



AXIONIC DARK MATTER

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Outline

- * **Strong CP Problem, QCD Axion, couplings**
- * **How to make axions in the expanding universe**
- * **Experimental limits**
- * **Cosmological limits [+BICEP2!]**
- * **Ultra-light axions and ALPs from string theory**



The strong CP problem

- * Strong interaction violates CP through θ -vacuum term

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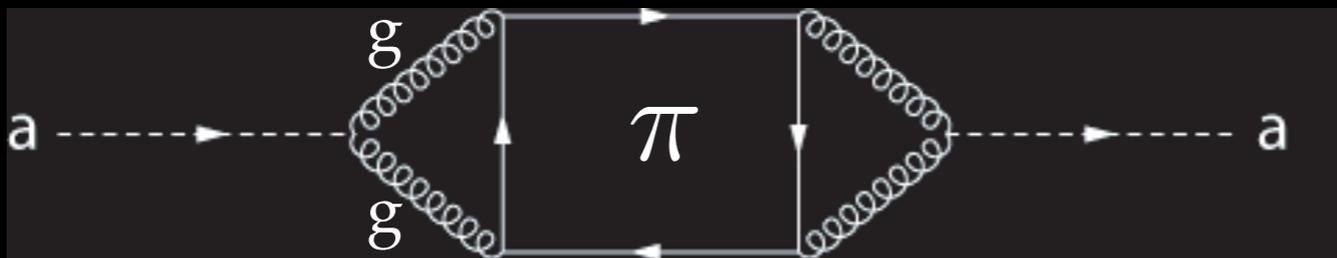
$$d_n \simeq 10^{-16} \theta \text{ e cm}$$
$$\theta \lesssim 10^{-10},$$

Axions solve the strong CP problem

- * New field (axion) and U(1) symmetry dynamically drive net CP-violating term to 0

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{CPV}} = \frac{\theta g^2}{32\pi^2} G\tilde{G} - \frac{a}{f_a} g^2 G\tilde{G}$$

- * Through coupling to pions, axions pick up a mass

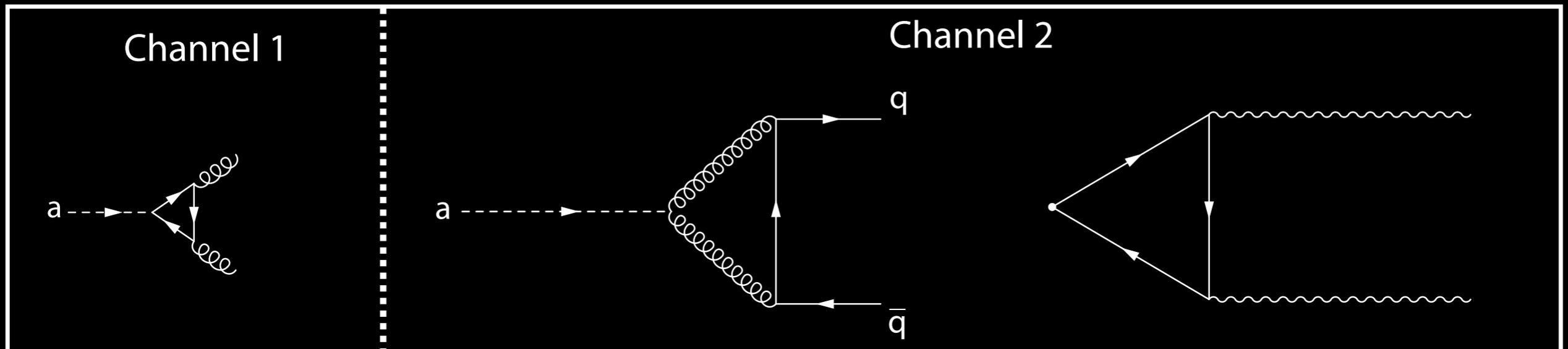


$$m_a \simeq \frac{m_\pi f_\pi}{f_a} \frac{\sqrt{r}}{1+r}$$

$$r \equiv m_u/m_d$$

$$m_a = 6.2\mu \text{ eV} \left(\frac{10^{12} \text{ GeV}}{f_a} \right)$$

Two-photon coupling of axion



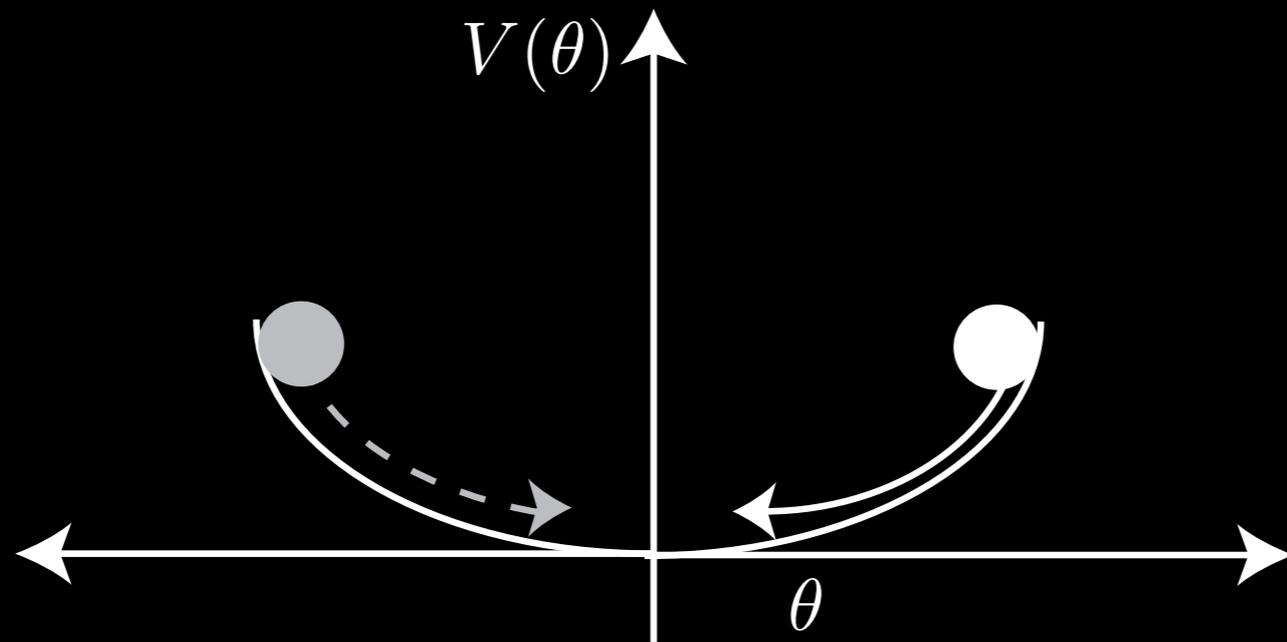
* Axions interact weakly with SM particles $\Gamma, \sigma \sim \alpha^2$

* Axions have a two-photon coupling

$$g_{a\gamma\gamma} = -\frac{3\alpha}{8\pi f_a} \xi$$

2 axion populations: Cold axions

$$m_a < 10^{-2} \text{ eV}$$



- * Before PQ symmetry breaking, θ is generically displaced from vacuum value
- * EOM: $\ddot{\bar{\theta}} + 3H\dot{\bar{\theta}} + m_a^2(T)\bar{\theta} = 0$ $m_a(T) \simeq 0.1m_a(T=0)(\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}/T)^{3.7}$
- * After $m_a(T) \gtrsim 3H(T)$, coherent oscillations begin, leading to $n_a \propto a^{-3}$
- * Axions are cold $p \ll m_a c$

Dark matter axion abundance

* QCD axion couples to quarks/pions, temp-dependent mass

* High-temp regime

$$m_a = 0.02 m_a^{(T=0)} \left(\frac{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}}{T} \right)^4 \quad \text{if } T \gg \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$$

* Low-temp regime $m_a = m_a^{(T=0)}$ if $T \lesssim \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$

$$\Omega_{\text{mis}} h^2 = 0.236 \langle \theta_i^2 f(\theta_i) \rangle \left(\frac{f_a}{10^{12} \text{ GeV}} \right)^{7/6} \quad \text{if } f_a \lesssim 10^{18} \text{ GeV}$$

$$\Omega_{\text{mis}} h^2 = 0.005 \langle \theta_i^2 f(\theta_i) \rangle \left(\frac{f_a}{10^{12} \text{ GeV}} \right)^{3/2} \quad \text{if } f_a \gtrsim 10^{18} \text{ GeV}$$

Anthropic axion window: $f_a > \max\{T_{\text{RH}}, H_I\}$

- * Axion field is relatively homogeneous

$$\langle \theta^2 \rangle = \bar{\theta}^2 + \left(\frac{H_I}{2\pi f_a} \right)^2$$

Vacuum fluctuations from inflation

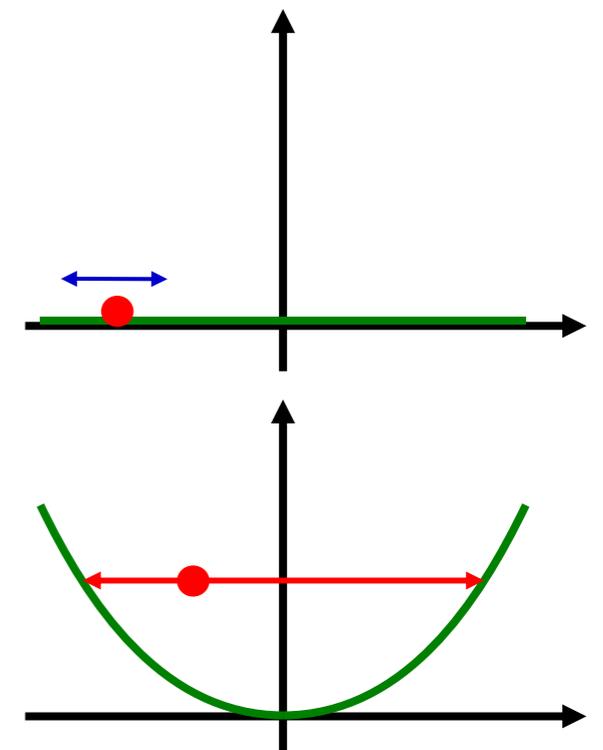
Misalignment in our Hubble Patch

- * Abundance

$$\Omega_a h^2 \simeq 0.43 \left(\frac{f_a}{10^{12} \text{ GeV}} \right)^{7/6} \theta_i^2$$

$$\Omega_a h^2 \simeq 0.005 \left(\frac{f_a}{10^{12} \text{ GeV}} \right)^{3/2} \theta_i^2$$

De Sitter expansion imprints scale invariant fluctuations



From Raffelt 2012

- * $\bar{\theta}$ can be tuned to get DM abundance for many axion masses

Classic axion window: $f_a < \max \{T_{RH}, H_I\}$

- * Axion field is very inhomogeneous

$$\langle \bar{\theta}_i^2 \rangle = \frac{\pi^2}{6}$$

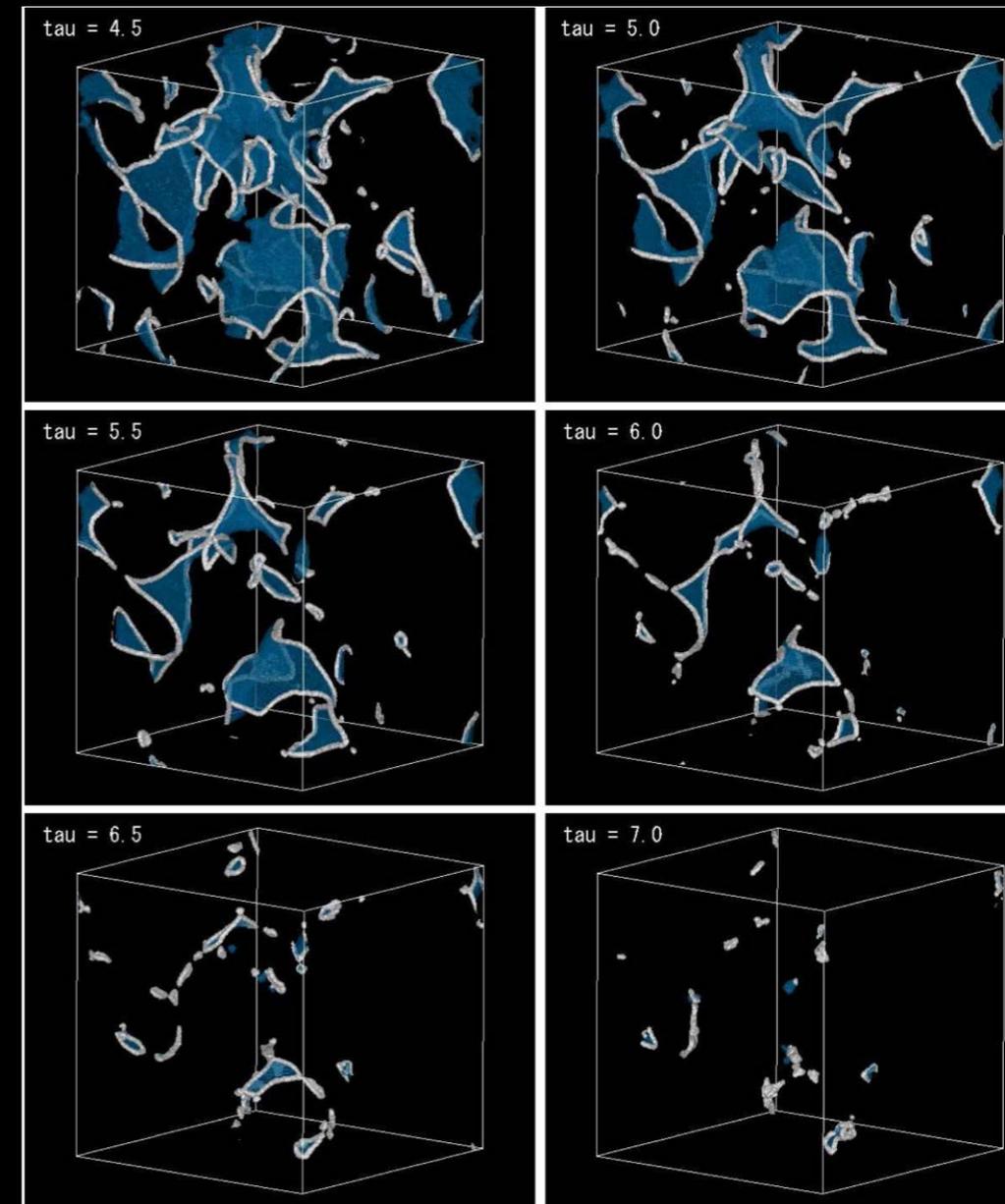
- * Defects [domain walls, strings, etc..]

$$\mathcal{O}(1) \lesssim \alpha_{\text{defect}} \lesssim \mathcal{O}(10^2)$$

CONTROVERSY!

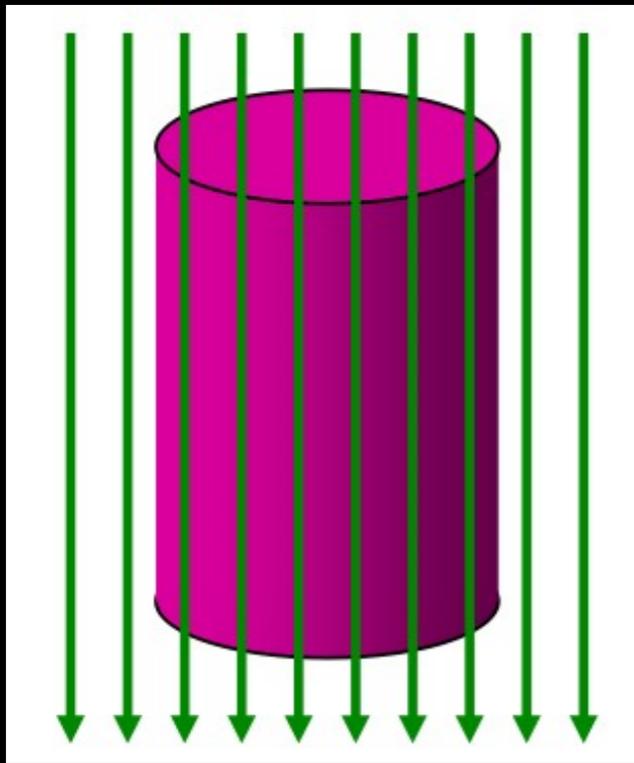
- * Abundance

$$\Omega_a h^2 \simeq 2.0 \{1 + f_{\text{defect}}\} \left(\frac{f_a}{10^{12} \text{ GeV}} \right)^{7/6}$$



From Hiramatsu 2012

* Magnetized RF Cavity



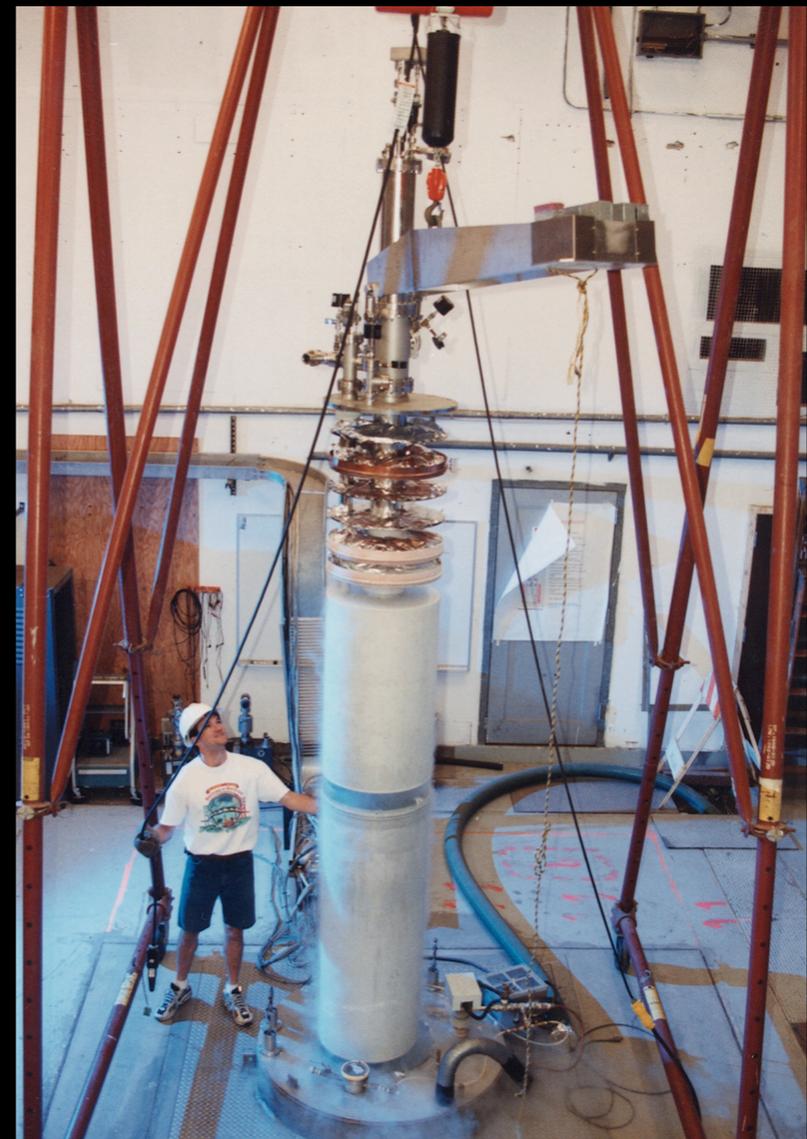
* Axion excites cavity (TEM) modes [cavity must be tuned]

$$E_\gamma = m_a c^2$$

* Power

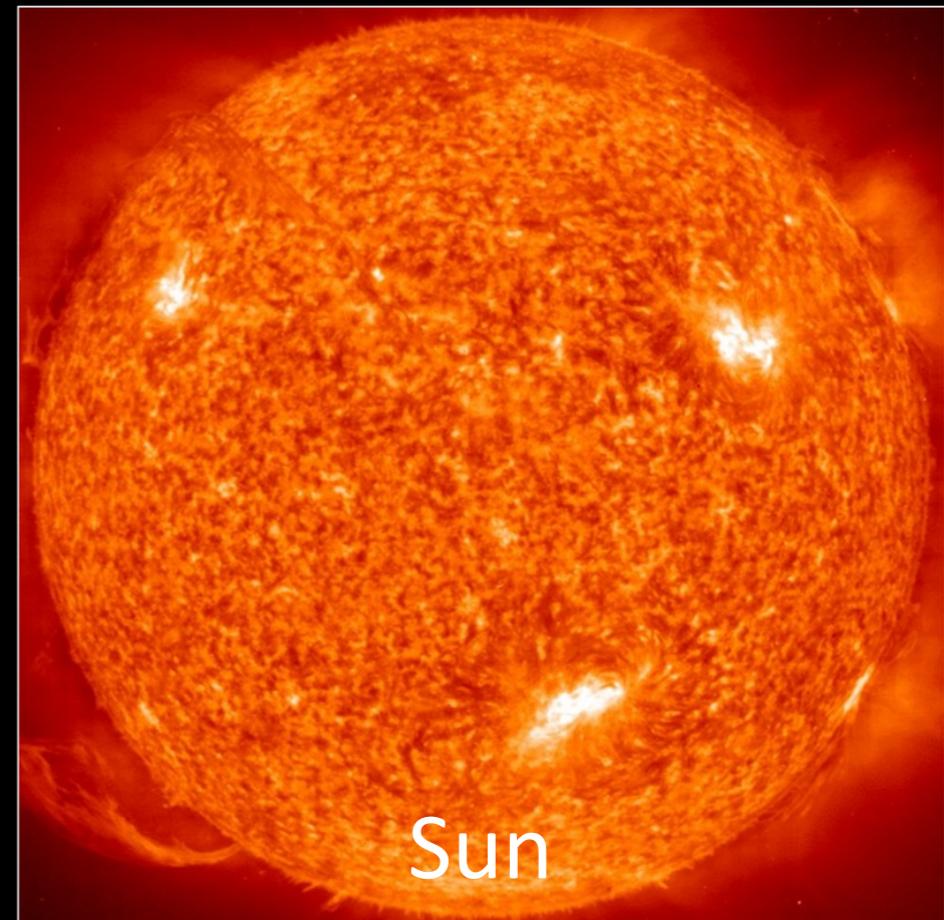
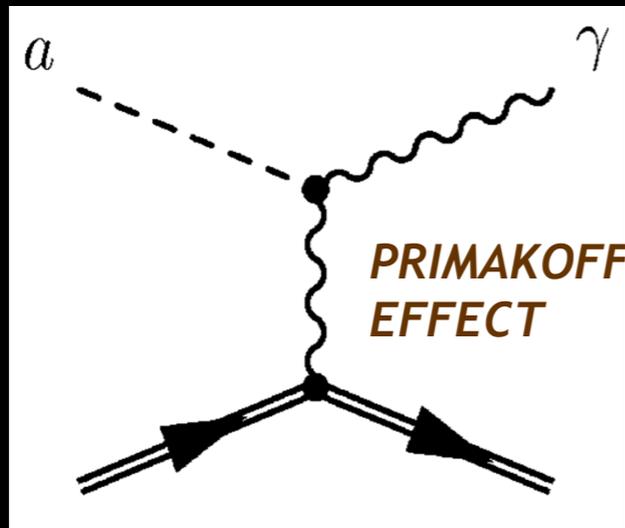
$$\text{Power} = g_{a\gamma}^2 \frac{V B^2 \rho_a Q}{m_a} \sim 10^{-21} \text{ Watts}$$

