

# Glueball dark matter in $SU(N)$ lattice gauge theory

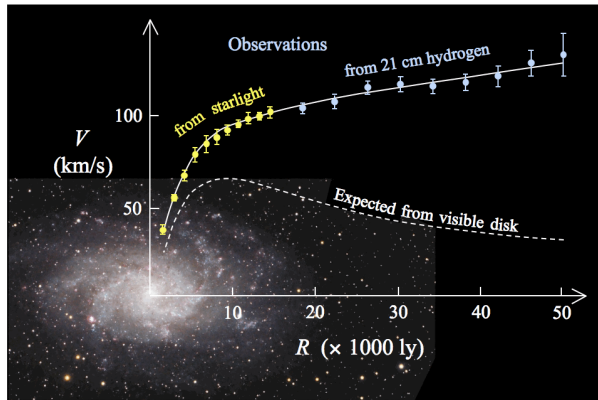
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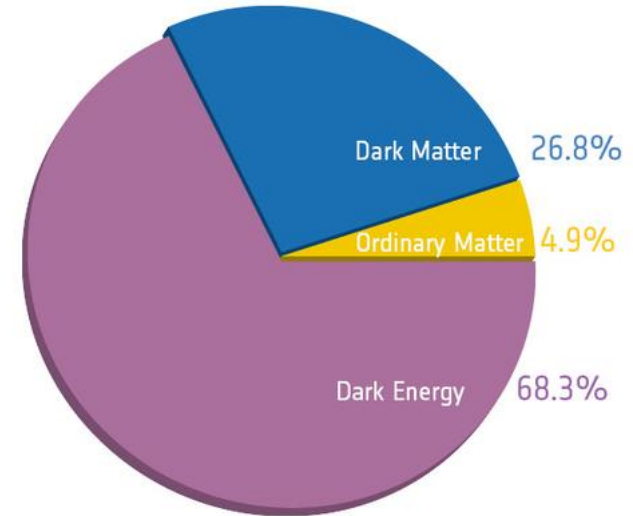
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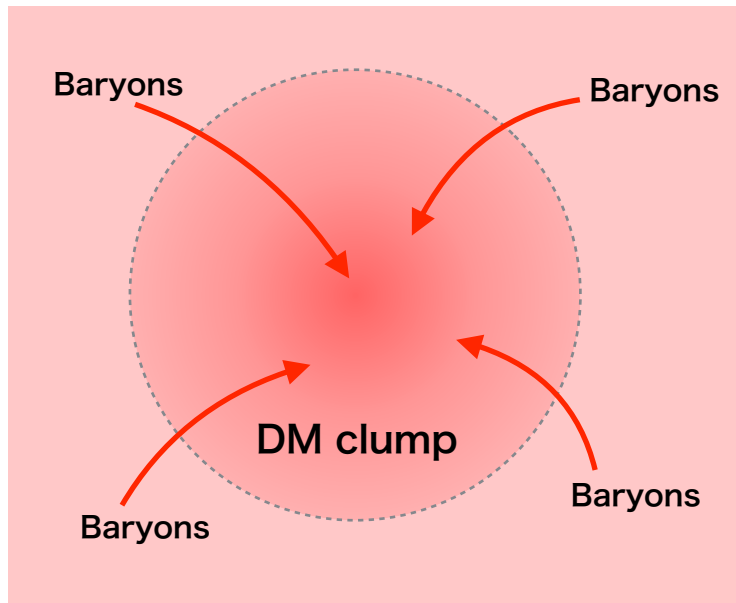
# Many evidences of Dark matter



