



# A01: Light dark matter



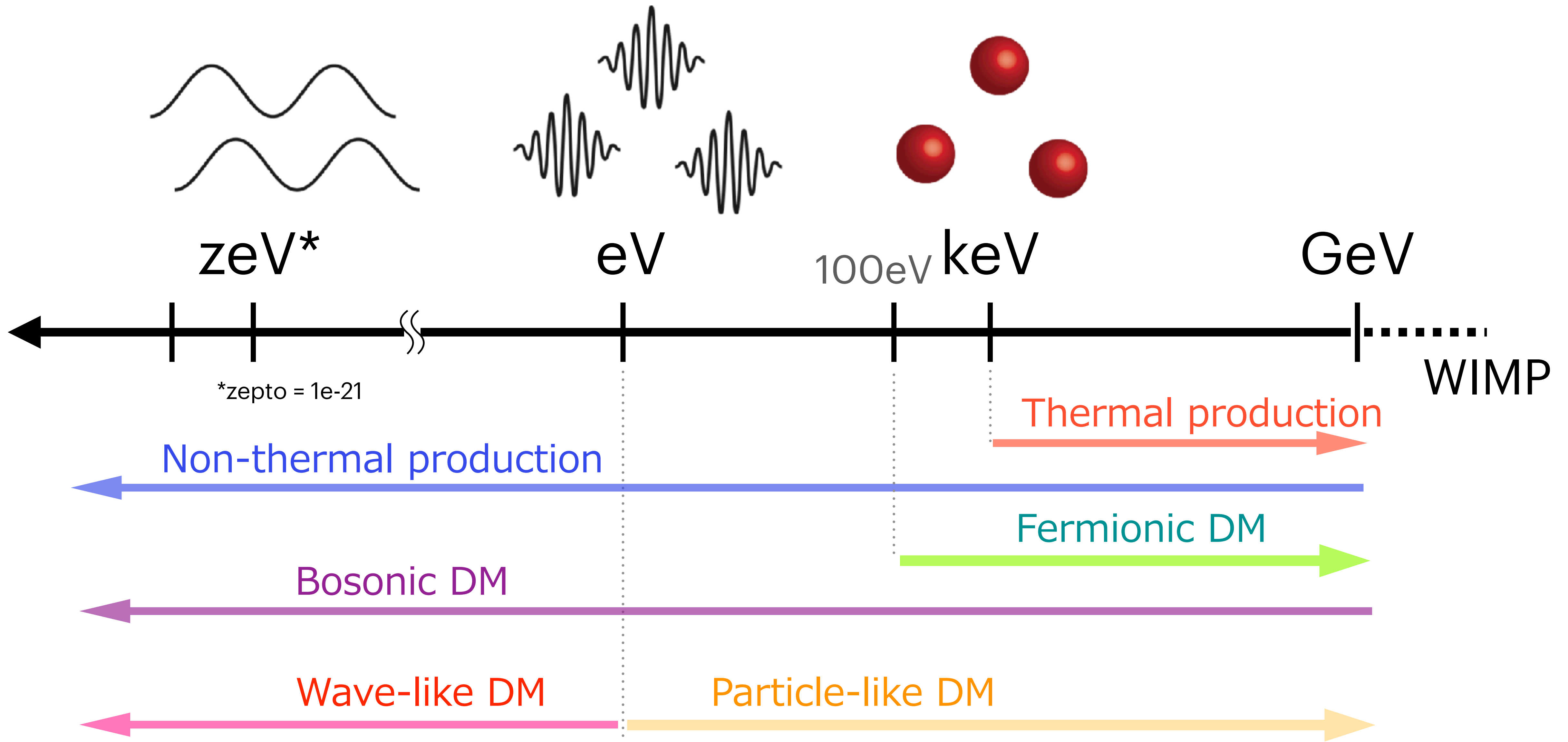
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“What is dark matter? - Comprehensive study of the  
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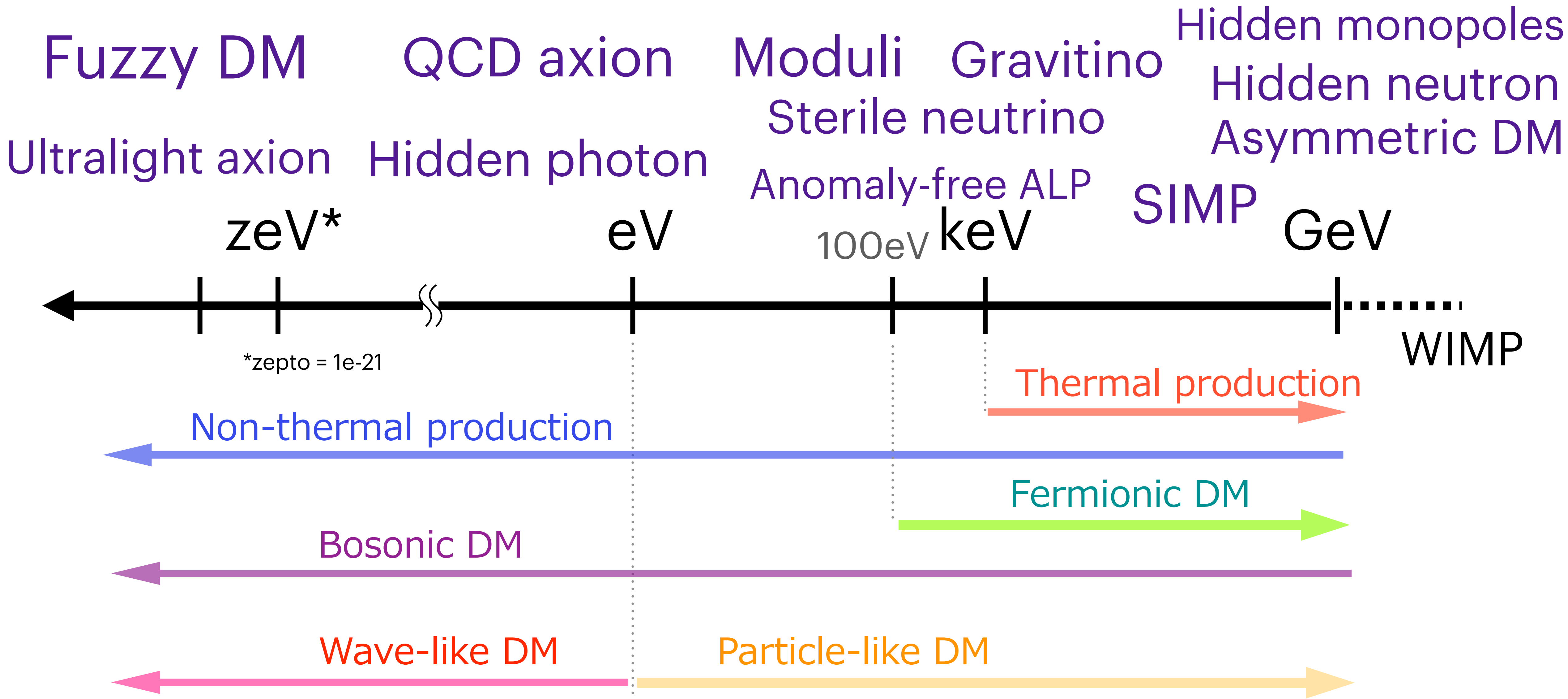
Annual Symposium

Fuminobu Takahashi (Tohoku)

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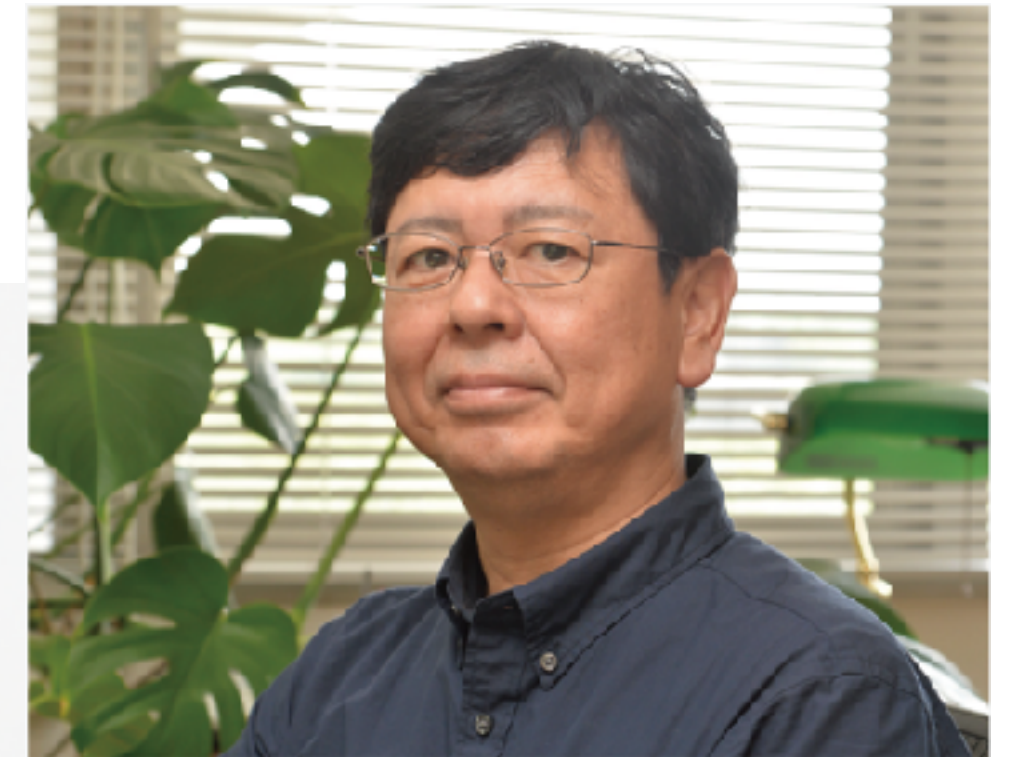


