

# Composite dark matter and the role of lattice field theory

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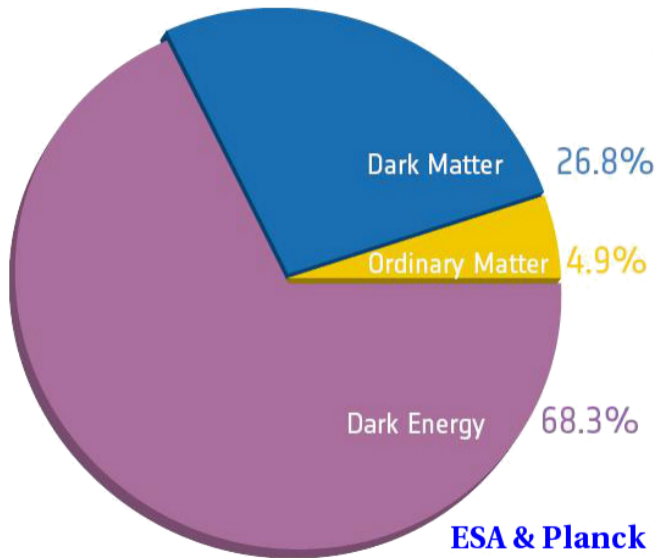
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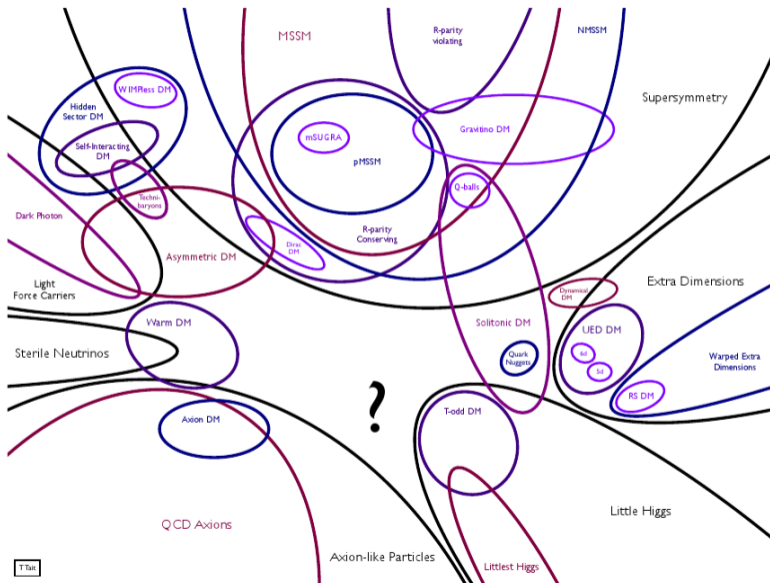
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with the [Lattice Strong Dynamics Collaboration](#)



## Dark matter — we observe it...



...we don't yet know what it is



Talk

# Overview and plan

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Lattice field theory is needed  
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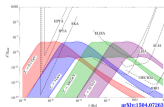
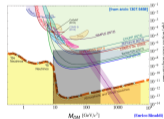
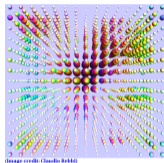
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**What:** Recent, ongoing & planned work

Direct detection experiments

Gravitational-wave observatories

Collider experiments, galactic sub-structure, ...



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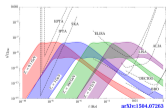
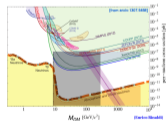
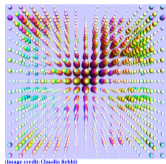
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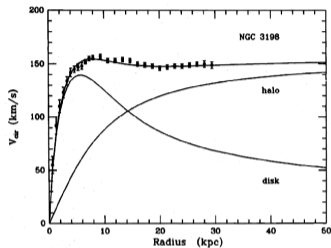
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# Gravitational evidence for dark matter

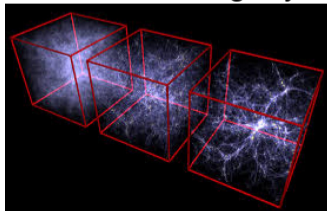
**Rotation**  $\sim 10^3\text{--}10^6$  light-years



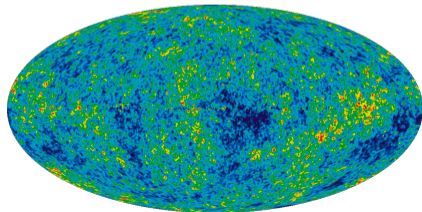
**Lensing**  $\sim 10^6$  light-years



**Structure**  $\sim 10^9$  light-years



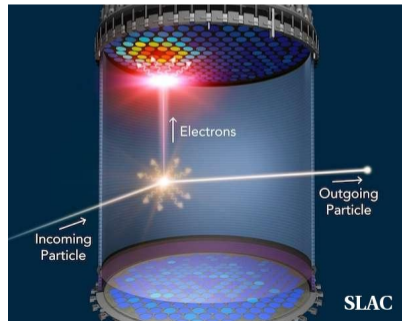
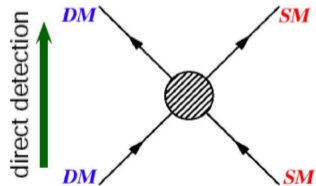
**Cosmic background**  $\sim 10^{10}$  ly



# Non-gravitational dark matter interactions

## Three search strategies

### Direct scattering in underground detectors

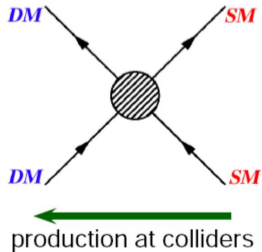


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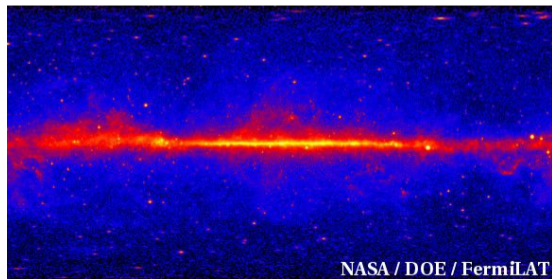
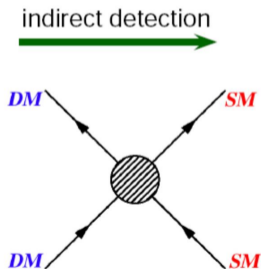
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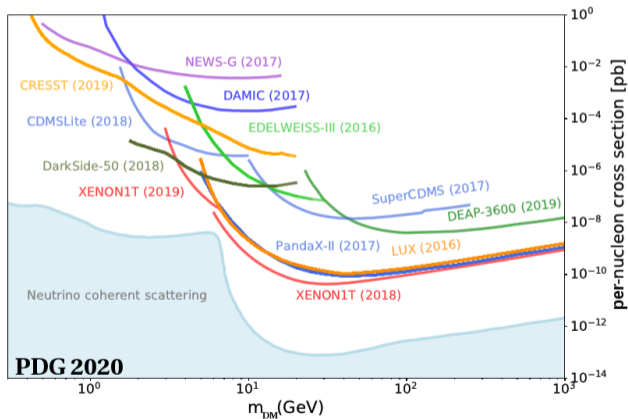
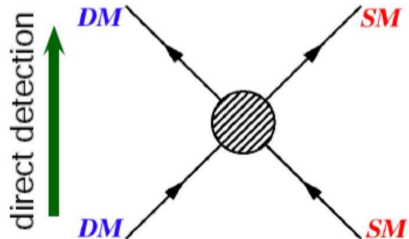
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**Indirect** annihilation into cosmic rays



