

# Co-Interacting Dark matter: the dark atom laser emission

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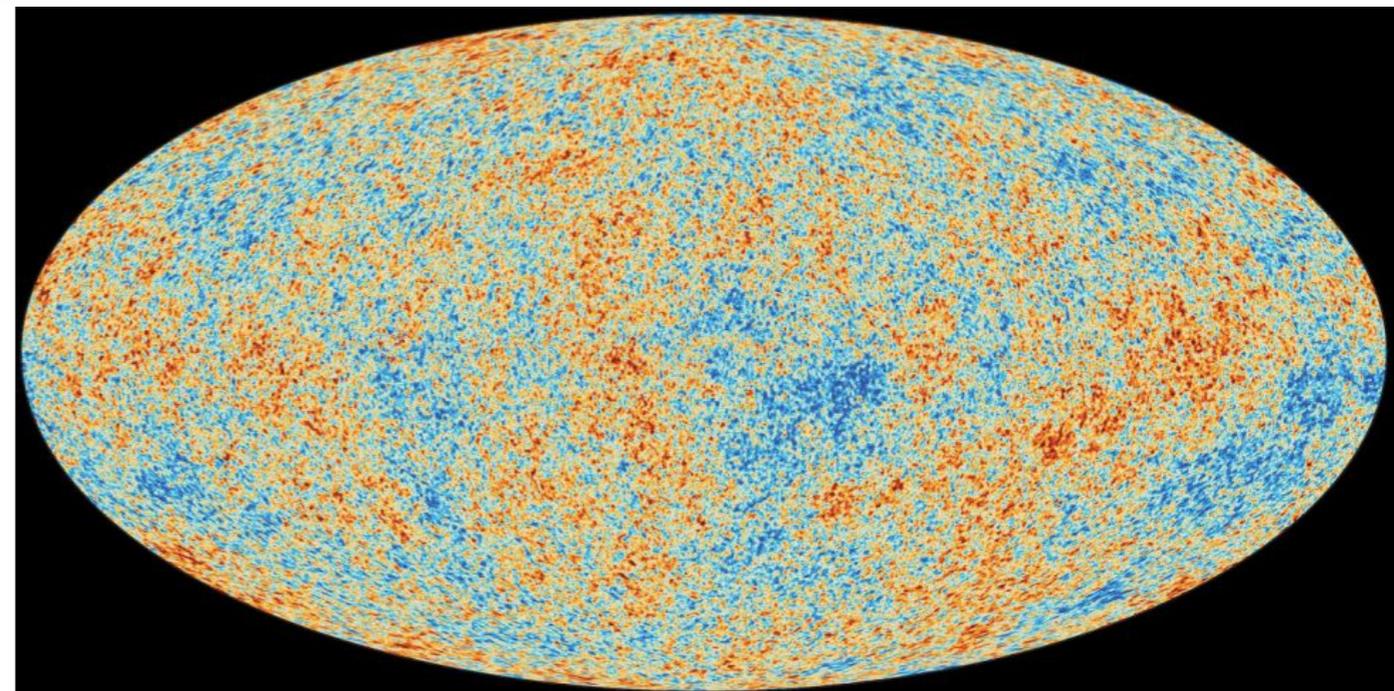
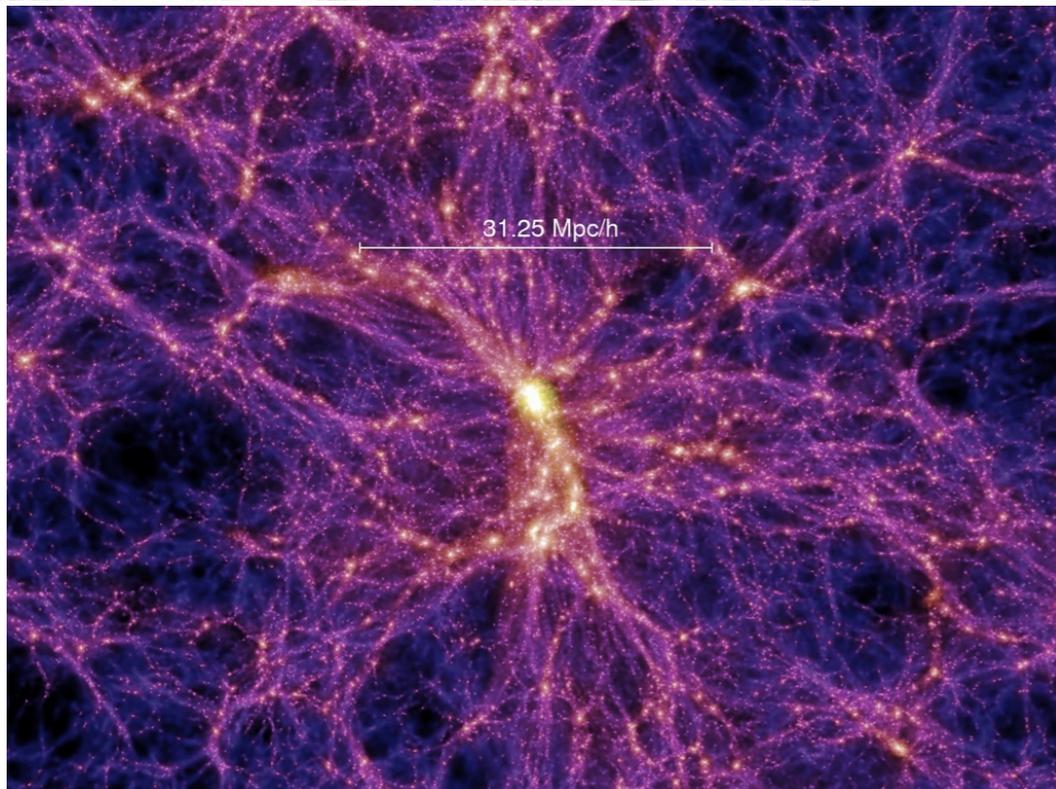
