

Dark Matter Theory circa 2022

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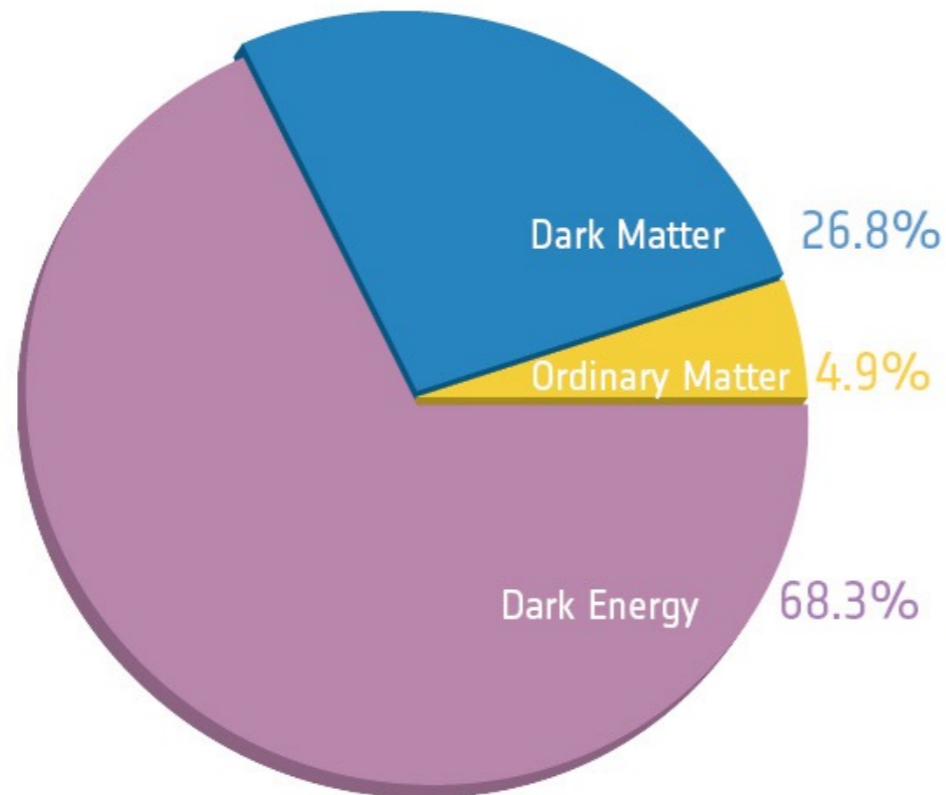
Outline

- WIMP and (new) portals
- Small-scale crisis and beyond WIMP
- Non-perturbative dark matter
- Conclusions

WIMP and (new) portals

We know about dark matter

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CMB (+ flat Universe)
+ SNIa + BAO

$$\rightarrow 1 = \Omega = \sum_i \Omega_i,$$

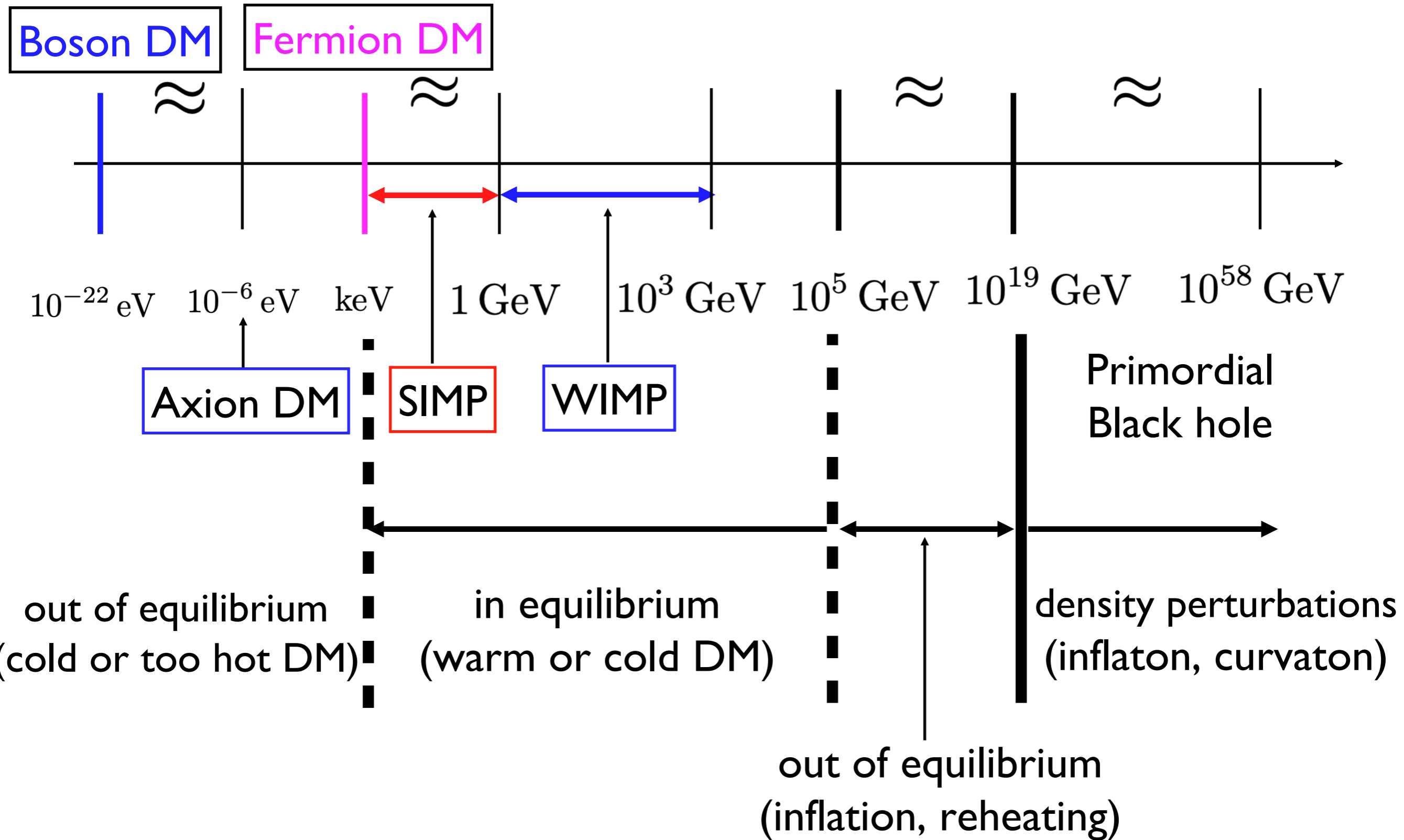
$$\Omega_b = 0.05, \quad \Omega_c = 0.27, \quad \Omega_\Lambda = 0.68.$$

- Gravitational interactions to matter.
- Almost charge-neutral and cold.
- Occupies 85% of total matter (non-relativistic).
- Not in the Standard Model.

cf. neutrinos: $\Omega_\nu = 0.001(m_\nu/0.2 \text{ eV})$

Dark matter by production

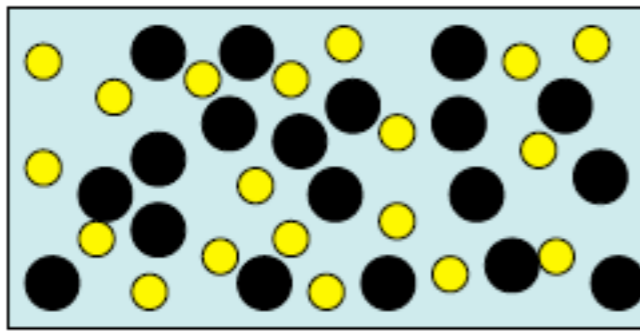
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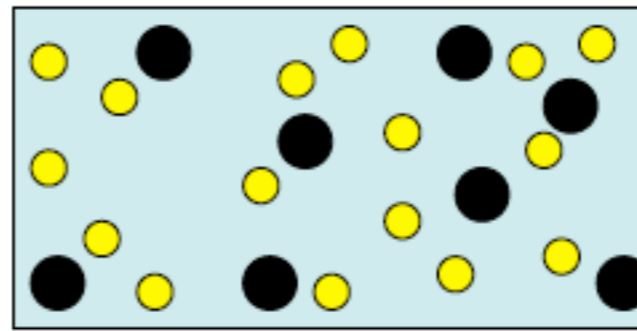
WIMP paradigm

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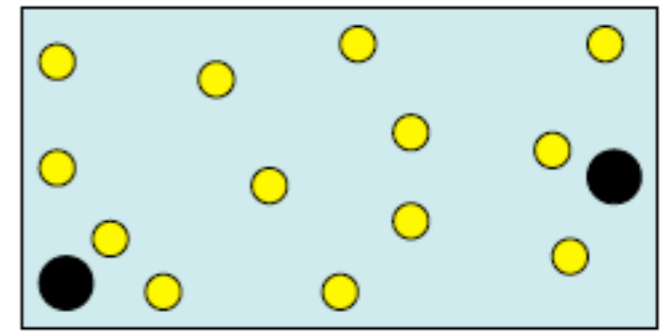
● : SM
● : DM



$T \gg M$

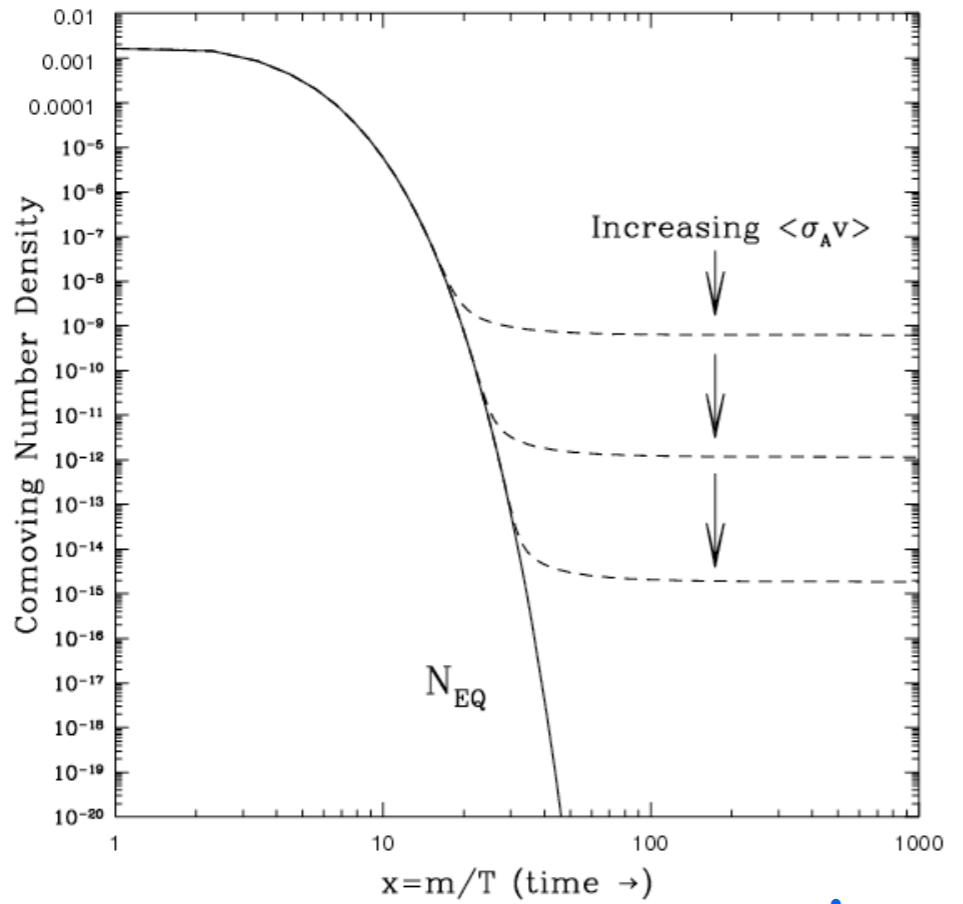


$T \approx M$



$T \ll M$

DM abundance



[Lee, Weinberg(1977)]

time

Weakly Interacting
Massive Particles(WIMP)

Once in equilibrium: $\chi\chi \leftrightarrow \text{SM SM}$

“Freeze-out” condition

$$t = H^{-1} < t_{\text{int}} = (n_{\text{DM}} \sigma_A v)^{-1}$$

Expansion time

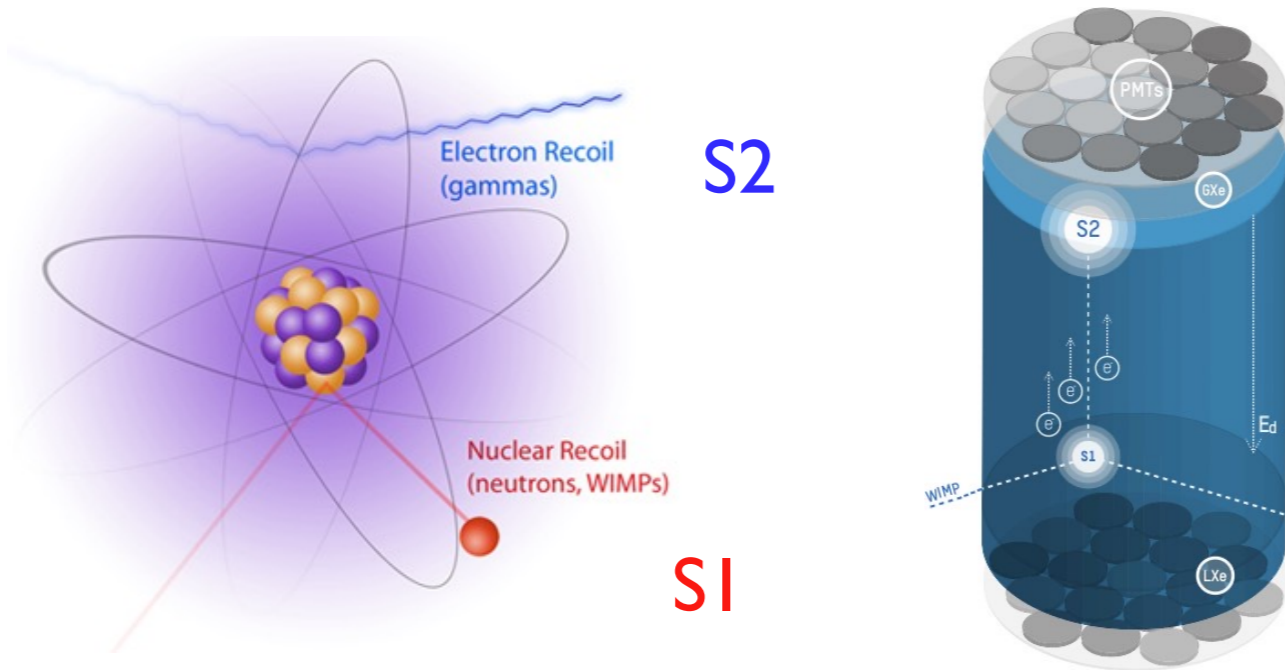
Annihilation time

➔ $\Omega_{\text{DM}} = 0.3 \left(\frac{1 \text{ pb}}{\langle \sigma_A v \rangle} \right)$

: insensitive to initial history.

