# Resonant or asymmetric: The status of sub-GeV dark matter [2405.17548]

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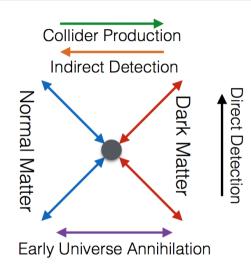




# **Background: Dark Matter**



- We assume dark matter (DM) is a particle.
- ► If there is weak interaction with the standard model, it can be probed by any/all of:
  - Direct detection: underground detector
  - Indirect detection: telescopes
  - Collider searches: missing energy
  - ► Thermalisation: cosmological equilibrium
- Thermalisation: the same thing we search for in the lab would mean DM is in equilibrium with standard model particles at early times, but freezes out at some point.
- This allows us to link particles physics modelling and cosmology.



# **Summary**



#### Why sub-GeV?

- If DM is a particle,  $m_{\rm DM} \in [10^{-30}, 10^{19}] \; {
  m GeV}, \ (\lambda < H_0^{-1} \; {
  m and} \; m_{\rm DM} < m_{
  m p}).$
- ▶ If DM is thermal, m > 10 MeV from CMB
- ▶ Direct detection means m < 1 GeV.
- sub-GeV DM was thought ruled out due to Lee-Weinberg bound (known standard model interactions can't produce enough DM).
- However, Dark Matter + "Dark Photons" (U(1)') gauge group escapes this bound.

# [2405.17548]= $[\psi, \Phi] \times [\eta_{DM}, \cdot] \times [f_{DM}, \cdot]$

Switches we consider:

- Fermionic  $\psi$  or Scalar  $\Phi$
- symmetric  $\eta_{\rm DM}=0$  or asymmetric  $\eta_{\rm DM}\neq 0$
- ▶ Dominant  $f_{\rm DM} = 1$  or sub-dominant  $f_{\rm DM} < 1$

We find that Fermionic, symmetric, dominant DM is disfavoured.

The other three alternatives separately still allowed in much of the parameter space.

# **Physics**



▶ Dark photon A' with mass  $\boxed{m_{A'}}$  (via Stueckelberg mechanism) with kinetic mixing  $\boxed{\kappa}$ .

$$\mathcal{L} = -rac{1}{2} \emph{m}_{\emph{A}'}^2 \emph{A}'_{\mu} \emph{A}'^{\mu} - rac{1}{4} \emph{A}'_{\mu 
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u} - \kappa \emph{e} \emph{A}'^{\mu} \sum_{f \in \mathsf{SM}} q_f ar{f} \gamma_{\mu} f$$

▶ Dark matter candidate  $\chi$  with mass  $m_{\text{DM}}$ , with  $\chi \in \{\Phi, \psi\}$  complex scalar or Dirac fermion, coupled to the dark photon with  $g_{\text{DM}}$ .

$$\begin{split} \mathcal{L}_{\psi} = & \bar{\psi} (i \not \! \partial - \textit{m}_{\text{DM}}) \psi + \textit{g}_{\text{DM}} \textit{A}'^{\mu} \bar{\psi} \gamma_{\mu} \psi \\ \mathcal{L}_{\Phi} = & |\partial_{\mu} \Phi|^2 - \textit{m}_{\text{DM}}^2 |\Phi|^2 - \textit{g}_{\text{DM}}^2 \textit{A}'_{\mu} \textit{A}'^{\mu} |\Phi|^2 + \textit{i} \textit{g}_{\text{DM}} \textit{A}'^{\mu} \left[ \Phi^* (\partial_{\mu} \Phi) - (\partial_{\mu} \Phi^*) \Phi \right], \end{split}$$

- Dark matter different from its anti-particle, there may be an asymmetry  $\overline{\eta_{\text{DM}}}$
- Also have local halo DM density  $\rho_0$ , velocity dispersion  $v_0$  and escape velocity  $v_{\rm esc}$  as nuisance parameters determined by Gaia data [1901.02016] et al.
- ▶ Focus on sub GeV region MeV  $< m_{DM} < GeV$ .