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# Members

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- Masaki Yamada
- Wen Yin



# Workshop

Workshop on Very Light Dark Matter 2021 was organized by A01+B01 groups

**Dark matter**

rotational velocity (km/s)

measured

calculated

distance from center (light years)

Dark Sector Candidates, Anomalies, and Search Techniques

- Galaxy rotation curves and other observations could imply that dark matter exists
- We choose to study ultralight dark matter based on the frequency range to which ground-based gravitational-wave detectors are sensitive: 10-2000 Hz  $\rightarrow$  ( $10^{-14}$ - $10^{-11}$  eV/ $c^2$ )

## Workshop on Very Light Dark Matter 2021

27-29 September 2021  
Online  
Asia/Tokyo (timezone)

# 27-29 Sep. 2021

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- Registration and abstract submission
- Timetable
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### Workshop on Very Light Dark Matter 2021

**Date:** September 27-29, 2021

**Venue:** Online (Zoom)

**Overview:**

The present universe is filled with dark matter. Although it is still unclear what dark matter is made of, it is known to have played an extremely important role in the formation of the structure of the universe such as galaxies and galaxy clusters. Recently, dark matter with extremely low mass has attracted much attention. In this workshop, recent experimental results as well as future prospects, and theoretical progress of very light dark matter will be discussed. We will have invited talks by experts in the related fields, as well as contributed talks. One of the aims of this workshop is to deepen the understanding of recent developments and future prospects in this field through discussions among the participants. The following is a list of representative topics.

- Axion and axion like particles
- Dark photon and other light dark matter
- Light dark matter search experiments
- Black hole superradiance
- Cosmic birefringence
- Structure formation
- Weak gravity conjecture

**Invited Speakers:**

- Silvia Gasparotto (Max Planck Institut für Astrophysik)
- Koji Ishiwata (Kanazawa University)
- Asuka Ito (Tokyo Institute of Technology)
- Joerg Jaeckel (Universität Heidelberg)
- Sugumi Kanno (Kyushu University)
- Andrew Miller (Université catholique de Louvain)
- Matthew Reece (Harvard University)
- Yuko Urakawa (KEK)
- Lindley Winslow (Massachusetts Institute of Technology)

There were 184 participants.

# Publications

35 papers from A01 group (as of Mar.29)



# Highlights

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- Cosmic birefringence triggered by dark matter **See talk by Masaki Yamada**
- Cosmic birefringence and ALP domain walls **See talk by Wen Yin**
- PQ breaking and the QCD axion dark matter
- Oscillon/I-ball formation from axion
- CMB constraints on dark matter annihilation
- Enhancement of QCD axion fluctuation
- Non-thermally trapped inflation
- Hubble tension and curvaton

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【概要】

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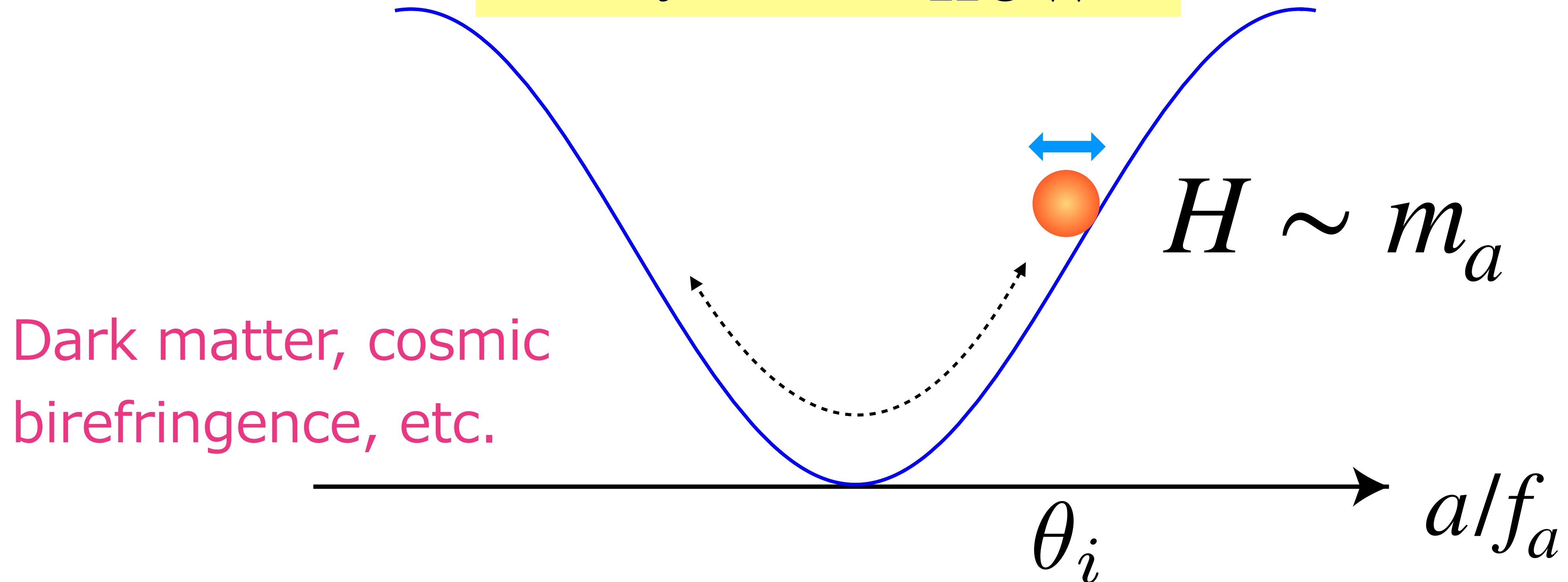
**Axion moves.**

# Misalignment mechanism

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$$a_i \neq a_{\text{now}}$$



# Oscillon/I-ball of Axion-like particles (ALPs)

Imagawa et al (2021)  
arXiv:2110.05790

- Oscillons/I-balls can be formed for some ALP potential

► Pure natural type  $V(\phi) = \frac{m^2 M^2}{2p} \left[ 1 - \left( 1 + \frac{\phi^2}{M^2} \right)^{-p} \right]$

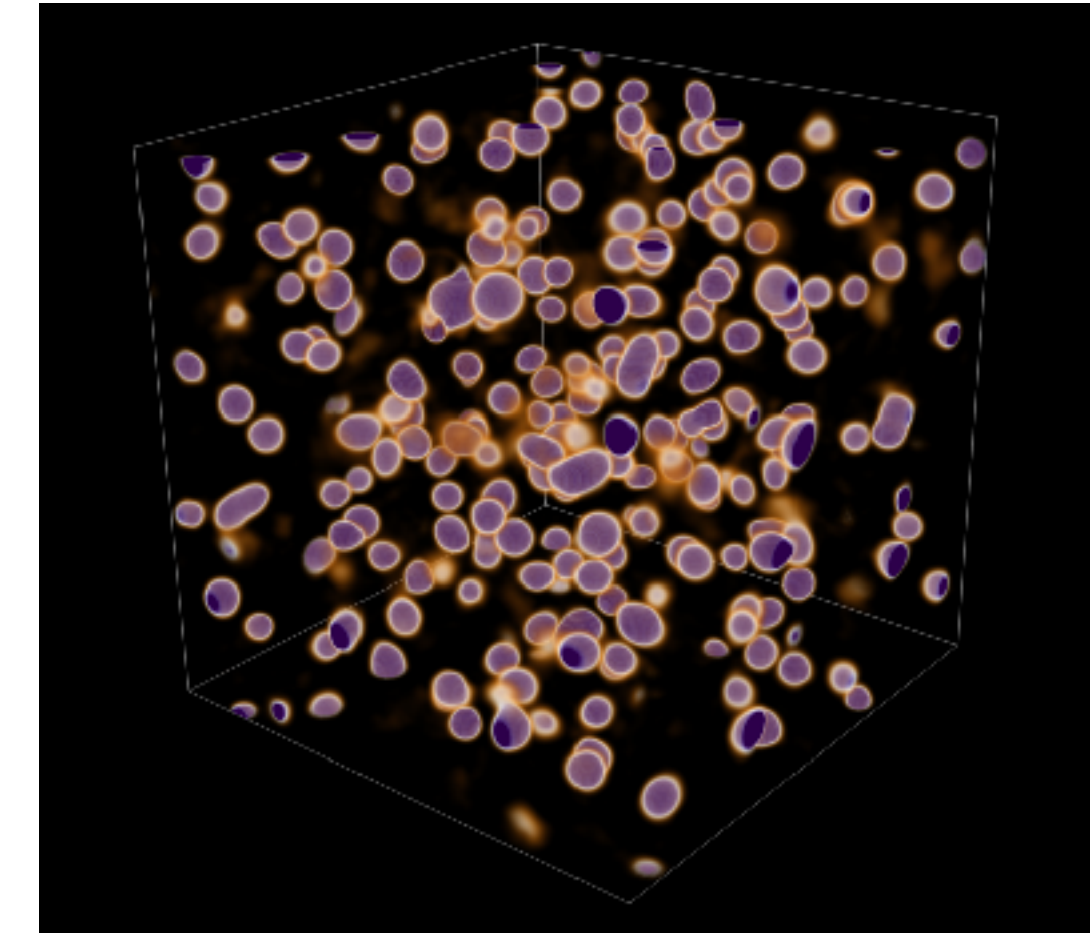
Nomura Watari Yamazaki (2017)

