

Title: Searching for the fundamental nature of dark matter in the cosmic large-scale structure

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Abstract: The fundamental nature of dark matter (DM) so far eludes direct detection experiments, but it has left its imprint in the large-scale structure (LSS) of the Universe. I will present a search using cosmic microwave background (CMB) and galaxy surveys for ultra-light DM particle candidates called axions that are well motivated from high energy theory. In combining these datasets, I will discuss how the presence of axions can improve consistency between these probes and, in particular, help alleviate the S_8 cosmological parameter tension (the discrepancy in the amplitude of density fluctuations as inferred from CMB and galaxy data). I will then present complementary searches for ultra-light and light (sub-GeV) DM using a LSS probe called the Lyman-alpha forest. By combining complementary large- and small-scale structure probes, I will demonstrate how current and forthcoming cosmological data will systematically test the nature of DM. In order to model novel DM physics accurately and efficiently in CMB and LSS probes, I will present new machine learning approaches using neural network "emulators" to accelerate DM parameter inference from days to seconds and active learning to reduce massively the computational expense.

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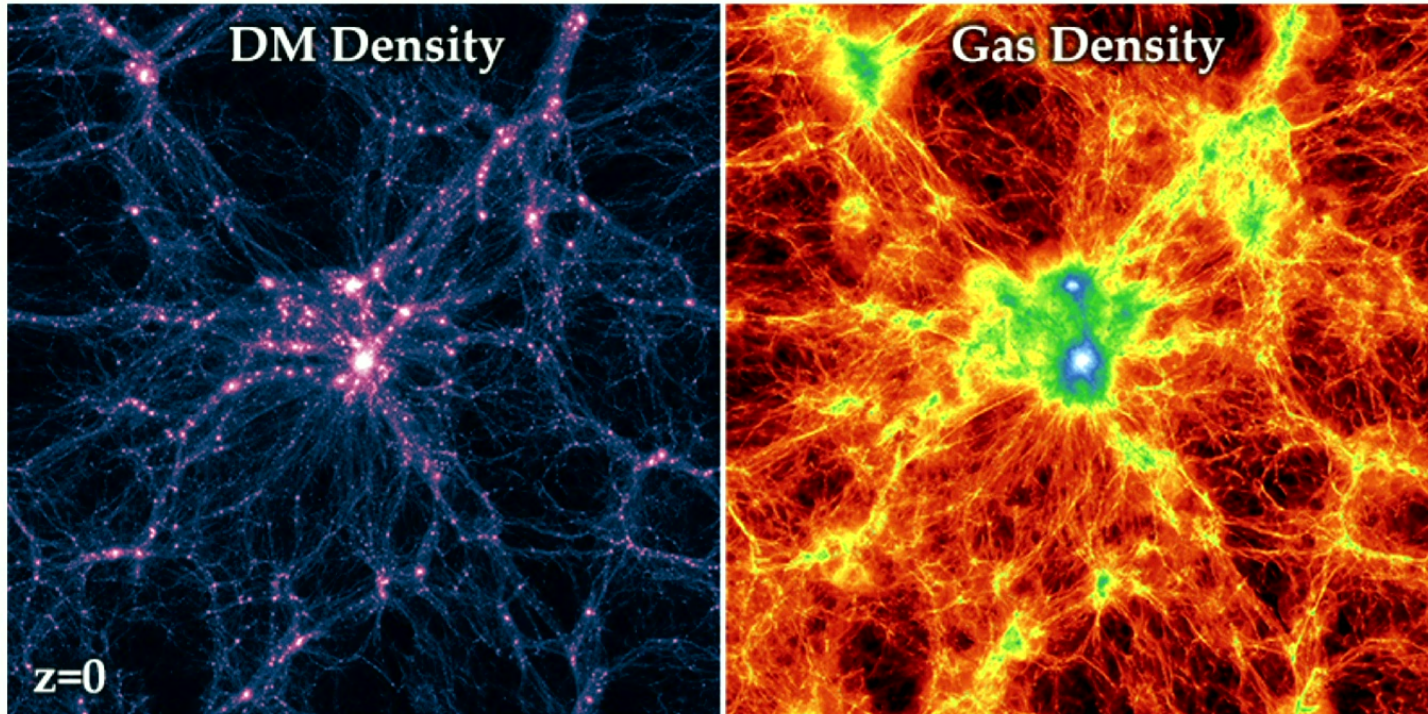
A visualization of the cosmic large-scale structure, showing a complex network of blue filaments and nodes against a dark background. The filaments represent the cosmic web, and the nodes represent galaxy clusters and superclusters.

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

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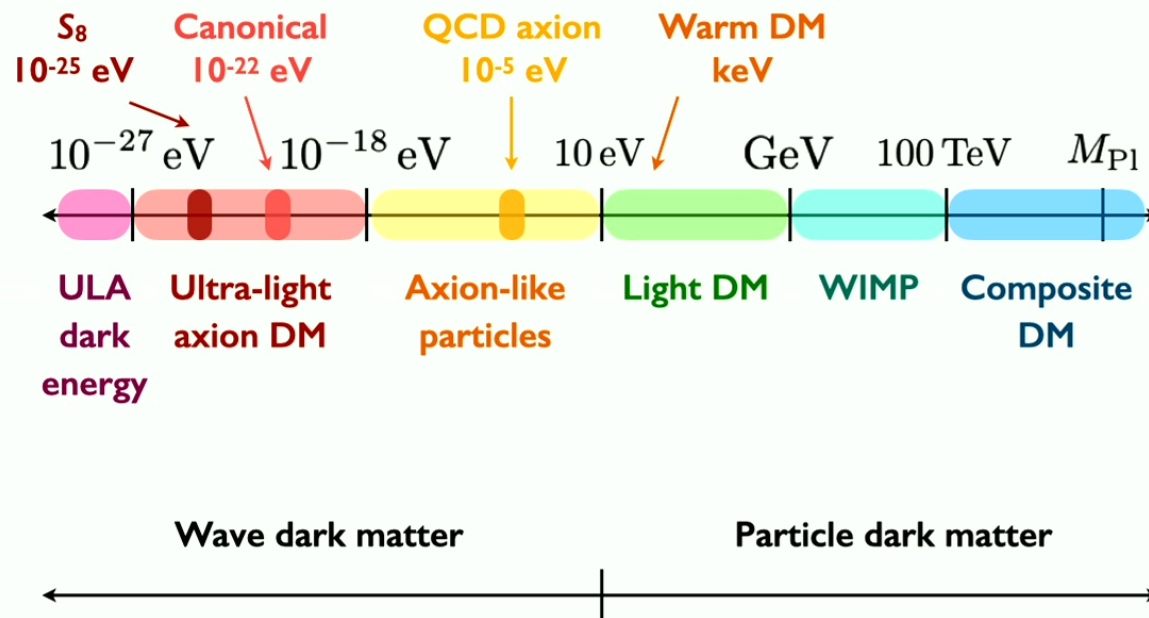
Find dark matter by only known interaction — gravity
— trace dark matter by galaxies & intergalactic gas



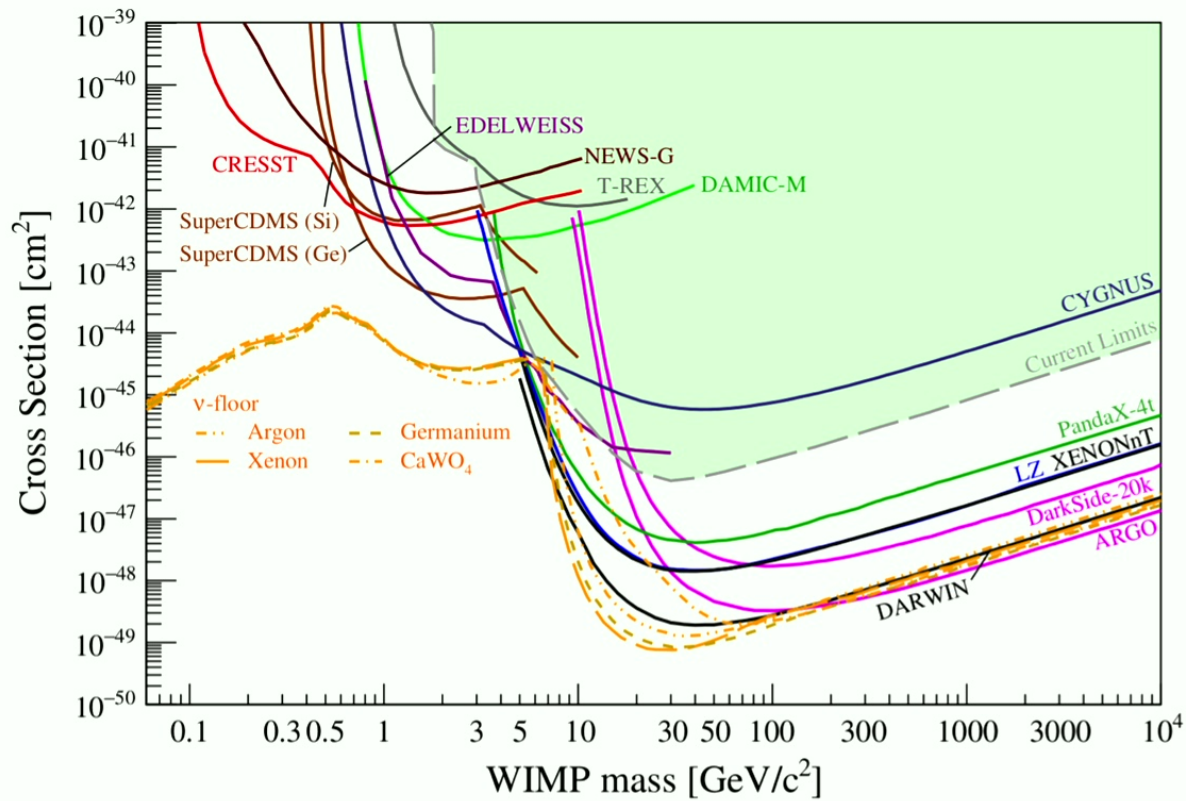
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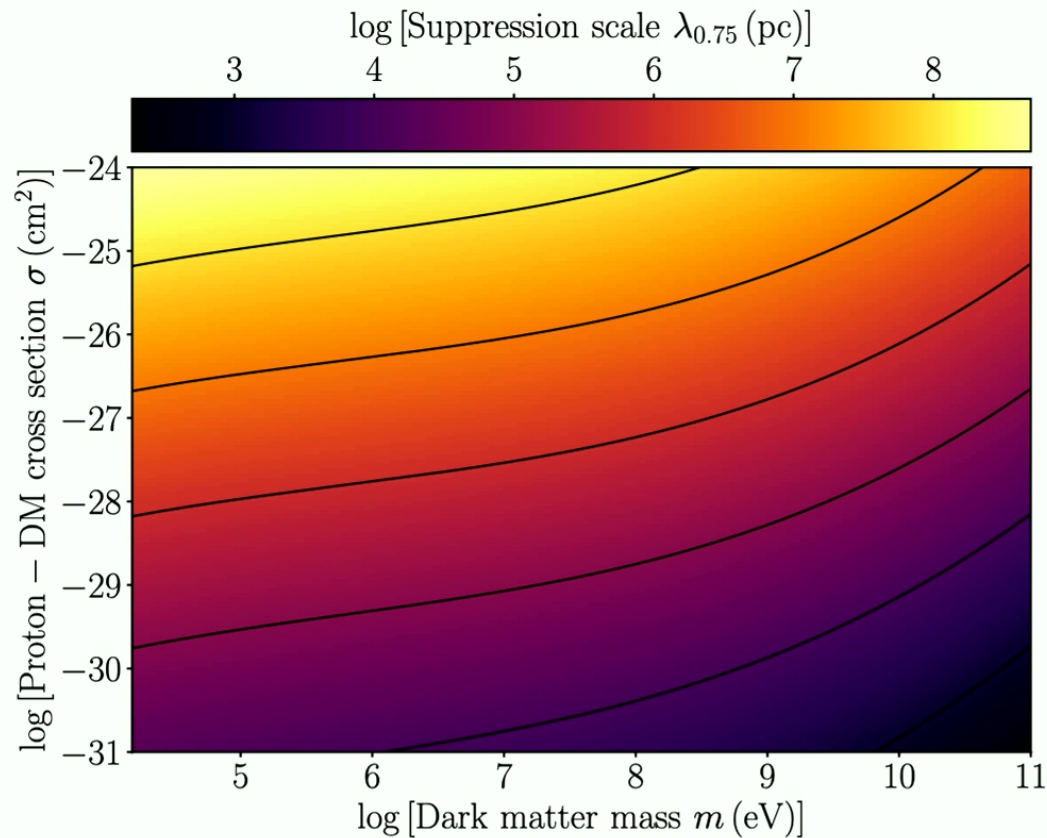
Beyond the WIMP: dark matter model space



