

Dark matter and Axions

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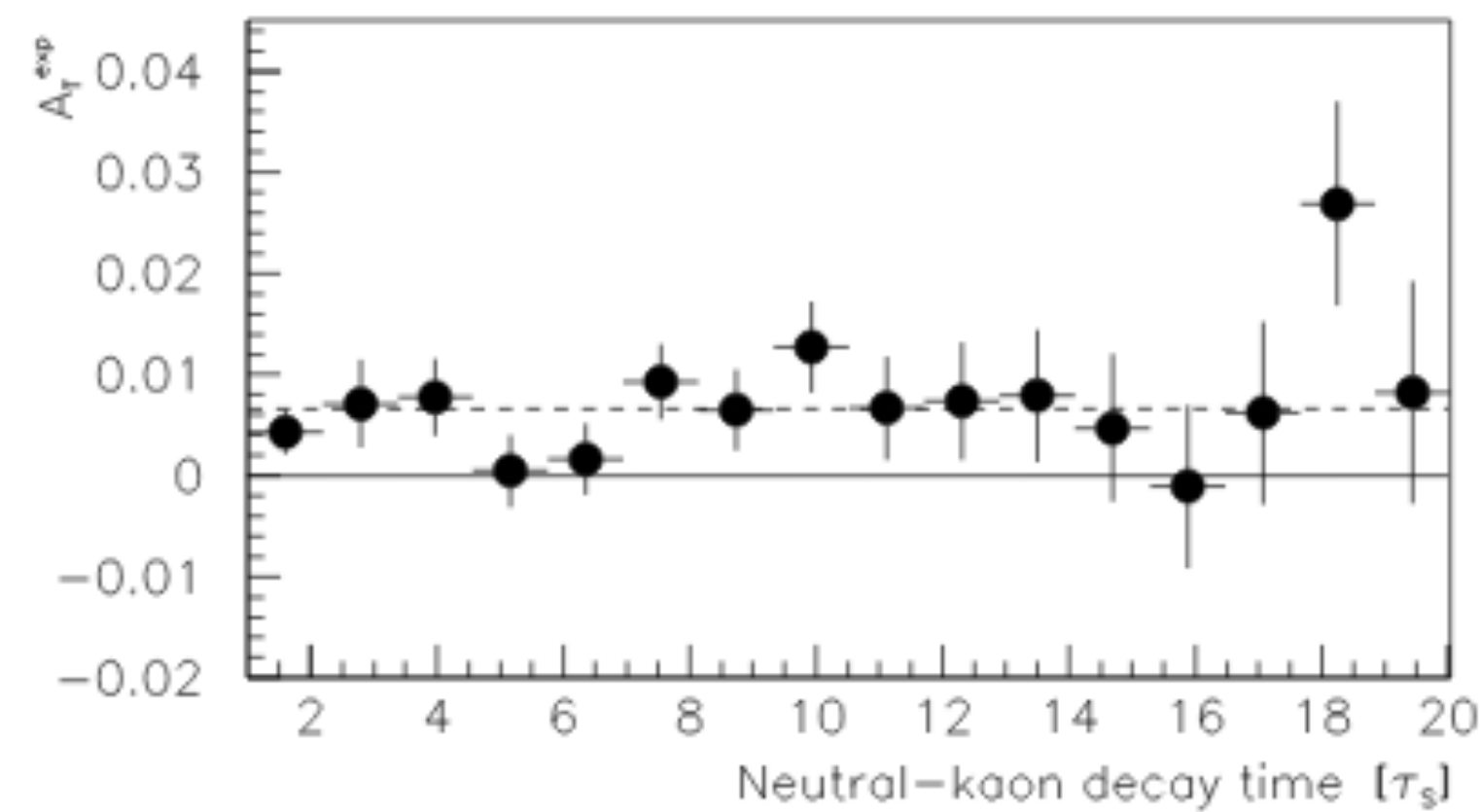
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CP is violated by electroweak interactions

CP-violation (CPLEAR 90's)

$$\frac{R(\bar{K}^0 \rightarrow K^0) - R(K^0 \rightarrow \bar{K}^0)}{R(\bar{K}^0 \rightarrow K^0) + R(K^0 \rightarrow \bar{K}^0)}$$



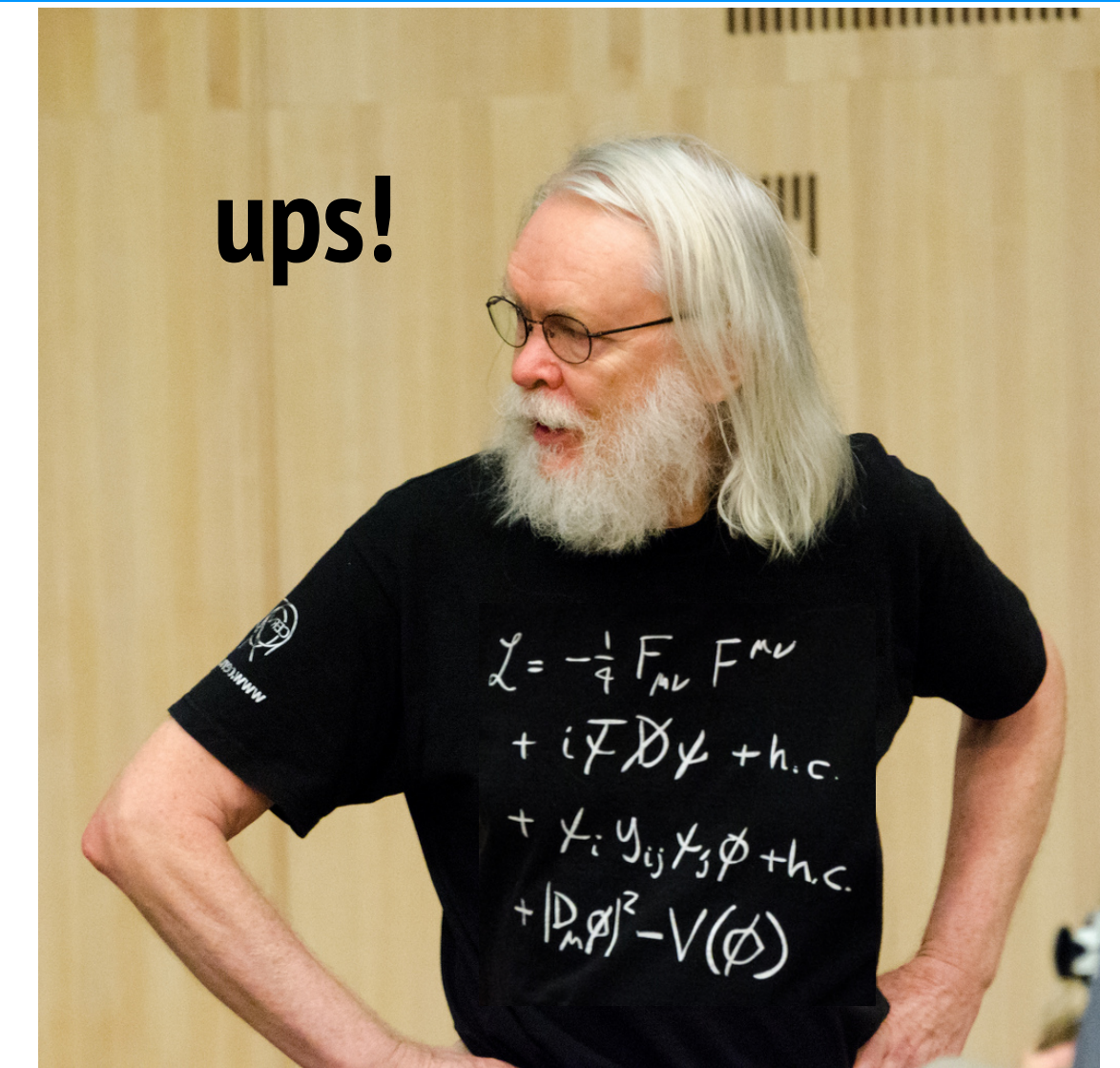
... but not in the strong interactions



which is shocking! QCDs are P,T violating

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{QCD}} = \underbrace{-\frac{1}{4}G_{\mu\nu a}G_a^{\mu\nu} + \sum_q i\bar{q}\gamma^\mu D_\mu q - \bar{q}mq}_{\text{P,T conserving}} + \underbrace{\frac{\alpha_s}{8\pi}\theta G_{\mu\nu a}\tilde{G}_a^{\mu\nu}}_{\text{P,T violating}}$$

we tend to
forget this

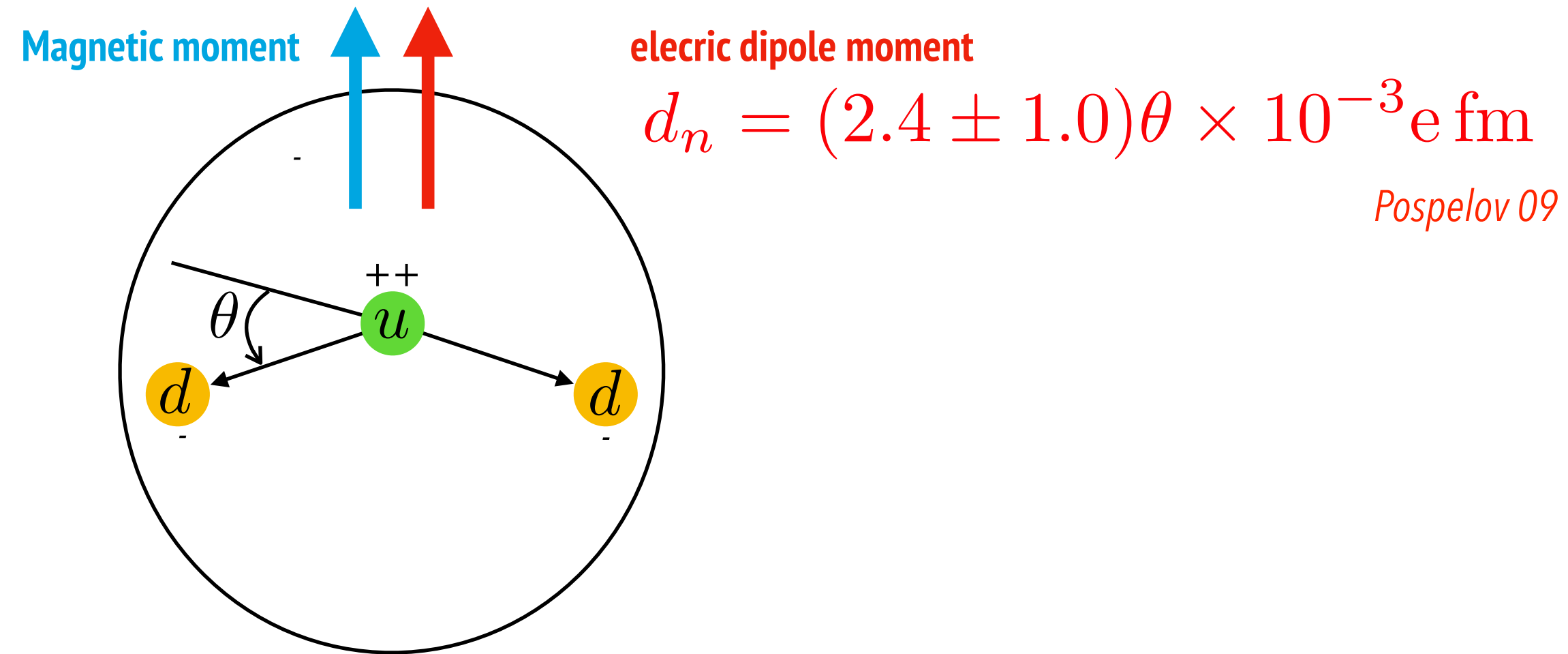


In SM, quark phases contribute to θ (and they are responsible for EW CP violation) $\theta = \theta_{\text{QCD}} + \arg\text{Det}\{M_q\}$

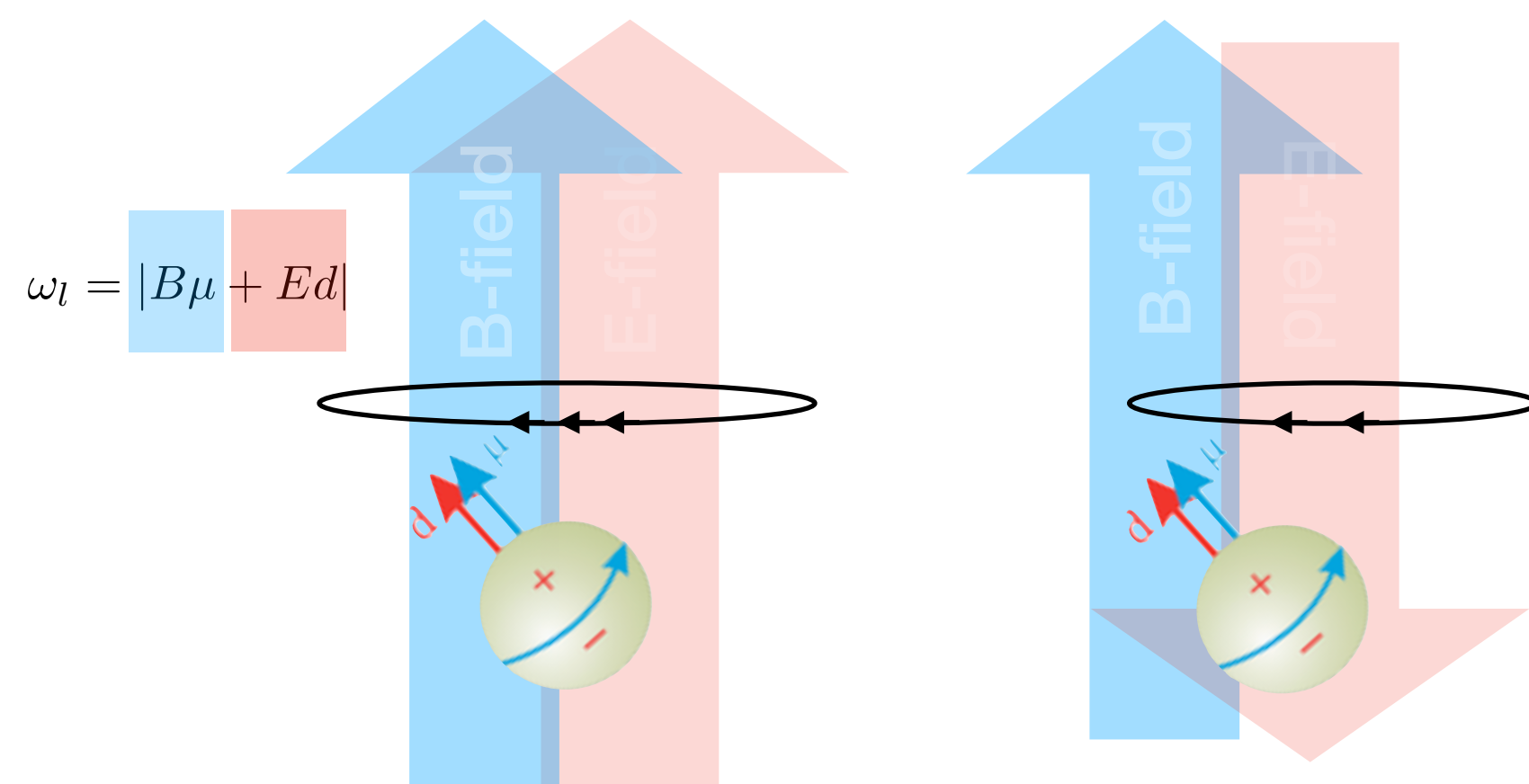
$\frac{\alpha_s}{8\pi}\theta G_{\mu\nu a}\tilde{G}_a^{\mu\nu}$ induces P and T (CP) violation $\propto \theta$

Electric Dipole Moment of the neutron?

