

# Conversions in two-component dark sectors: A phase space level analysis

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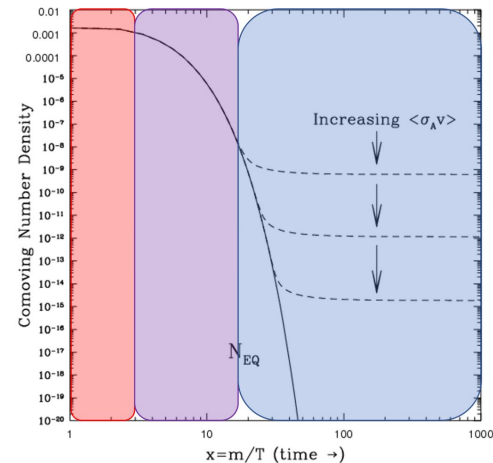
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- Dark sector can be multicomponent
- Two-component Coy DM: A DM explanation to the Galactic Centre excess
- Results of phase space level analysis
- Summary

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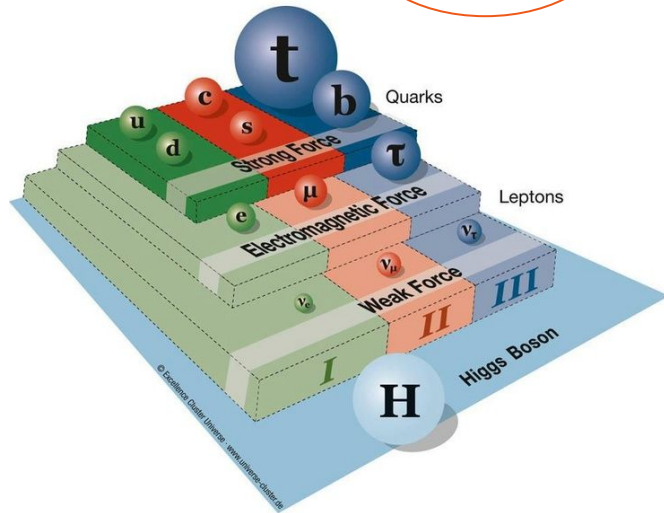
