

# LIGHT AXINO DARK MATTER: *FREEZE-IN PRODUCTION, DECAY & LYMAN-ALPHA FOREST CONSTRAINTS*

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# AXINO

- ***Supersymmetry+Peccei-Quinn Symmetry:***
  - SUSY solves the gauge hierarchy & PQ solves strong CP
  - Dark Matter candidates: neutralino & axion
- ***Axino Dark Matter:***
  - fermionic SUSY partner of axion
  - becomes massive with SUSY breaking
  - **keV mass is possible:** (warm) *Dark Matter*
- ***Signal?***
  - too weak to be detected: suppressed by  $\sim 10^9$  GeV
  - *what if it decays?*
  - *affects matter power spectrum?*

# X-RAY LINE?

- 3.5 keV X-ray line excess

Bulbul, Markevitch, Foster, Smith, Lowenstein, Randall (2014)

Boyarsky, Ruchayskiy, Iakubovskyi, Franse (2014)

- Criticism:

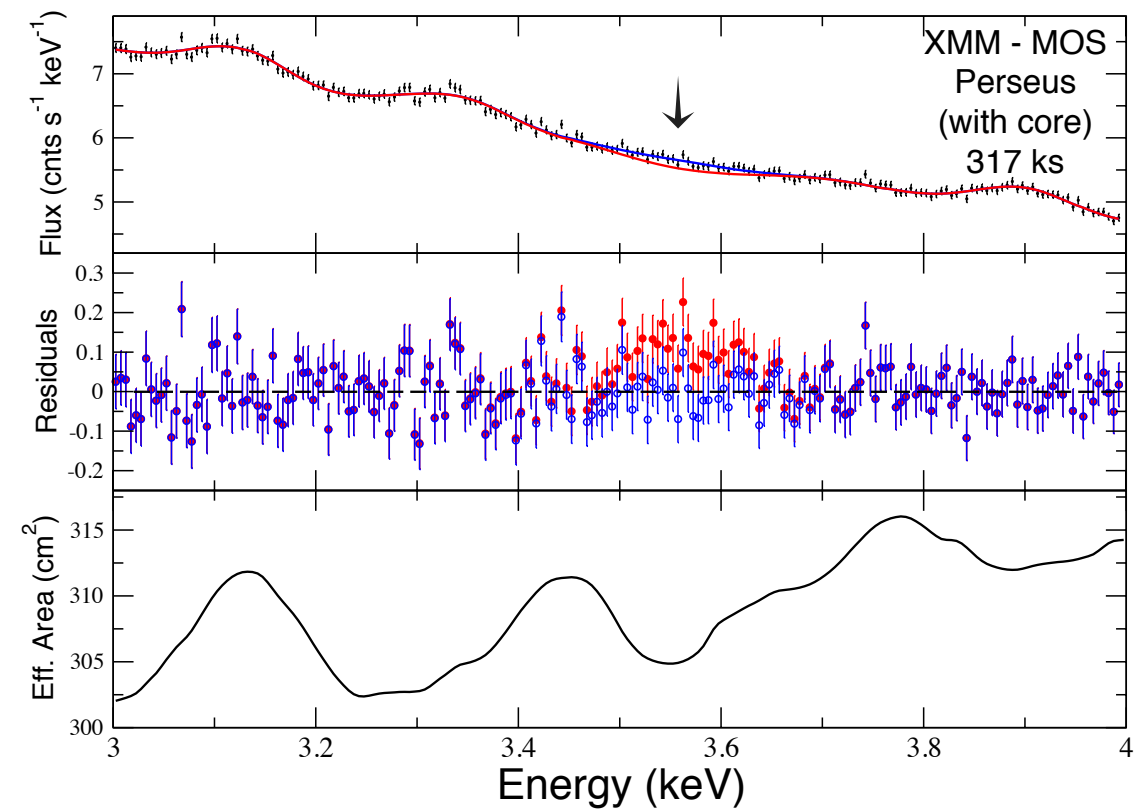
K XVIII explanation

No signal from dSph, stacked galaxies and groups, M31

Morphology study

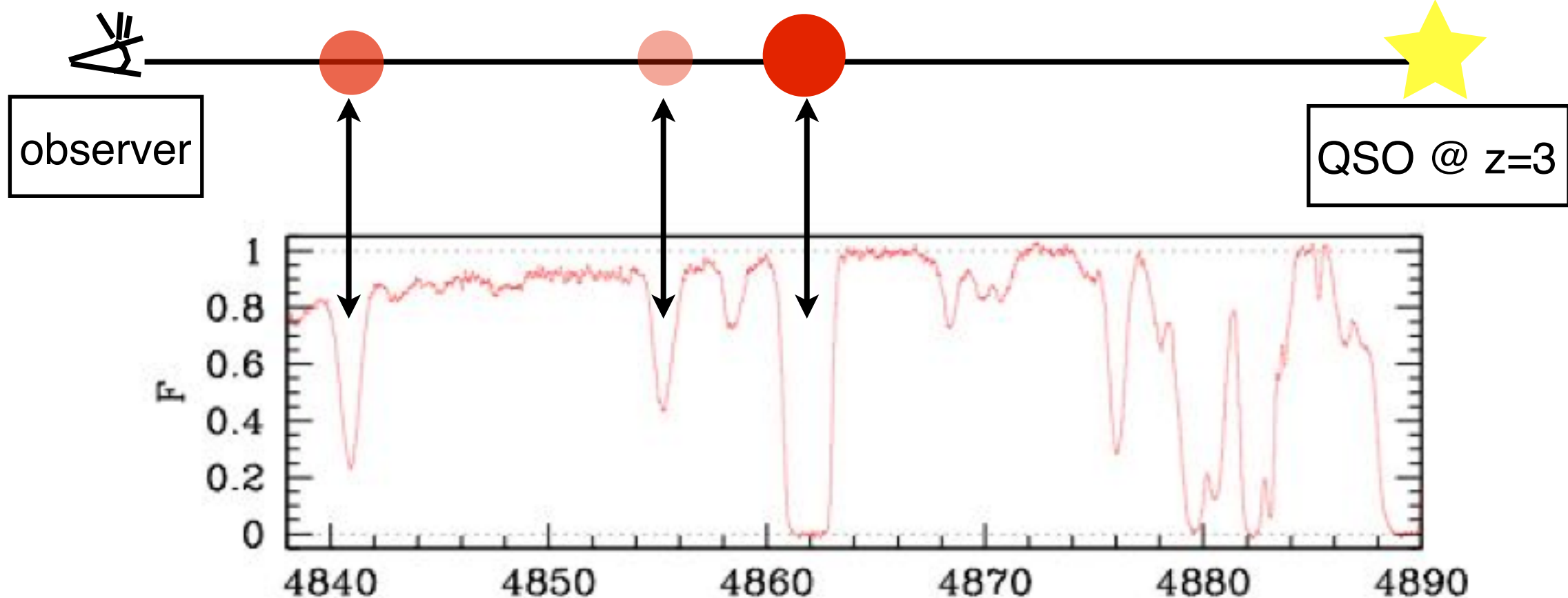
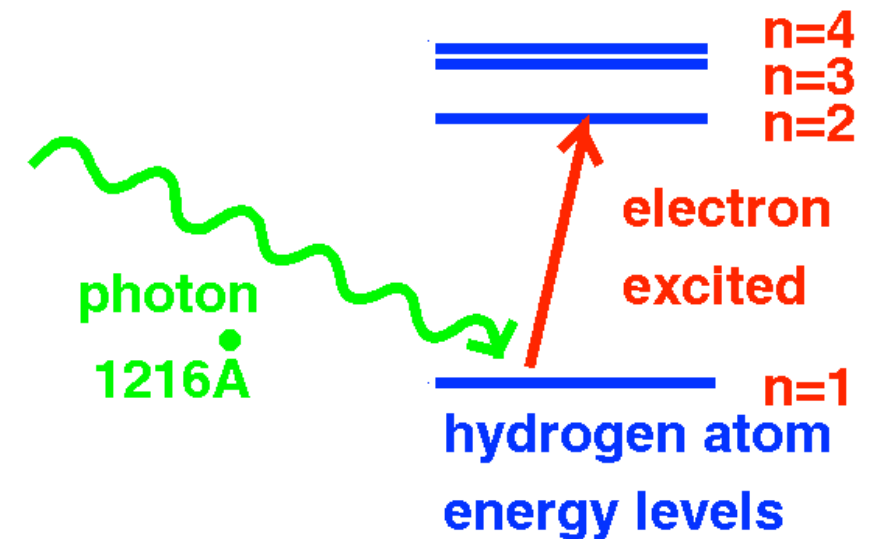
- In this study,

