

# Gravitational portals during reheating

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## Based on :

- *Gravitational portals in the early Universe*, SC, Y.Mambrini, K.A. Olive, S. Verner, **2112.15214**
- *Gravitational Portals with Non-Minimal Couplings*, SC, Y. Mambrini, K. A. Olive, A. Shkerin, S. Verner, **2203.02004**
- *Gravity as a Portal to Reheating, Leptogenesis and Dark Matter*, B. Barman, SC, R. Co, Y. Mambrini, K.A. Olive,  
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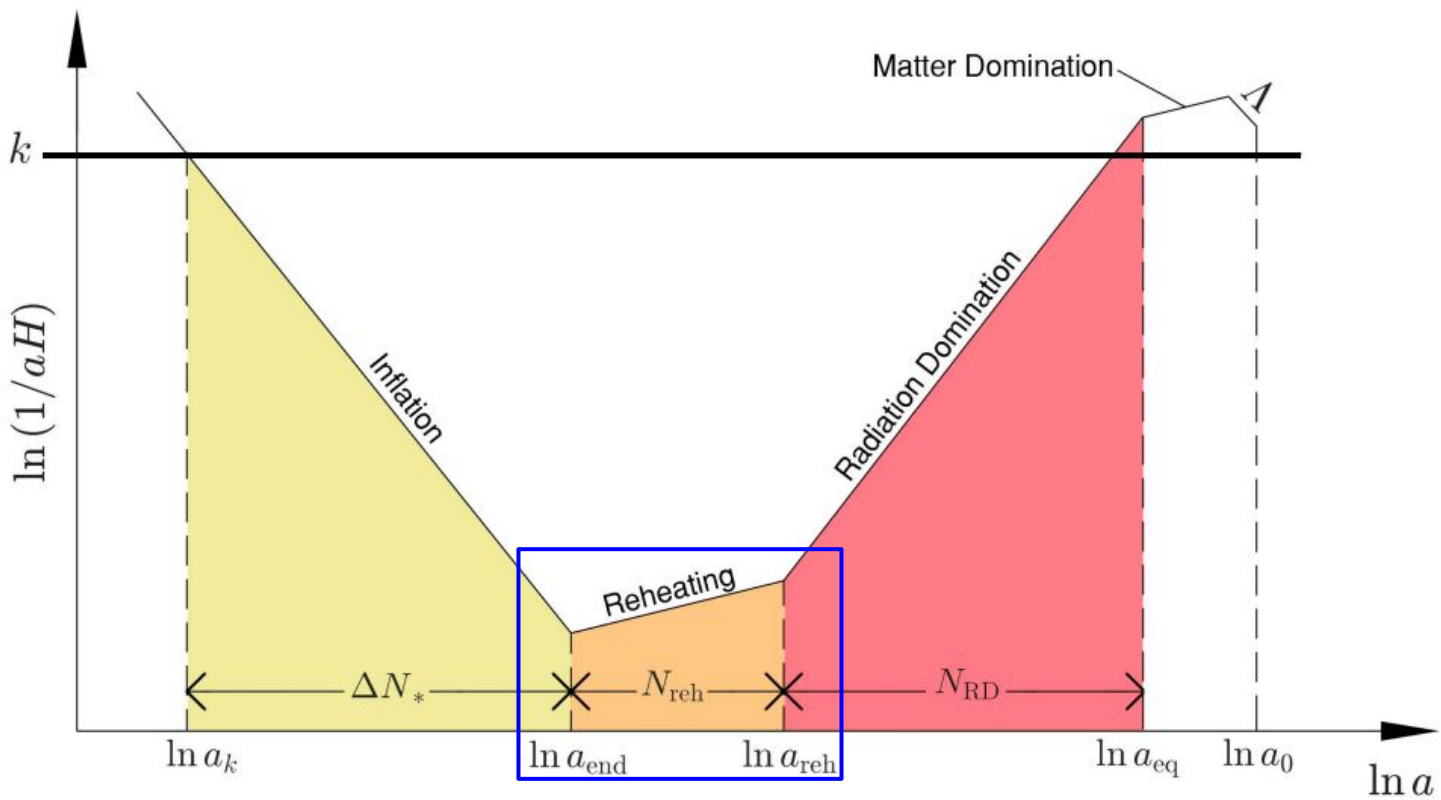


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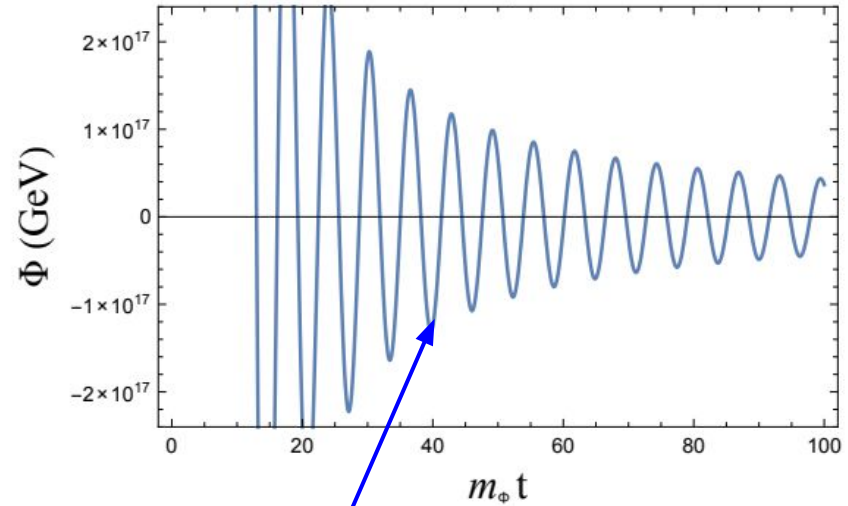
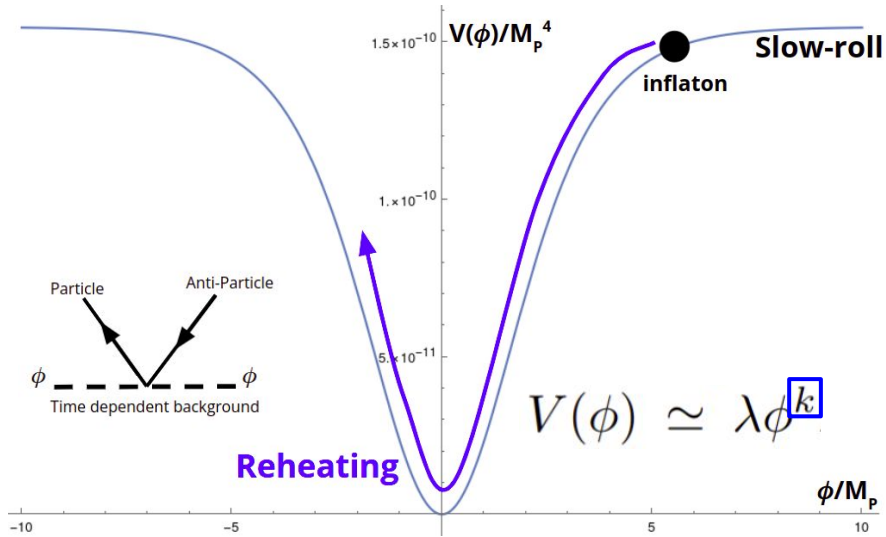
# Focus points

- 1 - Inflation and reheating
- 2 - Minimal gravitational portal
- 3 - Non-minimal coupling to gravity
- 4 - Gravitational reheating
- 5 - Gravity as a portal to reheating leptogenesis and DM

# 1- Inflationary reheating



From (P)reheating Effects of the Kähler Moduli Inflation I Model, Islam Khan, Aaron C. Vincent and Guy Worthey, 2111.11050



Redshifted envelop and frequency of the oscillations depend on the shape of the potential near the minimum

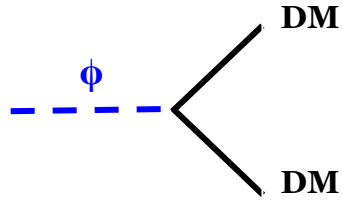
EOM:  $\ddot{\phi}(t) + 3H\dot{\phi}(t) + \Gamma\dot{\phi}(t) + V'(\phi(t)) = 0$

Couplings of the inflaton with the other fields induce transfer of energy during the oscillations: (p)reheating!

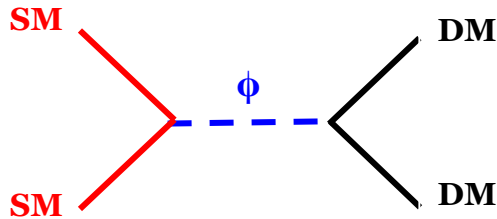
$$w = \frac{P_\phi}{\rho_\phi} = \frac{\frac{1}{2}\langle\dot{\phi}^2\rangle - \langle V(\phi)\rangle}{\frac{1}{2}\langle\dot{\phi}^2\rangle + \langle V(\phi)\rangle} = \frac{k-2}{k+2}$$

# Perturbative processes (for non perturbative preheating and production during inflation →Mathias' talk !)

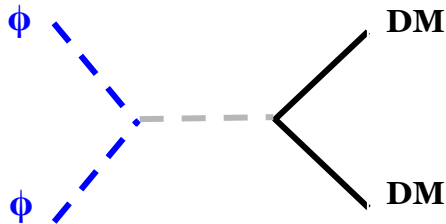
Inflaton sector can also handle non-thermal Dark Matter (DM) production through perturbative processes



→ From inflaton background direct decay to DM, see for example *Reheating and Post-inflationary Production of Dark Matter*, Garcia, Kaneta, Mambrini, Olive, **2004.08404**



→ From inflaton portal, in which the inflaton mediates between SM and DM sectors, see *The Inflaton Portal to Dark Matter*, Heurtier, **1707.08999**



→ From inflaton scattering mediated by a (massive) particle, see for example, *Gravitational Production of Dark Matter during Reheating*, Mambrini, Olive, **2102.06214**

# 2- Minimal gravitational portal

→ Graviton portal arises from metric perturbation around its locally flat form

$$g_{\mu\nu} \simeq \eta_{\mu\nu} + 2h_{\mu\nu}/M_P$$

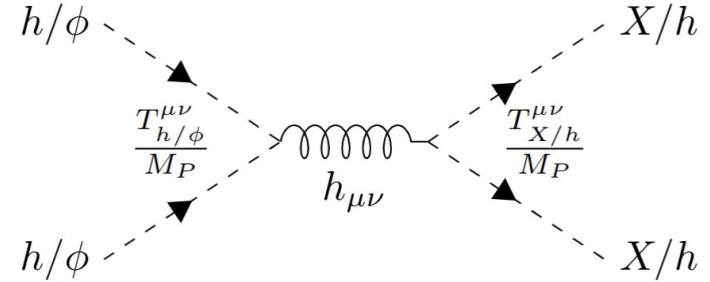


$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{min.}} = -\frac{1}{M_P} h_{\mu\nu} \left( T_h^{\mu\nu} + T_\phi^{\mu\nu} + T_X^{\mu\nu} \right)$$

→ Consider massless gravitons and from the stress-energy of spin 0, 1, ½ fields we can compute the amplitudes for the processes

*Spin-2 Portal Dark Matter*, Bernal, Dutra, Mambrini, Olive, Peloso, **1803.01866**

*Gravitational Production of Dark Matter during Reheating*, Mambrini, Olive, **2102.06214**



$$T_0^{\mu\nu} = \partial^\mu S \partial^\nu S - g^{\mu\nu} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \partial^\alpha S \partial_\alpha S - V(S) \right],$$

$$T_{1/2}^{\mu\nu} = \frac{i}{4} \left[ \bar{\chi} \gamma^\mu \overleftrightarrow{\partial}^\nu \chi + \bar{\chi} \gamma^\nu \overleftrightarrow{\partial}^\mu \chi \right] - g^{\mu\nu} \left[ \frac{i}{2} \bar{\chi} \gamma^\alpha \overleftrightarrow{\partial}_\alpha \chi - m_\chi \bar{\chi} \chi \right],$$