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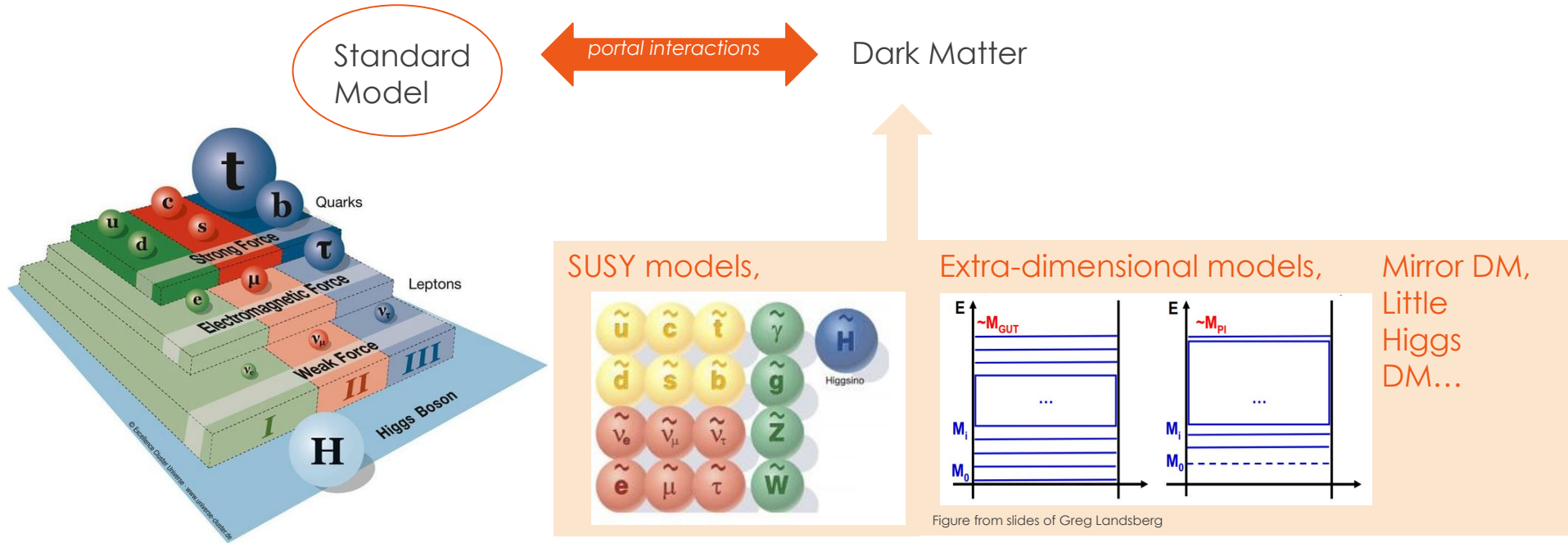
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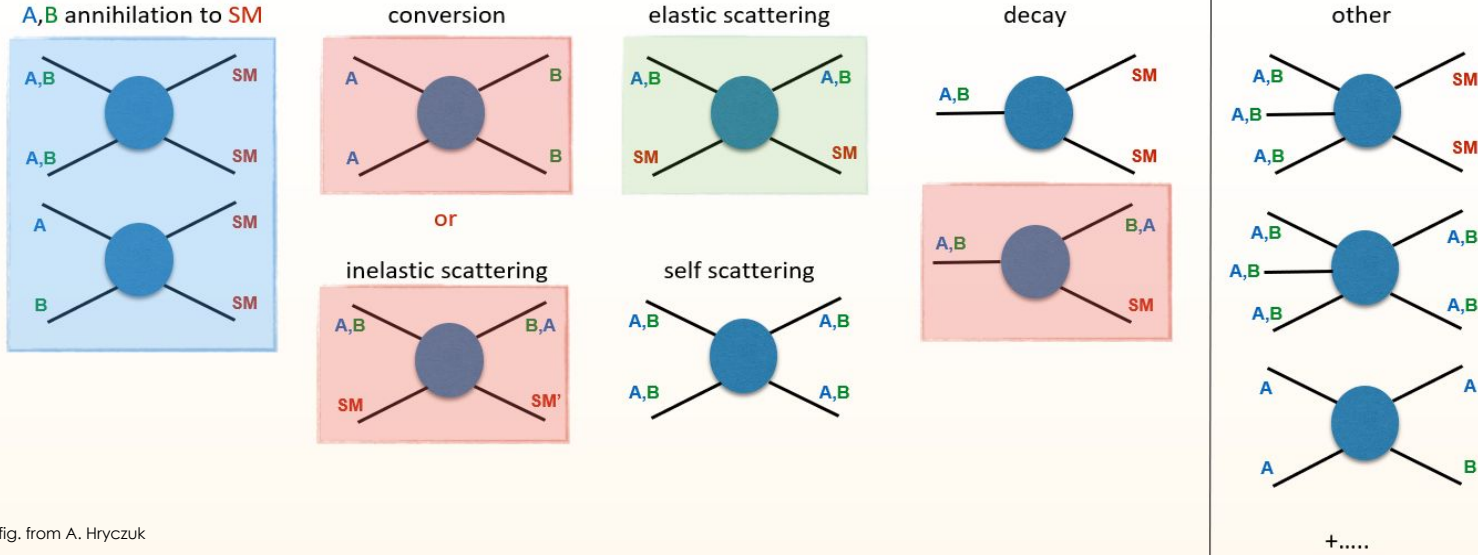
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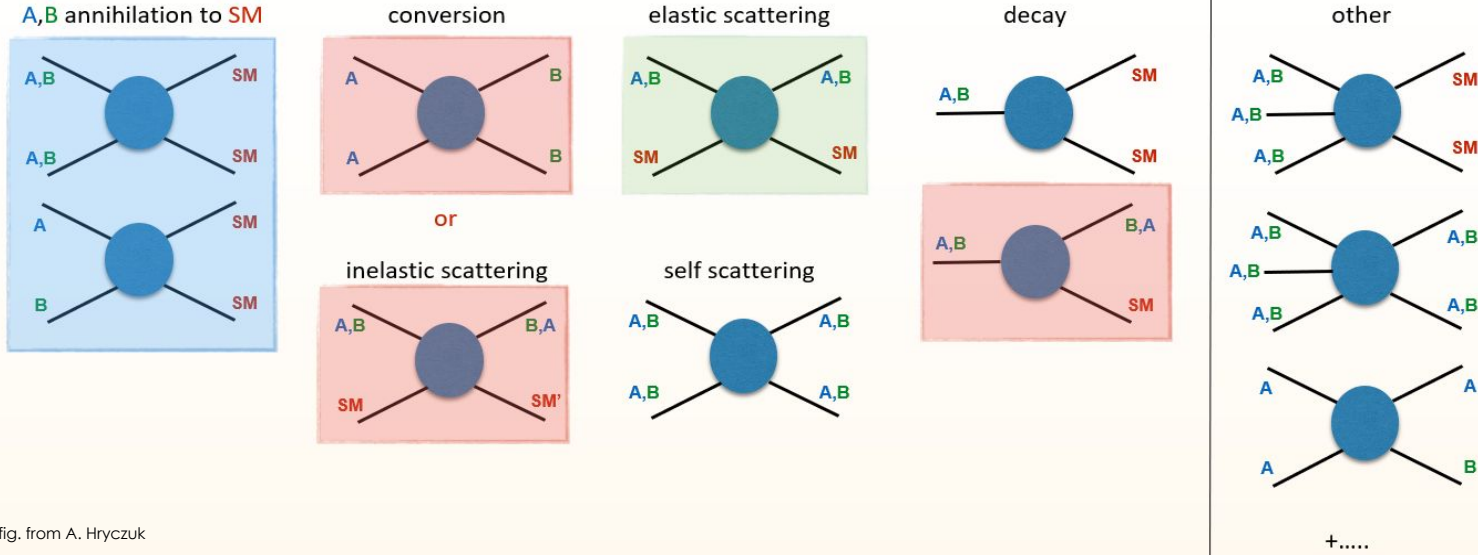
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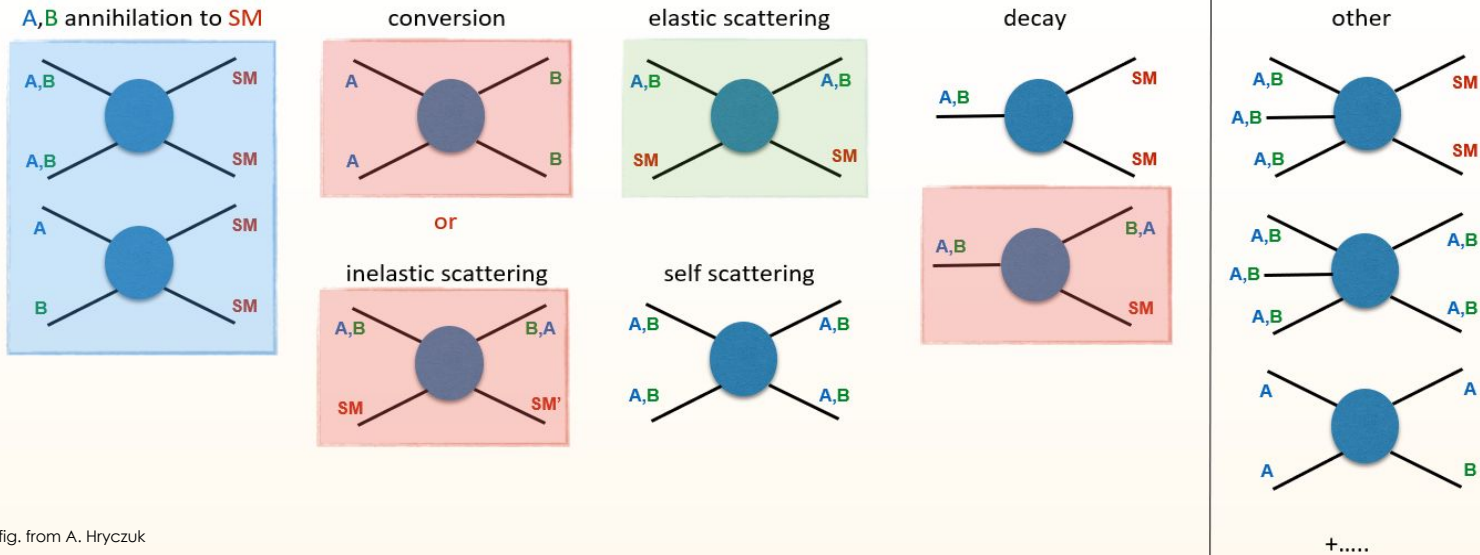
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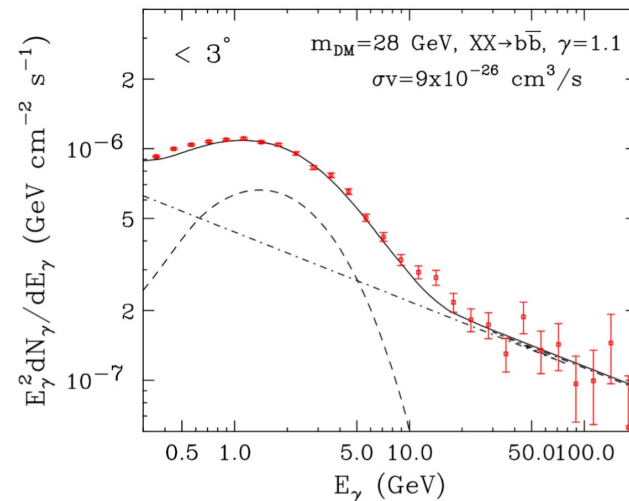


