

Quantum theory of dark matter scattering

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AK, Hee Jung Kim and Takumi Kuwahara, JHEP, 2020

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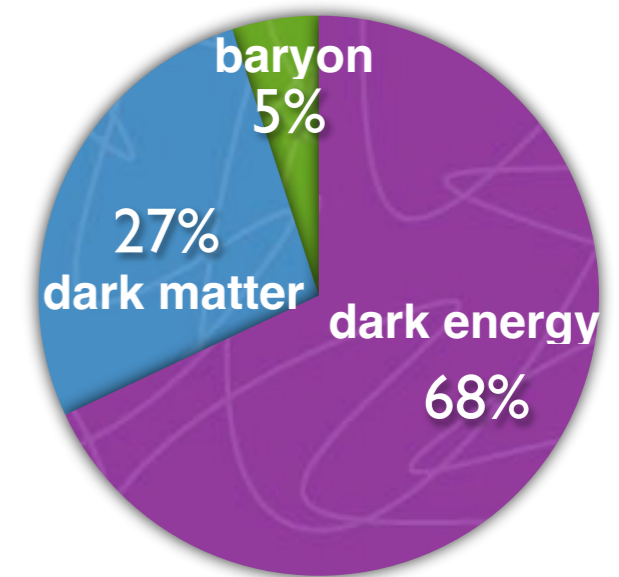
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Dark matter

Dark matter

- evident from cosmological observations
 - cosmic microwave background (CMB)...
- **one of the biggest mysteries**
 - astronomy, cosmology, particle physics...



cosmic energy budget

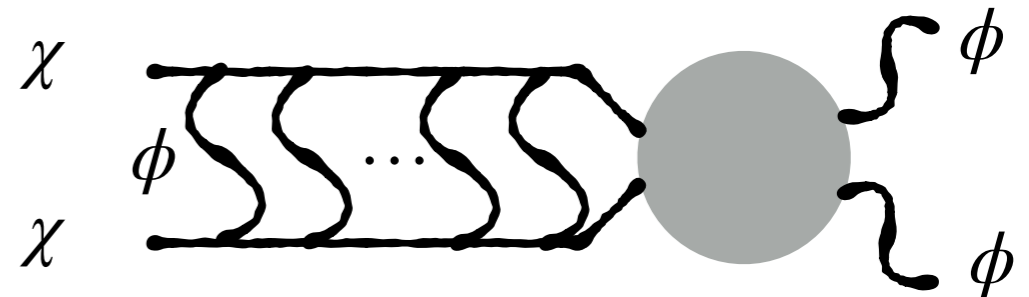
Long-range force

- mediator lighter than the dark matter
- electroweak-scale or lighter dark matter
 - new dark force (e.g., dark photon)
- TeV-scale dark matter (e.g., weak multiplet)
 - weak force

Sommerfeld enhancement

Distortion of wave function

- multiple exchanges of a mediator
- non-perturbative but described by the Schrödinger equation (later)



Enhanced annihilation

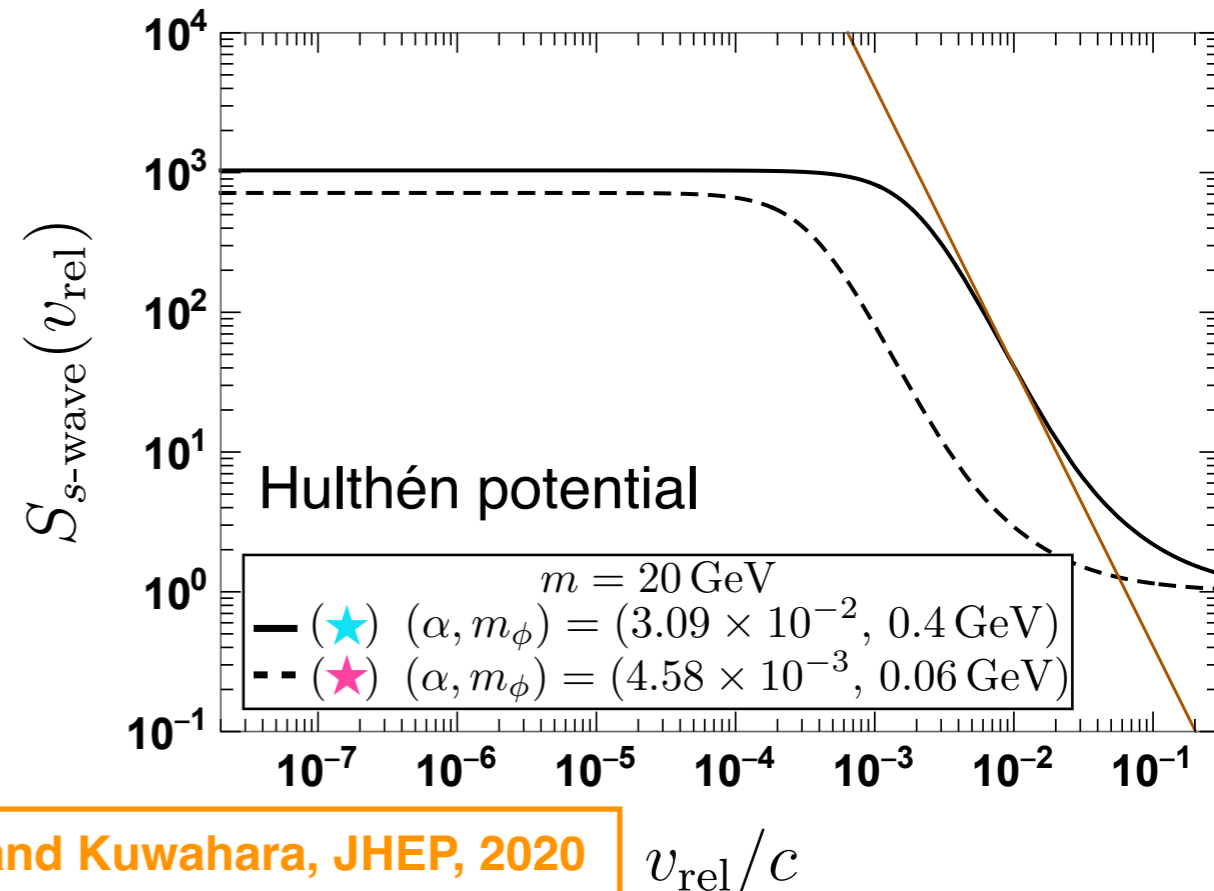
- annihilation cross section is enhanced at low velocity

$$(\sigma_{\text{ann}} v_{\text{rel}}) = S(\sigma_{\text{ann}}^{(0)} v_{\text{rel}})$$

- without potential

- Sommerfeld enhancement factor

- larger cross section in the late Universe than the thermal one



Indirect detection

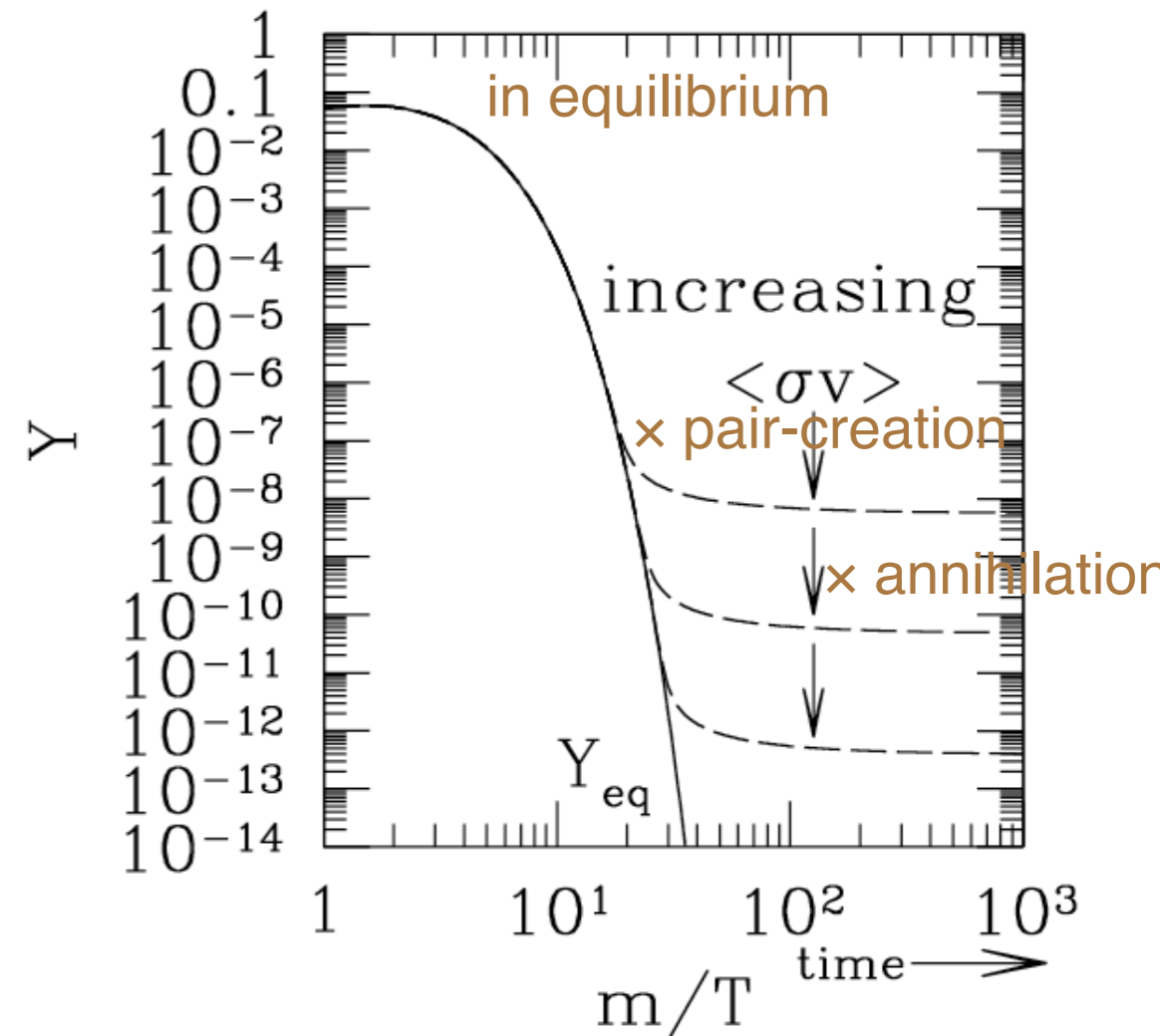
Canonical cross section

- thermal freeze-out (annihilation in the early Universe) $v_{\text{rel}} \simeq 1/2$

$$\Omega h^2 = 0.1 \times \frac{3 \times 10^{-26} \text{ cm}^3/\text{s}}{\langle \sigma_{\text{ann}} v \rangle}$$

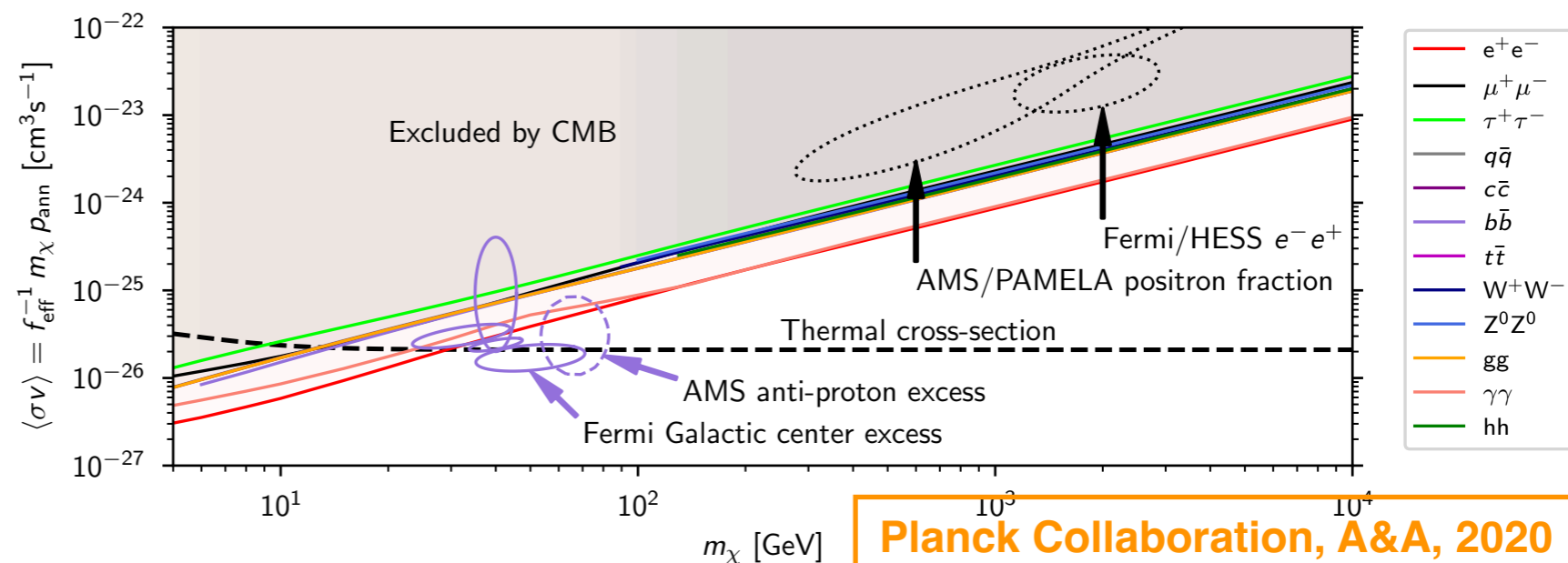
- requires a weak-scale annihilation cross section

$$\langle \sigma_{\text{ann}} v \rangle \simeq 1 \text{ pb} \times c$$



CMB constraints

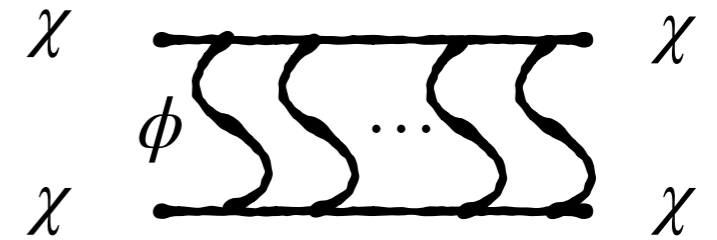
- energy deposit around the last scattering



Self-scattering

The same light mediator

- non-perturbative (multiple exchanges) when the distortion of wave function is significant
- again described by the Schrödinger equation (later)

