

# Self-Interacting Vector Dark Matter Via Freeze-In

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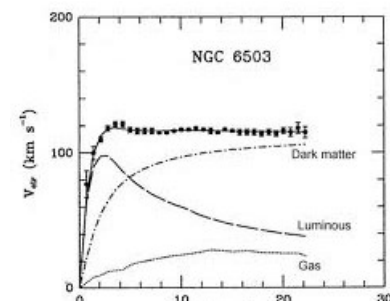
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# Motivation

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

- Rotation Curves of Spiral Galaxies

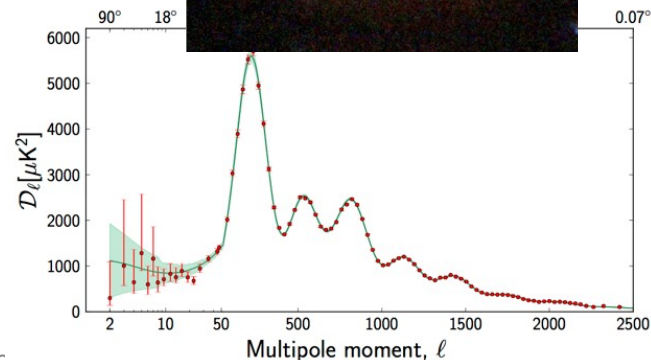
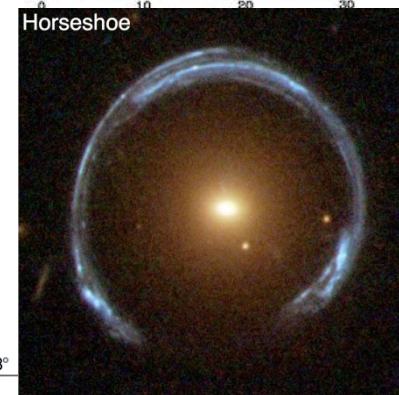
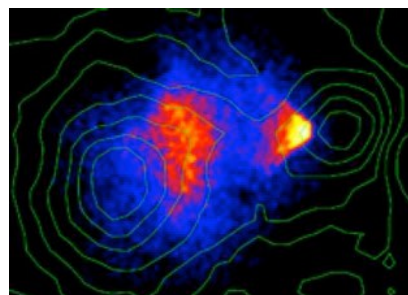
Babcock, 1939, Bosma, 1978; Rubin & Ford, 1980



- Gravitational Lensing

- CMB Planck Collaboration, 2015

- Bullet Clusters



But , they are all **gravitational**

# 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  **$< 100 \text{ MeV}$** .

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

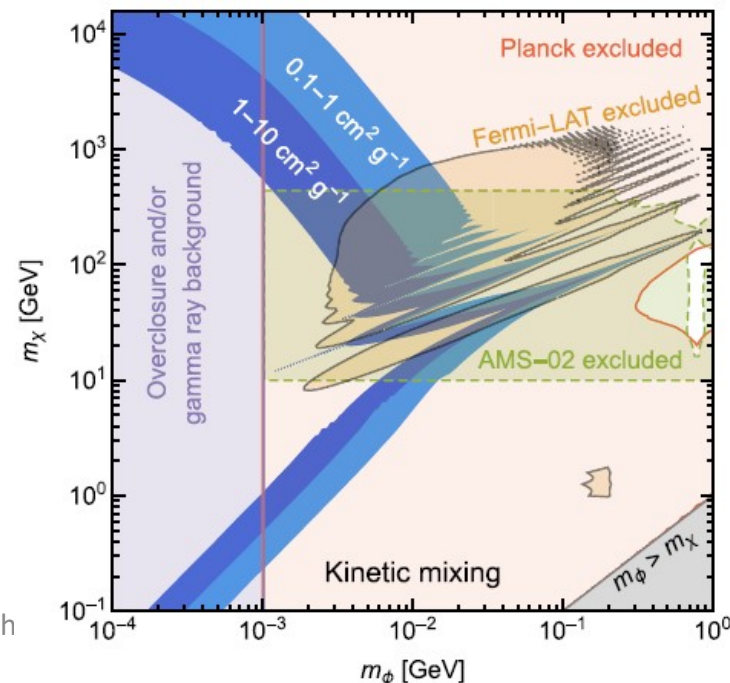
- Advantage: Velocity-Dependent Xection, so it is easy for dwarf signal ( $v \sim 30 \text{ km/s}$ ) to avoid the cluster constraints ( $v \sim 1000 \text{ km/s}$ )

