

Constraining ultra-light dark matter *with astrophysical and cosmological probes*

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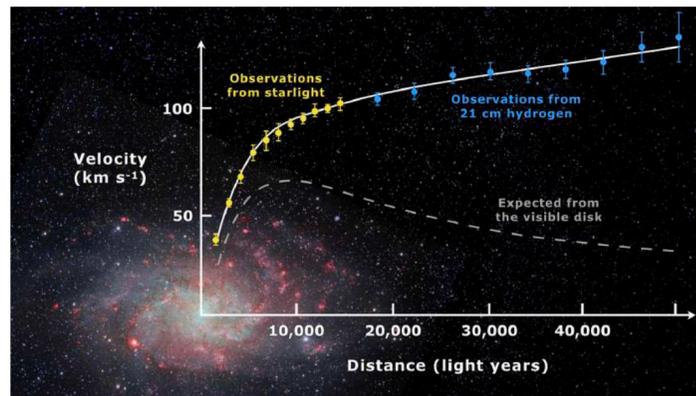
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Evidences for dark matter

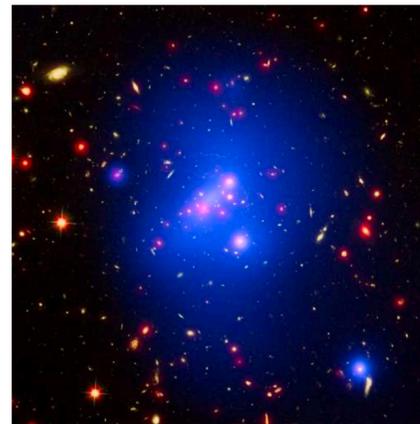
Galaxy rotation curves



Credit: Mario De Leo

- Mass fraction
- Distribution

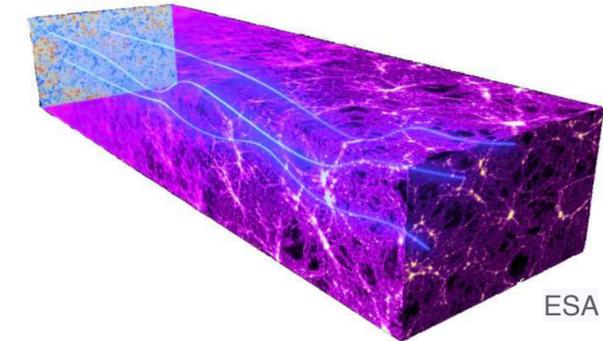
Clusters



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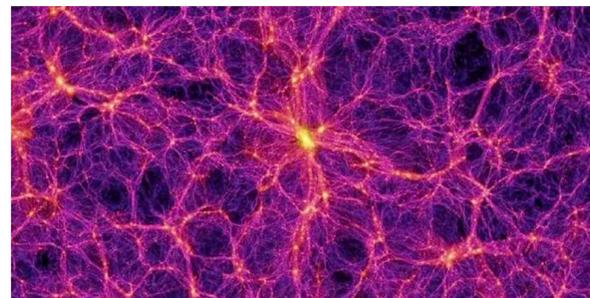
Lensing



ESA

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|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Strong lensing | Weak lensing | Micro lensing |
| • Mass fraction | • Distribution | • Mass fraction |
| • Distribution | • Shape | • Smoothness |
| | • Structure | |

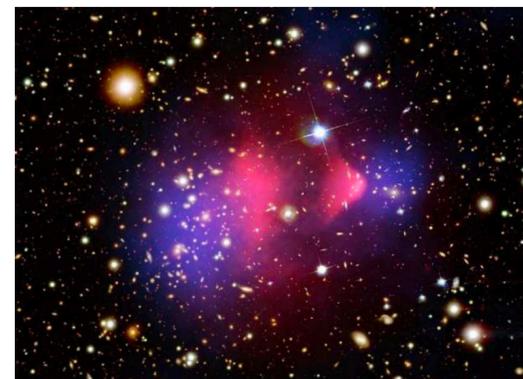
Large Scale Structure



Springel & others / Virgo Consortium

- CMB/LSS
- Ratio of DM/collisional matter
- Thermal history

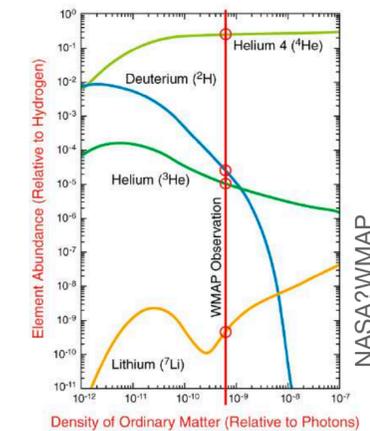
Cluster collision



NASA/CXC/CfA and NASA/STScI

- Distribution
- Separation from collisional matter
- Self-interaction

Big Bang Nucleosynthesis

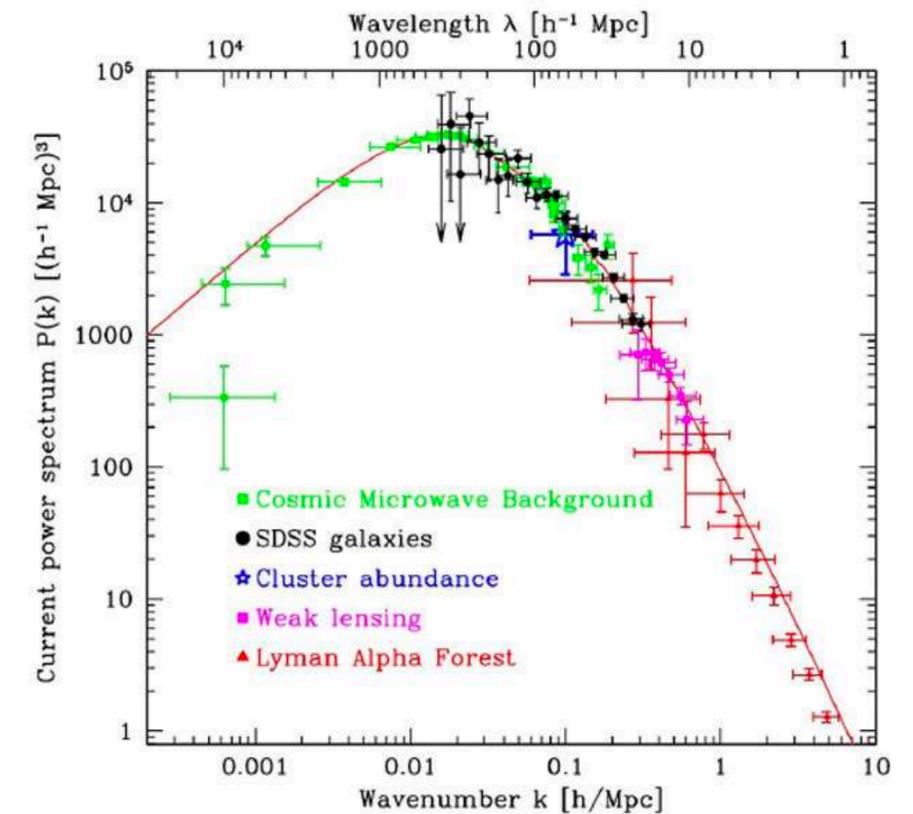


- Amount of baryons

Cold dark matter

Λ CDM

- **Cold:** moves much slower than c
- **Pressureless:** gravitational attractive, clusters
- **Dark** (transparent): no/weakly electromagnetic interaction
- **Collisionless:** no/weakly self-interaction or interaction with baryons
- **Abundance:** amount of dark matter today known



What we *don't* know

- What is DM? Nature

- ~~Cold~~ →

How cold it is? WDM

- ~~Pressureless~~ →

Cluster on all scales?

- ~~Dark~~ →

Non-gravitational interaction? Milicharged DM

- ~~Collisionless~~ →

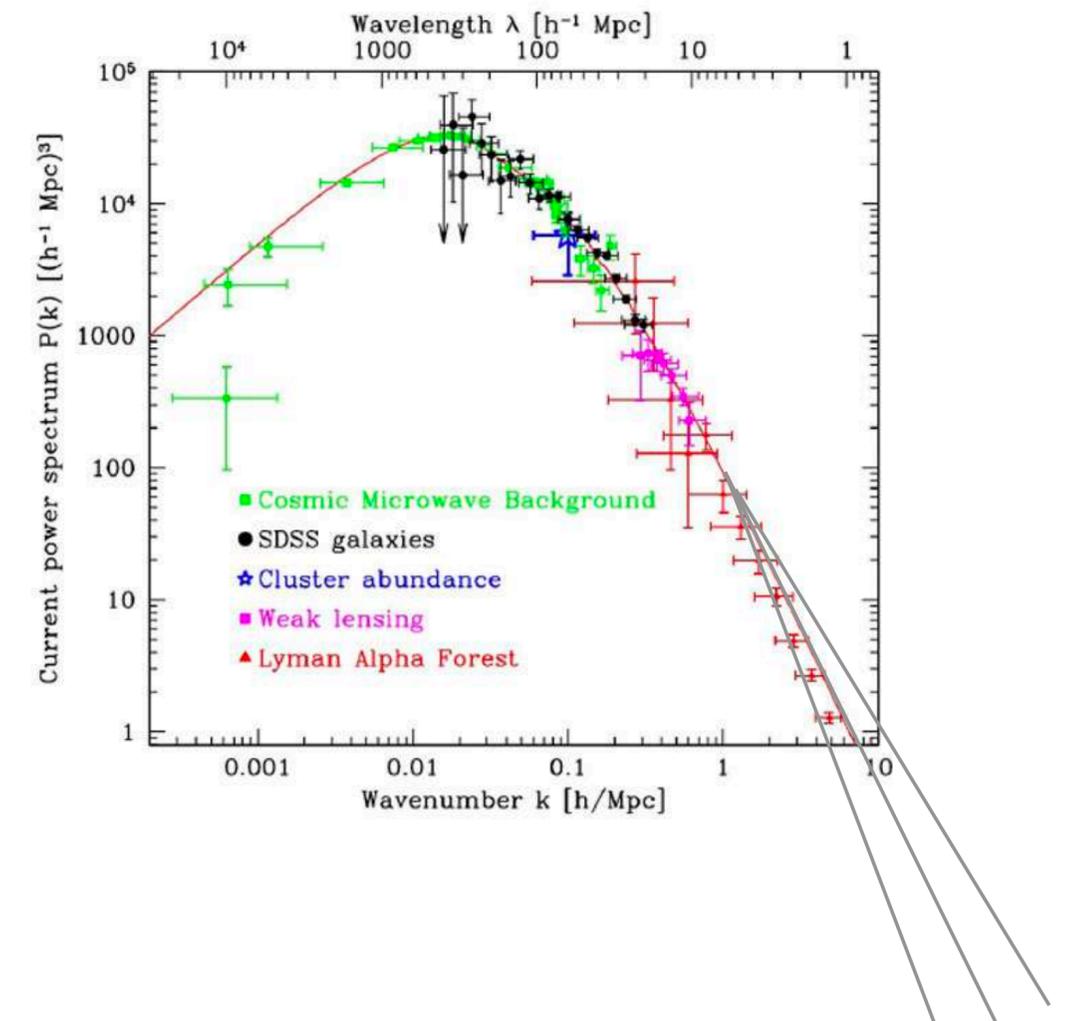
How small self-interaction? SIDM

Although still behaves like CDM on large scales

Small scale behaviour: still “weakly” constrained and small scale challenges

Small scale curiosities: **cusp-core**, missing satellites, BTFR, ...

Power spectrum: highly constrained for $k > 10 \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$
highly **un**constrained for $k < 10 \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$



What is *dark matter*?

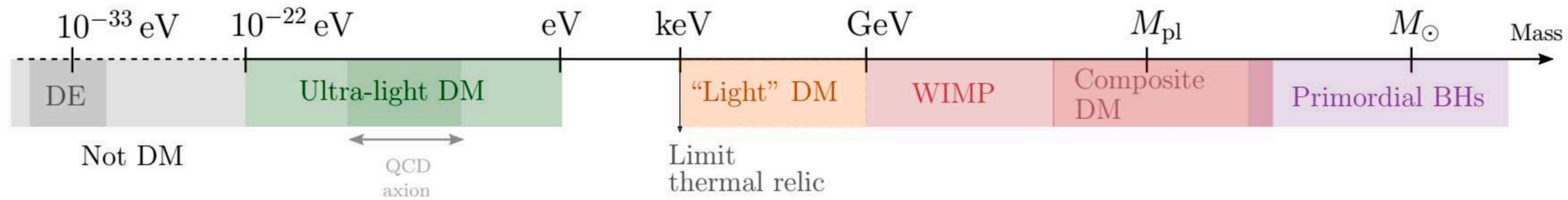
- What is the nature of DM?

State of the “art”

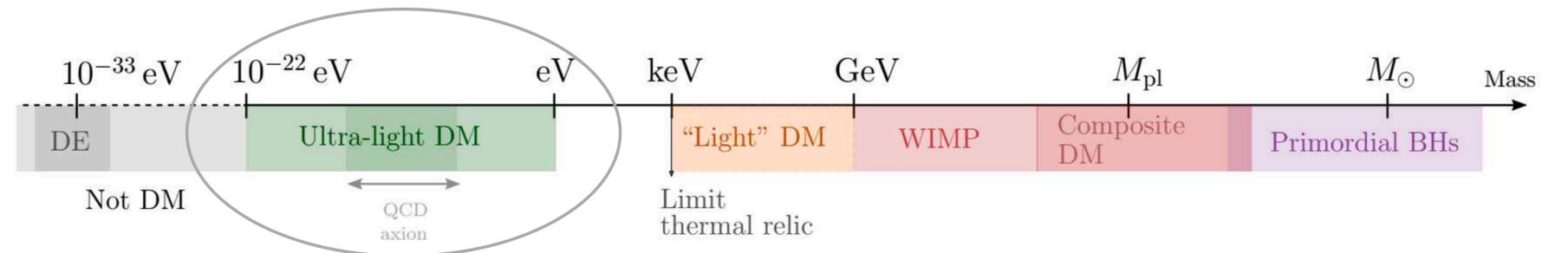


Mass scale of DM

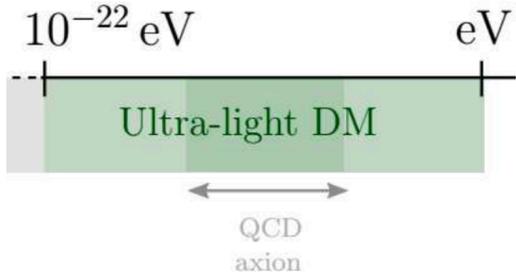
80 orders of magnitude



Ultra-light dark matter

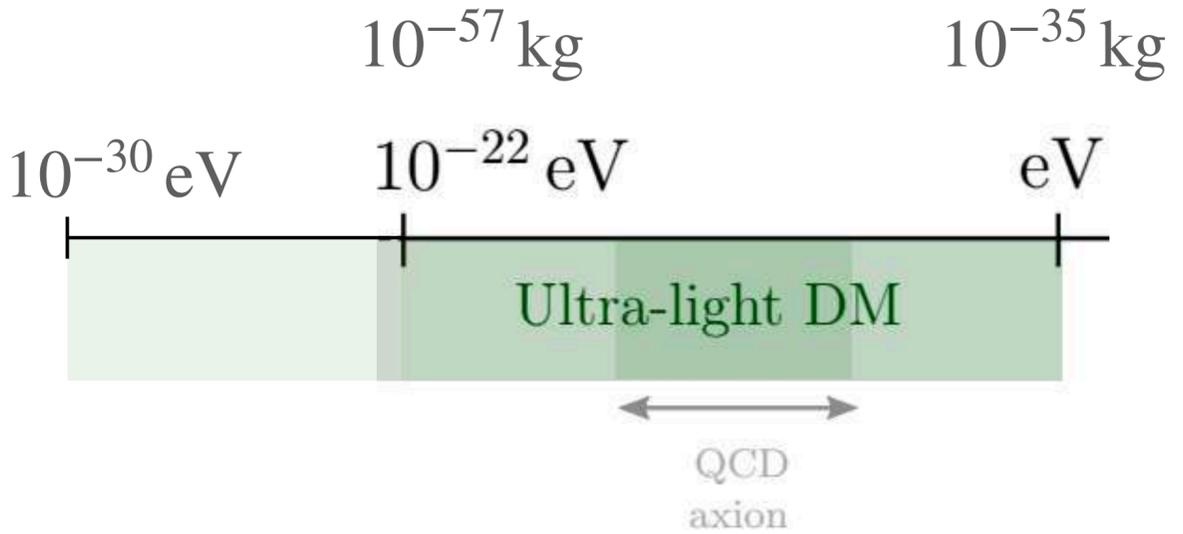
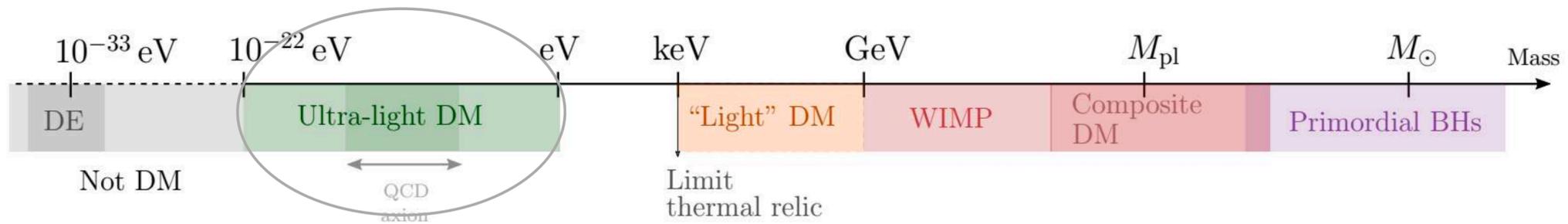


Ultra-light *Dark Matter*



Ultra-light candidate, cold \longrightarrow Large $\lambda_{\text{dB}} \sim 1/mv$

Lightest possible candidate for DM



\longrightarrow Bosons
Non-thermally produced

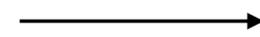
Motivation: particle physics

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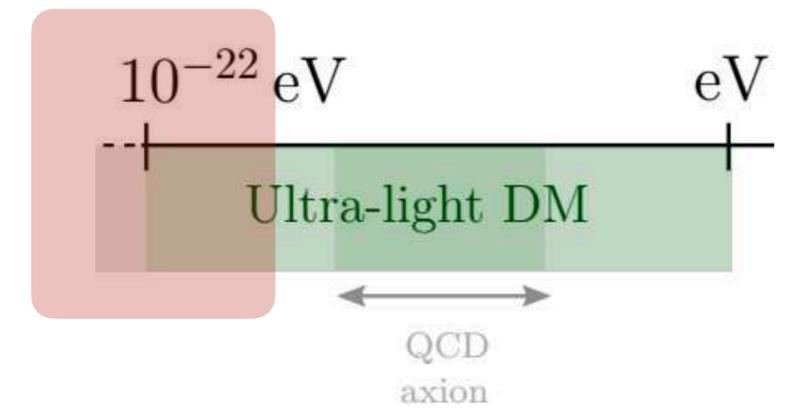
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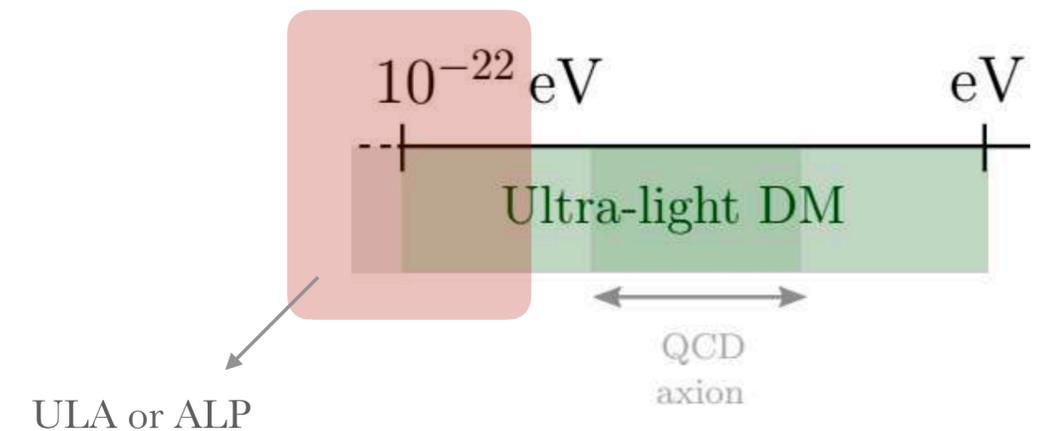
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- Formation mechanism: needs to have a relic abundance that gives the correct DM abundance

Non-thermal mechanism (e.g. mis-alignment)

$$\Omega_{\text{matter}} \sim 0.1 \left(\frac{f_a}{10^{17} \text{ GeV}} \right)^2 \left(\frac{m}{10^{-22} \text{ eV}} \right)$$

* Axion and ALP interact with **photons** (and neutrinos)



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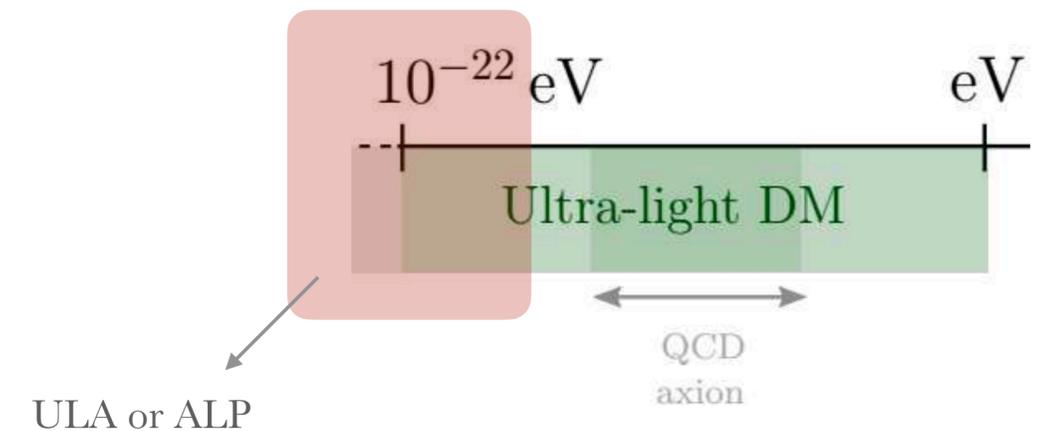
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Spin-0: Non-thermal mechanism (e.g. misalignment)

Vector FDM: challenging in the ultra-light regime

(e.g. from misalignment requires non-minimal couplings to Ricci scalar \rightarrow viol. of unitarity long. graviton-photon scattering; oscillating Higgs or oscillating misaligned axion - resonant production - choices for couplings for right abundance)

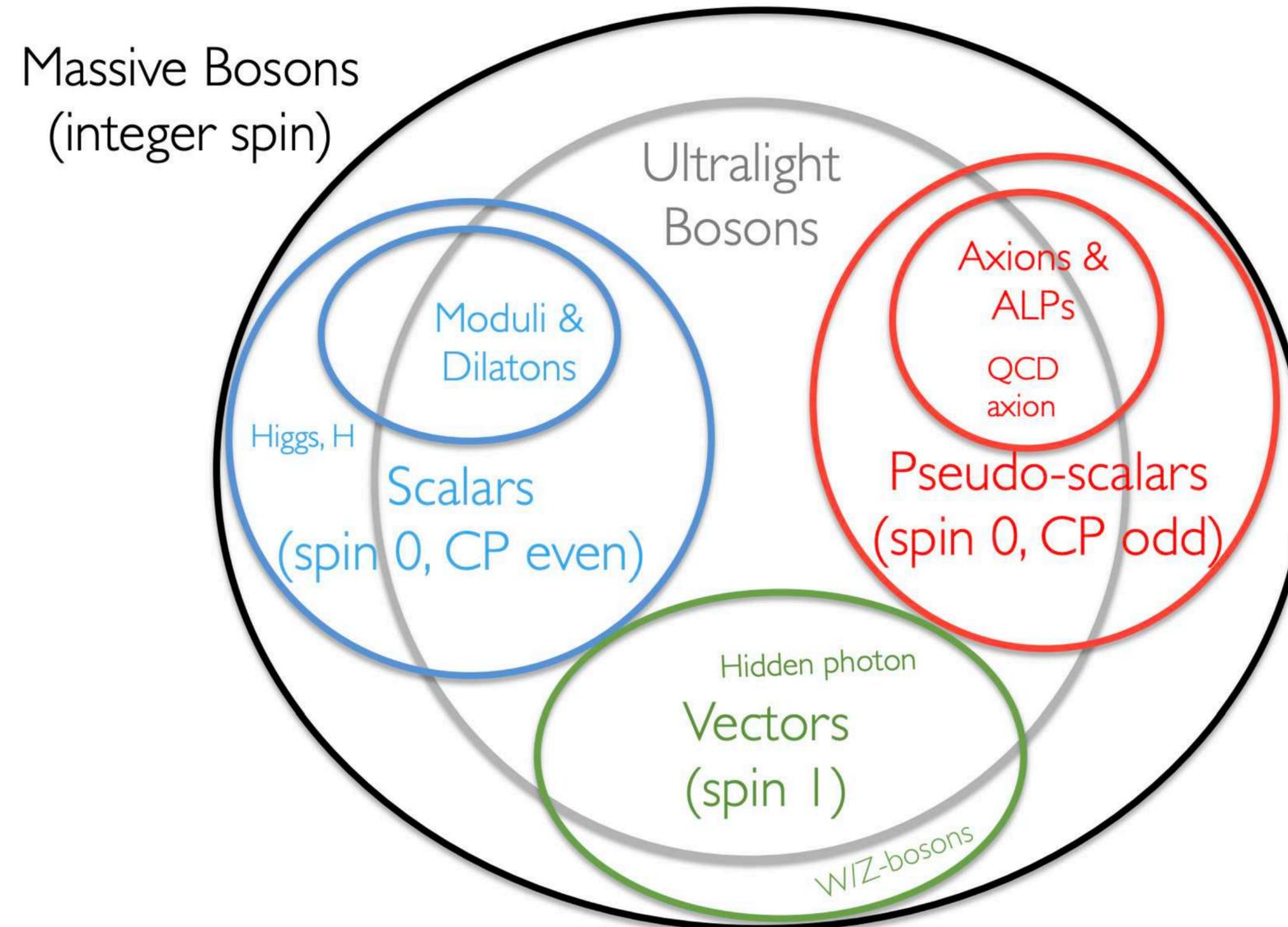
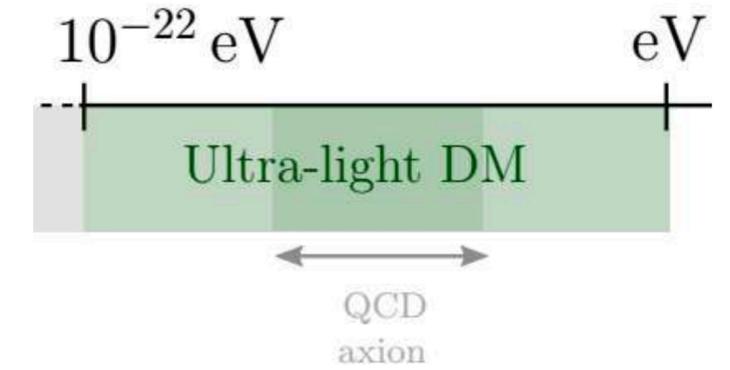
Spin 2 FDM: (e.g. bigravity)



Motivation: *particle physics*

ULDM candidates

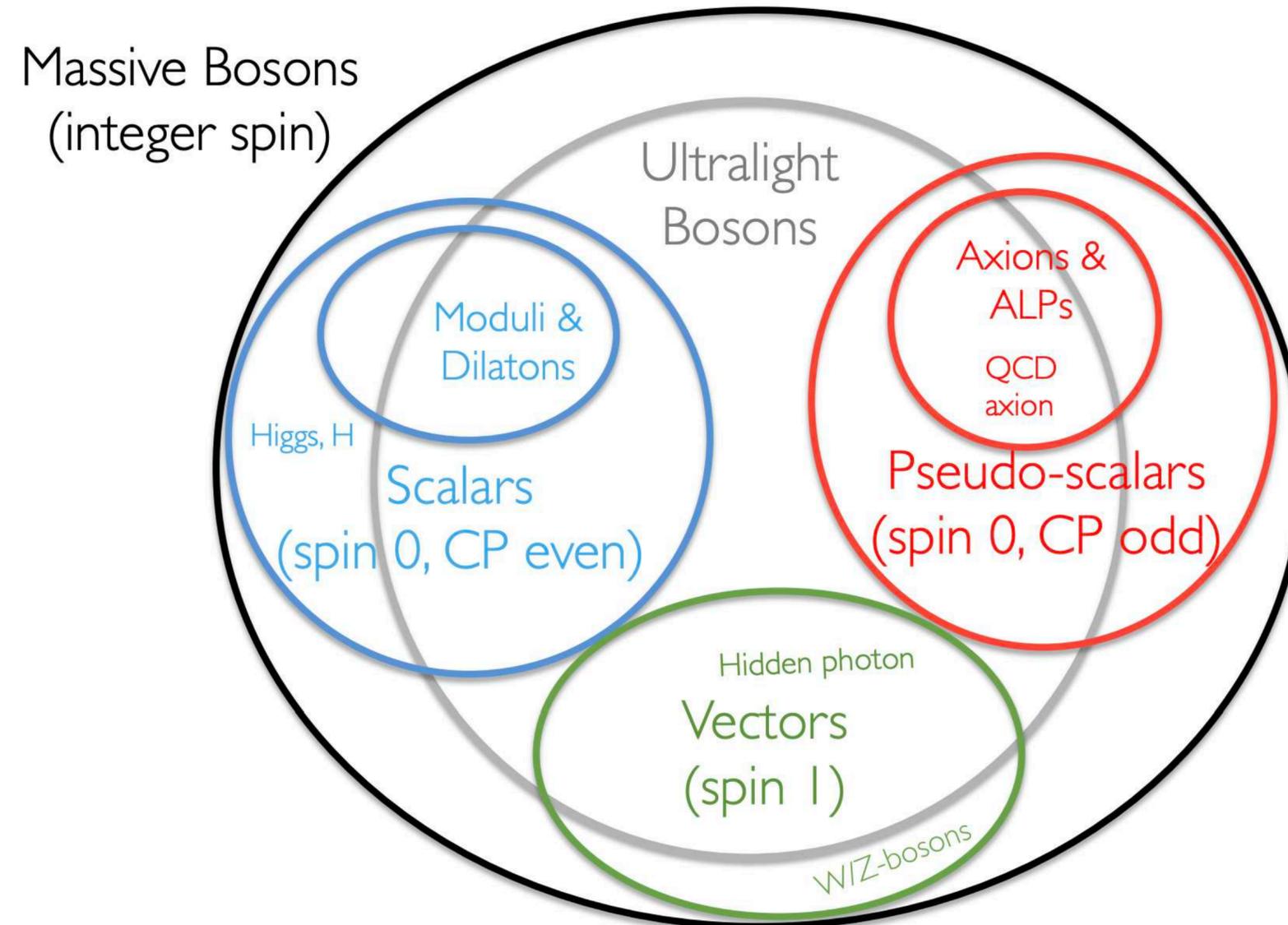
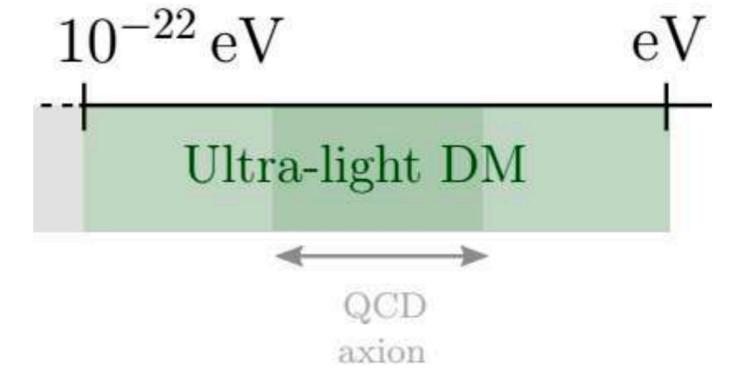
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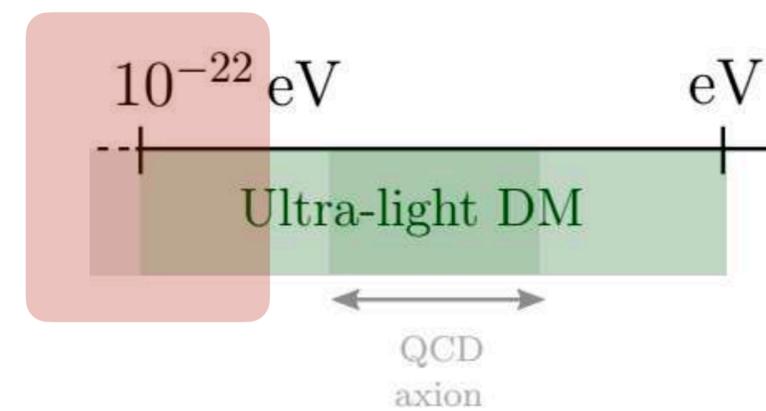
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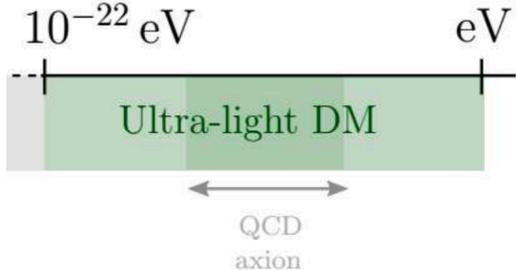


Today:
Gravitational signatures!

