

# Thermal dark matter implies new physics below 100 TeV

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## II. DM and ELW. SYMMETRY BREAKING

*THE DM ROAD TO NEW  
PHYSICS BEYOND THE SM:  
IS DM A PARTICLE OF  
THE **NEW PHYSICS AT  
THE ELECTROWEAK  
ENERGY SCALE ?***

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**YES!**

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## summary

if dark matter is thermally produced and  
if SM+DM can be described as effective QFT  
then new physics is most likely below 100 TeV

outline

**thermal production of dark matter**

effective field theory framework

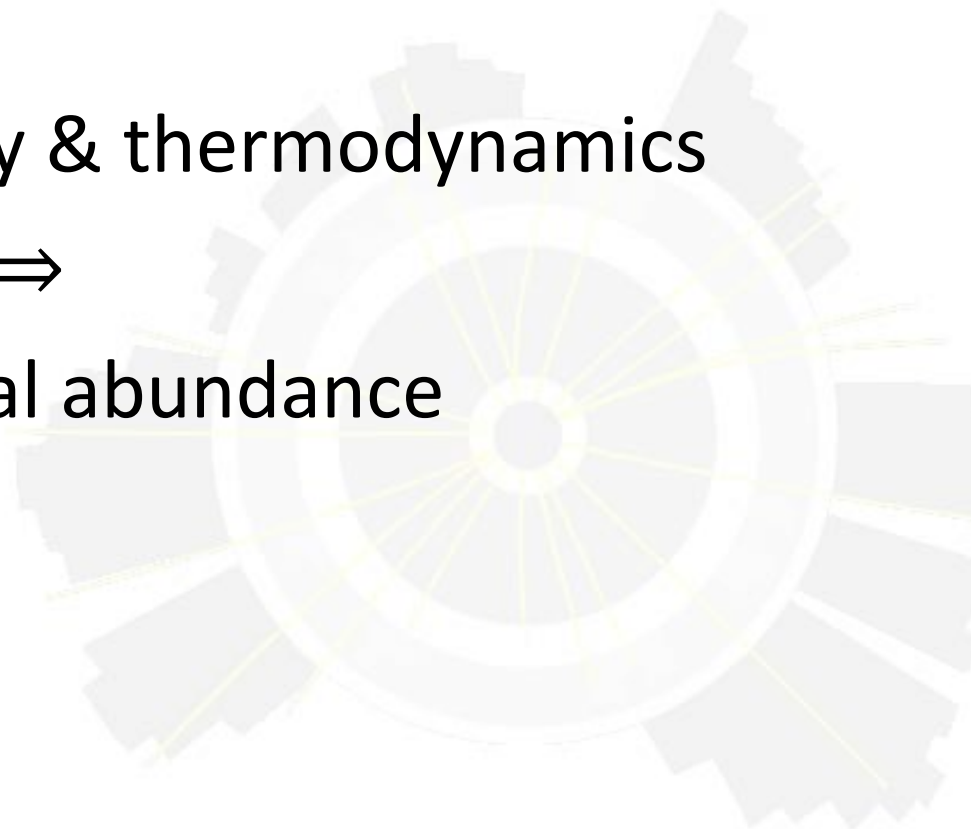
WIMP miracle ‘inverted’

full numerical results

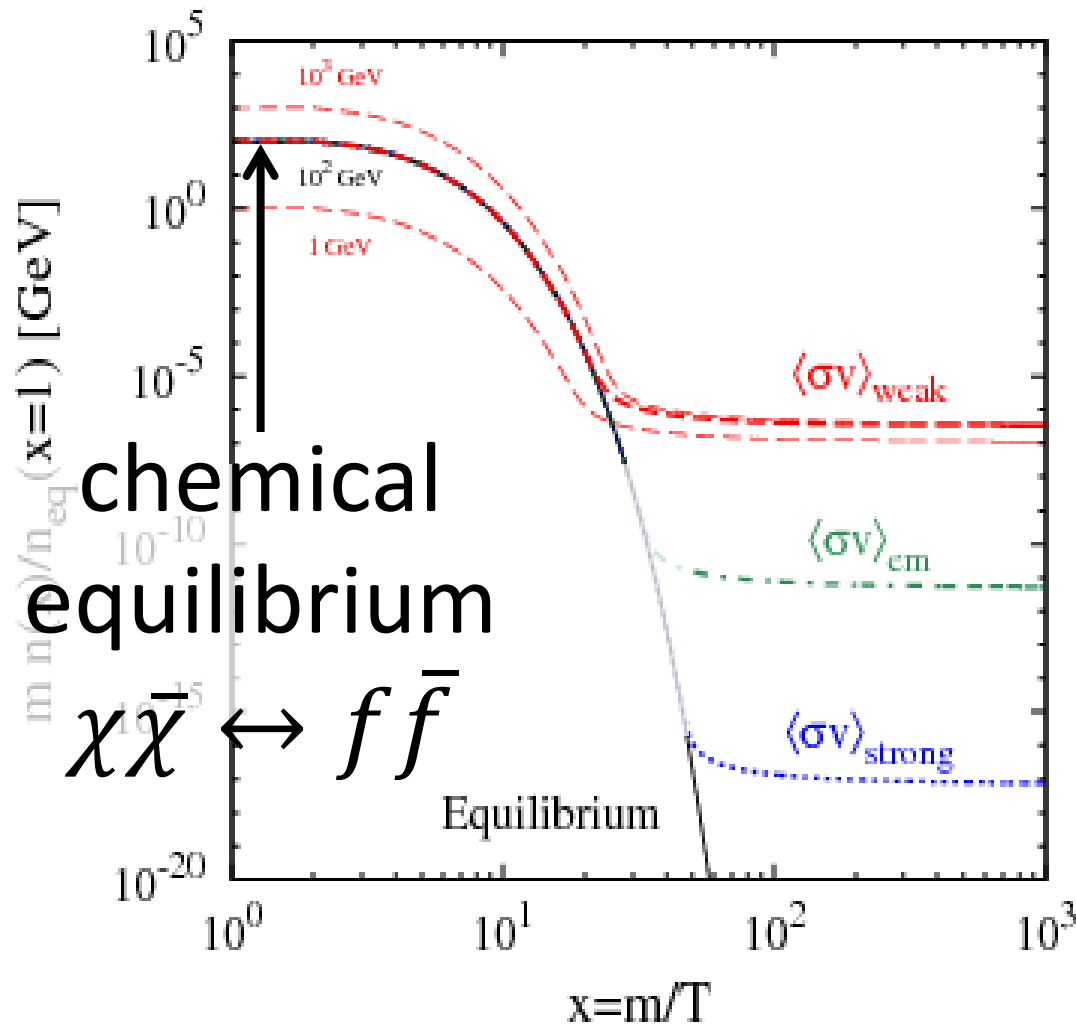
standard cosmology & thermodynamics



cosmological abundance



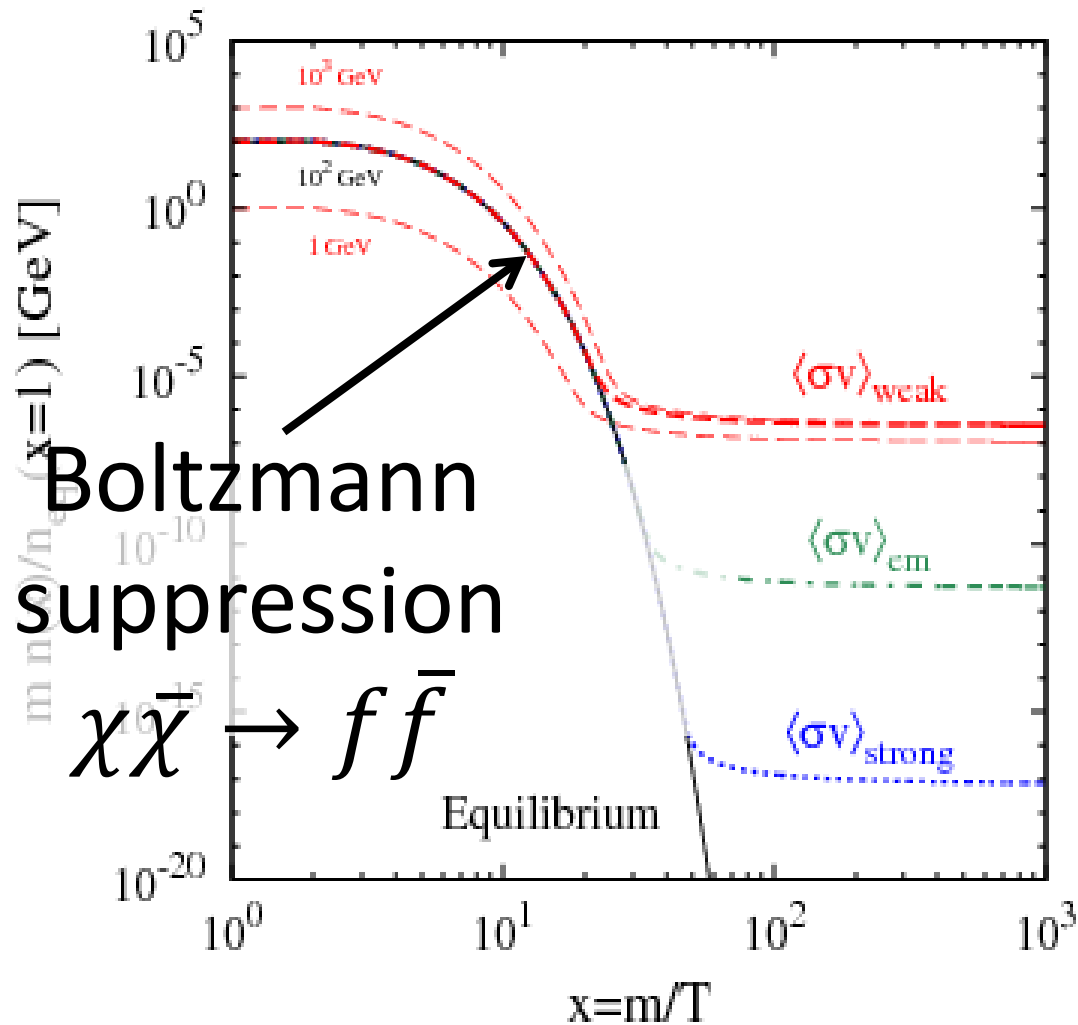
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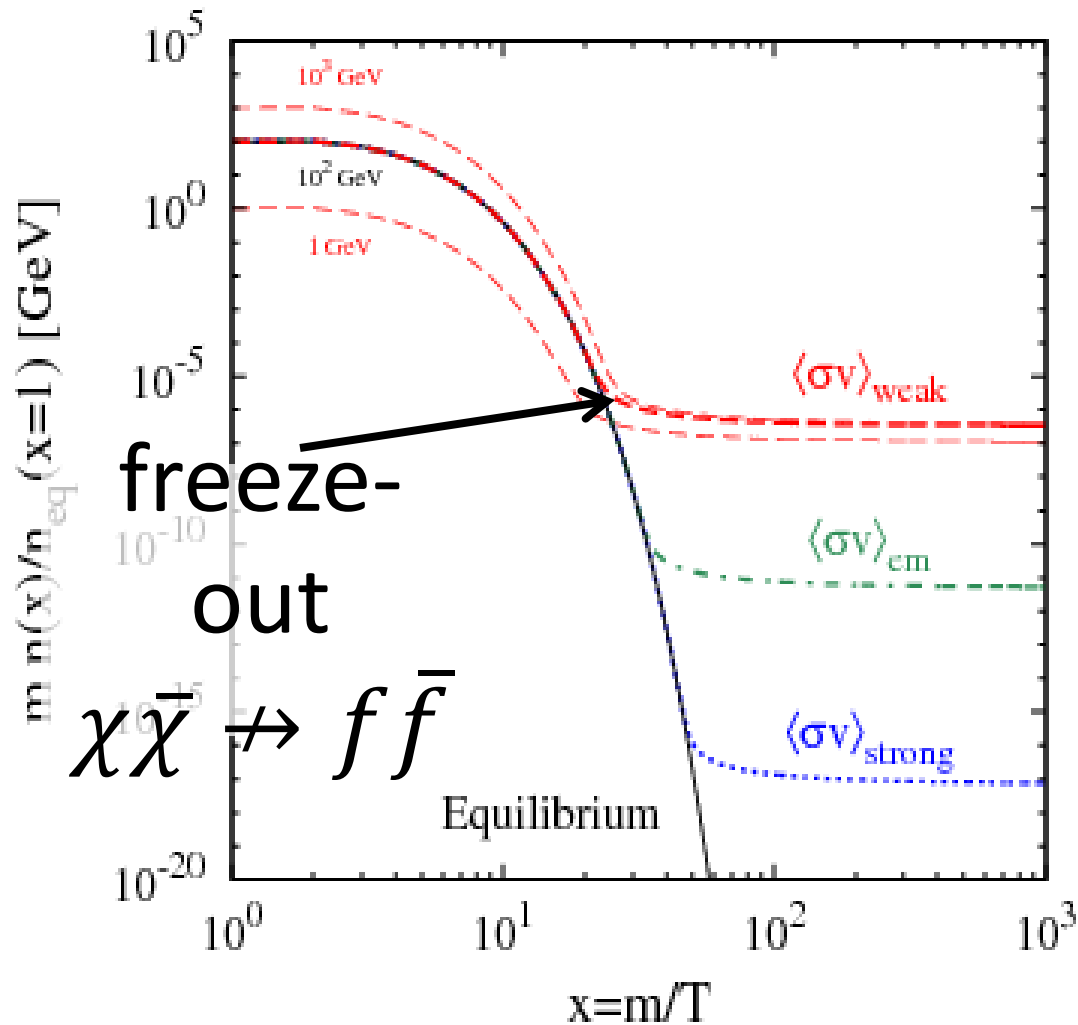
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## standard cosmology & thermodynamics