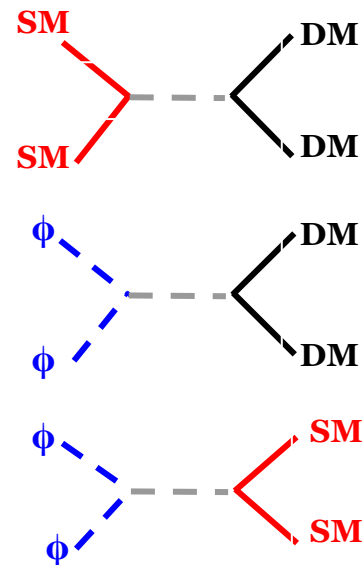
$$T_1^{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{2} \left[ F_\alpha^\mu F^{\nu\alpha} + F_\alpha^\nu F^{\mu\alpha} - \frac{1}{2} g^{\mu\nu} F^{\alpha\beta} F_{\alpha\beta} \right]$$

Graviton can play the portal between :

→ Thermal bath and DM to populate DM through the **FIMP** scenario

→ Inflaton and DM to directly **produce DM from the condensate**

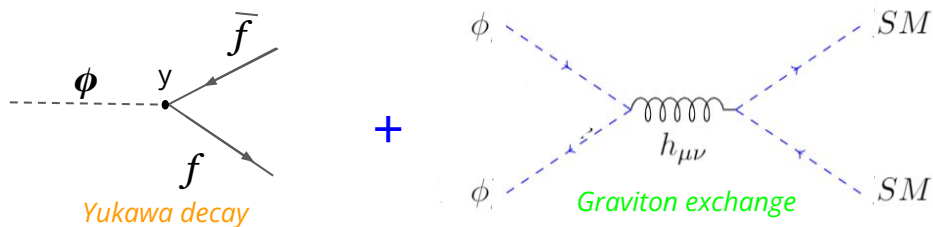
→ Inflaton and the thermal bath to **initiate** the reheating process



**BUT inflaton scattering cannot reheat entirely** ( $\rho_\phi = \rho_{\text{Radiation}}$ ) in a **quadratic potential** ( $\propto \phi^2$ ) as the radiation produced is more “redshifted” than the inflaton energy density

*Gravitational portals in the early Universe, SC, Mambrini, Olive, Verner, 2112.15214*

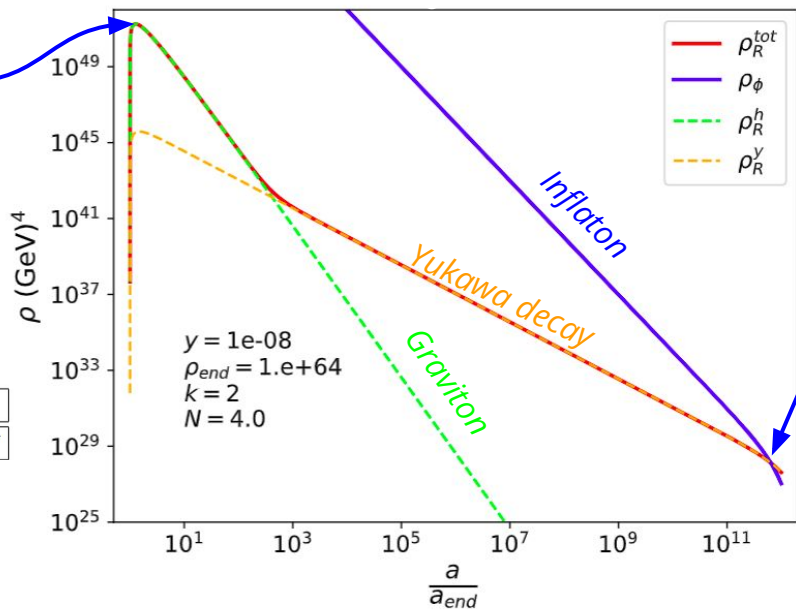
# Radiation production in minimal framework



→ This maximum temperature  $T_{\max} \sim 10^{12}$  GeV reached by the bath is unavoidable !

$T_{\max}$  is almost independent of the potential near the minimum (the power  $k$ )

	$k = 2$	$k = 4$	$k = 6$
$T_{\max}$	$1.0 \times 10^{12}$ GeV	$7.5 \times 10^{11}$ GeV	$6.5 \times 10^{11}$ GeV



Reheating is still given by the decay width of the inflaton

Gravitational portals in the early Universe, SC, Mambrini, Olive, Verner, **2112.15214**

Figure 1 : Evolution of energy densities of the inflaton (blue), radiation from Yukawa decay (orange) and graviton exchange (green)



# DM production in minimal framework

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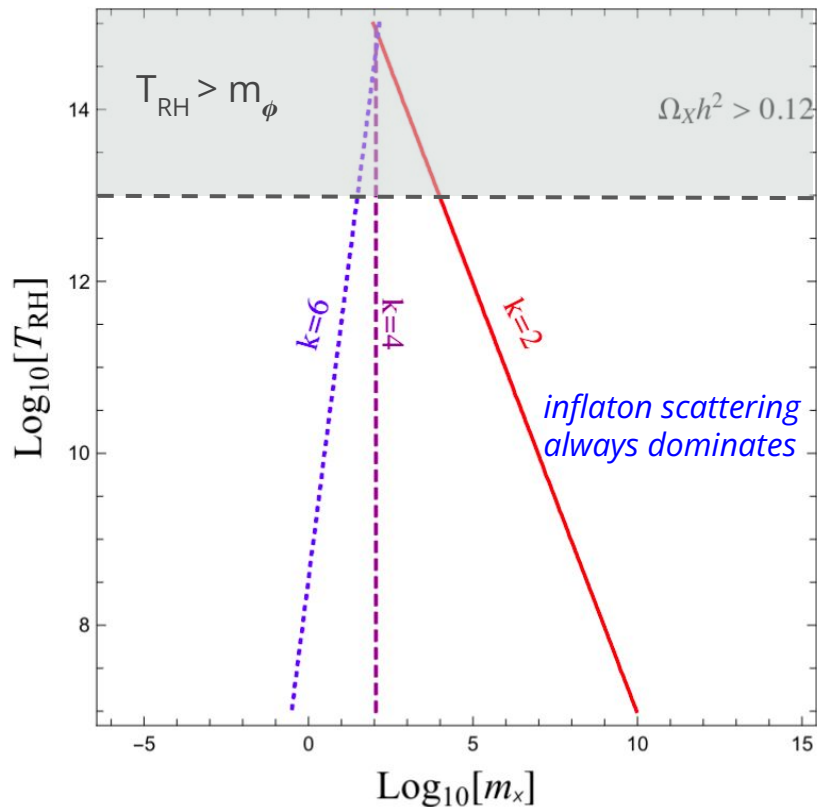


Figure 2 : DM relic,  $\Omega h^2 = 0.12$  in the case of a **spin 0 DM**

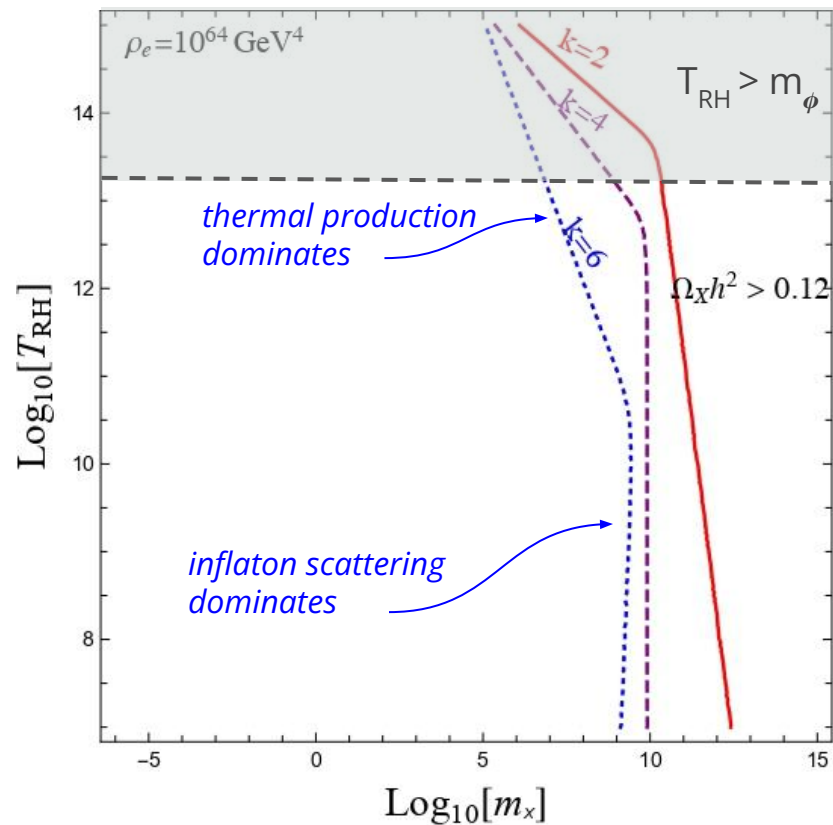


Figure 3 : DM relic,  $\Omega h^2 = 0.12$  in the case of a **spin 1/2 DM**

# 3- Non-minimal coupling to gravity

The **natural generalization** of this minimal interaction is to introduce a **non-minimal coupling** to gravity of the form :

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{non-min.}} = -\frac{M_P^2}{2}\Omega^2\tilde{R} + \mathcal{L}_\phi + \mathcal{L}_h + \mathcal{L}_X$$

in the **Jordan frame**

$$g_{\mu\nu} = \Omega^2\tilde{g}_{\mu\nu}$$



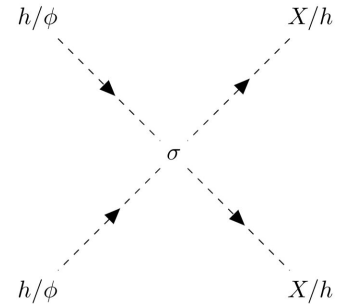
$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{non-min.}} = -\sigma_{hX}^\xi h^2 X^2 - \sigma_{\phi X}^\xi \phi^2 X^2 - \sigma_{\phi h}^\xi \phi^2 h^2$$

in the **Einstein frame**

with

$$\Omega^2 \equiv 1 + \underbrace{\frac{\xi_\phi \phi^2}{M_P^2}}_{\text{inflaton}} + \underbrace{\frac{\xi_h h^2}{M_P^2}}_{\text{SM}} + \underbrace{\frac{\xi_X X^2}{M_P^2}}_{\text{DM}}$$

This non-minimal coupling induces **leading-order interactions** in the small fields limit, involved in **radiation and DM production**.



