

# Minimal FIMP models during reheating and inflationary constraints

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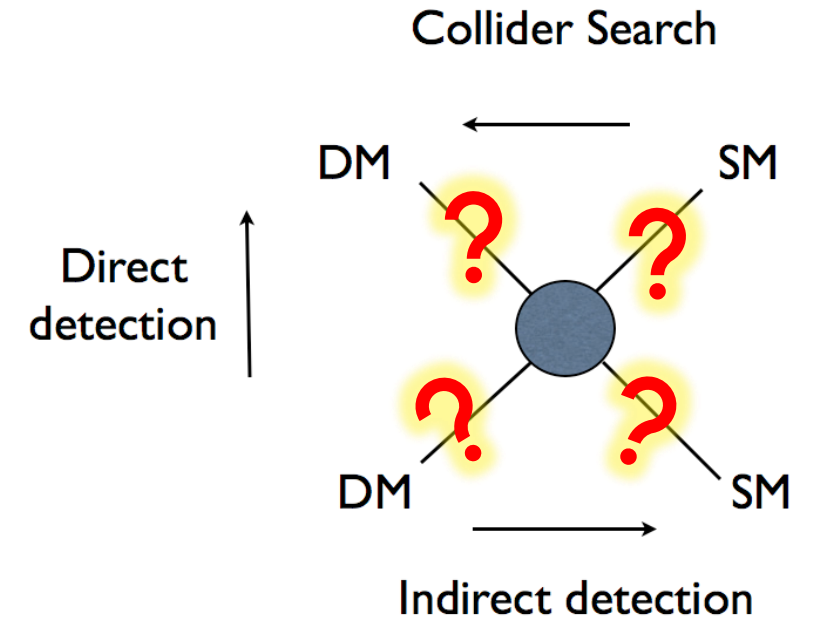
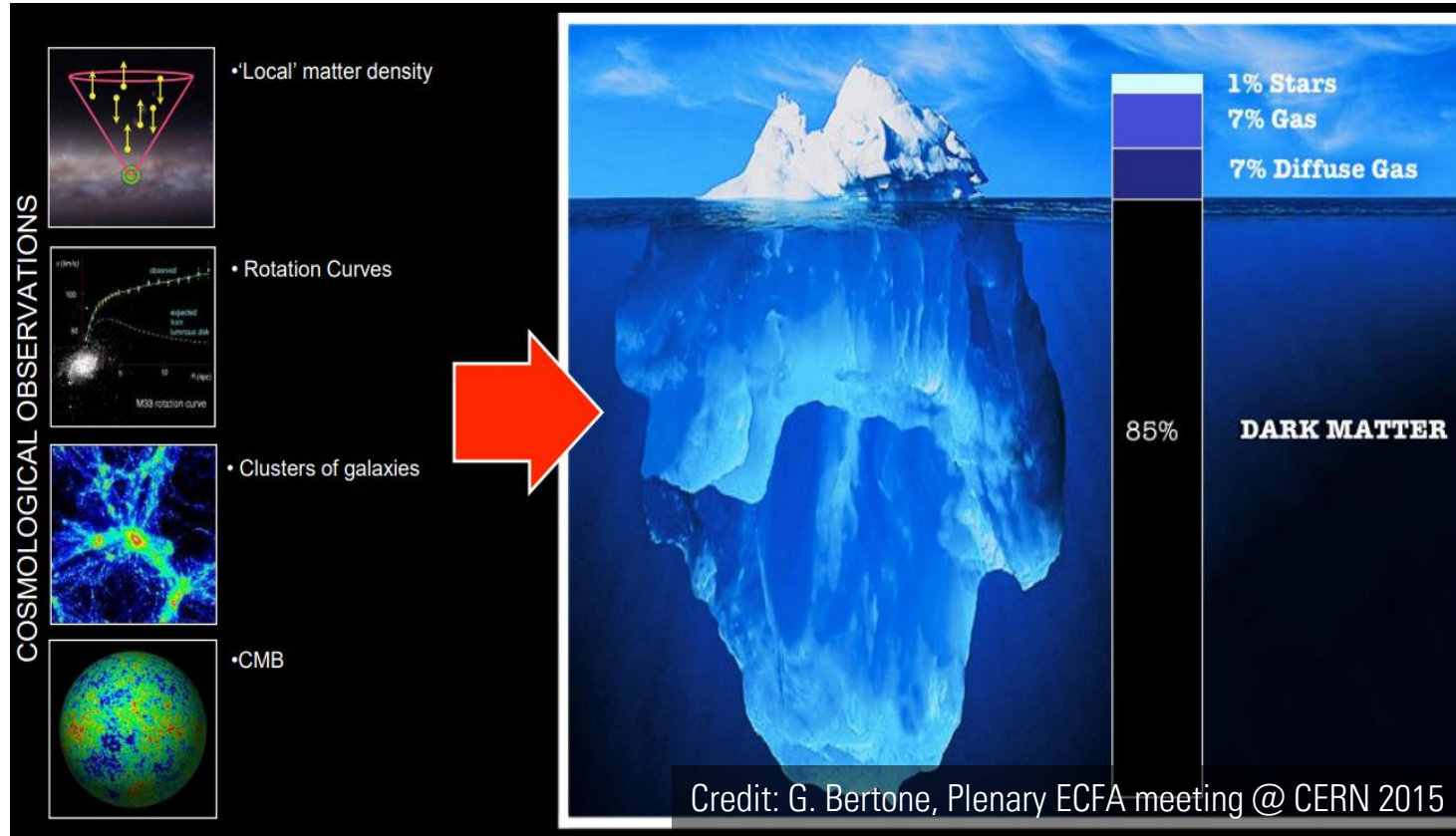


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# The Dark Matter puzzle

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Manfred Lindner



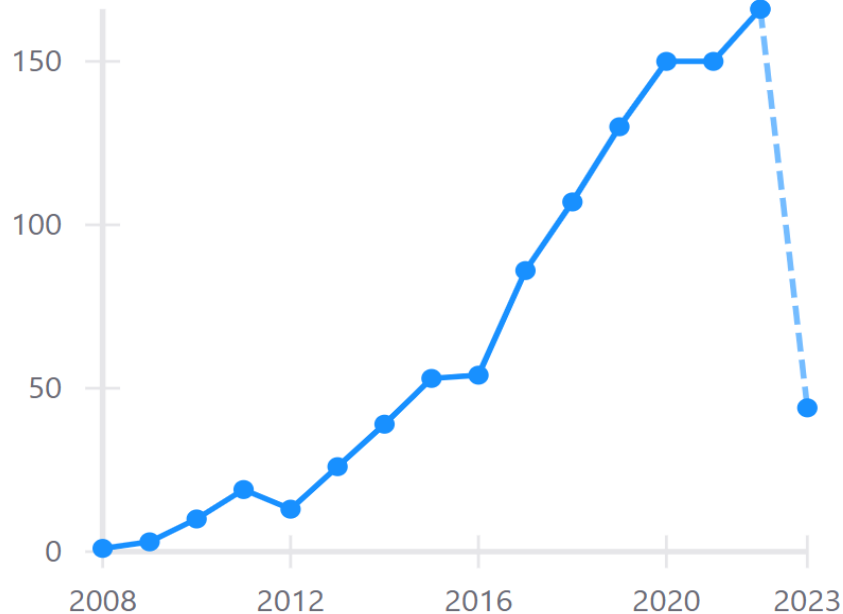
# What if DM is a FIMP?

## What if DM interacts very feebly with the other particles?

Hall et al. (2010), arXiv:0911.1120

“Freeze-In Production of FIMP Dark Matter”

Citations per year



Feebly Interacting (Massive) Particles (FIMPs)  
have gained increasing interest in the last decade



(non-exhaustive list)

Curtin et al. (2019), arXiv:1806.07396

Bélanger et al. (2019), arXiv:1811.05478

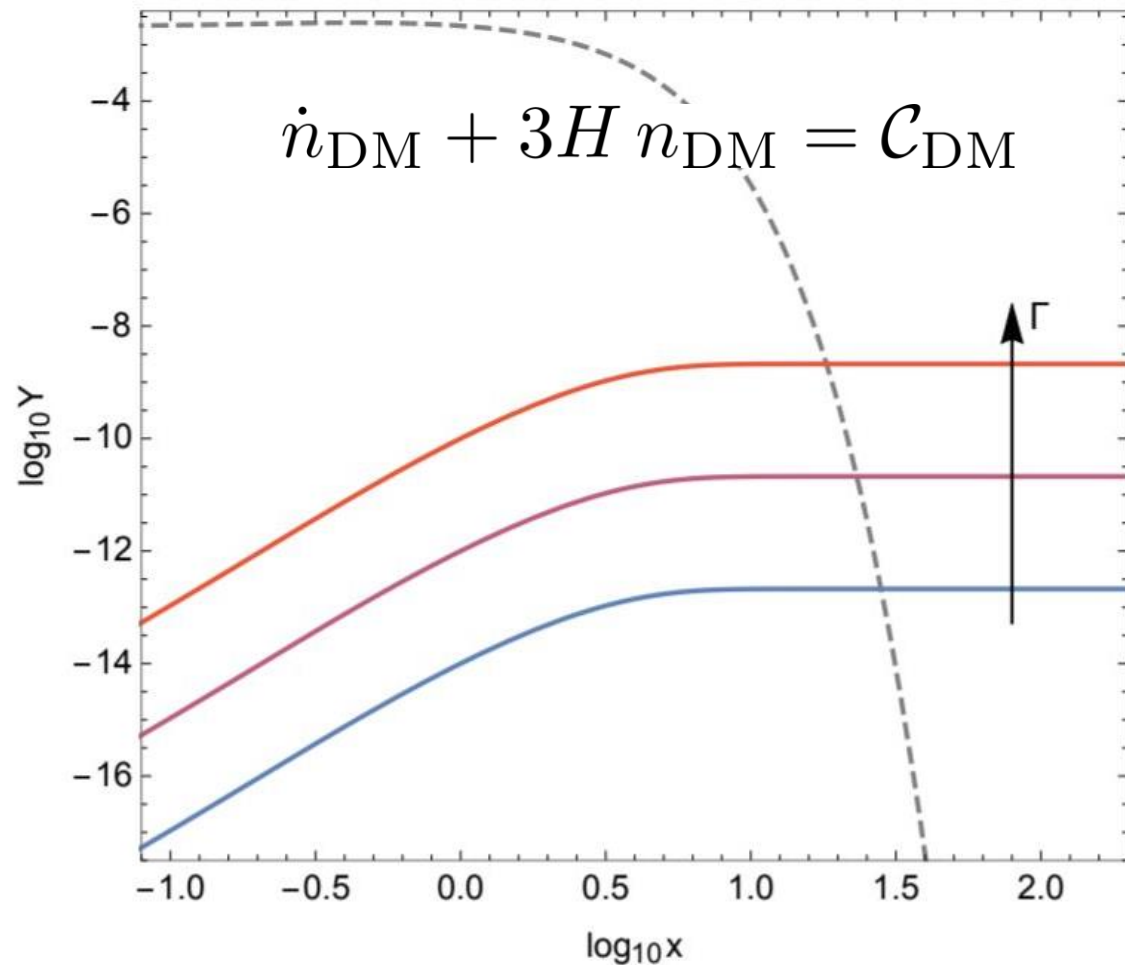
LLP@LHC White Paper (2020), arXiv:1903.04497

FIPs 2022 @CERN, Antel et al. (2023), arXiv:2305.01715

<https://longlivedparticles.web.cern.ch/>

...many more...