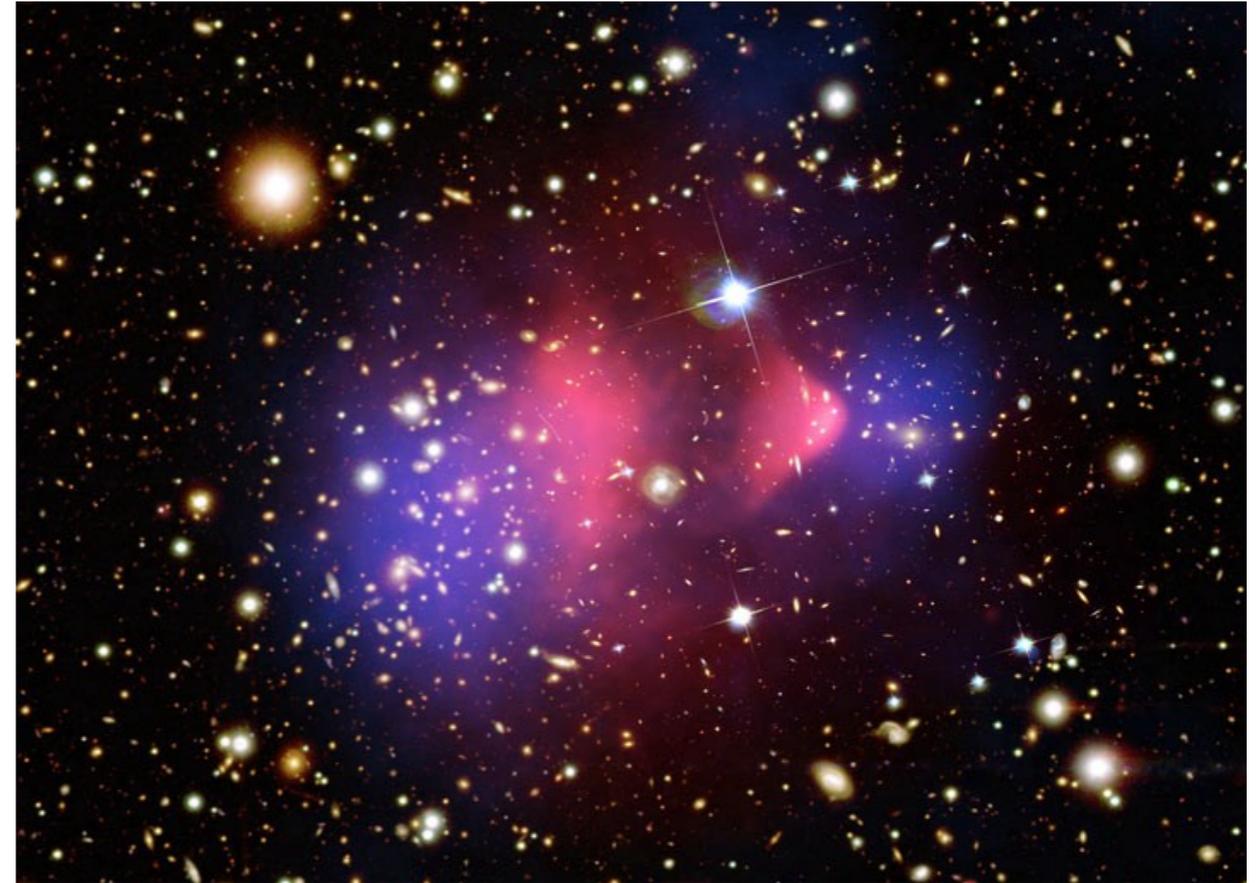
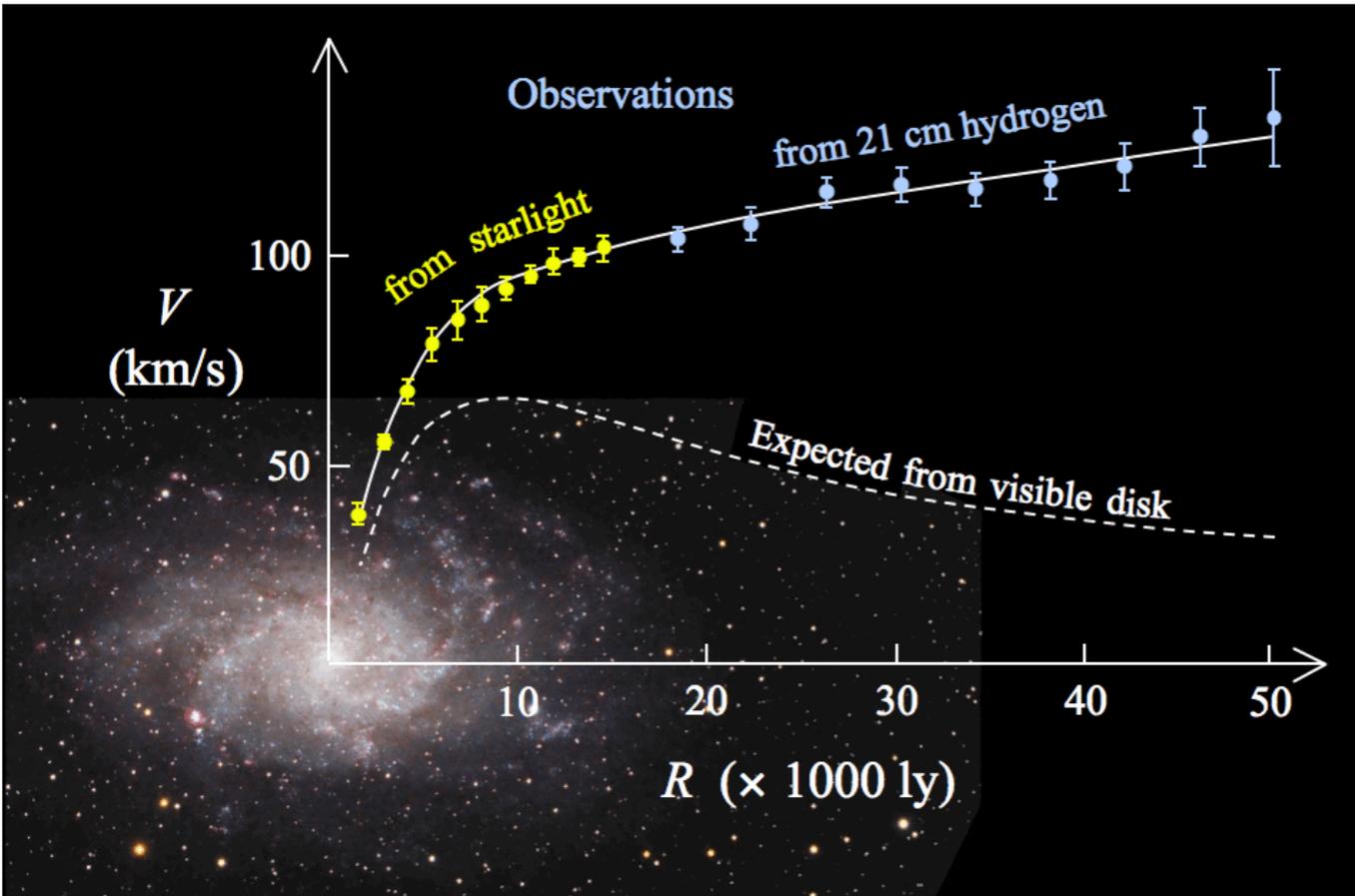
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# Cold Dark Matter



