

# Resonant Self-Interacting Dark Meson & Small-Scale Structure Problems

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**Theme of this talk:**

**Connecting Dark Matter to  
Standard Model QCD/Meson**

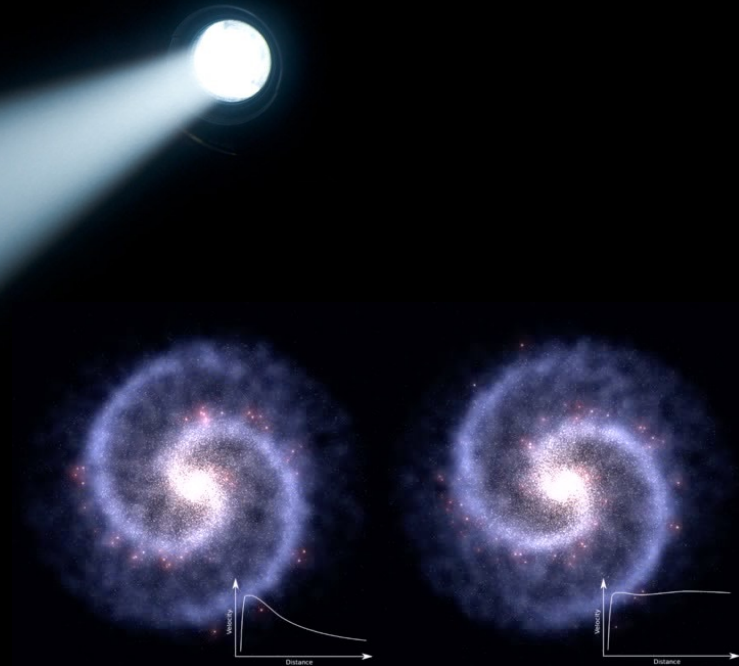
**Consider observation, theory, and experiments**

**Finding the most promising testable DM**



- Galactic Rotation Curves
- Cosmic Microwave Background (CMB)
- Bullet Cluster
- ...

# Overwhelming Observational Astrophysical + Cosmological Evidences



From:  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Galaxy\\_rotation\\_under\\_the\\_influence\\_of\\_dark\\_matter.ogv](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Galaxy_rotation_under_the_influence_of_dark_matter.ogv) under the [Creative Commons Attribution-Share Alike 3.0 Unported](#) license.

# “Small-Scale” Structure of the Universe

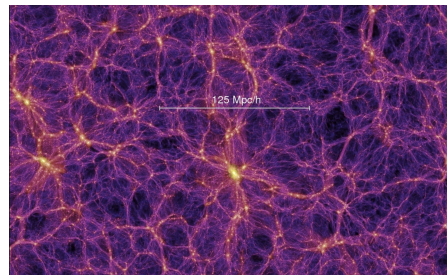
- Study from individual (small) galaxies, **including dwarf or spiral galaxies (100 ly - 100 kly)**, to a larger object like a galaxy cluster



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Ly: light-year  
kly: kilo light-year

- as apposed to “large-scale” structures, galaxy clusters comprise a filamentary structure. Typical scales in hundred millions of light years.



Millennium Simulation Project from Max Planck Institute for Astrophysics  
<https://wwwmpa.mpa-garching.mpg.de/galform/virgo/millennium/index.shtml>

# Core-cusp problem:

Inner halo:  $\rho(r) \sim r^\alpha$

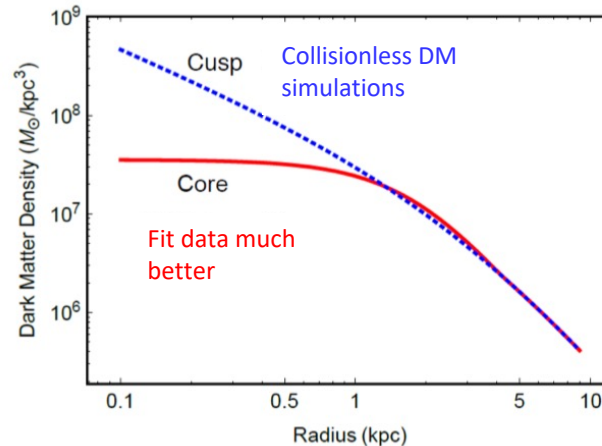
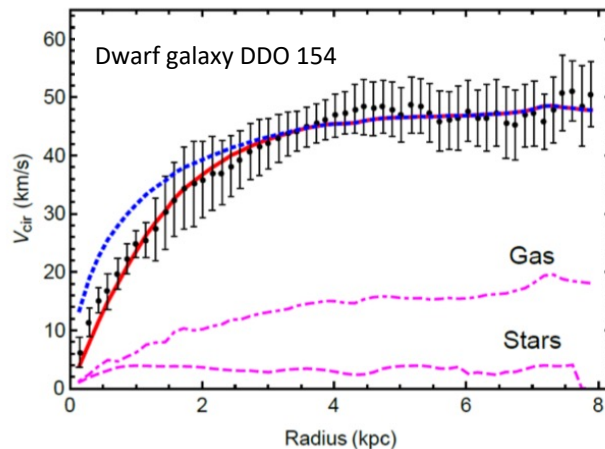
Theory prediction:

$\alpha \sim -1$  (cusp/NFW profile)

Observations:

$\alpha \sim 0$  (core)

Tulin's very clear talk: <https://indico.ibs.re.kr/event/47/session/6/contribution/15/material/slides/0.pdf>



(DDO: David Dunlap Observatory) Tulin & Yu (in prep); Data from Oh et al [LITTLE THINGS] (2015)

Tulin & Yu, <https://arxiv.org/pdf/1705.02358.pdf>

Two major explanation:

- 1) DM interact with itself rather strongly (will explain)
- 2) Supernova or other processes push DM from galaxy center  
(relying on the understanding of complicated galaxy evolution + simulation)



