

The inert Higgs doublet model

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Part I

The inert doublet model

Two observations & the standard view

① Hierarchy problem:

- ▶ The Higgs mass (m_h) gets quadratically divergent loop contributions
- ▶ Main one from the t quark: $\delta m_h^2 \simeq m_h^2$ if the cutoff $\Lambda_t \lesssim 3.5 m_h$
- ▶ To avoid fine-tuning, new physics (e.g., SUSY) must be introduced to cancel δm_h^2

② Electroweak precision tests (EWPT):

- ▶ These point to a light Higgs, with $m_h < 186$ GeV
- ▶ Today we think that the Higgs is (apparently) indeed light, with $m_h \simeq 125$ GeV (so $\Lambda_t \approx 400$ GeV)

① + ② lead to the **standard view**:
divergence-cancelling new physics should be accessible at the LHC

An alternative: a heavy Higgs?

Is a heavy Higgs (~ 500 GeV) possible anyway?

(After all, the 125 GeV resonance might be something else, or a (very rare) fluctuation)

With a heavy Higgs . . .

- ▶ Higher “naturalness” cutoff (*i.e.*, where $\delta m_h^2 \approx m_h^2$) at $\Lambda_t \gtrsim 1.5$ TeV
- ▶ Need a modified electroweak theory below Λ_t that allows a heavy Higgs to bypass the EWPT . . .
- ▶ . . . while keeping naturalness and perturbativity

Solution:

introduce an **inert doublet scalar**,
i.e., a second Higgs without a vev or coupling to matter

Let us look first at the SM with a heavy Higgs ▶

Improved naturalness

- ▶ The SM is **highly sensitive to the UV cutoff via m_h**
- ▶ The energy scale at which the divergence-cancelling physics should appear can be estimated by

$$m_h^2 \simeq \delta m_h^2 \quad (\text{"naturalness condition"})$$

with the one-loop quadratic contribution

$$\delta m_h^2 = \alpha_t \Lambda_t^2 + \alpha_g \Lambda_g^2 + \alpha_h \Lambda_h^2$$

$$\alpha_t = \frac{3m_t^2}{4\pi^2 v^2}, \quad \alpha_g = -\frac{6m_W^2 + 3m_Z^2}{16\pi^2 v^2}, \quad \alpha_h = -\frac{3m_h^2}{16\pi^2 v^2}$$

- ▶ v : Higgs vev (174 GeV)
- ▶ Λ_i : cutoffs on momenta of virtual t , gauge bosons, Higgs

$$\delta m_h^2 = \alpha_t \Lambda_t^2 + \alpha_g \Lambda_g^2 + \alpha_h \Lambda_h^2$$

Demanding that, individually,

$$|\alpha_i| \Lambda_i^2 \lesssim m_h^2 ,$$

is equivalent to demanding low sensitivity of m_h^2 to cutoffs, *i.e.*,

$$\left| \frac{\partial \log m_h^2}{\partial \log \Lambda_i^2} \right| = \frac{|\alpha_i| \Lambda_i^2}{m_h^2} \lesssim 1$$

These result in (at saturation)

$$\Lambda_t \simeq 3.5 m_h , \quad \Lambda_g \simeq 9 m_h > \Lambda_t , \quad \Lambda_h \approx 1.3 \text{ TeV}$$

	m_h	Λ_t	observable at LHC?
Light Higgs	125 GeV	400 GeV	yes
Heavy Higgs	$\gtrsim 400 \text{ GeV}$	$\gtrsim 1.4 \text{ TeV}$	yes (unless m_h too large)

How high can m_h be? – perturbativity

- ▶ The quartic interaction $\lambda |H|^4$ becomes **stronger with m_h**
- ▶ One-loop RG equation for the coupling λ :

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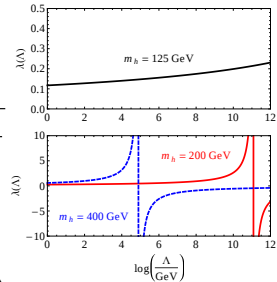
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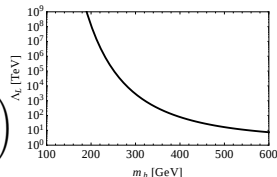
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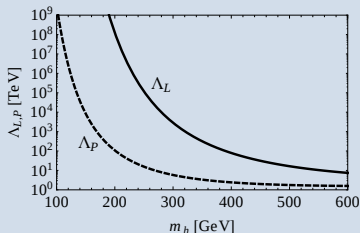
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- ▶ However, perturbativity breaks down before Λ_L
- ▶ We define the **perturbativity scale** Λ_P at which the one-loop correction to λ reaches 30% of the tree-level value,

$$\Lambda_P = 1.36 m_h \exp \left(0.3 \frac{2\pi^2}{3\lambda_{\text{phys}}} \right)$$