# DM production in minimal FIMP models



Credit: Bernal et al. *Int.J.Mod.Phys.A* (2017)

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} \supset y P \chi B_{\text{SM}} \quad P \rightarrow \chi + B_{\text{SM}}$$

$$\mathcal{C}_{\text{DM}} = \frac{g_P}{2\pi^2} \Gamma_P m_P^2 T K_1 \left( \frac{m_P}{T} \right)$$

$$H = \frac{\sqrt{\rho}}{\sqrt{3}M_{\text{Pl}}} \simeq \frac{T^2}{\sqrt{3}M_{\text{Pl}}} \quad (\text{radiation domination})$$

Tiny coupling  $\Rightarrow$  long-lived parent particle!

How does this change if not  
in Radiation Domination?

# Warm-up: RD or “non-standard” expansions?

No evidences to assume a radiation-dominated Universe prior to Big Bang Nucleosynthesis (BBN)

$$T > T_{\text{BBN}} \simeq 4 \text{ MeV} ?$$

Arias et al. (2019), arXiv:1906.04183  
Allahverdi et al. (2020), arXiv:2006.16182

What if **reheating** after inflation was a (very) prolonged phase?

What if **FIMPs** were produced in this “non-standard” scenario?

What is the impact on the **LLP predictions** and on **inflationary models**?

Chung et al. (1999), arXiv:hep-ph/9809453

Giudice et al. (2001), arXiv:hep-ph/0005123

Co et al. (2015), arXiv:1506.07532

Drees&Hajkarim (2018), arXiv:1711.05004

Calibbi et al. (2021), arXiv:2102.06221

Bernal and Xu (2022), arXiv:2209.07546

Bhattiprolu et al. (2022), arXiv:2210.15653

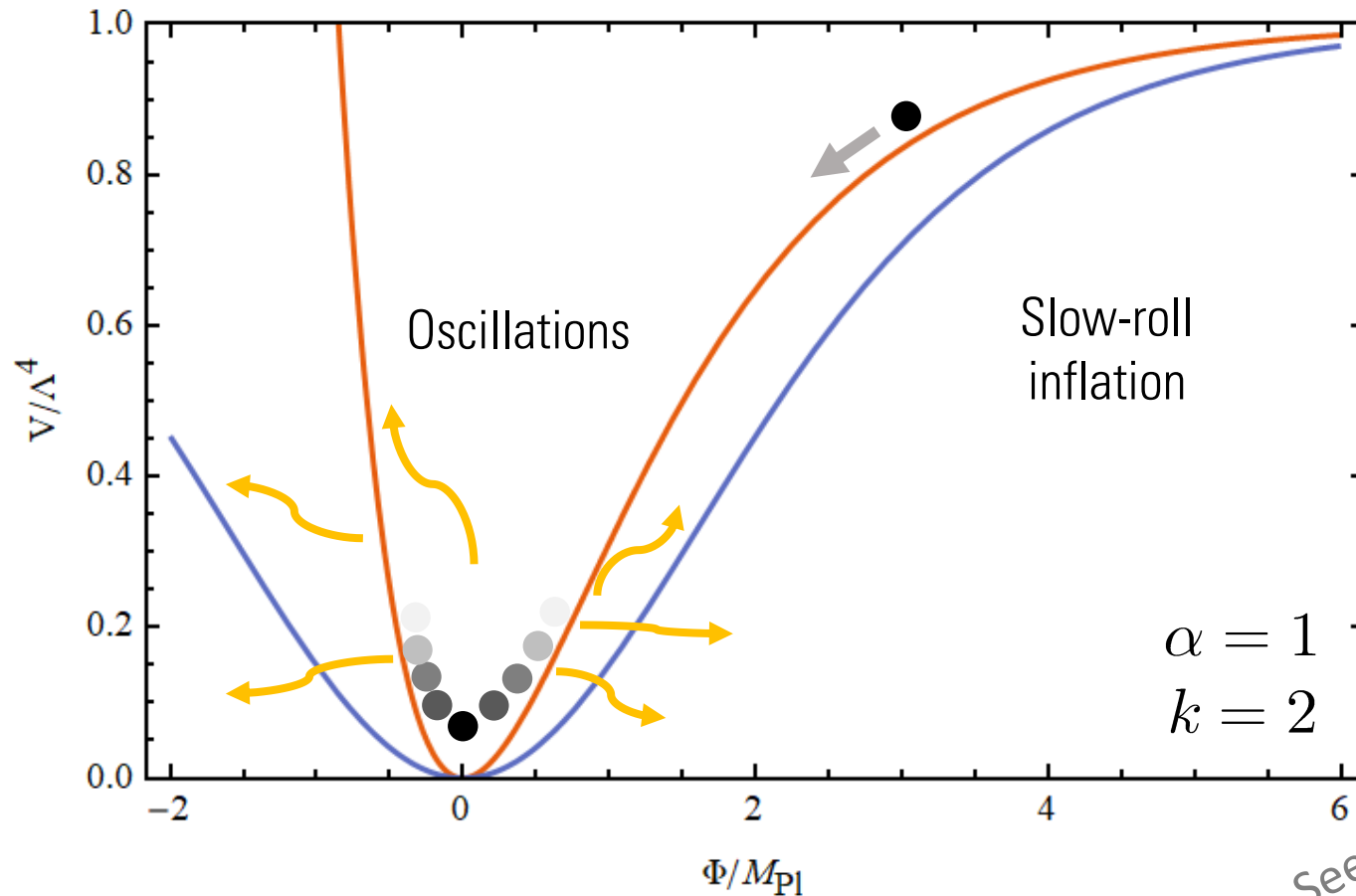
Cosme et al. (2023), arXiv:2306.13061

Silva-Malpartida et al. (2023), arXiv:2306.14943

**That's what I'm going to talk about today!**

# Inflation and reheating

$$\ddot{\Phi} + (3H + \Gamma_{\Phi}) \dot{\Phi} + V'(\Phi) = 0$$



Starobinsky (1980)

Ellis et al. (2013), arXiv:1307.3537

Kallosch & Linde (2013), arXiv:1306.5220

Kallosch & Linde (2013), arXiv:1307.7938

Ellis et al. (2020), arXiv:2009.01709

Kallosch & Linde (2021), arXiv:2110.10902

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α-attractor E-models

$$V(\Phi) = \Lambda^4 \left( 1 - e^{-\sqrt{\frac{2}{3\alpha}} \frac{\Phi}{M_{\text{Pl}}}} \right)^k$$

α-attractor T-models

$$V(\Phi) = \Lambda^4 \left[ \tanh \left( \frac{\Phi}{\sqrt{6\alpha} M_{\text{Pl}}} \right) \right]^k$$

See Keith Olive's plenary talk!

$$V(\Phi) = \lambda \frac{\Phi^k}{M_{\text{Pl}}^{k-4}}$$

Reheating potential!

# Dynamics of reheating

Garcia et al. (2020), arXiv:2004.08404

Garcia et al. (2020), arXiv:2012.10756

Bernal and Xu (2022), arXiv:2209.07546

$$V(\Phi) = \lambda \frac{\Phi^k}{M_{\text{Pl}}^{k-4}}$$

$$\dot{\rho}_{\Phi} + \frac{6k}{k+2} H \rho_{\Phi} = -\frac{2k}{k+2} \Gamma_{\Phi} \rho_{\Phi}$$

$$\dot{\rho}_R + 4H \rho_R = \frac{2k}{k+2} \Gamma_{\Phi} \rho_{\Phi}$$

$$H^2 = \frac{\rho_{\Phi} + \rho_R}{3M_{\text{Pl}}^2}$$

$$\rho_{\Phi}(a) \simeq \rho_{\Phi}(a_{\text{rh}}) \left( \frac{a_{\text{rh}}}{a} \right)^{\frac{6k}{k+2}}$$

$$\langle w_{\Phi} \rangle = \frac{\langle \rho_{\Phi} \rangle}{\langle P_{\Phi} \rangle} = \frac{k-2}{k+2}$$