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



# 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

M. Duch, B. Grzadkowski and M. McGarrie, 2015

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

●  $S$ : 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

# Vector DM Model

➤ Dark Sector Lagrangian:

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

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

$\kappa$  : 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:  $\begin{pmatrix} \phi_H \\ \phi_S \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} c_\theta & -s_\theta \\ s_\theta & c_\theta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} h_1 \\ h_2 \end{pmatrix}$

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

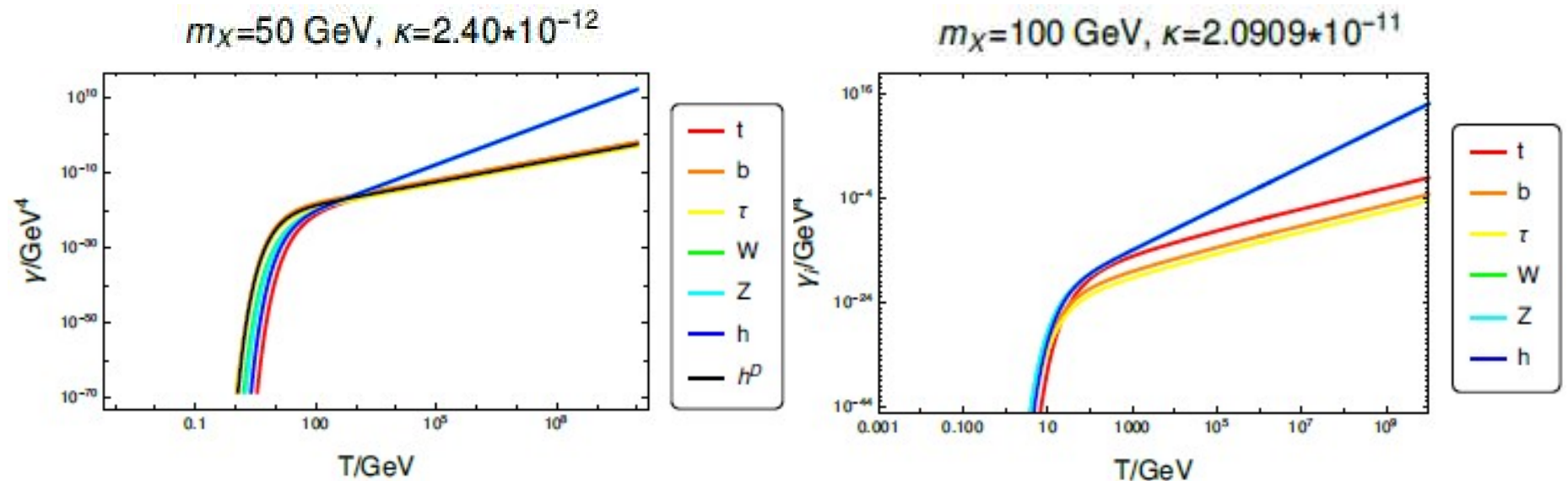
● Parameters:  $(m_X, m_{h_2}, \kappa, g_X)_{\text{est}}$

# Freeze-In Mechanism

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

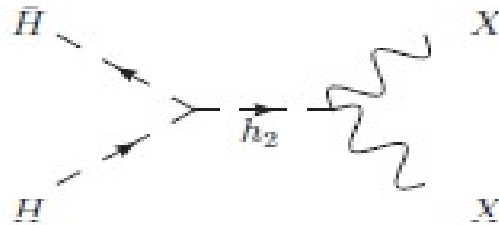
$$xHs \frac{dY_X}{dx} = \sum_f \gamma_f + \gamma_W + \gamma_h + \gamma_Z + \gamma_h^D.$$

