

A cosmic microwave background fluctuation map showing temperature variations across the sky. The map is color-coded, with red and yellow indicating warmer regions and blue and green indicating cooler regions. A prominent bright spot is visible in the lower right quadrant, and several smaller spots are scattered throughout the field.

Structure formation in the presence of DM-radiation interactions

Halo properties, Small scale "challenges" & constraints

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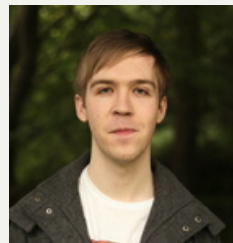
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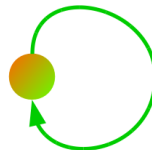
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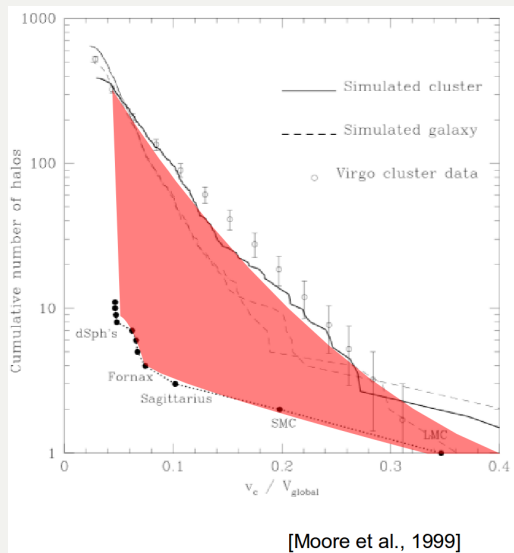
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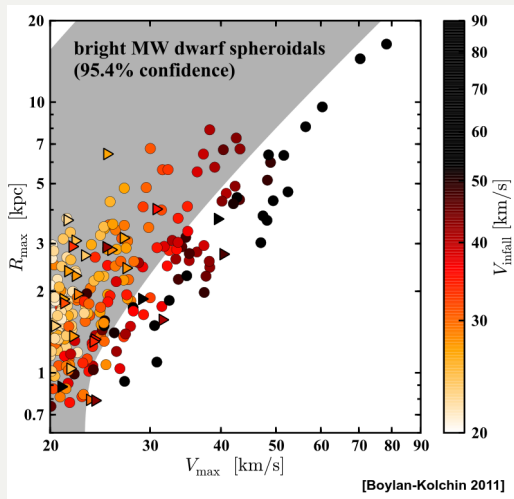


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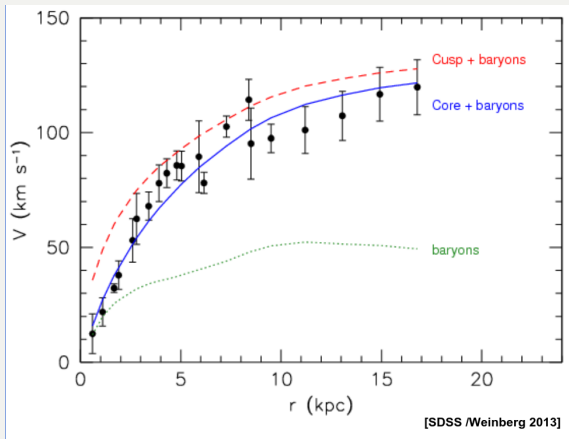


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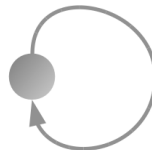
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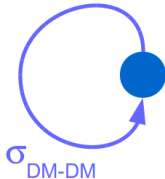
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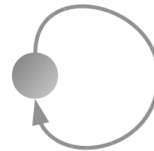
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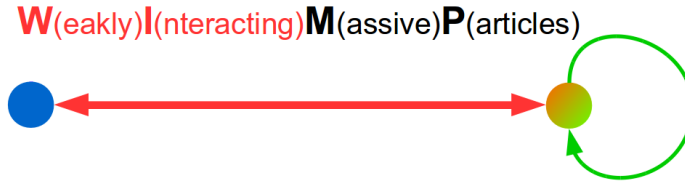
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Standard Model of Cosmology (revisited)



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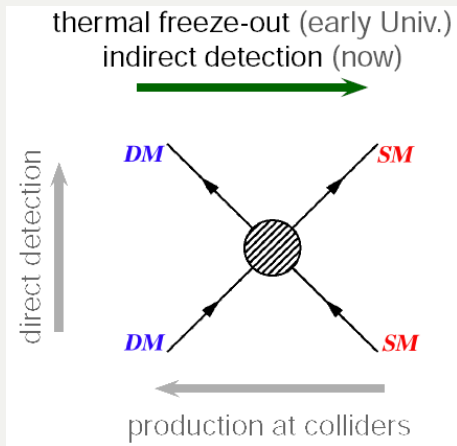


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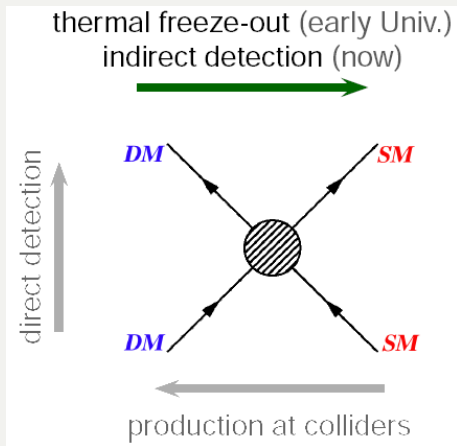
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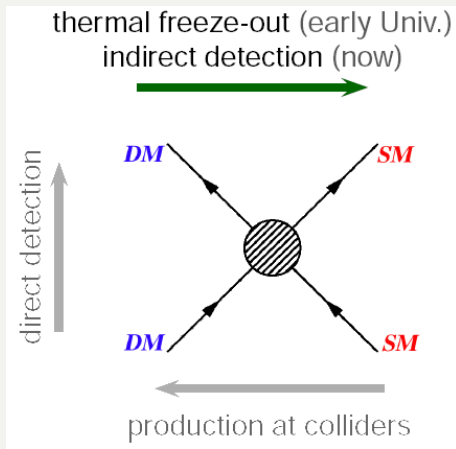


