

# Fuzzy Dark Matter

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- Cosmology
- Galaxy
- Experimental studies

# Outline of Background introduction

- What is Fuzzy Dark Matter (FDM)
- Particle physics motivation
- FDM numerical simulation
- Phenomenology

# Before Fuzzy Dark Matter... What is Dark Matter?

- Existence of DM was first inferred by Zwicky in 1933, who discovered the “missing mass”
- Rich evidence for the existence of dark matter
- Range of possible mass is yet inconclusive

# We are ignorant about the properties of DM

- Unknow range of possible mass & supporting theories

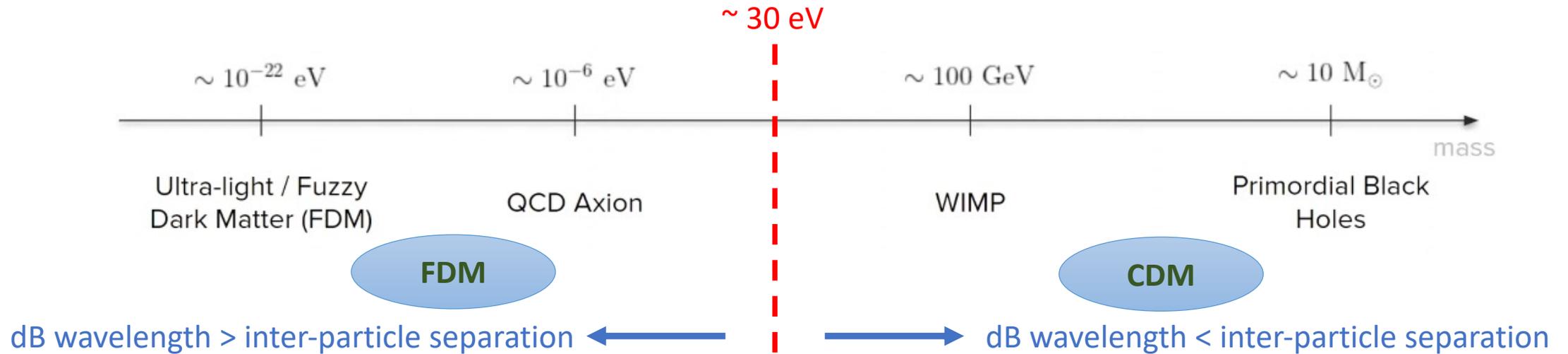


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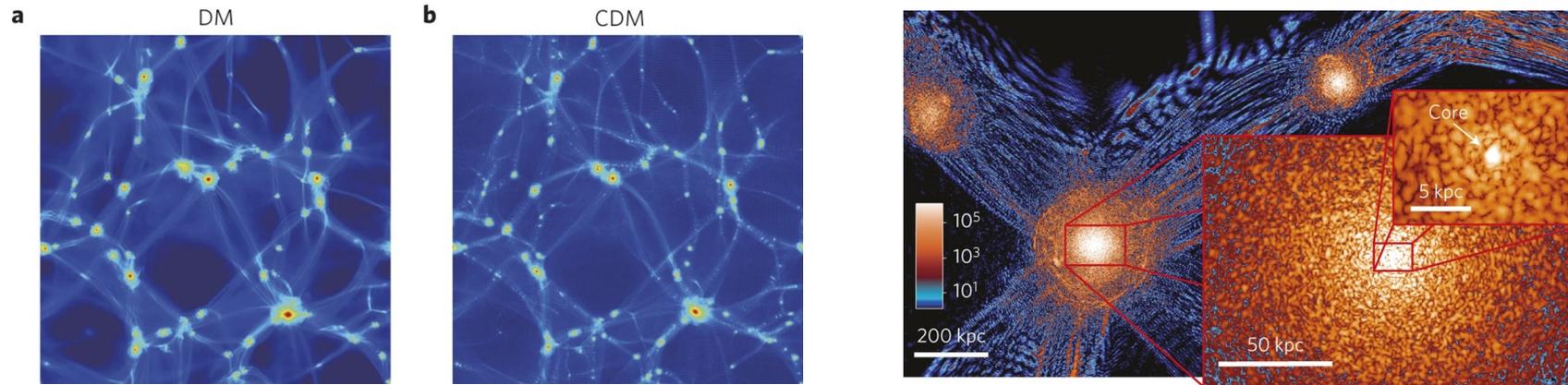


- Where should we consider DM as a wave instead of particle?

$$\lambda_{dB} = \frac{2\pi}{mv} \quad \text{gives } m \sim 30 \text{ eV}$$

# FDM and CDM are similar in large scales

- FDM is similar to CDM in large scale



Schive, Chiueh, Broadhurst 2014

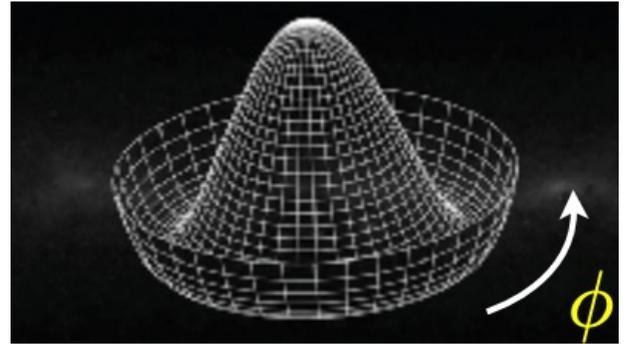
- In small scale FDM shows interference pattern, which motivates scientist on the cosmological formation of dwarf galaxy halos
- Get rid of the bothering issues of CDM simulation: smaller satellites problem, cusp-or-core problem, and “too big to fail” problem

# Inconvenience of ultra-light particle

- Extremely hard to simulate
- CDM: adaptive mesh refinement (AMR) or smoothed particle hydrodynamics (SPH) techniques.
- FDM: you'll always need to resolve down to de Broglie wavelength in every cell of your box.



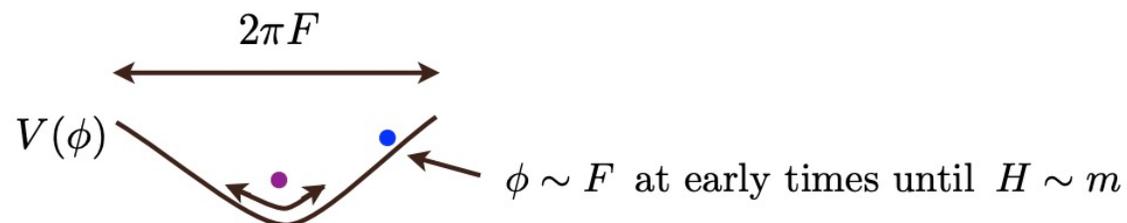
# Particle physics motivations



- Pseudo-Nambu-Goldstone boson
- Relic abundance sets the mass value
- Axion-like field with potential from non-perturbative effects

$$\mathcal{L} \sim -\frac{1}{2}(\partial\phi)^2 - \Lambda^4(1 - \cos[\phi/F]) \quad m \sim \Lambda^2/F$$

- Mis-alignment mechanism: mass range is relatively large



$$\Omega_{\text{matter}} \sim 0.1 \left( \frac{F}{10^{17} \text{ GeV}} \right)^2 \left( \frac{m}{10^{-22} \text{ eV}} \right)^{1/2}$$

# Construction of wave halos

- Schrodinger-Poisson system

- $$i\hbar \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} = \left( -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m_a} \nabla^2 + m_a V \right) \psi$$

- $$\nabla^2 V = 4\pi G \rho = 4\pi G m_a |\psi|^2$$

# Construction of wave halos -- fluid description

- Consider  $\psi$  as a classical fluid

- $\psi = \sqrt{\rho/m} e^{i\theta} \longrightarrow \rho = m|\psi|^2$

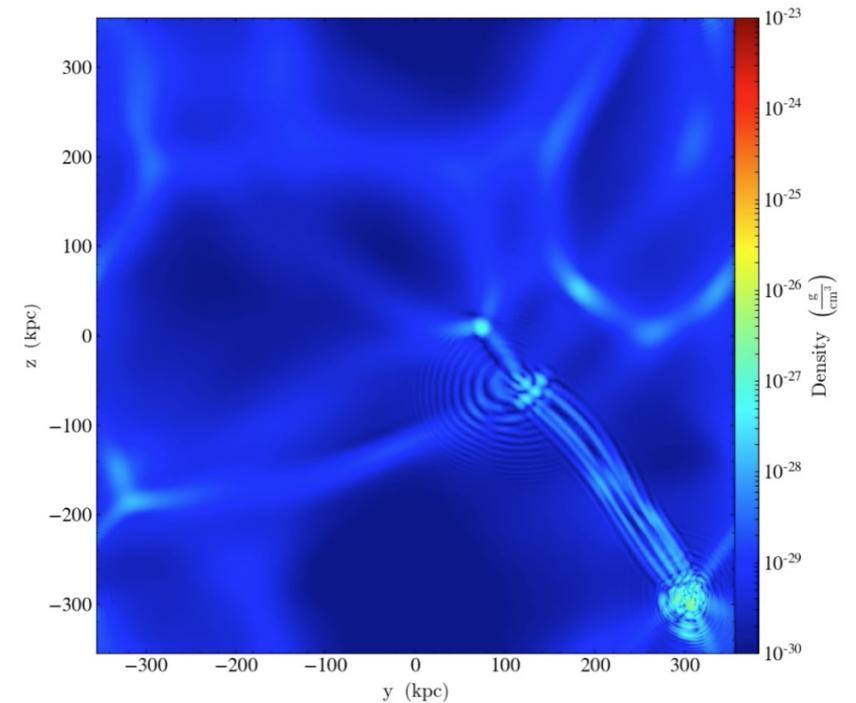
- Mass conservation:  $\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \rho \mathbf{v} = 0$ , where  $\mathbf{v} = \frac{1}{m} \nabla \theta$

- Euler equation:  $\frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial t} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{v} = -\nabla V + \frac{1}{2m^2} \nabla \left( \frac{\nabla^2 \sqrt{\rho}}{\sqrt{\rho}} \right)$

# Numerical simulations

- Wave effects in a cosmological simulation.

$$\psi(t, \vec{x}) = \sum_{\vec{k}} A_{\vec{k}} e^{iB_{\vec{k}}} e^{i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{x} - i\omega_k t}$$

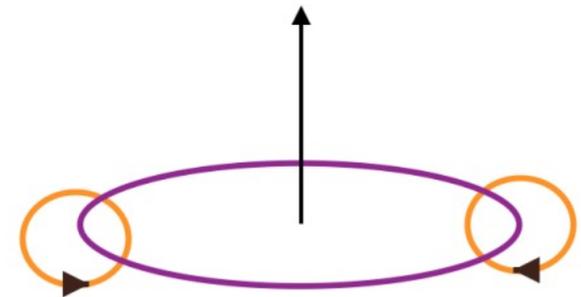
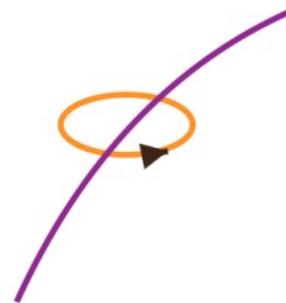