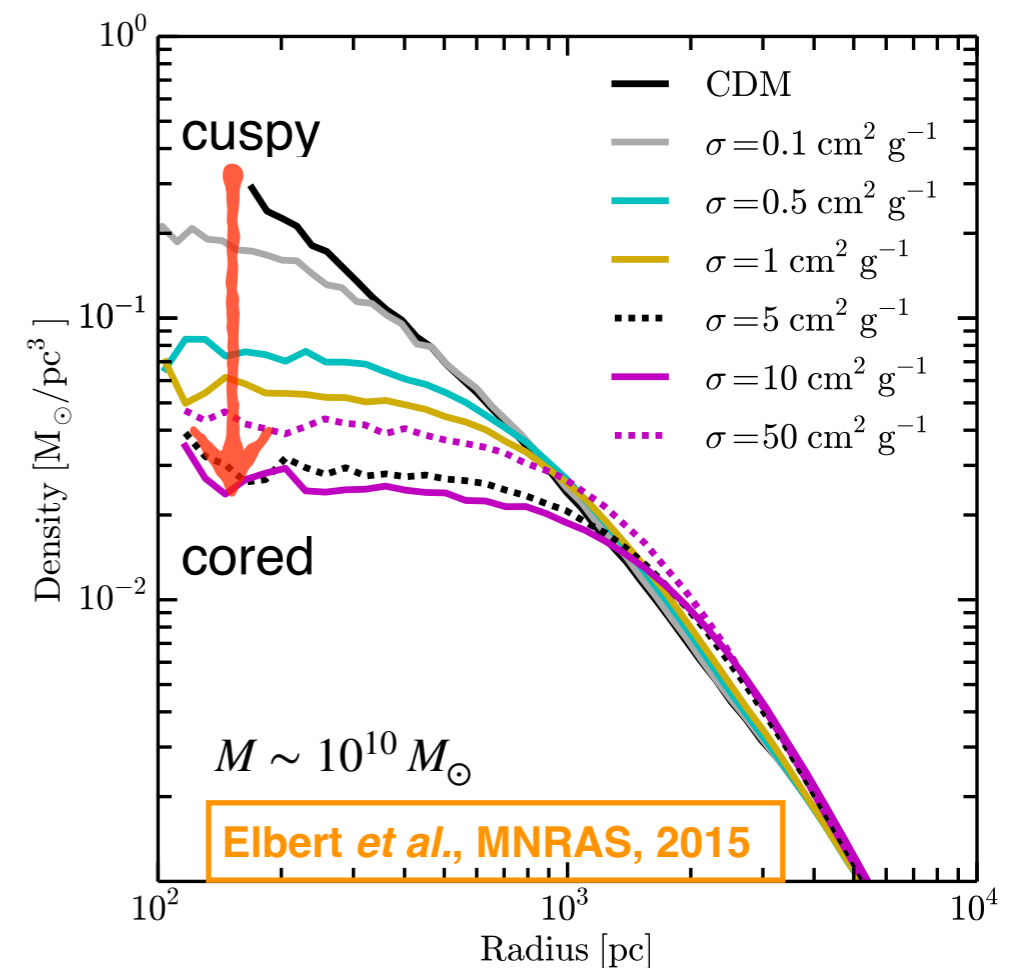


Self-interacting dark matter

- interactions **among** dark matter particles

$$\sigma/m \sim 1 \text{ cm}^2/\text{g} \sim 1 \text{ barn}/\text{GeV}$$

- dark matter density profile inside a halo turns from cuspy to cored



Velocity dependence

Self-interacting dark matter

- cored profile “appear to” provide better fit to astronomical data
- “data” points from astrophysical observations of various size halos

Light mediator

- introduce a velocity dependence, which is compatible with “data”

- MW satellites

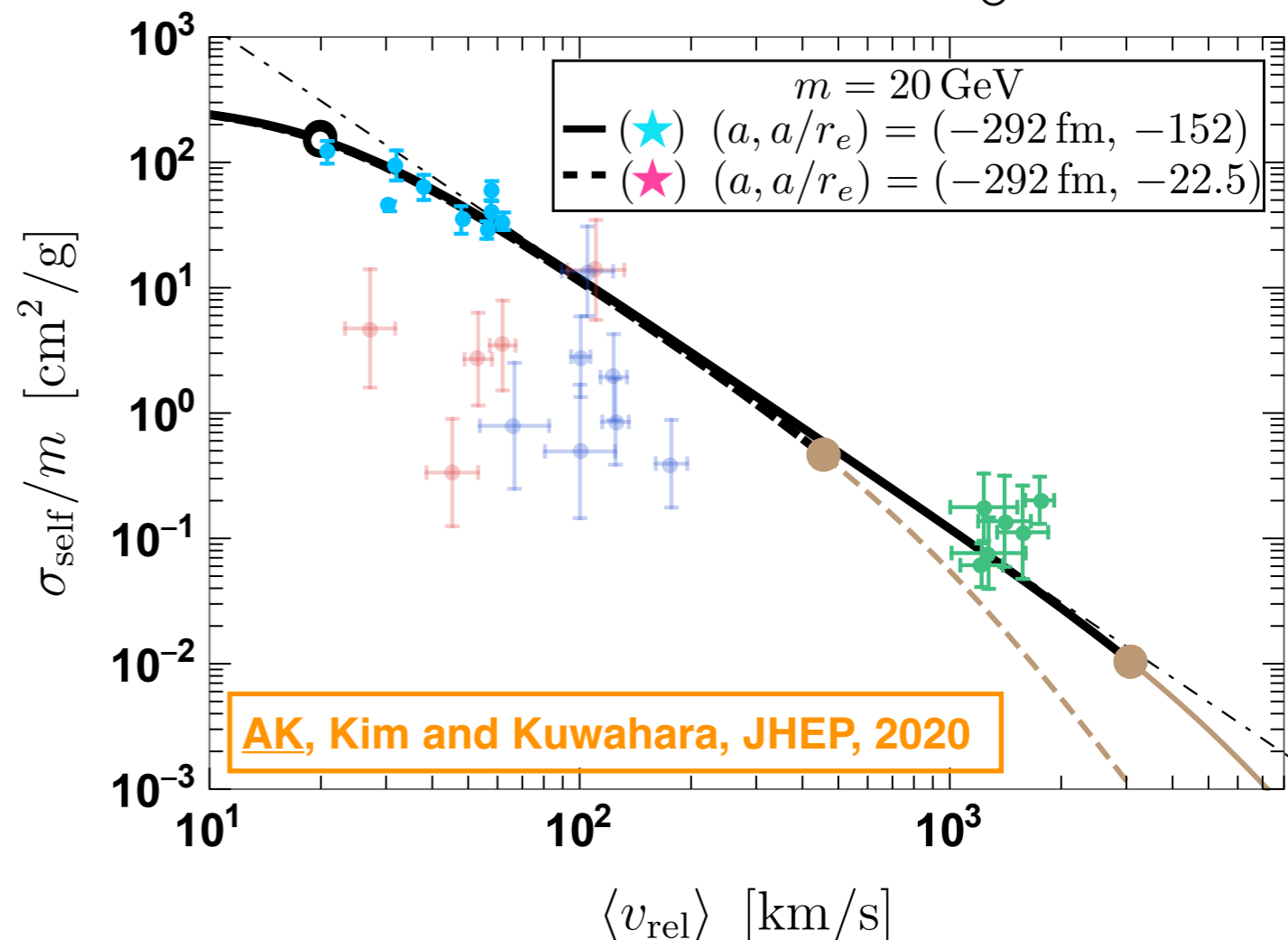
$$M_{\text{infall}} \sim 10^9 M_{\odot}$$

- dwarf spiral galaxies

$$M \sim 10^{11} M_{\odot}$$

- galaxy clusters

$$M \sim 10^{14} M_{\odot}$$

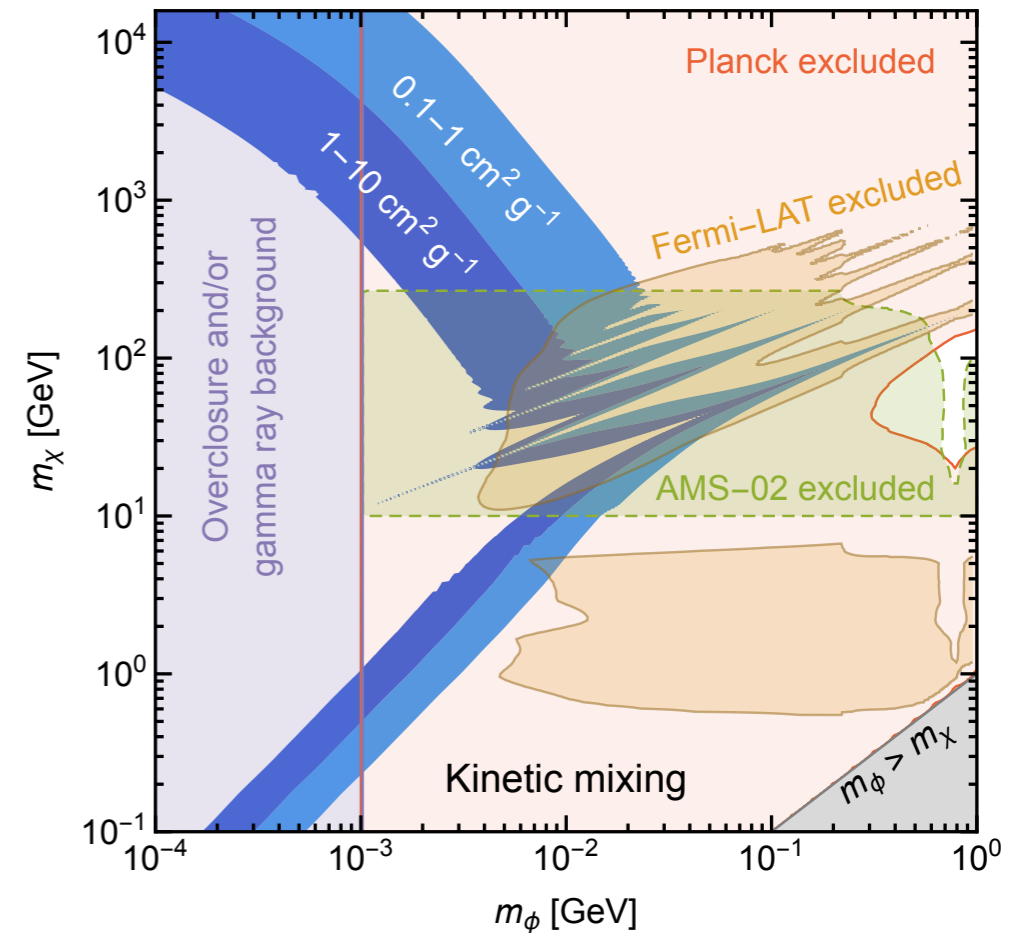


Correlation

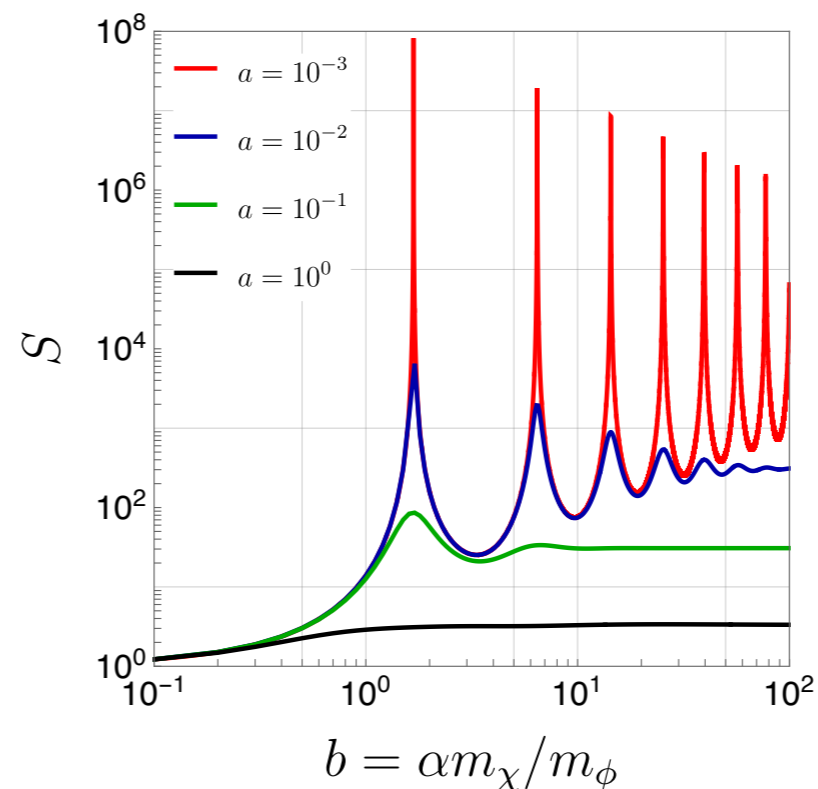
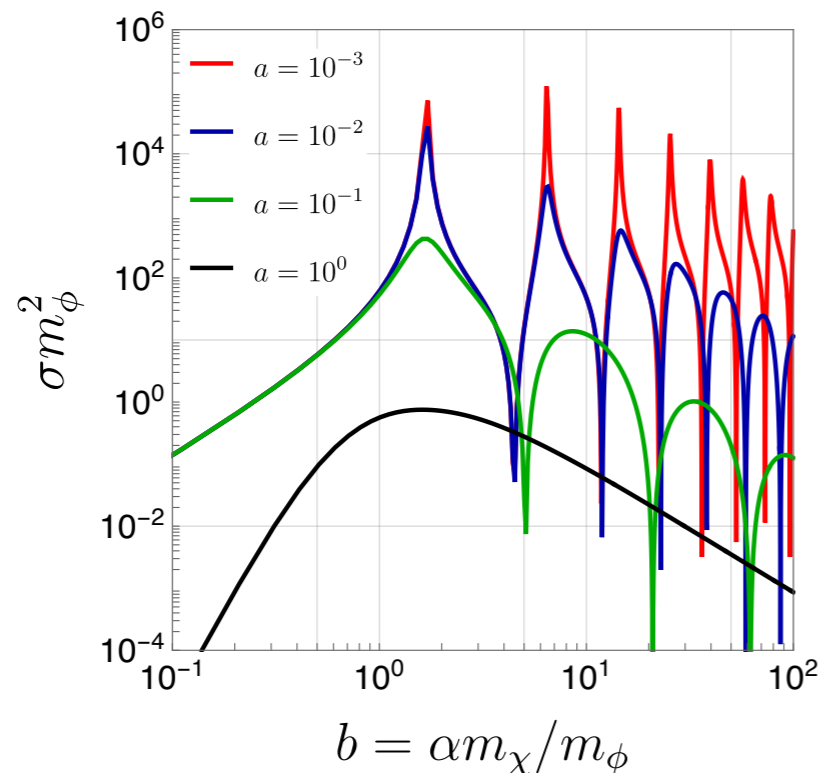
Sommerfeld enhancement and self-scattering

- some correlation is known
 - main obstacle in SIDM model building
 - resonant enhancement occurs at the same parameter point

Bringmann, Kahlhoefer, Schmidt-Hoberg and Walia, JHEP, 2020



- dark photon



- Yukawa potential

$$a = \frac{v_{\text{rel}}}{2\alpha_\chi}$$

$$b = \frac{\alpha_\chi m_\chi}{m_\phi}$$

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Scattering in quantum mechanics

Schrödinger equation

Weinberg, "Lectures on Quantum Mechanics"

$$\left[-\frac{1}{2\mu} \nabla^2 + V(r) \right] \psi_k(\vec{x}) = E \psi_k(\vec{x}) \quad E = \frac{k^2}{2\mu} \quad k = \mu v_{\text{rel}}$$

- potential from long-range force

- reduced mass ($\mu = m/2$ for identical particle)

- scattering state (energy-eigenstate of Schrödinger equation)

$$\psi_k(\vec{x}) \rightarrow e^{ikz} + f(k, \theta) \frac{e^{ikr}}{r} \quad r \rightarrow \infty$$

- (in-coming) plane wave

- scattering amplitude

- out-going spherical wave

Partial-wave decomposition

$$\psi_k(\vec{x}) = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} R_{k,\ell}(r) P_{\ell}(\cos \theta)$$

- radial Schrödinger equation

$$\left[\frac{1}{r^2} \frac{d}{dr} r^2 \frac{d}{dr} + k^2 - \frac{\ell(\ell+1)}{r^2} - 2\mu V(r) \right] R_{k,\ell}(r) = 0$$

