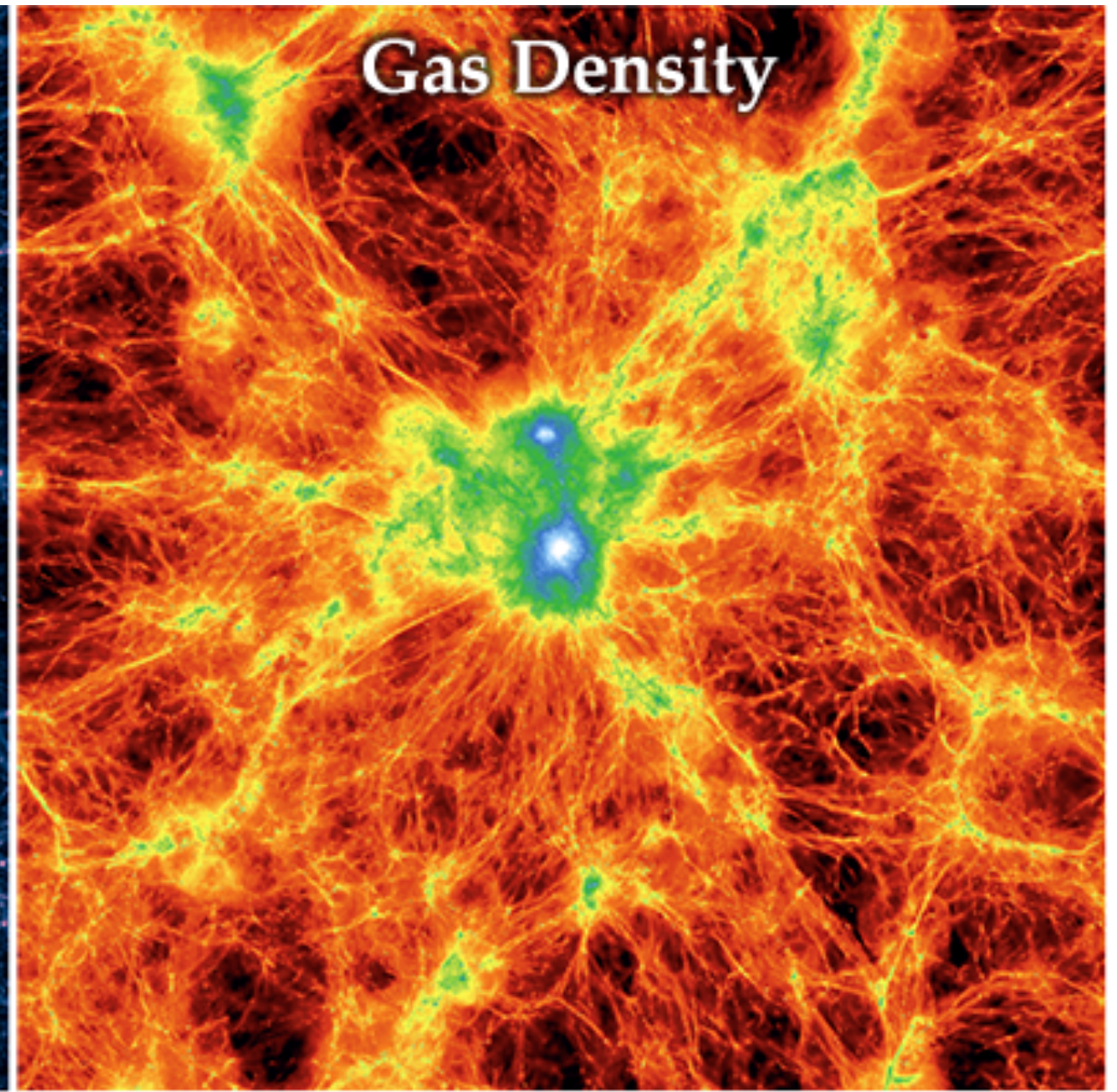
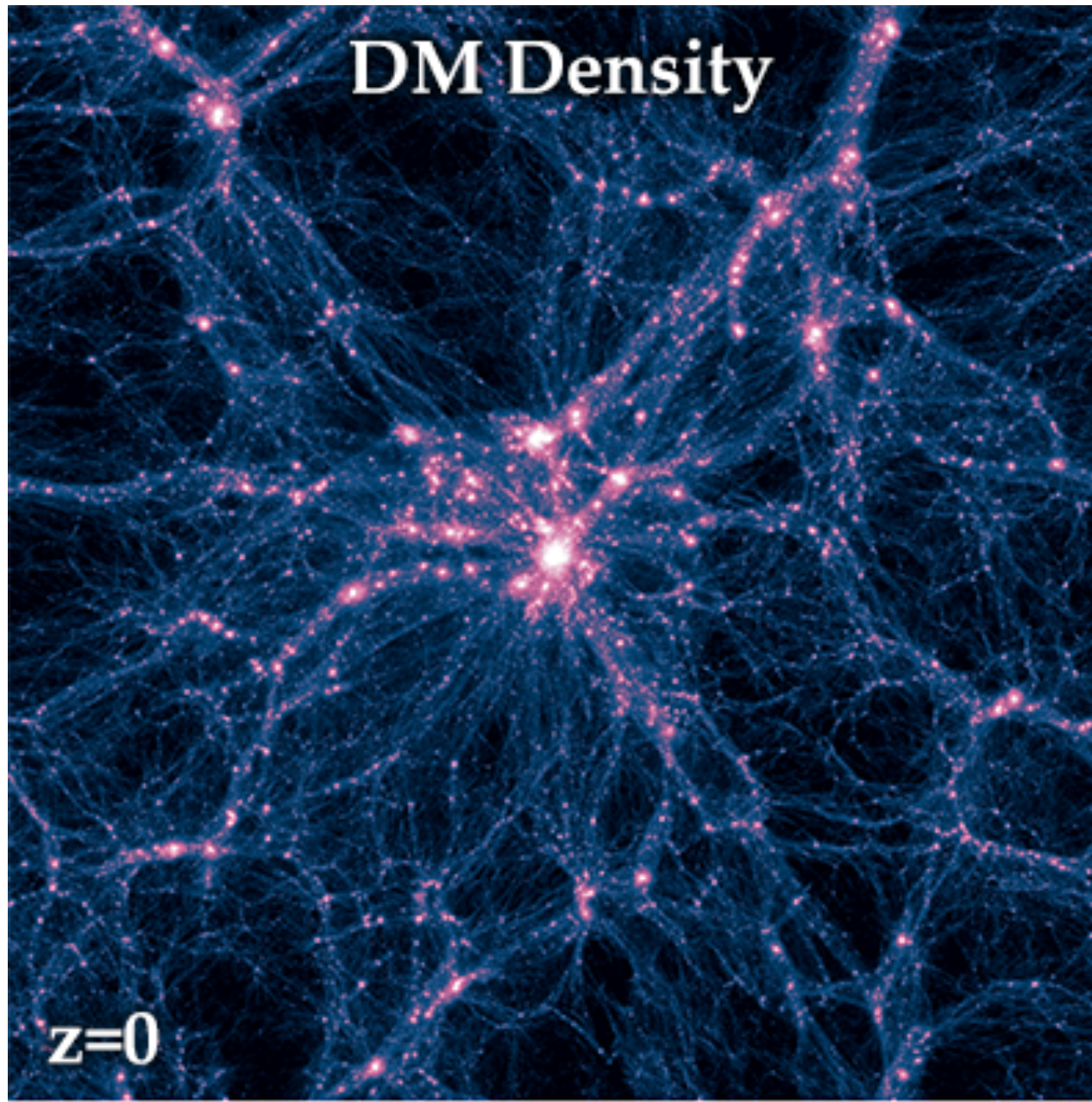
A visualization of the cosmic web, showing a complex network of blue filaments and nodes against a dark blue background. The filaments represent the large-scale structure of the universe, with nodes indicating regions of high density.

**IDENTIFYING
THE FUNDAMENTAL NATURE OF DARK MATTER
USING THE COSMIC LARGE-SCALE STRUCTURE**

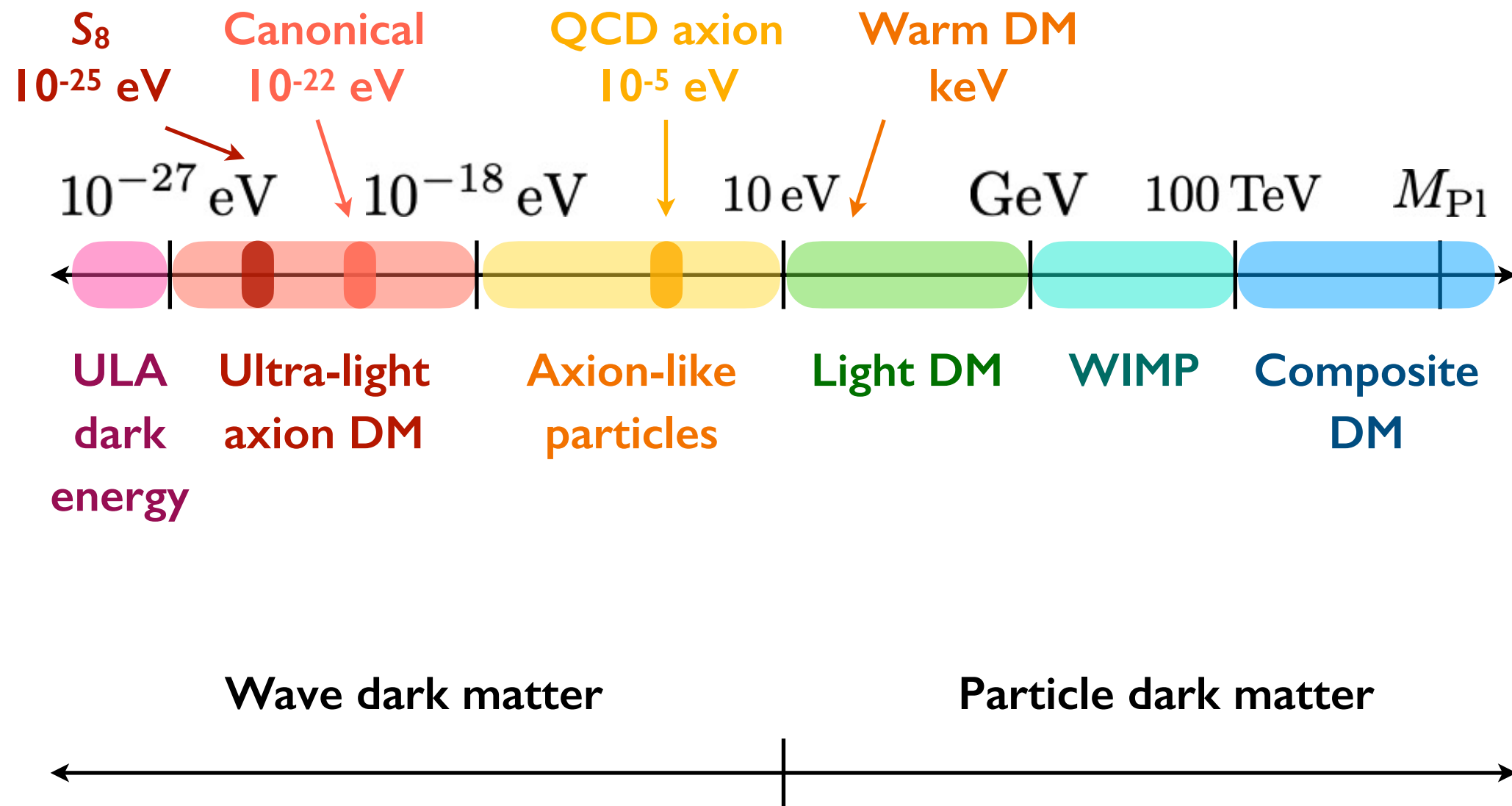
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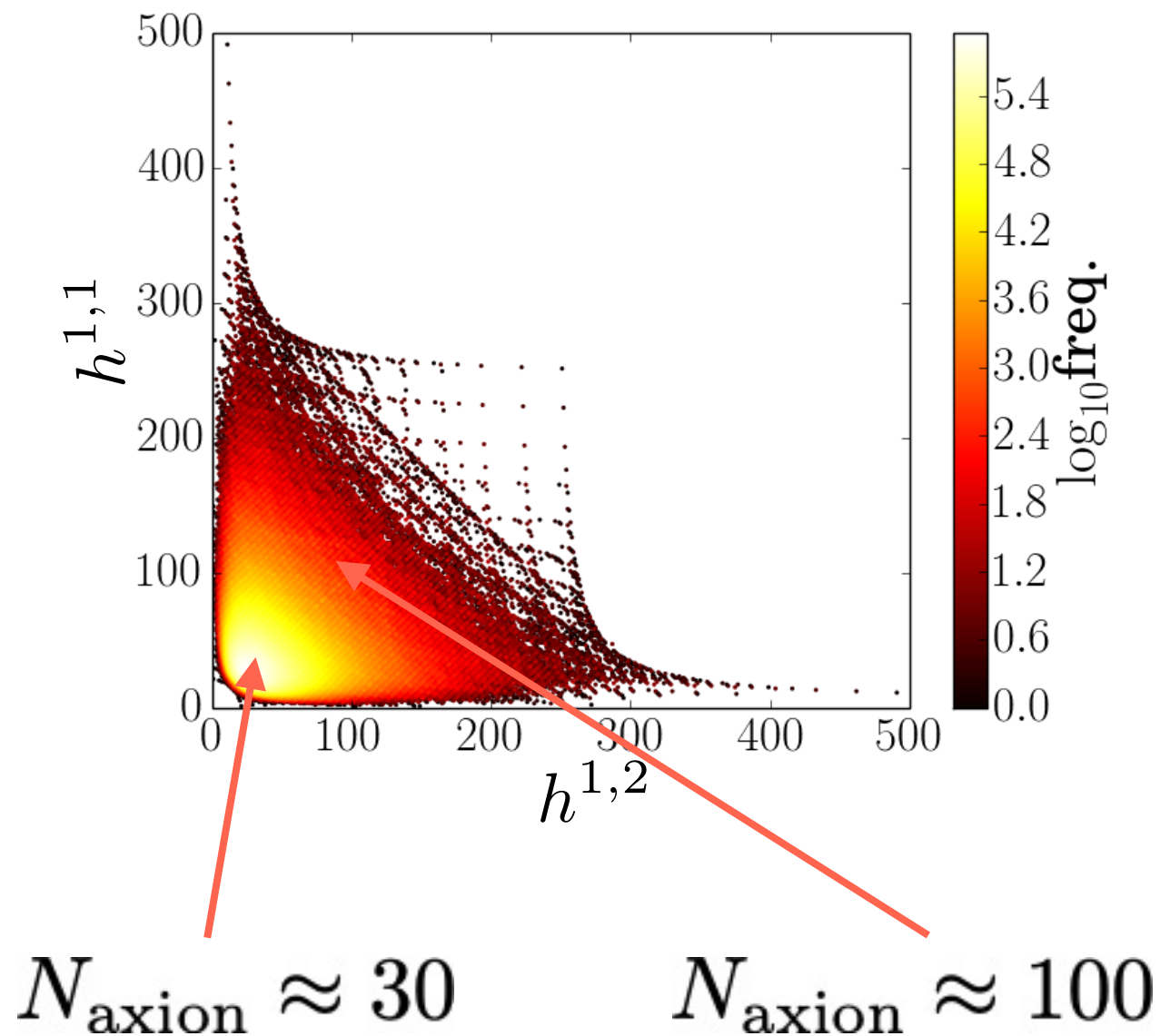
Find dark matter by only known interaction — gravity
— trace dark matter by galaxies & intergalactic gas



