

# $Z_2$ SIMP Dark Matter

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Self-interacting Mark Matter

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# **The SIMPlEst DM model ever: Singlet Scalar Dark Matter**

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McDonald '07

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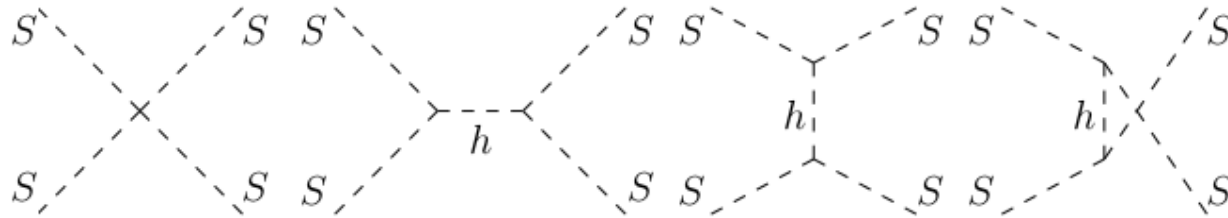
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# Dark Matter Self-Interactions

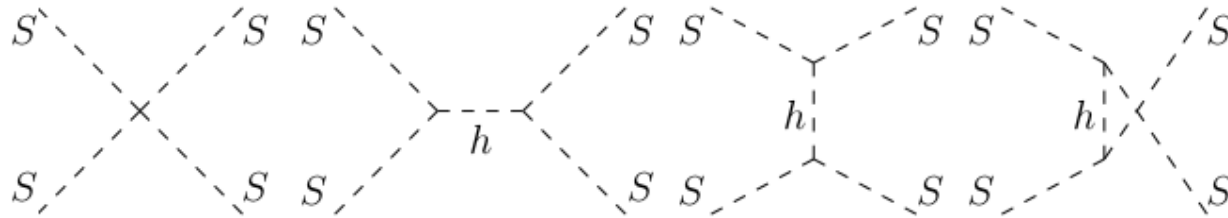


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$\text{BR}(h \rightarrow \text{inv.}) < 20\%$

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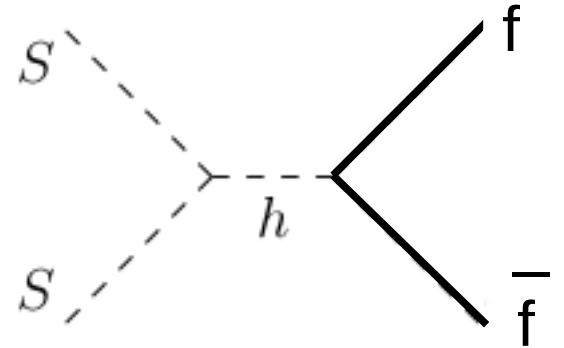
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# WIMP DM :-/

DM can (only) annihilate into light fermions  
other annihilation channels kinematically closed!

$$\langle \sigma_{SS \rightarrow f \bar{f} \nu} \rangle \sim \frac{\lambda_{HS}^2}{\pi} \frac{m_f^2}{m_h^4}$$

$$\langle \sigma_{SS \rightarrow f \bar{f} \nu} \rangle \ll 10^{-26} \text{ cm}^3/\text{s}$$



- Universe overclosed
- SSDM with sizable self-interactions can not be a WIMP



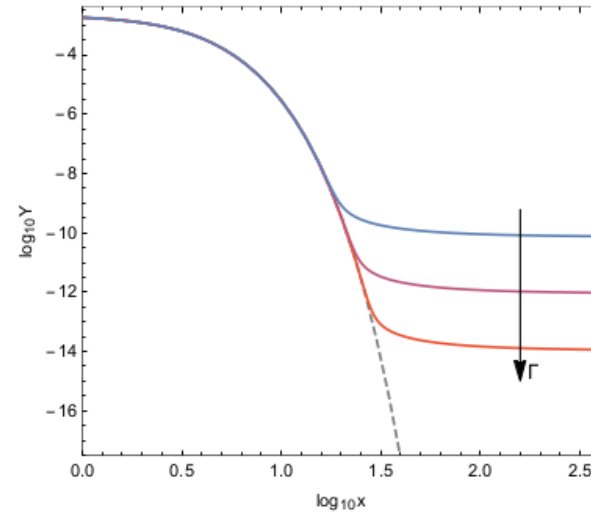
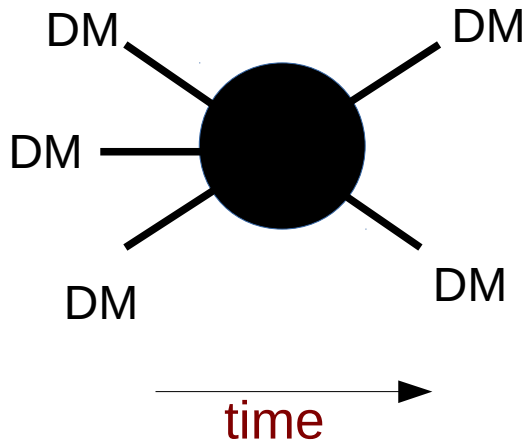
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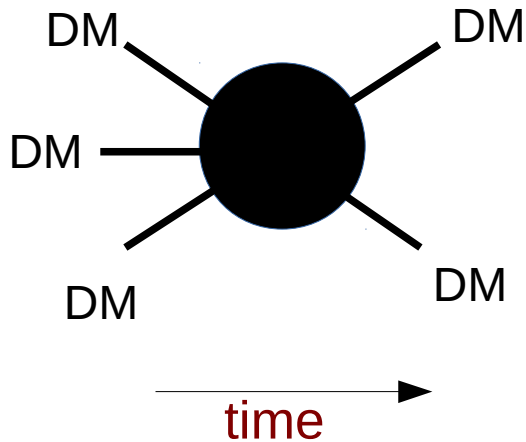


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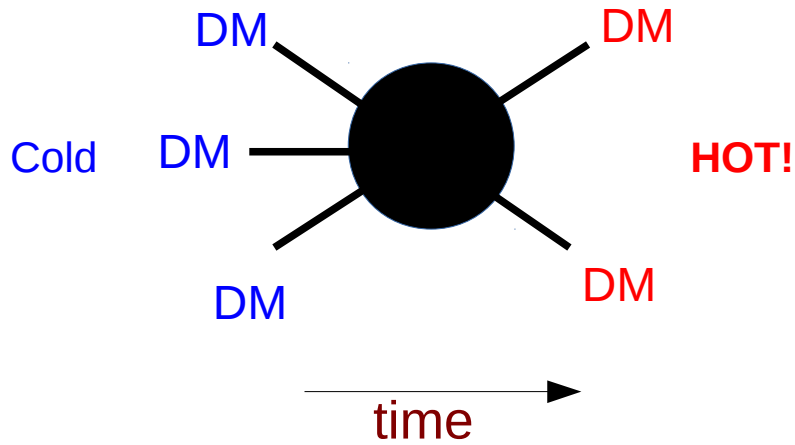


- \* DM in the MeV range
- \* Small DM-SM portal
- \*  $\lambda_S \sim 1$
- \* 'Strong' Self-interactions  
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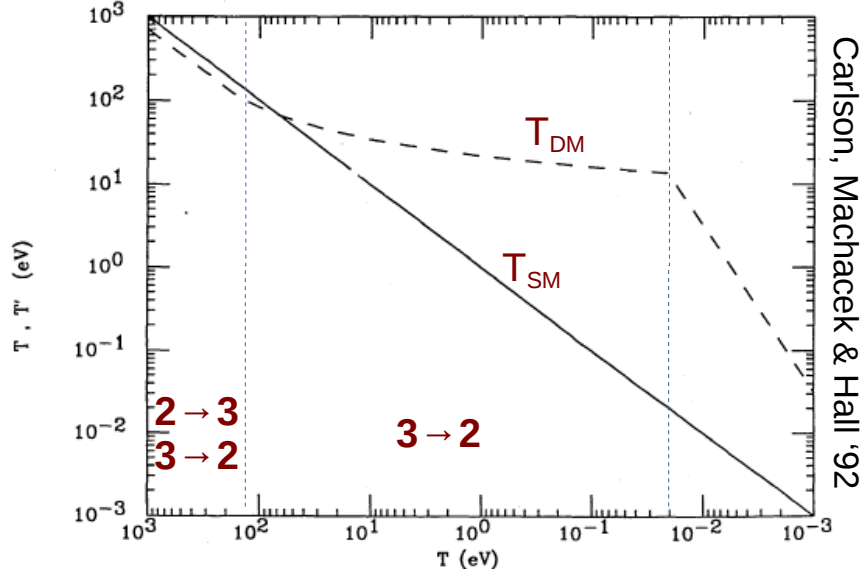
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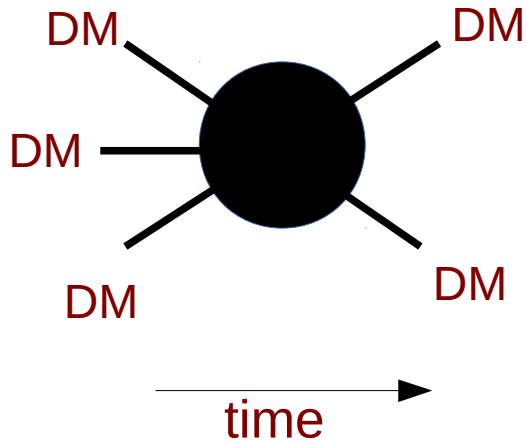
**Caveat:** 3 → 2 annihilations  
pump heat into the dark sector!