Volume $\rightarrow V$
 Quality factor $\rightarrow Q$
 Axion energy density $\rightarrow \rho_a$
 Axion mass $\rightarrow m_a$



Making axions in stars

* Primakoff process

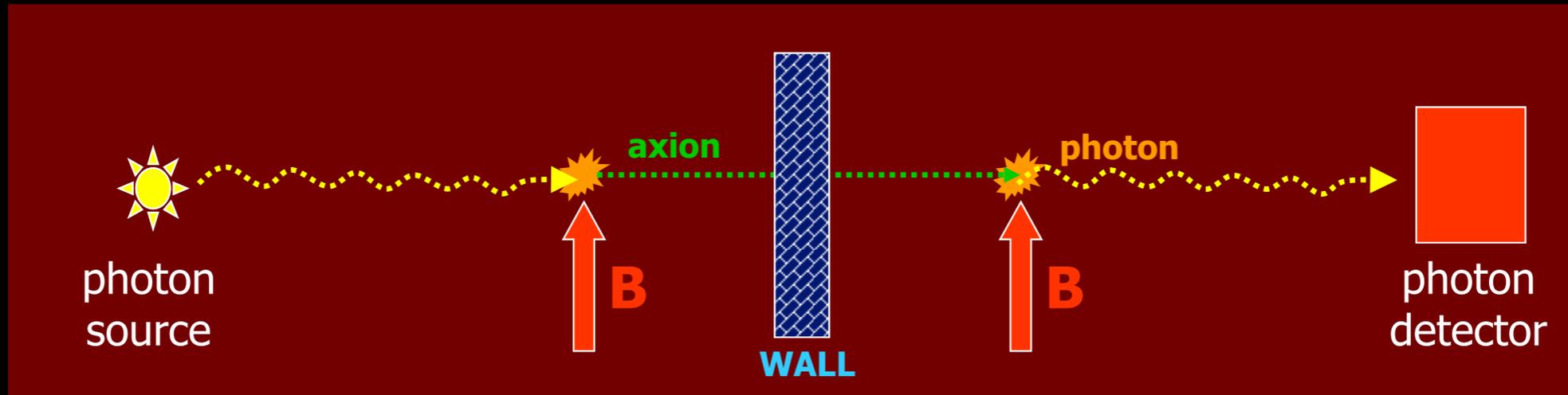


* Lifetime of our own sun/Solar luminosity/helioseismology impose constraint

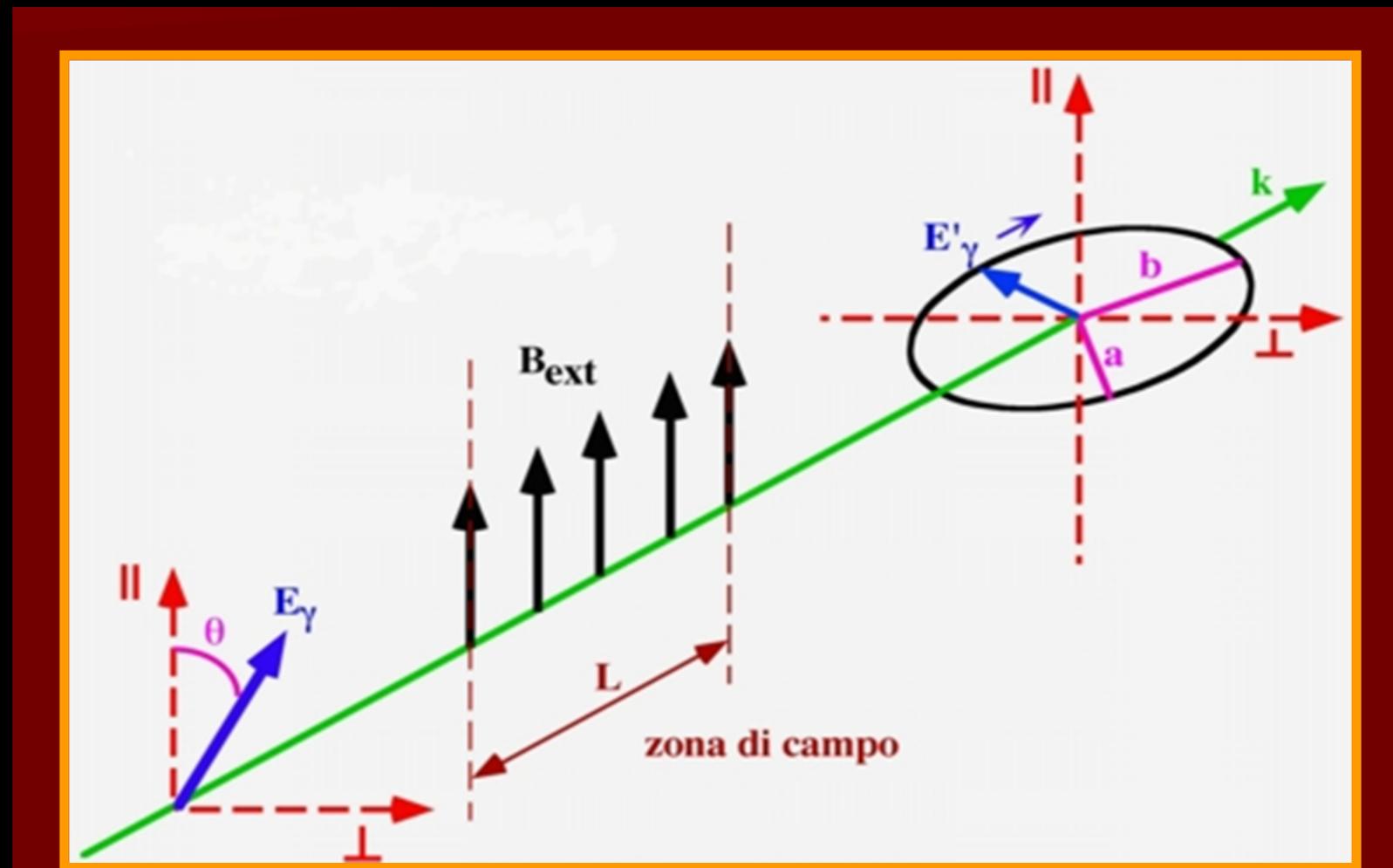
$$g_{a\gamma\gamma} \lesssim 1 - 3 \times 10^{-9} \text{ GeV}^{-1}$$

Laser experiments

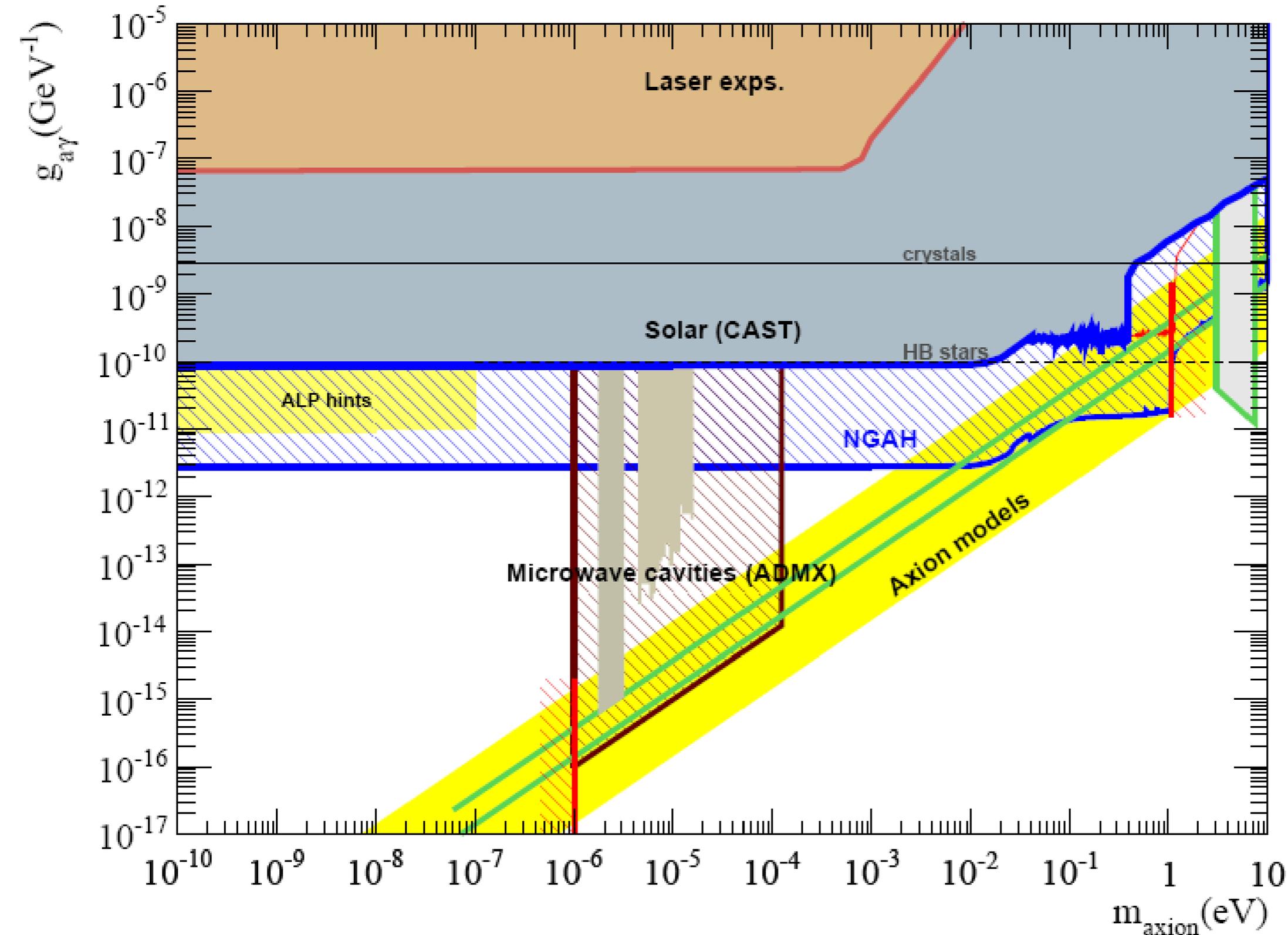
Light shining through walls (e.g. GammeV)



Polarization experiments (e.g. PVLAS)



Limits and horizon



Other methods

- * Spectra of magnetic white dwarves [New]
- * Extragalactic background light
- * Pulsating white dwarf seismology [New]
- * Dimming of gamma-ray blazars [New]
- * Two-photon decays in galaxy clusters
- * Light degrees of freedom at BBN [New]
- * Helioscope in space [New]
- * Supernovae 1987a
- * White dwarf luminosity function
- * Oscillating electric dipole moments of nucleons [NEW]

Axions carry isocurvature

* If PQ symmetry broken during/before inflation

$$\sqrt{\langle a^2 \rangle} = \frac{H_I}{2\pi}$$

Quantum zero-point fluctuations!

* Subdominant species seed isocurvature fluctuations

$$\zeta \propto \frac{\rho_a}{\rho_{\text{tot}}} \frac{\delta\rho_a}{\rho_a} \ll 10^{-5}$$

$$S_{a\gamma} = \frac{\delta n_a}{n_a} - \frac{\delta n_\gamma}{n_\gamma} = \frac{\delta\rho_a}{\rho_a} - \frac{3}{4} \frac{\delta\rho_\gamma}{\rho_\gamma} \sim 10^{-5}$$

The axion and the scale of inflation

... story laid out by Fox, Mack, Steinhart, Hertzberg, Wilczek, Gondolo [and others]

* Tensor mode amplitude set by inflationary energy scale

$$\frac{k^3 P_h}{2\pi^2} = 8 \left(\frac{H_I/M_{\text{pl}}}{2\pi} \right)^2 \quad \frac{k^3 P_R}{2\pi^2} = \frac{1}{2\epsilon} \left(\frac{H_I/M_{\text{pl}}}{2\pi} \right)^2 \left(\frac{k}{k_0} \right)^{n_s-1}$$

$$\frac{k^3 P_S}{2\pi^2} = 4 \left(\frac{H_I}{2\pi\phi} \right)^2$$

* Isocurvature probes quantity

$$\bar{\theta} \sim \Omega_a^{1/2} f_a^{-7/12}$$

$$\left(\frac{H_I}{f_a \bar{\theta}} \right) \left(\frac{\Omega_a}{\Omega_d} \right) \rightarrow f_a^{5/12} > \sim \left(\frac{H_I}{10^{12} \text{ GeV}} \right)$$

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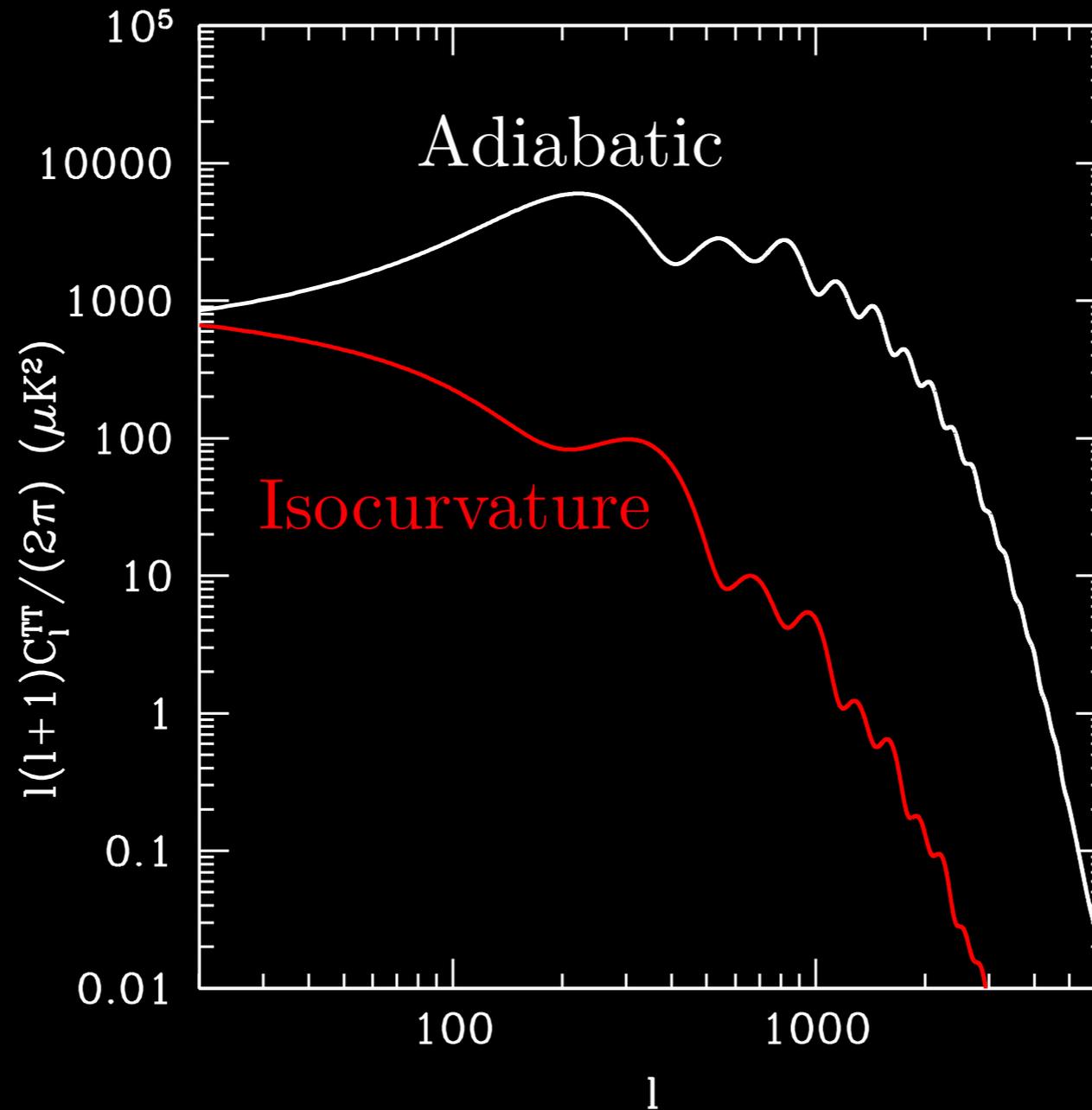
Komatsu al. 2008/2011 find

$$\alpha_{\text{ax}} \lesssim 0.1$$

$$r \sim 5 \times 10^{-12} \left(\frac{\Omega_c}{\Omega_a} \right)^{2/7}$$

Komatsu al. 2008/2011 (WMAP)

