

Split Light Dark Matter

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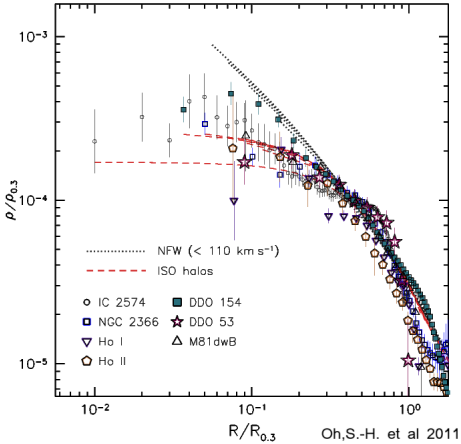
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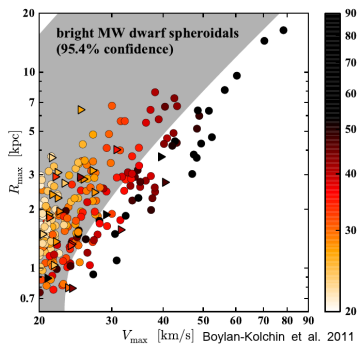
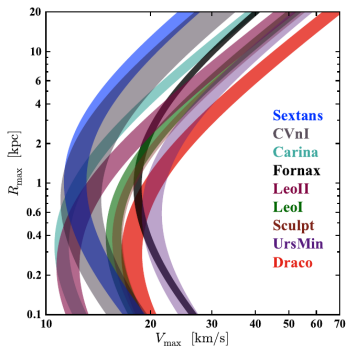
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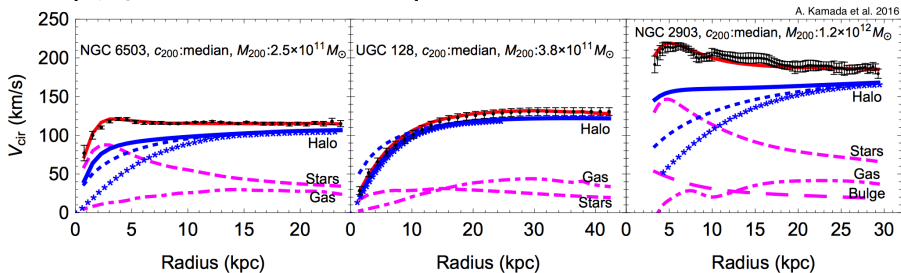
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A new way to regularize DM self-interaction, leading to rich phenomena.

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Symmetry breaking ($\Delta m \neq 0$) \Rightarrow two nearly-degenerate mass eigenstates:

lighter, stable dominant DM: $\chi_1 \simeq \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}}(\Psi - \Psi^c),$

(meta-)stable subleading DM: $\chi_2 \simeq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\Psi + \Psi^c),$

which interact (assuming a heavier V) mainly via

$$ig_V (\bar{\chi}_1 \gamma^\mu \chi_2) V_\mu, \quad \cancel{(\bar{\chi}_1 \gamma^\mu \chi_1) V_\mu}.$$

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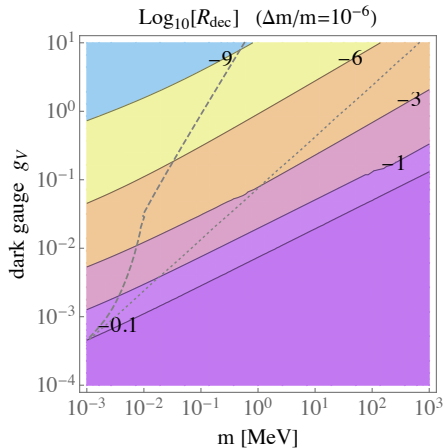
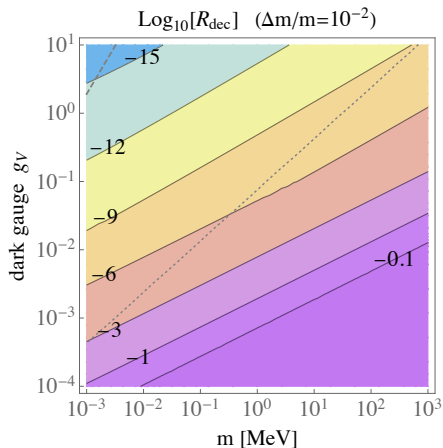
$$\Omega_{\text{DM}} = \Omega_{\chi_1} + \Omega_{\chi_2},$$

