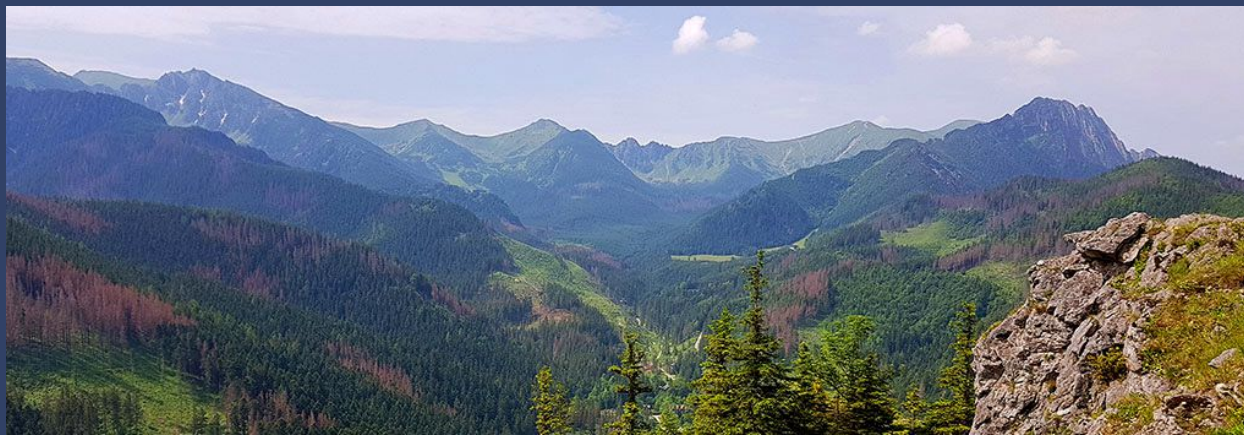


# Particle physics aspects of Dark Matter

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# *Preamble: general properties of the DM particle*

The DM particle must:

- be dark (neutral)
- be stable
- account for 26% of the energy content of the Universe:
- be 'cold'
- have a not too large cross section on nucleons: DM direct detection
- not produce too large fluxes of cosmic rays: DM indirect detection
- be able to escape detection at colliders so far
- have not too large self-interactions
- not spoil BBN or CMB....
- ...



# Outline

- 1) DM stability
- 2) DM relic density
  - generalities on early Universe hot plasma
  - thermal hot relic
  - thermal cold relic: non-relativistic freeze out
  - freeze-in
  - asymmetric DM
- 3) DM direct detection
- 4) DM indirect detection
- 5) Phenomenology of a few illustrative models
- 6) DM self-interactions (but no time)

# Part I

## DM stability

## Dark Matter stability

- DM is around today  $\tau_{DM} > \tau_{universe} \simeq 10^{18}$  sec
- Given its relic density today one needs in general much larger lifetimes not to produce fluxes of cosmic rays we should have seen already:  $\tau_{DM} > \tau_{universe} \simeq 10^{25-28}$  sec

unless very light or invisible decay  
see indirect detection part below

To have a particle with at least those lifetimes is the most constraining property for the general structure of the DM model!

# Stability of DM particle: general considerations on decay

if DM decays the coupling causing the decay must be tiny

→ for example a 2-body decay:  $\Gamma(DM \rightarrow A + B) \sim \frac{1}{8\pi} g^2 m_{DM}$   
tree level coupling

$$\tau_{DM} = 1/\Gamma(DM \rightarrow A + B) > \tau_{universe} \Leftrightarrow g \lesssim 10^{-20} \cdot \sqrt{1 \text{ GeV}/m_{DM}}$$
$$g \lesssim 10^{-10} \cdot \sqrt{10^{-11} \text{ eV}/m_{DM}}$$
$$g \lesssim 1 \cdot \sqrt{10^{-31} \text{ eV}/m_{DM}}$$

→ to have a long enough lifetime:

- the coupling vanishes or is very tiny
- or DM mass very tiny but anyway a tree level coupling of order unity is excluded because  $m_{DM} > 10^{-22} \text{ eV}$  is anyway needed to have DM galactic halo: i.e. to have a wavelength smaller than galaxy size

→ clearly this suggests a symmetry:

-to forbid the decay: absolute DM stability:  $g = 0$

-or at least to provide an explanation for a so tiny coupling



*2 questions:*

 *do we need a new symmetry beyond the SM for DM stability?*

 *what kind of symmetry could it be?*


## SM detour: Stable SM particles

 there is always a deep symmetry reason

- $\gamma$ : stable because massless (due to unbroken  $U(1)_{em}$  gauge symmetry)
- lightest  $\nu$ : lightest fermion of the SM: stable due to Lorentz invariance
- $e^-$ : stable because lightest particle charged under conserved electric charge  
 due to unbroken  $U(1)_{em}$  gauge symmetry
- $p$ : stable due to an accidental symmetry:  $U(1)_B$ : baryon number conservation  
 stems from gauge sym. of the SM and charges of particles under them

quantum numbers of SM particles do not allow to write down an interaction which violates baryon number in Lagrangian  $\Rightarrow$  accidental symmetry

$SU(3)_c$  gauge invariance:  $\mathcal{L}_{quarks} \propto \bar{q} \dots q$  each time a quark is annihilated another one is created  $\Rightarrow U(1)_B$  symmetry:  $q \rightarrow e^{i\phi} q$

 accidental symmetry:  $U(1)_B$  not subgroup of  $SU(3)_c$



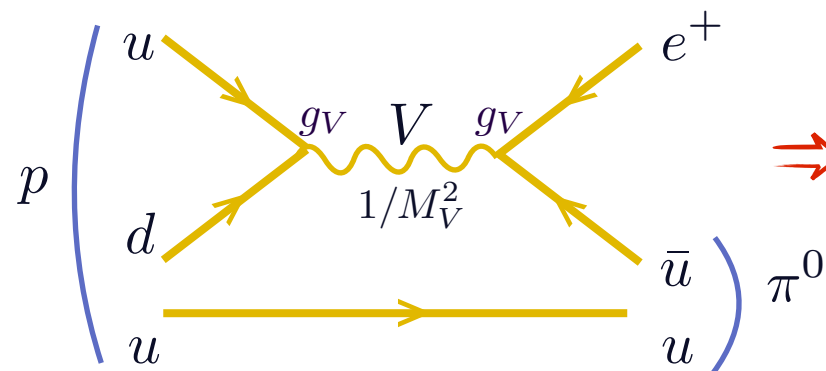
# Absolute stability vs approximate stability

$e^-$ ,  $\nu$ ,  $\gamma$  : symmetries expected to be conserved also by any new UV physics

$p$  : accidental symmetry which has no reason to be conserved by UV physics

induce higher dimensional operator which leads to proton decay

example: grand unification: has gauge boson coupling to a quark and a lepton



$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}_{eff} \ni \frac{g_V^2}{M_V^2} \cdot uud\bar{l} \Rightarrow \Gamma(p^+ \rightarrow \pi^0 + e^+) \propto \frac{m_p^5}{M_V^4}$$

if  $M_V \gtrsim 10^{16}$  GeV one gets  $\tau_p \gtrsim 10^{34}$  years

natural mechanism to have a very slow decay!

$\Rightarrow$  for DM particle stability one could invoke similar mechanisms to the SM or other ones....

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↪ yes! except for a simple possibility: a large weak multiplet

↪ *what kind of symmetry could it be?*

# “Minimal dark matter”

Cirelli, Fornengo, Strumia

a fermion quintuplet under  $SU(2)_L$  containing a neutral particle:  $\psi_{DM} = \begin{pmatrix} \psi_{DM}^{++} \\ \psi_{DM}^+ \\ \psi_{DM}^0 \\ \psi_{DM}^- \\ \psi_{DM}^{--} \end{pmatrix}$

↪ one cannot write down an interaction which would give a too fast decay

↪ unlike for a smaller representation:

$$SU(3)_c \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)$$

- a fermion singlet:  $\mathcal{L} \ni Y \bar{L} \psi_{DM} H \Rightarrow \psi_{DM} \rightarrow l^- H^+, \nu H^0$  decays expected!

not forbidden by  $SU(3)_c \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)$

- a fermion doublet:  $\psi_{DM} = \begin{pmatrix} \psi_{DM}^0 \\ \psi_{DM}^- \end{pmatrix}$ :  $\mathcal{L} \ni Y \bar{l}_R \psi_{DM} H \Rightarrow \psi_{DM}^0 \rightarrow l^- H^0$  decays expected!

- a fermion triplet:  $\psi_{DM} = \begin{pmatrix} \psi_{DM}^+ \\ \psi_{DM}^0 \\ \psi_{DM}^- \end{pmatrix}$  or  $\psi_{DM} = \begin{pmatrix} \psi_{DM}^0 \\ \psi_{DM}^- \\ \psi_{DM}^{--} \end{pmatrix}$ :  $\mathcal{L} \ni Y \bar{L} \psi_{DM} H$  or  $\mathcal{L} \ni Y \bar{L} \psi_{DM} H^\dagger$   
 $\psi_{DM} \rightarrow l^- H^+, \nu H^0 \quad \psi_{DM} \rightarrow \nu \bar{H}^0$

- a fermion quadruplet:  $\psi_{DM} = \begin{pmatrix} \psi_{DM}^+ \\ \psi_{DM}^0 \\ \psi_{DM}^- \\ \psi_{DM}^{--} \end{pmatrix}$ :  $\mathcal{L} \ni \frac{1}{\Lambda} \bar{L} \psi_{DM} H H$ : expected too fast if UV physics below Planck mass

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no possible dimension-4 and dimension-5 interactions: accidental symmetry



the exchange of a UV particle could induce only a dim-6 operator:

$$\mathcal{L} \ni \frac{1}{\Lambda^2} \bar{L} \psi_{DM} H H H^\dagger \Rightarrow \Gamma(\psi_{DM}^0 \rightarrow L + H) \sim \frac{1}{8\pi} \frac{v^4 m_{DM}}{\Lambda^4} \quad m_{DM} = 100 \text{ GeV}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \tau_{DM} > \tau_{universe} \text{ only if } \Lambda > 3 \cdot 10^{13} \text{ GeV} < m_{Planck} \\ \Rightarrow & \tau_{DM} > (10^{26} \text{ sec}) \text{ only if } \Lambda > 3 \cdot 10^{15} \text{ GeV} < m_{Planck} \end{aligned}$$

as long as there is no new physics inducing this operator below these scales: very fine

a flux of cosmic rays from this decay could be around the corner but this requires an object as large as a quintuplet

# *Stability of DM due to a new symmetry beyond the SM*

*Various possibilities:*

- DM stability due to new unbroken gauge symmetry*
- DM stability due to new broken gauge symmetry*
- DM stability due to accidental symmetry resulting from new gauge symmetry*
- DM stability due to new discrete or global symmetry*



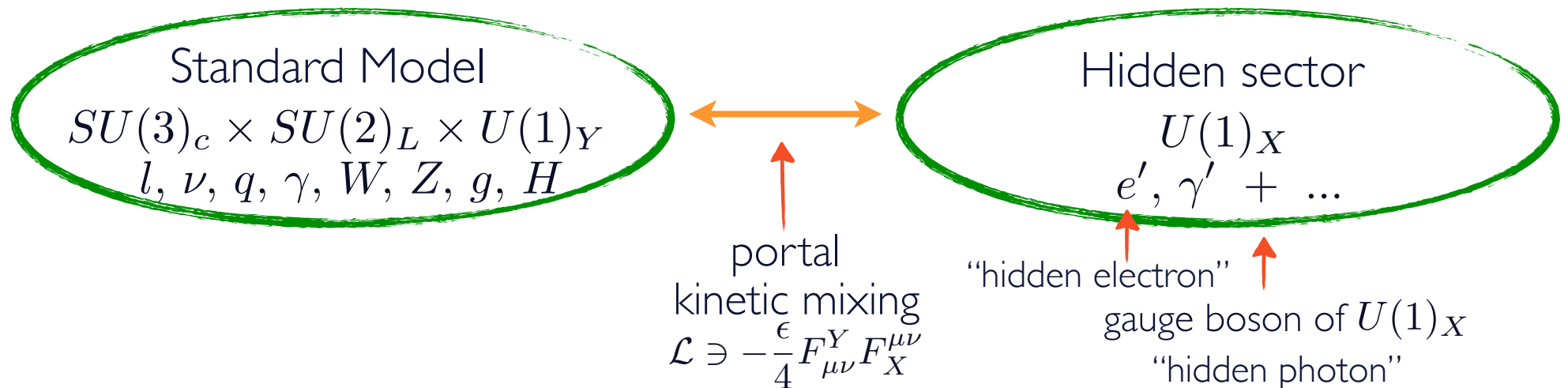
# DM stability from new gauge symmetry

→ simplest example: lightest charged particle under a new  $U(1)$ : " $U(1)_X$ "

- a fermion: a  $e'$  which has no charge under SM  
with SM particles chargeless under  $U(1)_X$

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"secluded DM"



If the  $U(1)_X$  is unbroken: the  $e'$  DM candidate is stable just as the electron:  
lightest particle charged under a conserved charge

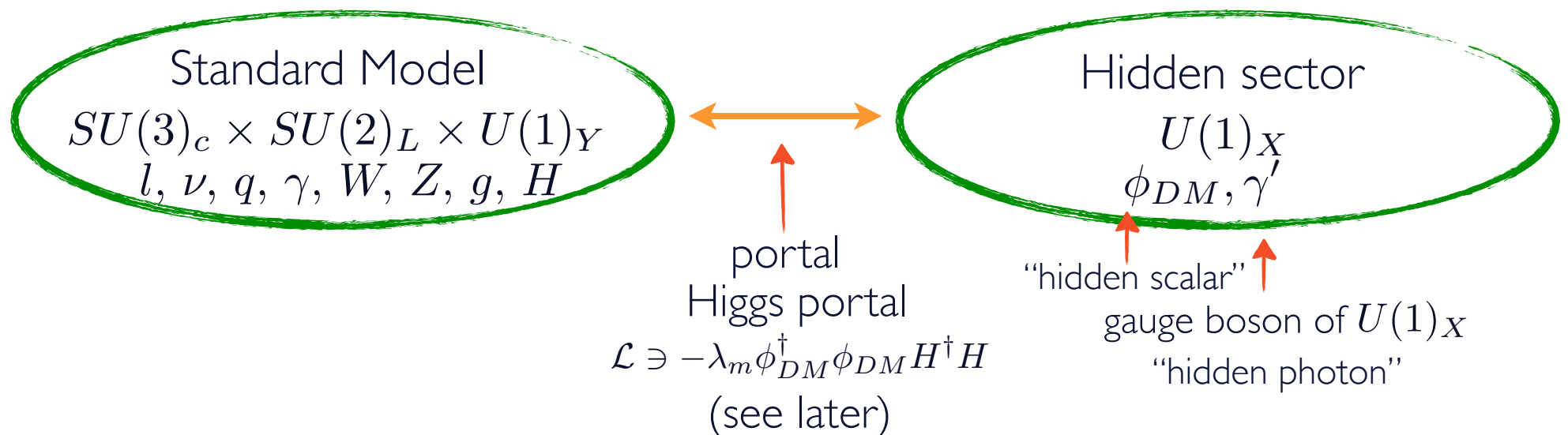
If the  $U(1)_X$  is spontaneously broken: still the  $e'$  DM candidate is stable because of  
remnant  $Z_2 \in U(1)_X$ , because still  $e'$  in pairs in  $\mathcal{L}$

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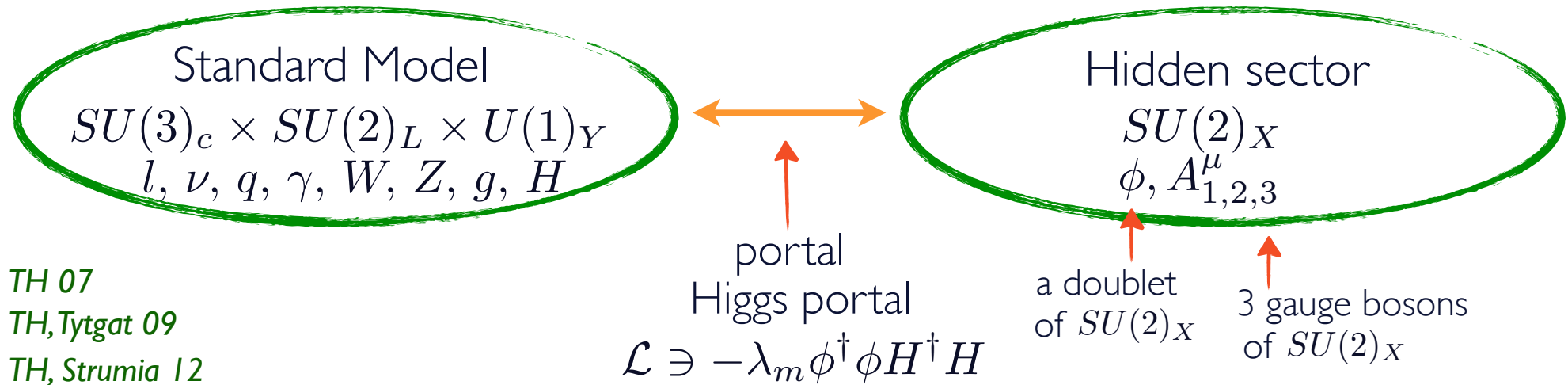
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If the  $U(1)_X$  is spontaneously broken: the  $\phi_{DM}$  could decay if gets a vev for instance  
or stay stable if no vev but not automatic...

# DM stability from accidental symmetry resulting from new gauge symmetry

→ well known example: conservation of mirror baryon number in a mirror hidden sector

→ other example: hidden vector DM: it is possible to have gauge boson to be the DM, even a non-abelian one



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⇒ after  $SU(2)_X$  sym. breaking: • 3 massive  $SU(2)_X$  gauge bosons: stable: DM candidates

$$\langle \phi \rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{v_\phi}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$$

• one real scalar boson

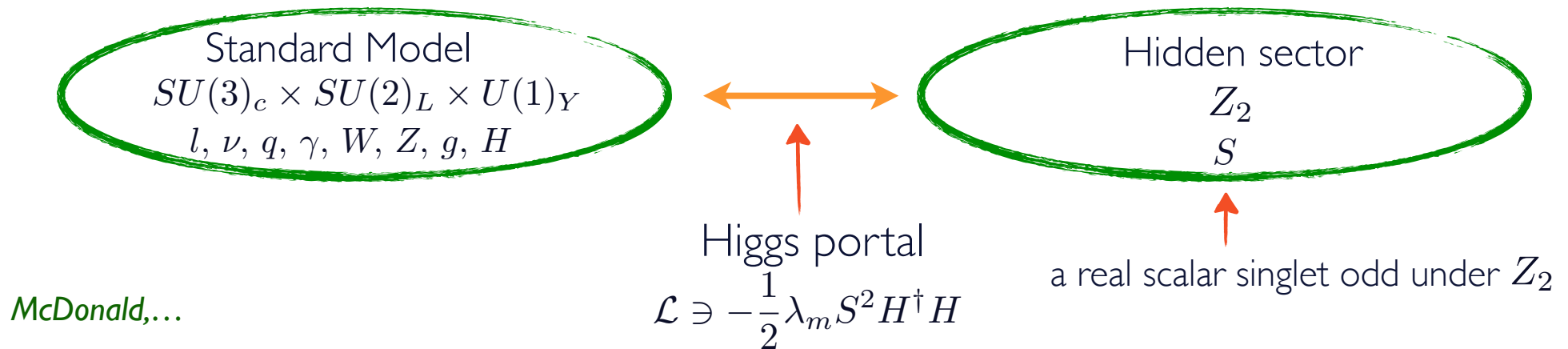
• a remnant  $SU(2)_C$  accidental custodial symmetry

→ DM = hidden forces!

⇒ accidental symmetry: interesting phenomenology from naturally slow decay

# DM stability from discrete symmetry: real scalar singlet

- a real scalar singlet  $S$  odd under  $Z_2$  parity:  $S \rightarrow -S$  ← “ad-hoc” symmetry



⇒  $S$  is stable: the  $Z_2$  symmetry makes sure that all terms involve an even number of  $S$ :

$$\mathcal{L} \ni -\frac{1}{2}\mu_S^2 S^2 - \frac{1}{24}\lambda_S S^4 - \frac{1}{2}\lambda_m S^2 H^\dagger H$$

⇒ extremely simple: only 2 relevant parameters:  $m_S, \lambda_m$

$$m_S^2 = \mu_S^2 + \frac{1}{2}\lambda_m v^2$$

⇒ more generally from a discrete  $Z_2$  sym. one can stabilize any scalar or fermion SM multiplet (or abelian gauge boson)

# DM stability from discrete symmetry: inert doublet

example: a scalar doublet  $H_2$  odd under a  $Z_2$  symmetry:  $H_2 \rightarrow -H_2$

$$H_2 = \begin{pmatrix} H^+ \\ \frac{H_0 + iA_0}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \quad \leftarrow Y = 1 \neq 0$$

“inert scalar doublet DM”

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from the most general scalar potential  $H_0$  and  $A_0$  do not have the same mass

$$V = \mu_1^2 |H_1|^2 + \mu_2^2 |H_2|^2 + \lambda_1 |H_1|^4 + \lambda_2 |H_2|^4 \\ + \lambda_3 |H_1|^2 |H_2|^2 + \lambda_4 |H_1^\dagger H_2|^2 + \frac{\lambda_5}{2} [(H_1^\dagger H_2)^2 + h.c.]$$

$\Rightarrow m_{H_0}^2 - m_{A_0}^2 = \lambda_5 v^2 \Rightarrow$  the lightest neutral component is the DM

$\hookrightarrow$  this is a visible sector DM model:  $\psi_{DM}$  has gauge SM interactions  
(no hidden sector)

# DM stability from discrete symmetry: fermion triplet

“wino”

- a fermion triplet under  $SU(2)_L$  odd under  $Z_2$  parity:  $\psi_{DM} \rightarrow -\psi_{DM}$

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(no hidden sector)

↑  
only interactions it can have in fact



# DM stability from discrete symmetry: Susy neutralino

- Susy: has many new neutral particles beyond the SM: neutral superpartners;

$$B_Y^\mu \leftrightarrow \tilde{B} : \text{“Bino”}$$

$$W_3^\mu \leftrightarrow \tilde{W} : \text{“Wino”}$$

$$H_u \leftrightarrow \tilde{H}_u : \text{“Higgsino”}$$

$$H_d \leftrightarrow \tilde{H}_d : \text{“Higgsino”}$$

$$\nu_{L_i} \leftrightarrow \tilde{\nu}_i : \text{“sneutrinos”}$$

$$G \leftrightarrow \tilde{G} : \text{“gravitino”}$$

→ if one assume a  $Z_2$  symmetry so that SM particles are even under it and superpartners are odd under it, “R-parity”, the lightest superpartner (LSP) is stable

the 4 neutralinos (2 gauginos and 2 Higgsinos) mix: the lightest mass eigenstate,  $\chi$ , is stable if LSP


R-parity is motivated by proton decay but still totally ad-hoc in MSSM

→ but turns out to be subgroup of  $U(1)_{B-L} \Rightarrow$  could derive from gauge symmetry remnant subgroup

## Epilogue on DM stability

- DM stability is the most constraining property for the general structure of the DM model!
- DM stability strongly suggests the existence of a new symmetry in Nature!  
even if not absolutely mandatory

perhaps it is the result of new forces in Nature (gauge symmetries)  
perhaps not if discrete or global symmetry, which is more "ad hoc"  
although can be directly related to solution of other problems (as neutralino or axion)



whose stability is due to a mixture of several reasons: due to global symmetry and the fact that it is very light and that its decay occurs at loop level and suppressed by high scale will not be discussed here

- Depending on stabilization mechanism several possibilities:

Fermion DM candidate  $\leftrightarrow$  Boson DM candidate: scalar, vector

Visible DM candidate  $\leftrightarrow$  Hidden sector DM candidate

Minimal model of DM  $\leftrightarrow$  DM out of more global model

$\Rightarrow$  different phenomenologies!

# A wide variety of DM models!

Illustrative examples:

- A real scalar singlet odd under a  $Z_2$  : the simplest DM model
- A scalar doublet odd under a  $Z_2$  : “inert scalar doublet” DM model
- A fermion triplet odd under a  $Z_2$  : “Wino DM model” if Majorana
- A fermion quintuplet stable in an accidental way only on the basis of SM symmetries
- A hidden fermion or scalar charged under a new  $U(1)_X$  gauge symmetry
- Hidden gauge bosons of a new  $SU(2)_X$  gauge symmetry accidentally stable
- The MSSM neutralino stable due to R-parity
- .....
- Other possibilities not covered here: axion (strong CP problem),  
Kaluza-Klein DM (from extra dimensions)  
gravitino (in Susy), ....

# Part 2

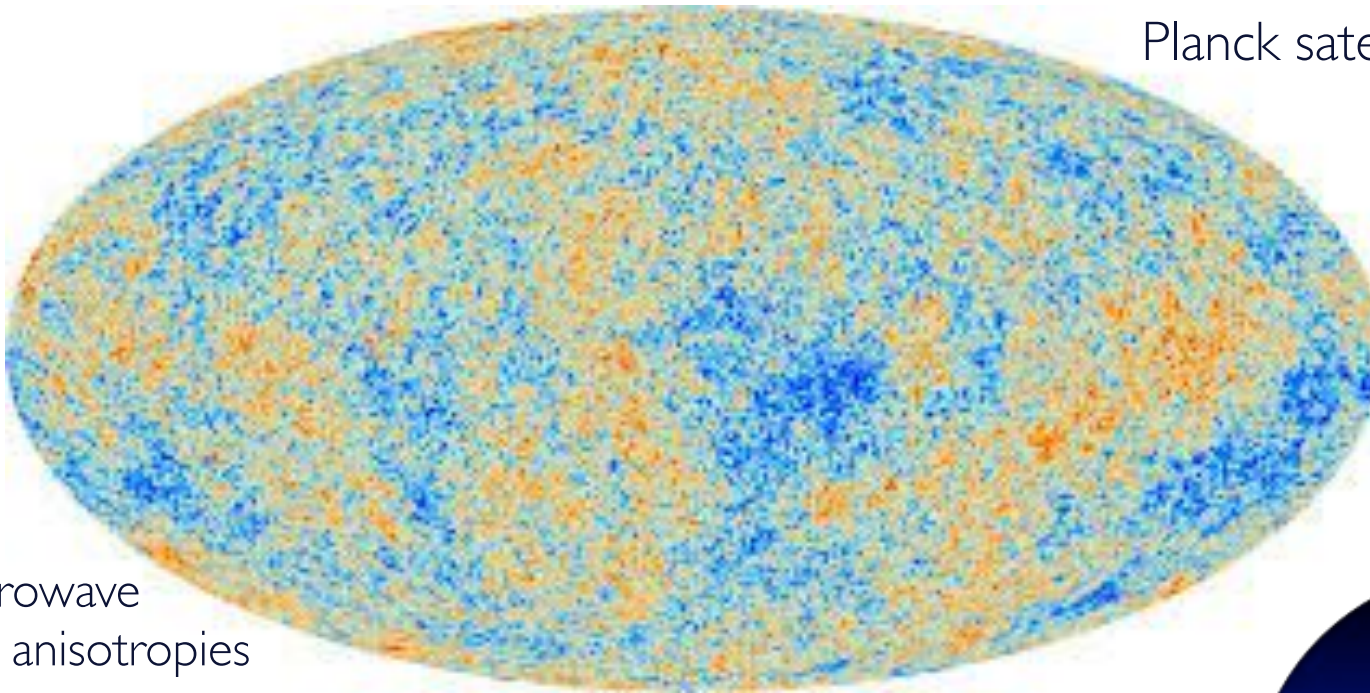
## DM relic density

*DM relic density:  $\Omega_{DM} = 26\%$*

$$\Omega_{DM} \equiv \frac{\rho_{DM}}{\rho_{crit}} \Big|_{today} \quad \Omega_B \equiv \frac{\rho_B}{\rho_{crit}} \Big|_{today}$$

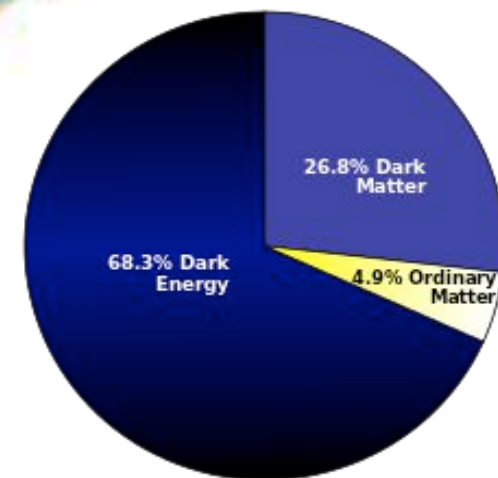


Planck satellite



Cosmic Microwave  
Background anisotropies

⇒  $\Omega_{DM} h^2 = 0.1199 \pm 0.0027$        $\Omega_{DM} \simeq (26 \pm 1)\%$   
 $\Omega_B h^2 = 0.02205 \pm 0.00028$        $\Omega_B \simeq (4.9 \pm 0.2)\%$   
 $h = 0.673 \pm 0.012$   
 $\Omega_{rad} h^2 = 4.31 \cdot 10^{-5} \leftarrow 2.7 \text{ K black body CMB radiation}$

