

Self-Interacting Vector Dark Matter Via Freeze-In

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Motivation

- Currently, the benchmark Dark Matter model is the Collisionless Cold Dark Matter (CCDM)
- CCDM successfully explains all of the above observations, especially for the large scale structure in our Universe
- CCDM meets difficulty in interpreting small scale structures

- Cusp-Core Problem: Dwarf Galaxies

B. Moore, 1994, R. A. Flores & Primack, 1994, S.H. Oh, et al. 2011, M.G. Walker & J. Penarrubia, 2011

- Too Big to Fail Problem

M. Boylan-Kolchin, et al, 2011,

Motivation

➤ Possible Solutions: Introduction of DM Self-Interactions

A.A. de Laix, et al, 1995, D.N. Spergel & P. J. Steinhardt, 2000

$$0.1 \text{ cm}^2/\text{g} < \sigma_T/m_X < 10 \text{ cm}^2/\text{g}$$

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

➤ Constraints:

● Cluster Ellipticity N. Yoshida et al., 2000, J. Miralda-Escude, 2002,
M. Rocha, et al, 2012, A. Peter ,et al. 2012

● Non-Evaporation of Galaxy halo in hot clusters

O. Y. Gnedin & J.P. Ostriker, 2000

● Bullet Clusters S.W. Randall, et al, 2008

➤ Typical Constraints: $\sigma_T/m_X \leq 1 \text{ cm}^2/\text{g}$ M. Vogelsberger et al., 2012

Motivation

- One intriguing mechanism is to consider the DM of broadly **weak scale $1 \text{ GeV} \sim 100 \text{ TeV}$** , with a light mediator of mass to be **$\lesssim 100 \text{ MeV}$** .

A. Loeb & N. Weiner, 2011; J.L. Feng, et al, 2010; S. Tulin, et al, 2013;
L.G. van den Aarssen et al. 2012; F. Y. Cyr-Racine, et al, 2016

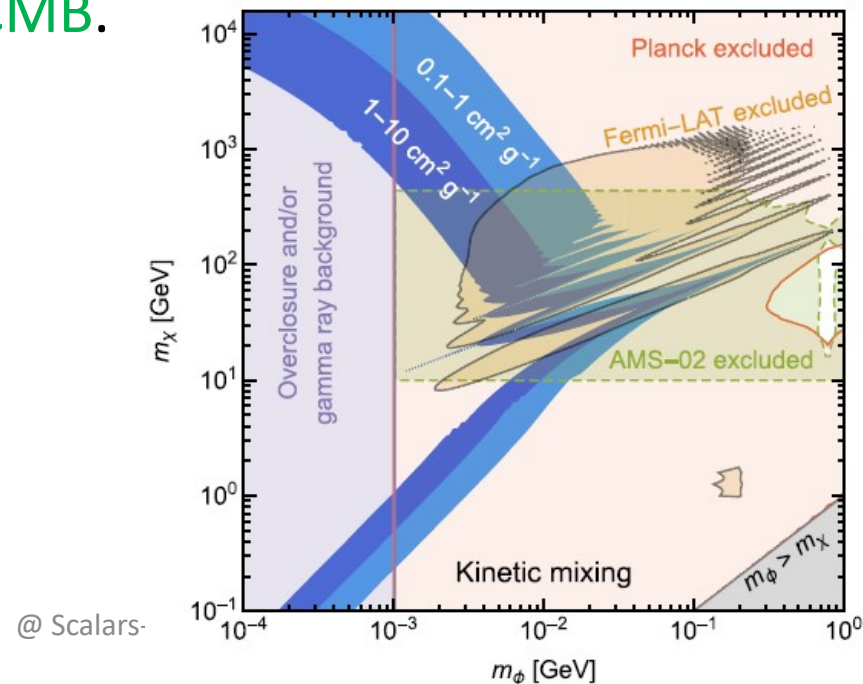
Long Range Force

- Advantage: velocity-dependent Xsection, so it is easy for dwarf signal region ($v \sim 30 \text{ km/s}$) to avoid the cluster constraints ($v \sim 1000 \text{ km/s}$)
S. Tulin, et al, 2013;
M. Kaplinghat, et al. 2015

Motivation

- Usually, the standard WIMP mechanism to generate DM is through **the thermal freeze-out**. L. Ackerman et al, 2009;
M.R. Buckley & P. J. Fox, 2009; A. Loeb & Weiner, 2011; S. Tulin, et al. 2013
- However, the dark freeze-out mechanism to generate SIDM is excluded by the DM indirect searches, such as **BBN**, **AMS-02**, **Fermi-LAT**, and **CMB**.

T. Bringmann et al. 2017,
F. Kahlhoefer, et al. 2017



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Motivation

➤ In our work, we consider the case in which the self-interacting DM are generated by **freeze-in** mechanism.

➤ Features of **freeze-in** scenario: J. McDonald, 2002
L. J. Hall, et al. 2010

- Negligible Initial Distribution

- Feeble couplings to SM

- IR dominated: predictability as FO

➤ Question: Can such SIDMs be allowed by current DM detections?

Vector DM Model

- SM + $U(1)_X$ Gauge Boson X + Complex Scalar S + Z_2 Symm.

T. Hambye, 0811.0172; O. Lebedev, et al., 1111.4482, Baeck et al. 1212.2131,;
M. Duch, et al, 1506.08805; A. Karam & K. Tamvakis, 1508.03031,

- S : Unit Charge under $U(1)_X$, but Neutral under SM
- Z_2 Symmetry: Charge Conjugate Symmetry in Dark Sector

$$X_\mu \rightarrow -X_\mu, S \rightarrow S^*,$$

forbids terms $X_\mu B^\mu$ or $X_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu}$.

- After SSB, X is massive and stable due to $Z_2 \rightarrow$ DM Candidate
- The non-Abelian version was studied by N. Bernal, et al, 2015

Vector DM Model

➤ Dark Sector Lagrangian:

$$\mathcal{L}_d = -\frac{1}{4}X_{\mu\nu}X^{\mu\nu} + (D_\mu S)^\dagger D^\mu S + \mu_S^2|S|^2 - \frac{\lambda_S}{2}|S|^4 - \kappa|S|^2|H|^2,$$

$$D_\mu S \equiv (\partial_\mu + ig_X X_\mu)S$$

κ : Higgs Portal

➤ After SSB:

$$\langle H \rangle \equiv (0, v_H/\sqrt{2})^T \quad \langle S \rangle \equiv v_S/\sqrt{2}$$

$$v_H^2 = \frac{2(\mu_H^2 \lambda_S - \mu_S^2 \kappa)}{\lambda_S \lambda_H - \kappa^2}, \quad v_S^2 = \frac{2(\mu_S^2 \lambda_H - \mu_H^2 \kappa)}{\lambda_S \lambda_H - \kappa^2}.$$

Vector DM Model

➤ After SSB:

● Gauge Boson Mass: $m_X = g_X v_S$

● $H = \begin{pmatrix} H^+ \\ (v_H + \phi_H + i\sigma_H)/\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix}, \quad S = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(v_S + \phi_S + i\sigma_S).$