We take 7 keV as a benchmark point (and a possible signal) for light axino study.



# LYMAN-ALPHA FOREST

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



# LYMAN-ALPHA FOREST

- Improving constraints on “warm dark matter mass”

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

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

$$m_{\text{WDM}} \gtrsim 4.09 \text{ keV} \quad \text{Baur, Palanque-Delabrouille, Yche, Magneville, Viel (2016)}$$

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

- Warm Dark Matter**

Ly-alpha constraints assume the Fermi-Dirac dist. and observed DM density

$$\Omega_{\text{WDM}} h^2 = \left( \frac{m_{\text{WDM}}}{94 \text{ eV}} \right) \left( \frac{T_{\text{WDM}}}{T_\nu} \right)^3 = 7.5 \left( \frac{m_{\text{WDM}}}{7 \text{ keV}} \right) \left( \frac{106.75}{g_*^{\text{WDM}}} \right)$$

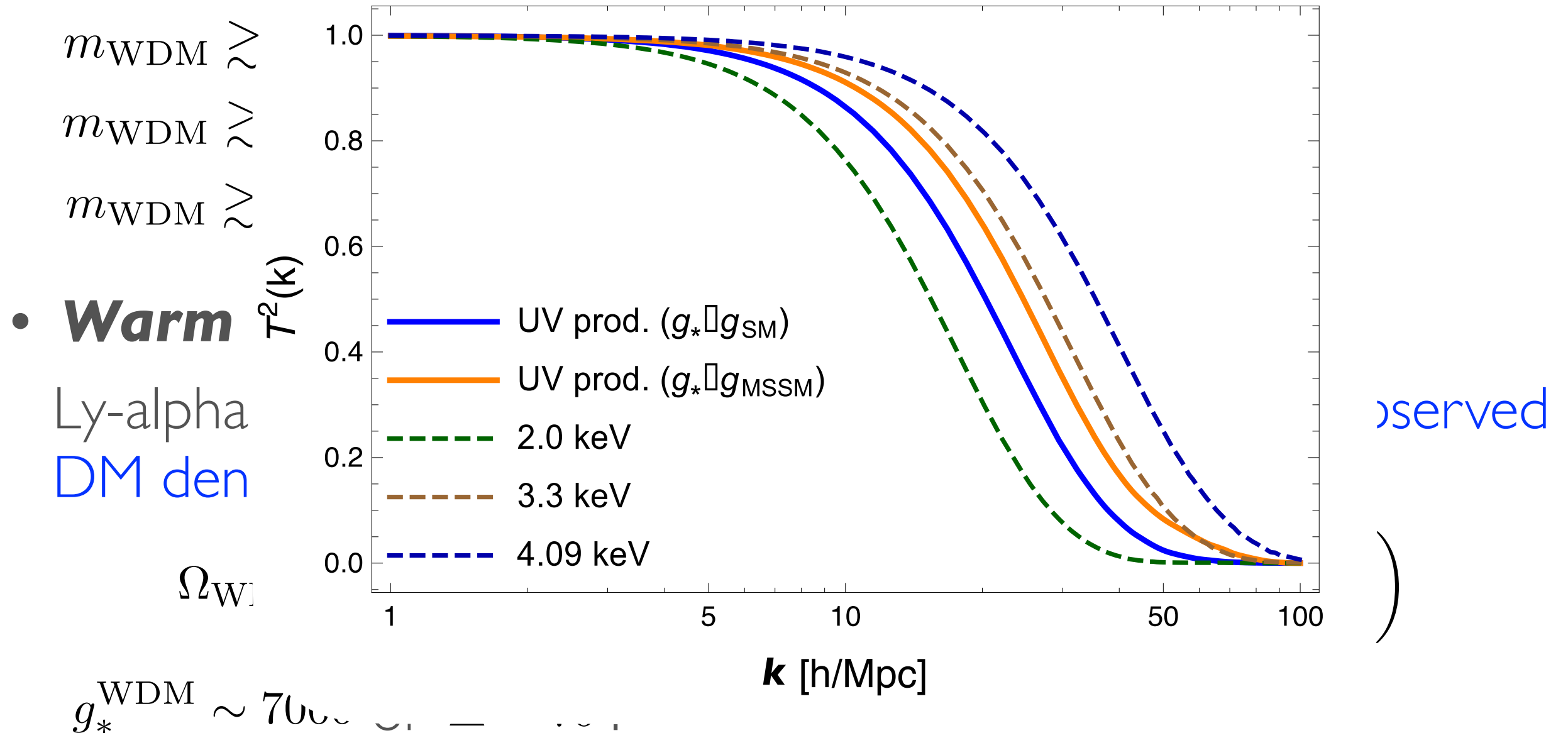
$$g_*^{\text{WDM}} \sim 7000 \text{ or } \Delta \sim 70 ?$$

➡ need *linear matter power spectrum*

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# AXINO IN SUSY

- **SUSY+PQ**

motivated by both gauge hierarchy and strong CP  
Goldstone axion is supersymmetrized

$$a \longrightarrow A = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(s + ia) + \sqrt{2}\theta\tilde{a} + \theta^2 F_A$$

- **Properties**

massless  $\longrightarrow$  massive by SUSY breaking  $m_{\tilde{a}} \sim m_{3/2}$

