

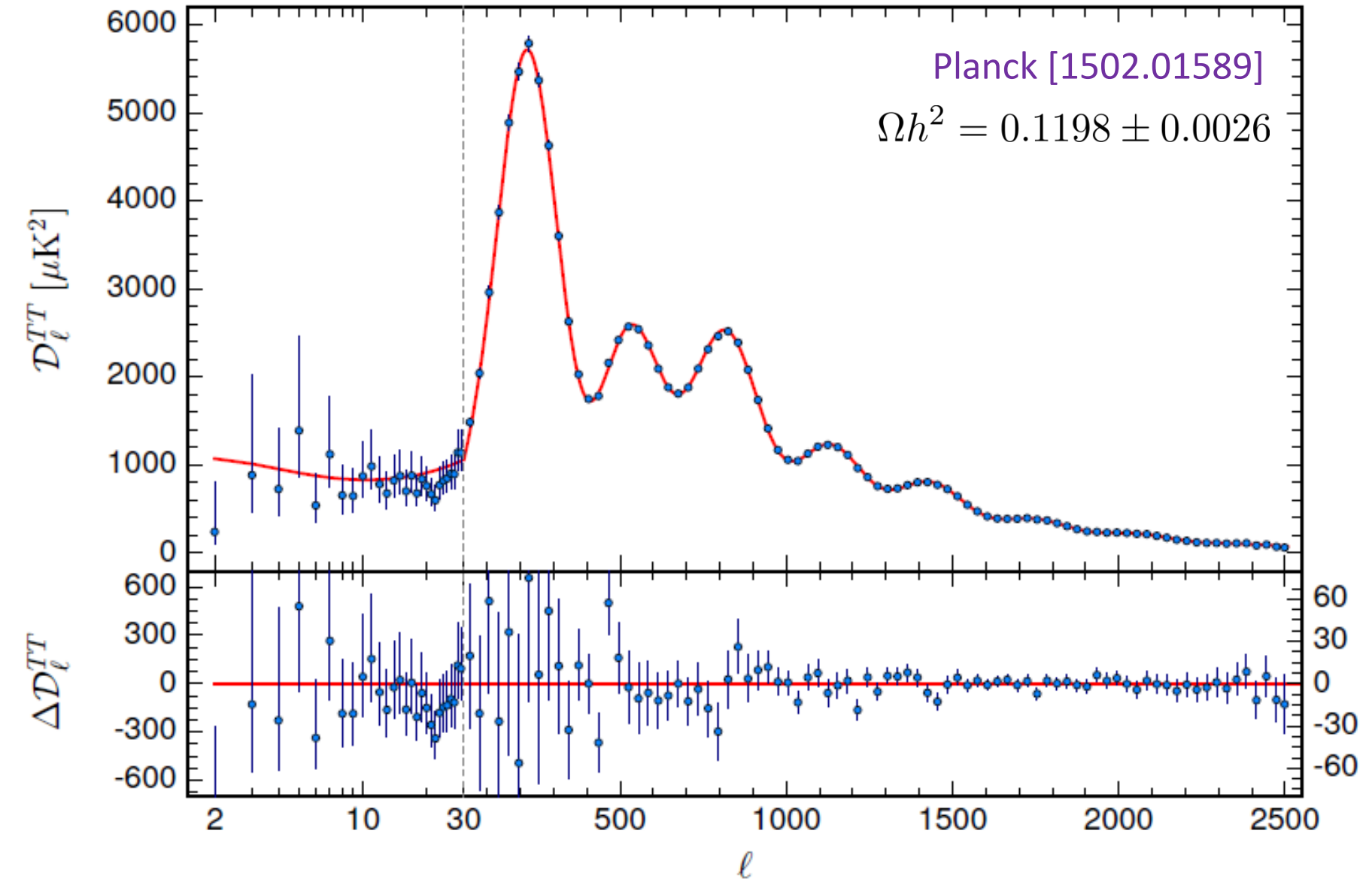
# THEORY SUMMARY

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# Dark matter is a fundamental puzzle



