

Calculation of Momentum Distribution Function of a Non-Thermal Fermionic Dark Matter

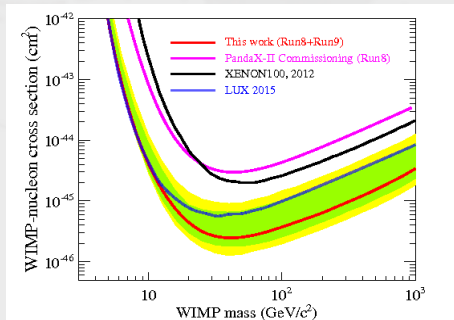
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[arXiv:1612.02793](https://arxiv.org/abs/1612.02793), with Anirban Biswas.

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Why Non-Thermal ?

- The most widely studied dark matters are the thermal WIMPS \Rightarrow relic satisfied by thermal freeze-out.
- Direct detection experiments however yielded null results \Rightarrow upper bound on dark matter nucleon cross section.



- Non observation of dark matter may indicate that these particles are more feebly interacting than we think.

Thermal Freeze-Out : A Brief Recap

- Particles which were in thermal equilibrium in early universe decouple or *freezes out* when the their rate of interactions can not keep up with the expansion of the universe.
- Boltzmann Equation :

$$\hat{L} f_a = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} - H p_a \frac{\partial}{\partial p_a} \right) f = \mathcal{C}_{a+b \leftrightarrow i+j} [f_a] \quad (1)$$

where,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{C}[f_a] \simeq & \int \frac{d^3 p_b}{2E_b} \frac{d^3 p_i}{2E_i} \frac{d^3 p_j}{2E_j} \times (2\pi)^4 \delta^4(p_a + p_b - p_i - p_j) \times \\ & \left(\overline{|\mathcal{M}|^2}_{a+b \rightarrow i+j} f_a f_b (1 \pm f_i) (1 \pm f_j) - \right. \\ & \left. \overline{|\mathcal{M}|^2}_{i+j \rightarrow a+b} f_i f_j (1 \pm f_a) (1 \pm f_b) \right) \quad (2) \end{aligned}$$

- Eq.(2) can be simplified further using some approximations ...

➤ CP invariance is assumed i.e.

$$\overline{|\mathcal{M}|^2}_{i+j \rightarrow a+b} = \overline{|\mathcal{M}|^2}_{a+b \rightarrow i+j} \equiv \overline{|\mathcal{M}|^2} \quad (\text{say})$$

⇒

$$\mathcal{C}[f] \simeq \int \frac{d^3 p_a}{2E_a} \frac{d^3 p_b}{2E_b} \frac{d^3 p_i}{2E_i} \frac{d^3 p_j}{2E_j} \times (2\pi)^4 \delta^4(p_a + p_b - p_i - p_j) \times$$

$$\overline{|\mathcal{M}|^2} \left(f_a f_b (1 \pm f_i)(1 \pm f_j) - f_i f_j (1 \pm f_a)(1 \pm f_b) \right)$$

- ▶ Pauli blocking and stimulated emission terms are neglected.

⇒

$$\mathcal{C}[f] \simeq \int \frac{d^3 p_a}{2E_a} \frac{d^3 p_b}{2E_b} \frac{d^3 p_i}{2E_i} \frac{d^3 p_j}{2E_j} \times (2\pi)^4 \delta^4(p_a + p_b - p_i - p_j) \times \overline{|\mathcal{M}|^2} \left(f_a f_b - f_i f_j \right) \quad (3)$$

- ▶ If particles i and j belong to the thermal soup, they are assumed to follow the classical Maxwell-Boltzmann distribution function

$$\text{i.e. } f \sim e^{-\frac{E}{T}}$$

$$\Rightarrow f_i f_j = e^{-\frac{E_i+E_j}{T}} = e^{-\frac{E_a+E_b}{T}} = f_a^{\text{eq}} f_b^{\text{eq}}$$

