

BIG BANG NUCLEOSYNTHESIS  
OF NUCLEAR DM (AND OTHER  
NON-STANDARD DM)

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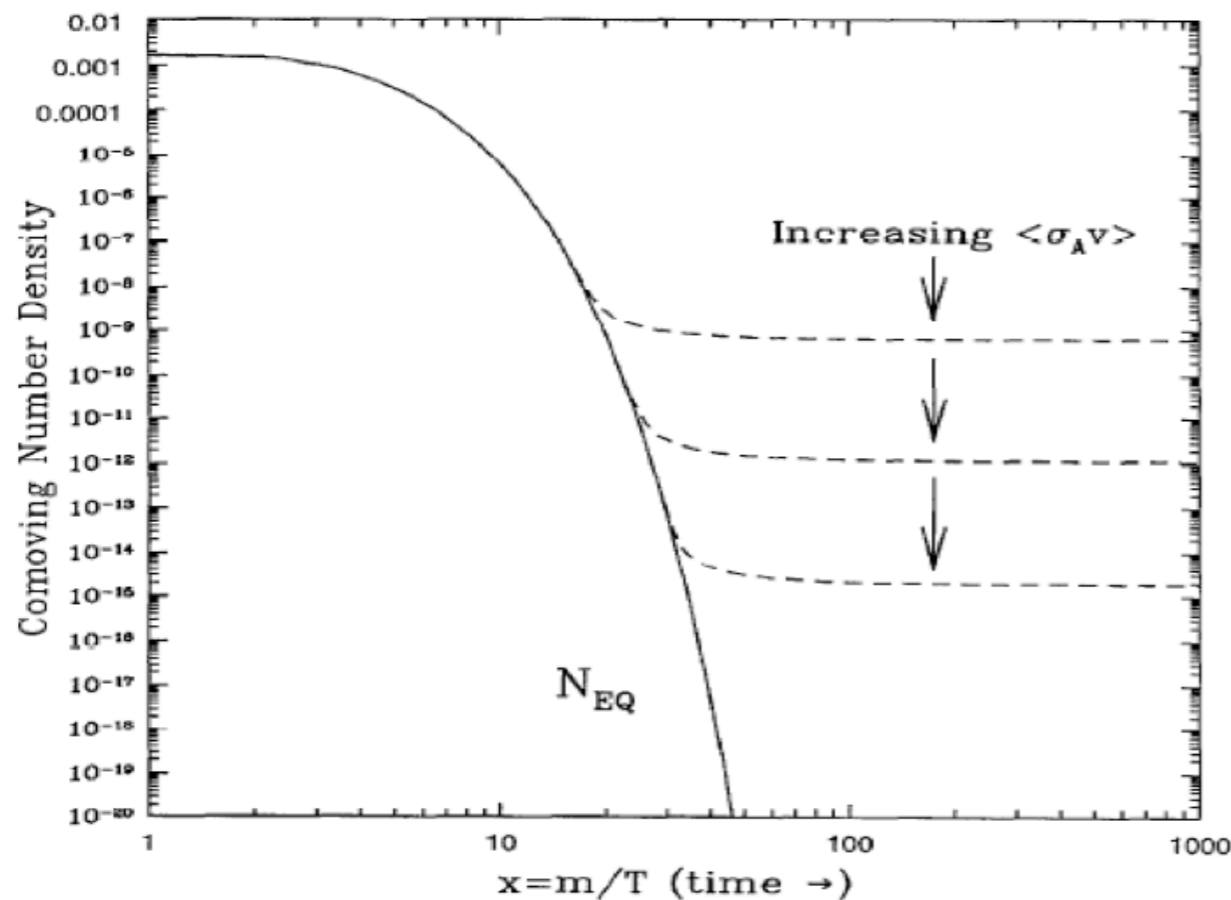
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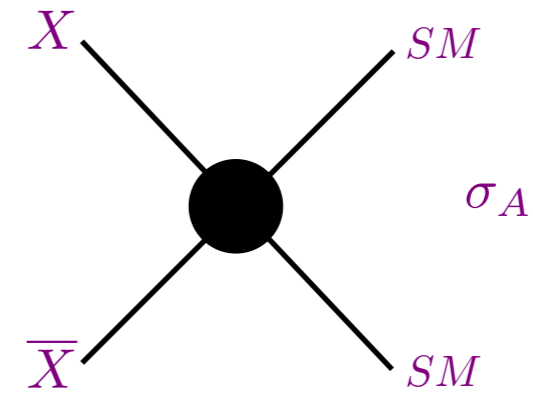
- PARTIAL OVERVIEW OF NON-STANDARD DM
  - ◆ FREEZE-OUT
  - ◆ ASYMMETRIC FREEZE-OUT
  - ◆ FREEZE-IN
- NUCLEAR DARK MATTER

# STANDARD FREEZE-OUT

## STANDARD SCENARIO FOR WIMP DM...



KOLB AND TURNER



- ◆ SINGLE SPECIES OF DARK MATTER
- ◆ RADIATION DOMINATED UNIVERSE
- ◆ INITIALLY IN THERMAL EQUILIBRIUM  
 $T > m_X$
- ◆ AS THE TEMP DECREASES  $T < m_X$   
CREATION OF  $X$  BECOMES  
EXPONENTIALLY SUPPRESSED

- ◆ ANNIHILATION OF  $X$  STILL PROCEEDS, NUMBER DENSITY OF  $X$  GIVEN BY

$$N_{\text{EQ}} \approx g_X \left( \frac{m_X T}{2\pi} \right)^{3/2} e^{-m_X/T}$$

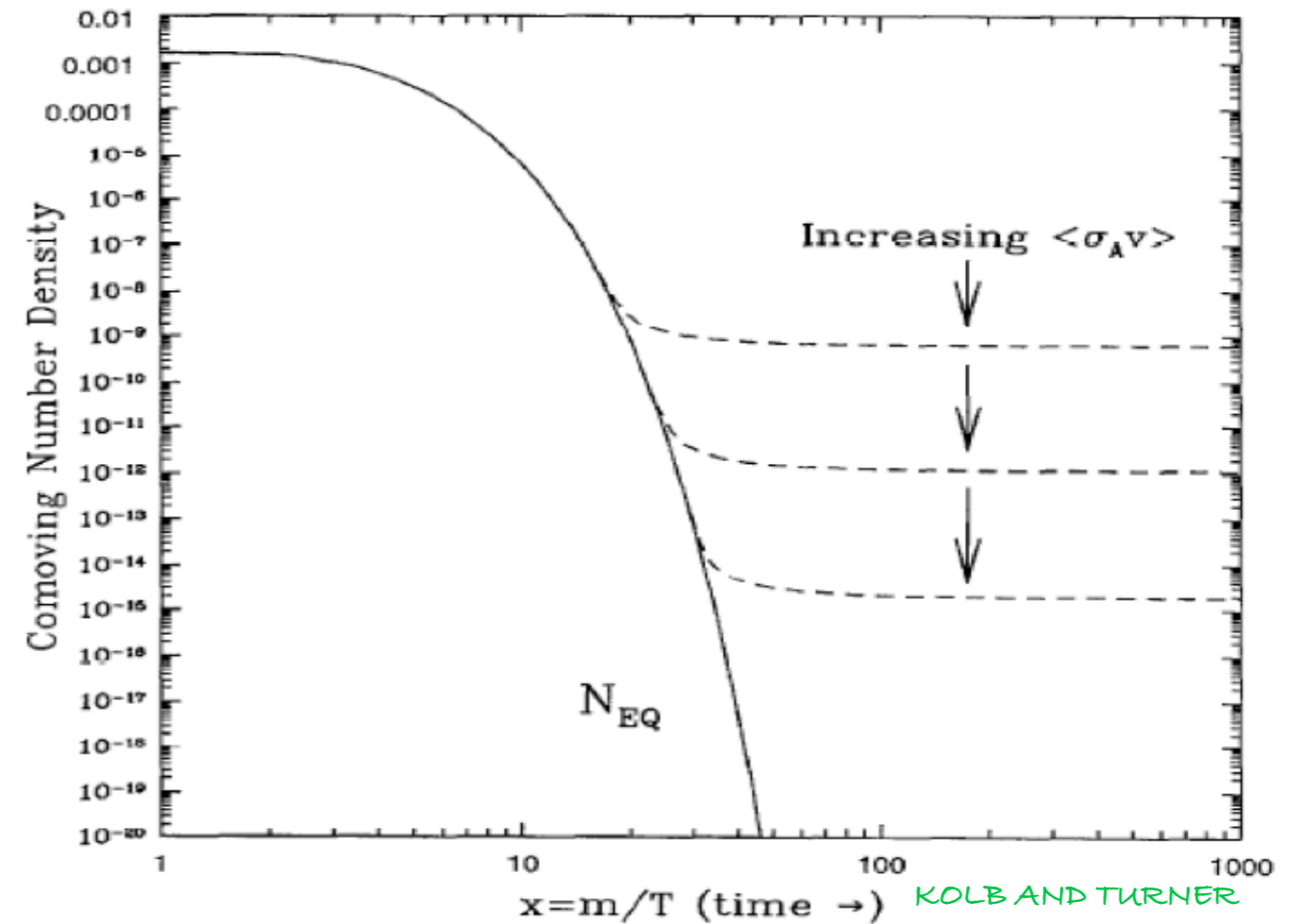
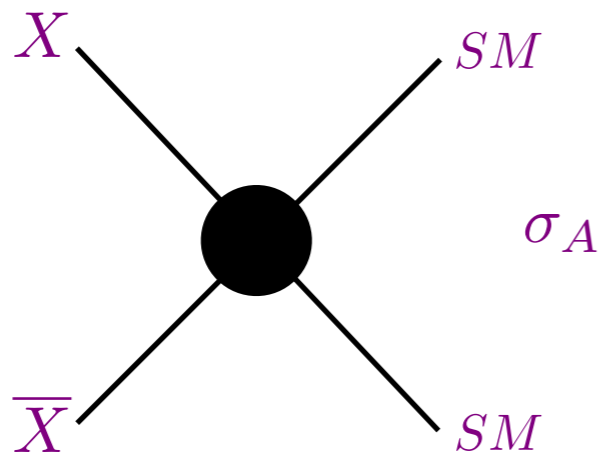
$$n_{X,\text{eq}} \rightarrow 0$$

$$\text{as } T \rightarrow 0$$

# STANDARD FREEZE-OUT

- ◆ DUE TO EXPANSION, DARK MATTER NUMBER DENSITY FREEZES-OUT WHEN:

$$\Gamma = n_X \langle \sigma_{Av} \rangle < H$$



- ◆ YIELD SET AT FREEZE-OUT GIVES FINAL DARK MATTER ABUNDANCE.

$$\Omega h^2 \sim 0.1 \frac{3 \times 10^{-26} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}}{\langle \sigma_{Av} \rangle}$$

# MODIFYING FREEZE-OUT - ASYMMETRIC DM

- ONE VERY POPULAR OPTION - ASYMMETRIC DM  $\chi$  (COMPLEX SCALAR OR DIRAC FERMION)

VISIBLE SECTOR

$q, e, W, Z, H, \tilde{q}, \dots$

$\chi, \bar{\chi}$

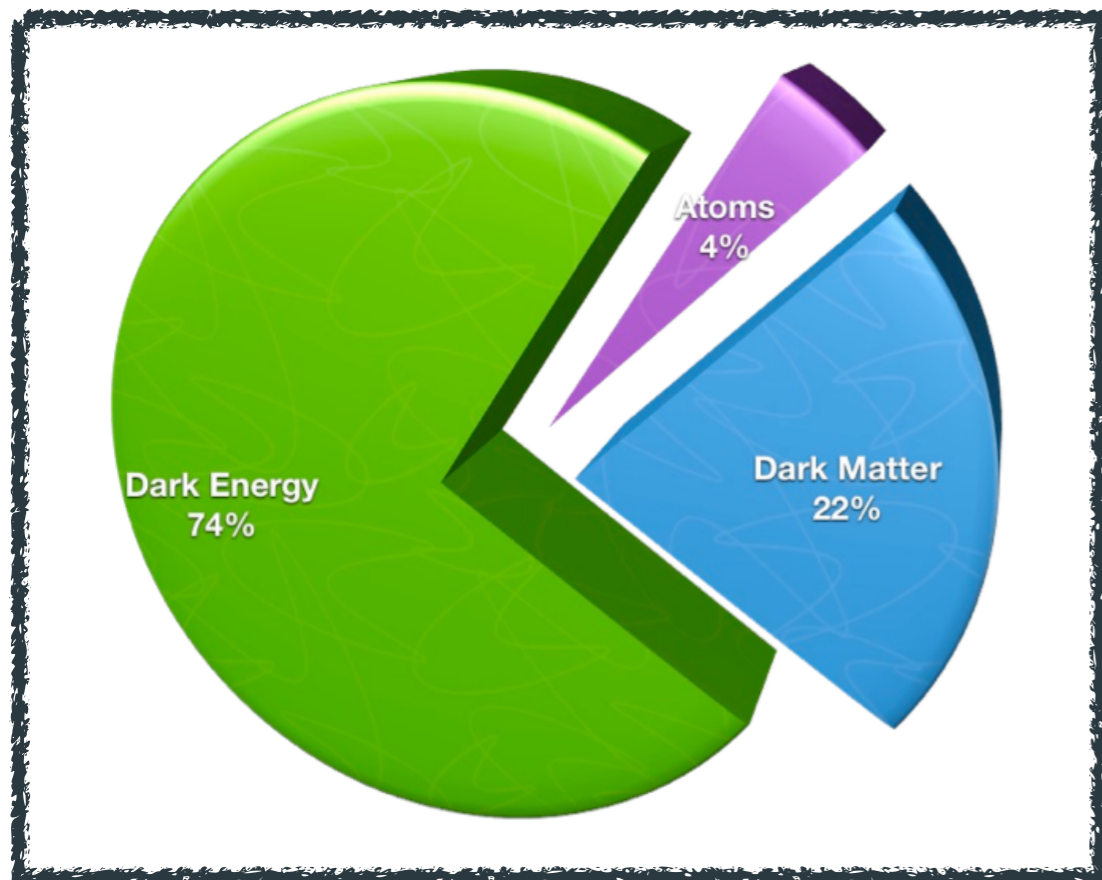
NUSSINOV '85; GELMINI, HALL, LIN '87; BARR '91;  
KAPLAN '92; THOMAS '95; HOOPER, MARCH-RUSSELL,  
SW '04; KITANO AND LOW '04, KAPLAN, LUTY  
ZUREK '09; FOADI, FRANDSEN, SANNINO '09+...

