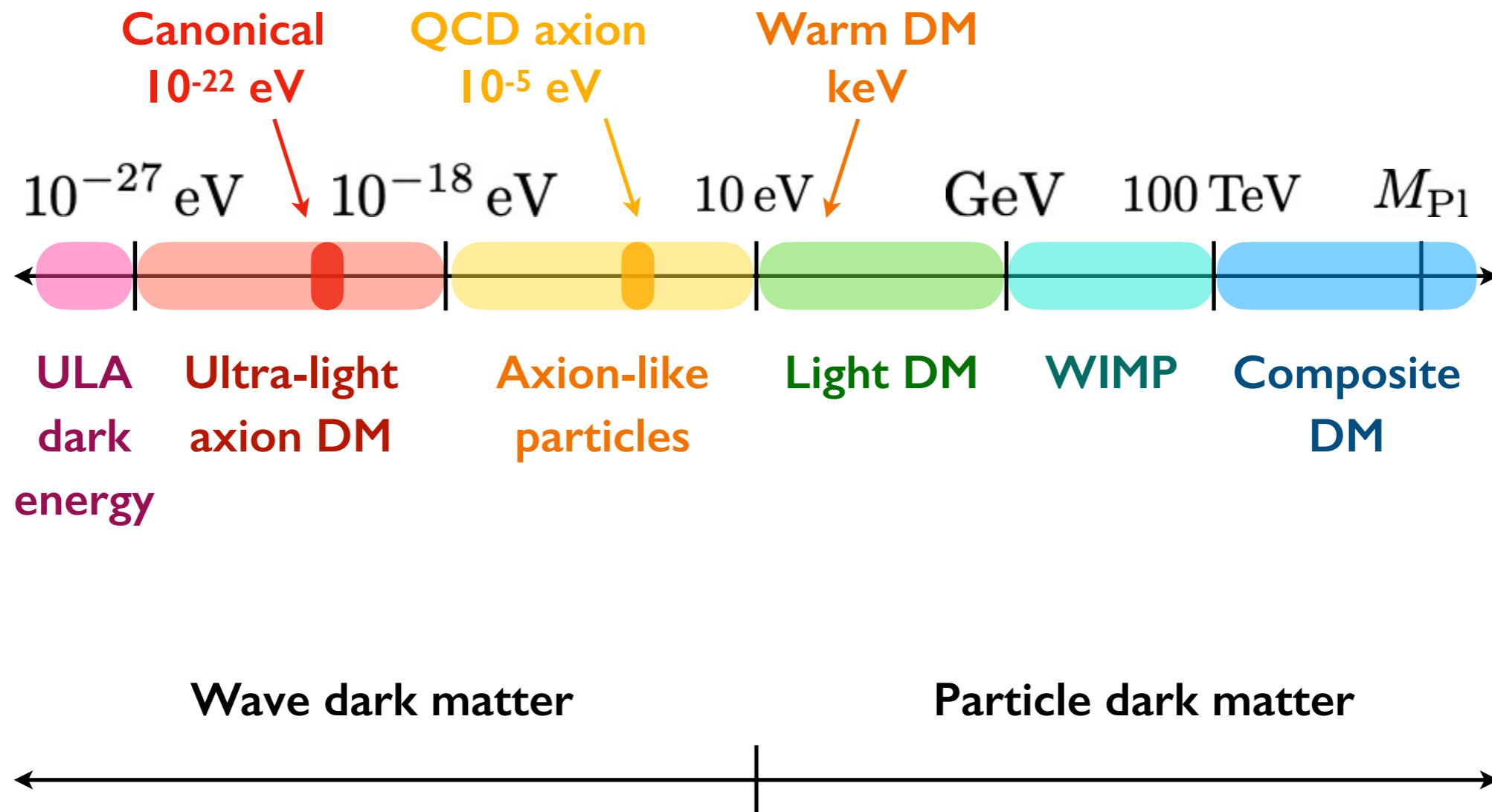


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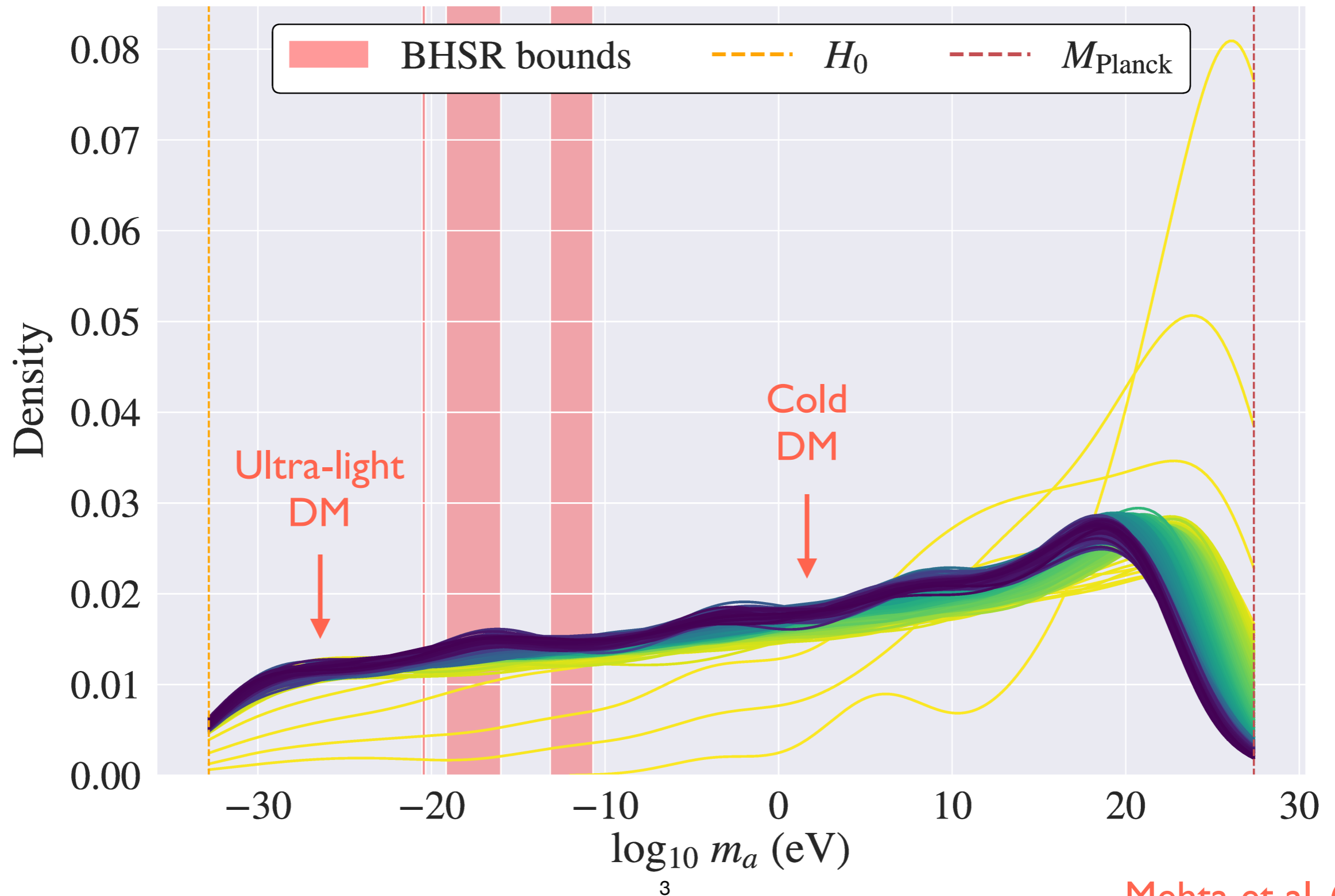
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Beyond the WIMP: dark matter model space



Canonical ULA DM: Rogers & Peiris (2021, PRL); Light particle DM: Rogers et al. (2022, PRL)