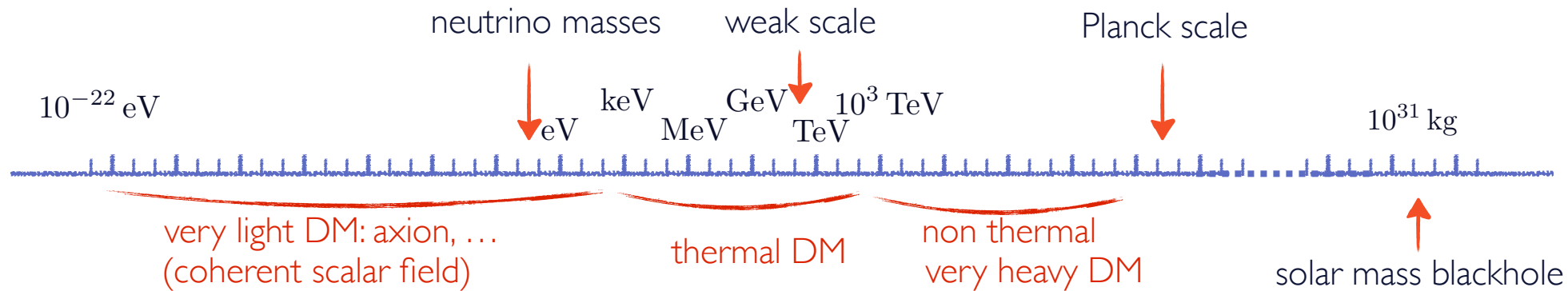


# DM relic density: $\Omega_{DM} = 26\%$

can be obtained for  $m_{DM}$  all the way from  $\sim 10^{-22}$  eV to  $\sim 10^{31}$  kg

to have wavelength  
smaller than galactic size

black hole with  
 $\sim$  solar mass



in the following we will consider the thermal DM scenarios

$$\text{keV} \lesssim m_{DM} \lesssim 100 \text{ TeV}$$

2 general classes of models:

symmetric DM thermal scenarios: no  
DM matter-antimatter asymmetry

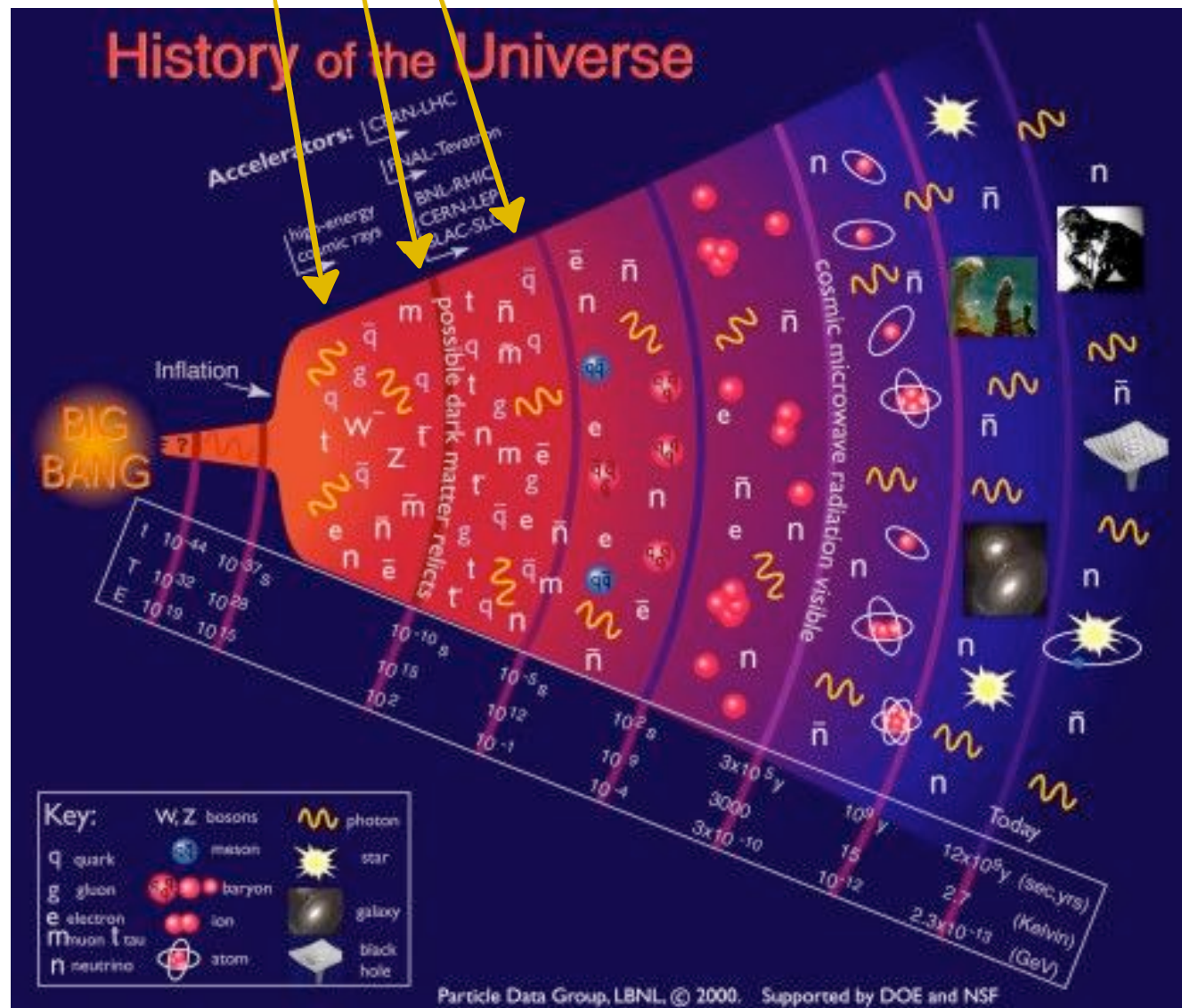
asymmetric DM



# Generalities on early Universe hot thermal bath

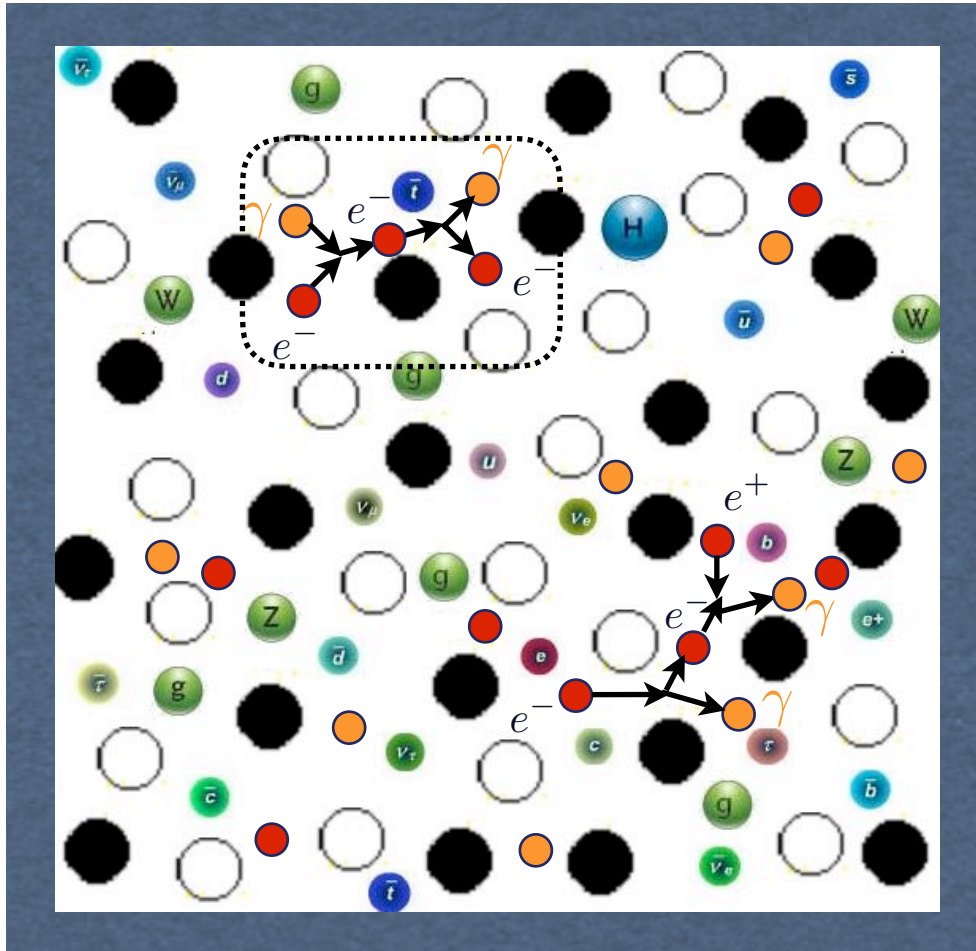
we consider the « radiation domination » epoch when all SM particles were forming a hot thermal soup: plasma

$$T \gtrsim 1 \text{ eV}$$



# Generalities on early Universe hot thermal bath

⇒ hot plasma:



Example with  $e^-$  and  $\gamma$ :

2 relevant processes

$$e^\pm + \gamma \rightarrow e^\pm + \gamma$$

$$e^+ + e^- \leftrightarrow \gamma + \gamma$$

if many  $e^- + \gamma \rightarrow e^- + \gamma$  processes:

⇒  $e^-$  and  $\gamma$  equilibrate their kinetic energy:

$e^-$  and  $\gamma$  are in “kinetic equilibrium”

probability that  $e^-$  has a given energy is

given by a Fermi-Dirac distribution

characterized by a temperature  $T$

~averaged  $e^-$  kinetic energy

and similarly for  $\gamma$  given by a

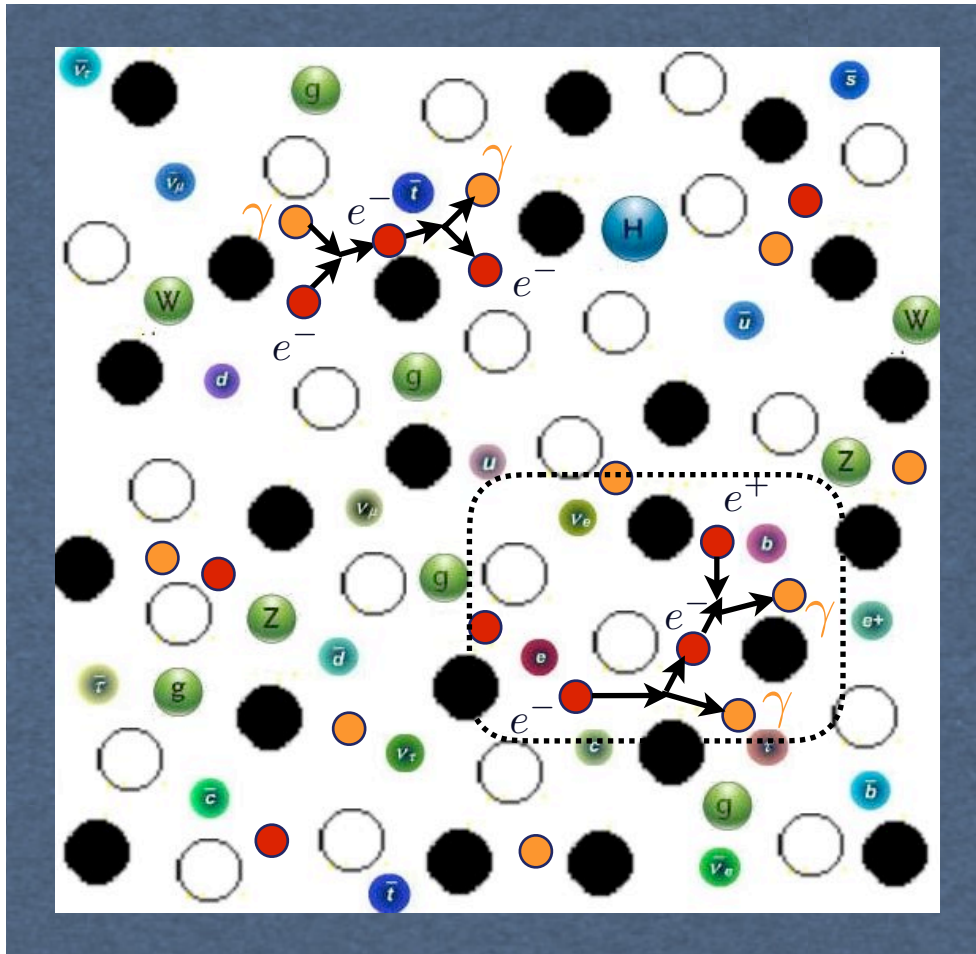
Bose-Einstein distribution characterized

by same temperature:  $T_{e^-} = T_{e^+} = T_\gamma \equiv T$

~averaged  $\gamma$  kinetic energy

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⇒  $e^\pm$  and  $\gamma$  equilibrate their numbers

$$n_{e^-} + n_{e^+} \leftrightarrow n_\gamma$$

$e^\pm$  and  $\gamma$  are in “chemical equilibrium”

in this case not only the energy distribution is known but also its normalization: how many particles have a given energy

$$\Rightarrow f_{FD}^{e^\pm} = \frac{1}{e^{E_{e^\pm}/T} + 1} \quad \Rightarrow n_{e^\pm} = g_{e^\pm} \int \frac{d^3 p_{e^\pm}}{(2\pi)^3} f_{FD}^{e^\pm}$$

assuming here no  $e^+e^-$  asymmetry:  $n_{e^+} = n_{e^-}$   $g_\gamma = g_{e^-} = g_{e^+} = 2$

$$\Rightarrow f_{BE}^\gamma = \frac{1}{e^{E_\gamma/T} - 1} \quad \Rightarrow n_\gamma = g_\gamma \int \frac{d^3 p_\gamma}{(2\pi)^3} f_{BE}^\gamma = \frac{\zeta(3)}{\pi^2} g_\gamma T^3 \quad \rho_\gamma = g_\gamma \int \frac{d^3 p_\gamma}{(2\pi)^3} f_{BE}^\gamma \cdot E_\gamma = \frac{\pi^2}{30} g_\gamma T^4$$

# Relativistic and non relativistic thermal equilibrium regimes

$$n_{e^\pm} = g_{e^\pm} \int \frac{d^3 p_{e^\pm}}{(2\pi)^3} f_{FD}^{e^\pm} = \begin{cases} \frac{3}{4} \frac{\zeta(3)}{\pi^2} g_{e^\pm} T^3 \propto 1/V & (T \gg m_e) \text{ relativistic } e^- \\ g_{e^\pm} \left( \frac{m_e T}{2\pi} \right)^{3/2} e^{-m_e/T} & (T \ll m_e) \text{ non-relativistic } e^- \end{cases}$$

$T \sim p_\gamma \propto 1/a$

If no interactions or relativistic:

$$n_{e^-} = \frac{\text{const}}{V}$$

to see the variation of  $n_{e^-}$  due to interactions we look at "comoving number density":

$$n_{e^-} \cdot V \text{ or } Y_{e^-} = n_{e^-} / s$$

entropy density is conserved:

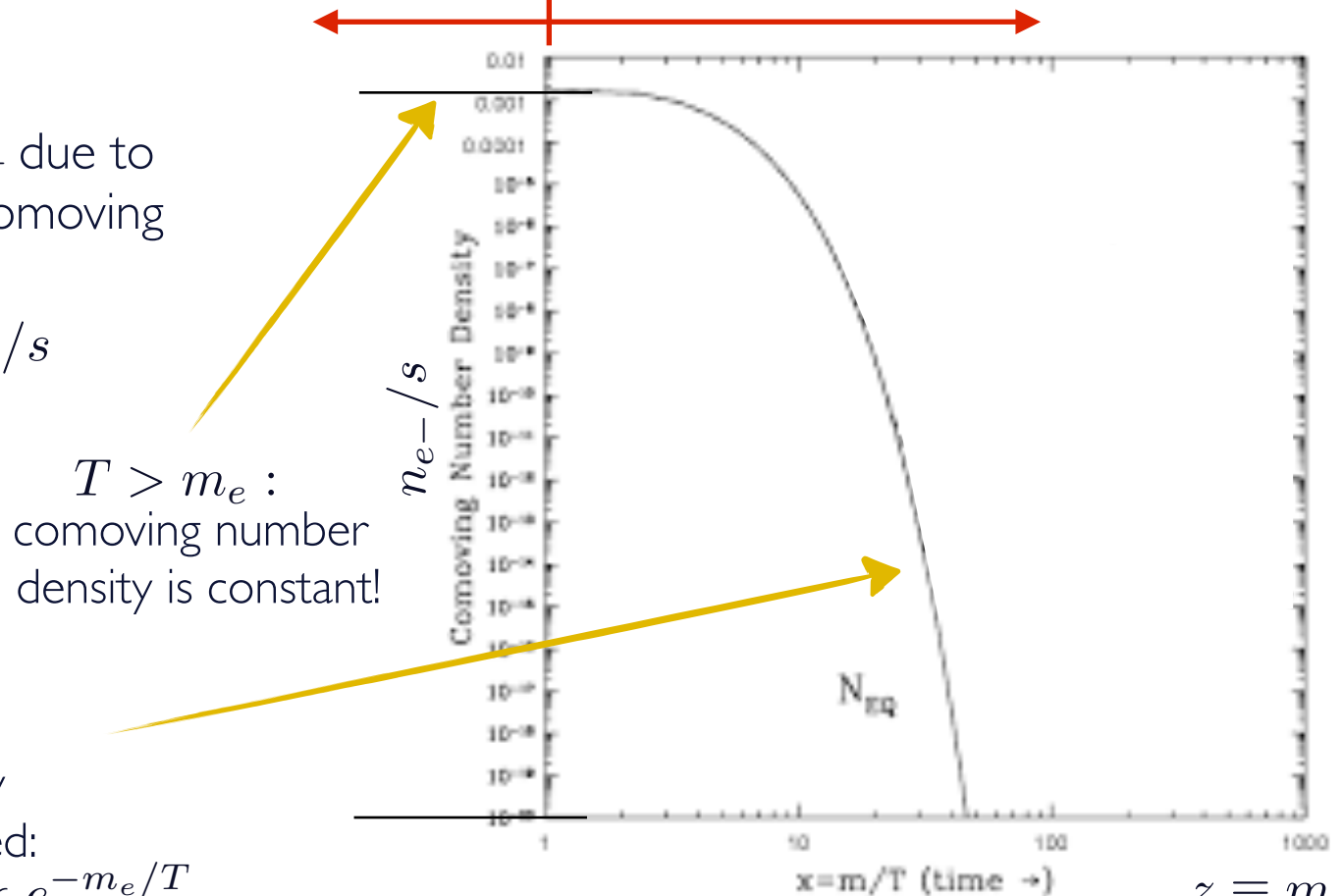
$$s = \frac{2\pi^2}{45} g_*^s T^3 \propto 1/V$$

$$T < m_e :$$

comoving number density is exponentially suppressed:

Boltzmann suppression  $\propto e^{-m_e/T}$

relativistic                      non-relativistic



$$z \equiv m_e/T$$

# Boltzmann suppression in non-relativistic regime

↪ first assume no expansion: temperature is constant



number of particles is constant



same number of interactions in both directions



$$(n_e^{Eq})^2 \langle \sigma_{e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma\gamma} v_{rel} \rangle = n_\gamma^2 \langle \sigma_{\gamma\gamma \rightarrow e^+e^-} v_{rel} \rangle$$

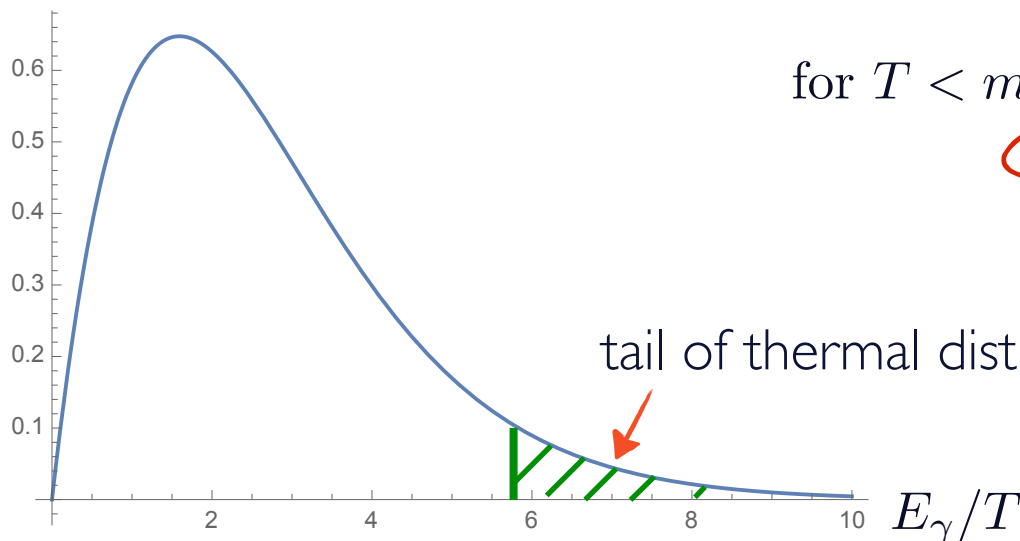


$$\text{for } T < m_e : n_e^{Eq} \propto e^{-m_e/T}$$



$$\text{because } n_\gamma = n_\gamma(E_\gamma > m_e) \propto e^{-m_e/T}$$

$E_\gamma^2 * f_{BE}^\gamma(E_\gamma)$



⇒ as  $T$  decreases with expansion  $n_e^{Eq}$  more and more exponentially suppressed



## More generalities on early Universe thermodynamics: radiation energy density

For a relativistic fermion particle:

$$\rho_f = g_f \int \frac{d^3 p_f}{(2\pi)^3} f_{FD}^f \cdot E_f = \frac{\pi^2}{30} \frac{7}{8} g_f T_f^4$$

For a relativistic boson particle:

$$\rho_b = g_b \int \frac{d^3 p_b}{(2\pi)^3} f_{BE}^b \cdot E_b = \frac{\pi^2}{30} g_b T_b^4$$

For a plasma with several species with same temperature ← if kinetic equilibrium

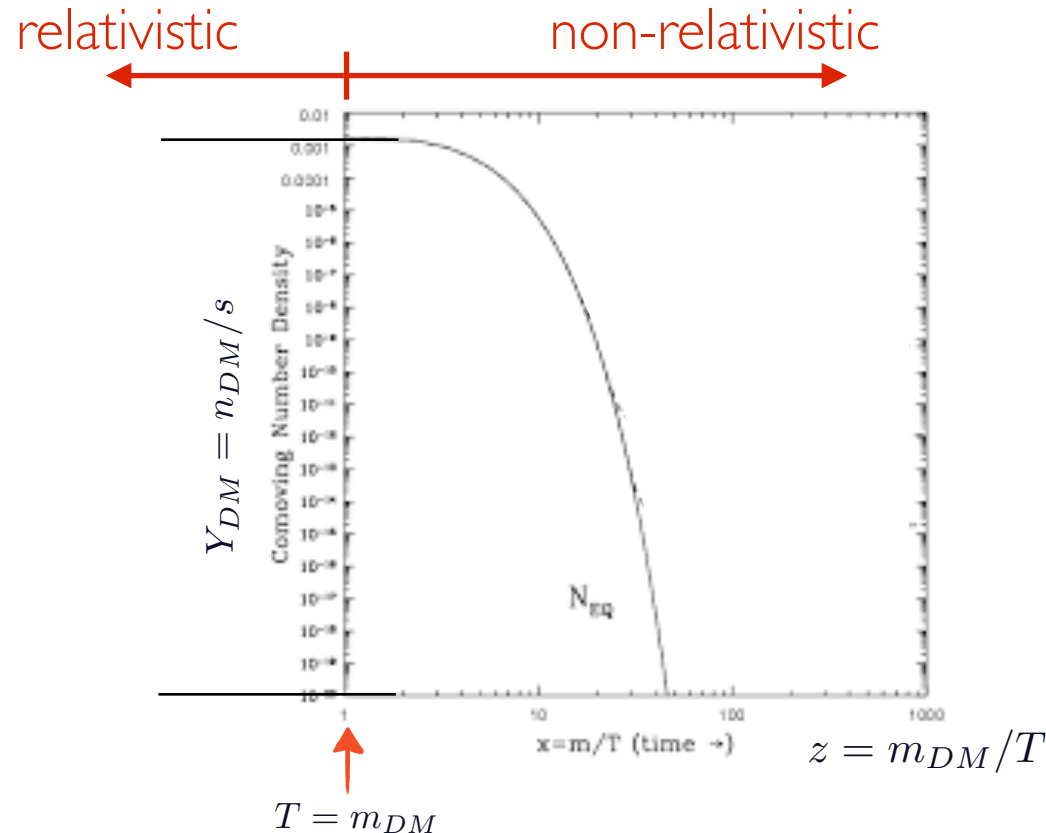
$$\rho_{rad}^{Tot} = \frac{\pi^2}{30} g_* T^4 \qquad g_* = \sum_{b_i} g_{b_i} + \frac{7}{8} \sum_{f_i} g_{f_i}$$

$$\Rightarrow H \equiv \frac{\dot{a}}{a} = \sqrt{\frac{8\pi G \rho}{3}} \sim 1.7 \sqrt{g_*} \frac{T^2}{m_{Planck}}$$

$a$  = Universe scale factor

# DM thermal equilibrium comoving number density

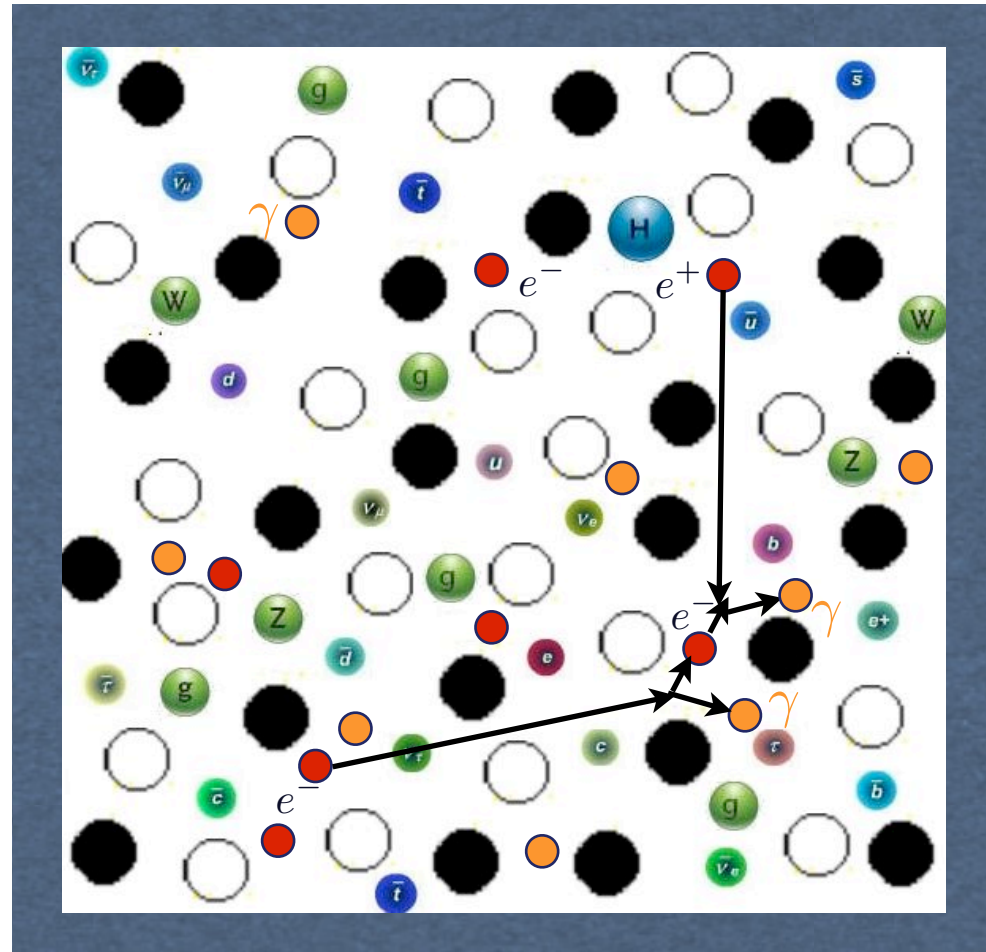
Comoving DM number density is constant when relativistic and becomes Boltzmann suppressed when becoming non-relativistic when  $T < m_{DM}$  in the same way as  $e^-$  if DM is in kinetic equilibrium and chemical equilibrium



# No expansion : no thermal decoupling

If no expansion:  $e^+$  and  $e^-$  or  
2 DM particles will always  
finish by encountering

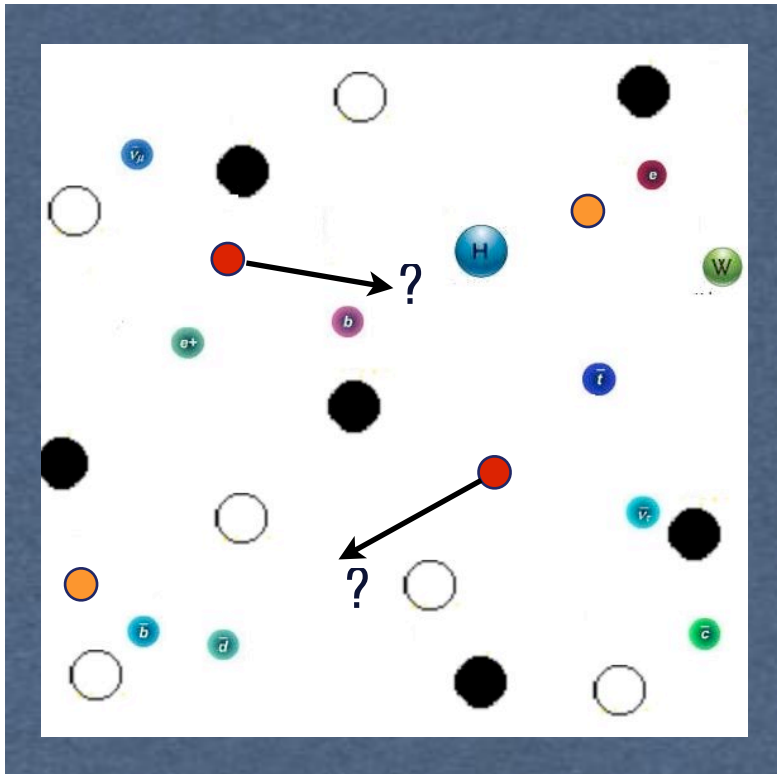
⇒ will still equilibrate numbers  
and energies ⇒ no decoupling





# DM thermal decoupling due to expansion

Clearly DM cannot remain in thermal equilibrium for ever: if it has not already decoupled when it was relativistic it will anyway when it is non-relativistic: as Universe expands the DM number density becomes more and more exponentially suppressed: at some point too few DM particles for them to annihilate  
⇒ the annihilation  $DM DM \leftrightarrow SM SM$  process doesn't occur anymore and  $n_{DM}/s$  freezes



⇒ When??????

particles couple as long as:

$$\delta t < \sim 1/H$$

$$H = \frac{\dot{a}}{a}$$

average time for a  
DM particle to  
undergo an interaction

inverse of rate of  
Universe expansion  
~ age of the Universe

# Thermal decoupling condition

Particle decouples when:  $\delta t > \sim 1/H$   $\Leftrightarrow$   $\Gamma \equiv 1/\delta t < H$

$\Gamma$  interaction rate       $H$  rate of Universe expansion

For a decay:  $\delta t = 1/\Gamma_D$

$\Gamma_D$  decay width

For an annihilation  $i + j \rightarrow k + l$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sigma(i + j \rightarrow k + l) &= \frac{\text{number of transition a single } i \text{ particle undergoes per unit time}}{\text{incoming flux of } j \text{ particles}} \\
 &= \frac{\text{number of transition a single } i \text{ particle undergoes per unit time}}{\text{number of } j \text{ particles crossing a unit surface per unit time}} \\
 &= \frac{\text{number of transition a single } i \text{ particle undergoes per unit time}}{n_j \cdot v_{rel}}
 \end{aligned}$$

$v_{rel}$  relative velocity between i and j

$$\Gamma_i = 1/\delta t_i = \text{number of transition a single } i \text{ particle undergoes per unit time} = n_j \langle \sigma_{i j \rightarrow k l} \cdot v_{rel} \rangle$$

$\langle \sigma_{i j \rightarrow k l} \cdot v_{rel} \rangle$  average over i and j momentum distribution

