

DARK SOLAR WIND

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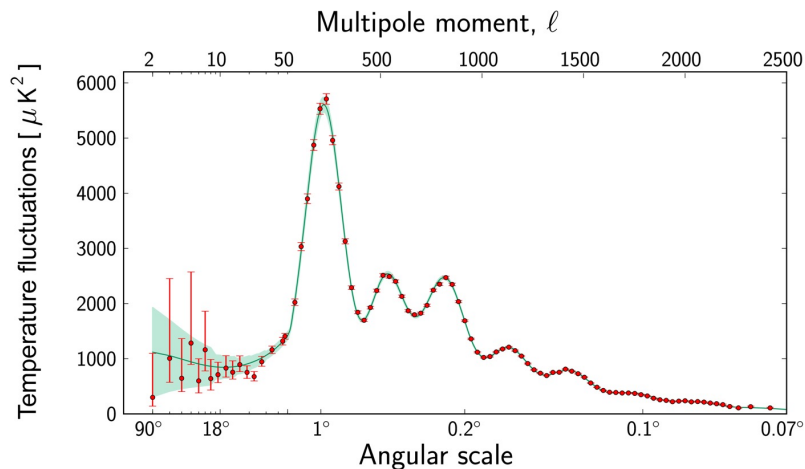
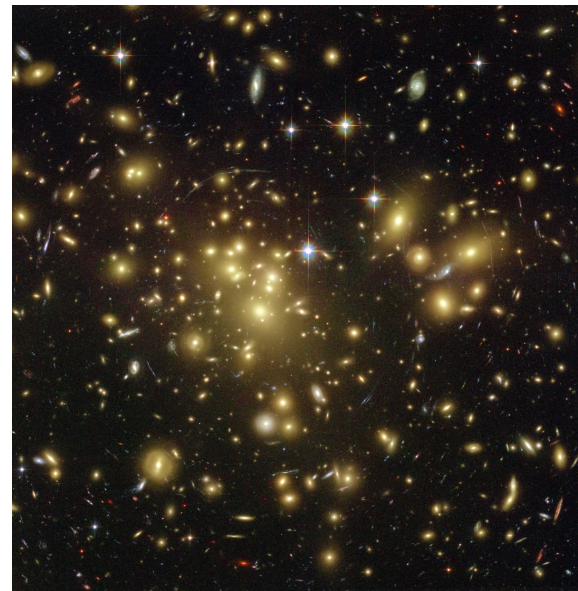
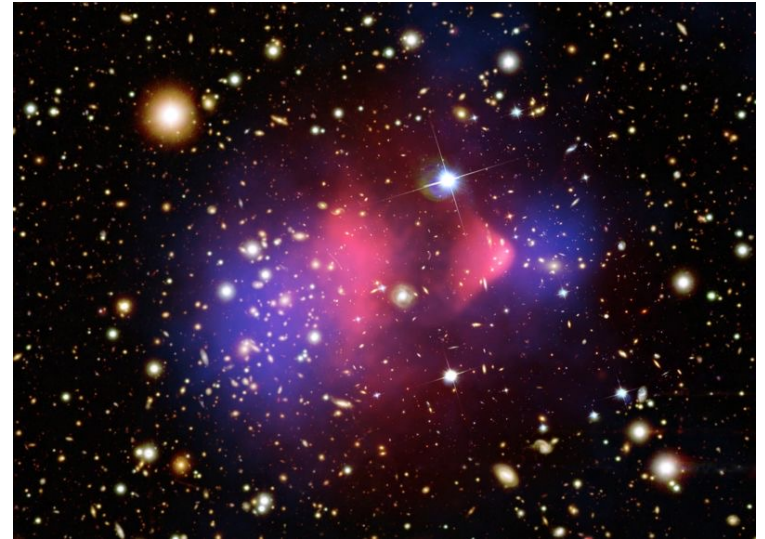
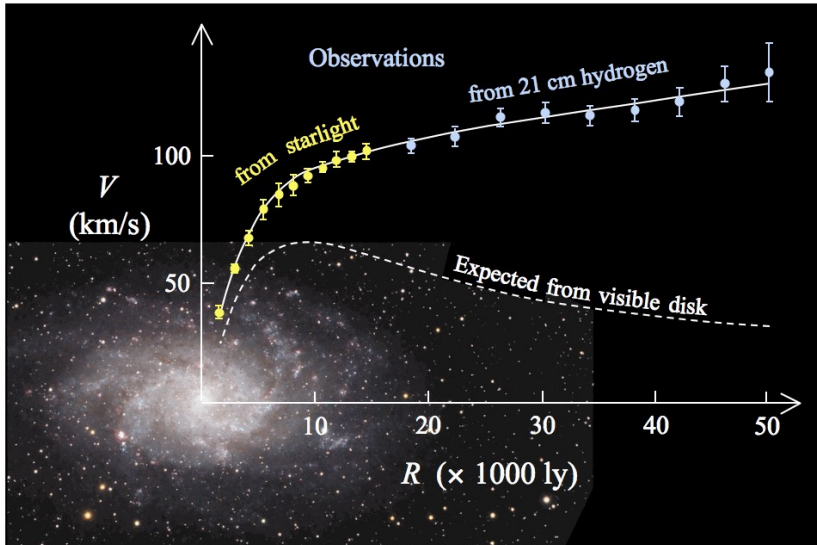
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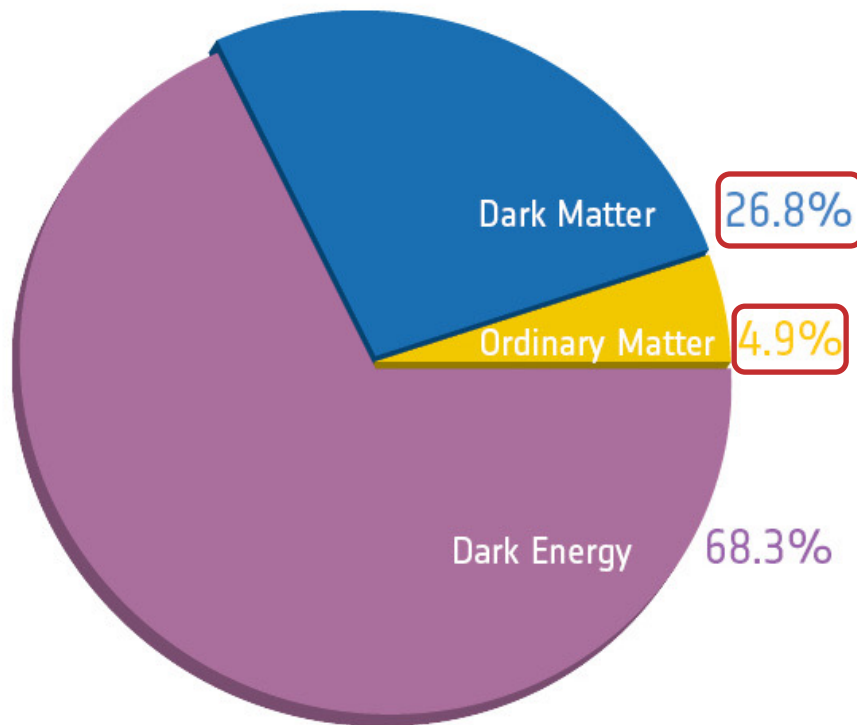
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INTRODUCTION