Note that all  $\gamma$ 's are proportional to  $\kappa$



# Freeze-In Mechanism

- At high temperature  $T > T_{EW} = 160 \text{ GeV}$ , the SM gauge symmetry is recovered, so only the SM Higgs doublet annihilations ( $H\bar{H} \rightarrow XX$ ) contribute



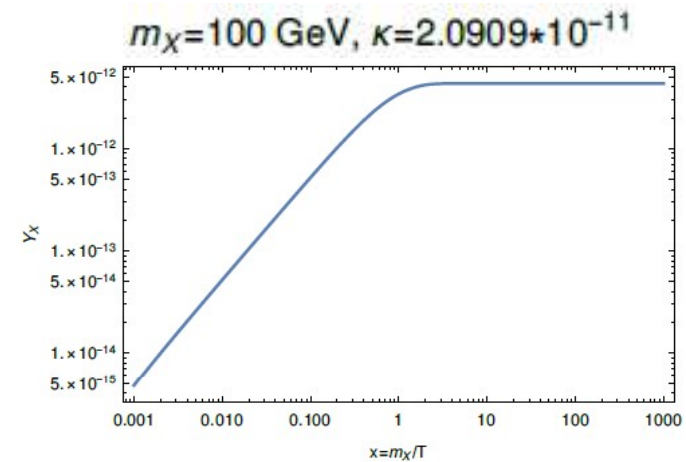
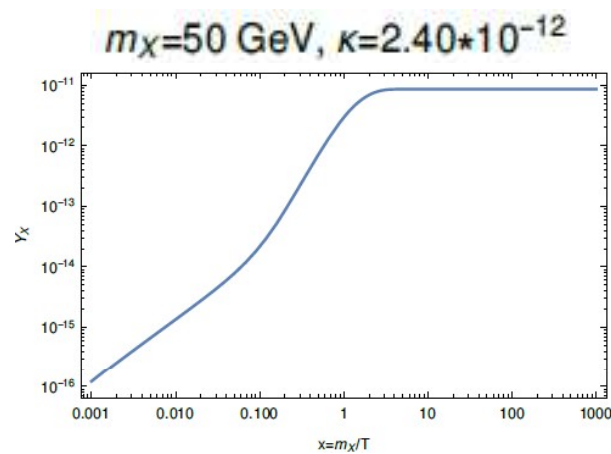
- Boltzmann Equation for Freeze-In is changed to

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

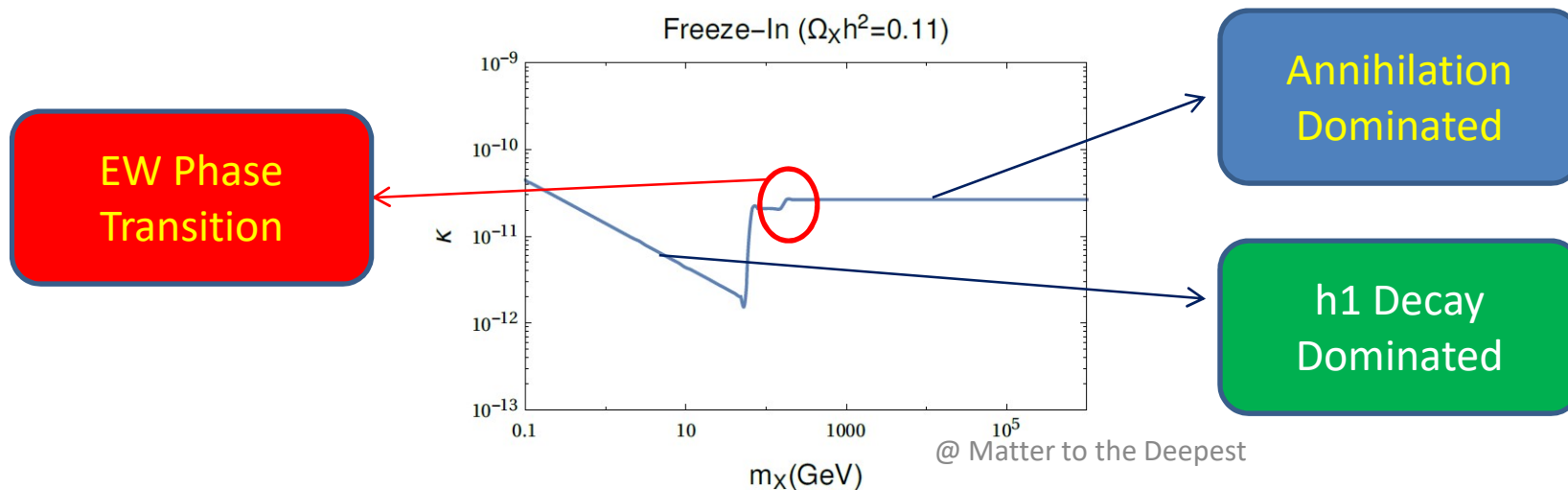
- The EW phase transition effect is important for DM with its mass greater than  $T_{EW}$ .

