

ENERGETIC ALPS FROM DECAYING DARK MATTER

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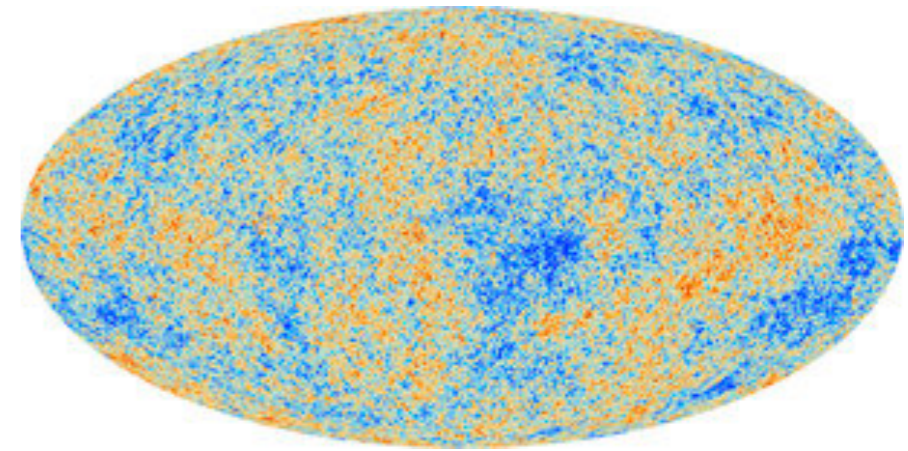
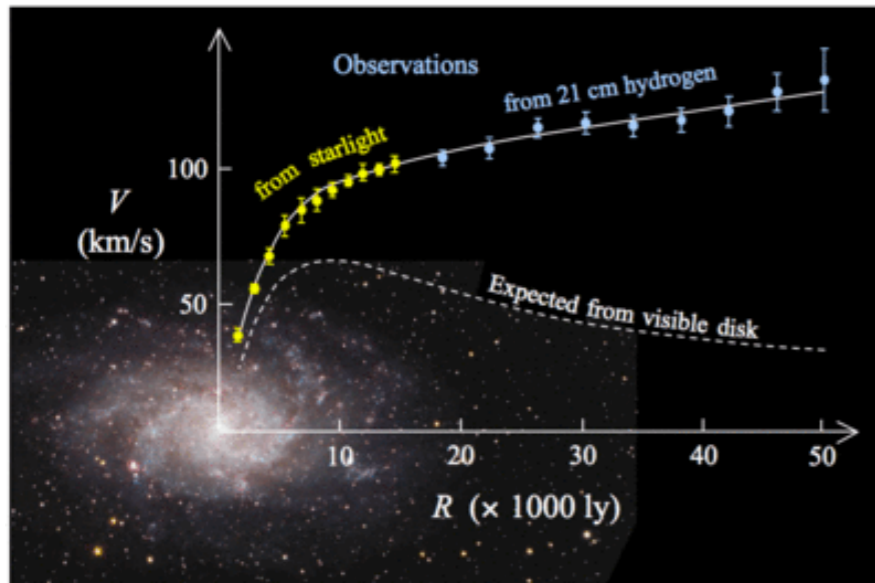
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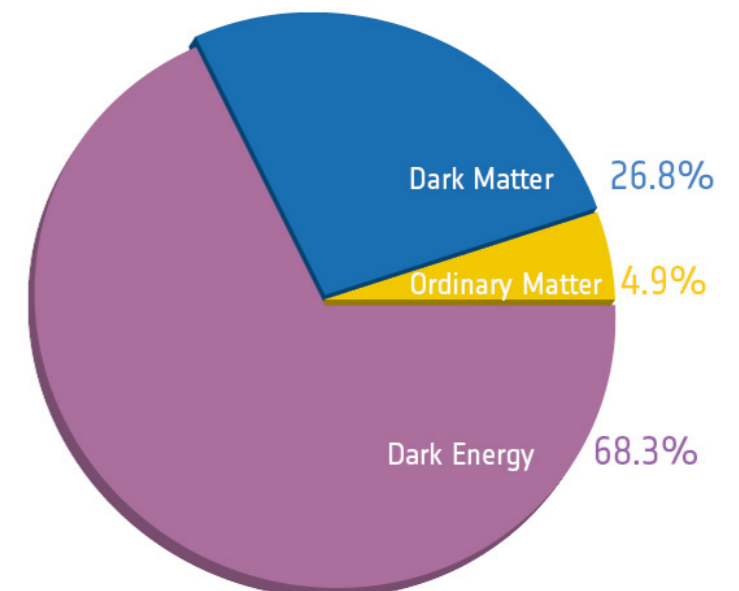
DARK MATTER

- Universe is filled with something unknown, which is called “Dark Matter.”
- Observational evidences are



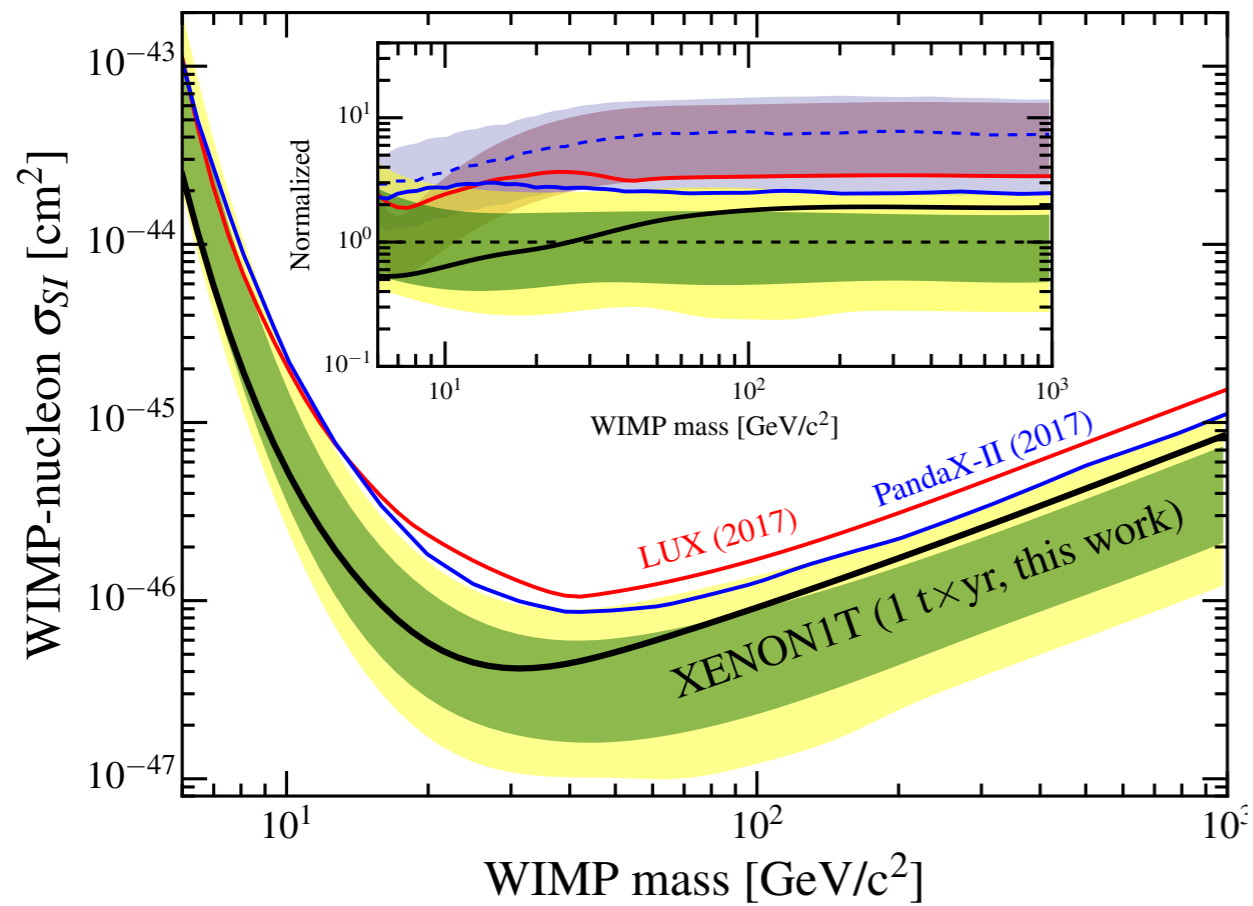
Paolo Salucci et al.

- DM density is $\sim 1/4$ of the energy of the Universe.
- All the evidences are gravitational. We do not know any non-gravitational interactions.
- What are DM particles? Stable? Decaying?