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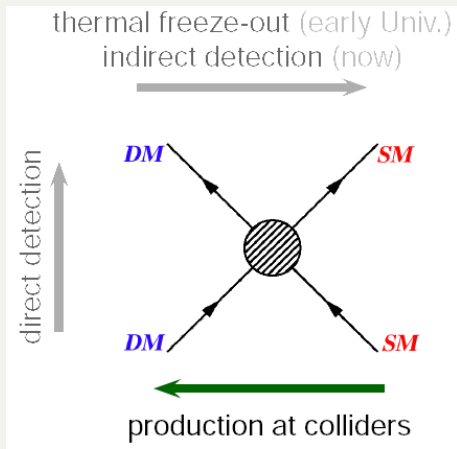


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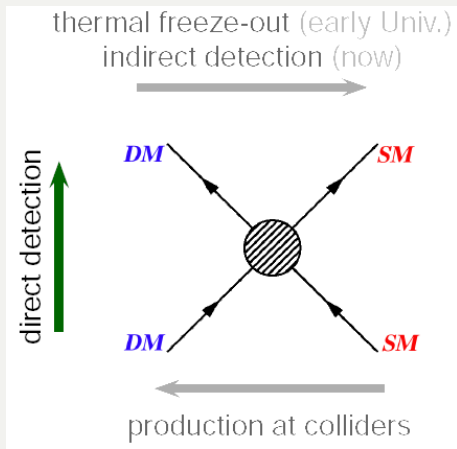


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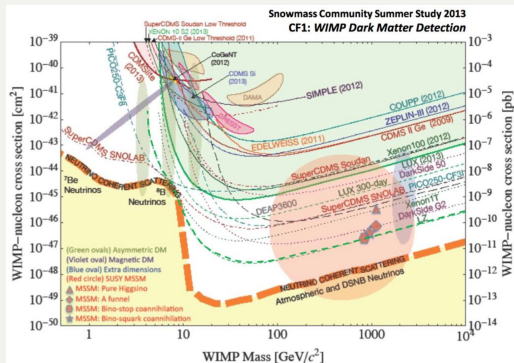
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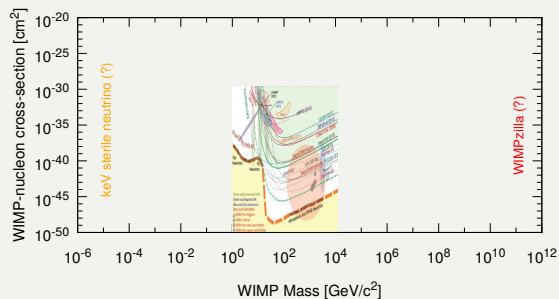
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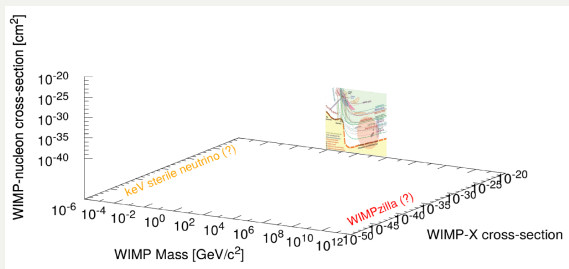


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- Alternative constraints from (linear) cosmology [Dvorkin+,2013]:
e.g. $\sim 10^{-33} \text{ cm}^2 (m/\text{GeV})$ (electr. dipol) $\sim 4 \cdot 10^{-30} \text{ cm}^2 (m/\text{GeV})$ (heavy boson exchange)
- (Possible) constraints on non-quark scattering:
 - ▶ from annihilation/production cross-section [Kopp,2011]
 - ▶ "Absorbtion" features in quasar spectra in case of resonant scattering ("Dark shadows") [Profumo+,2007]

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Interactions with relic radiation



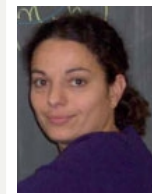
- Example: (elastic) DM-photon scattering
- Euler Equations (modified):

$$\dot{\theta}_b = k \Phi - H \theta_b + c_2^2 k^2 \delta_b - R^{-1} \dot{\kappa} (\theta_b - \theta_\gamma)$$

$$\dot{\theta}_\gamma = k^2 \Phi + k^2 \left(\frac{1}{4} \delta_\gamma - \sigma_\gamma \right) - \frac{1}{6} k \pi_\gamma - \dot{\kappa} (\theta_\gamma - \theta_b) - \dot{\mu} (\theta_\gamma - \theta_{DM})$$

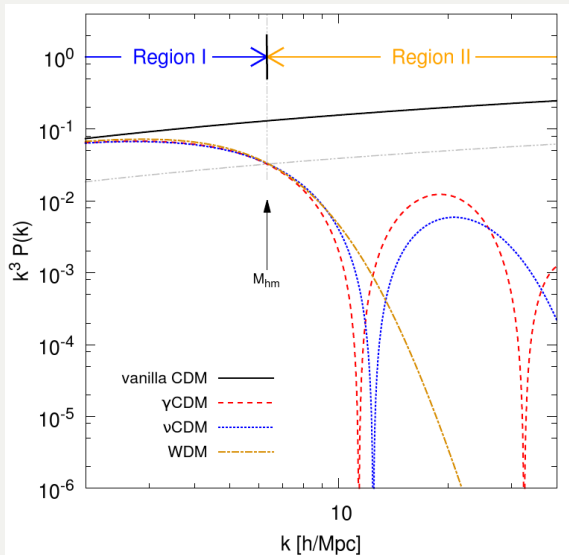
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[Boehm, 2002c]