- Long-lived for  $m_\phi \lesssim 10^{-20}$  eV

- Simulation: ~60% of ALPs form oscillons

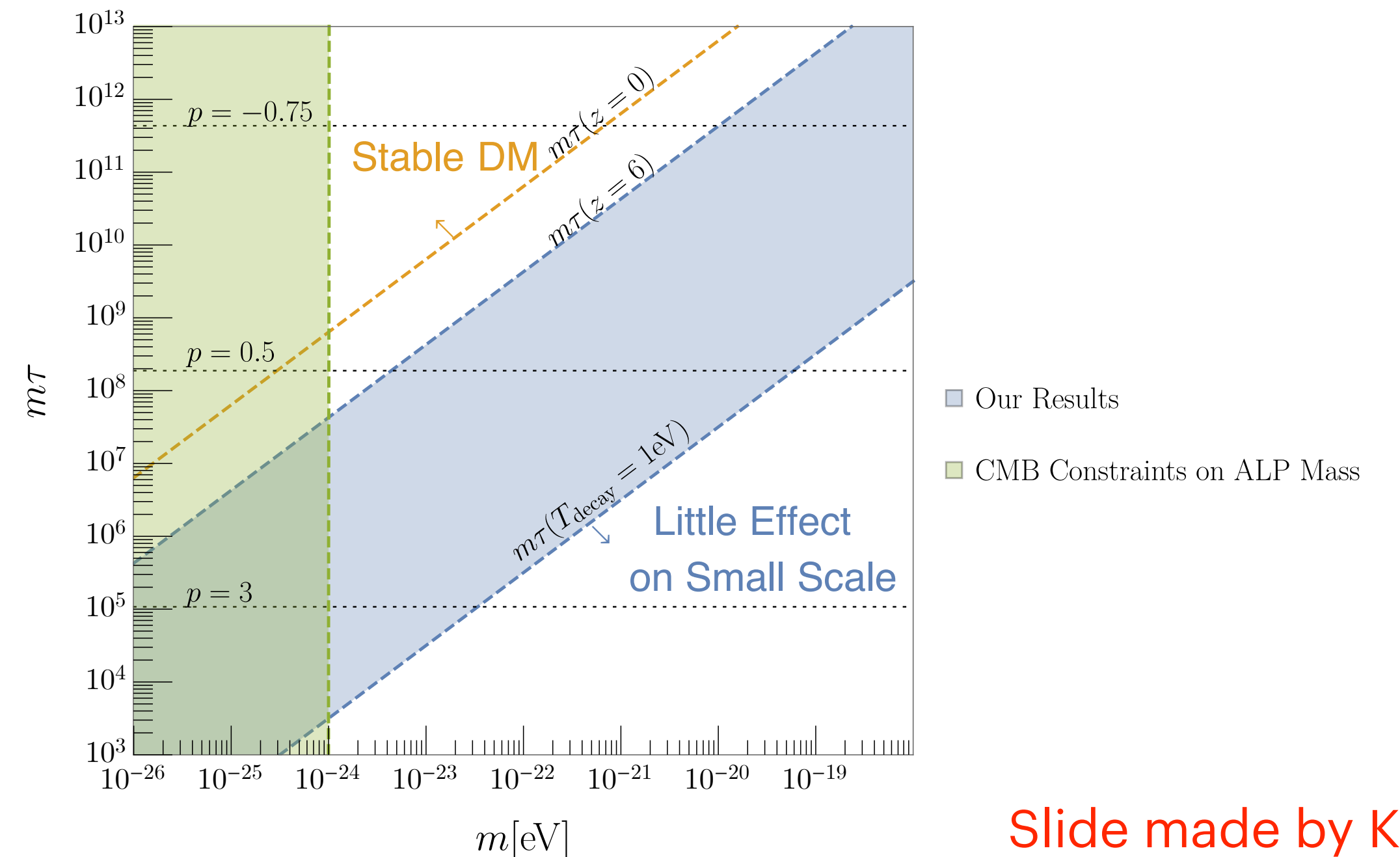
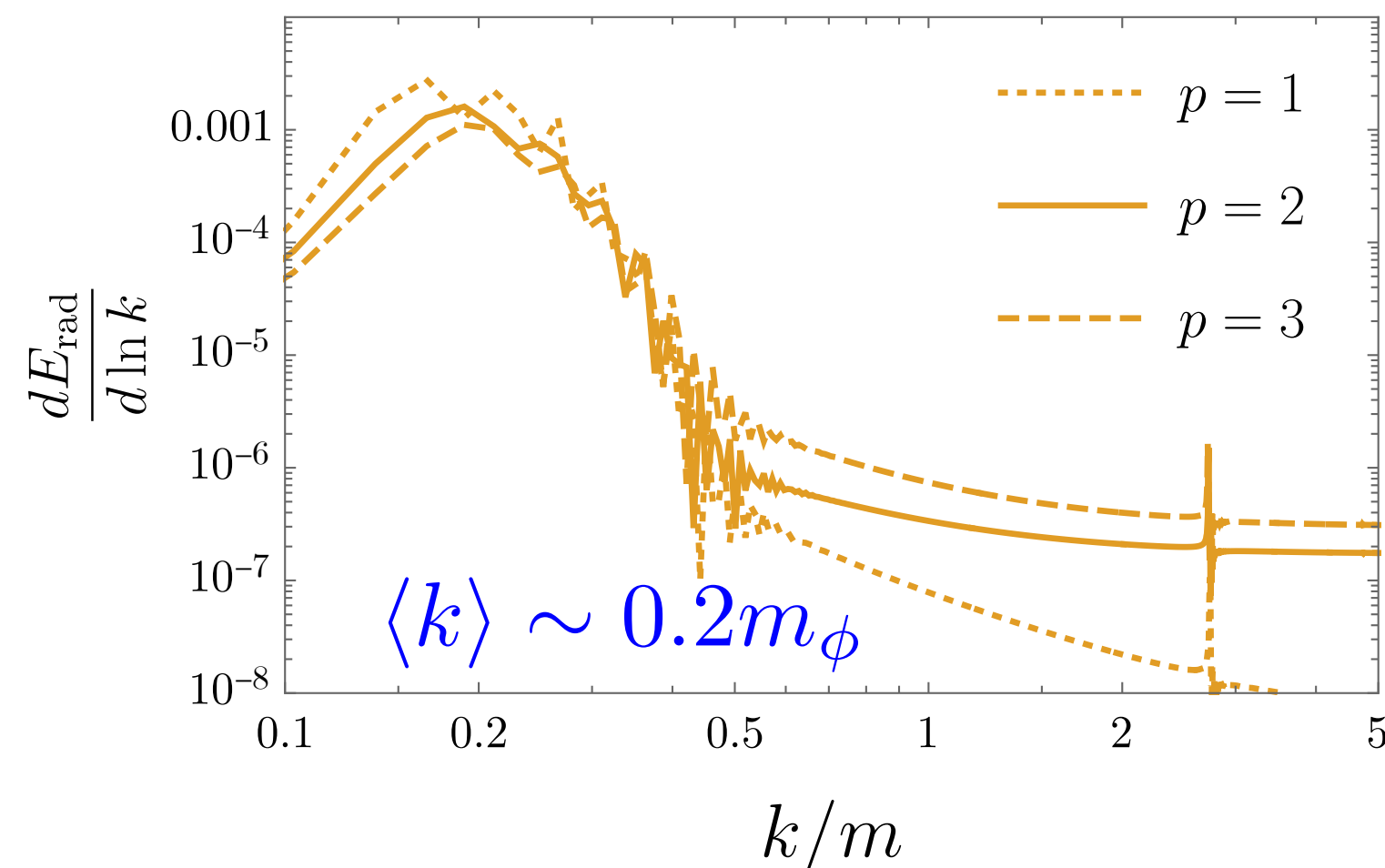
Kawasaki Nakano Sonomoto (2019)