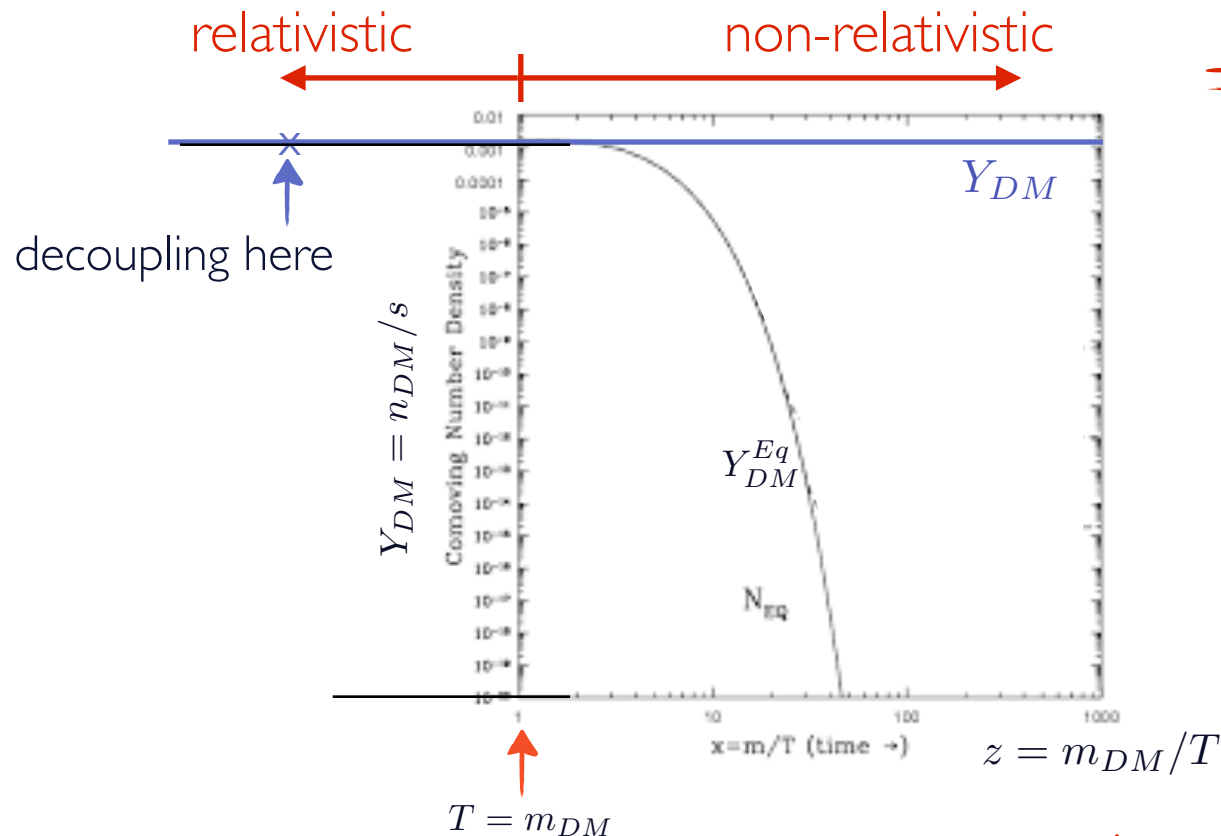
$$\Rightarrow \Gamma_i = n_j \langle \sigma_{i j \rightarrow k l} v_{rel} \rangle \quad \leftarrow \neq \gamma_{i j \rightarrow k l} \equiv n_i n_j \langle \sigma_{i j \rightarrow k l} v_{rel} \rangle$$

$\gamma_{i j \rightarrow k l}$  = number of transitions per unit time per unit volume

# Relativistic DM thermal decoupling: “hot relic”

if  $\Gamma_{DM} = n_{DM}^{Eq} \langle \sigma_{DM DM \rightarrow SM SM} v_{rel} \rangle < H$  occurs when  $T > m_{DM}$  :

$$\left. \frac{n_{DM}}{s} \right|_{T_{today}} = \left. \frac{n_{DM}}{s} \right|_{T_{dec}} = \text{constant number it has when relativistic}$$



$$\Rightarrow Y_{DM} = \left. \frac{n_{DM}}{s} \right|_{T_{dec}} = \frac{\frac{3}{4} \frac{\zeta(3)}{\pi^2} g_{DM} T_{dec}^3}{\frac{2\pi^2}{45} g_*^s T_{dec}^3}$$

$$\Omega_{DM} = \frac{n_{DM} m_{DM}}{\rho_{crit}} \quad \begin{matrix} E_{DM} = m_{DM} \\ \text{today (redshift)} \end{matrix}$$

$$= \frac{(Y_{DM})_{today} s_{today} m_{DM}}{\rho_{crit}}$$

$$= \frac{Y_{DM}(T_{dec}) s_{today} m_{DM}}{\rho_{crit}}$$

$$\Omega_{DM} = 0.024 \frac{g_{DM}}{2} \frac{m_{DM}}{\text{eV}} \frac{0.7^2}{h^2}$$

( $g_{DM} = 2$ )

$$\Rightarrow \Omega_{DM} = 26\% \text{ requires } m_{DM} \simeq 10 \text{ eV}$$

# Why a hot DM relic points towards eV scale?

because for a hot relic  $\frac{n_{DM}}{n_\gamma} \Big|_{T_{dec}} \sim 1 \Rightarrow \frac{n_{DM}}{n_\gamma} \Big|_{today} \sim 1$

but each DM particle today has much more energy than each  $\gamma$  today:  $E_{DM} \simeq m_{DM}$   
 $E_\gamma \simeq T_{today}$   
 $\sim 10^{-3} \text{ eV}$

$\Rightarrow$  to have  $\Omega_{DM}$  not larger than 26% today we need DM to be very light!

more precisely: numerically it is an experimental fact that today:

$$\Omega_{rad} = 9.6 \cdot 10^{-5} \quad \rho_{rad}^{Tot} = \frac{\pi^2}{30} g_* T^4$$
$$\Omega_{DM} = 26\% \quad T_\gamma = 2.7 \text{ K} \sim 10^{-3} \text{ eV}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\Omega_{DM}}{\Omega_{rad}} \sim 3000 \sim \frac{E_{DM}}{E_\gamma} \Big|_{today} \sim \frac{m_{DM}}{10^{-3} \text{ eV}} \Rightarrow m_{DM} \sim \mathcal{O}(10 \text{ eV})$$

# Why a hot DM relic points towards eV scale?

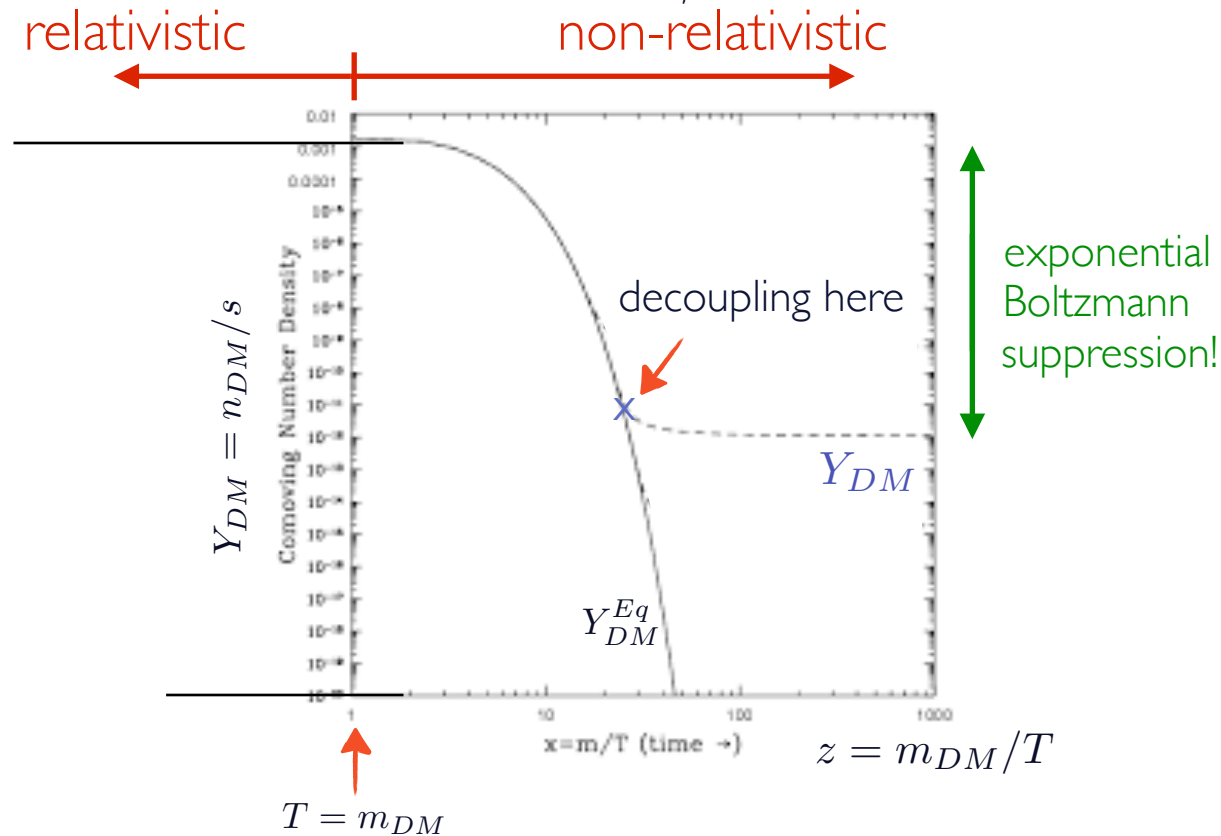


unless  $m_{DM} \lesssim \mathcal{O}(10 \text{ eV})$  the relic density constraint requires a mechanism which gives:  $\frac{n_{DM}}{n_\gamma} \ll 1$

this is similar to the baryon case  $\Omega_B = 5\%$  and  $m_p \simeq 1 \text{ GeV} \rightarrow \frac{n_B}{n_\gamma} \Big|_{\text{today}} \sim 10^{-9}$

# Non-relativistic DM thermal decoupling: “cold relic”

$\Gamma_{DM} = n_{DM}^{Eq} \langle \sigma_{DM DM \rightarrow SM SM} v_{rel} \rangle < H$  occurs when  $T < m_{DM}$  :  
 gives nothing but what we need:  $\frac{n_{DM}}{n_{\gamma}} \ll 1$



⇒ for  $T > T_{dec}$ :  $n_{DM} = n_{DM}^{Eq}$   
 for  $T < T_{dec}$ : no more annihilation at all:  $n_{DM}/s = const$

⇒  $\left. \frac{n_{DM}}{s} \right|_{today} = \left. \frac{n_{DM}}{s} \right|_{T_{dec}} = \left. \frac{n_{DM}^{Eq}}{s} \right|_{T_{dec}}$  ⇒ all we just need to know is  $T_{dec}$

# Non-relativistic DM thermal decoupling: “cold relic”

$$T_{dec} \text{ is solution of: } \left. \frac{\Gamma}{H} \right|_{T_{dec}} = \frac{n_{DM}^{Eq} \langle \sigma_{DM DM \rightarrow SM SM} v_{rel} \rangle}{H} \Big|_{T_{dec}} = 1$$



$$z_{dec} \equiv \frac{m_{DM}}{T_{dec}} = \ln \left[ 0.038 \frac{g_{DM}}{\sqrt{g_*}} m_{DM} m_{Planck} \langle \sigma_{DM DM \rightarrow SM SM} v_{rel} \rangle \right]$$



$$\left. \frac{n_{DM}^{Eq}}{s} \right|_{T_{dec}}$$



$$\left. \frac{n_{DM}^{Eq}}{s} \right|_{today}$$



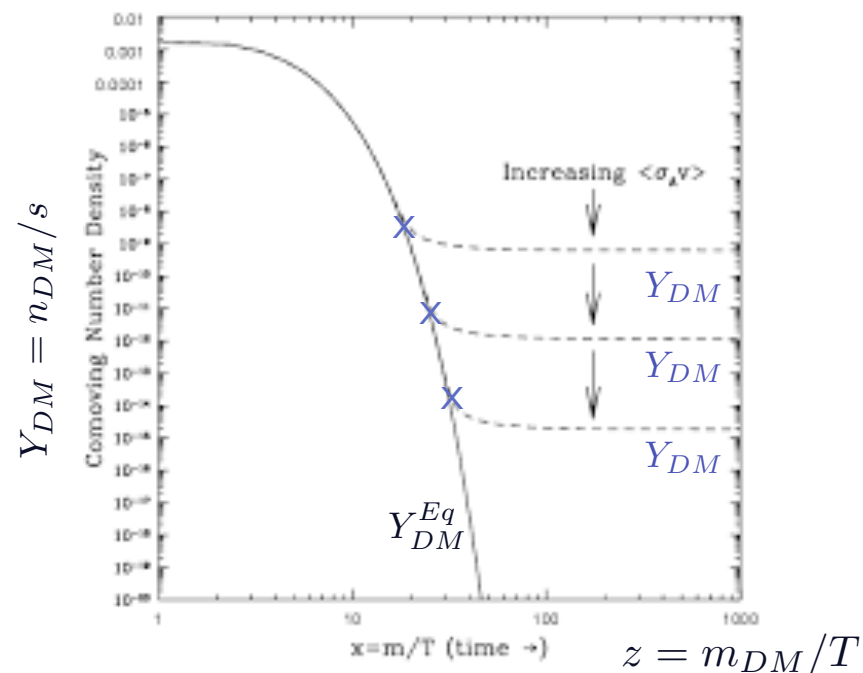
$$\Omega_{DM} = \text{const}' \frac{z_{dec}}{\langle \sigma_{DM DM \rightarrow SM SM} v_{rel} \rangle} \simeq \text{const}'' \frac{1}{\langle \sigma_{DM DM \rightarrow SM SM} v_{rel} \rangle}$$



relic density depends only on annihilation cross section

# Non-relativistic DM thermal decoupling: “cold relic”

the larger is the annihilation cross section the longer DM will remain in thermal equilibrium, the smaller will be the equilibrium number density when DM decouples, the smaller will be  $\Omega_{DM}$



the relic density fixes the value of the cross section to a value

basically independent of  $m_{DM}$   $\Omega_{DM} = \text{const}' \frac{z_{dec}}{\langle\sigma_{DM DM \rightarrow SMSM} v_{rel}\rangle} \simeq \text{const}'' \frac{1}{\langle\sigma_{DM DM \rightarrow SMSM} v_{rel}\rangle}$

$$\Rightarrow \Omega_{DM} = 26\% \leftrightarrow \langle\sigma_{DM DM \rightarrow SMSM} v_{rel}\rangle \simeq 3 \cdot 10^{-26} \text{cm}^3/\text{sec} \simeq 10^{-9} \text{GeV}^{-2} \simeq 1 \text{pb}$$

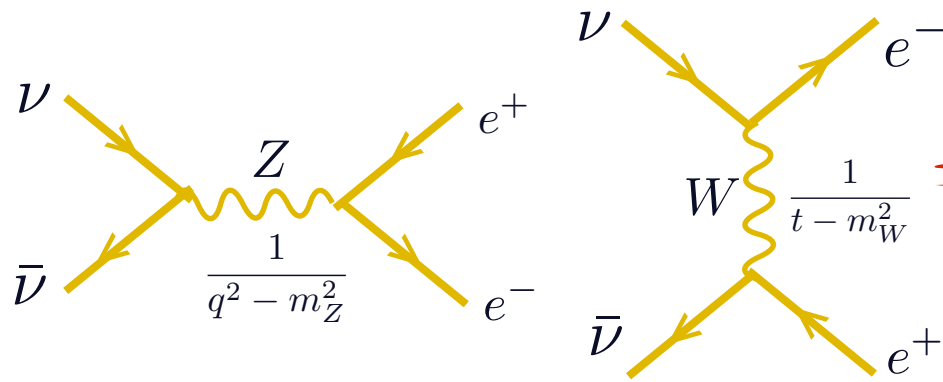
$$\Rightarrow \text{if } \langle\sigma_{DM DM \rightarrow SMSM} v_{rel}\rangle \propto \frac{g^4}{m_{DM}^2} \text{ and } g \sim 1 \sim g_{EW} \text{ one needs } m_{DM} \sim 1 \text{TeV}$$

$$\curvearrowright z_{dec} \simeq 22$$

“WIMP miracle”



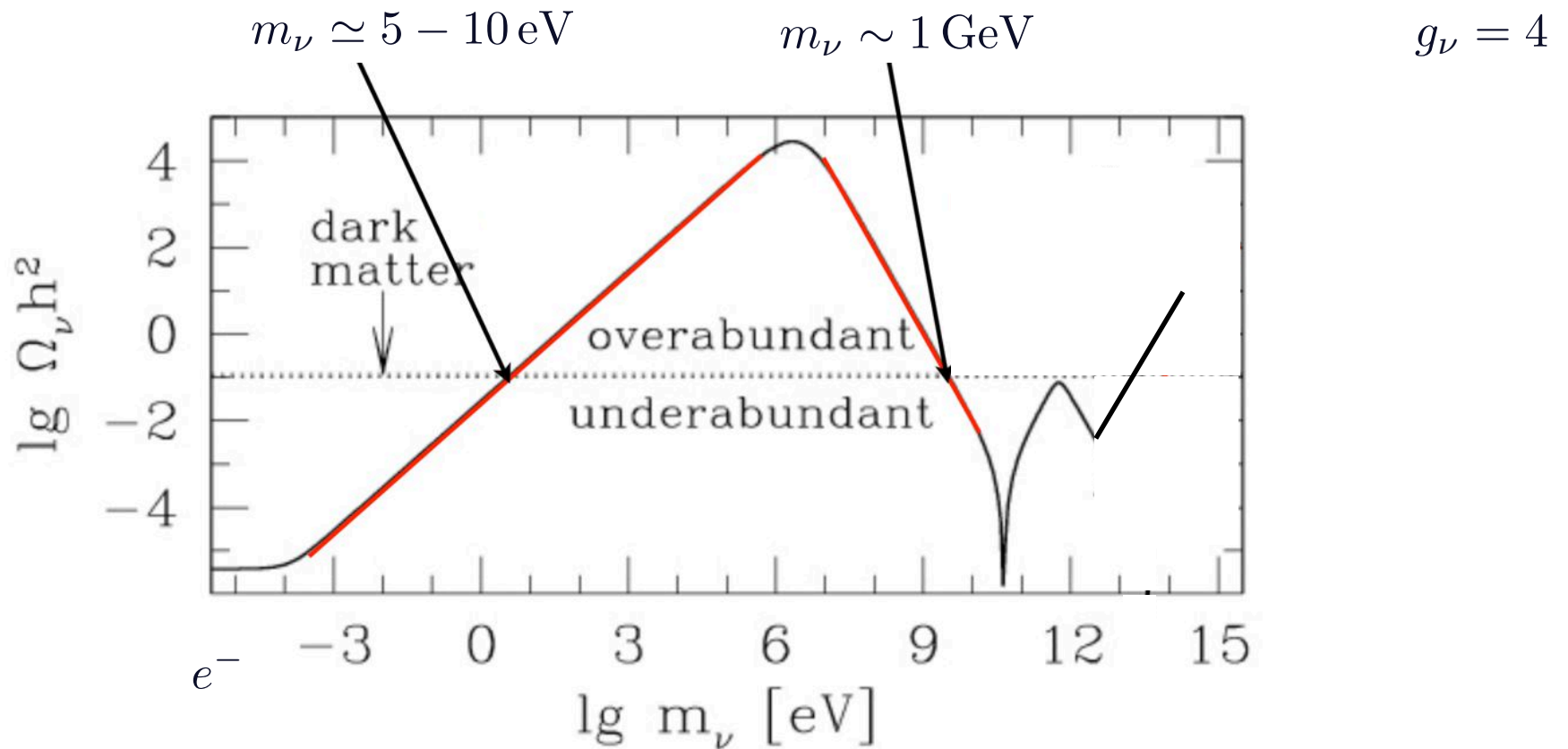
# The example of a Dirac neutrino with mass $m_\nu$



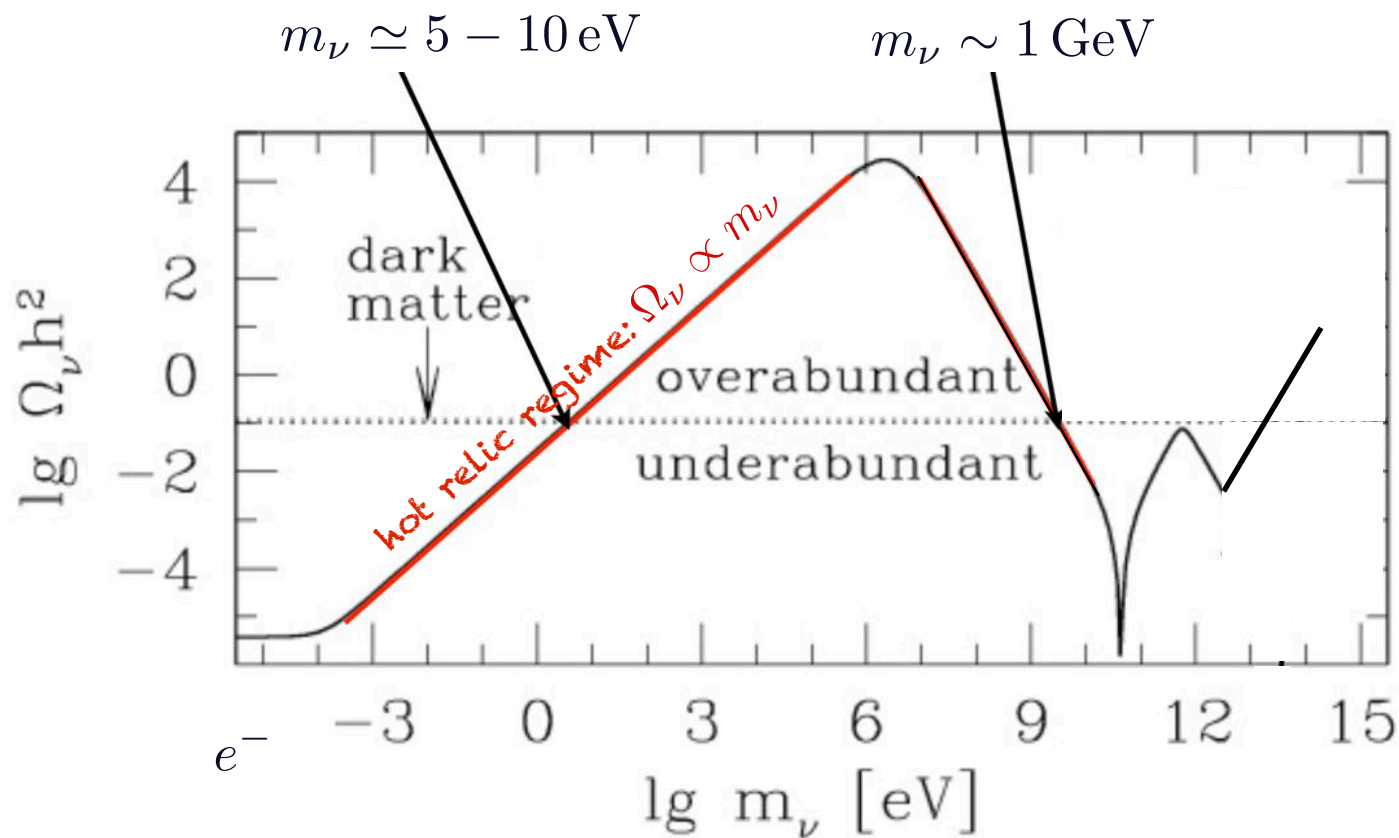
$\Rightarrow$  only SM gauge interactions: "pure WIMP"

$\Rightarrow$  annihilation rate depends only on  $m_\nu$

$$\Gamma_\nu = n_\nu \langle \sigma_{\nu\bar{\nu} \rightarrow e^+e^-} v_{rel} \rangle$$



# The example of a Dirac neutrino with mass $m_\nu$ : hot relic regime



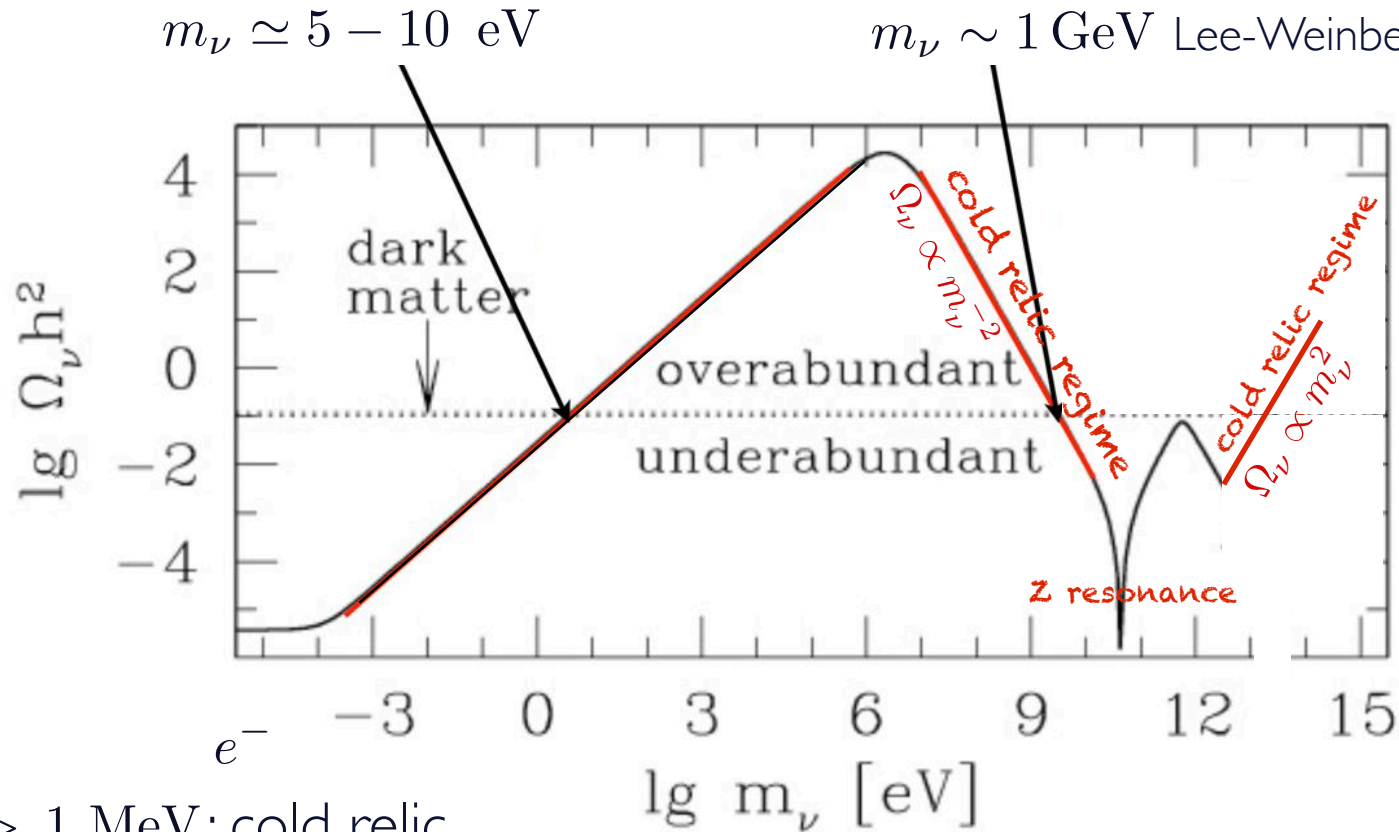
we consider  $m_\nu \ll m_{Z,W}$  and assume  $T_{dec} > m_\nu$ :

$\Rightarrow n_\nu^{Eq} \sim g_\nu T^3$   
 $\Rightarrow \langle \sigma_{\nu\bar{\nu} \rightarrow e^+e^-} v_{rel} \rangle \sim \alpha_W^2 \frac{T^2}{m_{Z,W}^4}$

$$\left. \frac{\Gamma_\nu}{H} \right|_{T_{dec}} = \frac{n_\nu^{Eq} \langle \sigma_{\nu\bar{\nu} \rightarrow e^+e^-} v_{rel} \rangle}{1.7 \sqrt{g_*} \frac{T^2}{m_{Planck}}} \bigg|_{T_{dec}} \sim \frac{g_\nu \alpha_W^2 \frac{T_{dec}^5}{m_{W,Z}^4}}{\sqrt{g_*} \frac{T_{dec}^2}{m_{Planck}}} = 1 \Rightarrow T_{dec} \simeq 1 \text{ MeV}$$

$\Rightarrow$  if  $m_\nu \lesssim 1 \text{ MeV}$  the  $\nu$  is a hot relic and  $\Omega_\nu \propto m_\nu \Rightarrow \Omega_\nu = 26\%$  for  $m_\nu \sim 5 - 10 \text{ eV}$

# The example of a Dirac neutrino with mass $m_\nu$ : cold relic regime



if  $m_\nu > 1 \text{ MeV}$ : cold relic

$$\Rightarrow z_{dec} \equiv \frac{m_\nu}{T_{dec}} = \ln \left[ 0.038 \frac{g_\nu}{\sqrt{g_*}} m_\nu m_{Planck} \langle \sigma_{\nu\bar{\nu} \rightarrow e^+ e^-} v_{rel} \rangle \right] \sim 22$$

$$\Omega_\nu \simeq \text{const} \frac{1}{\langle \sigma_{\nu\bar{\nu} \rightarrow e^+ e^-} v_{rel} \rangle} \begin{matrix} \propto 1/m_\nu^2 \text{ if } m_\nu \ll m_{W,Z} \\ \propto m_\nu^2 \text{ if } m_\nu \gg m_{W,Z} \end{matrix} \leftarrow \langle \sigma_{\nu\bar{\nu} \rightarrow e^+ e^-} v_{rel} \rangle \propto \begin{matrix} \frac{m_\nu^2}{m_{W,Z}^4} \\ \frac{1}{m_\nu^2} \end{matrix}$$

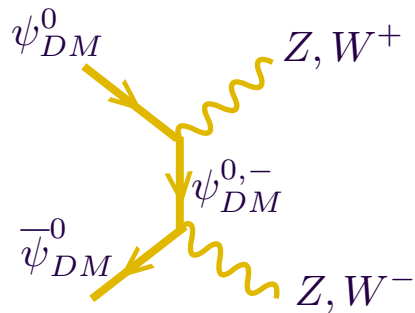
$\Rightarrow$  Thermal decoupling way highly depends on mass of mediator in annihilation

## Other example: the fermion triplet example: a pure WIMP

“wino”

another true “WIMP” is for example a fermion triplet (see above):  $\psi_{DM} = \begin{pmatrix} \psi_{DM}^+ \\ \psi_{DM}^0 \\ \psi_{DM}^- \end{pmatrix}$

only EW interactions



$\Rightarrow m_{DM} \simeq 3.0 \text{ TeV}$

# Maximum mass allowed for a thermal cold relic

→ thermal freezeout requires:  $\langle \sigma_{DM DM \rightarrow SM SM} v_{rel} \rangle \simeq 3 \cdot 10^{-26} \text{ cm}^3/\text{sec}$

→ but unitarity of S matrix requires:  $\sigma_{DM DM \rightarrow SM SM} \leq \frac{\pi(2J+1)}{\vec{p}_{DM}^2}$

$$\vec{p}_{DM}^2 = p_{DM}^2 - m_{DM}^2 = m_{DM}^2 v_{rel}^2/4$$

⇒ for  $J = 0$ :  $\sigma_{DM DM \rightarrow SM SM} v_{rel} \leq \frac{4\pi}{m_{DM}^2 v_{rel}}$  ⇒  $m_{DM} \leq 110 \text{ TeV}$

$$v_{rel}^2 \simeq \frac{6 T_{dec}}{m_{DM}} \sim \frac{6}{22}$$

# Minimum mass allowed for a thermal relic: Cold DM constraint

→ DM remains relativistic as long as  $T \gtrsim m_{DM}$



the lighter it is, the more distance it will have done



the less small structure will develop

→ in practice by the time matter begins to dominate the Universe, we need anisotropies at scales smaller than supercluster scale!

$T \sim eV$

→ otherwise less smaller structures (i.e. galaxies) will form  
and galaxies will form only much later

→ galaxies younger than superclusters

↖  
↙  
contrary to  
observations!

“free streaming length”

however this will be not the case if  $m_{DM} \lesssim 1 \text{ keV}$  because in this case one can calculate that the comoving distance that DM would have done is larger than supercluster comoving size → erase anisotropies at smaller distance

# Cold/Warm/Hot DM

⇒  $m_{DM} \gtrsim 1 \text{ keV}$  : DM must be cold!