WIMP direct detection

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e.g. XENONIT

S1: Scintillation (photons)

S2: Ionization (electrons)

WIMP: $S1/S2 \gg (S1/S2)_\nu$

Nucleus recoil E :

$$E_R = \frac{\vec{q}^2}{2m_N} = \frac{(\mu v)^2}{m_N} \lesssim 50 \text{ keV}$$

Event rate: $\frac{dR}{dE_R} = \frac{\rho_\odot}{m_{\text{DM}}} \left\langle \frac{d\sigma}{dE_R} v \right\rangle$

$\sim 1 \text{ event/kg/day}$

Astrophysics

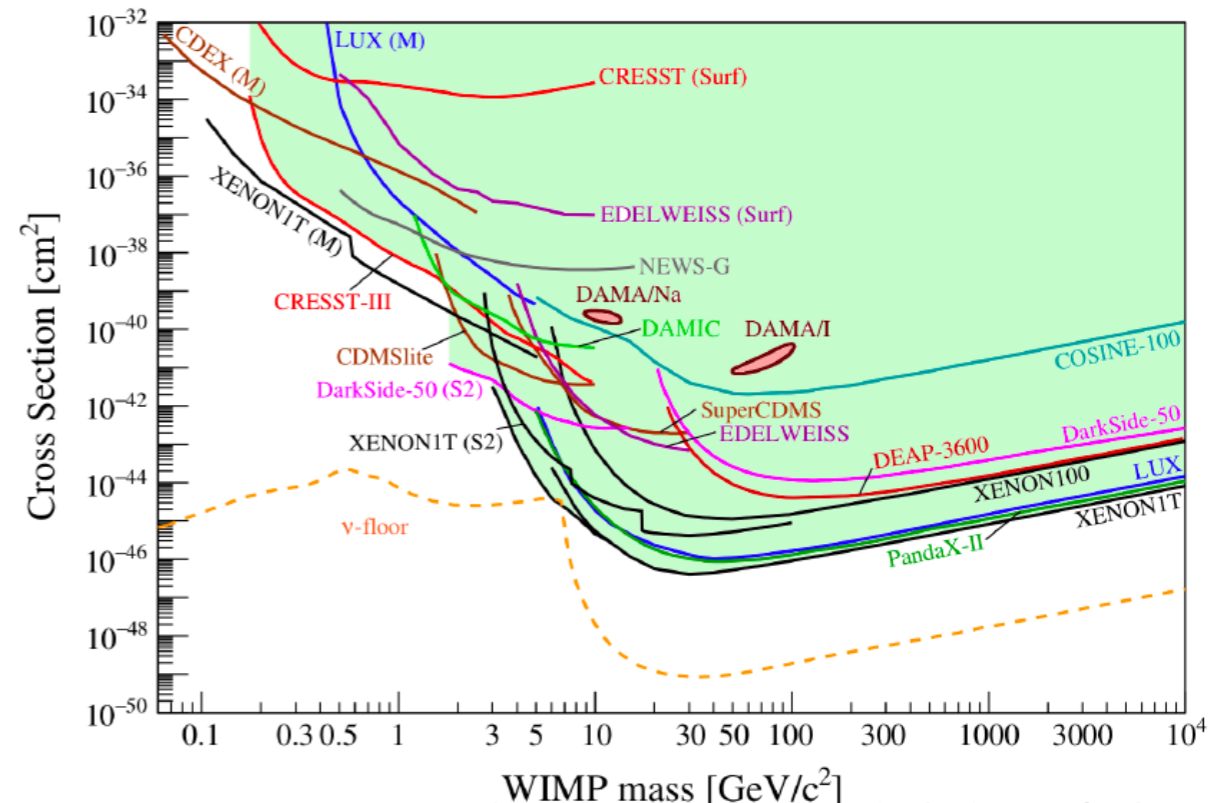
$$\rho_\odot = 0.3 \text{ GeV/cm}^3$$

$$v_{\text{ave}} = 220 \text{ km/s}$$

Particle Physics

DM spin, mass, interactions

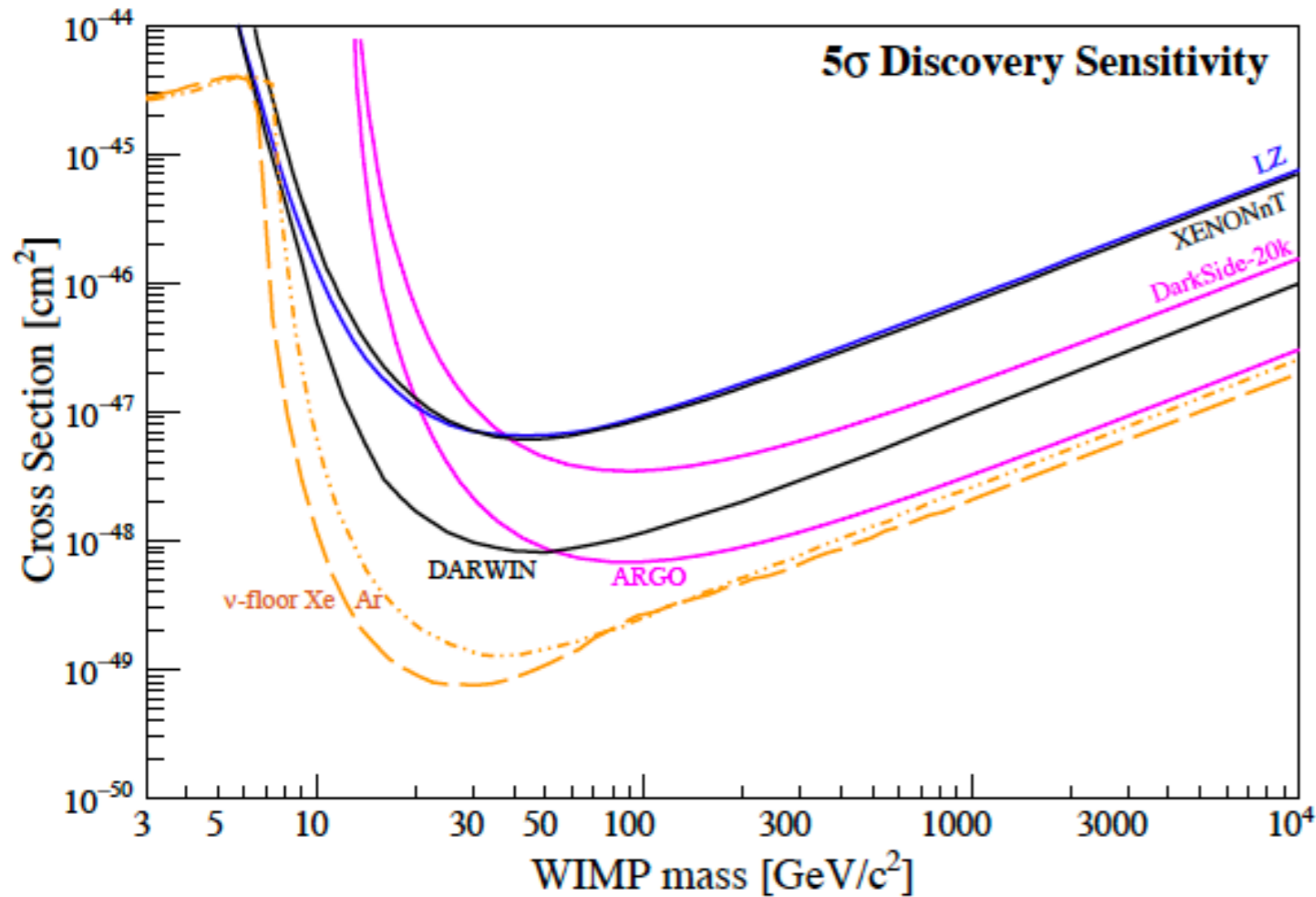
60~600M DM particles per sec go through our body.



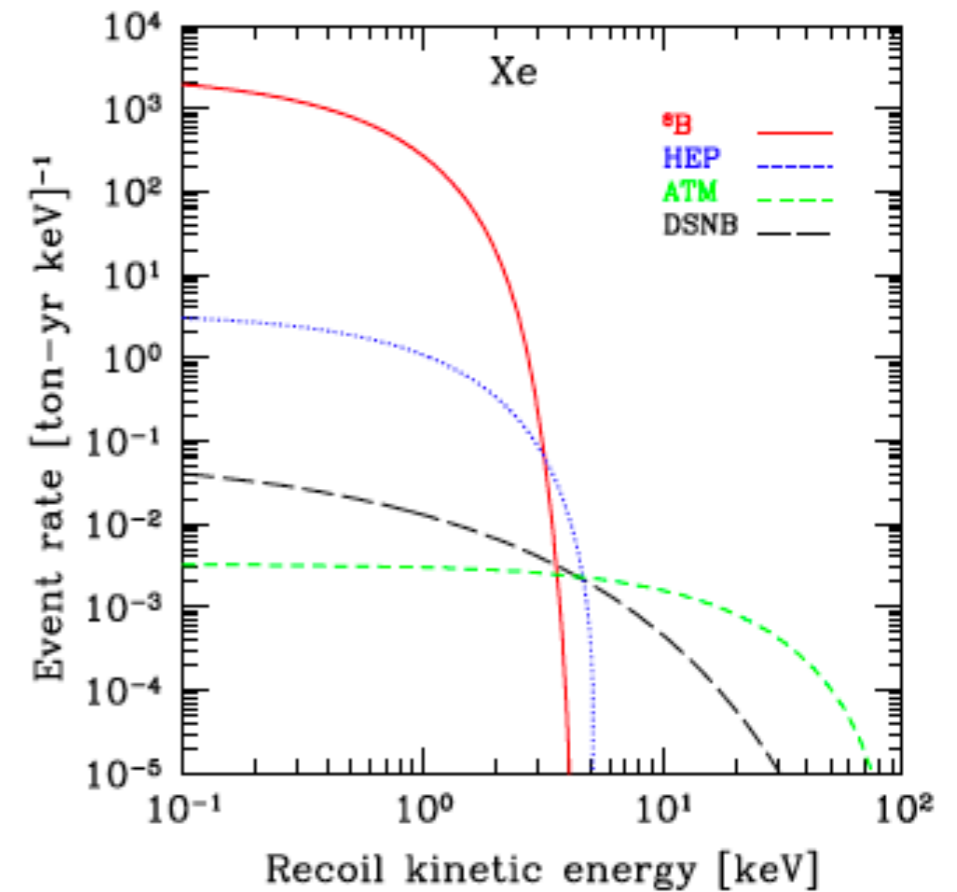
[APPEC report, 2104.07634]

Challenge for WIMP

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[APPEC report, 2104.07634]

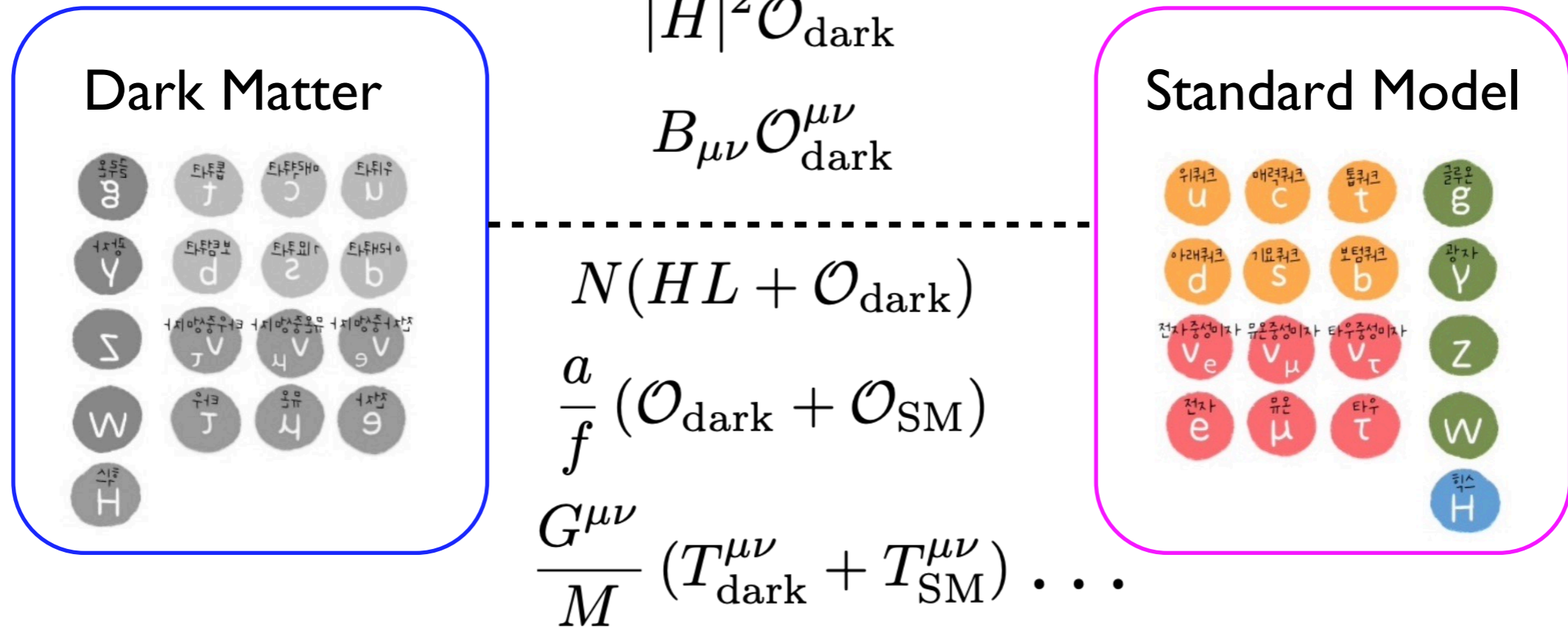


[L. Strigari, 2009]

- Future searches: XENONnT, LZ & DARWIN, etc.
- Challenging to distinguish from the background signals of solar, atmospheric and SN neutrinos.

WIMP via portals

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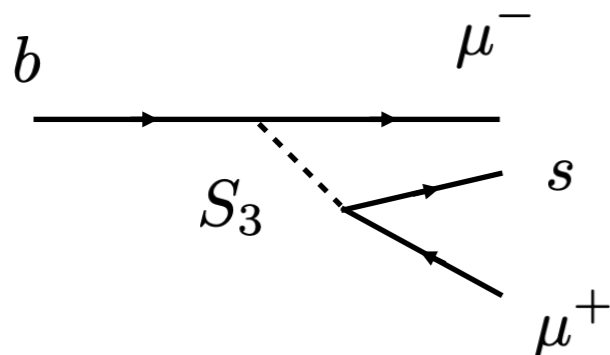
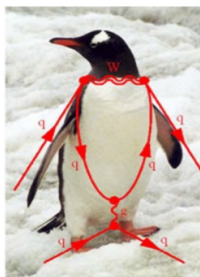
- Dark matter are neutral under SM gauge group, so their interactions are dictated by mediator particles.
- Higgs portal, Z' portal, neutrino-portal, axion portal, graviton portal, and new types of portals: leptoquark, four-form, etc.

Leptoquark portals

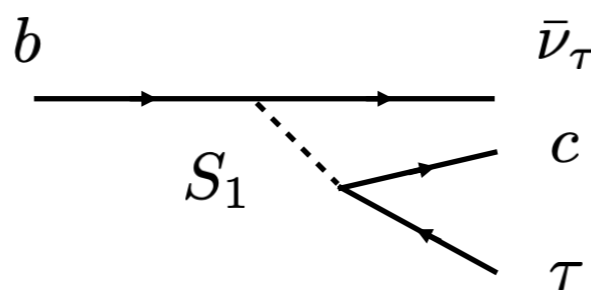
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B-meson and muon $g-2$ anomalies favor leptoquark interactions.

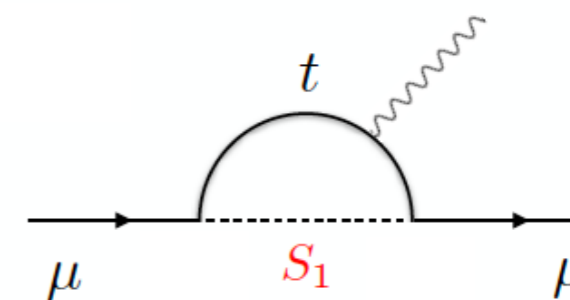
$R_K^{(*)}$



$R_D^{(*)}$



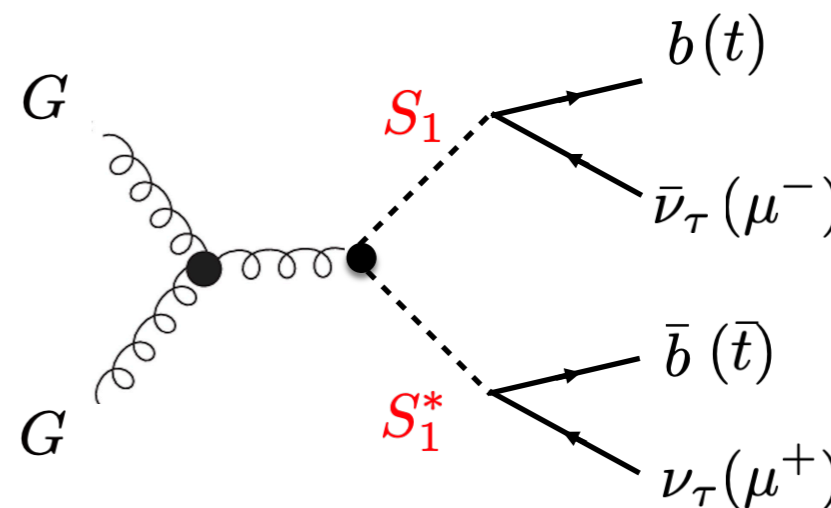
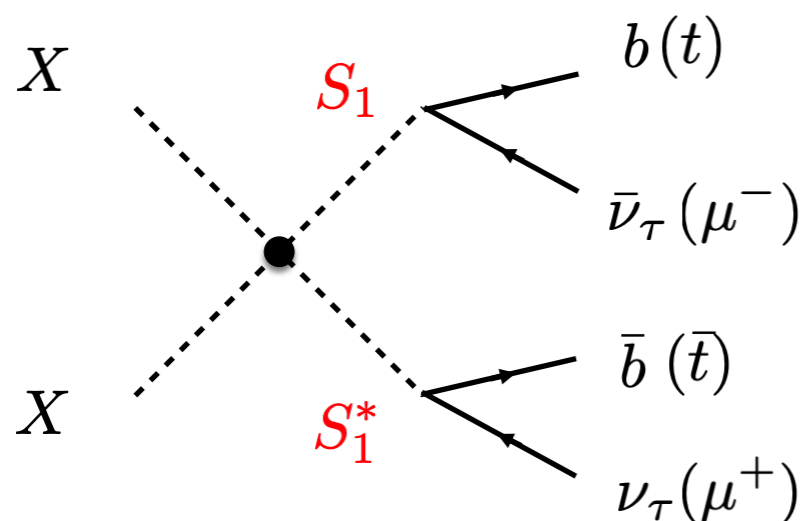
$(g-2)_\mu$



