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\* Field misaligned  $m_a \gg 3H \rightarrow \text{oscillation}$ 

 $* \rho_a \propto (1+z)^3$  [as cold dark matter should]

## \* Axions **ARE** cold $v_a/c \lesssim 10^{-13}$ at CMB decoupling timescales

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The QCD axion is a cold dark matter candidate

$$\Omega_{\rm mis}h^2 = 0.236 \left\langle \theta_i^2 f(\theta_i) \right\rangle \left( \frac{m_a}{6.2\mu {\rm eV}} \right)^{-7/6}$$

Solves a problem in particle physics: Gives us a dark matter candidate for free!

Papers by Turner + Steinhardt, Sikivie, Hagmann, Shellard, Abbott and others

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#### Axiverse! Arvanitaki+ 2009 Witten and Srvcek (2006), Acharya et al. (2010), Cicoli (2012)









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Corresponds to time of matter/radiation equality, when  $\rho_m = \rho_\gamma + \rho_\nu$ 

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Simple relic density constraints:

$$10^{-33} \text{ eV} < m_a < 10^{-18} \text{ eV}$$

Ultra-light axions are dark matter and dark energy candidates

What about ultra-light axions (ULAs)? Photon couplings are model-dependent: Use gravity and cosmological data to test ULAs



## AXICAMB

CMB and matter perturbation code including ULAs! Code in prep for public release as part of CosmoSIS package



ULA of any mass is self-consistently followed from DE to DM regime

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## GROWTH OF ULA PERTURBATIONS

\*Perturbed Klein-Gordon + Gravity  $k = 2\pi/\lambda$ : wavenumber  $\ddot{\delta\phi} + 2\mathcal{H}\delta\dot{\phi} + (k^2 + m_a^2 a^2)\delta\phi = \mathcal{O}(H^2, m^2)\Psi$ 

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$$\lambda_J = 2.5 \text{ Mpc} \left( \frac{m_a}{10^{-25} \text{ eV}} \right)^{-1/2} h^{-1/2}$$

Axion deBroglie wavelength Macroscopic length scale

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\*Computing observables is expensive for m<sub>a</sub> >> 3H:
\* Coherent oscillation requires prohibitive time step
\* WKB approximation at late time, exact KG early times

$$c_a^2 = \frac{\delta P_a}{\delta \rho_a} = \frac{k^2 / m_a^2}{4 / (1+z)^2 + k^2 / m_a^2}$$

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\*Pressure stabilization for modes with  $k \gg k_{\rm J} \sim \sqrt{m}\mathcal{H}$ \*Otherwise ULAs behave like cold dark matter (CDM)

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$$\theta_s \equiv \frac{r_s}{d_{\rm A}(z=1100)} = \left(l_{\rm CMB}^{\rm peak}\right)^-$$

$$d_A \propto \int \frac{dz}{H(z)}$$

Absorb and lock onto usual peaks by lowering  $H_0$ 

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\*DM perturbation growth severely suppressed if  $k > k_J \simeq \sqrt{mH}$ \*Suppression grows with  $\frac{\Omega_a}{\Omega_a + \Omega_c}$ 

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#### $\theta_s$ fixed to lock CMB



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 $\theta_s$  fixed to lock CMB  $H_0$ 

### Matter-radiation equality delayed





# DATA



\*Planck 2013 temperature anisotropy power spectra (+SPT+ACT) \*Cosmic variance limited to  $\ell \sim 1500$ 

\*WiggleZ galaxy survey (linear scales only  $k \leq 0.2h \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$ )

\*240,000 emission line galaxies at z<1

\*3.9 m Anglo-Australian Telescope (AAT)



### DATA



Convolve with WiggleZ window function

$$m_a, \Omega_a h^2, \Omega_c h^2, \Omega_b h^2, \Omega_\Lambda, n_s, A_s, \tau_{\text{reion}}$$

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$$\Delta_{\mathcal{R}}^{2}(k) \equiv A_{s} \left(\frac{k}{k_{0}}\right)^{n_{s}-1} \text{ Initial conditions}$$

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$$\tau_{\rm reion} = \int dl n_e \sigma_T$$





### $m_a, \Omega_a h^2, \Omega_c h^2, \Omega_b h^2, \Omega_\Lambda, n_s, A_s, \tau_{\text{reion}}$



#### Addressed using nested sampling MULTINEST (Hobson, Feroz, others 2008)

# CONSTRAINTS



\*Interesting constraints over 7 orders of magnitude in mass:

Thanks to AXICAMB and MULTINEST

\*ULAs highly constrained if  $10^{-32} \text{ eV} \lesssim m_a \lesssim 10^{-25.5} \text{ eV}$ \*ULAs are viable DM/DE candidates in linear theory outside ``belly'' 19

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ULAs change





ULAs change lens geometry and growth of structure

### ONGOING WORK: PREPARING AXICAMB FOR PUBLIC RELEASE

\*CosmoSIS (Zuntz, Paterno, Jennings, Rudd, Manzotti, Dodelson+) allows

\*Easy and modular use of power spectra codes

\*Comparison with many different data sets/likelihoods

\*Variety of cross-correlation studies

\*Clever samplers for difficult parameter spaces

\*We are packaging AxiCAMB in a wrapper to allow use in CosmoSIS

\*Added self-consistent treatment of  $\Omega_K$  and  $m_{\nu}$ 

#### $* \text{ If } f_a > H_I$



some schematics from Wands. Enavist. Lvth. Takahashi (2012-2015)



## Quantum zero-point fluctuations! $\rho_a \ll \rho_{\text{tot}} \rightarrow \Phi_a \ll 10^{-5}$

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

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## CDM isocurvature

 Neutrinos

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 Photons

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### Adiabatic fluctuations





$$m_a = 10^{-32} \text{ eV}$$
  
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 $m_a = 10^{-28} \text{ eV}$   
 $m_a = 10^{-20} \text{ eV}$ 



### Planck 2013 TT



$$\alpha \equiv \frac{P_{S_{c\gamma}}(k)}{P_{S_{c\gamma}}(k) + P_{\mathcal{R}}(k)} \le 0.039$$

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

$$\frac{\text{QCD axion}}{\Omega_a + \Omega_c} \lesssim 10^{-12} \left(\frac{10^{14} \text{GeV}}{H_I}\right)^{7/2} \qquad \frac{\Omega_a}{\Omega_a + \Omega_c} \lesssim 10^{-3} \left(\frac{10^{14} \text{GeV}}{H_I}\right)$$

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#### ULAS AS AN INFLATIONARY PROBE

\* Discovery of QCD axion/ULA dark matter — trouble for

\* GUT-scale inflation

# QCD $H_I \sim 10 \text{ GeV}$ ULA $H_I \sim 10^5 \text{ GeV}$

\* Null prediction for primordial B-mode searches



\* Avoidable with non-trivial thermal history/richer PQ symmetry breaking story (see Rajendran 2014)

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- \* Low-l plateau disappears
- \* Information lost
- \* Planck limits assume CDM isocurvature

\* For  $m_a \leq 10^{-27}$  eV, constraints cannot be simply remapped. \* MCMC in progress

#### CONCLUSIONS AND TAKE-AWAY

- \*Ultra-light axions may be probed at the 0.5% level using current cosmological data
- \*Entropy fluctuations and tensor perturbations are a powerful ULA probe
- \*Public AxiCAMB will be available later this summer

#### Additional slides for question time

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Figure from Brooks 2014/Oh 2011

Figure from Bullock 2010

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\*Generally bias scale-dependent for structure suppressing species (LoVerde 2013) 30

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\*Weak lensing

\*Strong lensing

\*Substructure [via timing]

\*MW dwarf population

Essential to understand how (or if) ULAs populate halos

Additional slides: Introduction

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**SPIDER** 

Scientific targets: Modified Gravity Neutrino hierarchy Dark energy equation of state Substructure in halos (via lensing)

#### SPT/BICEP2-3/KECK





### **CORE** Cosmic Origins Explorer



Wide-Field Infrared Survey Telescope

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Additional slides: QCD Axion theory/experiment

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Peccei + Quinn (1977), Weinberg +Wilczek (1978), Kim (1979), Shifman et. al (1980), Zhitnitsky (1980), Dine et al. (1981), D.B. Kaplan (1985) 43

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### Two-photon coupling of axion



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

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$$g_{a\gamma\gamma} = -\frac{3\alpha}{8\pi f_a} \xi \qquad \qquad \mathcal{L} \propto g_{a\gamma\gamma} \vec{E} \cdot \vec{B}$$

\* Very little freedom once f<sub>a</sub> specified

## LIMITS



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#### Cosmoloaical abundance



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# Dark matter axion abundance

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

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

\* Low-temp regime  $m_{\rm a} = m_{\rm a}^{(T=0)}$  if  $T \leq \Lambda_{\rm QCD}$ 

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Misalignment in our Hubble Patch

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Vacuum fluctuations from inflation

De Sitter expansion imprints scale invariant fluctuations





From Raffelt 2012

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 $*\theta$  can be tuned to get DM abundance for many axion masses

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(ADMX) L. Rosenberg and G. Rybka +....



