

**Dark Matter Physics from the CMB-S4 Experiment**  
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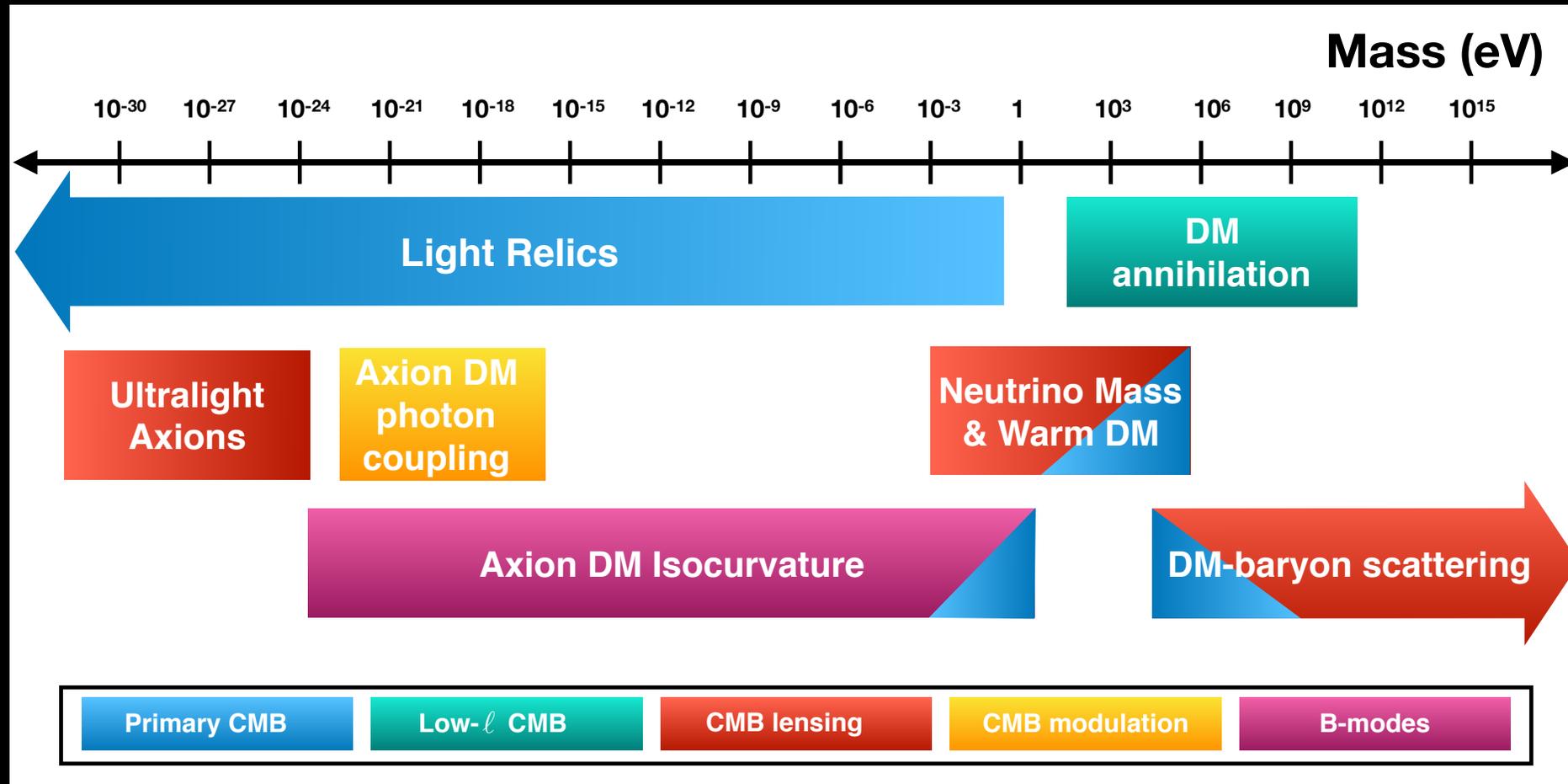
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# Dark sector