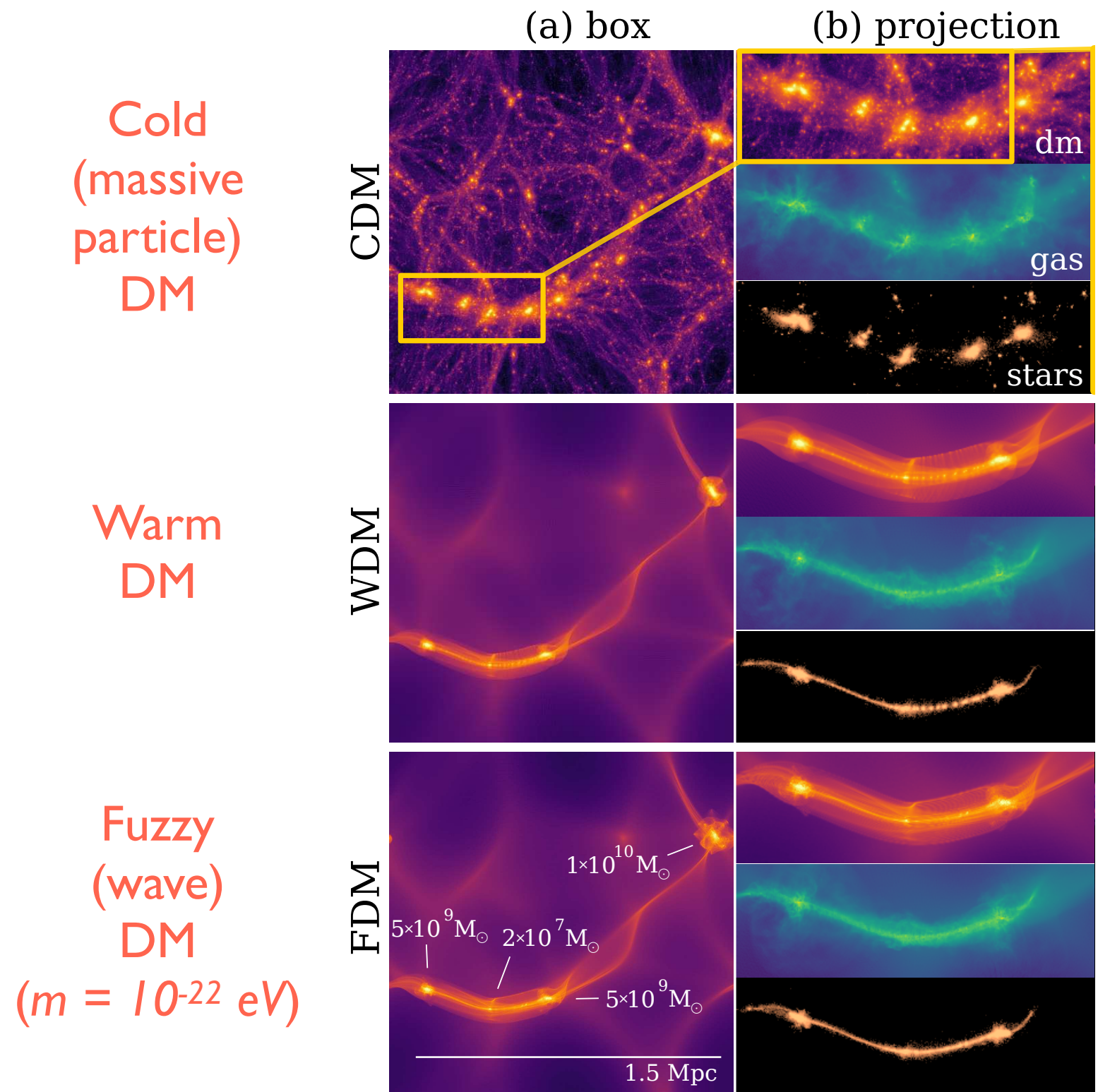
Beyond the WIMP: dark matter model space



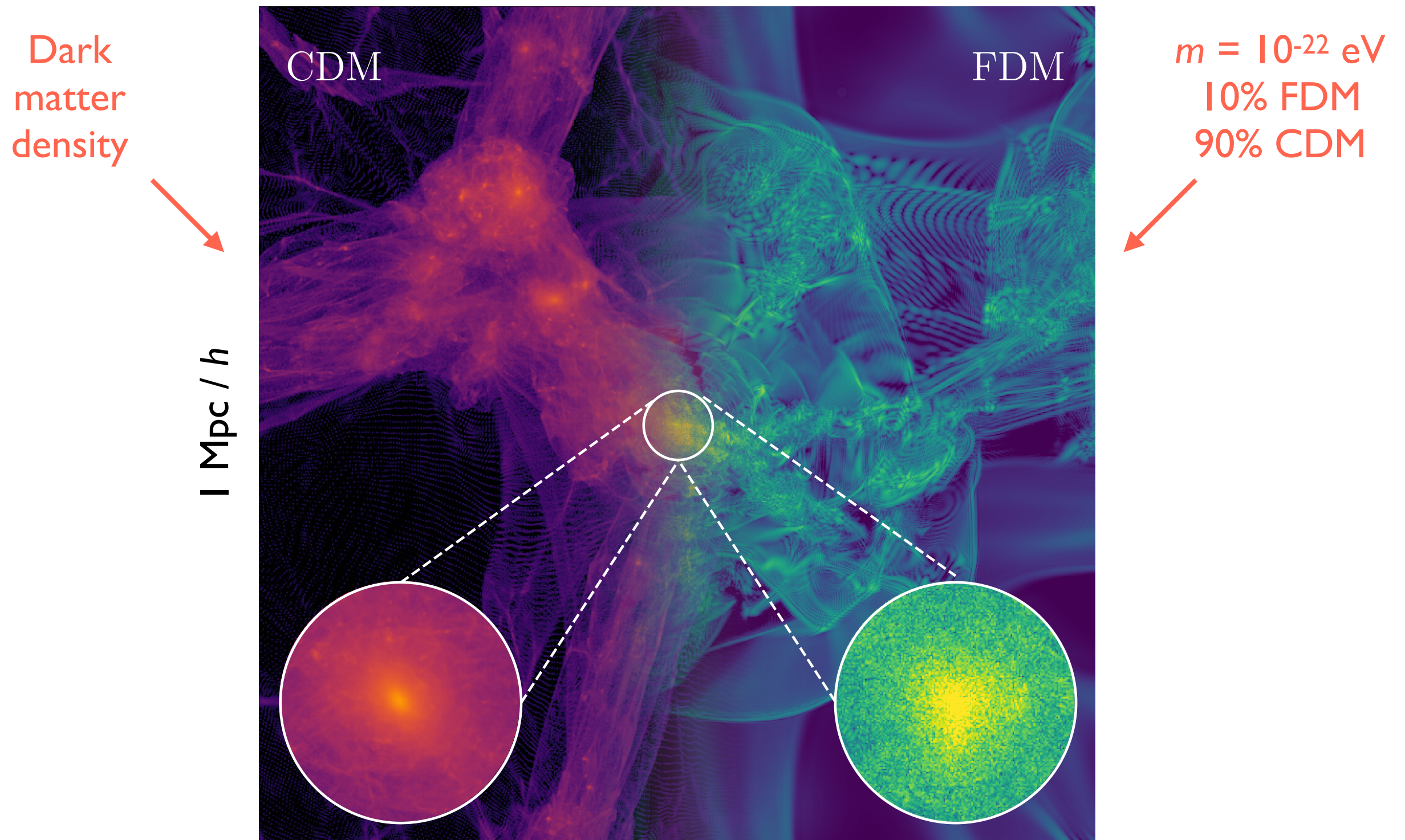
Axion-like particles abundantly produced in high-energy theory



- Axion-like particles widely formed in BSM theories, inc. string models
- One/more **string axions can be DM**
- Ultra-light axions ($m_a < 10^{-18}$ eV) for Grand Unified Theory-scale f_a



Fuzzy dark matter forms interference fringes, halo cores and oscillating dark matter granules



Larger scales

Smaller scales

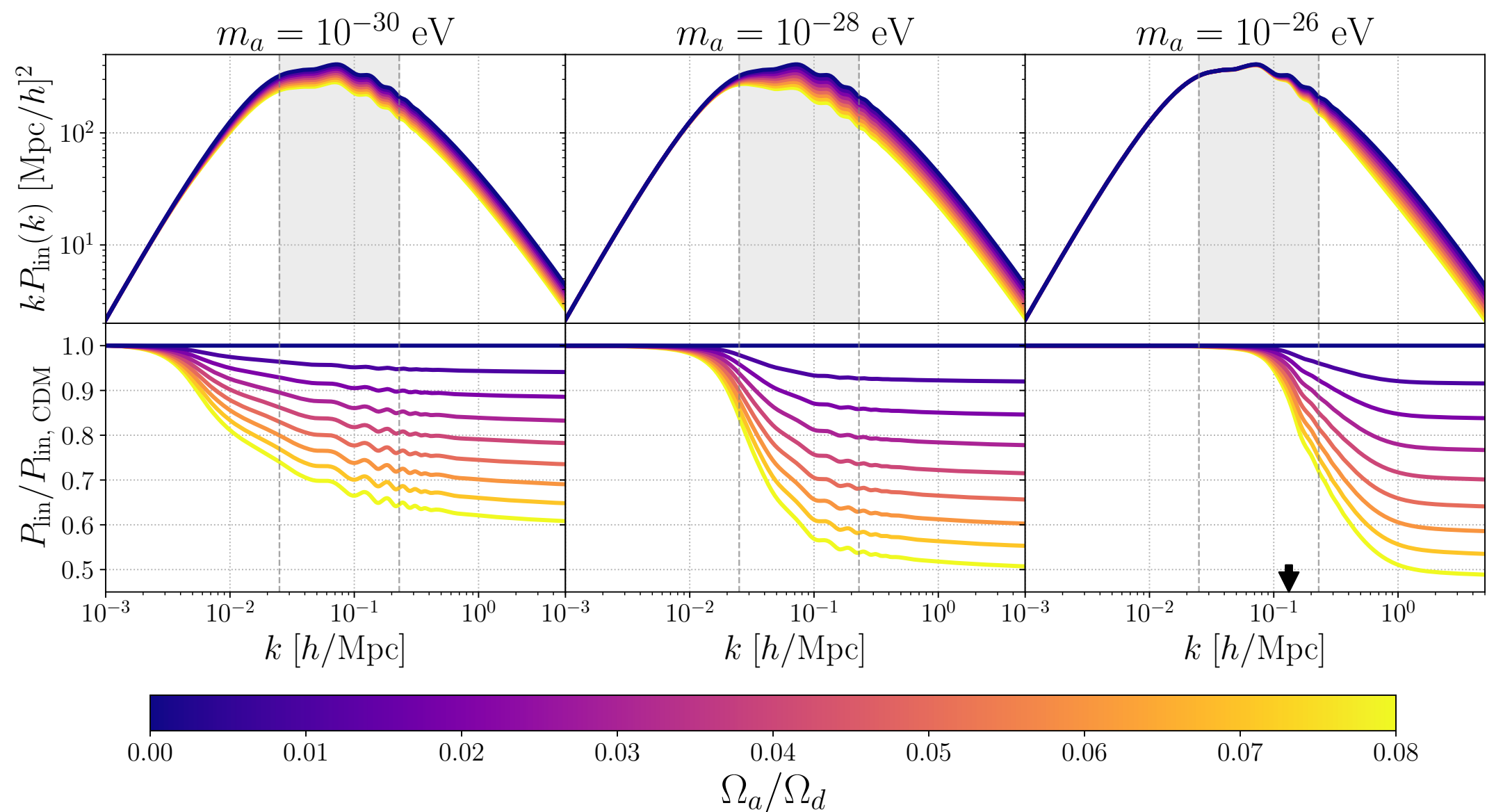


S_8 tension

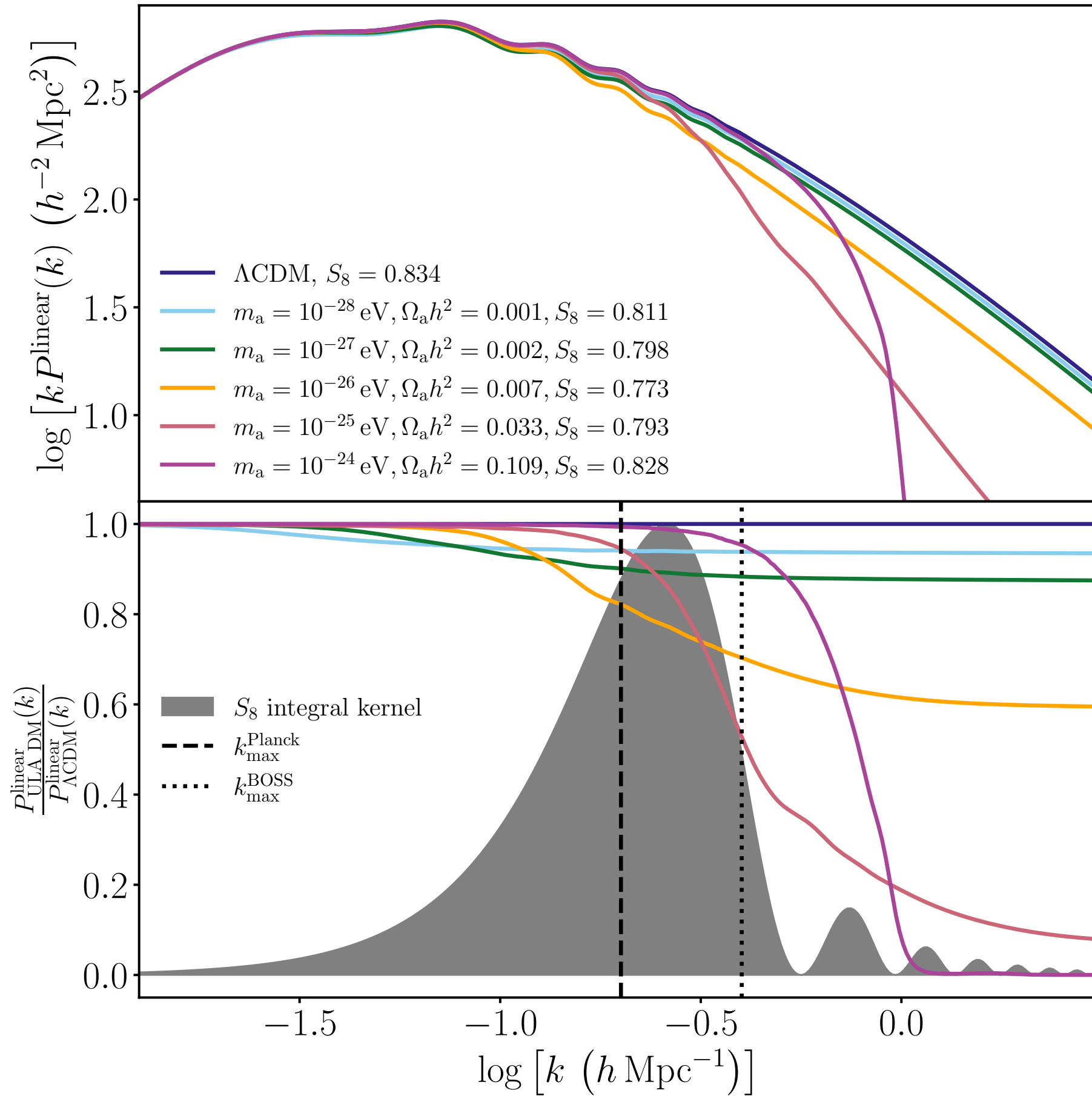
$S_8 \sim$ amplitude of density fluctuations at 8 Mpc/h

