

# SIDM particle model building

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# Outline

*Start from the original idea, and then see where it takes you next...*

# Original Idea

(Spergel and Steinhardt, astro-ph/9909386)

Mean free path  $\lambda \sim 1\text{kpc} - 1\text{Mpc}$

$$\lambda \approx \frac{1}{n\sigma} = \frac{m}{\rho\sigma}$$

$$\sigma/m \sim (0.4 - \underline{400}) \frac{\text{cm}^2}{\text{g}} \left( \frac{0.4\text{GeV}/\text{cm}^3}{\rho} \right)$$

:-/

funnily, covering the ballpark of nucleon self-interactions ( $np \rightarrow np$ )  
– **and  $\sim 10^{12}$  times larger than WIMP predictions** –

“We propose [...] dark matter that is cold, non-dissipative, but self-interacting.”

As a result:

- centres of halos are spherical
- DM will have cored profiles
- DM will remain collisionless at large scales

# Summary of constraints today

<b>Positive observations</b>	$\sigma/m$	$v_{\text{rel}}$	Observation
Cores in spiral galaxies (dwarf/LSB galaxies)	$\gtrsim 1 \text{ cm}^2/\text{g}$	30 – 200 km/s	Rotation curves
Too-big-to-fail problem			
Milky Way	$\gtrsim 0.6 \text{ cm}^2/\text{g}$	50 km/s	Stellar dispersion
Local Group	$\gtrsim 0.5 \text{ cm}^2/\text{g}$	50 km/s	Stellar dispersion
Cores in clusters	$\sim 0.1 \text{ cm}^2/\text{g}$	1500 km/s	Stellar dispersion, lensing
<i>Abell 3827 subhalo merger</i>	$\sim 1.5 \text{ cm}^2/\text{g}$	1500 km/s	DM-galaxy offset
<i>Abell 520 cluster merger</i>	$\sim 1 \text{ cm}^2/\text{g}$	2000 – 3000 km/s	DM-galaxy offset
<b>Constraints</b>			
Halo shapes/ellipticity	$\lesssim 1 \text{ cm}^2/\text{g}$	1300 km/s	Cluster lensing surveys
Substructure mergers	$\lesssim 2 \text{ cm}^2/\text{g}$	$\sim 500 - 4000 \text{ km/s}$	DM-galaxy offset
Merging clusters	$\lesssim \text{few cm}^2/\text{g}$	2000 – 4000 km/s	Post-merger halo survival (Scattering depth $\tau < 1$ )
<i>Bullet Cluster</i>	$\lesssim 0.7 \text{ cm}^2/\text{g}$	4000 km/s	Mass-to-light ratio

(Tulin and Yu, 1705.02358)

Leads to the conclusion that SI xsection could have some velocity-dependence

# Ways to obtain ballpark xsections

## 1) Light-ish dark matter with large couplings

e.g.  $\mathcal{L} \supset -\frac{g}{4}\varphi^4$

[Bento, Bertolami, Rosenfeld & Teodoro, astro-ph/0003350]  
(the simplest example)

$$m_\varphi = 13 g^{2/3} \left( \frac{\text{Mpc}}{\lambda} \right) \text{ MeV}$$

using  $\rho = 0.4 \text{ GeV}/\text{cm}^3$

$$\sigma(\varphi\varphi \rightarrow \varphi\varphi) = \frac{g^2}{64\pi m_\varphi^2}$$

- Higher order operators possibly present,  $-\frac{g}{n!m^{n-4}}\varphi^n$  e.g. glueballs

- Relic abundance can be fixed via a Higgs portal, direct coupling to inflaton, etc

**No velocity dependence here:**

Some tension with bounds coming from clusters

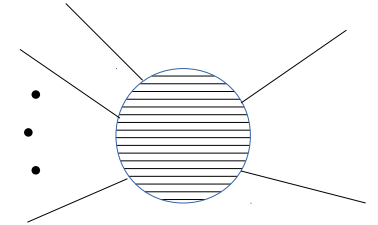
# First example of SIDM

(Carlson, Machacek & Hall, *Astrophys.J.* 398 (1992) 43-52)

“...as the universe expands, the dark matter **cannibalizes** itself to keep warm.”

New mechanism to generate the DM relic abundance,  
(dark sector secluded from visible sector)

e.g.  $\mathcal{L} \supset -\frac{g}{5!}\varphi_s^5$



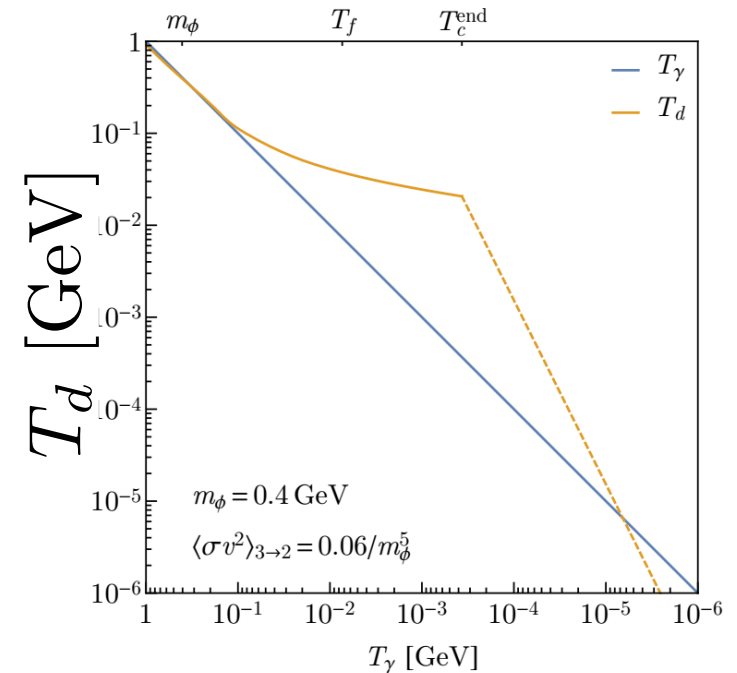
Entropy density is conserved in each sector:

$$\frac{T_d}{m_{\text{DM}}} \simeq \frac{1}{3 \ln(a/\bar{a})} \quad (\text{Temp. of dark sector})$$

- Original proposal designed for a universe with zero cosmological constant (possible back in '92 :-)
- Soon after excluded from Ly- $\alpha$  observations (small-scale power suppression at  $\sim 10\text{Mpc}$ )

## However...

- Recent revival with the correct cosmology (Cannibal DM, **SIMPs**, non-thermal DM, ...)



Pappadopulo, Ruderman, Trevisan,  
1602.04219

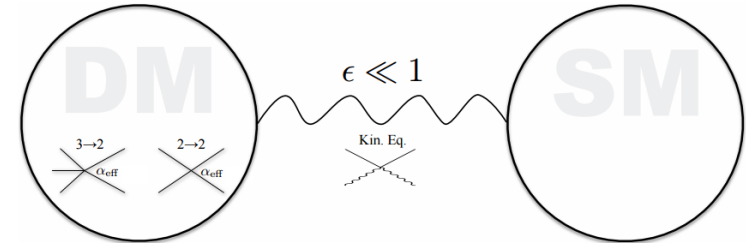
# The SIMP Miracle

(Hochberg, Kuflik, Volansky & Wacker, 1402.5143)

25% of the authors [...] are uncomfortable with with the term 'miracle' ...