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#### From arXiv: 1205.2671

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## Lay of the land



 $\mu_{v}$   $\mu_{a}$ 

#### Axion helioscopes

\* Resonance condition  $m_{\gamma}(eV) \approx \sqrt{0.02 \frac{P(mbar)}{T(K)}}$ 

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

#### \* Broad axion energy spectrum



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# Hot axion production at early times



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

### Axion hot dark matter



\* Axion temperature lowered

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

\* Free streaming-length modified

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



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

$$\Omega_a \to \Omega_a \left(\frac{T_{\rm rh}}{T_{\rm F}}\right)^5$$

# **Physics** \*Helioscopes (CAST) or stellar evolution





Sun

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CASPer



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#### Laser experiments

#### Light shining through walls (e.g. GammeV)



#### Polarization experiments (e.g. PVLAS)



#### BICEP2 [inflationary energy scale detected?]



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

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

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#### More on ULA motivations

# Light axions and string theory

- \* String theory has extra dimensions: compactify (6)!
- Form fields and gauge fields: `Axion' is KK zeromode of form field







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figure adapted from DJEM 2014

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#### Forecast: uncertain scales



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#### Constraint: astrophysical uncertainties



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#### Underway



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# Independent of axion SM couplings: uncertainties astrophysical! DUST!



figure adapted from DJEM 2014

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#### Rough forecast



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#### **IRONCLAD:** this work

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Also Witten and Srvcek (2006), Acharya et al. (2010), Cicoli (2012)

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#### Misalignment production $V(\theta) \wedge Coherent oscillation, Axions act like CDM$

![](_page_165_Figure_3.jpeg)

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![](_page_166_Figure_1.jpeg)

For QCD axion, we have a CDM candidate!

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![](_page_167_Figure_2.jpeg)

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![](_page_168_Figure_2.jpeg)

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*`DM' axions* 

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 $m_a > 10^{-27} \, \mathrm{eV}$ 

DE axions

 $a_{
m osc} > a_{
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m eV}$  71

Oscillation starts in time for struct. formation

Additional slides: ULA search details

### ISW TEST

![](_page_171_Figure_1.jpeg)

#### Getting under the hood: The need for numerical care

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$$\begin{split} \dot{\delta_a} &= 3\mathcal{H} \left[ w_a - 1 \right] \delta_a - (1 + w_a) \left( k v_a + \dot{h} \right) \\ \dot{v}_a &= -3\mathcal{H} \left[ 1 - 3w_a \right] v_a - \frac{\dot{w}_a}{(1 + w_w)} v_a + \frac{k \delta_a}{(1 + w_a)} \\ \dot{w}_a &= -3\mathcal{H} \left( 1 + w_a \right) \left[ c_{\rm ad}^2 - w_a \right] \\ \dot{w}_a &= -3\mathcal{H} \left( 1 + w_a \right) \left[ c_{\rm ad}^2 - w_a \right] \\ c_{\rm ad}^2 &= \frac{\dot{P}_a}{\dot{\rho}_a} = -1 + \frac{2m_a a}{\mathcal{H}} \sqrt{\frac{(1 - w_a)}{(1 + w_a)}} \\ \dot{\rho}_a &= -3\mathcal{H} \rho_a \left( 1 + w_a \right) \end{split}$$

![](_page_174_Figure_1.jpeg)

Synchronous gauge 00-Einstein

$$\dot{h} \propto \eta \left[ \frac{3\delta_{\rm R}}{a^2} + 3a^2 \mathcal{A} \delta_a \right]$$

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$$\dot{h} \propto \eta \left[ \frac{3\delta k}{\sqrt{2}} + 3a^2 \mathcal{A} \delta_a \right]$$

Perrotta and Baccigalupi, astro-ph/9811156

![](_page_177_Figure_1.jpeg)

NOT KOSHER!

