

# PROBING DARK MATTER MICROPHYSICS WITH GRAVITATIONAL WAVES AND 21CM EMISSION

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# Overview

- Quick intro
- Our test case model
- Gravitational waves as a novel type of constraint
- Supplementary constraints
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*Gravitational-wave event rates as a new probe for dark matter microphysics*

arXiv:2207.14126

Other relevant papers:

- M. Mosbech, C. Boehm, S. Hannestad, O. Mena, J. Stadler, & Y<sup>3</sup> Wong

*The full Boltzmann hierarchy for dark matter-massive neutrino interactions*

arXiv:2011.04206

- M. Mosbech, C. Boehm, & Y<sup>3</sup> Wong

*Probing dark matter interactions with SKA*

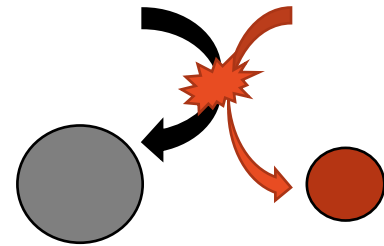
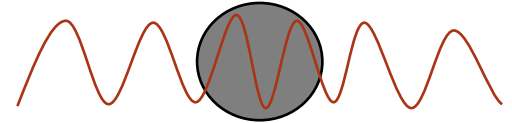
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# WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT DARK MATTER?

- Quite a lot of it out there
- Zero, or very limited, interactions with the standard model
- Clusters gravitationally, at least on large scales
- Essentially: we know a lot about what it is *not*, but not a lot about what it *is*
  - So what can gravitational waves tell us?

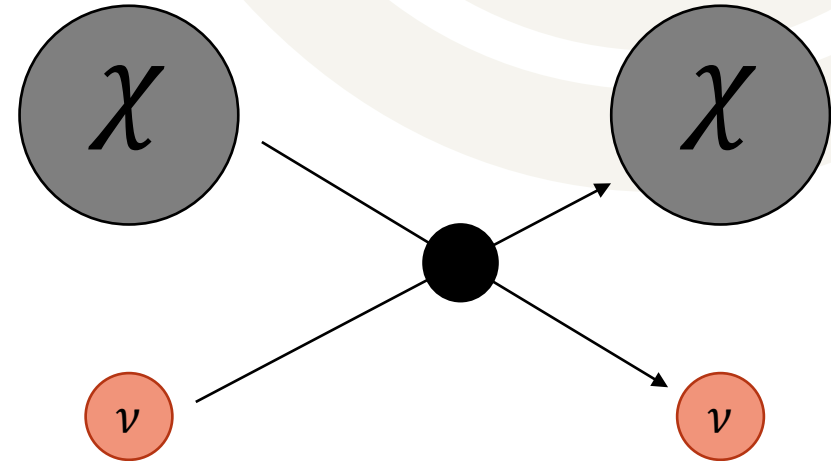
# Dark matter models with suppressed structure

- Three broad categories:
  - Warm dark matter
    - Suppresses structure due to thermal velocity, if thermally produced  $M \sim \mathcal{O}(\text{keV})$
  - Ultra-light dark matter
    - Suppresses structure due to wavelike behaviour,  $M \sim \mathcal{O}(10^{-22}\text{eV})$
  - Interacting dark matter
    - Suppresses structure due to scattering



# Our example model: DM- $\nu$ scattering

- Good baseline model – baryonic and photon physics remain unaffected
- Neutrino physics has remaining open questions, e.g. masses
- For simplicity: velocity independent scattering



# Linear evolution equations

- Dark matter:

$$\dot{\delta}_\chi = -\theta_\chi + 3\dot{\phi}$$

$$\dot{\theta}_\chi = -\frac{\dot{a}}{a}\theta + k^2\psi + K_\chi\dot{\mu}_\chi(\theta_\nu - \theta_\chi)$$

$$C_\chi = a u_{\nu\chi} \frac{\sigma_{\text{Th}}\rho_\chi}{100 \text{ GeV}} \frac{p^2}{E_\nu^2}$$

$$u_{\nu\chi} = \frac{\sigma_0}{\sigma_{\text{Th}}} \left( \frac{m_\chi}{100 \text{ GeV}} \right)^{-1}$$

$$\dot{\mu}_\chi \equiv \frac{3k}{4} \frac{\int p^2 dp p f^{(0)}(p) C_\chi(p) \left( \frac{\theta_\chi E_\nu(p)}{3k f^{(0)}(p)} \frac{df^{(0)}(p)}{dp} + \Psi_{\nu,1} \right)}{\int p^2 dp p f^{(0)}(p)}$$

$$K_\chi \equiv \frac{\rho_\nu + P_\nu}{\rho_\chi}$$

- Neutrinos (non-zero mass)

$$\dot{\Psi}_{\nu 0} = -\frac{pk}{E_\nu(p)} \Psi_{\nu 1} - \dot{\phi} \frac{d \ln f^{(0)}(p)}{d \ln p}$$

$$\dot{\Psi}_{\nu 1} = \frac{pk}{3E_\nu(p)} (\Psi_{\nu 0} - 2\Psi_{\nu 2}) - \frac{E_\nu(p)k}{3p} \psi \frac{d \ln f^{(0)}(p)}{d \ln p}$$