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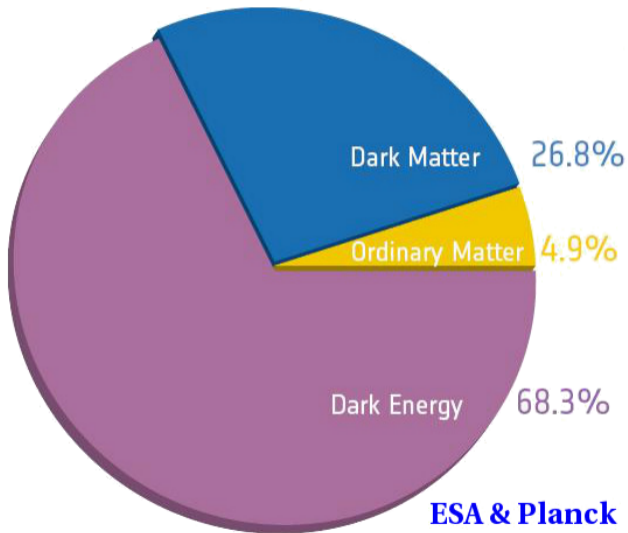
No clear signals so far



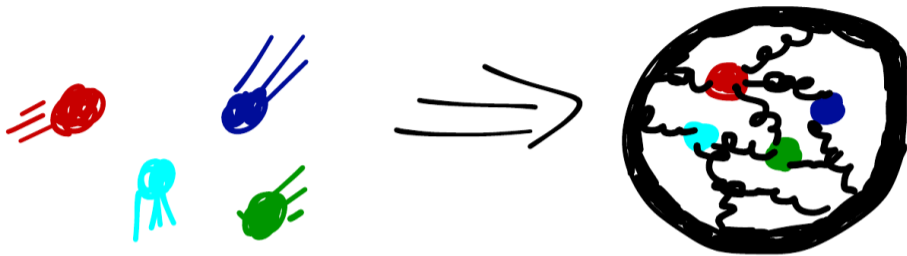
# Why we expect non-gravitational interactions

$$\frac{\Omega_{\text{dark}}}{\Omega_{\text{ordinary}}} \approx 5 \quad \dots \text{not } 10^5 \text{ or } 10^{-5}$$

Explained by non-gravitational interactions in the early universe



# Composite dark matter



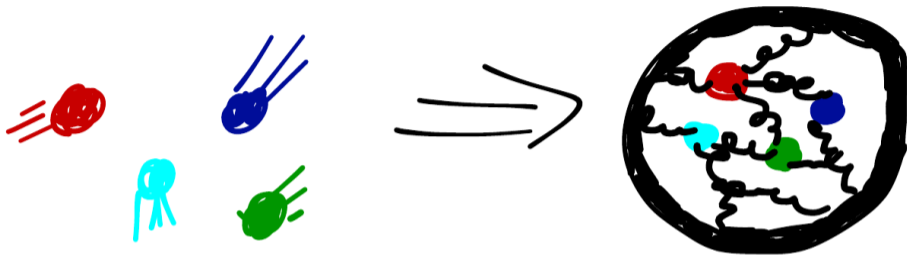
## Early universe

Deconfined charged fermions  $\rightarrow$  explain relic density

## Present day

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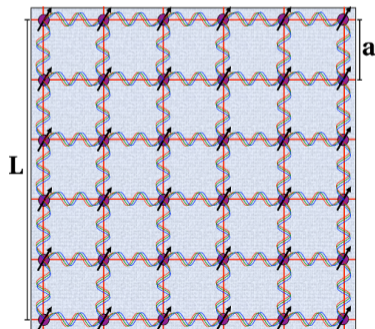
Interact via charged constituents

$\rightarrow$  need **lattice calculations** for quantitative predictions

## Lattice field theory in a nutshell

Formally  $\langle \mathcal{O} \rangle = \frac{1}{Z} \int \mathcal{D}\Phi \mathcal{O}(\Phi) e^{-S[\Phi]}$

Regularize by formulating theory in finite, discrete, euclidean space-time  
← Gauge invariant, non-perturbative, 4-dimensional



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Spacing between lattice sites (“ $a$ ”)  
→ UV cutoff scale  $1/a$

Remove cutoff:  $a \rightarrow 0$  ( $L/a \rightarrow \infty$ )

Hypercubic → Poincaré symmetries ✓

# Numerical lattice field theory calculations

High-performance computing  $\longrightarrow$  evaluate up to  $\sim$ billion-dimensional integrals  
(Dirac operator as  $\sim 10^9 \times 10^9$  matrix)

Results to be shown, and work in progress, require state-of-the-art resources

Many thanks to national labs, USQCD-DOE, and computing centres!



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USQCD @Fermilab



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Lattice calculation requires specific theory  $\longleftrightarrow$  lattice action  $S[\Phi]$

Our strategy aims to gain generic insights into composite dark matter

# Lattice Strong Dynamics Collaboration

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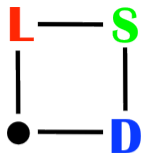
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Exploring the range of possible phenomena in strongly coupled field theories

# Direct detection of composite dark matter

Charged constituents  $\rightarrow$  **form factors**  $\rightarrow$  experimental signals

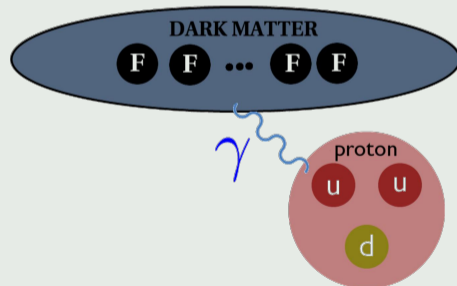
## Photon exchange from electromagnetic form factors

Effective interactions suppressed by powers of dark matter mass

$$\text{Magnetic moment} \sim \frac{1}{M_{DM}}$$

$$\text{Charge radius} \sim \frac{1}{M_{DM}^2}$$

$$\text{Polarizability} \sim \frac{1}{M_{DM}^3}$$

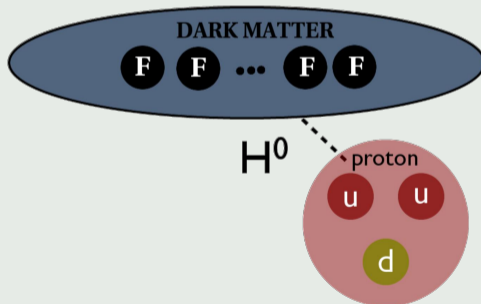


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Higgs exchange from scalar form factor

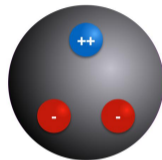
Can dominate cross section... **if**  $F$  mass comes from Higgs



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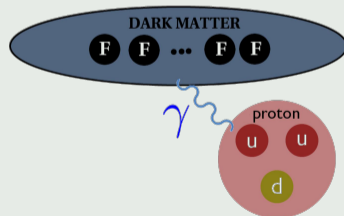
Simple first case: Dark matter as a “more-neutral neutron”  
SU(3) with weak singlets  $\longrightarrow$  no Higgs-exchange interaction



