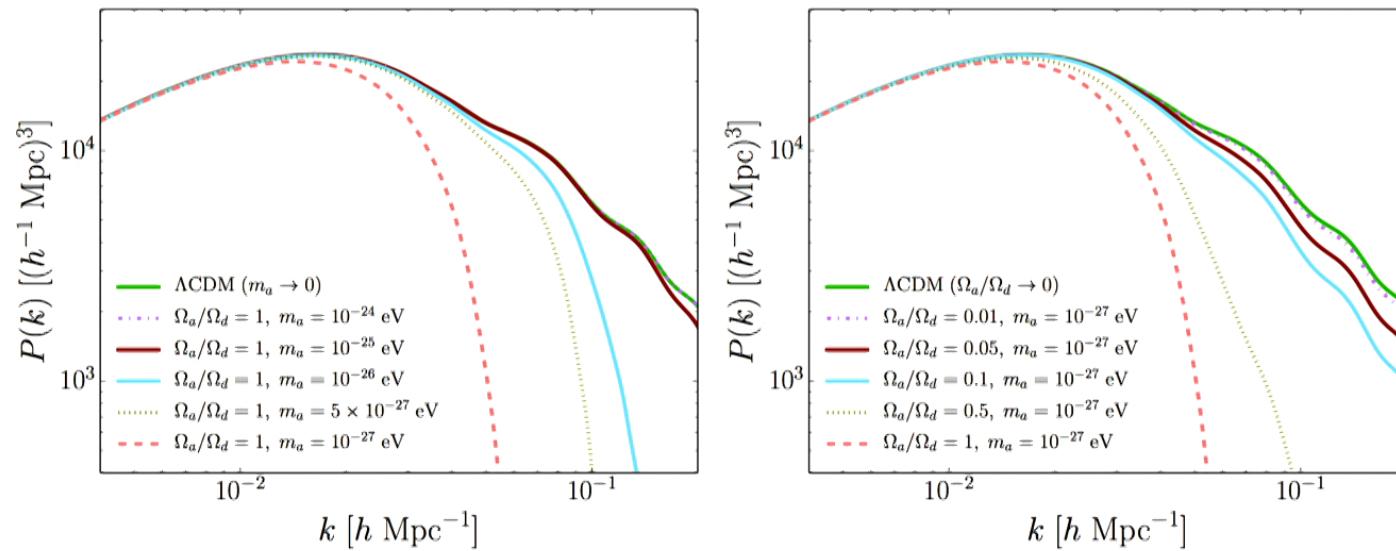
Why should you care about axions?

- Depending on their mass - axions look like Dark Energy or Dark Matter



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Hložek et al. 2015

ULAs

vs

WDM

Ultra-light axions

Warm DM

Non-thermal misalignment

$$H > m_a \Rightarrow w_a \approx -1$$

Relativistic at early times

$$T > m_W \Rightarrow w_W \approx 1/3$$

→ Structure suppressed on scales $k \sim aH$ at transition

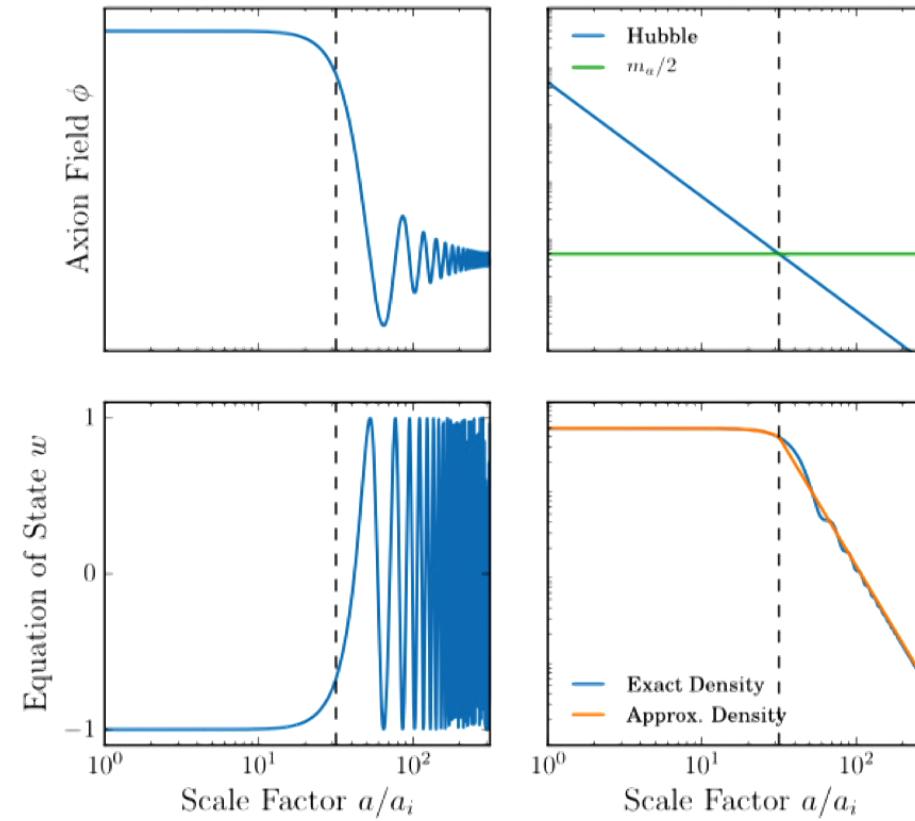
$$T \sim \sqrt{M_{pl} H} \Rightarrow m_W \sim \sqrt{M_{pl} m_a}$$

