# Direct Detection of Self-interacting Dark Matter

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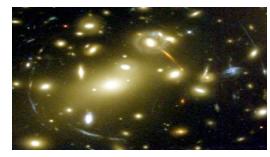
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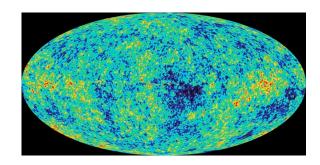


#### Collisionless Cold Dark Matter

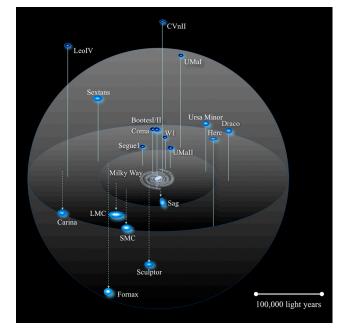
Large scales: great







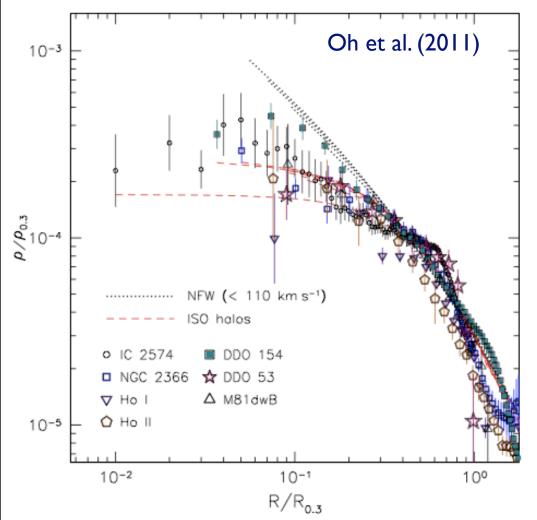
• Small scales (dwarf galaxies, subhalos): ?





#### Core VS. Cusp Problem

THINGS (dwarf galaxy survey)

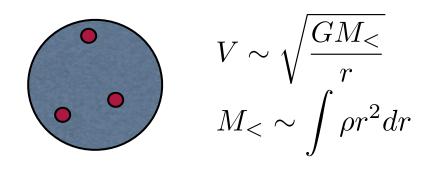


density profile:  $\rho \sim r^{\alpha}$ 

predicted: α~-I

observed:  $\alpha = -0.29 \pm 0.07$ 

- Observed central density shows cores
- Collisionless CDM-only simulations predict cusps

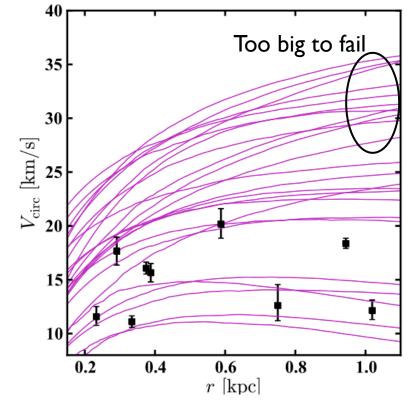


DM cores have been also observed in MW dwarfs and LSB

#### Too Big to Fail Problem

Milky Way dwarf galaxies

Boylan-Kolchin, Bullock, Kaplinghat (2011)



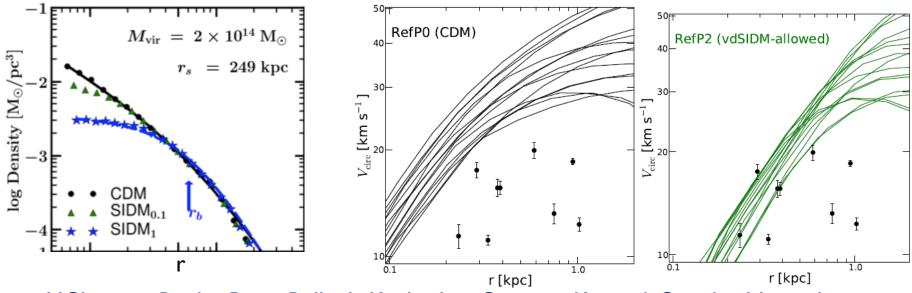
Biggest predicted satellites from collisionless CDM simulations