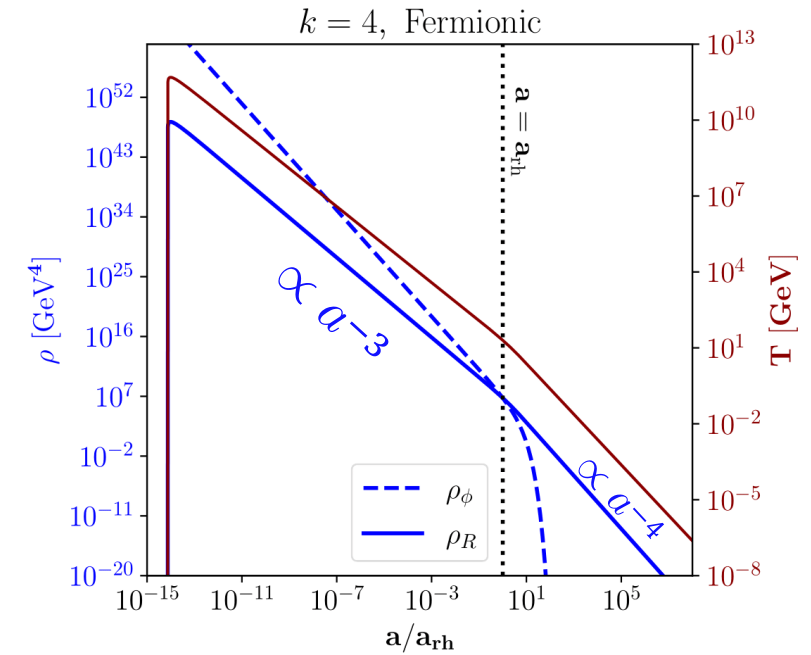
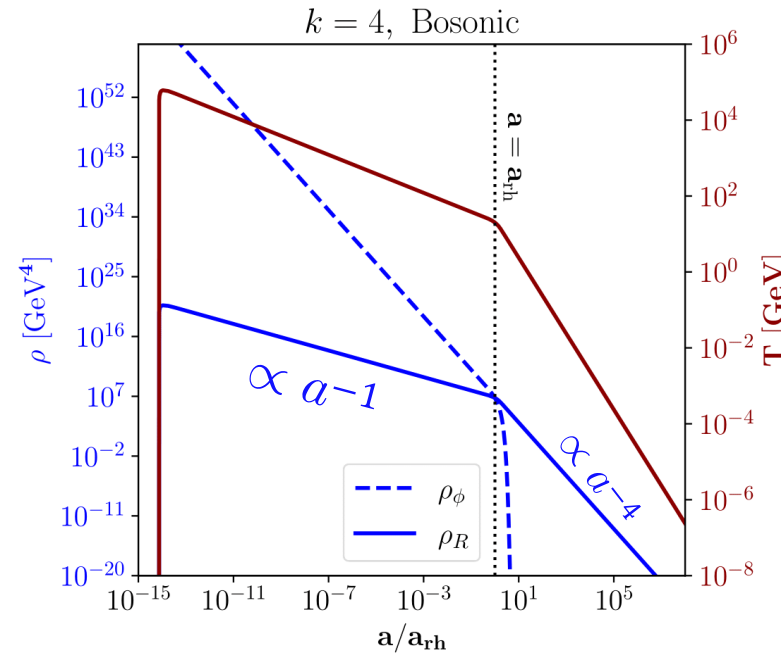
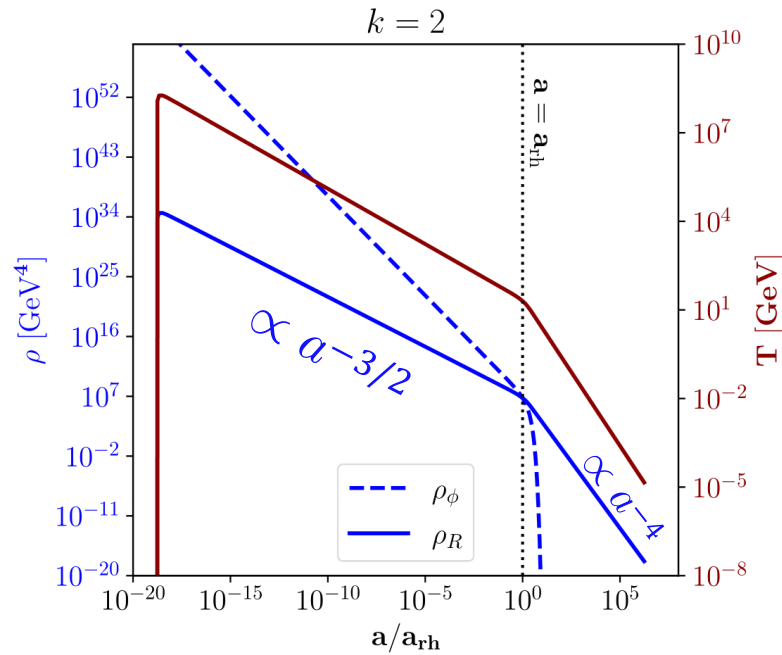
$$\rho_R(a) \simeq \frac{2\sqrt{3}k}{k+2} \frac{M_{\text{Pl}}}{a^4} \int_{a_{\text{end}}}^a da' \Gamma_{\Phi}(a') \rho_{\Phi}^{1/2}(a') (a')^3$$

BOSONIC reheating ( <b>BR</b> )	$\Phi \rightarrow bb$	$\Gamma_{\Phi}^{\text{BR}} = \frac{\mu^2}{8\pi m_{\Phi}(t)}$	$m_{\Phi}^2(t) = \partial_{\Phi}^2 V(\Phi) = k(k-1) \lambda \frac{\Phi^{k-2}(t)}{M_{\text{Pl}}^{k-4}}$
FERMIONIC reheating ( <b>FR</b> )	$\Phi \rightarrow ff$	$\Gamma_{\Phi}^{\text{FR}} = \frac{y^2}{8\pi} m_{\Phi}(t)$	$\simeq k(k-1) \lambda^{\frac{2}{k}} M_{\text{Pl}}^{\frac{2(4-k)}{k}} \rho_{\Phi}^{\frac{k-2}{k}}(t)$



# Bosonic and fermionic reheating

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Reheating defined by:

$$\rho_\Phi(a_{\text{rh}}) = \rho_R(a_{\text{rh}})$$

$$T(a) \simeq T_{\text{rh}} \left( \frac{a_{\text{rh}}}{a} \right)^{\frac{3}{4+2k}}$$

$$H(T) \simeq \frac{\sqrt{\rho_\Phi(T_{\text{rh}})}}{\sqrt{3}M_{\text{Pl}}} \left( \frac{T}{T_{\text{rh}}} \right)^{2k}$$

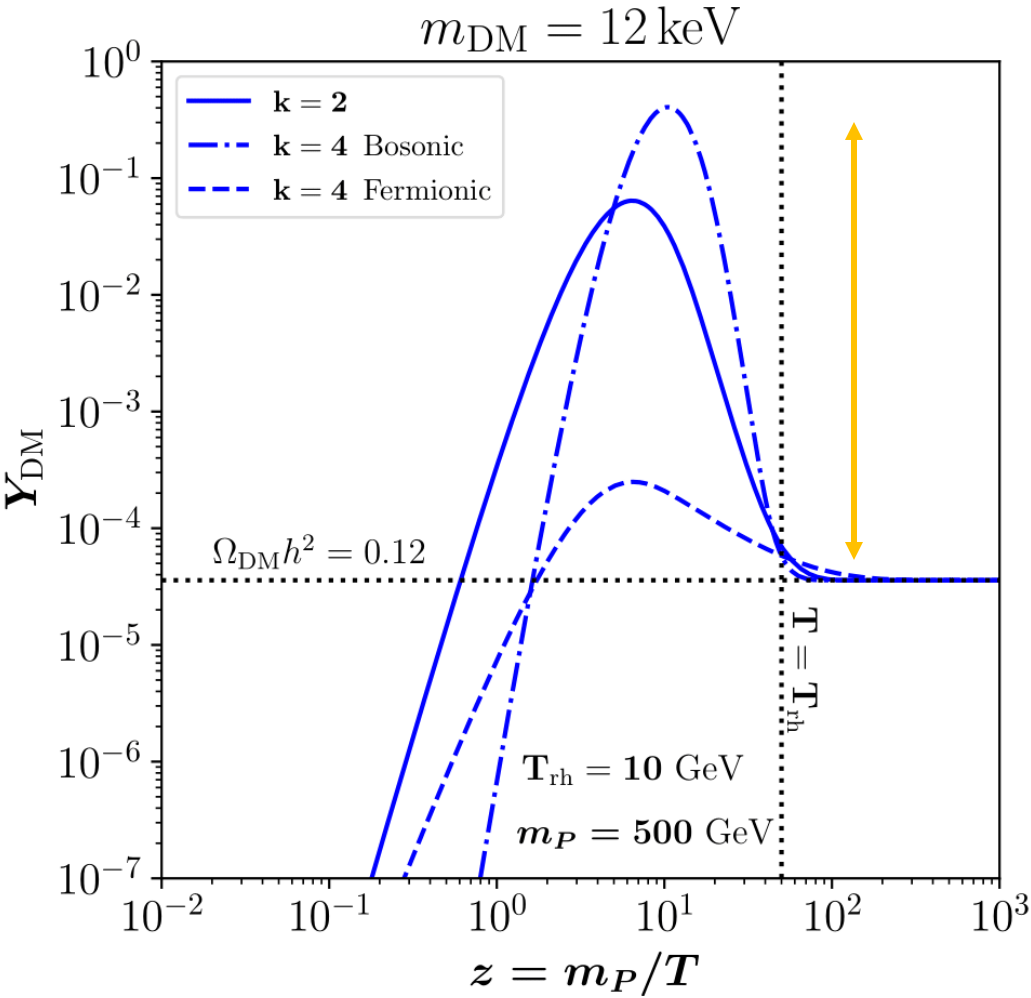
$$T(a) \simeq T_{\text{rh}} \left( \frac{a_{\text{rh}}}{a} \right)^{\frac{3k-3}{4+2k}}$$

$$H(T) \simeq \frac{\sqrt{\rho_\Phi(T_{\text{rh}})}}{\sqrt{3}M_{\text{Pl}}} \left( \frac{T}{T_{\text{rh}}} \right)^{\frac{2k}{k-1}}$$



# DM production during BR and FR

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} \supset y P \chi f_{\text{SM}}$$



Becker, EC, Harz, Lang, Xu (2023)

$$Y_{\text{DM}}(T) \sim Y_{\text{DM}}^{\text{RD}}(T) D(T) \sim \frac{\Gamma(T)}{H(T)} \frac{S(T)}{S(T_{\text{rh}})}$$

$$D(T) = \frac{S(T)}{S(T_{\text{rh}})} \simeq \begin{cases} \left(\frac{T_{\text{rh}}}{T}\right)^{1+2k} & \text{BR} \\ \left(\frac{T_{\text{rh}}}{T}\right)^{\frac{7-k}{k-1}} & \text{FR} \end{cases}$$

Type	$T_{\text{rh}}$ [GeV]	$c\tau$ [m]
$k = 2$	10	$2.23 \times 10^{-7}$
$k = 4$ BR	10	$2.17 \times 10^{-11}$
$k = 4$ FR	10	$2.01 \times 10^{-3}$