Galactic rotation curve



DM density extracted from CMB



N-body simulation : large-scale structure



Bullet cluster : collision of galaxies

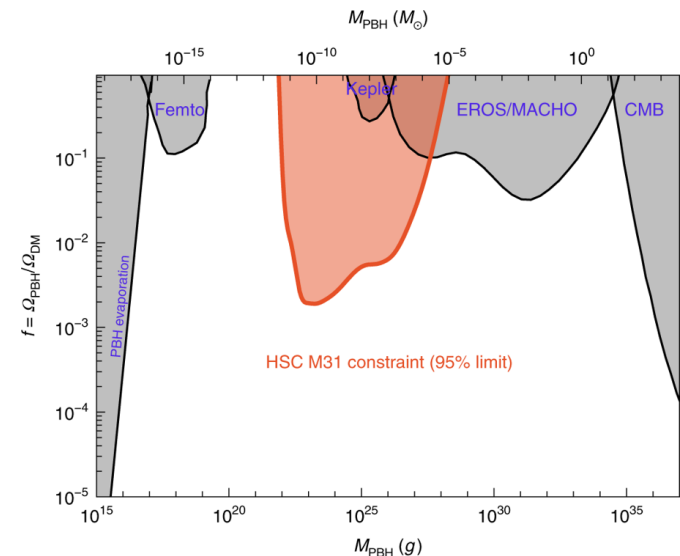
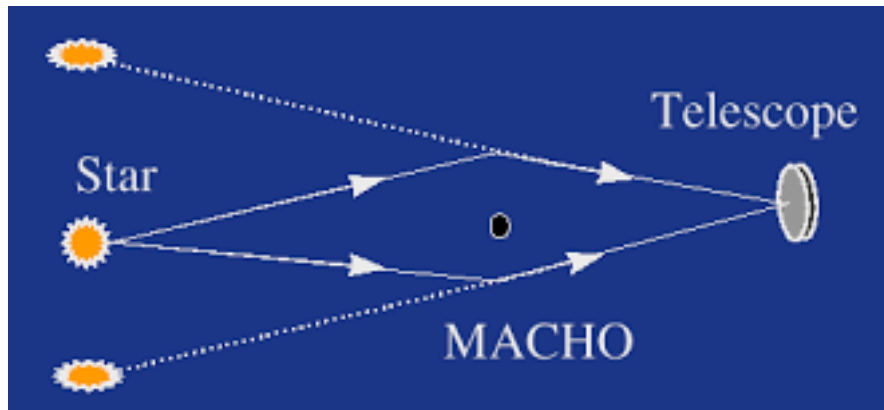
# Is the dark matter a MACHO (=PBH) ??

## MACHO : Massive Compact Halo Object

Almost non luminous astronomical body

Example : primordial blackholes, brown dwarfs

Can be probed with gravitational lensing



H. Niikura et al., Nature Astronomy (2019) (arXiv:1701.02151 [astro-ph.CO])

MACHOs are not favored by observations,  
even if a window (around  $M_{\text{PBH}}/M_{\odot} \sim 10^{-12}$ ) is still left

⇒ Dark matter is likely to be **particles**?

**WIMP : weakly interacting massive particle**

**WIMP = particle physics**

**Property of WIMPs:**

**No charge, no color**

**Nonrelativistic ( = “cold” DM , not neutrino)**

**No candidates in standard model of particle physics**

**Challenge in particle physics:**

**⇒ Find theory explaining dark matter!**

# Several WIMP scenarios

There are several classes of WIMPs

- Elementary WIMPs with extension of the standard model

Often protected by discrete symmetry

(R-parity in SUSY, KK-parity in extradimension,  $Z_2$  symmetry in extended Higgs, ...)

Particles interact with SM particles : **constraints from direct/indirect detections**

L. Roszkowski et al., Rept. Prog. Phys. 81 (2018) 066201

- Axions (very light particle DM)

Solve the Strong CP problem

May have problems with quantum gravity (axion quality problem?)

- **Additional (dark) gauge theories**

New gauge theories introduce dark photons, pions, baryons, glueballs

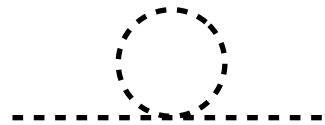
Theories are often nonperturbative and composite DM appears

# Summary of dark gauge theories and their problems (1)

## Dark photons, nonabelian gauge bosons :

Photons get mass through Higgs mechanism

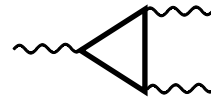
Problem : Higgs sector is ad hoc, massive parameter introduces fine-tuning pb.



