

Non-thermal DM,  
Not WIMPs

# Phenomenology of FIMPs

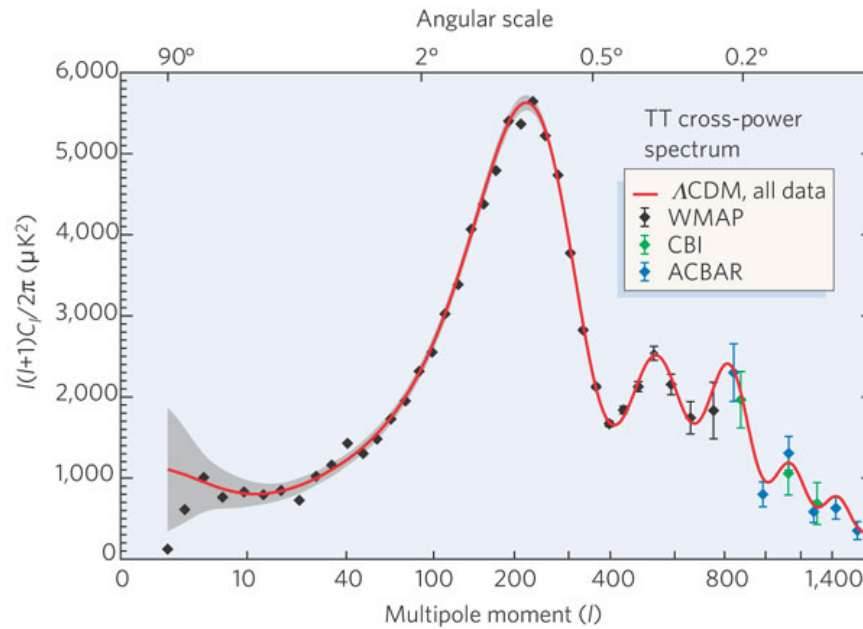
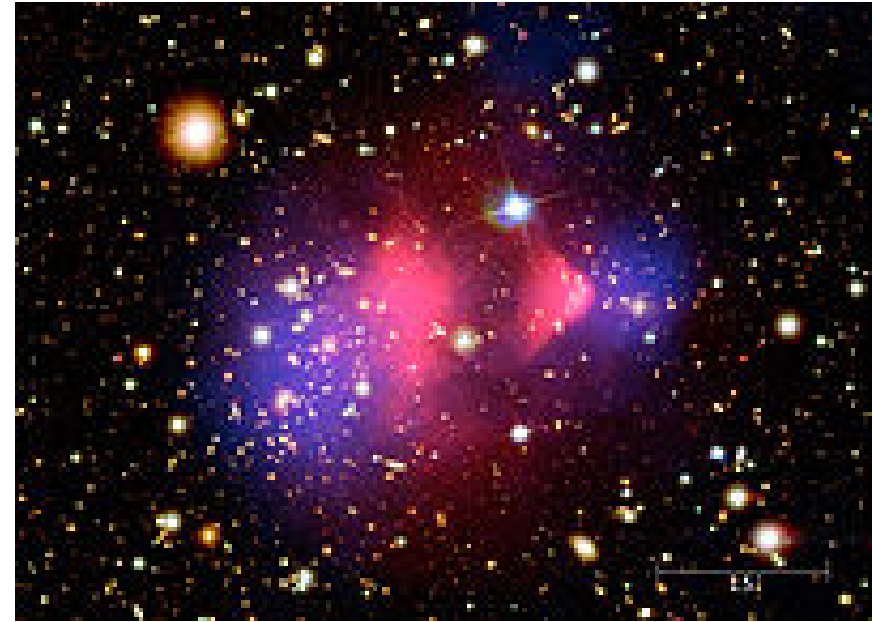
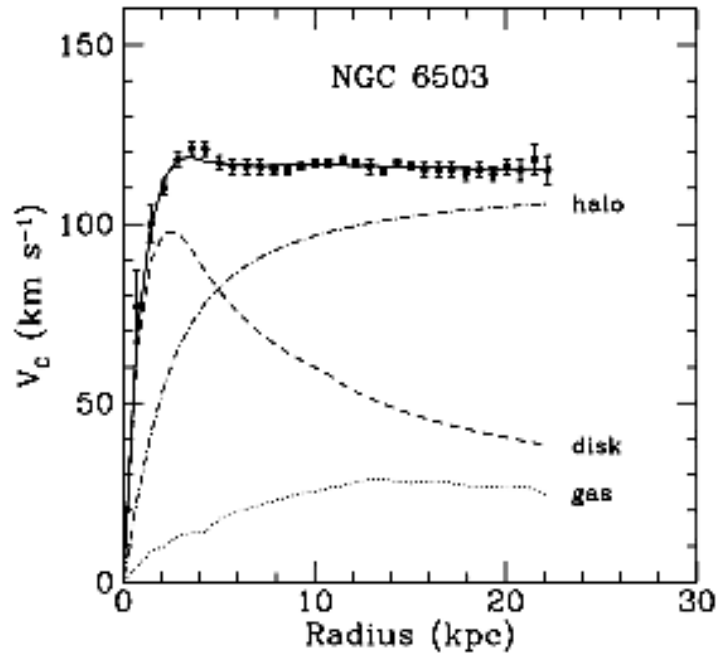
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# Outline

- Motivation to go outside WIMPs
- Basics of FIMPs
- Phenomenology of FIMPs
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  - Direct Detection
  - Astrophysics
- Conclusions

# Compelling evidence of DM



# What do we (don't) know about DM?

## *We know...*

- Its abundance in the universe
- Non relativistic
- Its gravitational interactions
- Long-lived enough
- Electrically neutral enough

## *We don't know...*

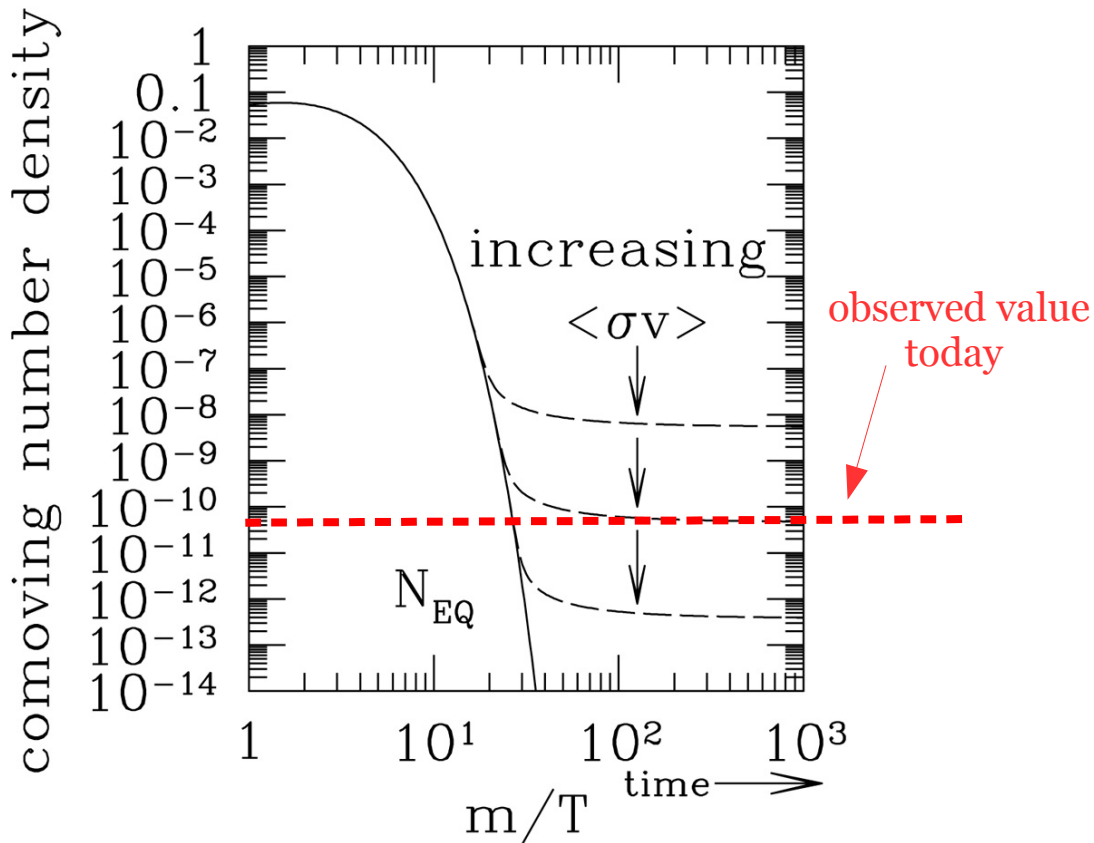
- if it is fundamental particle
- its properties (spin, mass)
- if it has non-gravitational interactions (with itself or with Standard Model)
- **thermal relic**  
**(chemical equilibrium with SM)**
- when it was produced