● $(\phi_H, \phi_S)^T$ Mass Matrix $\mathcal{M}^2 = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_H v_H^2 & \kappa v_H v_S \\ \kappa v_H v_S & \lambda_S v_S^2 \end{pmatrix}$

● Physical Mass Eigenstates: $\begin{pmatrix} \phi_H \\ \phi_S \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} c_\theta & -s_\theta \\ s_\theta & c_\theta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} h_1 \\ h_2 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\kappa = \frac{(m_{h_1}^2 - m_{h_2}^2)s_{2\theta}}{2v_H v_S}, \quad \lambda_H = \frac{m_{h_1}^2 c_\theta^2 + m_{h_2}^2 s_\theta^2}{v_H^2}, \quad \lambda_S = \frac{m_{h_2}^2 c_\theta^2 + m_{h_1}^2 s_\theta^2}{v_S^2}.$$

● Parameters: $(m_X, m_{h_2}, \kappa, g_X)$

Freeze-In Mechanism

- Boltzmann Equation for Freeze-In (SM Symm. Broken phase) :

$$xHs\frac{dY_X}{dx} = \sum_f \gamma_f + \gamma_W + \gamma_h + \gamma_Z + \gamma_h^D .$$

where reaction densities γ_i for SM annihilations are defined as

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma(ab \rightarrow 12) &\equiv \int d\bar{p}_a d\bar{p}_b d\bar{p}_1 d\bar{p}_2 f_a^{\text{eq}} f_b^{\text{eq}} (2\pi)^4 \delta^4(p_a + p_b - p_1 - p_2) |\mathcal{M}(ab \rightarrow 12)|^2 \\ &= \frac{T}{32\pi^4} g_a g_b \int_{s_{\min}}^{\infty} ds \frac{[(s - m_a^2 - m_b^2)^2 - 4m_a^2 m_b^2]}{\sqrt{s}} \sigma(ab \rightarrow 12) K_1\left(\frac{\sqrt{s}}{T}\right) , \end{aligned}$$

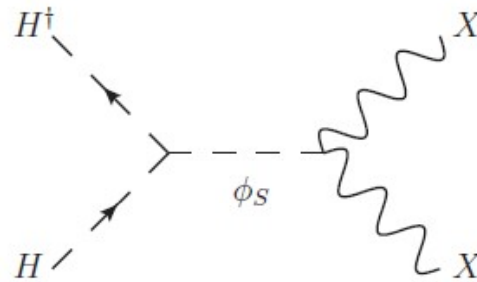
- γ_h^D for SM-like Higgs decay $h_1 \rightarrow XX$ is

$$\gamma_h^D \equiv \frac{1}{2\pi^2} m_{h_1}^2 \Gamma(h_1 \rightarrow XX) T K_1\left(\frac{m_{h_1}}{T}\right)$$

- Note that all γ 's only depends on the Higgs portal κ and the VDM mass m_X

Freeze-In Mechanism

- At high temperature $T > T_{EW} = 160 \text{ GeV}$, the SM gauge symmetry is restored. Thus, only the SM Higgs doublet annihilations ($HH^\dagger \rightarrow XX$) contribute



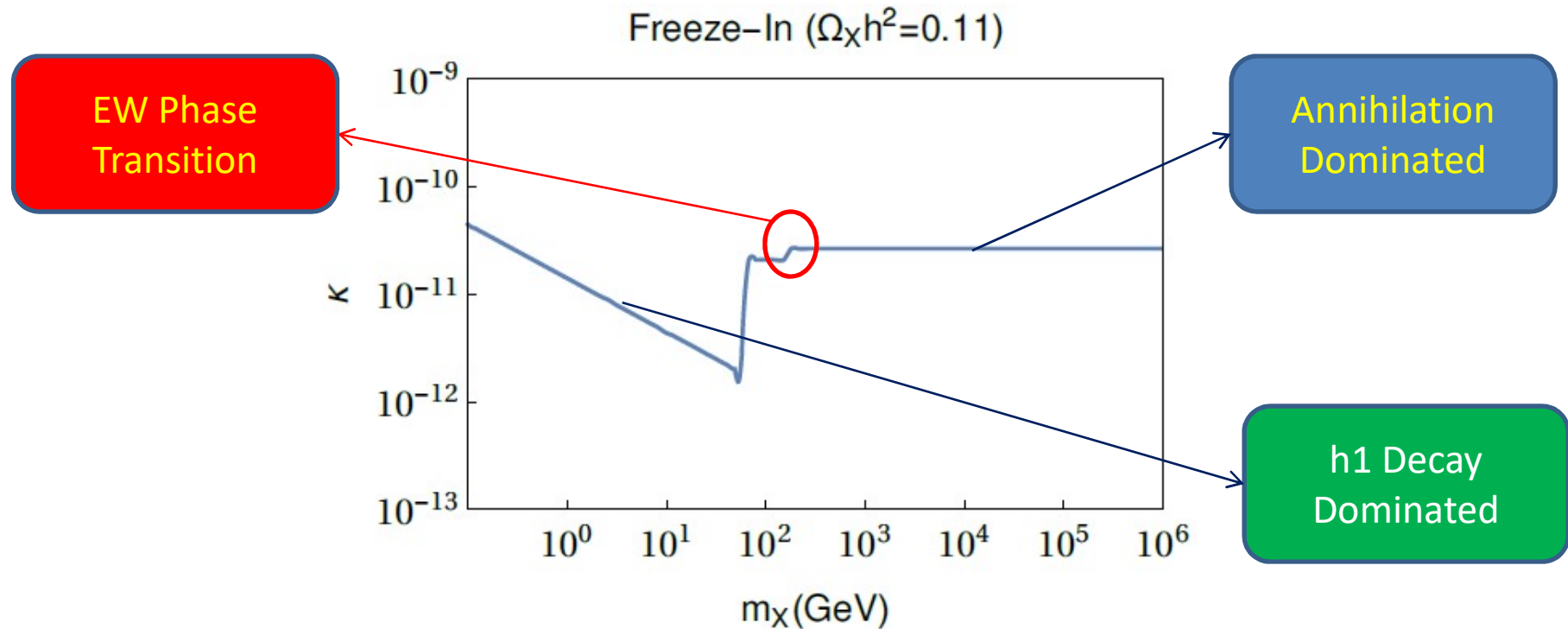
- Boltzmann Equation for Freeze-In is changed to

$$xHs \frac{dY_X}{dx} = \gamma_{H\bar{H}}$$

- The EW phase transition effect is important for DM with its mass greater than T_{EW} .

Freeze-In Mechanism

- Parameter Space for the right VDM relic density



Freeze-In Mechanism

➤ **Non-Thermalization Condition**: In order for the freeze-in to work, the dark sector is required to neither thermalize by itself nor with the SM sector.

◆ Due to a tiny κ , VDM cannot reach an equilibrium with SM.

◆ The non-equilibrium between VDM and h_2 is encoded by

$$\langle \sigma(XX \rightarrow h_2 h_2) v \rangle n_X \leq H ,$$

where all of the quantities are defined at T_{FI} .