*Abazajian et al., (2019)*

# Ultra-light Axions

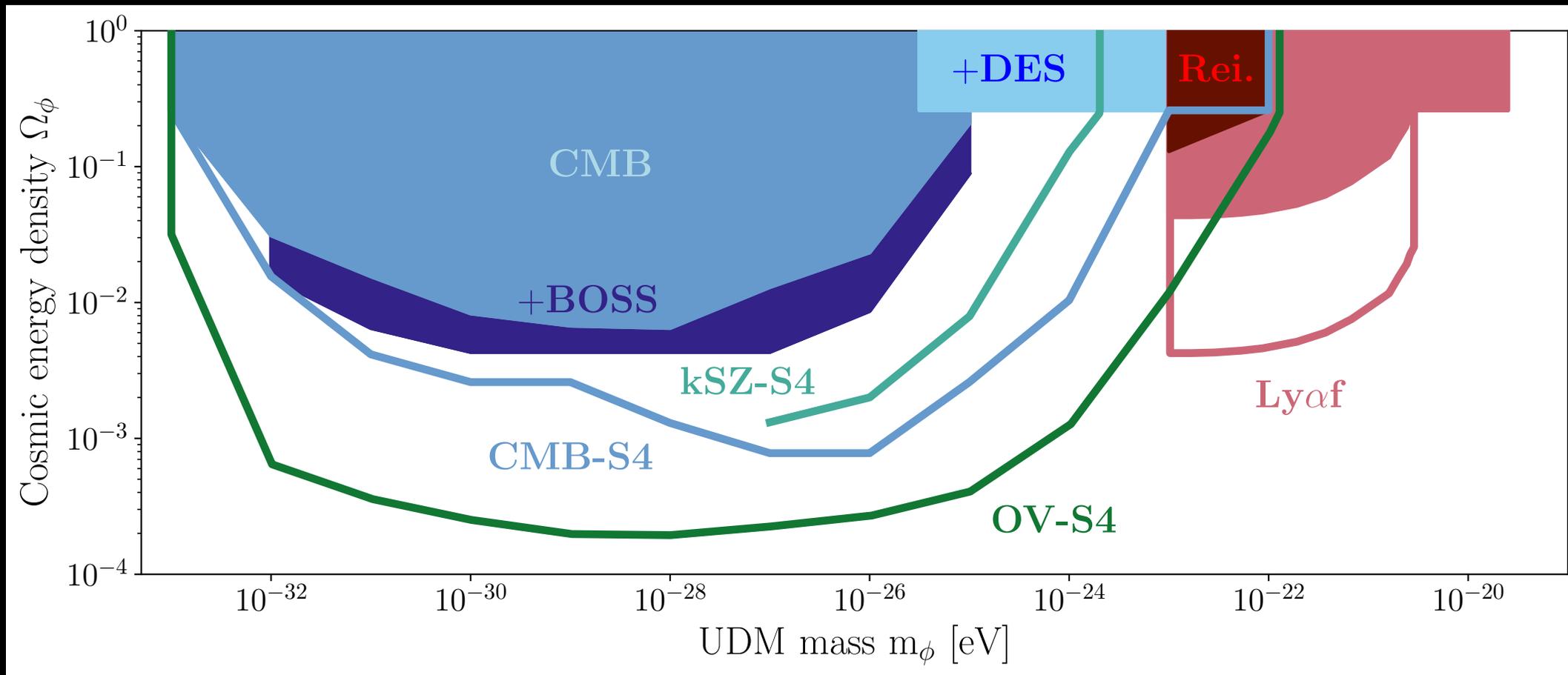
