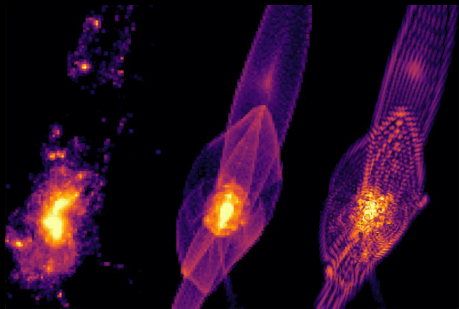


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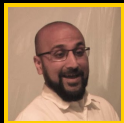
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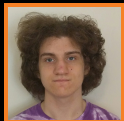
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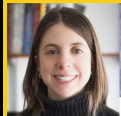
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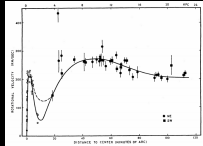
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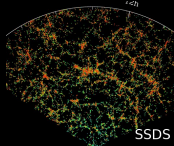
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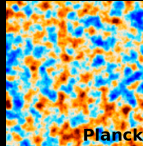
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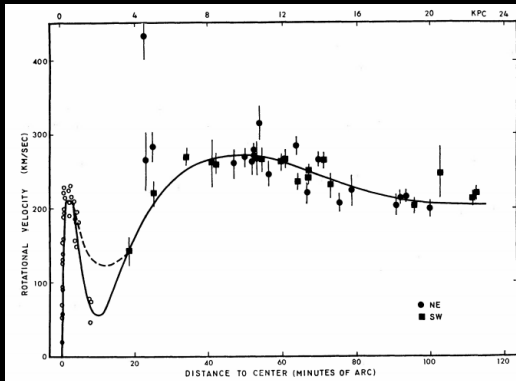
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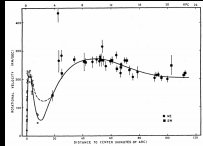


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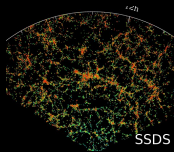


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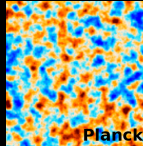
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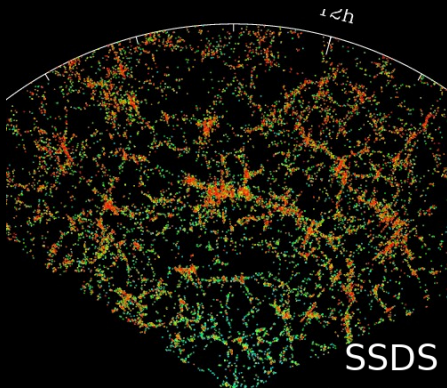
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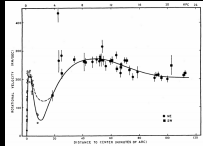


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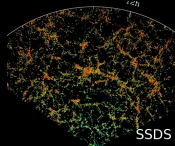


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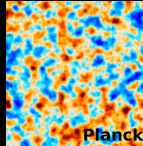
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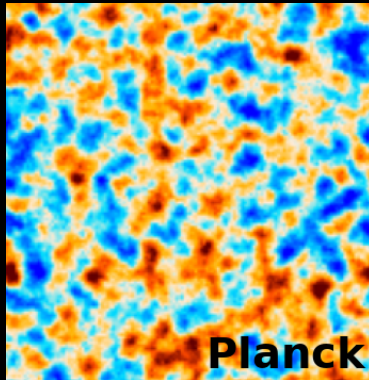
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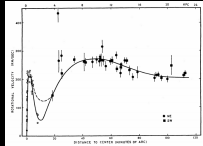


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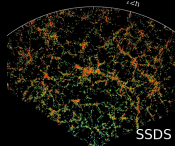


