

Invisible Higgs decay from dark matter freeze-in at stronger coupling

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Motivation

- **Low Reheating Temperature Scenarios**
- **Invisible Higgs Decay Window**

Set-up

Interactions

We assume the minimal Higgs portal set-up with singlet dark matter of spin 0. The effective interactions is given by

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}}^s = \frac{\lambda_{hs} m_f}{2m_h^2} \bar{f} f S S \quad (1)$$

Main contributions

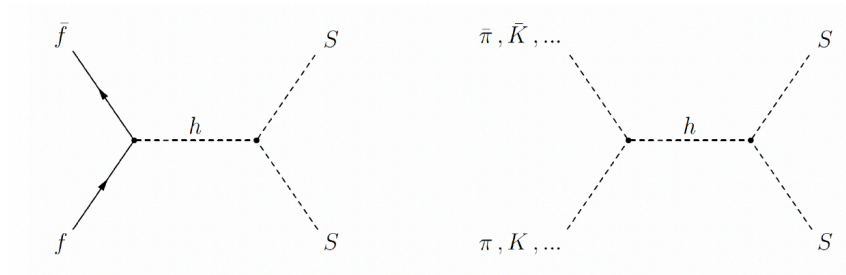


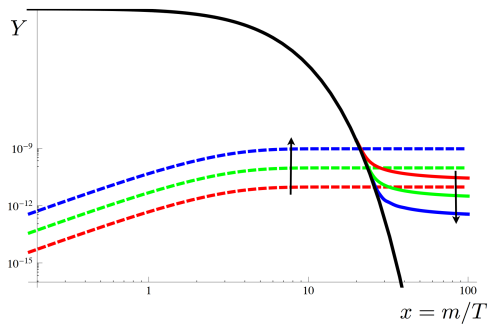
Figure 1: Main contributions to dark matter production at low temperatures.

Standard Freeze-in

- In the freeze-in, the DM is out of equilibrium

$$\Gamma < H.$$

(2)



Strong Freeze-in

Assumption

$$m_{\text{DM}} > T_R$$



Freeze-in Criteria

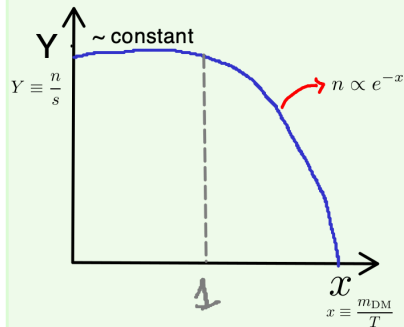
$$e^{-\frac{m}{T}} \lambda^2 < \frac{T^2}{M_{Pl}}$$

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$$\sim 10^{-8}$$

$$\lambda \sim 10^{-1} \text{ GeV}^{-2}$$

Boltzmann Suppression



Summary

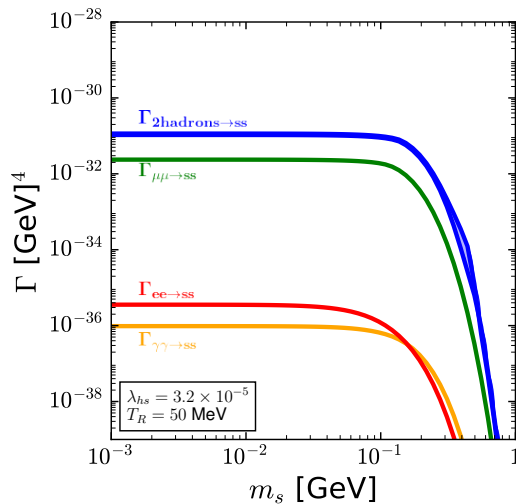
Standard Freeze-in

- $\Gamma_\chi < H$
- $m_{\text{DM}} \ll T_R$
- $n \propto T^3$
- Small coupling ($\lambda \lesssim 10^{-10}$)
- Hard to probe