*Gravitational Portals with Non-Minimal Couplings*, SC, Mambrini, Olive, Shkerin, Verner, **2203.02004**  
*and Dark Matter Freeze-in in the Higgs- $R^2$  Inflation Model*, Aoki, Lee, Menkara, Yamashita, **2202.13063**

Reheating

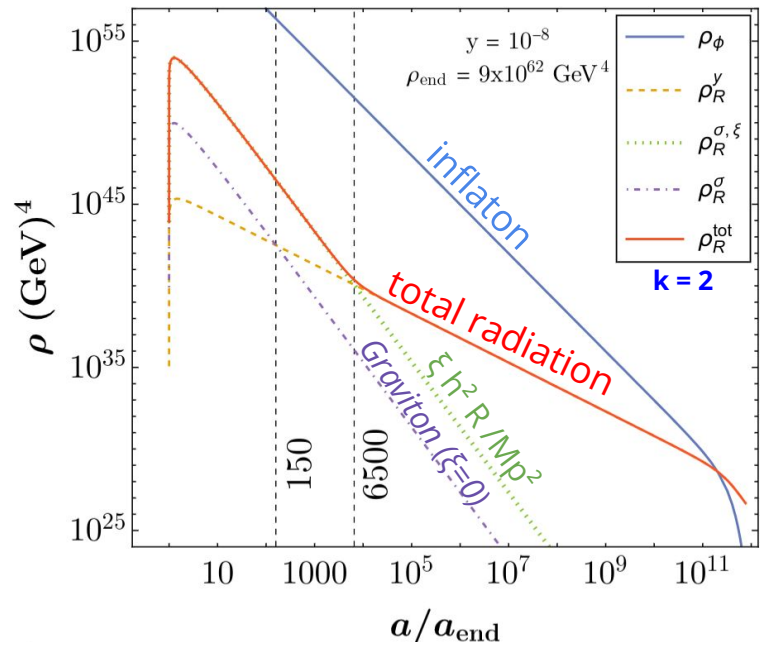


Figure 4 : Energy densities of *inflaton* (blue), *total radiation* (red), radiation from *inflaton decay* (orange), from *scattering mediated by graviton* (purple) and from *non-minimal coupling* (green), with  $\xi_h = \xi = 2$

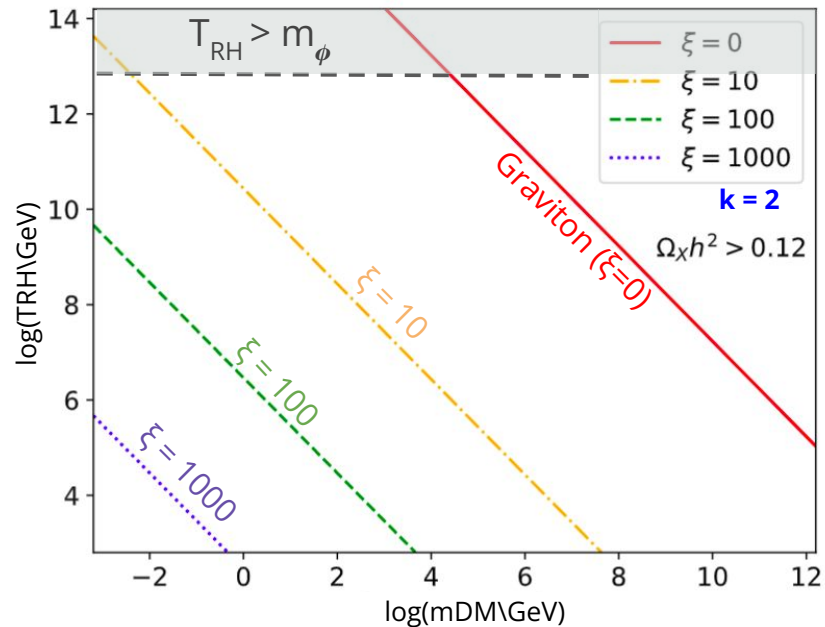
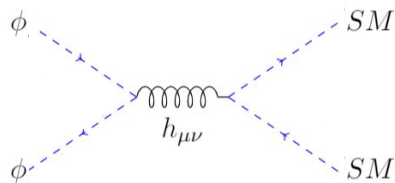


Figure 5 : Contours respecting  $\Omega_\chi h^2 = 0.12$  for *spin 0 DM*, for different values of  $\xi_h = \xi_x = \xi$ . Both *minimal and non-minimal contributions* are added.

→ **Non-minimal couplings** alleviate difficulties to produce DM and radiation through gravitational portals

# 4 - Gravitational reheating

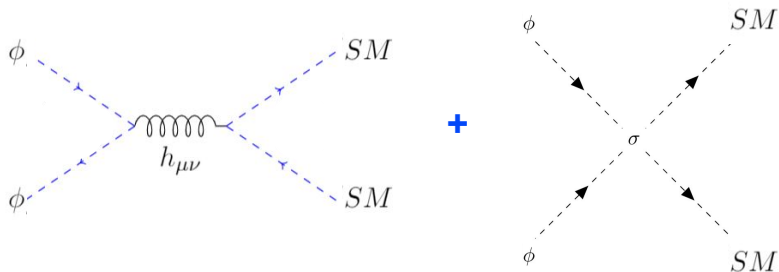


→ Graviton exchange processes can be sufficient to reheat entirely, for sufficiently steep inflaton potential :  $k > 9$

*Gravitational Reheating*, Haque, Maity, **2201.02348**

*Inflationary Gravitational Leptogenesis*, Co, Mambrini, Olive, **2205.01689**

$$\rho_\phi(a) \propto \left(\frac{a_{\text{end}}}{a}\right)^{\frac{6k}{k+2}} \quad \rho_R(a) \propto \left(\frac{a_{\text{end}}}{a}\right)^4$$



→ The requirement of large  $k$  can be relaxed if we add the non-minimal contribution to radiation production, (but still need  $k > 4$ ).

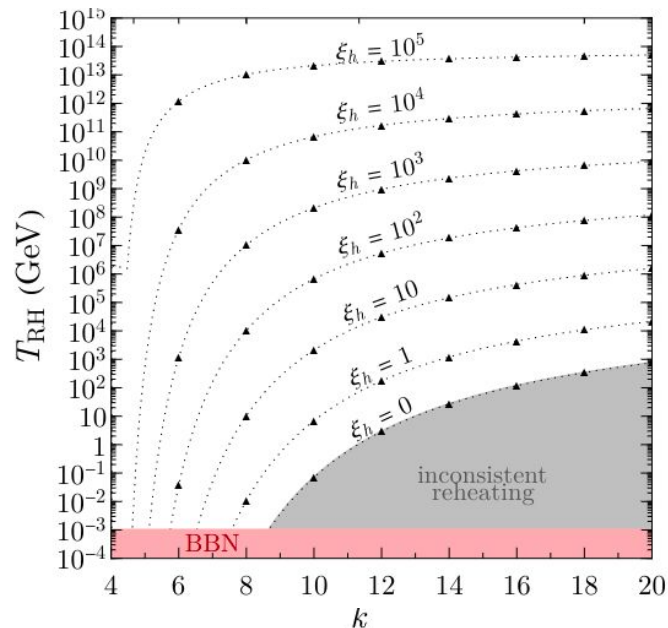
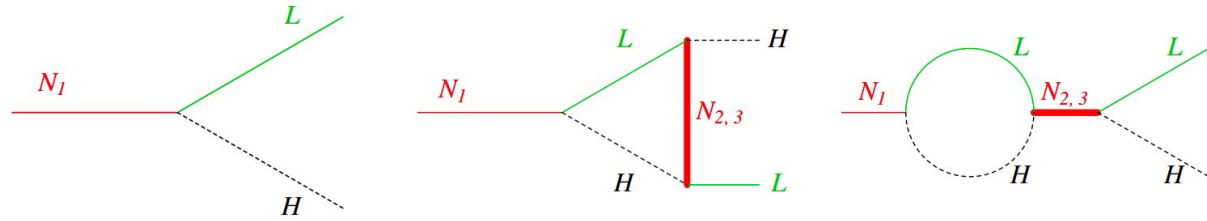
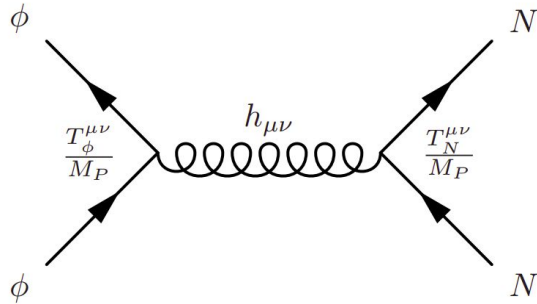


Figure 6 : Reheating temperature from gravitational portals as function of  $k$ , for different  $\xi_h$

# 5 - Gravity as a portal to reheating, leptogenesis and DM



Baryogenesis via leptogenesis, Strumia, **0608347**

Graviton portal can handle the production of sterile neutrinos

Interference between tree level decay and vertex + self energy 1-loop order corrections provides a CP violation in the decay of the sterile neutrino.

$$\epsilon \equiv \frac{\Gamma_{N \rightarrow L_\alpha H} - \Gamma_{N \rightarrow \bar{L}_\alpha \bar{H}}}{\Gamma_{N \rightarrow L_\alpha H} + \Gamma_{N \rightarrow \bar{L}_\alpha \bar{H}}} \simeq -\frac{3 \delta_{\text{eff}}}{16\pi} \cdot \frac{m_{\nu_i} m_N}{v^2}$$

$$Y_L \equiv \frac{n_L}{s} = \epsilon \frac{n_N}{s}$$

Considering type I see-saw mechanism with,  $v = 174$  GeV (Higgs VEV) and the effective CP violation phase  $\delta_{\text{eff}}$

Lepton asymmetry, out-of-equilibrium

Inflationary Gravitational Leptogenesis, Co, Mambrini, Olive, **2205.01689**.

Finally, **gathering** all these results in one “purely” gravitational framework :

$$\mathcal{L} \supset \sqrt{-\bar{g}} \left[ -\frac{M_P^2}{2} \Omega^2 \tilde{\mathcal{R}} + \underbrace{\tilde{\mathcal{L}}_\phi}_{\text{inflaton}} + \tilde{\mathcal{L}}_h + \underbrace{\tilde{\mathcal{L}}_{N_i}}_{\text{RHNs}} \right] \text{ with } (N_1, N_2, N_3)$$

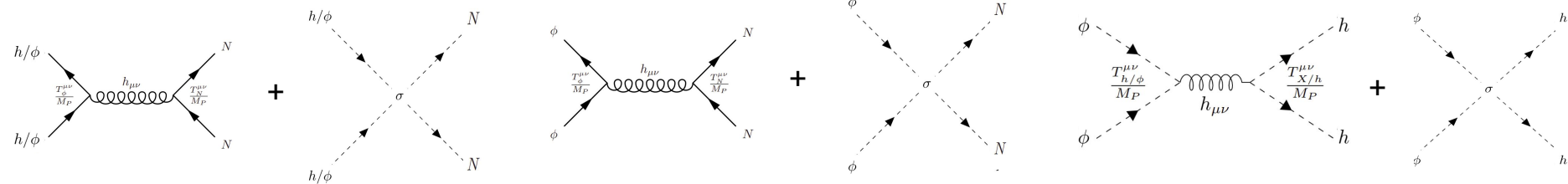
$$\Omega^2 \equiv 1 + \frac{\xi_\phi \phi^2}{M_P^2} + \frac{\xi_h h^2}{M_P^2}$$

Non-minimal couplings with gravity

$$\tilde{\mathcal{L}}_{N_i} = -\frac{1}{2} M_{N_i} \bar{N}_i^c N_i - (y_N)_{ij} \bar{N}_i \tilde{H}^\dagger L_j + \text{h.c. .}$$

$N_1$  is the lightest right handed neutrino (RHN) and the DM candidate, assumed to be decoupled from  $N_2, N_3$

$N_2, N_3$  are much heavier and generate the lepton asymmetry through their gravitational production and out-of equilibrium decay



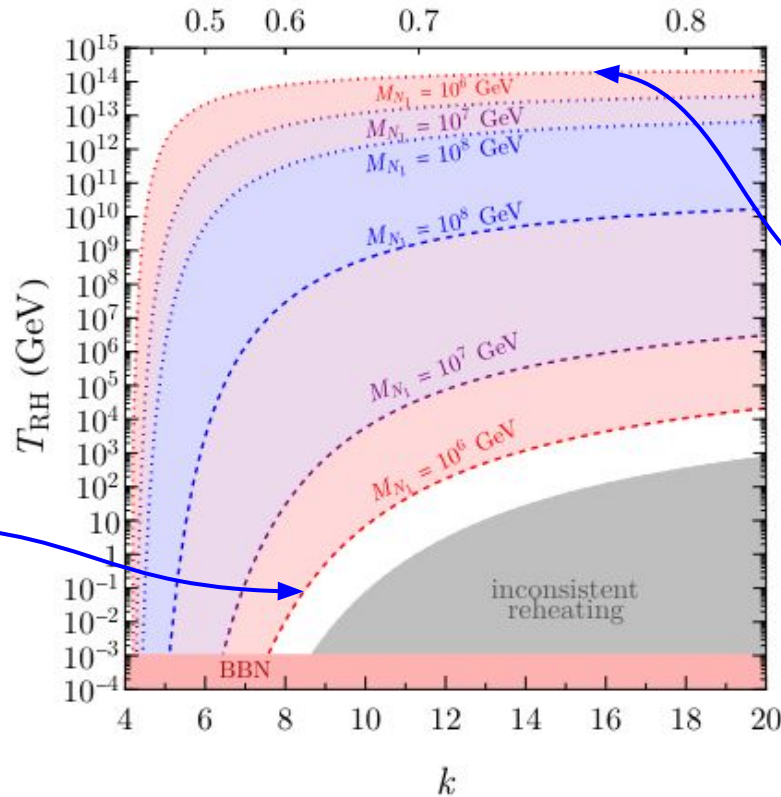
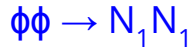
$\phi\phi \rightarrow N_1 N_1$  and  $SM SM \rightarrow N_1 N_1$   
from minimal and non-minimal couplings

