



**DARK MATTER
UNDER OUR
FEET AND IN
THE SKY**

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Searching for Dark Matter
Particles on Earth and in Space

photo by Art Rosch

- dark matter searches are well-motivated
 - the field is changing rapidly and experiments capable of “seeing” WIMP dark matter are finally operational
- *however*, there are indications that we may have to extend the cold dark matter model
 - if so, then dark matter is not a WIMP

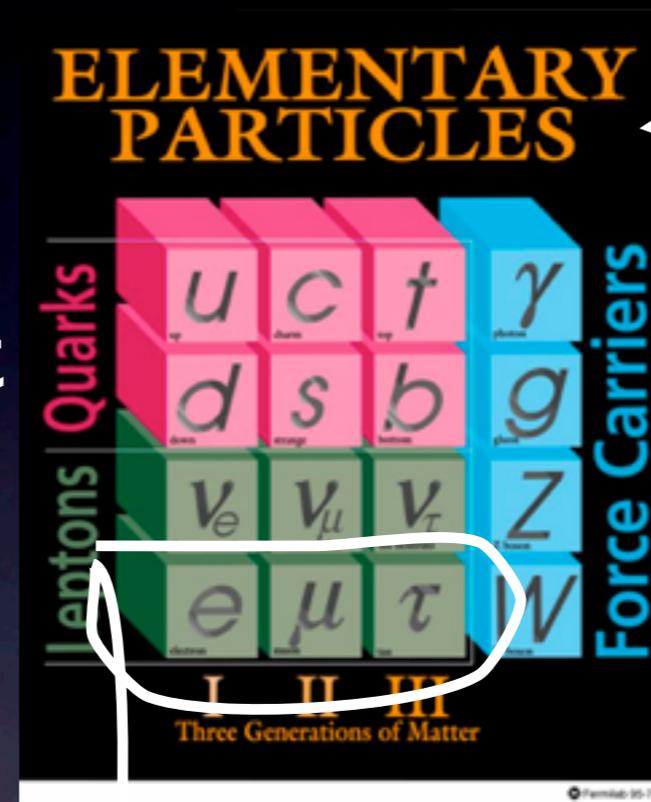
what is the universe made of?

- Normal matter (makes bacteria, comets, etc)
- Dark matter (behaves gravitationally like normal matter but so far we no concrete evidence that it interacts with anything else)
- More dark stuff (seriously!) dubbed dark energy (that does not behave gravitationally like normal matter)

Background:
The Hubble Ultra Deep Field

is dark matter weird?

- Doesn't have to be. In fact, we would have been wondering why there isn't any dark matter if all of matter was "normal"!
- Neutrinos are good dark matter candidates. Just not heavy enough to make up all of the dark matter we see.



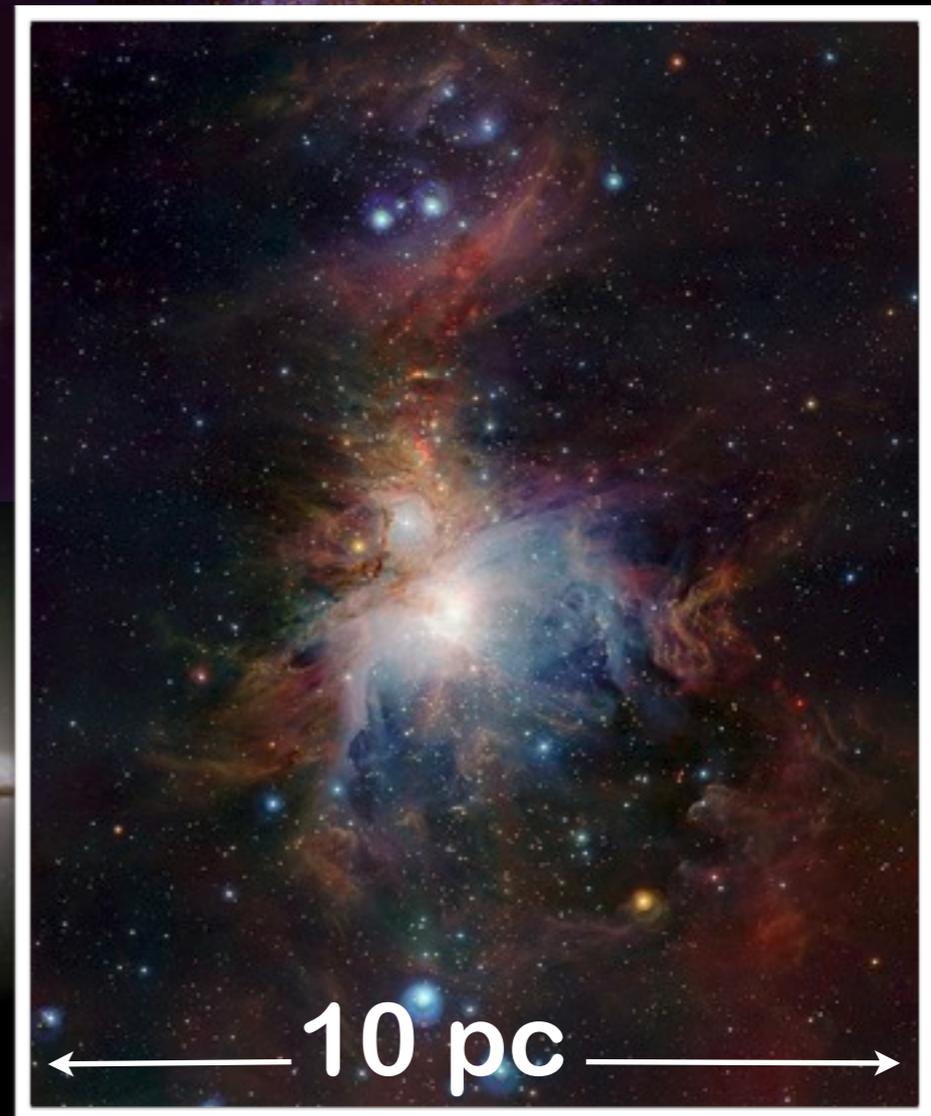
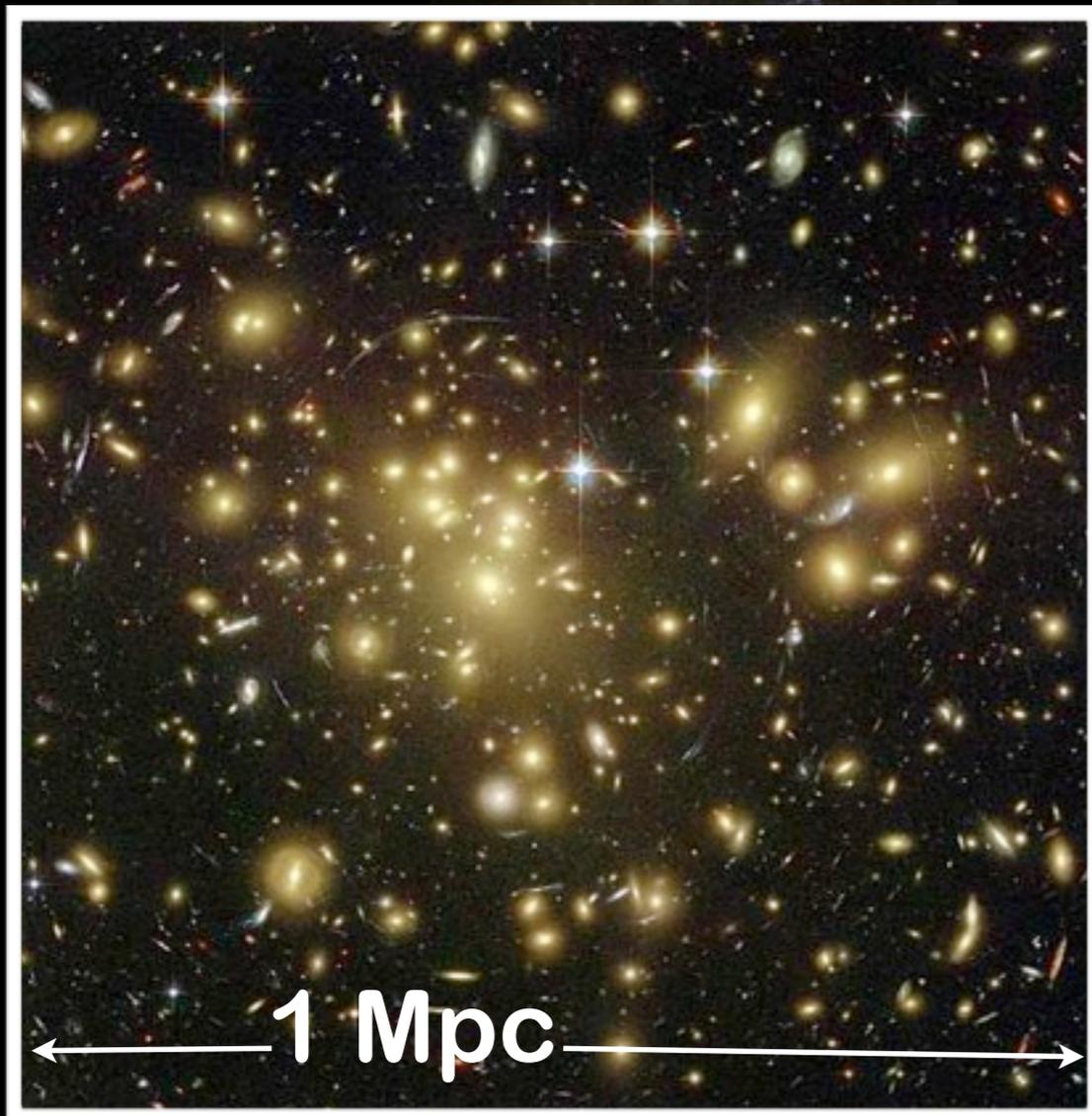
Particles of the standard model of particle physics that have been seen in the laboratory

