

# Alternative production mechanism of sterile neutrino dark matter

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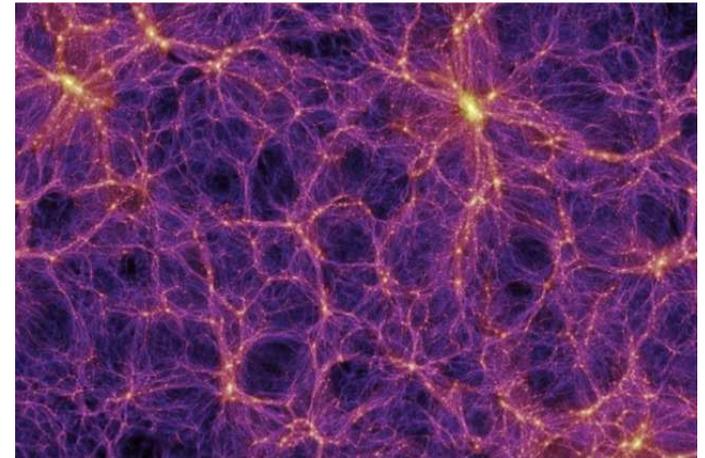
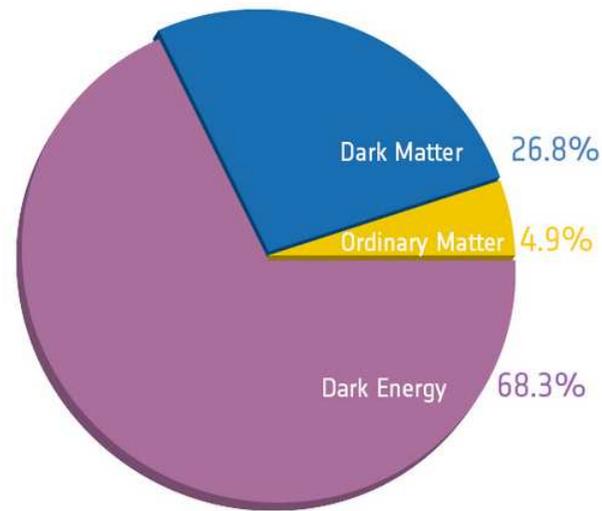
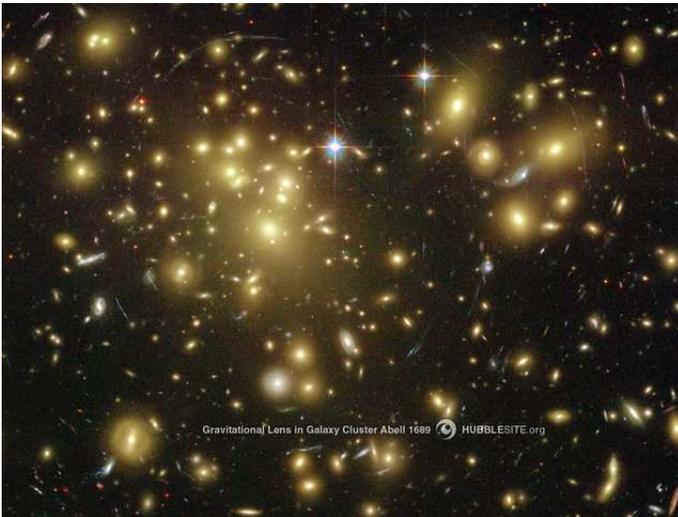
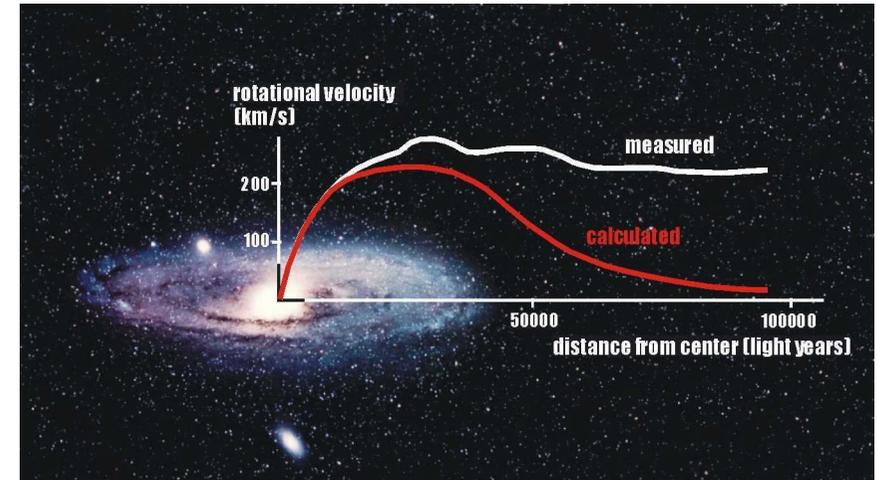
# Outline

- 1 Introduction of dark matter
  - WIMPs (Weakly Interacting Massive Particles)
  - SIMPs (Strongly Interacting Massive Particles)
  
- 2 Sterile neutrino dark matter as a SIMP
  - Effective self-interaction
  - Model with a scalar mediator
  
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# Dark Matter

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- CMB observation
- Gravitational lensing
- Large scale structure of universe
- Collision of bullet cluster



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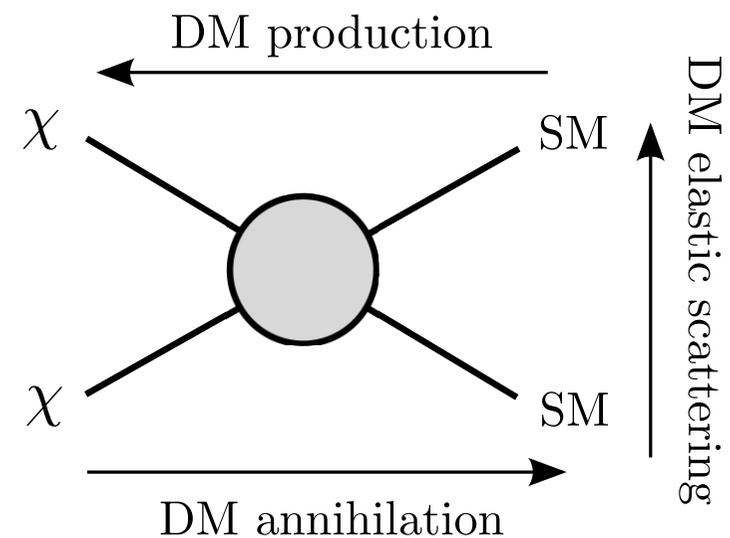
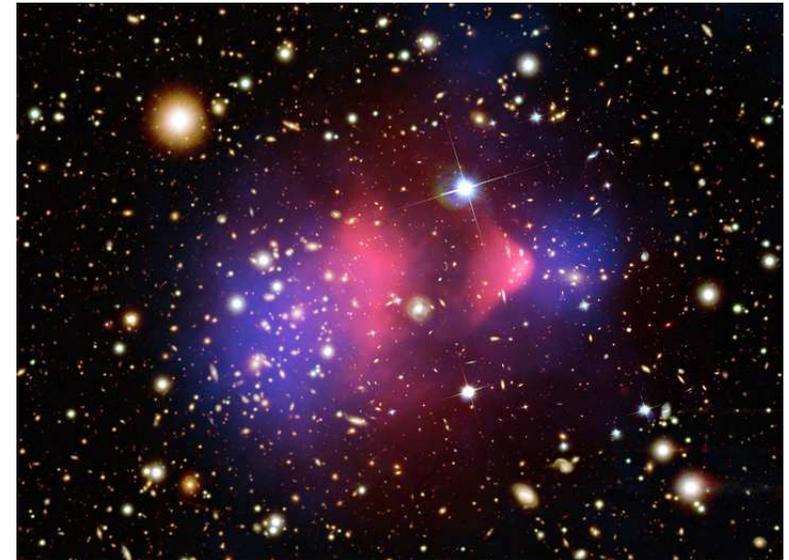
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Existence of DM is crucial.

⇒ Plausible DM candidate: WIMPs

- Basic ways for WIMP detection
  - Indirect detection
  - Direct detection
  - Collider search
- correlated with each other

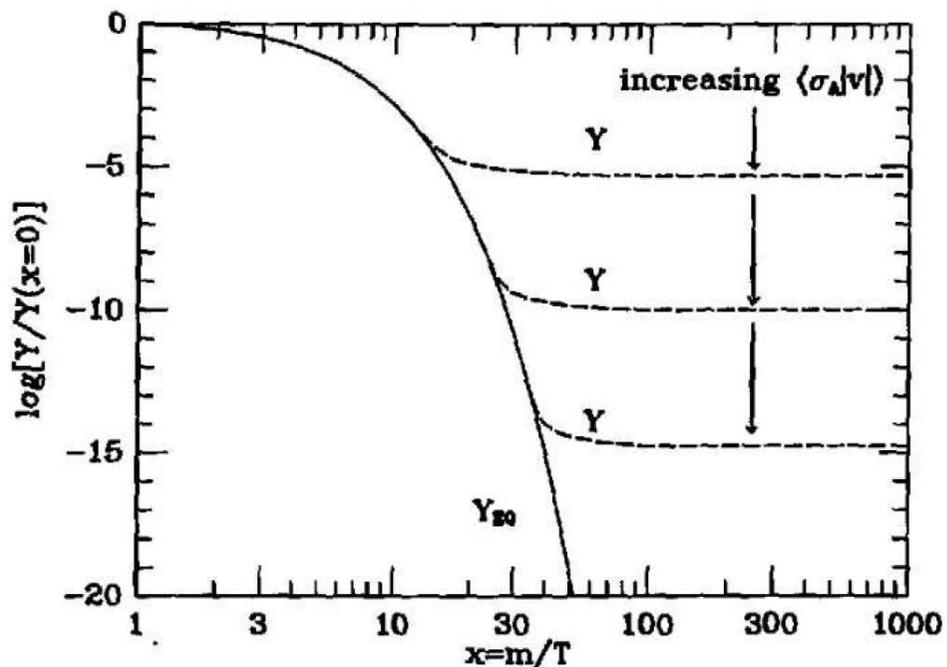


# WIMP production (review)

Evolution of DM number density is followed by Boltzmann equation

$$\frac{dn_\chi}{dt} + 3Hn_\chi = -\langle\sigma v\rangle (n_\chi^2 - n_\chi^{\text{eq}2})$$