$\phi\phi \rightarrow N_2 N_2 (N_3 N_3)$   
from minimal and non-minimal couplings

$\phi\phi \rightarrow SM SM$   
from minimal and non-minimal couplings, for radiation production

# DM ( $N_1$ ) production

Lower limits are coming from inflaton contribution



Upper limits are coming from thermal contribution



Figure 7 : Lines corresponding to the *observed DM relic abundance, all gravitational contributions added*, for different  $M_{N_1}$ . Shaded regions correspond to under abundance of DM

# Baryon asymmetry from leptogenesis ( $N_2$ )

Lepton asymmetry is converted into a **baryon asymmetry** :

$$Y_B = \frac{28}{79} Y_L \simeq 3.5 \times 10^{-4} \delta_{\text{eff}} \frac{n_N}{s} \left( \frac{m_{\nu_i}}{0.05 \text{ eV}} \right) \left( \frac{M_{N_2}}{10^{13} \text{ GeV}} \right)$$

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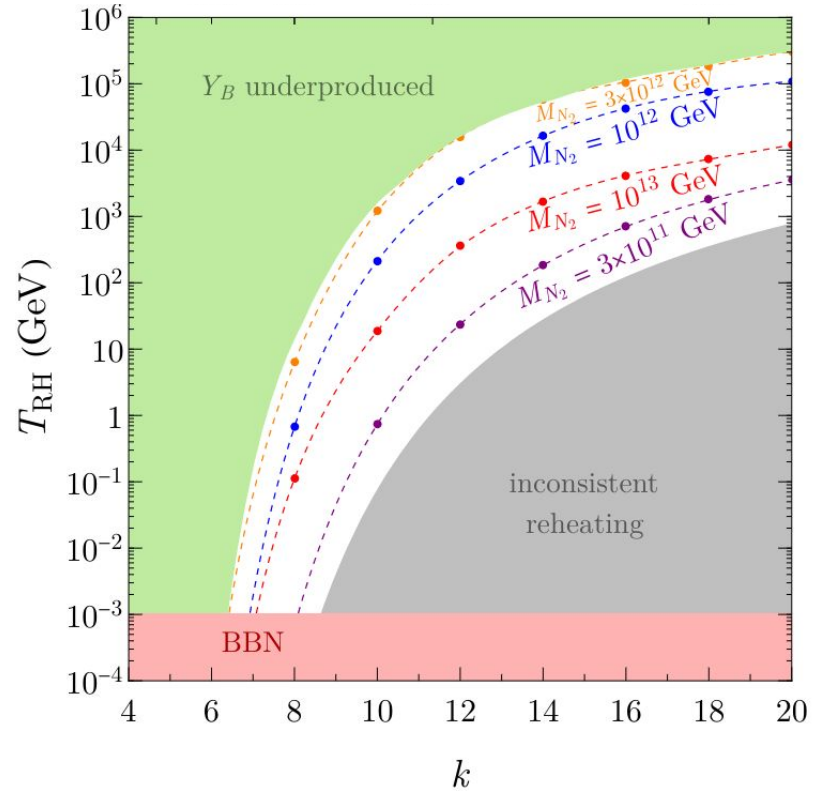
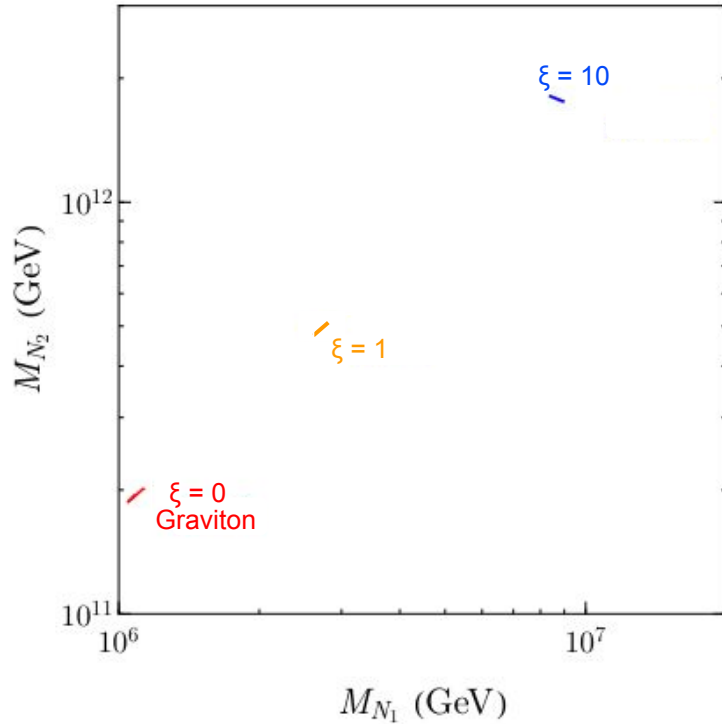


Figure 8 : Lines corresponding to the **observed baryon asymmetry**  $Y_B \simeq 8.7 \times 10^{-11}$  for different  $M_{N_2}$



# Gravitational leptogenesis and DM production simultaneously



$M_{N_1}$ [PeV]	$M_{N_2}$ [GeV]	$\xi_h$
1.1	$1.6 \times 10^{11}$	0
2.8	$4.0 \times 10^{11}$	1
8.7	$1.3 \times 10^{12}$	10

We choose in this table  $k = 6$  as a benchmark. For each  $\xi$  on the plot, the range runs over  $k \in [6, 20]$  without a significant change.

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Figure 9 :  $(M_{N_1}, M_{N_2})$  parameter space satisfying simultaneously the observed DM relic abundance ( $N_1$ ) and the baryon asymmetry ( $N_2$ ) via gravitational production, asking also for a gravitational reheating.

# Conclusion

- Reheating phase allows production from **Planck suppressed couplings** : gravitational production
- **Unavoidable lower limits** on radiation and DM production
- **Non-minimal coupling** to gravity can **naturally enhance particle production**
- Graviton portal can **complete the reheating for steep inflaton potential (large  $k$ )**
- It provides a **minimal framework to produce sterile neutrinos** that handle leptogenesis

There is a way to **explain DM relic abundance, Baryon asymmetry and Reheating** in a framework which involves **only gravitational interactions, with minimal and non-minimal coupling to gravity** !

**Thank you for your attention !**

# APPENDIX

# The WIMP Miracle ?

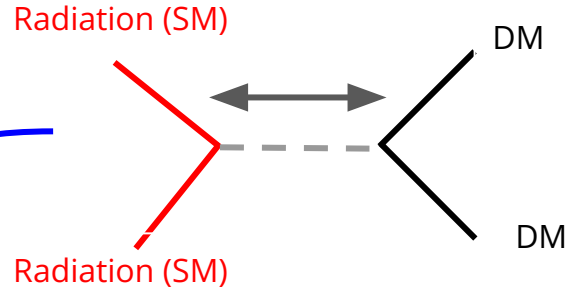
Evolution of number density during radiation era following the classical Boltzmann equation in an expanding Universe :

$$\dot{n}_\chi + 3Hn_\chi = g_\chi^2 \langle \sigma v \rangle n_r^2 \equiv R(T)$$

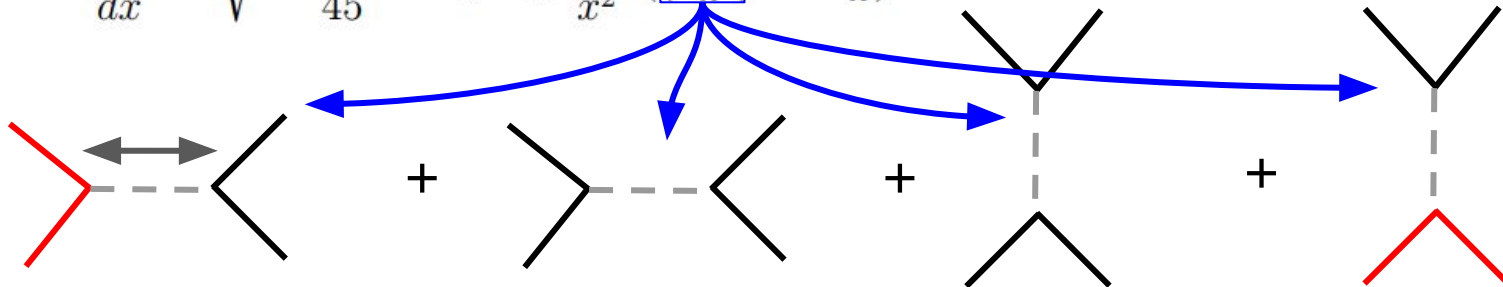
$$Y_\chi = \frac{N_\chi}{S} = \frac{n_\chi}{s}$$

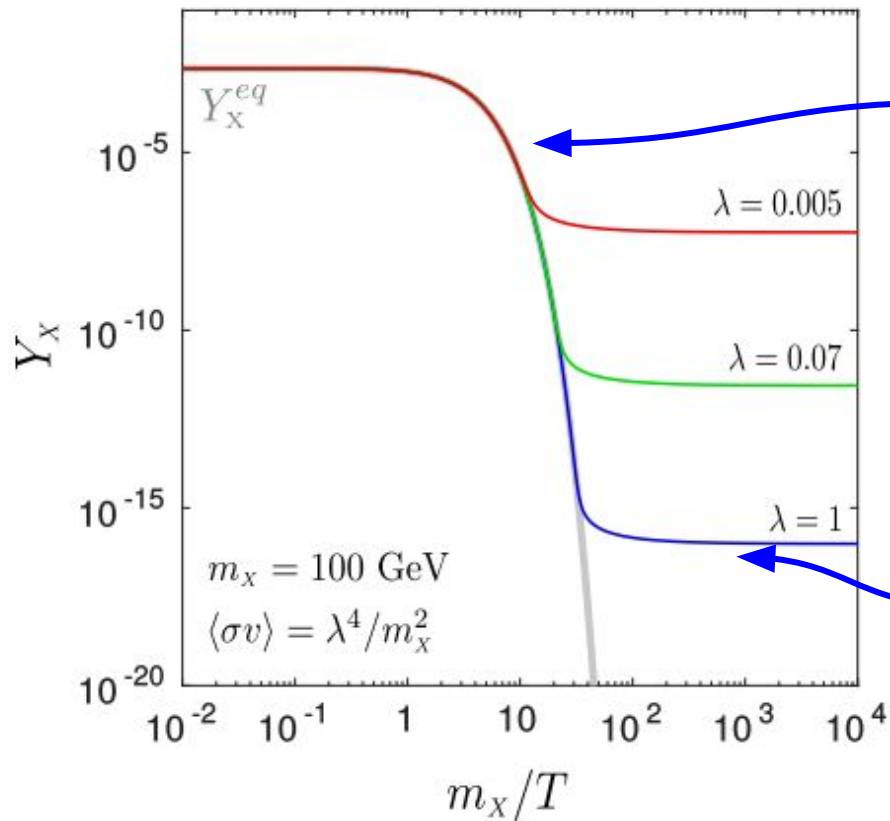
$$\frac{dY_\chi}{dx} = \sqrt{\frac{8\pi^2 g_*(x)}{45}} M_{Pl} m_\chi \frac{\langle \sigma v \rangle}{x^2} ((Y_\chi^{eq})^2 - Y_\chi^2)$$