Sound-speed + Jeans scale
—> scale-dep. growth

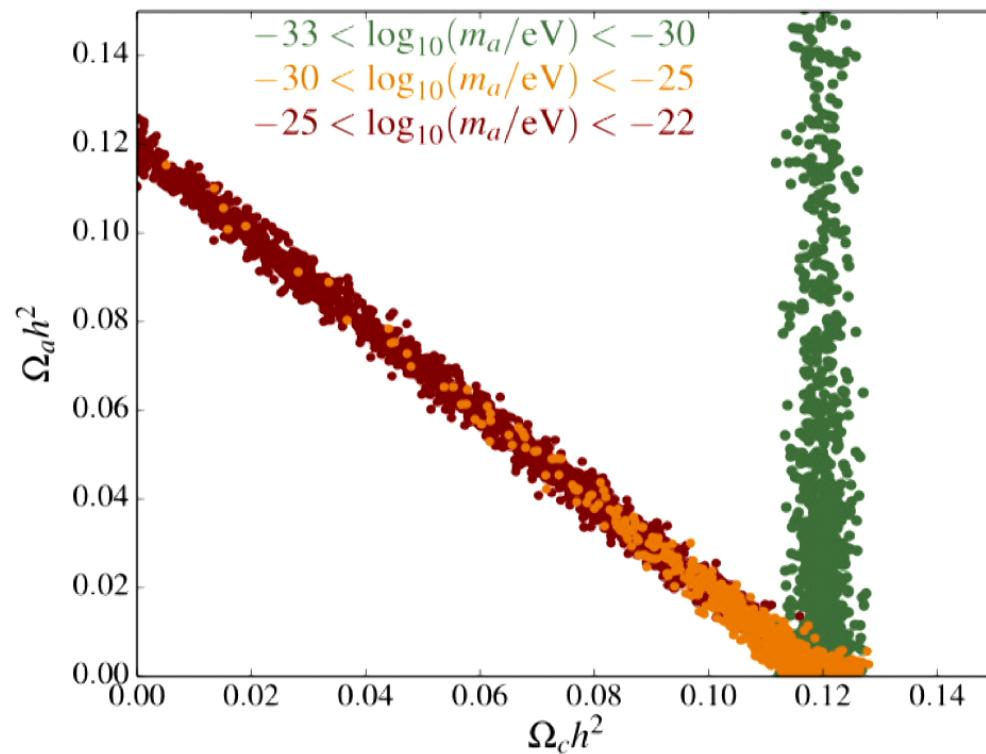
Free-streaming
—> “initial” condition

Misalignment production of DM

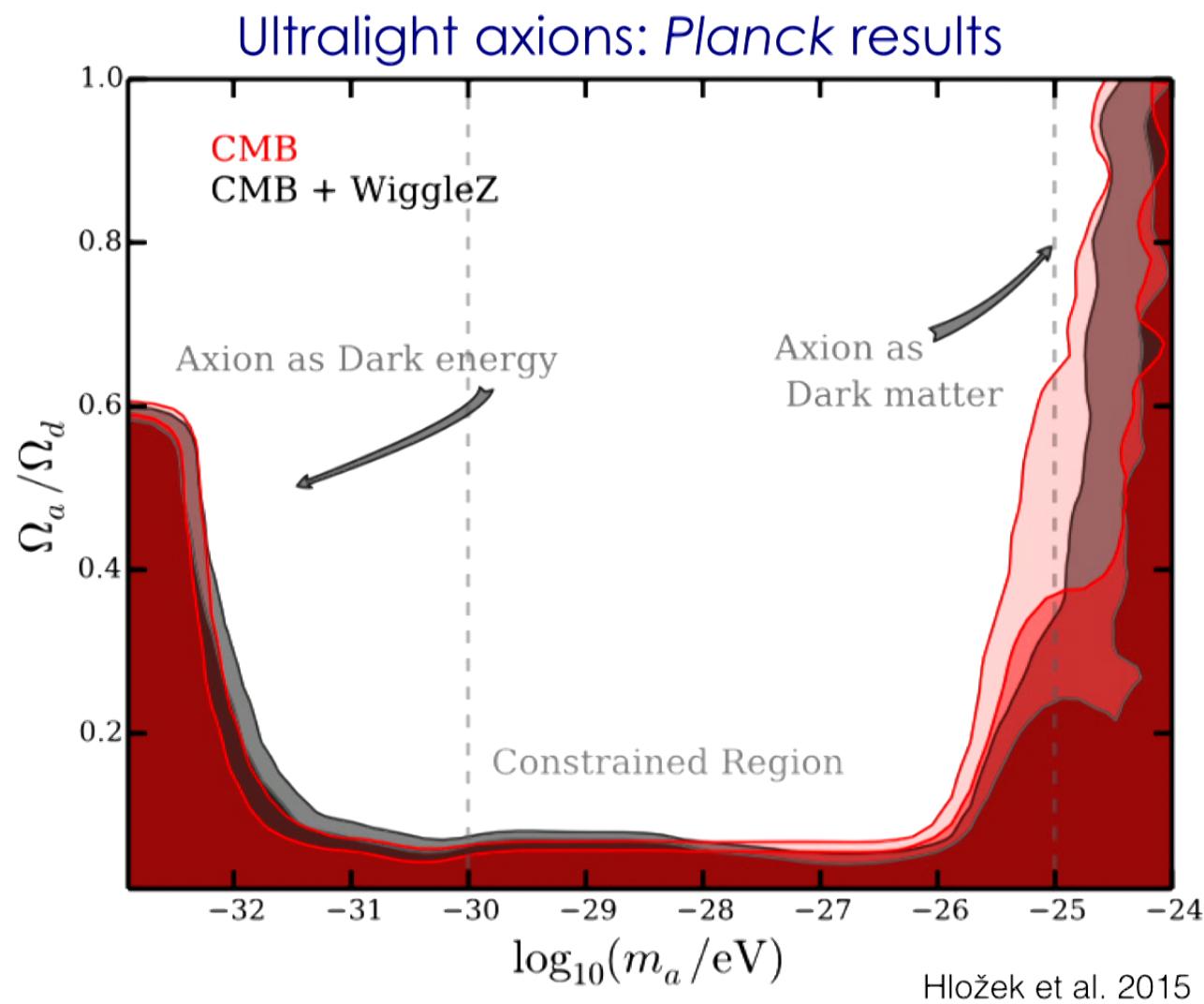
Exact solution for $H \sim t^p$ (fluid domination.) in terms of Bessel functions.

