

# Soft Scattering Evaporation of Dark Matter Subhalos by Inner Galactic Gases

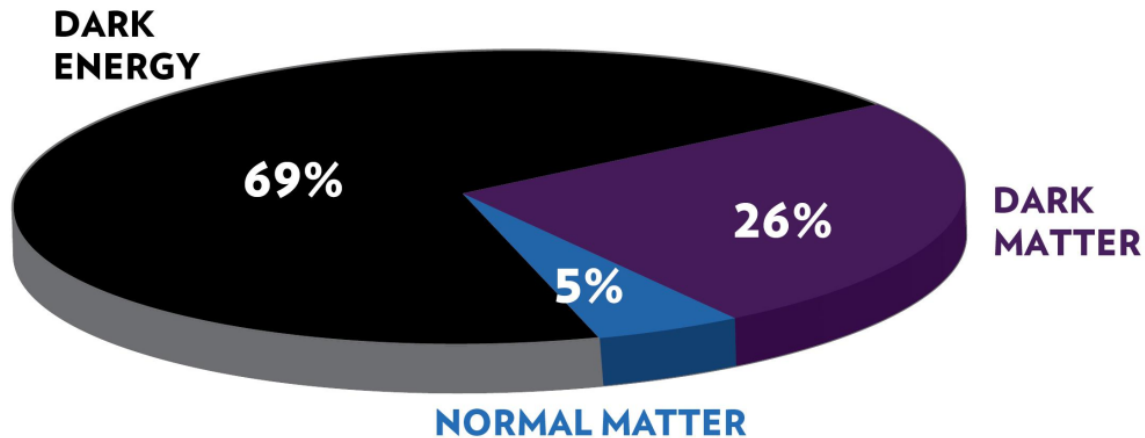
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# Introduction

ENERGY DISTRIBUTION  
OF THE UNIVERSE



Basic features of DM:

1. Electric neutrality
2. Don't interact with baryon matter
3. Stable and long-life
4. moves slowly compared to the speed of light

Possible candidates of DM:

1. WIMP
2. Axion
3. Sterile neutrino
4. Primordial black hole
5. etc



# Dipole dark matter

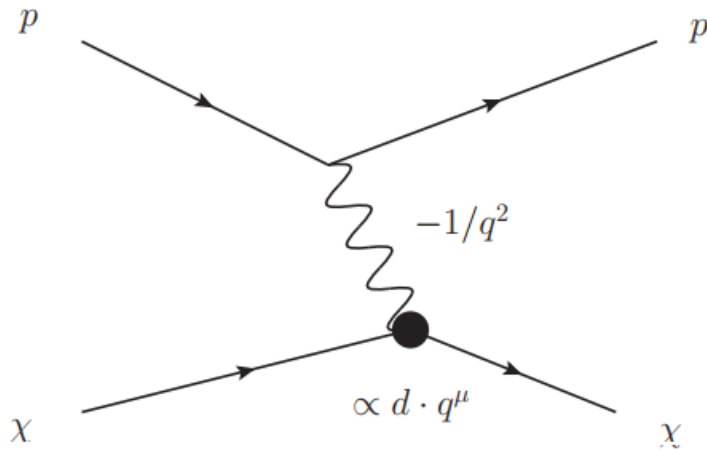
- Below the weak scale, electrically neutral WIMPs can acquire effective coupling to photons (via loop effects)
- The leading effective operator is the dimension-5 EM dipole operator

$$\Delta\mathcal{L} = -\frac{i}{2}\bar{\chi}\sigma_{\mu\nu}(\mu + \gamma_5\mathcal{D})\chi F^{\mu\nu}$$

Where  $\mathcal{D}$  and  $\mu$  represents electric and magnetic dipole moments (EDM and MDM) which derive from loop corrections of high-scale UV physics.