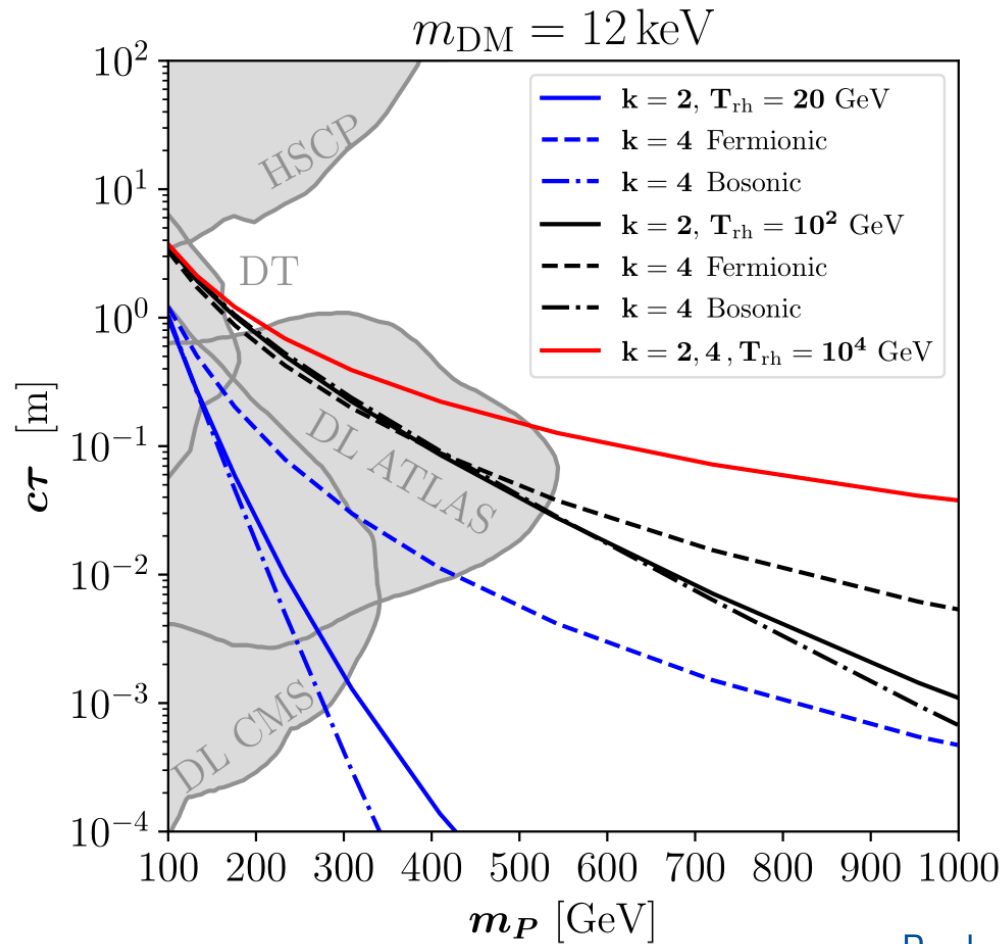
$$T_{\text{rh}} \gg m_P$$

$$c\tau \simeq 0.15 \text{ m}$$

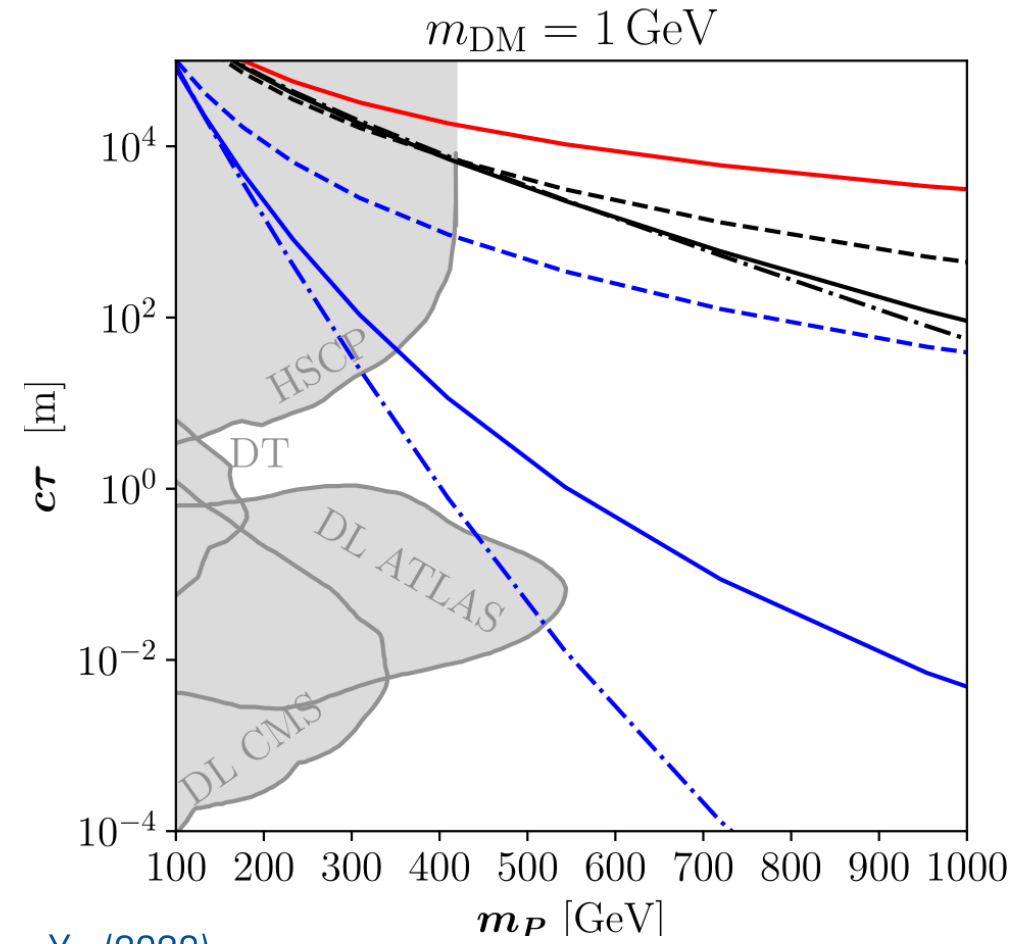
# Lifetime of parent particle

Leptophilic Majorana DM with charged scalar

LLP limits from Calibbi et al. (2021)

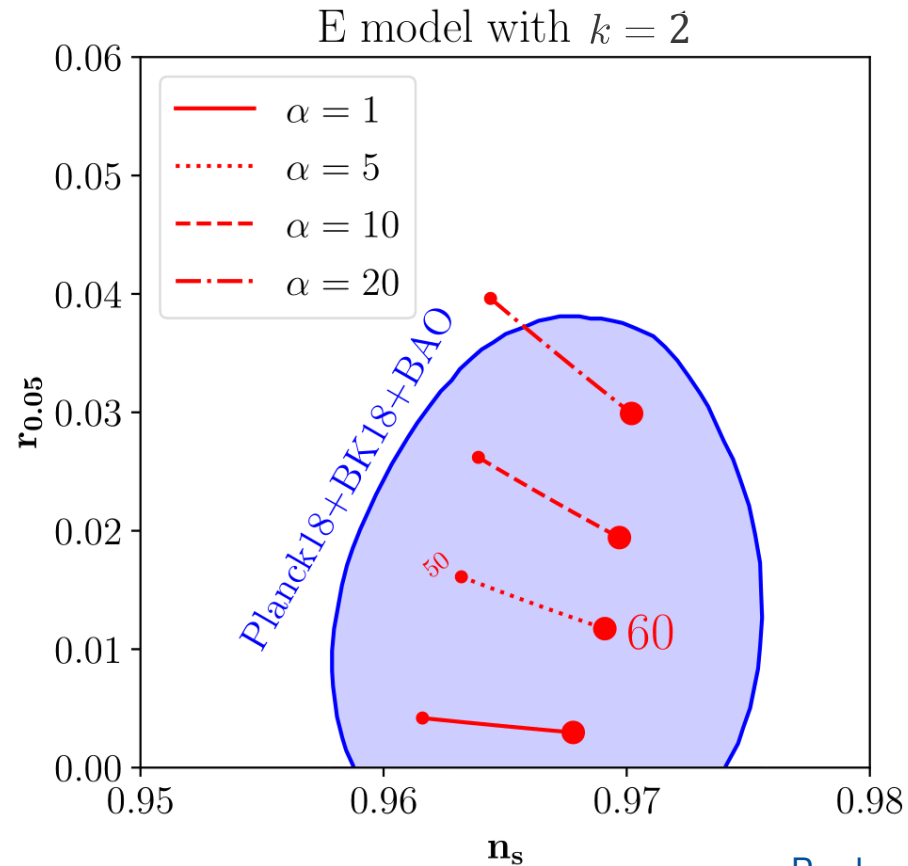


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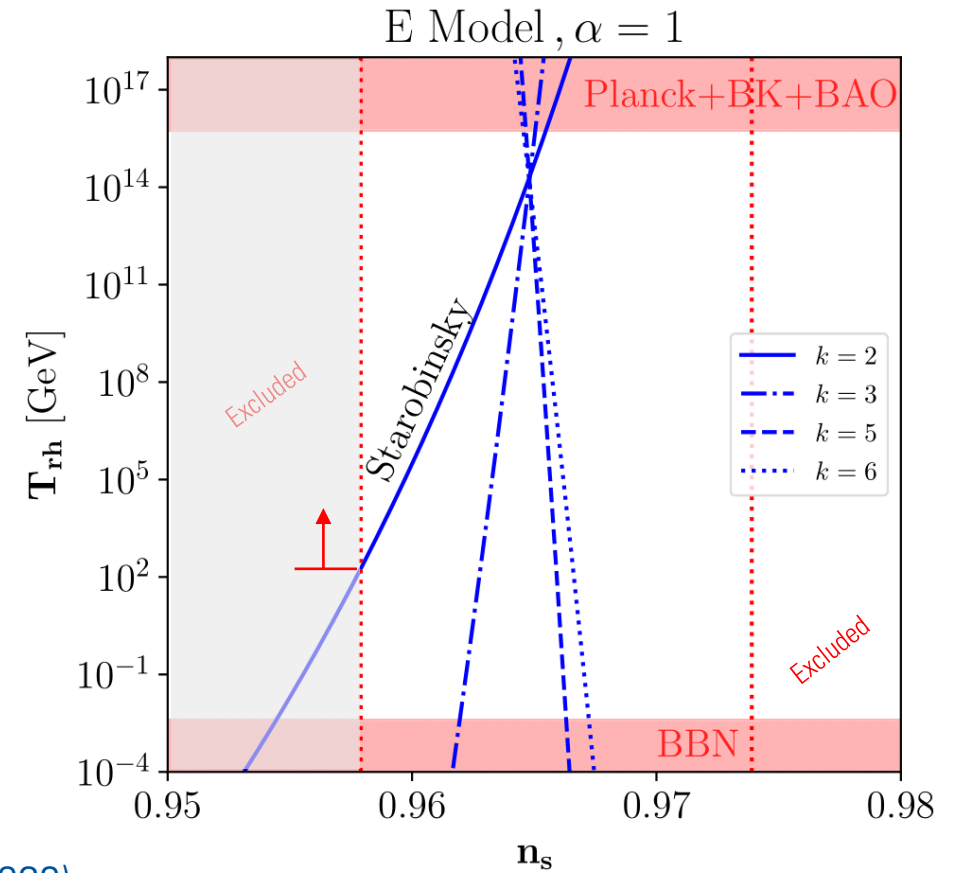