Brightest observed satellites in the MW

- Most massive subhalos in collisionless CDM simulations are too dense to host observed galaxies in the Milky Way
- On the other hand, it is easier for stars to form in massive subhalos

## Self-interacting Dark Matter

These small scale anomalies can be solved if DM is strongly self-interacting
 Spergel, Steinhardt (1999)



UCI group: Rocha, Peter, Bullock, Kaplinghat, Garrison-Kimmel, Onorbe, Moustakas (2012); Peter, Rocha, Bullock, Kaplinghat (2012)

Harvard group: Vogelsberger, Zavala, Loeb (2012); Zavala, Vogelsberger, Walker (2012)

DM self-interactions lead to heat transfer and reduce central densities of DM halos

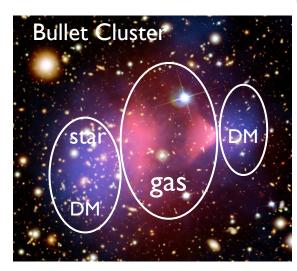
## Astrophysics Summary

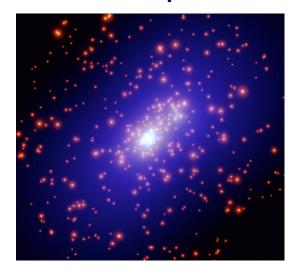
Evidence for DM self-interactions on dwarf galaxy scales

 $\sigma/m_{\rm X} \sim 0.1 - 10 \, {\rm cm^2/g} \, {\rm for} \, {\rm v} \sim 10 - 30 \, {\rm km/s}$ 

$$\Gamma \simeq n\sigma v = (\rho/m_X)\sigma v \sim H_0$$

Constraints: Bullet Cluster; elliptical halo shapes





 $\sigma/m_X < 1$  cm<sup>2</sup>/g for 3000 km/s (cluster);v ~ 300 km/s (group)

Peter, Rocha, Bullock, Kaplinghat (2012)

## Challenges

A really large scattering cross section!
 a nuclear-scale cross section

$$\sigma$$
~ Icm<sup>2</sup> (m<sub>X</sub>/g)~2×I0<sup>-24</sup> cm<sup>2</sup> (m<sub>X</sub>/GeV)

For a WIMP:  $\sigma \sim 10^{-38}$  cm<sup>2</sup> (m<sub>X</sub>/100 GeV)

SIDM indicates a new mass scale

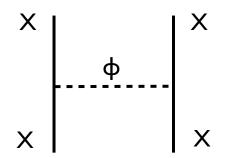
• How to avoid the constraints on large scales?

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In particular, if σ~constant

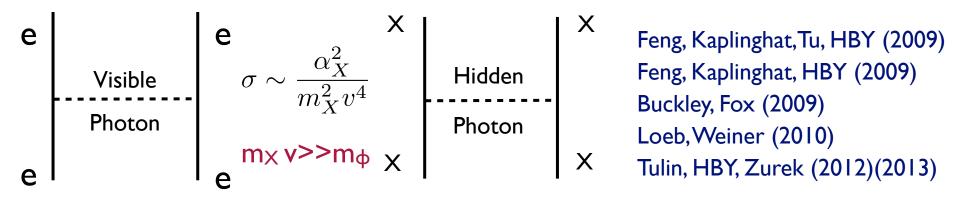
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## Particle Physics of SIDM



in the perturbative and small velocity limit

• With a light mediator, DM self-scattering is velocity-dependent (like Rutherford scattering)



- DM is self-scattering on small scales (v~30 km/s)
- DM is collisionless on large scales (v~3000 km/s)

#### A Simplified SIDM Model

- DM is a Dirac fermion; Mediator is a vector
- DM self-interactions with a Yukawa potential

$$\begin{array}{c|cccc} \times & & \times & & \times & & V(r) = \pm \frac{\alpha_X}{r} e^{-m_\phi r} & \alpha_X = g_X^2/(4\pi) \\ & & & \sigma_T = \int d\Omega \left(1 - \cos\theta\right) \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \end{array}$$