- ▶ Eq.(3) simplifies to :

$$\mathcal{C}[f] \simeq \int \frac{d^3 p_a}{2E_a} \frac{d^3 p_b}{2E_b} \frac{d^3 p_i}{2E_i} \frac{d^3 p_j}{2E_j} \times (2\pi)^4 \delta^4(p_a + p_b - p_i - p_j) \times$$

$$\overline{|\mathcal{M}|^2} \left(f_a f_b - f_a^{\text{eq}} f_b^{\text{eq}} \right) \quad (4)$$

- If a and b are both identical particles (say χ), then integrating Eq.(4) on both sides by $\int_0^\infty d^3p$, and remembering that $n_\chi \sim \int_0^\infty f(p) d^3p$, we finally arrive at the conventional form :

$$\frac{dn_\chi}{dt} + 3Hn_\chi = -\langle\sigma v\rangle \left(n_\chi^2 - n_\chi^{2\text{eq}}\right)$$

where, $\sigma = \sigma_{\chi\chi \rightarrow \text{all}}$ and,

$$\langle\sigma v\rangle = \frac{1}{8T M_\chi^4 K_2^2 \left(\frac{M_\chi}{T}\right)} \int_{4M_\chi^2}^\infty \sigma \left(s - 4M_\chi^2\right) \sqrt{s} K_1 \left(\frac{\sqrt{s}}{T}\right) ds$$

Cosmic abundances of stable particles: Improved analysis, Gelmini & Gondolo, 1990.

- If χ can decay then an extra term depletion term will be added to the "Rate Equation"..

$$\frac{dn_\chi}{dt} + 3Hn_\chi = -\langle\sigma v\rangle\left(n_\chi^2 - n_\chi^{2\text{eq}}\right) - \langle\Gamma_\chi\rangle\left(n_\chi - n_\chi^{\text{eq}}\right) \quad (5)$$

where, Γ_χ is the relevant width of χ ,

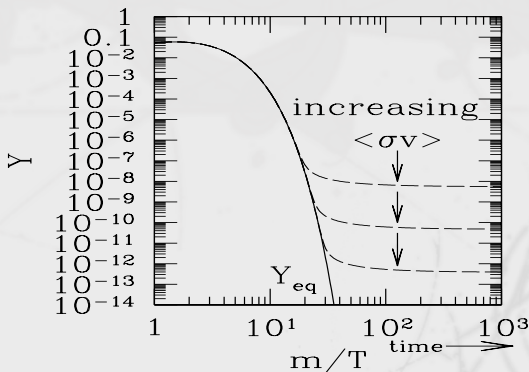
$$\langle\Gamma_\chi\rangle = \frac{K_1(T)}{K_2(T)}\Gamma_\chi$$

K_1 and K_2 are modified Bessel function of order 1 and 2.

- In terms of Y ,

$$\frac{dY_\chi}{dx} = -\frac{s\langle\sigma v\rangle}{Hx} \left(Y_\chi^2 - Y_\chi^{2\text{eq}} \right)$$

- A formal solution of this equation is given by :



Non-Thermal Dark Matter : Basic Concepts

- Condition for thermalisation of a system of particles in the background of an expanding universe :

$$\frac{\Gamma}{H} \gg 1$$

where,

Γ = Interaction Rate = $n_{\text{eq}} \langle \sigma v \rangle$, H = Expansion Rate.

- Freeze-out : $\frac{\Gamma}{H} \ll 1$ ($T < T_{\text{fo}}$)
- Freeze-in : $\frac{\Gamma}{H} \ll 1$ (at all epochs)

- Number density of non-thermal dark matter is very small \Rightarrow initial abundance is almost negligible.
- Non-thermal dark matters hence needed to be produced \Rightarrow comoving number density gradually rises and finally saturates to satisfy relic density.
- Usually the most dominant production channels are from decay of heavier particles.
- The decaying particle may be in thermal equilibrium or can itself be out-of-equilibrium.

- If the decaying particle is in thermal equilibrium, then the usual form of rate equation in terms of n (or Y) can be used.

- For example, we can use : $\langle \Gamma \rangle = \frac{K_1(T)}{K_2(T)} \Gamma$ etc ...