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

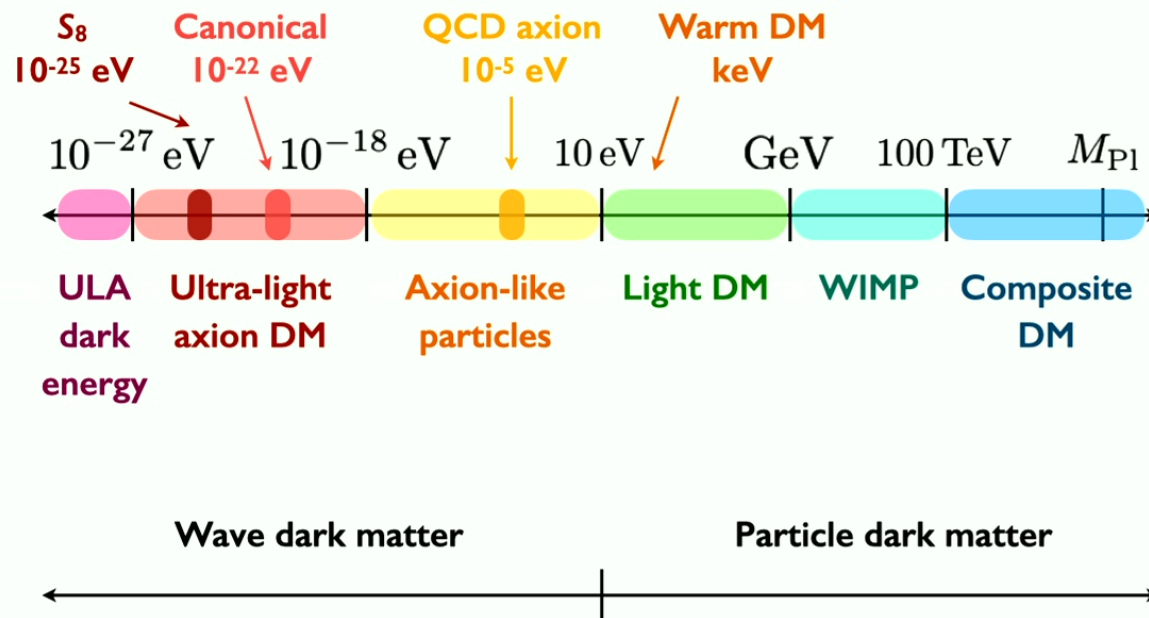


Light (sub-GeV) particle dark matter collisionally dampens growth of small-scale structure

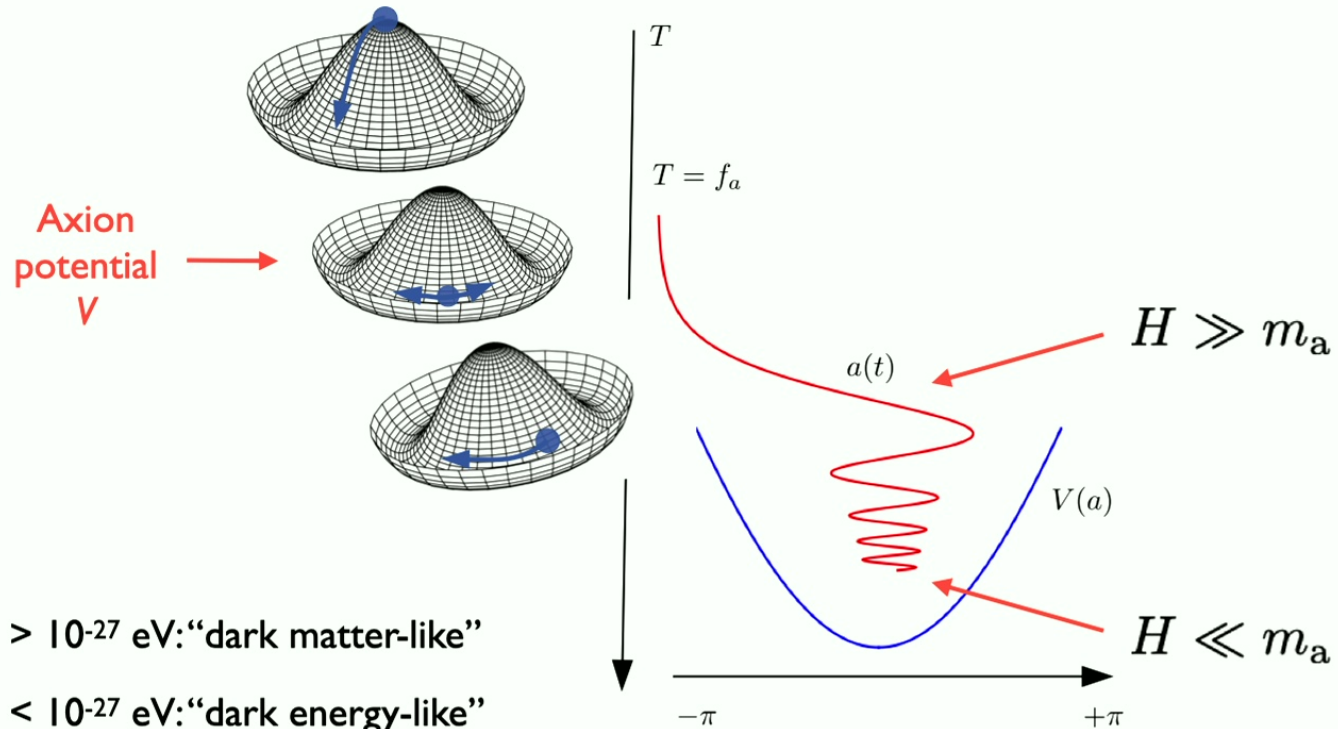


Chen et al. (2002); Dvorkin et al. (2014); Rogers et al. (Phys. Rev. Lett., 2022)

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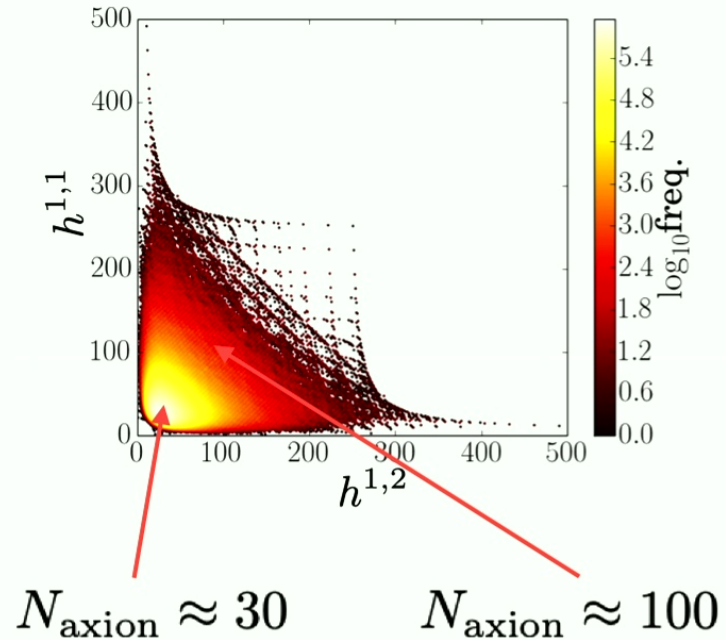
Axions are dark energy and dark matter candidates



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

Figure credit: Pargner (2019); Peccei & Quinn (1977); Weinberg (1978); Wilczek (1978)

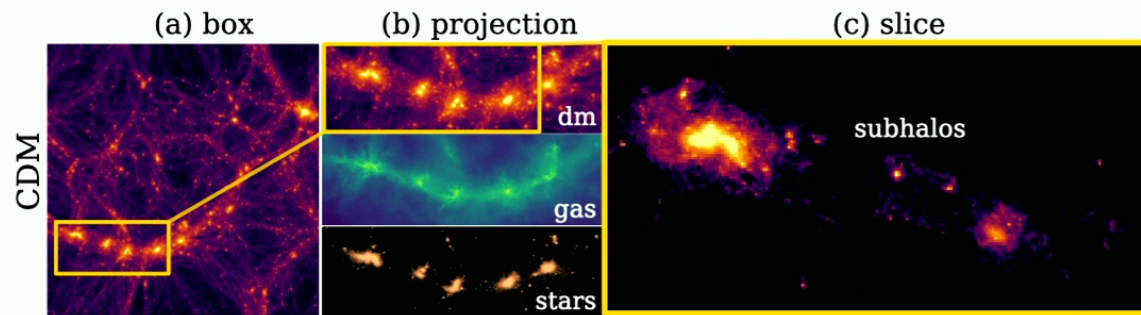
Axion-like particles abundantly produced in high-energy theory



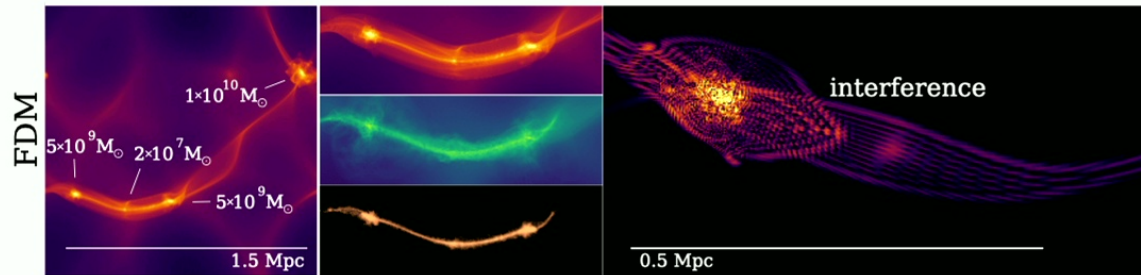
- Axion-like particles widely formed in BSM theories, inc. string models
- Axiverse of different mass axions from spacetime compactification
- One/more **string axions can be DM**

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?