Sommerfeld enhancement and self-scattering

Scattering phase

- radial wave function at infinity

$$R_{k,\ell}(r) \rightarrow \frac{\sin(kr - \frac{1}{2}\ell\pi + \delta_\ell)}{r} \quad r \rightarrow \infty$$

$$f(k, \theta) = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} (2\ell + 1) f_\ell(k) P_\ell(\cos \theta) \quad f_\ell(k) = \frac{e^{2i\delta_\ell} - 1}{2ik}$$

$$\sigma = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \sigma_\ell \quad \sigma_\ell = \frac{4\pi}{k^2} (2\ell + 1) \sin^2 \delta_\ell(k) \quad - \text{diagonalized S-matrix } S_\ell = e^{2i\delta_\ell}$$

Sommerfeld enhancement

Iengo, JHEP, 2009

Cassel, J.Phys.G, 2010

- radial wave function around the origin
- annihilation through the contact interaction (delta function potential)

$$S_{k,\ell} = \left| \frac{R_{k,\ell}(r)}{R_{k,\ell}^{(0)}(r)} \right|^2 \quad r \rightarrow 0$$

- without potential

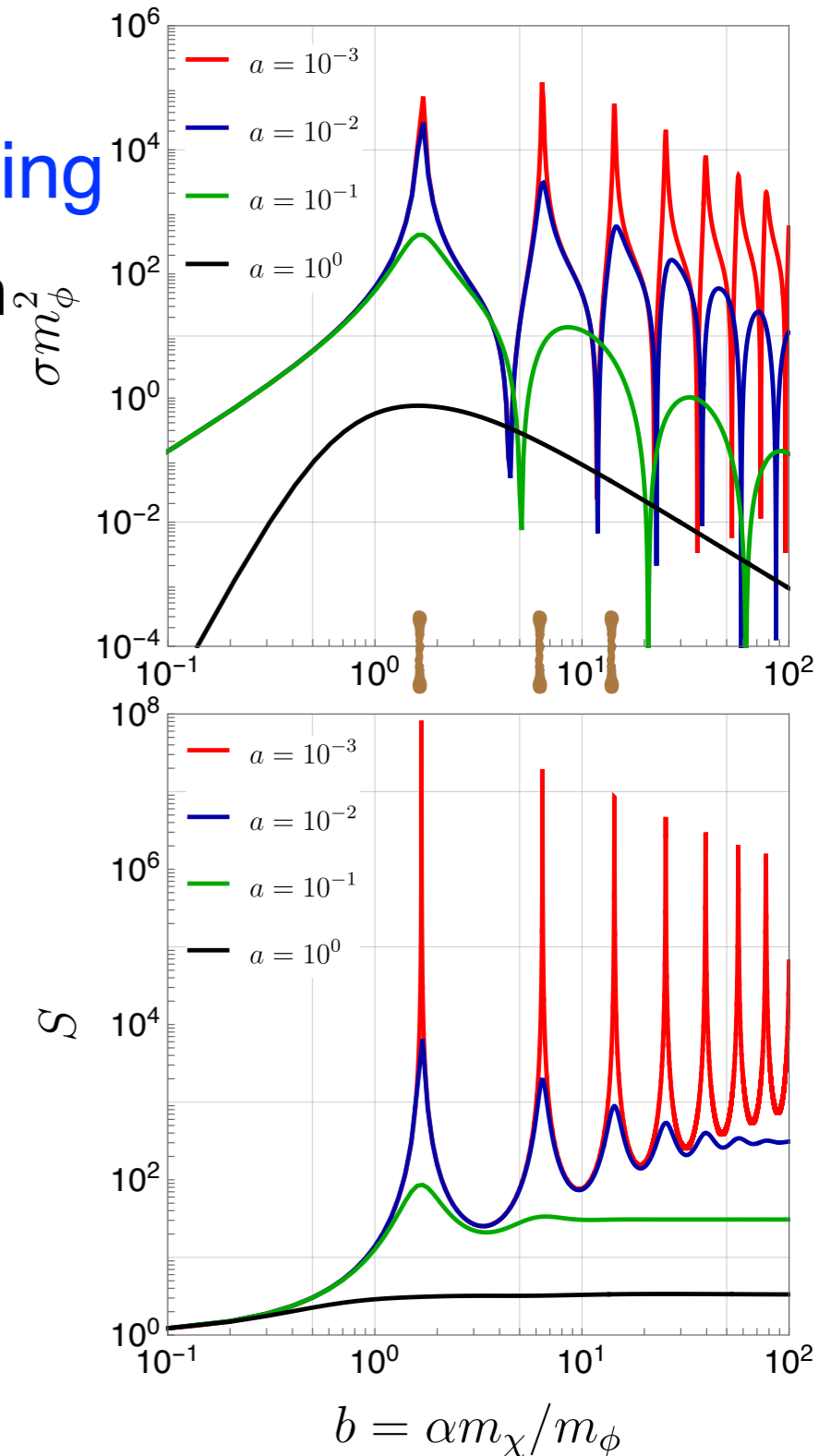
Correlation

Sommerfeld enhancement and self-scattering

- determined by a single radial wave function
- not surprising that we see a correlation
 - resonances for the same parameter
- **still we want to formulate the direct relation**

Remarks

- hereafter ignore a contact interaction in the Schrödinger equation
 - not a problem unless the wave function is localized around the origin
 - at resonances (later) and quite small velocities, we need to take it into account; otherwise Unitarity is violated



Effective range theory

Analyticity of scattering amplitude

Chu, Garcia-Cely and Murayama, JCAP, 2020

$$f_\ell = \frac{1}{k \cot \delta_\ell - ik}$$

- effective range theory

$$k \rightarrow 0 \quad k^{2\ell+1} \cot \delta_\ell \rightarrow -\frac{1}{a_\ell^{2\ell+1}} + \frac{1}{2r_{e,\ell}^{2\ell-1}} k^2$$

- scattering length

- effective range

- $f_\ell \propto k^\ell k^\ell$ to make $f(\vec{k})$ an analytic function around $k = 0$

- initial

$$\ell = 1 \quad k \cos \theta = k_z$$

- final

- higher partial-wave is suppressed at low energy

Effective range theory

Yukawa potential

- s-wave

$$k \cot \delta_0 \rightarrow -\frac{1}{a_0} + \frac{r_{e,0}}{2} k^2$$

- **on resonance** $a_0 \rightarrow \infty$

- around resonances

- **shallow virtual state**

- non-normalizable

$$\kappa_b < 0$$

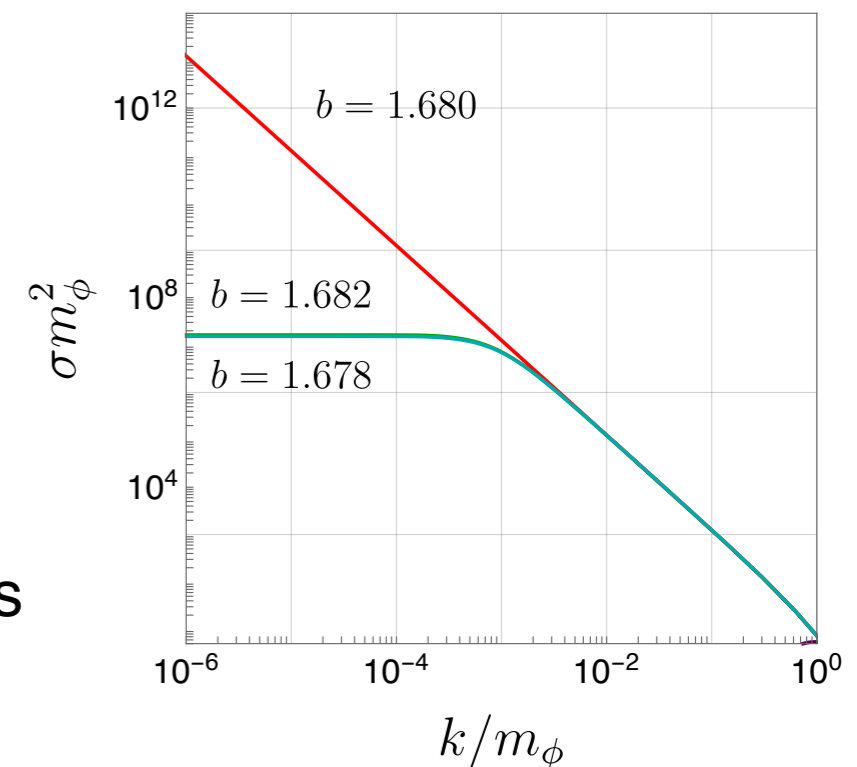
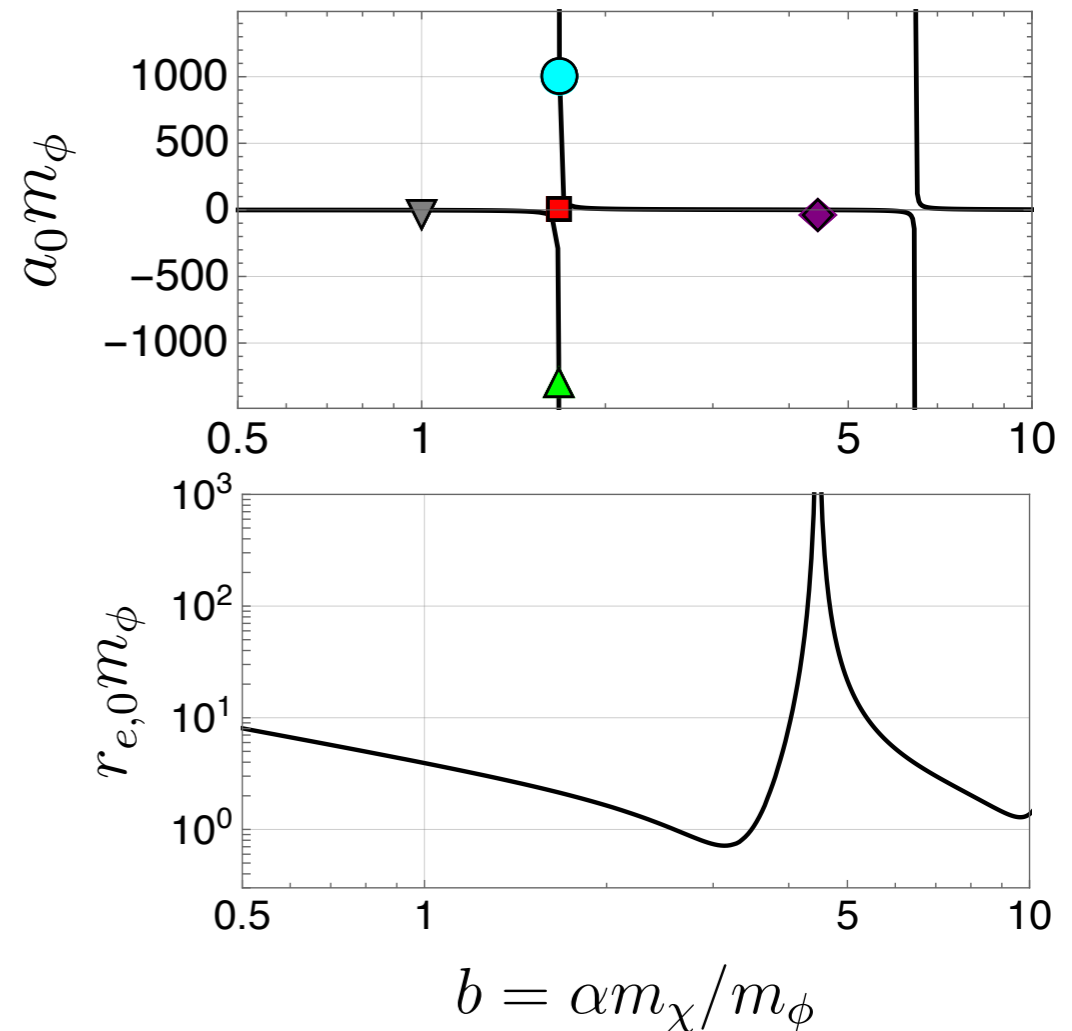
- **shallow bound state**

- pole of scattering amplitude $k = i\kappa_b$

$$\kappa_{b0} \approx \frac{1}{a_0} \quad \text{- s-wave} \quad \kappa_b > 0$$

$$\kappa_{b\ell}^2 \approx -\frac{2r_{e,\ell}^{2\ell-1}}{a_\ell^{2\ell+1}} \quad \text{- higher-partial waves}$$

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Watson theorem

Weinberg, "Lectures on Quantum Mechanics"

"In" and "out" states

- Lippmann-Schwinger equation $|\psi^\pm\rangle = |\phi\rangle + \frac{1}{E - H_0 \pm i\epsilon} V |\psi^\pm\rangle$
 - free $\epsilon > 0$
 - "+": in (far future)
 - "-": out (far past)
- S-matrix relates these two $|\psi_\alpha^+\rangle = \int d\beta S_{\beta\alpha} |\psi_\beta^-\rangle$

$$S_{\beta\alpha} = \langle \psi_\beta^- | \psi_\alpha^+ \rangle = \delta(\beta - \alpha) - 2i\pi\delta(E_\alpha - E_\beta) T_{\beta\alpha}$$

$$V |\psi_\alpha^+\rangle = \int d\beta T_{\beta\alpha} |\phi_\beta\rangle$$


- in-state as a whole

- for partial waves $S_{\ell,\beta\alpha} = I_{\beta\alpha} + 2i\sqrt{\sigma_\alpha\sigma_\beta} T_{\ell,\beta\alpha}$ $\sigma_\alpha = \beta_\alpha \theta(k^2 - k_\alpha^2)$
- velocity

- $\psi_k^+(\vec{x}) \rightarrow e^{ikz} + f(k, \theta) \frac{e^{ikr}}{r}$ is actually in-state
- $r \rightarrow \infty$

- out-state $\psi_k^-(\vec{x}) \rightarrow e^{ikz} + f(k, \theta)^* \frac{e^{-ikr}}{r}$ $r \rightarrow \infty$

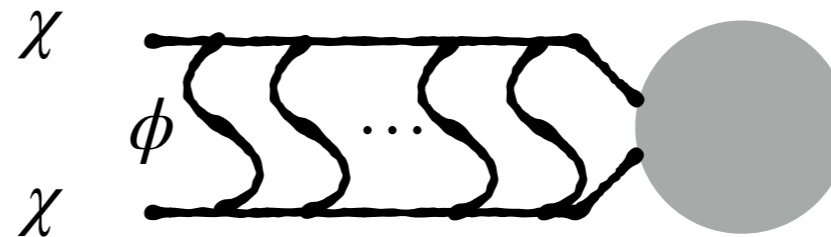
Watson theorem

Oller, "A Brief Introduction to Dispersion Relations"

Annihilation matrix element

$$\Gamma_\alpha(k^2 + i\epsilon) = \langle 0 | \Theta_\chi | \psi_{\alpha,k}^+ \rangle$$

- inserting out states



- in-state as a whole

$$\Gamma_\alpha(k^2 + i\epsilon) = \sum_\beta S_{\beta\alpha}(k) \langle 0 | \Theta_\chi | \psi_{\beta,k}^- \rangle = \sum_\beta S_{\beta\alpha}(k) \Gamma_\beta(k^2 - i\epsilon)$$