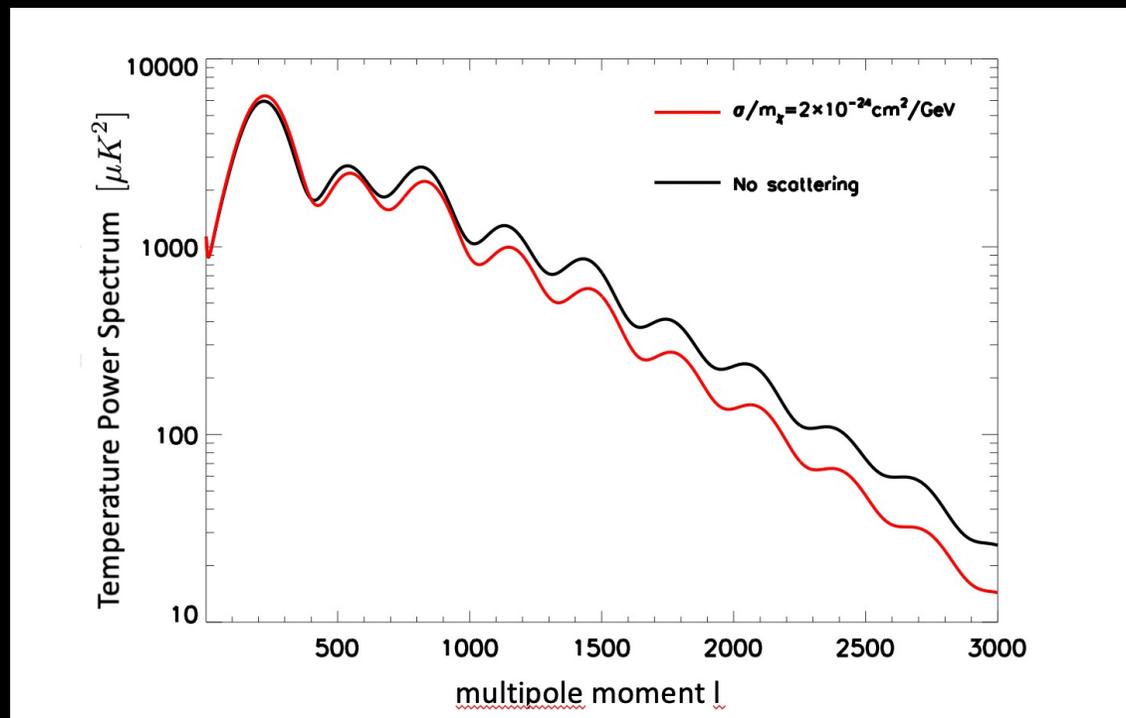
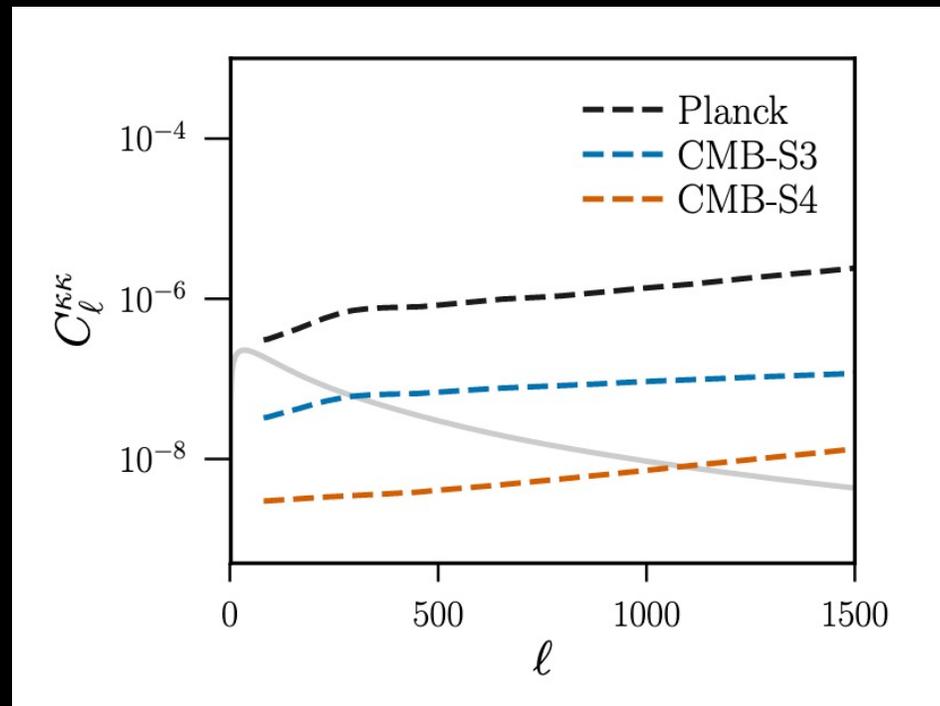