# Cold Dark Matter: the small-scale challenges

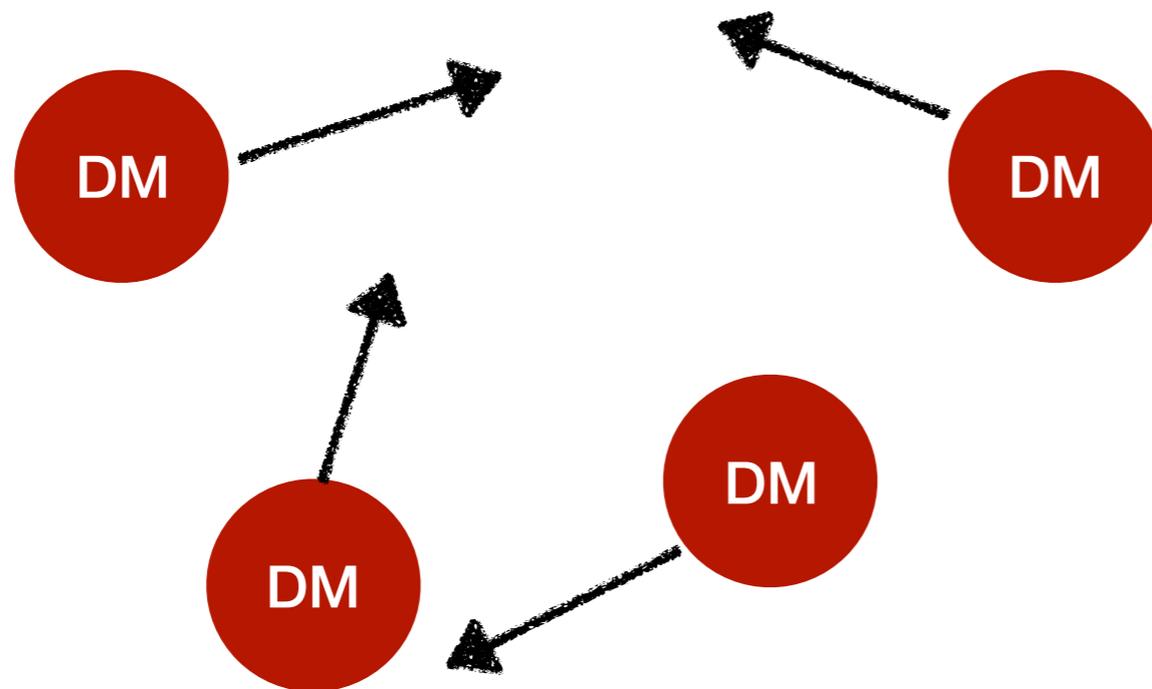
- The small-scale problems
  - Core-cusp
  - Missing satellite
  - Too big to fail
- The possible solutions
  - Better understanding of baryonic physics
  - Self-interacting dark matter (SIDM): self-interaction kinematically thermalize the inner halo
  - Fuzzy dark matter: de Broglie wavelength  $\sim$  kpc scale

# Motivation of Co-Interacting dark matter

- **Demonstrating** that any interactions can finally make the system equilibrium and solve the core-cusp problem, not necessarily constrained to SIDM.

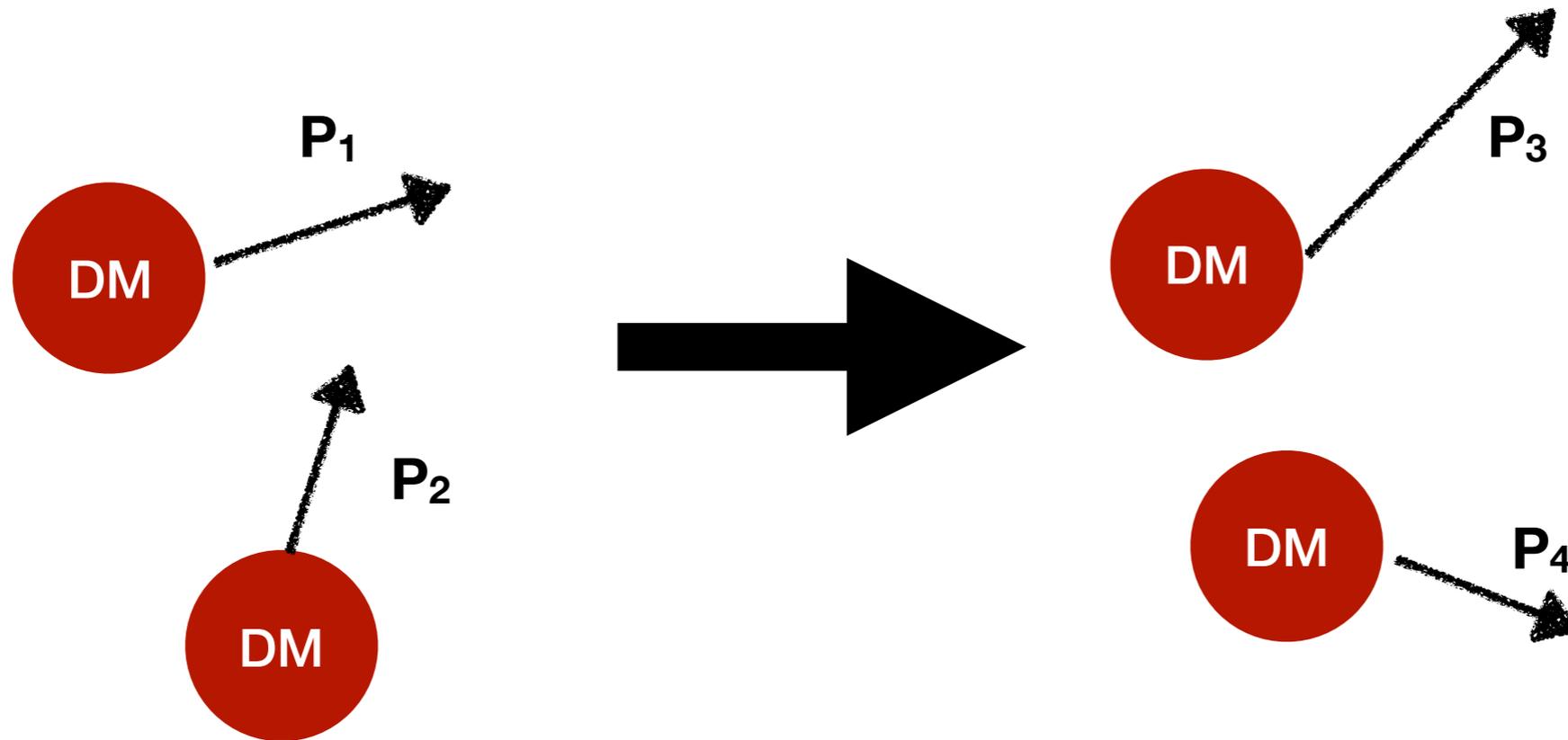
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Solution from SIDM