⇒  $m_{DM} \gg 1 \text{ keV}$  : DM is cold

$m_{DM} \ll 1 \text{ keV}$  : DM is hot

$m_{DM} \sim 1 \text{ keV}$  : DM is warm

≠

DM is a cold relic: decouple non-relativistic

DM is a hot relic: decouple relativistic

↪ for example a  $\nu$  with  $m_\nu = 30 \text{ keV}$  is cold but a hot relic!

excluded because  
gives  $\Omega_\nu \gg \gg 26\%$

↪ in practice all hot relics excluded because if cold they overclose the Universe!

↪ for example a  $\nu$  with  $m_\nu \sim 10 \text{ eV}$  is hot and a hot relic!

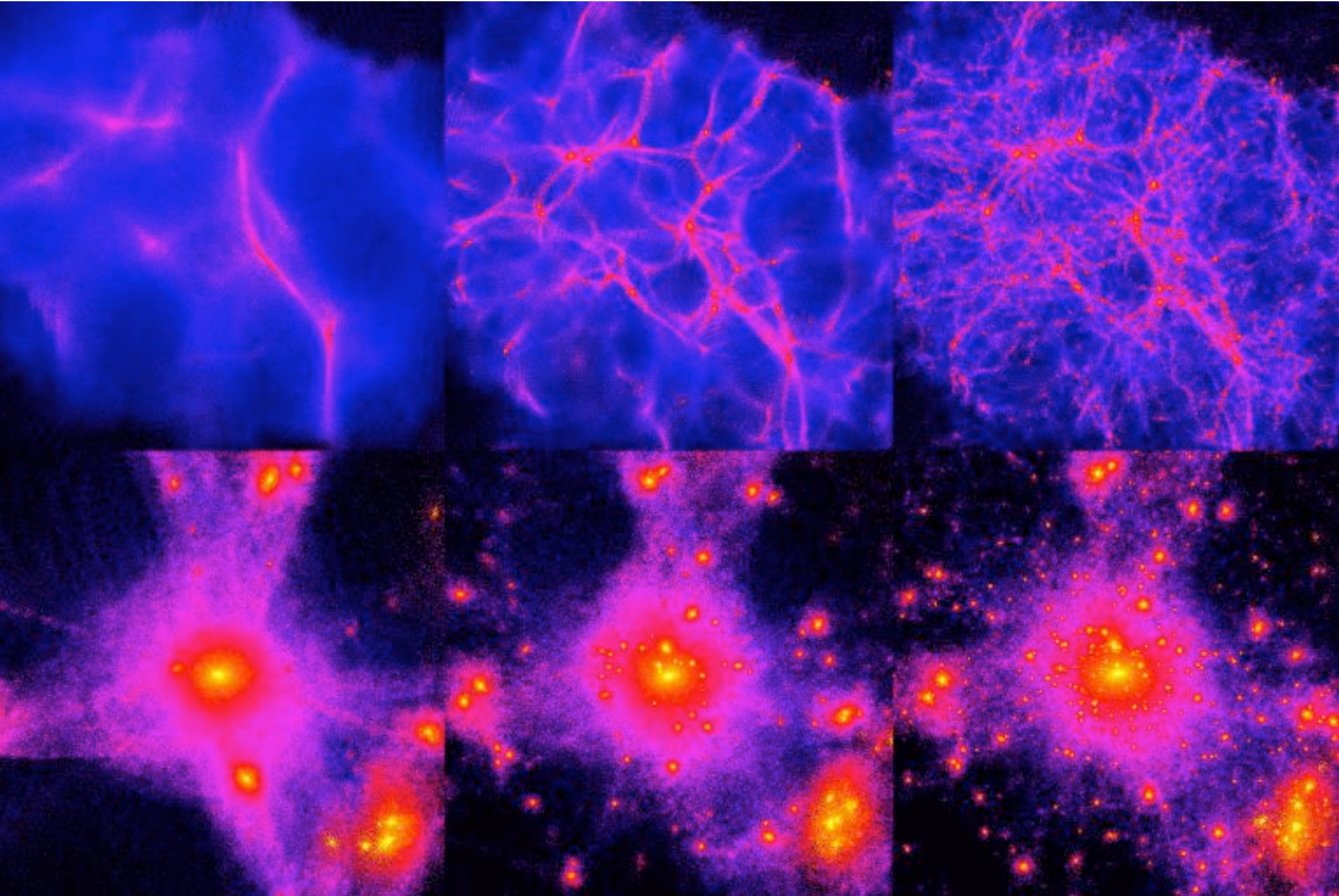
excluded because hot



HOT

WARM

COLD





# Accurate calculation of the DM relic density: Boltzmann equations

→ equation giving the variation of the DM number density per unit time

→ if no interactions:  $n_{DM} = \frac{\text{const}}{V} \propto \frac{\text{const}}{a^3}$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dn_{DM}}{dt} \equiv \dot{n}_{DM} = -3 \frac{\dot{a}}{a} \cdot \frac{\text{const}}{a^3} = -3H n_{DM}$$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{n}_{DM} + 3H n_{DM} = 0$$

→ if interactions:  $DMDM \leftrightarrow SMSM$

$$\Gamma_{DMDM \rightarrow SMSM} = n_{DM} \langle \sigma_{DMDM \rightarrow SMSM} v_{rel} \rangle$$

= number of  $DMDM \rightarrow SMSM$  transitions a single DM part. has per unit time

$$\gamma_{DMDM \rightarrow SMSM} = n_{DM}^2 \langle \sigma_{DMDM \rightarrow SMSM} v_{rel} \rangle$$

= number of  $DMDM \rightarrow SMSM$  transitions per unit time per unit volume

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dn_{DM}}{dt} = (\gamma_{SMSM \rightarrow DMDM} - \gamma_{DMDM \rightarrow SMSM}) \cdot 2 - 3H n_{DM}$$

↑  
number of  $SMSM \rightarrow DMDM$  reactions  
per unit time per unit volume

↑  
number of  $DMDM \rightarrow SMSM$  reactions  
per unit time per unit volume

←  $\Delta N_{DM}$  per reaction

# Accurate calculation of the DM relic density: Boltzmann equations

7 steps ahead:

$$(1) \quad d^3\tilde{p} \equiv \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^3}$$
$$\dot{n}_{DM} + 3H n_{DM} = \int d^3\tilde{p}_{DM_1} d^3\tilde{p}_{DM_2} d^3\tilde{p}_{SM_1} d^3\tilde{p}_{SM_2} (2\pi)^4 \delta^4(p_{DM_1} + p_{DM_2} - p_{SM_1} - p_{SM_2})$$
$$\cdot \left[ f_{SM_1} f_{SM_2} |\mathcal{M}_{SM_1 SM_2 \rightarrow DM_1 DM_2}|^2 - f_{DM_1} f_{DM_2} |\mathcal{M}_{DM_1 DM_2 \rightarrow SM_1 SM_2}|^2 \right] \cdot 2$$

$$(2) \quad \text{SM particles are in thermal equilibrium} \rightarrow f_{SM_{1,2}} = f_{SM_{1,2}}^{Eq}$$

$$(3) \quad \text{Maxwell Boltzmann statistic approximation} \rightarrow f^{Eq} = \frac{1}{e^{E/T} \pm 1} \simeq e^{-E/T}$$

$$f_{SM_1}^{Eq} f_{SM_2}^{Eq} = e^{-(E_{SM_1} + E_{SM_2})} = e^{-(E_{DM_1} + E_{DM_2})} = f_{DM_1}^{Eq} f_{DM_2}^{Eq}$$

$$(4) \quad |\mathcal{M}_{SM_1 SM_2 \rightarrow DM_1 DM_2}|^2 = |\mathcal{M}_{DM_1 DM_2 \rightarrow SM_1 SM_2}|^2 \equiv |\mathcal{M}|^2$$

CP conservation assumed here

# Accurate calculation of the DM relic density: Boltzmann equations

$$(5) \quad \dot{n}_{DM} + 3H n_{DM} =$$

$$\int d^3\tilde{p}_{DM_1} d^3\tilde{p}_{DM_2} d^3\tilde{p}_{SM_1} d^3\tilde{p}_{SM_2} (2\pi)^4 \delta^4(p_{DM_1} + p_{DM_2} - p_{SM_1} - p_{SM_2}) f_{DM_1}^{Eq} f_{DM_2}^{Eq} |\mathcal{M}|^2 \quad \leftarrow \equiv \gamma_{DM_1 DM_2 \rightarrow SM_1 SM_2}^{Eq}$$

$$\cdot 2 \cdot \left(1 - \frac{f_{DM_1} f_{DM_2}}{f_{DM_1}^{Eq} f_{DM_2}^{Eq}}\right)$$

kinetic equilibrium of all particles  $\rightarrow \frac{f_{DM_1} f_{DM_2}}{f_{DM_1}^{Eq} f_{DM_2}^{Eq}} = \frac{n_{DM}^2}{n_{DM}^{Eq2}}$

$$(6) \quad n_{DM} \rightarrow Y_{DM} = \frac{n_{DM}}{s} \qquad s \propto T^3 \propto t^{-3/2} \quad \frac{ds}{dt} = -3Hs$$

$$\dot{Y}_{DM} = \frac{\dot{n}_{DM}}{s} + 3H \frac{n_{DM}}{s}$$

$$(7) \quad t \rightarrow z = m_{DM}/T \qquad \text{radiation epoch: } H = \frac{1}{2t} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{dz}{dt} = zH$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{szH(z) \frac{dY_{DM}}{dz} = 2 \cdot \gamma_{DM DM \rightarrow SM SM}^{Eq} \cdot \left(1 - \frac{Y_{DM}^2}{Y_{DM}^{Eq2}}\right)}$$

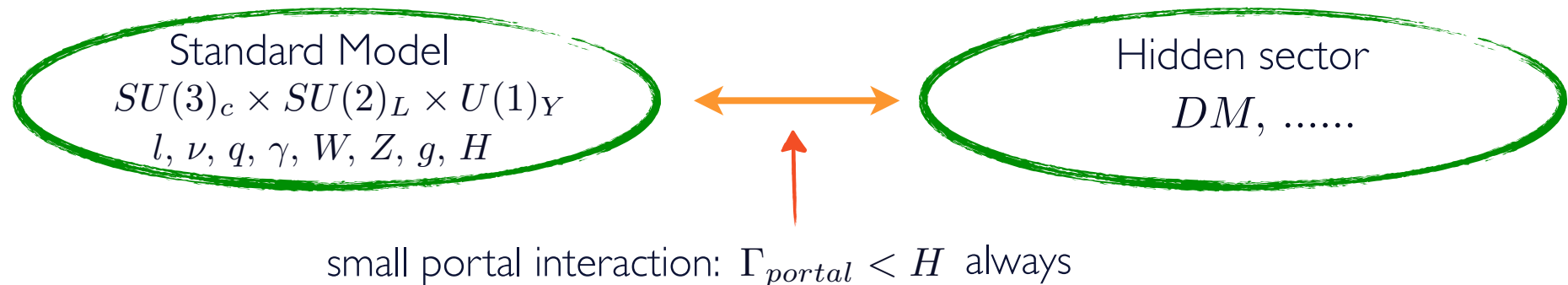
$\Rightarrow$  integrating this equation over  $z$  one finds  $Y_{DM}|_{today}$

$\hookrightarrow$  shows that instantaneous decoupling approximation above is good

*Beyond thermal freezeout: a few other possibilities*

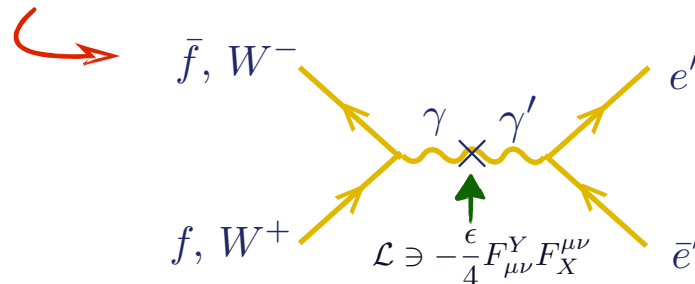
# Freezein

↪ if DM belongs to a hidden sector it might be that it has never thermalized with the SM thermal bath, if the portal small



↪ for example with a Higgs portal,  $\mathcal{L} \ni -\lambda_m \phi^\dagger \phi H^\dagger H$ , both sectors do not thermalize with each other if:  $\lambda_m \lesssim 10^{-6} \leftarrow m_\phi \sim TeV$   
 $H^\dagger H \leftrightarrow \phi^\dagger \phi$

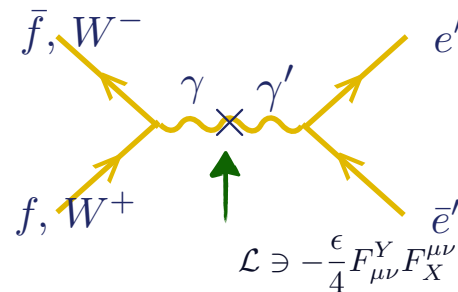
↪ for example with a kinetic mixing portal,  $\mathcal{L} \ni -\frac{\epsilon}{4} F_{\mu\nu}^Y F_X^{\mu\nu}$ , both sectors do not thermalize with each other if:  $\epsilon \lesssim 10^{-6} \leftarrow m_{e'} \sim TeV$   
 $(\alpha = \alpha')$



# Freezein

→ in this case, even if no thermalization, the SM thermal bath can still produce very slowly (out-of-equilibrium) pairs of DM particles to get the right amount of DM: freeze-in

remember the  $n_{DM}/n_\gamma$  we need to get is much smaller than the relativistic thermal value:  $n_{DM}/n_\gamma \sim 1$ : no need for DM to necessarily thermalize



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$$\frac{dn_{DM}}{dt} = n_{SM_i}^2(T) \langle \sigma_{SM_i SM_i \rightarrow DM DM} v \rangle 2$$

$$\frac{dY_{DM}}{dT} = \frac{n_{SM_i}^2(T) \langle \sigma_{SM_i SM_i \rightarrow DM DM} v \rangle}{TH(T)s(T)} \propto 1/T^2 \quad \leftarrow Y_{DM} \equiv \frac{n_{DM}}{s}$$

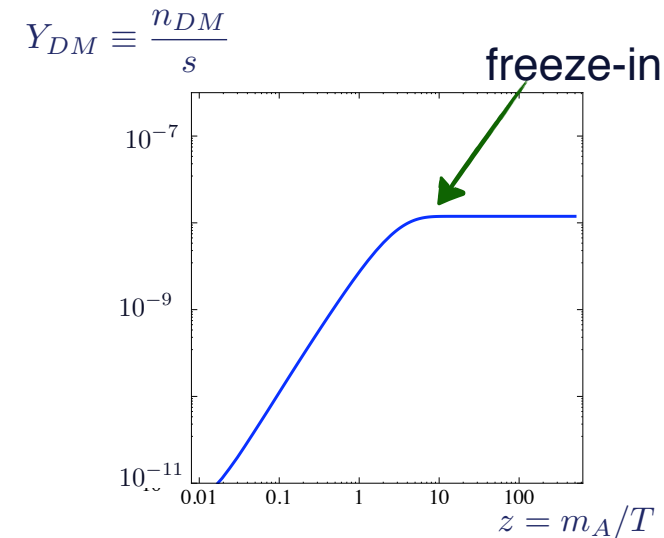
$$Y_{DM} \propto 1/T \text{ down to } T \sim m_{DM} \quad \leftarrow \text{where } n_{SM_i}^{eq} \text{ becomes Boltzmann suppressed}$$

$T > m_{DM}$

DM production IR dominated as for freezeout

production depends only on interactions at  $T \sim m_{DM}$  and not on physics at higher scales

but unlike freezeout it depends on the DM number initial conditions



$$\Omega_{DM} = \Omega_{DM}^{''end\ of\ inflation''} + \Omega_{DM}^{freezein}$$

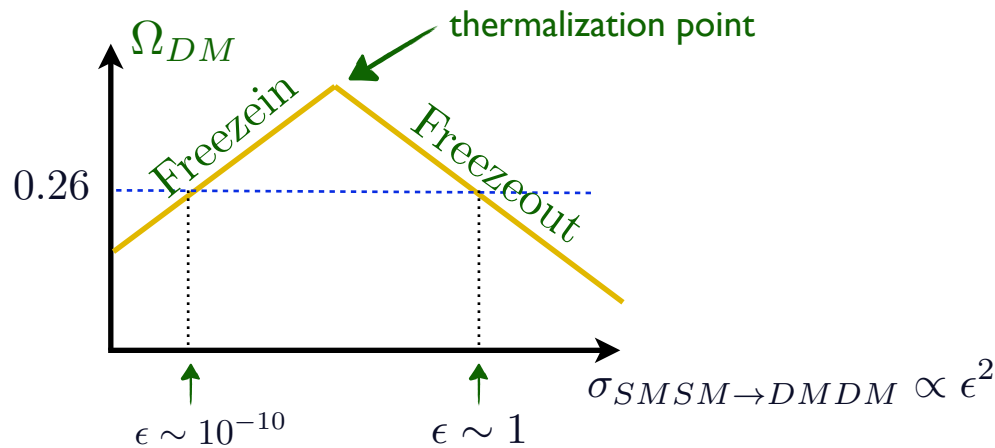
# Freezein

$$Y_{DM} \sim \frac{n_{SM}^2 \langle \sigma_{SM SM \rightarrow e' \bar{e}'} v_{rel} \rangle}{s} \bigg|_{T \sim m_{DM}} \cdot \frac{1}{H(T \sim m_{DM})} \propto \epsilon^2 \quad \alpha = \alpha'$$

number of DM particles  
created per unit time per  
unit volume over entropy

age of the Universe

⇒  $\Omega_{DM} = 26\%$  requires a tiny coupling:  $\epsilon \sim 10^{-10}$



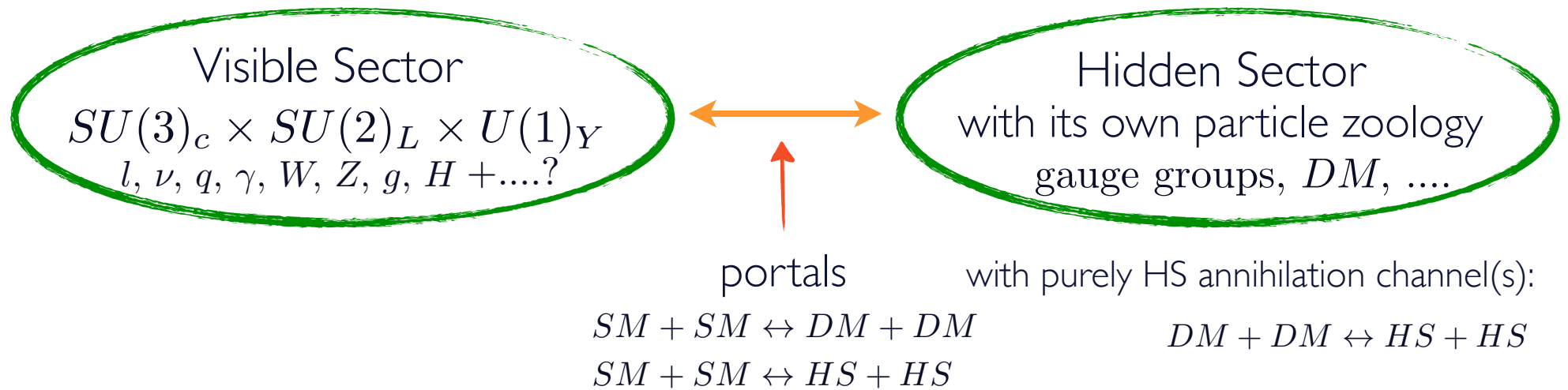
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⇒ so far we got 3 ways to get  
 $\Omega_{DM}$  to be only 26% despite  
of the fact that DM is matter:

or  $n_{DM} \sim n_\gamma \Rightarrow$  DM must be very light but excluded (hot)

or  $n_{DM} \ll n_\gamma \Rightarrow$  DM must be heavier (cold)  
from freezeout (Boltzmann suppression)  
or freezein (tiny coupling suppression)

## Going more general: general hidden sector structure



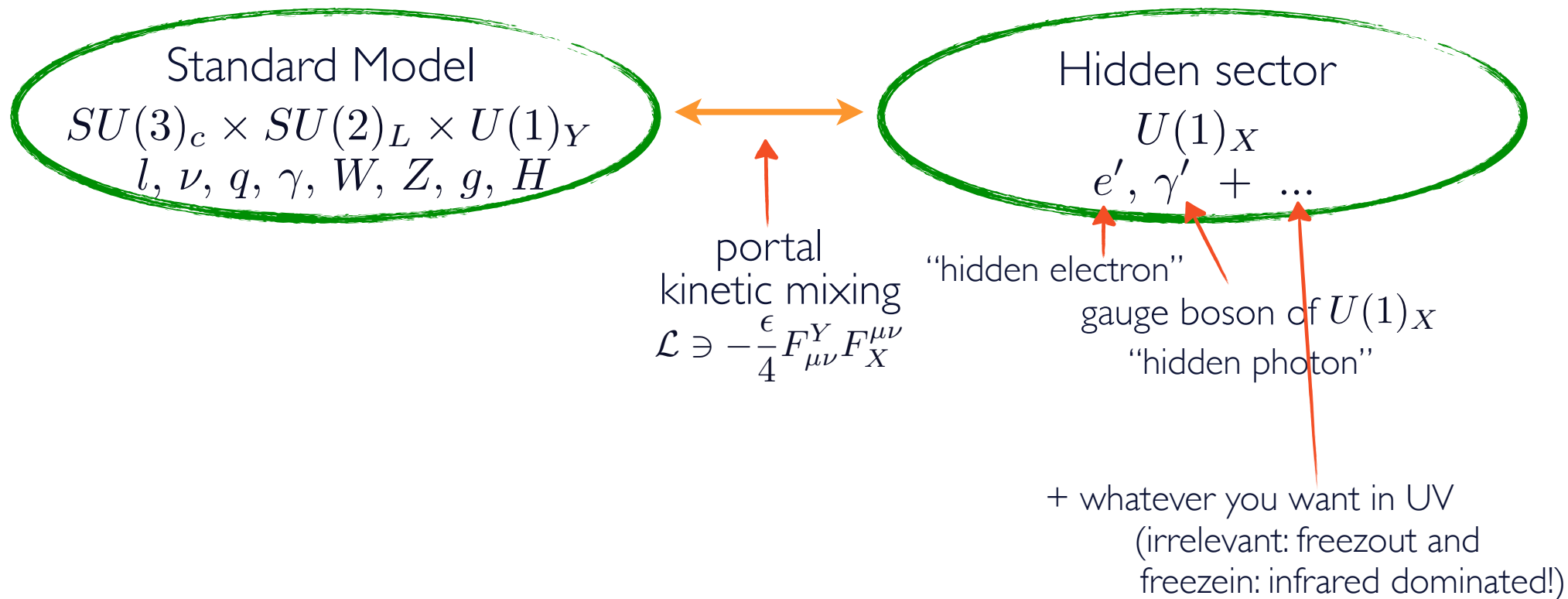
⇒ DM can annihilate in the HS sector and/or to SM particles



# A prototype Hidden Sector model: hidden photon + hidden electron

→ the  $QED'$  model already considered above:  $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{SM} + \bar{\psi}'(i\not{D}' - m_{\psi})\psi'$

→ a  $e'$  charged under a new  $U(1)_X$  with no charge under SM  
with SM particles chargeless under  $U(1)_X$



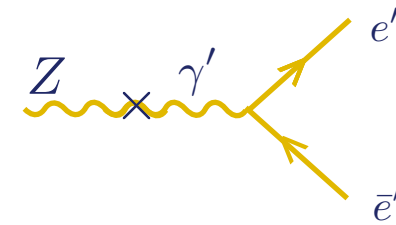
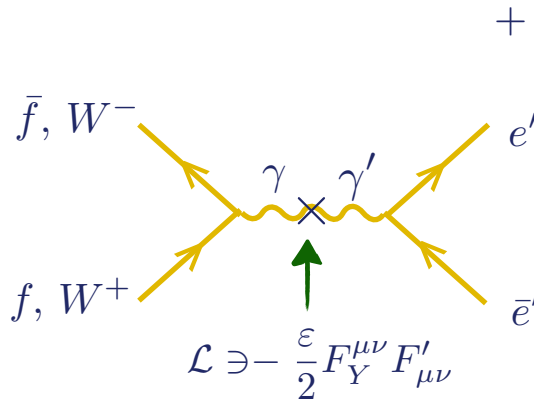
# A prototype Hidden Sector model: hidden photon + hidden electron

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{SM} + \bar{\psi}'(i\not{D}' - m_{\psi})\psi' - \frac{1}{4}F_{\mu\nu}^Y F_X^{\mu\nu}$$

3 parameters:  $m_{DM}$ ,  $\alpha'$ ,  $\epsilon$

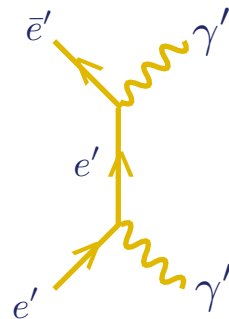
DM electric charge :  $\kappa = \sqrt{\alpha'/\alpha} \epsilon$

Portal processes:



$$\sigma(SM SM \rightarrow e' \bar{e}') \propto \alpha^2 \kappa^2$$

Hidden sector process:



$$\sigma(e' \bar{e}' \rightarrow \gamma' \gamma') \propto \alpha'^2$$

$$z \frac{H}{s} \frac{dY_{DM}}{dz} = \sum_i \langle \sigma_{connect} v \rangle_i (Y_{eq}^2(T) - Y^2) + \langle \sigma_{HS} v \rangle (Y_{eq}^2(T') - Y^2)$$

$SM_i SM_i \rightarrow DMDM$

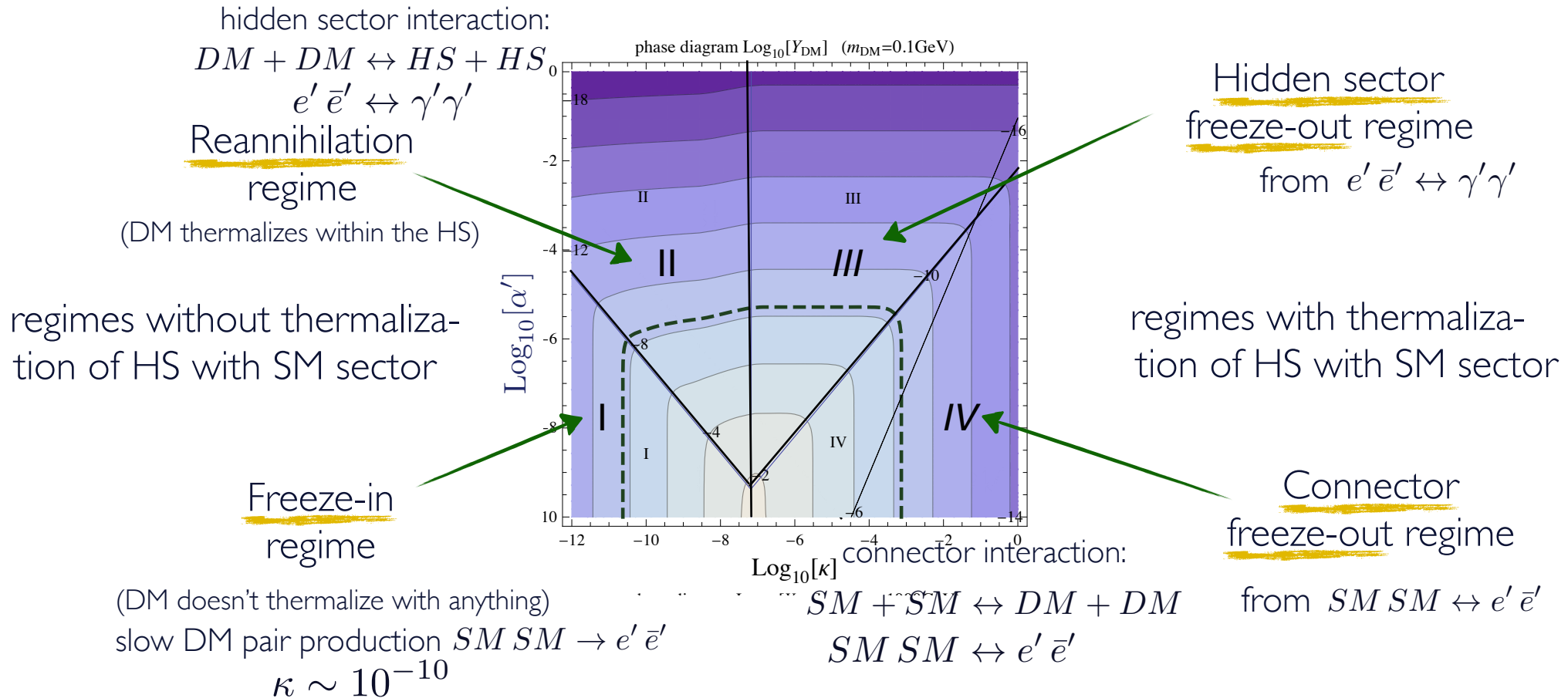
$DMDM \rightarrow SM_i SM_i$

$\gamma' \gamma' \rightarrow DMDM$

$DMDM \rightarrow \gamma' \gamma'$

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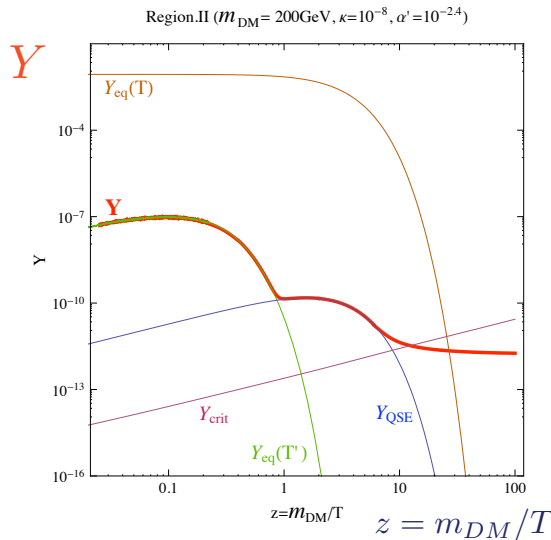
## 5 basic ways to get the observed relic density

Regime II is new: reannihilation: the connector  $SM SM \leftrightarrow e' \bar{e}'$  process is out of equilibrium

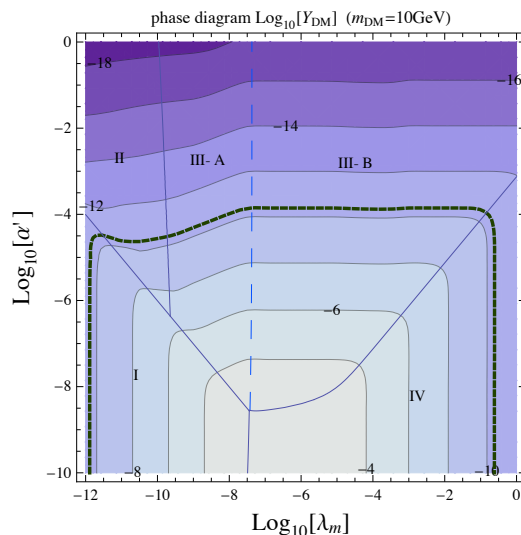
but the HS  $e' \bar{e}' \leftrightarrow \gamma' \gamma'$  process is in equilibrium

⇒ hidden sector has its own temperature  $T' \neq T$

↪ freezeout in HS with  $T' \neq T$  and with still at same time slow  $SM SM \rightarrow e' \bar{e}'$  DM production



NB: with (massive) Higgs portal: a fifth regime: Dark Freezeout:



↪ freezeout in HS with  $T' \neq T$  and at this time no more slow  $SM SM \rightarrow e' \bar{e}'$  DM production

more details in *Chu, T.H., Tytgat I I*

## *Asymmetric DM*



above we have assumed no DM matter-antimatter asymmetry but there could be one

2 asymmetric relics do exist already in Nature: protons and electrons!