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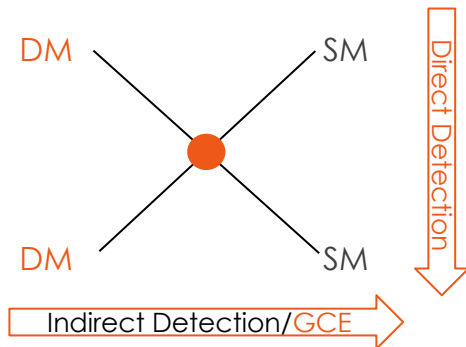


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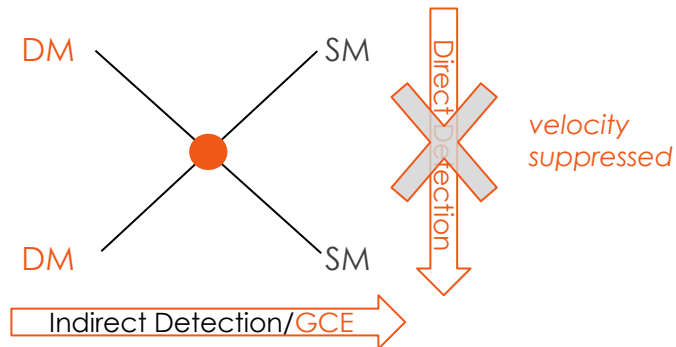
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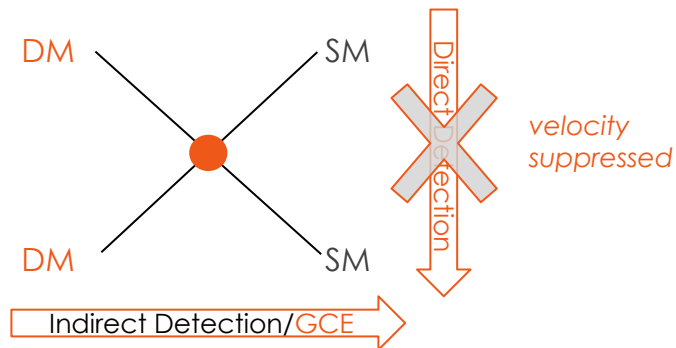


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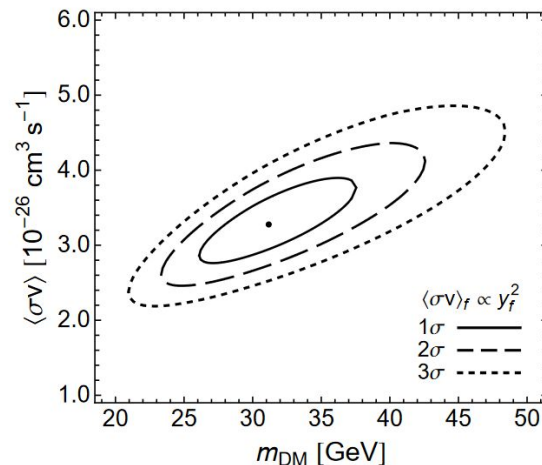
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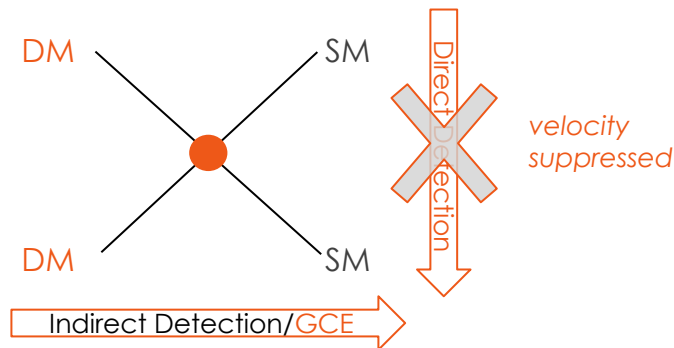
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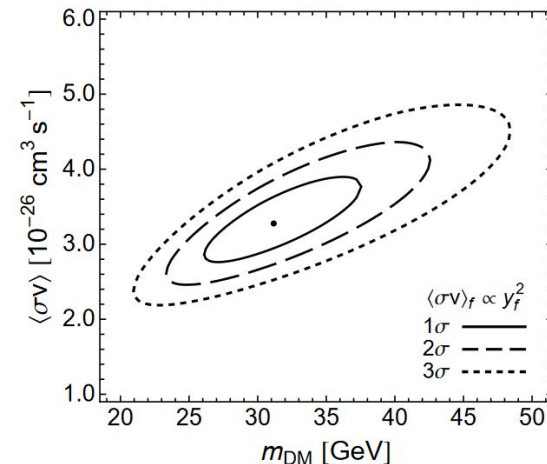
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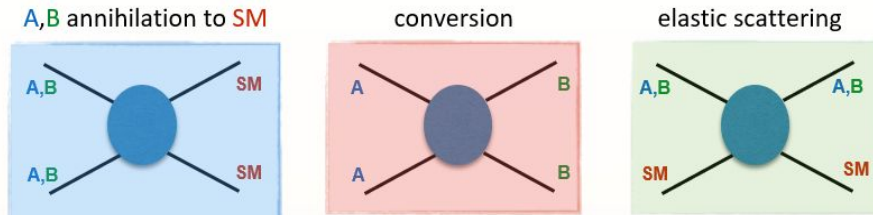
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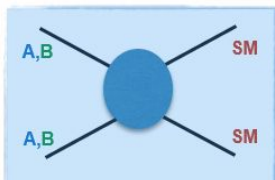
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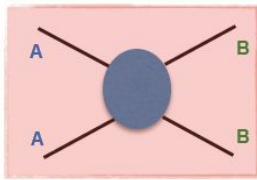
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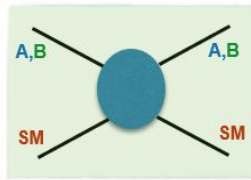
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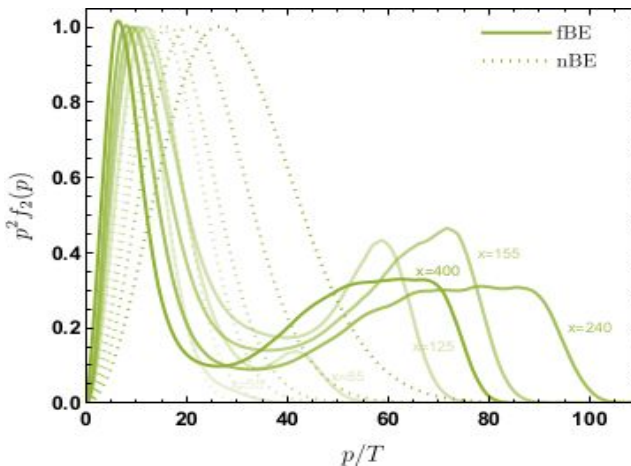
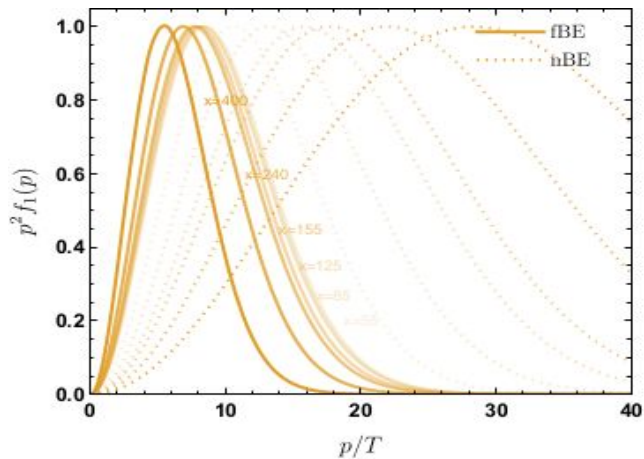