# Freeze-In Mechanism

## ➤ Solution to Boltzmann Equations



## ➤ Parameter Space



# 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  $k = \mu v$

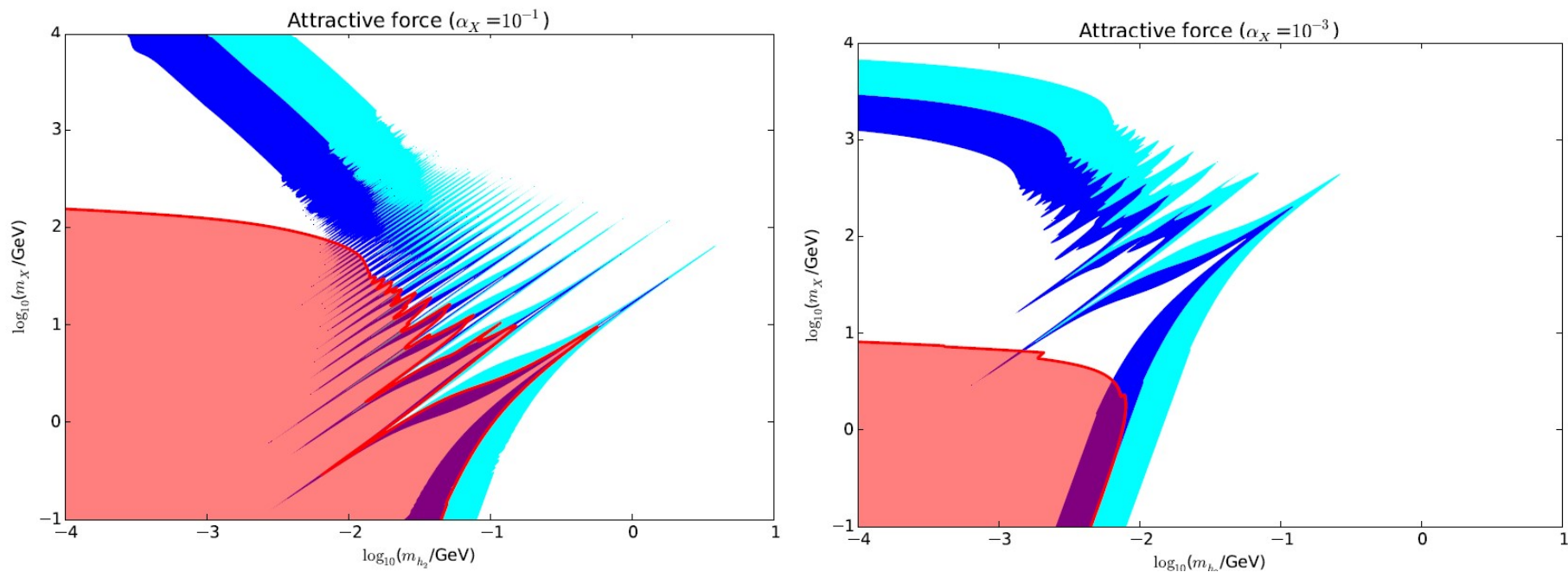
# DM Self-Interactions

## ➤ 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



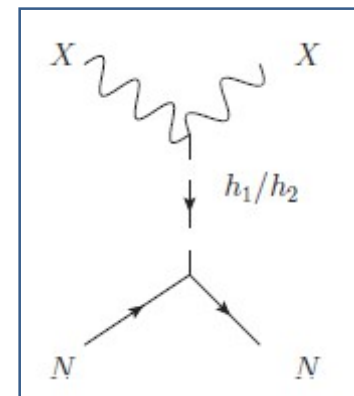