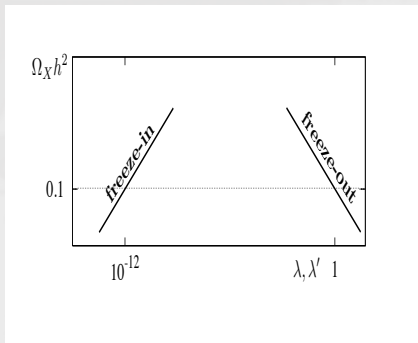
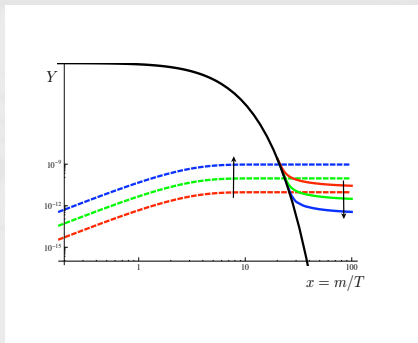
- But if the mother particle is not in equilibrium, then such an equation cannot be used.

- Now, $\langle \Gamma \rangle = \frac{\int \Gamma f_{\text{DM}}(p) d^3 p}{\int f_{\text{DM}}(p) d^3 p}$ (from definition only...)

⇒ Knowledge of the non-equilibrium distribution function, f_{mother} is necessary to solve for f_{DM} .

⇒ Need for coupled set of Boltzmann equations...

- The difference between the freeze-in and freeze-out scenario is best illustrated by the following plots :



Hall et.al., arXiv:0911.1120

A new $U(1)_{B-L}$ model

- Gauge Group : $SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y \times U(1)_{B-L}$
- The Lagrangian :

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{L}_{BL} = & i \bar{\eta}_L \gamma_\mu D_\eta^\mu \eta_L + i \bar{\xi}_L \gamma_\mu D_\xi^\mu \xi_L + i \sum_{i=1}^2 \bar{\chi}_{iR} \gamma_\mu D_{\chi_i}^\mu \chi_{iR} \\
 & - \frac{1}{4} F_{Z_{BL}}^{\mu\nu} F_{Z_{BL}, \mu\nu} + \sum_{i=1}^2 (D_{\phi_i}^\mu \phi_i)^\dagger (D_{\phi_i \mu} \phi_i) \\
 & - \sum_{i=1}^2 \left(y_{\xi_i} \bar{\xi}_L \chi_{iR} \phi_2 + y_{\eta_i} \bar{\eta}_L \chi_{iR} \phi_1 + h.c. \right) - V(H, \phi_1, \phi_2) + \mathcal{L}_\Delta
 \end{aligned}$$

Sudhanwa Patra et.al., arXiv:1607.04029

where,

$$\begin{aligned}
 V(H, \phi_1, \phi_2) = & \mu_H^2 H^\dagger H + \lambda_H (H^\dagger H)^2 + \mu_1^2 \phi_1^\dagger \phi_1 + \lambda_1 (\phi_1^\dagger \phi_1)^2 + \mu_2^2 \phi_2^\dagger \phi_2 \\
 & + \lambda_2 (\phi_2^\dagger \phi_2)^2 + \rho_1 (H^\dagger H) (\phi_1^\dagger \phi_1) + \rho_2 (H^\dagger H) (\phi_2^\dagger \phi_2) + \lambda_3 (\phi_1^\dagger \phi_1) (\phi_2^\dagger \phi_2) \\
 & + \mu \left(\phi_2 \phi_1^{\dagger 2} + \phi_2^\dagger \phi_1^2 \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

- The model is well motivated since :
 - It is anomaly free.
 - It can give rise to neutrino mass.
 - It can accommodate a thermal dark matter.

