

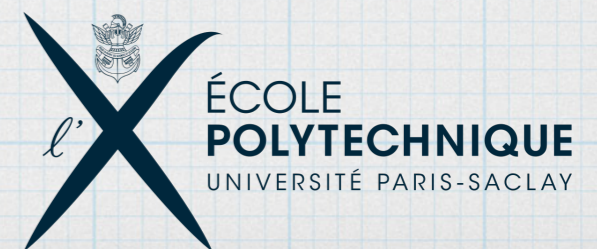
# Moduli Portal Dark Matter

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Discussed in detail  
during the previous  
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# Introduction

- \* **Scalar fields corresponding to flat directions are called moduli fields.**
- \* **They are usually massless, non-perturbative effects can give a small mass to these fields.**
- \* **Moduli fields usually have gravitational interactions, or in other words have Planck mass suppressed interactions.**
- \* **Due to Planck suppressed interaction to the matter, moduli could serve as mediator to dark matter in Freeze-in scenario.**

# Constraints on Moduli

- \* Moduli are light and have gravitational interactions  $\Rightarrow$  long lived!

- \* Moduli would decay at present time if

$$\Gamma_{\mathcal{J}} \sim H_0 \Rightarrow m_{\mathcal{J}} = (H_0 m_P^2)^{1/3} \sim 20 \text{ MeV}$$

- \* if  $10^{-26} \text{ eV} < m_{\mathcal{J}} < 20 \text{ MeV}$ , moduli has not decayed until now and there is too much energy stored in it.

- \* for  $20 \text{ MeV} < m_{\mathcal{J}} < 10 \text{ TeV}$ , the entropy release following the modulus decay is too large to be consistent with present observations.

Coughlan et al., '83  
Goncharov et al. '84  
Ellis et al., '86

# Model Set-up

- \* We decompose the moduli as  $\mathcal{T} \equiv s + i a$
- \* We assume the imaginary part of the modulus possesses a shift symmetry  $\Rightarrow$  real part of the modulus has non-derivative coupling to other fields.
- \* Lagrangian to be CP-symmetric and we consider terms until  $d=6$ .

# Lagrangian

## Scalar DM

$$\mathcal{L} \supset -\frac{1}{\Lambda} \left[ \alpha_{\Phi} s D^{\mu} \Phi D_{\mu} \Phi + (\alpha_{\Phi} (\partial_{\mu} s) + \beta_{\Phi} (\partial_{\mu} a)) \Phi D^{\mu} \Phi \right]$$

## Fermionic DM

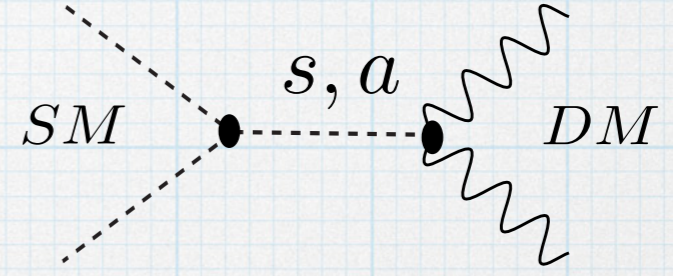
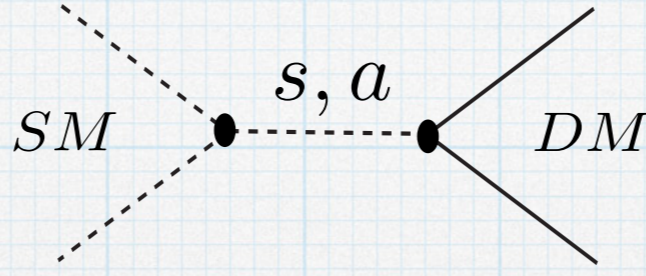
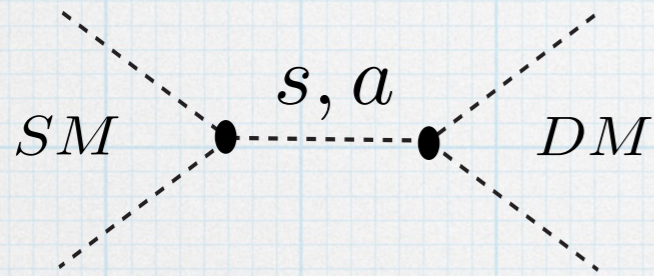
$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L} \supset -\frac{1}{\Lambda} & \left[ \alpha_{\Psi} (s \bar{\Psi} \not{D} \Psi + \partial_{\mu} s \bar{\Psi} \gamma^{\mu} \Psi + \partial_{\mu} s \bar{\Psi} i \gamma_5 \gamma^{\mu} \Psi) \right. \\ & + \alpha'_{\Psi} (s \bar{\Psi} i \gamma_5 \not{D} \Psi + \partial_{\mu} s \bar{\Psi} i \gamma_5 \gamma^{\mu} \Psi + \text{h.c.}) \\ & \left. + \beta_{\Psi} \partial_{\mu} a \bar{\Psi} \gamma^{\mu} \Psi + \beta'_{\Psi} (\partial_{\mu} a \bar{\Psi} i \gamma_5 \gamma^{\mu} \Psi + \text{h.c.}) \right] \end{aligned}$$