# Small-Scale Structure Opportunities!



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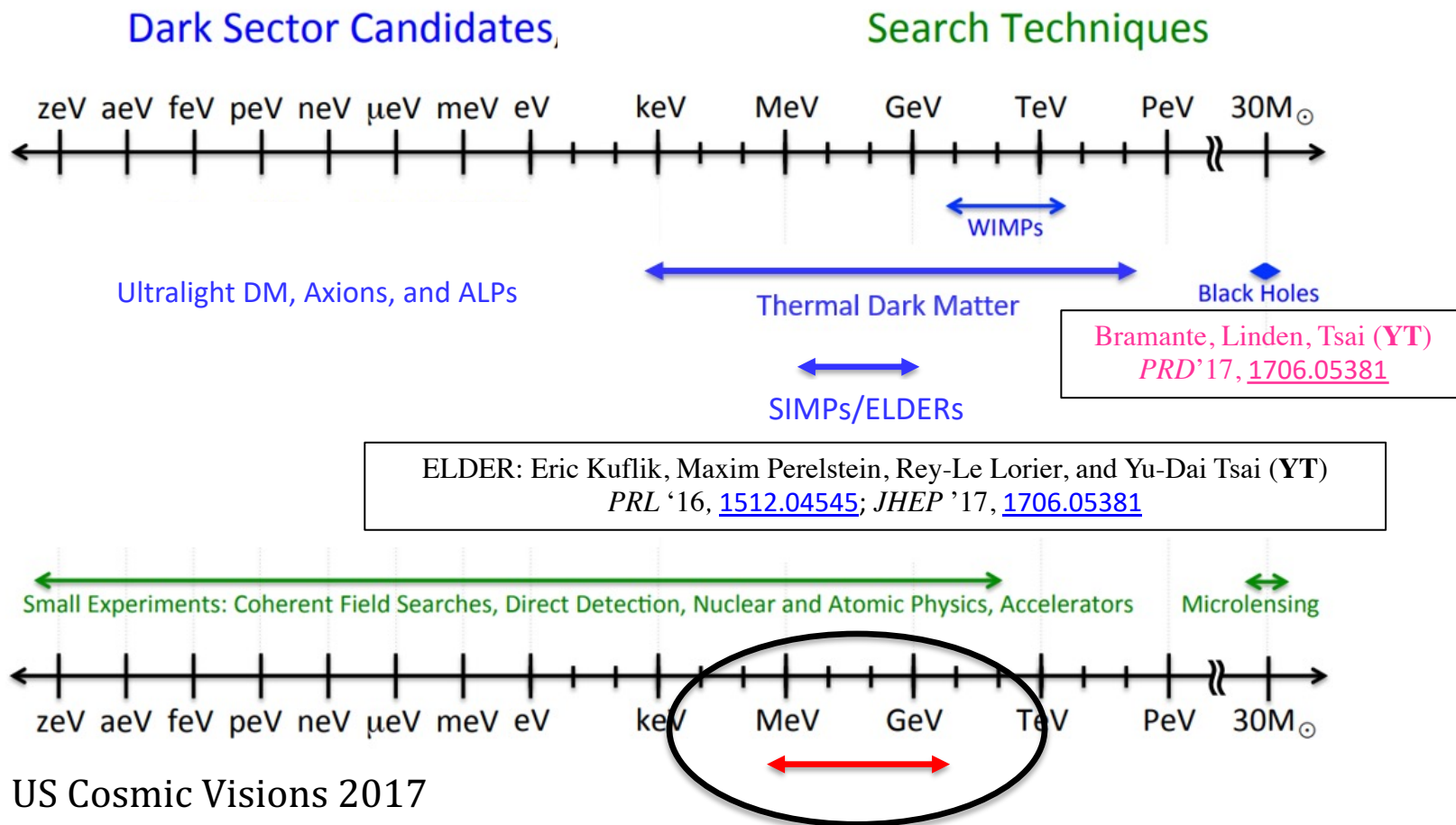
## My view:

These may be one of the **only chances** we find dark matter effects **beyond gravity**, in a **galactic scale**.

**Best case scenario: help us find and understand dark matter**

**Worst case scenario: provide strong constraints on DM interactions (still interesting!)**

# Exploration of Dark Matter & Dark Sector



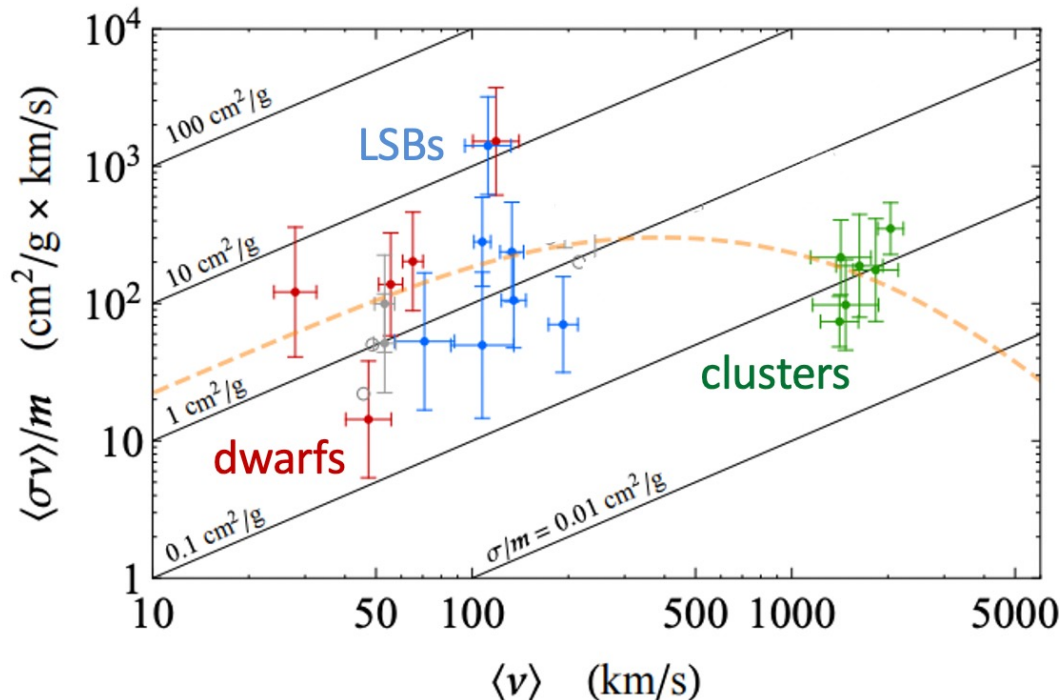
- **Astrophysical/cosmological observations** are important to reveal the **actual story of dark matter (DM)**.
- MeV – GeV regime: **thermal dark matter & motivated by many anomalies** (inc. **small-structure issues**)



# Self-Interacting Dark Matter (SIDM)

Yu-Dai Tsai (Fermilab), 2021

# Velocity Dependence



Self-Interacting DM (SIDM), [Spergel & Steinhardt '99 + ...](#): **DM collisions thermalize the DM particles in inner halo**

$$\text{rate} \times \text{time} \approx \frac{\langle\sigma v\rangle}{m} \rho(r_1) t_{\text{age}} \approx 1,$$

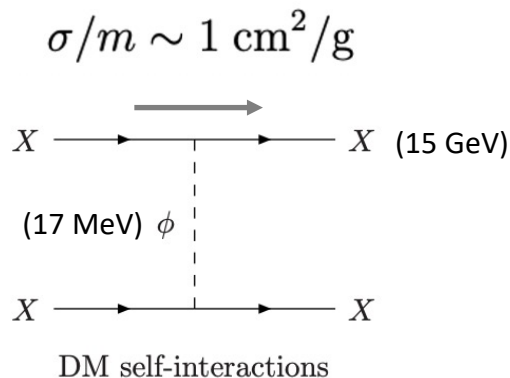
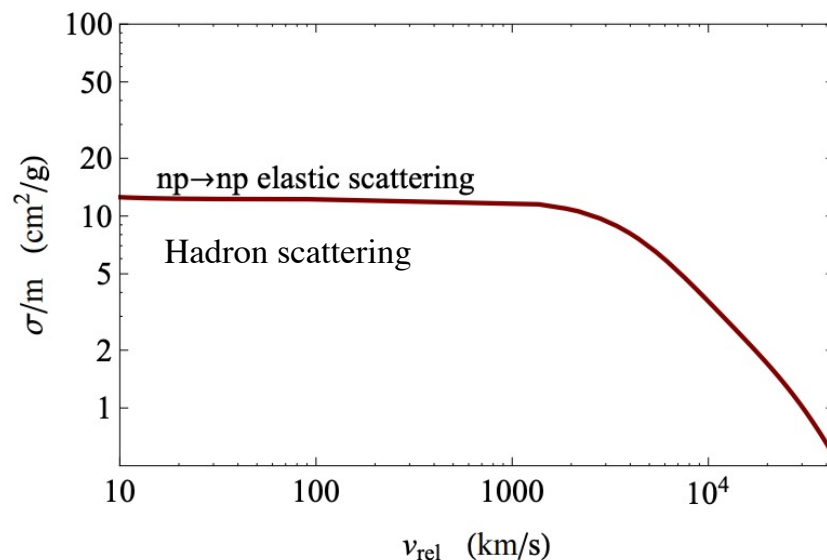
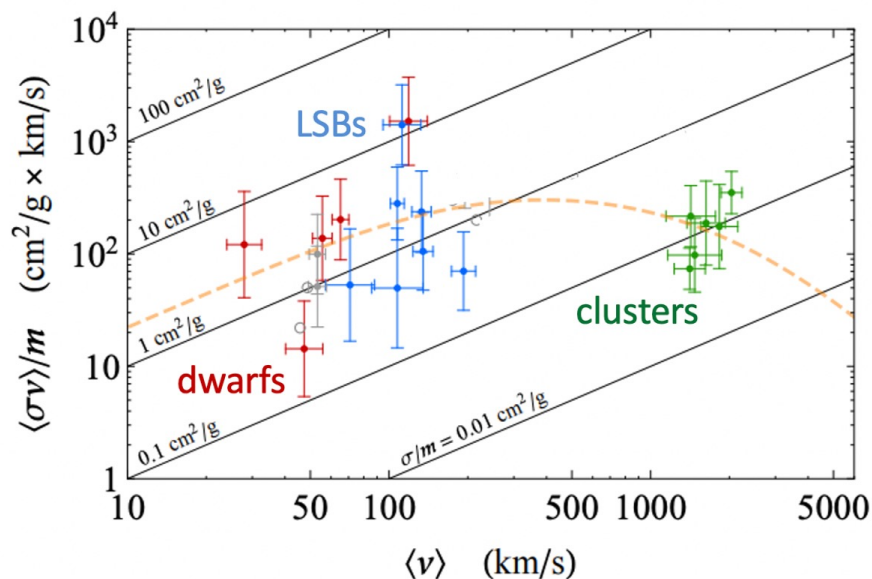
$\rho$  is the density,  $r_1$  is the “scattered radius”