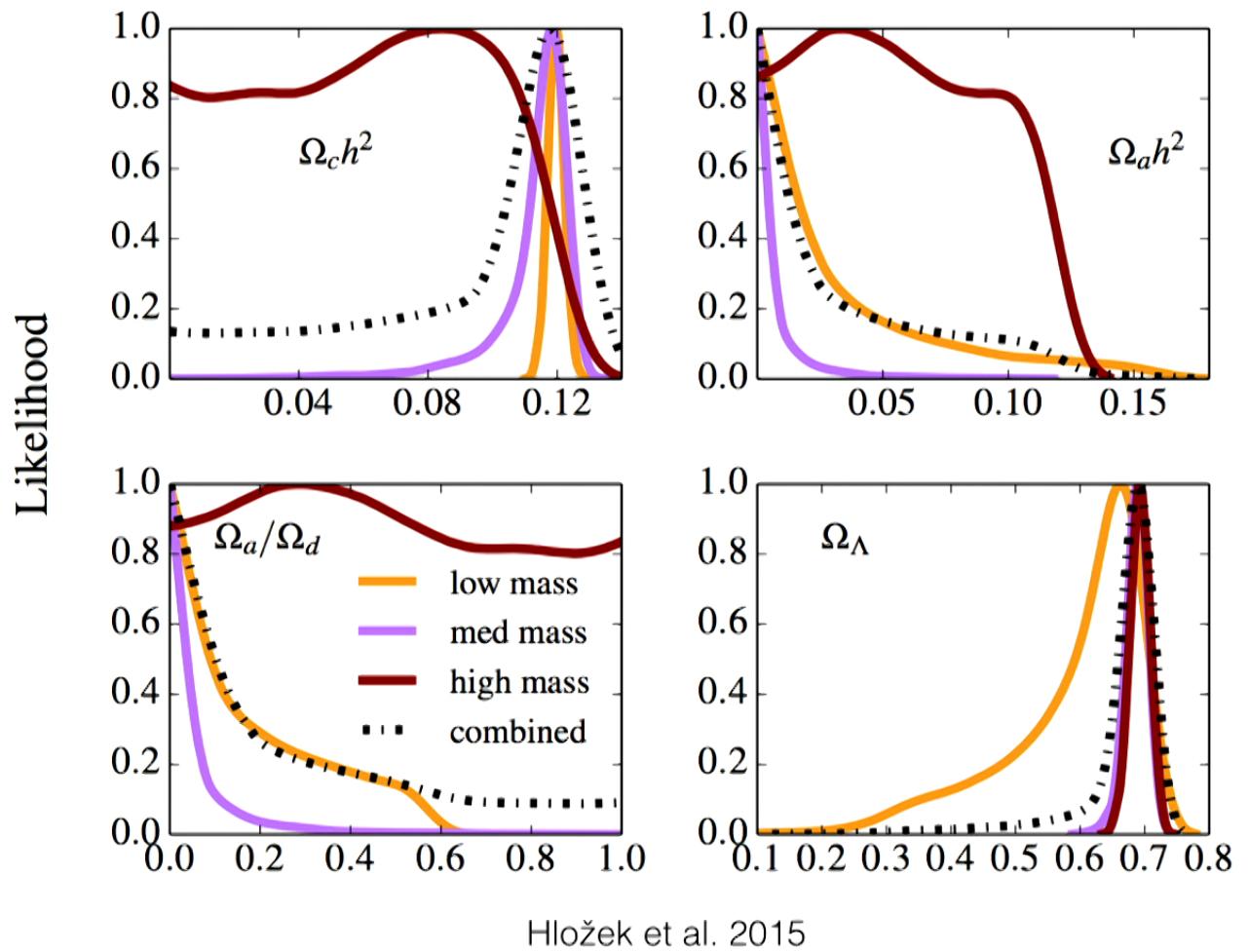


A challenging parameter space



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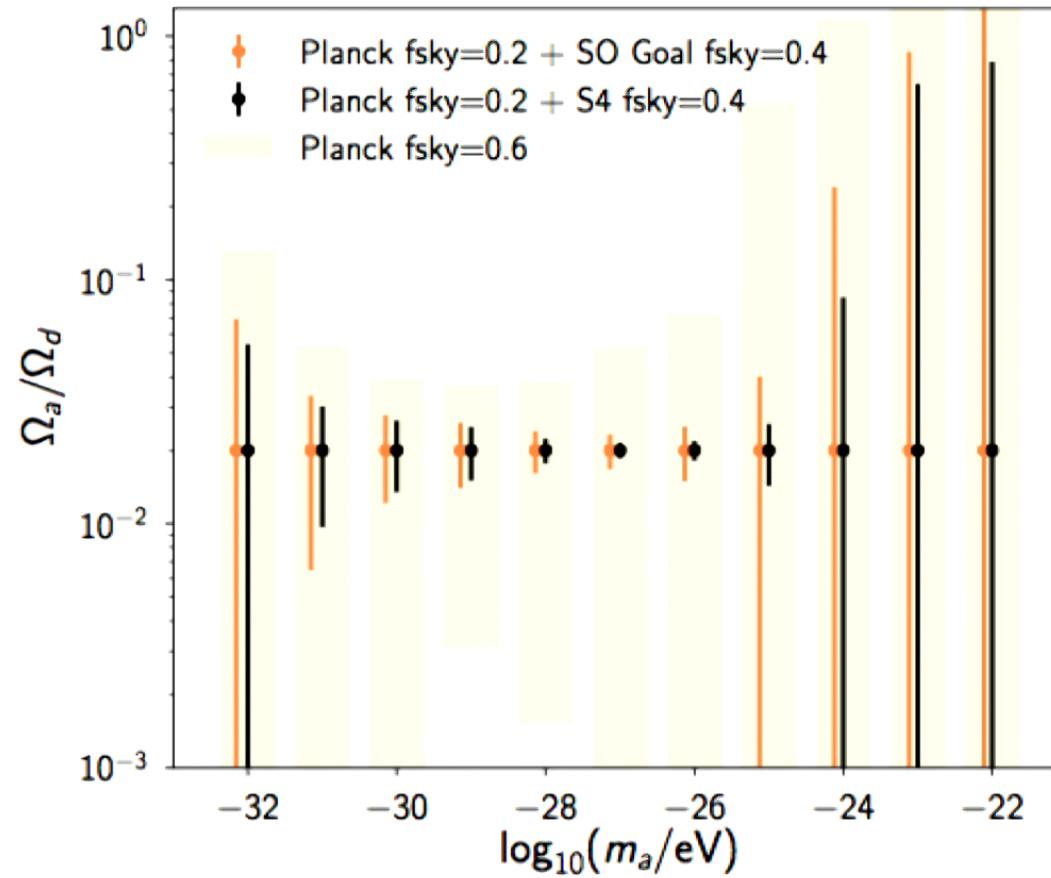