- ▶ Require that $\Lambda_P > 1.5$ TeV
- ▶ **For $m_h \lesssim 600$ GeV, we are safe:**



m_h [GeV]	Λ_P [TeV]	Λ_L [TeV]
125	2.4×10^{21}	7.5×10^6
400	2.4	80
500	1.8	16
600	1.6	7.5

Electroweak precision tests

- ▶ How about the EWPT, which predict a light Higgs?

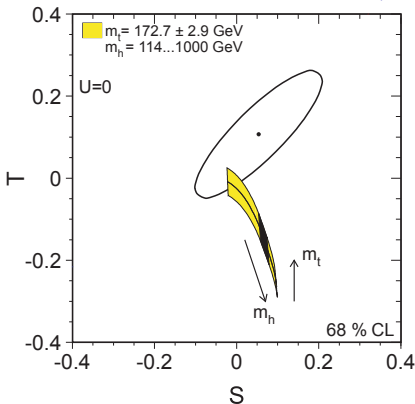
Peskin-Takeuchi parameters (S, T, U): measurable quantities that parametrise potential new physics contributions to EW radiative corrections

- ▶ Defined in terms of the self-energies of the γ , Z , and W
- ▶ Reference: $S = T = U = 0$ for the SM
- ▶ EWPT affected by m_h through contributions to S, T :

$$T \simeq -\frac{3}{8\pi c^2} \ln \frac{m_h}{m_Z} \quad , \quad S \simeq \frac{1}{6\pi} \ln \frac{m_h}{m_Z}$$

- ▶ From fits to S, T , **one expects a light Higgs:** $m_h \lesssim 200$ GeV

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So,

if H is heavy, there must be new physics that produces ΔT
– this is the new physics that the LHC would study

- ▶ $m_h = 400 \text{ GeV}$ excluded at 99.9% C.L.
- ▶ However, a heavy Higgs *can* be consistent with EWPT *if* there is new physics that:
 - ① produces a compensating $\Delta T > 0$; and
 - ② a small ΔS
- ▶ For $m_h = 400 - 600 \text{ GeV}$, we need

$$\Delta T \approx 0.25 \pm 0.1$$

The model

Add to the SM a doublet H_2 which is invariant under $\mathbb{Z}_2$, i.e.,

$$H_2 \rightarrow -H_2$$

New potential:

$$V = \mu_1^2 |H_1|^2 + \mu_2^2 |H_2|^2 + \lambda_1 |H_1|^4 + \lambda_2 |H_2|^4 \\ + \lambda_3 |H_1|^2 |H_2|^2 + \lambda_4 \left| H_1^\dagger H_2 \right|^2 + \frac{\lambda_5}{2} \left[\left(H_1^\dagger H_2 \right)^2 + \text{h.c.} \right]$$

- ▶ H_1 is the SM Higgs
 - acquires a vev and gives masses to W , Z , and fermions
- ▶ H_2 is an inert doublet
 - does **not** acquire a vev or couples to fermions, but **has** weak and quartic interactions

V bounded from below

$\Rightarrow$ the minima, $H_1 = (0, v)$, $H_2 = (0, 0)$, are global and stable

We perturb them as

$$H_1 = \begin{pmatrix} \phi^+ \\ v + (h + i\chi)/\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix}, \quad H_2 = \begin{pmatrix} H^+ \\ (S + iA)/\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

Scalar spectrum:

SM Higgs	h	$m_h \approx 400 - 600 \text{ GeV}$	$\lambda_1 = m_h^2 / (4v^2) \approx 2$
charged inert	$H^\pm$	$m_H^2 = \mu_2^2 + \lambda_H v^2$	$\lambda_H = \lambda_3$
neutral inert	S	$m_S^2 = \mu_2^2 + \lambda_S v^2$	$\lambda_S = \lambda_3 + \lambda_4 + \lambda_5$
neutral inert	A	$m_A^2 = \mu_2^2 + \lambda_A v^2$	$\lambda_A = \lambda_3 + \lambda_4 - \lambda_5$