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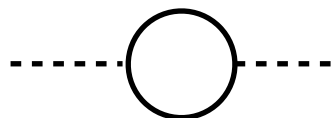
## Dark nonabelian gauge theory with chiral fermions :

We have the problem of chiral anomaly



If the dark fermions are massless, then massless dark pions becomes the DM  
 $\Rightarrow$  Hot DM problem

If dark fermions have mass  $<$  scale parameter ( $\Lambda$ ), no hot DM problem,  
but Yukawa coupling and Higgs mechanism will be required  $\Rightarrow$  Fine-tuning!



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Vectorlike fermions (same gauge representation for LH and RH fermions)

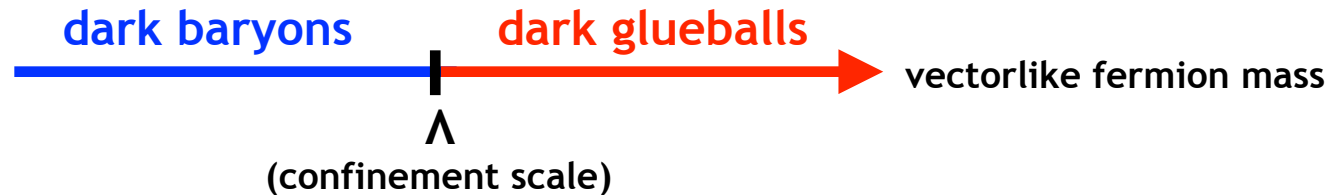
⇒ No problem of chiral anomaly, Higgs mechanism

If the fermions have additional weak  $SU(2)_L$  charge, the dark baryon number can be generated by thermal change of topological charge (sphaleron process)

T. Appelquist et al., Phys. Rev. D **92**, 075030 (2015)

Problem : vectorlike mass is ad hoc, how much is it?

If vectorlike mass  $< \Lambda \Rightarrow$  **dark baryons** , else  $\Rightarrow$  **dark glueballs**



### Dark Yang-Mills theory (no coupled scalars or fermions) :

⇒ **Dark glueballs**

No apparent problem

(see next page)

# SU(N) pure Yang-Mills theory

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{YM}} = -\frac{1}{4} F_a^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu,a} \quad \Rightarrow \text{The simplest interacting theory}$$

$(a = 1, \dots, N_c^2 - 1)$

## Important properties:

$\mathcal{L}_{\text{YM}}$  does not have apparent scale, but **scale is dynamically generated**  
(dimensional transmutation)

Renormalizable theory, running coupling has **logarithmic** scale variation,  
difference of  $N_c$  can generate  $\Lambda_{\text{YM}}$ 's which differ by orders of magnitude

No scalars and massive fermions  $\Rightarrow$  Free from **quadratic divergences**

$\Rightarrow$  No important **fine-tuning problem** in the choice of  $\Lambda_{\text{YM}}$  !

(Suppose a GUT which generates SM and DM,  
the difference of mass scales between SM and DM is not serious)

$\Rightarrow$  Theory with very **high naturalness**

## Dark matter in hidden YM theory:

Lightest particles are **glueballs** !  $\Rightarrow$  SU(N) glueballs are candidate of DM



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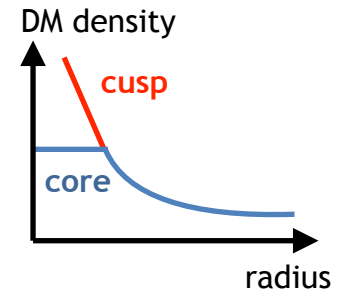
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- Too-big-to-fail problem:

Satellite galaxies are less dense than those predicted by the N-body simulation.

- Missing satellite problem:

More satellite galaxies than those predicted by the N-body simulation are observed.

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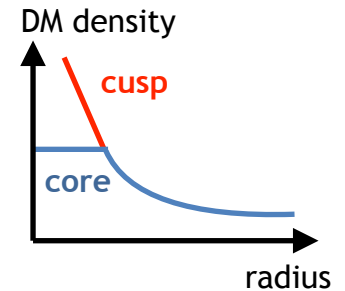
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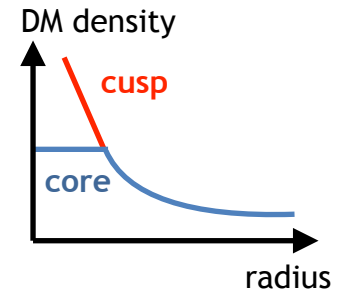
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➔ Still under debate, but this shows the importance of the investigation of **DM-DM scattering**

## Object of study

Glueballs of SU(N) Yang-Mills theory are good candidates of dark matter

We need to quantify scattering between dark matter particles

In this work, we study the **interglueball scattering** on **lattice** which is the only way to quantify nonperturbative physics of nonabelian gauge theory.