DM Self-Interactions

- In order to generate large enough DM Self Interactions, we focus on the parameter space $m_\chi \sim 1 \text{ GeV} - 100 \text{ TeV}$ and $m_{h_2} \leq 100 \text{ MeV}$, so h_2 acts as the light mediator

S. Tulin, et al. 2013

- Effective Yukawa Potential

$$V(r) = -\frac{\alpha_X}{r} e^{-m_{h_2} r}$$

- Schrodinger Equation for Partial Waves

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

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

- Transfer Xection: $\frac{\sigma_T k^2}{4\pi} = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} (\ell+1) \sin^2(\delta_{\ell+1} - \delta_\ell)$ with $k = \mu v$

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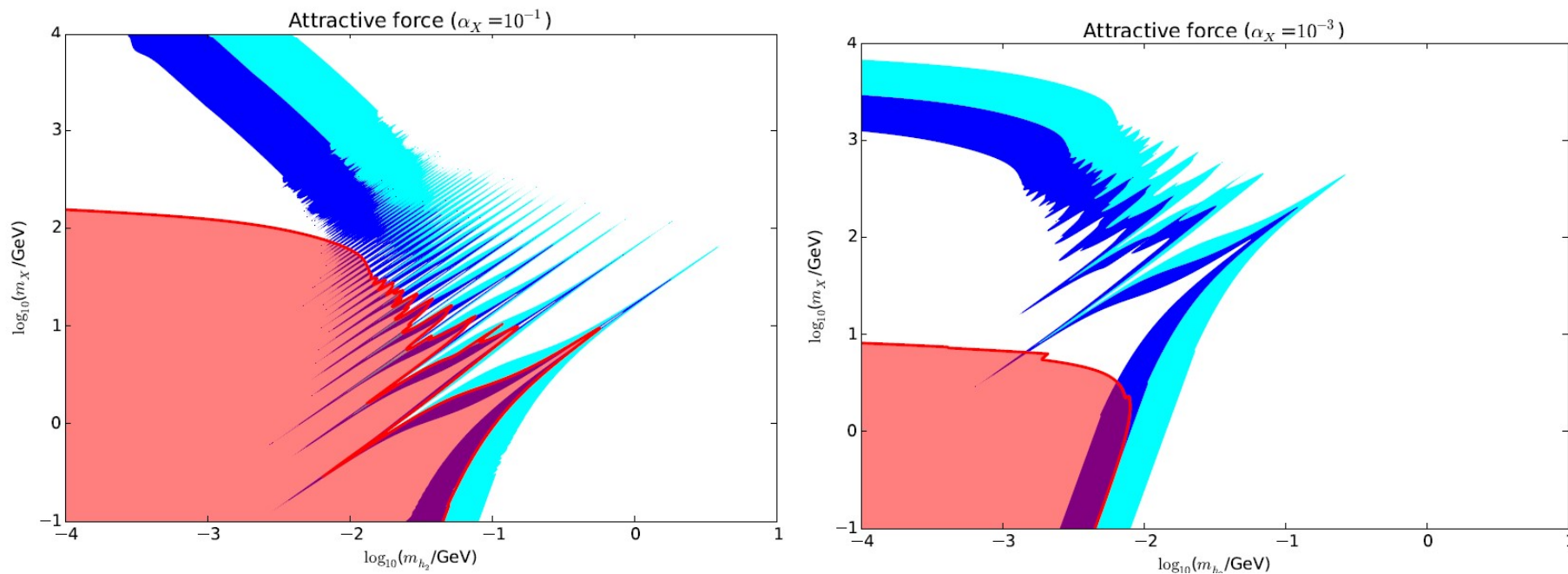
DM Self-Interactions

➤ Numerical Results

Cyan : $0.1 \text{ cm}^3/\text{g} < \sigma_T/mX < 1 \text{ cm}^3/\text{g}$

Blue : $1 \text{ cm}^3/\text{g} < \sigma_T/mX < 10 \text{ cm}^3/\text{g}$

Red: Excluded by Cluster constraints



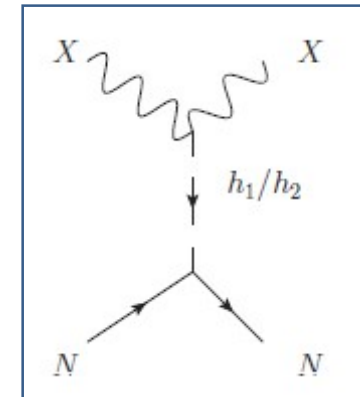
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DM Direct Detection

➤ Process: $XN \rightarrow XN$

➤ Total Cross Section

$$\sigma_{XN} = \frac{\kappa^2 f_N^2 m_X^2 m_N^2 \mu_{XN}^2}{\pi m_{h_1}^4 m_{h_2}^2 (m_{h_2}^2 + 4\mu_{XN}^2 v^2)}$$



➤ Differential Cross Section

$$\frac{d\sigma_{XN}}{dq^2} = \frac{\sigma_{XN}}{4\mu_{XN}^2 v^2} G(q^2)$$

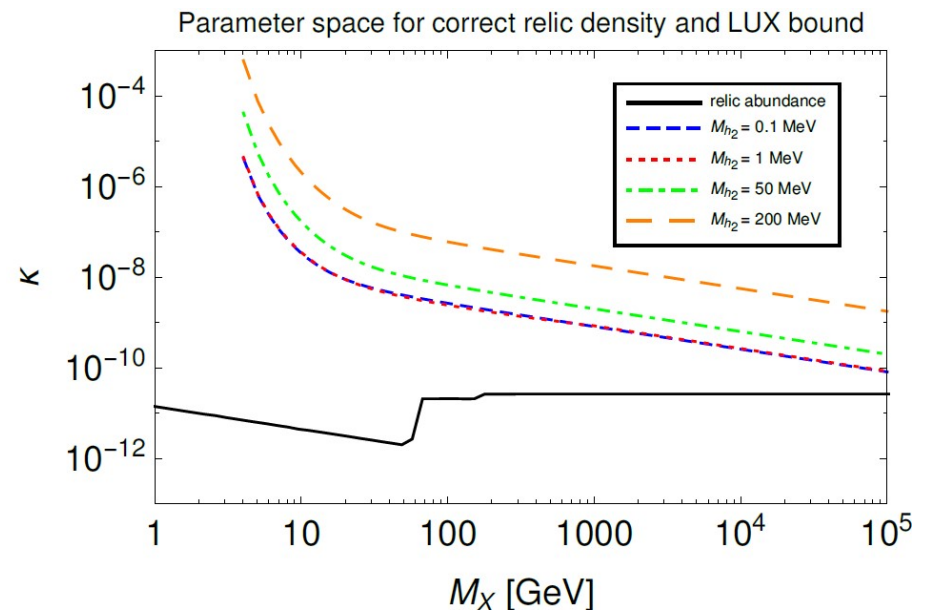
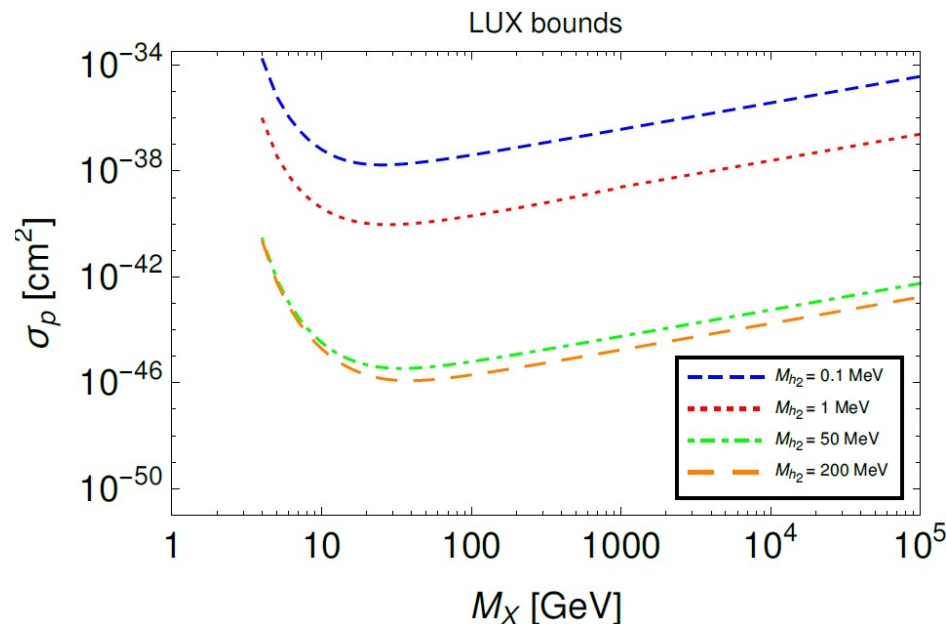
where

