

Late Kinetic Decoupling and Self-Interacting Dark Matter

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Torsten Bringmann, Håvard Ihle, JK, Parampreet Walia, PRD **94**, 103529 (2016)

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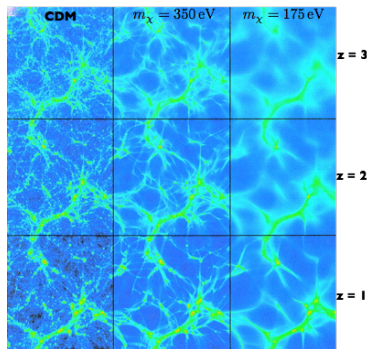
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- 2 Dark Matter Interacting with Sterile Neutrinos

Warm Dark Matter

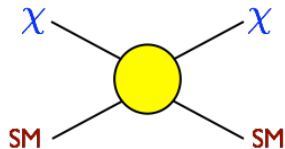
- Standard solution to **missing satellites** problem
 - Neither **hot** nor **cold**
 - ↪ some **free streaming**
 - ↪ smaller structures washed out
 - Creates **cores** in dwarf galaxies **if** free-streaming length $>$ dwarf size
 - ↪ prevents formation of dwarf
- Catch 22 problem of WDM**

Macciò et al., MNRAS 424 (2012)



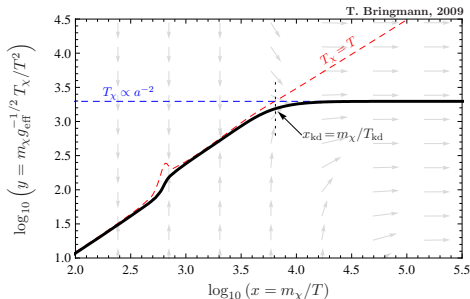
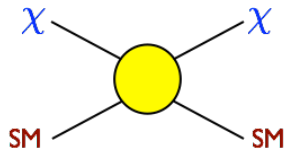
Bode & Ostriker, ApJ 556 (2001)

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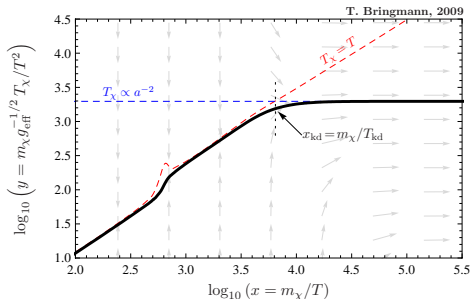
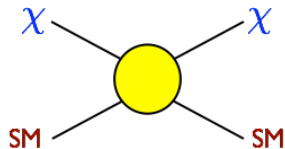
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- Standard WIMPs: $T_{\text{kd}} \gtrsim 1 \text{ MeV} \rightsquigarrow$ effect negligible
Bringmann, New J. Phys. **11** (2009)

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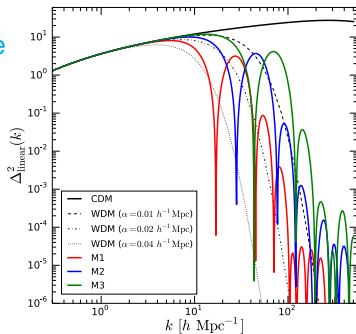
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- **Cutoff** in power spectrum of density fluctuations

↪ Minimal halo mass Vogelsberger et al., MNRAS **460** (2016)

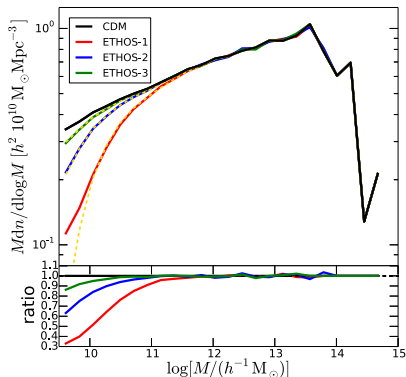
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- Want: $M_{\text{cut}} \simeq 10^{10} M_{\odot}$