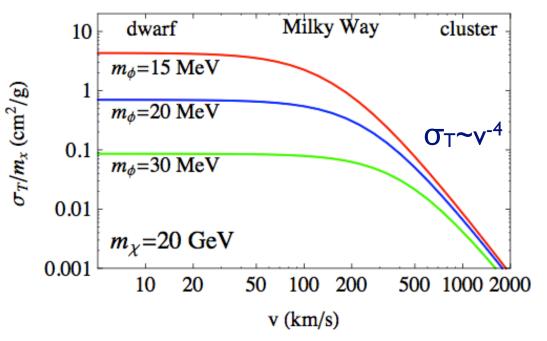
Other possibilities: Bellazzini, Cliche, Tanedo (2013) Boddy's talk

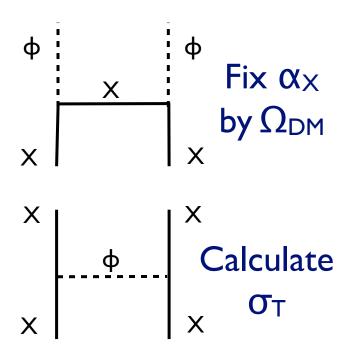
- Map out the parameter space  $(m_X, m_{\phi}, \alpha_X)$ 
  - Solve small scale anomalies
  - Avoid constraints on large scales
  - Get the relic density right

Tulin, HBY, Zurek (2012) (2013)

## Velocity-Dependence

• DM self-interactions are typically suppressed on large scales



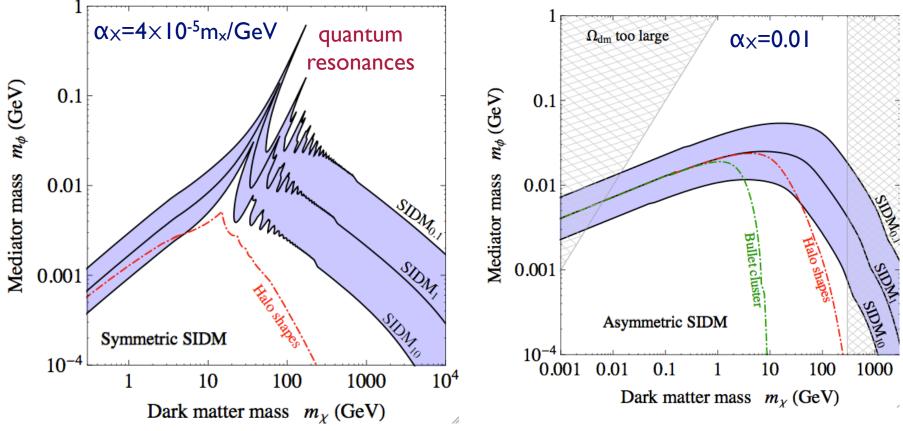


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## SIDM Parameter Space

• Shaded region: Explain small scale anomalies



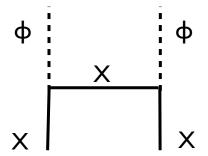
- dw: dwarf (30 km/s); halo shapes: (300 km/s); cl: cluster (3000 km/s)
- SIDM predicts a I-100 MeV light force carrier
- Halo shape and Bullet Cluster constraints are sensitive to light SIDM

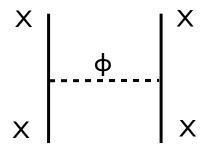
#### Light Mediators in Dark Sector

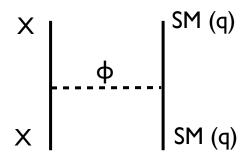
- The mediator may dominate the energy density of the Universe
- Decays to SM particles
- Decays to dark "neutrinos"
- Make hidden sector very cold (Boddy's talk)
- The mediator decays before BBN
- Maximal life for  $\phi$  is  $\sim 1$  second
- Minimal coupling between the dark sector and the SM
- A lower bound on direct detection cross section

#### A super model!

SM







DM relic density

DM self-scattering

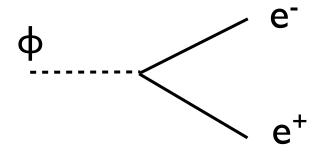
DM direct detection

#### Portals to the Dark Sector

- Vector mediator  $\phi \cdots X \cdots X \cdots Y(Z)$
- Focus on kinetic mixing case

$$rac{arepsilon_{\gamma}}{2}\,\phi_{\mu
u}F^{\mu
u}$$
 Holdom (1986)