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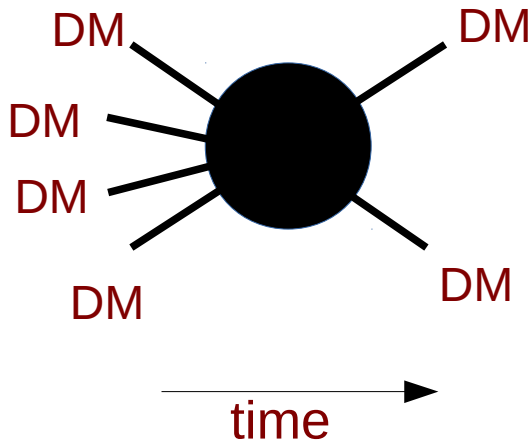


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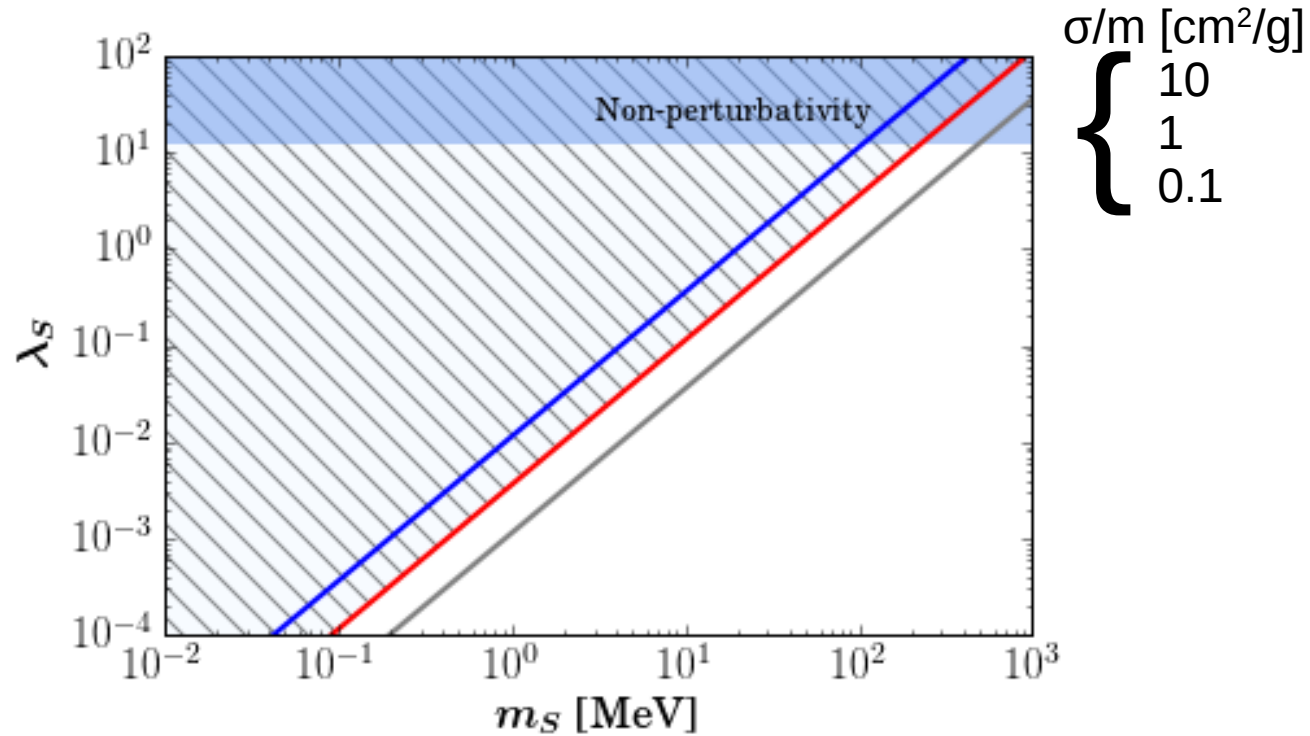
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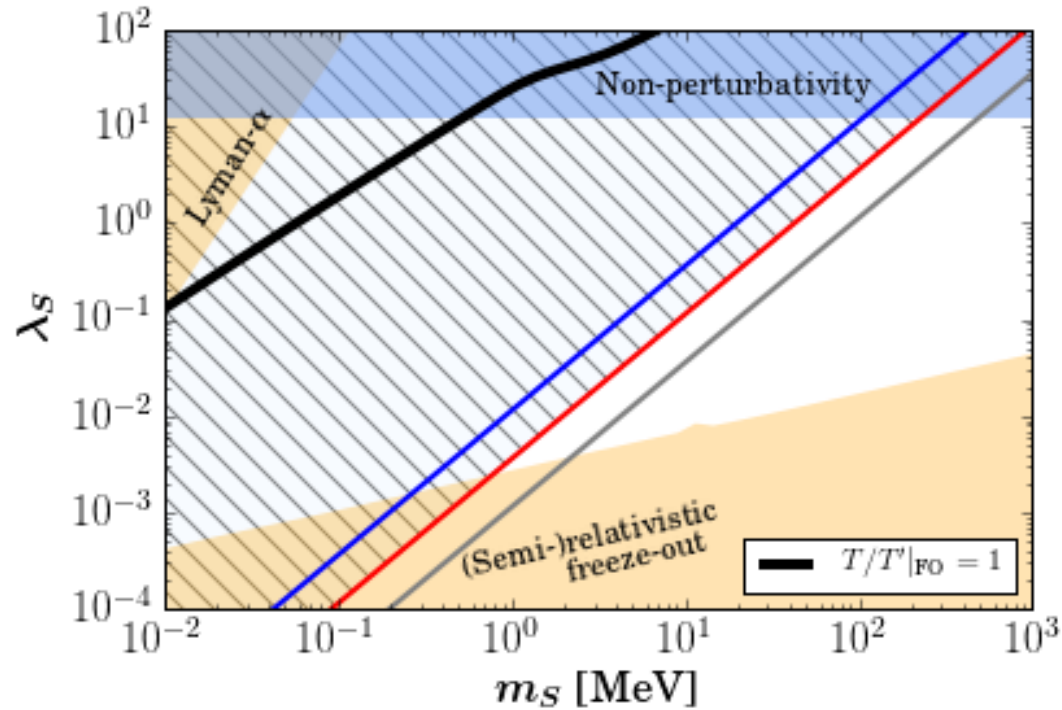
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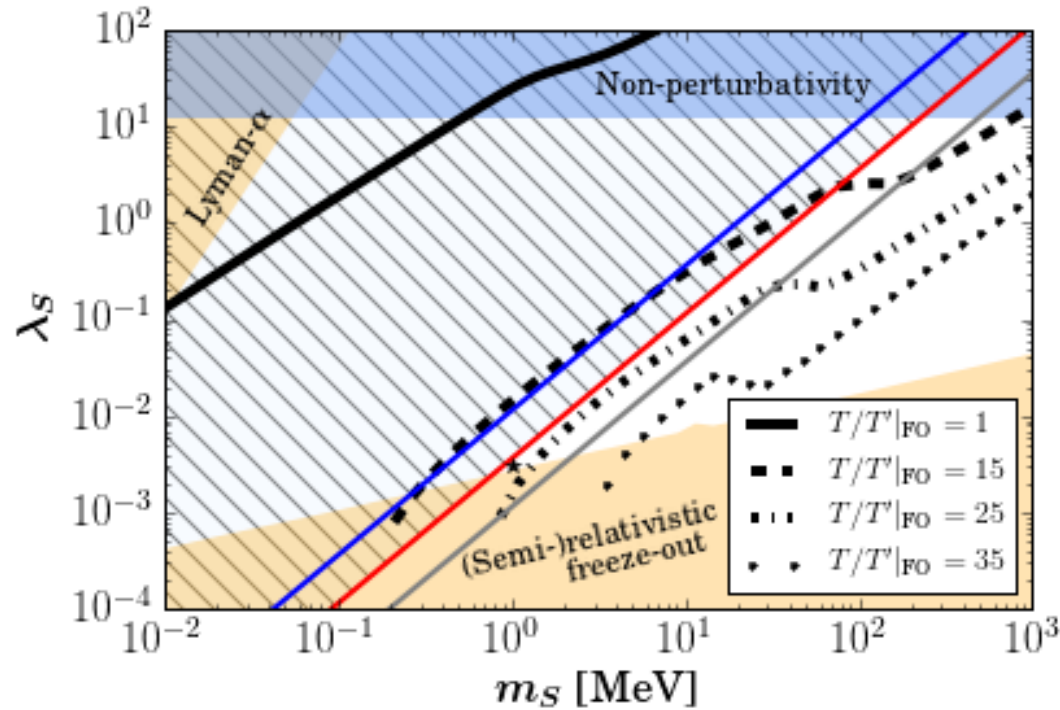