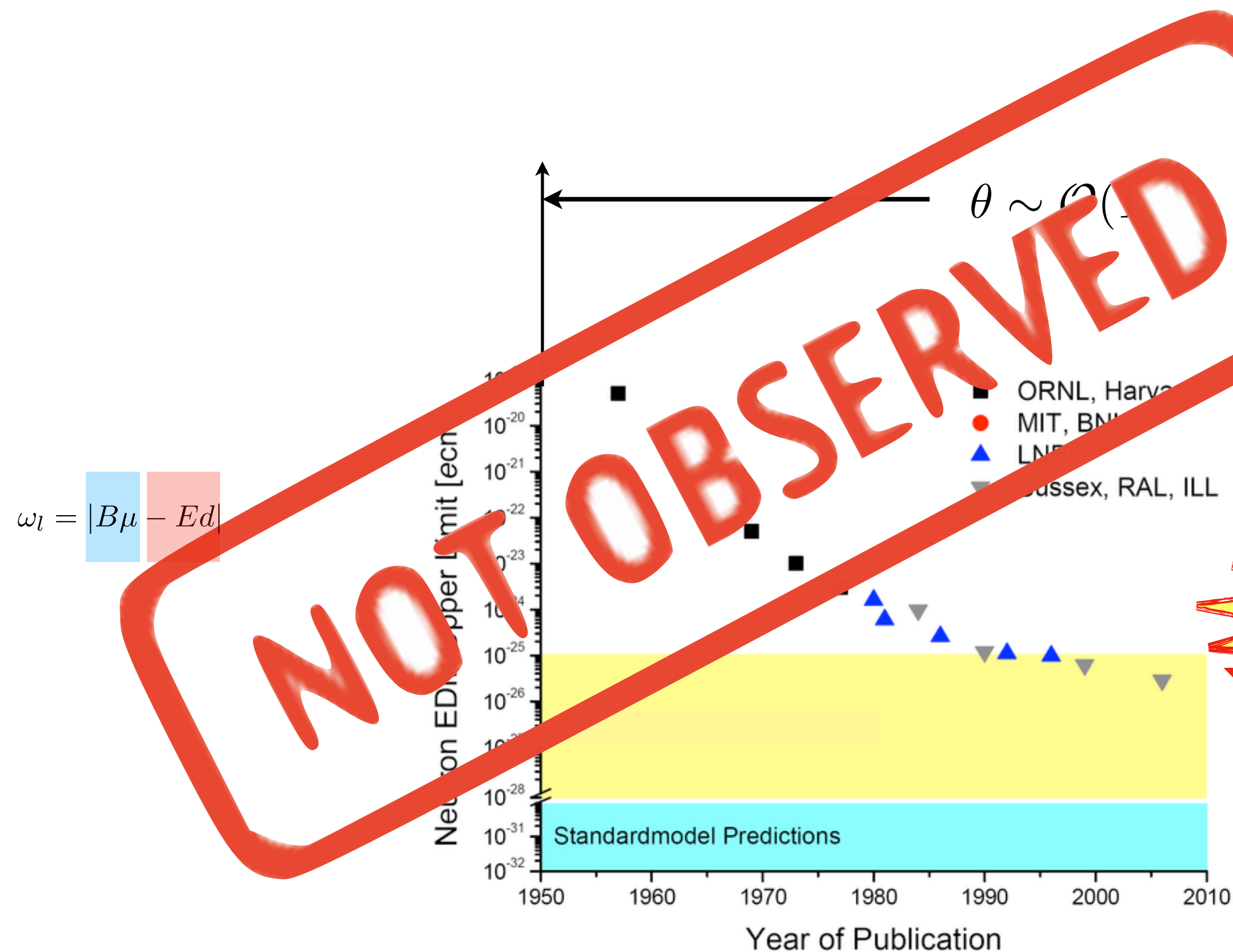
A classical pic of a neutron (~ 2 fm)



Experimental search ...



Mesurable Larmor precession difference?



$$|\theta| < 1.3 \times 10^{-10}$$

Baker '13 Pendlebury '15

QCD vacuum energy minimised at $\theta = 0$!!

1 - ...if $\theta(t, \mathbf{x})$ is a dynamical field, QCD will relax it to its minimum ... strong CP explained! *Peccei & Quinn 77*

CP Conservation in the Presence of Pseudoparticles*

R. D. Peccei and Helen R. Quinn†
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(Received 31 March 1977)

We give an explanation of the CP conservation of strong interactions which includes the effects of pseudoparticles. We find it is a natural result for any theory where at least one flavor of fermion acquires its mass through a Yukawa coupling to a scalar field which has nonvanishing vacuum expectation value.

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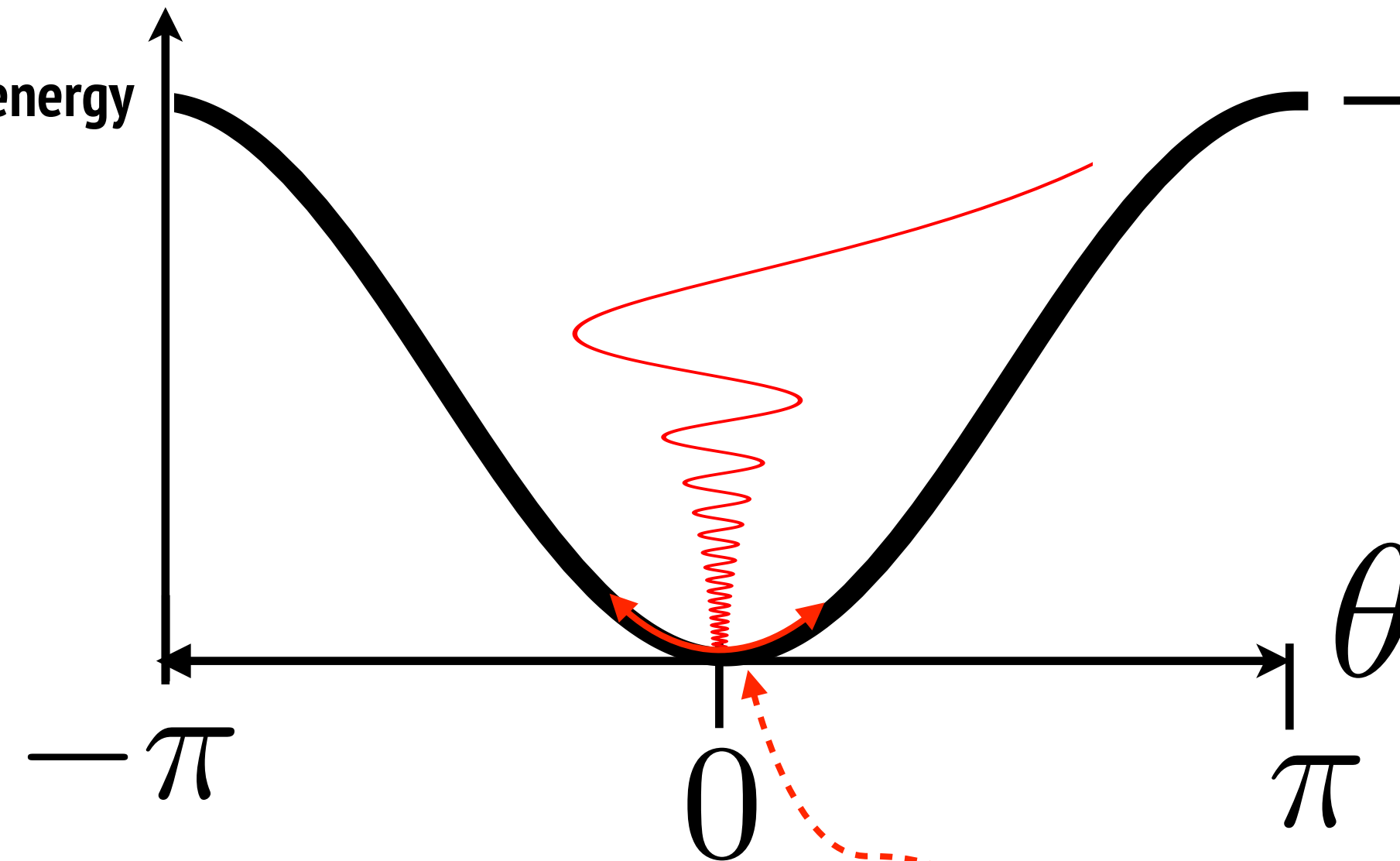
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2 - PQ Mechanism: Global U(1) axial sym spontaneously broken -> **Goldstone boson**

QCD vacuum energy



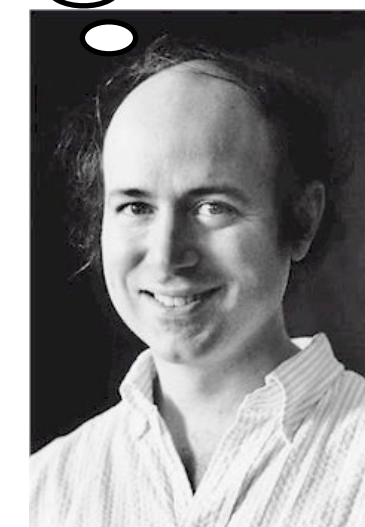
generated by QCD!

COLD DARK MATTER

3 - Relic oscillations of the axion-field ...



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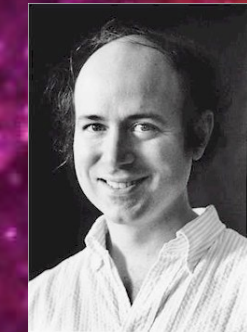
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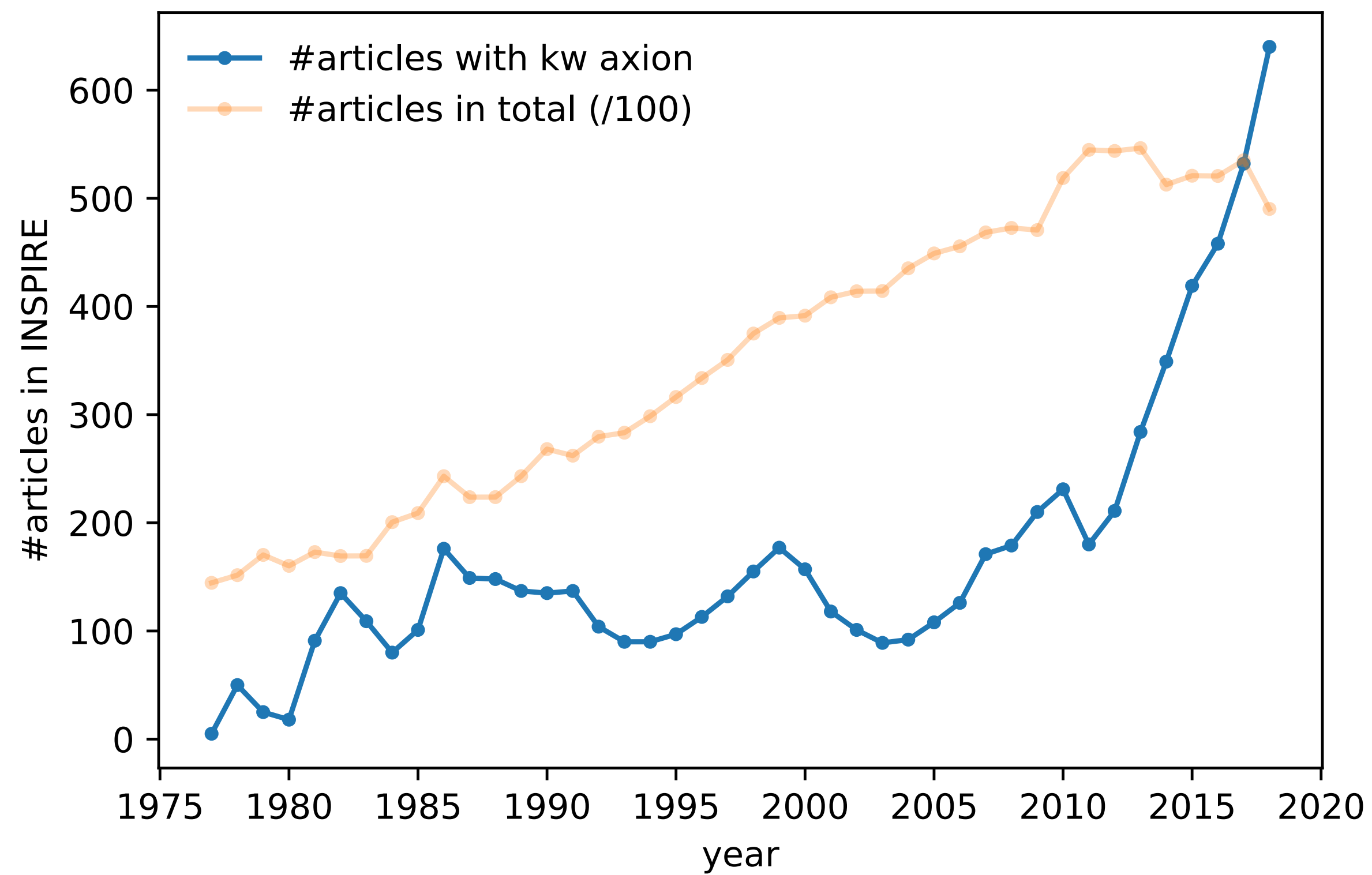


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The axion "field" is NOT relaxing...

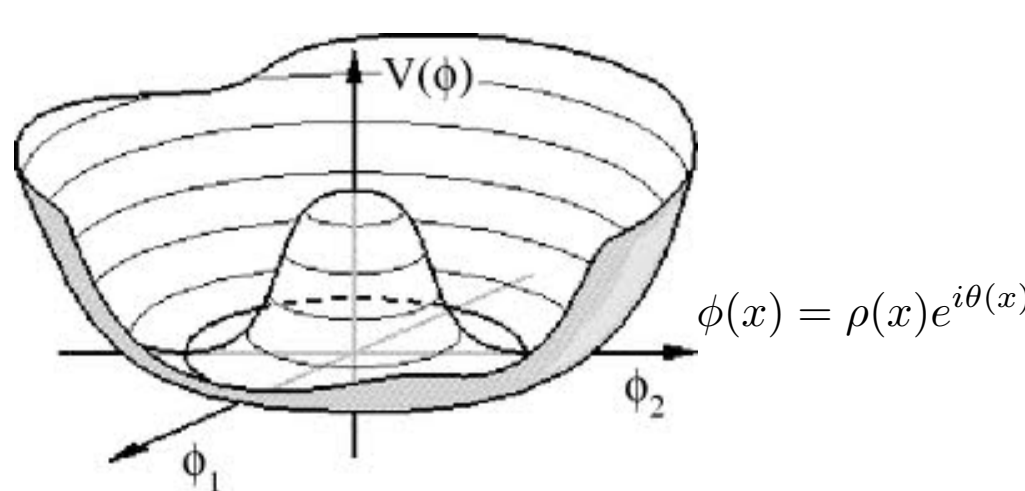


Motivations (hep-th): axions and axion-like particles beyond the SM

- Axions and "axion-like" particles are generic in BSM + compatible with SUSY, GUTs and String Theories

pseudo Goldstone Bosons

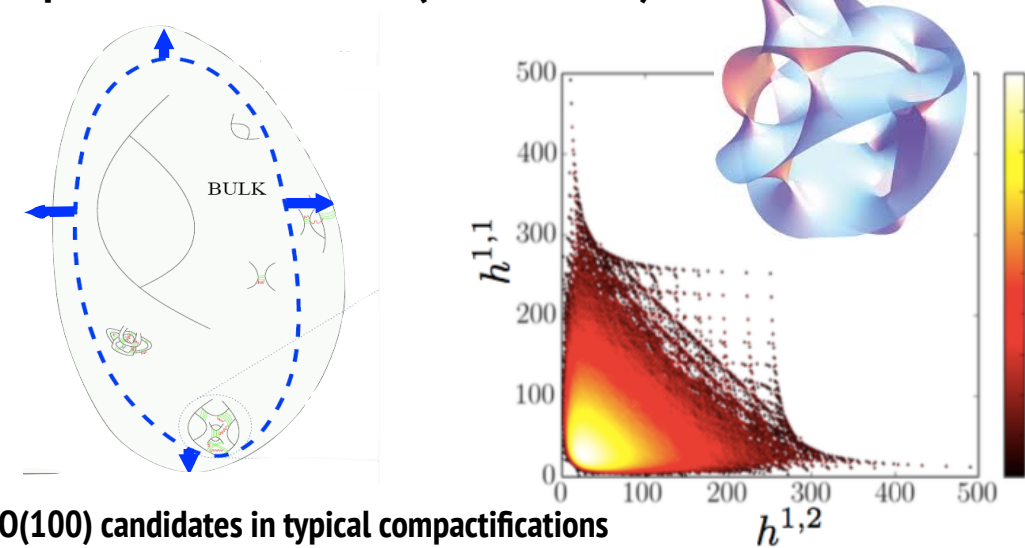
- Global symmetry spontaneously broken



Examples: QCD mesons, ..., QCD axion, Majoron, R-axion, Familon ...