Cosmological signatures



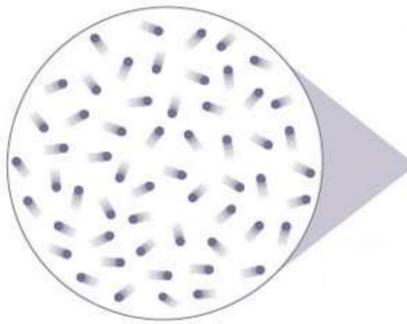
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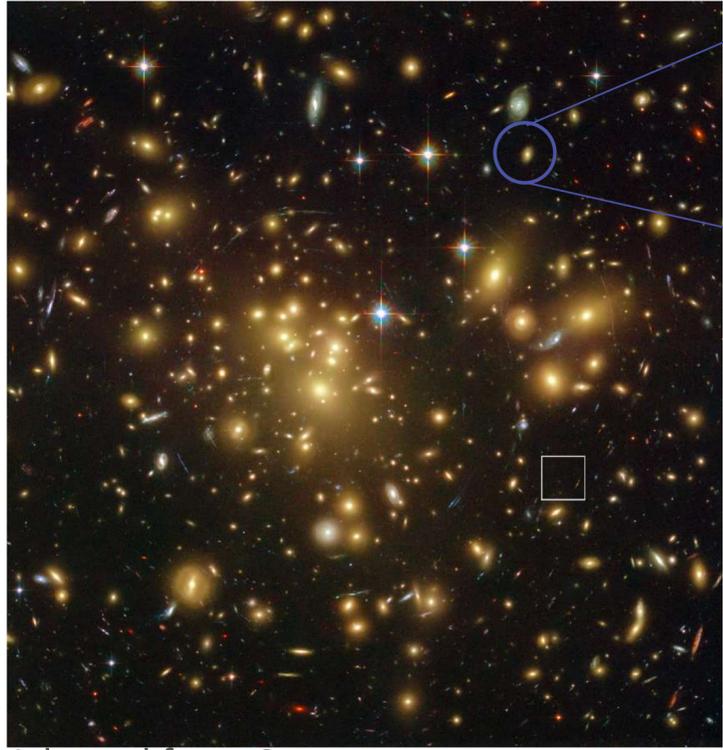
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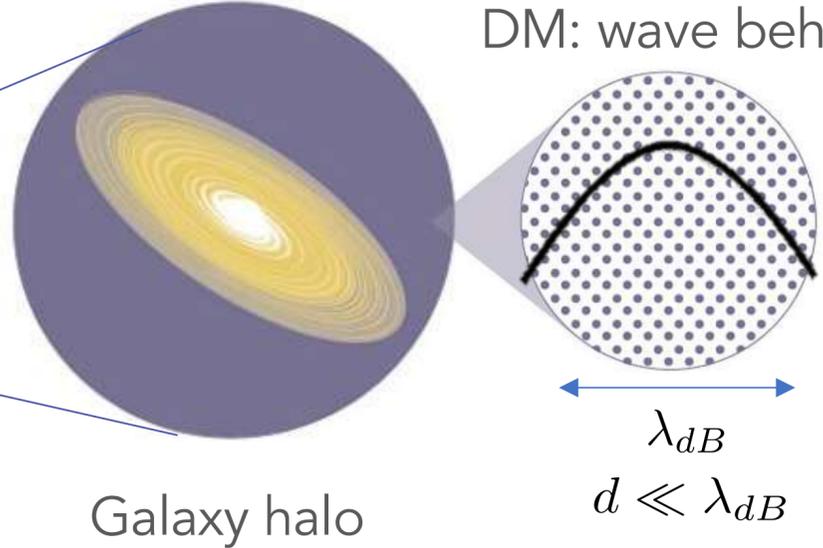
Large scales:
DM behaves like standard particle DM (**CDM**).



DM: particles
 $d \gg \lambda_{dB}$



Adapted from Quanta



Galaxy halo

DM: wave behaviour

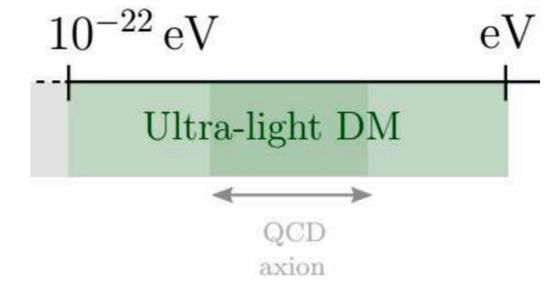
λ_{dB}
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Small scales:
DM behaves like a **wave**

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

$$\lambda_{dB}^{ULDM} \sim \text{pc} - \text{kpc}$$

Ultra-light Dark Matter -classes



3 classes:

Fuzzy DM (FDM)

- Gravitationally bounded ultra-light scalar field model
- Condensation under gravity (BEC)

m

Self Interacting FDM (SIFDM)

- Presence of (weakly) self-interaction
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m

g

DM Superfluid

- Forms a superfluid in galaxies
- MOND behaviour interior of galaxies

Axion and ALP (axion like particles)

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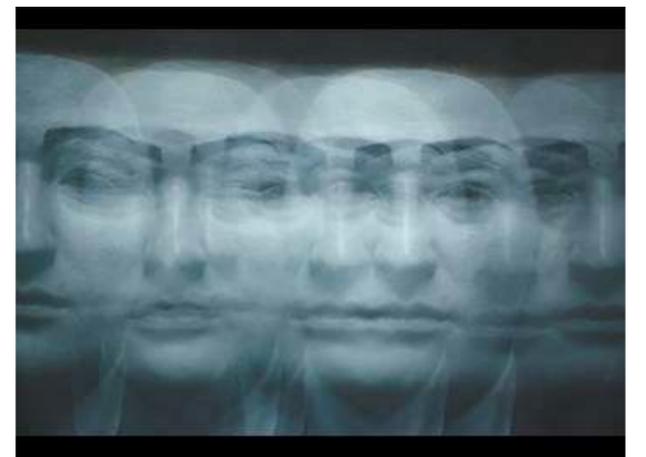
$$\mathcal{L} = P(X)$$

→ Connection with condensed matter and particle physics!

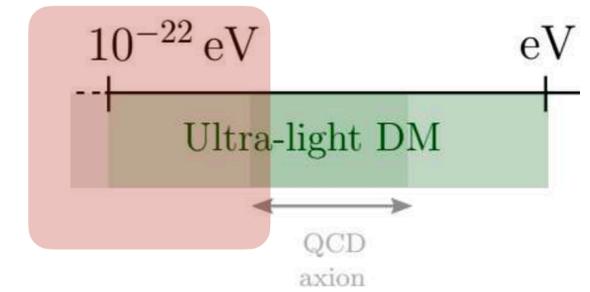
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Fuzzy dark matter

Self interacting fuzzy dark matter



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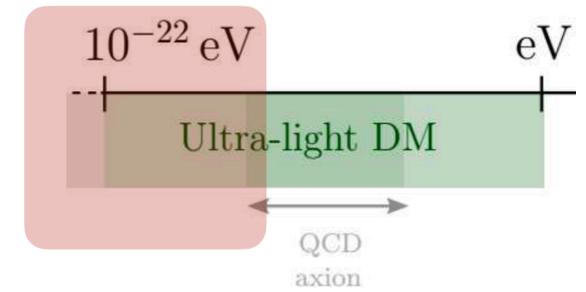
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Idea:

$$m_{\text{fdm}} \sim 10^{-22} \text{ eV}$$

address the small scale problems+ rich phenom.

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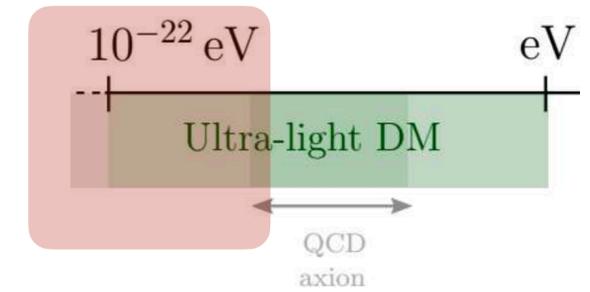
Focus *more* on spin 0 particles here!

$$10^{-22} \text{ eV} < m < 10^{-18} \text{ eV}$$

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Madelung equations

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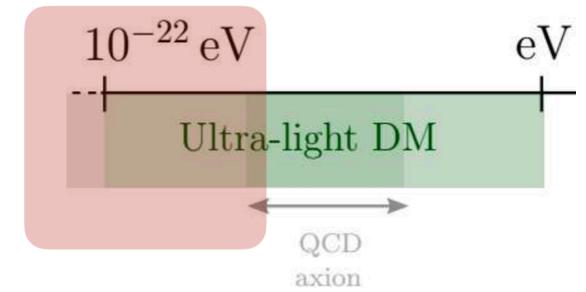
Quantum pressure

Finite Jeans length -
Suppresses
structure formation
on small scales

FLUID
DESCRIPTION

Cosmological evolution

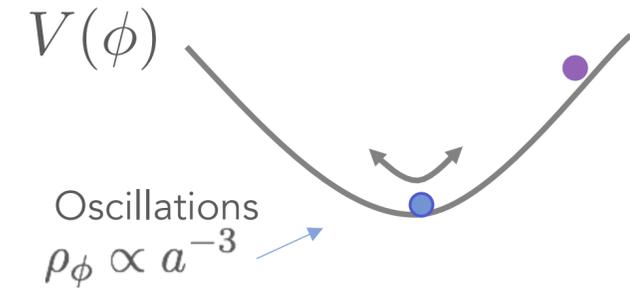
Boson/ Scalar field in a cosmological (FRW) background



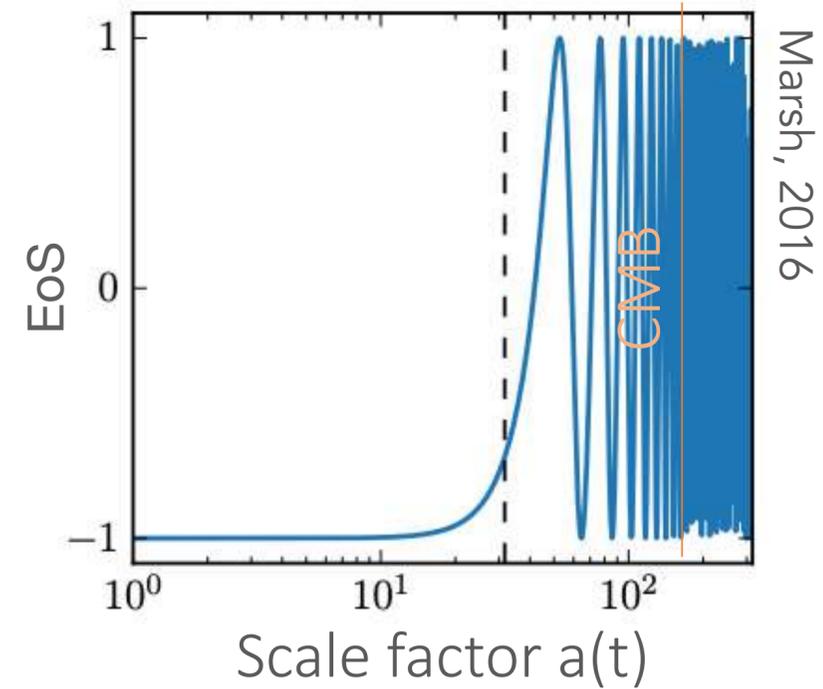
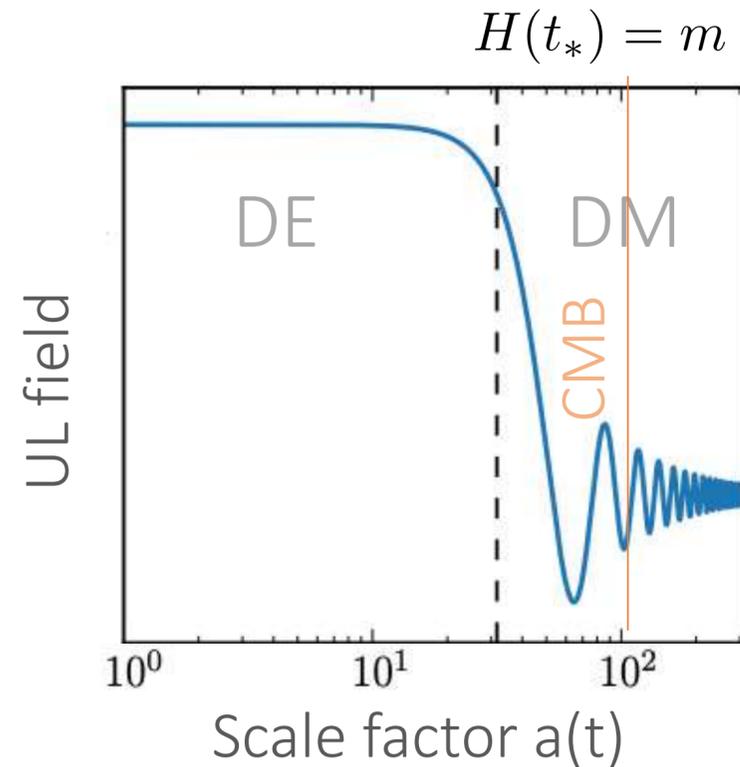
$$\ddot{\phi} + 3H\dot{\phi} + m^2\phi = 0$$

FDM

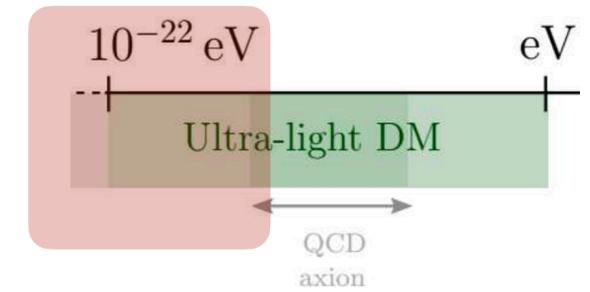
{	$H \gg m$	\implies	$\phi_{\text{early}} = \phi(t_i)$	\longrightarrow	$\omega = -1$	DE
	$H \ll m$	\implies	$\phi_{\text{late}} \propto e^{imt}$	\longrightarrow	$\langle \omega \rangle = 0$	DM



$m > 10^{-28} \text{ eV} \sim H(a_{\text{eq}})$



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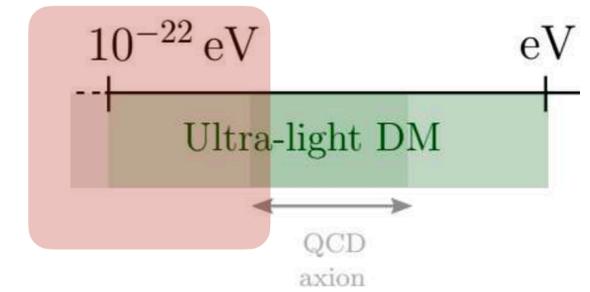
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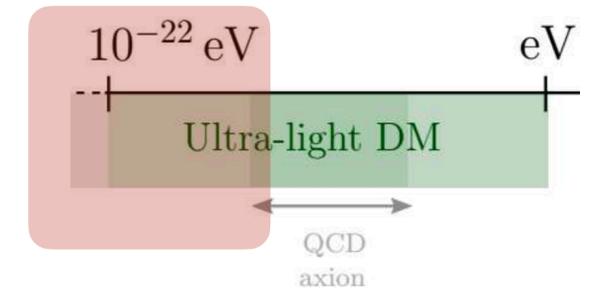
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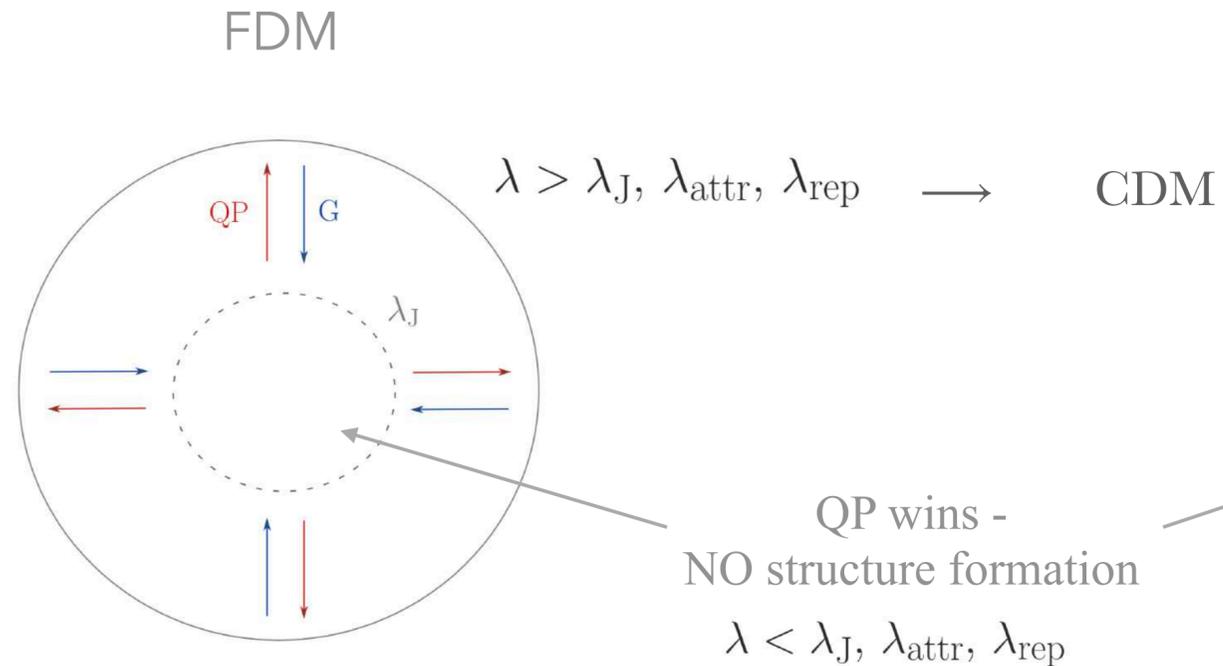
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Structure formation - perturbation and stability



Finite clustering scale - no structure formation on small scales



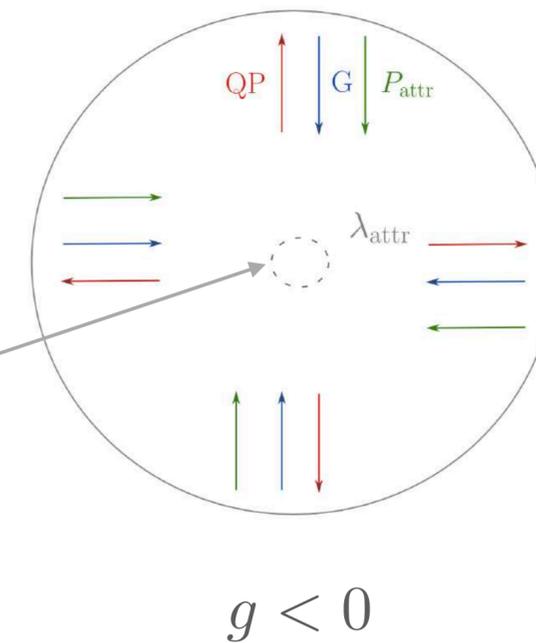
Finite size coherent core – Bose stars

$$\lambda_J = 55 \left(\frac{m}{10^{-22} \text{ eV}} \right)^{-1/2} \left(\frac{\rho}{\bar{\rho}} \right)^{-1/4} (\Omega_m h)^{-1/4} \text{ kpc}$$

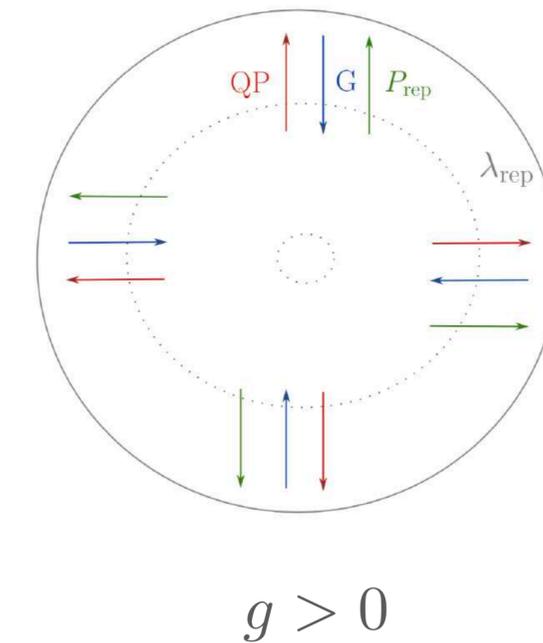
$m \leq 10^{-20} \text{ eV} \Rightarrow \lambda_{dB} > \mathcal{O}(\text{kpc})$ Galactic scales

SIFDM

ATTRACTIVE



REPULSIVE

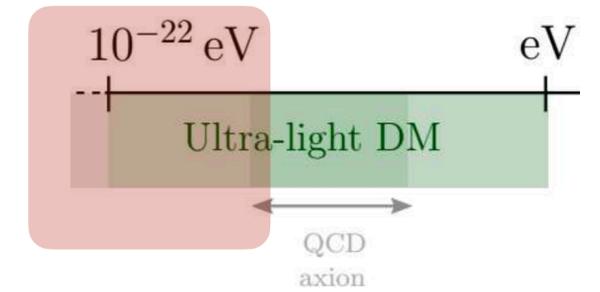


For attractive interactions can only form localized clumps (solitons)

QCD axion: $m \sim 10^{-5} \text{ eV}$
 $\lambda_a \sim -10^{-48}$ \rightarrow $l_{soliton} \sim 10^{-5} \text{ kpc}$

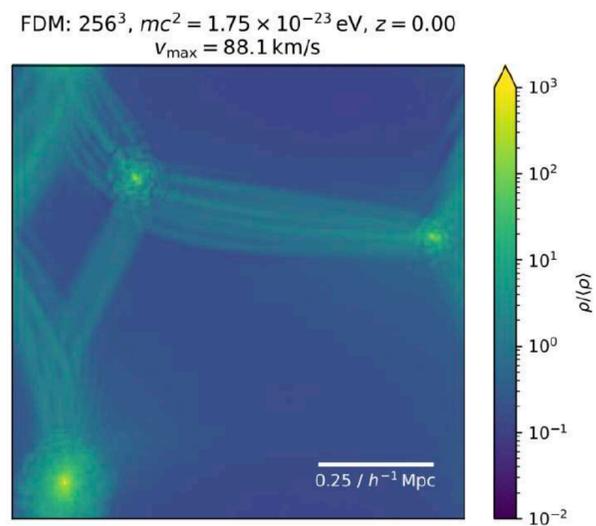
Phenomenology

RICH PHENOMENOLOGY ON SMALL SCALES

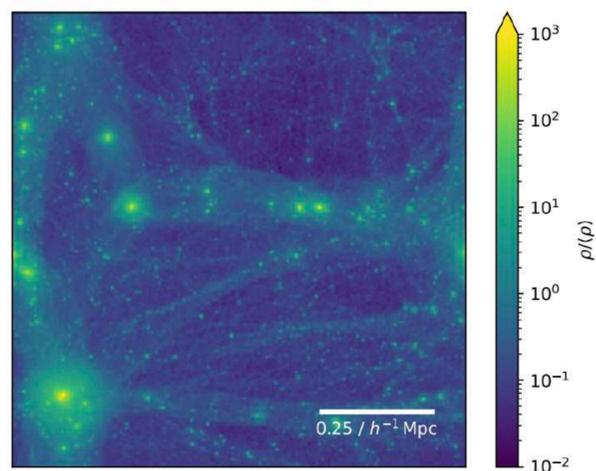


* Focus only in gravitational signatures

Suppression of small structures

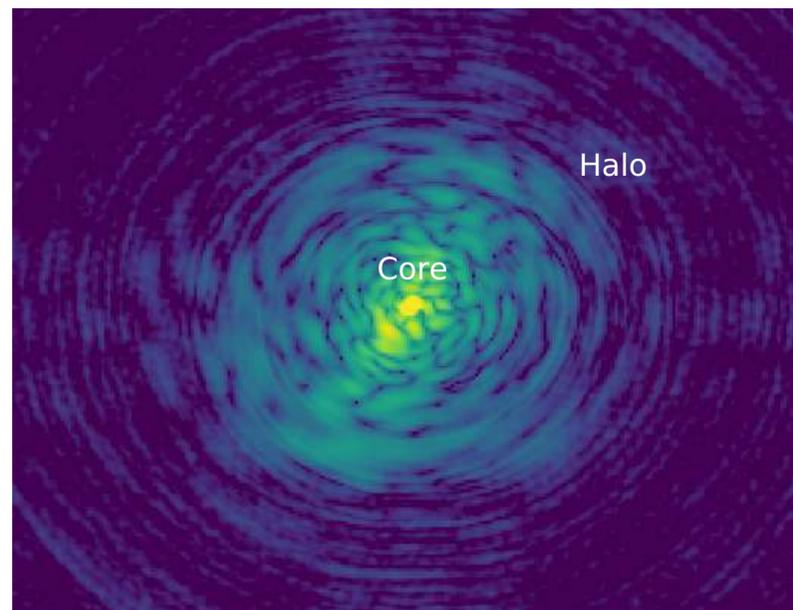


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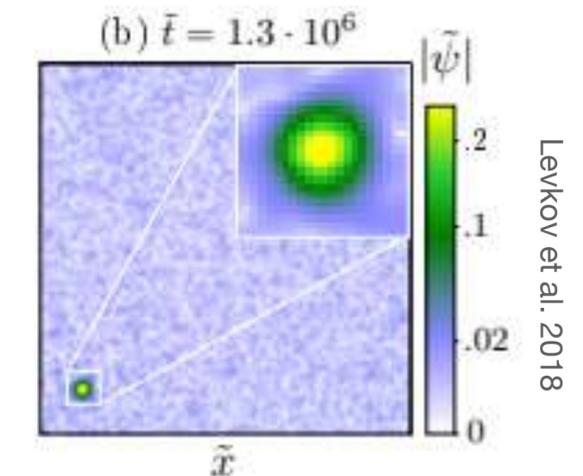


S. May et al. 2021

Formation of a solitonic core

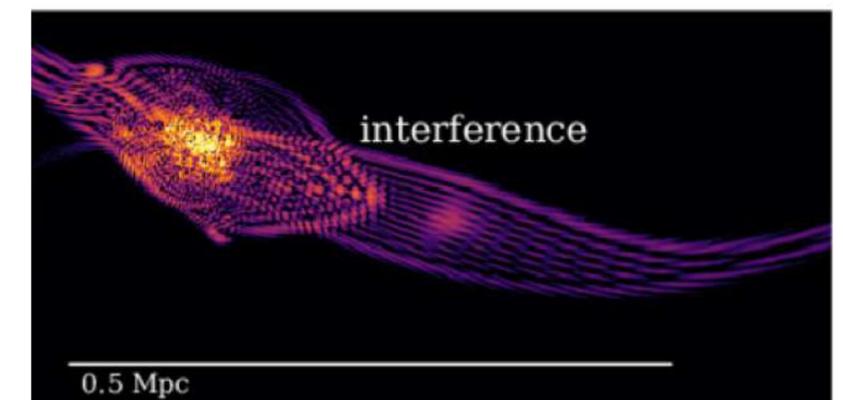


Dynamical effects



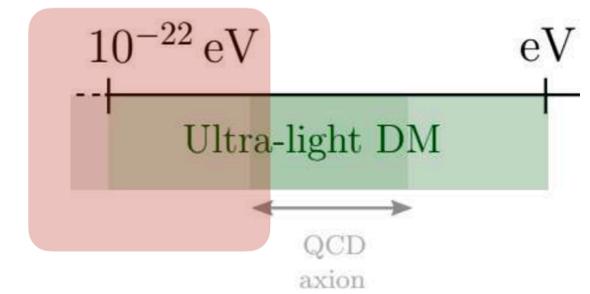
Levkov et al. 2018

Wave interference



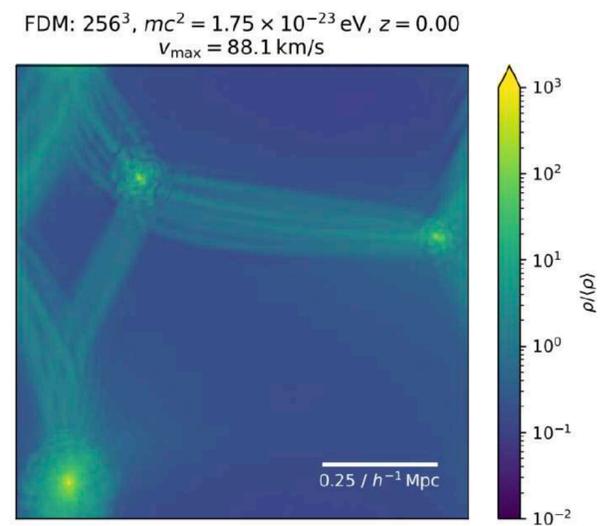
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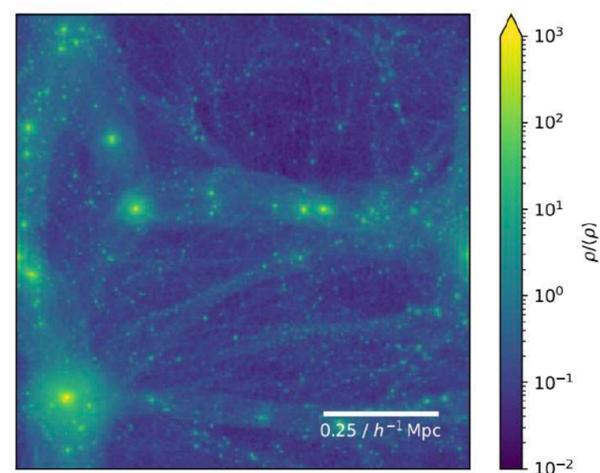