$$\Omega_\chi h^2 = \frac{s_0}{\rho_c/h^2} \left( \frac{45}{\pi g_*} \right)^{1/2} \frac{x_f}{m_{\text{Pl}}} \frac{1}{\langle \sigma v \rangle}$$

Scherrer, Turner Phys. Rev. D33 (1986) 1585

## thermal WIMP miracle

$$\Omega_{\chi} h^2 = \frac{s_0}{\rho_c/h^2} \left( \frac{45}{\pi g_*} \right)^{1/2} \frac{x_f}{m_{\text{Pl}}} \frac{1}{\langle \text{pb } v \rangle} \sim 0.1$$

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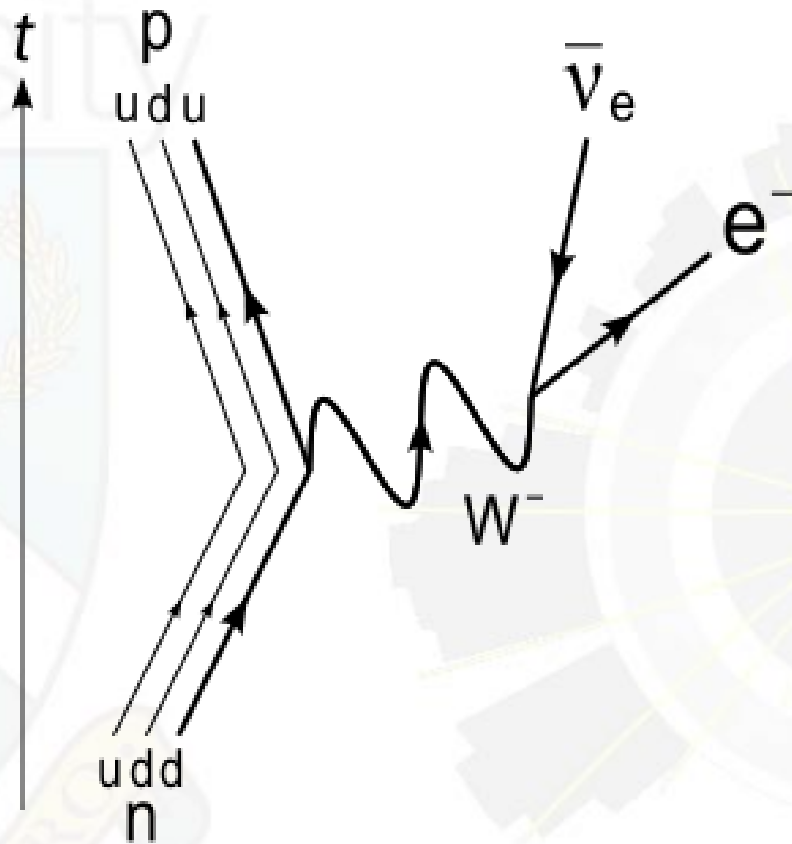
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**effective field theory framework**

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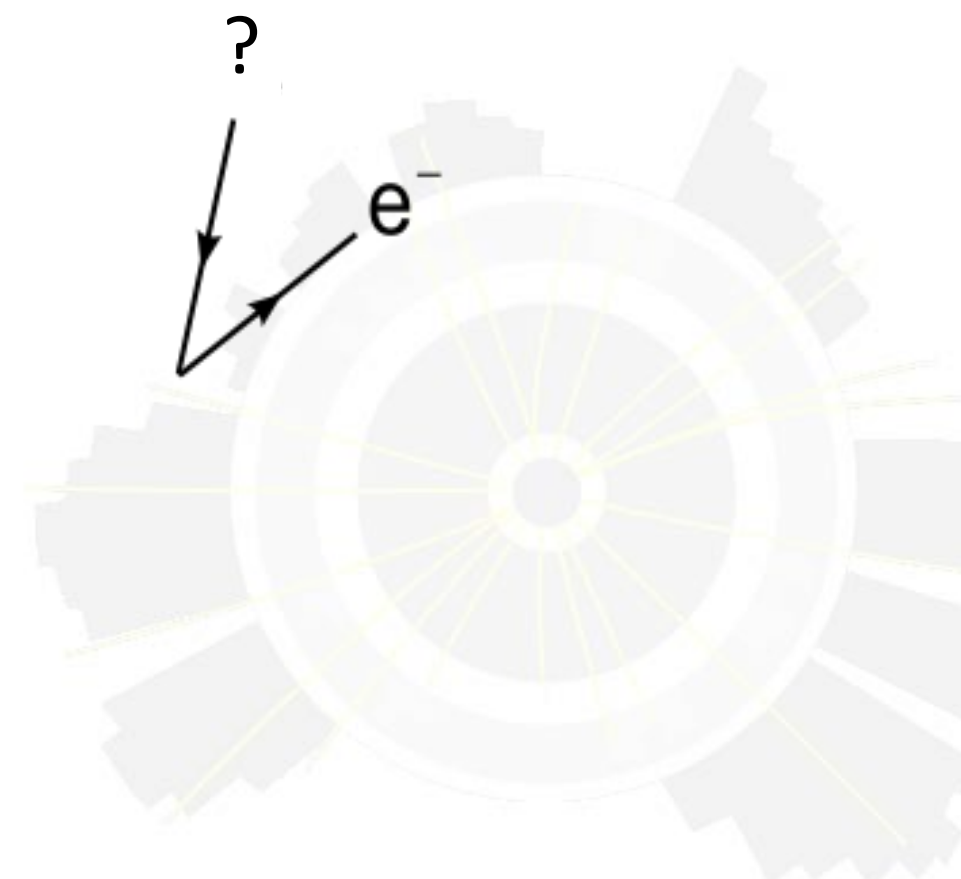
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# effective interactions



