

# *Clockwork theory and phenomenology*

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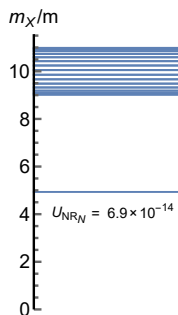
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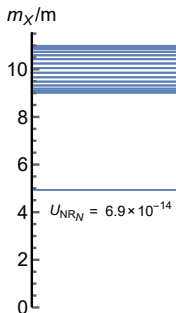
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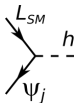
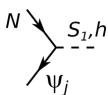
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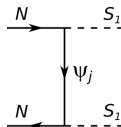
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for  $q \sim 10$ ,  $\mathcal{N} \sim 26$

$\Rightarrow N$  cosmologically **stable**

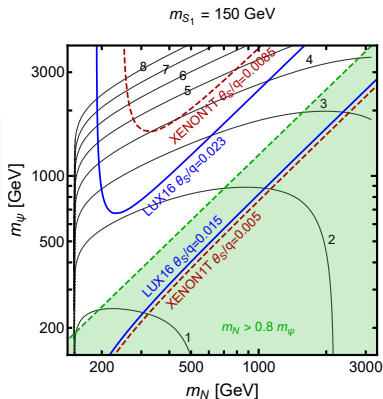
The decay lifetime of  $N$  longer than the age of the Universe with  $\mathcal{O}(1)$  **couplings** and  $\lesssim$  **TeV-scale** states

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$N$  is produced thermally in the early Universe and freezes out

$\Rightarrow$   **$N$  is a WIMP**



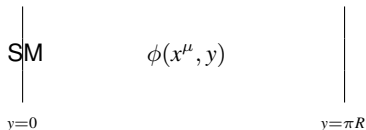
Yukawa needed for correct  $\Omega_{DM}$

$\Rightarrow$   **$N$  and  $\psi_j$  light enough**

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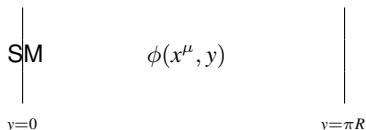


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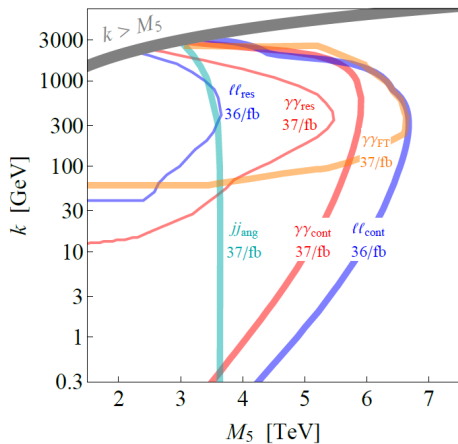
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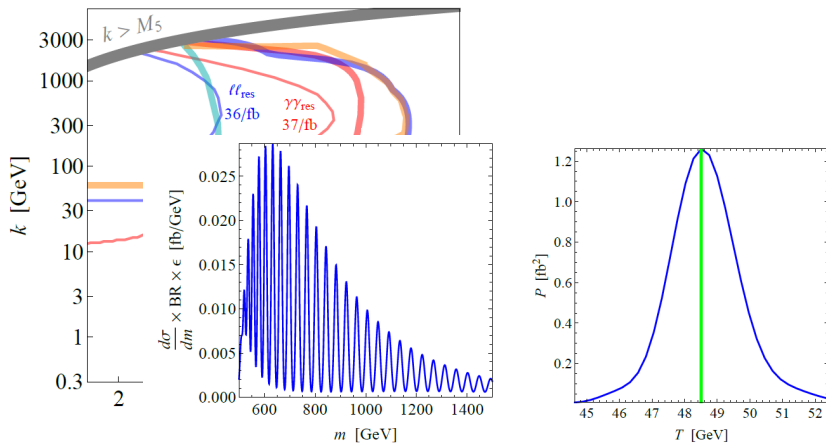
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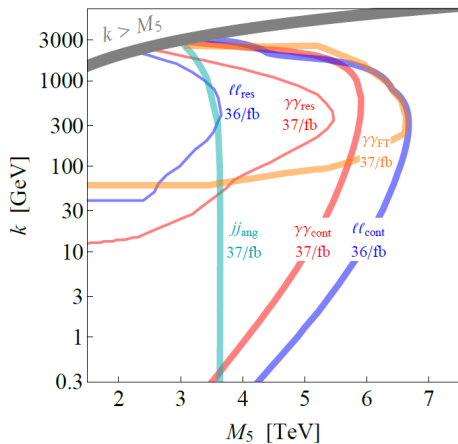
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**Preliminary** - novel smoking-gun signatures:

- **s-channel** displaced vertices
- **chains** of **displaced** vertices
- long decay chains with many **soft** objects

Stay tuned:

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Many theory/pheno/cosmology developments on their way...

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