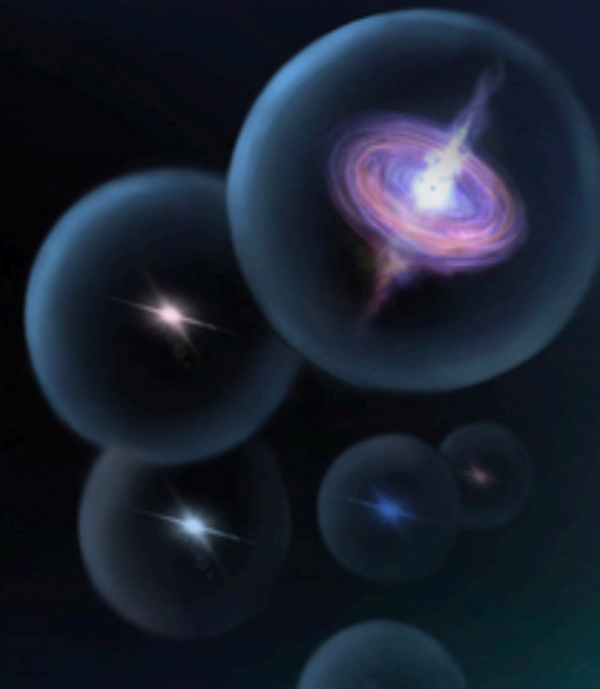
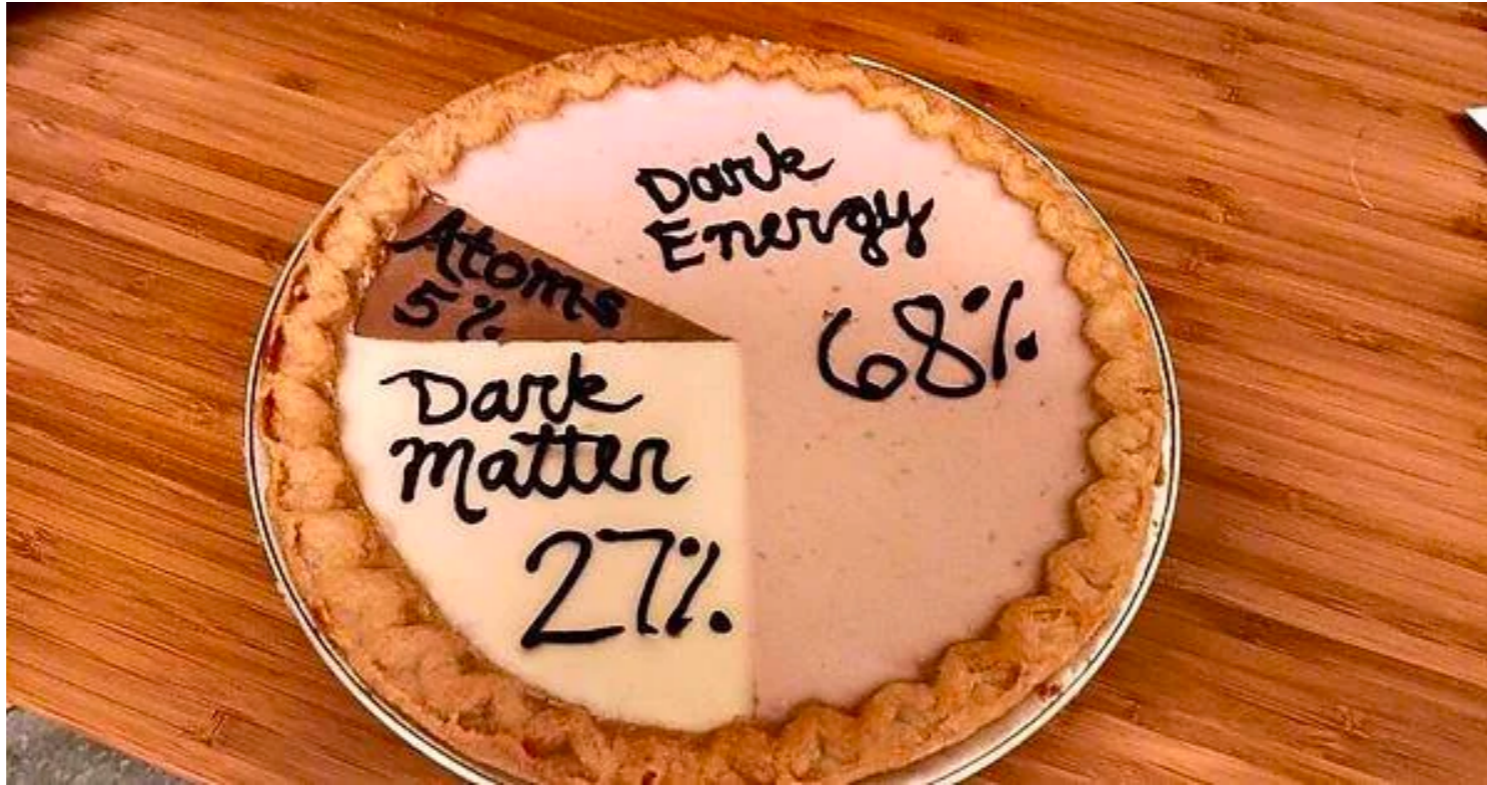


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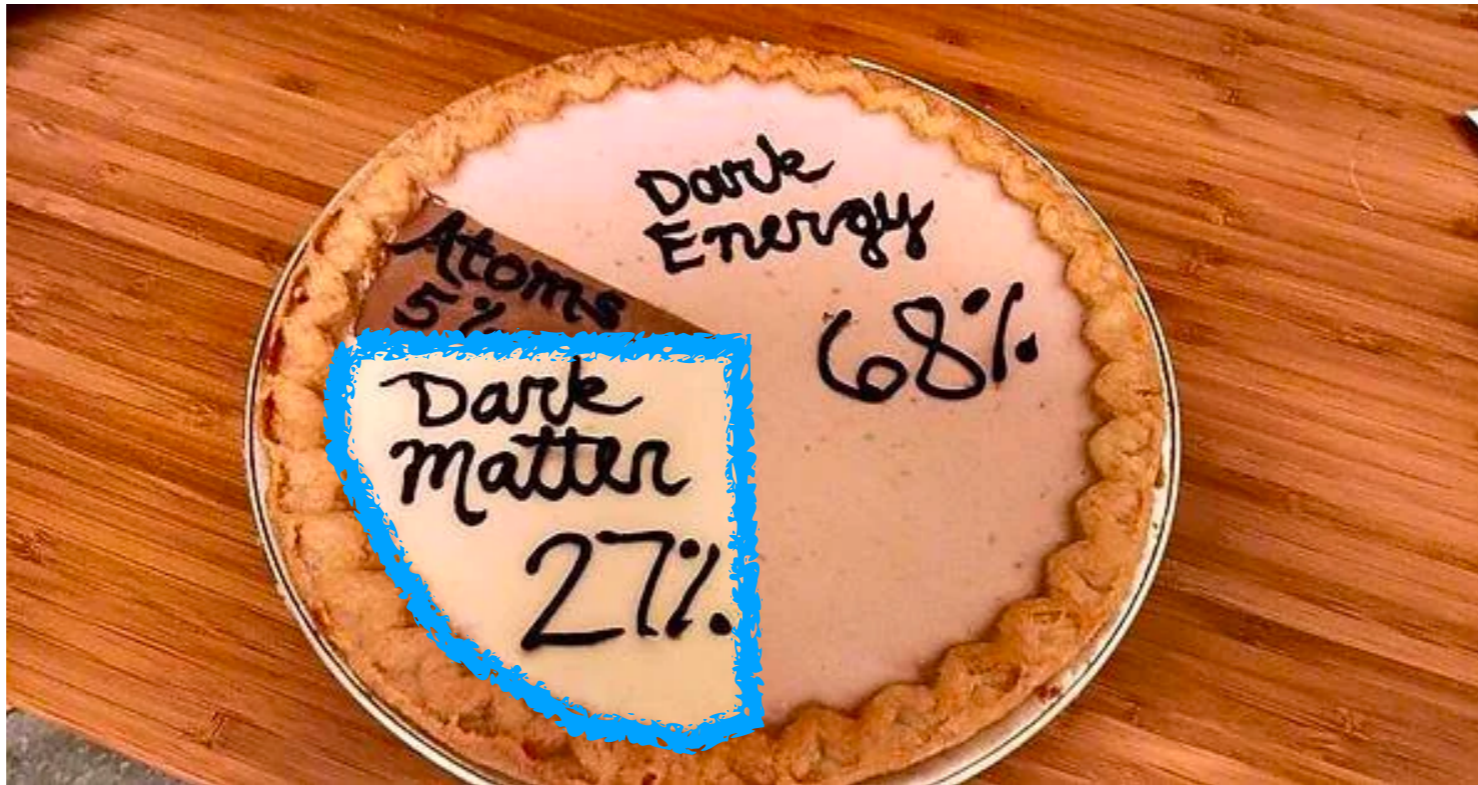
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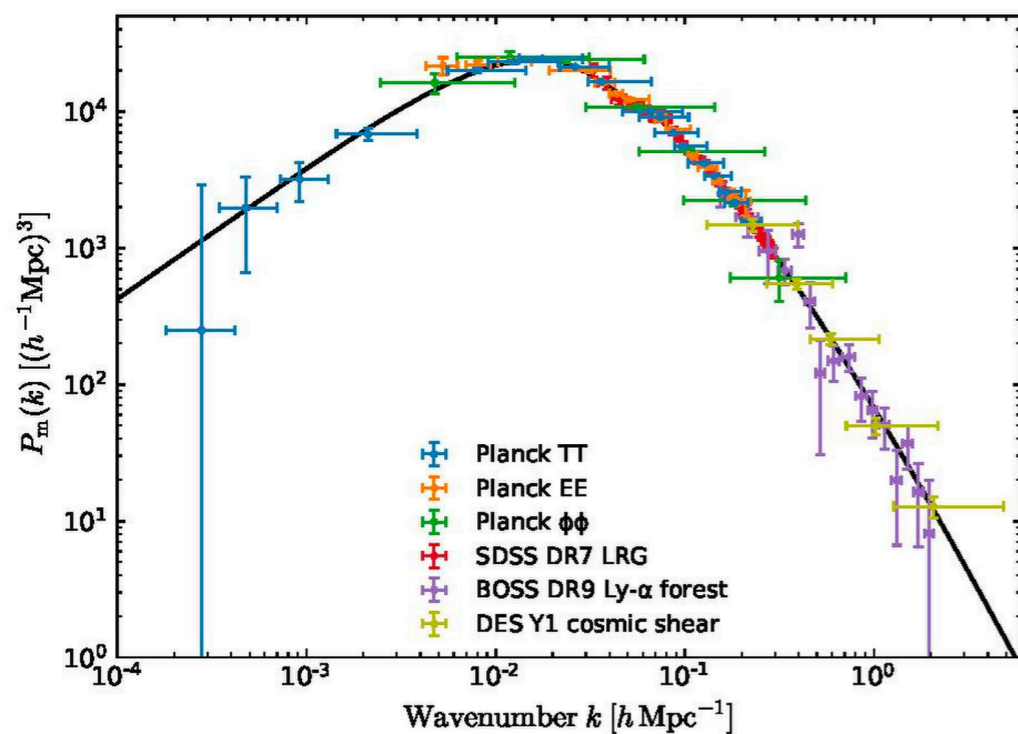