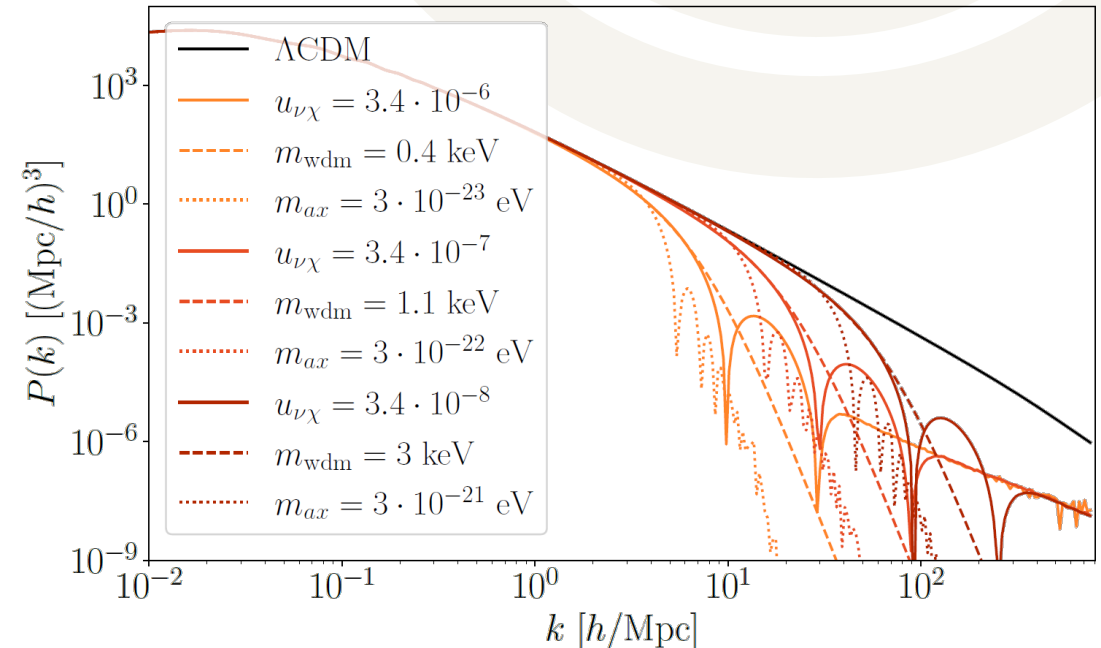
$$+ C_\chi \frac{v_\chi E_\nu(p)}{3f^{(0)}(p)} \frac{df^{(0)}(p)}{dp} - C_\chi \Psi_{\nu 1}$$

$$\dot{\Psi}_{\nu l} = \frac{1}{2l+1} \frac{pk}{E_\nu(p)} (\Psi_{\nu(l-1)} - (l+1)\Psi_{\nu(l+1)}) - C_\chi \Psi_{\nu l}$$