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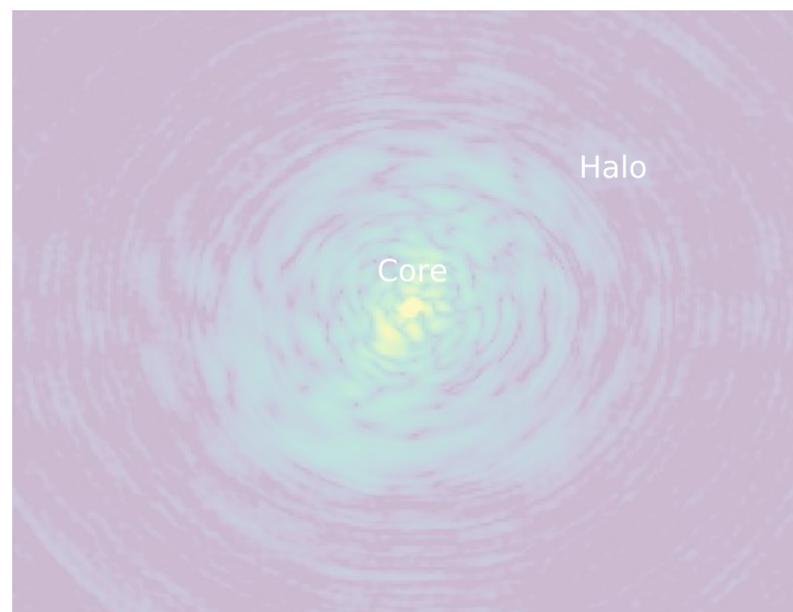


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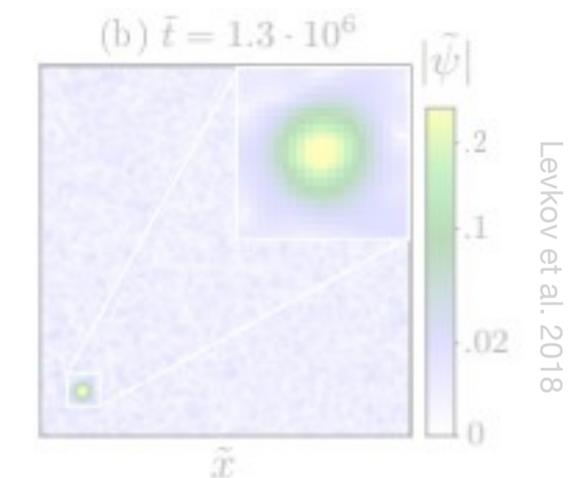


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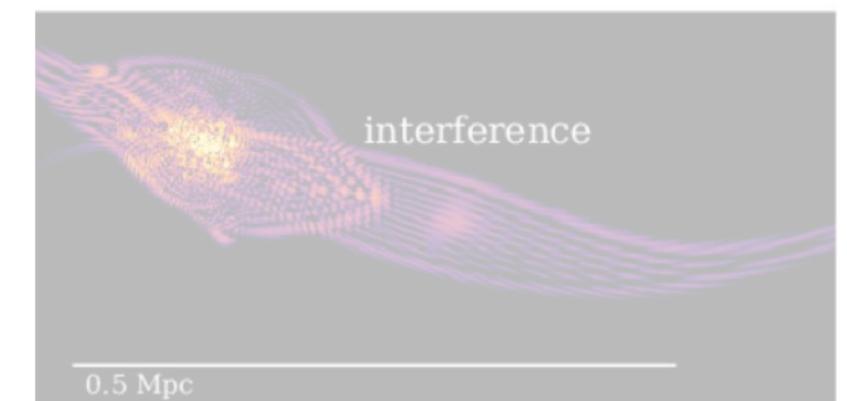
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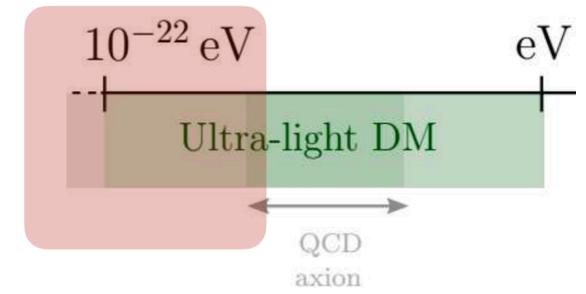
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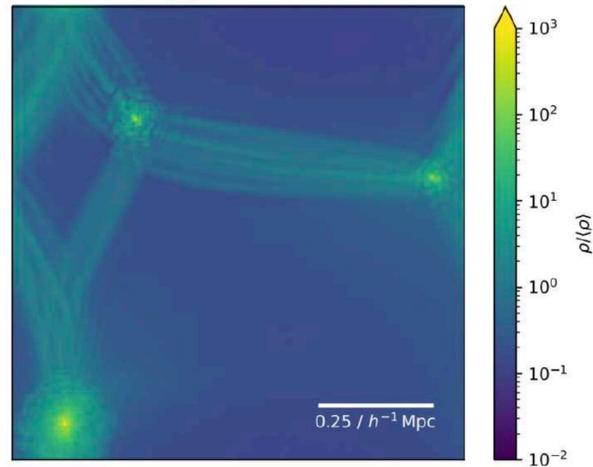


Finite Jeans length λ_J or $\lambda_{\text{attr}}, \lambda_{\text{rep}}$

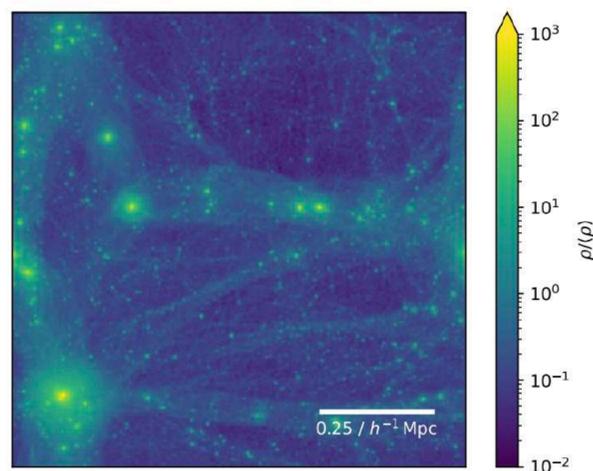


No small scale structure

FDM: 256^3 , $mc^2 = 1.75 \times 10^{-23}$ eV, $z = 0.00$
 $v_{\text{max}} = 88.1$ km/s

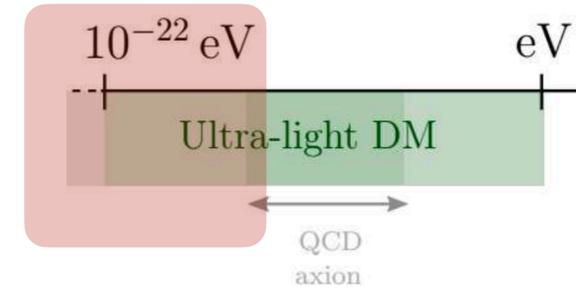


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Phenomenology

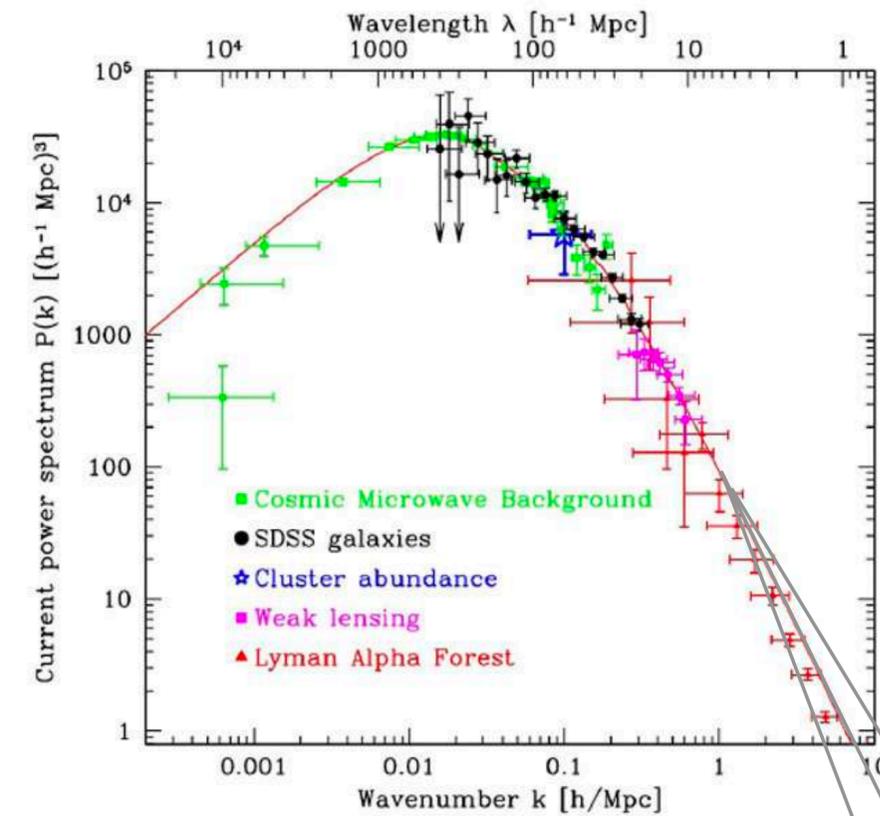
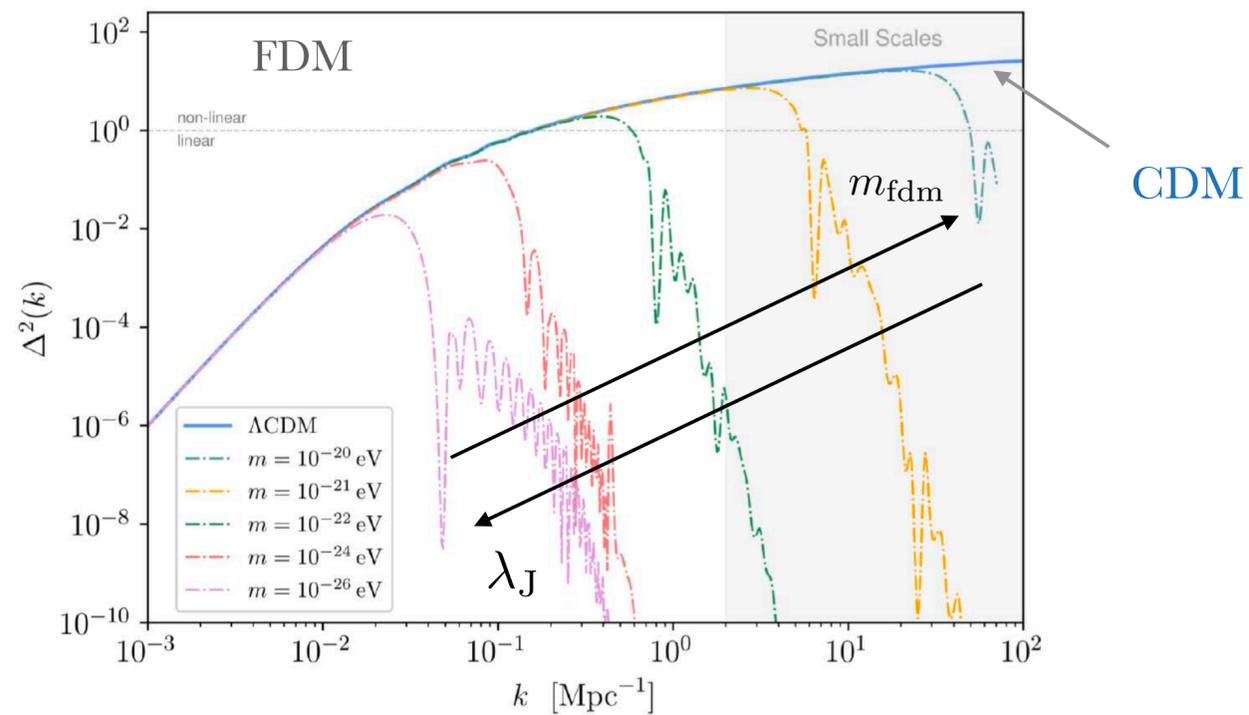
Suppression of small structures



Finite Jeans length λ_J or $\lambda_{\text{attr}}, \lambda_{\text{rep}}$ \longrightarrow

Suppresses small scale structure

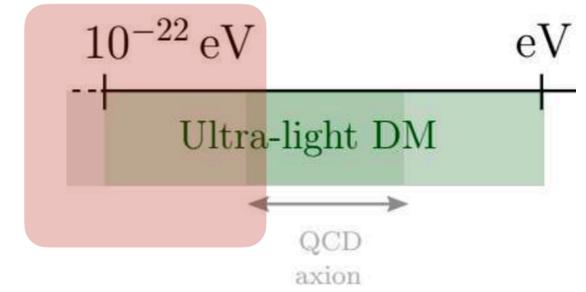
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Power spectrum: highly constrained for $k > 10 \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$
 highly unconstrained for $k < 10 \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$

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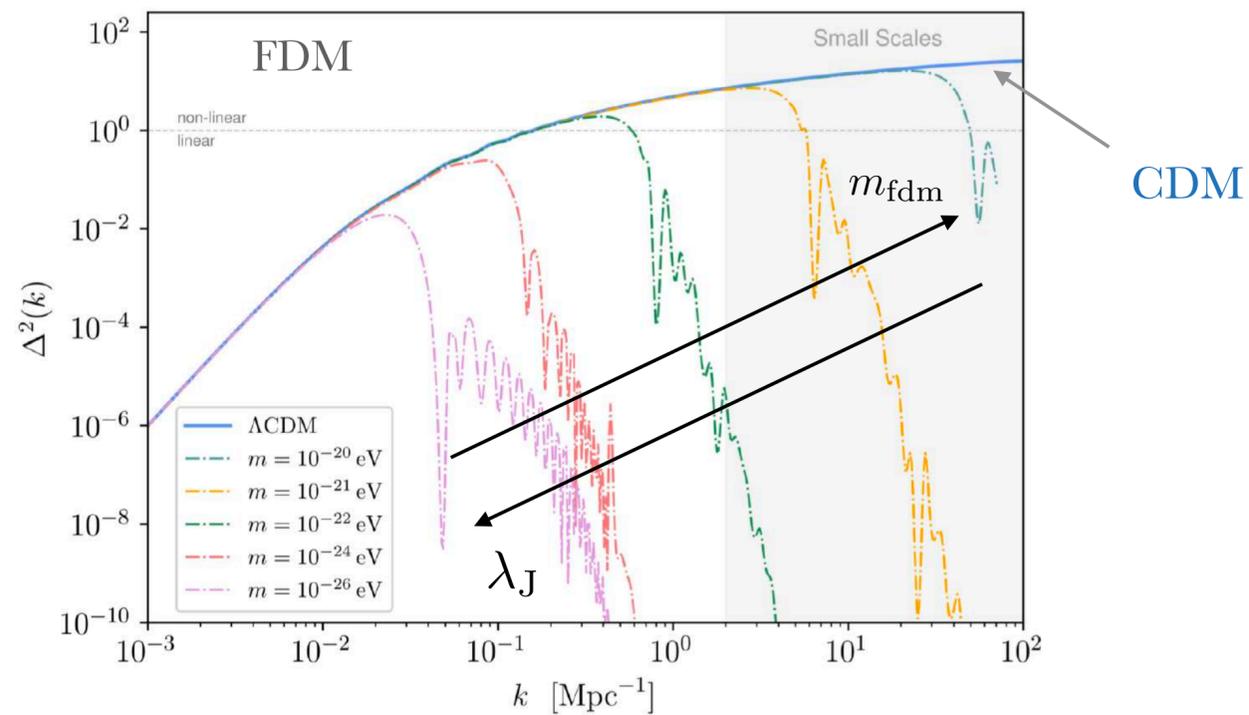
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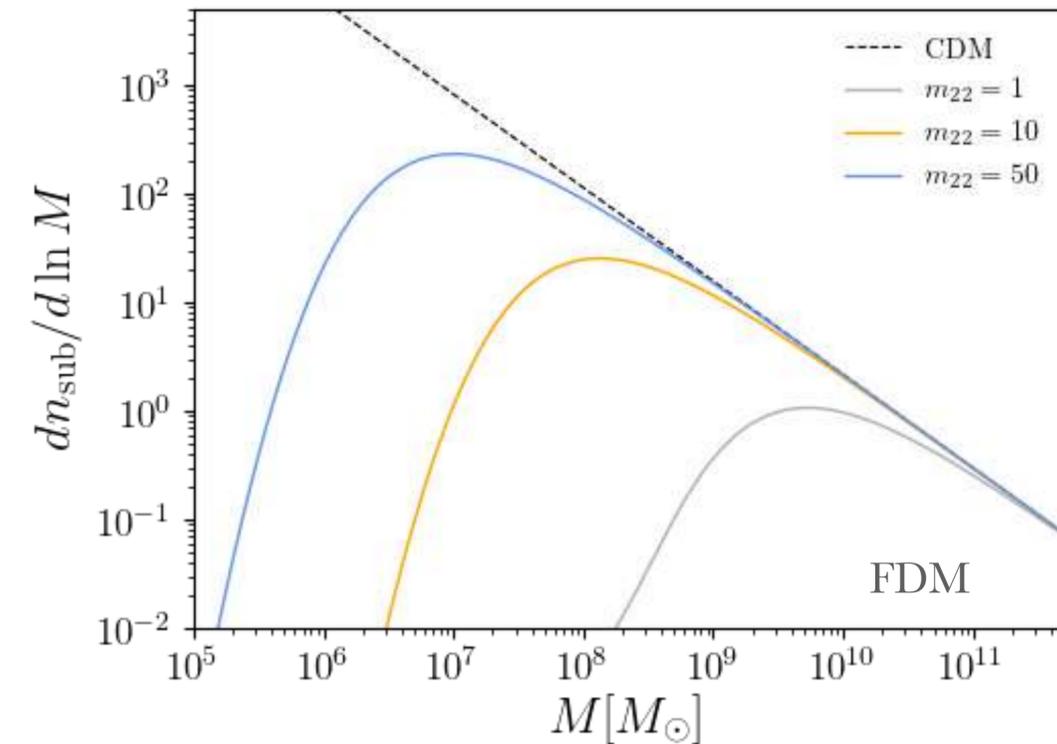
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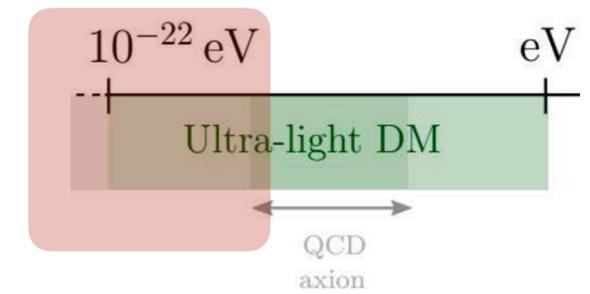


(sub) HALO MASS FUNCTION



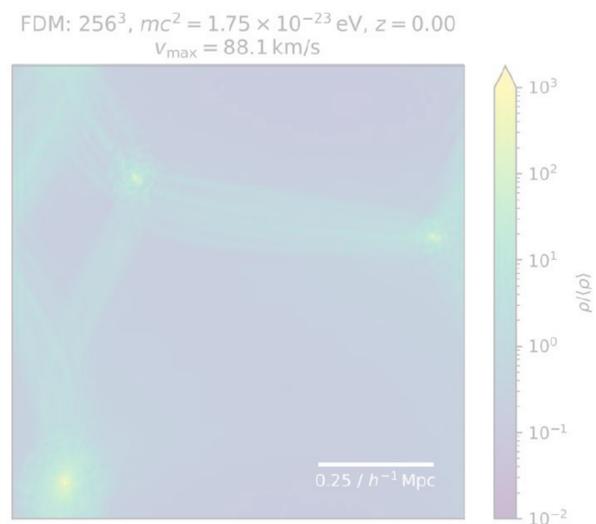
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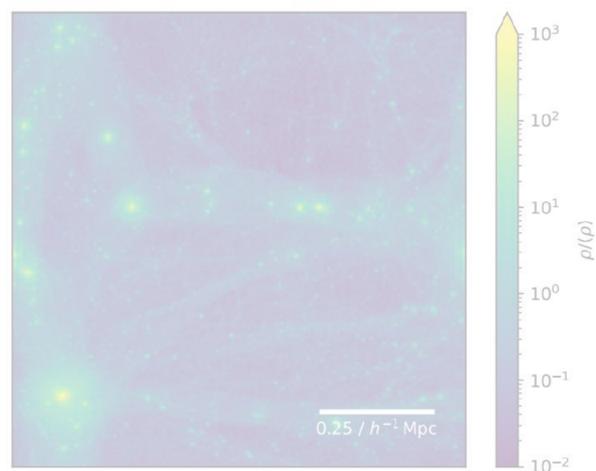


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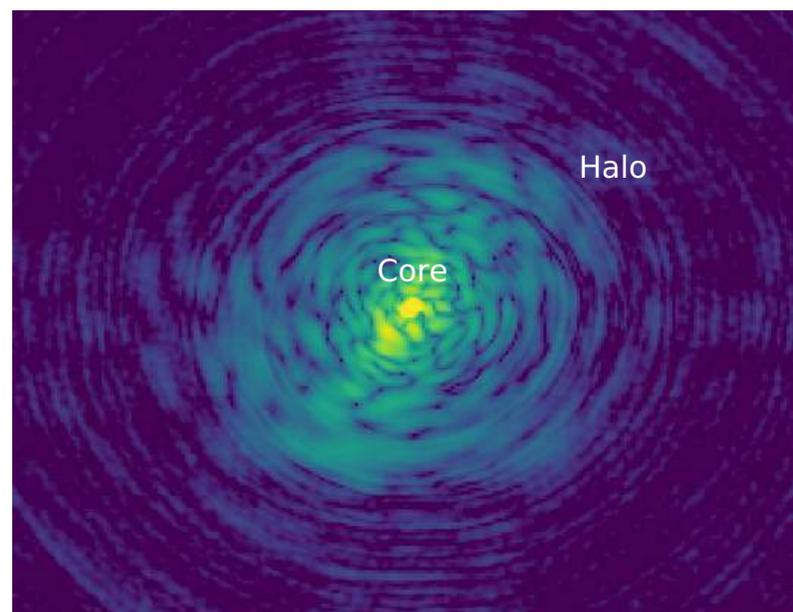


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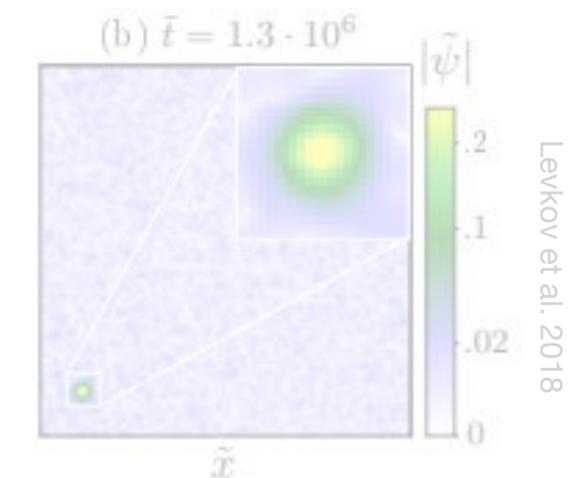


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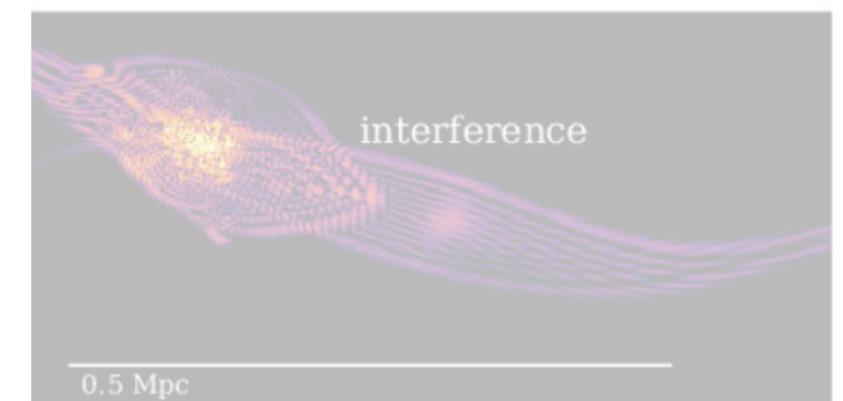
Formation of a solitonic core



Dynamical effects



Wave interference



Mocz et al. 2017

Phenomenology

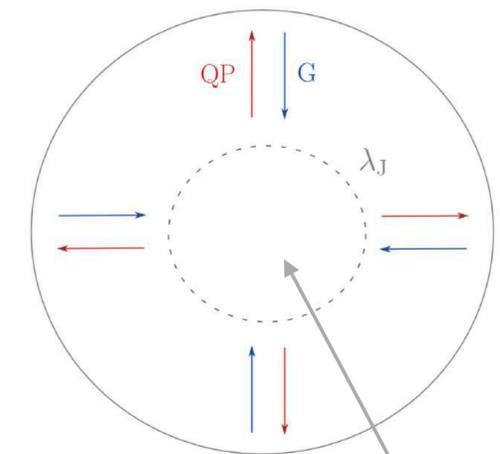
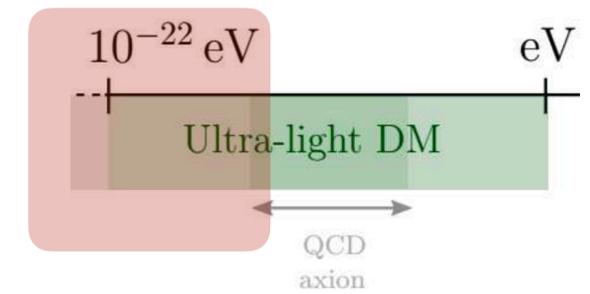
Formation of **cores**

NON-LINEAR
evolution: need
simulations

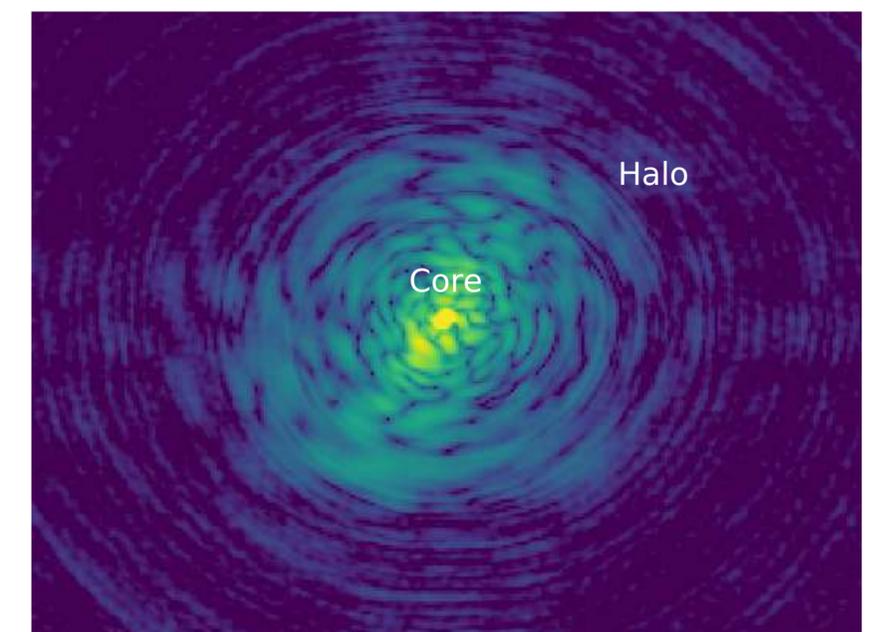
$$m = 10^{-22} \text{ eV} \quad N = 512^3 \quad L = 300 \text{ kpc}$$



Simulation by Jowett Chan

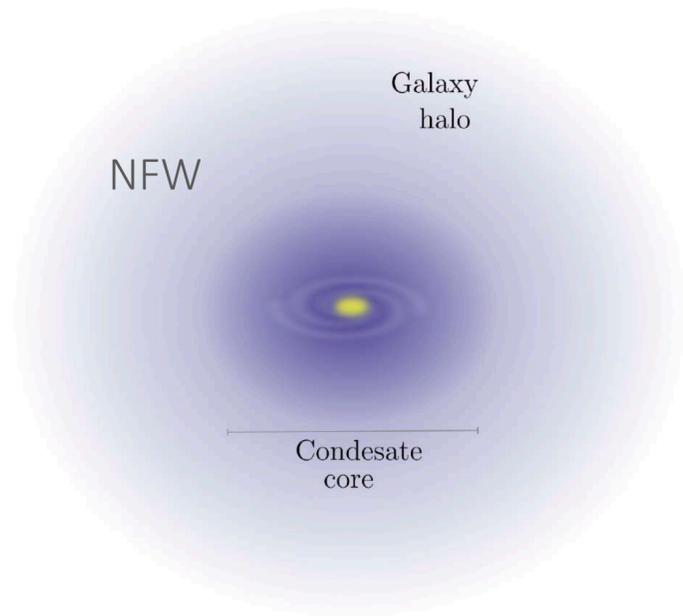


NO structure formation
Stable, oscillating solution

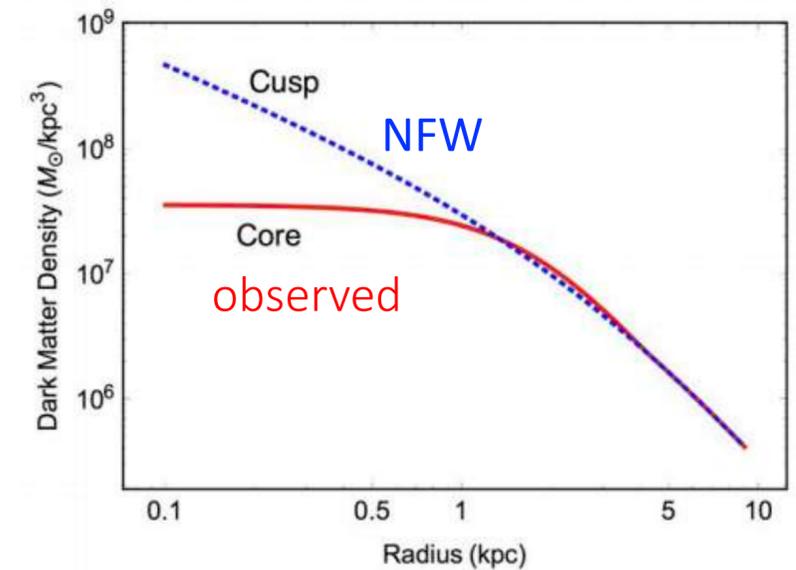
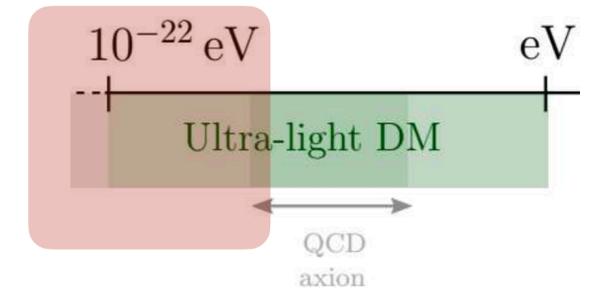