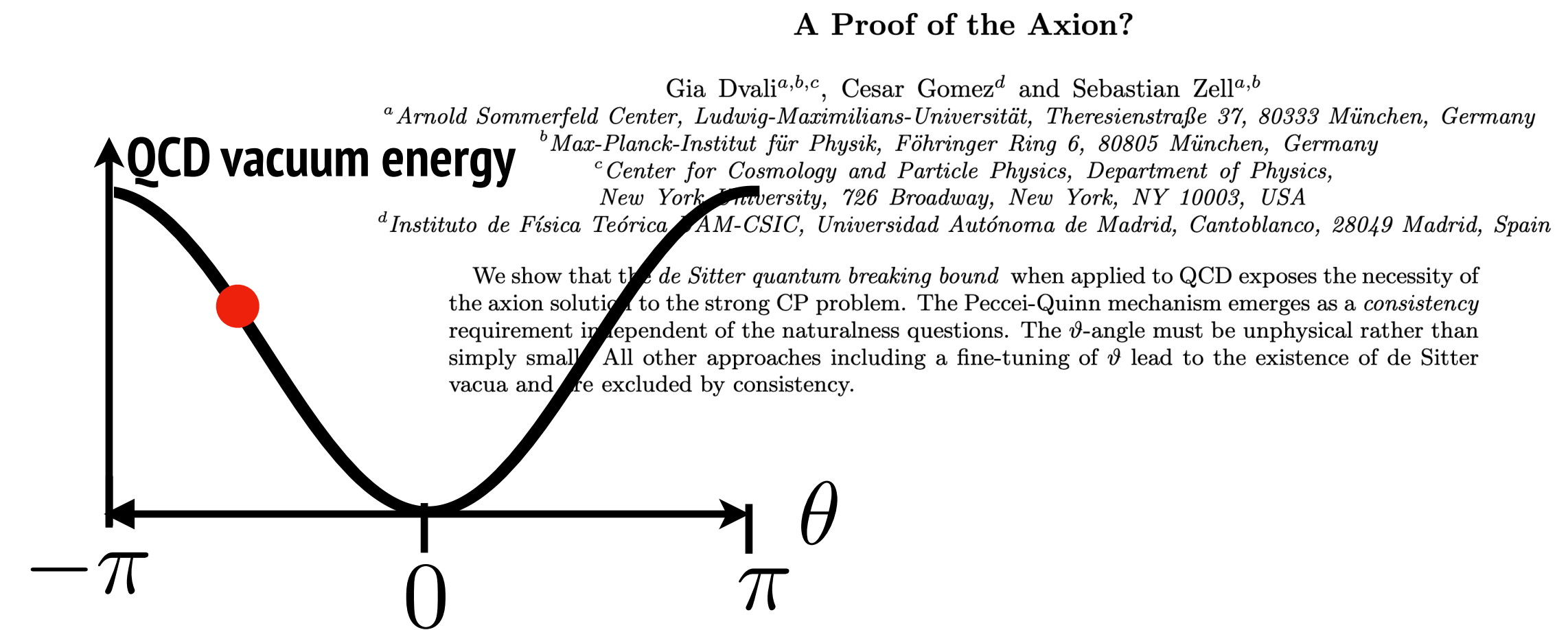
stringy axions

- Im parts of moduli fields (control sizes)



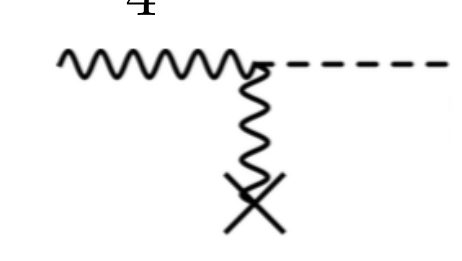
- O(100) candidates in typical compactifications
- masses from non-perturbative effects

- The QCD axion might be a requirement of quantum gravity

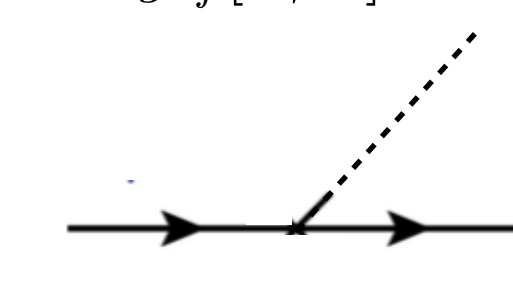


- Axion couplings with SM particles are also generic (shift-symmetry determines leading interactions)

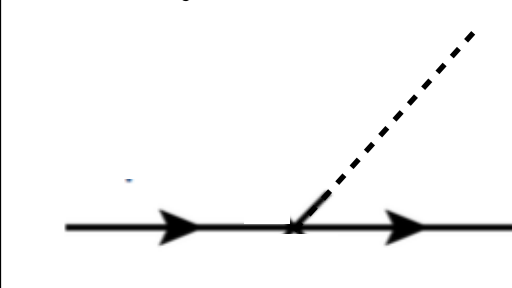
photon coupling

$$-\frac{g_{a\gamma}}{4} F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu} a$$


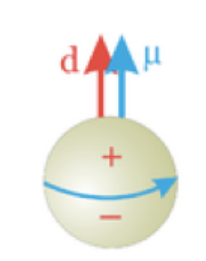
electron coupling

$$g_{ef} [\bar{e} \gamma_5 e] a$$


nucleon coupling

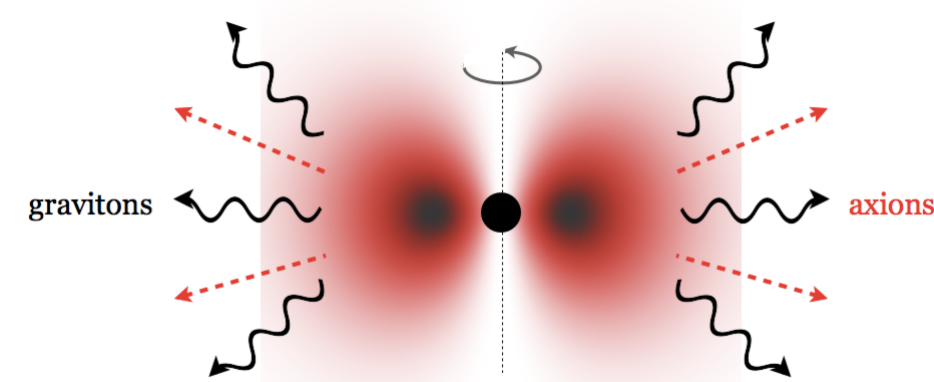
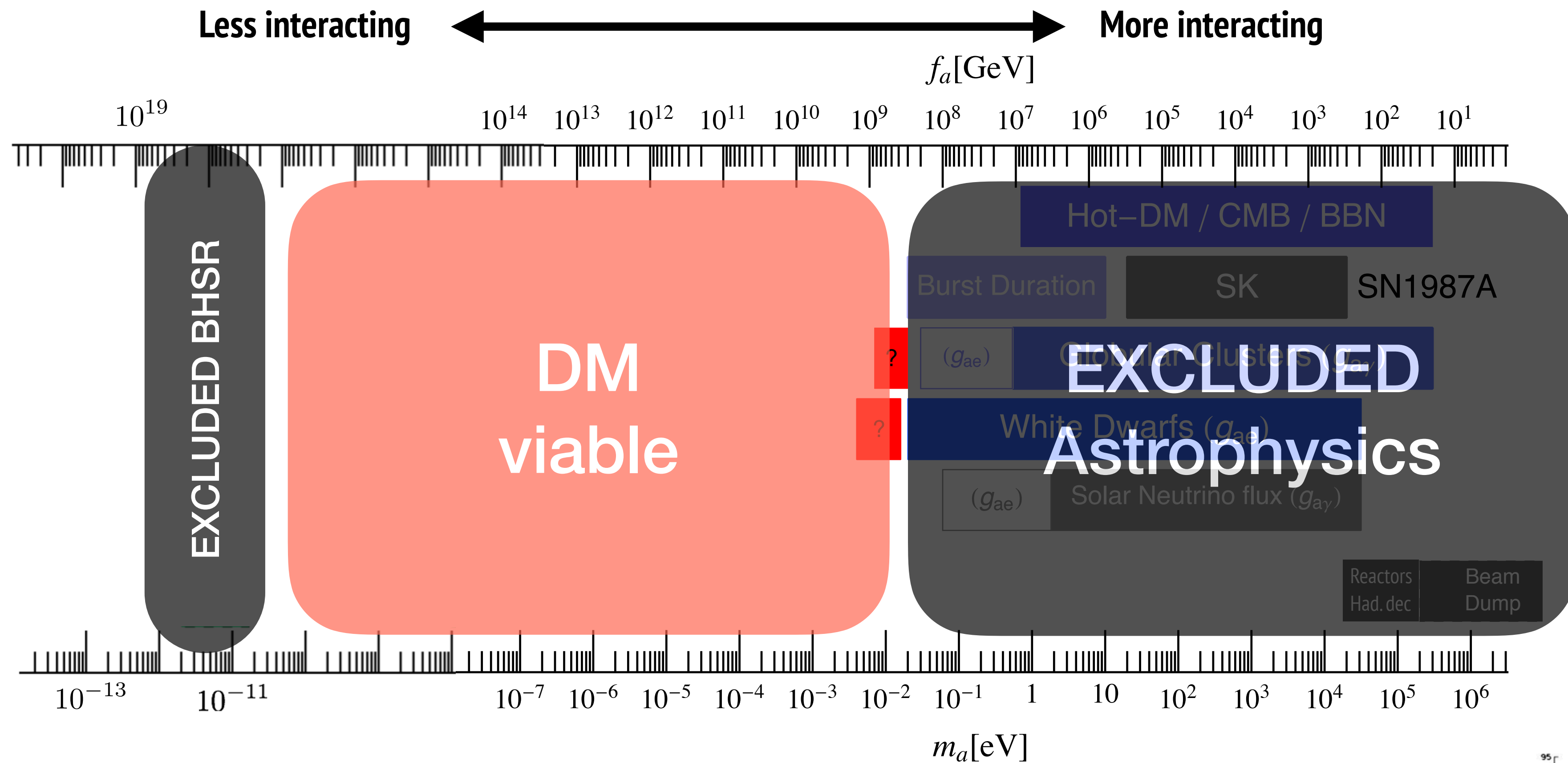
$$g_{Nf} [\bar{N} \gamma_5 N] a$$


~~Neutron electric dipole~~

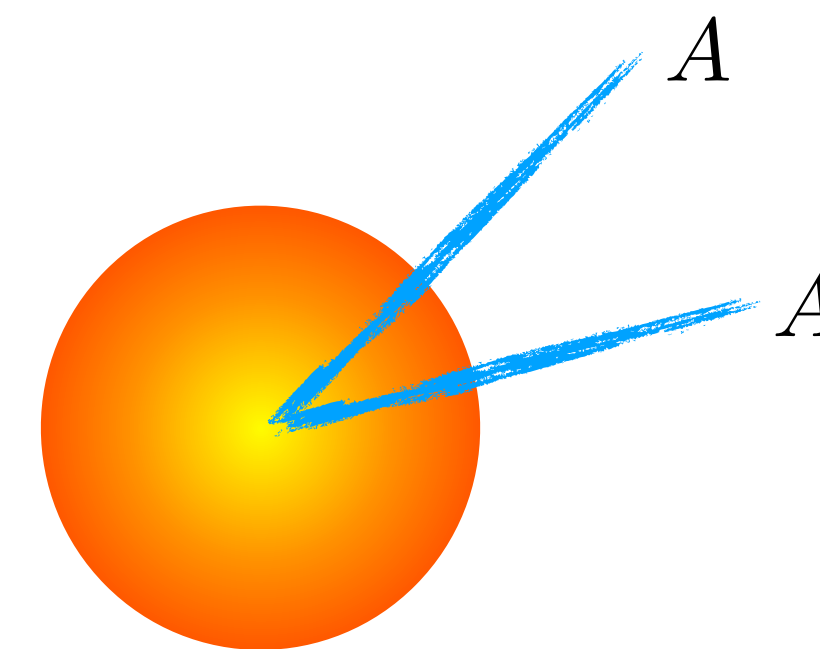
$$\propto \frac{1}{m_n} [F_{\mu\nu} \bar{n} \sigma^{\mu\nu} \gamma_5 n] \frac{A}{f_A}$$


$$\mathcal{L}_{a\gamma} = -C_{a\gamma} \frac{\alpha}{2\pi} \frac{F^{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}_{\mu\nu}}{4} = -g_{a\gamma} \frac{F^{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}_{\mu\nu}}{4} a = -g_{a\gamma} \vec{E} \cdot \vec{B} a$$

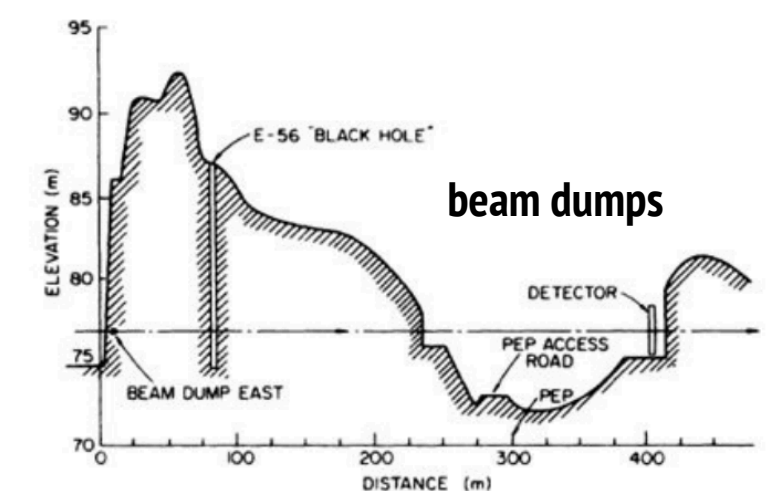
One parameter theory: decay constant f_A



Black hole spin radiated

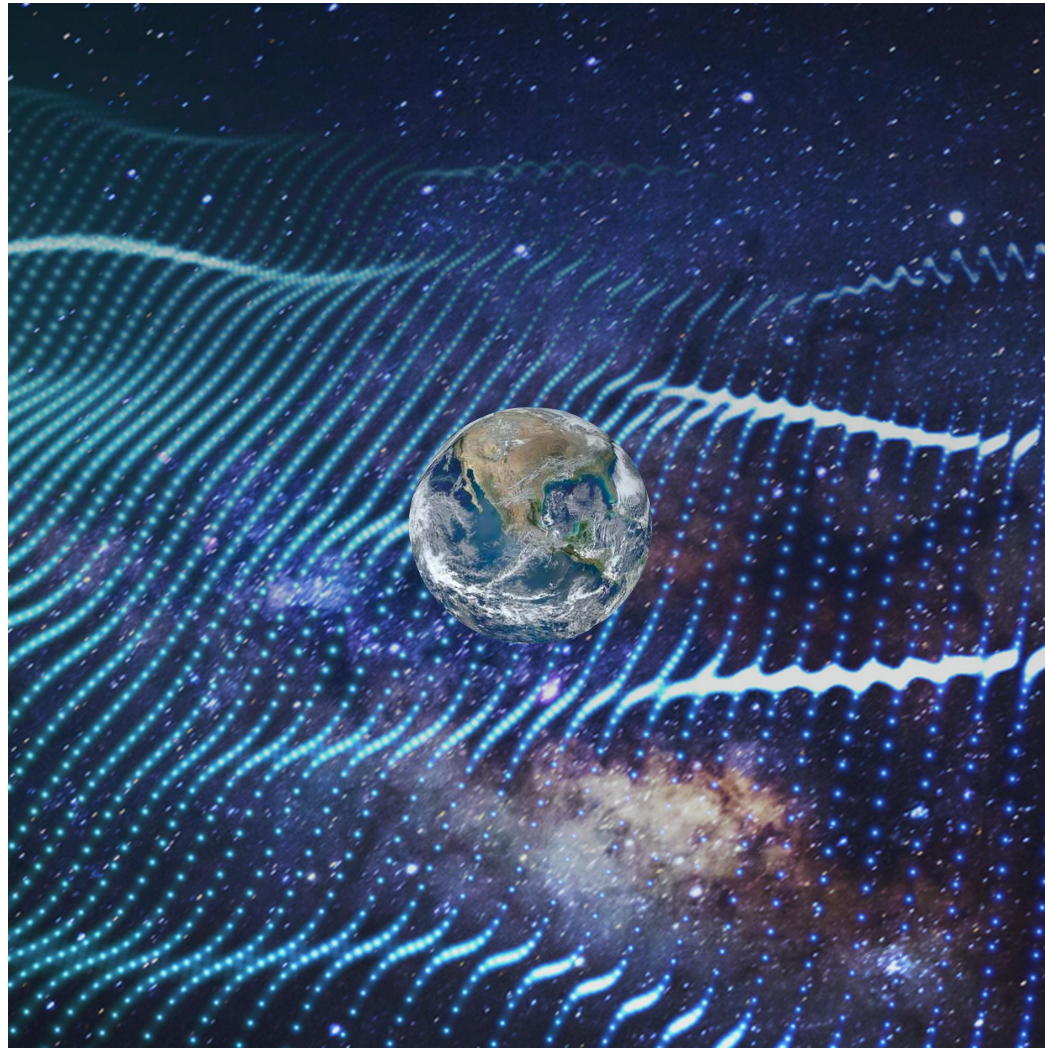


Stellar evolution accelerated*



Detecting axion DM

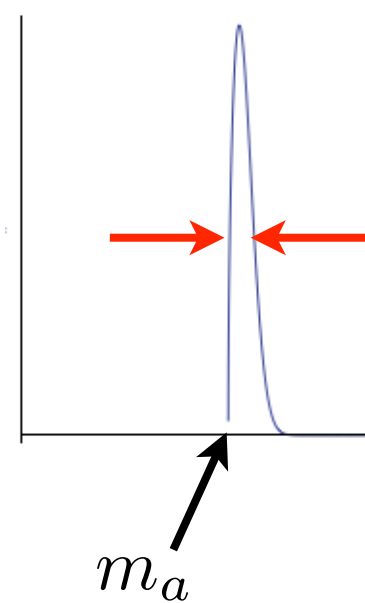
$$\theta = \sum_k \theta_k \cos(\omega t - \vec{k} \cdot \vec{x})$$



$$v_g = \frac{k}{\omega} \sim v_{\text{vir}} \sim 200 \text{ km/s} < v_{\text{esc}}$$