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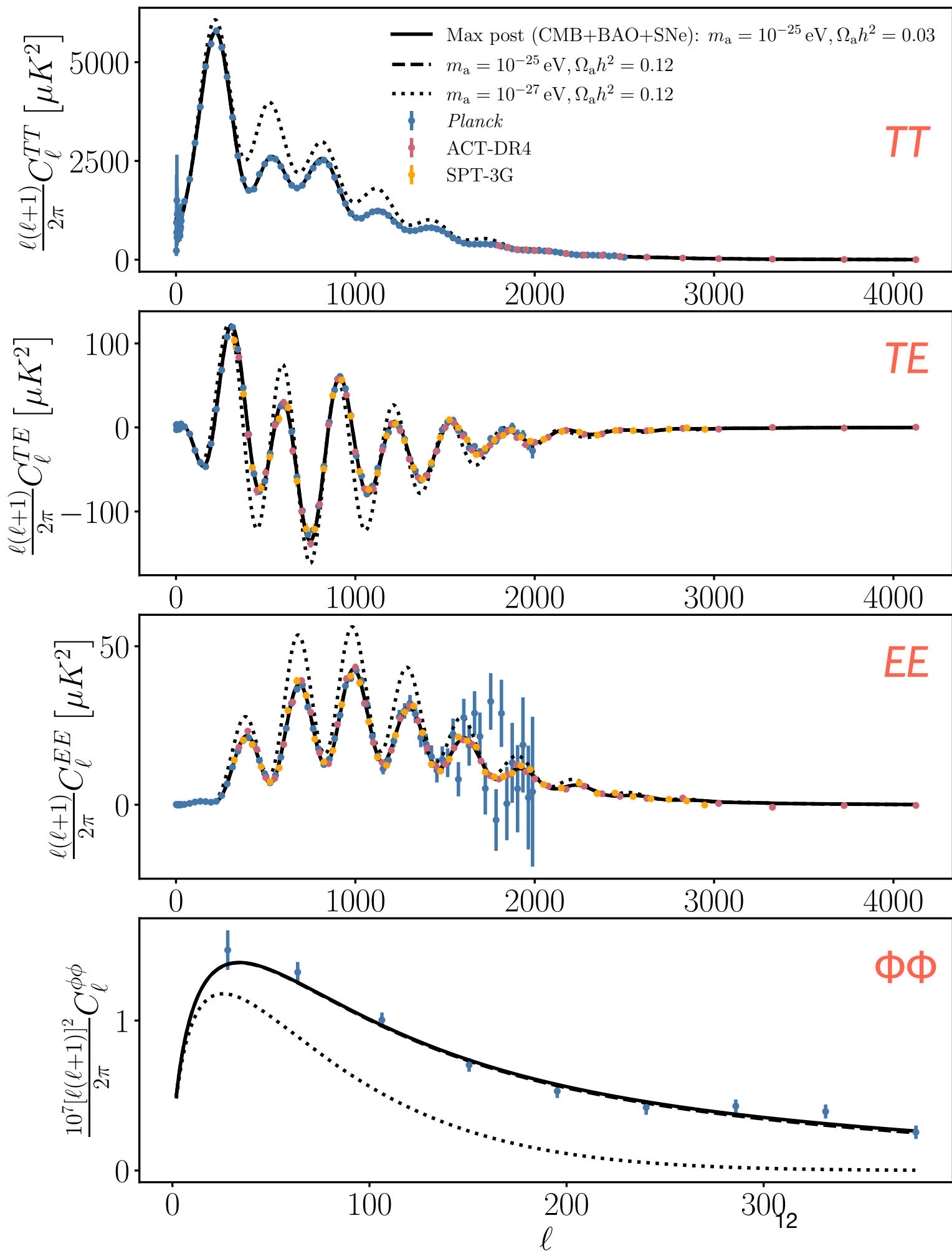
JOINT CONSTRAINTS ON ULTRA-LIGHT AXIONS FROM CMB & GALAXY SURVEYS

JCAP, 06, 023, 2023

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MNRAS, 515, 5646, 2022

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

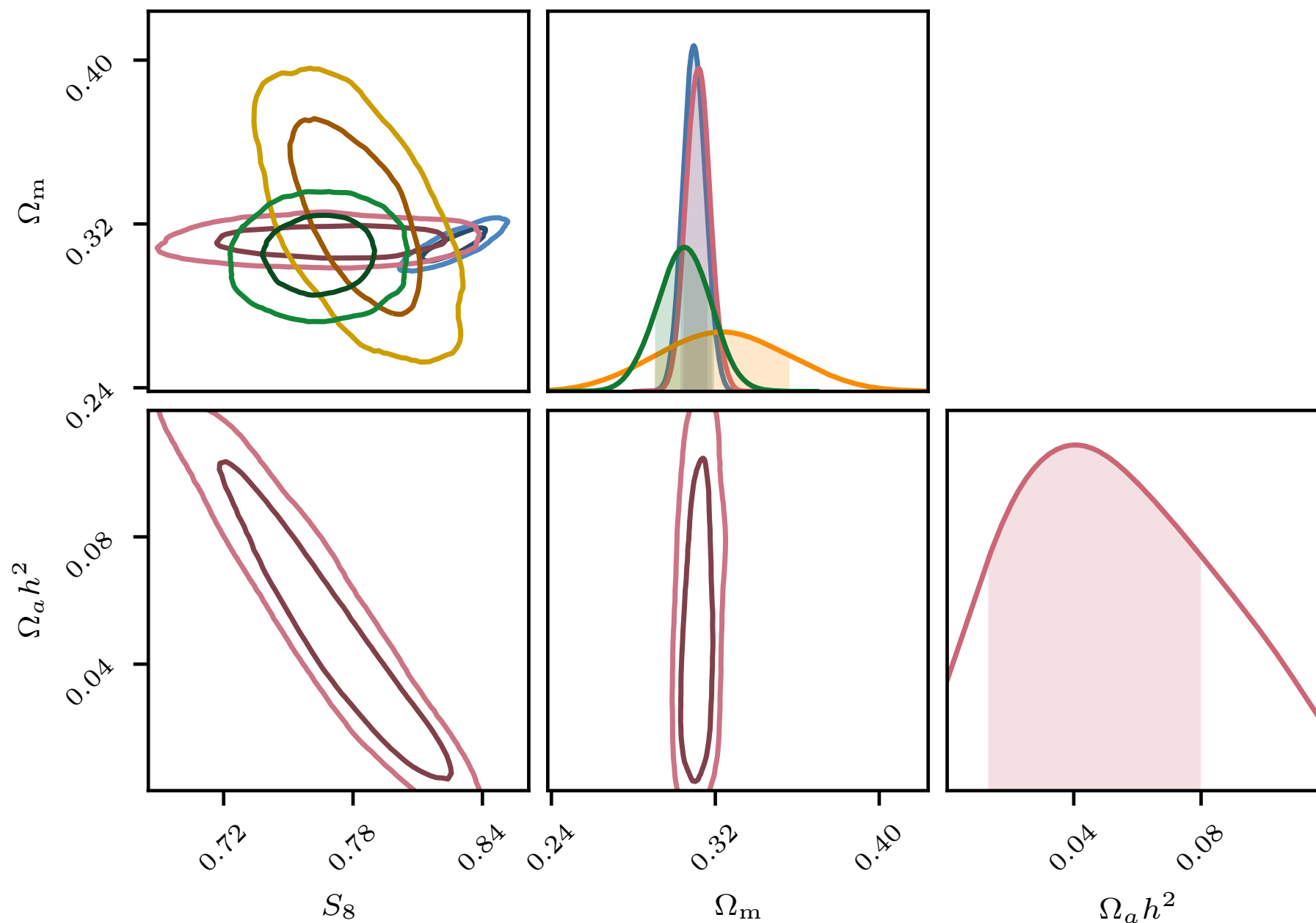


**DE-like axions
 constrained by CMB
 acoustic oscillations &
 lensing potential**

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

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)

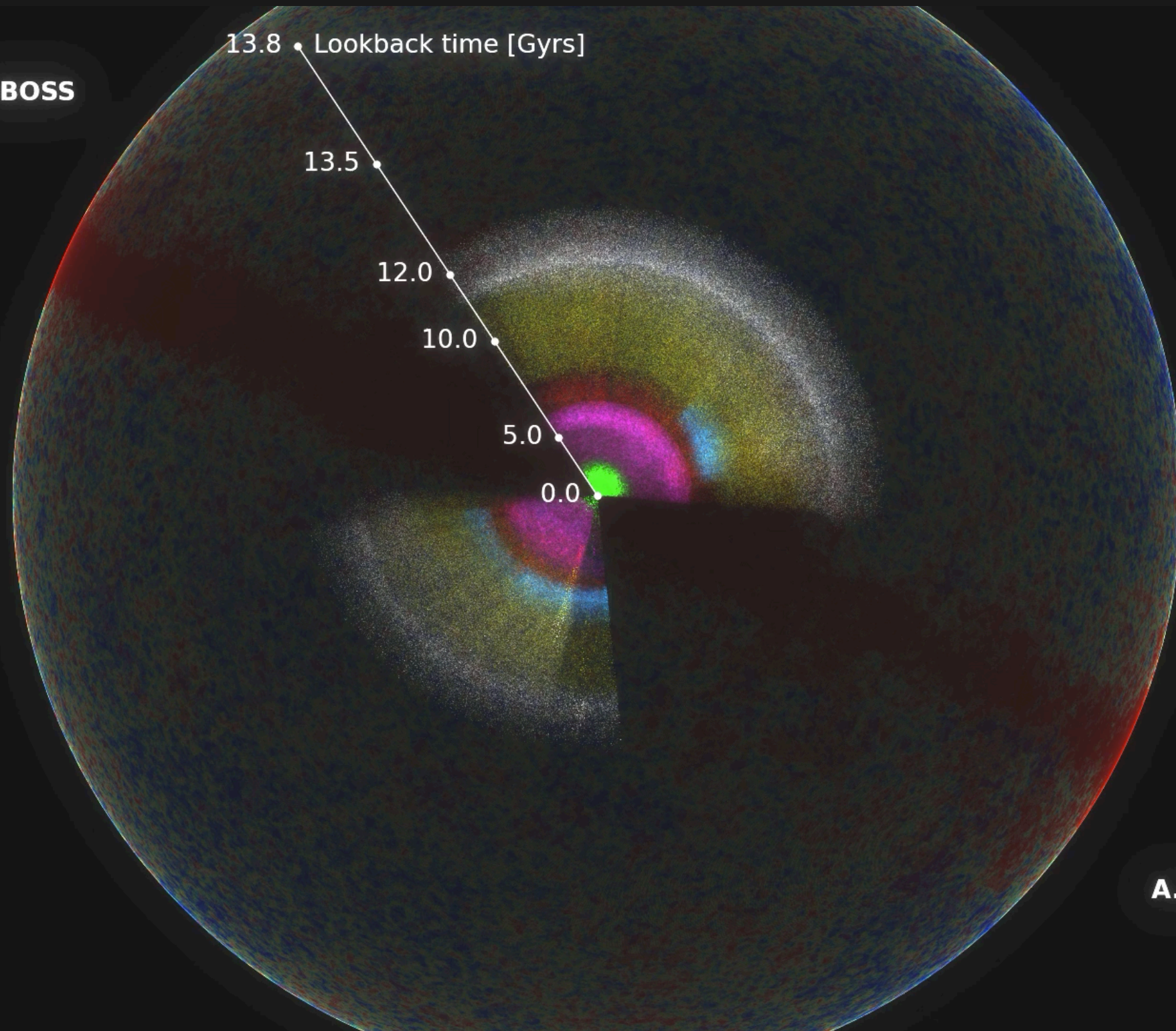
Axions bring CMB, BAO & SNe data compatible with low S_8



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

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

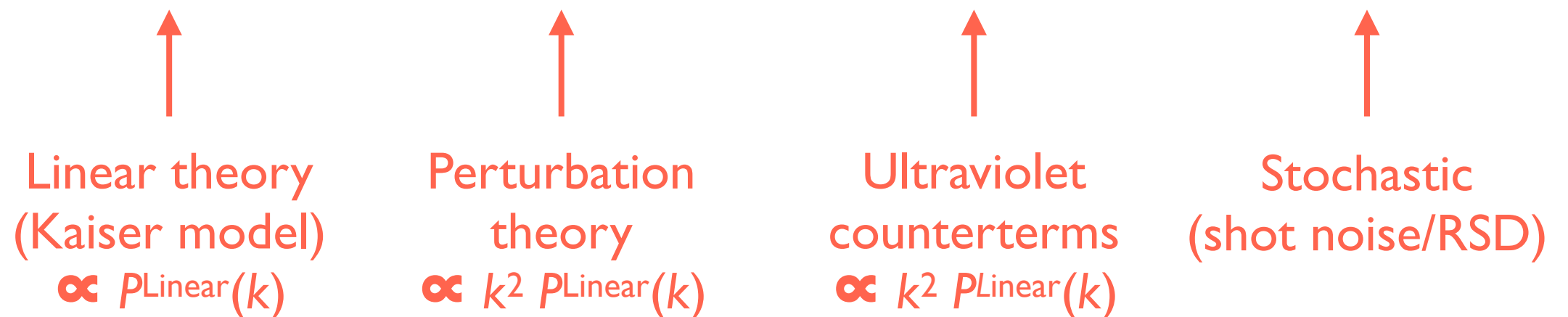
SDSS I-II + BOSS + eBOSS
(1998-2019)



A. Raichoor (EPFL)

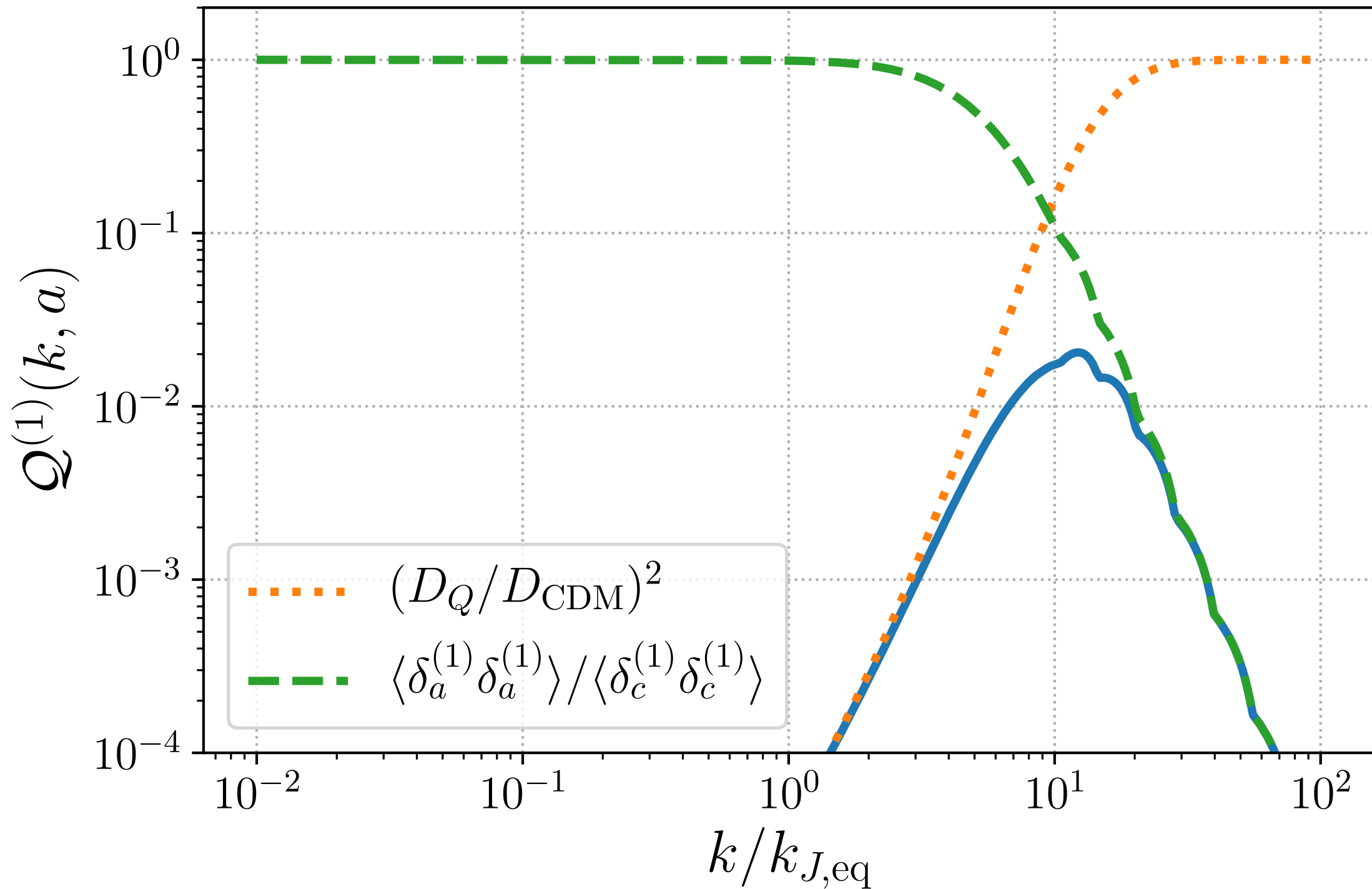
Model galaxy clustering into mildly non-linear regime with effective field theory of large-scale structure