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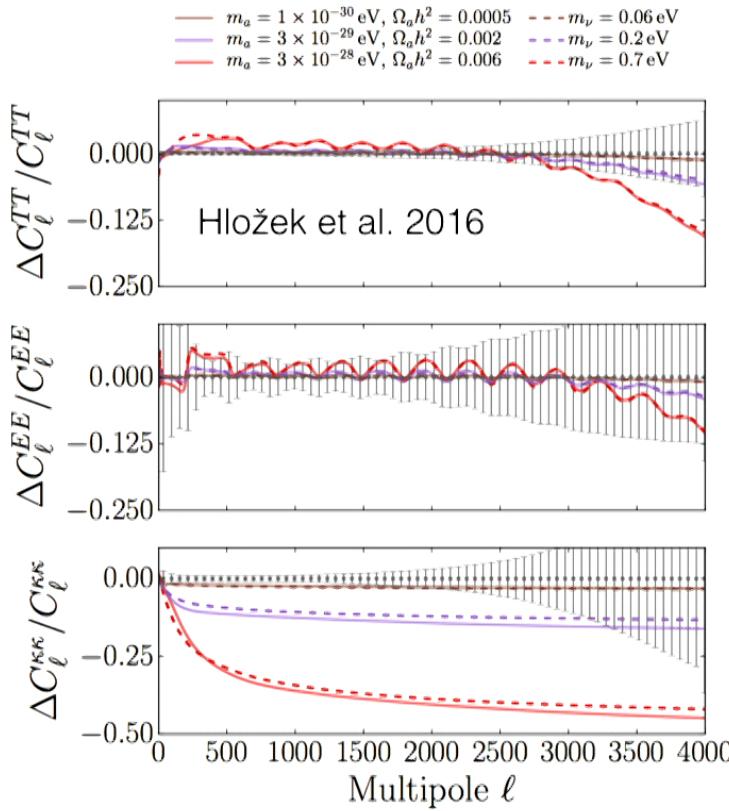
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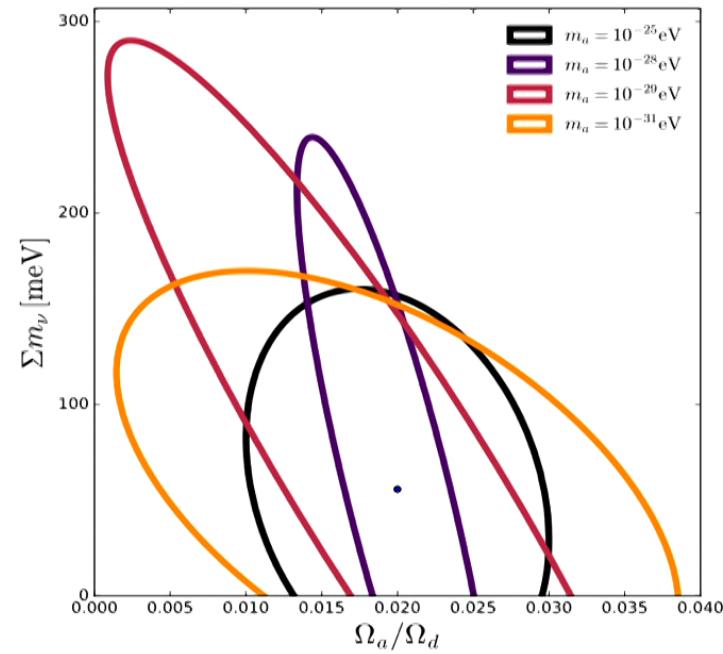
Ultralight axions: SO forecast