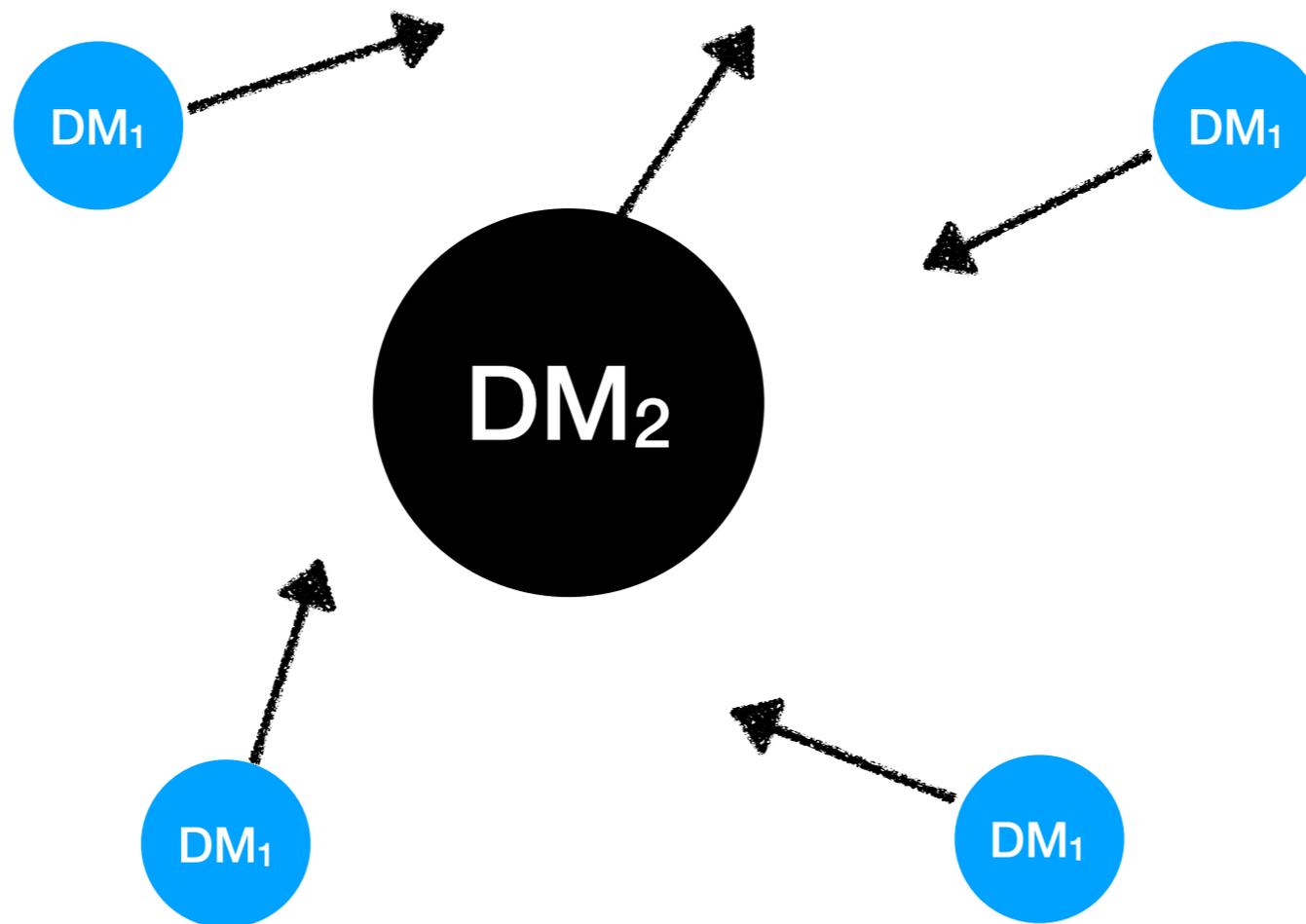
$$\frac{\sigma}{m} \sim \frac{\text{cm}^2}{\text{g}}$$

$$R = \sigma v_{\text{rel}} \rho_{\text{DM}} / m \sim 0.1 \text{ Gyr}^{-1}$$

For individual  $\text{DM}_1$ , one collision per 10 Gyr is enough.  
Due to equal mass, one collision is **effective**.

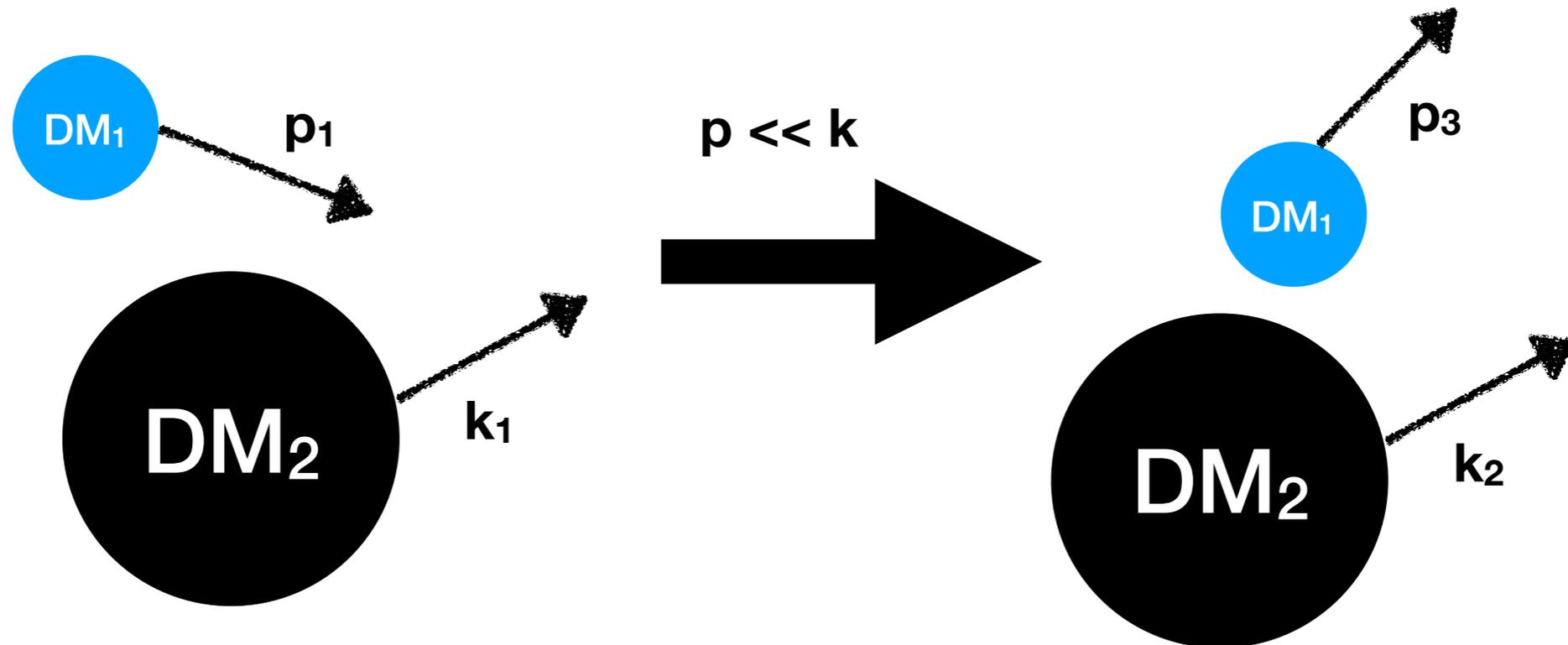
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- Co-IDM picture:
  1. two DM component  $DM_1$  and  $DM_2$  (two WIMPs example)
  2.  $m_1$  (1GeV)  $\ll$   $m_2$  (1TeV), relic density fraction  $f_1 \gg f_2$
  3. 1-2 interaction cross-section  $\gg$  1-1 and 2-2 interactions