String axiverse predicts mixed cold + ultra-light axion dark matter



Larger scales

Smaller scales



S_8
tension

$$S_8 \equiv \sigma_8 \sqrt{\frac{\Omega_m}{0.3}}$$

$S_8 \sim$ variance of matter clustering at 8 Mpc



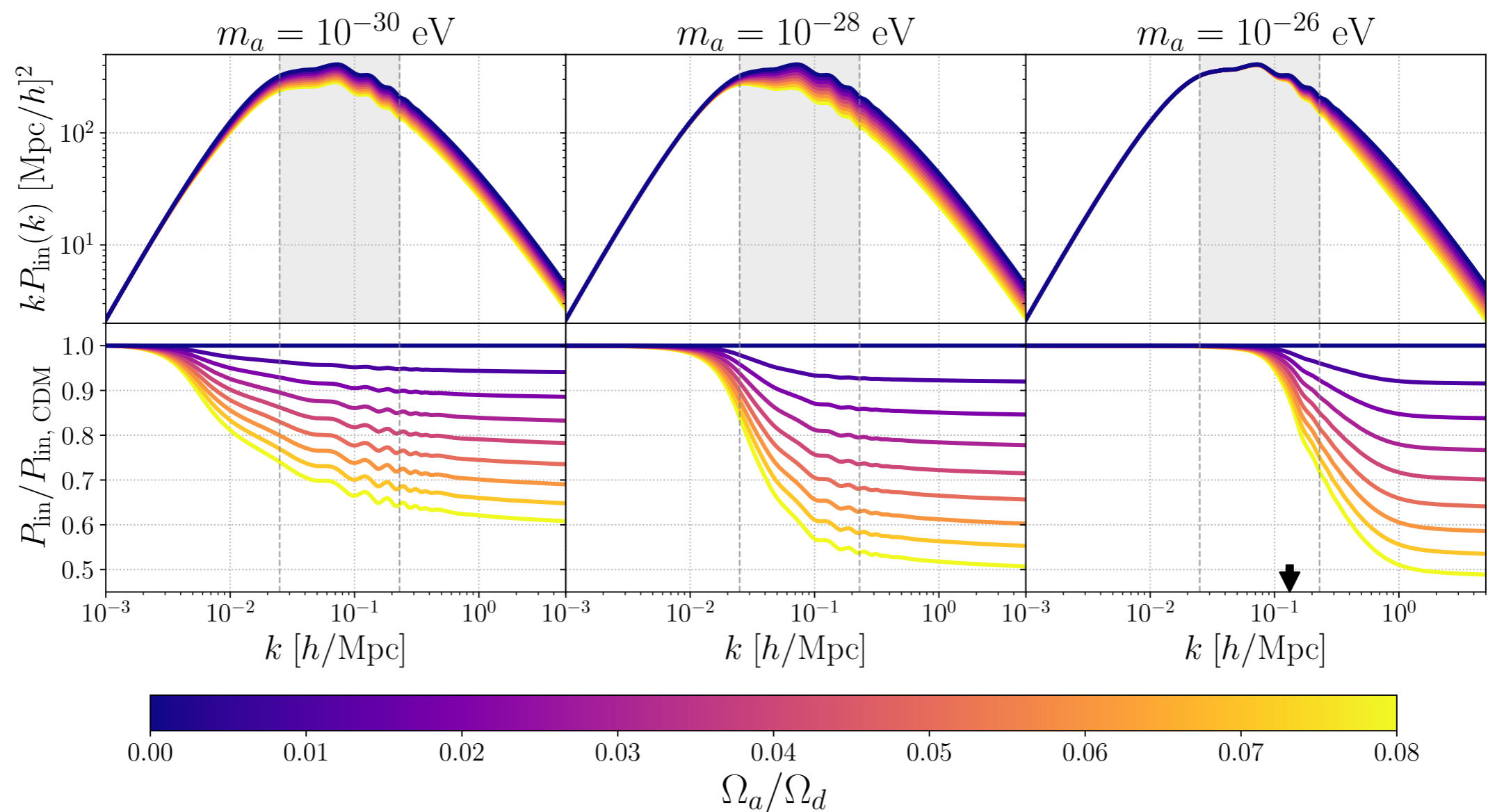
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ULTRA-LIGHT AXION DARK MATTER & IMPLICATIONS FOR THE S_8 TENSION