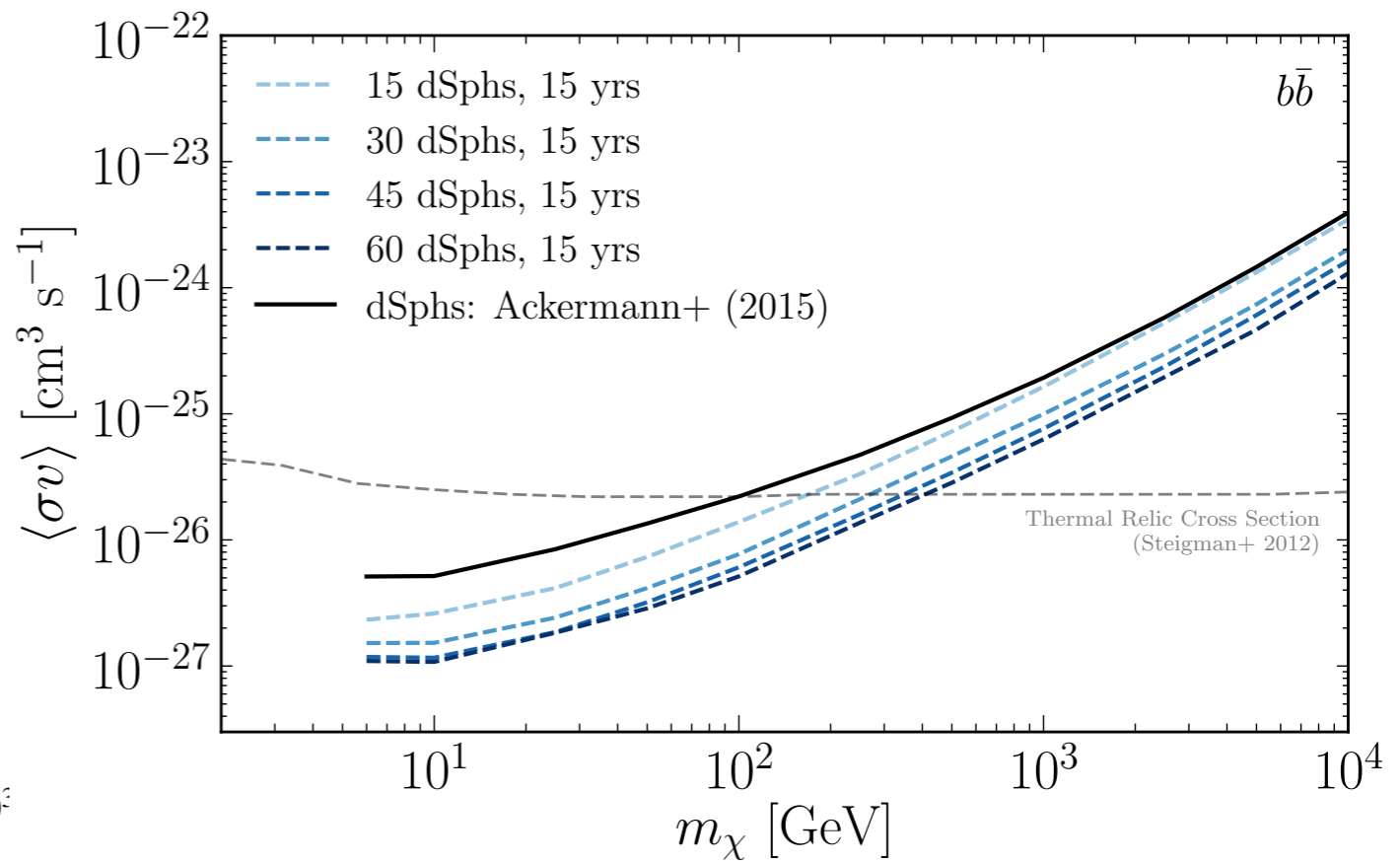
STABLE DM

- Candidates: neutralino (WIMPs), axion, ...
- Direct detection:



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- Indirect detection:



1605.02016

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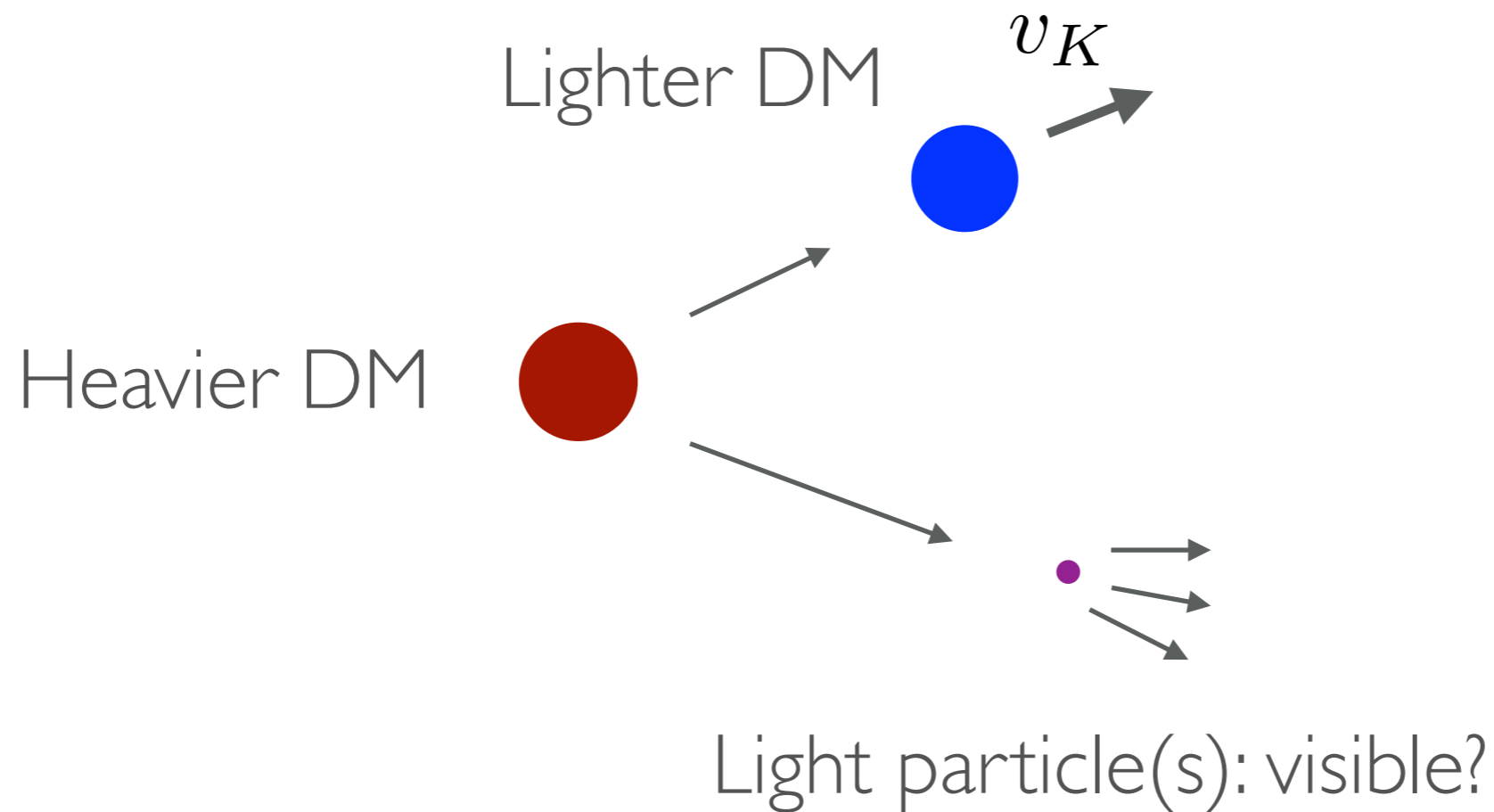
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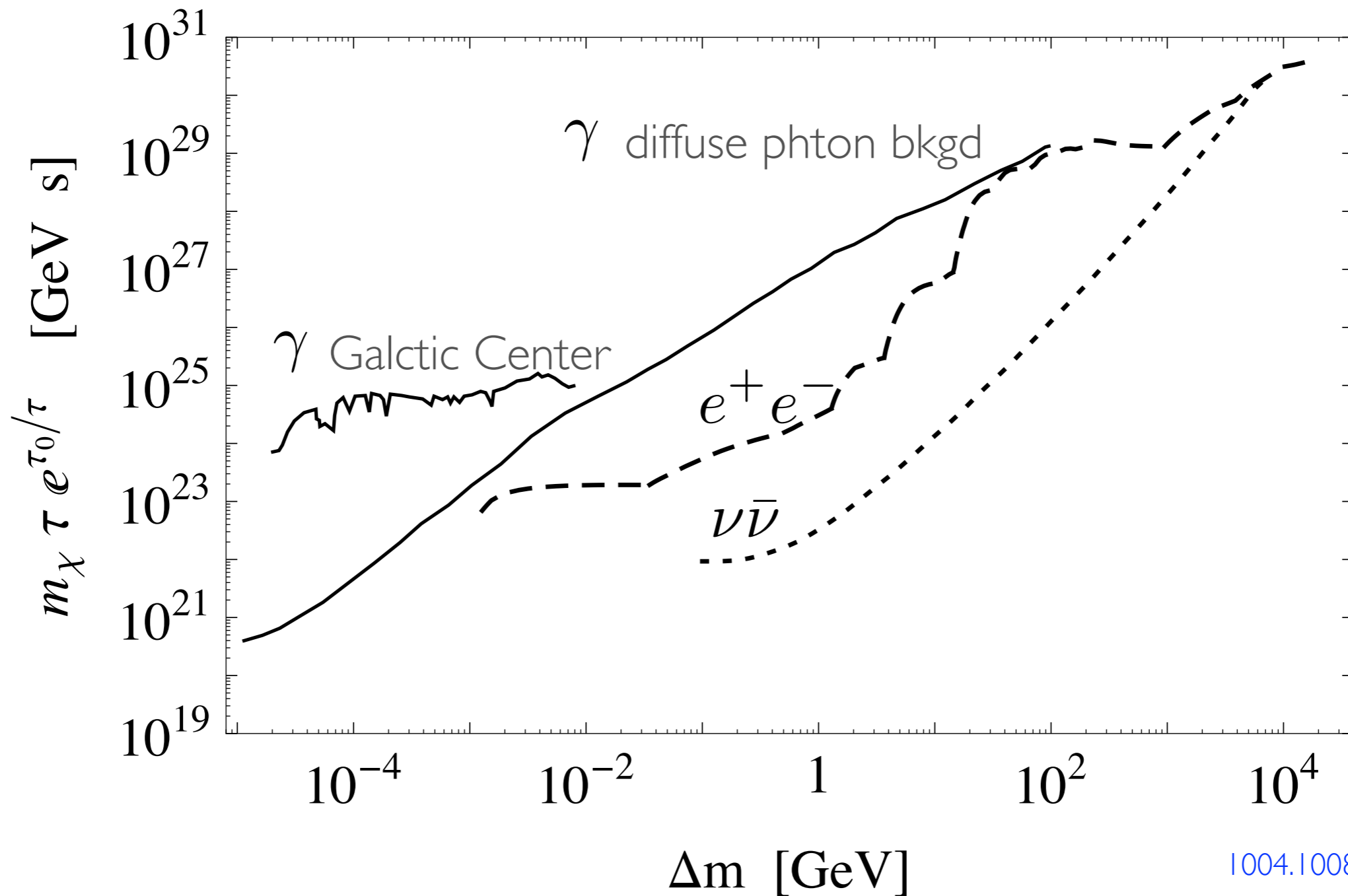
$$\Delta m/m \ll 1$$

- DM density remains the same
- small kick velocity
- visible signal?