We all know Dark Matter exists



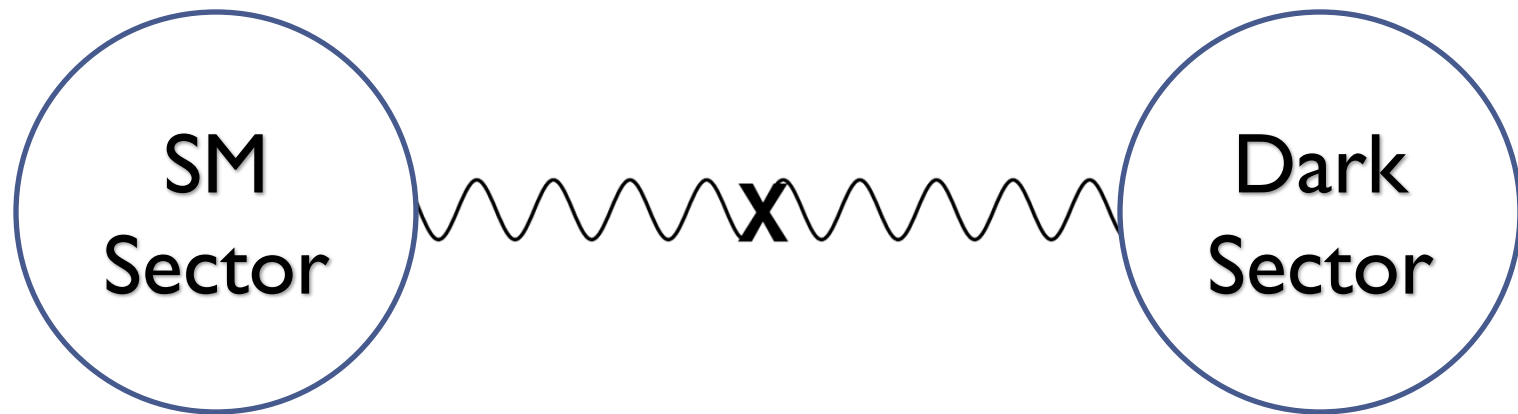
Dark Matter makes up 85% of matter



Standard Model of Elementary Particles

three generations of matter (fermions)						interactions / force carriers (bosons)	
I		II		III			
mass charge spin	$\approx 2.2 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ $\frac{2}{3}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	$\approx 1.28 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ $\frac{2}{3}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	$\approx 173.1 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ $\frac{2}{3}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	0 0 1	$\approx 124.97 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ 0 0		
	u up	c charm	t top	g gluon	H higgs		
	d down	s strange	b bottom	γ photon			
	e electron	μ muon	τ tau	Z Z boson			
	ν_e electron neutrino	ν_μ muon neutrino	ν_τ tau neutrino	W W boson			

Dark Sectors



$$G_{SM} = SU(3)_c \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y$$

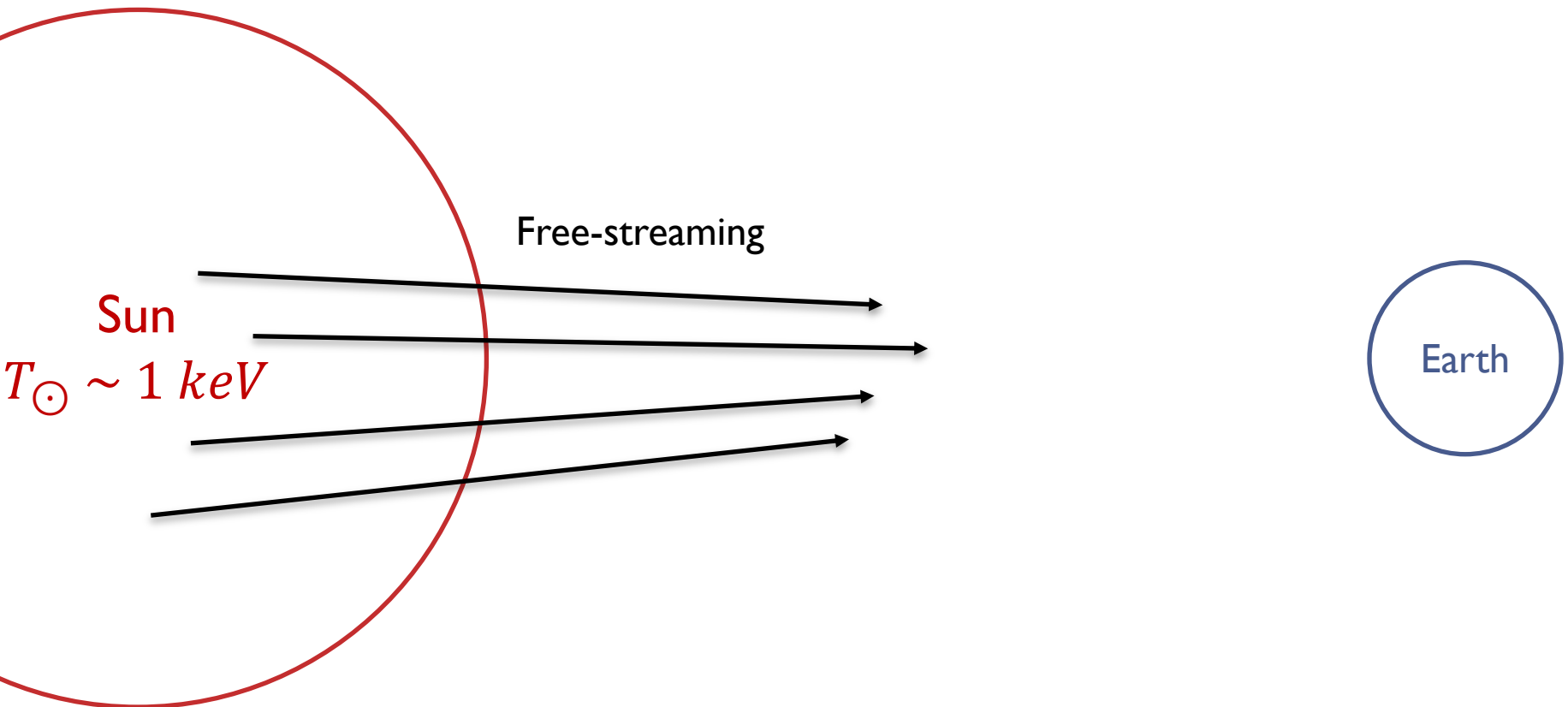
$$G_{Dark}$$

- Dark sector has its own gauge group
- Two sectors can be weakly connected through “portal”
- Vector Portal : $\epsilon B^{\mu\nu} F'_{\mu\nu}$