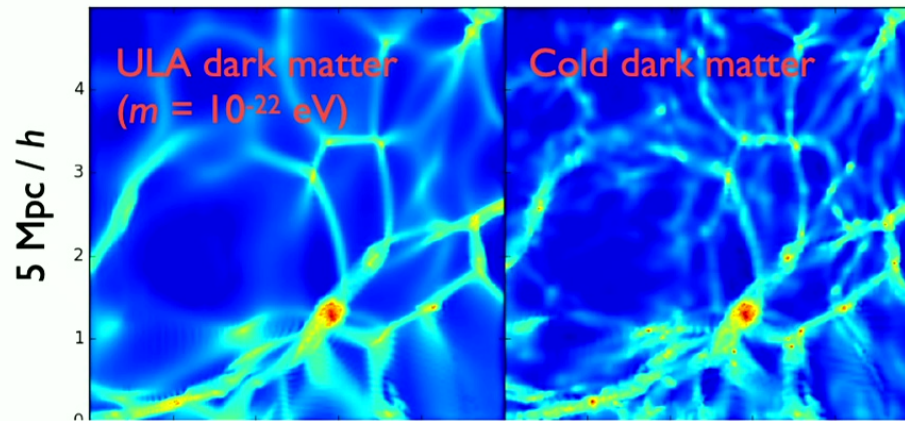
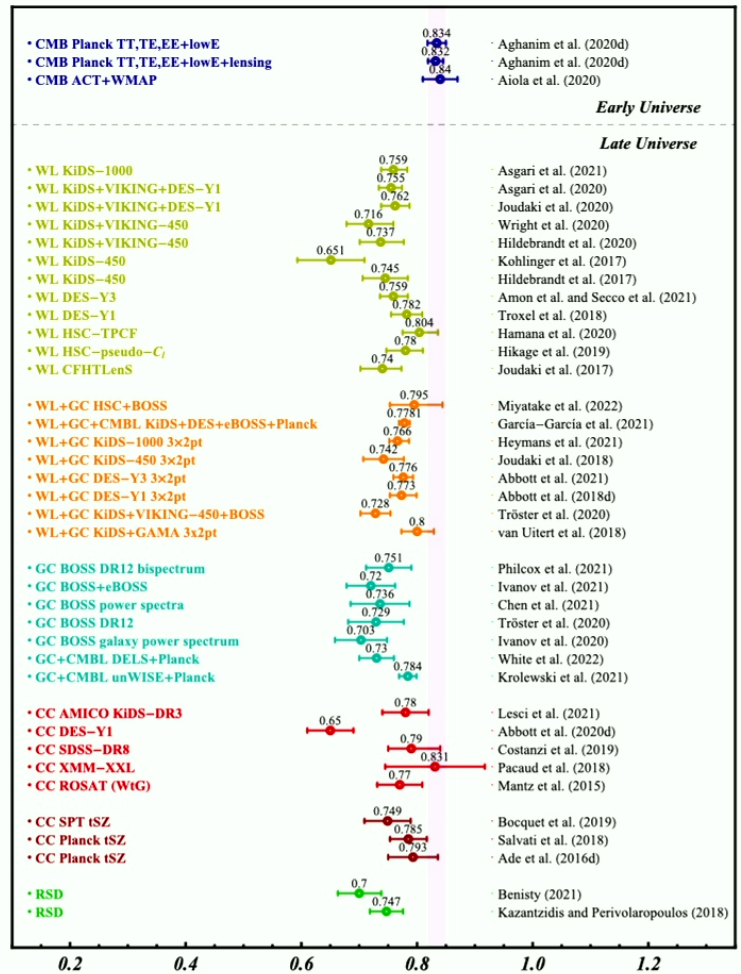


Figure credit: Armengaud et al. (2017); Hu et al. (2000)

Larger scales

Smaller scales

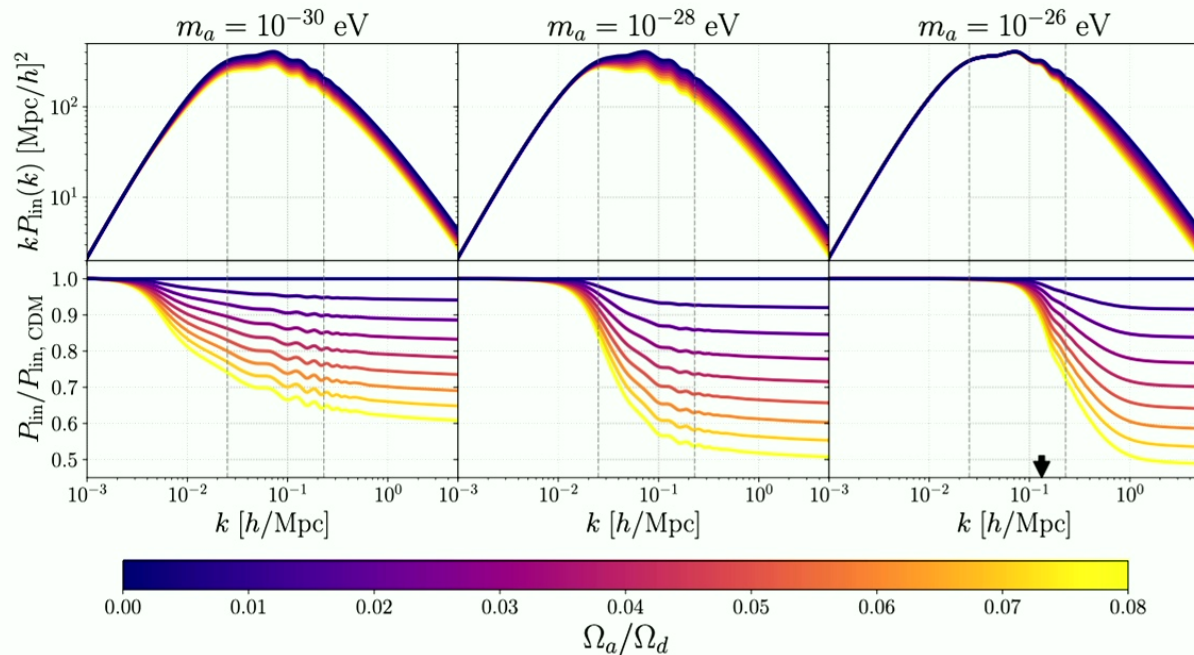


S₈
tension

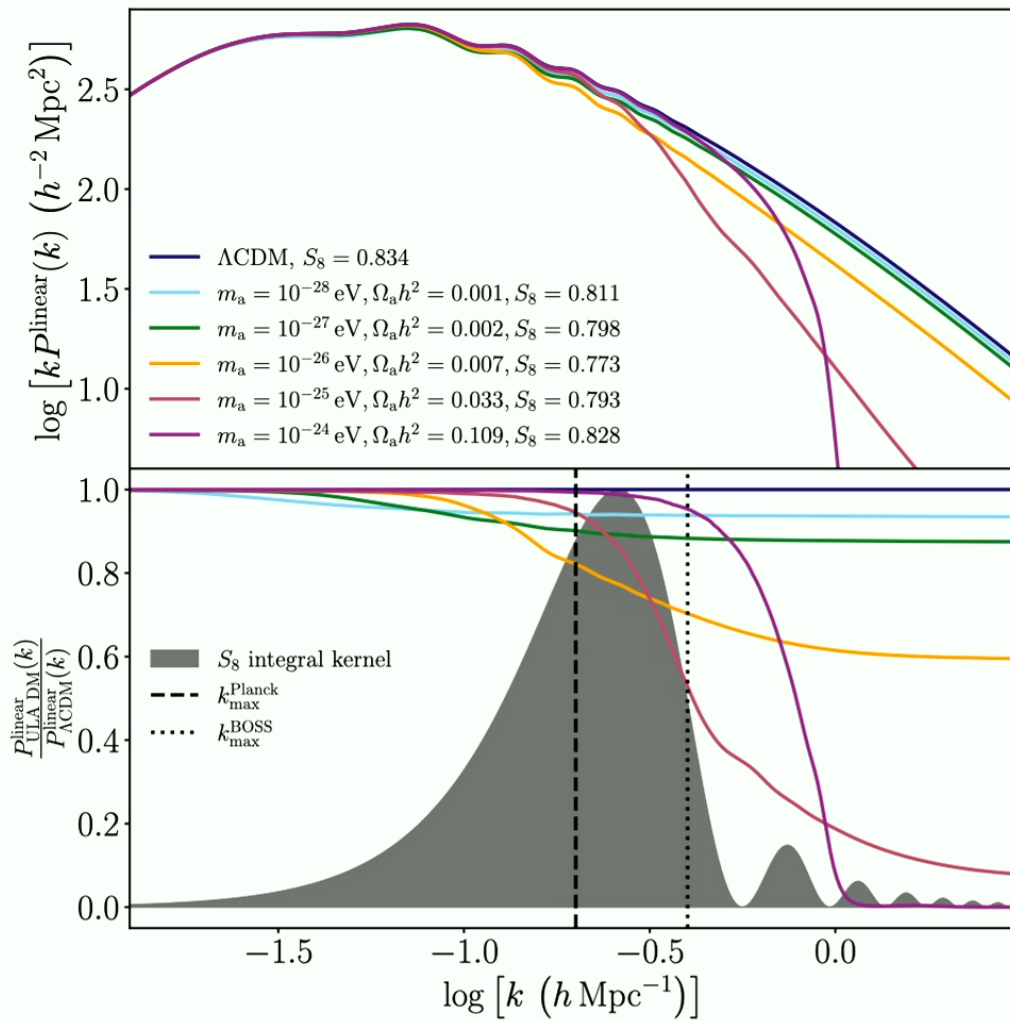
S₈ ~ amplitude of density fluctuations at 8 Mpc/h

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

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



Laguë, Bond, Hložek, Rogers, Marsh, Grin (JCAP, 2022)