+ W boson mass anomaly

Leptoquark production from DM

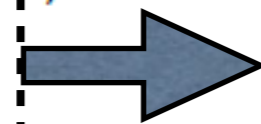
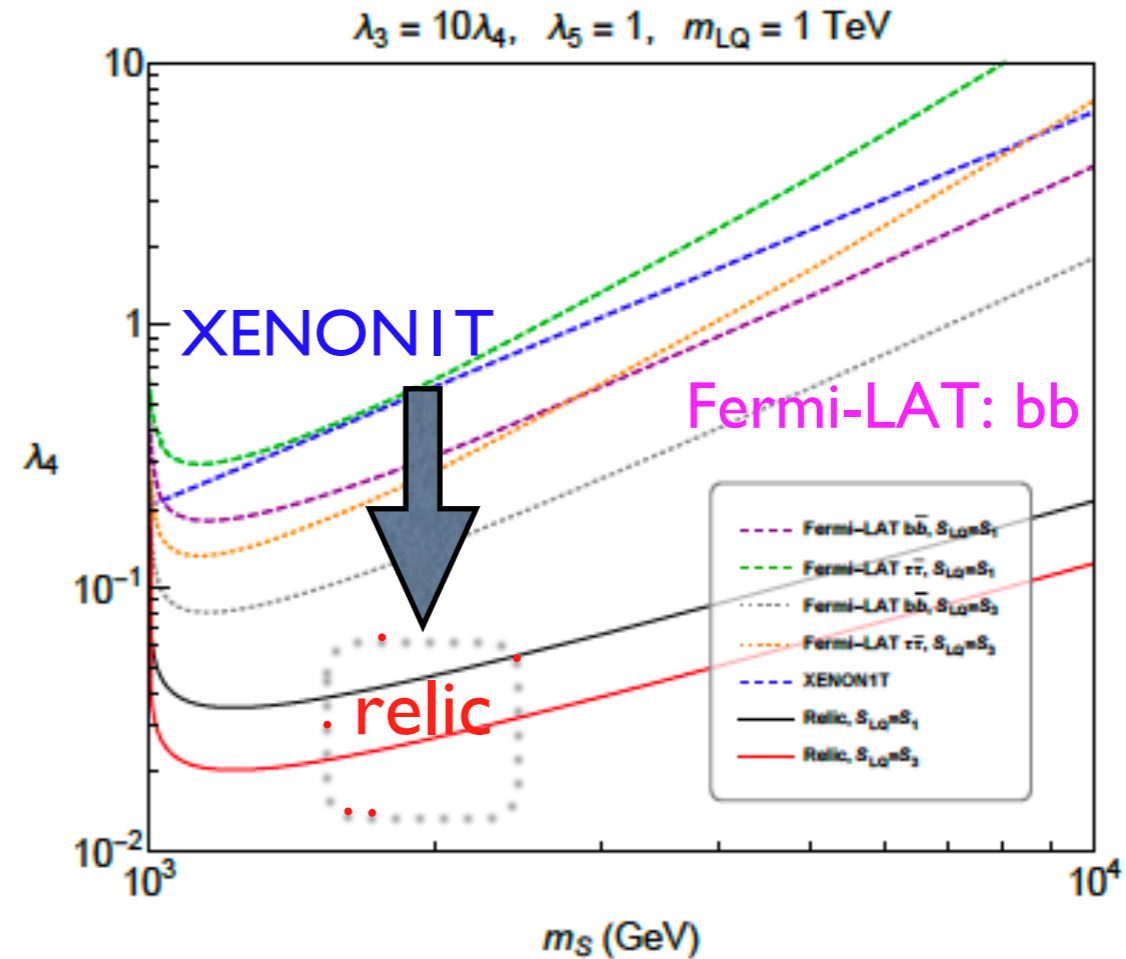
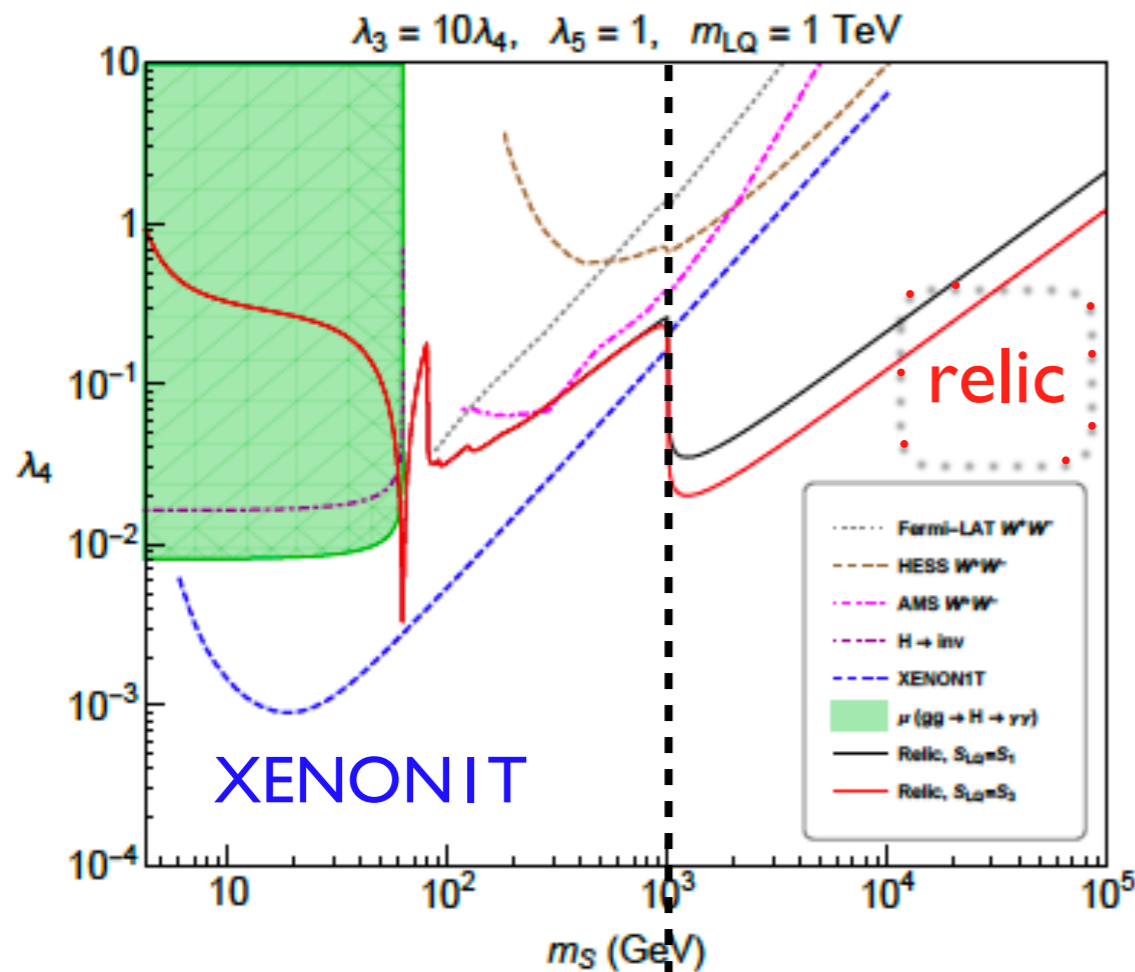
Leptoquark production @ LHC



B-decays, LHC & cosmic rays

[Choi, Kang, HML, Ro, 2018]

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TeV-scale DM beyond LHC, XENONIT bounds.

B-anomalies & cosmic ray fractions

$$R_D^{(*)}: \quad B(\bar{t}t \bar{\tau}\tau) : B(\bar{b}b \bar{\nu}_\tau \nu_\tau) : B(\bar{t}b \bar{\tau}\nu_\tau + \text{h.c.}) = \frac{1}{2} : \frac{1}{2} : 1$$

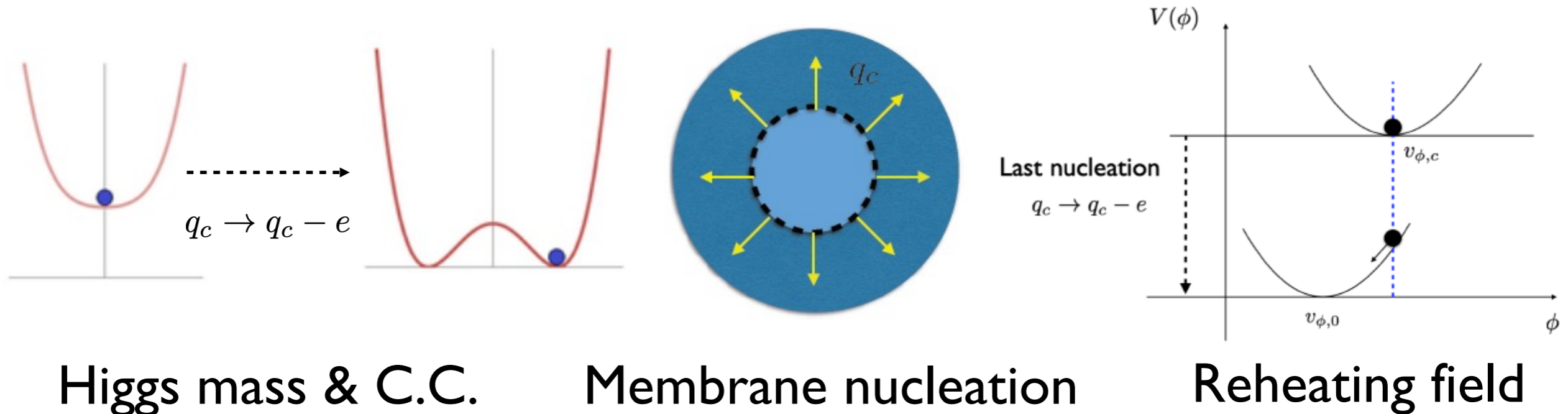
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Flux-mediated dark matter

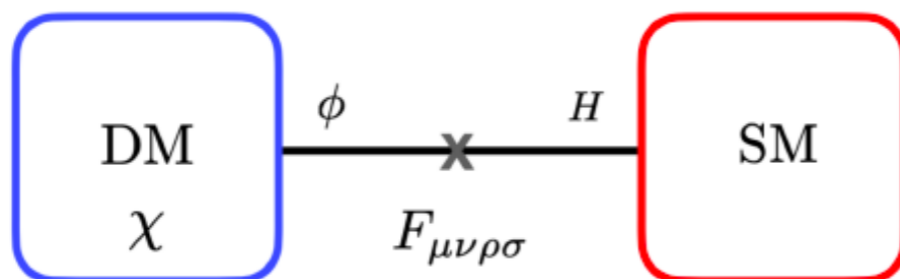
- Four-form flux portal for Higgs mass & cosmological constant as well as dark matter.

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[HML, 2019; Y. Kang, HML, A. Menkara, J. Song, 2021]



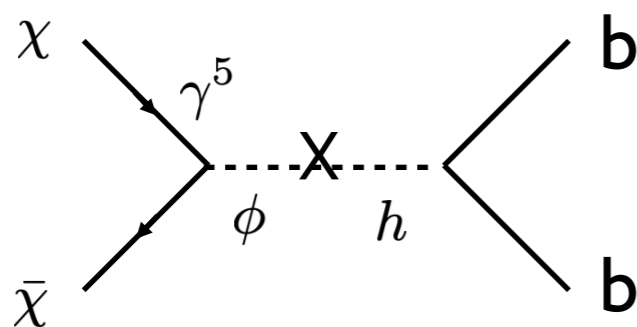
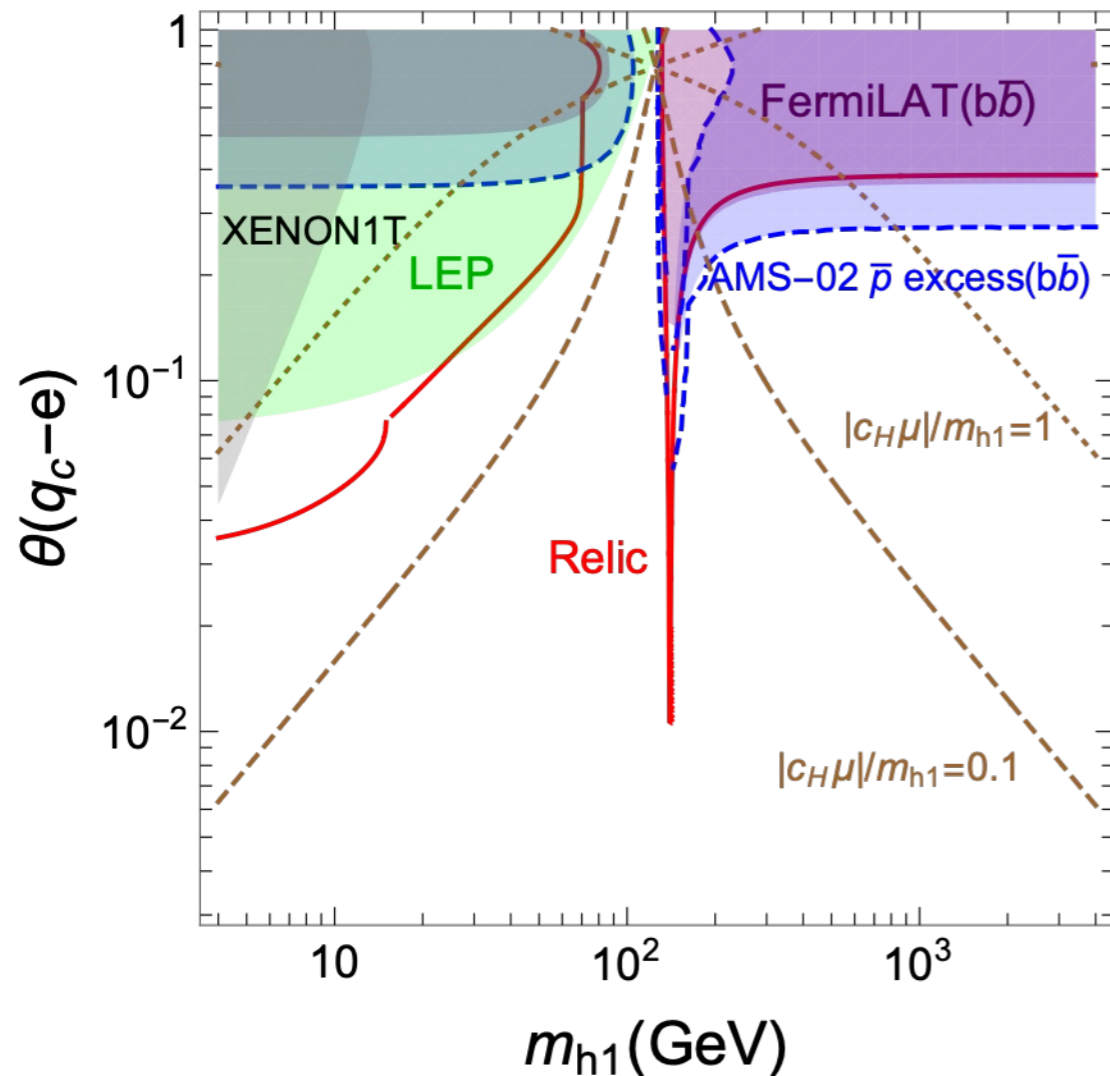
➔
$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4!} F_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} F^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} + \frac{1}{4!} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} F_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} (\mu\phi + c_H |H|^2) + \frac{im_\chi}{f} \phi \bar{\chi} \gamma^5 \chi$$



CP violation by Higgs mixing.
“New Higgs-portal”

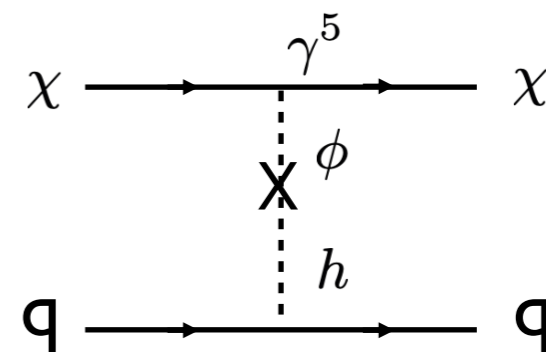
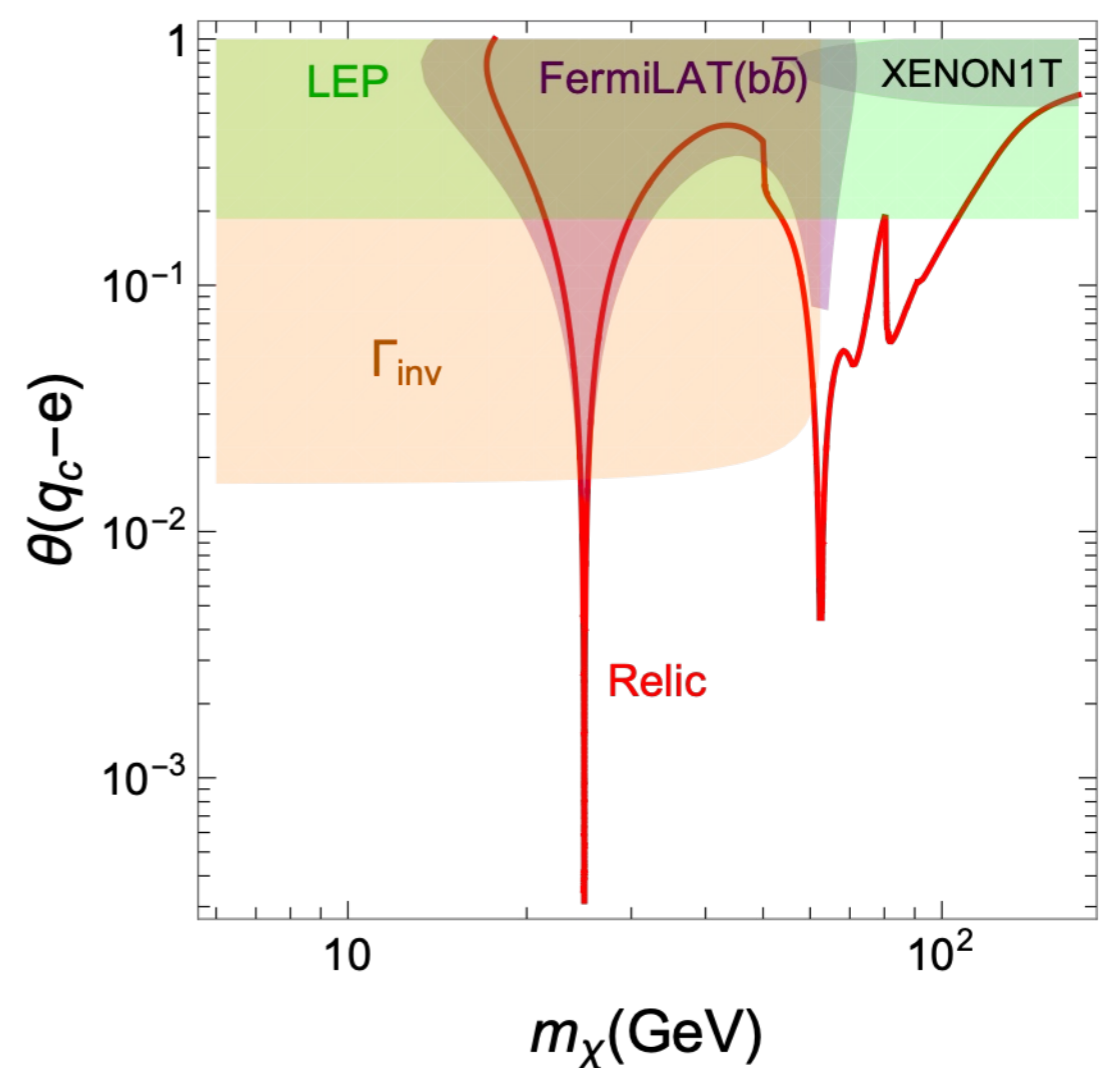
Bounds on four-form portals