# Treatise on the nature of dark matter

**“What is?”**

*VS.*

**“What is it not?”**

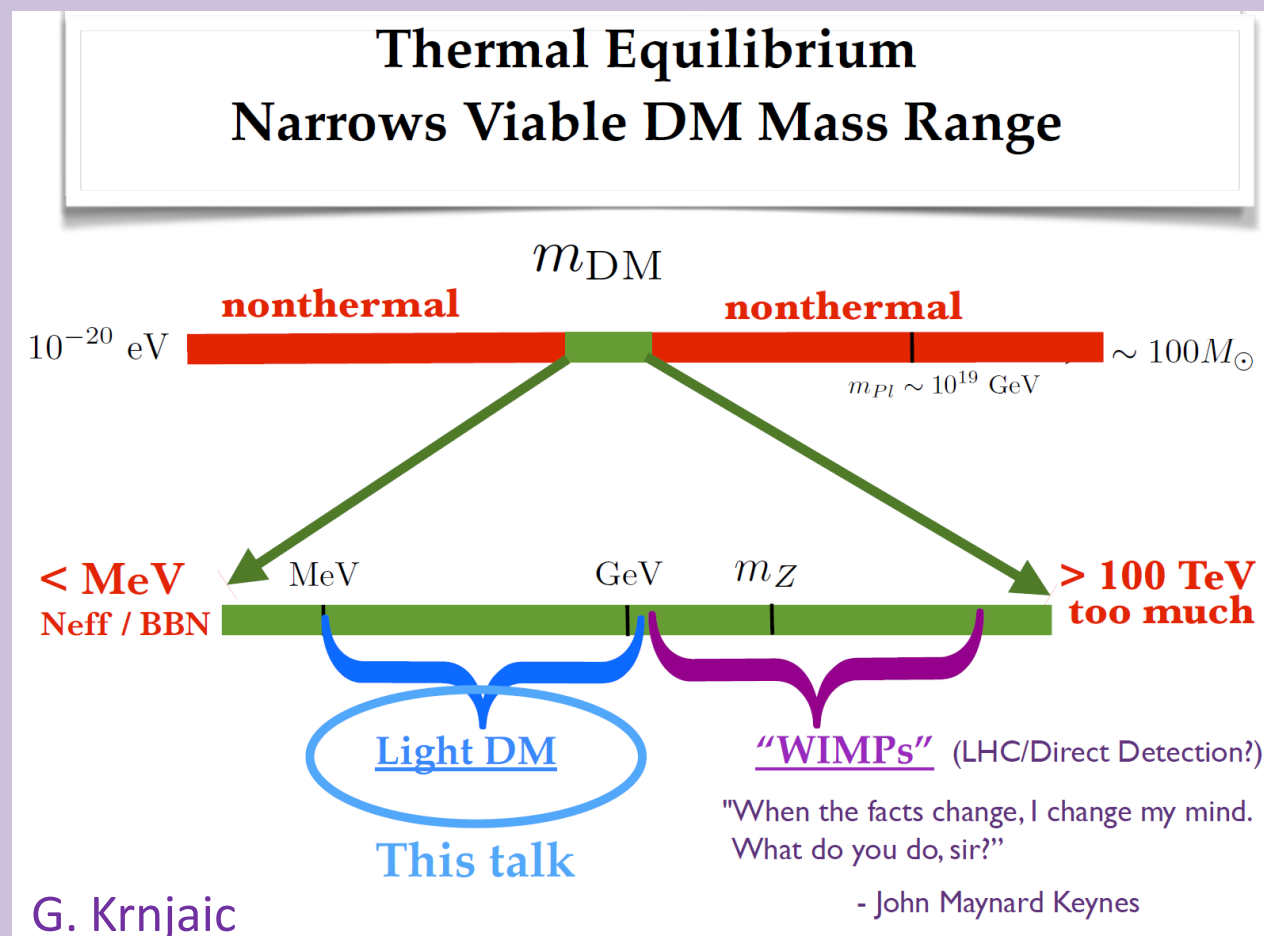
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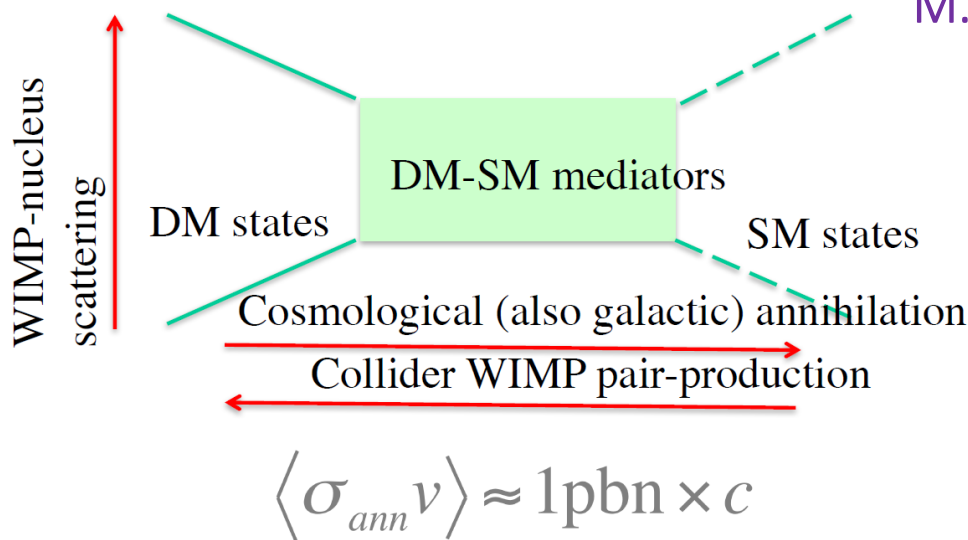
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**(and**  
**corresponding**  
**couplings)**