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}

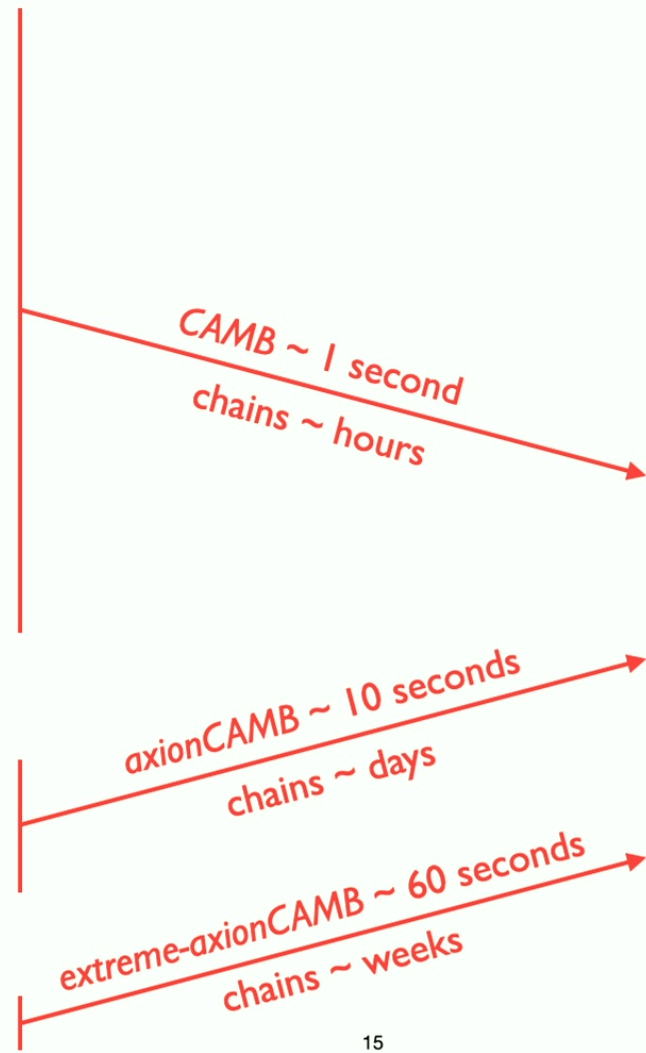
+

ω_{axion}

m_{axion}

+

ϕ_{axion}



C_l^{TT}

C_l^{TE}

C_l^{EE}

$C_l^{\phi\phi}$

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

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

$$n_s$$

$$h$$

$$\tau$$

$$\omega_b$$

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

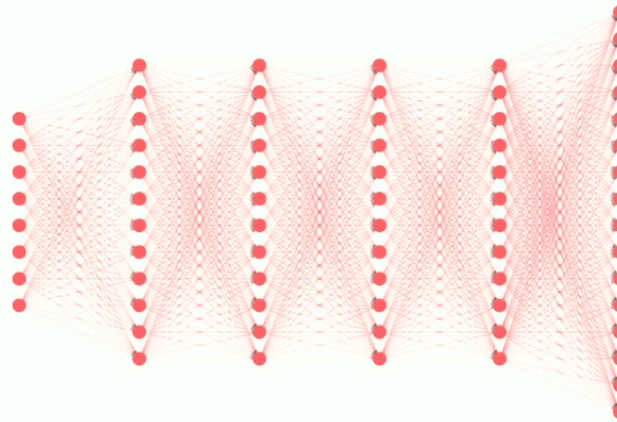
+

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

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

+

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



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

Anran Xu



$$C_l^{TT}$$

$$C_l^{TE}$$

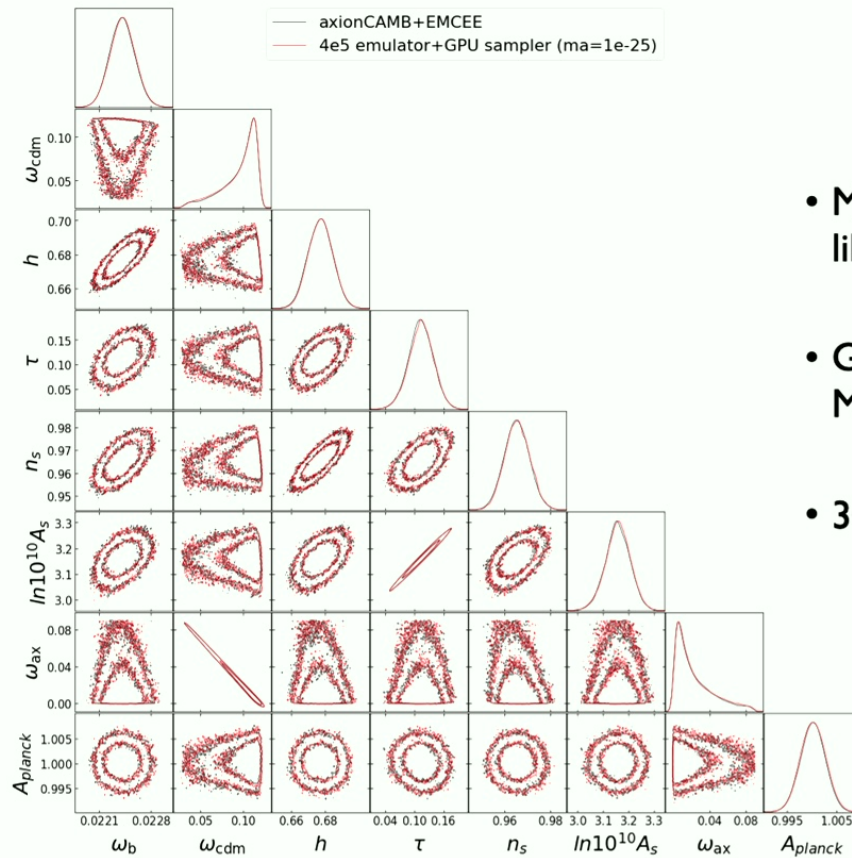
$$C_l^{EE}$$

$$C_l^{\phi\phi}$$

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

CosmoPower: Mancini+ (2022); *axionEmu*: Xu & Rogers (2023)

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 → 10 seconds

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Anran Xu & Keir Rogers (in prep, 2023)



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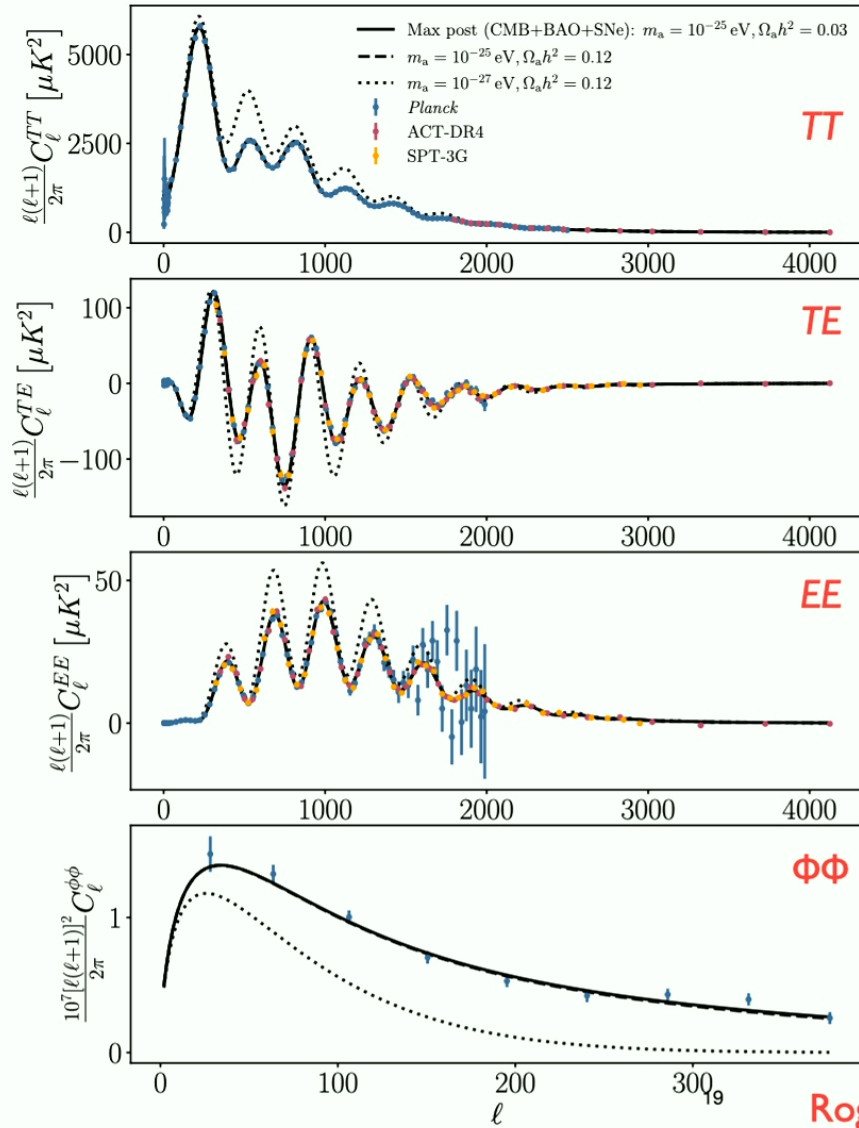
JOINT CONSTRAINTS ON ULTRA-LIGHT AXIONS FROM CMB & GALAXY SURVEYS

arXiv: 2301.08361

JCAP, 01, 049, 2022

MNRAS, 515, 5646, 2022

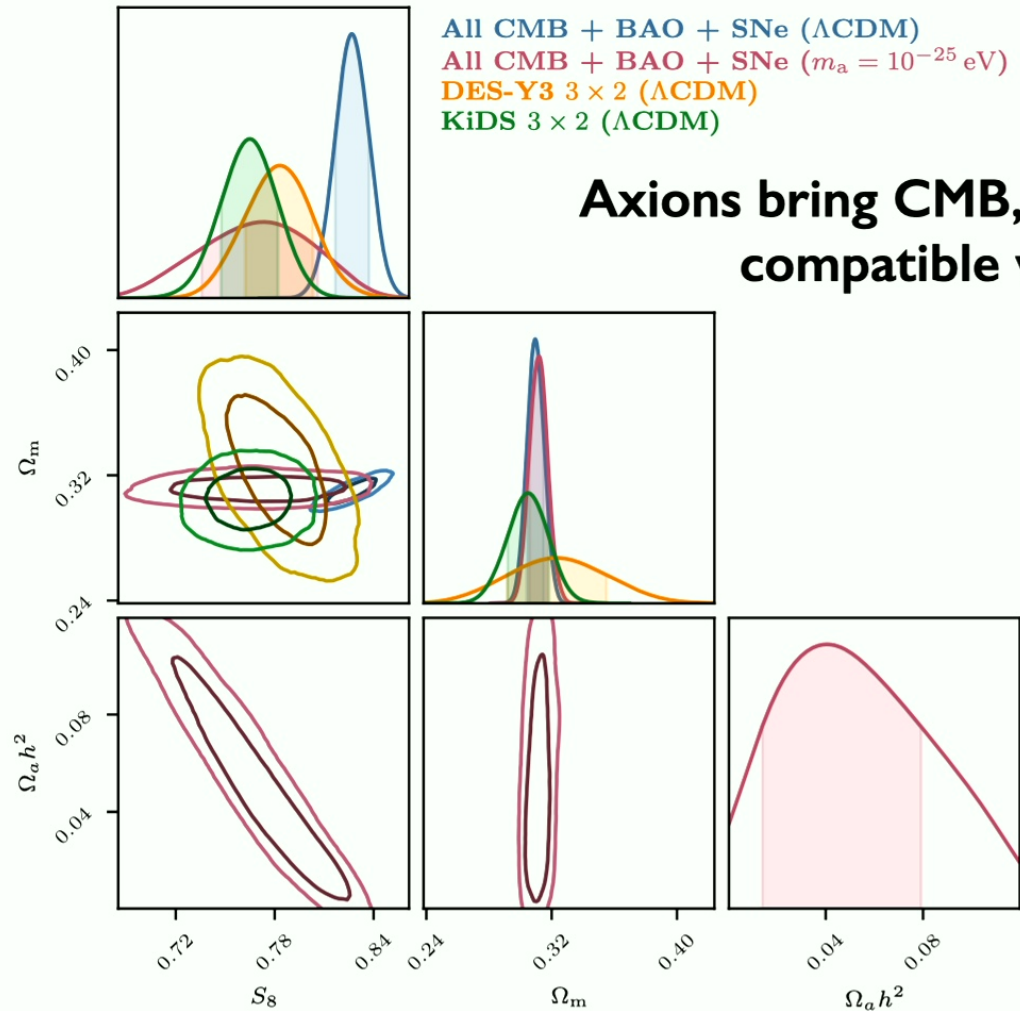
with Hložek, Laguë, Ivanov, Philcox, Cabass, Akitsu, Marsh, Bond, Dentler, Grin



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

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

Rogers, Hložek, et al. (arXiv:2301.08361)