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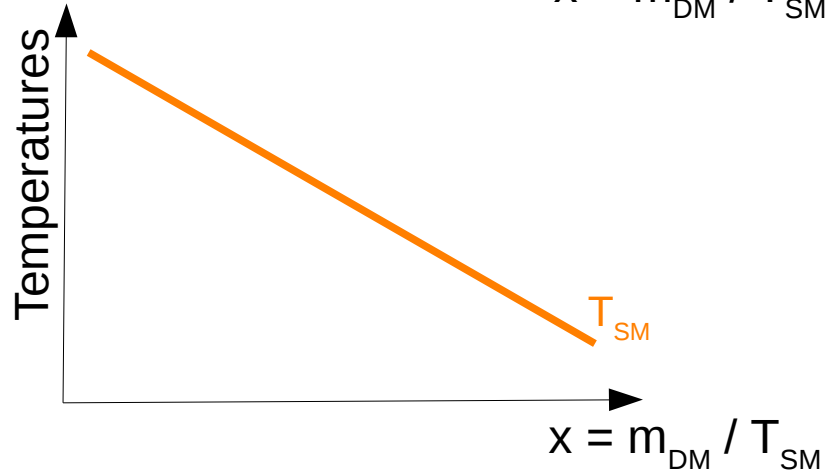
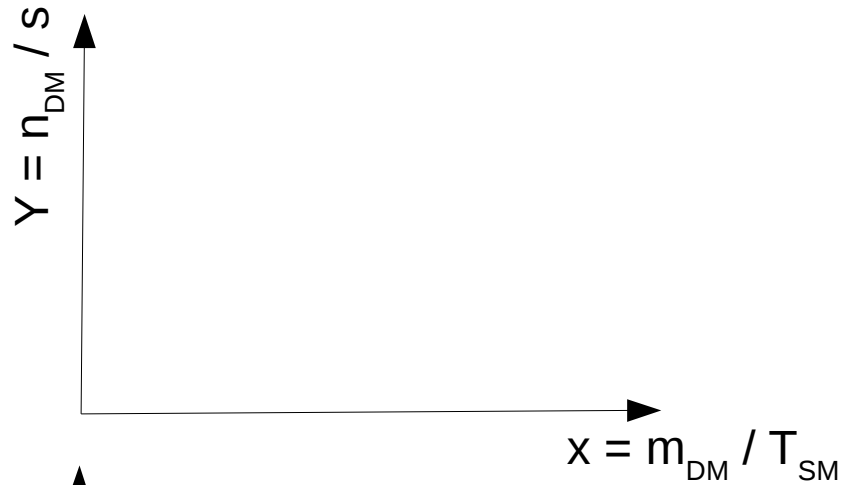
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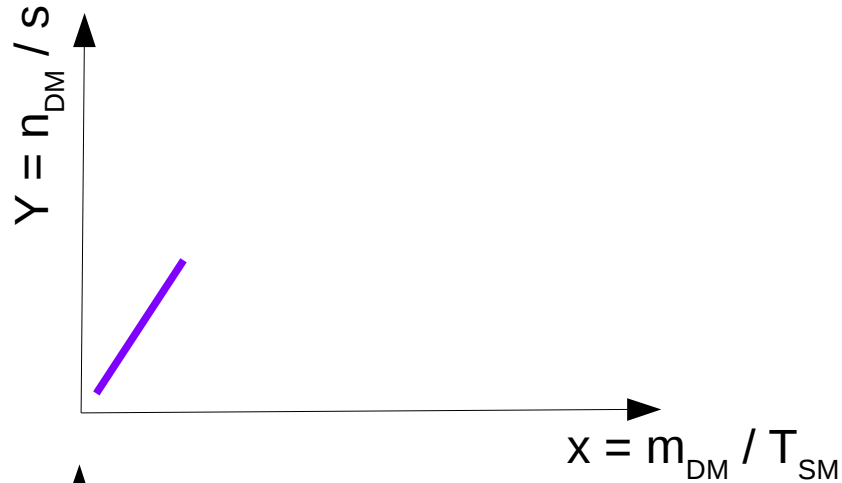
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**How to produce such a  
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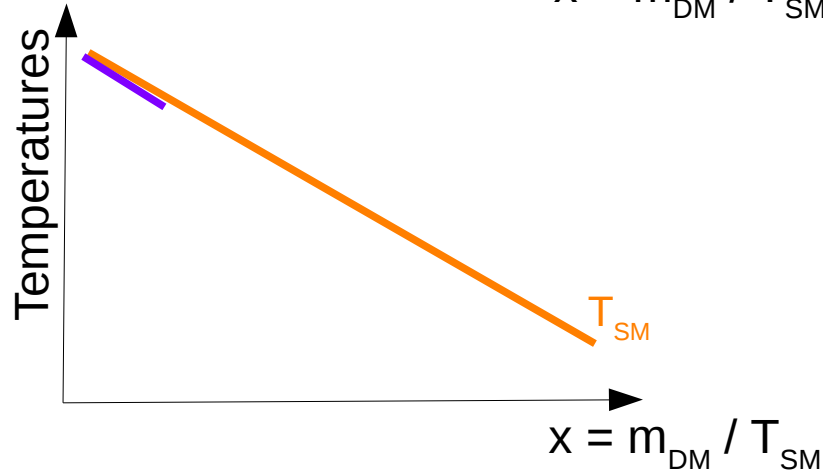
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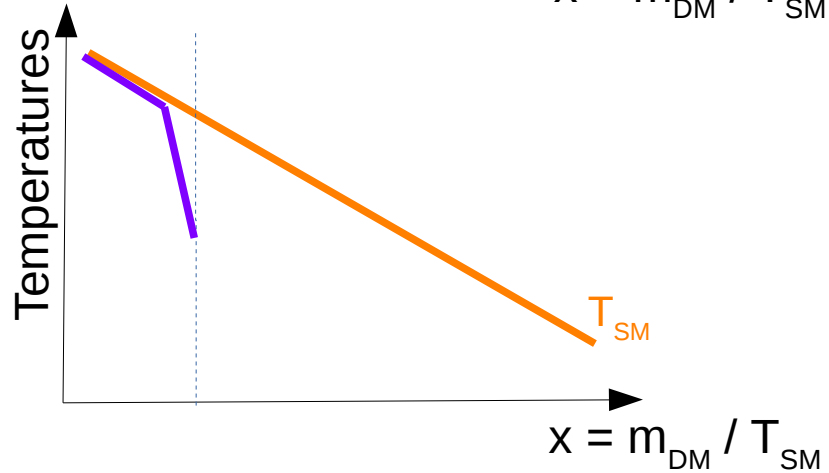
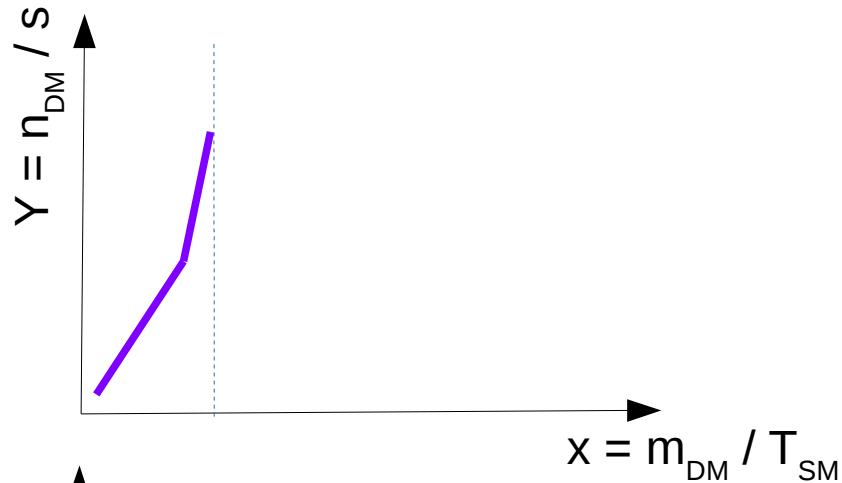
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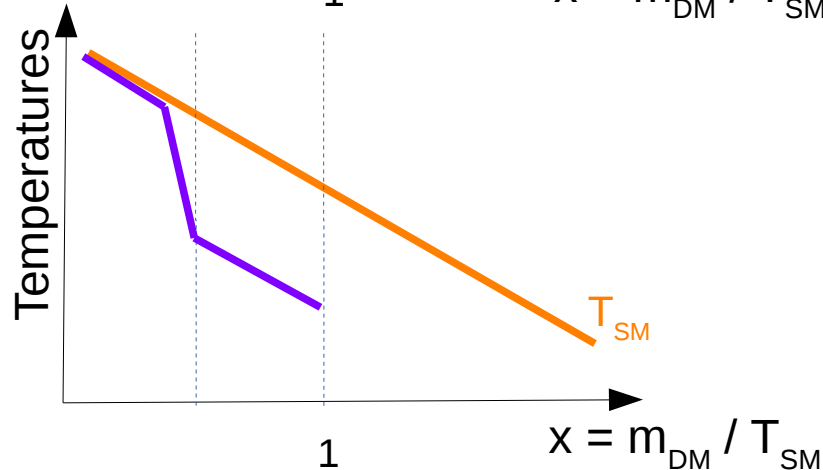
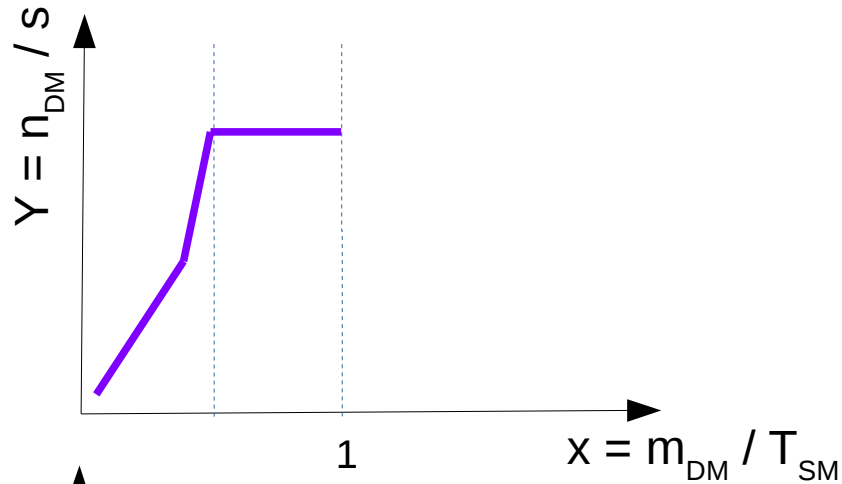
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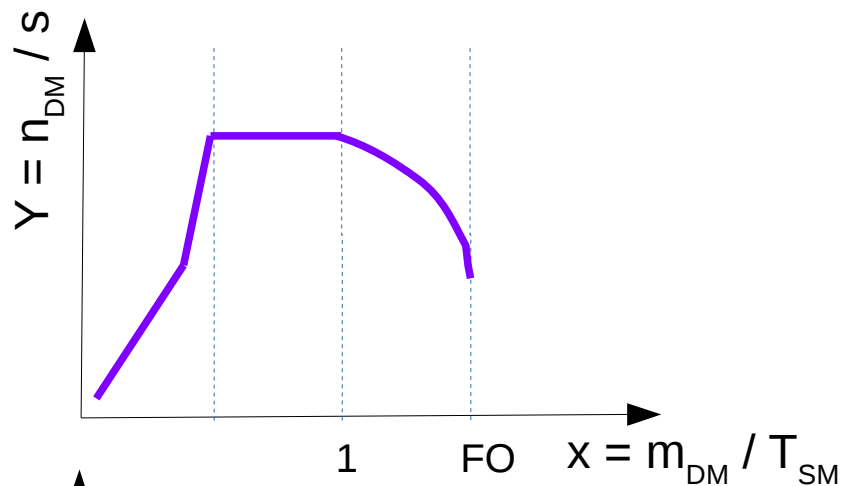
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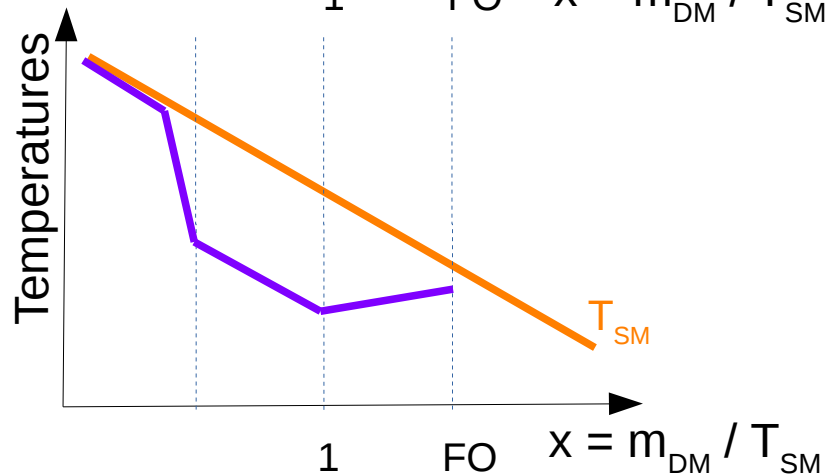
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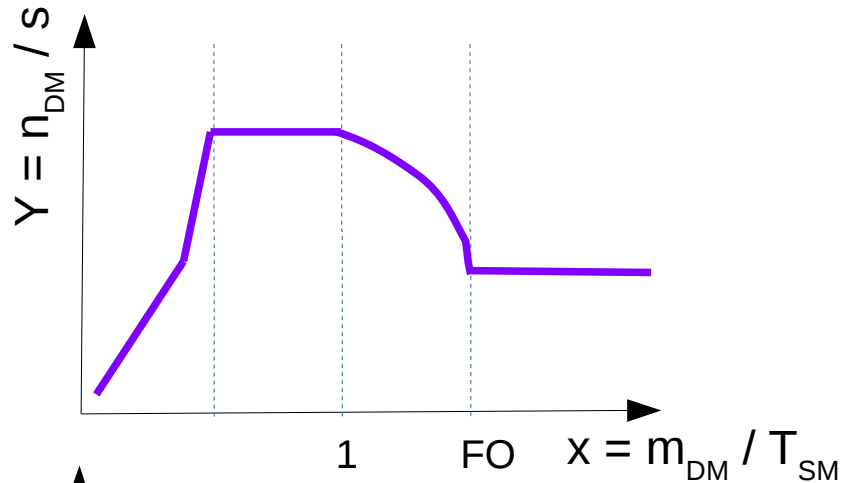