Light Dark Sector Searches

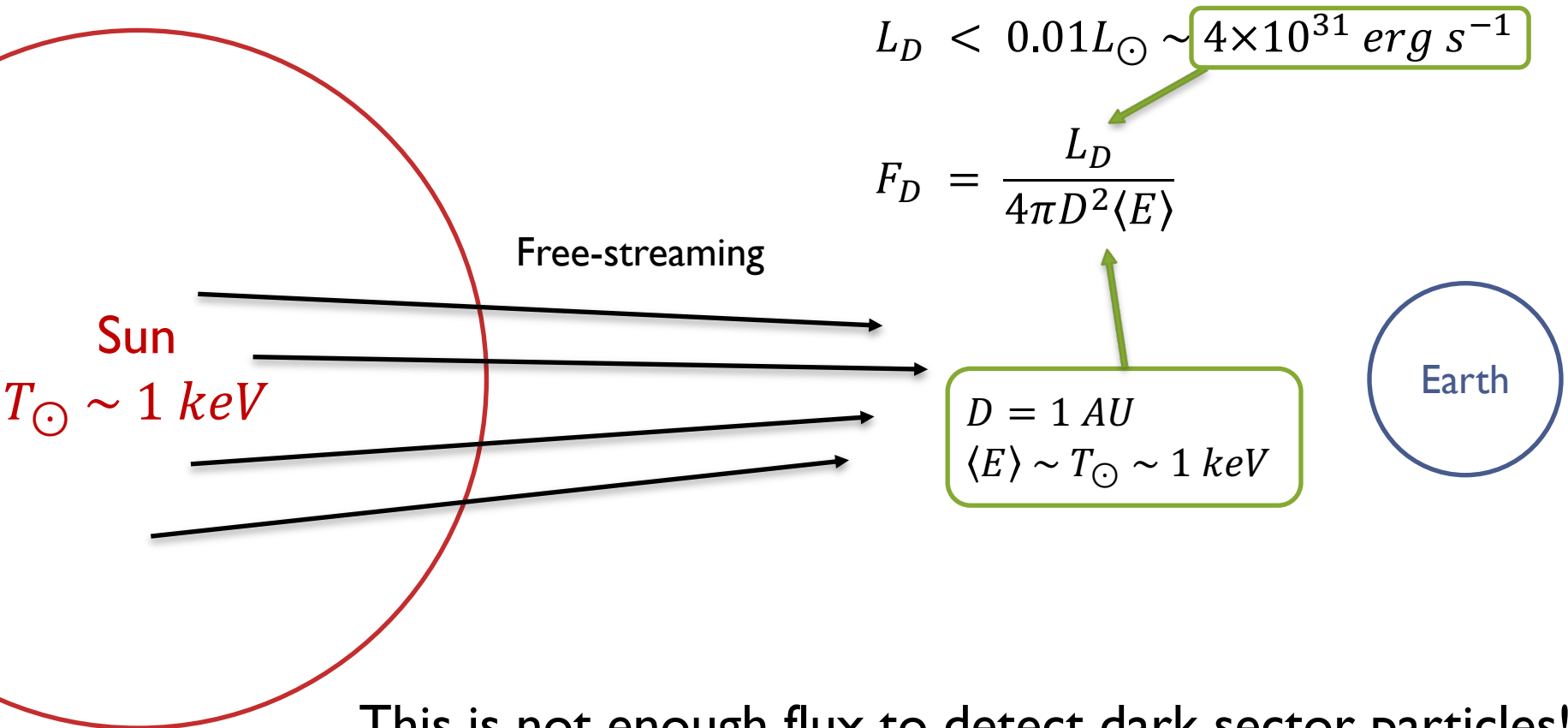
- Need high luminosity to probe
- For $MeV \lesssim m \lesssim GeV$: Beam dump experiments
- For $m \lesssim MeV$: Stellar objects
 - $m \lesssim 10 MeV$: Supernova
 - $m \lesssim 1 keV$: Red Giant, Sun

Particle Production from the Sun



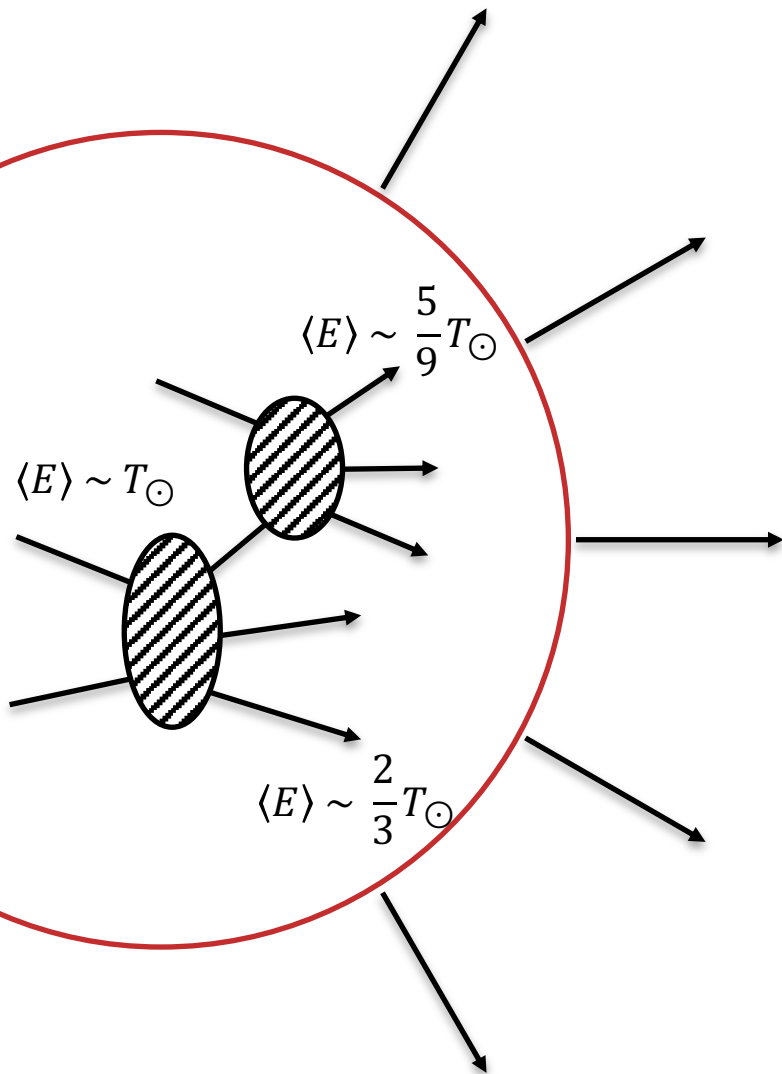
What's the maximum flux at Earth?

Luminosity of dark sector particles is limited by the cooling argument



This is not enough flux to detect dark sector particles!

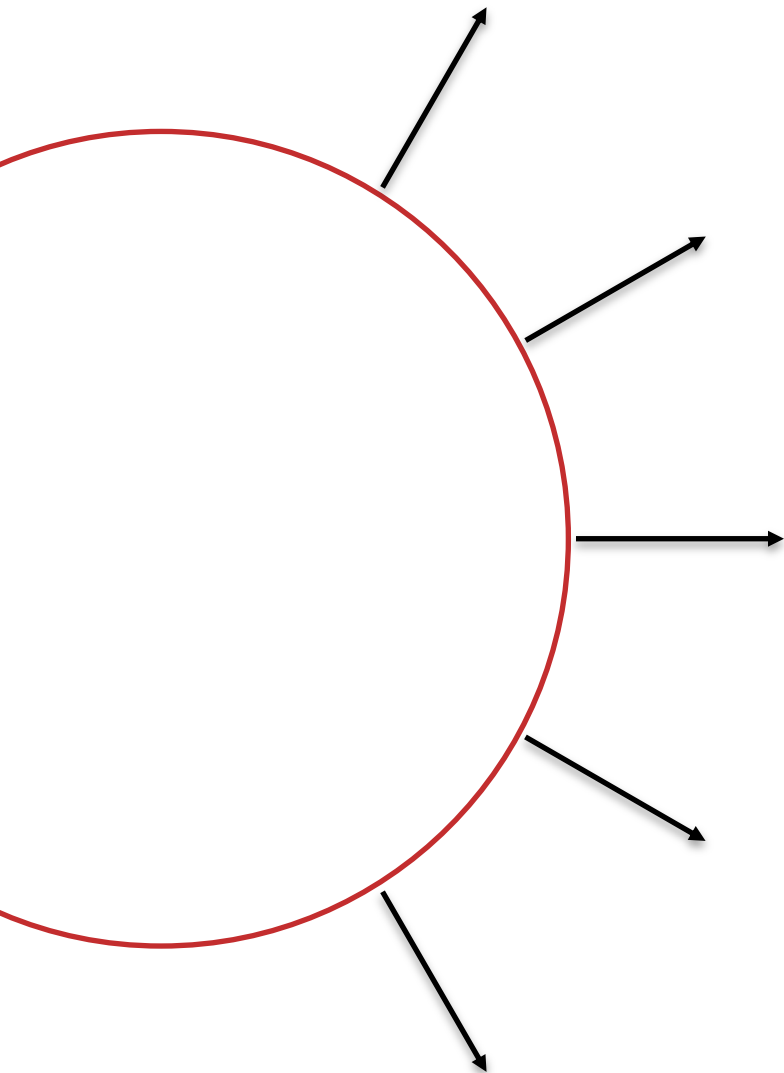
What if we add strong self-interactions?