- DYNAMICS GENERATE DARK MATTER POSSESSING A MATTER-ANTIMATTER ASYMMETRY

$$n_{\chi} - n_{\bar{\chi}} \neq 0$$

- FOR SUFFICIENTLY LARGE DM ANNIHILATION - DM ABUNDANCE IS DETERMINE BY ASYMMETRY

# ASYMMETRIC DM MOTIVATION



$$\frac{\Omega_{dm}}{\Omega_B} \sim 5$$

◆ STANDARD PICTURE:

$\Omega_{dm}$

WIMP FREEZE-OUT -  
SET WHEN

$$\Gamma_{\text{ann}} \lesssim H$$

$\Omega_B$

SET BY CP-VIOLATING, BARYON NUMBER  
VIOLATING OUT OF EQUILIBRIUM PROCESSES

- GIVEN THE PHYSICS GENERATING EACH QUANTITY, RATIO IS A SURPRISE
- IF NOT A COINCIDENCE - NEED TO EXPLAIN THE CLOSENESS

⇒ SHARED DYNAMICS

⇒

ASYMMETRIC DARK  
MATTER

# MODELS OF ADM

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OR

$$\eta_{\text{B}} = n_{\text{B}} - n_{\overline{\text{B}}} \neq 0$$

OR BOTH

- RELATE THIS DM ASYMMETRY TO THE BARYON ASYMMETRY

LEADING TO:

$$n_{\text{dm}} - n_{\overline{\text{dm}}} \propto n_{\text{B}} - n_{\overline{\text{B}}} \Rightarrow \eta_{\text{dm}} = C \eta_{\text{B}}$$

$$n_{\text{dm}} \gg n_{\overline{\text{dm}}}$$

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- VALUE OF  $C$  IS DETERMINED BY HOW THE ASYMMETRIES ARE SHARED BETWEEN THE TWO SECTORS

# ADM BASICS

$$\frac{\Omega_{dm}}{\Omega_B} \sim \frac{\eta_{dm} m_{dm}}{\eta_B m_B}$$

IF ASYMMETRY SHARING  
PROCESS DROPS OUT OF  
THERMAL EQUILIBRIUM WHEN  
DM IS STILL RELATIVISTIC

$$\eta_{dm} \sim \eta_B$$

- THEN WE GET A PREDICTION FOR THE MASS OF THE DARK MATTER

$$m_{dm} \sim 5m_B \sim 5 \text{ GeV}$$

- THIS IS THE "NATURAL" DARK MATTER MASS FOR ADM MODELS.
- NOT THE ONLY POSSIBLE MASS, MORE SOPHISTICATED MODELS CAN ALLOW FOR A LARGE RANGE OF ADM MASSES

⇒ DEPENDS ON THE WAY IN WHICH THE ASYMMETRY IS SHARED (OR GENERATED)

# HEAVY ADM

SEE E.G. BARR '91, BUCKELY, RANDALL '11

- CAN HAVE ADM WITH HEAVY MASSES
- X NUMBER VIOLATING PROCESSES ONLY DECOUPLE AFTER DM HAS BECOME NON-RELATIVISTIC

⇒ DARK MATTER ASYMMETRY GETS BOLTZMANN SUPPRESSED

$$\frac{\Omega_{\text{dm}}}{\Omega_{\text{B}}} \approx \frac{m_{\text{dm}}}{m_{\text{B}}} x^{3/2} e^{-x}$$

$$\text{WITH } x = \frac{m_{\text{dm}}}{T_d}$$

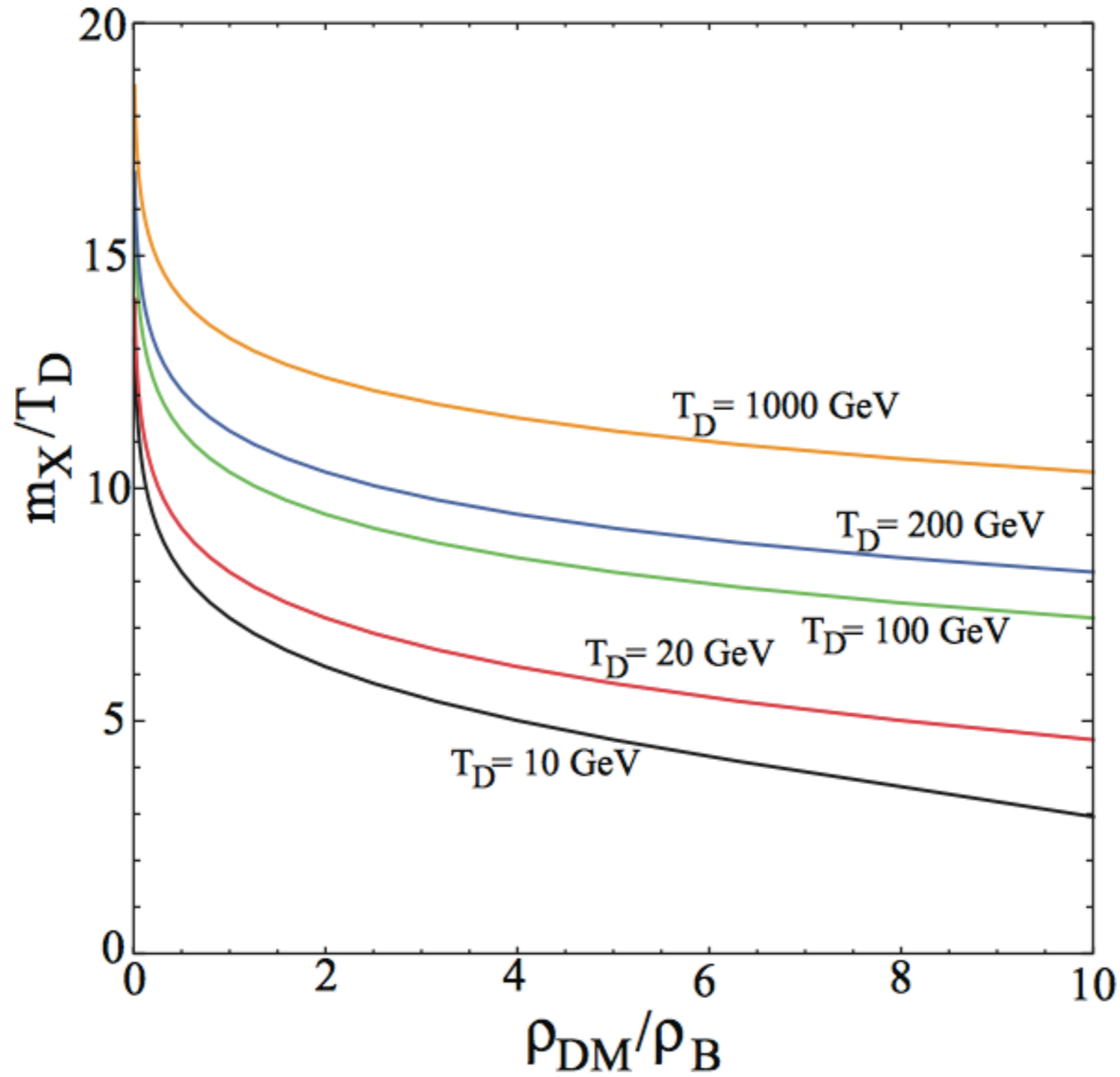
$T_d$  DECOUPLING TEMP OF X-NUMBER VIOLATING INTERACTIONS

- ACTUAL SUPPRESSION IS MORE COMPLICATED - SEE BARR '91

# HEAVY ADM

BUCKLEY, RANDALL; (2010)

• LARGE RANGE OF POSSIBLE MASSES



# HIDDEN SECTOR DM



- HIDDEN SECTOR STATES HAVE NO SM GAUGE INTERACTIONS
- HIDDEN SECTOR MAY BE LINKED, BEYOND GRAVITY, TO THE VISIBLE SECTOR

PORTALS: HIGGS -  $|H|^2 |\phi_i|^2$

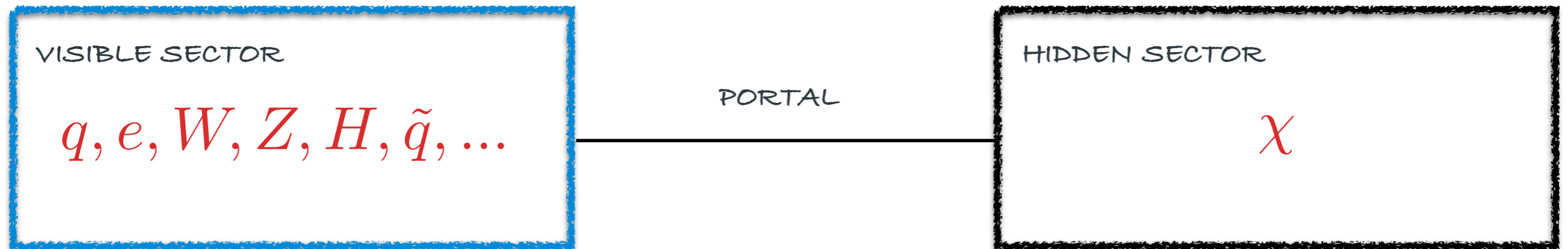
NEUTRINO -  $LH\chi_i$

KINETIC MIXING -  $(\partial_\mu X_\nu - \partial_\nu X_\mu) F_Y^{\mu\nu}$  IF  $X_\nu$  IS A  $U(1)'$  GAUGE BOSON

PLUS  $D > 4$  OPERATORS  $\frac{1}{M^{n-4}} \mathcal{O}_{\text{sm}} \mathcal{O}_{\text{hs}}$

- THE FORM OF THIS PORTAL CAN PLAY A MAJOR ROLE IN DM GENESIS

# SINGLE SPECIES DM



• MUCH DEPENDS ON PORTAL - IF PORTAL INTERACTION IS STRONG ENOUGH FOR HIDDEN AND VISIBLE SECTORS TO BE IN THERMAL EQUILIBRIUM - USUAL FREEZE-OUT PICTURE

• IF PORTAL INTERACTION IS FEEBLE AND  $\chi$  NOT IN THERMAL EQUILIBRIUM - CAN LOOK TO FREEZE-IN

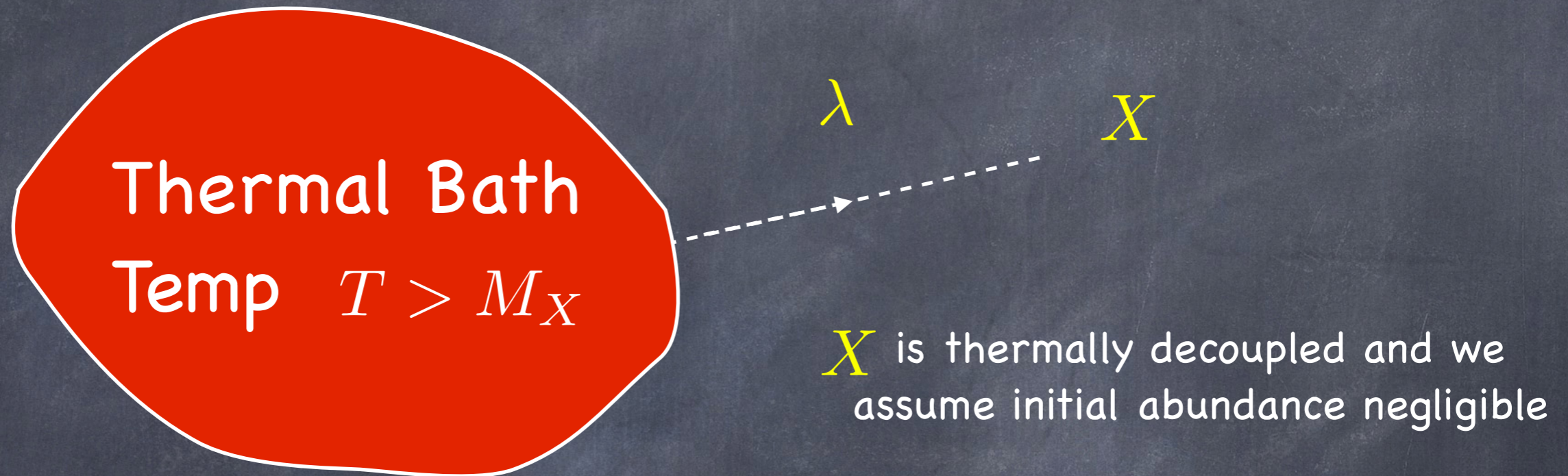
HALL, JEDAMZIK, MARCH-RUSSELL, SW '09

SEE EARLIER IMPLEMENTATION: MCDONALD '01, T. ASAKA, K. ISHIWATA, T. MOROI '05, '06

• FREEZE-IN - BATH PARTICLE SCATTERINGS OR DECAYS PRODUCE FIMPS THROUGH FEEBLE PORTAL INTERACTIONS

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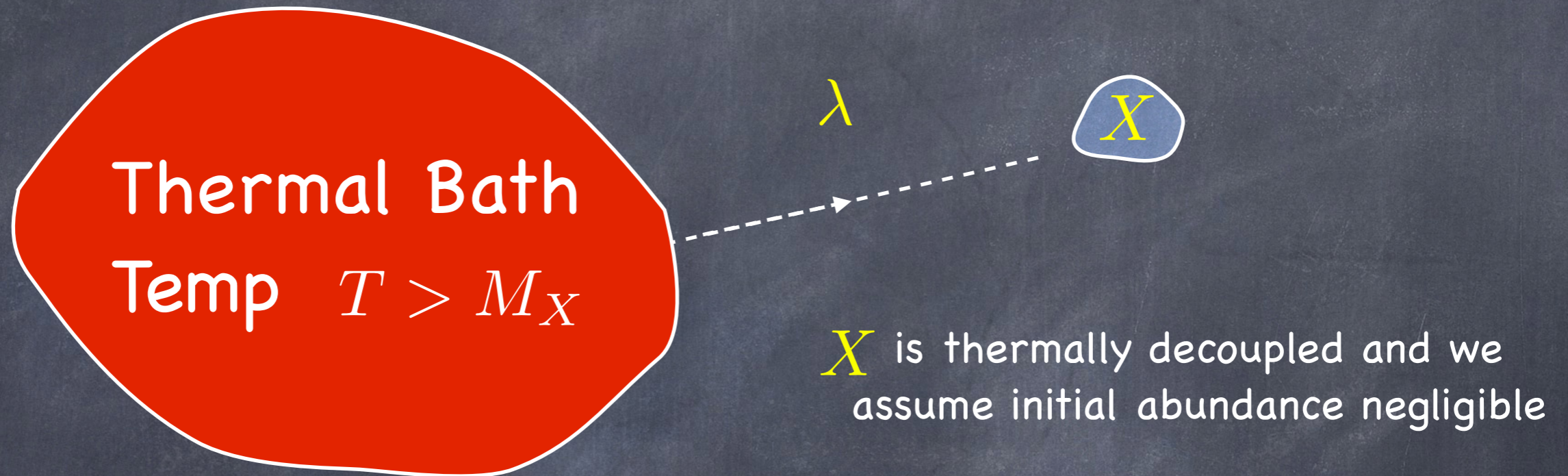