$m_\chi = 70 \text{ GeV}$, $\beta = 10^{-5}$, $f = 126 \text{ GeV}$



Fermi-LAT γ -ray & AMS-02 anti-p

$m_{h1} = 50 \text{ GeV}$, $\beta = 1.5 \times 10^{-4}$, $m_\chi/f = 0.645$

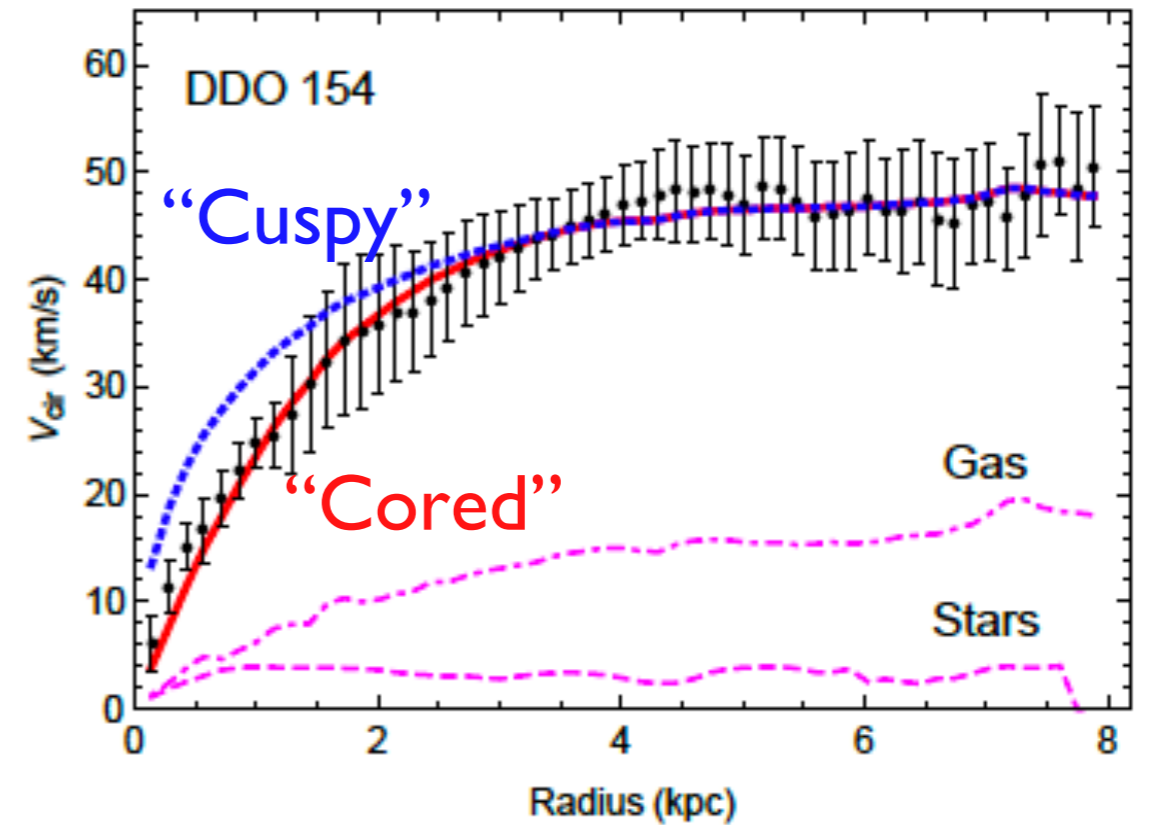
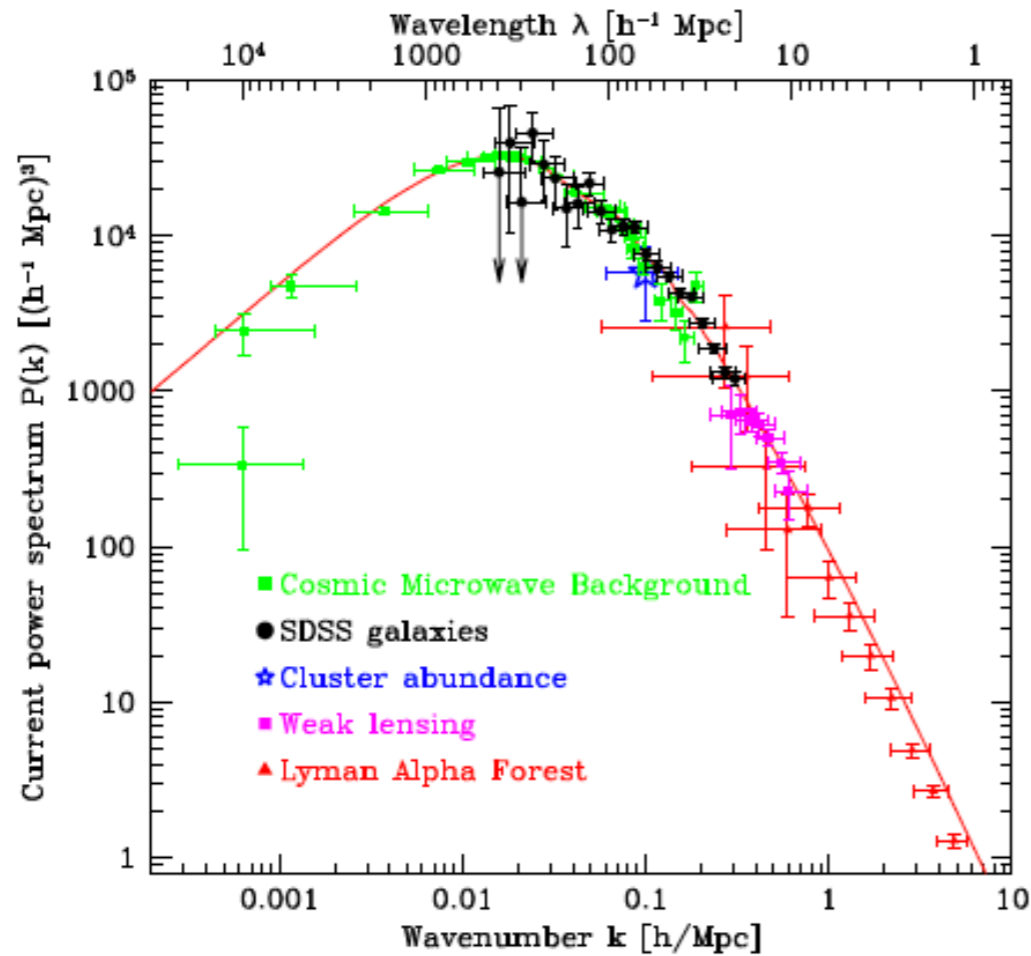


Suppressed DM-nucleon scattering

Small-scale crisis and beyond WIMP

Small-scale crisis

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WIMP works well at $> \text{Mpc}$

Galaxy rotation curves at $< 1 \text{ kpc}$
 [Spergel, Steinhardt, 2000; Tulin, Yu, 2017]

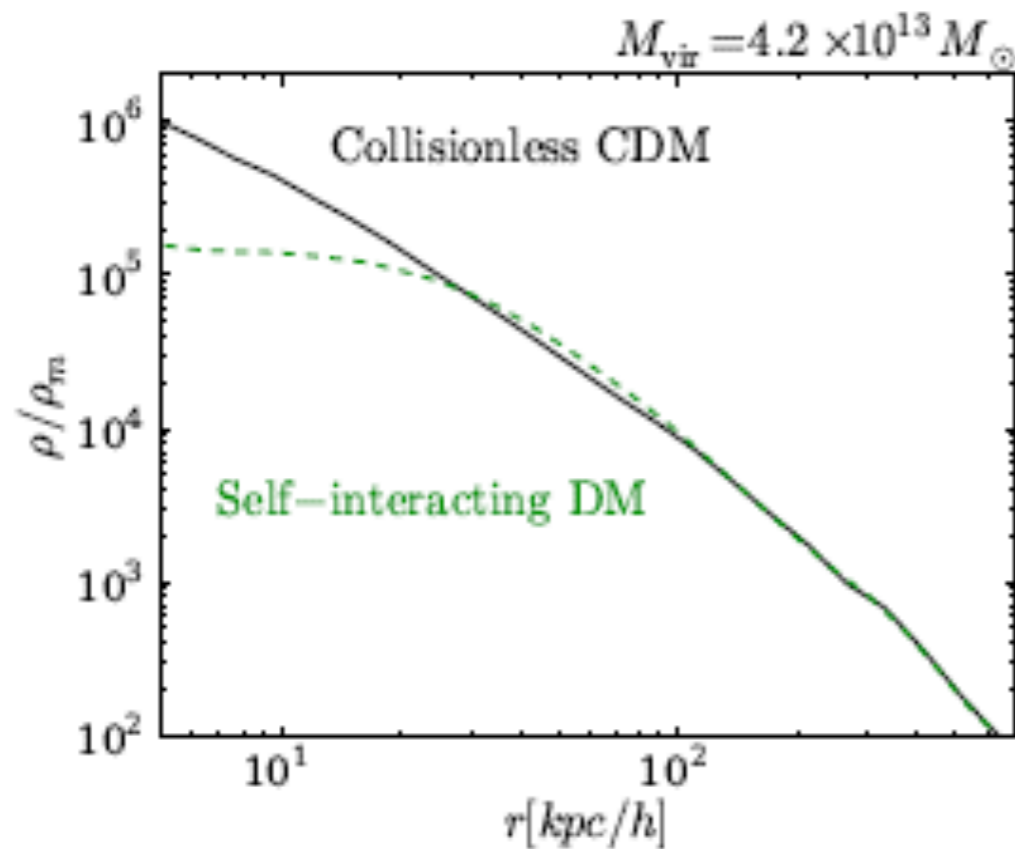
- WIMP N-body simulation predicts cuspy DM profile (NFW), making rotation velocities overshooting at small scales.

$$v_{\text{cir}} \sim \sqrt{r}, \quad \rho_{\text{dm}} \sim r^{-1} \quad \text{“Cuspy”}$$

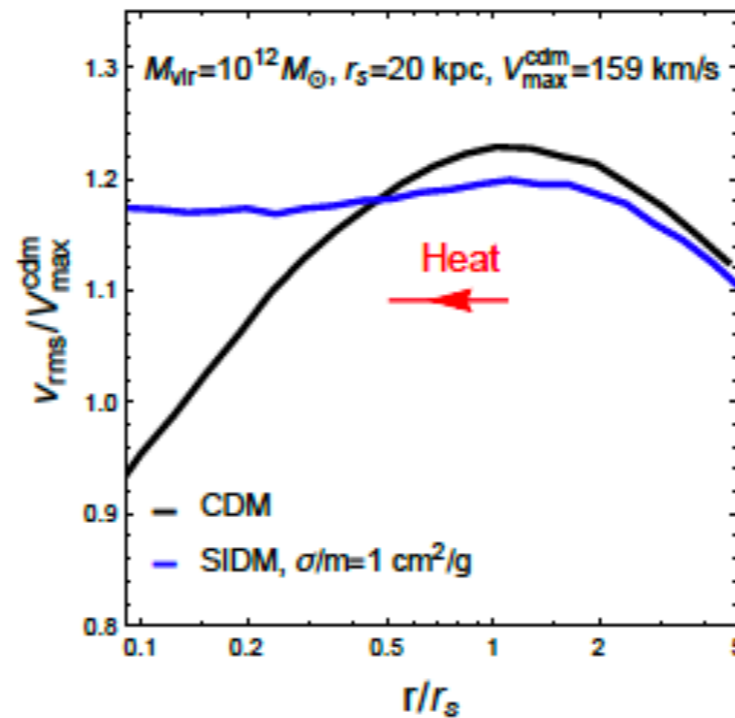
$$v_{\text{cir}} \sim r, \quad \rho_{\text{dm}} \sim r^0 \quad \text{“Cored”}$$

Self-Interacting Dark Matter

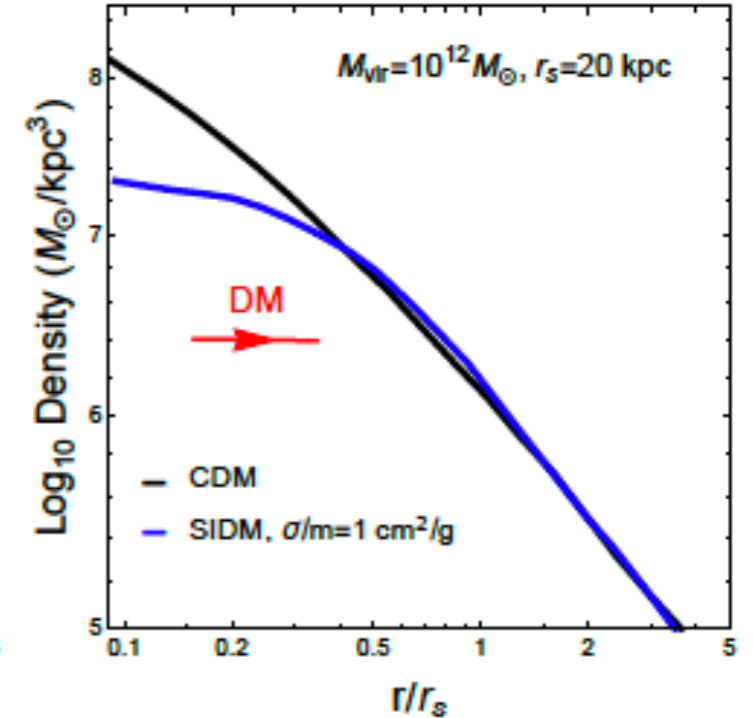
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[Weinberg et al, 2013]



[Tulin, Yu, 2017]



Transport heat by self-interactions makes DM scatter and cored.