#### Data



## **Cosmological constraints**

CMB & BBN  $\Omega_c h^2 \approx 0.120 \pm 0.001$  from *Planck*  $N_{\rm eff} \approx 2.99 \pm 0.17$  via AlterBBN

#### **Astrophysical constraints**

X-rays & Bullet cluster INTEGRAL, NuStar, XMM-Newton, Suzaku Bullet cluster gives self-interaction constraints

#### **Accelerator constraints**

Beam dumps & electron-positron colliders beam dump: LSND, MiniBooNE missing energy searches: NA64, BaBar

#### **Direct detection constraints**

searches for electron & nuclear recoils Xenon1T, SENSEI, DarkSide50, PandaX-4T, DAMIC-M, SuperCDMS HV

## GAMBIT: The Global And Modular BSM Inference Tool

gambit.hepforge.org

github.com/GambitBSM

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Extensive model database, beyond SUSY

• Fast definition of new datasets, theories

Extensive observable/data libraries

Plug&play scanning/physics/likelihood packa

 Various statistical options (frequentist /Bayesian)

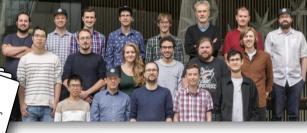
Fast LHC likelihood calculator

Massively parallel

Fully open-source

Members of: ATLAS, Belle-II, CLiC, CMS, CTA, Fermi-LAT, DARWIN, IceCube, LHCb, SHiP, XENON

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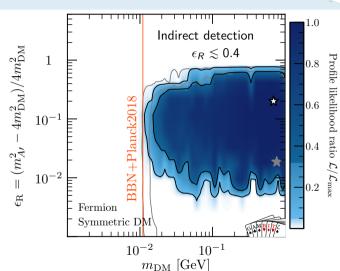


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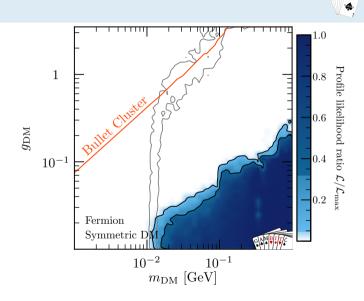
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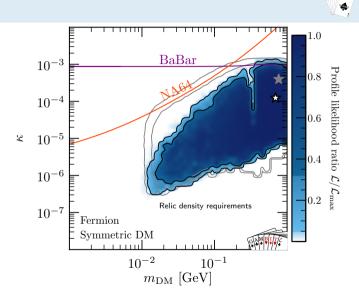
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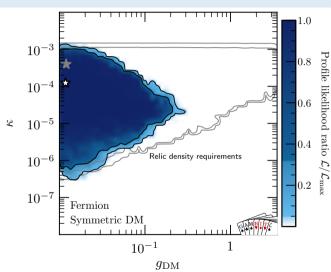


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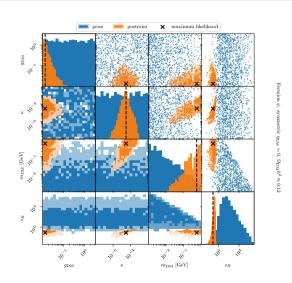
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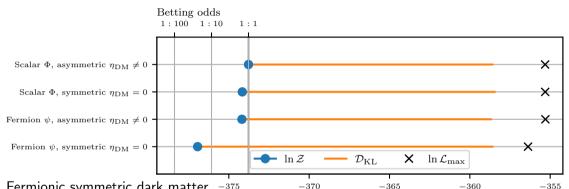
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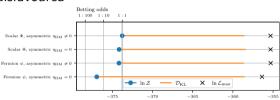


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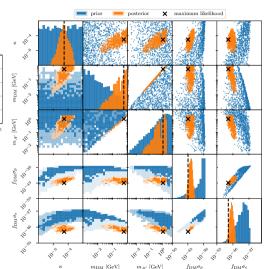
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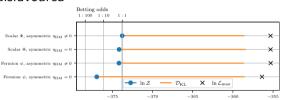
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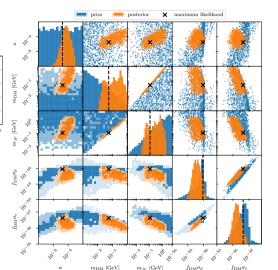
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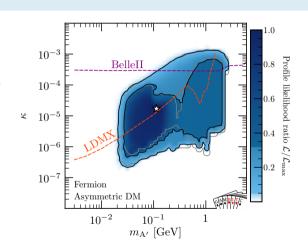


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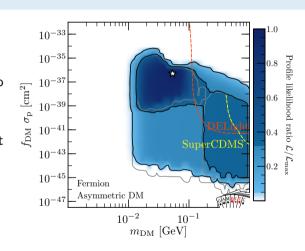


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