- Self-thermalized plasma
- Boosted under its pressure
- Relativistic steady outflow

“Dark Solar Wind”

Flux of dark solar wind



$$L_D < 0.01L_{\odot} \sim 4 \times 10^{31} \text{ erg s}^{-1}$$

$$F_D = \frac{L_D}{4\pi D^2 \langle E \rangle} \lesssim 10^{13} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

$$D = 1 \text{ AU}$$

$$\langle E \rangle \sim T_{\odot} \sim 1 \text{ keV}$$

L_D and D are the same, but

$$\langle E \rangle \sim \left(\frac{L_D}{4\pi r_{\odot}^2} \right)^{1/4} \lesssim 0.1 \text{ eV}$$

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**~4 orders of magnitude larger flux
with ~4 orders of lower energies**

Dark Solar Wind

- Dark sector particles can reach to the Earth in forms of boosted dark plasma
- This predicts 4 orders of magnitude larger flux compared to the free-streaming case
- It encourages new experimental directions

MODEL

Conditions for Dark Solar Wind

- Production from the Sun
 - Coupling between DS and SM exists
 - Should be smaller than the cooling bound
- Self-thermalization
 - Need a number changing process
 - Self-interaction is strong enough
- Relativistic fluid
 - They need to be relativistic even after thermalization
 - Mass should be light enough

A Millicharged Particle Model

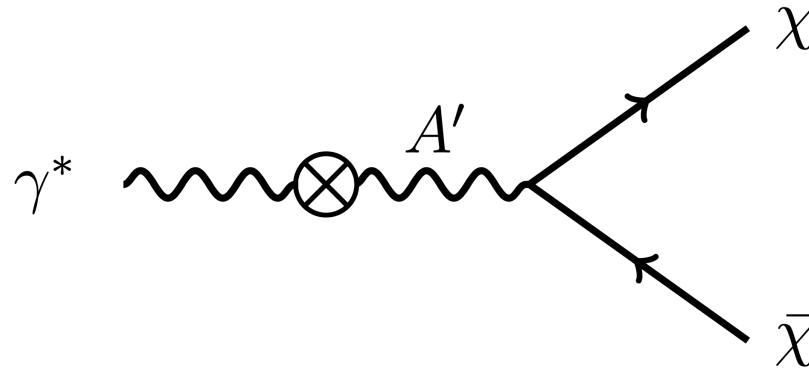
$$\mathcal{L}_D = -\frac{1}{4}F'_{\mu\nu}F'^{\mu\nu} - \frac{\epsilon}{2}F'_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu} + \bar{\chi} \left(i\gamma^\mu \partial_\mu + g_D \gamma^\mu A'_\mu - m_\chi \right) \chi$$

- Dark Photon A'_μ : A gauge boson of $U(1)_D$
- Millicharged Particle χ (MCP) : A fermion charged under $U(1)_D$
- Three model parameters : m_χ , ϵ , $\alpha_D = \frac{g_D^2}{4\pi}$

Relativistic Fluid

- We assume MCP is effectively massless
- We'll come back to massive cases later
- Remaining parameters are ϵ and α_D

Production from the Sun



- In the core of the Sun, photon gets a thermal mass

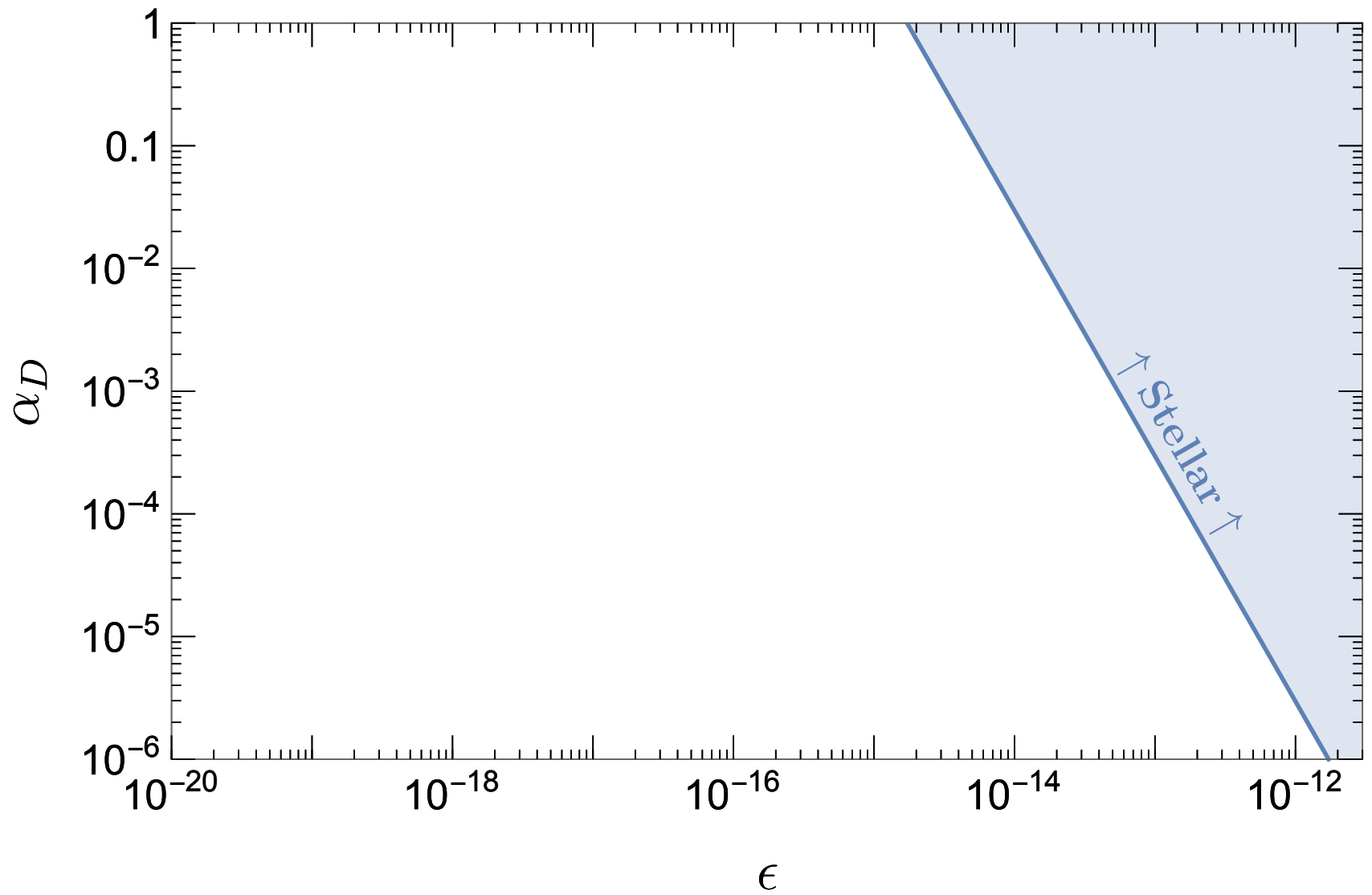
$$m_\gamma \sim \omega_p = \sqrt{\frac{4\pi\alpha n_e}{m_e}}$$

- Plasmon decays to MCP, and this is the dominant production mechanism for small mass MCP
- Production rate $\Gamma_{\gamma^* \rightarrow \chi \bar{\chi}} = \epsilon^2 \alpha_D \frac{\omega_T^2 - k^2}{3\omega_T}$

Stellar Cooling Bound

- Most stringent constraints for small mass MCP come from red giants
- Extra cooling delays helium ignition and makes red giants brighter than expected
- $\epsilon \alpha_D^{1/2} < 2 \times 10^{-15}$