$$G(q^2) = \frac{m_{h_2}^2 (m_{h_2}^2 + 4\mu_{XN}^2 v^2)}{(q^2 + m_{h_2}^2)^2}$$

DM Direct Detection

➤ The strongest constraints are given by LUX, PandaX-II and XENON1T, the bounds of which are of similar order.

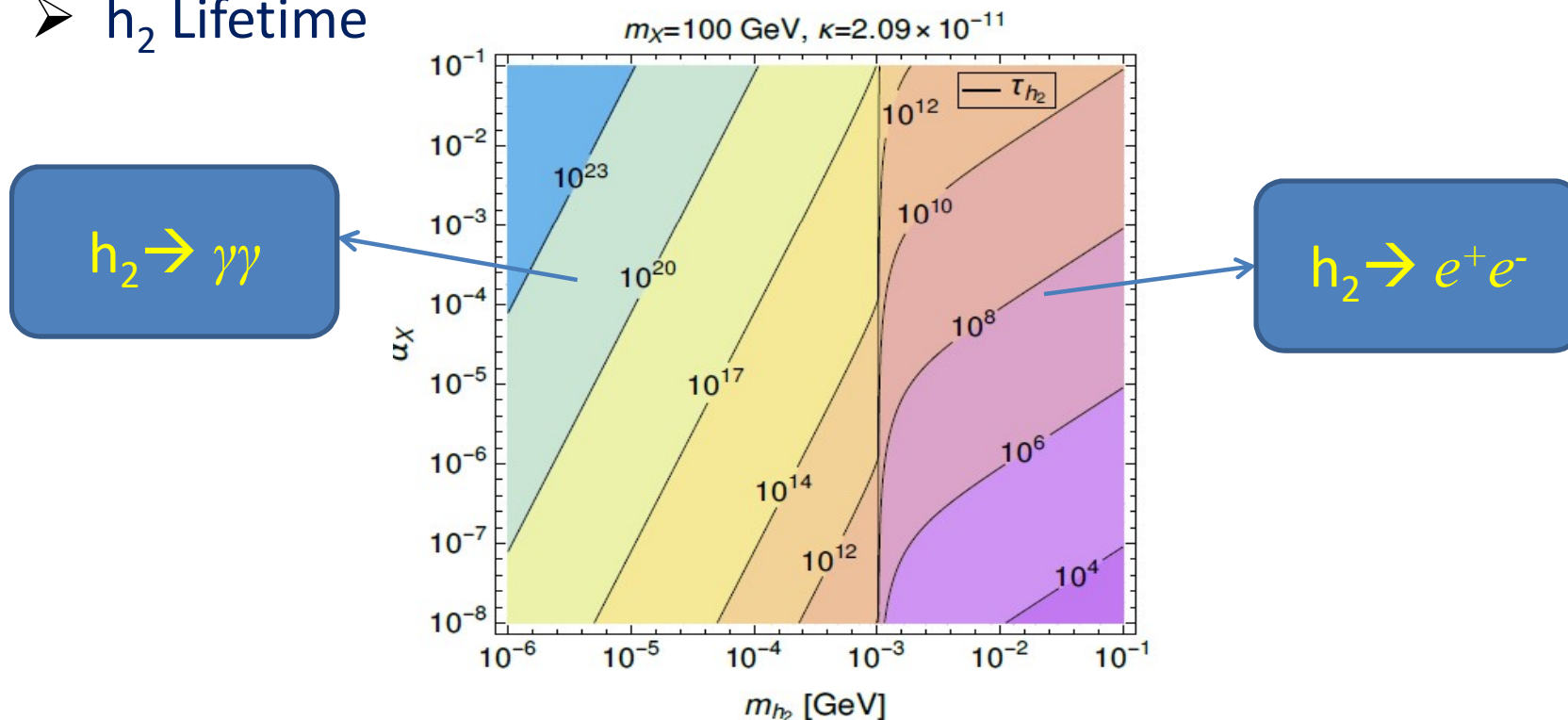
➤ Numerical Results for the LUX upper bounds: **Poisson Statistics** by assuming no candidate nucleus recoil events



DM Indirect Detection

➤ The phenomenology of VDM indirect detections strongly depends on the properties of h_2 .