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



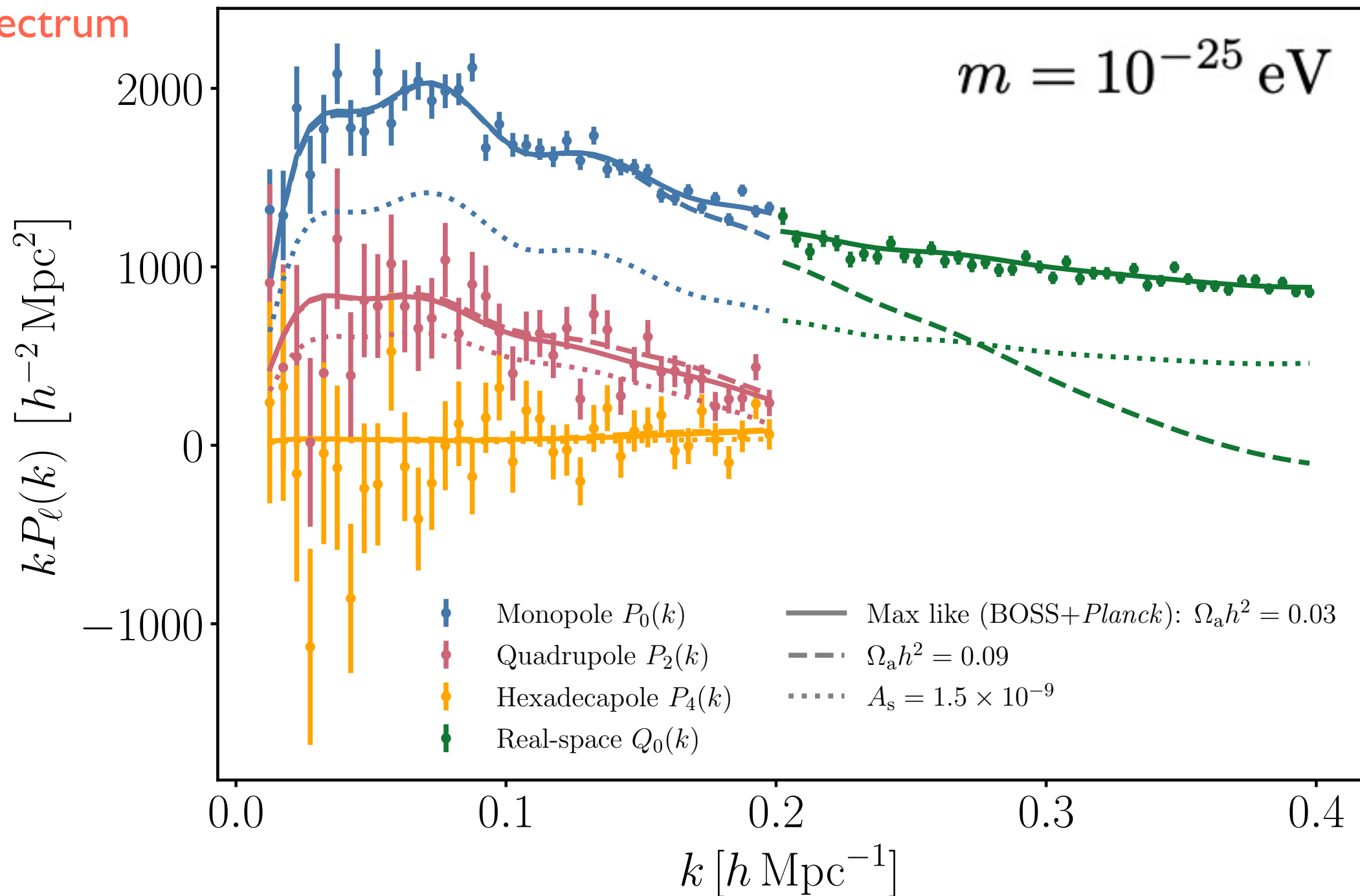
+ Infrared resummation
+ Alcock-Paczynski distortion

Axion “quantum” corrections suppressed by Jeans scale

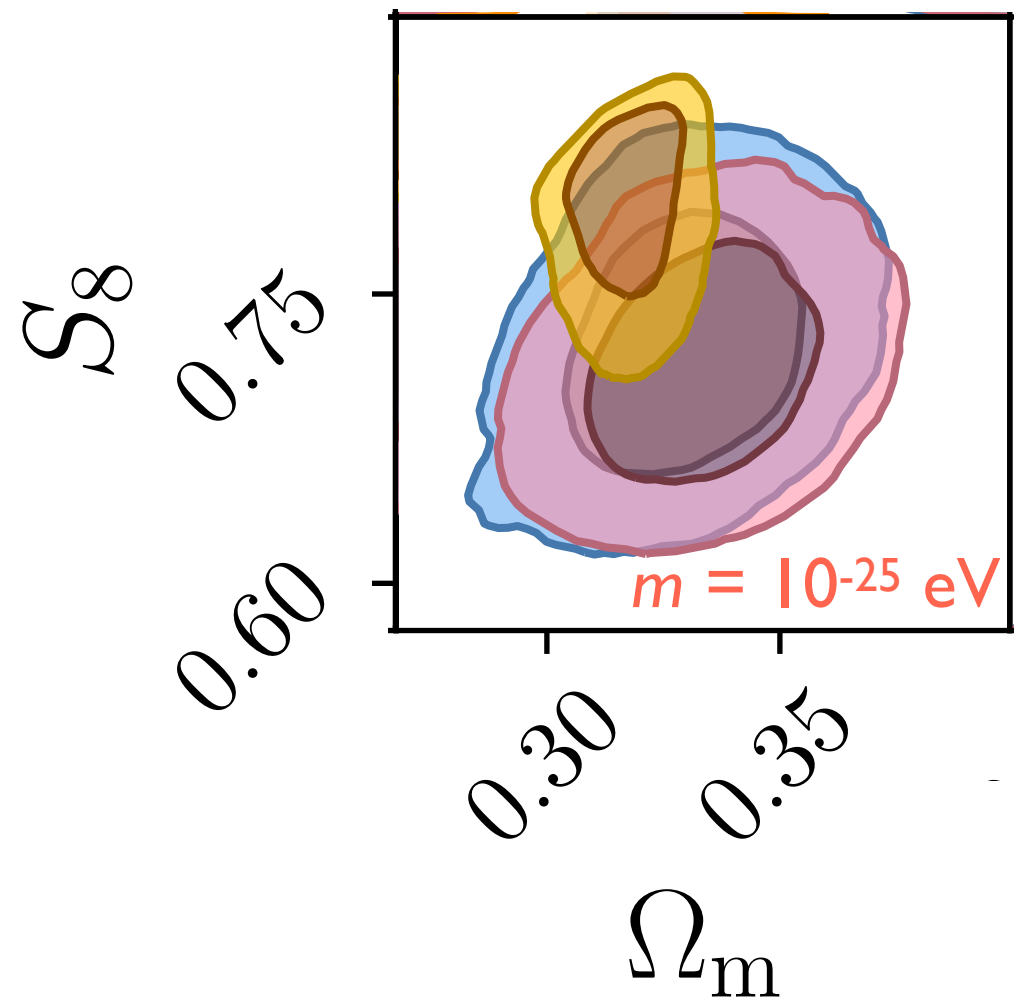
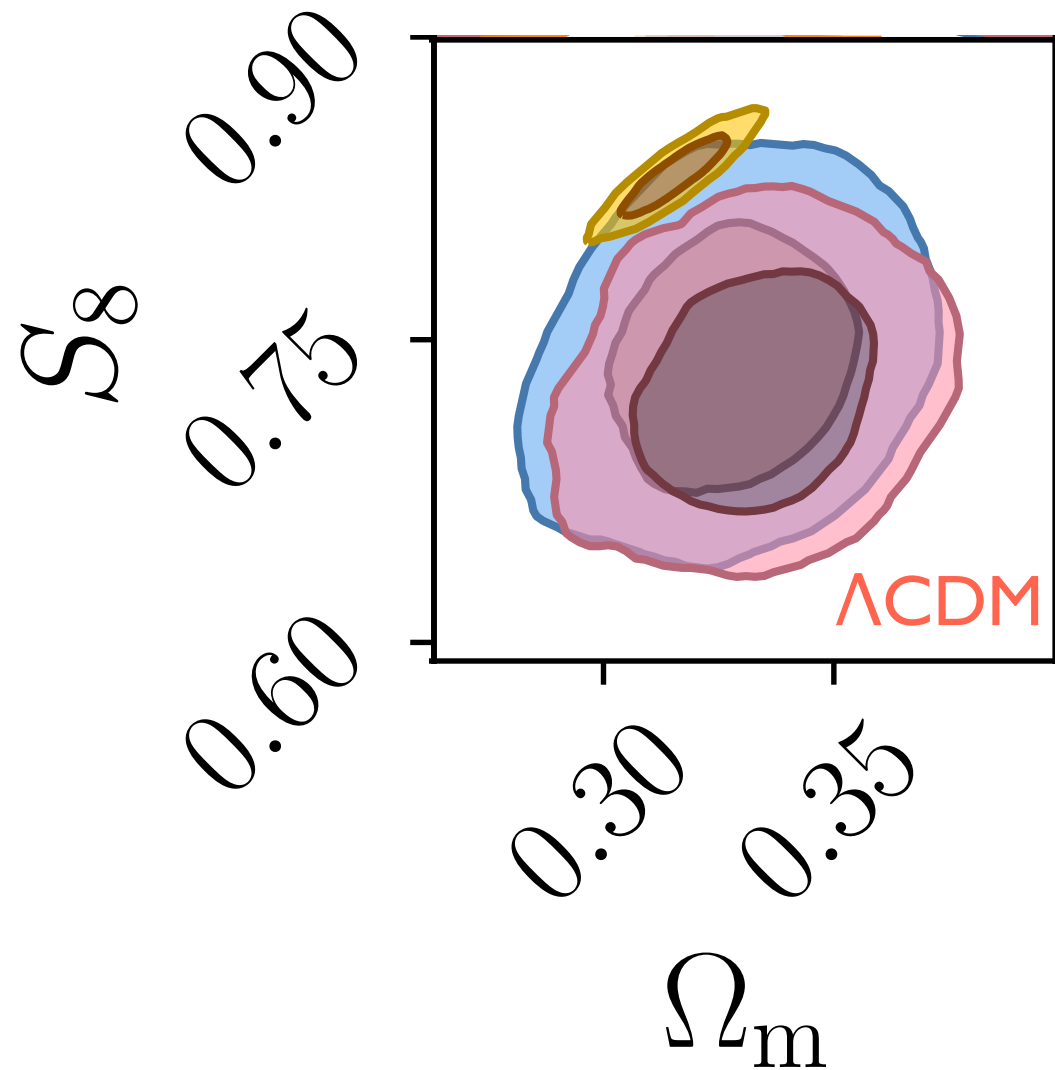


Full-shape BOSS galaxy power spectrum increases sensitivity to ultra-light axions