![](_page_178_Figure_1.jpeg)

Solve Eigensystem and expand systematically

$$\frac{d\vec{U}_{\vec{k}}}{d\ln x} = (\underline{A}_0 + \underline{A}_1 x + \dots \underline{A}_n x^n) \vec{U}_{\vec{k}}$$

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

#### ULAS AND THE ANGULAR SOUND HORIZON

$$\theta_s \equiv \frac{r_s}{d_{\rm A}(z=1100)} = \left(l_{\rm CMB}^{\rm peak}\right)^{-1}$$

![](_page_179_Figure_2.jpeg)

Diagram by T. Smith (used with permission)
# ULAS AND THE ANGULAR SOUND HORIZON

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$$\equiv \frac{r_s}{d_A(z=1100)} = \left(l_{\rm CMB}^{\rm peak}\right)^2$$
$$d_A \propto \int \frac{dz}{H(z)}$$

$$H(z) = H_0 \left\{ \frac{\Omega_m}{a^3} + \frac{\Omega_{\text{axion}}}{a^3 \int [1+w(\eta)]d\eta} \right\}^1$$

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Absorb and lock onto usual peaks by lowering  $H_0$ 



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CMB temperature anisotropies from potential decay  $\Delta T_{\rm ISW} = -2 \int_0^{\eta_{\rm dec}} d\eta \dot{\Phi}(\eta, \hat{n}\eta)$ 

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 $\Delta P \Delta A > \rho \delta V \nabla \Phi$ 

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# GROWTH OF ULA PERTURBATIONS

\*Perturbed Klein-Gordon + Gravity

$$\ddot{\delta\phi} + 2\mathcal{H}\delta\dot{\phi} + (k^2 + m_a^2 a^2)\delta\phi = 4\dot{\Psi}\dot{\phi_0} - \Psi a^2 m_a^2\phi_0$$

\*Axionic Jeans Scale is macroscopic [in contrast to QCD axion]:

$$\lambda_J = 2.4 h^{-1/2} \left(\frac{m}{10^{-25} \text{ eV}}\right)^{-1/2} \text{ Mpc}$$

\*Computing observables is expensive for  $m \gg 3\mathcal{H}$ :

\* Coherent oscillation time scale  $\Delta \eta \sim (ma)^{-1} \ll \Delta \eta_{\text{CAMB}}$ 

**\*** WKB approximation

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

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

# GROWTH OF ULA PERTURBATIONS



\*"Pressure" stabilization

# DATA

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\*3.9 m Anglo-Australian Telescope (AAT)









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 $ho_{
m rad}$ 

 $\theta_s$  fixed to lock CMB  $H_0$ 

## Matter-radiation equality delayed



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#### Addressed using nested sampling MULTINEST (Hobson, Feroz, others 2008)

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Densities of standard species

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#### Degeneracies/Weak gravity conjecture



## Amendola and Barbieri



Old power spectrum constraints from Amendola and Barbieri, arXiv: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]

Additional slides: ULAs and galaxies

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 vs.  $\delta_g = b\left(\frac{\delta\rho_m + \delta\rho_a}{\rho_m + \rho_a}\right)$   
Unfair penalty on scales where axions don't cluster
\*Galaxies are biased tracers

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## Doesn't include ULAs as matter component on scales where they cluster

### Collapse threshold for ULA DM unknown

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 $\delta_c^{\Lambda \text{CDM}} = 1.686$  $\delta_c^{\Lambda \text{ULA}} = ????$ 





# FUTURE WORK: ULAS CORES + CUSPS?



Cores! (Hu/Gruzinov/Barkana 2001, see also Marsh and Silk 2013, Marsh and Pop 2015, Matos 2012, Schive 2014, and others)

# FUTURE WORK: ULAS CORES + CUSPS?

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### Missing satellite problem?



Marsh et al 2014, Klypin 1999, Bullock 2010



### \*Galaxy lensing

## \*Substructure in halos [flux ratio anomalies in multiply lensed]

#### ULA substructure?



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\*Often neglected (but shouldn't be) for neutrinos (LoVerde 2013)

## FUTURE WORK: RICHER MODELING AND AXIVERSE

\*Include spectrum of N axions (and interactions) in AXICAMB

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## BICEP2 [inflationary energy scale detected?]



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

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

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