↪ **Missing satellite problem** solved with **cold** DM for $T_{\text{kd}} \lesssim 1 \text{ keV}$

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- Similarity to WDM cosmology confirmed by *N*-body simulations



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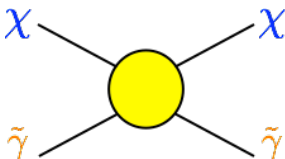
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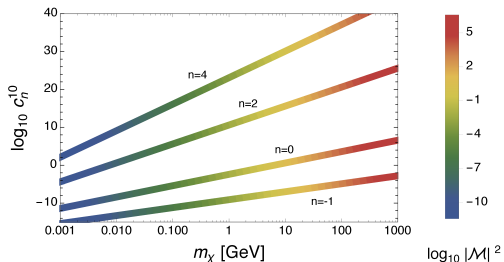
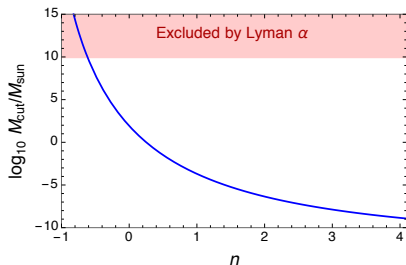
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- Scattering amplitude close to kinetic decoupling:

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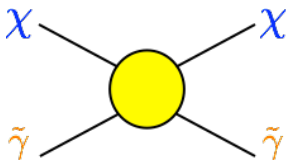


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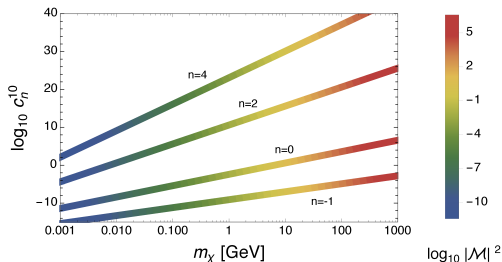
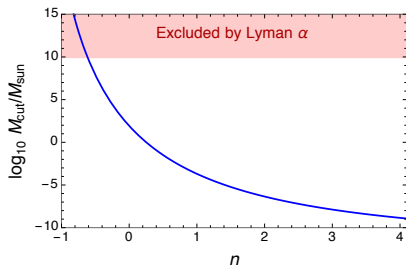


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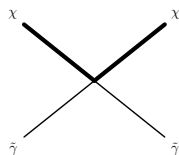
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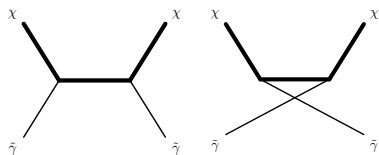
\rightsquigarrow Need large coefficients c_n and/or light dark matter

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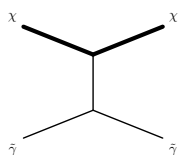
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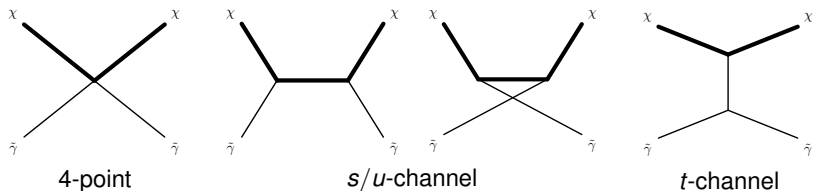
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- Take into account **inherently related processes**
 - Dark matter **relic density** ($\chi\chi \rightarrow \tilde{\gamma}\tilde{\gamma}$)
 - Dark matter **self-interactions** ($\chi\chi \rightarrow \chi\chi$)