$$\dot{\Psi}_{\nu 2} = [\dots] - \frac{9}{10} C_\chi \Psi_{\nu 2}$$

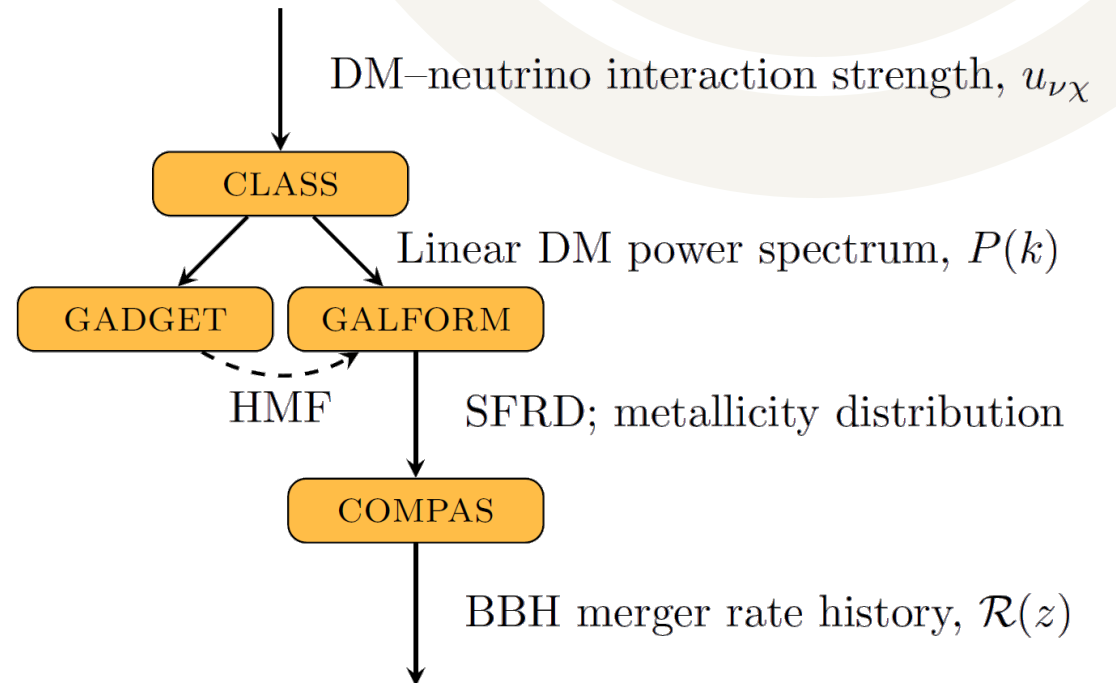
# “All roads lead to Rome”: The suppressed matter power spectrum

- The three “types” of models are easily tuned to suppress structure at similar scales
- Different models may have qualitatively different signals below the suppression scale



# From suppressed structure to gravitational waves

1. Suppressed structure
2. Less/delayed galaxy/progenitor formation
3. Less/delayed star formation
4. Fewer/delayed black hole binaries formed
5. Fewer binary black hole mergers detected





# Generating galaxy populations

- We generate realistic galaxy populations for our model with Galform
- To avoid issues with artificial fragmentation, we generate galaxy populations with a Monte Carlo method.
- Extended Press-Schechter method reproduced our fitted HMF