- Oscillon decay emits ALPs with high velocity



- Free streaming of ALPs erases small scale perturbations

- Constraints on mass and lifetime



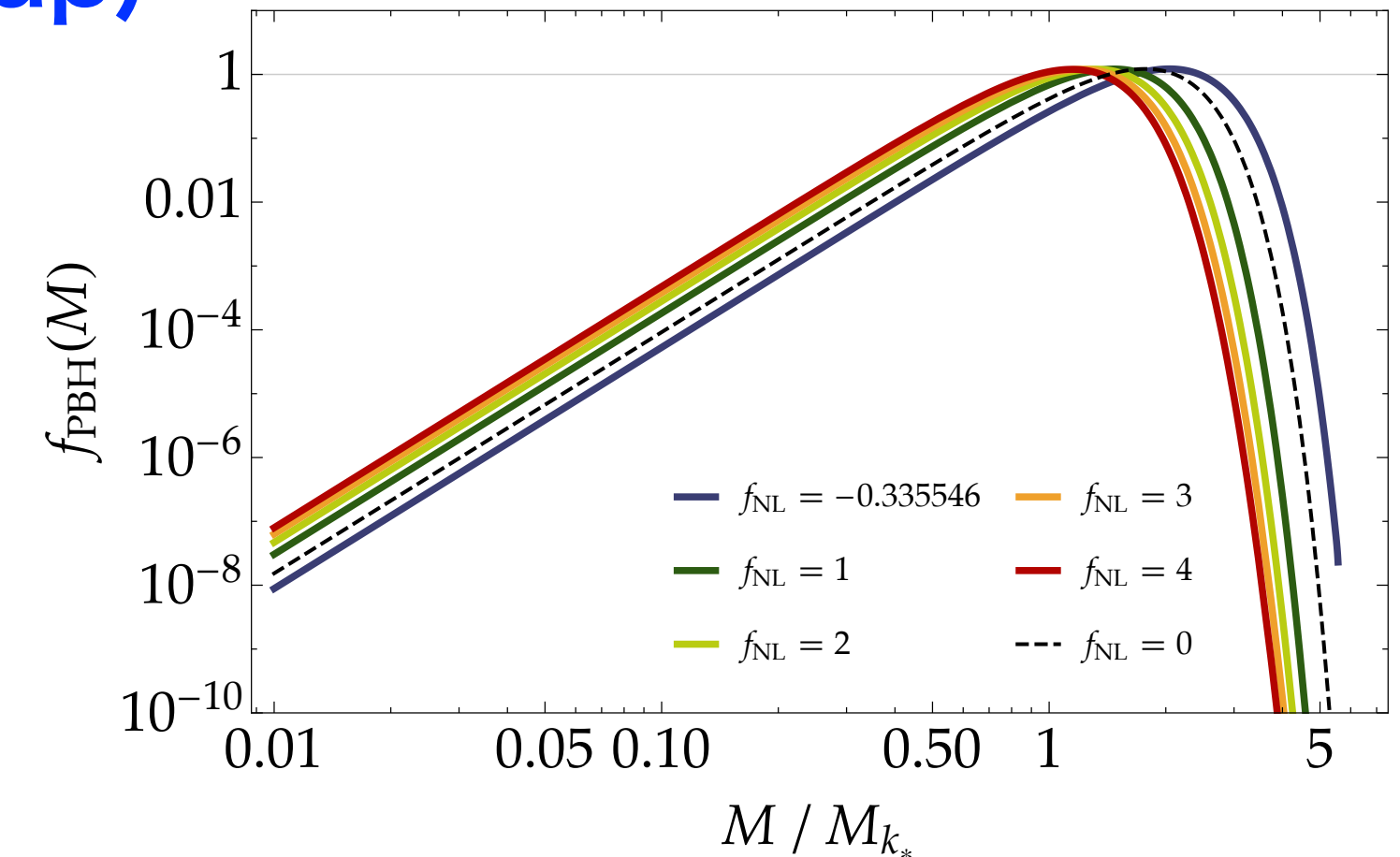
## - PBH formation with non-Gaussianity/exponential tail

NK, Y. Tada, S. Yokoyama, C. M. Yoo, JCAP 10 (2021) 053 [2109.00791]

(collaboration with A03 group)

Modification of PBH abundance  
by non-Gaussian primordial fluctuations:

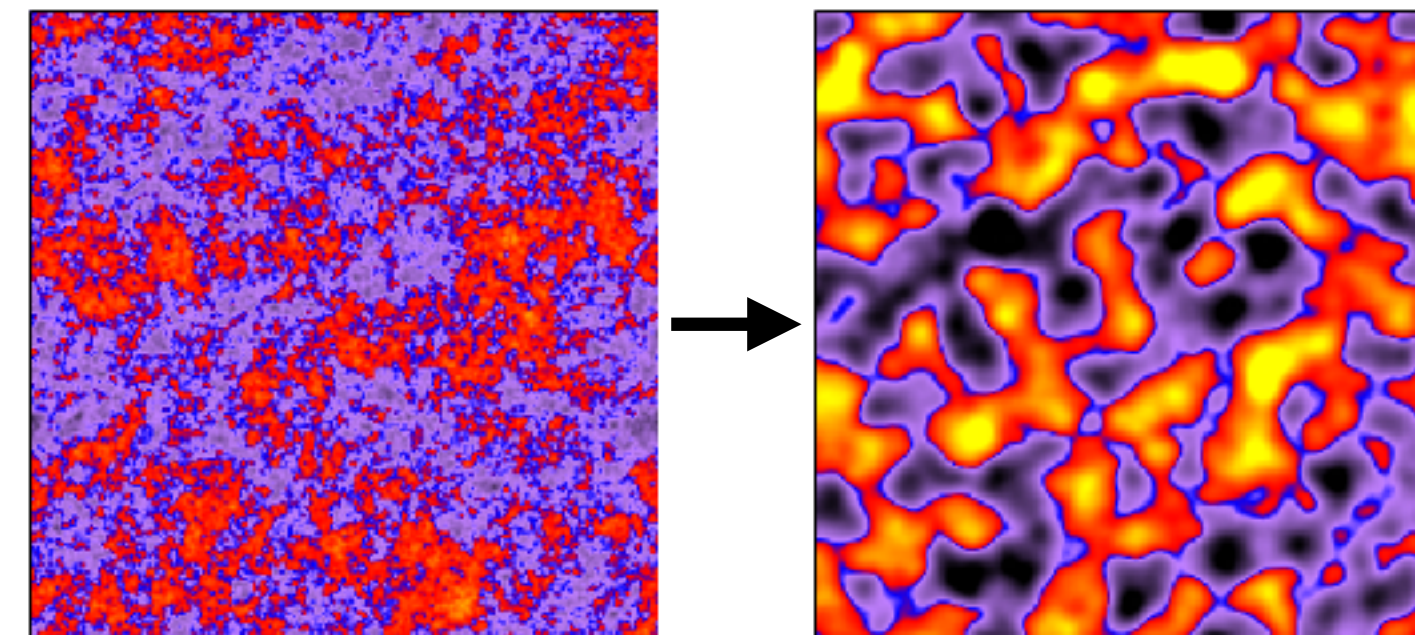
See C.M. Yoo & Y. Tada's talk (A03)



## - Enhancement of QCD axion fluctuation

NK, K. Kogai, Y. Urakawa, JCAP 03 (2022) 039 [2111.05785]

We have found T-dependent mass  
leads to axion clustering:



## - Non-thermally trapped inflation NK, S. Nakagawa, F. Takahashi [2111.06696]

Tachyonic production of gauge field from axion oscillation

→ dark higgs stabilization & secondary inflation

# PQ symmetry breaking and QCD axion DM

Jeong, Matsukawa, Nakagawa, FT, [2201.00681](#)

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Abundance of QCD axion:

$$\Omega_a h^2 \simeq 0.14 \theta_{\text{ini}}^2 F(\theta_{\text{ini}}) \left( \frac{f_a}{10^{12} \text{GeV}} \right)^{1.17}$$

Ballesteros et al, 1610.01639

(Classical) axion window:

$$10^8 \text{ GeV} \lesssim f_a \lesssim 10^{12} \text{ GeV}$$

$$m_{a,0} \simeq 6 \mu\text{eV} \left( \frac{f_a}{10^{12} \text{GeV}} \right)^{-1}$$

$$\text{i.e. } \mathcal{O}(1) \mu\text{eV} \lesssim m_a \lesssim \mathcal{O}(10) \text{ meV}$$