SACHS WOLFE-EFFECT & POWER SPECTRA



* Planck TT constraints

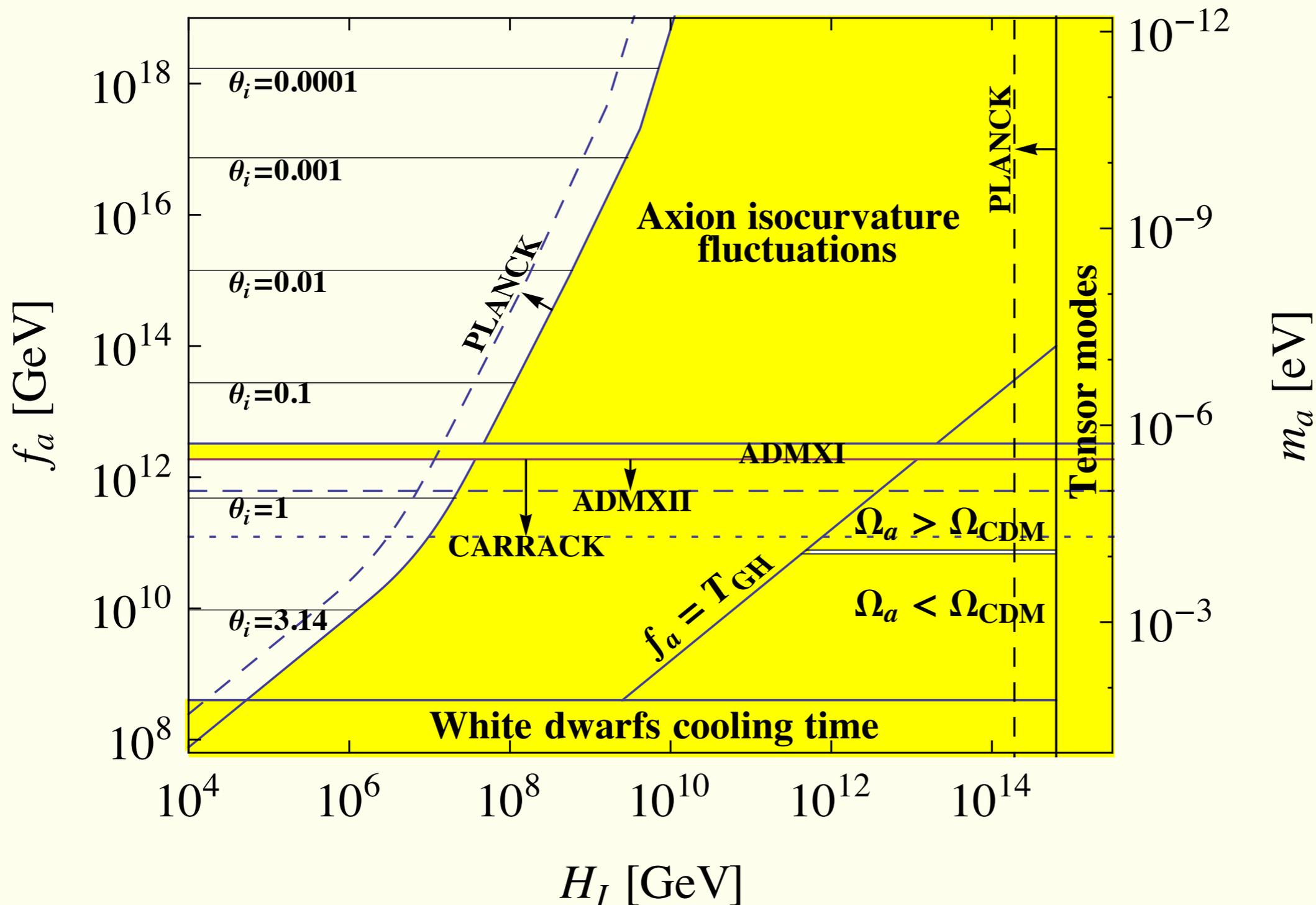
$$\frac{P_{\text{iso}}}{P_{\text{tot}}} \lesssim 1.6 \times 10^{-2}$$

$$\frac{H_I \Omega_a}{f_a \bar{\theta} \Omega_d} \lesssim 4 \times 10^{-5}$$

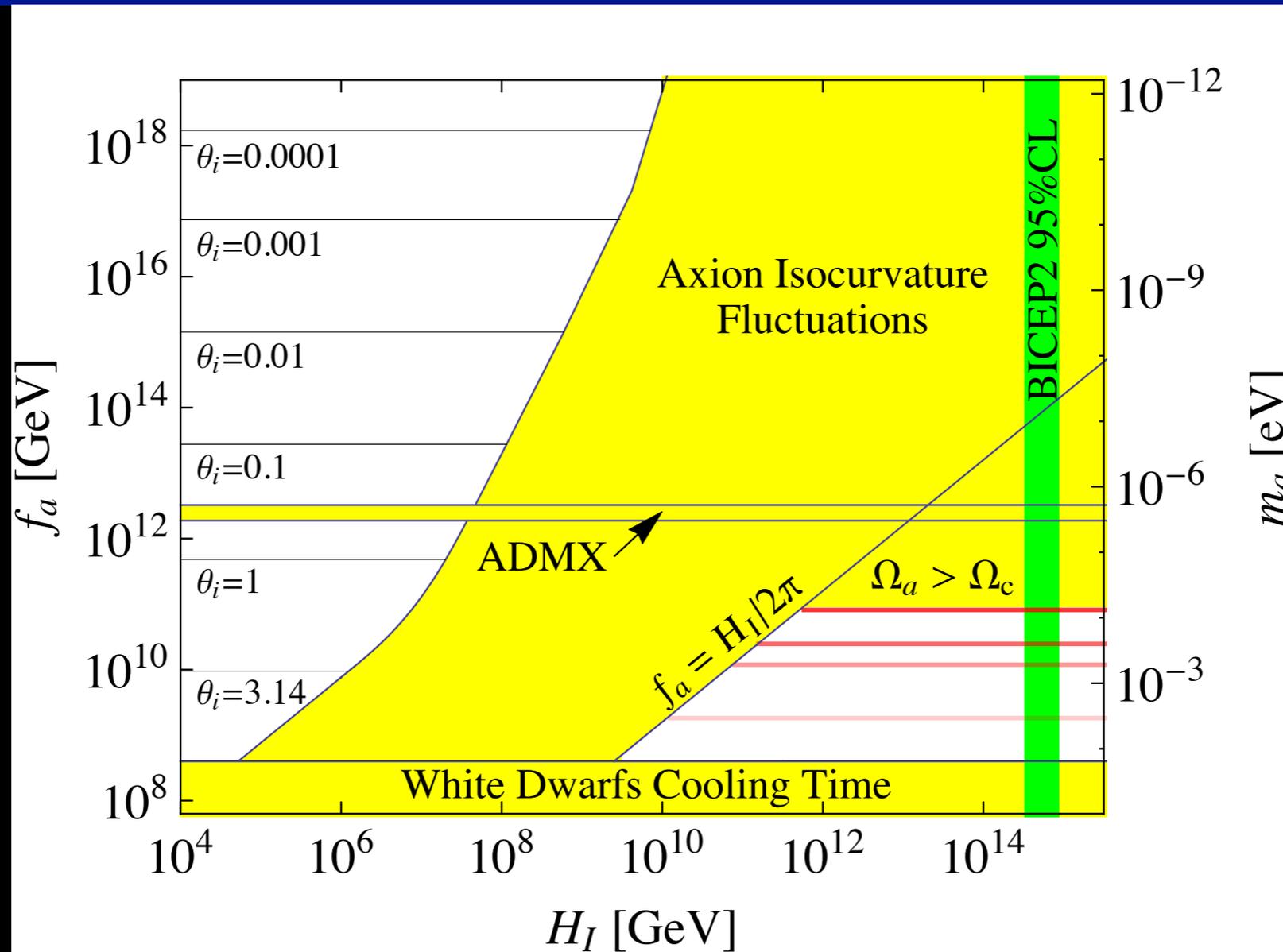
LAST AXIONIC STAND BEFORE BICEP2

(Gondolo 2009):

ADMX axions still viable if low-scale inflation
or in classical window



BICEP2 [inflationary energy scale detected?]



- * Hard to accommodate QCD axion DM w/o defects! [Marsh+yours truly +others 1403.4216 (2014), Gondolo et al. 2014 1403.4594]

$$\frac{\Omega_a}{\Omega_d} \lesssim 5 \times 10^{-12} \left(\frac{f_a}{10^{16} \text{ GeV}} \right)^{5/6}$$

A new scale for perturbed scalars

* *Perturbations obey*

$$\delta\ddot{\phi} + 2\mathcal{H}\delta\dot{\phi} + (k^2 + m^2 a^2) \delta\phi = -\dot{\phi}_0 \dot{h}/2$$

* *Structure suppressed when*

$$k \gg k_J \sim \sqrt{m\mathcal{H}}$$

* *Scales are very small for QCD axion*

$$\lambda \sim 10^{10} \text{ cm}$$

What about lighter axions?

A cosmological search for ultra-light axions

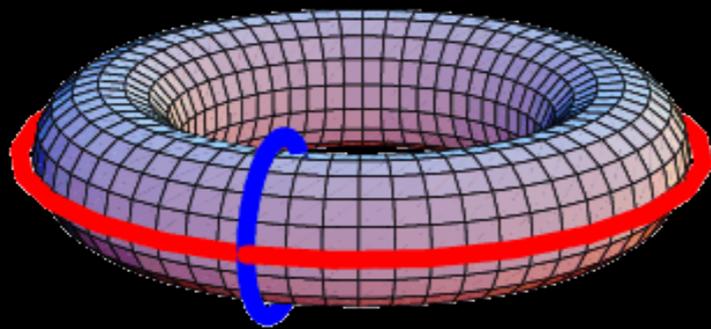
with D. J.E. Marsh, R. Hlozek and P. Ferreira

arXiv:1303.3008, Phys. Rev. D 87, 121701(R) (2013)
(with MCMC results and methods paper in progress)

Light axions and string theory

*String theory has extra dimensions: *compactify (6)!*

*Form fields and gauge fields: 'Axion' is KK zero-mode of form field



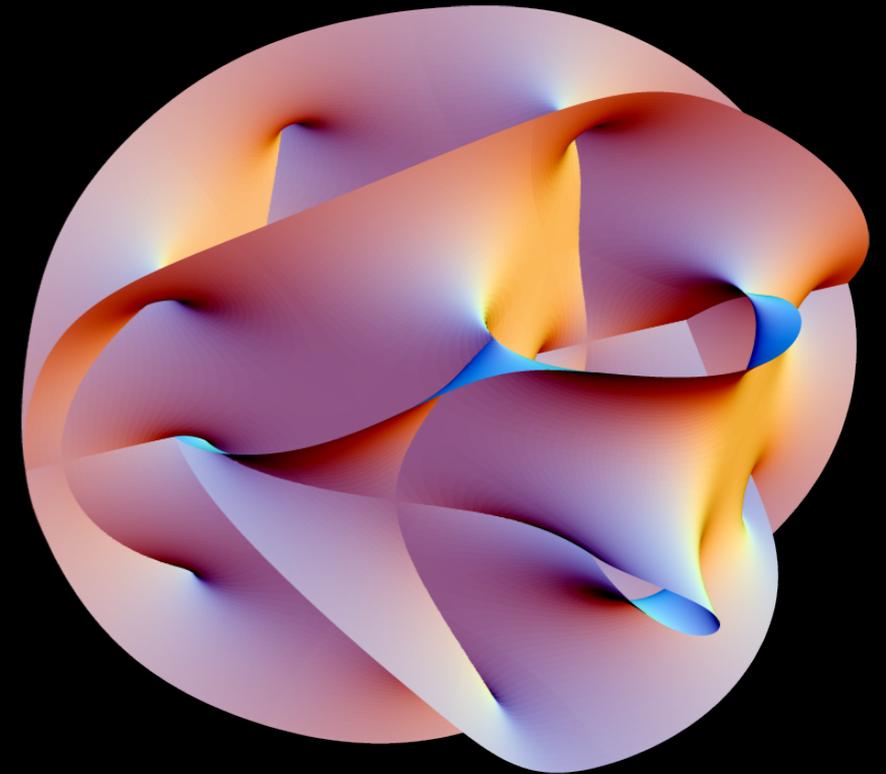
$$\mathcal{L} \propto \frac{aG\tilde{G}}{f_a}$$

Axiverse! (Arvanitaki et al. 2009)

* Calabi-Yau manifolds

Many 2-cycles \longrightarrow Many axions

Hundreds!

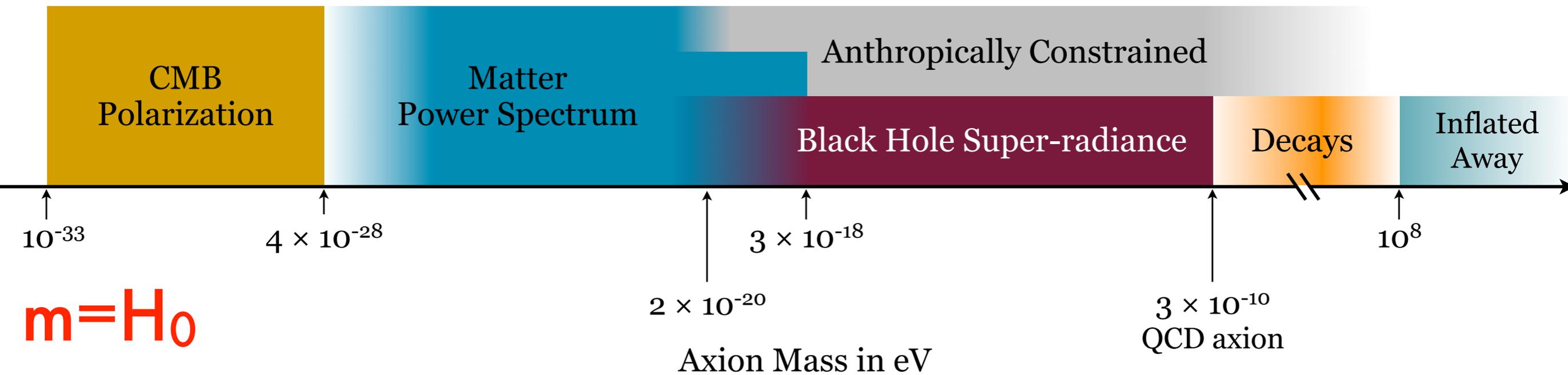


* Mass from non-perturbative physics
(instantons, D-branes)

$$m_a^2 = \frac{\mu^4}{f_a^2} e^{-S} \quad f_a \propto \frac{M_{\text{pl}}}{S}$$

Many decades in mass covered!

Axiverse! (Phenomena)



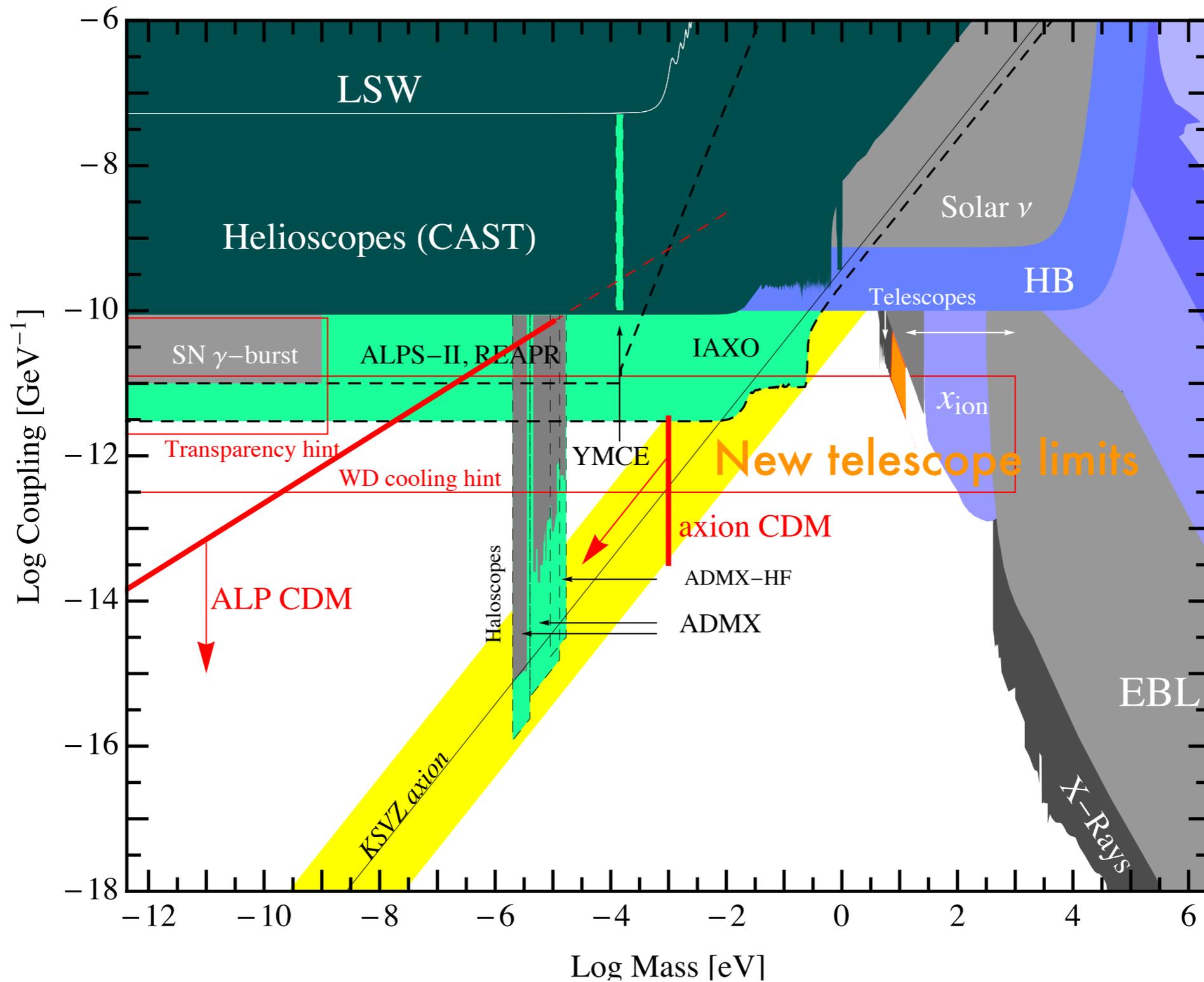
* *Birefringence (Faraday rotation), model dependent:*

$$\mathcal{L} \propto \frac{a \vec{E} \cdot \vec{B}}{f_a}$$

* *Decrement in matter power spectrum for*

$$k \gg k_J \sim \sqrt{m\mathcal{H}}$$

Parameter space in context



Effective fluid approximation

* Computing observables is expensive for $m \gg H_0$:

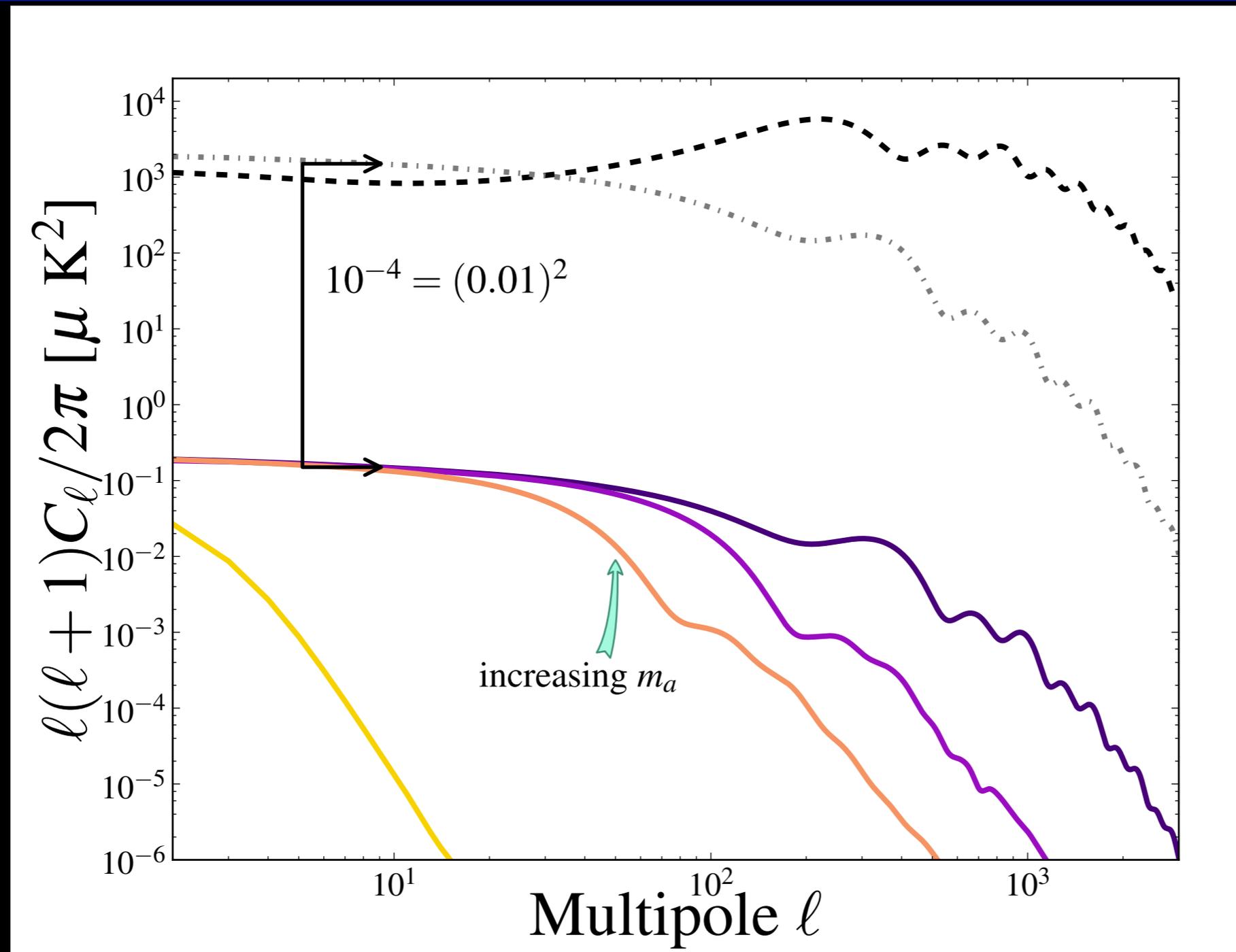
* Coherent oscillation time scale

$$\Delta\eta \sim (ma)^{-1} \ll \Delta\eta_{\text{CAMB}}$$

* Ansatz $\delta\phi = A_c \Delta_c(k, \eta) \cos(m\eta) + A_s \Delta(k, \eta) \sin(m\eta)$