## Vector DM

$$\mathcal{L} \supset -\frac{1}{\Lambda} \left[ \alpha_V s V_{\mu\nu} V^{\mu\nu} + \beta_V a V_{\mu\nu} \widetilde{V}^{\mu\nu} \right]$$

# Rates

$$R(T)_{s_i \rightarrow s_f(j)} = \frac{N_i N_f S_i S_f}{32(2\pi)^6} \int_{4m_{DM}^2}^{\infty} ds \int d\Omega |\mathcal{M}|_{s_i \rightarrow s_f(j)}^2 \sqrt{1 - \frac{4m_{DM}^2}{s}} \int_0^{\infty} dp_1 f_1 \int_{\frac{s}{4p_1}}^{\infty} dp_2 f_2$$



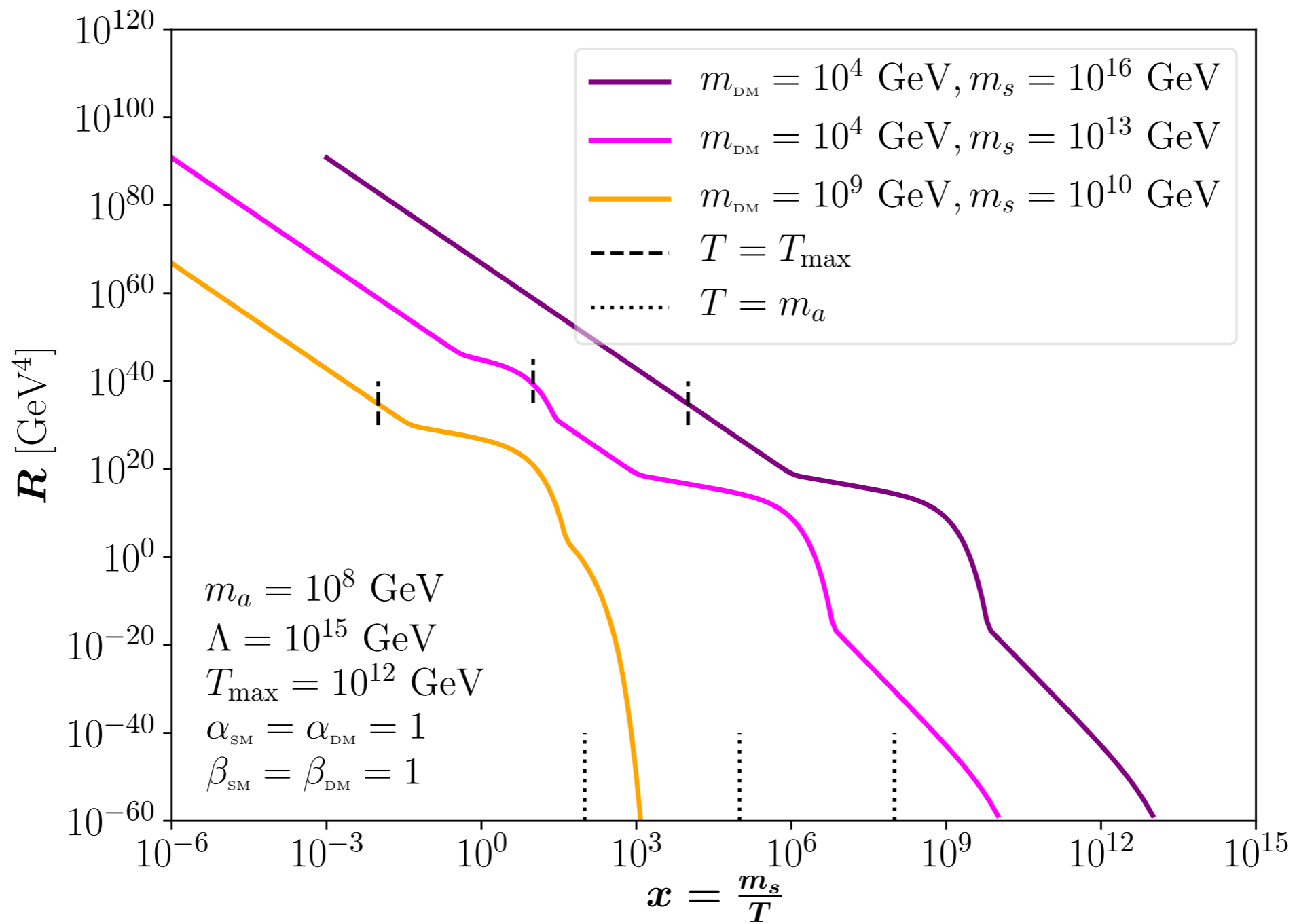
## Scalar DM production rate from moduli