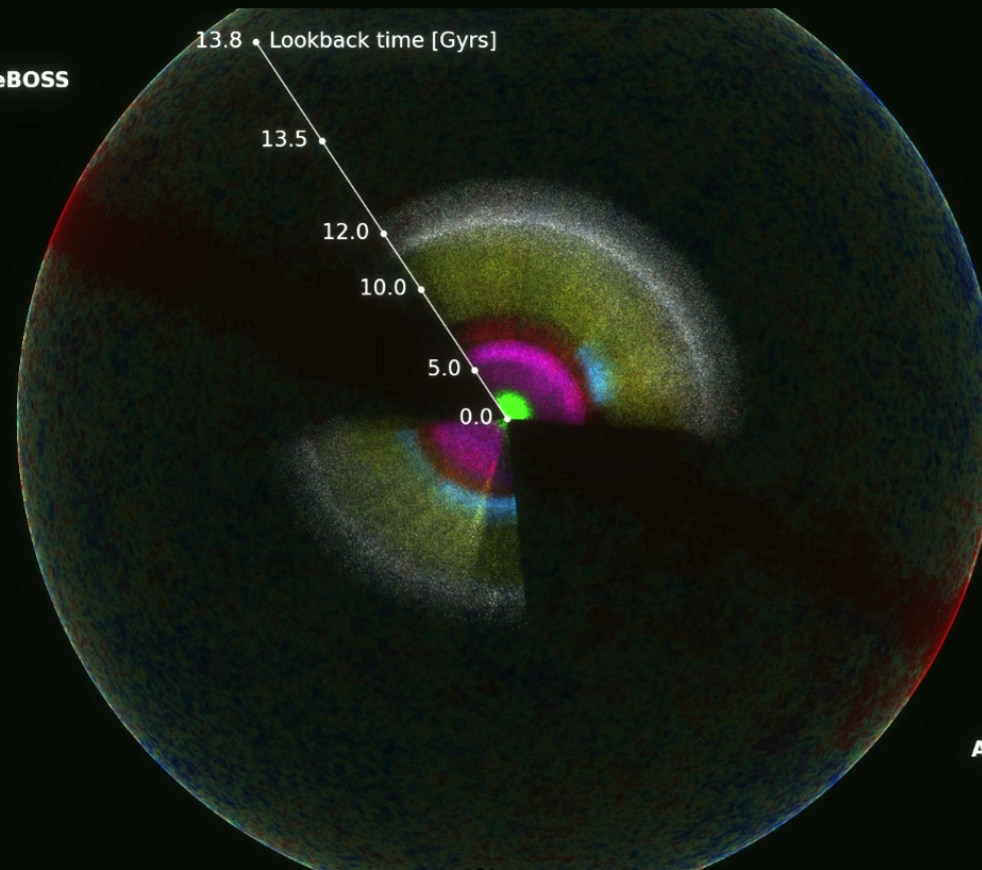


Axions bring CMB, BAO & SNe data compatible with low S_8

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

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

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

↑
Linear theory
(Kaiser model)
 $\propto P^{\text{Linear}}(k)$

↑
Perturbation
theory
 $\propto k^2 P^{\text{Linear}}(k)$

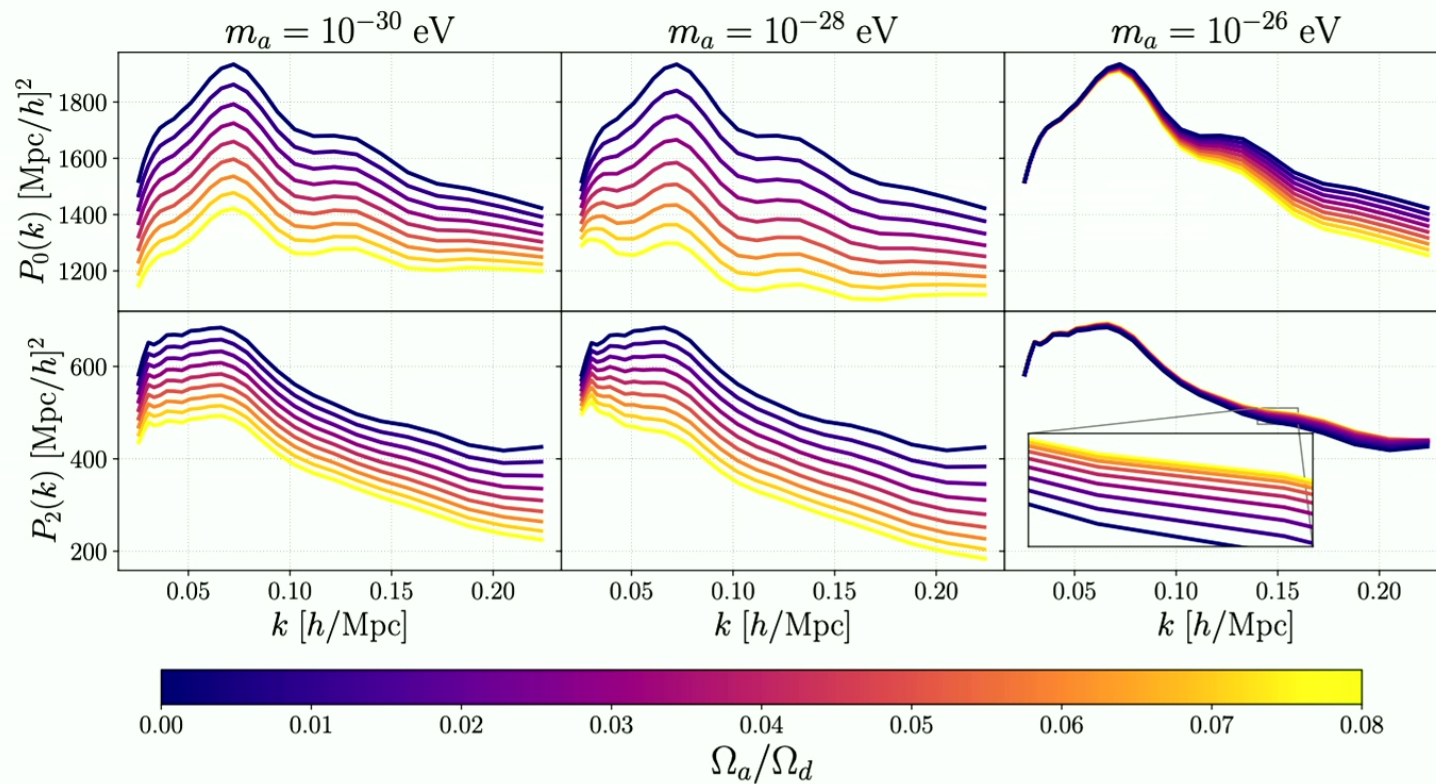
↑
Ultraviolet
counterterms
 $\propto k^2 P^{\text{Linear}}(k)$

↑
Stochastic
(shot noise/RSD)

+ Infrared resummation
+ Alcock-Paczynski distortion

Rogers, Hložek, et al. (arXiv:2301.08361)^{??}; Baumann et al. (2012); Chudaykin et al. (2020)

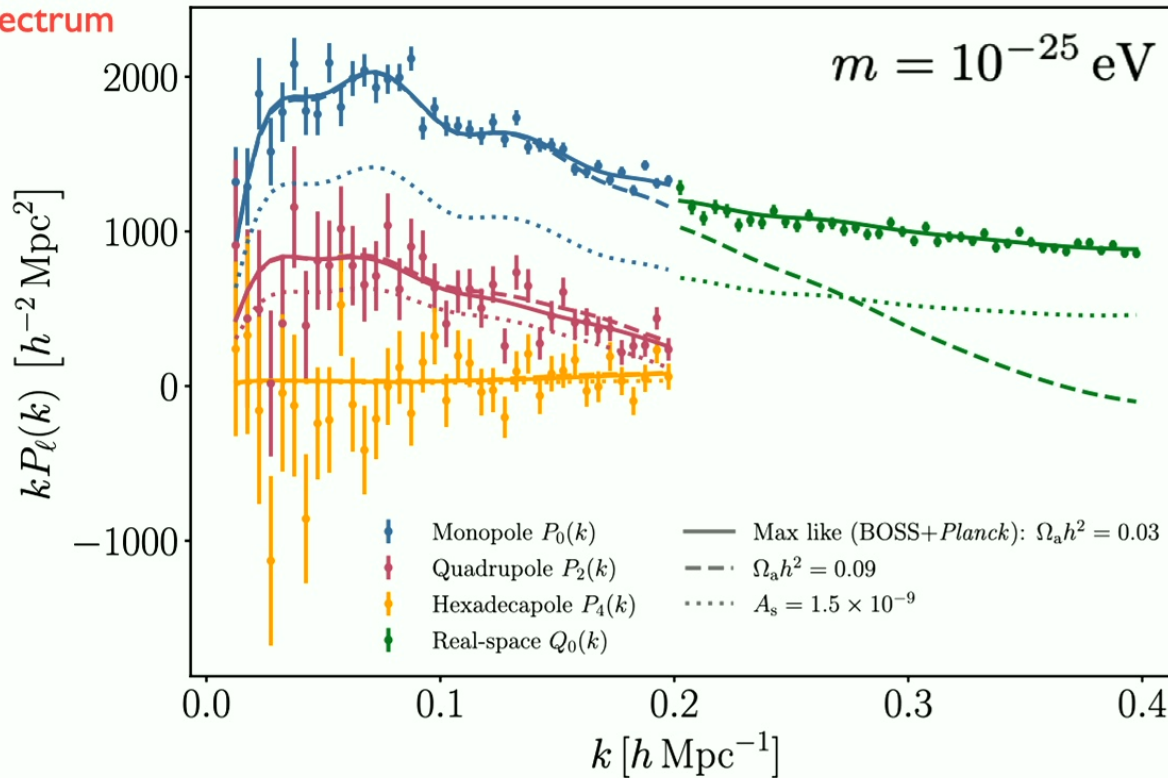
Galaxy clustering traces dark matter clustering — revealing signature of ultra-light axions



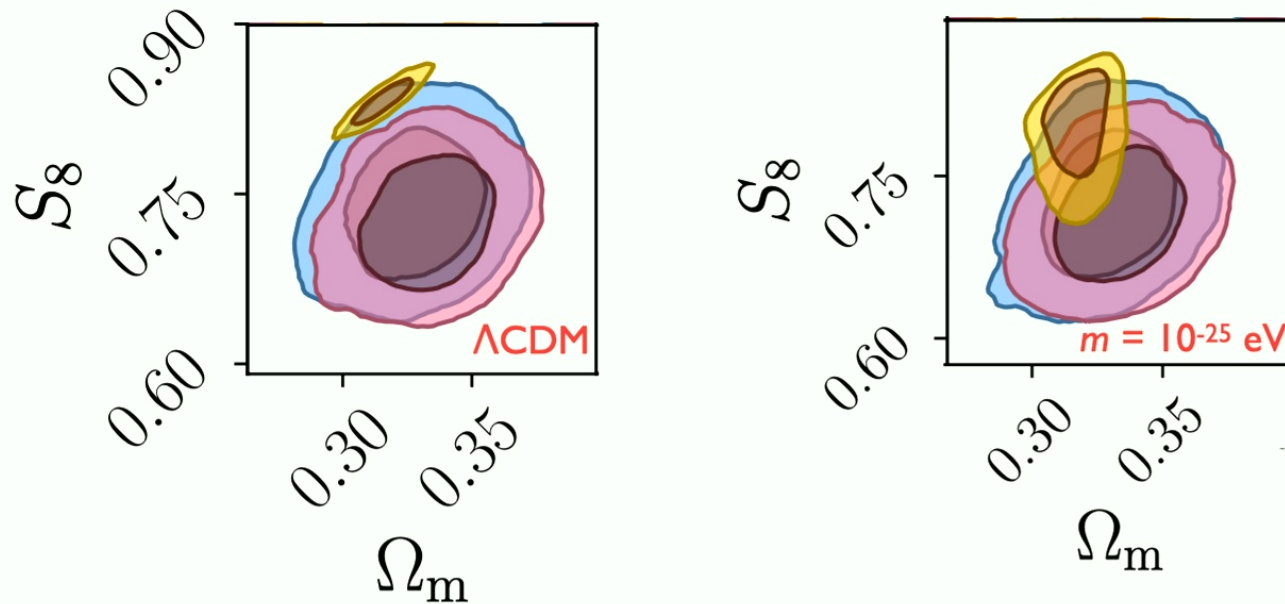
Laguë, Bond, Hložek, Rogers, Marsh, Grin (JCAP, 2022)