- Rough estimate:  $\Gamma > H \leftrightarrow$  thermal eq.  
 $\Gamma < H \leftrightarrow$  decoupled (freeze-out)
- Freeze-out temperature:  $x_f = m_\chi/T_f \sim 23$

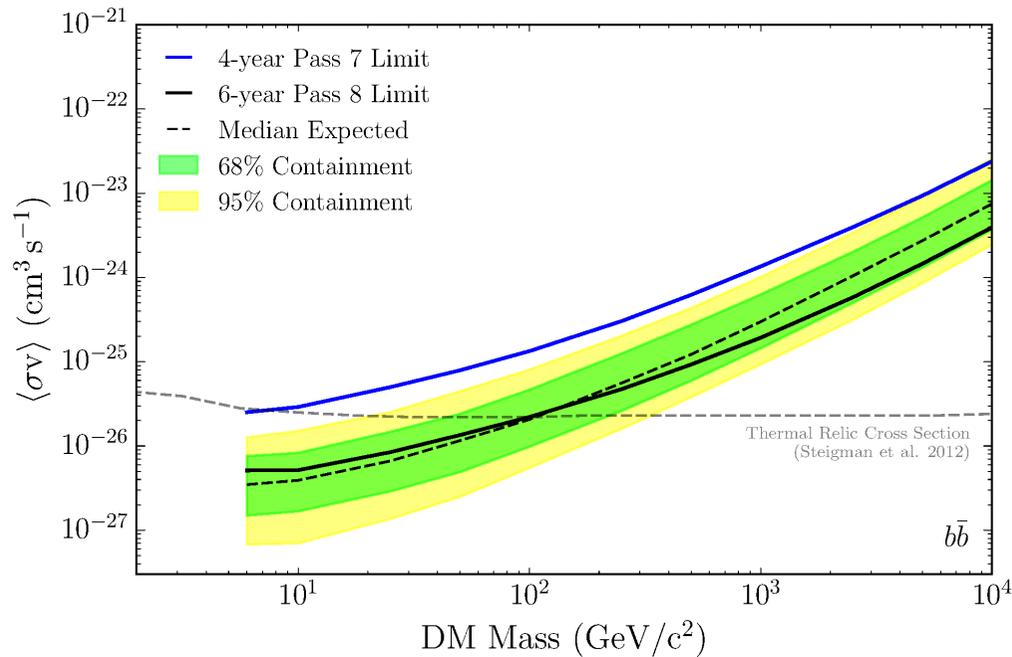


- Relic abundance is determined by  $\langle\sigma v\rangle$ .
- $\sigma v$  can be expanded by  $v$ .  
 $\rightarrow \sigma v = a + bv^2 + \mathcal{O}(v^4)$   
 $a$ : s-wave,  $b$ : p-wave
- $\Omega h^2 \sim \frac{10^{-10} [\text{GeV}^{-2}]}{\langle\sigma v\rangle} \sim 0.1$   
 (Planck Coll.)

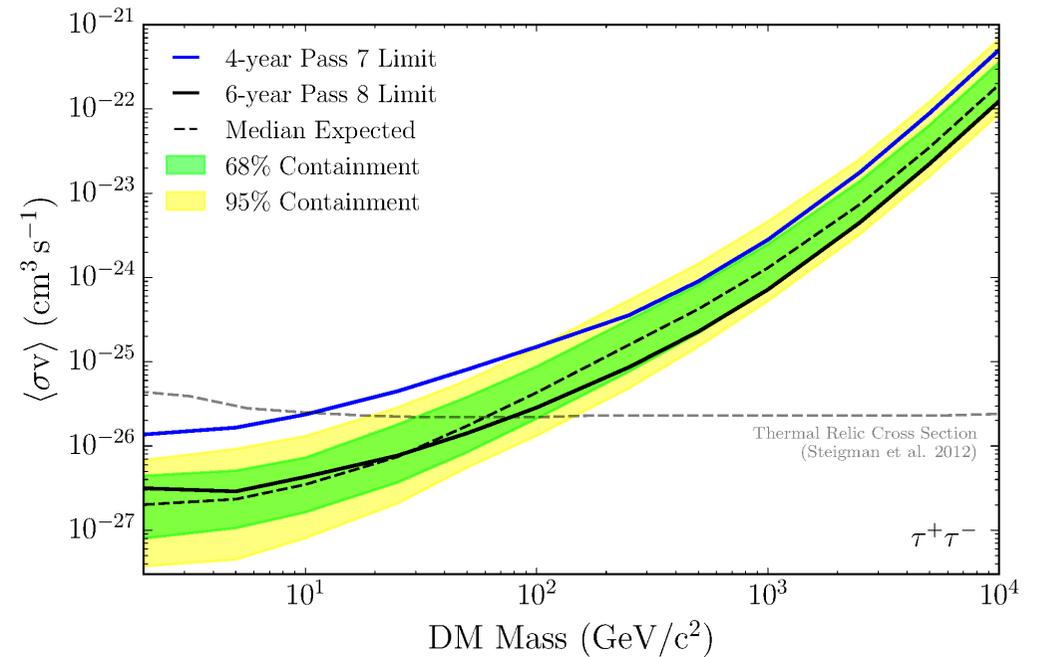
# Experimental status for WIMP searches

Indirect detection (ex. gamma-rays from dSphs)

$$\chi\chi \rightarrow b\bar{b}$$



$$\chi\chi \rightarrow \tau^+\tau^-$$

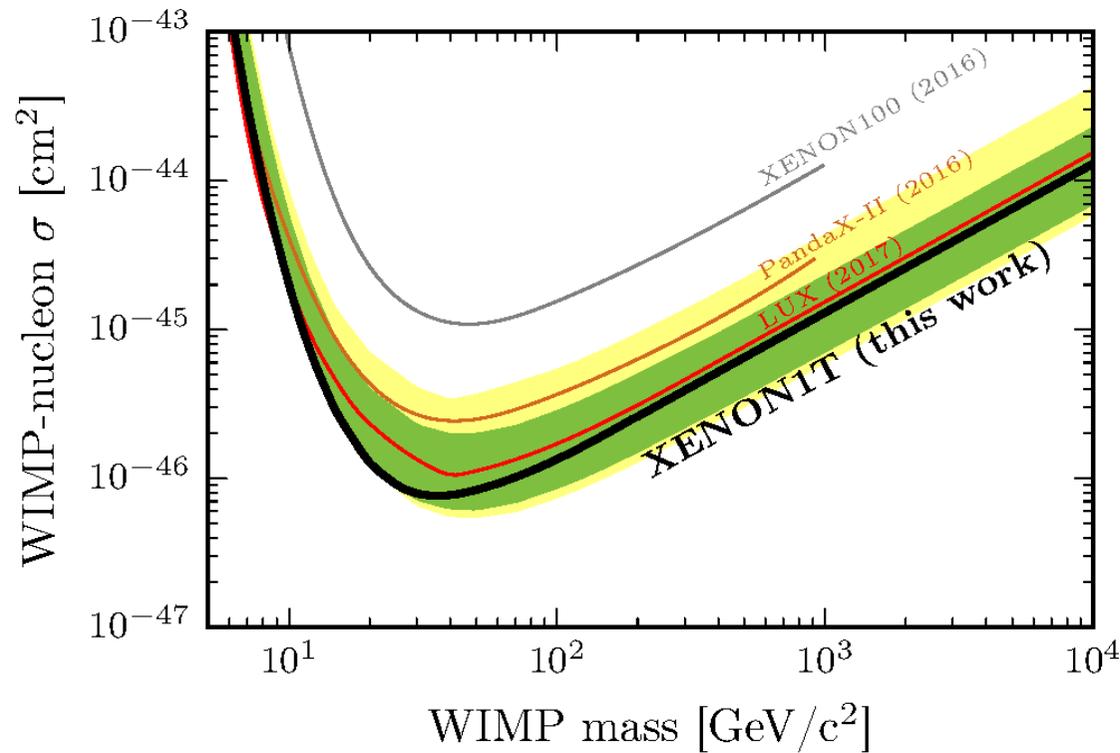


Fermi-LAT, PRL (2015) arxiv:1503.02641

■  $m_{\text{DM}} \lesssim 100 \text{ GeV}$  is excluded.

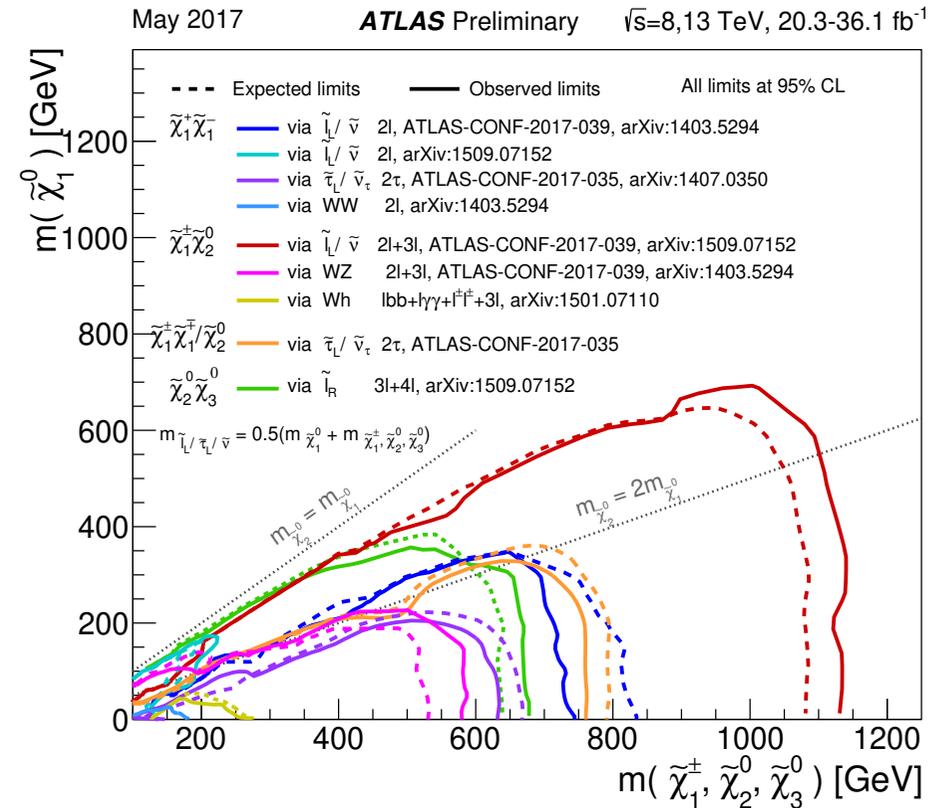
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## Direct detection



