Consolidating secluded sectors with the Higgs Portals

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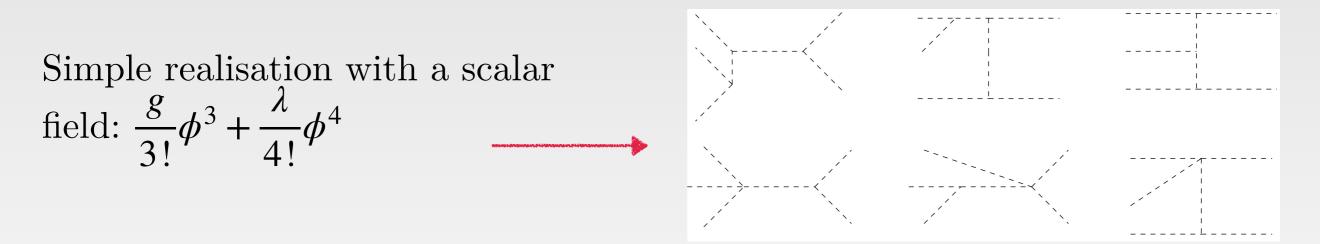
SELF-INTERACTING DARK MATTER

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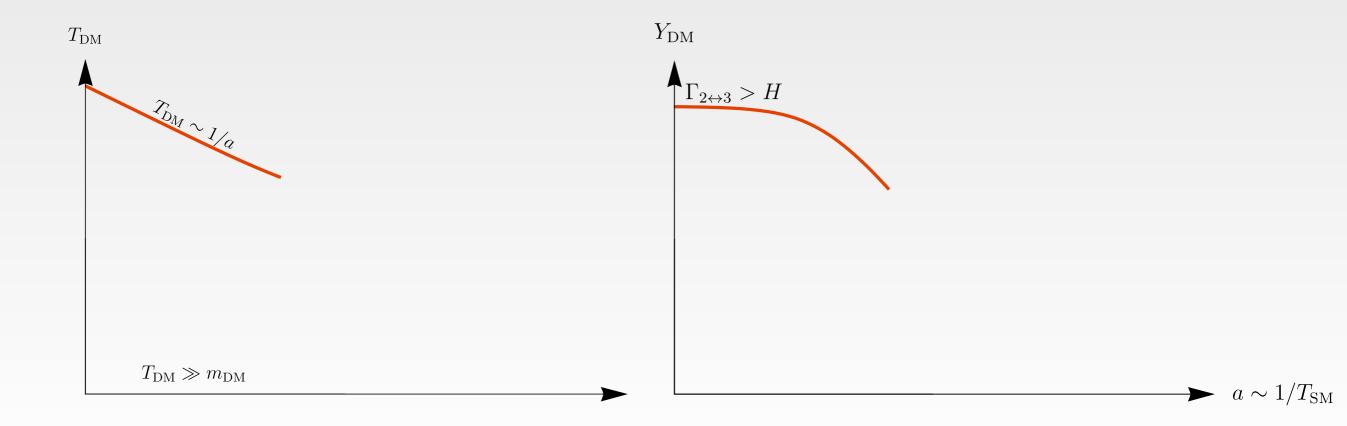


If DM is non-relativstic, $\Gamma_{3\to 2} > \Gamma_{2\to 3}$. The DM fluid **exchanges** particle number for kinetic energy!