- The charge assignment is given in the following table :

	Field	SU(2) _L charge	U(1) _Y charge	U(1) _{B-L} charge	VEV
SM Fermions	$l_L \equiv (v_L \ e_L)^T$	2	$-\frac{1}{2}$	-1	0
	$Q_L \equiv (u_L \ d_L)^T$	2	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{3}$	
	e_R	1	-1	-1	
	u_R	1	$\frac{2}{3}$	$\frac{1}{3}$	
	d_R	1	$-\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{1}{3}$	
BSM Fermions	ξ_L	1	0	$\frac{4}{3}$	0
	η_L	1	0	$\frac{1}{3}$	
	χ_{1R}	1	0	$-\frac{2}{3}$	
	χ_{2R}	1	0	$-\frac{2}{3}$	
Scalars	H	2	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	v
	ϕ_1	1	0	1	v_1
	ϕ_2	1	0	2	v_2
	Δ	3	1	-2	v_Δ

Points to highlight regarding the model :

- The scalars acquire vev after symmetry breaking :

$$H^0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(v + \tilde{h}) + \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}}\tilde{G},$$

$$\phi_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(v_1 + \tilde{h}_1) + \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}}\tilde{A}_1,$$

$$\phi_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(v_2 + \tilde{h}_2) + \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}}\tilde{A}_2,$$

- The fields $(\tilde{h}_1, \tilde{h}_2, \tilde{h}_3)$ mix with each other
 \Rightarrow 3×3 PMNS-like mixing matrix parametrised by $\theta_{12}, \theta_{13}, \theta_{23}$.
- \tilde{A}_1 and \tilde{A}_2 also mix together to give rise to a massive physical pseudoscalar with mass M_A .

- For the Fermions :

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{fermion-mass}} = \left(\begin{array}{cc} \overline{\xi}_L & \overline{\eta}_L \end{array} \right) \mathcal{M}_{\text{fermion}} \left(\begin{array}{c} \chi_{1R} \\ \chi_{2R} \end{array} \right)$$

where,

$$\mathcal{M}_{\text{fermion}} = \left(\begin{array}{cc} y_{\xi_1} v_2 & y_{\xi_2} v_2 \\ y_{\eta_1} v_1 & y_{\eta_1} v_1 \end{array} \right)$$

- The mass and gauge basis states are related by :

$$\left(\begin{array}{c} \xi_L \\ \eta_L \end{array} \right) = \mathcal{U}_L \left(\begin{array}{c} \psi_{2L} \\ \psi_{1L} \end{array} \right), \quad \left(\begin{array}{c} \chi_{1R} \\ \chi_{2R} \end{array} \right) = \mathcal{U}_R \left(\begin{array}{c} \psi_{2R} \\ \psi_{1R} \end{array} \right).$$

where,

$$\mathcal{U}_{L,R} = \left(\begin{array}{cc} \cos \theta_{L,R} & \sin \theta_{L,R} \\ -\sin \theta_{L,R} & \cos \theta_{L,R} \end{array} \right)$$

- The physical states are $\psi_1 = \psi_{1L} + \psi_{1R}$ and $\psi_2 = \psi_{2L} + \psi_{2R}$.

- The breaking of $U(1)_{B-L}$ gauge group also gives the extra gauge boson its mass.

$$M_{Z_{BL}}^2 = \left(\frac{g_{BL} v_2}{\beta} \right)^2 (1 + 4\beta^2), \text{ where } \beta = \frac{v_2}{v_1}$$

- The set of independent parameters relevant for our analysis are as follows :
 $\theta_{12}, \theta_{13}, \theta_{23}, \theta_L, \theta_R, M_{h_2}, M_{h_3}, M_A, M_{\psi_1}, M_{\psi_2}, M_{Z_{BL}}, g_{BL}$ and β .

- ψ_1 is our dark matter candidate.
- The dominant production modes of this dark matter are :

$$h_1 \rightarrow \psi_1 \psi_1, h_2 \rightarrow \psi_1 \psi_1, Z_{\text{BL}} \rightarrow \psi_1 \psi_1.$$

- The decay widths strongly depend on g_{BL} and for non-thermality $g_{\text{BL}} \sim 10^{-10}$.
- Very small $g_{\text{BL}} \Rightarrow Z_{\text{BL}}$ is also not in equilibrium.

$$Z_{\text{BL}} \text{ production : } h_2 \rightarrow Z_{\text{BL}} Z_{\text{BL}}.$$

$$Z_{\text{BL}} \text{ depletion : } Z_{\text{BL}} \rightarrow f \bar{f} \text{ and } Z_{\text{BL}} \rightarrow \psi_1 \bar{\psi}_1.$$

- h_2 can however equilibrate through their mixing with SM Higgs (h_1).
- We can not solve for Y_{ψ_1} directly, rather we need to find $f_{Z_{BL}}$ and consequently solve for $f_{\psi_1} \Rightarrow$ coupled Boltzmann equations.