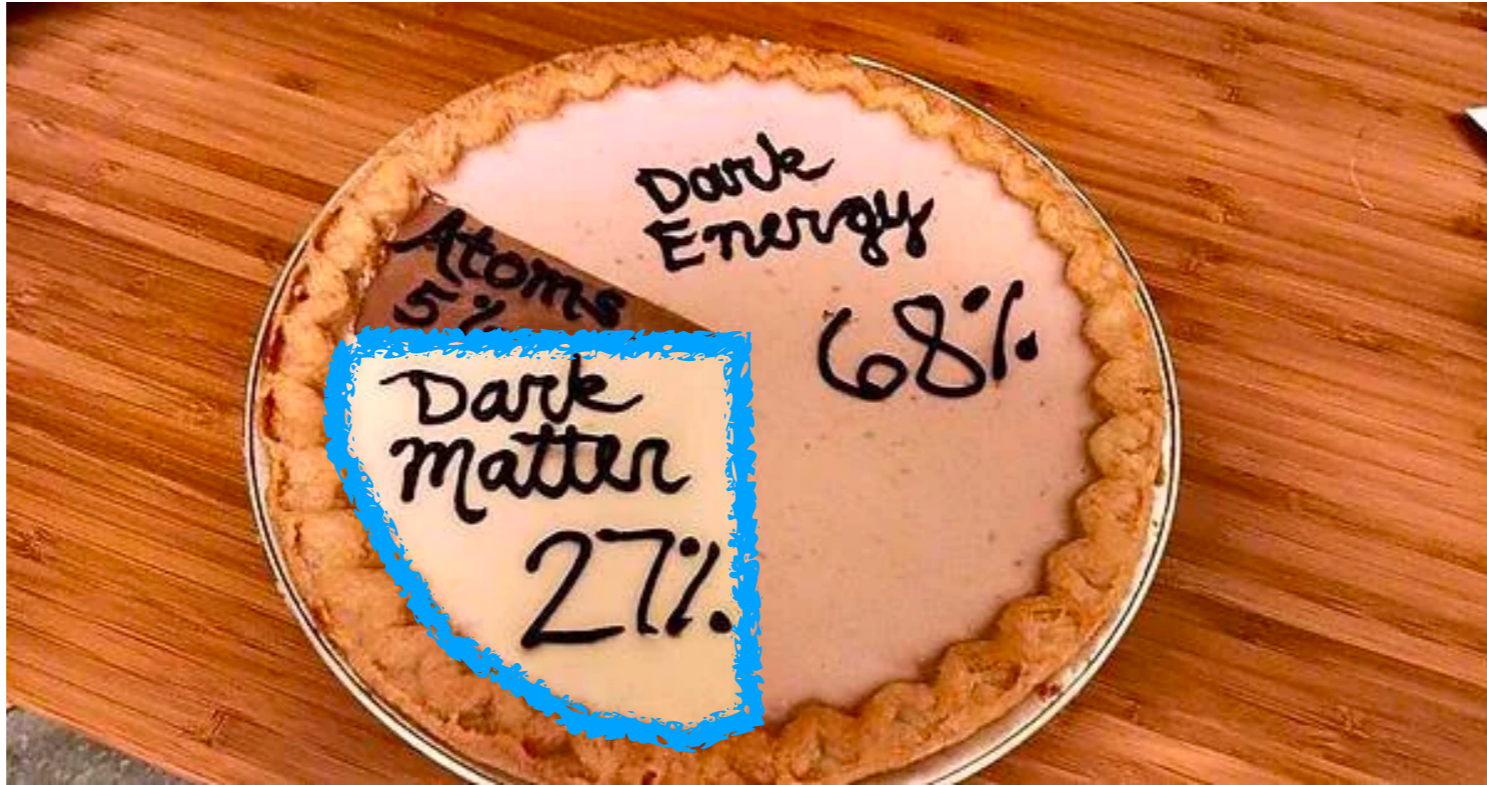
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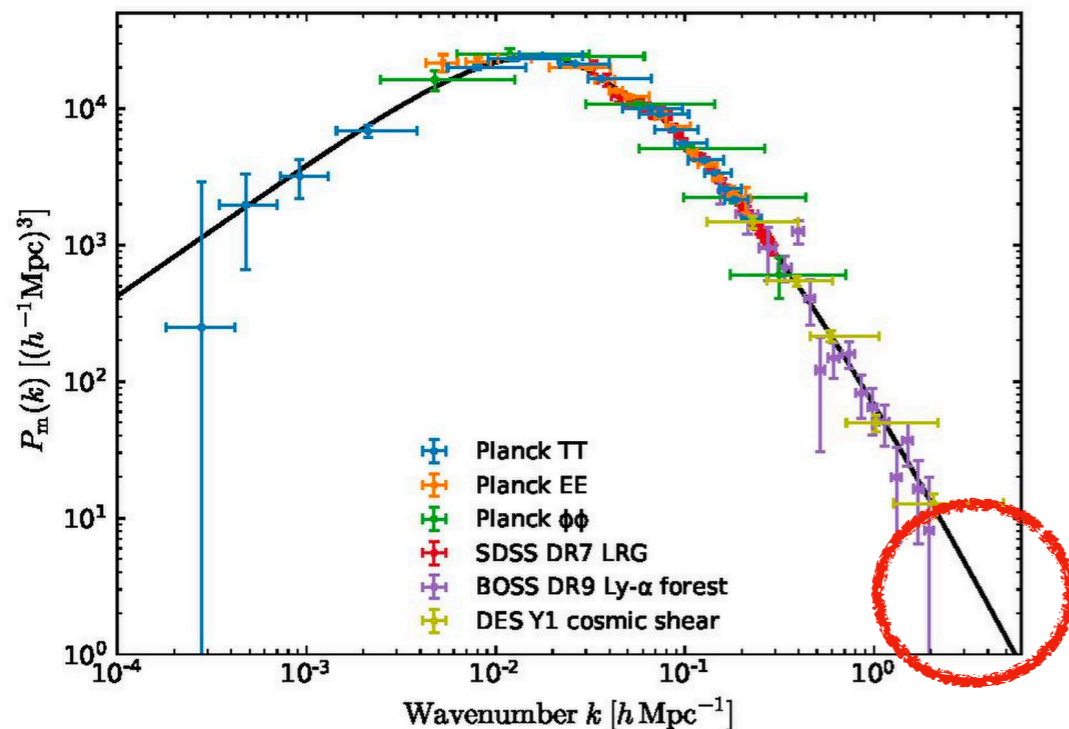
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- However, we have room to consider other dark matter scenarios such as **axion-like ultralight dark matter**, **warm dark matter**, etc
- They have an impact on small scale fluctuations.

# Axion particles

In QCD(Quantum ChromoDynamics) **theory**, it is known that there exists the term that *violates CP symmetry* in Lagrangian.

$$L = L_0 + \frac{\theta}{32\pi^2} F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu}$$



However, **experiments** show that the Lagrangian *conserves CP symmetry*.

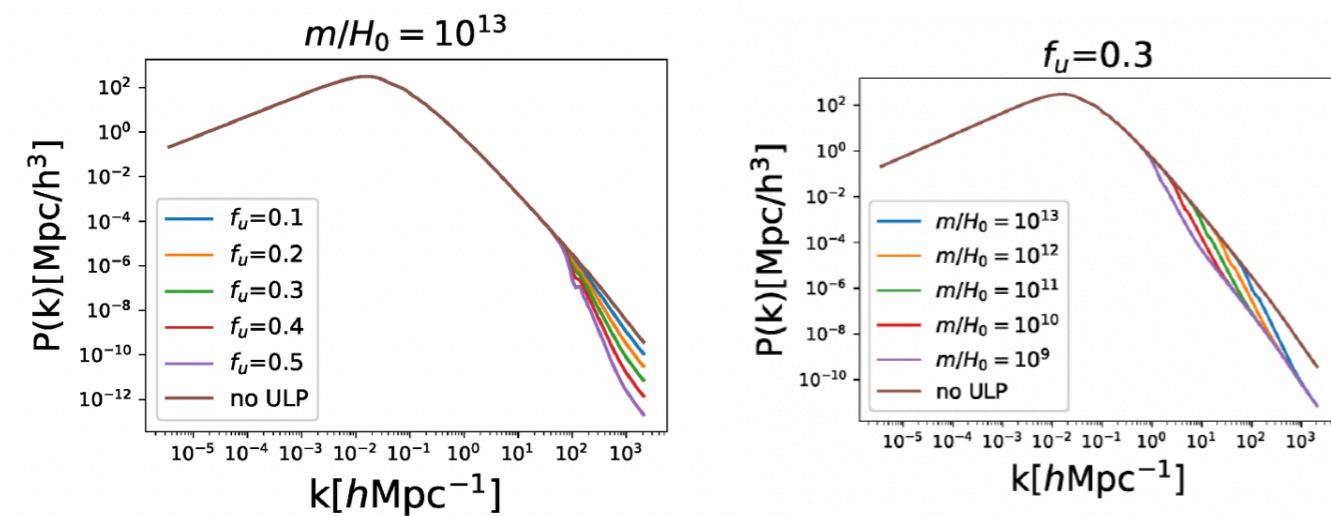
To conserve CP symmetry, **Peccei-Quinn(PQ) symmetry** was introduced (Peccei &Quinn(1977)).