Seven parameters:

$$\underbrace{m_h, m_H, m_A, m_S, v, \lambda_2, \lambda_3}_{\text{physical masses}}$$

The Lightest Inert Particle (LIP)

- ▶ Since the $\mathbb{Z}_2$ parity is **unbroken**, the **lightest inert particle (LIP) will be stable ...**
- ▶ ... and constitute a dark matter candidate
- ▶ To avoid conflicts with the stringent limits on charged relics, it is assumed that the **LIP is neutral**

$\therefore \text{LIP} = A \text{ or } S, \text{ with mass } m_L = m_A \text{ or } m_S$

Making the IDM perturbative

- ▶ λ_2 affects only the self-interactions between inert particles
– assume $\lambda_2 \lesssim 1$
- ▶ The SM w/ 500 GeV Higgs is perturbative up to ~ 1.8 TeV
– we want the same for the IDM
- ▶ To achieve this, in the RGE of λ_1 ,

$$16\pi^2 \frac{d\lambda_1}{d\log \Lambda} = 24\lambda_1^2 + 2\lambda_3^2 + 2\lambda_3\lambda_4 + \lambda_4^2 + \lambda_5^2,$$

we make the **extra terms** $\leq 50\%$ of the SM term $24\lambda_1^2$, *i.e.*,

$$|2\lambda_3(\lambda_3 + \lambda_4) + \lambda_4^2 + \lambda_5^2| \lesssim 50$$

- ▶ $\Delta T > 0$ will need additionally $\lambda_4 < 0$ and λ_5 small, *i.e.*,

$$|\lambda_4| \lesssim \lambda_3 \lesssim 7$$

Making the IDM natural

- ▶ The IDM is also a natural theory only up to some cutoff
- ▶ One-loop quadratic corrections to m_h^2 :

$$\text{SM:} \quad \delta m_h^2 = \alpha_t \Lambda_t^2 + \alpha_g \Lambda_g^2 + \alpha_h \Lambda_h^2$$

$$\text{IDM:} \quad \delta m_h^2 = \alpha_t \Lambda_t^2 + \alpha_g \Lambda_g^2 + \alpha_{11} \Lambda_{H_1}^2 + \alpha_{12} \Lambda_{H_2}^2$$

$$\alpha_{11} = -\frac{3\lambda_1}{4\pi^2} \quad , \quad \alpha_{12} = -\frac{2\lambda_3 + \lambda_4}{8\pi^2} \quad , \quad \alpha_{t,g} \text{ as before}$$

- ▶ Naturalness ($\delta m_h^2 \approx m_h^2$) conditions for the first three terms:

$$\text{for } m_h \gtrsim 400 \text{ GeV: } \Lambda_t \simeq \Lambda_g \gtrsim 1.5 \text{ TeV} \quad , \quad \Lambda_{H_1} \approx 1.3 \text{ TeV}$$

– in analogy, we also demand $\Lambda_{H_2} \gtrsim 1.5 \text{ TeV}$

- ▶ Requiring that $\alpha_{12} \Lambda_{H_2}^2 \lesssim m_h^2$ constrains

$$|2\lambda_3 + \lambda_4| \lesssim 9$$

Satisfying the electroweak precision tests

- ▶ Recall the heavy Higgs contribution to T :

$$T \simeq -\frac{3}{8\pi c^2} \ln \frac{m_h}{m_Z}$$

- ▶ Compensated by the contribution from the inert doublet:

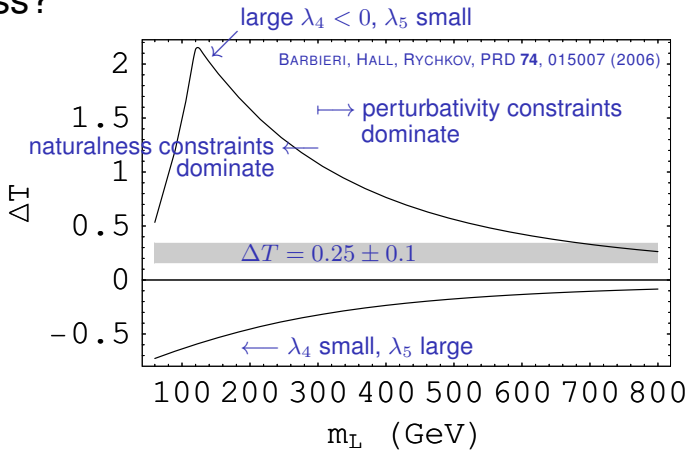
$$\Delta T \simeq \frac{1}{24\pi^2 \alpha v^2} (m_H - m_A) (m_H - m_S)$$