The mediator only decays to electron/positron pairs



m<sub>φ</sub> ~I-100 MeV

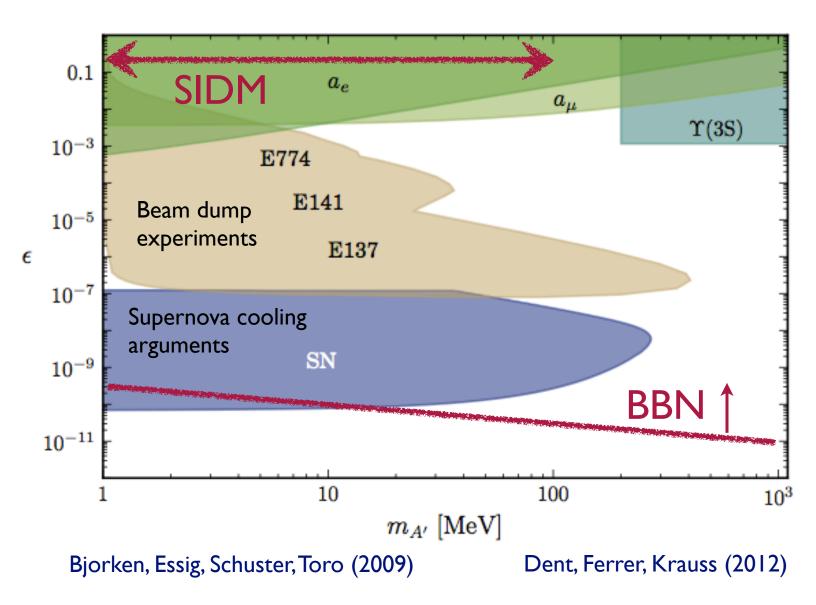
lifetime less than ~I second

$$\epsilon \gtrsim 10^{-10} \sqrt{10 \, \mathrm{MeV}/m_{\phi}}$$

DD cross section:

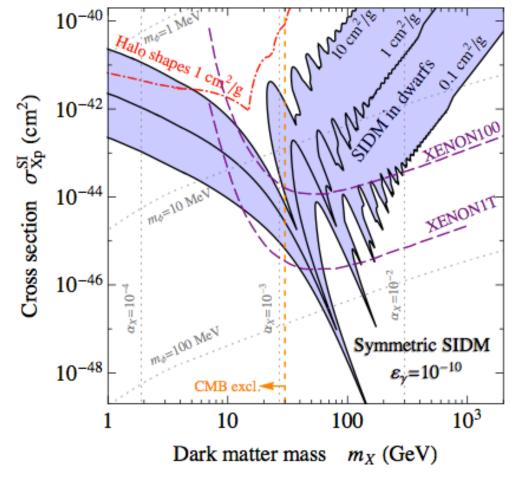
- suppressed by the tiny coupling
- enhanced by the small mediator mass

#### Constrains on Kinetic Mixing

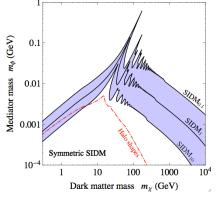


#### Direct Detection of SIDM

The lower limit of direct detection cross section







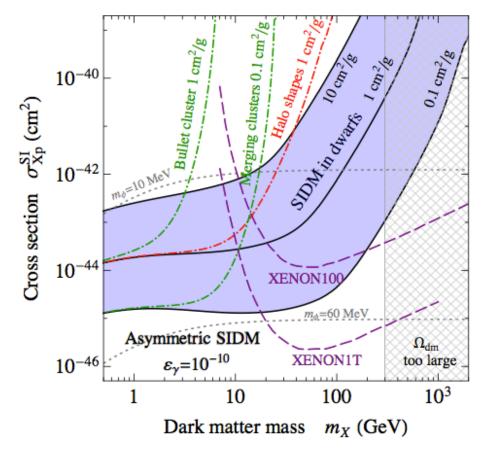
- XENON100 excludes SIDM with a mass larger than 300 GeV
- Astrophysical constraints are sensitive to light SIDM
- They complement each other