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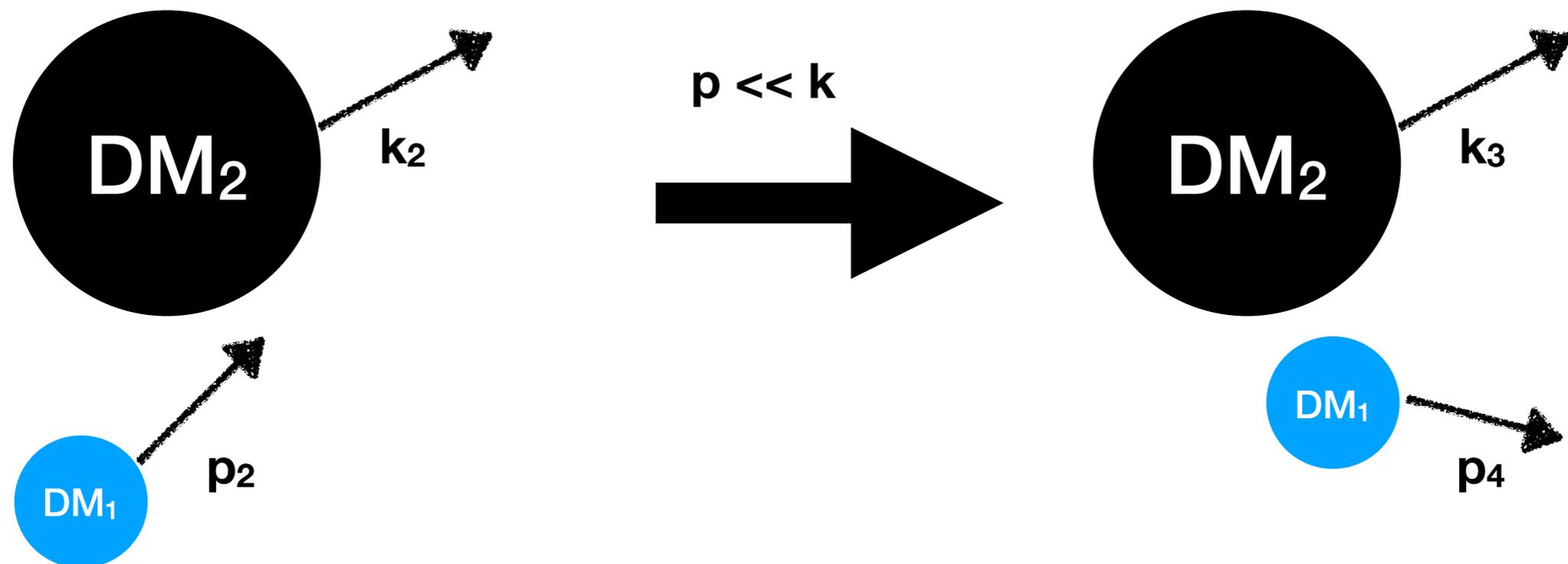
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- Both DM<sub>1</sub> and DM<sub>2</sub> have similar initial velocity dispersion from gravitational falling

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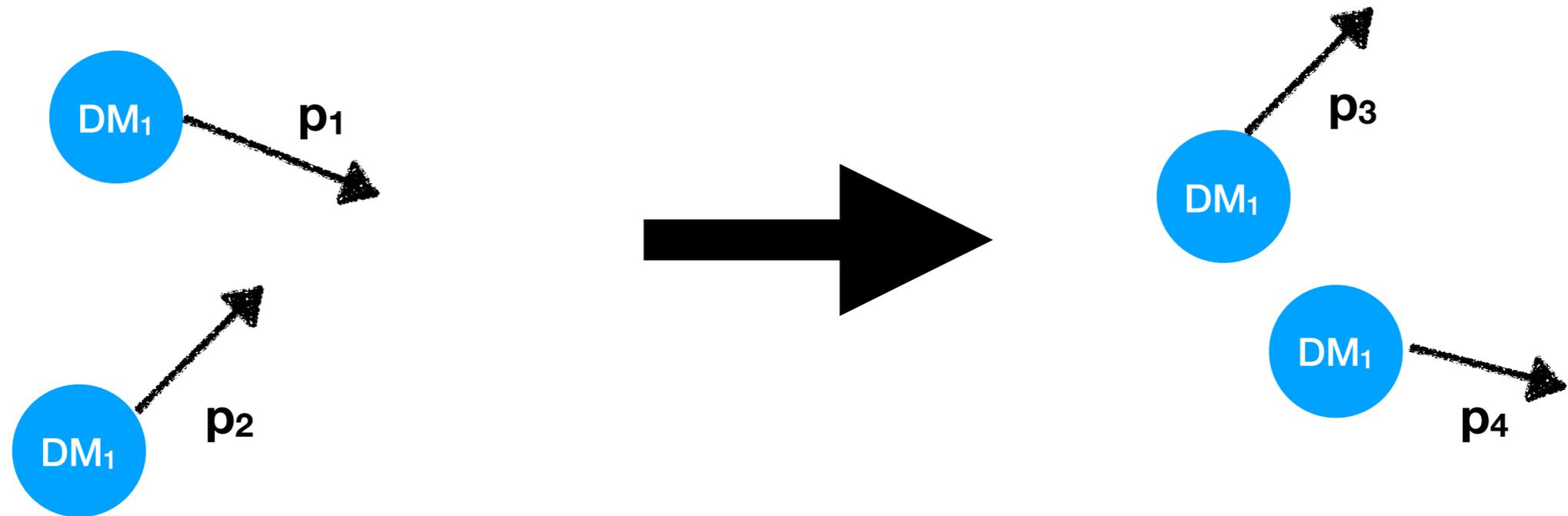
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- After the first collision, another DM<sub>1</sub> collides with DM<sub>2</sub>
- $m_1 \ll m_2$  : DM<sub>1</sub> significantly change momentum by one collision, while DM<sub>2</sub> needs  $(DM_2/DM_1)^2$  times of scattering (the random walk penalty)