DECAY?

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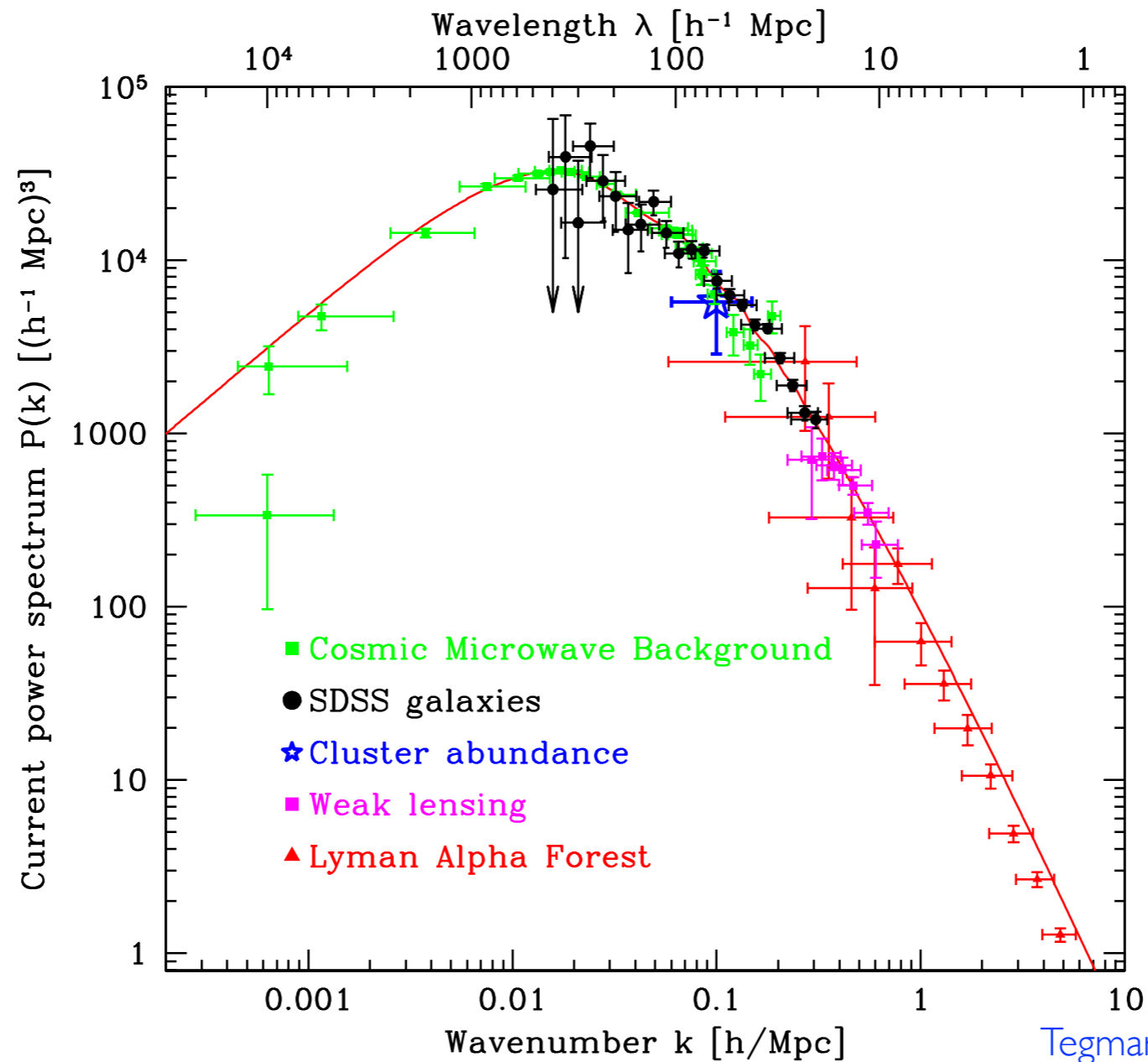
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COLD DARK MATTER

- Very good for scale $> O(100)$ kpc



- But discrepancies between N-body simulation and observation arise at small scale, e.g., Milky-way-size halo and subhaloes $< O(100)$ kpc.

SMALL SCALE PROBLEMS

For a recent review, Tulin & Yu, 1705.02358

- **Missing satellite problem**

In CDM model, structures form "**from the bottom up.**"

producing many subhaloes, $N \sim \mathcal{O}(100)$, with $V_{\max} = 10-30$ km/s

But we observe much less, $\mathcal{O}(10)$

- **Too-big-to-fail problem**

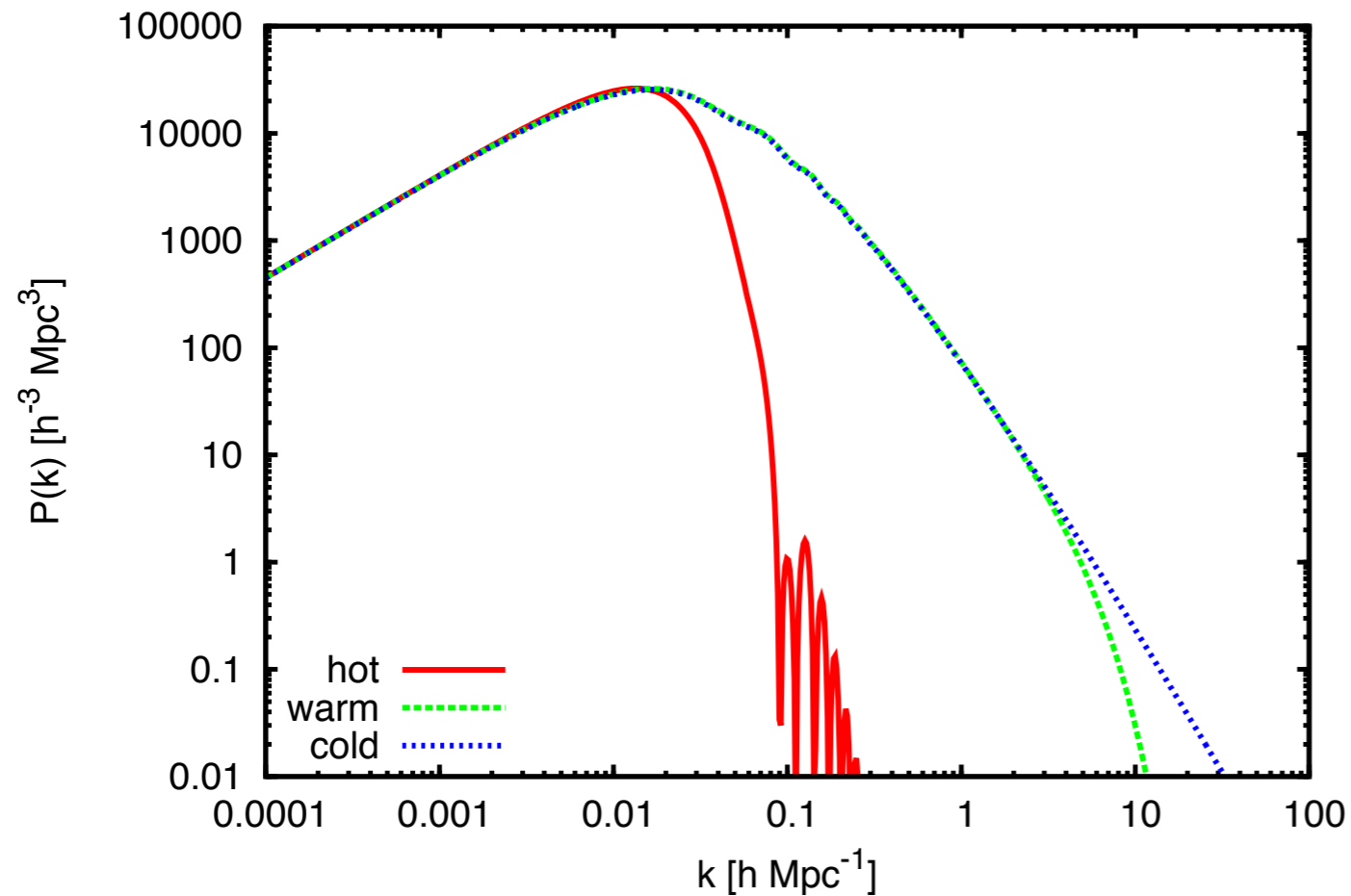
CDM predicts ~ 10 subhaloes with $V_{\max} > 30$ km/s which should have galaxies: "**too big to fail to form stars.**"