Parameter Space

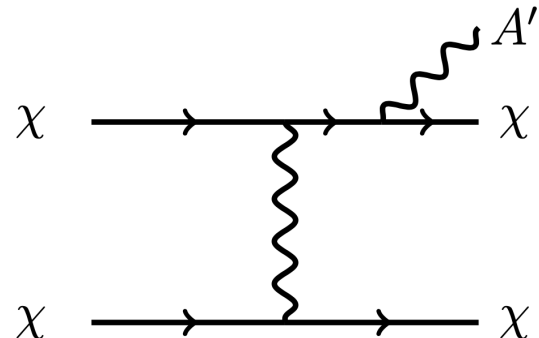


Self-thermalization

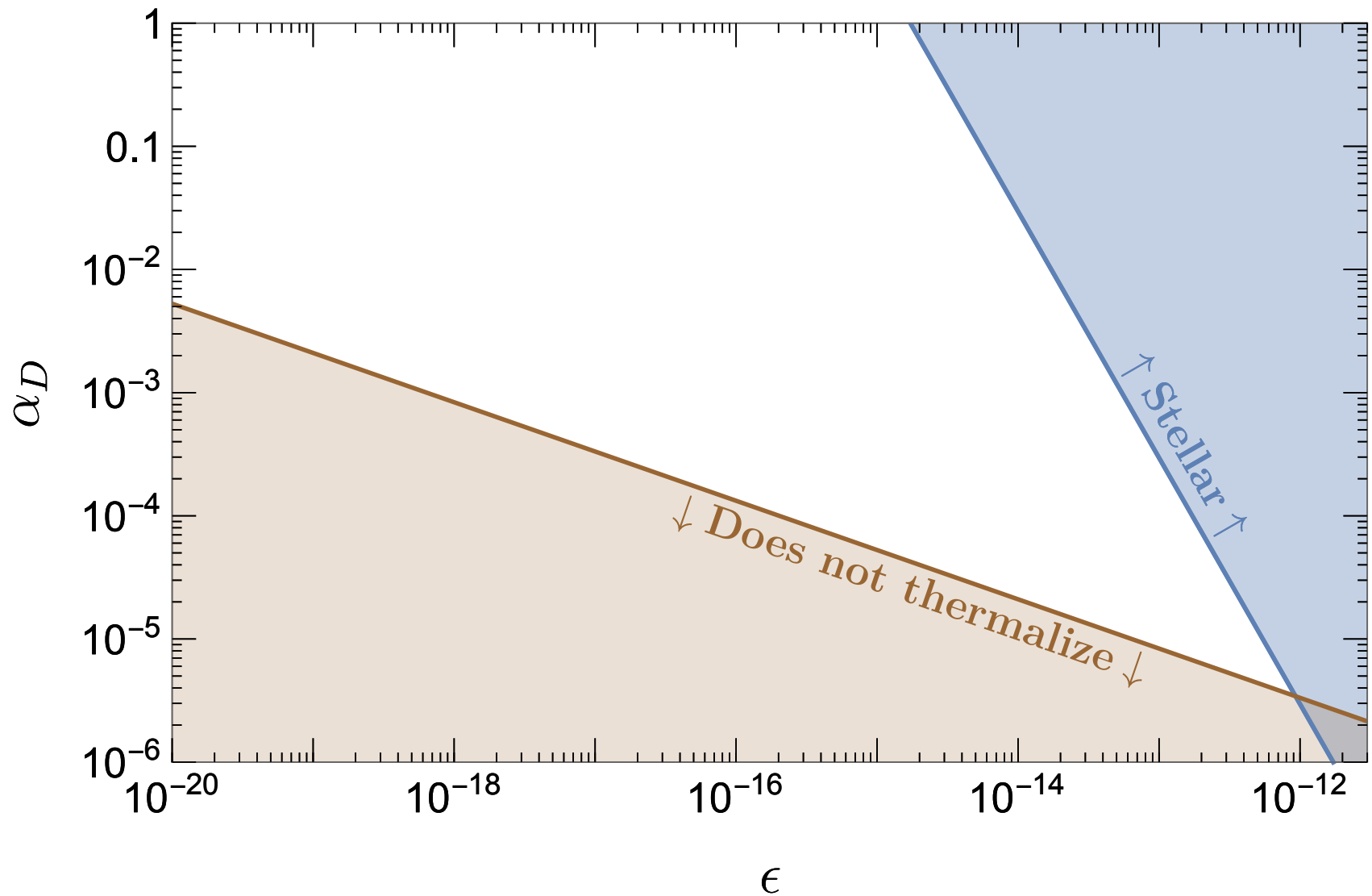
- Well-studied in reheating scenarios
- Number changing processes play most important role for thermalization
- In our case, soft bremsstrahlung of dark photon is most relevant process

- Need $\Gamma_{2\rightarrow3} > r_{\text{core}}^{-1}$

- $\epsilon \alpha_D^{5/2} > 2 \times 10^{-26}$



Parameter Space



DARK SOLAR WIND

Perfect Dark Fluid

- MCPs and dark photons are fully thermalized
- Mean free path is small enough so we can assume a perfect fluid

$$T^{\mu\nu} = (\tilde{\rho} + \tilde{p})u^\mu u^\nu - \tilde{p}g^{\mu\nu}$$

- $\tilde{\rho} = a\tilde{T}^4$, \tilde{T} is the comoving temperature, $a = \frac{\pi^2}{30} \left(2 + \frac{7}{8} \times 4\right)$
 - $\tilde{p} = \frac{1}{3}\tilde{\rho}$
 - $u^\mu = \gamma(1, \vec{v})$, $\gamma = (1 - v^2)^{-1/2}$
 - $g^{\mu\nu} = g_{\mu\nu} = \text{diag}(1, -1, -r^2, -r^2 \sin^2 \theta)$
- The properties of dark fluid are completely determined by two parameters, \tilde{T} and v

Continuity Equations

$$\partial_{\mu} T^{\mu\nu} = \sigma^{\nu}$$

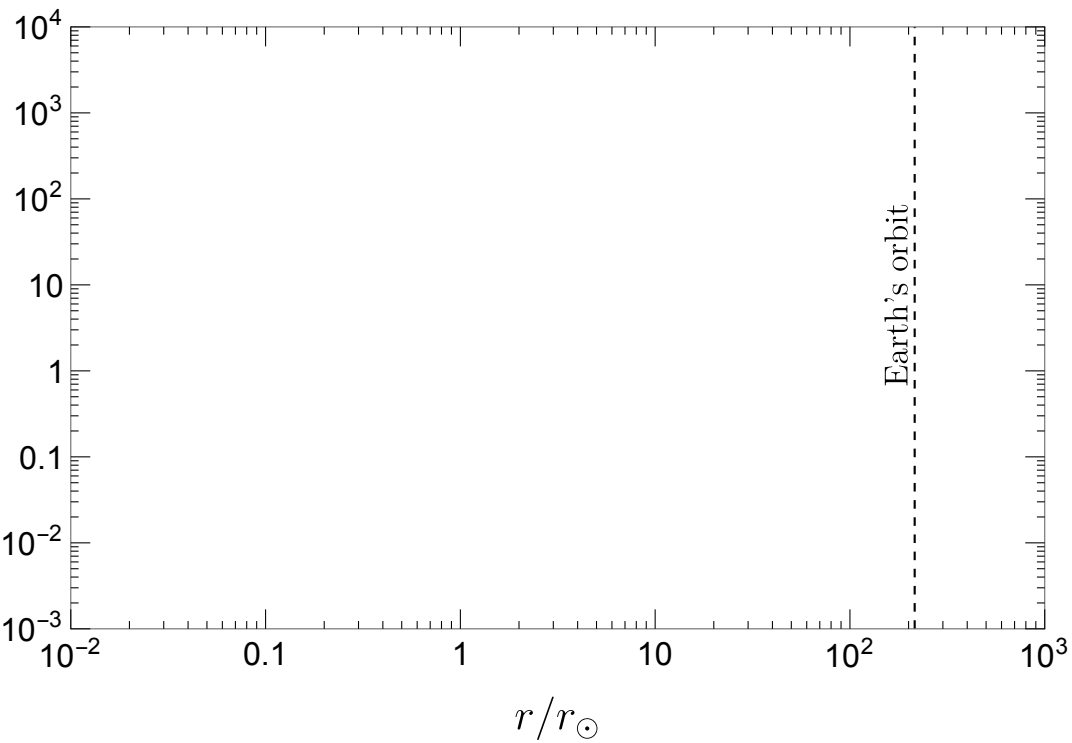
- $\sigma^{\nu} = (\dot{Q}, 0, 0, 0)$, $\dot{Q} \propto \epsilon^2 \alpha_D$ is power per unit volume