- ▶ Requiring that $\Delta T = 0.25 \pm 0.1$ constrains the spectrum,

$$(m_H - m_A) (m_H - m_S) = (120_{-30}^{+20}) \text{ GeV}^2$$

- ▶ H must be heavier than A and S in order for $\Delta T > 0$
- ▶ $|\Delta S| \lesssim 0.04$ for $m_{A,S} = 100 - 800 \text{ GeV}$

Success?



Yes – in a large region of the parameter space, $\Delta T > 0$ and is of the typical size needed to compensate for the heavy Higgs

Production and decay of the inert particles – *at LEP*

- ▶ $\mathbb{Z}_2$ conserved $\Rightarrow$ inert particles can only be pair-produced
- ▶ The production cross section at LEP was

$$\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow SA) = \left(\frac{g}{2c_W}\right)^4 \left(\frac{1}{2} - 2s_W^2 + 4s_W^4\right) \frac{1}{48\pi s} \frac{(1 - 4m^2/s)^{3/2}}{(1 - m_Z^2/s)^2}$$

$$\approx 0.2 \text{ pb}$$

for $\sqrt{s} = 200 \text{ GeV}$ (assuming $\Delta m \equiv m_{\text{NL}} - m_{\text{L}} \ll m_{\text{L}}$)

- ▶ Let A be the heavier state; so

$$A \rightarrow S + Z^* \rightarrow \text{dilepton events} + \text{missing energy}$$

For $\Delta m \lesssim 10 \text{ GeV}$, σ is below the limits set by LEP2

Production and decay of the inert particles – *at LHC*

Production:
$$\begin{cases} pp \rightarrow W^* \rightarrow HA \text{ or } HS \\ pp \rightarrow Z^* (\gamma^*) \rightarrow SA \text{ or } H^+ H^- \end{cases}$$

Decay:
$$\begin{cases} H \rightarrow AW \text{ or } SW \\ A \rightarrow SZ^{(*)} \end{cases}$$

- ▶ **Best signal:** final state with charged leptons
- ▶ For $m_h = 400 - 600$ GeV and $m_L = 60 - 75$ GeV:

- ▶ *HA, HS* production:

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \sigma(pp \rightarrow HA \text{ or } HS) \approx 0.25 \text{ pb} \\ \text{BR}(\geq 3e \text{ or } \geq 3\mu) \approx 1.5\% \end{array} \right\} \sigma_{\text{signal}} \approx 3.5 \text{ fb}$$

- ▶ *H⁺H⁻* production: $\sigma_{\text{signal}} \approx 0.35 \text{ fb}$

- ▶ **Background** *WW* ($\rightarrow e, \mu$) and *ZZ* ($\rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^- \rightarrow e, \mu$): $\sigma_{\text{bg}} \approx 20 \text{ fb}$

$\therefore$ Luminosity $\mathcal{L} \sim 30 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ **needed** (currently, 21 fb^{-1} collected)

The Higgs width

- ▶ Existence of new states inferred indirectly from **increase of the width of h**
- ▶ New decay channels:

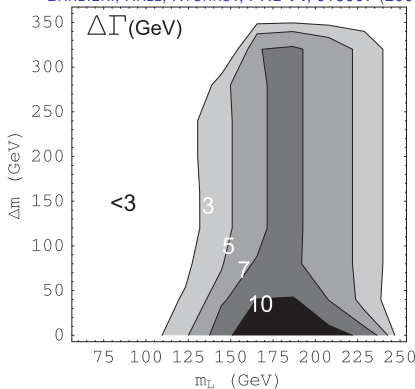
$$h \rightarrow SS, AA, H^+ H^-$$

- ▶ Width of a 500 GeV SM Higgs: $\Gamma_{\text{SM}} \approx 68 \text{ GeV}$
- ▶ Increase in the width of h :

$$\Delta\Gamma = \frac{v^2}{16\pi m_h} \left[\lambda_S^2 \left(1 - \frac{4m_S^2}{m_h^2} \right)^{1/2} + \lambda_A^2 \left(1 - \frac{4m_A^2}{m_h^2} \right)^{1/2} + 2\lambda_3^2 \left(1 - \frac{4m_H^2}{m_h^2} \right)^{1/2} \right]$$