(SO forecasts from Ade++2018)



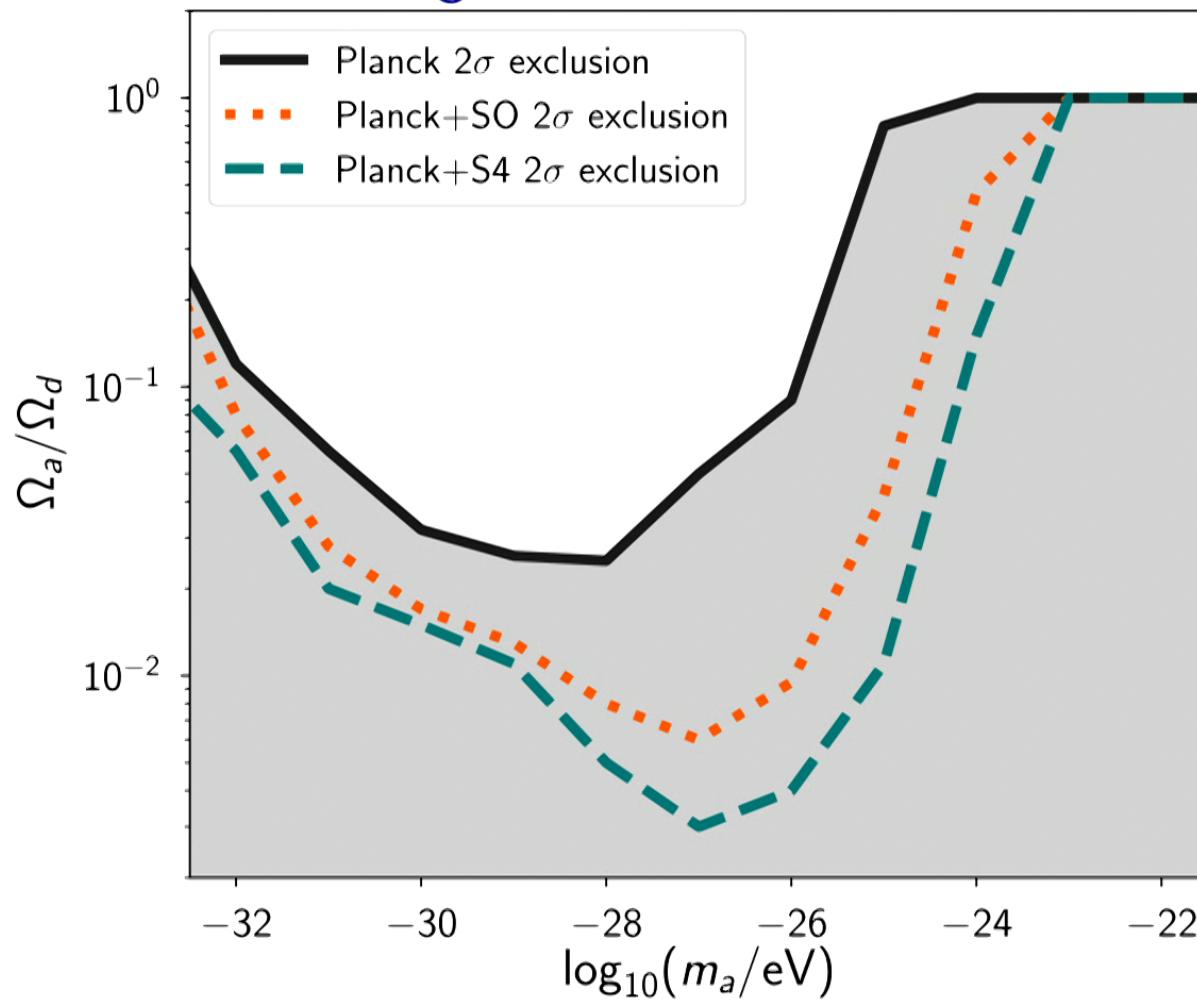
Axions are degenerate
with massive neutrinos



$$\Omega_a = \left[\frac{a^{-2}}{2} \dot{\phi}_0^2 + \frac{m_a^2}{2} \phi_0^2 \right]_{m_a=3H} a_{\text{osc}}^3 / \rho_{\text{crit}}$$

$$\Omega_\nu h^2 = \frac{\Sigma m_\nu}{93.14 \text{ eV}}$$

Ultralight axions: exclusion



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New constraints on axion models

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Can we compute non-linear clustering of axions to compare with data?



