### Not So Weakly Interacting Dark Matter

#### Jörn Kersten



#### UNIVERSITY OF BERGEN

Based on Torsten Bringmann, Håvard Ihle, JK, Parampreet Walia, PRD 94, 103529 (2016) [arXiv:1603.04884] Torsten Bringmann, Jasper Hasenkamp, JK, JCAP 07, 042 (2014) [arXiv:1312.4947]







Dark Matter Interacting with Sterile Neutrinos

# **ACDM Cosmology Works Great**



Springel, Frenk, White, Nature 440 (2006)

# **ACDM Cosmology Works Great**



Springel, Frenk, White, Nature 440 (2006)

# Small-Scale Problems of Structure Formation



Kravtsov, Adv. Astron. (2010) Klypin et al., ApJ **522** (1999)

#### More galactic satellites predicted than observed



Too big to fail



Oh et al., Astron. J. **149** (2015) De Blok et al., ApJ **552** (2001)

# More cuspy density profiles predicted than observed

Boylan-Kolchin et al., MNRAS **422** (2011)

Most massive satellites predicted denser than observed

+ a few additional anomalies Bullock & Boylan-Kolchin, 1707.04256

# Small-Scale Problems of Structure Formation



Kravtsov, Adv. Astron. (2010) Klypin et al., ApJ **522** (1999)

#### More galactic satellites predicted than observed



Too big to fail



Oh et al., Astron. J. **149** (2015) De Blok et al., ApJ **552** (2001)

#### More cuspy density profiles predicted than observed

Boylan-Kolchin et al., MNRAS **422** (2011)

Most massive satellites predicted denser than observed

+ a few additional anomalies Bullock & Boylan-Kolchin, 1707.04256

~ Astrophysics solutions or new particle physics?

- Standard solution to missing satellites problem
- Neither hot nor cold
   → some free streaming
   → smaller structures washed out



Bode & Ostriker, ApJ 556 (2001)

- Standard solution to missing satellites problem
- Neither hot nor cold
   → some free streaming
   → smaller structures washed out
- Creates cores in dwarf galaxies



Bode & Ostriker, ApJ 556 (2001)

- Standard solution to missing satellites problem
- Neither hot nor cold
   some free streaming
   smaller structures washed out
- Creates cores in dwarf galaxies if free-streaming length > dwarf size → prevents formation of dwarf Catch 22 problem of WDM Macciò et al., MNRAS 424 (2012)



Bode & Ostriker, ApJ 556 (2001)







# **Chemical Decoupling**

- Better known as freeze-out (from thermal/chemical equilibrium)
- Typically  $T_{fo} \sim \frac{m_{\chi}}{25}$
- Determined by DM annihilation



# **Kinetic Decoupling**



- Many more partners for scattering than for annihilation
   → Kinetic decoupling much later than freeze-out, T<sub>kd</sub> ≪ T<sub>fo</sub>
- $T_{\chi} = T$  until kinetic decoupling

# **Kinetic Decoupling**



- Many more partners for scattering than for annihilation
   → Kinetic decoupling much later than freeze-out, T<sub>kd</sub> ≪ T<sub>fo</sub>
- $T_{\chi} = T$  until kinetic decoupling
- Standard WIMPs: T<sub>kd</sub> ≥ 1 MeV → effect negligible Bringmann, New J. Phys. 11 (2009)

# Suppressing Dwarfs by Late Kinetic Decoupling

Dark matter density fluctuations damped by

- collisional damping (viscous coupling to SM particles)
- free-streaming after kinetic decoupling
- acoustic oscillations shared with SM particles

→ Structure formation suppressed at small scales Green, Hofmann, Schwarz, JCAP 08 (2005) Loeb & Zaldarriaga, PRD 71 (2005)

Cutoff in power spectrum of density fluctuations
 Minimal halo mass Vogelsberger et al., MNRAS 460 (2016)

$$M_{
m cut} = 5 \cdot 10^{10} \left(rac{100 \ {
m eV}}{T_{
m kd}}
ight)^3 h^{-1} \ M_{\odot}$$