As the result of breaking PQ symmetry, axion particles are generated (Wilczek(1978), Weinberg(1978)). **Axionlike ultralight particle (ULP) is one of the candidates of dark matter.**

# When did PQ symmetry break?

If PQ symmetry breaks **during** inflation

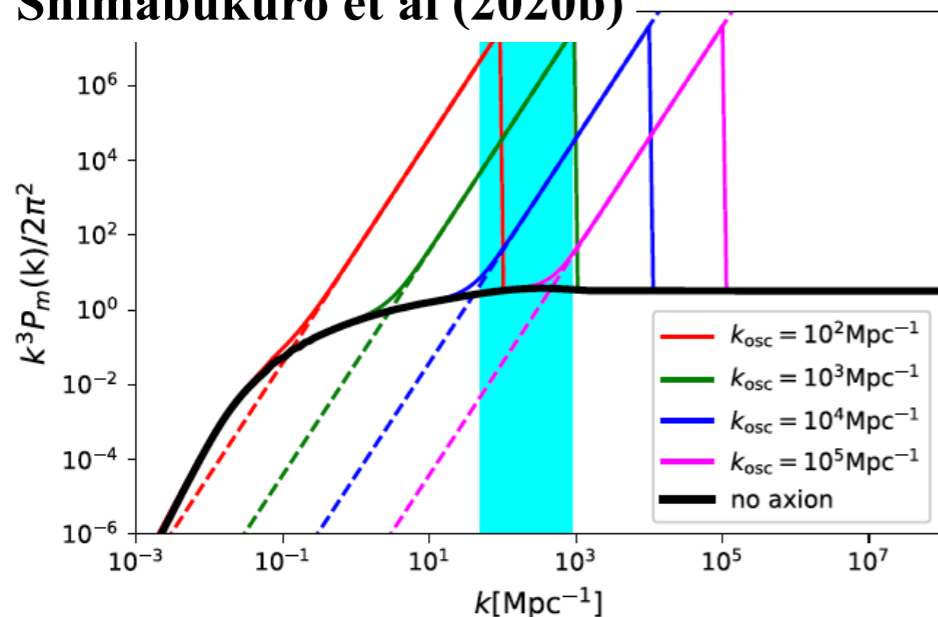
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$P(k)$  is **suppressed** inside Jeans scale because the pressure of axion prevents matter fluctuations from growing.

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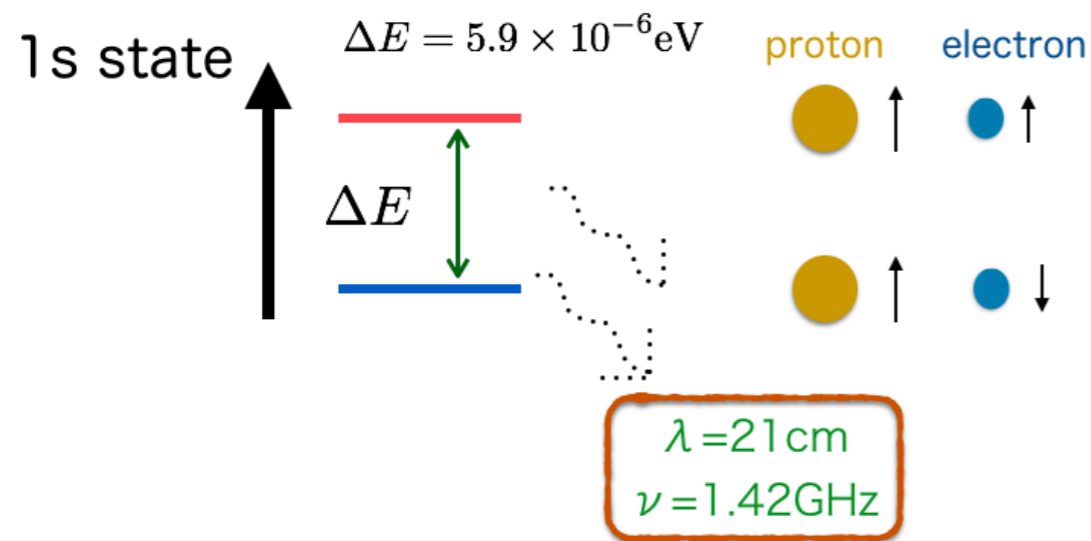
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$P(k)$  is **enhanced** because isocurvature fluctuations are generated as the result of acquiring axion mass.

*The formation of small-scale structures (minihalo) is also enhanced.*

## 21cm line



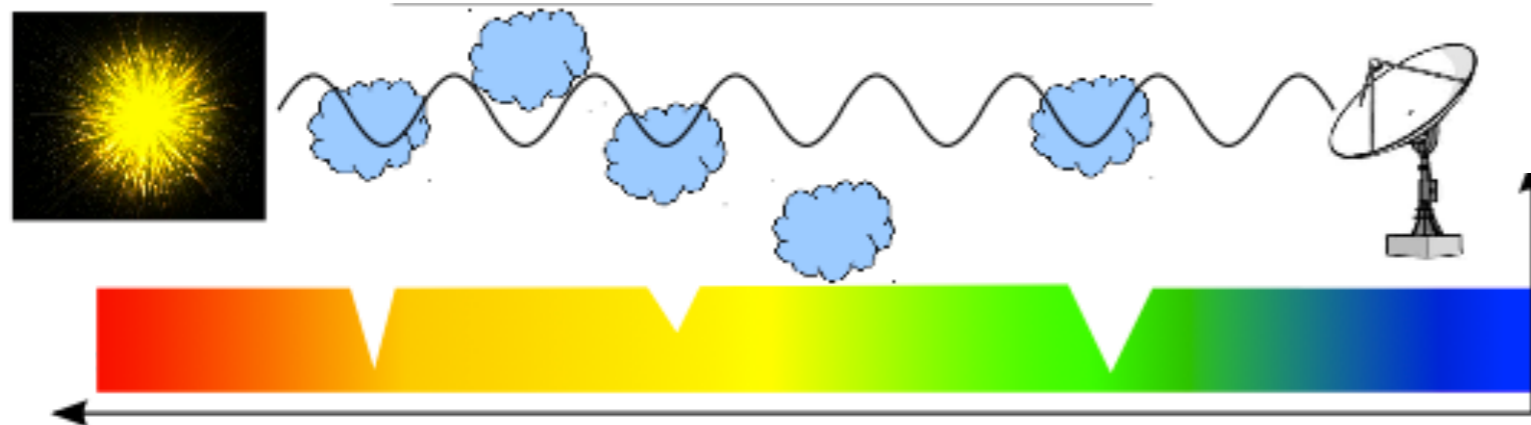
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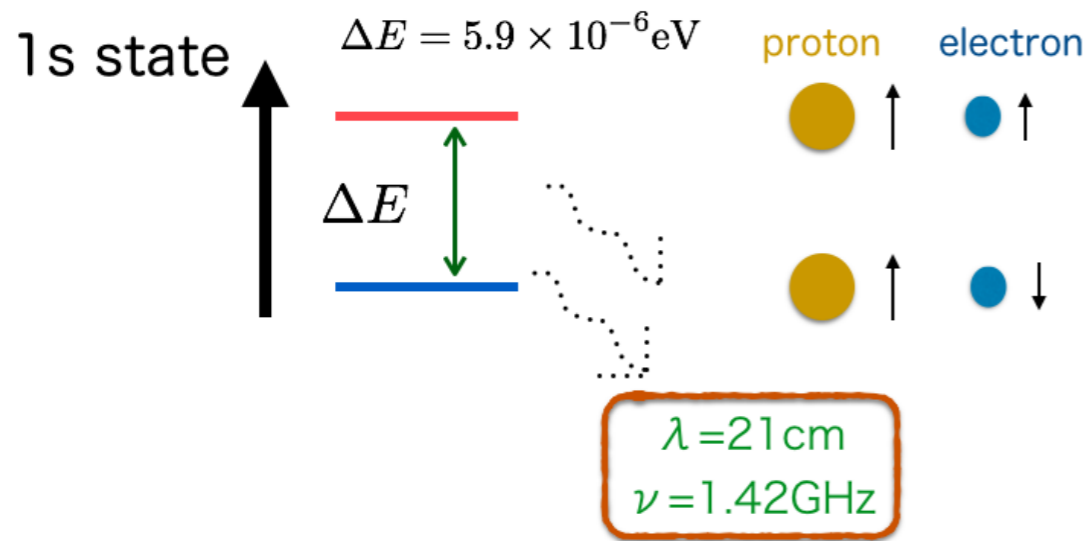
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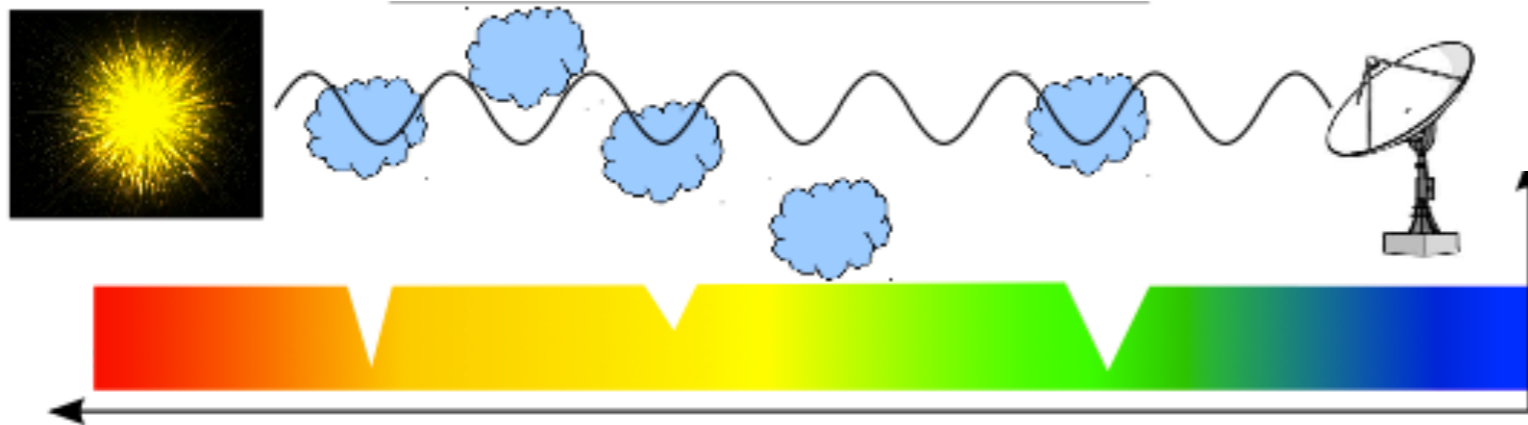
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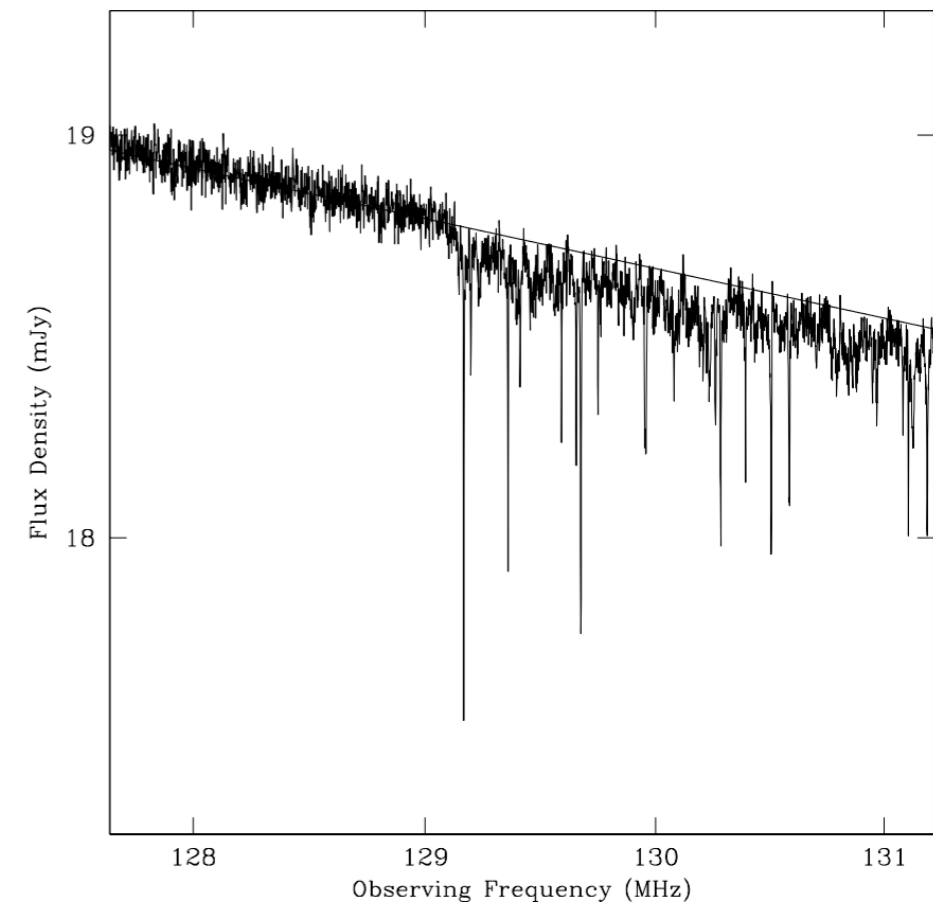
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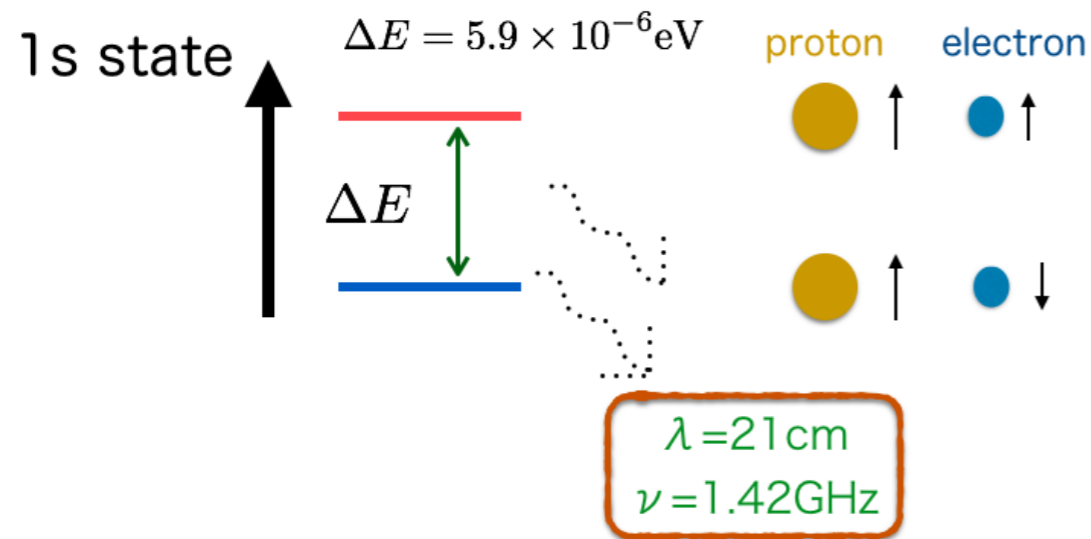