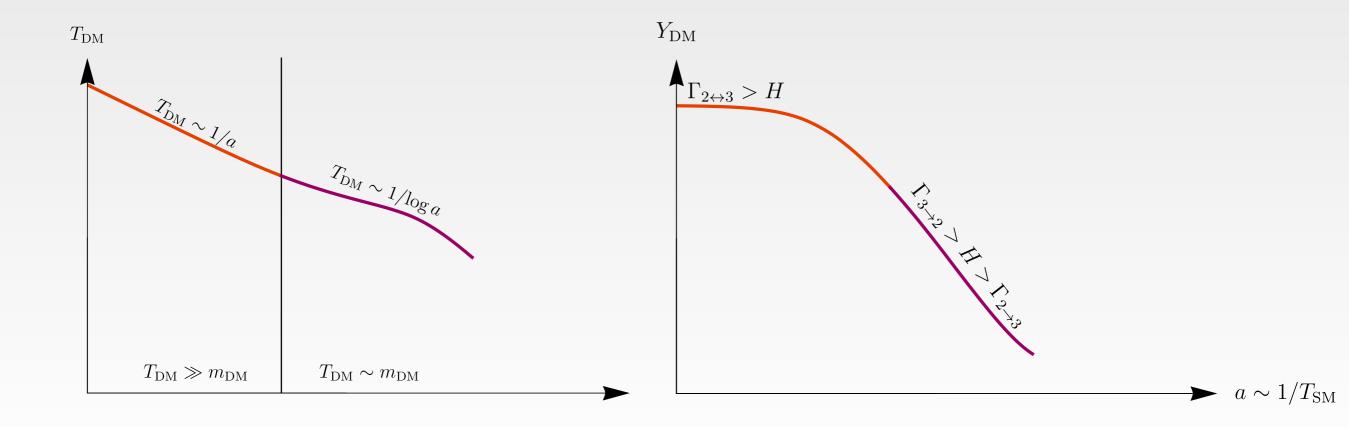


Absence of portals to the SM implies $T_{DM} \neq T_{SM}.$ Temperature evolution becomes relevant:

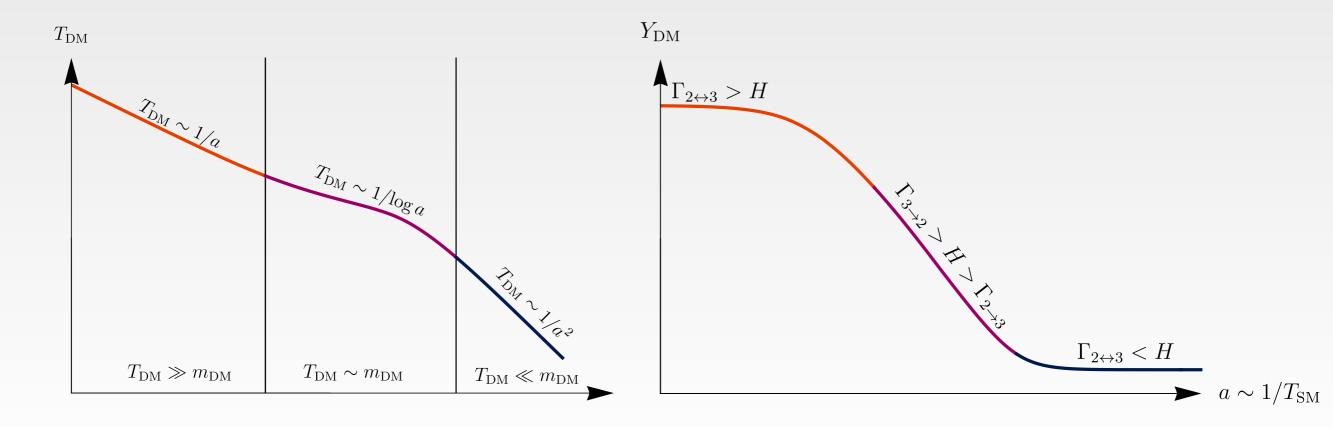
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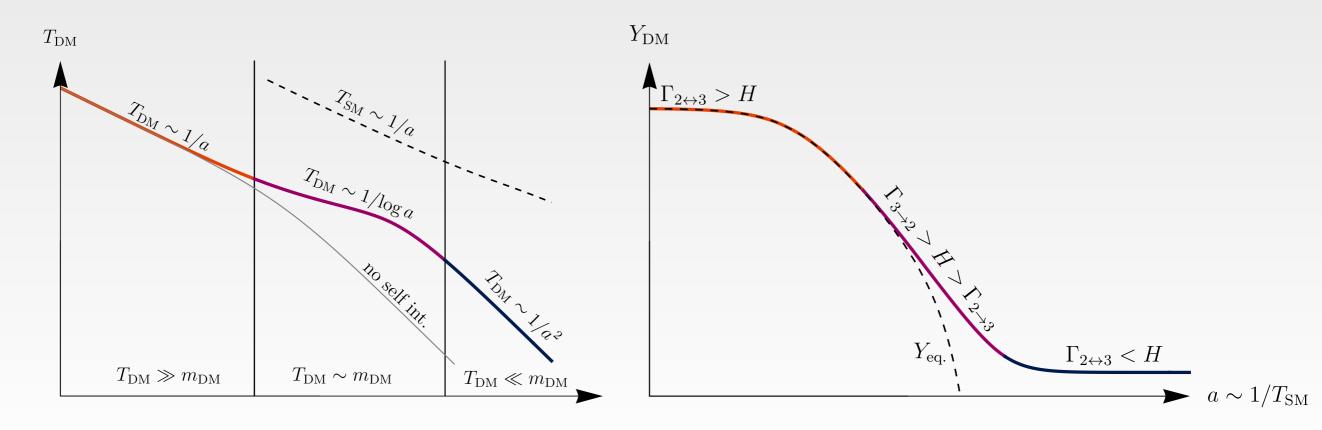
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See also Hufnagel, Tygat 22 and Arcadi, Lebedev 19