DM production/annihilation from/to the thermal bath

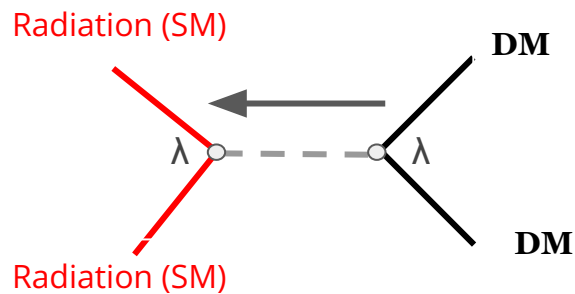


Thermal and chemical equilibrium

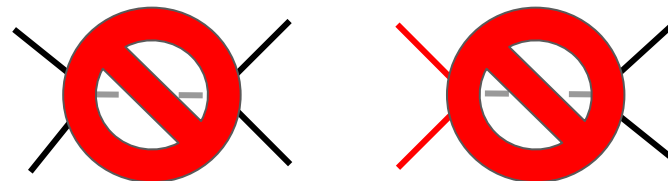




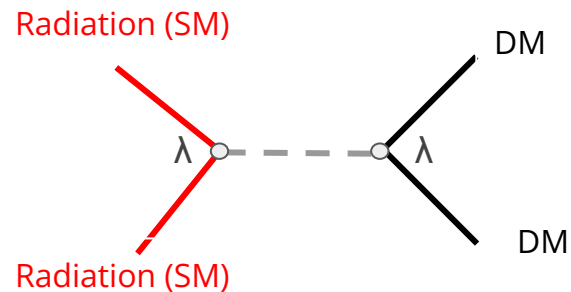
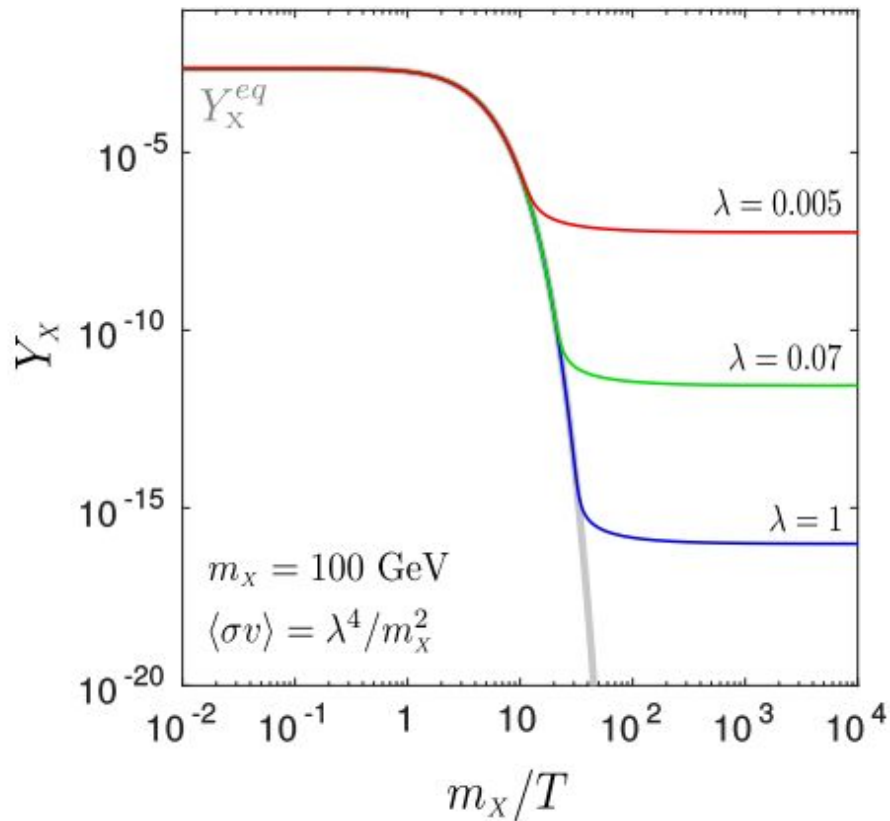
$T \ll m_{DM}$  : WIMP becomes **non-relativistic**  
 → departs from its equilibrium value and starts **chemical decoupling**



$n_\chi \langle\sigma v\rangle \ll H$  : WIMP "**freezes out**"  
 → comoving number density becomes **constant**

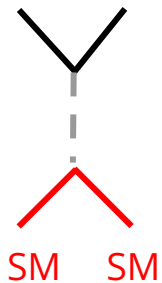


From *Origins for dark matter particles: from the "WIMP miracle" to the "FIMP wonder"* - Maira Dutra



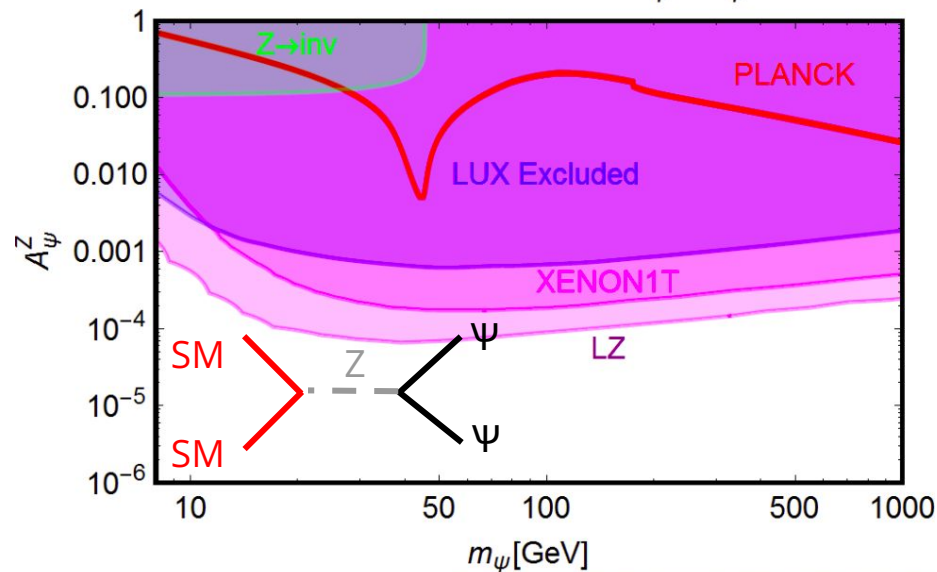
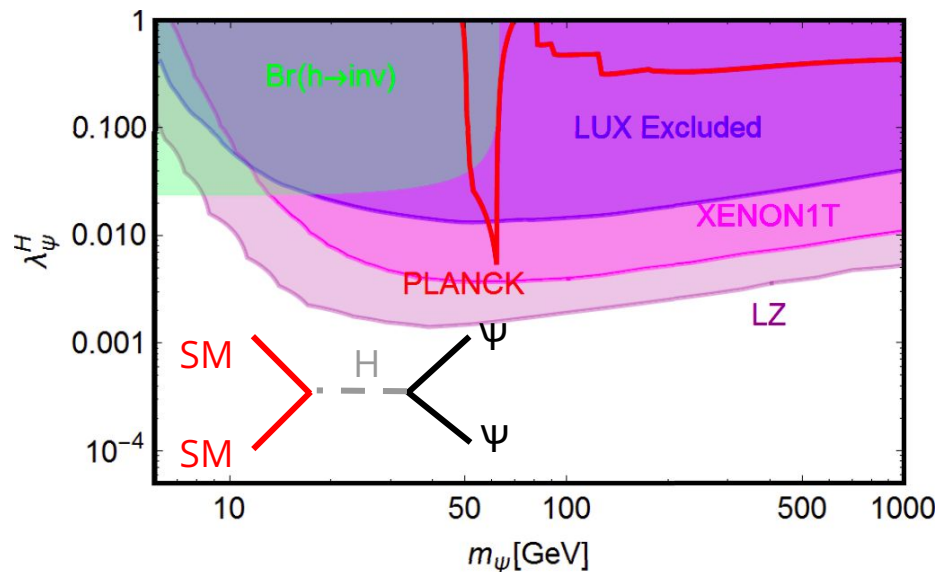
Typical **electroweak scale** massive particle  
 ( $\sim 100 \text{ GeV}$ ) with electroweak coupling  
 production **corresponds to the observed relic**  
**abundance of Dark Matter  $\Omega h^2 \approx 0.12$**

**$\rightarrow$  No new physical scale is needed, just a new  
 sector to connect with the SM electroweak  
 sector !**



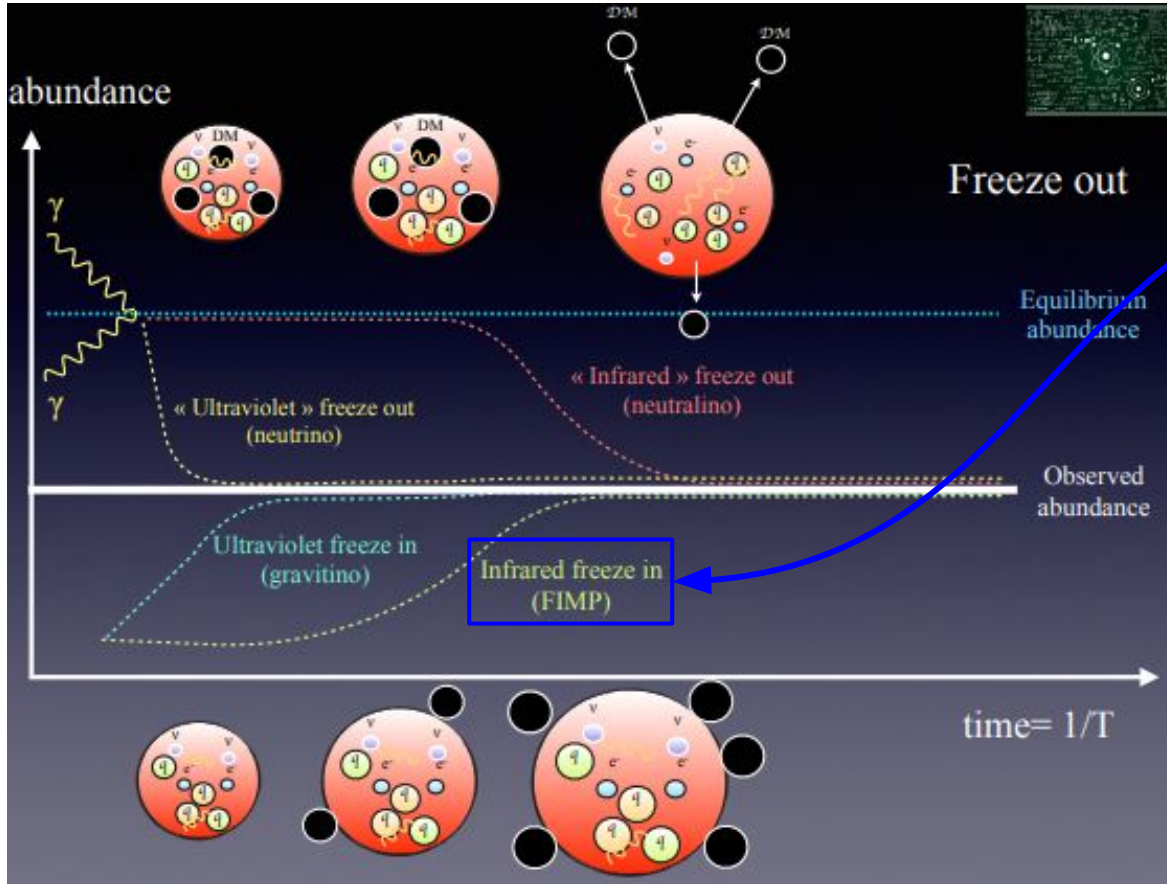
Probing DM scattering with nucleons, electrons = direct detection

But... detection bounds still go down. Indirect detection and collider experiments should probe other processes involving WIMPs, but still without success.

