

TWO (MORE) EXCEPTIONS IN THE CALCULATIONS OF RELIC ABUNDANCES

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OUTLINE

1. Introduction

- why **Dark Matter** is so interesting?*
- standard approach to **thermal relic density**

2. Exception IV

- **NLO** effects
- **finite temperature** effects

3. Exception V

- **velocity dependent** annihilation
- **non-perturbative** effects

4. Summary

*to have most of seminars about it

TOP 3 REASONS

WHY DARK MATTER IS SO FASCINATING

1. We know it is there waiting for us,
but we still don't know what it is



2. It might help us solve some of the
mysteries of physics at the
fundamental level (Higgs mass stability,
baryogenesis, neutrino masses, strong CP,
pretty-much-everything, ...)



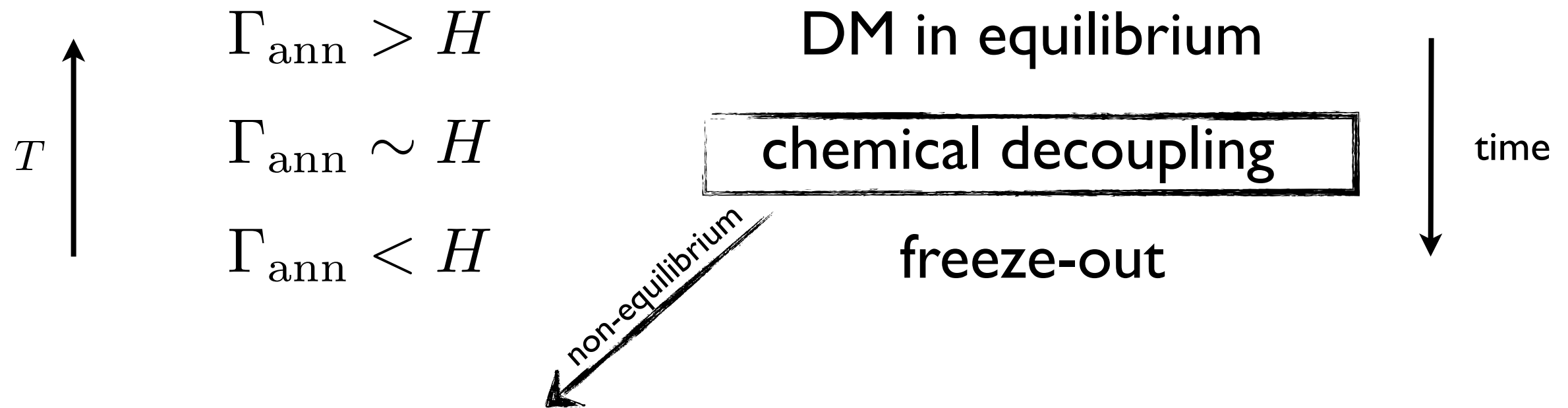
3. It may be better to spot them first,
before they can spot us

vide A. Lipniacka talk last Friday



RELIC DENSITY

STANDARD APPROACH



time evolution of $f_\chi(p)$ in kinetic theory:

$$\boxed{E (\partial_t - H \vec{p} \cdot \nabla_{\vec{p}})} f_\chi = \mathcal{C}[f_\chi] \Rightarrow \frac{d n_\chi}{dt} + 3H n_\chi = C$$

Liouville operator in FRW background

the collision term

integrated

assumptions for using Boltzmann eq: classical limit, molecular chaos,...

RELIC DENSITY

THE LO COLLISION TERM

for $2 \leftrightarrow 2$ CP invariant process:

$$C_{\text{LO}} = -h_{\chi}^2 \int \frac{d^3 \vec{p}_{\chi}}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{d^3 \vec{p}_{\bar{\chi}}}{(2\pi)^3} \sigma_{\chi \bar{\chi} \rightarrow ij} v_{\text{rel}} \left[f_{\chi} f_{\bar{\chi}} (1 \pm f_i)(1 \pm f_j) - f_i f_j (1 \pm f_{\chi})(1 \pm f_{\bar{\chi}}) \right]$$

note: added "by hand"

assuming kinetic equilibrium at chemical decoupling: $f_{\chi} \sim a(\mu) f_{\chi}^{\text{eq}}$

$$C_{\text{LO}} = -\langle \sigma_{\chi \bar{\chi} \rightarrow ij} v_{\text{rel}} \rangle^{\text{eq}} (n_{\chi} n_{\bar{\chi}} - n_{\chi}^{\text{eq}} n_{\bar{\chi}}^{\text{eq}})$$

where the thermally averaged cross section:

$$\langle \sigma_{\chi \bar{\chi} \rightarrow ij} v_{\text{rel}} \rangle^{\text{eq}} = -\frac{h_{\chi}^2}{n_{\chi}^{\text{eq}} n_{\bar{\chi}}^{\text{eq}}} \int \frac{d^3 \vec{p}_{\chi}}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{d^3 \vec{p}_{\bar{\chi}}}{(2\pi)^3} \sigma_{\chi \bar{\chi} \rightarrow ij} v_{\text{rel}} f_{\chi}^{\text{eq}} f_{\bar{\chi}}^{\text{eq}}$$

crucial point:

$$p_{\chi} + p_{\bar{\chi}} = p_i + p_j \Rightarrow f_{\chi}^{\text{eq}} f_{\bar{\chi}}^{\text{eq}} \approx f_i^{\text{eq}} f_j^{\text{eq}}$$

in Maxwell approx.

RELIC DENSITY

BOLTZMANN EQ.

$$\frac{dn_\chi}{dt} + 3Hn_\chi = -\langle\sigma_{\chi\bar{\chi}\rightarrow ij}\sigma_{\text{rel}}\rangle^{\text{eq}} (n_\chi n_{\bar{\chi}} - n_\chi^{\text{eq}} n_{\bar{\chi}}^{\text{eq}})$$

Re-written for the comoving number density:

$$\frac{dY}{dx} = \sqrt{\frac{g_*\pi m_\chi^2}{45G}} \frac{\langle\sigma_{\chi\bar{\chi}\rightarrow ij}\sigma_{\text{rel}}\rangle^{\text{eq}}}{x^2} (Y^2 - Y_{\text{eq}}^2)$$

$$\lim_{x\rightarrow 0} Y = Y_{\text{eq}} \quad \lim_{x\rightarrow \infty} Y = \text{const}$$

Recipe:

compute LO annihilation **cross-section**,
take a **thermal bath average**,
plug in to **BE**... and voilà

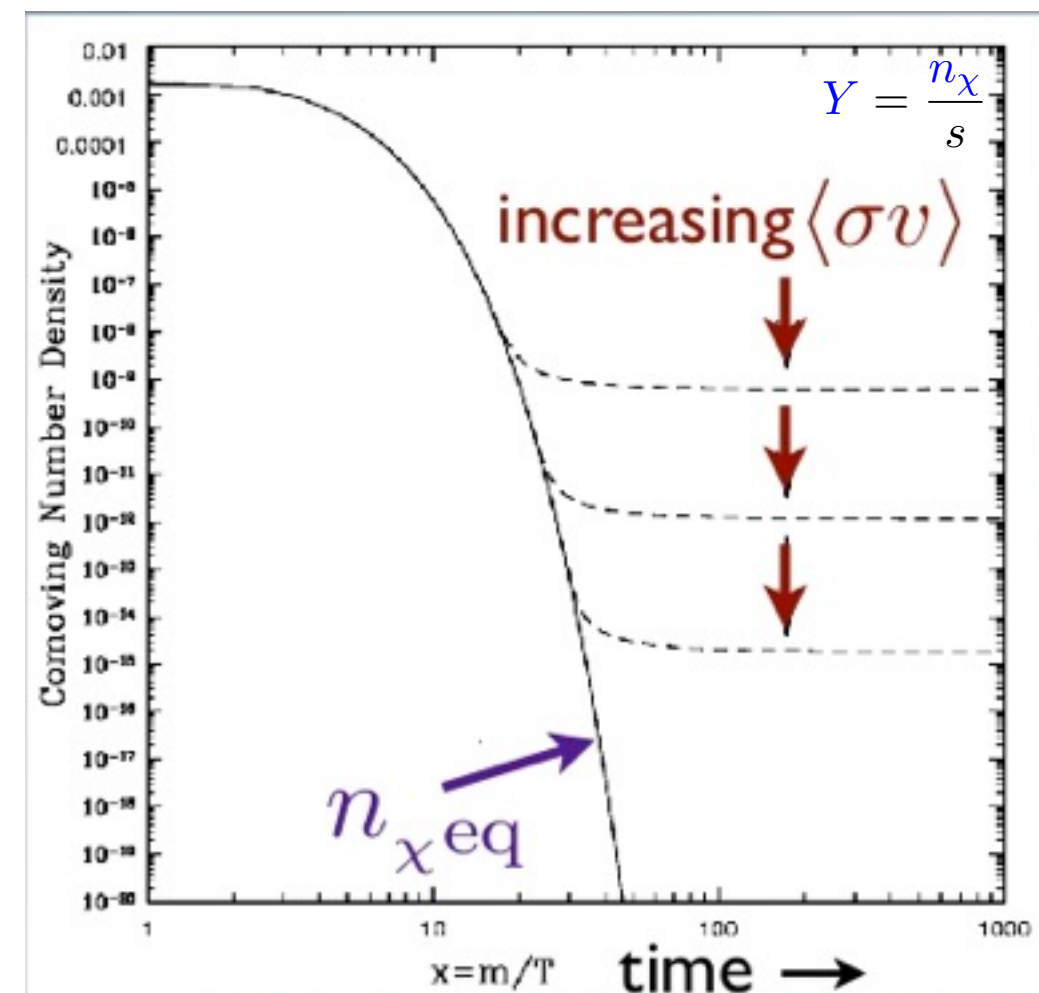


Fig.: Jungman, Kamionkowski & Griest, PR'96

RELIC DENSITY

THREE EXCEPTIONS Griest & Seckel PRD'91

1. Co-annihilations

if more than one state share a
conserved quantum number
making DM stable

$$\langle \sigma_{\text{eff}} V \rangle = \sum_{ij} \langle \sigma_{ij} V_{ij} \rangle \frac{n_i^{\text{eq}} n_j^{\text{eq}}}{n_{\text{eq}}^2}$$

with: $\sigma_{ij} = \sum_X \sigma(\chi_i \chi_j \rightarrow X)$
e.g., SUSY

2. Annihilation to forbidden channels

if DM is slightly below mass
threshold for annihilation \Rightarrow „forbidden” channel can still be
accessible in thermal bath

recent e.g., [1505.07107](#)

3. Annihilation near poles

expansion in velocity
(s-wave, p-wave, etc.) not safe

(more historical issue:
these days most people
use numerical codes)

EXCEPTION IV: NLO EFFECTS

DARK MATTER AT NLO

Bergstrom '89; Drees et al., 9306325;
Ullio & Bergstrom, 9707333

} helicity suppression lifting

⋮

Bergstrom et al., 0507229;
Bringmann et al., 0710.3169

} spectral features in indirect searches

⋮

Ciafaloni et al., 1009.0224
Cirelli et al., 1012.4515
Ciafaloni et al., 1202.0692
AH & Iengo, 1111.2916