Two-Particle Models

Late kinetic decoupling DM relic density DM self-interactions

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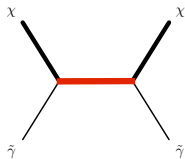
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- Scalar or non-Abelian keV DR and scalar or fermion DM possible

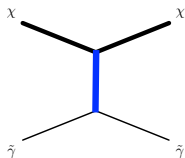
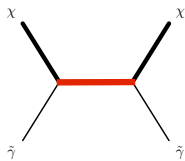
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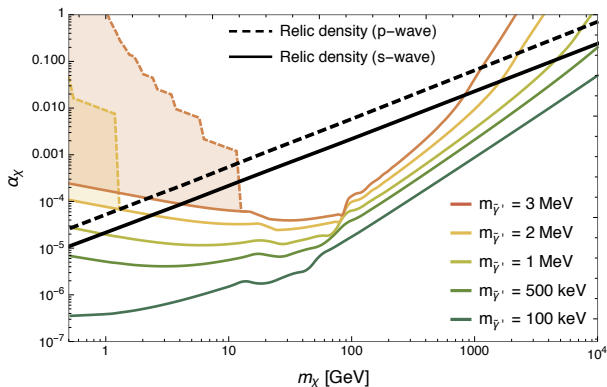


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 - Light \rightsquigarrow **enhanced** scattering rate
 - **Missing satellites** solved for almost any DM mass
 - Correct **DM density** from $\chi\chi \rightarrow VV$
 - DM self-interactions \rightsquigarrow **all small-scale problems** solved



Desired Self-Interactions with t -Channel Mediator



\rightsquigarrow Both $m_\chi \sim \text{GeV}$ and $m_\chi \sim \text{TeV}$ work

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Not-so-WIMPy Dark Matter

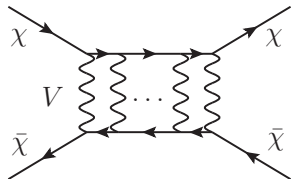
- Dark matter χ
 - Standard Model singlet
 - Charged under $U(1)_\chi$ gauge interaction
 - Mass $m_\chi \sim \text{TeV}$
- Light gauge boson V , $m_V \sim \text{MeV}$

- ↪ Long-range, velocity-dependent interaction
- ↪ Less cuspy density profiles
- ↪ Cusp-core and too big to fail solved

Feng, Kaplinghat, Yu, PRL **104** (2010)

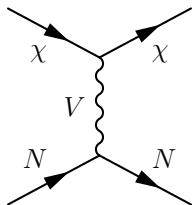
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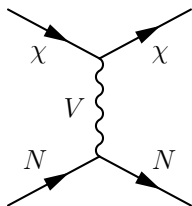
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⇒ **Late kinetic decoupling**

⇒ **All small-scale problems** of structure formation solved

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Ko, Tang, PLB **739** (2014)

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⇒ **Dark matter annihilation** constraints avoided by decay $V \rightarrow NN$

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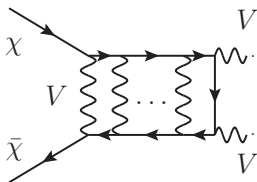
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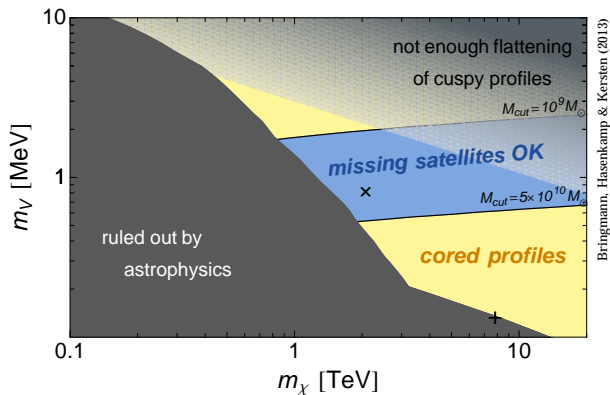
- $\langle \Theta \rangle \sim \text{MeV}$ breaks $U(1)_X$
- $T_X \sim m_X/25$: freeze-out (chemical decoupling) of dark matter

$$\Omega_{\text{CDM}} h^2 \sim 0.11 \left(\frac{0.67}{g_X} \right)^4 \left(\frac{m_X}{\text{TeV}} \right)^2$$