$$\sigma_{\text{self}}/m_{\text{DM}} \sim 0.1 - 10 \text{ cm}^2/\text{g}$$

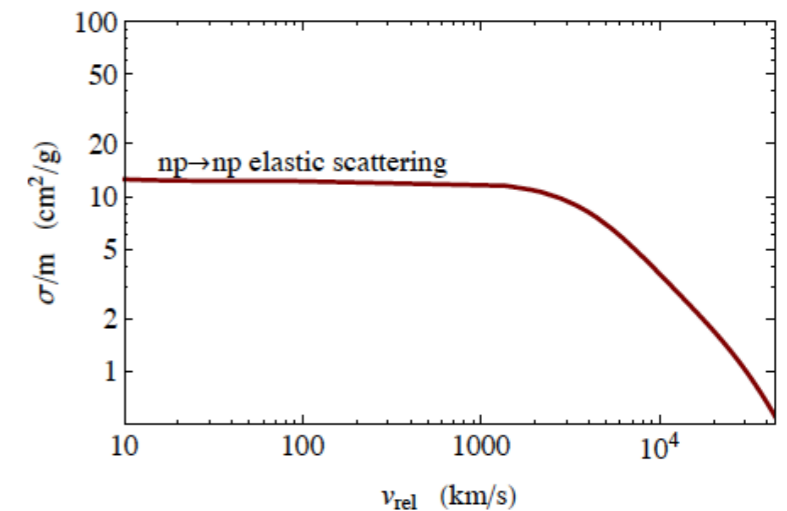
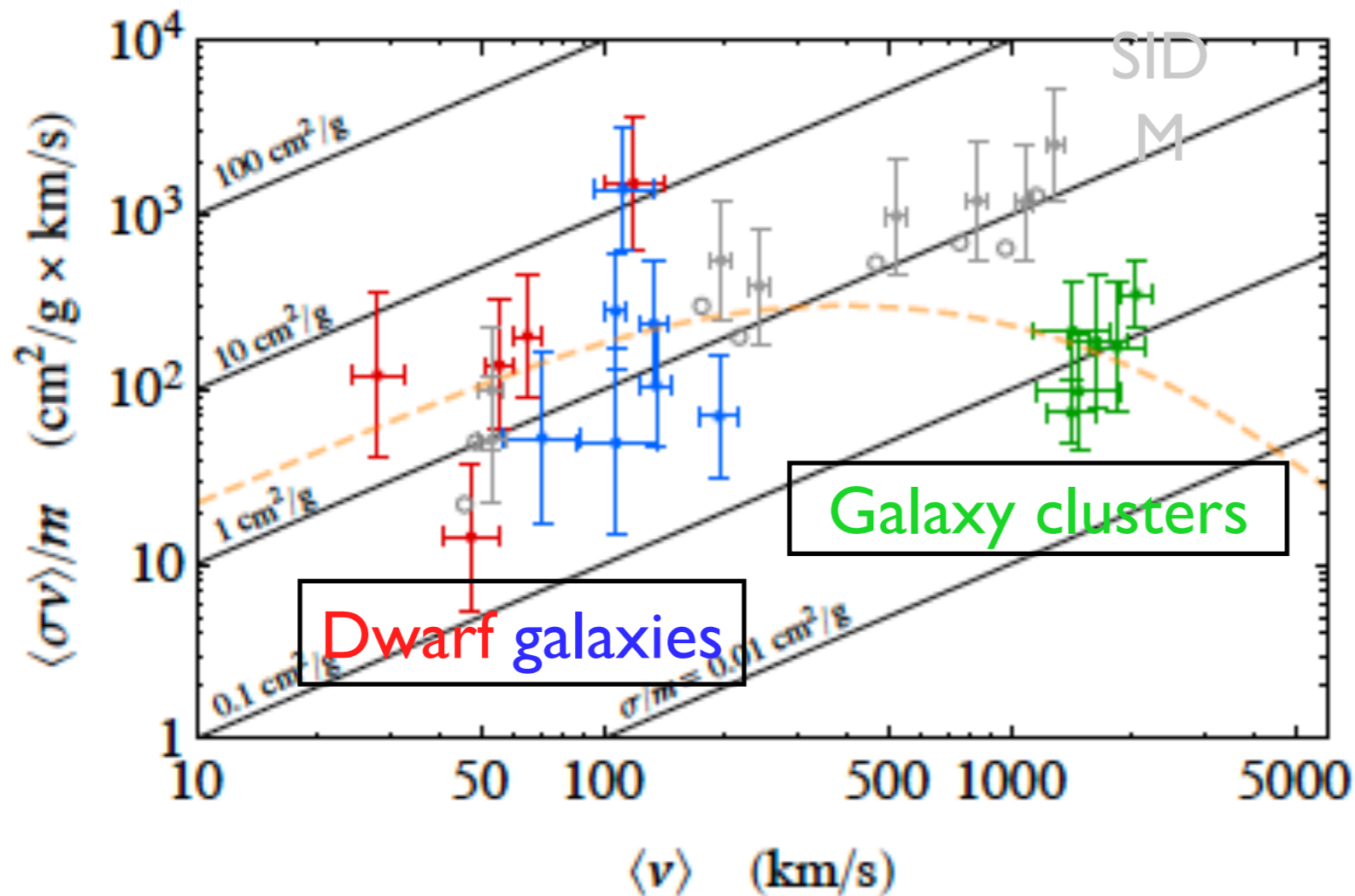
DM scattering rate:
$$R_{\text{scat}} = \sigma v_{\text{rel}} \rho_{\text{dm}}/m \approx 0.1 \text{ Gyr}^{-1} \times \left(\frac{\rho_{\text{dm}}}{0.1 \text{ M}_\odot/\text{pc}^3} \right) \left(\frac{v_{\text{rel}}}{50 \text{ km/s}} \right) \left(\frac{\sigma/m}{1 \text{ cm}^2/\text{g}} \right)$$

Self-interaction+ baryons explains diversity of rotation curves.

[A. Kamada et al, 2016]

Cosmological colliders

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$$\langle \sigma v \rangle = \text{constant}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sigma \propto \frac{1}{\langle v \rangle}$$

velocity suppressed
at clusters

THINGS dwarf galaxies (red), LSB galaxies (blue), and clusters (green).

SIDM N-body simulations, with $\sigma/m = 1 \text{ cm}^2/\text{g}$ (gray)

[M. Kaplinghat et al, 2015]

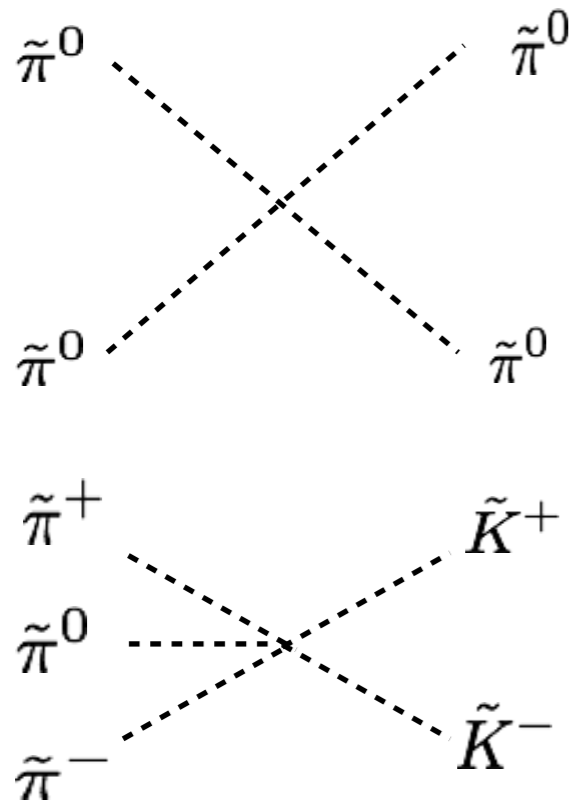
- Self-scattering is suppressed for large velocities at clusters.

cf. Bound from Bullet cluster: $\sigma/m \lesssim 0.7 \text{ cm}^2/\text{g}$

SIMP paradigm

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Self-interactions



Strongly Interacting Massive Particle (SIMP)

[Hochberg et al, 2014; M.-S. Seo, HML, 2015;
S.-M. Choi, P. Ko, HML, A. Natal, 2018]

Self-scattering \longrightarrow Solve small-scale problems

$$\sigma_{\text{self}} = \frac{\alpha_{\text{eff}}^2}{m_{\pi}^2}$$

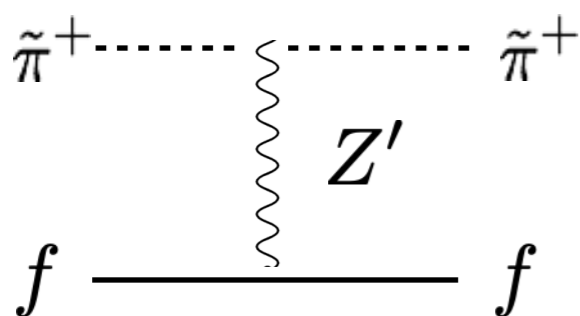
3 \rightarrow 2 processes \longrightarrow Freeze-out $\Omega_{\text{DM}} h^2 \propto \frac{1}{(\langle \sigma v^2 \rangle)^{1/2}}$

$$\langle \sigma v^2 \rangle = \frac{\alpha_{\text{eff}}^3}{m_{\pi}^5}$$

$$\alpha_{\text{eff}} \lesssim 10, m_{\pi} \lesssim 1 \text{ GeV}$$

“Natural candidates for sub-GeV dark matter”

Mediator couplings



$$\frac{\partial f_{\text{DM}}}{\partial t} \sim \frac{1}{E_{\text{DM}}} C[f_{\text{DM}}] \longrightarrow T_{\text{DM}} = T_{\gamma}$$

[M.-S. Seo, HML, 2015]

Heat from 3 \rightarrow 2 processes equilibrated
by mediator interactions with $m_{Z'} > m_{\text{DM}}$.

Testable by direct detection, collider/beam dump

Challenge for light dark matter

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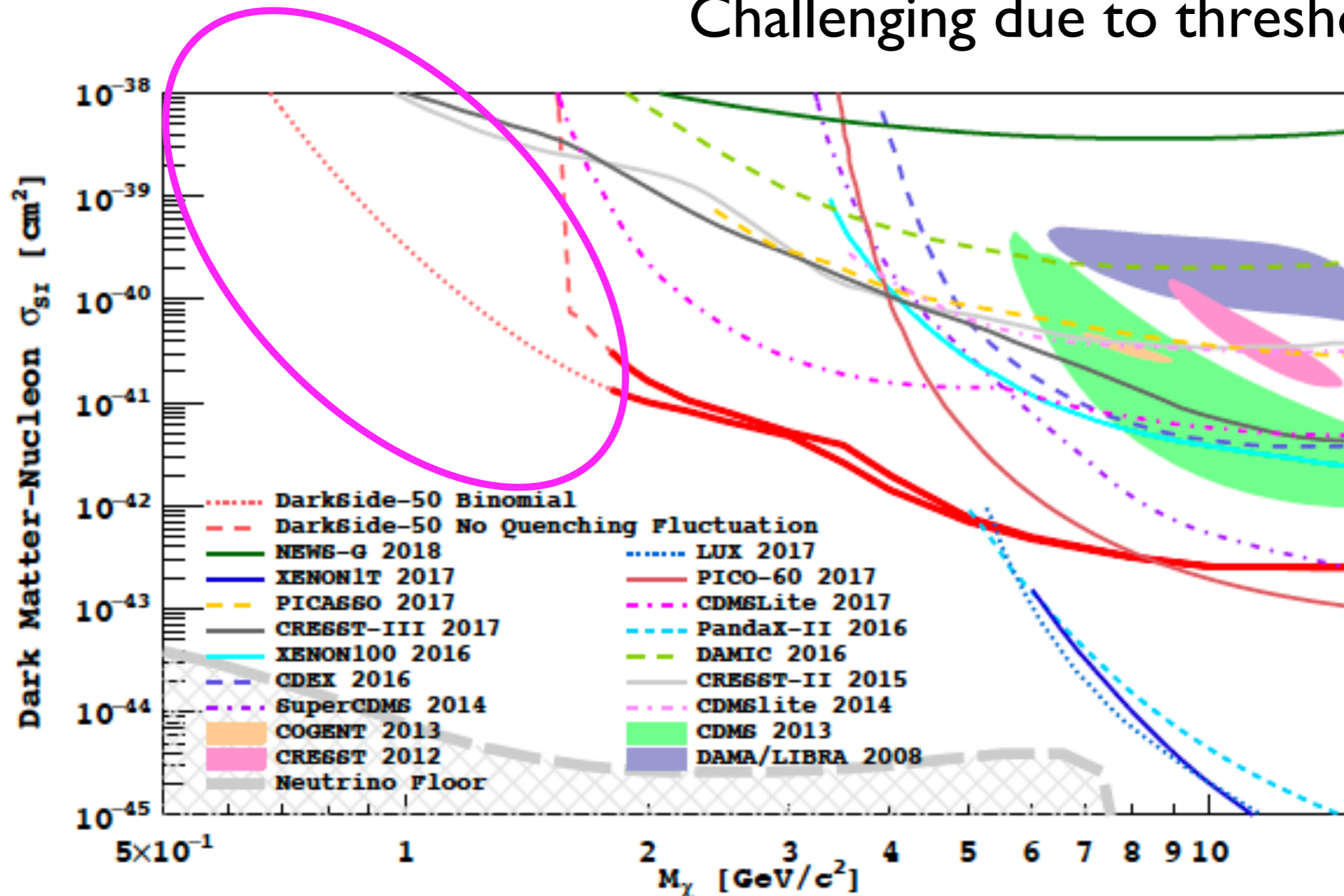
Light dark matter:

$$1 \text{ keV} \lesssim m_{\text{DM}} \lesssim 10 \text{ GeV}$$

(Fermion DM)

$$E_R = \frac{\vec{q}^2}{2m_N} = \frac{(m_{\text{DM}}v)^2}{2m_N} \lesssim \text{keV} : \text{small nucleus recoil energy}$$

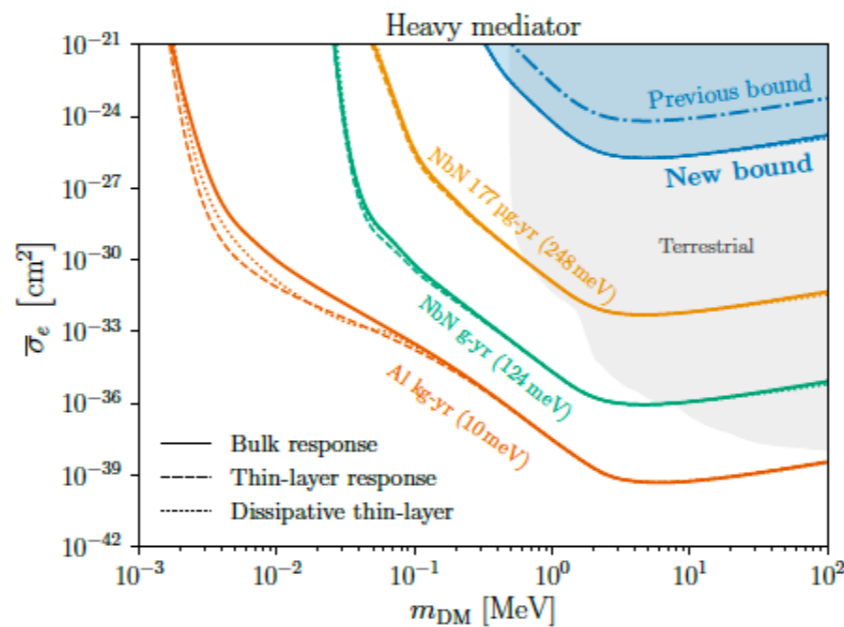
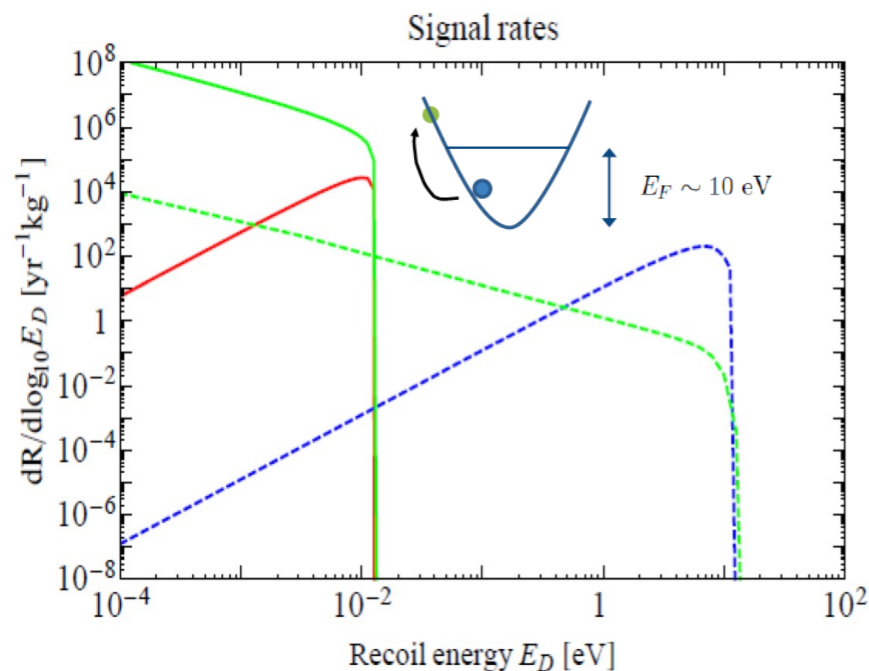
Challenging due to threshold energy!