- **Core-Cusp problem**

CDM predicts cusp profile but observed density shows cores in dwarf galaxy survey

WARM DARK MATTER

- Less cold or non-cold (but not hot) dark matter may solve these problems since **freestreaming suppresses small scales**
- thermally produced, following thermal (e.g. Fermi-Dirac) distribution, provides the whole DM density

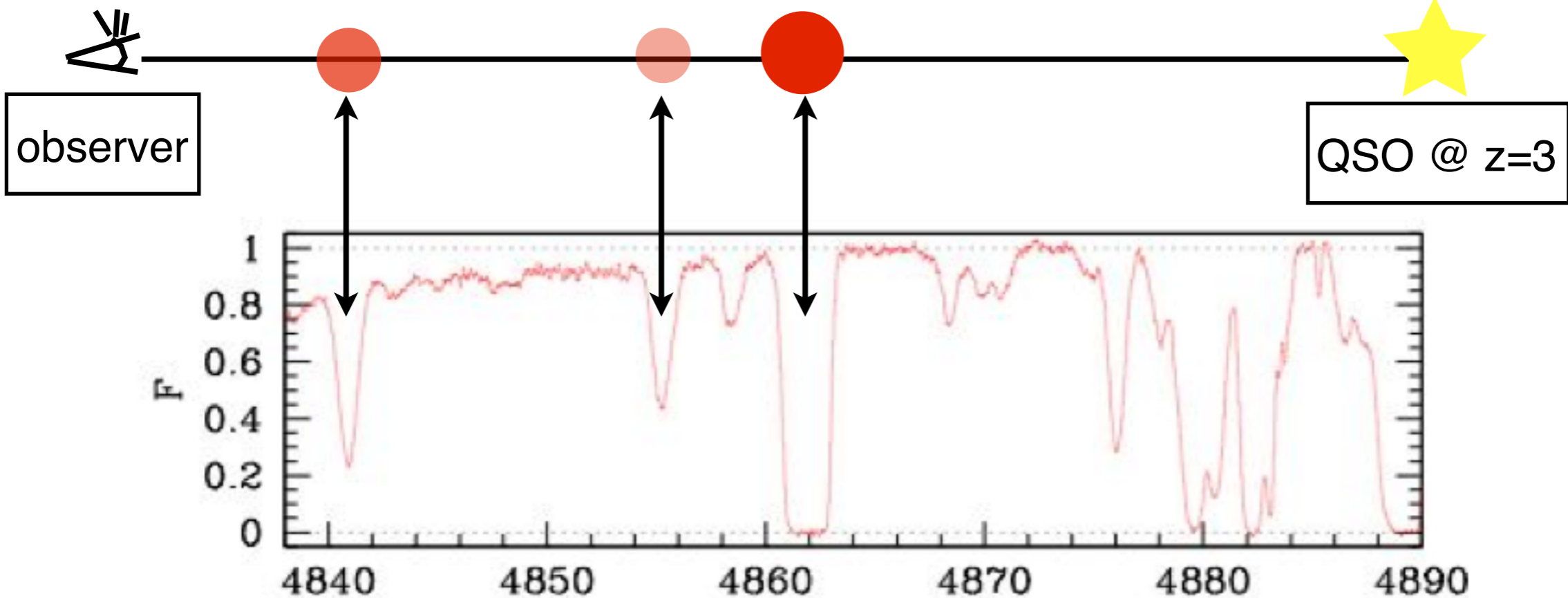
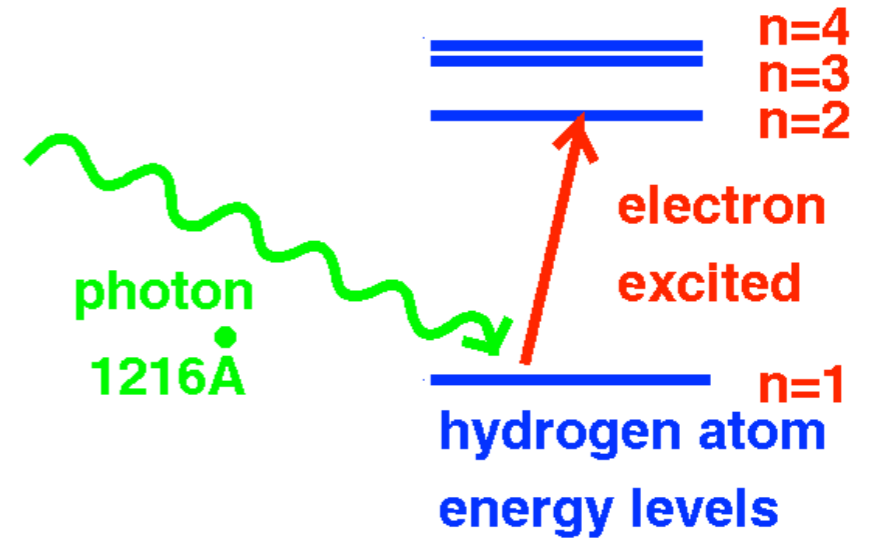


- Dark Matter with $m \sim \text{keV}$
e.g. sterile neutrino

plot by A. Kamada

LYMAN-ALPHA FOREST

absorption intensity/frequency
↔ HI distribution along the line-of-sight



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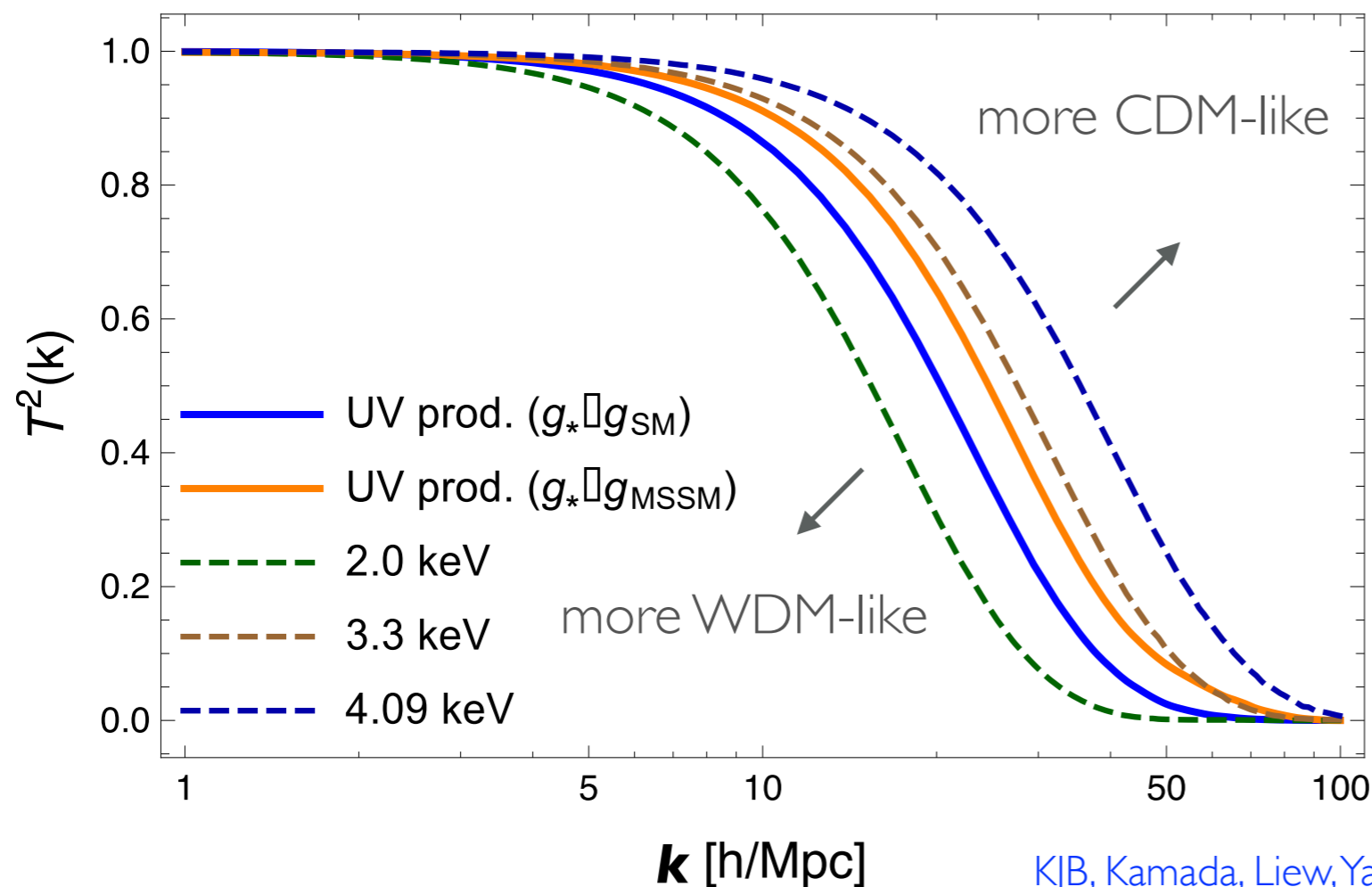
- Improving constraints on “warm dark matter mass”

$m_{\text{WDM}} \gtrsim 2.0 \text{ keV}$ [Viel, Lesgourgues, Haehnelt, Matarrese, Riotto \(2005\)](#)