1LPT Toy Model
(now with *FDM* and *baryons*)

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{q}}^2 \phi^{(1)} = \delta$$

$$\mathbf{v} = -\mathcal{H} \frac{d \ln D}{d \ln a} \nabla_{\mathbf{q}} \phi^{(1)}$$

$$k_0 \propto \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{m}}$$

$$D_{\text{FDM}}(k, a) \approx \Theta(|\mathbf{k}| - |\mathbf{k}_0|) D_{\text{CDM}}(a)$$

$$B = \frac{4}{3} \kappa (6\pi G)^{-1/3}; \quad P = \kappa \rho^{4/3}$$

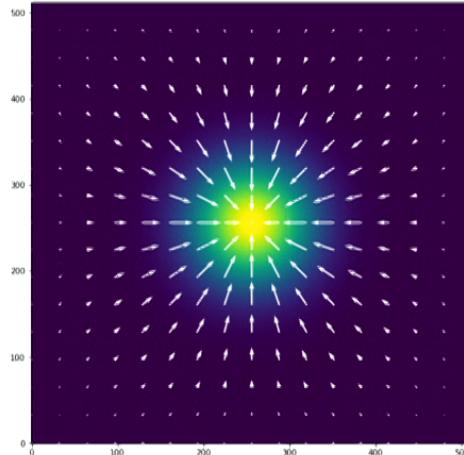
$$D_b(k, a) = t^{-1/6 + \sqrt{25/36 - B|\mathbf{k}|^2}}$$

$$D_{\text{CDM}}(a) \propto a$$

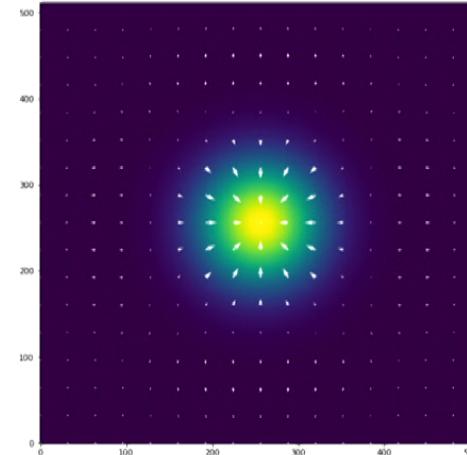
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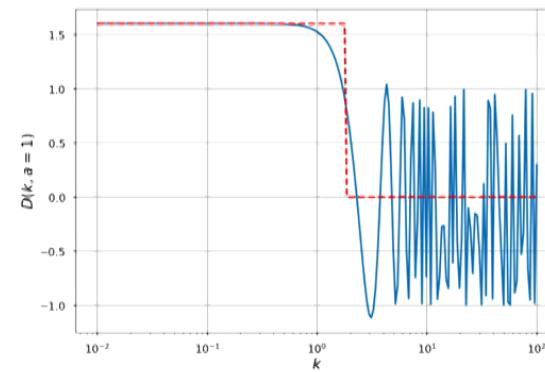
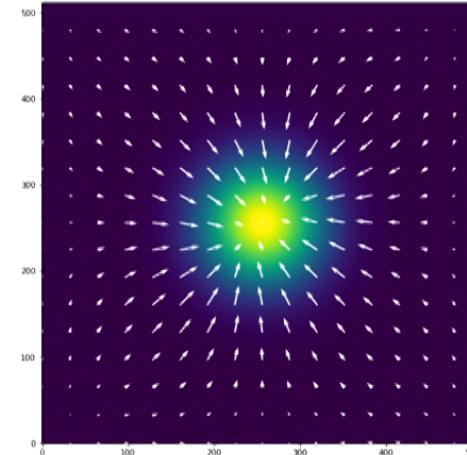
CDM



FDM

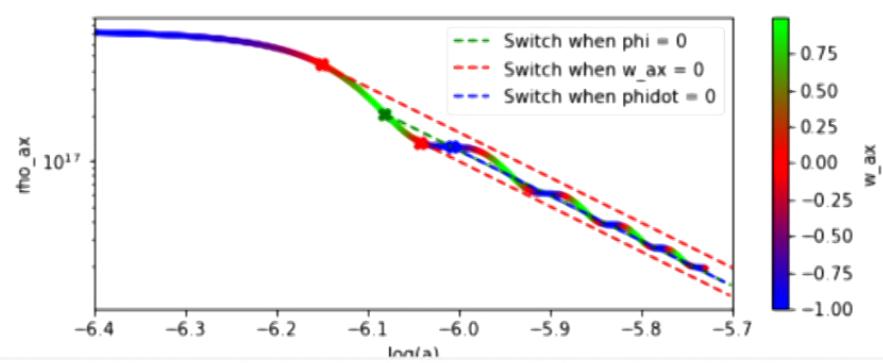
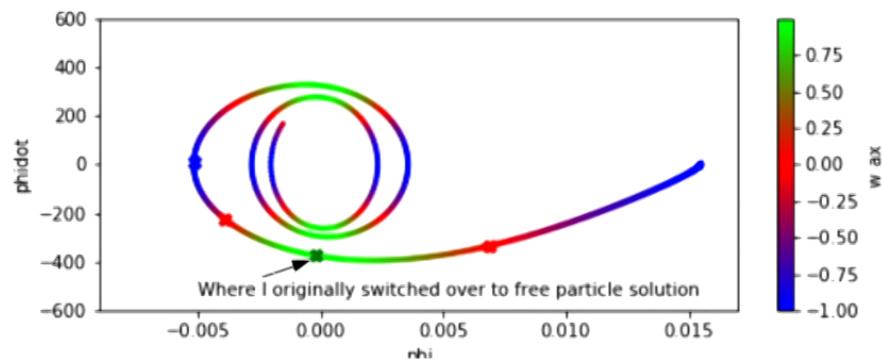


