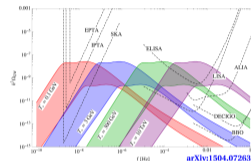
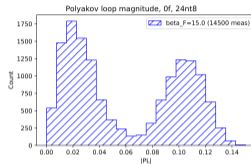
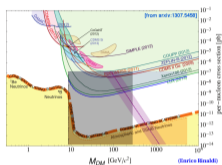
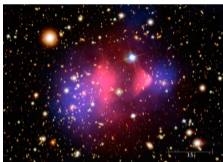


# Stealth dark matter and gravitational waves



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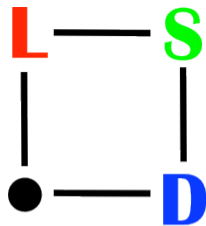
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# Overview

Stealth dark matter

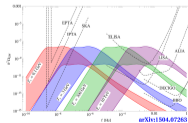
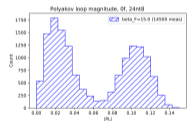
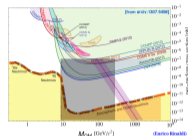
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4-flavor SU(4) lattice phase diagram

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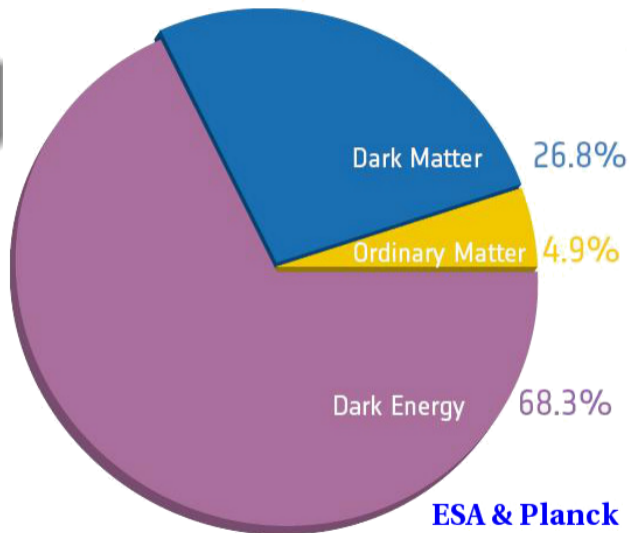


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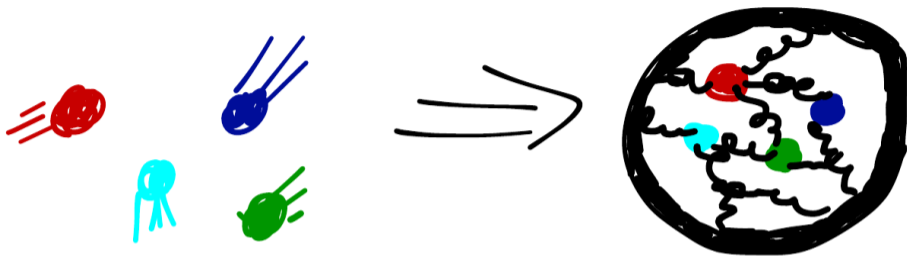
Consistent gravitational evidence  
from kiloparsec to Gpc scales

$$\frac{\Omega_{\text{dark}}}{\Omega_{\text{ordinary}}} \approx 5 \quad \dots \text{not } 10^5 \text{ or } 10^{-5}$$

→ non-gravitational interactions  
with standard model



# Composite dark matter



## Early universe

Deconfined charged fermions  $\rightarrow$  non-gravitational interactions

## Present day

Confined neutral 'dark baryons'  $\rightarrow$  no experimental detections

# Stealth dark matter

[PRL 115 171803; PRD 92 075030]