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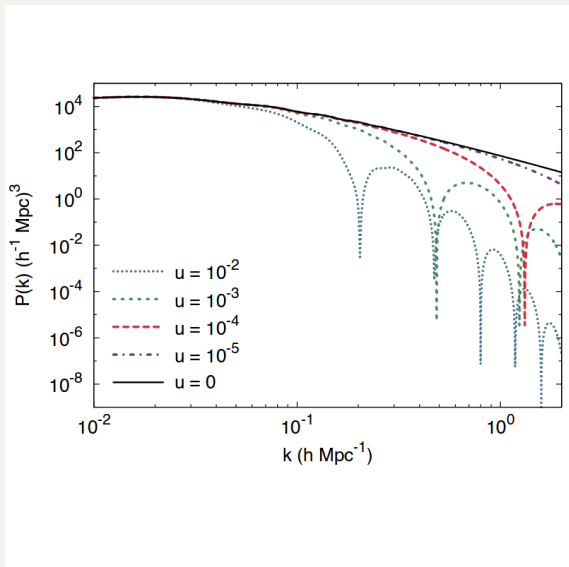
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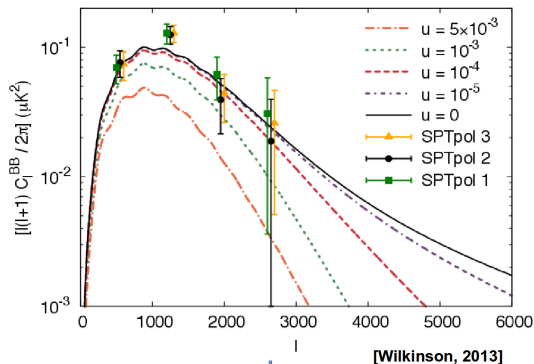
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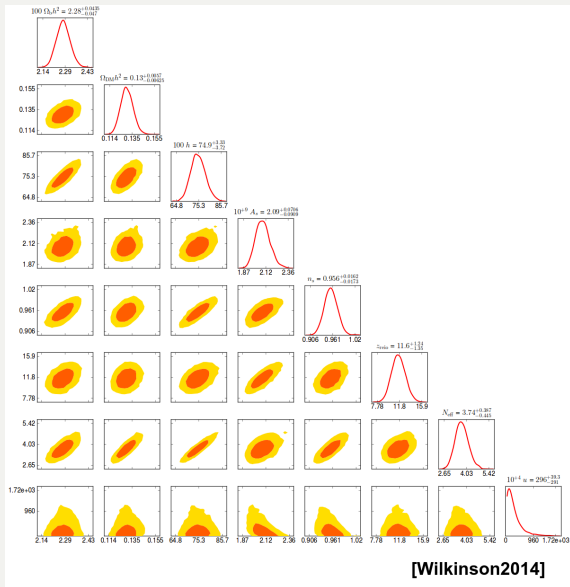
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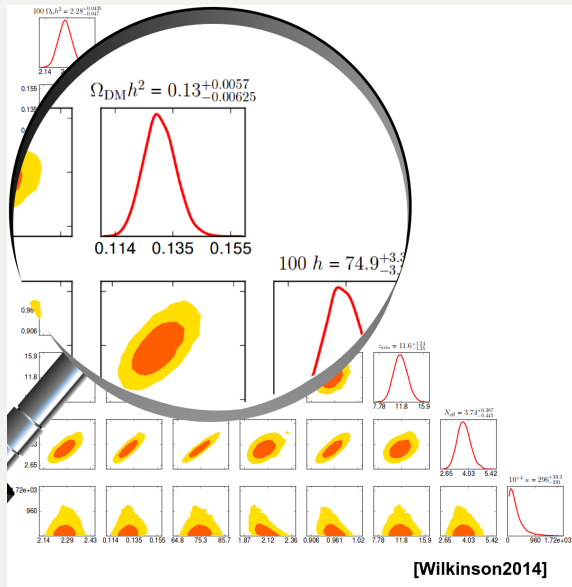
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- Introducing DM interactions can ease tension for H_0 & Ω_m (?)

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free-streaming:

$$l_{fs} \sim \int_{t_{dec}(dm)}^{t_0} \frac{v}{a} dt$$

collisional:

$$l_{cd}^2 \sim \int^{t_{dec}(dm)} \frac{\rho_{dm} v_{dm}^2}{\rho \Gamma_{dm} a^2} dt + \sum_{i \supset e, \gamma, \dots} \int^{t_{dec}(dm-i)} \frac{\rho_i v_i^2}{\rho \Gamma_i a^2} dt$$

self-interaction **scattering with other species**

$$+ \int^{\min(t_{dec}(dm-v), t_{dec}(v))} \frac{\rho_v c_i^2}{\rho \Gamma_v a^2} dt$$

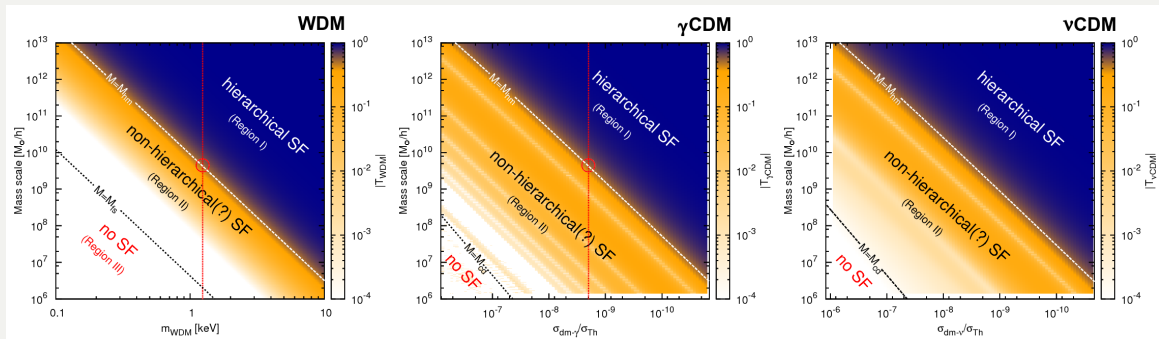
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mixed:

$$l_{md}^2 \sim \int_{t_{dec}(v)}^{t_{dec}(dm-v)} \frac{\rho_{dm} c^2}{\rho H a^2} dt \sim \left(\frac{ct}{a}\right)^2 \Big|_{t_{dec}(dm-v)}$$