Figure adapted from Farren et al. (2021)

# Dark matter-baryon scattering



*Dvorkin et al. (2016)*



*Li et al. (2018)*

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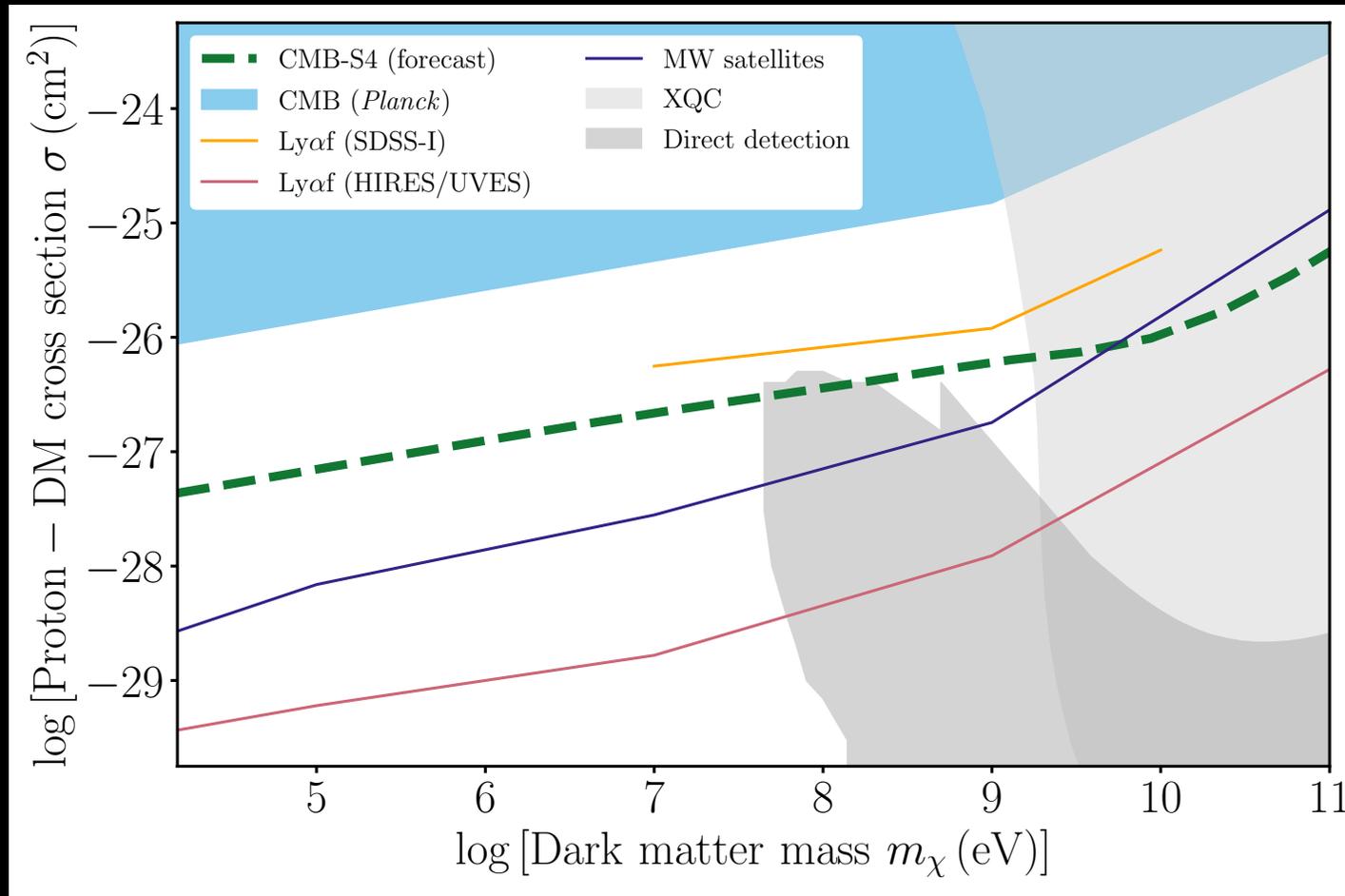
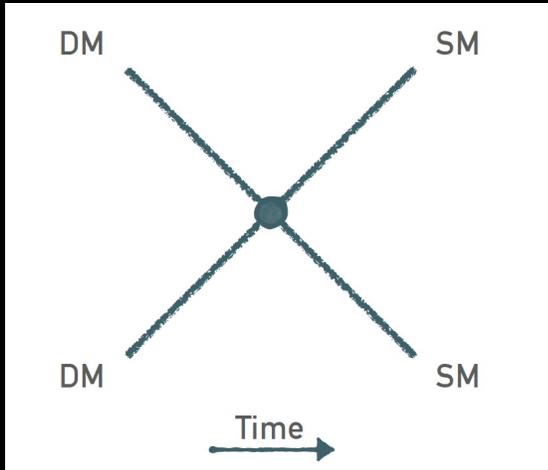