- Axion spectrum is not exactly monochromatic, non-zero velocity of DM in the galaxy -> finite width

frequency $\omega \simeq m_a(1 + v^2/2 + \dots)$



$$\delta\omega = \frac{m_a v^2}{2}$$

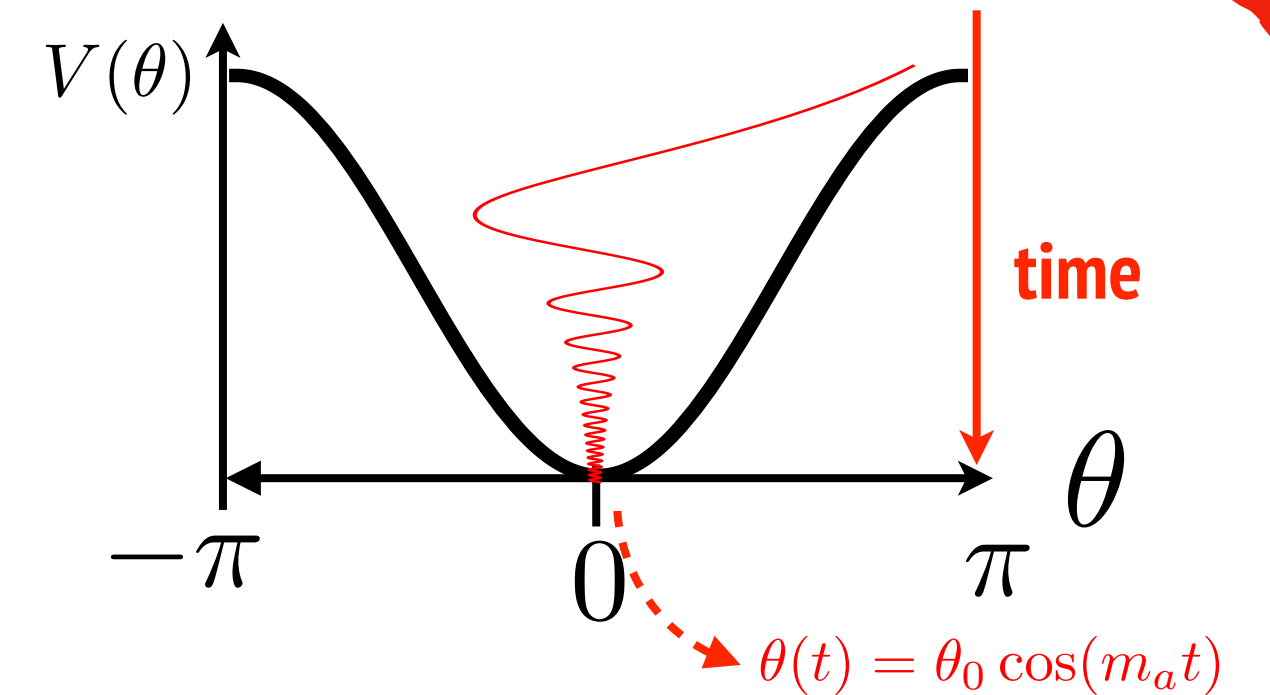
$$\frac{\delta\omega}{\omega} \sim 10^{-6}$$

coherence time

$$\delta t \sim \frac{1}{\delta\omega} \sim 0.13 \text{ ms} \left(\frac{10^{-5} \text{ eV}}{m_a} \right)$$

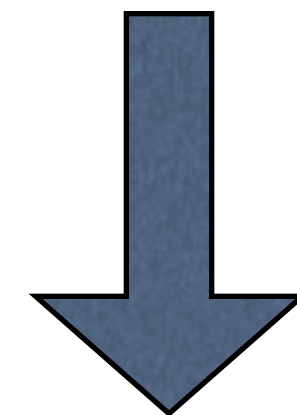
coherence length

$$\delta L \sim \frac{1}{\delta p} \sim 20 \text{ m} \left(\frac{10^{-5} \text{ eV}}{m_a} \right)$$



Local Dark Matter density*

$$\rho_{c,0} \simeq \frac{1}{2} \dot{a}^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_a^2 a^2 = 0.4 \frac{\text{GeV}}{\text{cm}^3}$$



$$\theta_0 = 3.6 \times 10^{-19}$$

Axion DM and the cavity concept

-Axion DM, $\theta = \theta_0 \cos(m_a t)$ +B, source in Maxwell'

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} &= \rho_f \\ \nabla \times \mathbf{H} - \frac{\partial \mathbf{D}}{\partial t} &= \mathbf{J}_f - C_{a\gamma} \frac{\alpha}{2\pi} \mathbf{B} \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial t} \\ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} &= 0 \\ \frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} + \nabla \times \mathbf{E} &= 0\end{aligned}$$

In a magnetised medium

$$\mathbf{E}(t) = \frac{C_{a\gamma}\alpha\theta_0\mathbf{B}}{2\pi\epsilon}\cos(m_at)$$

$$|\mathbf{E}| \simeq 10^{-12} \frac{V}{m} \frac{C_{a\gamma}}{2} \frac{|\mathbf{B}|}{10\text{T}}$$

- Haloscope (Sikivie 83)

“Amplify resonantly the EM field in a resonant cavity”



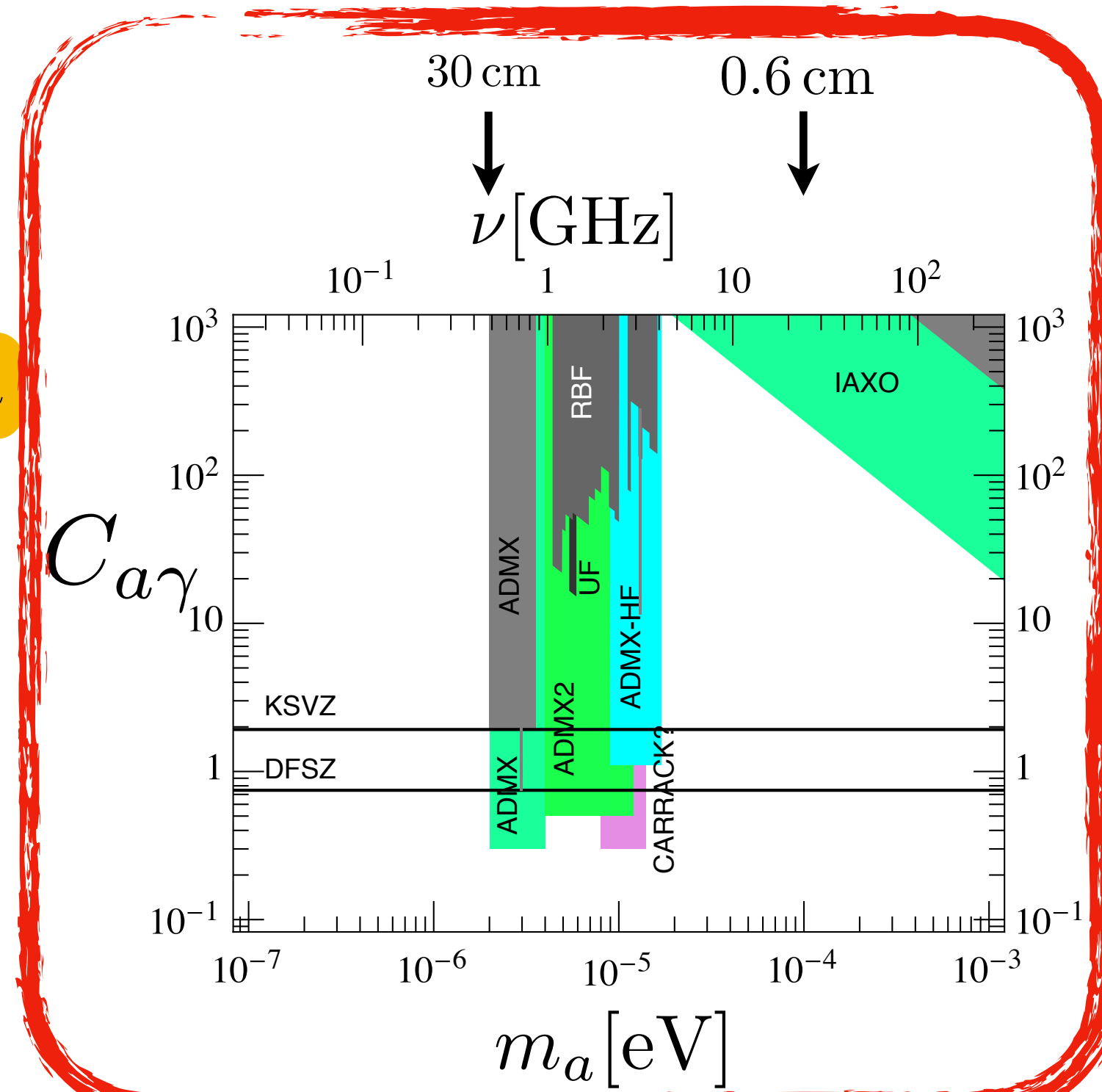
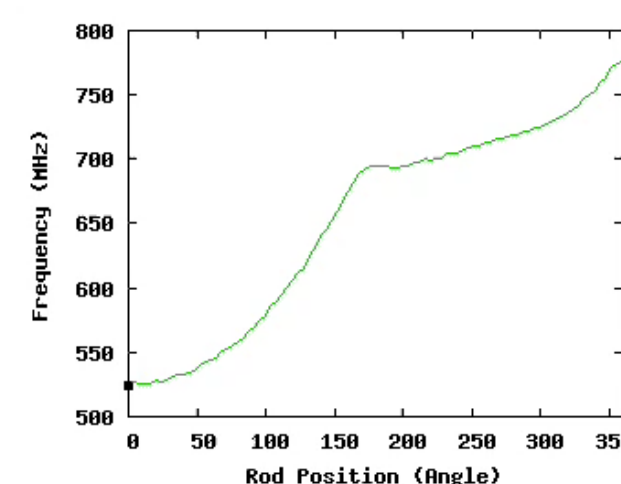
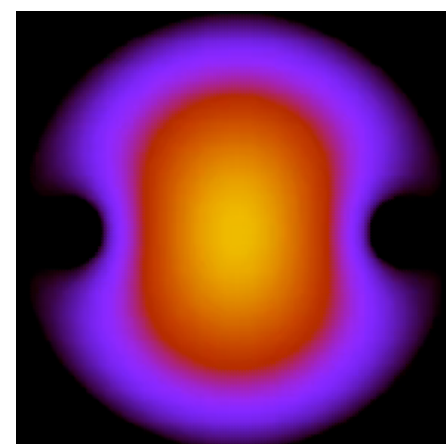
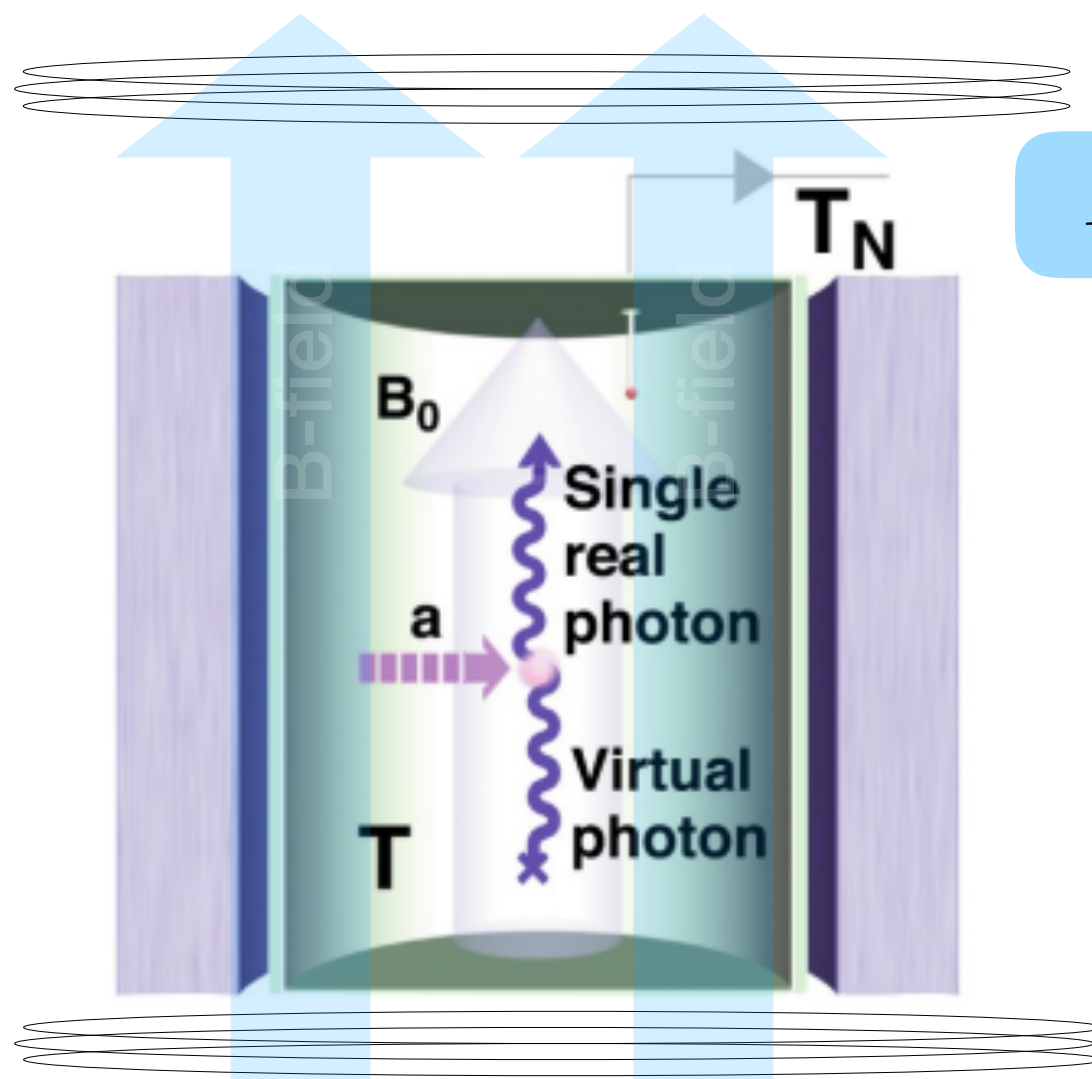
P. Sikivie

$$P_{\text{out}} \sim Q |\mathbf{E}_a|^2 V m_a \quad (\text{on resonance})$$

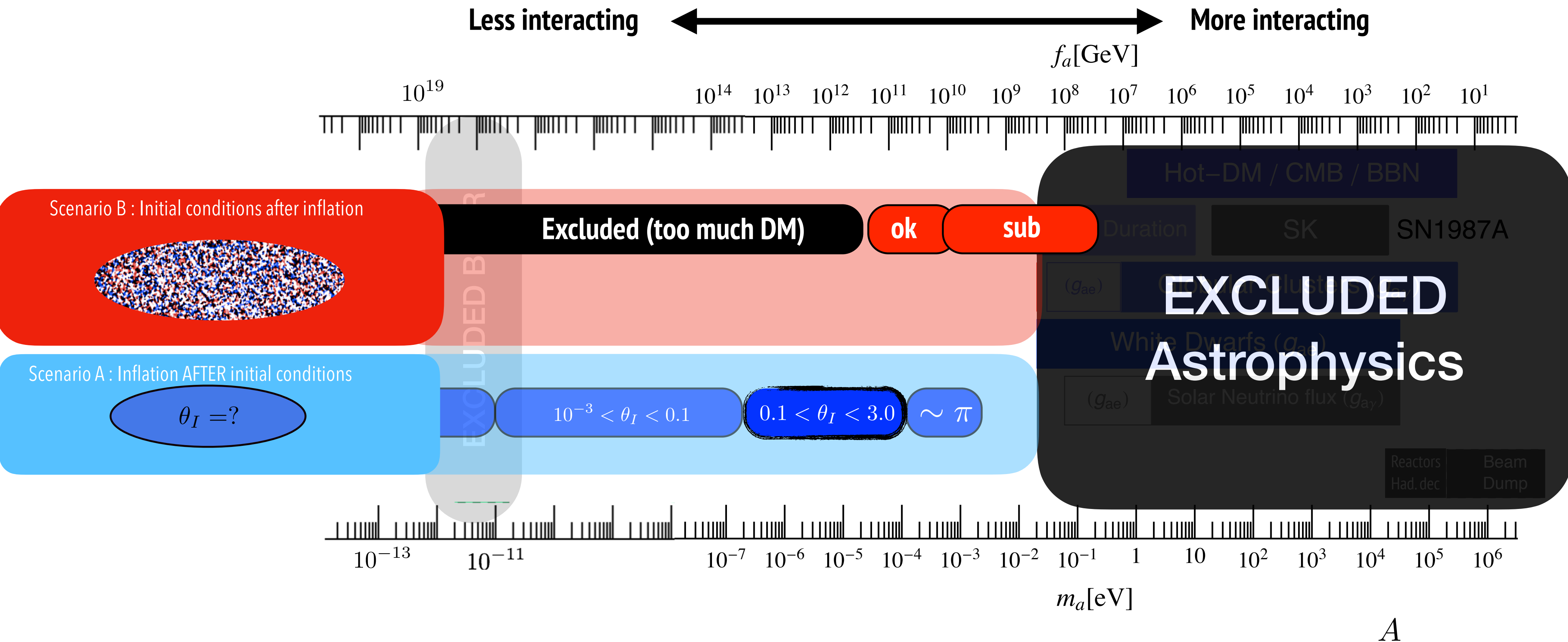
$$P_{\text{noise}} = T_{\text{sys}} \Delta \nu_a \sim T_{\text{sys}} 10^{-6} m_a$$

- **Cavity quality factor** $Q \sim 10^5$
- **B-fields** $B \sim 10\text{T}$
- **Volume** $\sim 1/m_a^3$ (typically a few liters)