# Constraints on inflation from CMB

**E models**  $V(\Phi) = \Lambda^4 \left( 1 - e^{-\sqrt{\frac{2}{3\alpha}} \frac{\Phi}{M_{\text{Pl}}}} \right)^k$

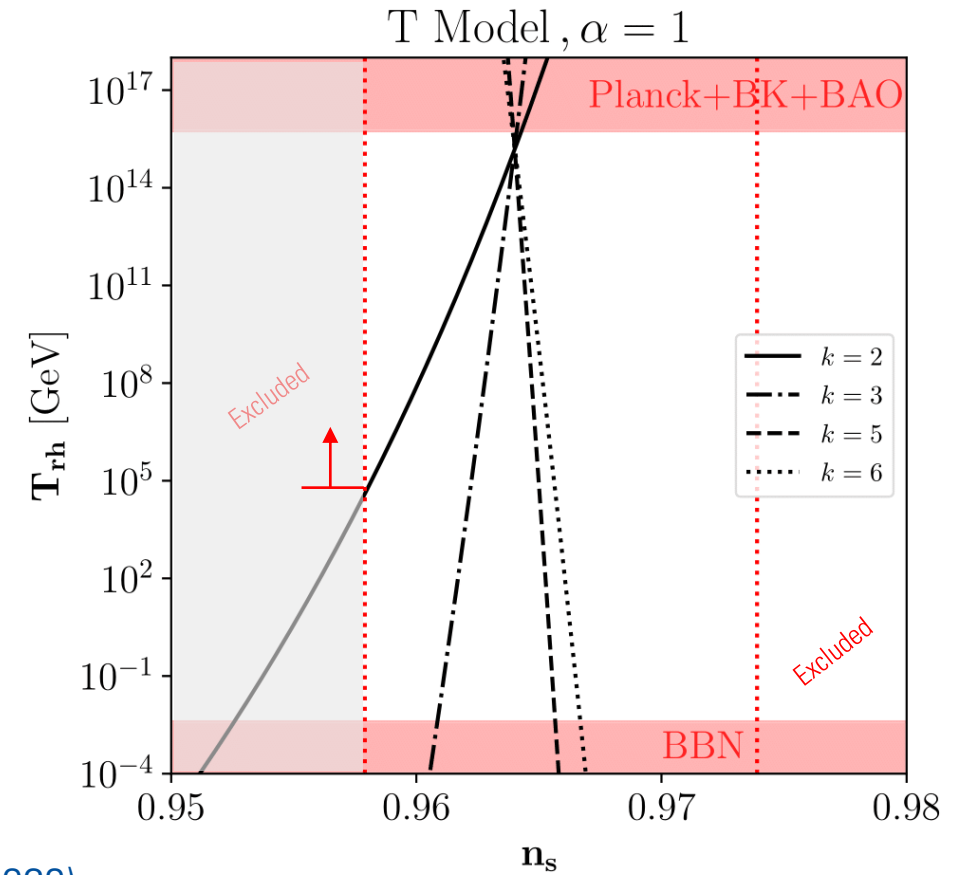
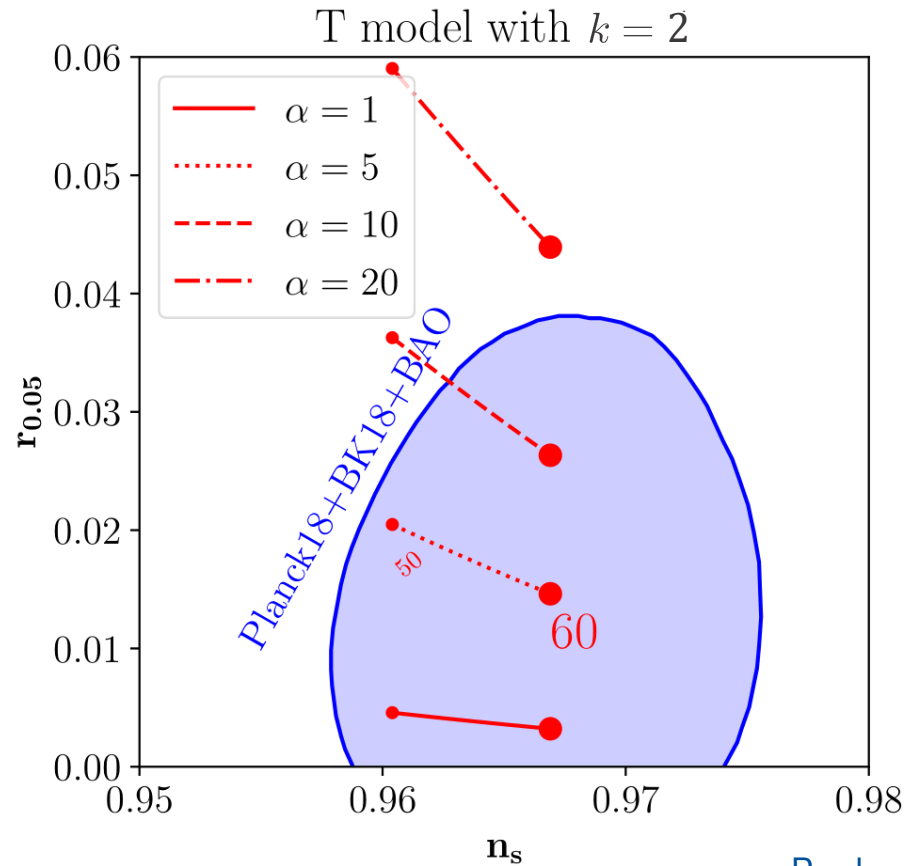


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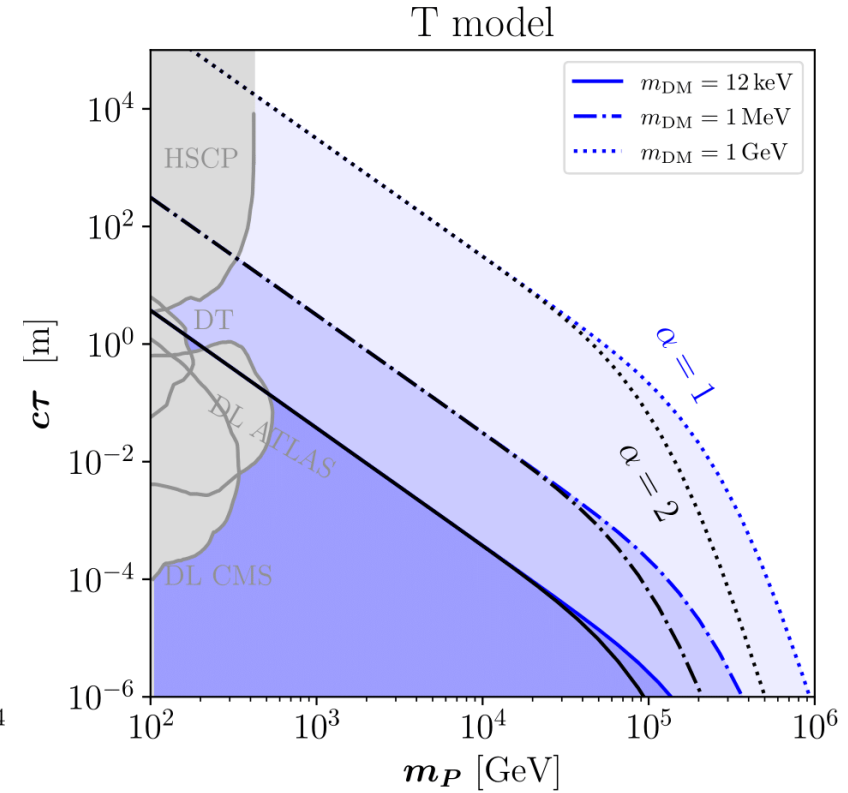
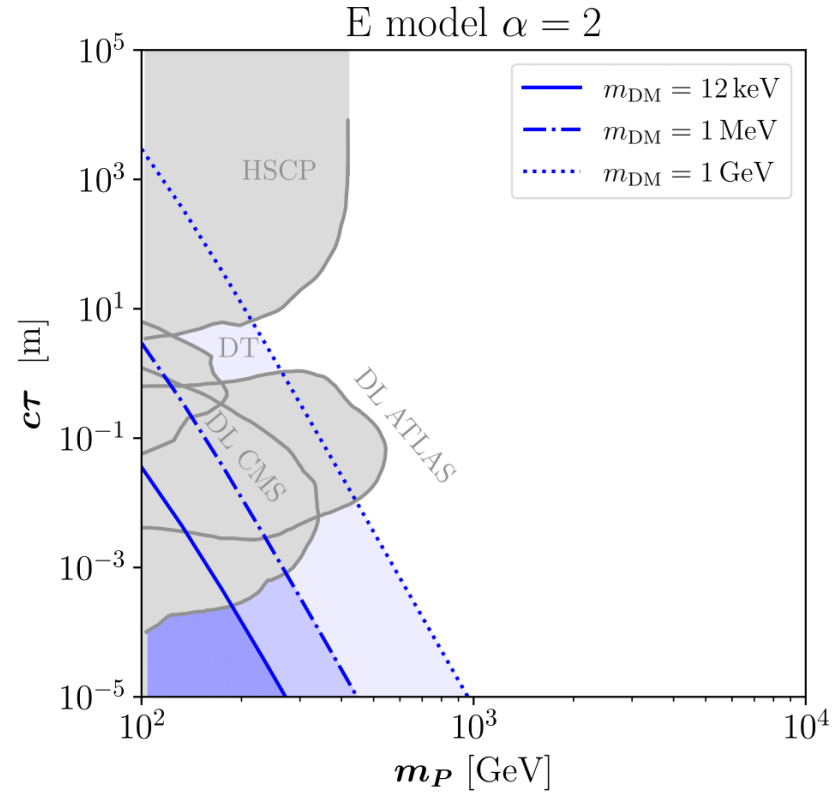
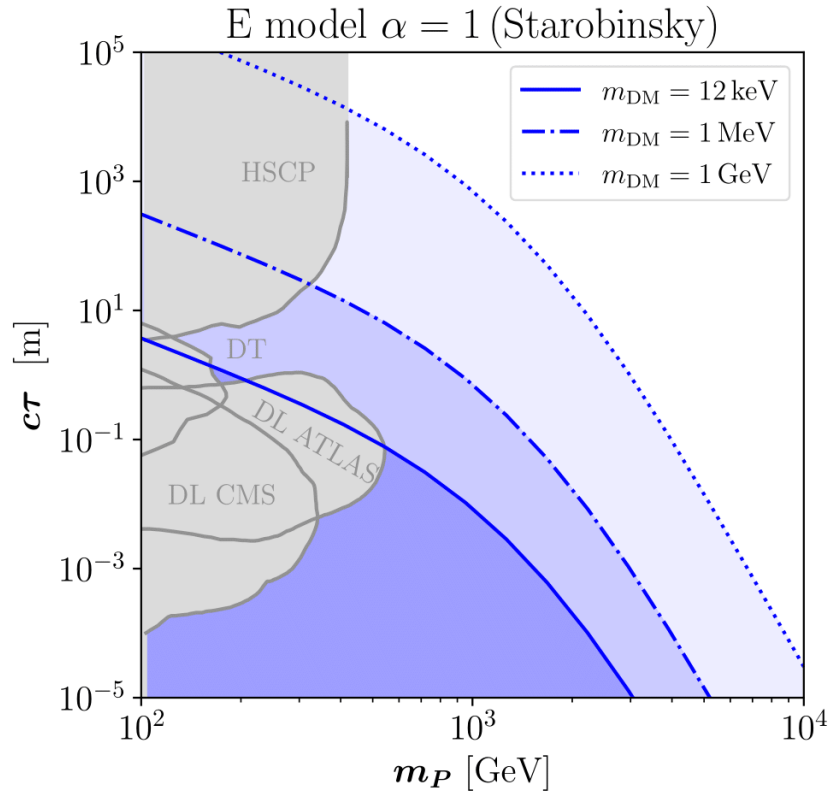
T models  $V(\Phi) = \Lambda^4 \left[ \tanh \left( \frac{\Phi}{\sqrt{6\alpha} M_{\text{Pl}}} \right) \right]^k$