*with Hložek, Laguë, Bond, Marsh, Grin, Dentler,
Philcox, Ivanov, Cabass, Akitsu*

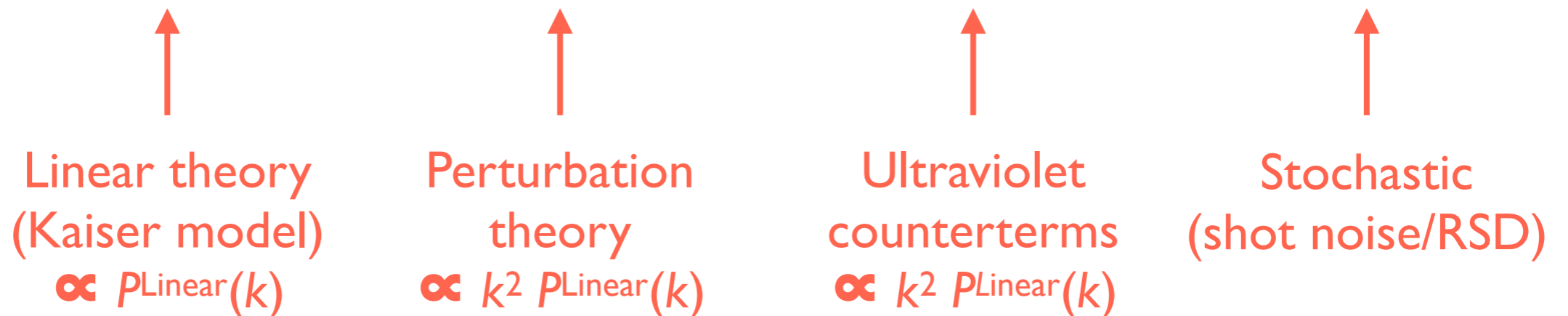
Ultra-light axion dark matter causes scale-dependent suppression in matter clustering

$$\lambda_{\text{Jeans}} = 9.4 (1+z)^{\frac{1}{4}} \left(\frac{\Omega_a h^2}{0.12} \right)^{-\frac{1}{4}} \left(\frac{m}{10^{-26} \text{ eV}} \right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \text{ Mpc}$$