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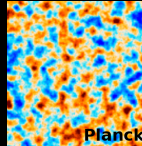
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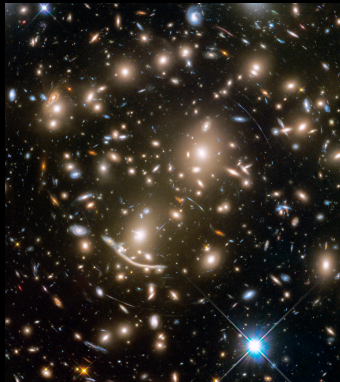
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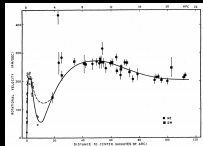


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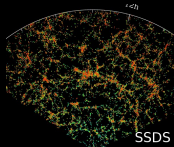


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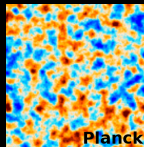
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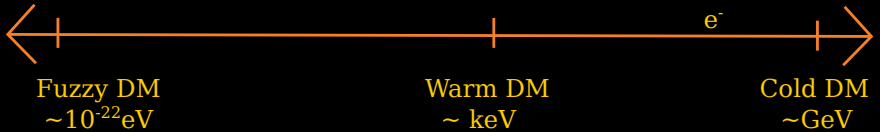
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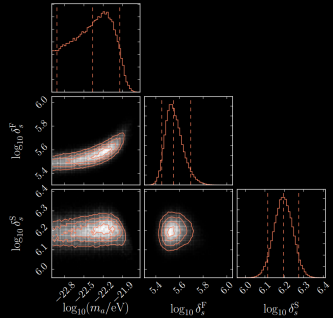
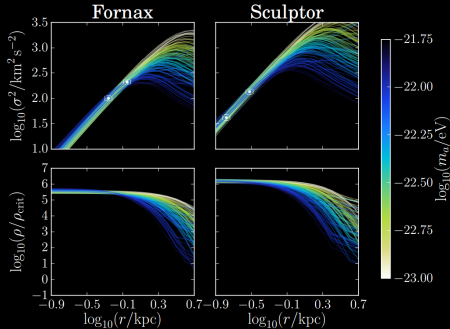
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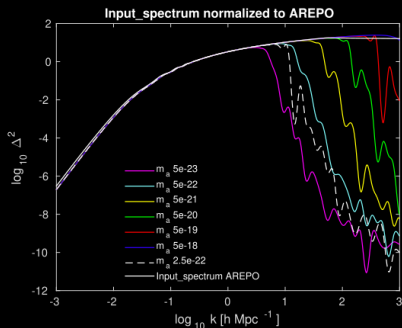
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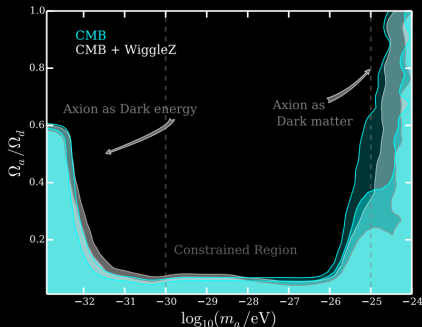
- Particle needs to be light ($m \sim 10^{-22} \text{ eV}$) to explain DM-dominated dwarf spheroidals (Fornax, Sculptor) as a pure fuzzy dark matter **soliton core** (Marsh & Pop, 2015)

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initial power spectrum



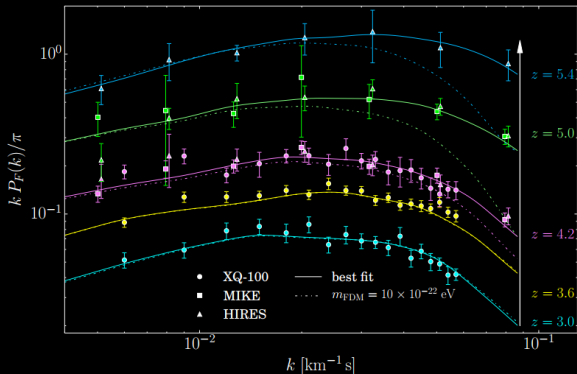
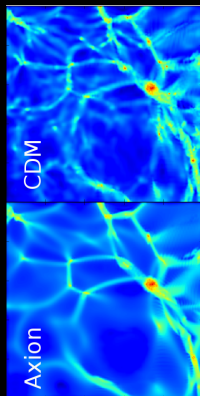
excluded mass range