XENON1T, PRL (2017) arxiv:1705.06655

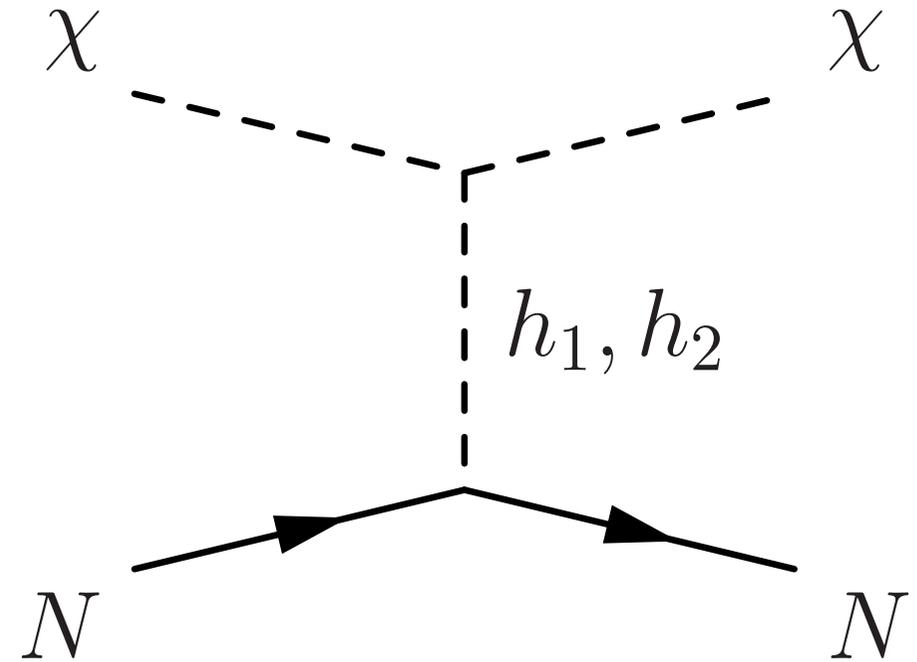
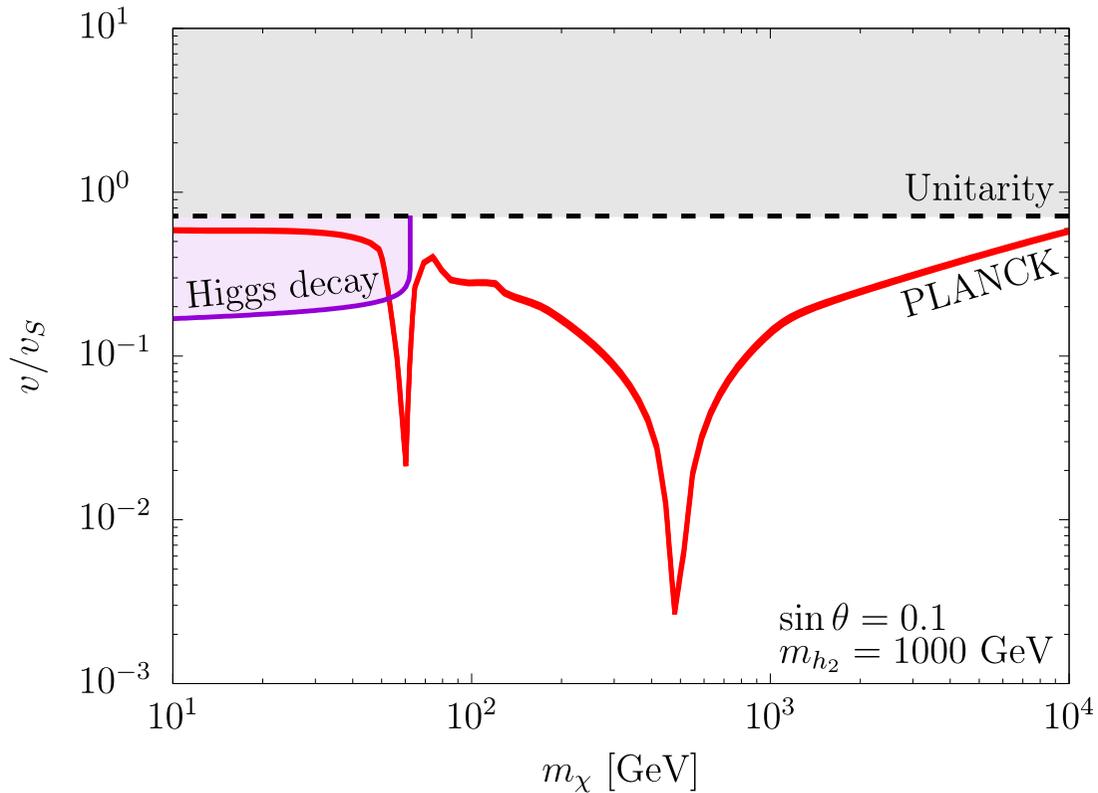
## Collider search



Summary plot from ATLAS

- Experimental constraints are stronger and stronger.
- Interactions between DM and SM are weak enough?

# One possibility to evade strong DD constraint



C. Gross, O. Lebedev, TT, PRL (2017) [arXiv:1708.02253]

- SM + complex scalar + global U(1)
- Pseudo-scalar component is DM  $[S = (v_s + s + i\chi)/\sqrt{2}]$
- Cancellation of total amplitude mediated by Higgs bosons

# Small scale problems

- Cusp vs core problem

N-body simulation infers cusp DM profile at centre of galaxies

$$\rho_{\text{DM}} \propto r^{-1}.$$

But rotation of spiral galaxies prefers core profile  $\rho_{\text{DM}} \sim \text{const.}$

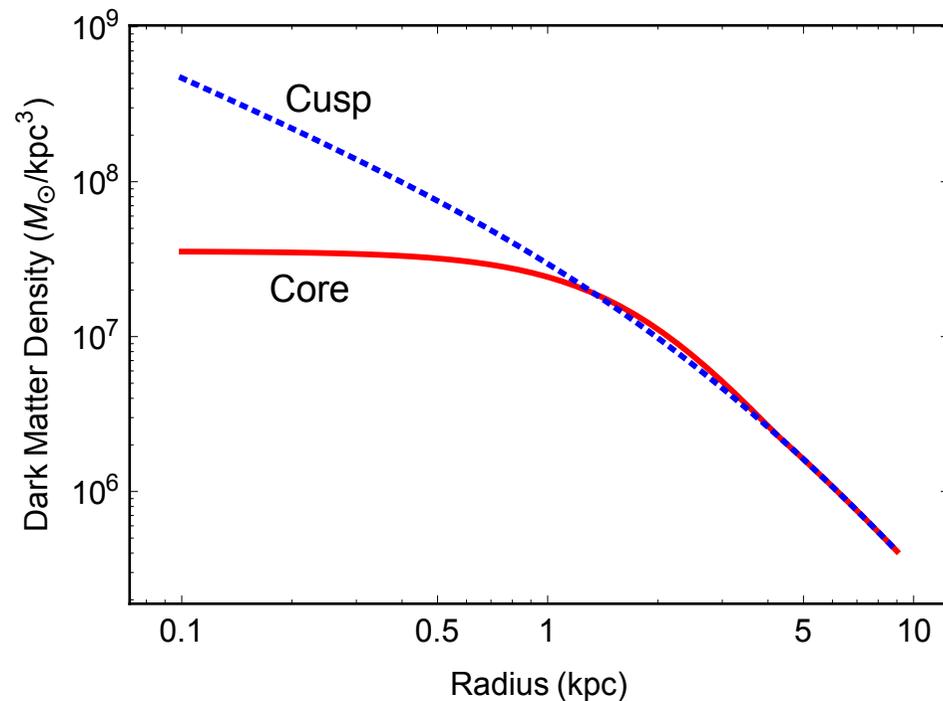
- Missing satellite problem

- Too big to fail problem
- etc

arXiv:1705.02358, Tulin and Yu

## Possible solutions

- Add baryon contribution
- DM self-interaction

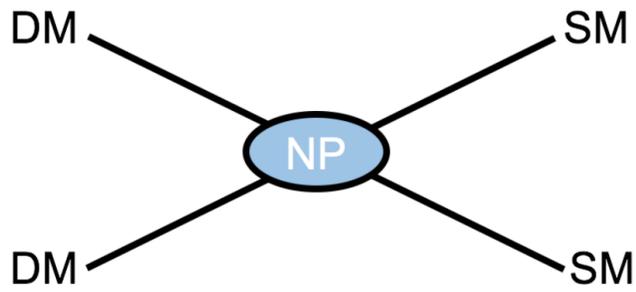


# SIMP (Strongly Interacting Massive Particle)

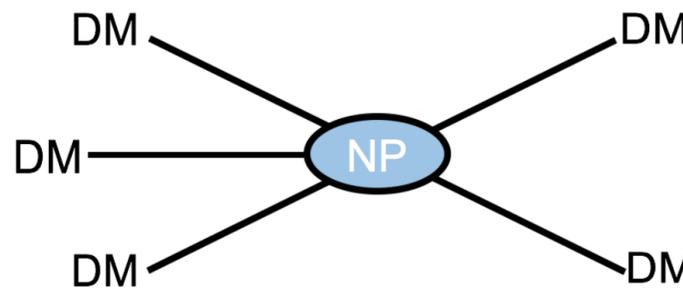
Y. Hochberg et al. PRL (2014) [arxiv:1402.5143]