➤ h_2 Lifetime



➤ The density of h_2 before its decay is determined by freeze-in

BBN Constraints

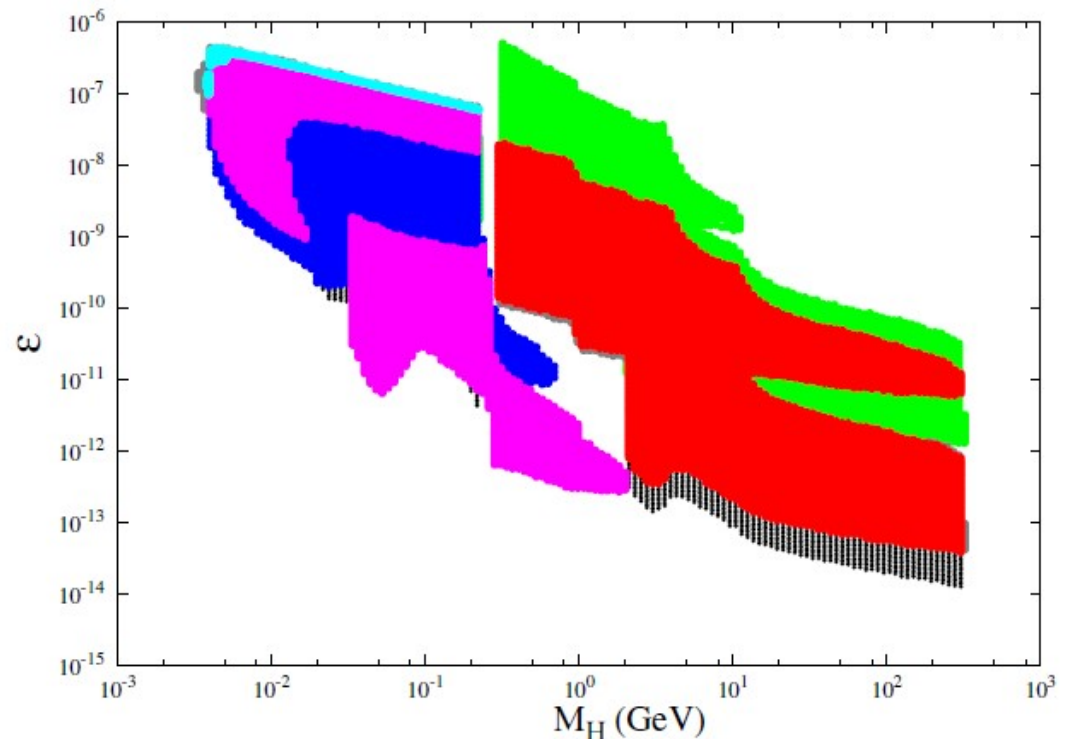
- Since $\tau_{h_2} \gtrsim 10^4 \text{s}$, h_2 behaves as a **decaying DM** from the **BBN** perspective.
- The **electromagnetic energy injections** from the h_2 decay would change the yields of various elements.

➤ From [J. Berger et al. 2016](#), the **BBN** constraint is:

for $1 \text{ MeV} < m_{h_2} < 100 \text{ MeV}$,

$$s_\theta < 5 \times 10^{-12}$$

while for $m_{h_2} < 1 \text{ MeV}$, there are **no constraints**.



DM Indirect Detections

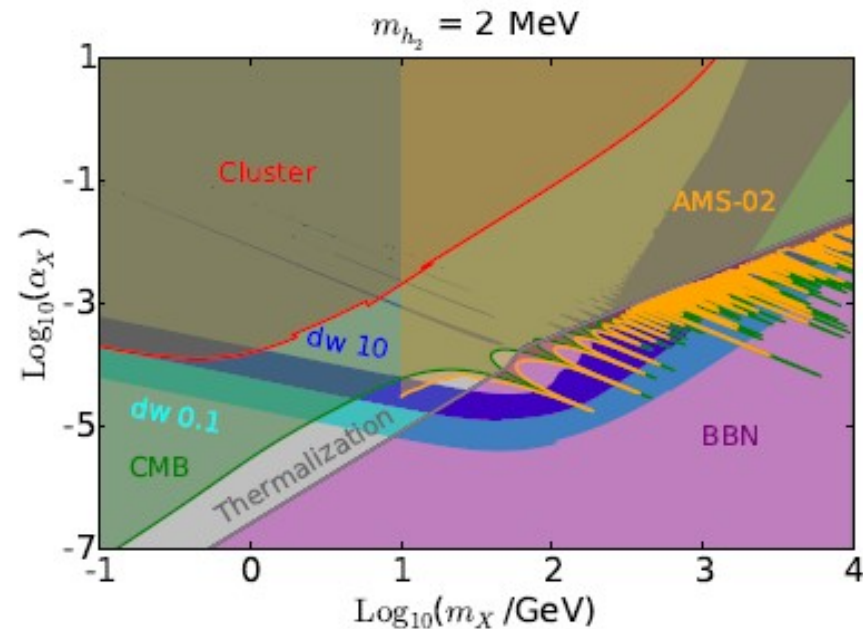
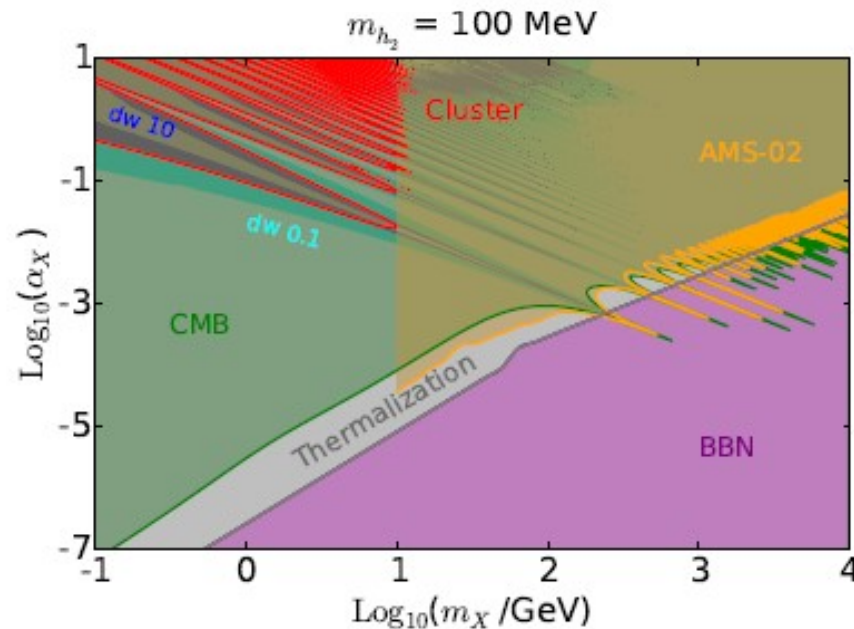
- $m_{h_2} > 1 \text{ MeV}$
 - ◆ Dominant Decay Channel: e^+e^- pair
 - ◆ Typical Lifetime: $10^4 \text{ s} < \tau_{h_2} < 10^{12} \text{ s}$
 - ◆ Constraints on $XX \rightarrow h_2 h_2$ followed by h_2 decays
- Constraints: CMB, AMS-02, Fermi-LAT. G. Elor et al. 2016
 - ◆ CMB: modification of cosmological ionization history
 - ◆ AMS-02: positron flux excess in local region
 - ◆ Fermi-LAT: gamma ray signals from dwarf galaxies
- This process corresponds to the 1-step cascade annihilation, already been studied by G. Elor et al. 2016.
- It was shown that the Fermi-LAT constraint is typically weaker than AMS-02 and CMB, and thus neglected.

DM Indirect Detections

- Due to the mass hierarchy, the $XX \rightarrow h_2 h_2$ suffers a large Sommerfeld enhancement

$$\sigma v = S \times (\sigma v)_0 ,$$

where $(\sigma v)_0$ denotes the perturbative cross section, and S the s-wave Sommerfeld factor.