- ▶ A small boson mass **suppresses large k** initial DM power spectrum
- ▶ need **$m \geq 10^{-24}$ eV**, otherwise inconsistent with CMB fluctuations

(Hlozek et al., 2015; Hlozek, Marsh & Grin, 2017)

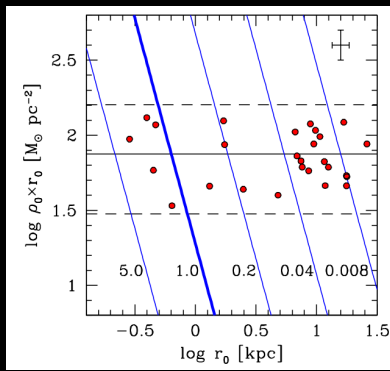
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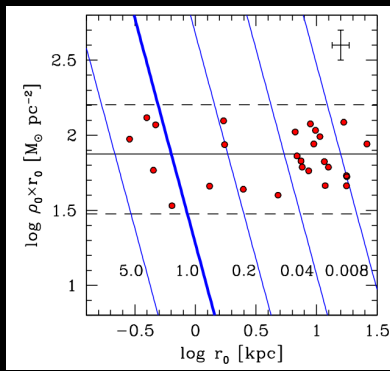
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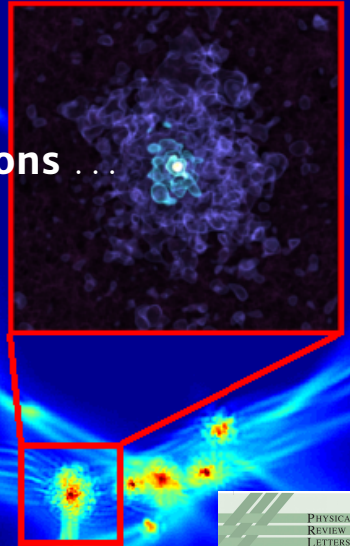


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We need **simulations** to investigate:

- ▶ possibility additional nonlinear structure formation?
- ▶ modifications to soliton profile in context of cosmology, baryons

Fuzzy Cosmological Simulations . . .



* (Mocz & Succi, 2015), (Mocz et al., 2017), (Mocz et al., 2020), Mocz+ (2019) Phys. Rev. Lett.



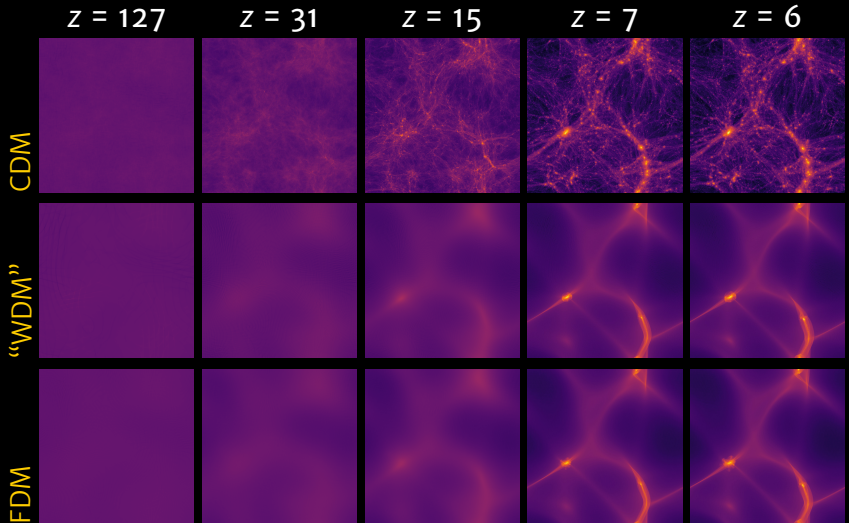
Cosmological simulations

- ▶ **Full-physics** (baryons, star formation, feedback) quantum mechanical simulations with **quantum wave effects**
- ▶ Proper initial conditions at $z = 127$ from **AxionCAMB**
- ▶ 5 million core hours on *Stampede2* and *Odyssey*