} large EW corrections

⋮

Chatterjee et al., 1209.2328
Harz et al., 1212.5241
Ciafaloni et al., 1305.6391
Hermann et al., 1404.2931
Boudjema et al., 1403.7459

} ***thermal relic density***

$$\Omega_{DM} h^2 = 0.1187 \pm 0.0017. \quad <1.5\% \text{ uncertainty!}$$

Planck+WMAP pol.+highL+BAO; 1303.5062

⋮
SloopS, DM@NLO, PPC4DMID

} NLO codes

RELIC DENSITY AT NLO

Recall at LO:

$$C_{\text{LO}} = -h_\chi^2 \int \frac{d^3 \vec{p}_\chi}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{d^3 \vec{p}_{\bar{\chi}}}{(2\pi)^3} \sigma_{\chi\bar{\chi} \rightarrow ij} v_{\text{rel}} [f_\chi f_{\bar{\chi}} (1 \pm f_i)(1 \pm f_j) - f_i f_j (1 \pm f_\chi)(1 \pm f_{\bar{\chi}})]$$

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in Maxwell approx.

at NLO both virtual one-loop and 3-body processes contribute:

$$C_{1\text{-loop}} = -h_\chi^2 \int \frac{d^3 \vec{p}_\chi}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{d^3 \vec{p}_{\bar{\chi}}}{(2\pi)^3} \sigma_{\chi\bar{\chi} \rightarrow ij}^{1\text{-loop}} v_{\text{rel}} [f_\chi f_{\bar{\chi}} (1 \pm f_i)(1 \pm f_j) - f_i f_j (1 \pm f_\chi)(1 \pm f_{\bar{\chi}})]$$

$$C_{\text{real}} = -h_\chi^2 \int \frac{d^3 \vec{p}_\chi}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{d^3 \vec{p}_{\bar{\chi}}}{(2\pi)^3} \sigma_{\chi\bar{\chi} \rightarrow ij\gamma} v_{\text{rel}} [f_\chi f_{\bar{\chi}} (1 \pm f_i)(1 \pm f_j)(1 \pm f_\gamma) - f_i f_j f_\gamma (1 \pm f_\chi)(1 \pm f_{\bar{\chi}})]$$

$$p_\chi + p_{\bar{\chi}} = p_i + p_j \pm p_\gamma \Rightarrow$$

photon can be
arbitrarily soft

$$f_\gamma \sim \omega^{-1}$$

Maxwell approx. not valid anymore...

RELIC DENSITY AT NLO

...problem: T -dependend IR divergence!



it sounds scary - but somehow we all know there has to be a happy-end

RELIC DENSITY

WHAT REALLY HAPPENS AT NLO?

Beneke, Dighera, AH, 1409.3049

only this used in NLO literature so far

$$C_{\text{NLO}} \sim \int d\Pi_{\chi\bar{\chi}ij} f_{\chi} f_{\bar{\chi}} \left\{ |\mathcal{M}_{\chi\bar{\chi} \rightarrow ij}^{\text{LO}}|^2 + |\mathcal{M}_{\chi\bar{\chi} \rightarrow ij}^{\text{NLO } T=0}|^2 + \int d\Pi_{\gamma} |\mathcal{M}_{\chi\bar{\chi} \rightarrow ij\gamma}|^2 + \right.$$

$$\left. |\mathcal{M}_{\chi\bar{\chi} \rightarrow ij}^{\text{NLO } T \neq 0}|^2 + \int d\Pi_{\gamma} [f_{\gamma} (|\mathcal{M}_{\chi\bar{\chi} \rightarrow ij\gamma}|^2 + |\mathcal{M}_{\chi\bar{\chi}\gamma \rightarrow ij}|^2) \right.$$

$$\left. - f_i (|\mathcal{M}_{\chi\bar{\chi} \rightarrow ij\gamma}|^2 + |\mathcal{M}_{\chi\bar{\chi}i \rightarrow j\gamma}|^2) - f_j (|\mathcal{M}_{\chi\bar{\chi} \rightarrow ij\gamma}|^2 + |\mathcal{M}_{\chi\bar{\chi}j \rightarrow i\gamma}|^2) \right\}$$

thermal 1-loop

photon absorption

SM fermions emission

photon emission

SM fermions absorption

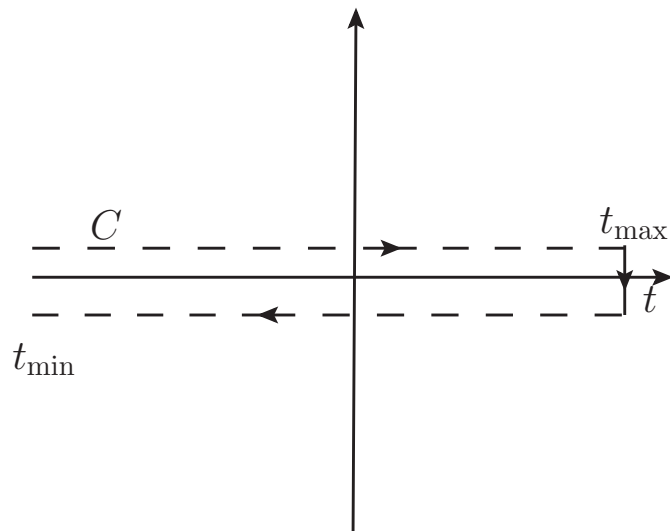
QUESTIONS:

1. how the (soft and collinear) **IR divergence cancellation** happen?
2. does Boltzmann equation itself receive **quantum corrections**?
3. how large are the remaining **finite T corrections**?

Program: develop a method for relic density calculation directly from QFT and free from IR problems

framework exists: **non-equilibrium thermal field theory**

CLOSED TIME PATH FORMALISM



$$i\Delta(x, y) = \langle T_C \phi(x) \phi^\dagger(y) \rangle,$$

$$iS_{\alpha\beta}(x, y) = \langle T_C \psi_\alpha(x) \bar{\psi}_\beta(y) \rangle,$$

contour Green's functions obey Dyson-Schwinger eqs:

$$\Delta(x, y) = \Delta_0(x, y) - \int_C d^4z \int_C d^4z' \Delta_0(x, z) \Pi(z, z') \Delta(z', y),$$

$$S_{\alpha\beta}(x, y) = S_{\alpha\beta}^0(x, y) - \int_C d^4z \int_C d^4z' S_{\alpha\gamma}^0(x, z) \Sigma_{\gamma\rho}(z, z') S_{\rho\beta}(z', y),$$

which can be rewritten in the form of **Kadanoff-Baym** eqs:

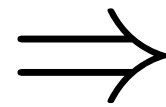
$$(-\partial^2 - m_\phi^2) \Delta^<(x, y) - \int d^4z \left(\Pi_h(x, z) \Delta^<(z, y) - \Pi^<(x, z) \Delta_h(z, y) \right) = C_\phi,$$

$$(i\not{\partial} - m_\chi) S^<(x, y) - \int d^4z \left(\Sigma_h(x, z) S^<(z, y) - \Sigma^<(x, z) S_h(z, y) \right) = C_\chi$$

CLOSED TIME PATH

PATH TO BOLTZMANN EQUATION

Kadanoff-Baym



Boltzmann

$$E (\partial_t - H \vec{p} \cdot \nabla_{\vec{p}}) f = \mathcal{C}[f].$$

collision term **derived** from thermal QFT

Assumptions:

weak inhomogeneity

gradient expansion

quasi-particle approx.

weak interactions

Justification:

inhomogeneity

plasma excitation
momenta

$$\partial \ll k$$

freeze-out happens
close to equilibrium

CLOSED TIME PATH

FORMALISM: COLLISION TERM

the fermion collision terms is defined as:

$$C_\chi = \frac{1}{2} \int d^4 z \left(\boxed{\Sigma^>(x, z)} \boxed{S^<(z, y)} - \boxed{\Sigma^<(x, z)} \boxed{S^>(z, y)} \right)$$

↑ propagators
↑ self-energies

where the **propagators**:

$$\begin{aligned}
 iS^c(p) &= \frac{i(\not{p} + m)}{p^2 - m^2 + i\eta} - \boxed{2\pi(\not{p} + m) \delta(p^2 - m^2) f(p^0)} \\
 iS^a(p) &= -\frac{i(\not{p} + m)}{p^2 - m^2 + i\eta} + 2\pi(\not{p} + m) \delta(p^2 - m^2) (1 - f(p^0)) \\
 iS^>(p) &= 2\pi(\not{p} + m) \delta(p^2 - m^2) (1 - f(p^0)) \\
 iS^<(p) &= -2\pi(\not{p} + m) \delta(p^2 - m^2) f(p^0)
 \end{aligned}$$

thermal part
 } "cut" propagators

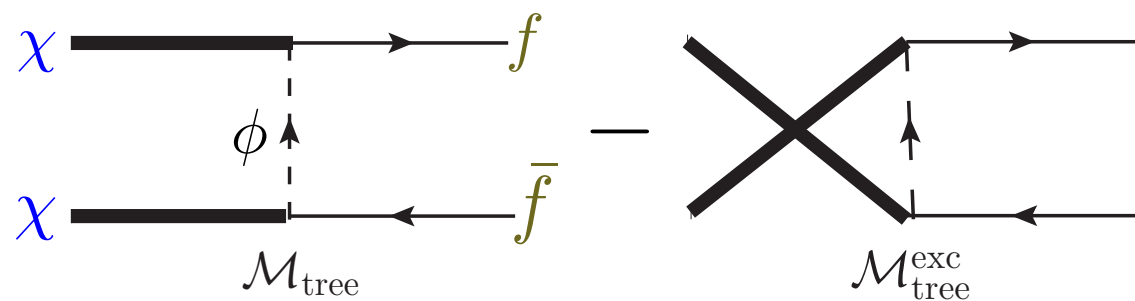
the presence of **distribution functions** inside **propagators** \Rightarrow known collision term structure

COLLISION TERM

EXAMPLE

Bino-like DM: χ Majorana fermion, SM singlet

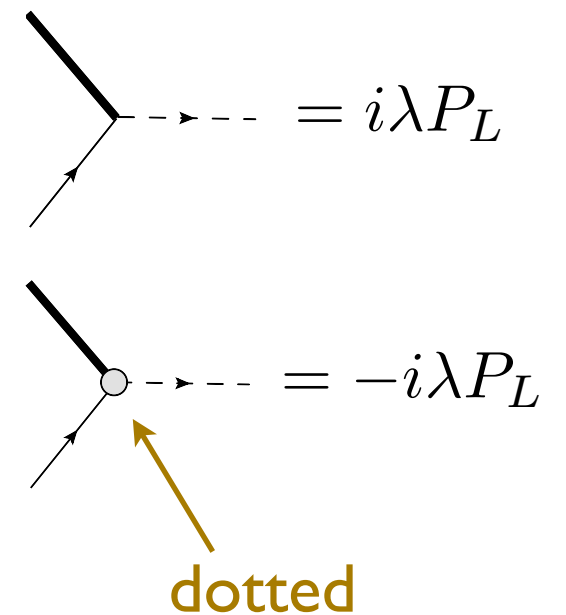
annihilation process at tree level:



scale hierarchy: $m_\phi \gtrsim m_\chi \gg T \gg m_f$

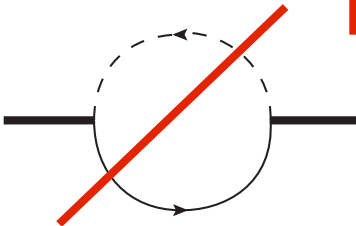
no thermal contributions effectively massless