But in some models,  $m_{\tilde{a}} \sim \mathcal{O}(\text{keV})$  Tamvakis, Wyler; Nieves; Goto,  
Yamaguchi; Chun, Kim, Nilles;  
Chun, Lukas

couplings: suppressed by PQ scale  $\gtrsim 10^9 \text{ GeV}$

$\longrightarrow$  *Feebly Interacting Massive Particle*  
or SuperWIMP

# MODEL

- **SUSY DFSZ model**

$$W_{\text{DFSZ}} = \frac{y_0}{M_*} X^2 H_u H_d ,$$

~~PQ~~

$$X = \frac{v_{\text{PQ}}}{\sqrt{2}} e^{A/v_{\text{PQ}}} ,$$

- generates **mu-term**  $\mu \sim \frac{y_0 v_{\text{PQ}}^2}{2M_*}$

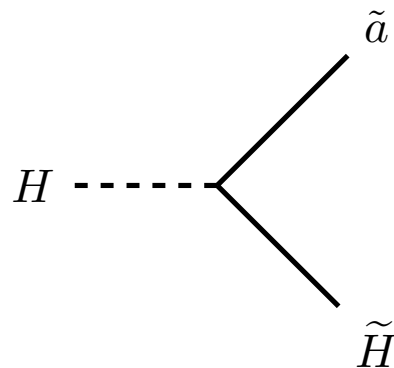
Kim, Nilles (1984)

- **axino interaction**  $\frac{2\mu}{v_{\text{PQ}}} A H_u H_d$

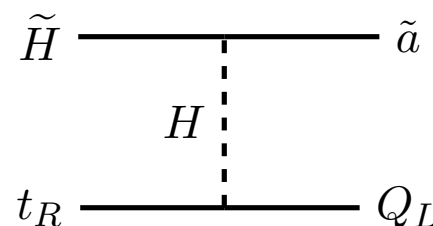
$$\frac{\mu}{v_{\text{PQ}}} \sim 10^{-8}$$

**“effectively dimensionless”**

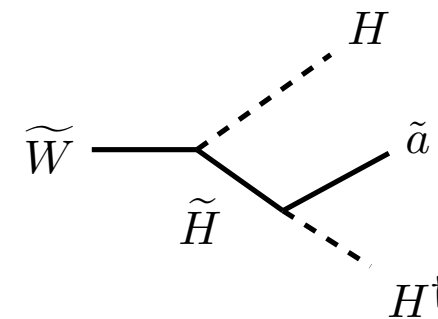
**“Freeze-in”** production [Hall, Jedamzik, March-Russell, West \(2009\)](#)



2-body decay



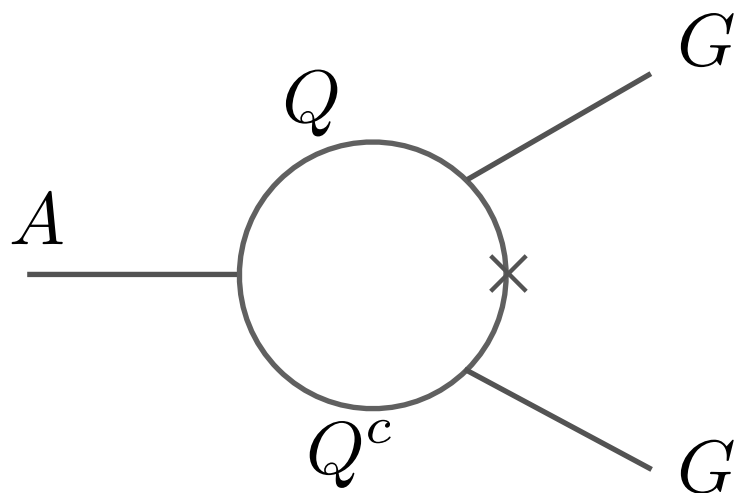
2-to-2



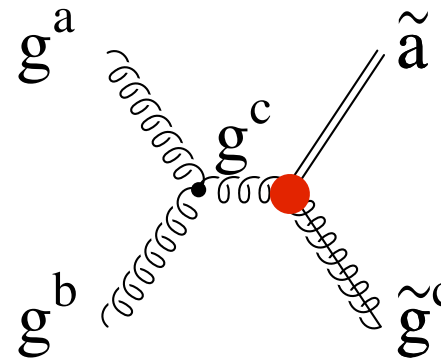
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# UV PRODUCTION?

- ElectroWeak Symmetry Breaking & SM quark loops



$$\sim \frac{g_s^2}{32\pi^2} \frac{1}{F_a} \bar{a} \gamma_5 \sigma^{\mu\nu} \tilde{g}^a \partial_\mu G_\nu^a$$



- 1PI amplitude: suppressed  $\mathcal{A}_{1\text{PI}} \propto \frac{m_Q^2}{E^2}$  KJB, Choi, Im (2011)

- Above the weak scale (or before EW phase transition),  
**UV production is negligible.**

# R-PARITY VIOLATION

- PQ charge  $Q_{\text{PQ}} \{X, H_u, H_d, L_i\} = \{-1, 1, 1, 2\}$

Chun (1999); Choi, Chun, Hwang (2001); Chun, Kim (2006)

$$W_{\text{bRPV}} = \frac{y'_i}{M_*^2} X^3 L_i H_u \simeq \mu'_i \left( 1 + \frac{3A}{v_{\text{PQ}}} \right) L_i H_u,$$

- Bilinear RPV induces **axino-neutrino mixing**

$$|\theta| \simeq \frac{\mu' v_u}{m_{\tilde{a}} v_{\text{PQ}}} \simeq 10^{-5} \left( \frac{\mu'}{4 \text{ MeV}} \right) \left( \frac{7 \text{ keV}}{m_{\tilde{a}}} \right) \left( \frac{10^{10} \text{ GeV}}{v_{\text{PQ}}} \right)$$