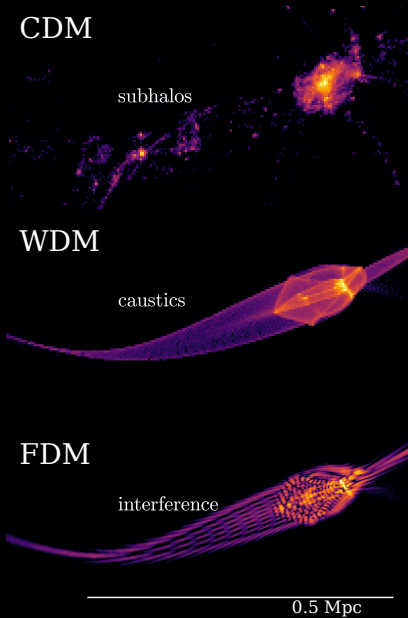


- ▶ Limitation: method is memory-expensive (need to resolve kpc interference)
- ▶ Restricted to **study of first galaxies/structures** at $z \sim 6$, small box size (~ 2 Mpc)

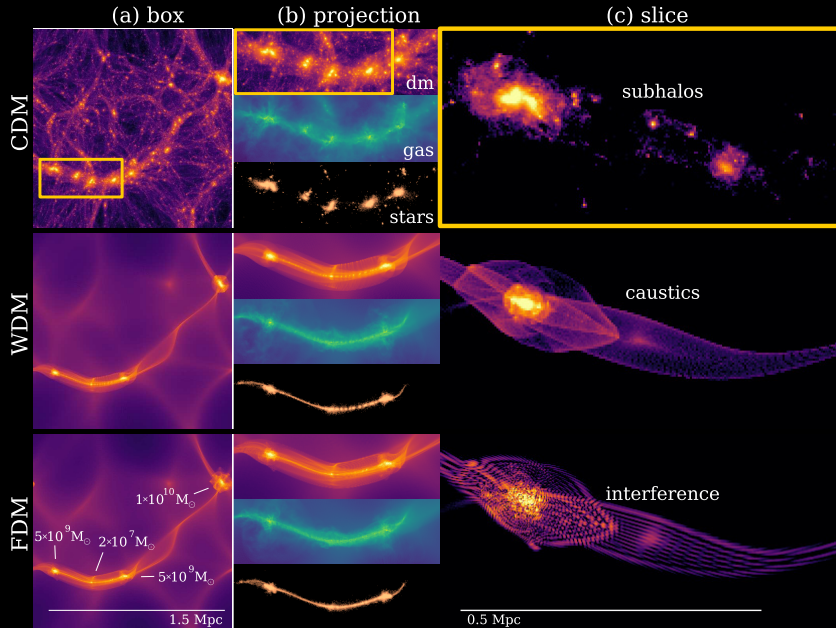
Cosmological simulations – dark matter



Small scales: anatomy of a filament



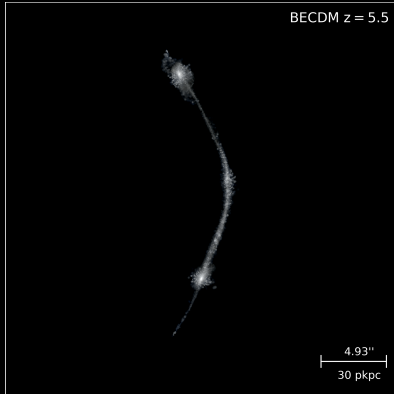
Summary



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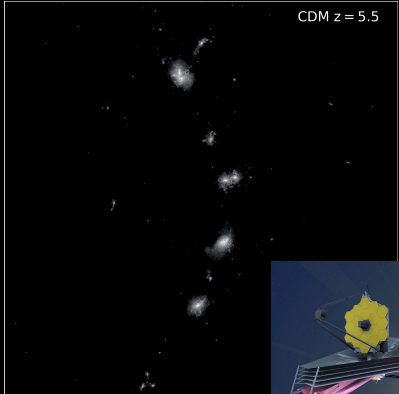
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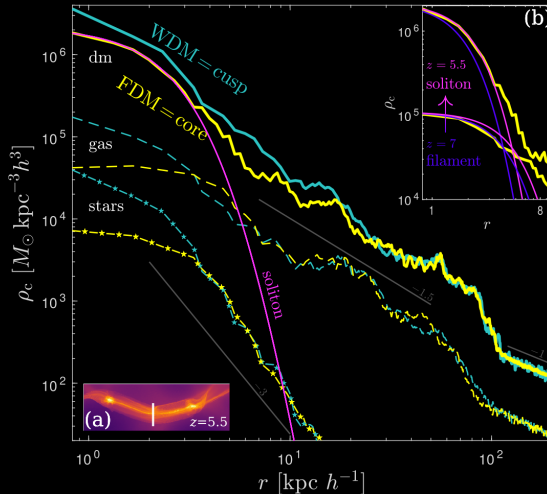


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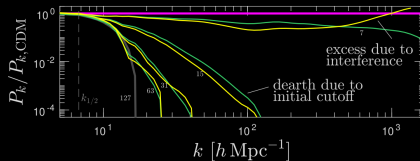
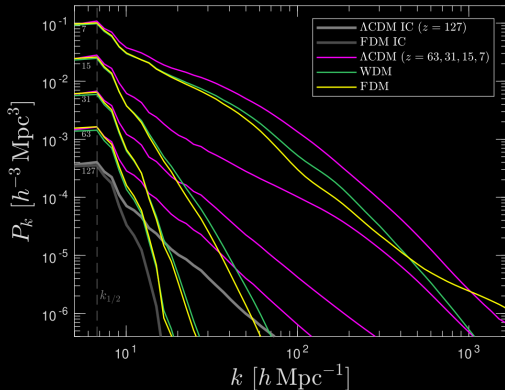


Collapse of cylindrical filament



- ▶ we identified a nonlinear structure formation channel:
- ▶ in cosmological context, filaments form first
- ▶ cylindrical ‘soliton’ core unstable to spherical collapse

DM power spectrum



- ▶ quantum pressure tensor adds extra suppression of small-scale power
- ▶ but we found extra power from interference at 10s kpc by $z = 7$
- ▶ agreement with CDM above 1 Mpc