- This gives 2 master equations:

- $a\tilde{T}^4 = \frac{\int_0^r r'^2 \dot{Q}(r') dr'}{r^2 \gamma^2 v}$

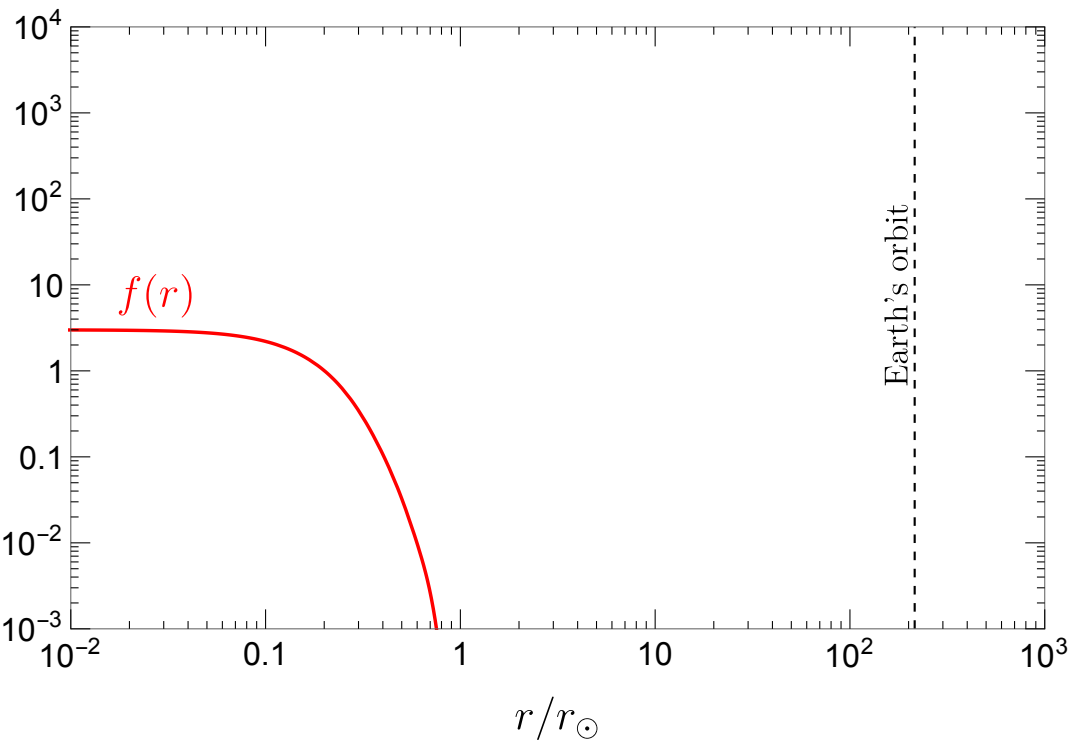
- $\frac{\partial \ln v}{\partial \ln r} = \frac{1/3+v^2}{1/3-v^2} \left(f(r) - \frac{2(1-v^2)}{1+3v^2} \right)$, $f(r) = \frac{r^3 \dot{Q}(r')}{\int_0^r r'^2 \dot{Q}(r') dr'}$

Dark Fluid Profiles



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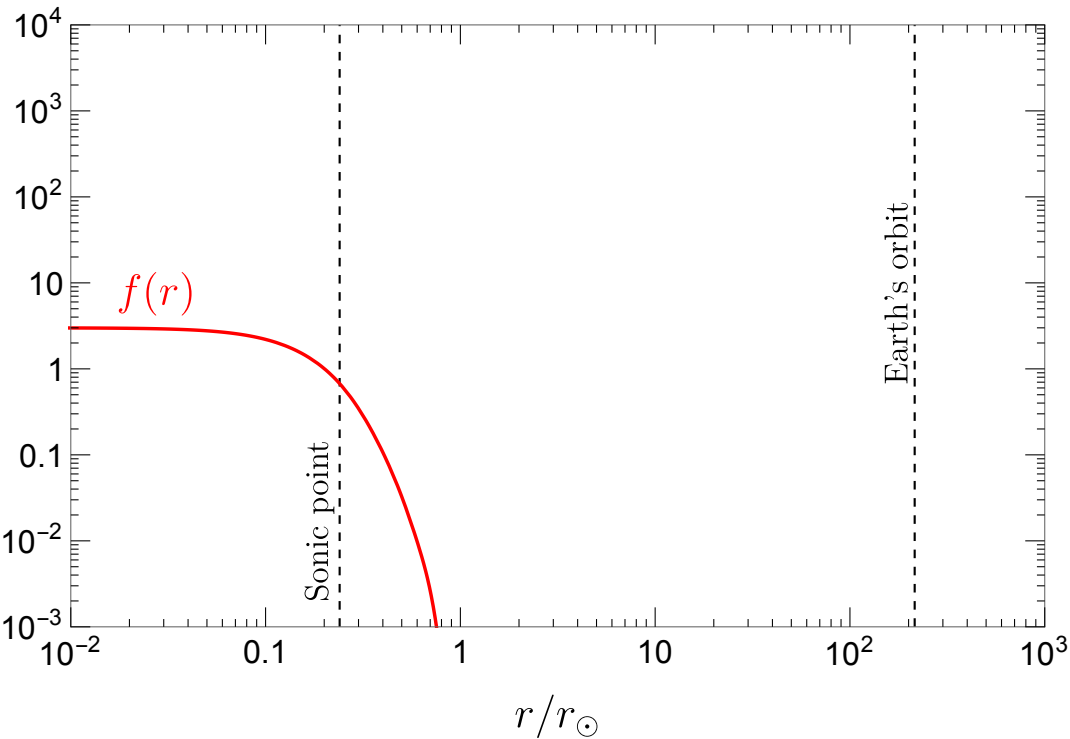
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- At the sonic point, RHS needs to be 0 ($f(r) = 2/3$)