# Dipole-charge scattering



$$\Delta\mathcal{L} = -\frac{i}{2}\bar{\chi}\sigma_{\mu\nu}(\mu + \gamma_5\mathcal{D})\chi F^{\mu\nu}$$

$q^{-1}$  dependence in charge-dipole scattering amplitude  
and the cross-section has a well-known  $q^{-2}$  divergence

- At late universe after reionization, ionized hotspots re-emerge in inner galactic regions in the form of **heated gas** and **cosmic rays**
- For **small subhalos** located in such regions, through dipole-charge interaction, dark matter particles can escape these weakly bound subhalos
- By calculating soft dipole-scattering heating rate and assuming the survival of subhalos, we can place an upper limit on the DM's dipole form factor

# Dipole-charge scattering differential cross-section

- Relativistic scattering (DM and cosmic ray)

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dT_\chi} = \begin{cases} \frac{e^2 \mathcal{D}^2}{8\pi T_\chi |\mathbf{p}_i|^2} (2E_i^2 - 2E_i T_\chi - m_\chi T_\chi), & \text{(EDM)} \\ \frac{e^2 \mu^2}{8\pi T_\chi |\mathbf{p}_i|^2} (2|\mathbf{p}_i|^2 - 2E_i T_\chi + m_\chi T_\chi), & \text{(MDM)} \end{cases}$$

$\mathbf{p}_i$  is incident proton's 3-momentum  
 $E_i$  is total energy of proton  
 $T_\chi$  is the kinetic energy of DM after collision

- Non-relativistic scattering (DM and hot gas)

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\cos\theta} = \begin{cases} \alpha \mathcal{D}^2 \frac{1}{v^2(1-\cos\theta)} & \text{(EDM)} \\ \alpha \mu^2 \frac{3m_\chi^2 + 2m_\chi m_p + 2m_p^2}{2(m_\chi + m_p)^2(1-\cos\theta)} & \text{(MDM)} \end{cases}$$

$v$  is relative velocity between DM and gas  
For **EDM**, there is an explicit  $v^{-2}$  dependence

# Dipole-charge scattering transfer cross-section

The **transfer cross-section** for non-Relativistic and Relativistic case are respectively

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma_T(v) &\equiv \int d\cos\theta \frac{d\sigma}{d\cos\theta} (1 - \cos\theta) \\ &= \begin{cases} 2\alpha\mathcal{D}^2 v^{-2} & \text{(EDM)} \\ \alpha\mu^2 \frac{3m_\chi^2 + 2m_\chi m_p + 2m_p^2}{(m_\chi + m_p)^2} & \text{(MDM)} \end{cases}\end{aligned}$$

For **EDM**, there is an explicit  $v^{-2}$  **dependence** in EDM induced non-relativistic collisions

For **MDM**, the leading term is finite and not enhanced by  $v^{-2}$

$$\sigma_T = \begin{cases} \alpha\mathcal{D}^2 \left[ 1 + m_p^2 \left( \frac{1}{(m_\chi + m_p)^2 + 2m_\chi T_i} + \frac{2}{2m_p T_i + T_i^2} \right) \right] \\ \alpha\mu^2 \left[ 1 + \frac{2m_\chi^2 + m_p^2}{(m_\chi + m_p)^2 + 2m_\chi T_i} \right] \end{cases}$$



# Subhalo heating rate due to hot gas

$$\frac{d\Delta E_p}{dt} = \frac{m_\chi \rho_p}{(m_\chi + m_p)} \int d^3 v_p f_p(v_p) \int d^3 v_\chi f_\chi(v_\chi) \times \bar{\sigma} (|\mathbf{v}_\chi - \mathbf{v}_p|) |\mathbf{v}_\chi - \mathbf{v}_p| [\mathbf{v}_{\text{CM}} \cdot (\mathbf{v}_p - \mathbf{v}_\chi)],$$

$$f_\chi(\vec{v}_\chi) = \frac{1}{n} e^{-|\vec{v}_\chi - \vec{v}_0|^2 / \sigma_v^2}$$

$$f_p(\vec{v}_p) = \frac{1}{n} e^{-m_p |\vec{v}_p - \vec{v}_{p0}|^2 / 2k_B T}$$



In the limit that energy transfer rate is dominated by their relative velocity  $v$

$$\frac{d\Delta E_\chi}{dt} = \begin{cases} \frac{2\alpha \mathcal{D}^2 m_p m_\chi \rho_p v}{(m_p + m_\chi)^2} & \text{(EDM)} \\ 3\alpha \mu^2 \left[ 1 - \frac{m_p(m_p + 4m_\chi)}{3(m_p + m_\chi)^2} \right] \frac{m_p m_\chi \rho_p v^3}{(m_p + m_\chi)^2} & \text{(MDM)} \end{cases}$$