Conclusions

cosmological first objects summary

- ▶ First galaxies uniquely probe the physical nature of dark matter
- ▶ Future missions (e.g. *JWST*) will open an observational window into this emergent world
- ▶ Nonlinear structure formation eases *Catch-22* problem
- ▶ In **FDM**:
 - ▶ Primordial stars form along dense dark matter filaments
 - ▶ Dark matter filaments show coherent interference patterns
 - ▶ Dark matter filaments develop cylindrical soliton-like cores which are unstable under gravity and collapse into spherical solitons
 - ▶ Gas & stars trace cored dark matter profile

Numerical Method: (**Mocz** et al., 2017)

2nd-order unitary spectral leap-frog scheme. 'Kick-drift-kick'

- ▶ Calculate potential:

$$V = \text{ifft} \left[-\text{fft} \left[4\pi G(\rho - \bar{\rho}) \right] / k^2 \right] \quad (2)$$

- ▶ Potential half-step 'kick':

$$\psi \leftarrow \exp \left[-i(\Delta t/2)(m/\hbar)V \right] \psi \quad (3)$$

- ▶ Full 'drift' (kinetic) step in Fourier-space:

$$\hat{\psi} = \text{fft} [\psi] \quad (4)$$

$$\hat{\psi} \leftarrow \exp \left[-i\Delta t(\hbar/m)k^2/2 \right] \hat{\psi} \quad (5)$$