- Temperature $T \sim 0.2 - 4$ K
- System T ~ Quantum limited (SQUID, JPA



The axion DM mass: two predictions

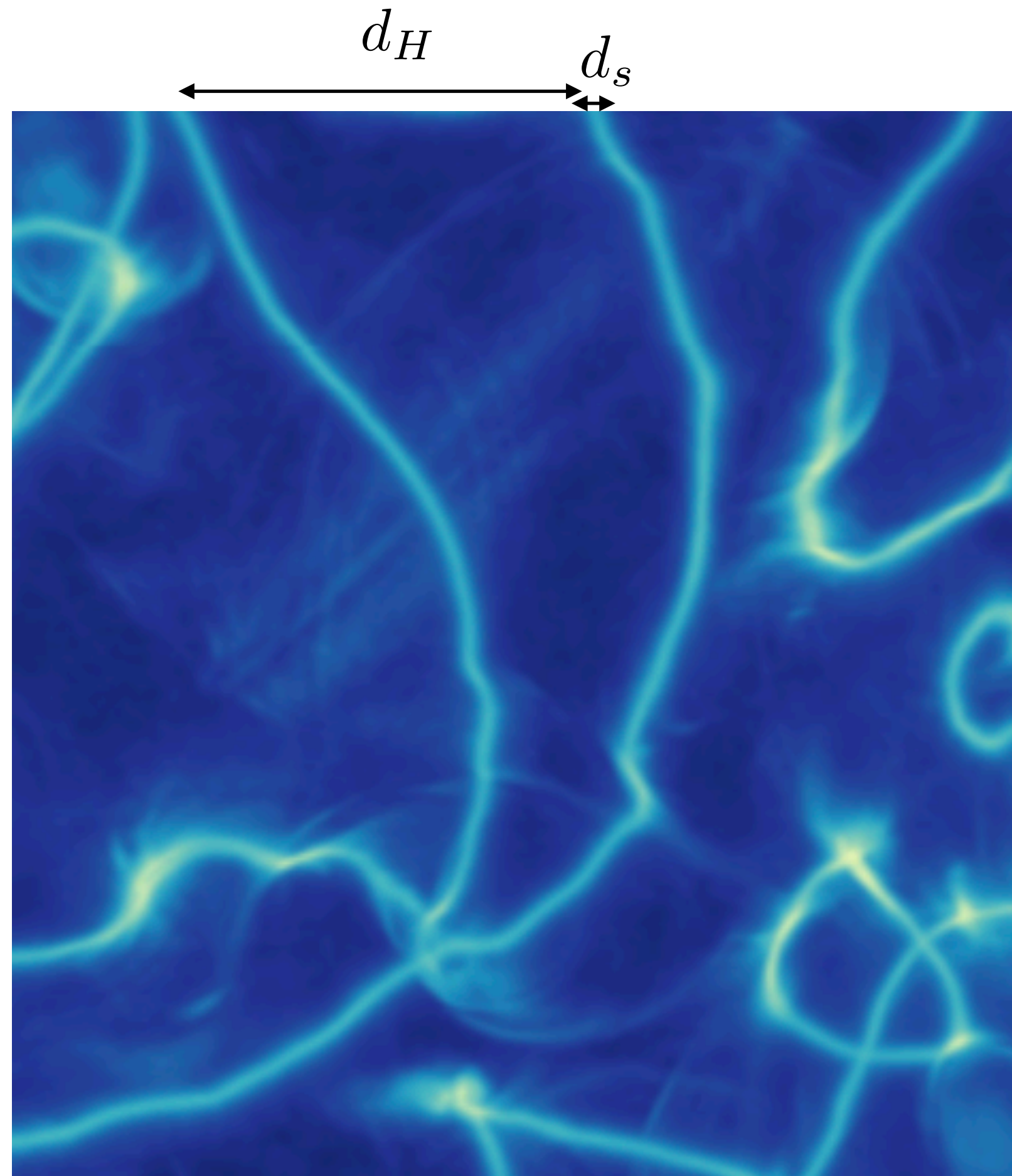


Post-inflation scenario: a prediction is possible (IC conditions are averaged accross the universe)

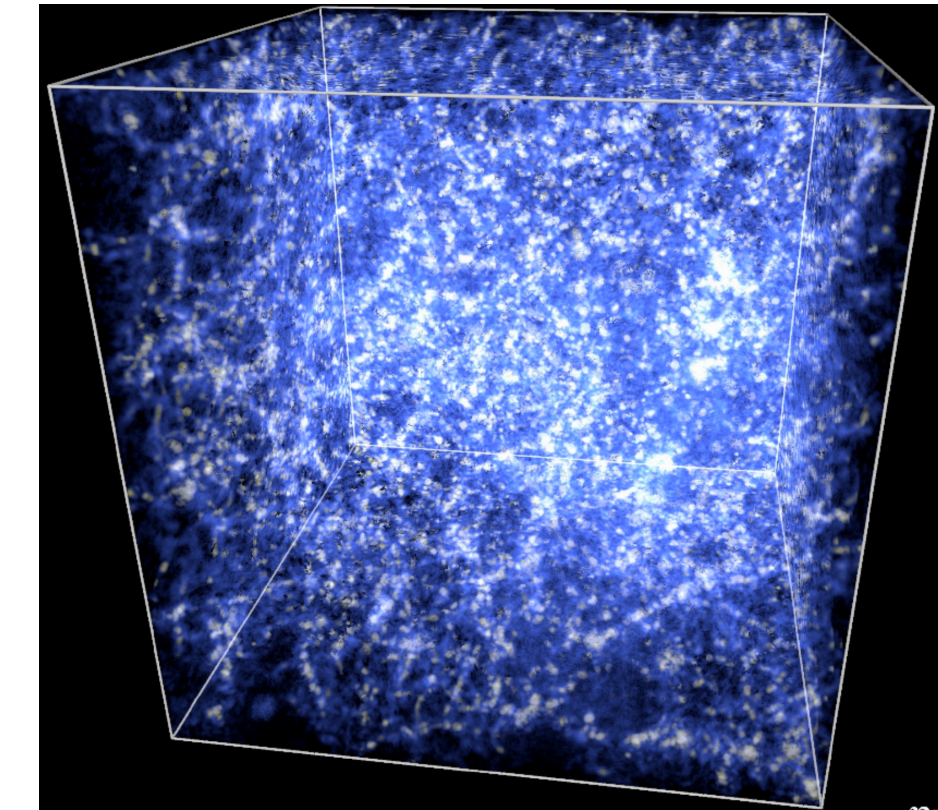
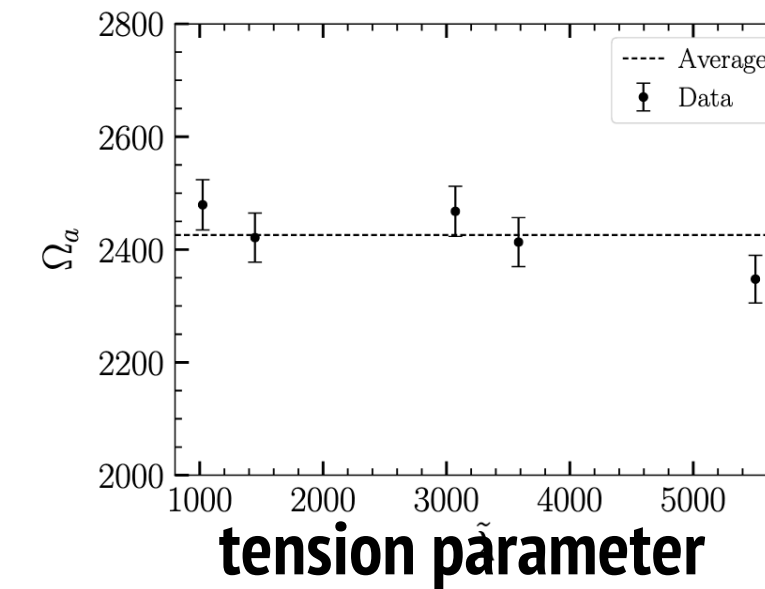
Predictions precision is spoiled by cosmic strings

Axionic string simulations

- Axion DM from string network with molecular dynamics simulations (HPC 8192^3)
- Problem: dynamical range $d_H/d_s \sim 10^{30}$, ($\log(d_H/d_s) \sim 70$) but available only $10^3(8)$



- Small Dependence of Omega on $\log(d_H/d_s)$



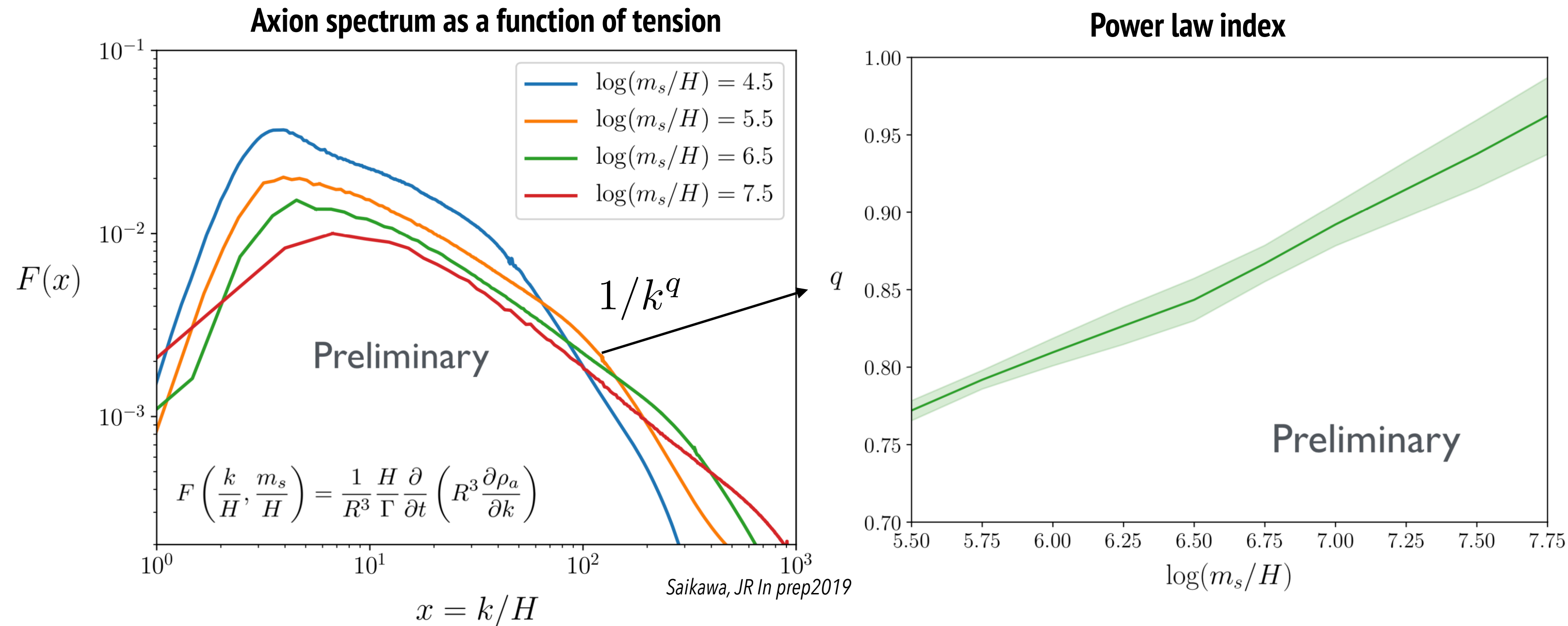
Safdi 2019

- Large (effective) tension simulations also available
- Results reveal negligible influence of strings

$\sim 15\mu\text{eV}$ (Moore, JR), $\sim 26\mu\text{eV}$ (Moore HT), $\sim 26\mu\text{eV}$ (Safdi LT)

Axion radiated spectrum

- Method 2, understanding radiation (safer extrapolation)

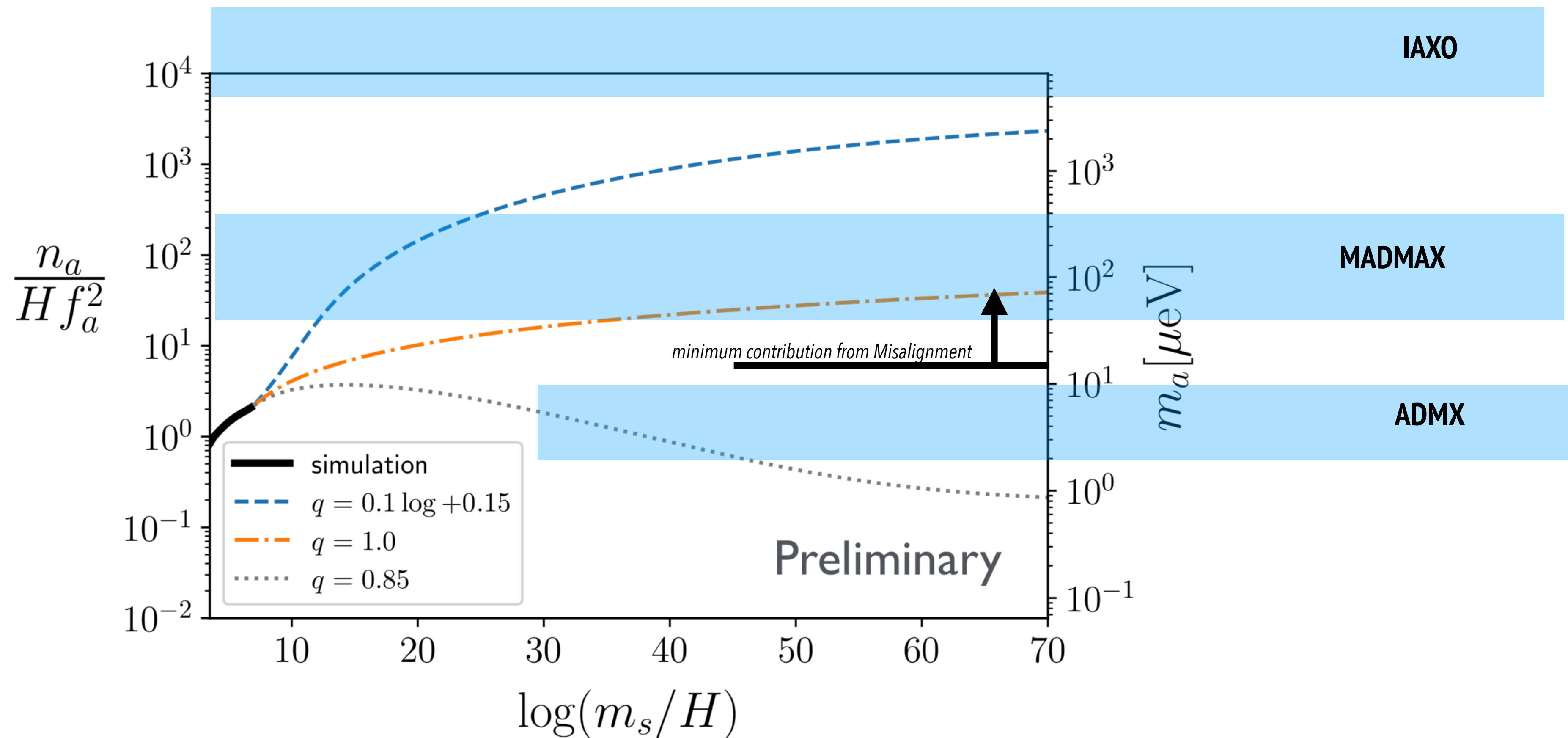


Current simulations are in a tension regime where $q < 1$ (few UV axions take most energy);

Trend towards $q > 1$ is seen -> (many IR axions take most energy -> more DM!)

Extrapolation to physical values

- Extrapolate in q and integrate the axion emission from strings from PQ to QCD epochs
- Very large uncertainties at the moment

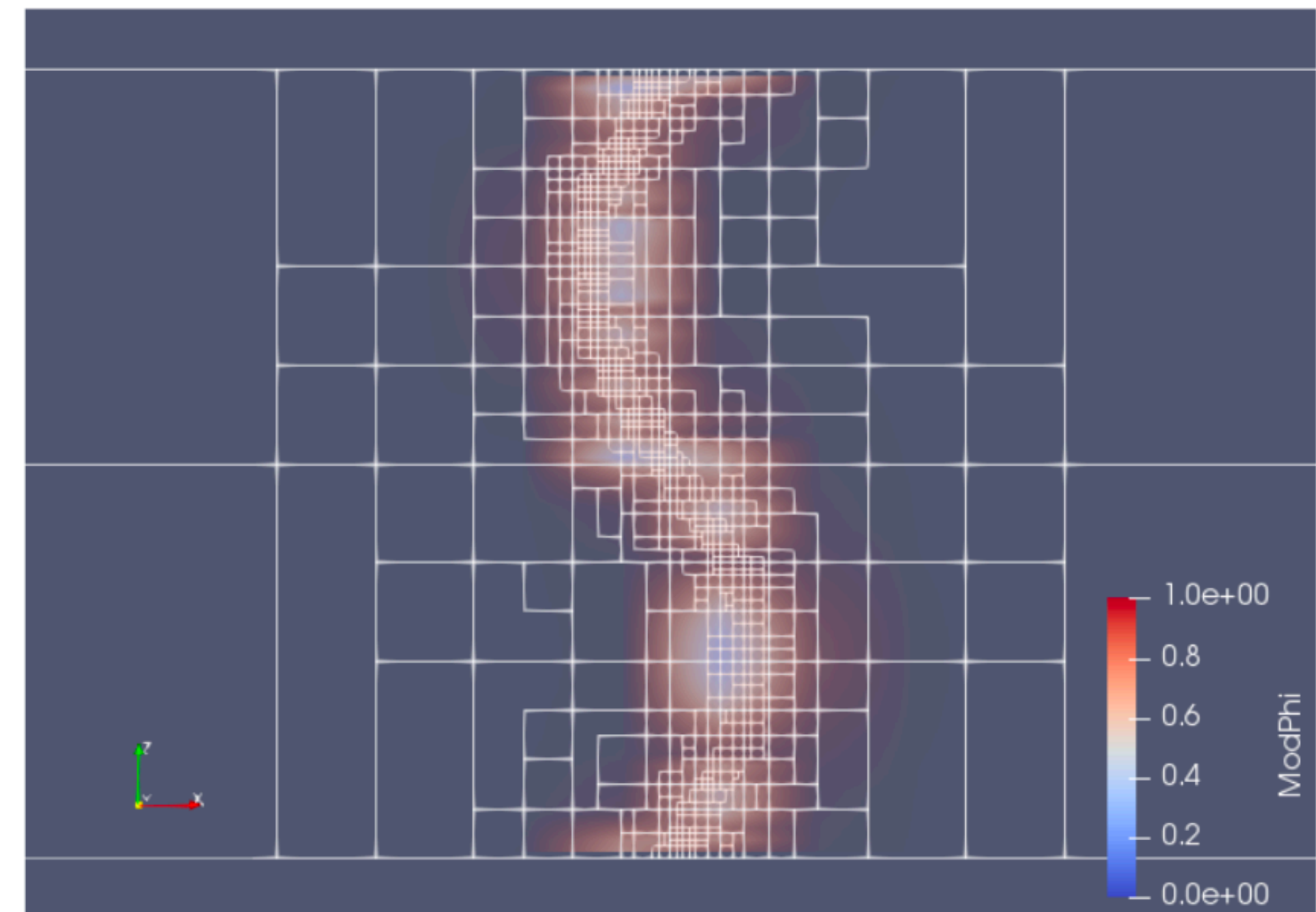


The future : AMR?