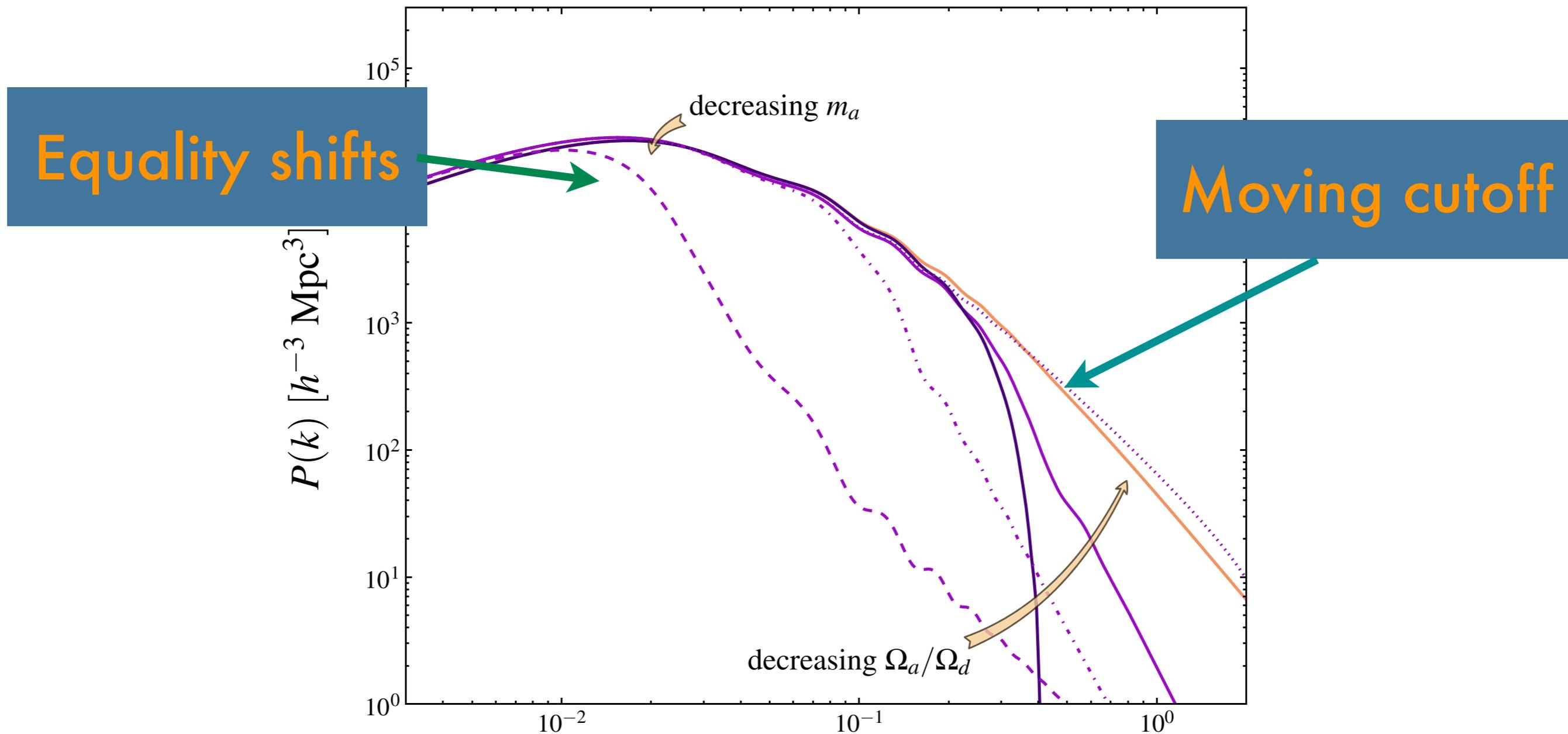
$$c_a^2 = \frac{\delta P}{\delta\rho} = \frac{k^2 / (4m^2 a^2)}{1 + k^2 / (4m^2 a^2)}$$

CMB anisotropy power spectra



Power spectra may now be quickly computed for 15 orders of magnitude in axion mass!

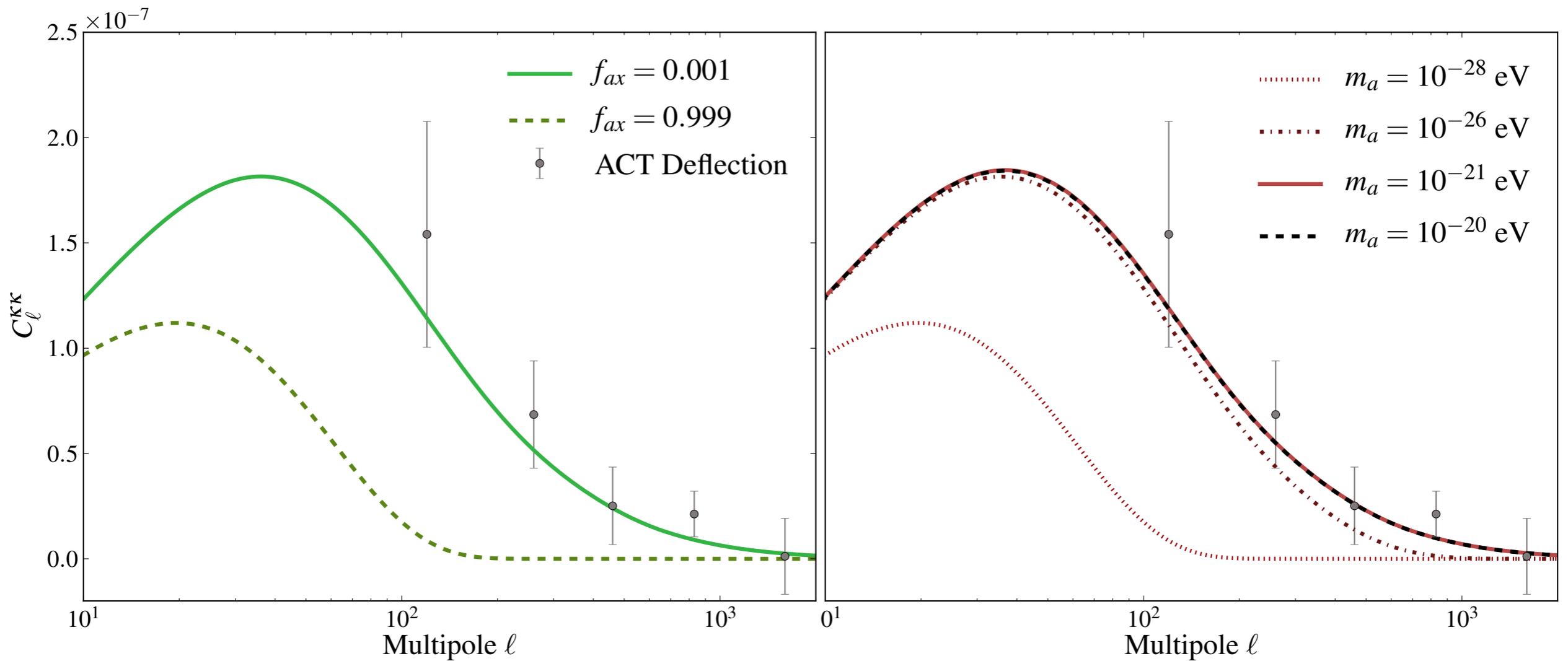
Matter power spectrum



We may now probe ultra-light axions and the axiverse with an MCMC covering 15 orders of magnitude in axion mass

CMB lensing [a probe of axions]

$$m_a \sim 10^{-28} \text{ eV}$$



A new isocurvature signature [e.g. TE polarization]

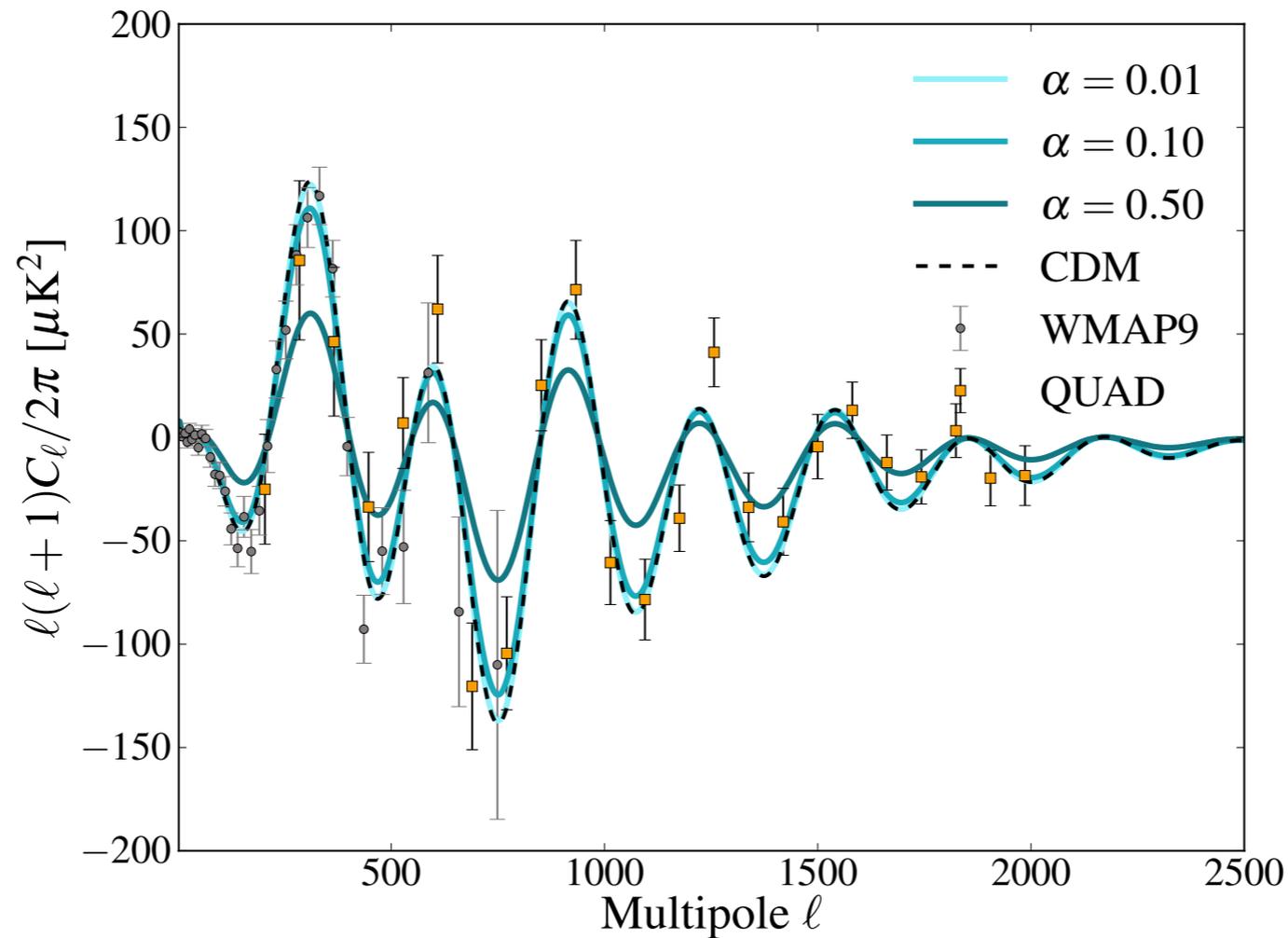


FIG. 5: CMB adiabatic and isocurvature TE polarization power spectra, varying the isocurvature amplitude from $\alpha = 0.01, 0.1, 0.5$ for fixed axion mass, with axions making up nearly all of the DM, $f_{\text{ax}} = 0.9999$. The spectra are a sum of $(1 - \alpha)C_\ell^{\text{ad}} + \alpha C_\ell^{\text{iso}}$, hence adding in isocurvature removes adiabatic power, as can be seen by comparing the combined spectra to the adiabatic CDM-only spectrum, shown by the dashed curve.

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$$\frac{k^3 P_S}{2\pi^2} = 4 \left(\frac{H_I}{2\pi\phi} \right) \left(\frac{\phi}{M_{\text{pl}}} \right)^2 = \frac{6H_0^2 \Omega_a}{m_a^2 a_{\text{osc}}^3}$$

$$\alpha_{\text{ax}} \lesssim 0.1$$

$$r = 2.3 \Omega_d \left(\frac{\Omega_d/\Omega_a}{100} \right) \left(\frac{10^{-33} \text{eV}}{m_a} \right)^{1/2} \left(\frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha} \right)$$

Stay tuned for MCMC constraints to the axiverse!

Motivation/anticipated contours

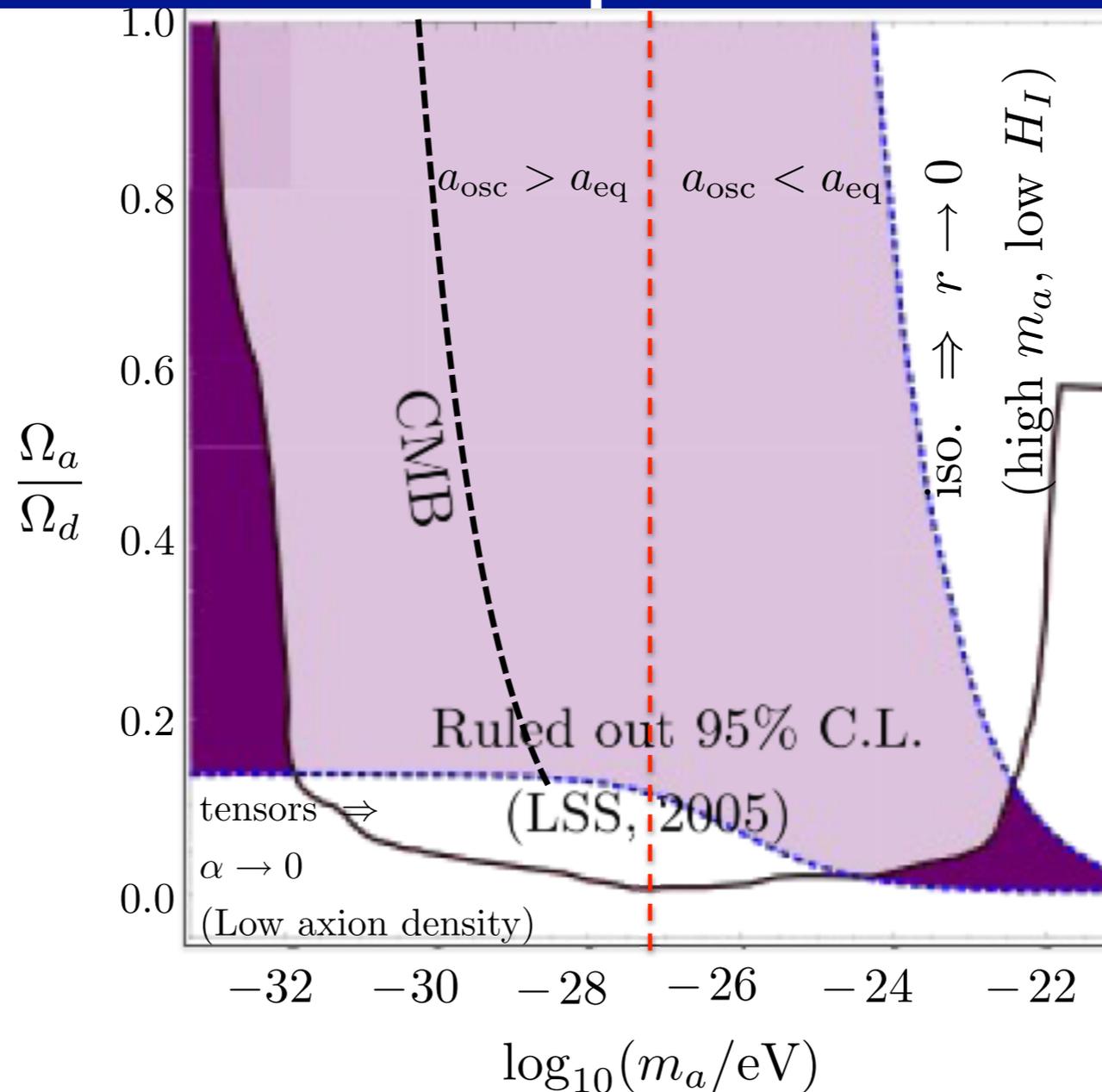
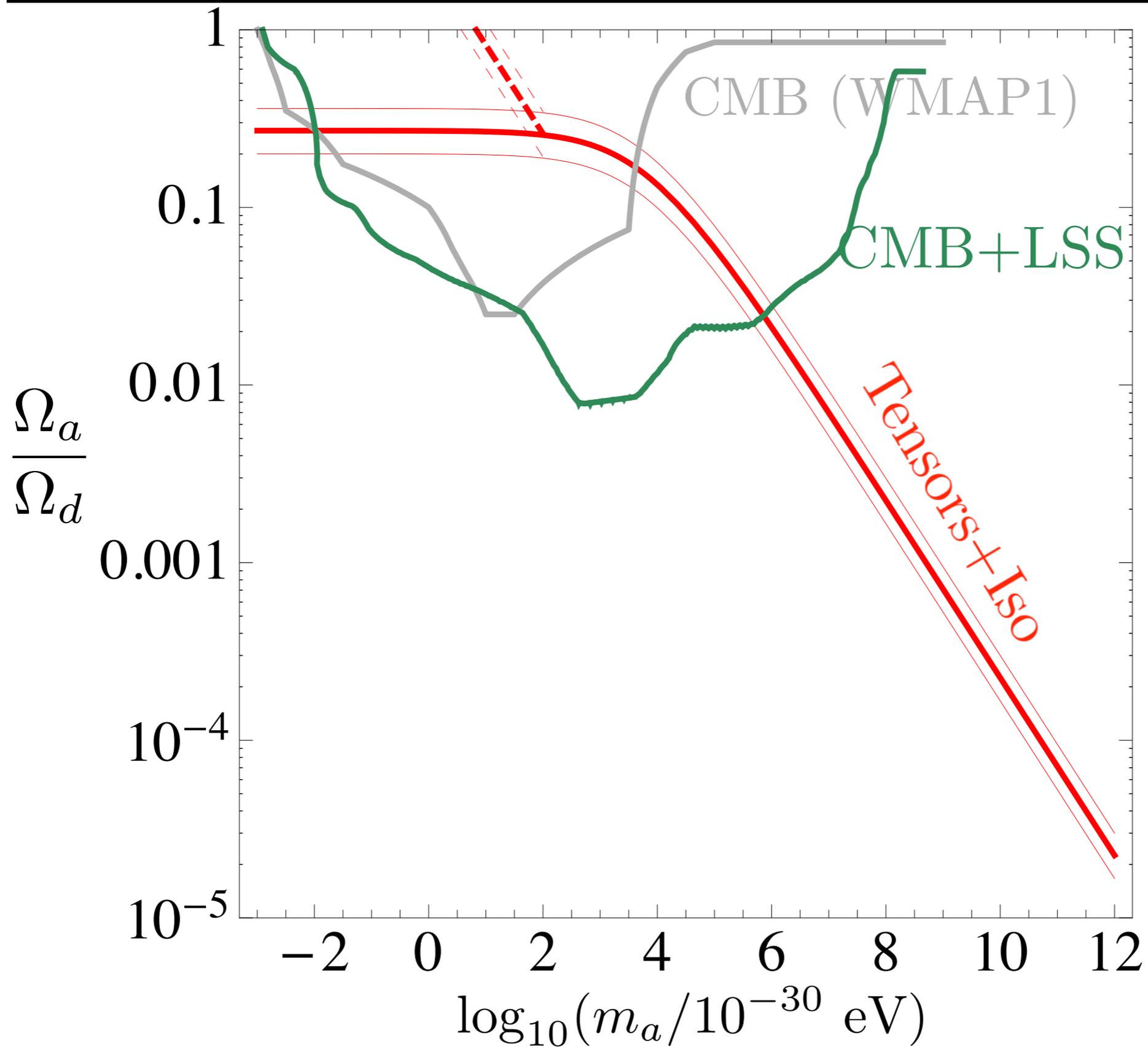