*Many questions to be answered!!*

# Motivation

## WIMP dark matter and its situation to-date

- *Weakly* Interacting Massive Particle  
(order electroweak couplings)

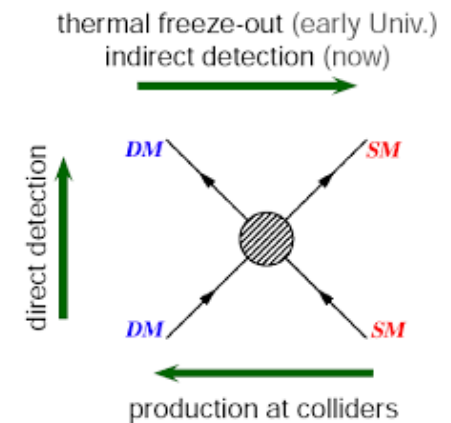


DM abundance:

$$\Omega \propto \frac{1}{\langle \sigma v \rangle}$$

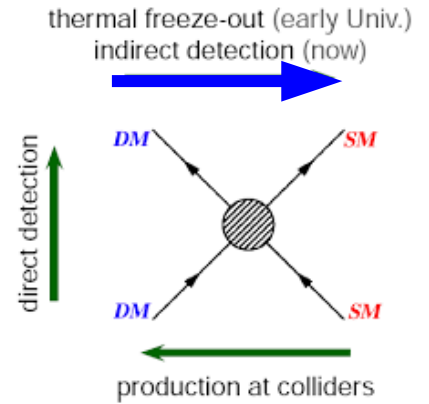
“infrared” dominated process

Rich phenomenology!

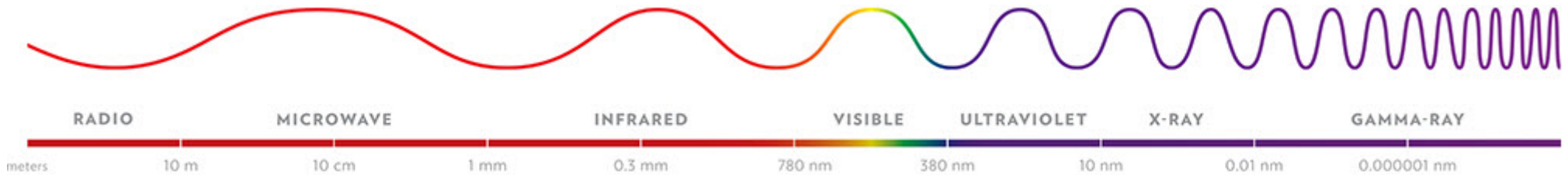


# Motivation

## WIMP dark matter and its situation to-date Indirect Detection



$$\Omega h^2 \simeq 0.1 \frac{3 \times 10^{-26} \text{cm}^3/\text{s}}{\langle \sigma v \rangle} \quad \text{Ballpark of experimental sensitivities!}$$



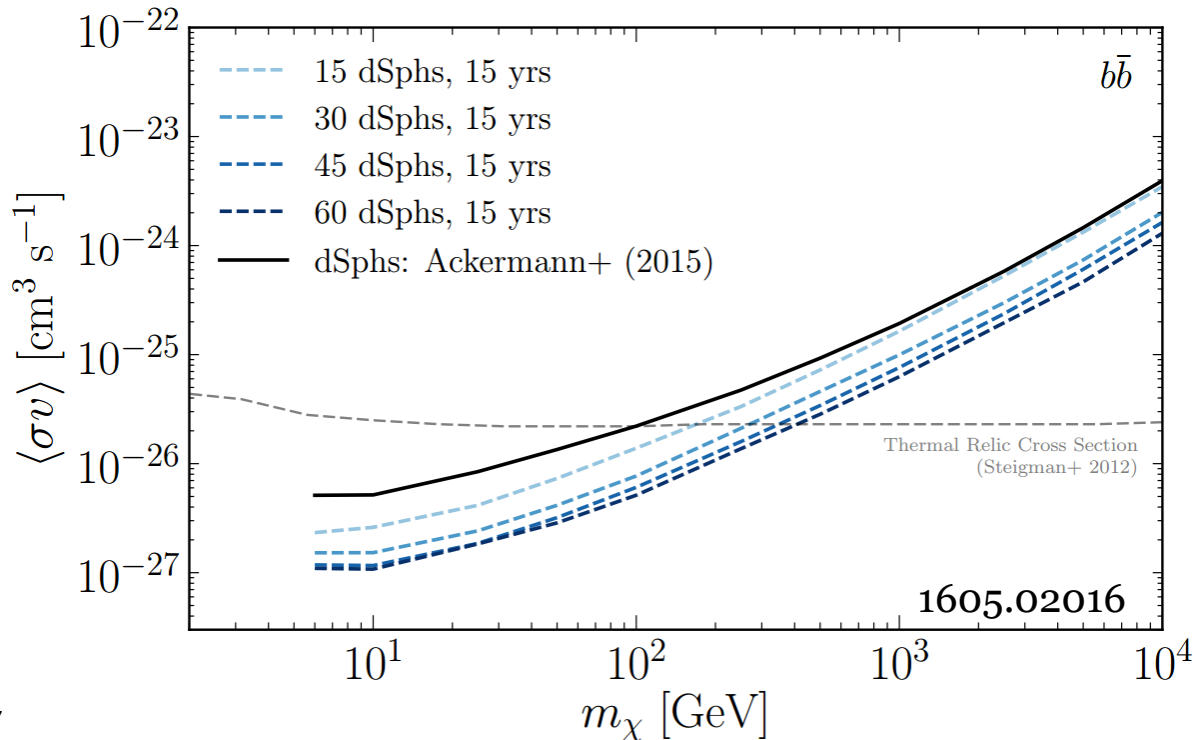
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LOFAR,...

PLANCK,...

SDSS, DES,...