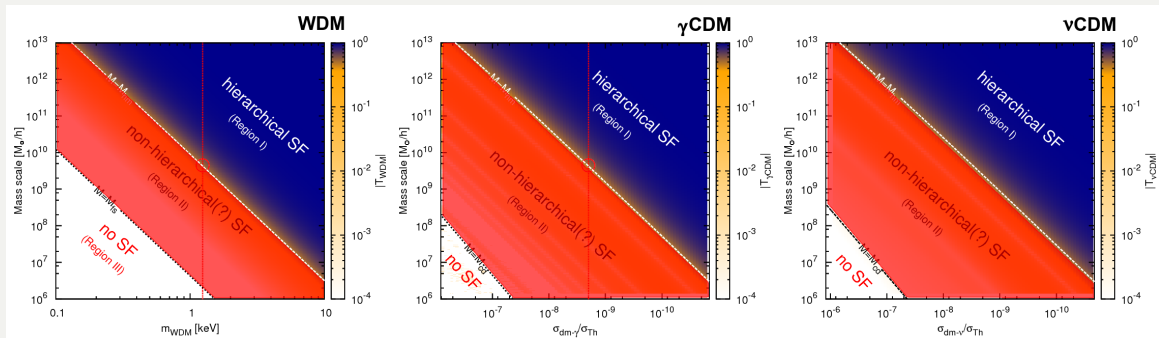
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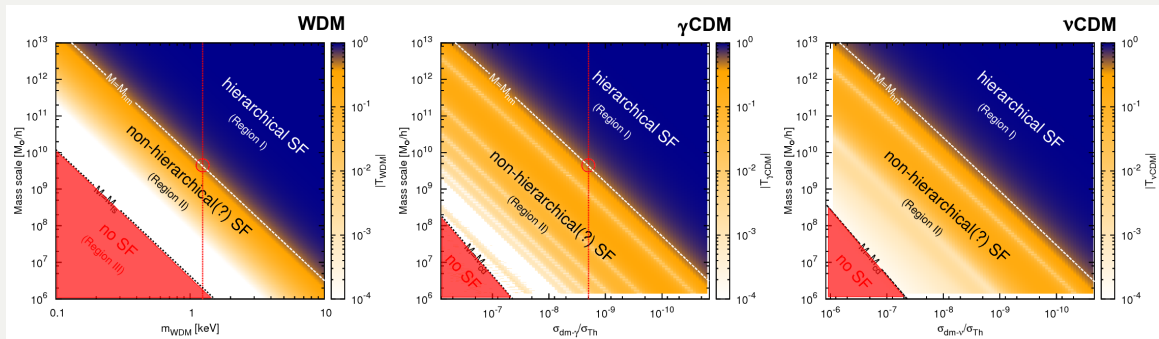
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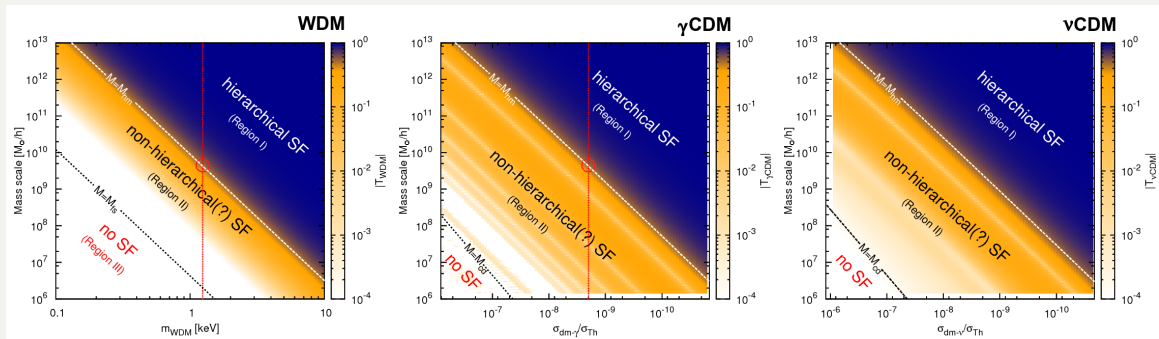
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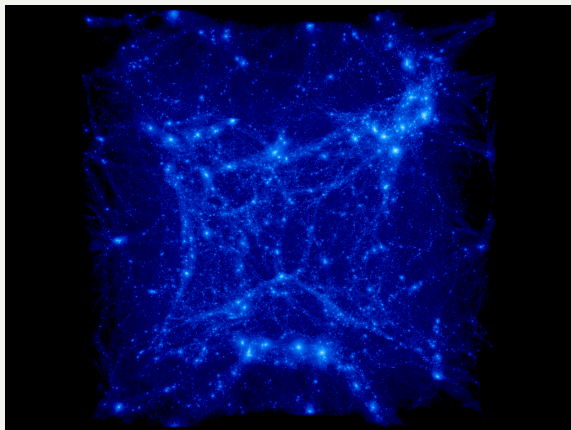
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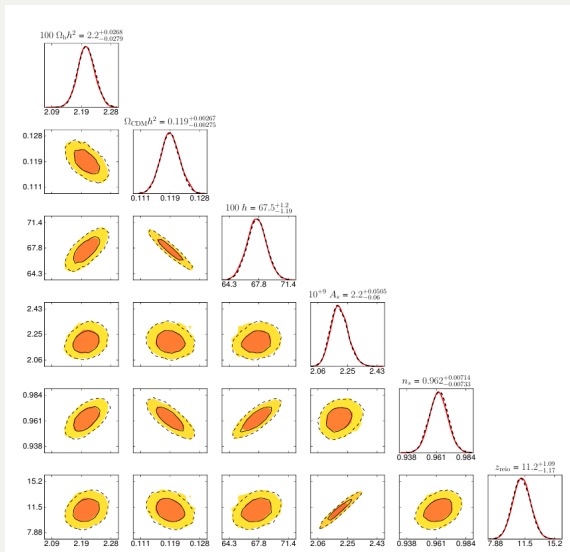
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- various γ CDM cross-section & matching ν CDM/WDM models
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- Full cosmological box
 - ▶ 30 Mpc box at $2 \cdot 10^6 M_{\odot}$ mass resolution.
 - ▶ $\gtrsim 10^2$ MW-like galaxies (CDM).
 - ▶ 100 Mpc box at $9 \cdot 10^6 M_{\odot}$ mass resolution.
 - ▶ 300 Mpc box at $2 \cdot 10^7 M_{\odot}$ mass resolution.
- On first glance, it is obvious that CMB upper limits produce unrealistic results
→ more realistic cross-section are a few