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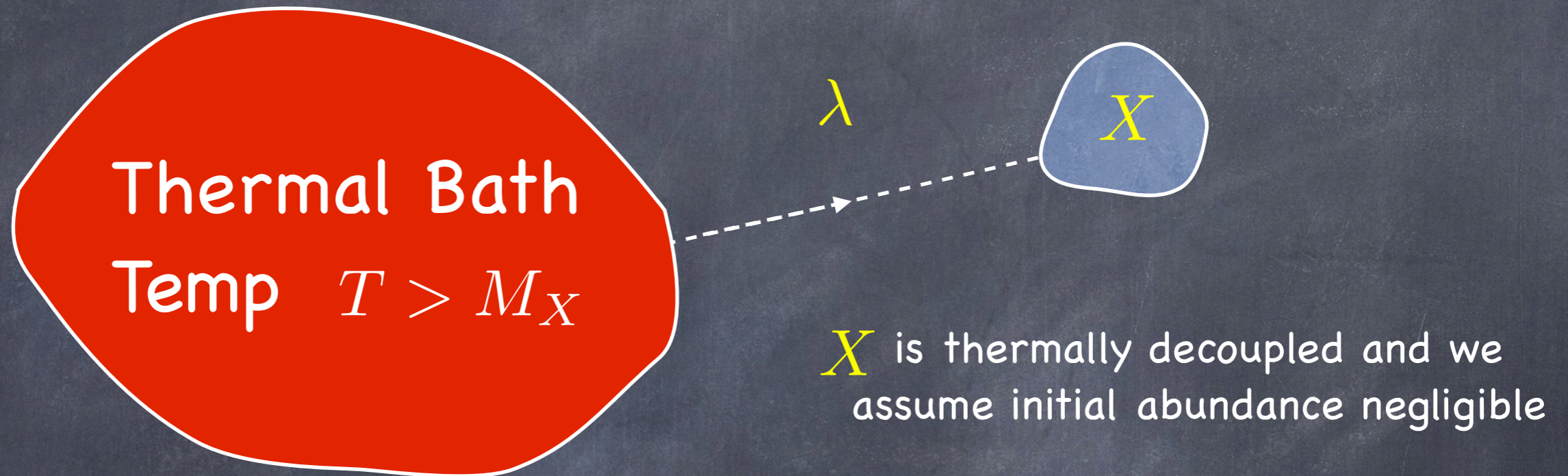
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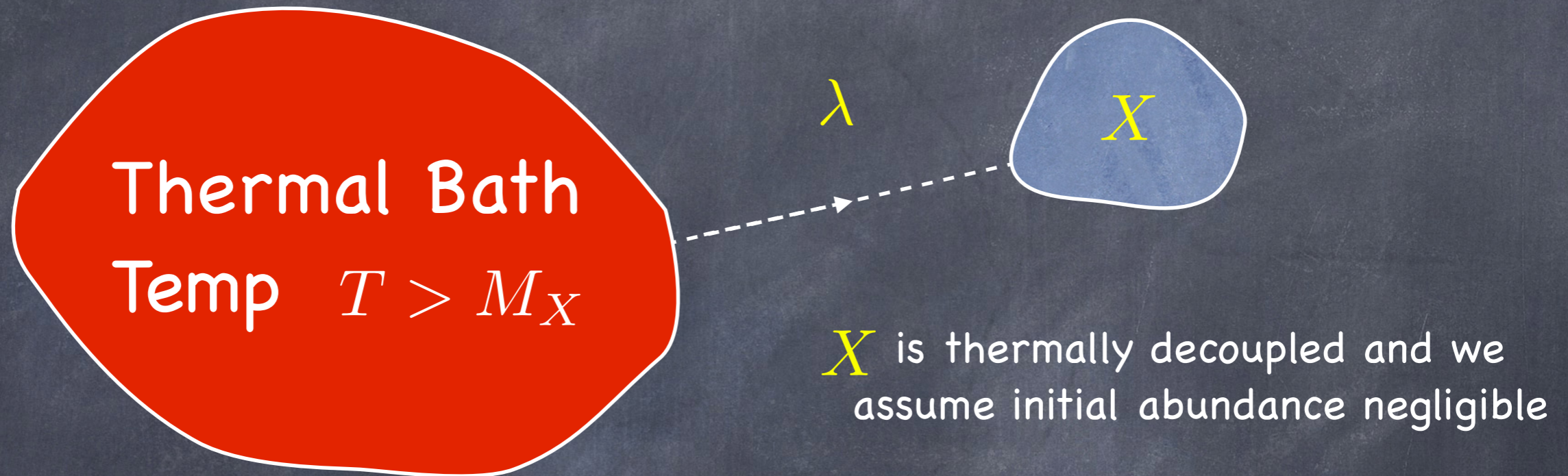
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- Dominant production of  $X$  occurs at  $T \sim M_X$  IR dominant
- Increasing the interaction strength increases the yield  
opposite to Freeze-out...

# Freeze-out vs Freeze-in

$$Y_{FO} \sim \frac{1}{\langle \sigma v \rangle M_{Pl} m'}$$

Using  $\langle \sigma v \rangle \sim \lambda'^2 / m'^2$

$$Y_{FO} \sim \frac{1}{\lambda'^2} \left( \frac{m'}{M_{Pl}} \right)$$

Freeze-in via, decays, inverse decays or 2-2 scattering

Coupling strength  $\lambda$

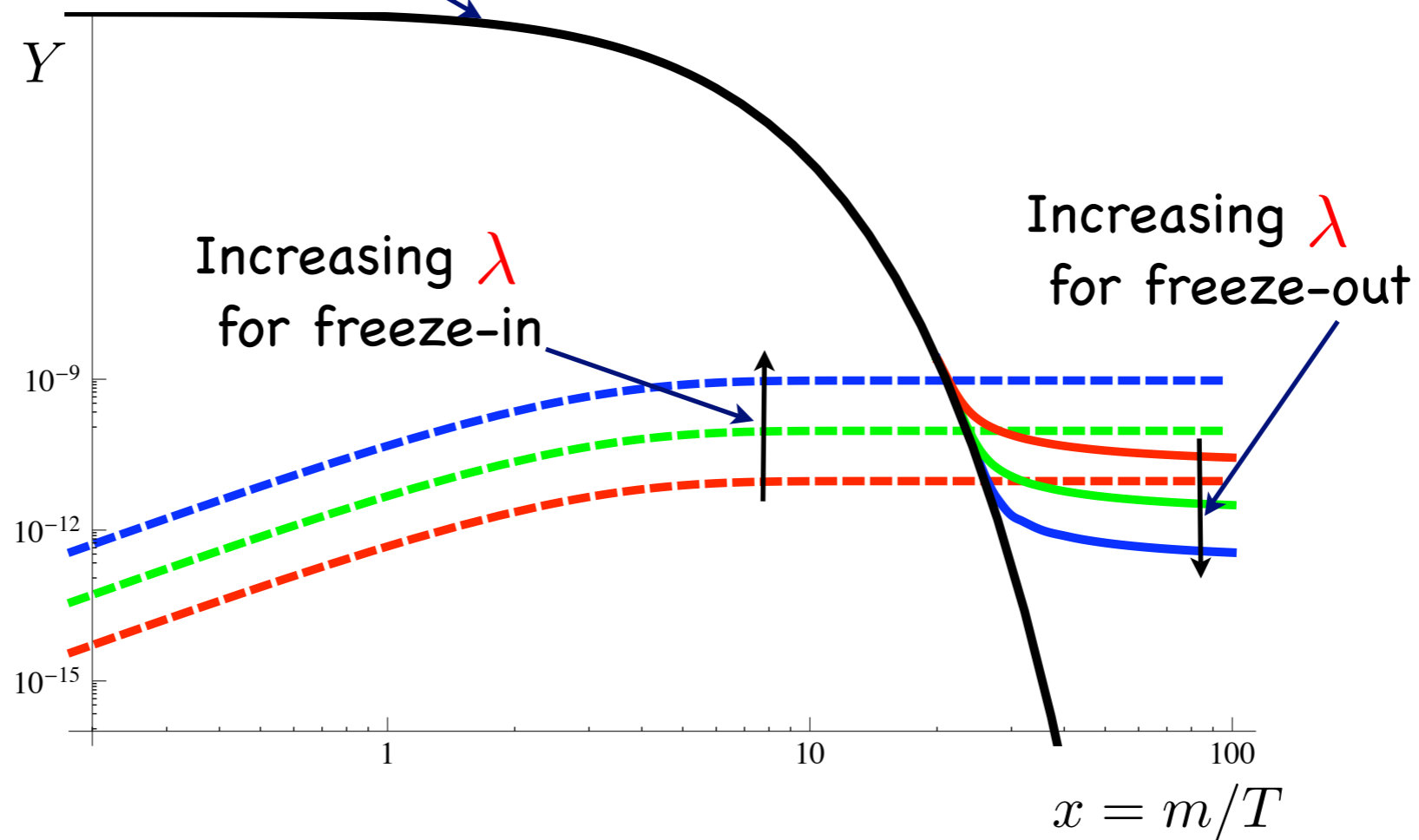
$m$  mass of heaviest particle in interaction

$$Y_{FI} \sim \lambda^2 \left( \frac{M_{Pl}}{m} \right)$$

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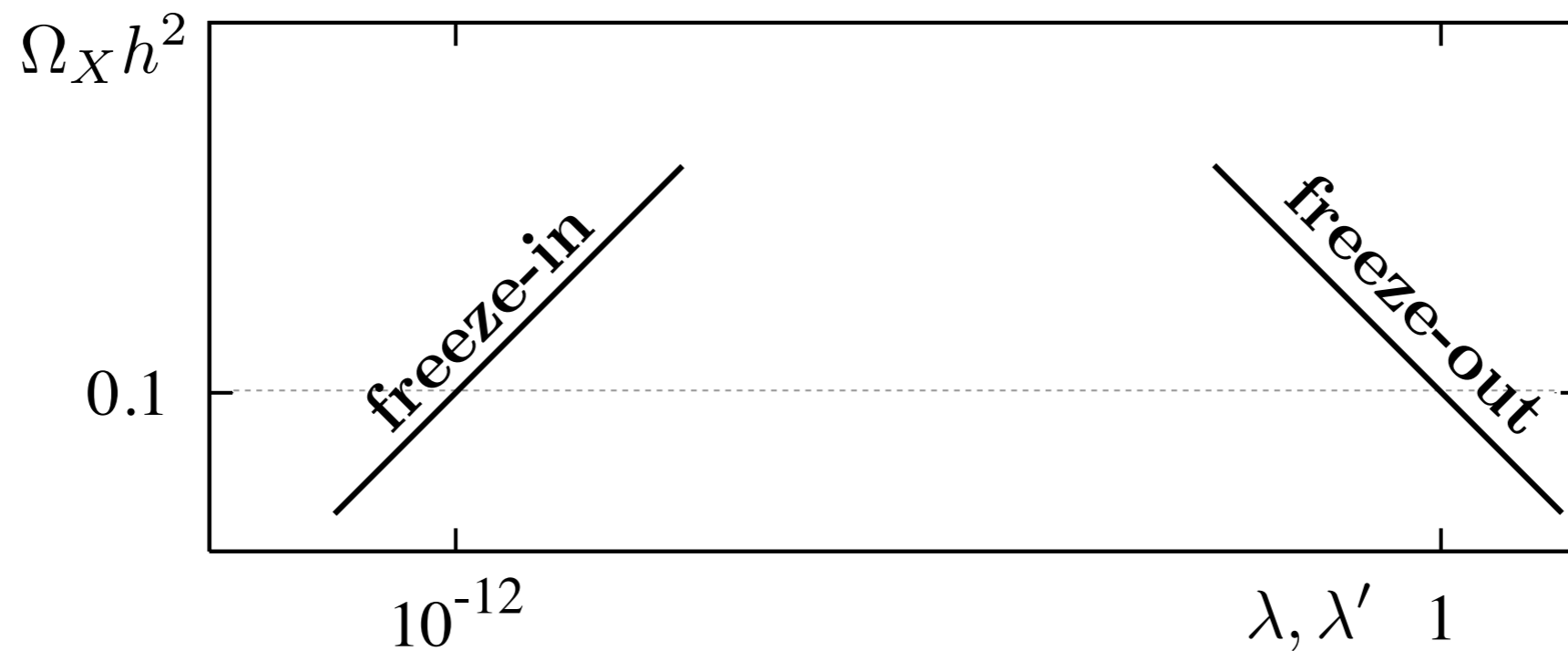
- As  $T$  drops below mass of relevant particle, DM abundance is heading **towards (freeze-in)** or **away from (freeze-out)** thermal equilibrium

Equilibrium yield



# Freeze-in vs Freeze-out

- For a TeV scale mass particle we have the following picture.