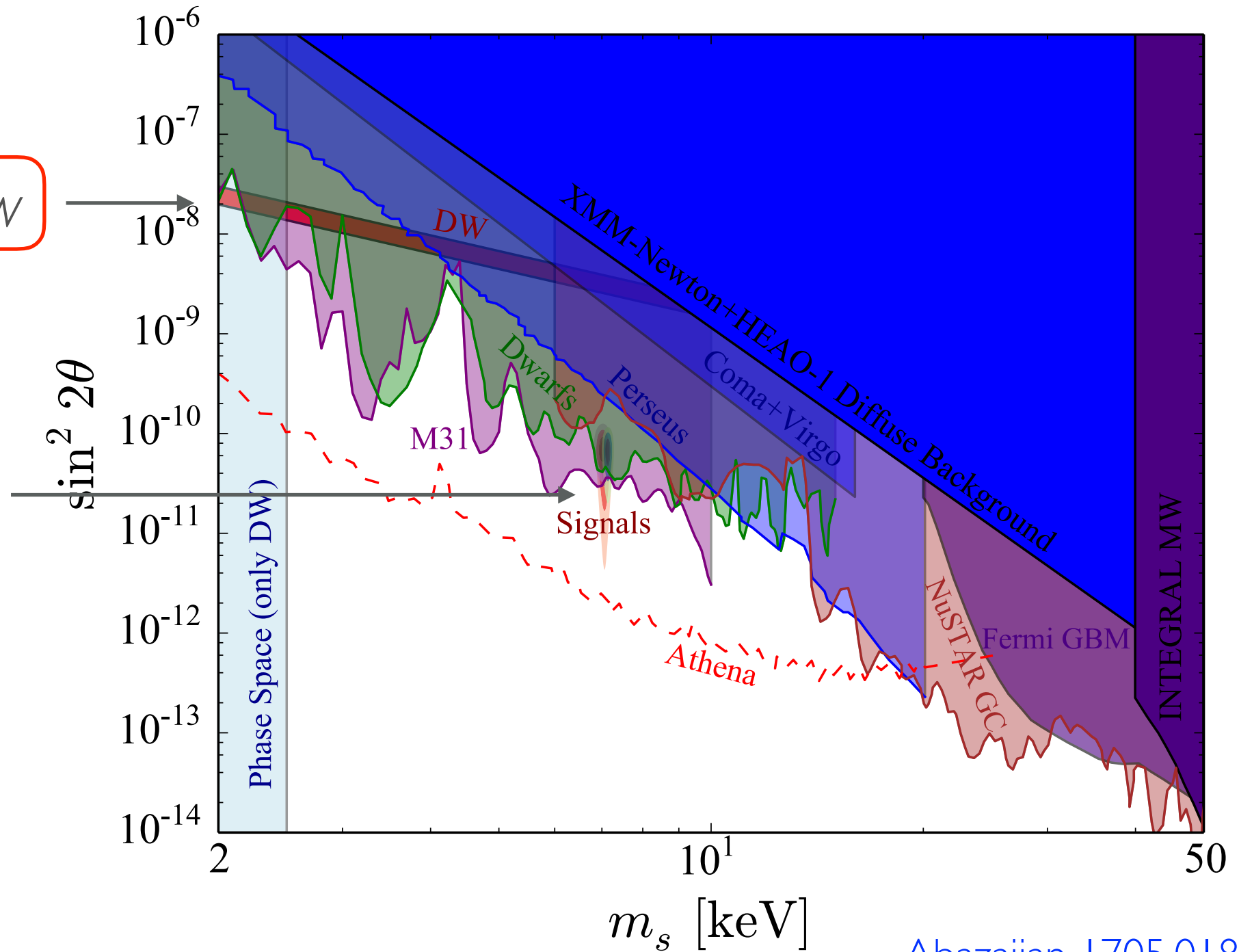
- **Axino as a sterile neutrino**

- decays into neutrino & *photon*
- produced via Dodelson-Widrow mechanism

# STERILE NEUTRINO

Dodelson-Widrow

X-ray line



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# BOLTZMANN EQ.

- Boltzmann eq. for phase space distribution

$$\frac{df_{\tilde{a}}(t, p)}{dt} = \frac{\partial f_{\tilde{a}}(t, p)}{\partial t} - \frac{\dot{a}(t)}{a(t)} p \frac{\partial f_{\tilde{a}}(t, p)}{\partial p} = \frac{1}{E_{\tilde{a}}} C(t, p)$$

$f_{\tilde{a}}(t, p)$  : phase space distribution

$a(t)$  : cosmic scale factor

$E_{\tilde{a}}$  : axino energy       $C(t, p)$ : collision term

- Negligible  $f_{\tilde{a}}(t, p)$  in the collision term

$$f_{\tilde{a}}(t_f, p) = \int_{t_i}^{t_f} dt \frac{1}{E_{\tilde{a}}} C \left( t, \frac{a(t_f)}{a(t)} p \right)$$