Want: M<sub>cut</sub> ≃ 10<sup>10</sup> M<sub>☉</sub>
 → Missing satellite problem solved with cold DM for T<sub>kd</sub> ≤ 1 keV



- Need scattering partner γ̃ with large abundance until T<sub>kd</sub> ≤ 1 keV → photon, (SM) neutrino, dark radiation
- Here: classification of all minimal possibilities Bringmann, Ihle, JK, Walia, PRD 94 (2016)



- Need scattering partner γ̃ with large abundance until T<sub>kd</sub> ≤ 1 keV → photon, (SM) neutrino, dark radiation
- Here: classification of all minimal possibilities Bringmann, Ihle, JK, Walia, PRD 94 (2016)
- Scattering amplitude close to kinetic decoupling:

$$|\mathcal{M}|^2 \simeq c_n (E_{\tilde{\gamma}}/m_{\chi})^n$$

•  $M_{\rm cut} \simeq 10^{10} \, M_{\odot}$  needs large coefficients  $c_n$  and/or light dark matter

# **Model Classification**

- Consider all dark matter and dark radiation spin combinations
- Assume Z<sub>2</sub> symmetry to stabilize dark matter
- Consider all renormalizable and gauge-invariant interactions
- Types of scattering diagrams:



- Take into account inherently related processes
  - Dark matter relic density  $(\chi \chi \rightarrow \tilde{\gamma} \tilde{\gamma})$
  - Dark matter self-interactions ( $\chi\chi \to \chi\chi$ )

# **Two-Particle Models**

		Late kinetic decoupling	DM relic density	DM self- interactions				
$\tilde{\gamma} \setminus \chi$		Scalar			Fermion			Vector
	TOP	LKD	TP	$\sigma_T$	LKD	TP	$\sigma_T$	
	4p	$m_\chi \lesssim \text{MeV}$	Yes	Constant		(only dim > 4)		
Scalar	t	$m_{\tilde{\gamma}} \sim 1 \text{ keV}$ $m_{\chi} \gtrsim 100 \alpha_{\chi}^{3/5} \text{ TeV}$	$\langle \sigma_T \rangle_{30}$ (for $m_\chi \gtrsim 1 \text{ MeV}$ )	Yukawa	$m_{\tilde{\gamma}} \sim 1 \text{ keV}$ $m_{\chi} \gtrsim 100 \alpha_{\chi}^{3/5} \text{ TeV}$	$\langle \sigma_T \rangle_{30}$ (for $m_\chi \gtrsim 1 \mathrm{MeV}$ )	Yukawa	$\langle \sigma_T \rangle_{30}$
	s/u		$\langle \sigma_T \rangle_{30}$			$\langle \sigma_T \rangle_{30}$		
Fermion		(only dim > 4 due to $Z_2$ )			(only dim $> 4$ )			$Z_2$
	4p (only dim > 4)			(only dim $> 4)$			$Z_2$	
Vector	s/u	$\langle \sigma_T \rangle_{30}$			$\langle \sigma_T \rangle_{30}$			
	SU(N)	$m_{\tilde{\gamma}} \sim 1 \text{ keV}$ $m_{\chi} \gtrsim 10 \alpha_{\chi}^{3/5} \text{ TeV}$	$\langle \sigma_T \rangle_{30}$ (for $m_\chi \gtrsim 1 \text{ MeV}$ )	Yukawa	$m_{\tilde{\gamma}} \sim 1 \text{ keV}$ $m_{\chi} \gtrsim 10 \alpha_{\chi}^{3/5} \text{ TeV}$	$\langle \sigma_T \rangle_{30}$ (for $m_\chi \gtrsim 1 \text{MeV}$ )	Yukawa	$(\text{only broken} \\ SU(M) \rightarrow \\ SU(N))$