Phenomenology

Formation of **cores**



$$\rho(r) \simeq \begin{cases} \rho_c & \text{for } r \leq r_c \\ \rho_{\text{NFW}} & \text{for } r \geq r_c \end{cases}$$



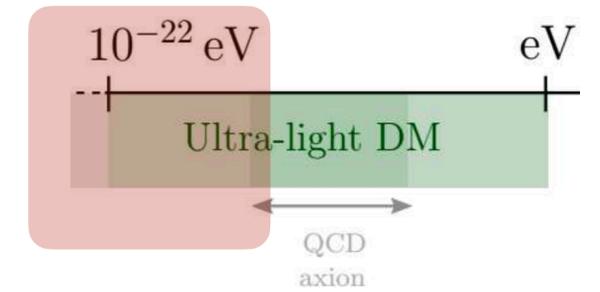
FDM From simulations Schive et al. 2014, fitting function: Stable core solution

$$\rho_c \simeq \frac{1.9 \times 10^{-2}}{[1 + 0.091 (r/R_{1/2,c})^2]^8} \left(\frac{m}{10^{-22} \text{ eV}} \right)^{-2} \left(\frac{r_c}{\text{kpc}} \right)^{-4} M_{\odot} \text{ pc}^{-3},$$

$$r_c \simeq 0.16 \left(\frac{m}{10^{-22} \text{ eV}} \right)^{-1} \left(\frac{M}{10^{12} M_{\odot}} \right)^{-1/3} \text{ kpc}.$$

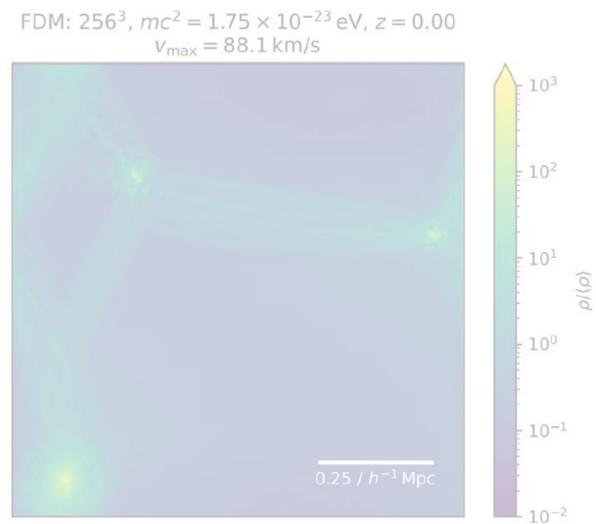
Relations used to compare with **observations**

Phenomenology

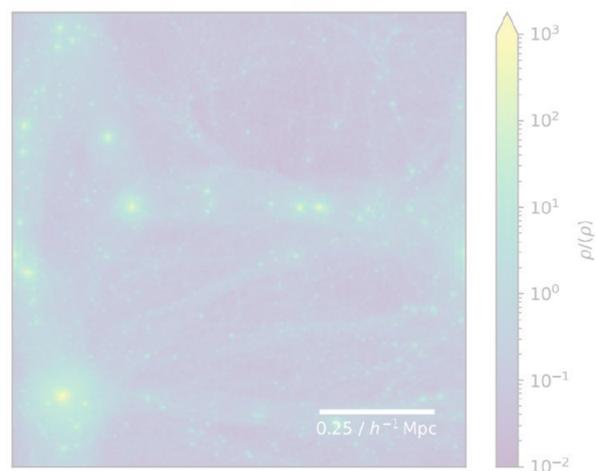


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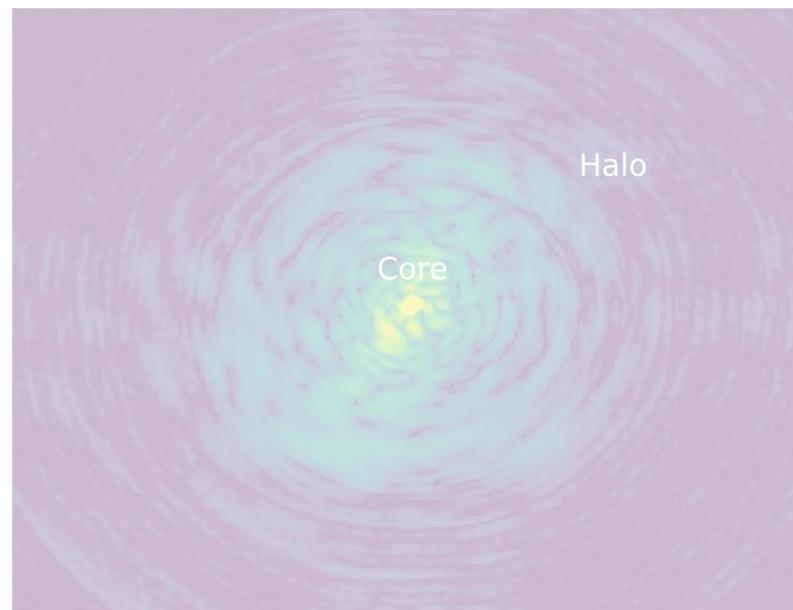


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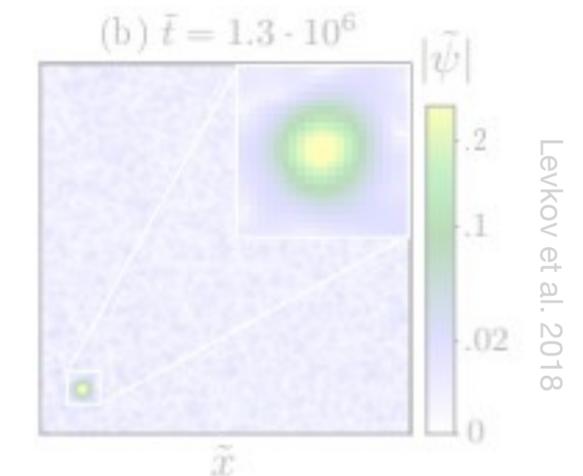


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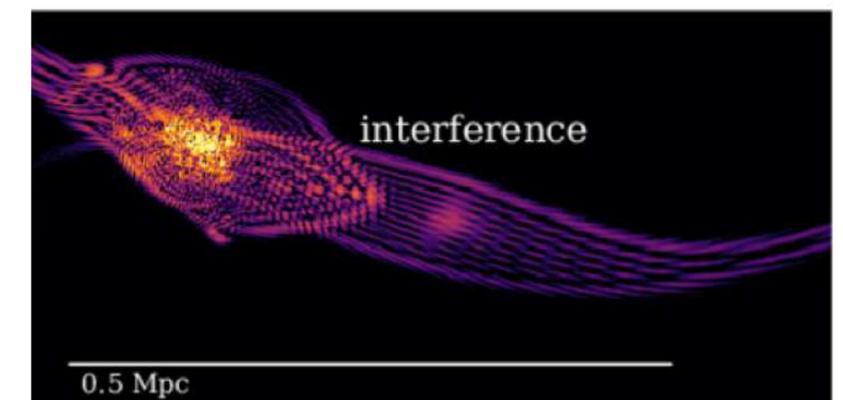
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Dynamical effects



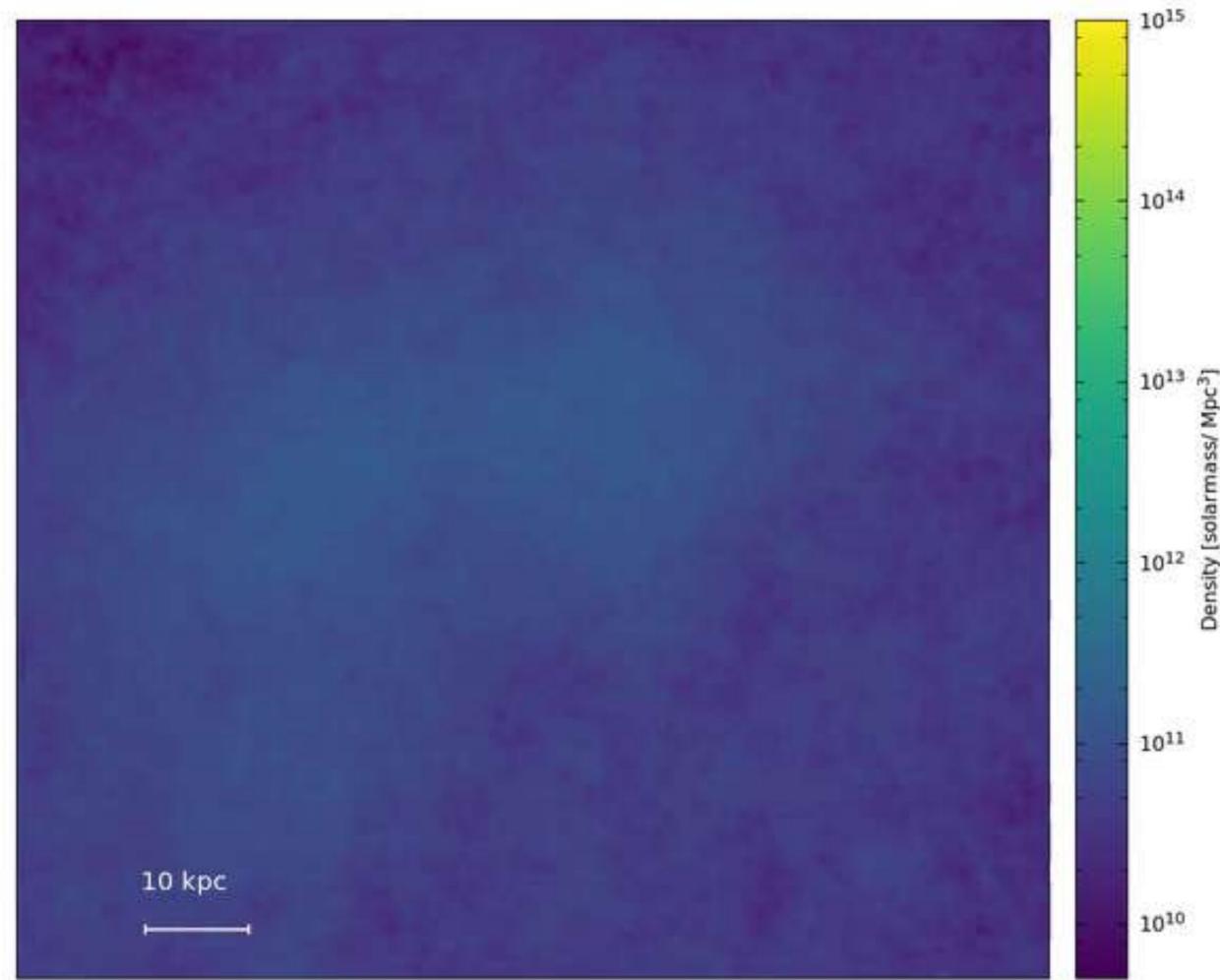
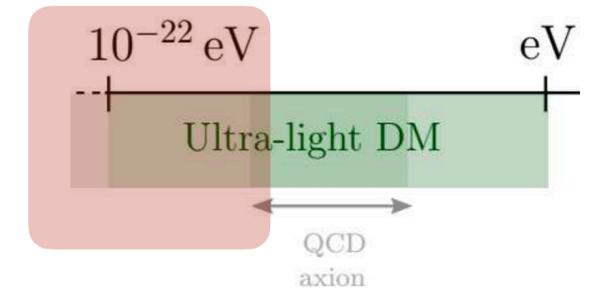
Wave interference



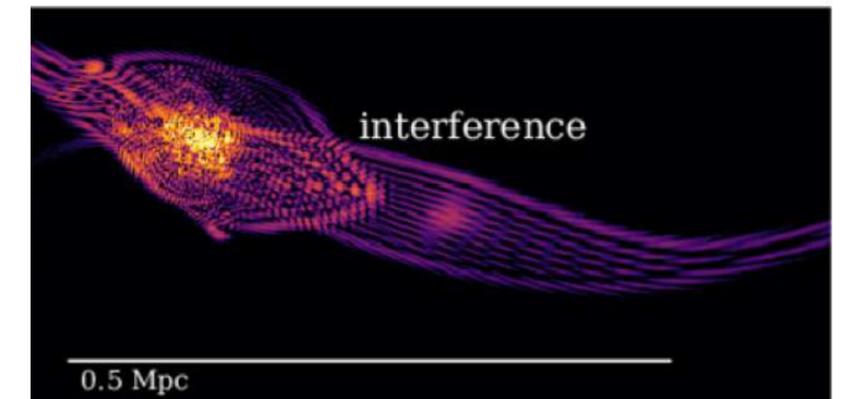
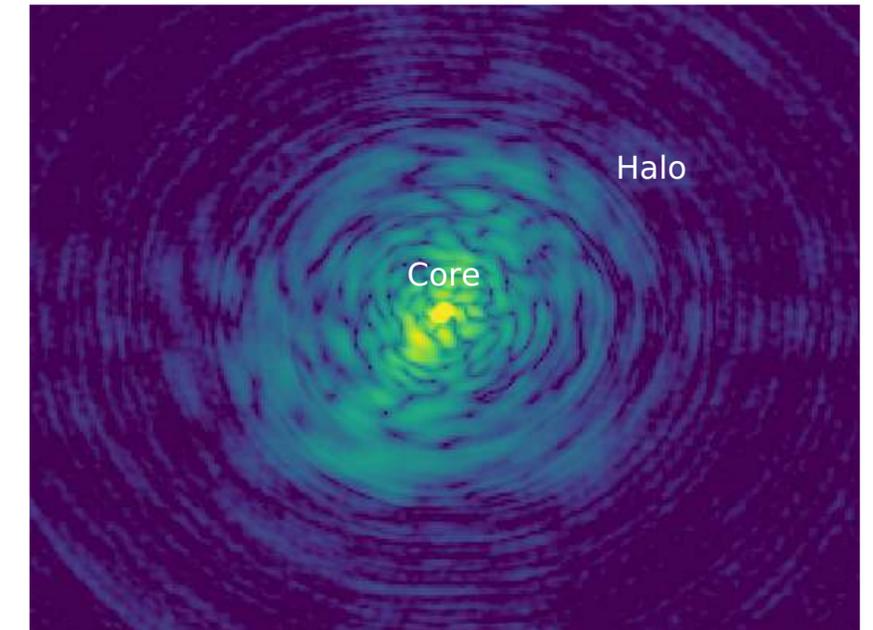
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Phenomenology

Wave interference: granules and vortices



Simulation by Jowett Chan



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Order one fluctuations in density \longrightarrow

Constructive interference: granules

Destructive interference

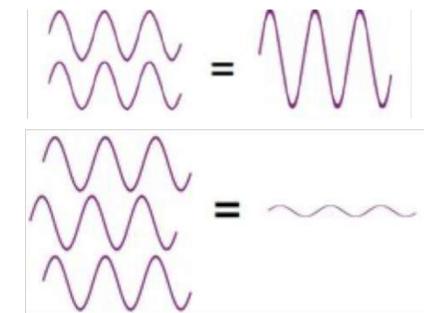
$\sim \lambda_{dB}$

Vector, higher spin or multicomponent *FDM*

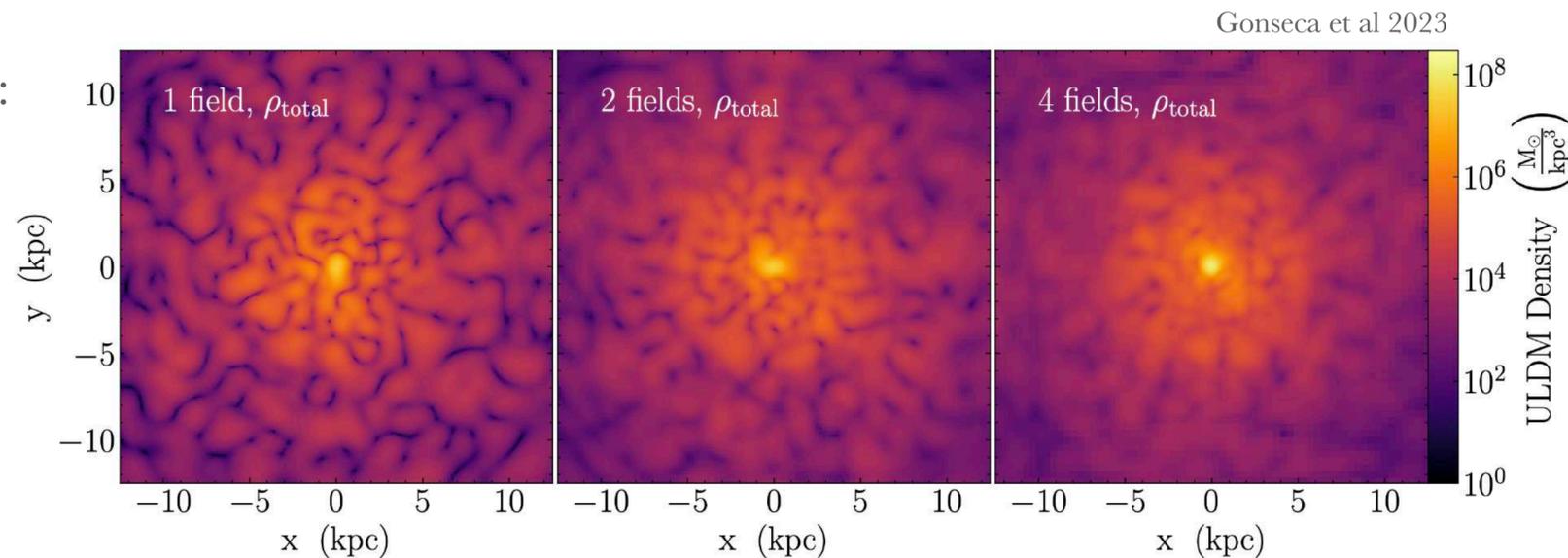
ULDM or ULA are a coherent wave - same frequency and constant phase difference

Multiple coherent waves

Interference patterns



For ULDM:



Multiple FDM or VFDM (or higher spin s FDM) *attenuates* the granule amplitude by

$$\frac{[\delta\rho/\rho]_{\text{nfdm},s}}{[\delta\rho/\rho]_{\text{fdm}}} \propto \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2s+1)}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}}$$

(Amin et al 2022)

Cosmological/astrophysical probes can also given information about the spin!

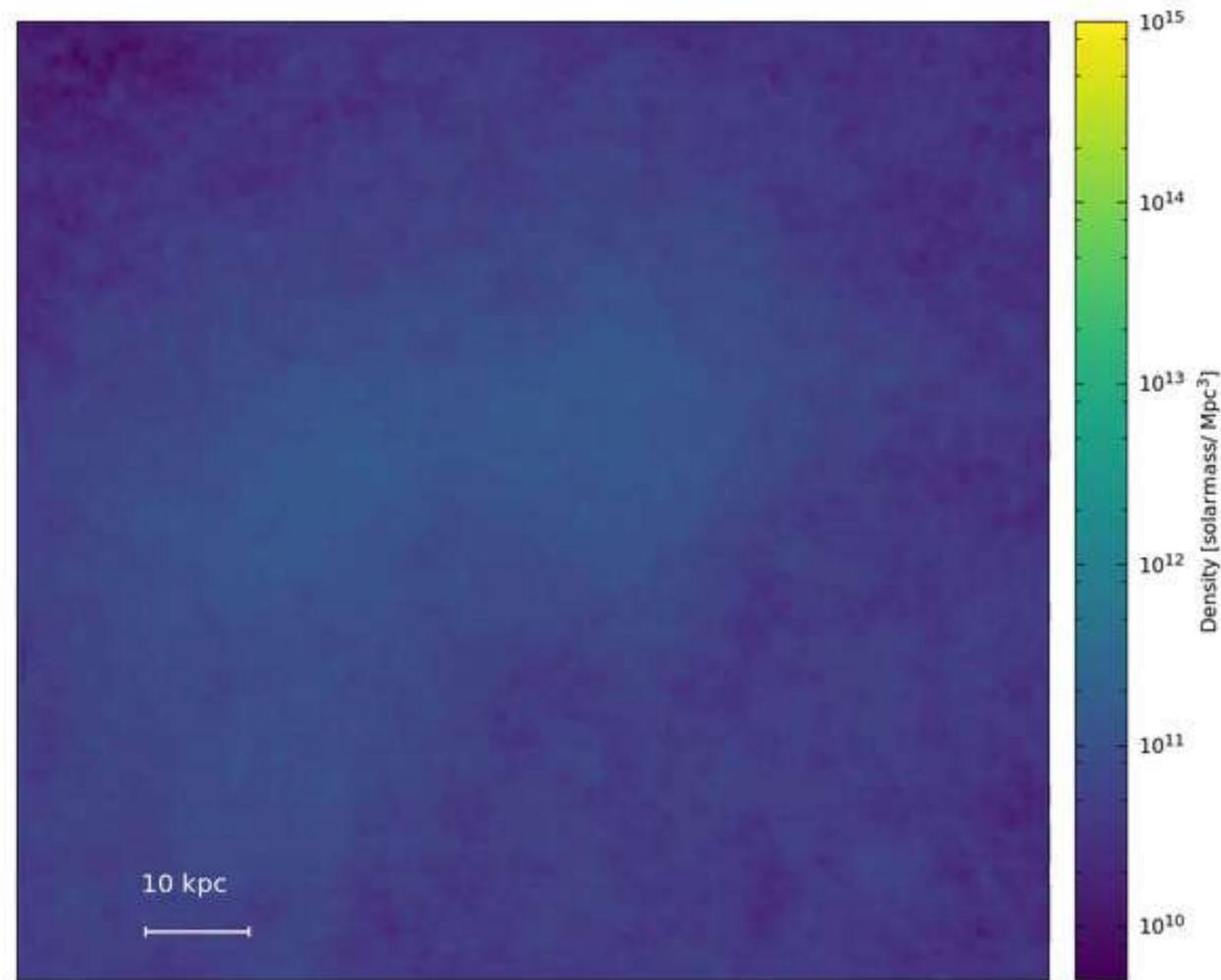
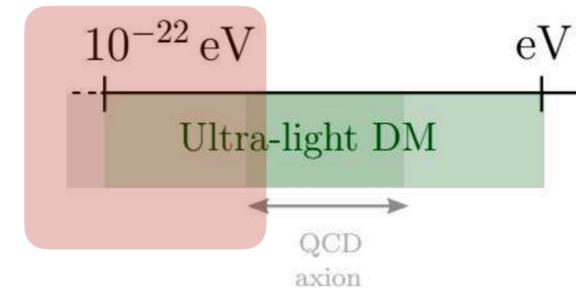
Vector (and higher-spin) FDM Amin et al 2022

(Vector FDM = 3 x same mass FDM (spin 0))

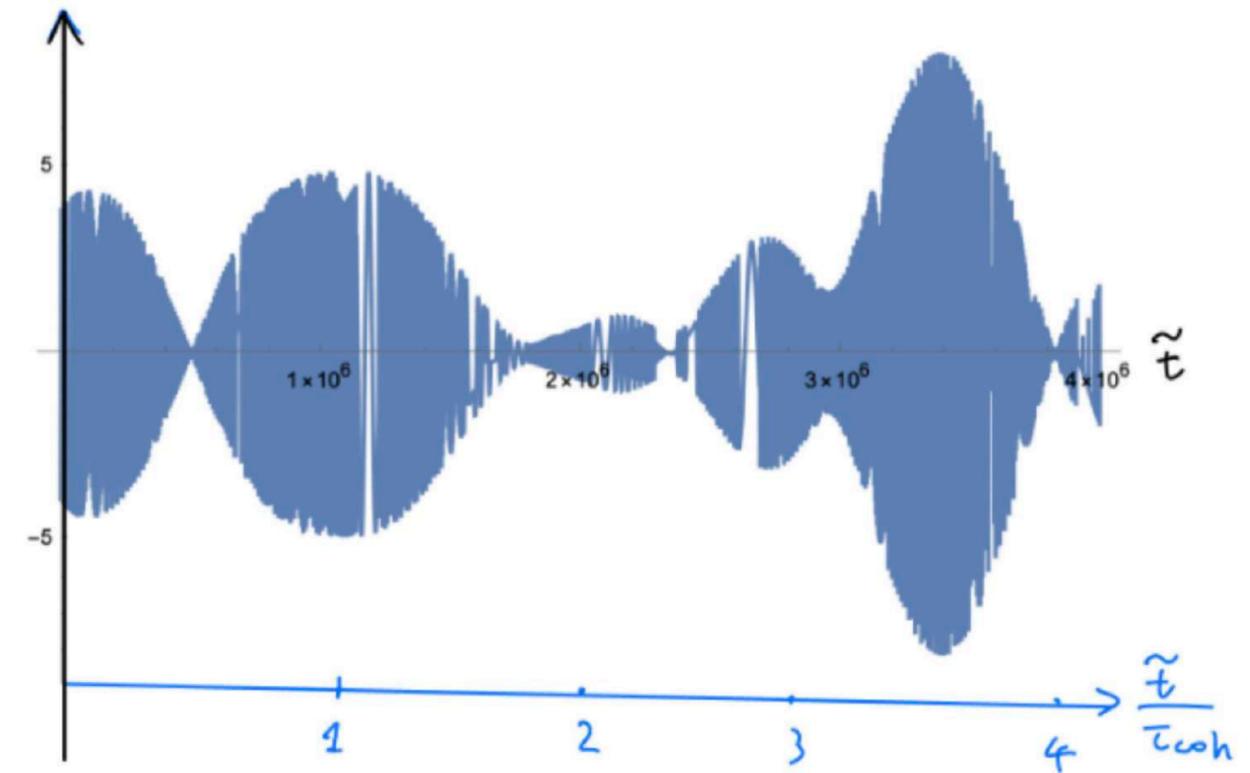
Multicomponent FDM Gonseca et al 2023

Phenomenology

Wave interference: granules and vortices



Simulation by Jowett Chan



The time dependence of the amplitude and the phase of ULDM

Order one fluctuations in density \longrightarrow

Constructive interference: **granules**

Destructive interference

$\sim \lambda_{dB}$

Phenomenology

Vortices

Vortices are sites where the fluid velocity has a non-vanishing curl

Two ways:

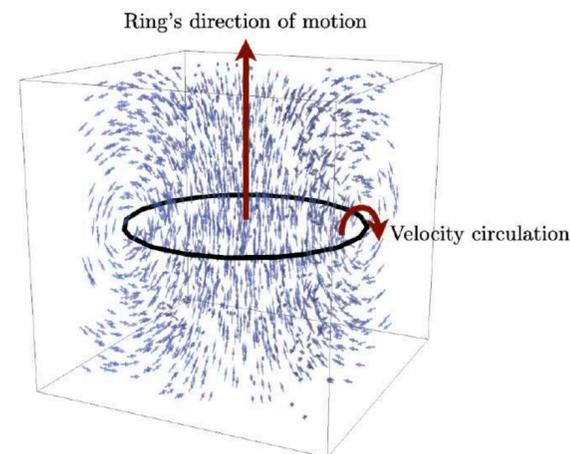
- regions where the density vanishes
- transfer of angular momentum (superfluids only)

Fuzzy DM

Interference of waves leads to **vortices** - where there is **destructive interference**

General defect in 3D

$$c = \frac{1}{m} \oint_{\partial A} d\theta = \frac{2\pi n}{m}$$



$$(\psi \equiv \sqrt{\rho/m} e^{i\theta} \text{ and } \mathbf{v} \equiv \nabla\theta/m)$$

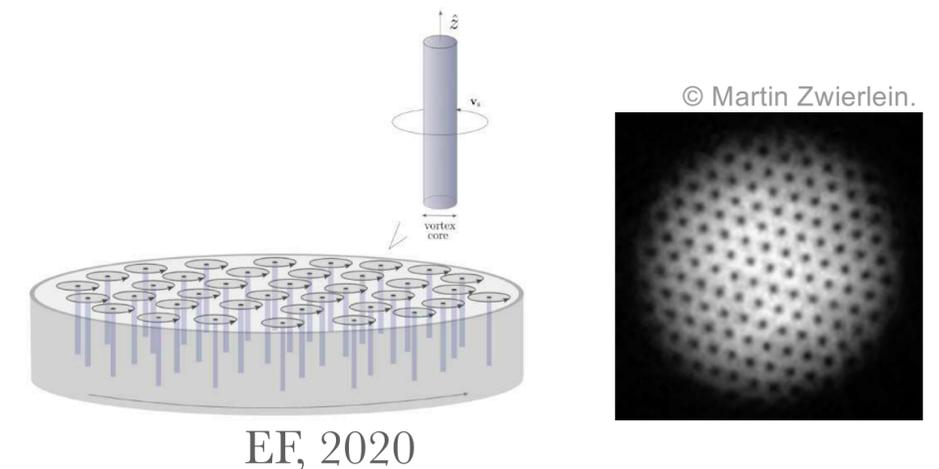
$$\dot{\rho} + \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{v}) = 0$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{v}} + (\mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla)\mathbf{v} = -\frac{1}{m} \left(V_{grav} - P_{int} - \frac{1}{2m} \frac{\nabla^2 \sqrt{\rho}}{\sqrt{\rho}} \right)$$

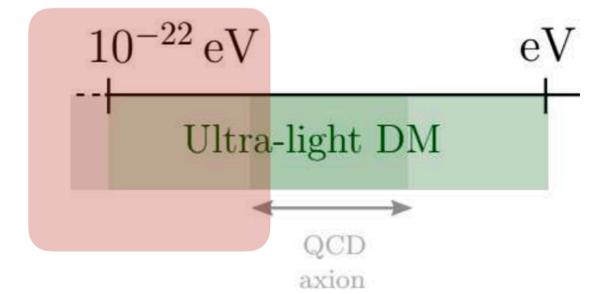
Vel. field is a gradient flow \longrightarrow irrotational fluid, no vorticity

Self-interacting Fuzzy DM

Superfluid cannot rotate uniformly. If the superfluid rotates faster than the critical vel., network of vortices are formed.