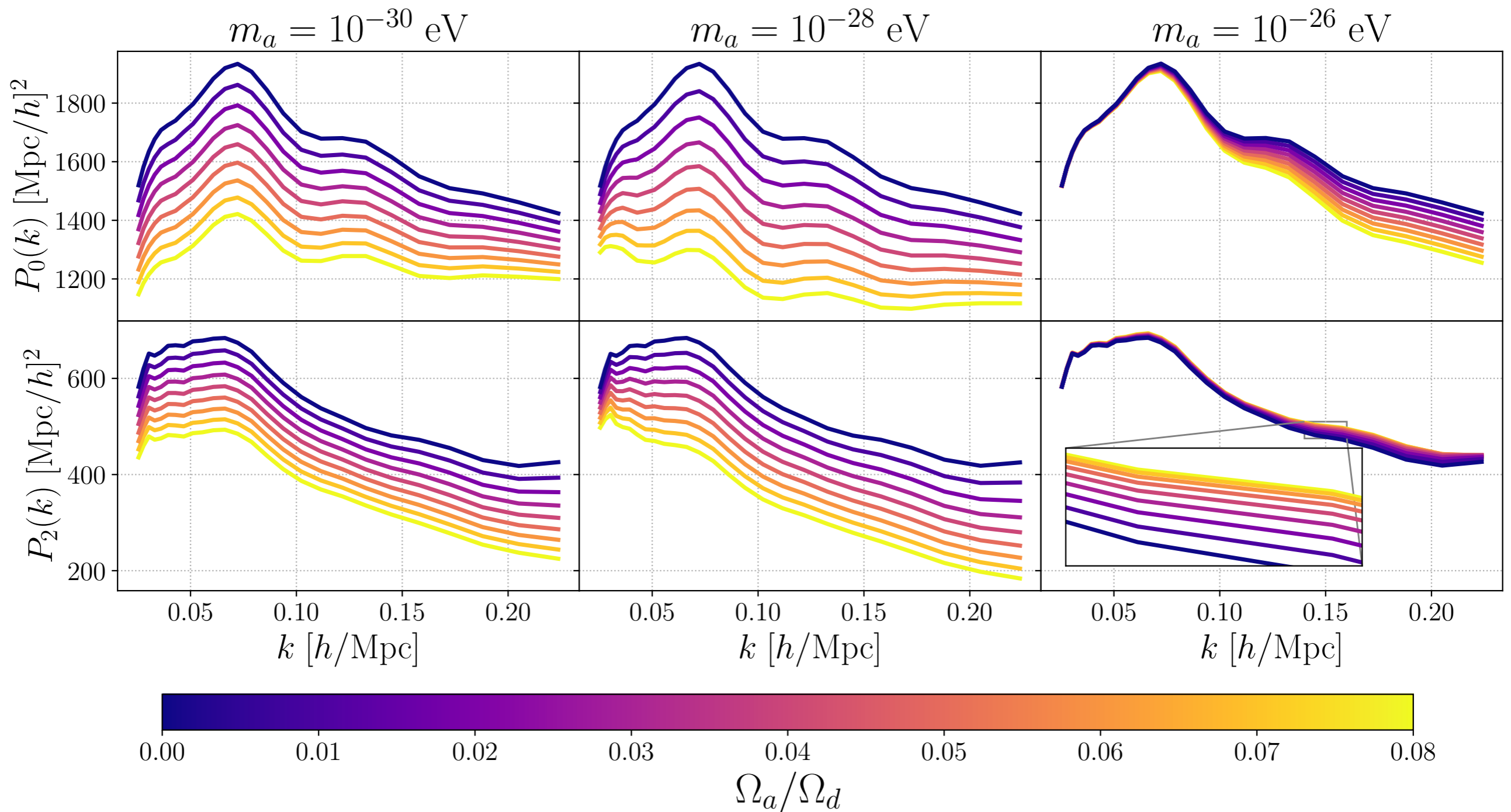
Model galaxy clustering into mildly non-linear regime with effective field theory of large-scale structure

$$P_\ell(k) = P_\ell^{\text{Tree}}(k) + P_\ell^{1\text{-loop}}(k) + P_\ell^{\text{Counter}}(k) + P_\ell^{\text{Stoch}}(k)$$



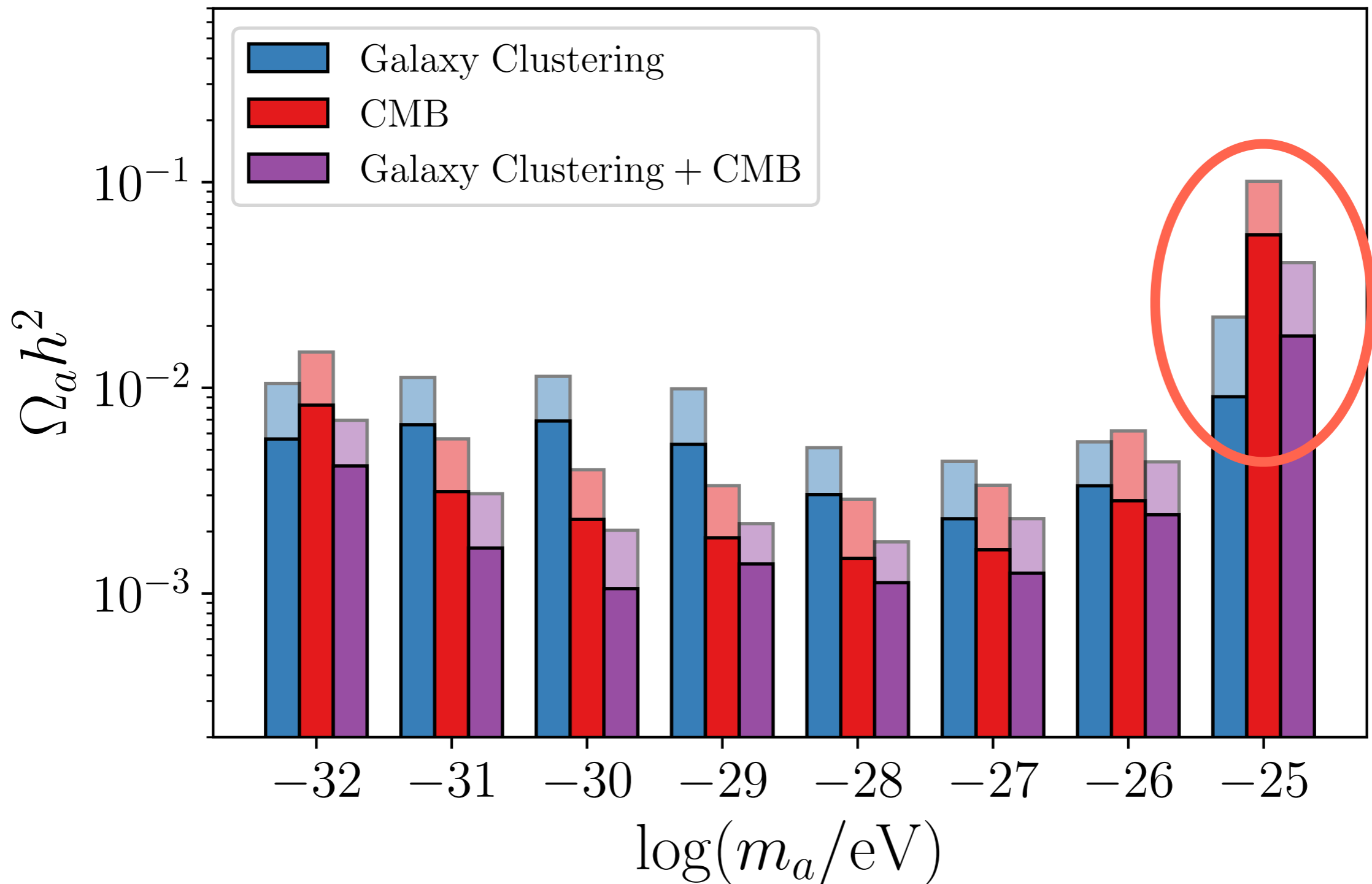
+ Infrared resummation
+ Alcock-Paczynski distortion