Schive, Chiueh, Broadhurst 2014;  
Li et al. 2019

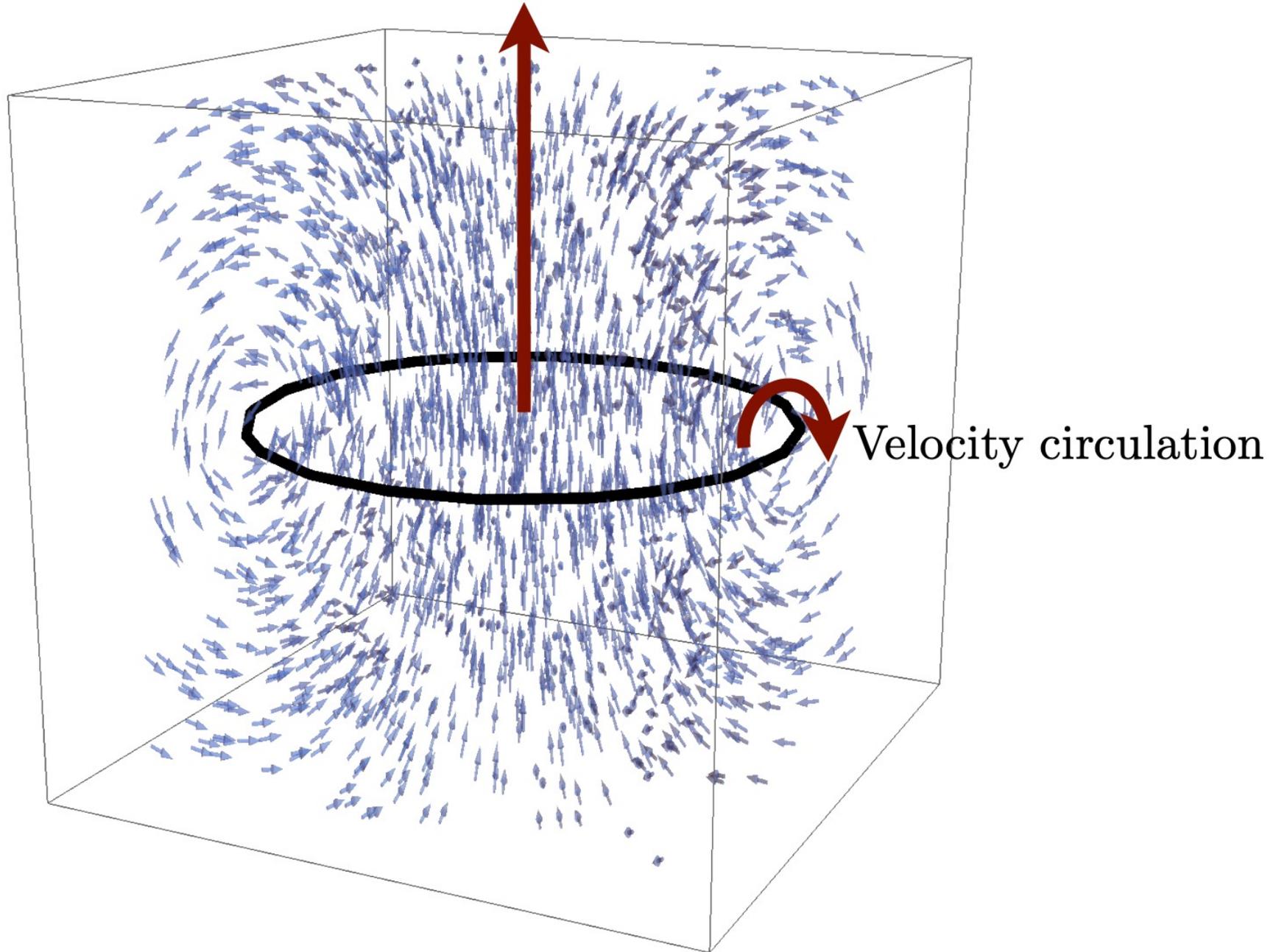
- Figure: a  $z = 5$  snapshot of the dark matter density in a cosmological simulation of ultra-light dark matter with  $m = 10^{-22}$  eV
- Presence of interference fringes: a characteristic prediction of wave dark matter

# Wave interference – vortices

- Naively, vorticity cannot exist because the velocity field is gradient flow.
- Consider fluid formation  $\psi = \sqrt{\rho/m} e^{i\theta}$
- The loophole: when  $\rho=0$
- No vortices in early universe
- Vortex generally takes the form of a loop i.e. vortex ring



Ring's direction of motion



# Take-away messages

- FDM represents for the ultra-light DM, where we should consider as a wave instead of particles.
- FDM is more convenient in small-scale simulation compared to CDM, where you can see interference fringes pattern.
- The particle physics approach sets a range for FDM mass.
- There are 2 ways of wave construction of FDM: Schrodinger-Poisson system and fluid description.
- Existence of vortices is a important phenomenology of FDM.

Now let's talk about observational /  
experimental implications and constraints

- Cosmology by Xiaochen Sun
- Galaxy by Ruizhe Feng
- Experimental studies by Jiejia Liu



# Cosmology Implications & Constraints



# $z \sim 1100$ : CMB

• How:

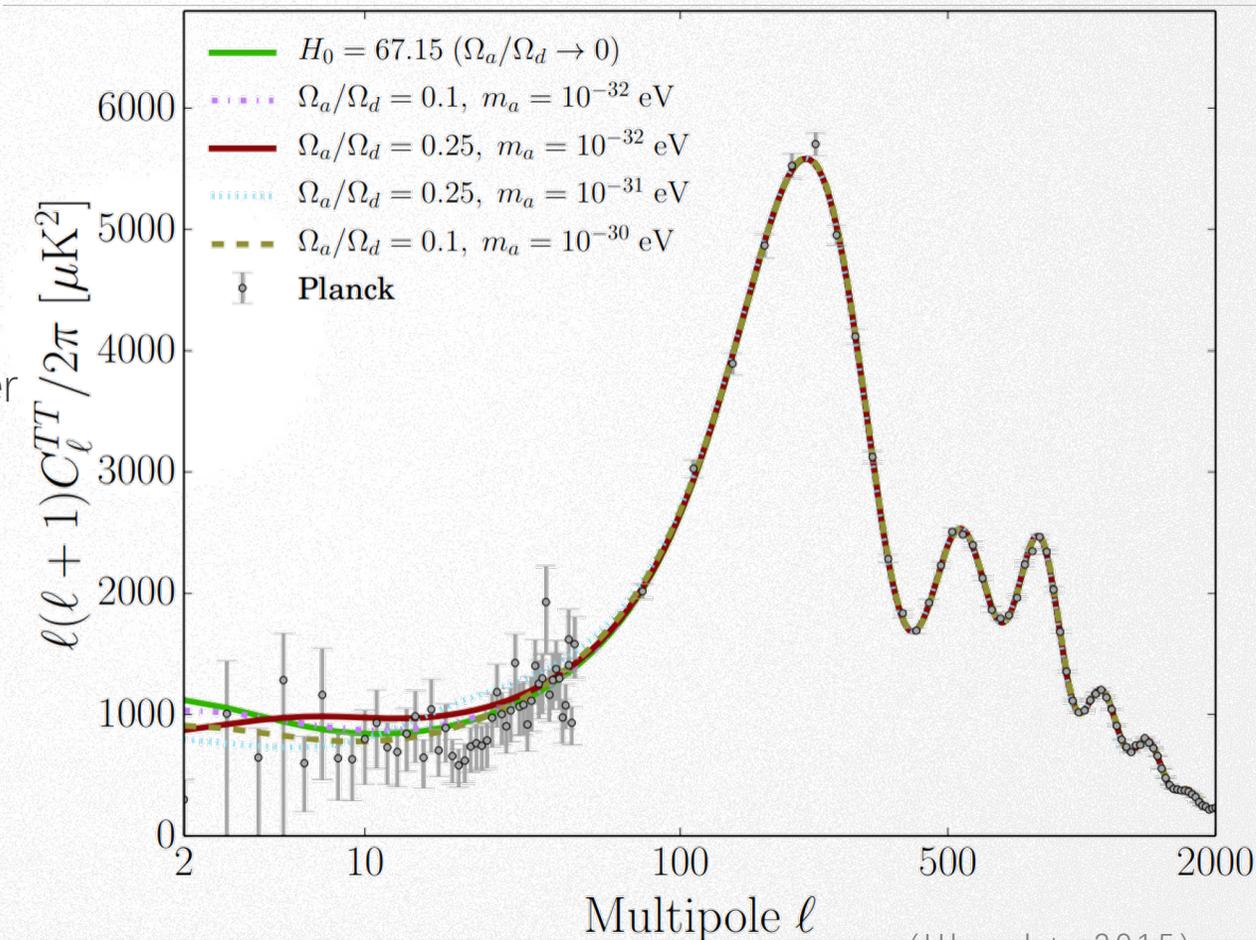
• EoS:  $w_a \equiv \frac{p_a}{\rho_a} = \begin{cases} -1, \text{ early} \\ 0, \text{ later} \end{cases}$

• Sound speed  $\frac{\delta p_a}{\delta \rho_a}$  depends on wavenumber

• Others: Lensing deflection & E-mode polarization

• Uncertainty: FDM coupling w/ others?

• Constraint:  $m_a > 10^{-24} \text{ eV}$  (Hlozek+, 2018)

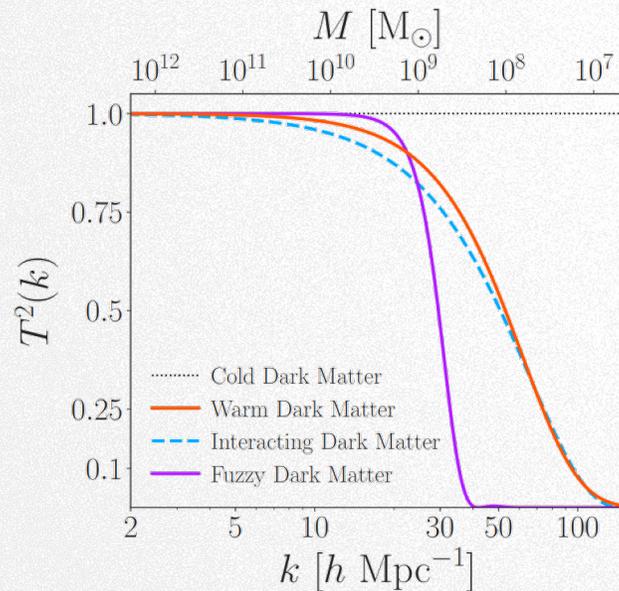


(Hlozek+, 2015)

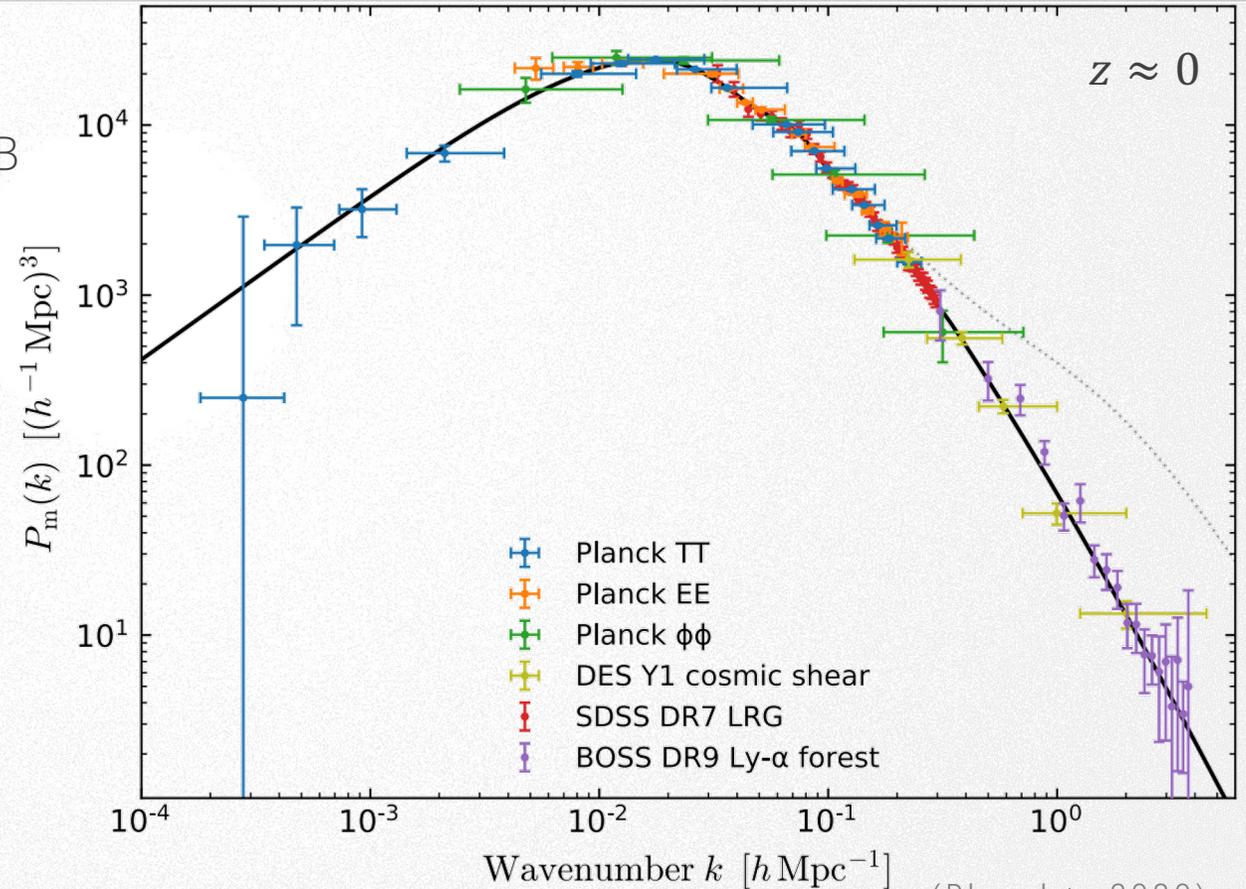


# $z \sim \mathcal{O}(1)$ : (linear) matter power spectrum

- Fourier transfer from correlation function + Flux absorption from Ly $\alpha$  + Linear perturbation
- $P_m(k, z) = P_o(k) \times T^2(k, z)$ 
  - ◆  $P_o(k)$ : primordial power spectrum from CMB
  - ◆  $T^2(k, z)$ : transfer functions from DM