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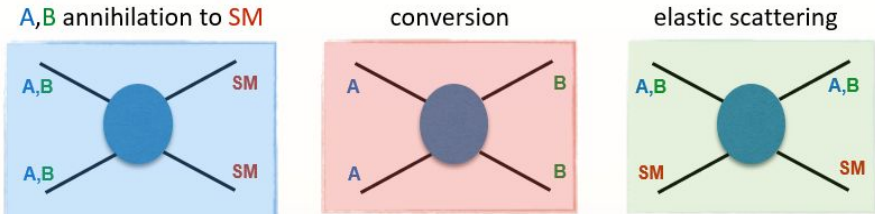


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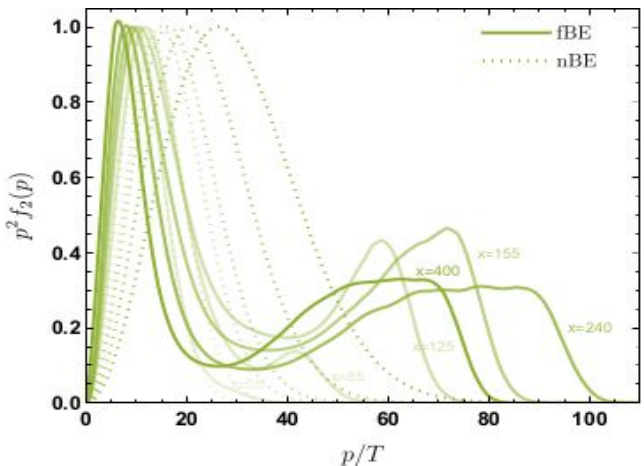
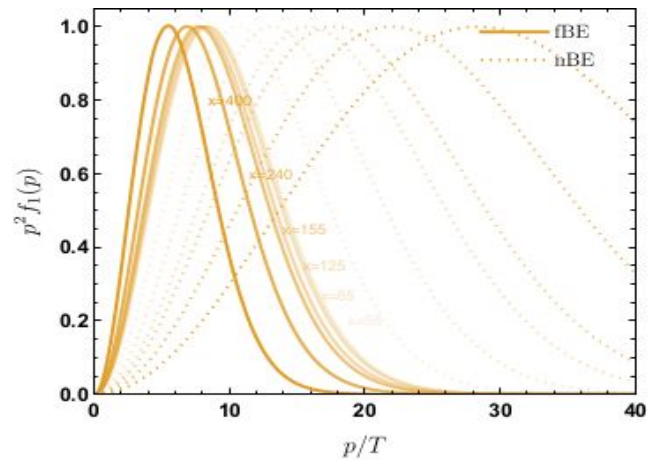
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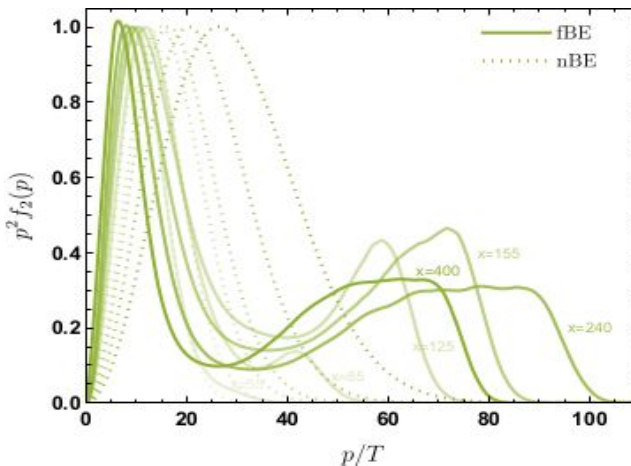