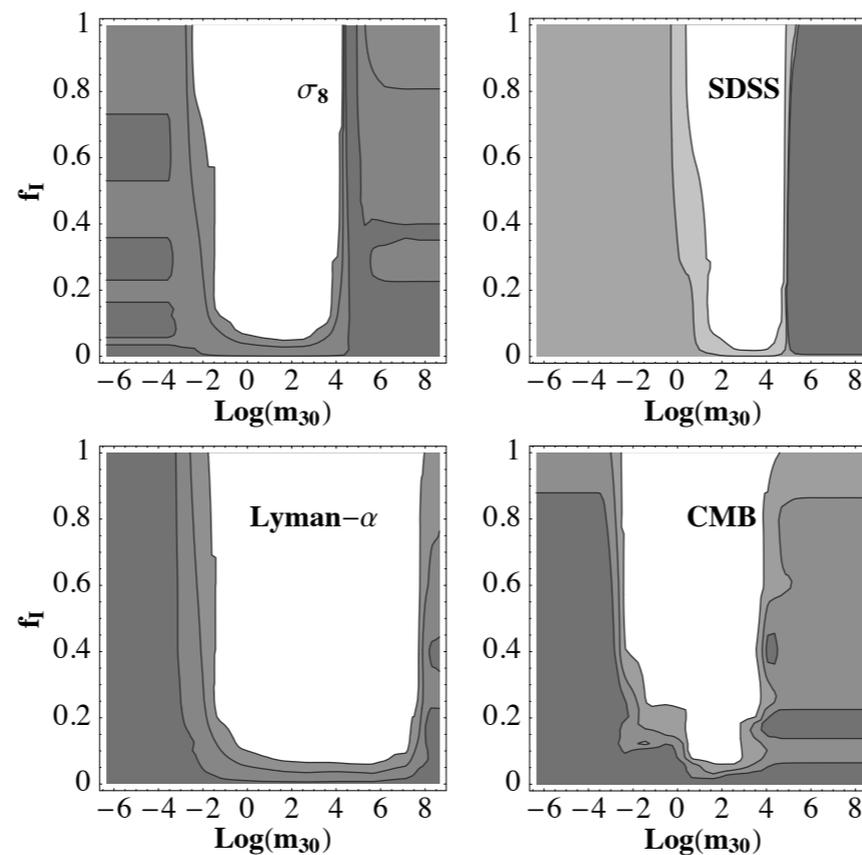
FIG. 2 (color online). Phenomenology in the $\{m_a, \Omega_a/\Omega_d\}$ plane. The shaded regions lie between the dashed contours and satisfy $\{0.01 < r < 0.1, 0.01 < \alpha_{\text{CDM}} < 0.047\}$, evading current constraints, while being potentially observable with future data.

TAKE-AWAY message: for ULAs, tensors and isocurvature are simultaneously observable

BICEP makes this more than an anticipatory game



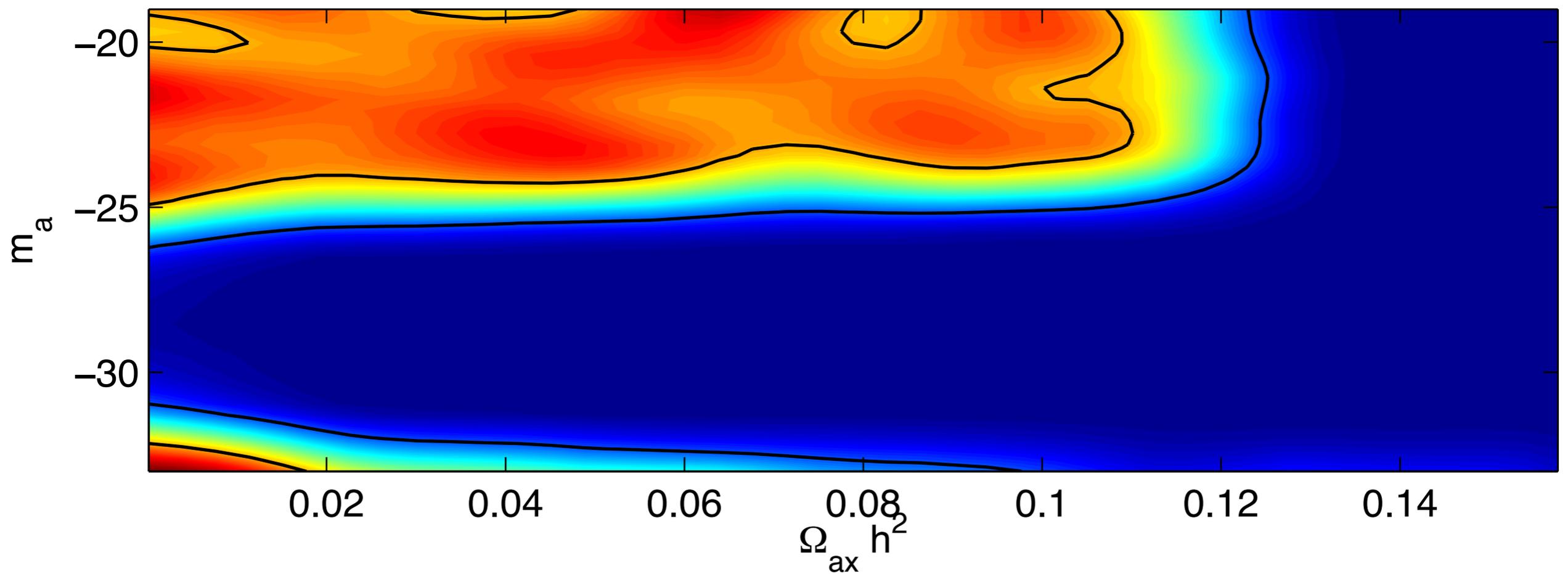
Amendola and Barbieri



Old power spectrum constraints from Amendola and Barbieri, [arXiv:hep-ph/0509257](https://arxiv.org/abs/hep-ph/0509257)

- 1) Grid search
- 2) No isocurvature
- 3) No marginalization over foregrounds
- 4) No lensing, no polarization
- 5) No real Boltzmann code [step in power spectrum, or unclustered DE at low m]

Preliminary adiabatic results



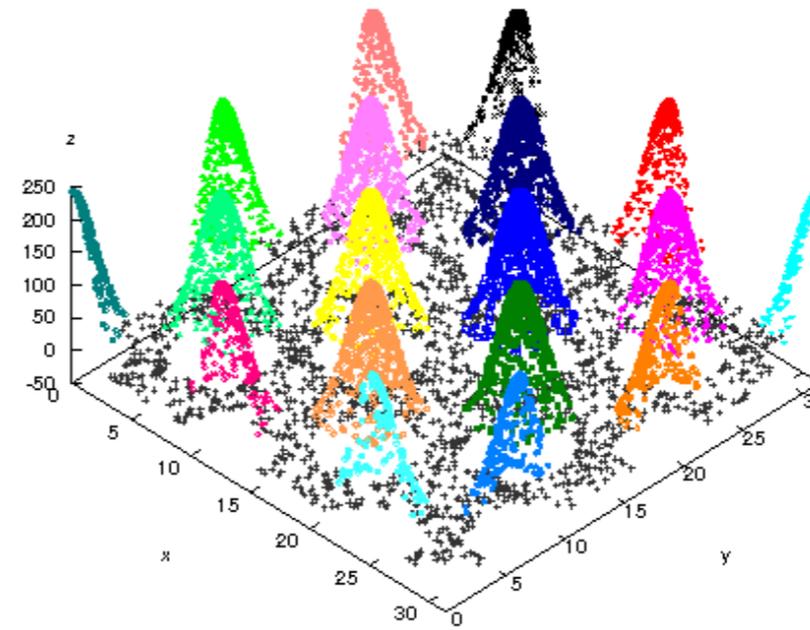
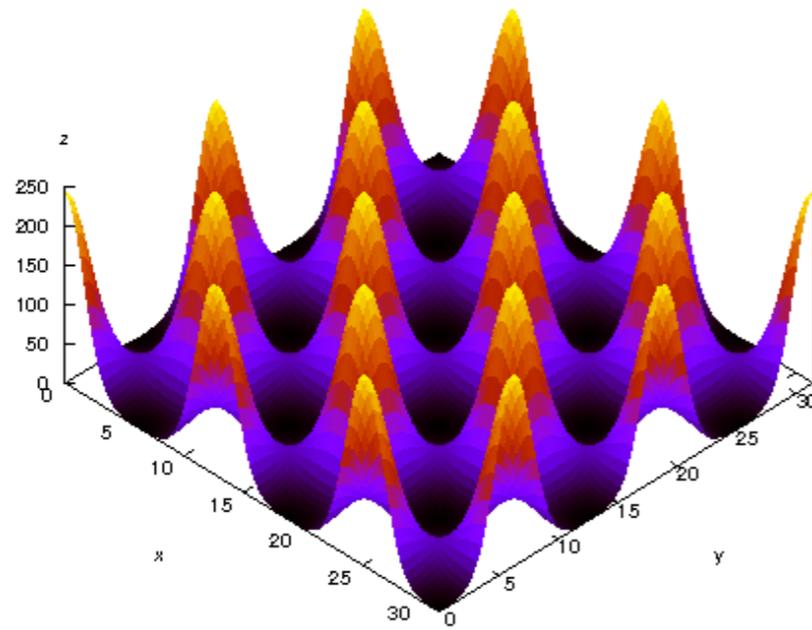
Convergence and climbing contours required MCMC with nested sampling instead of Metropolis-Hastings!

Old power spectrum constraints from Amendola and Barbieri, arXiv:hep-ph/0509257

We use nested sampling instead

From Hobson 2012

TOY PROBLEM: EGG-BOX LIKELIHOOD



Conclusions

- * QCD axion DM is under some tension as a result of BICEP detection [if confirmed], but possibilities still exist
- * Ultra-light axion dark matter will soon be strongly probed

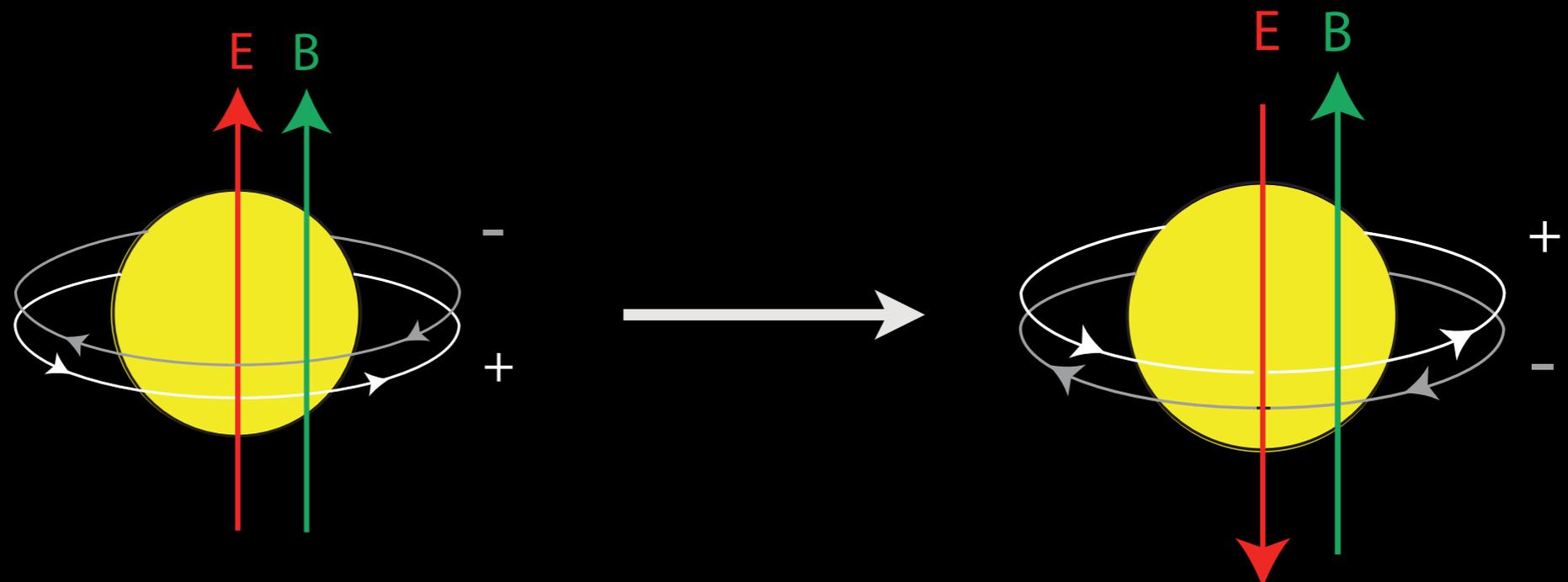
The strong CP problem

- * Strong interaction violates CP through θ -vacuum term

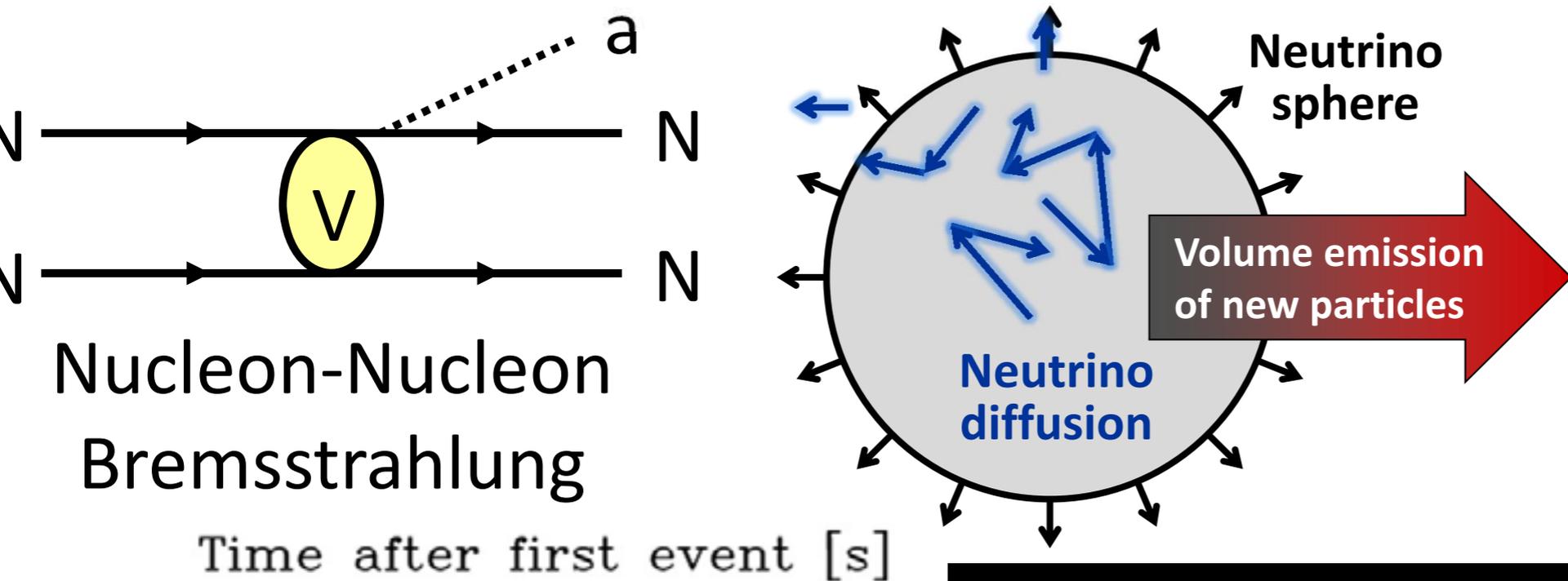
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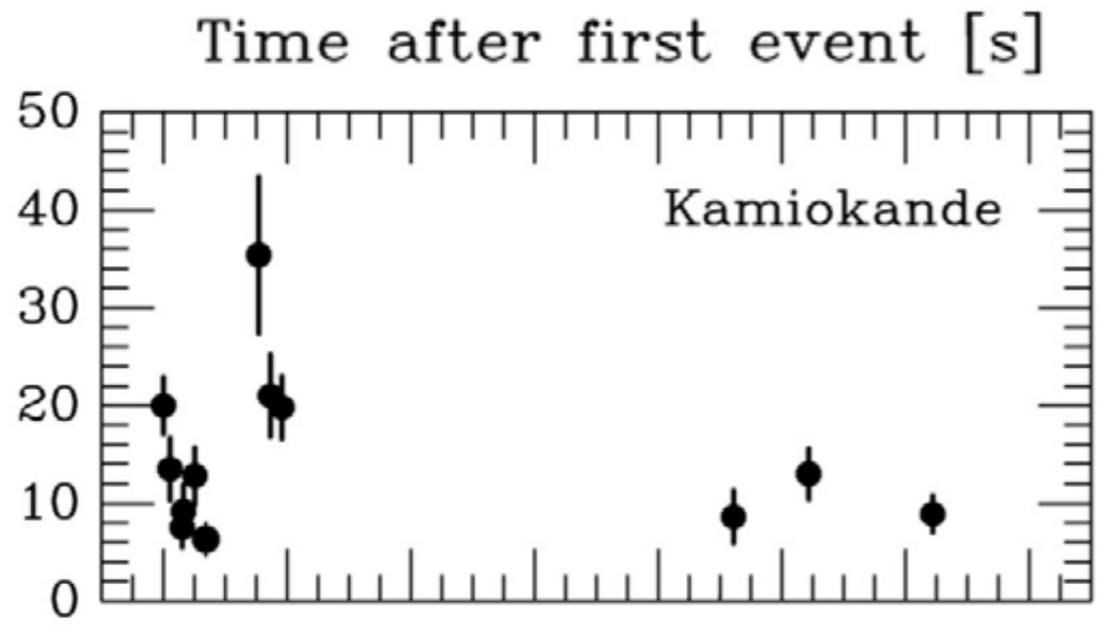