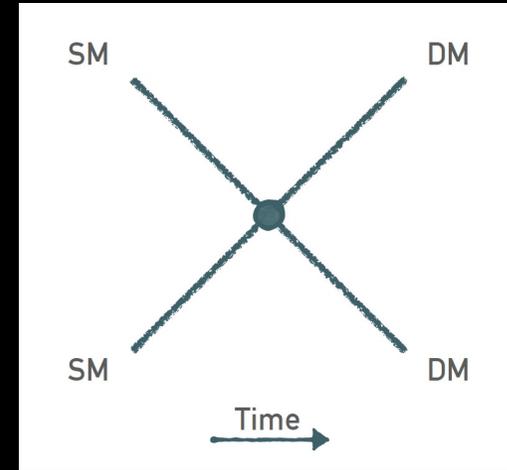
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# Dark matter freeze-in

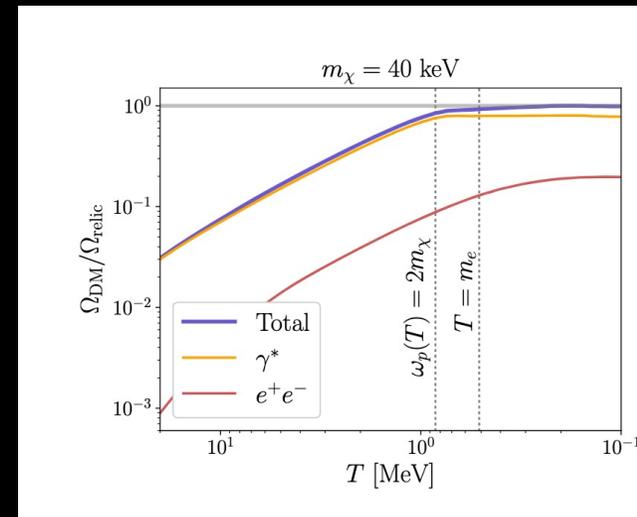
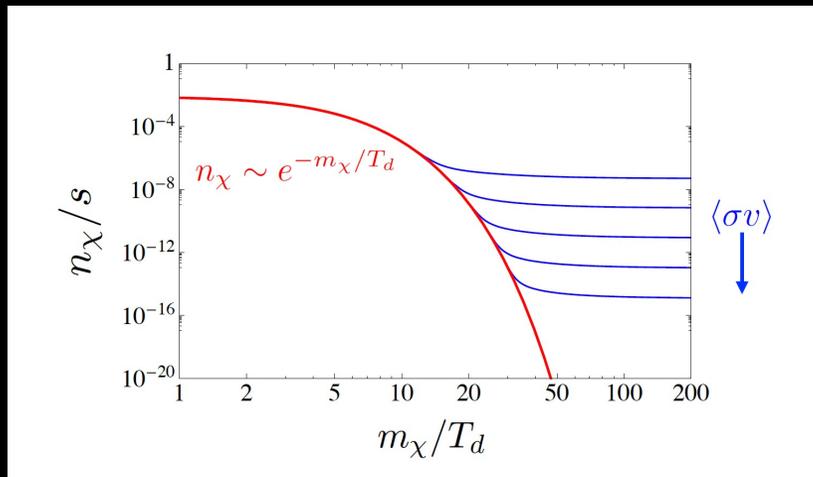
Freeze-out