# FIMP miracle vs WIMP miracle

- WIMP miracle is that for  $m' \sim v$   $\lambda' \sim 1$

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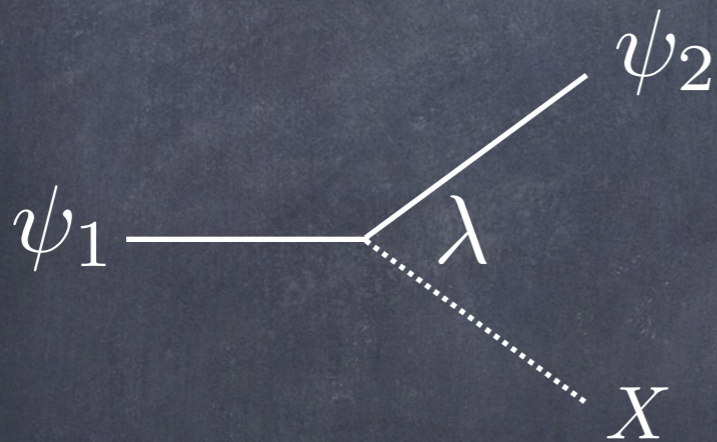
# Example Toy Model I

- FIMPs can be DM or can lead to an abundance of the Lightest Ordinary Supersymmetric Particle (LOSP)
- Consider FIMP  $X$  coupled to two bath fermions  $\psi_1$  and  $\psi_2$

$$L_Y = \lambda \psi_1 \psi_2 X$$

- Let  $\psi_1$  be the LOSP

- First case **FIMP DM**:  $m_{\psi_1} > m_X + m_{\psi_2}$



$$\Omega_X h^2 \sim 10^{24} \frac{m_X \Gamma_{\psi_1}}{m_{\psi_1}^2}$$

$$\text{Using } \Gamma_{\psi_1} \sim \frac{\lambda^2 m_{\psi_1}}{8\pi} \Rightarrow$$

$$\Omega_X h^2 \sim 10^{23} \lambda^2 \frac{m_X}{m_{\psi_1}}$$

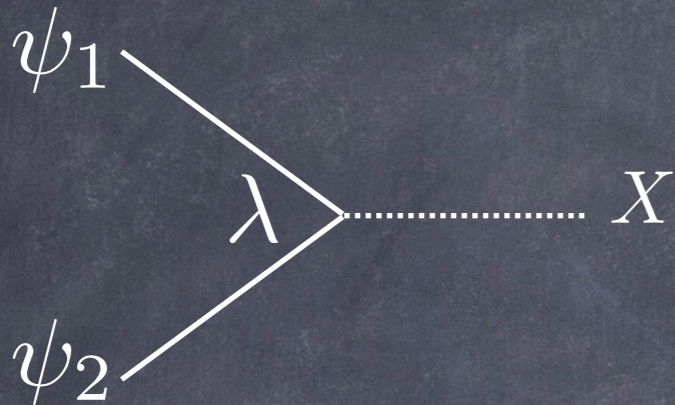
For  $\frac{m_X}{m_{\psi_1}} \sim 1$  need  $\lambda \sim 10^{-12}$  for correct DM abundance

- Lifetime of LOSP is long – signals at LHC, BBN...



# Toy Model continued...

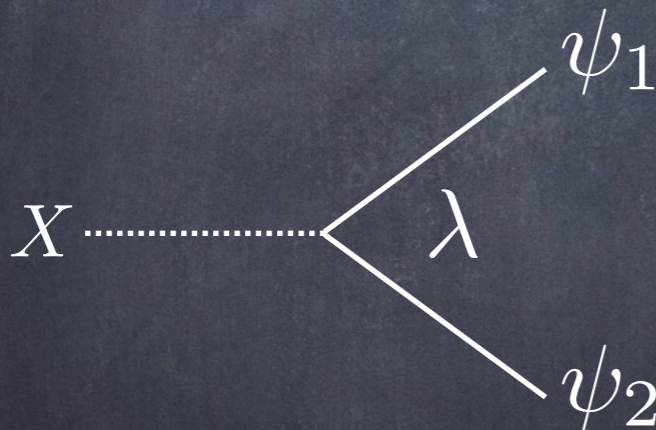
- Second case **LOSP (=LSP) DM**:  $m_X > m_{\psi_1} + m_{\psi_2}$



$$\Omega_X h^2 \sim 10^{24} \frac{\Gamma_X}{m_X} \sim 10^{23} \lambda^2$$

Using  $\Gamma_X \sim \frac{\lambda^2 m_X}{8\pi}$

- BUT  $X$  is unstable...



giving

$$\Omega_{\psi_1} h^2 = \frac{m_{\psi_1} \Omega_X h^2}{m_X} \sim 10^{23} \lambda^2 \frac{m_{\psi_1}}{m_X}$$

Again for  $\frac{m_X}{m_{\psi_1}} \sim 1$  need  $\lambda \sim 10^{-12}$  for correct DM abundance

- $X$  lifetime can be long – implications for BBN, indirect DM detection

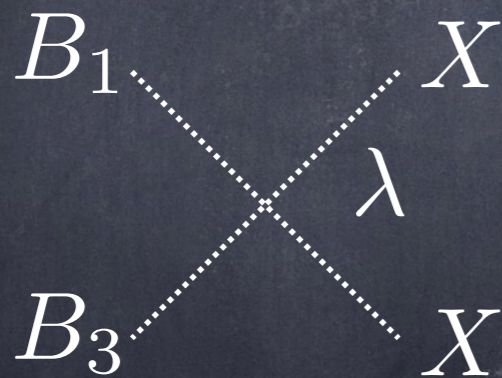
**Another source of boost factors**

# Example Model II

- Many applications and variations of the Freeze-in mechanism
- Assume FIMP is lightest particle carrying some stabilising symmetry - **FIMP is the DM**
- Consider quartic coupling of FIMP with two bath scalars

$$\mathcal{L}_Q = \lambda X^2 B_1 B_2$$

Assuming  
 $m_X \gg m_{B_1}, m_{B_2}$



$$\Omega h_X^2 \approx 10^{21} \lambda^2$$

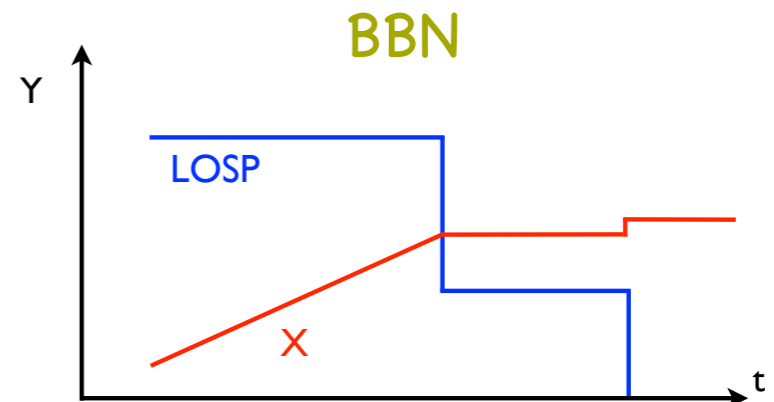
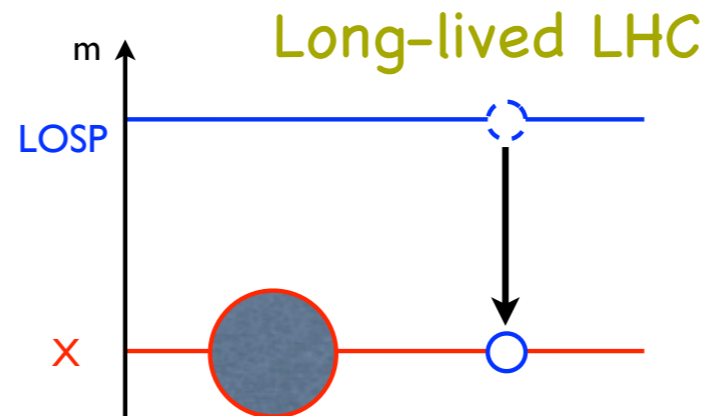
For correct DM  
abundance  $\Rightarrow \lambda \sim 10^{-11}$

- NOTE: Abundance in this case is **independent of the FIMP mass**

# Summary of Scenarios

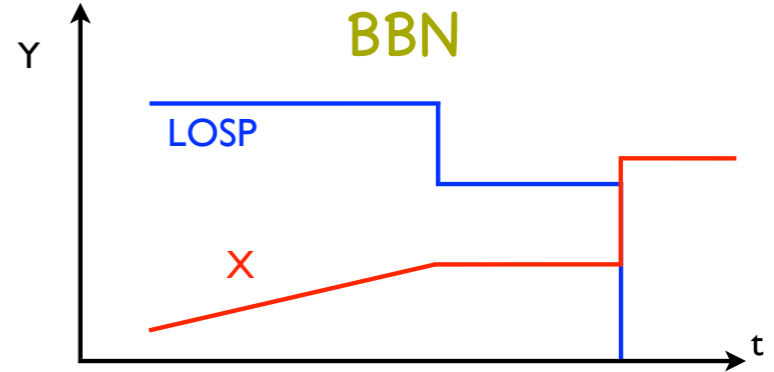
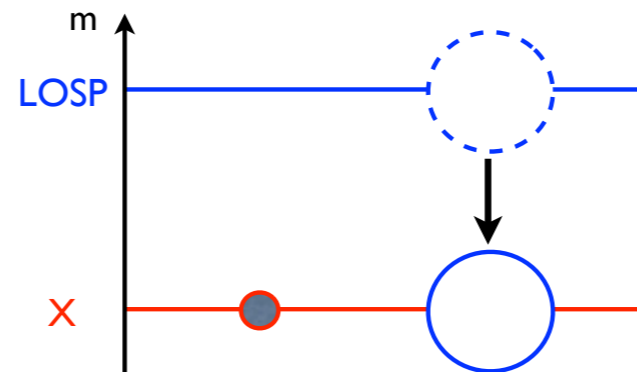
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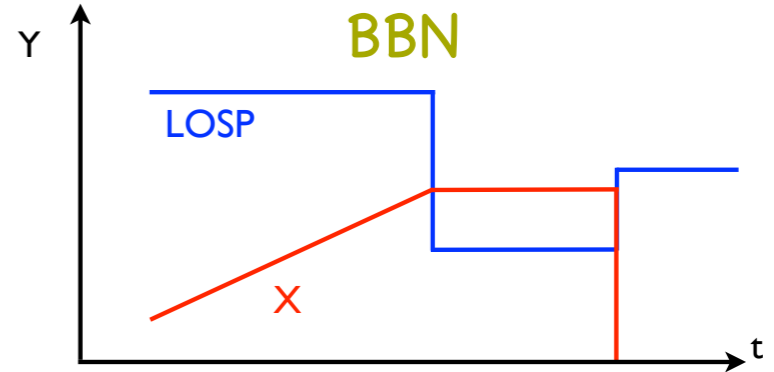
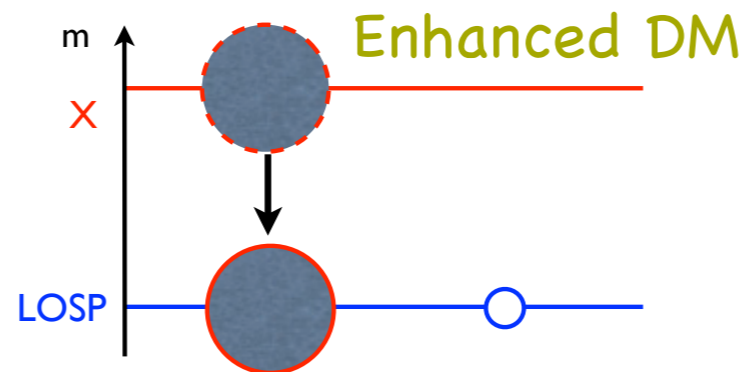
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LOSP Freeze-out  
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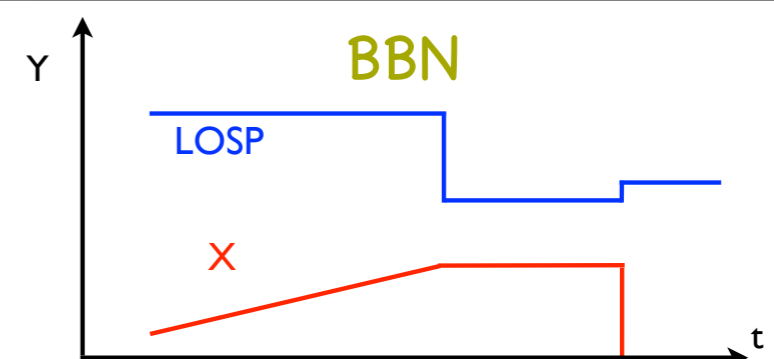
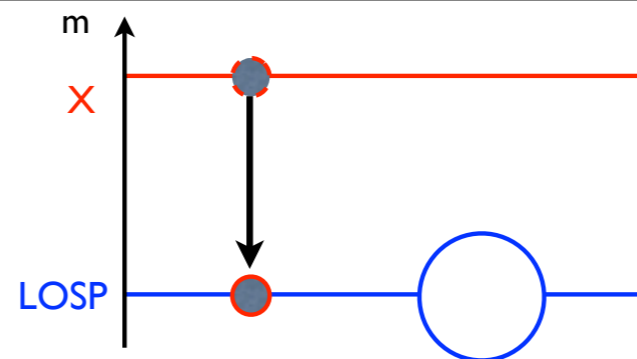
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FIMP Freeze-in  
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4

Freeze-out  
of  
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• CAN WE HAVE **ANALOGY TO SM**? RICH SPECTRUM OF COMPOSITE STATES

• CAN WE BUILD UP **LARGE COMPOSITE STATES OF DM**?