$m_{\text{WDM}} \gtrsim 3.3 \text{ keV}$ [Viel, Becker, Bolton, Haehnelt \(2013\)](#)

$m_{\text{WDM}} \gtrsim 4.09 \text{ keV}$ [Baur, Palanque-Desabrouille, Yèche, Magneville, Viel \(2016\)](#)

$m_{\text{WDM}} \gtrsim 5.3 \text{ keV}$ [Iršič et al. \(2017\)](#)



WDM ($m \sim \text{keV}$)
solution is **not viable!**

DECAYING DARK MATTER

Peter, 1001.3870

- Key idea: CDM-like in the early stage WDM-like in the late stage
For Ly-alpha forest ($z \sim 3$) For Milky way observation ($z \sim 0$)

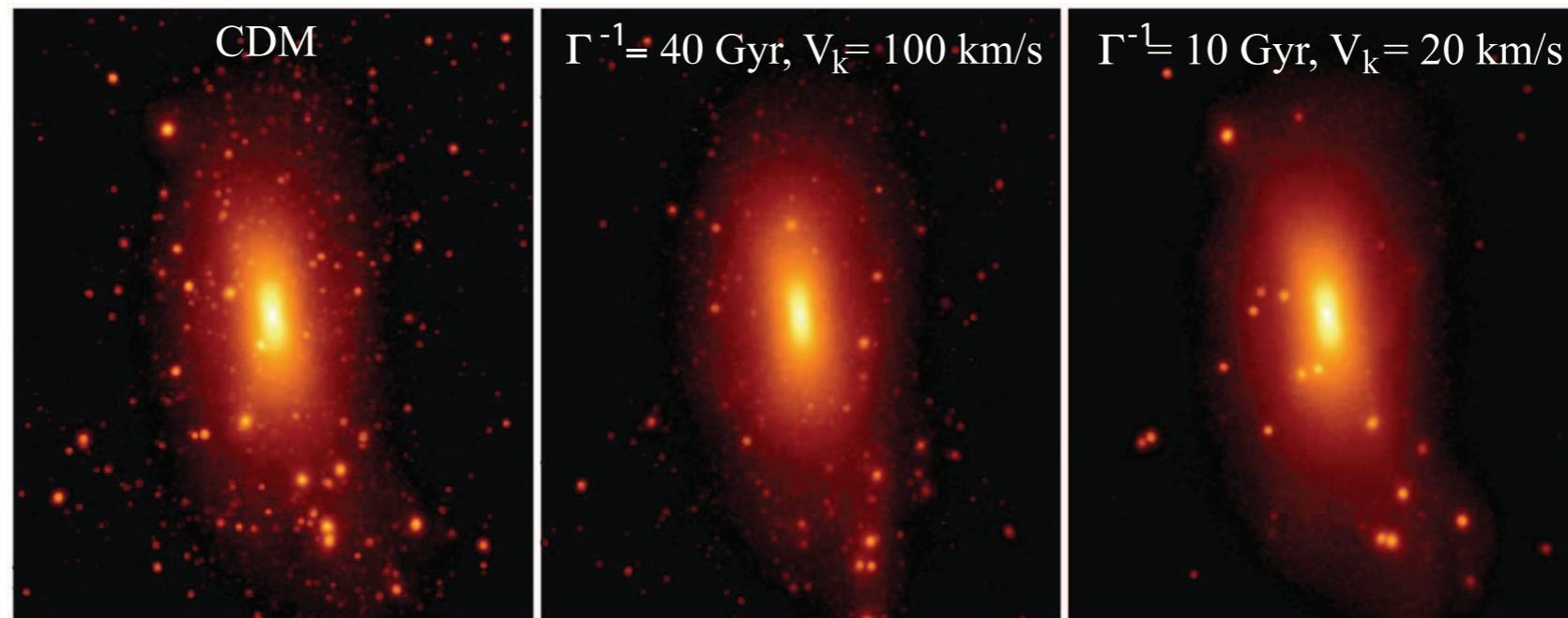
➔ Decaying Dark Matter with lifetime \sim age of the universe
 $V_{\text{kick}} \sim 20\text{-}40$ km/s

➔ DDM \longrightarrow Stable DM + Non-interacting light particle

➔ feeble interaction & nearly degenerate in mass
($\Delta m/m \sim 10^{-4}$)

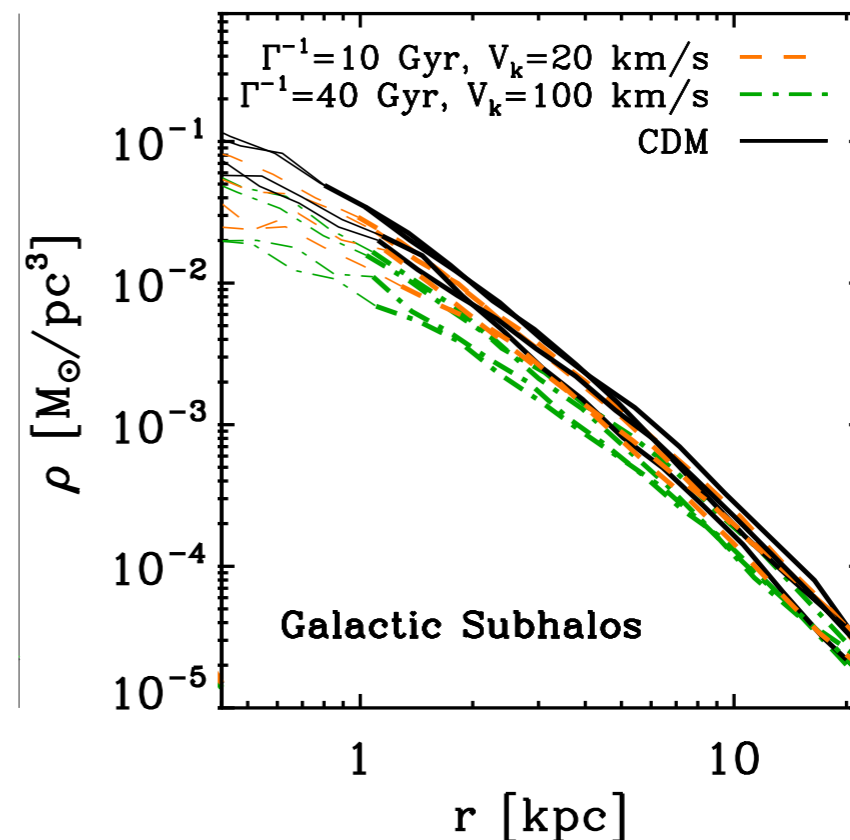
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- Solving missing satellite problem: reducing number of subhaloes

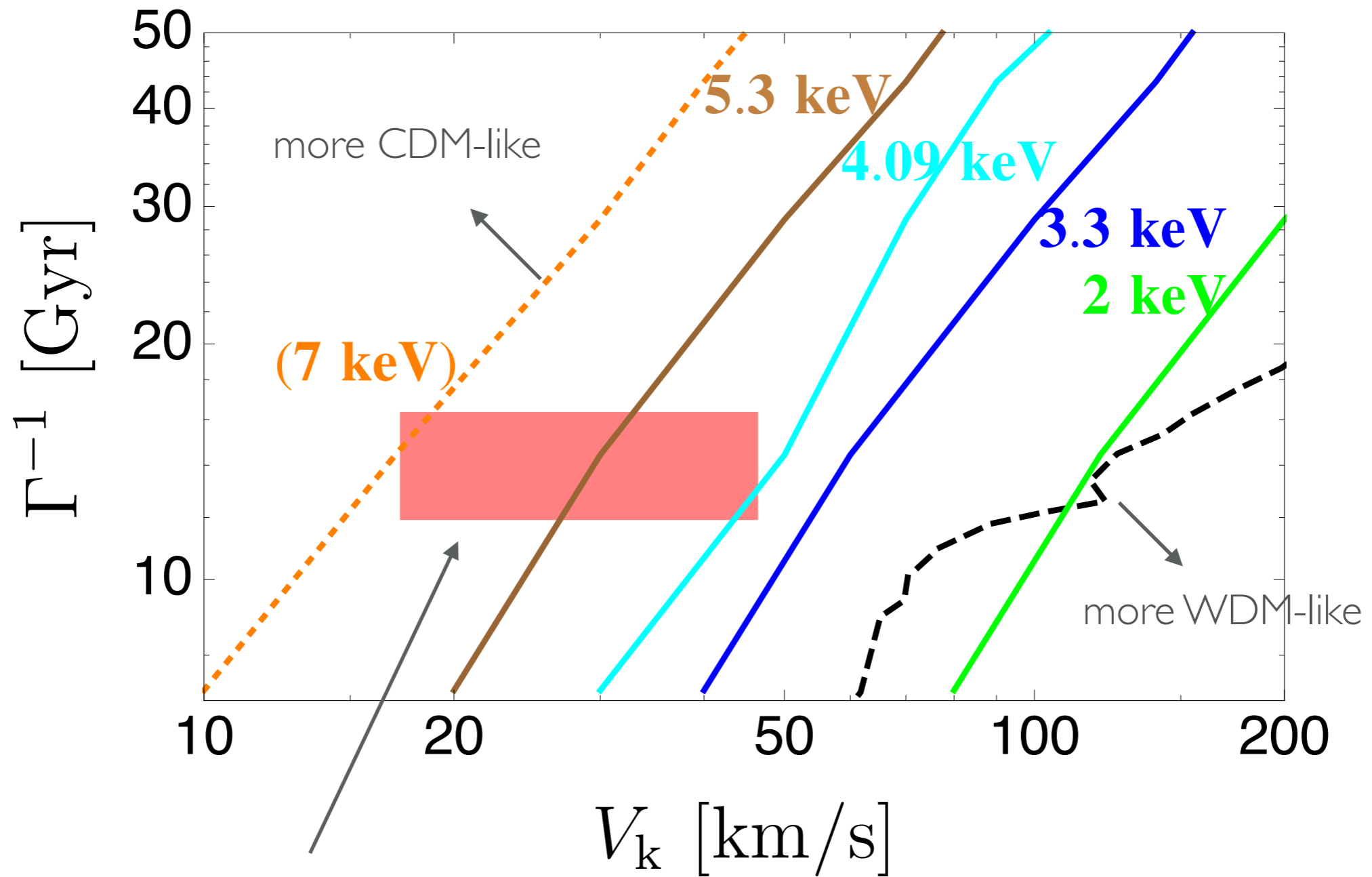


Wang et al., 1406.0527

- Solving too-big-to-fail problem: reducing central densities of subhaloes
- Also alleviating Core-Cusp problem:



DDM: LY-ALPHA FOREST

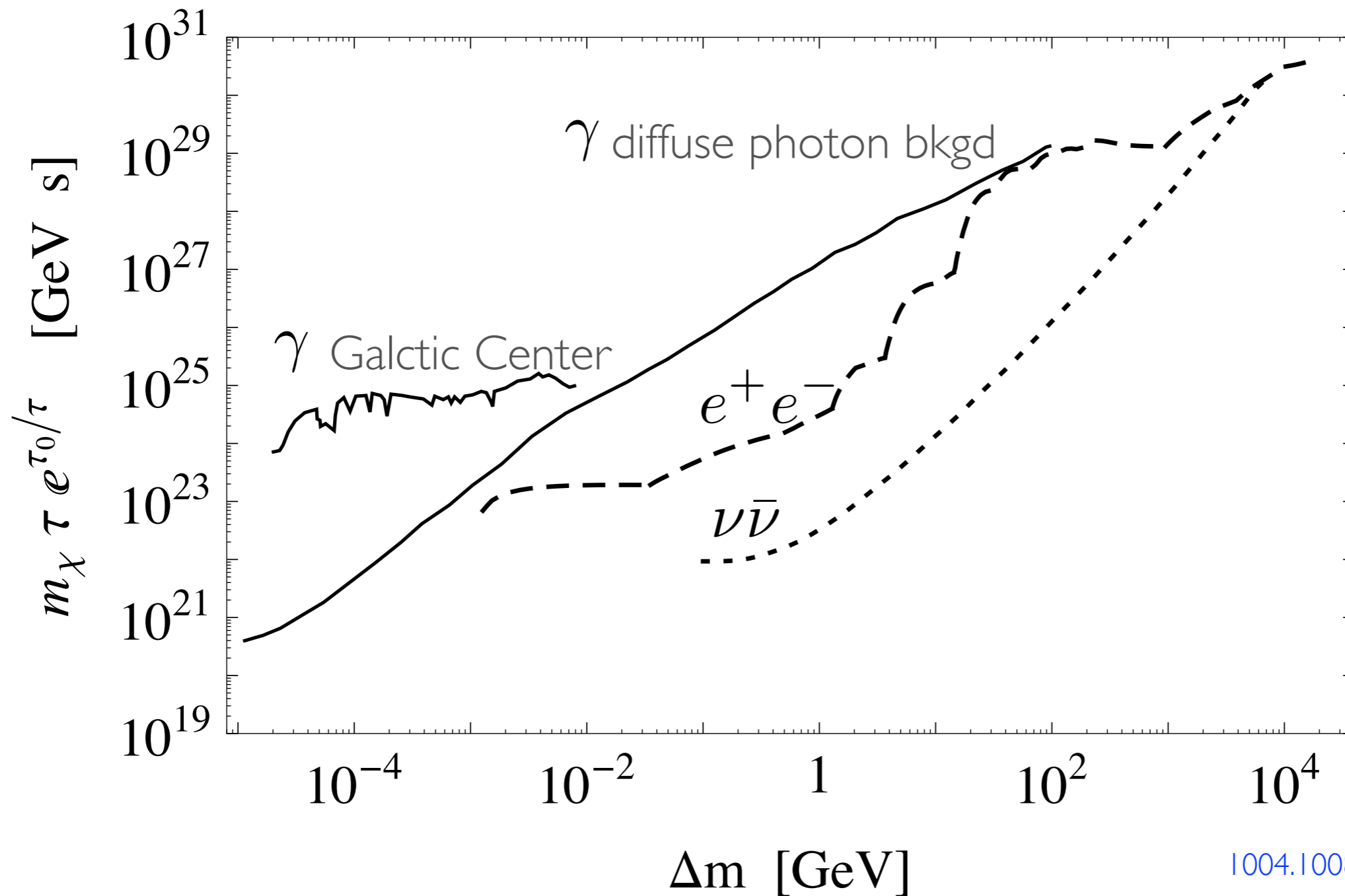


preferred region to solve
small scale problems

DDM SOLUTION?

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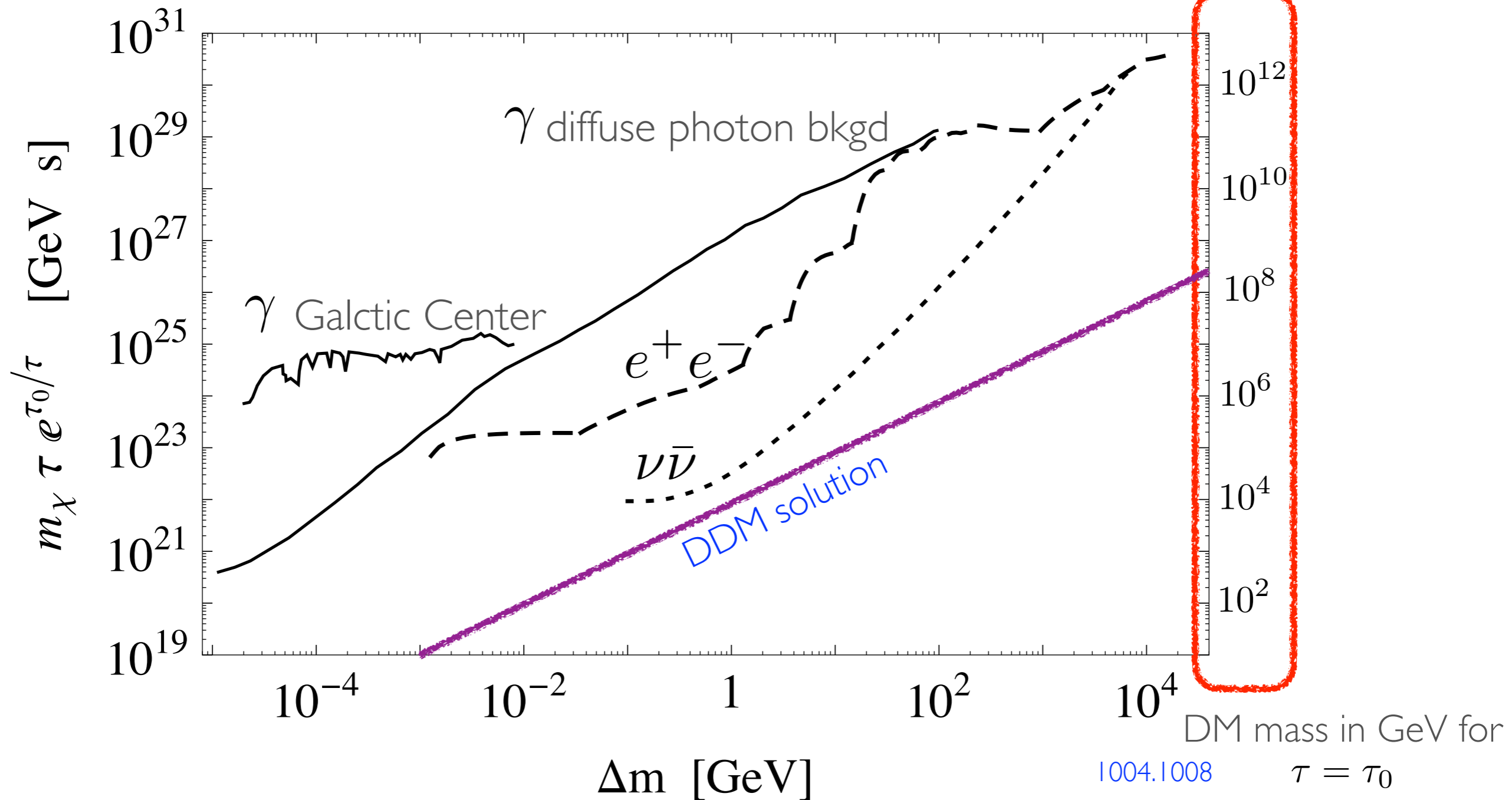


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Q1: What particle physics provides DDM scenario?

Q2: What signal can we have?

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AXION(-LIKE) PARTICLE

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Should not be EM charged & neutrino

- **Axion-like particle**: very weakly interacting ($\sim 1/f$, $f > 10^9$ GeV), well-motivated.
- But induces a visible signal: ALP-photon conversion under magnetic field
- In our galaxy: galactic magnetic field expected, \sim few μ G
- Photon with $E \sim \Delta m$, signal morphology depends on magnetic field profile

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AXINO(-LIKE) PARTICLE



- Easy to construct in Supersymmetric models
- Good to predict **the DDM relic abundance**
- Plausible explanation for **mass degeneracy of DDM and SDM**

Axino mass generated by SUSY breaking, $\sim m_{3/2}$

MASS DEGENERACY

- In SUSY limit, ALP multiplet is **massless by shift symmetry**.