Perhaps we do not need to be able to extrapolate to $\log = 70$

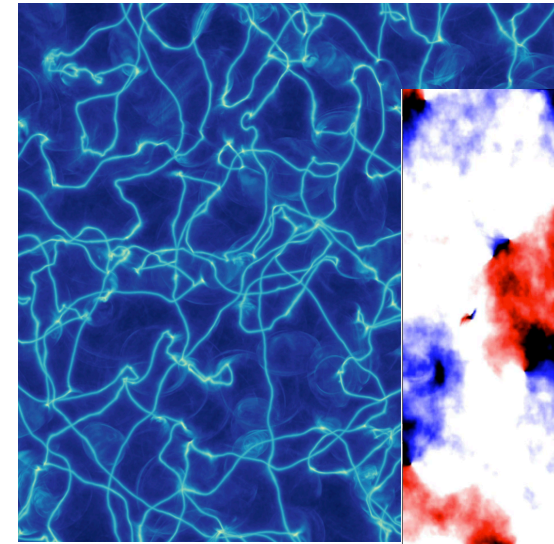
A factor of 2 in log will be more than sufficient to understand much better dynamics and reduce uncertainty

Dedicated Adaptive Mesh Refinement simulations can cover this gap and see if there is a change of behaviour at $q = 1$

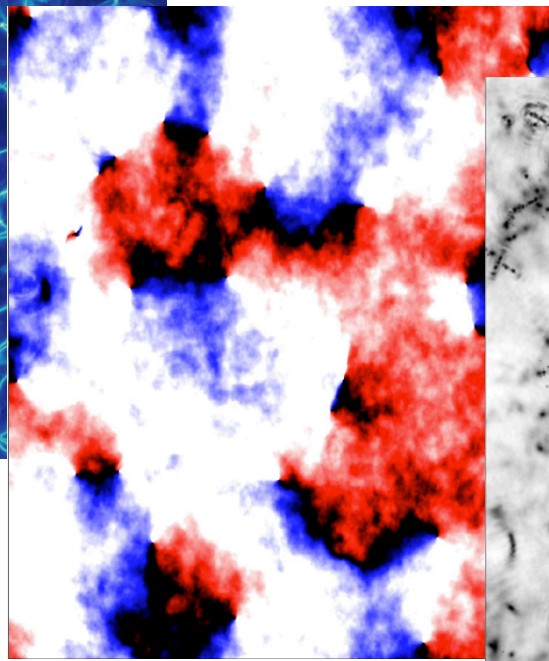


Miniclusters and axion stars

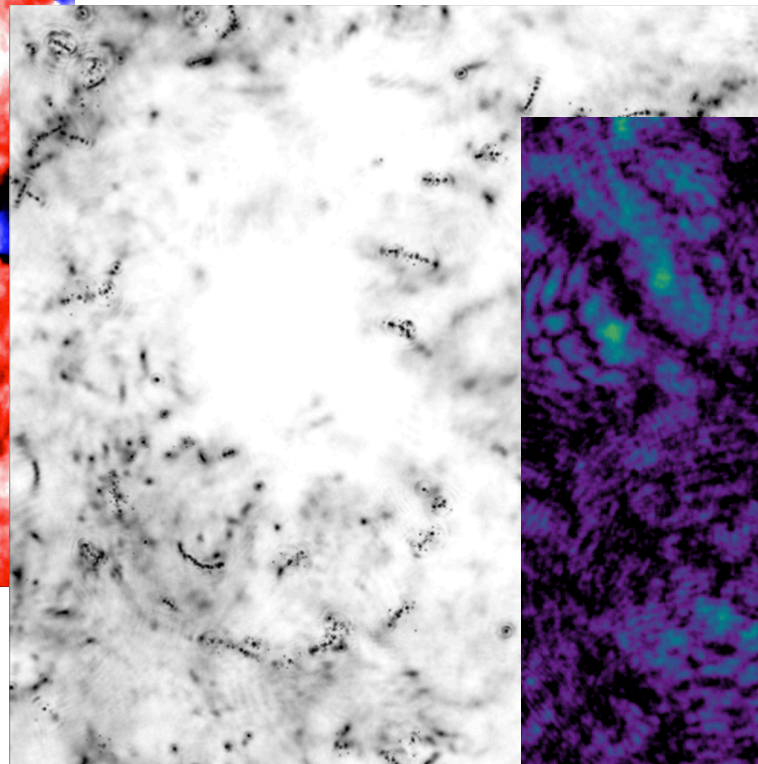
Scaling



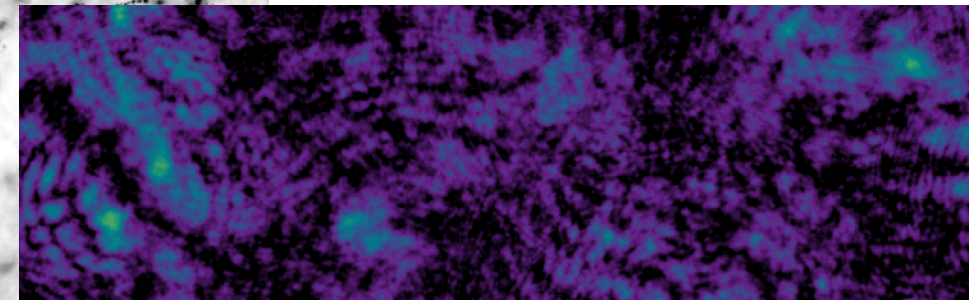
Misalignment



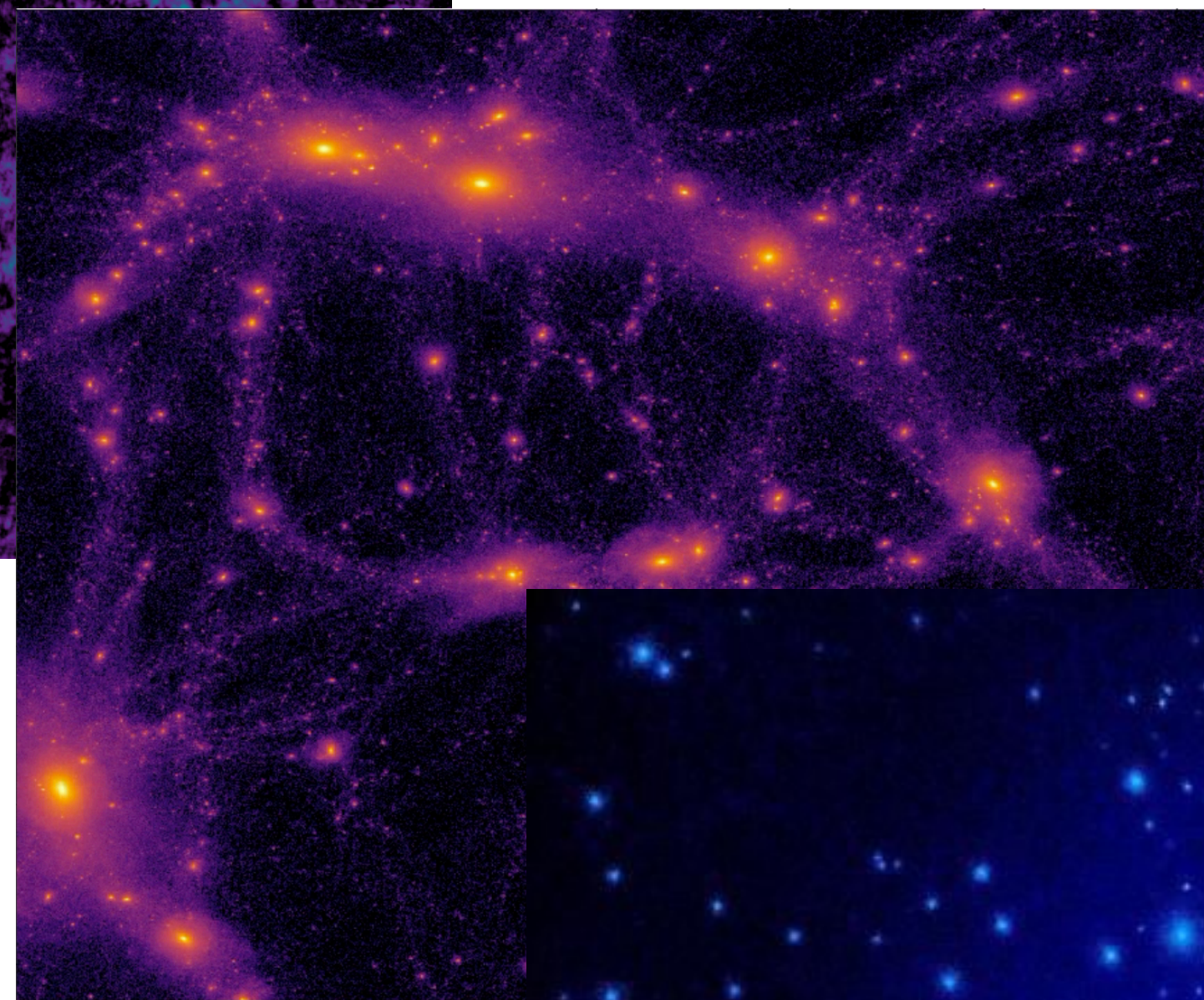
Axions



Free-stream (RD)