- DM abundance is determined by  $3 \rightarrow 2$  or  $4 \rightarrow 2$  annihilations (final state is also DM).
- Assume that DM and SM are thermal eq.  
 $\Rightarrow$  DM temperature is same with SM one

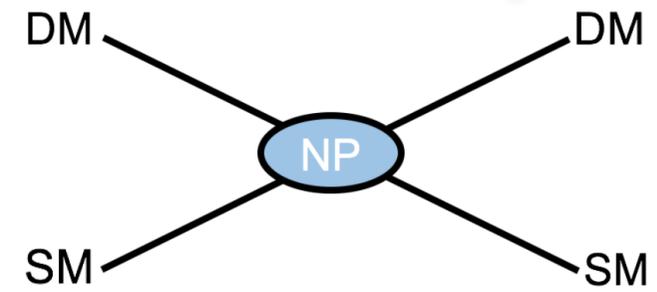
Thermal SIMP condition:  $\Gamma_{\text{ann}} < \Gamma_{3 \rightarrow 2} < \Gamma_{\text{kin}}$



Normal annihilation



3 to 2 process



Elastic scattering

- Typical thermal SIMP mass:  
 $m_\chi \sim \mathcal{O}(10)$  MeV for  $3 \rightarrow 2$  process  
 $(m_\chi \sim \mathcal{O}(100)$  keV for  $4 \rightarrow 2$  process)

Small scale problems can be alleviated by large self-interaction of DM.

# Models for SIMPs

- Dark QCD (Bound state DM)

[arXiv:1411.3727](#), Y. Hochberg, E. Kuflik, H. Murayama, T. Volansky and J. G. Wacker

[arXiv:1512.07917](#), Y. Hochberg, E. Kuflik and H. Murayama etc

- Large, but still perturbative couplings

[arXiv:1501.01973](#), N. Bernal, C. Garcia-Cely, R. Rosenfeld

[arXiv:1505.00960](#), S. M. Choi and H. M. Lee etc

- Model combining neutrino masses generation

[arXiv:1705.00592](#), S. Ho, TT, K. Tsumura

- Dirac SIMP ([arXiv:1604.02401](#), [1704.05359](#), M. Heikinheimo et al.)

SIMP candidate is a scalar or vector boson in most of the models.

Note that 3-to-2 does not work for fermion because of Lorentz invariance (simplest case).

# Sterile neutrino SIMP (singlet Majorana fermion)

# Singlet fermion SIMP (Effective Model)

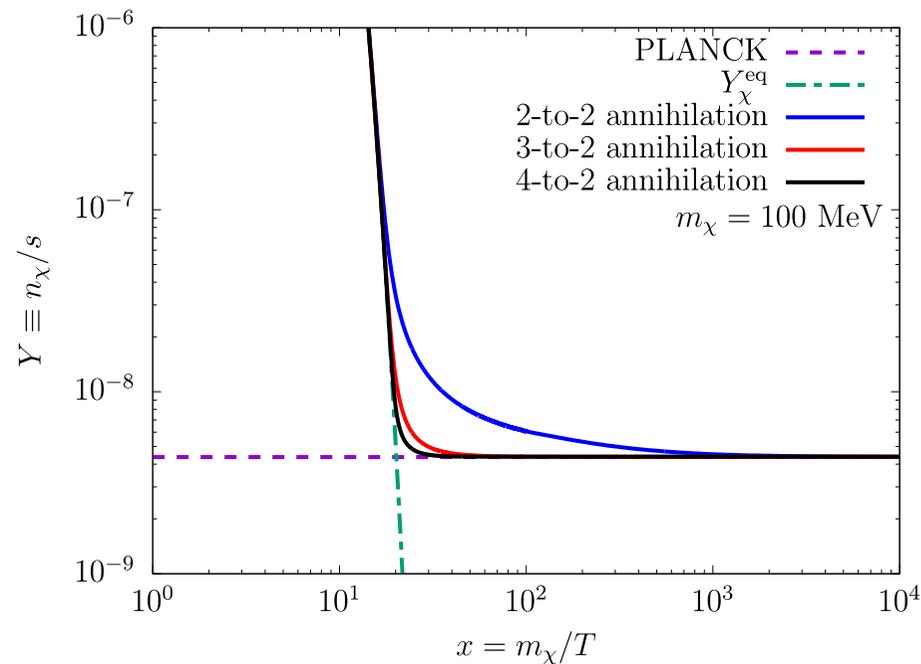
- Consider effective interaction of Majorana fermion  $\chi$  (DM).

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{4!\Lambda^2} (\overline{\chi^c} \chi) (\overline{\chi^c} \chi) - y_\nu H \overline{\chi} L$$

- $\chi$  is weakly coupled with SM via  $y_\nu$ .
- DM abundance is determined by 4-to-2 process ( $\chi\chi\chi\chi \rightarrow \chi\chi$ ).
- If DM is in thermal eq. with SM
  - $m_\chi \sim 100$  keV. → freeze-out temperature  $T_f < 1$  MeV
  - conflict with BBN, CMB observation.
- Non-thermal eq. ( $T \neq T'$ ) via small  $y_\nu$ .
- Boltzmann equation

$$\frac{dn_\chi}{dt} + 3Hn_\chi = -\langle \sigma v^3 \rangle (n_\chi^4 - n_\chi^2 n_\chi^{\text{eq}2})$$

# Instantaneous Freeze-out Approximation



- Generally coupled Boltzmann equations have to be solved.
- Instantaneous freeze-out approximation

$$\Gamma_{4 \rightarrow 2}(x'_f) = H(x_f),$$

$$Y_\chi(\infty) = Y_\chi(x'_f)$$

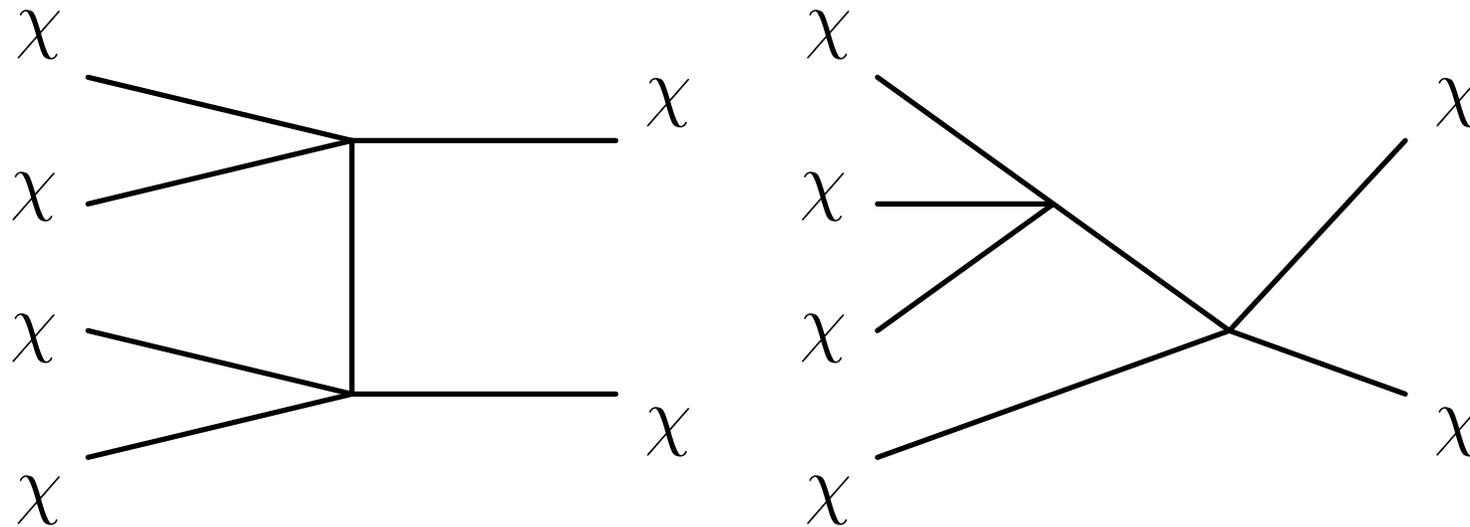
- Instantaneous freeze-out approximation is very accurate.

$$\Gamma_{4 \rightarrow 2} \equiv \langle \sigma v^3 \rangle n_\chi^3 \propto T'^2 T^9 \quad (\text{cf: } \Gamma_{2 \rightarrow 2} \equiv \langle \sigma v \rangle n_\chi \propto T^3)$$

- For a given  $(\langle \sigma v^3 \rangle, x'_f) \Rightarrow \Omega_\chi h^2$

DM abundance is determined by two parameters  $\langle \sigma v^3 \rangle$  and freeze-out temperature  $x'_f$