what we see: some length

Stellar nurseries
Galaxies
Clusters of galaxies

scales

pc (parsec) is
3 light-years or
30 trillion km or
200,000 AU



what we see: some length scales

Sloan Digital Sky Survey

← Gigaparsecs →



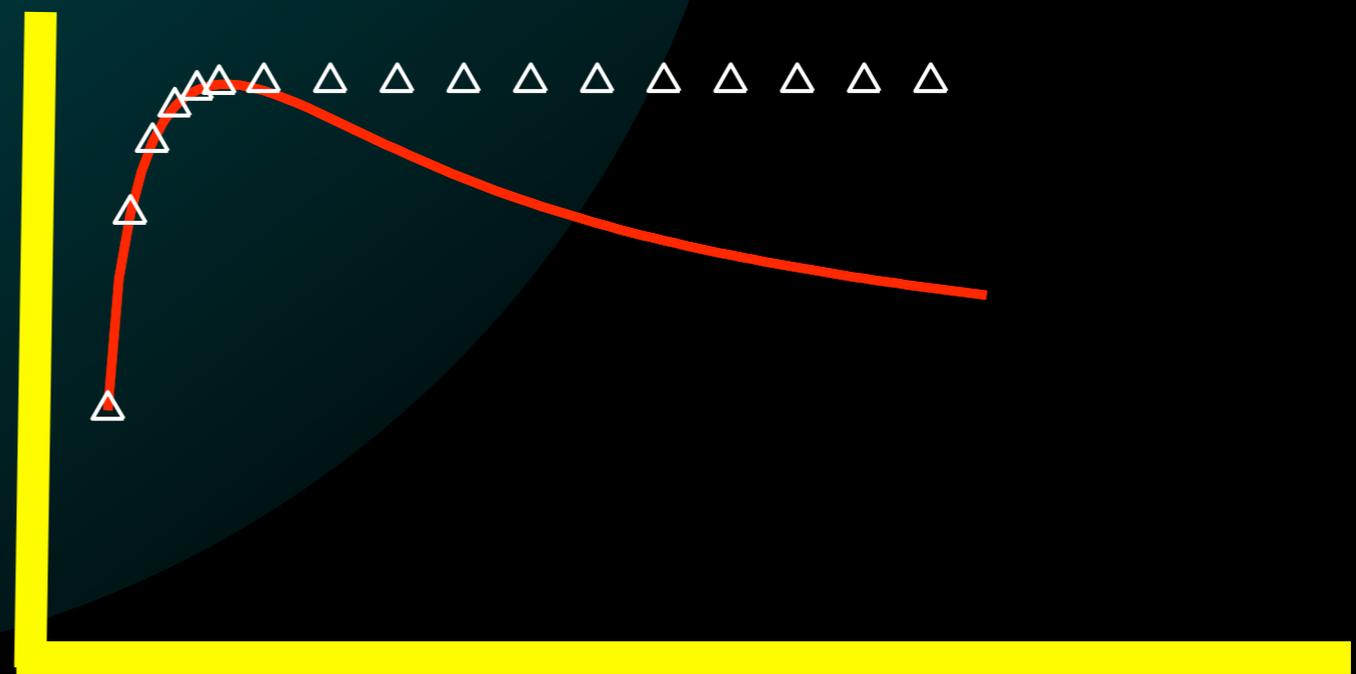
Filaments of structure -- the “cosmic web”

dark matter in galaxies

About half gram of dark matter in a cube with side 1000 km in the solar neighborhood

Typical speed of dark matter particles is about 200 km/s near the solar neighborhood.

Rotation speed

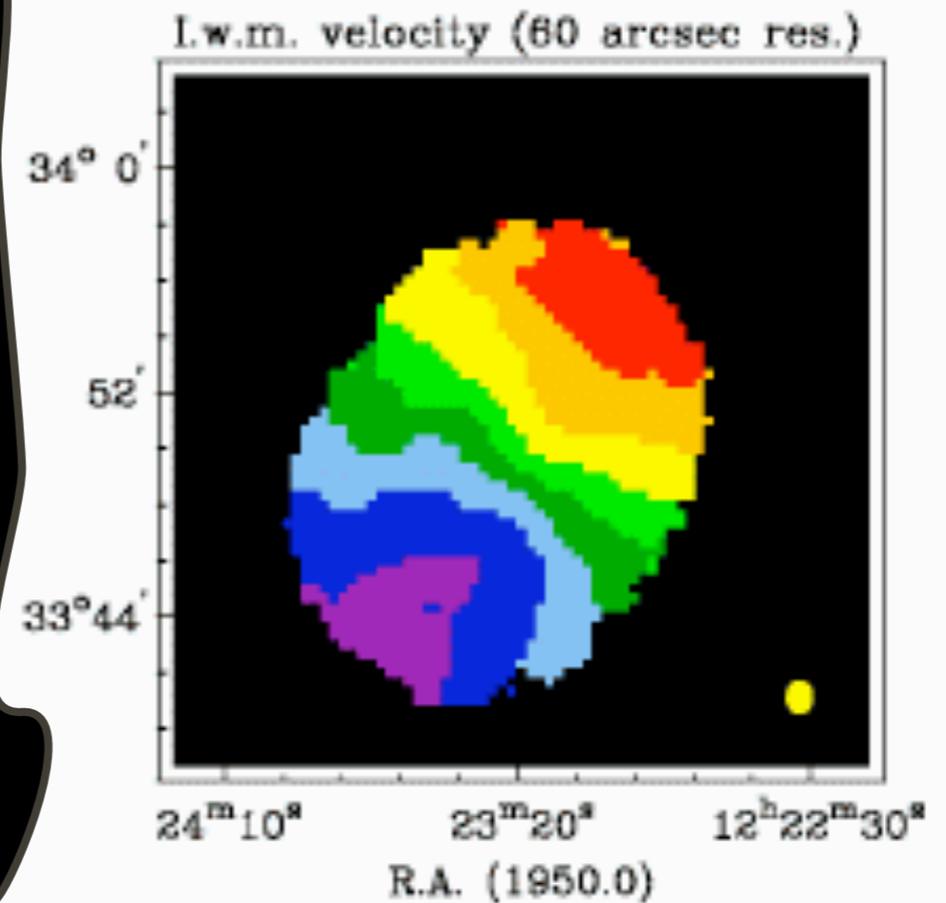


Distance from center

dark matter in galaxies



UGC 7524/NGC 4395



Galaxy:	UGC 7524
Distance:	4.3 Mpc
Type:	.SAS9*.
B_T^0 :	10.55
Inclination:	34°
Optical size:	13.'2 x 10.'8
Total HI mass:	14.4 x 10 ^B M _⊙

Close-by
and faint

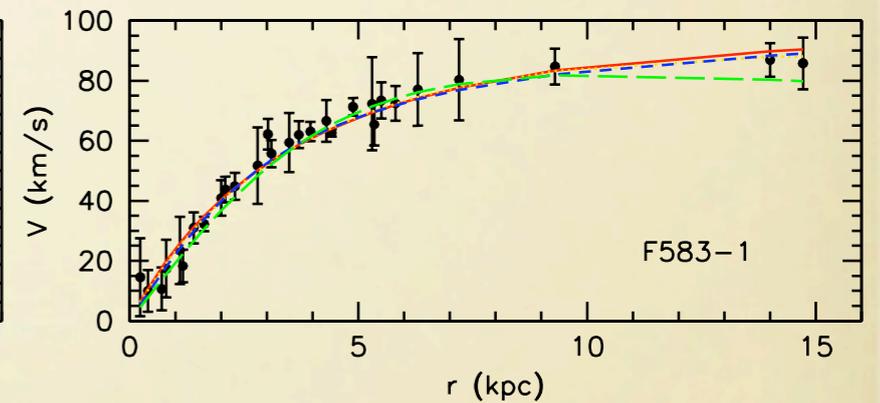
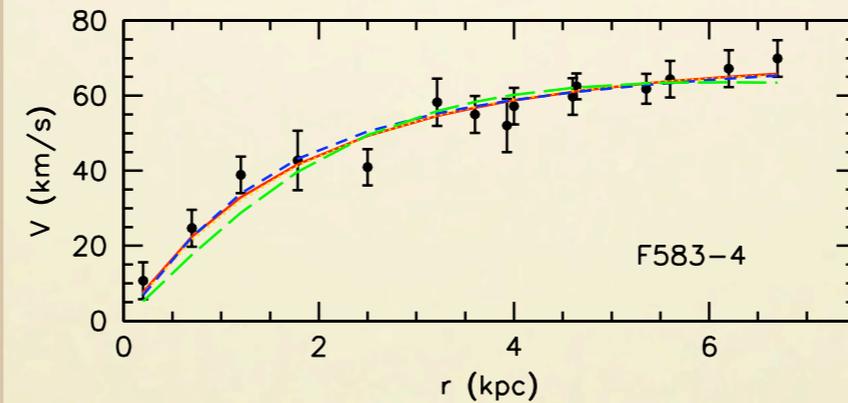
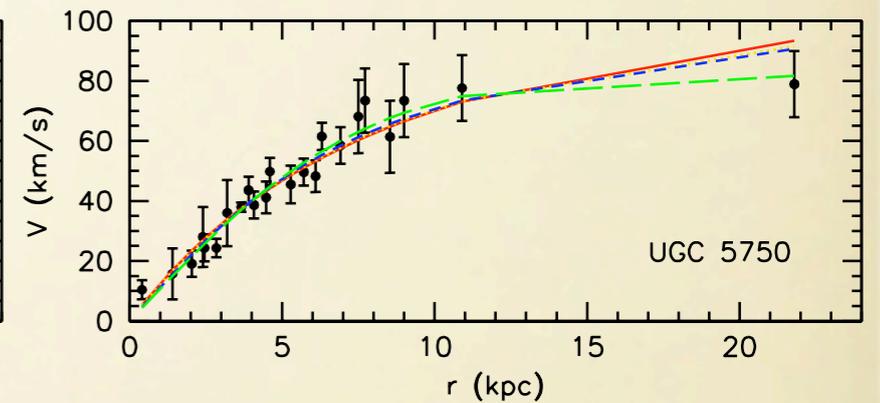
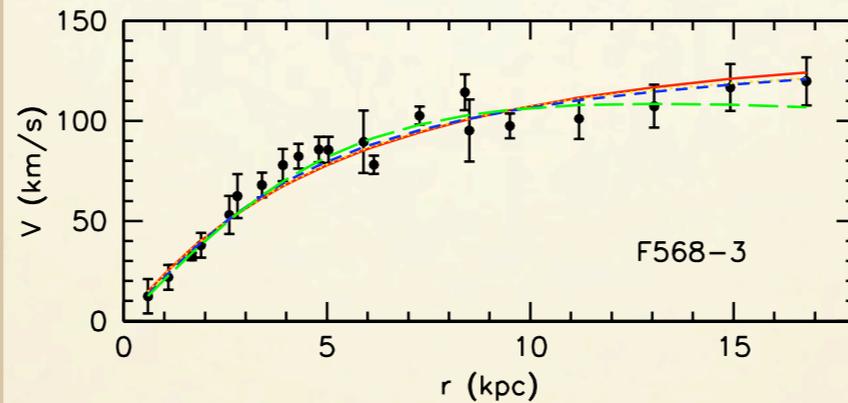
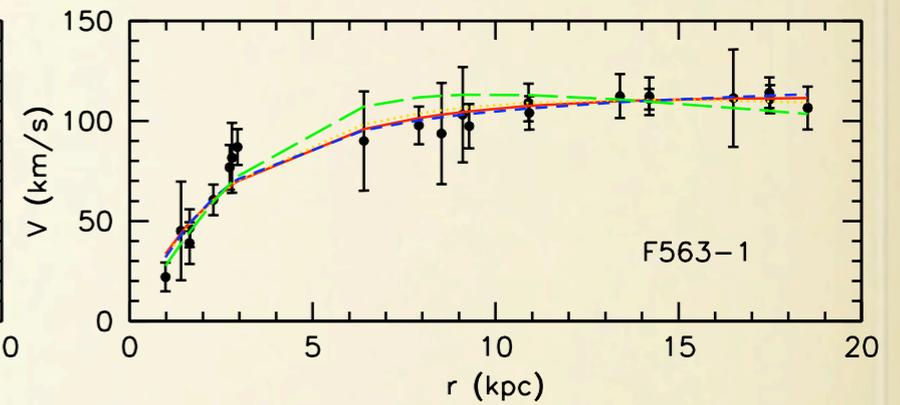
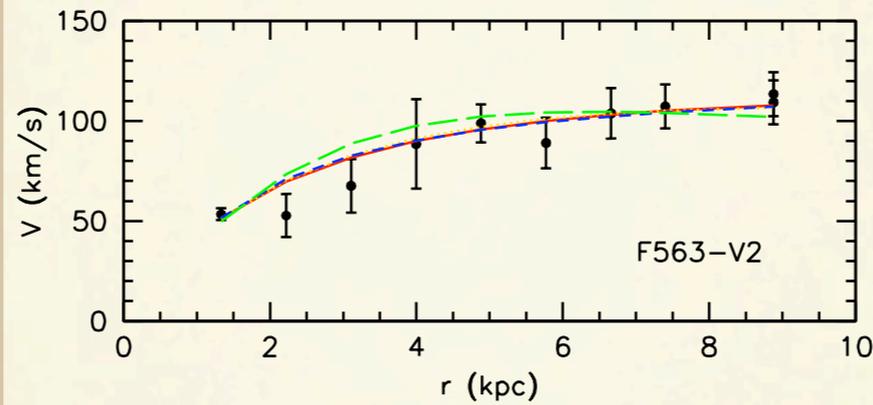
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Rotation supported by dark matter