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

Power spectrum

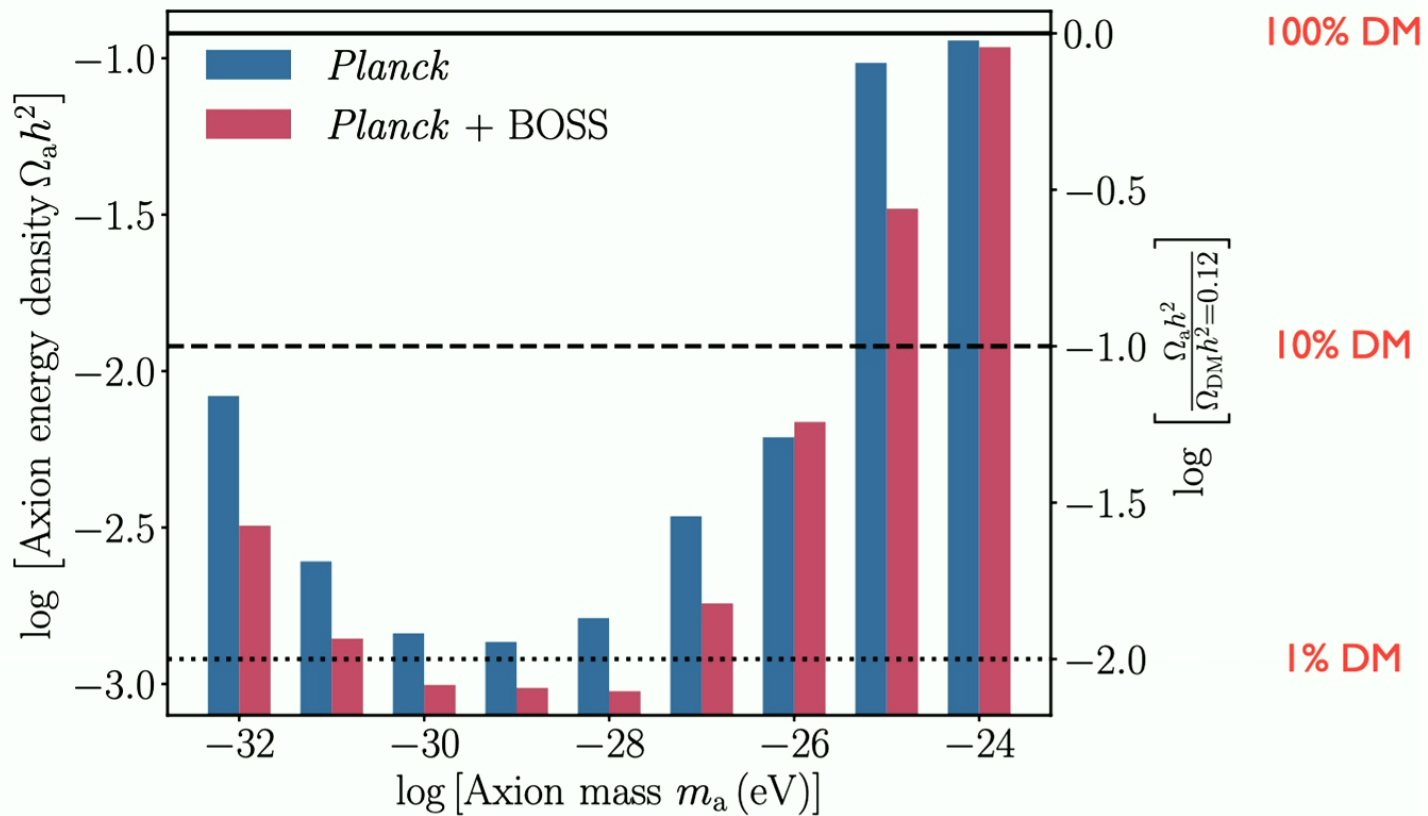


Axions improve consistency between *Planck* and BOSS



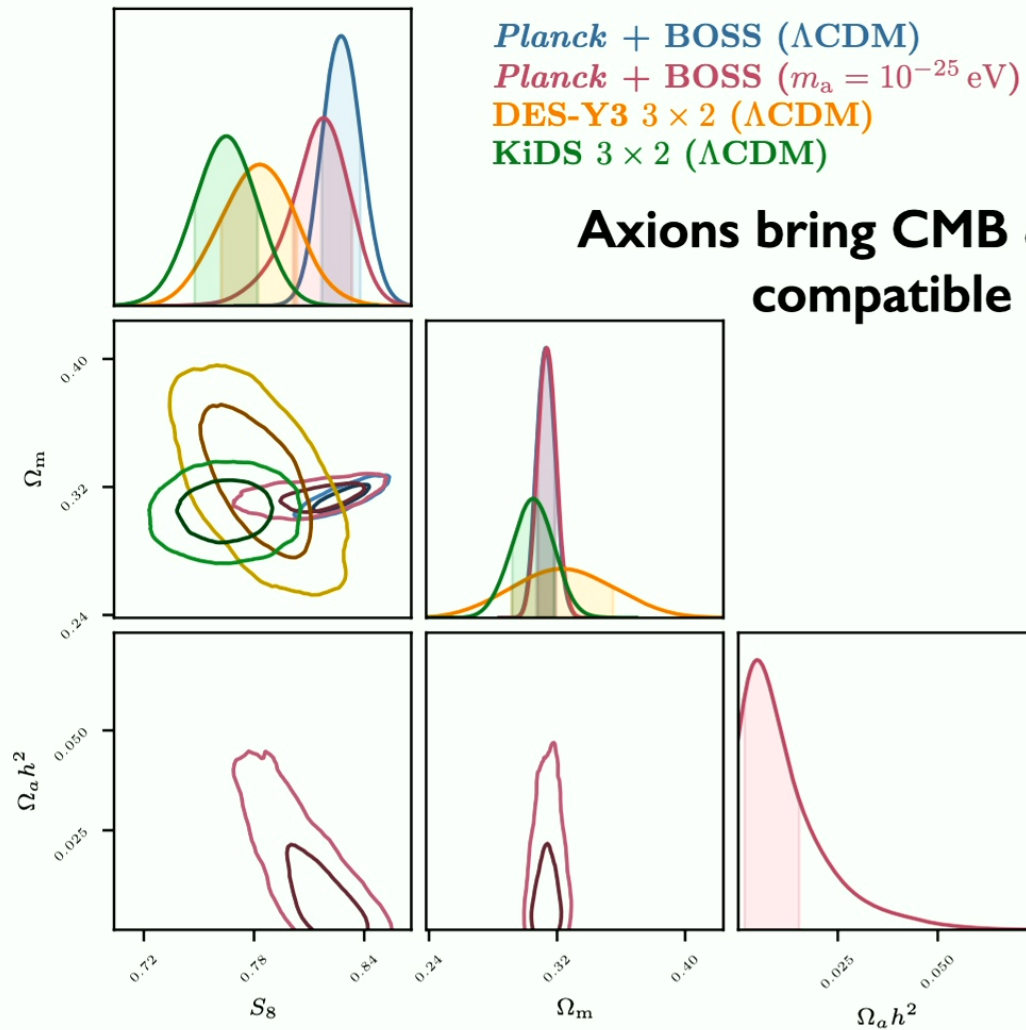
- *Planck* cosmic microwave background
- BOSS galaxy power spectrum
- BOSS galaxy power spectrum + bispectrum

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



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Rogers, Hložek, et al. (arXiv:2301.08361)

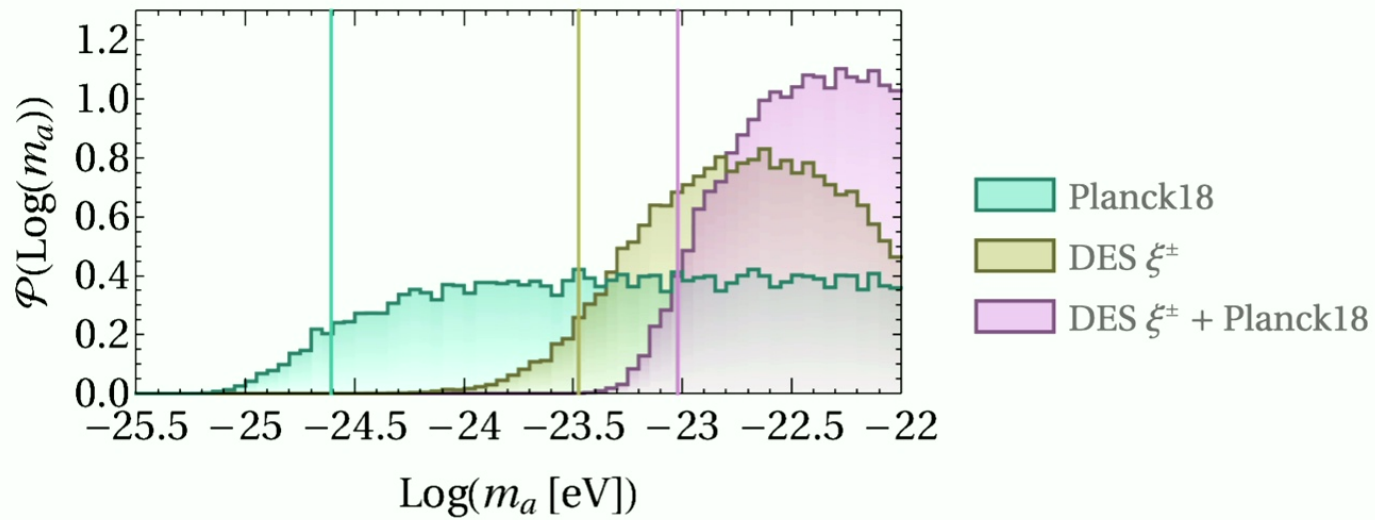


Planck + BOSS (Λ CDM)
Planck + BOSS ($m_a = 10^{-25}$ eV)
 DES-Y3 3×2 (Λ CDM)
 KiDS 3×2 (Λ CDM)