Making axions in (exploding) stars, III



From Raffelt 2012

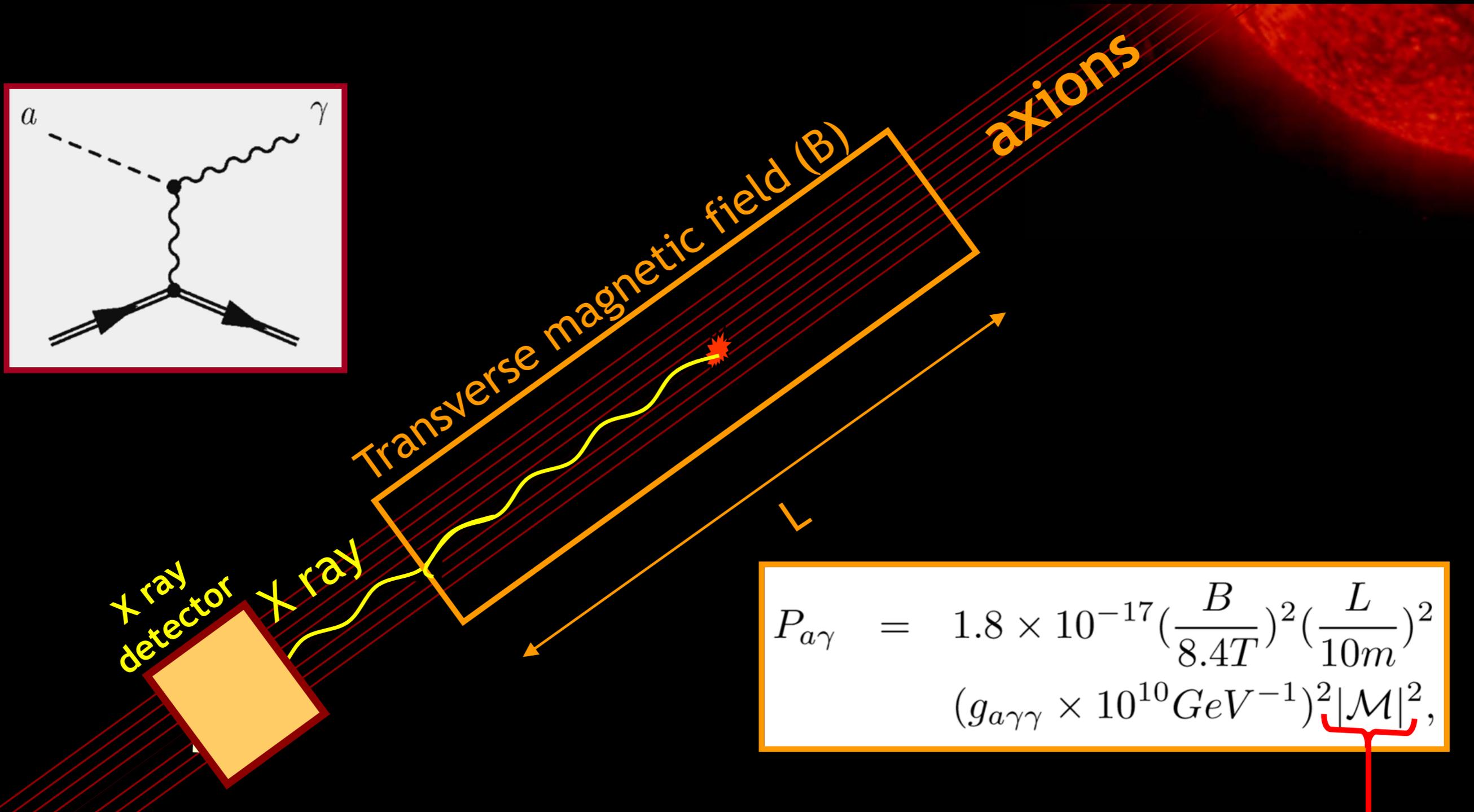
Raffelt, Seckel,
and many more



Axion helioscopes

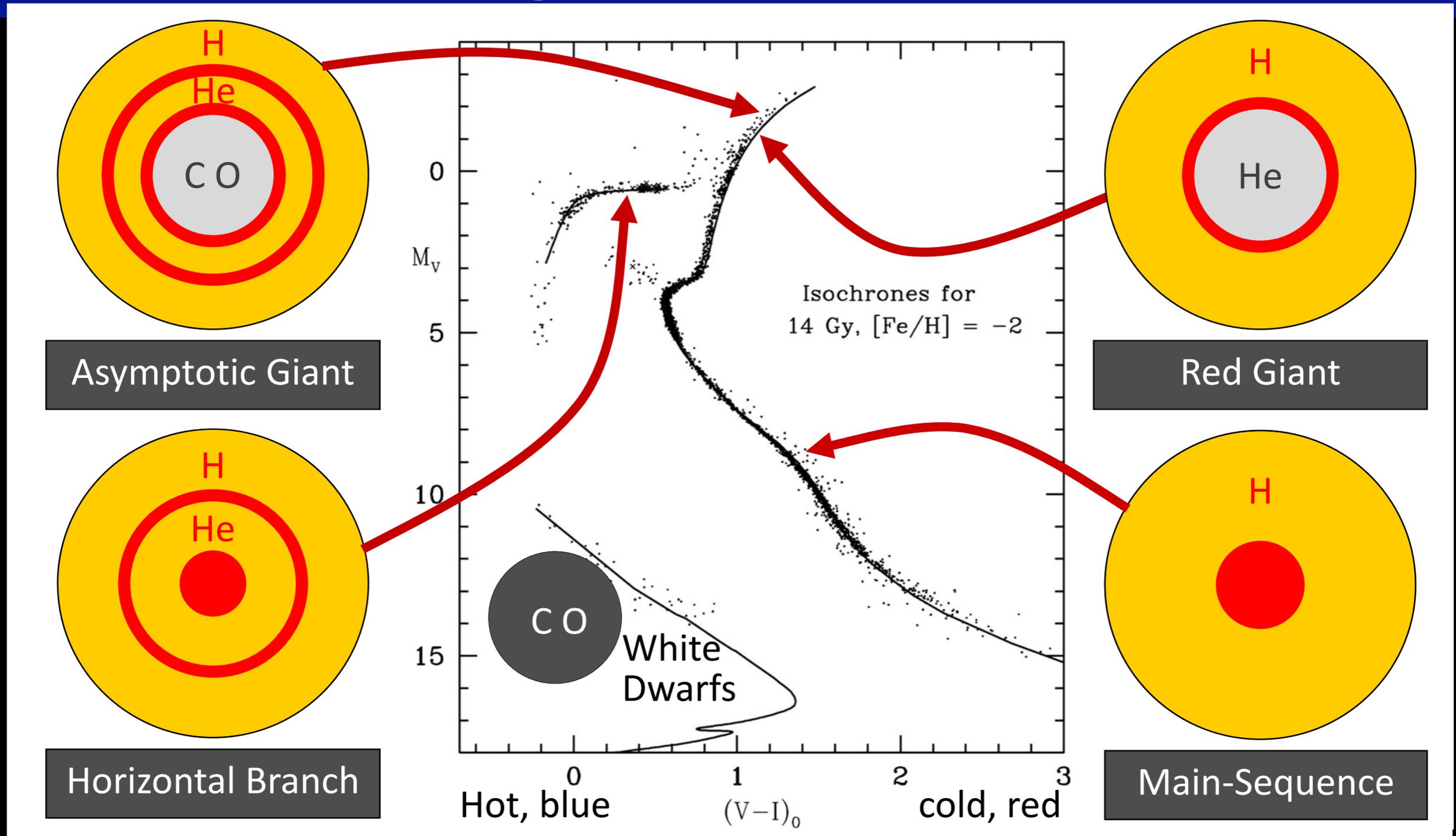
- * Backwards Primakoff process (Sikivie, Zioutas, and many others)

From Irastorza 2013



$$P_{a\gamma} = 1.8 \times 10^{-17} \left(\frac{B}{8.4T}\right)^2 \left(\frac{L}{10m}\right)^2 (g_{a\gamma\gamma} \times 10^{10} \text{GeV}^{-1})^2 |\mathcal{M}|^2,$$

Making axions in stars, II



From Raffelt 2012

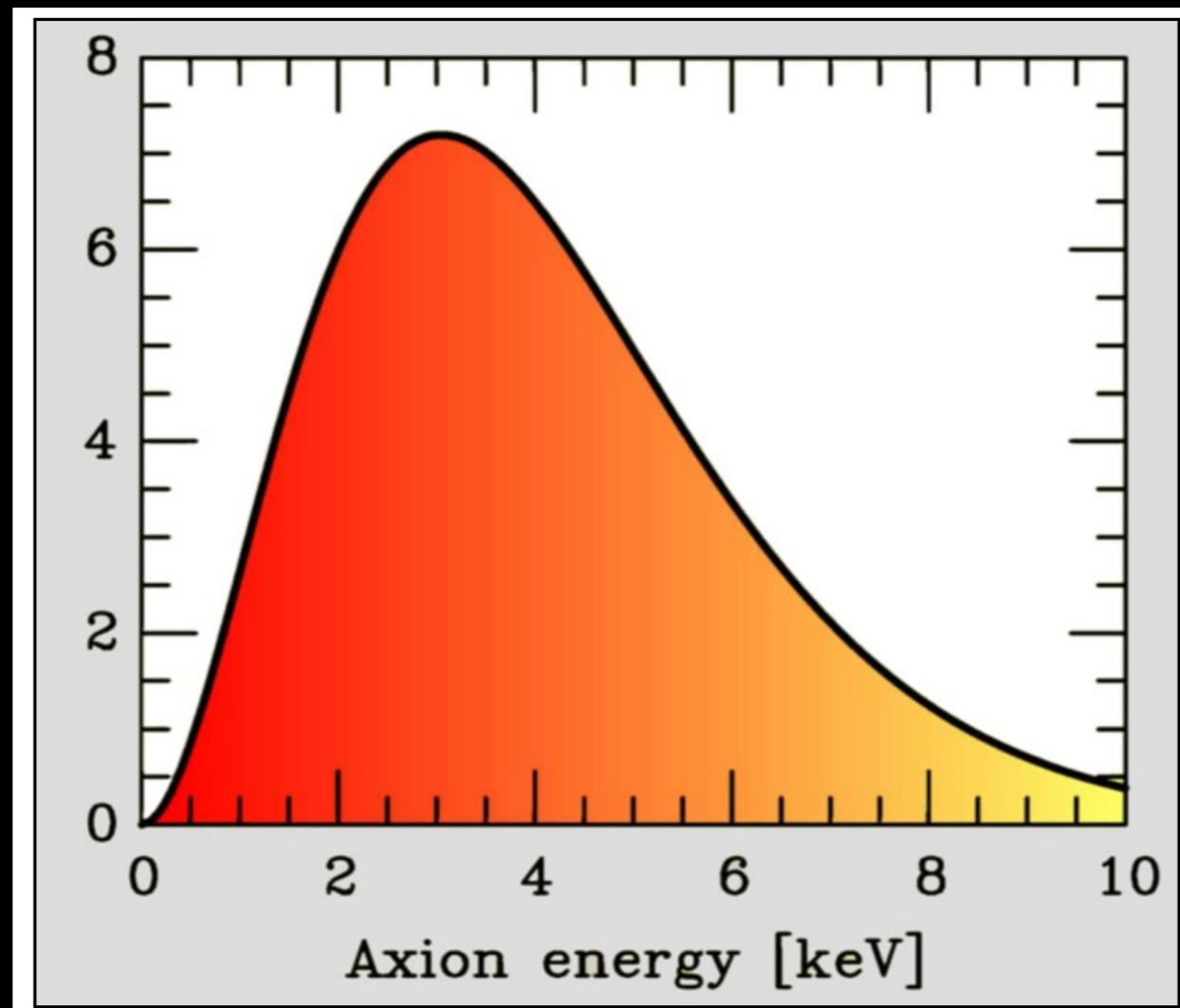
$$g_{a\gamma\gamma} \lesssim 10^{-10} \text{ GeV}^{-1}$$

Axion helioscopes

* Resonance condition

$$qL < \pi \Rightarrow \sqrt{m_\gamma^2 - \frac{2\pi E_a}{L}} < m_a < \sqrt{m_\gamma^2 + \frac{2\pi E_a}{L}}$$

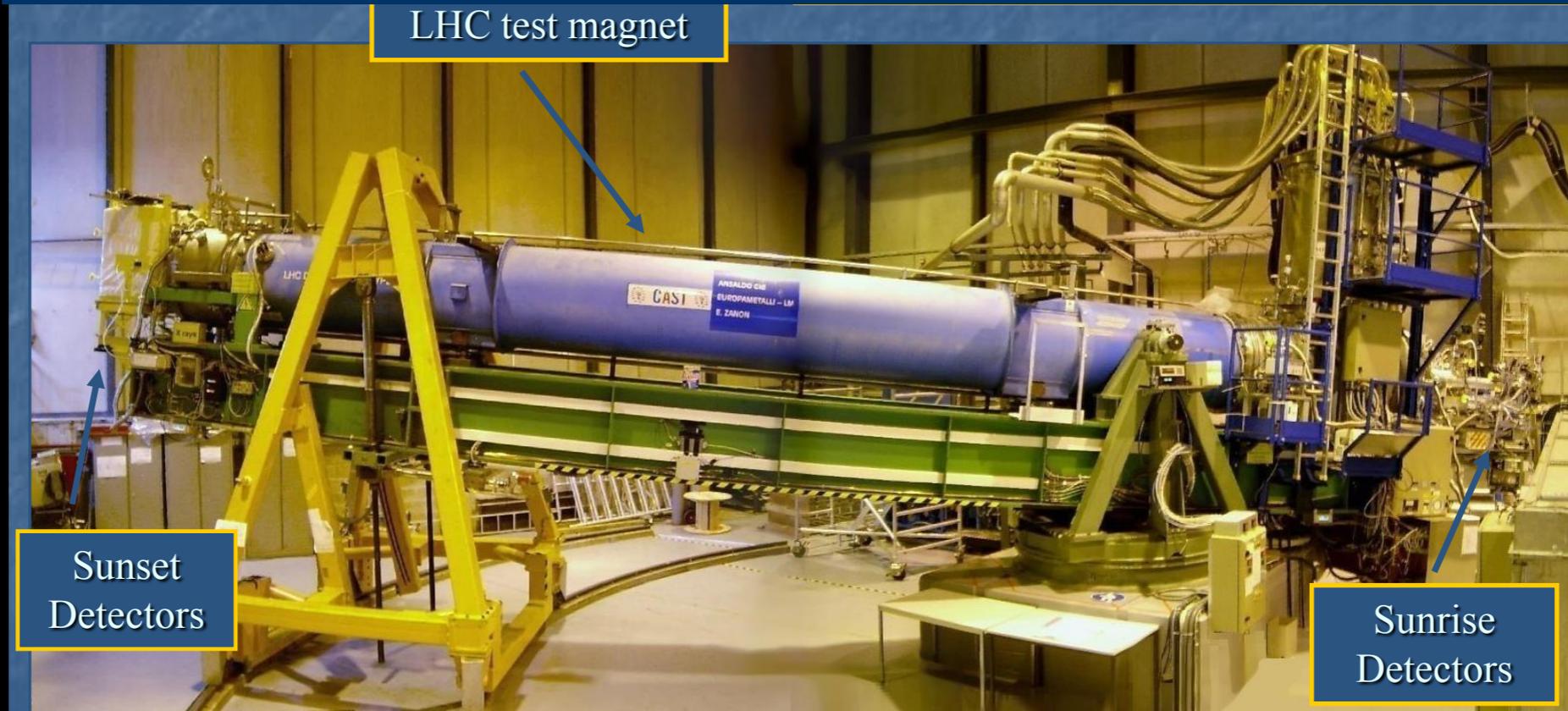
* Broad axion energy spectrum



CAST/IAXO

* CAST

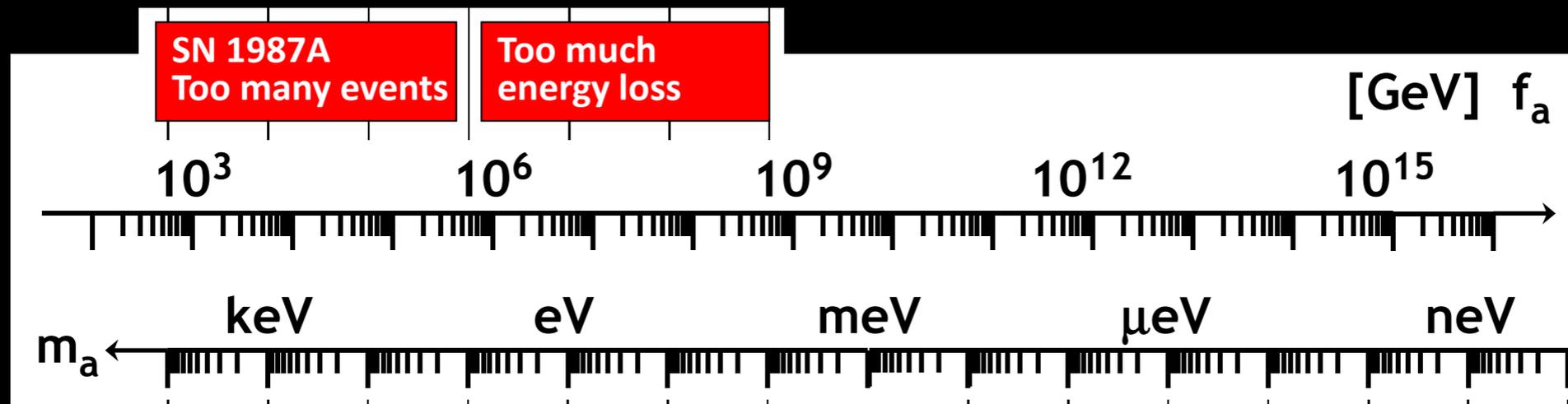
➤ LHC test magnet ($B=9$ T, $L=9.26$ m)



Lakic 2012

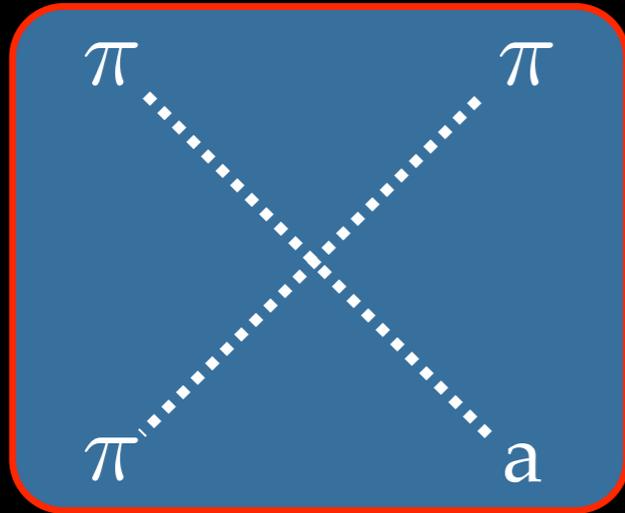
* IAXO proposal: 15-20m length magnet, optimized shape
[not LHC DUD]

Making axions in (exploding) stars, III

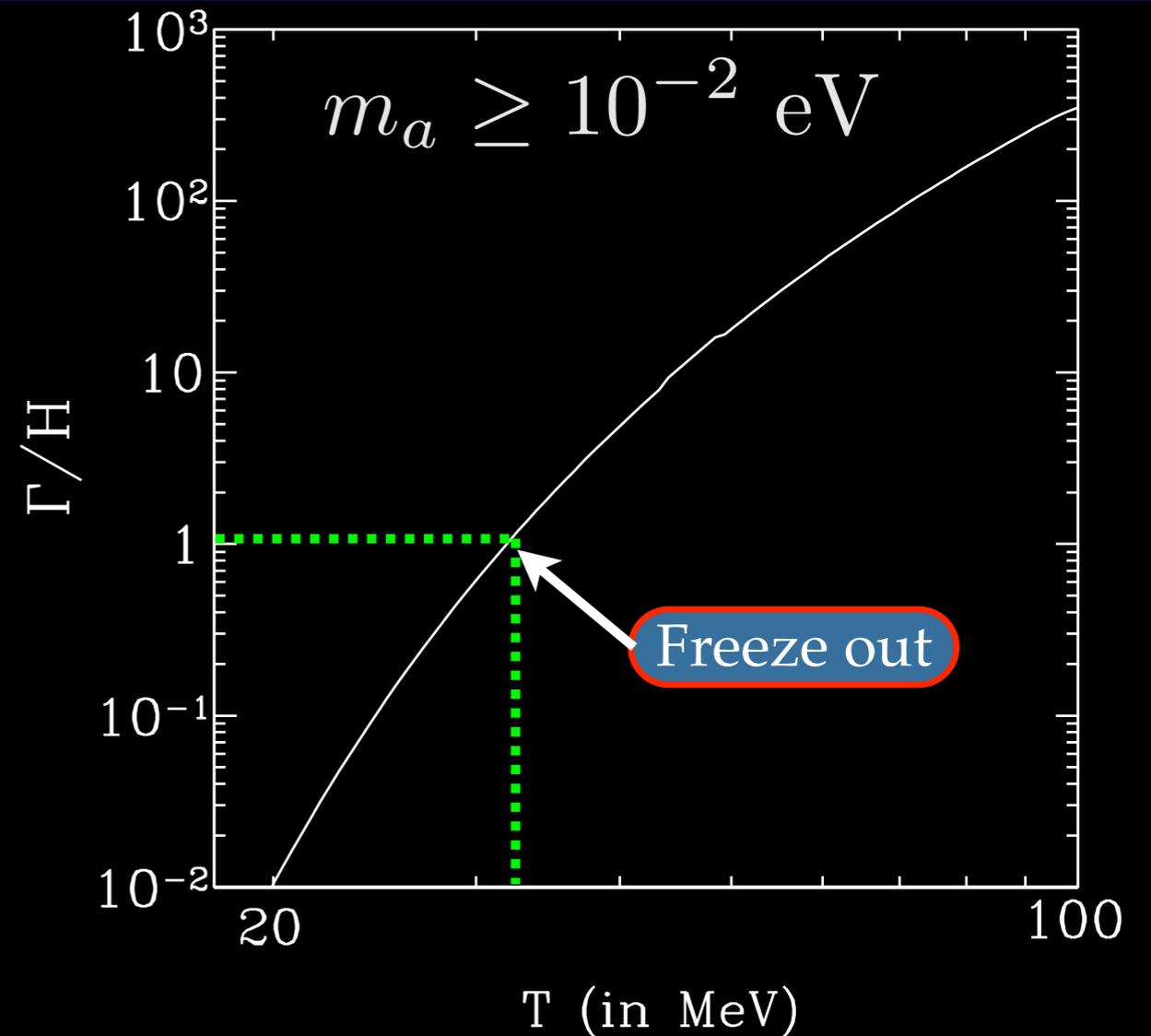


Hot axion production at early times

Axion Production:



$$\Omega_a h^2 = \frac{m_{a,\text{eV}}}{130} \left(\frac{10}{g_{*,\text{F}}} \right)$$