dark matter in galaxies: rotation speeds

Note the plateau in speed as the distance from the center increases.

This universal feature is the primary case for dark matter in galaxies.



Note the linear rise in rotation speed close to the center.

dark matter in clusters of galaxies: gravitational lensing



Gravitational Lens HST • WFPC2

Galaxy Cluster 0024+1654

PRC96-10 • ST ScI OPO • April 24, 1996

W.N. Colley (Princeton University), E. Turner (Princeton University),
J.A. Tyson (AT&T Bell Labs) and NASA



Galaxy Cluster Abell 2218

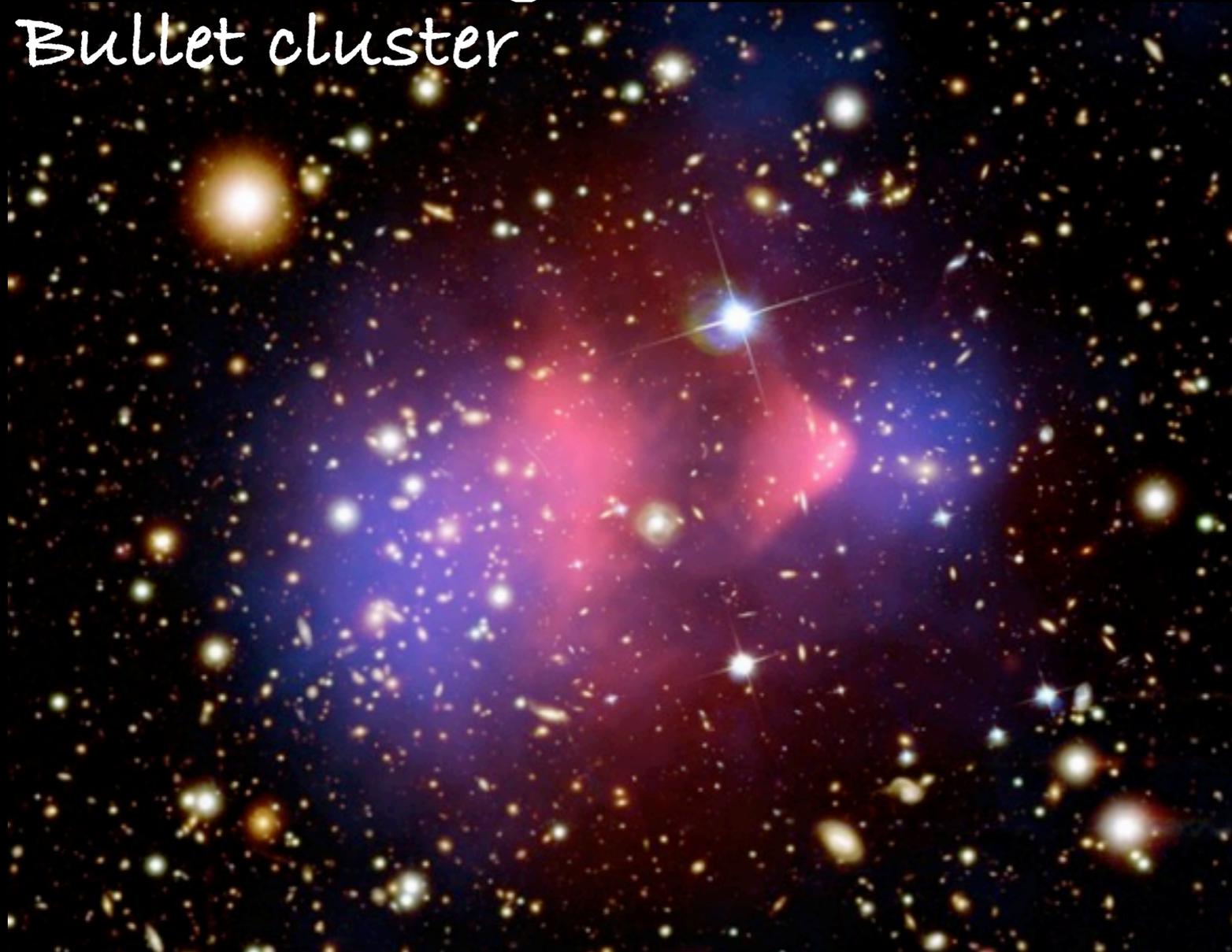
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Arcs are distorted
images of background
galaxies: “strong
gravitational lensing”