(Nadler+, 2020)

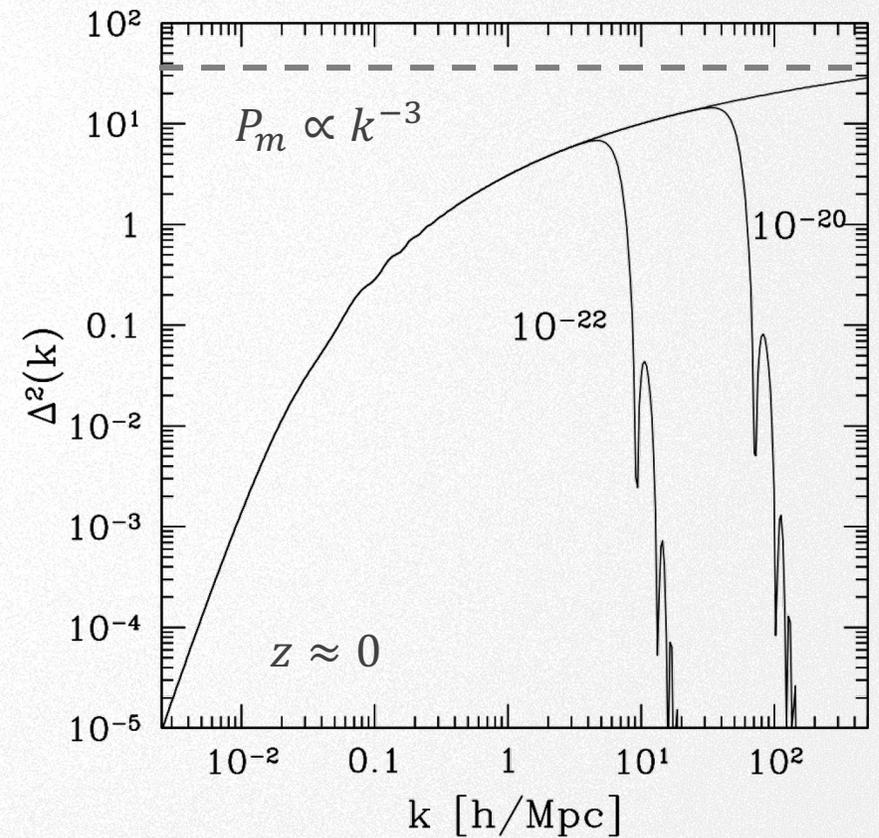


(Planck+, 2020)



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- $P_m(k, z) = P_o(k) \times T^2(k, z)$
- How: quantum pressure
  - ◆  $p_a \propto -k^2 \rho \ln \rho / m_a$ 
    - ↓
    - ◆ pressure wins gravity on small scales
      - ↓
      - ◆ suppress fluctuations

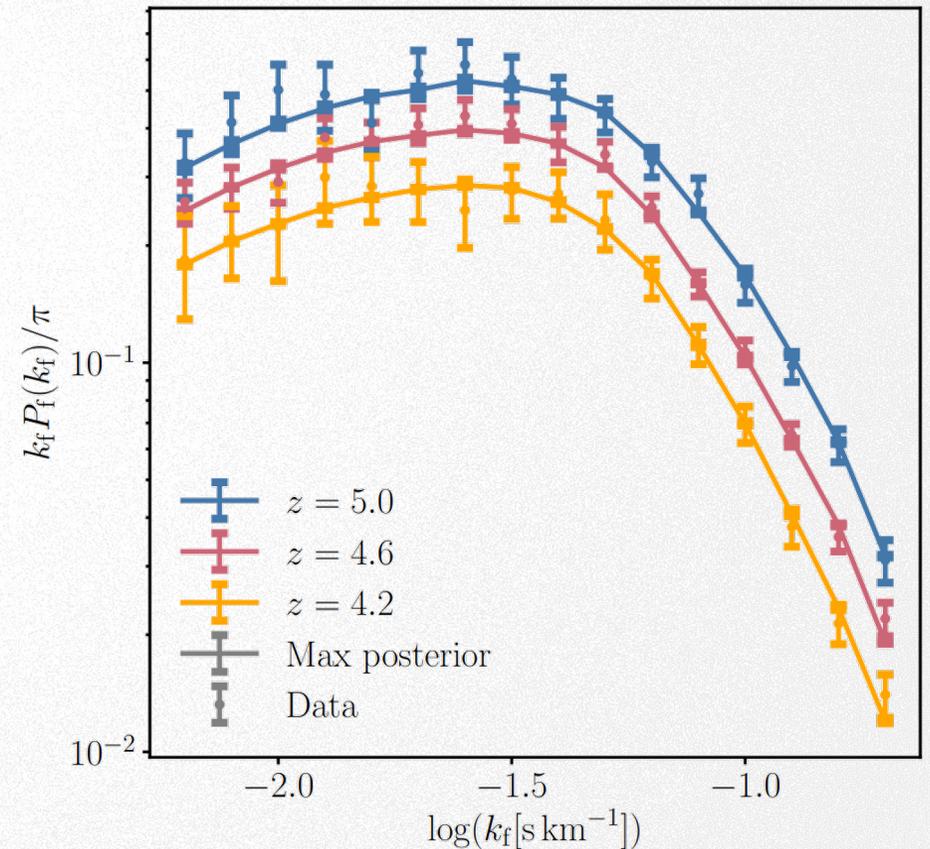


(Hu+, 2000)



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- How: quantum pressure
- Uncertainty: IGM model & ionizing background
- Constraint:  $m_a > 2 \times 10^{-20} \text{eV}$

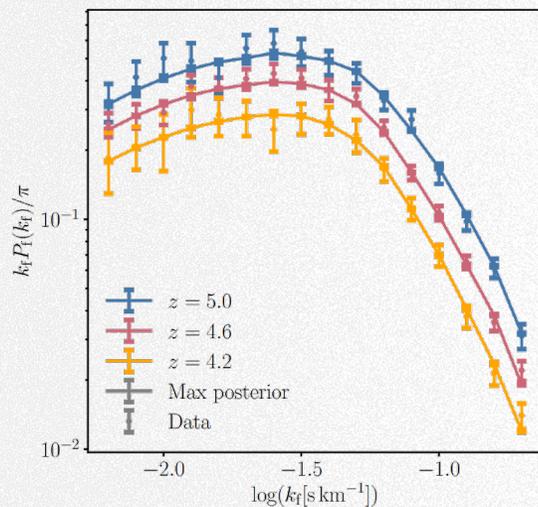


(Rogers & Peiris, 2021)

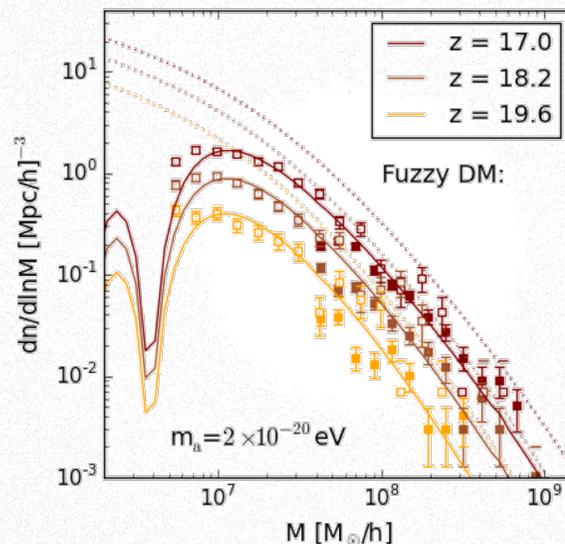


# $z \sim \mathcal{O}(10)$ : 21cm lines

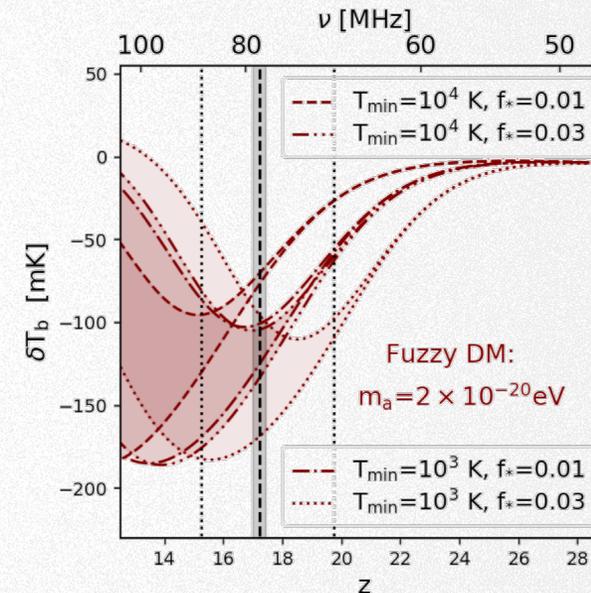
- Matter power spectrum  $\xrightarrow{\text{Integrate}}$  Halo mass function  $\xrightarrow{\text{Accrete \& Reionize}}$  21cm absorption signal



(Rogers & Peiris, 2021)



(Schneider, 2018)

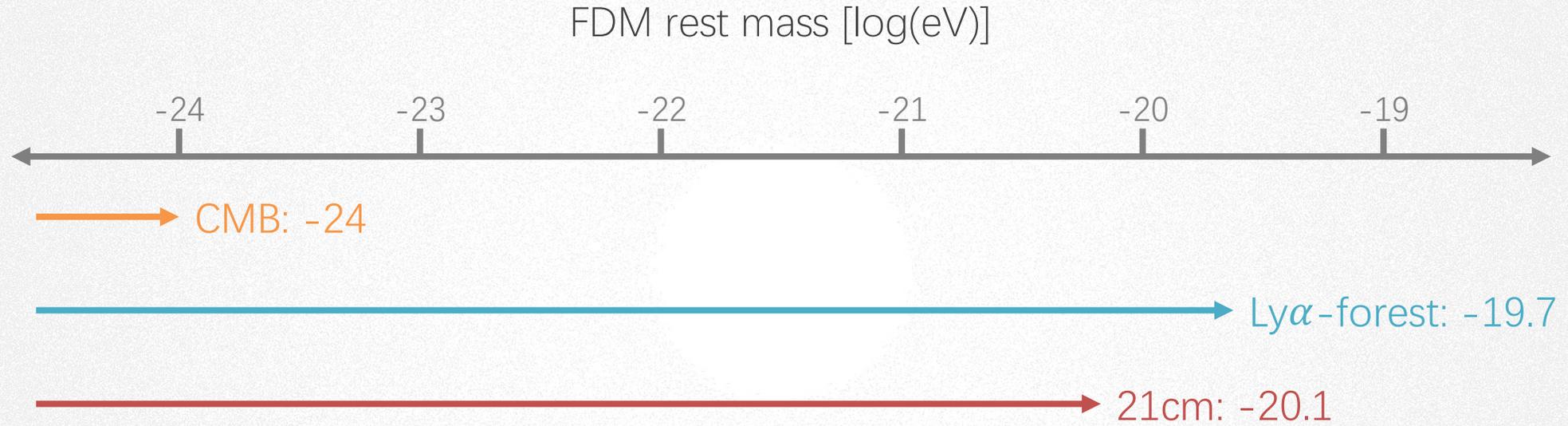


(Schneider, 2018)

- Uncertainty: stellar-to baryon fraction, minimum virial temperature & gas heating processes
- Constraint:  $m_a > 8 \times 10^{-21} \text{ eV}$  from EDGES



# Mini Summary



- FDM always suppress small scale clustering due to quantum pressure.