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{L} f_{Z_{BL}} &= \mathcal{C}^{h_2 \rightarrow Z_{BL} Z_{BL}} + \mathcal{C}^{Z_{BL} \rightarrow all} \\ \hat{L} f_{\psi_1} &= \sum_{s=h_1, h_2} \mathcal{C}^{S \rightarrow \bar{\psi}_1 \psi_1} + \mathcal{C}^{Z_{BL} \rightarrow \bar{\psi}_1 \psi_1}\end{aligned}$$

- SM Higgs (h_1) gets its mass after EWPT. So, when $T > T_{EWPT}$, h_1 decay is not allowed.

Simplifying the Liouville Operator

- For isotropic homogeneous universe, FRW metric gives :

$$\hat{L} = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} - H p \frac{\partial}{\partial p} \right)$$

- Using conservation of entropy :

$$\frac{dT}{dt} = -HT \left(1 + \frac{T g'_s(T)}{3g_s(T)} \right)^{-1}$$

- Change of coordinates :

$$r = \frac{m_0}{T},$$

$$\xi_p = \left(\frac{g_s(T_0)}{g_s(T)} \right)^{1/3} \frac{p}{T},$$

- The Liouville operator simplifies to :

$$\hat{L} = rH \left(1 + \frac{T g'_s}{3 g_s} \right)^{-1} \frac{\partial}{\partial r},$$

- Chosen Benchmark ($\beta = 10^{-3}$) :

Input Parameters	Corresponding values
$M_{Z_{BL}}$	1 TeV
M_{h_2}	5 TeV
M_{ψ_1}	10 GeV
g_{BL}	1.75×10^{-11}
θ_{12}	0.1000 rad
θ_{13}	0.01 rad
θ_{23}	0.06 rad
$\theta_L = \theta_R$	$\pi/4$ rad

Calculation of Collision Terms

- $\mathbf{Z}_{\text{BL}}(p) \rightarrow \mathbf{f}(p') \bar{\mathbf{f}}(q')$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{C}^{\mathbf{Z}_{\text{BL}} \rightarrow f\bar{f}}[f_{\mathbf{Z}_{\text{BL}}}(p)] &= \frac{1}{2E_p} \int \frac{g_f d^3 p'}{(2\pi)^3 2E_{p'}} \frac{g_f d^3 q'}{(2\pi)^3 2E_{q'}} \times \\ &\quad (2\pi)^4 \delta^4(\tilde{p} - \tilde{p}' - \tilde{q}') \times \overline{|\mathcal{M}|^2} \times [-f_{\mathbf{Z}_{\text{BL}}}(p)] \\ &= -f_{\mathbf{Z}_{\text{BL}}}(p) \times \frac{1}{2E_p} \int \frac{g_f d^3 p'}{(2\pi)^3 2E_{p'}} \frac{g_f d^3 q'}{(2\pi)^3 2E_{q'}} (2\pi)^4 \delta^4(\tilde{p} - \tilde{p}' - \tilde{q}') \times \overline{|\mathcal{M}|^2} \end{aligned}$$

- In a general frame moving with momentum 'p' :

$$\Gamma'_{\mathbf{Z}_{\text{BL}} \rightarrow f\bar{f}} = \frac{1}{2E_p} \int \frac{g_f d^3 p'}{(2\pi)^3 2E_{p'}} \frac{g_f d^3 q'}{(2\pi)^3 2E_{q'}} (2\pi)^4 \delta^4(\tilde{p} - \tilde{p}' - \tilde{q}') \times \overline{|\mathcal{M}|^2} \Bigg|_{\mathbf{Z}_{\text{BL}} \rightarrow f\bar{f}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{C}^{\text{ZBL} \rightarrow f\bar{f}}[f_{\text{ZBL}}(\xi_p)] &= -f_{\text{ZBL}}(\xi_p) \times \left[\Gamma_{\text{ZBL} \rightarrow f\bar{f}}^{\text{rest}} \times \frac{M_{\text{ZBL}}}{E_{\text{ZBL}}} \right] \\ &= -f_{\text{ZBL}}(\xi_p) \times \Gamma_{\text{ZBL} \rightarrow f\bar{f}}^{\text{rest}} \times \frac{r_{\text{ZBL}}}{\sqrt{\xi_p^2 \mathcal{B}(r)^2 + r_{\text{ZBL}}^2}} \end{aligned}$$