Galaxy clustering traces dark matter clustering — revealing signature of ultra-light axions



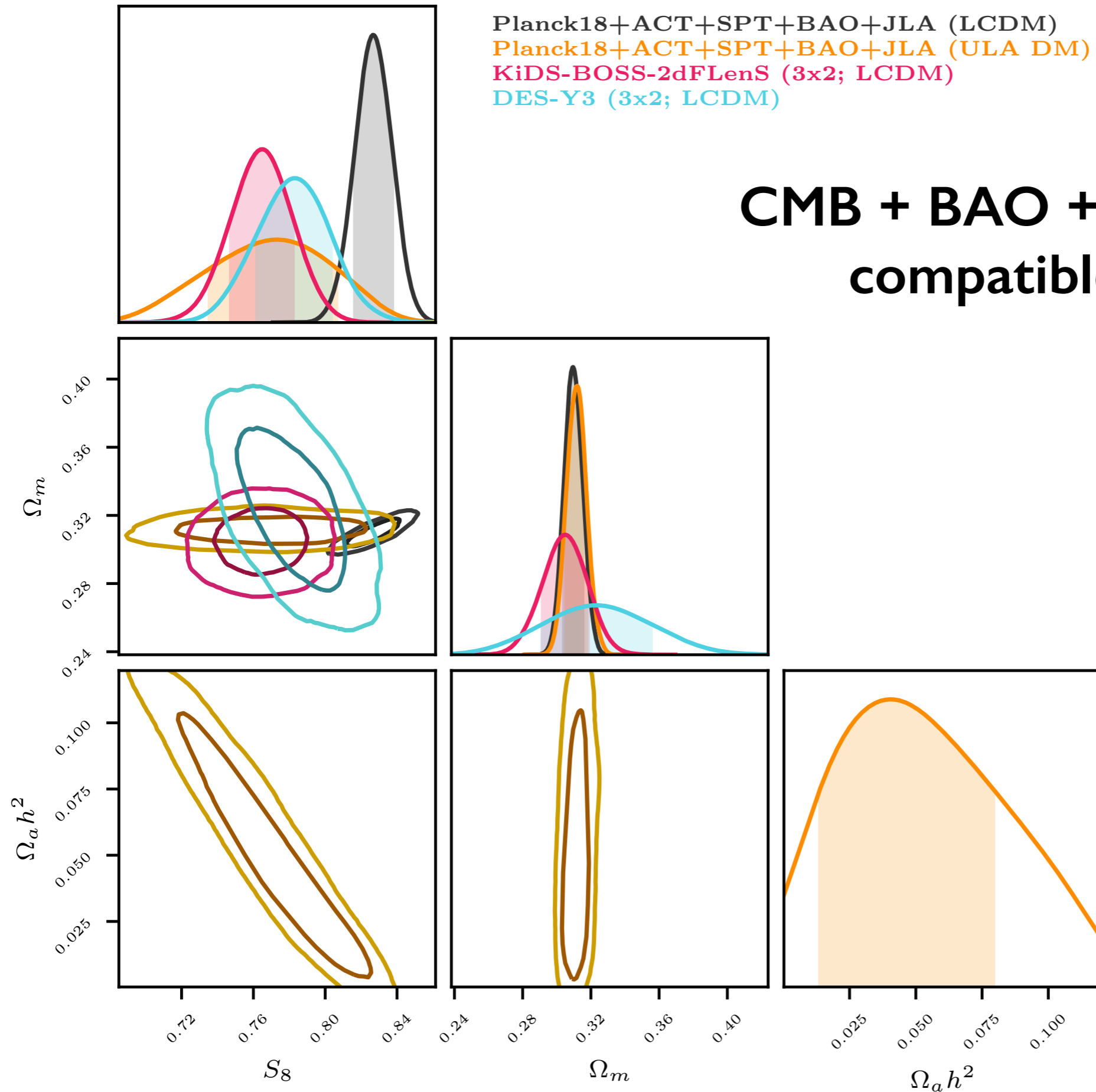
Strong bound on axions from CMB + galaxy clustering