*collision terms determine distribution*



# PRODUCTION PROCESSES

- Relevant production processes of axinos

2-body decay: e.g.  $\tilde{H} \rightarrow H + \tilde{a}$

3-body decay: e.g.  $\tilde{W} \rightarrow H + H + \tilde{a}$

2-to-2 scattering: e.g.  $\tilde{H} + t \rightarrow t + \tilde{a}$

- **Freeze-in nature**

all relevant processes occur **near threshold scale**

e.g.  $\sim \mu$ -term scale for Higgsino decay

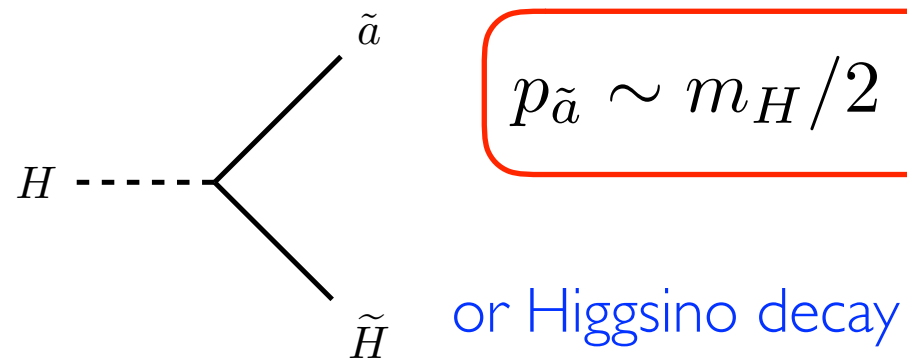
➔  $T \sim \mu > T_c$

axino production *before electroweak phase transition*



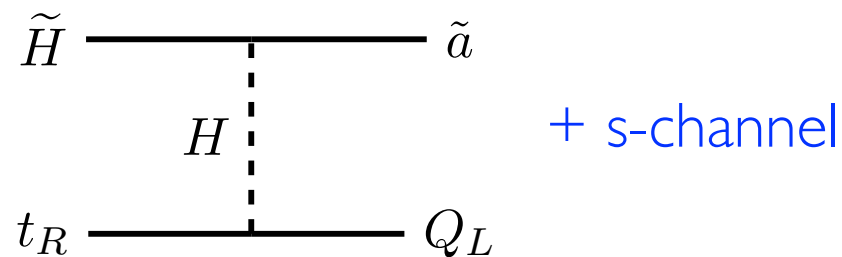
# COLLISION TERMS

- 2-body decay



$$p_{\tilde{a}} \sim m_H/2 \quad \text{vs.} \quad T \sim m_H$$

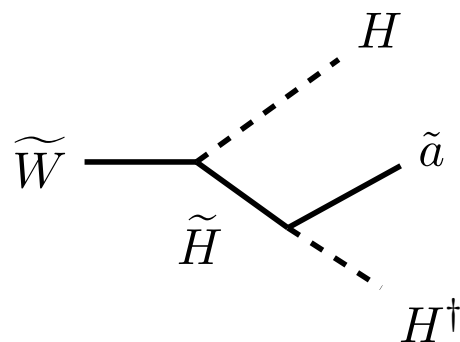
- 2-to-2 scattering



$$p_{\tilde{a}} \sim \sqrt{s} \quad \text{vs.} \quad T \sim \sqrt{s}$$

different dists. for s- and t-channel

- 3-body decay

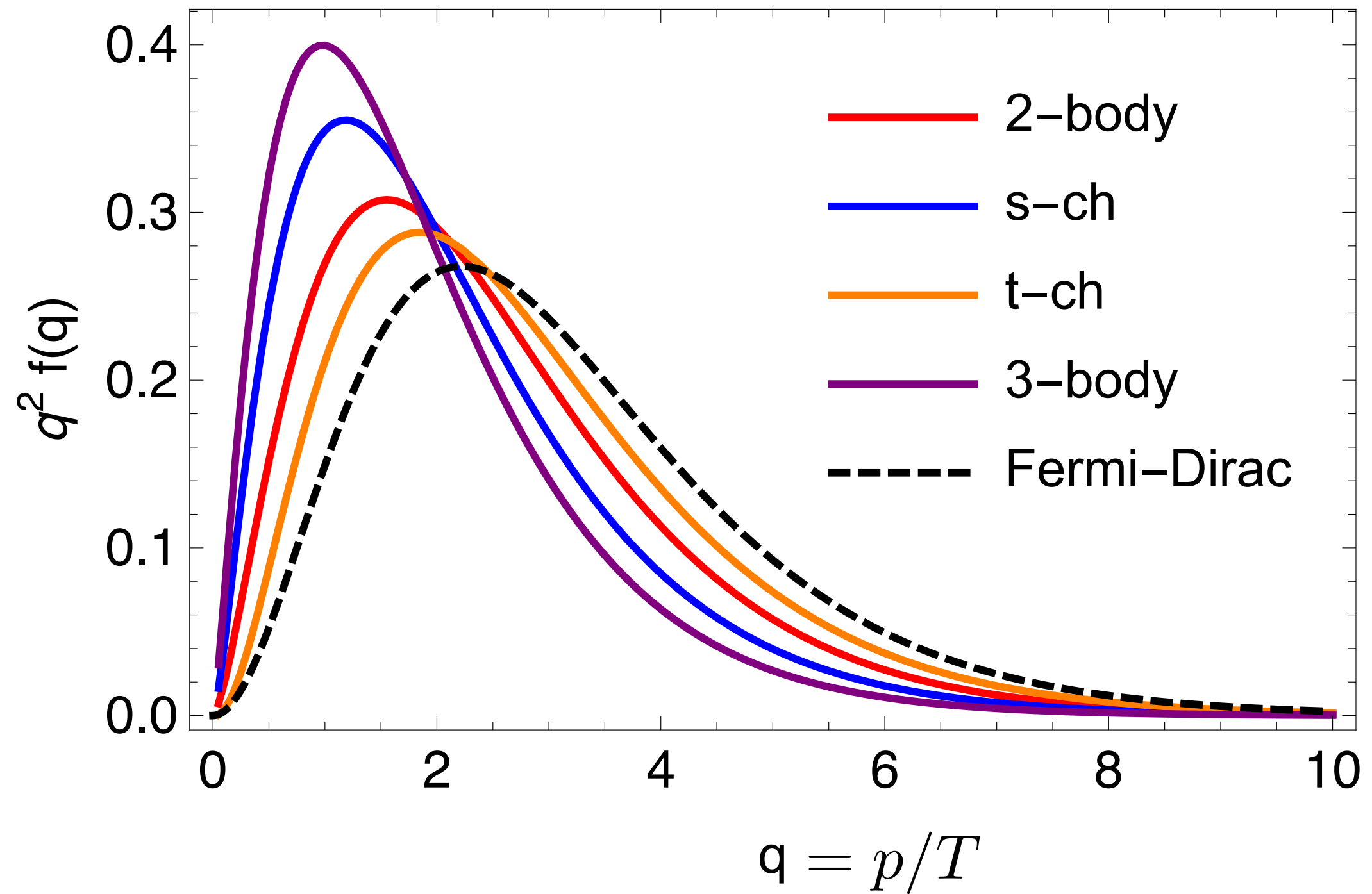


$$p_{\tilde{a}} \sim m_{\widetilde{W}}/3 \quad \text{vs.} \quad T \sim m_{\widetilde{W}}$$

comparable to scattering cross section

e.g.  $\widetilde{W} + H \rightarrow H + \tilde{a}$

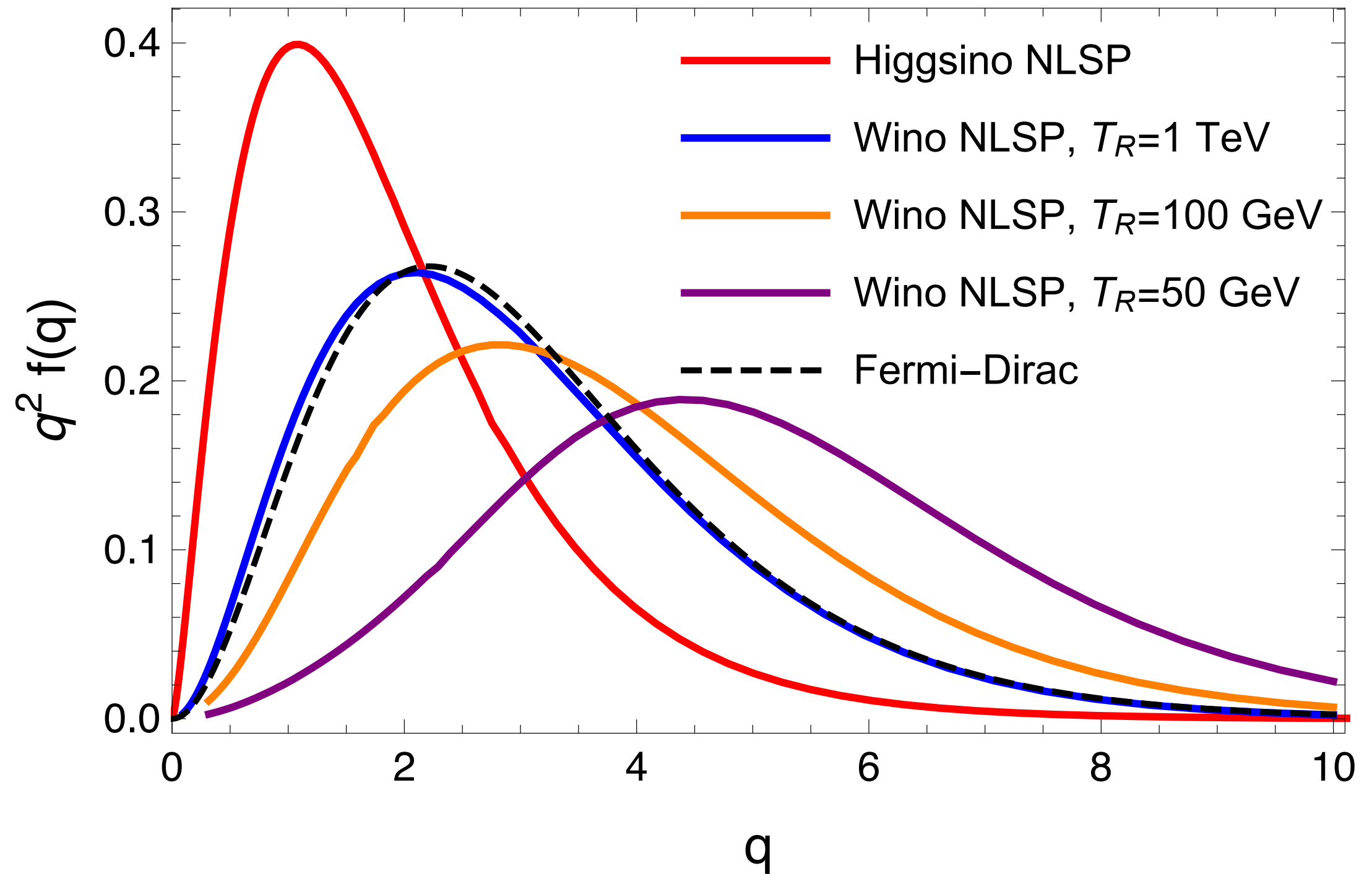
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# BENCHMARK SCENARIOS