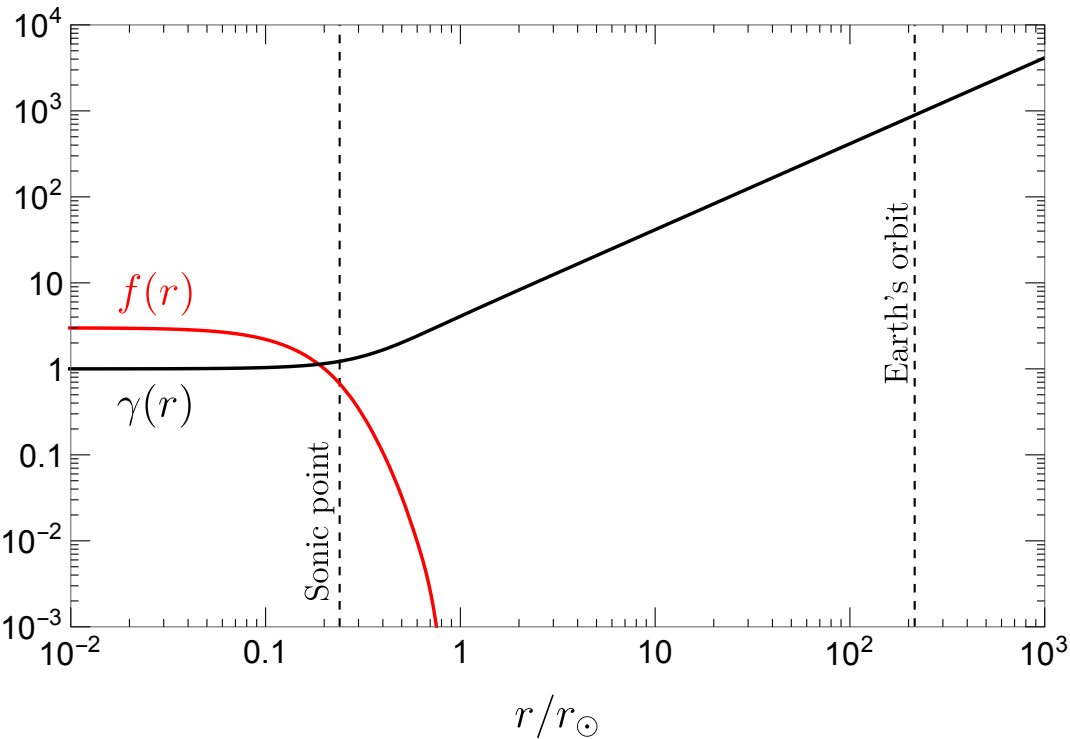
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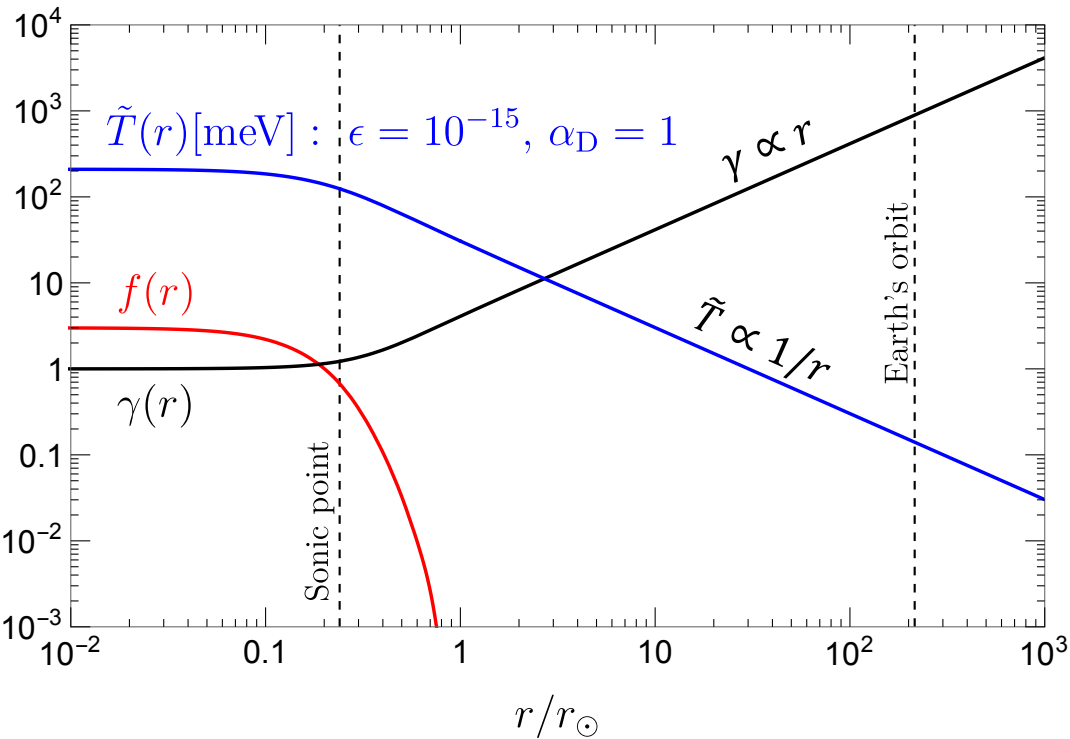
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- We can get $\tilde{T}(r)$

Dark Fluid Profiles



Similar to **Parker's solar wind**,
but asymptotes to the **fireball** solution

$$\langle E \rangle \sim \gamma \tilde{T} \sim \text{const}$$

$$n \sim \gamma \tilde{T}^3 \sim 1/r^2$$

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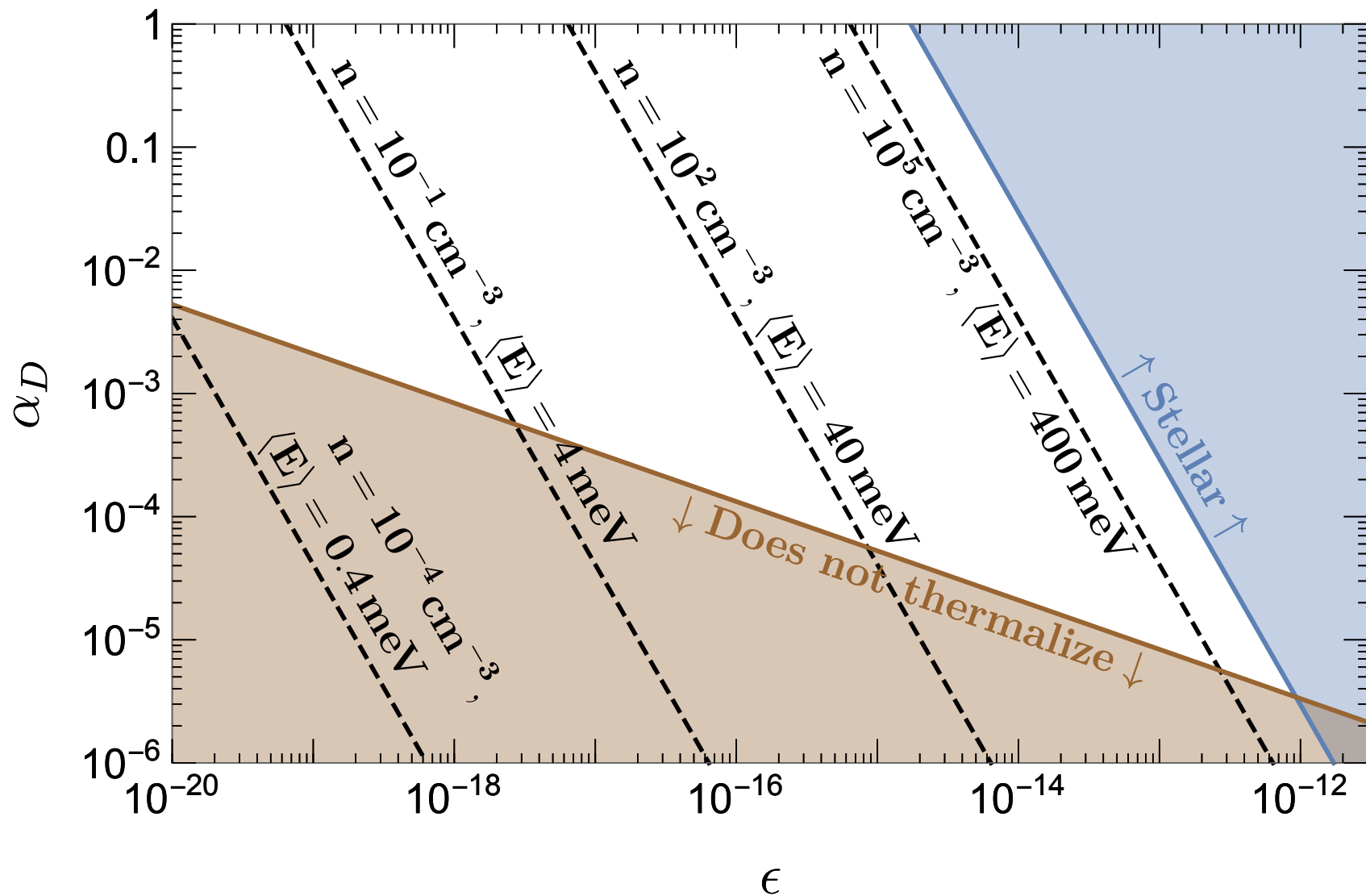
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Dark Fluid Profiles near the Earth