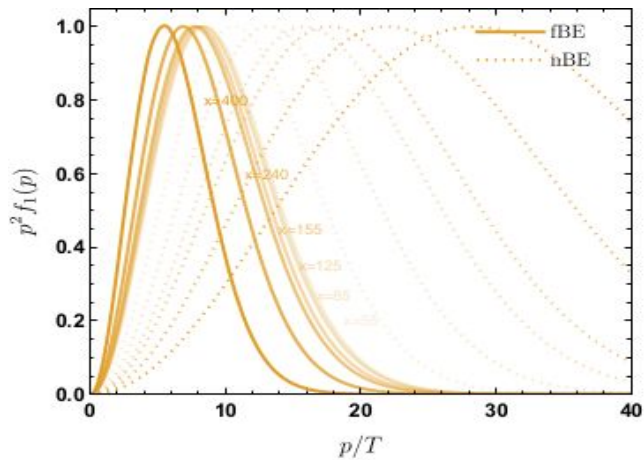
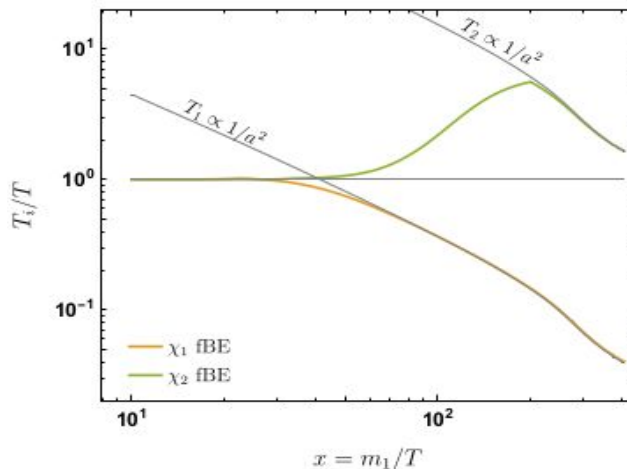
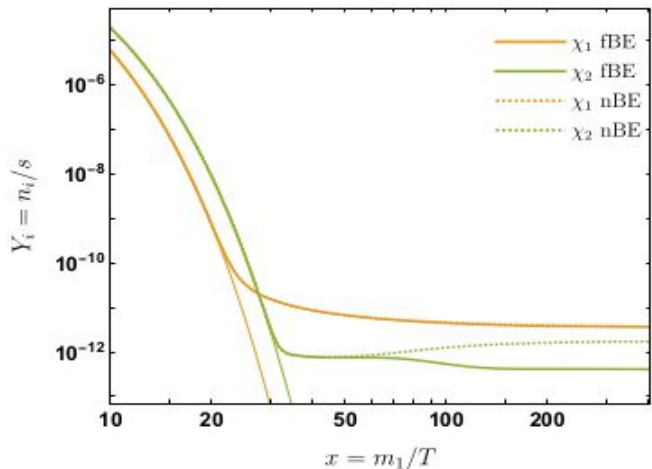
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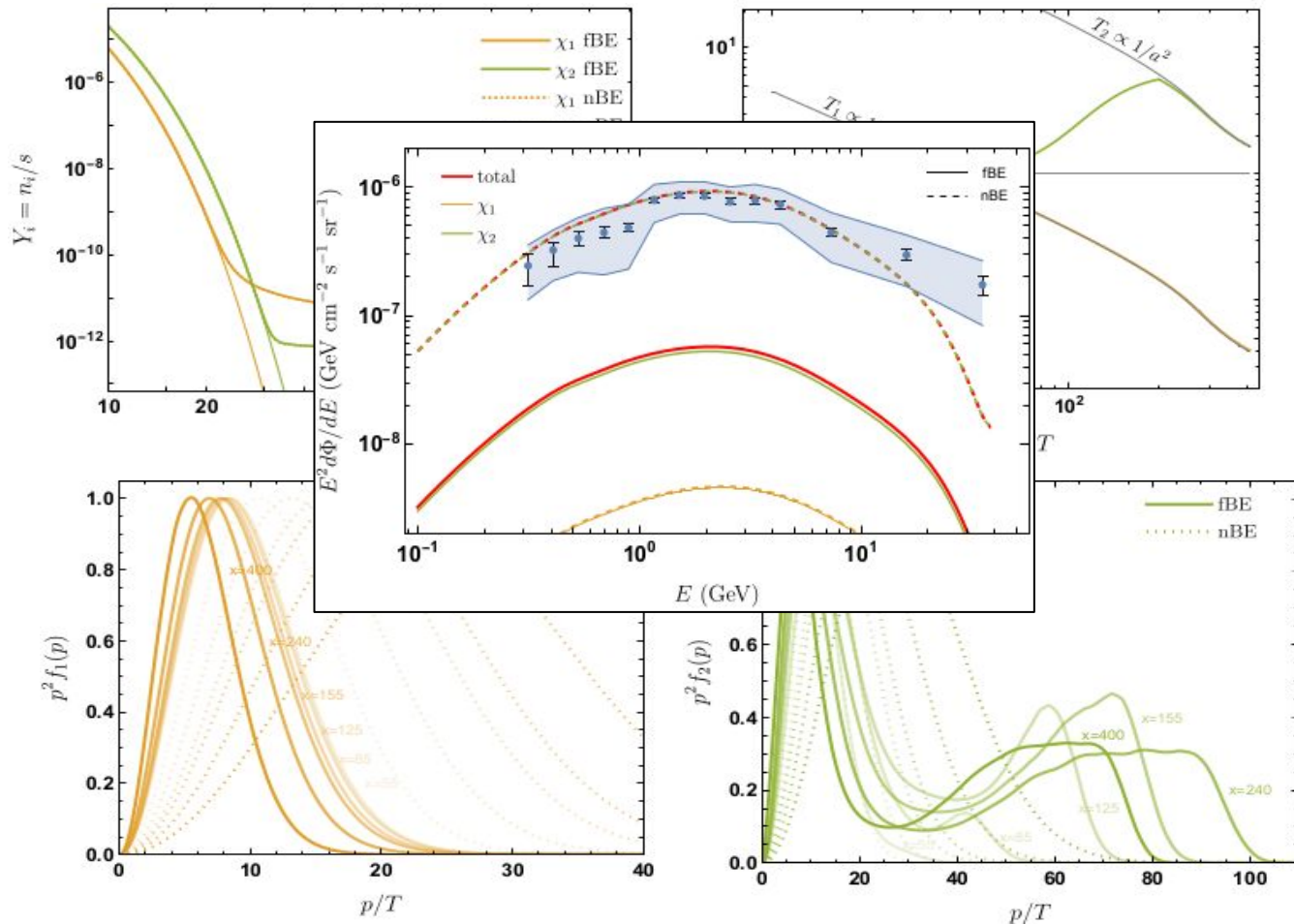
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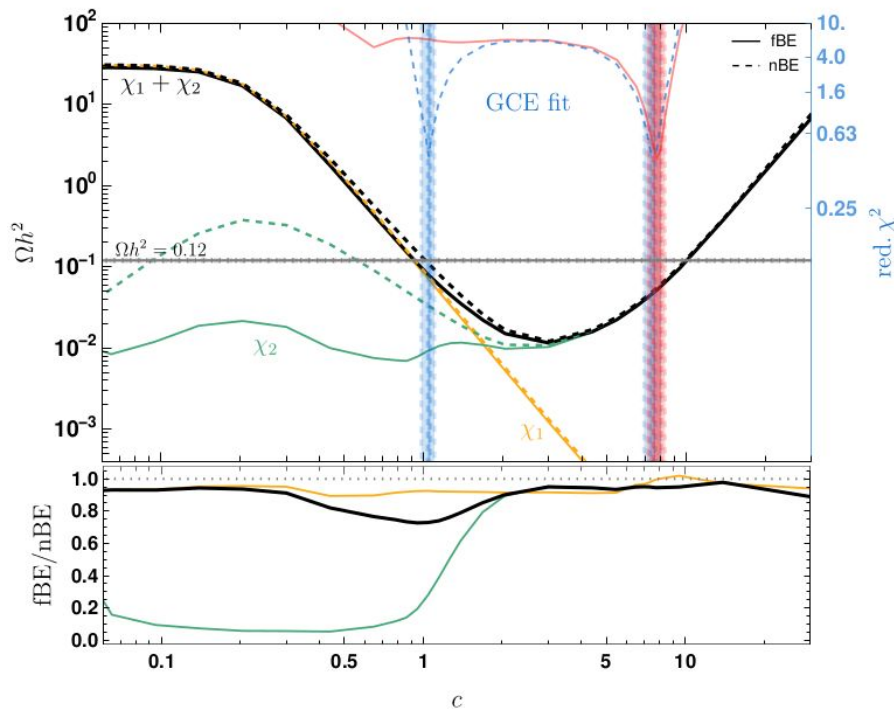