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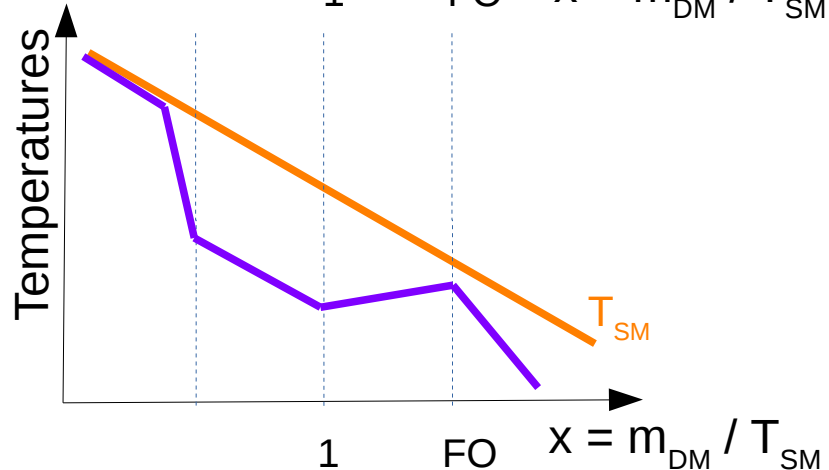
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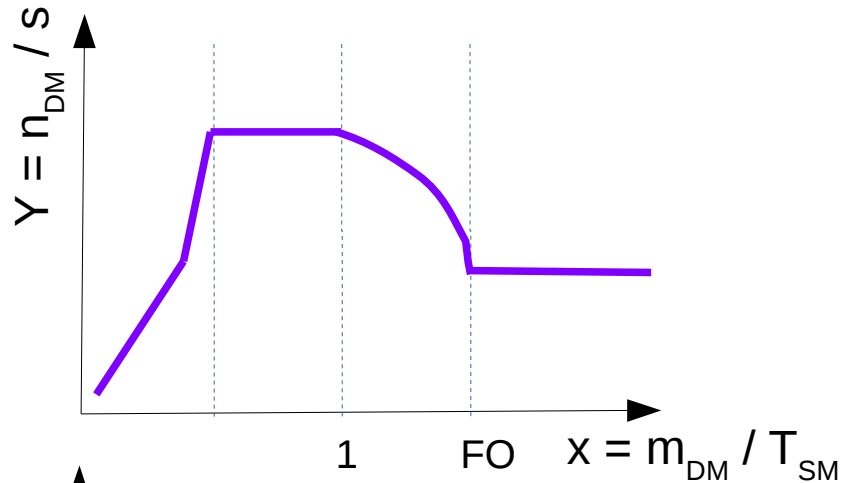
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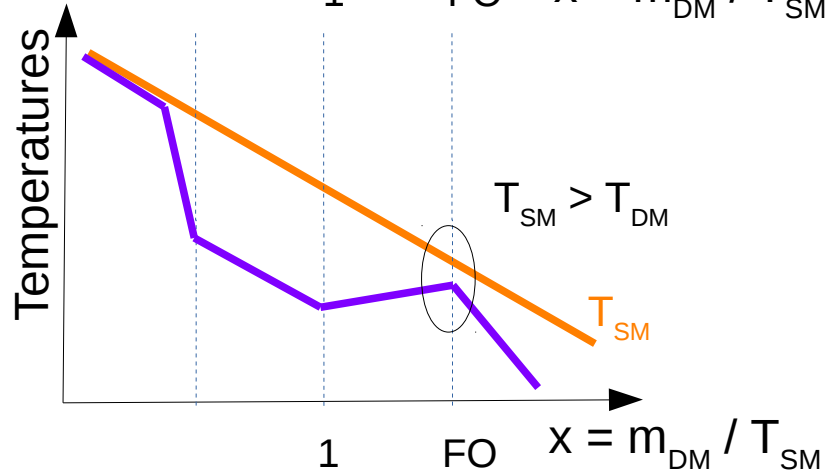