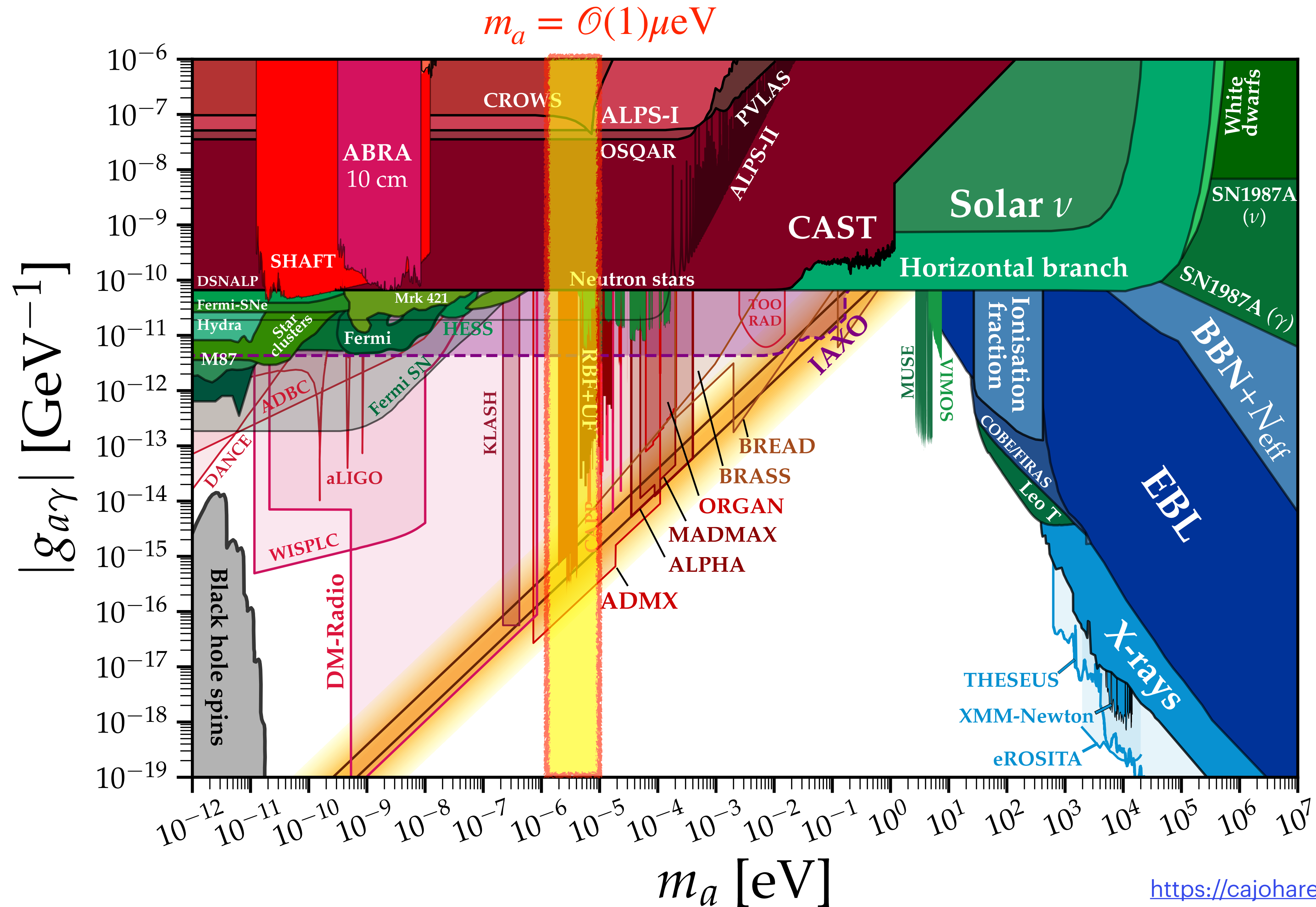
The upper limits assumes  $\theta_{\text{ini}} = \mathcal{O}(1)$ .

See however FT, Wen Yin, Alan H. Guth, 1805.08763  
Peter W. Graham, Adam Scherlis, 1805.07362

The lower limits from stellar cooling.

e.g. Leinson 1405.6873, 1909.03941, Hamaguchi et al  
1806.07151, Bushmann et al 2111.09892.

# Searching for (QCD)axion dark matter

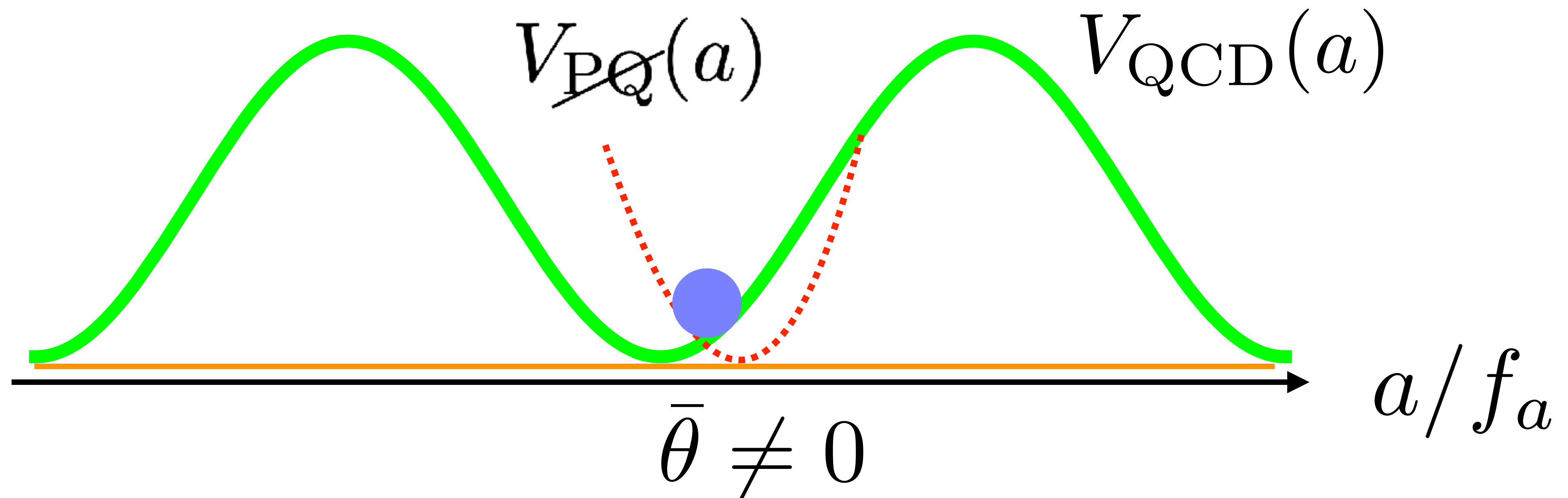




# Quality of PQ symmetry

To solve the strong CP problem, PQ symmetry breaking other than QCD must be very small.

“PQ quality problem”



If it's that small, it wouldn't change the axion dynamics?

In fact, even a slight PQ breaking can be relevant since QCD is asymptotic free.

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Jeong, Matsukawa, Nakagawa, FT, [2201.00681](#)

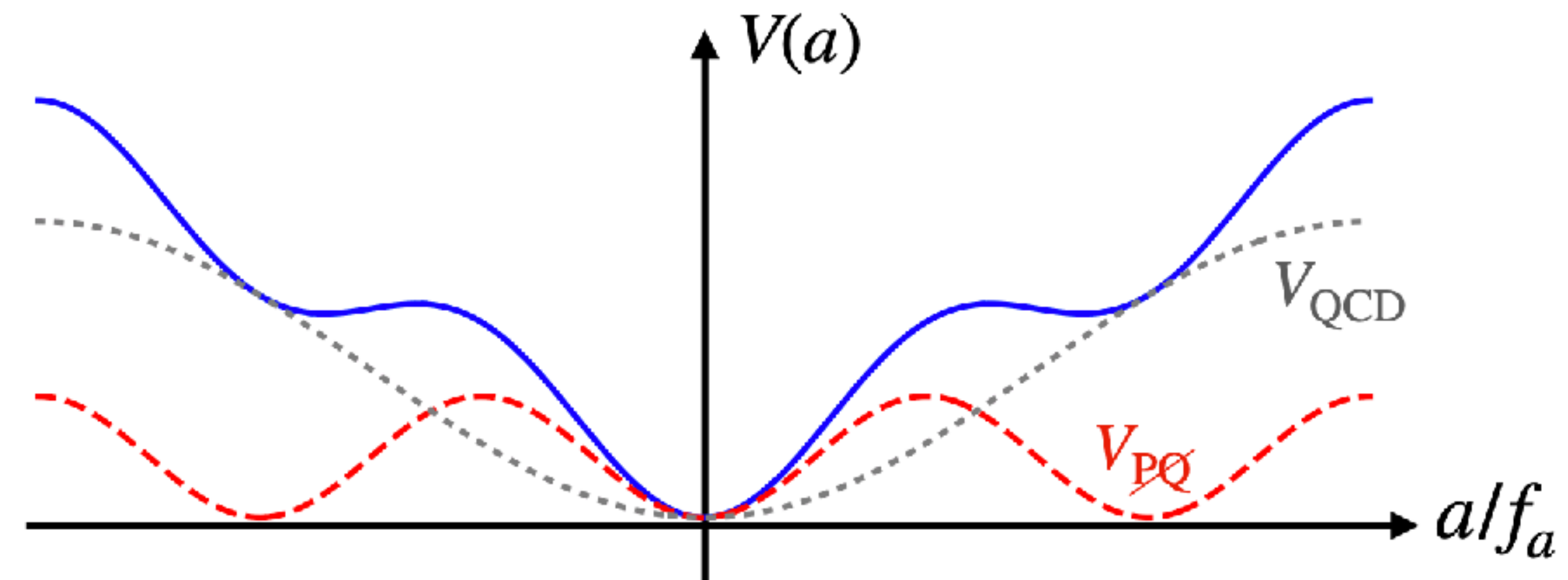
Higaki, Jeong, Kitajima, and FT, [1603.02090](#)

$$V(a) = V_{\text{QCD}}(a) + V_{\text{PQ}}(a)$$

$$V_{\text{QCD}}(a) = m_a^2(T) f_a^2 \left( 1 - \cos \frac{a}{f_a} \right)$$

$$V_{\text{PQ}}(a) = \Lambda_H^4 \left[ 1 - \cos \left( N \left( \frac{a}{f_a} - \theta_H \right) \right) \right]$$