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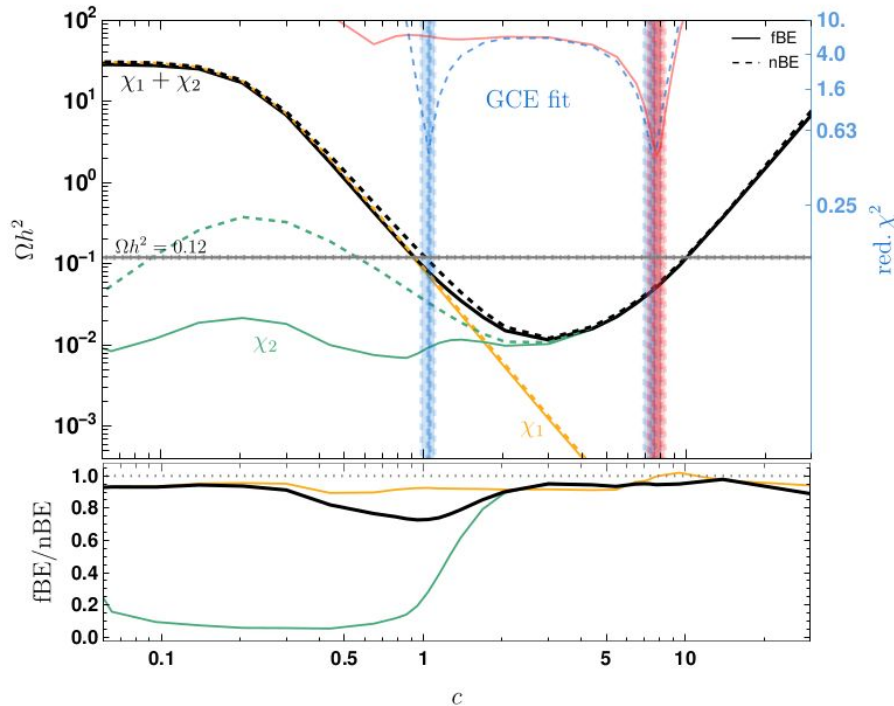
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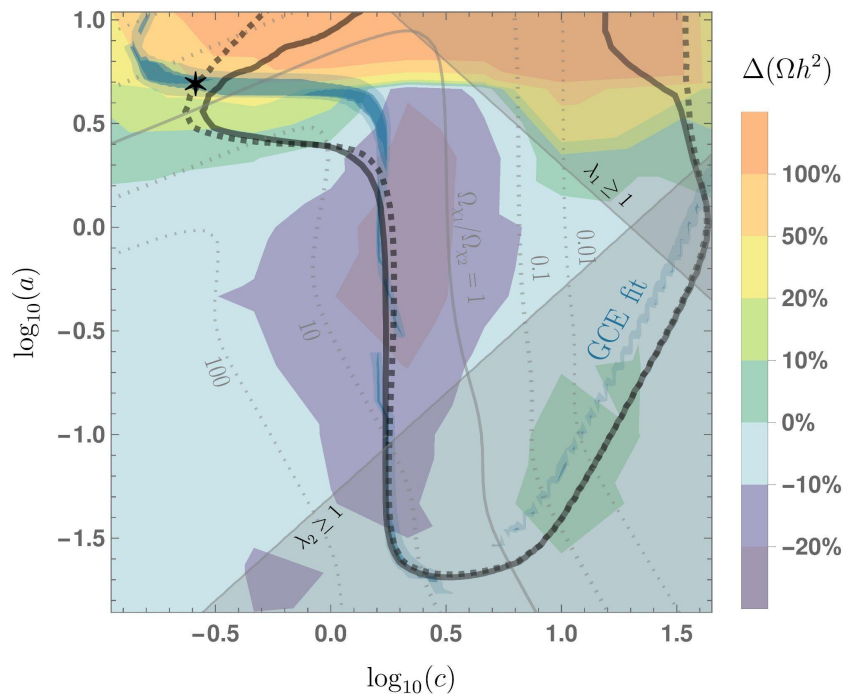
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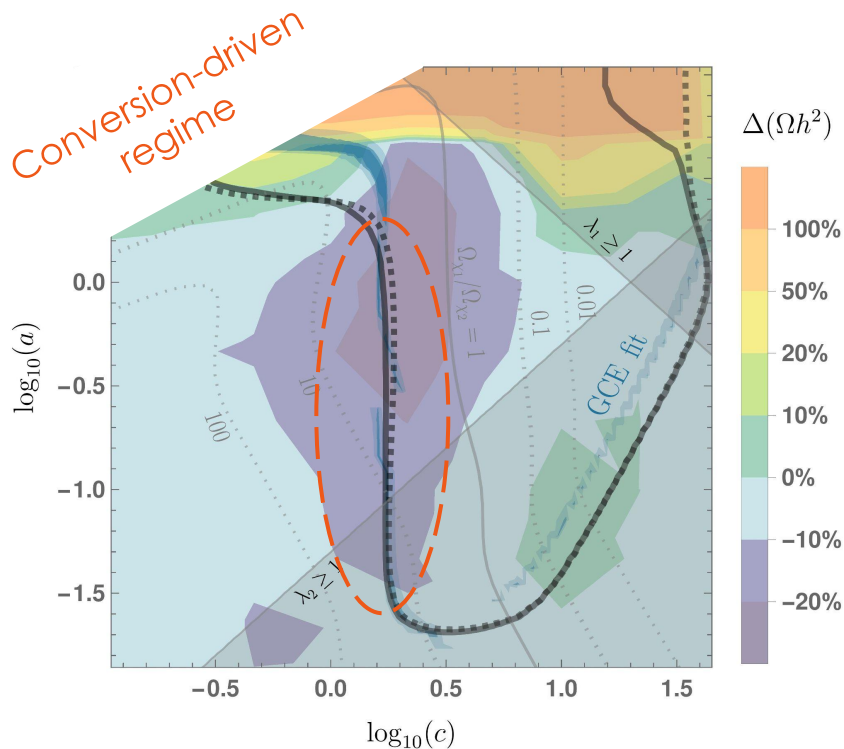
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Back-up slides