— higher masses still viable



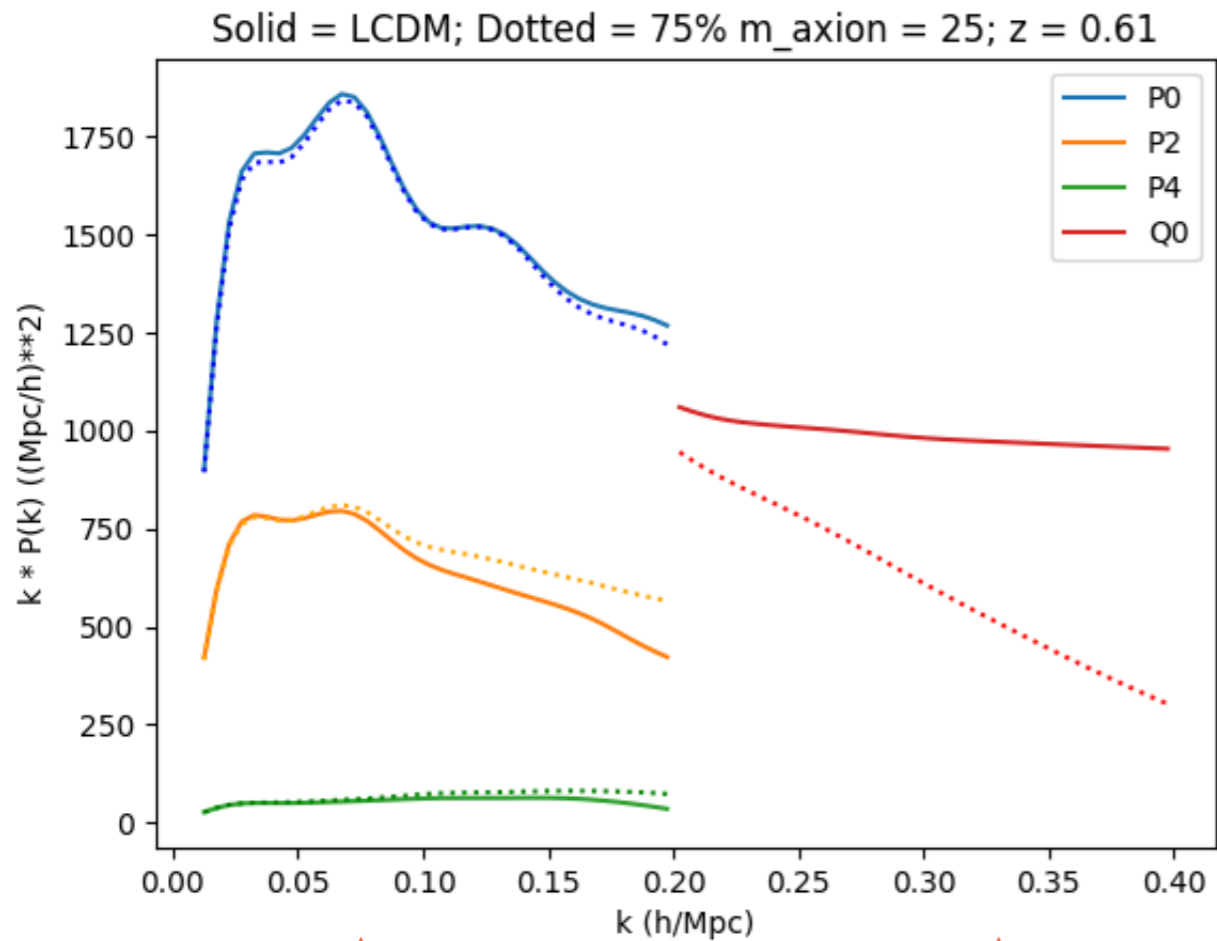
Planck18+ACT+SPT+BAO+JLA (LCDM)
 Planck18+ACT+SPT+BAO+JLA (ULA DM)
 KiDS-BOSS-2dFLenS (3x2; LCDM)
 DES-Y3 (3x2; LCDM)

