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# Constraining mixed dark matter with galaxy clustering

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# Which Dark Matter with galaxy clustering

What kind of new physics can we look for with galaxy clustering?

$$P(k, a) \sim D^2(a) T^2(k) P_0(k)$$

**Dynamics of  
the Dark  
Sector**

Primordial  
features

**Dynamics** already constrained by larger and smaller scales (CMB, Lyman- $\alpha$ ,...)

+

galaxy clustering data getting to unprecedented precisions

$\Downarrow$

ideal place to look for small deviations from CDM

$$D(a)T(k) \sim aT_{\text{CDM}}(k) (1 + \boxed{\Delta_{\text{NP}}})$$

*Promising opportunity to constraints BSM scenarios.  
If the dark sector is really dark, might be a unique window!*

# Why mixed models

In many scenarios DM is CDM + something else (ultra-light axions [Lagüe et al 22, Rogers et al 23], warm thermal relics [Xu et al 21, Çelik&Schmidt 25], subcomponent with strong self-interactions [Garani et al 22], ....)

So, the DM is CDM+ $\chi$ . How strange can it be? Assuming that e.g. like neutrinos

1.  $\chi$  non-relativistic

2.  $\chi$  decoupled

$\Rightarrow$  fluid description [Shoji&Komatsu 10]

$$\ddot{\delta}_c + \mathcal{H}\dot{\delta}_c - \frac{3}{2}\mathcal{H}^2\delta_m = 0$$

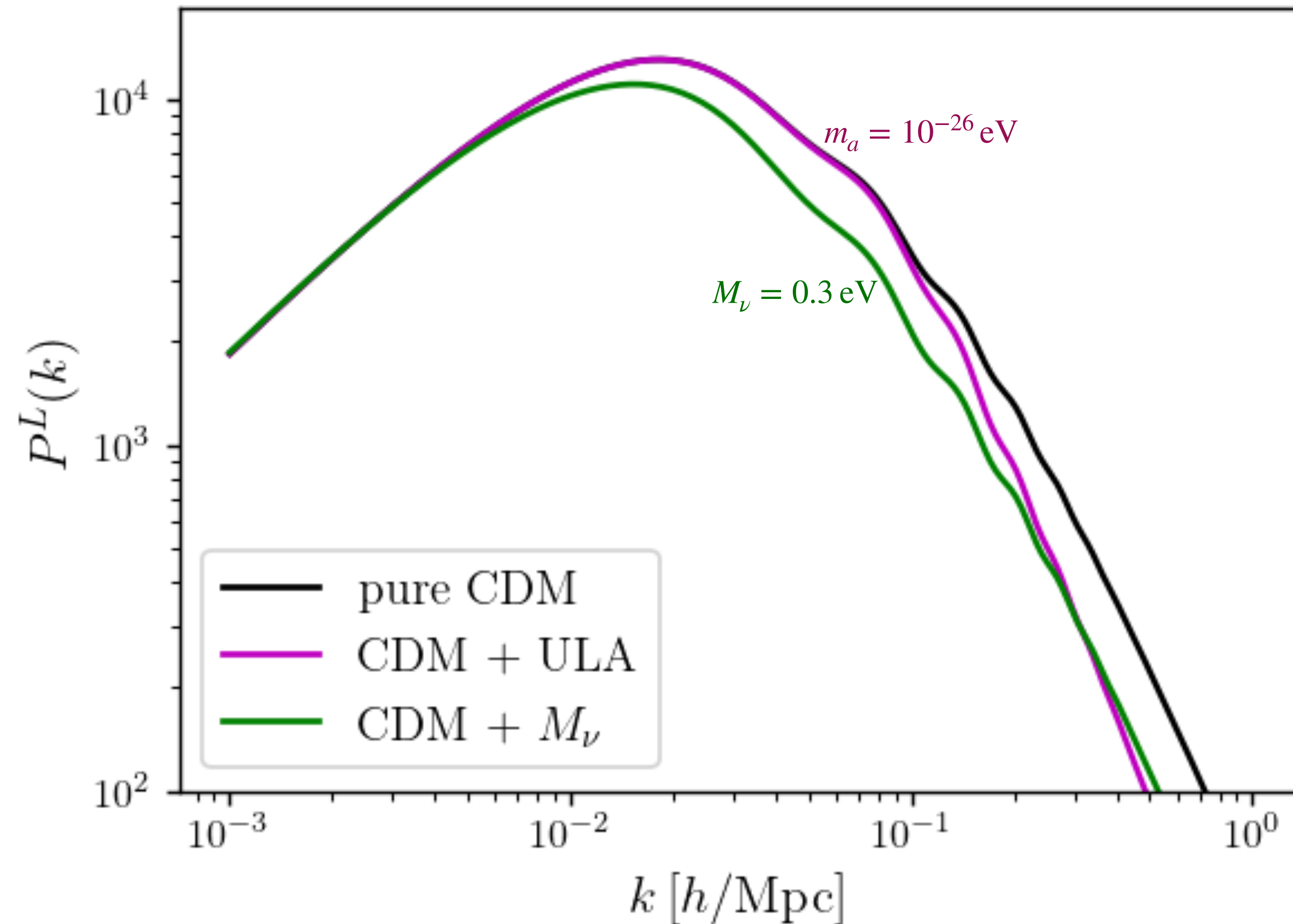
$$\ddot{\delta}_\chi + \mathcal{H}\dot{\delta}_\chi - \frac{3}{2}\mathcal{H}^2\delta_m + c_s^2 k^2 \delta_\chi = 0$$