## Beyond WIMPs → marginal operators

- Divorce dark sector from all SM gauge interactions
  - $\Omega h^2$  from weak-like (i.e. perturbative) couplings and  $O(100)$  GeV masses

- Leading interactions at dim-4

- Scalar Higgs portal

$$(\mu\phi + \lambda\phi^2)H^\dagger H$$

- Neutrino portal

$$y_n L H N$$

- Kinetic mixing portal

$$-\frac{\epsilon}{2\cos\theta_W}B_{\mu\nu}F'^{\mu\nu}$$

- Dimension-5

- Axion portal

$$\frac{a}{f_a}F_{\mu\nu}\tilde{F}^{\mu\nu}$$

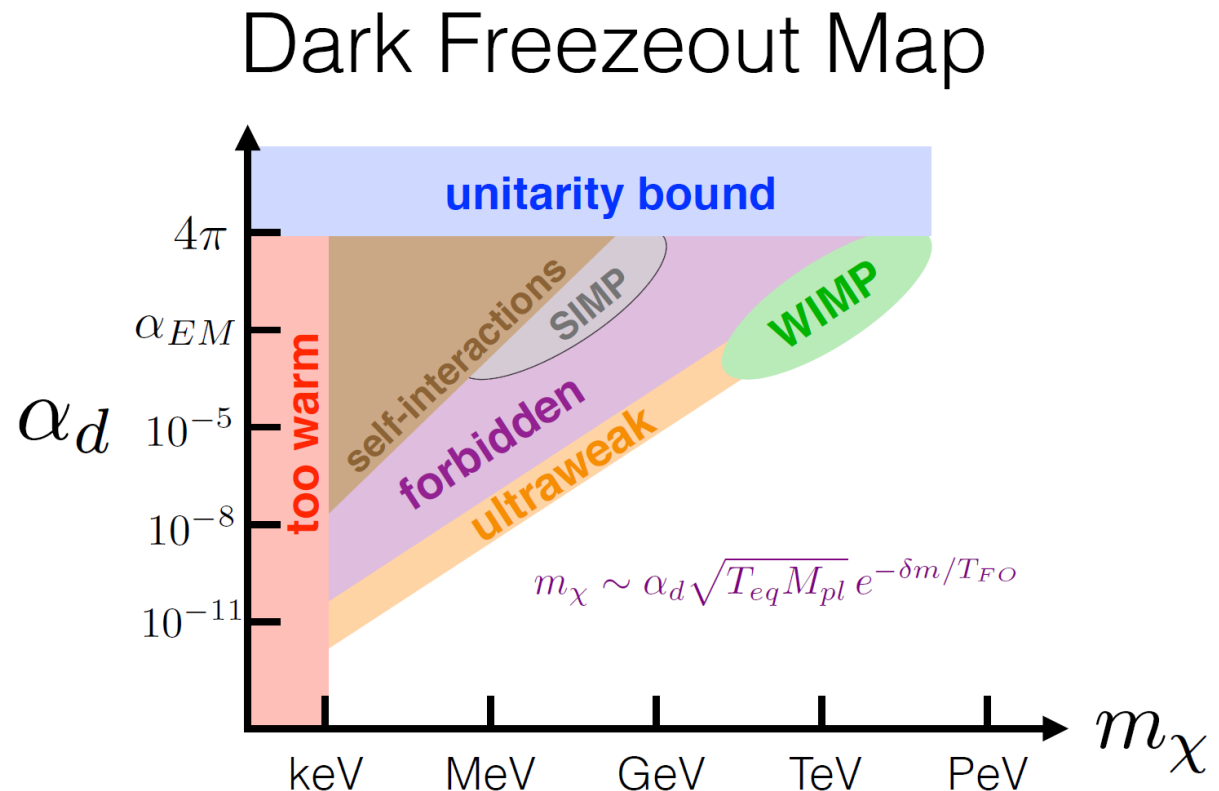
High COM energy for LHC tends to win only when other experiments lose kinematic reach