CMB + BAO + SNe + axion DM compatible with low S_8



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

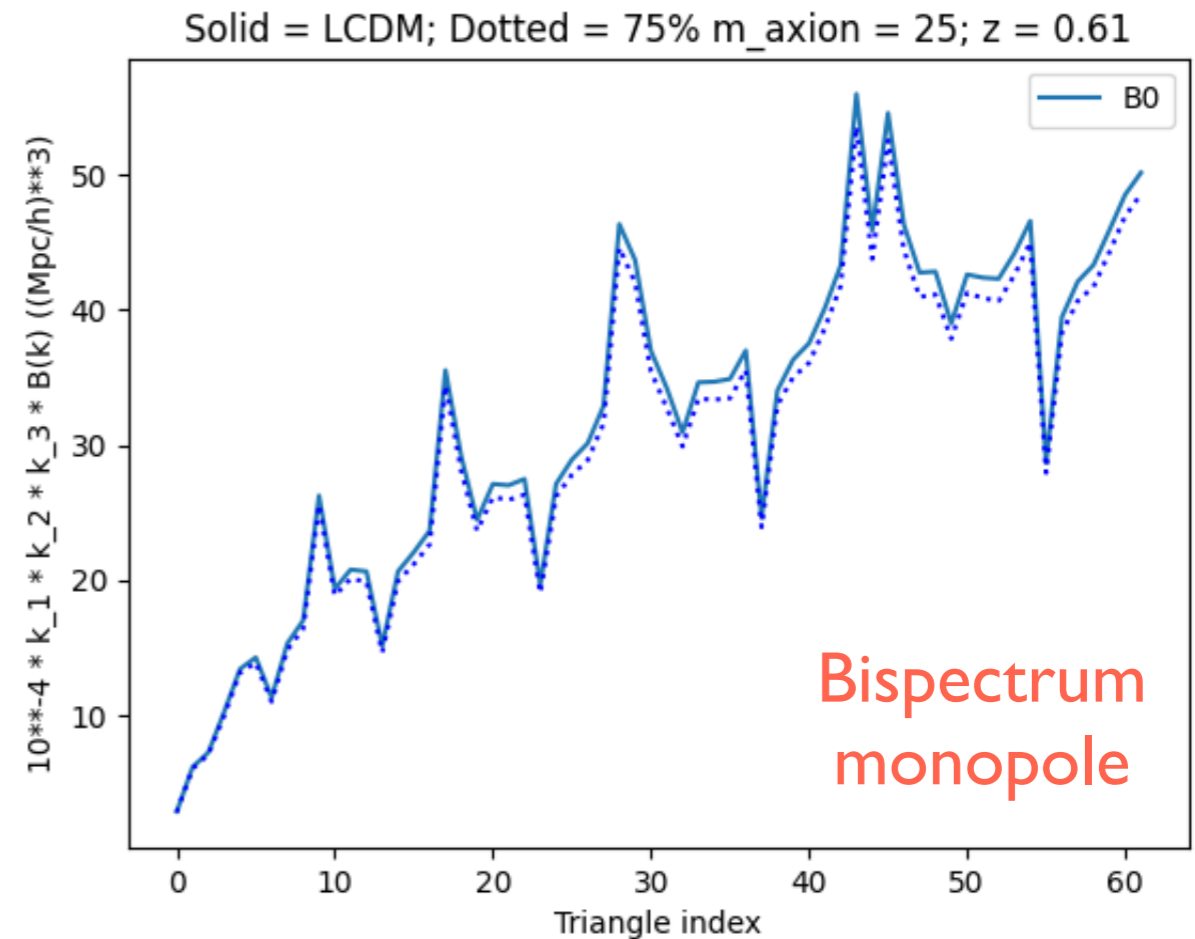
Galaxy clustering strengthens axion bounds and explores new mass regime