# Boltzmann equation at the phase space level

Solving the DM distribution function at the full phase space level:

$$\partial_t f_{DM} - H p \partial_p f_{DM} = C_{el}[f_{DM}] + C_{ann}[f_{DM}] \quad \text{where, } f_{DM} \equiv f_{DM}(p, T).$$

CAN proceed fully numerically but it is time and CPU costly, due to the multidimensional integrations in the collision operators:

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Typically the average momentum transferred during the scattering events is small

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$$C_{el}[f_{DM}] \simeq C_{FP} = \frac{1}{2E_1} \gamma(f_{eq}) \widehat{FP}(p_1) \cdot f_{DM}(p_1)$$

no integration on  $f_{DM}$

*Fokker Planck approximation*

----DRAKE: publicly available code for solving at this full phase space level

$$\frac{\Delta \vec{p}}{\vec{p}} < 1, \frac{p_1}{E_1} < 1$$

$$d\Pi \equiv d\pi_{p_2} d\pi_{p_3} d\pi_{p_4} \delta^{(4)}(p_1 + p_3 - p_2 - p_4)$$

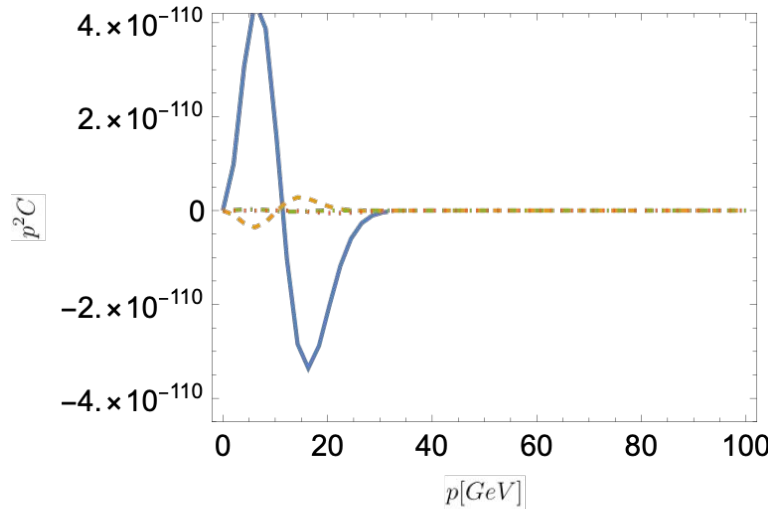
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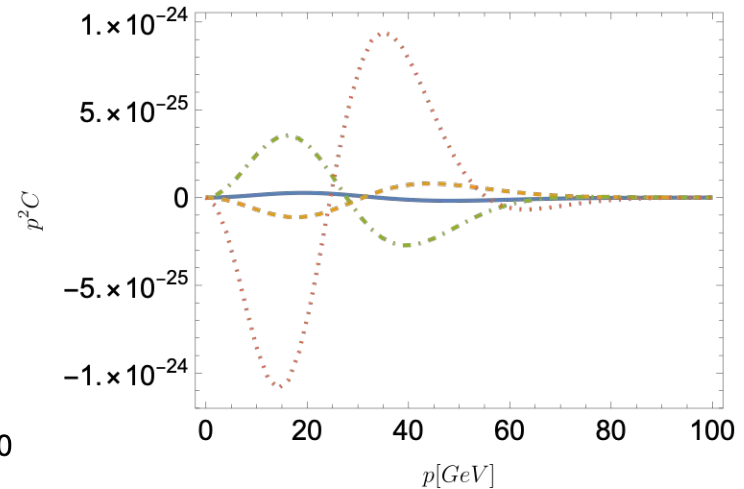
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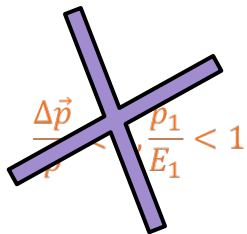
$$x \equiv \frac{m_{DM}}{T} = \frac{m_\chi}{T}$$



— C2    - - - C4    ····· C6    ····· C8  
 $m_\chi = 100 \text{ GeV}, m = 1 \text{ GeV}, x = 250$



— C2    - - - C4    ····· C6    ····· C8  
 $m_\chi = 100 \text{ GeV}, m = 100 \text{ GeV}, x = 25$



# When does the Fokker Planck approx. work?

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- Arrived at by dropping higher order terms in  $\Delta\vec{p}/\vec{p}$  and  $p_1/E_1$ .
- Very good “approximation” (O(1%)) while the conditions of the expansion hold true.

**Q: How to know when the FP approximation works?**

$$|M|^2 \rightarrow \underbrace{t^{n_1}}_{\propto \text{transfer momentum}} \underbrace{(s - (m_{DM} + m_{SM})^2)^{n_2}}_{\propto \text{relative velocity}} \underbrace{(u - (m_{DM} - m_{SM})^2)^{n_3}}_{\propto \text{velocities}}$$

With an efficiently implemented fully numerical<sup>1</sup> solver for the Boltzmann equation into DRAKE, we find that The Fokker Planck approximation works well for:

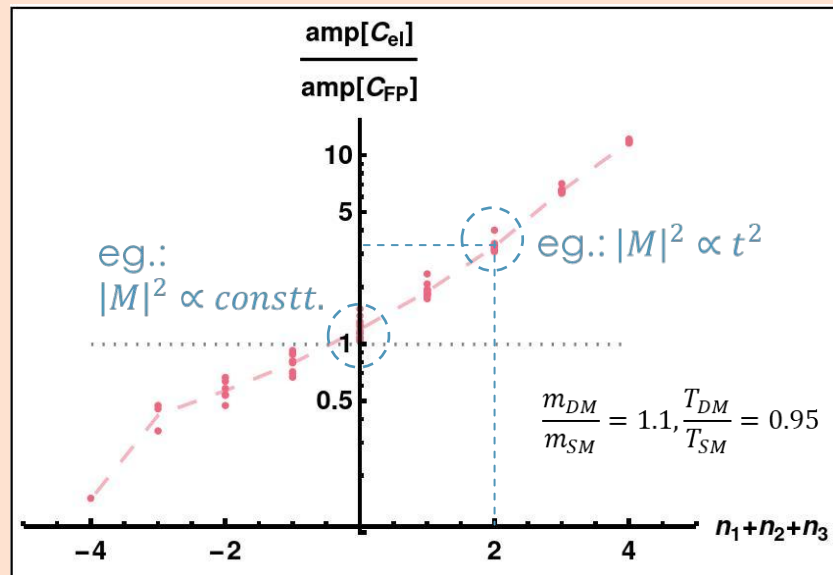
1. Scattering particle with masses significantly smaller than DM mass (small reduced mass  $\Rightarrow$  small momentum transfer)

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2. DM temperatures close to the SM temperature (eg.: near kinetic decoupling)

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3. Scattering amplitudes that aren't strongly dependent on momentum transfer (the dropped higher order terms are more relevant for an amplitude sensitive to said dropped quantity)



<sup>1</sup>  
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Hryczuk, Laletin '20  
Aboubrahim, Klasen, Wiggering '23  
Beauchesne, Chiang '24;