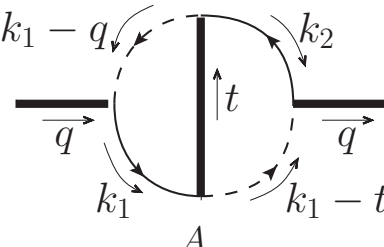
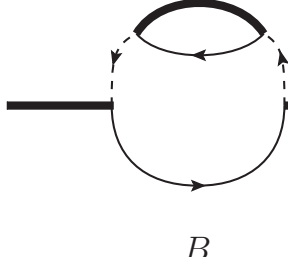
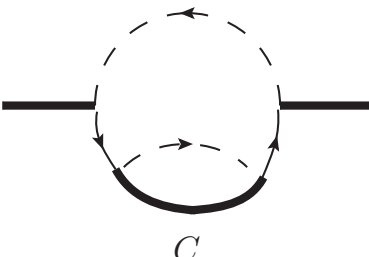
vertices (2 types):



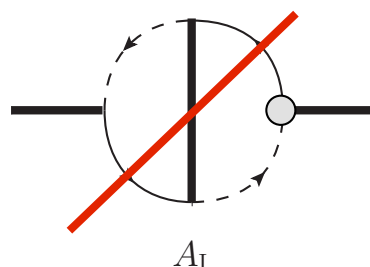
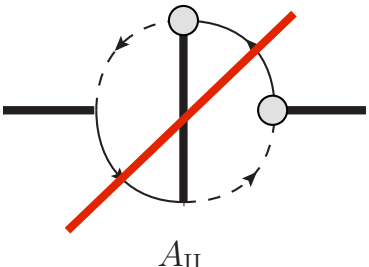
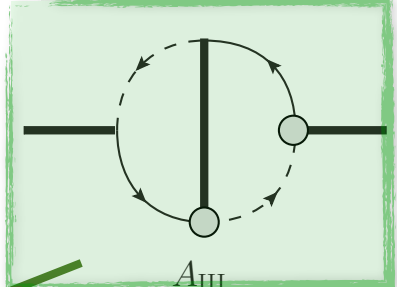
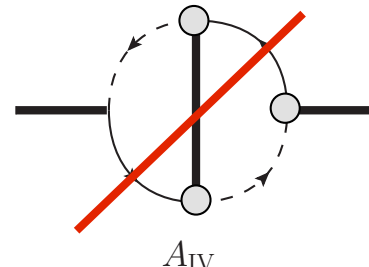
rescaled variables: $\tau = \frac{T}{m_\chi} \ll 1$ $\epsilon = \frac{m_f}{2m_\chi} \ll \tau$ $\xi = \frac{m_\phi}{m_\chi} \gtrsim 1$

COLLISION TERM COMPUTATION

$i\Sigma_1 =$  **no # changing processes**

$i\Sigma_2 =$    + +

summed over dotted and undotted indices

$i\Sigma_A^> =$   +  + 

cut scalar propagator

$$\Sigma_{A_{III}}^>(q) S^<(q) = -\lambda^4 \int \frac{d^4 t}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{d^4 k_1}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{d^4 k_2}{(2\pi)^4} (2\pi)^4 \delta(q + t - k_1 - k_2)$$

$$\underbrace{i\Delta^{11}(k_1 - q) i\Delta^{22}(k_1 - t)}_{\equiv \mathcal{S}} \underbrace{P_R iS^{21}(k_2) P_L iS^{12}(t) P_L iS^{21}(k_1) P_R iS^{12}(q)}_{\equiv \mathcal{F}}$$

COLLISION TERM MATCHING

after inserting the propagators:

$$\Sigma_{A_{\text{III}}}^>(q) S^<(q) = \frac{1}{2E_{\chi_1}} (2\pi) \delta(q^0 - E_{\chi_1}) \int \frac{d^4 t}{(2\pi)^3 2E_{\chi_2}} \delta(t^0 - E_{\chi_2}) \times$$

$$\int \frac{d^3 \vec{k}_1}{(2\pi)^3 2E_{f_1}} \frac{d^3 \vec{k}_2}{(2\pi)^3 2E_{f_2}} (2\pi)^4 \delta(q + t - k_1 - k_2) |\mathcal{M}_A|^2 \left[f_\chi(q) f_\chi(t) \left(1 - f_f^{\text{eq}}(k_1^0)\right) \left(1 - f_f^{\text{eq}}(k_2^0)\right) \right]$$

\Rightarrow one indeed recovers the known collision term and

$$|\mathcal{M}_A|^2 = \text{[diagram of } \mathcal{M}_{\text{tree}} \text{ and } (\mathcal{M}_{\text{tree}}^{\text{exc}})^* \text{]} \quad (\text{part of) tree level } |\mathcal{M}|^2$$

repeating the same for B type diagrams the bottom line:

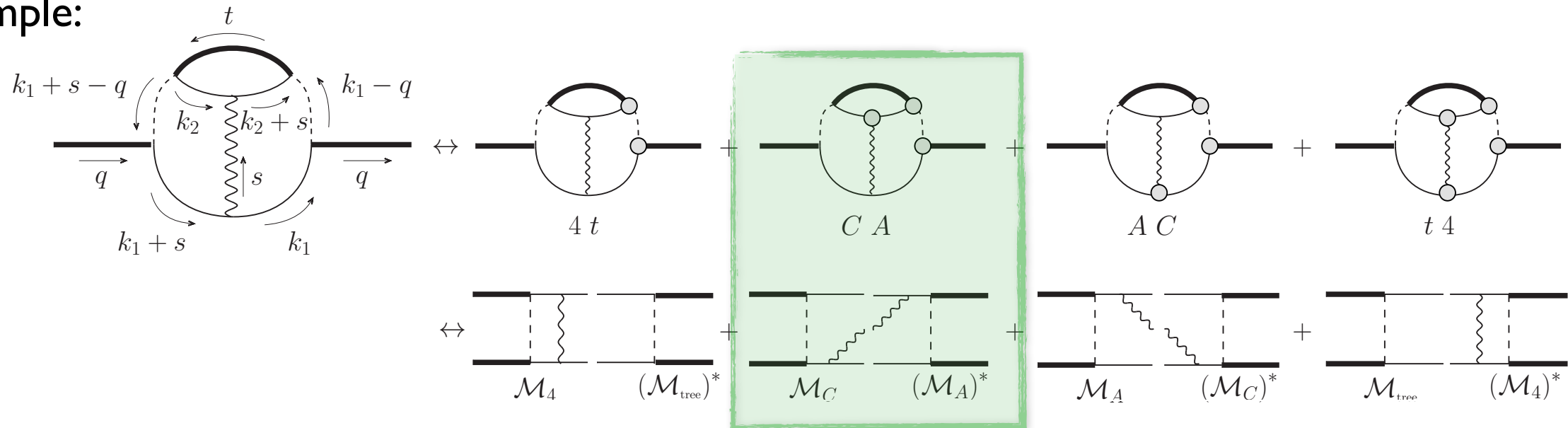
$$i\Sigma^> \leftrightarrow \text{tree level annihilation contribution to the collision term}$$

COLLISION TERM

MATCHING AT NLO

$i\Sigma_3 = 20$ self-energy diagrams

example:



$$\Sigma_{CA}^>(q) S^<(q) = \frac{1}{2E_{\chi_1}} (2\pi) \delta(q^0 - E_{\chi_1}) \int \frac{d^4 t}{(2\pi)^3 2E_{\chi_2}} \delta(t^0 - E_{\chi_2})$$

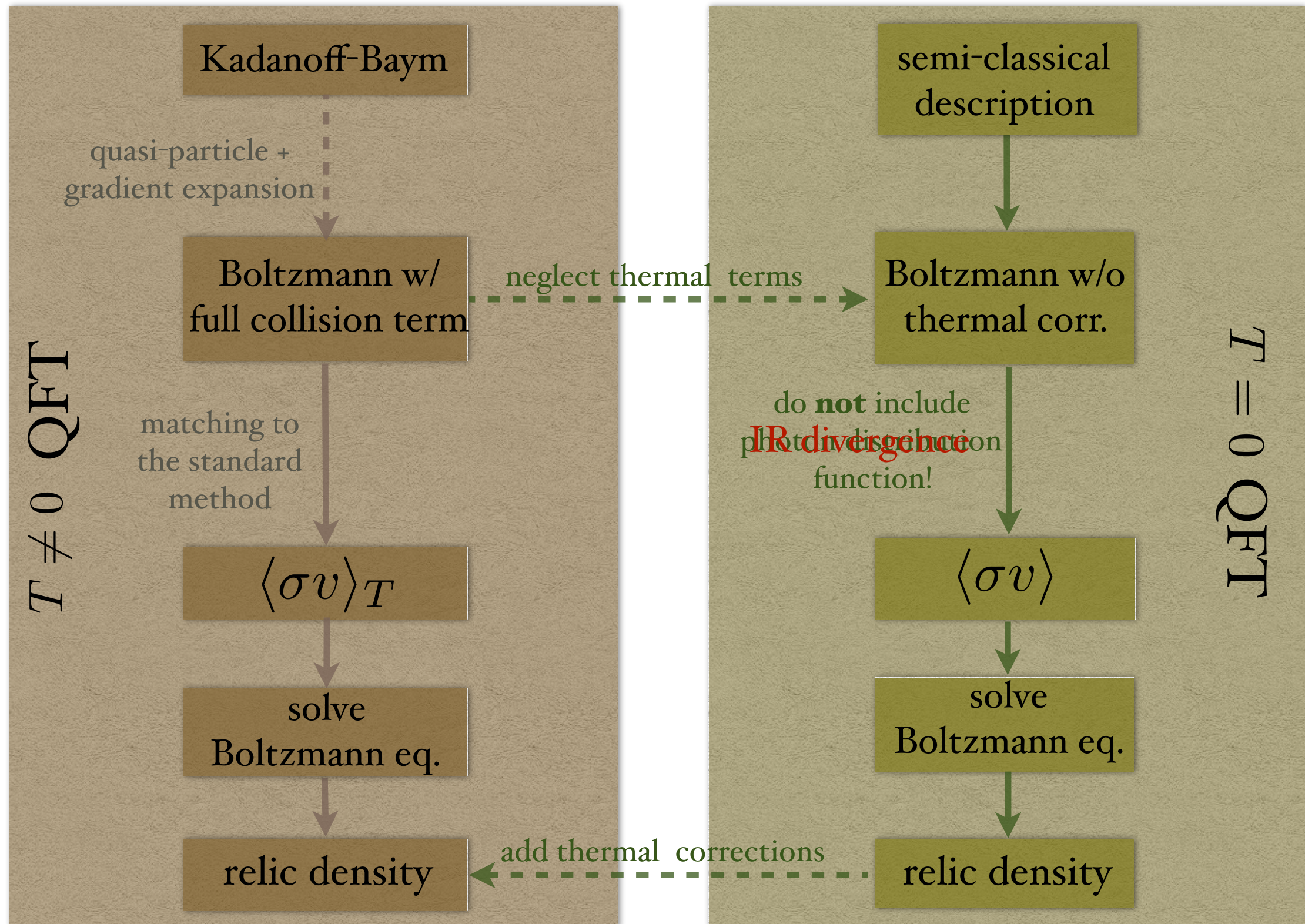
$$\int \frac{d^3 \vec{k}_1}{(2\pi)^3 2E_{f_1}} \frac{d^3 \vec{k}_2}{(2\pi)^3 2E_{f_2}} \frac{d^3 \vec{s}}{(2\pi)^3 2E_\gamma} (2\pi)^4 \delta(q + t - k_1 - k_2 - s)$$

$$\mathcal{M}_C (\mathcal{M}_A)^* \left[f_\chi(q) f_\chi(t) \left(1 - f_f^{\text{eq}}(k_1^0)\right) \left(1 - f_f^{\text{eq}}(k_2^0)\right) (1 + f_\gamma^{\text{eq}}(s^0)) \right]$$