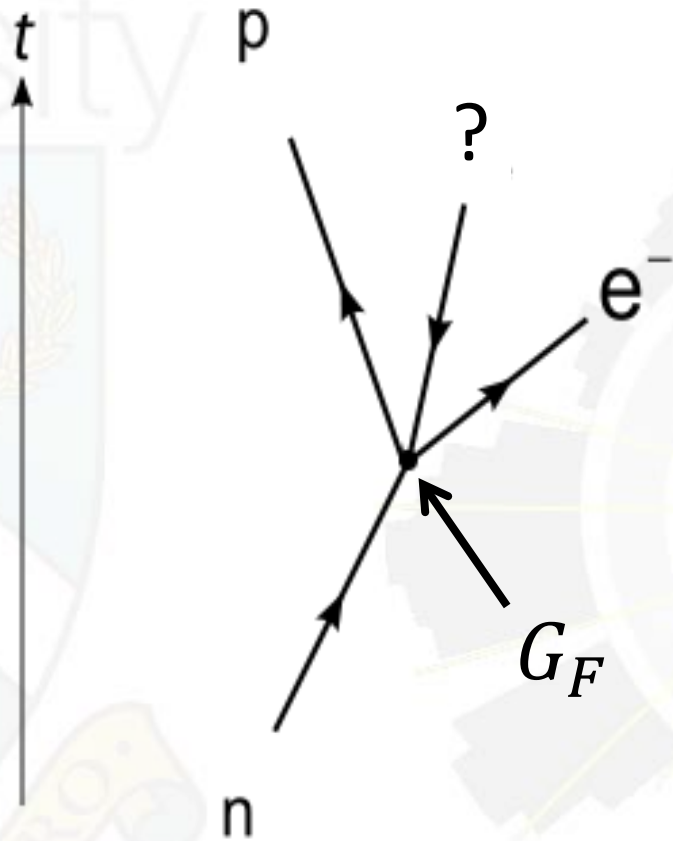
## neutron decay

# effective interactions



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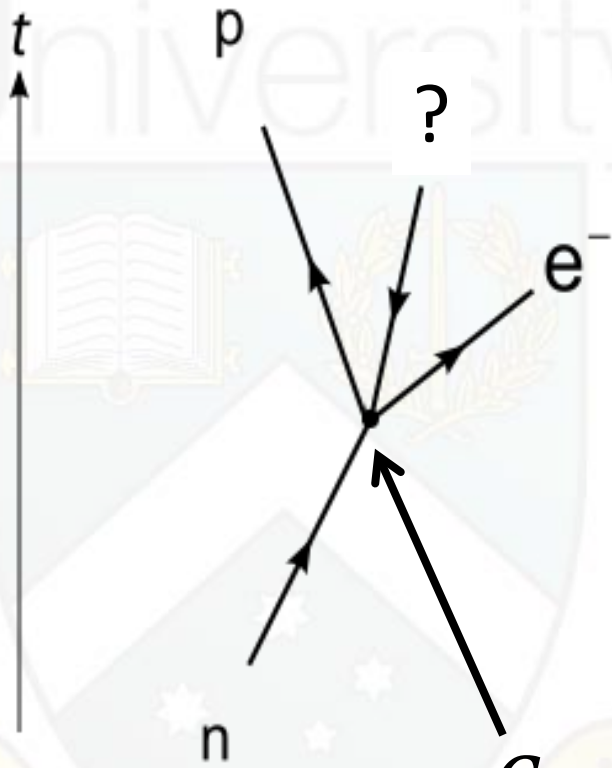
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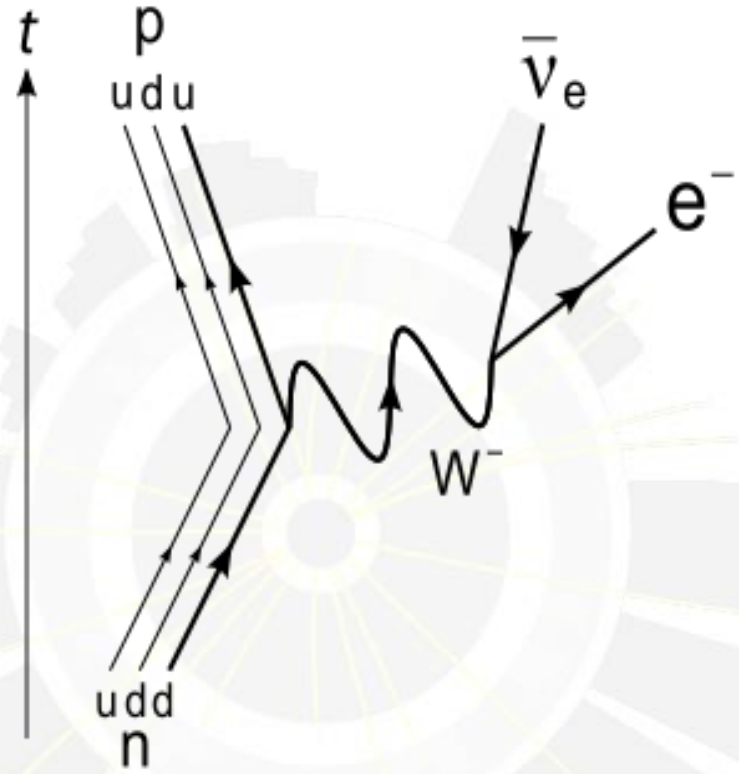


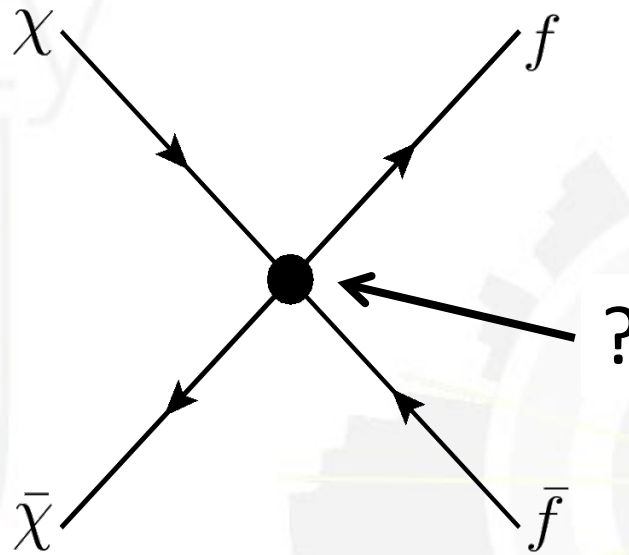
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$$G_F = \frac{\sqrt{2} g^2}{8 m_W^2}$$

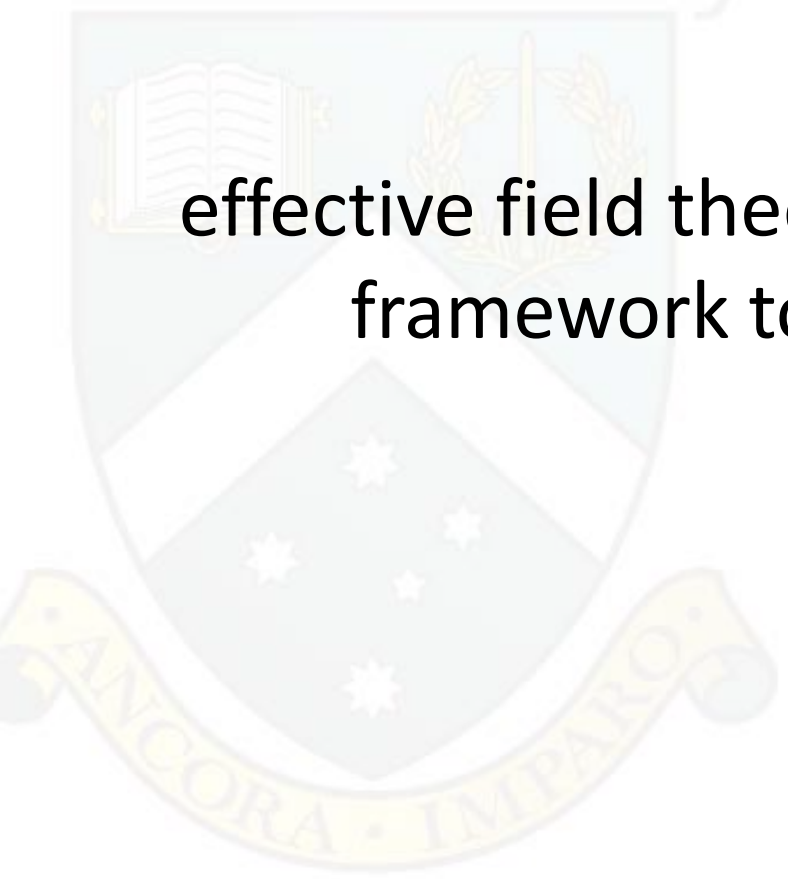
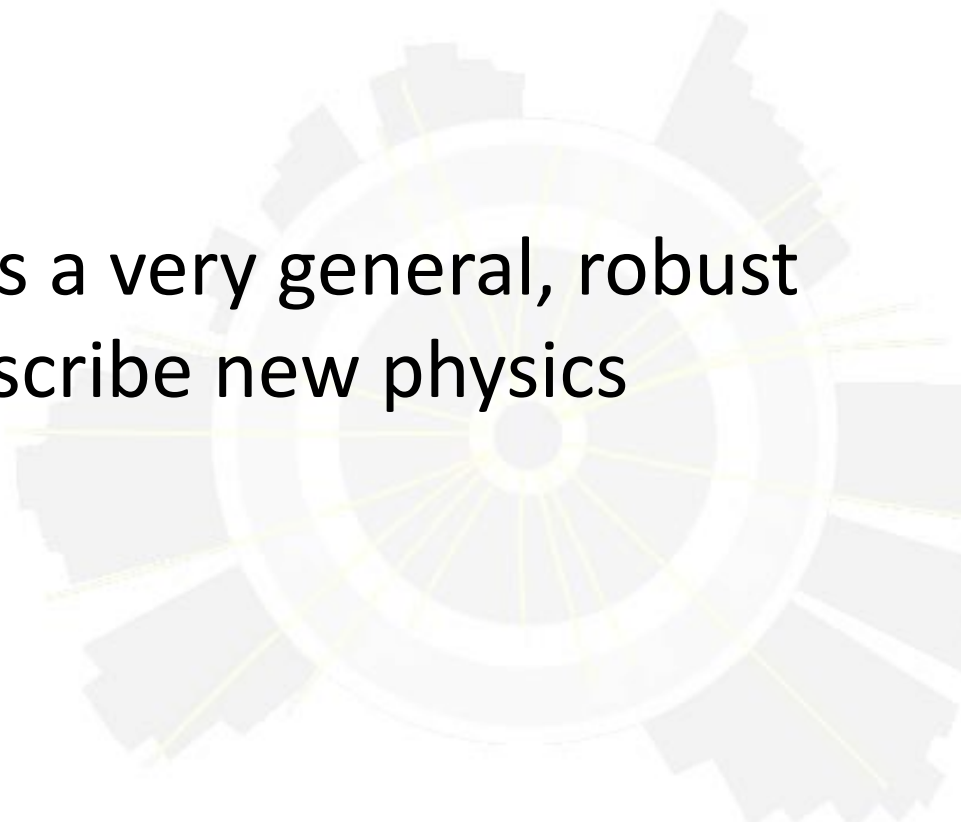
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dark matter - standard model interaction ?

effective field theory is a very general, robust  
framework to describe new physics



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effective field theory framework