Power spectrum

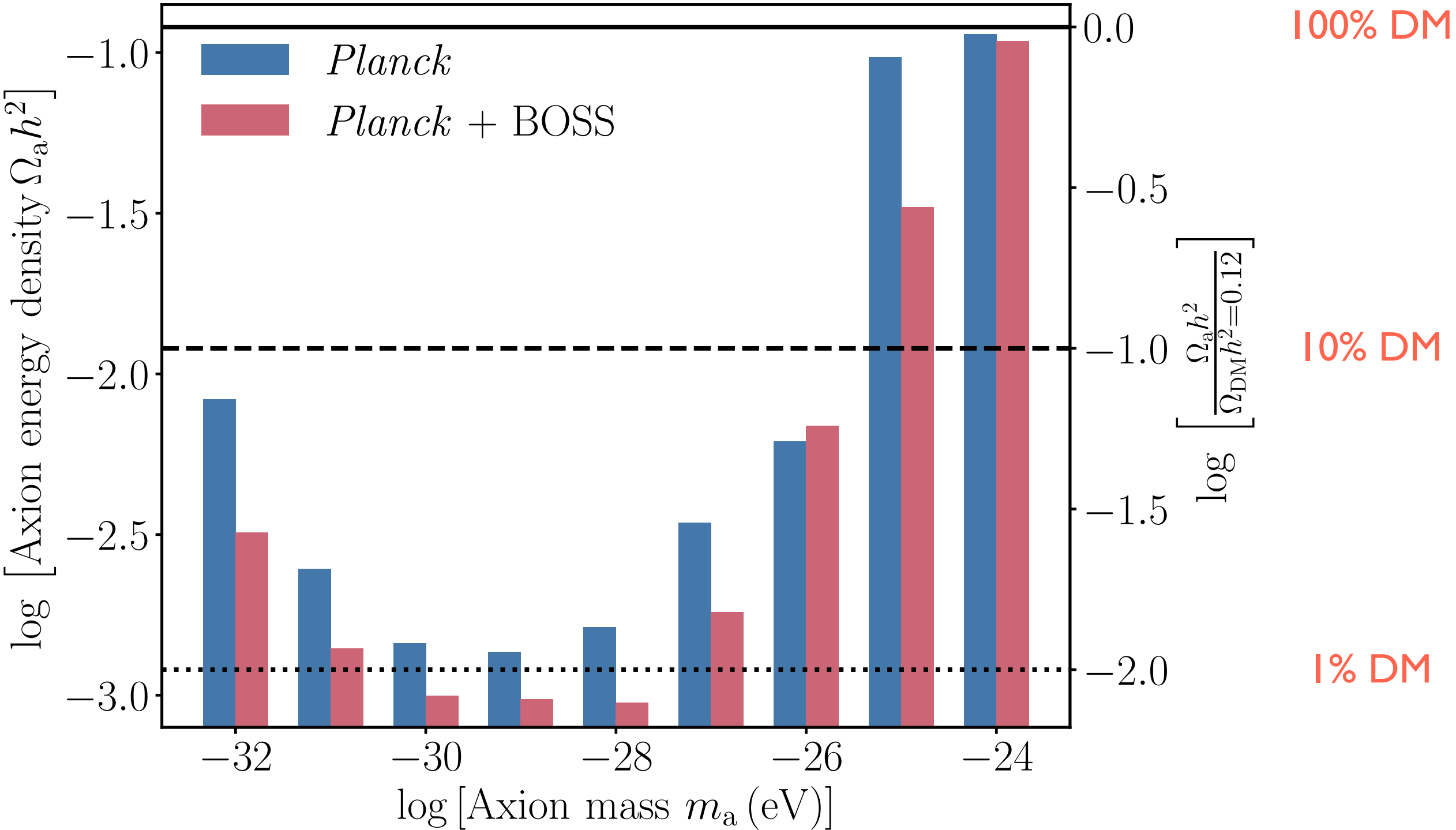


Axions improve consistency between *Planck* and BOSS-EFT



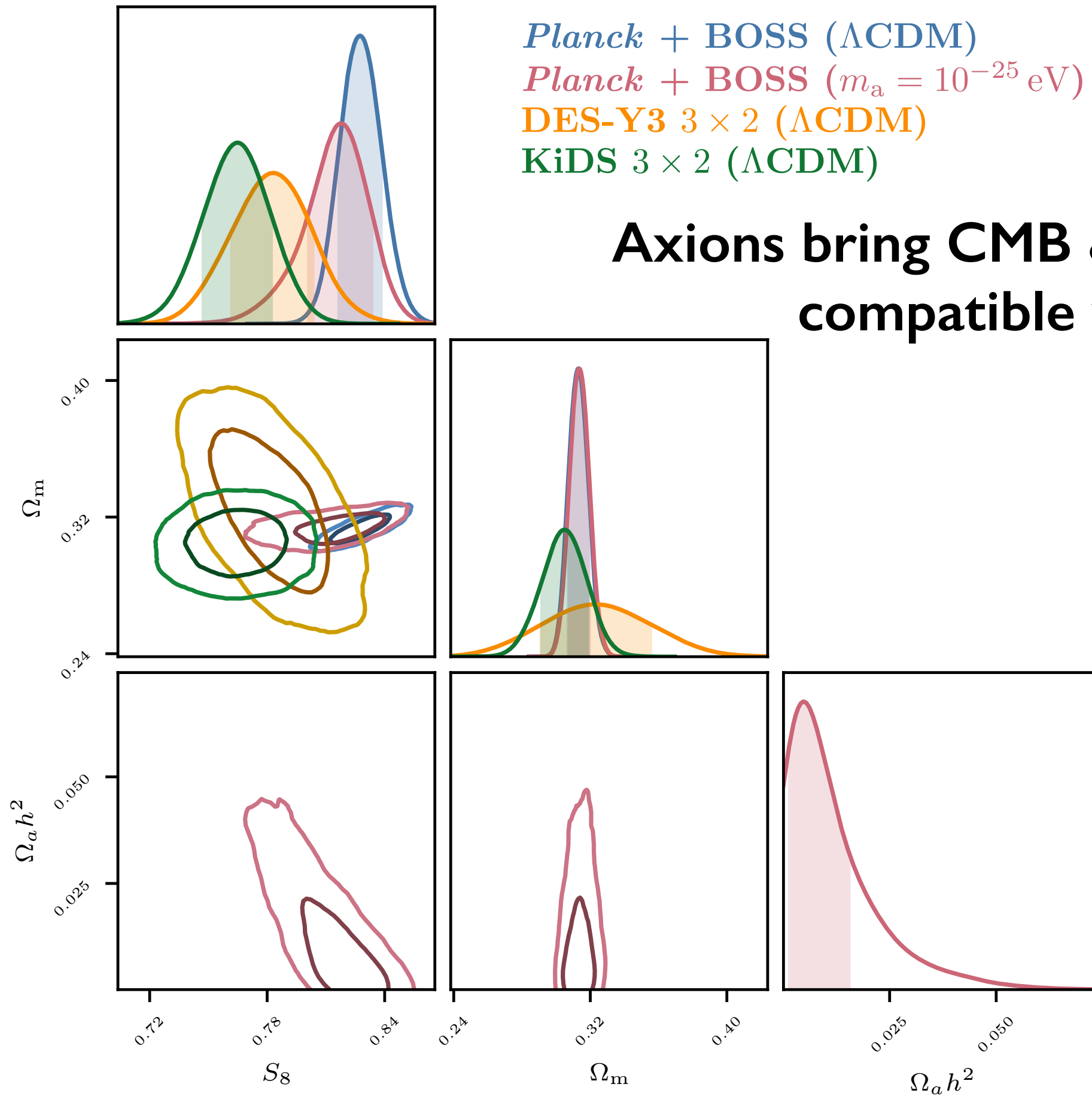
- *Planck* cosmic microwave background
- BOSS-EFT galaxy power spectrum
- BOSS-EFT galaxy power spectrum + bispectrum

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



Planck + BOSS (Λ CDM)
Planck + BOSS ($m_a = 10^{-25}$ eV)
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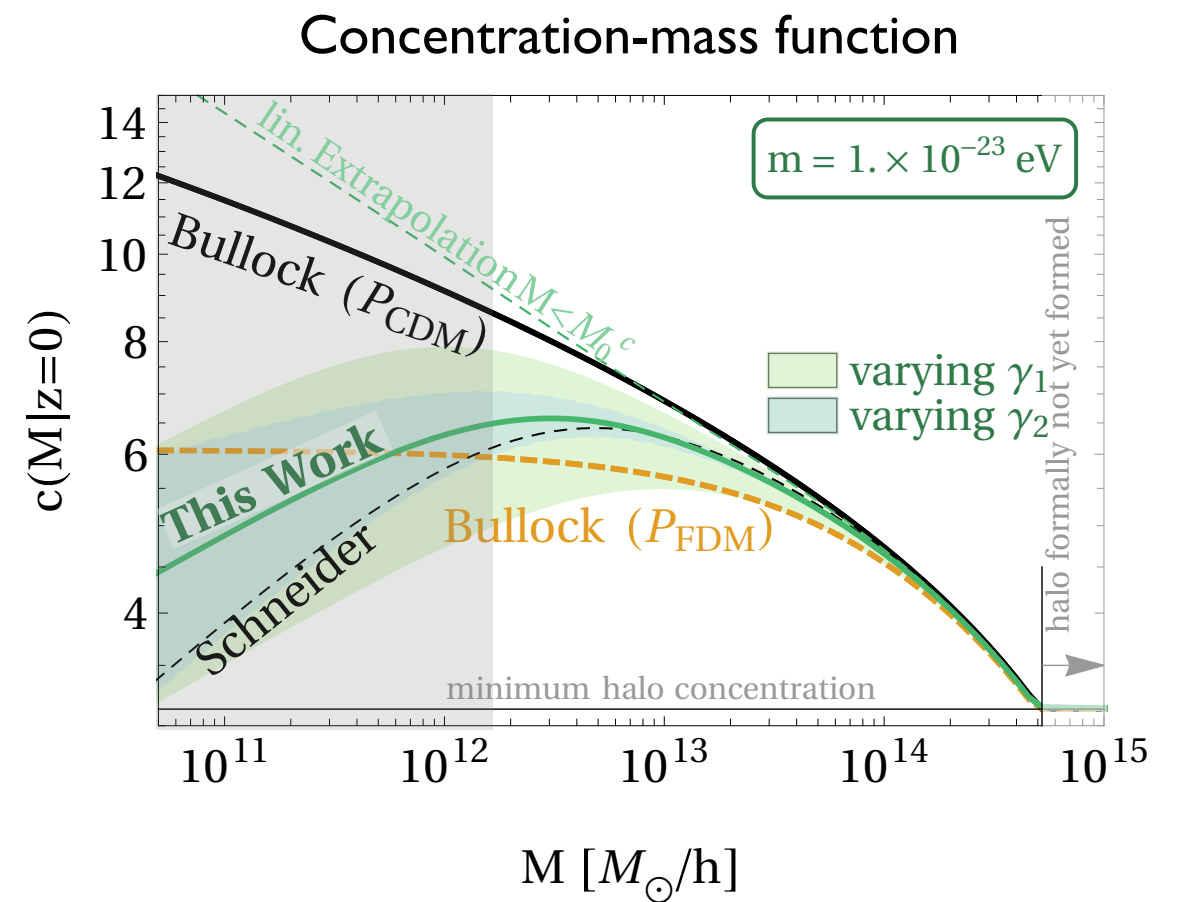
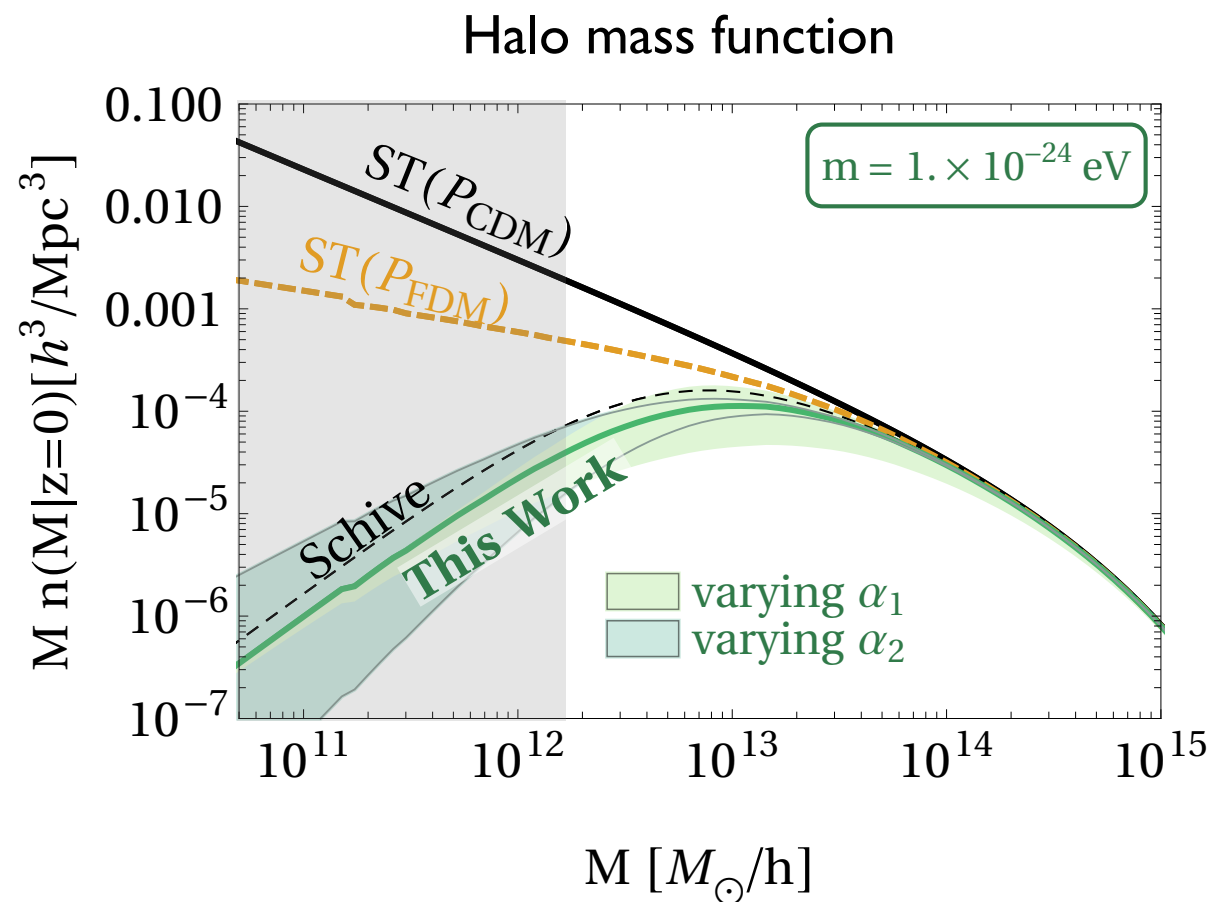
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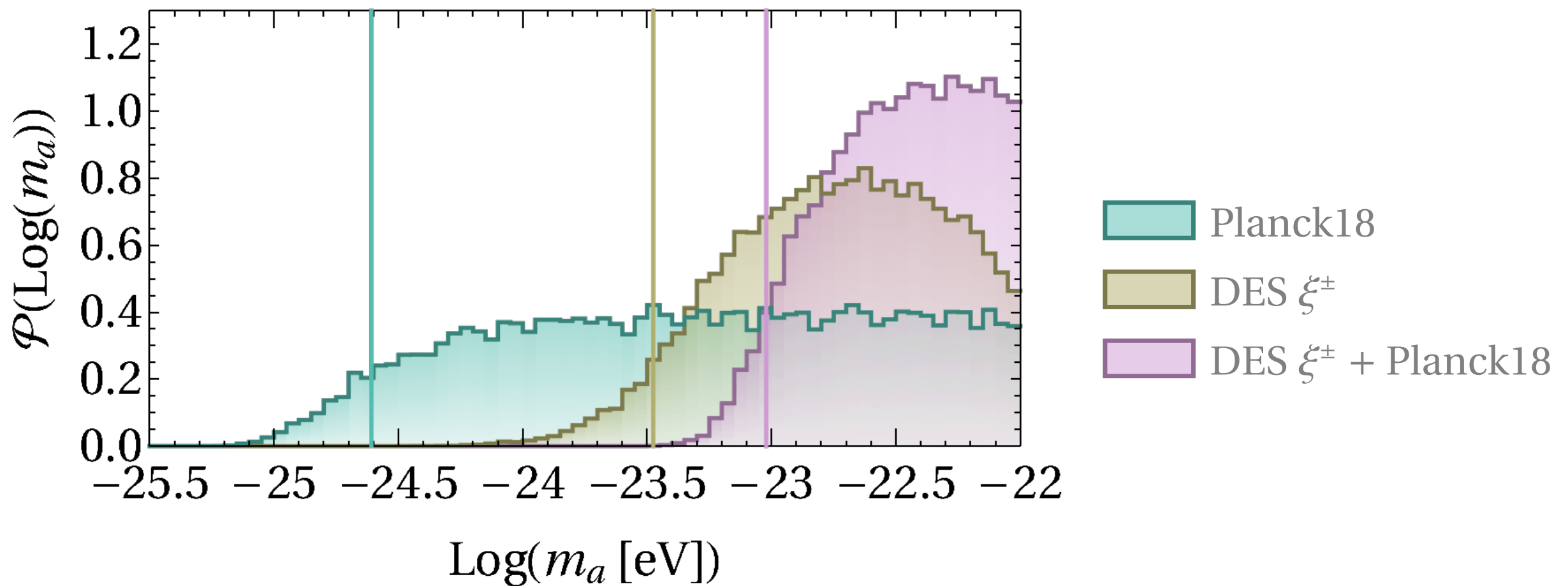
$$m = 10^{-25} \text{ eV}$$

Model galaxy weak lensing into fully non-linear regime with axion halo model

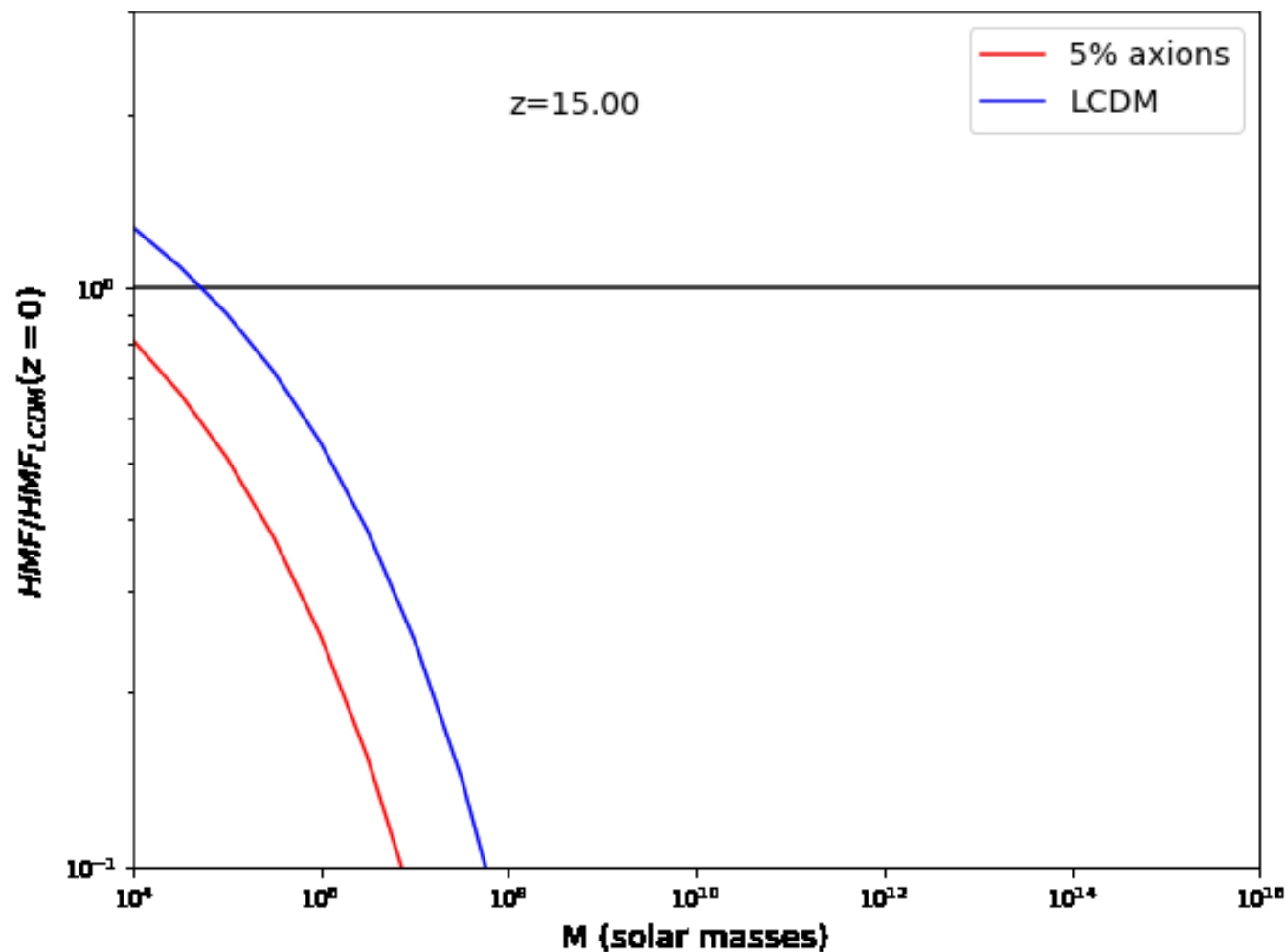
Matter power spectrum = Two-halo power spectrum + One-halo power spectrum