# The proton asymmetric relic example

at  $T \sim m_p$ : protons number density becomes to be Boltzmann suppressed from  $p\bar{p} \leftrightarrow \gamma\gamma$   
 $p\bar{p} \leftrightarrow \pi\pi$   
 ...

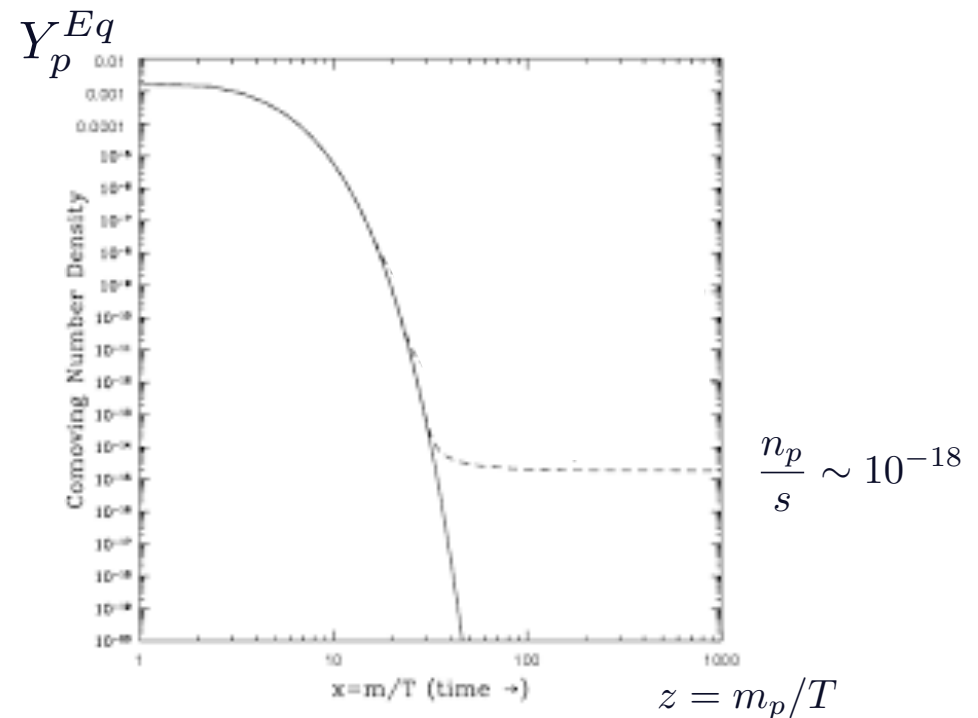
if the number of  $p$  was at this time the same than the number of  $\bar{p}$  one would have a symmetric freezeout just as DM above but driven by a strong process rather than a weak size one  $\Rightarrow$  very strong suppression:

$$\frac{n_p}{s} = \frac{n_{\bar{p}}}{s} \propto \frac{1}{\langle \sigma_{p\bar{p} \rightarrow \pi\pi} \cdot v_{rel} \rangle} \sim 10^{-18}$$

"annihilation catastrophe"

we would not be here to talk about!

but we know there are many more protons today:  $\frac{n_p}{s} \sim 10^{-10}$      $\Omega_B \sim 5\%$   
 $\frac{n_{\bar{p}}}{s} \sim 0$

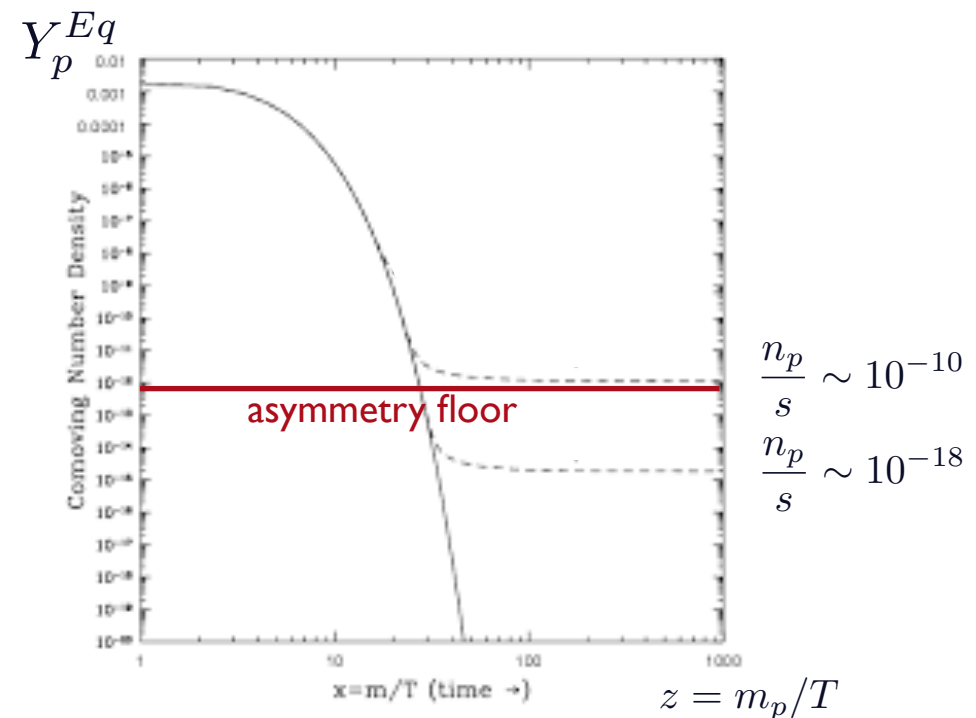


# The proton asymmetric relic example

at  $T \sim m_p$  : protons number density becomes to be Boltzmann suppressed from  $p \bar{p} \rightarrow \pi \pi$

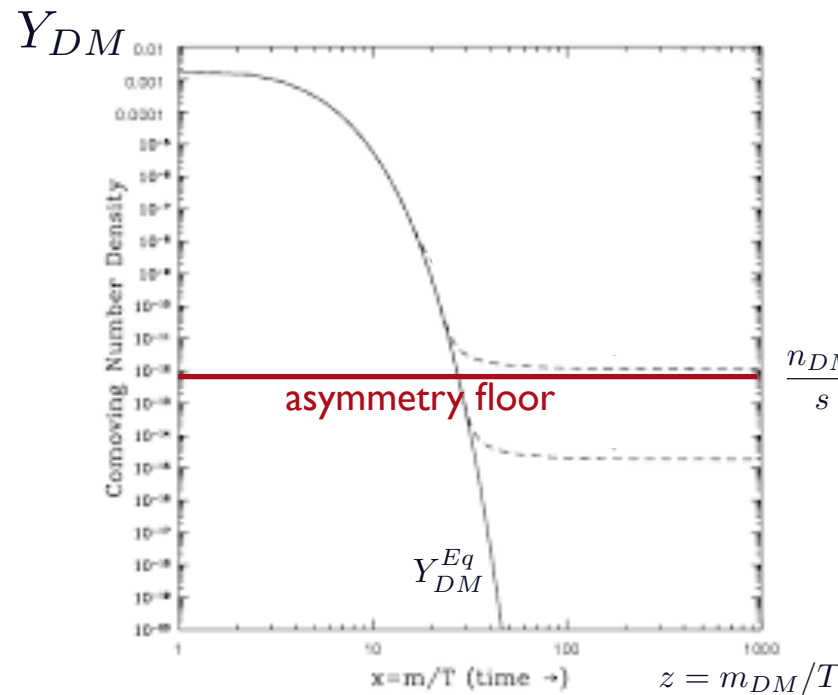
if instead at this time  $n_p > n_{\bar{p}}$  then the efficient  $p \bar{p} \rightarrow \pi \pi$  process cannot annihilate so many  $p$  because once it will have annihilated (almost) all  $\bar{p}$  still we will be left with

a  $p$  population:  $\frac{n_p}{s} \Big|_{today} = \frac{n_p - n_{\bar{p}}}{s} \Big|_{preexisting} \simeq 10^{-10}$



# Asymmetric DM: same story as baryons

(in simplest version)



$$\frac{n_{DM}}{s} \Big|_{today} = \frac{n_{DM} - n_{\overline{DM}}}{s} \Big|_{preexisting} \simeq 10^{-11}$$

$$m_{DM} \sim 100 \text{ GeV}$$

- we still need a DM annihilation to put DM in equilibrium and to Boltzmann suppressed it at  $T \lesssim m_{DM}$   
the annihilation cross section must be larger than for symmetric freezeout to get rid of the symmetric component
- we need a preexisting asymmetry:  $\frac{n_{DM} - n_{\overline{DM}}}{s} \Big|_{preexisting} \simeq 10^{-11}$   
created before from other interactions

$$m_{DM} \sim 100 \text{ GeV}$$

the relic density is not anymore determined by the physics at  $m_{DM}$  energy scale but by the physics at the origin of the asymmetry  $\Rightarrow$  becomes a UV problem!

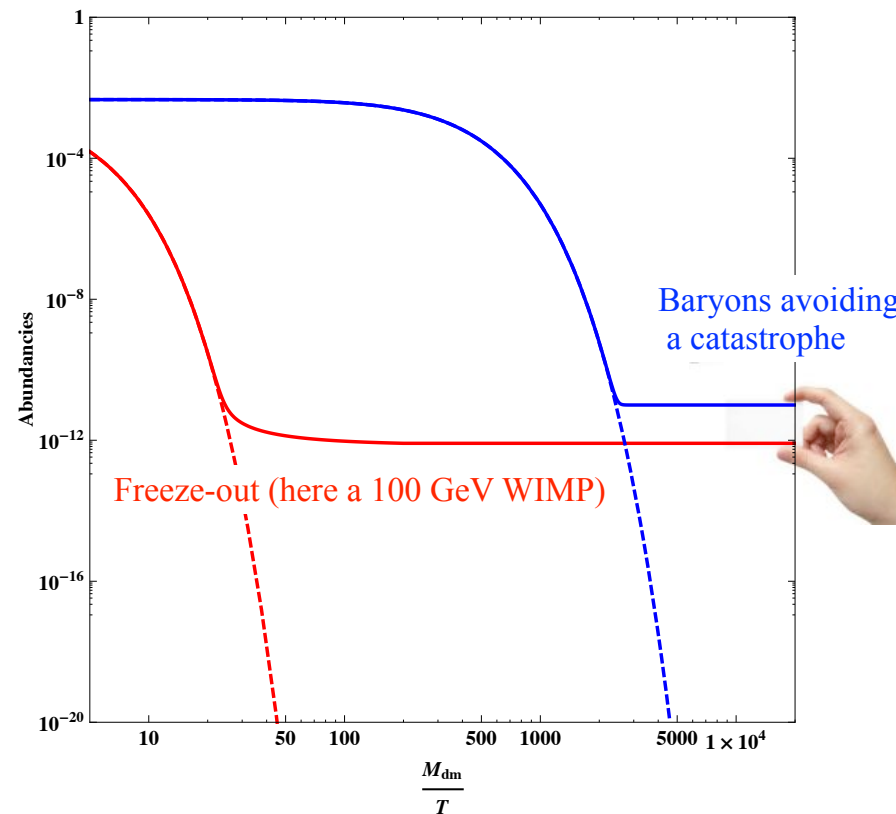
$\Rightarrow$  we loose a lot in predictivity and testability % symmetric freezeout!



$\Omega_B \leftrightarrow \Omega_{DM}$  *similarity*  $\Rightarrow$  *asymmetric DM?*

Observationally:  $\frac{\Omega_{DM}}{\Omega_B} \sim 5$   $\leftarrow$  coincidence or deep reason???

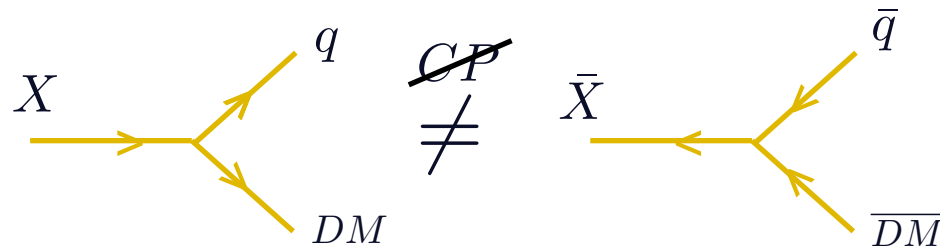
No explanation for such a similarity along the symmetric thermal freezeout scenario:



Suggests that maybe DM is asymmetric and that DM asymmetry is related to the baryon asymmetry

$\Omega_B \leftrightarrow \Omega_{DM}$  *similarity*  $\Rightarrow$  *asymmetric DM?*

Common creation of both asymmetries from a same process: "Co-genesis"



$$\Rightarrow \frac{n_{DM} - n_{\overline{DM}}}{s} = \frac{n_q - n_{\bar{q}}}{s} = \frac{1}{3} \frac{n_p - n_{\bar{p}}}{s} \Rightarrow m_{DM} \sim 3 \frac{\Omega_{DM}}{\Omega_B} \cdot m_p \sim 15 \text{ GeV}$$

$\Rightarrow$  we trade the  $\Omega_{DM} \leftrightarrow \Omega_B$  coincidence for a  $m_{DM} \leftrightarrow m_p$  mass coincidence

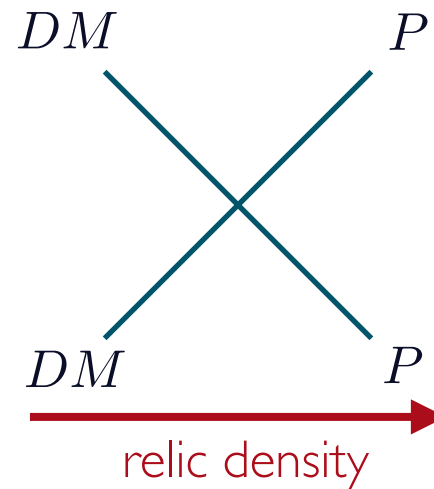
we should have seen already this DM particle in many cases

$\Rightarrow$  need to complicate the model, ... but remains a possibility

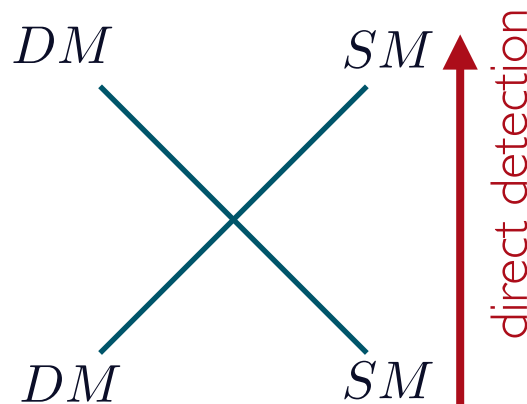
# DM particle phenomenology

### 3 main ways to probe the DM particle

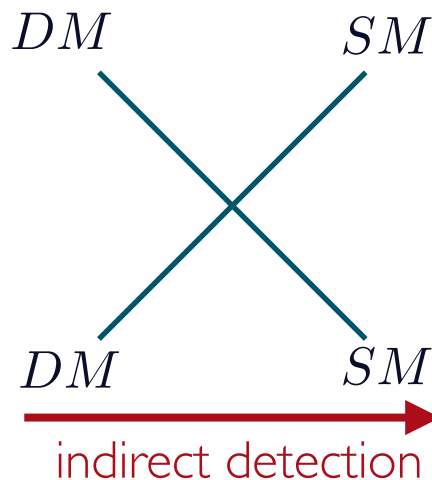
Symmetric freezeout as well as asymmetric DM scenarios require an annihilation process



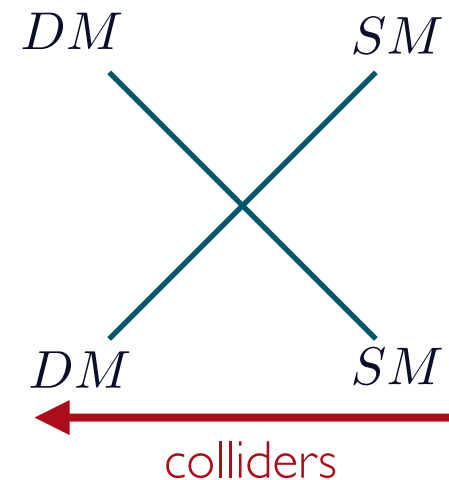
If annihilation is into SM particles: 3 main ways to probe DM as a particle:



↪ DM collision on nucleon



↪ fluxes of cosmic rays



↪ DM pair production


DM direct detection

# Flux of DM particles crossing the earth

$\rho_{DM} \simeq 0.3 \text{ GeV/cm}^{-3}$   simulations of DM halo formation fitting the observations

$v_{DM} \simeq 220 \text{ km/sec}$   orbit velocity of Sun in galaxy

 with distribution of velocity around: Maxwellian:  $f(v_{DM}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-v_{DM}^2/2\sigma^2}$   
 $\sigma \simeq 270 \text{ km/sec}$

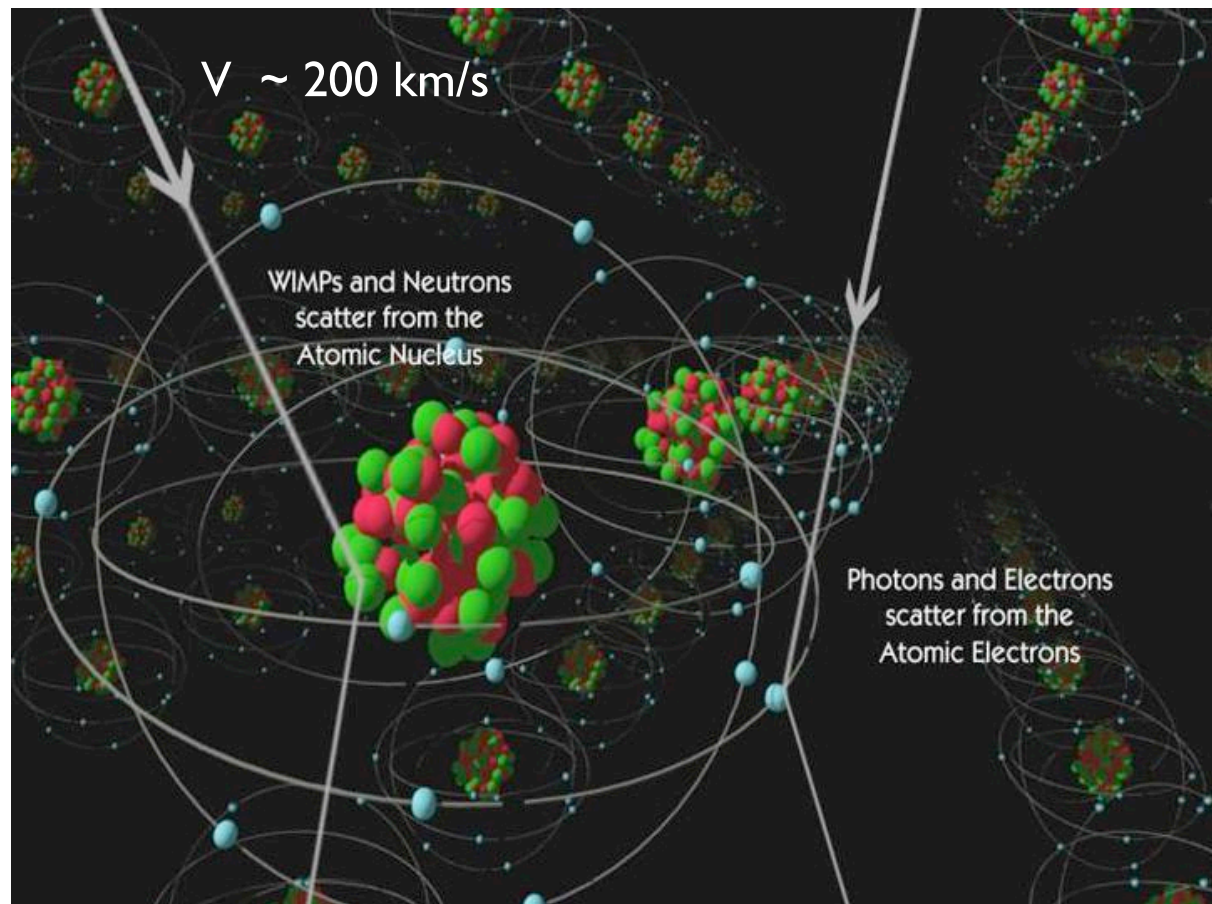
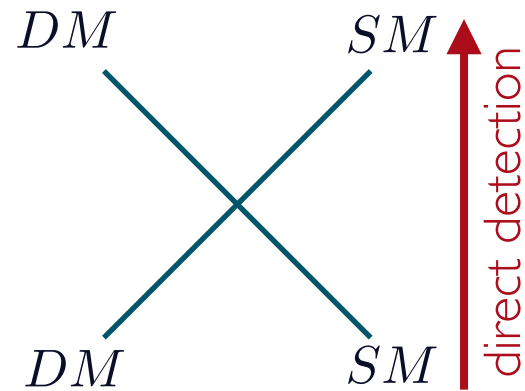
 DM particle flux:  $\mathcal{O}(10^5 \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ sec}^{-1}) \cdot \left( \frac{100 \text{ GeV}}{m_{DM}} \right)$

$10^5$  more than  $\mu$  flux

$10^5$  less than total solar  $\nu$  flux

100 less than  $E_\nu > \text{MeV}$  solar flux

# Search for a *DM-nuclei* or *DM-electron* scattering: direct detection



# Search for a recoil of a nuclei or electron from DM hit: direct detection

Event rate (on nuclei):  $\frac{dR}{dE_R} = \frac{\rho_{DM}}{m_{DM}} \frac{1}{m_N} \int_{v_{min}}^{\infty} v_{DM} f(v_{DM}) \frac{d\sigma}{dE_R} d^3v_{DM}$

$\uparrow$  nucleus recoil energy      $\uparrow$  DM flux      $\uparrow$  rate per mass of nuclei      $\uparrow$  velocity distribution      $\uparrow$  cross section

$$v \cos \theta = \sqrt{\frac{m_N E_R}{\mu^2}}$$

$$\mu = \frac{m_N m_{DM}}{m_N + m_{DM}}$$

for a given  $v_{DM}$  there is a kinematic upper bound:  $E_R < \mu^2 v_{DM}^2 / m_N \sim 0 - 100 \text{ keV}$

⇒ exponential fall-off of  $f(v_{DM})$  for large  $v_{DM}$  gives an exponential fall-off for large  $E_R$

$$\frac{dR}{dE_R} \sim \left( \frac{dR}{dE_R} \right)_{E_R=0} F^2(E_R) e^{-E_R/E_c}$$

$$E_c \sim 10^{-6} \mu^2 / m_N$$

$\uparrow$   
 nuclear form factor

⇒ need for detectors with sensitivity to low  $E_R \sim \text{few keV}$  and low noise




# Search for a recoil of a nuclei or electron from DM hit: direct detection


$\frac{d\sigma}{dE_R}$  : depending on the DM candidate the cross section is:

spin-independent:

$$\sigma_{N-DM} \propto A^2$$

  
couples coherently to  
nucleons in nuclei



much better sensitivity,  
especially for large  $A$   
(even if suppression of form factor  
for large  $E_R$  is larger for large  $A$ )  
 applies to scalar DM or fermion  
DM with vector coupling, ...

spin-dependent:

$$\sigma_{N-DM} \propto J(J+1)$$

need for nuclei with a spin, e.g.  
with odd number of nucleons  
coupling only to spin of the last nucleon



applies to fermion DM with  
axial vector coupling, ...

# Spin independent direct detection

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dE_R} = \frac{1}{v^2} \frac{m_N \sigma_n^0}{2\mu^2} \frac{[Z f_p + (A - Z) f_n]^2}{f_n^2} F^2(E_R)$$

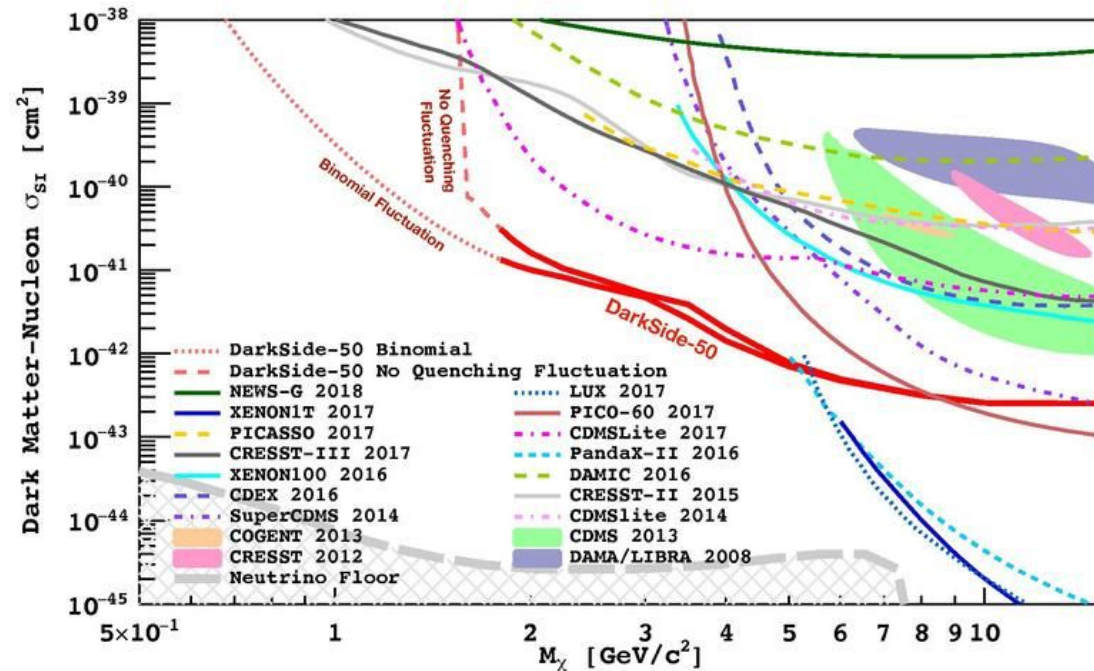
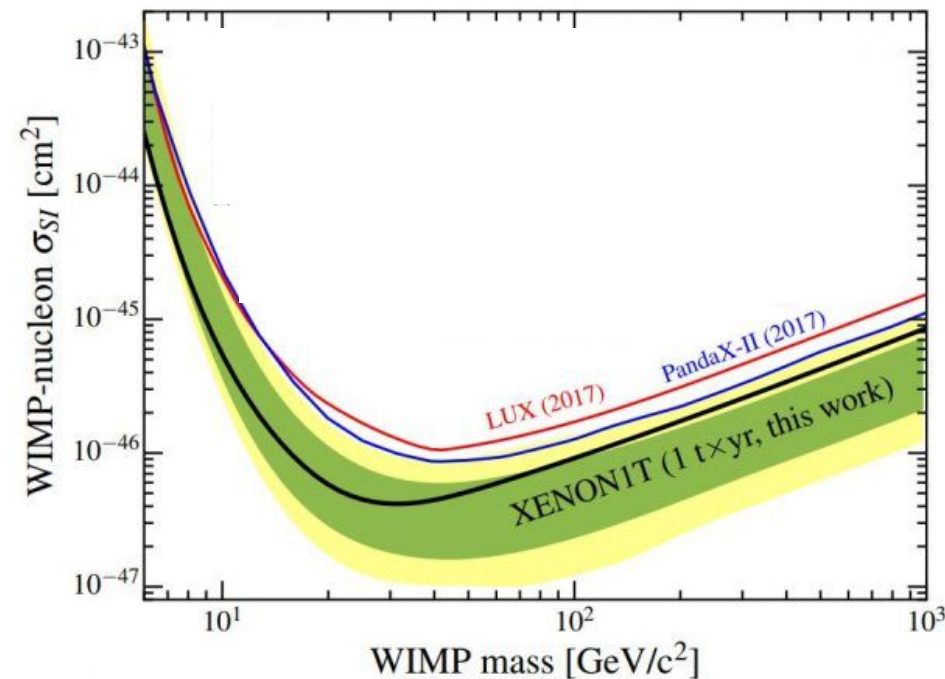
DM-neutron cross section

coupling of proton to the mediator

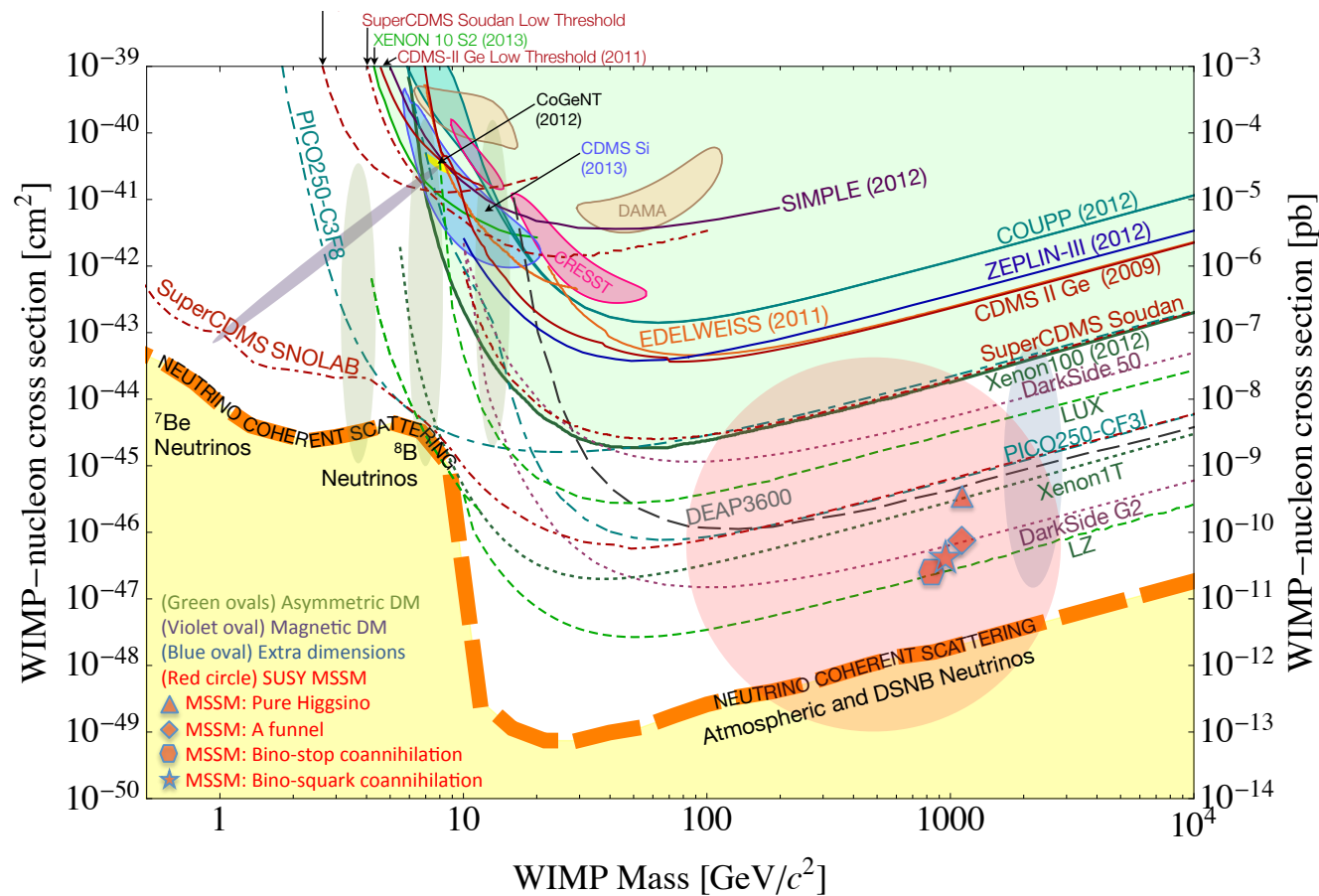
coupling of neutron to mediator

nuclear form factor

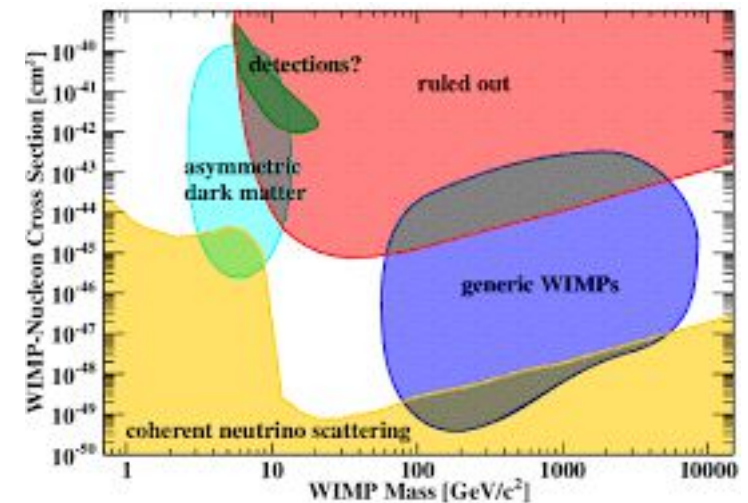
XenonIT (2018): best limit for  $m_{DM} > \text{a few GeV}$