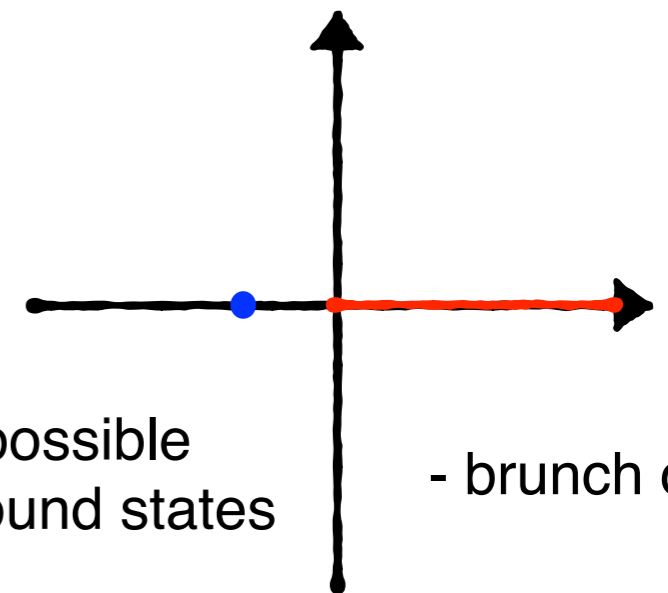
- assuming the real matrix element (T-invariance)

- complex k^2 plane

$$\Gamma_\alpha(k^2 + i\epsilon) = \sum_\beta S_{\beta\alpha}(k) \Gamma_\beta(k^2 + i\epsilon)^*$$

- for a partial wave

$$\Gamma_\ell(k^2 + i\epsilon) = e^{2i\delta_\ell} \Gamma_\ell(k^2 + i\epsilon)^*$$



- possible bound states

- brunch cut

Omnès solution

Omnès function

$$\Omega_\ell(k^2) = \exp[\omega_\ell(k^2)] \quad \omega(k^2) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\infty dq^2 \frac{\delta_\ell(q)}{q^2 - k^2}$$

- principal value

- computed by phase shift and reproduce the brunch cut

$$F_\ell(k^2) = \prod_{b_\ell} \frac{k^2}{k^2 + \kappa_{b,\ell}^2}$$

- rational function reproducing bound-state poles (need to know somehow)

$$\Gamma_\ell(k^2) = \Omega_\ell(k^2) F_\ell(k^2)$$

- from Liouville theorem

- we normalize $\delta_\ell(k) \rightarrow 0$ $\Gamma_\ell(k^2) \rightarrow 1$ $k^2 \rightarrow \infty$

- scattering phase and Sommerfeld enhancement are negligible at high velocity

Sommerfeld enhancement

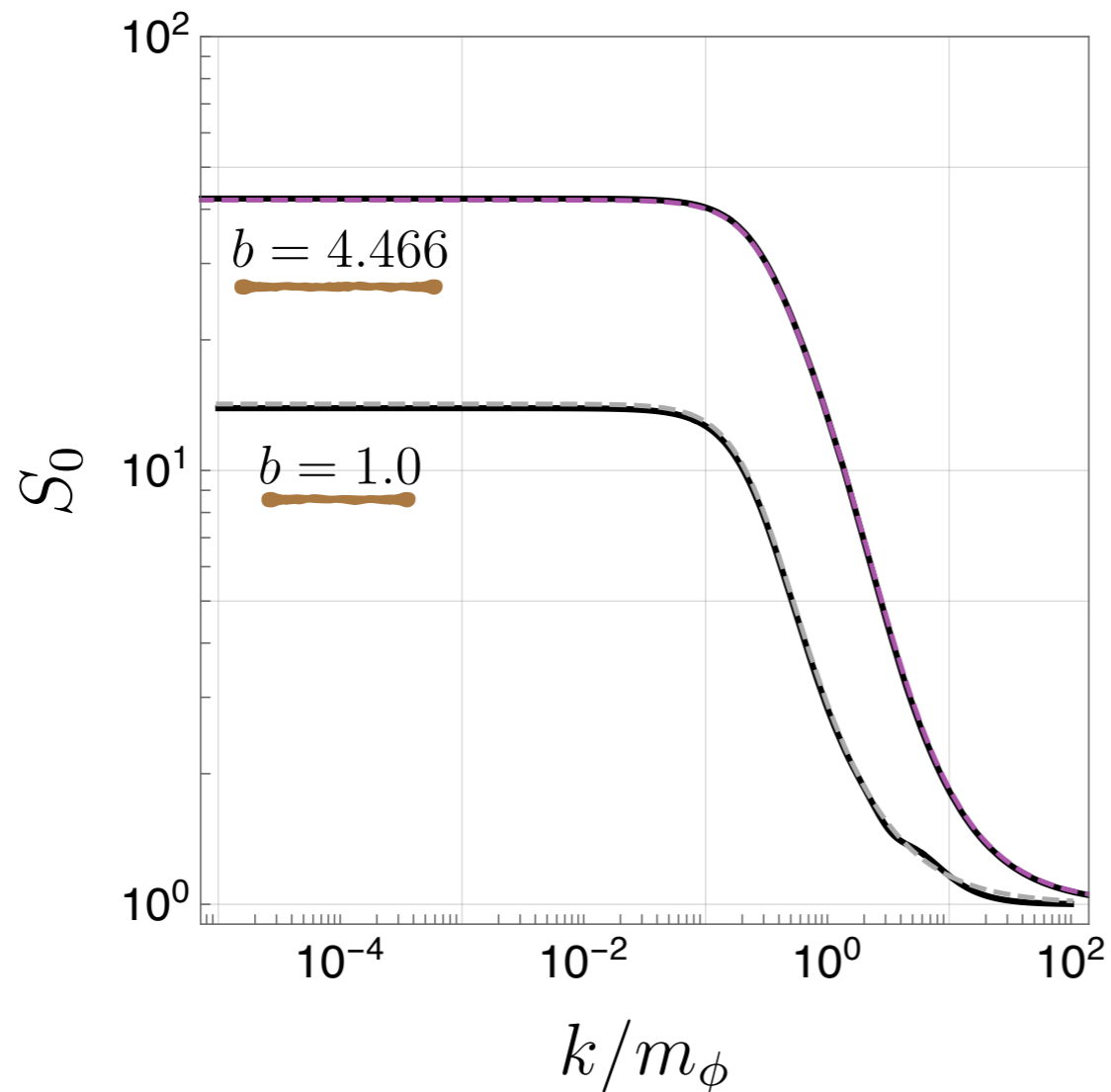
$$S_\ell = |\Gamma_\ell(k^2)|^2$$

Omnès solution

Yukawa potential

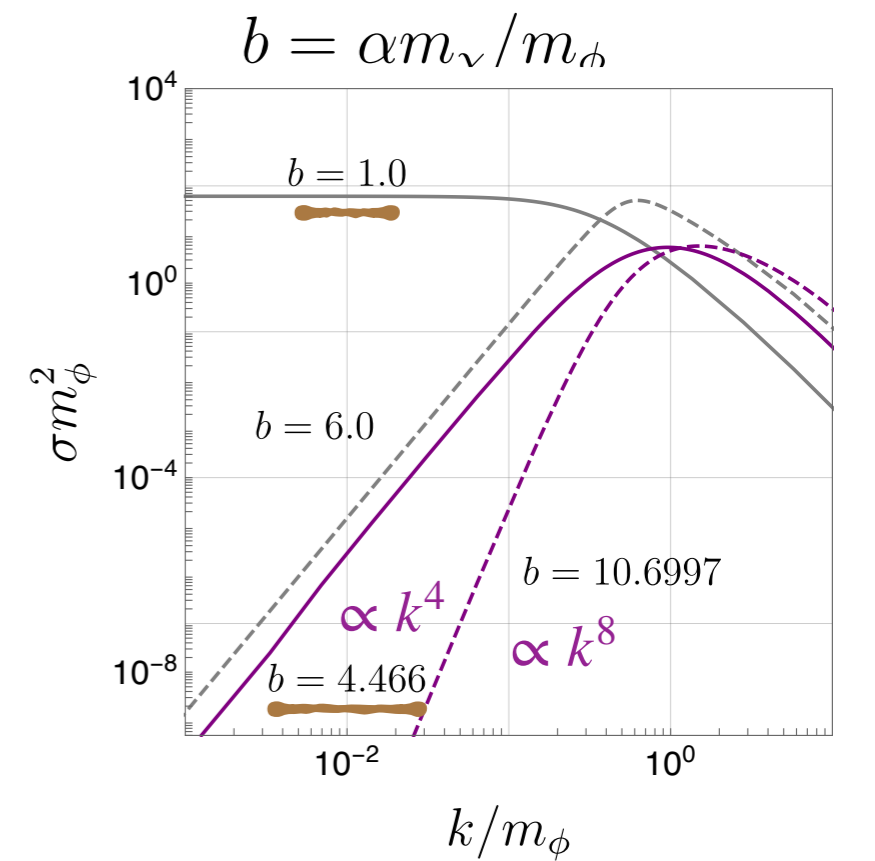
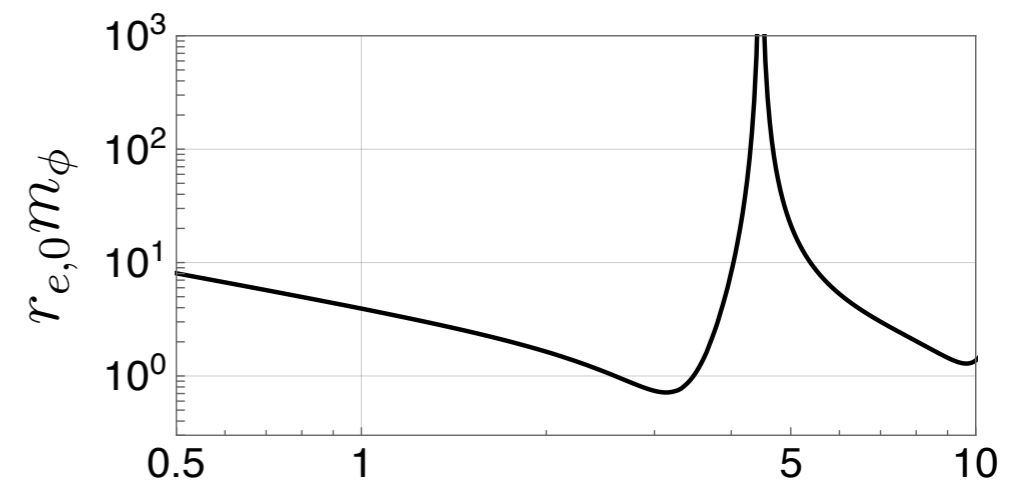
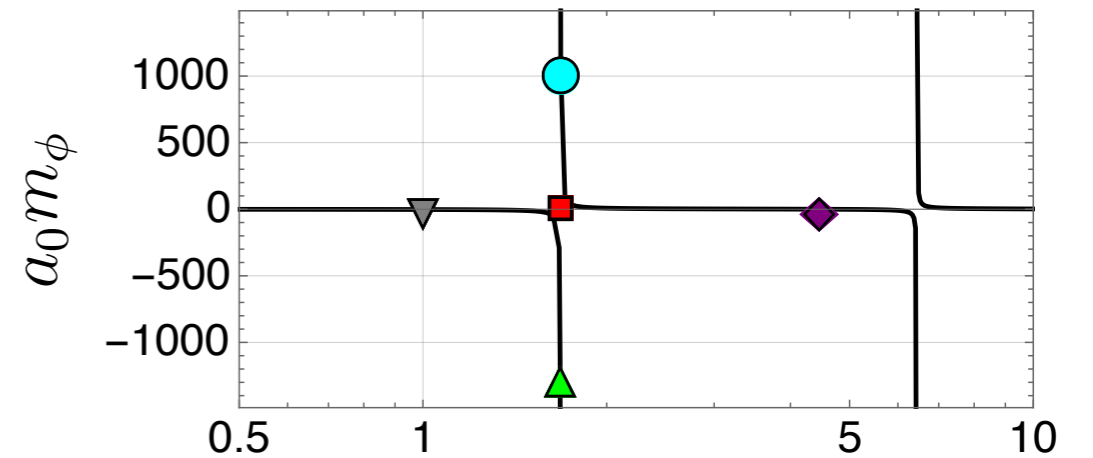
- s-wave

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- Omnès solution agrees with direct computation from scattering state

- with proper $F_0(k^2)$ (later)