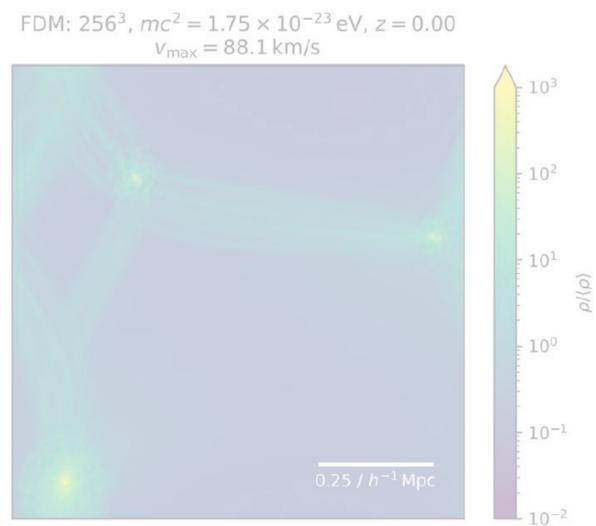


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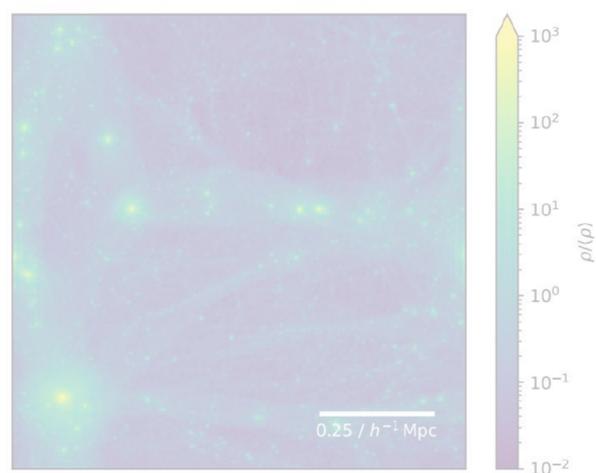


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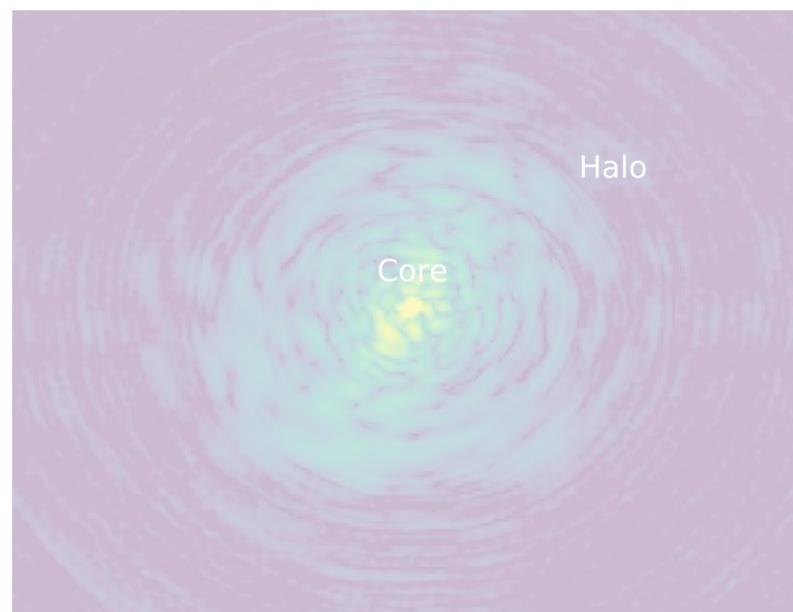


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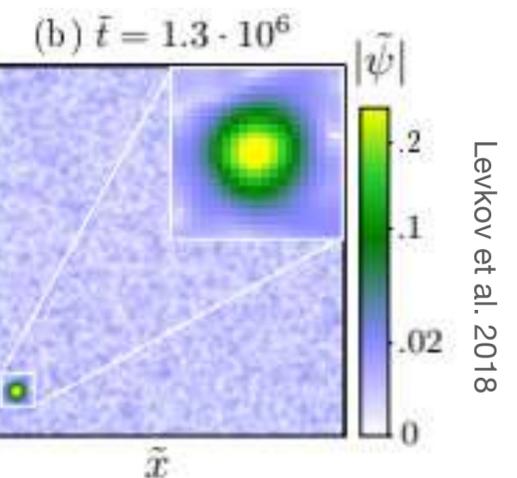


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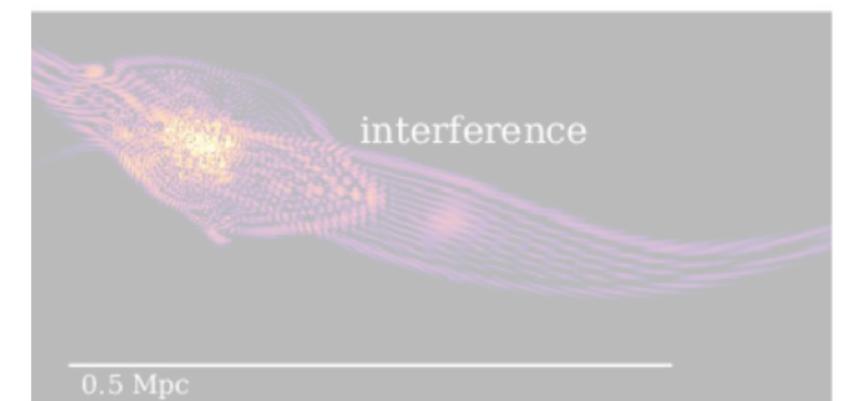
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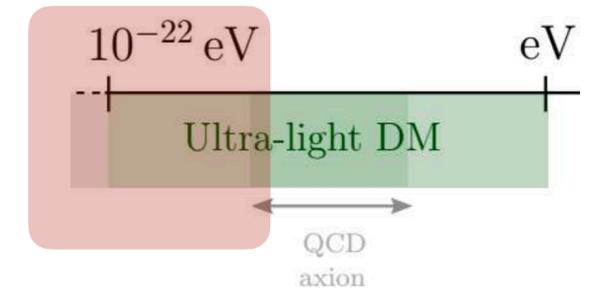


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Dynamical effects

Relaxation, oscillation, friction, and heating

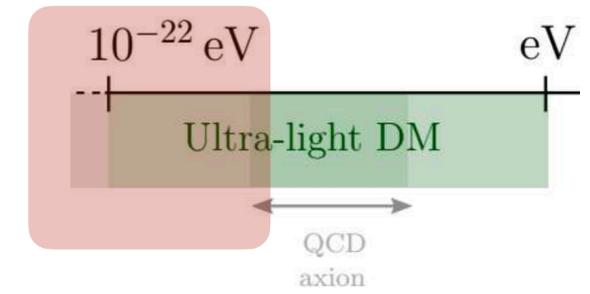


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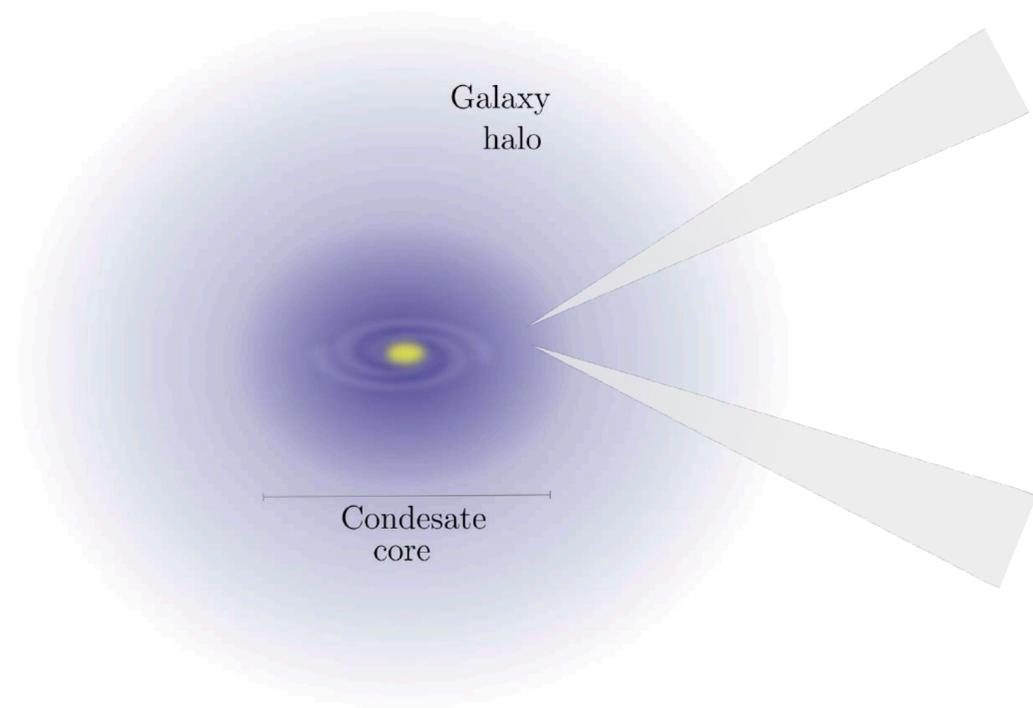
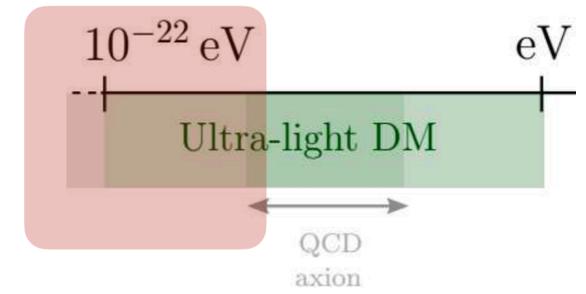
Formation of a BEC / superfluid



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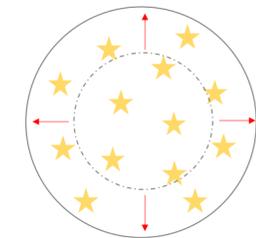


Heating

FDM granule



System (star)
gains energy



Friction

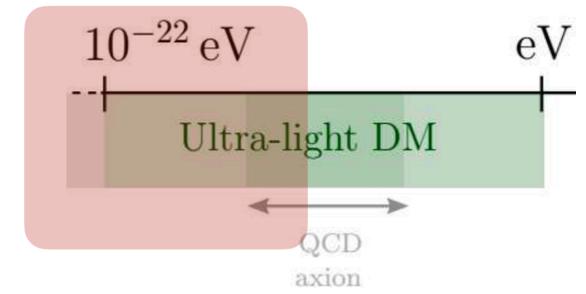
FDM granule



System (GC or BH)
loses energy

Globular cluster

Observational implications and constraints

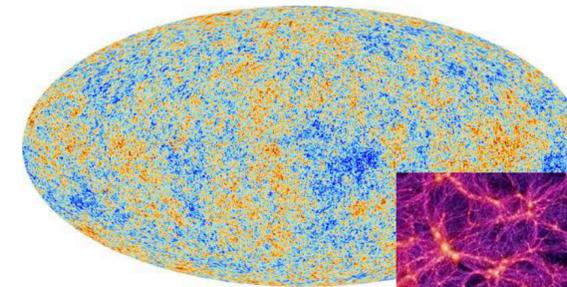


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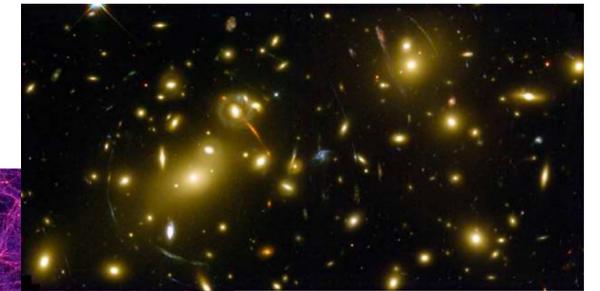


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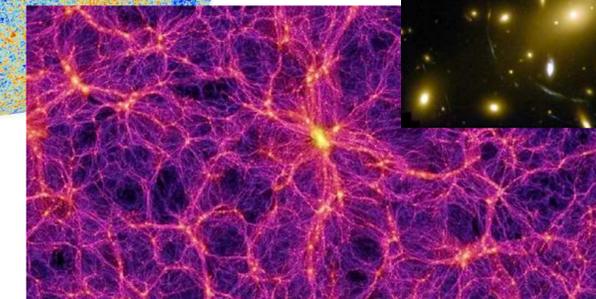
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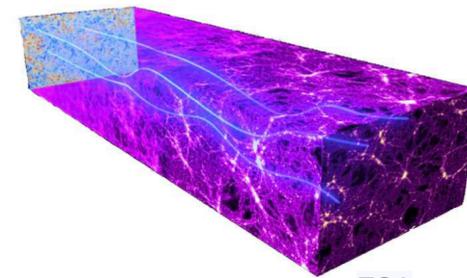
ESA and the Planck Collaboration



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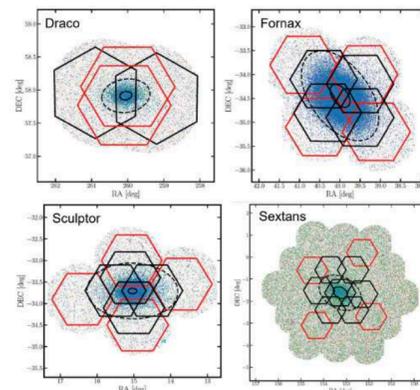


Springel & others / Virgo Consortium

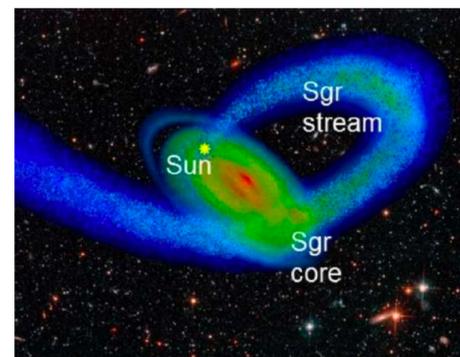


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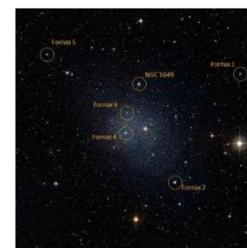
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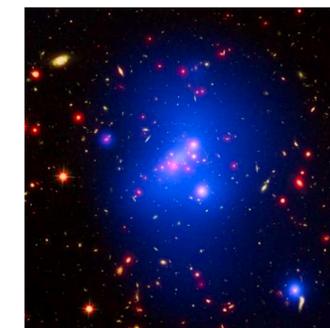
Stellar stream



Globular clusters

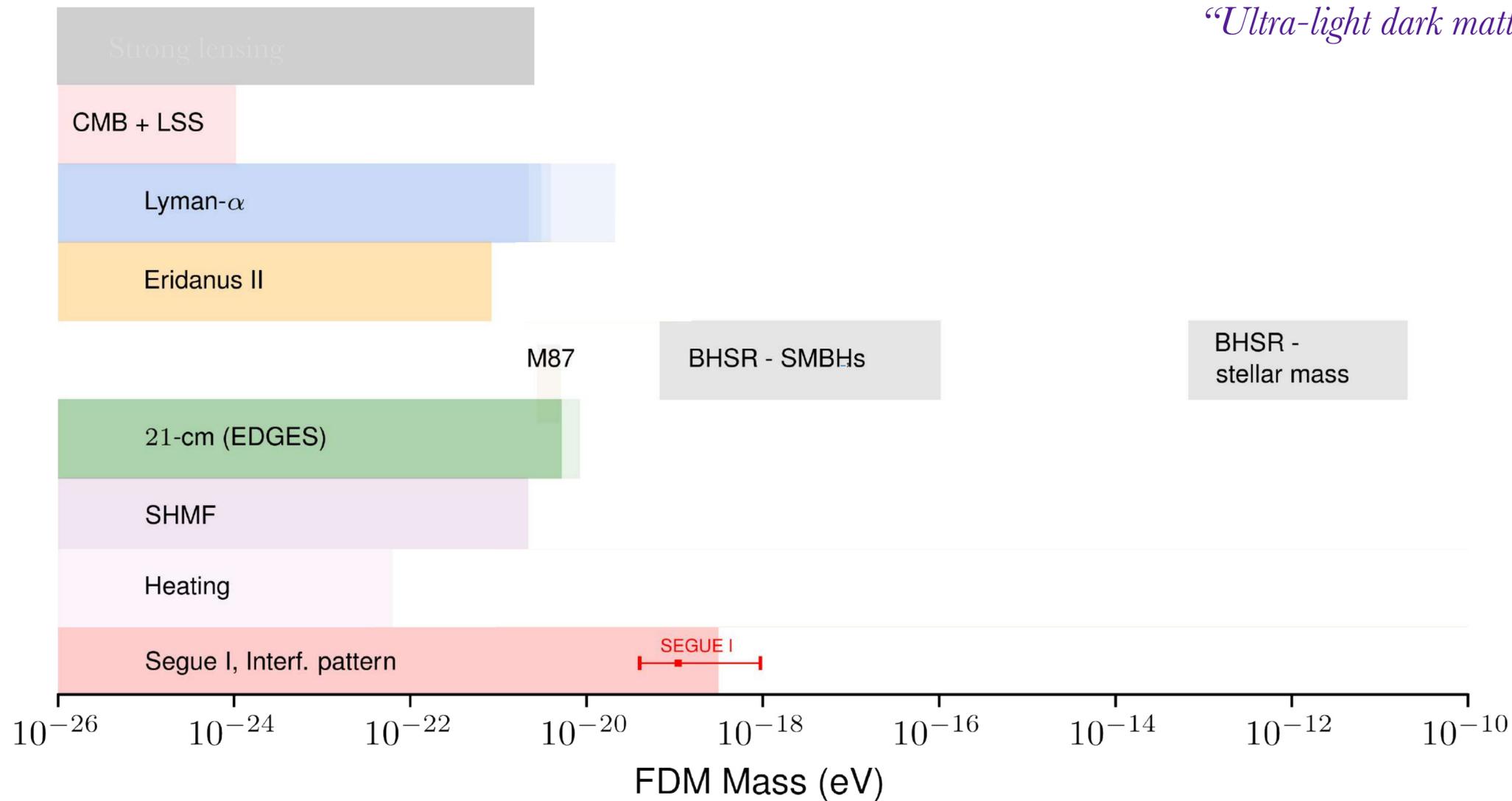
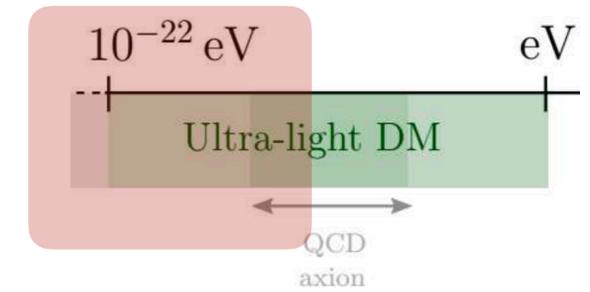


Clusters



Observational implications and constraints

Fuzzy Dark Matter - bounds on the mass

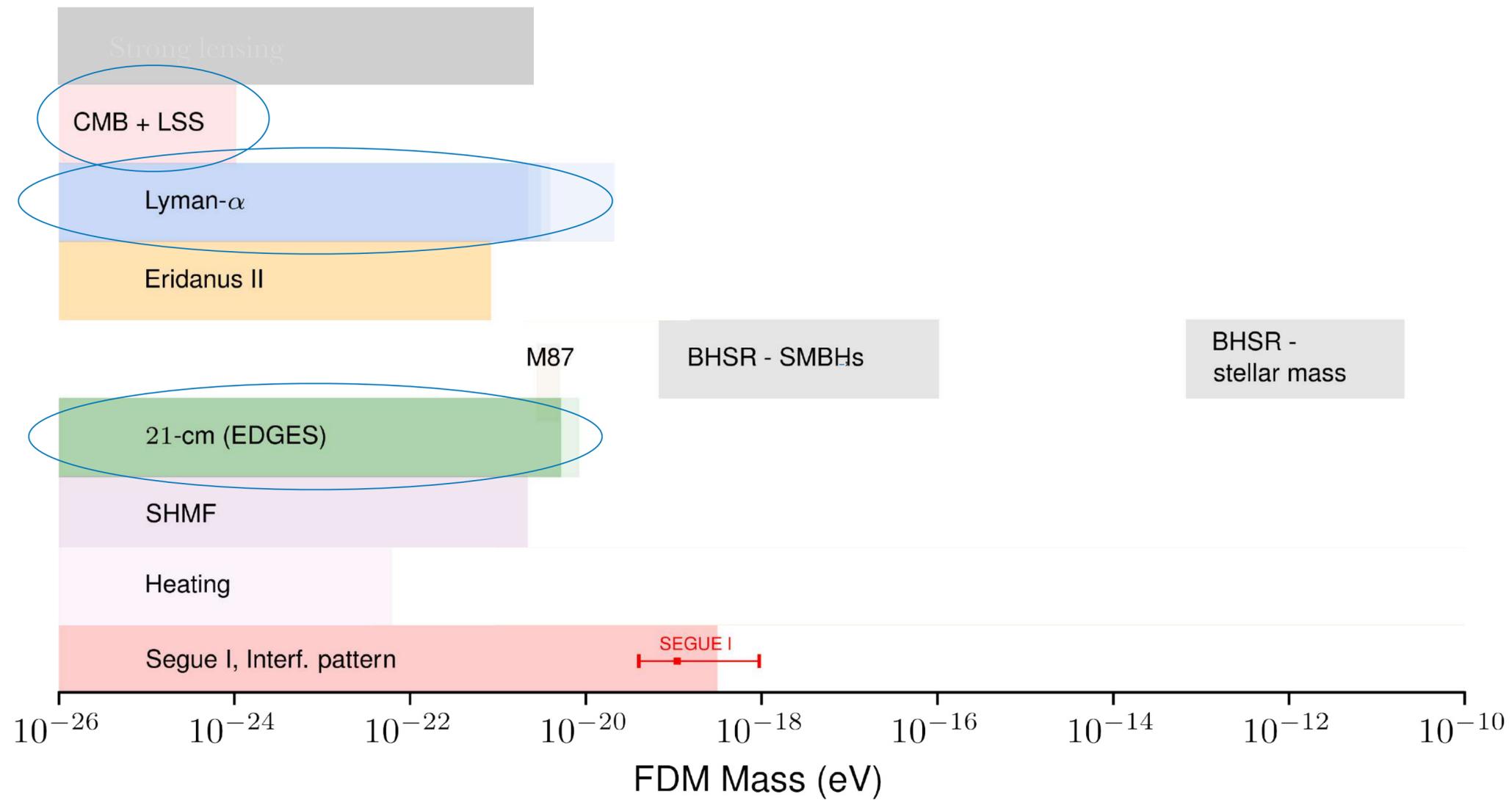
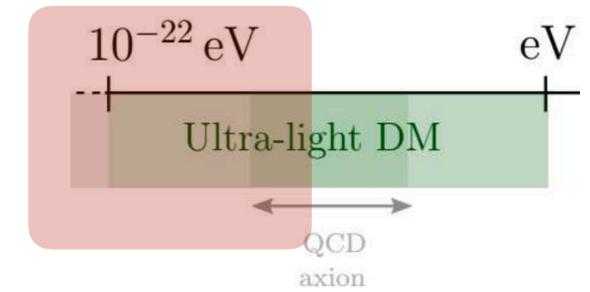


“Ultra-light dark matter”, **E.F.**, 2020. The Astronomy and Astrophysics Review.

Bounds consider FDM is *all* DM

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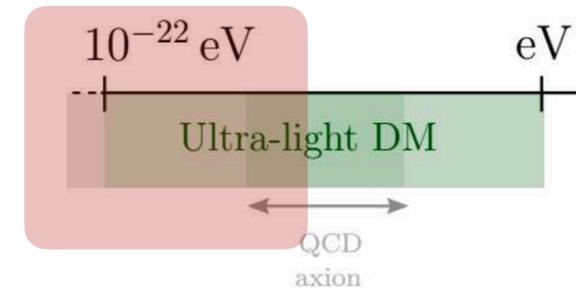
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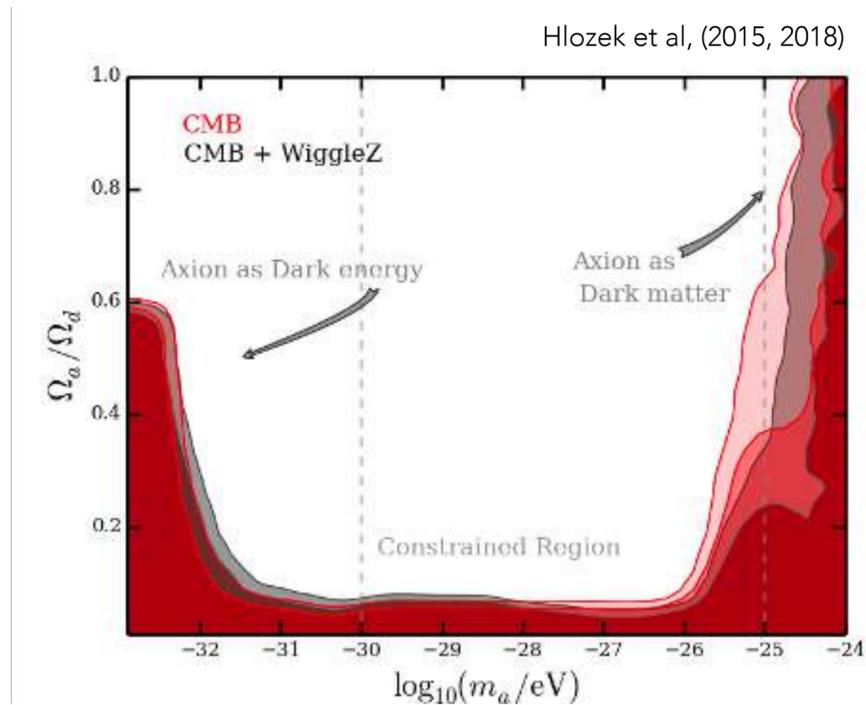
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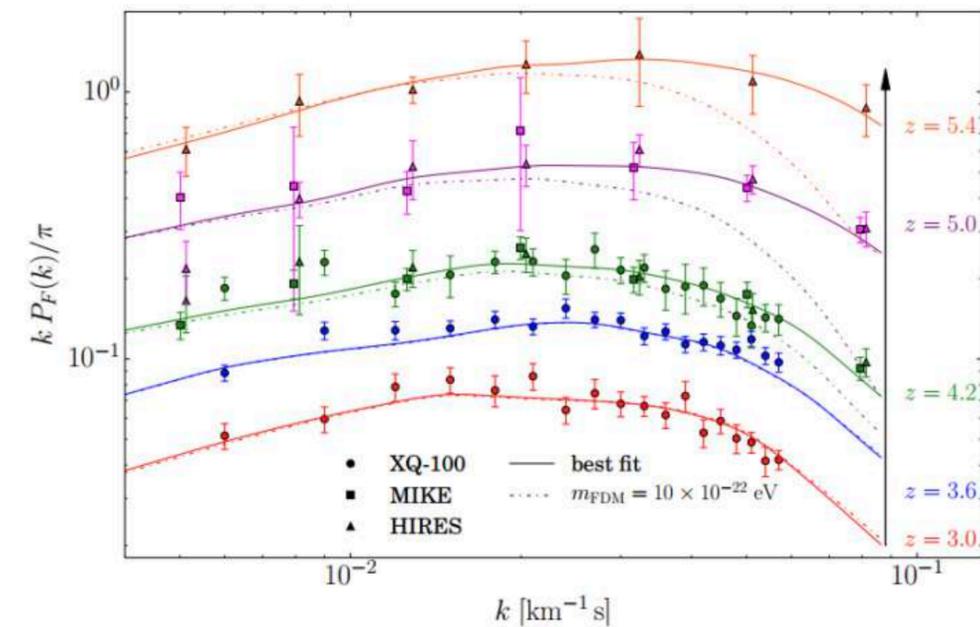
CMB/LSS



$$m \gtrsim 10^{-24} \text{ eV}$$

Lyman alpha

Armengaud et al. (2017); Iršič et al. (2017);
Rogers et al. (2020)

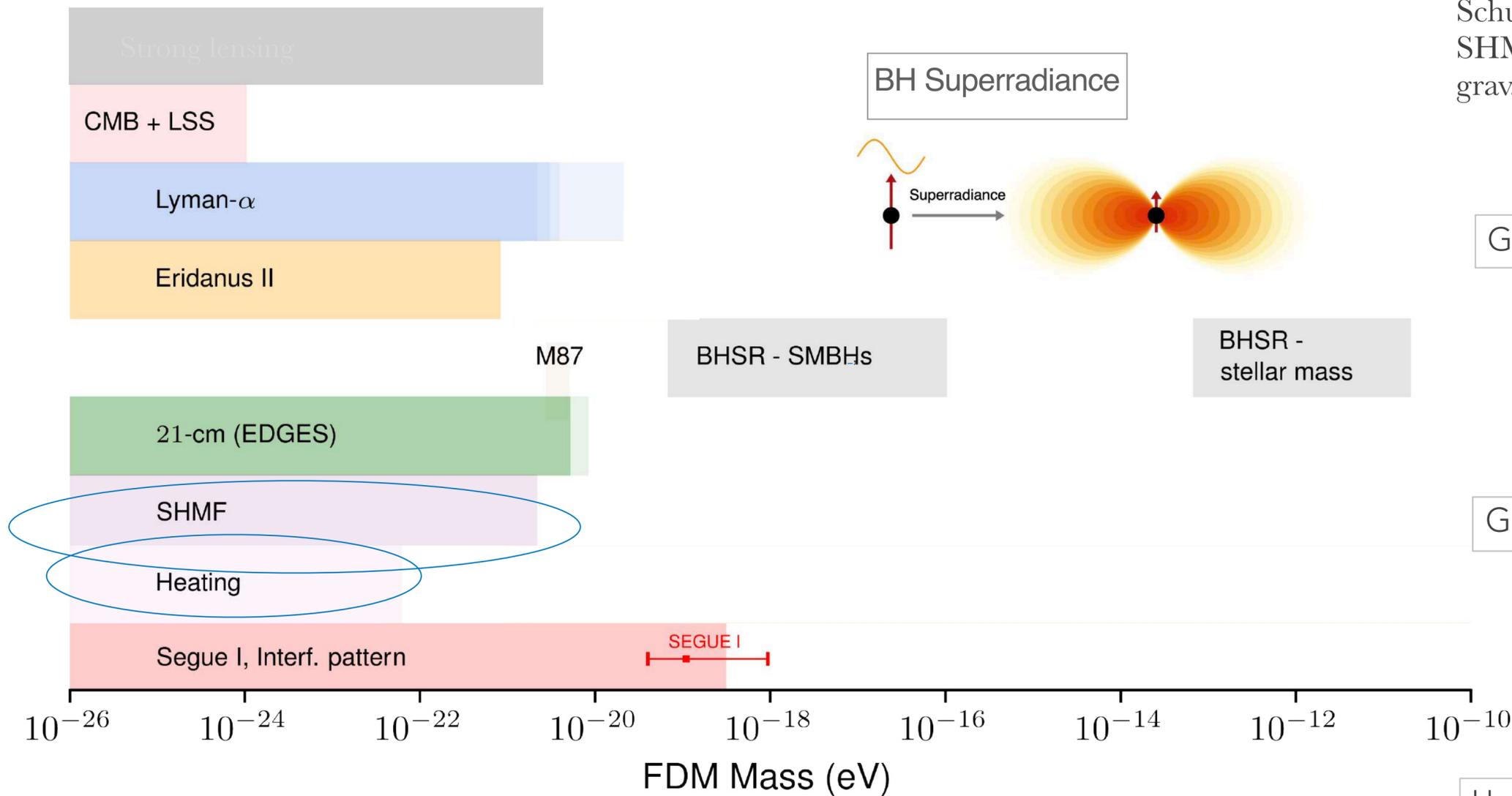


$$m \gtrsim 2 \times 10^{-20} \text{ eV}$$

so enough Mpc-scale power in Ly- α forest at $z = 5$.