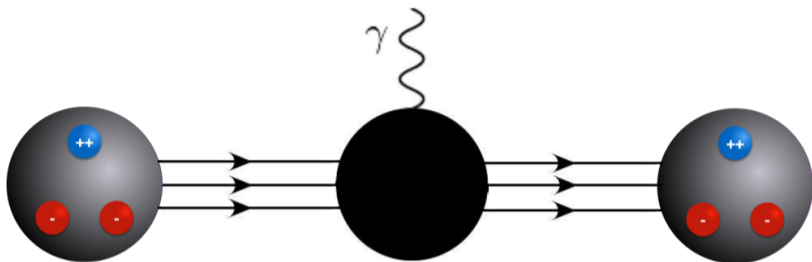
Investigate leading photon-exchange contributions

$$\text{Magnetic moment} \sim \frac{1}{M_{DM}}$$

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## Magnetic moment and charge radius



$$\langle DM(p') | \Gamma_\mu(q^2) | DM(p) \rangle \sim F_1(q^2) \gamma_\mu + F_2(q^2) \frac{i\sigma_{\mu\nu} q^\nu}{2M_{DM}}, \quad q = p' - p$$

**Electric charge:**  $F_1(0) = 0$

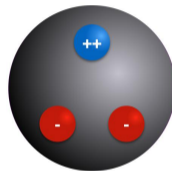
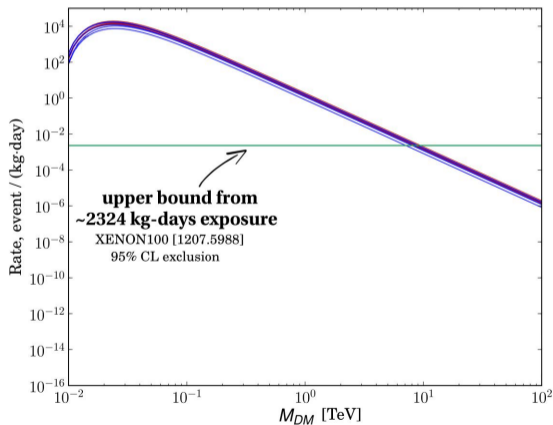
**Magnetic moment:**  $F_2(0)$

**Charge radius:**  $\langle r_E^2 \rangle = -6 \left. \frac{dF_1(q^2)}{dq^2} \right|_{q^2=0} + \frac{3F_2(0)}{2M_{DM}^2}$

# Resulting direct detection constraints

Lattice calculations of magnetic moment and charge radius

→ event rate vs. dark matter mass



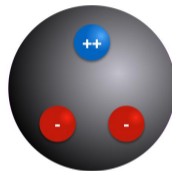
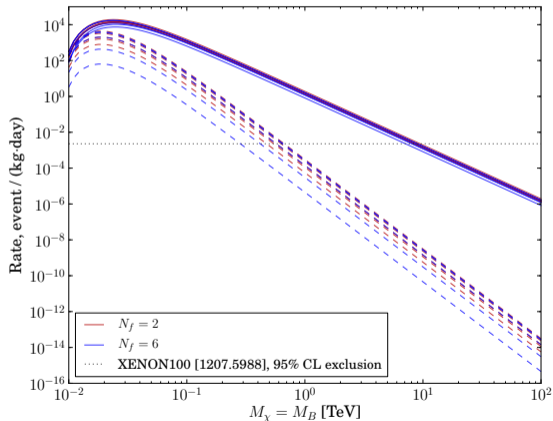
XENON100 →  $M_B \gtrsim 10$  TeV

XENON1T →  $M_B \gtrsim 30$  TeV [[1805.12562](#)]

Little effect from varying model params

# Magnetic moment dominates event rate

Dashed charge radius contributions suppressed  $\sim 1/M_{DM}^2$



Can change symmetries to forbid both magnetic moment and charge radius

→ More interesting second case:  
'Stealth Dark Matter'

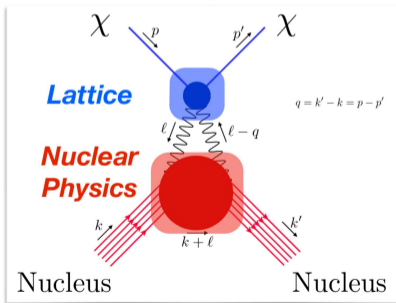
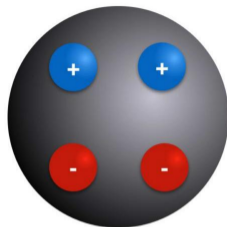


# SU(4) Stealth Dark Matter

Fermions now include weak doublet & singlets

Scalar 'baryon'  $\rightarrow$  no magnetic moment  $\checkmark$

+/- charge symmetry  $\rightarrow$  no charge radius  $\checkmark$



(Tiny) Coupling to Higgs needed for nucleosynthesis

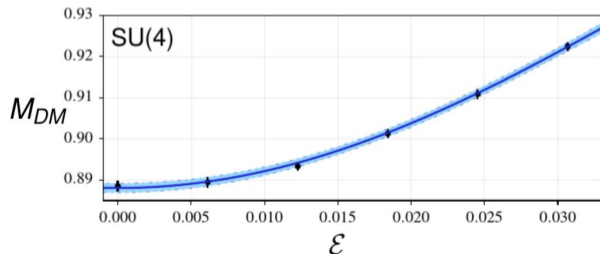
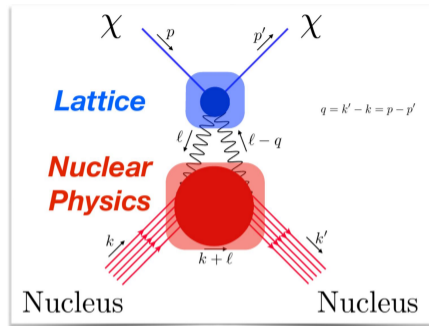
**Polarizability**  $\sim 1/M_{DM}^3$  dominates direct detection

$\rightarrow$  Unavoidable lower bound  
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# Polarizability of Stealth Dark Matter

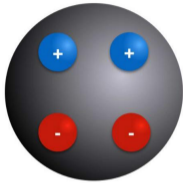
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Nuclear physics very complicated  
with large uncertainties



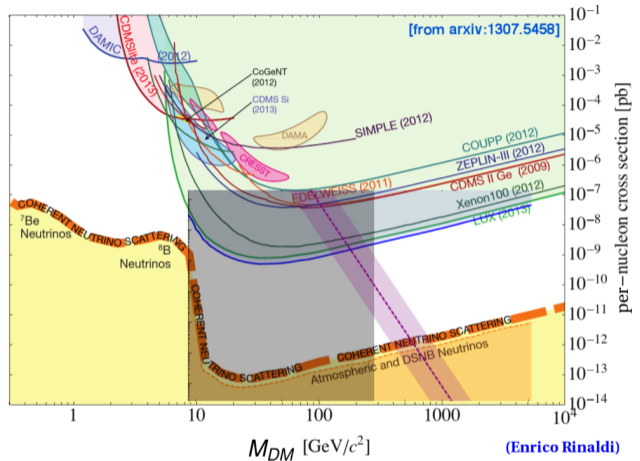
Polarizability is dependence  
of lattice  $M_{DM}$  on external field  $\epsilon$