|          | BM1                                                                                               |  | BM2                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|          | other states                                                                                      |  | other states                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 10 TeV   |  $H_d$         |  |                                                                                                            |
| 6.5 TeV  |  $\tilde{t}$   |  |                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 1 TeV    |  $H_u$       |  |                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 500 GeV  |  $\tilde{H}$ |  |  $\widetilde{W}$                                                                                         |
| 7 keV    |  $\tilde{a}$ |  |  $H_u$                                                                                                   |
| massless |  SM          |  |  $\tilde{a}$<br> SM |

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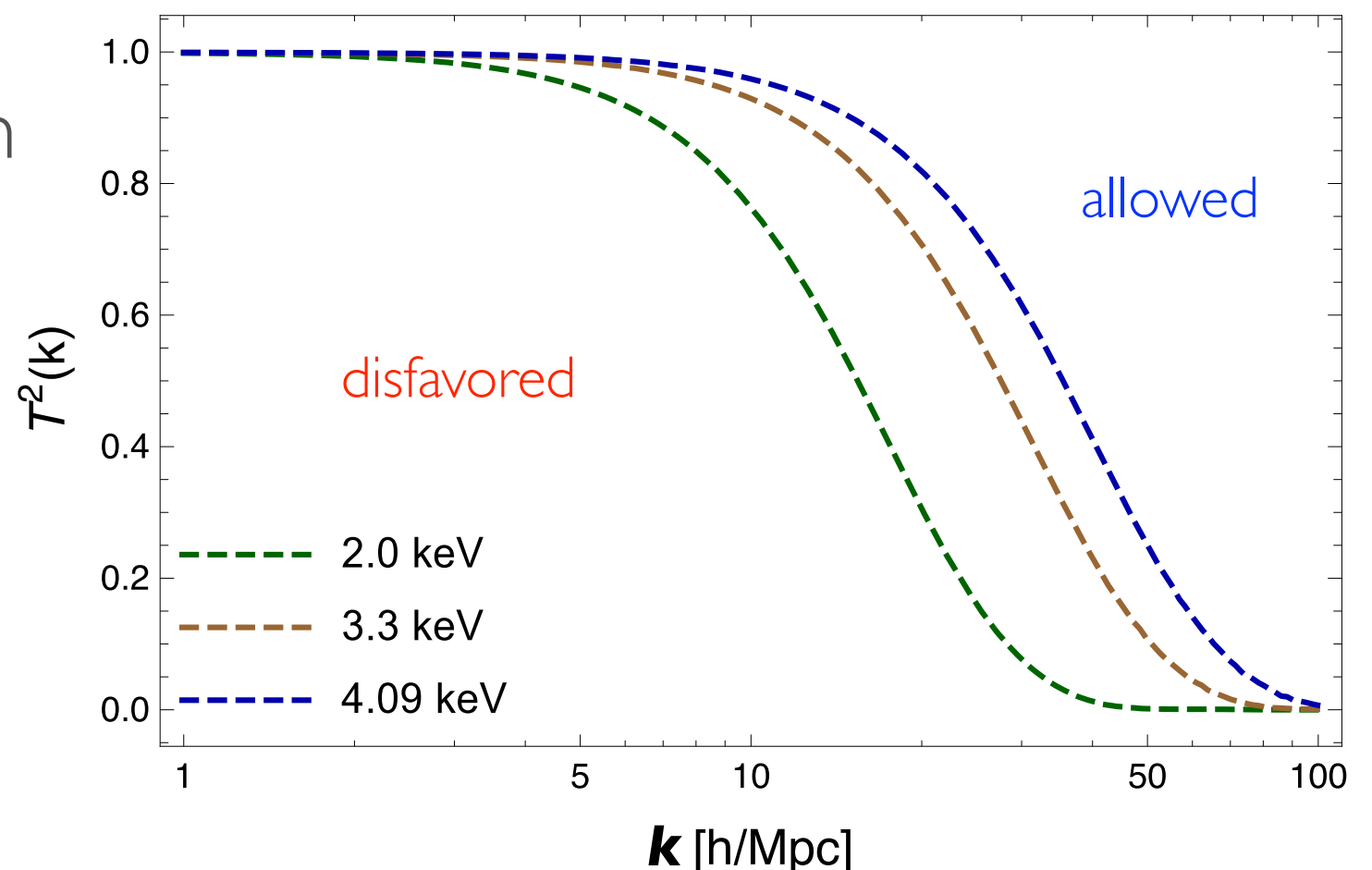
# SQUARED TRANSFER FUNC.

- Ly-alpha bounds: assuming **FD dist.** and **observed DM density**  
➔ constrain warm DM mass