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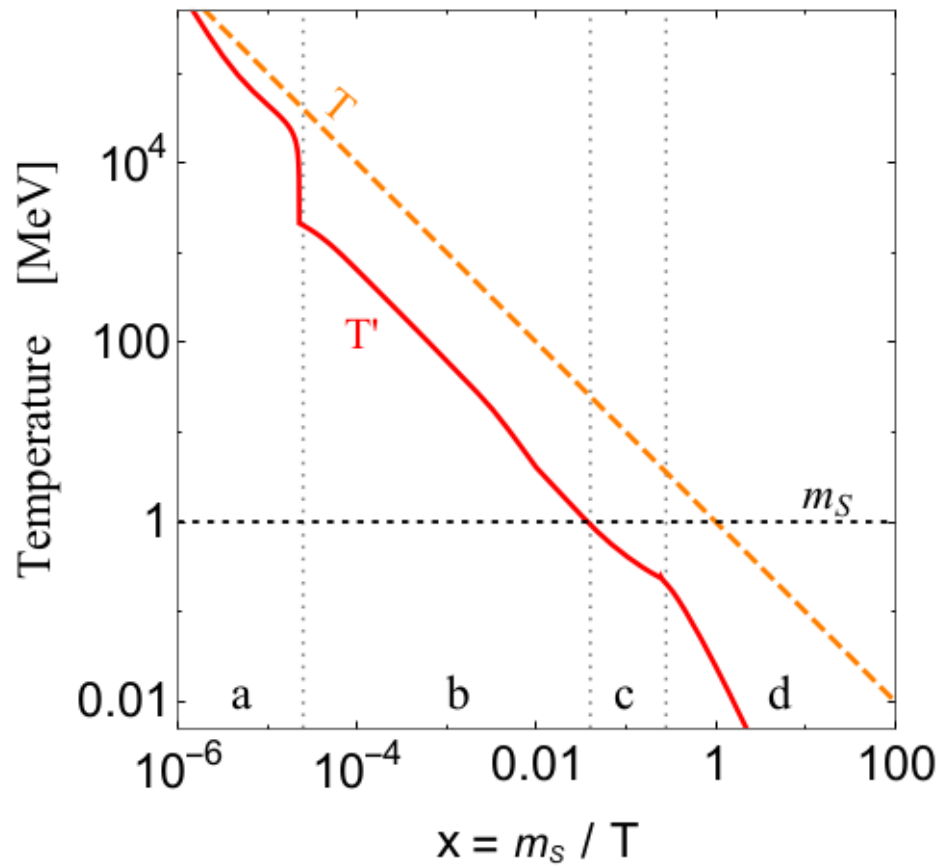
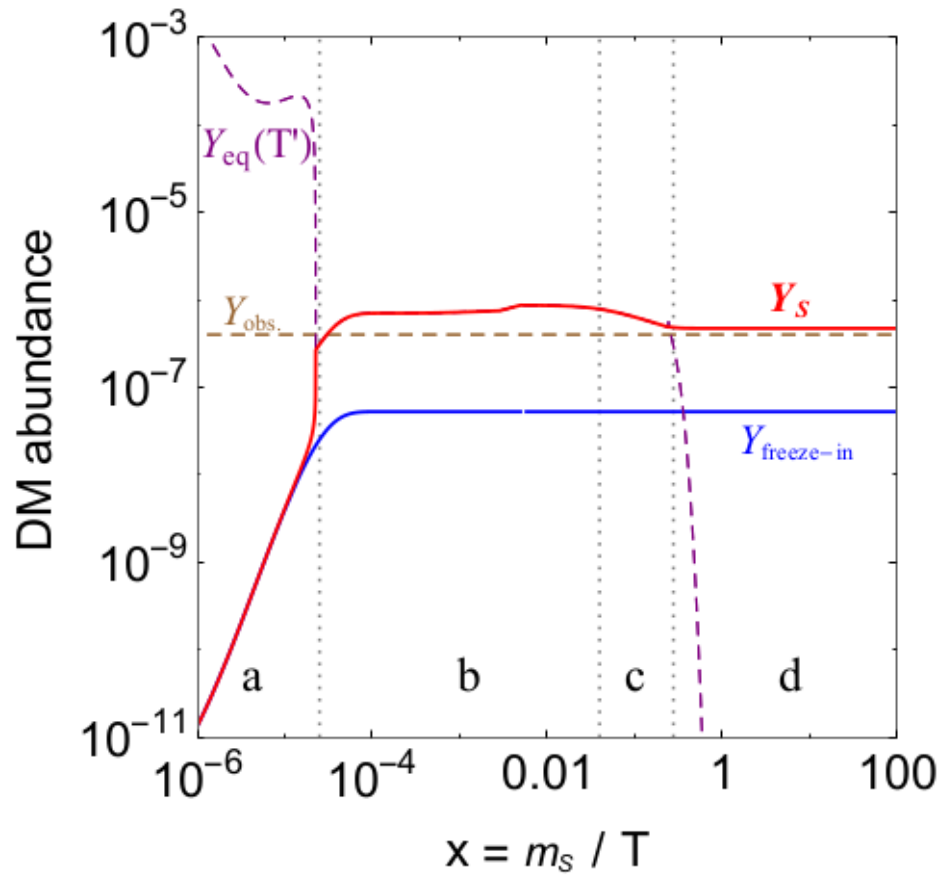
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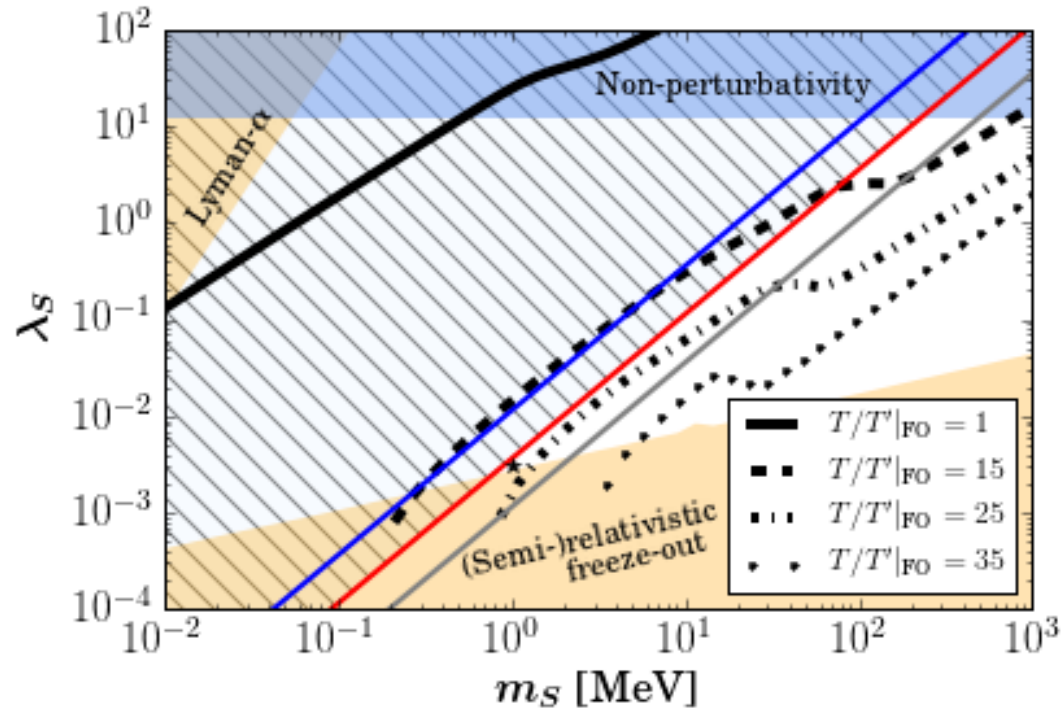
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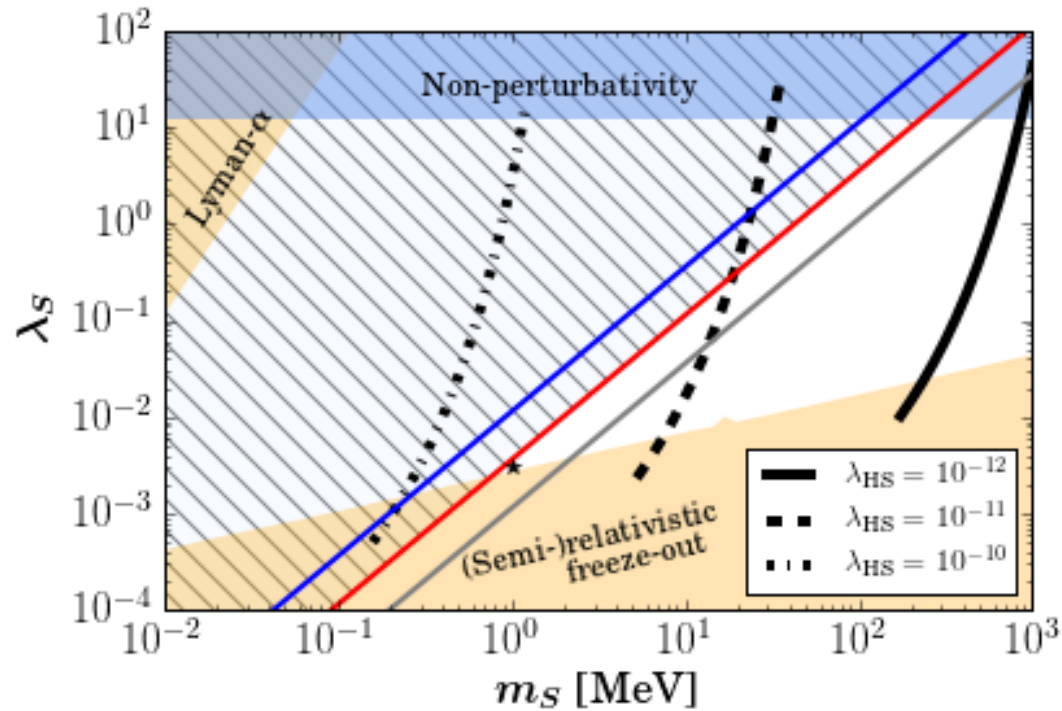
# Generating $T_{\text{DM}} < T_{\text{SM}}$ via the Higgs Portal