dark matter in clusters of galaxies: gravitational lensing

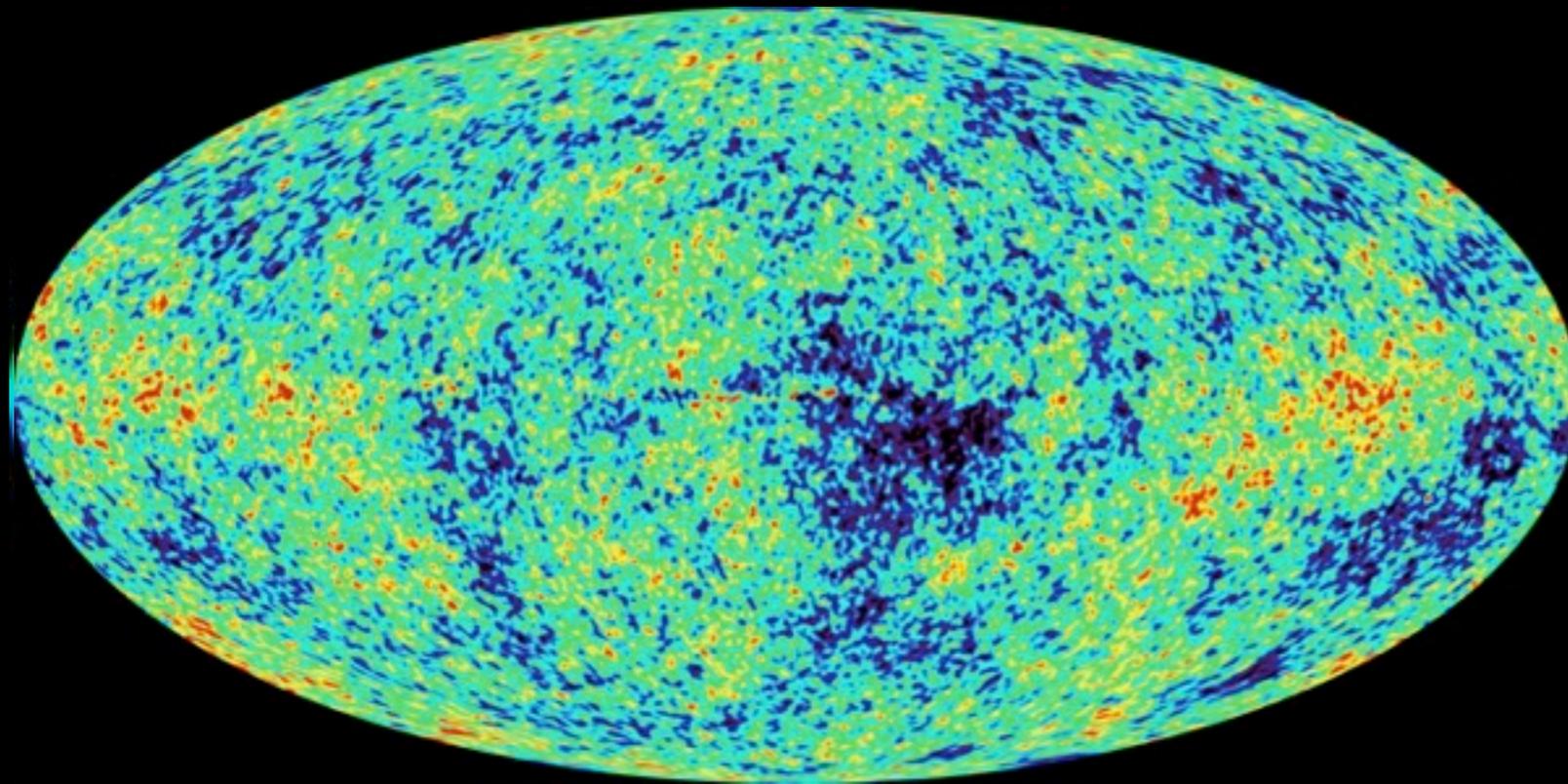
Bullet cluster



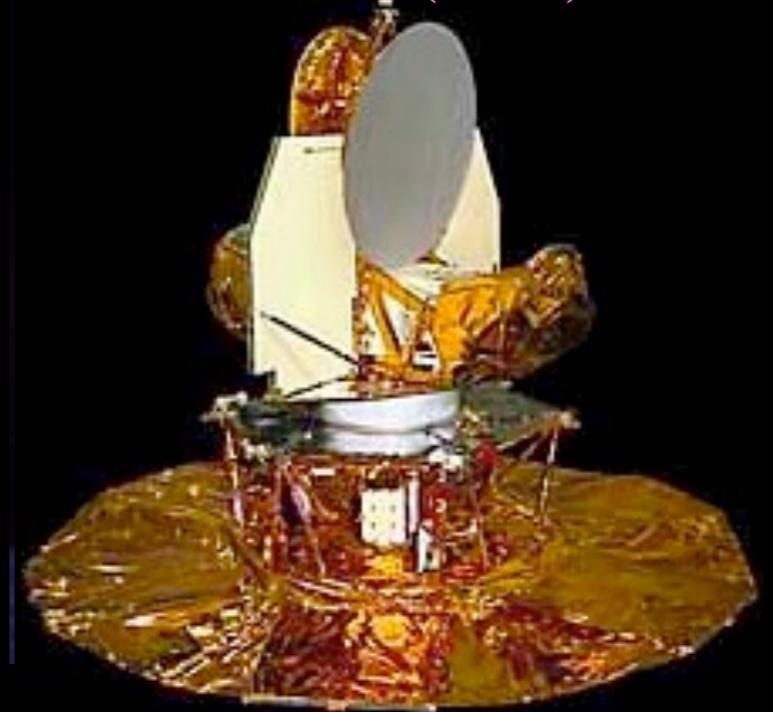
Blue: matter from
"weak" gravitational
lensing
red: gas in x-rays

Composite Credit: X-ray: NASA/CXC/CfA/ M.Markevitch et al.;
Lensing Map: NASA/STScI; ESO WFI; Magellan/U.Arizona/ D.Clowe et al.
Optical: NASA/STScI; Magellan/U.Arizona/D.Clowe et al.;

dark matter on horizon scales



WMAP (2003)



The Universe is not perfectly smooth -- very small variations are needed to make galaxies.

WMAP : (a) universe is close to flat, and (b) about 5 times more dark matter than normal matter

Discovered in 1990s with the COBE satellite

story so far

We have looked at some of the strongest lines of evidence for dark matter.

The next section is about the basic questions we may ask about dark matter *particles*.

Dark matter: Cold and Warm

Cold/Warm: main distinction is (of course) temperature

Temperature: measure of random (thermal) motion before dark matter particles are bound into halos (galaxies)

As the universe cools, this thermal motion decreases

Operational definitions

Cold dark matter: thermal motions irrelevant for galaxy formation

Warm dark matter: thermal motions (a) cut-off formation of small-galaxies or (b) reduce the amount of dark matter in the central parts of galaxies

dark matter interactions (other than gravitation)

Does it interact with other particles?

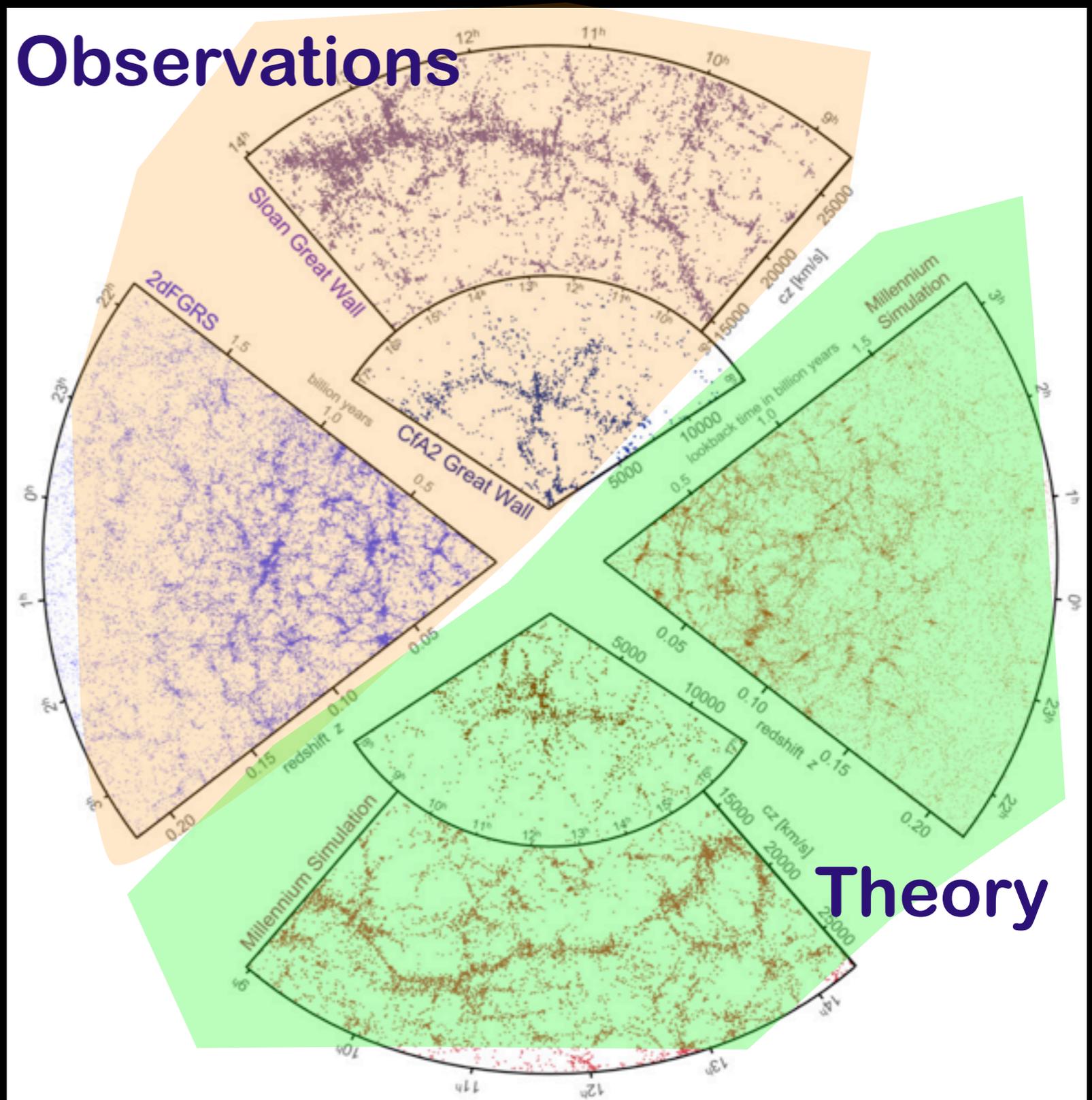
Does it interact with itself?

Is it stable?

COLD dark matter on "large" scales

Matches data on cosmological scales (CMB) down to scales of order Mega-parsec (Galaxies)

Zero-parameter fit (not counting the cosmological parameters) from the astrophysical point of view



extending cold dark matter model?

Should we really expect dark sector to be so simple (so much simpler than the visible sector)?

Cold dark matter model is clearly right (on large scales) but will it need modification as we probe smaller scales?

If yes, what are the motivations? What sort of modifications? How may we test them? How does computing play into this?

extending cold dark matter model

(i) Warmer

or

(ii) Stronger self-interaction

Actually...

(i) much much ... warmer

or

(ii) much much ... stronger self-interaction

How does warmness or strong self-interaction manifest itself in astrophysics?

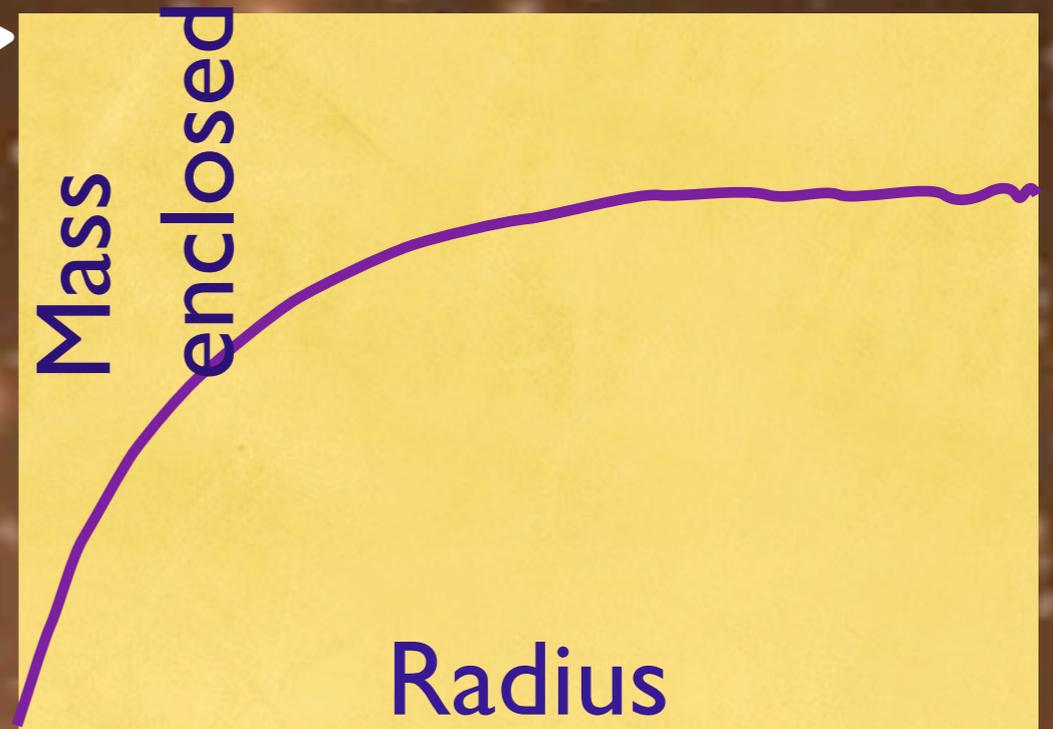
Next ...

Milky Way halo simulated (almost...)