Semi-analytically “Calculate” the profile based on different  $\langle\sigma v\rangle/m$ , and then match the profiles to the data

[Kaplinghat, Tulin, Yu, arXiv:1508.03339](#)

- **LSBs: low surface brightness spiral galaxies**
- Diagonal lines are contours of constant  $\sigma/m$ .
- **Horizontal line would be  $\sigma \propto 1/v$**
- **DM self-interaction prefers VELOCITY DEPENDENCE!**
- At least we learn velocity dependent constraints on cross-sections

# Extra Fun: Similarity to Standard Model



- **DM Self-Interaction vs SM hadron interaction**
- Similar size of cross-section
- Hadrons are composite particles “made of quarks” and bind by QCD interaction (for the students)

# Resonant Self-Interacting Dark Meson (RSIDM)

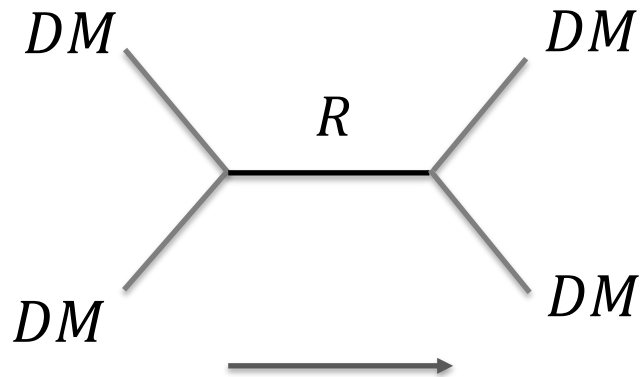
**Tsai**, McGehee, Murayama,

arXiv:2008.08608, submitted to *PRL*

A solution to small-scale structure problems  
and have interesting experimental signatures  
Can be tested in near future

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# Resonant SIDM

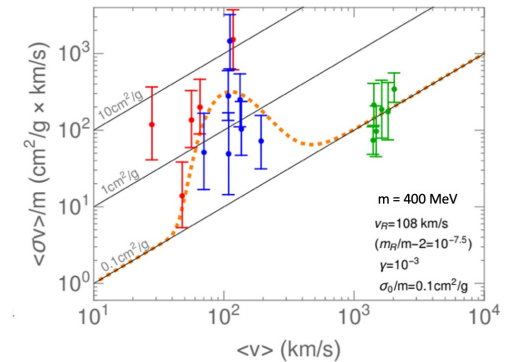


$$m_R = 2 m_{\text{DM}}(1 + \Delta),$$

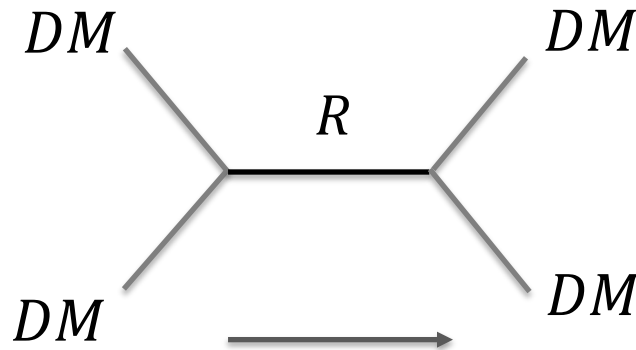
- $\Delta$  is small and positive for this talk.

The velocity dependence can be achieved with an **intermediate particle, R**, that help provide a **self-scattering cross-section** to be a sum of a **constant piece,  $\sigma_0$** , plus a **Breit-Wigner resonance**.

See, e.g., [Chu, Garcia-Cely, Murayama, arXiv: 1810.04709](#),  
[Tulin, Tsai, research note 2018](#)



# Resonant SIDM



Breit-Wigner resonance

for non-relativistic DM

$$\sigma = \sigma_0 + \frac{4\pi S}{mE(v)} \cdot \frac{\Gamma(v)^2/4}{(E(v) - E(v_R))^2 + \Gamma(v)^2/4}, \quad E(v) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{m}{2} v^2 \quad \text{and} \quad S = \frac{2J_R + 1}{(2J_{\text{DM}} + 1)^2}.$$