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**Now let's Split SIMPs!**

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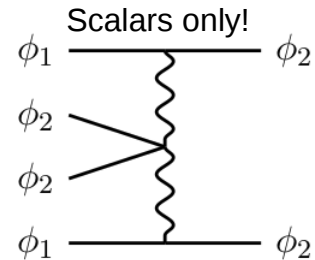
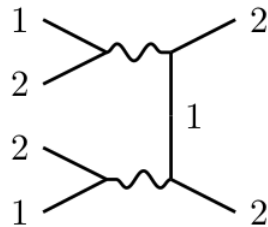
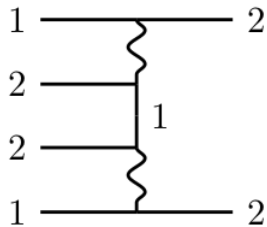
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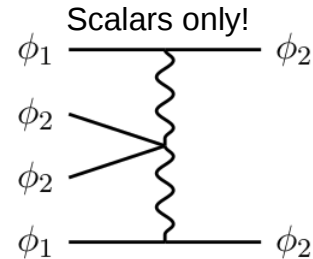
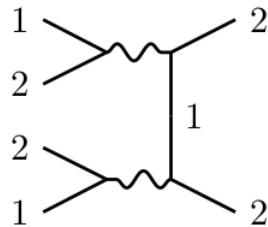
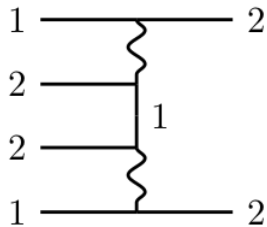