• OLD EXAMPLES OF BOUND STATES OF DARK STATES ARE:

## ◆ WIMPONIUM (BOUND STATE OF TWO DM PARTICLES)

M. POSPELOV AND A. RITZ '08; MARCH-RUSSELL, SW '08;  
SHEPHERDA, TAIT, ZAHARIJASB '09; PANOTOPOULOS '10,  
LAHA '13 '15; VON HARLING, PETRAKI '14, PETRAKI,  
POSTMA, WIECHERS '15

## ◆ ATOMIC DARK MATTER

KAPLAN, KRnjaIC, REHERMANN, WELLS '09, '11

• CAN WE GO BIGGER?

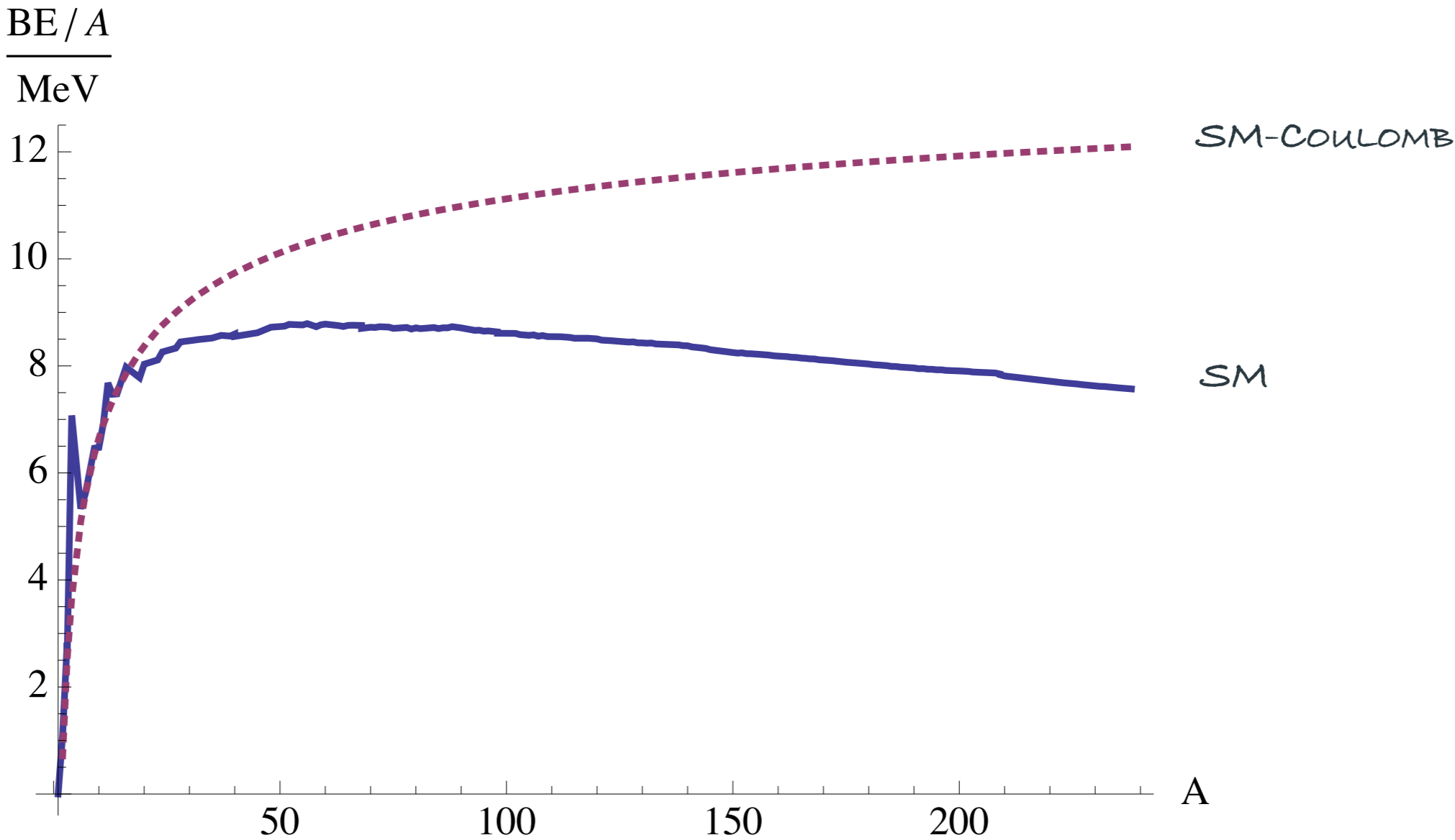
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G. KRnjaIC AND K. SIGURDSON '14; HARDY, LASENBY,  
MARCH-RUSSELL, SW '14, '15

- PROPOSE DM HAS SHORT-RANGED STRONG "NUCLEAR" BINDING FORCE WITH HARD CORE REPULSION - ANALOGY WITH THE SM
- DM OR "DARK NUCLEONS" POSSES APPROXIMATELY-CONSERVED QUANTUM NUMBER, DARK NUCLEON NUMBER (DNN) - ANALOGOUS TO BARYON NUMBER
- ASSUME DARK NUCLEONS ONLY - ASYMMETRIC DM
- NO COULOMB FORCE - BINDING ENERGY PER NUCLEON DOES NOT TURN OVER AT LARGE DNN
- FOR MINIMALITY, ONLY ONE TYPE OF DARK NUCLEON PRESENT
- DARK NUCLEI EXIST WITH A RANGE OF DNNs, FORMING POST FREEZE-OUT VIA DARK NUCLEOSYNTHESIS

# NUCLEAR DARK MATTER

• NO COULOMB FORCE - INCREASING BINDING ENERGY PER NUCLEON



# NUCLEAR DARK MATTER

## \* RELATED WORKS

- \* QCD-LIKE MODEL - NUCLEI WITH SMALL NUMBERS OF DARK NUCLEONS:

DETMOLD, MCCULLOUGH, POCHINSKY '14

- \* YUKAWA INTERACTIONS BETWEEN DARK NUCLEONS LEADING TO DARK NUCLEI (OR NUGGETS) WITH LARGE NUMBER OF NUCLEONS.

- NO HARD CORE REPULSION LEADING TO INTERESTING RADIUS VS DNN BEHAVIOUR

WISE AND ZHANG '14

- \* SIMILAR IN SOME WAYS TO Q-BALLS

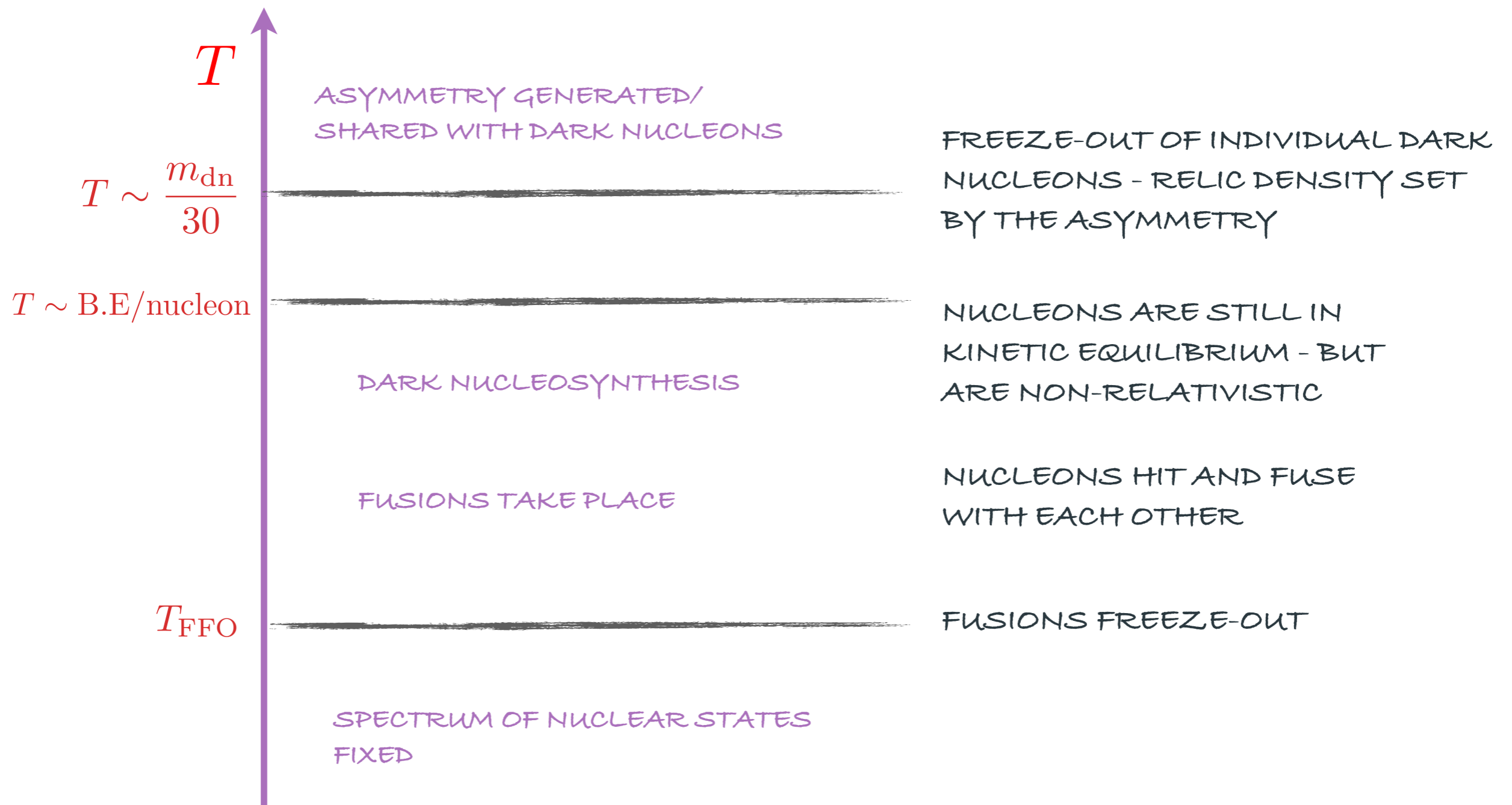
FRIEMAN, GELMINI, GLEISER, KOLB '88; FRIEMAN, OLINTO, GLEISER, AND C. ALCOCK '89 KUSENKO, SHAPOSHNIKOV '97;



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HARDY, LASENBY, MARCH-RUSSELL, SW '14, '15

## • SCHEMATICALLY

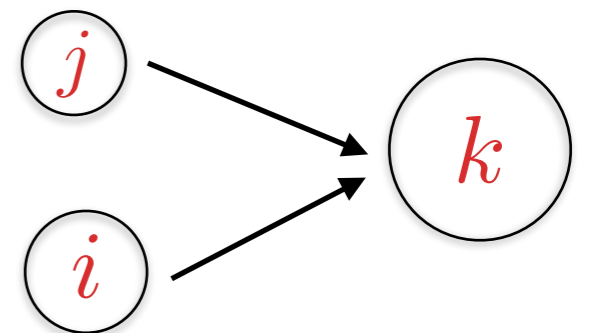
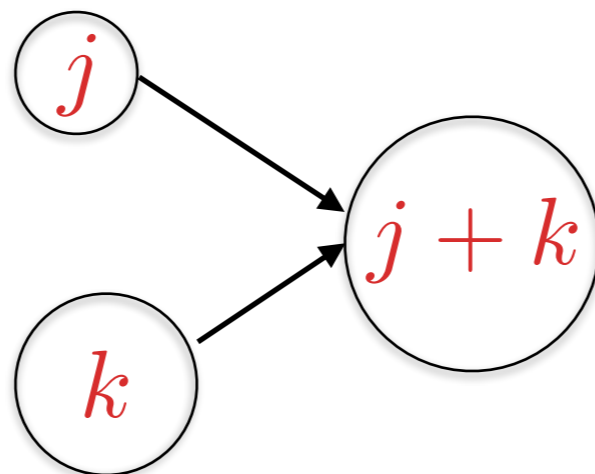


# NUCLEAR DARK MATTER

HARDY, LASENBY, MARCH-RUSSELL, SW '14, '15

- AGGREGATION PROCESS - **NEGLECTING DISSOCIATIONS**
- WRITE BOLTZMANN EQUATION FOR A DARK NUCLEUS WITH **K-DARK NUCLEONS**

$$\frac{dn_k(t)}{dt} + 3H(t)n_k(t) = - \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \langle \sigma v \rangle_{j,k} n_j(t) n_k(t) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i+j=k} \langle \sigma v \rangle_{i,j} n_i(t) n_j(t),$$



# NEGLECTING DISSOCIATIONS

$k + (A - k) \leftrightarrow A$  DISSOCIATIONS NEGLIGIBLE IF

$$\frac{\langle \sigma v \rangle_{(k, A-k) \rightarrow A} n_k n_{A-k}}{\Gamma_{A \rightarrow (k, A-k)} n_A} \gg 1$$

SATISFIED FOR

$$n_0 \left( \frac{1}{m_1 T} \right)^{3/2} e^{\Delta B/T} \gg \text{const.}$$

TIME TAKEN FROM WHERE THE PROCESSES  $k + (A - k) \leftrightarrow A$

ARE IN EQUILIBRIUM TO WHERE CONDITION ABOVE IS SATISFIED IS A FRACTION OF A HUBBLE TIME

OTHER DISSOCIATION PROCESSES ARE POSSIBLE BUT WE NEGLECT THEM HERE AS THEY ARE MODEL DEPENDENT

$$\frac{dn_k(t)}{dt} + 3H(t)n_k(t) = - \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \langle \sigma v \rangle_{j,k} n_j(t) n_k(t) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i+j=k} \langle \sigma v \rangle_{i,j} n_i(t) n_j(t),$$