- Relic abundance from cannibalization of 3→2

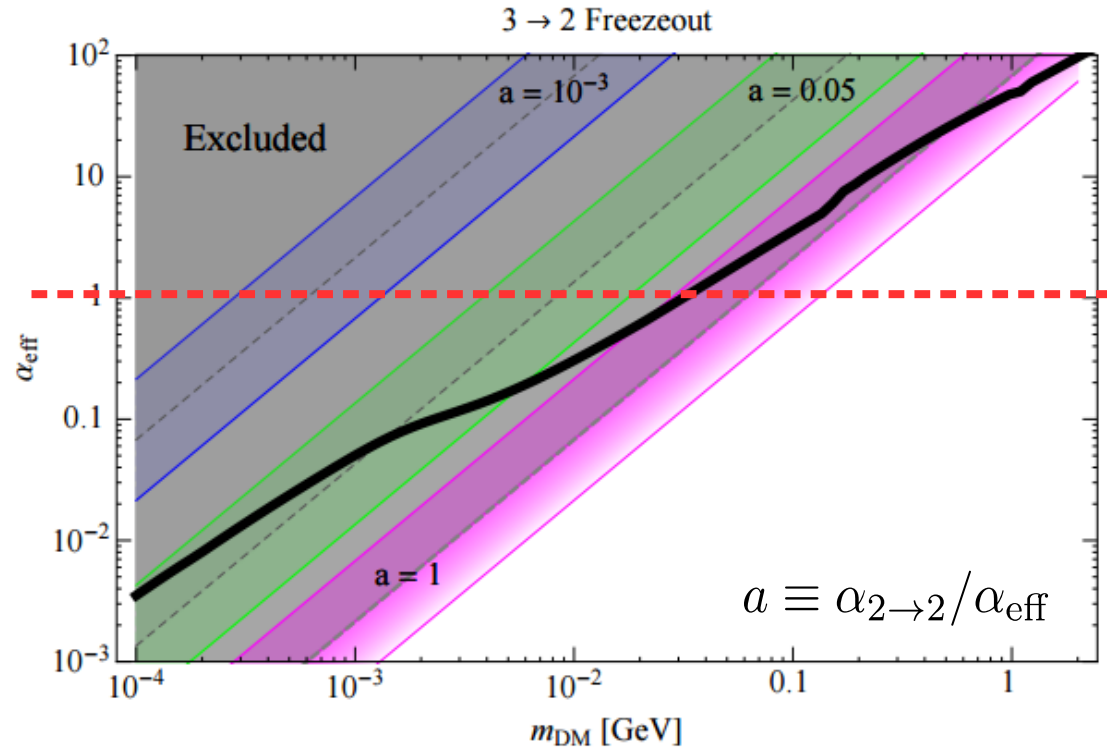
$$\langle \sigma v^2 \rangle_{3 \rightarrow 2} = \frac{\alpha_{\text{eff}}^3}{m_{\text{DM}}^5} \quad \left. \vphantom{\langle \sigma v^2 \rangle_{3 \rightarrow 2}} \right\} \text{(correct dimensions for scattering rate)}$$



- Portal to the visible sector:

$$\underline{10^{-9} \sqrt{\alpha_{\text{eff}}}} \lesssim \epsilon \lesssim \underline{3 \times 10^{-6} \alpha_{\text{eff}}}$$

- kinetic equilibrium with SM should be invoked (otherwise excluded by structure formation)
- Annihilation to SM should be suppressed wrt 3→2
- Tension between cluster bounds and perturbativity



# Composite SIDM

(Hochberg, Kuflik, Murayama, Volansky & Wacker, 1411.3727)

- Pion-like dark matter from non-Abelian theory (e.g.  $Sp(N_c)$  with  $N_f \geq 2$ )

Chiral symmetry breaking from quark condensate, giving 5 pions.

Non-vanishing Wess-Zumino-Witten term:

$$\mathcal{S}_{\text{WZW}} = \frac{-iN_c}{240\pi^2} \int_{\text{M}^5} \text{Tr}(d\Sigma\Sigma^{-1})^5 \quad \Sigma = e^{2i\pi/f_\pi} (i\sigma_2 \otimes I_{N_f})$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} \supset \frac{2N_c}{15\pi^2 f_\pi^5} \underbrace{\epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \text{Tr}(\pi\partial_\mu\pi\partial_\nu\pi\partial_\rho\pi\partial_\sigma\pi)}_{\text{5-point interaction responsible for } 3 \rightarrow 2 \text{ processes}}$$

5-point interaction responsible for 3→2 processes

- **Communication with the SM (for kinetic equilibrium) is not automatic**, e.g.  $U(1) \subset Sp(N_c)$  is gauged (and explicitly broken) leading to massive dark photon with assumed kinetic mixing with SM hypercharge.

## Results:

Relevant scales of this model intriguingly similar to QCD

$$m_\pi \sim 300\text{MeV} \quad f_\pi \sim \text{few} \times m_\pi$$

(Note that still no velocity-dependence)



# Glueball SIDM

(Boddy, Feng, Kaplinghat and Tait, 1402.3629)

- a) Pure non-Abelian gauge theory + confinement scale  $\Lambda$   
 At temperatures smaller than  $\Lambda$  the d.o.f. are glueballs

$$\sigma_{SI} \simeq 4\pi/\Lambda^2 \quad \longrightarrow \quad \Lambda \sim 0.1 - 0.3 \text{ GeV} \quad \text{To solve small-scale problems}$$

- b) Supersymmetrize the above model (w/ Anomaly-mediated SB)

Visible sector: MSSM

$$m_\nu \simeq \frac{\alpha_\nu}{4\pi} m_{3/2}$$

Hidden sector:

glueballs+glueballinos

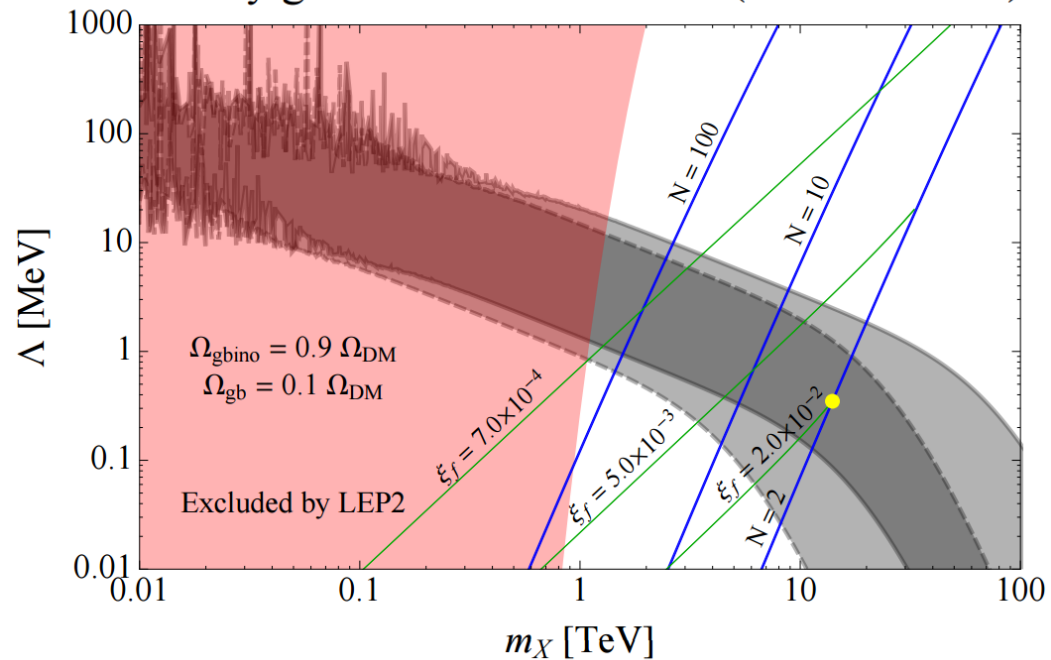
$$m_X \simeq \frac{\alpha_X}{4\pi} m_{3/2}$$

$$m_{gb} \simeq \Lambda$$

For  $m_\nu \sim \mathcal{O}(m_{ew})$

$$\longrightarrow m_X \simeq 10 \text{ TeV}$$

Mostly glueballino dark matter (no connectors)



Velocity-dependent SI because of light-mediated

So far, no velocity-dependence found in models  
without DM-mediator mass hierarchy

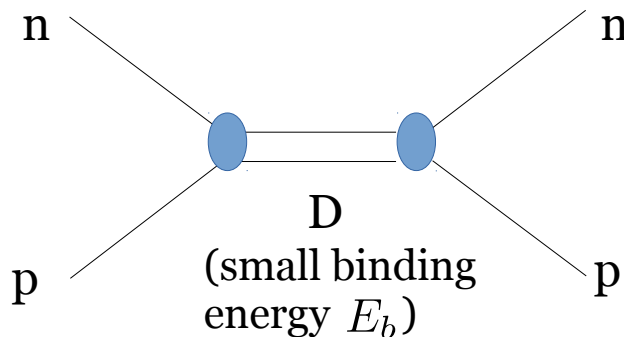
xsection expected to fall for:

$$a \gtrsim (m_{\text{DM}} v)^{-1}$$

(scattering length)

(Tulin and Yu, 1705.02358)

( subtlety about analogy with neutron-proton scattering)



- large ( $\sim 20\text{b}$ ) xsection  
due to large scattering length

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow 0} \sigma = 4\pi a^2$$

-  $a$  diverges for  $E_b \rightarrow 0$   
bound state

[Atomic DM, Cline, Liu, Moore,  
1311.6468, 1312.3325]

$$E_b \simeq \alpha^2 \mu_H / 2$$

...ultimately related to pion-exchange

# Ways to obtain ballpark xsections

(now with velocity-dependence!)