$$\lambda_{i,0}^j$$

$s_i \backslash j$	$s$	$a$
0	$16\alpha_{SM}^2 \alpha_{DM}^2$	$\beta_{SM}^2 \beta_{DM}^2$
1	$32\alpha_{SM}^2 \alpha_{DM}^2$	$8\beta_{SM}^2 \beta_{DM}^2$

$$R(T)_{s_i \rightarrow 0(M_j)} \approx \begin{cases} \frac{\pi^2}{43200} \lambda_{i,0}^j \frac{T^8}{\Lambda^4} & \text{(light regime)} \\ \frac{1}{4096\pi^5} \lambda_{i,0}^j \frac{M_j^8}{\Lambda^4 \Gamma_j} T K_1\left(\frac{M_j}{T}\right) & \text{(NWA regime)} \\ \frac{16\pi^6}{19845} \lambda_{i,0}^j \frac{T^{12}}{\Lambda^4 M_j^4} & \text{(heavy regime)} \end{cases}$$





# DM Evolution

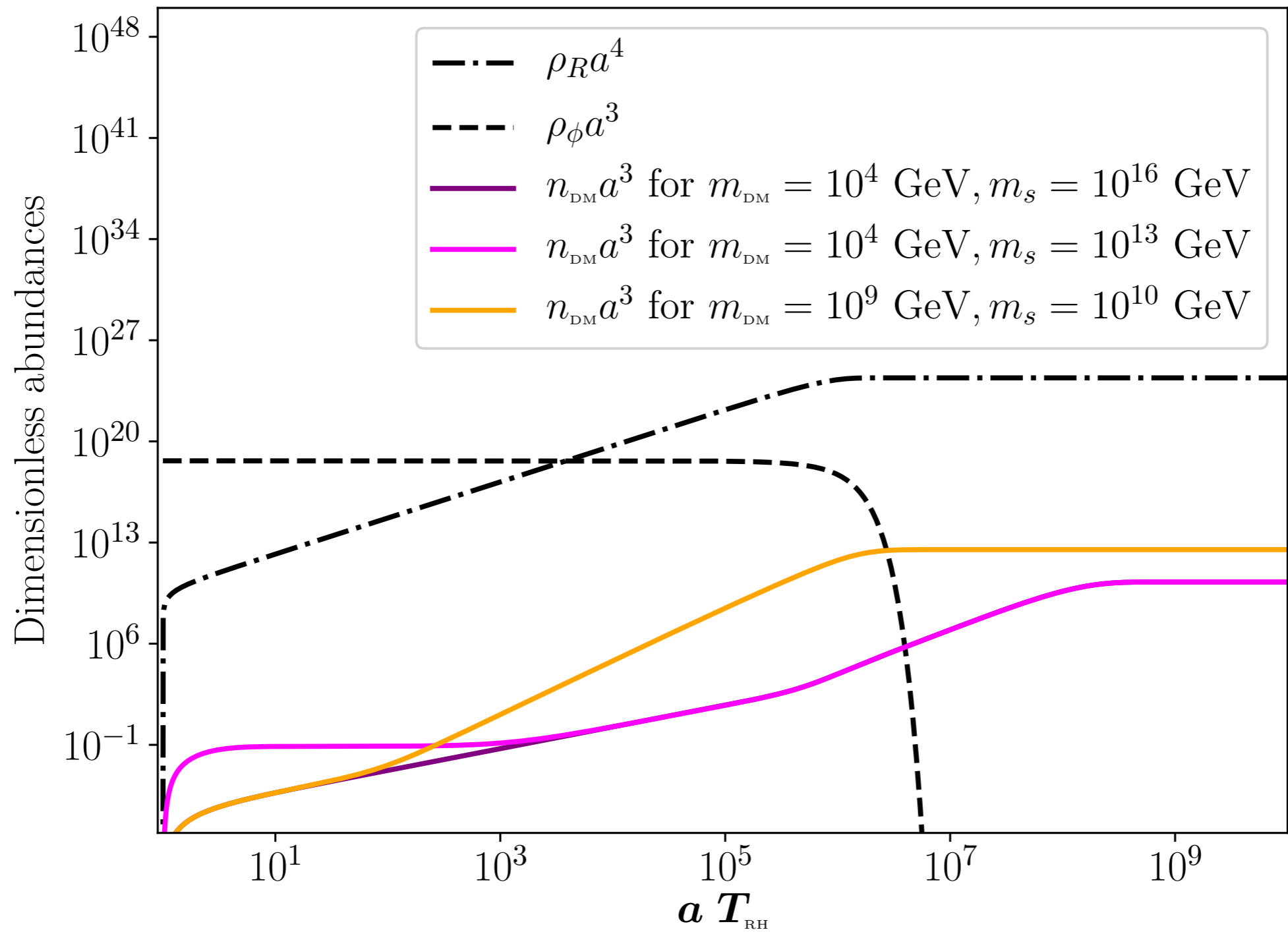
$$\frac{d\rho_\phi}{dt} = -3H\rho_\phi - \Gamma_\phi\rho_\phi$$

$$\frac{d\rho_R}{dt} = -4H\rho_R + \Gamma_\phi\rho_\phi + 2\langle\sigma v\rangle\langle E_{\text{DM}}\rangle [n_{\text{DM}}^2 - (n_{\text{DM}}^{\text{eq}})^2]$$