Freeze-in

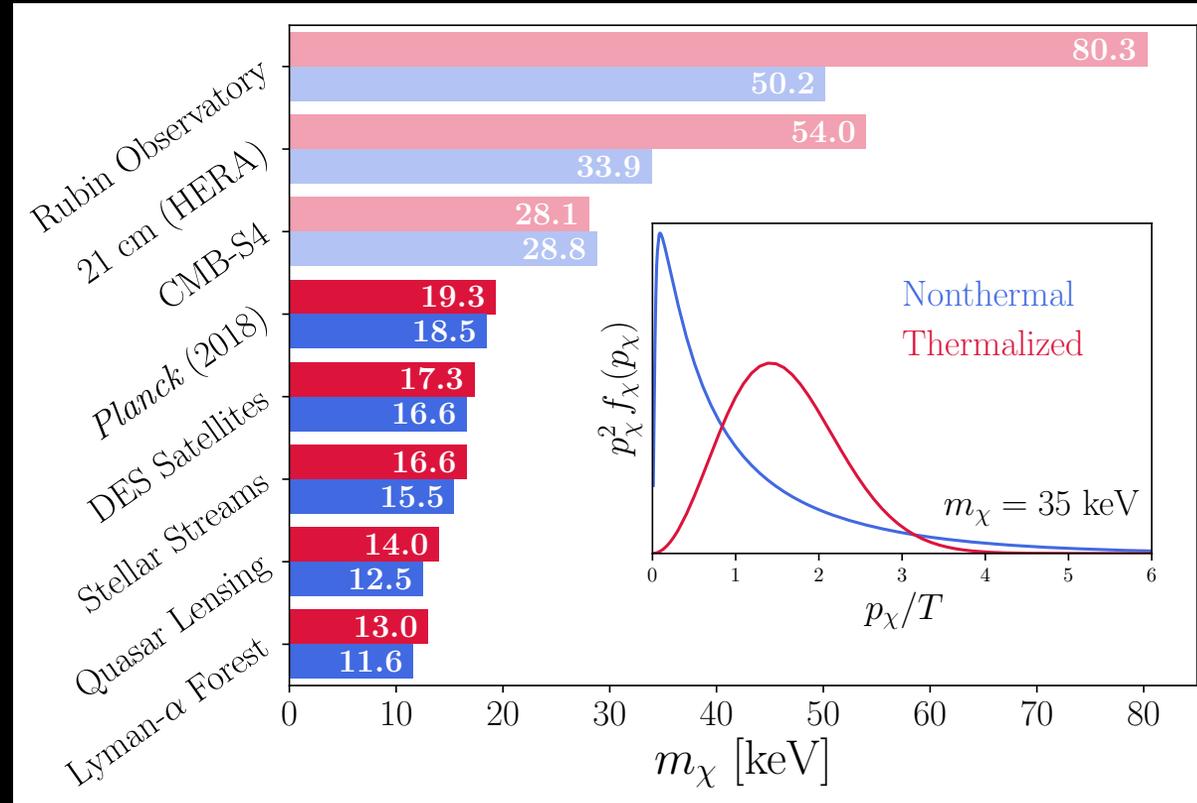
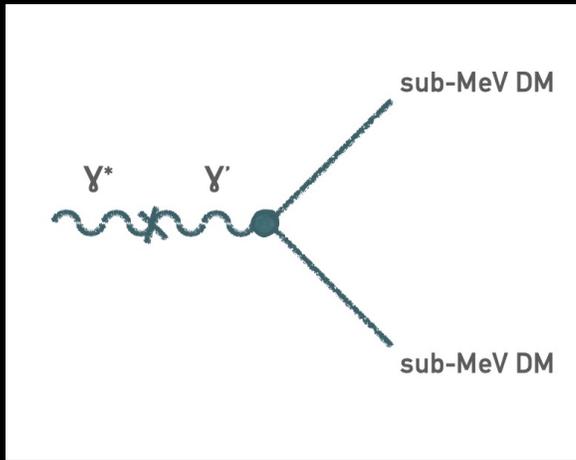