Two-body annihilation $\chi_2\chi_2 \rightarrow \chi_1\chi_1$ (depending on $\Delta m/m$) decides

the relative abundance ratio: $R_0 = \frac{\Omega_{\chi_2}}{\Omega_{\chi_1}} \ll 1$

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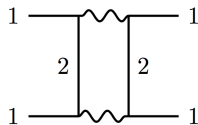
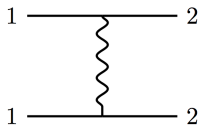
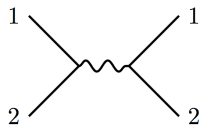
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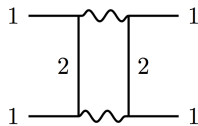
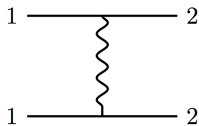
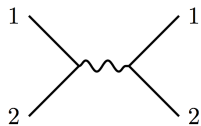
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- Endothermic scattering: $11 \rightarrow 22$;
 - kinetically suppressed due to $\Delta m/m$.
- Loop-induced scattering: $11 \rightarrow 11$.
 - loop suppressed by $\mathcal{O}(g_V^4/\pi^2)$.

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Subleading component χ_2 plays an important role!

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(being dominant for **light DM** and $\Delta m/m \gg 10^{-5}$)

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Recall some of the strongest constraints (most likely over-estimated)

- Displacement of stellar and DM mass in colliding clusters:

$$\sigma_{\text{SI}}/m_{\text{DM}} \lesssim 0.47 \text{ cm}^2/\text{g} \text{ [D.Harvey et al. 2015, ...]},$$

Mass loss in Bullet cluster: $\sigma_{\text{SI}}/m_{\text{DM}} \lesssim 0.6 \text{ cm}^2/\text{g}$ [S.W.Randall et al. 2007, ...],

- Ellipticities of cluster/galaxy halos: $\sigma_{\text{SI}}/m_{\text{DM}} \lesssim 0.02 - 1 \text{ cm}^2/\text{g}$

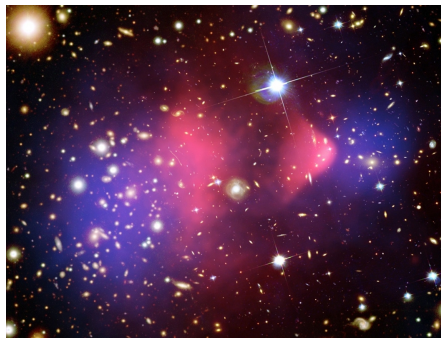
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- Sub-halo evaporation (much weaker).

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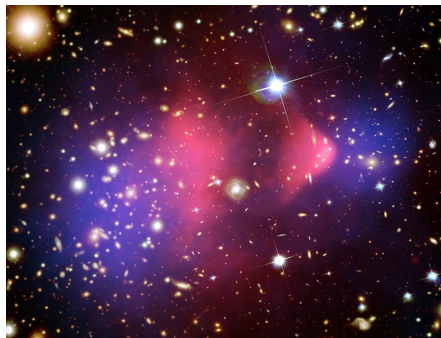
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Neither significant **mass loss** nor **offset between mass distributions of DM and gas** during halo collision if $R_0 \leq 5\% - 10\%$.

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\Rightarrow It is plausible that χ_2 is more sensitive to core-collapse/assembly of SIDM/baryons.

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More generally:

- Actual abundance of χ_2 depends on merger history of halos.
 R_0 may be smaller in more massive halos.