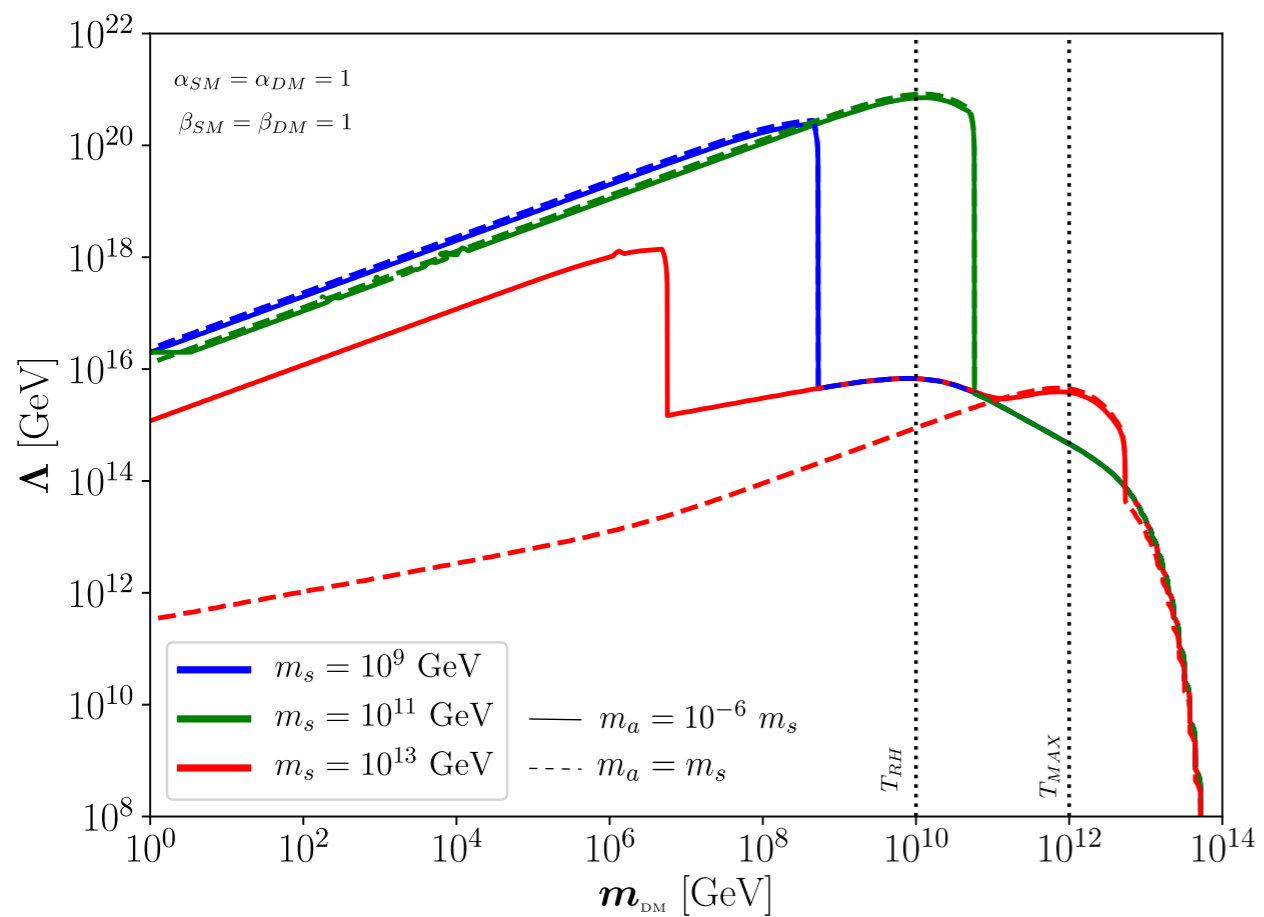
$$\frac{dn_{\text{DM}}}{dt} = -3Hn_{\text{DM}} - \langle\sigma v\rangle\langle E_{\text{DM}}\rangle [n_{\text{DM}}^2 - (n_{\text{DM}}^{\text{eq}})^2]$$