# DM Direct Detection

➤ Process:  $XN \rightarrow XN$

➤ Total Cross Section

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



➤ Differential Cross Section

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

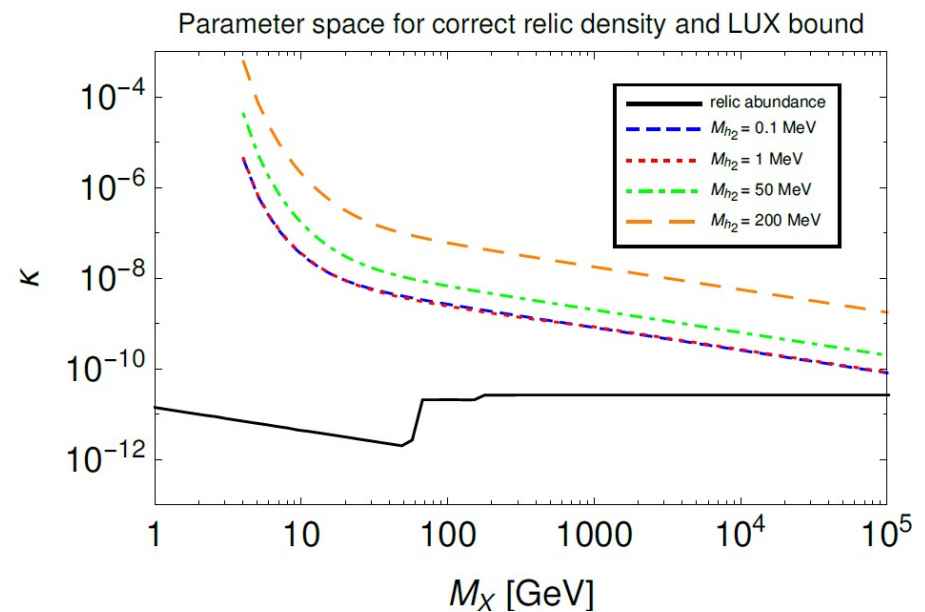
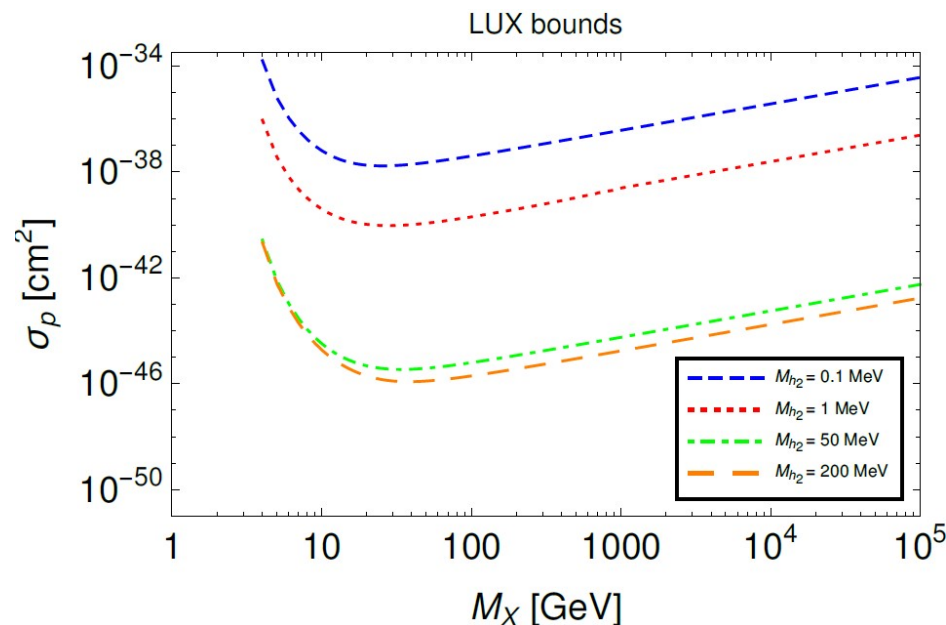
where