SU(4) dark sector with four moderately heavy fundamental fermions

Lightest scalar 'baryon' is stable dark matter candidate

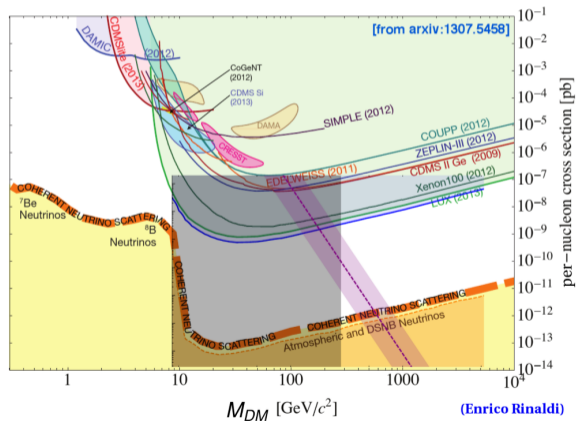
## Direct detection

### Symmetries

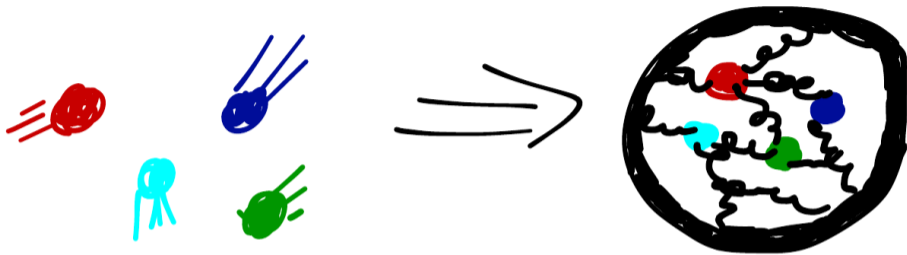
→ electric polarizability  
is leading interaction

## Collider searches

**Charged** 'meson' Drell–Yan  
rules out shaded region



# Gravitational waves



## Gravitational waves

First-order confinement transition  $\rightarrow$  stochastic background

$\Rightarrow$  Lattice studies of stealth dark matter phase transition

## Phase diagram expectations

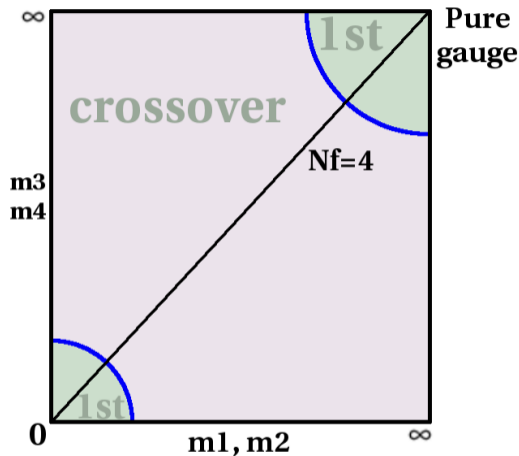
Pure-gauge transition is first order

Becomes stronger as  $N$  increases

First-order transition persists  
for sufficiently heavy fermions

**How heavy is sufficient for SU(4)?**

Using  $N_F = 4$  unrooted staggered fermions  
gauge action with both fundamental & adjoint plaquette terms