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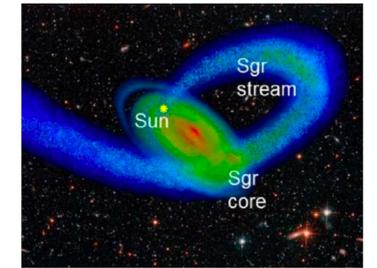
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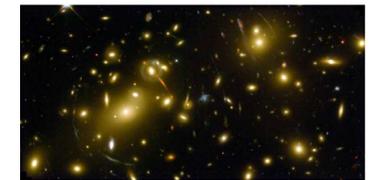
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Stellar streams

Schutz 2020: bound in the FDM SHMF using stellar streams and grav. lensing

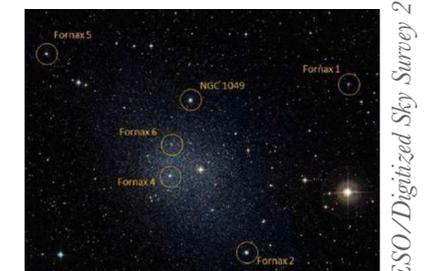


Grav. lensing



Dynamical effects

Globular clusters



Lancaster et al. 2020

$$m < 10^{-21} \text{ eV}$$

Heating of the MW disk

Church et al. 2019

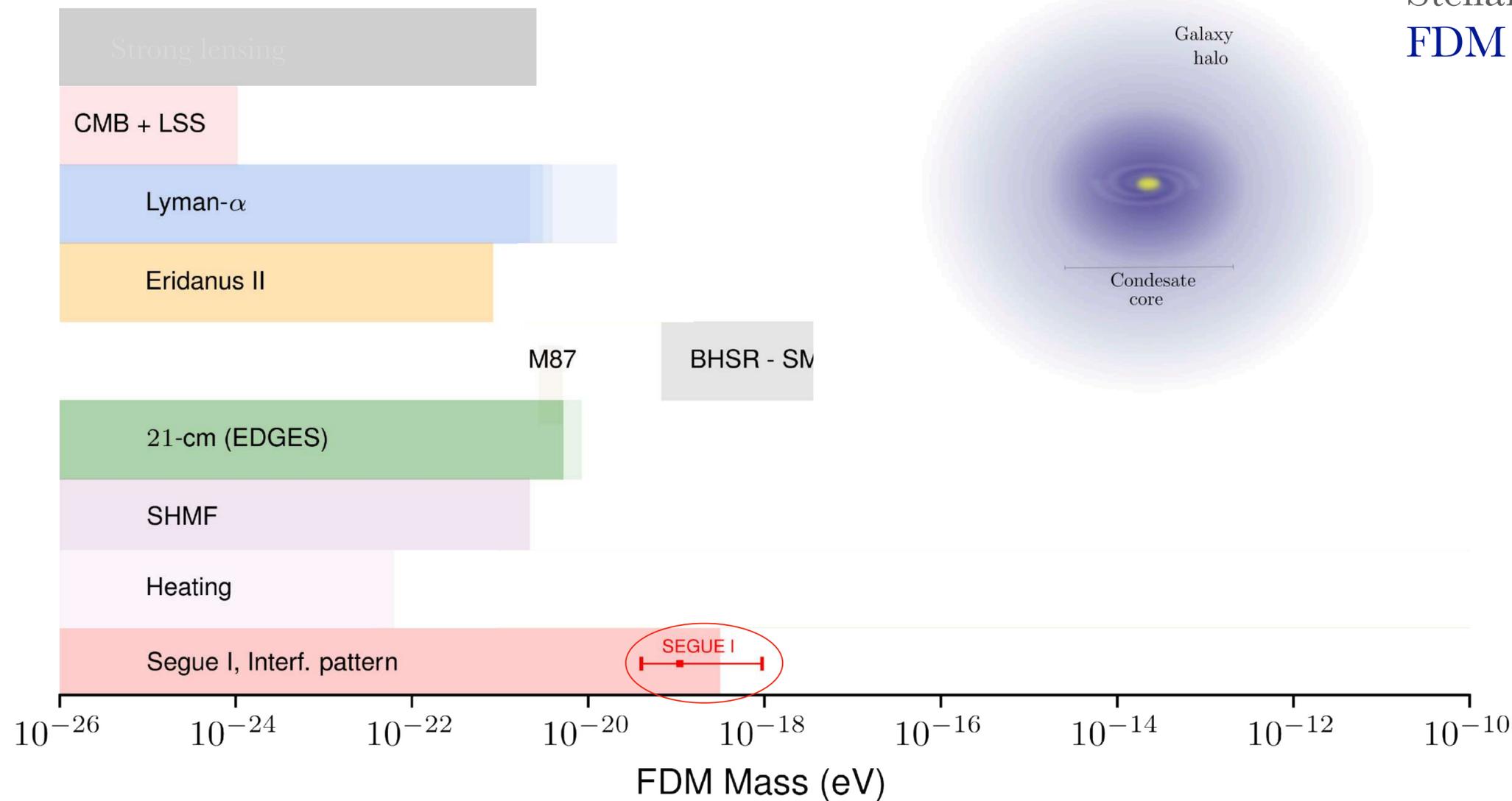
$$m > 0.6 \times 10^{-22} \text{ eV}$$

Observational implications and constraints

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“Narrowing the mass range of Fuzzy Dark Matter with Ultra-faint Dwarfs”, J. Chan, E.F., K. Hayashi, 2021.

Presence of a core

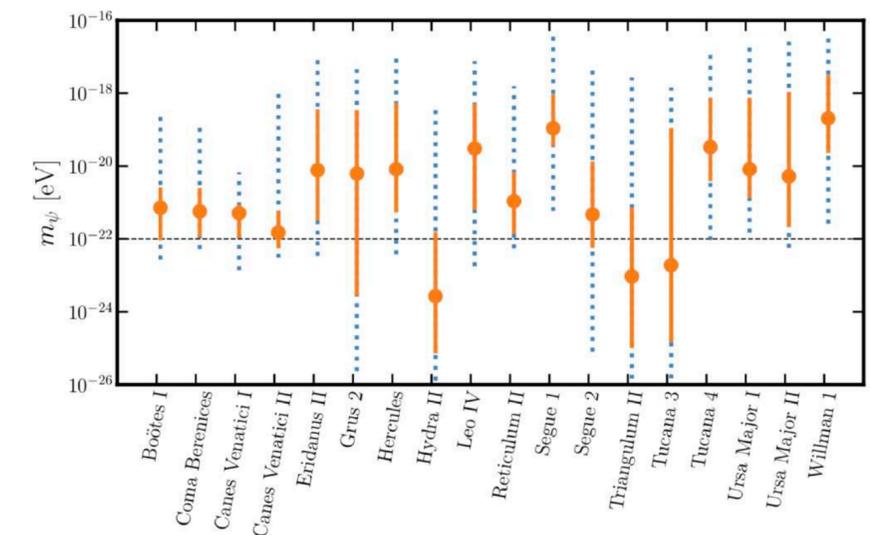


Ultra faint dwarfs

- Stellar kinematic data from 18 UFDs to fit the FDM profile from simulations

FDM SIMULATIONS

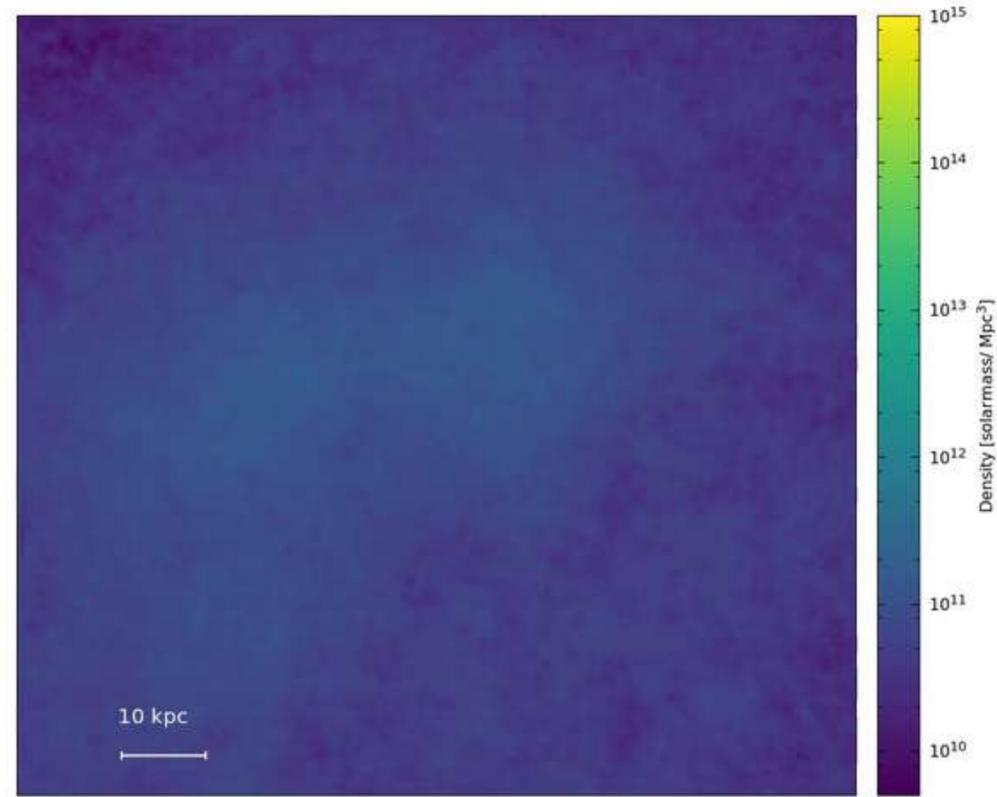
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Preference for higher mass

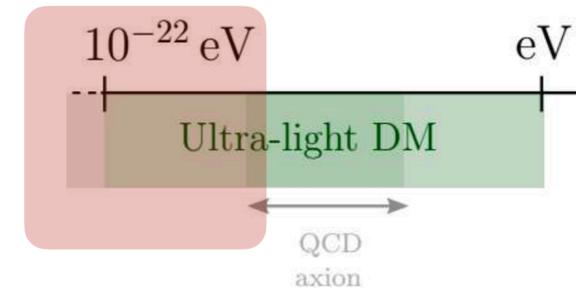
New observables/new probes

Interference pattern



Simulation by Jowett Chan

$\mathcal{O}(1)$ fluctuations in density $\rightarrow \sim \lambda_{\text{dB}}$



PROBES:

- Strong lensing
 - Stellar streams
 - Heating
- } Gravitational probes

Previous studies:

Strong lensing:

J. Chan, H. Schive, S. g. Wong, T. Chiueh, T. Broadhurst, 2020
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Sub-galactic power spectrum:

Hezaveh et al. (2016)

Sub-galactic power spectrum

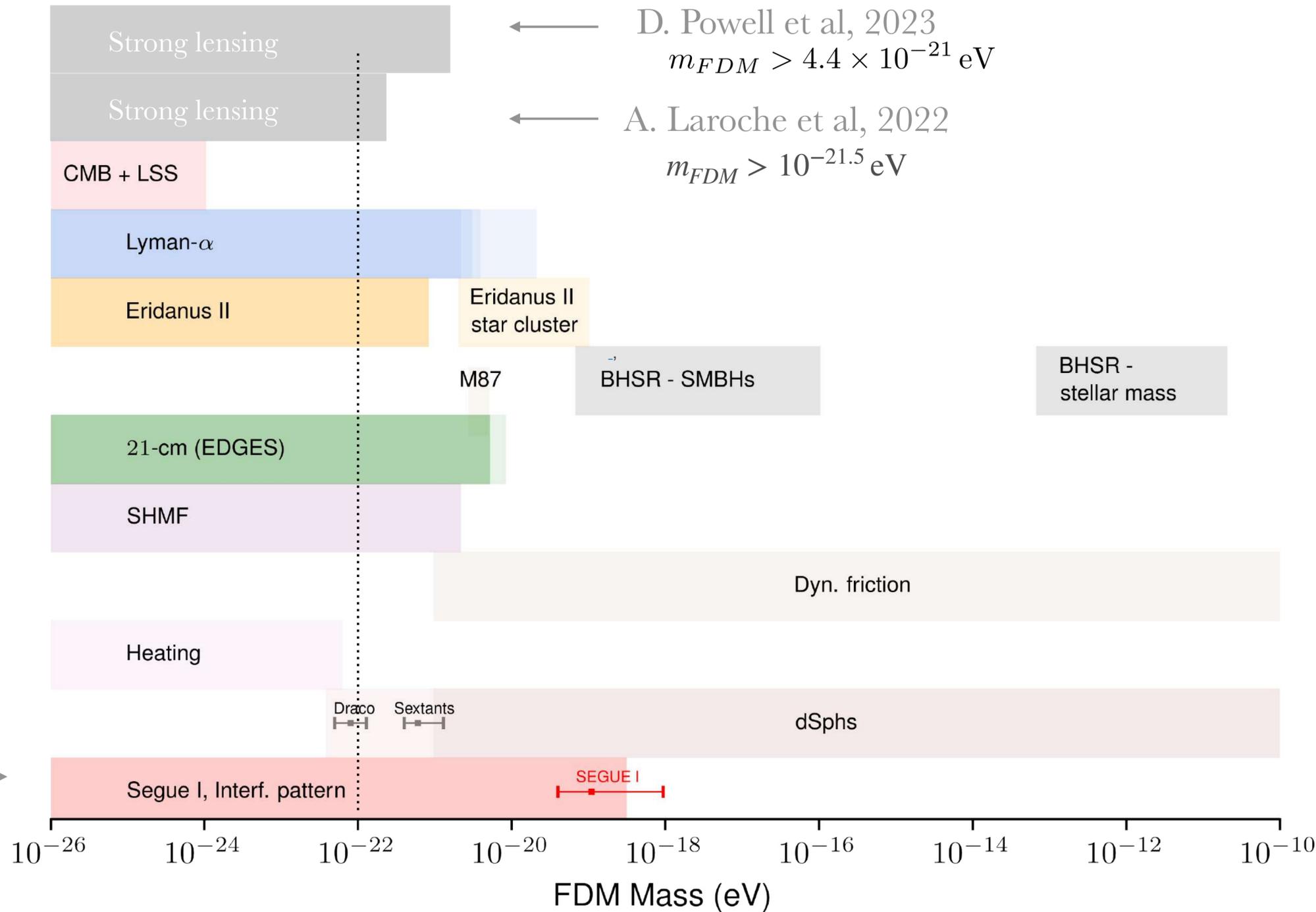
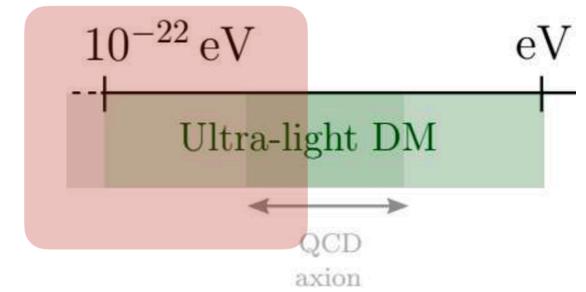
Kawai, Oguri (2021)

Dwarfs

N. Dalal, A. Kravtsov, 2022

Interference patterns - granules

Strong lensing



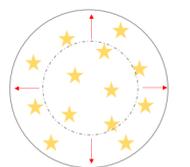
Heating

FDM granule



m_{eff}

System (star) gains energy

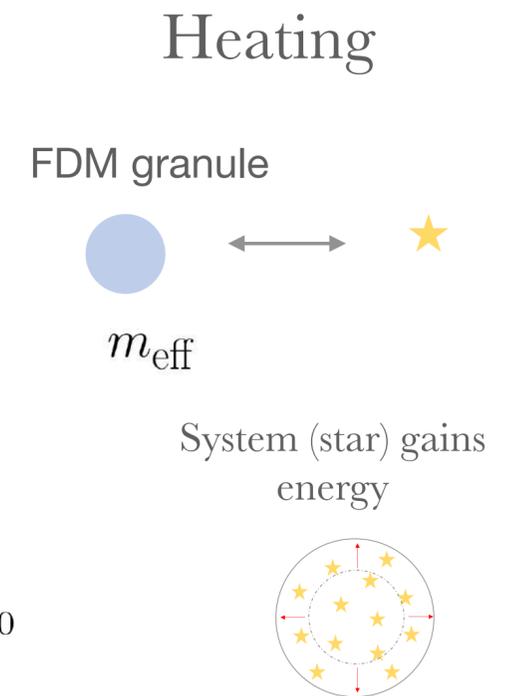
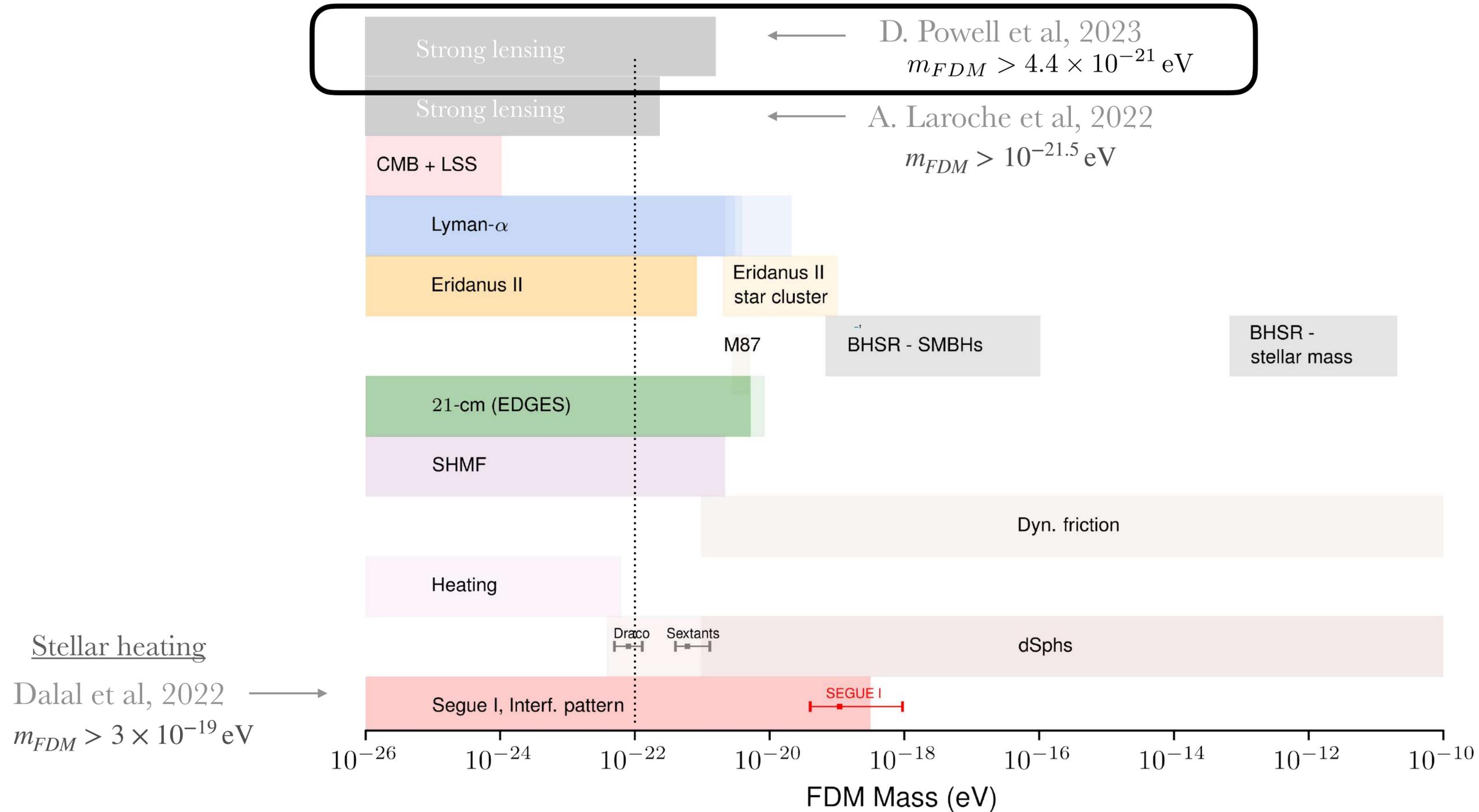
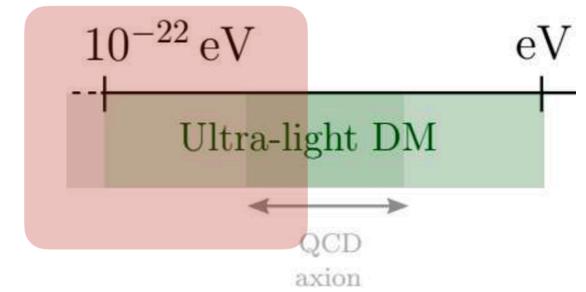


Stellar heating

Dalal et al, 2022

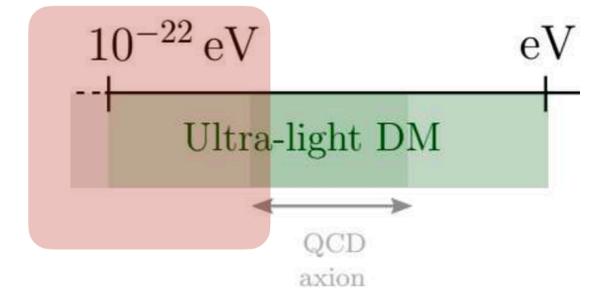
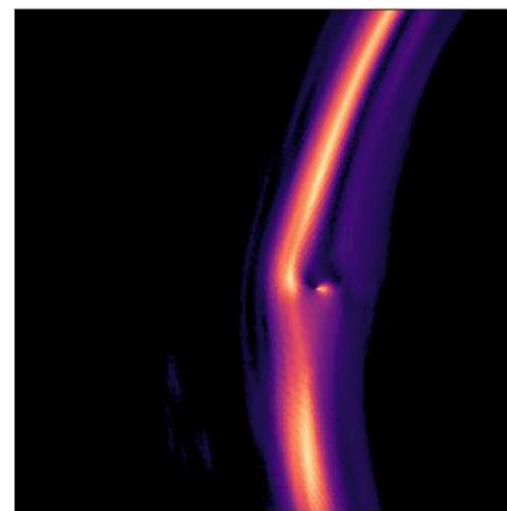
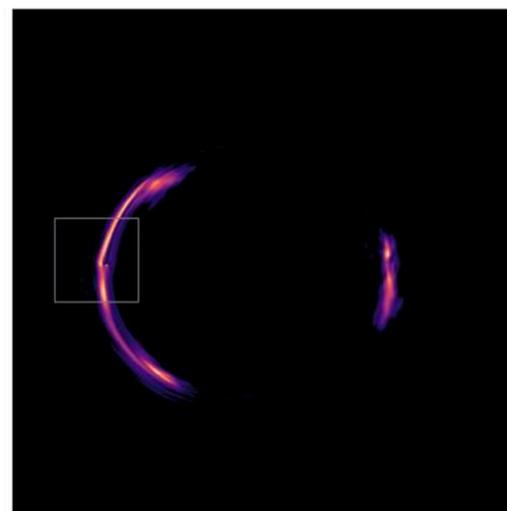
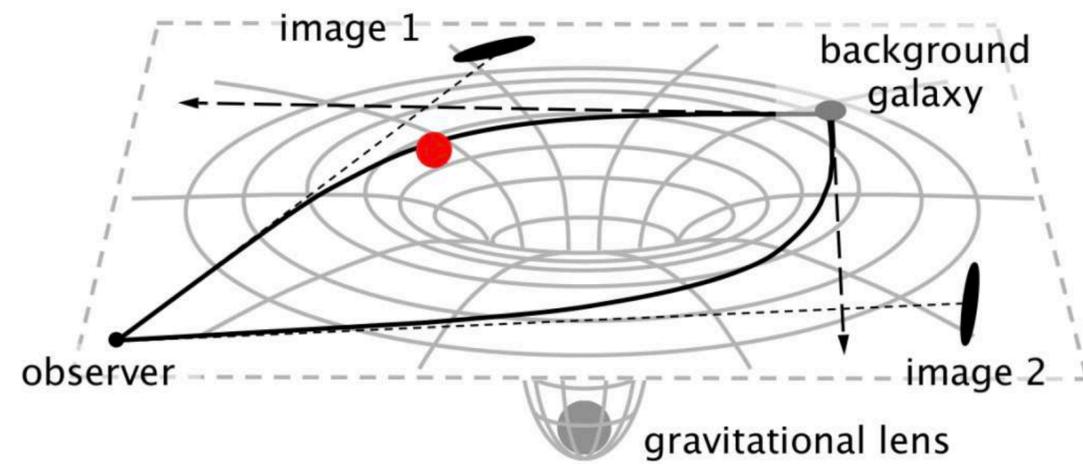
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Interference patterns - granules



Strong *lensing*

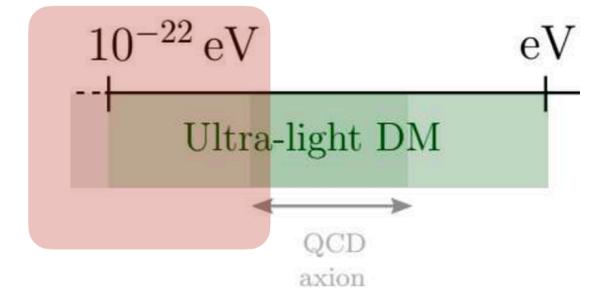
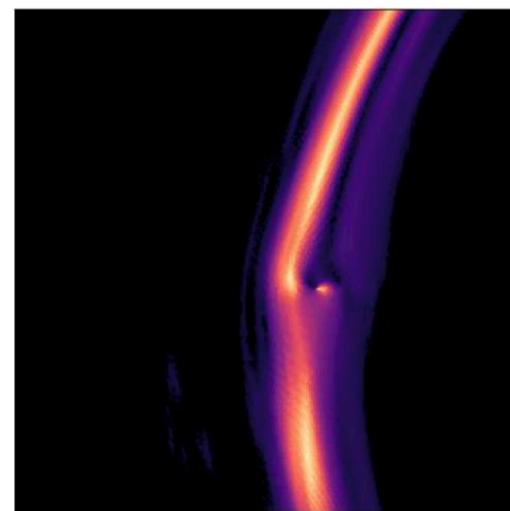
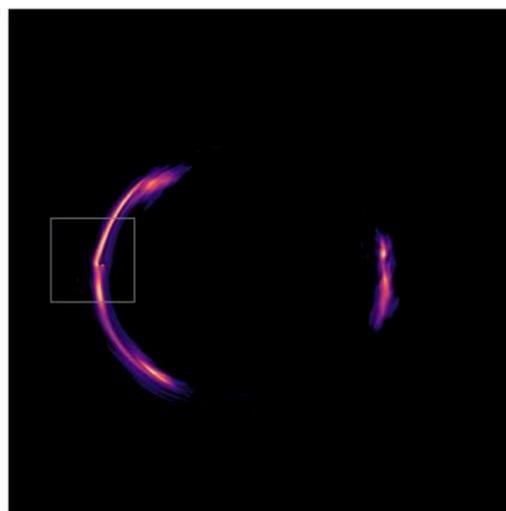
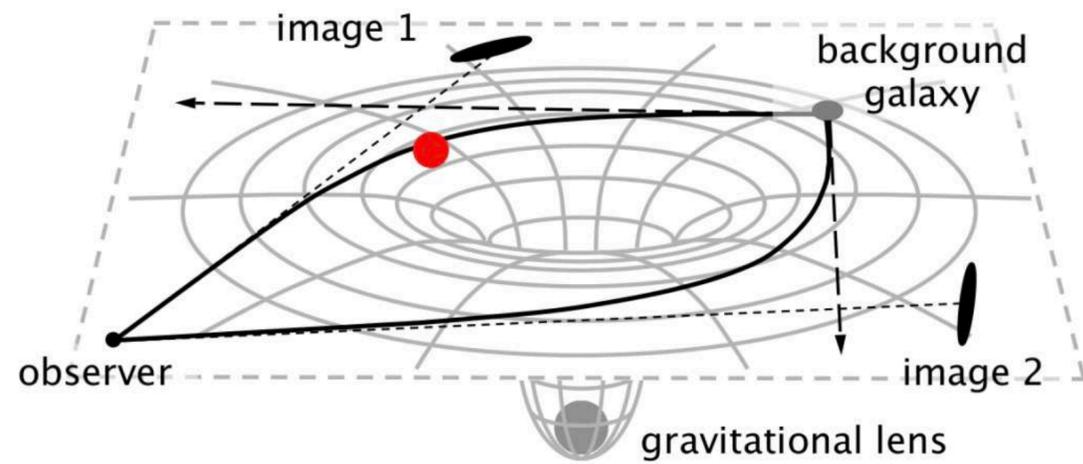
Low mass perturber with lensing



- Strong lensing: powerful probe of substructure
- Sensitivity is limited by angular **angular resolution**
- Roughly speaking, the resolution must be better than the scale radius of the perturber

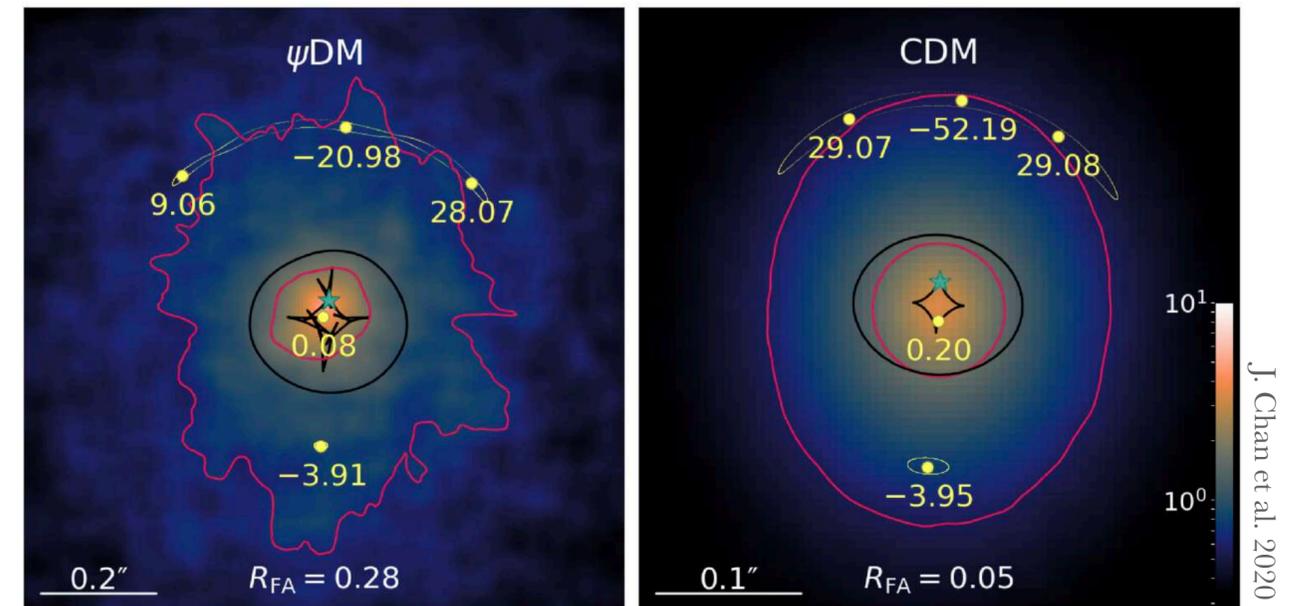
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Presence of granules

Surface densities overlaid with sources and quad images for fuzzy and smooth lenses



Fuzzy lens: fluctuating tangential critical curve; flux ratio anomalies also sizable.