Baryons

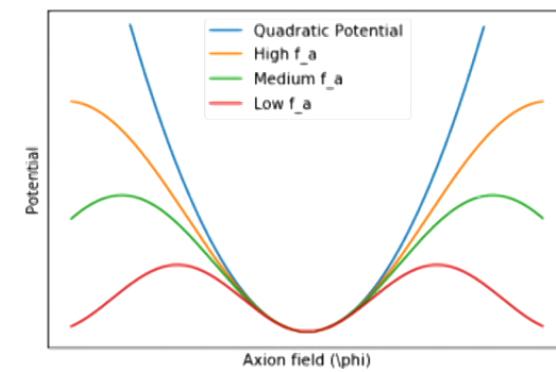


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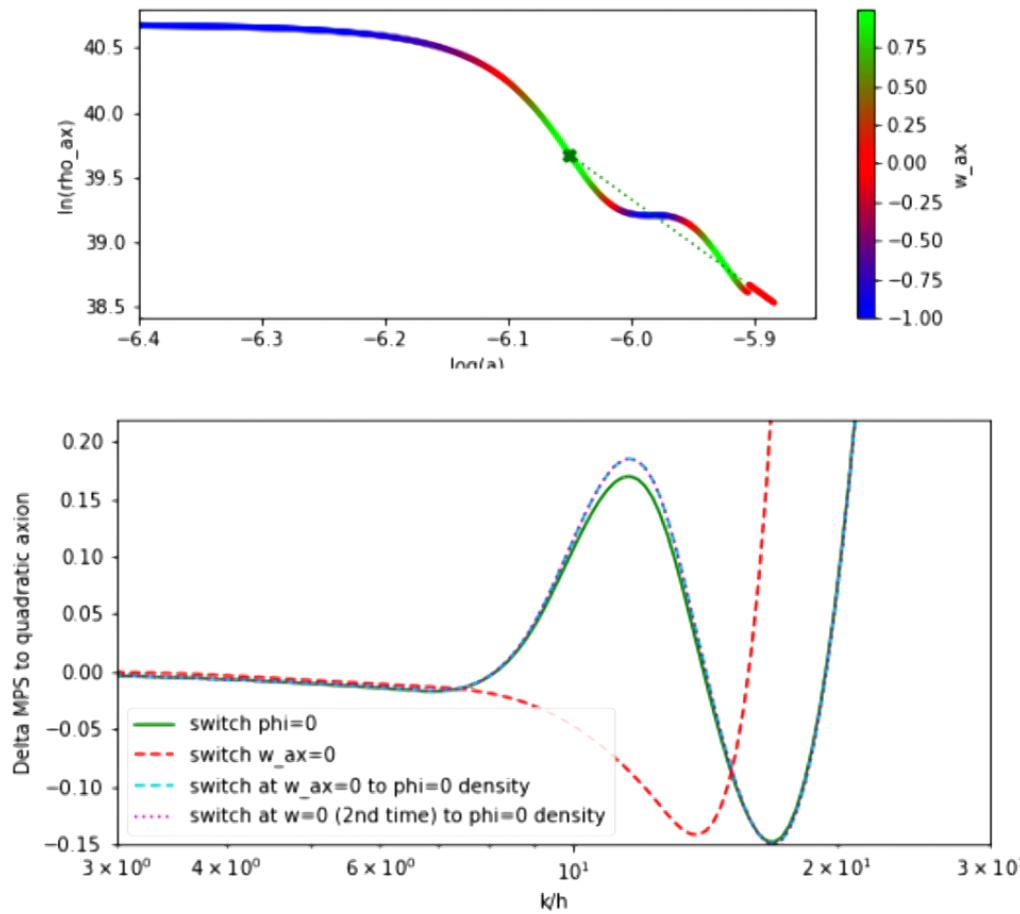
$$\ddot{\phi}_0 + 2\mathcal{H}\dot{\phi}_0 + m_a^2 a^2 \phi_0 = 0$$



$$V(\phi) = \Lambda_a^4 \left[1 - \cos \left(\frac{N_{DW}\phi}{f_a} \right) \right]$$