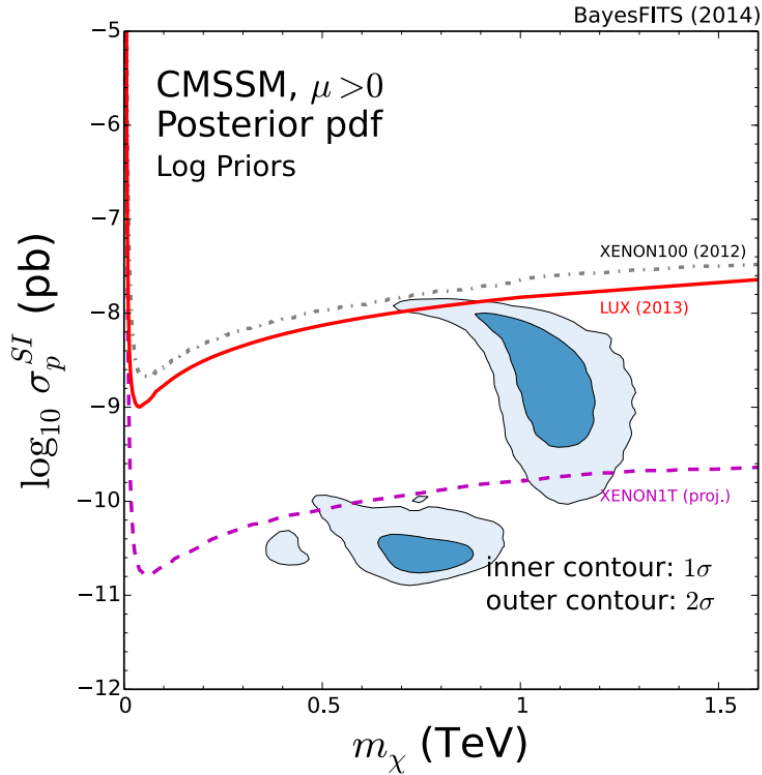
Chandra,...

Fermi-LAT,  
HESS,...



# Motivation

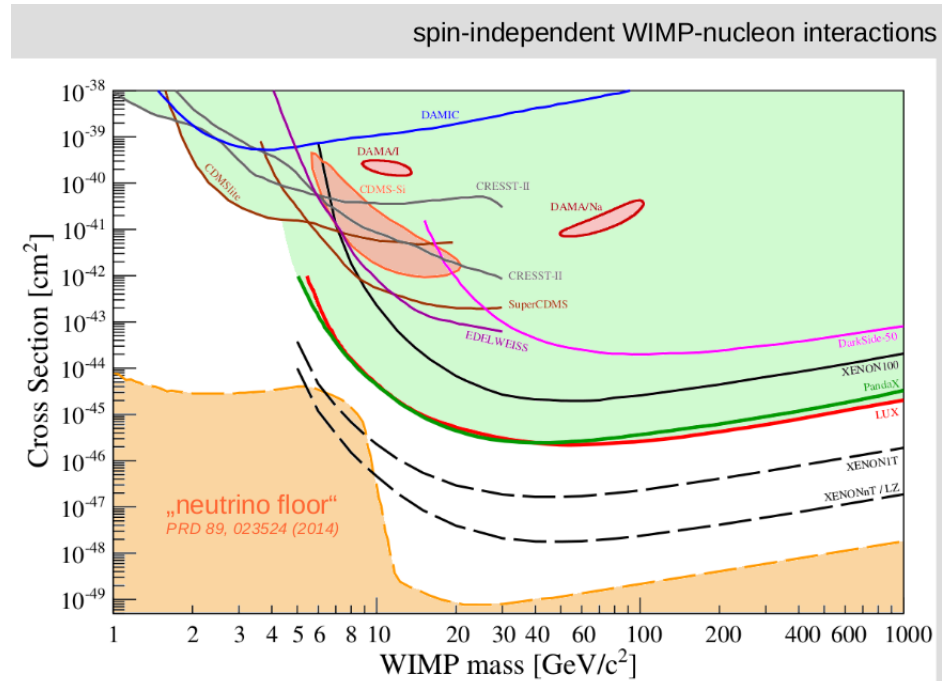
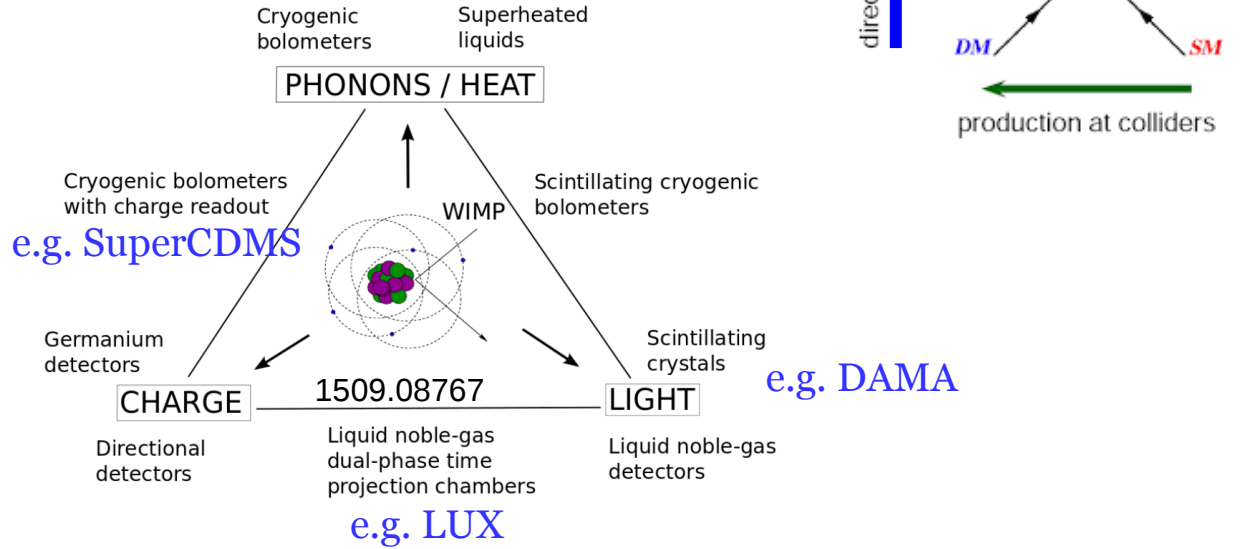
## WIMP dark matter and its situation to-date Direct Detection



Event rate:

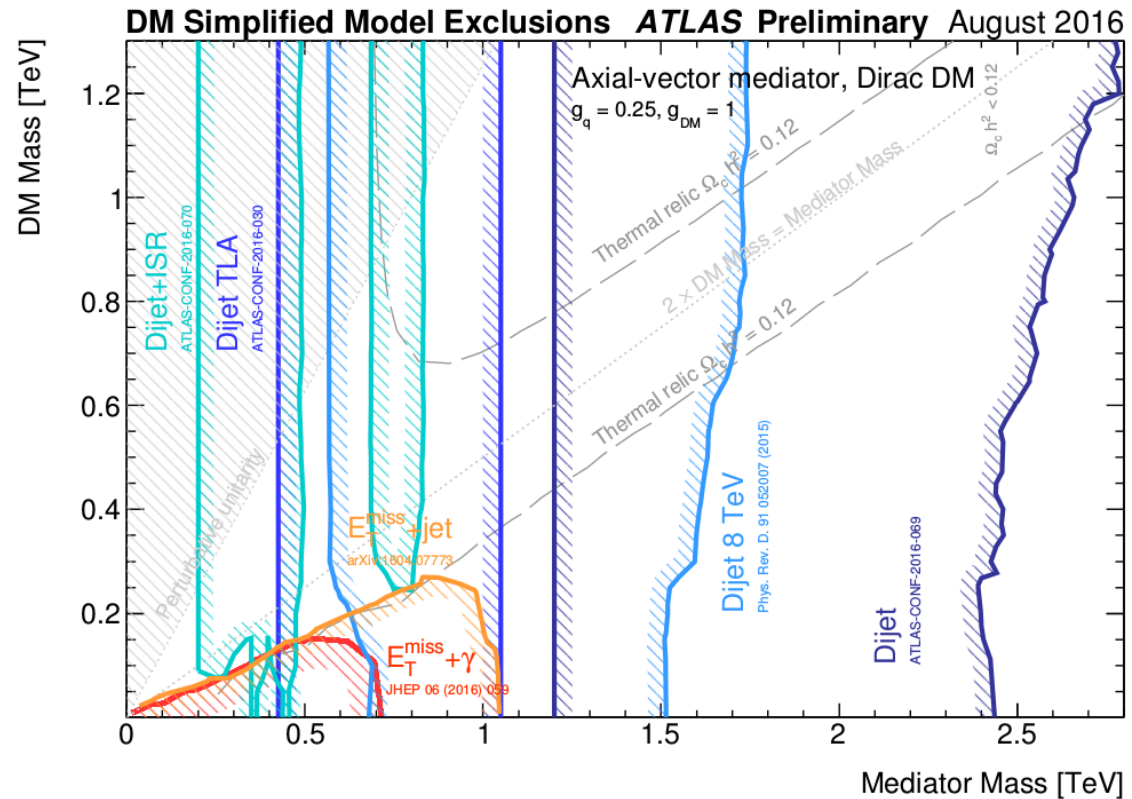
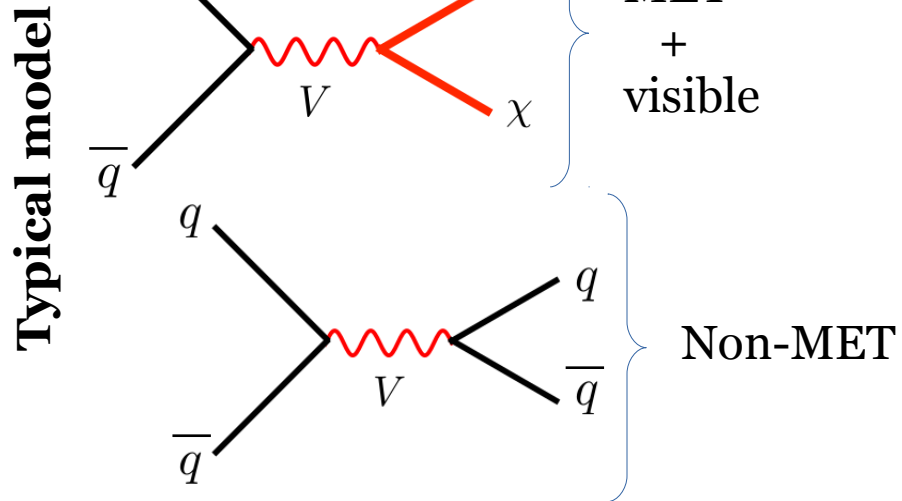
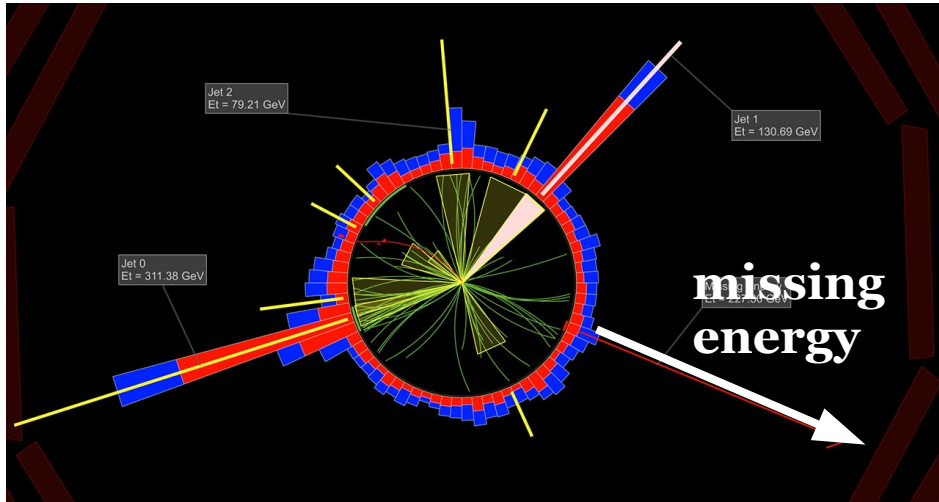
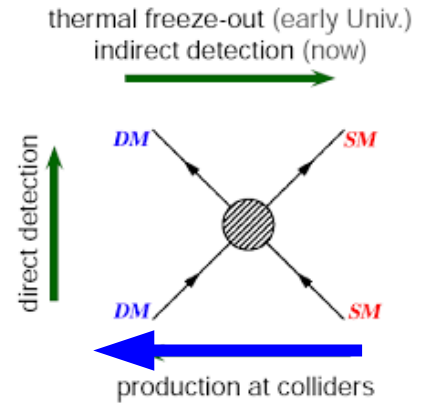
$$R \propto N \frac{\rho_\chi}{m_\chi} \langle \sigma_{\chi-N} \rangle$$

detector  $\nearrow$   $N$   
local DM density  $\nearrow$   $\rho_\chi$   
physics model  $\nearrow$   $\langle \sigma_{\chi-N} \rangle$