The Yang-Mills theory depends only on the scale parameter  $\Lambda$  (for given  $N_c$ ): can we determine  $\Lambda$  from observation?

### Object:

In this work, we study the interglueball scattering of SU(N) Yang-Mills theory on lattice, and set constraint on its scale parameter  $\Lambda$  from observational data.

We consider the **SU(2) pure Yang-Mills** theory

- Standard SU(2) plaquette action :

Lattice spacings :  $\beta = 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5$

Volume :  $10^3 \times 12 \sim 16^3 \times 24$

Confs. generated with pseudo-heat-bath method (1 M confs.)

- Use SX-ACE (@RCNP, Osaka U.), vector machine

- Improvement of glueball operator : APE smearing

We use all space-time translational and cubic rotational symmetries to effectively increase the statistics

(like the all-mode average for meson and baryon observables)

Reduction of the statistical error w/ cluster decomposition principle (CDERT)

# Scale determination

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Nevertheless, all quantities calculated on lattice depend on  $\Lambda$   
 $\Rightarrow$  **We express all quantities in unit of  $\Lambda$**  (and finally constrain  $\Lambda$  from other data).

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2.2	0.467(10)	0.273(20)
2.3	0.3687(22)	0.216(15)
2.4	0.2660(21)	0.156(11)
2.5	0.1881(28)	0.110(8)

⇒ Lattice spacing is now expressed in unit of  $\Lambda$

# Glueball operator and operator improvement

## $0^{++}$ glueball operator:

$$\Phi = \sum_{\text{cube}} \left\{ \text{Diagram} - \langle \text{Diagram} \rangle \right\}$$

Glueball has vacuum expectation value  
 → Subtract  
 Sum over cubic rotational invariance

## APE smearing :

$U^{(n+1)}$  so as to maximize  $\text{Re Tr} [ U^{(n+1)} V^{(n)\dagger}$

where  $V^{(n)} = \alpha x \uparrow + \text{Diagram}$

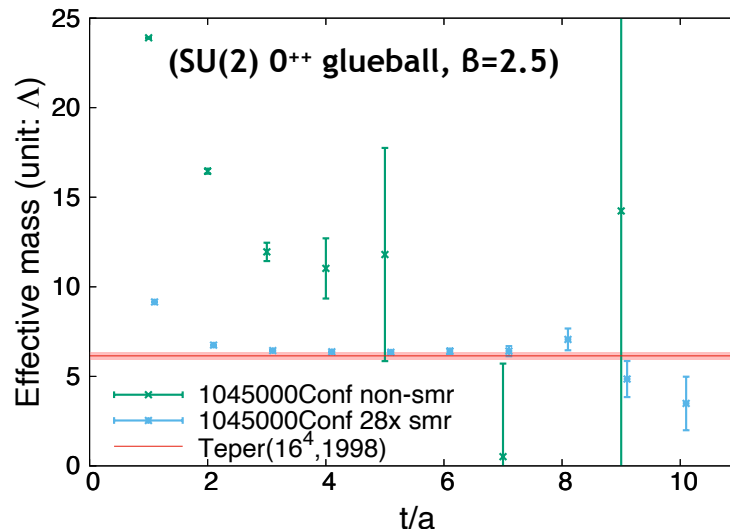
⇒ Gaussian spread:  $2\sqrt{\frac{n}{4+\alpha}}$   
 (in lattice unit)

Ape Collaboration, PLB 192 (1987) 163  
 N. Ishii et al., PRD 66, 094506 (2002)