- Hence,

$$\mathcal{C}^{\text{ZBL} \rightarrow \text{all}} = -f_{\text{ZBL}}(\xi_p) \times \Gamma_{\text{ZBL} \rightarrow \text{all}} \times \frac{r_{\text{ZBL}}}{\sqrt{\xi_p^2 \mathcal{B}(r)^2 + r_{\text{ZBL}}^2}}$$

where,

$$\left(\frac{g_s(T)}{g_s(T_0)} \right)^{1/3} = \left(\frac{g_s(M_{sc}/r)}{g_s(M_{sc}/r_0)} \right)^{1/3} \equiv \mathcal{B}(r)$$

- $\mathbf{h}_2(k) \rightarrow \mathbf{Z}_{\text{BL}}(p) \mathbf{Z}_{\text{BL}}(q')$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{C}^{h_2 \rightarrow Z_{\text{BL}} Z_{\text{BL}}}[f_{Z_{\text{BL}}}(p)] &= 2 \times \frac{1}{2E_p} \int \frac{g_{h_2} d^3 k}{(2\pi)^3 2E_k} \frac{g_{Z_{\text{BL}}} d^3 q'}{(2\pi)^3 2E_{q'}} \times \\ &\quad (2\pi)^4 \delta^4(\vec{k} - \vec{p} - \vec{q}') \times \overline{|\mathcal{M}|^2} \Bigg|_{h_2 \rightarrow Z_{\text{BL}} Z_{\text{BL}}} \times \\ &\quad [f_{h_2}(1 \pm f_{Z_{\text{BL}}})(1 \pm f_{Z_{\text{BL}}}) - f_{Z_{\text{BL}}} f_{Z_{\text{BL}}}(1 \pm f_{h_2})] \\ &= 2 \times \frac{1}{2E_p} \int \frac{g_{h_2} d^3 k}{(2\pi)^3 2E_k} \frac{g_{Z_{\text{BL}}} d^3 q'}{(2\pi)^3 2E_{q'}} (2\pi)^4 \delta^4(\vec{k} - \vec{p} - \vec{q}') \times \overline{|\mathcal{M}|^2} \times [f_{h_2}(k)]. \end{aligned}$$

- Here,

$$\overline{|\mathcal{M}|^2} \Bigg|_{h_2 \rightarrow Z_{\text{BL}} Z_{\text{BL}}} = \frac{g_{h_2}^2 Z_{\text{BL}} Z_{\text{BL}}}{2 \times 9} \left(2 + \frac{\left(E_p E_{q'} - \vec{p} \cdot \vec{q}' \right)^2}{M_{Z_{\text{BL}}}^4} \right)$$

$$\mathcal{C}^{h_2 \rightarrow Z_{\text{BL}} Z_{\text{BL}}}[f_{Z_{\text{BL}}}(p)] = \frac{g_{h_2 Z_{\text{BL}} Z_{\text{BL}}}^2}{6(4\pi)^2} \frac{1}{E_p} \int \frac{k^2 dk d(\cos \theta)}{E_k E_{q'}(p, k, \cos \theta)} \times$$

$$\delta(E_k - E_p - E_{q'}(p, k, \theta)) \times \left(2 + \frac{(E_p E_{q'}(k, p, \theta) + p^2 - p k \cos \theta)^2}{M_{Z_{\text{BL}}}^4} \right) \times [f_{h_2}(k)]$$