DM Indirect Detections

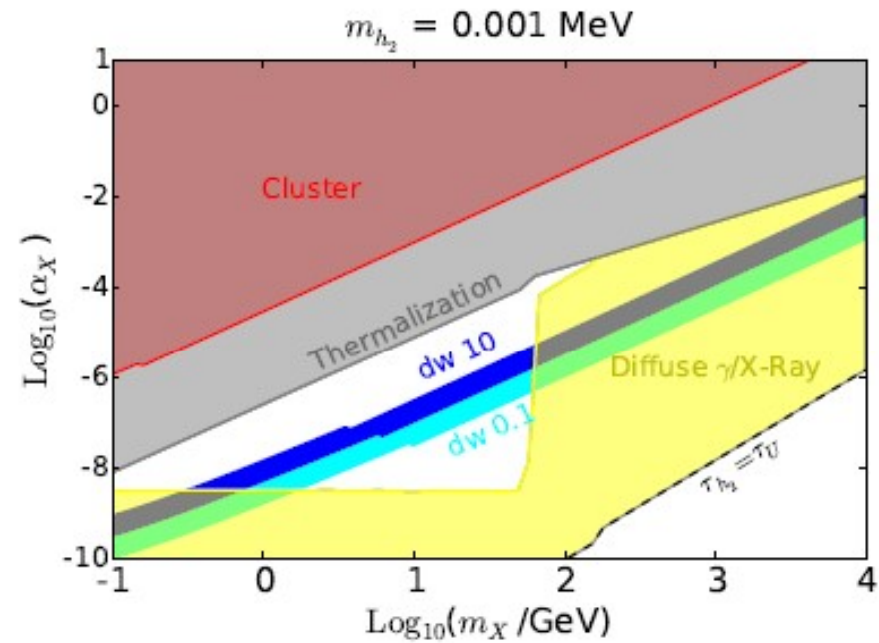
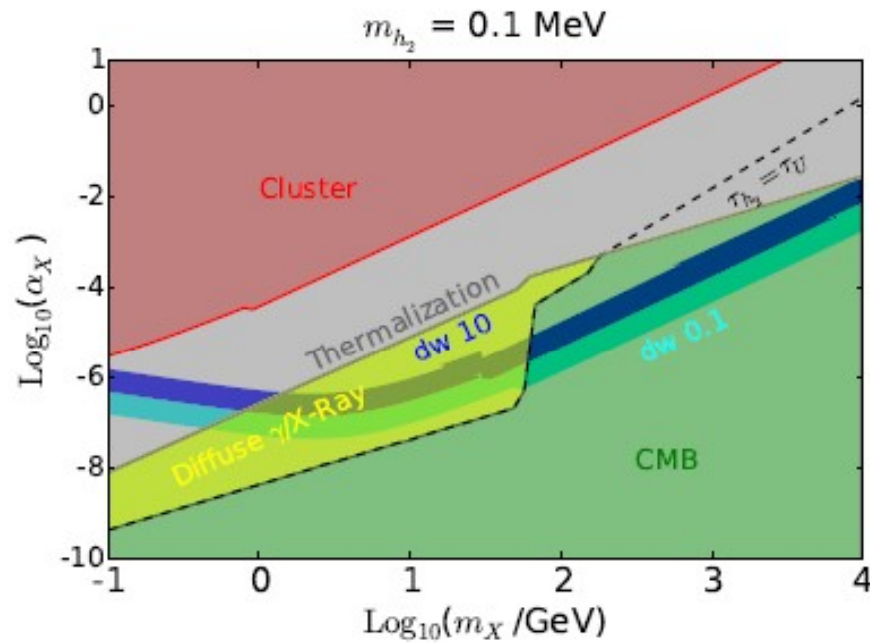
- $m_{h_2} < 1 \text{ MeV}$
 - ◆ Dominant Decay Channel: **diphotons**
 - ◆ Typical Lifetime: $\tau_{h_2} > 10^{12} \text{ s}$
 - ◆ Constraints: **CMB**, **diffuse γ /X-ray**

- **CMB**: h_2 seems **a decaying DM** generated via **freeze-in**, so photons from h_2 decays would be constrained.

T.R. Slatyer & C.L. Wu, 2016

- When $\tau_{h_2} > \tau_U$, h_2 is a true DM component. Its decays lead to **diffuse γ /X-ray excesses**. S. Riemer-Sørensen et al, 2015

DM Indirect Detections



- Only when $m_{h_2} \sim \text{keV}$, we find regions satisfying all constraints

Summary

- The VDM model via the Higgs portal is investigated, and we find that **EWPT** plays a substantial role.
- We focus on the freeze-in region, in which $m_\chi \sim 1 \text{ GeV} - 100 \text{ TeV}$ and $m_{h_2} \leq 100 \text{ MeV}$, so dark Higgs can act as the **light mediator** to enhance the **DM self interactions** and solve the cosmological small scale problem
- We find that **direct detections** do not constrain the model much, but the **indirect detections** restrict m_{h_2} should be of or smaller than $O(\text{keV})$

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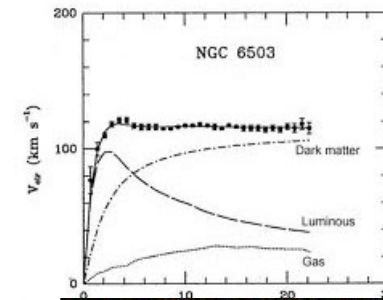
BACK-UP SLIDES

Motivation

➤ There are already many established evidences for the existence of **dark matter**

- Rotation Curves of Spiral Galaxies

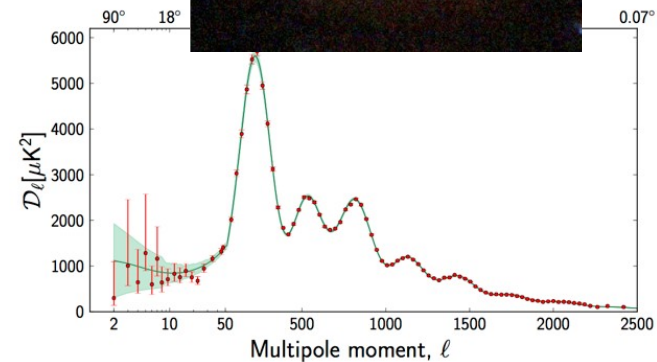
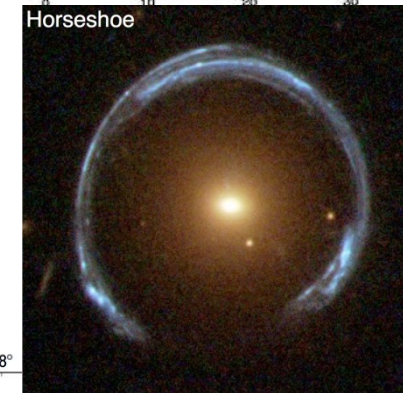
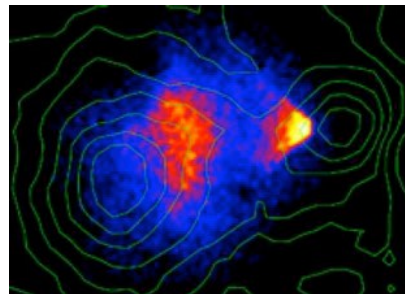
Babcock, 1939, Bosma, 1978; Rubin & Ford, 1980