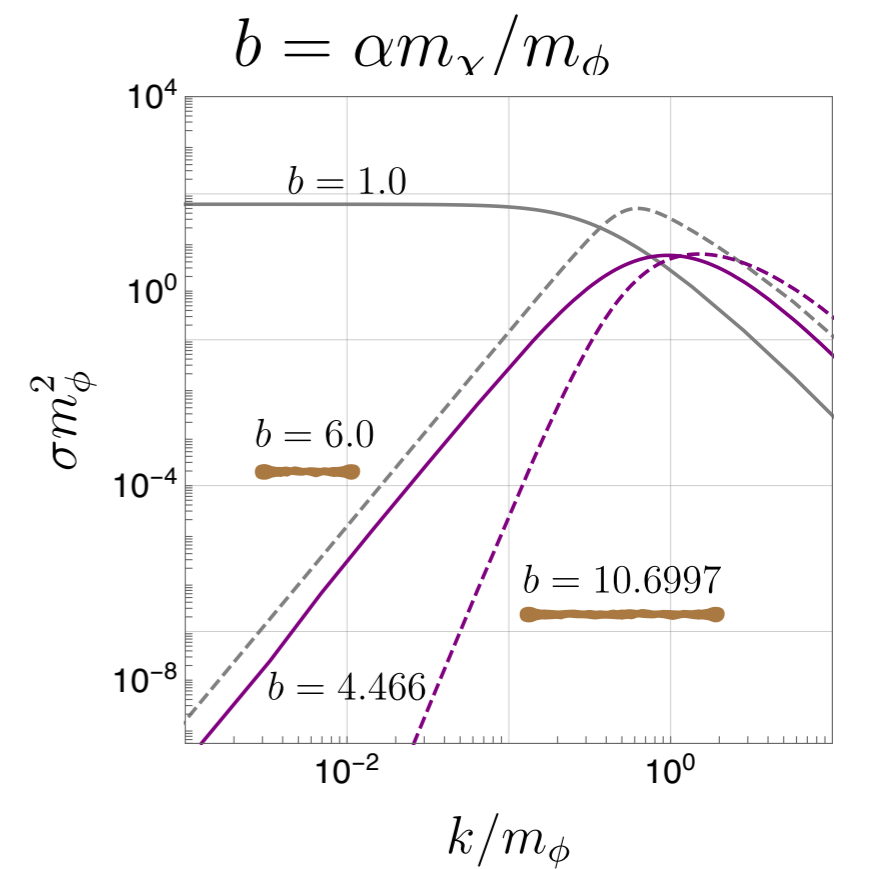
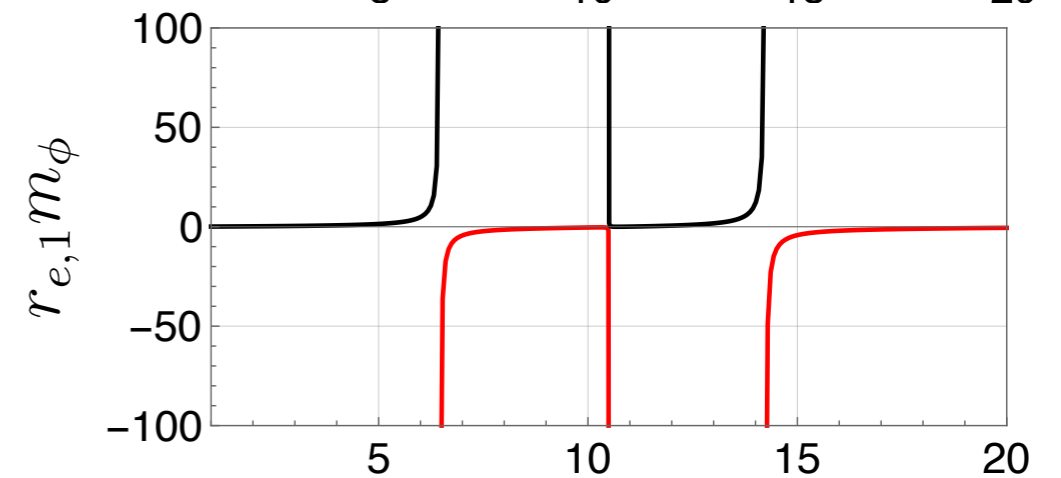
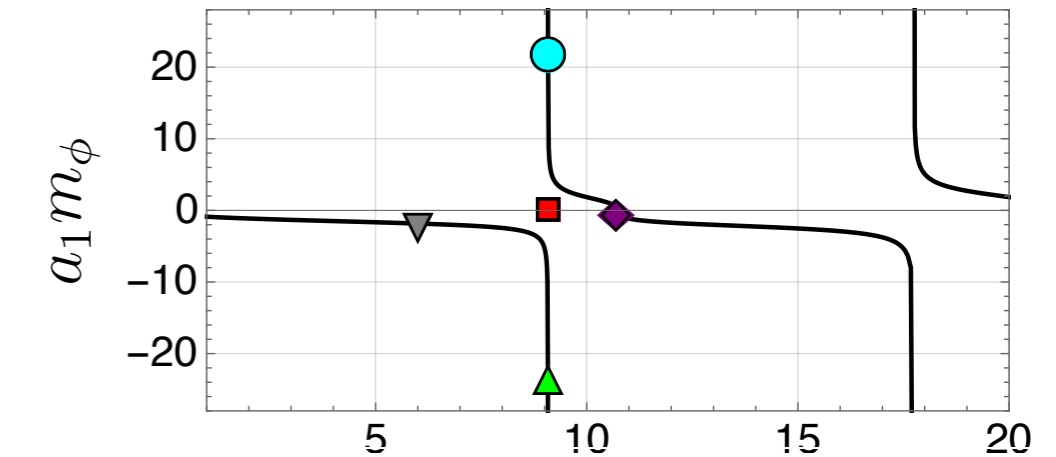
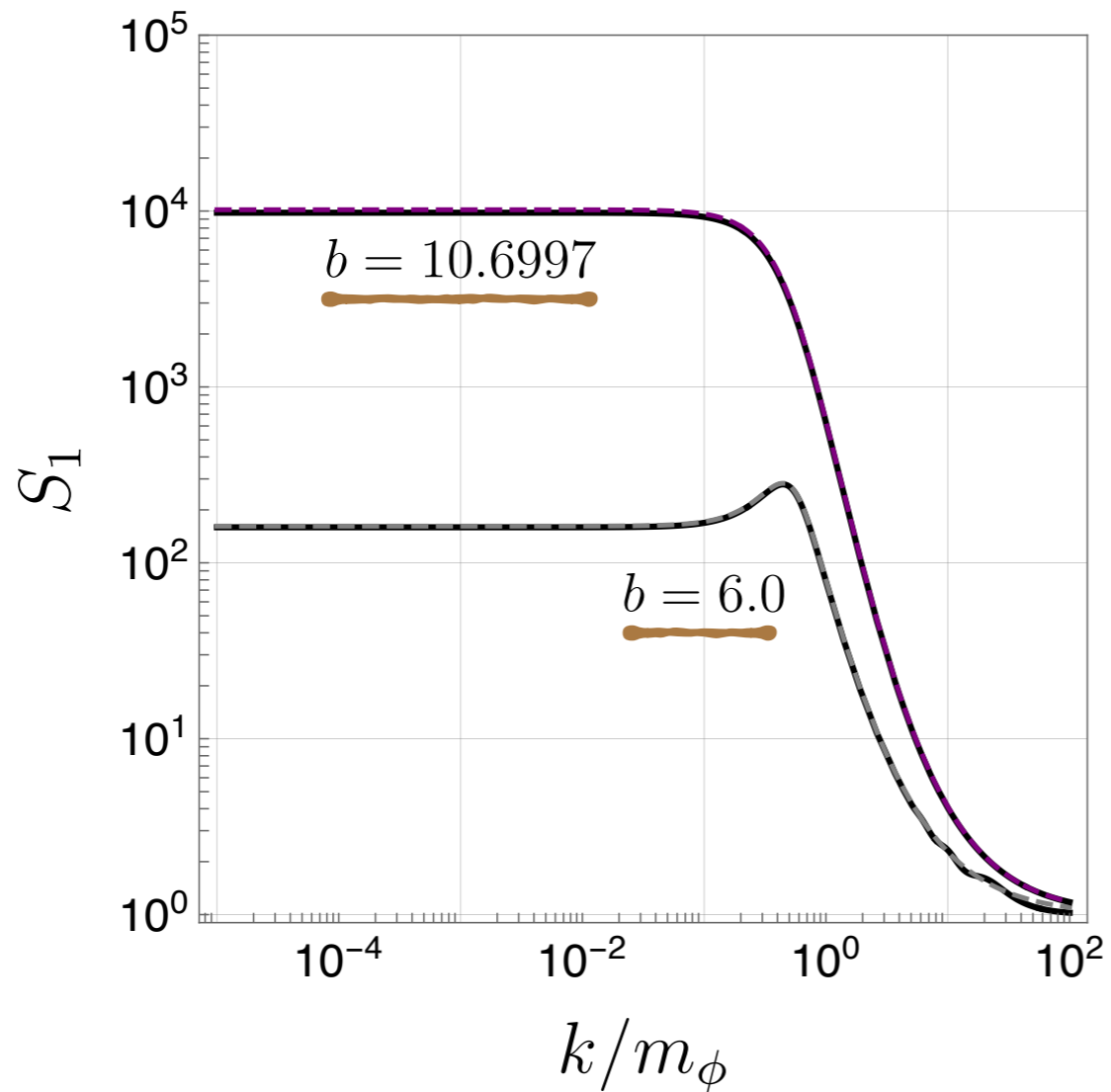


Omnès solution

Yukawa potential

- p-wave

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Around resonances

Effective range theory

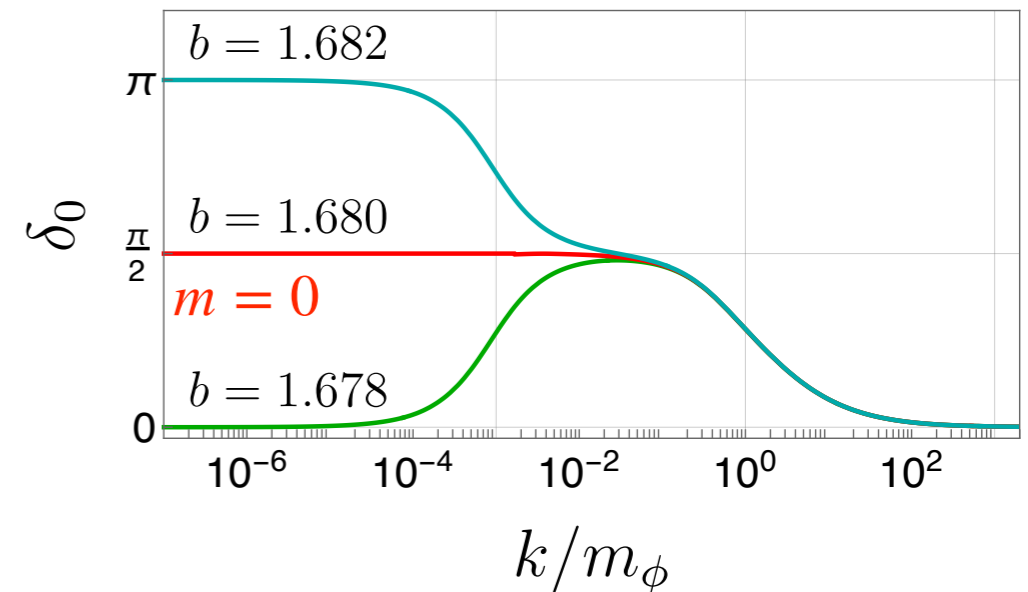
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- s-wave resonances

$$k \rightarrow 0 \quad k \cot \delta_0 \rightarrow -\frac{1}{a_0} + \frac{r_{e0}}{2} k^2$$

$$a_0 \rightarrow \infty$$

$$k \rightarrow 0 \quad \delta_0 \rightarrow \left(\frac{1}{2} + m \right) \pi \quad m = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$



- Omnès function

$$\omega_0(k^2) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\infty dq^2 \frac{\delta_0(q)}{q^2 - k^2}$$

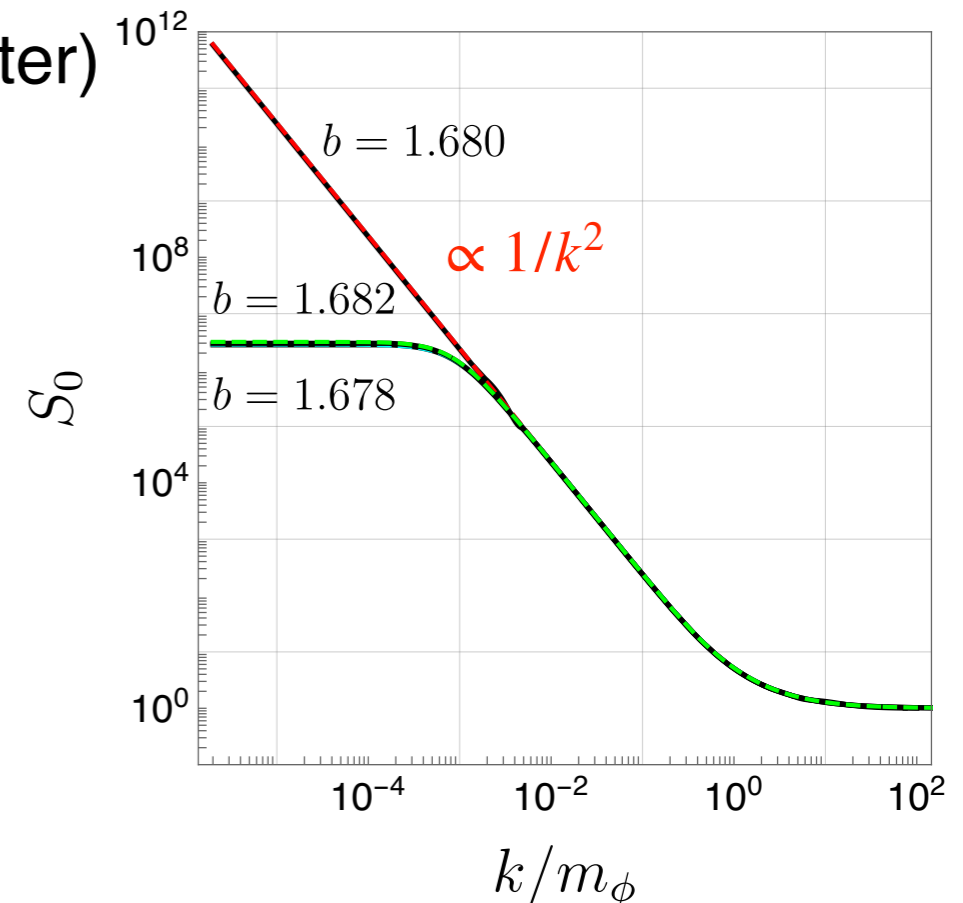
$$k \rightarrow 0 \quad \rightarrow -\left(\frac{1}{2} + m \right) \ln(r_{e,0}^2 k^2)$$

$$\Gamma_0(k^2) = \exp[\omega_\ell(k^2)] F_0(k^2) \quad S_0 = |\Gamma_0(k^2)|^2$$

$$k \rightarrow 0 \quad \rightarrow \frac{F_0(k^2)}{k^{1+2m}}$$

for $m=0$ (later)

$$F_0(k^2) = 1$$



Around resonances

Leivison theorem

Weinberg, "Lectures on Quantum Mechanics"

- # of bound states is given by phase shift

$$\delta_\ell(k \rightarrow 0) - \delta_\ell(k \rightarrow \infty) = \left[\#b_\ell \left(+\frac{1}{2} \right) \right] \pi$$

- excluding virtual states

- zero in our normalization

- only for s-wave resonances

- underlying idea

- consider the system confined in a large sphere

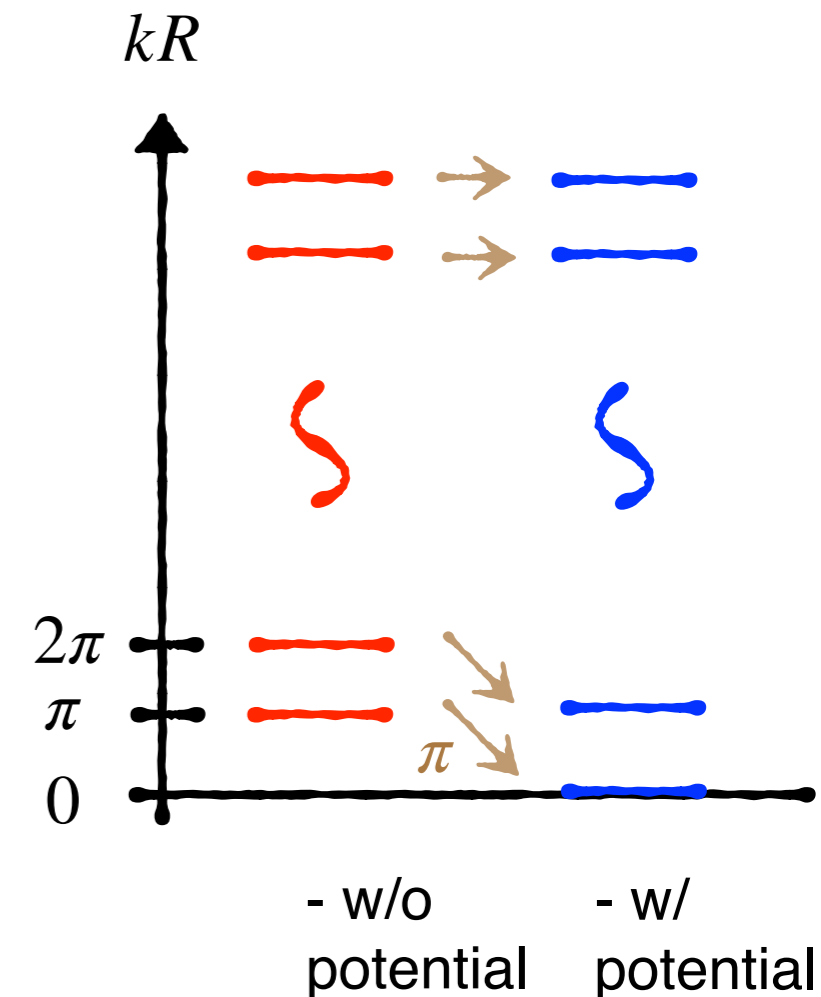
$$R_{k\ell}(r) \rightarrow \frac{\sin(kr - \frac{1}{2}\ell\pi + \delta_\ell)}{r} \quad r \rightarrow \infty$$

$$kR - \frac{1}{2}\ell\pi + \delta_\ell = n\pi \quad n = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2 \dots \quad k > 0$$

- scattering states are discretized (countable infinity)