- Massless DR and MeV DM possible for scalar portal:  $\mathcal{L} \supset \chi^2 \tilde{\gamma}^2$
- Scalar or non-Abelian keV DR and scalar or fermion DM possible

# **Three-Particle Models**

#### • Additional particle in *s*/*u*-channel

- Nearly degenerate with DM
   on-shell enhancement
- Solution of missing satellites possible for  $m_{\chi} \lesssim 10 \text{ GeV}$



# **Three-Particle Models**

#### • Additional particle in *s*/*u*-channel

- Nearly degenerate with DM
   on-shell enhancement
- Solution of missing satellites possible for  $m_{\chi} \lesssim 10 \text{ GeV}$
- Additional particle V in t-channel
  - Light ~> enhanced scattering rate
  - Missing satellites solved for almost any DM mass
  - Correct DM density from  $\chi\chi \rightarrow VV$
  - DM self-interactions

~ all small-scale problems solved





#### Dark matter annihilation to light mediator $\chi\chi \rightarrow VV$ enhanced by

- Sommerfeld effect Bringmann, Kahlhoefer, Schmidt-Hoberg, Walia, PRL 118 (2017)
- Bound state formation Cirelli, Panci, Petraki, Sala, Taoso, JCAP 05 (2017)
- Ruled out by CMB and indirect DM searches, if mediator decays dominantly to SM particles

#### Dark matter annihilation to light mediator $\chi\chi \rightarrow VV$ enhanced by

- Sommerfeld effect Bringmann, Kahlhoefer, Schmidt-Hoberg, Walia, PRL 118 (2017)
- Bound state formation Cirelli, Panci, Petraki, Sala, Taoso, JCAP 05 (2017)
- Ruled out by CMB and indirect DM searches, if mediator decays dominantly to SM particles
- → Way out: invisible decays







- Dark matter  $\chi$ 
  - Standard Model singlet
  - Charged under  $U(1)_X$  gauge interaction
  - Mass  $m_\chi \sim {
    m TeV}$
- Light gauge boson V,  $m_V \sim \text{MeV}$
- → Long-range, velocity-dependent interaction
   → Less cuspy density profiles
- → Cusp-core and too big to fail solved

Feng, Kaplinghat, Yu, PRL **104** (2010) Loeb, Weiner, PRL **106** (2011) Vogelsberger, Zavala, Loeb, MNRAS **423** (2012)



# Enter the Sterile Neutrino

- Sterile neutrino  $N \equiv \tilde{\gamma}$ 
  - Mass  $m_N \lesssim eV$
  - Forms dark radiation
  - Standard Model singlet
  - Charged under  $U(1)_X$  ("secret interactions")
- Dark matter scatters off sterile neutrinos



# Enter the Sterile Neutrino

- Sterile neutrino  $N \equiv \tilde{\gamma}$ 
  - Mass  $m_N \lesssim eV$
  - Forms dark radiation
  - Standard Model singlet
  - Charged under  $U(1)_X$  ("secret interactions")
- Dark matter scatters off sterile neutrinos
- → Late kinetic decoupling

#### ~ All small-scale problems of structure formation solved

Bringmann, Hasenkamp, JK, JCAP **07** (2014) Dasgupta, Kopp, PRL **112** (2014) Ko, Tang, PLB **739** (2014) Chu, Dasgupta, PRL **113** (2014)

#### $\rightsquigarrow$ Dark matter annihilation constraints avoided by decay $V \rightarrow NN$



### **Dark Matter Production**

• High temperatures:  $U(1)_X$  sector thermalized via Higgs portal

 $\mathcal{L}_{\mathsf{Higgs}} \supset \kappa |H|^2 |\Theta|^2$ 

- $\langle \Theta \rangle \sim \text{MeV}$  breaks  $U(1)_X$
- $T_{\chi} \sim m_{\chi}/25$ : freeze-out (chemical decoupling) of dark matter

$$\Omega_{\chi} h^2 \sim 0.11 \left(rac{0.67}{g_{\chi}}
ight)^4 \left(rac{m_{\chi}}{ ext{TeV}}
ight)^2$$