Joint CMB & galaxy weak lensing limits using axion halo model

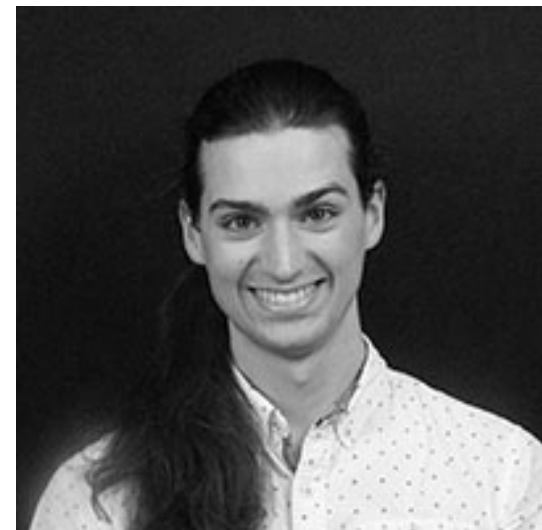


A modified halo model for mixed axion structure formation

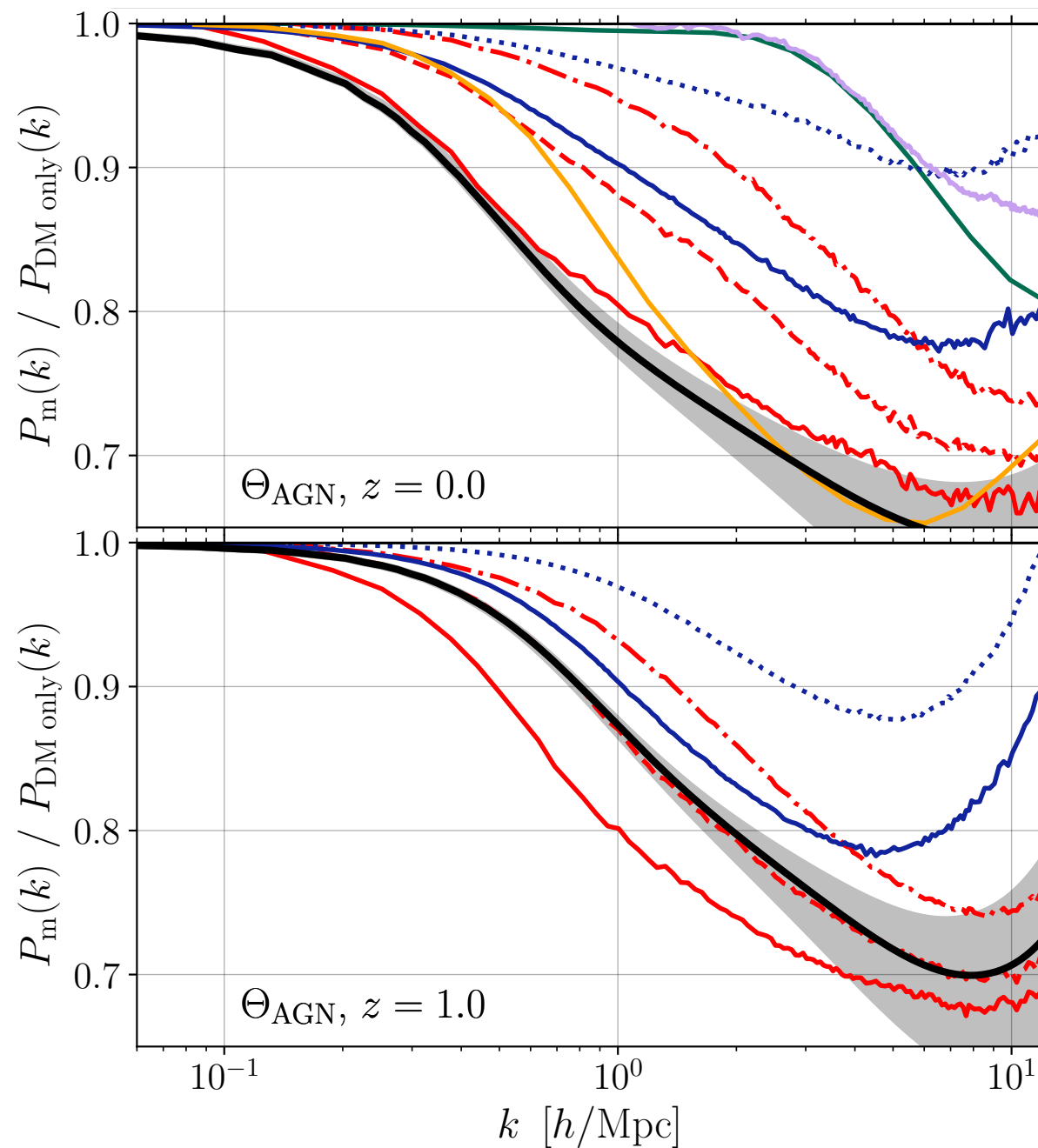


$$m_a = 10^{-24} \text{ eV}$$

- Axions do not cluster below de Broglie wavelength
- Suppressed halo population at Jeans scale
- Structure formation delayed leading to small-scale enhancement



Precision weak lensing analysis must account for baryonic feedback



Need
feedback
100 - 1000 ×
stronger?

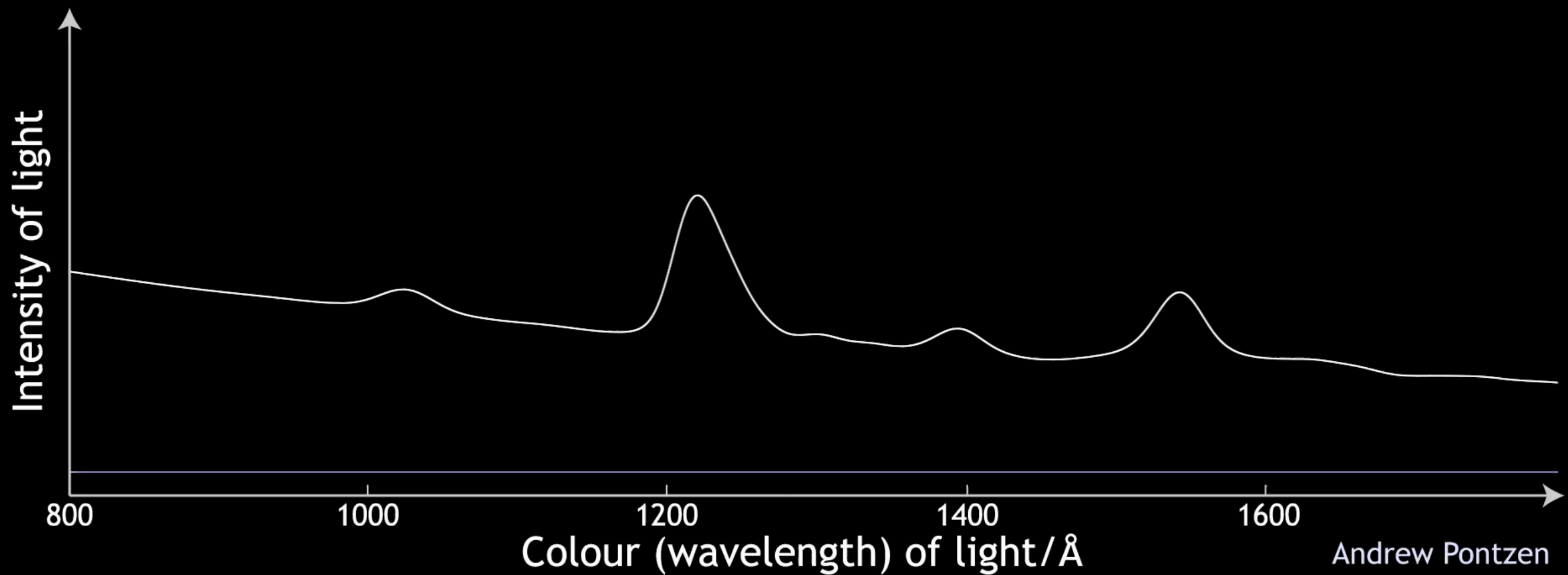
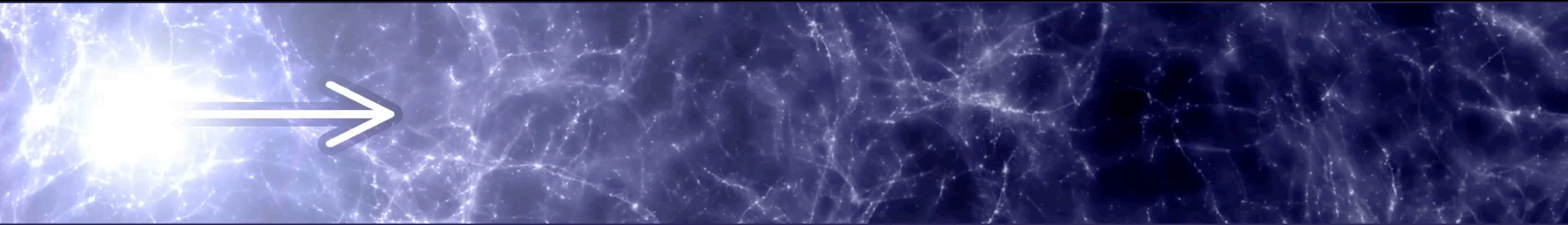


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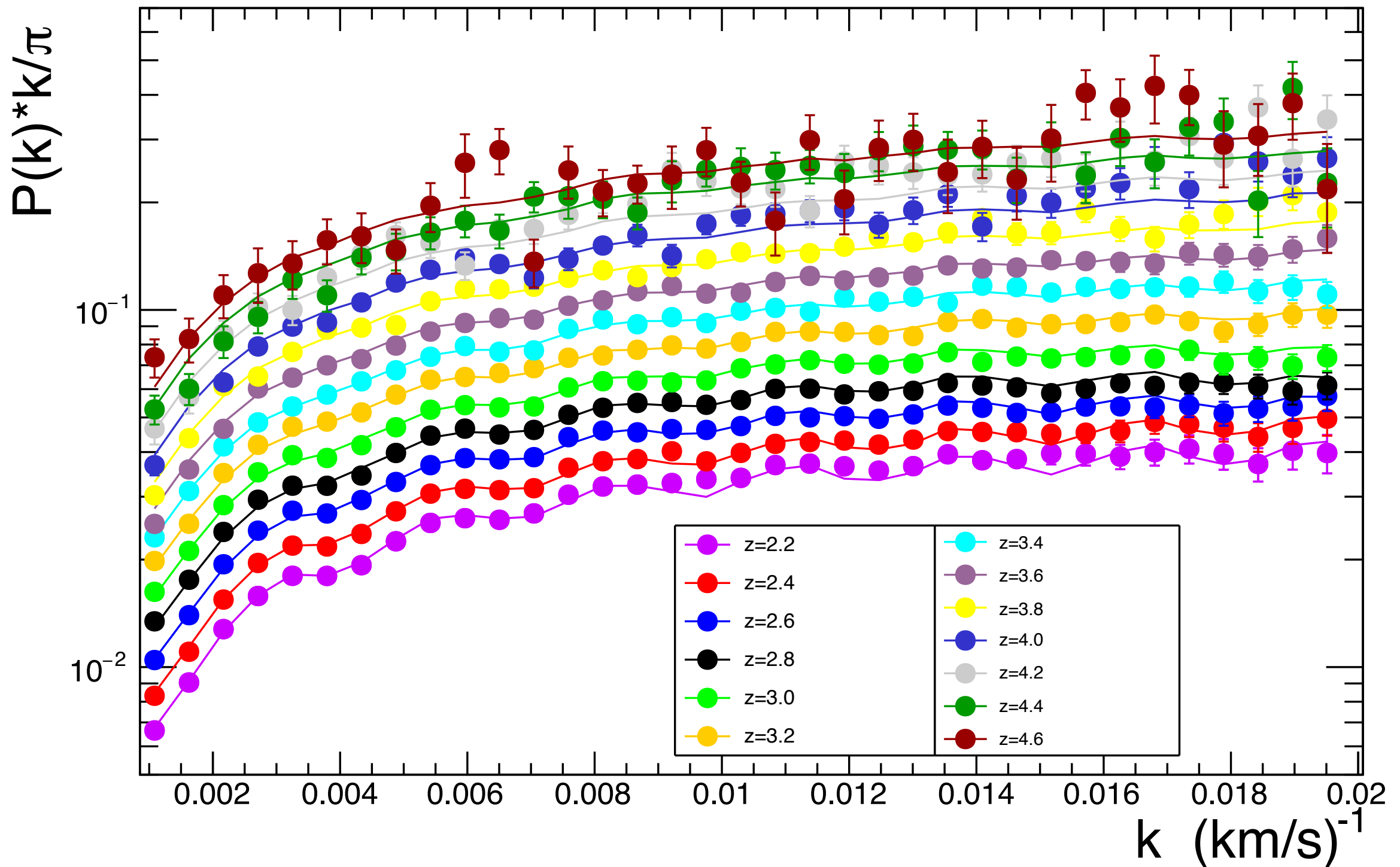
A RESOLUTION OF THE 5σ TENSION BETWEEN *PLANCK* CMB AND eBOSS LYMAN- α FOREST

with Vivian Poulin

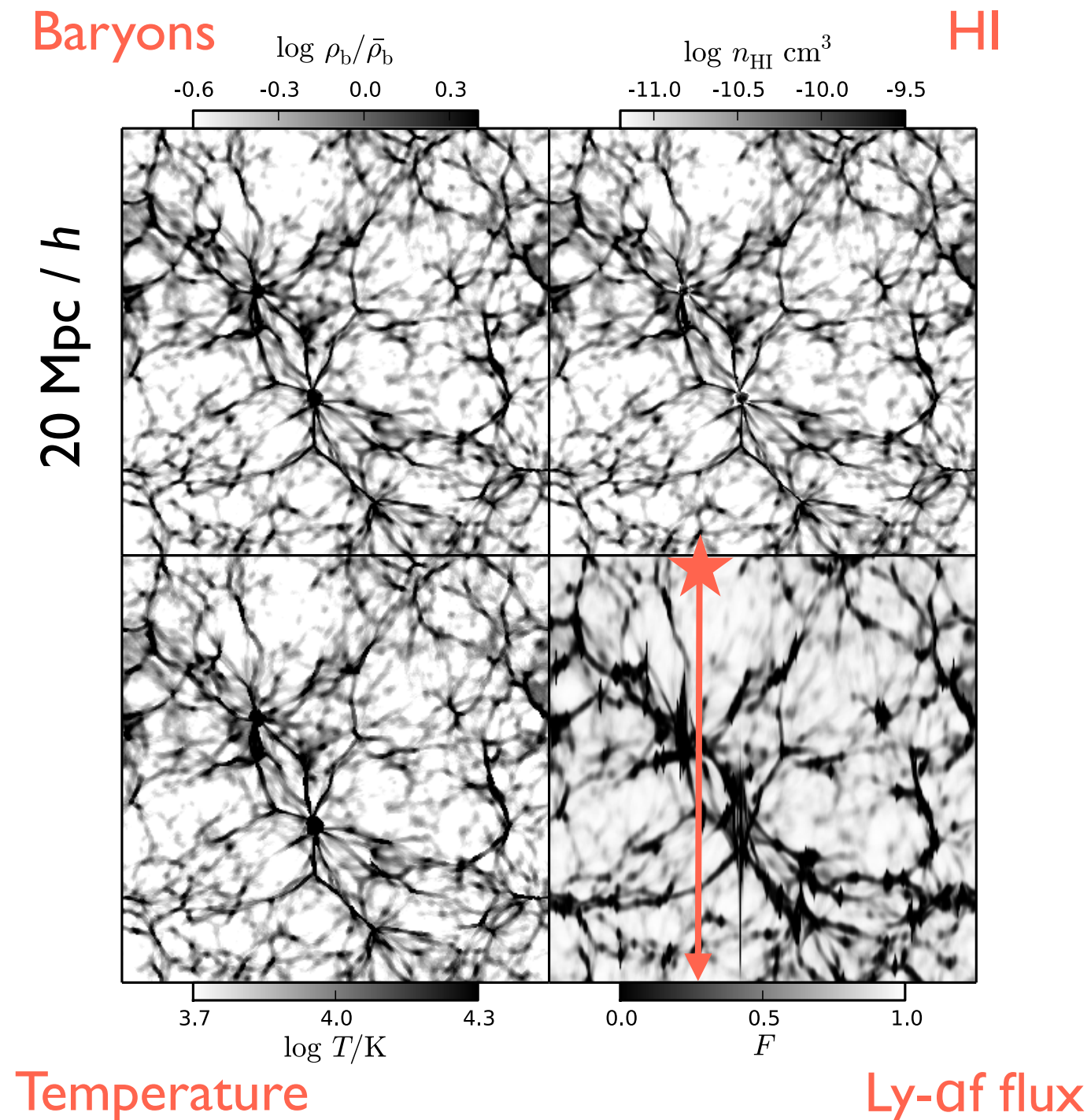
Lyman-alpha forest traces intergalactic medium around mean cosmic density



eBOSS measures Lyman- α forest flux power spectrum for quasi-linear modes in matter epoch