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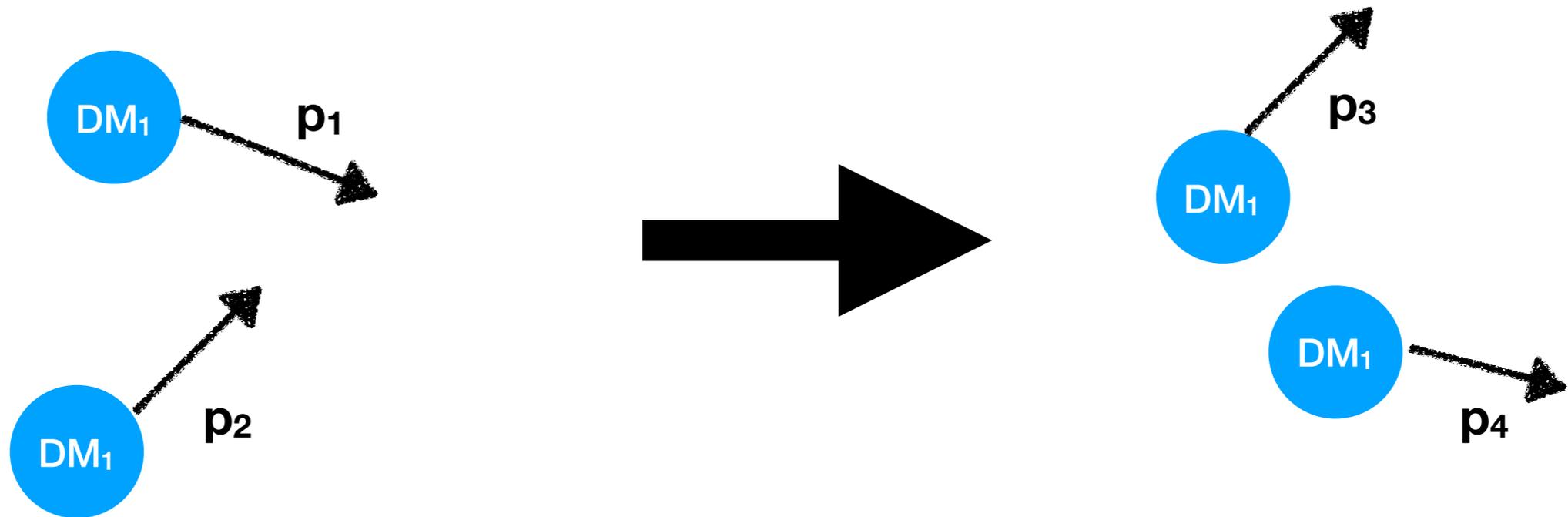
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- Neglecting DM<sub>2</sub> momentum/energy changes (small  $f_2$  = small total kinetic energy)
- **The Net effect:** DM<sub>1</sub> particles has kinetic energy transfer between themselves

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Solution from Co-Interaction DM

$$\begin{aligned} R_1 &= (\sigma_{12} v_{\text{rel}}) \rho_{\text{DM}_2} / m_2 \\ &= f_2 (\sigma_{12} v_{\text{rel}}) \rho_{\text{DM}} / m_2 \sim 0.1 \text{ Gyr}^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

1. For each DM<sub>1</sub>, one collision with DM<sub>2</sub> per 10 Gyr is enough.
2. Due to small mass, one collision for DM<sub>1</sub> is **effective**.
3. For each DM<sub>2</sub>, it has many collisions with DM<sub>1</sub> per 10 Gyr, but its momentum change is suppressed by random walk factors.

# Co-Interacting dark matter

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- Novelty:
  1.  $A'$  (DM<sub>1</sub>) dominant component,  $m_1 \ll eV$
  2.  $\psi$  (DM<sub>2</sub>) dark fermion subdominant,  $m_2 \sim \text{weak scale}$
- Unusual features:
  1.  $A'$  has large occupation number
  2. two components has huge mass difference
- Other assumptions:
  1. similar initial velocity dispersion
  2.  $f_1 + f_2 = 1$

# A' and $\psi$ scattering

$$\psi(k_1) + A'(p_1) \rightarrow \psi(k_2) + A'(p_2)$$

- Boltzmann equation

$$(\partial_t + v_i \partial_{x_i} + \dot{v}_i \partial_{v_i}) \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{t}) = \mathcal{C}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{t})$$

Collisional kernels in the limit of large occupation number  $\mathcal{N}^{A'} \gg 1$

$$C_\psi \simeq \sum_{spin} \int \frac{d^3 \mathbf{p}_1 d^3 \mathbf{k}_2}{(2\pi)^5 8m_A^2 m_\psi^2} |\mathbf{M}(\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{k}_2, \mathbf{p}_2)|^2 \times \delta(E_{k_1} + E_{p_1} - E_{k_2} - E_{p_2}) \mathcal{N}_{p_1}^{A'} \mathcal{N}_{p_2}^{A'} \left( \mathcal{N}_{k_2}^\psi - \mathcal{N}_{k_1}^\psi \right)$$

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Recall normally it is

$$\mathcal{N}_1 \mathcal{N}_2 (1 \pm \mathcal{N}_3) (1 \pm \mathcal{N}_4) - \mathcal{N}_3 \mathcal{N}_4 (1 \pm \mathcal{N}_1) (1 \pm \mathcal{N}_2) \approx (\mathcal{N}_1 \mathcal{N}_2 - \mathcal{N}_3 \mathcal{N}_4)$$

# Novel features

$$\psi(k_1) + A'(p_1) \rightarrow \psi(k_2) + A'(p_2)$$

## 1. Large occupation number of $A'$

$$\langle \mathcal{N}^{A'} \rangle \sim \frac{\rho_{A'}/m_{A'}}{m_{A'}^3 v_0^3} \sim 3 \times 10^{76} \times \left( \frac{\rho_{A'}}{0.1 M_\odot / \text{pc}^3} \right) \left( \frac{m_{A'}}{10^{-18} \text{eV}} \right)^{-4} \left( \frac{v_0}{10^{-3}} \right)^{-3}$$

## 2. Suppression from the forward-backward scattering cancellation

$$p \ll k \rightarrow \left( \mathcal{N}_{k_2}^\psi - \mathcal{N}_{k_1}^\psi \right) \sim \mathcal{N}^\psi \times \frac{m_{A'}}{m_\psi}$$

## 3. Random walk suppression from multiple scattering for $\psi$

$$\Gamma_\psi \equiv \frac{C_\psi}{\mathcal{N}_\psi}, \quad \Gamma_\psi^{\text{eff}} \simeq \Gamma_\psi \frac{m_{A'}^2}{m_\psi^2}$$

“effective” = collision rate with significant momentum change

# A' and $\psi$ effective scattering rate

$$\psi(k_1) + A'(p_1) \rightarrow \psi(k_2) + A'(p_2)$$

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Small A' mass
Final state Bose enhancement
Forward-backward cancellation