(neglecting bound state formation)



# Cold Dark Matter Parameter Space



- Blue band can be moved vertically by changing sterile neutrino charge and temperature
- Crosses: simulations show that too big to fail solved

# Hints for Hot Dark Matter

- 3  $\sigma$  tension: CMB (z > 1000) vs. local (z < 10) observations
- Expansion rate
  - Planck:  $H_0 = (67.8 \pm 0.9) \frac{\text{km}}{\text{s Mpc}}$  A&A 594 (2016)
  - Hubble:  $H_0 = (73.24 \pm 1.74) \frac{\text{km}}{\text{s Mpc}}$  Riess et al., ApJ 826 (2016)
- Magnitude of matter density fluctuations (σ<sub>8</sub>)
- Resolved by hot dark matter component  $\simeq$  dark radiation
- Best fit:

$$\Delta N_{\rm eff} = 0.61$$
$$m_s^{\rm eff} \equiv \left(\frac{T_s}{T_\nu}\right)^3 m_s = 0.41 \text{ eV}$$

Hamann, Hasenkamp, JCAP **10** (2013) Gariazzo, Giunti, Laveder, JHEP **11** (2013) Wyman, Rudd, Vanderveld, Hu, PRL **112** (2014) Battye, Moss, PRL **112** (2014)

~ Added value of sterile neutrino



- *T* ↓ → Higgs portal no longer effective
   → *U*(1)<sub>X</sub> sector decouples at *T*<sup>dpl</sup><sub>X</sub> (depending on κ)
- SM particles becoming non-relativistic afterwards heat SM bath, not U(1)<sub>X</sub> bath → T<sub>N</sub> < T<sub>ν</sub> (depending on number of d.o.f. g<sub>\*</sub>)

$$\Delta N_{\text{eff}}(T) = \left(\frac{T_N}{T_\nu}\right)^4 = \left(\frac{g_{*,\nu}}{g_{*,N}}\right)^{\frac{4}{3}} \bigg|_T \left(\frac{g_{*,N}}{g_{*,\nu}}\right)^{\frac{4}{3}} \bigg|_{T_x^{\text{dpl}}}$$
$$\Delta N_{\text{eff}|\text{BBN}} < \left(\frac{58.4}{g_{*,\nu}(T_x^{\text{dpl}})}\right)^{\frac{4}{3}} \stackrel{!}{\lesssim} 1$$

→ BBN bounds satisfied for  $T_x^{dpl} \gtrsim 1 \text{ GeV}$ → Correct order of magnitude for hot dark matter hint

# Sterile Neutrino Production by Oscillations

- Standard scenario: mixing between active and sterile neutrinos
   → oscillations → ΔN<sub>eff</sub> ≃ 1 → ruled out by Planck
- U(1)<sub>X</sub> interactions → effective matter potential suppresses mixing
   → no production by oscillations for T ≥ MeV

Hannestad, Hansen, Tram, PRL **112** (2014) Dasgupta, Kopp, PRL **112** (2014)

# *T* < MeV: mixing unsuppressed</li> → additional production of sterile neutrinos via U(1)<sub>X</sub>

Bringmann, Hasenkamp, JK, JCAP **07** (2014) Mirizzi, Mangano, Pisanti, Saviano, PRD **91** (2015) Tang, PLB **750** (2015) Chu, Dasgupta, Kopp, JCAP **10** (2015) Cherry, Friedland, Shoemaker, arXiv:1605.06506 Forastieri et al., JCAP **07** (2017)

# Sterile Neutrino Production by Oscillations

- Standard scenario: mixing between active and sterile neutrinos
   → oscillations → ΔN<sub>eff</sub> ≃ 1 → ruled out by Planck
- U(1)<sub>X</sub> interactions → effective matter potential suppresses mixing
   → no production by oscillations for T ≥ MeV