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Direct detection

V-portal: Introducing gauge mixing between $U'(1)$ and $U_Y(1)$:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{portal}} = \kappa \mathbf{e} \cdot \mathbf{V}_\mu (\bar{f}_{\text{SM}} \gamma^\mu f_{\text{SM}}).$$

Exothermic scattering on electrons: $\chi_2 + e \rightarrow \chi_1 + e$.

It leads to large energy deposit (assuming negligible DM velocity):

$$E_{\text{recoil}} \sim \Delta m \times \frac{\mu_{\chi e}}{m_e}.$$

DM mass $\sim \text{MeV}$, $\Delta m/m \sim 10^{-2} \Rightarrow E_{\text{recoil}} \sim 10 \text{ keV}$ (although $mv_0^2 \sim \text{eV}$).

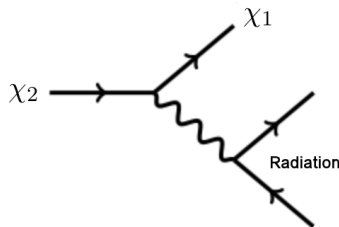
Other relevant searches for V-portal:

- **CMB spectrum:**

Electromagnetic energy injection in

$$\chi_2 \rightarrow \chi_1 + V^*, V^* \rightarrow 3\gamma/2e:$$

$$\frac{\tau_2}{10^{24} \text{ sec}} \gtrsim \text{Br}_{\text{em}} \times R_{\text{dec}} \times \frac{\Delta m}{m}.$$



- **X-ray observations:**

current bound (from diffused X-ray observations) is relatively weaker.

- **Dark photon absorption in SM targets;**

- **Known constraints from astrophysics (stars and supernovae, ...).**

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- Remaining issues:

Fine-tuned to have $R_0 \sim \mathcal{O}(0.1 - 0.01)$ given a decoupled sector.

(extensions, e.g., $3\chi \rightarrow \chi V$?)

Semi-analytic modeling / N-body simulation needed.

Thanks for Your Attention!

Backups

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$$\text{at decoupling of } 22 \rightarrow 11: R_{\text{dec}} \propto e^{-\Delta m/T'_{\text{dec}}}.$$

Parameter choice:

- 1) $m_V = 5m/2$ and $\Delta m/m = 10^{-2}, 10^{-6}$;
- 2) T'/T fixed by the observed Ω_{DM} .
- 3) scan m, g_V to determine R_{dec} ;

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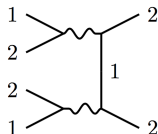
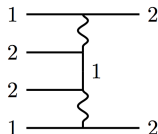
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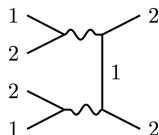
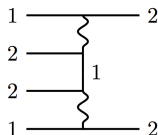
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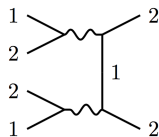
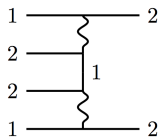
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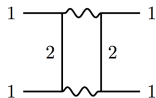
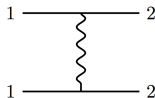
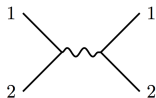