- decrease in # of scattering states = # of bound states

- total number does not change



Around resonances

Bound states

- s-wave

$$\delta_0(k \rightarrow 0) = \left[\#b_0 \left(+\frac{1}{2} \right) \right] \pi$$

- resonances

$$k \rightarrow 0 \quad \delta_0 \rightarrow \left(\frac{1}{2} + m \right) \pi \quad \#b_0 = m$$

$$F_0(k^2) = \prod_{b_0=1}^m \frac{k^2}{k^2 + \kappa_{b,0}^2} \quad \text{- only zero energy "virtual" state for } m=0$$

- slightly below the 1st resonance

$$k \rightarrow 0 \quad \delta_0 \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{- no bound state} \quad F_0(k^2) = 1$$

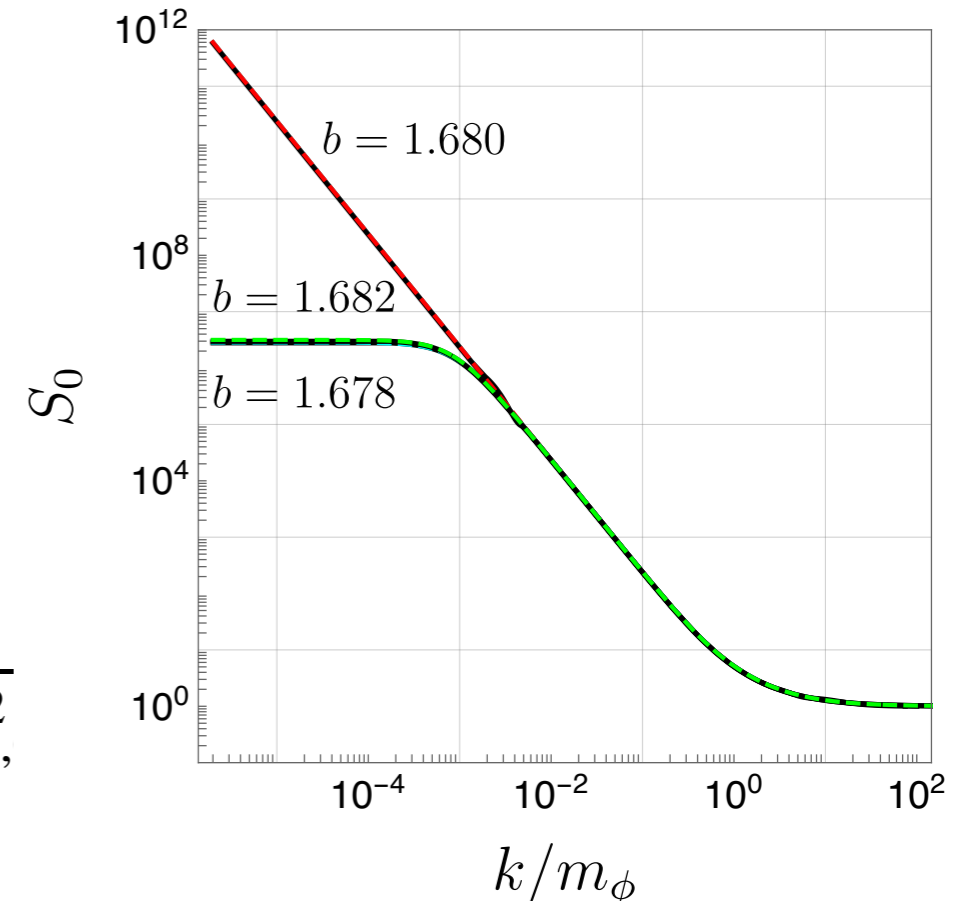
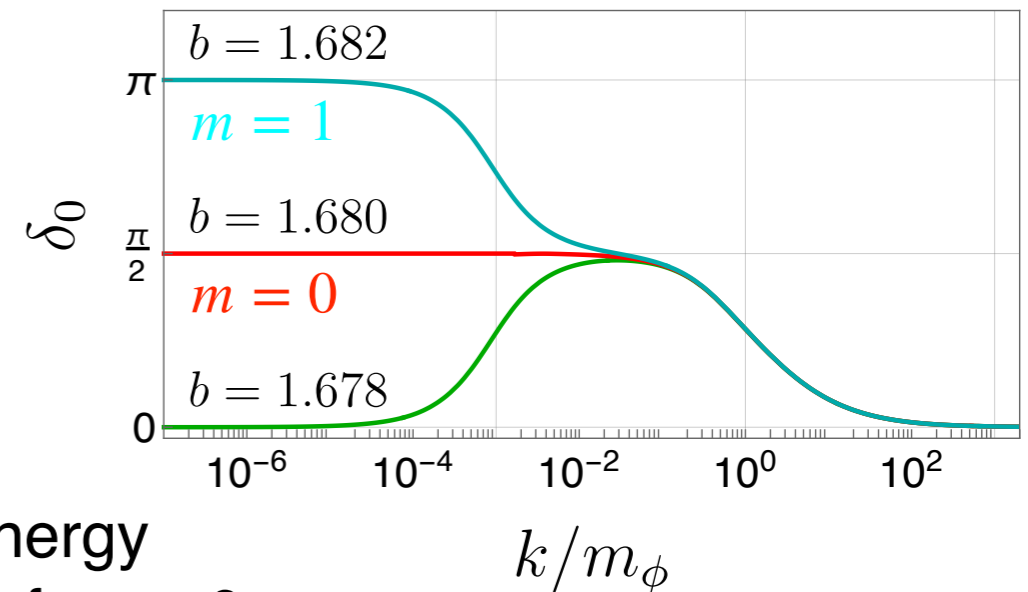
- slightly above the 1st resonance

$$k \rightarrow 0 \quad \delta_0 \rightarrow \pi \quad \omega_0(k^2) \rightarrow -\ln(r_{e,0}^2 k^2)$$

$$\text{- single bound state} \quad F_0(k^2) = \frac{k^2}{k^2 + \kappa_b^2}$$

$$\Gamma_0(k^2) \rightarrow \frac{1}{k^2 + \kappa_{b,0}^2} \text{- saturates at low } k$$

AK, Kuwahara and Patel, in preparation



Around resonances

Bound states

- p-wave

$$\delta_1(k \rightarrow 0) = \#b_1\pi$$

- resonances

$$k \rightarrow 0 \quad k^3 \cot \delta_1 \rightarrow -\frac{1}{a_1^3} + \frac{1}{2r_{e,1}}k^2$$

$$a_1 \rightarrow \infty$$

$$k \rightarrow 0 \quad \delta_1 \rightarrow m\pi \quad \#b = m$$

- including zero energy bound state

$$\omega_1(k^2) \rightarrow -m \ln(r_{e,1}^2 k^2)$$

for $m=1$

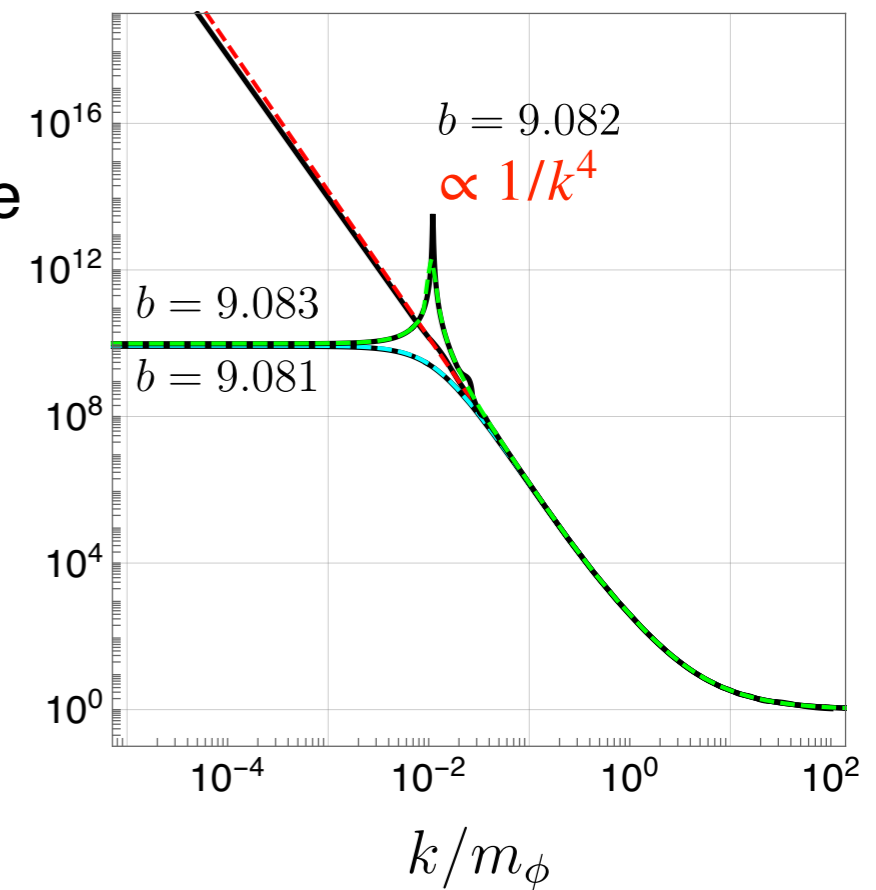
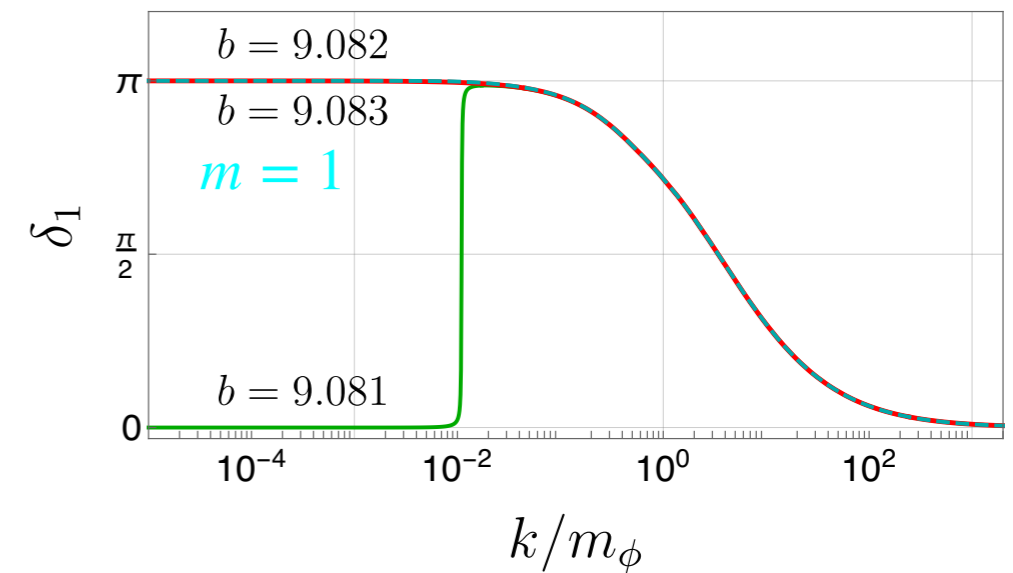
$$\Gamma_1(k^2) \rightarrow \frac{1}{k^2}$$

$$F_1(k^2) = \prod_{b_1=1}^{m-1} \frac{k^2}{k^2 + \kappa_{b,1}^2} S_1$$

- slightly below/above the 1st resonance

- similar to s-wave

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Summary

Long-range force of dark matter

- Sommerfeld enhancement and self-scattering cross section
 - indirect detection and structure formation
- the two are known to be correlated
 - they are determined by a single wave function

This talk

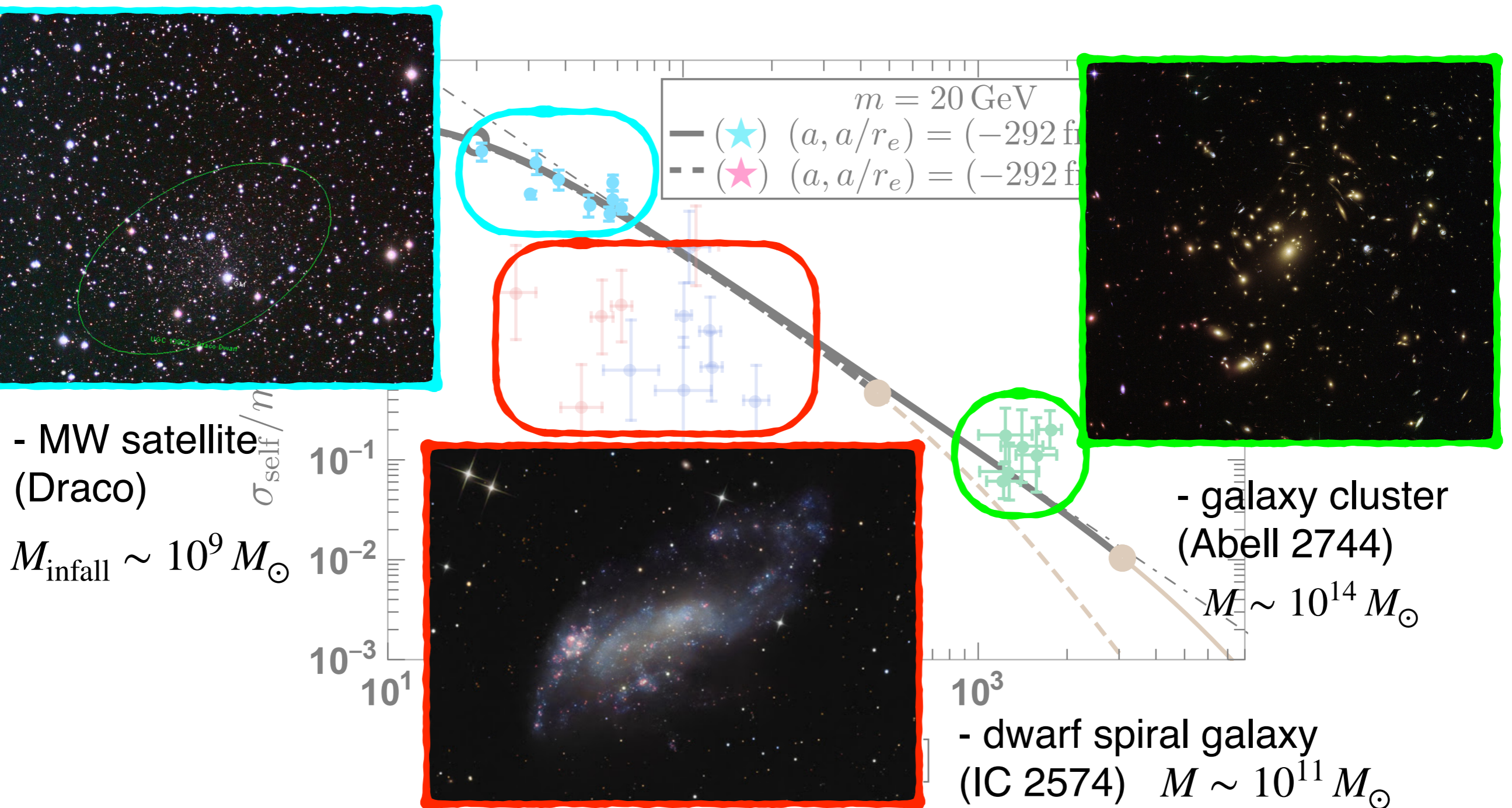
- we formulate the direct relation between the two
 - Watson theorem and Omnès solution
- we discuss how we can understand the velocity dependence around the resonances by using our formulation
 - effective range theory and Levinson theorem