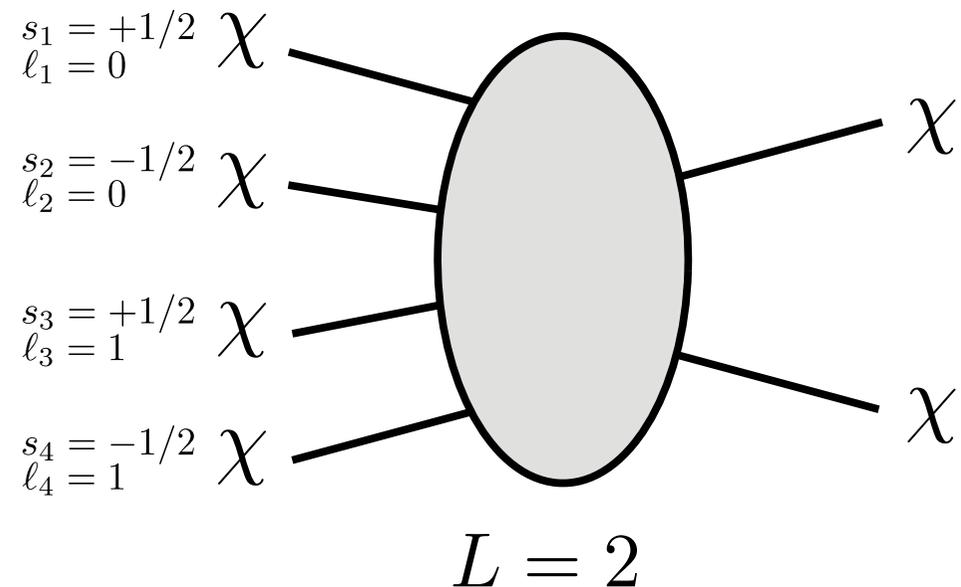
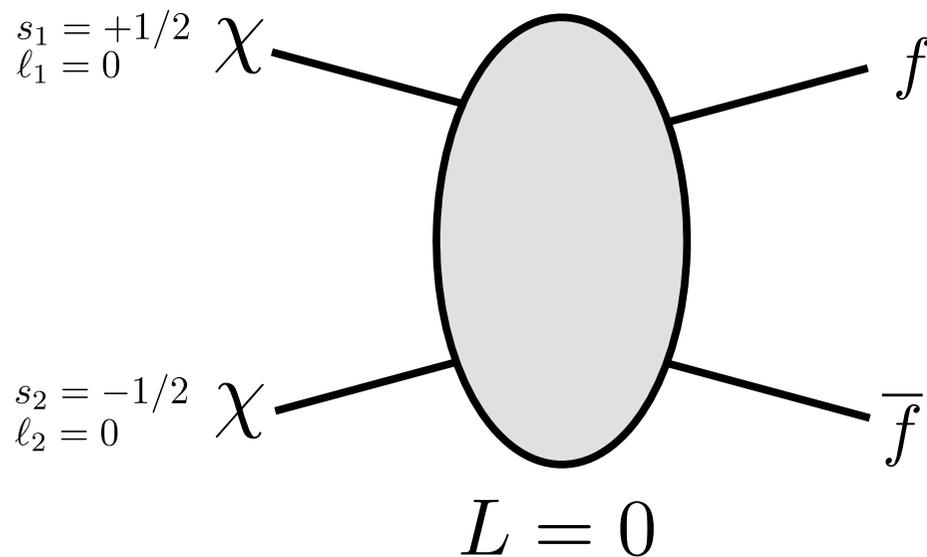
# Computation of 4-to-2 cross section



- $\sim 100$  Feynman diagrams exist.  
→ classified to 2 topology.
- Hard to compute by hand.
- Possible to compute with FeynCalc if non-relativistic.
- First diagram  $\sim \bar{v}(p_4)u(p_3)\bar{v}(p_2)u(p_1) \sim v^2 \rightarrow \overline{|\mathcal{M}|^2} \sim v^4$   
Naively second diagram is  $\rightarrow \overline{|\mathcal{M}|^2} \propto v^2$ ,
- But total amplitude square is proportional to  $v^4$  ( $d$ -wave).

# Computation of 4-to-2 cross section

- 4-to-2 cross section of Majorana DM is suppressed by  $d$ -wave due to Pauli exclusion principle.
- Do not depend on interactions



- cf: Helicity suppression  
annihilation for Majorana DM:  $\chi\chi \rightarrow f\bar{f}$  is suppressed by  $p$ -wave  
if  $m_f \rightarrow 0$

# Thermal average of cross section

Choi, Lee, Seo, JHEP [arXiv:1702.07860]

Definition of thermal average

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \sigma v^3 \rangle &= \frac{\int d^3 v_1 d^3 v_2 d^3 v_3 d^3 v_4 (\sigma v^3) e^{-\frac{x'}{2}(v_1^2+v_2^2+v_3^2+v_4^2)}}{\int d^3 v_1 d^3 v_2 d^3 v_3 d^3 v_4 e^{-\frac{x'}{2}(v_1^2+v_2^2+v_3^2+v_4^2)}} \\ &= a + bx'^{-1} + cx'^{-2} + \mathcal{O}(x'^{-3}) \end{aligned}$$

where  $x' = m_\chi/T'$ .

- In case of Majorana DM  $\Rightarrow a = b = 0$  ( $d$ -wave).
- $\sigma v^3 = a_i v_i^4 + a_{ij} v_i^2 v_j^2 + b_{ij} (\mathbf{v}_i \cdot \mathbf{v}_j)^2 + c_{ijk} v_i^2 (\mathbf{v}_j \cdot \mathbf{v}_k) + \dots$

# Thermal averaged of cross section

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Velocity averages:

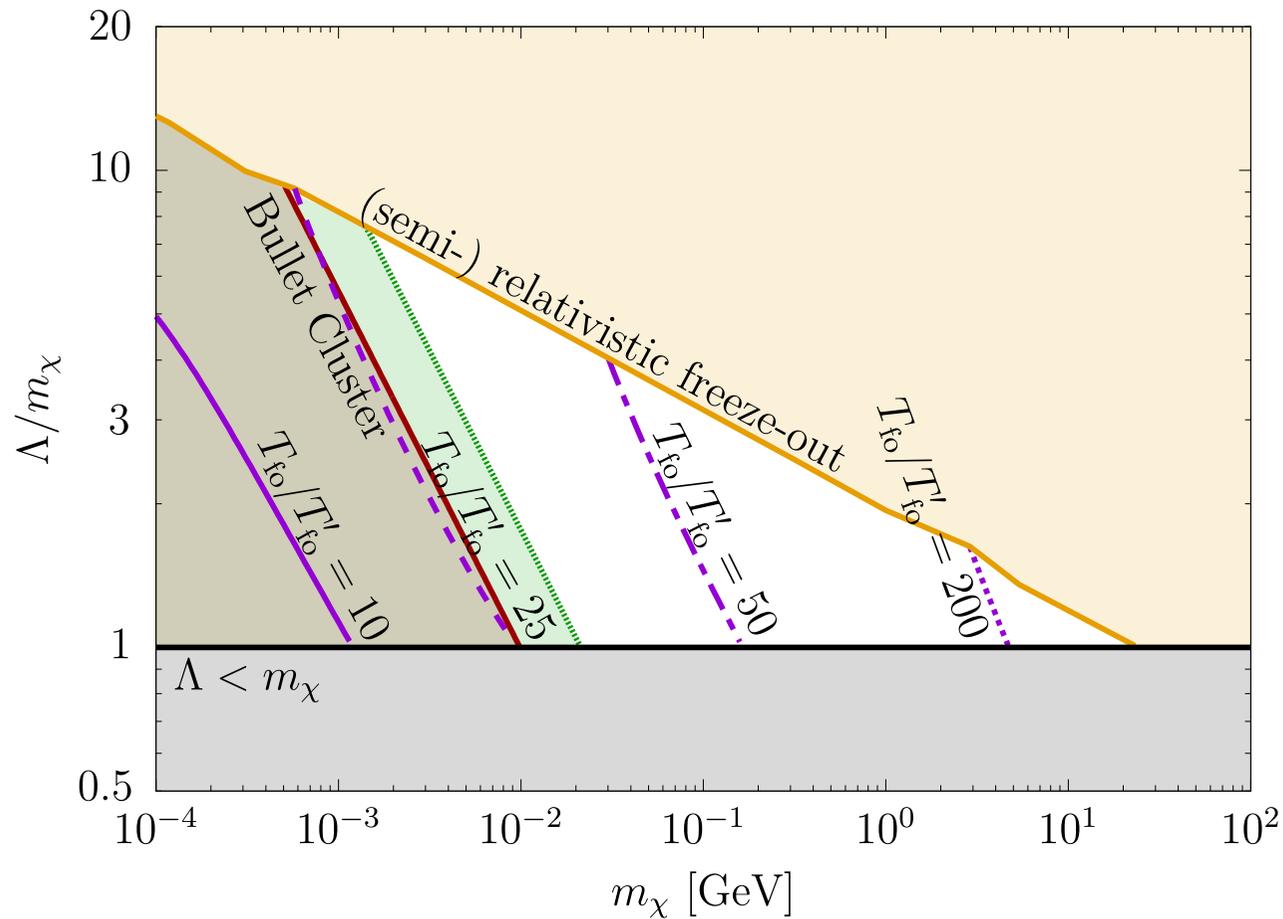
$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle v_i^4 \rangle &= \frac{135}{16} \frac{1}{x'^2}, & \langle v_i^2 v_j^2 \rangle &= \frac{87}{16} \frac{1}{x'^2} \\
 \langle v_i^2 (\mathbf{v}_i \cdot \mathbf{v}_j) \rangle &= -\frac{45}{16} \frac{1}{x'^2}, & \langle v_i^2 (\mathbf{v}_j \cdot \mathbf{v}_k) \rangle &= -\frac{21}{16} \frac{1}{x'^2}, \\
 \langle (\mathbf{v}_i \cdot \mathbf{v}_j)^2 \rangle &= \frac{39}{16} \frac{1}{x'^2}, & \langle (\mathbf{v}_i \cdot \mathbf{v}_j)(\mathbf{v}_i \cdot \mathbf{v}_k) \rangle &= \frac{3}{16} \frac{1}{x'^2}, \\
 \langle (\mathbf{v}_i \cdot \mathbf{v}_j)(\mathbf{v}_k \cdot \mathbf{v}_\ell) \rangle &= \frac{15}{16} \frac{1}{x'^2}, & \left\langle \frac{(\mathbf{v}_i \cdot \mathbf{v}_j)(\mathbf{v}_i \cdot \mathbf{v}_k)(\mathbf{v}_i \cdot \mathbf{v}_\ell)}{v_i^2} \right\rangle &= \frac{7}{16} \frac{1}{x'^2}
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $i, j, k, \ell = 1, 2, 3, 4$  and  $i \neq j \neq k \neq \ell$ .