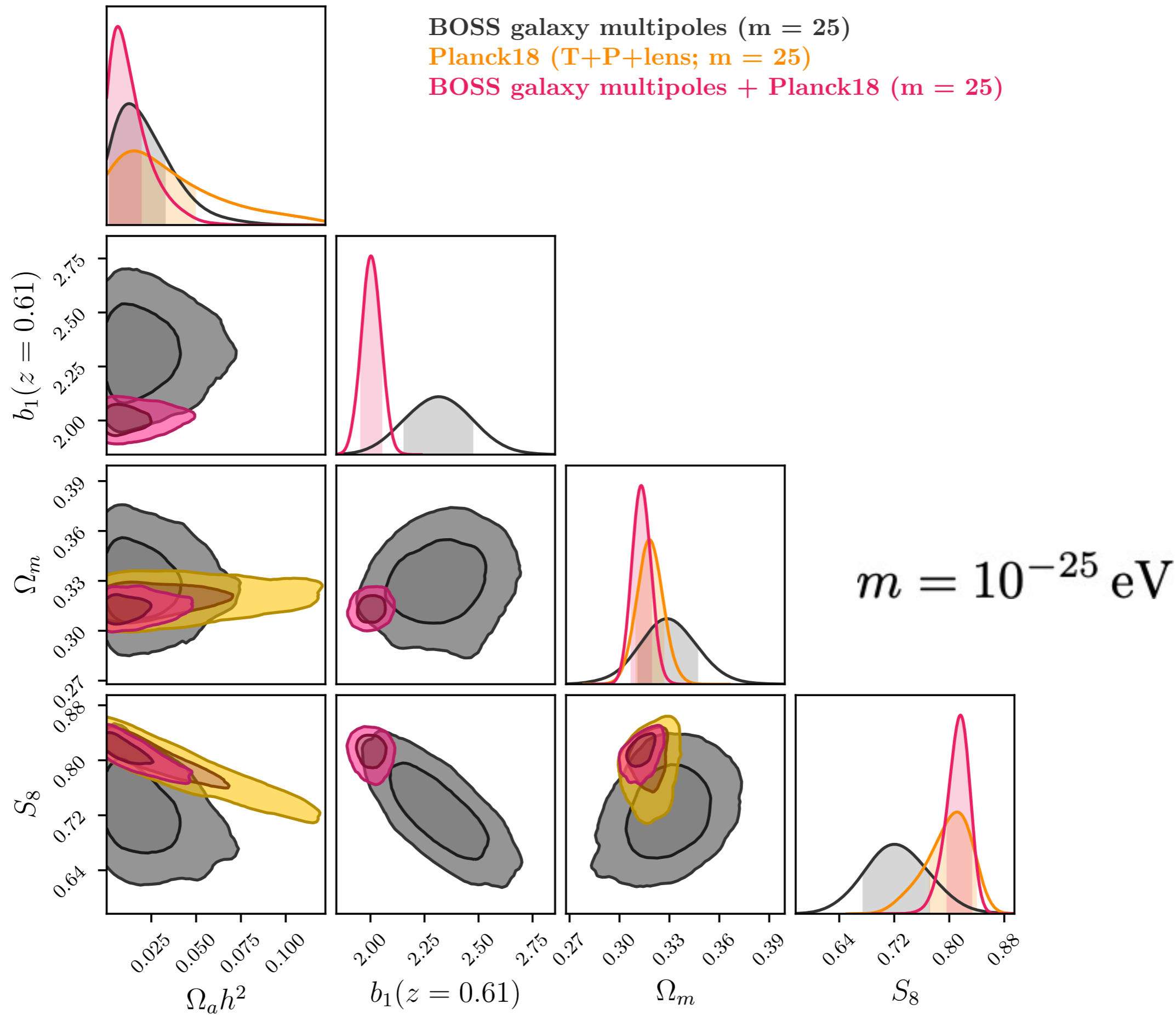
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Redshift-space
multipoles

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Reconstructed
real-space
power spectrum

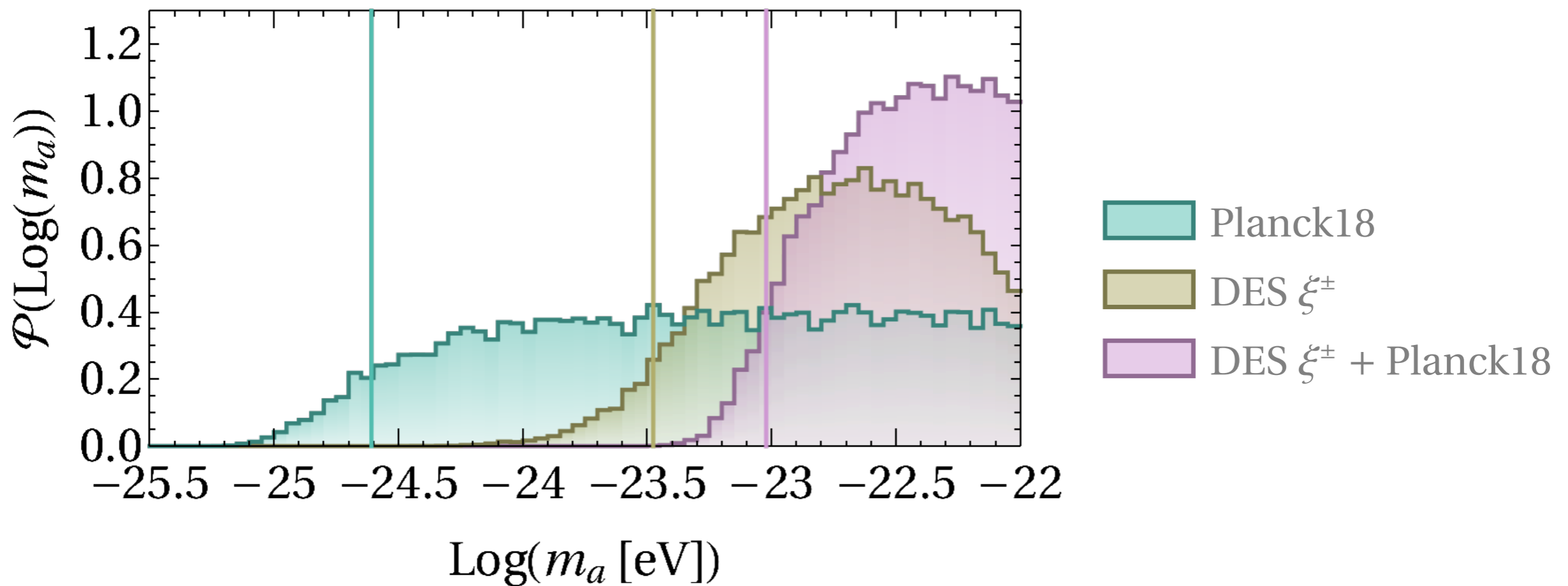
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Bispectrum
monopole



Joint CMB & galaxy weak lensing bounds using axion dark matter halo model



Multi-probe approach to detect ultra-light axions