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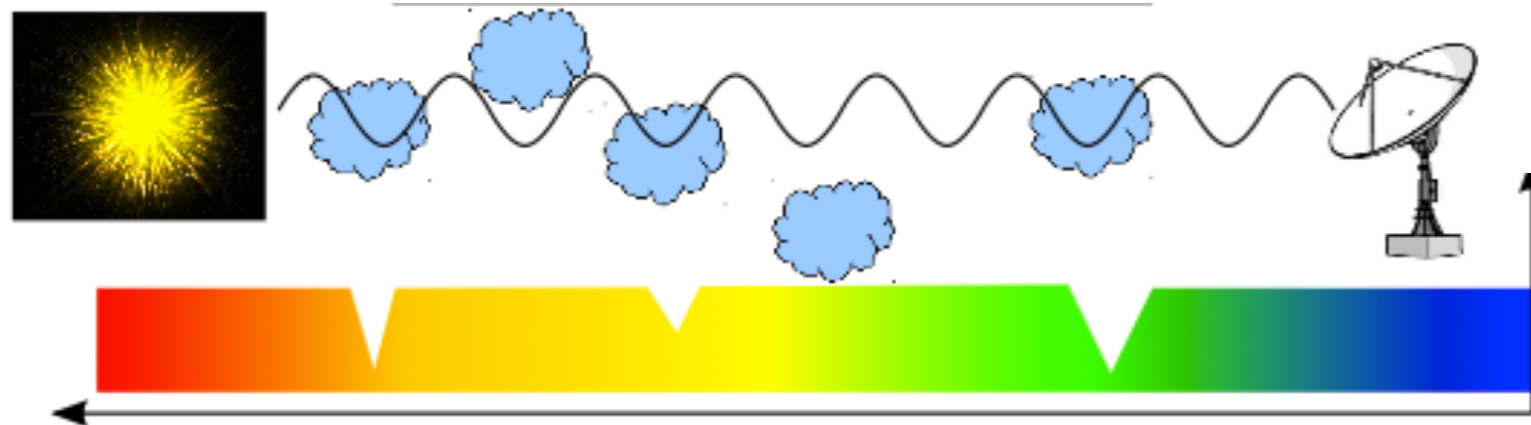
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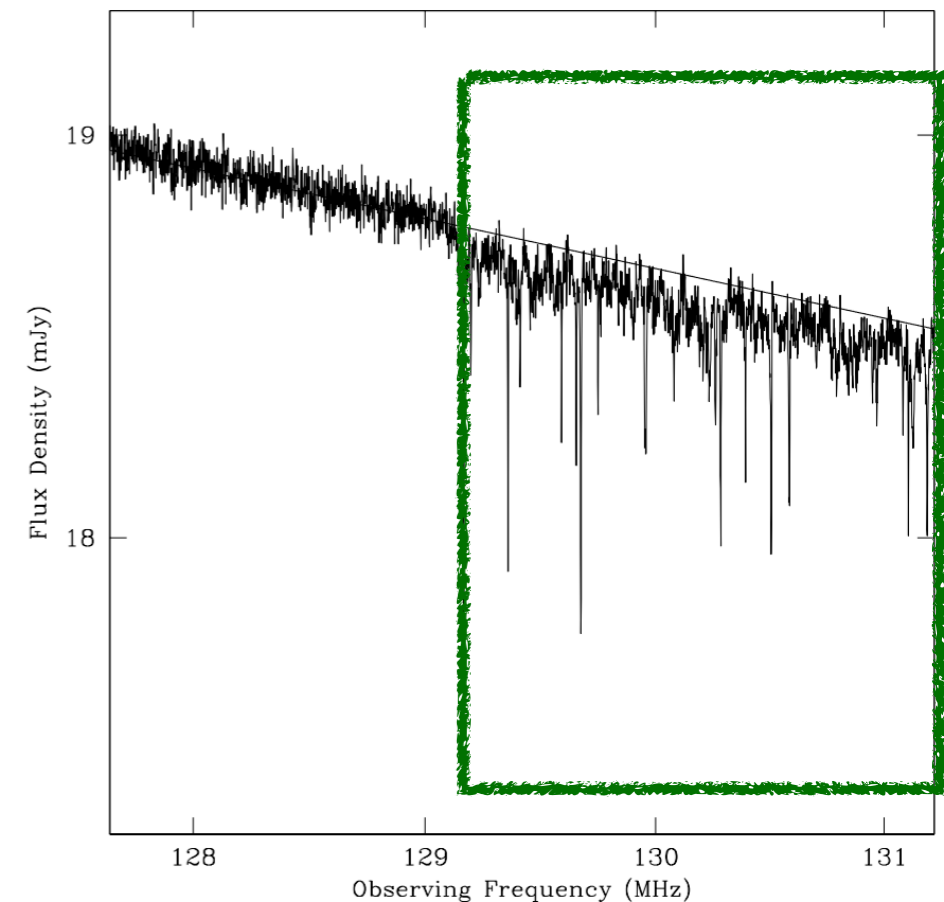
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# The key quantities in the 21cm forest

## Optical depth

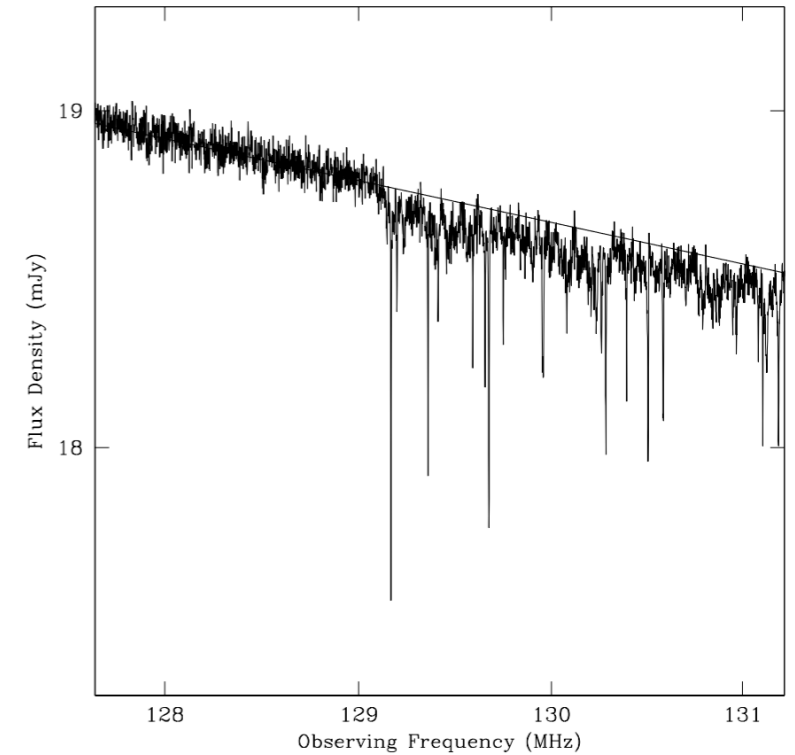
For the **IGM**

$$\tau_\nu = \frac{3c^3 h_p A_{10} n_{\text{HI}}(z)}{32\pi k \nu_0^2 T_S H(z)}$$

$$\approx 10^{-2} \left[ \frac{T_{\text{CMB}}(z)}{T_S} \right] \left( \frac{\Omega_b h}{0.035} \right) \left[ \left( \frac{0.3}{\Omega_m} \right) \left( \frac{1+z}{10} \right) \right]^{1/2} x_{\text{HI}}.$$