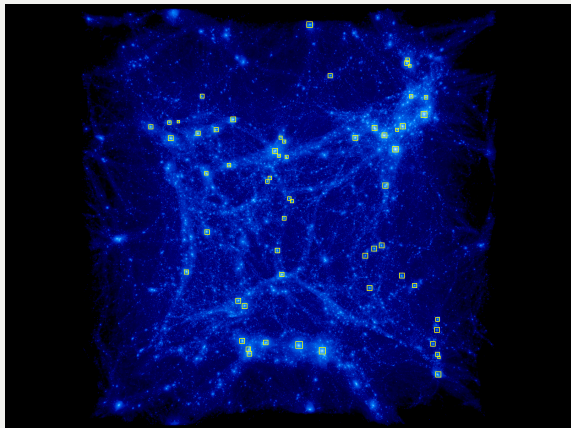
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Simulations: Initial conditions / Cosmological parameters



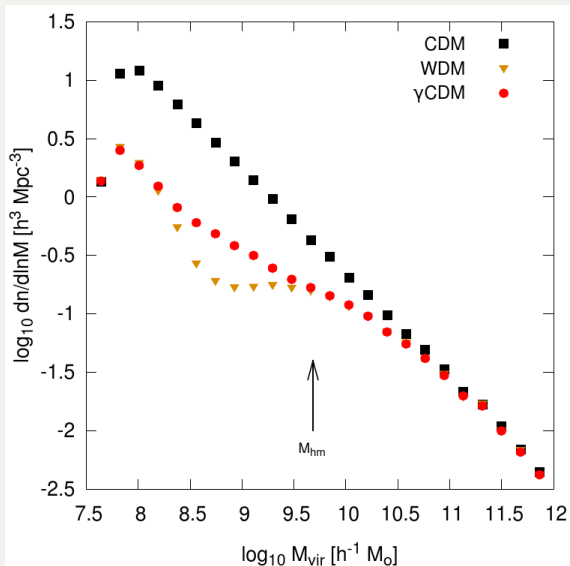
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- For realistic cross-sections, no significant deviation from CDM anymore
→ choice consistent 😊/😞



- Halo finders: FoF/subfind and AHF
 - ▶ halo defined as virialized region (overdensity according to spherical top-hat collapse)
 - ▶ ensemble properties: median, its error (95% CI) and the variance in the sample spread.
 - ▶ relaxation criteria [Maccio+,2007][Neto+2007]

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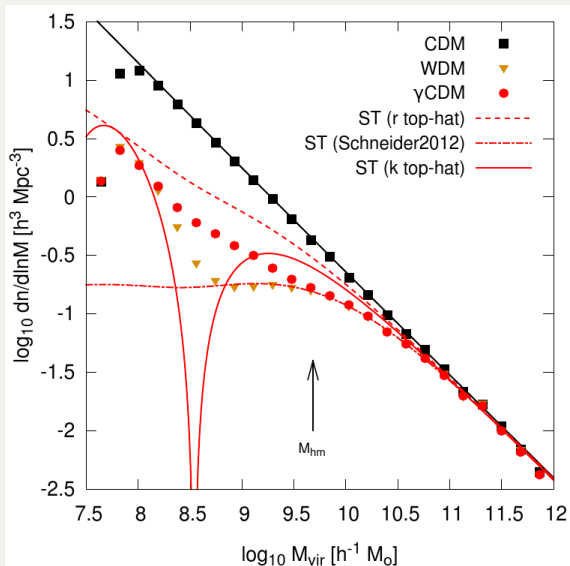
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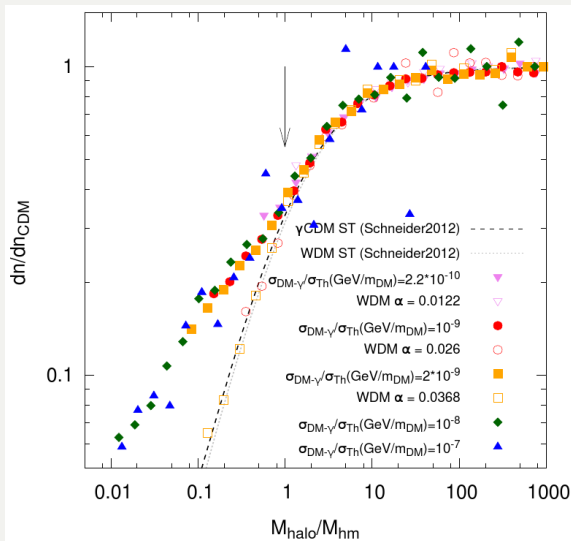
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 - ▶ Sheth-Tormen (ST) formalism with conf. space top-hat matches CDM HMF
 - ▶ ST formalism with conf. space top-hat & mod. Schneider fudge factor matches WDM HMF /tiny [Schneider+,2012]
 - ▶ ST formalism with k -space top-hat gets turn-over correct for WDM HMF, but predicted "gap" not seen in γ CDM HMF
- Analytical collapse models fail to predict HMF for γ CDM \rightarrow Non-hierarchical growth? Fragmentation?