Hannestad, Hansen, Tram, PRL **112** (2014) Dasgupta, Kopp, PRL **112** (2014)

*T* < MeV: mixing unsuppressed</li>
 → additional production of sterile neutrinos via U(1)<sub>X</sub>

Bringmann, Hasenkamp, JK, JCAP 07 (2014) Mirizzi, Mangano, Pisanti, Saviano, PRD 91 (2015) Tang, PLB 750 (2015) Chu, Dasgupta, Kopp, JCAP 10 (2015) Cherry, Friedland, Shoemaker, arXiv:1605.06506 Forastieri et al., JCAP 07 (2017)

# $\rightsquigarrow$ Cosmology ( $\Delta N_{\text{eff}}$ ) still fine, but $m_N$ too small to explain neutrino oscillation anomalies

• Late kinetic decoupling can solve missing satellites problem

- Need new dark radiation particle as scattering partner
- Favorite scenario: *t*-channel mediator with mass ~ MeV
   → correct dark matter relic density
  - ~ DM self-interactions solve cusp-core, too big to fail problems
- Concrete model
  - $\bullet~$  Dark matter with mass  $\sim \text{TeV}$
  - $\bullet~Sterile~neutrino~with~mass \lesssim eV \rightsquigarrow$  small hot DM component
  - $\bullet\,$  Gauge boson with mass  $\sim MeV \rightsquigarrow$  secret interactions

- Need scattering partner  $\tilde{\gamma}$  with large abundance until  $T_{kd} \lesssim 1 \text{ keV} \rightarrow \text{photon}$ , (SM) neutrino, dark radiation
- Here: classification of all minimal possibilities

Bringmann, Ihle, JK, Walia, PRD 94 (2016)

- Need scattering partner γ̃ with large abundance until T<sub>kd</sub> ≤ 1 keV → photon, (SM) neutrino, dark radiation
- Here: classification of all minimal possibilities Bringmann, Ihle, JK, Walia, PRD 94 (2016)
- Scattering amplitude close to kinetic decoupling:

$$|\mathcal{M}|^{2} \simeq c_{n} (E_{\tilde{\gamma}}/m_{\chi})^{n}$$

$$\rightsquigarrow M_{\text{cut}} \simeq M_{n} \left(\frac{T_{\tilde{\gamma}}}{T}\right)^{3\frac{n+4}{n+2}} \left(\frac{c_{n}}{10^{-3}}\right)^{\frac{3}{n+2}} \left(\frac{100 \text{ GeV}}{m_{\chi}}\right)^{3\frac{n+3}{n+2}}$$

$$\chi$$

$$\tilde{\gamma}$$

$$\tilde{\gamma}$$





 $\rightarrow$  Need large coefficients  $c_n$  and/or light dark matter

# Timeline

t  $\uparrow$   $\gtrsim m_{\chi} \sim$  TeV: thermalization of  $U(1)_X$  sector  $T_{\chi}^{\text{fo}} \sim m_{\chi}/25$ : CDM freeze-out  $T_x^{\text{dpl}} \gtrsim 10 \text{ GeV}$ :  $U(1)_X$  sector decoupling SM particles heat SM bath matter effects prevent  $N_1$  overproduction  $+ T_{\nu}^{\text{dpl}} \sim \text{MeV}$ : active neutrino decoupling  $\begin{array}{c|c} \mathbf{B} \\ \mathbf{N} \\$  $M + T_{eq} \sim 1$  eV: matter-radiation equality  $\begin{array}{c|c} \mathbf{B} & T_{\gamma}^{\mathrm{dpl}} \sim 0.2 \text{ eV: photon decoupling} \\ & N_1 \text{ becomes non-relativistic} \\ \mathrm{CDM-CDM \ scattering \ via \ Yukawa \ potential} \\ \end{array}$  $\mathbf{\downarrow} \mathbf{T} T_0 \sim 0.2 \text{ meV: today}$ 