- * Axions produced through interactions between non-relativistic pions in chemical equilibrium with rate

Axion hot dark matter

- * Axion free-streaming length

$$\lambda_{\text{fs}} \simeq \frac{196 \text{ Mpc}}{m_{\text{a,eV}}}$$

- * Entropy generation, e.g. modulus decay

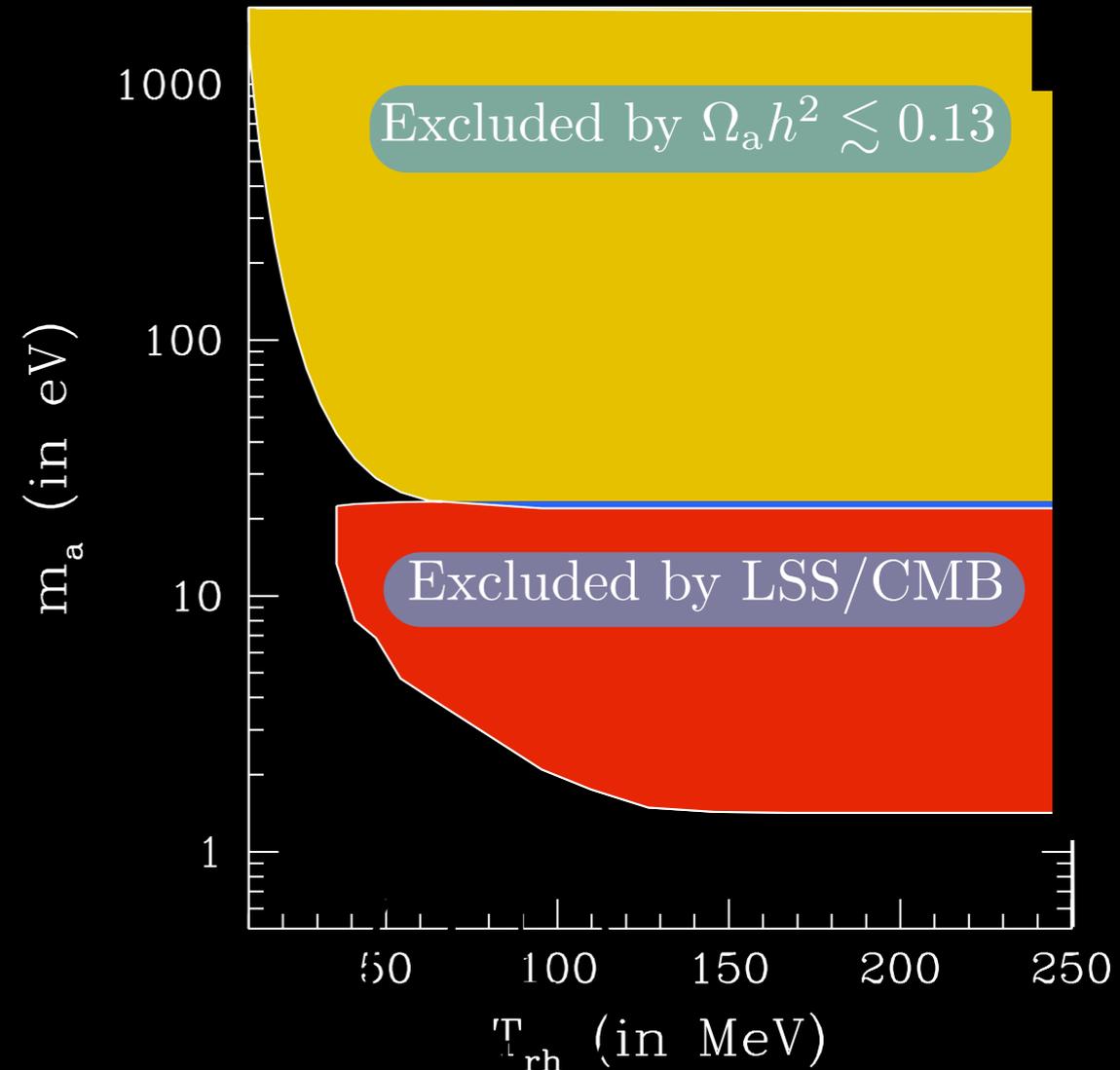
$$T_{\text{rh}} \sim 10 \text{ MeV} \left(\frac{m_{\phi}}{\text{TeV}} \right)^{3/2}$$

- * Axion temperature lowered

$$\frac{T_{\text{a}}}{T_{\nu}} \propto \left(\frac{T_{\text{rh}}}{T_{\text{F}}} \right)^{5/3}$$

- * Free streaming-length modified

$$\lambda_{\text{fs}} \simeq \frac{196 \text{ Mpc}}{m_{\text{a,eV}}} \left(\frac{T_{\text{a}}}{T_{\nu}} \right)$$



with T.L. Smith and M. Kamionkowski
 Phys. Rev. D77 085020, 0711.1342

$$\Omega_{\text{a}} \rightarrow \Omega_{\text{a}} \left(\frac{T_{\text{rh}}}{T_{\text{F}}} \right)^5$$

Axion hot dark matter

A new telescope search for decaying relic axions

with K.Z. Khor, M. Kamionkowski, E.Jullo, G.Covone, J.P-Kneib

Axion HDM: Decay line

* Monochromatic emission line:

$$\lambda = \frac{c}{m_a c^2 / 2h} = 24800 \text{Å} \frac{(1 + z_c)}{m_a / \text{eV}}$$

Visible

* Axions decay:

$$\tau = 6.8 \times 10^{24} \xi^{-2} m_{a,\text{eV}}^{-5} \text{ s}$$

Following in the footsteps of Ressel, Bershadsky, Turner 1991

Axion HDM: Galaxy clusters

* Galaxy clusters are huge axion reservoirs

$$N_{\text{ax}} = 10^{80} m_{a,\text{eV}}^{-1} !$$

* Reasonably wide line $\sigma_{1000} \sim 1$

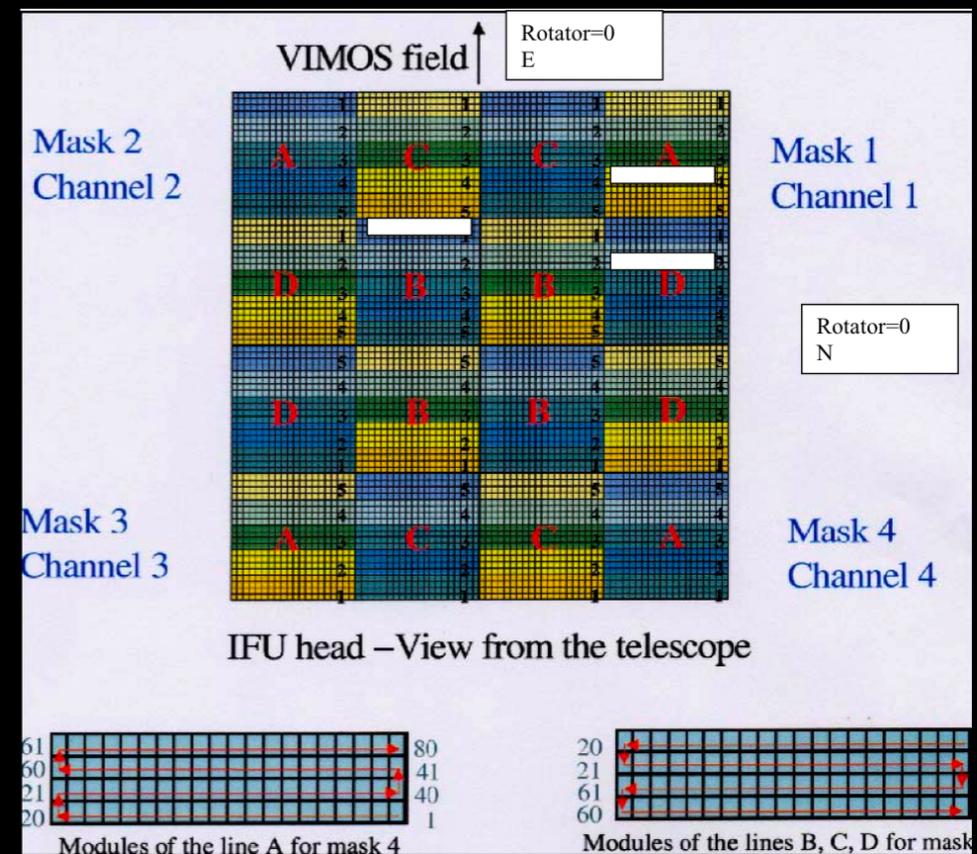
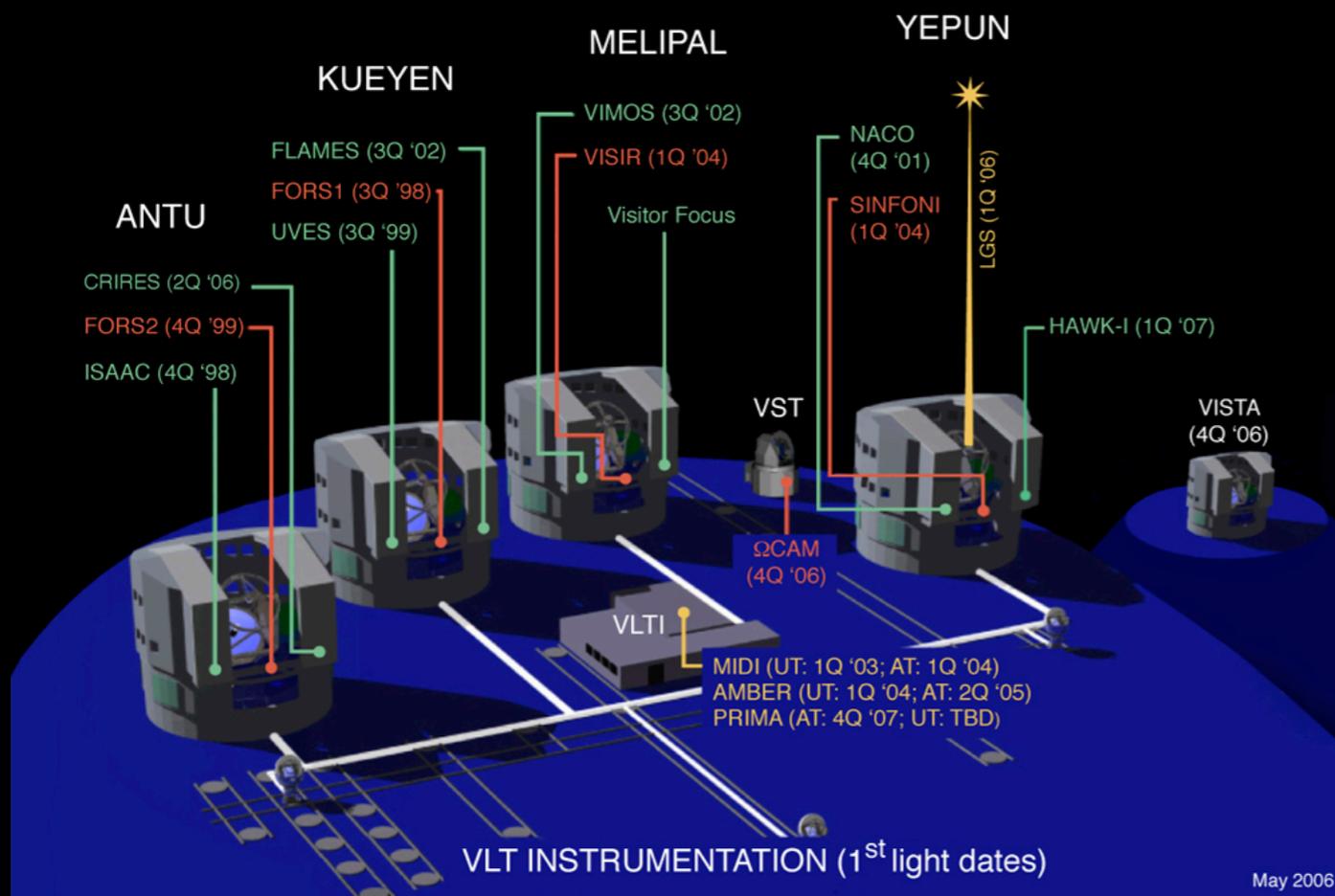
* Strong/weak gravitational lensing mass maps available

* Comparable to sky brightness

$$I_{\lambda} \simeq 10^{-18} \text{ cgs} \frac{m_{a,\text{eV}}^7 \xi^2}{(1+z_c)^4} \frac{\Sigma}{10^{12} M_{\odot} \text{pix}^{-2}}$$

Axion HDM: VIMOS IFU

- ✦ At VLT (Very Large Telescope) array of ~8 m instruments at Paranal, Chile
- ✦ VIMOS IFU yields spatially resolved spectroscopy (6400 fibers in 1 arcmin²)



Axion HDM: Modern optical telescope searches

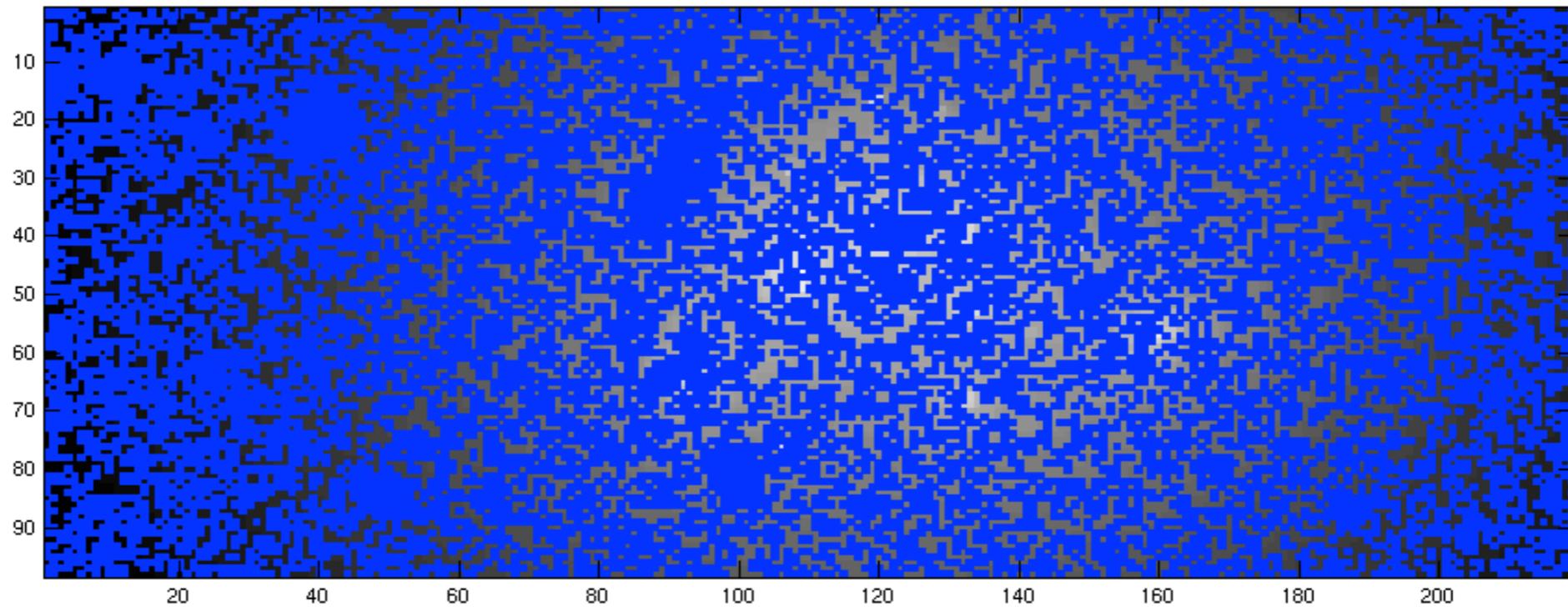
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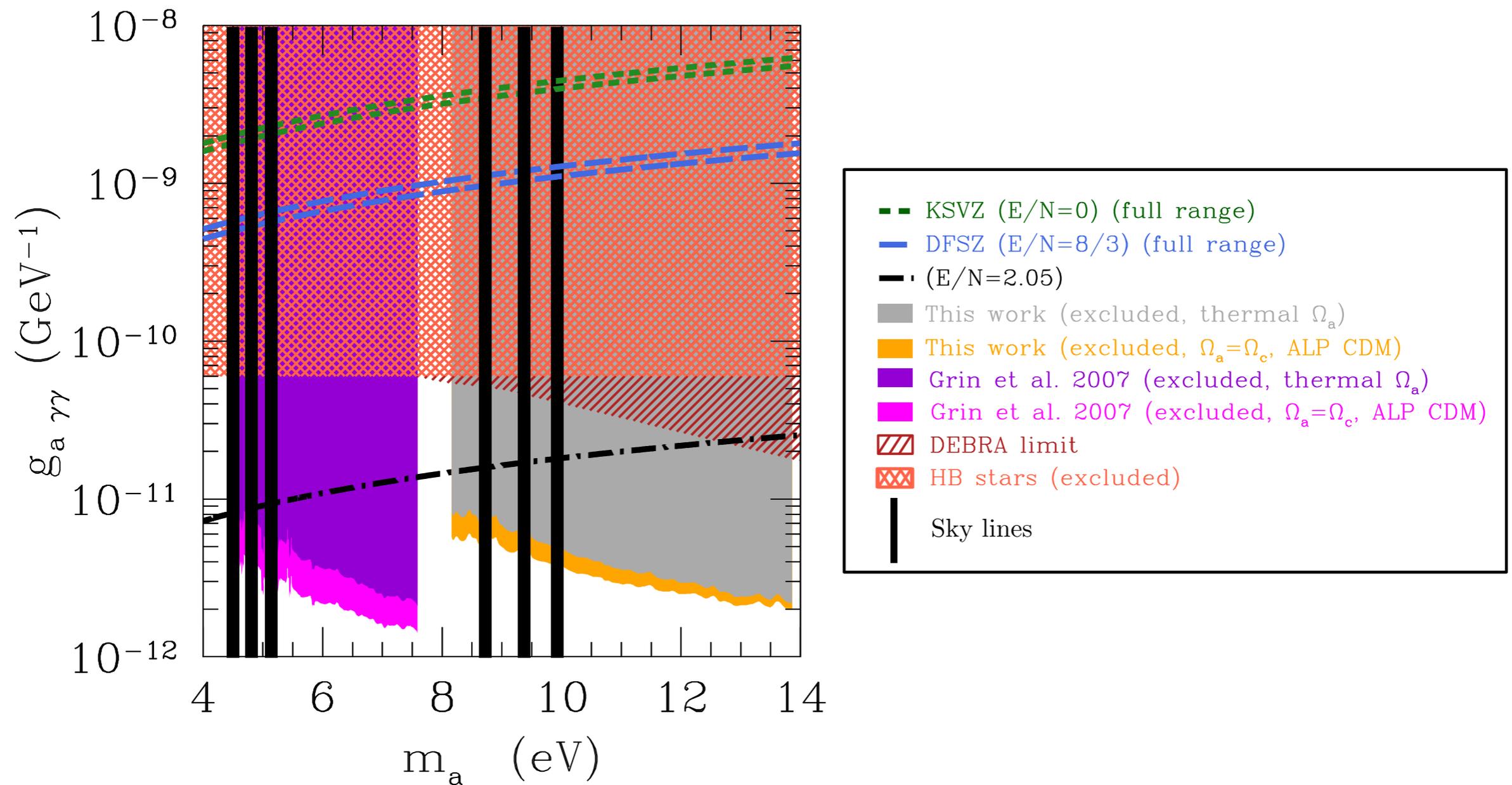
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Axion HDM: Cluster mass maps and