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

# 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

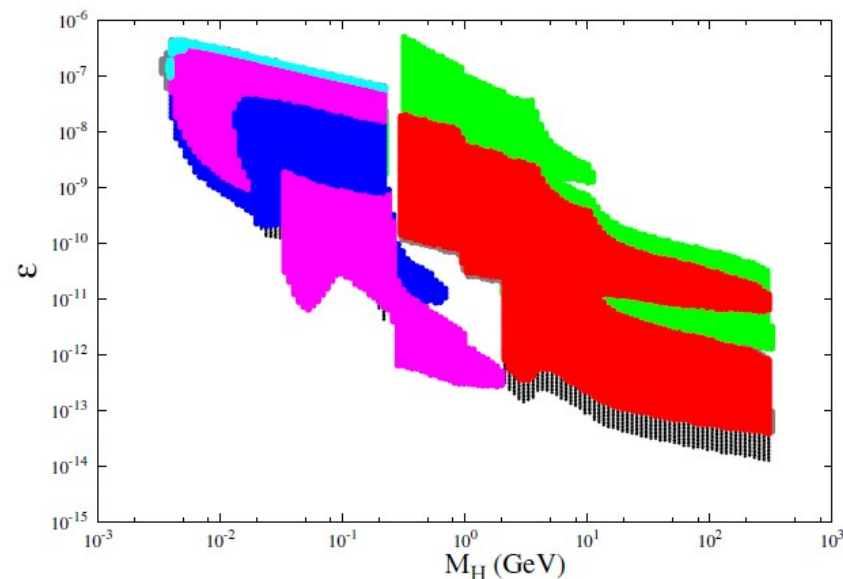
➤ For DM indirect detection, we use the data from **BBN**, **Fermi-LAT dwarf** galaxy gamma-ray observation, **AMS-02  $e^+e^-$** , and recent Planck data on the **CMB power spectrum**

➤ 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:  $10^4 \text{ s} < t_{h2} < 10^{12} \text{ s}$

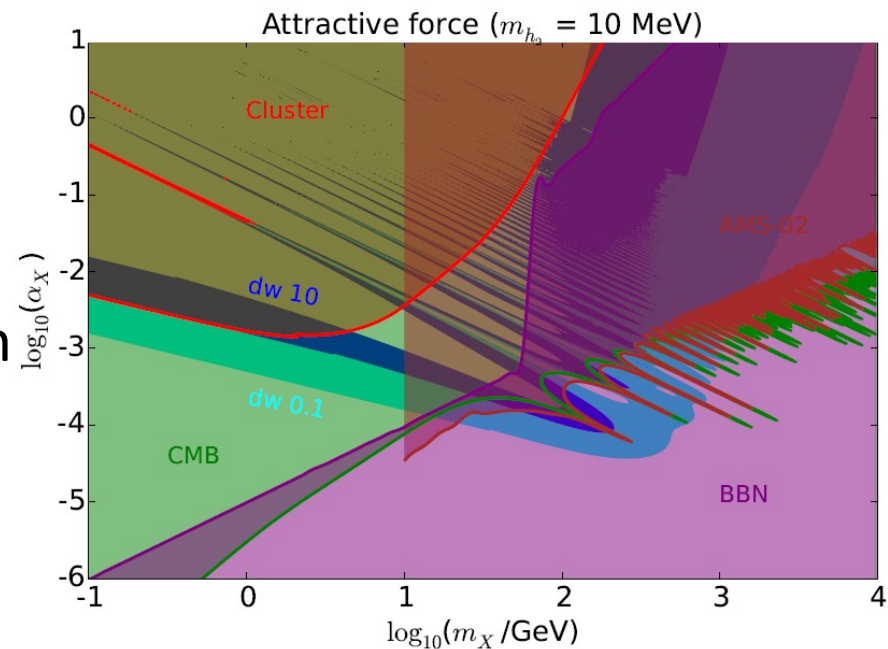
◆ Constraints: Cluster, BBN, AMS-02, CMB.