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Self-interactions





# Hand-in-hand: Theory and experiment

- Progressive, real knowledge about dark matter properties comes from experiment

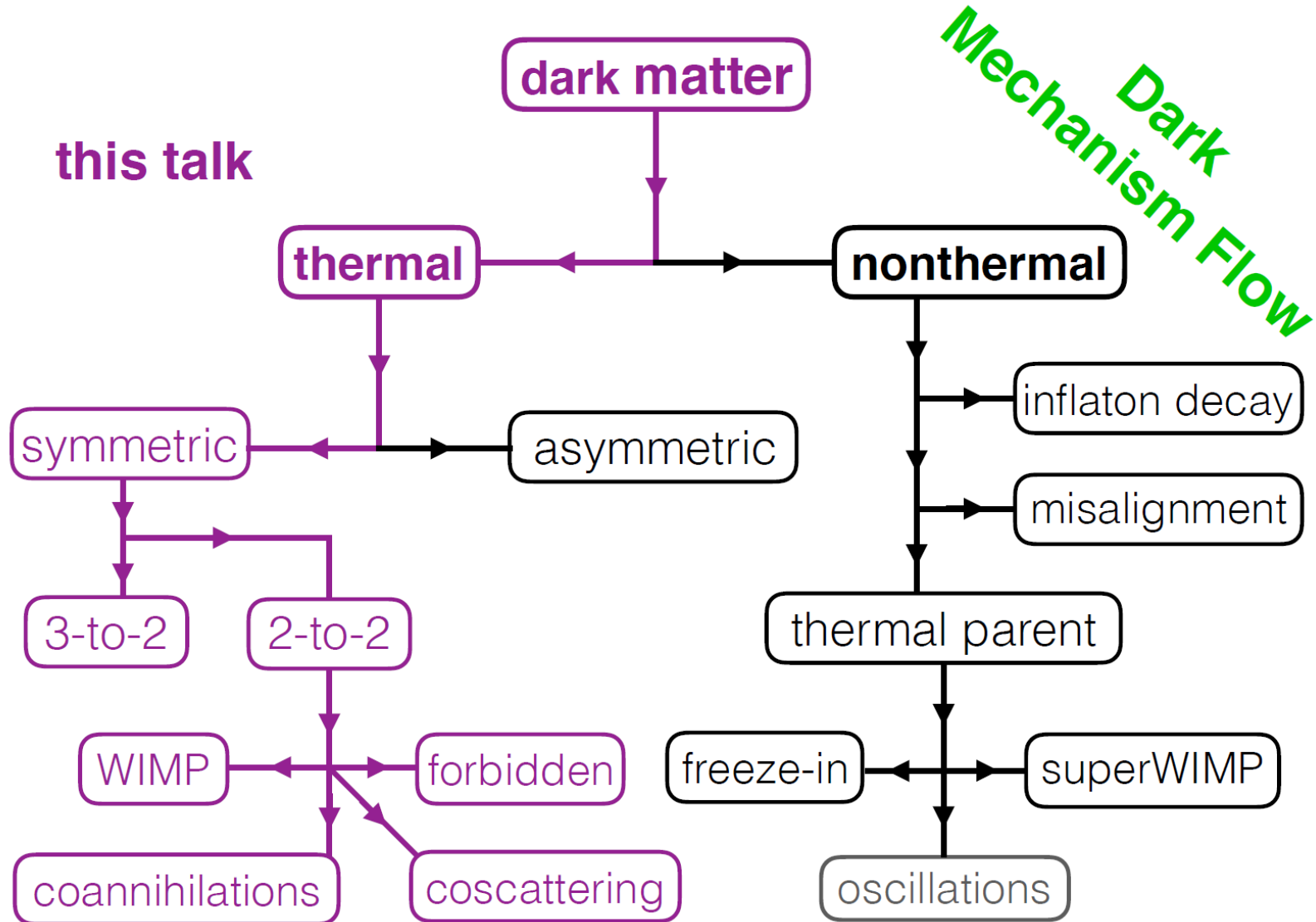
## Measurements reflect Nature

- Era of exploratory physics
  - **Laboratory experiments:** Discover the scale, interaction, and coupling at which our SM description breaks down
  - **Theory:** Question all assumptions, complicate all connections, acknowledge there are no guarantees

# A main theme for LDM2017

- How rich is dark sector physics?
  - Known properties of DM is inapplicable to dark sectors or mediators – main hope is posit a challenging signal and inventing a new experimental technique to discover