# Lower bound on direct detection



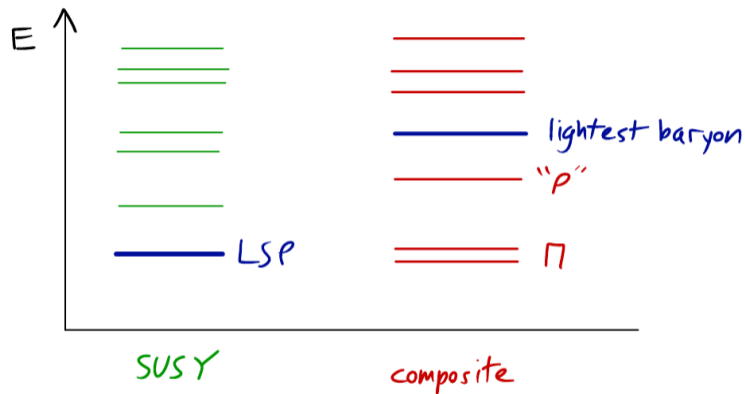
Results specific  
to Xenon detectors

Uncertainty dominated  
by Xenon nuclear physics



Shaded region is complementary constraint from particle colliders

## Collider constraints



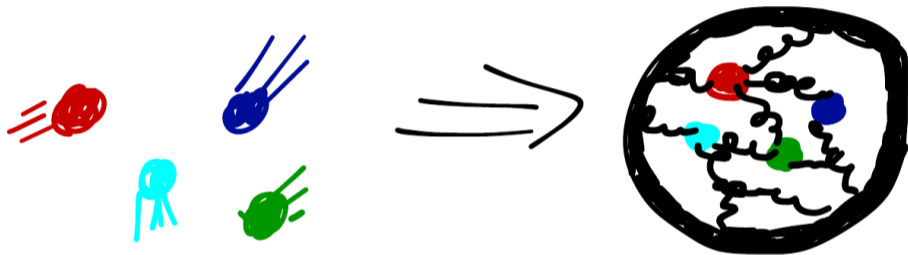
Dark baryon not lightest  
composite particle

'Missing energy' searches  
inefficient

Collider constraints from lighter **charged** 'Π' plus lattice calculation of  $M_{DM}/M_{\Pi}$

# Gravitational waves

Gravitational-wave observatories opening new window on cosmology



First-order confinement transition  $\longrightarrow$  stochastic background of grav. waves

$\implies$  Lattice studies of Stealth Dark Matter phase transition

# Stealth Dark Matter phase diagram

arXiv:2006.16429

Pure-gauge transition is first order

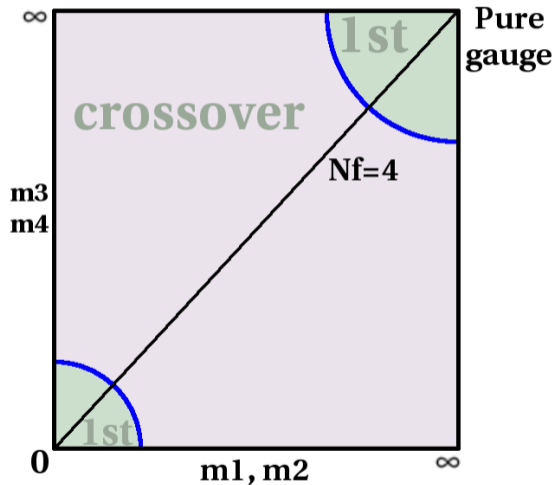
Becomes stronger as  $N$  increases

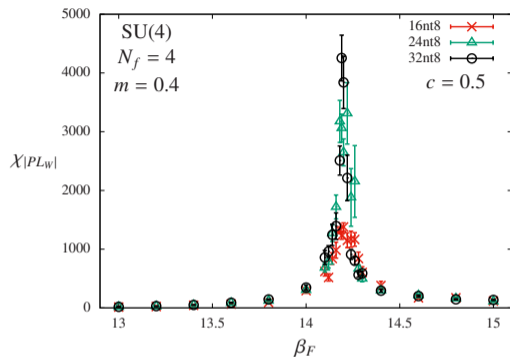
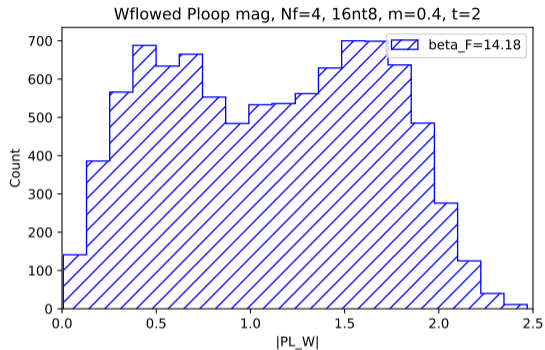
First-order transition persists  
for sufficiently heavy fermions

$$\rightarrow M_P/M_V \gtrsim 0.9$$

Form factor calculations considered

$$0.55 \leq M_P/M_V \leq 0.77$$





**Left:** Phase coexistence in Polyakov loop magnitude histogram

**Right:** Volume scaling of Polyakov loop susceptibility

# From first-order transition to gravitational wave signal

First-order transition  $\rightarrow$  gravitational wave background will be produced

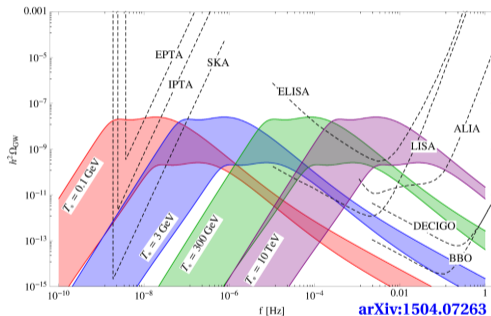
## Four key parameters

Transition temperature  $T_* \lesssim T_c$

Vacuum energy fraction from **latent heat**

Bubble nucleation rate (transition duration)

Bubble wall speed



Low frequencies require space-based observatories or pulsar timing arrays



## Work in progress: Latent heat $\Delta\epsilon$

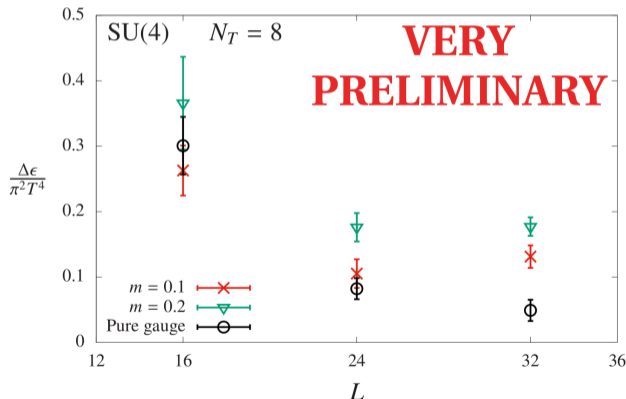
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Vacuum energy fraction

$$\alpha \approx \frac{30}{4N(N^2 - 1)} \frac{\Delta\epsilon}{\pi^2 T_*^4}$$

Latent heat  $\Delta\epsilon$

is change in energy density  
at transition



## Work in progress: Density of states

Markov-chain importance sampling can struggle at first-order transition:  
difficult to tunnel between coexisting phases