Via Lactea: Diemand et al 2006

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(distance from center of clump or “subhalo”)



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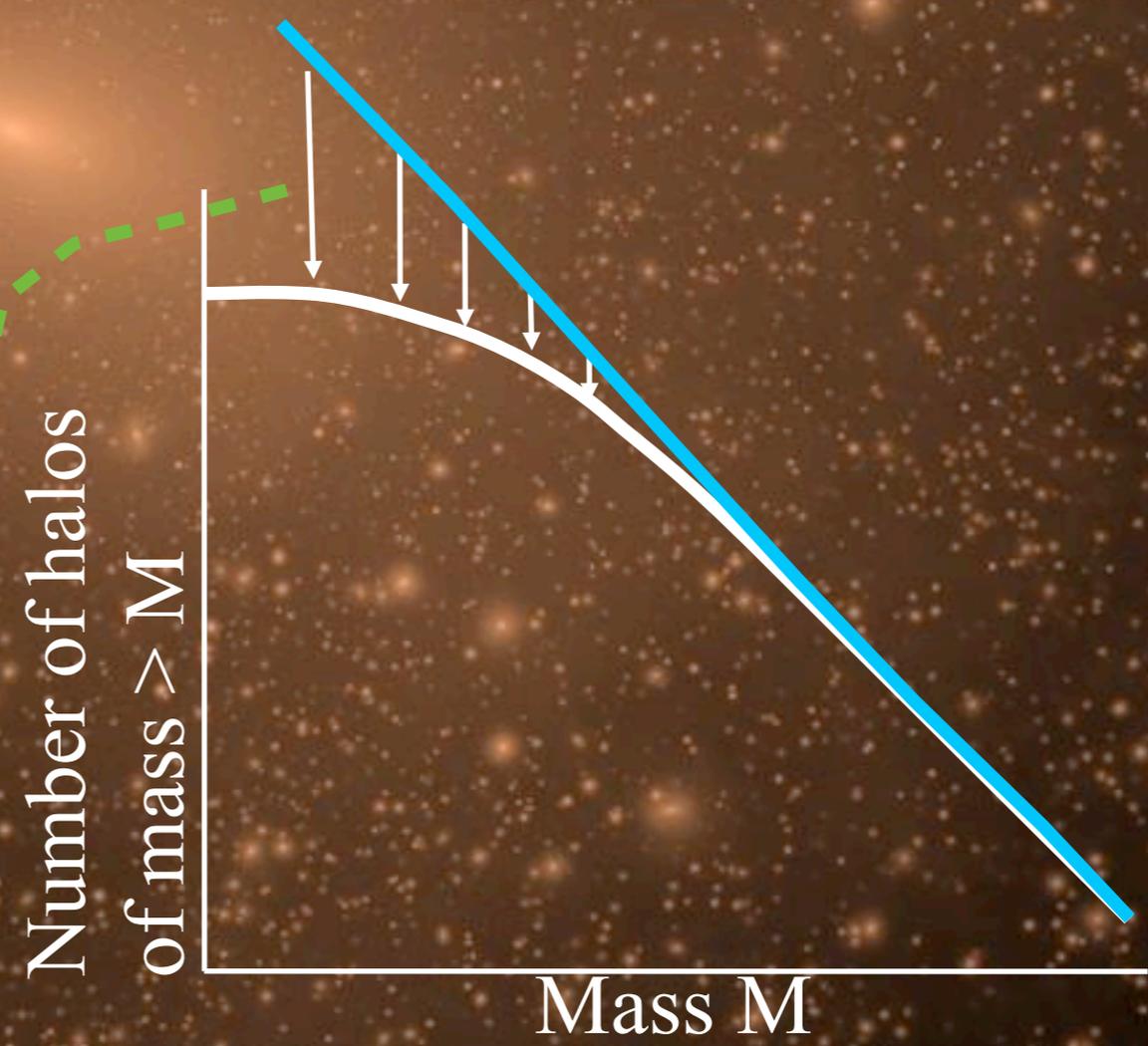
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Warmness and Self-interactions



Self-interaction strength is dialed up

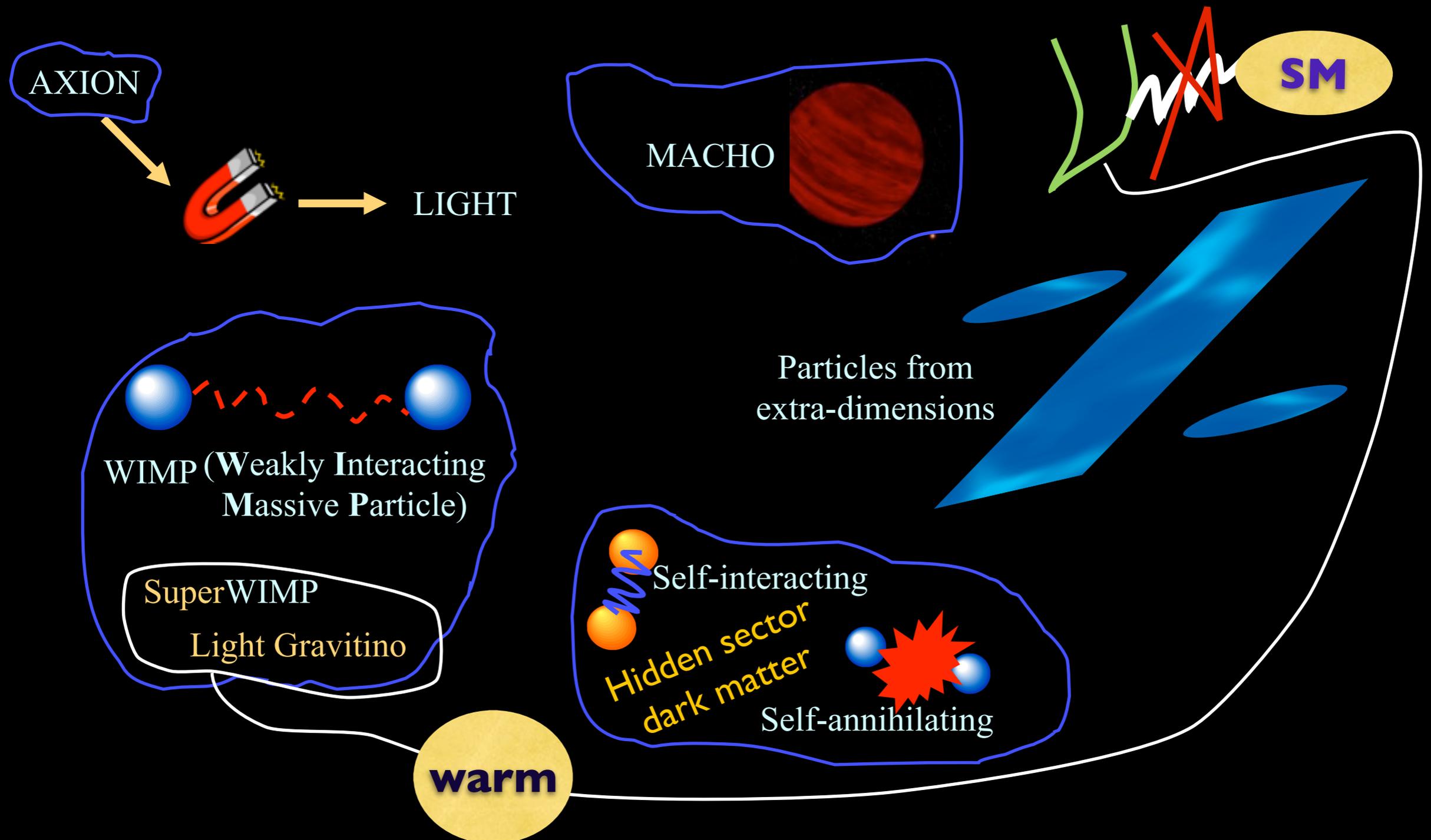
Warmer



80 kpc

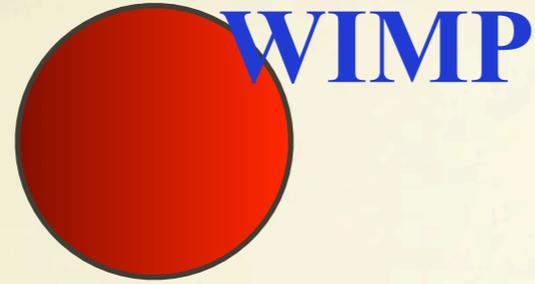
some models of dark matter

- Behaves like normal matter except it does not shine.
- Interacts very weakly with normal matter.



Central density of halos is lowered

Warmness



Sterile ν

Hidden sector DM

Self interaction

Halos more spherical and bigger cores

Damping

Mass of smallest halos

Hidden Sector

if our sector is supersymmetric

SUSY

imagine proton and neutron-like particles here

SM

Hidden

Connector

HOW IS DARK MATTER PRODUCED?

- By freeze-out process : stronger the self-annihilation smaller the present abundance (e.g., WIMP, x-dim)
- Through decay process where the parent particle's abundance is set via the freeze-out mechanism (e.g., SuperWIMP)
- By non-thermal process (e.g., axions, sterile neutrino)
- Directly during reheating : fine tuned (e.g., WIMPZILLA)

Weak scale dark matter

Right abundance!