If $\Delta\Gamma \gtrsim 0.1\Gamma_{\text{SM}} \approx 7 \text{ GeV}$, **LHC might observe it**

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Summary – Part I

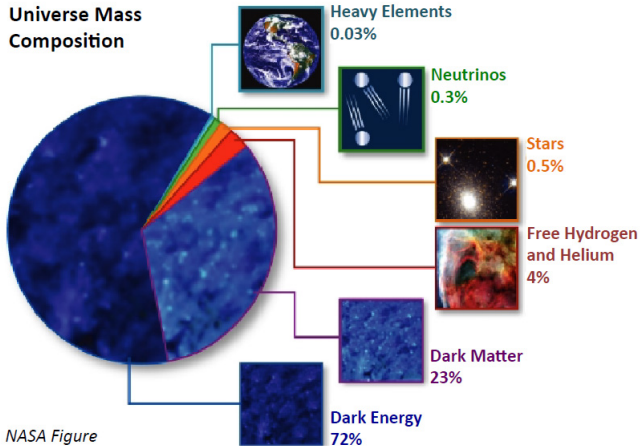
- ▶ Although data point to a light Higgs ($m_h \lesssim 186$ GeV), a heavy Higgs ($m_h \gtrsim 400$ GeV) is possible
- ▶ It forces a shift in the EW precision observables $T, S \dots$
- ▶ ... which, in the **inert doublet model (IDM)**, is compensated by a new doublet (vev-less, inert)
- ▶ Four inert scalars added (two charged, two neutral)
 - possible dark matter candidates (see Part II)
- ▶ Most promising collider signal: **trilepton + missing energy**
- ▶ LHC might be able to observe / constrain the IDM
 - **see talk by Michael Gustafsson next week**

Part II

Dark matter and the inert doublet

What is dark matter?

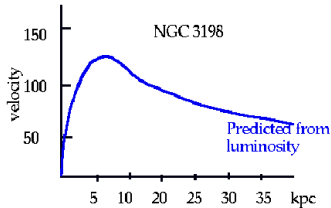
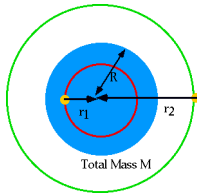
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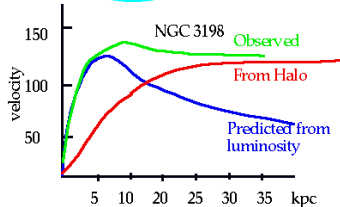
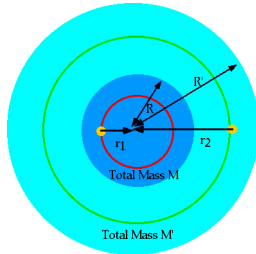
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But: observed is a flat curve

Explanation: matter M' in the halo that is not observed

$$v = \sqrt{\frac{GM}{r} + \frac{GM'r^2}{R'^3}}$$

Dark matter (DM) is needed to explain the flat rotation curve of galaxies (Rubin *et al.*, 1980)

- ▶ DM constitutes $\sim 80\%$ of the matter in the Universe
- ▶ Nonbaryonic DM are based on the Cold Dark Matter hypothesis (CDM = slow, weakly interacting matter)
- ▶ Possible constituents:
 - ▶ **Axions:** very light particles with a specific type of self-interaction; solve the strong CP problem in QCD, not detected
 - ▶ **MACHOs:** Massive Compact Halo Objects (*e.g.*, BH, NS, WD, very faint stars, planets)
 - ▶ **WIMPs:** **Weakly Interacting Massive Particles**; no currently known particle
 - ▶ **LIP:** **Lightest Inert Particle**

The inert doublet model and DM

LIP as a CDM candidate:

- ▶ For $m_L \gtrsim m_W$:
 - ▶ includes most of the region of parameter space by naturalness
 - ▶ annihilation into gauge bosons
 - ▶ cross section $\sigma_{\text{ann}} v_{\text{rel}} \sim 100 - 130 \text{ pb}$ for $m_L \sim 400 \text{ GeV} - m_W$
 - ▶ relic density $\Omega h^2 \lesssim 0.02 - 0.002$
 - ▶ **LIP only a sub-dominant component of DM**
- ▶ For $m_L < m_W$:
 - ▶ thermal equilibrium is maintained via p -wave suppressed coannihilations of S and A into fermions
 - ▶ thermally averaged cross section $\langle \sigma_{\text{coann}} v_{\text{rel}} \rangle \sim 60 - 80 \text{ pb}$ for $m_L = 60 - 80 \text{ GeV}$
 - ▶ $\Omega h^2 \approx (0.5 - 2.5) \times 10^{-2}$
- ▶ Observed value of Ωh^2 : $\Delta m \approx 8 - 9 \text{ GeV}$ for $m_L = 60 - 73 \text{ GeV}$

WIMPs

- ▶ Interact through the weak force and gravity
- ▶ Cannot be seen directly
- ▶ Properties like neutrinos but more massive
- ▶ Annihilation of WIMPs produces neutrinos

Abundances

- ▶ Observed cosmological abundance of DM can be explained by the **chemical “freeze-out” of a thermal relic**
 - ▶ thermal relic is in local thermodynamic equilibrium (LTE) at early times
 - ▶ **“freeze-out”**: for very small abundances, equilibrium can no longer be maintained
- ▶ Equilibrium abundance depends on the ratio of the mass of the particle to the temperature, $x = m/T$

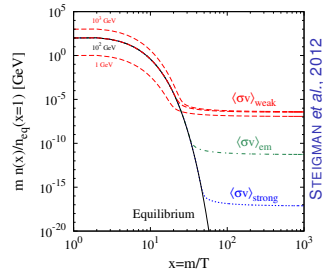
A stable WIMP χ with

- ▶ mass m
- ▶ spin 1/2 Majorana fermion
- ▶ degrees of freedom $g_\chi = 2$
- ▶ produced thermally during the early evolution of the Universe

evolves as

$$\frac{dn}{dt} + 3Hn = \frac{d(na^3)}{a^3 dt} = \langle\sigma v\rangle(n_{\text{eq}}^2 - n^2)$$

- ▶ n : number density of χ 's
- ▶ n_{eq} : equilibrium density
- ▶ a : cosmological scale factor
- ▶ Hubble parameter $H = a^{-1} da/dt$
- ▶ $\langle\sigma v\rangle$: cross section



Degrees of freedom contributing to energy density:

$$g_\rho \equiv \sum_B g_B \left(\frac{T_B}{T_\gamma} \right)^4 + \frac{7}{8} \sum_F g_F \left(\frac{T_F}{T_\gamma} \right)^4$$

$B \equiv$ bosons, $F \equiv$ fermions

For thermodynamic equilibrium, $T_{B,F} = T_\gamma$

For relativistic particles which are decoupled from the photons:

- ▶ g_ρ is associated with the total energy density
- ▶ g_s is associated with the total entropy density

$$g_s \equiv \sum_B g_B \left(\frac{T_B}{T_\gamma} \right)^3 + \frac{7}{8} \sum_F g_F \left(\frac{T_F}{T_\gamma} \right)^3$$

As the entropy $S \equiv sa^3$ is conserved in the absence of phase transitions, n can be replaced by $Y \equiv n/s$, *i.e.*,

$$\frac{dY}{dx} = \frac{s\langle\sigma v\rangle}{Hx} \left[1 + \frac{1}{3} \frac{d(\ln g_s)}{d(\ln T)} \right] (Y_{\text{eq}}^2 - Y^2)$$

Source of uncertainty and model dependence from $g(T)$

We can use

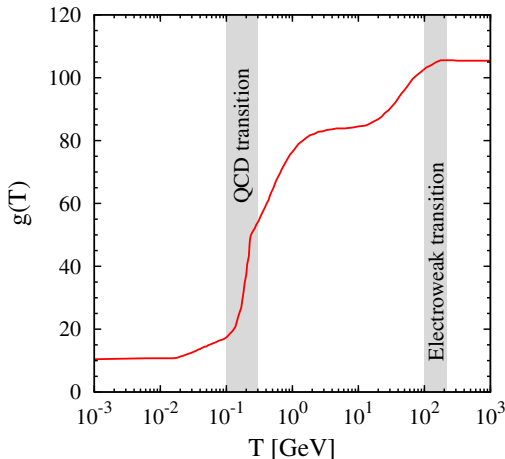
$$g = g_\rho = g_s$$

because, for

- ▶ $10 \text{ MeV} \lesssim m \lesssim 10 \text{ TeV}$; and
- ▶ the particle content of the SM,

one finds that $T_B = T_F = T$

Effective number of interacting, relativistic degrees of freedom, $g(T)$:



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Improved analytical treatment – early evolution

Solve

$$\frac{dY}{dx} = \frac{s\langle\sigma v\rangle}{Hx} \left[1 + \frac{1}{3} \frac{d(\ln g_s)}{d(\ln T)} \right] (Y_{\text{eq}}^2 - Y^2)$$

taking into account the evolution of $g(T)$

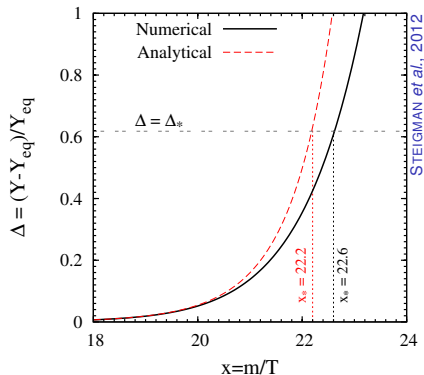
Early evolution:

- ▶ $n \approx n_{\text{eq}}$
- ▶ $Y \equiv (1 + \Delta)Y_{\text{eq}}$, with Δ the departure from equilibrium

$$\frac{\Delta(2 + \Delta)}{(1 + \Delta)} \approx \frac{1.25 \times 10^{-35} g^{1/2}}{\langle\sigma v\rangle m} \left(\frac{(x - 3/2)e^x}{x^{1/2}} \right)$$

Δ : departure of the WIMP abundance from equilibrium

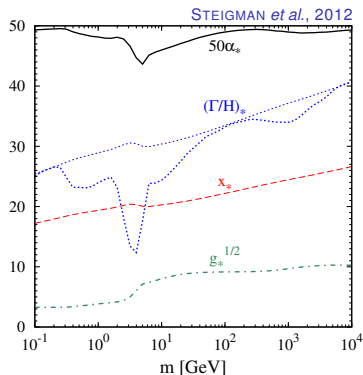
For $m = 100$ GeV and $\langle\sigma v\rangle = 2.2 \times 10^{-26} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$:



Due to approximations, the analytical value underestimates x_* by about 2%.

Intermediate matching point between early and late evolution:

$$x_* + \ln(x_* - 1.5) - 0.5 \ln x_* = 20.5 + \ln(10^{26} \langle \sigma v \rangle) + \ln m - 0.5 \ln g_*$$



No freeze-out for $x = x_*$

Approach to freeze-out:

$$\frac{dY}{dx} = -\frac{s\langle\sigma v\rangle}{Hx} \left[1 + \frac{1}{3} \frac{d(\ln g)}{d(\ln T)} \right] Y^2$$

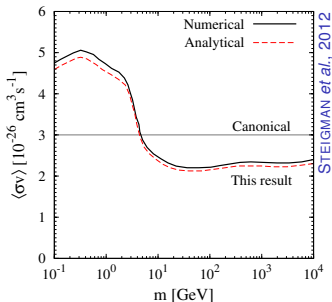
$$\frac{Y_f}{Y_*} = \frac{1}{1 + \alpha_*(\Gamma/H)_*}$$

Relic abundance

From Y_f/Y_* , we find the cosmological WIMP mass fraction

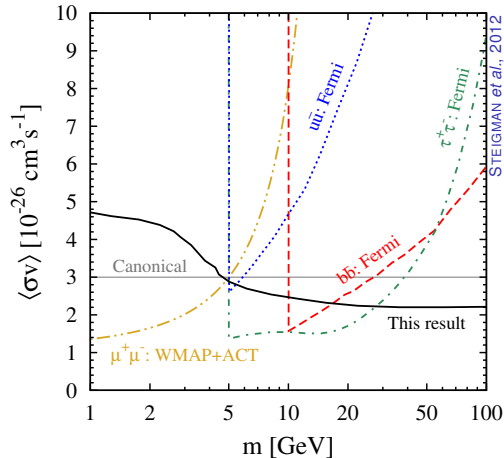
$$\Omega = (mY_f s_0) / \rho_{crit}:$$

$$\Omega h^2 = \frac{9.92 \times 10^{-28}}{\langle \sigma v \rangle} \left(\frac{x_*}{g_*^{1/2}} \right) \left(\frac{(\Gamma/H)_*}{1 + \alpha_* (\Gamma/H)_*} \right)$$