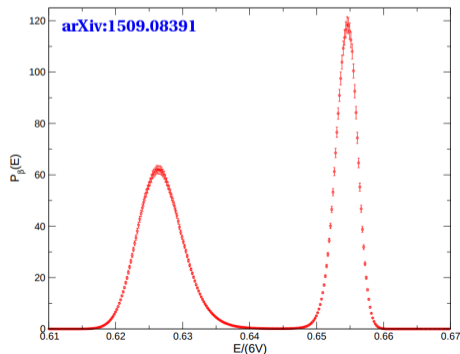
'LLR' generalization of Landau–Wang algorithm

→ continuous density of states  $\rho(E)$  with exponential error suppression

$$\langle \mathcal{O} \rangle = \frac{1}{\mathcal{Z}} \int \mathcal{D}\Phi \mathcal{O}(\Phi) e^{-S[\Phi]}$$
$$\rightarrow \frac{1}{\mathcal{Z}} \int dE \mathcal{O}(E) \rho(E) e^{-E}$$

Work by Felix Springer

SU(4) code developed, analyses underway



# Recapitulation and outlook

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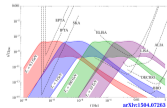
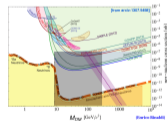
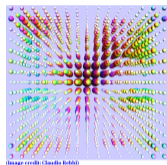
Form factors for direct detection

→ Stealth Dark Matter setting lower bound

First-order early-universe transition

→ gravitational waves depending on latent heat etc.

And more: Collider experiments; galactic sub-structure;  
indirect detection; relic abundance; ...



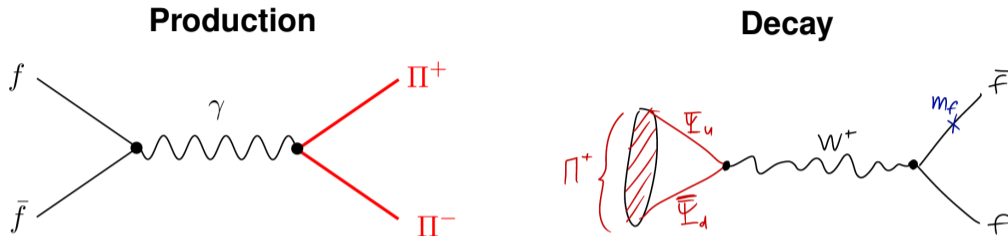
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Funding and computing resources

UK Research  
and Innovation





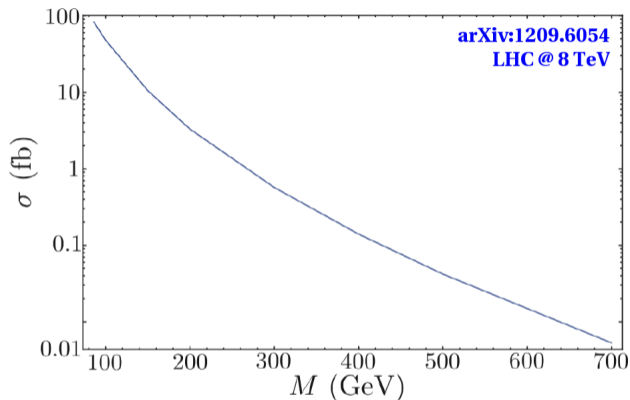
“Particularly tricky” at the LHC

Published bounds  $M_\Pi \gtrsim 130$  GeV similar to  $M_\Pi \gtrsim 100$  GeV from LEP

[ATLAS-CONF-2020-051 reports  $M_\Pi \gtrsim 340$  GeV for lifetimes  $\sim 0.1$  ns]

More form factors to compute:  $F_1(4M_\Pi^2)$  for  $\Pi$  and decay constant  $F_\Pi$

# Form factors for collider searches



$\Pi$  pair production cross section

Integrate over proton parton dist.,  
here setting  $F_1(4M_\Pi^2) = 1$

For  $M_\Pi \gtrsim 200$  GeV, LHC can search for  $\Pi^+\Pi^- \longrightarrow t\bar{b} + \bar{t}b$

in addition to  $\tau^+\tau^- + \cancel{E_T}$

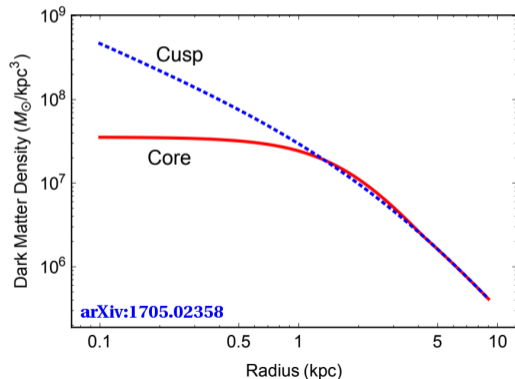
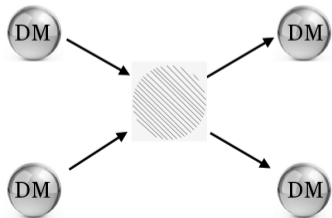
# Supplement: Self-interactions and ‘small-scale’ structure

## Astrophysical observations vs. collisionless dark matter

### Persistent discrepancies on galactic scales

[“core vs. cusp”; “too big to fail”; “missing satellites”; “diversity” — Review: [arXiv:1705.02358](https://arxiv.org/abs/1705.02358)]

Can be addressed by  
dark matter self-interactions

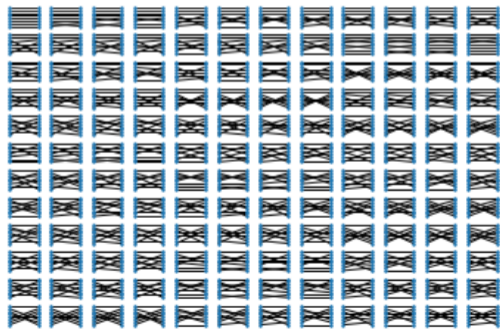
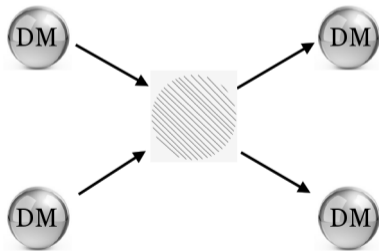


## Baryon–baryon scattering work in progress

$2 \times 4$  fermions  $\times$  SU(4) gauge group  $\longrightarrow$  proliferation of contractions

[comparable to QCD triton or He nucleus]

Work in progress to apply state-of-the-art stochastic LapH methods



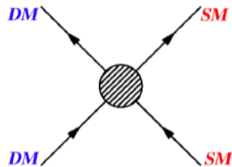
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(Chris Culver)



## Backup: Thermal freeze-out for relic density

Requires non-gravitational interactions with known particles



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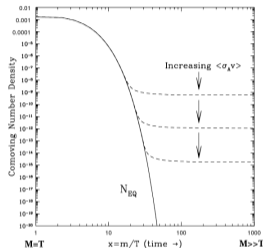
$DM \longrightarrow SM$  for  $T \lesssim M_{DM}$   
 $\implies$  rapid depletion of  $\Omega_{DM}$

Hubble expansion  
 $\implies$  dilution  $\longrightarrow$  freeze-out

$2 \rightarrow 2$  scattering relates coupling and mass,  $200\alpha \sim \frac{M_{DM}}{100 \text{ GeV}}$

Strong  $\alpha \sim 16 \longrightarrow$  'natural' mass scale  $M_{DM} \sim 300 \text{ TeV}$