**WIMP miracle 'inverted'**

full numerical results

## WIMP miracle

input: thermal evolution &  $m_{EW}$  or  $g_{EW}$

output:  $\sigma_{EW}$  &  $\Omega h^2 \sim 1$

## WIMP miracle 'inverted'

input: thermal evolution and  $\Omega h^2 \sim 1$

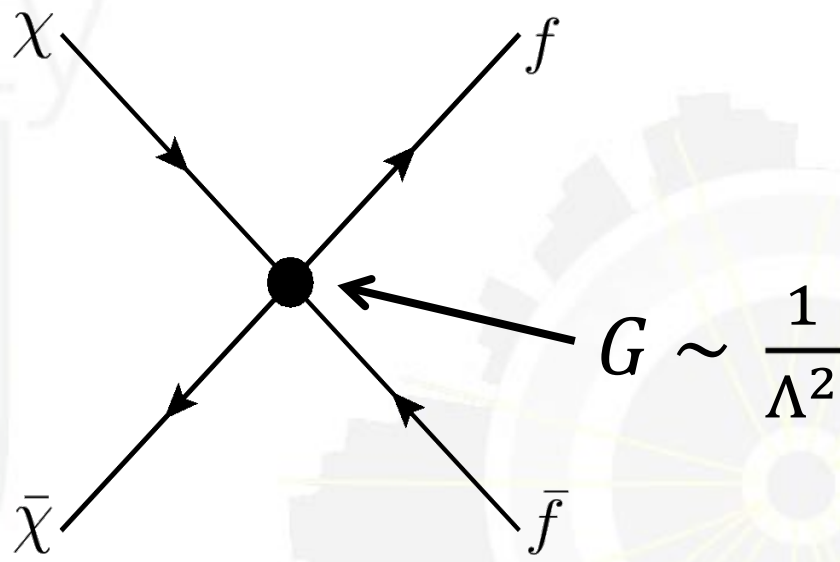
output:  $m_{DM}$  &  $g_{DM}$

latter allows to set upper limits on  $m_{DM}$  &  $g_{DM}$

thermal freeze out requires

$$\sigma \sim \text{pb}$$

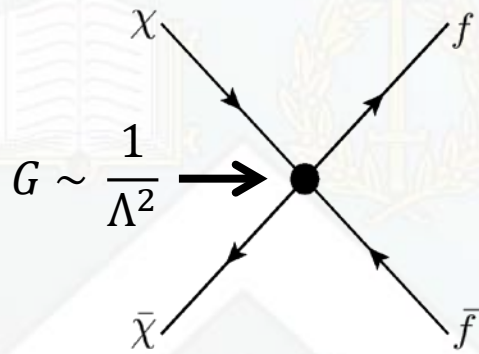
but this does not imply a WIMP



dark matter - standard model  
effective interaction



## effective field theory

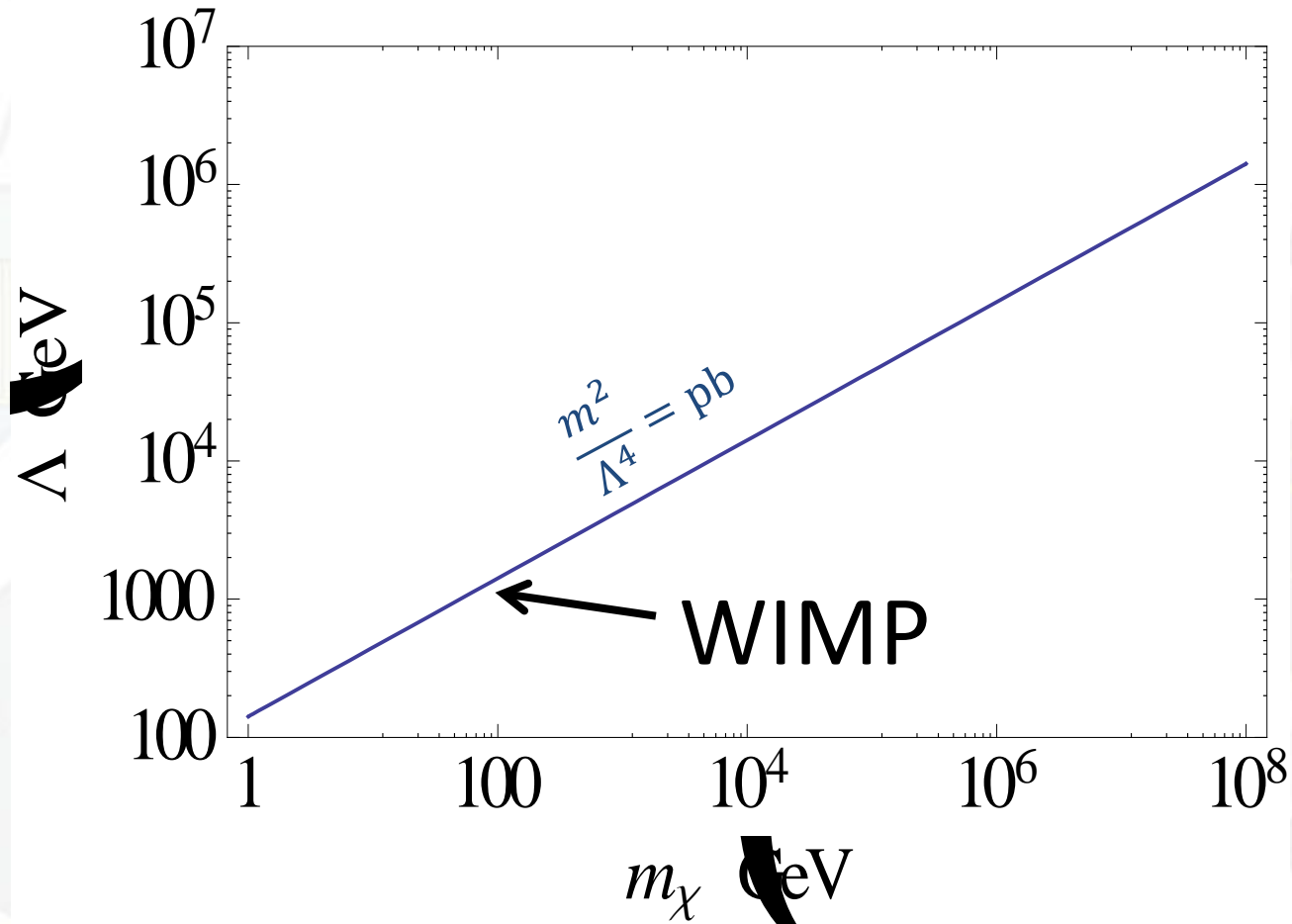


$$\sigma \sim m_{\chi}^2 / \Lambda^4$$

complex scalar dark matter,  $m_f = 0$ , cold limit

$\sigma \sim 1$  pb is realized for a range of  $m_{\chi}$  and  $\Lambda$

# extended WIMP miracle



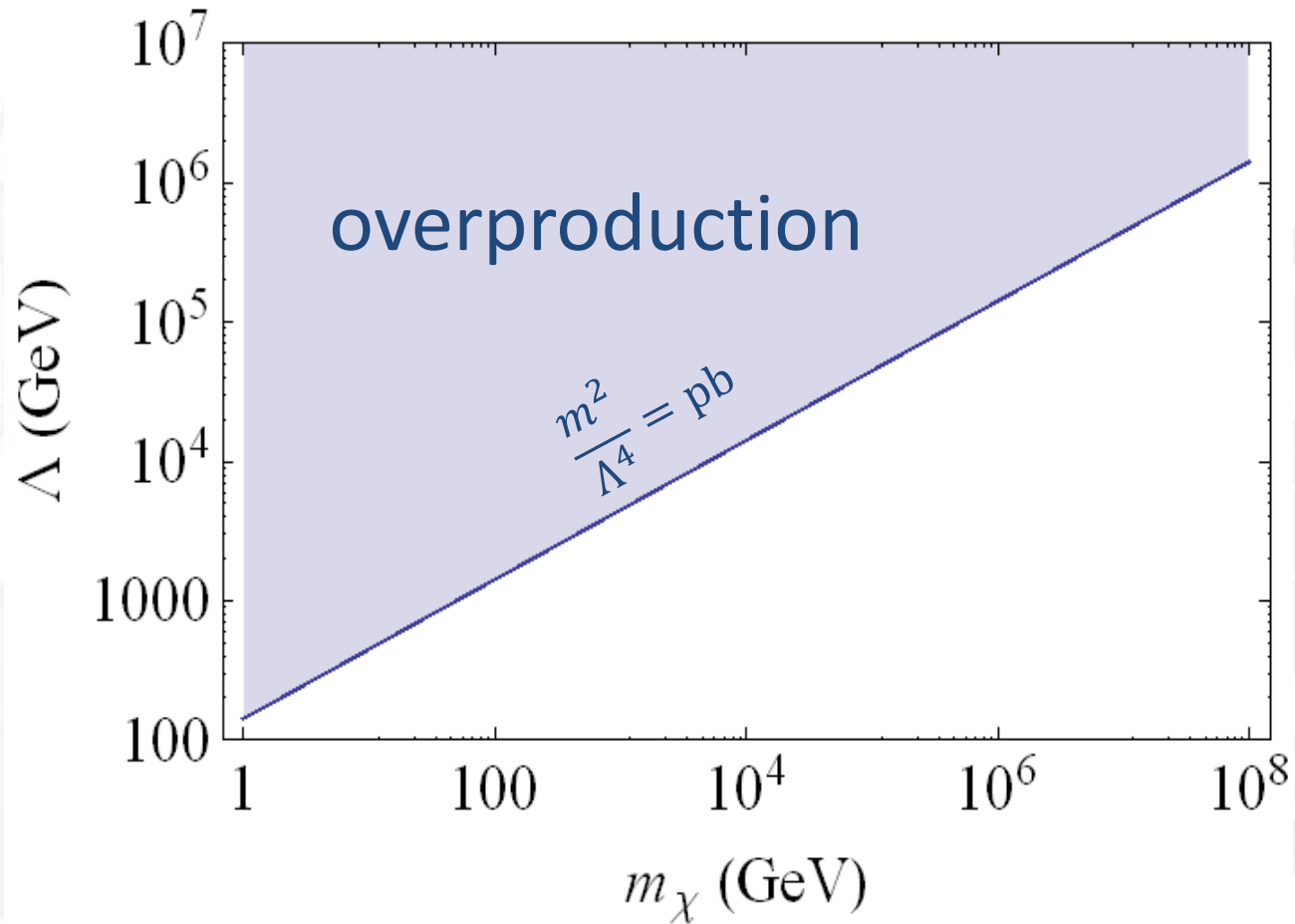
$\sigma \sim 1$  pb is realized for a range of  $m_\chi$  and  $\Lambda$