- $\gamma \approx 893 \left(\frac{r}{1 \text{ AU}} \right)$
- $\tilde{T} \approx 0.14 \text{ meV} \left(\frac{\epsilon}{10^{-15}} \right)^{1/2} \left(\frac{\alpha_D}{1} \right)^{1/4} \left(\frac{1 \text{ AU}}{r} \right)$
- $\langle E \rangle \sim \gamma \tilde{T} \sim 0.5 \text{ eV} \left(\frac{\epsilon}{10^{-15}} \right)^{1/2} \left(\frac{\alpha_D}{1} \right)^{1/4}$
- $n \sim \gamma \tilde{T}^3 \sim \frac{2 \times 10^5}{\text{cm}^3} \left(\frac{\epsilon}{10^{-15}} \right)^{3/2} \left(\frac{\alpha_D}{1} \right)^{3/4} \left(\frac{1 \text{ AU}}{r} \right)^2$

Parameter Space



CONCLUSIONS

Conclusions

- Dark sector particles can be produced from the Sun
- If they have strong self-interactions, they thermalize and form dark solar wind
- Dark solar wind leads unique phenomenological signatures near the Earth
- Predicts higher flux but smaller energy compared to the free-streaming case
- Dark solar wind encourages new experimental directions

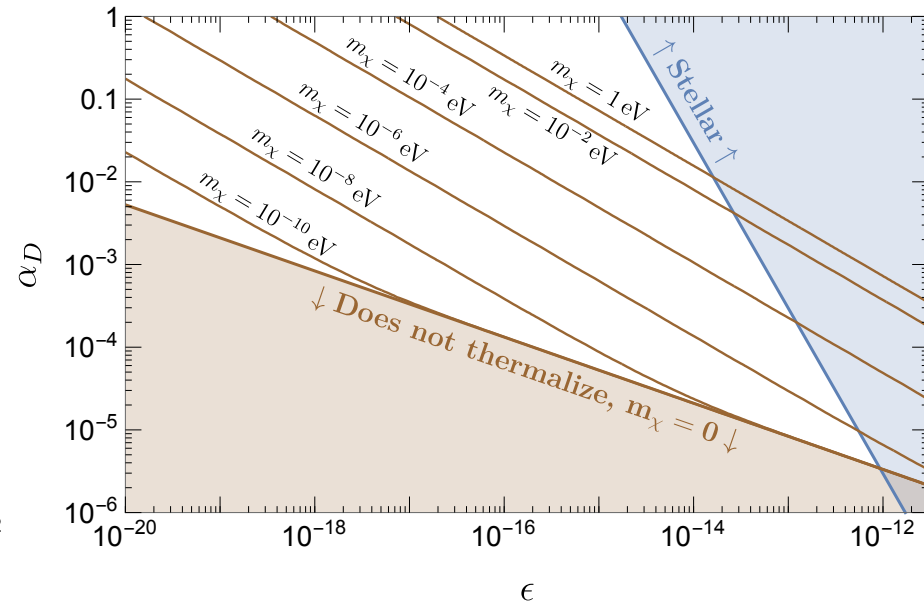
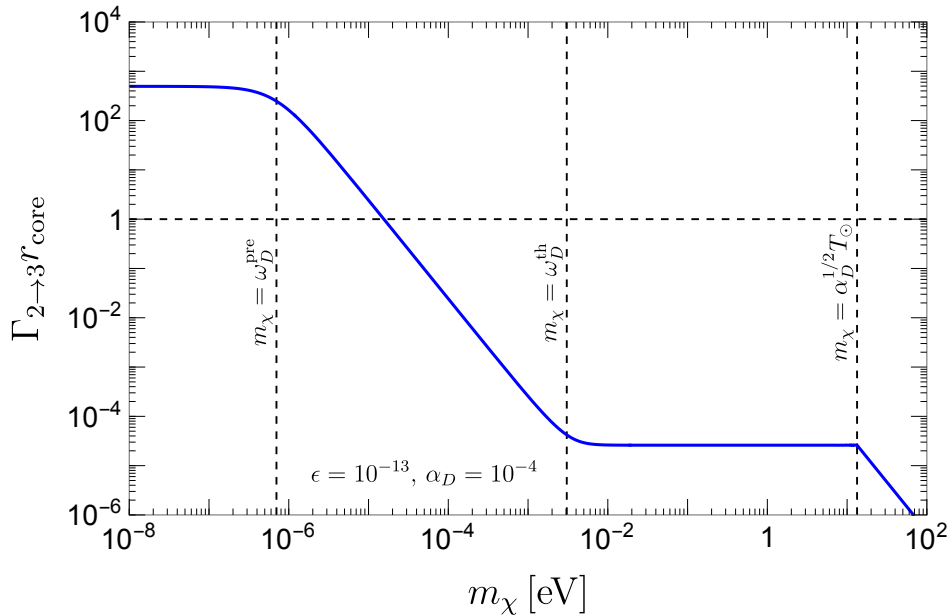
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BACK UP

Future Works

- Detection Sensitivities
- Other models
- Other astrophysical objects

Massive Cases



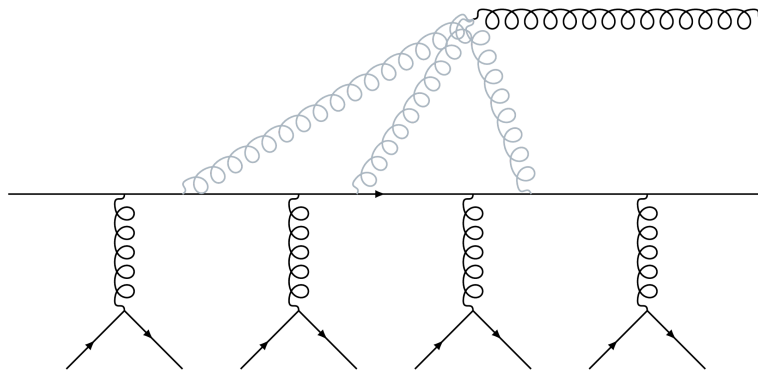
- Thermalization condition changes
- Profiles remain the same as long as dark sector particles are fully thermalized inside the Sun ($m < \tilde{T}(r_\odot)$)

Self-thermalization

- MCP produced from plasmon decay has
 - $E_{\text{hard}} \sim T_{\odot} \sim 1 \text{ keV}$
 - $n_{\text{hard}} \sim \dot{n}_c r_{\text{core}}$
 - $\omega_D \sim \left(\frac{\alpha_D n_{\text{hard}}}{E_{\text{hard}}} \right)^{1/2}$
- Naïve expectation for $\Gamma_{2 \rightarrow 3}$

$$\Gamma_{2 \rightarrow 3} \sim \alpha_D \Gamma_{2 \rightarrow 2}^{\text{soft}} \sim \alpha_D n_{\text{hard}} \langle \sigma v \rangle \sim \frac{\alpha_D^3 n_{\text{hard}}}{\omega_D^2}$$

Landau–Pomeranchuk–Migdal (LPM) Effect



Garny et al, 1810.01428

- $\Gamma_{2 \rightarrow 3} \sim \alpha_D \min[\Gamma_{2 \rightarrow 2}^{\text{soft}}, t_{\text{form}}^{-1}]$
- $t_{\text{form}}^{-1} \sim \alpha_D^{1/2} \omega_D$, always smaller in our case
- $\Gamma_{2 \rightarrow 3} \sim \alpha_D^{3/2} \omega_D > r_{\text{core}}^{-1}$
- $\epsilon \alpha_D^{5/2} > 2 \times 10^{-26}$