## 2) Long-range interactions

$$V = -\alpha'/r? \quad \longrightarrow \quad \sigma \sim 1/v_{\text{rel}}^4$$

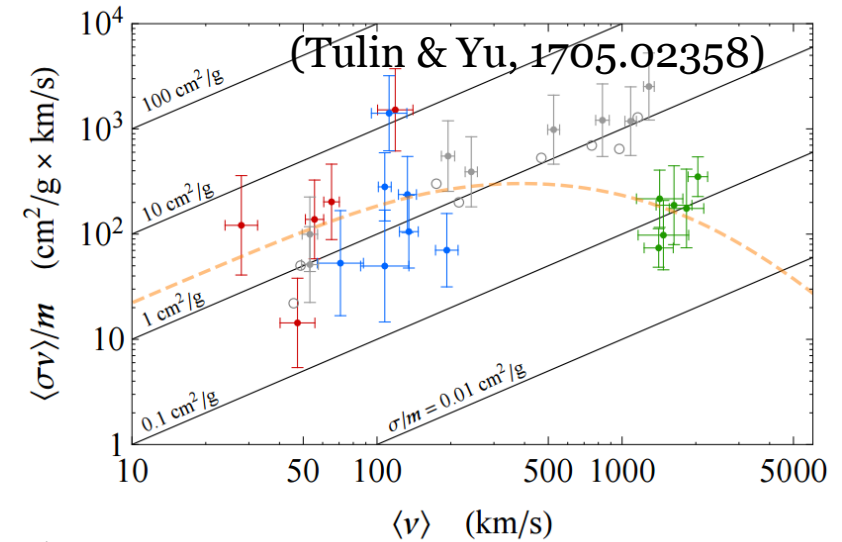
(steeper dependence than best fit)

Better:

$$V = -\frac{\alpha'}{r} e^{-m_\eta r}$$

mediator  $\nearrow$  DM  $\nearrow$

SI fully determined by choice of:  $m_\eta, m_\chi, \alpha', v_{\text{rel}}$



Choices for cross sections [Tulin, Yu & Zurek, 1302.3898]

$$\sigma_T = \int d\Omega (1 - \cos \theta) \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}$$

Regulates forward divergence

$$\sigma_V = \int d\Omega \sin^2 \theta \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}$$

Regulates both forward & backward  
(for identical DM particles)

# Velocity dependence

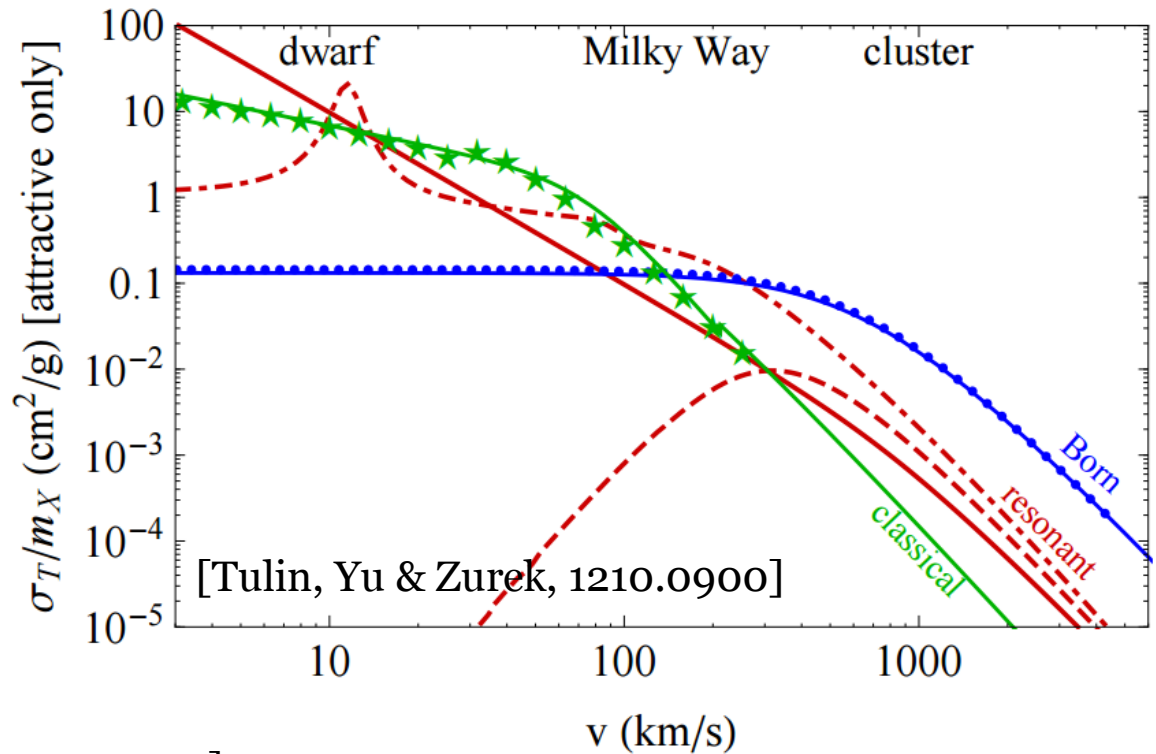
$$\mathcal{L} \supset g' \bar{\chi} \gamma^\mu \chi A'_\mu$$

- standard Yuwaka potential

$$V = \pm \frac{\alpha'}{r} e^{-m_{A'} r}$$

- other potentials are easily possible

[Bellazzini, Cliche & Tanedo, 1307.1129]



$$V = \frac{1}{4\pi r} [g_1 + g_2(\mathbf{s}_1 \cdot \mathbf{s}_2) + \frac{g_3}{\Lambda^2 r^2} (3\mathbf{s}_1 \cdot \hat{r} \mathbf{s}_2 \cdot \hat{r} - \mathbf{s}_1 \cdot \mathbf{s}_2) + \frac{g_{7,8}}{\Lambda r} (\mathbf{s}_1 \pm \mathbf{s}_2)(\hat{r} \times \mathbf{v})]$$

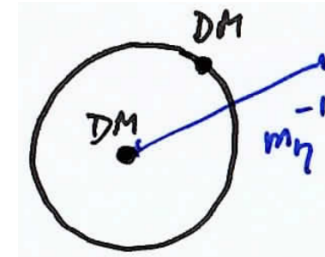
Interaction	$g_1$	$g_2$	$g_3$	$g_7$	$g_8$
$\bar{\chi} \chi \varphi$	✓	X	X	✓	X
$\bar{\chi} \gamma^5 \chi \varphi$	X	X	✓	X	X
$i \bar{\chi} \gamma^\mu \gamma^5 \chi \partial_\mu \varphi$	X	X	✓	X	X
$\bar{\chi} \gamma^\mu \chi A_\mu$	✓	X	X	✓	X
$i \bar{\chi} \gamma^5 \gamma^\mu \chi A_\mu$	X	X	✓	X	X
$i \bar{\chi} \sigma^{\mu\nu} \chi F_{\mu\nu}$	X	X	✓	X	X

# Interaction regimes

[Tulin, Yu & Zurek, 1302.3898]

$$\alpha' m_\chi \ll m_\eta \quad (\text{perturbative})$$

$$\sigma_T^{\text{Born}} = \frac{8\pi\alpha'^2}{m_\chi^2 v_{\text{rel}}^4} \left( \log(1 + m_\chi^2 v_{\text{rel}}^2 / m_\eta^2) - \frac{m_\chi^2 v_{\text{rel}}^2}{m_\eta^2 + m_\chi^2 v_{\text{rel}}^2} \right)$$

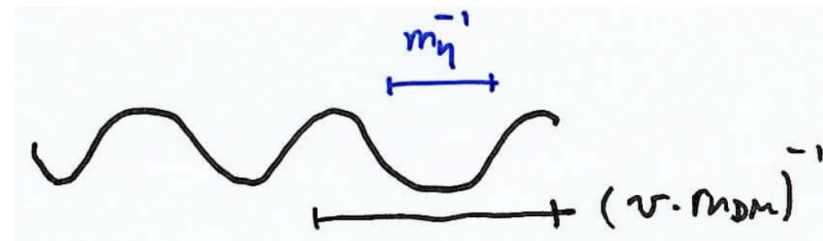


$$\alpha' m_\chi \gg m_\eta \quad (m_\chi v_{\text{rel}} \gg m_\eta) \quad (\text{classical})$$

$$\sigma_T^{\text{clas}} = \begin{cases} \frac{4\pi}{m_\phi^2} \beta^2 \ln(1 + \beta^{-1}) & \beta \lesssim 10^{-1} \\ \frac{8\pi}{m_\phi} \beta^2 / (1 + 1.5\beta^{1.65}) & 10^{-1} \lesssim \beta \lesssim 10^3 \\ \frac{m_\eta^2}{m_\phi^2} (\ln \beta + 1 - \frac{1}{2} \ln^{-1} \beta)^2 & \beta \gtrsim 10^3 \end{cases}$$

$$\beta = 2\alpha' m_\eta / (m_\chi v_{\text{rel}}^2)$$

$$\alpha' m_\chi \gg m_\eta \quad (m_\chi v_{\text{rel}} \ll m_\eta) \quad (\text{resonant})$$