Stable DM with decaying mediator

Simple framework: A complex (\mathbb{Z}_3 stabilised) DM candidate S and a real singlet mediator ϕ :

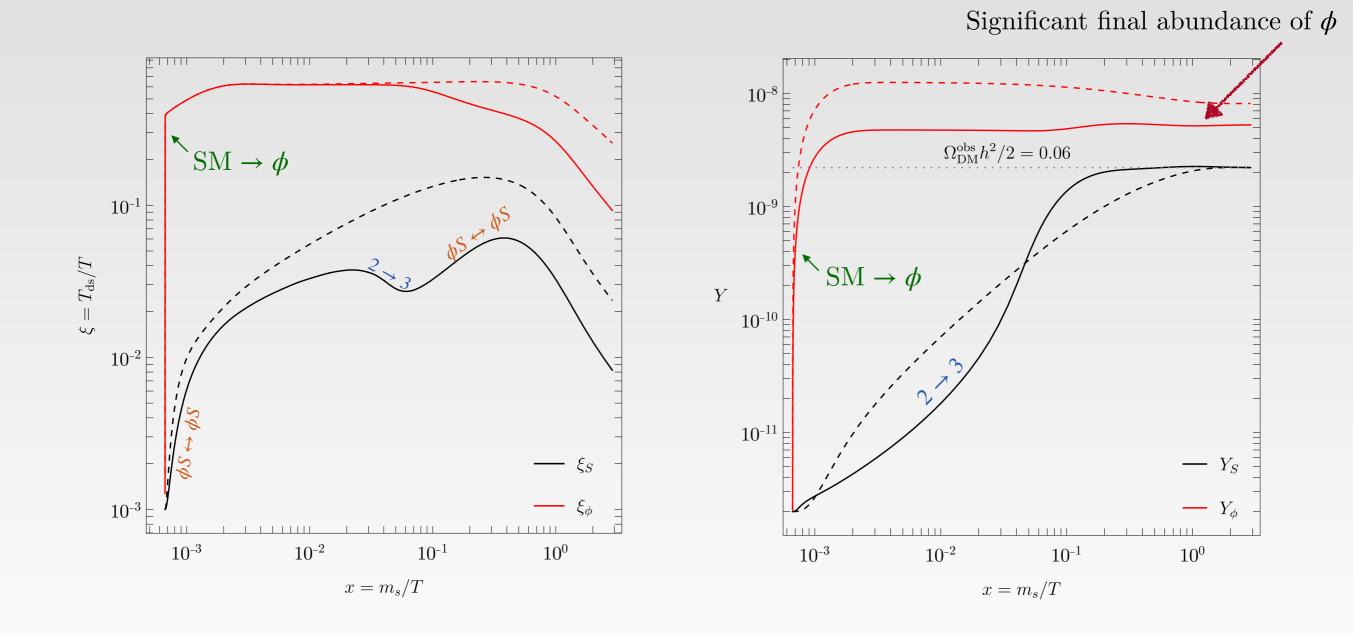
$$\mathcal{L} \supset -\frac{1}{3!}g_s(S^3 + (S^*)^3) - \frac{\lambda_s}{4}|S|^4 - A_{\phi s}\phi|S|^2 - \frac{\lambda_{\phi s}}{2}\phi^2|S|^2 - B_{\phi h}\phi|H|^2$$

DM self interactions DM-mediator int. Portal

Portal term **induces mixing** between ϕ and the Higgs. ϕ couples to matter as a *second* Higgs.