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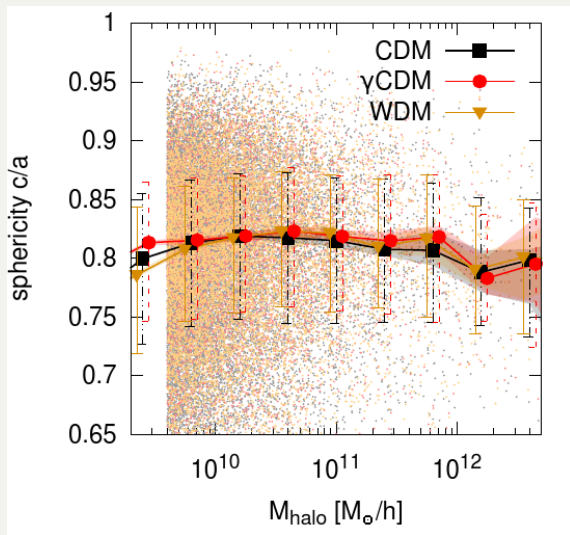
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- HMF is universal if normalized by M_{hm} .
- Excess in structures in γ CDM compared to WDM below M_{hm}

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Halo properties: Shape



- We measured the sphericity, triaxiality & elongation for CDM, γ CDM
- No significant deviations from CDM detected.



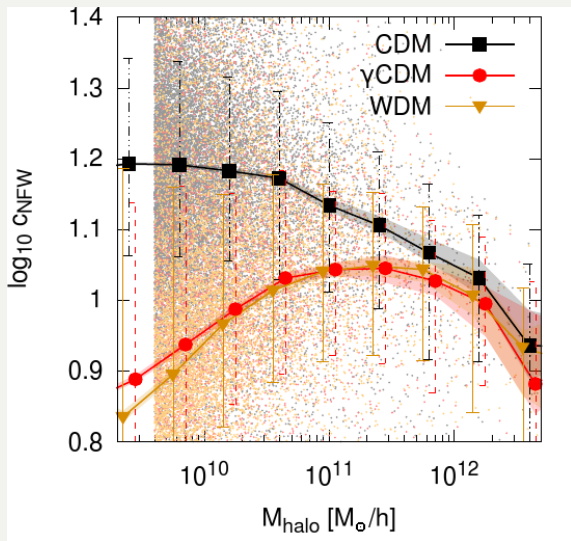
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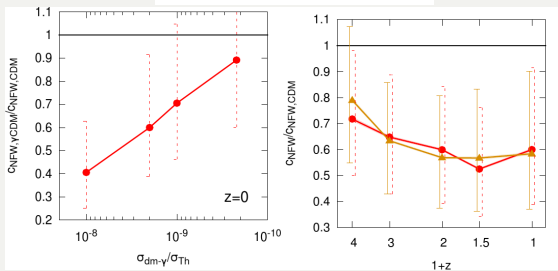
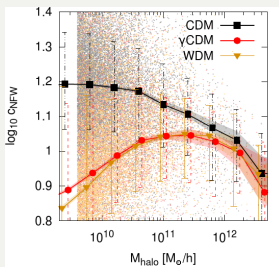
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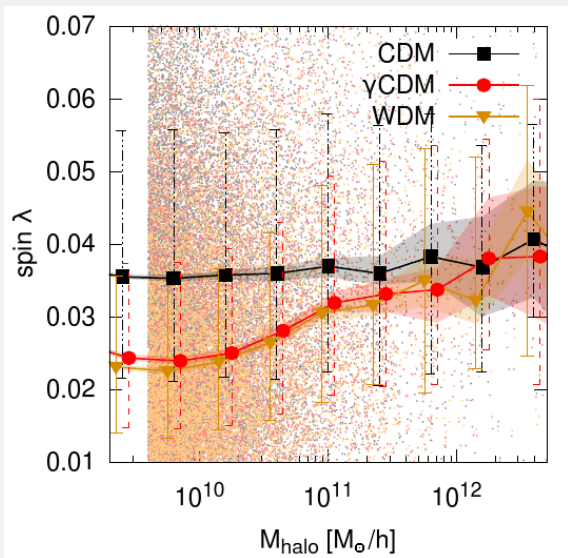
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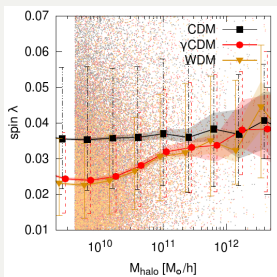
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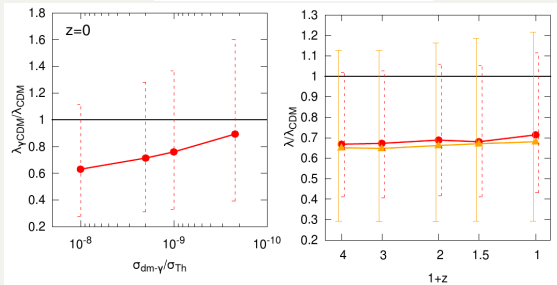
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Non-linear matter powerspectrum