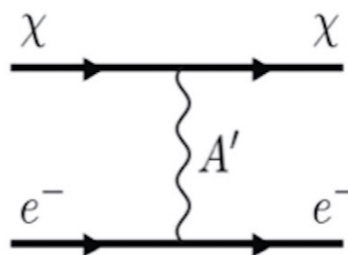
Light DM in interplay

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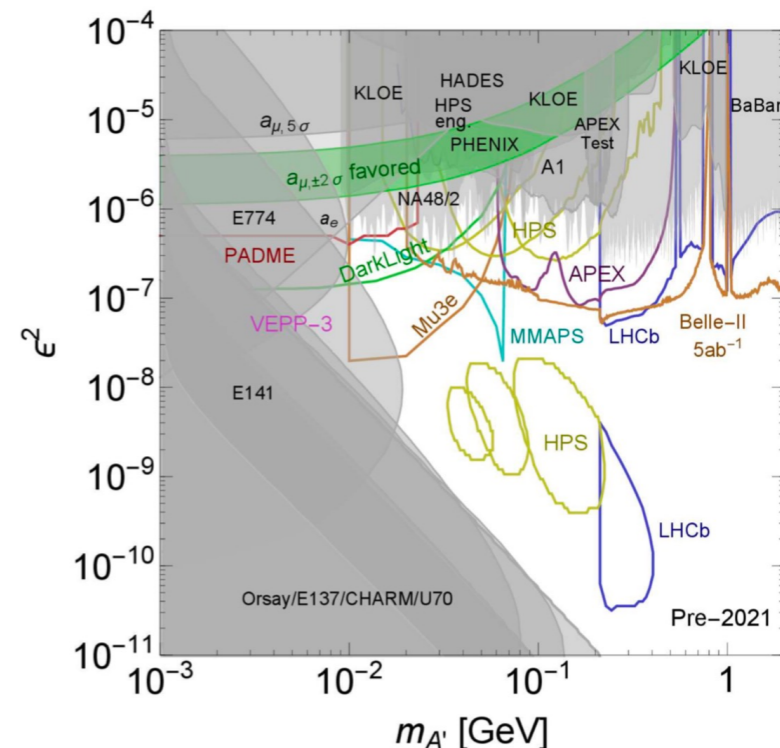
DM-electron scattering



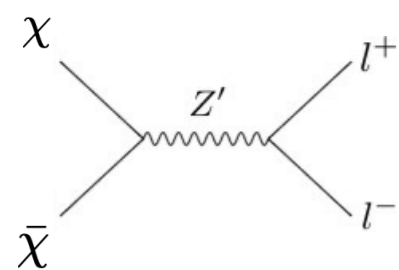
Superconductor(Al)/semi-conductor(Ge)
[Y. Hochberg et al, 2015,
2021]



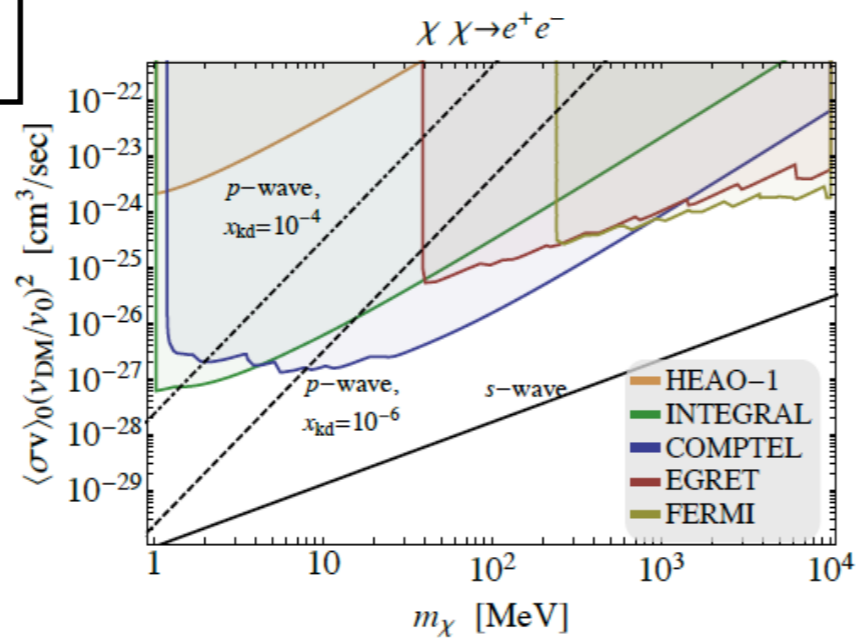
[US Cosmic Visions, 2017]



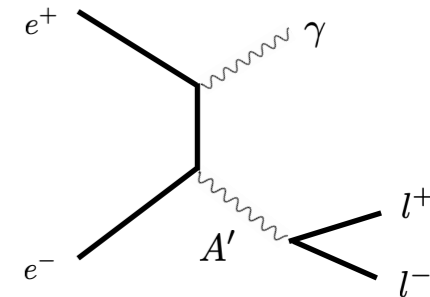
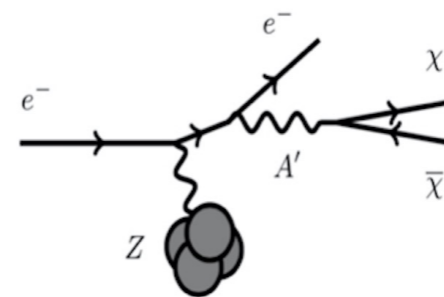
Gamma-ray/CMB



[Essig et al, 2013;
Cirelli et al, 2021]



Beam-dump/colliders



Exothermic dark matter

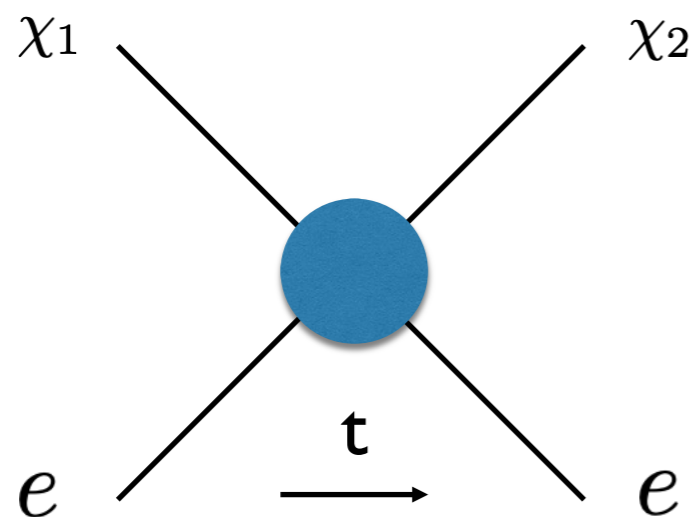
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- Elastic scattering between light DM & electron.

$$E_R \sim \frac{\mu^2 v^2}{m_e} \sim m_e v^2 \sim 0.3 \text{ eV} - 20 \text{ eV} : \text{ small recoil energy.}$$

$$m_\chi \gtrsim m_e, \quad v \sim 220 \text{ km/s} - 10^{-2} c$$

- Down scattering with electron for small mass splitting.

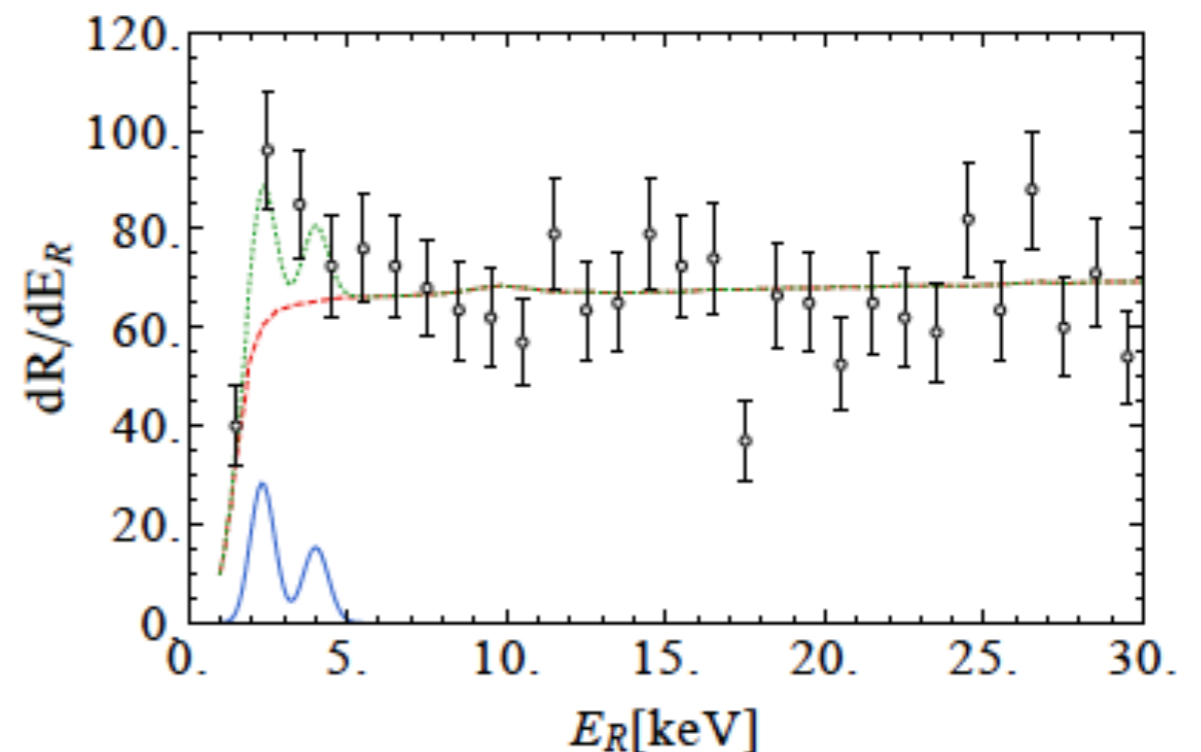


$$\Delta m = m_{\chi_1} - m_{\chi_2} \gg m_e v^2$$

➔ $E_R \sim \Delta m \sim 2.5 \text{ keV}$

“Large electron recoil energy”

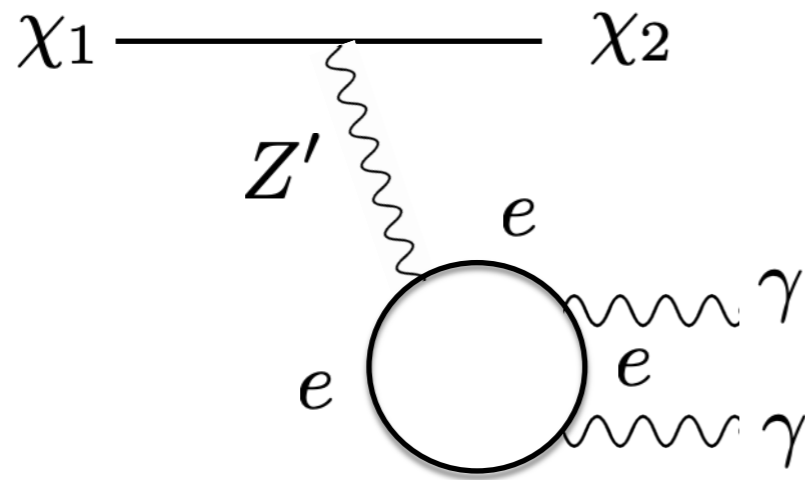
[K. Harigaya et al 2020; HML 2020; S.-M. Choi, HML, B. Zhu, 2020
J. Bramante et al 2020; Essig et al, 2020]



Bounds on Z' portal

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- The axial vector Z' coupling for electron makes the heavier state decaying into two photons:

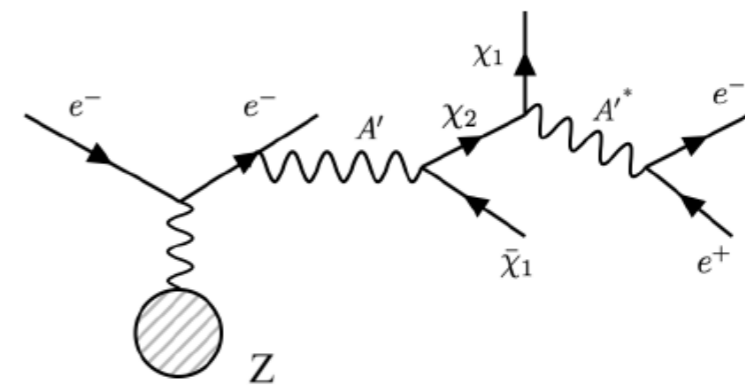
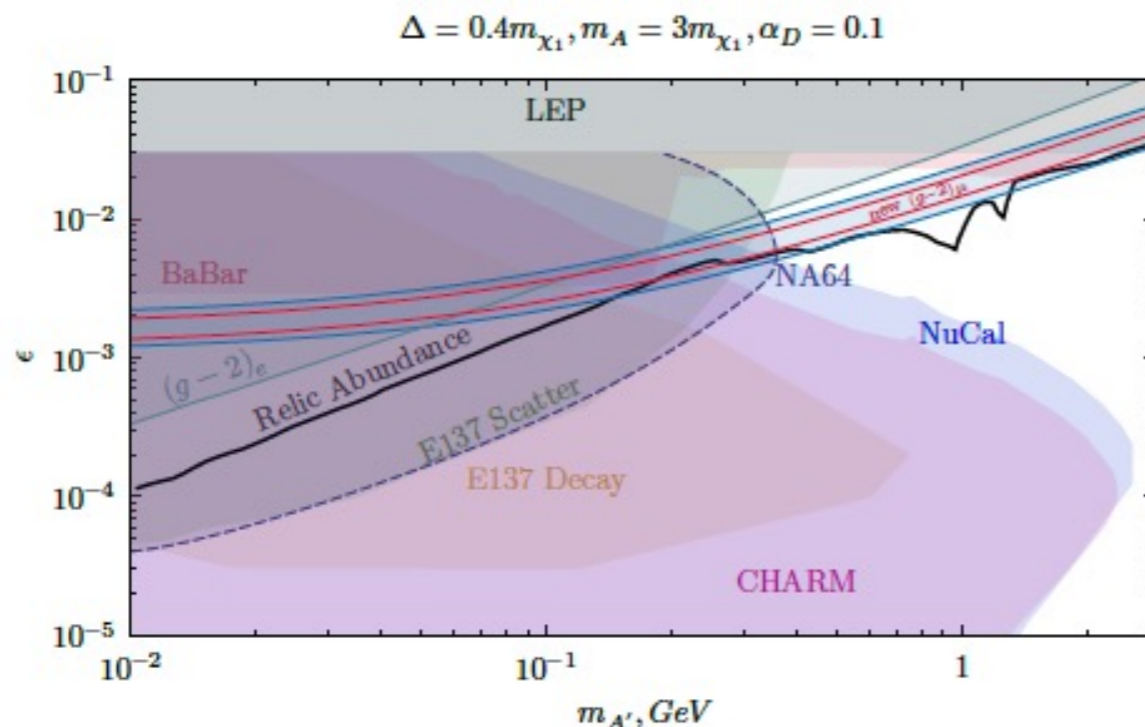


$$\Gamma(\chi_1 \rightarrow \chi_2 \gamma \gamma) \simeq \frac{a_e^2 (v_\chi^2 + a_\chi^2) e^4 g_{Z'}^2 (\Delta m)^5}{2560 \pi^7 m_{Z'}^4}$$

Diffuse X-ray bound: $\tau_{\chi_1} \gtrsim 10^{24}$ sec

$$|a_e| g_{Z'} \sqrt{v_\chi^2 + a_\chi^2} < 2.5 \times 10^{-6} \left(\frac{2.5 \text{ keV}}{\Delta m} \right)^{5/2} \left(\frac{m_{Z'}}{1 \text{ GeV}} \right)^2$$

- Sizable mass splitting \Rightarrow long-lived neutral particles

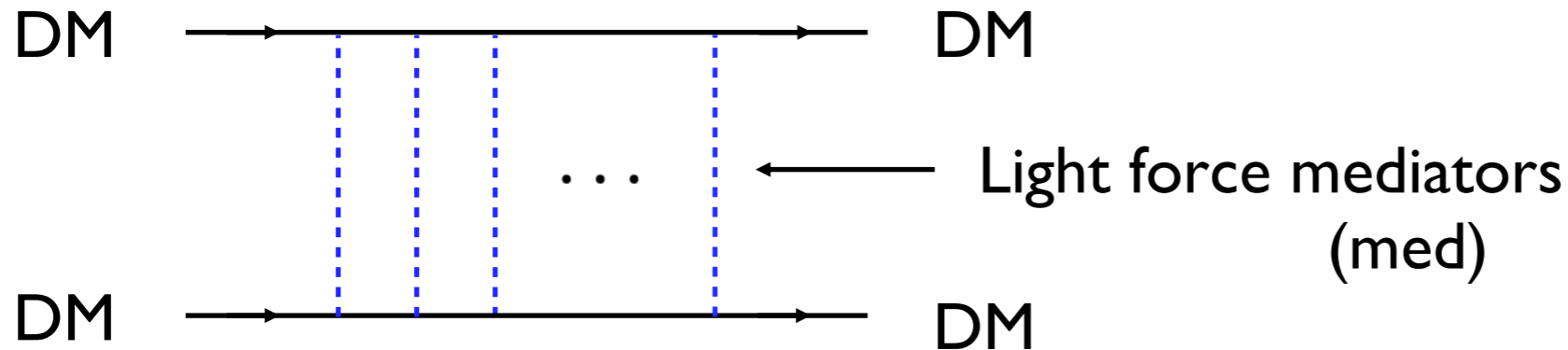


Invisible+visible displaced signals
(NA64, LHCb, Belle-II, etc)