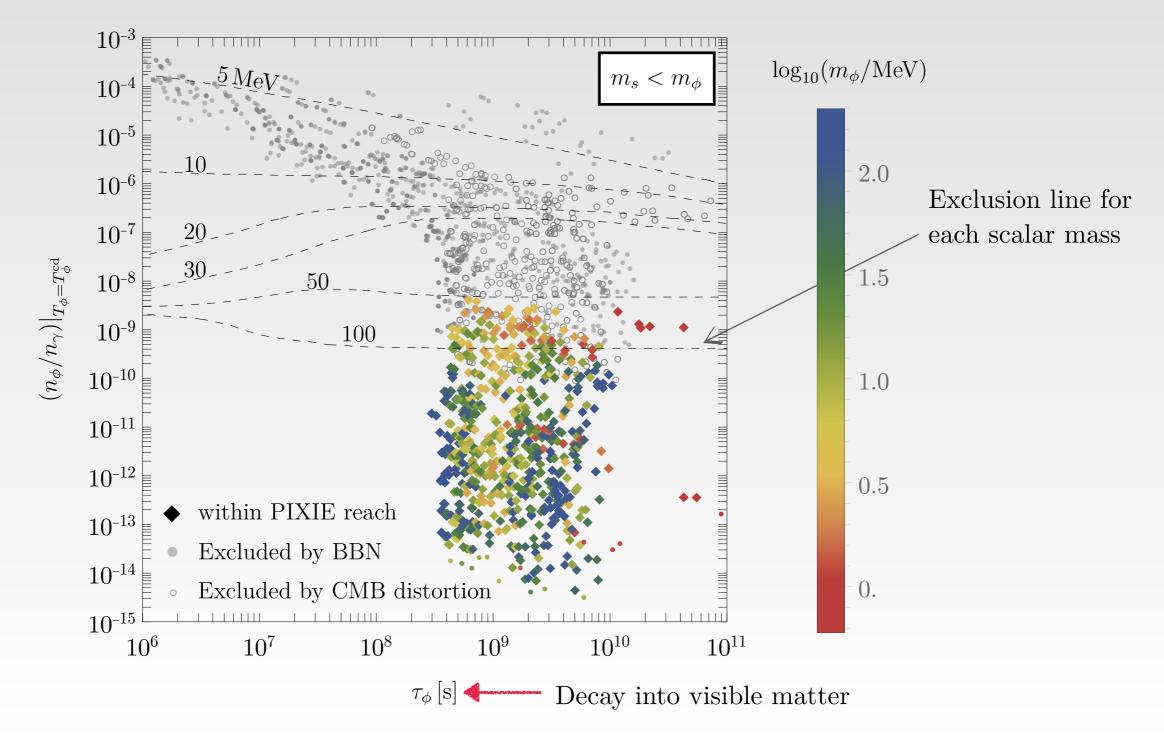
Dark Matter-mediator evolution

Benchmark point with $m_{\phi} < m_s$.



Constraints on mediator

During Big Bang Nucleosynthesis ($T_{SM} \sim 1$ MeV) nucleons combined. Presence of mediators may **violate** BBN constraints:



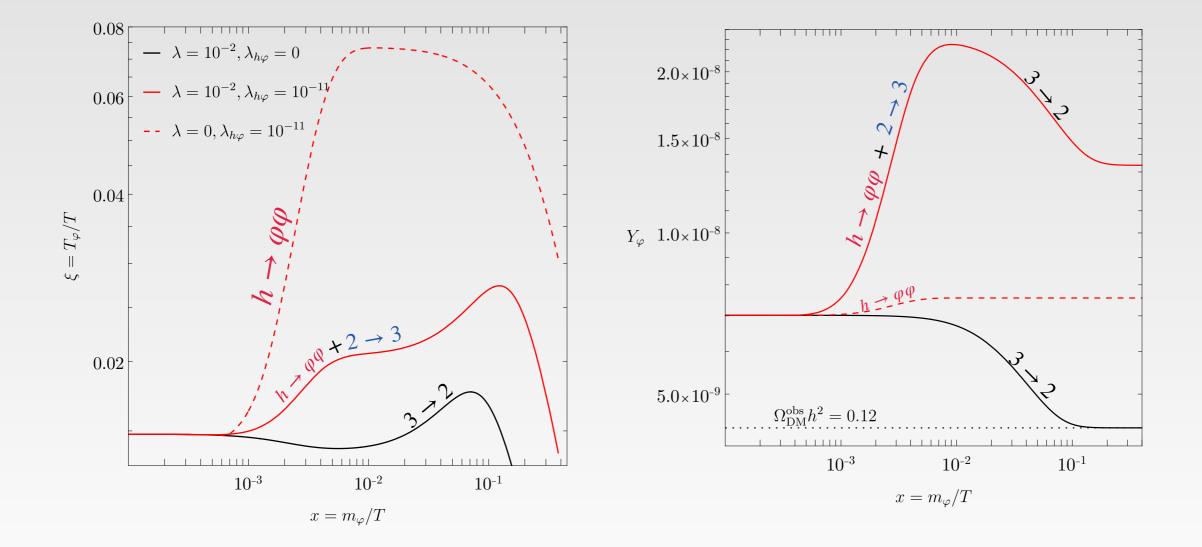
Conclusions

• *Frozen-in* Cannibal DM is a viable scenario that explains the origin of a cannibalising dark sector (often not addressed);

- It has unique evolution in the Early Universe & potentially detectable signals in direct and indirect searches;
- Temperature (and momentum distribution) can have a **non-trivial** impact in such scenarios and **need to be studied** carefully.

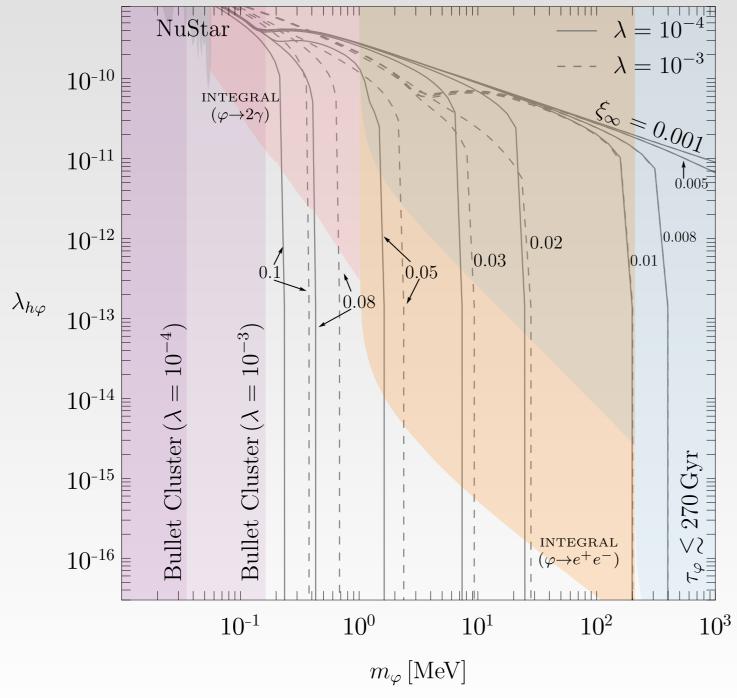
Consolidating interactions with matter

Toy model with Higgs Portal: $\mathcal{L} \supset -\lambda_{h\varphi} \varphi^2 H^{\dagger} H$, $\lambda_{h\varphi} \ll 1$, and initially cold DM; $T_{DM}/T_{SM} = 10^{-2}$:



Decaying Dark Matter

If the symmetry stabilizing DM is broken, it will decay with $\tau_{\varphi} \propto 1/\lambda_{h\varphi}^2$:



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$$\xi_{\infty} = T_{DM}^i / T_{SM}^i < 1;$$

- NuStar and INTEGRAL are telescopes constraints;
- 270 Gyr is the constraint by CMB;
- Bullet Cluster constraints DM self interactions $\sigma_{2\rightarrow 2}$;
- The case $\lambda_{h\varphi} = 0$ is studied in Hufnagel, Tygat 22.