\Rightarrow at NLO thermal effects do not change the collision therm structure

COLLISION TERM

METHOD SUMMARY



RESULTS

coming back to our example...

every contribution can be written in a form:

$$\int_0^\infty d\omega f_\gamma(\omega) S(\omega, e_\chi, \epsilon, \xi)$$

photon energy \nearrow
 $S(\omega, e_\chi, \epsilon, \xi)$
expand in ω \downarrow

$$S = \sum_{i=-1}^{\infty} s_n \omega^n$$

$$f_\gamma(\omega) = \frac{1}{1 - e^{\omega/T}}$$

note:

$$J_n \equiv \int_0^\infty f_B(\omega) \omega^n d\omega = \begin{cases} \text{div} & n \leq 0 \\ \sim \tau^{n+1} & n > 0 \end{cases}$$

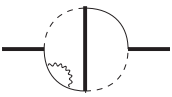
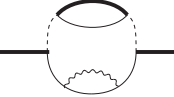


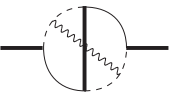
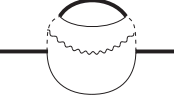
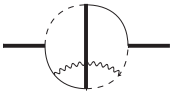

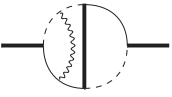

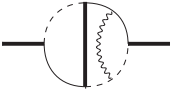

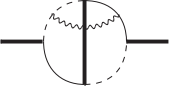




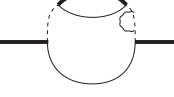
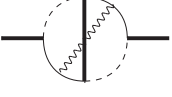
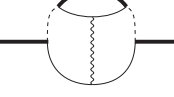
IR divergence in separate terms:

J_{-1}	\leftrightarrow	$T = 0$ soft div
J_0	\leftrightarrow	$T = 0$ soft eikonal

finite T corrections: $J_1 \leftrightarrow \mathcal{O}(\tau^2) \dots$

RESULTS

IR DIVERGENCE CANCELLATION: S-WAVE

The divergent part J_{-1}							
Type A	Real	Virtual	External	Type B	Real	Virtual	External
	$\frac{\alpha(1-2\epsilon^2)}{\pi\epsilon^2}$		$-\frac{\alpha(1-2\epsilon^2)}{\pi\epsilon^2}$		$-\frac{\alpha}{\pi\epsilon^2}$		$\frac{\alpha}{\pi\epsilon^2}$
	$\frac{\alpha(1-2\epsilon^2)}{\pi\epsilon^2}$		$-\frac{\alpha(1-2\epsilon^2)}{\pi\epsilon^2}$		$-\frac{\alpha}{\pi\epsilon^2}$		$\frac{\alpha}{\pi\epsilon^2}$
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	$\frac{2\alpha(1-2\epsilon^2)^2}{\pi\epsilon^2\sqrt{1-4\epsilon^2}}L$	$-\frac{2\alpha(1-2\epsilon^2)^2}{\pi\epsilon^2\sqrt{1-4\epsilon^2}}L$			$\frac{2\alpha(1-2\epsilon^2)}{\pi\epsilon^2\sqrt{1-4\epsilon^2}}L$	$-\frac{2\alpha(1-2\epsilon^2)}{\pi\epsilon^2\sqrt{1-4\epsilon^2}}L$	

→ cancels in every row separately

⇒ every CTP self-energy is IR finite

RESULTS

FINITE T CORRECTION: S-WAVE

factorized $\frac{\pi}{6} \alpha \tau^2 \frac{a_{\text{tree}}}{\epsilon^2}$

The finite part J_1

Type A	Real	Virtual	External
	$\frac{2(1-\xi^2)}{D^2 D_\xi^2} + \frac{(1-2\epsilon^2)p_1(\epsilon, \xi)}{2D^2 D_\xi^2} + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{D}} L$		$\frac{(1-2\epsilon^2)(\xi^2-3D)}{2DD_\xi} - \frac{1}{2\sqrt{D}} L$
	— ” —		— ” —
	$-\frac{4(1-2\epsilon^2)D}{D_\xi^2}$		
	$-\frac{2(1-2\epsilon^2)\xi^2}{D_\xi^2} - \frac{f_1(\epsilon, \xi)}{\sqrt{D} D_\xi^2} L$	$\frac{2(1-2\epsilon^2)(D-\xi^2)}{D_\xi^2} + \frac{f_1(\epsilon, \xi)}{\sqrt{D} D_\xi^2} L$	
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		$-\frac{4(1-2\epsilon^2)D}{D_\xi^2}$	
		— ” —	
	$\frac{2(1-2\epsilon^2)p_2(\epsilon, \xi) + (1-\xi^2)^2}{D^2 D_\xi^2} + \frac{4f_2(\epsilon, \xi)}{\sqrt{D} D_\xi^2} L$	$\frac{16\epsilon^2(2-3\epsilon^2) - (3-\xi^2)^2}{D_\xi^2} - \frac{4f_2(\epsilon, \xi)}{\sqrt{D} D_\xi^2} L$	

→ **Log terms**
cancels in
every row
separately



no collinear
divergence!

separate contributions complicated, but when summed up...

$$\Delta a_{\tau^4}^{\epsilon=0} = \frac{8\pi^2 \lambda^4 \alpha \tau^4}{45} \frac{1}{(1+\xi^2)^4} = \frac{4\pi}{45} \alpha \tau^4 \frac{1}{(1+\xi^2)^2} \frac{a_{\text{tree}}}{\epsilon^2} \Big|_{\epsilon=0}$$

$$\xi = \frac{m_\phi}{m_\chi} \gtrsim 1$$

$$\tau = \frac{T}{m_\chi} \ll 1$$

$$\epsilon = \frac{m_f}{2m_\chi} \ll \tau$$

strongly suppressed as at kinetic equilibrium $\tau \sim v^2$

SUMMARY: PART I

1. how the (soft and collinear) IR divergence cancellation happen?
automatic in thermal QFT formalism, cancellation at the level of every CTP self-energy
2. does Boltzmann equation itself receive quantum corrections?
no, not at NLO
3. how large are the remaining finite T corrections?
strongly suppressed, of order $\mathcal{O}(\alpha T^4)$

Exception IV:

LO sometimes is not enough
(and then in principle $T \neq 0$ QFT needed)

...but in practice one can safely use BE with NLO cross-section

EXCEPTION V:
V-DEPENDENT INTERACTIONS AND
NON-PERTURBATIVE EFFECTS

VELOCITY-DEPENDENT σv

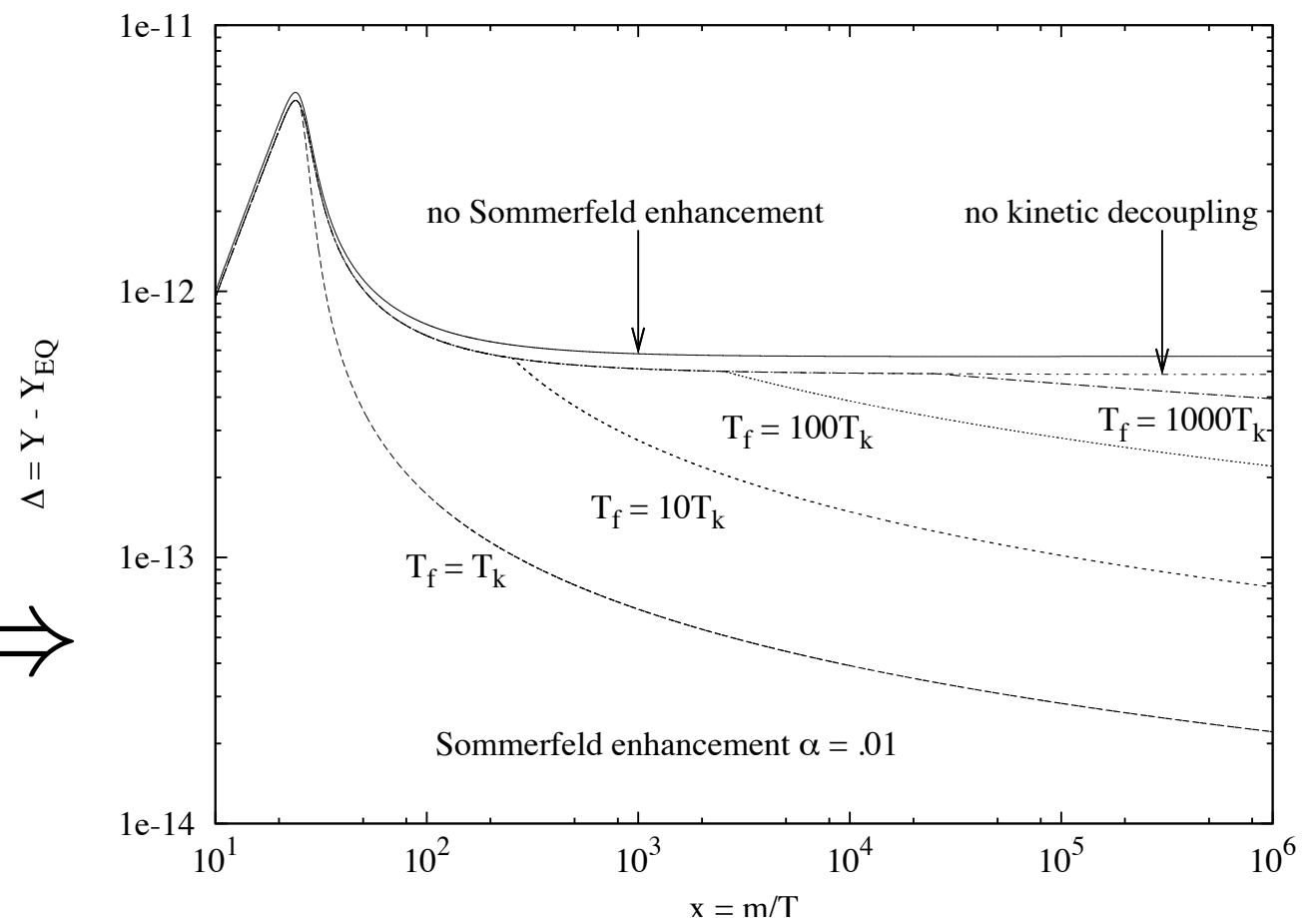
(Note: the 3rd exception from Griest&Seckel is actually of this type as well)

The annihilation cross-section is always velocity dependent... but typically $\sigma v \approx a + bv^2$
 \nearrow
 O(few %)

What if for a given model
 $\sigma v \propto v^{-n} \quad n > 0$?

well... not much as long as DM
 is in **kinetic equilibrium**

but if the **kinetic decoupling (KD)**
 happens relatively **early** then



Dent, Dutta, Scherrer '10

Are there any **real physical situations** in which this can happen?