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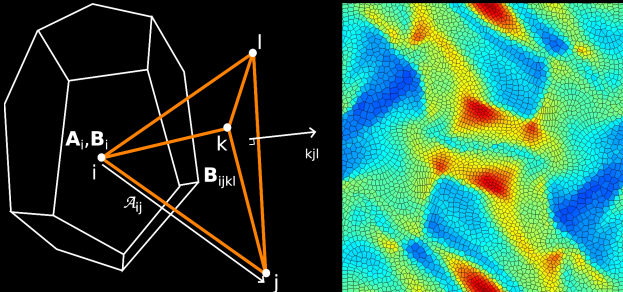
- ▶ Another 'kick'

(*unitary algorithm adaptable to quantum computers)



Numerical Method: Gas (Mocz et al., 2014; Mocz, Vogelsberger & Hernquist, 2014; Mocz et al., 2015, 2016; Mocz, 2017)

Moving Mesh Magnetohydrodynamics



Schrödinger/Vlasov–Poisson correspondence

- Do the 3D Schrödinger equations encode collisionless dynamics (6D)?

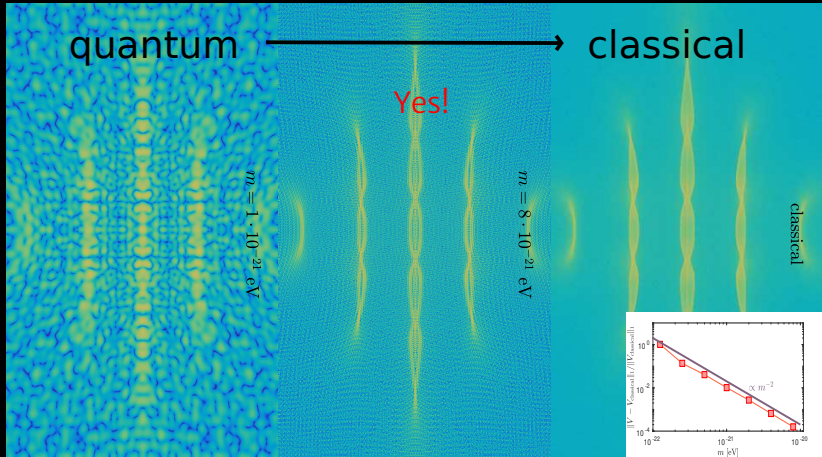
$$i\hbar \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 \psi + mV\psi \quad (7)$$

$$\Longleftrightarrow (?)$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \frac{\partial f}{\partial \mathbf{x}} - \nabla V \cdot \frac{\partial f}{\partial \mathbf{v}} = 0 \quad (8)$$

In **Mocz et al. (2018)** we explore the limiting behavior of large boson mass (e.g., QCD axion)

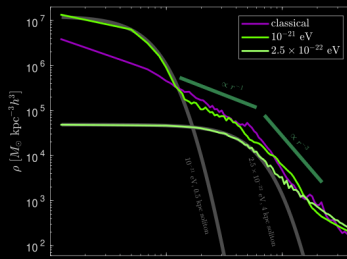
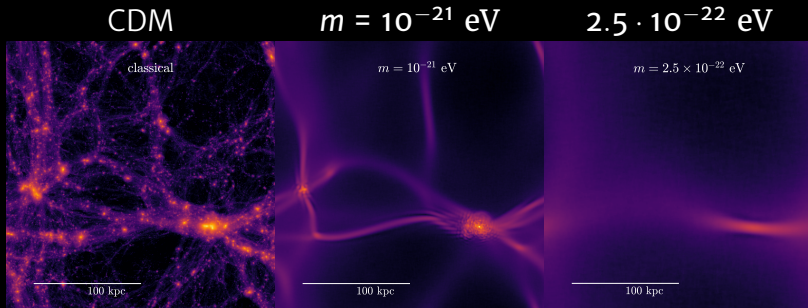
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3D wave function can encode 6D distribution function:

$$\psi(\mathbf{x}) \propto \sum_{\mathbf{v}} \sqrt{f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v})} e^{im\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{v} / \hbar + 2\pi i \phi_{\text{rand}, \mathbf{v}}} d^3\mathbf{v}$$