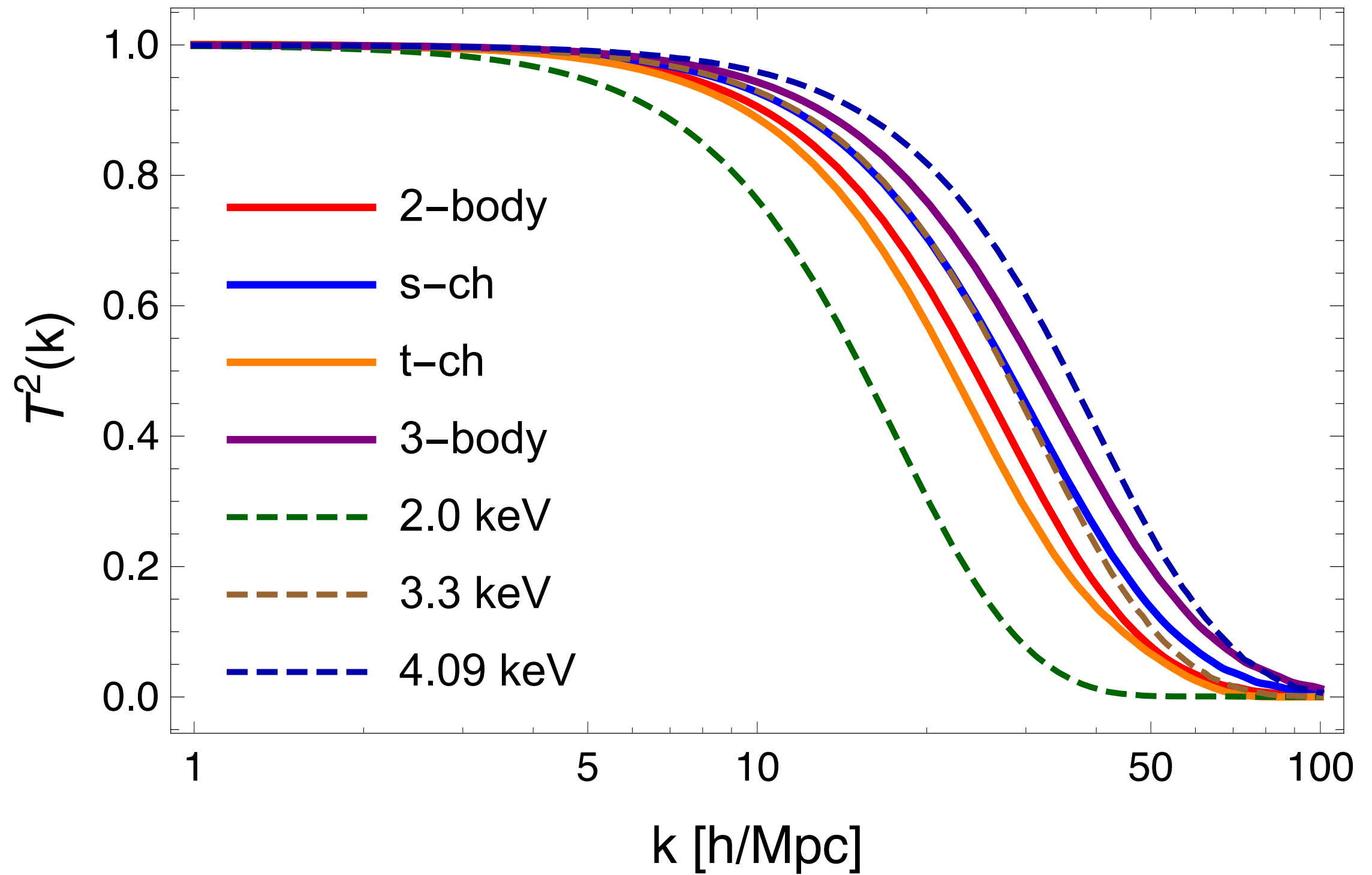
- Freeze-in Axino: non-FD dist.  
➔ need *linear matter power spectrum* to compare it with Ly-alpha