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# Combined LLP+CMB constraints

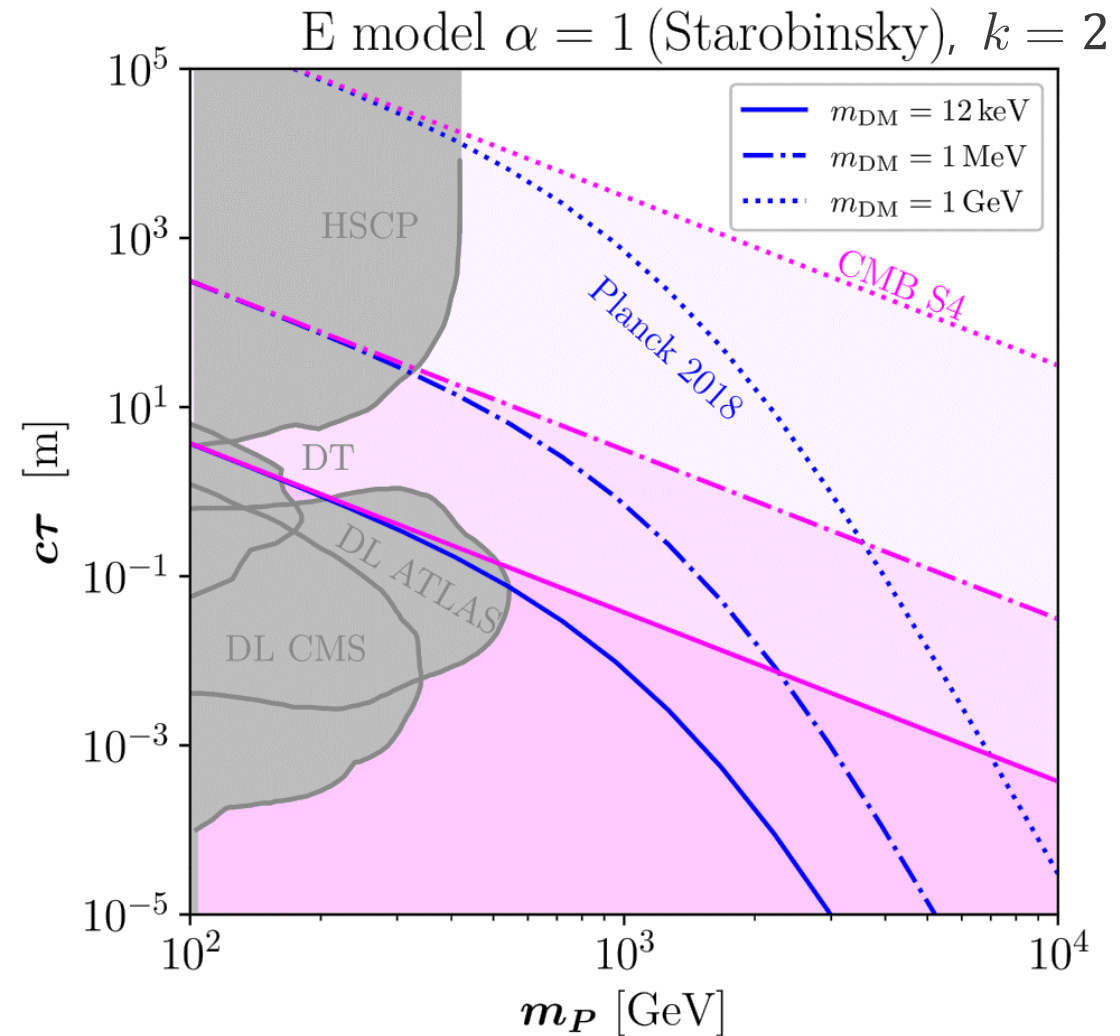
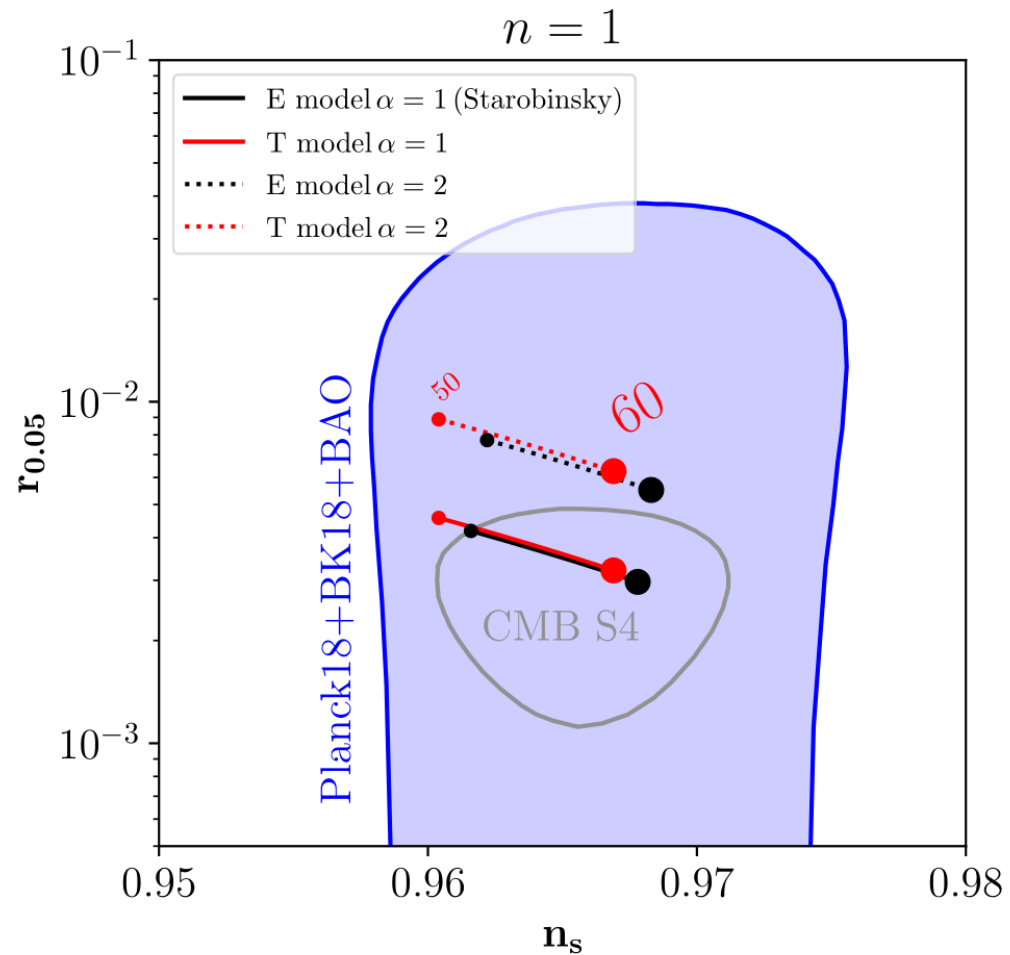
$k = 2$



Becker, EC, Harz, Lang, Xu (2023)

# Combined LLP+CMB constraints

CMB-S4 Science Book, arXiv:1610.02743



Becker, EC, Harz, Lang, Xu (2023)

# Conclusions

- DM production and the interpretation of collider limits in minimal FIMP models crucially depend on *i)* the reheating temperature, *ii)* the microscopic nature of the inflaton-matter coupling (BR vs. FR), *iii)* the form of the inflaton and reheating potentials.
- Inflationary constraints provide a measure for how strongly FIMP DM production can be altered during the reheating phase.
- A positive measurement of an LLP could have the potential to shed light on the dynamics taking place during the phase of inflationary reheating.