Axion HDM: RDCS 1252/A2667+A2390

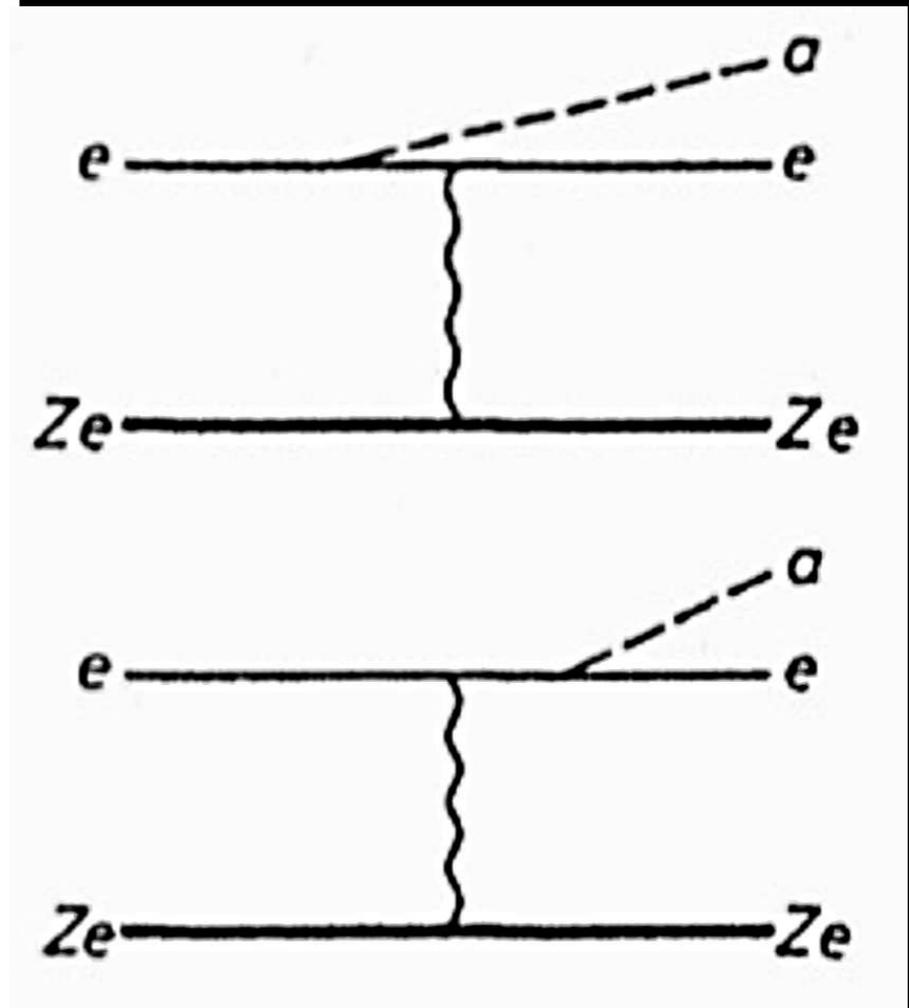
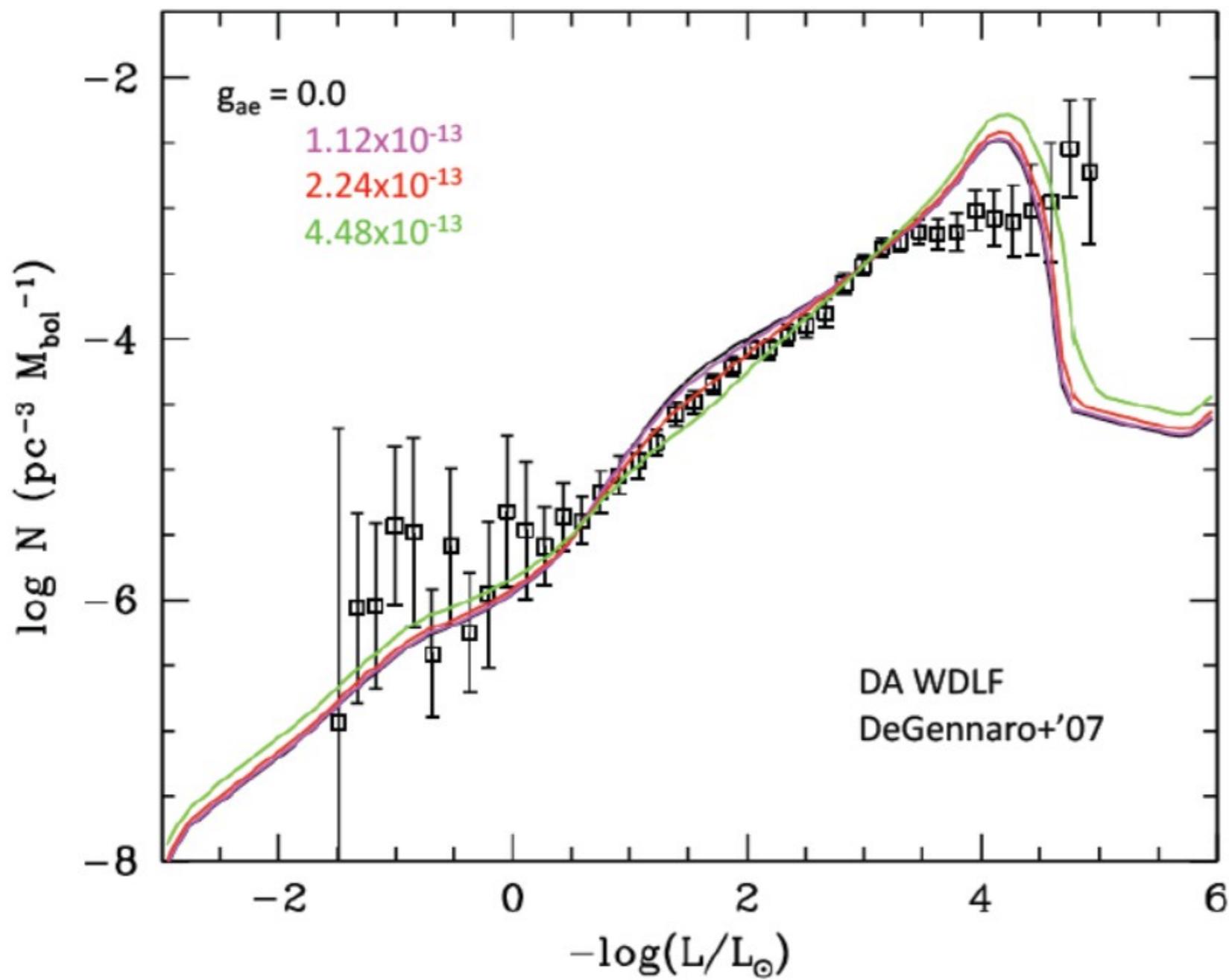


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+manuscript in progress

Making axions in degenerate stars, IV

- * WDs are remnants of $1 M_{\odot}$ main – sequence stars
- * Axio-electric coupling provides additional cooling channel



Axion HDM: Decay line

- * Monochromatic emission line:

$$\lambda = \frac{c}{m_a c^2 / 2h} = 24800 \text{ \AA} \frac{(1 + z_c)}{m_a / \text{eV}}$$

Visible

- * Resolvable $\delta\lambda = 195\sigma_{1000} m_{a,\text{eV}}^{-1} \text{ \AA}$

- * Axions decay:

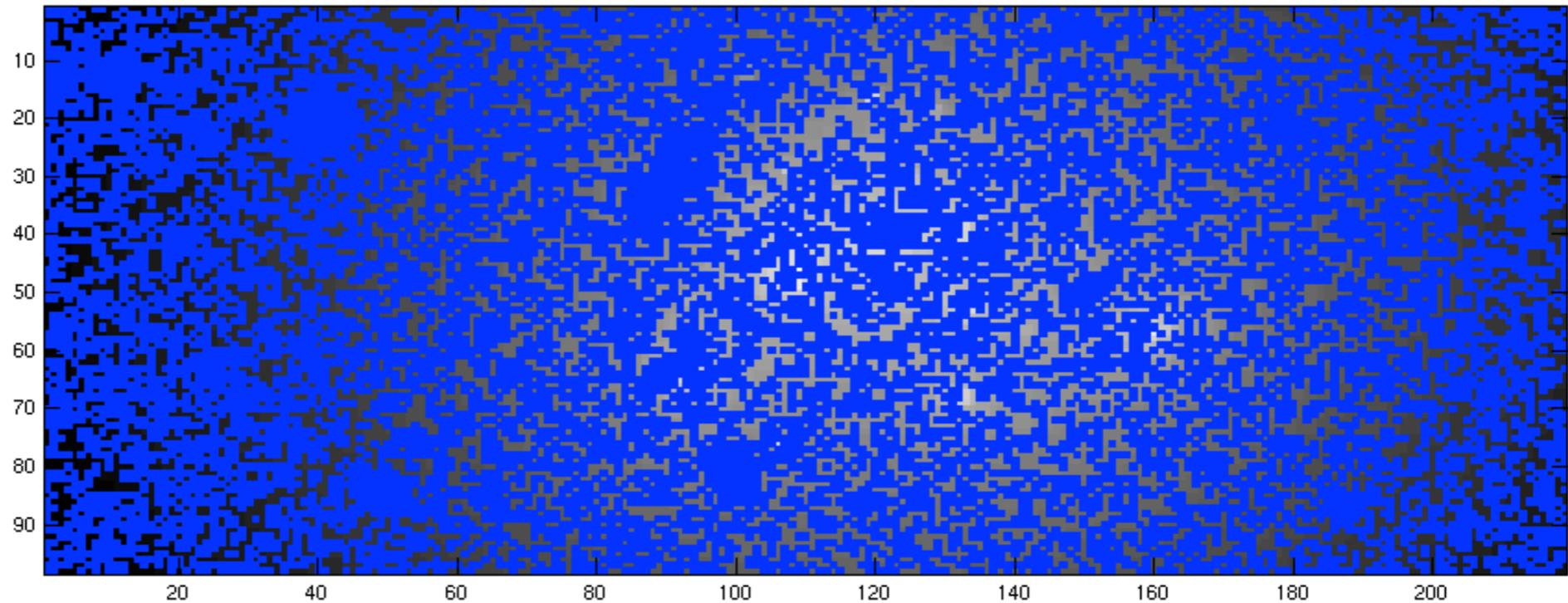
$$\tau = 6.8 \times 10^{24} \xi^{-2} m_{a,\text{eV}}^{-5} \text{ s}$$

- * Axion thermal abundance

Following in the footsteps of Ressel, Bershadsky, Turner 1991

$$\Omega_{\text{ax}} h^2 \simeq \frac{m_a}{130 \text{ eV}}$$

Axion HDM: Cluster mass maps and



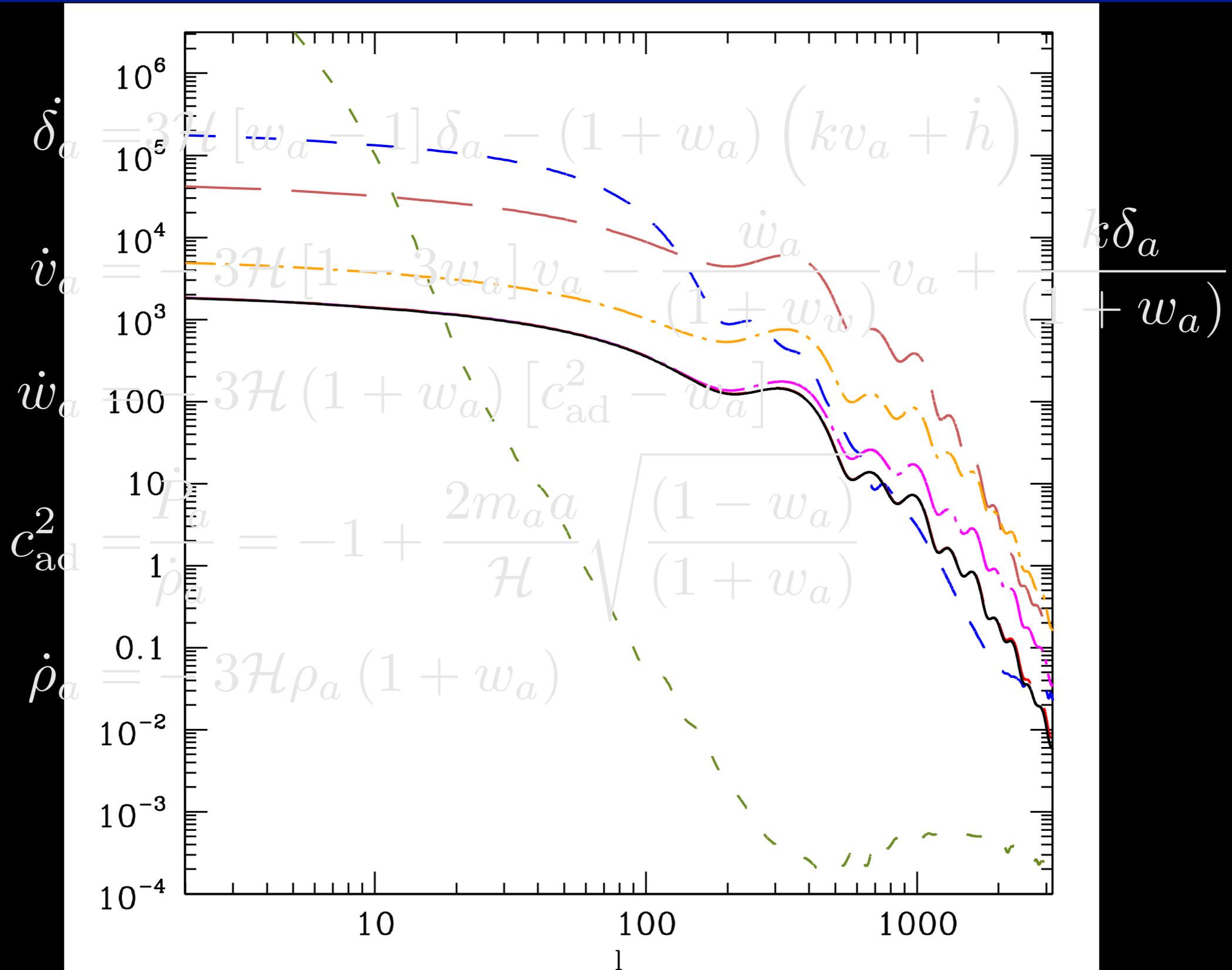
$$\Sigma(10^{12} M_{\odot} \text{ pix}^{-2})$$

- * Cluster galaxies selected by redshift
- * BCG, galaxies near arcs, cluster-scale mass component modeled individually

$$\Sigma(R) = \frac{\Sigma_0 r_0}{1 - r_0/r_t} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{r_0^2 + R^2}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{r_t^2 + R^2}} \right)$$

- * HST Shear map (Rosati et al.) and arc locations fit

Getting under the hood: The need for numerical care



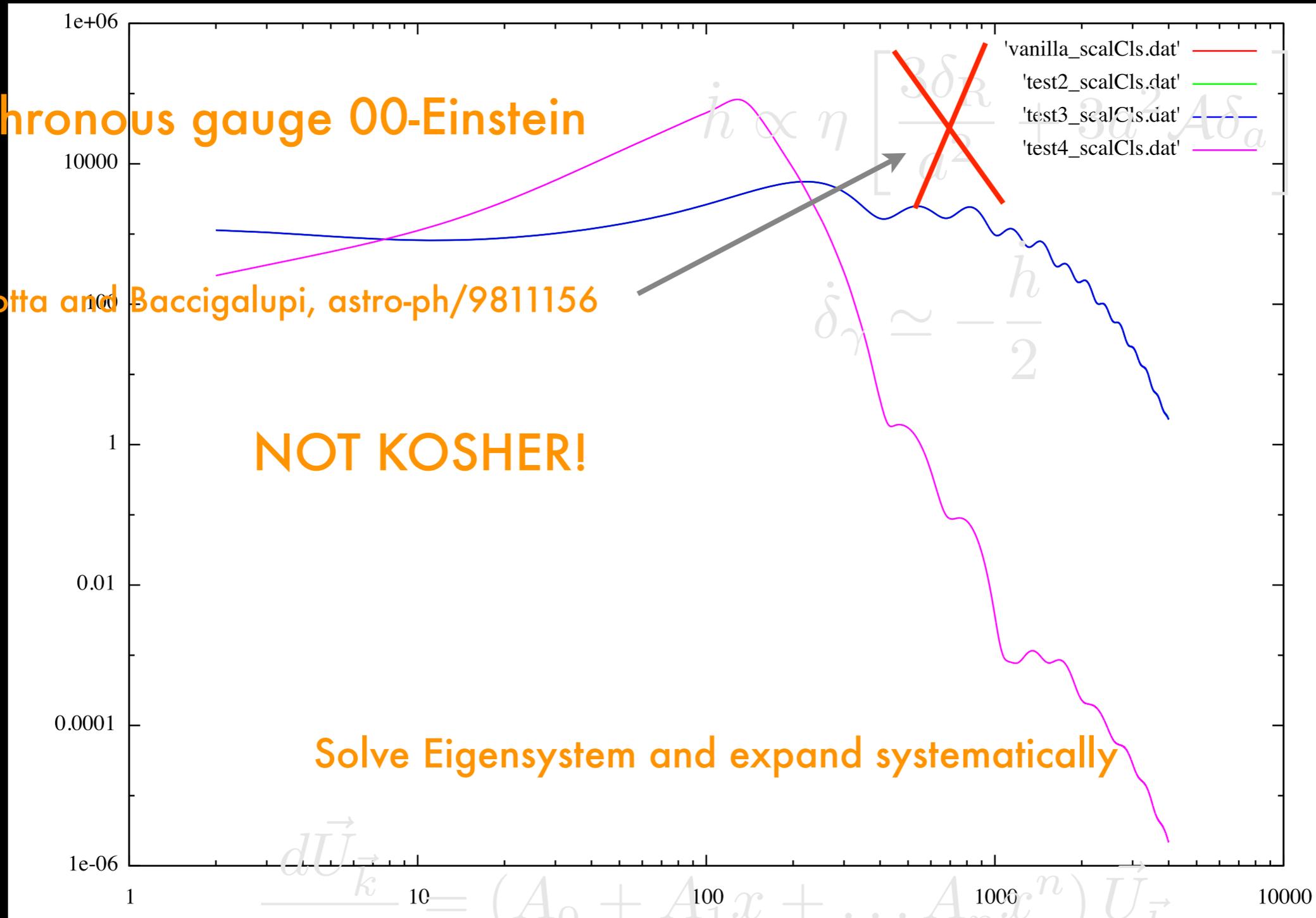
Getting under the hood: The need for correct (super-horizon) initial conditions

Synchronous gauge 00-Einstein

Perrotta and Baccigalupi, astro-ph/9811156

NOT KOSHER!

Solve Eigensystem and expand systematically

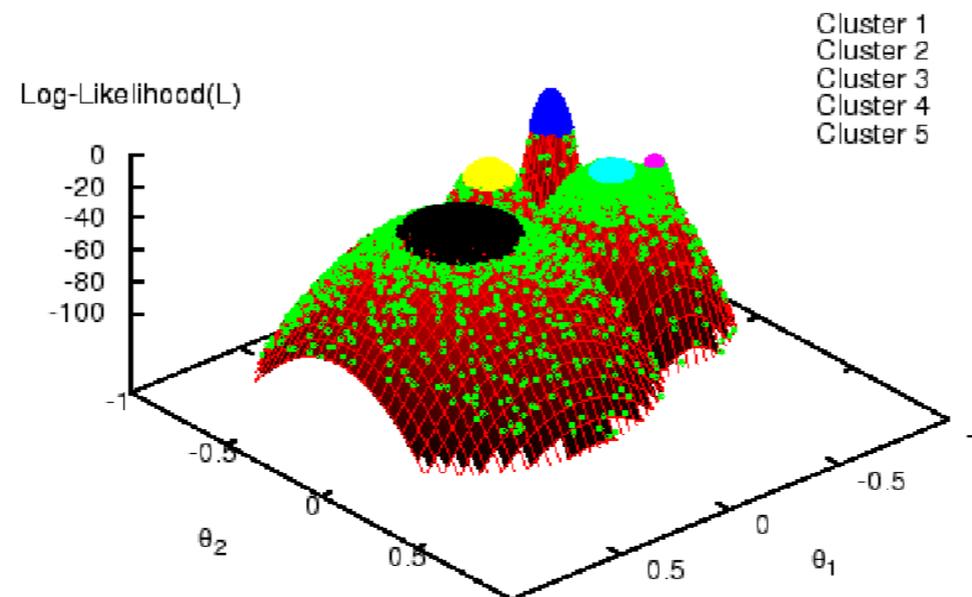


Bucher, Moodley, and Turok, PRD62, 083508, sol'ns can be obtained using this technique, outlined in Doran et al. , astro-ph/0304212

We use nested sampling instead

From Hobson 2012

TOY PROBLEM: MULTIPLE GAUSSIAN LIKELIHOOD



- Likelihood = five 2-D **Gaussians** of varying widths and amplitudes; prior = uniform
- Analytic evidence integral $\log E = -5.27$
- MULTINEST: $\log E = -5.33 \pm 0.11$, $N_{\text{like}} \approx 10^4$
- Thermodynamic integration (+ error): $\log E = -5.24 \pm 0.12$, $N_{\text{like}} \approx 4 \times 10^6$
- Typical of real applications (see later): $\sim 500\times$ efficiency of standard MCMC

We use nested sampling instead