For the **minihalo**

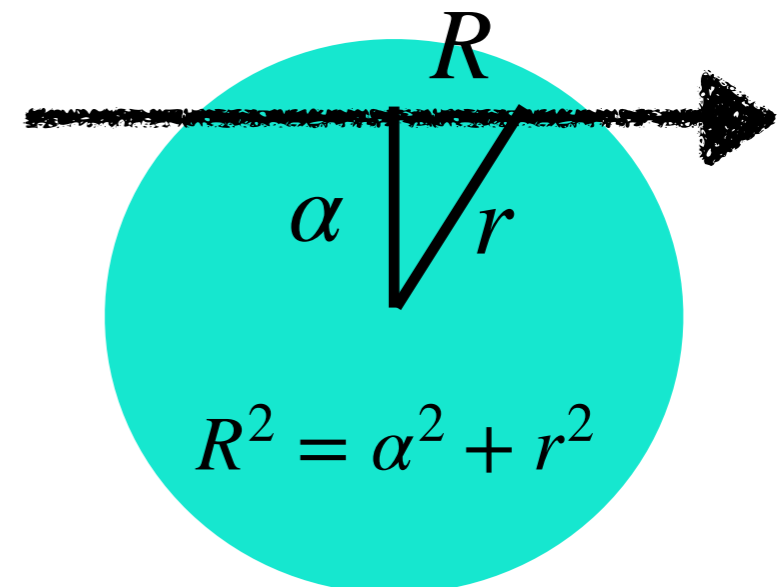
$$\tau(\nu, M, \alpha) = \frac{3h_p c^3 A_{10}}{32\pi k_B \nu_{21}^2} \int_{-R_{\text{max}}(\alpha)}^{R_{\text{max}}(\alpha)} dR \frac{n_{\text{HI}}(r)}{T_S(r) \sqrt{\pi} b} \exp\left(-\frac{v^2(\nu)}{b^2}\right),$$



Carilli+ 2002

## The number count of absorption lines caused by minihalo

$$\frac{dN(> \tau)}{dz} = \frac{dr}{dz} \int_{M_{\text{min}}}^{M_{\text{max}}} dM \frac{dN}{dM} \pi r_\tau^2(M, \tau);$$



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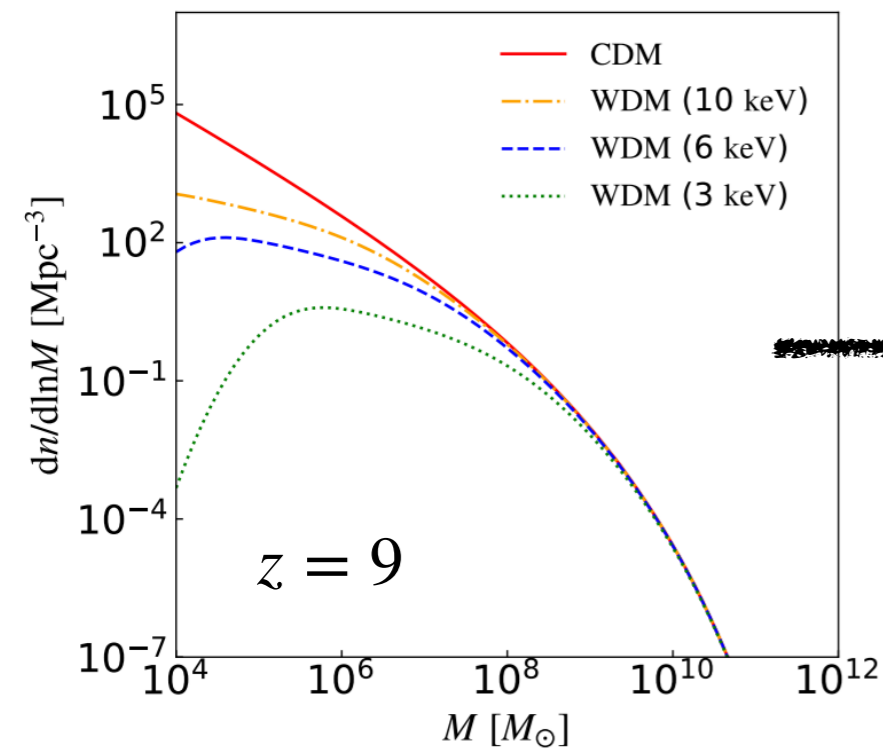
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# Why can we explore the small scale fluctuations by the 21cm forest?

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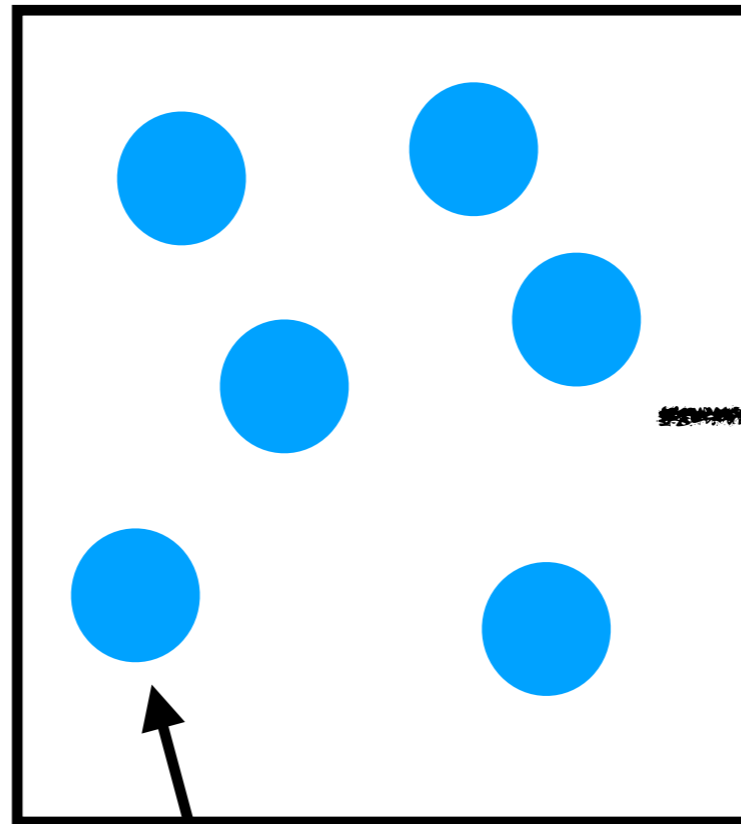
## Warm dark matter (WDM)

The effect of WDM on halo mass function



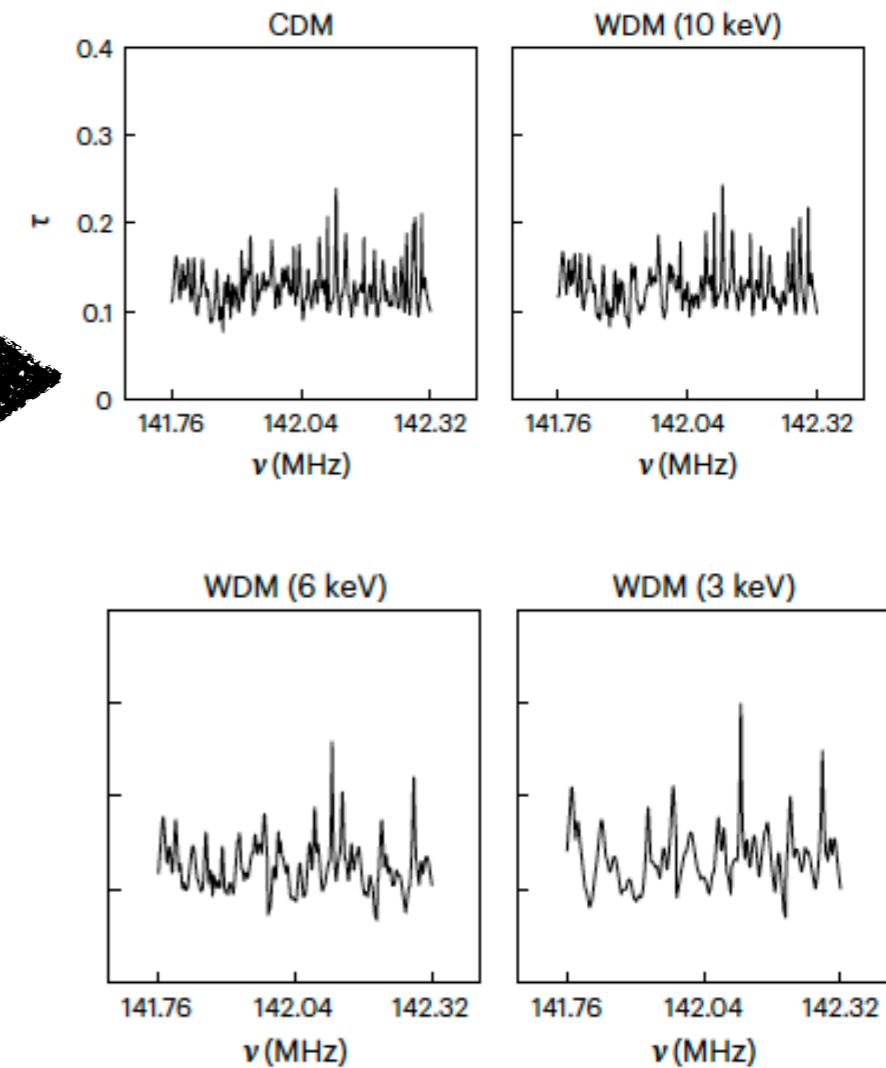
Lower WDM mass suppresses mass function at a lower halo mass range.