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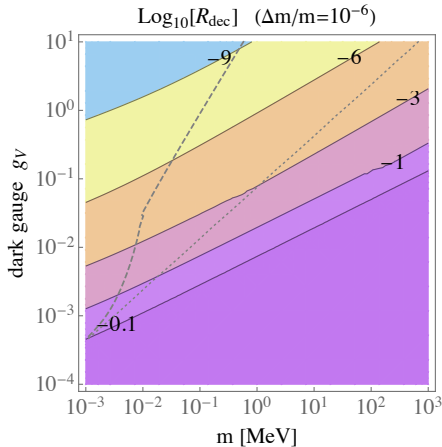
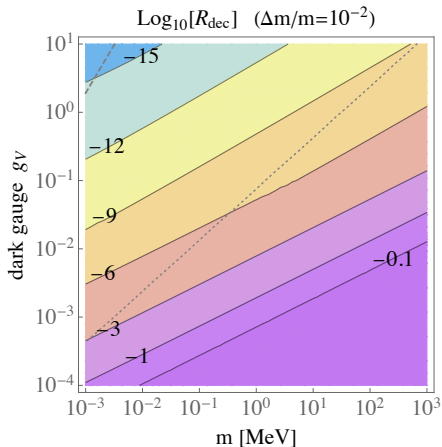
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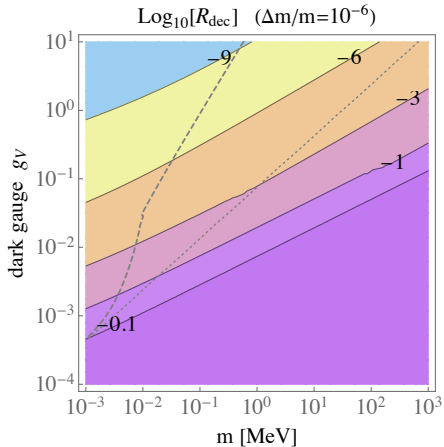
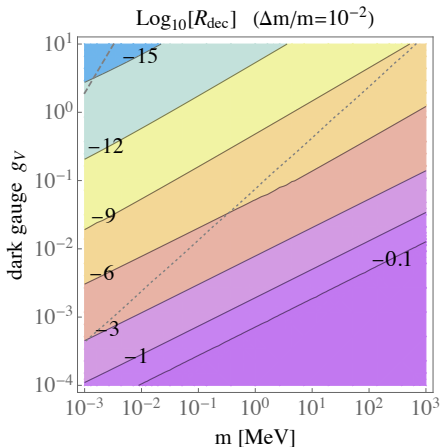
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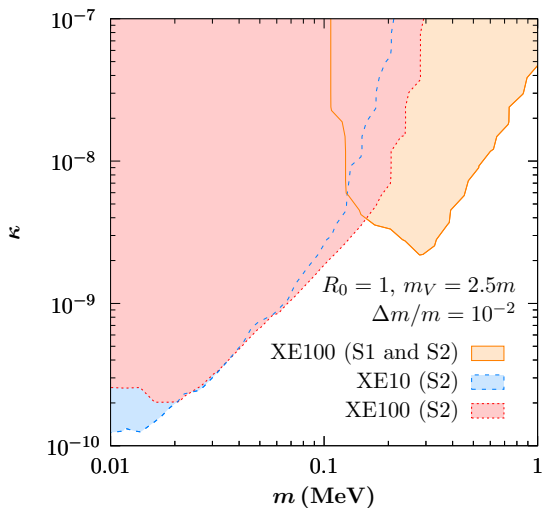


Decreasing $\Delta m/m \Rightarrow$ larger R_{dec} :