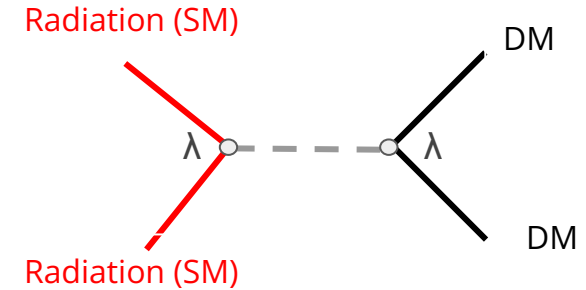




# FIMP



DM interacts so feebly that it never reaches equilibrium and it "freezes in"



Can arise from **superpotential in no-scale supergravity** :

$$W = 2^{\frac{k}{4}+1} \sqrt{\lambda} M_P^3 \left( \frac{(\phi/M_P)^{\frac{k}{2}+1}}{k+2} - \frac{(\phi/M_P)^{\frac{k}{2}+3}}{3(k+6)} \right)$$



$$V(\phi) = \lambda M_P^4 \left[ \sqrt{6} \tanh \left( \frac{\phi}{\sqrt{6} M_P} \right) \right]^k$$

$$A_{S^*} \simeq \frac{V_*}{24\pi^2 \epsilon_* M_P^4} \simeq \frac{6^{\frac{k}{2}}}{8k^2 \pi^2} \lambda \sinh^2 \left( \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \frac{\phi_*}{M_P} \right) \tanh^k \left( \frac{\phi_*}{\sqrt{6} M_P} \right)$$

$\lambda$  determined by the **power spectrum amplitude of the CMB "As"**

→ Planck measurements give for  $k=2$  :  $\lambda \sim 10^{-11}$  for  $N \sim 50$  e-folds

$$\lambda \simeq \frac{18\pi^2 A_{S^*}}{6^{k/2} N_*^2}$$

Class of models :  **$\alpha$ -attractor T-model inflation**

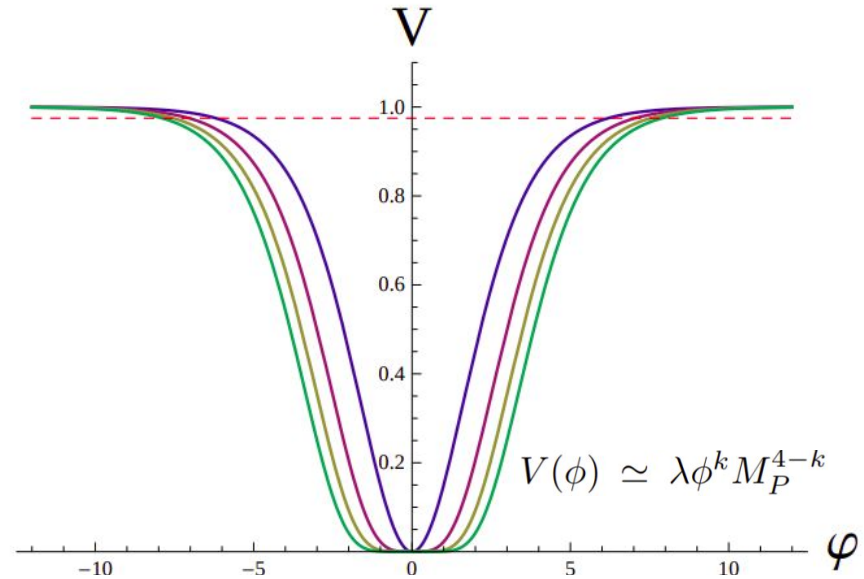


Figure 1: Potentials for the T-Model inflation  $\tanh^{2n}(\varphi/\sqrt{6})$  for  $n = 1, 2, 3, 4$

From *Universality Class in Conformal Inflation*, Kallosh and Linde, **1306.5220**

# Boltzmann approach

Assumes that the background geometry is Minkowskian and compute transition probability

$$dP_{\phi\phi\rightarrow AB}^{(n)} \equiv \frac{d^3 p_A}{(2\pi)^3 2p_A^0} \frac{d^3 p_B}{(2\pi)^3 2p_B^0} |\mathcal{M}_n|^2 \times (2\pi)^4 \delta(n\omega - p_A^0 - p_B^0) \delta^3(\vec{p}_A + \vec{p}_B)$$

Initial state  $\phi$  as a coherently oscillating Bose-Einstein condensate with no spatial momentum

From this, production rate can be computed by

$$R_{\phi\phi\rightarrow\chi\chi}^{(N)} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int dP_{\phi\phi\rightarrow\chi\chi}^{(n)}$$

which is the right hand side of the Boltzmann equations

$$\dot{n}_\chi + 3Hn_\chi = R_{\phi\phi\rightarrow\chi\chi}^{(N)}$$

$$\frac{d\rho_\phi}{dt} + 3H(1 + w_\phi)\rho_\phi \simeq -(1 + w_\phi)\Gamma_\phi\rho_\phi$$

$$\frac{d\rho_R}{dt} + 4H\rho_R \simeq (1 + w_\phi)\Gamma_\phi\rho_\phi.$$

See Boltzmann or Bogoliubov? Approaches Compared in Gravitational Particle Production, K. Kaneta, S. M. Lee, K. Oda, **2206.10929**

# Inflaton scattering

Potential near the minimum is a **power k-dependant monomial**

$$V(\phi) = \lambda \frac{\phi^k}{M_P^{k-4}}, \quad \phi \ll M_P$$

Treat the time dependent condensate as a time dependent coupling with an **amplitude and quasi-periodic function which is k-dependent**

$$\phi(t) = \phi_0(t) \cdot \mathcal{P}(t)$$

→ An homogeneous classical field, not a quantum field !

$$V(\phi) = V(\phi_0) \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \mathcal{P}_n^k e^{-in\omega t} = \rho_\phi \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \mathcal{P}_n^k e^{-in\omega t}$$

Expand the quasi-periodic function in **Fourier modes**

$$\text{with } \omega = m_\phi \sqrt{\frac{\pi k}{2(k-1)} \frac{\Gamma(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{k})}{\Gamma(\frac{1}{k})}}$$

Each **Fourier mode adds its contribution** to the scattering amplitude **with its energy  $E_n = n \cdot \omega$**

# Bogoliubov approach

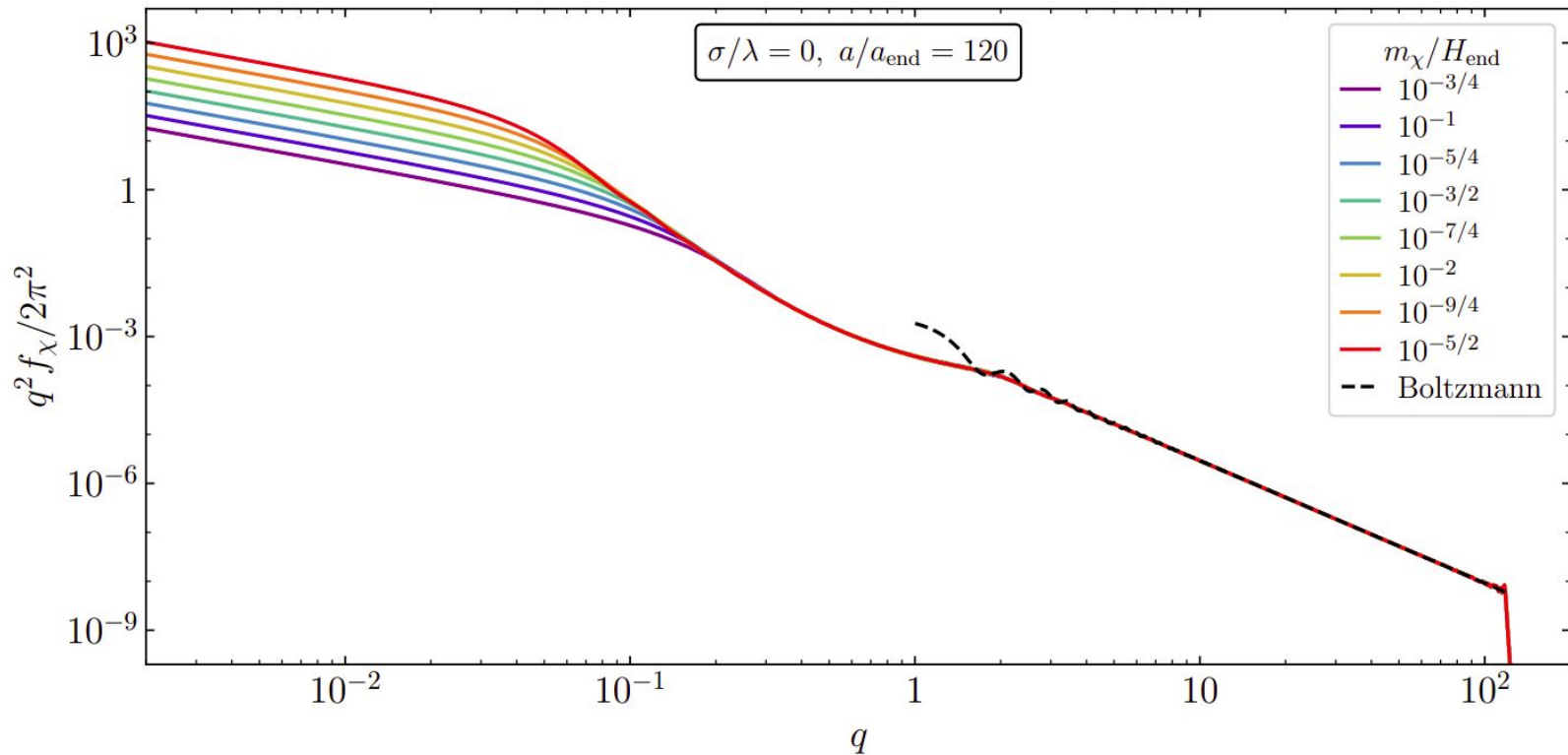
Instead of transition probability, consider the **time evolution of the wave function in the vacuum** while keeping the **effect of curved spacetime**

$$S_\chi = \int d^4x \left[ \frac{1}{2} (\tilde{\chi}')^2 - \frac{1}{2} \tilde{\chi} \omega^2 \tilde{\chi} \right] \quad \text{Consider simply a single field in the vacuum}$$

EOM:  $\tilde{\chi}'' + \omega^2 \tilde{\chi} = 0$  with  $\omega^2 \equiv -\nabla^2 + \boxed{a^2} m_\chi^2 + \boxed{\Delta}$  time dependent frequency!