- Gravitational Lensing

- CMB Planck Collaboration, 2015

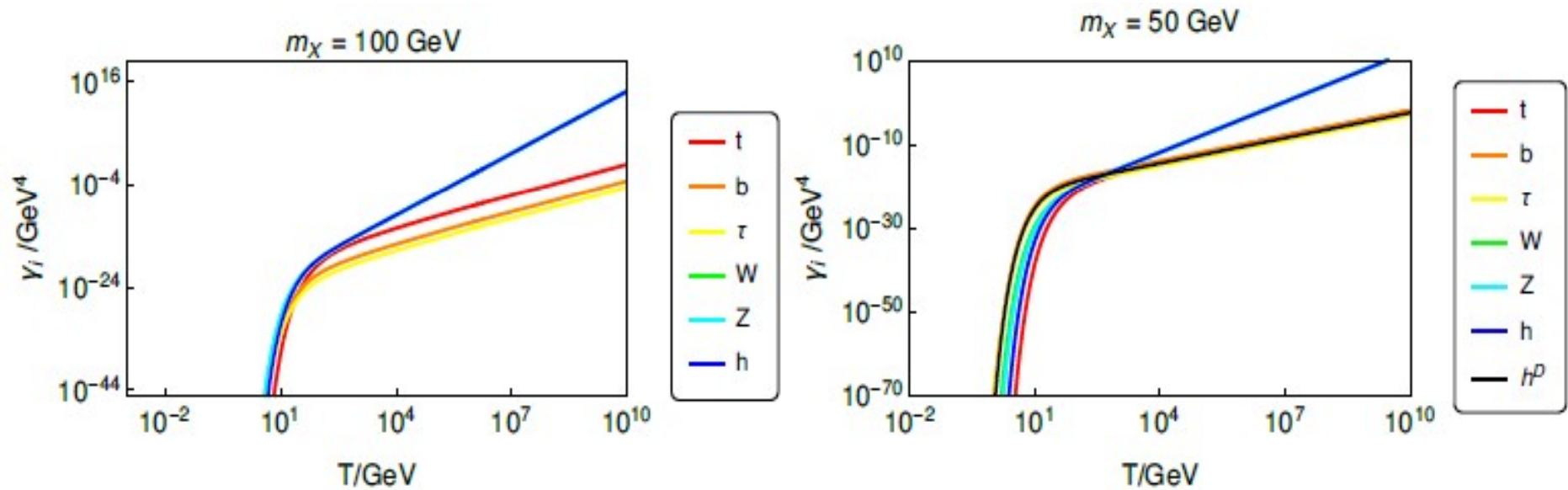
- Bullet Clusters



But , they are all **gravitational**

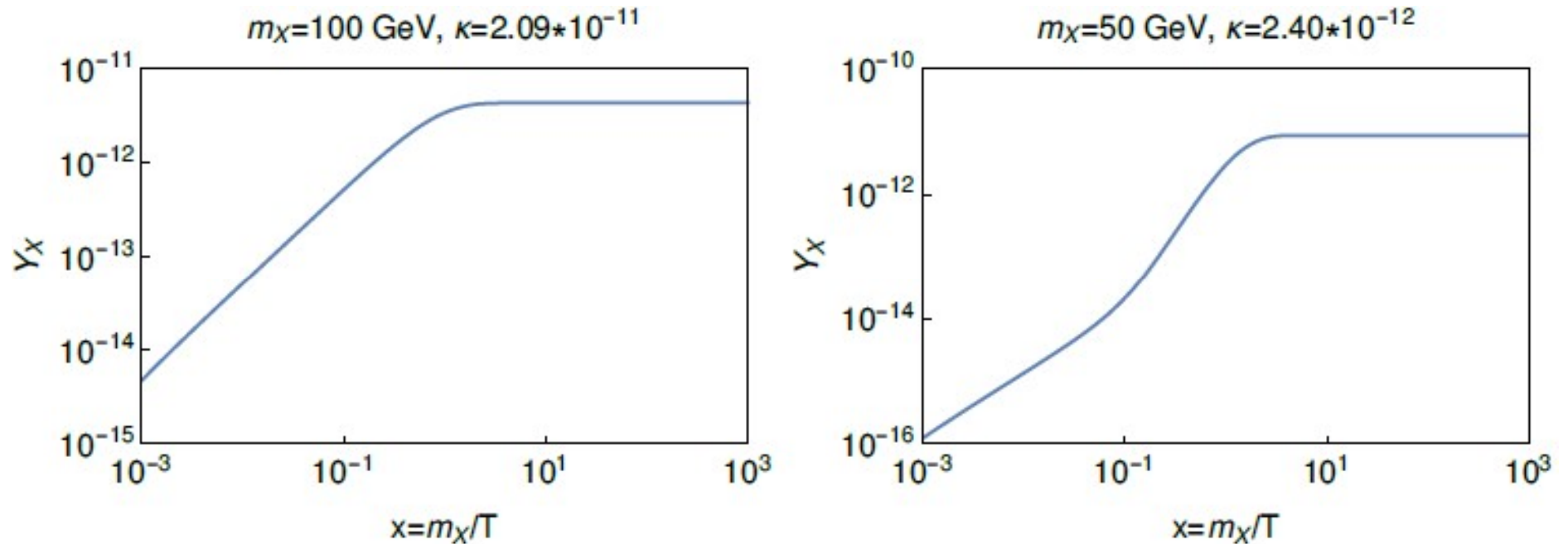
Freeze-In Mechanism

➤ Evolutions of γ 's (SM Symm. Broken phase):



Freeze-In Mechanism

➤ Evolutions of VDM Yield (SM Symm. Broken phase):



➤ Freeze-in Temperature:

- $T_{\text{FI}} \simeq m_X$, for $m_X \geq m_{h1}/2$: only SM annihilations contribute
- $T_{\text{FI}} \simeq m_{h1}$, for $m_X \leq m_{h1}/2$: $h1$ decay dominates

DM Indirect Detection

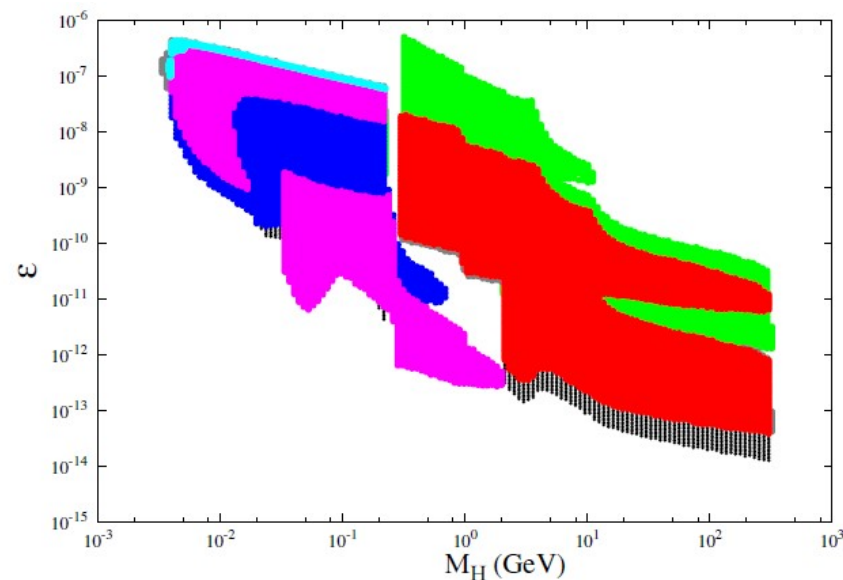
➤ For DM indirect detection, we use the data from **BBN**, **Fermi-LAT dwarf** galaxy gamma-ray observation, **AMS-02 e^+e^-** , and recent Planck data on the **CMB power spectrum**