# Motivation

## WIMP dark matter and its situation to-date Collider





# Motivation

**WIMP dark matter and its situation to-date:**  
**No (conclusive) signals so far**



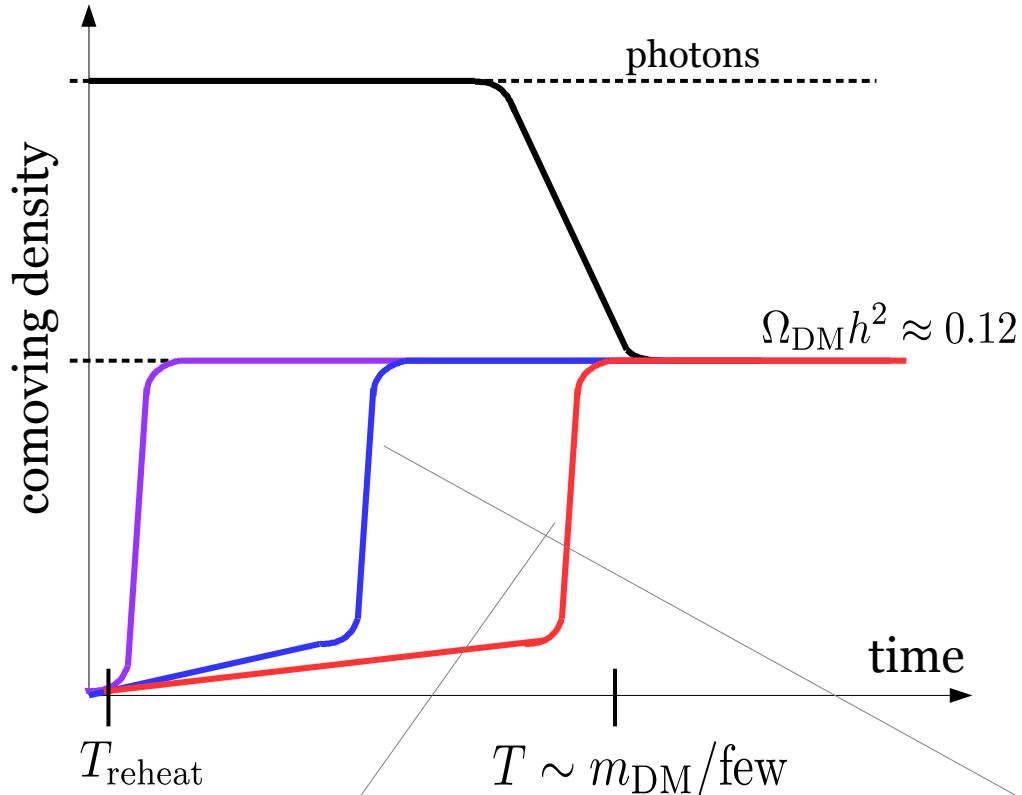
*"I'm searching for my keys."*

the rest of this talk

# Freeze-in in a nutshell

$$\frac{dn_{\text{DM}}}{dt} + 3Hn_{\text{DM}} = n_{\text{bath}}\Gamma_{\text{prod}} - n_{\text{DM}}\Gamma_{\text{ann}}$$

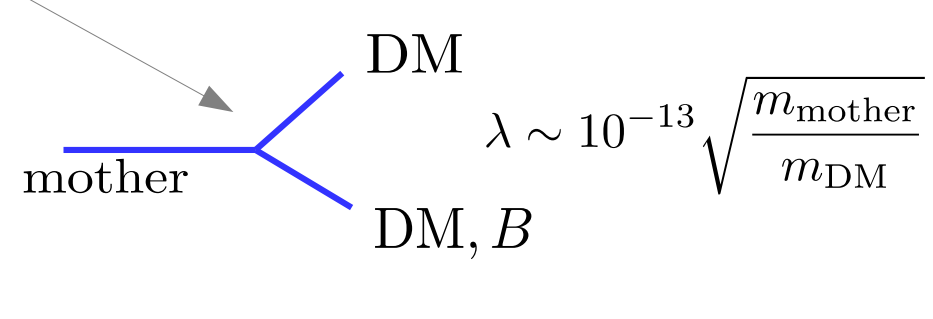
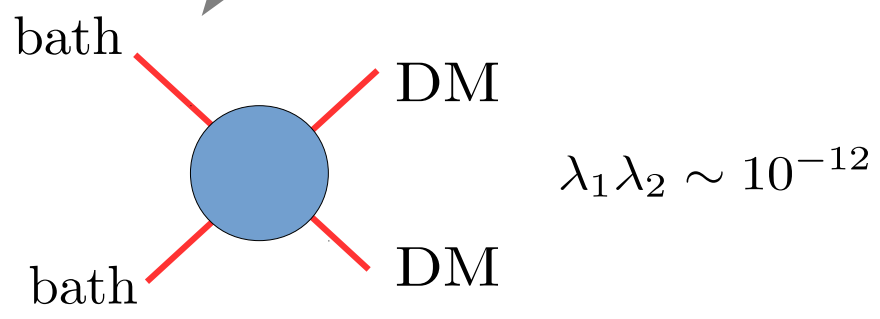
negligible  
 interaction rates

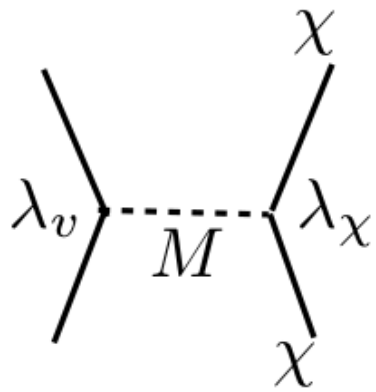


**Characteristics:**

- prod. period depends on benchmark:  
 $m_{\text{DM}}, m_{\text{mother}}, T_{\text{reheat}}$
- dark sector never thermalises with itself
- prod. via **scatterings** or **decays**

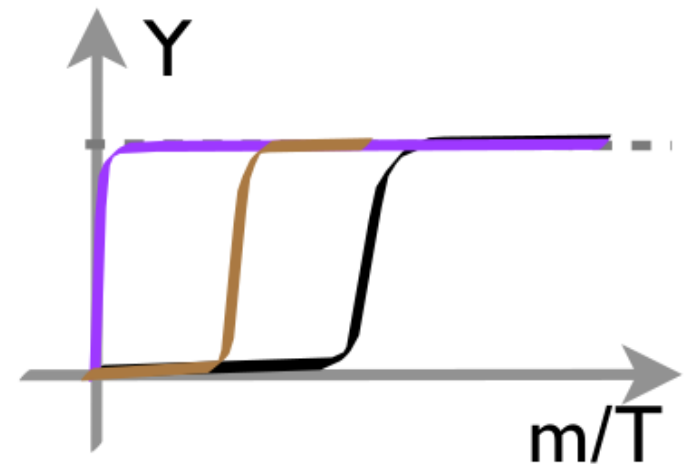
-Hall, Jedamzik, March-Russell, West, 0911.1120  
 -Blennow, Fernandez-Martinez, Zaldivar, 1309.7348  
 -Bernal, Heikinheimo, Tenkanen, Tuominen, Vaskonen, 1706.07442





# FIMPy Matters

$$\Omega h^2 = (s_0 / \rho_{\text{crit}}) m_\chi Y$$



| Light portal<br>$M < 2m_\chi < T_{RH}$                       | Intermediate portal<br>$2m_\chi < M < T_{RH}$                             | Heavy portal<br>$2m_\chi < T_{RH} < M$                             |
|--|---|--|
| $\sigma \sim \frac{\lambda_v^2 \lambda_\chi^2}{s}$           | $\sigma \sim \lambda_v^2 \lambda_\chi^2 \frac{M}{\Gamma} \delta(s - M^2)$ | $\sigma \sim \lambda_v^2 \lambda_\chi^2 \frac{s}{M^4}$             |
| $Y \propto \lambda_v^2 \lambda_\chi^2 \frac{M_{Pl}}{m_\chi}$ | $Y \propto \lambda_v^2 \lambda_\chi^2 \frac{M_{Pl}}{\Gamma}$              | $Y \propto \lambda_v^2 \lambda_\chi^2 M_{Pl} \frac{T_{RH}^3}{M^4}$ |

# Searching strategies

# FIMPs at the LHC

Type of signals: **Displaced-vertices** (seems like the topic of 2017!)

## Degenerate spectrum

Khoze, Plascencia, Sakurai, 1702.00750  
Mahbubani, Schwaller, Zurita, 1703.05327  
Buchmueller, De Roeck, McCullough,  
Schwaller, Yu, 1704.06515  
...  
(and growing)

## Very small couplings

DM  
Y ——— X  
same process for DM production in  
early universe and at LHC

$$\lambda \sim 10^{-9} \text{ for } m_Y \sim 1\text{TeV}$$

Far from WIMP regime!