kinetic energy symmetry factor

constant

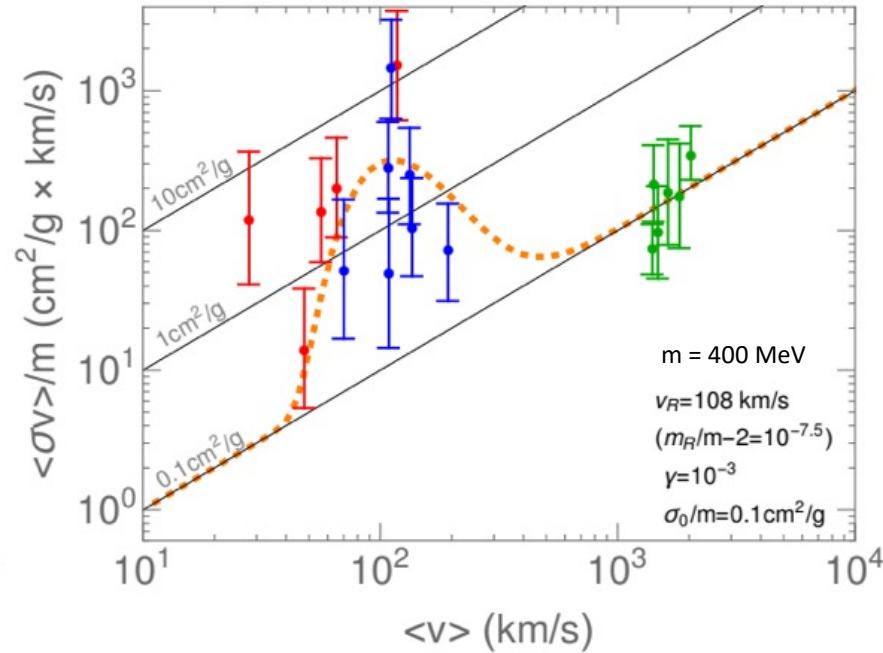
$$E(v_R) = m_R - 2m = 2\Delta m.$$

“resonance condition”: the collision hits the resonance when  $v = v_R$

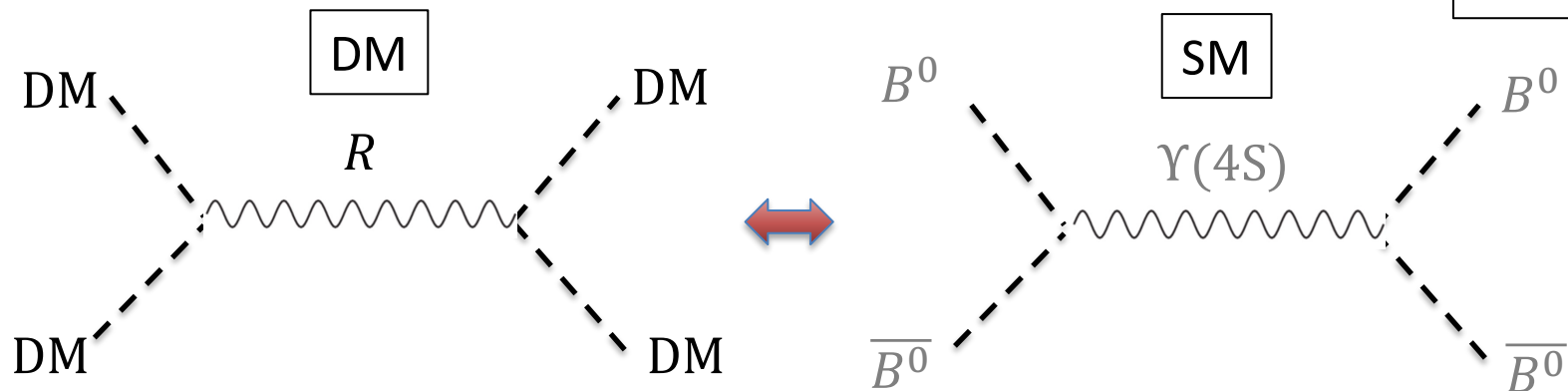
The width  $\Gamma(v) = m_R \gamma v^{2L+1}.$   $\langle \sigma v \rangle = \int_0^{v_{\text{max}}} f(v, v_0) \sigma v dv, \quad f(v, v_0) = \frac{4v^2 e^{-v^2/v_0^2}}{\sqrt{\pi} v_0^3}.$



# Resonant SIDM: Vector Resonance



$B^0$  &  $\Upsilon(4S)$   
are well-known  
mesons

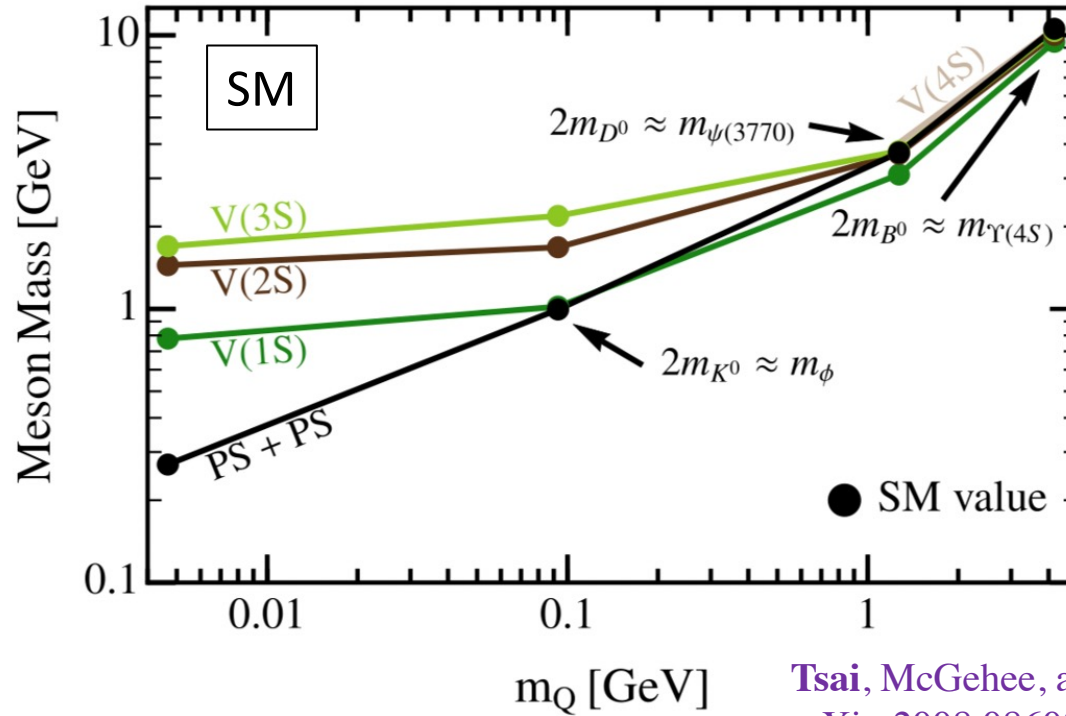


# QCD & Meson Spectrum

Lessons from QCD.  $K^+ K^- \rightarrow \phi$ ,  $B^0 \bar{B}^0 \rightarrow \Upsilon(4S)$ .

- $m_{K^\pm(u\bar{s}/\bar{u}s)} \approx 493 \text{ MeV}$ ;  $m_{\phi(s\bar{s})} \approx 1019 \text{ MeV}$ .
- $m_{B^0} \approx 5279 \text{ MeV}$ ;  $m_{\Upsilon(4S)} \approx 10580 \text{ MeV}$ .
- Inspired by these, we can build interesting DM models inspired by these resonances,  
**Tsai**, McGehee, Murayama, [arXiv:2008.08608](https://arxiv.org/abs/2008.08608)

# Meson Resonances



Tsai, McGehee, and Murayama,  
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For  $m_Q = m_d$ ,

we show  $\pi^0$  as well as the average masses of the first three  $\rho$  and  $\omega$  states. For  $m_Q = m_s$ , we show  $K^0$  and the first three  $\phi$ 's. For  $m_Q = \{m_c, m_b\}$ , we show  $D^0$  and  $B^0$  as well as the first four  $\psi$  and  $\Upsilon$  states, respectively.