THE SOMMERFELD EFFECT

re-summation

$$\frac{1}{m_\phi} \gtrsim \frac{1}{\alpha m_\chi}$$

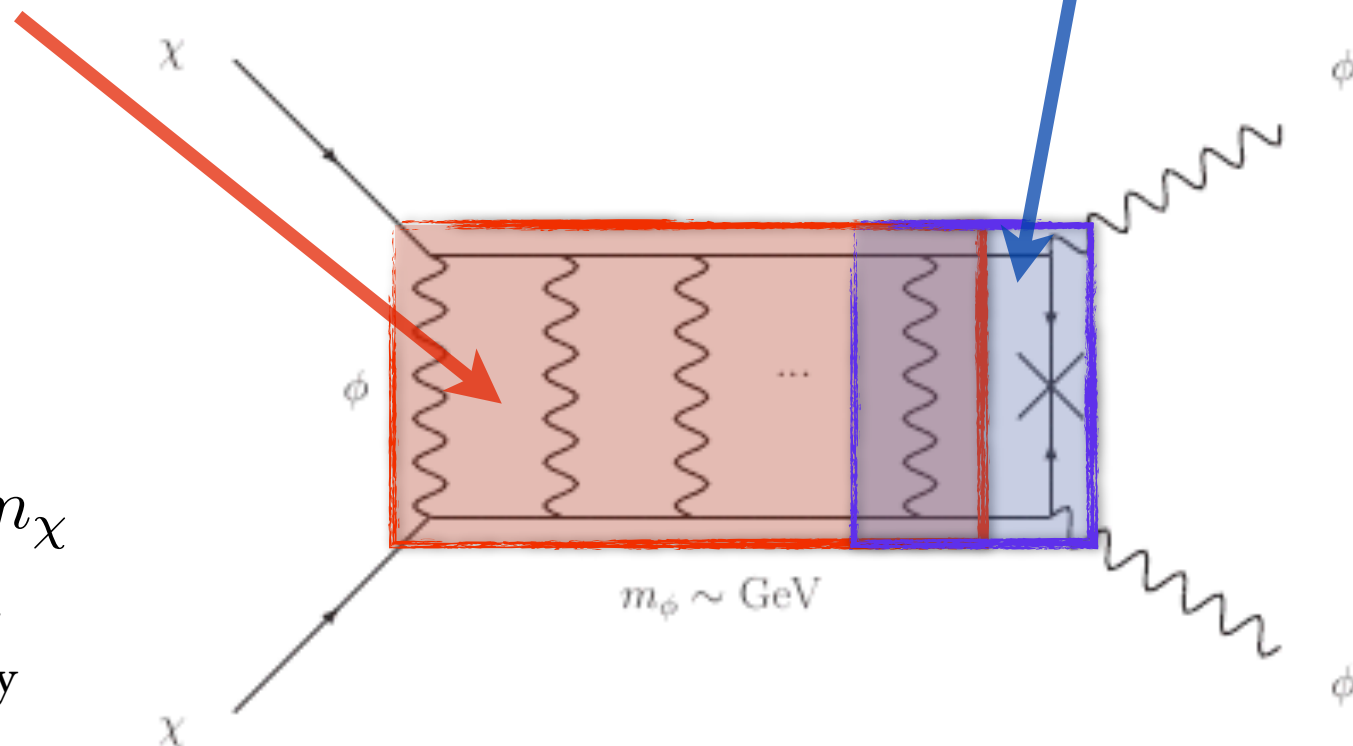
force range Bohr radius

$$m_\chi v^2 \lesssim \alpha^2 m_\chi$$

kinetic energy Bohr energy

$$\sigma_{\text{SE}} = S(v) \sigma_0$$

one-loop $\propto \alpha \frac{m_\chi}{m_\phi}$



Arkani-Hamed *et al.* '09

→ in a special case of Coulomb force: $S(v) = \frac{\pi\alpha/v}{1 - e^{-\pi\alpha/v}} \approx \pi \frac{\alpha}{v}$