The number of minihalo is suppressed



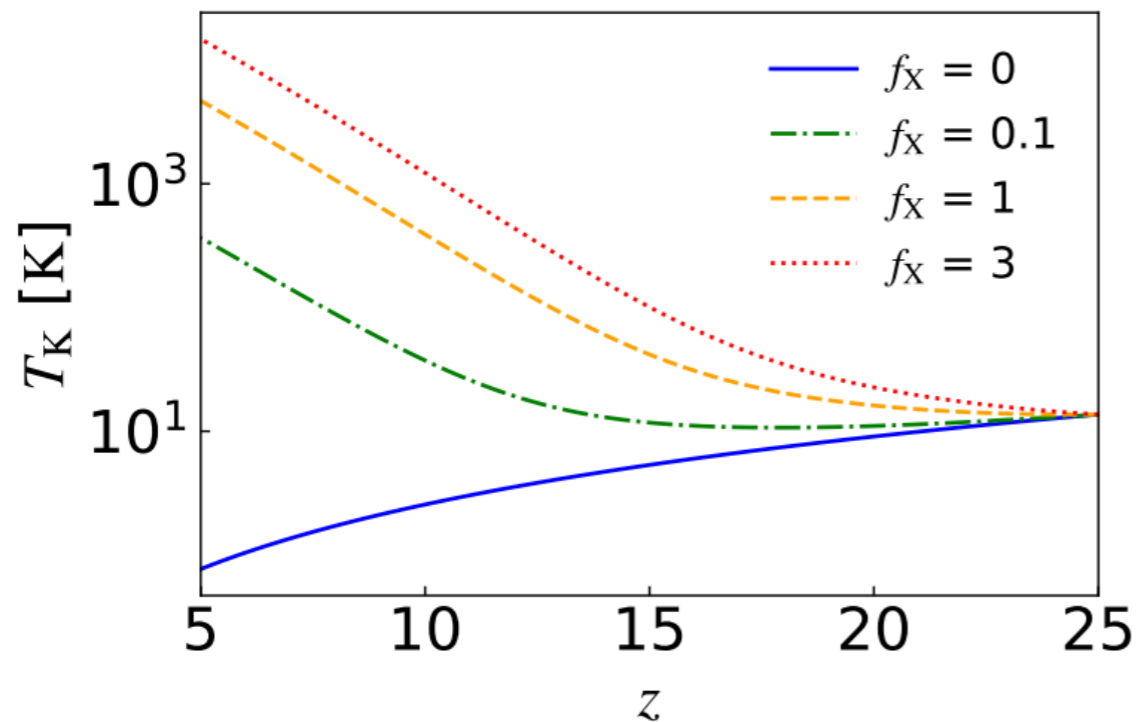
HI gas inside the halo.

21cm absorption lines are also suppressed.



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## The effect of X-ray heating on halos



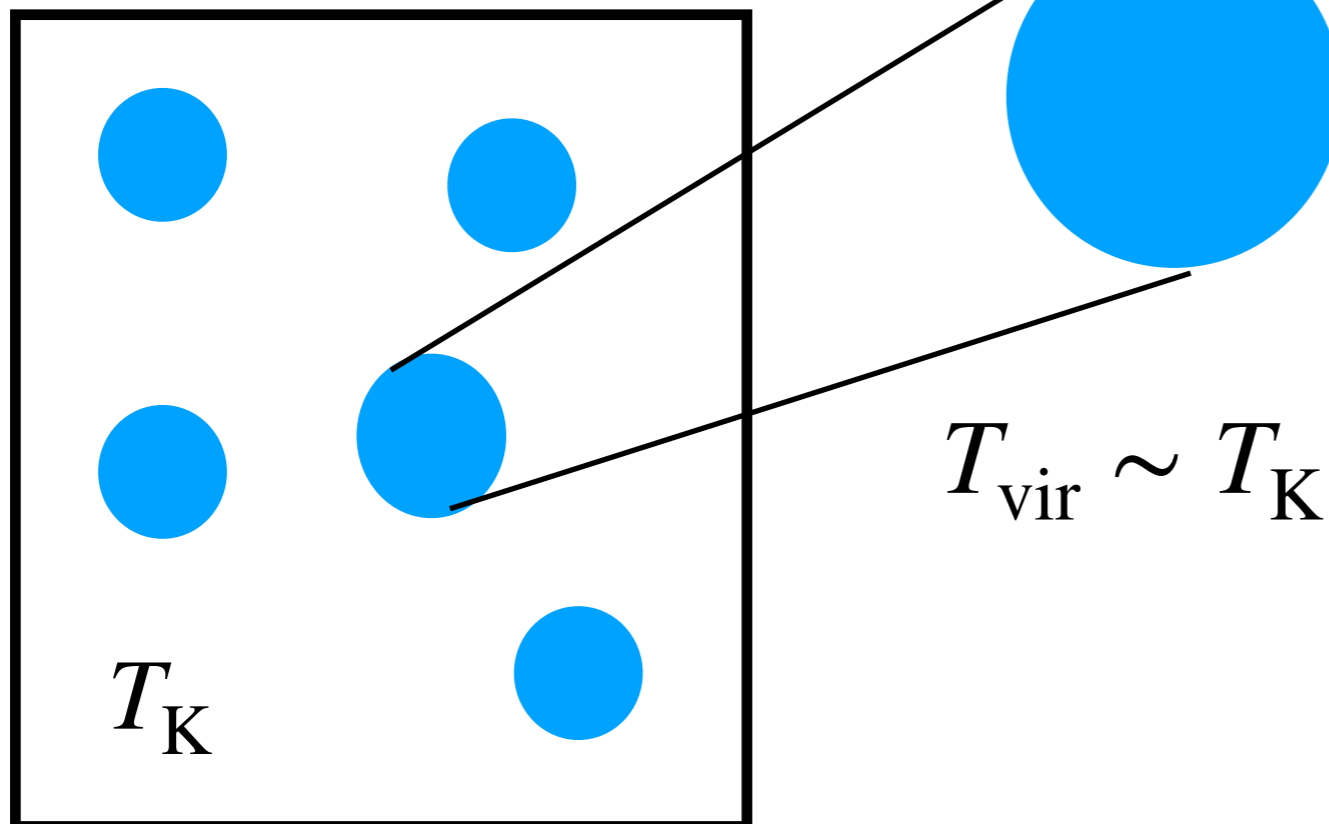
- When X-ray heating is more effective, the kinetic temperature of the gas is more heated.

$$\tau \propto \frac{1}{T_S} \sim \frac{1}{T_{\text{vir}}} \sim \frac{1}{T_K}$$

Inside the halo, the optical depth is determined by kinetic temperature

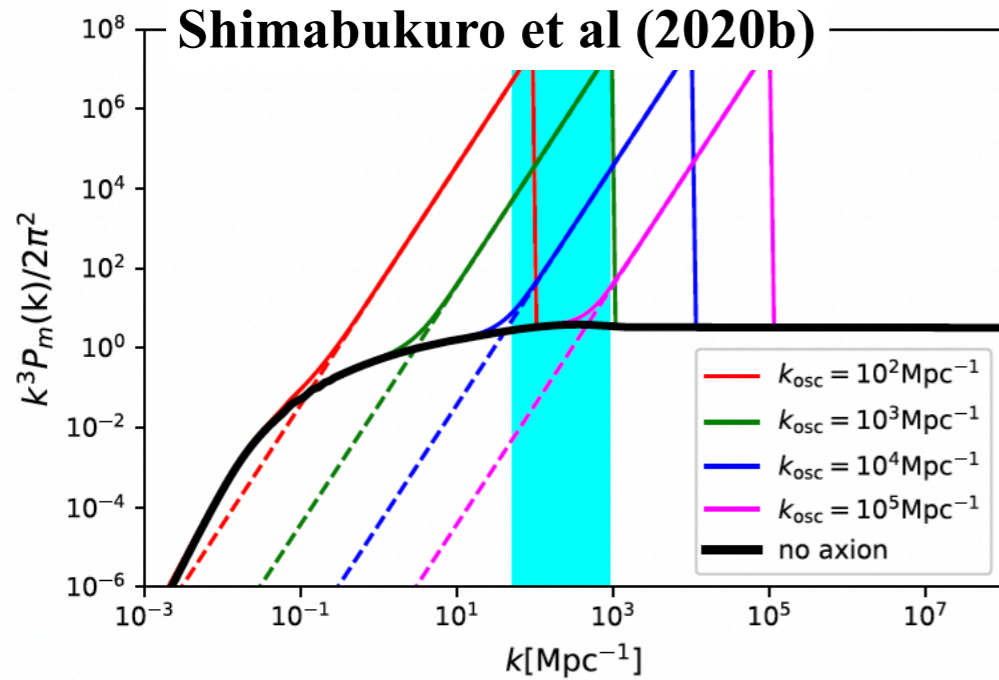


If X-ray heating is **effective** (higher  $f_X$ ), 21cm forest is **suppressed**.

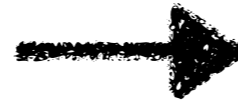
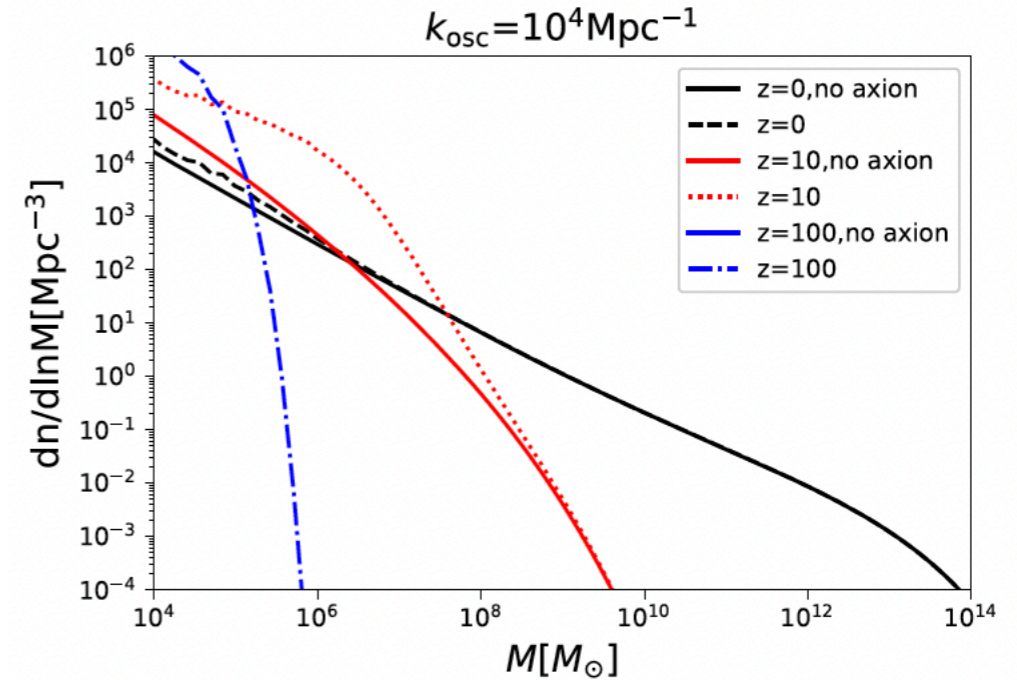