- Dirac fermion  $\chi$  (dark matter),  $m_{\chi} \sim {\rm TeV}$
- Gauge boson V, m<sub>V</sub> ~ MeV
- Kinetic mixing  $F^{\chi}_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu}$ ,  $F^{\chi}_{\mu\nu}Z^{\mu\nu}$  negligible
- Scalar  $\Theta$  breaking  $U(1)_X$ ,  $\langle \Theta \rangle \sim MeV$
- Light sterile neutrino  $N, m_N \lesssim eV$
- Heavier sterile neutrino  $N_2$ ,  $m_{N_2} \sim \text{MeV} \rightsquigarrow$  cancel anomalies
- Scalar  $\xi$ ,  $\langle \xi \rangle < \langle \Theta \rangle \rightsquigarrow$  active-sterile neutrino mixing

$$\mathcal{L}_N \supset -rac{Y_M}{2} \Theta^\dagger \, \overline{N^c} N - rac{Y'_M}{2} \Theta \, \overline{N_2^c} N_2 - rac{Y_\nu}{\Lambda} \xi \widetilde{\phi} \, \overline{\ell_L} N + ext{h.c.}$$

# Sterile Neutrino Production by Oscillations

- Standard scenario: mixing between active and sterile neutrinos
   → oscillations → ΔN<sub>eff</sub> ≃ 1
- U(1)<sub>X</sub> interactions → effective matter potential suppresses mixing
   → no production by oscillations for T ≥ MeV
   Hannestad, Hansen, Tram, PRL 112 (2014); Dasgupta, Kopp, PRL 112 (2014)
- *T* < MeV: mixing unsuppressed</li>
   → additional production of sterile neutrinos via U(1)<sub>X</sub>?
   Bringmann, Hasenkamp, JK, JCAP 07 (2014)
- Oscillations + U(1)<sub>X</sub>-mediated scatterings NN → NN
   → N re-thermalize: T<sub>N</sub> = T<sub>ν</sub>
   Mirizzi, Mangano, Pisanti, Saviano, PRD 91 (2015); Tang, PLB 750 (2015)
- Irreversible process ~→ only kinetic equilibrium Chu, Dasgupta, Kopp, JCAP 10 (2015)
- $\rightsquigarrow \Delta N_{\text{eff}}|_{\text{CMB}} \simeq \text{const.}$ , but  $T_N \uparrow \rightsquigarrow m_s^{\text{eff}} \uparrow$  $\rightsquigarrow \text{Cosmology still fine, but neutrino anomalies not explained}$

#### $m_N \sim 1 \; { m eV} > T_{ m rec} \sim 0.3 \; { m eV}$

#### → sterile neutrinos not highly relativistic during CMB epoch

Jacques, Krauss, Lunardini, PRD 87 (2013)

$$N_{ ext{eff}} = N_{ ext{eff}}^{ ext{rel}} \left( rac{3}{4} + rac{1}{4} \, rac{P_{m_N=1 \, ext{eV}}}{P_{m_N=0}} 
ight)$$

 $\rightsquigarrow N_{\rm eff}\downarrow$ 

 $\rightarrow$  even  $\Delta N_{\text{eff}} < 0$  possible  $\rightarrow$  possible test for scenario

Mirizzi, Mangano, Pisanti, Saviano, PRD **91** (2015) Chu, Dasgupta, Kopp, JCAP **10** (2015)

# **Cosmological Mass Bound**

- CMB + BAO  $\rightsquigarrow m_s^{eff} <$  0.38 eV at 95% CL Planck, A&A 594 (2016)
- Bound due to free-streaming of sterile neutrinos
- $U(1)_X$  interactions  $\rightsquigarrow$  free-streaming scale reduced
- Most sensitive constraints from Ly- $\alpha$  forest



Chu, Dasgupta, Kopp, JCAP 10 (2015)

 $\rightsquigarrow m_N \sim$  1 eV can be consistent with cosmology