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Conclusions

SP-VP correspondence summary

- ▶ classical limit for the gravitational potential V recovered as $\mathcal{O}(m^{-2})$ ($\Rightarrow$ forces as $\mathcal{O}(m^{-1})$), while density has $\mathcal{O}(1)$ interference patterns on scale of λ_{dB}
- ▶ soliton cores regularize caustic singularities
- ▶ fuzzy halos are NFW-like with a soliton core

Future Work

- ▶ Larger statistical simulations samples
 - ▶ need approximate particle-based simulation methods

Fuzzy Dark Matter

- ▶ Simultaneously constrain particle mass & strong-CP symmetry-breaking scale using a variety of techniques
 - ▶ Lyman- α
 - ▶ nonlinear halo mass function
 - ▶ dynamics in a soliton core
 - ▶ soliton - black hole interaction
 - ▶ stellar streams
 - ▶ dynamical heating/timing problems
 - ▶ gravitational lensing
 - ▶ ...

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Strong-CP symmetry-breaking scale

Starting point

$$S[\phi] = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[\frac{1}{2}(\partial\phi)^2 - (m^2 f^2) \left(1 - \cos \frac{\phi}{f} \right) \right] \quad (9)$$

$f \simeq 10^{17}$ GeV is the decay constant, $m^2/f^2 = 10^{-96} \leftarrow \text{tiny!}$

$\Rightarrow$ Gross-Pitaevskii-Poisson equations in expanding universe

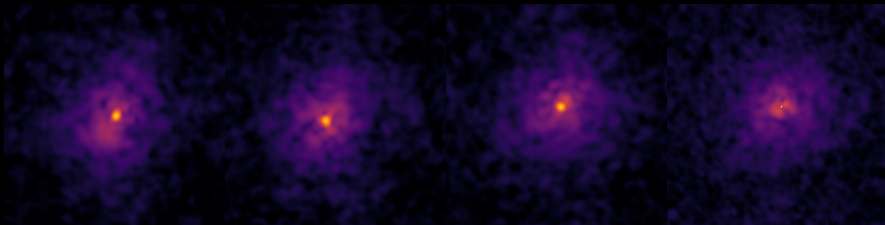
$$i\hbar \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \frac{3}{2}H \right) \psi = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 \psi + mV\psi - \frac{4\pi\hbar^2 a_s}{m^2} |\psi|^2 \psi \quad (10)$$

$$\nabla^2 V = 4\pi G(\rho - \bar{\rho}) \quad (11)$$

a_s is effective s -scattering cross section

Strong-CP symmetry-breaking scale

- **Phase-transition:** dilute to dense solitons above a critical mass

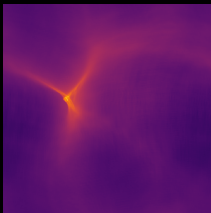


increasing self-interaction $\rightarrow$

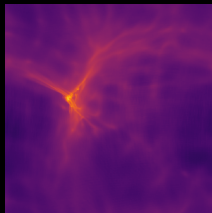
- Work in progress with undergrad Noah Notis



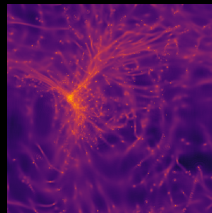
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FDM: $a_s = 0$

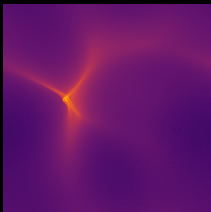


$a_s = 1 \cdot 10^{-75} \text{ cm}$

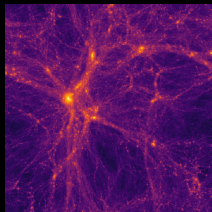


$a_s = 2 \cdot 10^{-75} \text{ cm}$

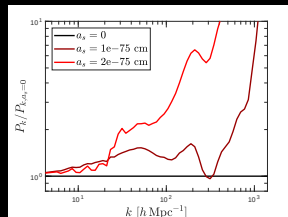
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WDM