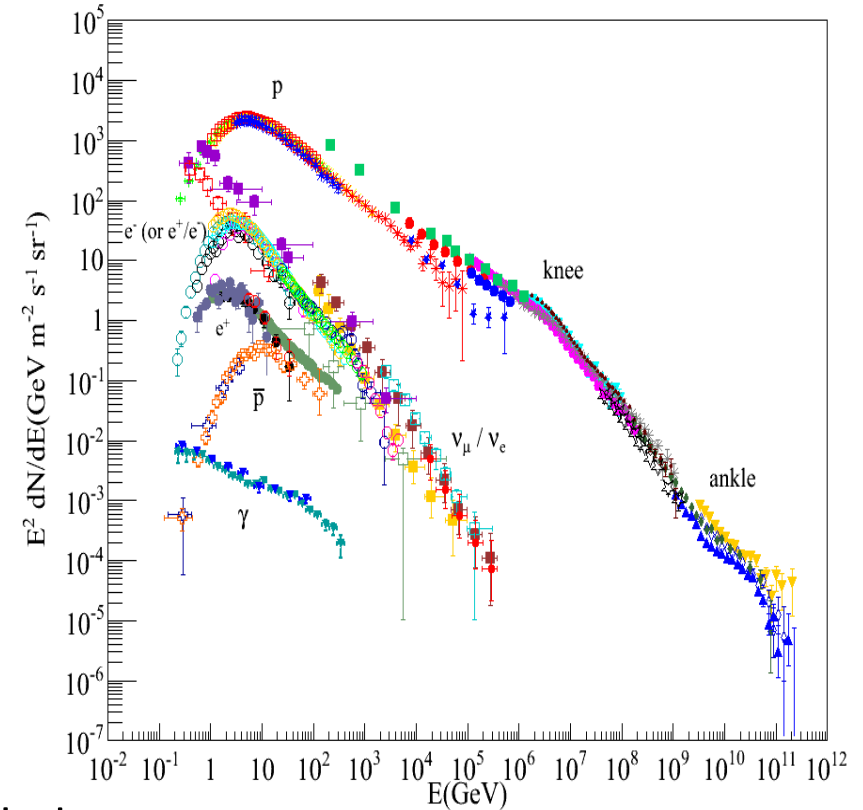
- For **EDM**, the heating rate is proportional to relative velocity  $v$  between DM and gas
- For **MDM**, the heating rate is proportional to  $v^3$



# Subhalo heating rate due to cosmic ray

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\Delta E_\chi}{dt} &= \int \Delta E_\chi n v d\sigma \\ &= \int dT_i d\Omega \left( \frac{d\Phi}{dT_i d\Omega} \right) \int \frac{d\sigma}{dT_\chi} T_\chi dT_\chi \end{aligned}$$

- The proton energy spectrum is an approximate  $E^{-2.7}$  powerlaw above the GeV scale.
- So far the cosmic ray energy spectrum has only been measured **locally at the Earth**.