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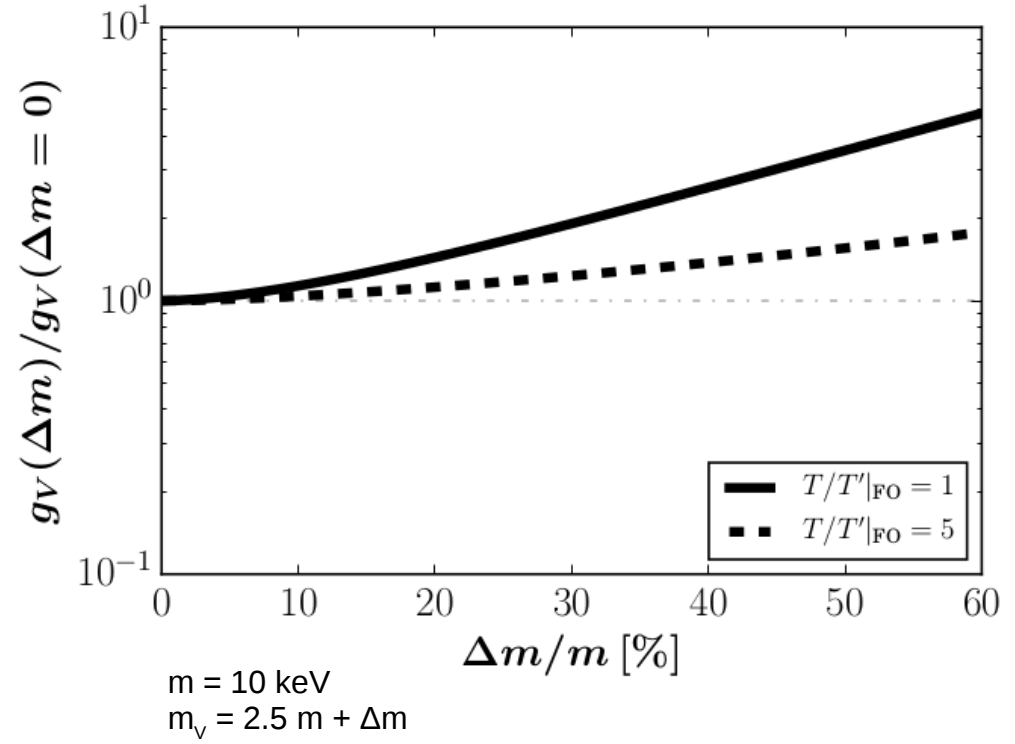
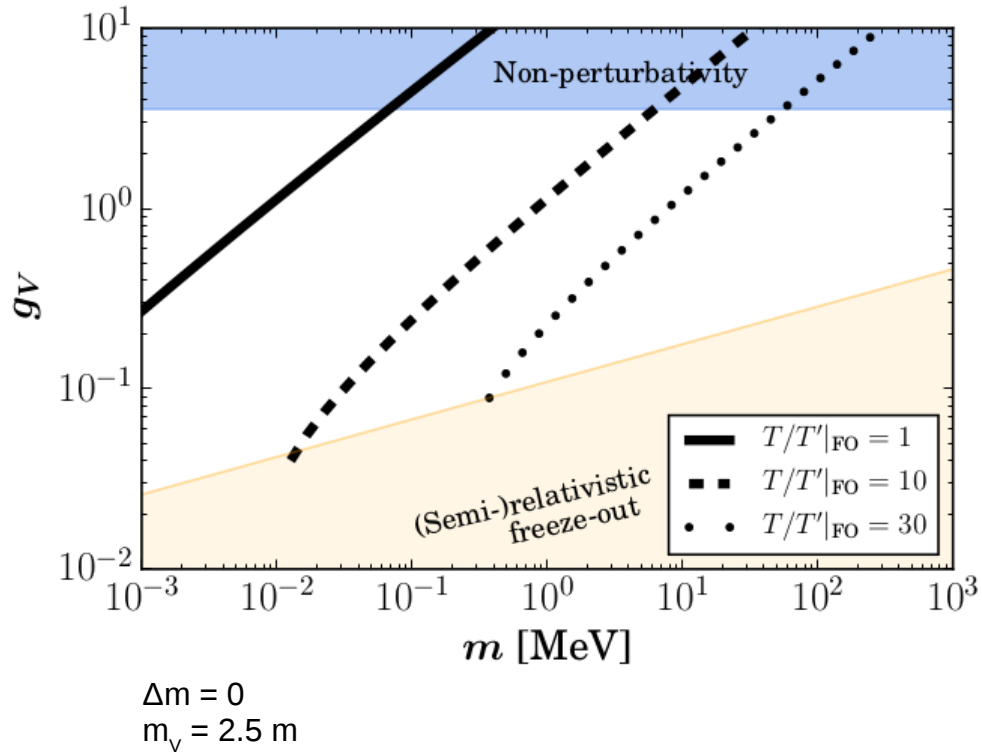
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We take  $m_V > m_1 + m_2$

$$R(T') \equiv \frac{n_2(T')}{n_1(T')} = \left(1 + \frac{\Delta m}{m}\right)^{3/2} e^{-\frac{\Delta m}{T'}} \simeq e^{-\frac{\Delta m}{T'}}$$

# Split SIMPs

## $4 \rightarrow 2$ annihilations



# **Astrophysical Implications of Split SIMPs**



# (Late) Decay of the State 2

The decay of state 2 into state 1 is accompanied by SM radiation, possibly constrained by BBN and CMB.

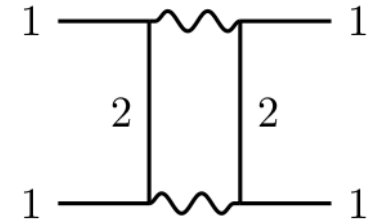
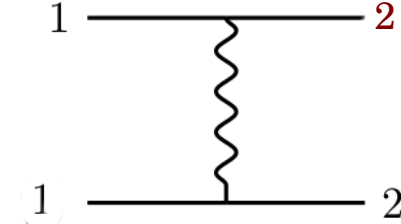
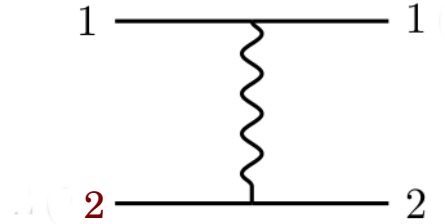
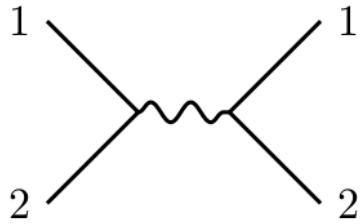
$$\chi_2 \rightarrow \chi_1 V^* \rightarrow \chi_1 e^+ e^-$$

$$\Gamma_{\chi_2 \rightarrow \chi_1 e^+ e^-} \simeq \frac{2\alpha \alpha_V \kappa^2 \Delta m^5}{15\pi m_V^4} \simeq 2 H_0 \times \frac{m}{100 \text{ MeV}} \frac{\alpha_V}{\alpha} \left(\frac{\kappa}{10^{-10}}\right)^2 \left(\frac{\Delta m/m}{10^{-3}}\right)^5 \left(\frac{m}{m_V}\right)^4$$

$$\chi_2 \rightarrow \chi_1 V^* \rightarrow \chi_1 3\gamma;$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma_{\chi_2 \rightarrow \chi_1 3\gamma} &\simeq \Gamma_{\chi_2 \rightarrow \chi_1 \nu \bar{\nu}} \times \left. \frac{\Gamma_{V \rightarrow 3\gamma}}{\Gamma_{V \rightarrow \nu \bar{\nu}}} \right|_{m_V \rightarrow \Delta m} \\ &\simeq H_0 \times \left(\frac{m}{50 \text{ MeV}}\right)^9 \frac{\alpha_V}{\alpha} \left(\frac{\kappa}{10^{-10}}\right)^2 \left(\frac{\Delta m/m}{10^{-2}}\right)^{13} \left(\frac{m}{m_V}\right)^4 \end{aligned}$$

# Self-scatterings



$$\frac{\sigma_{\text{eff}}^{\text{SI}}}{m} \equiv R_0 \frac{\sigma_{12}}{m} + \frac{\langle \sigma_{\text{en}v} \rangle}{m v} + \frac{\sigma_{\text{rad}}}{m} \lesssim 1 \text{ cm}^2/\text{g}$$