Partial-wave analysis

$$\sigma_T = \frac{4\pi}{k^2} \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} (\ell + 1) \sin^2(\delta_{\ell+1} - \delta_\ell)$$

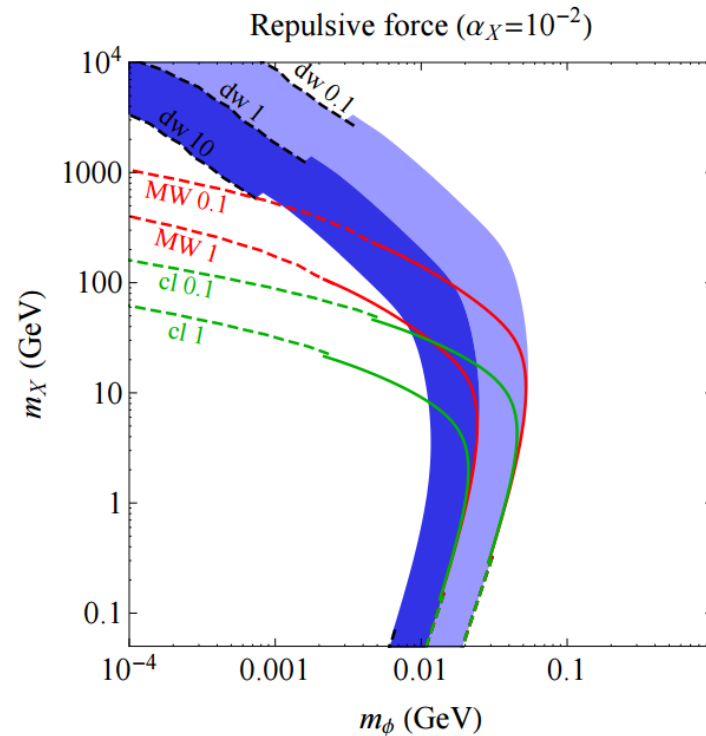
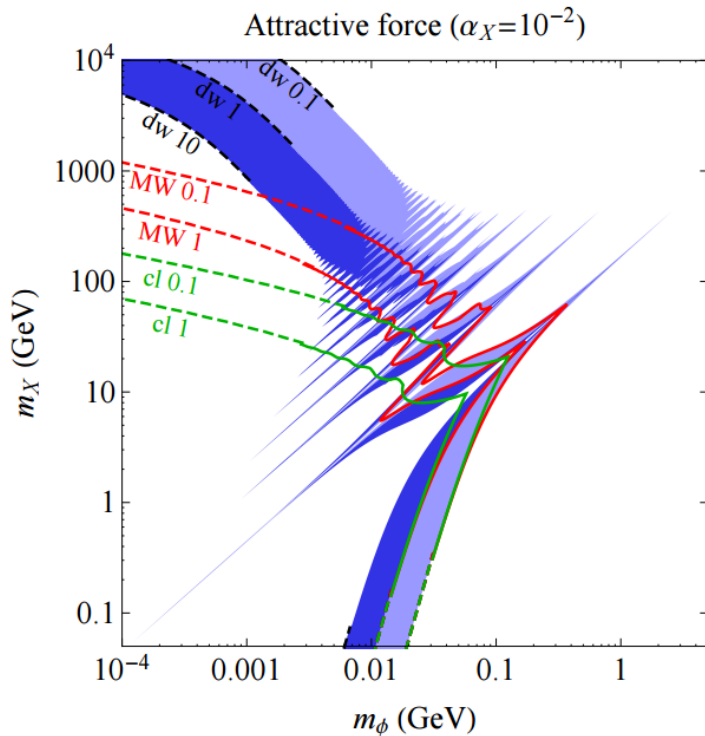
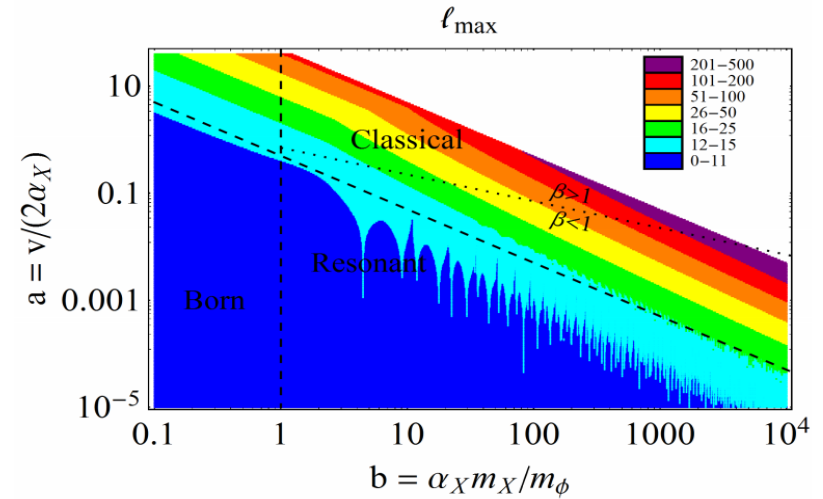
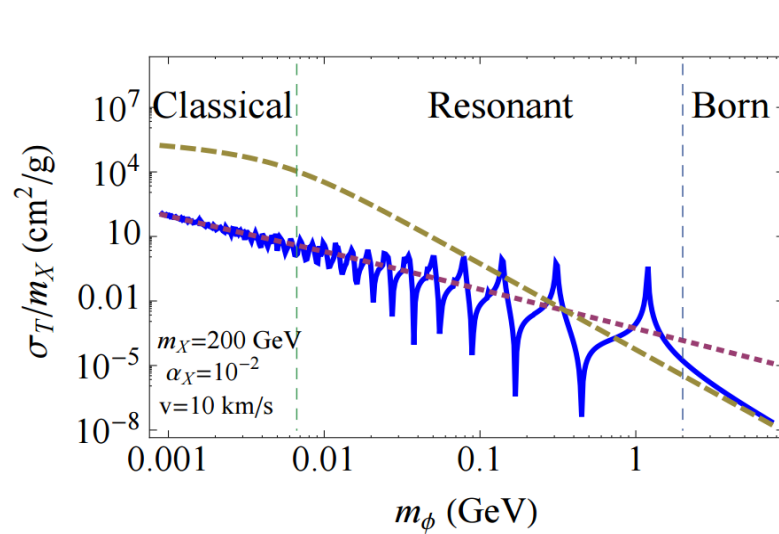
$$\frac{1}{r^2} \frac{d}{dr} \left( r^2 \frac{dR_\ell}{dr} \right) + \left( k^2 - \frac{\ell(\ell+1)}{r^2} - 2\mu V(r) \right) R_\ell = 0$$

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} R_\ell(r) \propto \cos \delta_\ell j_\ell(kr) - \sin \delta_\ell n_\ell(kr)$$

# Features of long-range SI's

[Tulin, Yu & Zurek, 1302.3898]

## Yukawa model



(a poor phenomenologist's next step)

What about complementary probes of SIDM ?