## So...can it be freeze-in DM ?

Remember the original estimation...

$$\lambda \sim 10^{-13} \sqrt{\frac{m_Y}{m_{\text{DM}}}}$$

## Yes, it can !

Co, D'Eramo, Hall, Pappadopulo, 1506.07532  
Hessler, Ibarra, Molinaro, Vogl, 1611.09540  
Gosh, Mondal, Mukhopadhyaya, 1706.06815

+ several groups working on it right now  
(including myself)

# FIMPs at the LHC

$$\Omega_{\text{DM}} h^2 \approx 3 \times 10^8 \left( \frac{m_{\text{DM}}}{\text{GeV}} \right) Y_{\text{DM}}$$

$$s_0 / \rho_{\text{crit}}$$

$$Y_{\text{DM}} \propto \frac{M_{\text{Pl}} \Gamma_{Y \rightarrow X, \text{DM}}}{m_Y^2} \int_{x_{\text{min}}}^{x_{\text{max}}} dx x^3 K_1(x)$$

$$x \equiv \frac{m_Y}{T}$$

Boltzmann  
suppression

$$\lambda \sim 10^{-13} \underbrace{\sqrt{\frac{m_Y}{m_{\text{DM}}}}}_{\text{green}} \left( \underbrace{\frac{3\pi/2}{\int_{x_{\text{min}}}^{x_{\text{max}}} dx x^3 K_1(x)}}_{\text{blue}} \right)^{1/2}$$

(\*) Two choices to increase coupling to  $\sim 10^{-9}$

- Increase mass-ratio as much as possible
- Change production time lapse / cosmological history

(\*) Note that the “MATHUSLA” proposal could make it with much less ‘cooking’

# Option #1: Increasing mass-ratio

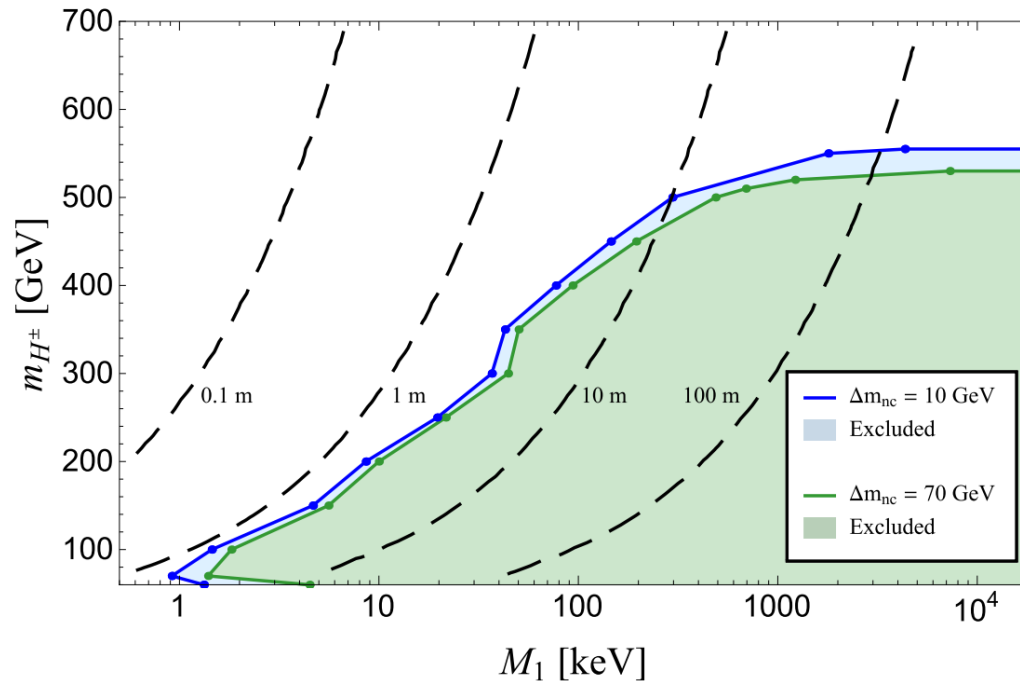
- Ex #1: Scotogenic FIMP [Hessler, Ibarra, Molinaro, Vogl, 1611.09540  
Molinaro, Yaguna, Zapata, 1405.1259  
Ma, hep-ph/0601226]

$$\mathcal{L} \supset \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + \mathcal{L}_{H_2} + \mathcal{L}_{N_i} + Y(\bar{\nu}_L \cdot H_2^0 - \ell_L \cdot H^+) N_i + \text{h.c.}$$

2<sup>nd</sup> Higgs doublet

3 fermionic singlets,  
lightest is DM }  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -odd

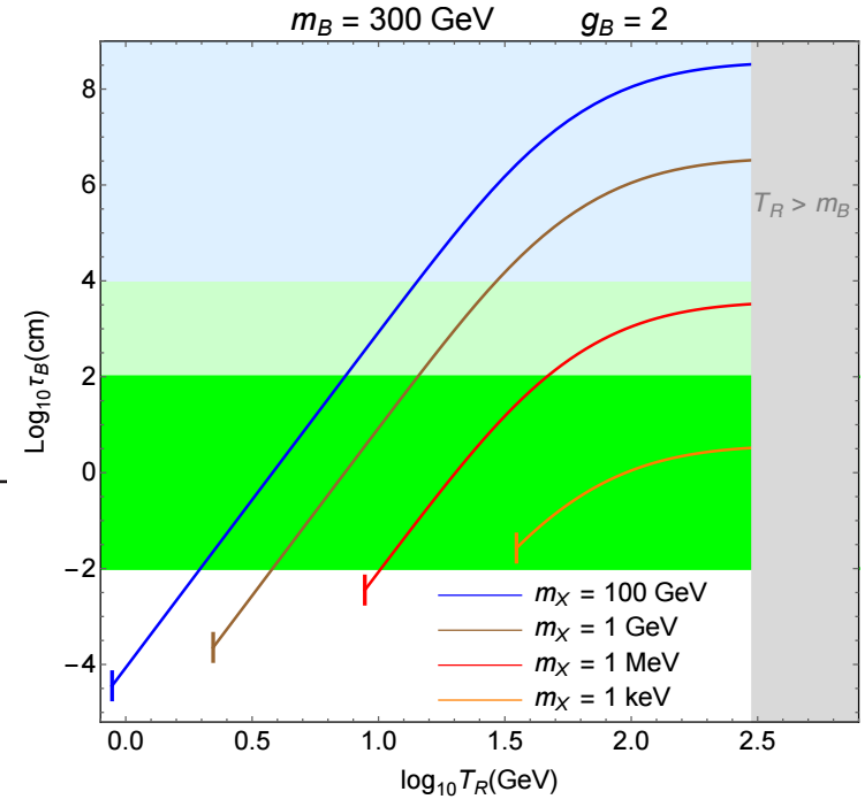
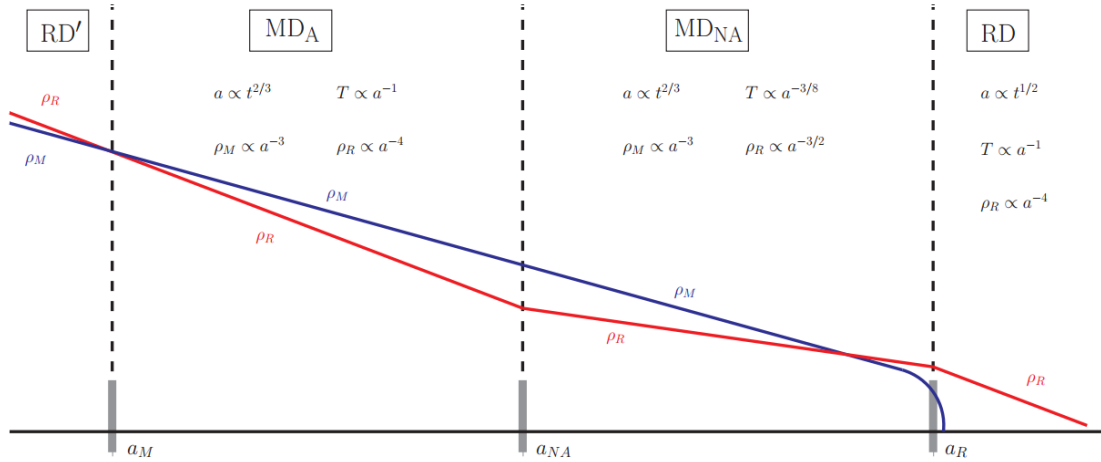
Topology: displaced leptons or detector-stable charged particles