# How do we evaluate the cosmological effects on the 21cm forest?

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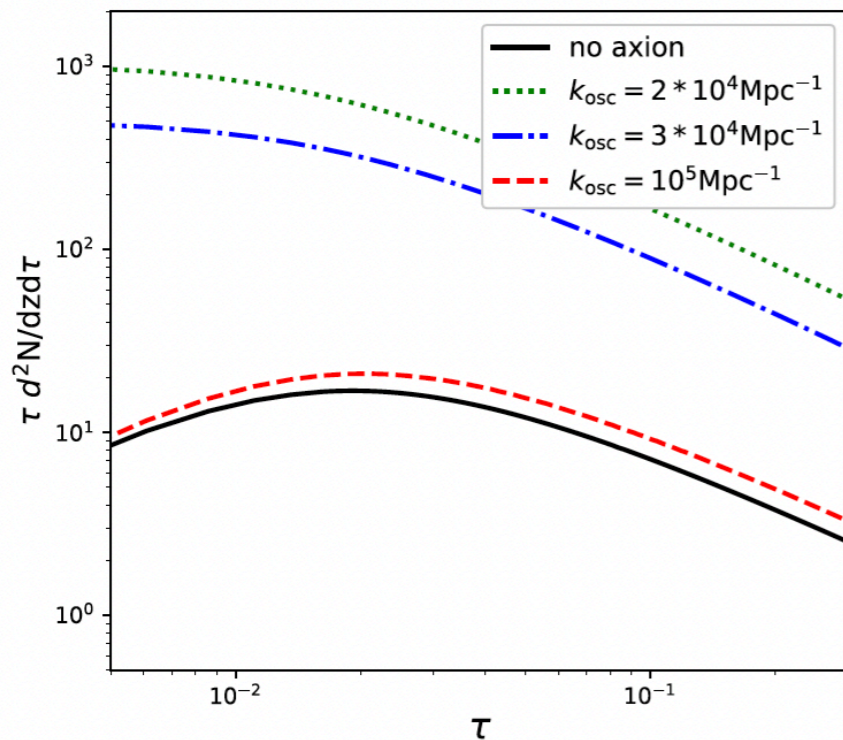
## •Halo mass function



## •The number counts of 21cm absorption lines

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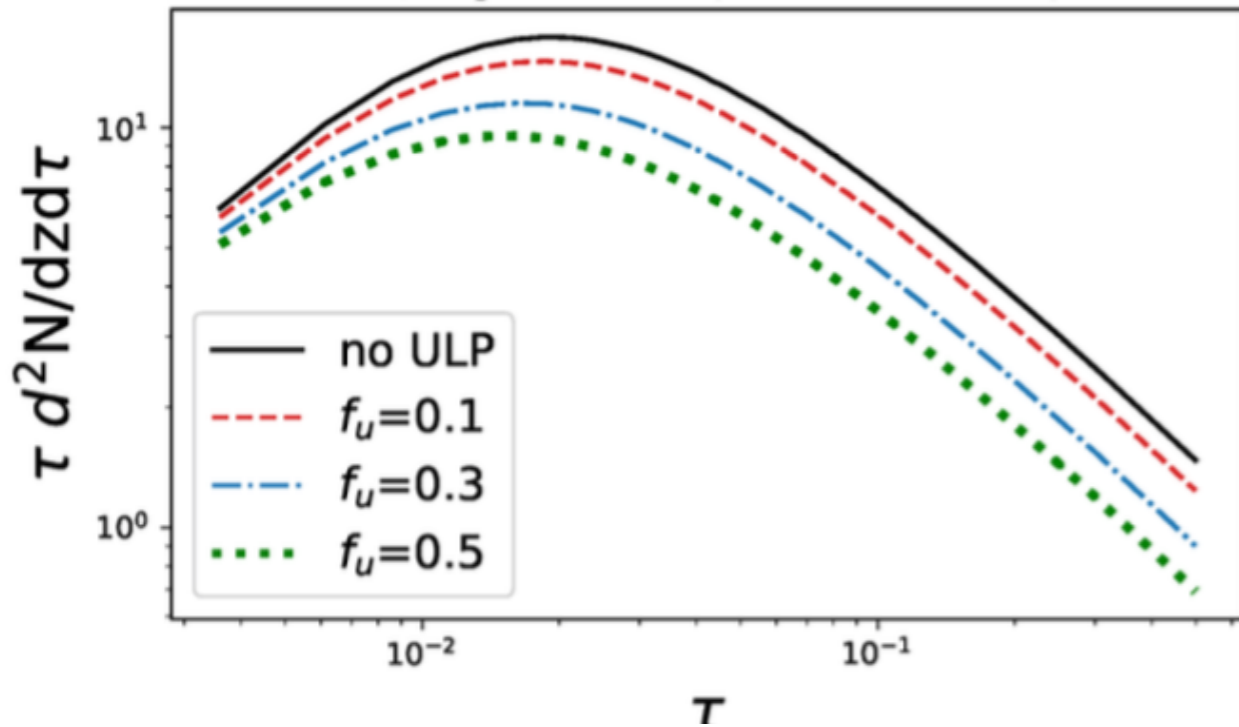
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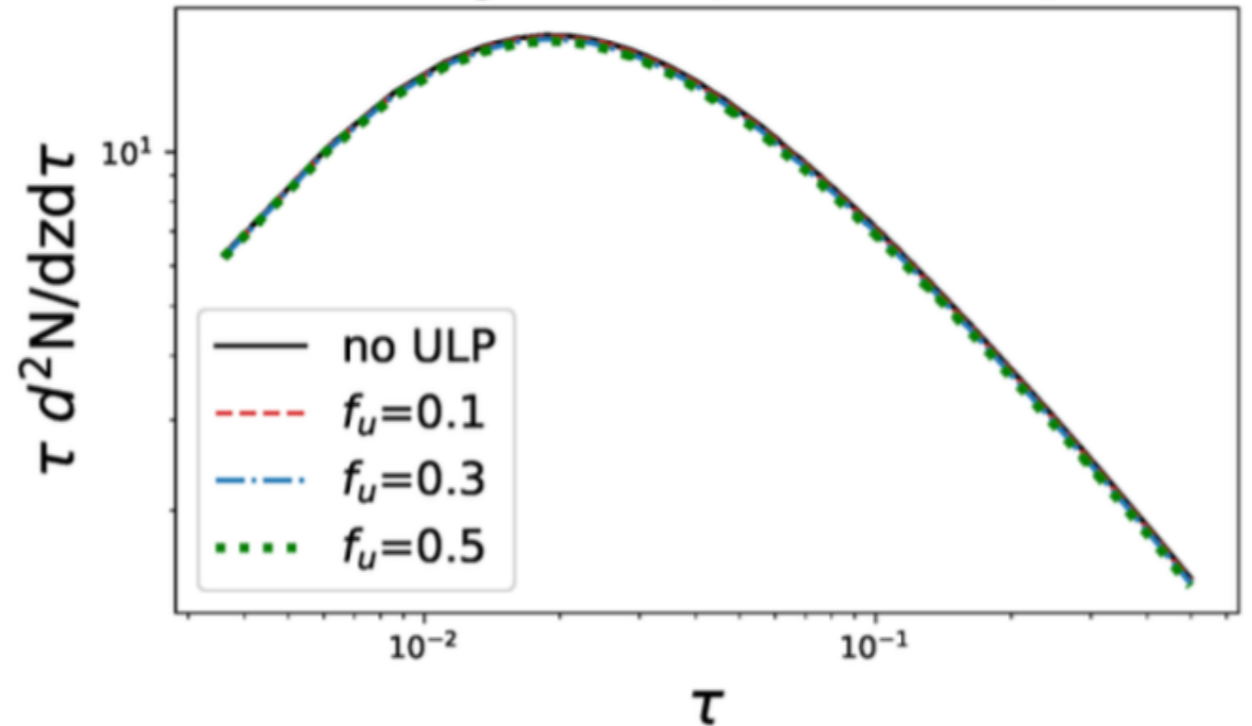
# How large mass can we explore with 21cm forest?

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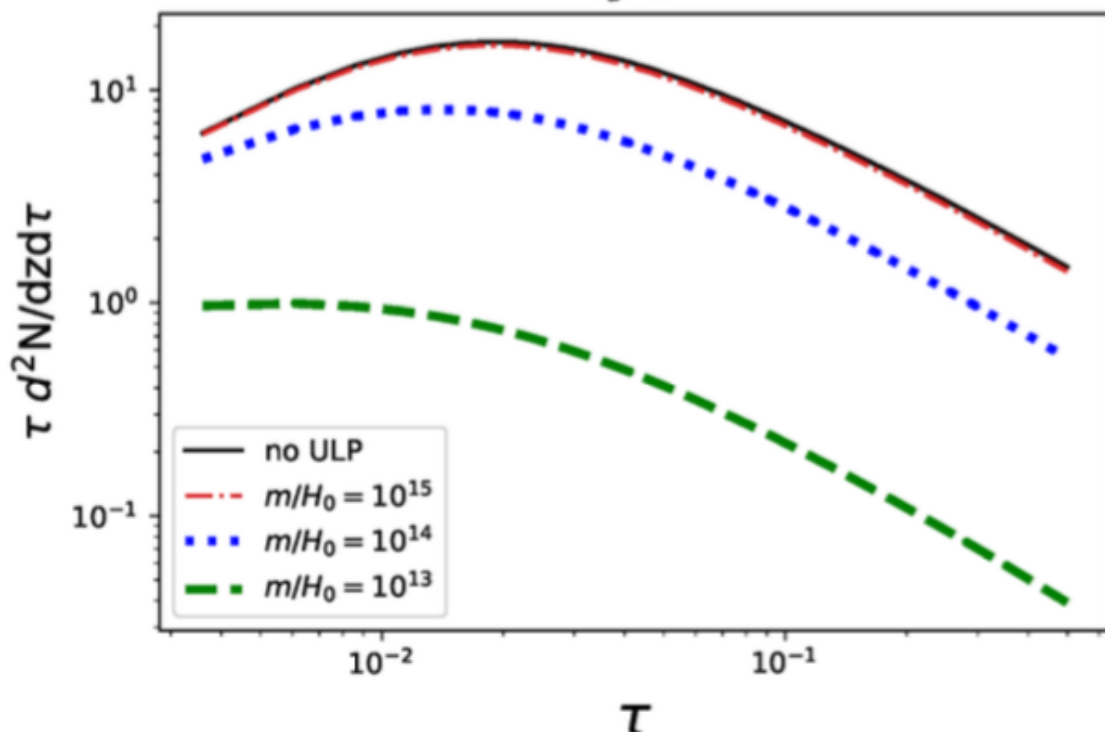
$m/H_0 = 10^{14} (\sim 10^{-19} \text{eV})$