*Hall et al. (2009)*



*Dvorkin, Lin and Schutz (PRD "Editor's Suggestion", 2019)*

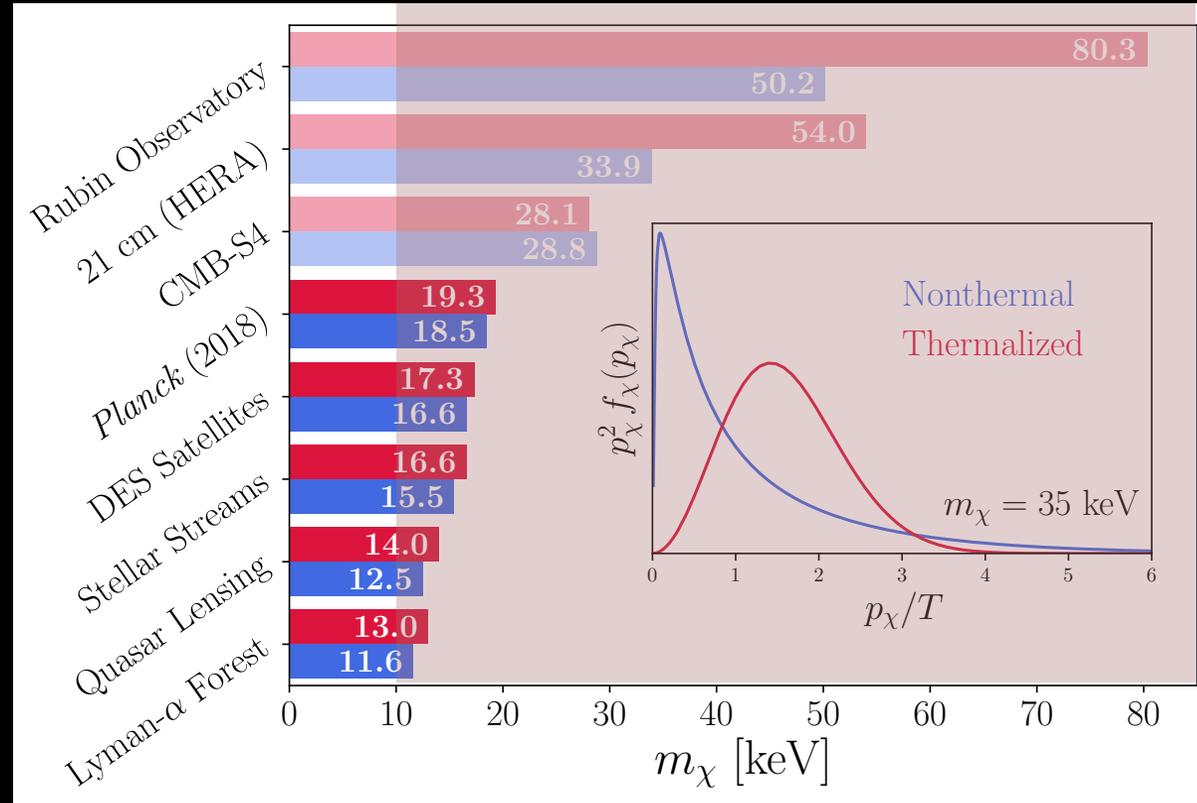
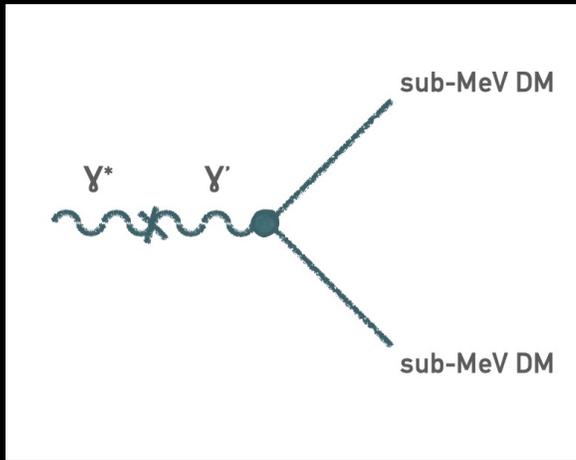
# Dark Matter born out of light