the deviation from CDM  
ends up in this term



Phenomenologically, two new parameters  $\left( f_\chi, \quad k_J \sim \frac{\mathcal{H}(a)}{c_s(a)} \right)$

# Linear perturbations



Linear result:  $\sim$  suppression below  $k_J$

$\Rightarrow$  full-shape analysis seems the ideal tool to probe these scenarios

**! Nonlinearities are relevant**

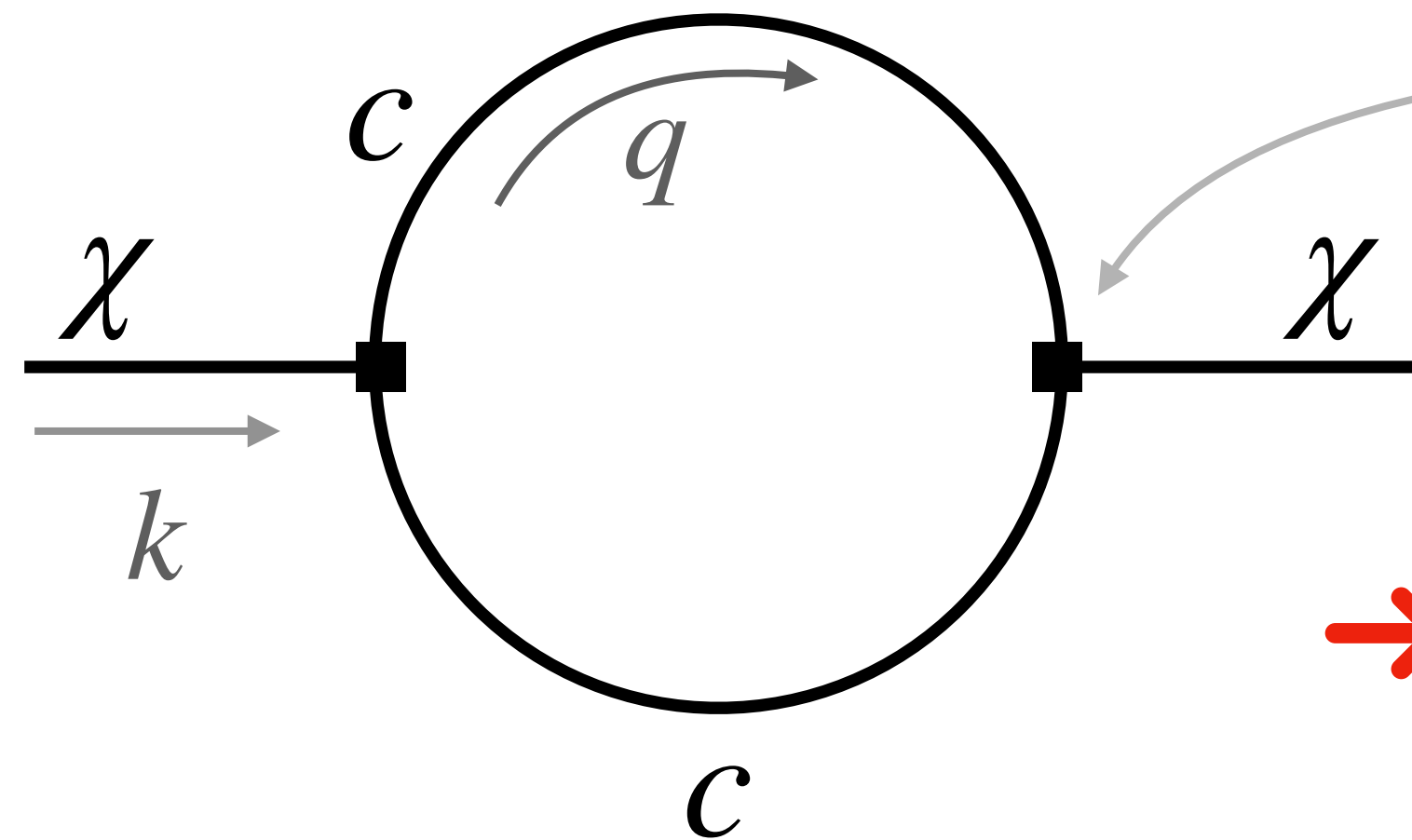
Hence:

1. Theory study of NL
2. Constraints from full-shape BOSS

# Nonlinear Perturbation Theory with two components

Nonlinearity couples the modes: all the scales are affected. In SPT approach

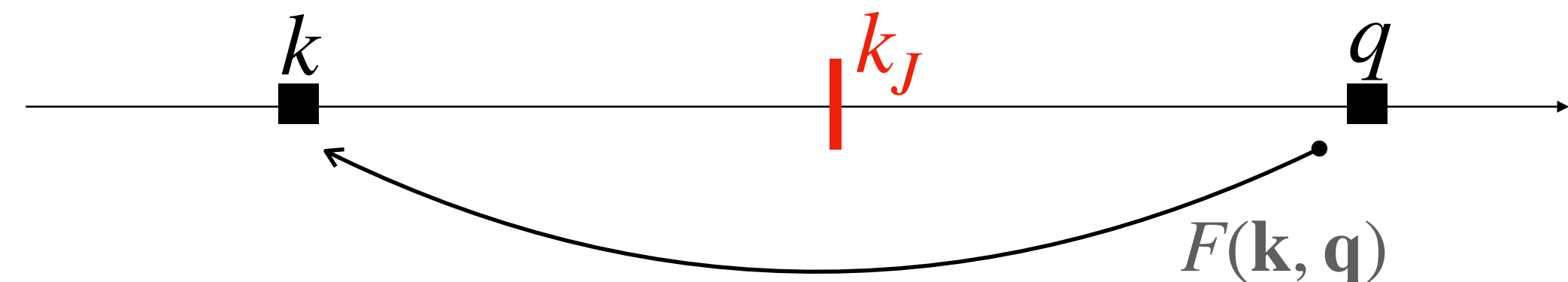
$$\delta(k) = \delta^L(k) + \int d^3q F_a^{[2]}(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{k} - \mathbf{q}) \delta^L(\mathbf{q}) \delta^L(\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{q}) + \dots$$



**PT Kernels (mode coupling)**

For CDM is known, but for  $\chi$ ?

→ The difficulty: additional scale involved



We can study the limits  $\gg k_J$ ,  $\ll k_J$  analytically, or solve the integrals fully numerically



# Nonlinear Perturbation Theory with two components

Turns out that the symmetries are so constraining that kernels are very similar to the CDM ones

$$\int F_{\chi}^{[2]} \delta^L \delta^L \approx \int F_2 \delta_{\chi}^L \delta_{\chi}^L \quad \text{or, in other words}$$

$$\delta_{\chi}^{[n]}(\mathbf{k}) \simeq \frac{\mathcal{T}_{\chi}(k)}{\mathcal{T}_c(k)} \delta_c^{[n]}(\mathbf{k})$$

- ✦ This holds for velocity field  $\Theta$  as well, respecting IR cancellation for all 1-loop integrals
- ✦ Works better than 1% (with  $f_{\chi} = 10\%$ ) for smallest scales of matter power spectrum  
 $\Rightarrow$  probably fine for all the realistic survey volumes!
- ✦ **Incredible advantage for code implementation:** can recycle the FFTLog routines to compute 1-loop contributions

# Towards the analysis: bias and full-shape template

Start from the CDM-only “EFTofLSS” template for full-shape

$$P_g(k) = P_g^L(k) + P_g^{1\text{-loop}}(k) + P_g^{\text{ctr}}(k) + P_g^{\text{noise}}(k)$$