(**cosmology, colliders, indirect detection,** direct detection)



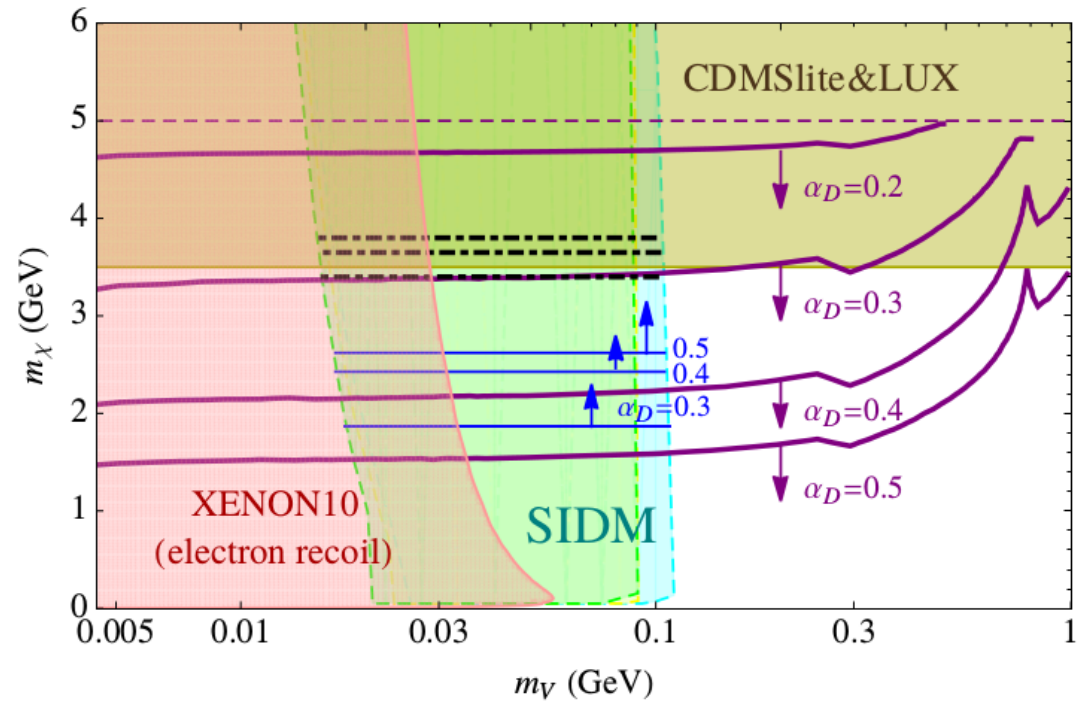
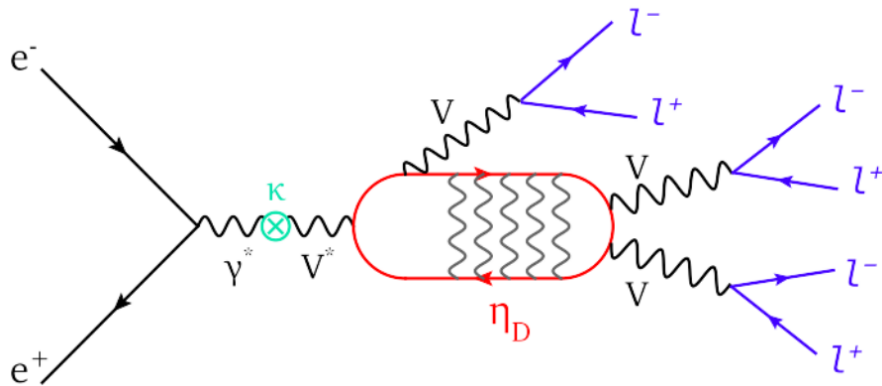
(See talk by Sean)

# Collider searches

Assume **non-zero** coupling between mediator and SM

- bound-state production + decay
- complementarity with:  

$$e^+e^- \rightarrow \bar{\chi}\chi + 2V$$
- Low SM backgrounds
- Also from fixed-target experiments



[An, Echenard, Pospelov & Zhang, 151005020]

See also:

- Higgs decaying to invisible [Kouvaris, Shoemaker, Tuominen, 1411.3730]



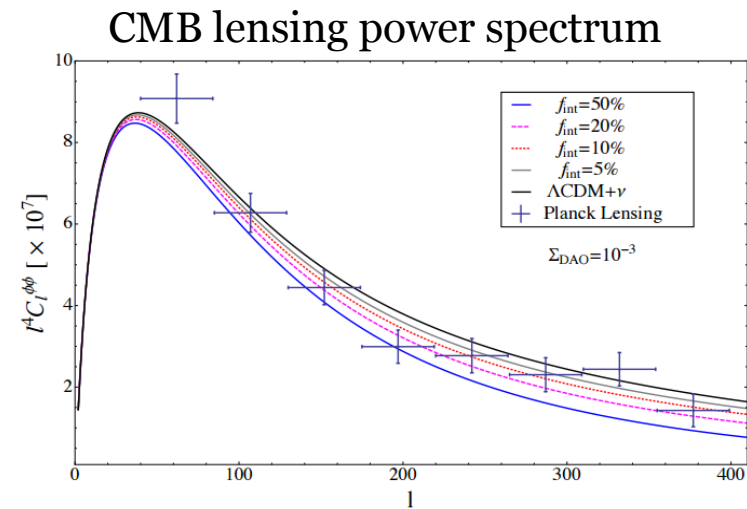
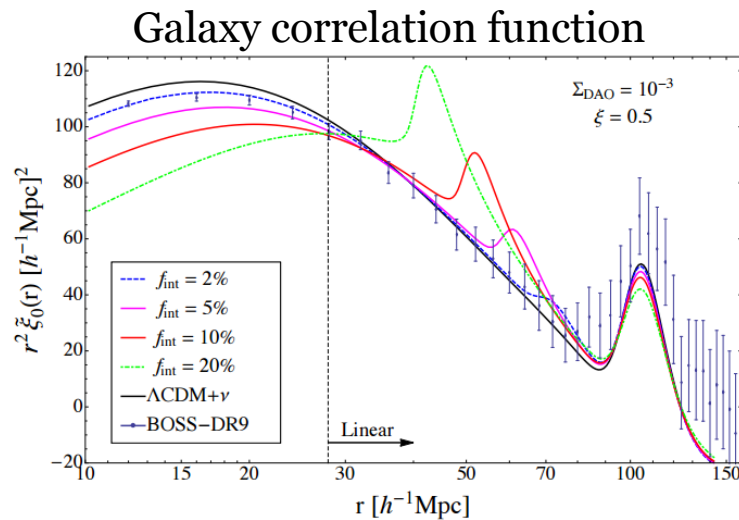
# Cosmological probes

Assume **zero** coupling between (relativistic) mediator and SM

- DM coupling to bath of dark radiation give rise to DAO's until decoupling happens

*e.g. the PIDM model:*

$$m_D, \alpha_D, B_D, \quad \xi = (T_D/T_{\text{cmb}})_{z=0}, \quad f_{\text{int}} = \rho_{\text{int}}/\rho_{\text{DM}}$$



[Cyr-Racine, Putter, Raccaelli, 1310.3278]

*But also see:*

deviations in matter power spectrum & structure of galactic halos

[Buckley, Zavala, Cyr-Racine, Sigurdson, Vogelsberger, 1405.2075]

# Cosmological probes

Assume **non-zero** coupling between mediator and SM

## - **BBN:**

Late decays of mediator  $\eta$  can spoil BBN predictions unless

$$\tau_\eta \lesssim 10^4 \text{ secs,} \quad \text{or} \quad \Omega_\eta h^2 \lesssim 10^{-5} \quad [\text{Jedamzik \& Pospelov, 0906.2087}]$$

(for  $Br_h = 0$ )

## - **CMB:**

**a)** DM annihilating at redshifts  $100 \lesssim z \lesssim 1400$  can be probed with CMB data, giving a limit of:

$$m_{\text{DM}} \lesssim 10 \text{ GeV}$$

(depending on annihilation channel)

[Madhavacheril, Sehgal & Slatyer, 1310.3815;  
Slatyer, 1506.03811]

**b)** Late decays of mediator could distort the CMB spectrum unless

$$\Omega_\eta h^2 \lesssim 10^{-8} \quad \text{for} \quad 10^{12} \text{ s} \lesssim \tau_\eta \lesssim 10^{17} \text{ s} \quad [\text{Slatyer, 1211.0283}]$$

## - **X-ray emission:** (EGRET, INTEGRAL, COMPTEL, ...)

For  $\tau_\eta$  larger than age of the universe,  $\eta \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  could give too large X-ray excess unless

$$\tau_\eta \gtrsim 10^{27} - 10^{28} \text{ sec} \times (\Omega_\eta h^2 / 0.12) \quad [\text{Essig, Kuflik, McDermott, Volansky \& Zurek, 1309.4091}]$$

[Boddy & Kumar, 1504.04024]

(depending on mediator mass)

# Cosmological probes

Assume **thermal equilibrium** between dark and visible sectors

Consider a model with light-mediator  
(via Higgs-portal for definiteness)