The relative intensity distribution **in other location** can be modeled

$$\frac{I(r, z)}{I(r_\odot, 0)} = \frac{\text{sech}(r/r_{CR})}{\text{sech}(r_\odot/r_{CR})} \cdot \text{sech}(z/z_{CR})$$

$r_{CR} \sim 5.1 \text{ kpc}$   
 $\longrightarrow$   
 $z_{CR} \sim \text{kpc}$

The volume-averaged proton flux **within 1 kpc** from the galactic center is about **2.1 times** of that at the Sun's location



# Galactic limits

- The **time scale** for an average DM particle to be heated to its host subhalo's escaped velocity can be estimated as

$$\tau_{\text{esc.}} = \frac{1}{2} m_{\chi} (v_{\text{esc.}}^2 - \bar{v}^2) \cdot \left( \frac{d\Delta E_{\chi}}{dt} \right)^{-1}$$

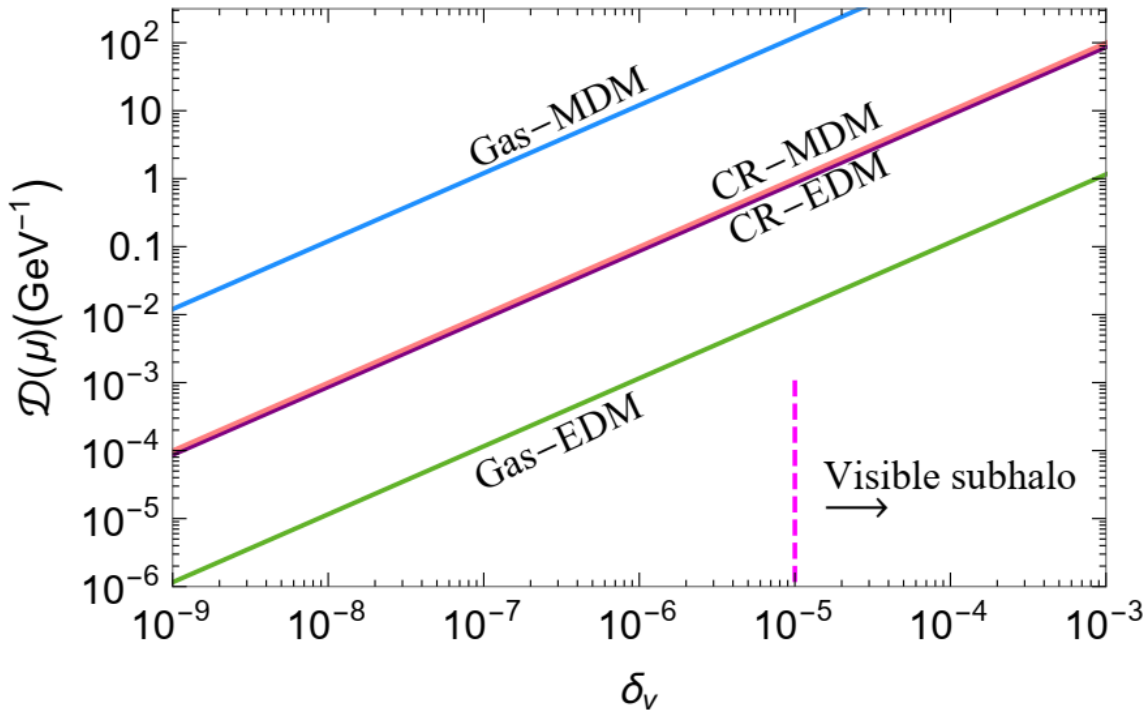
- Stability of subhalos would require  $\tau_{\text{esc}} > 10^{10}$  yr by collision with either gas or cosmic rays.
- DM particle's velocity dispersion  $\delta_v$ , root-mean-square velocity  $\bar{v}$ , escaped velocity  $v_{\text{esc}}$  would depend on the subhalo size. We use an empirical scaling relation

$$\delta_v \approx 3.9 \text{ km/s} \left( \frac{M}{10^6 M_{\odot}} \right)^{1/3}$$

- For a Maxwellian distribution:  $\bar{v} = 1.73 \delta_v$ ,  $v_{\text{esc}} = 1.41 \bar{v}$