# Thank you for your attention!



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# Backup slides

# Lifetime of parent particle: two observations

Bélanger et al. (2019), arXiv:1811.05478 (see their Eq. 3.2)

$$\Omega_{\text{DM}} h^2 \propto \int_{\ln a_{\text{end}}}^{\ln a_{\text{rh}}} d \ln a' \left( \frac{a'}{a_{\text{end}}} \right)^3 \frac{\mathcal{C}_{\text{rh}}}{H_{\text{rh}}} + \int_{\ln a_{\text{rh}}}^{\ln a} d \ln a' \left( \frac{a'}{a_{\text{end}}} \right)^3 \frac{\mathcal{C}_{\text{RD}}}{H_{\text{RD}}}$$

Ok only when  $T_{\text{rh}} \gg m_P$ , otherwise DM abundance and parent particle lifetime underestimated

# Lifetime of parent particle: two observations

Calibbi et al. (2021), arXiv:2102.06221 (see their Eqs. A.10, B.20)

Matter-dominated reheating

$$H(T_{rh}) = \Gamma_{\Phi} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \Gamma_{\Phi} = \sqrt{\frac{\pi^2 g_{\star}}{90}} \frac{T_{rh}^2}{M_{Pl}}$$

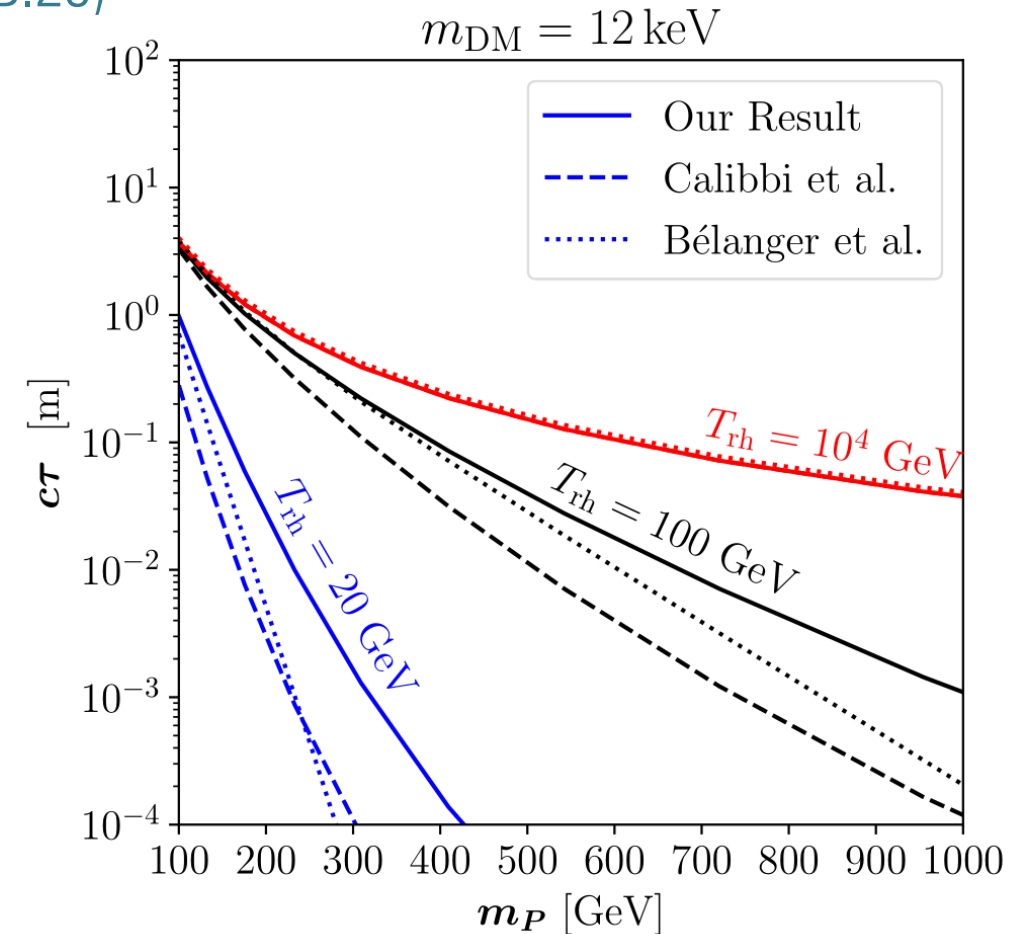
Our method:

$$\rho_{\Phi}(a_{rh}) = \rho_R(a_{rh}) \quad \text{with} \quad \Gamma_{\Phi} = \Gamma_{\Phi}^{\text{BR, FR}} \quad (\star)$$

Calibbi et al. predicts *larger* dilution effects, hence *smaller* lifetimes wrt. our definition.

( $\star$ ) is more sensible, especially for potentials with  $k > 2$ .

[See also Garcia et al. (2020), arXiv:2004.08404]

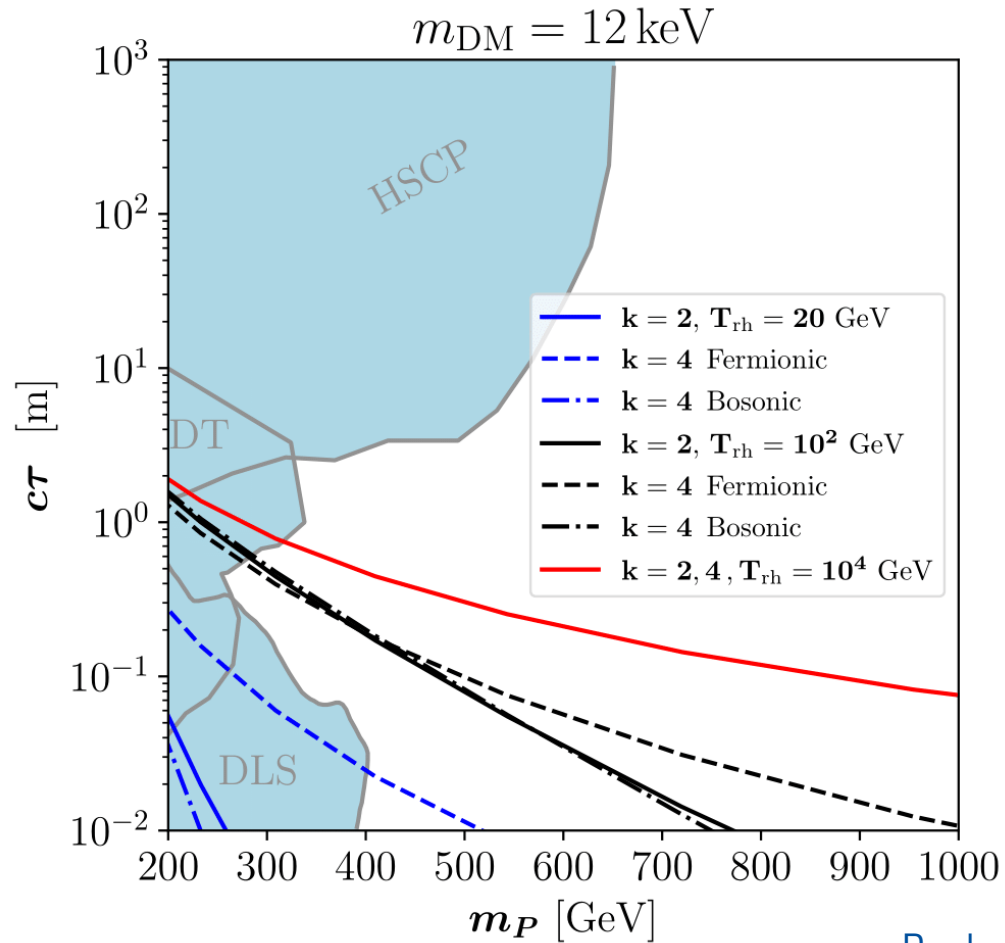


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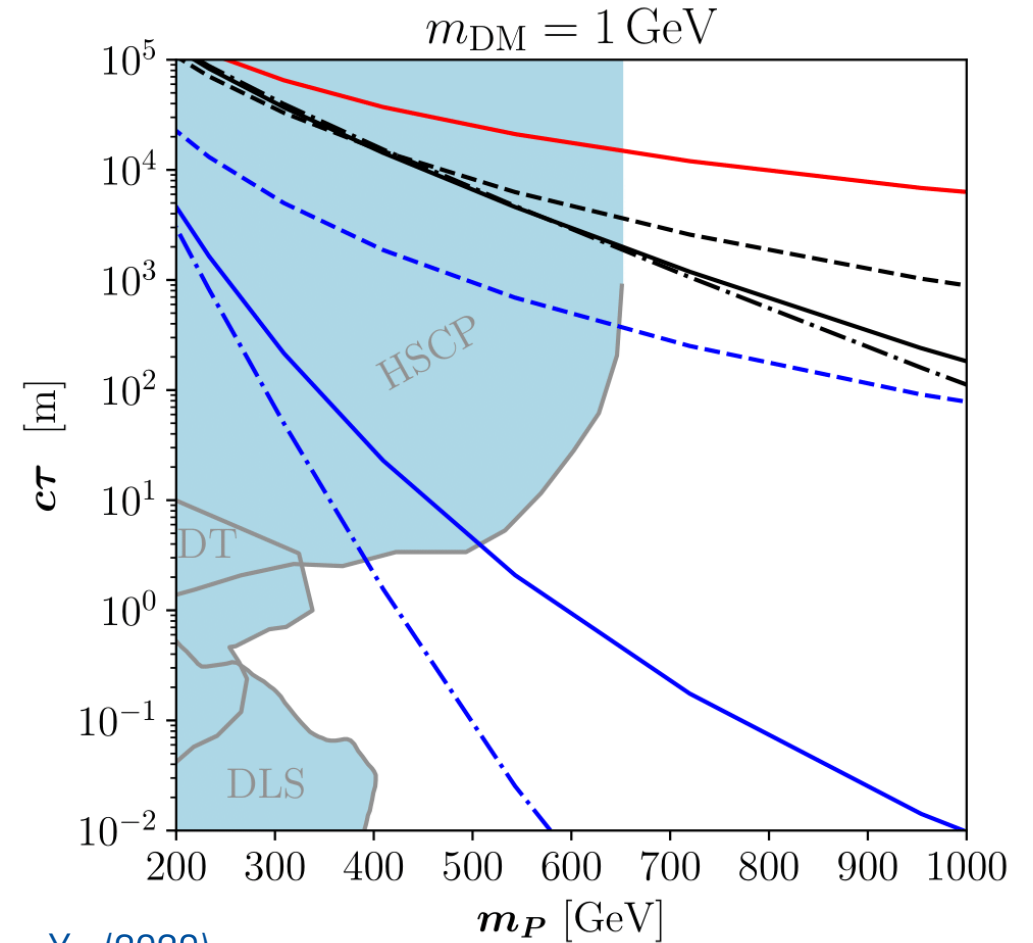
# Lifetime of parent particle