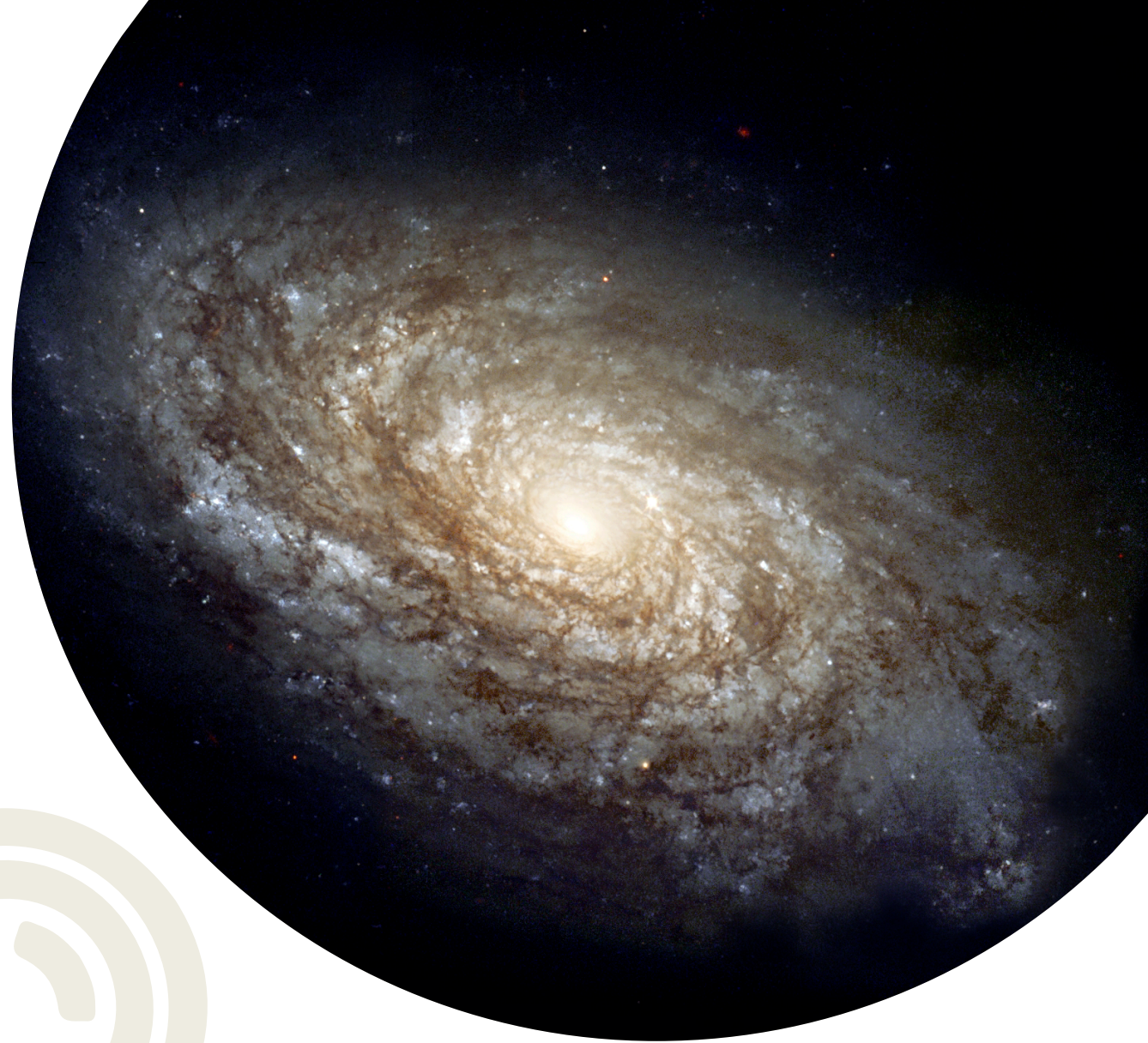
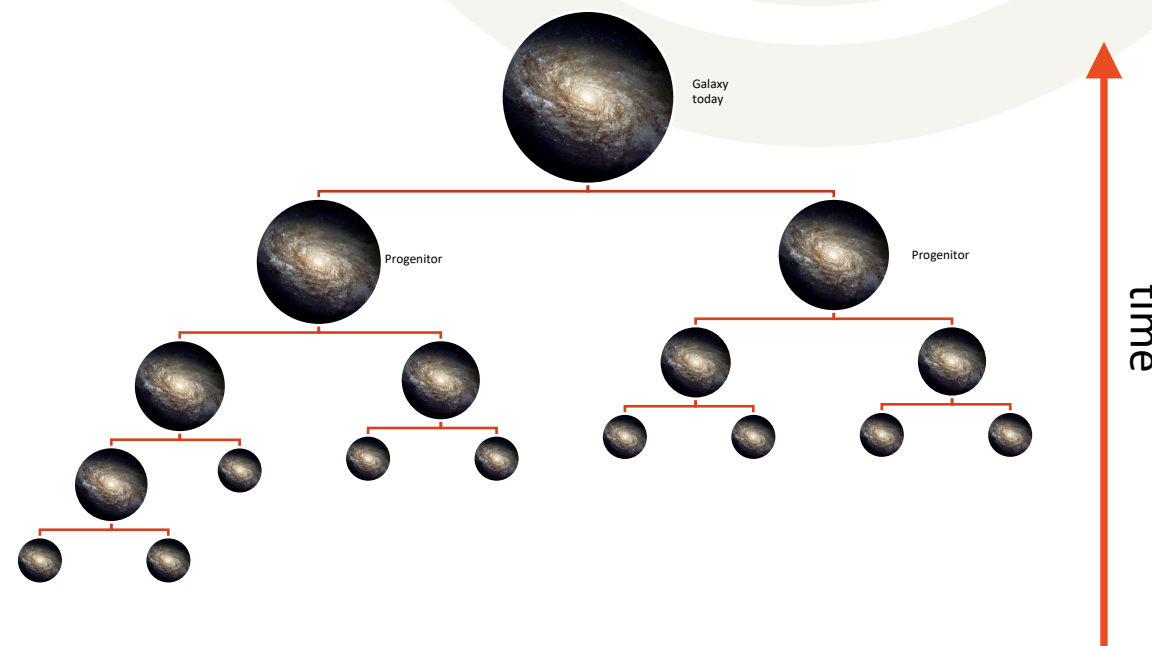