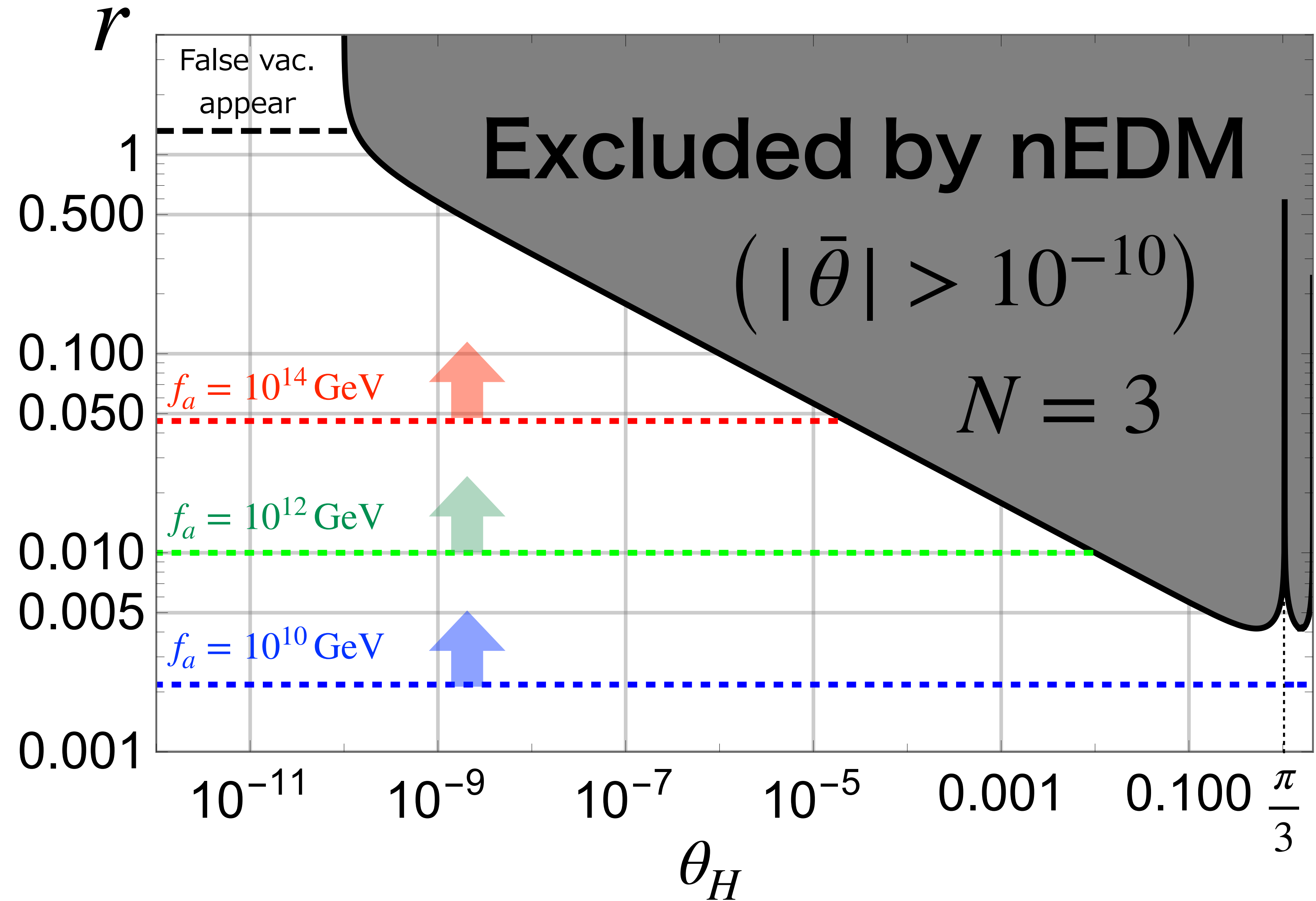
e.g. hidden non-Abelian gauge sym, higher dim. operator of the PQ scalar.



Relative height :  $r \equiv \Lambda_H / \sqrt{m_{a,0} f_a}$

Relative phase :  $\theta_H$

# The nEDM bound on the PQ breaking



In the region above the dotted line, the axion first starts to oscillate due to  $V_{PQ}$

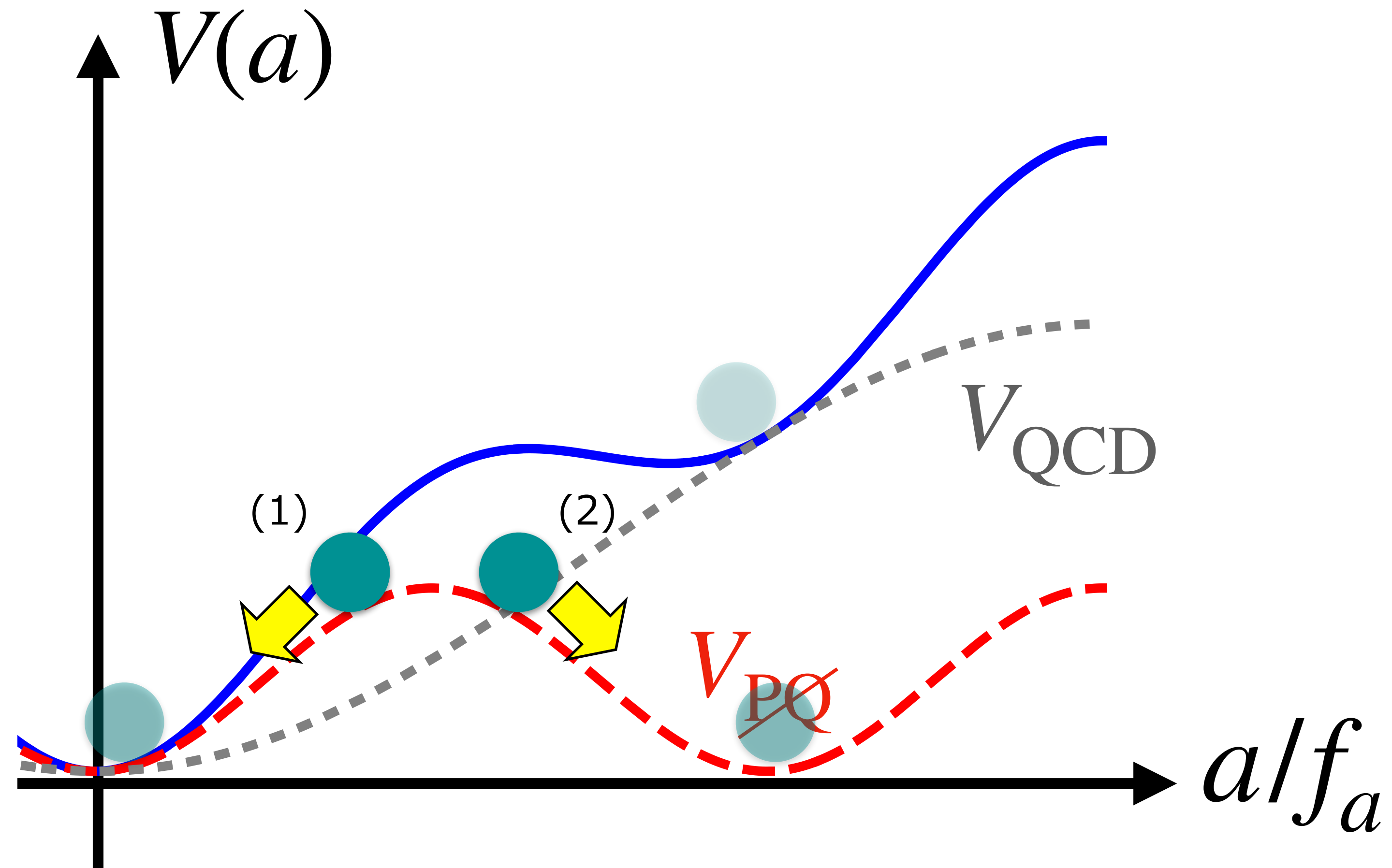
Depending on the initial value, the dynamics of the axion can be divided into two cases:

**(1) Smooth-shift regime**

$$|\theta_{\text{ini}} - \theta_H| < \pi/N$$

**(2) Trapping regime**

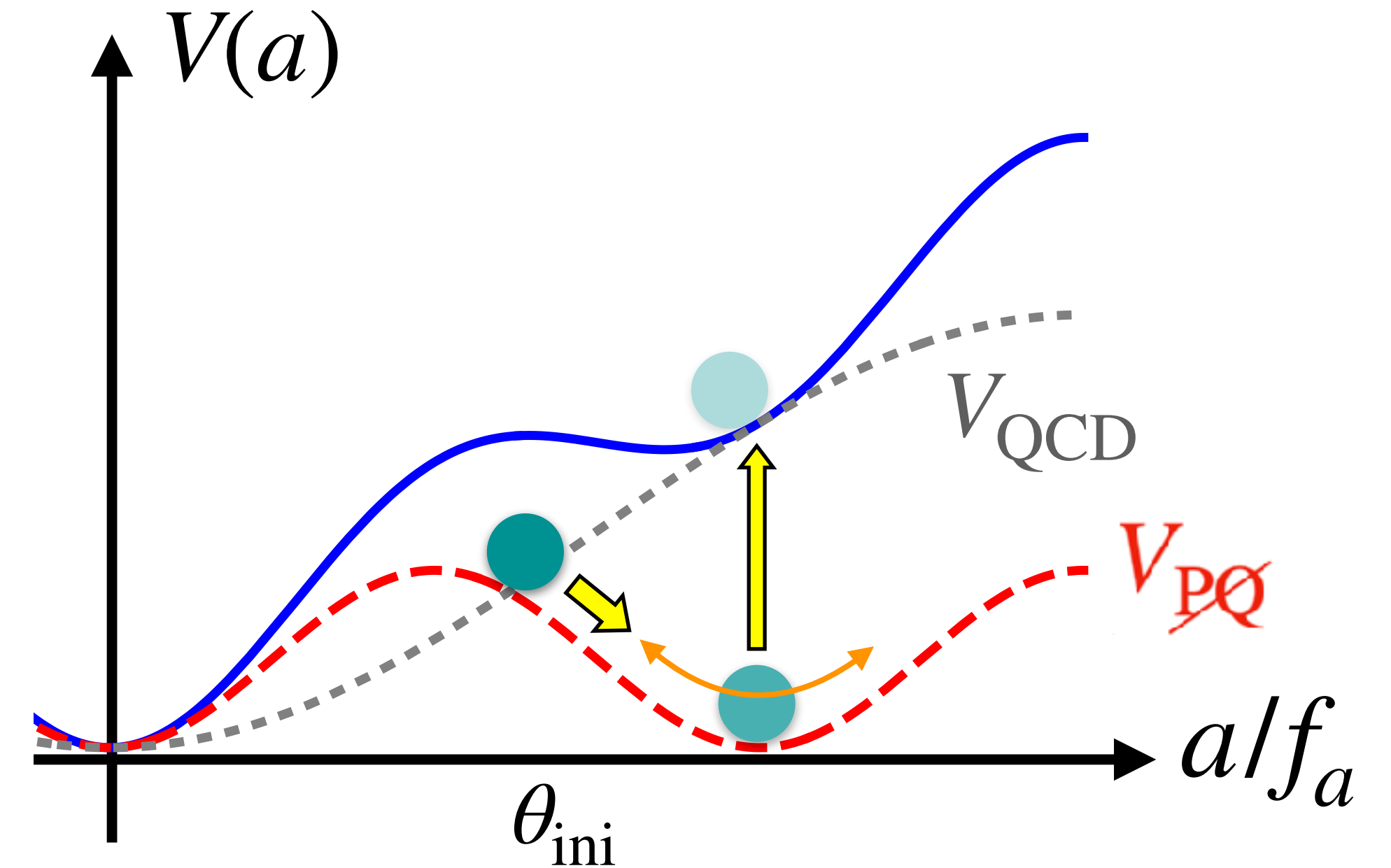
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## (2) Trapping regime: $|\theta_{\text{ini}} - \theta_H| > \pi/N$

The axion is trapped in a false vacuum until the  $V_{\text{QCD}}$  becomes important, and the onset of oscillation is delayed.

$$T_{\text{osc2}} \sim 0.4 \left( \frac{Nr^4}{3 \times 10^{-4}} \right)^{-0.13} \text{ GeV}$$

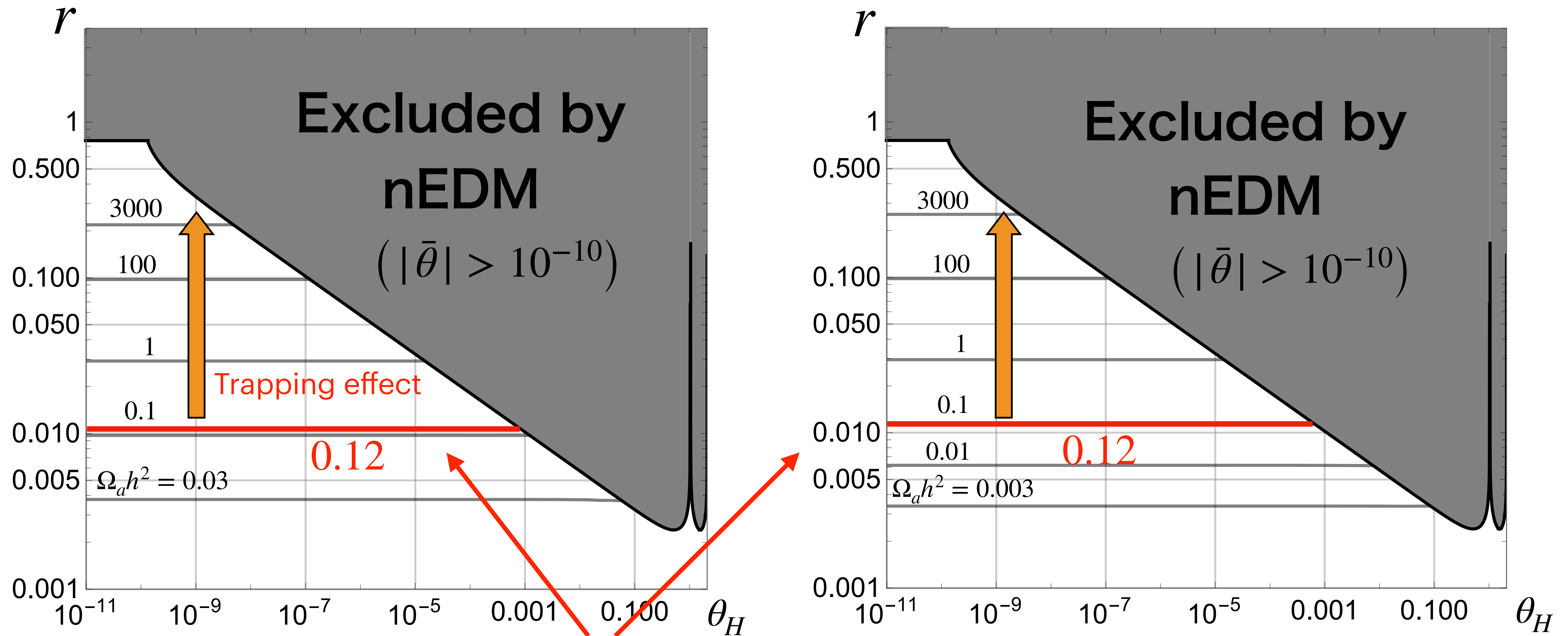


$$\Omega_a^{(\text{trap})} h^2 \simeq 0.25 \theta_{\text{osc2}}^2 \left( \frac{g_*(T_{\text{osc2}})}{60} \right)^{-1} \left( \frac{Nr^4}{10^{-6}} \right)^{0.88} . \quad \theta_{\text{osc2}} \sim (2k - 1)\pi/N$$

The axion abundance independent of  $f_a$  and  $\theta_{\text{ini}}$ , and so, it can explain all DM even for  $f_a \sim 10^8 \text{ GeV}$ . Also, isocurvature is suppressed.

# The dependence of $\Omega_a$ on $\theta_H$ and $r$

[Trapping regime:  $\theta_{\text{ini}} = 1.5$ ]



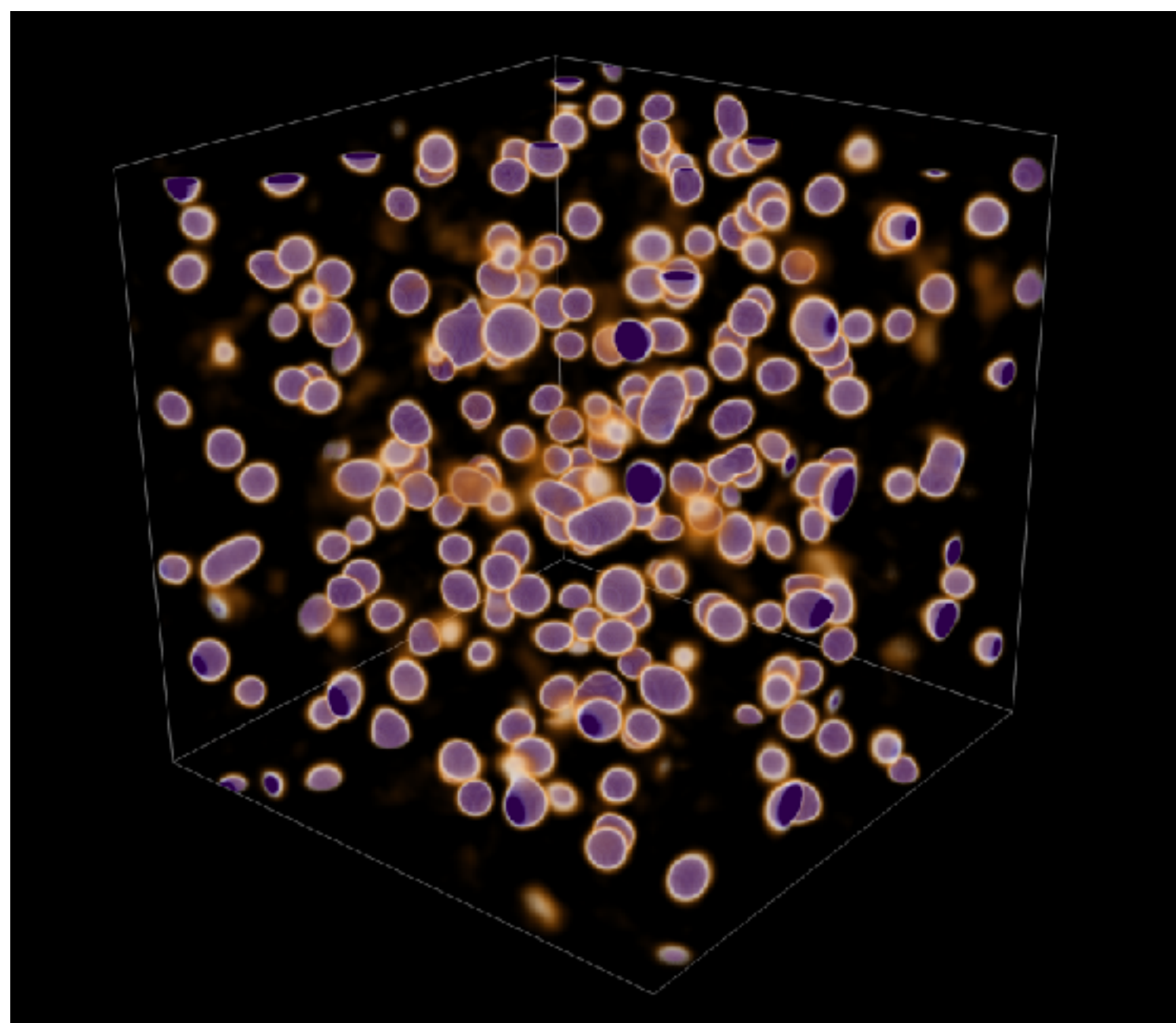
The axion explains DM for  $r \simeq 0.01$