# Fuzzy dark matter: observational implications and constraints related to galaxies

# Outline

- Explanation: Fornax dwarf galaxy
- Constraint: Subhalo mass function from stellar streams
- Prediction: Interference substructures

## Fornax dwarf galaxy

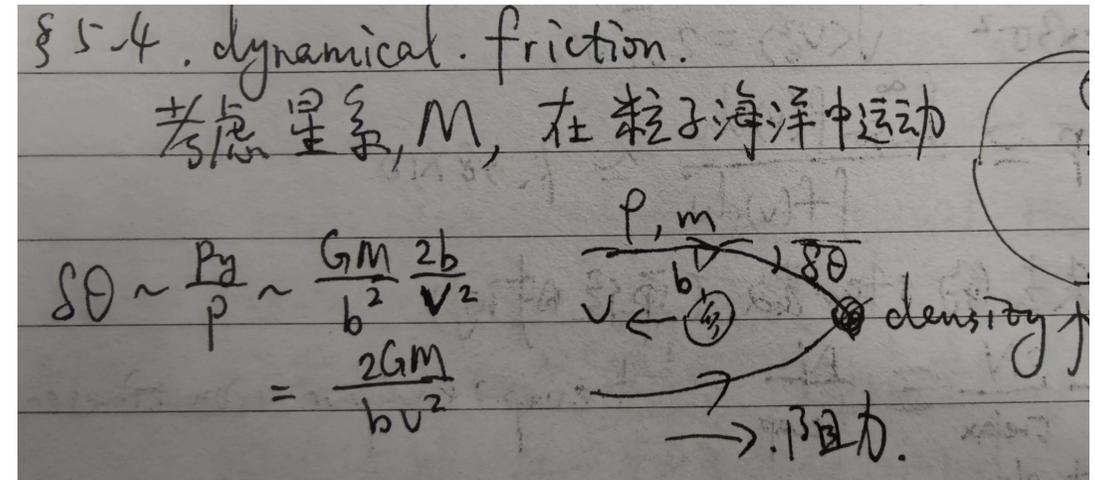
- One of the Milky Way's neighboring dwarf galaxies
- It contains five globular clusters
- Dynamical friction should have caused
  - most of the clusters spiral to the center
  - merge to form a prominent nucleus
- BUT, this is NOT seen



Credit: ESO/Digitized Sky Survey 2

# Dynamical friction

- Consider a subject body traveling through a population of field stars
- The field stars will be focused behind the subject body due to gravity, leading to a drag which slows down the subject body
- Dynamical friction will cause **orbital decay** of globular clusters



Credit: notes from Shude's course

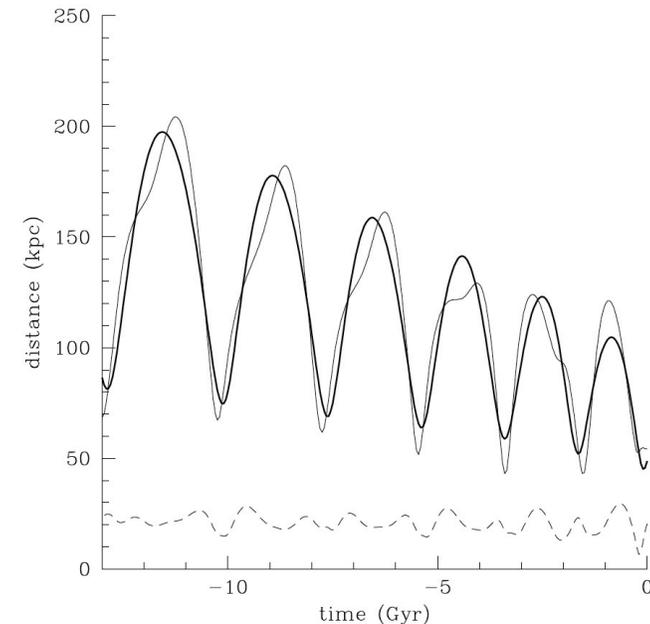


Figure 8.3 The decay of the orbits of the Magellanic Clouds around our Galaxy.

# If the dark matter in Fornax is FDM rather than CDM ...

- The dynamical friction is suppressed
  - the wave nature of FDM is expected to suppress the overdensity, reducing the drag
  - standard estimates of the drag from dynamical friction must be modified
- Comparison between frictional decay times in FDM and CDM for the five Fornax clusters shows
  - Substantial increase in the time scale for dynamical friction
  - The orbital decay times are longer in a FDM halo than in a CDM halo
  - The shortest decay time in the FDM halo exceeds 2 Gyr

$$\tau = \frac{37.5 \text{ Gyr}}{C} \left( \frac{\mathfrak{M}(r)}{10^8 M_\odot} \frac{1 \text{ kpc}}{r} \right)^{3/2} \frac{10^5 M_\odot}{m_{\text{cl}}} \frac{0.01 M_\odot \text{ pc}^{-3}}{\rho(r)}$$

	$\tau$ (Gyr)	$\tau$ (Gyr)
$m = 3 \times 10^{-22} \text{ eV}$	112	215
	9.7	12
	0.62	2.2
	0.37	10
	21.3	31
	CDM	FDM

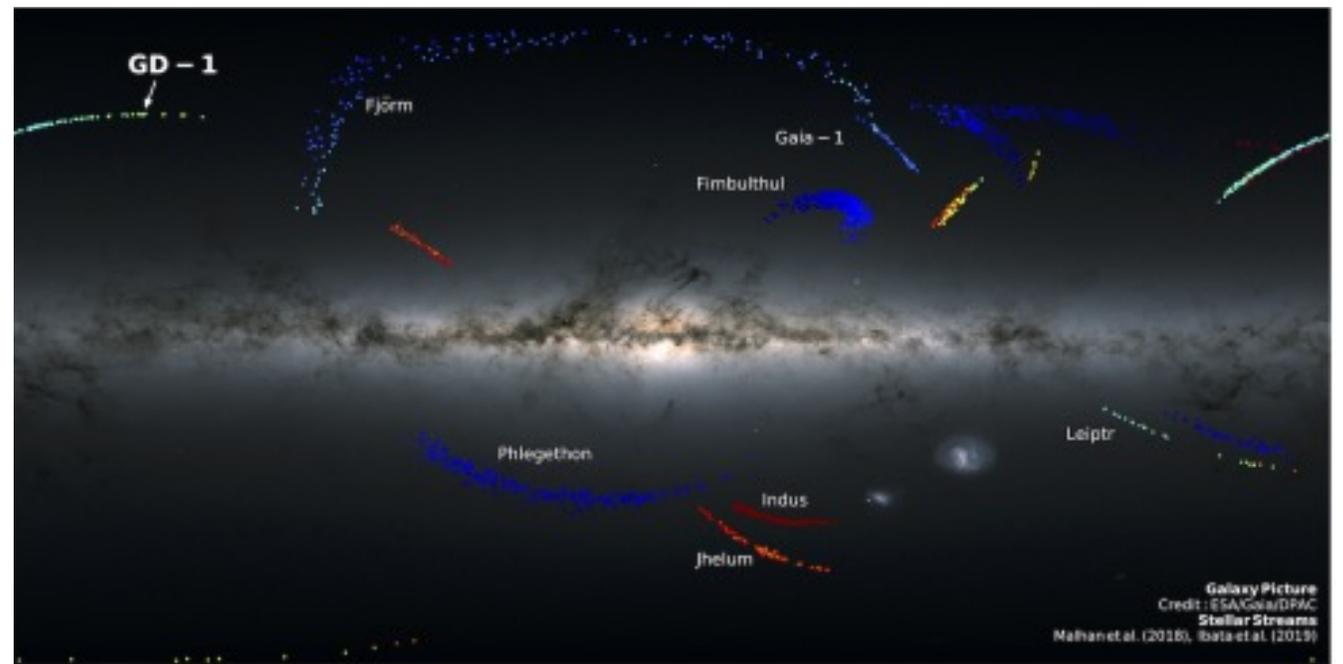
(Hui et al. 2017)

## Subhalo mass function

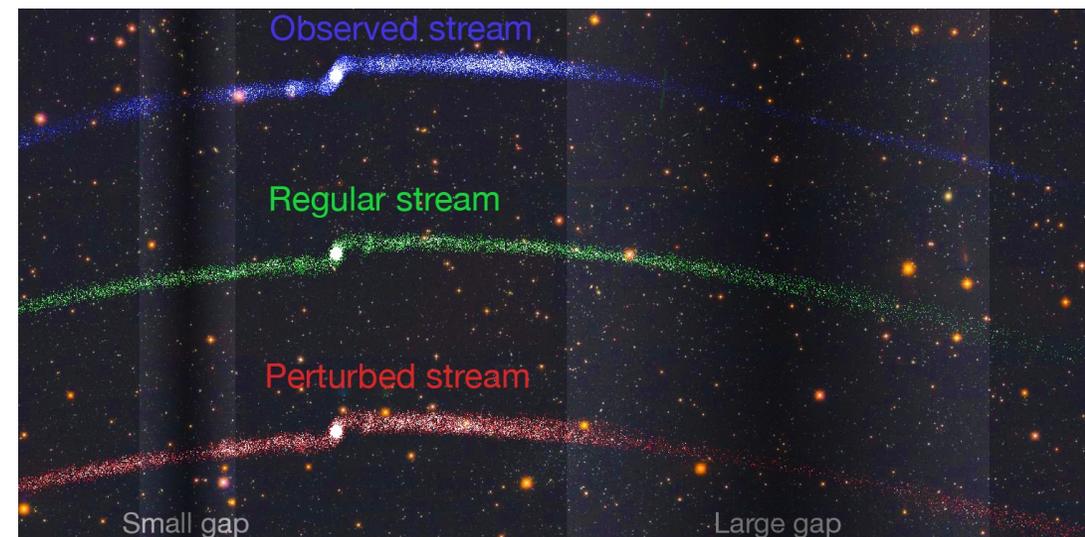
- The cold nature of DM causes it to form structure hierarchically starting from small gravitationally-bound halos that merge together to form larger halos
- The small halos are dense and highly concentrated, many of them survive tidal stripping and should exist as subhalos in galaxies today
- If the initial conditions of DM are warm (e.g. sterile neutrino models) or if DM is an ultra-light axion, then the abundance of lower-mass subhalos is significantly reduced

## Stellar stream

- Elongated, almost one-dimensional structures produced by the tidal disruption of globular clusters or dwarf galaxies merging into the Milky Way
- They are highly sensitive to perturbations from passing DM subhalos
- Thus provide a means of measuring subhalo mass function