Image: NASA Hubble heritage team

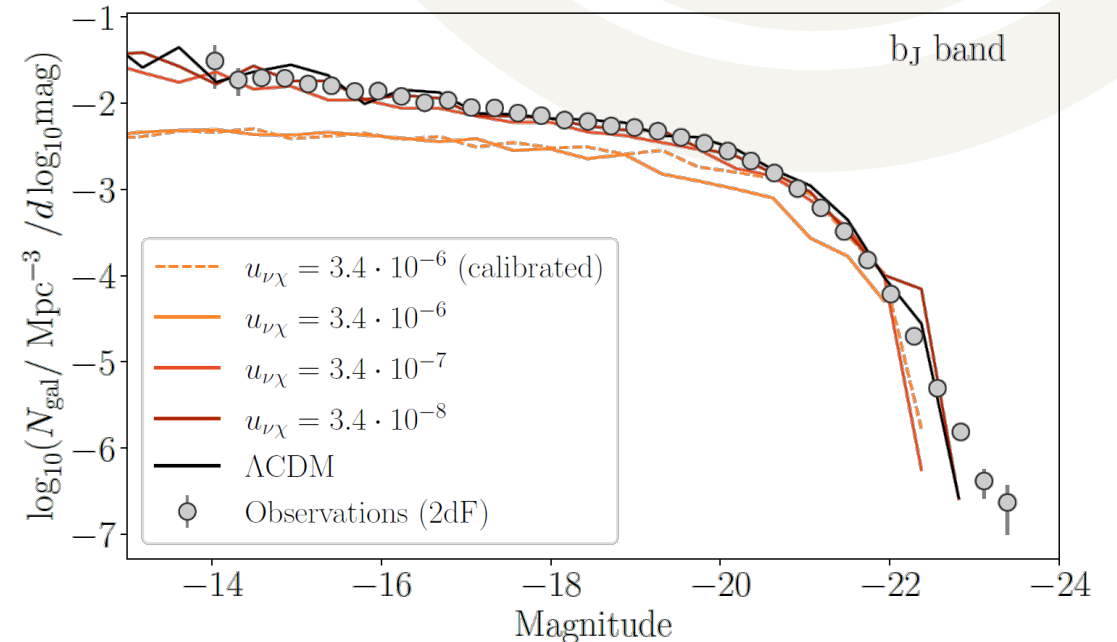
# Hierarchical Merger tree

- Progenitors generated through Monte Carlo
- Galaxy merger physics determines star formation, metallicity etc
- Resolution set by smallest tracked progenitor



# Impact on galaxy populations

- Strong interactions ruled out already
- Sets strongest bounds yet on this interaction – rules out Ly- $\alpha$  preferred value



# Generating compact binary population

- Compact binaries form from massive binary star systems
- Compact binary formation rate → delayed tracer of star formation
- Not so simple: conversion from binary star to compact binary depends on metallicity



Image: COMPAS team, [compas.science](https://compas.science)

See:

[arXiv:2109.10352](https://arxiv.org/abs/2109.10352)