## The lattice phase diagram game

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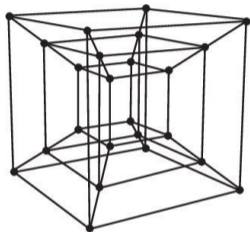
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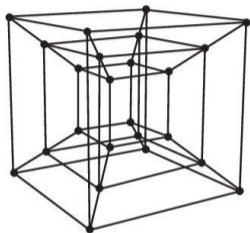
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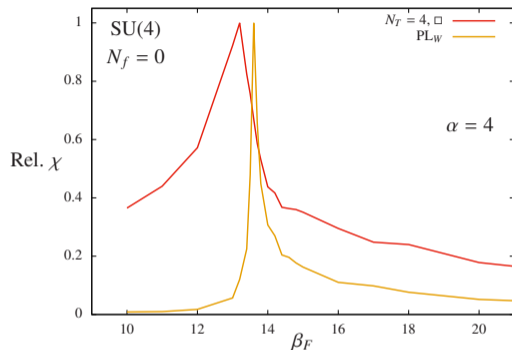
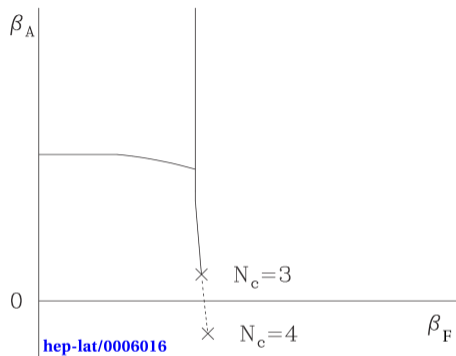
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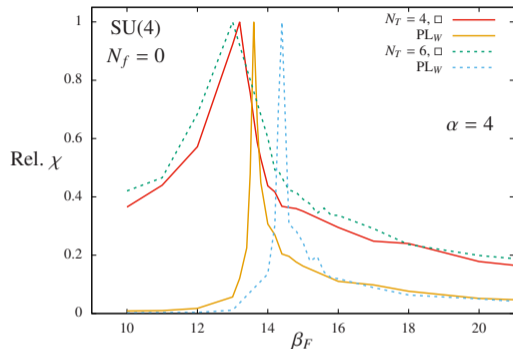
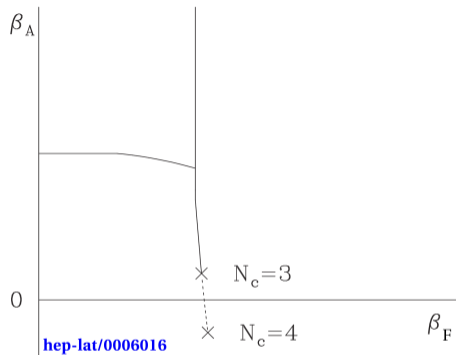
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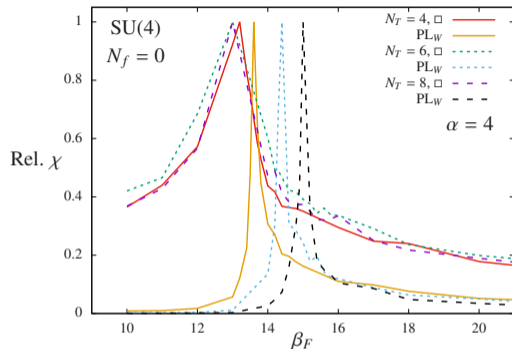
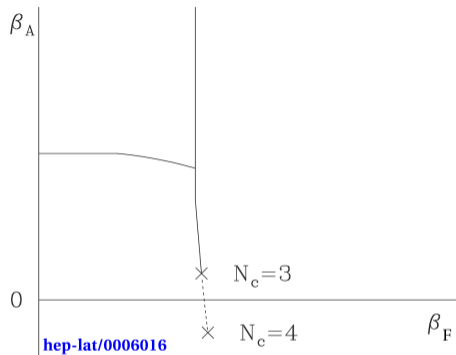
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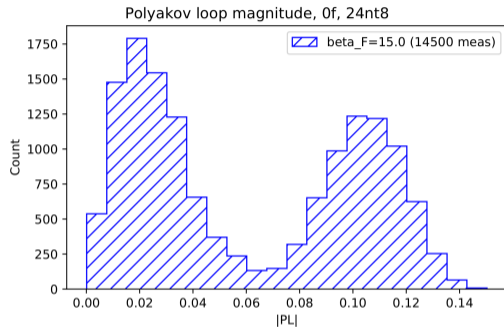
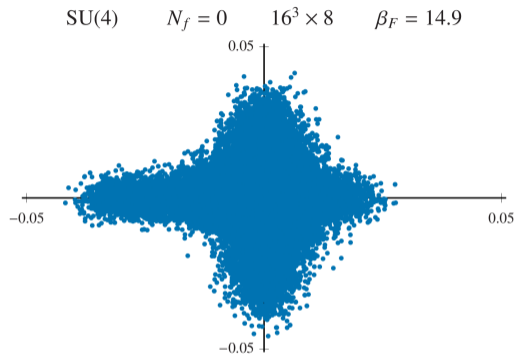
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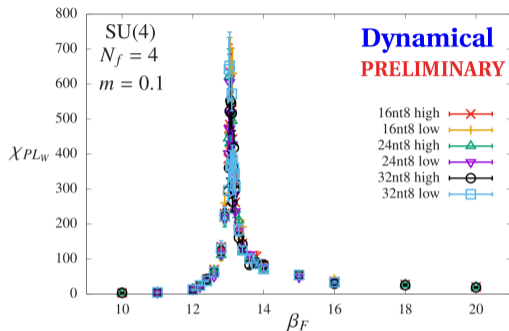
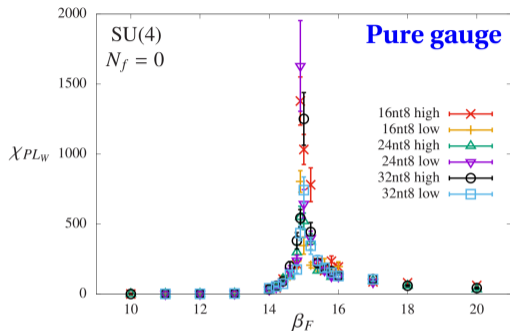
# Pure gauge checks: Order of thermal transition