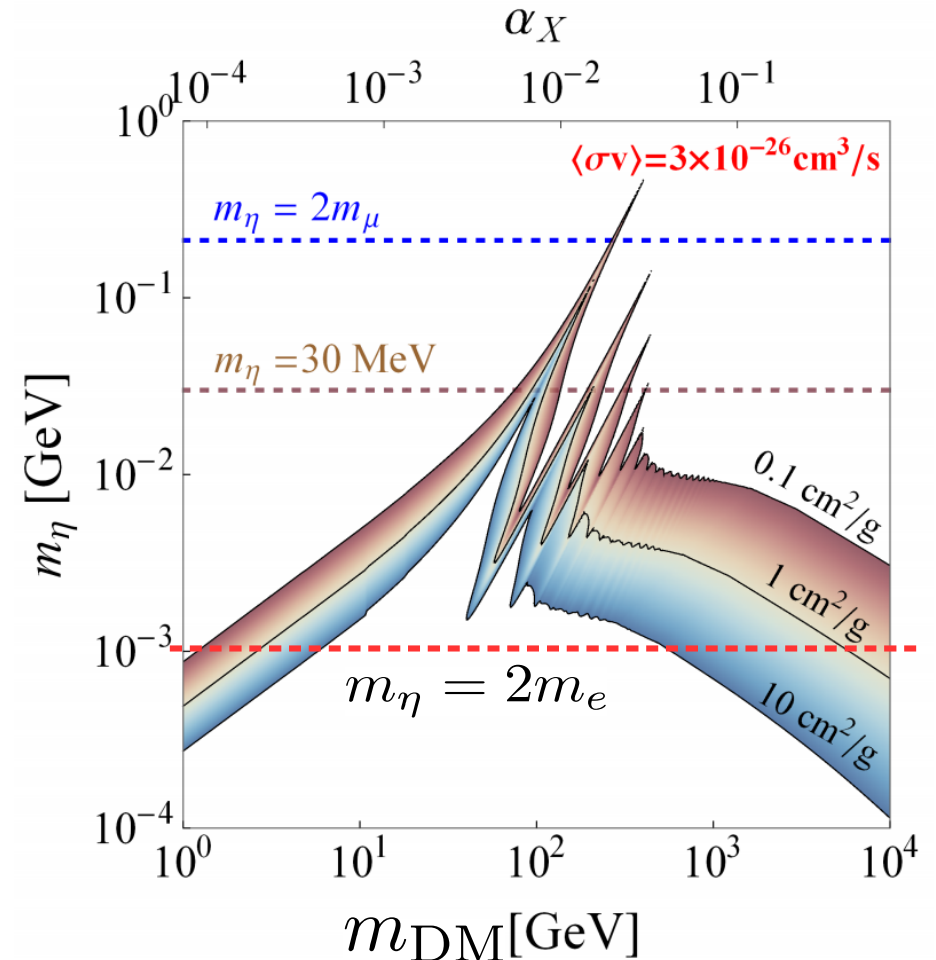
- Easily produce the right amount of self-interactions
- However **severely excluded**:

if  $2m_e < m_\eta < 2m_\mu$

Large abundance of mediator, thus **BBN** lower bound on mixing incompatible with upper bound from **LUX** plus (DM) **annihilations from CMB**

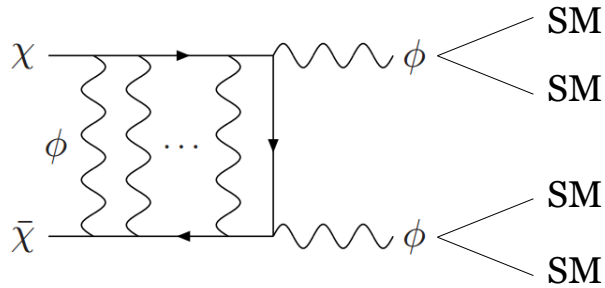
if  $m_\eta < 2m_e$

According to the value of  $\mathcal{T}_\eta$ , excluded by (DM) **annihilations from CMB**, (mediator) **late decays from CMB**, or **X-ray emission**



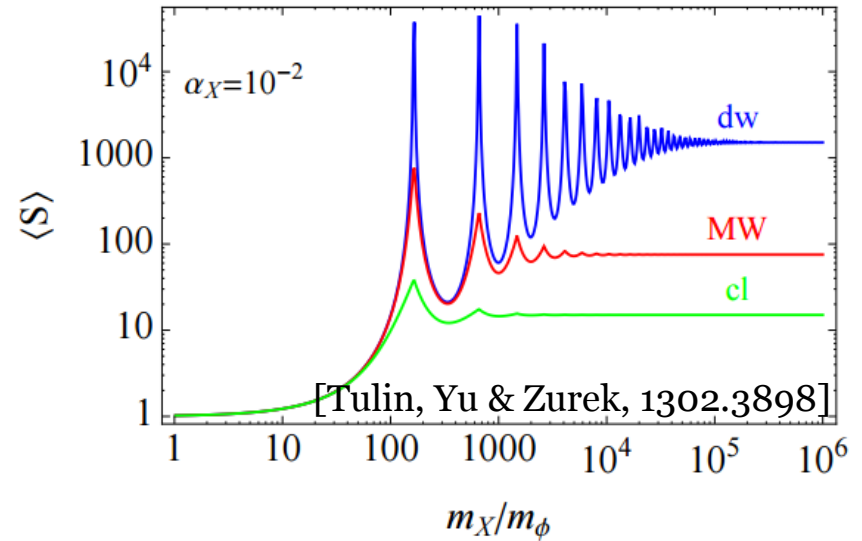
[Bernal, Chu, Garcia-Cely, Hambye & Zaldivar, 1510.08063]

# Indirect detection



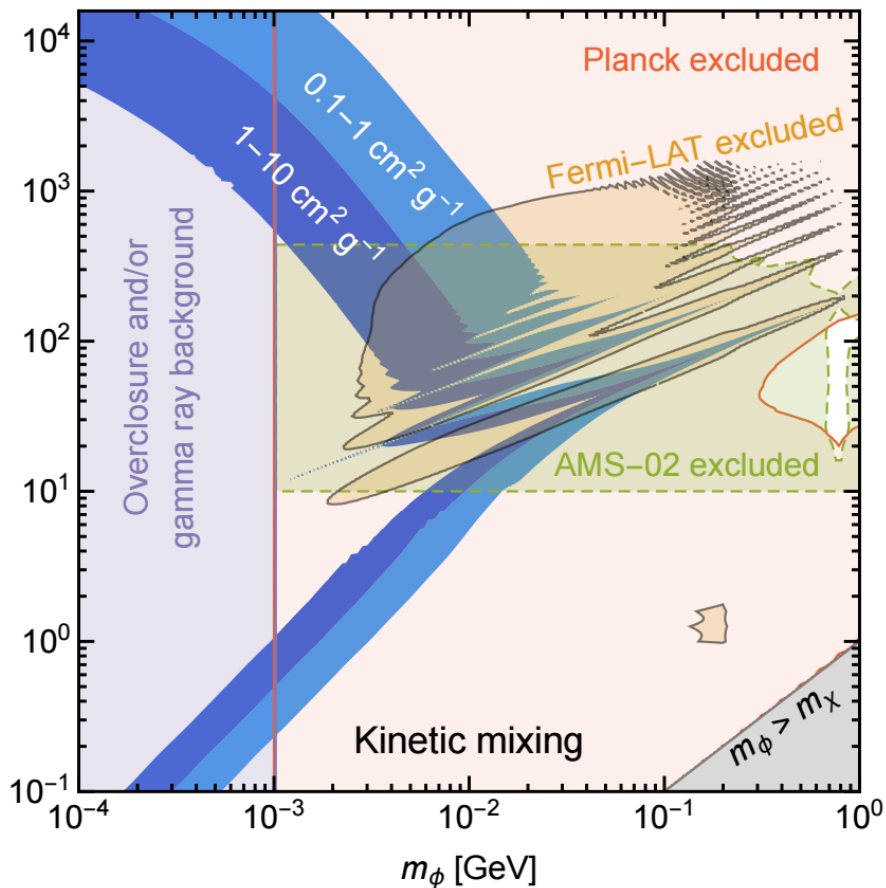
Sommerfeld enhancement:

$$\sigma v_{\text{rel}} = (\sigma v_{\text{rel}})_{\text{pert}} \times S(v_{\text{rel}})$$