Stellar streams found in Gaia DR2

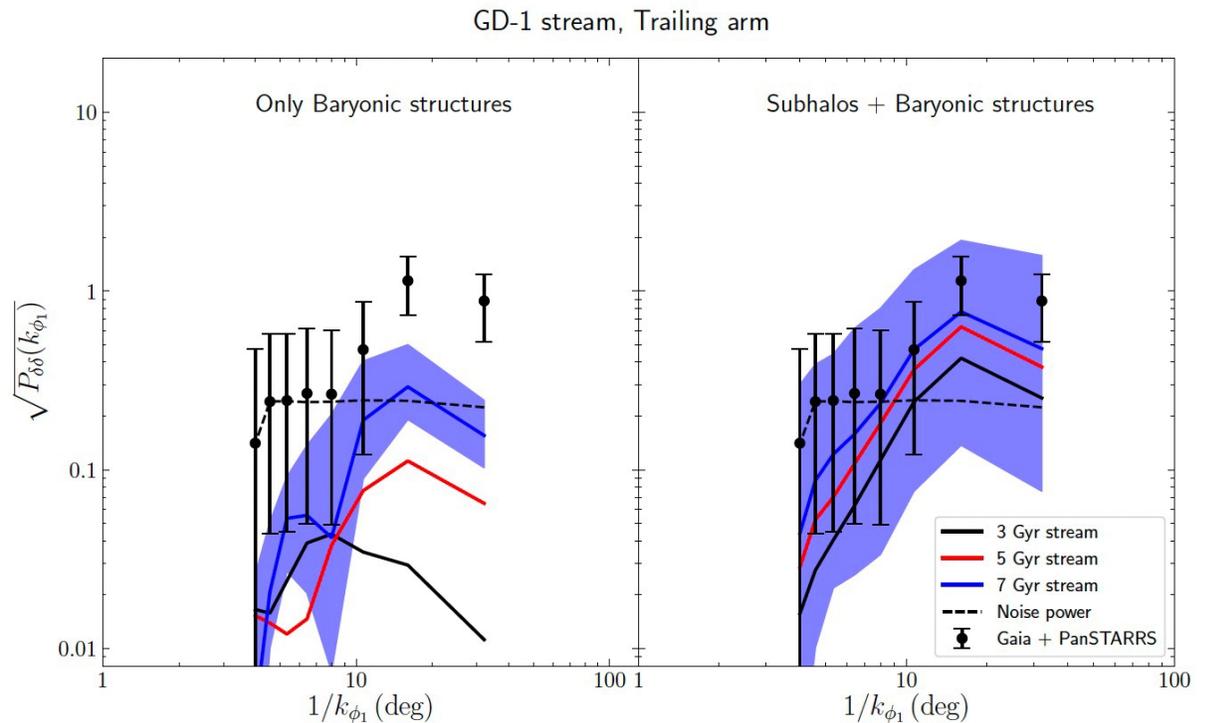


Observations of Pal 5 compared with simulations

From: [https://people.ast.cam.ac.uk/~derkal/files/pal5\\_pr/](https://people.ast.cam.ac.uk/~derkal/files/pal5_pr/)

# Power spectrum analysis

- 1D power spectrum of the density contrast from the normalized linear density
  - which encodes the correlation in density contrast as a function of the angular scale
- Observations: GD-I stream and Pal 5 stream
- Compare the observed power spectrum with the one predicted with mock realizations
  - Mock streams (baryonic substructures)
  - Mock streams + subhaloes (baryonic plus DM substructures from parameterized subhalo mass function)



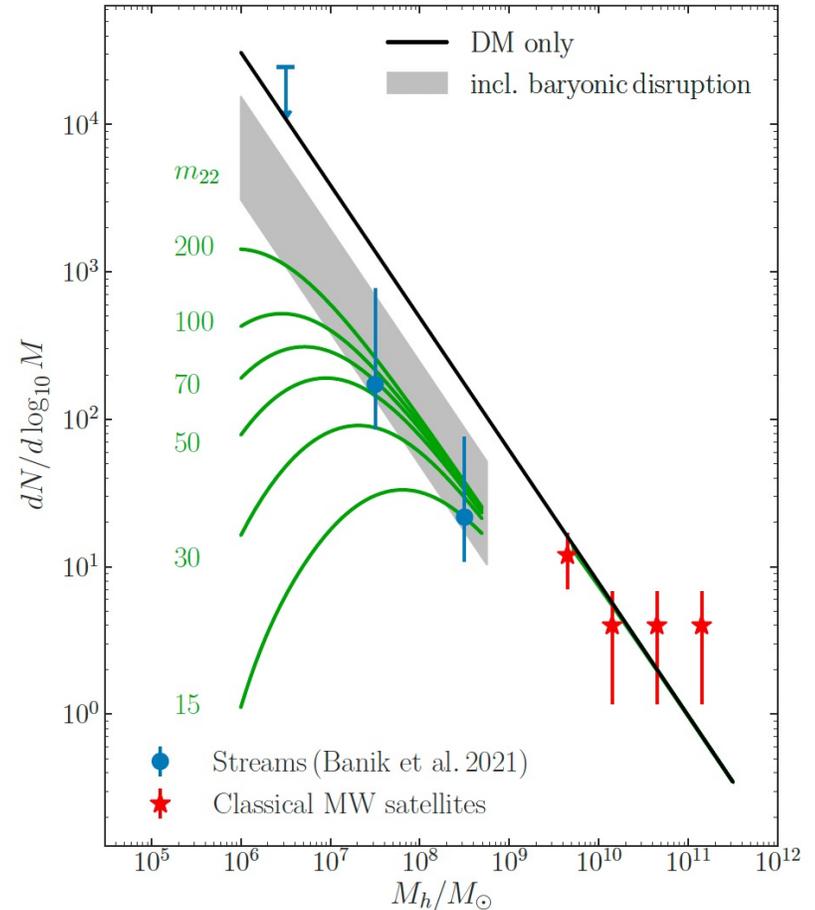
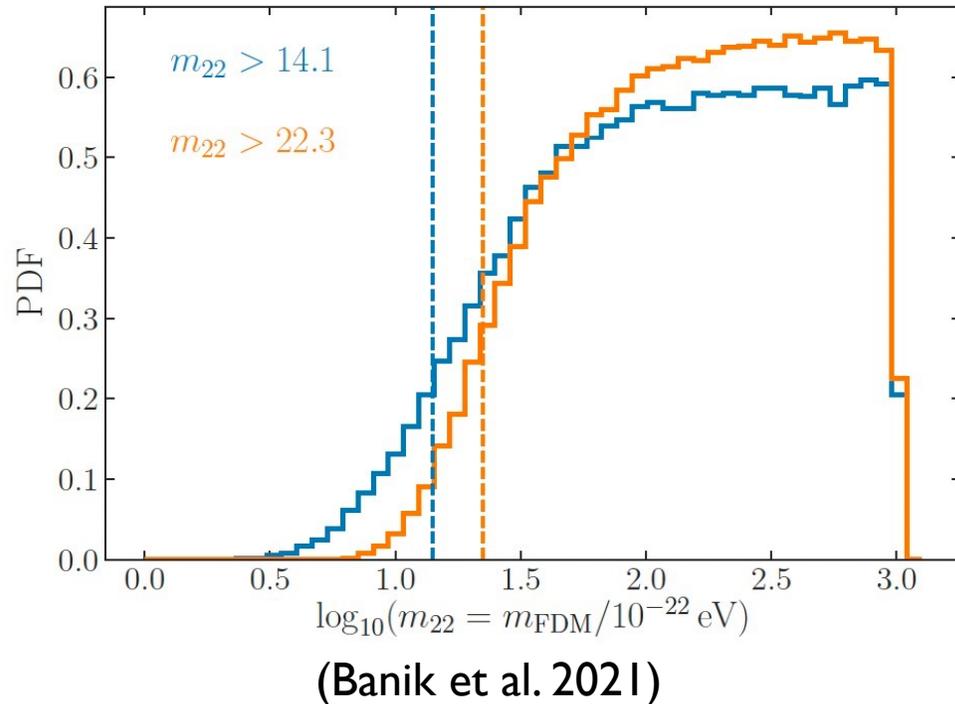
(Banik et al. 2021)

- FDM subhalo mass function is related to the particle mass

$$\left(\frac{dn}{dM}\right)_{\text{FDM}} = \left[1 + \left(\frac{M}{2m_{22}^{-1.6} \times 10^8 M_{\odot}}\right)^{-0.72}\right]^{-13.9} \left(\frac{dn}{dM}\right)_{\text{CDM}} + \frac{0.014 m_{22}^{1.5}}{M} \exp\left[-\left(\ln\left\{\frac{M}{4.7 m_{22}^{-1.5} \times 10^8 M_{\odot}}\right\}\right)^2 / 1.4\right]$$

- Fitting to get posterior PDF for particle mass

- Constraint:  $m > 1.4 \times 10^{-21}$  eV



## Interference substructures

- A general feature of FDM models is the presence of ubiquitous density fluctuations
  - order unity density fluctuations on the scale of the de Broglie wavelength
  - can take the density all the way to zero (complete destructive interference, i.e., vortices)
  - distinct from subhalos as a form of halo substructure
  - these granular fluctuations occur because of the interference between bound waves in halos,
- These time-varying fluctuations can disturb the motions of stars, leading to potentially observable signatures in cold thin tidal streams in Galaxy
  - FDM model can generate significant small-scale structure in tidal streams

# Calculation of FDM perturbations on tidal streams

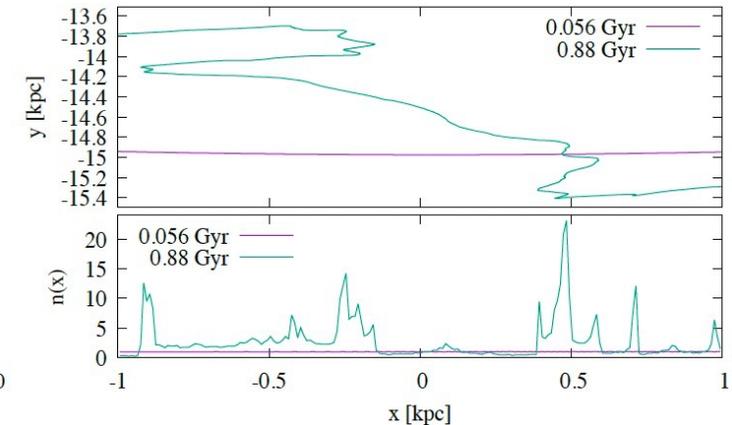
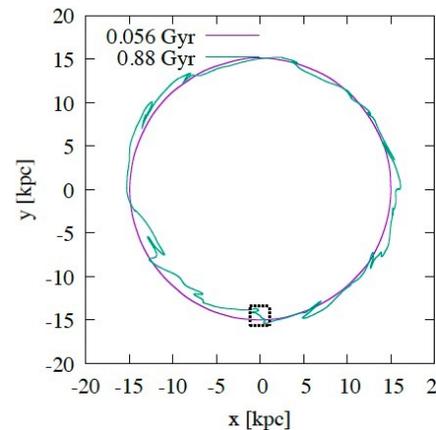
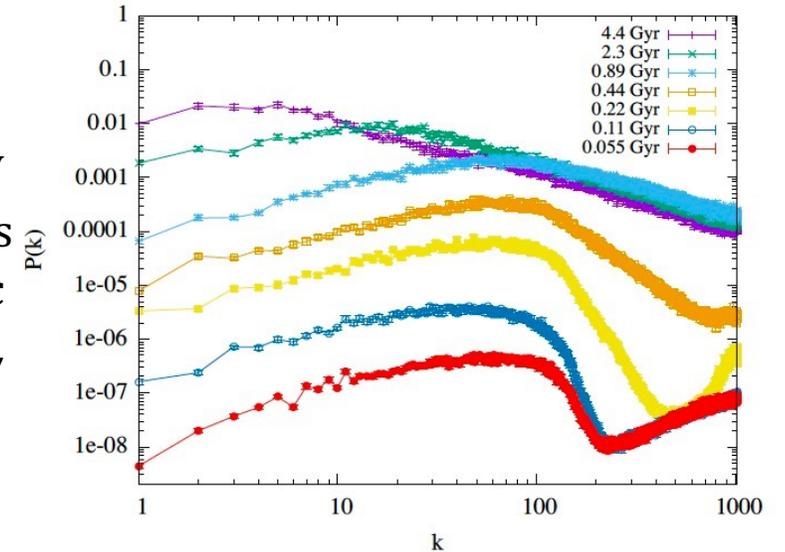
- Mock stream: test particles placed uniformly along a circular ring at radius  $r_0 = 15$  kpc
- The power spectra exhibit a sharp cutoff corresponding to the de Broglie wavelength of the FDM potential fluctuations
  - the gravitational forces are smooth on small scales, so the displacement perturbations and density perturbations are also smooth on small scales
- When stream perturbations become nonlinear, fold caustics generically arise
  - the cutoff disappears, and instead the power spectrum becomes a power-law
  - saturation in amplitude

$$m = 10^{-22} \text{ eV}$$

$$v_c = 200 \text{ km/s}$$

$$\rightarrow \lambda = 0.6 \text{ kpc}$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{2\pi r_0}{\lambda} \approx 157$$