Then, it is clear that the **Hamiltonian is changing with time** through the time dependence in  $\omega$ .  
 => cannot decompose  $\chi$  based on the positive/negative frequency in the Fourier space

$$\tilde{\chi}(x) \equiv \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^{3/2}} e^{i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{x}} \tilde{\chi}_k \quad \xrightarrow{\text{Bogoliubov coefficients}} \quad \begin{cases} u_k = \frac{\boxed{A_k}}{\sqrt{2\omega_k}} e^{-i \int \omega_k d\eta} + \frac{\boxed{B_k}}{\sqrt{2\omega_k}} e^{i \int \omega_k d\eta} \\ \alpha_k \equiv A_k e^{-i \int \omega_k d\eta}, \quad \beta_k \equiv B_k e^{i \int \omega_k d\eta} \end{cases} \quad \xrightarrow{\text{the occupation number is given by}} \quad |\beta_k|^2$$



*Phase space distribution of a gravitationally excited scalar field for a range of DM masses, coded by color. The dashed black curve corresponds to the numerical integration of the Boltzmann equation, which is valid for  $q > 1$*

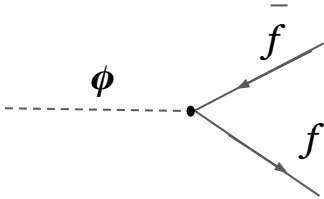
# Particle production

Perturbative reheating : considering an oscillating background field with **small couplings** to the other quantum fields  
 → Particle production



Example : Yukawa like interaction

$$\mathcal{L}_{\phi,bath} = y_{\phi} \phi \bar{f} f \Rightarrow \Gamma_{\phi} = \frac{y_{\phi}^2}{8\pi} m_{\phi}$$



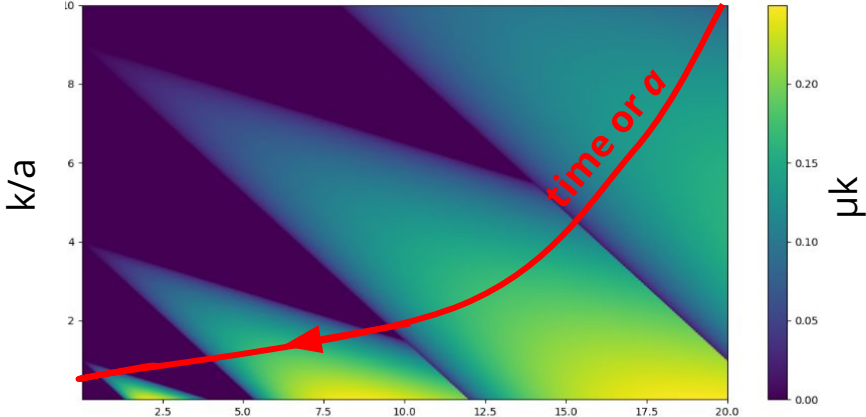
Constitute the **primordial bath** that will thermalize

Freeze-in from preheating, Garcia, Kaneta, Mambrini, Olive, Verner, 2109.13280

Classical **non-perturbative** approach : **preheating**  
 Time dependant background coupled to **fields**  
 leads to **parametric resonance** or **tachyonic instabilities**

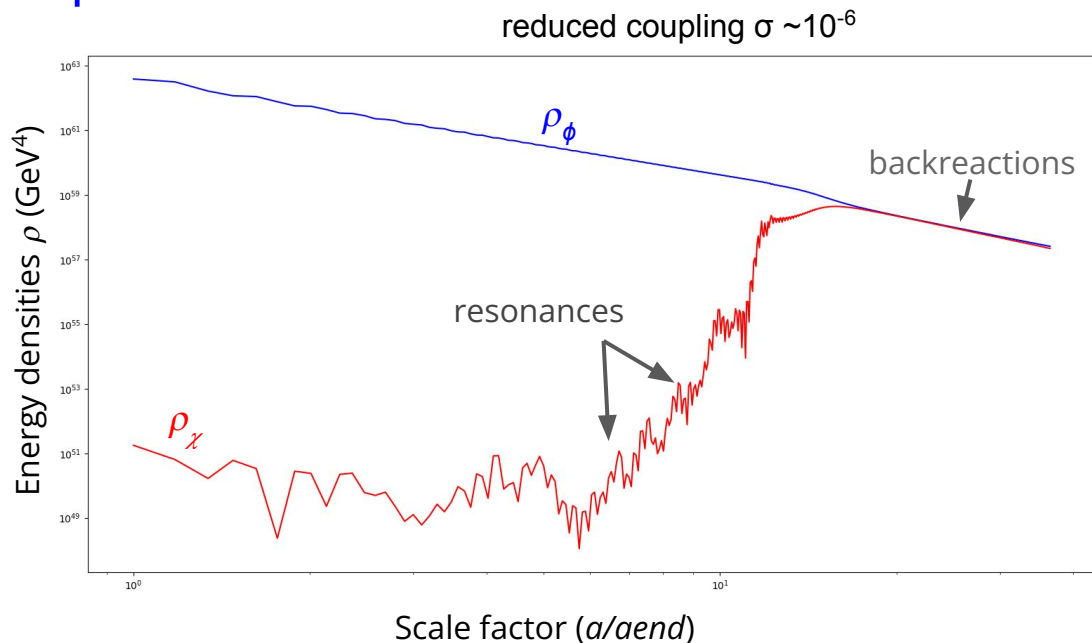
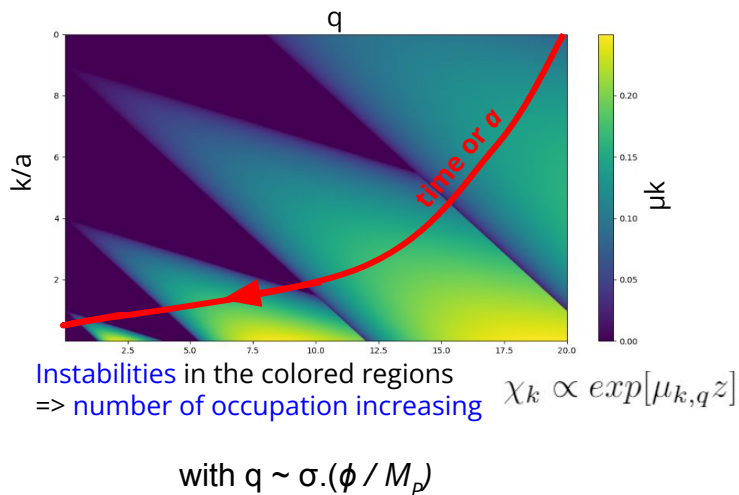
$$\chi_k'' + \left( \frac{k^2}{m_{\phi}^2 a^2} + 2q - 2q \cos(2z) \right) \chi_k = 0$$

*Mathieu equation for Fourier modes in the oscillating background*



**Instabilities** in the colored regions  
 => **number of occupation increasing**

# Preheating : non-perturbative processes



Preheating corresponds to the first oscillations of the background => resonances and exponential production

For large couplings, reach a regime of large backreactions of the fields on the background



# Thermal bath scattering

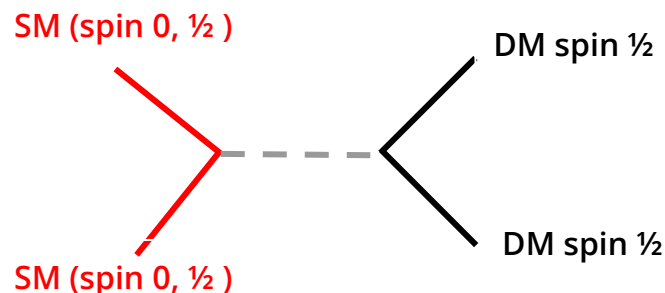
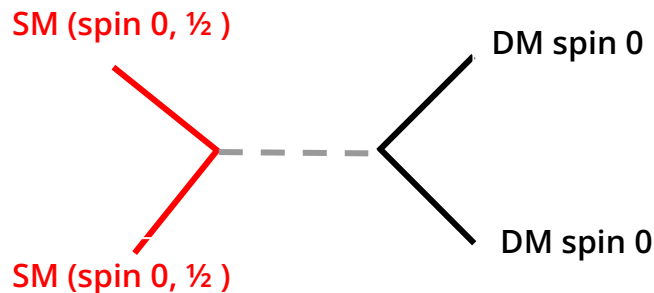
Usual amplitude computation for a  $s$ -channel scattering of (massless) SM particles giving DM particles

$$|\overline{\mathcal{M}}^{00}|^2 = \frac{1}{64M_P^4} \frac{t^2(s+t)^2}{s^2},$$

$$|\overline{\mathcal{M}}^{\frac{1}{2}0}|^2 = \frac{1}{64M_P^4} \frac{(-t(s+t))(s+2t)^2}{s^2}$$

$$|\overline{\mathcal{M}}^{0\frac{1}{2}}|^2 = \frac{(-t(s+t))(s+2t)^2}{64M_P^4 s^2},$$

$$|\overline{\mathcal{M}}^{\frac{1}{2}\frac{1}{2}}|^2 = \frac{s^4 + 10s^3t + 42s^2t^2 + 64st^3 + 32t^4}{128M_P^4 s^2}$$



From amplitudes compute the rate of DM production for each process

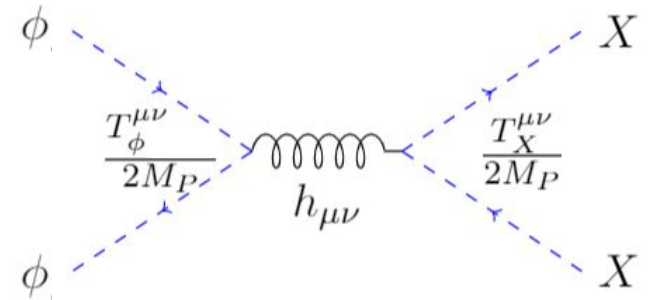
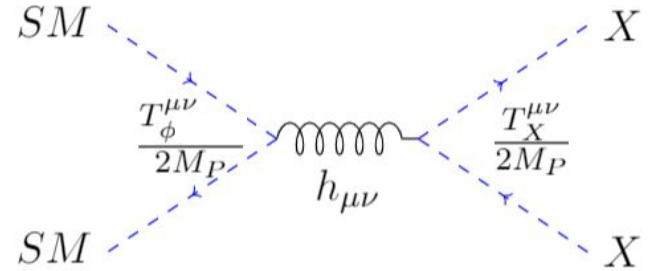
$$R_j^T = \beta_j \frac{T^8}{M_P^4} \text{ for spin } j = 0, \frac{1}{2} \text{ DM final state}$$

See *Spin-2 Portal Dark Matter*, Nicolás Bernal, Maíra Dutra, Yann Mambrini, Keith Olive, Marco Peloso, Phys.Rev.D (2018).

$$R_{\phi^k}^0 = \frac{\rho_\phi^2}{256\pi M_P^4} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ 1 + \frac{2m_X^2}{E_n^2} \right]^2 |(\mathcal{P}^k)_n|^2 \sqrt{1 - \frac{4m_X^2}{E_n^2}} \text{ spin 0}$$

$$R_{\phi^k}^{1/2} = \frac{\rho_\phi^2}{64\pi M_P^4} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{m_X^2}{E_n^2} |(\mathcal{P}^k)_n|^2 \left( 1 - \frac{4m_X^2}{E_n^2} \right)^{\frac{3}{2}} \text{ spin } \frac{1}{2}$$

See *Gravitational Production of Dark Matter during Reheating*, Yann Mambrini, Keith A. Olive, **2112.15214**



Compute the number density of DM as a function of the scale factor to have the relic abundance

$$\Omega_X^T h^2 = 1.6 \times 10^8 \frac{g_0}{g_{RH}} \frac{\beta_X \sqrt{3}}{\alpha^2 M_P^3} \frac{k+2}{|18-6k|} \frac{m_X}{1 \text{ GeV}} \frac{\rho_{RH}^{3/2}}{T_{RH}^3} \begin{cases} 1 & [k < 3] \\ \left(\frac{2k+4}{3k-3}\right)^{\frac{9-3k}{7-k}} \left(\frac{\rho_{end}}{\rho_{RH}}\right)^{1-\frac{3}{k}} & [k > 3] \end{cases} \quad \text{Thermal case}$$

The relic abundance decreases with k coming from the fact that the Hubble parameter is dominated by inflaton evolution → greater dependence on T<sub>RH</sub> for larger value of k, slowing down the DM production

$$\frac{\Omega_0^\phi h^2}{0.1} \simeq \left(\frac{\rho_{end}}{10^{64} GeV^4}\right)^{1-\frac{1}{k}} \left(\frac{10^{40} GeV^4}{\rho_{RH}}\right)^{\frac{1}{4}-\frac{1}{k}} \left(\frac{k+2}{6k-6}\right) \left(\frac{3k-3}{2k+4}\right)^{\frac{3k-3}{7-k}} \sum_0^k \frac{m_X}{3.8 \times 10^{\frac{24}{k}-6}} \quad \text{Spin 0 inflaton scattering case}$$

$$\frac{\Omega_{1/2}^\phi h^2}{0.1} = \frac{\Sigma_{1/2}^k}{2.4^{\frac{8}{k}}} \frac{k+2}{k(k-1)} \left(\frac{3k-3}{2k+4}\right)^{\frac{3}{7-k}} \left(\frac{10^{-11}}{\lambda}\right)^{\frac{2}{k}} \left(\frac{10^{40} GeV^4}{\rho_{RH}}\right)^{\frac{1}{4}-\frac{1}{k}} \left(\frac{\rho_{end}}{10^{64} GeV^4}\right)^{\frac{1}{k}} \left(\frac{m_X}{3.2 \times 10^{7+\frac{6}{k}}}\right)^{\frac{1}{k}} \quad \text{Spin } \frac{1}{2} \text{ inflaton scattering case}$$

spin 1/2 helicity suppression !