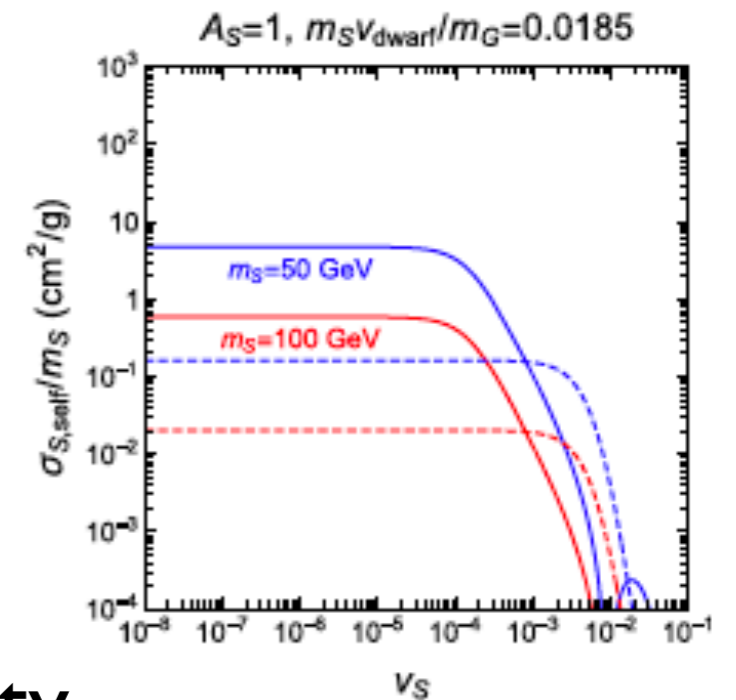
Non-perturbative dark matter

T-channel forces in challenge -19-

Light mediators for dark matter self-scattering

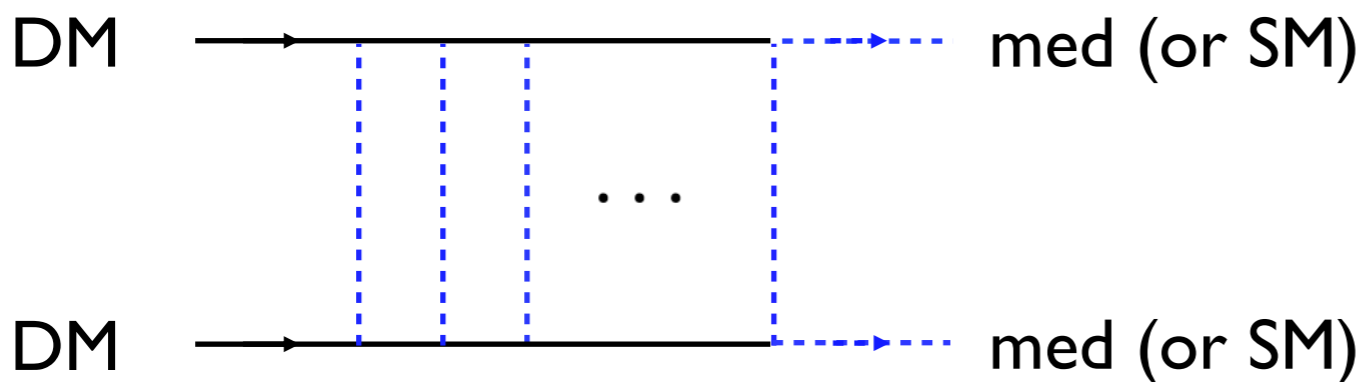


➔ Self-interaction enhanced at small velocity.

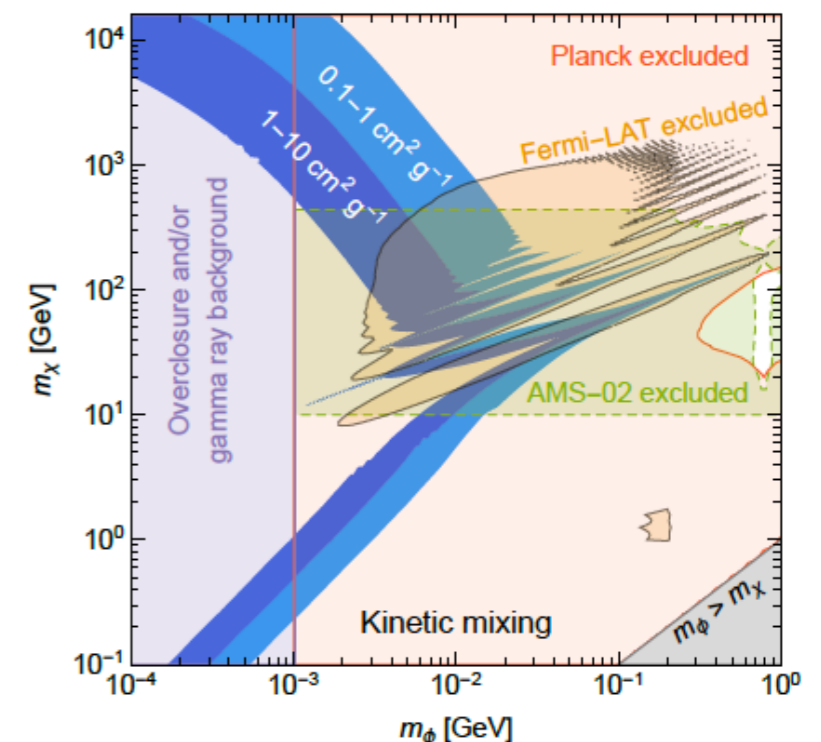


[Kang, HML, 2020]

Sommerfeld effect enhances dark matter annihilations at small velocity.



Annihilation product almost ruled out by CMB and cosmic rays.



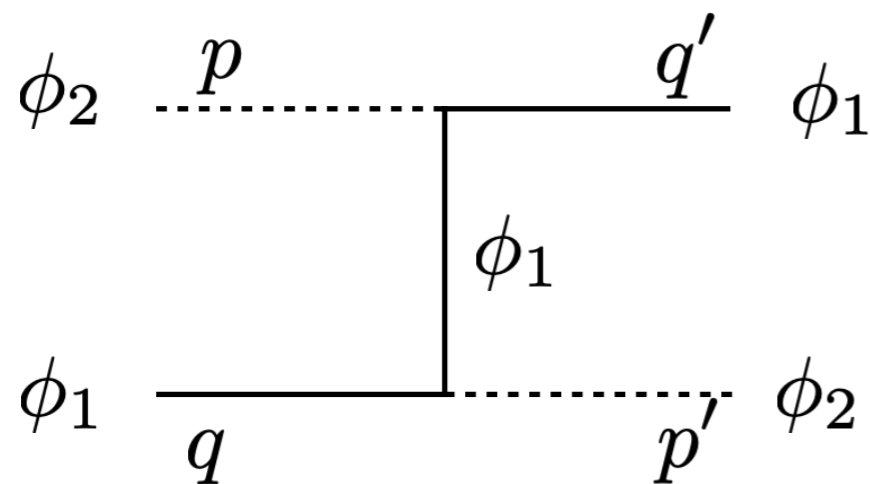
[Bringmann et al, 2016]

U-channel resonances

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- U-channel for $2 \rightarrow 2$ co-scattering dark matter

[S. Kim, HML, B. Zhu, 2021, 2022]



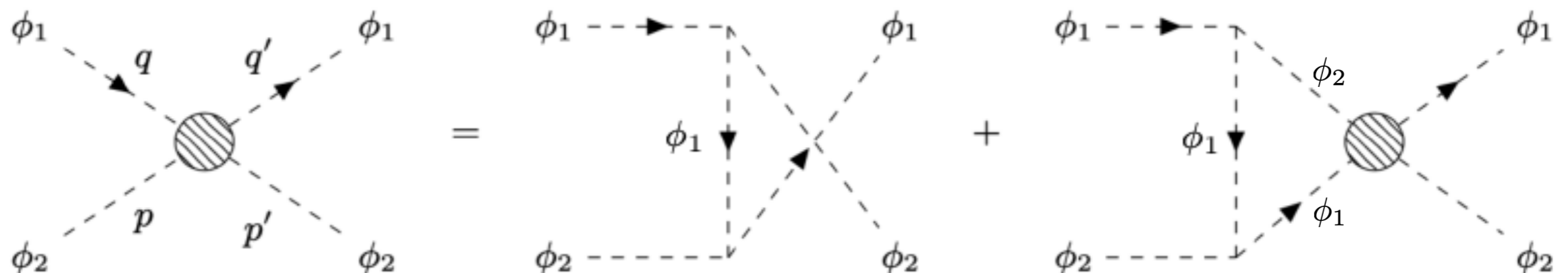
$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} = -2g m_1 \phi_2 |\phi_1|^2$$

$$\tilde{\Gamma}_u(p, q; p', q') = \frac{4g^2 m_1^2}{|\vec{p} - \vec{q}'|^2 + m_1^2 - \omega^2}$$

$$\omega = p_0 - q'_0 \approx m_2 - m_1 \neq 0$$

$$m_2 = 2m_1 \quad \text{“Effectively massless”}$$

Resummation of u-channel ladder diagrams is needed.



Effective u-channel forces

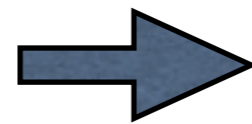
Bethe-Salpeter equation for co-scattering dark matter

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$$\left(-\frac{1}{2\mu}\nabla^2 - E\right)\psi_{BS}(\vec{x}) = -V(\vec{x})\psi_{BS}\left(-\frac{m_2}{m_1}\vec{x}\right)$$

[S. Kim, HML, B. Zhu, 2021, 2022]

$$\begin{cases} V(\vec{x}) = -\frac{\alpha}{r} e^{-Mr} \\ \alpha \equiv \frac{g^2}{4\pi} \quad M \equiv m_2 \sqrt{2 - \frac{m_2}{m_1}} \end{cases}$$



Effective Yukawa interaction

BS wave function in spherical coordinates:

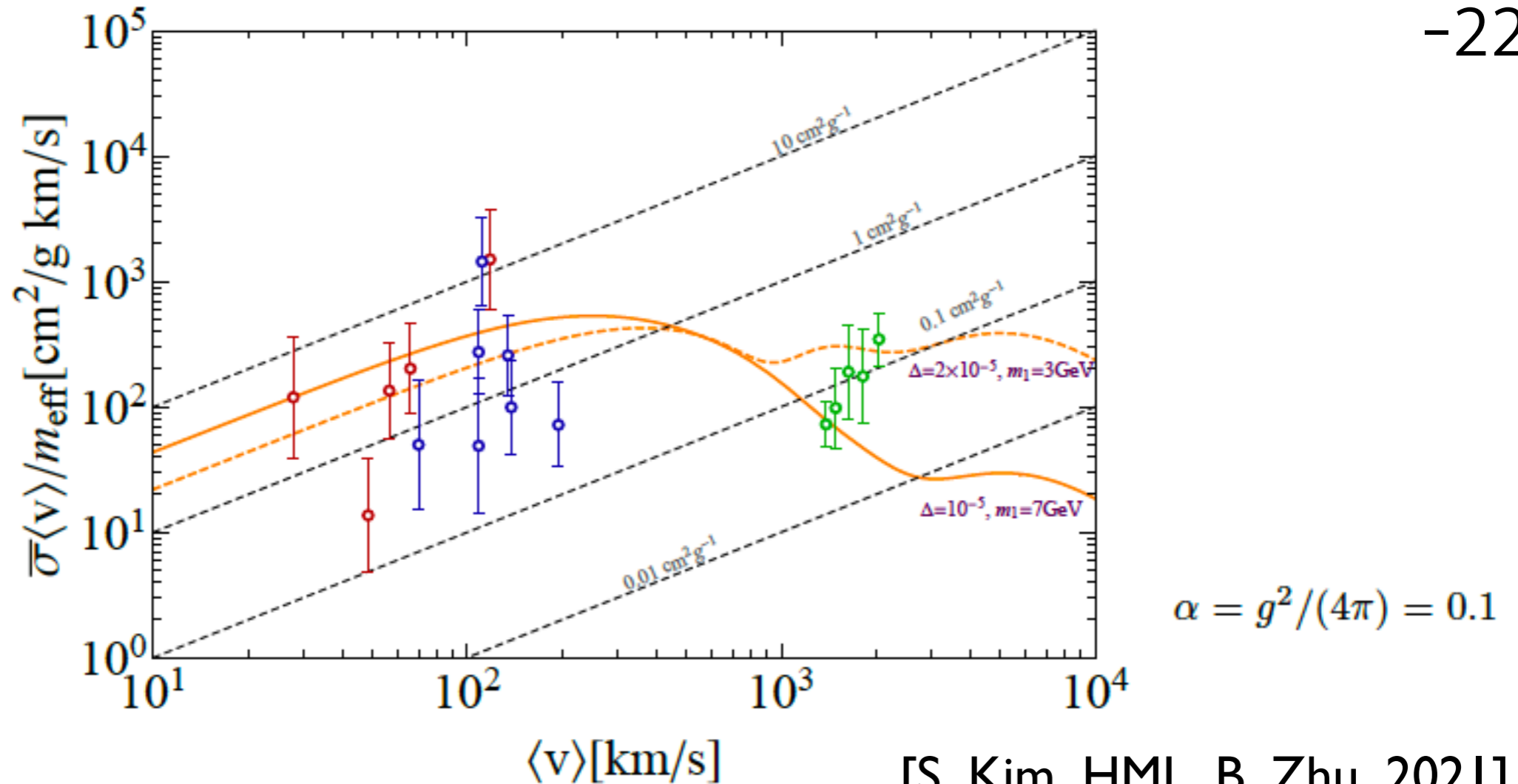
$$\psi_{BS}(\vec{x}) = R_l(r)Y_l^m(\theta, \phi) \longrightarrow \psi_{BS}\left(-\frac{m_2}{m_1}\vec{x}\right) = \boxed{(-1)^l} R_l\left(\frac{m_2}{m_1}r\right) Y_l^m(\theta, \phi)$$

- Effective potential depends on angular momentum: attractive for l=even ; repulsive for l=odd.

- Effective mediator mass: $M \equiv m_2 \sqrt{2 - \frac{m_2}{m_1}} \rightarrow 0, \quad m_2 \rightarrow 2m_1.$

SIDM from co-scattering

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[S. Kim, HML, B. Zhu, 2021]

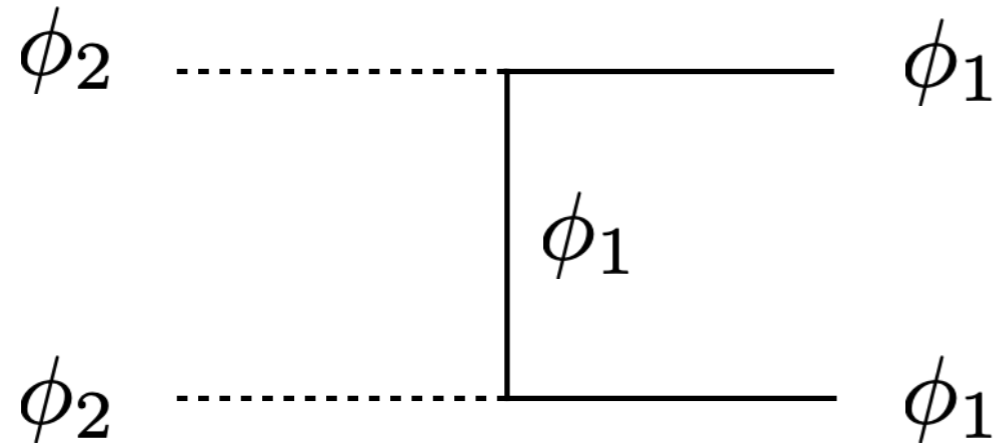
$$\phi_1 \phi_2 \rightarrow \phi_1 \phi_2 : \quad \sigma = \frac{4\pi}{k^2} \sin^2 \delta_0 \quad , \quad \text{total cross section}$$

$$\bar{\sigma} = \langle \sigma v_{\text{rel}}^3 \rangle / (24 / \sqrt{\pi} v_0^3) : \quad \text{energy-transfer average}$$

➔ u-channel force for dark matter is velocity-dependent.