⇒ we allow galaxies trace also  $\delta_\chi$

$$\delta_g = b_1 \delta_c + b_\chi \delta_\chi + \dots$$

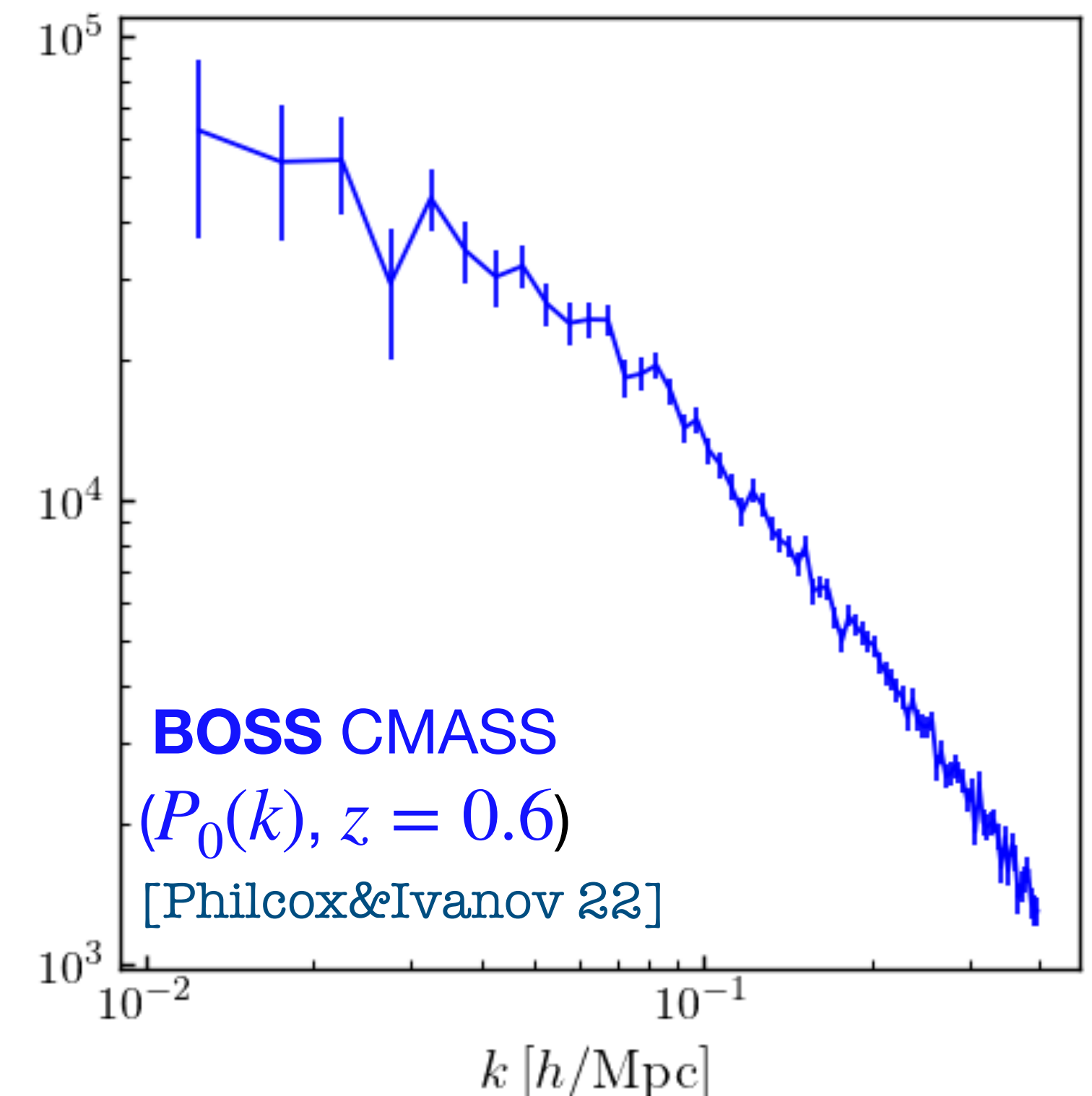
Actually, the other modes can appear: for a proper treatment (see [Çelik&Schmidt 25])

Nonlinear biases? The number of operator explodes (see eg [Bottaro et al 23])

⇒ modify the code to implement new bias, nonlinearities, counterterms...