Two peaks in Polyakov loop magnitude histogram  $\longrightarrow$  first-order transition ✓

Hysteresis not clearly visible even in pure-gauge case

## Dynamical results: Still looks first order



Pure-gauge & dynamical susceptibilities show same behavior

→ evidence for first-order transition with  $m \geq 0.1$

Fundamental fermions explicitly break  $Z_N$  → don't see two peaks in histograms

What does  $m \geq 0.1$  mean?

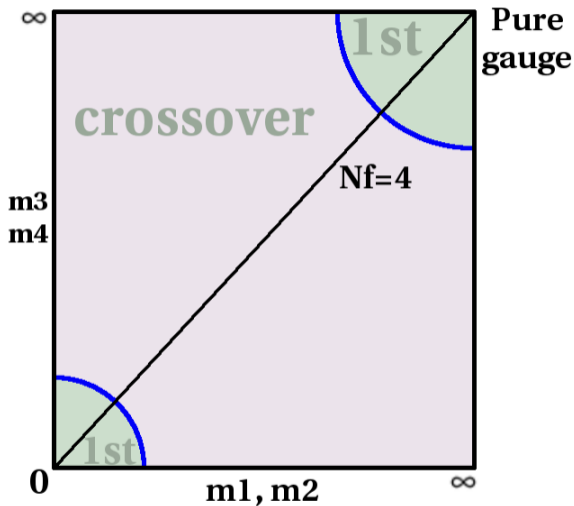
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Spectrum measurements

Zero-temp.  $24^3 \times 48$  ensembles  
around each transition

→  $M_P/M_V = 0.80(3)$  for  $m = 0.1$

→  $M_P/M_V = 0.91(1)$  for  $m = 0.2$



Previous work considered  $0.55 \leq M_P/M_V \leq 0.77$  → now adding  $m = 0.05$



# From first-order transition to gravitational wave signal

First-order transition  $\rightarrow$  gravitational wave background will be produced

**How do we predict its features?**

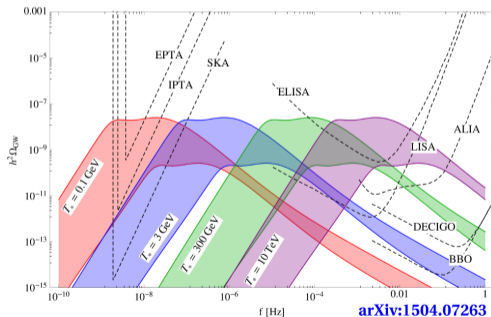
Four key parameters

Transition temperature  $T_* \lesssim T_c$

Vacuum energy fraction from **latent heat**

Bubble nucleation rate (transition duration)