Successful cosmological predictions on large scales

Hints for new physics at the weak scale (~ 1000 proton masses)

STORY SO FAR

- We have seen that well-motivated dark matter models are varied and they make differing predictions for:
 - formation of small galaxies
 - for density of dark matter in the central parts of the galaxy
- WIMPs are the favored candidates
 - well-motivated
 - provide the most dramatic avenues for seeing dark matter -- **Direct detection, Indirect detection, Direct production. Coming up next...**

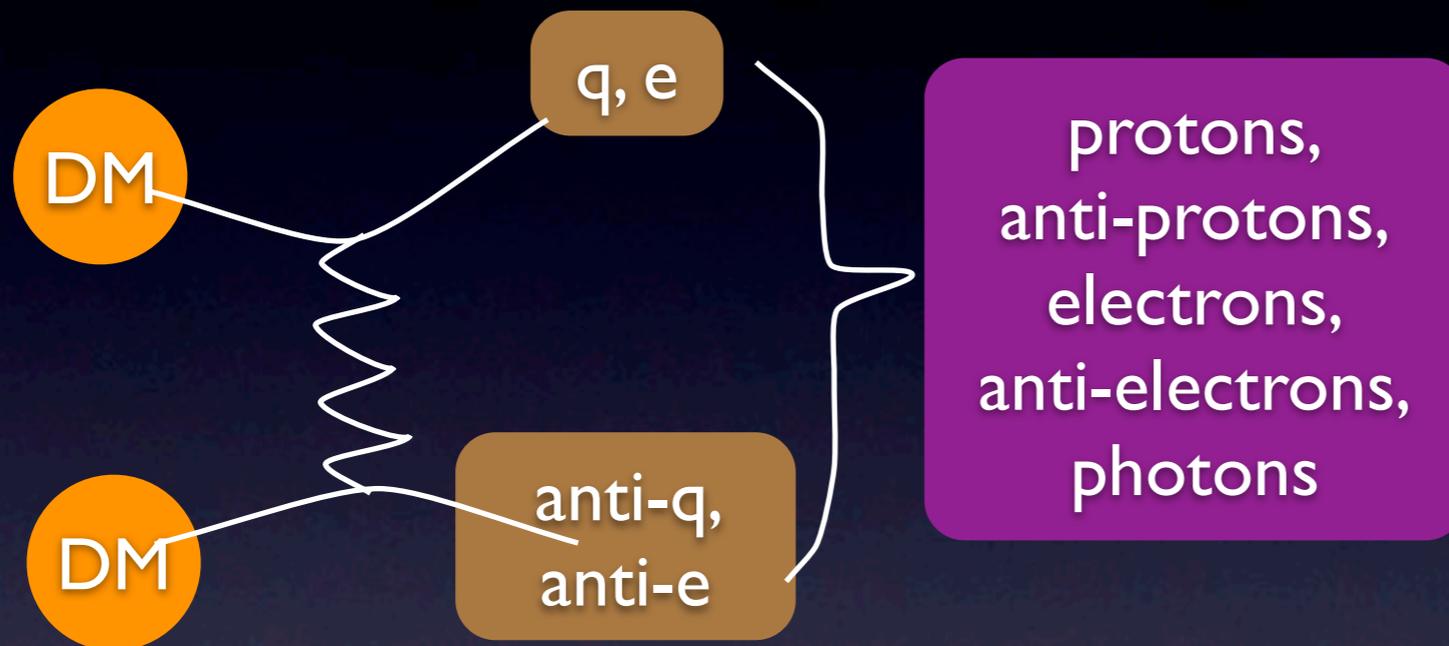
dark matter is all around us: how
do we “see it”?



the WIMP casebook

- **Weakly Interacting Massive Particle**
- Weakly interacting: this is what makes dark matter effectively “dark”. The weak interactions also endow the dark matter with the right cosmological abundance.
- “Massive”: has to be or we would have seen it in the lab despite the weak interactions
- These particles fall out of theories designed to complete the standard model of particle physics

Indirect detection

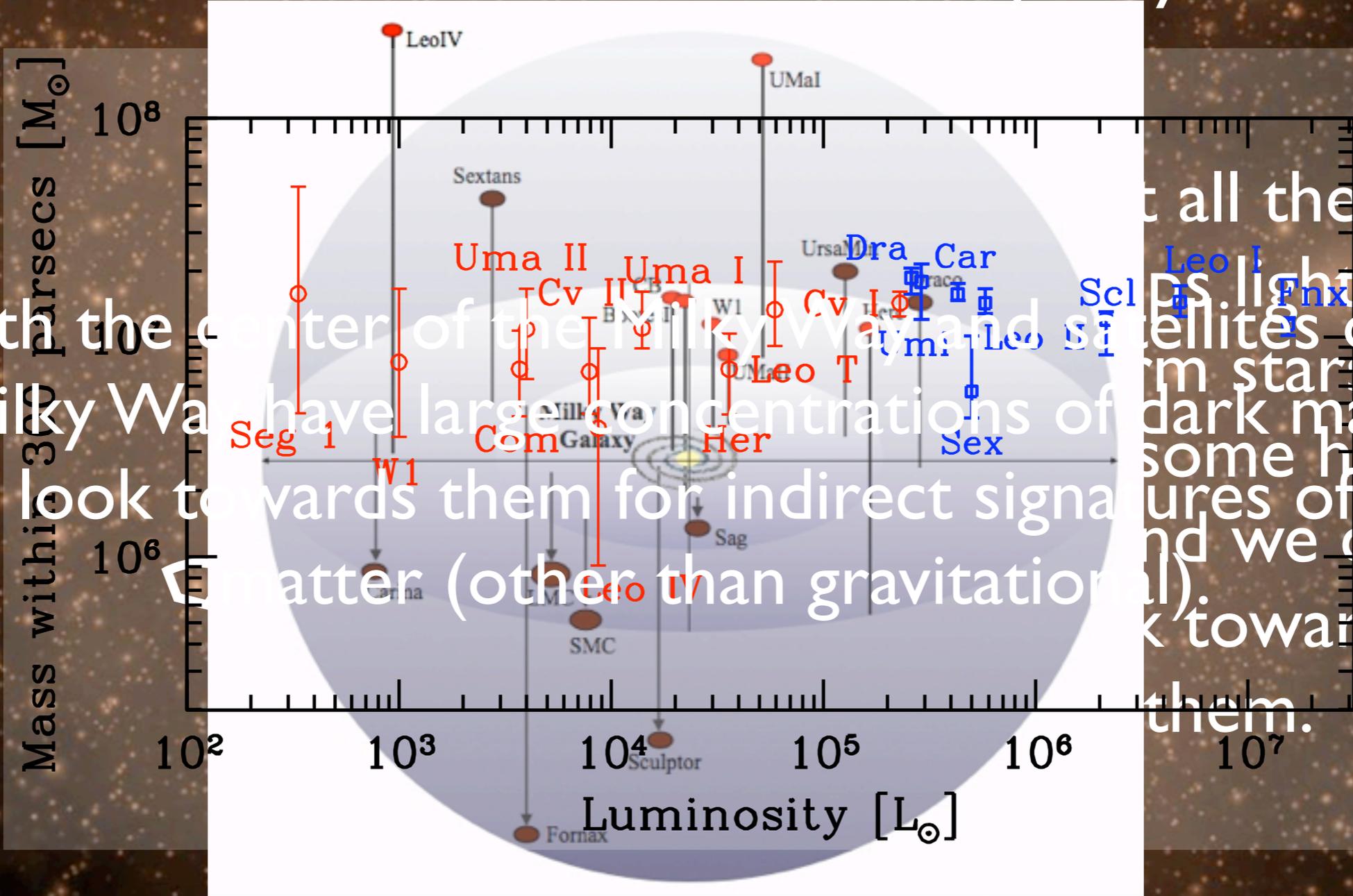


Stay tuned for
results from
AMS-02



Sources for indirect detection

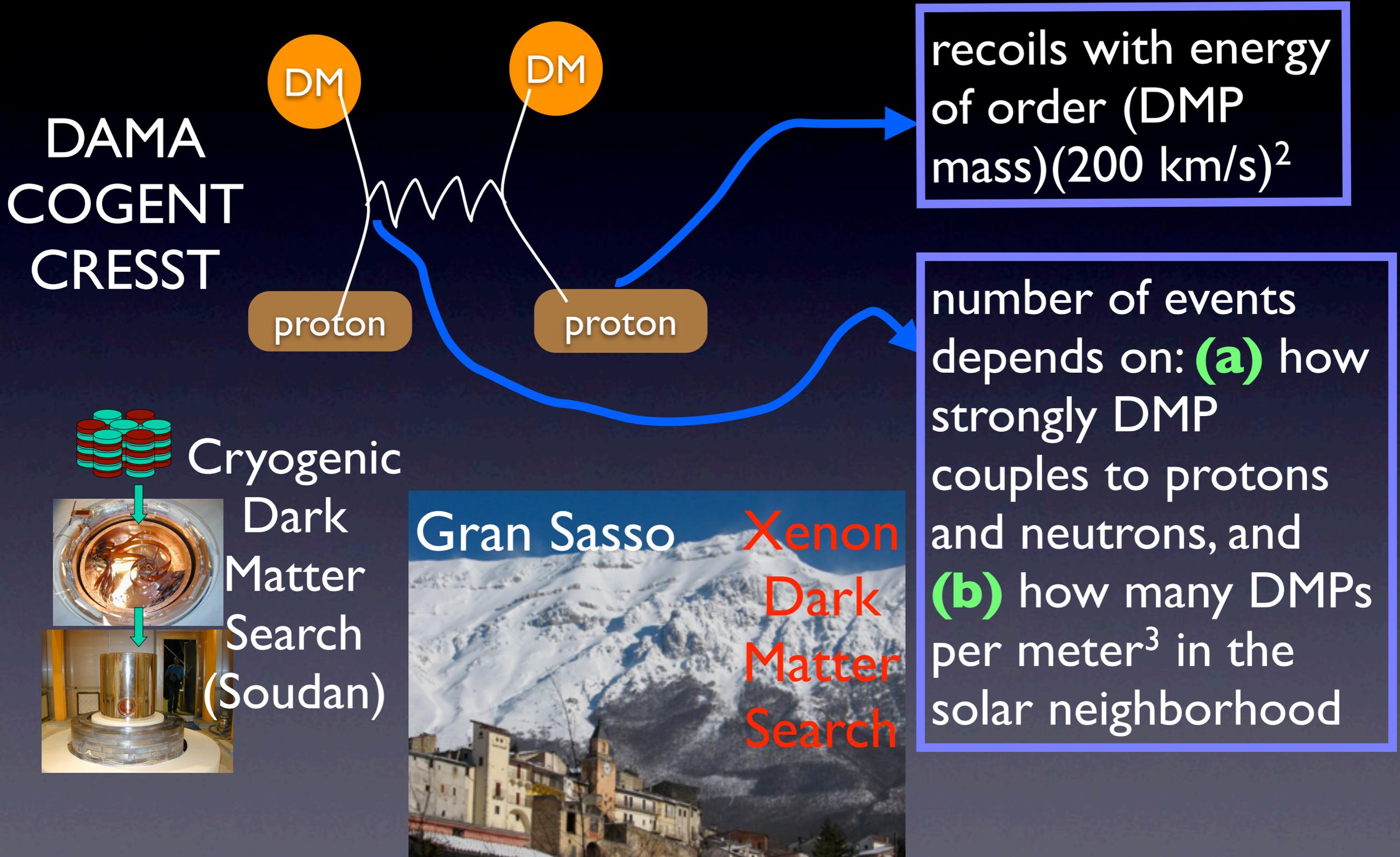
Satellites of the Milky Way



Both the center of the Milky Way and satellites of the Milky Way have large concentrations of dark matter. So look towards them for indirect signatures of dark matter (other than gravitational lensing).
 Not all these PS light up (some have some dark matter and we can look towards them).