**Assumptions:**

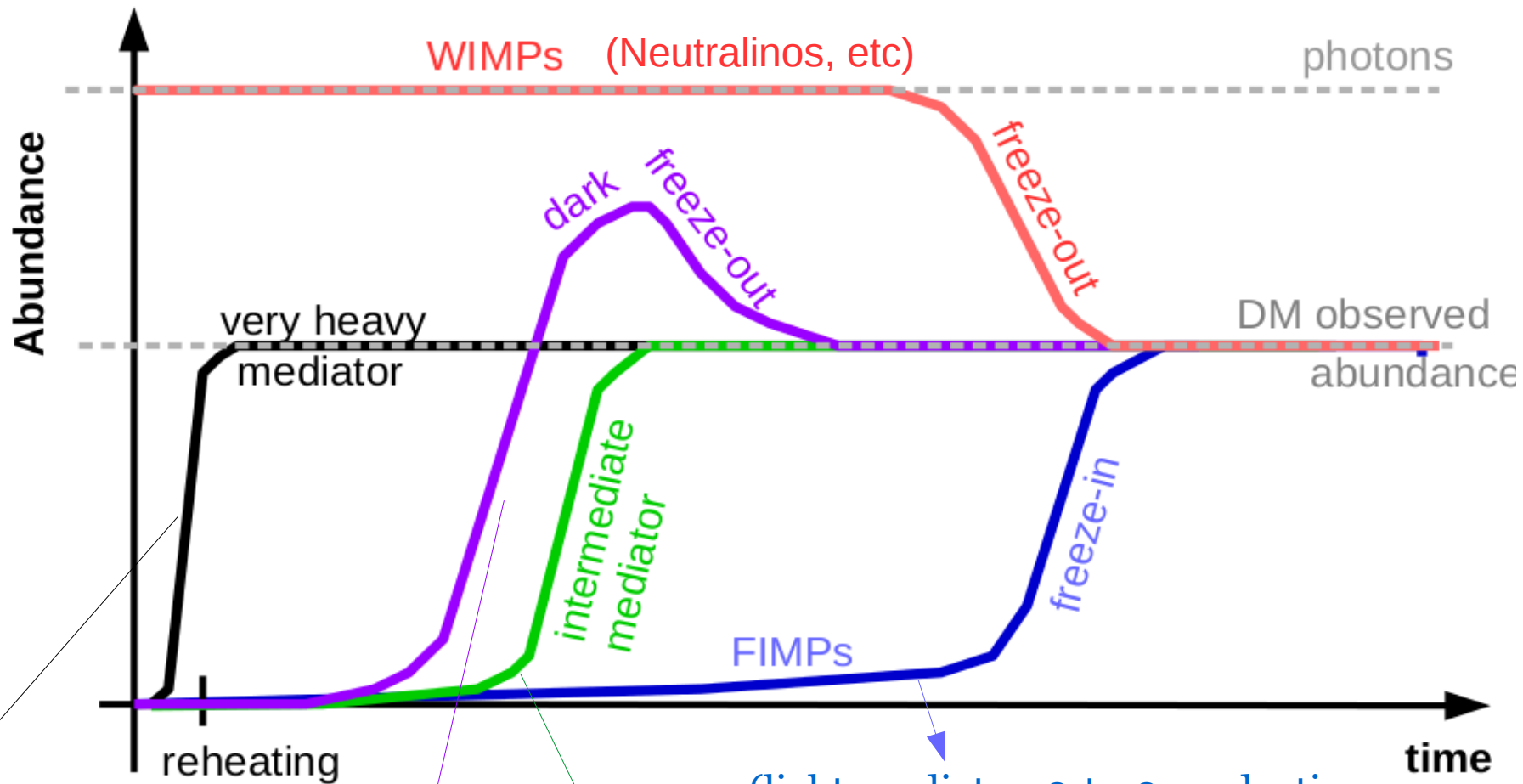
- 1) s-wave DM annihilation
- 2) kinetic-mixing w/ photons
- 3) **dark sector thermalised with SM at some point before freeze-out**



[Bringmann, Kahlhoefer, Schmidt-Hoberg & Walia, 1612.00845]

What if SIDM was never in thermal equilibrium  
with the visible sector?

# Different thermal histories of DM



Gravitinos,  
Axions,  
NETDM, ...

(secluded dark sectors)

(Non-thermal  $Z'$ , ...)

(light-mediator, 2-to-2 production,  
Stau-friend DM, etc)

Generic:

[Chu, Hambye & Tytgat, 1112.0493]

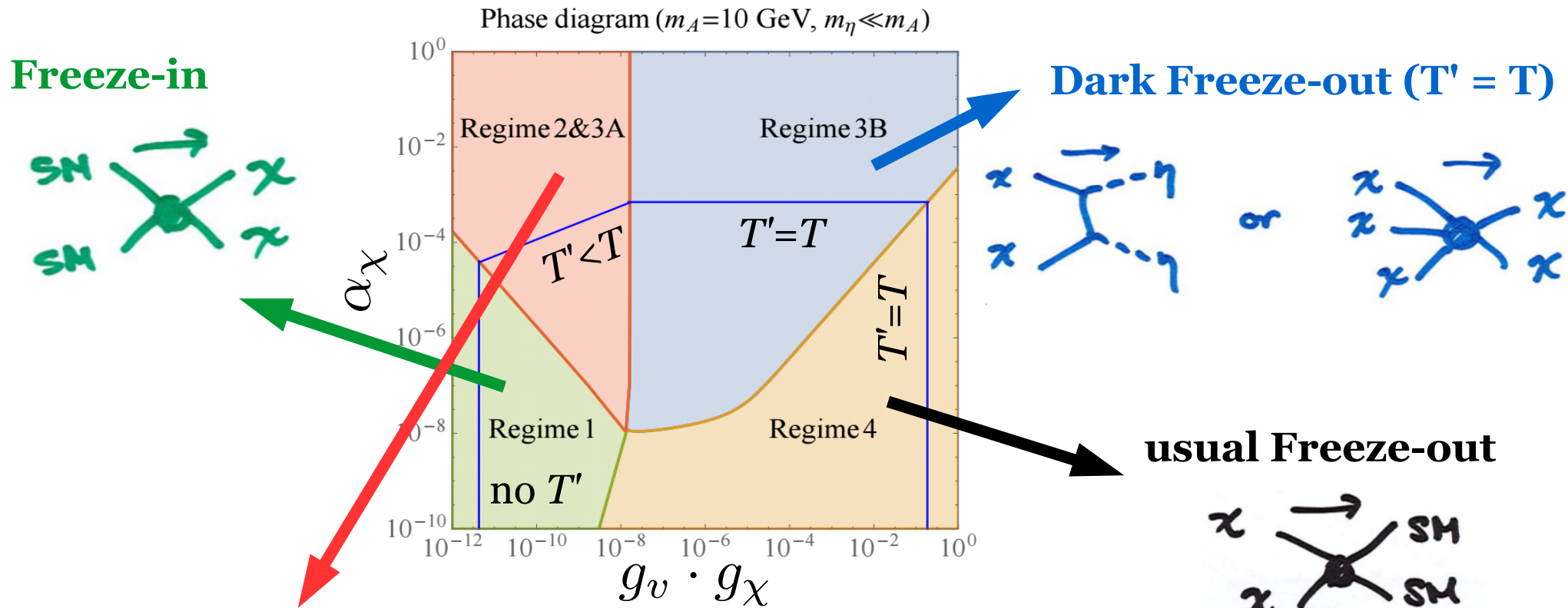
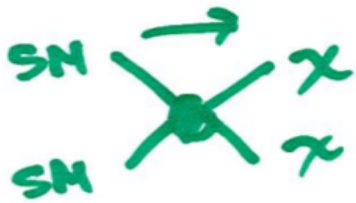
Pure freeze-in:

[Blennow, Fernandez & Zaldivar, 1309.7348]

# Different thermal histories of DM

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{SM} + \mathcal{L}_{HS} \left( \begin{array}{c} \chi \\ \chi \end{array} \begin{array}{c} g_\chi \\ \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ \eta \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} SM \\ SM \end{array} \begin{array}{c} g_\nu \\ \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ \eta \end{array} \right)$$