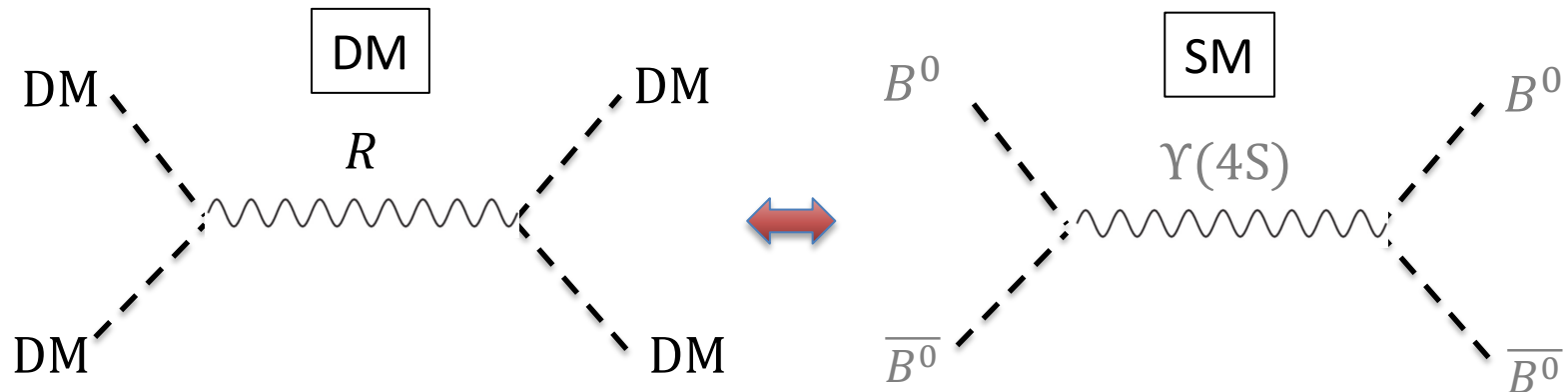
# **Asymmetric Resonant Dark Mesons**

An asymmetric DM model

Connecting DM mystery to SM mystery

# Resonant Dark Meson

Model Strategy: linking DM to SM

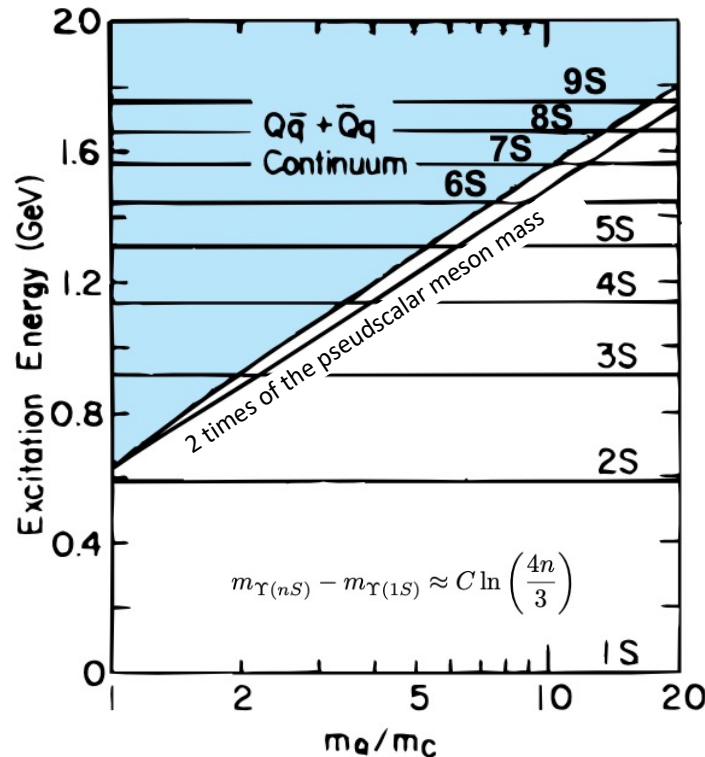


What we learn from SM?

- $B^0$  is bound state,  $B^0(d\bar{b})$ , with one heavy quark  $b$  ( $Q$ ) and one light quark  $d$  ( $q$ )
- $m_b$  is much larger than  $\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$ , the QCD scale parameter.
- $\Upsilon(4S)$  is the 4th excited “Quarkonium” state of  $(b\bar{b})$

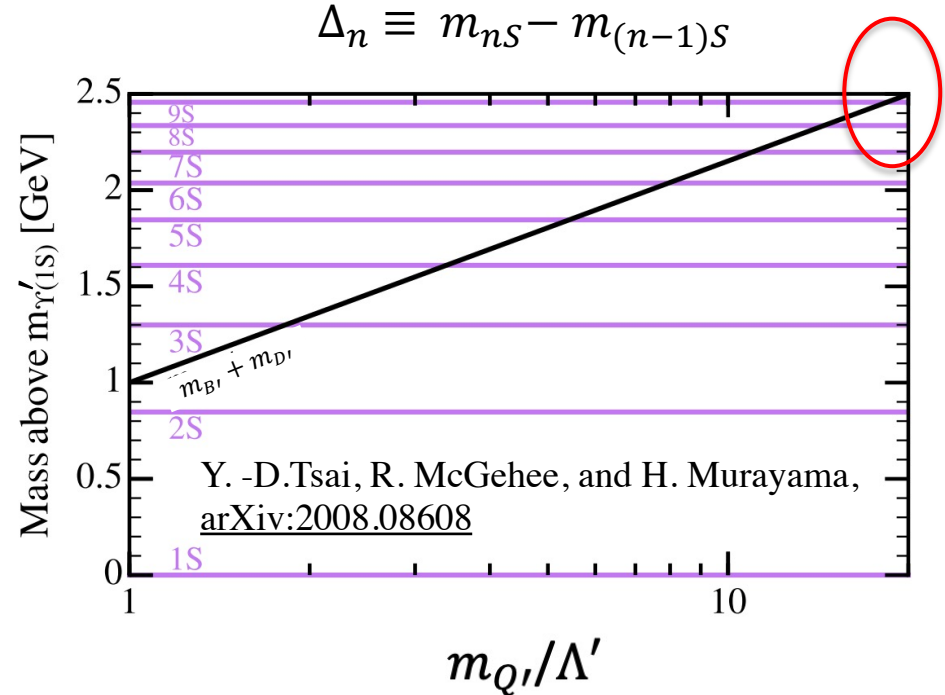
# Heavy-Quark Mesons: SM vs DM

SM Modeling



- C. Quigg and J. L. Rosner, “Quarkonium Level Spacings,” Phys. Lett. B 71 (1977) 153–157.
- reduced-mass corrections in higher curve

DM Modeling



- The “close-to-resonance-ness”,  $\Delta_n/m_{Q'} \sim n^{-3}$ .  
The smaller this is the easier to hit the resonance
- We want  $m_{Q'}/\Lambda' > 20$  to go to large  $n$  state.
- With  $n = 10$ ,  $\Delta_n/m_{Q'} \sim 10^{-3}$ .

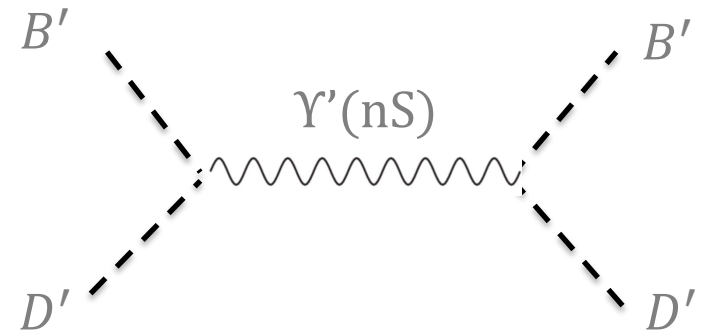
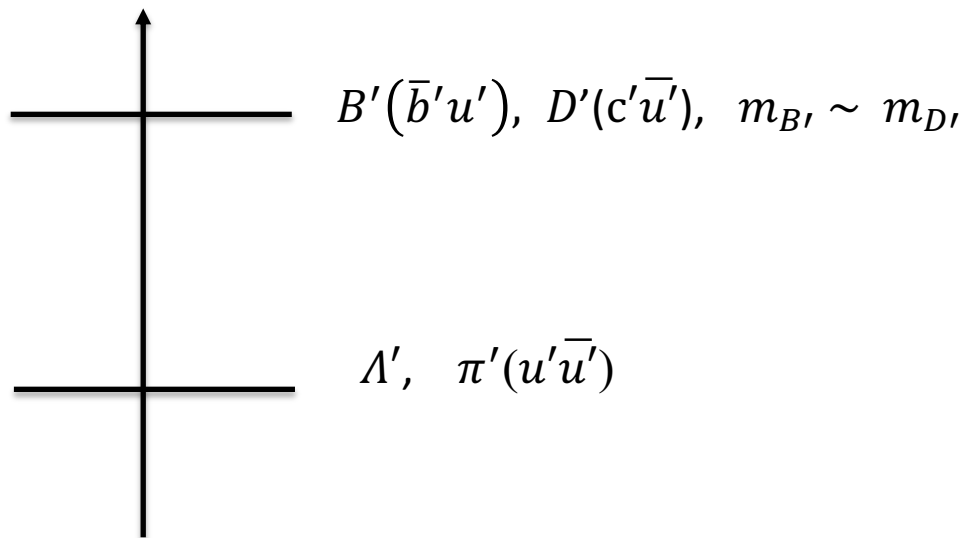