# Dipole moment limits

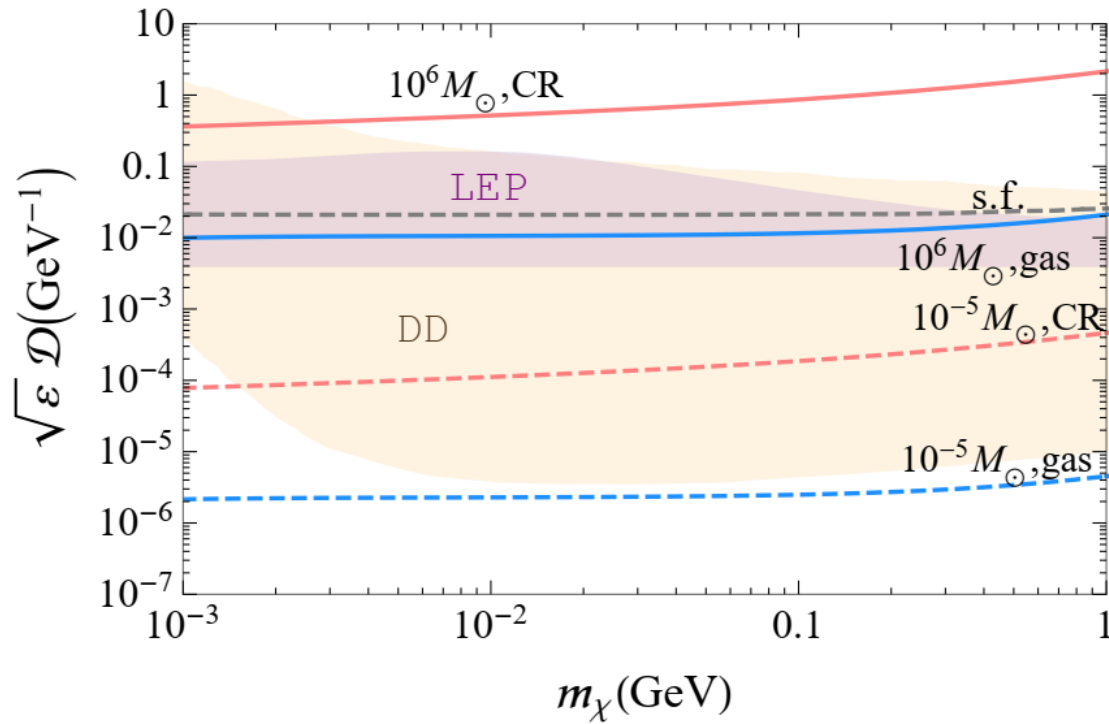


- Subhalo velocity assumes  $v = 10^{-4}$  in the galactic frame.
- Cosmic ray collisions are insensitive to subhalo's velocity and their limits on EDM and MDM are comparable
- In non-relativistic gas-DM collision, The  $v^{-2}$  dependence in EDM  $\sigma_T$  leads to faster heating than MDM and a significantly more stringent limit

Dipole moment  $D$  and  $\mu$  limits for different subhalo's velocity dispersion (corresponding to different subhalo size) that leads to over  $10^{10}$ yr evaporation time



# Dipole moment limits



- Collider search constraint from LEP and direct detection exclusion limits on DM dipole moment are shown as color-shaped regions.
- The solid line represents large mass visible halo and dashed line represents lower mass invisible halo
- The invisible subhalo mass (around  $10^{-5} M_{\odot}$ ) that allows the dipole-moment sensitivity dips below the current direct-search dipole limits.

Dark matter EDM limits for [different mass of DM particle](#) from soft collisional heating on gas and cosmic rays, with  $v = 10^{-4}$



# Summary

- The large gap between dark matter subhalo's velocity and its own gravitational binding velocity creates the situation that dark matter soft-scattering on baryons can evaporate the subhalo, the survival of low-mass subhalos requires stringent limits on the photon-mediated soft scattering
- We have calculated the soft dipole-scattering heating rate of DM by colliding with galactic hot gas and cosmic rays, and place an upper limit on the DM's dipole form factor by assuming the survival of subhalos in the ionized Galactic interior
- To satisfying the current direct-detection limits on sub-GeV DM dipole interaction strength, the Milky Way's hot ionized gas in the inner galactic region are capable of evaporating low-mass subhalo below  $10^{-5} M_{\odot}$  over  $10^{10}$  yr time span

**THANKS !**