THE SOMMERFELD EFFECT

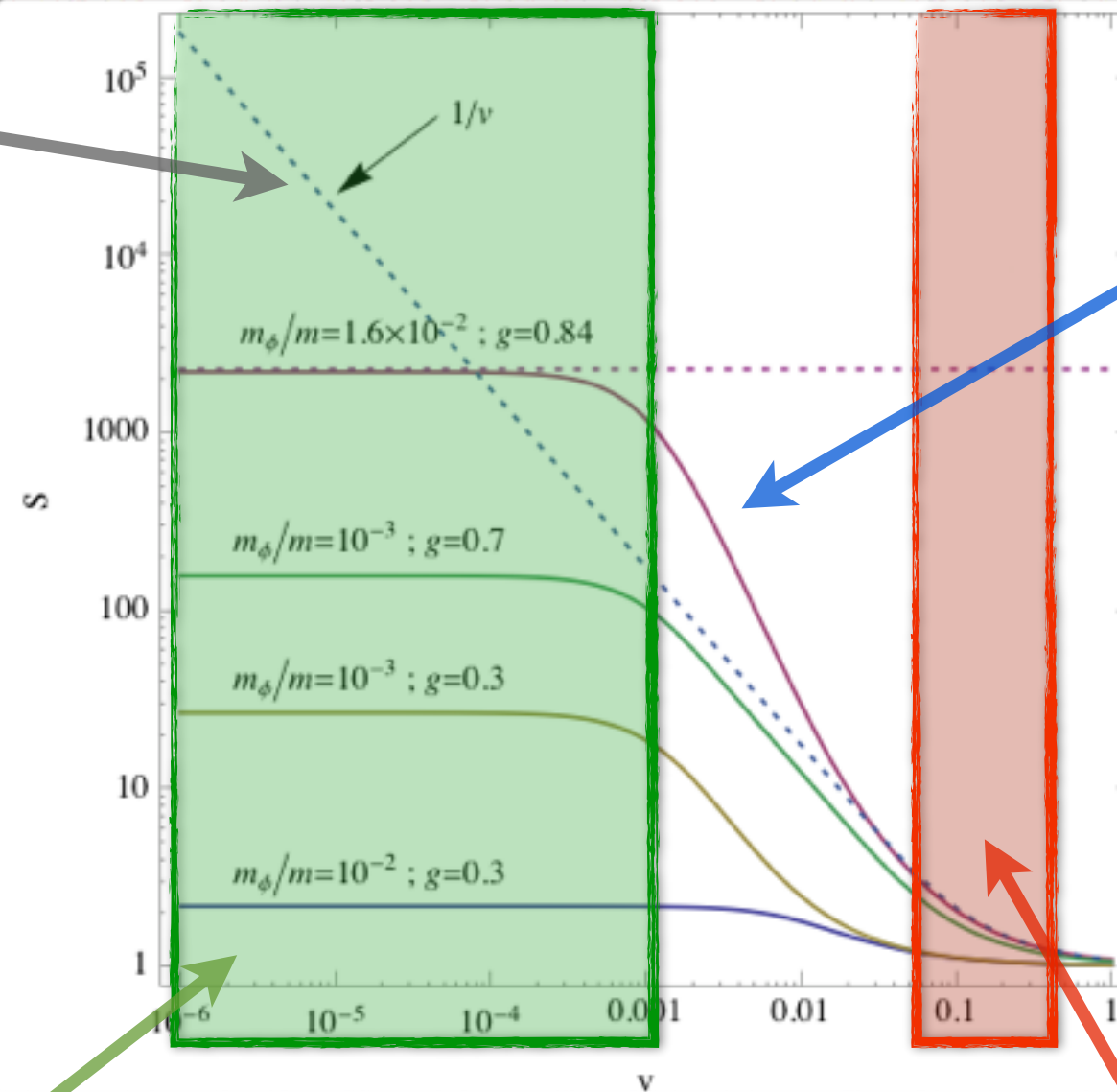
WITH A DARK FORCE

Coulomb

resonance

$$\frac{1}{m_\phi} \approx \frac{1}{\alpha m_\chi}$$

present day:
indirect
detection



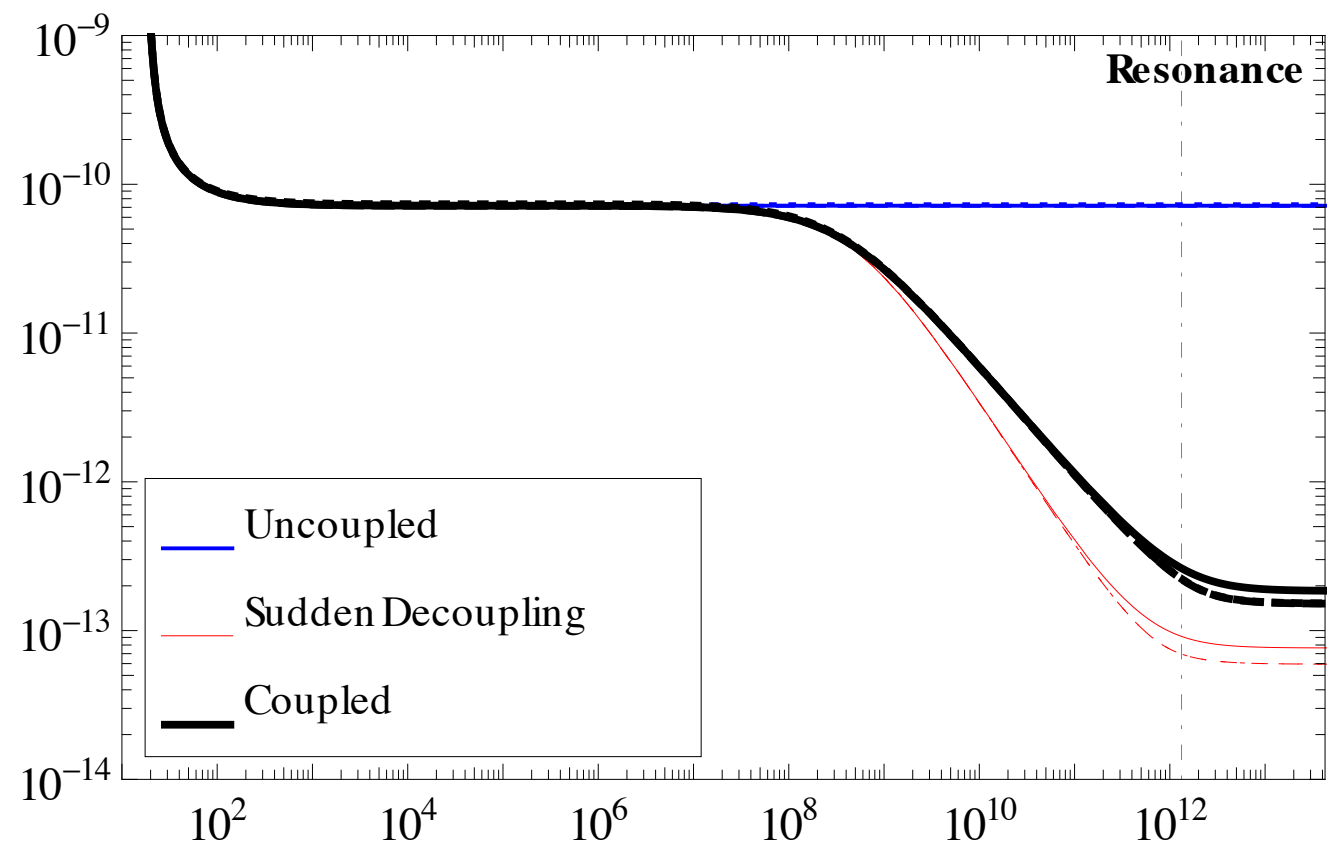
freeze-out: relic density

SOMMERFELD EFFECT AND KD

If on the dark side of the Universe a „dark force” awakens...

$$\frac{Y'}{Y} = -\frac{1 - \frac{x}{3} \frac{g'_{*S}}{g_{*S}}}{Hx} sY \langle \sigma v_{\text{rel}} \rangle \Big|_{x=m_\chi^2/(s^{2/3}y)}$$

$$\frac{y'}{y} = -\frac{1 - \frac{x}{3} \frac{g'_{*S}}{g_{*S}}}{Hx} \left[2m_\chi c(T) \left(1 - \frac{y_{\text{eq}}}{y} \right) - sY \left(\langle \sigma v_{\text{rel}} \rangle - \langle \sigma v_{\text{rel}} \rangle_2 \right) \Big|_{x=m_\chi^2/(s^{2/3}y)} \right]$$



van den Aarssen^x, Bringmann, Goedecke '12

... one has to be prepared with a more sophisticated formalism

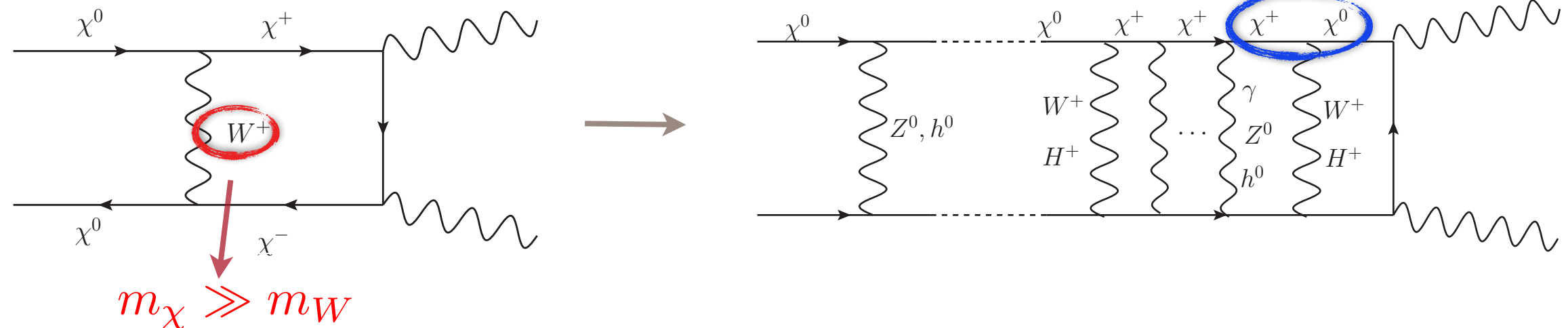
THE SOMMERFELD EFFECT

FROM EW INTERACTIONS

force carriers in the MSSM:

Hisano *et al.* '04,'06

~~γ~~ , W^\pm , Z^0 , h_1^0 , h_2^0 , H^\pm



at TeV scale \Rightarrow generically effect of $\mathcal{O}(1 - 100\%)$

on top of that **resonance** structure

\hookrightarrow effect of $\mathcal{O}(\text{few})$
for the relic density

Note: for ID the enhancement is significantly stronger!

WHAT IS KNOWN

WITH THE SOMMERFELD ENHANCEMENT

- pure wino, pure higgsino
Hisano et al. '04,'06
- mixed wino-higgsino (with everything else decoupled)
AH, Iengo, Ullio, '11, Beneke et al. '14
- stop and stau co-annihilations
Freitas '07, AH '11, Klasen et al. '14
- gluino co-annihilation
Ellis et al. '15
- Minimal DM model
Cirelli et al. '07,'08,'09

Currently only available tool for the MSSM:

DarkSE package extending the relic density by SE in **DarkSUSY**

AH, '11

...AND WHAT WAS IMPROVED

Based on a framework by Beneke, Hellmann, Ruiz-Femenia '12, '13, '14:

1. the Sommerfeld effect for **P- and $O(v^2)$ S-wave**
2. **off-diagonal** annihilation matrices

not present in DarkSE
total effect up to $O(10\%)$

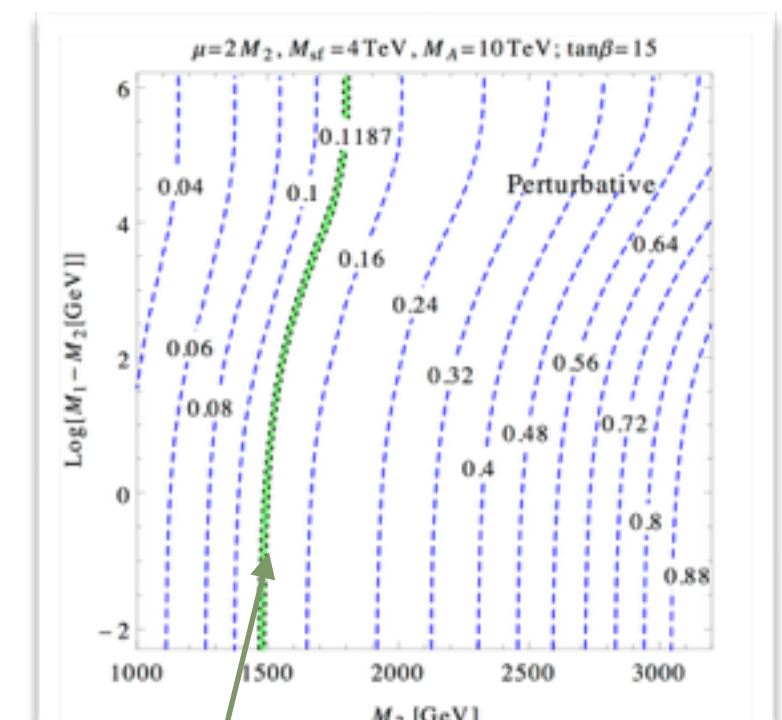
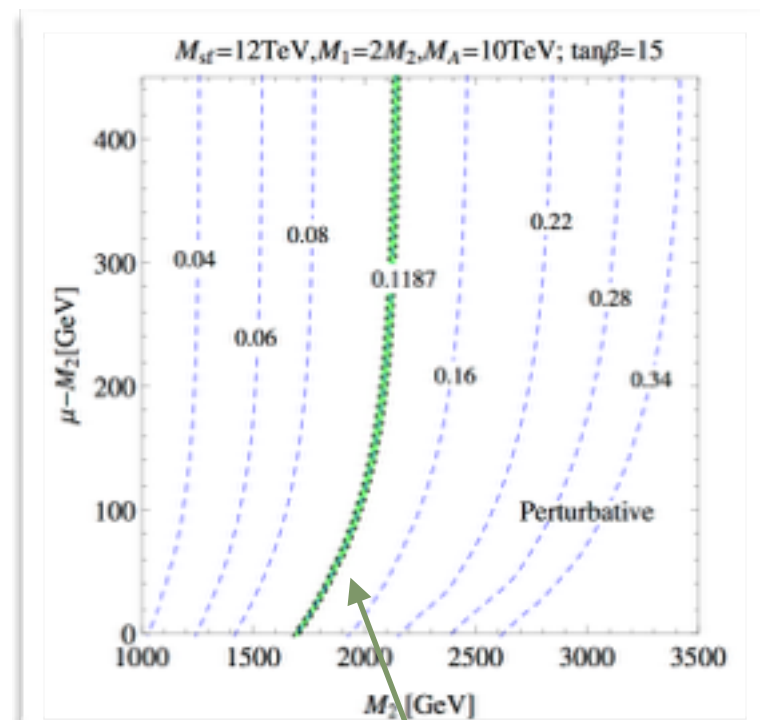
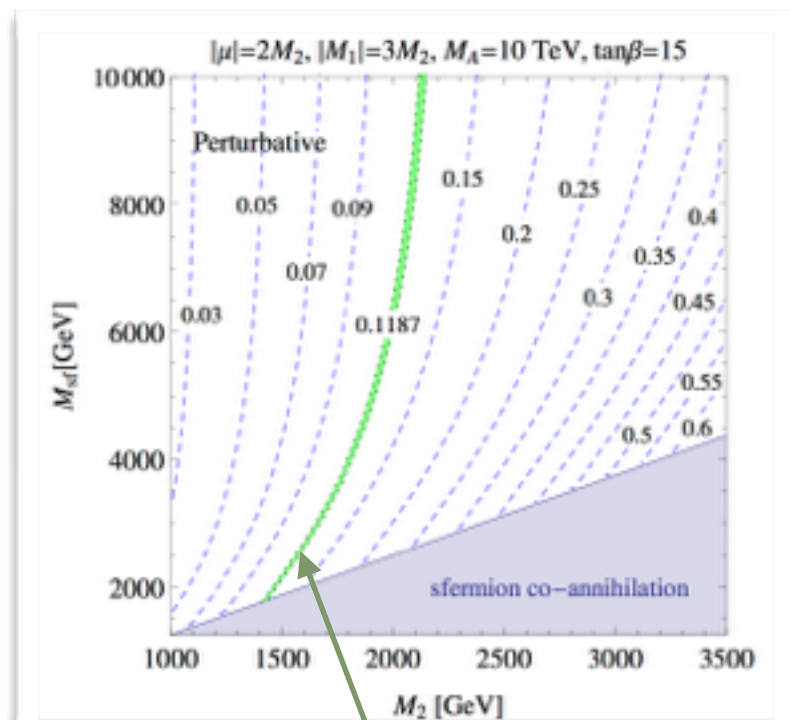
New code (to be public):

- suitable for **full MSSM**
- using **EFT** computation of annihilation matrices
- **one-loop on-shell mass splittings** and running couplings
- possibility of including thermal corrections
- **present day annihilation** in the halo (for ID)
- accuracy at $O(\%)$, dominated by theoretical uncertainties of EFT

└─> caveat: still no NLO effects...