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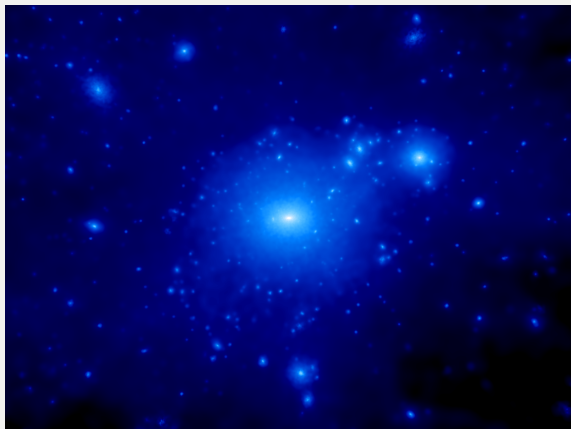
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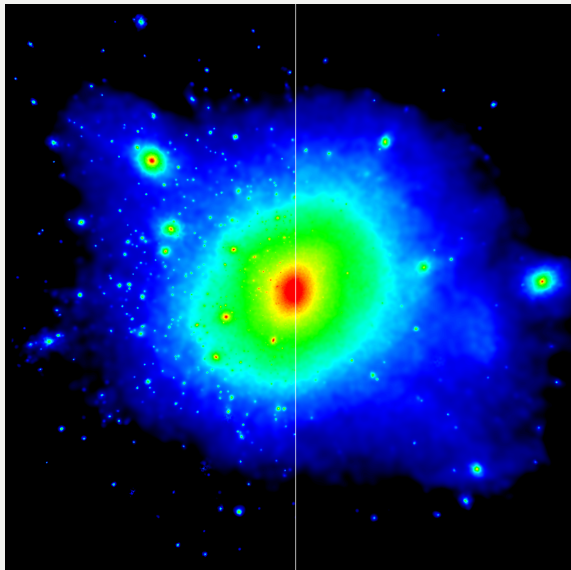
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- Milky Way-like galaxies in cosmological box sims:
 - ▶ virial mass: $0.8 - 2.7 \times 10^{12} M_{\odot}$
[Piffi, 2013][Boylan-Kolchan,2013]
 - ▶ sufficiently isolated (no larger object within 2 Mpc)
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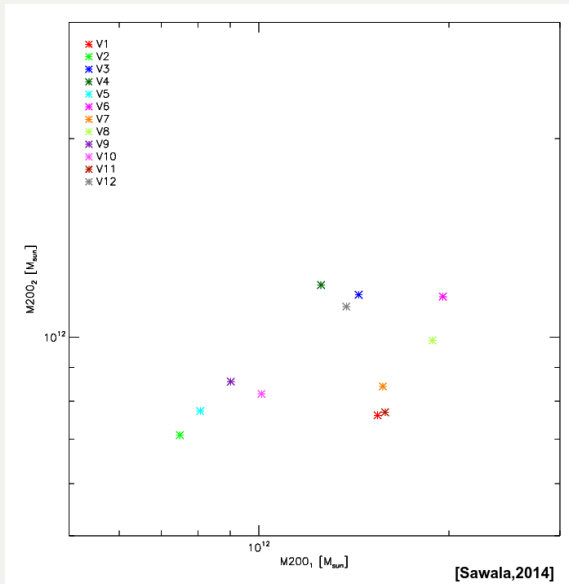
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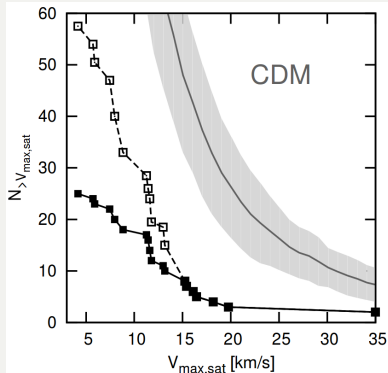
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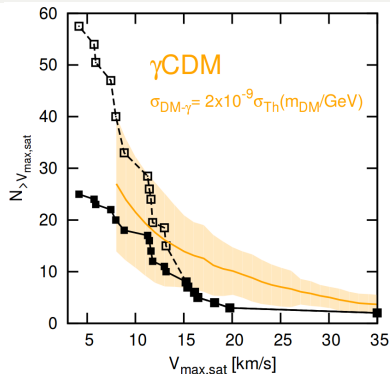
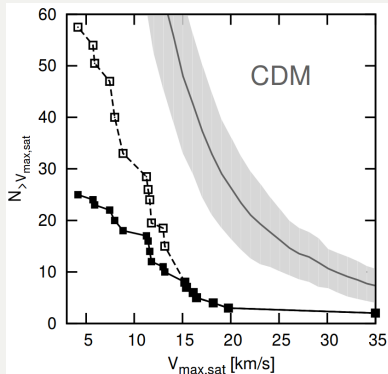
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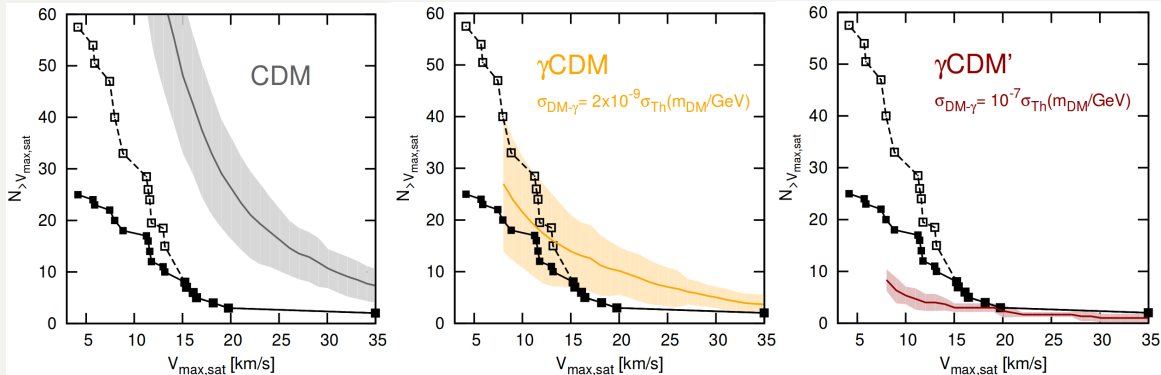