• REWRITING  $y_k = Y_k/Y_0 = (n_k/sY_0)$

$Y_0$  IS TOTAL YIELD OF DARK NUCLEONS

AND  $\langle \sigma v \rangle_{i,j} = \sigma_1 v_1 K_{i,j}$

WHERE  $\sigma_1$  GEOMETRICAL CROSS SECTION OF INDIVIDUAL DARK NUCLEON

$v_1$  VELOCITY OF SINGLE NUCLEON

$K_{i,j}$  PARAMETERISES RELATIVE RATES OF DIFFERENT FUSION PROCESSES

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy_k}{dw} = -y_k \sum_j K_{j,k} y_j + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i+j=k} K_{i,j} y_i y_j$$

WHERE WE CAN DEFINE A DIMENSIONLESS TIME VARIABLE

$$\frac{dw}{dt} = Y_0 \sigma_1 v_1(t) s(t)$$

## SCALING SOLUTION

$$\langle \sigma v \rangle_{i,j} = \sigma_1 v_1 K_{i,j}$$

$$K_{i,j} \sim (i^{2/3} + j^{2/3}) \left( \frac{1}{i^{1/2}} + \frac{1}{j^{1/2}} \right)$$

↑  
RELATED TO  
GEOMETRICAL SIZE

↑  
RELATED TO  
RELATIVE VELOCITY

$$v^2 \sim T/m$$

RESCALING WE HAVE

$$K_{\lambda i, \lambda j} = \lambda^{1/6} K_{i,j}$$

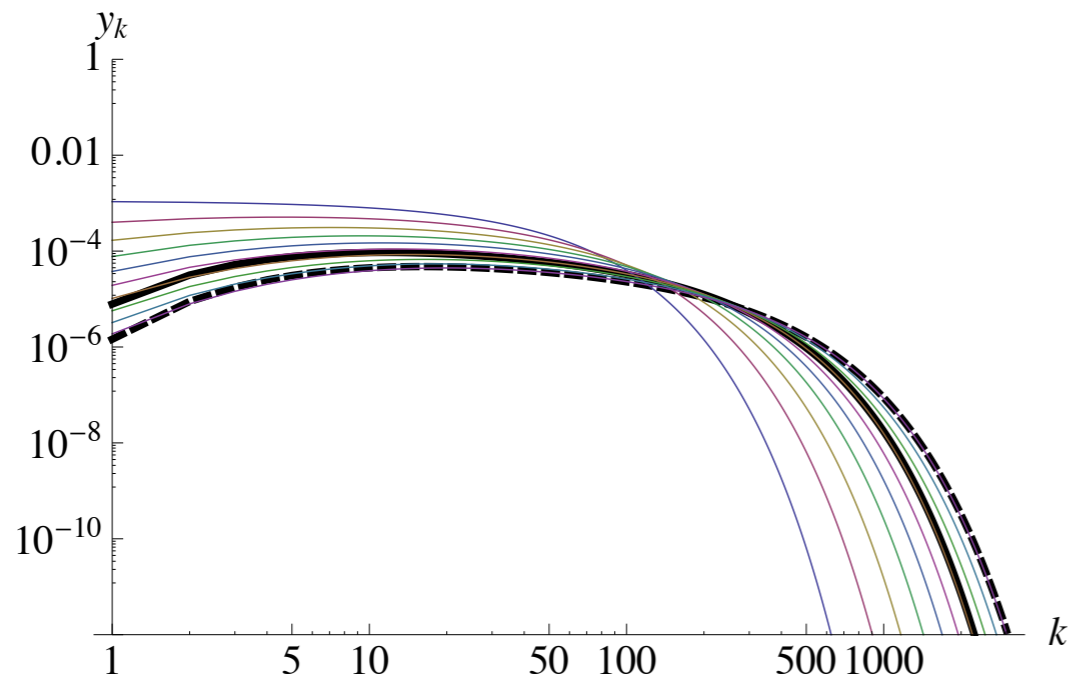
- FOR THIS CASE THERE IS AN ATTRACTOR SCALING SOLUTION FOR LARGE DNN (VALID FOR ALL INITIAL CONDITIONS WE CONSIDER)

SEE E.G. KRAPIVSKY, REDNER, BEN-NAIM, A  
KINETIC VIEW OF STATISTICAL PHYSICS,  
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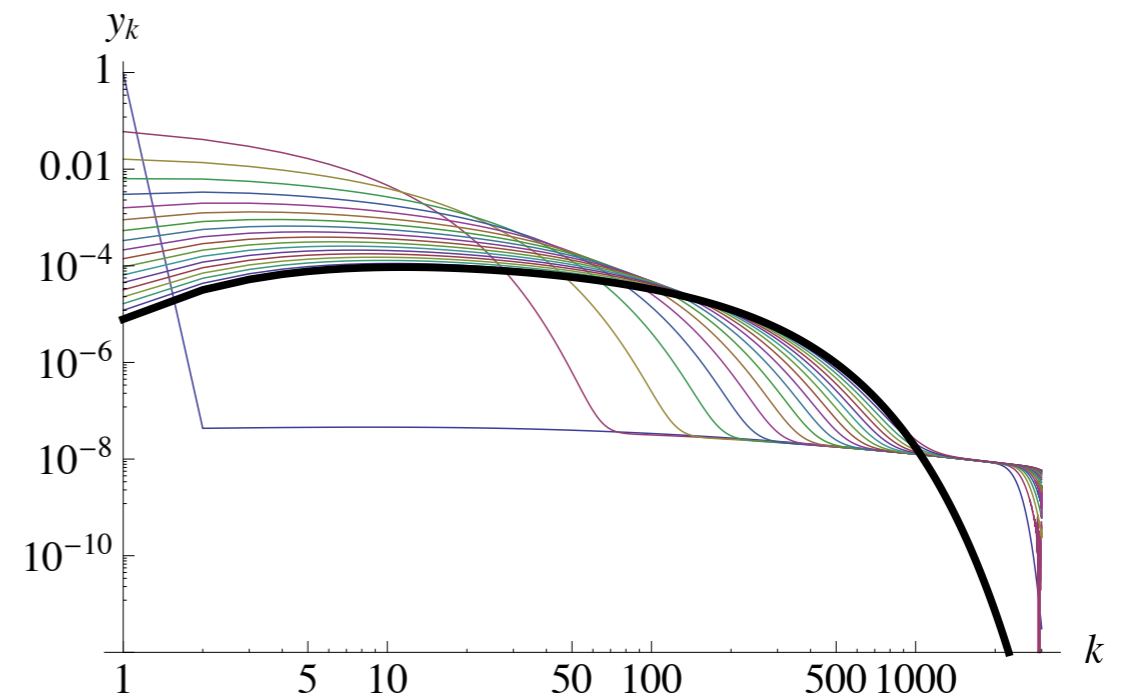
# SCALING SOLUTION

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- FINAL DISTRIBUTION IS INDEPENDENT OF INITIAL CONDITIONS



$$y_k(0) = e^{-k/30}$$



INITIAL CON: MOSTLY IN SINGLE NUCLEONS, BUT WITH A SUB-DOMINANT TAIL

# HOW BIG?

HARDY, LASENBY, MARCH-RUSSELL, SW '14, '15

• HOW BIG CAN WE GO?

◆ FOR EQUAL SIZE FUSIONS



WITH  $n_k = n_0/k$   $\sigma \sim \sigma_1 k^{2/3}$   $v_k \sim v_1 k^{-1/2}$

$$\frac{\Gamma}{H} \sim \frac{\langle \sigma v \rangle n_k}{H} \sim \frac{\sigma_1 v_1 n_0}{H} k^{-5/6}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\sigma_1 v_1 n_0}{H} \sim 2 \times 10^7 \left( \frac{1 \text{ GeV fermi}^{-3}}{\rho_b} \right)^{2/3} \left( \frac{T}{1 \text{ MeV}} \right)^{3/2} \left( \frac{M_1}{1 \text{ GeV}} \right)^{-5/6}$$

WHERE PARAMETERS ARE SET TO SM VALUES - MOTIVATED BY ADM

$$\Rightarrow k \sim 5 \times 10^8$$

IF WE HAVE SMALL-LARGE FUSIONS CAN ACTUALLY GO EVEN LARGER...

# PHENOMENOLOGY OF NDM

## • CHANGES FOR DIRECT DETECTION SIGNALS

- ◆ DARK MATTER **MOMENTUM DEPENDENT FORM FACTOR**
- ◆ **COHERENT SCATTERING** FROM DARK NUCLEI
- ◆ **INELASTIC PROCESSES**
- ◆ **COLLECTIVE LOW ENERGY EXCITATIONS**

## • INDIRECT DETECTION SIGNALS

- ◆ **INELASTIC SELF-INTERACTIONS** (MAY ALSO MODIFY DISTRIBUTION IN HALO)

## • CAPTURE IN STARS

- ◆ **ASYMMETRIC IN NATURE** SO CAN BUILD UP IN STARS
- ◆ **MODEL DEPENDENT CONSEQUENCES**



# Direct Detection - Standard WIMP

◆ Event rate:

$$\frac{dR}{dE_R} = \frac{\sigma_{XN}(0)}{m_X} \frac{F_N(q)^2}{\mu_{XN}^2} \rho_X g(v_{\min})$$

Particle Physics
Nuclear structure
Local Astrophysics

$\sigma_{XN}(0)$  ..... DM-Nucleus zero-momentum-transfer cross section

$F_N(q)$  ..... Nuclear form factor,  $q$  =momentum transfer

$g(v_{\min}) \equiv \frac{1}{2} \int_{v>v_{\min}} d^3\mathbf{v} \frac{f(\mathbf{v})}{v}$  ..... Integral over local WIMP velocity distribution

$v_{\min} = \sqrt{E_R M_N / 2\mu_r^2}$  ..... Minimum WIMP velocity for given  $E_R$

# DIRECT DETECTION - STANDARD WIMP

Coherent Enhancement

Spin Independent

$$\sigma_{XN}^{\text{SI}}(0) = A^2 \frac{\mu_{XN}^2}{\mu_{Xp}^2} \sigma_{Xp}^{\text{SI}}$$

(Assuming DM-p and DM-n interactions are equal)

$A$  = Atomic number of target nucleus

## DIRECT DETECTION - NDM

$$\frac{dR}{dE_R} = \frac{\sigma_{kN}(q)}{m_k \mu_{kN}^2} \rho_k g(v_{\min})$$

$$\sigma_{XN}(q) = \sigma_{XN}(0) F_N(q)^2 F_k(q)^2 \quad m_X = km_1 \quad \sigma_{kN}(0) \propto k^2 A^2$$

$$\frac{dR_k}{dE_R} = g(v_{\min}) \frac{\rho_k}{2\mu_{kn}^2 m_1} A^2 k \sigma_0 F_N(q)^2 F_k(q)^2$$

$\sigma_0$  DN-SM Nucleus zero-momentum-transfer cross section

- Full recoil spectrum for a distribution of dark nuclei is the sum of k for all contributions - see later

# DARK FORM FACTOR

## • MOMENTUM DEPENDENT FORM FACTOR

- ◆ FOR  $\Delta q > R_k^{-1}$  WE WILL PROBE THE STRUCTURE OF THE DARK NUCLEUS
- ◆ ASSUME A SPHERICAL TOP HAT DARK NUCLEON DISTRIBUTION

$$F(\mathbf{q}) = \int d\mathbf{r} e^{i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{r}} \rho(\mathbf{r}),$$

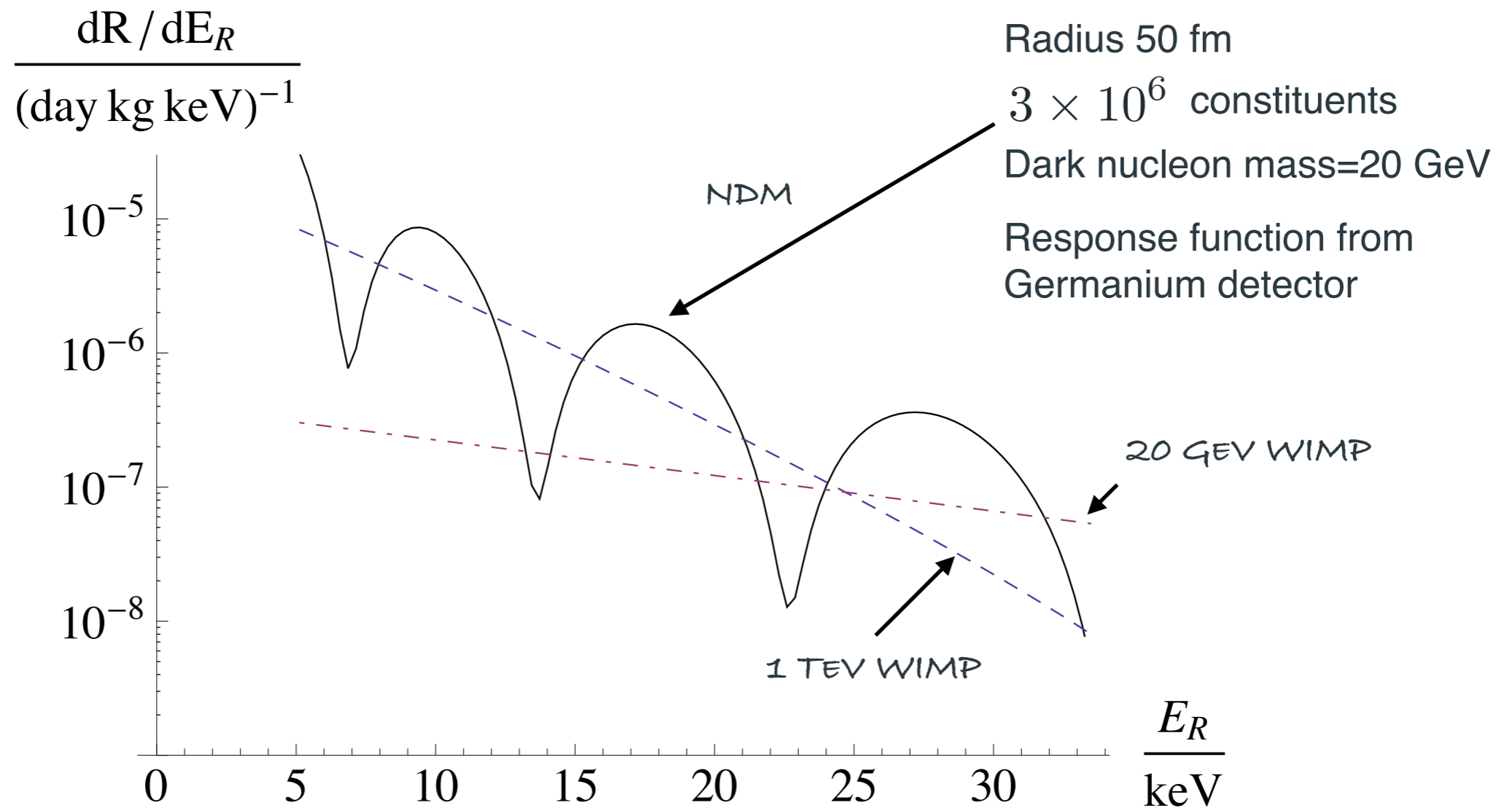
$$\Rightarrow F_k(q) = \frac{qR_k \cos(qR_k) - \sin(qR_k)}{(qR_k)^3}$$