→ Final result

$$\langle \sigma v^3 \rangle = \frac{1201}{245760 \sqrt{3} \pi \Lambda^8 x'^2}$$

# Numerical analysis

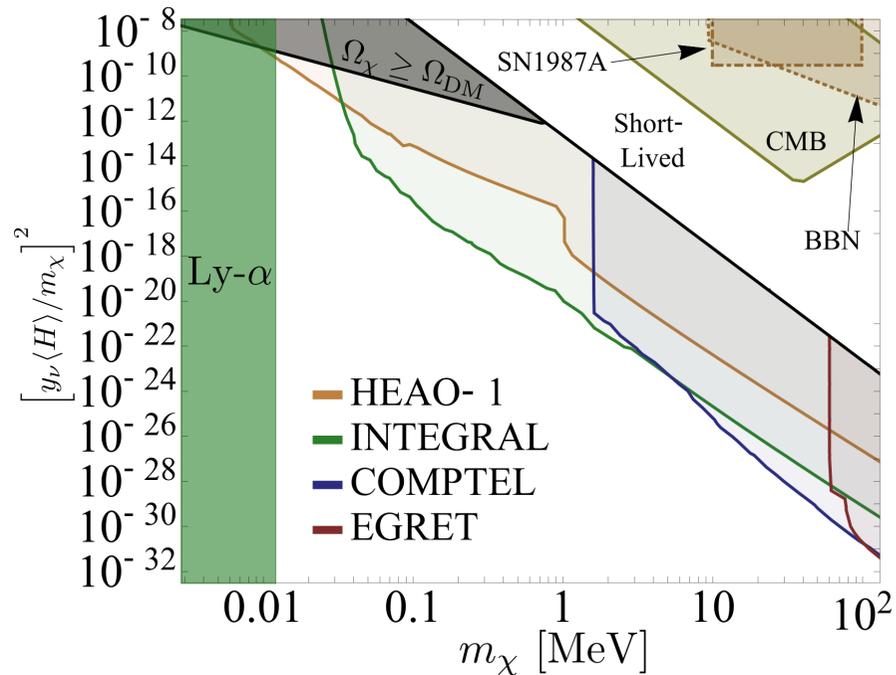
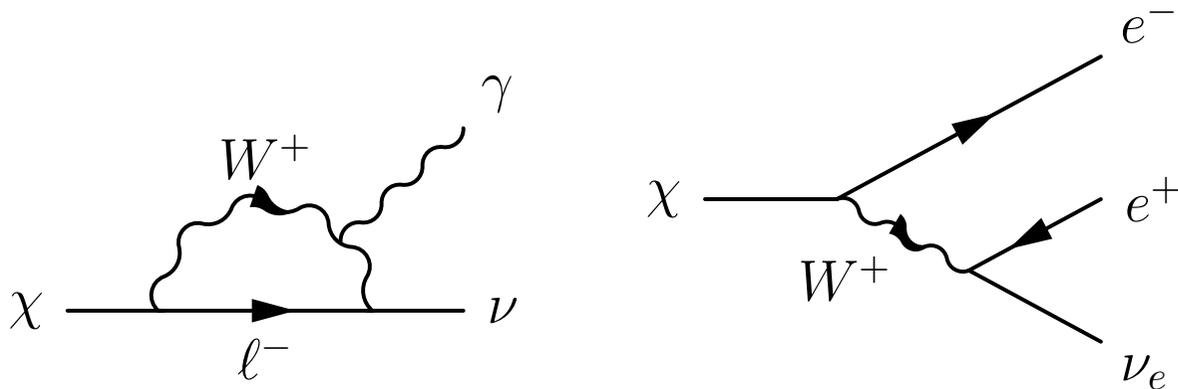


- Relativistic decoupling ( $x'_f < 3$ ) is not considered here.
- Constraint of collision of bullet cluster:  

$$\sigma_{\text{self}}/m_\chi = m_\chi/(72\pi\Lambda^4) \leq 1 \text{ cm}^2/\text{g}.$$
- DM mass range:  $500 \text{ keV} \lesssim m_\chi \lesssim 20 \text{ GeV}$

# Gamma-ray emission

$\chi \rightarrow \nu\gamma$ ,  $\chi \rightarrow e^+e^-\nu$  occurs through  $y_\nu$ , gamma-rays are produced.



$$\Gamma_{\chi \rightarrow \nu\gamma} = \frac{9\alpha_{\text{em}} G_F^2 m_\chi^5}{(4\pi)^4} \left( \frac{y_\nu \langle H \rangle}{m_\chi} \right)^2,$$

$$\Gamma_{\chi \rightarrow e^+e^-\nu} = \frac{0.59 G_F^2 m_\chi^5}{24\pi^3} \left( \frac{y_\nu \langle H \rangle}{m_\chi} \right)^2$$

$$\rightarrow \text{Constraint: } y_\nu \lesssim 10^{-16} \left( \frac{\text{MeV}}{m_\chi} \right)^{3/2}$$

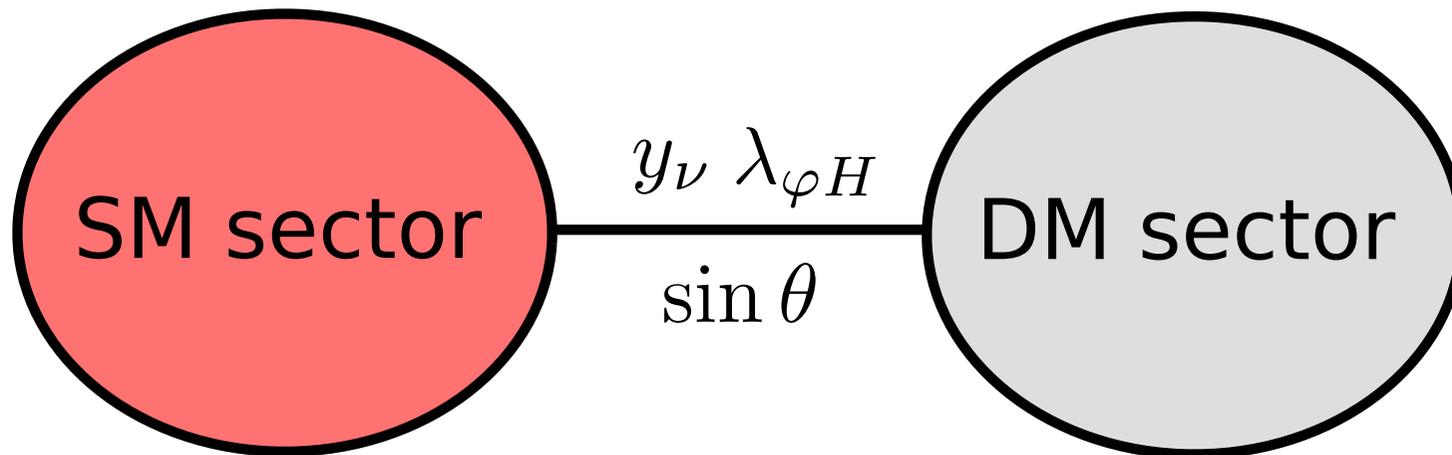
$\rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_2$  symmetry?

# Singlet fermion SIMP (toy model)

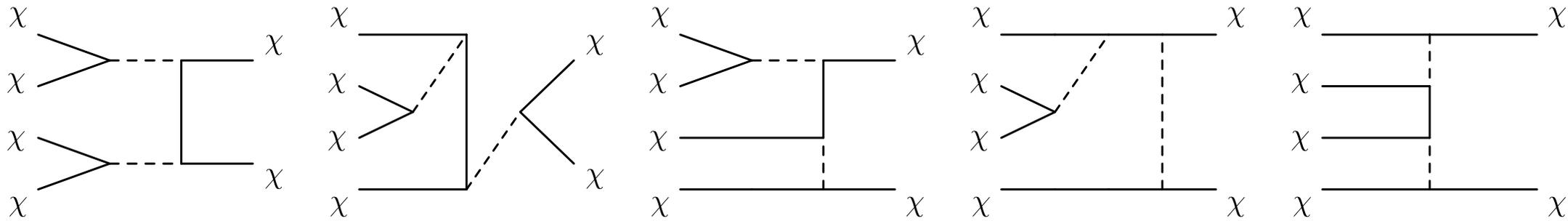
- Add Majorana fermion  $\chi$  (DM) and scalar mediator  $\varphi$ .

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{y_\varphi}{2}\varphi\bar{\chi}^c\chi - y_\nu H\bar{\chi}L - \frac{\lambda_{\varphi H}}{2}\varphi^2|H|^2$$

- Assume dark sector  $(\chi, \varphi)$  is weakly coupled with SM sector via  $y_\nu$ ,  $\lambda_{\varphi H} \ll 1$ .
- Mixing angle between  $h$  and  $\varphi$  ( $\sin\theta \ll 1$ ) is also small.
- $y_\varphi$  is large  $\rightarrow$  SIMP



# Computation of 4-to-2 cross section



- Classified into 5 topologies.

- First diagram  $\sim \bar{v}(p_4)u(p_3)\bar{v}(p_2)u(p_1) \sim v^2 \rightarrow \overline{|\mathcal{M}|^2} \sim v^4$   
Naively second, third, fourth diagrams are  $\rightarrow \overline{|\mathcal{M}|^2} \propto v^2$ ,  
Fifth diagram:  $\rightarrow \overline{|\mathcal{M}|^2} \propto 1$

- But, total amplitude square is proportional to  $v^4$  ( $d$ -wave) due to Pauli exclusion principle.