not to overproduce dark matter

$$\frac{m_{\chi}^2}{\Lambda^4} \sim \sigma \gtrsim \text{pb}$$

must hold

# no dark matter overproduction

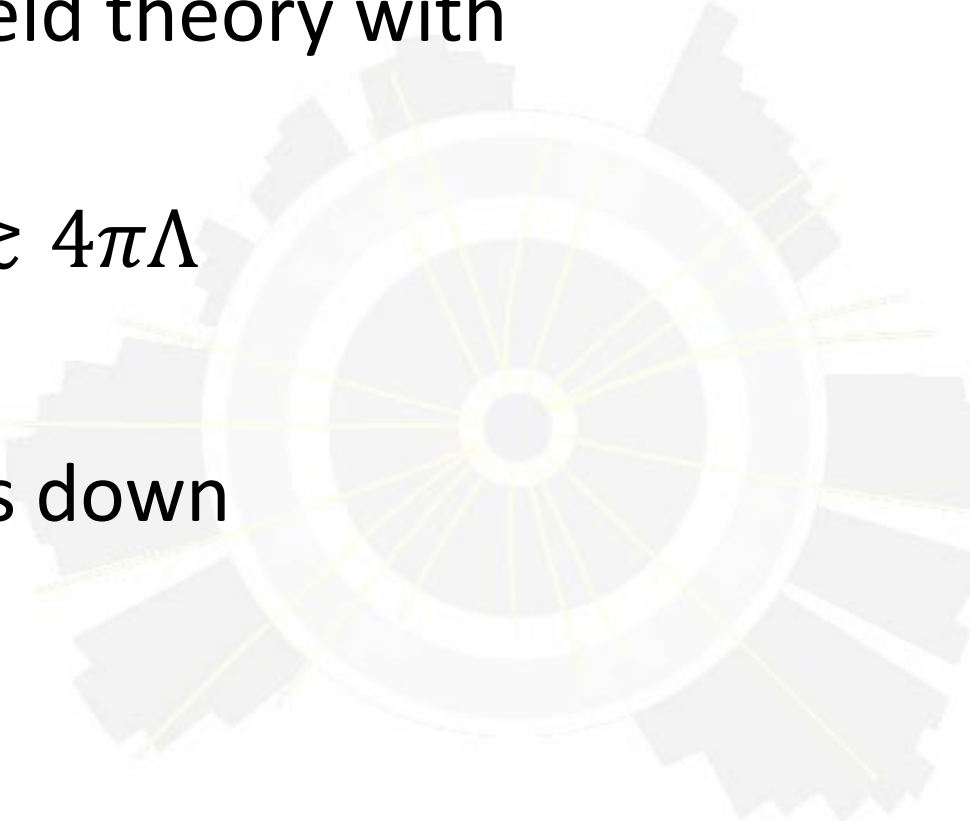


halves the parameter space

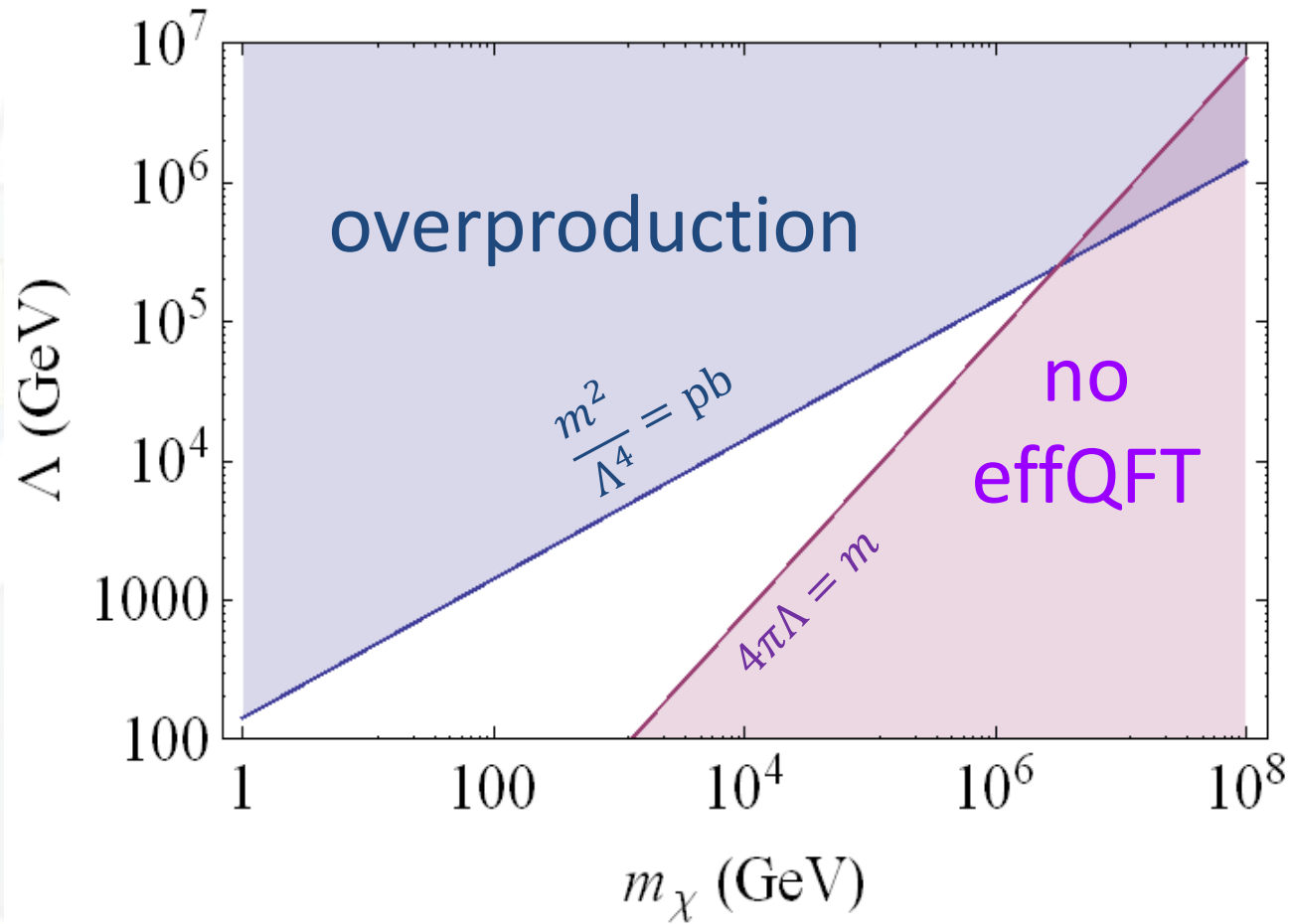
an effective field theory with

$$m_\chi \gtrsim 4\pi\Lambda$$

breaks down



if effective field theory description desired



then upper limit on new physics scale  $\Lambda \lesssim 100 \text{ TeV}$

~~reverse~~ WIMP miracle

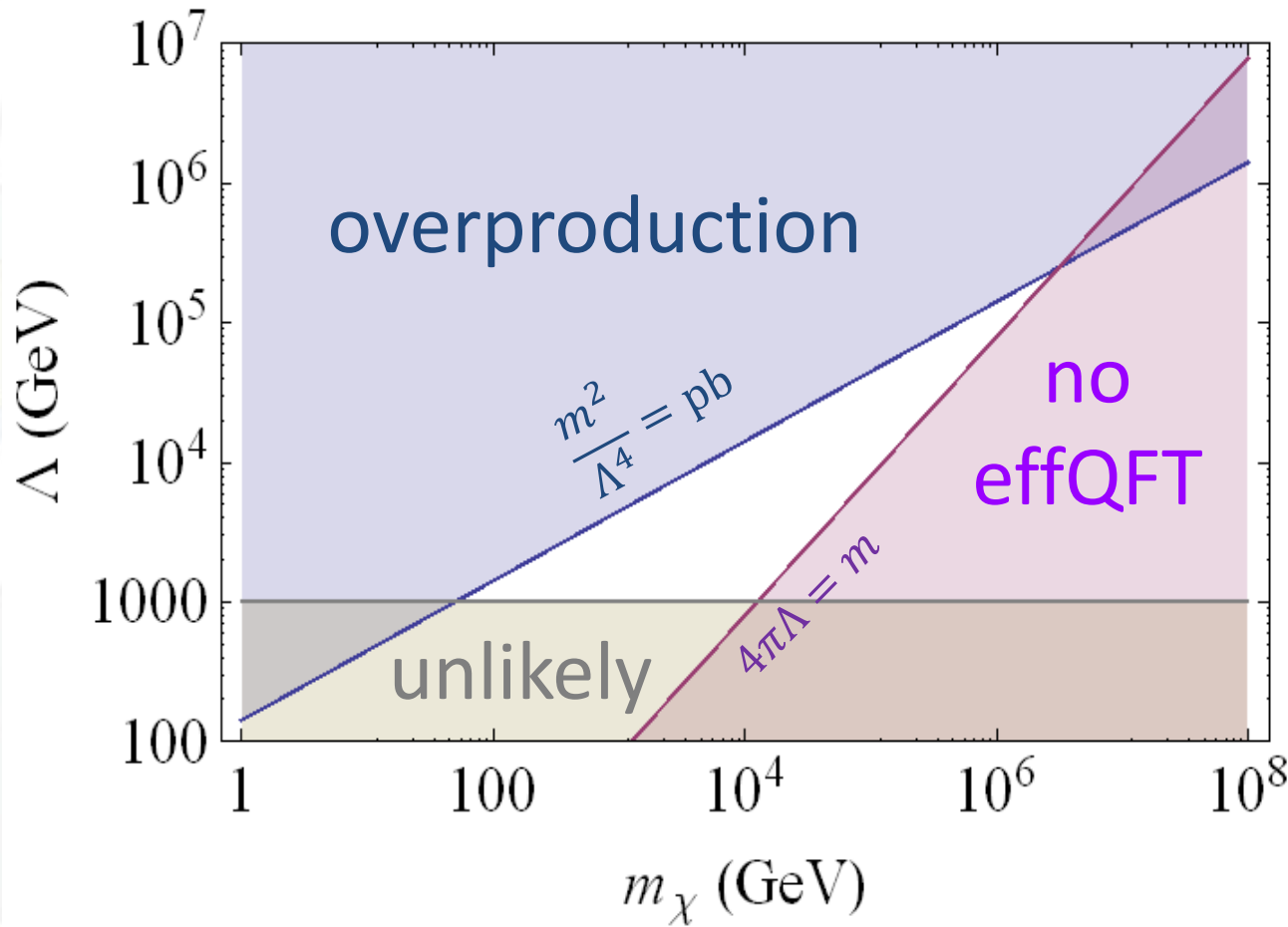
if

$\Lambda_{\text{new physics}} \lesssim \text{TeV}$

is unlikely



if new physics  $\approx$  TeV is improbable



then both upper and lower limit on new physics scale

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WIMP miracle - 'inverted'