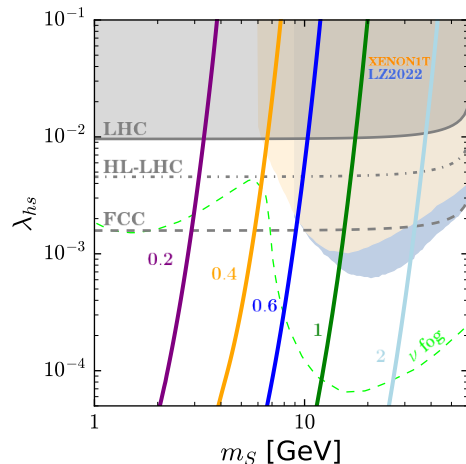
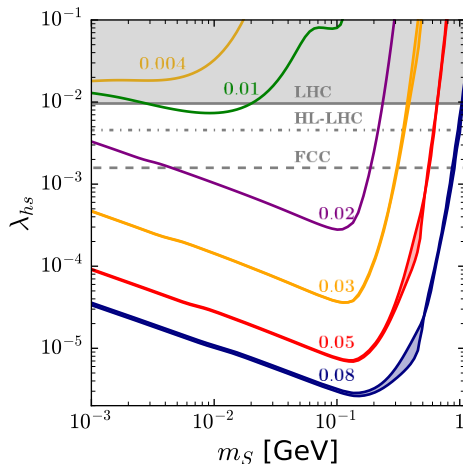
Strong Freeze-in

- $\Gamma_\chi < H$
- $m_{\text{DM}} \gg T_R$
- $n \propto e^{-m/T}$
- Strong coupling ($\lambda \sim 10^{-1}$)
- Easy to probe

Results



Results



Previous Publications

- **2025** *Three decades of FCNC studies in 3-3-1 model with right-handed neutrinos: from Z' -dominance to the alignment limit.* Patricio Escalona, João Paulo Pinheiro, **Vinícius Oliveira**, A. Doff, C.A.de S. Pires; arXiv:2510.17979.
- **2025** *Type-II seesaw mechanism for Dirac neutrinos and its implications on N_{eff} and lepton flavor violation in a 3-3-1 model.* **Vinícius Oliveira**, Patricio Escalona, **Lucia Angel**, C.A. de S. Pires, Farinaldo S. Queiroz; JHEP 07 (2025) 197.
- **2025** *Invisible Higgs decay from dark matter freeze-in at stronger coupling.* Oleg Lebedev, António P. Morais, **Vinícius Oliveira**, Roman Pasechnik; JHEP 04 (2025) 136.
- **2024** *CMB constraints on inflection-point inflation with pseudoscalar dark matter.* Jamerson G. Rodrigues, **Vinícius Oliveira**, Rodrigo von Marttens, Carlos A.de S. Pires, Jailson Alcaniz; Phys.Rev.D 110 (2024) 2, 023518.
- **2024** *Exploring the viability of a pseudo-Nambu-Goldstone boson as ultralight dark matter in a mass range relevant for strong gravity applications.* António P. Morais, **Vinícius Oliveira**, António Onofre, Roman Pasechnik, Rui Santos; Phys.Rev.D 110 (2024) 3, 3.
- **2023** *Bounds on quark mixing, $M_{Z'}$ and $Z - Z'$ mixing angle from flavor changing neutral processes in a 3-3-1 model.* **Vinícius Oliveira**, C.A. de S. Pires; Phys.Lett.B 846 (2023) 138216.
- **2023** *Flavor changing neutral current processes and family discrimination in 3-3-1 models.* **Vinícius Oliveira**, C.A. de S. Pires; J.Phys.G 50 (2023) 11, 115002.
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- **2021** *A model for mixed warm and hot right-handed neutrino dark matter.* Máira Dutra, **Vinícius Oliveira**, C.A. de S. Pires, Farinaldo S. Queiroz; JHEP 10 (2021) 005.

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