# Thermal average of cross section

Final result

$$\langle \sigma v^3 \rangle = \frac{27\sqrt{3}y_\varphi^8 \sum_{n=0}^8 a_n \xi^n}{245760\pi m_\chi^8 (16 - \xi)^2 (4 - \xi)^4 (2 + \xi)^6 x'^2}$$

where  $\xi = m_\varphi^2/m_\chi^2 \geq 4$

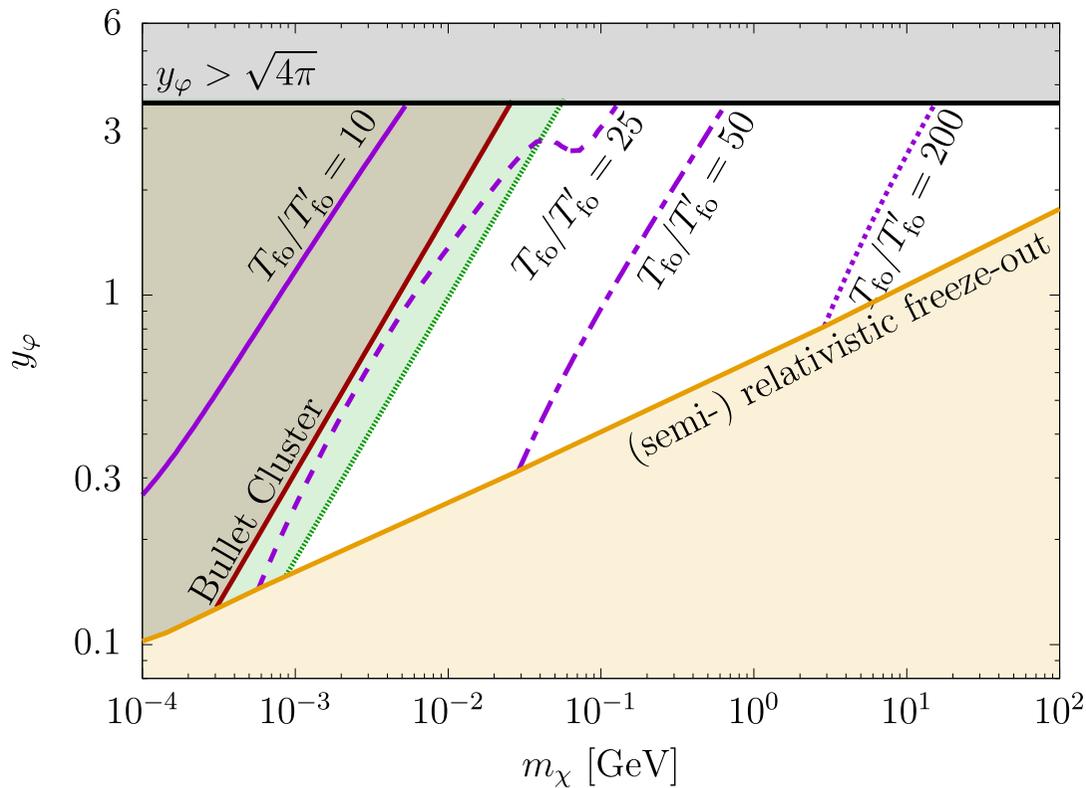
$$\begin{aligned} a_0 &= 2467430400, & a_1 &= -1648072704, \\ a_2 &= 491804416, & a_3 &= -25463616, \\ a_4 &= 4824144, & a_5 &= -1528916, \\ a_6 &= 473664, & a_7 &= -35259, \\ a_8 &= 1201. \end{aligned}$$

When  $\xi \gg 1$ , this coincides with effective self-interaction case

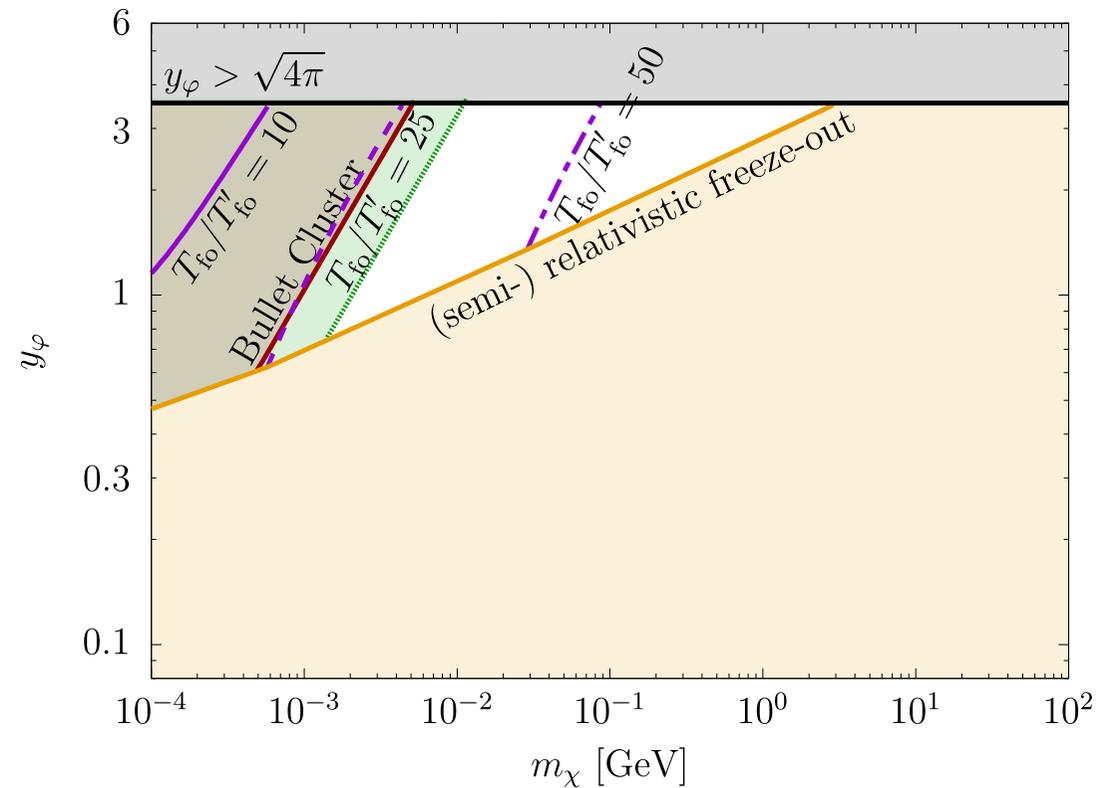
- Resonances at  $m_\varphi = 2m_\chi, 4m_\chi$ .
- Difficult to compute around resonances due to multi-dimensional integrals.

# Numerical analysis

$$m_\varphi/m_\chi = 3$$



$$m_\varphi/m_\chi = 10$$



- Perturbativity  $y_\varphi \leq \sqrt{4\pi} \approx 3.55$ .
- Relativistic decoupling ( $x'_f < 3$ ) is not considered.
- Constraint of bullet cluster:  $\sigma_{\text{self}}/m_\chi = y_\varphi^4 m_\chi / (8\pi m_\varphi^4) \leq 1 \text{ cm}^2/\text{g}$ .

# Boltzmann equation

Assumptions:

- Quantum statistics is neglected  
→ Assume always Boltzmann statistics
- Initial condition:  $n_\chi = 0, \rho_\chi = 0$ .
- DM and SM sectors are separately thermal eq. ( $T \neq T'$ ).

One can find DM temperature solving the Boltzmann eq.

$$\frac{dn_\chi}{dt} + 3Hn_\chi = 2\Gamma_h \frac{g_h m_h^2 m_\chi}{2\pi^2 x} K_2 \left( \frac{m_h}{m_\chi} x \right) - \langle \sigma v^3 \rangle (n_\chi^4 - n_\chi^2 n_\chi^{\text{eq}2})$$

$$\frac{d\rho_\chi}{dt} + CH\rho_\chi = m_h \Gamma_h n_h^{\text{eq}}$$

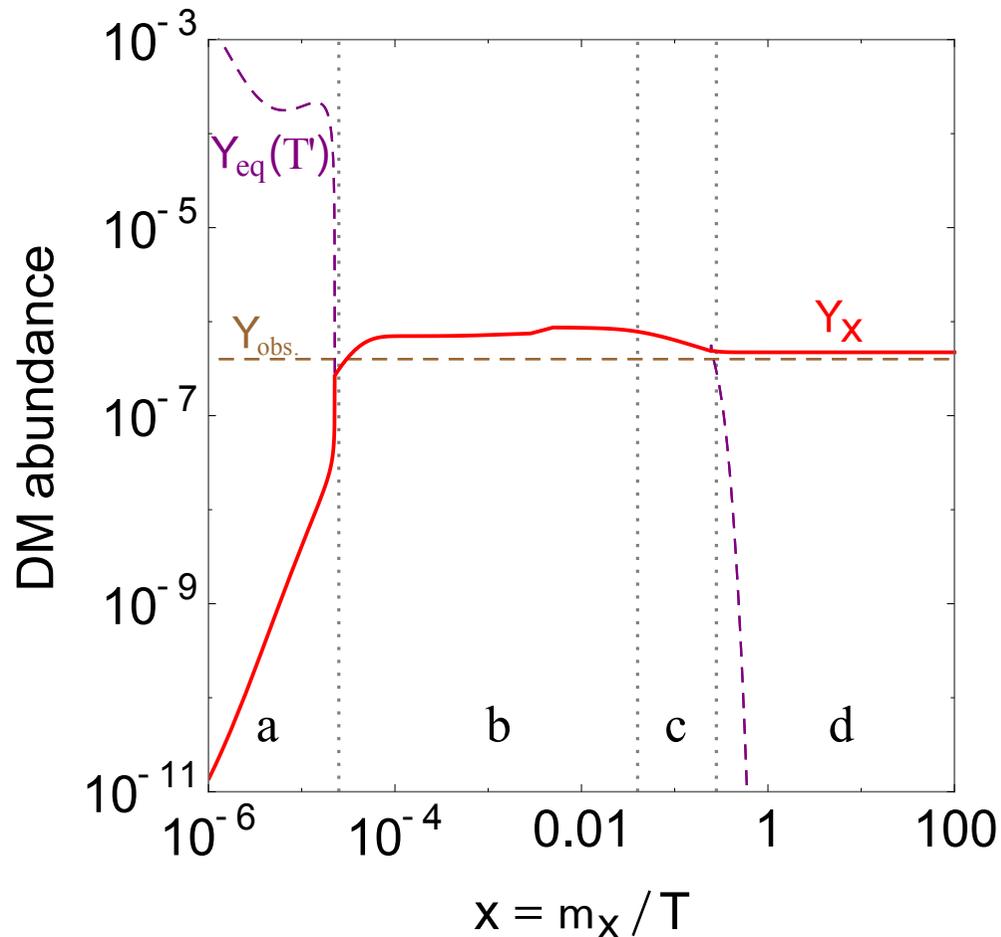
where  $3 \leq C \leq 4$  and  $\Gamma_h = \Gamma_{h \rightarrow \varphi\varphi} + \Gamma_{h \rightarrow \chi\chi}$ .