$m/H_0 = 10^{15} (\sim 10^{-18} \text{eV})$



$f_U=1$



• We can probe ULP mass up to  $m_u \sim 10^{-18} \text{eV}$  for  $f_u \leq 0.5$

• If  $f_u = 1$ , we can probe ULP mass up to  $m_u \sim 10^{-18} \text{eV}$

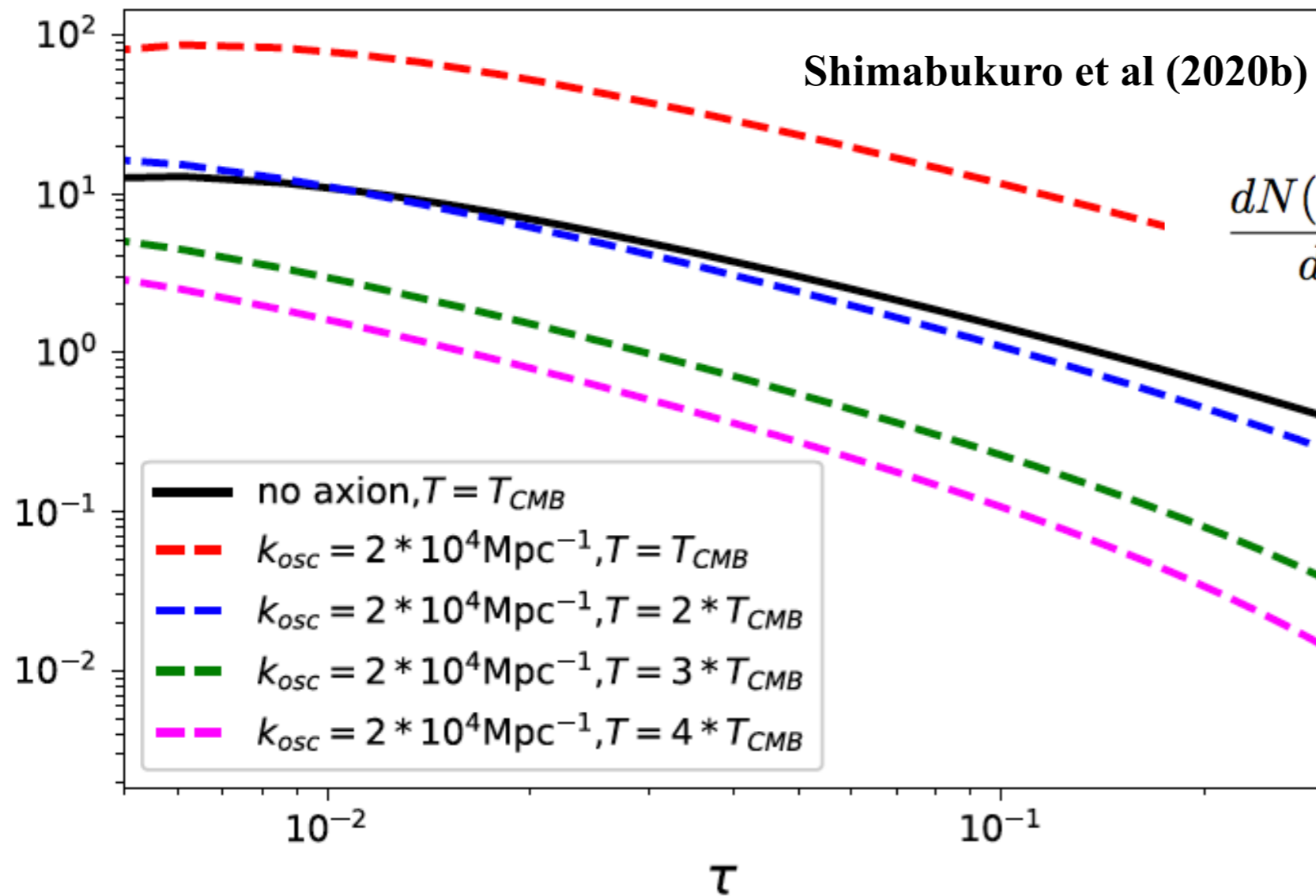
**With 21cm forest, we can explore 3 orders of magnitude higher ULP mass than the Ly $\alpha$  forest.**



How does the 21cm forest depends on IGM temperature?



We test 21cm forest by varying IGM temperature (Jeans mass)



$$\frac{dN(> \tau)}{dz} = \frac{dr}{dz} \int_{M_{\min}}^{M_{\max}} dM \frac{dN}{dM} \pi r_{\tau}^2(M, \tau),$$

$$M_{\min} = M_{\text{Jeans}}$$

Below  $4 \times T_{CMB}$ , the number of 21cm absorption lines is still  $O(1)$  at a small optical depth

# Other approaches for the evaluation of the 21cm forest??

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## The 21-cm forest as a simultaneous probe of dark matter and cosmic heating history

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The absorption features in spectra of high-redshift background radio sources, caused by hyperfine structure lines of hydrogen atoms in the intervening structures, are known collectively as the 21-cm forest. They provide a unique probe of small-scale structures during the epoch of

- In this paper, they introduce the **1D power spectrum** of 21cm forest

## Observed differential brightness temperature of the 21cm absorption signal

$$\delta T_b(\hat{\mathbf{s}}, \nu) \approx \frac{T_S(\hat{\mathbf{s}}, z) - T_\gamma(\hat{\mathbf{s}}, \nu_0, z)}{1+z} \tau_{\nu_0}(\hat{\mathbf{s}}, z)$$

Depending on gas profile inside halo

$$\tau_{\nu_0}(\hat{\mathbf{s}}, z) \approx 0.0085 [1 + \delta(\hat{\mathbf{s}}, z)] (1+z)^{3/2} \left[ \frac{x_H(\hat{\mathbf{s}}, z)}{T_S(\hat{\mathbf{s}}, z)} \right] \left[ \frac{H(z)/(1+z)}{dv_{\parallel}/dr_{\parallel}} \right]$$

$$\left( \frac{\Omega_b h^2}{0.022} \right) \left( \frac{0.14}{\Omega_m h^2} \right)$$

## 1D power spectrum of 21cm forest

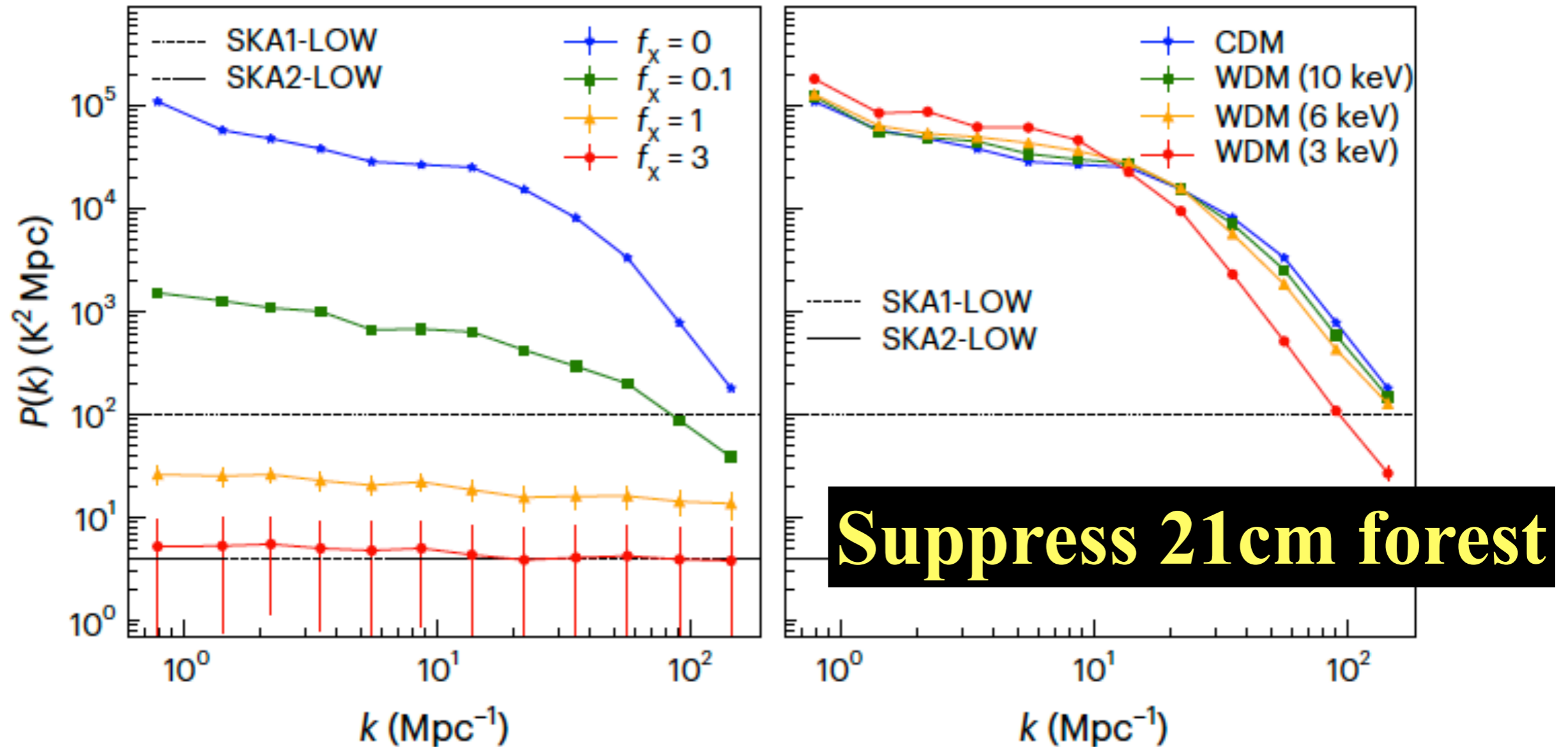
$$\delta \tilde{T}'(\hat{\mathbf{s}}, k_{\parallel}) = \int \delta T'_b(\hat{\mathbf{s}}, r_z) e^{-ik_{\parallel} r_z} dr_z \longrightarrow P(\hat{\mathbf{s}}, k_{\parallel}) = \left| \delta \tilde{T}(\hat{\mathbf{s}}, k_{\parallel}) \right|^2 \left( \frac{1}{\Delta r_z} \right).$$

Fourier transformation

(Left) The impact of the X-ray heating on the 21cm forest

(Right) The impact of the WDM on the 21cm forest

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*How about applying this method to other cosmological effects (e.g. axion dark matter, primordial blackhole, magnetic field)? Does anyone try it ??*

# Summary

- 21cm forest is a complementary approach to 21cm emission line.
- 21cm forest can explore small-scale fluctuations
- How do we evaluate the 21cm forest?
- What cosmological information can we subtract from 21cm forest?