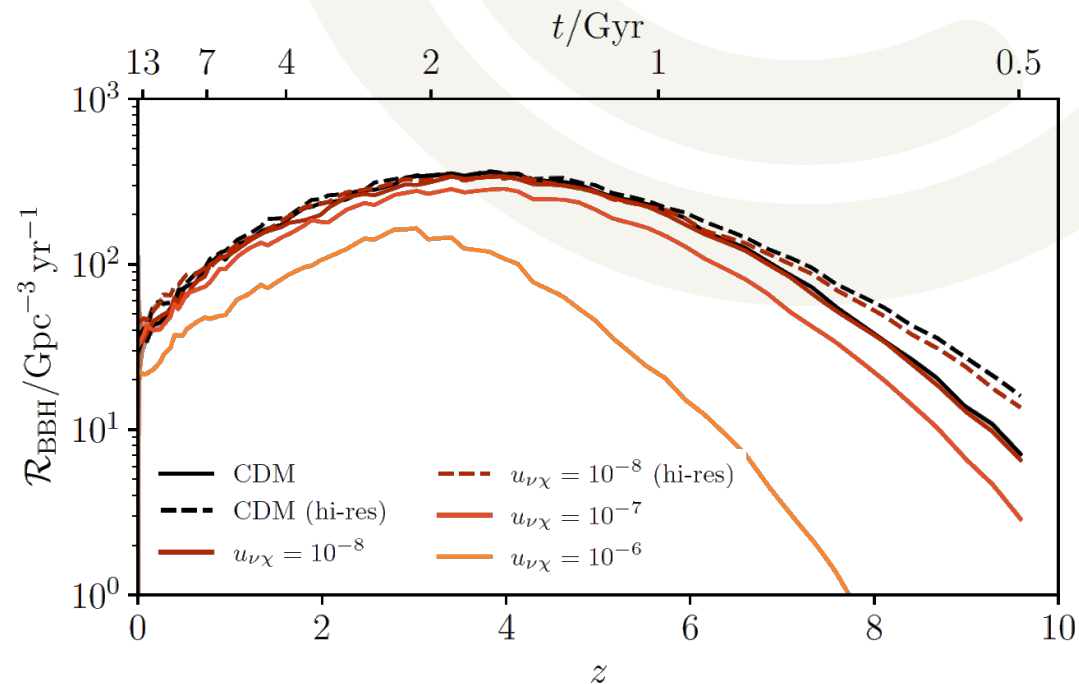
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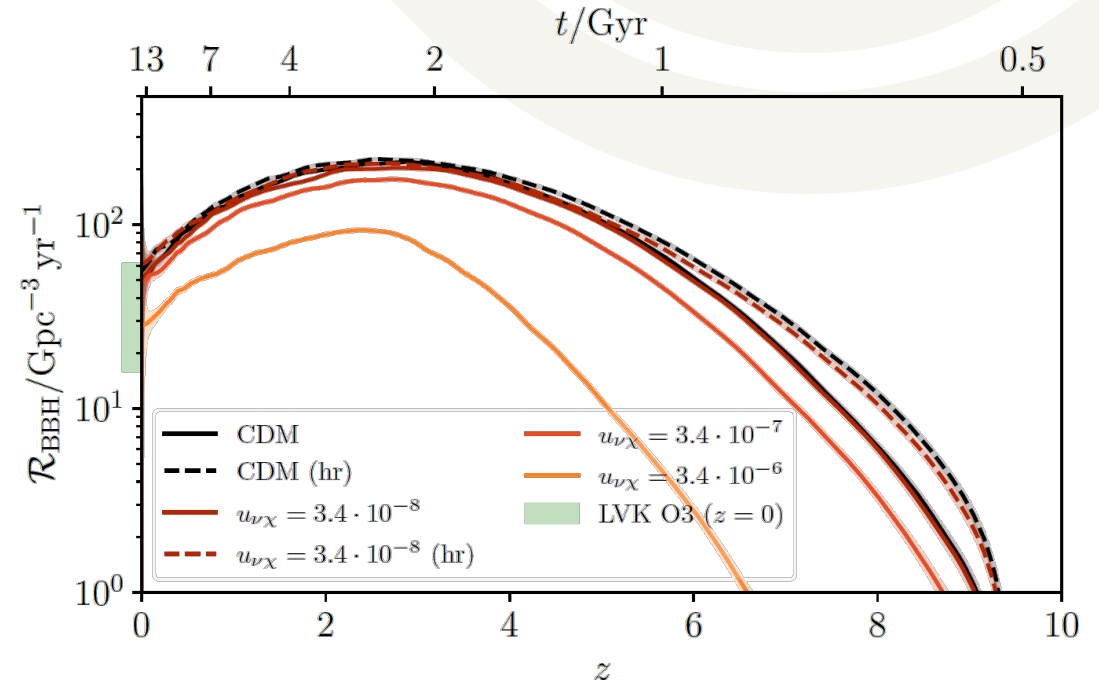
# Binary formation rate

- Computed by Compas from Galform output
- Generates binaries over cosmic time using differential star formation rate and metallicity
- Draws from stellar tracks computed with stellar evolution code MESA



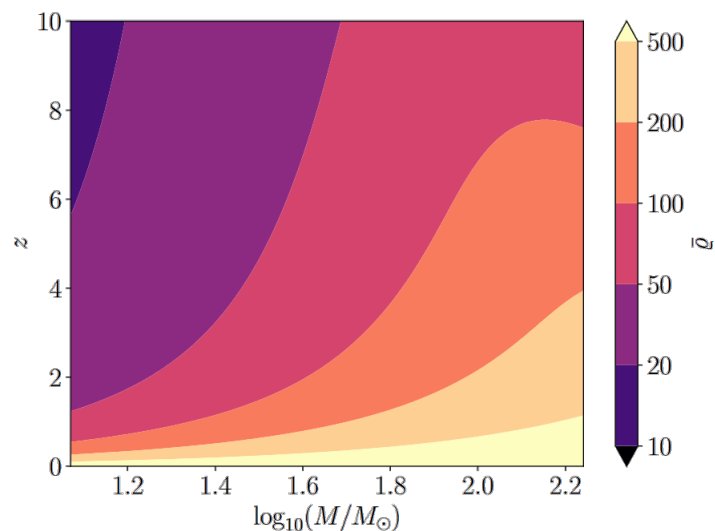
# Constraining DM with LIGO/VIRGO/Kagra

- Current generation of GW observatories “only” constrain the rate well at low  $z$ .
- Current constraints on local GW rate not strong enough to rule interacting DM out (or in)
- With our modelling,  $\Lambda$ CDM is at the upper end of the allowed range.

