#### Dark Sector Overview

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#### Thermal Contact





Experiments proposed: What models live here?

#### Moore's Law



### **Cosmic Visions**



US Cosmic Visions Community Report arXiv: 1707.04591

## Outline

- I. Very Thermal
- II. Pretty Thermal
- III. Almost Thermal
- III. Not Thermal

larger coupling to visible sector



smaller coupling to visible sector

### WIMP-Like



# Light Thermal Dark Matter



light mediator

suppressed annihilations at late times

## Light Mediators



#### Sub-GeV thermal DM requires light mediators: $m_{\varphi} \sim m_{\chi}$

B. Lee and S. Weinberg, Phys.Rev.Lett. 39 (1977) 165-168

C. Boehm and P. Fayet arXiv: hep-ph/0305261

#### CMB

(DM < 10 GeV has suppressed visible annihilations at late times)

#### energy injection

$$m_{\chi} n_{\chi}^2 \langle \sigma v \rangle \sim m_{\chi} \left( \frac{\rho_{\chi}}{m_{\chi}} \right)^2 \langle \sigma v \rangle \lesssim \# \implies \langle \sigma v \rangle \lesssim m_{\chi} \times \#$$

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#### invisible mediator decays

# Fixed-Target Search





#### invisible mediator decays



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arXiv:1512.04119



 $\langle \sigma v \rangle \propto e^{-(m_{\chi'}-m_{\chi})/T}$  (coannihilation)

visible  $\chi$ ' decays







#### visible $\chi$ ' decays



#### Visible and Secluded Annihilations



arXiv:0711.4866 arXiv:1505.07107

#### Visible and Secluded Annihilations

#### visible mediator decays



$$\sin\theta \ \frac{m_f}{v} \ \phi \ \bar{f}f$$



#### Invisible Annihilations



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arXiv:1709.07001

# Hidden Sector Dynamics

( $\pi$  = Dark Matter)





 $m_V < 2 m_\pi$ 

to keep dark matter cold



Carlson, Machacek and Hall (1992) arXiv: 1402.5143 arXiv: 1801.05805

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(vector mesons are long-lived)



2-body V<sup>0</sup> decay

3-body V<sup>±</sup> decay

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freeze-out + equilibration 
$$\implies m_{\chi} \sim \left(\frac{m_{\rm Pl}}{T_{\rm eq}}\right)^{1/4} m_{\nu} \sim {\rm MeV}$$

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#### Freeze-in

Sub-MeV Freeze-Out



#### Freeze-in: Sterile Neutrino

$$-\mathcal{L} \supset y_{\nu} N L H + \frac{1}{2} M_N N^2 + \text{h.c.}$$

$$\nu\simeq i\,\nu_{\rm\scriptscriptstyle SM}-\theta\,\nu_s\ ,\ N\simeq \nu_s+i\,\theta\,\nu_{\rm\scriptscriptstyle SM}$$

$$\theta = \frac{y_{\nu} v}{\sqrt{2} M_N} \simeq \left(\frac{m_{\nu_{\rm SM}}}{m_{\nu_s}}\right)^{1/2}$$

$$\Omega_{\nu_s} \simeq \Omega_{\rm DM} \times \left(\frac{\theta}{10^{-5}}\right)^2 \left(\frac{m_{\nu_s}}{30 \text{ keV}}\right)^2$$

arXiv:hep-ph/9303287

#### Freeze-in: Sterile Neutrino

 $v_s \rightarrow v \gamma$ 



## Freeze-in: Light Mediator





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## Ultralight Bosons

# see relevant sections in arXiv:1707.04591

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#### Field-Like



 $n_{\rm DM} \ \lambda^3 \simeq \left(\frac{2\pi}{v}\right)^3 \ \frac{\rho_{\rm DM}}{m^4}$  $\simeq \mathcal{O}(100) \times \left(\frac{10^{-3}}{v}\right)^3 \ \left(\frac{\rho_{\rm DM}}{0.4 \text{ GeV} / \text{ cm}^3}\right) \ \left(\frac{10 \text{ eV}}{m_\phi}\right)^4$ 

$$\phi \simeq \frac{\sqrt{2}\,\rho_{\rm DM}}{m_{\phi}} \,\, \cos m_{\phi} \,t$$

#### Measurement of the Fine-Structure Constant



"A model consisting of the Standard Model and dark photons of any  $m_V$  or  $\epsilon$  is now incompatible with the data at up to a 99% confidence  $\mathbb{Y}$ level (CL)."

Richard H. Parker, Chenghui Yu, Weicheng Zhong, Brian Estey, and Holger Müller Science 360, 191-195 (2018) Measurement of the Fine-Structure Constant

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Experiment measures  $X = -1 \pm 0.333$ 

Experiment excludes SM + BSM at  $3\sigma$ ?

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#### Anomalies $\Rightarrow$ Models $\Rightarrow$ Signals





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#### Dark Sector Candidates, Anomalies, and Search Techniques



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