$$P_g^{\text{ctr}} \simeq -2c_c k^2 P_{cc} - 2c_\chi k^2 P_{c\chi} + \dots$$

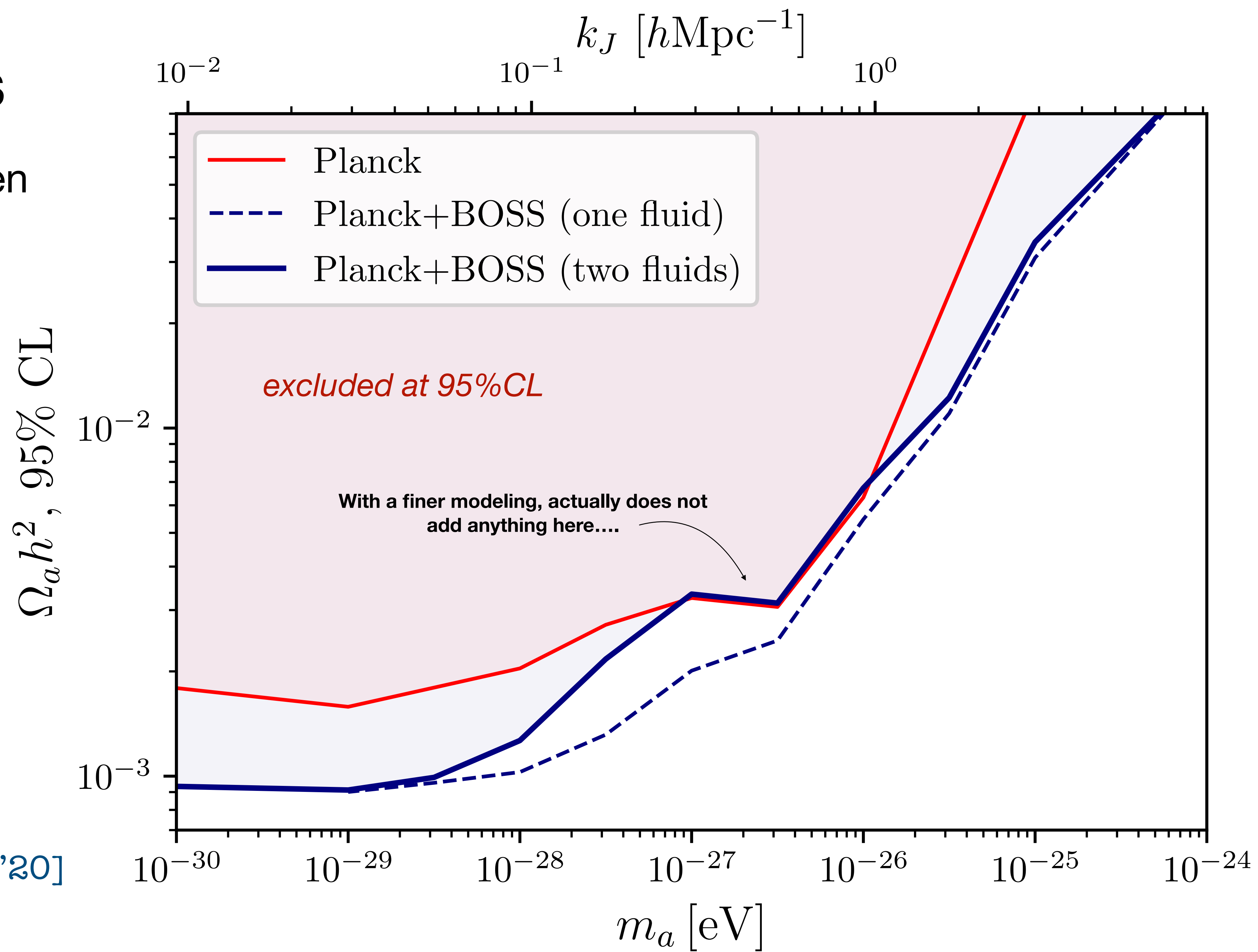
⇒ finally, fit data!