(Dalal et al. 2021)

## Take-home message

- FDM model can explain the survival of globular clusters against orbital decay in Fornax dwarf galaxy
- The subhalo mass function can be measured from perturbations of stellar streams, and put constraints on the particle mass of FDM
- The interference substructures predicted by FDM model can be probed by power spectrum of tidal streams, which will show a cutoff and fold caustics

# **Observational/Experimental Detection of FDM**

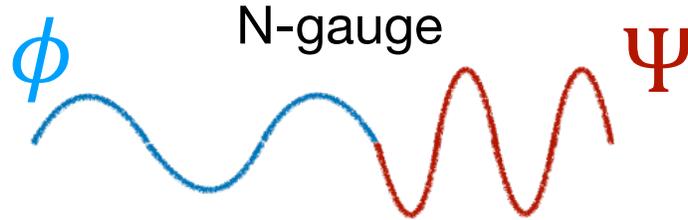
# Outlines

- Astrophysical: pulsar timing array
- Experimental:
  - CAPSEr-Wind
  - Atomic clock

# Time dependent gravitational oscillations

Scalar field of FDM

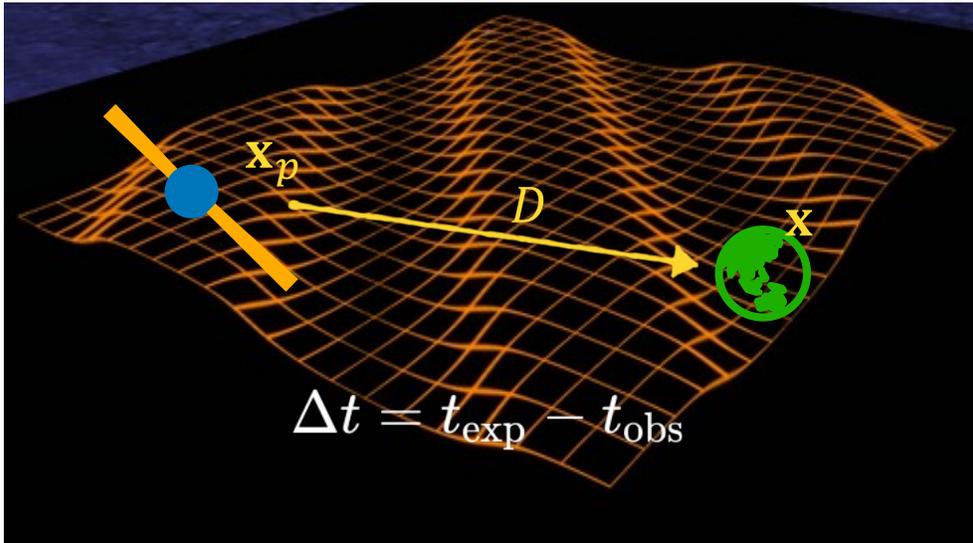
$$\phi(\mathbf{x}, t) = A(\mathbf{x}) \cos(mt + \alpha(\mathbf{x}))$$



Oscillating gravitational field

$$\Psi(\mathbf{x}, t) \simeq \Psi_0 + \frac{\pi G \rho_{\text{DM}}(\mathbf{x})}{m^2} \cos(2mt + 2\alpha(\mathbf{x}))$$

$$ds^2 = (1 + 2\Phi(\mathbf{x}, t))dt^2 - (1 - 2\Psi(\mathbf{x}, t))\delta_{ij}dx^i dx^j$$



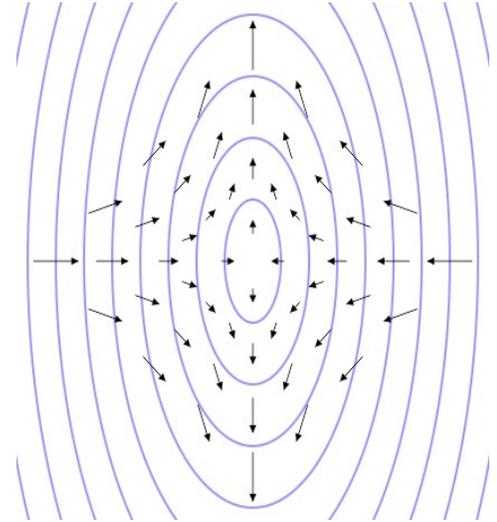
Measure the time residual

$$\Delta t(t) = \Delta t_{\text{DM}} \cos(2mt + \alpha(\mathbf{x}) + \alpha(\mathbf{x}_p) - mD)$$

$$\Delta t_{\text{DM}} = \frac{\pi G \rho_{\text{DM}}(\mathbf{x})}{m^3} \sin(mD + \alpha(\mathbf{x}) - \alpha(\mathbf{x}_p))$$

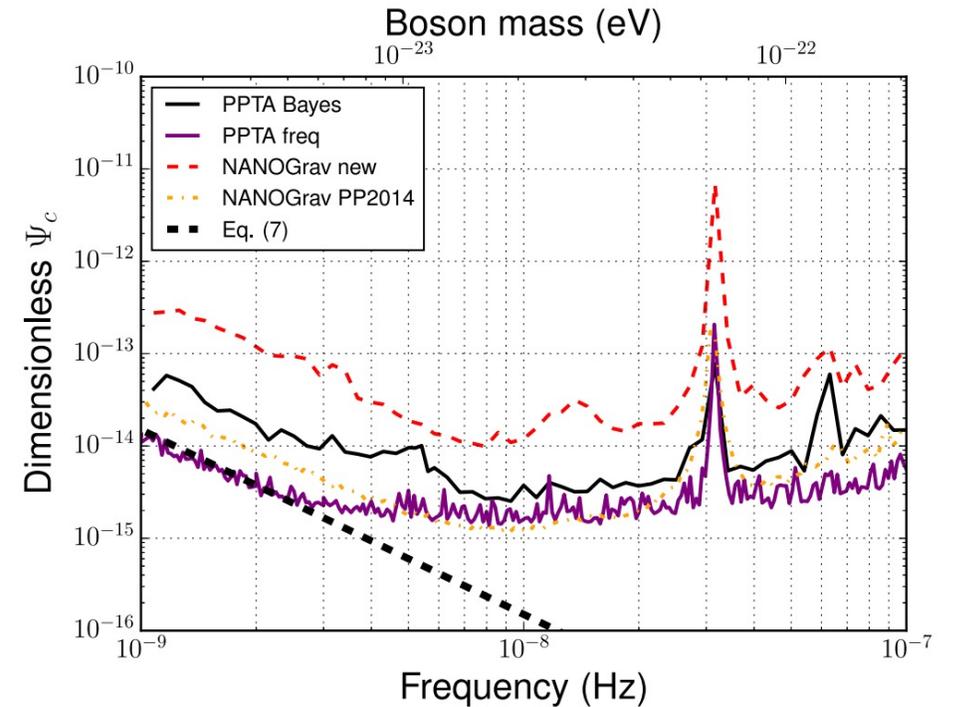
# Sensitivity

similar to a gravitational wave background with characteristic strain

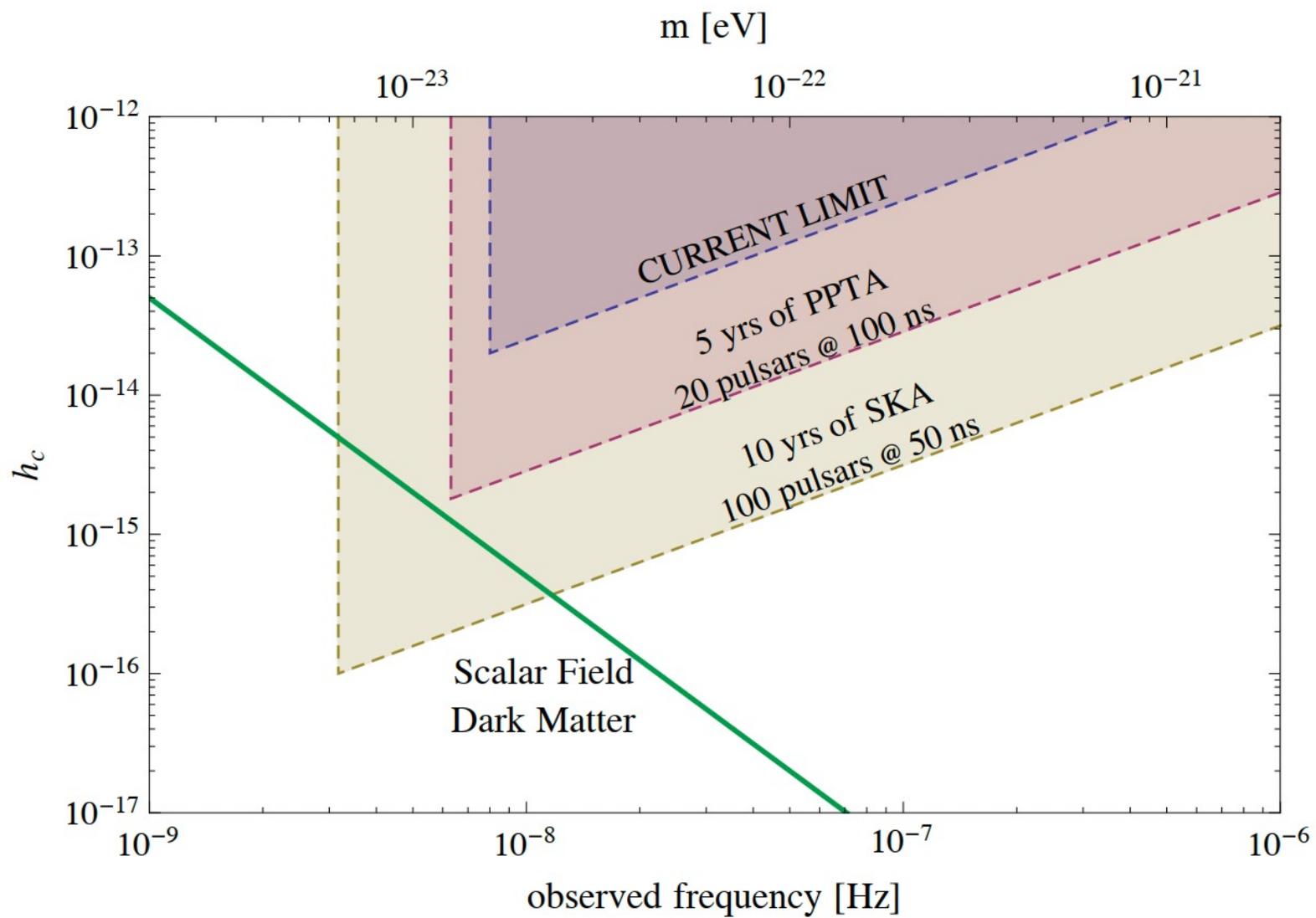


$$h_c = 2\sqrt{3}\Psi_c = 2 \cdot 10^{-15} \left( \frac{\rho_{\text{DM}}}{0.3 \text{ GeV/cm}^3} \right) \left( \frac{10^{-23} \text{ eV}}{m} \right)^2$$

$$f \equiv 2\pi\omega = 5 \cdot 10^{-9} \text{ Hz} \left( \frac{m}{10^{-23} \text{ eV}} \right)$$



# Sensitivity



# Take home message

- Scalar field of FDM causes time delay of pulsar signal
- It is similar to signals caused by GW but has 2 major differences:
  - FDM signal is independent on the direction to pulsar
  - It is monochromatic and can appear as an excess in the signal at particular frequency  $\propto m$
- Currently , future SKA 

# Axial nuclear moment

APL interaction with SM fermion:

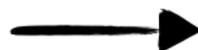
$$\frac{\partial_\mu a}{f_a} \bar{\Psi}_f \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 \Psi_f$$