# For fermionic DM

Inflaton scattering is **helicity suppressed**

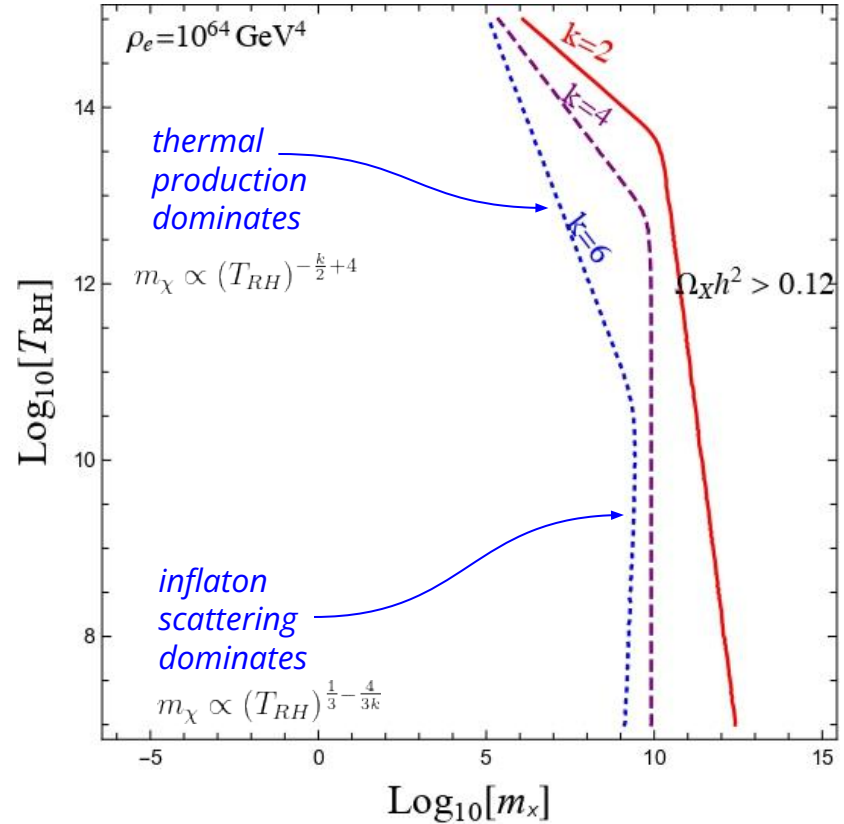
→ **broken spectrum** due to strong DM mass dependence

$$\frac{R_{1/2}^{\phi^k}(a_{\max})}{R_{1/2}^T(a_{\max})} = (106.75)^2 \frac{11520 \Sigma_{1/2}^k m_X^2}{11351 m_\phi^2} \left( \frac{3k-3}{2k+4} \right)^{\frac{6}{7-k}} \left( \frac{\rho_{\text{end}}}{\rho_{\text{RH}}} \right)^{\frac{2}{k}}$$

There is a mass value below which the DM production is dominated by thermal production

$$m_X^k \sim 3.5 \times 10^{-4} (\rho_{\text{RH}}/\rho_{\text{end}})^{2/k} m_\phi$$

*Gravitational portals in the early Universe*, Simon Cléry, Yann Mambrini, Keith A. Olive, Sarunas Verner, **2112.15214**



$\Omega h^2 = 0.12$  in the case of a spin  $\frac{1}{2}$  DM, all contributions added

# Leading order interactions

in Einstein frame

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = & -\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\xi_\phi \phi^2}{M_P^2} + \frac{\xi_X X^2}{M_P^2} \right) \partial^\mu h \partial_\mu h - \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\xi_h h^2}{M_P^2} + \frac{\xi_X X^2}{M_P^2} \right) \partial^\mu \phi \partial_\mu \phi - \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\xi_\phi \phi^2}{M_P^2} + \frac{\xi_h h^2}{M_P^2} \right) \partial^\mu X \partial_\mu X \\
 & + \frac{6\xi_h \xi_X h X}{M_P^2} \partial^\mu h \partial_\mu X + \frac{6\xi_h \xi_\phi h \phi}{M_P^2} \partial^\mu h \partial_\mu \phi + \frac{6\xi_\phi \xi_X \phi X}{M_P^2} \partial^\mu \phi \partial_\mu X + m_X^2 X^2 \left( \frac{\xi_\phi \phi^2}{M_P^2} + \frac{\xi_h h^2}{M_P^2} \right) \\
 & + m_\phi^2 \phi^2 M_P^2 \left( \frac{\xi_X X^2}{M_P^2} + \frac{\xi_h h^2}{M_P^2} \right) + m_h^2 h^2 \left( \frac{\xi_\phi \phi^2}{M_P^2} + \frac{\xi_X X^2}{M_P^2} \right),
 \end{aligned}$$



$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{non-min.}} = -\sigma_{hX}^\xi h^2 X^2 - \sigma_{\phi X}^\xi \phi^2 X^2 - \sigma_{\phi h}^\xi \phi^2 h^2$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sigma_{hX}^\xi = & \frac{1}{4M_P^2} [\xi_h(2m_X^2 + s) + \xi_X(2m_h^2 + s) \\
 & + (12\xi_X \xi_h(m_h^2 + m_X^2 - t))] ,
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\sigma_{\phi h}^\xi = \frac{1}{2M_P^2} [\xi_\phi m_h^2 + 12\xi_\phi \xi_h m_\phi^2 + 3\xi_h m_\phi^2 + 2\xi_\phi m_\phi^2]$$

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$$\mathcal{S}_J = \int d^4x \sqrt{-\tilde{g}} \left[ -\frac{M_P^2}{2} \Omega^2 \tilde{\mathcal{R}} + \tilde{\mathcal{L}}_\phi + \tilde{\mathcal{L}}_h + \tilde{\mathcal{L}}_{N_i} \right] \quad \text{with} \quad \begin{cases} \tilde{\mathcal{L}}_\phi = \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \phi \partial^\mu \phi - V(\phi) \\ \tilde{\mathcal{L}}_h = \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu h \partial^\mu h - V(h) \\ \tilde{\mathcal{L}}_N = \frac{i}{2} \bar{N}_i \overleftrightarrow{\nabla} N_i - \frac{1}{2} M_{N_i} \overline{(\mathcal{N})}^c{}_i N_i + \tilde{\mathcal{L}}_{\text{yuk}} \\ \tilde{\mathcal{L}}_{\text{yuk}} = -y_{N_i} \bar{N}_i \widetilde{H}^\dagger \mathbb{L} + \text{h.c.}, \end{cases}$$

and

$$\Omega^2 \equiv 1 + \frac{\xi_\phi \phi^2}{M_P^2} + \frac{\xi_h h^2}{M_P^2}$$

→  
in the Einstein  
frame

$$\mathcal{S}_E = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[ -\frac{M_P^2}{2} \mathcal{R} + \frac{K^{ab}}{2} g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu S_a \partial_\nu S_b - \frac{1}{\Omega^4} (V_\phi + V_h) + \frac{i}{2} \bar{N}_i \overleftrightarrow{\nabla} N_i - \frac{1}{2\Omega} M_{N_i} \bar{N}_i^c N_i + \frac{1}{\Omega} \mathcal{L}_{\text{yuk}} \right].$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{non-min.}} = -\sigma_{hN_i}^\xi h^2 \bar{N}_i^c N_i - \sigma_{\phi N_i}^\xi \phi^2 \bar{N}_i^c N_i$$

→  
Leading order  
interactions of RHN

$$\sigma_{\phi N_i}^\xi = \frac{M_{N_i}}{2M_P^2} \xi_\phi$$

$$\sigma_{hN_i}^\xi = \frac{M_{N_i}}{2M_P^2} \xi_h.$$

# Non-canonical kinetic term

$$\mathcal{S} = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[ -\frac{M_P^2}{2} R + \frac{1}{2} K^{ij} g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu S_i \partial_\nu S_j - \frac{V_\phi + V_h + V_X}{\Omega^4} \right] \quad \text{in Einstein frame}$$

with

$$\Omega^2 \equiv 1 + \frac{\xi_\phi \phi^2}{M_P^2} + \frac{\xi_h h^2}{M_P^2} + \frac{\xi_X X^2}{M_P^2} \quad \text{and} \quad K^{ij} = 6 \frac{\partial \log \Omega}{\partial S_i} \frac{\partial \log \Omega}{\partial S_j} + \frac{\delta^{ij}}{\Omega^2} \quad \text{non-canonical kinetic term}$$

In general, it is impossible to make a field redefinition that would bring it to the canonical form, unless all three non-minimal couplings vanish.

$$\frac{|\xi_\phi| \phi^2}{M_P^2}, \quad \frac{|\xi_h| h^2}{M_P^2}, \quad \frac{|\xi_X| X^2}{M_P^2} \ll 1$$

In the **small-field limit**, we can expand the action in powers of  $M_P^{-2}$  and **obtain canonical kinetic term and deduce the leading-order interactions** induced by the non-minimal couplings.

# Non-minimal couplings bounds

→ Small field approximation is valid if:  $\sqrt{|\xi_S|} \lesssim M_P / \langle S \rangle$  with  $S = \phi, h, X$

→ Since at the end of inflation we have  $\phi_{\text{end}} \sim M_P$  and that inflaton field is decreasing during the reheating

$$\Rightarrow |\xi_\phi| \lesssim 1$$

→ Since our perturbative computations involve effective couplings in the Einstein frame that depend on all  $\xi$ , the small value of  $\xi_\phi$  can be compensated by  $\xi_h$ . Current constraints on  $\xi_h$  from collider experiments is  $\xi_h < 10^{15}$

See for example *Cosmological Aspects of Higgs Vacuum Metastability*, Tommi Markkanen, Arttu Rajantie, Stephen Stopyra, **1809.06923**

→ On the other hand, to prevent the EW vacuum instability at high energy scale, during inflation, we can invoke stabilization through effective Higgs mass from the non-minimal coupling :  $\xi_h > 10^{-1}$

→ In the case of Higgs inflation,  $\xi_h$  is fixed from CMB (Planck)

See F. L. Bezrukov and M. Shaposhnikov, Phys. Lett. B (2008)



# Sphalerons and baryogenesis

→ Anomalous baryon number violating processes are unsuppressed at high temperatures : the so called non-perturbative sphaleron transitions violate (B+L) but conserve (B-L).

N.S. Manton, Phys. Rev. (1983) , F.R. Klinkhammer and N.S. Manton, Phys. Rev. D (1984), V.A. Kuzmin, V.A. Rubakov and M.E. Shaposhnikov, Phys. Lett. B (1985)

→ Primordial (B-L) asymmetry can be realized as a lepton asymmetry generated by the out-of equilibrium decay of heavy right-handed Majorana neutrinos. L is violated by Majorana masses, while the necessary CP violation comes with complex phases in the Dirac mass matrix of the neutrinos

M. Fukugita and T. Yanagida, Phys. Lett. B (1986)

$$Y_B = \left( \frac{8N_f + 4N_H}{22N_f + 13N_H} \right) Y_{B-L}$$

*Baryogenesis and lepton number violation*, Plümacher, M. **9604229**