Thank you

Data points

Overview

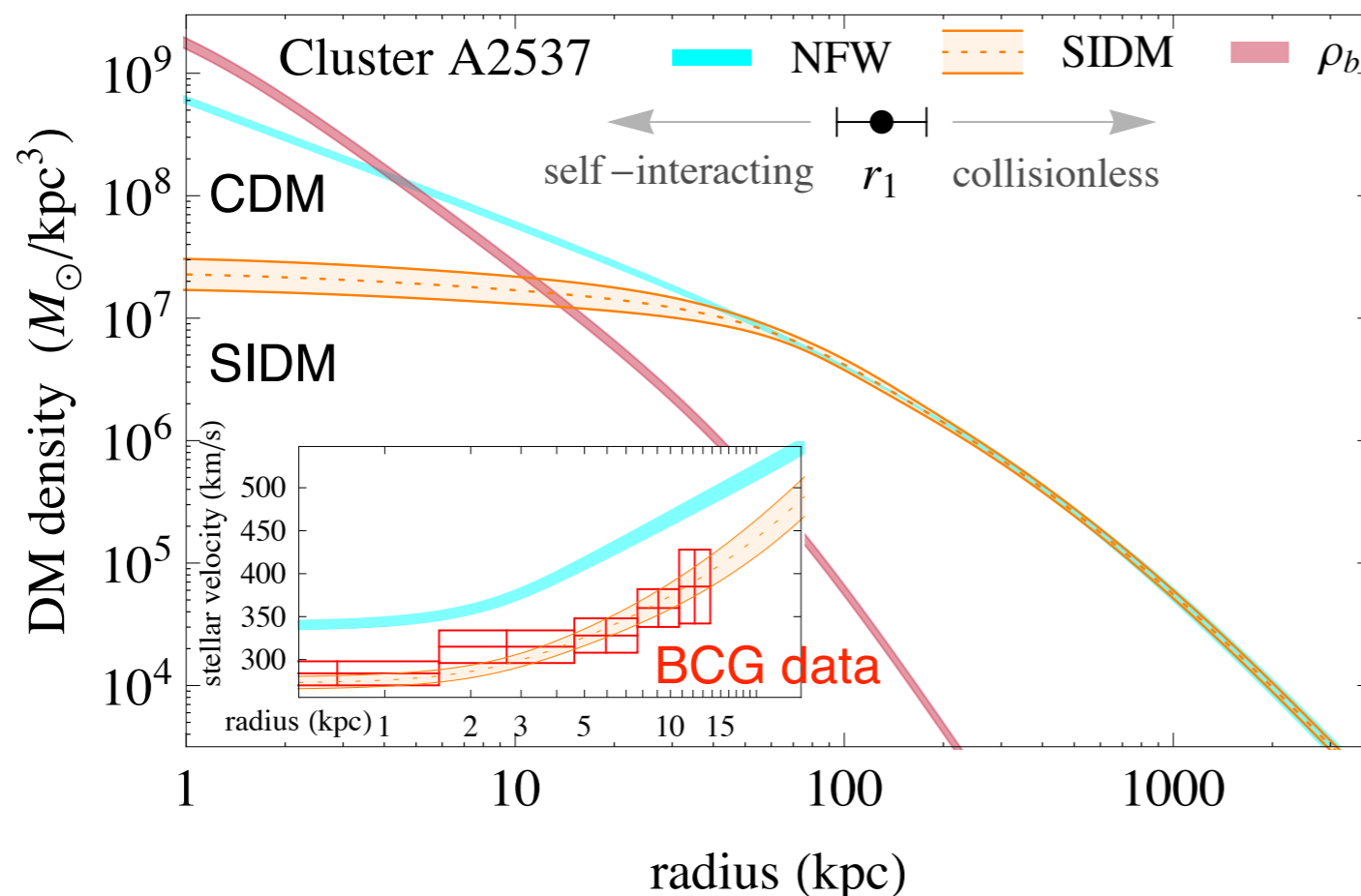
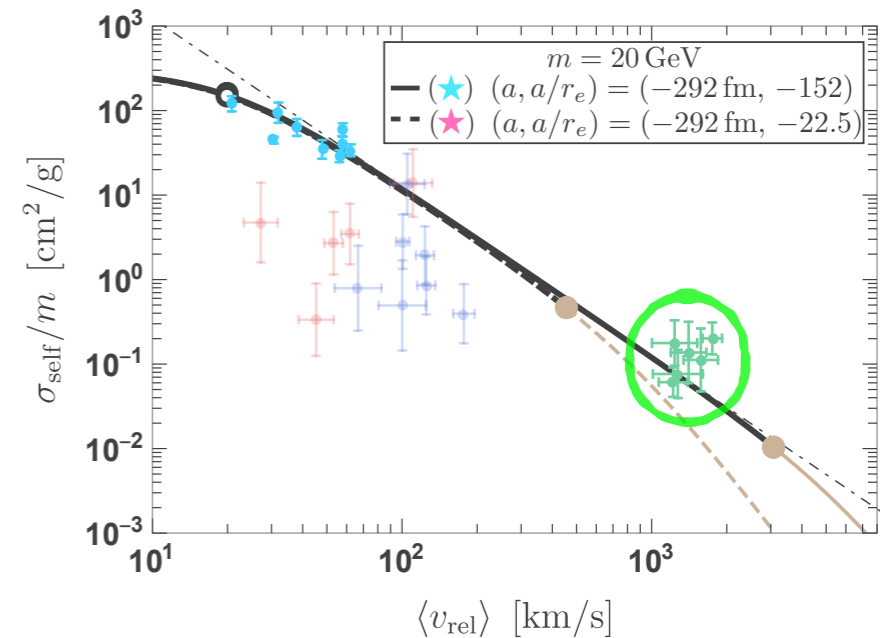
- cores in various-size halos



Data points

Galaxy clusters

- mass distribution in the outer region is determined by strong/weak gravitational lensing
- stellar kinematics in the central region (brightest cluster galaxies) prefer cored SIDM profile



$$\sigma_{\text{self}}/m \sim 0.1 \text{ cm}^2/\text{g}$$

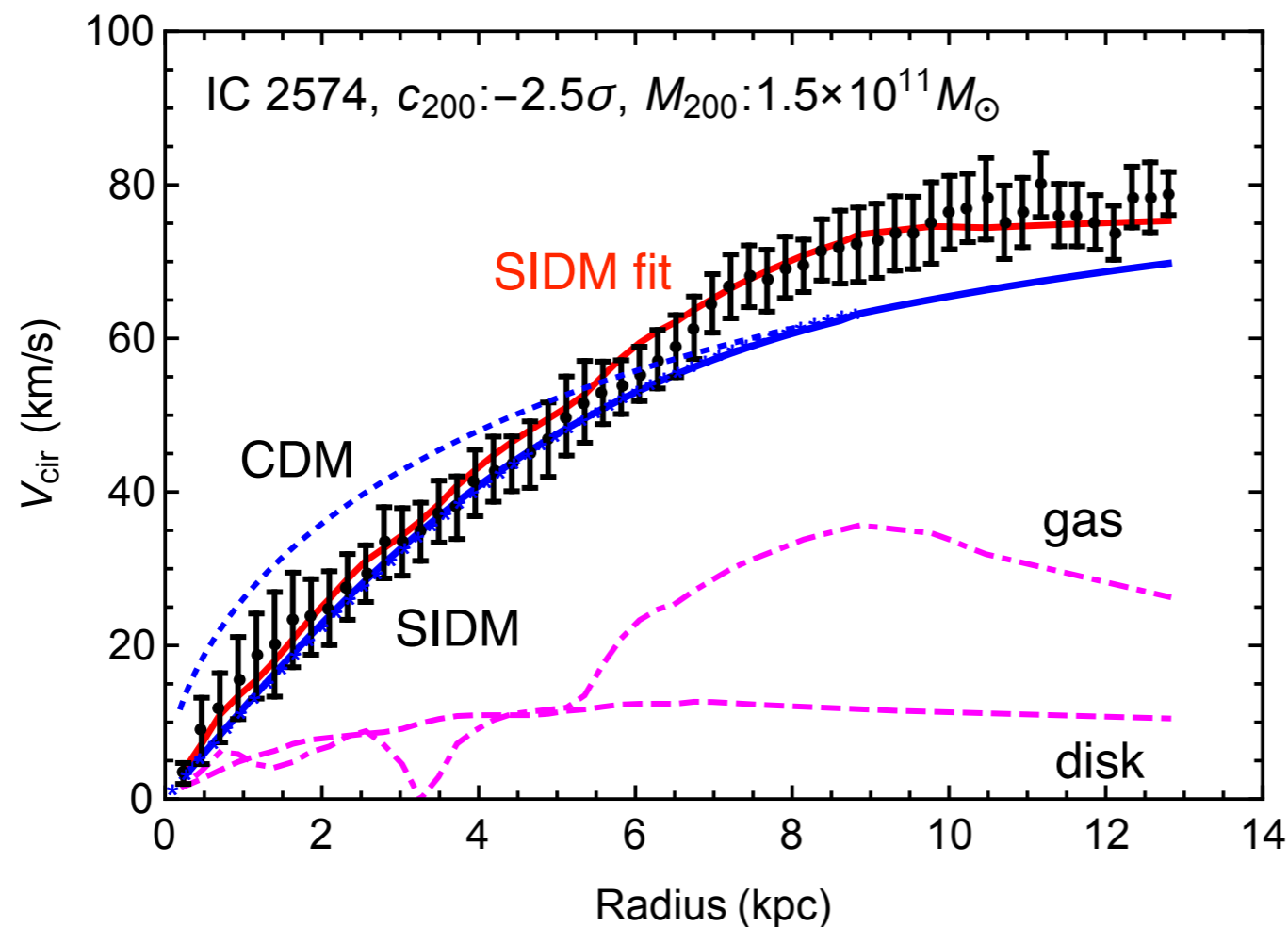
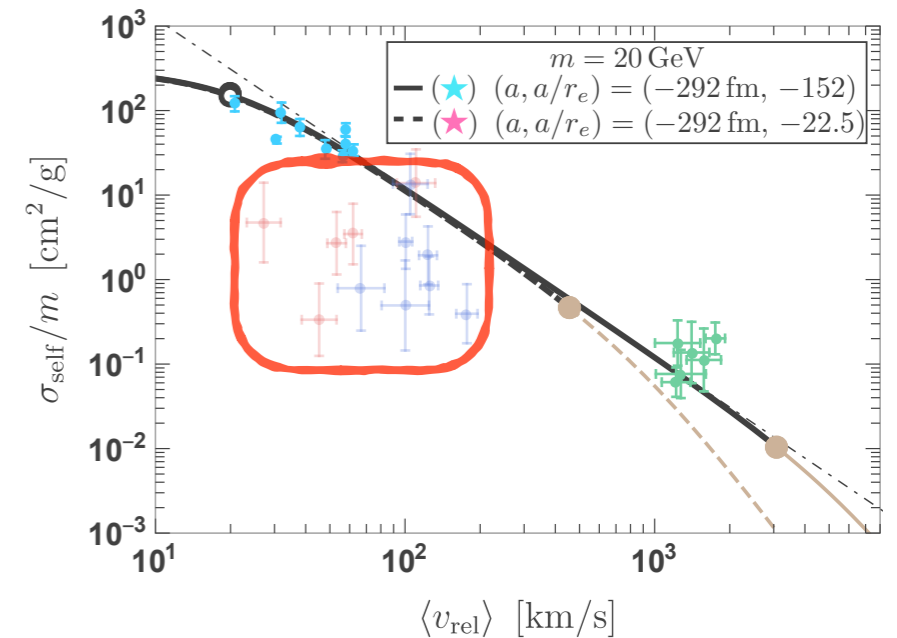
$$\langle v_{\text{rel}} \rangle \sim 10^3 \text{ km/s}$$

Kaplinghat, Tulin and Yu, PRL, 2016

Data points

Dwarf spiral galaxies

- mass distribution is broadly determined by rotation curves
- rotation velocity in central region (of some galaxies) prefer cored SIDM profile



$$\sigma_{\text{self}}/m \sim 1 \text{ cm}^2/\text{g}$$

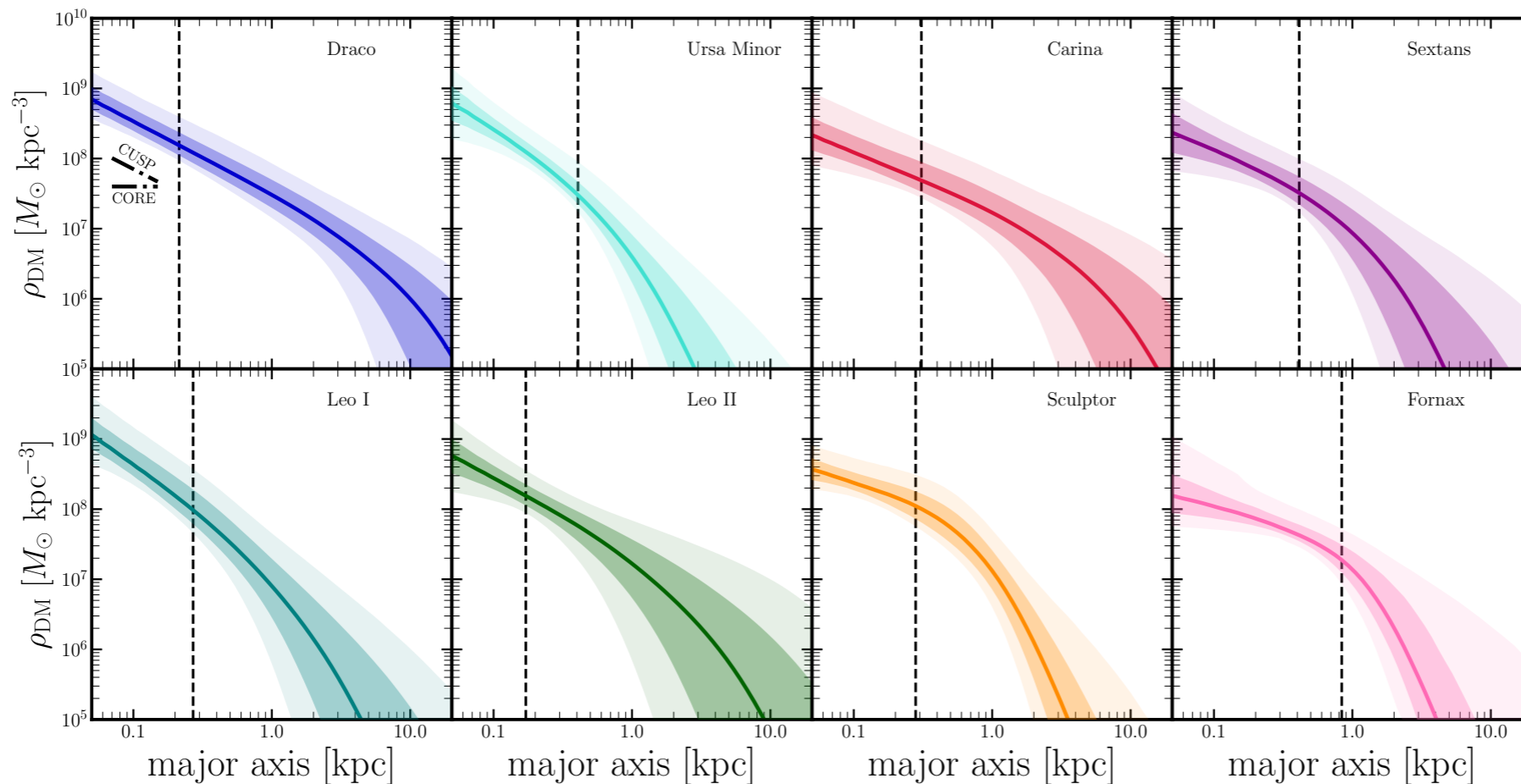
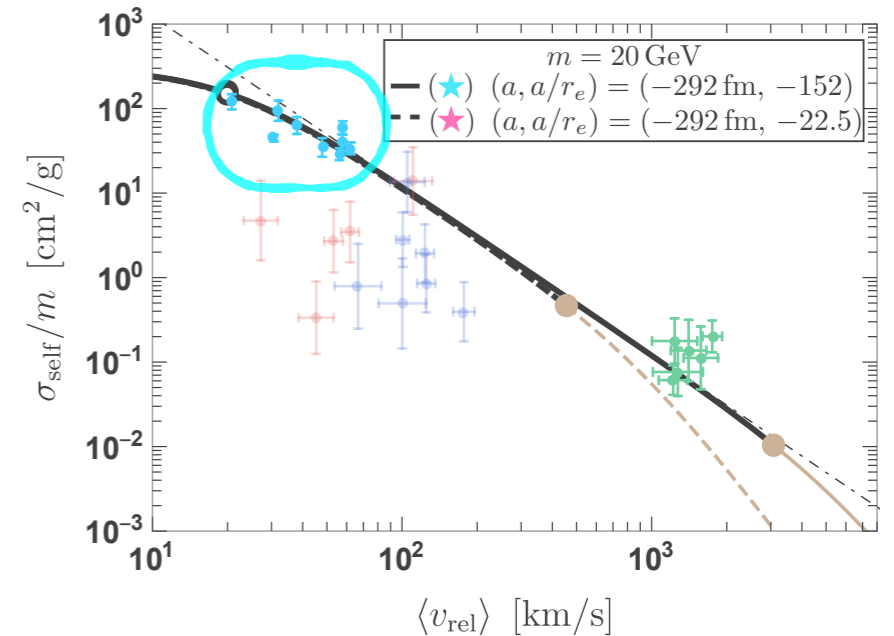
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AK, Kaplinghat, Pace and Yu, PRL, 2017