Freeze-in

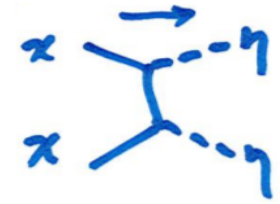


**Dark Freeze-out ( $T' < T$ )**

- Freeze-in production + dark annihilation

$T'$ : temperature of dark sector  
 $T$ : temperature of visible sector

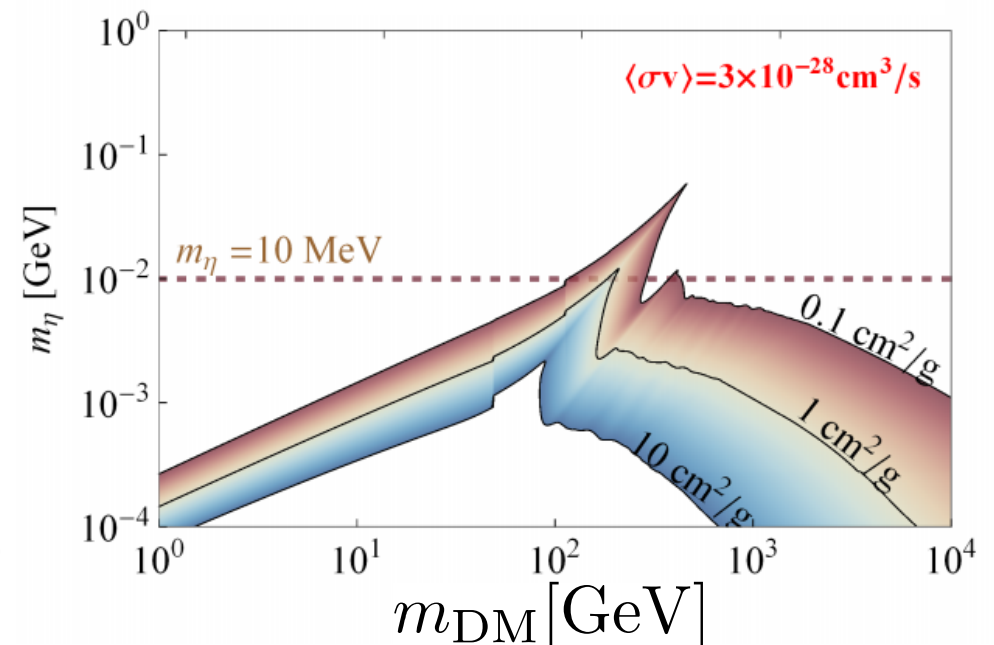
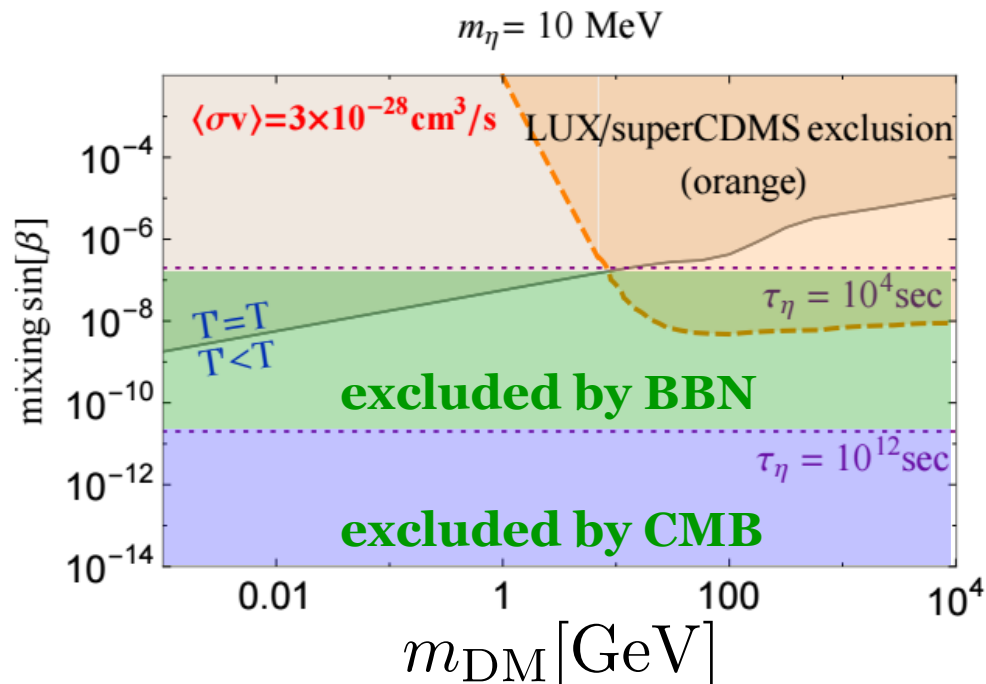
# Dark freeze-out ( $T' < T$ )



Consider the same model with light-mediator as before  
(via Higgs-portal)

[Bernal, Chu, Garcia-Cely, Hambye & Zaldivar, 1510.08063]

Dark thermalisation **still** produces **large population of mediators**



Thus, **excluded**.

(Similar conclusions for mediators lighter than electrons)



All of these naturally leads (me) to **freeze-in** ...

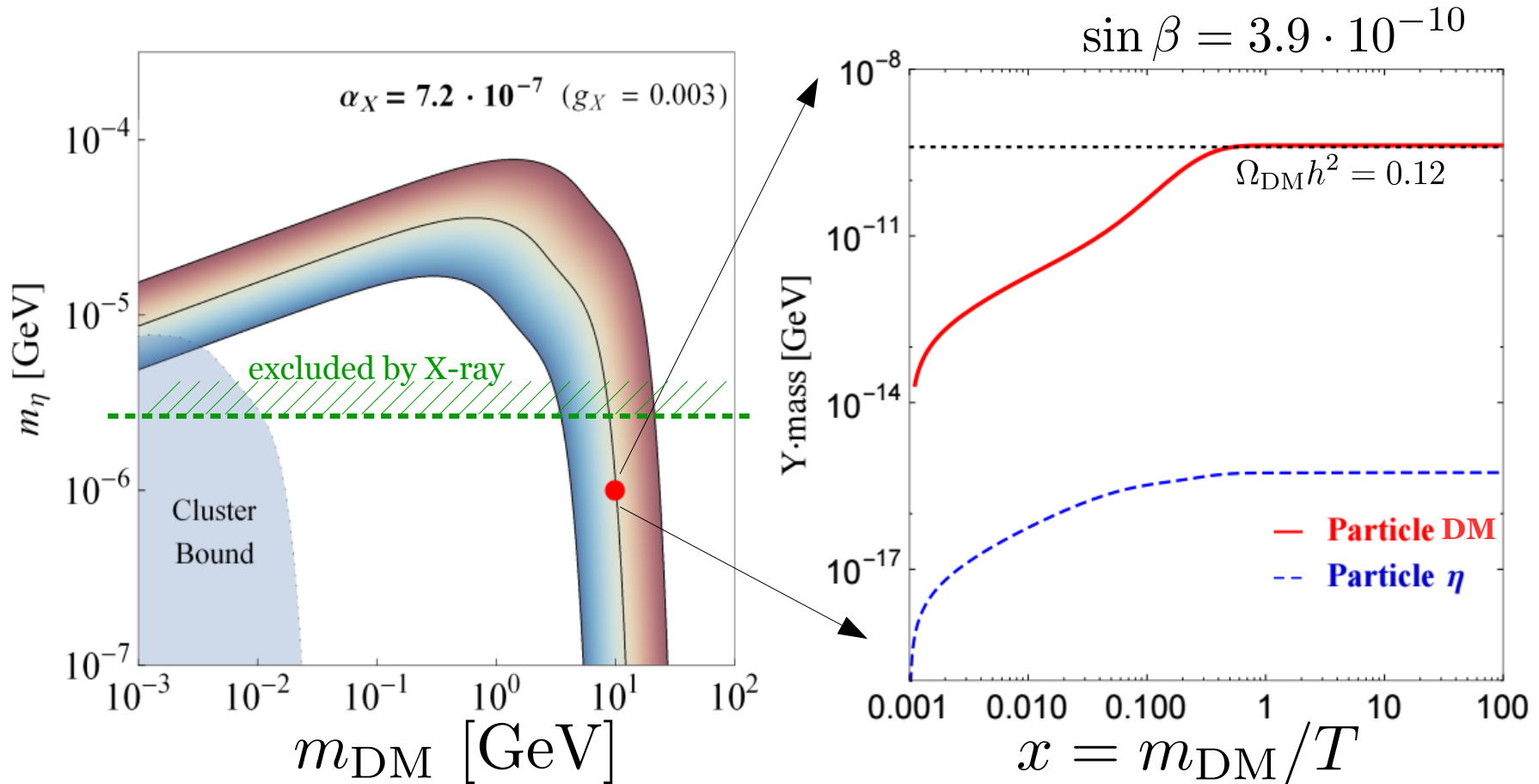
# Freeze-in

Sticking to same model with light-mediator

(via Higgs-portal)

[Bernal, Chu, Garcia-Cely, Hambye & Zaldivar, 1510.08063]

No dark thermalisation, thus **low abundance of light mediators** w.r.t. DM



FIMPs could have sufficient amount of self-interactions while avoiding the rest of complementary constraints

# Conclusions

*Assuming SIDM is the solution to small-scale problems,  
data seems to prefer the freeze-in DM production mechanism.*