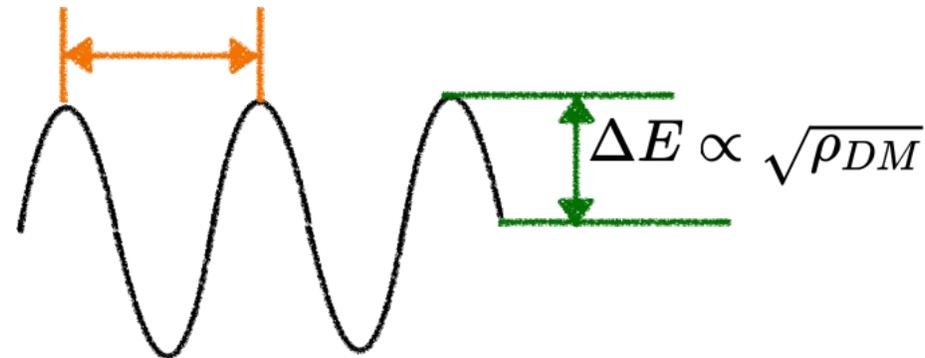
APL nuclear current coupling

additional perturbation term in Hamiltonian

$$\begin{aligned} H_N &\supset g_{aNN} \nabla a \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_N \\ &\supset g_{aNN} m_a a_0 \cos(m_a t) \mathbf{v} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_N \end{aligned}$$



$$f \propto m_a$$



Energy oscillation amplitude

$$\Delta E \sim g_{aNN} \sqrt{\rho_{DM}} v$$

# CAPSEr-Wind

CAPSEr (Cosmic Axion Spin Precession Experiment)

The lab has a relative motion with respect to the FDM wind



The FDM-nucleon interaction causes the spin to precession around  $v$

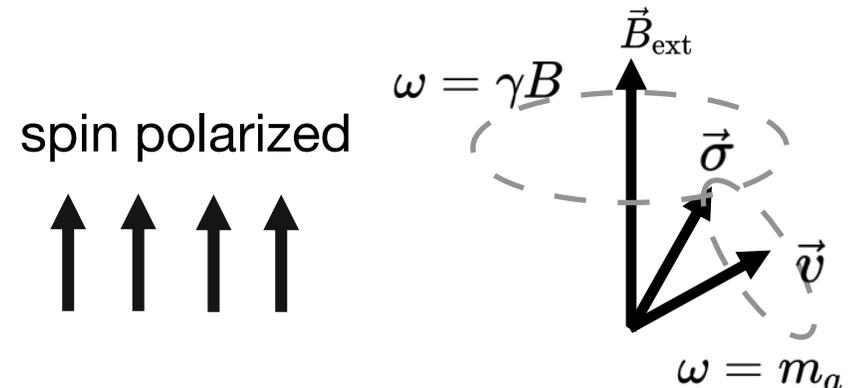
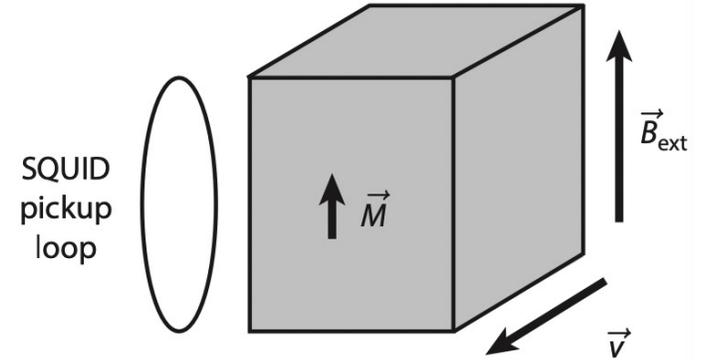
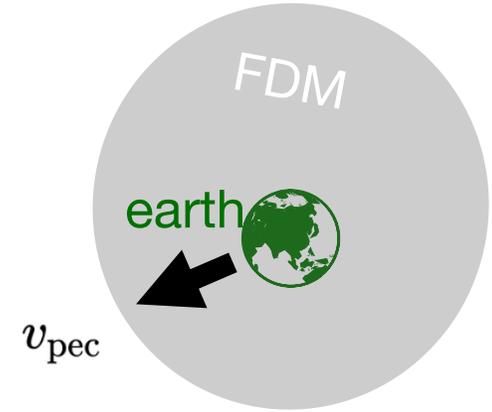


The spin precession both around  $v$  and  $B$



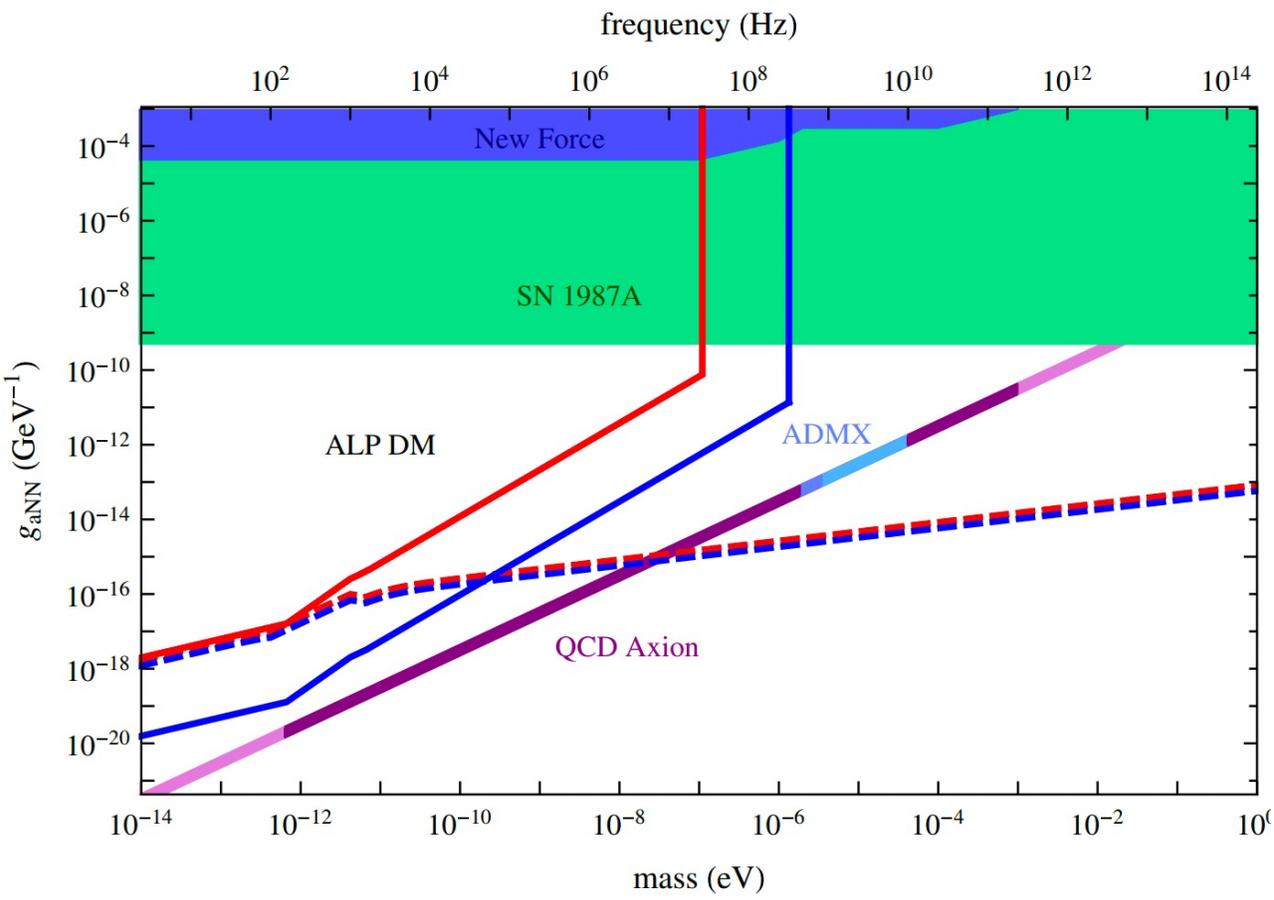
Transverse magnetization

$$M(t) \propto \sqrt{\rho_{DM}} \frac{\sin[(2\mu B_{\text{ext}} - m_a)t]}{2\mu B_{\text{ext}} - m_a}$$

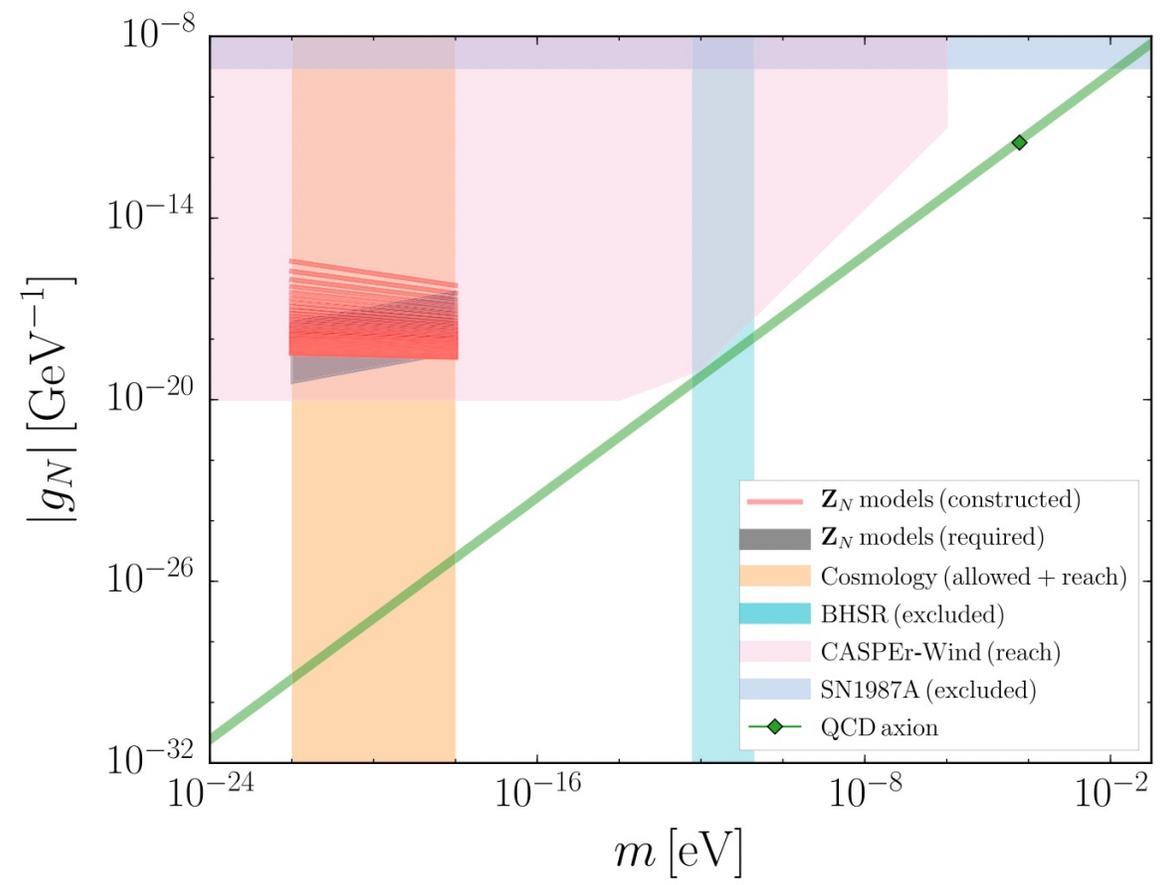


# sensitivity issues

The detection in particle physics is model dependent, experiment sensitivity may reach the detection limit when FDM model is well-constructed