where, $E_{q'} = \sqrt{k^2 + p^2 + M_{Z_{\text{BL}}}^2 - 2pk \cos \theta}$

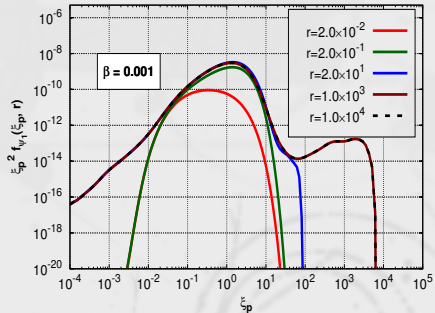
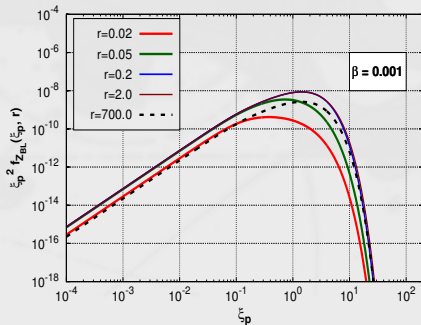
- In terms of the chosen coordinates,

$$E_{q'} = T \sqrt{\xi_k^2 \mathcal{B}(r)^2 + \xi_p^2 \mathcal{B}(r)^2 + r_{Z_{\text{BL}}}^2 - 2\mathcal{B}(r)^2 \xi_k \xi_p \cos \theta}$$

- Finally, doing the $\cos \theta$ integral and hence removing the delta function, we arrive at :

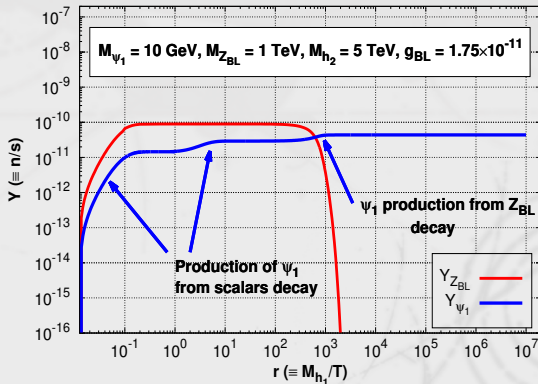
$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{C}^{h_2 \rightarrow Z_{BL} Z_{BL}} &= \frac{r}{8\pi M_{sc}} \frac{\mathcal{B}^{-1}(r)}{\xi_p \sqrt{\xi_p^2 \mathcal{B}(r)^2 + \left(\frac{M_{Z_{BL}} r}{M_{sc}}\right)^2}} \times \\ &\frac{g_{h_2 Z_{BL} Z_{BL}}^2}{6} \left(2 + \frac{(M_{h_2}^2 - 2M_{Z_{BL}}^2)^2}{4M_{Z_{BL}}^4} \right) \times \\ &\left(e^{-\sqrt{\left(\xi_k^{\min}(\xi_p, r)\right)^2 \mathcal{B}(r)^2 + \left(\frac{M_{h_2} r}{M_{sc}}\right)^2}} - e^{-\sqrt{\left(\xi_k^{\max}(\xi_p, r)\right)^2 \mathcal{B}(r)^2 + \left(\frac{M_{h_2} r}{M_{sc}}\right)^2}} \right) \end{aligned}$$

- The distribution functions :



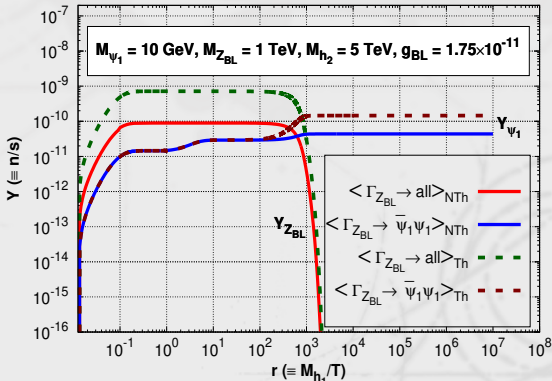
- Knowing the distribution function, we are finally able to calculate the comoving number density

$$Y \equiv \frac{n}{s}$$



Comparing with the approximate solution

- What if we had assumed that the system is close to equilibrium and used rate equations in terms of Y .



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