# Asymmetric Dark Mesons: Ingredients

' means all dark particles now

- One light dark quark  $u'$  with mass  $m_{u'}$
- Two heavy dark quarks  $c'$  and  $b'$ , setting masses  $m_{c'} = m_{b'} = m_{Q'}$  (for simplicity)
- $m_{c'} = m_{b'} > \Lambda' > m_{u'}$  is the mass hierarchy, analogous to QCD
- Forming  $B'(u'\bar{b}')$  and  $D'(c'\bar{u}')$ , and they are **the DM candidates**
- $B'$  &  $D'$  abundances set by “asymmetry” (will explain later),  $n_c = n_{\bar{b}}$ .  
protected by  $b'$ ,  $c'$  quantum numbers

Dark meson mass spectrum

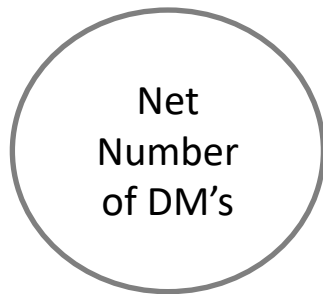


$\Upsilon'(nS)$  is the  $n$  th excited state of  $(\bar{b}'c')$

# Asymmetric Dark Matter (ADM)

Fact: there are more matter than anti-matter in SM: “asymmetry”

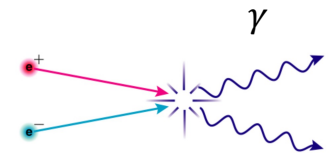
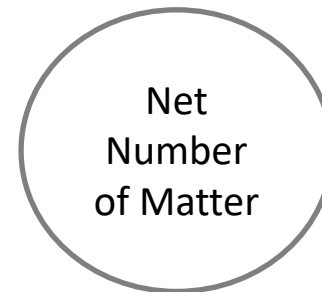
Asymmetric DM model



Assume  
similar  
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SM asymmetry



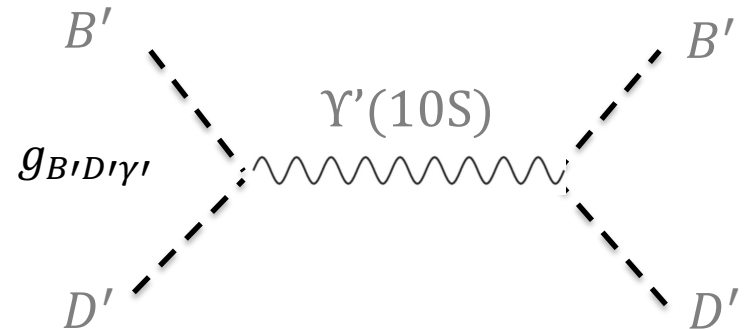
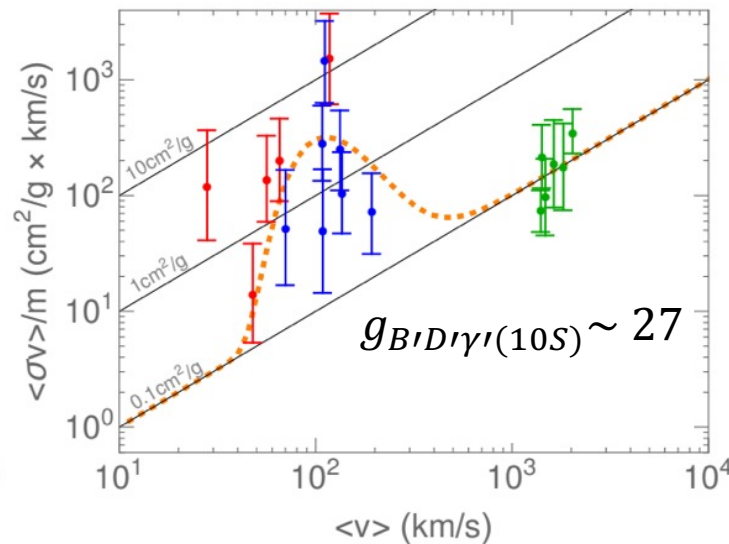
**Matter-antimatter annihilation**  
By Imamura (U Oregon)  
<https://pages.uoregon.edu/imamura/122/lecture-6/nuclear.html>

- **Asymmetry will set the number density of the DM.**
- Because DM mass abundance is  $\sim 5$  times more than that of SM  
**DM mass is  $\sim 5$  times of SM particle mass!**

$$m_{\text{DM}} = 5 m_{\text{proton}} \sim 5 \text{ GeV}$$

See reviews of asymmetric dark matter,  
e.g., Petraki & Volkas, 1305.4939 and Zurek, 1308.0338

# Asymmetric Dark Matter Parameter



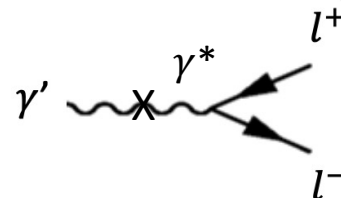
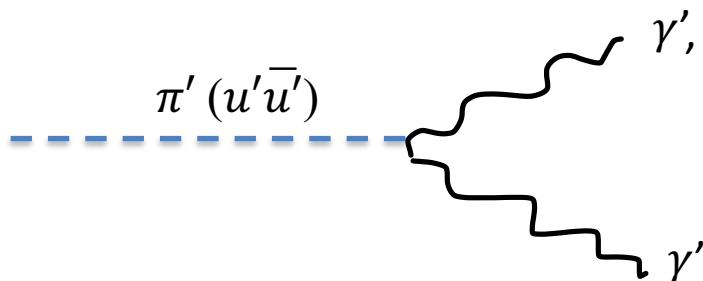
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 Details left out. See the paper.

Interesting Parameter that everything works:

- $m_{B'} = m_{D'} = m_{ADM} \sim 5 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $m_{Q'}/\Lambda' \sim 20$
- $g_{B'D'\gamma'(10S)} \sim 27$  **needed** for the resonance (SM value,  $g_{BB\Upsilon(4S)} \sim 25$ )
- **lattice QCD** can improve our study (ongoing!)
- What happened to the “dark pions”  $\pi'(u'\bar{u}')$ ?