$(\lambda_{\varphi H}) \quad (\sin \theta)$

$$\text{Temperature } T' \quad \Leftarrow \quad \frac{\rho_\chi}{m_\chi n_\chi} = F(x')$$

# Schematic picture

## Evolution of DM number density

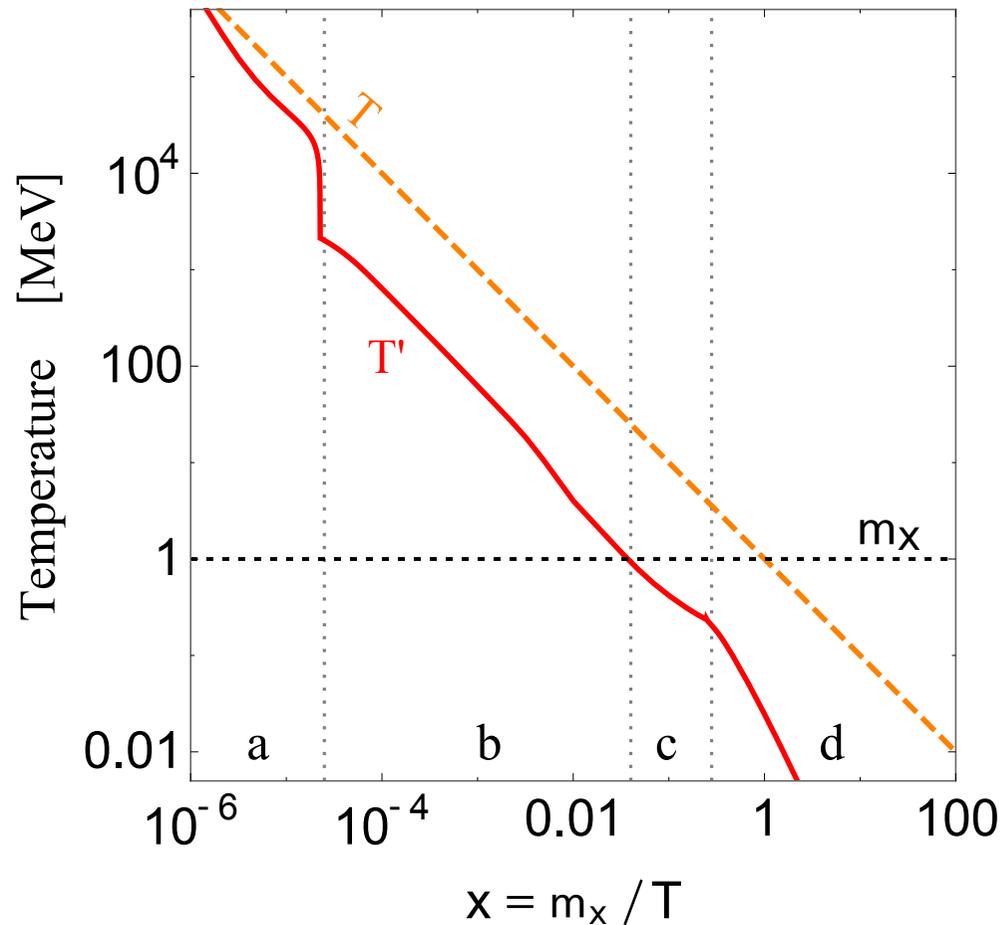


- Energy injection from SM sector to DM sector due to  $h \rightarrow \varphi\varphi, \chi\chi$ .
- $\chi\chi \rightarrow \chi\chi\chi\chi$  enters in dark thermal bath.  
 $\rightarrow n_\chi$  rapidly increases,  
 $T'$  decreases.
- DM is in dark thermal bath  
 $\rightarrow n_\chi = n_\chi^{\text{eq}}$ .
- When DM is non-relativistic, freeze-out occurs in DM sector as same as WIMP case.

N. Bernal, X. Chu, arXiv:1510.08527

# Schematic picture

Evolution of dark temperature  $T'$



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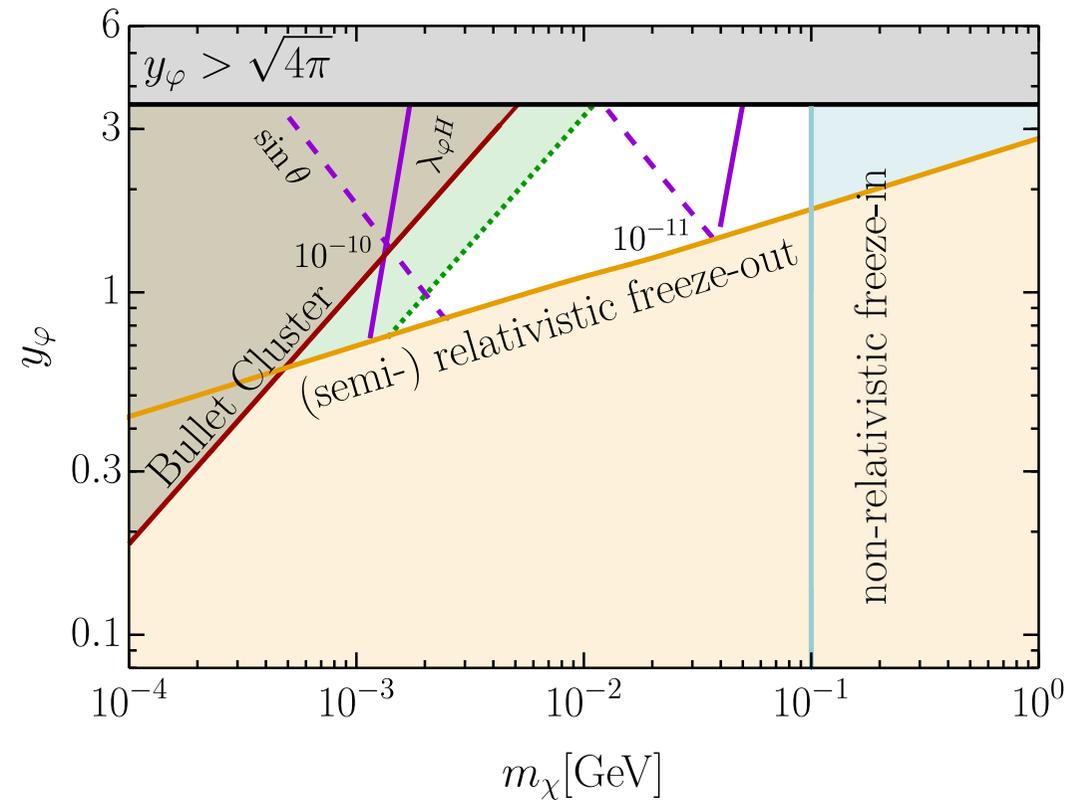
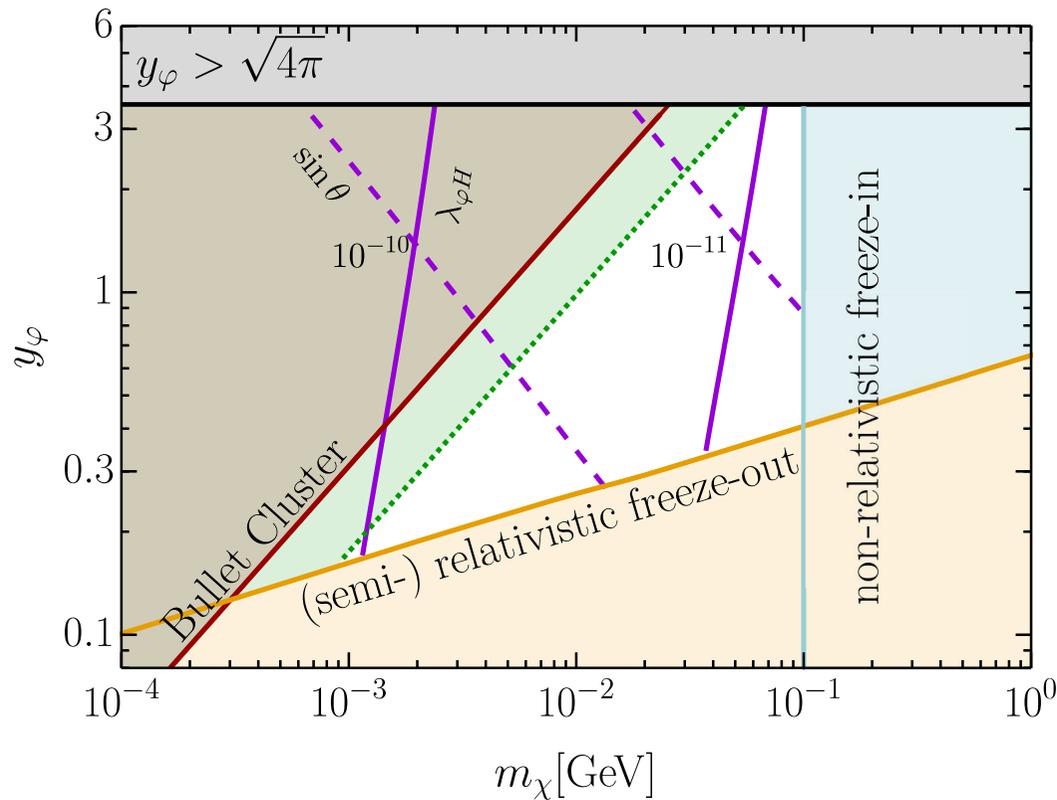
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# Magnitude of coupling

Contours of  $\lambda_{\varphi H}$  and  $\sin \theta$  in  $(m_\chi, y_\varphi)$  plane

$$m_\varphi/m_\chi = 3$$

$$m_\varphi/m_\chi = 10$$



- Temperature ratio  $T'/T$  is controlled by  $\lambda_{\varphi H}$ ,  $\sin \theta$ .
- $\lambda_{\varphi H} \lesssim 10^{-10}$ ,  $\sin \theta \lesssim 10^{-9}$ .

# Summary

- 1 We have considered a singlet fermion DM with large self-interaction.
- 2 4-to-2 cross section is always suppressed by  $d$ -wave due to Pauli exclusion principle.  
This does not depend on specific interactions.
- 3 We have considered very weak couplings between DM and SM ( $T' \neq T$ ). Typical magnitude of the couplings are  $\lesssim 10^{-9}$ .