**full numerical results**

## assumptions

- 1 DM thermally produced via freeze-out
- 2 SM+DM described as effective QFT

# DM-SM interactions

$$\mathcal{L}_\chi = \sum_{i,f} C_i \mathcal{O}_{i,f}$$

Label	Operator $\mathcal{O}_{i,f}$	Coefficient $C_i$
D1	$\bar{\chi}\chi f\bar{f}$	$\frac{m_f}{\Lambda_{D1}^3}$
D2	$\bar{\chi}\gamma_5\chi f\bar{f}$	$\frac{im_f}{\Lambda_{D2}^3}$
D3	$\bar{\chi}\chi f\bar{f}\gamma_5$	$\frac{im_f}{\Lambda_{D3}^3}$
D4	$\bar{\chi}\gamma_5\chi f\bar{f}\gamma_5$	$\frac{m_f}{\Lambda_{D4}^3}$
D5	$\bar{\chi}\gamma^\mu\chi f\gamma_\mu f$	$\frac{1}{\Lambda_{D5}^2}$
D6	$\bar{\chi}\gamma^\mu\gamma_5\chi f\bar{f}\gamma_\mu f$	$\frac{i}{\Lambda_{D6}^2}$
D7	$\bar{\chi}\gamma^\mu\chi f\bar{f}\gamma_\mu\gamma_5 f$	$\frac{i}{\Lambda_{D7}^2}$
D8	$\bar{\chi}\gamma^\mu\gamma_5\chi f\bar{f}\gamma_\mu\gamma_5 f$	$\frac{1}{\Lambda_{D8}^2}$

Label	Operator $\mathcal{O}_{i,f}$	Coefficient $C_i$
V1	$\chi^\mu\chi_\mu f\bar{f}$	$\frac{m_f}{2\Lambda_{V1}^2}$
V2	$\chi^\mu\chi_\mu f\bar{f}\gamma_5$	$\frac{im_f}{2\Lambda_{V2}^2}$
V3	$X^{\mu\nu}X_{\mu\nu} f\bar{f}$	$\frac{m_f}{4\Lambda_{V3}^4}$
V4	$X^{\mu\nu}X_{\mu\nu} f\bar{f}\gamma_5$	$\frac{im_f}{4\Lambda_{V4}^4}$

Label	Operator $\mathcal{O}_{i,f}$	Coefficient $C_i$
M1	$\bar{\chi}\chi f\bar{f}$	$\frac{m_f}{2\Lambda_{M1}^3}$
M2	$\bar{\chi}\gamma_5\chi f\bar{f}$	$\frac{im_f}{2\Lambda_{M2}^3}$
M3	$\bar{\chi}\chi f\bar{f}\gamma_5$	$\frac{im_f}{2\Lambda_{M3}^3}$
M4	$\bar{\chi}\gamma_5\chi f\bar{f}\gamma_5$	$\frac{im_f}{2\Lambda_{M4}^3}$
M5	$\bar{\chi}\gamma^\mu\gamma_5\chi f\gamma_\mu f$	$\frac{1}{2\Lambda_{M5}^2}$
M6	$\bar{\chi}\gamma^\mu\gamma_5\chi f\bar{f}\gamma_\mu\gamma_5 f$	$\frac{1}{2\Lambda_{M6}^2}$

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R1	$\chi\chi f\bar{f}$	$\frac{m_f}{2\Lambda_{R1}^2}$
R2	$\chi\chi f\bar{f}\gamma_5$	$\frac{im_f}{2\Lambda_{R2}^2}$
C1	$\chi^\dagger\chi f\bar{f}$	$\frac{m_f}{\Lambda_{C1}^2}$
C2	$\chi^\dagger\chi f\bar{f}\gamma_5$	$\frac{im_f}{\Lambda_{C2}^2}$
C3	$\chi^\dagger\partial_\mu\chi f\bar{f}\gamma^\mu f$	$\frac{1}{\Lambda_{C3}^2}$
C4	$\chi^\dagger\partial_\mu\chi f\bar{f}\gamma^\mu\gamma_5 f$	$\frac{1}{\Lambda_{C4}^2}$

“The whole is greater than the sum of its parts.”

Aristotle CA 350 BC

all operators (for same spin) included at once  
they interfere and conspire  
more parameters: more flexibility

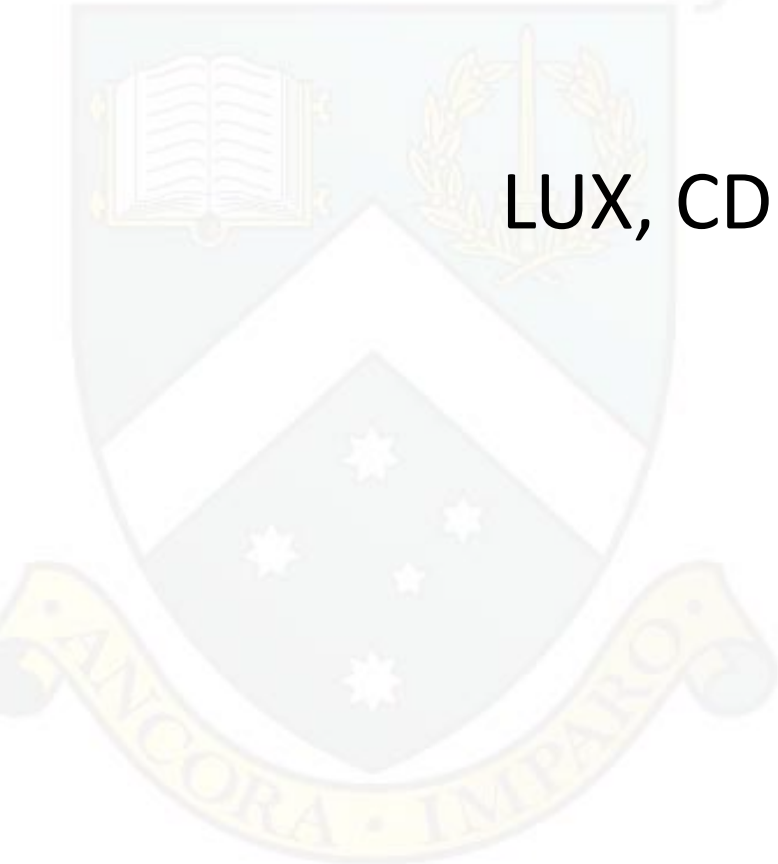
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Planck

LUX, CDMSlite, XENON100

Fermi-LAT

LHC



observables

dark matter relic abundance

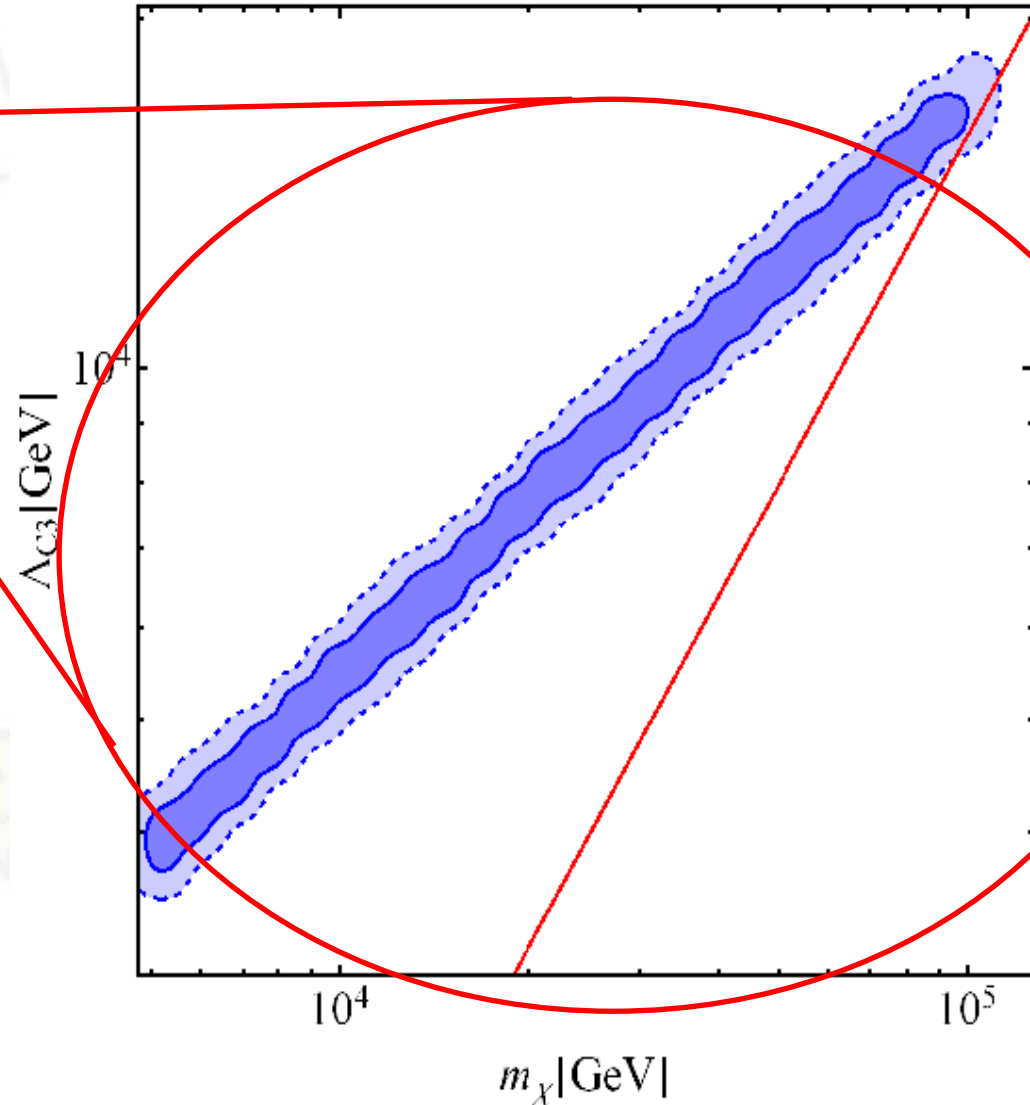
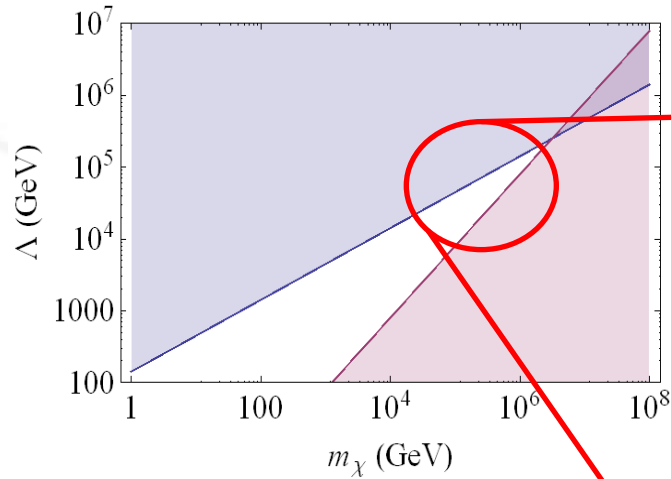
DM-nucleon elastic scattering cross section