# Dark Pion Decays to “Dark Photons”

- Dropped the ' now except for  $\gamma$ , but these are all dark states



- I designed an experimental proposal to search for this dark photon
- $m_{ADM} = m_{B'} \sim m_{Q'} \sim 5 m_P \sim 5 \text{ GeV}$
- $\Lambda' \sim m_{\pi'} > 2 m_{\gamma'}$  (analogous to QCD)  
(assuming the dark neutral pion  $\pi'(u'\bar{u}')$  decays to two dark photons  $\gamma'$ )
- **The lower the mass of the dark photon is, the more likely one hits the resonance,** since the mass of the dark matter is fixed to around 5 GeV

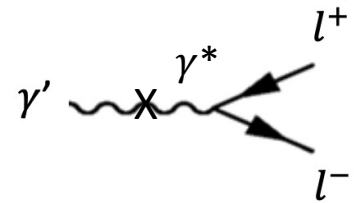
# Dark-Sector Phenomenology

## Studying “dark photon” portal

- **“Dark Sector”**: DM + “mediators” to SM

$$\mathcal{L} \supset -\frac{1}{4}F'^{\mu\nu}F'_{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{2}m_{A'}^2 A'^{\mu}A'_{\mu} + \epsilon e A'^{\mu}J_{\mu}^{EM}$$

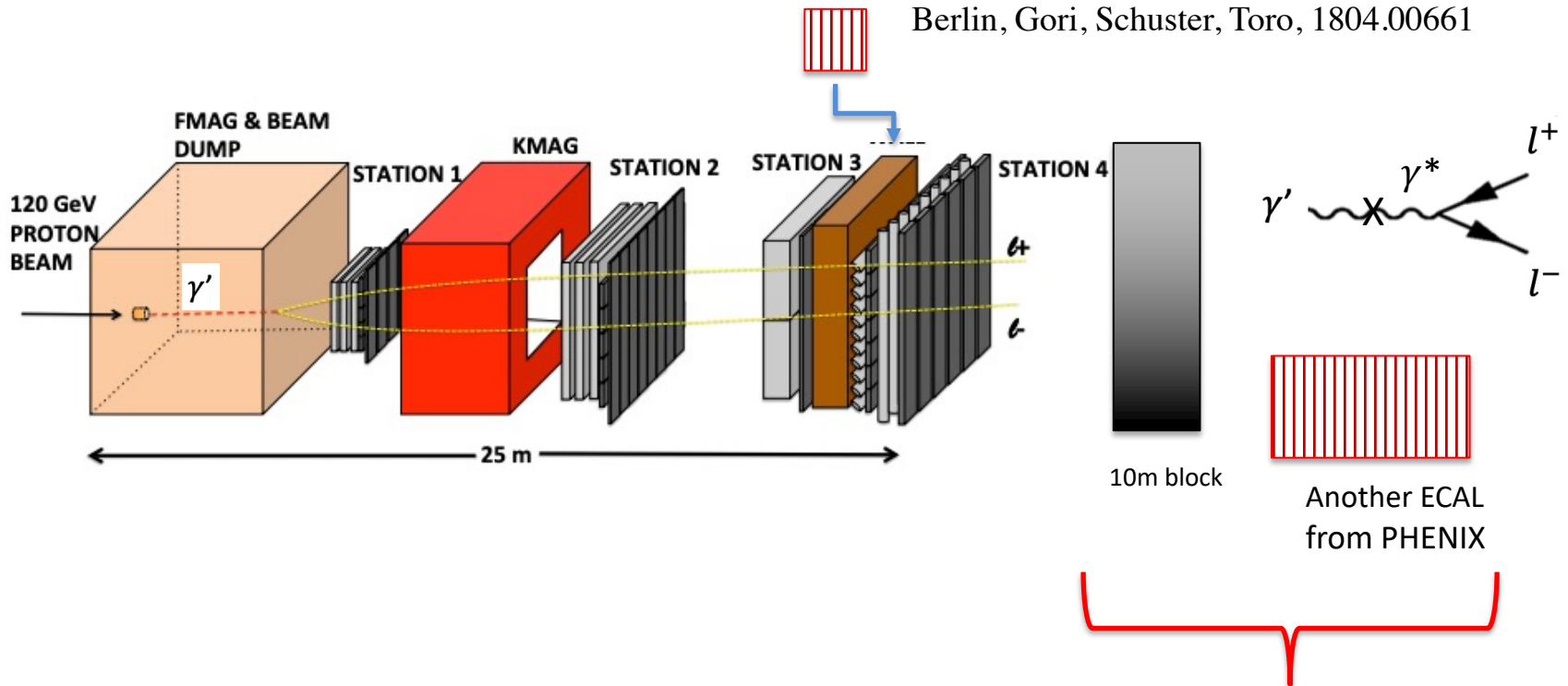
kinetic mixing



- **One of the three 4-dimensional “portals” to dark sectors**
- **These “portals” help connect dark matter to SM and is essential for GeV or sub-GeV thermal dark matter**  
(see, **Lee-Weinberg Theorem**, Lee, Weinberg, PRL 77)

# The LongQuest Experiment at Fermilab

DarkQuest: Install ECAL from PHENIX  
 Gardner, Holt, Tadepalli, 1509.00050  
 Berlin, Gori, Schuster, Toro, 1804.00661



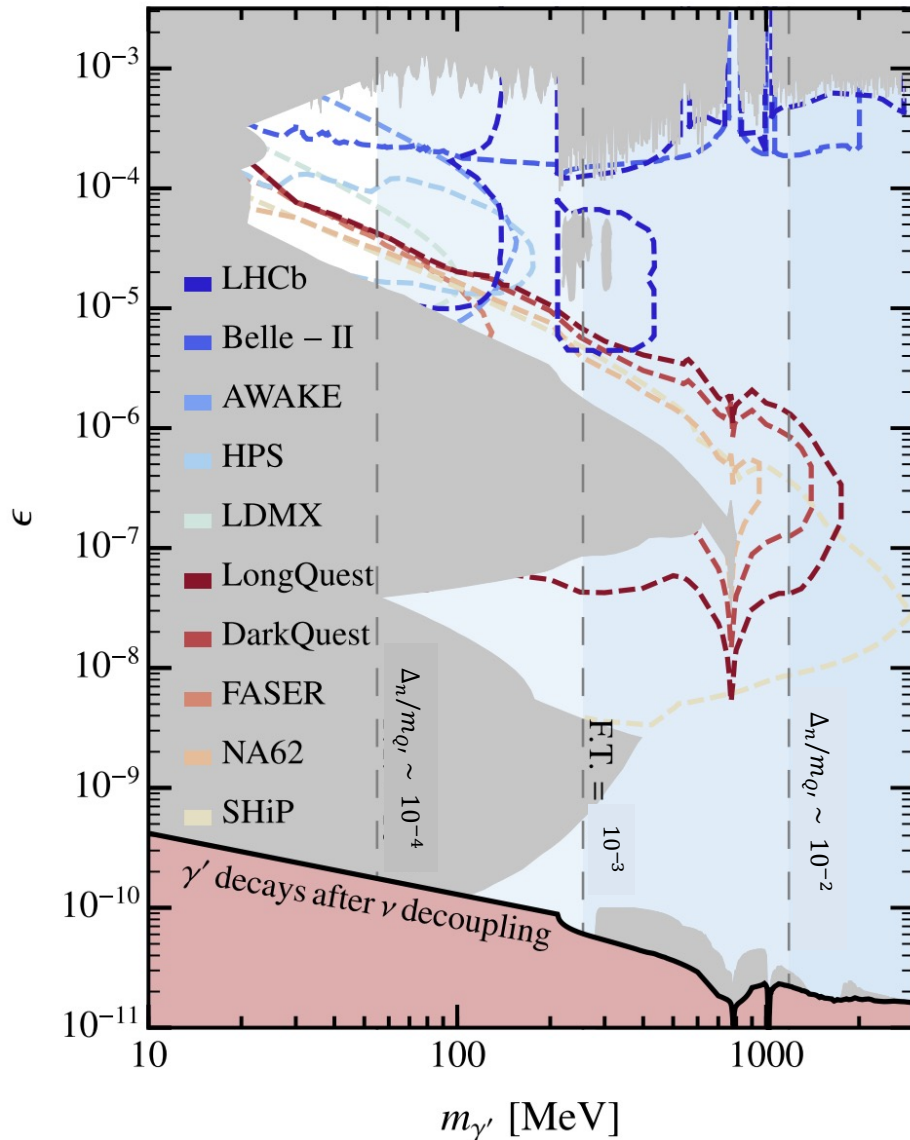
**LongQuest:**

Far detectors: **much lower background; low cost**  
**Not interfering with quark study!**