Smaller  $M_{DM} \gtrsim 1 \text{ TeV}$  possible from  $2 \rightarrow n$  scattering or asymmetry



## Backup: Two roads to natural asymmetric dark matter

**Idea:** Dark matter relic density related to baryon asymmetry

$$\begin{aligned}\Omega_D &\approx 5\Omega_B \\ \implies M_D n_D &\approx 5M_B n_B\end{aligned}$$

$$n_D \sim n_B \implies M_D \sim 5M_B \approx 5 \text{ GeV}$$

High-dim. interactions relate baryon# and DM# violation

$$M_D \gg M_B \implies n_B \gg n_D \sim \exp[-M_D/T_s] \quad T_s \sim 200 \text{ GeV}$$

Electroweak sphaleron processes above  $T_s$  distribute asymmetries

Both require non-gravitational interactions with known particles

## Backup: More details about form factors

### Photon exchange via electromagnetic form factors

Interactions suppressed by powers of confinement scale  $\Lambda \sim M_{DM}$

**Dimension 5:** Magnetic moment  $\rightarrow (\bar{X}\sigma_{\mu\nu}X) F^{\mu\nu} / \Lambda$

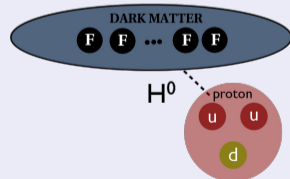
**Dimension 6:** Charge radius  $\rightarrow (\bar{X}X) v_\mu \partial_\nu F^{\mu\nu} / \Lambda^2$

**Dimension 7:** Polarizability  $\rightarrow (\bar{X}X) v_\mu v_\nu F^{\mu\alpha} F_\alpha^\nu / \Lambda^3$

### Higgs exchange via scalar form factors

Higgs couples through  $\sigma$  terms  $\langle B | m_\psi \bar{\psi}\psi | B \rangle$

Produces rapid charged ' $\Pi$ ' decay  
needed for Big Bang nucleosynthesis

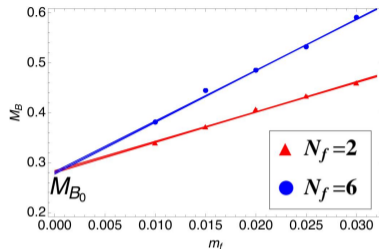


## Backup: More details about SU(3) composite dark matter model

Same SU(3) gauge group as QCD

Re-analyze existing data sets:

$32^3 \times 64$  lattices, domain wall fermions



Scan relatively heavy fermion masses  $m_F \rightarrow 0.55 \lesssim M_\pi/M_V \lesssim 0.75$

Compare  $N_F = 2$  or 6 degenerate flavors with same  $M_{B_0} \equiv \lim_{m_F \rightarrow 0} M_B$

Unlike QCD, fermions are all  $SU(2)_L$  singlets  $\rightarrow Q = Y$

Setting  $Q_P = 2/3$  and  $Q_M = -1/3$ ,

dark matter candidate is singlet “dark baryon”  $B = \text{PMM}$

## Backup: Form factor calculations on the lattice

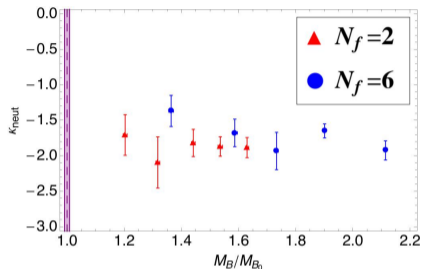
$$R(\tau, T, p, p') \sim$$

$t = 0$                    $t = \tau$                    $t = T$

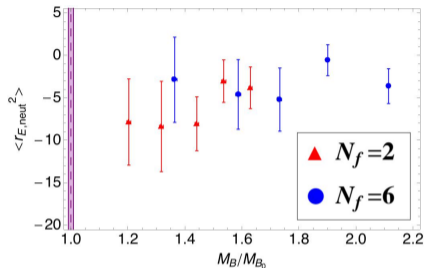
$$R_{\Gamma}(\tau, T, p, p') \longrightarrow \langle DM(p') | \Gamma_{\mu}(q^2) | DM(p) \rangle + \mathcal{O}(e^{-\Delta\tau}, e^{-\Delta T}, e^{-\Delta(T-\tau)})$$

# Backup: Electromagnetic form factor results

## Magnetic moment $\kappa$



## Charge radius $\langle r^2 \rangle$



Little dependence on  $N_F$  or on  $m_F \sim M_B/M_{B_0}$

$\kappa$  comparable to neutron's  $\kappa_N = -1.91$

$\langle r^2 \rangle$  smaller than neutron's  $\langle r^2 \rangle_N \approx -38$  (related to larger  $M_\Pi/M_V$ )

Insert into standard event rate formulas...

## Backup: Event rate formulas and lattice input

$$\text{Rate} = \frac{M_{\text{detector}}}{M_T} \frac{\rho_{DM}}{M_{DM}} \int_{E_{\min}}^{E_{\max}} dE_R \mathcal{A}cc(E_R) \left\langle v_{DM} \frac{d\sigma}{dE_R} \right\rangle_f$$

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dE_R} = \frac{\overline{|\mathcal{M}_{SI}|^2} + \overline{|\mathcal{M}_{SD}|^2}}{16\pi (M_{DM} + M_T)^2 E_R^{\max}} \quad E_R^{\max} = \frac{2M_{DM}^2 M_T v_{col}^2}{(M_{DM} + M_T)^2}$$

From **magnetic moment**  $\kappa$  and **charge radius**  $\langle r^2 \rangle$

$$\frac{\overline{|\mathcal{M}_{SI}|^2}}{e^4 [ZF_c(Q)]^2} = \left( \frac{M_T}{M_{DM}} \right)^2 \left[ \frac{4}{9} M_{DM}^4 \langle r^2 \rangle^2 + \frac{\kappa^2 (M_T + M_{DM})^2 (E_R^{\max} - E_R)}{M_T^2 E_R} \right]$$

$$\overline{|\mathcal{M}_{SD}|^2} = e^4 \frac{2}{3} \left( \frac{J+1}{J} \right) \left[ \left( \frac{A \mu_T}{\mu_n} \right) F_s(Q) \right]^2 \kappa^2$$

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From **polarizability**  $C_F$

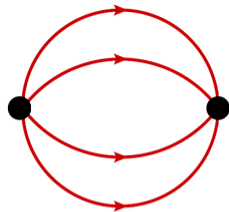
$$\sigma_{SI} = \frac{Z^4}{A^2} \frac{144\pi\alpha_{em}^4 \tilde{M}_{n,DM}^2}{M_{DM}^6 R^2} C_F^2 \propto \frac{Z^4}{A^2} \quad \text{per nucleon}$$



# Backup: More details about SU(4) Stealth Dark Matter

Quenched SU(4) lattice ensembles

Lattice volumes up to  $64^3 \times 128$ ,  
several lattice spacings to check systematic effects



**Flavor combinations**

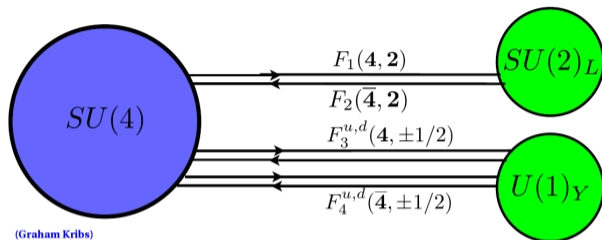
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**S=0**      **S=1**      **S=2**