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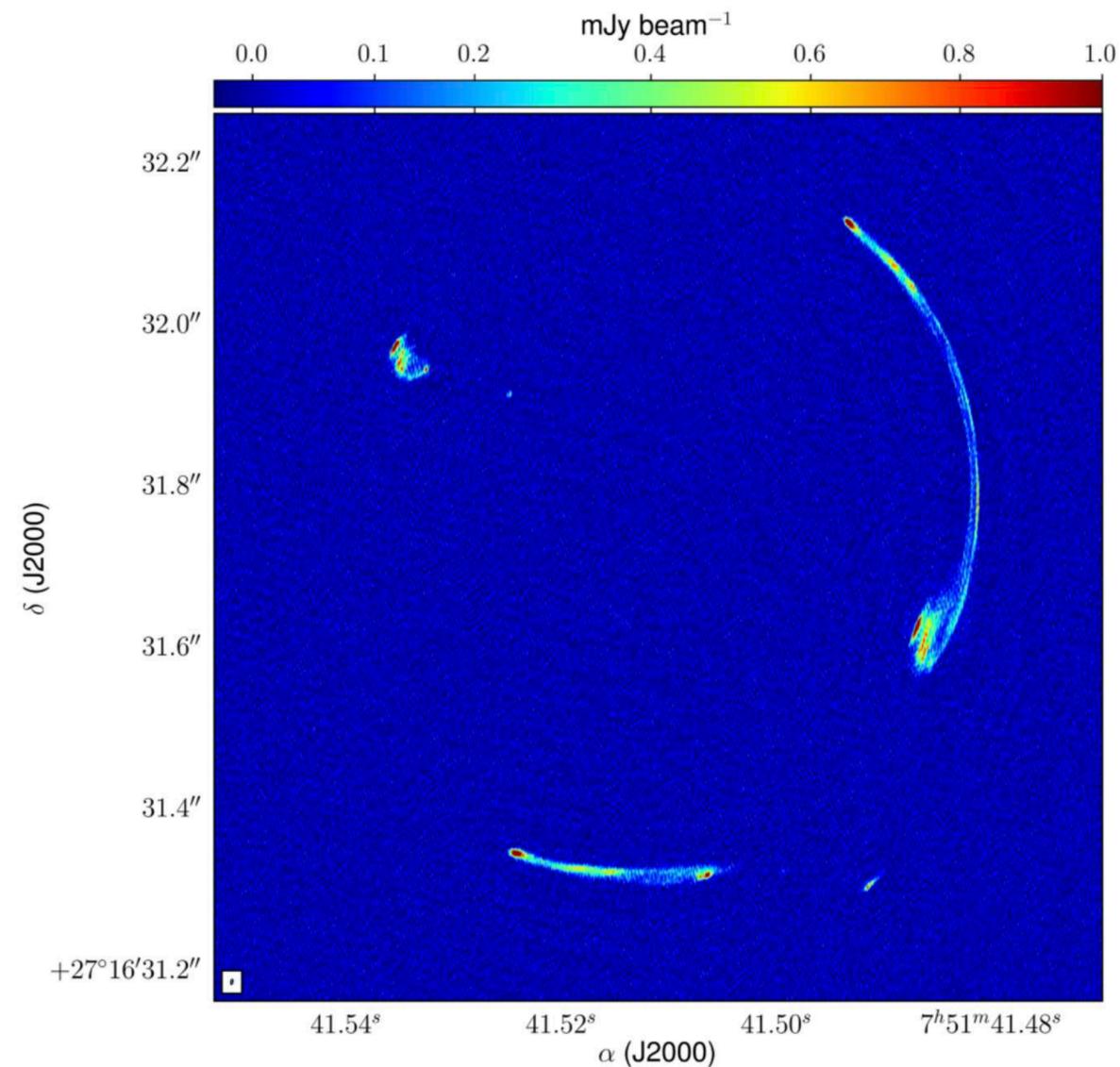
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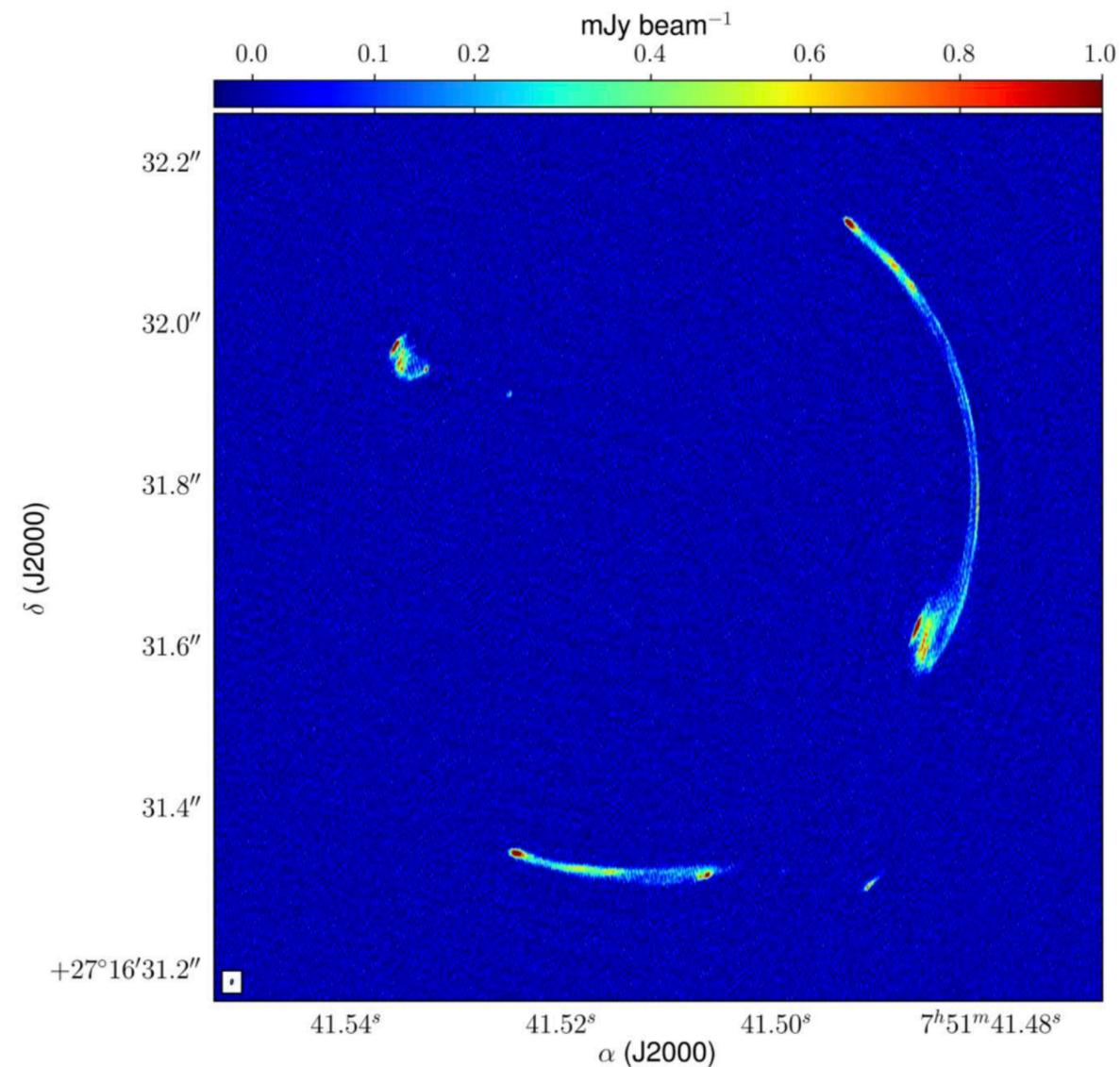
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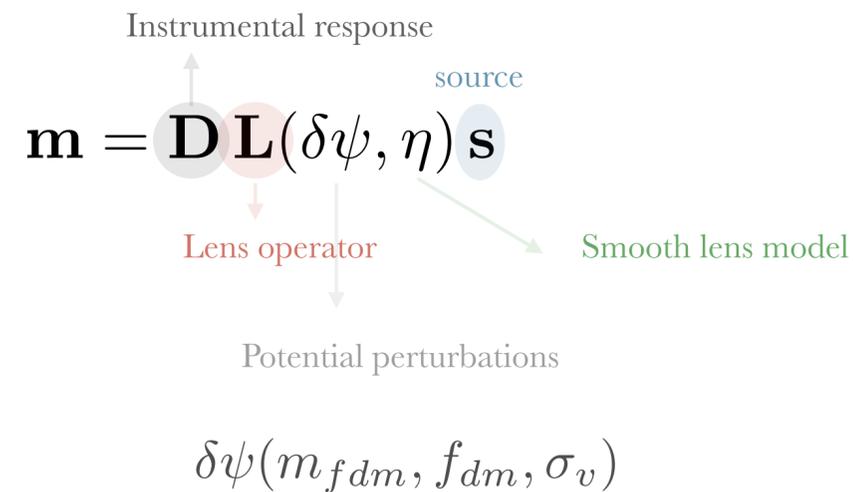
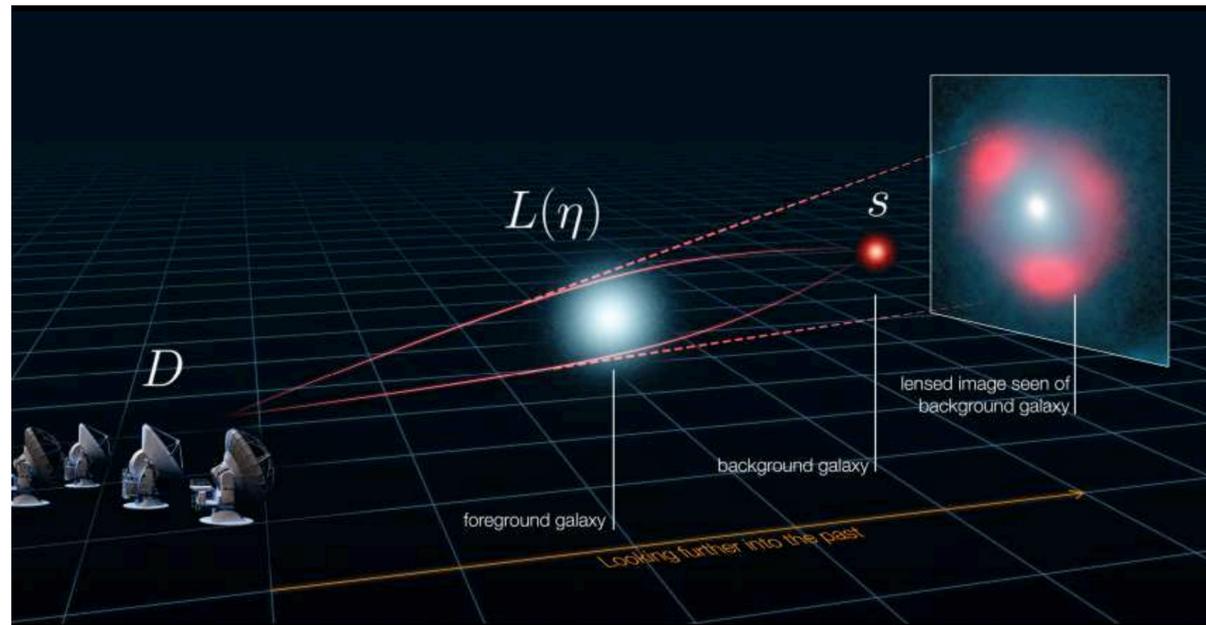


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Bayesian approach to jointly inferring the lens mass model and source surface brightness distribution

Strong lensing

Forward modeling



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FDM granules:

$\delta\psi(m_{fdm}, f_{dm}, \sigma_v)$ - is the perturbation of the lensing potential - fluctuations in the projected surface mass density written as perturbations in the lensing convergence due to the presence of the **granules**:

Model by Chan et al 2020

$$\langle \delta\kappa^2 \rangle = \frac{\lambda_{db}}{2\sqrt{\pi}\Sigma_c^2} \int_{l_{os}} \rho_{DM}^2 dl$$

Smooth lensing model: from Powell et al 2022



We wish to infer a posterior distribution on the dark matter particle mass $\mathcal{P}(m_{fdm})$

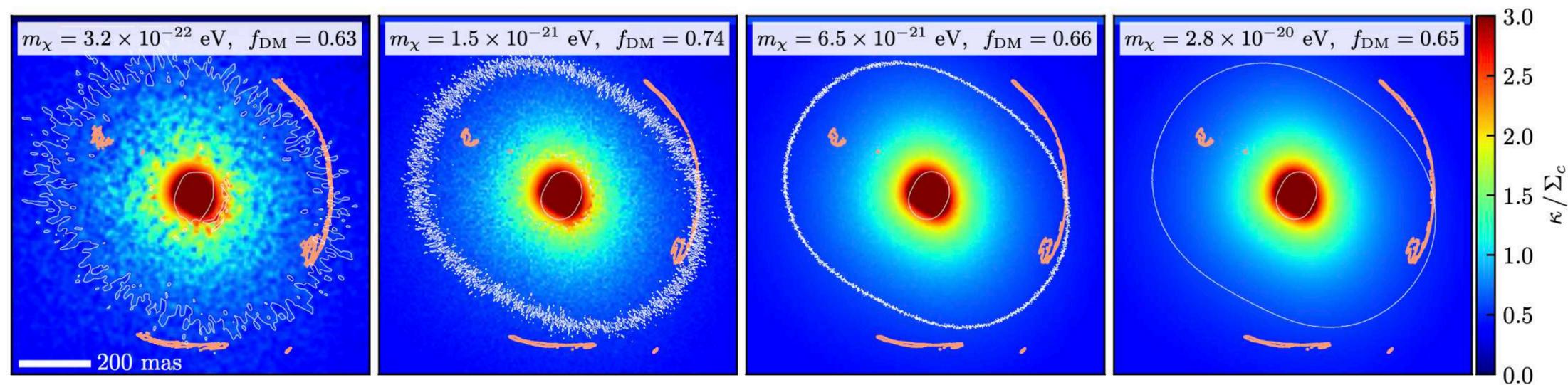
We compute likelihoods for 10^4 sample FDM lens realizations with m_{fdm} drawn from the log-uniform prior range $\log(m_{fdm}/\text{eV}) \in [-21.5, -19.0]$.

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Example convergence maps with corresponding MAP surface mass density maps (κ , in units of the critical density Σ_c) reconstruction for 4 random realizations of MG J0751+2716 in an FDM cosmology - the model lensed images in orange contours



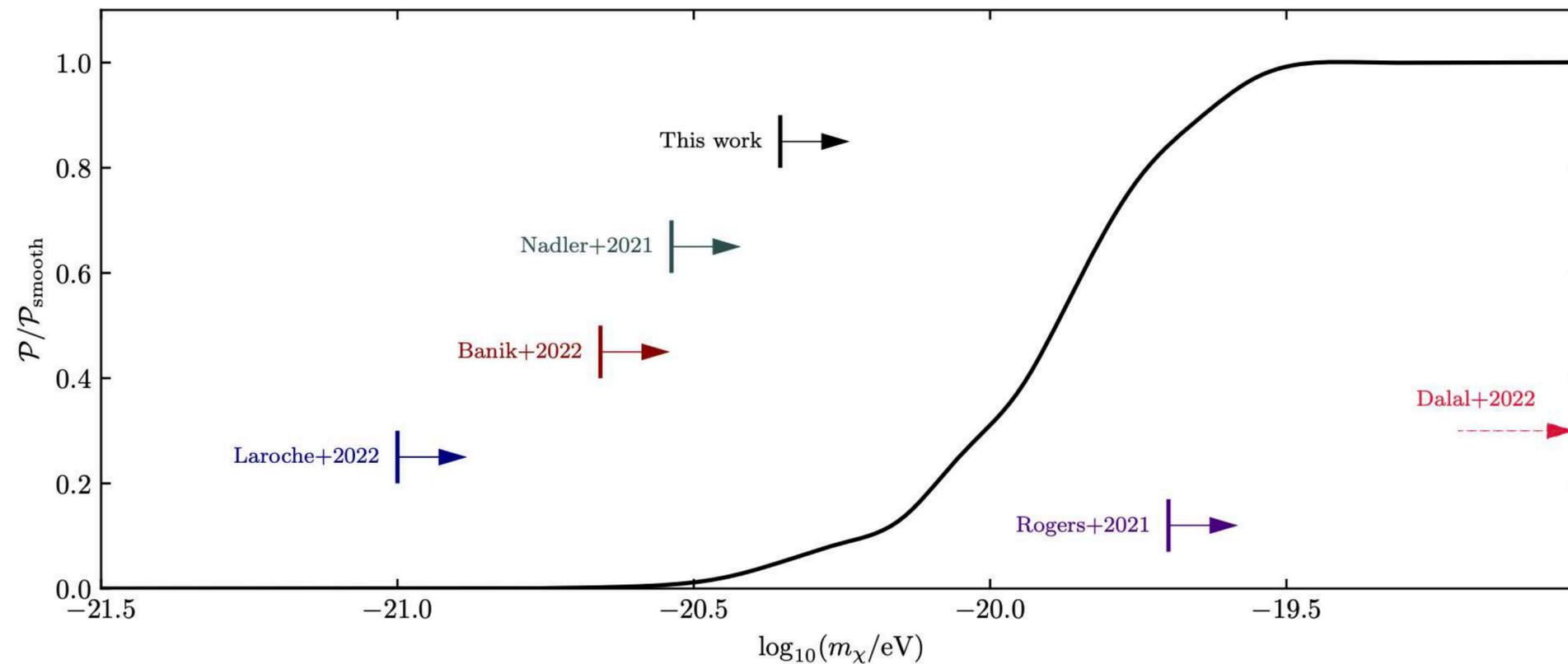
The lensing effect of the FDM granules is apparent: The critical curves wiggle back and forth across the lensed arcs, which would require the presence of multiple images of the same region of the source along the arc.

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Results quoted in terms of posterior odds ratio (POR) between FDM with a particle mass m_{fdm} and the smooth model, $\mathcal{P}/\mathcal{P}_{smooth}$



Fuzzy dark matter
(Single spin-0 particle)

$$m_{fdm} > 4.4 \times 10^{-21} \text{ eV}$$

Vector fuzzy dark matter
(spin-1 particle)
OR 3 same mass FDM

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Spin-2 FDM

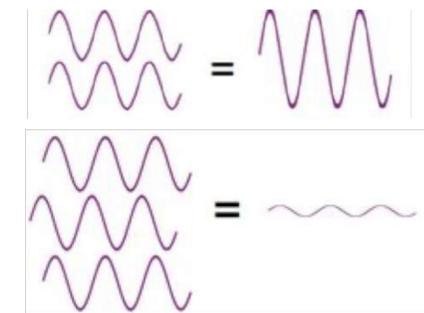
$$m_{spin-2} > 8.8 \times 10^{-22} \text{ eV}$$

Vector, higher spin or multicomponent *FDM*

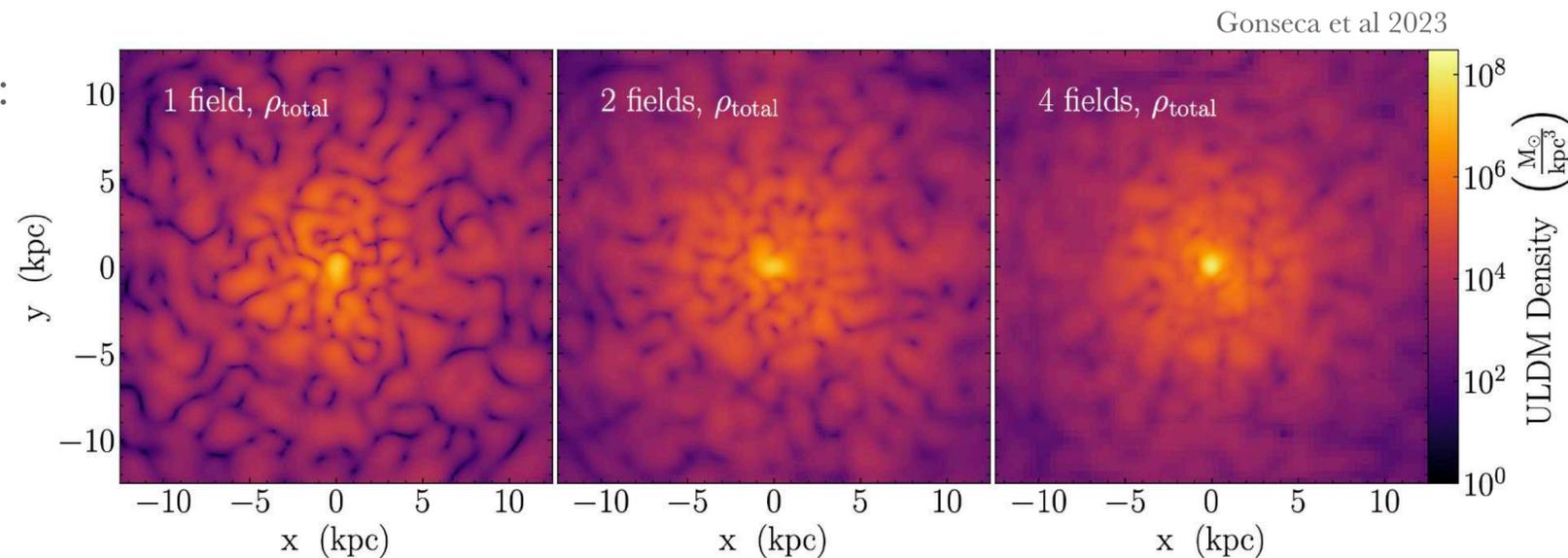
ULDM or ULA are a coherent wave - same frequency and constant phase difference

Multiple coherent waves

Interference patterns



For ULDM:



Multiple FDM or VFDM (or higher spin s FDM) *attenuates* the granule amplitude by

$$\frac{[\delta\rho/\rho]_{\text{nfdm},s}}{[\delta\rho/\rho]_{\text{fdm}}} \propto \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2s+1)}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}}$$

(Amin et al 2022)

Expectation for lensing:

$$\langle \delta\kappa^2 \rangle = \frac{\lambda_{dB}}{2\sqrt{\pi}\Sigma_c^2} \int \rho_{\text{DM}}^2 dl \quad \longrightarrow \quad m_{\text{nfdm},s} = \frac{m_{\text{fdm}}}{N} = \frac{m_{\text{fdm}}}{2s+1}$$

Detailed simulations and analysis in the future!

Vector (and higher-spin) FDM Amin et al 2022

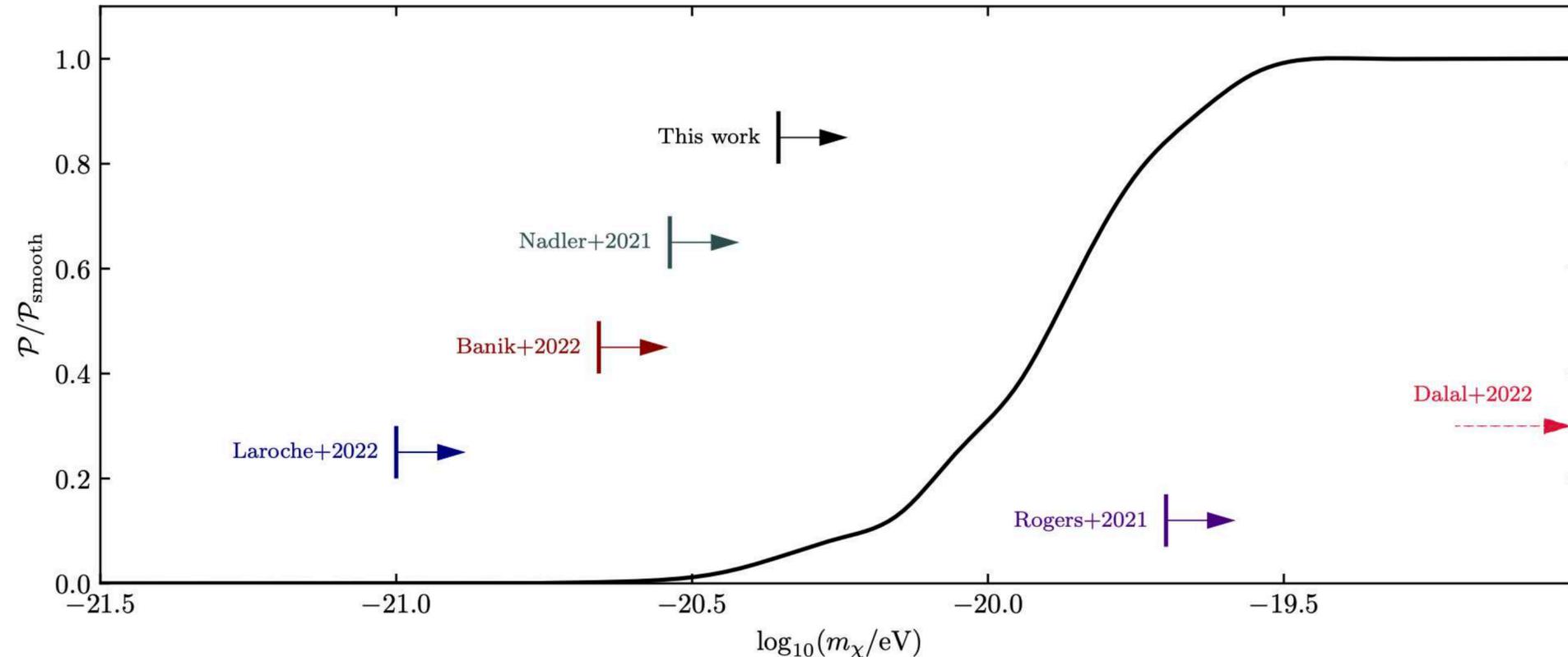
(Vector FDM = 3 x same mass FDM (spin 0))

Multicomponent FDM Gonseca et al 2023

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Milli-arcsecond angular resolution of VLBI, **competitive constraints** on dark matter models can be inferred using a **single** strong gravitational lens observation

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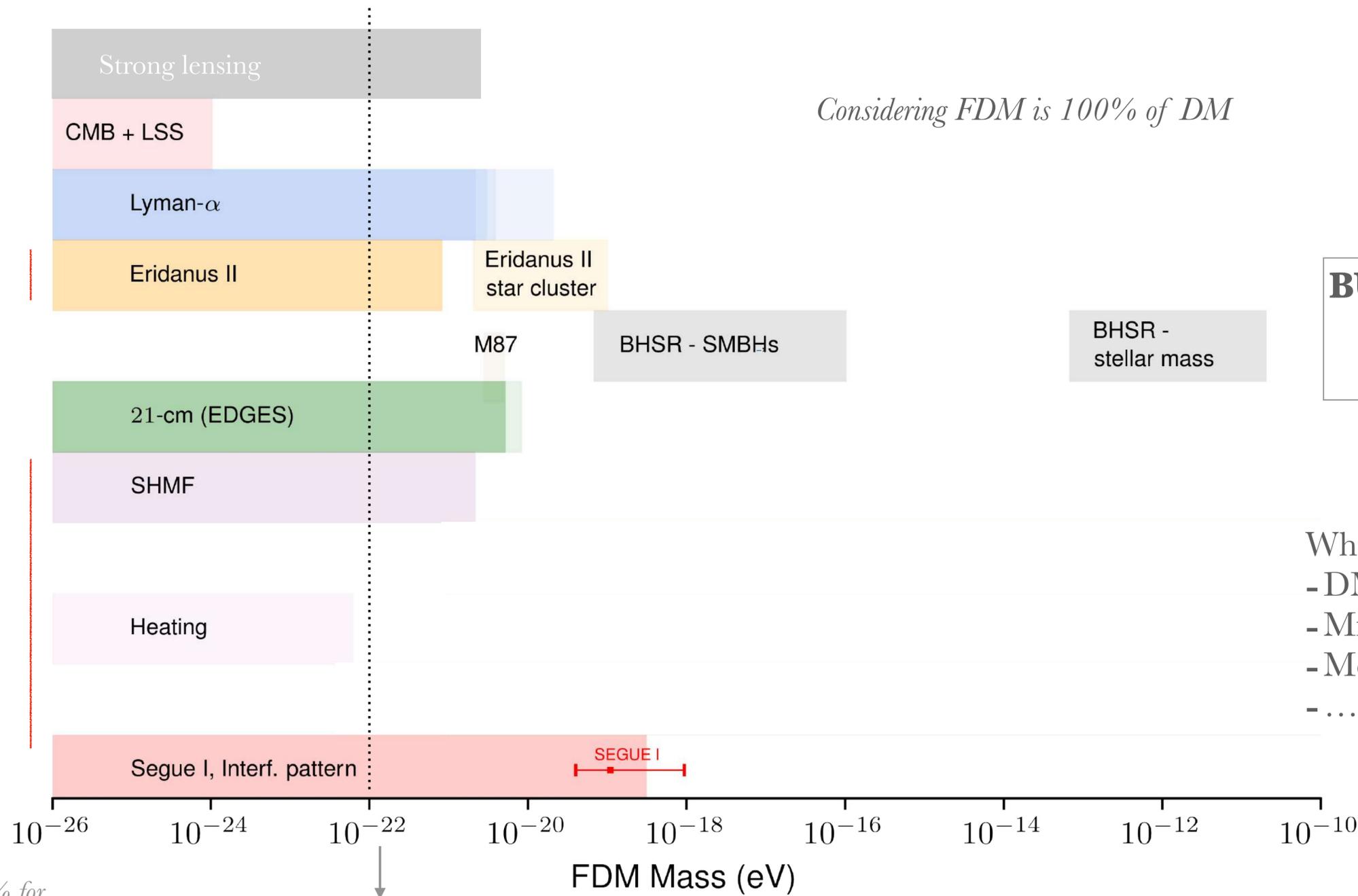
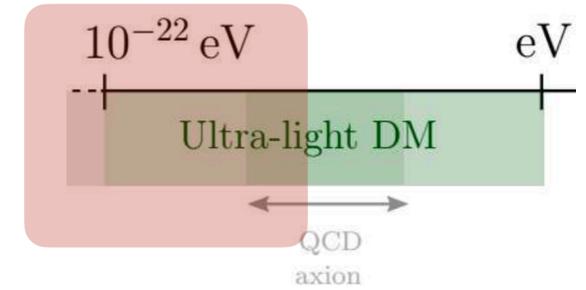
Spin-2 FDM

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Gravitational effects can give tell us about particle properties of DM (mass, spin, self-interaction, ...)

Current status

Fuzzy Dark Matter - bounds on the mass



BUT: - systematic effects!!
 - dynamics of FDM not fully understood.

What if:
 - DM not 100%
 - Mixed CDM+ULDM
 - More than one field - axiverse
 - ...

These bounds would change!