➤ AMS-02 and CMB constrain the DM annihilations:

$$X X \rightarrow h2 h2$$

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

➤ All the parameter space is excluded



# Numerical Result

➤  $m_{h_2} < 1 \text{ MeV}$

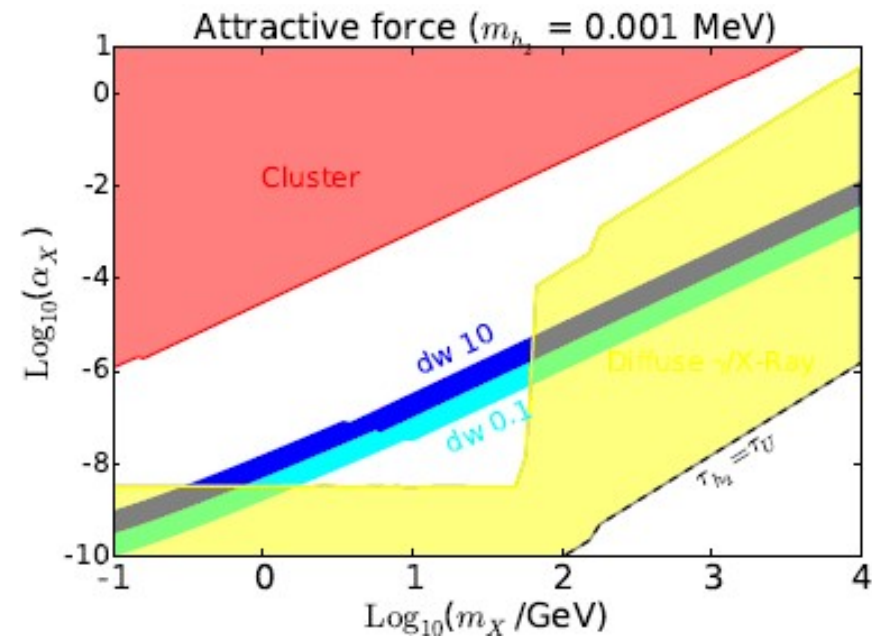
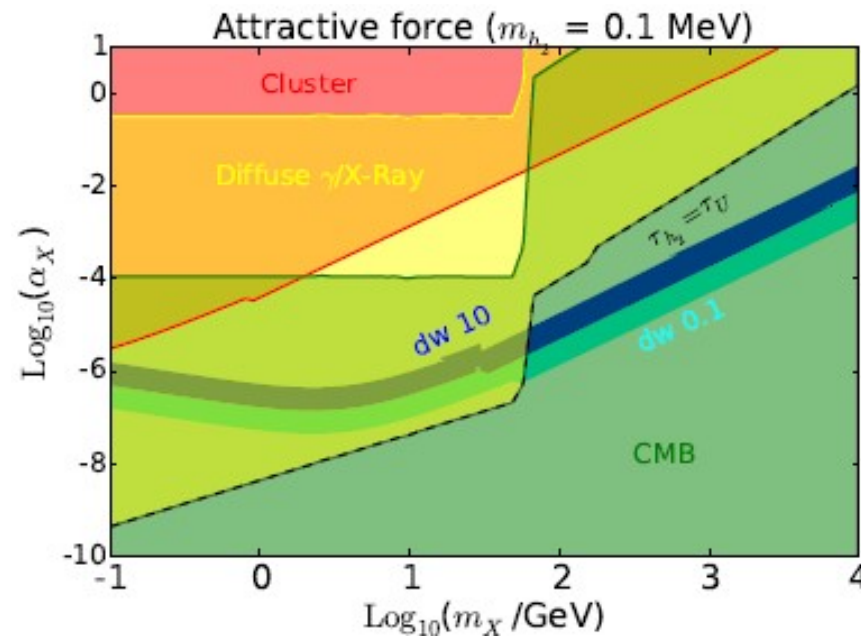
◆ Dominant Decay Channel: **diphotons**

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

◆ 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

## Summary

- The VDM model via the Higgs portal is investigated, and we find that **EWPT** plays an important 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  $O(\text{keV})$

**THANKS FOR YOUR ATTENTION!**

# BACK-UP SLIDES



# DM Indirect Detection

- DM ID strongly depends on the properties of  $h_2$
- $h_2$  lifetime