◀ $\langle \sigma v \rangle$ as a function of WIMP mass, for relic abundance $\Omega h^2 = 0.11$

Fermi-LAT limits on thermal WIMP annihilation $\langle\sigma v\rangle$



Direct DM detection experiments

- ▶ **DAMA/LIBRA, Italy:** searching for annual variation of the number of detection due to the motion of the Earth around the Sun
- ▶ **CoGeNT, USA**
- ▶ **CRESST-II, Italy:** aiming at detection of WIMPs via elastic scattering off nuclei in CaWO_4 crystals

Summary – Part II

The thermal cross section $\langle\sigma v\rangle$...

- ... can be calculated with great precision ($\lesssim$ few %)
- ... is not independent of the WIMP mass for masses $\lesssim 10$ GeV
- ... is nearly independent of mass for larger WIMP masses
- ... is ~ 40 % smaller than the canonical value usually adopted in the literature

The Lightest Inert Particle in the inert doublet model
can be a dark matter candidate

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Backup slides

Definitions of S , T , U

Defined in terms of the **self-energies of the γ , Z , and W** , *i.e.*,

$$\alpha S = 4s_w^2 c_w^2 \left[\Pi'_{ZZ}(0) - \frac{c_W^2 - s_W^2}{s_W c_W} \Pi'_{Z\gamma}(0) - \Pi'_{\gamma\gamma}(0) \right]$$

$$\alpha T = \frac{1}{m_W^2} \Pi_{WW}(0) - \frac{1}{m_Z^2} \Pi_{ZZ}(0)$$

$$\alpha U = 4s_w^2 \left[\Pi'_{WW}(0) - c_W^2 \Pi'_{ZZ}(0) - 2s_W c_W \Pi'_{Z\gamma}(0) - s_W^2 \Pi'_{\gamma\gamma}(0) \right]$$

In practice,

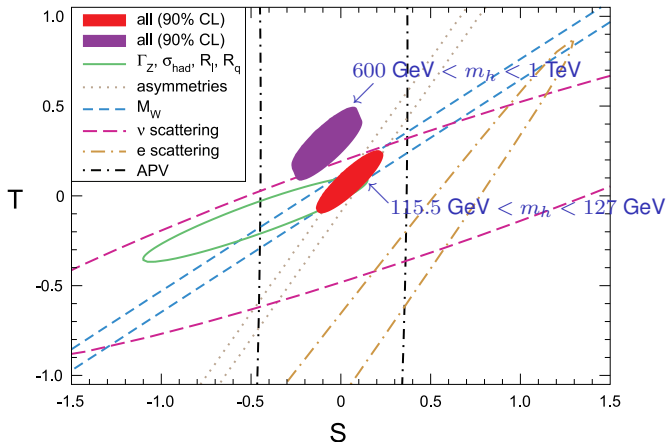
$$m_Z^2 = m_{Z0}^2 \frac{1 - \hat{\alpha}(m_Z) T}{1 - G_F m_{Z0}^2 S / 2\sqrt{2}\pi}$$

$$m_W^2 = m_{W0}^2 \frac{1}{1 - G_F m_{W0}^2 (S + U) / 2\sqrt{2}\pi}$$

m_{Z0} , m_{W0} : SM masses in terms of m_t and m_h ($\overline{\text{MS}}$ scheme)

- ▶ S , T , U describe many types of heavy physics
- ▶ Expected to be $\mathcal{O}(1)$ in the presence of new physics
- ▶ Not useful to describe new physics that couple directly to ordinary fermions
 - *e.g.*, heavy Z' , mixing with exotic fermions, leptoquarks
- ▶ S : measures the difference between the number of left-handed and right-handed fermions with weak isospin
 - constrains fourth-generation fermions
- ▶ T : measures isospin violation
 - *e.g.*, mass difference between b and t
- ▶ U : most types of new physics yield $U = 0$
 - counter-example: anomalous triple gauge vertices

Updated S, T bounds



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