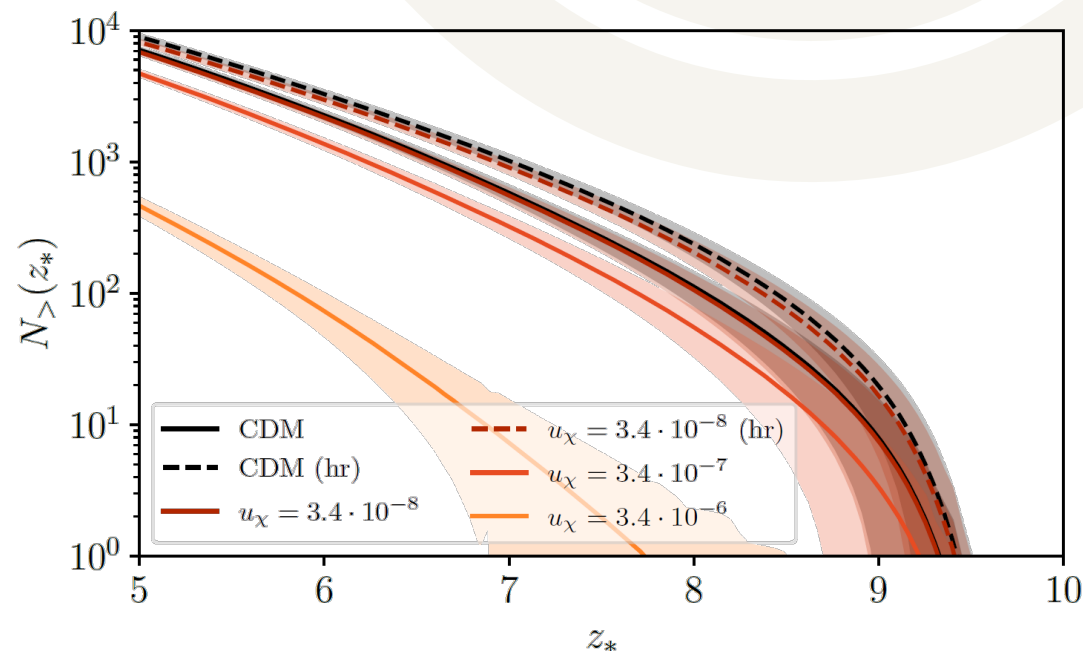


# Next generation detection forecast

- The next generation can see almost every event



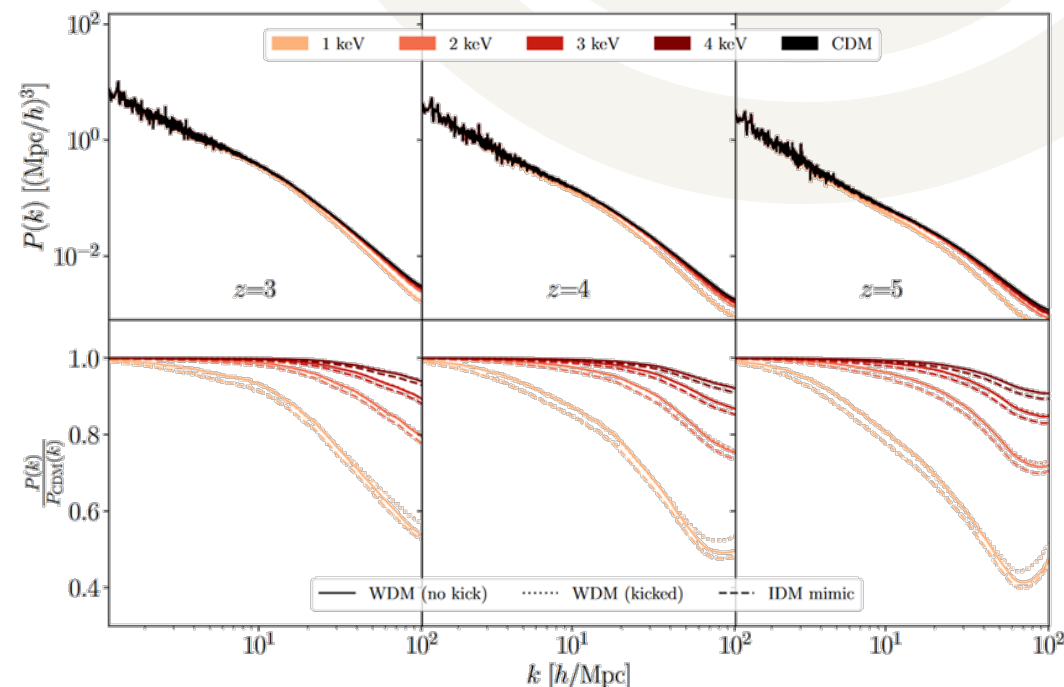
- This will be able to set powerful constraints