(neglecting **bound state** formation)



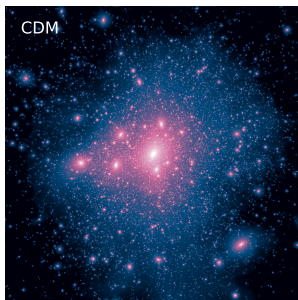
Cold Dark Matter Parameter Space



- Blue band can be moved **vertically** by changing sterile neutrino charge and temperature
- Crosses: simulations show that **too big to fail** solved

Results from ETHOS

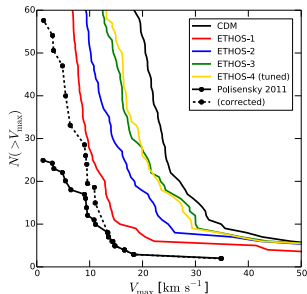
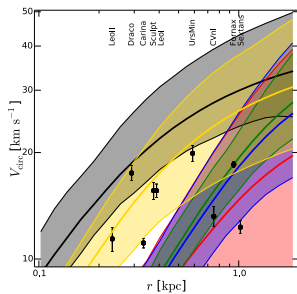
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- Confirms solution (alleviation) of **too big to fail**, **missing satellites**
- **Cusp-core** and **rotation curve diversity** unclear (but see talk by [Hai-Bo Yu](#))

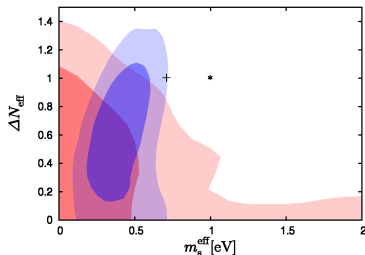
Hints for Hot Dark Matter

- 3σ **tension**: CMB ($z > 1000$) vs. local ($z < 10$) observations
- **Expansion rate**
 - Planck: $H_0 = (67.8 \pm 0.9) \frac{\text{km}}{\text{s Mpc}}$ A&A **594** (2016)
 - Hubble: $H_0 = (73.24 \pm 1.74) \frac{\text{km}}{\text{s Mpc}}$ Riess et al., ApJ **826** (2016)
- Magnitude of **matter density fluctuations** (σ_8)
- Resolved by **hot** dark matter component \simeq **dark radiation**
- Best fit:

$$\Delta N_{\text{eff}} = 0.61$$

$$m_s^{\text{eff}} \equiv \left(\frac{T_s}{T_\nu}\right)^3 m_s = 0.41 \text{ eV}$$

Hamann, Hasenkamp, JCAP **10** (2013)
Gariazzo, Giunti, Laveder, JHEP **11** (2013)
Wyman, Rudd, Vanderveld, Hu, PRL **112** (2014)
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↪ **Added value** of sterile neutrino

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$$\Delta N_{\text{eff}}|_{\text{BBN}} < \left(\frac{58.4}{g_{*,\nu}(T_X^{\text{dpl}})}\right)^{\frac{4}{3}} \stackrel{!}{\lesssim} 1$$

\rightsquigarrow **BBN bounds** satisfied for $T_X^{\text{dpl}} \gtrsim 1 \text{ GeV}$

\rightsquigarrow Correct order of magnitude for **hot dark matter hint**

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↔ oscillations ↔ $\Delta N_{\text{eff}} \simeq 1$ ↔ ruled out by Planck
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- $T < \text{MeV}$: mixing unsuppressed