$$f_a = 10^{11} \text{ GeV}$$

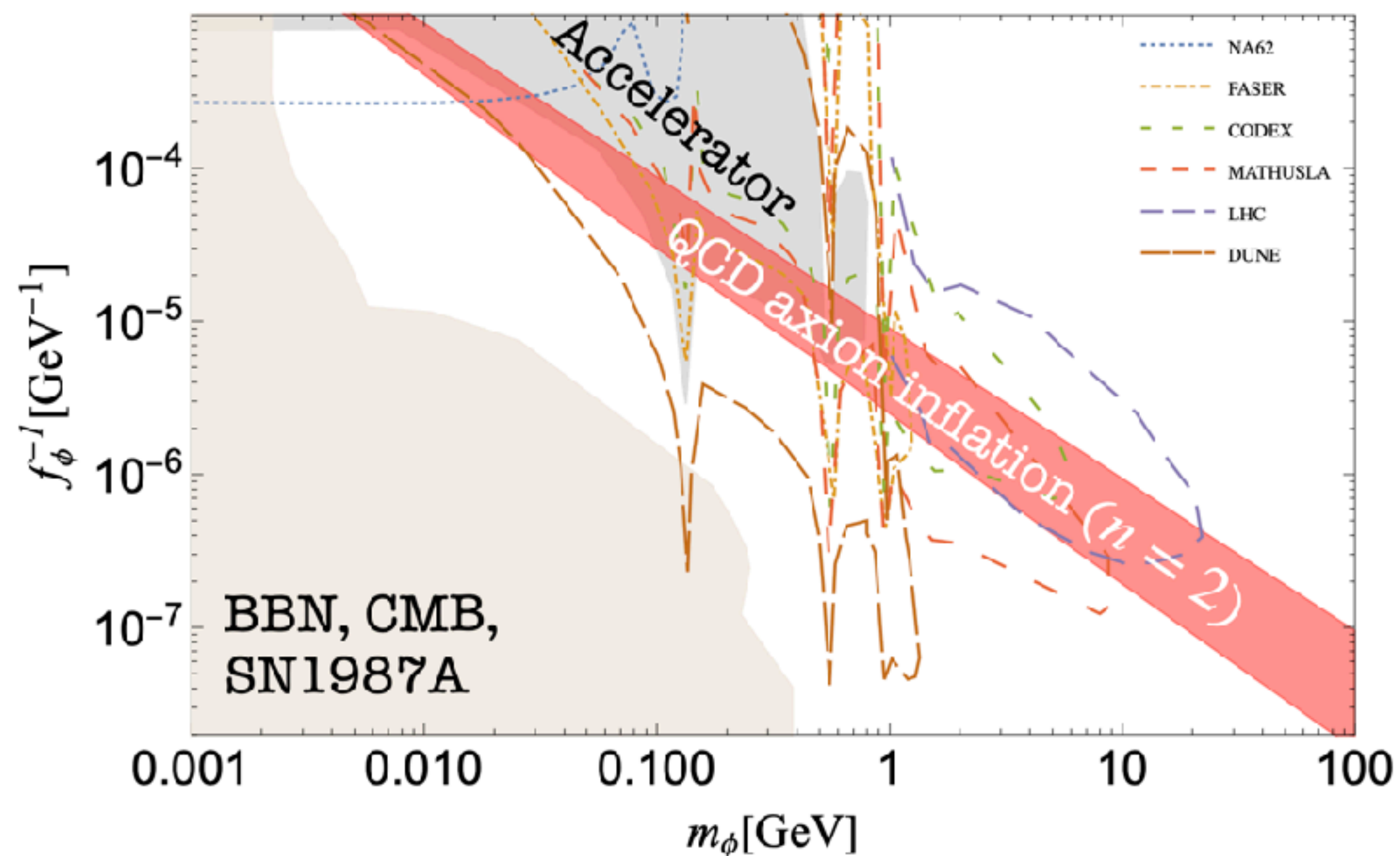
$$f_a = 10^{10} \text{ GeV}$$

# Summary

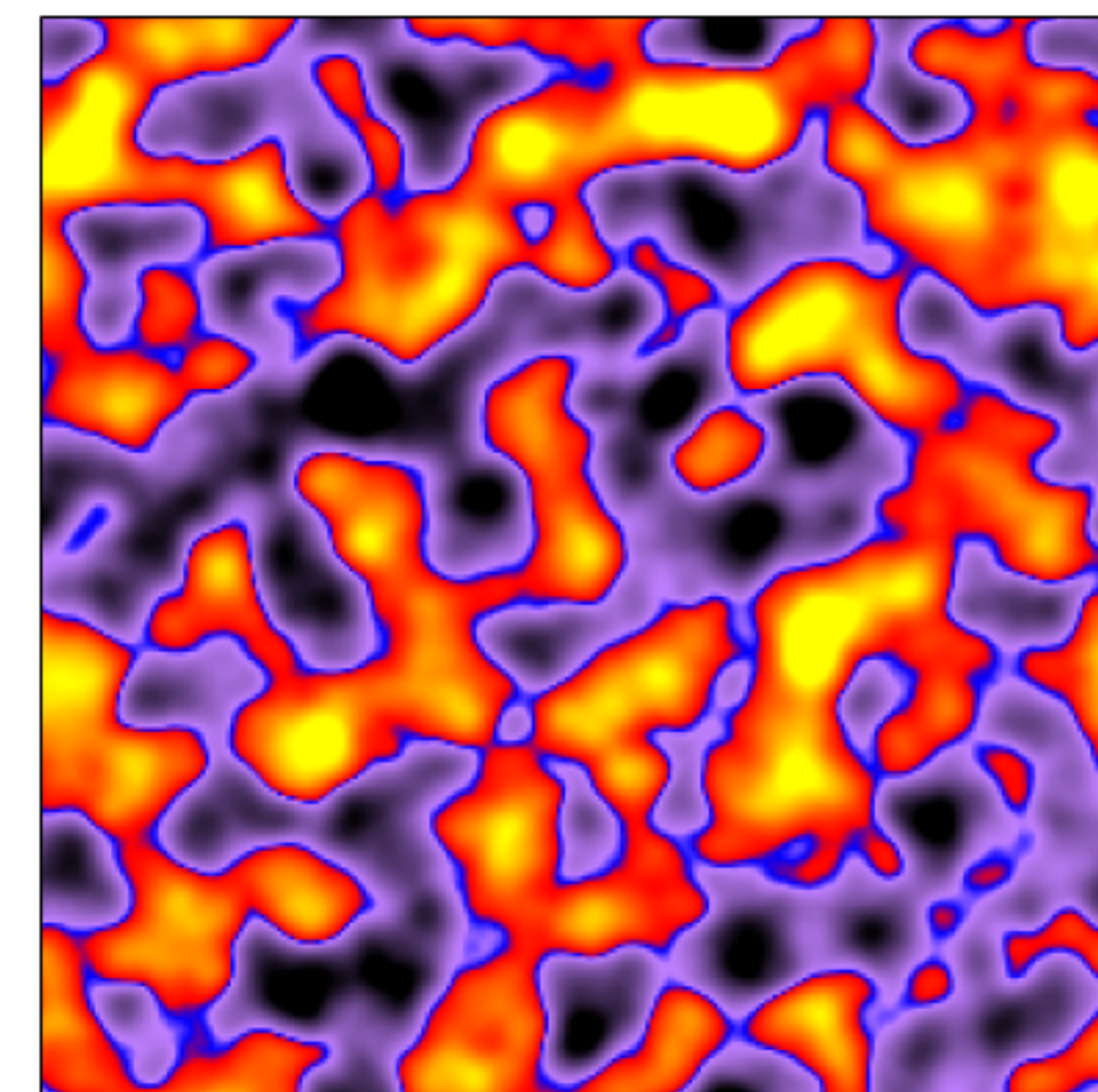
Research on light dark matter is progressing well. We will continue to study their production, evolution, and experimental implications to get closer to the nature of light DM.



Imagawa et al, 2110.05790



FT and Yin, 2105.10493



Kitajima, Kogai, Urakawa,  
2111.05785