**LongQuest:** Tsai, deNiverville, Liu, 1908.07525



# Dark photon for dark pion decay

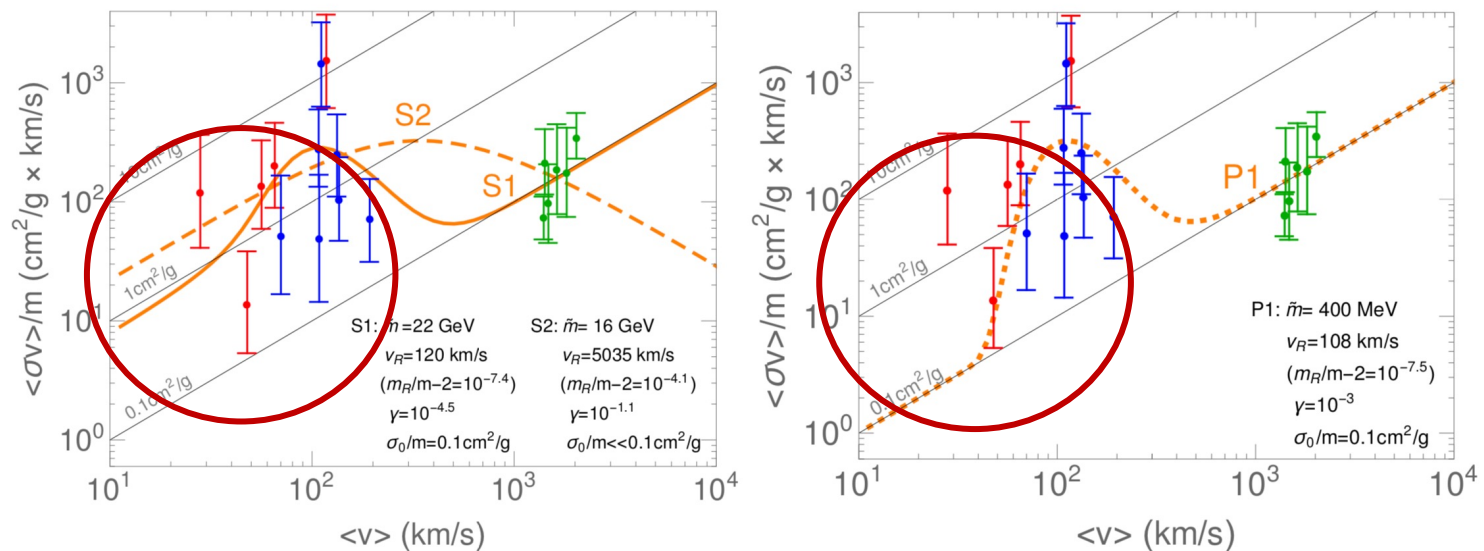


- $m_{DM} = m_{B'} \sim m_{Q'} \sim 5 \text{ GeV}$
- $m_{Q'} \sim 5 \text{ GeV}$
- $m_{Q'}/\Lambda' \sim 20$  is desired
- $\Lambda' \sim m_{\pi'} > 2 m_{\gamma'}$
- $m_{\gamma'} \sim 100 \text{ MeV}$  is preferred!
- Kinetic mixing  $\epsilon = 10^{-9} - 10^{-3}$

# Ongoing Astro Studies

- Astrophysical studies to distinguish the models, and make predictions of the DM halo profile!

Kaplinghat, Roberts, Valli, Tsai, and Yu



Hayashi et al, 2008.02529, PRD 21 suggests that RSIDM could be advantageous for ultrafaint dwarf galaxies (UFD) over other SIDM

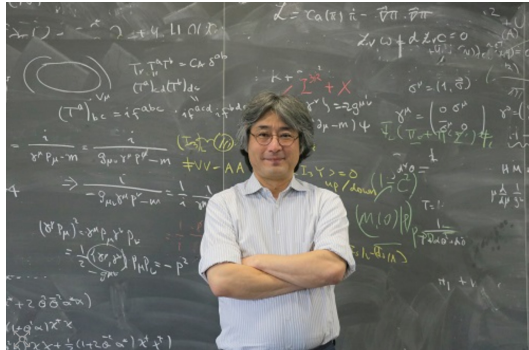
# Recap: why is this exciting?

- **General scenario** to naturally give the **resonance structure**
- Has interesting structure similar **SM QCD**
- Can easily connect to dark **lattice QCD** study (see, e.g., 1912.06505)
- Has **signatures** that can be searched for in experiments
- **Testable** also in astrophysical studies

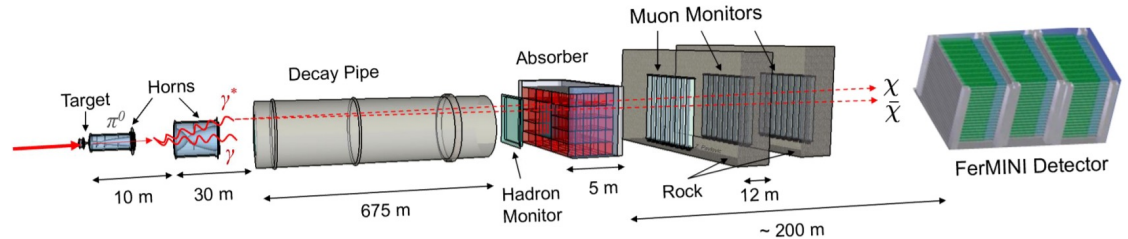
# My Research Programs

- Develop **new/testable models**:  
Resonant Dark Matter Models, ELDER / KINDER DM
- Design **new experiments**: dark sector & millicharge searches in **accelerators** (also consider **analyses** with existing experiments), that can be applied to search for many attractive DM / new physics candidates
- My experimental proposals: **LongQuest**, **FerMINI**, **FORMOSA** (will talk more in 10 mins discussion!)
- Develop new **cosmology & astrophysics** studies:  
**DM in neutron star**, **GW170817 as PBH event**, and more...

# What do I do in Particle Physics Renaissance

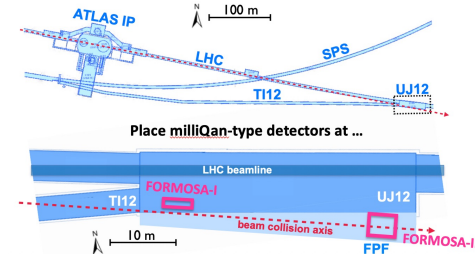


Hitoshi Murayama By Michael Banks in Tokyo, Japan



An illustration of the FerMINI experiments utilizing the NuMI facility.

Adapted by Yu-Dai Tsai from Zarko Pavlovic's photo and milliQan detector, 1607.04669 (milliQan col.)



Collaborate with the experts

FORMOSA at LHC, Foroughi, Kling, Tsai

## New models and theories

- Learning machine learning on the side



Crab Nebula, NASA, ESA, Hester &. Loll (ASU)



by Chantelaube, Staffi, and Bret

Be creative and make connections between subjects 31

Let's find dark matter!  
Thank you!

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