e.g.  $M_{H^\pm} \gtrsim 400(200)$  GeV for  $m_{\text{DM}} = 100(10)$  keV

# Option #2: Modifying cosmological history

- Ex #2: Freeze-in in matter-dominated era [Co, D'Eramo, Hall, Pappadopulo, 1506.07532]



$$m_{\text{LLP}} > T_{\text{reheat}}^*$$

So coupling can be larger since a **second reheating** injects entropy which dilutes DM (non-minimal cosmological history)

not necessary... (work in progress)

| Shaded region | Decay length                                  | Signature from LOSP     | Neutral | Charged |
|---------------|---|-------------------------|---------|---------|
| Dark green    | $10^{-2} \text{cm} < \tau_B < 10^2 \text{cm}$ | Displaced vertices      | ✓       | ✓       |
| Light green   | $10^2 \text{cm} < \tau_B < 10^4 \text{cm}$    | Displaced jets/leptons  | ✓       | ✓       |
| Light blue    | $10^4 \text{cm} < \tau_B$                     | Stopped particle decays | X       | ✓       |

Table 1: Displaced Collider Signals



# Classification(i)

$$\mathcal{L} \supset g(Y \cdot b)\chi$$

$$g \ll 1$$

$Y$  : decaying particle

$b$  : SM particle

$\chi$  : DM candidate

Criteria:    i)  $SU(2)_L$  representation of  $b$             ii) spins of, say,  $\chi$  and  $Y$

1)  $b$  is a lepton singlet (thus  $Y$  is singlet)

e.g.  $\mathcal{L} \supset g E e_R \chi$     (probably the simplest implementation of  
LLP + freeze-in)

$$pp \rightarrow E^+ E^-$$

$$E^\pm \rightarrow e^\pm \chi$$

**Signal:** charged LLPs (e.g. displaced electron + MET)

2)  $b$  is a quark (singlet or doublet)

The lightest  $Y$  state (LLP) should hadronise (R-hadron)

**Signal:**  $R \rightarrow \text{jet} + \text{MET}$

# Classification(ii)

$$\mathcal{L} \supset g(Y \cdot b)\chi$$

3)  $b$  is a lepton doublet,  $\chi$  is a scalar

$$Y^0, Y^\pm \quad \Delta M_Y \sim 340 \text{ MeV}$$

$$Y^\pm \rightarrow Y^0 \pi^\pm \quad (\text{dominant})$$

$$Y^0 e^\pm \nu_e$$

$$\ell^\pm \chi \quad (\text{suppressed by } g)$$

$$Y^0 \rightarrow \chi \nu_\ell \quad \text{long-lived, yes, but invisible}$$

$$\tau_\pm \sim 25 \text{ cm}$$

**Signal:** charged tracks (but decay products very soft!)

Unrelated to freeze-in DM :(

4)  $b$  is a lepton doublet,  $\chi$  is a fermion

$$Y = (H^+, H^0 + iA^0)$$

- can mix with the SM Higgs in the scalar potential,
- $\Delta M_Y$  can have either sign

$$\Delta M_Y > 0 \quad | \quad \text{same pheno as before}$$

$$\Delta M_Y < 0 \quad | \quad Y^\pm \rightarrow \ell^\pm \chi \quad \text{only possible decay mode, LLP decaying to high pT lepton + MET}$$

Freeze-in DM produced by slow decays of  $Y^\pm$  and  $Y^0$

# Classification(iii)

$$\mathcal{L} \supset g(Y \cdot b)\chi$$

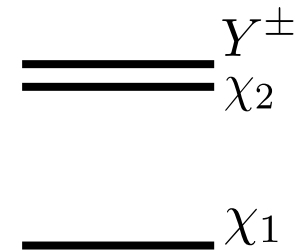
5)  $b$  is the SM Higgs,  $\chi$  is a fermion ( $\sim$  higgsino-bino)

$\chi$  and  $Y^0$  mix (very little) after EW symmetry breaking

|                             |                                  |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| $pp \rightarrow Y^+ Y^-$    | $Y^\pm \rightarrow W^\pm \chi_2$ |
| $\rightarrow Y^\pm \chi_2$  | $\chi_2 \rightarrow h \chi_1$    |
| $\rightarrow \chi_2 \chi_2$ | $\rightarrow Z \chi_1$           |

$$\sin \theta = \frac{gv}{m_{Y^0}}$$

Spectrum:



Neutral LLP decaying to MET +  $b\bar{b}, jj, \ell^+ \ell^-$

6)  $b$  is the SM Higgs,  $\chi$  is a scalar ( $Y$  also scalar)

|                  |                                |             |
|------------------|--------------------------------|-------------|
| $\Delta M_Y > 0$ | $Y^0 \rightarrow (h, Z)\chi$   | Neutral LLP |
| $\Delta M_Y < 0$ | $Y^\pm \rightarrow W^\pm \chi$ | Charged LLP |

Other search strategies

# Direct Detection of FIMPs

At first sight hopeless, but...

$$\sigma_{\chi e}(q) = \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{g_{\text{SM}}^2 g_{\text{DM}}^2 \mu_{\chi e}^2}{(M^2 + q^2)^2}$$

(scattering off electrons bounded in atoms)

If  $M^2 \ll q^2$ :