RESULTS AT THE BORN LEVEL

Beneke, Bharucha, Dighe, Hellmann, AH, Recksiegel, Ruiz-Femenia; 1601.04718



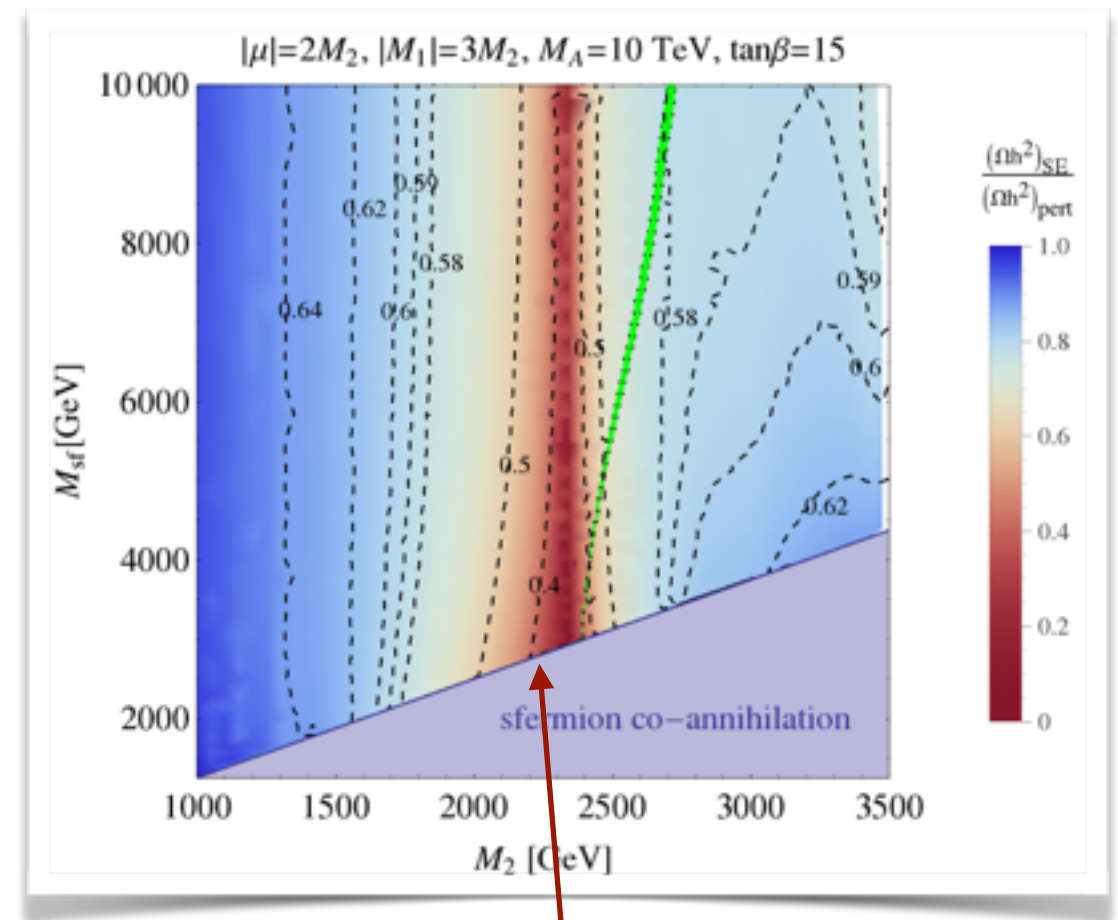
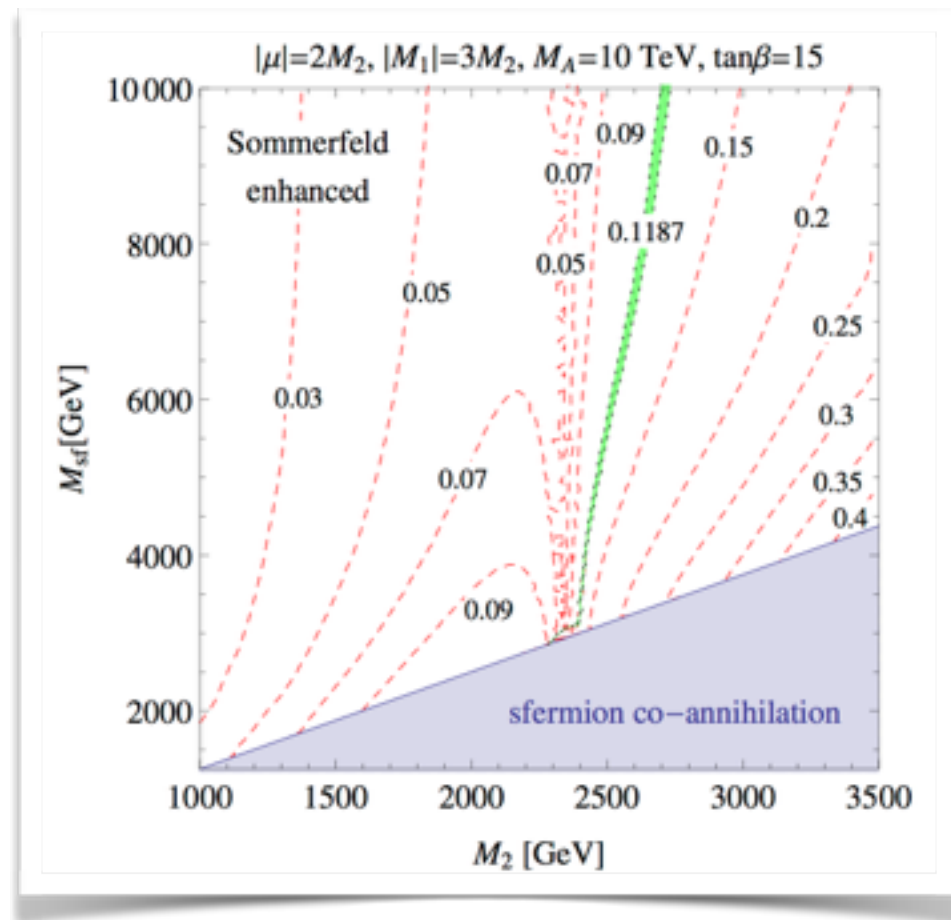
As the sfermion mass decreases the effective annihilation rate is suppressed due to **t-channel interference** - the correct relic abundance is obtained for masses of around 1.4 TeV*

Higgsino and **bino** annihilate less strongly - dilute the wino annihilation and reduce the mass to 1.7 and 1.5 TeV respectively*

*for the chosen set of parameters

RESULTS

PURE WINO WITH NON-DECOUPLED SFERMIONS



The correct relic density is moved from 1.5-2.1 TeV up to 2.4-2.8 TeV

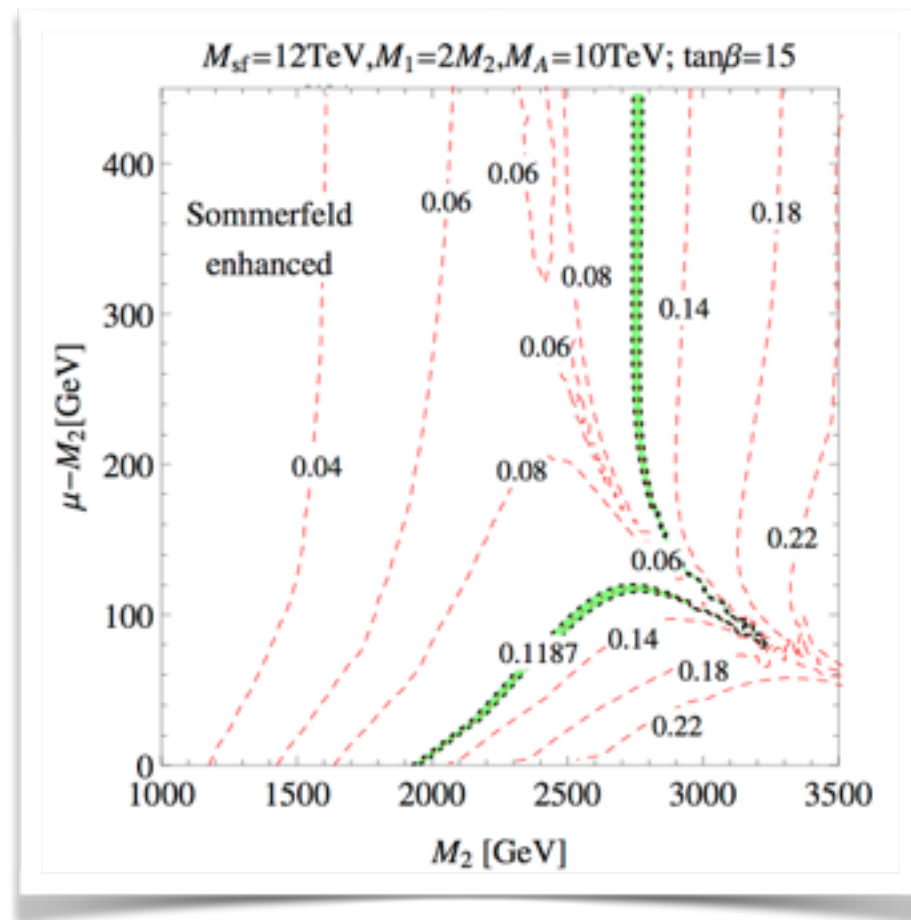
At 2.4 TeV resonance occurs, for low sfermion masses region with correct RD is resonant

