JOINT TUFTS/MIT COSMOLOGY SEMINAR

Constraining dark matter with small fluctuations: in the microwave, UV and stellar streams

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I will present constraints on axion dark matter from CMB fluctuations on small scales, the clustering of matter and voids, the UV luminosity function as probed by HST, and present new investigations into how we can constrain dark matter using stellar streams. As we move to smaller scales, our need for modelling the astrophysics of these systems increases: I will discuss some open questions in this line of research. Included in the smorgasbord of results will be new maps and images from the Data Release 6 of the Atacama Cosmology Telescope (ACT) in both temperature and polarization, that also tell us about different models beyond the standard picture, including constraints on the initial fluctuations of inflation.

Tuesday, October 7, 2025, 2:30 pm
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