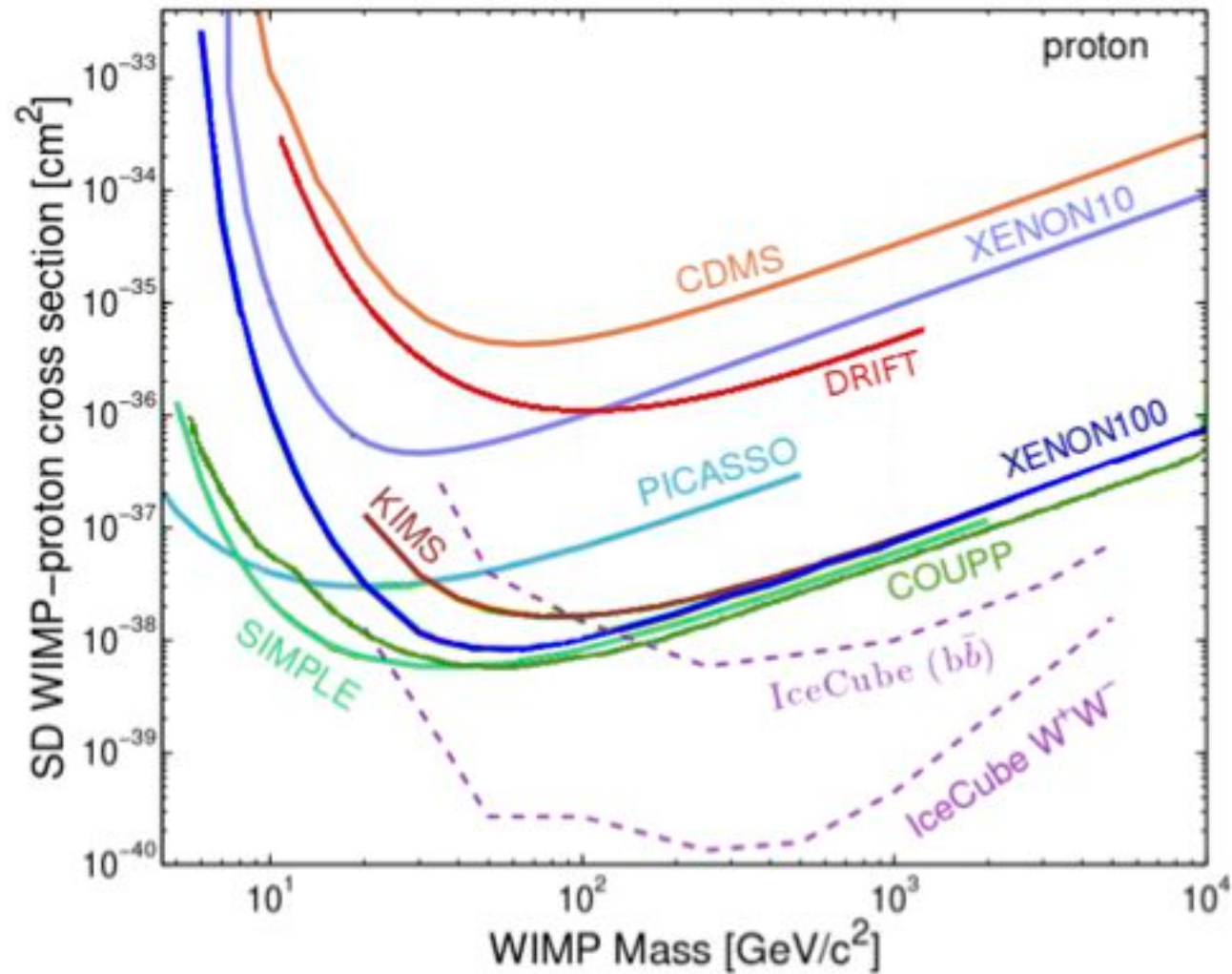
# Spin independent direct detection: neutrino floor



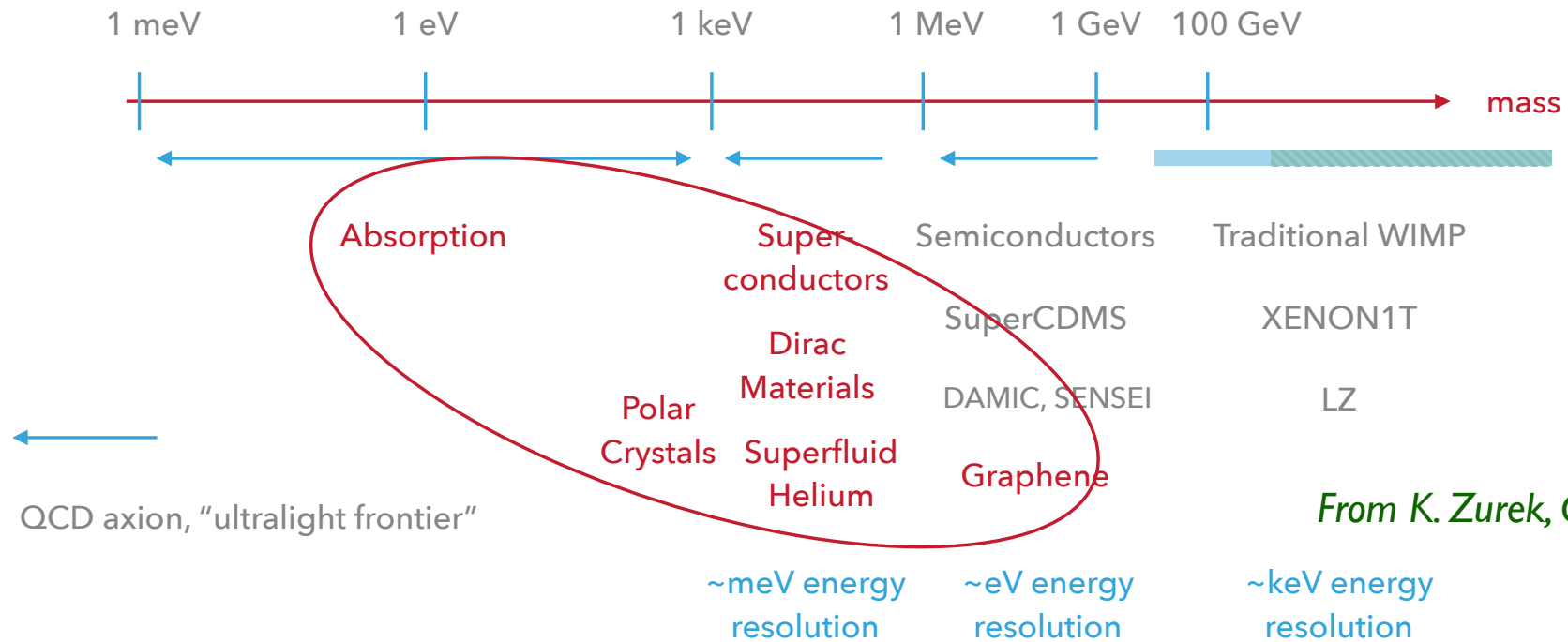
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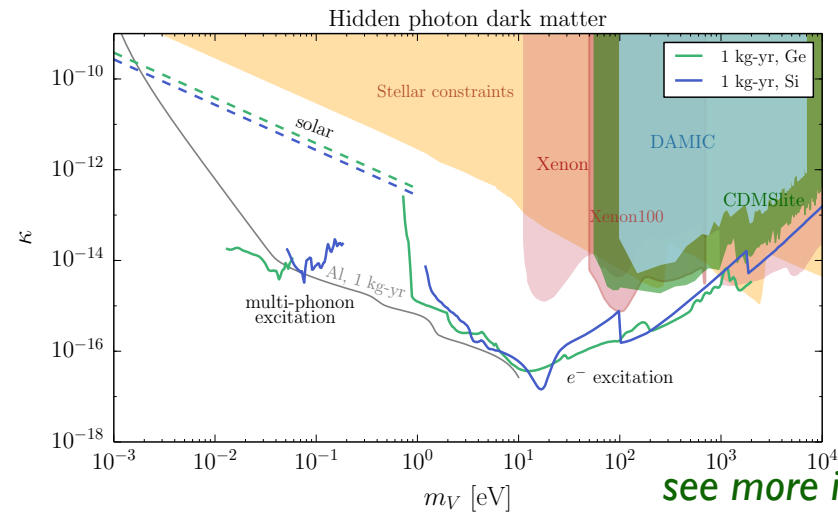
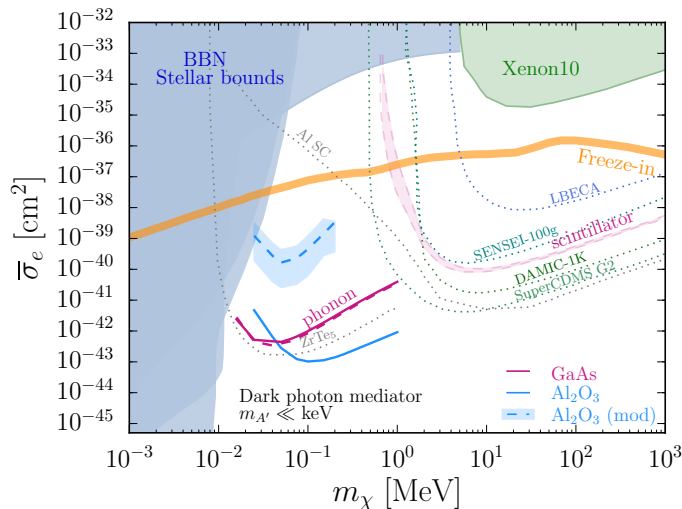
# Spin dependent direct detection



# A new trend for the future: direct detection of sub-GeV DM



From K. Zurek, GGI2018 talk

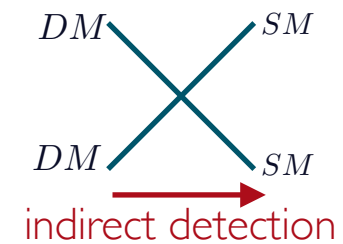


see more in K. Zurek and T. Volansky talks at GGI2018

# Part 4

## DM indirect detection

# DM indirect detection: a huge field!



→ search for fluxes of cosmic rays produced today by DM annihilation or decay

## 1) Gamma-rays:

- radiation from charged particles produced by DM: diffuse flux
- or created directly at loop level (DM is neutral): monochromatic flux

## 2) anti-protons

## 3) electron and positron

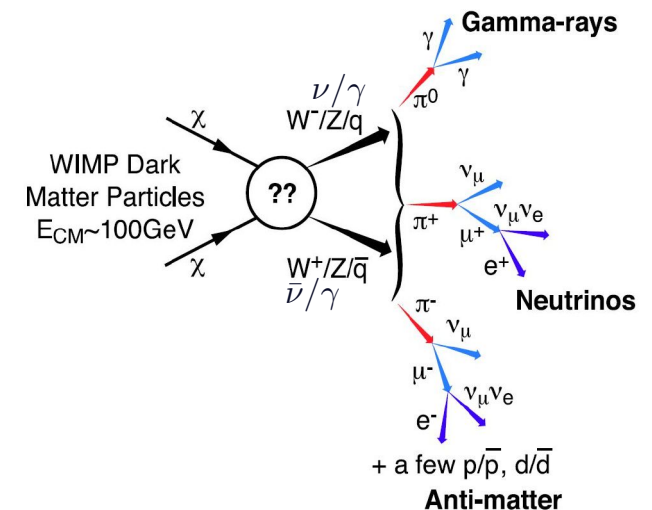
## 4) neutrinos

## 5) anti-nuclei

## 6) effect on synchrotron radiation flux

## 7) heat deposited by DM products on CMBR, effects of DM products on BBN, $\lambda = 21$ cm , ...

## 8) .....





# DM indirect detection: regions of production

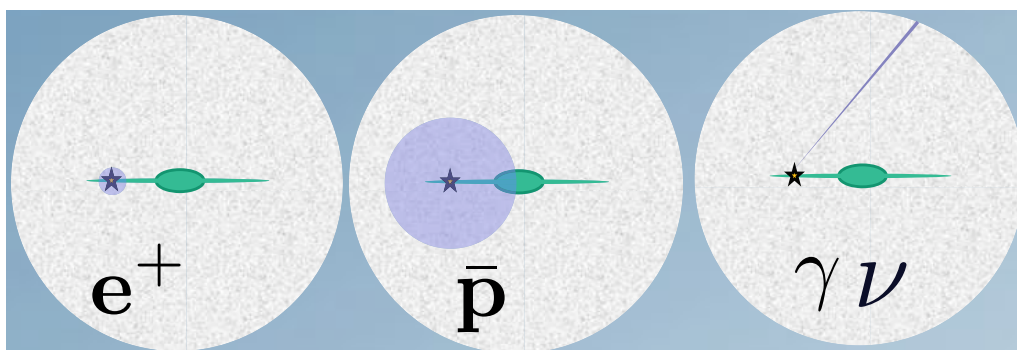
↪ annihilation: many more in dense DM region: galactic center and dwarf galaxies  
number of annihilation  $\propto n_{DM}^2$

↪ decay: also many from less dense DM region  
number of decays  $\propto n_{DM}$

$\gamma, \nu$ : flux, energy spectra and direction basically unaffected during propagation  $\Rightarrow$  points to the source and the many ones produced in the galactic center reach us!

$e^\pm$ : very local: magnetic field + absorption

$\bar{p}$ : less local but still the ones from galactic center do not reach us much



diffuse flux: astrophysical backgrounds!  $\Rightarrow$  provides interesting upper limits but interpretation of excesses in general difficult

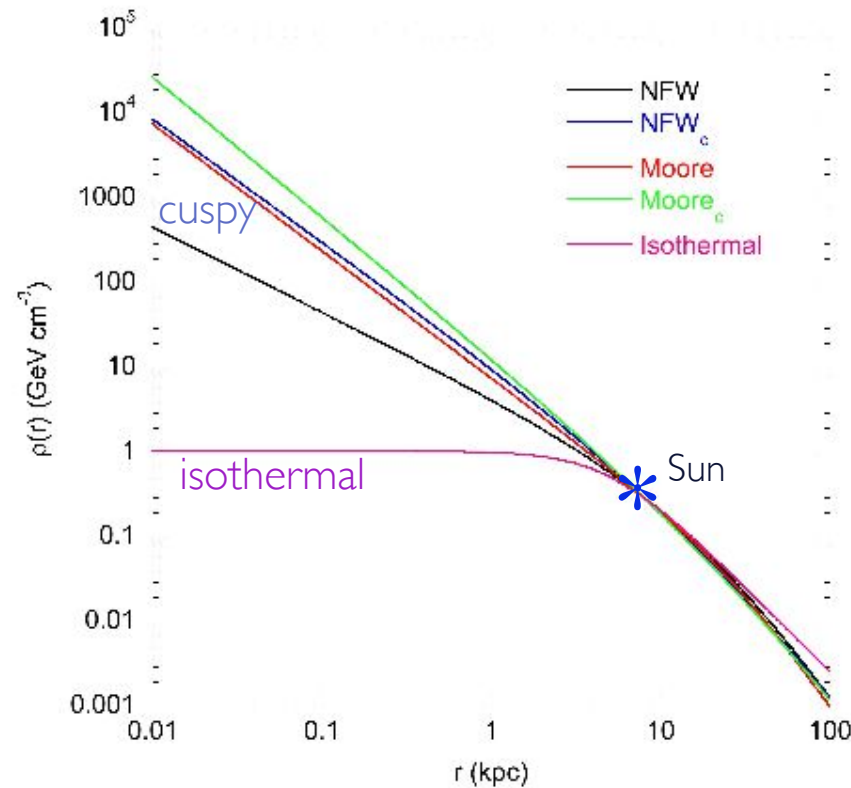
Pamela, Fermi, Integral, AMS,... excesses

monochromatic  $\gamma$  and  $\nu$ : no astrophysical backgrounds + flux, energy spectra and direction unaffected!



# Uncertainty on the DM density profile towards the galactic center

Simulation of DM galactic halo formation predicts somewhat cuspy galactic DM density profile:



Observations give some indications for a somewhat more “cored” profile (“isothermal”) profile but not precise at all so far

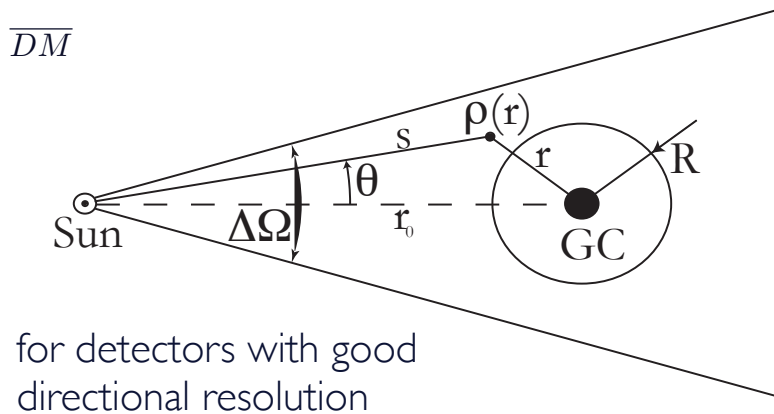
# Calculation of the flux on earth: example of $\gamma$ -rays

$$\frac{d\Phi_\gamma}{dE_\gamma} = \frac{1}{4\pi} \frac{dN_\gamma}{dE_\gamma} \frac{\sigma v}{m_\chi^2} \int_{V_{ann}} \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\rho_{DM}^2}{2} d^3x \quad \leftarrow \text{integration over galactic DM halo profile}$$

flux on earth  $\uparrow$  spectrum  $\uparrow$

$DM = \overline{DM}$

$$\frac{d\Phi_\gamma}{dE_\gamma d\Omega} = r_0 \rho_s^2 \frac{dN_\gamma}{dE_\gamma} \frac{\sigma v}{8\pi m_\chi^2} J(\Theta)$$



$$J(\Theta) = \int_{los} \frac{ds}{r_0} \left( \frac{\rho_{DM}(r(s, \Theta))}{\rho_s} \right)^2 \quad \text{J-factor}$$

$\Rightarrow$  for monochromatic photons:  $\frac{dN_\gamma}{dE_\gamma} = 2\delta(E_\gamma - m_{DM})$

for  $\bar{p}$  and  $e^\pm$ : much more complicated: propagation effects

## Part 5

# Phenomenology of example scenarios and models (briefly)

### *3 different phenomenological approaches*

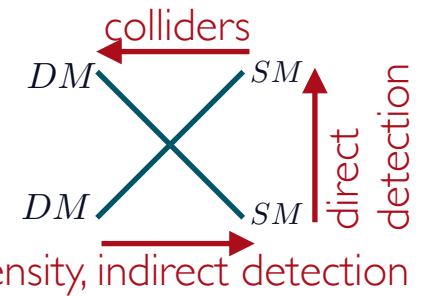
Effective operators: most model independent approach

Explicit DM-SM mediator setups

Explicit DM models

*Effective operators and  
explicit mediators*

# Effective operator approach



examples: vector and axial operators

$$\mathcal{O} = \frac{1}{\Lambda^2} \bar{\psi}_{DM} \gamma_\mu \psi_{DM} \bar{q} \gamma^\mu q$$

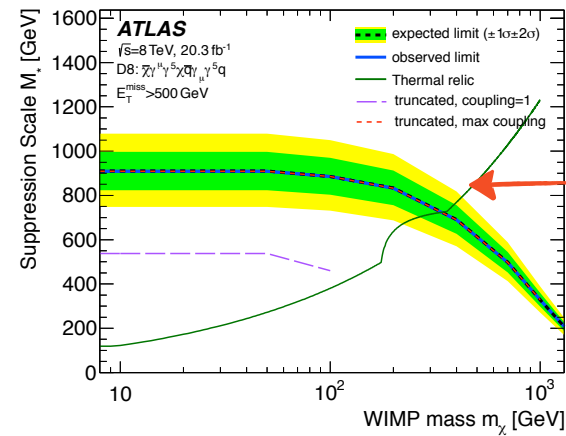
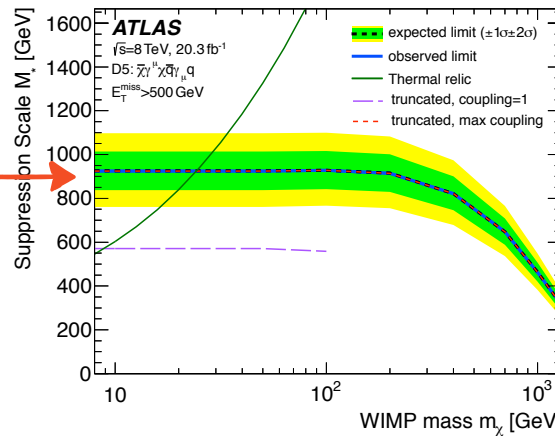
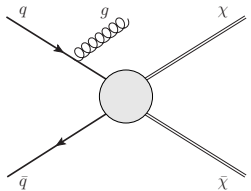
spin-independent direct detect.

$$\mathcal{O} = \frac{1}{\Lambda^2} \bar{\psi}_{DM} \gamma_\mu \gamma_5 \psi_{DM} \bar{q} \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 q$$

spin-dependent direct detect.

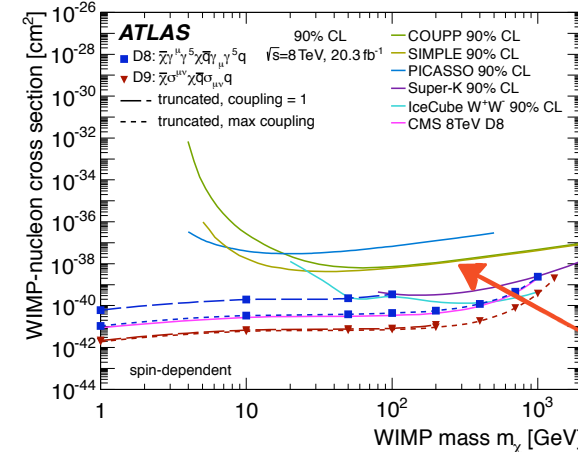
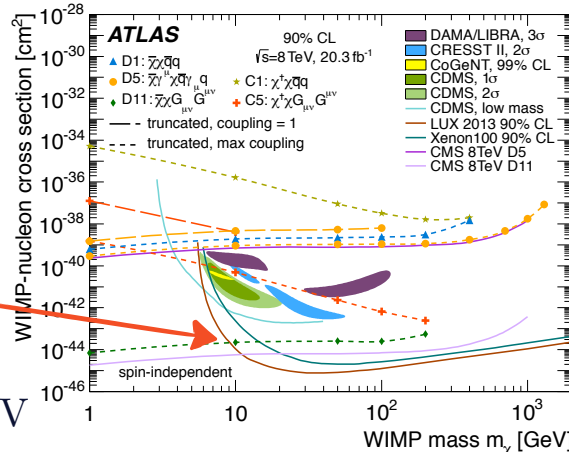
LHC-Run-I:

Colliders:  $\Lambda \gtrsim 1$  TeV  
for  $m_{DM}$  up to  $\sim 500$  GeV  
from monojets,  
mono-photon,  
mono-W, ...



Colliders:  $\Lambda \gtrsim 1$  TeV  
for  $m_{DM}$  up to  
 $\sim 500$  GeV

Direct Detect. (2014):  
 $\Lambda \gtrsim 10$  TeV  
for  $10 \text{ GeV} \gtrsim m_{DM} \gtrsim 1 \text{ TeV}$



Direct Detect. (2014):  
 $\Lambda \gtrsim 600$  GeV  
 $10 \text{ GeV} \gtrsim m_{DM} \gtrsim 1 \text{ TeV}$

# Effective operator approach

examples: vector and axial operators

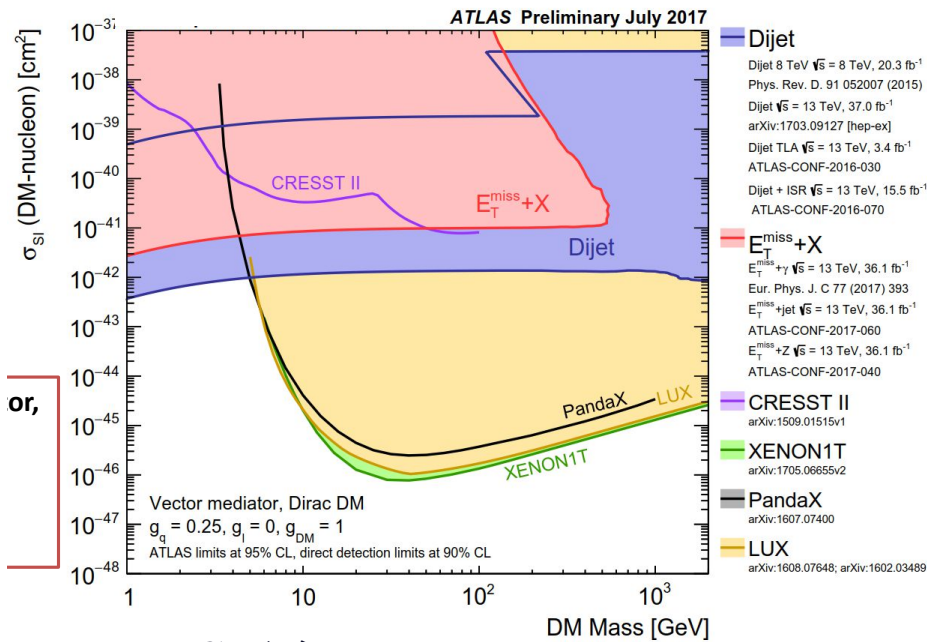
$$\mathcal{O} = \frac{1}{\Lambda^2} \bar{\psi}_{DM} \gamma_\mu \psi_{DM} \bar{q} \gamma^\mu q$$

spin-independent direct detect.

LHC-Run-II:

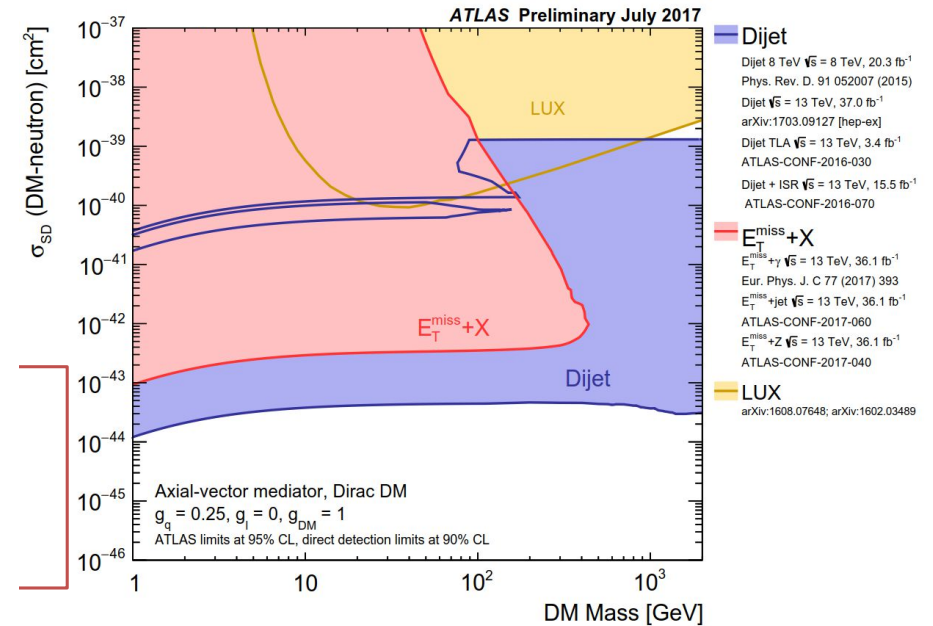
$$\mathcal{O} = \frac{1}{\Lambda^2} \bar{\psi}_{DM} \gamma_\mu \gamma_5 \psi_{DM} \bar{q} \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 q$$

spin-dependent direct detect.