RESULTS

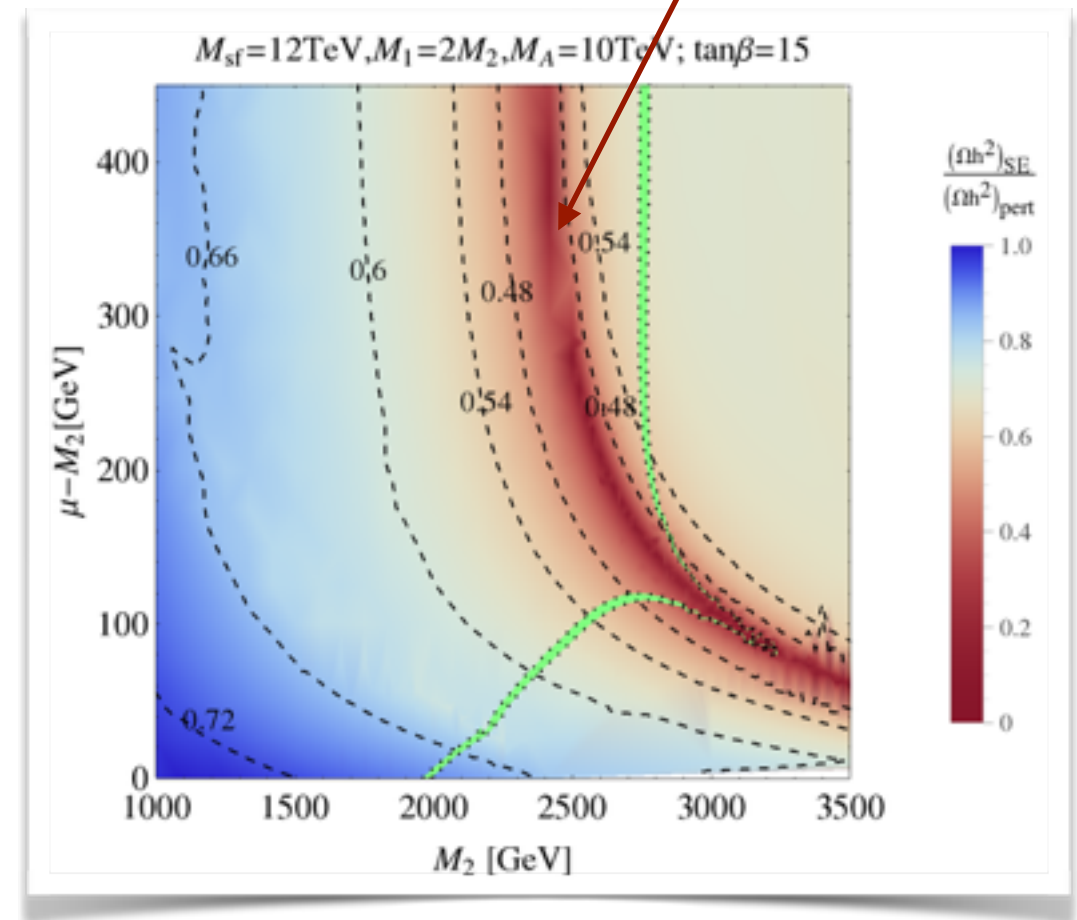
WINO-HIGGSINO ADMIXTURE

$$\frac{1}{m_W} \simeq \frac{1}{\alpha m_\chi}$$

force range Bohr radius



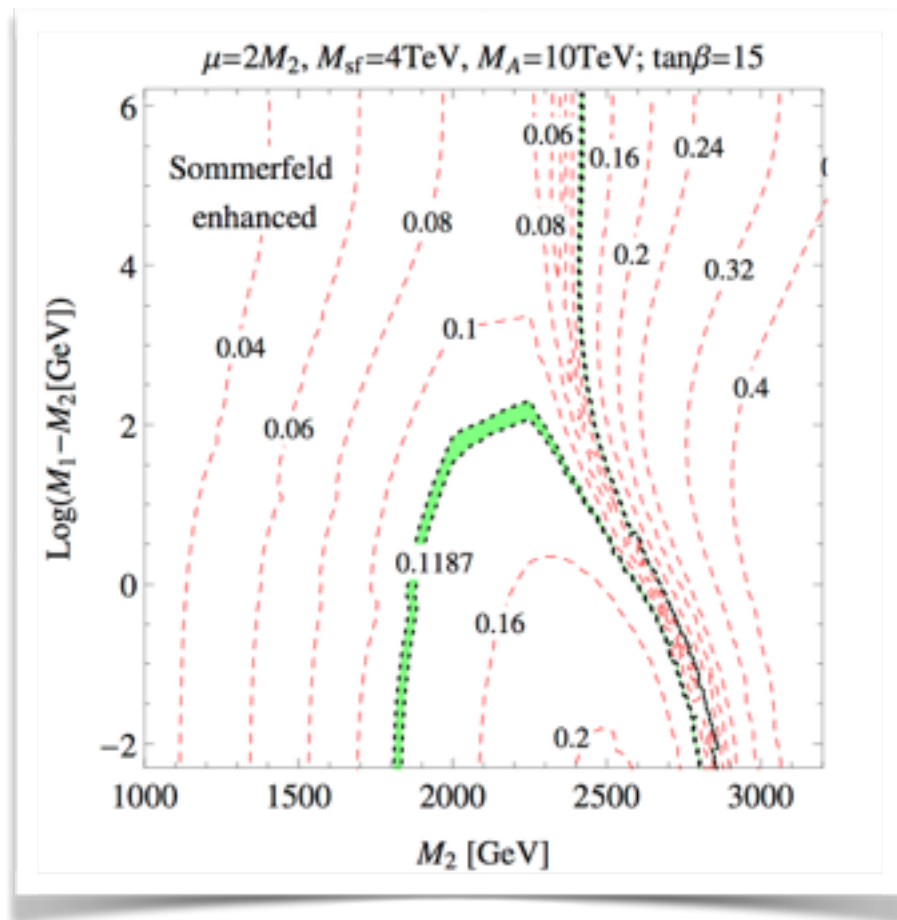
The correct relic density is moved from 1.7-2.2 TeV up to 1.9-3.3 TeV



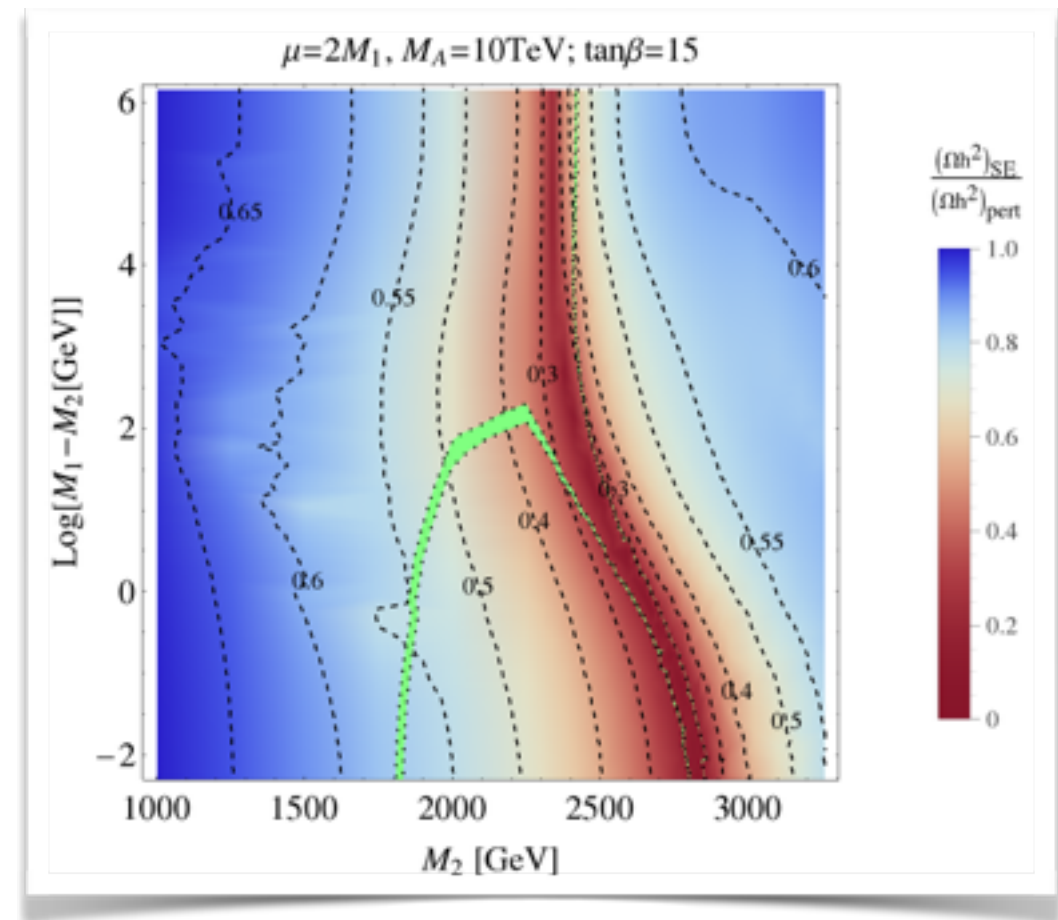
The position of the resonance is strongly μ dependent

RESULTS

WINO-BINO ADMIXTURE



The correct relic density is moved from 1.5-1.8 TeV up to 1.8-2.9 TeV

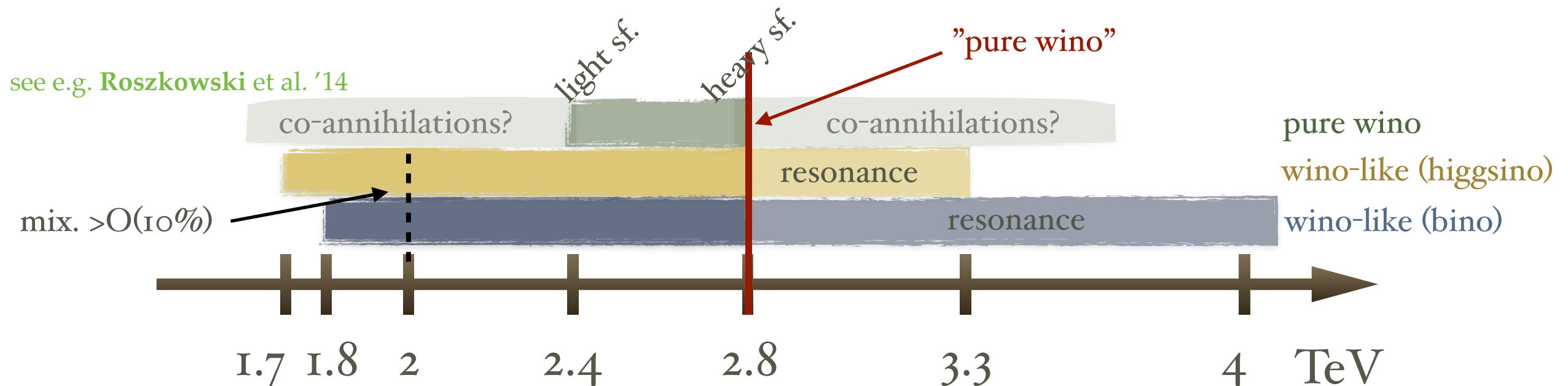


The position of the resonance is strongly M_1 dependent

SUMMARY: PART II

Velocity dependence and non-perturbative effects on the cross-section can lead to significant modification of the relic density

E.g. for the wino-like neutralino in MSSM correct relic density is obtained for wide range of masses:



Public code including full SE in the MSSM with accuracy for relic density $O(\%)$ and running time $O(\text{min})$ to become available

TAKEAWAY MESSAGE

**We do have the tools to
calculate DM relic reliably;
it is worth the effort to use
them!**

“Everything should be made as simple as possible, but no simpler.”

attributed to* **Albert Einstein**

*The published quote reads:

“It can scarcely be denied that the supreme goal of all theory is to make the irreducible basic elements as simple and as few as possible without having to surrender the adequate representation of a single datum of experience.”

„On the Method of Theoretical Physics" ,The Herbert Spencer Lecture, delivered at Oxford (10 June 1933); also published in *Philosophy of Science*, Vol. I, No. 2 (April 1934), pp. 163-169., p. 165