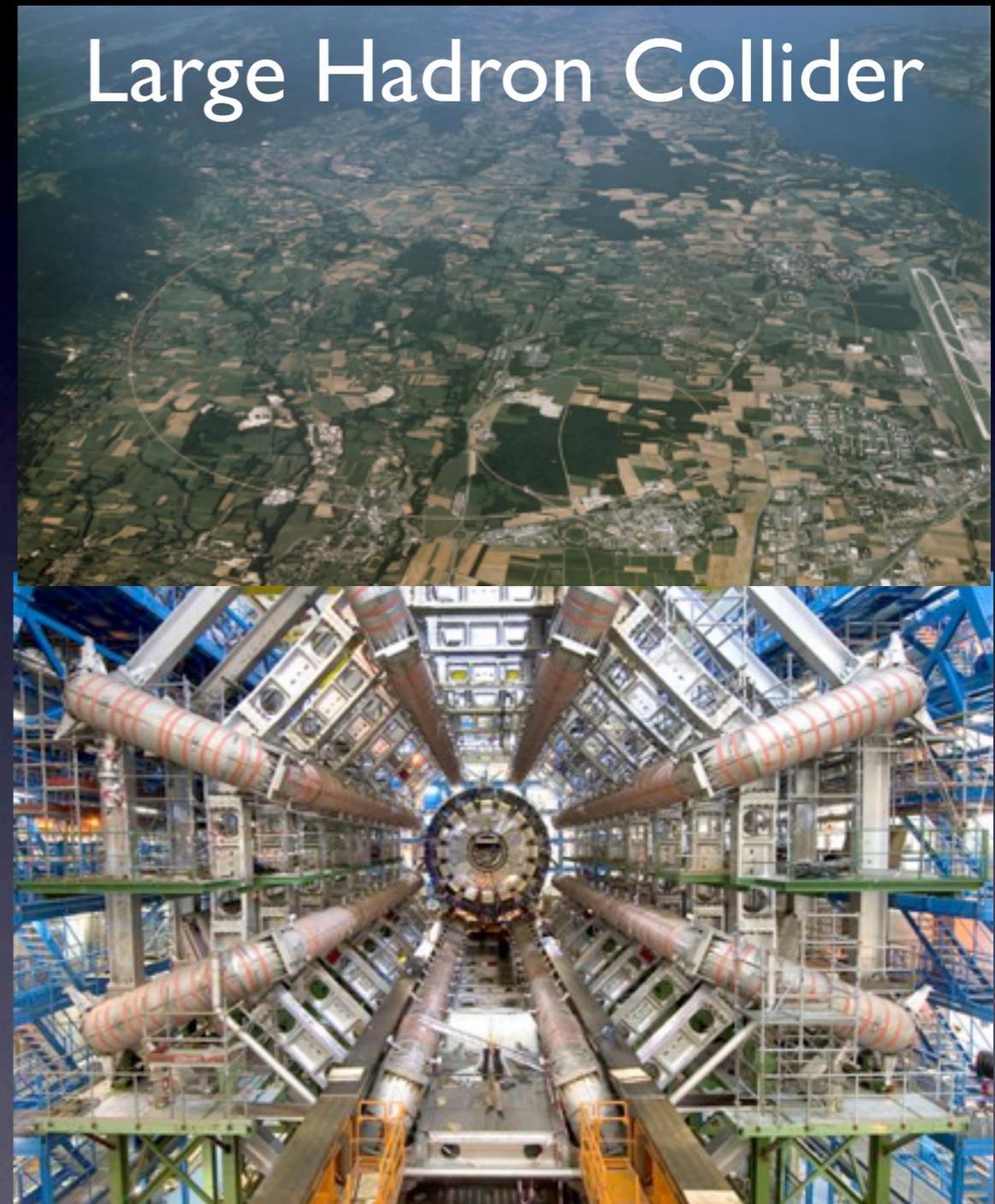
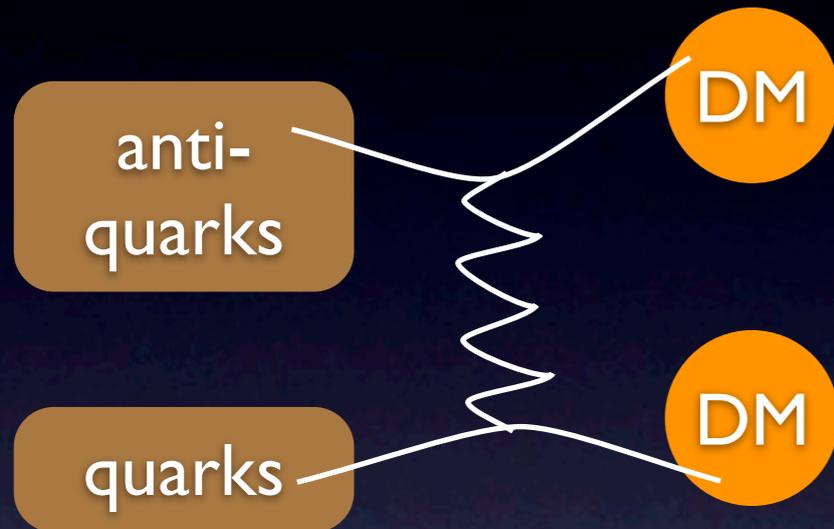
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Direct detection



Direct production

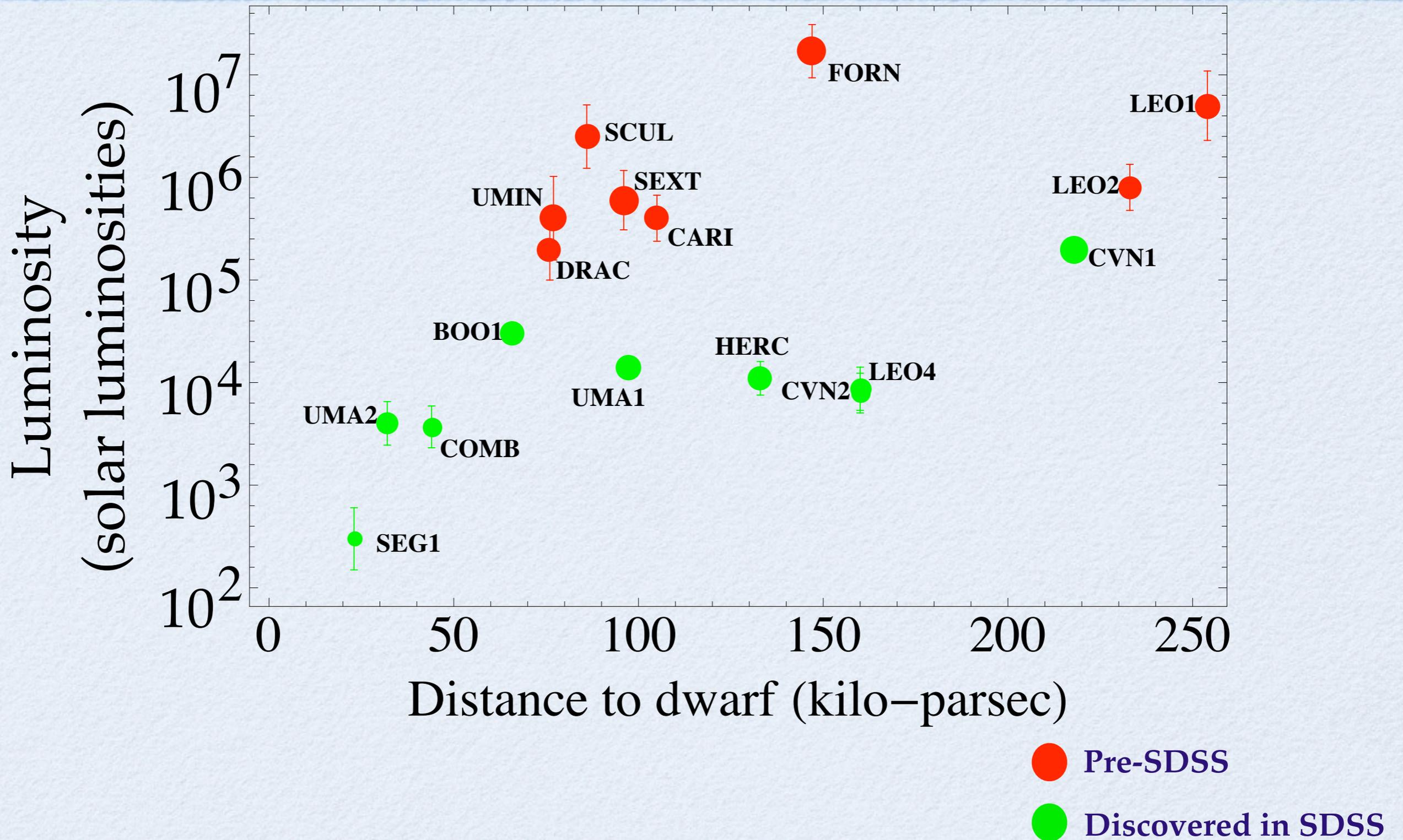
Make dark matter!