LHC:  $\Lambda \gtrsim 3$  TeV

Xenon1T:  $\Lambda \gtrsim 25$  TeV



LHC:  $\Lambda \gtrsim 7$  TeV

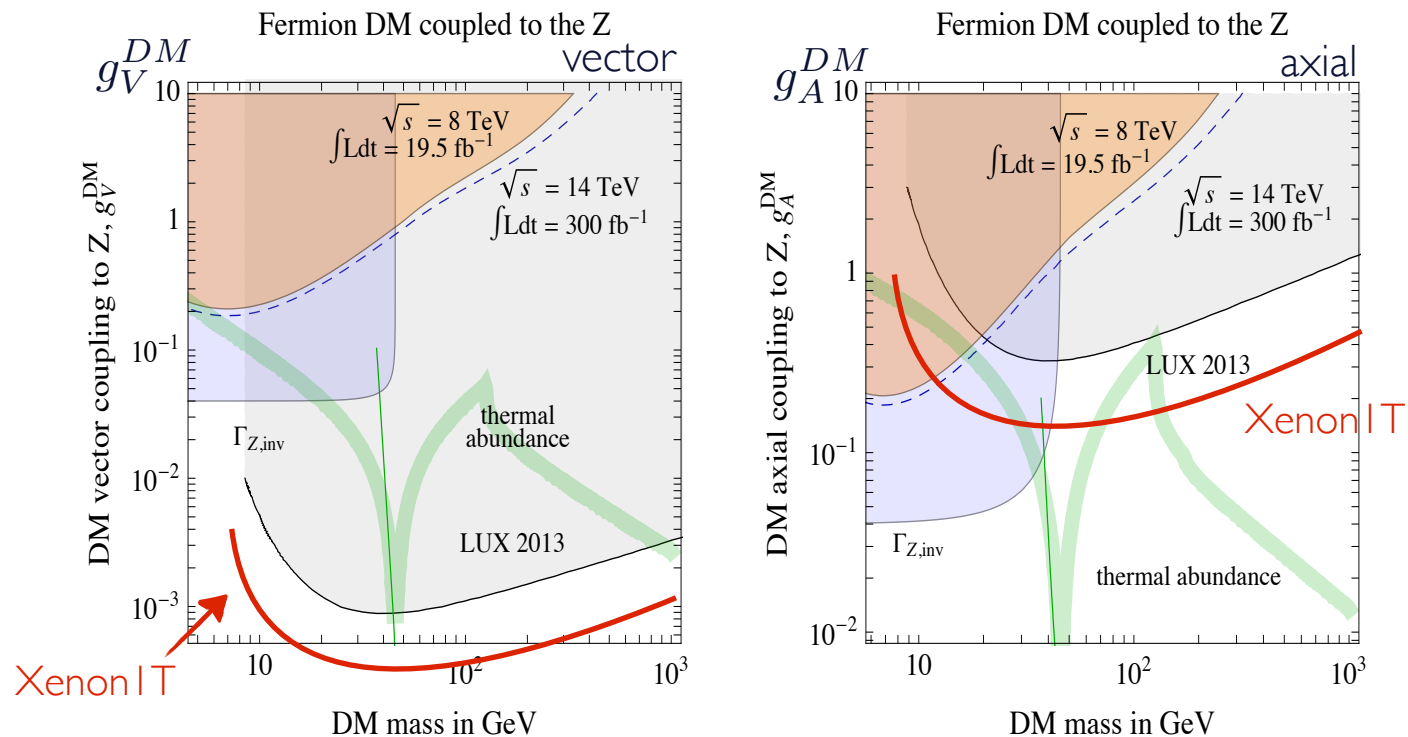
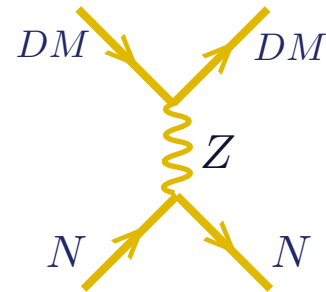
NB : for operators with 2 DM and 2 leptons colliders very competitive % direct detection

# Explicit mediator approach: Z mediator for fermion DM

↪ e.g. assuming DM/SM specific mediator with given coupling and masses:

- Z mediator: fermion DM: vector and axial DM coupling to the Z

$$\mathcal{L} \ni -Z_\mu \frac{g}{\cos \theta_W} \bar{\psi}_{DM} (g_V^{DM} + g_A^{DM} \gamma_5) \gamma^\mu \psi_{DM}$$



DM candidates which have hypercharge of  $\mathcal{O}(1)$ : totally excluded by direct detection

except for special cases such as fermion axial coupling case above 10 TeV

DM candidates with vanishing hypercharge but still small coupling to Z through mixing:

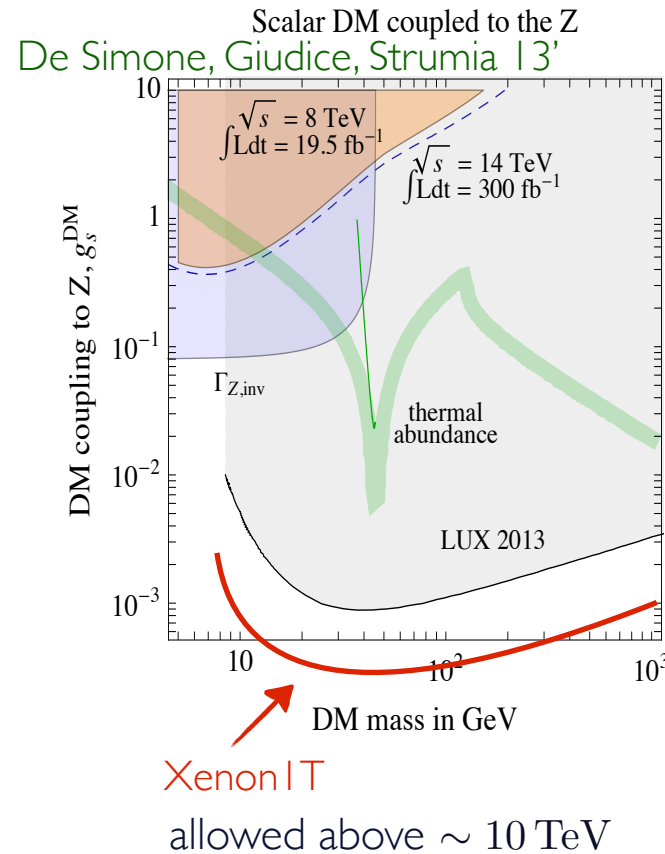
coupling to Z must be small and relic density allows only candidates above  $\sim 2 \text{ TeV}$  and  $\sim 150 \text{ GeV}$  respectively.



# Explicit mediator approach: Z mediator for scalar DM

↪  $\mathcal{L} \ni -Z_\mu \frac{g}{\cos \theta_W} g_\phi [\phi_{DM}^* \partial^\mu \phi_{DM} - \partial^\mu \phi_{DM}^* \phi_{DM}]$

↪ similar to fermion DM vector case

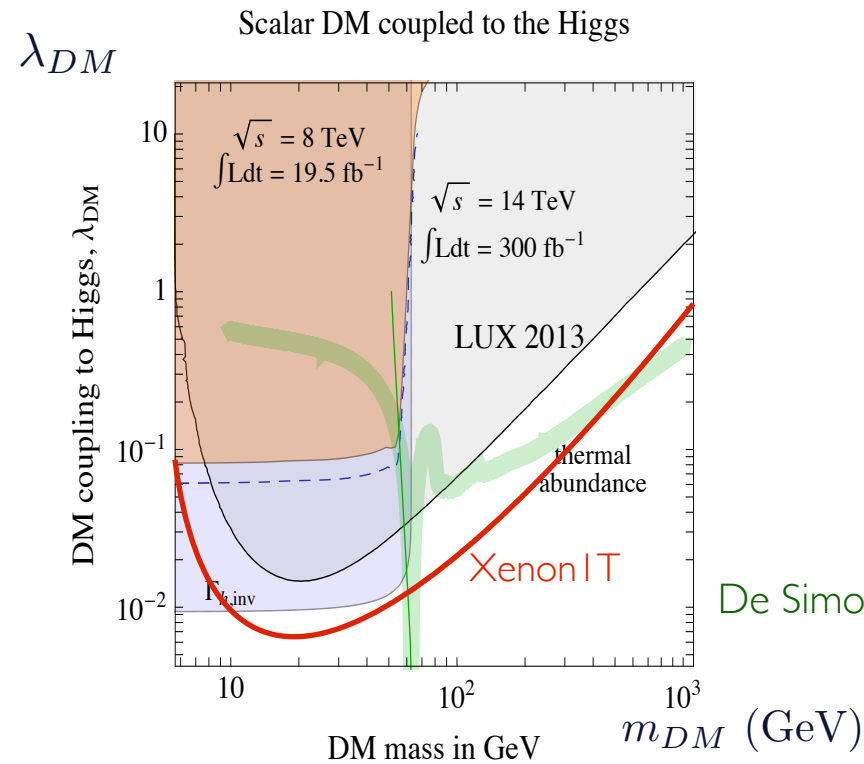
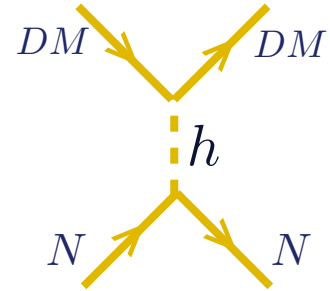


similar to fermion DM with vector coupling ➡ totally excluded for “standard” Z couplings  
except for a specific case: inert doublet (see below)

# Explicit mediator approach: Higgs boson mediator: scalar DM

- Scalar DM: Higgs portal interaction:  $\mathcal{L} \ni \lambda_{DM} H^\dagger H \phi_{DM}^* \phi_{DM}$

"Higgs portal"



De Simone, Giudice, Strumia 13'

excluded below  $\sim 600 \text{ GeV}$  (except around  $h$  resonance)

N.B.: Xenon IT probes it up to  $\sim 1 \text{ TeV}$  for  $\lambda_{DM} \sim 1$

# Explicit mediator approach: Higgs boson mediator: fermion DM

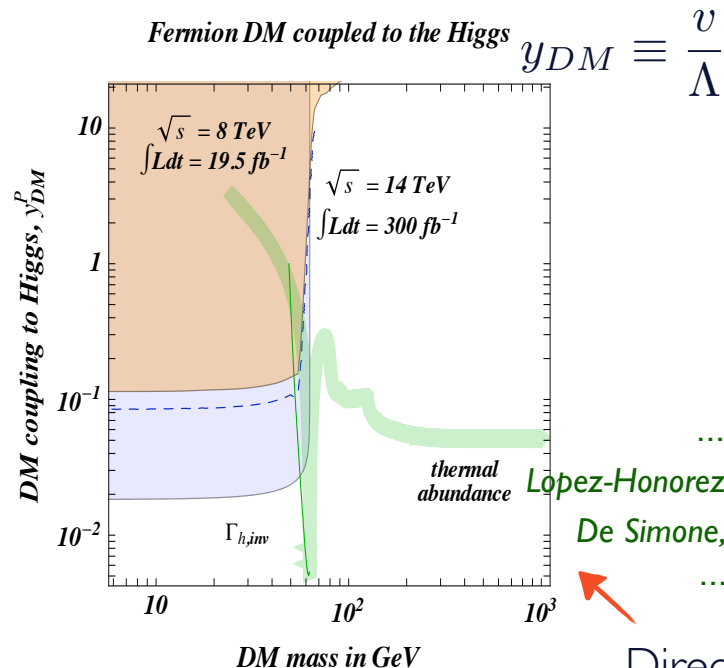
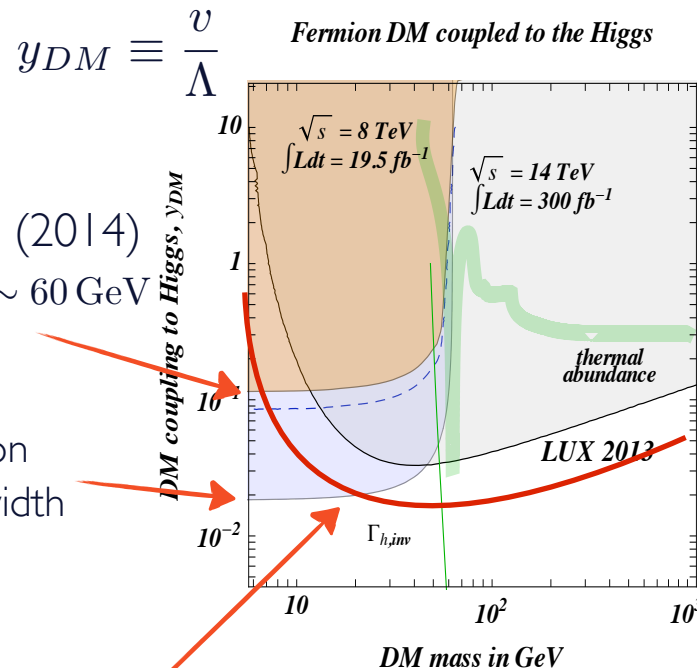
- Fermion DM: lowest gauge invariant interaction: dim-5

$$\mathcal{O} = \frac{1}{\Lambda} H^\dagger H \bar{\psi}_{DM} \psi_{DM}$$

spin-independent direct detect.

$$\mathcal{O} = \frac{1}{\Lambda} H^\dagger H \bar{\psi}_{DM} i\gamma_5 \psi_{DM}$$

spin-dependent direct detect.



López-Honorez, Schwetz, Zupan 12  
De Simone, Giudice, Strumia 14

Direct Detect.:  
no relevant bound

Direct Detect.:

$$\Lambda \gtrsim 30 \text{ TeV}$$

$$\text{for } 10 \text{ GeV} \gtrsim m_{DM} \gtrsim 1 \text{ TeV}$$

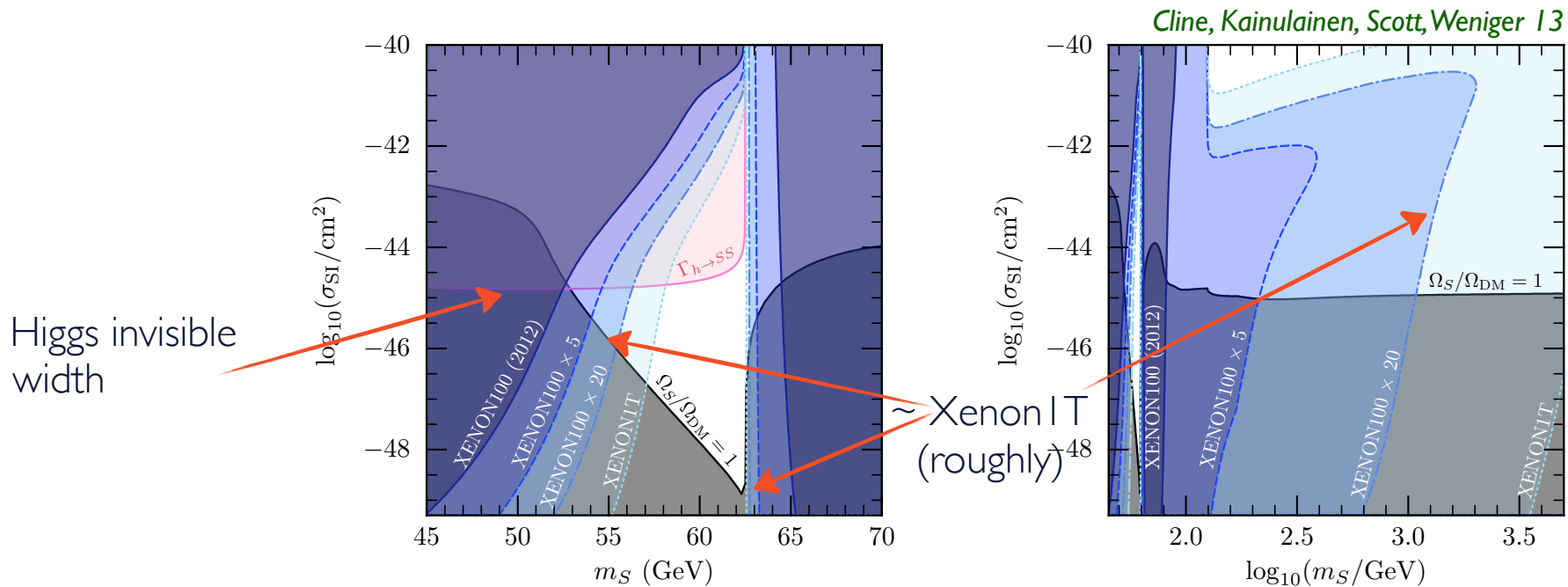
*Explicit models*  
*(briefly)*

# The simplest example: real scalar singlet DM

→ a real singlet  $S$  odd under  $Z_2$  parity:  $S \rightarrow -S$

$$\mathcal{L} \ni -\frac{1}{2}\mu_S^2 S^2 - \frac{1}{24}\lambda_S S^4 - \frac{1}{2}\lambda_{hs} H^\dagger H S^2 \quad m_S^2 = \mu_S^2 + \frac{1}{2}\lambda_{hs} v^2$$

For  $m_S$  fixed,  $\lambda_{hs}$  can be fixed by  $\Omega_{DM} \simeq 26\%$  constraint



Xenon IT direct detection requires:  $m_{DM} \gtrsim 800$  GeV

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or  $55 \text{ GeV} \lesssim m_{DM} \lesssim 63 \text{ GeV}$

Future: CTA should probe  $m_{DM}$  up to 5 TeV

Dwarf galaxies  $\gamma$ -ray flux requires:  $m_{DM} \gtrsim 50$  GeV

→ shows how a model is can be already largely constrained when it depends on only very few parameters

# $SU(2)_L$ multiplet DM: should we have seen already it in direct detection experiments if thermal?

other examples of models with very few parameters

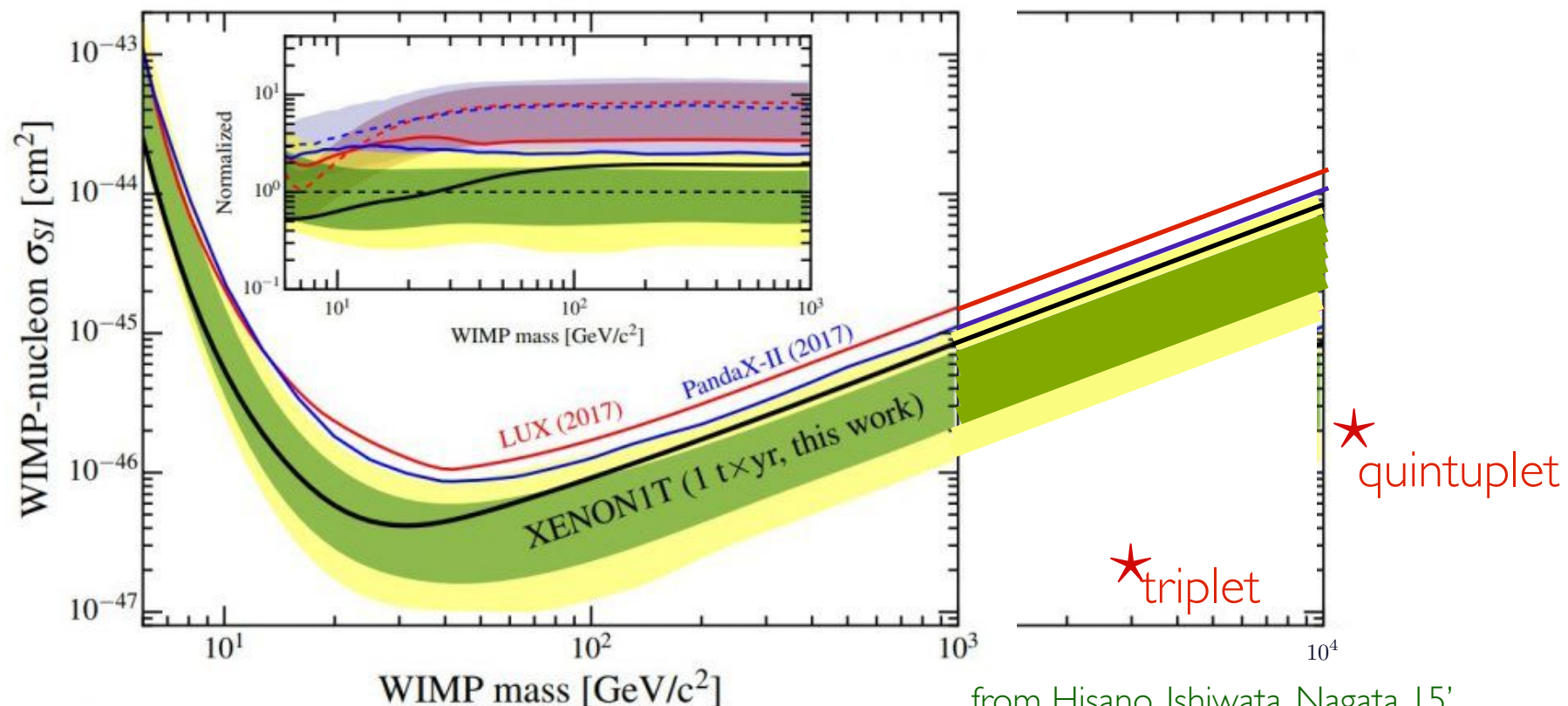
let's take the examples above with  $Y = 0$  to avoid ruled-out  $Z$  exchange

e.g. a  $Y = 0$  fermion triplet, quintuplet, ... “minimal dark matter”

have only gauge interactions with SM fields:

too high for LHC

relic density totally fixed by value of  $m_{DM} \Rightarrow m_{DM} \simeq 3.0 \text{ TeV}$   
 $m_{DM} \simeq 11 \text{ TeV}$



from Hisano, Ishiwata, Nagata 15'  
Mitridate, Redi, Smirnov, Strumia 17'

multi-TeV domain still very open for direct detection

# $SU(2)_L$ multiplet DM: should we have seen already it in indirect detection experiments if thermal?

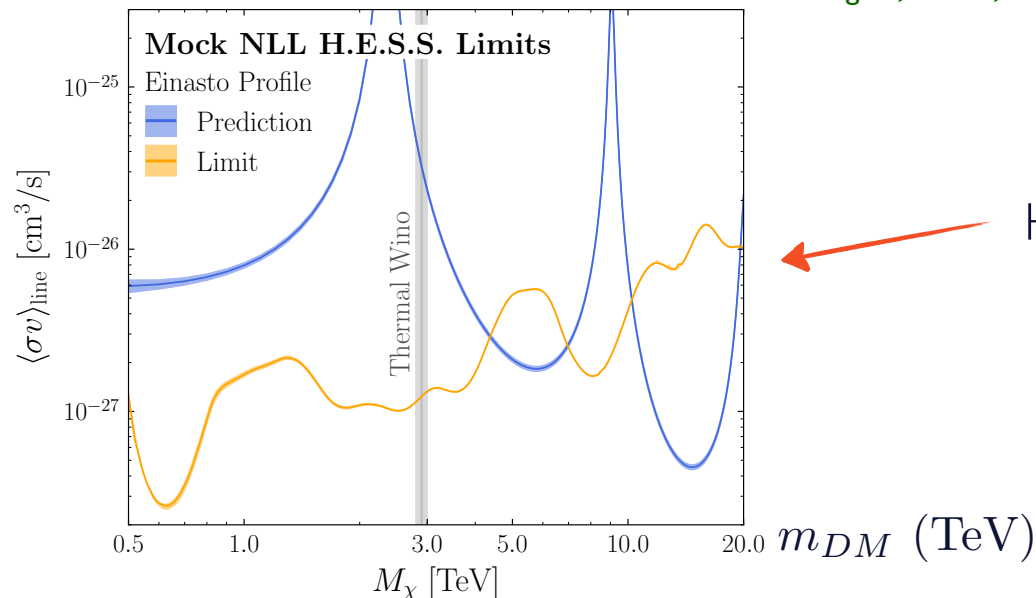
→ let's consider the  $SU(2)_L$  triplet DM example again: "wino"  $m_{DM} \simeq 3.0$  TeV

→ have only gauge interactions with SM fields: indirect detection fully predicted

Hisano et al. 03-09

Indirect detection very efficient here!! → production of  $\gamma$ -line is Sommerfeld enhanced

$$\sigma(DMDM \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)$$



Baumgart, Cohen, +7 people 18

→ HESS upper limit

→ we should have seen a signal or isothermal profile!

# $SU(2)_L$ multiplet DM: more freedom for scalar multiplet: inert scalar doublet example

Deshpande, Ma 78, Barbieri, Hall, Ryshkov 06,  
Lopez-Honorez, Nezri, Oliver, Tytgat 07,  
TH, Lin, Lopez-Honorez, Rocher 08

a scalar doublet  $H_2$  odd under a  $Z_2$  symmetry:  $H_2 \rightarrow -H_2$

$$H_2 = \begin{pmatrix} H^+ \\ \frac{H_0 + iA_0}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \quad \leftarrow Y = 1 \neq 0$$

not only gauge interactions: additional scalar interactions

$$V = \mu_1^2 |H_1|^2 + \mu_2^2 |H_2|^2 + \lambda_1 |H_1|^4 + \lambda_2 |H_2|^4 \\ + \lambda_3 |H_1|^2 |H_2|^2 + \lambda_4 |H_1^\dagger H_2|^2 + \frac{\lambda_5}{2} [(H_1^\dagger H_2)^2 + h.c.] \quad \Rightarrow \text{additional annihilation channels mediated by Higgs boson, etc}$$

moreover  $H_0$  and  $A_0$  do not have the same mass

$$\Rightarrow m_{H_0}^2 - m_{A_0}^2 = \lambda_5 v^2 \Rightarrow \text{the lightest neutral component is the DM}$$

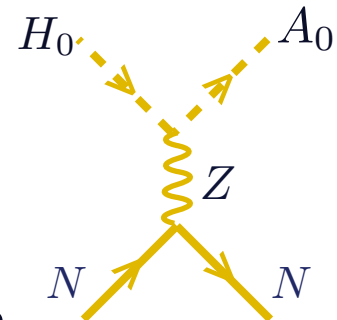
$\hookrightarrow$  if splitting larger than  $\sim 100$  keV : no direct detection through  $Z$  exchange even if  $Y \neq 0$

$\hookrightarrow$  DM is highly non-relativistic today:  $E_{kin} \lesssim 100$  keV

direct detection signal expected well below present Xenon IT sensitivity!

but relevant indirect detection and collider constraints

$\hookrightarrow$  still quite open for  $m_{DM} \gtrsim 520$  GeV and possibilities for  $m_{DM} \sim m_h/2$





# The MSSM neutralino:

*example of DM candidate within a more global model with lots of indirect constraints*

the lightest neutralino is in general a mixture of Bino, Higgsinos and Wino

if it is the lightest Susy particle (LSP): DM candidate

the direct constraints on the neutralino are mild:  $m_\chi$  as light as  $\sim$ few tens of GeV still allowed

the partners and interactions entering in its annihilation are nevertheless constrained

- a pure bino neutralino:

↪ annihilation through squarks and leptons:

but  $\Omega_{DM} = 26\%$  requires squarks and sleptons lighter than allowed experimentally

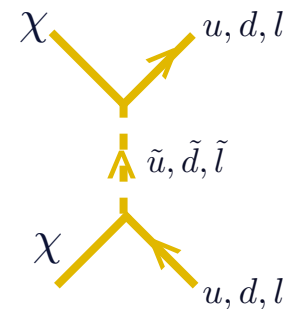
↪  $m_{\tilde{l}} \lesssim 100$  GeV

need for other channels having larger annihilation cross section:

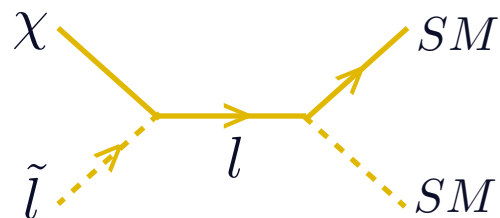
co-annihilation channels or channels close to a resonance

for instance if slepton not more than  $\sim 10\%$  heavier than Bino it is still around in

thermal bath when Bino is about to decouple  $\Rightarrow$  co-annihilation dominates the Bino decoupling



$m_{\tilde{u}, \tilde{d}} \gtrsim 1$  TeV



# The MSSM neutralino

- a pure Wino neutralino:

↪ annihilation through gauge interactions:  $m_{DM} \simeq 3.0 \text{ TeV}$

↪ excluded by  $\gamma$ -line search  
or isothermal profile!

was not much considered as  
attractive because sets the Susy  
scale quite high

- a pure Higgsino neutralino:

↪ annihilation through gauge interactions are too fast unless it is heavy (as Wino)  $m_{DM} \simeq 1 \text{ TeV}$

can escape Z exchange direct detection constraint  
despite it has  $Y \neq 0$  because the Z couples to 2 different  
neutral Higgsino component which can have mass splitting  
forbidding kinematically the Z exchange

↪ as "inert scalar doublet DM" above

was not much considered as  
attractive because sets the Susy  
scale quite high and not obtained as  
LSP in many Susy breaking framework

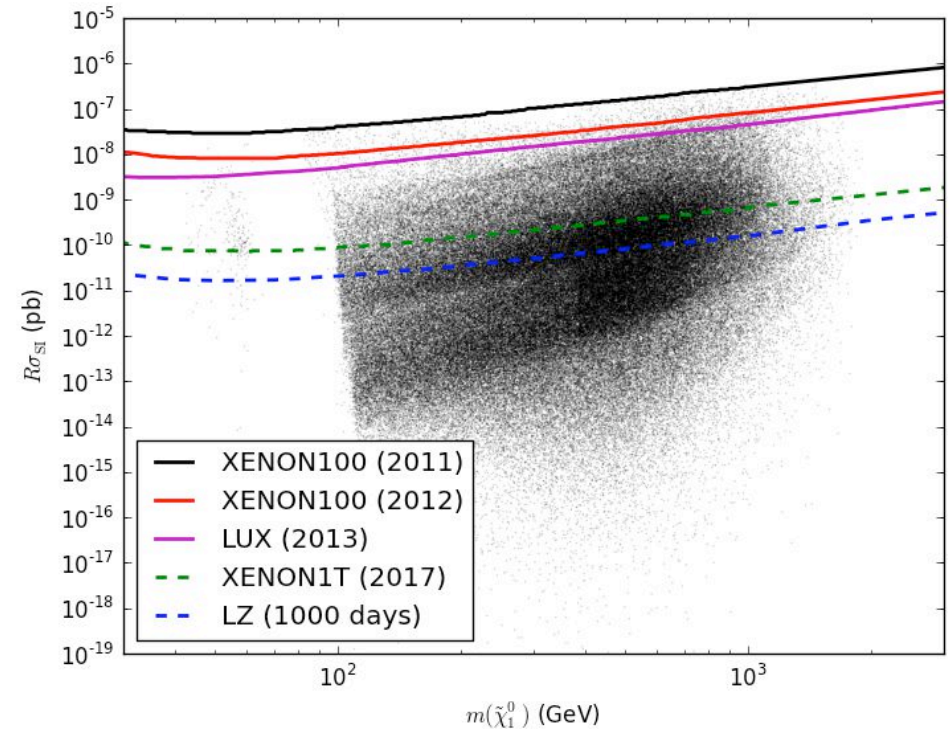
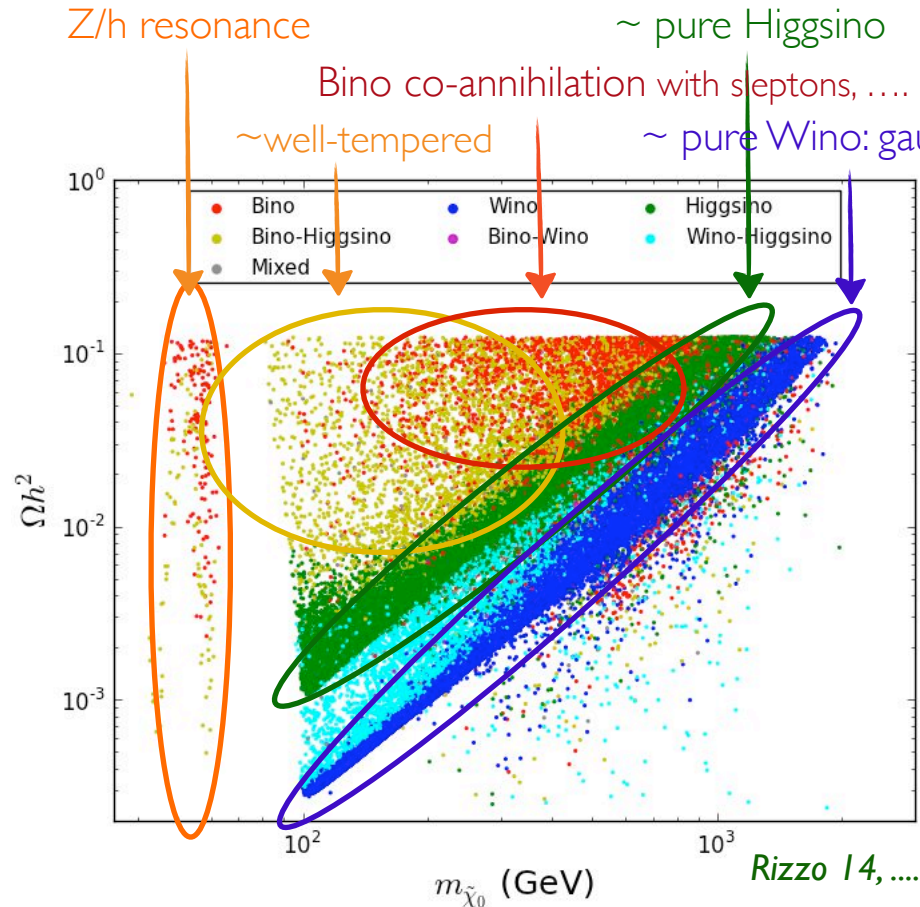
Higgs boson mass measured at LHC requires  
typically a large stop mass which indirectly  
typically requires a large Higgsino mass which fits  
with the mass a Higgsino must have if DM