# Compare and contrast: warm dark matter

- Our interacting models are indistinguishable from warm dark matter at  $z \leq 10$
- The upside of which: constraints on warm dark matter can be directly mapped to interacting models

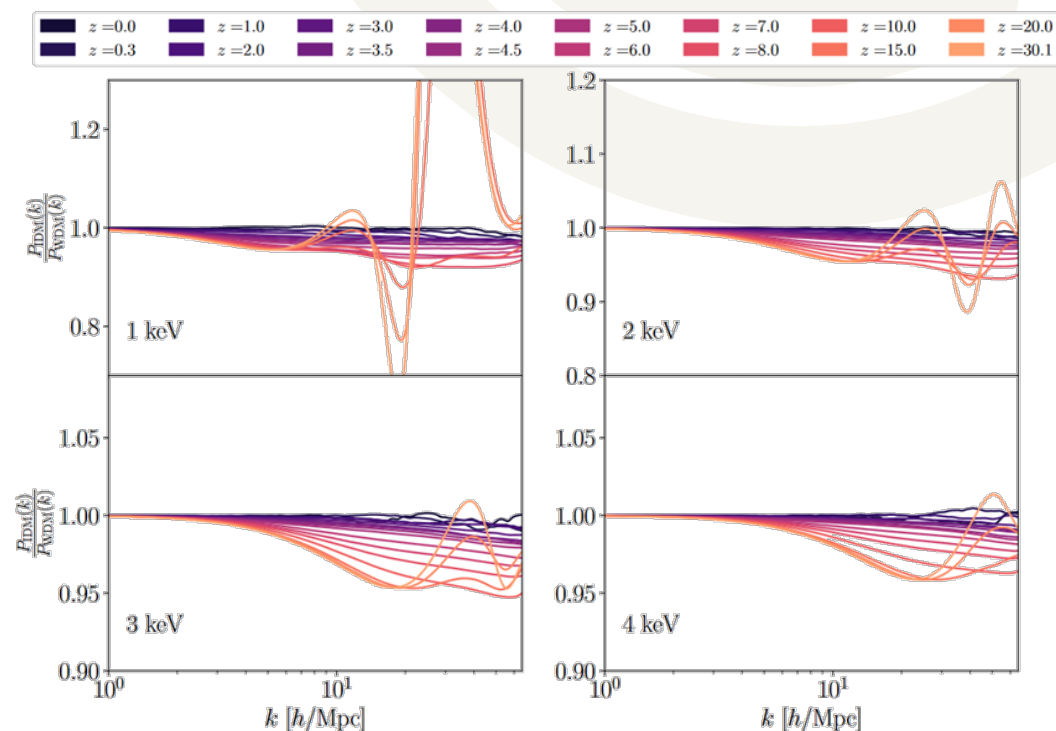
$m_{\text{wdm}}$	$u_{\nu\text{DM}}$
1 keV	$8.5 \times 10^{-7}$
2 keV	$1.75 \times 10^{-7}$
3 keV	$7 \times 10^{-8}$
4 keV	$3.6 \times 10^{-8}$





# Complementary constraints: 21cm with SKA

- SKA forecasts on WDM constraint can be mapped to interacting DM
- At early times, nonlinear evolution has not yet erased oscillations
- High-precision, high redshift measurements at high  $k$  needed to distinguish
- SKA can in principle measure the 21 cm line at these redshifts.



# Conclusions

- Next generation GW observatories can be used constraining suppressed structure, improving limits
- SKA will be able to similarly constrain DM models with suppressed structure
- High redshift measurements will be key to distinguishing between models suppressing small scale power

Data	Max $u_{\nu DM}$	Source
Planck + SDSS	$\sim 3 \times 10^{-4}$	Mosbech et al. arXiv:2011.04206
Planck + SDSS+Ly $\alpha$	$\sim 10^{-5}$	Hooper & Lucca arXiv:2110.04024
SKA 21cm line intensity map	$\sim 4 \times 10^{-8}$ *	Mosbech, Boehm, & Wong arXiv.2207.03107
2dF galaxy counts	$\sim 3 \times 10^{-6}$ - $10^{-7}$	Mosbech et al. arXiv:2207.14126
Einstein Telescope + Cosmic Explorer	$\sim 3 \times 10^{-7}$ *	Mosbech et al. arXiv:2207.14126

\*: Forecast – constraint assuming non-detection