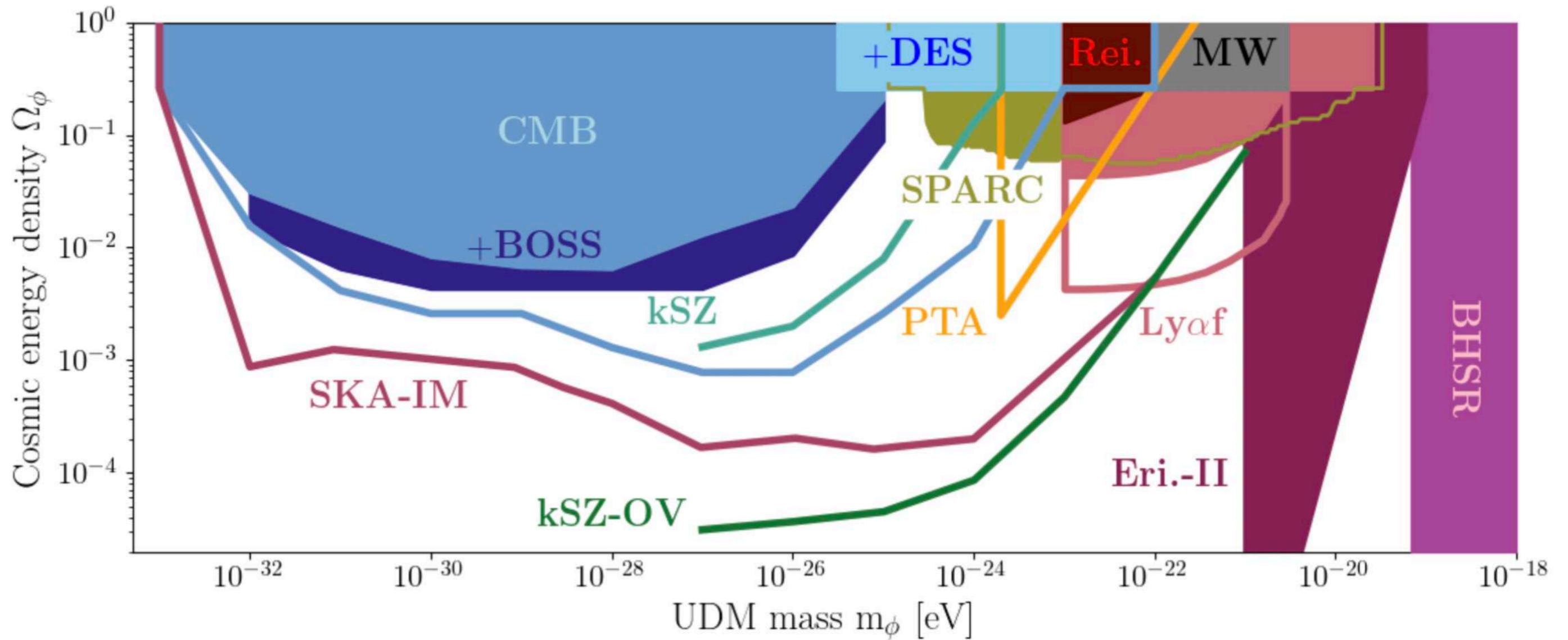
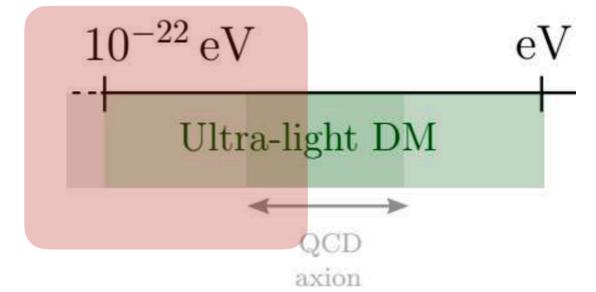
Caner et al: FDM at most 10% for

$$10^{-21} \text{ eV} < m < 10^{-17} \text{ eV}$$

Sweet spot for solving small scale problems

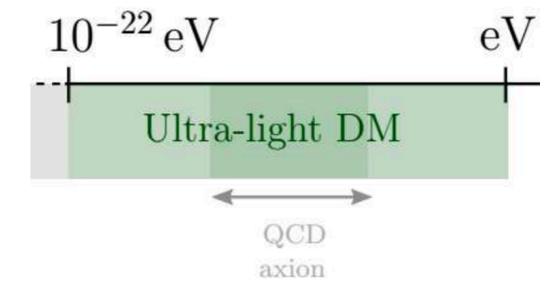
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Fuzzy Dark Matter - bounds on the mass



Credit: Keir Rogers

Other probes



- Microlensing to probe the interference patterns

(Work in progress)

- Using PTA

"Second Data Release from the European Pulsar Timing Array: Challenging the Ultralight Dark Matter Paradigm"

Clemente Smarra *et al.* (European Pulsar Timing Array), Phys. Rev. Lett. **131**, 171001

$$10^{-24} \lesssim m \lesssim 10^{-23.3}$$

Cannot be 100% of DM!

- Considering the interference pattern

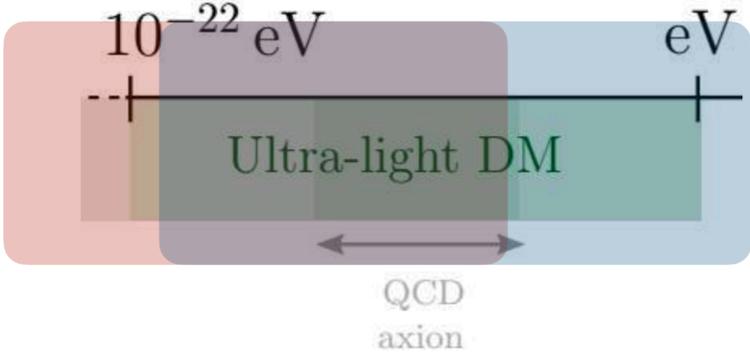
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- GWs resonance in ULDM halos

Delgado, 2023

• ...

Other phenomenology



Solar (Earth) halos

Coherent state \rightarrow Oscillates
 Leading time dependence
 $\dot{\psi} \sim (m - \omega)\psi \ll m\psi$

Poisson Gravity
 $\nabla^2 V_g = 4\pi G m^2 |\psi|^2$
 (Attractive)

$$i \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} = \left[-\frac{\nabla^2}{2m} + V_g(|\psi|^2) + V_{int}(|\psi|^2) \right] \psi$$

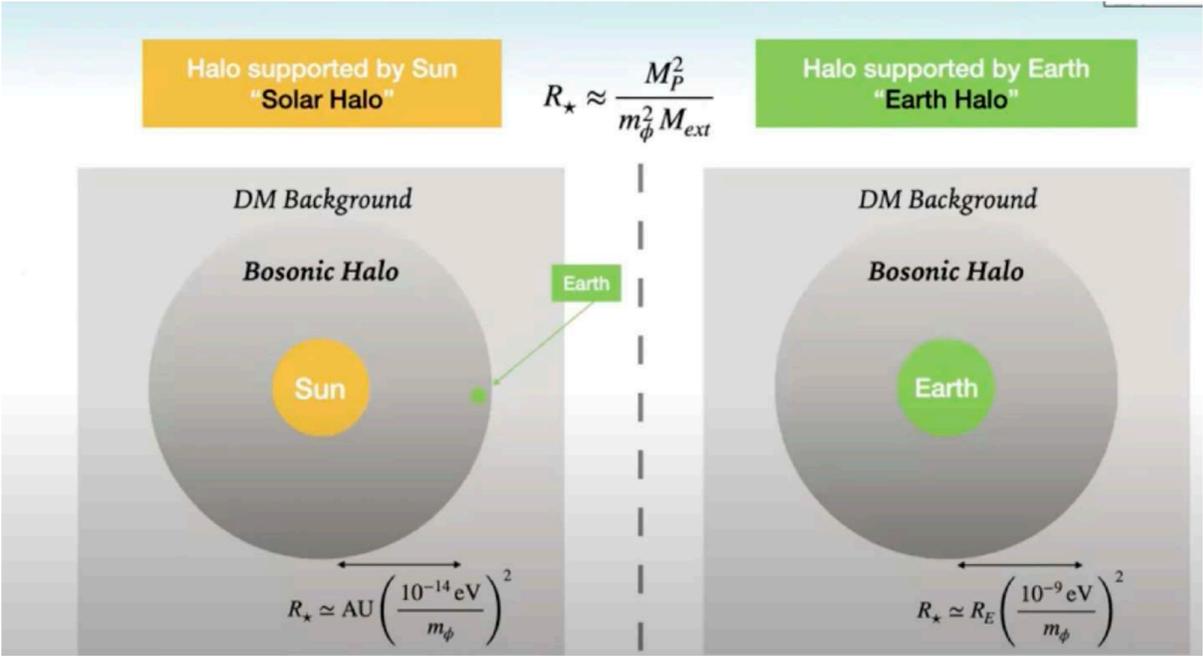
Kinetic energy
 (Repulsive)

Self-interactions
 For axion potential,

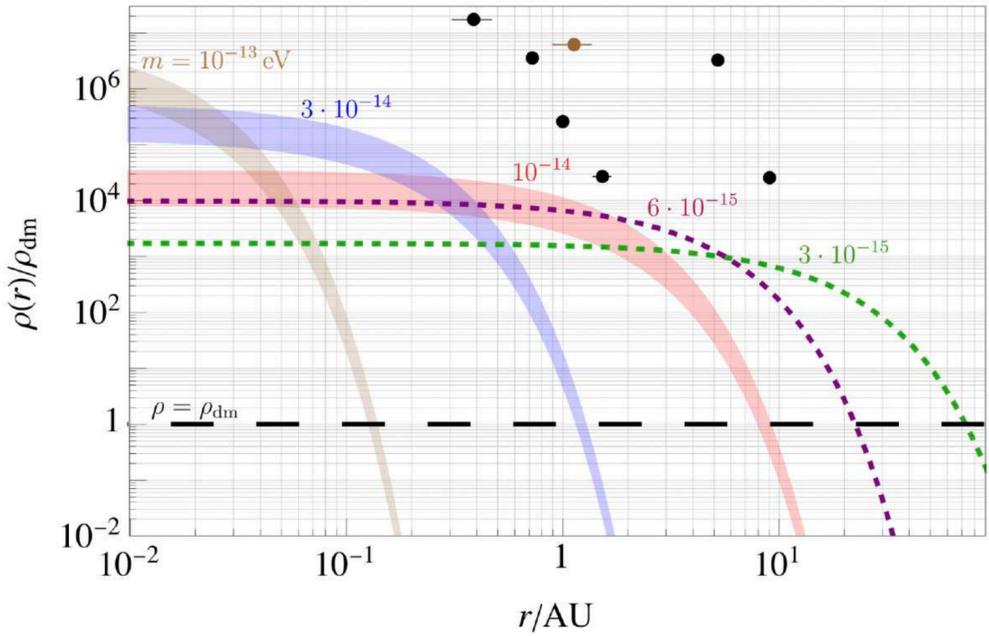
$$V(\phi) = m^2 f^2 \left[1 - \cos\left(\frac{\phi}{f}\right) \right] = \frac{m^2}{2} \phi^2 - \frac{1}{4!} \left(\frac{m}{f}\right)^2 \phi^4 + \frac{1}{6! f^2} \left(\frac{m}{f}\right)^2 \phi^6 - \dots$$

(Attractive) (Repulsive)

Normalization
 $m \int d^3r |\psi|^2 = M_\star$

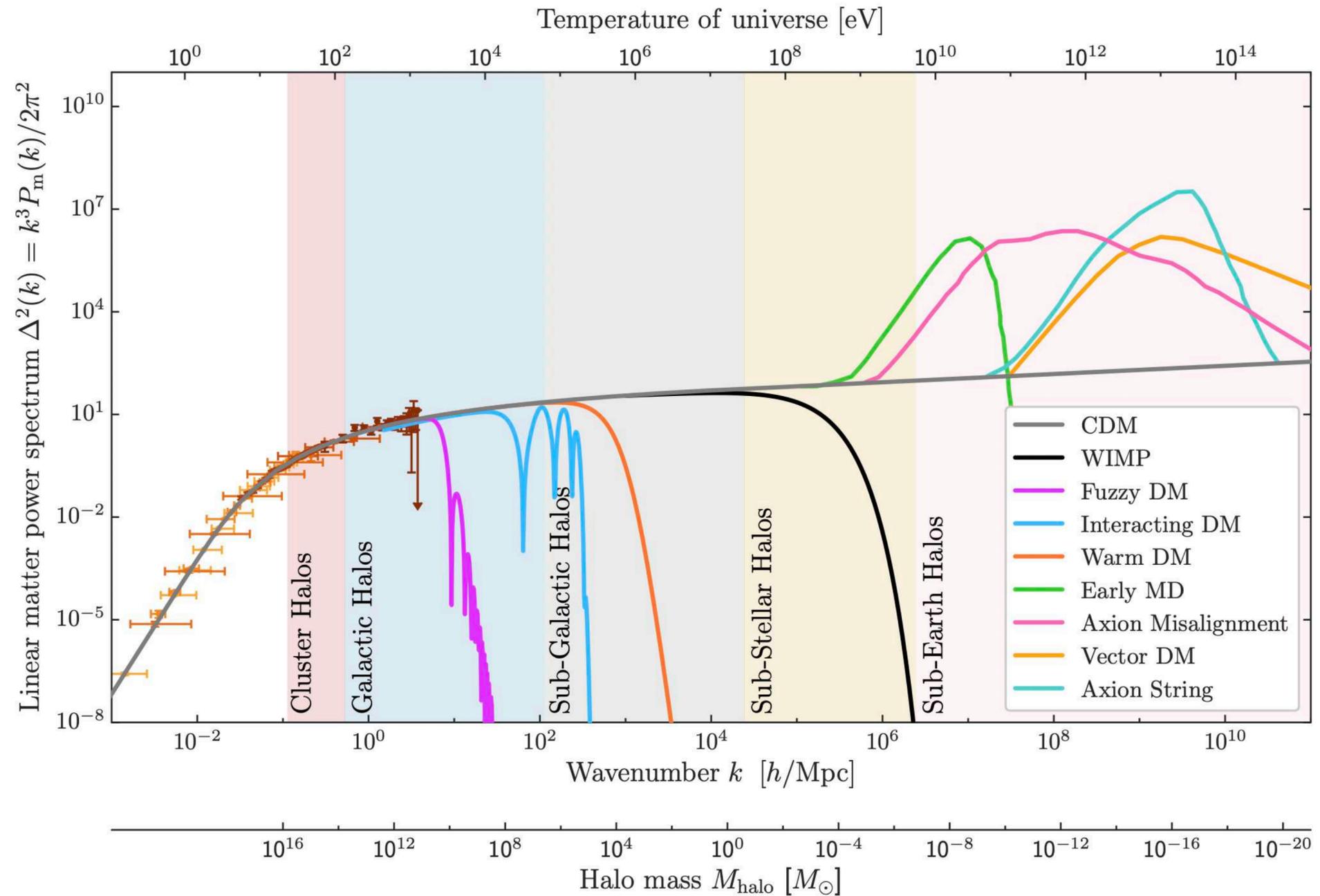


$$10^{-12} \text{ eV} \lesssim m_\phi \lesssim 10^{-7}$$

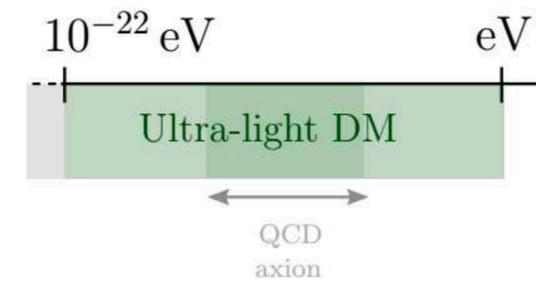


Figures by Josh Eby

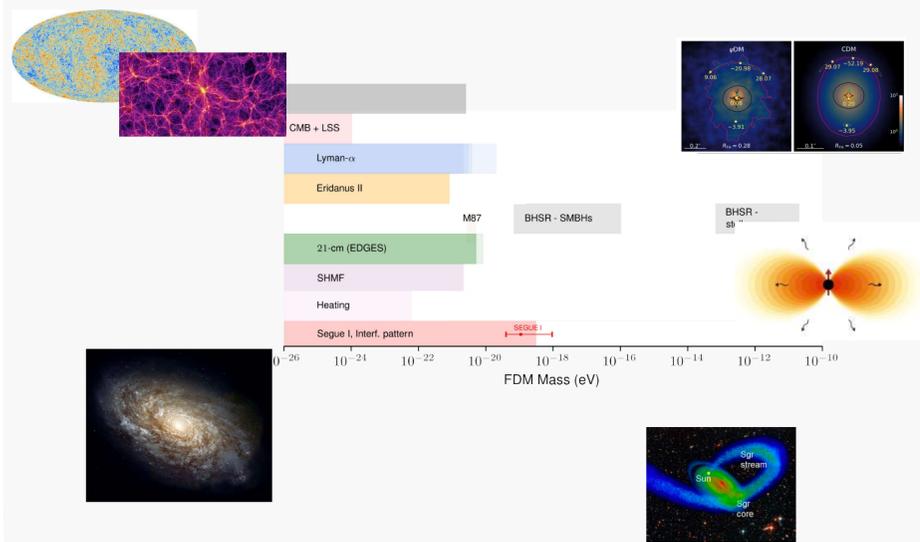
Small scales can offer some *hints* of the nature of DM



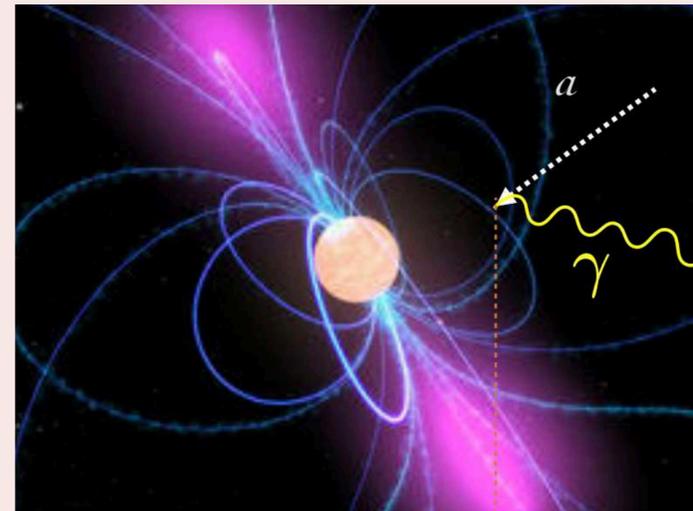
If ULDM are axions/ALPs



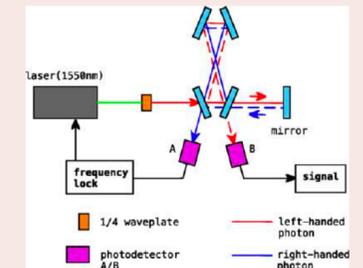
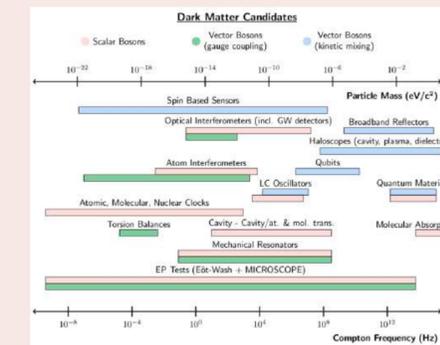
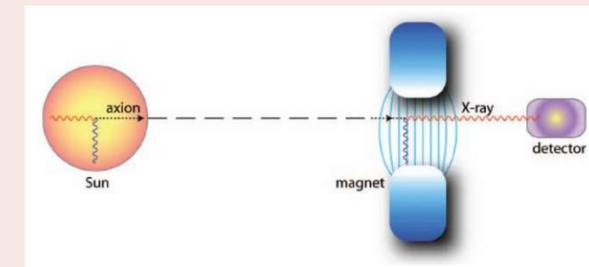
Cosmological and astrophysical searches



Indirect detection

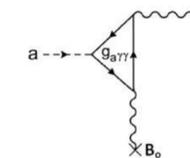
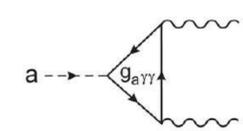


"Direct detection" Axion/ALPs experiments



Gravitational

Interactions with the SM



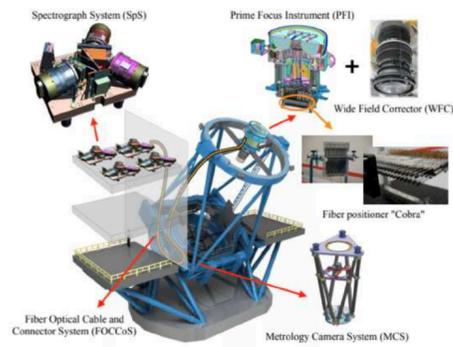
Improving these bounds

Observations

Photometric and spectroscopic surveys



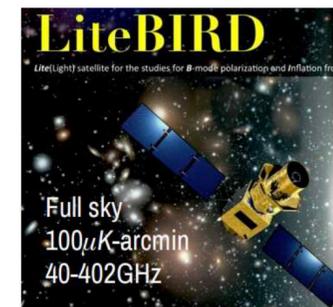
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CMB



GWs

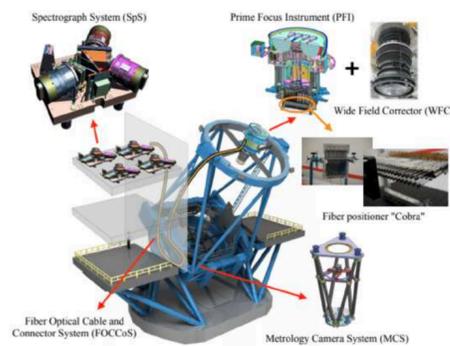
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Modified from Jia Liu

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CMB-S4
Next Generation CMB Experiment

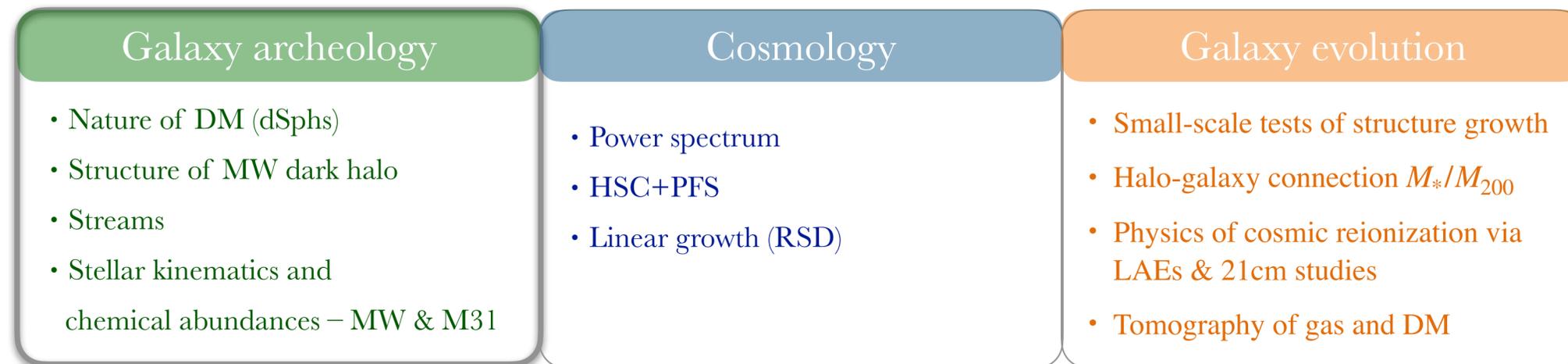
+ direct detection experiments

PFS (Prime Focus Spectrograph)

PFS is going to be exquisite to measure the properties of DM

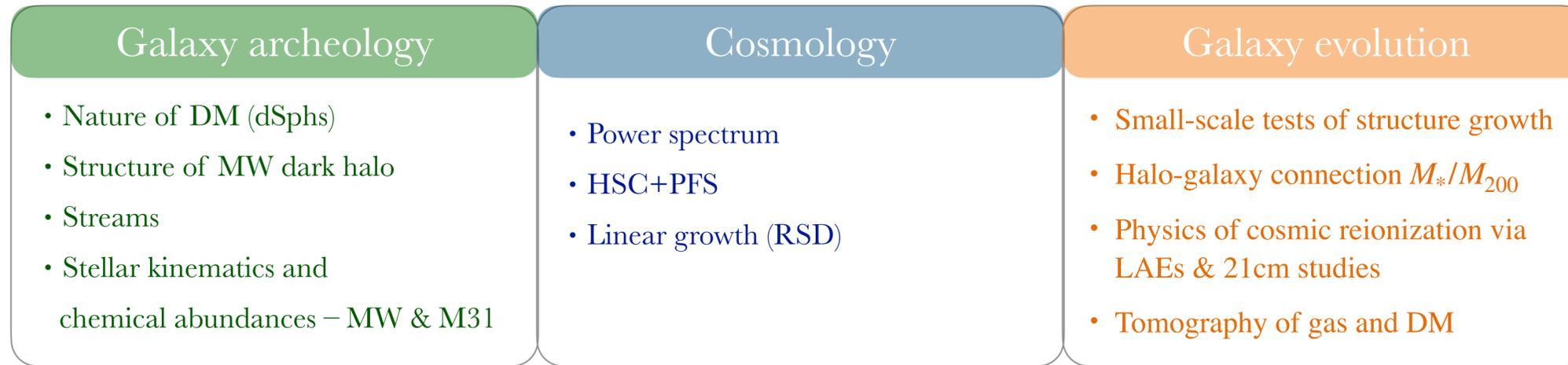
PFS: spectroscopy part of *SuMIRe* project

DM with PFS → synergy between science goals



Wide & deep survey of MW dwarf galaxies w. Subaru/PFS

DM with PFS



- Science with dwarf galaxies

Core:

- Presence of a core or not (slope)
- Size of the core
- Profile
 - Inner density
 - Transition radius

FDM

SIDM

ULA

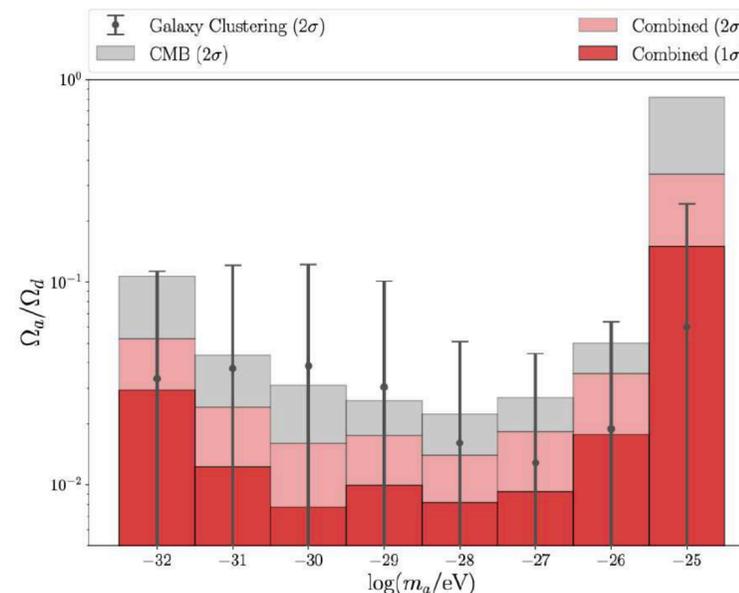
- Abundance data to understand the role of baryons in each system

- Beyond the core

- Granules: heating of stars (dwarfs)
 - Angular momentum
- Stellar streams

...

Fraction of axions in the dark sector:
 $10^{-32} \text{ eV} < m < 10^{-25} \text{ eV}$



Lague et al 2021

The small-scale Ly- α forest power spectrum

ULA

Halo mass function

FDM

WDM

SIDM

Constraints on the optical depth:

Constraint the ULDM mass

Kinematic Sunyaev-Zel'dovich effect: sensitive to the duration of the reionization

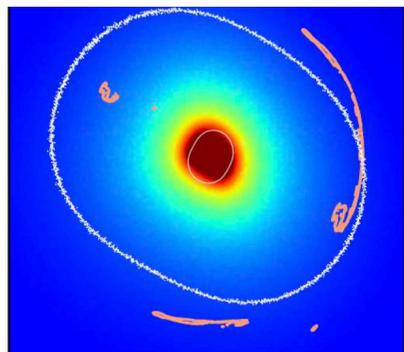
Summary

Ultra-Light Dark Matter

Well motivated DM models
 Rich and distinct phenomenology on small scales
 Testable prediction

Cosmological and astrophysical systems can probe mass, spin (# of fields), self-interaction, ...

Granules



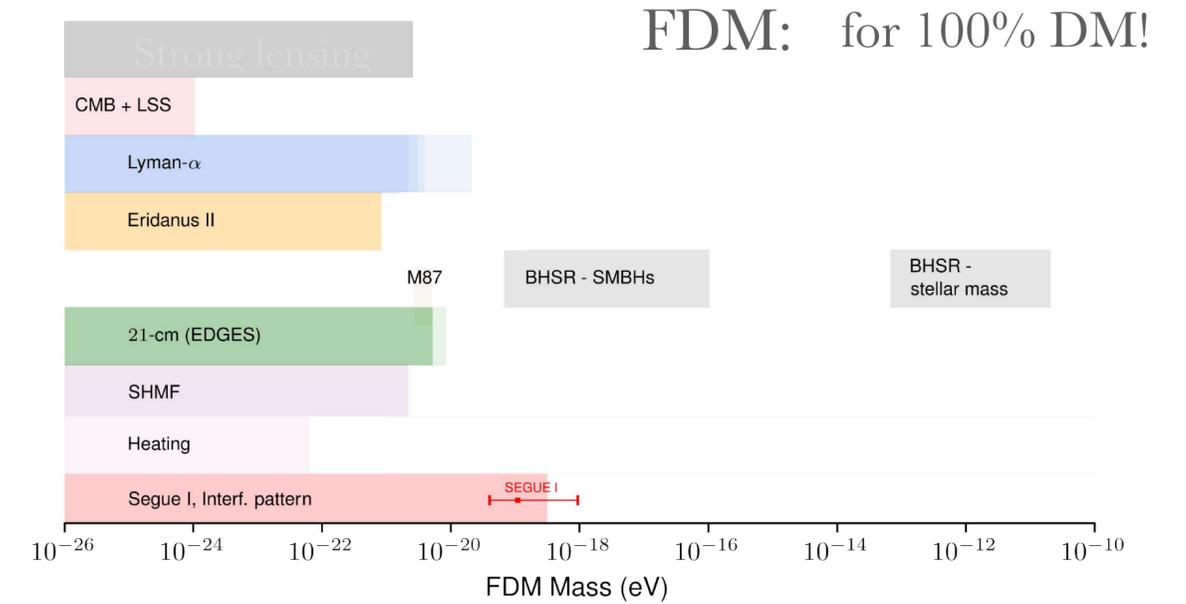
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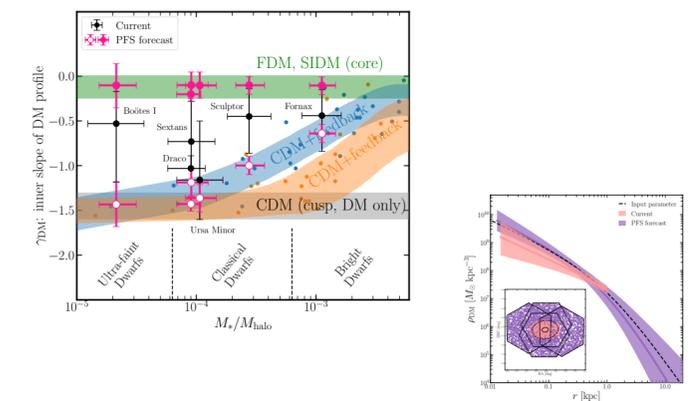
Current status



Future

Observations

PFS



Improve in simulations
 New probes/observables