Chung et al. '99,  
Giudice et al. '01

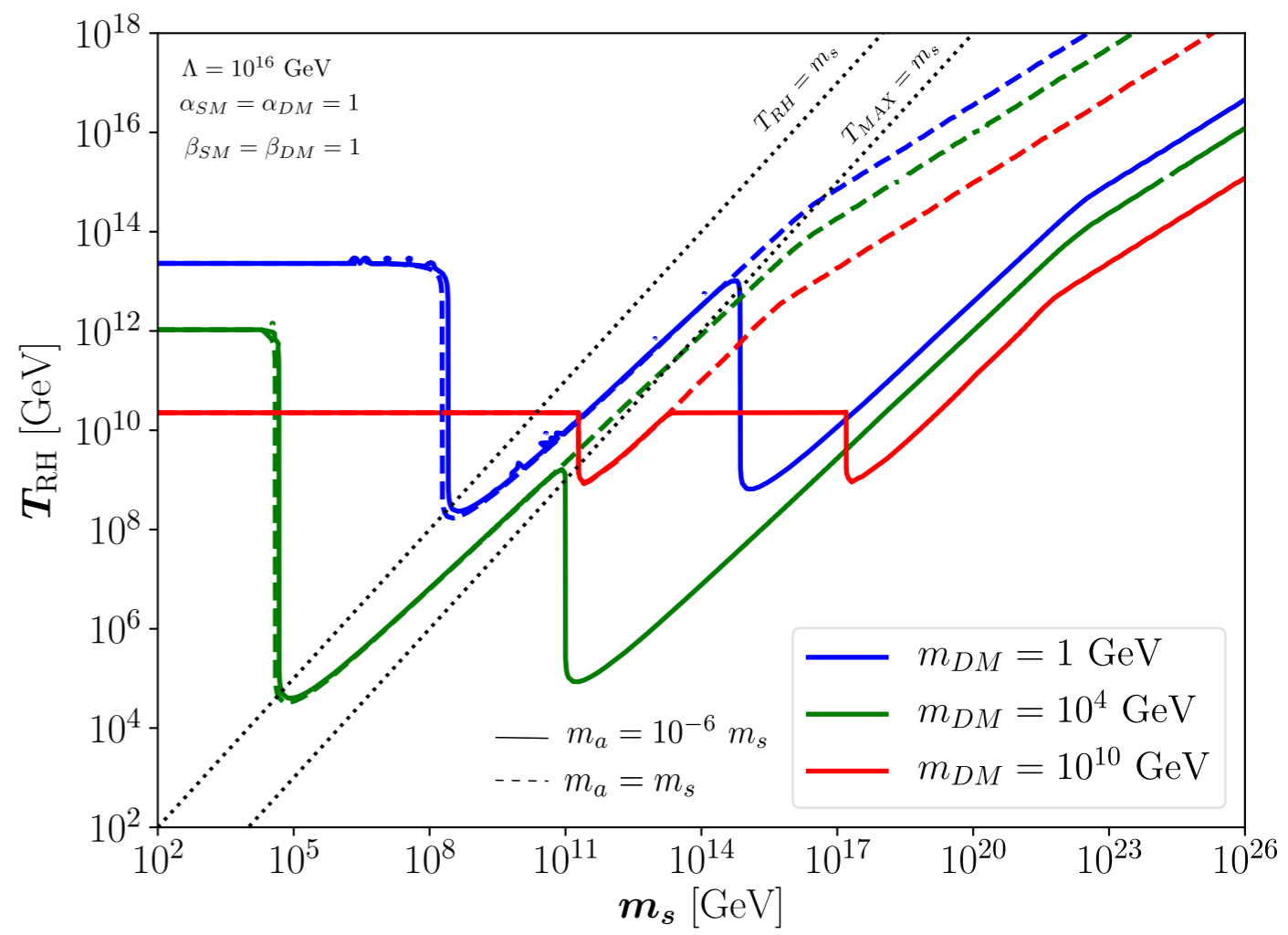
$$H^2 = \frac{1}{3M_{\text{P}}^2} (\rho_\phi + \rho_R + \rho_{\text{DM}})$$



# Results



**PRELIMINARY!**



# Conclusion

- \* Modulus field usually have Planck mass suppressed interactions, thus is an excellent candidate as a mediator for Freeze-in dark matter scenario.
- \* The DM production gets enhanced due to s-channel production at  $T \simeq m_{\mathcal{J}} = 2m_{\text{DM}}$ .
- \* In most of the parameter space considered, non-derivative terms are suppressed compared to the derivative terms.

*Thank You!!*

**Extras**