**Dark matter candidate** is spin-zero baryon  $\rightarrow$  no magnetic moment

Need at least two flavors to anti-symmetrize  $\rightarrow$  no charge radius

# Backup: Even more details about SU(4) Stealth Dark Matter



Field	$SU(N_D)$	$(SU(2)_L, Y)$	$Q$
$F_1 = \begin{pmatrix} F_1^u \\ F_1^d \end{pmatrix}$	$\mathbf{N}$	$(\mathbf{2}, 0)$	$\begin{pmatrix} +1/2 \\ -1/2 \end{pmatrix}$
$F_2 = \begin{pmatrix} F_2^u \\ F_2^d \end{pmatrix}$	$\tilde{\mathbf{N}}$	$(\mathbf{2}, 0)$	$\begin{pmatrix} +1/2 \\ -1/2 \end{pmatrix}$
$F_3^u$	$\mathbf{N}$	$(\mathbf{1}, +1/2)$	$+1/2$
$F_3^d$	$\mathbf{N}$	$(\mathbf{1}, -1/2)$	$-1/2$
$F_4^u$	$\tilde{\mathbf{N}}$	$(\mathbf{1}, +1/2)$	$+1/2$
$F_4^d$	$\tilde{\mathbf{N}}$	$(\mathbf{1}, -1/2)$	$-1/2$

Mass terms  $m_V (F_1 F_2 + F_3 F_4) + y (F_1 \cdot H F_4 + F_2 \cdot H^\dagger F_3) + \text{h.c.}$

Vector-like masses evade Higgs-exchange direct detection bounds

Higgs couplings  $\longrightarrow$  charged meson decay before Big Bang nucleosynthesis

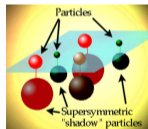
**Both required**  $\longrightarrow$  four flavors

# Backup: 'Stealth' composites from conspicuous constituents

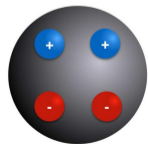
## Direct detection cross section (pb)



Neutrino  
 $\sigma \sim 10^{-2}$



SUSY neutralino  
 $10^{-6} \lesssim \sigma \lesssim 10^{-5}$



Stealth Dark Matter  
 $\sigma \sim \left(\frac{200 \text{ GeV}}{M_{DM}}\right)^6 \times 10^{-9}$

## Radar cross section ( $m^2$ )



747  
 $\sigma \sim 10^2$



Falcon  
 $\sigma \sim 10^{-2}$



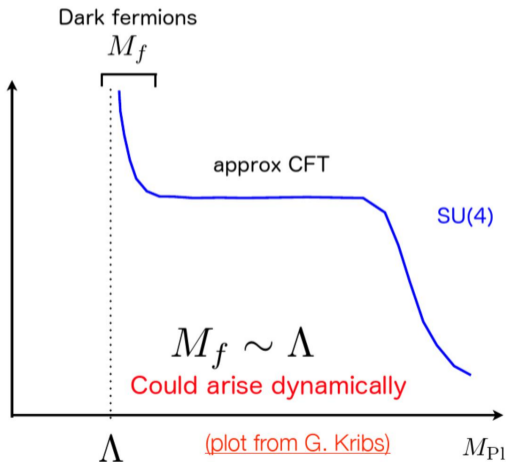
Stealth F-22  
 $\sigma < 10^{-3}$

## Backup: Stealth Dark Matter mass scales

Lattice studies focus on  $m_\psi \simeq \Lambda_{DM}$  where effective theories least reliable

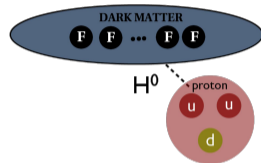
$m_\psi \simeq \Lambda_{DM}$  could arise dynamically

Collider constraints on  $M_{DM}$   
become stronger as  $m_\psi$  decreases



## Backup: Effective Higgs interaction

$M_H = 125 \text{ GeV} \longrightarrow$  Higgs exchange can dominate direct detection



$$\sigma_H^{(SI)} \propto \left| \frac{\tilde{M}_{DM,N}}{M_H^2} y_\psi \langle DM | \bar{\psi}\psi | DM \rangle y_q \langle N | \bar{q}q | N \rangle \right|^2$$

Quark  $y_q = \frac{m_q}{v}$

Dark  $y_\psi = \alpha \frac{m_\psi}{v}$  suppressed by  $\alpha \equiv \left. \frac{v}{m_\psi} \frac{\partial m_\psi(h)}{\partial h} \right|_{h=v} = \frac{y v}{y v + m_v}$

Determine using Feynman–Hellmann theorem  $\langle DM | \bar{\psi}\psi | DM \rangle = \frac{\partial M_{DM}}{\partial m_\psi}$

## Backup: Feynman–Hellmann theorem

$m_\psi \bar{\psi}\psi$  is the only term in the hamiltonian that depends on  $m_\psi$

$$\implies \left\langle B \left| \frac{\partial \hat{H}}{\partial m_\psi} \right| B \right\rangle = \langle B | \bar{\psi}\psi | B \rangle$$

Since  $\hat{H} |B\rangle = M_B |B\rangle$  and  $\langle B | \hat{H} = \langle B | M_B$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial m_\psi} M_B &= \frac{\partial}{\partial m_\psi} \langle B | \hat{H} | B \rangle = \left\langle \frac{\partial B}{\partial m_\psi} \left| \hat{H} \right| B \right\rangle + \left\langle B \left| \hat{H} \right| \frac{\partial B}{\partial m_\psi} \right\rangle + \left\langle B \left| \frac{\partial \hat{H}}{\partial m_\psi} \right| B \right\rangle \\ &= M_B \left\langle \frac{\partial B}{\partial m_\psi} \left| B \right\rangle + M_B \left\langle B \left| \frac{\partial B}{\partial m_\psi} \right\rangle + \langle B | \bar{\psi}\psi | B \rangle \\ &= M_B \frac{\partial}{\partial m_\psi} \langle B | B \rangle + \langle B | \bar{\psi}\psi | B \rangle = \langle B | \bar{\psi}\psi | B \rangle \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

# Backup: Lattice results for Higgs exchange constrain $\alpha$

$$\sigma_H^{(SI)} \propto |y_\psi \langle DM | \bar{\psi}\psi | DM \rangle|^2$$

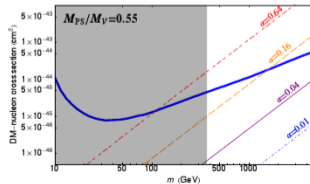
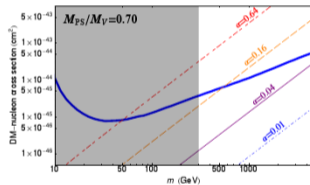
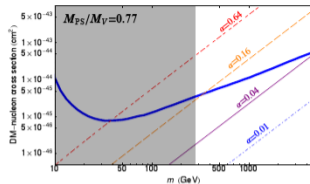
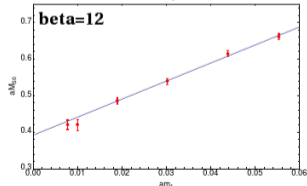
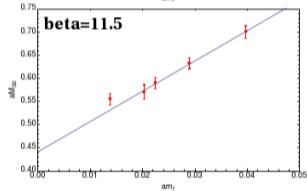
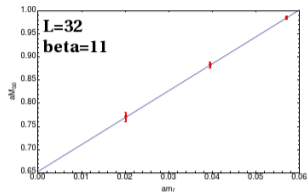
Matrix element  $\propto \frac{\partial M_{DM}}{\partial m_\psi}$   
(Feynman–Hellmann)