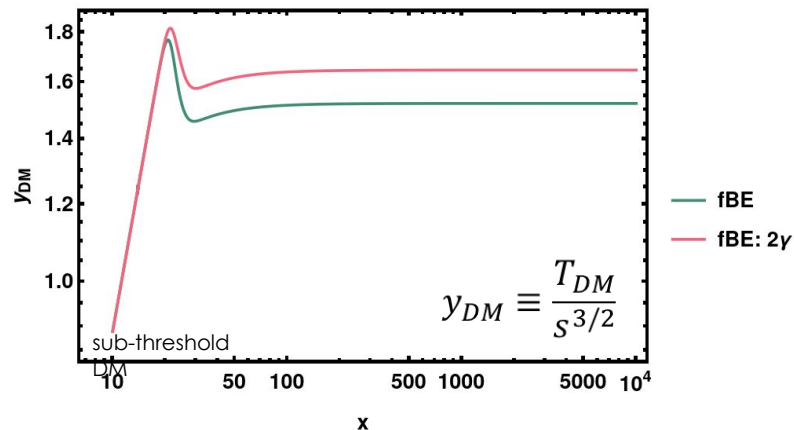
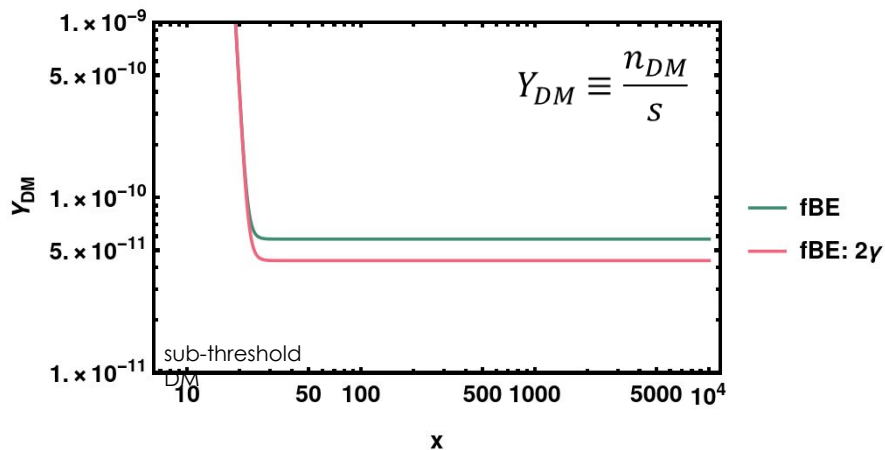
# Improvement on Fokker Planck: Relic density

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$$\partial_t f_{DM} - Hp \partial_p f_{DM} = C_{el}[f_{DM}] + C_{ann}[f_{DM}]$$

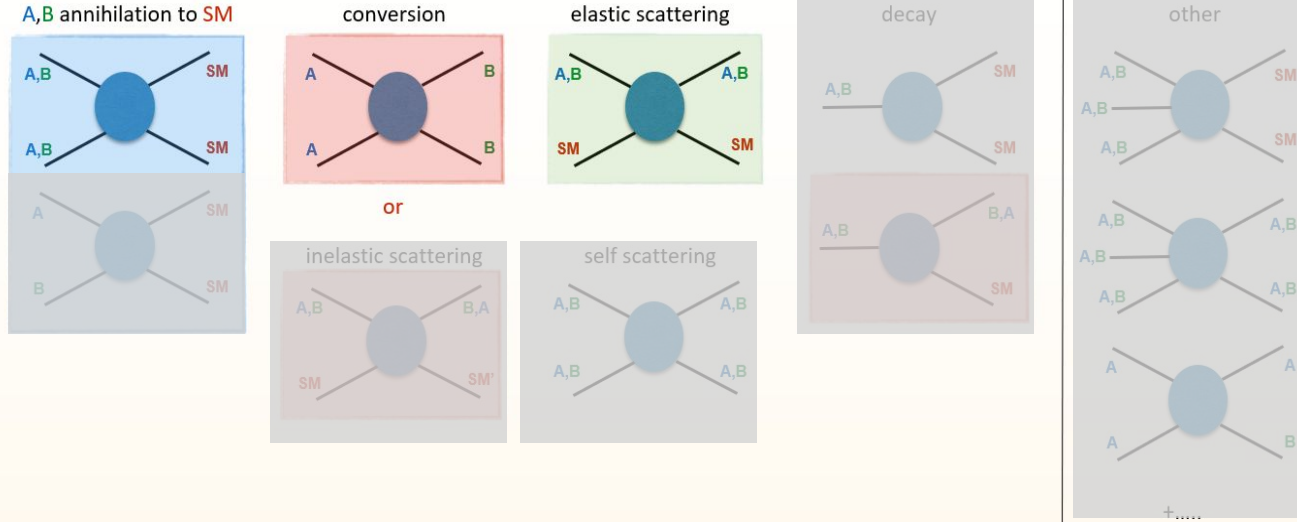
$$C_{el}[f_{DM}] \simeq C_{FP} = \frac{1}{2E_1} \gamma(f_{eq}) \widehat{FP}(p_1) \cdot f_{DM}(p_1)$$

An overall factor 2 at the level of collision operator  $\Rightarrow$  25% change in DM relic density



# Coy Dark Matter: 2-component

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- Code to solve at Yield level: micrOMEGAs 6.0: N-component DM
- We develop a code to solve for this **multicomponent DM at phase space level**: extending the publicly available code **DRAKE**

$$(\partial_t - p_i H \partial_{p_i}) f_i(p_i, t) = \underbrace{\hat{C}_{\chi_i, SM \rightarrow \chi_i, SM}(p_i, t)}_{\text{Elastic scattering}} + \underbrace{\hat{C}_{\chi_i, \chi_i \rightarrow SM, SM}(p_i, t)}_{\text{Annihilations}} + \underbrace{\sum_{i \neq j} \hat{C}_{\chi_i, \chi_i \rightarrow \chi_j, \chi_j}(p_i, t)}_{\text{Conversions}}$$

Collision operators:

$$C_{el}[f_{DM}] = \int d\Pi |M|_{DM, SM \rightarrow DM, SM}^2 (f_{DM; A, B}(p_1) f_{eq}(p_3) - f_{DM; A, B}(p_2) f_{eq}(p_4))$$

$$C_{ann}[f_{DM}] = \int d\Pi |M|_{DM, DM \rightarrow SM, SM}^2 (f_{DM; A, B}(p_1) f_{DM; A, B}(p_2) - f_{eq}(p_3) f_{eq}(p_4))$$

$$C_{conv}[f_{DM}] = \int d\Pi |M|_{A, A \rightarrow B, B}^2 (f_{DM, A}(p_1) f_{DM, A}(p_2) - f_{DM, B}(p_3) f_{DM, B}(p_4))$$

$$\mathcal{L} \supset -i\lambda_1 a \chi_1 \gamma^5 \chi_1 - i\lambda_2 a \chi_2 \gamma^5 \chi_2$$

$$-i\lambda_y \sum_{f \in SM} y_f a \bar{f} \gamma^5 f$$