some cosmic gamma rays

mono-jets



# posterior probability distributions

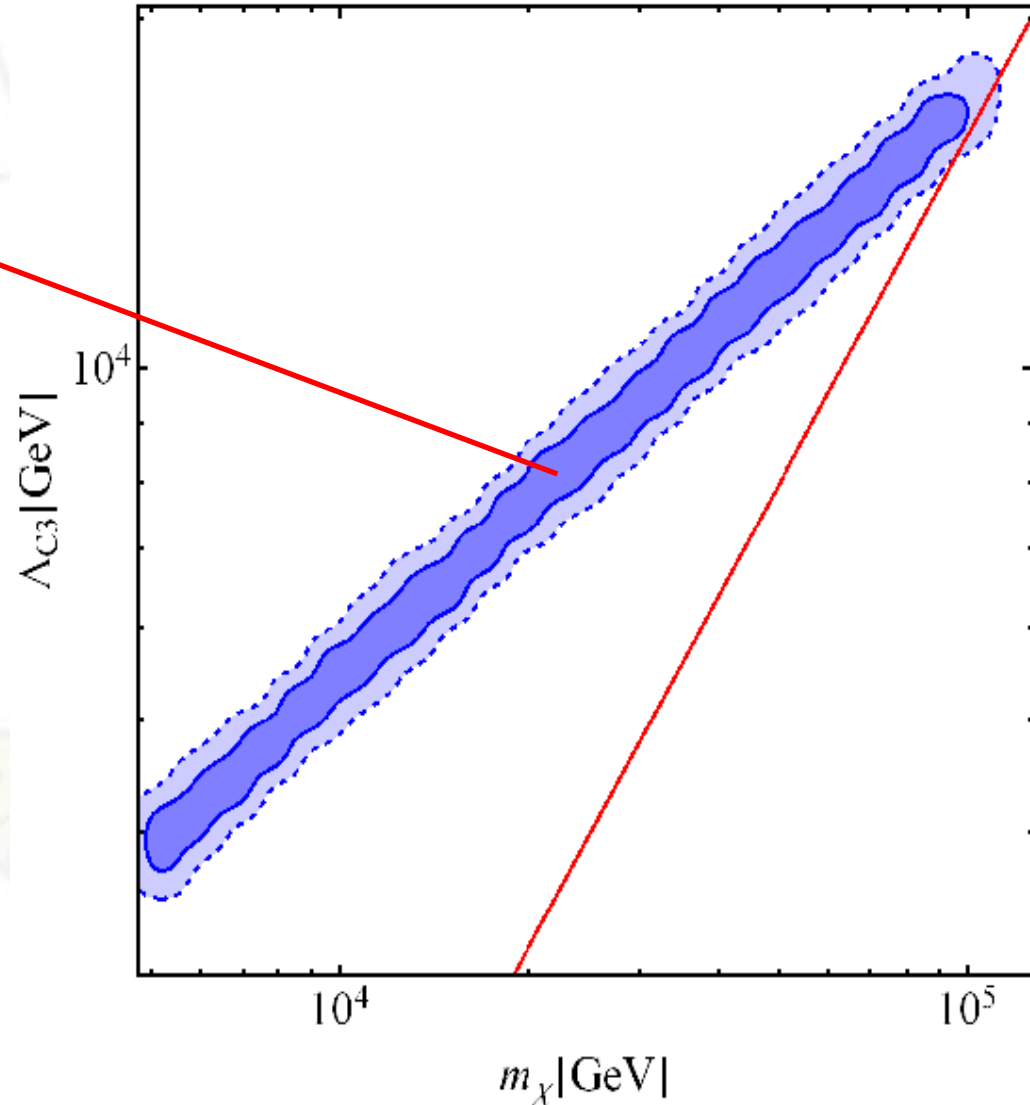


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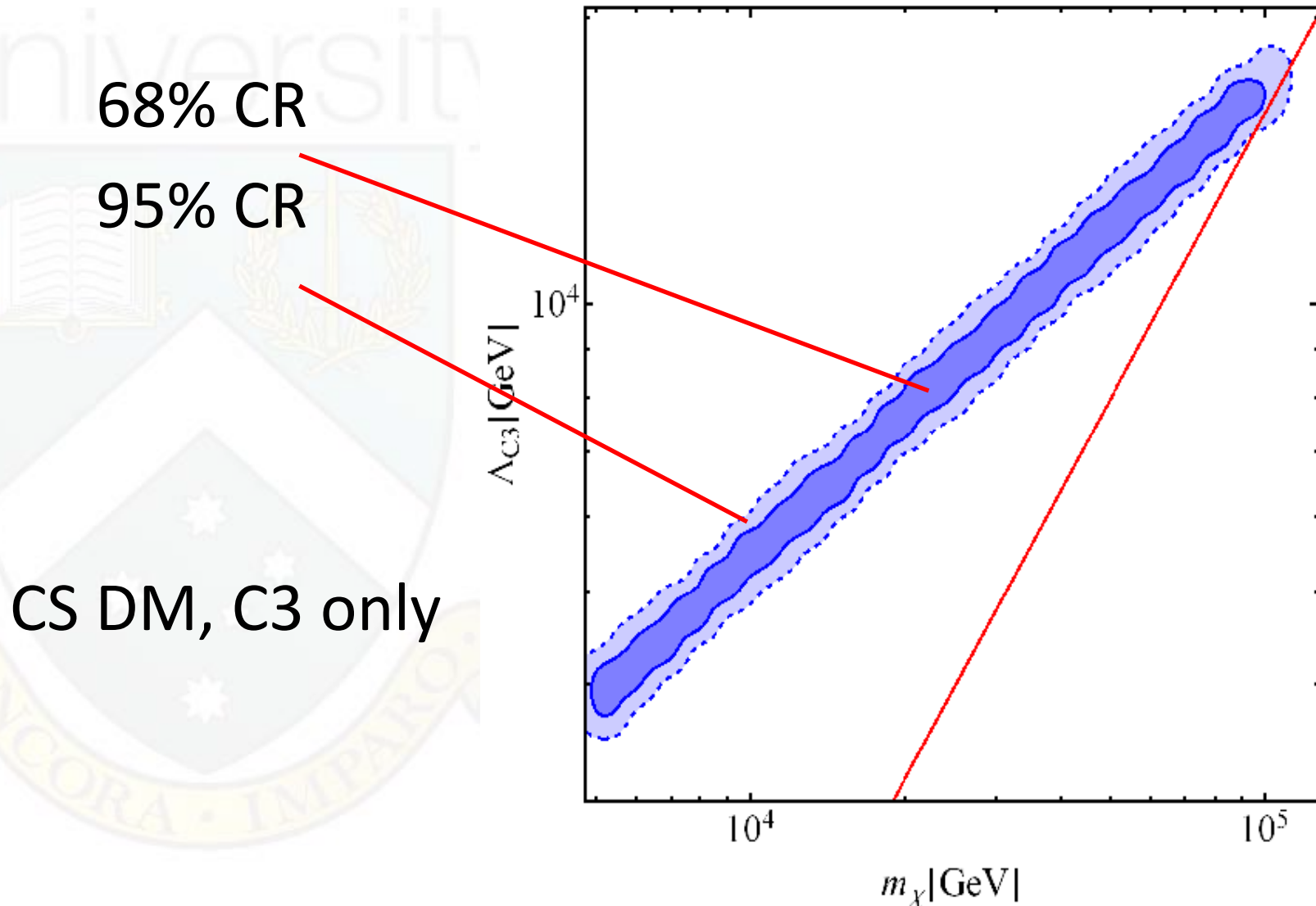
# posterior probability distributions