Stealth Dark Matter:

$$0.15 \lesssim \frac{m_\psi}{M_{DM}} \frac{\partial M_{DM}}{\partial m_\psi} \lesssim 0.34$$

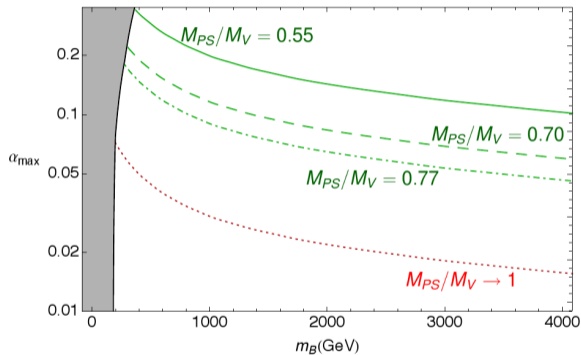
Larger than QCD

$$0.04 \lesssim \frac{m_q}{M_N} \frac{\partial M_N}{\partial m_q} \lesssim 0.08$$



## Backup: Bounds on effective Higgs coupling

Higgs-exchange cross section  $\rightarrow$  maximum  $\alpha$  allowed by LUX [1310.8214]



Maximum  $\alpha$  depends on  $M_{\Pi}/M_V$   
and dark matter mass

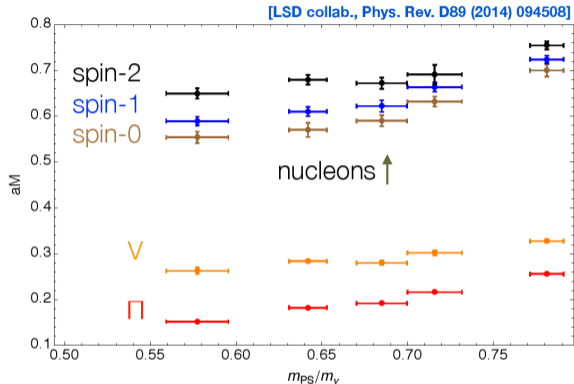
Smaller  $M_{\Pi}/M_V \longleftrightarrow m_F$   
 $\rightarrow$  stronger constraints from colliders

Effective Higgs interaction tightly constrained

$\alpha \lesssim 0.3$  for  $M_{\Pi}/M_V \gtrsim 0.55 \rightarrow$  fermion masses must be mainly vector-like



# Backup: Indirect detection



Lattice results for composite spectrum

Predict  $\gamma$ -rays from splitting between baryons with spin  $S = 0, 1$  and  $2$

Much more challenging future work

$DM-\overline{DM}$  annihilation into (many) lighter  $\Pi$  that then decay

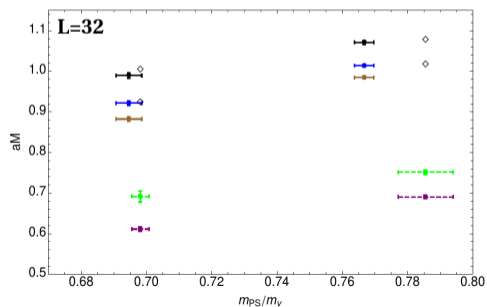
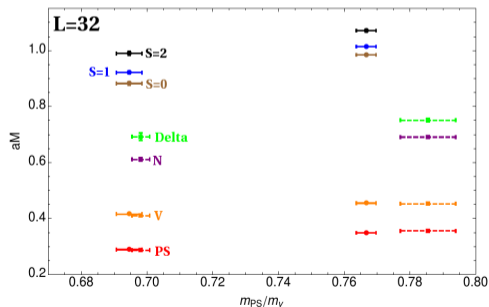
## Backup: Large- $N$ predictions for SU(4) baryons

Tune  $(\beta, m_F)$  to match SU(3)  $M_\pi$  and  $M_V$  (dashed)

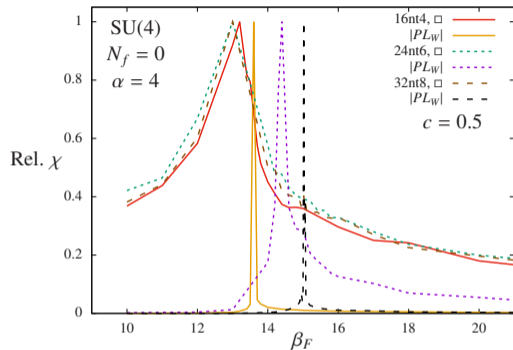
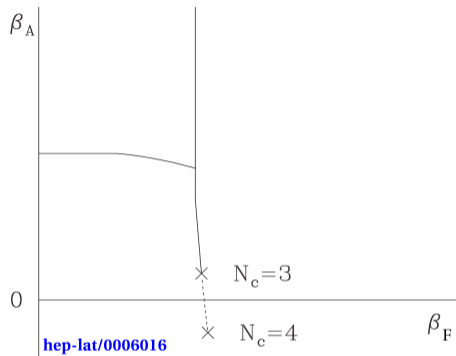
Rotor spectrum for spin- $J$  baryons:  $M(N, J) = NM_0 + C + B \frac{J(J+1)}{N} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{N^2}\right)$

Fit  $M_0$ ,  $C$  and  $B$  with nucleon,  $\Delta$  and spin-0 baryon masses

→ predictions for  $S = 1, 2$  baryons (diamonds)



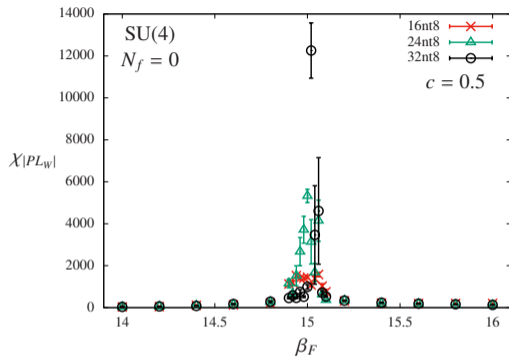
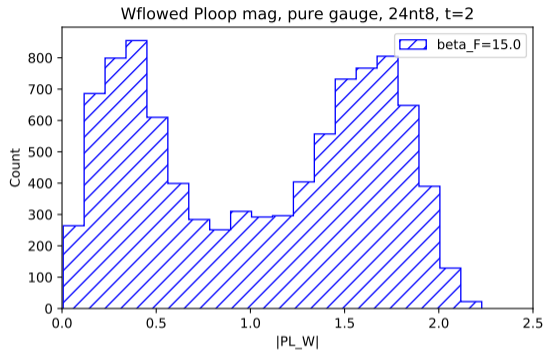
## Backup: Thermal transition vs. bulk transition



Try to avoid bulk transition for small  $L^3 \times N_T$  volumes  $\longrightarrow$  use  $\beta_A = -\beta_F/4$

Still need  $N_T > 4$  for clear separation between bulk & thermal transitions

## Backup: Compare with known first-order pure-gauge transition



Signals are stronger but qualitatively same as for  $M_P/M_V \approx 0.96$

No clear hysteresis even in pure-gauge case