Axions bring CMB & galaxy clustering compatible with low S_8

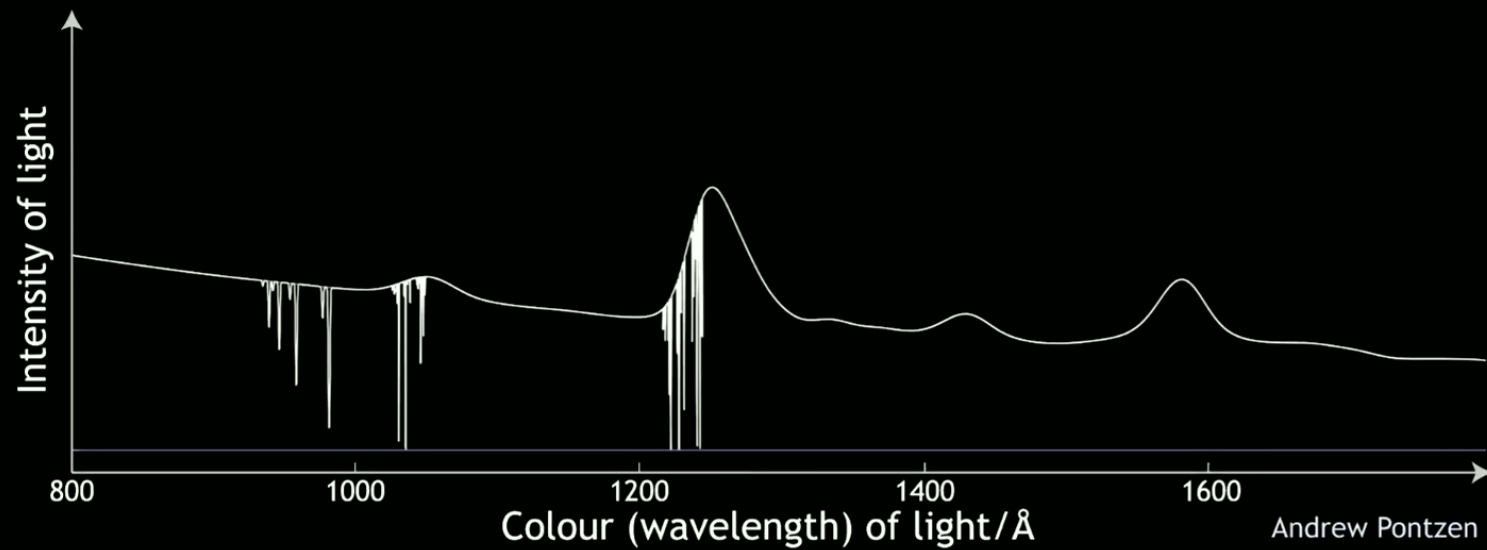
$$m = 10^{-25} \text{ eV}$$

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

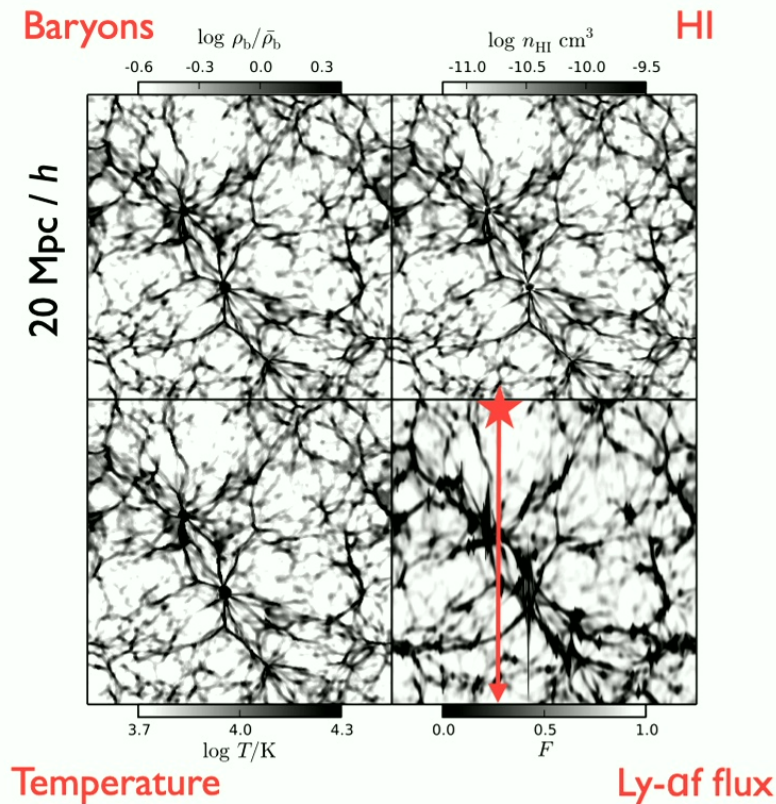


Dentler, Marsh²⁸, Hložek, Laguë, Rogers, Grin (MNRAS, 2022)

Lyman-alpha forest probes smallest cosmic scales

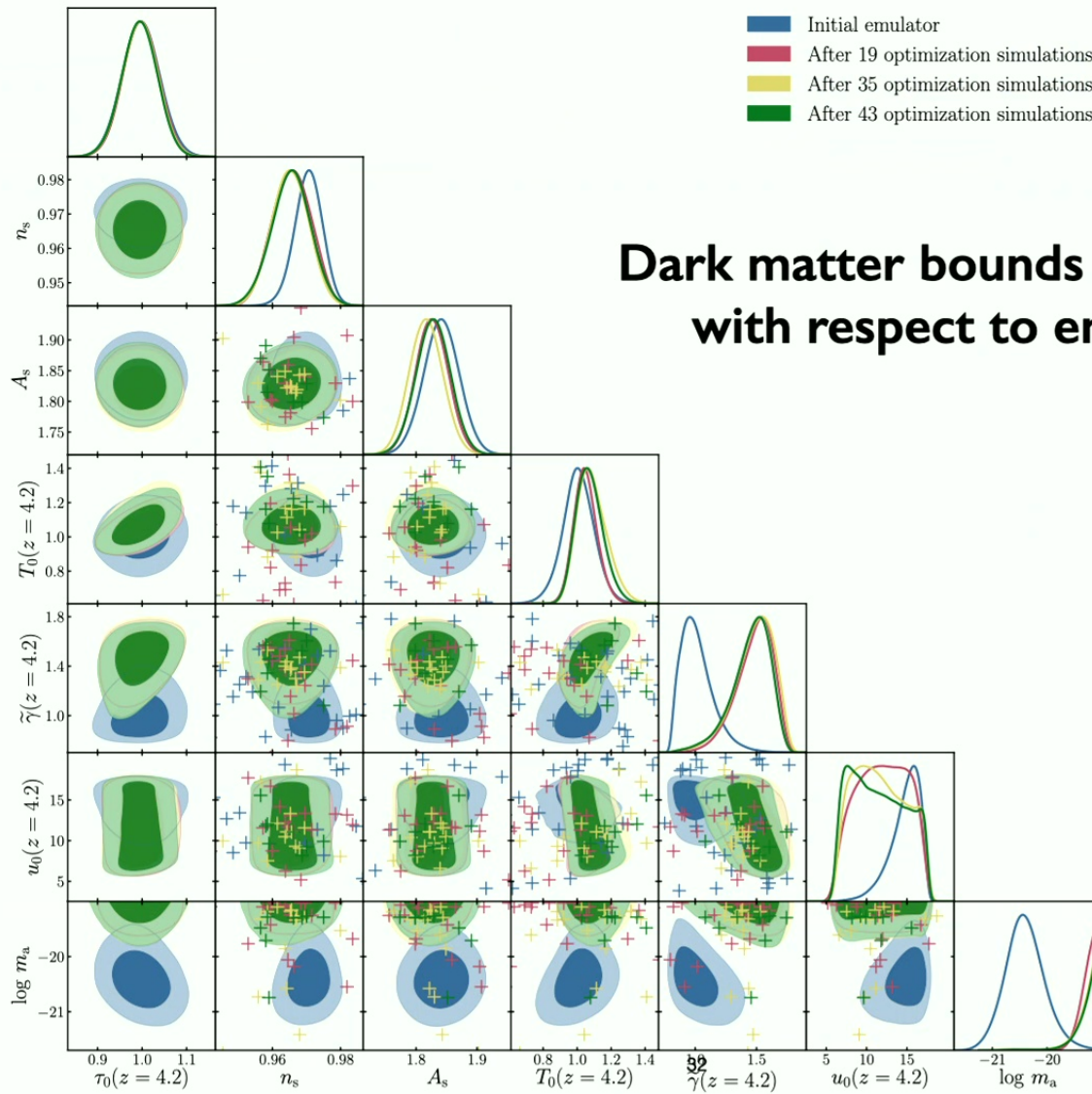


Lyman-alpha forest probes smallest cosmic scales — robustly account for range of astrophysical states



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

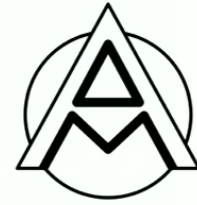
Lukić et al. (2015); Rogers et al. (JCAP, 2019); Rogers & Peiris (Phys. Rev. D, 2021)



Rogers & Peiris (Phys. Rev. D, 2021)



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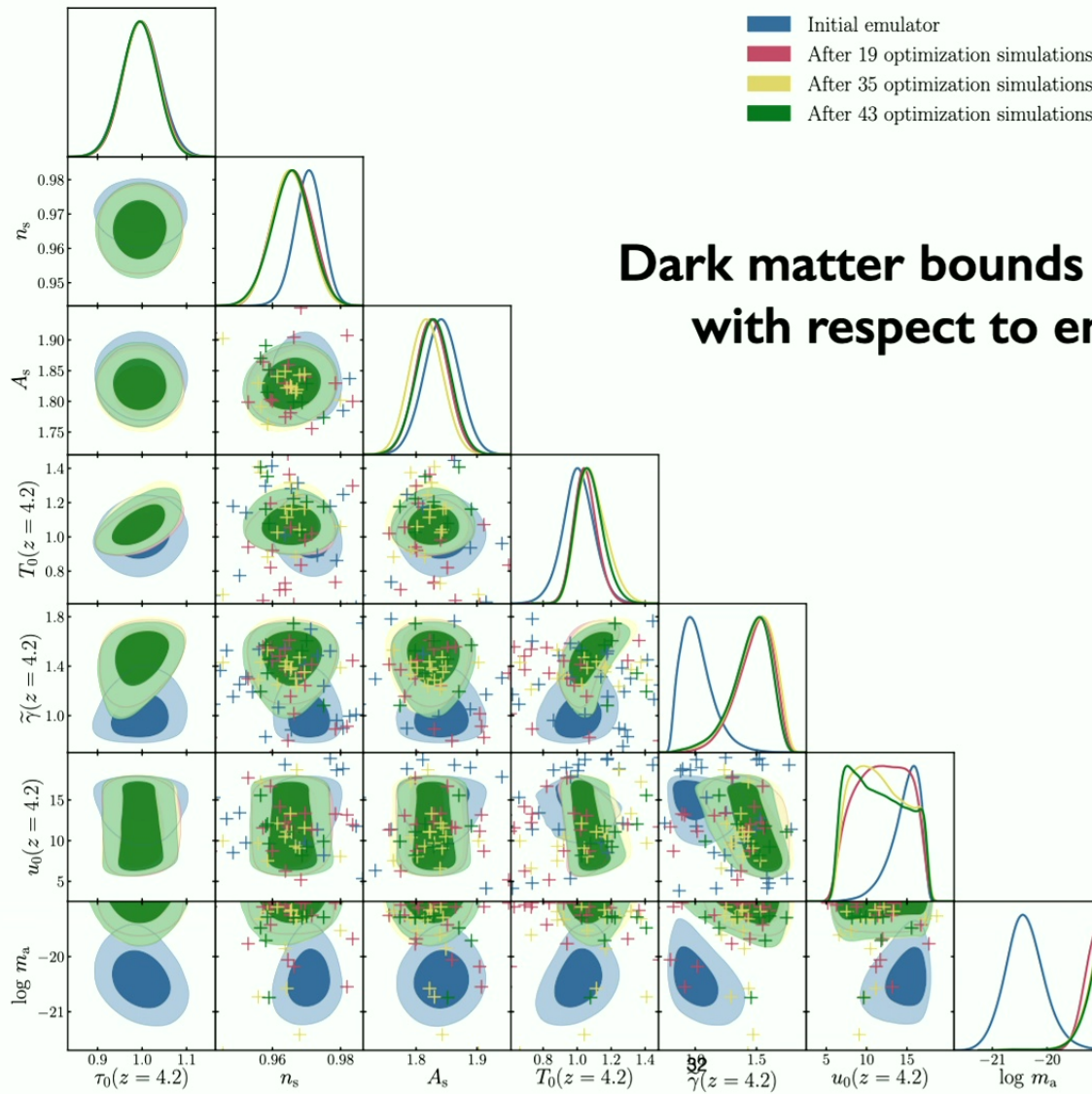
DARK MATTER EMULATOR WITH ACTIVE LEARNING

JCAP, 02, 031, 2019

JCAP, 02, 050, 2019

Phys. Rev. D, 103, 043526, 2021

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



Rogers & Peiris (Phys. Rev. D, 2021)