$\Omega h^2$   
preferred

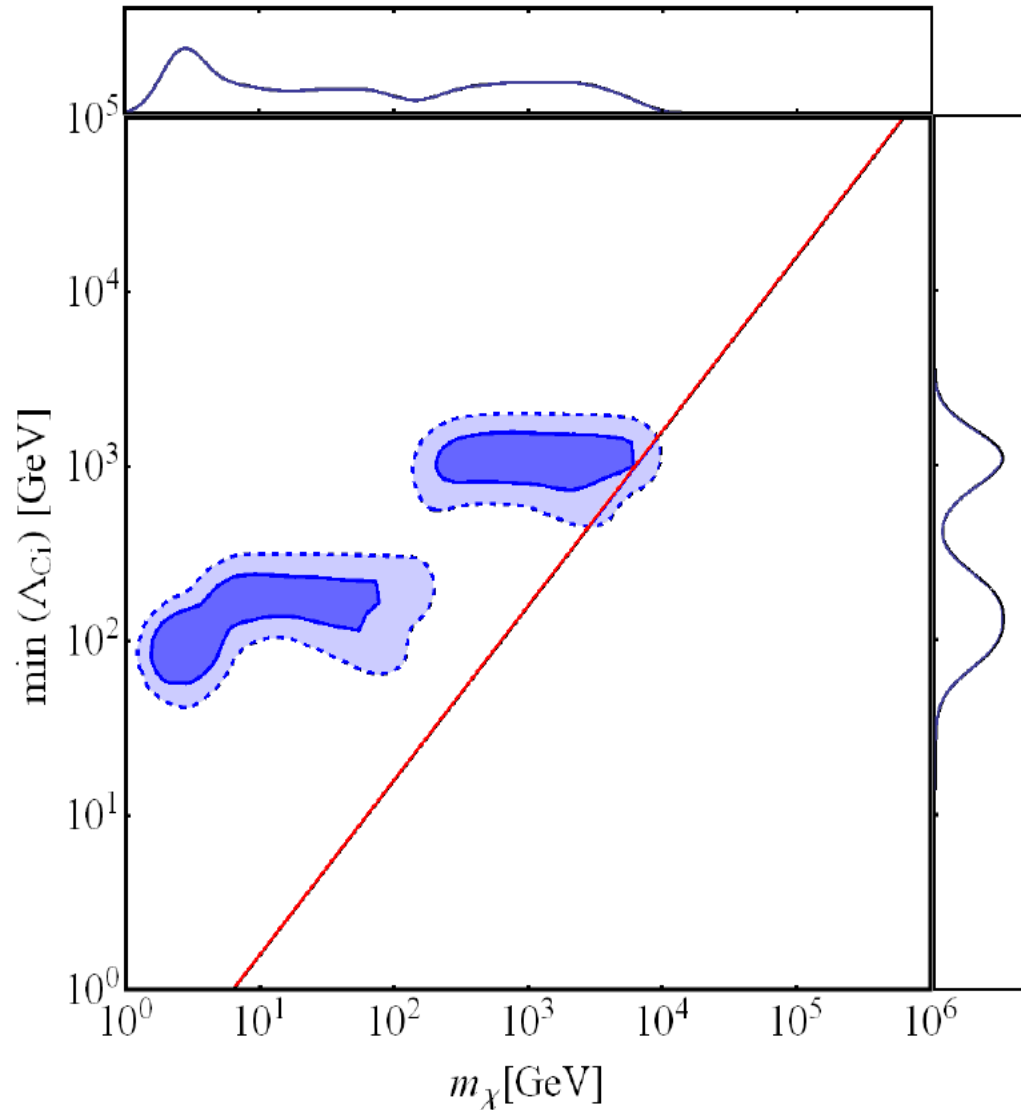
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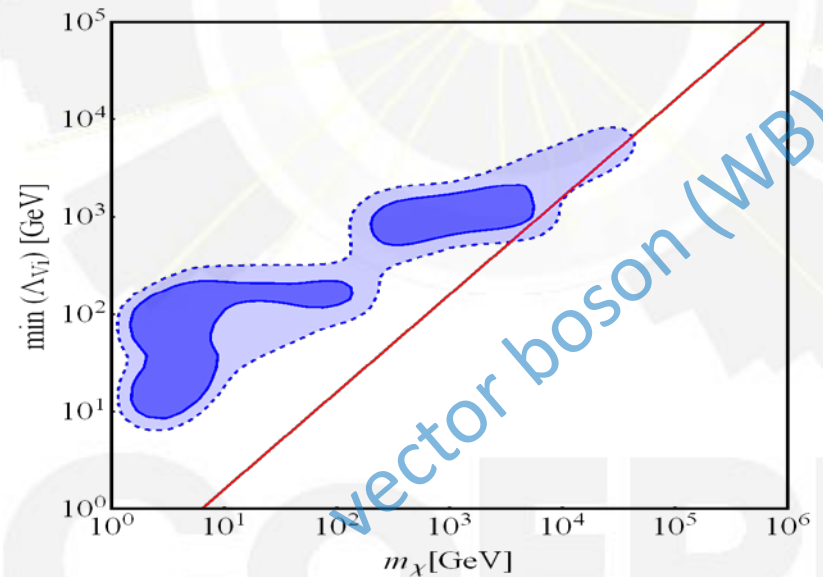
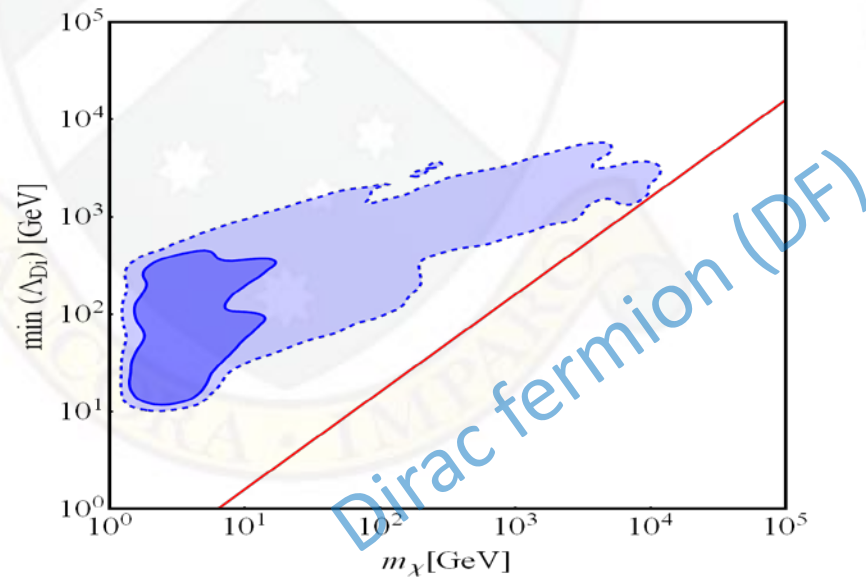
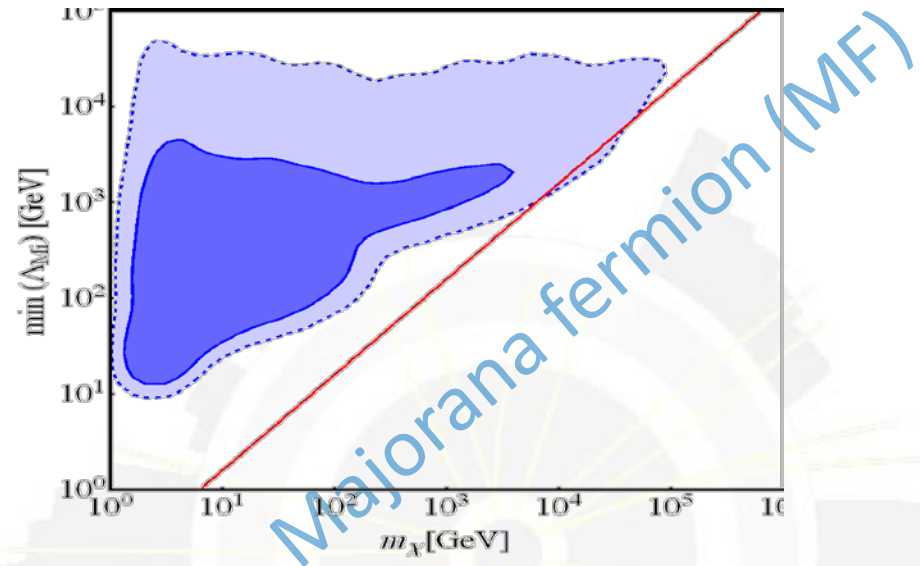
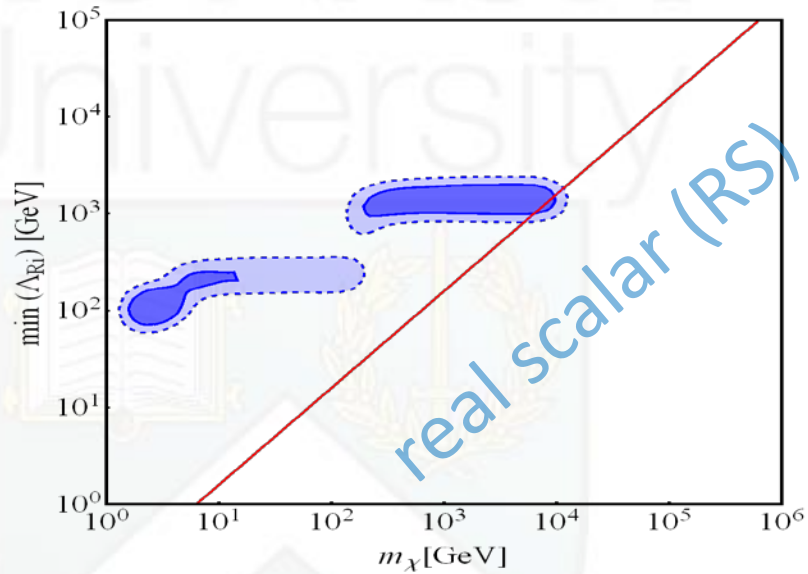
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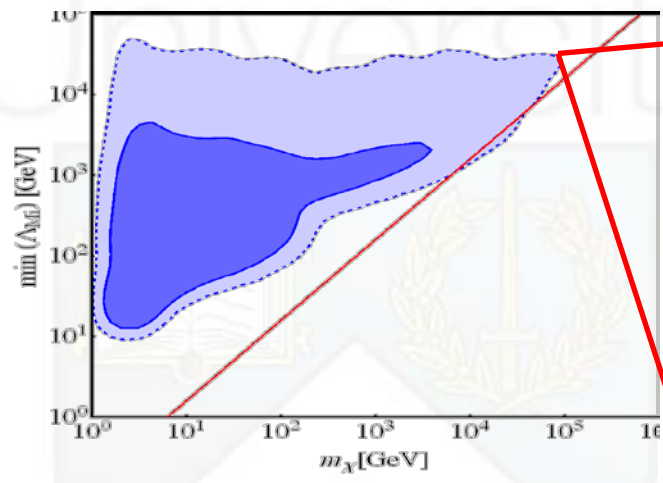
# complex scalar dark matter – all operators



# posterior probability distributions



acceptable dark matter density implies ...



Model	$m_\chi$ (GeV)	$\Lambda$ (GeV)
DF	$3.0 \times 10^4$	$4.7 \times 10^3$
MF	$8.8 \times 10^4$	$1.4 \times 10^4$
CS	$4.5 \times 10^4$	$7.1 \times 10^3$
RS	$1.1 \times 10^4$	$1.6 \times 10^3$
VB	$4.8 \times 10^4$	$7.7 \times 10^3$

... new physics scale below 100 TeV at 95% CL

## conclusion

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