CDM



relative power-spectrum

Small-scale features of FDM

Student work highlights

FDM dynamical friction

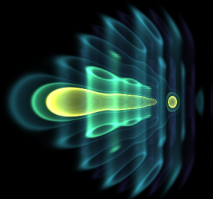
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Cara Giovanetti,

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- ▶ Applications:
 - ▶ satellite infall / timing problem
 - ▶ final parsec problem



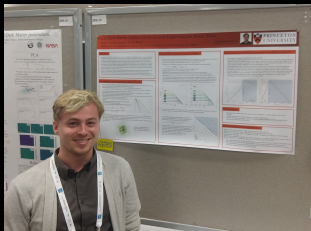
- ▶ Different regimes:
 - ▶ gravity vs quantum pressure
 - ▶ gravity vs velocity dispersion
 - ▶ random walk
 - ▶ gravity vs mixed

Small-scale features of FDM

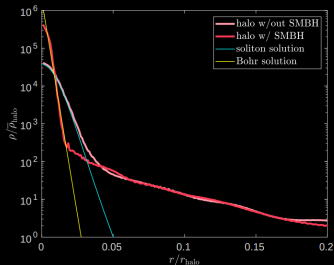
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Soliton + SMBH

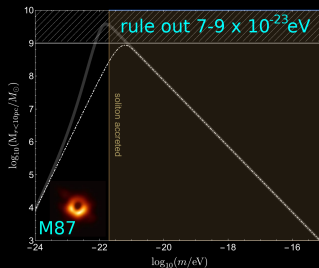
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- BH makes soliton more compact,
⇒ hydrogen Bohr solution

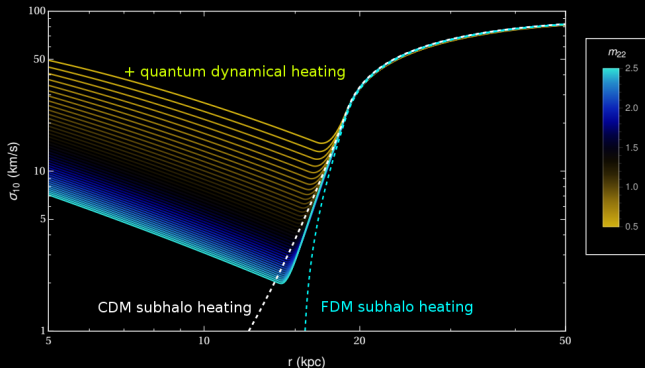


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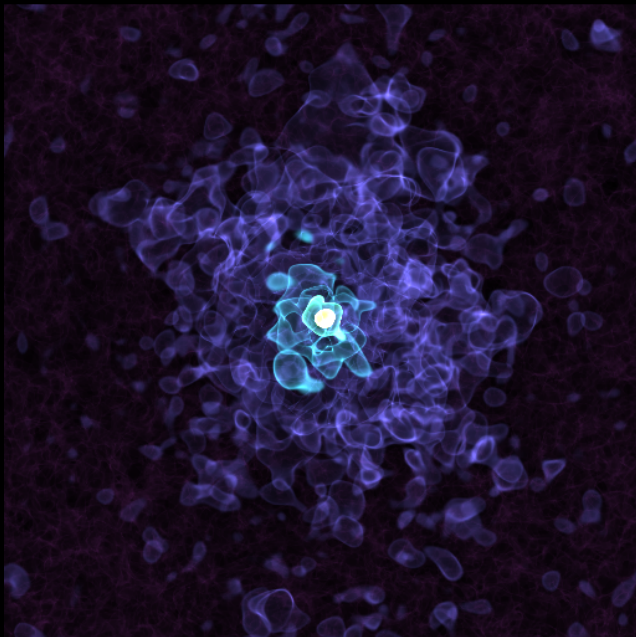
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FDM dynamical heating

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- FDM interference fluctuations heat Milky Way old stellar disk



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