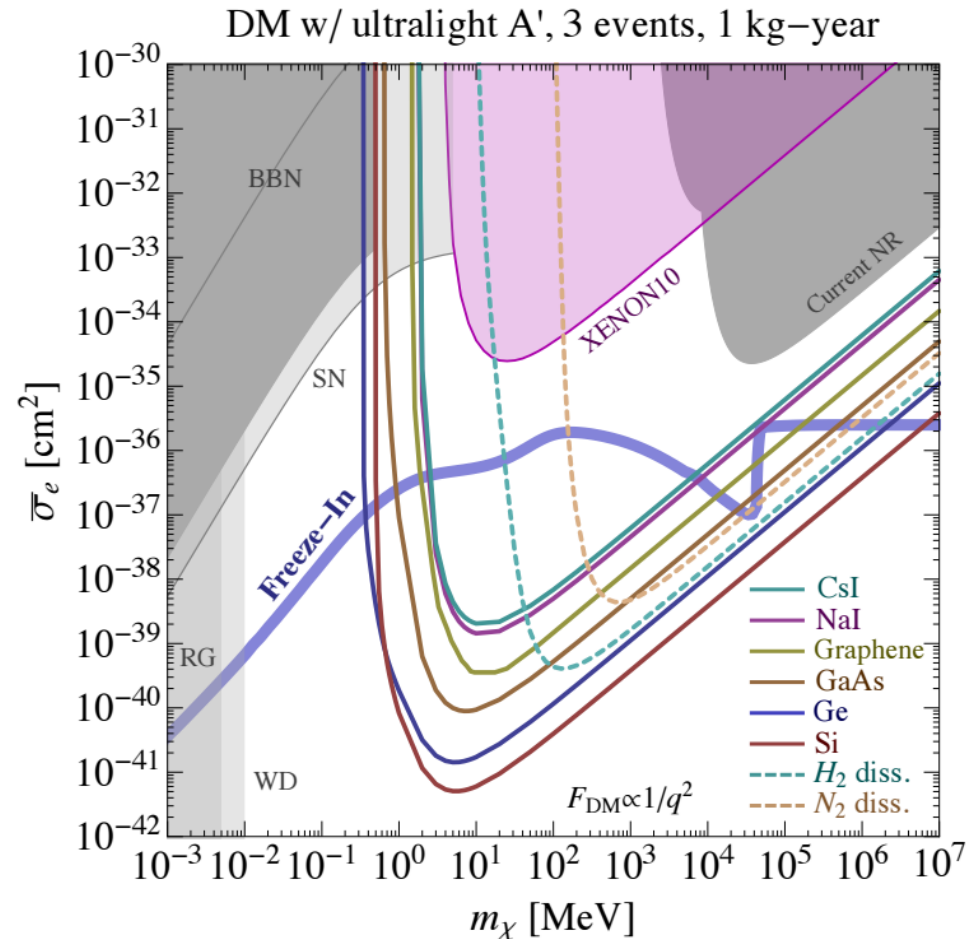
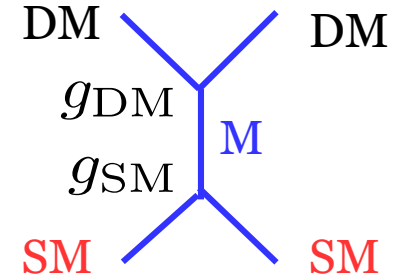
$$\sigma_{\chi e}(q) \approx \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{g_{\text{SM}}^2 g_{\text{DM}}^2 \mu_{\chi e}^2}{q^4}$$

$q$  can be sufficiently small to compensate the smallness of the couplings

Essig, Mardon, Volansky, 1108.5383

Reminder:

$$g_{\text{DM}} g_{\text{SM}} \sim 10^{-12}$$



Dark Sectors 2016, 1608.08632

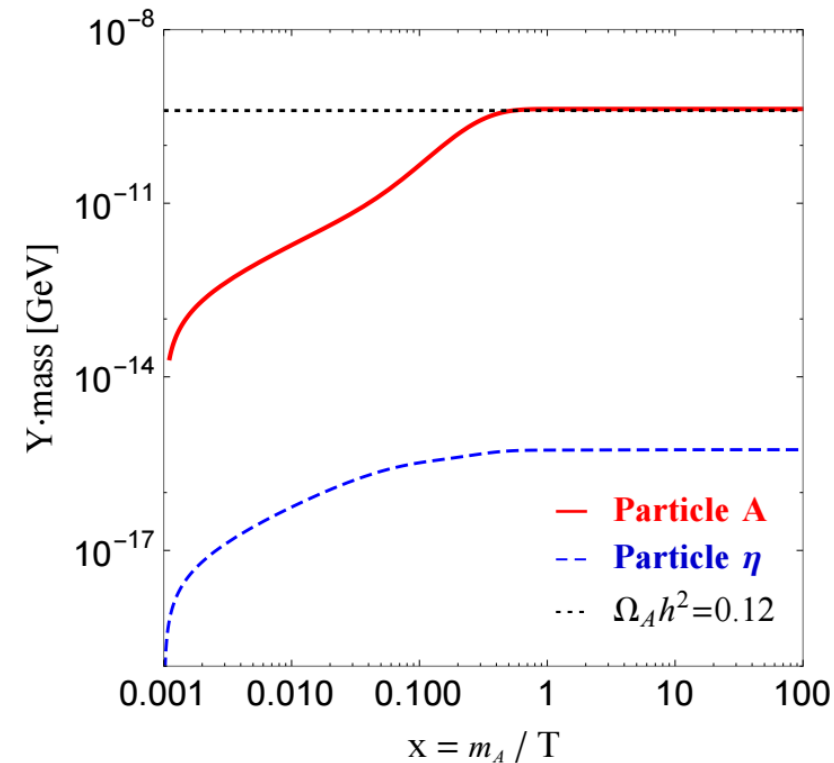
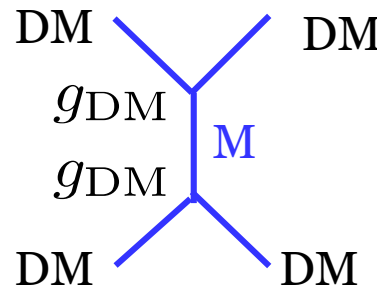
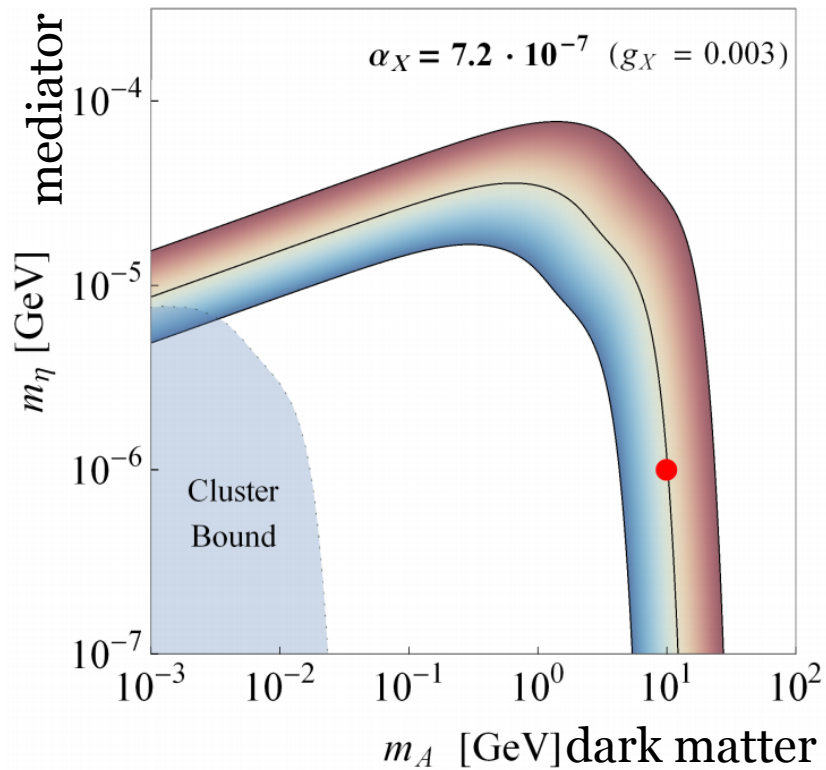
# Self-Interactions of FIMPs

Bernal, Chu, Garcia-Cely, Hambye, Zaldivar, 1510.08063

\*Self.Int.DM as mechanism to solve small-scale problems of CDM

a)  $0.2 \text{ b/GeV} \lesssim \sigma/m \lesssim 20 \text{ b/GeV}$   
 (simulations)  
 Galactic scales,  $v \sim 10 \text{ km/s}$

b)  $\sigma/m \lesssim \mathcal{O}(2 \text{ b/GeV})$   
 (observations, Gravit. Lensing)  
 Cluster scales,  $v \sim 1000 \text{ km/s}$



# Conclusions

- FIMP dark matter has **much richer** phenomenology than naïve expectations
- FIMPs are a natural (and feasible) interpretation of LLP searches at the LHC

Thanks!