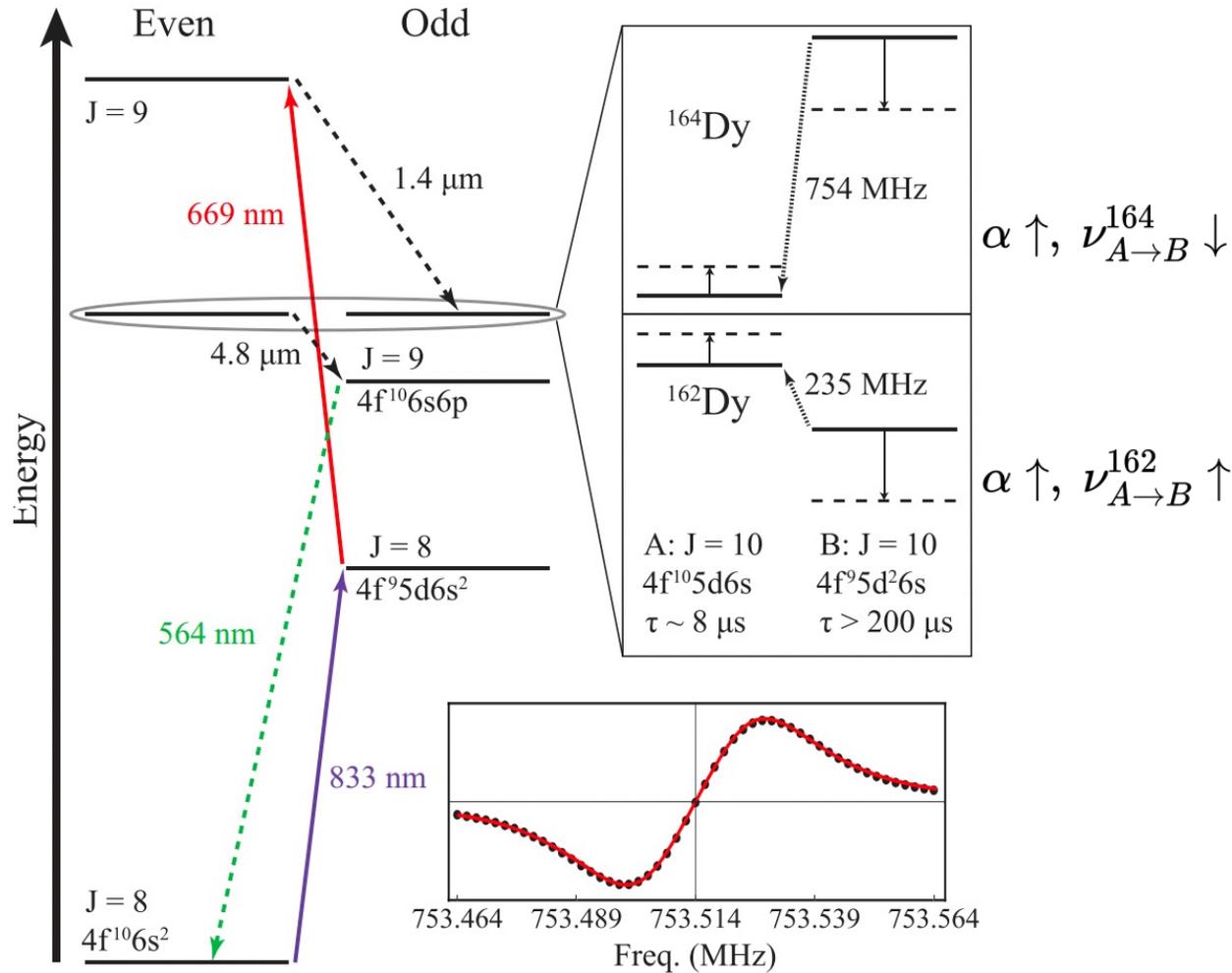
Yonatan Kahn et al., 2016:  $m \sim 10^{-14} \text{eV}$



J. E. Kim and D. J. E. Marsh (2016)

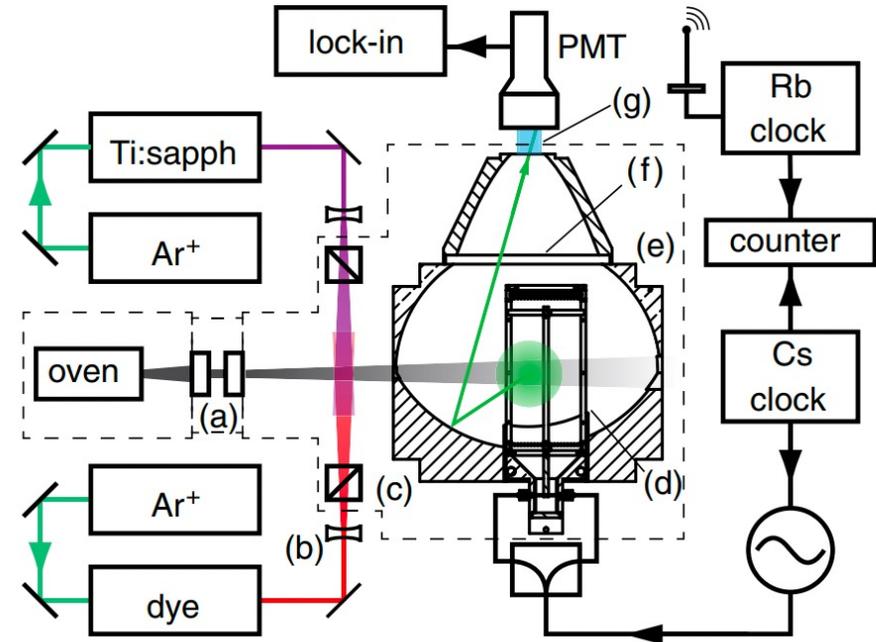
# Atomic clock

$$\mathcal{L} \supset \frac{1}{2}(\partial_\mu \phi)^2 - \frac{1}{2}m_\phi^2 \phi^2 + \frac{-1 + d_e \kappa \phi}{4e^2} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} \longrightarrow \alpha(t) \simeq \alpha[1 + d_e \kappa \phi_0 \cos(m_\phi t + \delta)]$$

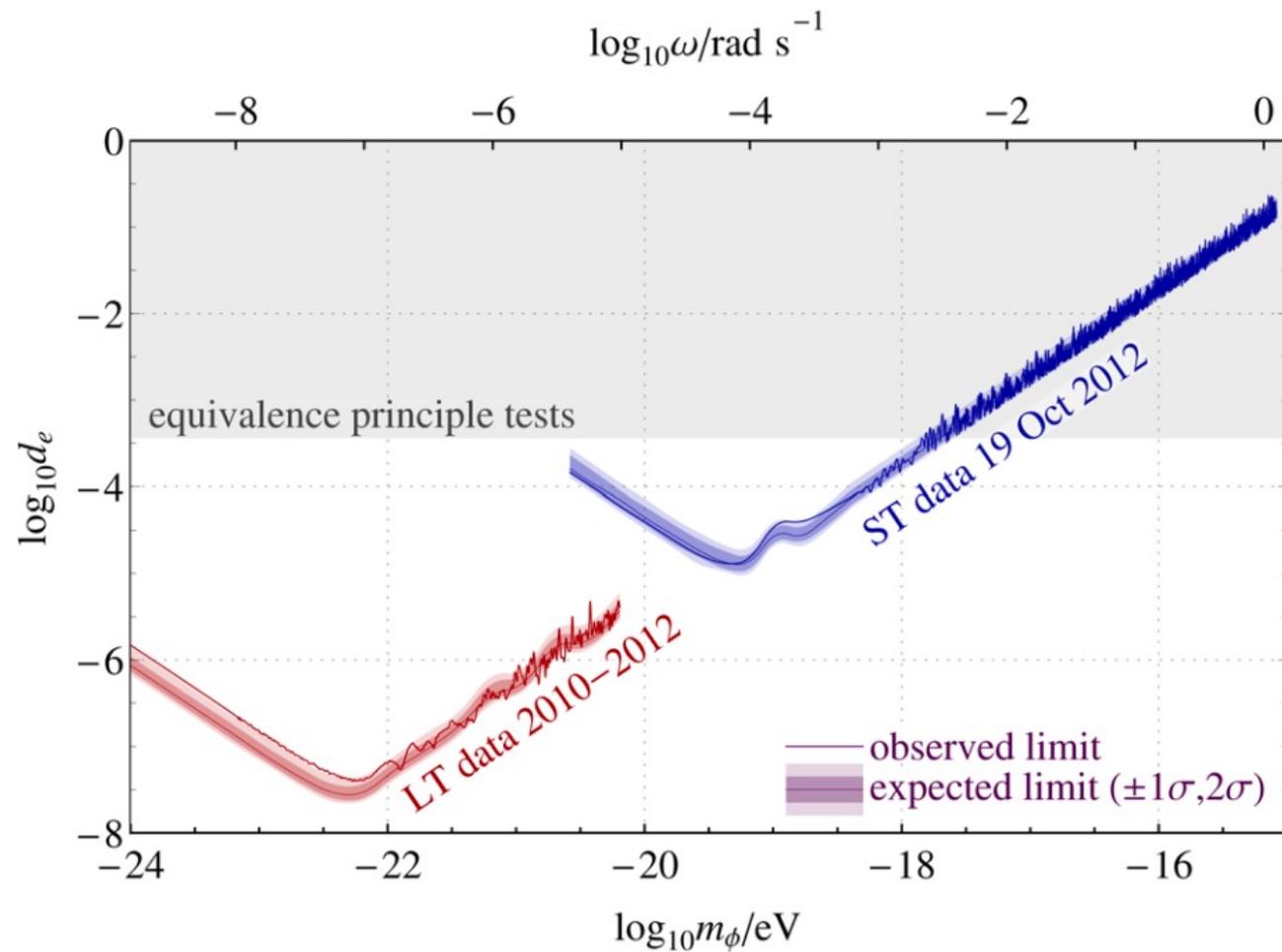
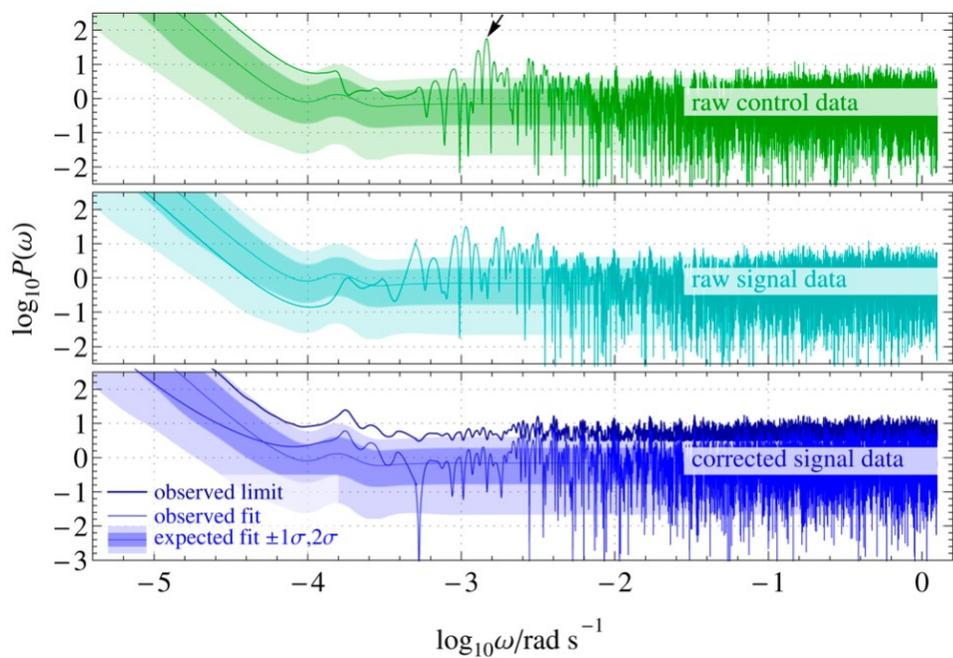


Transition frequency shift between A/B states:

- $\nu_{162} - \nu_{164}$ :  $\alpha$  sensitive, measures the signal
- $\nu_{162} - \nu_{164}$ :  $\alpha$  insensitive, correct systematic error



# Atomic clock



# Take home message

- Axion-nucleon interaction causes spin precession around the relative velocity
- transverse magnetization happens when applied magnetic field equals to the precession frequency, which  $\propto m$
- To reach the limit of FDM is challenging using CAPSEr-Wind method (unless you change the model), atomic clock seems to have hope
- Some paper claims FDM can change the neutrino oscillation probability, and thus they can be detected in neutrino experiment.