$$\text{WITH } R_k \sim R_0 k^{1/3}$$

- ◆ PROVIDED THE DARK NUCLEUS IS LARGER THAN THE SM NUCLEUS WE WILL SEE EFFECT OF FORM FACTOR FIRST IN RECOIL SPECTRUM

# DIRECT DETECTION - SINGLE K

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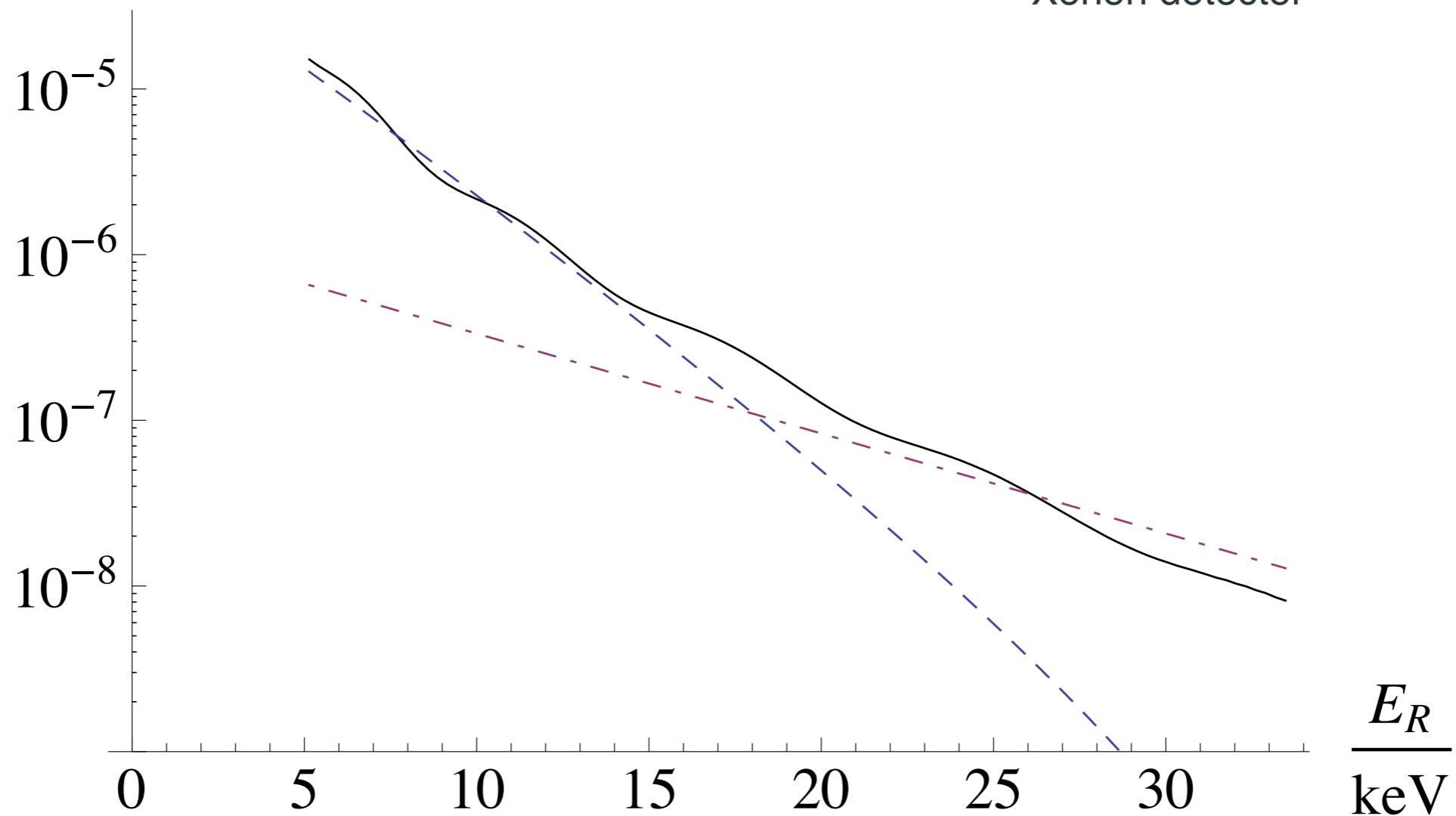


◆ EASY TO DISTINGUISH FROM WIMP, LOOK FOR NON-DECREASING BEHAVIOUR

# DIRECT DETECTION - SINGLE K

$$\frac{dR}{dE_R}$$
$$(\text{day kg keV})^{-1}$$

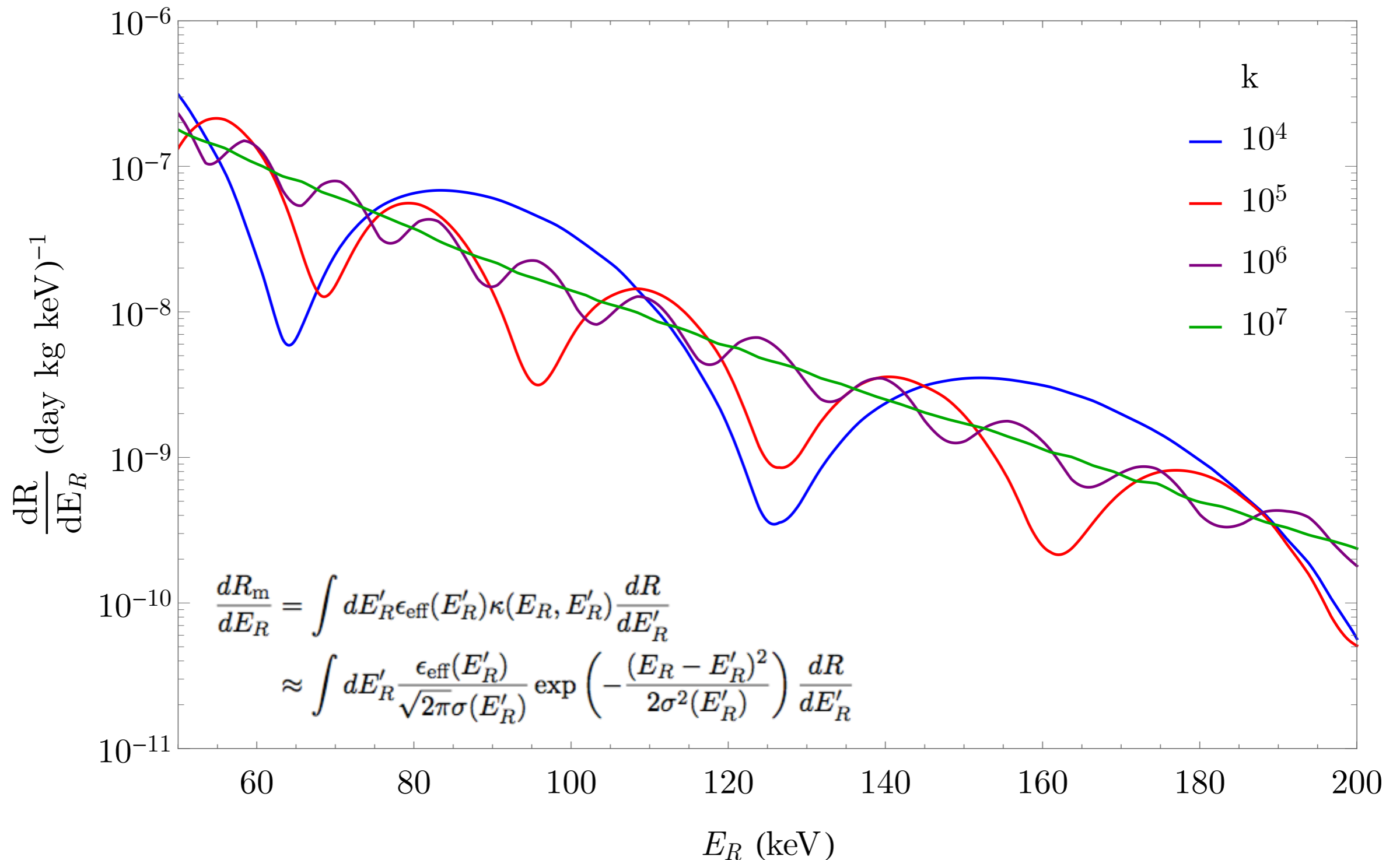
Same as previous but with  
Response function from  
Xenon detector



# ENERGY RESPONSE FUNCTION

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- EFFECT OF ENERGY RESPONSE FUNCTION ON RESOLVING FORM FACTOR AT HIGH K



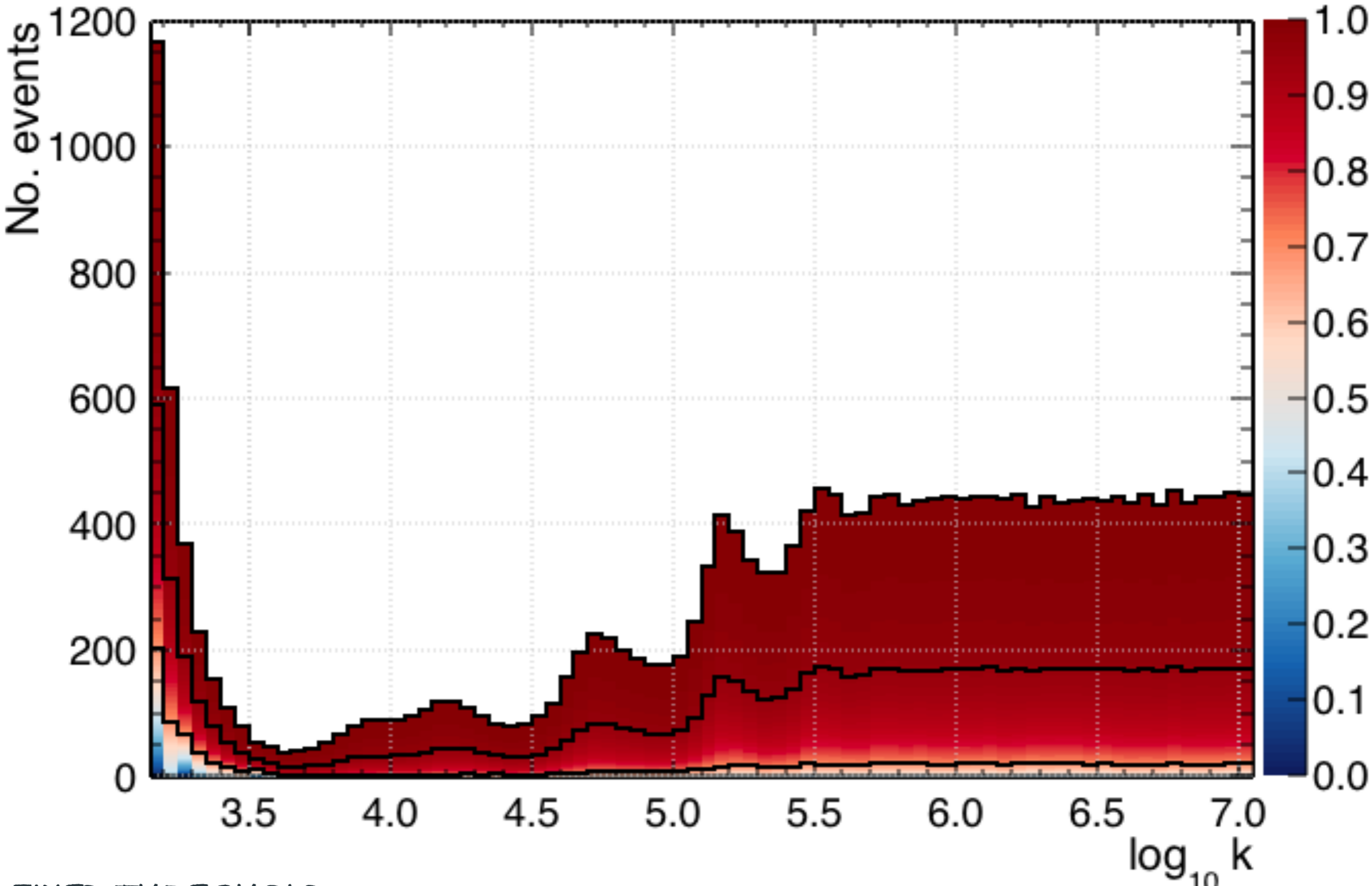
## WIMP VS NDM

- IF WE HAVE EVENTS AT A DIRECT DETECTION EXPERIMENT, CAN WE DISTINGUISH BETWEEN A WIMP AND NDM?
- LOOK AT THE CASE OF A SINGLE  $K$  NDM STATE
- SAMPLE EVENTS FROM NDM SPECTRUM AND TRY TO FIT A WIMP RECOIL SPECTRUM
- KEEP SAMPLING EVENTS FROM NDM SPECTRUM UNTIL WE CAN REJECT THE WIMP HYPOTHESIS.