- Experiment
  - Host of opportunities to make discoveries
  - Beam dump, nuclear recoil, electron recoil, LSW, rare decays, ...
- Theory
  - Simplicity is... too simple?

# Flowchart for complement of simplicity



# Exploring the dark wilderness

- Possible models span decades in scale and coupling
- Experiments span decades in sensitivity, multitudes of dark matter / dark sector / mediator production modes, SM targets, visible and invisible signatures, ...

See summaries of current status in this and next sessions

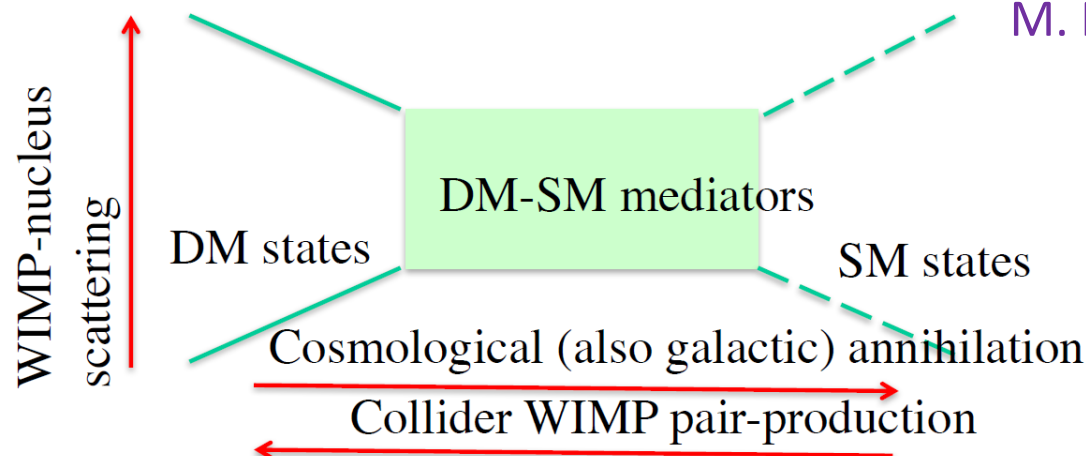
## **Second theme: powerful sensitivity of experimental searches goes well beyond Dark Matter**