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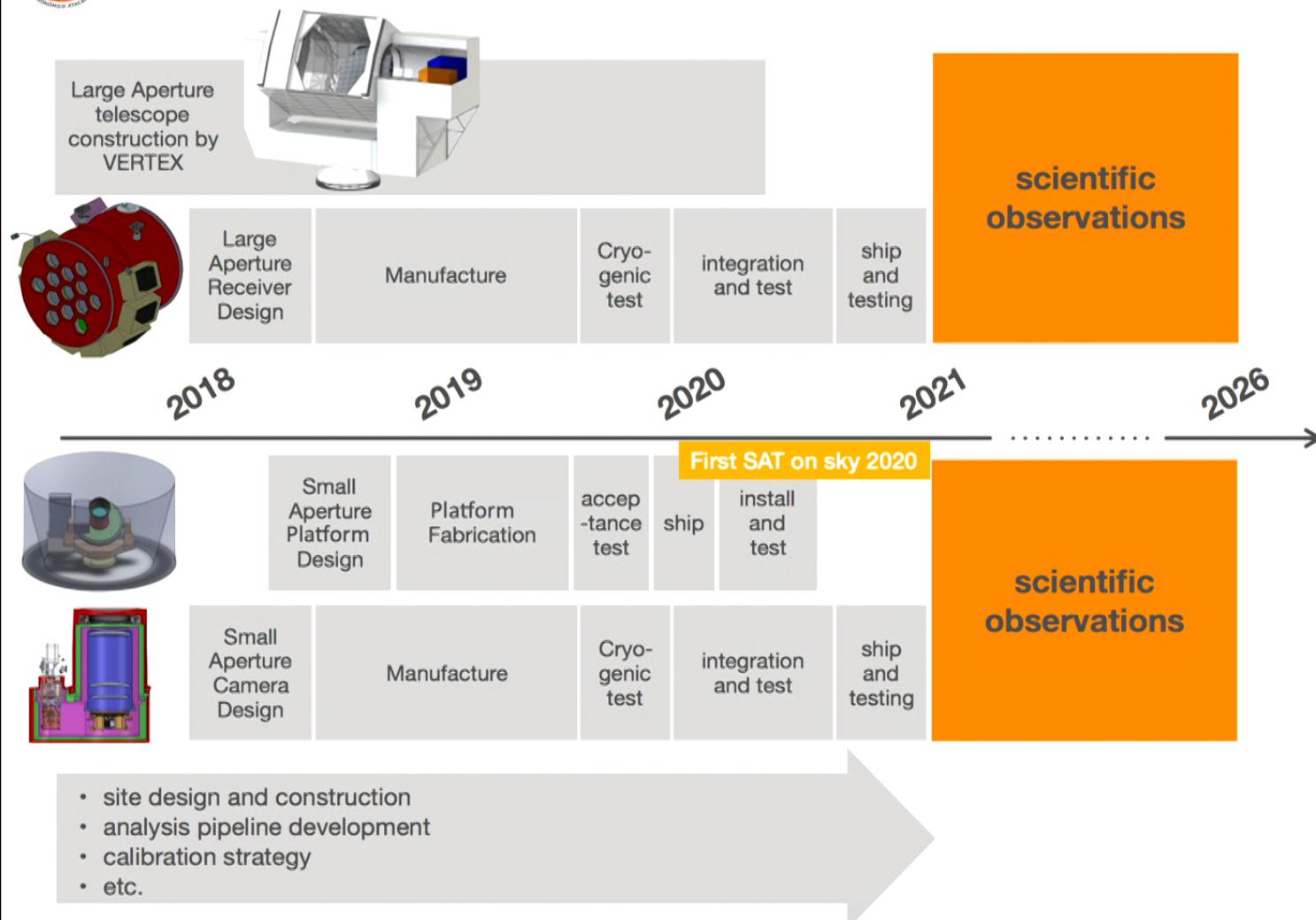


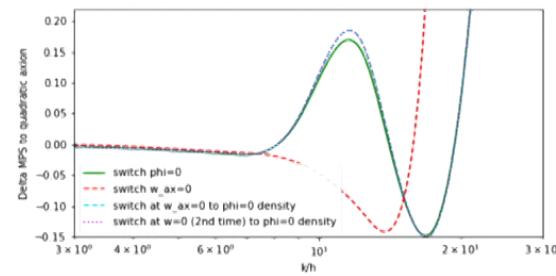
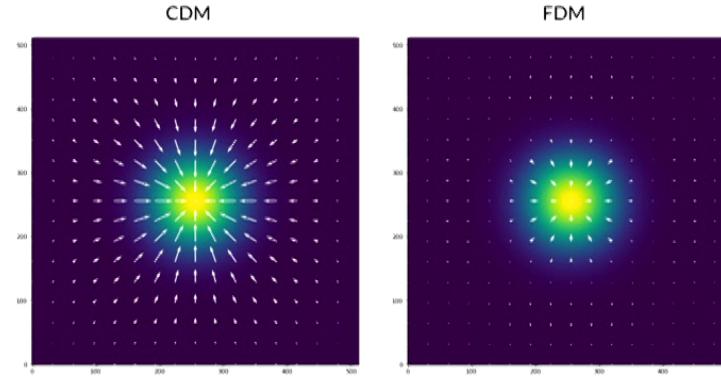
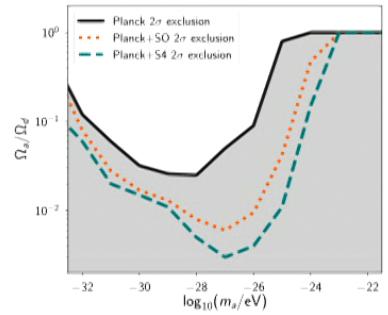
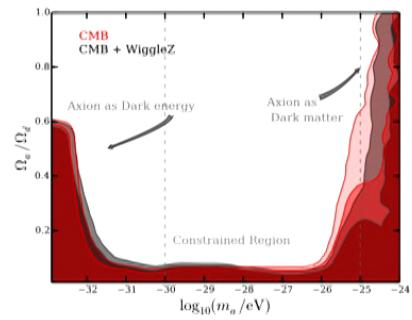
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