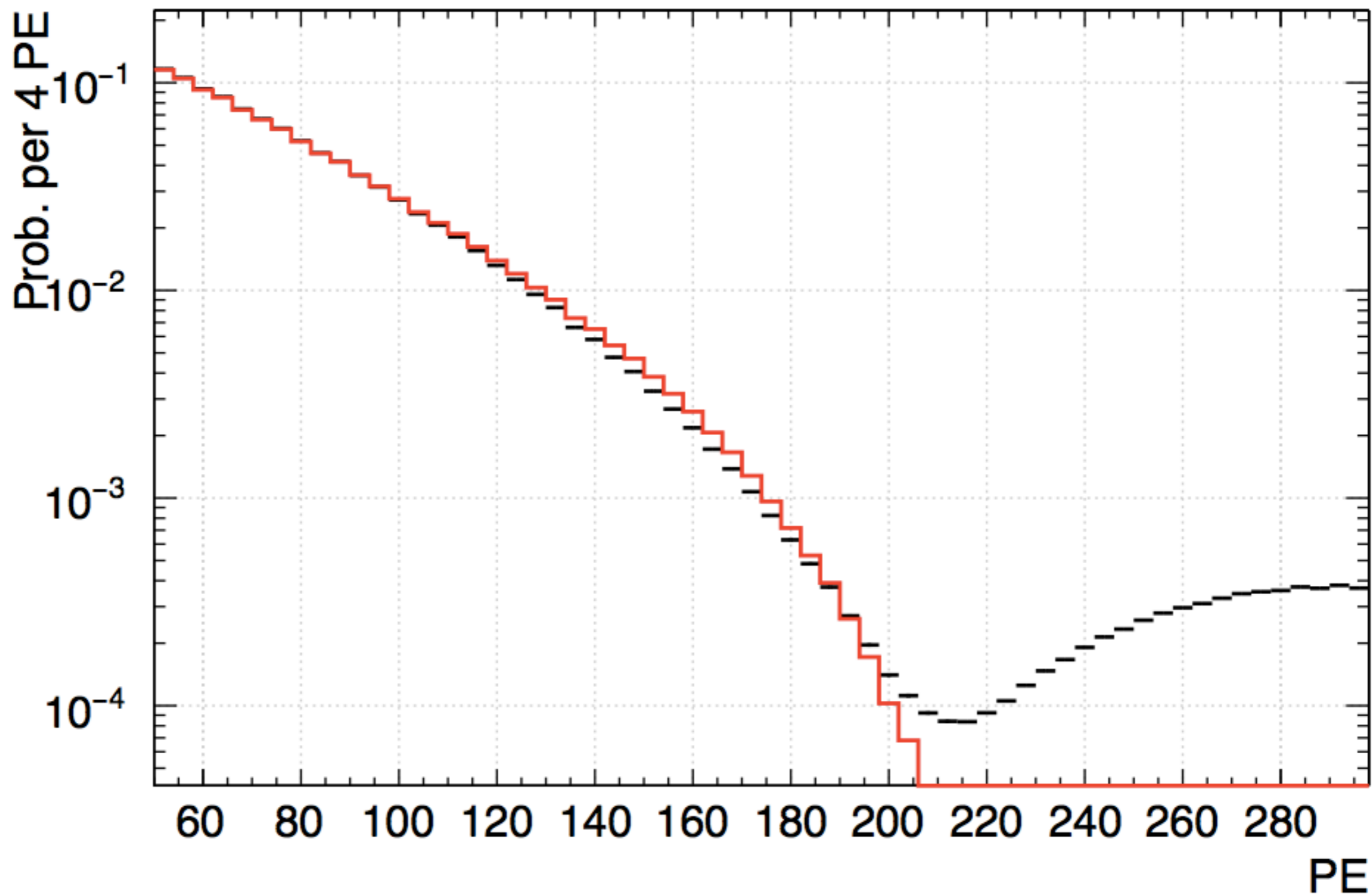
# WIMP VS NDM

Maximum number of events needed to exclude WIMPs at stated confidence level.  $m_n = 1 \text{ GeV}$

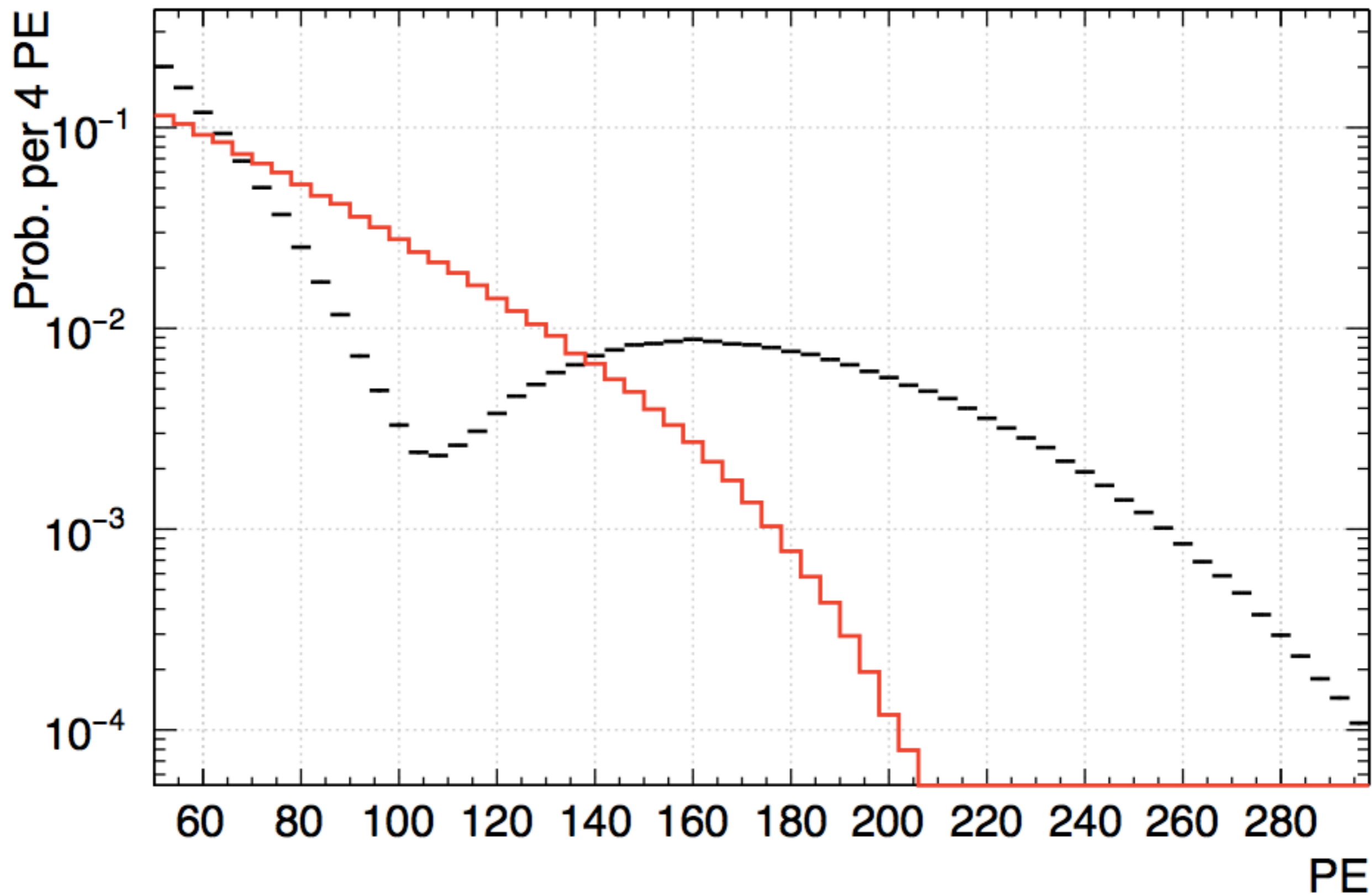


FIXED THRESHOLD

k: 1412 ( $m_n = 1$  GeV),  $M_{WIMP}$  (GeV): 30.831880, Events required: 1166

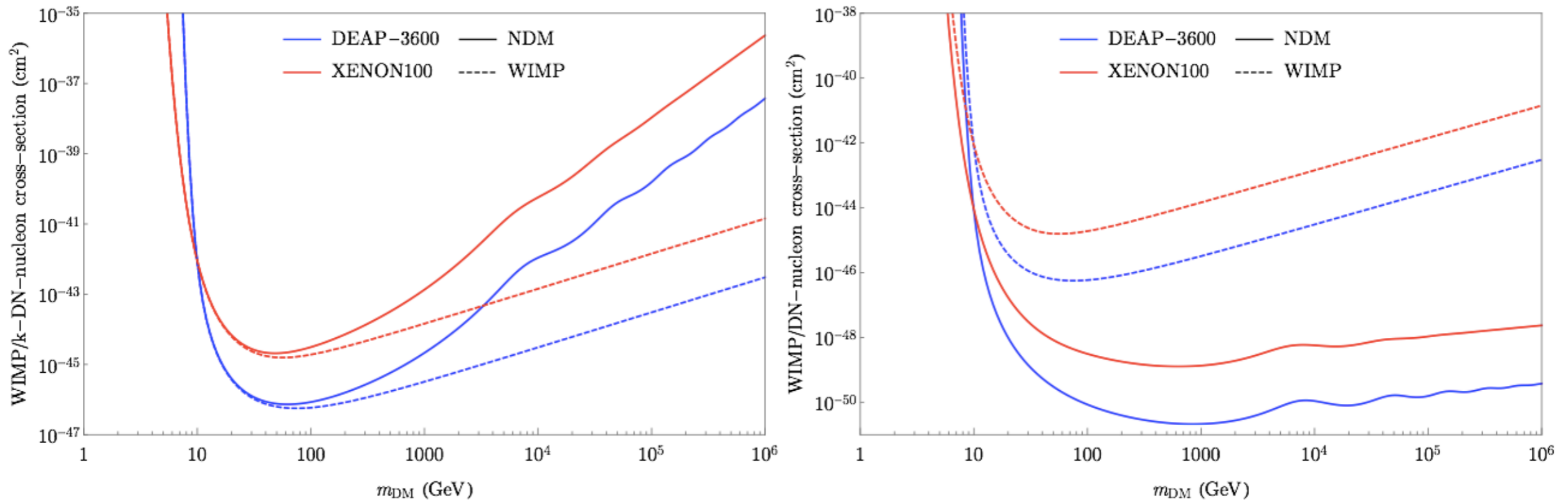


k: 3981 ( $m_n = 1$  GeV),  $M_{\text{WIMP}}$  (GeV): 31.045596, Events required: 38



# DIRECT DETECTION - LIMITS

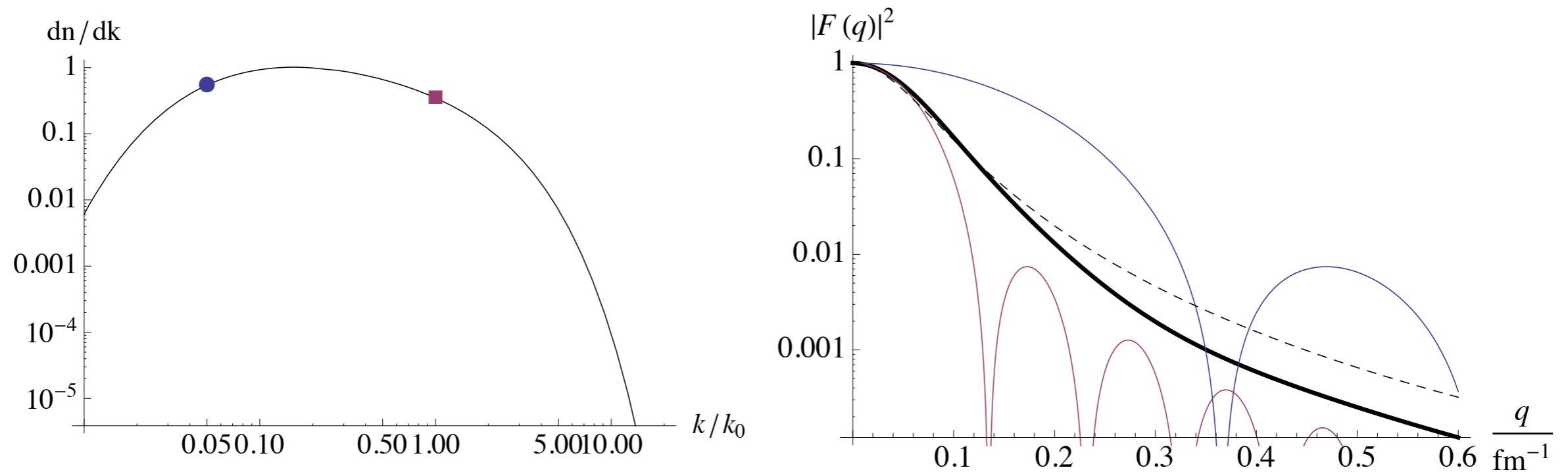
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- CURRENT LIMITS FROM XENON100 (225 DAYS EXPOSURE) AND PROJECTED LIMITS FROM DEAP-3600 (3 YEARS USING 3600KG MASS)

# DIRECT DETECTION

- EFFECTIVE FORM FACTOR FROM DISTRIBUTION OF SIZES



- HARDER TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN WIMP AND NDM - NEED TO DO HALO INDEPENDENT ANALYSIS

# SUMMARY

- DARK MATTER COULD BE EXPLAINED IN A LARGE NUMBER OF WAYS BEYOND VANILLA WIMPS
- A RANGE OF DIFFERENT GENESIS MECHANISMS
- NUCLEAR DM POSSIBILITY ALSO A BIG DEPARTURE FROM WIMP FREEZE-OUT
  - ◆ THERMALLY PRODUCED DARK MATTER WITH MASSES IN EXCESS OF THE USUAL UNITARITY BOUND
  - ◆ DIRECT DETECTION RATES COHERENTLY ENHANCED BY DNN AND THE POSSIBILITY OF A MOMENTUM DEPENDENT FORM FACTOR
  - ◆ PRODUCE STATES WITH VERY LARGE SPIN?
  - ◆ INELASTIC INTERACTIONS IN BOTH DIRECT DETECTION AND IN ASTROPHYSICAL ENVIRONMENTS

LOTS OF POSSIBILITIES TO INVESTIGATE!