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ruled out

*Dvorkin, Lin and Schutz (PRL, 2021)*

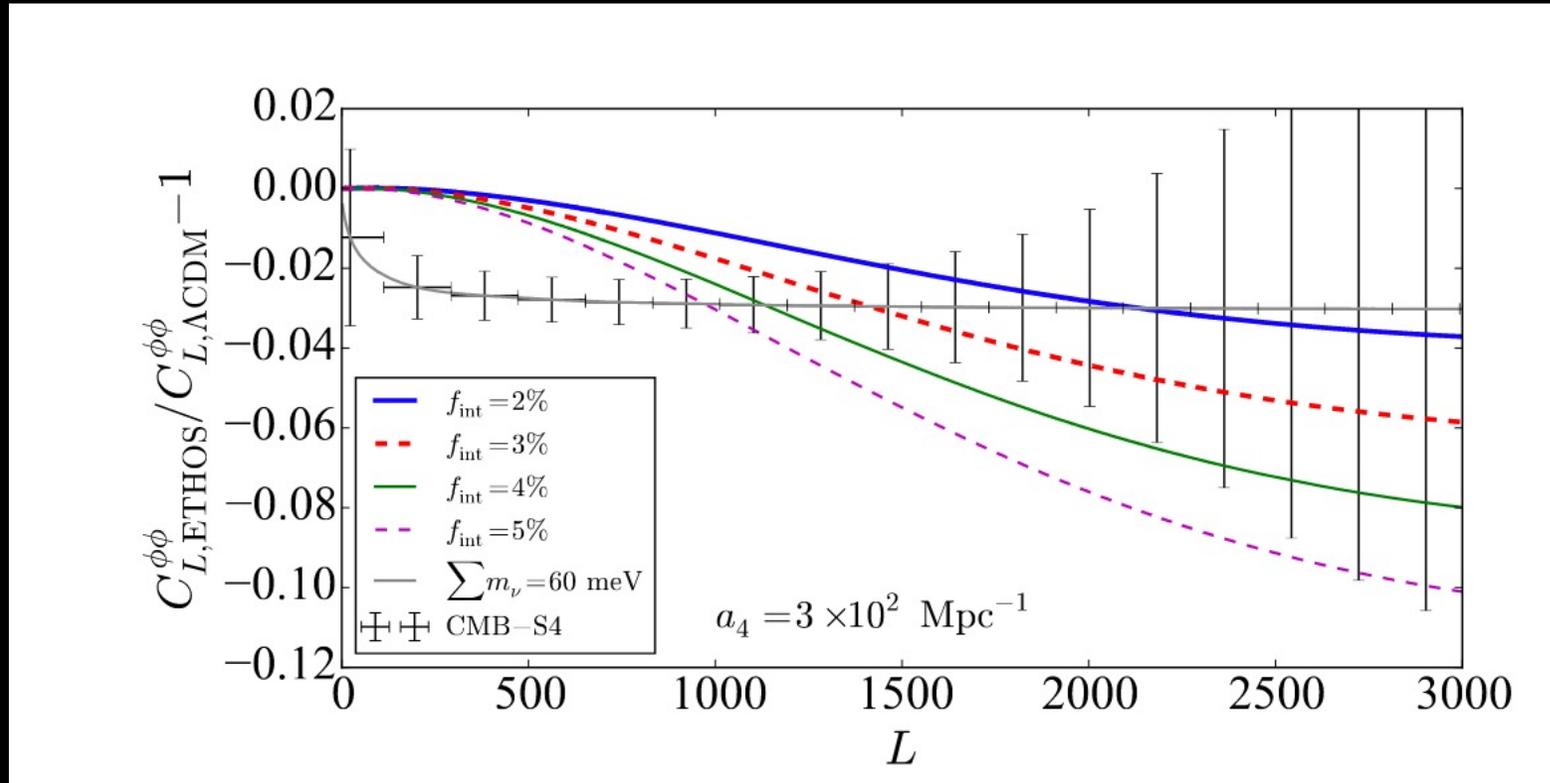
# Complementarity with direct detection searches



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*Dvorkin, Lin and Schutz (PRL, 2021)*

# Dark Matter-Dark Radiation interactions



**Figure from Abazajian et al. (2016)**  
**Models from Cyr-Racine et al. (2016)**

# Why is the CMB a powerful probe of dark matter?

- Sensitivity of the CMB measurements to the dark sector do not rely on assumptions about the local dark matter distribution; insensitive to the details of astrophysical modeling.
- Improved measurements of CMB lensing will provide insights into the clustering of matter across a wide range of scales.
- Leap in sensitivity to CMB fluctuations will enable new insights into the nature of dark matter.