- SUSY breaking generates ALPino mass: SUGRA says $\sim m_{3/2}$

Goto, Yamaguchi; Chun, Kim, Nilles; Chun, Lukas

In a simple example,

$$K = |z|^2 + |\phi|^2 + |\phi'|^2 + |Y|^2$$

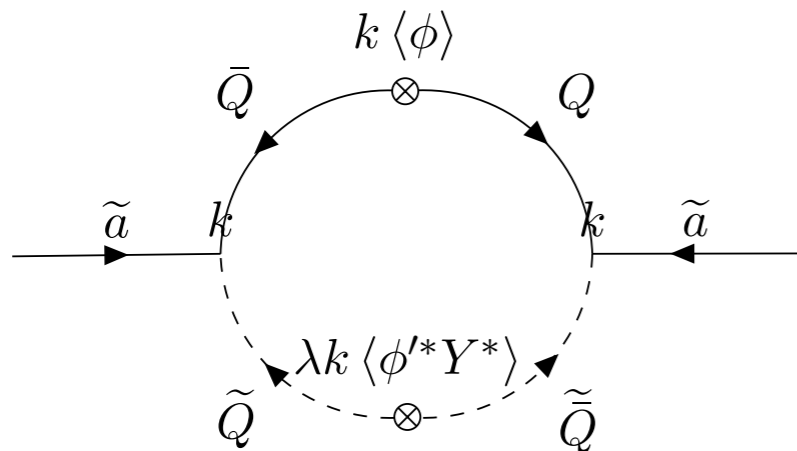
$$g(\phi, \phi', Y) = \lambda(\phi\phi' - f^2)Y$$

$$G = K + \ln |h(z) + g(\phi, \phi', Y)|^2$$



$$M_{AA} = m_{3/2} \left\{ 1 + \mathcal{O} \left(\frac{|\omega|^2}{\lambda^2 f^2} \right) \right\}.$$

- Loop correction,



$$|m_{\tilde{a}, \text{loop}}| \sim \frac{k^2}{(4\pi)^2} \frac{\lambda k |\langle \phi'^* Y^* \rangle|}{k \langle \phi \rangle} \sim \frac{k^2}{(4\pi)^2} m_{3/2}.$$

$$k \sim 0.1 \quad \rightarrow \quad (\Delta m / m \sim 10^{-4})$$

INTERACTIONS

- Consider an effective Lagrangian,

$$W_{\text{eff}} = -\sqrt{2}g_{aB} A W_B W_B - \sqrt{2}g_{ag_h} A W_h^a W_h^a,$$

U(1)_Y

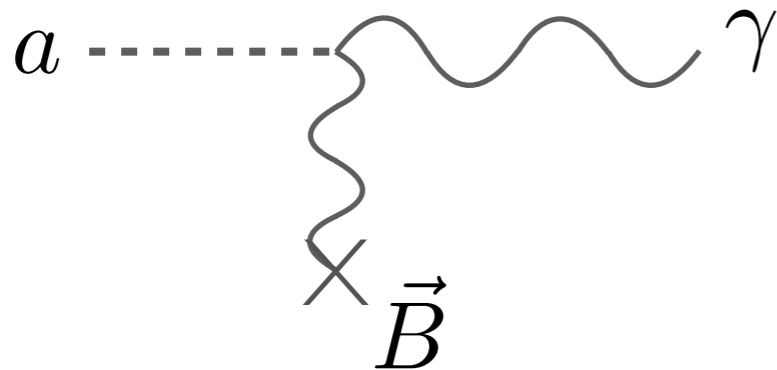
SU(N)_h

for ALPino production,
ALP-photon conversion

for ALP mass generation

→ $\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} \supset g_{a\gamma} a F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu}$

$$m_a \sim \Lambda_h^2 / f$$



MASS SCALE

- ALPino-Gravitino interaction,

$$\mathcal{L}_{3/2} = -\frac{1}{2M_{\text{pl}}} \partial_\nu a \bar{\psi}_\mu \gamma^\nu \gamma^\mu i\gamma_5 \tilde{a},$$

→

$$\Gamma_{\tilde{a}}^{-1} = \frac{96\pi m_{3/2}^2 M_{\text{pl}}^2}{m_{\tilde{a}}^5} \left(1 - \frac{m_{3/2}}{m_{\tilde{a}}}\right)^{-2} \left(1 - \frac{m_{3/2}^2}{m_{\tilde{a}}^2}\right)^{-3}$$
$$\simeq 10 \text{ Gyr} \left(\frac{700 \text{ TeV}}{m}\right)^3 \left(\frac{20 \text{ km/s}}{V_k}\right)^5.$$

- For a successful DDM scenario, $\Gamma^{-1} \sim 10 \text{ Gyr}$, $V_k \sim 20\text{-}40 \text{ km/s}$,
sub-PeV scale is required.

ALPINO RELIC ABUNDANCE

- main production

Freeze-out of Lightest
MSSM particle, e.g. higgsino



$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} \supset g_{a\gamma} a F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu}$
Decay to ALPino

$$Y_{\tilde{a}} \simeq Y_{\text{losp}}^{\text{fo}} \times \frac{4+p}{1+p} \left[\frac{g_*(T_R)}{g_*(T_{\text{fo}})} \right]^{1/2} \left(\frac{T_R}{T_{\text{fo}}} \right)^3,$$

$$Y_{\text{losp}}^{\text{fo}} = 4 \times 10^{-13} (m_{\text{losp}}/1 \text{ TeV})$$

- Low reheat temperature is required, $T_R \sim 500 \text{ GeV}$,
i.e., ALPino production **during reheating**

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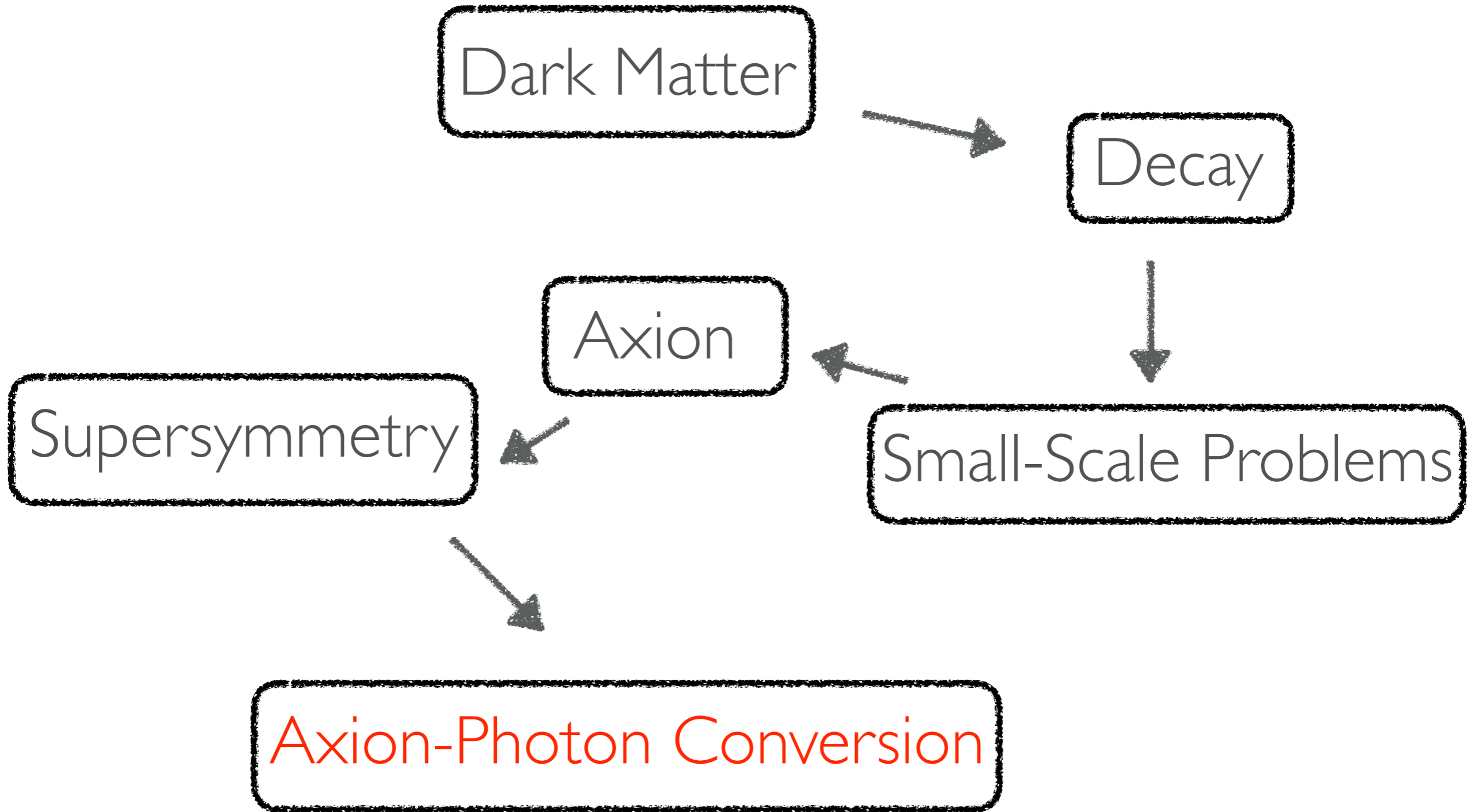
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ALP-PHOTON CONVERSION

- Under magnetic field, ALP is converted to photon.