Scattering cross-section

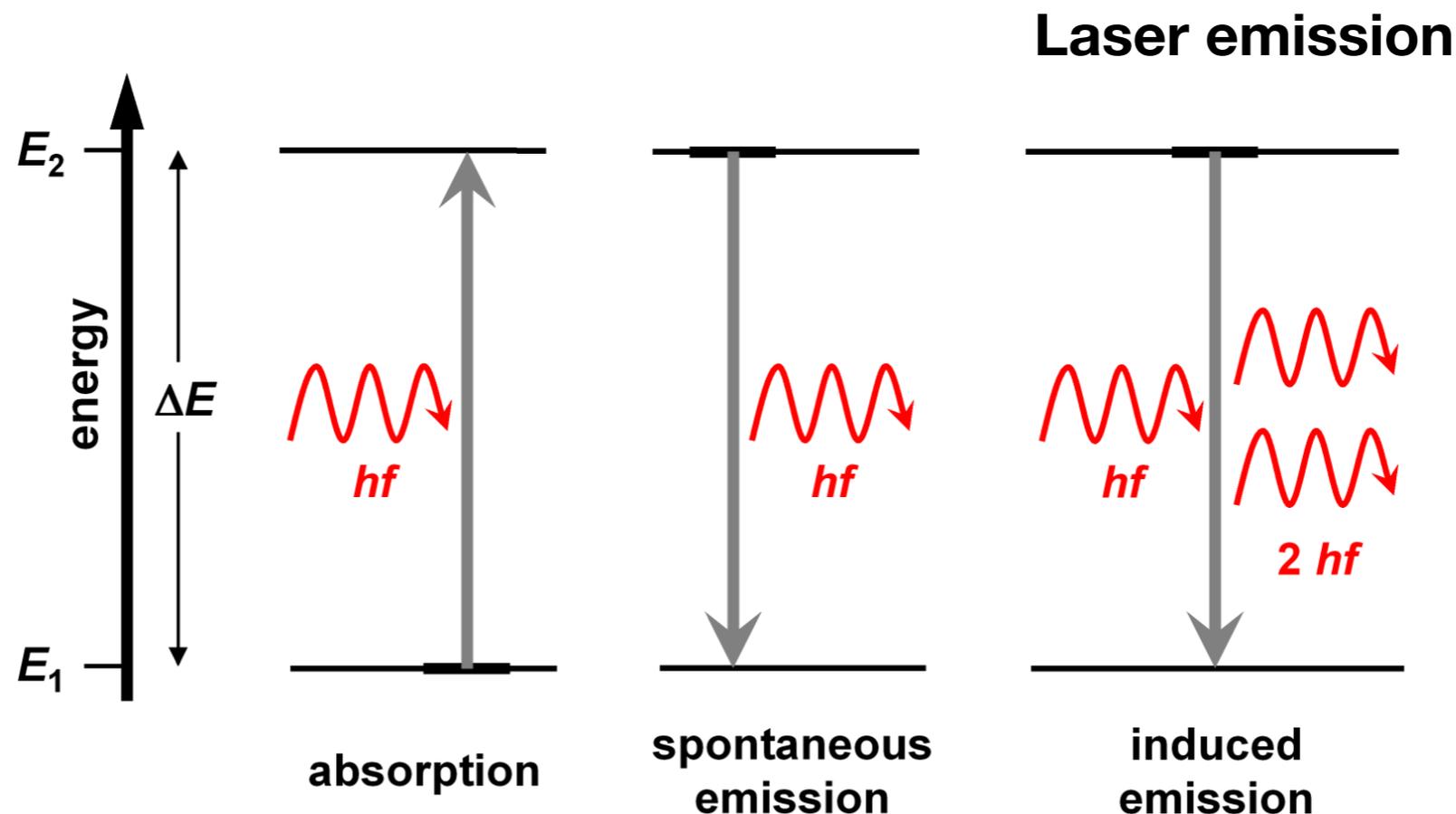
$$\langle \sigma v \rangle_{\psi A'} \simeq \frac{g'^4 v_{\text{rel}}}{4\pi m_{\psi}^2}$$