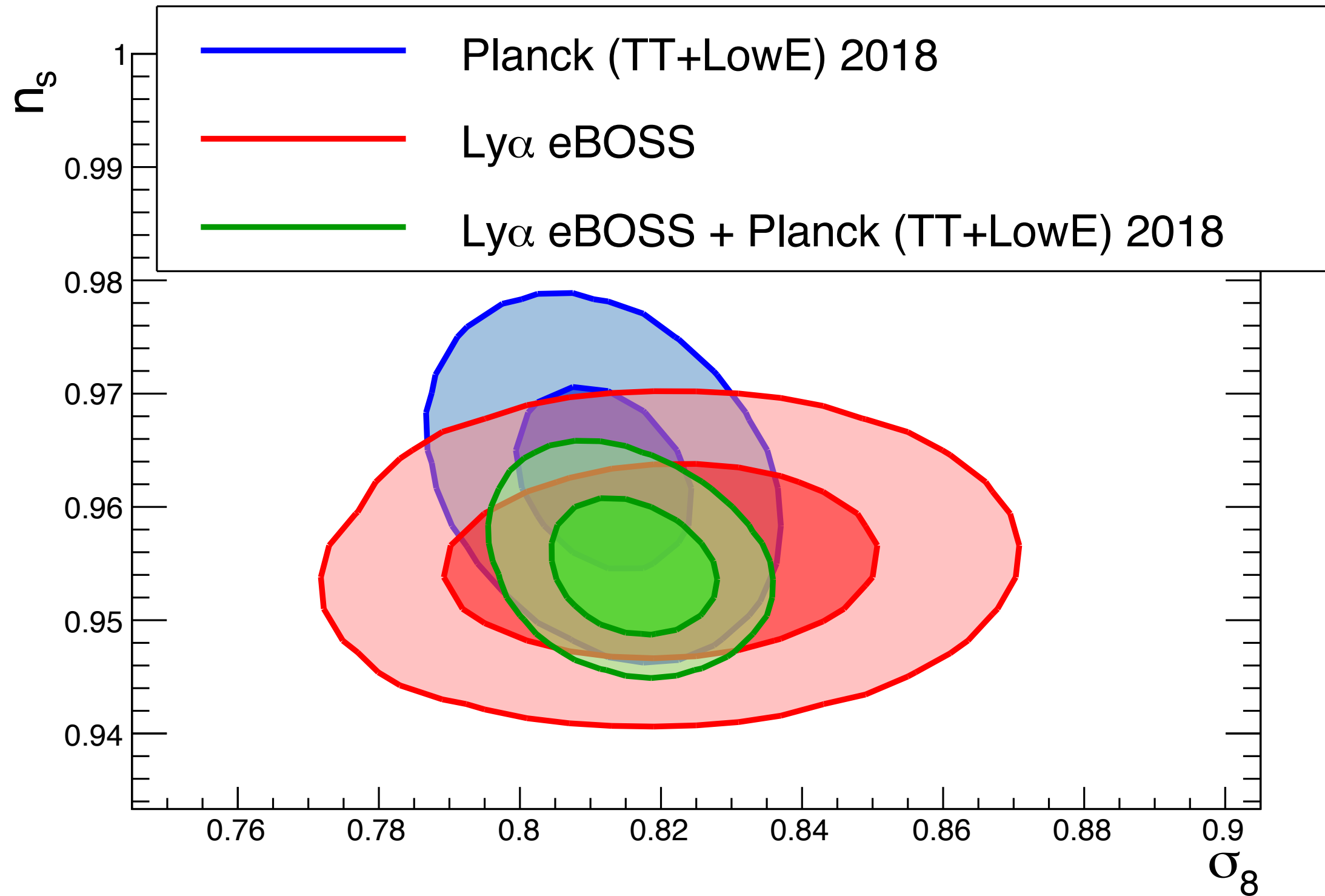


Lyman-alpha forest probes smallest cosmic scales — robustly account for range of astrophysical states



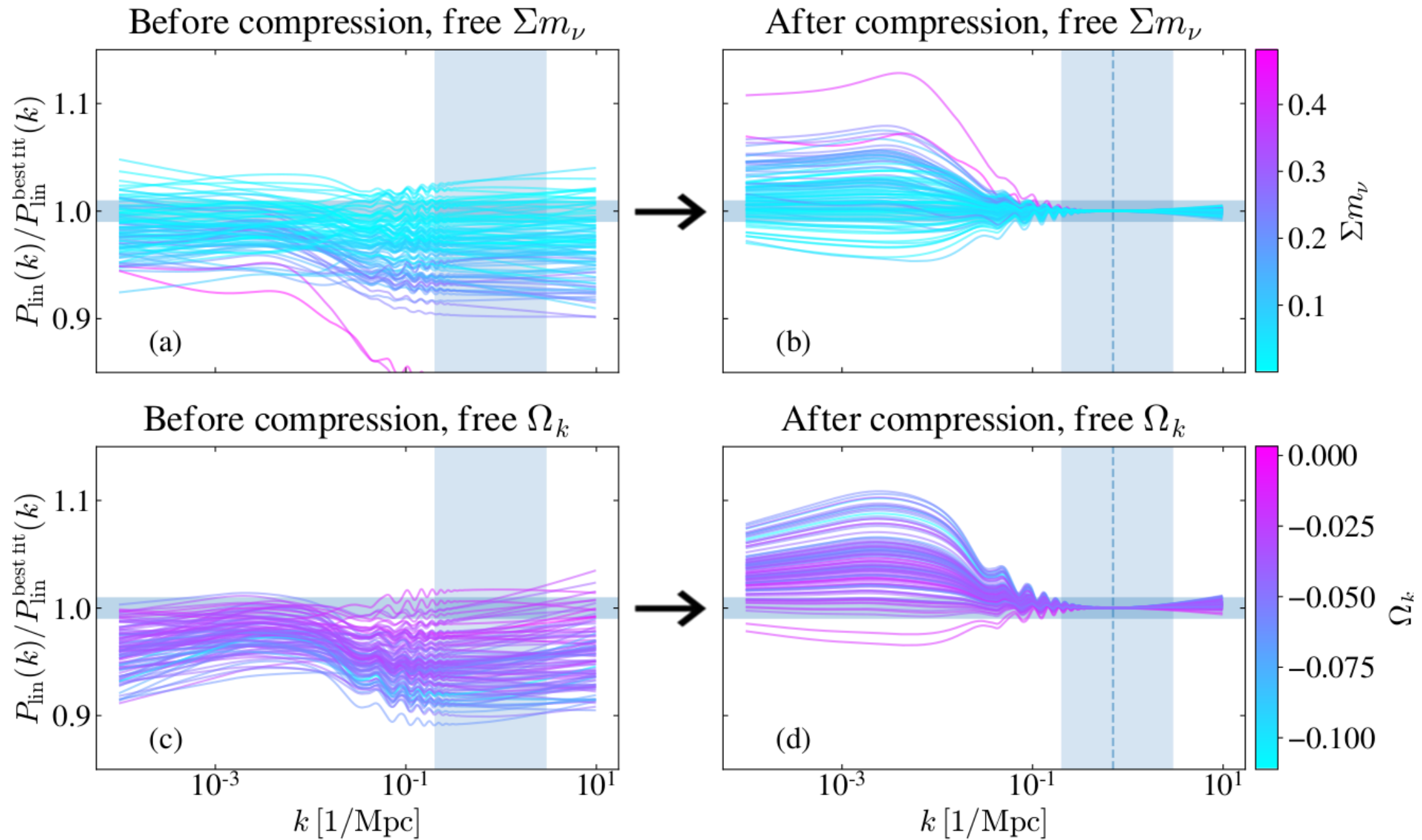
- Ly-alpha forest traces DM & intergalactic medium astrophysics
- ~ 3000 CPU-hours per simulation in 12-D parameter space
- \Rightarrow need ML-accelerated **emulator**

eBOSS Collaboration found consistency with *Planck* CMB

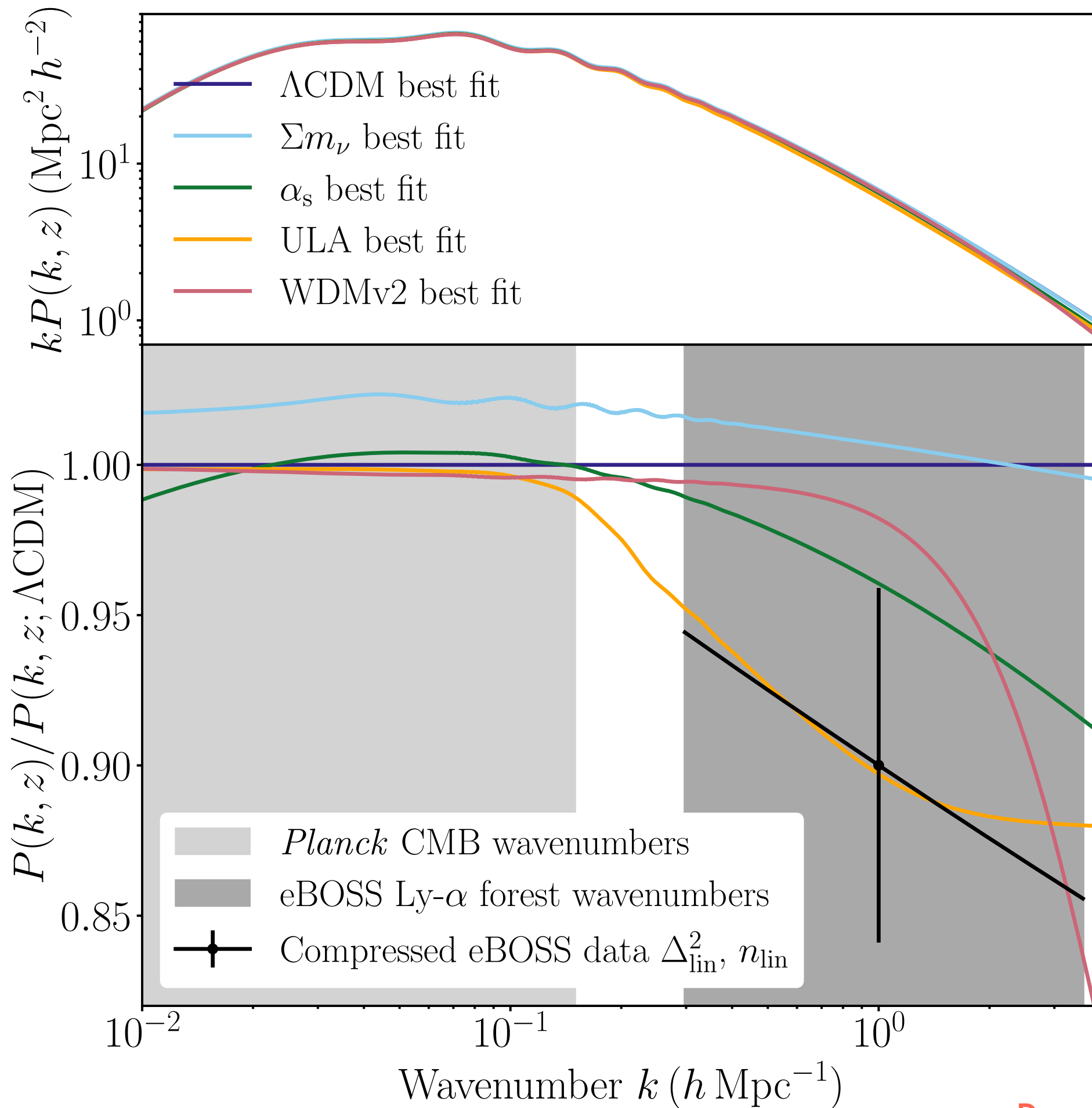


Chabanier et al. (2019); Palanque-Delabrouille et al. (2020)

All the cosmological information in the eBOSS Lyman- α forest compressed to two parameters

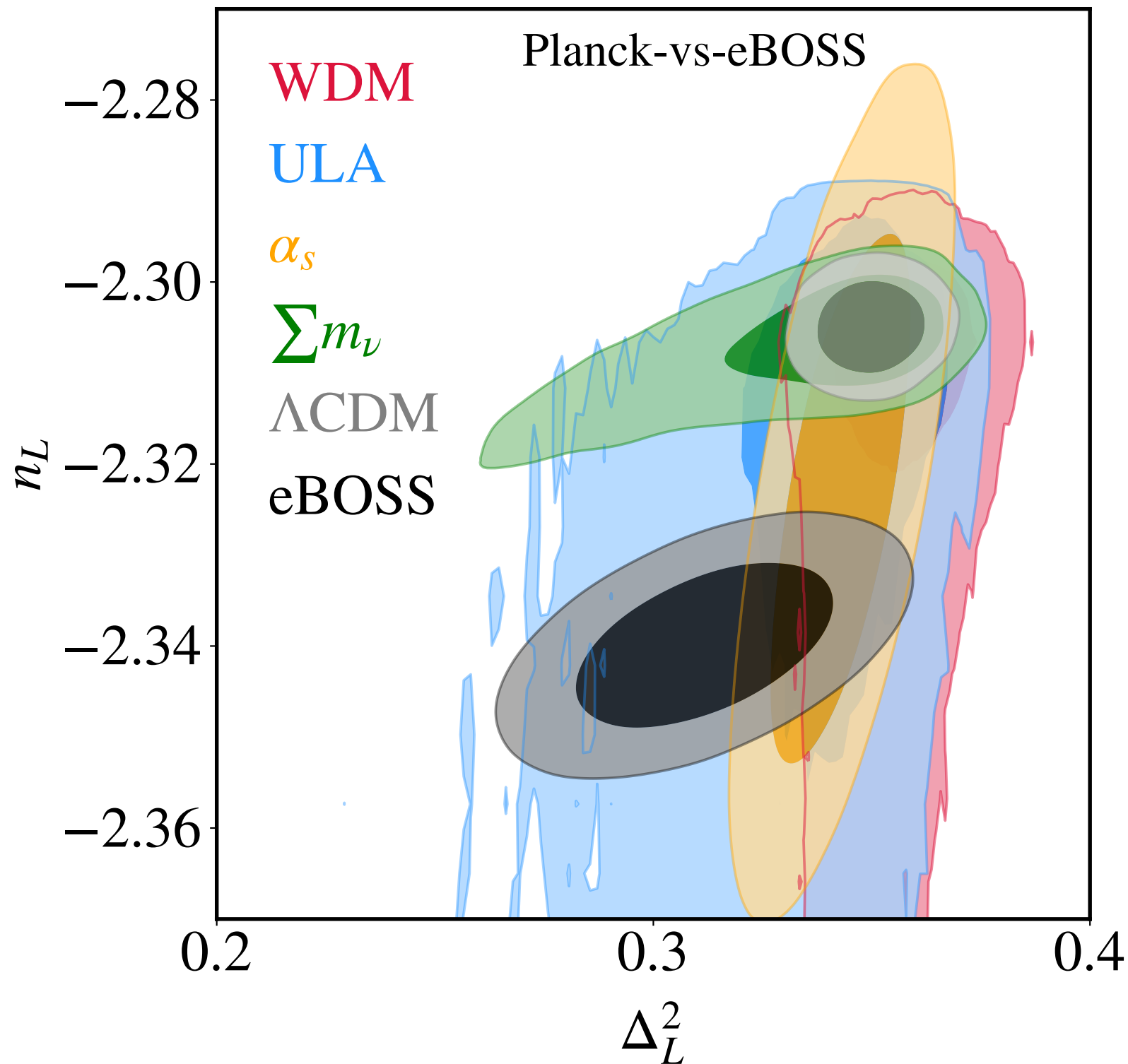


Rescaled to same amplitude and tilt at $k_{\text{pivot}} = 1$ h/Mpc, $z_{\text{pivot}} = 3$