# Results: ULAs

We scan on  $m_a$  and then  
constraint  $\Omega_a h^2$

[as Rogers et al. '23]



AxiCLASS [Smith et al. '20]

PBJ [Moretti et al. '23]



# Hidden: the importance of $Q_0$ for BSM

$P_\ell$  up to  $k_{\text{max}} = 0.2h\text{Mpc}^{-1}$

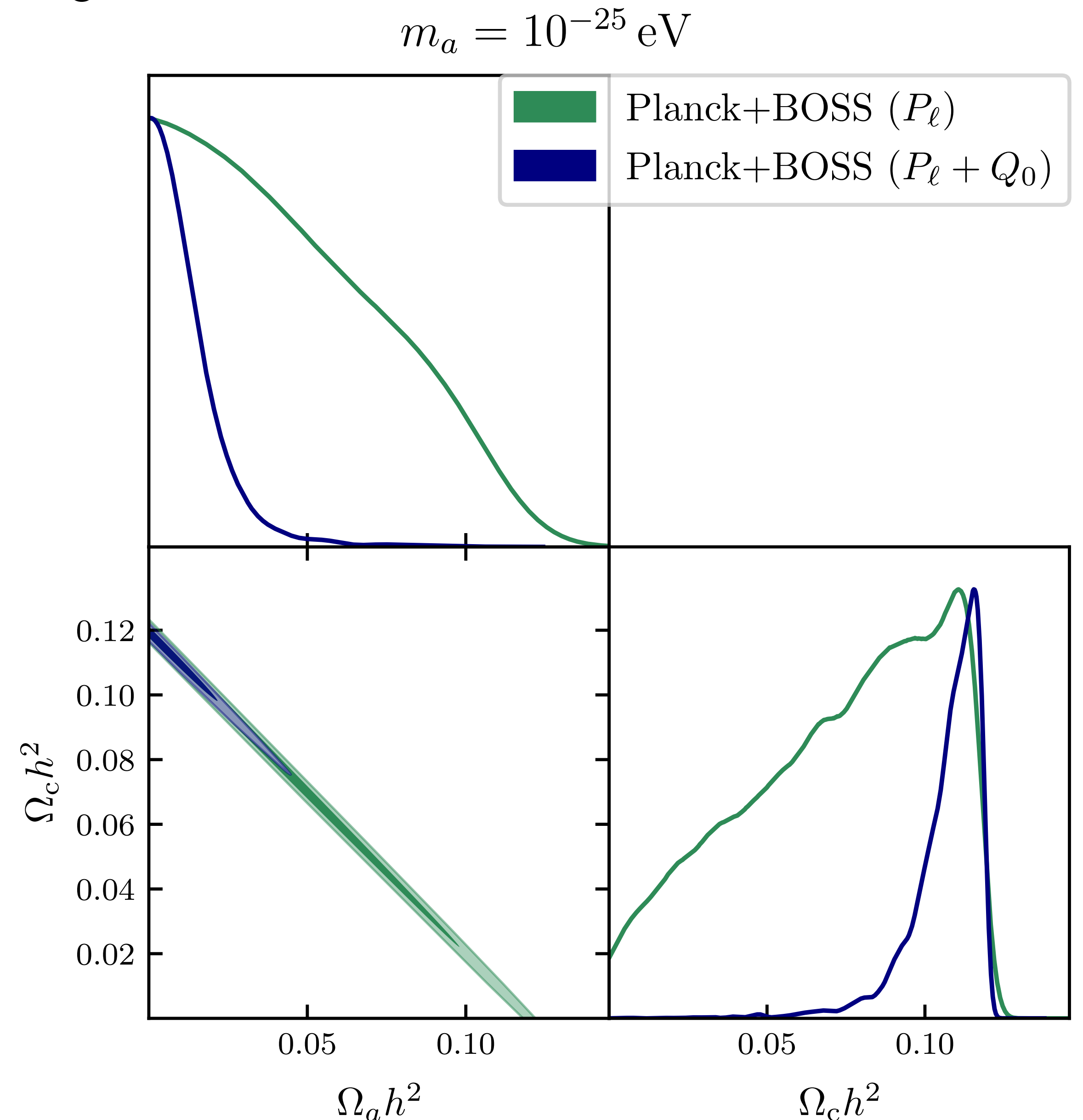
$$Q_0 = P_0 - \frac{1}{2}P_2 + \frac{3}{8}P_4 \quad \text{free from RSDs}$$

fit up to  $k_{\text{max}} = 0.4h\text{Mpc}^{-1}$

[Ivanov et al. 22]

The information is really coming from the shape suppression!

Full-shape analysis particularly beneficial for probing BSM!



# Some outlooks

- CMB + LSS already very powerful in constraining, even  $\Omega_a \lesssim 0.01\Omega_m$  !
- Theoretical modeling is important for controlled results. In constraining, not to overestimate [Çelik&Schmidt 25]. With a detection, totally new perspective.
- **Sims**: Observables computed purely from theory. But we know more than this: priors on the bias/counterterms from simulations?
- **BSM**: More particle physics scenarios to explore?

**Thanks**