DM annihilation

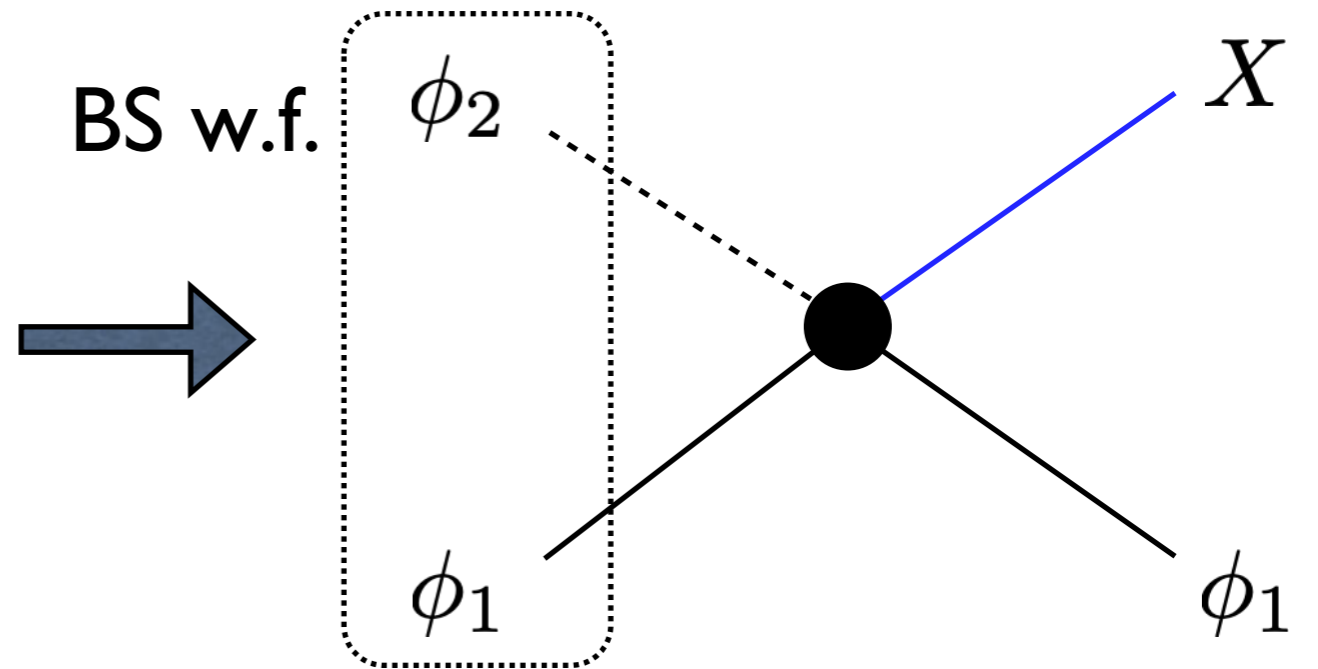
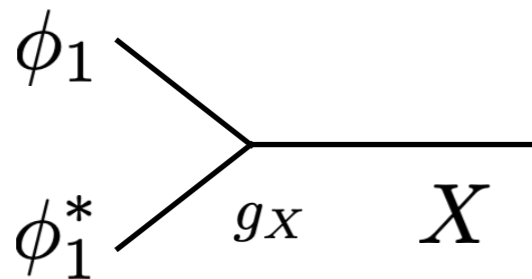
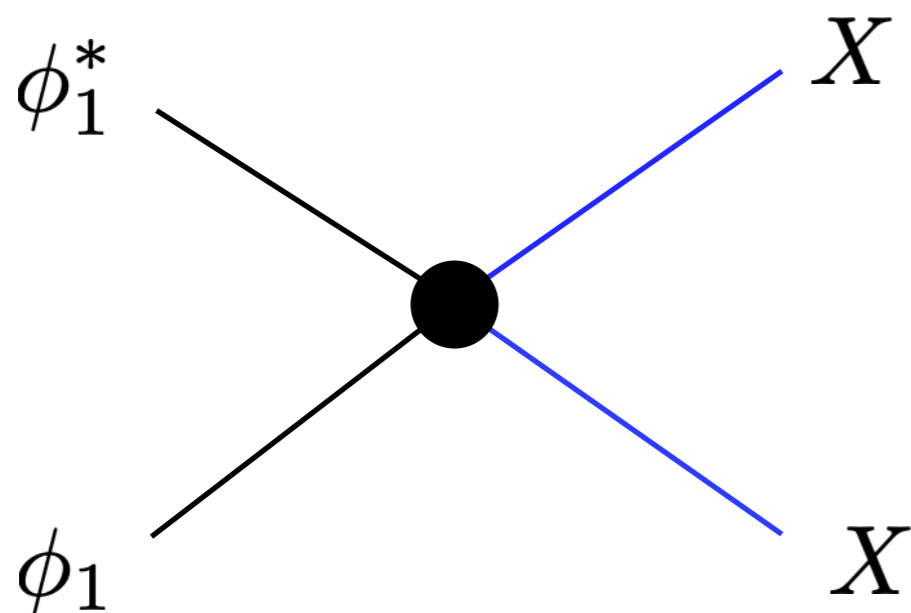
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Heavier DM always annihilates into lighter DM, but no freeze-out.

→ extra 2→2 annihilation

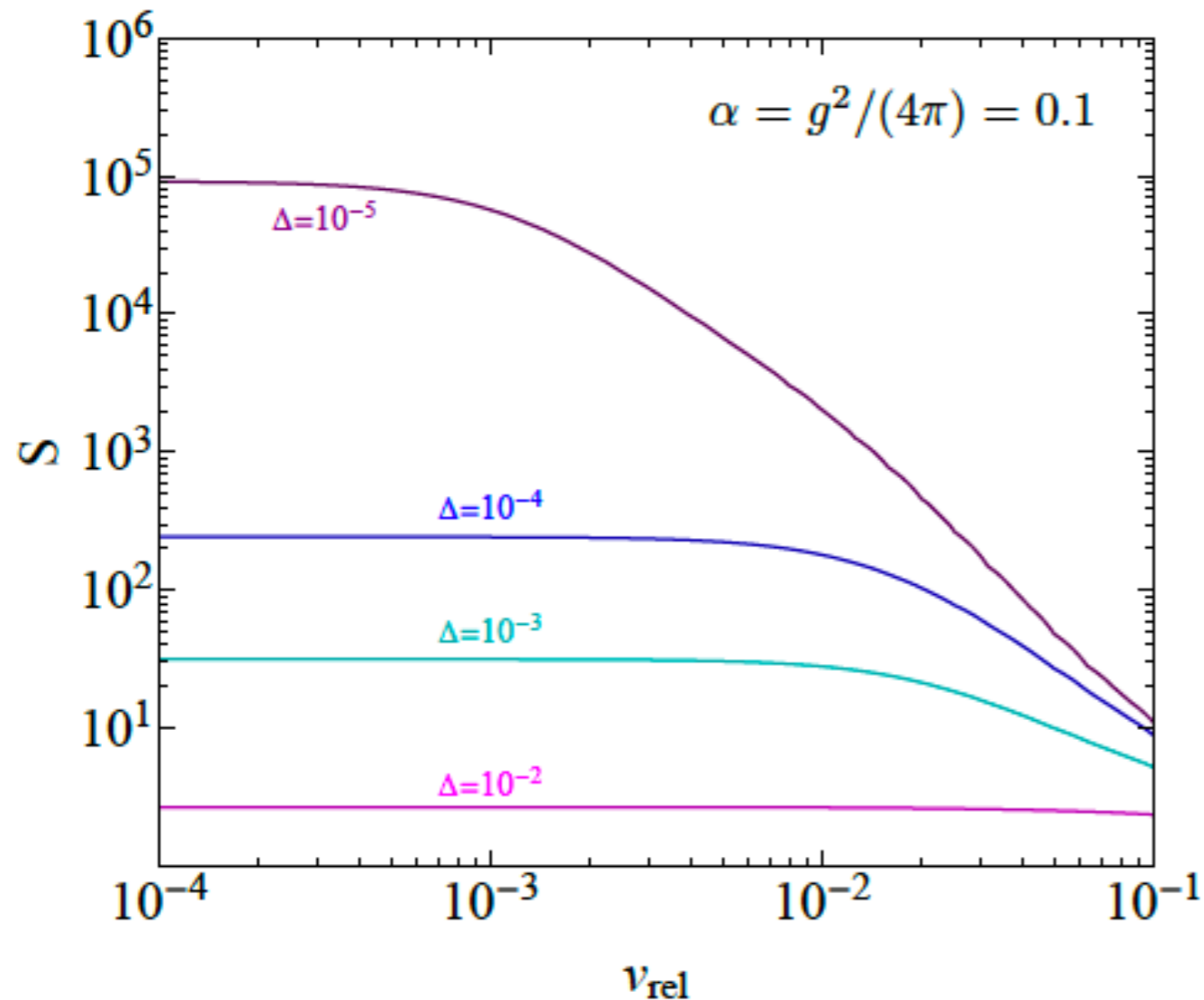
e.g. dark photon portal



u-channel
Sommerfeld enhancement

Sommerfeld factor

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Sommerfeld factor (s-wave):

$$S = \frac{|\psi_{\text{BS}}(0)|^2}{|\psi_{\text{pert}}(0)|^2} = A^2$$

Effective mediator mass

$$\longleftrightarrow \Delta = 1 - \frac{m_2}{2m_1} \geq 0$$

[S. Kim, HML, B. Zhu, 2021]

Boundary conditions (s-wave):

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{u}_0(\rho) &\longrightarrow \frac{1}{a} \sin(a e^{-\rho} + \delta_0), & \rho &\rightarrow -\infty, & \text{“plane-wave”} \\ \tilde{u}_0(\rho) &\longrightarrow A e^{-\rho}, & \rho &\rightarrow +\infty & \text{“constant R”} \end{aligned}$$

Indirect detection

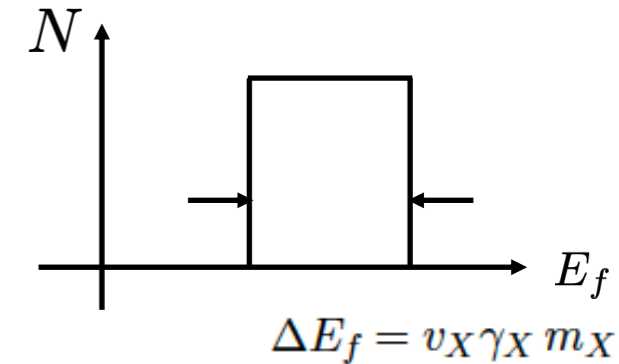
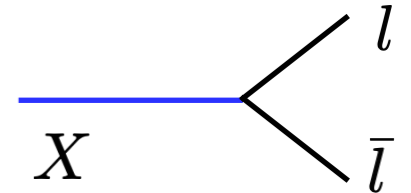
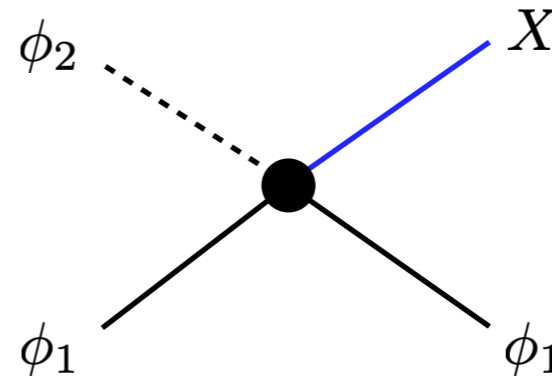
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Cosmic ray (from semi-annihilation): [S. Kim, HML, B. Zhu, 2022]

Leptons boosted in galactic center frame

$$E_f = \frac{1}{\gamma_X} \bar{E}_f (1 - v_X \cos \theta)^{-1},$$

$$\bar{E}_f = \frac{m_X}{2}$$



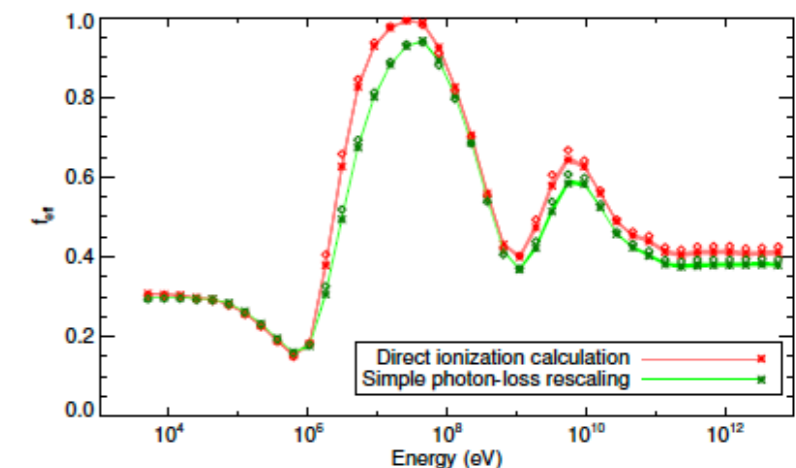
CMB (from semi-annihilation):

Leptons injects energy to CMB photons

$$\langle \sigma v \rangle_{\phi_1 \phi_2 \rightarrow \phi_1 X} < 4 \times 10^{-25} \text{ cm}^3/\text{s} \left(\frac{f_{\text{eff}}}{0.1} \right)^{-1} \cdot \frac{1}{r_1(1-r_1)} \cdot \left(\frac{m_2}{100 \text{ GeV}} \right)$$

Efficient factor: $f_{\text{eff}}(m_2) = \frac{\int_0^{m_2/2} dE_e E_e 2f_{\text{eff}}^{e^+e^-} \frac{dN_e}{dE_e}}{m_2}, \quad r_1 = \Omega_1/\Omega_{\text{DM}}$

	$m_2 \simeq 2m_1$ [GeV]	m_X [GeV]	α $= \frac{g^2}{4\pi}$	α_X $= \frac{g_X^2}{4\pi}$	$\langle \sigma v \rangle_{\phi_1 \phi_2 \rightarrow \phi_1 X}^0$ [cm ³ /s]	r_1 $= \frac{\Omega_1}{\Omega_{\text{DM}}}$	S_0	Δ $= 1 - \frac{m_2}{2m_1}$	$\sigma_{\text{self}}/m_{\text{eff}}$ [cm ² /g]
B1	200	50	0.05	0.0045	9.9×10^{-27}	0.5	444.7	7.75×10^{-4}	0.014
B2	400	100	0.1	0.009	9.9×10^{-27}	0.5	889	10^{-4}	0.002
B3	26	5	0.00032	0.04	2.0×10^{-26}	0.005	1336	5×10^{-10}	0.003
B4	240	60	0.0032	0.03	2.9×10^{-27}	0.075	7379	$10^{-7.7}$	0.086

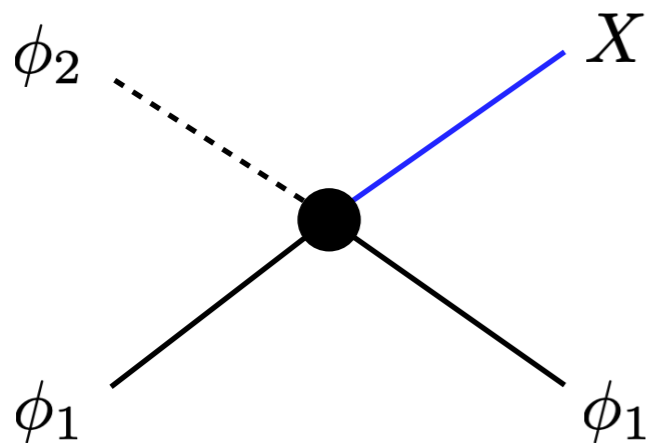


[T. Slatyer, 2015]

Direct detection

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Boosted DM from semi-annihilation: [S. Kim, HML, B. Zhu, 2022]



Gamma factor for boosted DM

$$\gamma_1 = (10m_1^2 - m_X^2)/(6m_1^2) \quad m_2 \simeq 2m_1$$

DM flux from galactic center (NFW)

$$\Phi_1^{\text{G.C.}} = 1.6 \times 10^{-4} \text{cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1} \left(\frac{\langle \sigma v \rangle_{\phi_1 \phi_2 \rightarrow \phi_1 X}}{5 \times 10^{-26} \text{cm}^3/\text{s}} \right) \left(\frac{(1 \text{GeV})^2}{m_1 m_2} \right) r_1 (1 - r_1)$$

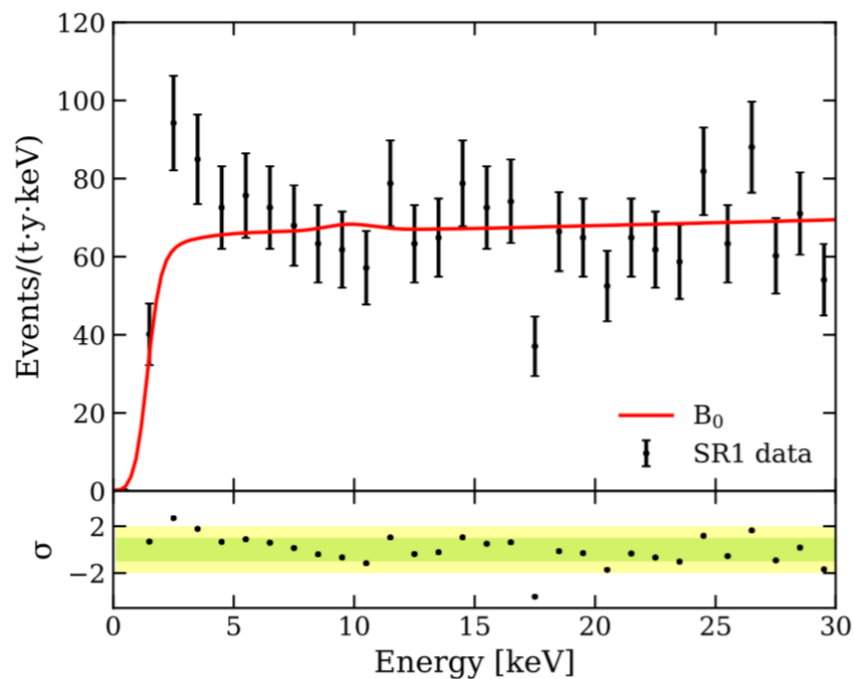
Large electron-recoil in XENON

$$\sigma_e = 10^{-33} \text{cm}^2 \left(\frac{10^{-1} \text{cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}}{\Phi_1^{\text{G.C.}}} \right) \left(\frac{N_{\text{sig}}}{10} \right)$$

$$E_e = 2m_e v_1^2 = 3.6 \text{keV}, \quad m_1 = 2m_2 \sim 1 \text{GeV} \text{ and } r_1 \simeq \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\longrightarrow m_X = 1.99729m_1$$

XENON sensitive to u-channel forces



XENONIT (old) excess

Conclusions

- There is a room to probe (new) portal models for WIMP and there is a wide parameter space for dark matter beyond WIMP by new techniques, such as DM-electron scattering, high-intensity beams, etc.
- SIMP is a new paradigm beyond WIMP or axion: small-scale problems and diversity problem are solved; distinguishable by self-interactions and couplings with relatively heavy dark photons.
- New non-perturbative effects of multi-component dark matter are identified, giving rise to boosted signatures for self-interactions and indirect/direct detections.