- Personal view: Need experiment to point us in the right direction

# Closing the loop, post-discovery?

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$$\langle \sigma_{ann} v \rangle \approx 1 \text{ pbn} \times c$$

**Not known:  
Timescales,  
cosmological  
history**

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LDM2017: Time to think deeply in a beautiful setting  
about a wondrous problem



# Double Dark Portal model

Kinetic mixing of  $K$  with hypercharge gauge boson  $B$



$$\mathcal{L} \supset -\frac{1}{4}B_{\mu\nu}B^{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{4}W_{\mu\nu}^i W^{i\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{4}K_{\mu\nu}K^{\mu\nu} + \frac{\epsilon}{2\cos\theta_W}B_{\mu\nu}K^{\mu\nu} \\ + |D_\mu H|^2 + |D_\mu \Phi|^2 + \mu_H^2 |H|^2 - \lambda_H |H|^4 + \mu_D^2 |\Phi|^2 - \lambda_D |\Phi|^4 - \lambda_{HP} |H|^2 |\Phi|^2 \\ + \bar{\chi}(i\not{D} - m_\chi)\chi$$

$U(1)_D$  charges  
 $\Phi \sim +1$  ,  $\chi \sim +1$

Scalar Higgs portal between dark Higgs  $\Phi$  and SM  $H$

- Two marginal operators: simultaneous vector portal and scalar portal couplings
  - Constraints driven by searches, not known from first principles (possible in UV completions)



# Double Dark Portal model

- Fermion bilinears experience the new currents

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{L} &\supset g Z_{\mu, \text{SM}} J_Z^\mu + e A_{\mu, \text{SM}} J_{\text{em}}^\mu + g_D K_\mu J_D^\mu \\
 &= \tilde{Z}_\mu \left( g J_Z^\mu - g_D \frac{m_{Z, \text{SM}}^2 t_W}{m_{Z, \text{SM}}^2 - m_K^2} \epsilon J_D^\mu + g \frac{m_{Z, \text{SM}}^2 (m_{Z, \text{SM}}^2 - 2m_K^2) t_W^2}{2(m_K^2 - m_{Z, \text{SM}}^2)^2} \epsilon^2 J_Z^\mu - e \frac{m_{Z, \text{SM}}^2 t_W}{m_{Z, \text{SM}}^2 - m_K^2} \epsilon^2 J_{\text{em}}^\mu \right) \\
 &+ \tilde{K}_\mu \left( g_D J_D^\mu + g \frac{m_K^2 t_W}{m_{Z, \text{SM}}^2 - m_K^2} \epsilon J_Z^\mu + e \epsilon J_{\text{em}}^\mu + g_D \frac{(m_{Z, \text{SM}}^4 c_W^2 - 2m_K^2 m_{Z, \text{SM}}^2 + m_K^4) c_W^{-2}}{2(m_{Z, \text{SM}}^2 - m_K^2)^2} \epsilon^2 J_D^\mu \right) \\
 &+ \tilde{A}_\mu e J_{\text{em}}^\mu
 \end{aligned}$$

- $U(1)_D$ - charged fermions pick up  $\epsilon$  weak charge mediated by  $Z$
- SM charged fermions pick up  $\epsilon$  weak charge and  $\epsilon$  electric charge mediated by dark photon
- Photon remains massless, long-range
  - (Singular behavior at  $m_K = m_{Z, \text{SM}}$  is maximal mixing limit)