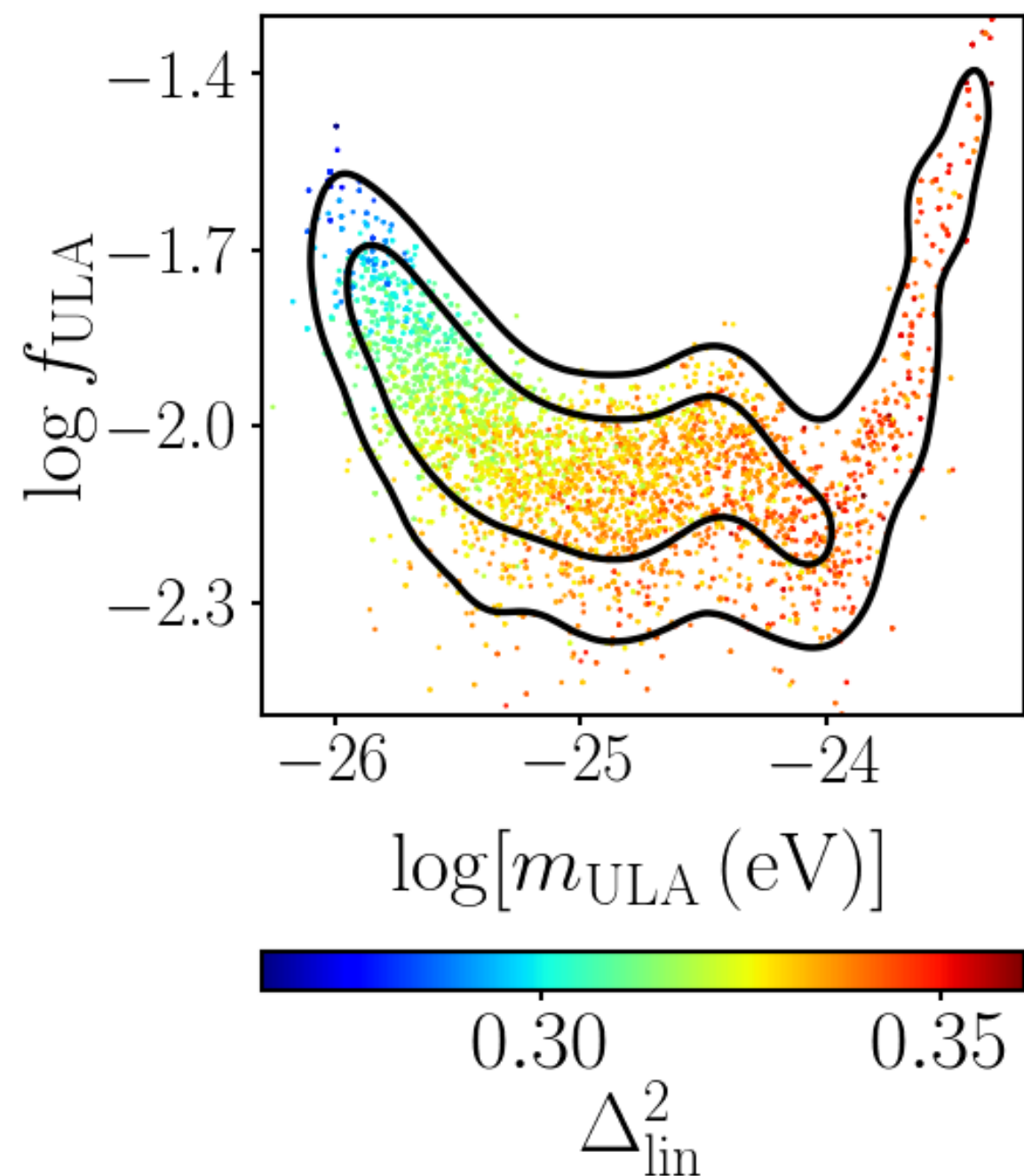
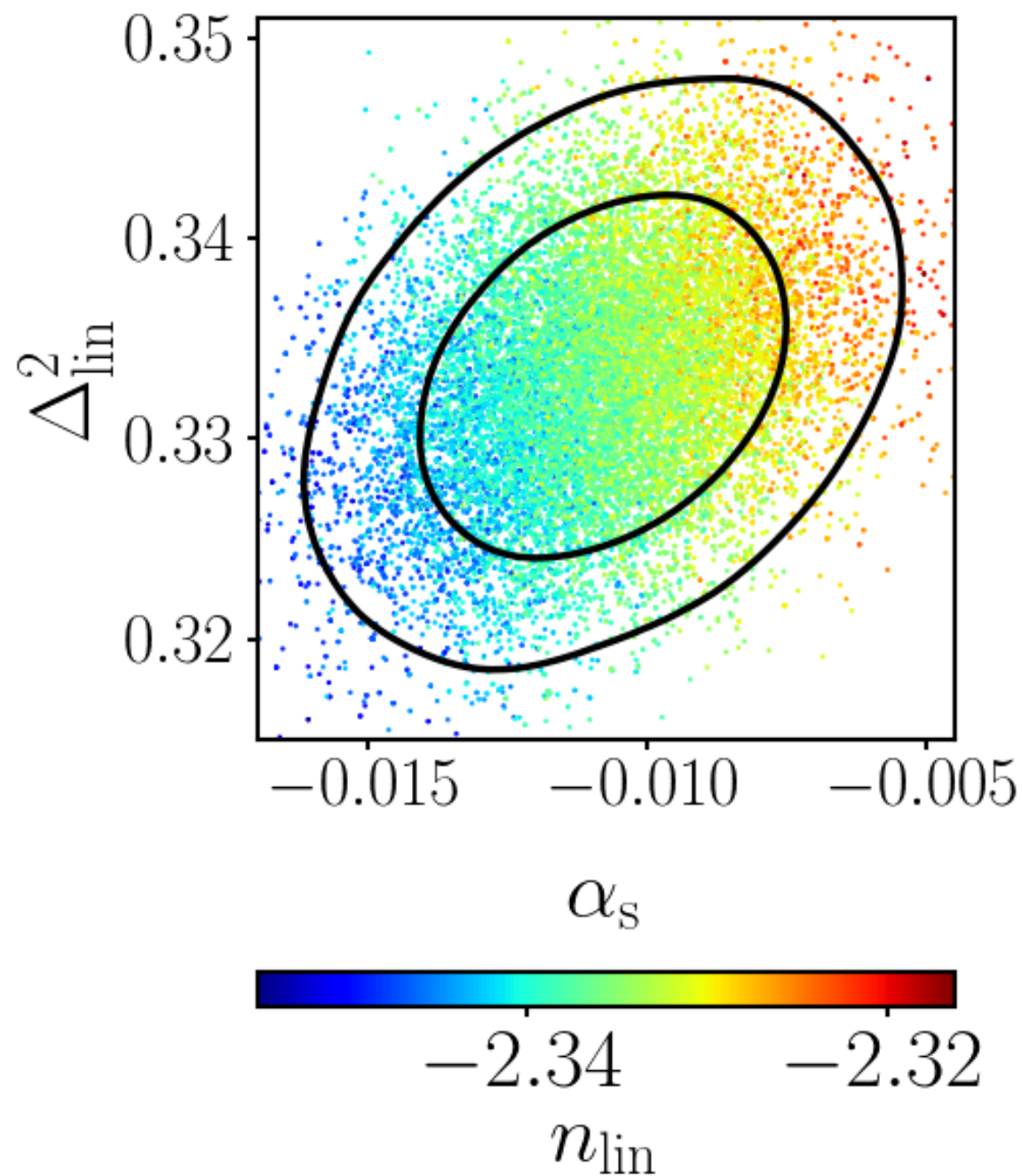


**4.8 σ tension
 between
 eBOSS Ly- α f &
 Planck CMB**

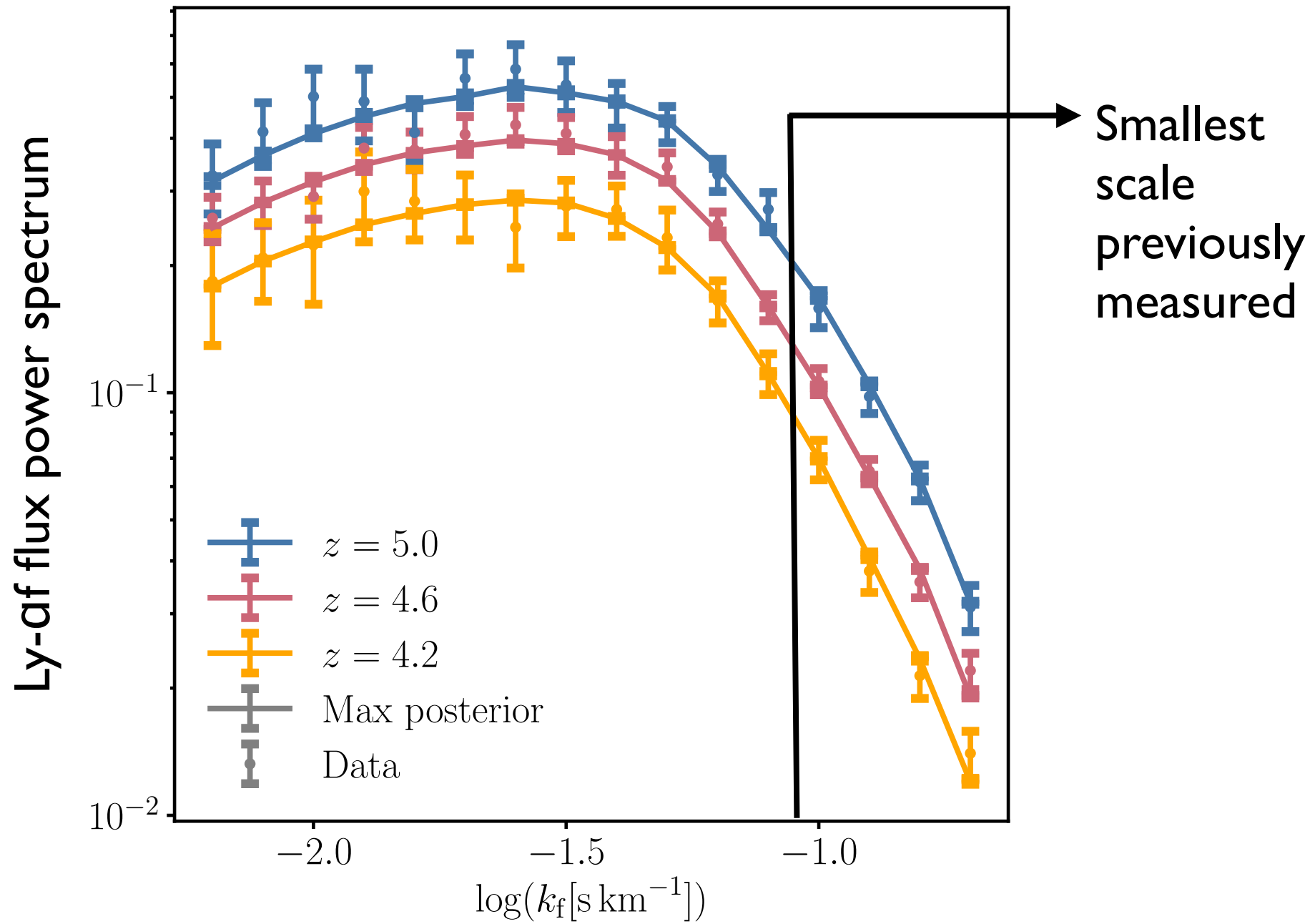
Power spectrum running reduces tension 4.8σ to 0.9σ ; ultra-light axions to 0.4σ



Planck CMB + BAO + SNe + eBOSS Ly- α forest constraints on running and ULA DM



Dark matter limits driven by new small-scale data



Data: Boera et al. (2019)

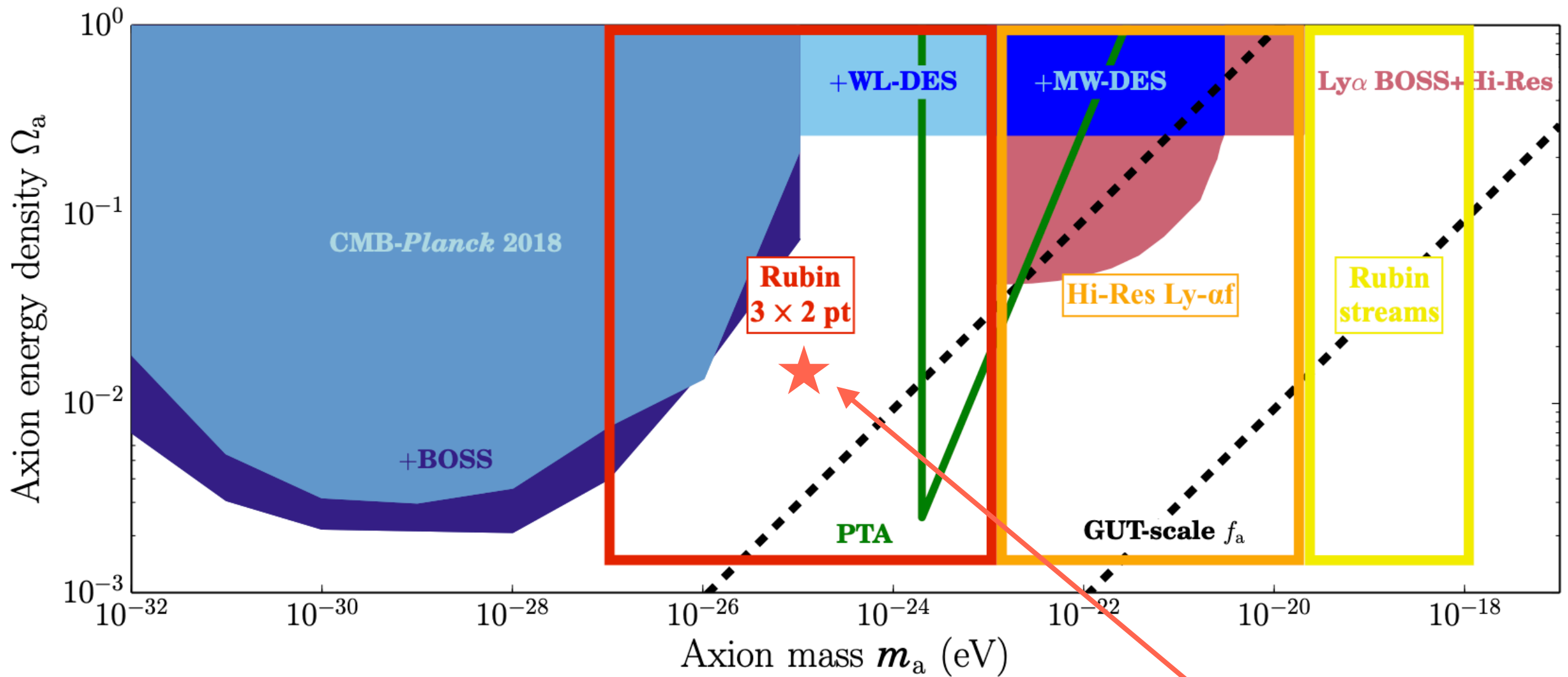


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Rogers & Peiris (PRL, 2021); Rogers et al. (PRL, 2022)

Multi-probe approach to detect ultra-light axions



Resolve LSS tensions?

Summary

- **New frontier in dark matter detection** is light & ultra-light dark matter
- **Ultra-light axions improve consistency** between CMB/large-scale structure
- *Rubin* and DESI data poised to **disentangle DM effects and astrophysics**