↪ additional production of sterile neutrinos via $U(1)_X$

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Mirizzi, Mangano, Pisanti, Saviano, PRD **91** (2015)

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Cherry, Friedland, Shoemaker, arXiv:1605.06506

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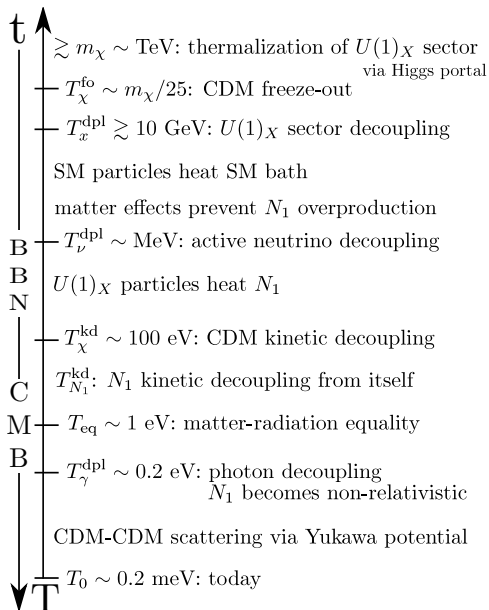
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Conclusions

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 - Need new dark radiation particle as scattering partner
 - Favorite scenario: t -channel mediator with mass $\sim \text{MeV}$
 - \rightsquigarrow correct dark matter relic density
 - \rightsquigarrow DM self-interactions solve cusp-core, too big to fail problems
- Concrete model
 - Dark matter with mass $\sim \text{TeV}$
 - Sterile neutrino with mass $\lesssim \text{eV}$ \rightsquigarrow small hot DM component
 - Gauge boson with mass $\sim \text{MeV}$ \rightsquigarrow secret interactions

Timeline



Meet the Dark Side

- Dirac fermion χ (dark matter), $m_\chi \sim \text{TeV}$
- Gauge boson V , $m_V \sim \text{MeV}$
- Kinetic mixing $F_{\mu\nu}^X F^{\mu\nu}$, $F_{\mu\nu}^X Z^{\mu\nu}$ negligible
- Scalar Θ breaking $U(1)_X$, $\langle \Theta \rangle \sim \text{MeV}$
- Light sterile neutrino N , $m_N \lesssim \text{eV}$
- Heavier sterile neutrino N_2 , $m_{N_2} \sim \text{MeV} \rightsquigarrow$ cancel anomalies
- Scalar ξ , $\langle \xi \rangle < \langle \Theta \rangle \rightsquigarrow$ active-sterile neutrino mixing

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$\rightsquigarrow \Delta N_{\text{eff}}|_{\text{CMB}} \simeq \text{const.}$, but $T_N \uparrow \rightsquigarrow m_s^{\text{eff}} \uparrow$

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Sterile Neutrinos Become Non-Relativistic

$$m_N \sim 1 \text{ eV} > T_{\text{rec}} \sim 0.3 \text{ eV}$$

↪ sterile neutrinos **not** highly **relativistic** during CMB epoch

Jacques, Krauss, Lunardini, PRD **87** (2013)

$$N_{\text{eff}} = N_{\text{eff}}^{\text{rel}} \left(\frac{3}{4} + \frac{1}{4} \frac{P_{m_N=1 \text{ eV}}}{P_{m_N=0}} \right)$$

↪ $N_{\text{eff}} \downarrow$

↪ **even $\Delta N_{\text{eff}} < 0$** possible ↪ possible test for scenario

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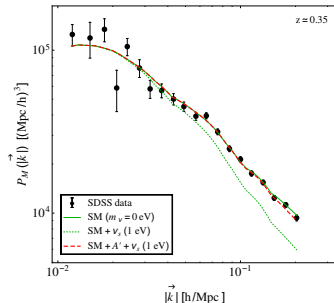
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