Bubble wall speed



## Next step: Latent heat $\Delta\epsilon$

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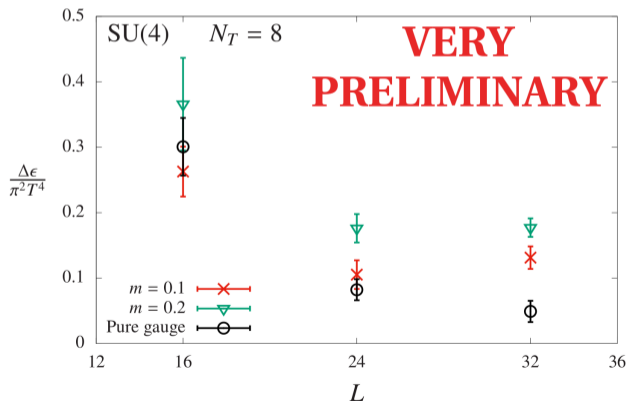
**How do we predict its features?**

Vacuum energy fraction

$$\alpha \approx \frac{30}{4N(N^2 - 1)} \frac{\Delta\epsilon}{\pi^2 T_*^4}$$

Latent heat  $\Delta\epsilon$

is change in energy density  
at transition



# Recapitulation and outlook

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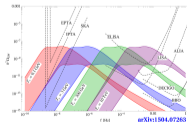
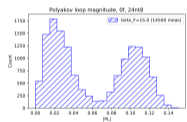
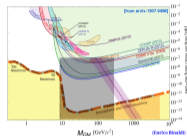
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Gravitational wave observatories will add to constraints from collider searches and direct detection experiments

SU(4) confinement transition appears first order

for  $M_P/M_V \gtrsim 0.8$ , smaller masses underway

Next steps are latent heat, etc., for signal prediction



# Thank you!

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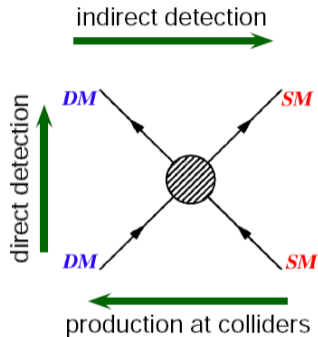
Funding and computing resources



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# Backup: Thermal freeze-out for relic density

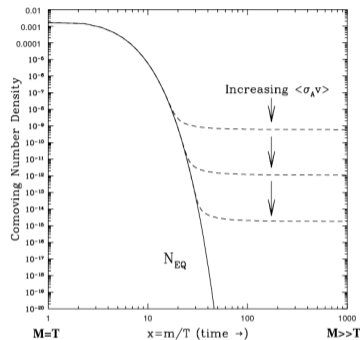


Requires non-gravitational  
DM–SM interactions

DM  $\leftrightarrow$  SM for  $T \gtrsim M_{DM}$

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 $\implies$  rapid depletion of  $\Omega_{DM}$

Hubble expansion  
 $\implies$  dilution  $\rightarrow$  freeze-out



$2 \rightarrow 2$  scattering relates coupling and mass,  $200\alpha \sim \frac{M_{DM}}{100 \text{ GeV}}$

Strong  $\alpha \sim 16 \rightarrow$  'natural'  $M_{DM} \sim 300 \text{ TeV}$  (smaller for  $2 \rightarrow n$  scattering)

## Backup: Two roads to natural asymmetric dark matter

Relate dark matter relic density to baryon asymmetry

$$\begin{aligned}\Omega_D &\approx 5\Omega_B \\ \implies M_D n_D &\approx 5M_B n_B\end{aligned}$$

$$n_D \sim n_B \implies M_D \sim 5M_B \approx 5 \text{ GeV}$$

High-dim. interactions relate baryon# and DM# violation

$$M_D \gg M_B \implies n_B \gg n_D \sim \exp[-M_D/T_s] \quad T_s \sim 200 \text{ GeV}$$

EW sphaleron processes above  $T_s$  distribute asymmetries

Both require non-gravitational interactions with known particles

## Backup: Confirming thermal transition

Fix  $m \cdot N_T \approx 0.8$   $\longrightarrow$  transition moves to  $\beta_F \rightarrow \infty$  as  $N_T \rightarrow \infty$   $\checkmark$