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} \supset g_{a\gamma} a F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu}$$

Eq. of motion \rightarrow
$$\left(E_\gamma + i\partial_z + \begin{pmatrix} \Delta_e & \Delta_B \\ \Delta_B & \Delta_a \end{pmatrix} \right) \begin{pmatrix} A_{||}(z) \\ a(z) \end{pmatrix} = 0,$$

$$\Delta_e \approx -\frac{\omega_p^2}{2E_\gamma}, \quad \omega_p^2 = \frac{4\pi\alpha_{\text{em}}n_e}{m_e},$$

$$\Delta_a = -\frac{m_a^2}{2E_\gamma}, \quad \Delta_B = \frac{g_{a\gamma}B_T}{2},$$

Conv. Prob.

$$\rightarrow P_{a\gamma}(s, \Omega) \simeq 2 \times 10^{-7} \left| \frac{B_T(s, \Omega)}{\mu\text{G}} \right|^2 \left(\frac{10^{-8} \text{ eV}}{m_a} \right)^4$$

$$\times \left(\frac{g_{a\gamma}}{10^{-13} \text{ GeV}^{-1}} \right)^2 \left(\frac{E_\gamma}{47 \text{ GeV}} \right)^2,$$

e.g. QCD axion

$$g_{a\gamma} \simeq 0.4 * 10^{-15} \text{ GeV}^{-1} \times \left(\frac{m_a}{10^{-6} \text{ eV}} \right)$$

Photon flux

$$E_\gamma^2 \frac{d^2\Phi_\gamma^a}{dE_\gamma d\Omega} \simeq 6 \times 10^3 J_{\text{D,ROI}} e^{-\Gamma_{\tilde{a}} T_0} \text{ MeV/cm}^2/\text{s/sr}$$

$$\times \left(\frac{E_\gamma}{47 \text{ GeV}} \right)^2 \left(\frac{700 \text{ TeV}}{m_{\tilde{a}}} \right) \left(\frac{\Gamma_{\tilde{a}}}{10 \text{ Gyr}} \right)$$

$$\times \left(\frac{1 \text{ GeV}}{\Delta E} \right) \left(\frac{1 \text{ sr}}{\Delta\Omega_{\text{ROI}}} \right), \quad J_{\text{D,ROI}} \simeq 22 \times P_{a\gamma}$$

Fermi-LAT (observed):

$$E_\gamma^2 \frac{d^2\Phi_\gamma^{\text{obs}}}{dE_\gamma d\Omega} \simeq 6 \times 10^{-4} \text{ MeV/cm}^2/\text{s/sr},$$

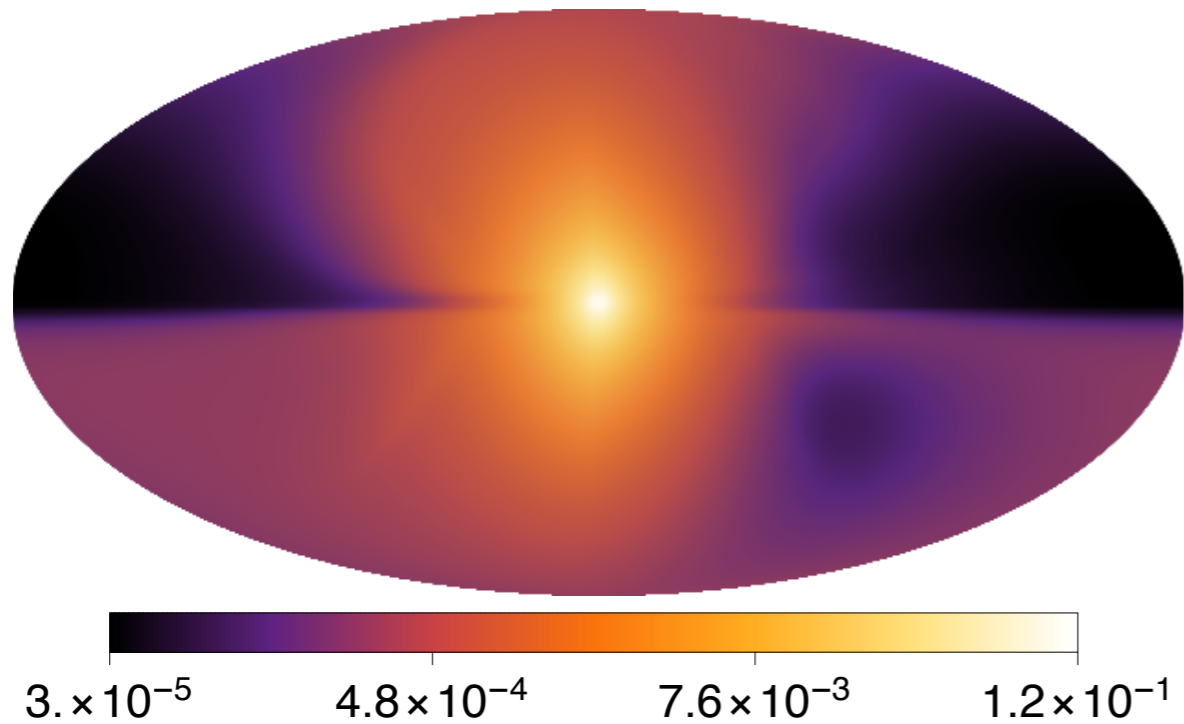
SIGNAL MORPHOLOGY

Our scenario

$$E_\gamma = 47 \text{ GeV}, \quad g_{a\gamma} = 10^{-13} \text{ GeV}^{-1}$$

$$\tau_{\tilde{a}} \sim 3 \times 10^{17} \text{ s}, \quad m_a = 10^{-8} \text{ eV}$$

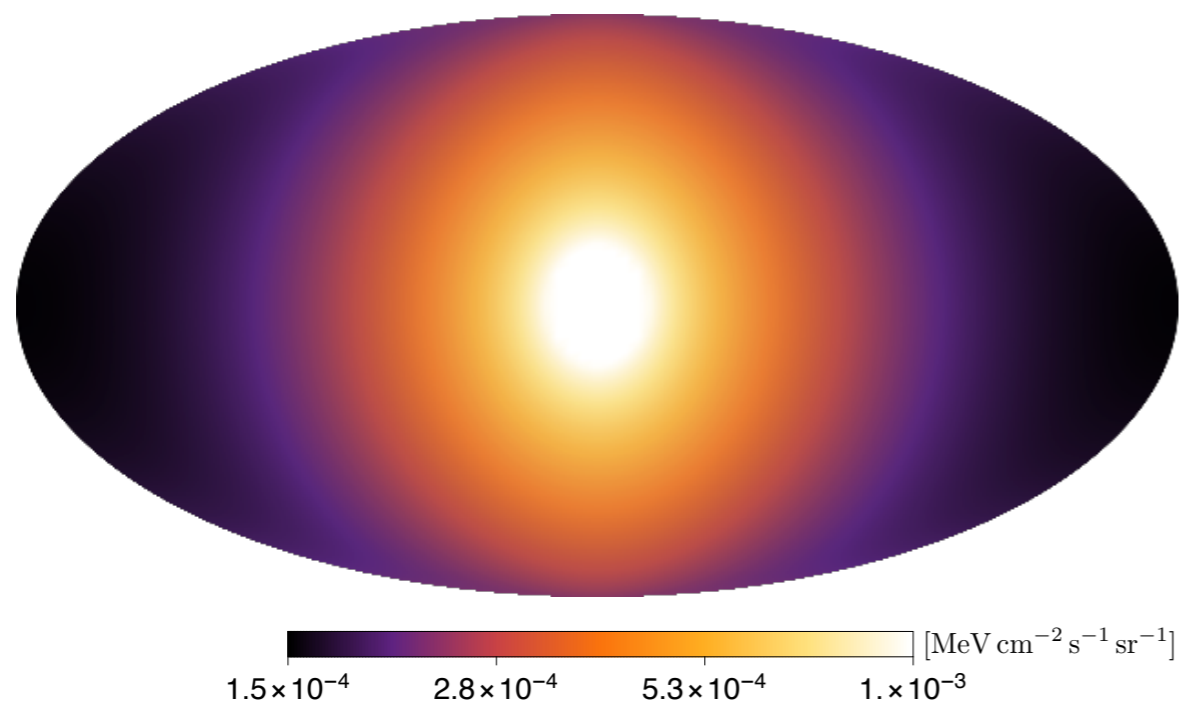
Magnetic field profile from
Jansson & Farrar,
[Astrophys.J., vol. 757, p. 14, 2012](#)



Simple Decaying DM to diphoton

$$E_\gamma = 47 \text{ GeV}, \quad m_{\text{DM}} = 94 \text{ GeV}$$

$$\tau_{\text{DM}} \simeq 10^{28} \text{ s.}$$



SUMMARY

- Cold dark matter (CDM) is successful to explain current universe.
- Shortcomings arise at small scale structure, $< O(100)$ kpc.
- Warm dark matter (WDM) was a good solution, but is disfavored by Ly-alpha forest data.
- **Decaying dark matter** ($\tau \sim 10$ Gyr, $V_k \sim 30$ km/s) is a good alternative.
- Axino-like particle \longrightarrow Axion-like particle + Gravitino provide a good decaying dark matter scenario.
- ALP-photon conversion produces distinct signal; morphology, energy scale.