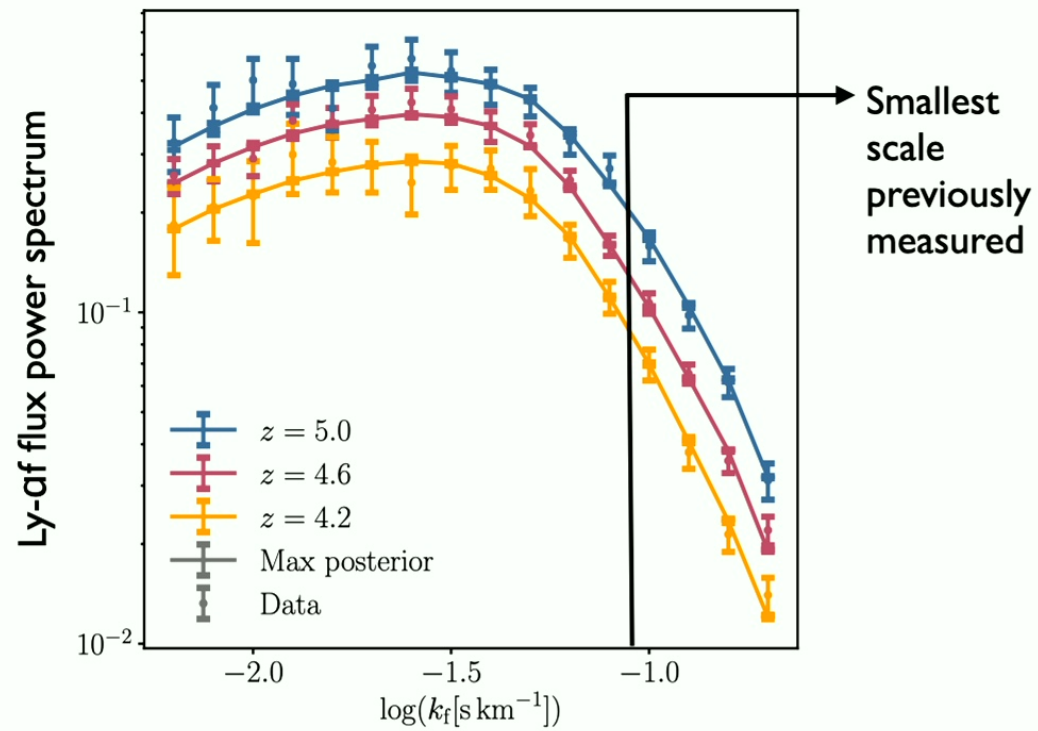


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NEW LIMITS ON DARK MATTER — PROTON INTERACTION

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)

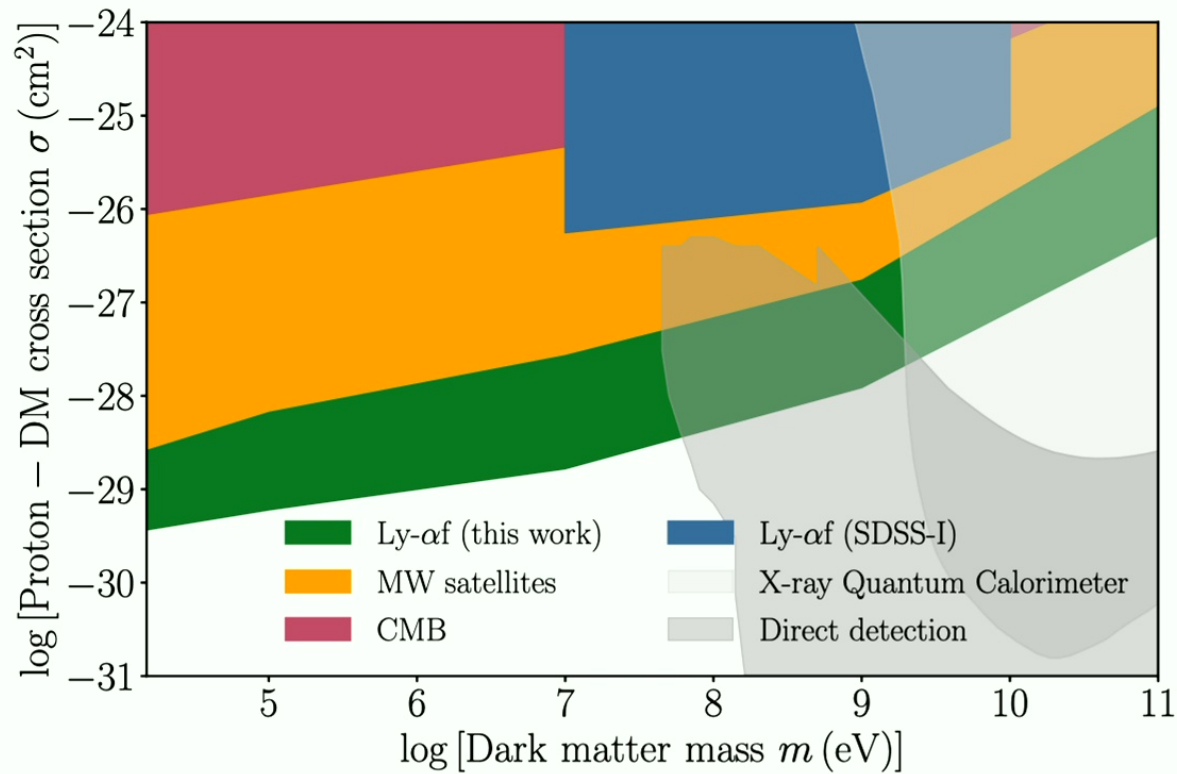


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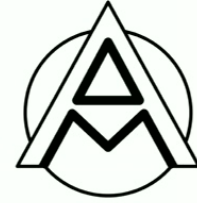
Rogers³⁴ & Peiris (PRL, 2021); Rogers et al. (PRL, 2022)

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





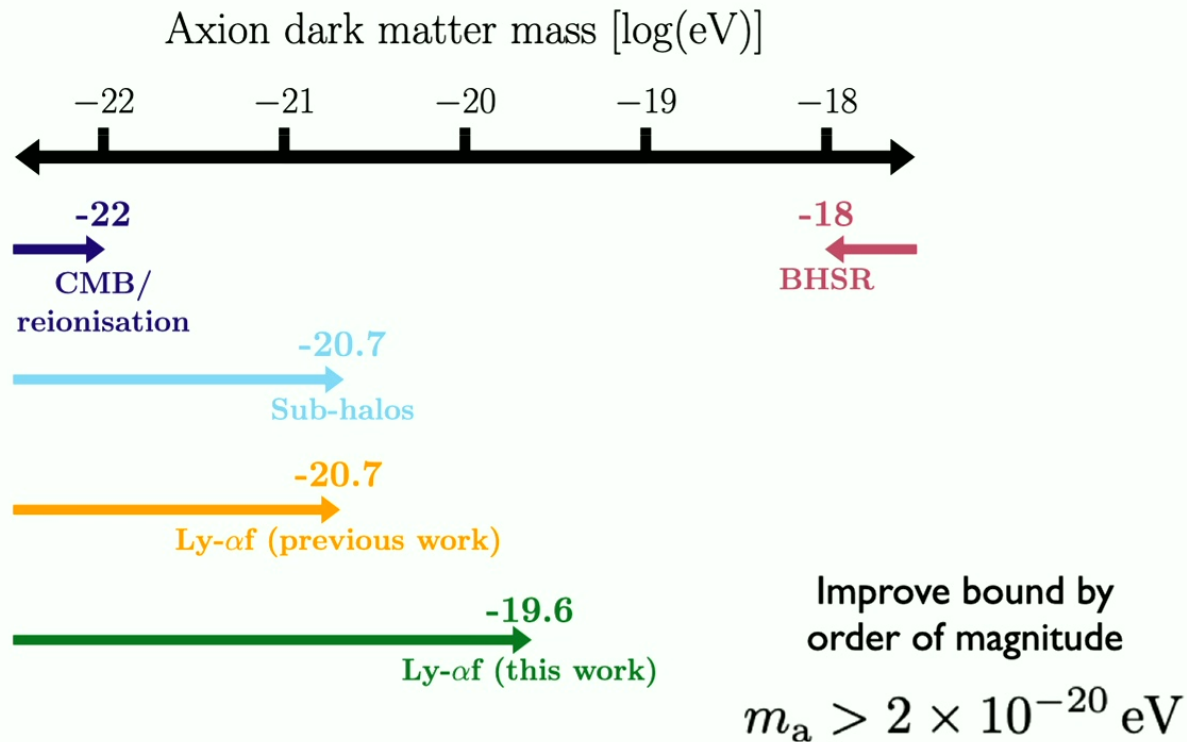
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STRONG BOUND ON CANONICAL ULTRA-LIGHT AXION DARK MATTER

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

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

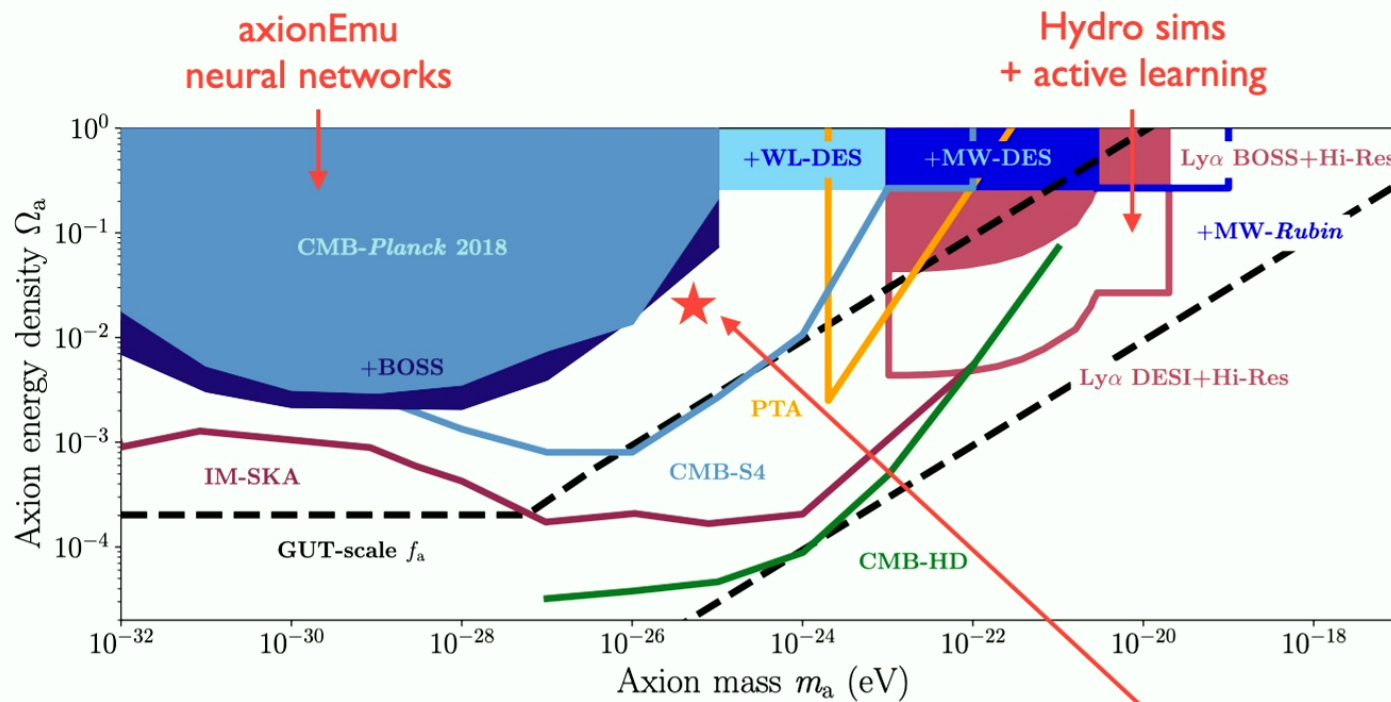


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Rogers³⁷ & Peiris (Phys. Rev. Lett., Phys. Rev. D, 2021ab)

Multi-probe approach to detect ultra-light axions



Resolve S_8 tension?

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**