➤ When h_2 's lifetime is longer than the age of the Universe, we also consider the **diffuse gamma-ray** constraints

➤ Since $\tau_{h_2} > 1s$, the **BBN** bounds cannot be avoided. From **J. Berger et al. 2016**, the BBN constraint is:

$$s_\theta < 5 \times 10^{-12}$$

for $1 \text{ MeV} < m_{h_2} < 100 \text{ MeV}$



Numerical Result

➤ $m_{h2} > 1 \text{ MeV}$

◆ Dominant Decay Channel: e^+e^- pair

◆ Typical Lifetime: $10^4 \text{ s} < t_{h2} < 10^{12} \text{ s}$

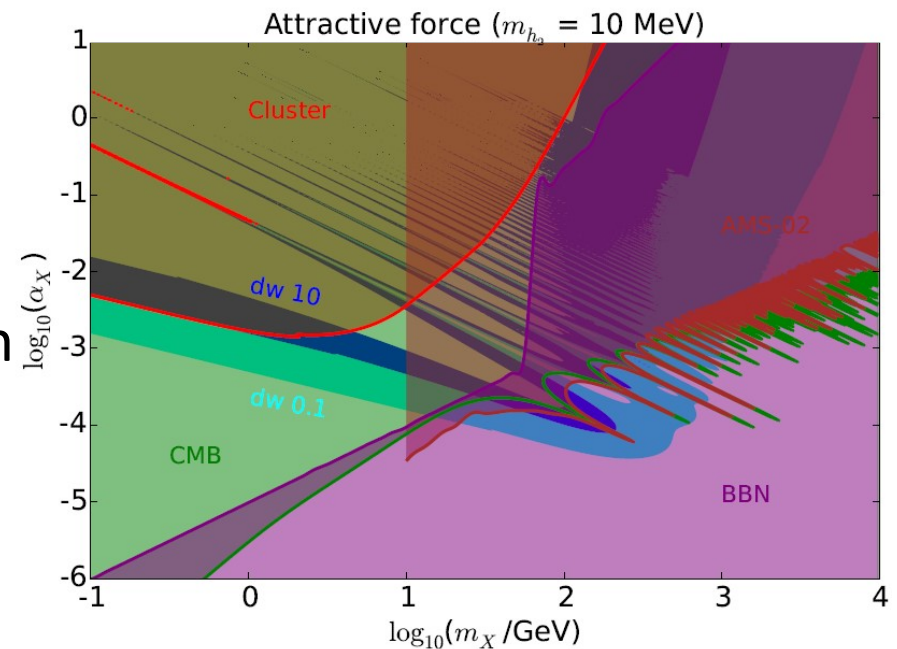
◆ Constraints: Cluster, BBN, AMS-02, CMB.

➤ AMS-02 and CMB constrain the DM annihilations:

$$\chi\chi \rightarrow h2 h2$$

In which the Sommerfeld enhancements should be taken into account. G. Elor et al. 2016

➤ All the parameter space is excluded



Numerical Result

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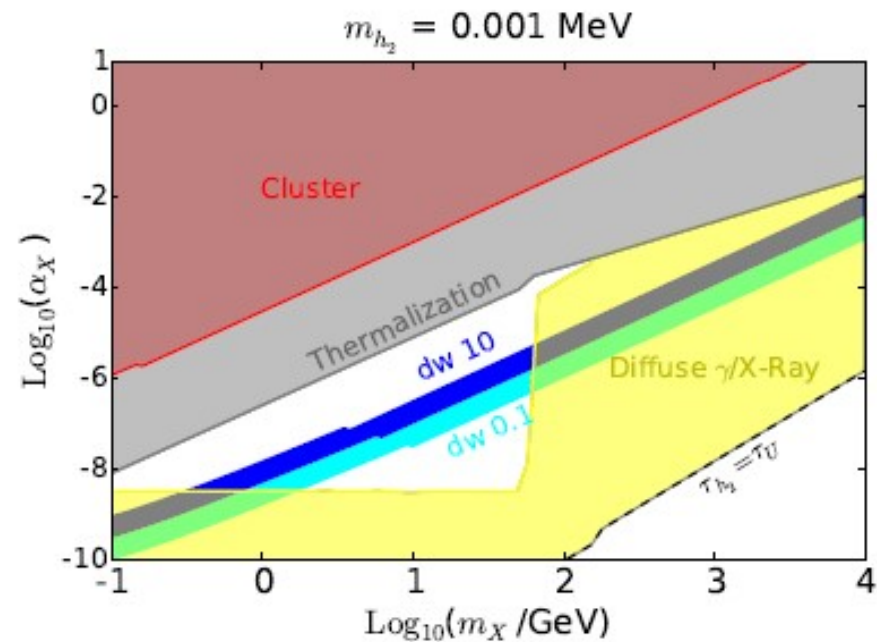
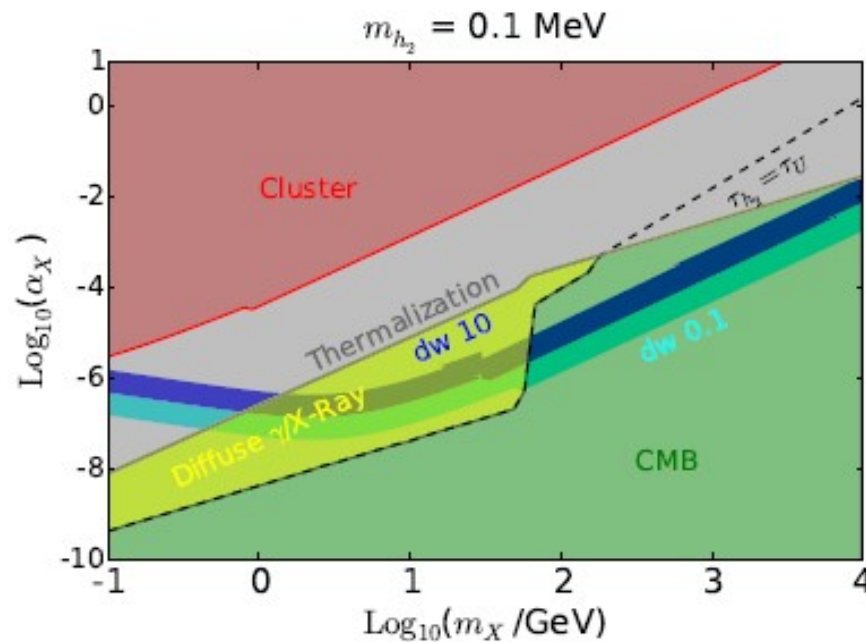
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◆ Typical Lifetime: $t_{h_2} > 10^{12} \text{ s}$

S. Riemer-Sørensen et al, 2015

◆ Constraints: **Cluster**, **CMB**, **Diffuse Gamma**



➤ Only when $m_{h_2} \sim \text{keV}$, we find regions satisfying all constraints