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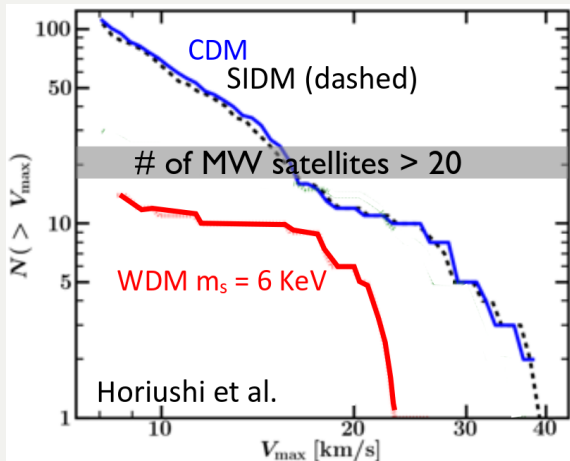
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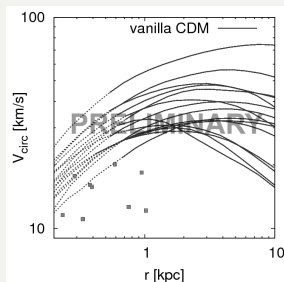
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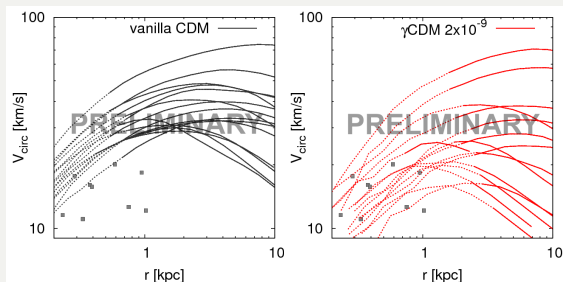
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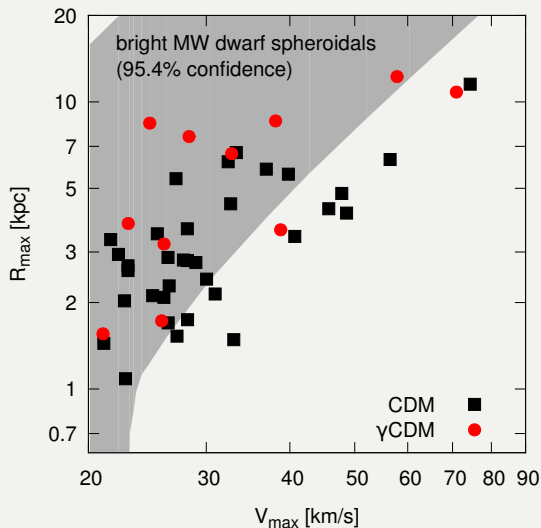
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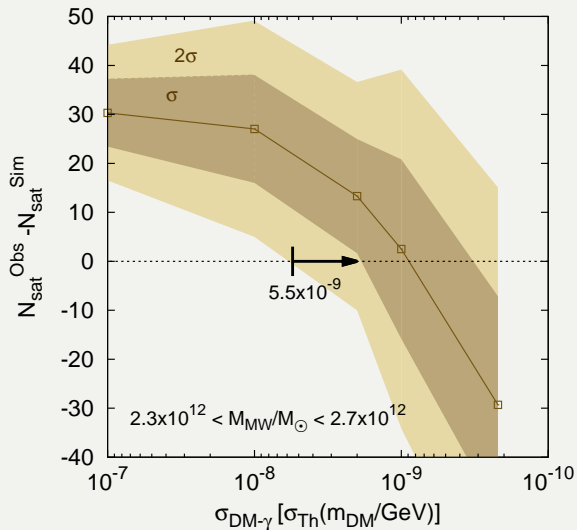


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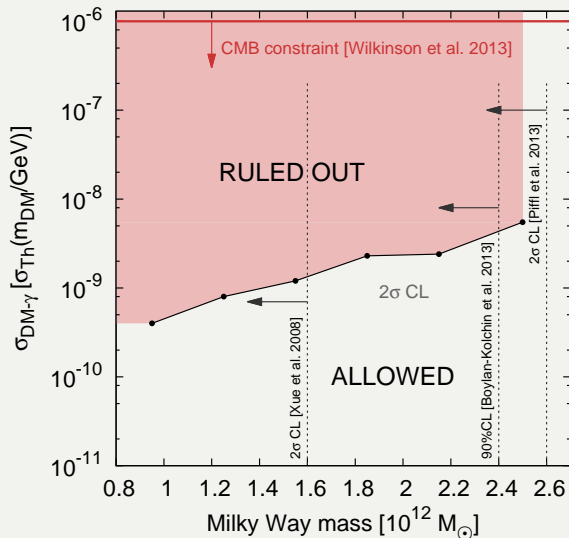


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- Constraints depend on Milky Way mass
- For high-mass end:

$$\sigma_{\text{dm}-\gamma} \leq 3 \times 10^{-33} (m_{\text{DM}}/\text{GeV}) \text{cm}^2$$

at 95 % CL.



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- IDM, in particular γ (C)DM, provides a natural mass/velocity-independent suppression of small scale structures (MSP, TBTF may indicate its WIMP nature)
- We performed first N-Body simulations for γ/ν CDM (with correct input spectrum)
- γ/ν (C)DM can solve/ease the problems of vanilla CDM on small scales (at least on par with WDM!)
- Structure surveys allow to constrain cross-section independently and much tighter than CMB and provide lowest conservative bound so far for elastic DM-photon interaction.
- Our constraints are "in the right ballpark" for observed abundance of thermal relic if $m_{\text{dm}} \text{ MeV}$ (or below).



- Model-building: Check all possible constraints against a specific, preferable model
- Merger “graphs” to study origin of HMF (where do halos in gap originate from?)
- Prediction of Luminosity function at high redshift using SAMs
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