Miniclusters form

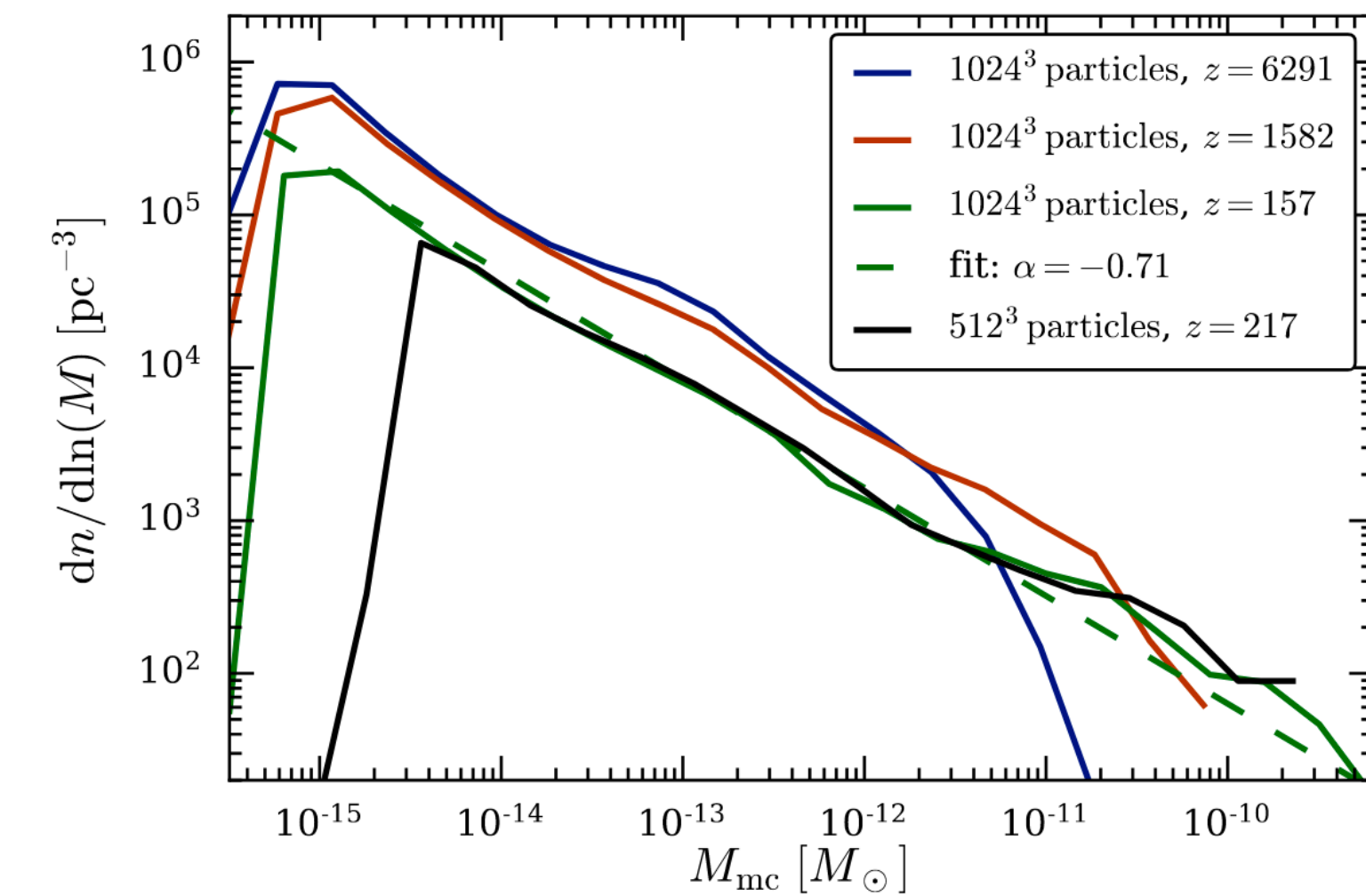


hierarchical growth

Galaxy forms with MC halo

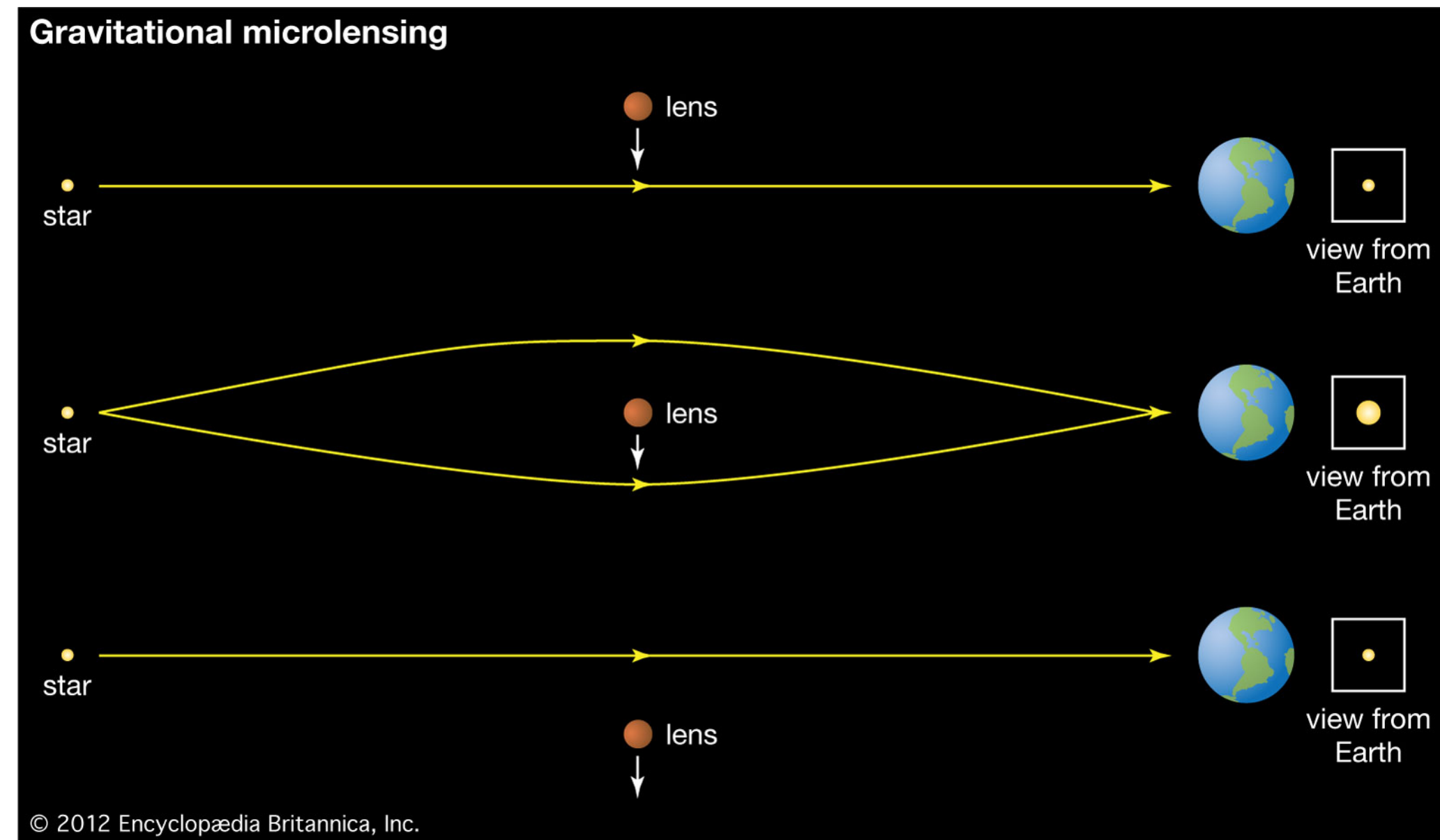


Minicluster mass function from N-body Simulations

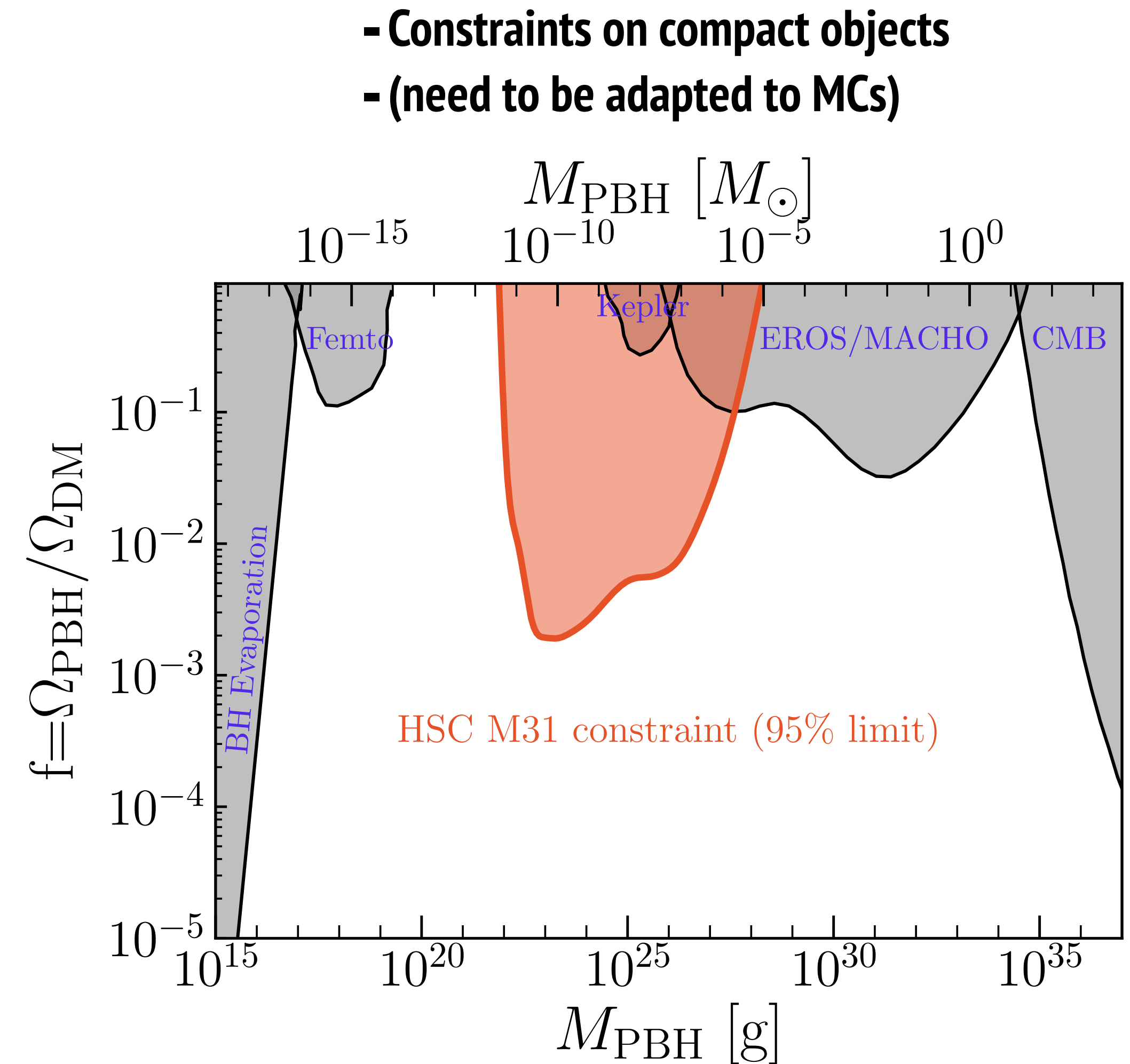


- Uncertainties in early stages propagate until today
- Predictions based on direct simulations

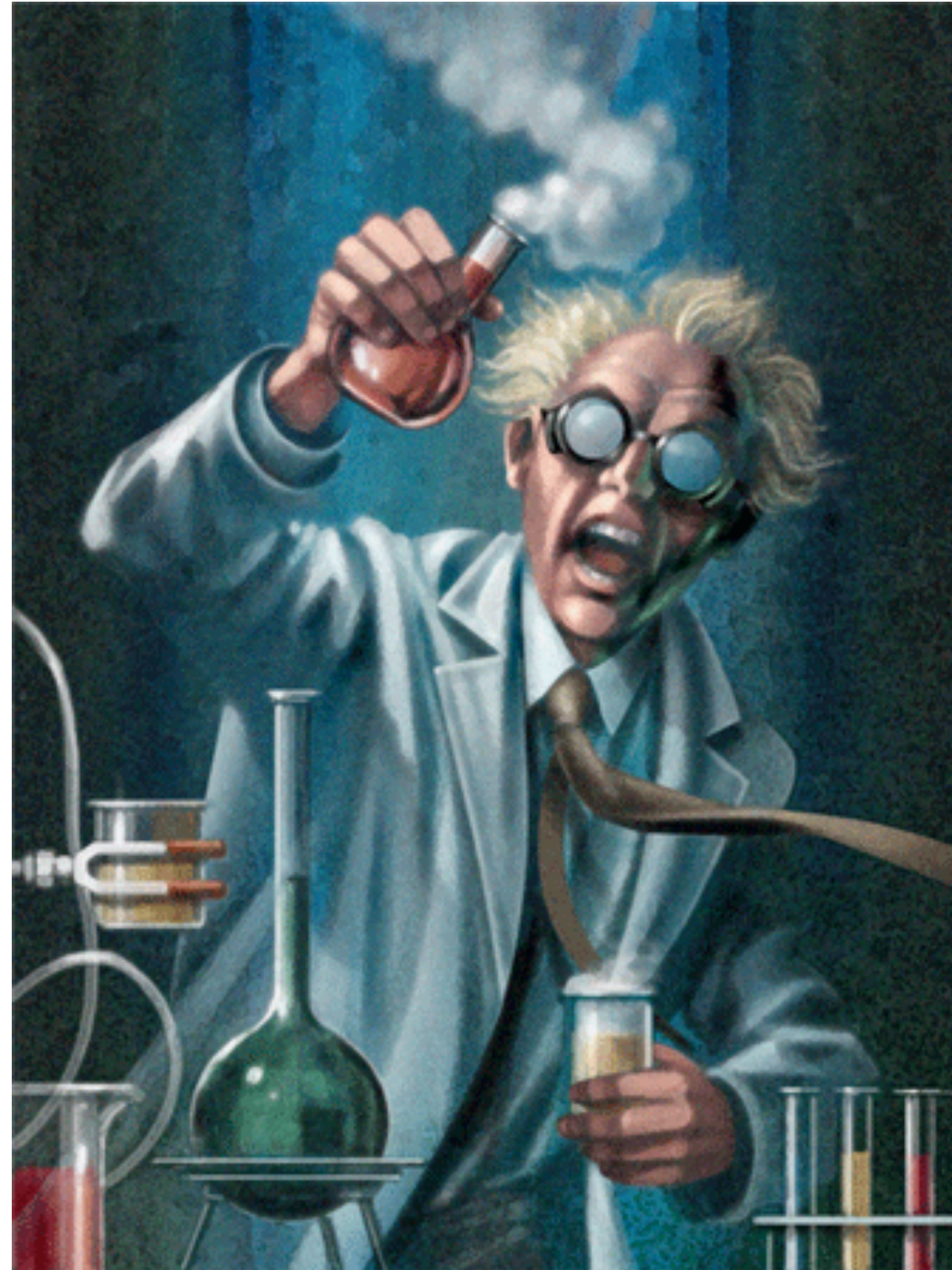
Miniclusters could be detected by femto- pico- and microlensing



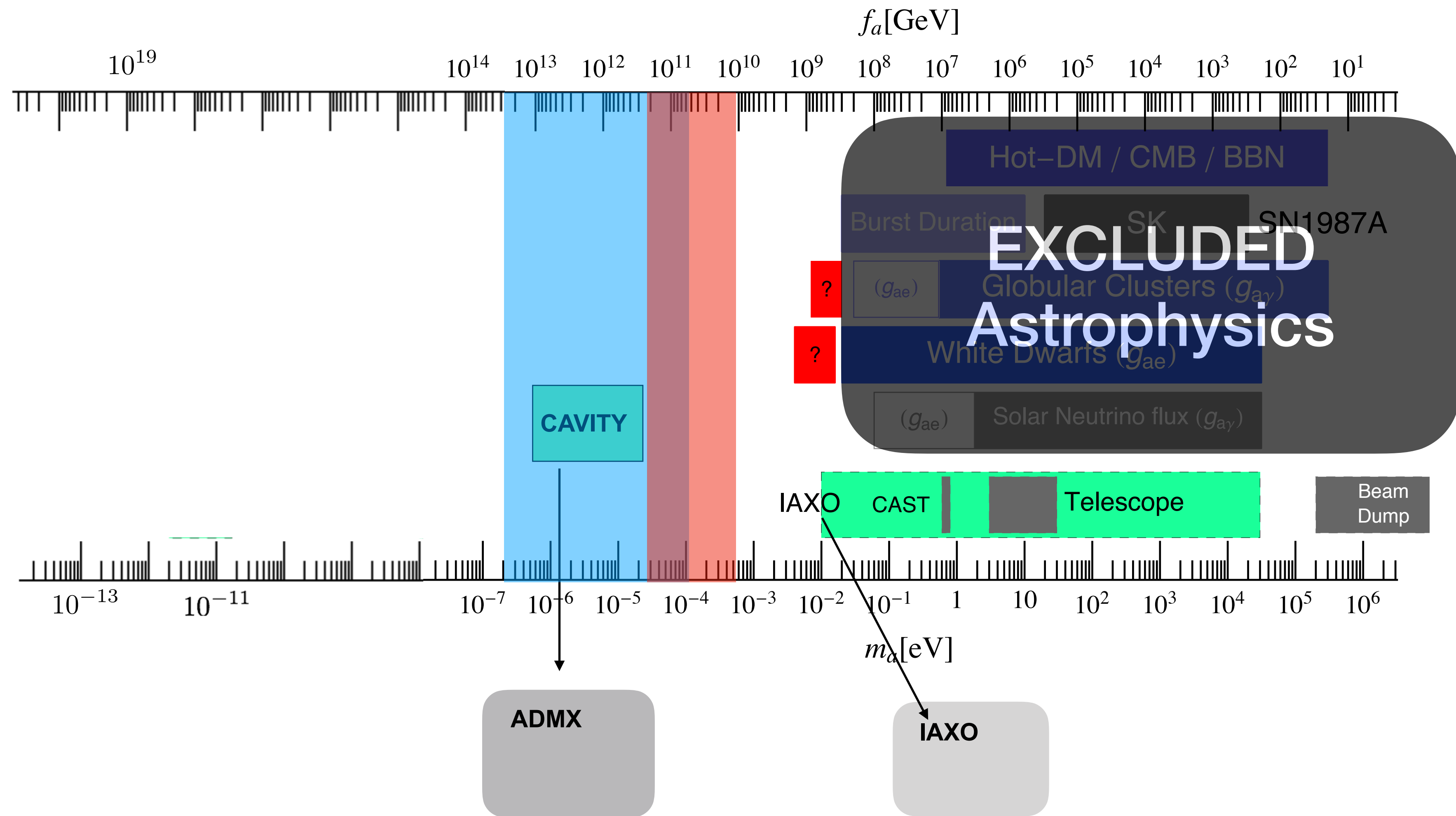
- First studies available
- Distinguishing between DM models