Leptophilic real scalar DM (vectorlike fermion P)

LLP limits from [Bélanger et al. \(2019\)](#)



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# Details of the reheating phase

## BOSONIC

$$\Gamma_{\Phi \rightarrow X X^\dagger}(t) = \frac{\mu_{\text{eff}}^2(k)}{8\pi m_\Phi(t)}$$

$$\mu_{\text{eff}}^2(k) = \mu^2 \alpha_\mu(k, \mathcal{R}) \frac{(k+2)(k-1)}{4} \sqrt{\frac{\pi k}{2(k-1)}} \frac{\Gamma(\frac{k+2}{2k})}{\Gamma(\frac{1}{k})}$$

$$\rho_R(a) \simeq \frac{\sqrt{3}}{8\pi} \frac{1}{1+2k} \sqrt{\frac{k}{k-1}} \frac{\mu_{\text{eff}}^2}{\lambda^{\frac{1}{k}}} M_P^{\frac{2k-4}{k}} \times \rho_\Phi^{\frac{1}{k}}(a_{\text{rh}}) \left(\frac{a_{\text{rh}}}{a}\right)^{\frac{6}{2+k}} \left[1 - \left(\frac{a_{\text{end}}}{a}\right)^{\frac{2(1+2k)}{2+k}}\right]$$

$$T_{\text{max},b}^4 = \frac{5}{4\pi^4 g_\star} \frac{k}{\sqrt{3k(k-1)}} \frac{M_P^{\frac{2k-4}{k}}}{\lambda^{\frac{1}{k}}} \mu_{\text{eff}}^2 \rho_{\text{end}}^{\frac{1}{k}} \left(\frac{3}{2k+4}\right)^{\frac{2k+4}{2k-1}}$$

$$T_{\text{rh},b}^4 = \frac{30}{\pi^2 g_\star} \left[ \frac{\sqrt{3}}{8\pi(1+2k)} \sqrt{\frac{k}{k-1}} \lambda^{-\frac{1}{k}} \frac{\mu_{\text{eff}}^2}{M_{\text{Pl}}^2} \right]^{\frac{k}{k-1}} M_{\text{Pl}}^4$$

## FERMIONIC

$$\Gamma_{\Phi \rightarrow F \bar{F}}(t) = \frac{y_{\text{eff}}^2(k)}{8\pi} m_\Phi(t)$$

$$y_{\text{eff}}^2(k) = y^2 \alpha_y(k, \mathcal{R}) \sqrt{\frac{\pi k}{2(k-1)}} \frac{\Gamma(\frac{k+2}{2k})}{\Gamma(\frac{1}{k})}$$

$$\rho_R(a) \simeq \frac{\sqrt{3}}{8\pi} \frac{k \sqrt{k(k-1)}}{7-k} y_{\text{eff}}^2 \lambda^{\frac{1}{k}} M_{\text{Pl}}^{\frac{4}{k}} \times \rho_\Phi^{\frac{k-1}{k}}(a_{\text{rh}}) \left(\frac{a_{\text{rh}}}{a}\right)^{\frac{6(k-1)}{2+k}} \left[1 - \left(\frac{a_{\text{end}}}{a}\right)^{\frac{2(7-k)}{2+k}}\right]$$

$$T_{\text{max},f}^4 = \frac{5}{6\pi^3 g_\star} \sqrt{3k(k-1)} \lambda^{\frac{1}{k}} M_{\text{Pl}}^{\frac{4}{k}} y_{\text{eff}}^2 \rho_{\text{end}}^{\frac{k-1}{k}} \left(\frac{3k-3}{2k+4}\right)^{\frac{2k+4}{7-k}}$$

$$T_{\text{rh},f}^4 = \frac{30}{\pi^2 g_\star} \left[ \frac{k \sqrt{3k(k-1)}}{7-k} \lambda^{\frac{1}{k}} \frac{y_{\text{eff}}^2}{8\pi} \right]^k M_{\text{Pl}}^4$$



# Formula for $T_{rh}$ vs. $n_s$

See, e.g., Cook et al. (2015), arXiv:1502.04673

Pivot scale  
 $k_* = a_* H_*$

$$\frac{a_0}{a_{eq}} = \frac{a_*}{a_{end}} \frac{a_{end}}{a_{rh}} \frac{a_{rh}}{a_{eq}} \frac{a_0 H_*}{k_*}$$

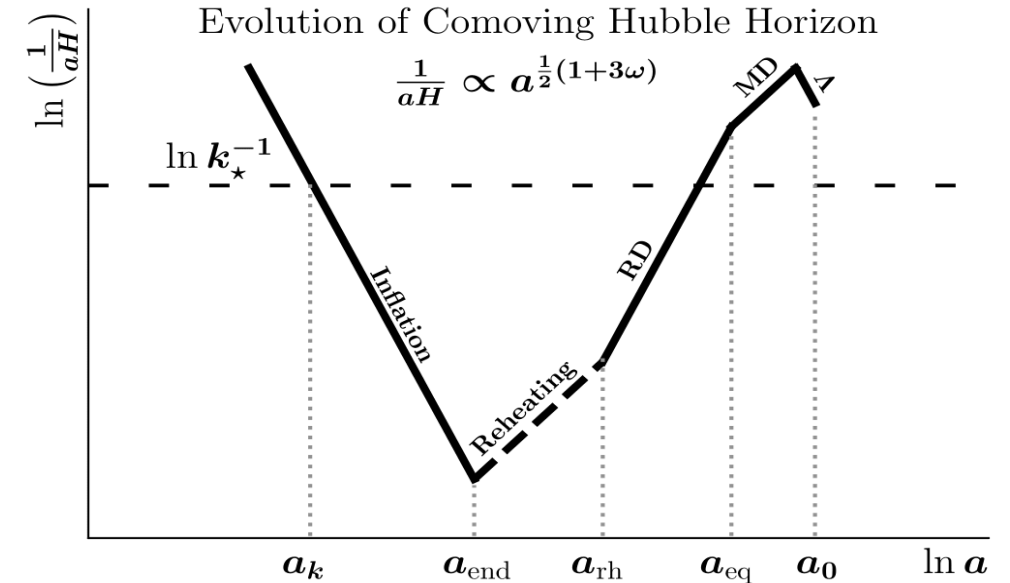
$$N_{rh} = \frac{1}{3(1+w_{rh})} \ln \left( \frac{\rho_{end}}{\rho_{rh}} \right) \quad \begin{aligned} \rho_{end} &= \frac{3}{2} V_{end} \\ \rho_{rh} &= \frac{g_{*,rh} \pi^2}{30} T_{rh}^4 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow N_{rh} = \frac{4}{1-3w_{rh}} \left[ -N_* - \ln \left( \frac{k_*}{a_0 T_0} \right) - \frac{1}{4} \ln \left( \frac{45}{g_{*,rh} \pi^2} \right) - \frac{1}{3} \ln \left( \frac{11 g_{*,rh}}{43} \right) + \ln \left( \frac{V_{end}^{1/4}}{H_*} \right) \right]$$

After reheating, entropy conserved

$$g_{*,rh} T_{rh}^3 = \left( \frac{a_0}{a_{rh}} \right)^3 \left( 2T_0^3 + 6 \cdot \frac{7}{8} T_{\nu 0}^3 \right) \Rightarrow \frac{T_{rh}}{T_0} = \left( \frac{43}{11 g_{*,rh}} \right)^{1/3} \frac{a_0}{a_{eq}} \frac{a_{eq}}{a_{rh}} \left( \frac{43}{11 g_{*,rh}} \right)^{1/3} e^{-N_{rh}} e^{-N_*} \frac{a_0 H_*}{k_*}$$

$$\Rightarrow T_{rh} = \left[ \left( \frac{43}{11 g_{*,rh}} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \frac{a_0 T_0}{k_*} H_* e^{-N_*} \left( \frac{45 V_{end}}{\pi^2 g_{*,rh}} \right)^{-\frac{1}{3(1+w_{rh})}} \right]^{\frac{3(1+w_{rh})}{3w_{rh}-1}}$$





# Inflationary parameters

$$\epsilon_V \equiv \frac{M_{\text{Pl}}^2}{2} \left( \frac{V'}{V} \right)^2 ; \quad \eta_V \equiv M_{\text{Pl}}^2 \left( \frac{V''}{V} \right)$$

$$N_* = \int_{\Phi_{\text{end}}}^{\Phi_*} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\epsilon_V}} \frac{d\phi}{M_{\text{Pl}}} \quad A_{s,*} = \frac{V}{24\pi^2 \epsilon_V M_{\text{Pl}}^4} = (2.1 \pm 0.1) \times 10^{-9}$$

$$r = 16\epsilon_V ; \quad n_s = 1 - 6\epsilon_V + 2\eta_V$$

$$r_{0.05} < 0.035, \quad 95\% \text{ C.L.} \quad n_s = 0.9659 \pm 0.0040$$

# FIMP models

Majorana DM / charged scalar parent model

$$\mathcal{L}_M \supset \mathcal{L}_\Phi + \mathcal{L}_\chi + \mathcal{L}_X + \mathcal{L}_{\Phi X} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{Yuk.}}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_X = (D_\mu X)^\dagger (D^\mu X) - V(X) \\ - \mu_X \Phi |X|^2 - \frac{\sigma_X}{2} \Phi^2 |X|^2$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{XH} = -\lambda_{XH} |H|^2 |X|^2$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{Yuk.}} = - (y_{\text{DM}} X \bar{\chi} f_R + h.c.) - y_\chi \Phi \bar{\chi} \chi$$

Scalar singlet DM / vectorlike fermion parent model

$$\mathcal{L}_S \supset \mathcal{L}_\Phi + \mathcal{L}_s + \mathcal{L}_{\Phi s} + \mathcal{L}_F + \mathcal{L}_{\Phi F} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{Yuk.}}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_s = \partial_\mu s \partial^\mu s - \frac{\mu_s^2}{2} s^2 + \frac{\lambda_s}{4} s^4 - \lambda_{sH} s^2 |H|^2$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\Phi s} = -\mu_s s \Phi^2,$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\Phi F} = -\frac{\sigma_s}{2} s^2 \Phi^2 - y_F \Phi \bar{F} F$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{Yuk.}} = - (y_s s \bar{F} f_R + h.c.)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\Phi H} = -\mu_H \Phi |H|^2 - \frac{\lambda_{\Phi H}}{2} \Phi^2 |H|^2$$

# More on E- and T- models