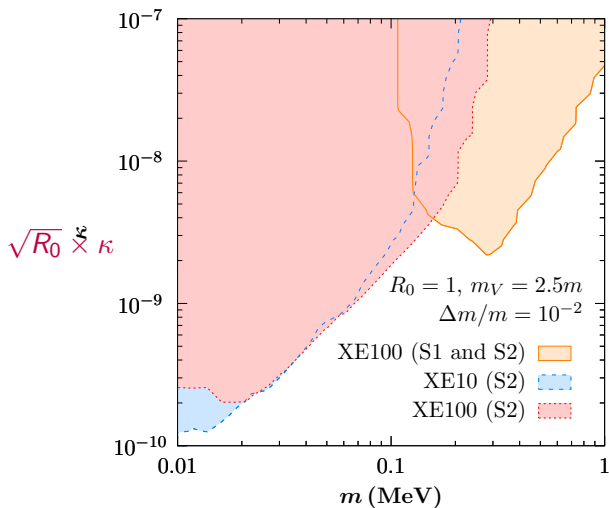
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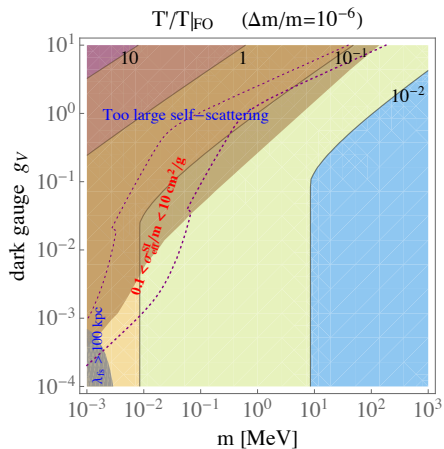
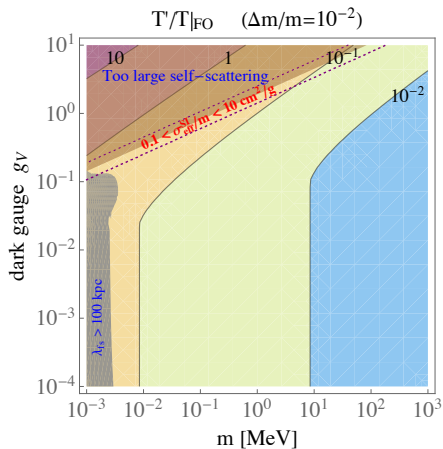
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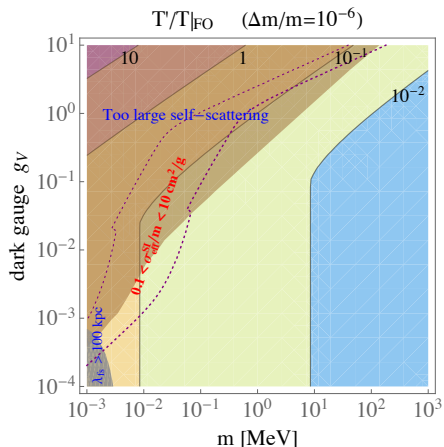
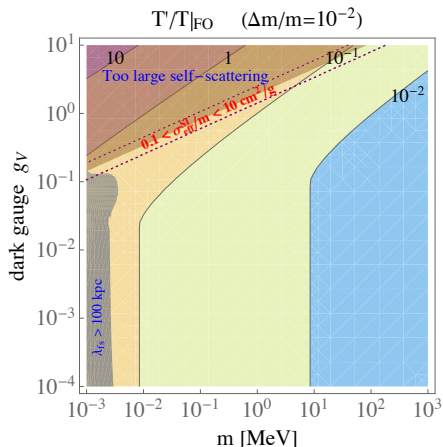
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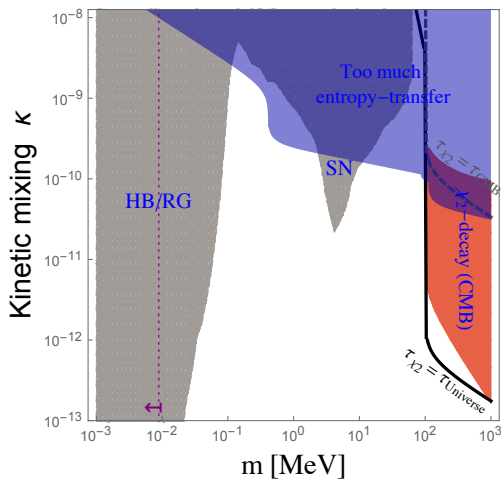
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- For larger mass splitting, $12 \rightarrow 12$ scattering dominates $\sigma_{\text{eff}}^{\text{SI}}$.
- For small mass splitting, $11 \rightarrow 22$ scattering dominates for $m \geq 30$ keV.
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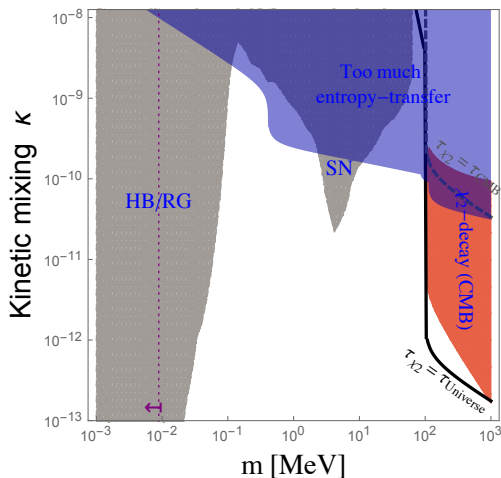
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