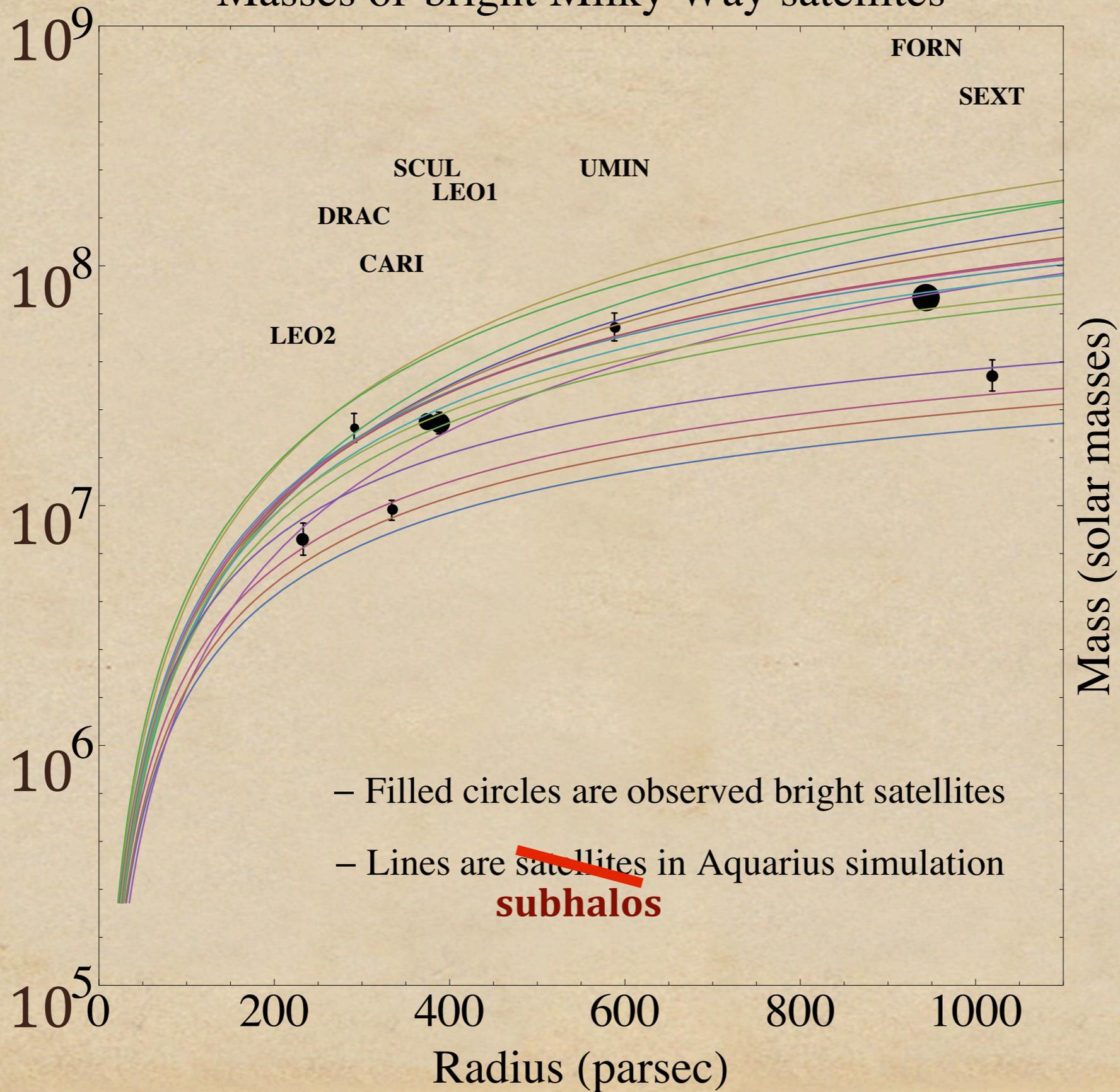
last part of talk now...

- We have seen various ways to “see” WIMPs and we have seen why they are (deservingly) the most favored candidates
- Next we look at two issues for a *perfectly* Cold Dark Matter model
 - Density of dark matter in satellites of the Milky Way
 - Density of dark matter in small spiral galaxies

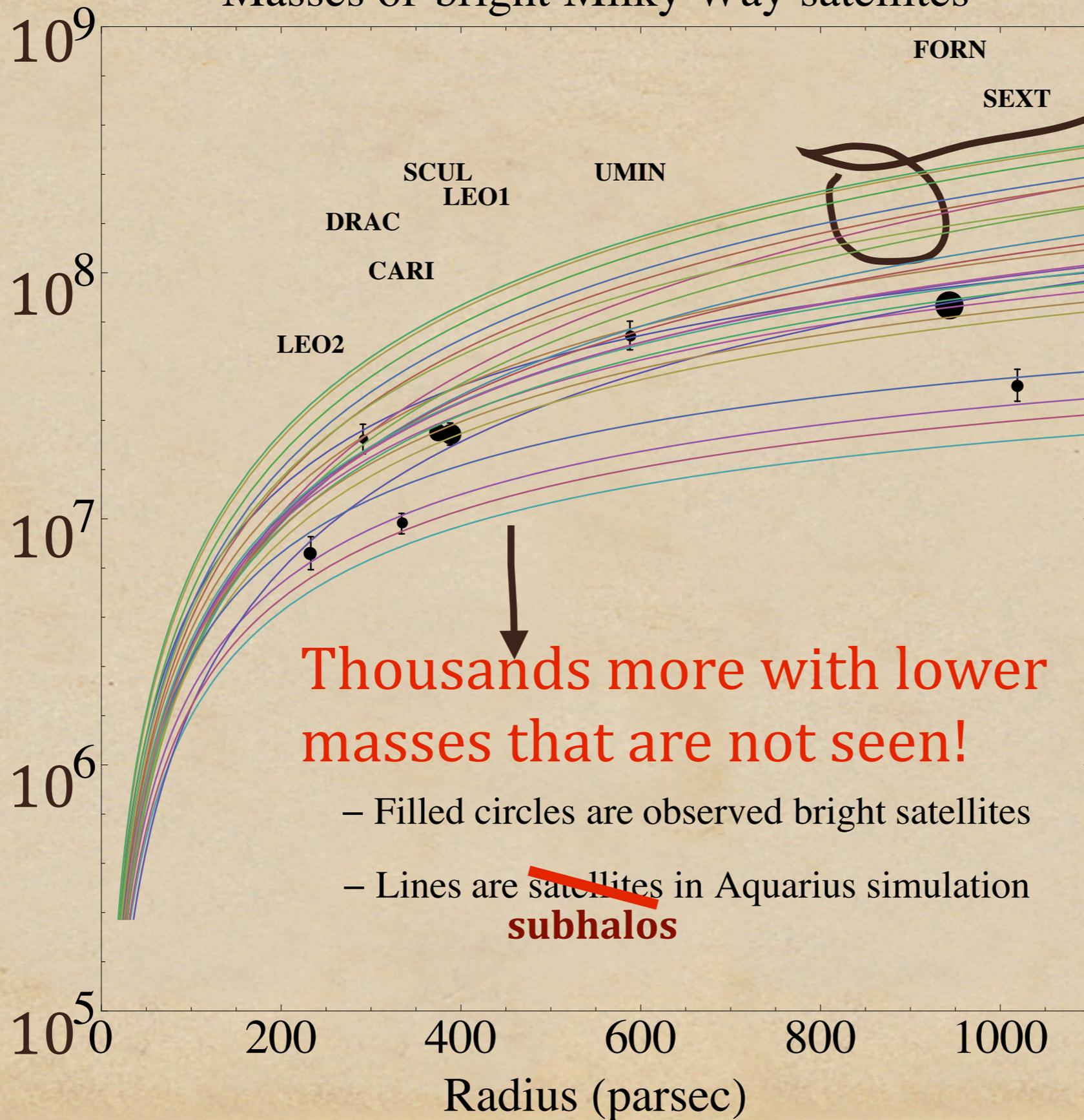
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Masses of bright Milky Way satellites



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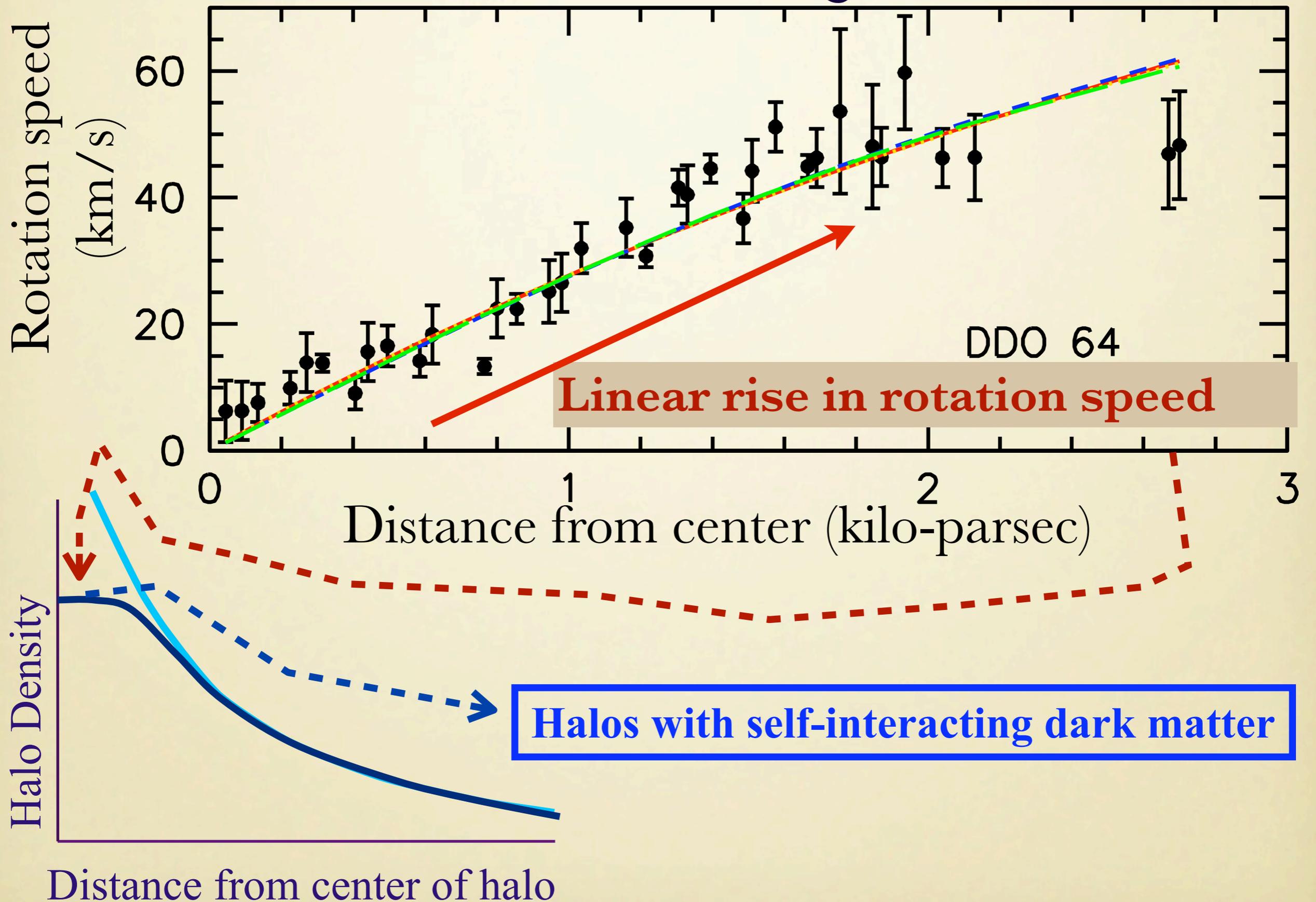


Thousands more with lower masses that are not seen!

Massive satellites missing!

Could be solved by self-interacting or warm dark matter

dark matter in other galaxies



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- the field is changing rapidly and experiments capable of “seeing” WIMP dark matter are finally operational
- however, there are strong hints that we may have to extend the cold dark matter model
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- requires investment in supercomputing for **(a)** understanding feedback from star formation and **(b)** simulating alternative dark matter cosmologies