Data points

MW satellites

- mass distribution is determined by stellar kinematics
- stellar kinematics in the central region (of some satellites) prefer cuspy CDM profile



Hayashi, Chiba and Ishiyama, ApJ, 2020

Data points

MW satellites

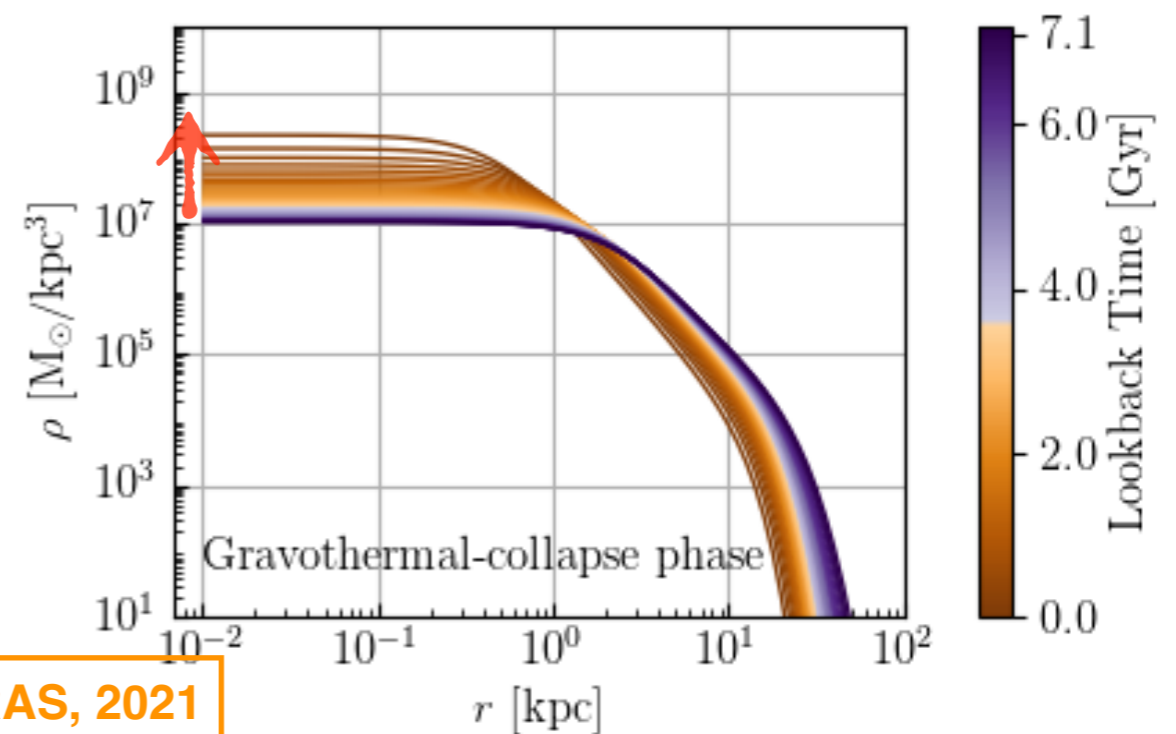
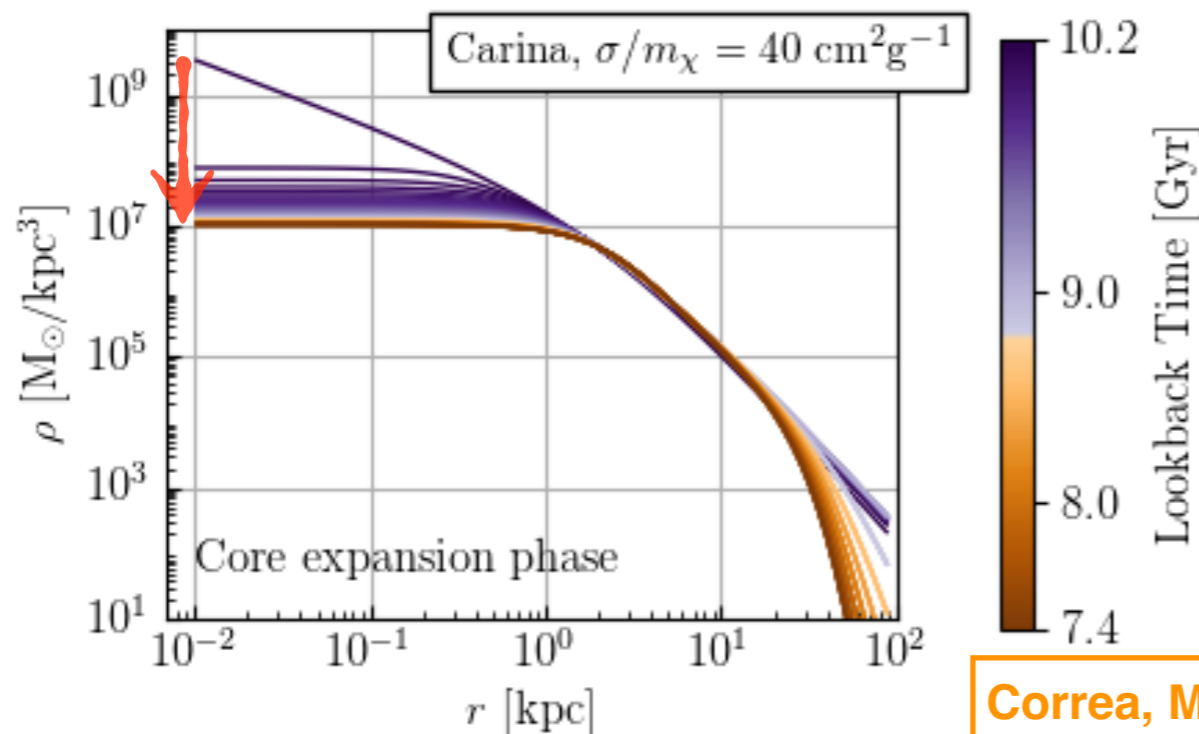
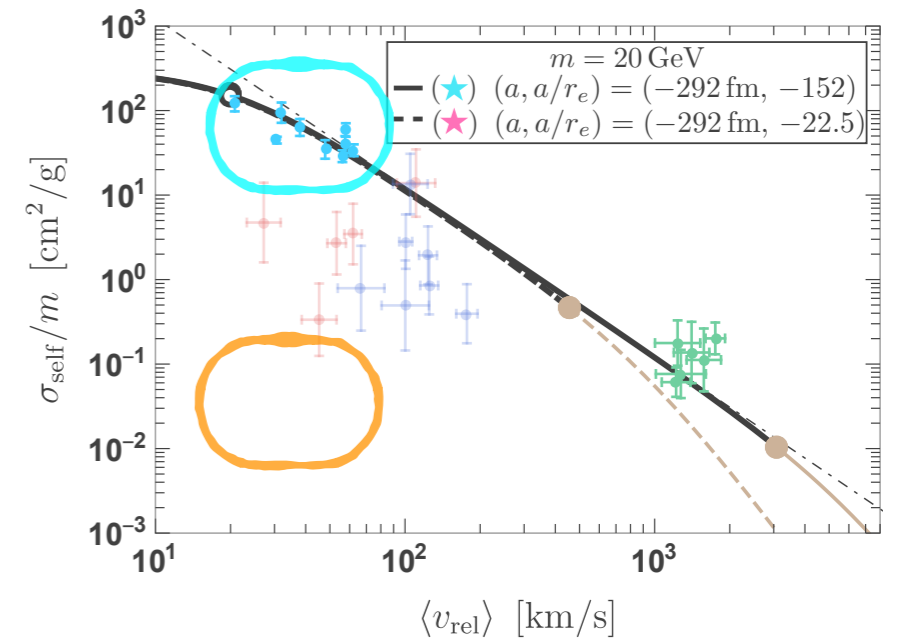
- one possibility is to take as a tiny cross section as $\sigma_{\text{self}}/m \simeq 0.01 \text{ cm}^2/\text{g}$

$$\langle v_{\text{rel}} \rangle \sim 30 \text{ km/s}$$

- resonance? **Chu, Garcia-Cely and Murayama, PRL, 2019**

- another possibility is to take as a large cross section as $\sigma_{\text{self}}/m \sim 40 \text{ cm}^2/\text{g}$ $\langle v_{\text{rel}} \rangle \sim 30 \text{ km/s}$

- gravothermal collapse

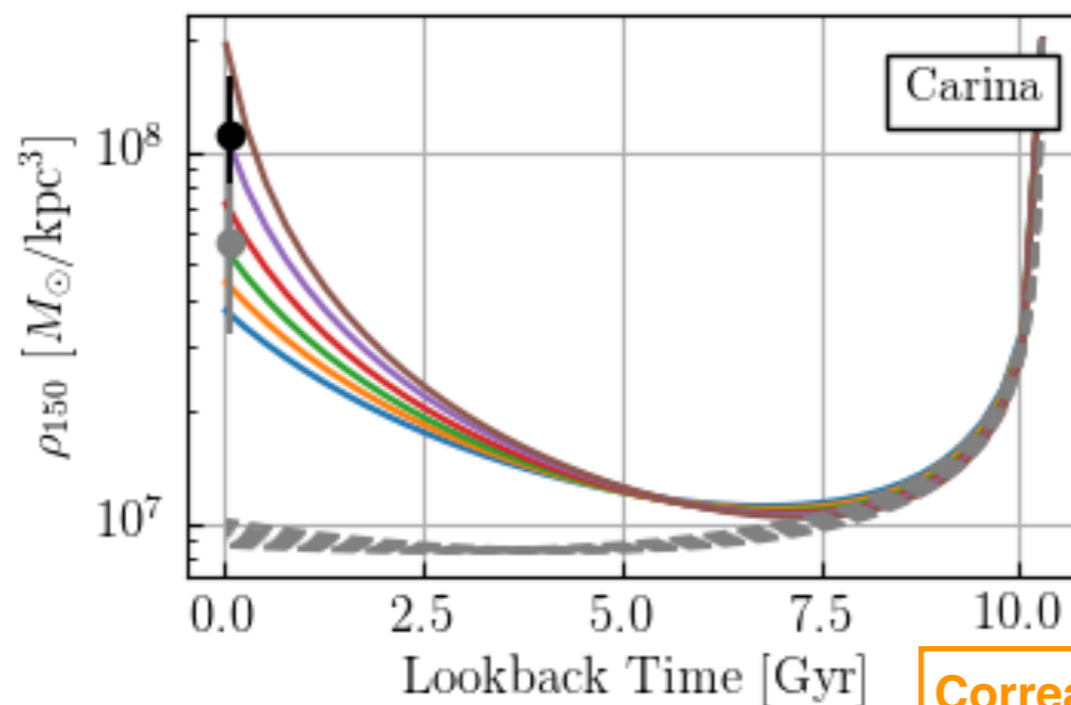
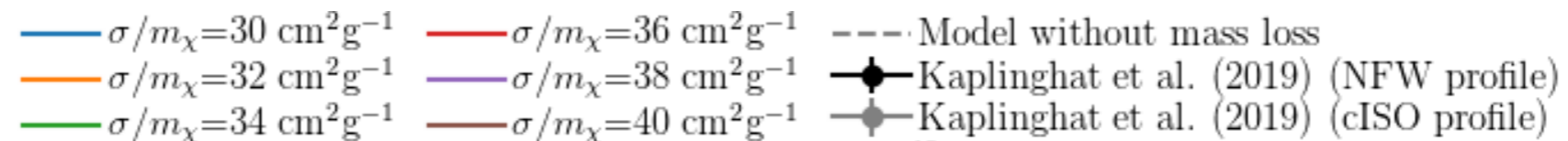
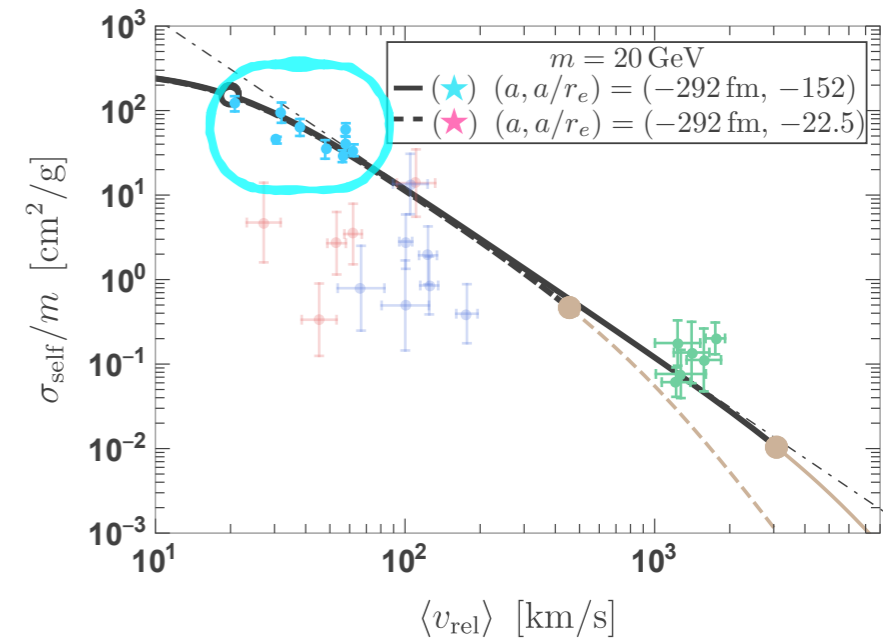


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- gravothermal collapse
 - core shrinks and central density gets higher
 - central density at present is very sensitive to the cross section



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