- Squared Transfer Function

$$\mathcal{T}^2(k) = \frac{P(k)}{P_{\text{CDM}}(k)}$$

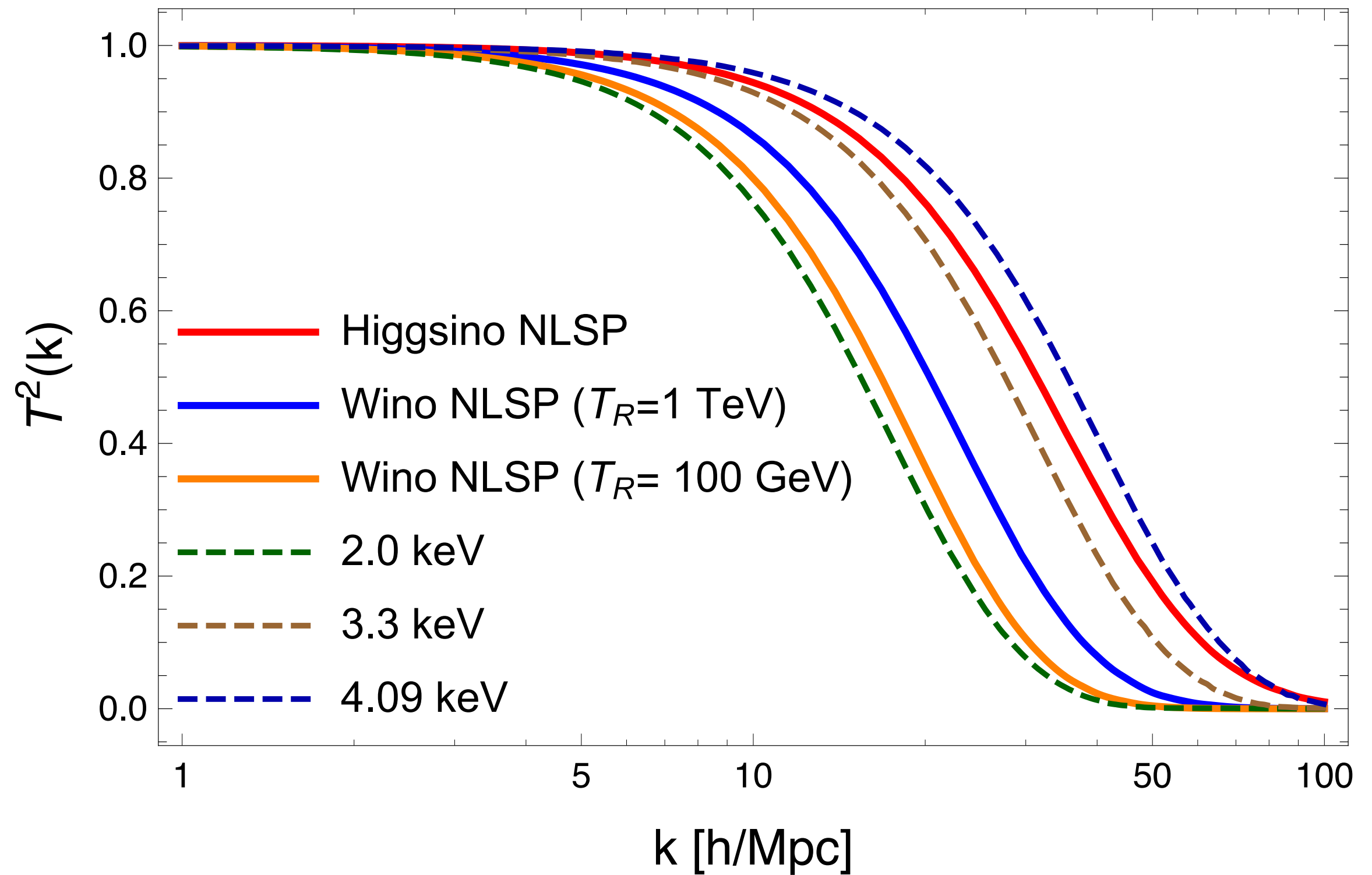


# MATTER POWER SPECTRUM



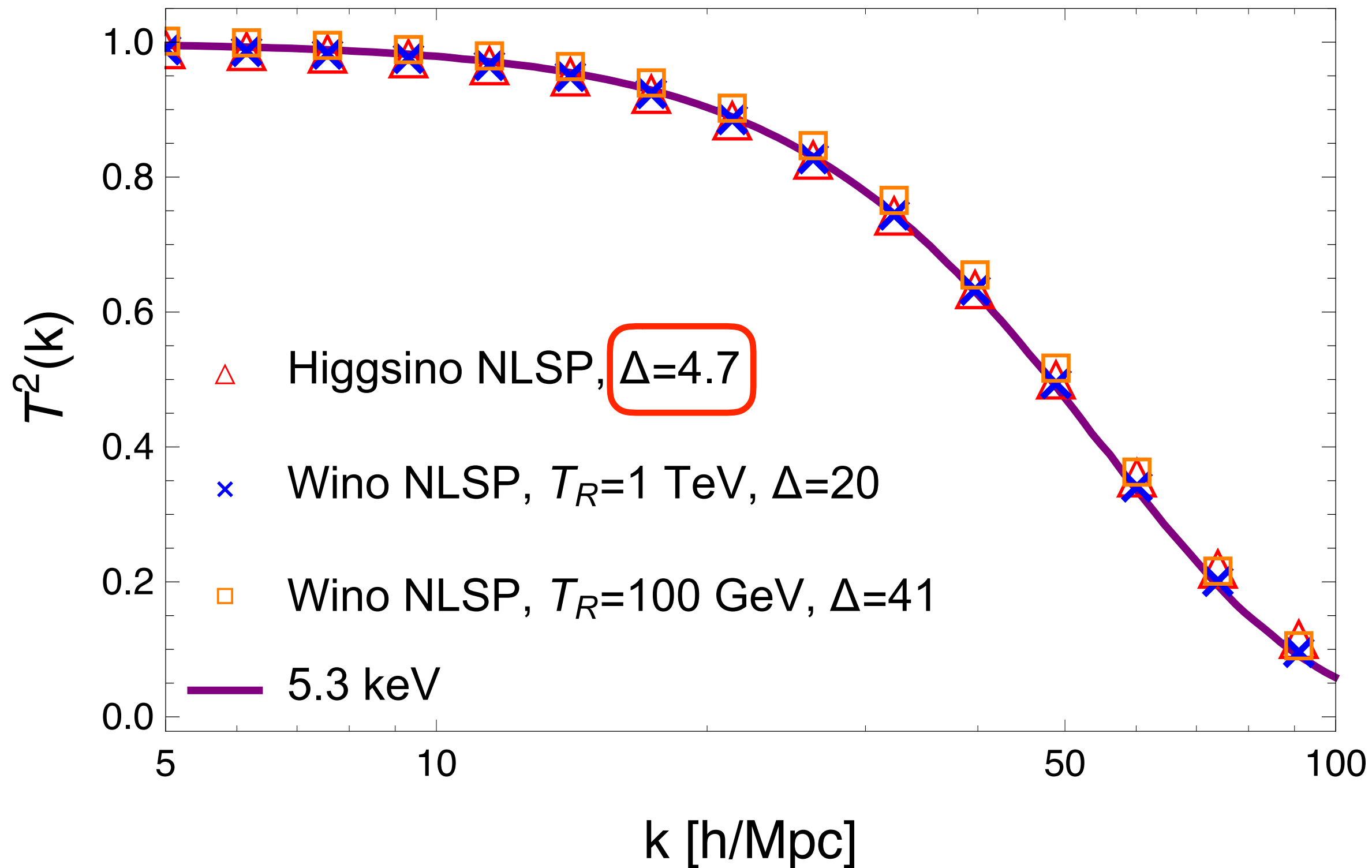


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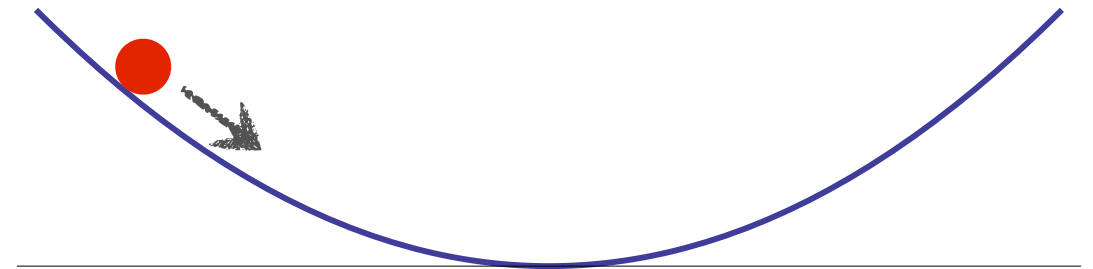
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# SAXION DECAY

- Coherent oscillation of saxion:

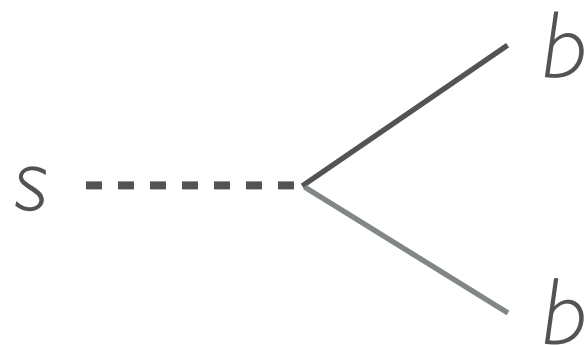
$$Y_s^{\text{CO}} \simeq 1.9 \times 10^{-6} \left( \frac{\text{GeV}}{m_s} \right) \left( \frac{\min[T_R, T_s]}{10^7 \text{ GeV}} \right) \left( \frac{s_0}{10^{12} \text{ GeV}} \right)^2$$



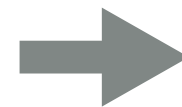
- Saxion dominated universe at

$$T_e^s = \frac{4}{3} m_s Y_s^{\text{CO}} \simeq 2.5 \times 10^2 \text{ GeV} \left( \frac{\min[T_R, T_s]}{10^7 \text{ GeV}} \right) \left( \frac{s_0}{10^{16} \text{ GeV}} \right)^2$$

- Saxion decay



$$\begin{aligned} v_{\text{PQ}} &= 2.5 \times 10^{10} \text{ GeV} \\ m_s &\simeq 110 \text{ GeV} \\ T_D^s &\simeq 53 \text{ GeV} \end{aligned}$$



$$\Delta = \frac{T_e^s}{T_D^s} \simeq 4.7$$

# RELIC ABUNDANCE

- **Higgsino NLSP (BM1) case**

By integrating  $q^2 f_{\tilde{a}}(q)$

$$\Omega_{\tilde{a}} h^2 \simeq 0.1 \left( \frac{4.7}{\Delta} \right) \left( \frac{2.5 \times 10^{10} \text{ GeV}}{v_{\text{PQ}}} \right) \left( \frac{m_{\tilde{a}}}{7 \text{ keV}} \right)$$

Axinos can be the dominant DM.

- **Wino NLSP case (BM2)**

hard to get enough entropy due to low  $T_R$

For large  $T_R$ , it becomes similar to Higgsino NLSP.

# CONCLUSIONS

- Axino can be DM when its mass is  $\sim \text{keV}$ .
- Under R-parity violation, its decay signal can be observed: 3.5 keV X-ray excess?
- SUSY DFSZ model accommodates both  $\mu$ -term for freeze-in production and bilinear RPV for axino decay.
- While 7 keV DM with FD dist. has tension with Ly-alpha  $m_{\text{WDM}} > 3.3 \text{ keV}$ , freeze-in axino can be consistent with  $m_{\text{WDM}} > 5.3 \text{ keV}$  with mild entropy dilution.
- Saxion ( $m = 110 \text{ GeV}$ ) decay can make mild dilution.
- Axino can explain the observed DM density.