# Free-streaming Length

**4-to-2**  
'reheat' DM  
Increasing the FSL

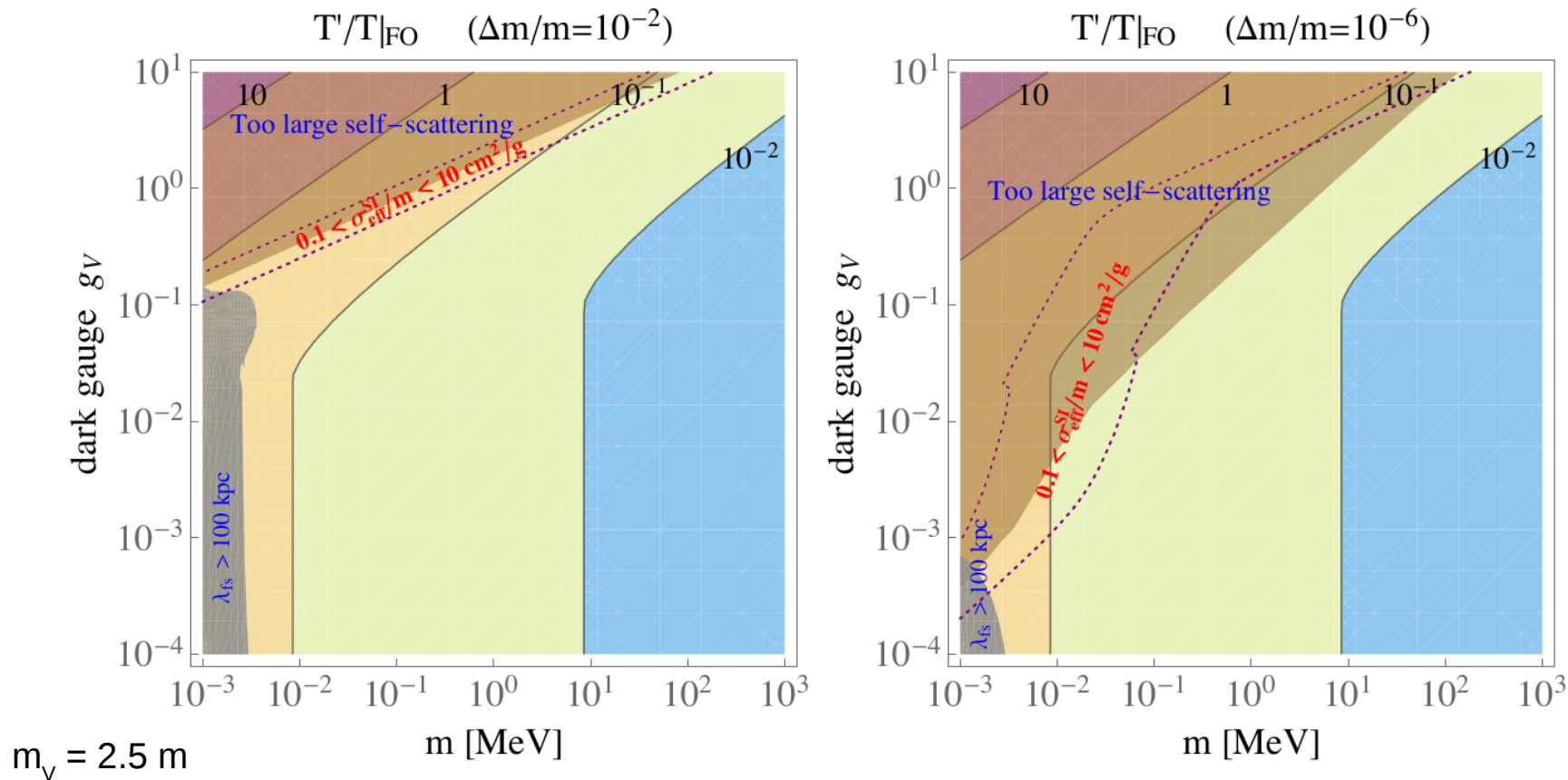
← Versus →

**2-to-2**  
Self-interactions  
Decrease the FSL

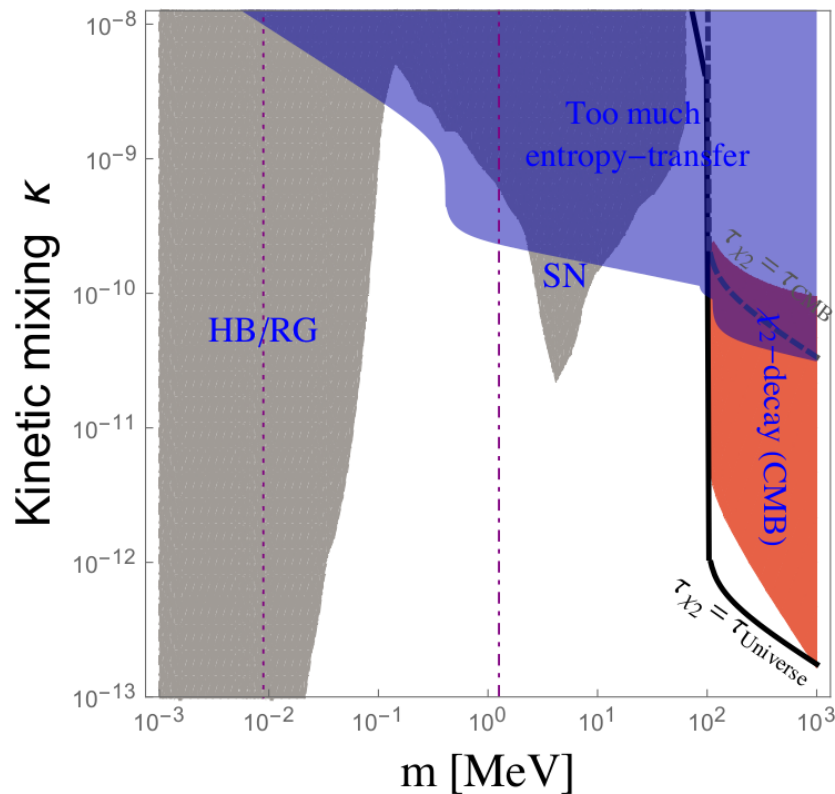
$$\lambda_{\text{fs}} = \int_{t_k}^{t_{\text{eq}}} \frac{v_{\chi}(t)}{a(t)} dt \sim \frac{26 \text{ kpc}}{\sqrt{g_{\star}(T_k)}} \times \frac{10 \text{ keV}}{\sqrt{T_k} m} \left(\frac{T'_k}{T_k}\right)^{1/2} \log_{10} \left(\frac{T_k}{T_{\text{eq}}}\right)$$

$$\lambda_{\text{fs}} \lesssim 100 \text{ kpc} \quad \leftarrow \text{Lyman-}\alpha$$

# Astrophysical implications of Split SIMPs

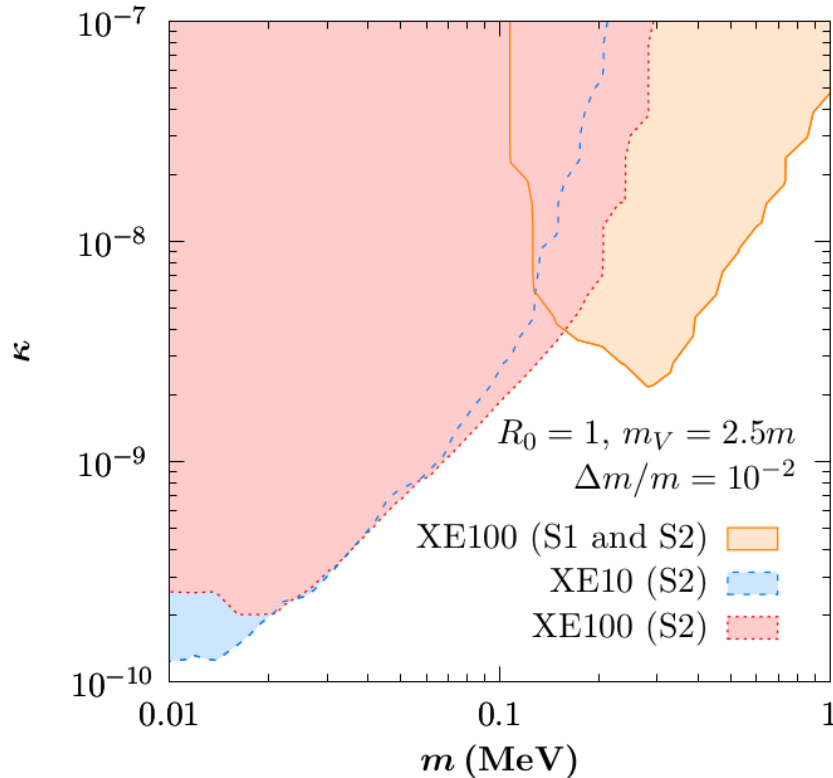


# Constraints on the Kinetic Mixing Portal

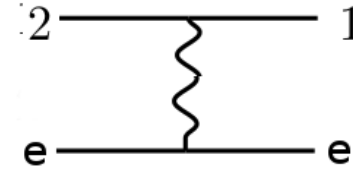


$$\Delta m / m = 10^{-2}$$
$$m_\nu = 2.5 m$$

# Exothermic DM-Electron Scattering



$$\bar{\sigma}_e = a \frac{16\pi \alpha \alpha_V \kappa^2 \mu_{\chi e}^2}{m_V^4} \simeq 10^{-44} \text{ cm}^2 a \frac{\alpha_V}{\alpha} \left(\frac{\kappa}{10^{-10}}\right)^2 \left(\frac{m}{100 \text{ keV}}\right)^2 \left(\frac{300 \text{ keV}}{m_V}\right)^4$$



~ monochromatic signal!

$$E_{\text{recoil}} \sim \Delta m \frac{\mu_{m_A}}{m_A}$$

On the verge of being  
probable with reported data  
(S1 and S2) from XENON100!

# Conclusions

- Self-interacting DM with no light mediators → SIMP DM
- $Z_2$  SIMP DM generated via  $4 \rightarrow 2$  annihilations
- DM: MeV ballpark, ‘large’ self-interactions & ‘small’ portal with the SM
- Difference of temperatures *dynamically* produced via freeze-in!
- Self-interactions: small velocity dependence
  
- SIMPs offer a new window to DM: Points to different physical scales