Future XENONIT, SuperCDMS, LUX, PandaX can reach ~5 GeV SIDM

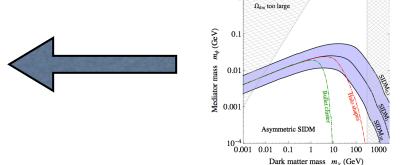
$$\sigma_{Xp}^{\rm SI} \approx 1.5 \times 10^{-24} \; {\rm cm}^2 \times \varepsilon_{\gamma}^2 \times \left(\frac{\alpha_X}{10^{-2}}\right) \left(\frac{m_\phi}{30 \; {\rm MeV}}\right)^{-4}$$

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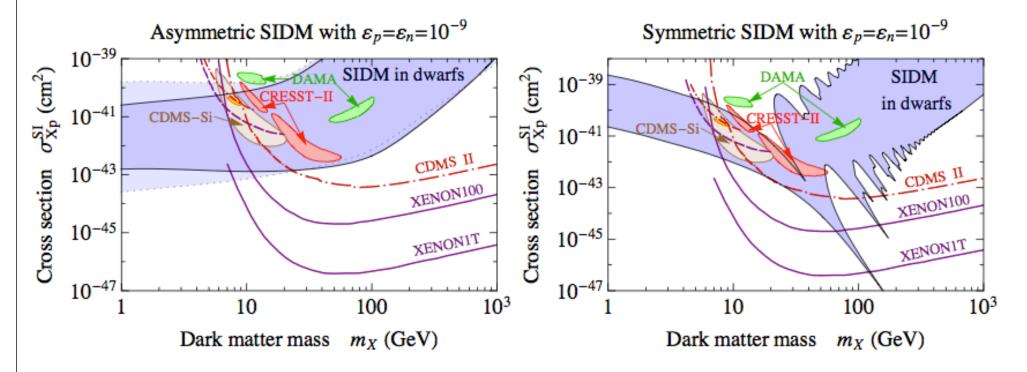


- XENON100 excludes SIDM with a mass larger than 200 GeV
- No CMB constraints

Direct detection experiments provide complementary searches for SIDM candidates

#### Direct Detection of SIDM

Explain signals?

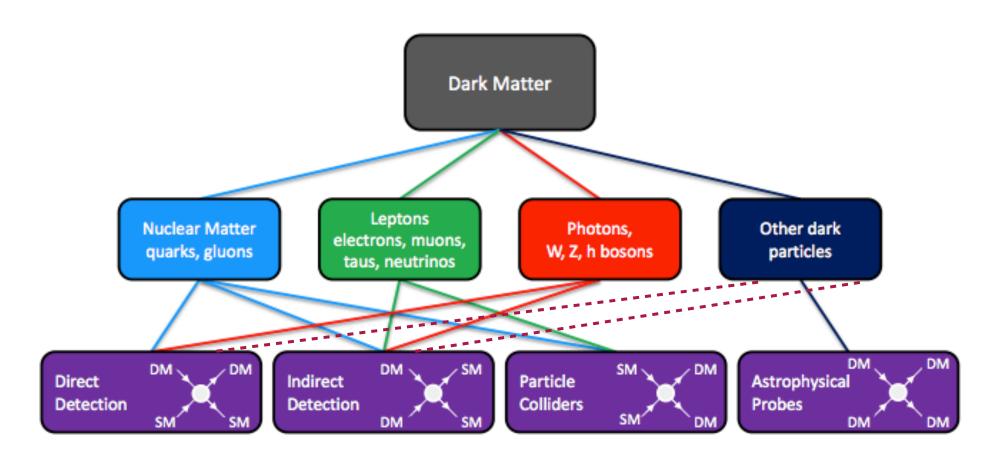


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#### Conclusions

- SIDM predicts the existence of a I-100 MeV mediator
- Current and future direct detection experiments are exploring the "BBN parameter space"
- Astrophysical observations (halo shapes, the Bullet Cluster) probe light SIDM
- Direct detection experiments are more sensitive to heavy SIDM
- They are complement each other in the search for SIDM candidates

## Complementarity



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