- a mixed neutralino:

↪ offers more possibility playing around (as "well-tempered neutralino")

# The MSSM neutralino

*pMSSM* (19 parameters)



relic density point out a neutralino below  $\sim 3$  TeV (i.e. gauge driven, ...) but could be higher

already partly probed by direct detection

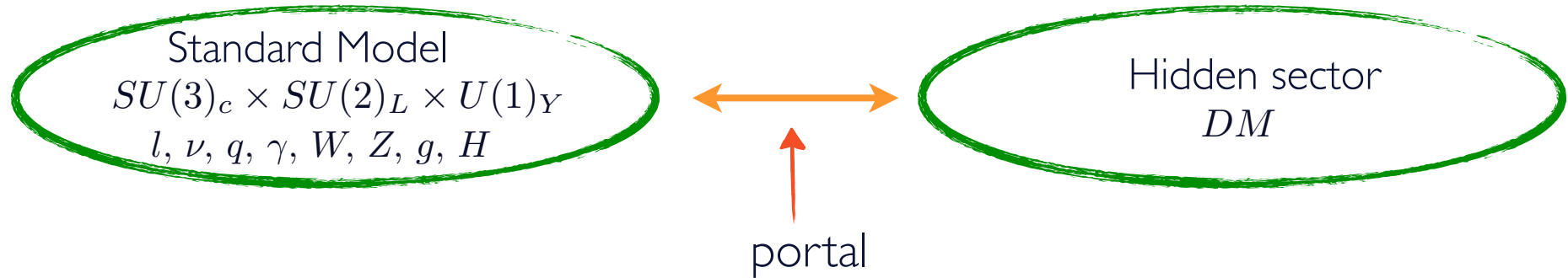
still many possibilities to get the relic density in itself

but much more difficult if one adds some naturalness considerations into the game,

Low scale susy maybe does not exist but DM does!!!

$$m_{\tilde{g}} \gtrsim 1 \text{ TeV} \quad m_{\tilde{u}, \tilde{d}} \gtrsim 1 \text{ TeV}$$

# Hidden sector DM



Testability all depends on size and mass of portal and on whether DM communicates directly to visible sector through portal

example: Higgs portal:  $\mathcal{L} \ni -\lambda_m \phi_{DM}^\dagger \phi_{DM} H^\dagger H$  or  $\mathcal{L} \ni -\lambda_m \phi^\dagger \phi H^\dagger H$

see real scalar singlet DM and Higgs portal direct detection above

in both cases invisible Higgs decay width constraints if HS particles light enough

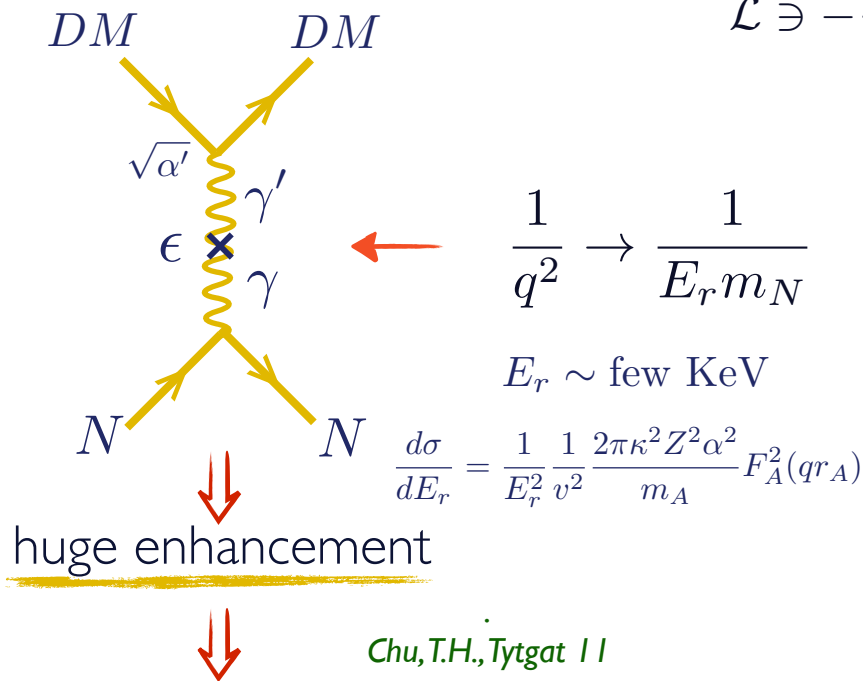
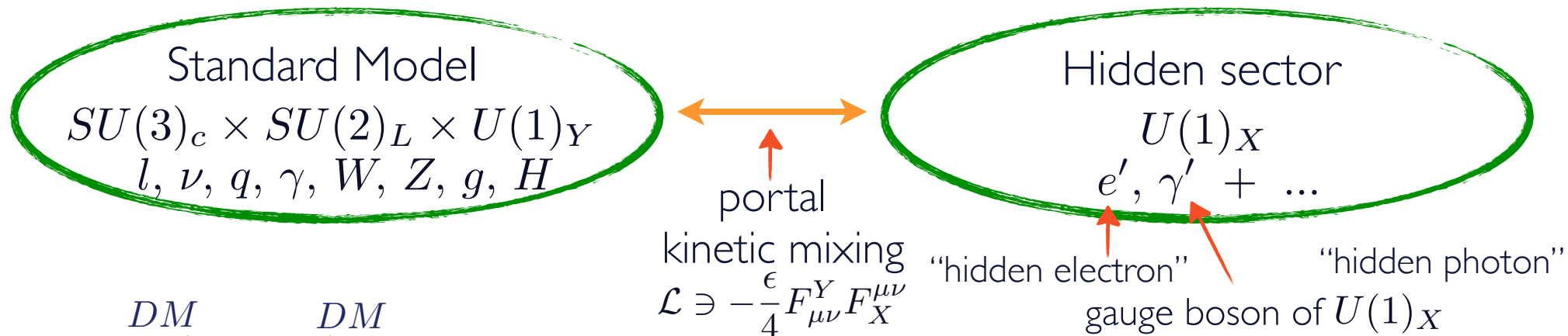
$$Br(h \rightarrow \phi_{DM} \phi_{DM}, \phi \phi) \leq 20\%$$

for massive connector the upper bounds on connector coupling are typically of order  $\sim 1 - 10^{-2}$

however for light connector the bounds can be much more stringent!

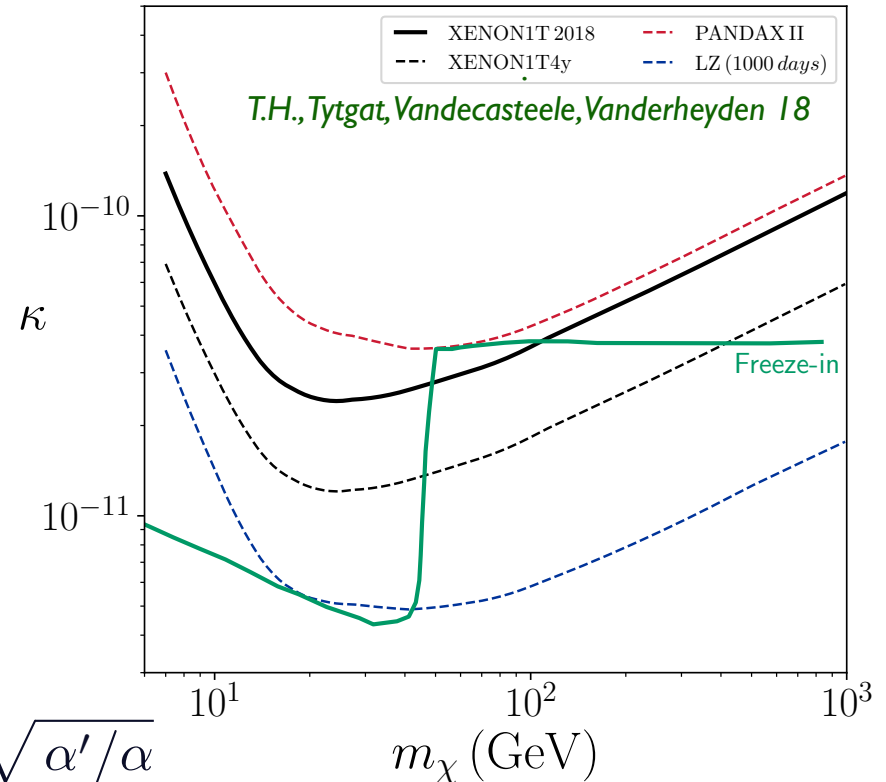
# Hidden sector DM: direct detection is already testing the freezein regime for light mediator

Let's consider again the hidden electron/photon  $QED'$  model above:



*Chu, T.H., Tytgat I I*

direct detection sensitive to  
very small portal values



$$\kappa \equiv \epsilon \sqrt{\alpha' / \alpha}$$

$$m_\chi \text{ (GeV)}$$

# Phenomenology trends....

Various thermal models become at last to be really tested experimentally or even excluded:

- all models which allow a kinematically allowed  $Z$  exchange with "standard"  $Z$  coupling are excluded by direct detection expts (except pure axial case, ...),
- $h$  exchange begins to be seriously probed by direct detection experiments
- fermion thermal candidates which have only gauge interactions: triplet (Wino), quintuplet pure electroweak multi-TeV models: not excluded by LHC because true WMPs are often out of energy reach for LHC but excluded by indirect detection:  $\gamma$ -lines (except for isothermal DM halo profile)
  - unlike scalar multiplets: more freedom due to possible scalar quartic couplings, mass splittings,...
- some models with very few parameters: example: real scalar singlet (still allowed around  $h$  resonance and for high mass)
- very global models with many constraints on partner particles entering the DM annihilation, direct detection, ... : example: MSSM: allows still a lot of possibilities from DM point of view, especially beyond TeV but much more squeezed if one adds external considerations (hierarchy problem,....)

# Phenomenology trends....

as soon as we go away from some of these global models (not much favored anymore by LHC data), ..., and away from some of the very minimal visible models, thermal (and beyond) DM candidates are still largely allowed:

- many visible sector DM models
- hidden sector models: new trend!    <- DM could be the tip of an all hidden sector world!

↪ with clear possibilities of future signatures:

- new generation of direct detection experiments: - at high mass  
- at low masses (new!)

with even possibilities to test the freezein scenario

- new generation of indirect detection (CTA, ...), especially for still quite open multi-TeV range, including from still unexplored high energy neutrinos, ....



Thank you











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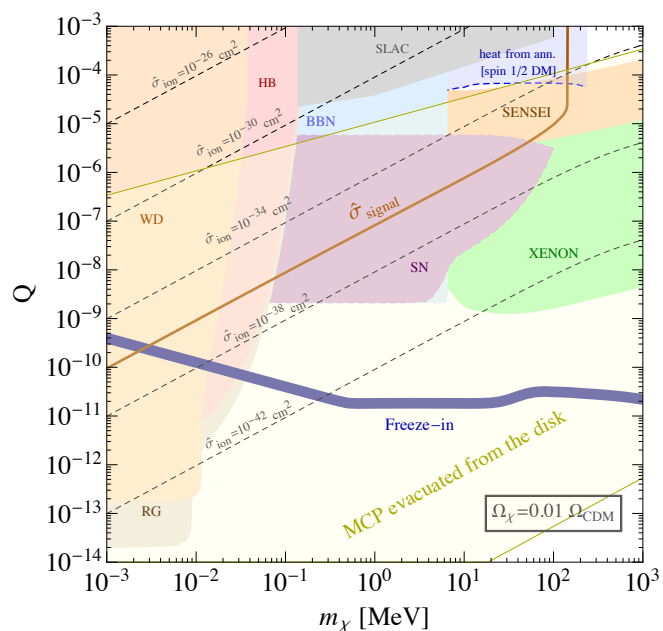




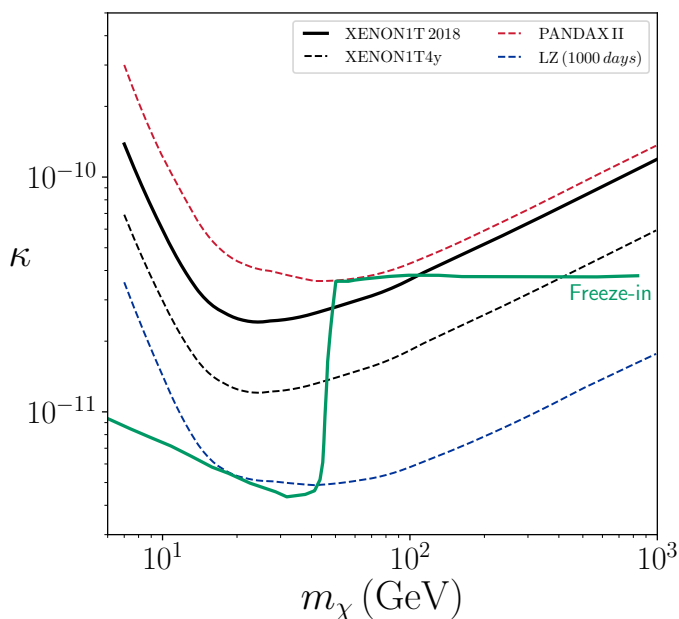
# Dark Matter must be dark

A non electrically neutral DM particle would « shine » unless:

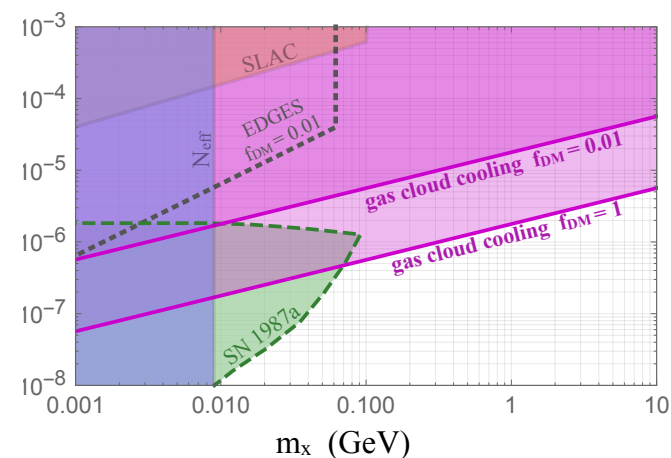
- it forms neutral bound states, but basically excluded (ionized population, annihilation into 2 photons, ...)
- its electric charge is tiny: strong constraints but not excluded:



*Barkana et al 18*



*Hambye, Tytgat, Vandecasteele, Vanderheyden 18*

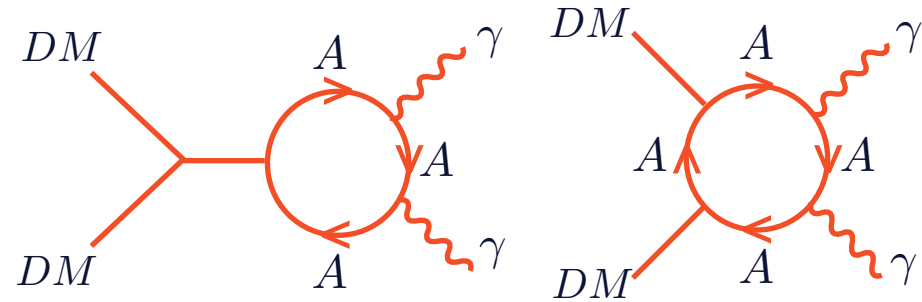


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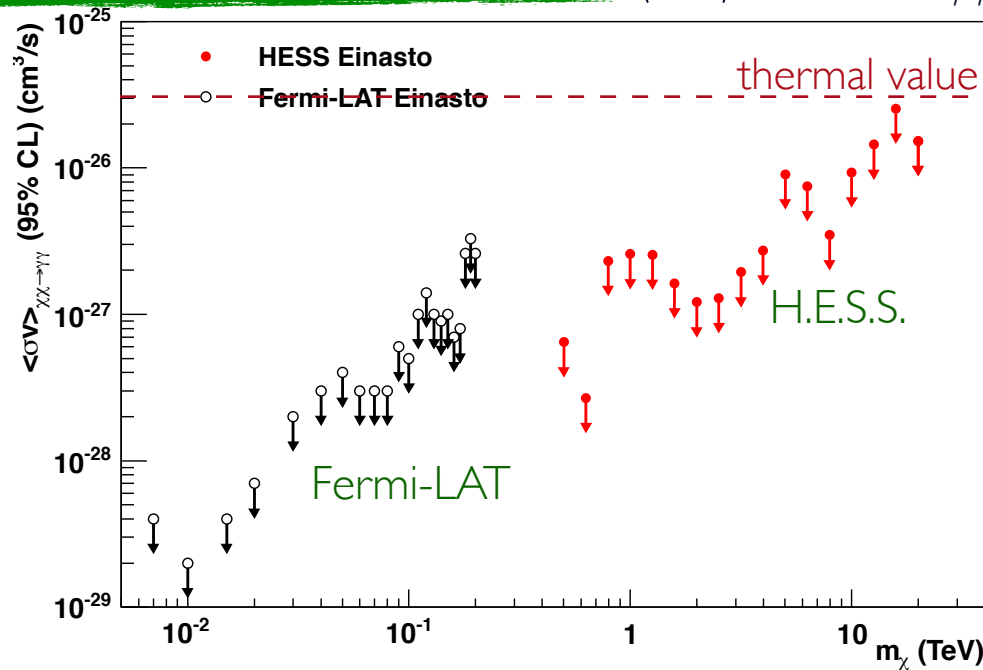
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# Search for $\gamma$ -lines: DM smoking gun



Annihilation cross section upper limit:  $\langle \sigma v \rangle_{DM DM \rightarrow \gamma \gamma}$



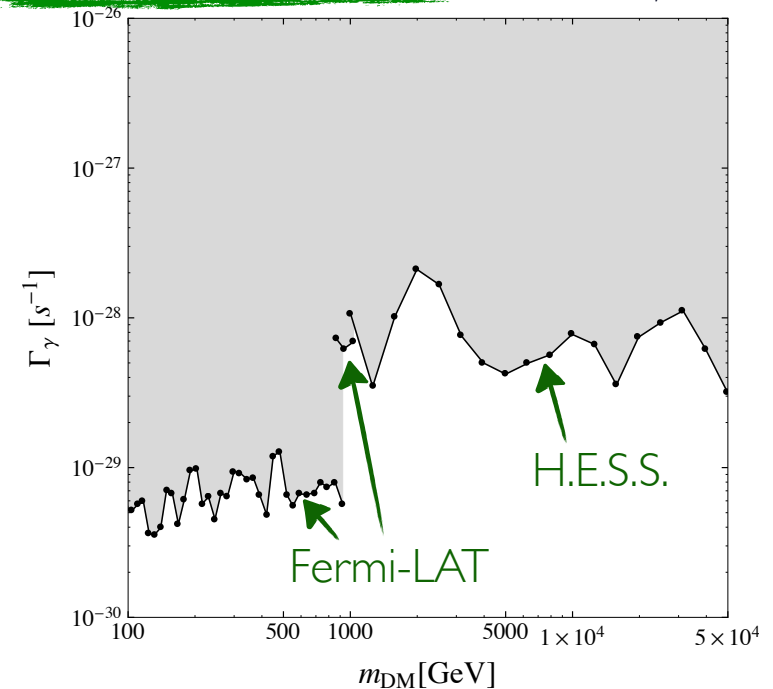
See also recent Hawc results

1301.1173

→ Sensitivity to cross sections better than thermal value!  
 ~ of order what could be expected given the loop suppression

→ Sensitivity to  $\gamma$ -line cross sections 2-3 orders of magnitude better than to diffuse  $\gamma$  cross sections

Decay width upper limit:  $\Gamma_{DM \rightarrow \gamma + X}$

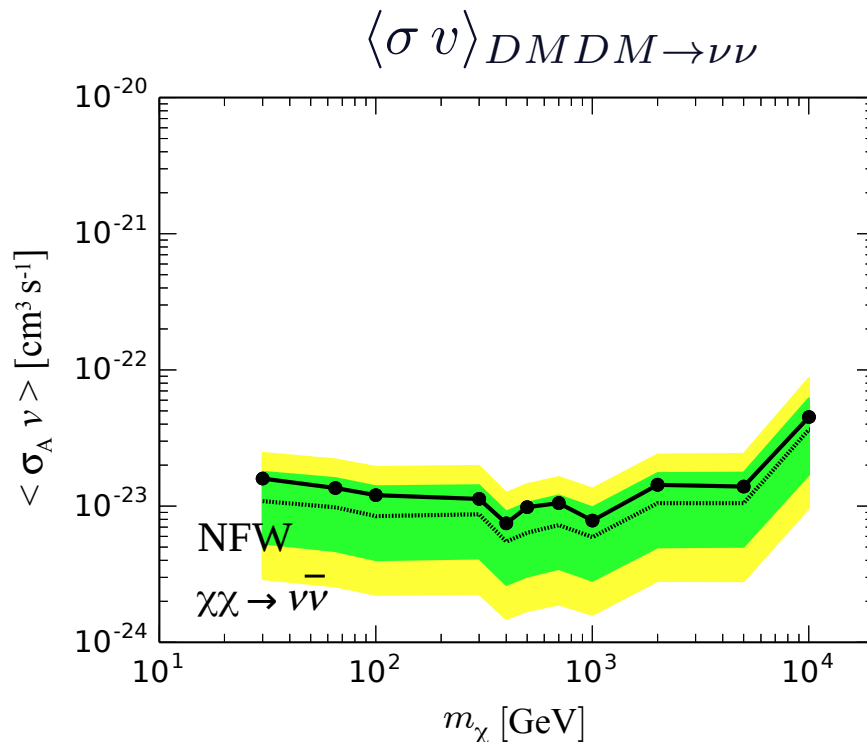


Sensitivity to  $10^{(28-29)}$  sec lifetimes!

# Search for $\nu$ -lines: the other DM smoking gun

from DM annihilation or decay

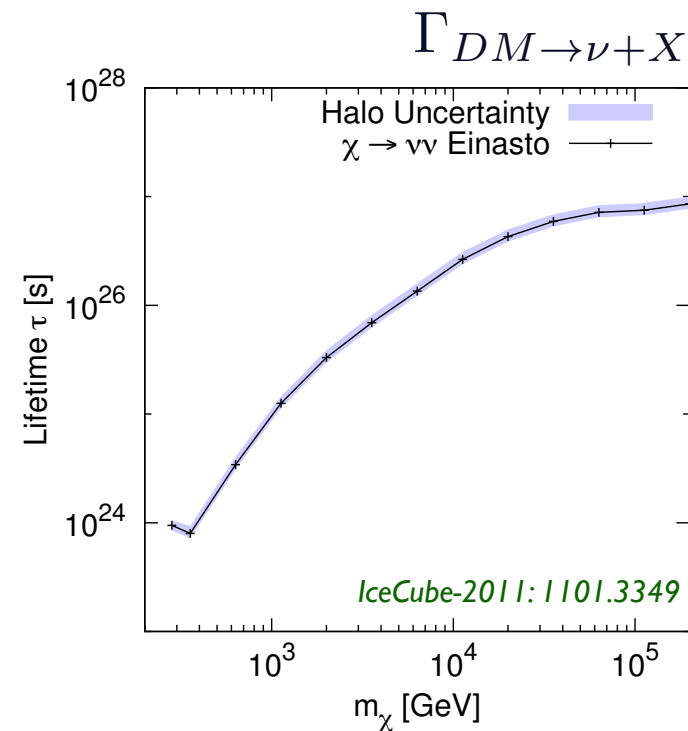
Annihilation cross section upper limit:



IceCube 1606.00209 (2011-2012)

Still far from thermal value but large improvements to be expected

Decay width upper limit:



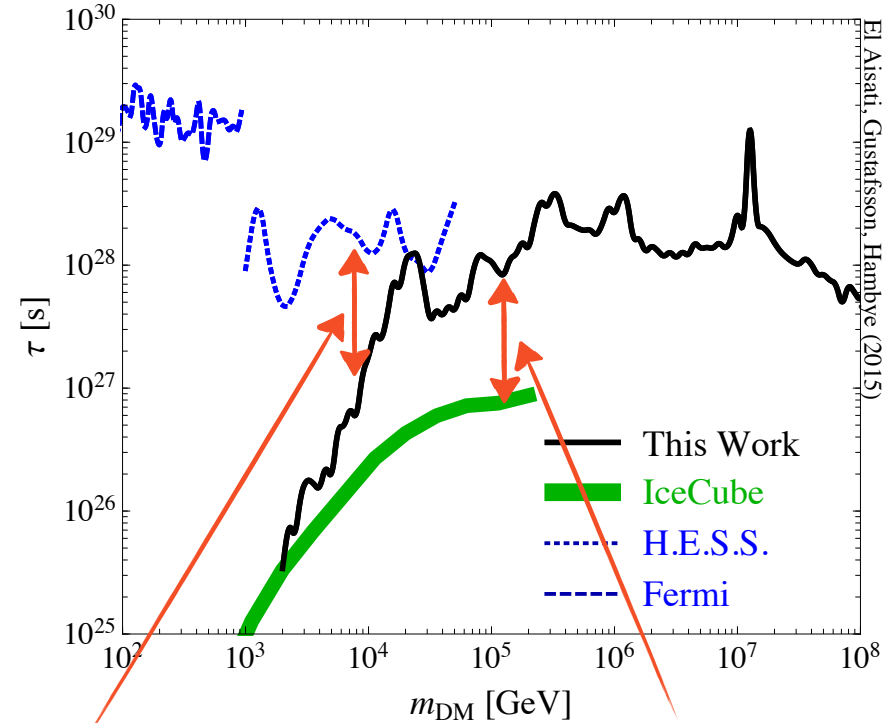
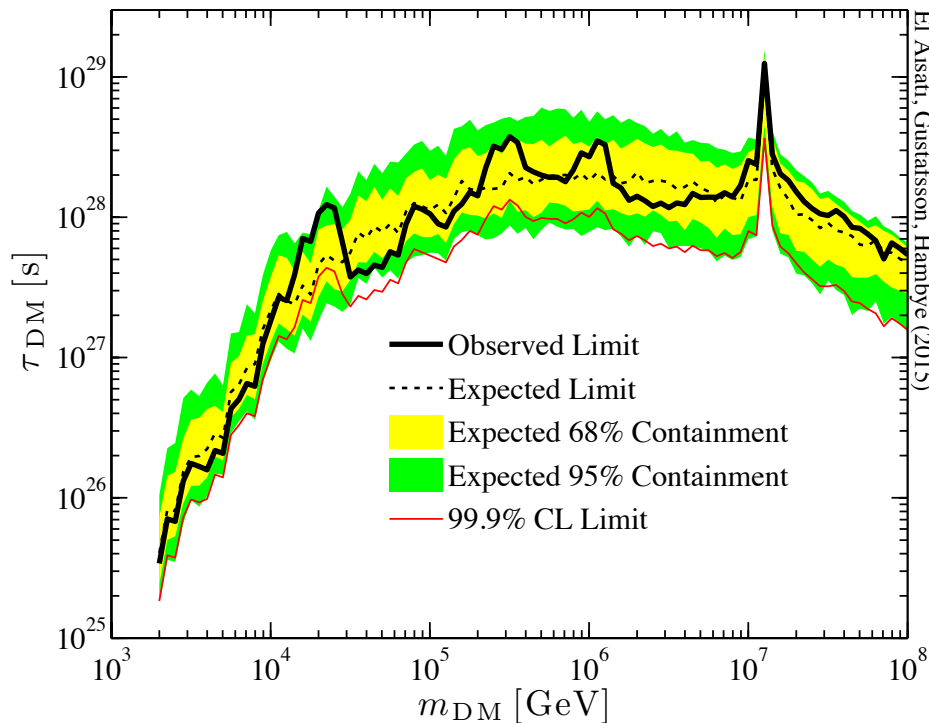
Above 100 TeV there are other limits: Rott, Kohri, Park , 14'  
Esmaili, Kang, Serpico 14'

# Search for $\nu$ -lines: the other DM smoking gun

from DM annihilation or decay

→ using a 2010-2012 public IceCube data sample: for DM decay:  $\Gamma_{DM \rightarrow \nu + X}$

dedicated line search using Fermi-LAT statistical techniques, .... *El Aisati, Gustafsson, TH 15'*



between few TeV and 50 TeV,  
 $\gamma$  and  $\nu$  line sensitivities are similar!

~ an order of magnitude  
improvement from few TeV  
to 100 TeV

→ neutrino are coming into the game and also for an annihilation....

monochromatic neutrino production not loop suppressed, Sommerfeld boost, ...

# Non-relativistic DM thermal decoupling: “cold relic”

$$T_{dec} \text{ is given by: } \left. \frac{\Gamma}{H} \right|_{T_{dec}} = \left. \frac{n_{DM}^{Eq} \langle \sigma_{DM DM \rightarrow SM SM} v_{rel} \rangle}{H} \right|_{T_{dec}} = 1$$

$$n_{DM}^{Eq} = g_{DM} \left( \frac{m_{DM} T}{2\pi} \right)^{3/2} e^{-m_{DM}/T}$$

$g_*$  = number of relativistic degrees of freedom in thermal bath

$$H = \sqrt{\frac{8\pi G \rho}{3}} \sim 1.7 \sqrt{g_*} \frac{T^2}{m_{Planck}}$$

$$\Rightarrow z_{dec} \equiv \frac{m_{DM}}{T_{dec}} = \ln[0.038 \frac{g_{DM}}{\sqrt{g_*}} m_{DM} m_{Planck} \langle \sigma_{DM DM \rightarrow SM SM} v_{rel} \rangle]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow Y_{DM}|_{today} &= \left. \frac{n_{DM}}{s} \right|_{today} = \left. \frac{n_{DM}}{s} \right|_{T_{dec}} = \left. \frac{n_{DM}^{Eq}}{s} \right|_{T_{dec}} = \frac{H(T_{dec})}{\langle \sigma_{DM DM \rightarrow SM SM} v_{rel} \rangle} \frac{1}{s(T_{dec})} \\ &= \frac{1.7\pi^2}{4} \frac{\sqrt{g_*}}{g_{DM} m_{Planck} m_{DM}} \frac{z_{dec}}{\langle \sigma_{DM DM \rightarrow SM SM} v_{rel} \rangle} \frac{1}{s(T_{dec})} \\ &= \text{const} \frac{1}{m_{DM}} \frac{z_{dec}}{\langle \sigma_{DM DM \rightarrow SM SM} v_{rel} \rangle} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Omega_{DM} = \frac{(n_{DM})_{today} m_{DM}}{\rho_{crit}} = \frac{(Y_{DM})_{today} s_{today} m_{DM}}{\rho_{crit}} = \text{const}' \frac{z_{dec}}{\langle \sigma_{DM DM \rightarrow SM SM} v_{rel} \rangle} \simeq \text{const}'' \frac{1}{\langle \sigma_{DM DM \rightarrow SM SM} v_{rel} \rangle}$$