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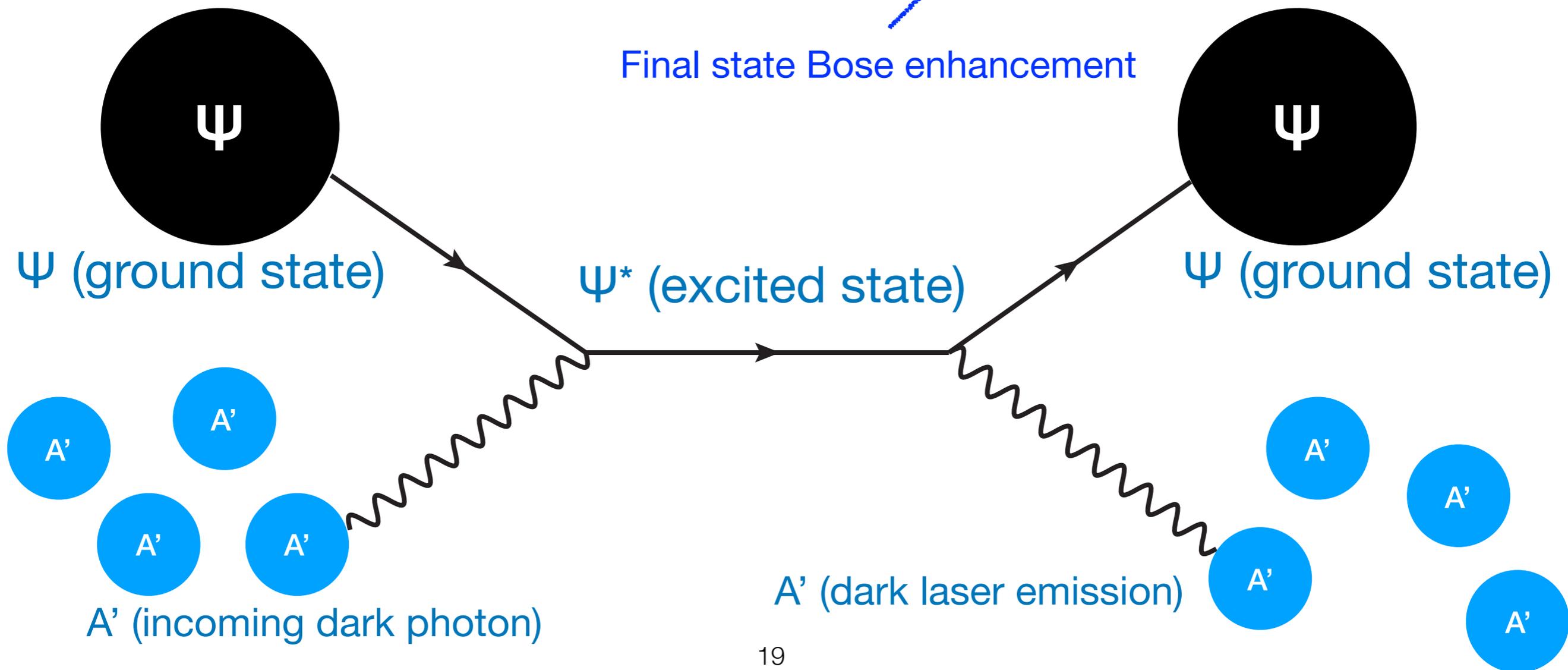
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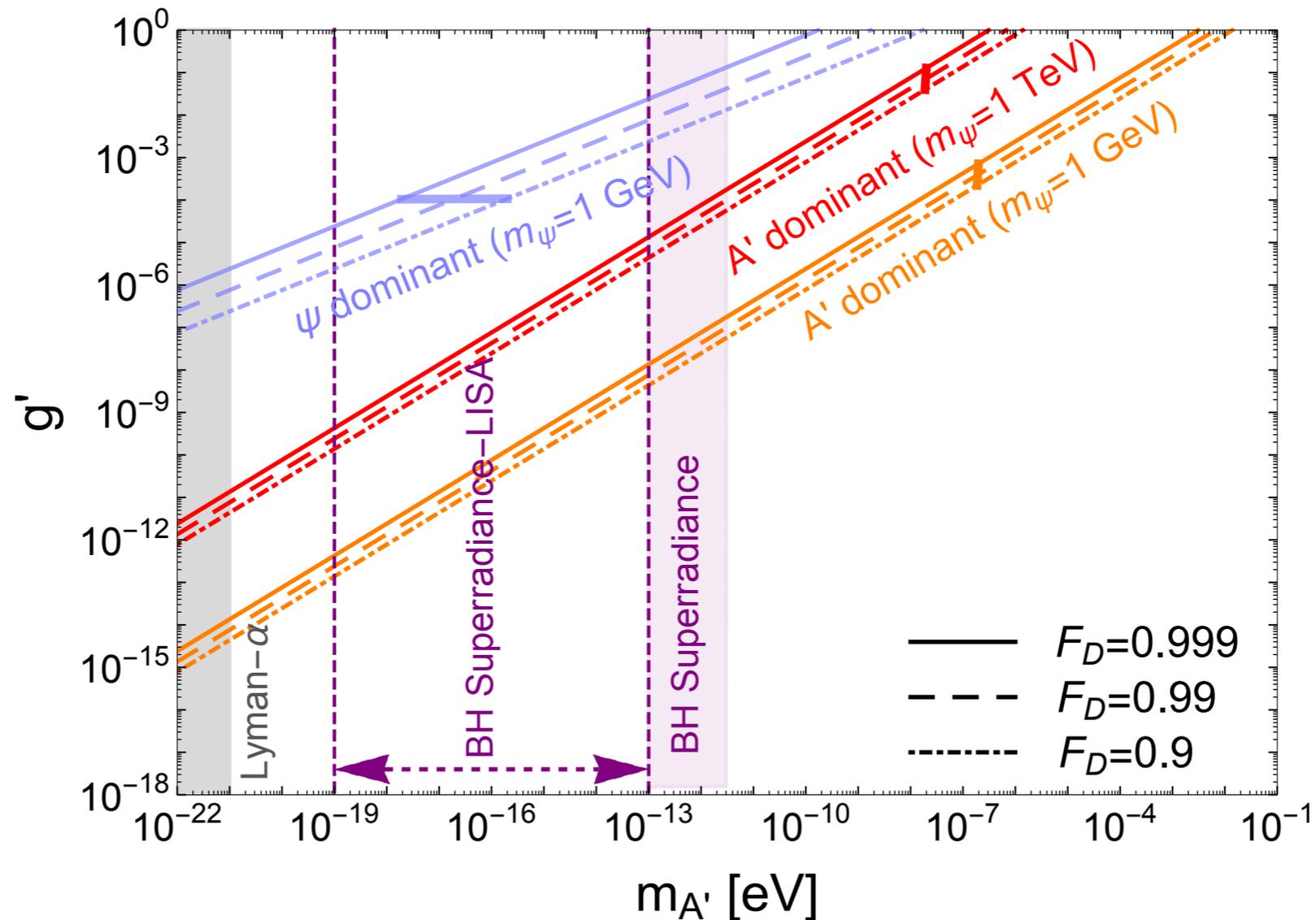


# A' and $\psi$ effective scattering rate

$$\psi(k_1) + A'(p_1) \rightarrow \psi(k_2) + A'(p_2)$$

- In typical dwarf galaxies

$$\Gamma_{A'}^{\text{eff}} \approx 0.14 \text{Gyr}^{-1} \frac{F_\psi}{0.05} \left( \frac{g'}{10^{-12}} \right)^4 \left( \frac{m_{A'}}{10^{-18} \text{eV}} \right)^{-3} \left( \frac{m_\psi}{1 \text{GeV}} \right)^{-4} \times \left( \frac{v_{\text{rel}}}{10 \text{km/s}} \right) \left( \frac{v_0}{10 \text{km/s}} \right)^{-3} \left( \frac{\rho_{\text{DM}}}{0.1 M_\odot / \text{pc}^3} \right)^2$$



# Summary

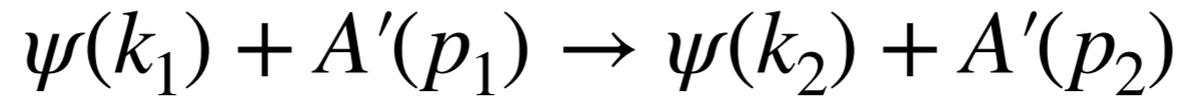
- We discussed a two component DM model as an example, that a system can be kinetically thermalized via interaction with others
- Specific DM model: ultralight  $A'$  +  $\psi$  with U(1) interactions
  - 1. Large occupation number of  $A'$
  - 2. Forward-backward scattering cancellation
  - 3. Random walk suppression for  $\psi$
- Dark atom laser emission solves the core-cusp problem for ultralight  $A'$  DM in  $[10^{-19}, 10^{-7}]$  eV mass range.

$$\psi(k_1) + A'(p_1) \rightarrow \psi^* \rightarrow \psi(k_2) + A'(p_2)$$

*Thank you!*

# Backup slides

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Small A' mass (points to  $\Gamma_{A'}^{\text{eff}}$ )  
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Final state Bose enhancement (points to  $\langle \mathcal{N}^{A'} \rangle$ )  
Forward-backward cancellation (points to  $\left( \frac{m_{A'}}{m_{\psi}} \right)$ )

$$\langle \sigma v \rangle_{\psi A'} \simeq \frac{g'^4 v_{\text{rel}}}{4\pi m_{\psi}^2}$$

- Rate for  $\psi$ 

$$\Gamma_{\psi}^{\text{eff}} \simeq n_{A'} \langle \sigma v \rangle_{\psi A'} \langle \mathcal{N}^{A'} \rangle \frac{m_{A'}}{m_{\psi}} \frac{m_{A'}^2}{m_{\psi}^2}$$

Large  $\psi$  mass  
Random walk factor (points to  $\frac{m_{A'}^2}{m_{\psi}^2}$ )

$$\Gamma_{\psi}^{\text{eff}} \ll \Gamma_{A'}^{\text{eff}}$$