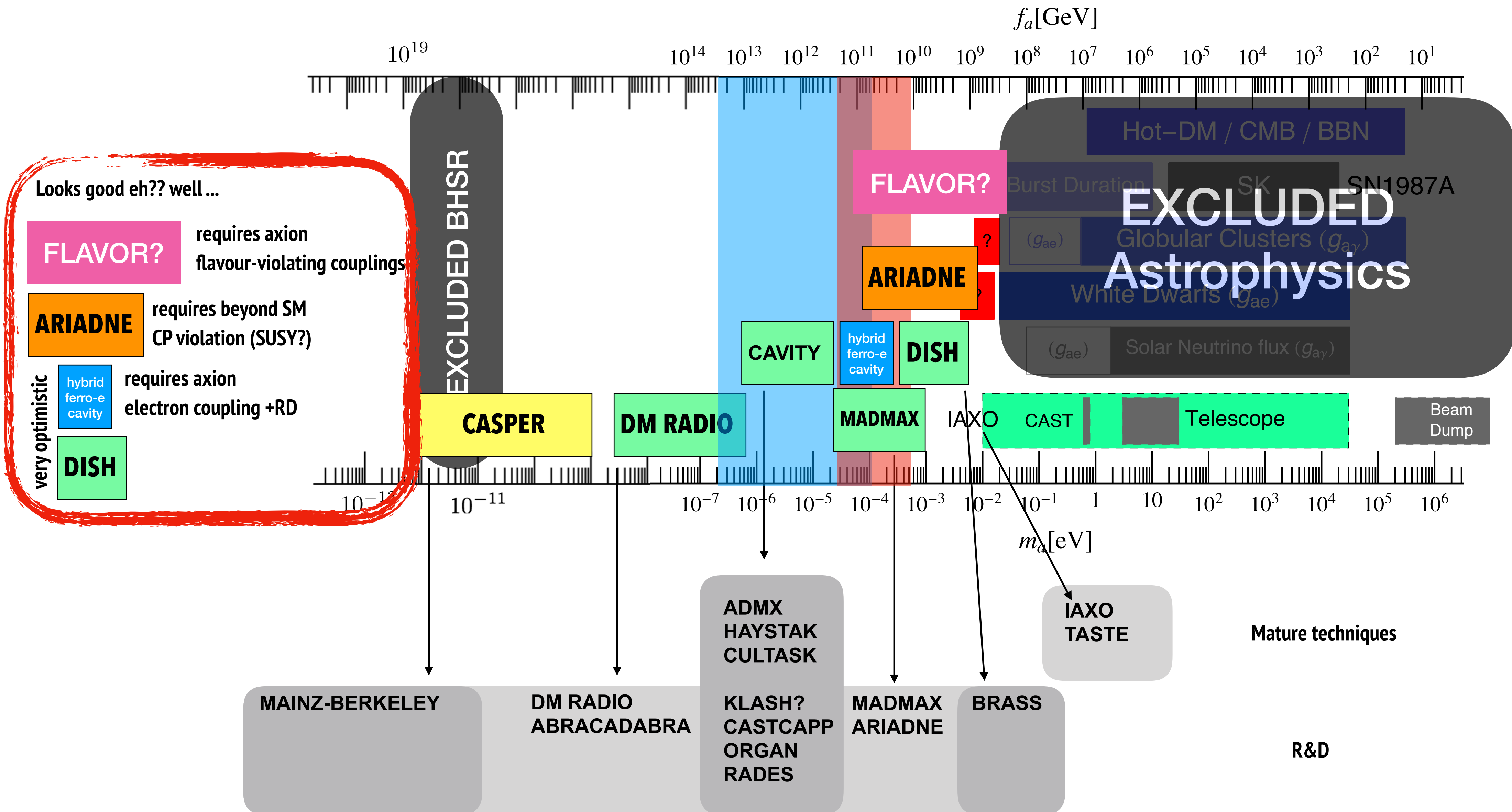
Detecting axion DM



On the search for the axion: 2012



On the search for the axion: 2019

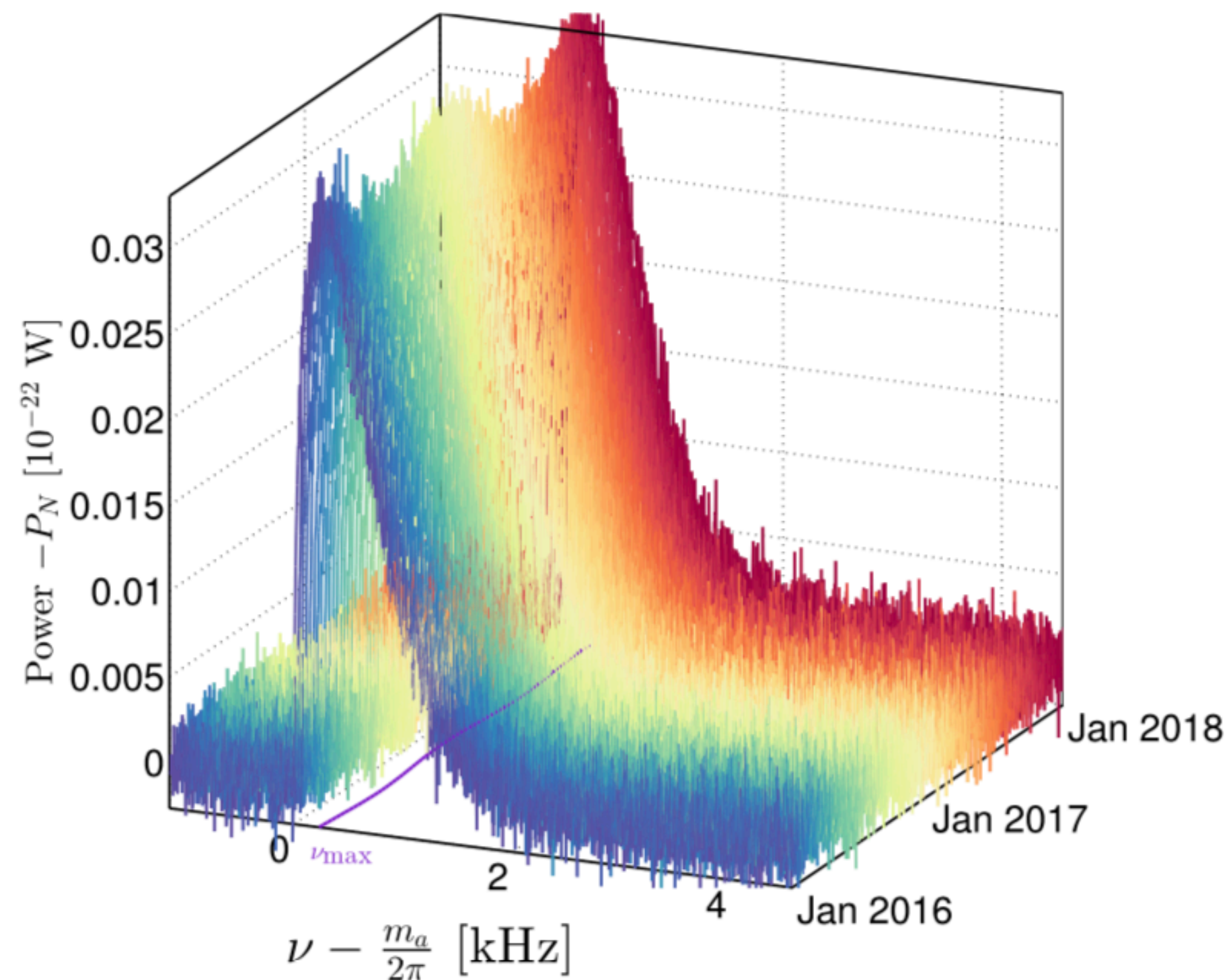


Axtronomy

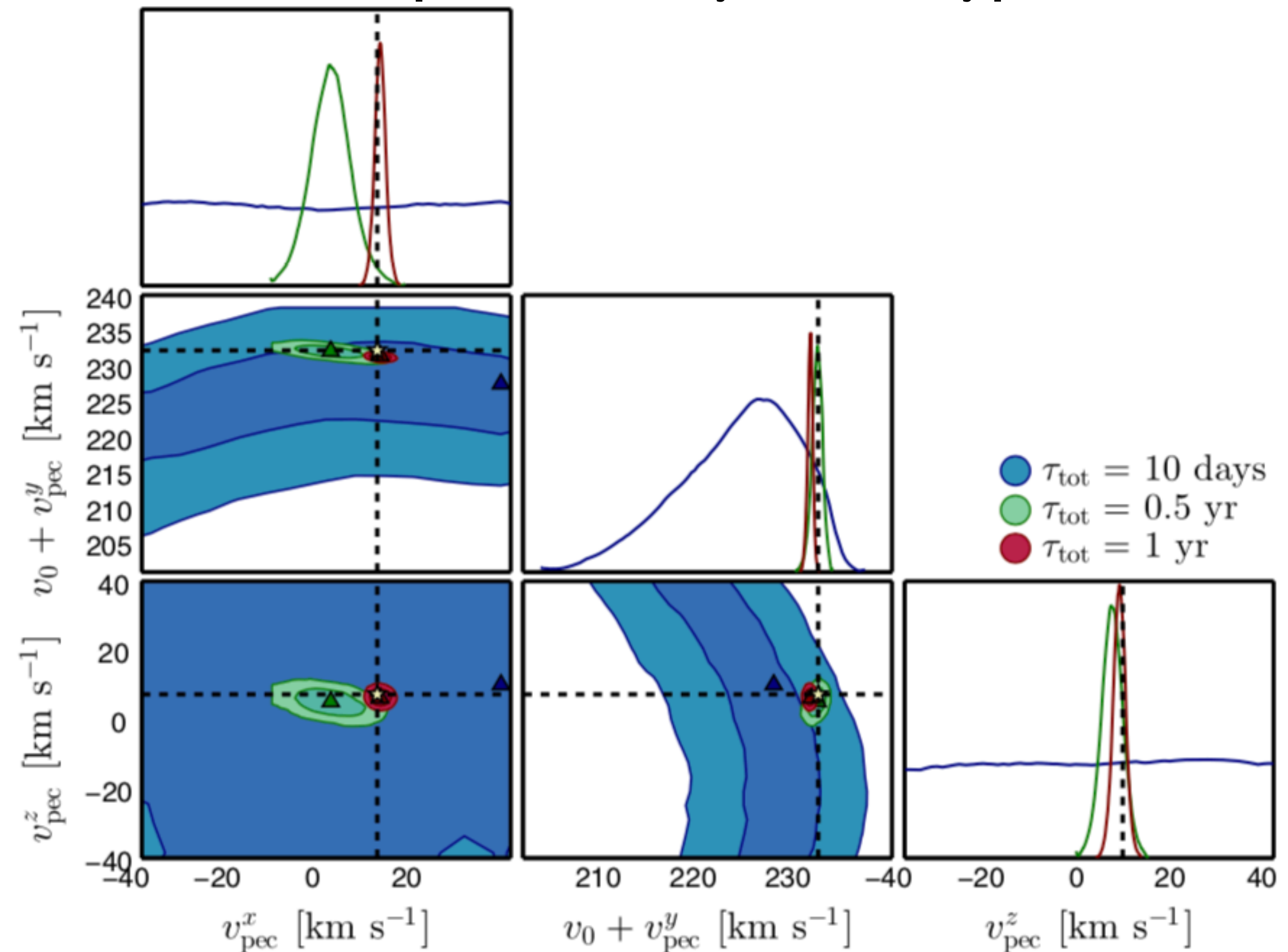
Detection of the axion would allow to study the galactic halo directly:

Velocity of axions has annual & daily modulations $\mathbf{v}_{\text{lab}}(t) = \mathbf{v}_0 + \mathbf{v}_{\text{pec}} + \mathbf{v}_{\text{rev}}(t) + \mathbf{v}_{\text{rot}}(t),$

Spectrum modulations



Reconstruct solar peculiar velocity, DM velocity profiles, substructure...

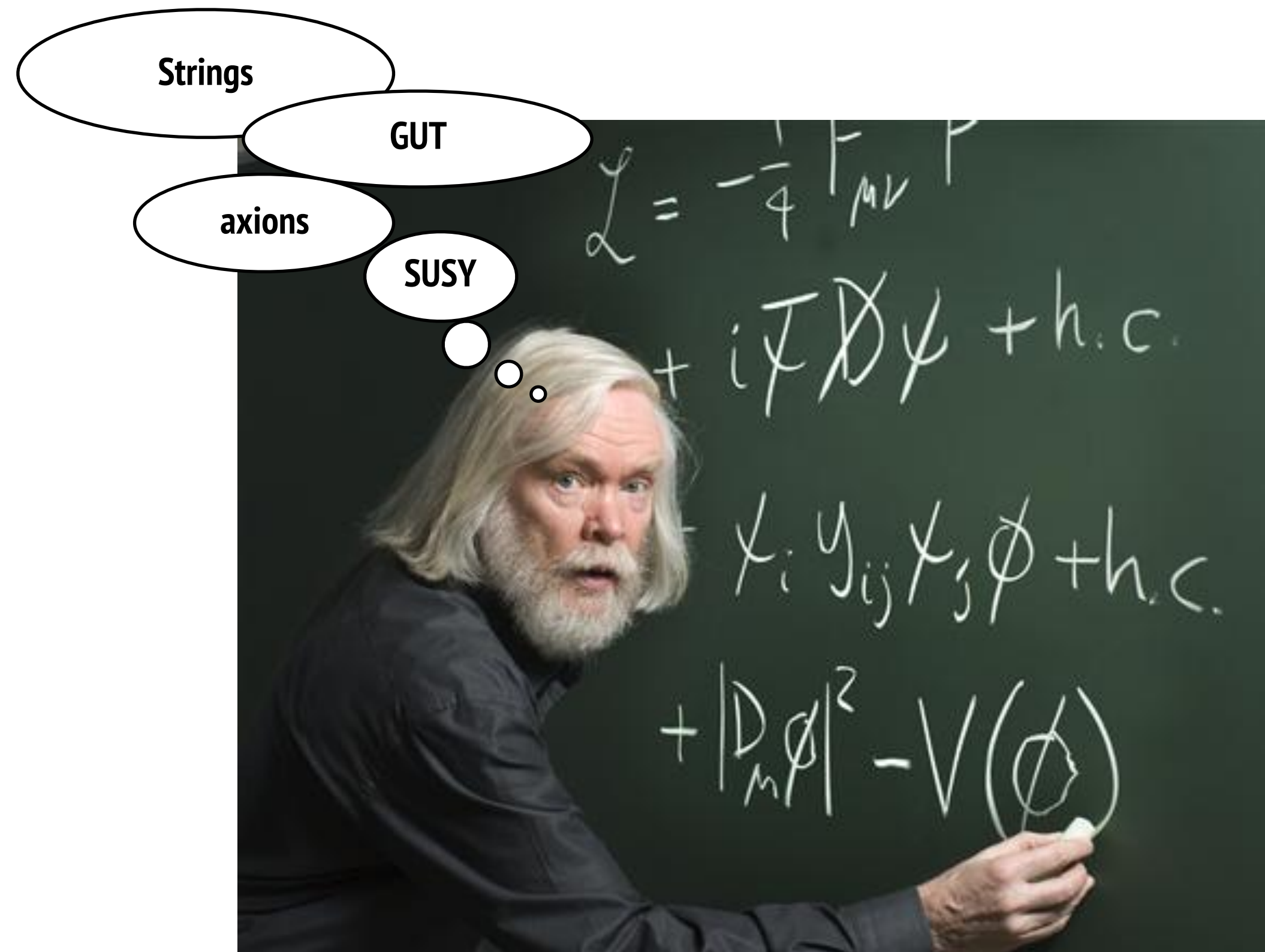


Conclusions



Evidence of DM is compelling

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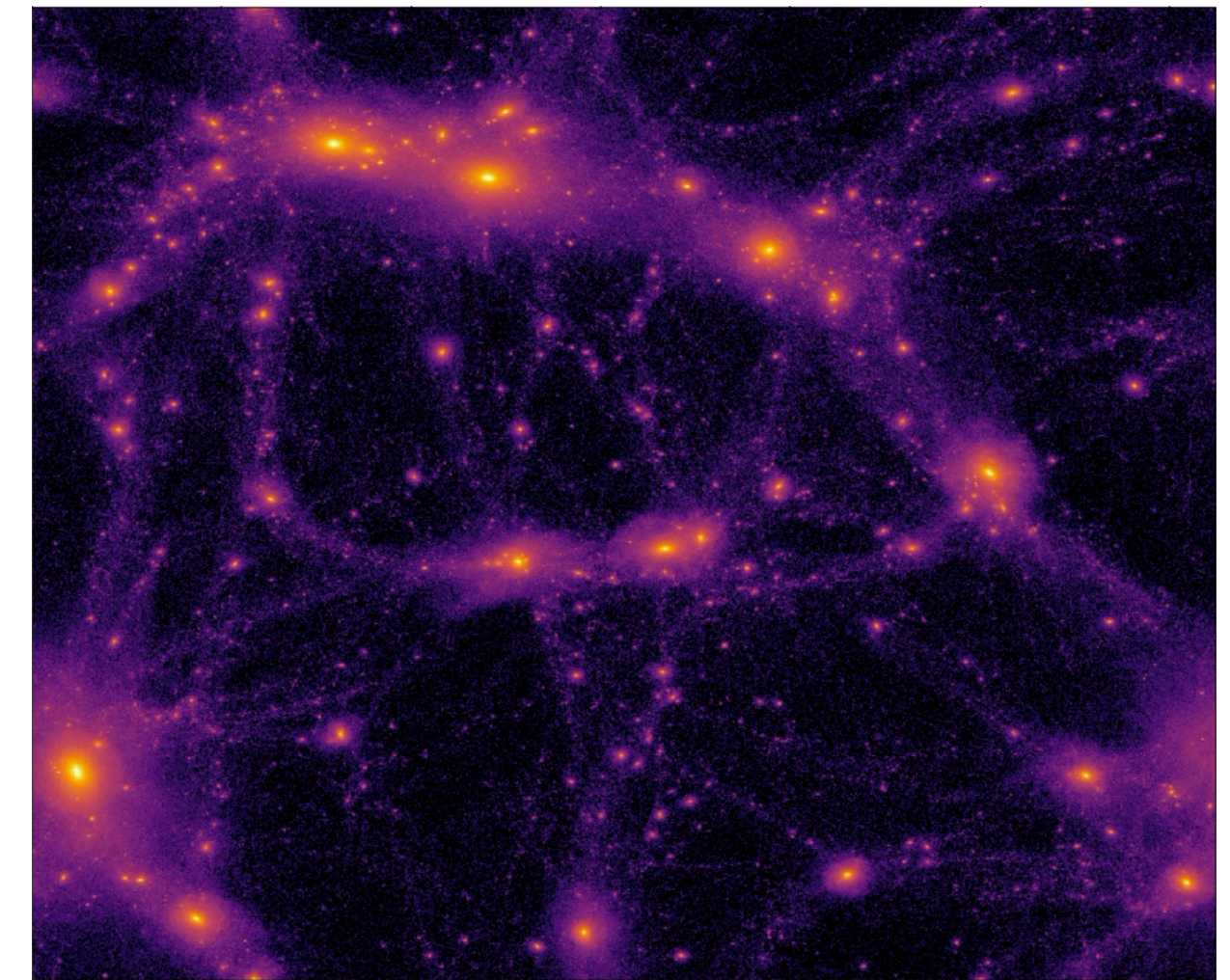
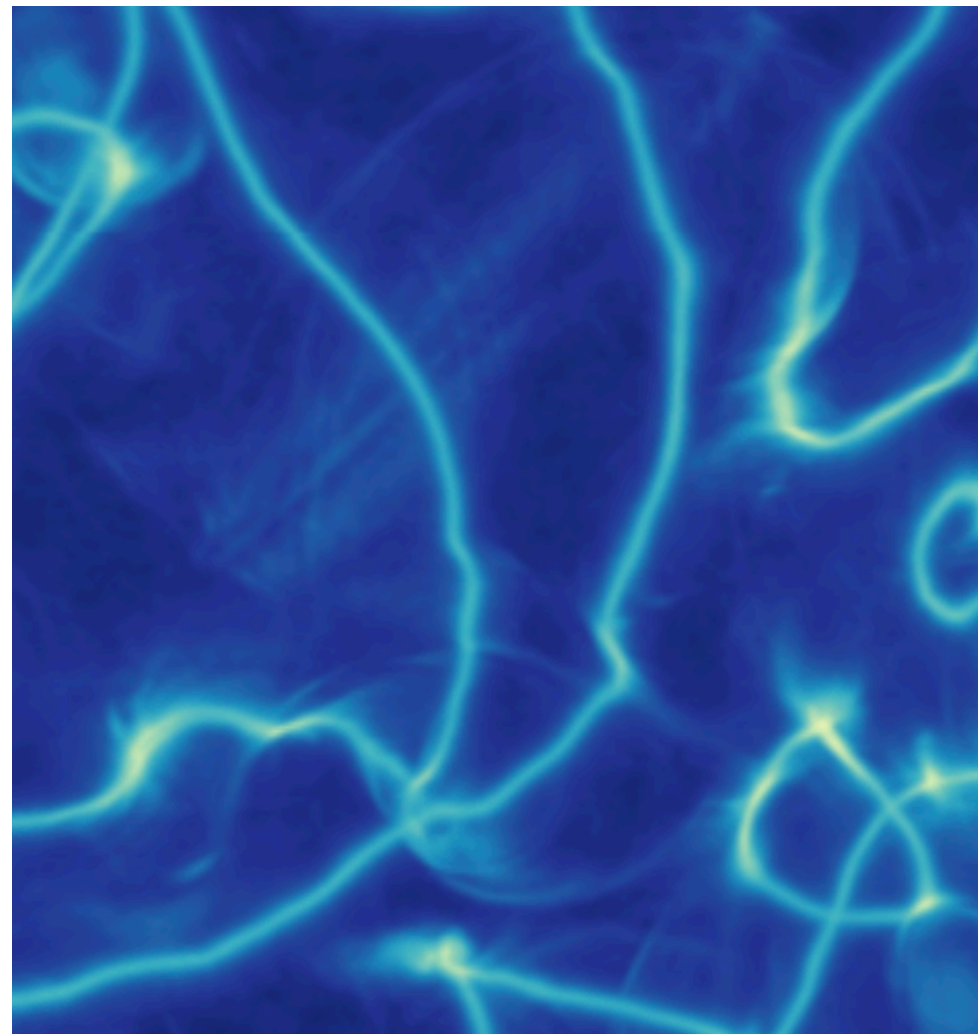


Particle physics offers very well motivated DM candidates

predictions on particle properties inspire experimental tests

and creates links to early Universe cosmology

Axions



The axion would solve the strong CP problem and be an excellent CDM candidate

Has potentially different DM features than WIMPs (miniclusters ...)

Times are becoming very exciting with new experiments to come

A prediction of the axion DM mass is possible in the post-inflationary scenario > guide experimental detection