Optimal parameters  
 for SU(2),  $\beta=2.5$ :

$$n = 28$$

$$\alpha = 2.0$$





# Extract the scattering cross section on lattice

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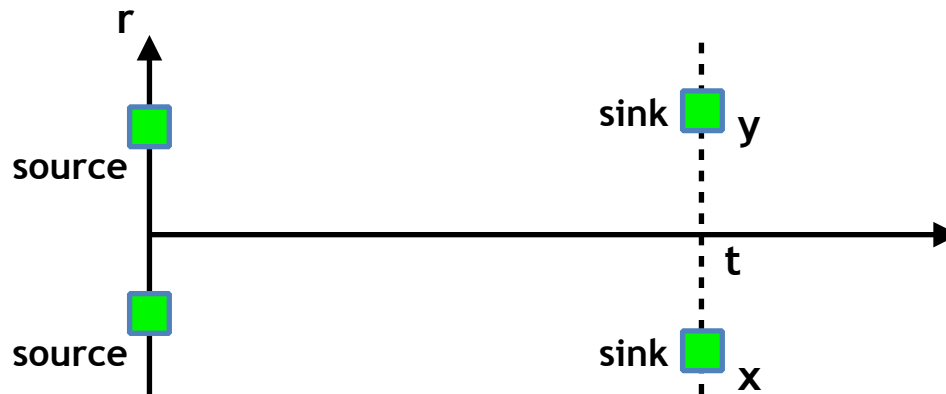
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$\mathcal{J}(0)$  : source op.



- 2-gluon state **mixes with all other multi-gluon states**:  
⇒ The source may be chosen as 1-body, 2-body, etc, on convenience.  
We choose **1-body source**, signal is noisier with higher-body source.
- The NBS amplitude **obeys the Schroedinger equation** below inelastic threshold

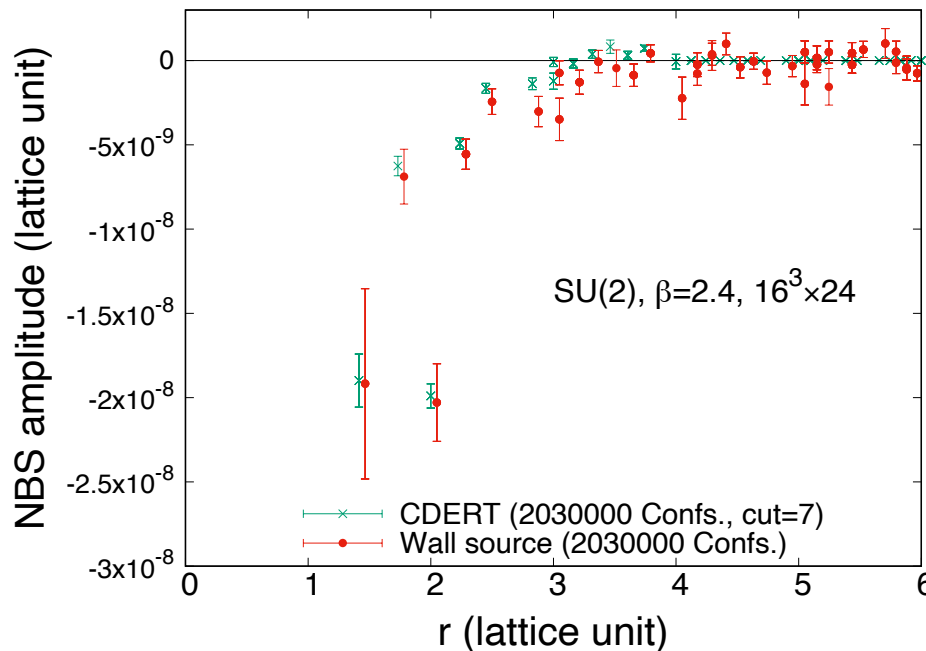
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## Result of NBS amplitude calculation:



● 2-gluon

⇒ The source

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● The NBS amplitude  
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or inelastic


Extract the **interglueball potential** from the NBS amplitude by inversely solving Schroedinger equation

$$\left[ \frac{1}{4m_\phi} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} - \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{m_\phi} \nabla^2 + \frac{(\mathbf{r} \times \nabla)^2}{2m_\phi r^2} \right] R(t, \mathbf{r}) = \int d^3 \mathbf{r}' U(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') R(t, \mathbf{r}')$$

$$R(t, \mathbf{r}) \equiv \frac{C_{\phi\phi}(t, \mathbf{r})}{e^{-2m_\phi t}}$$

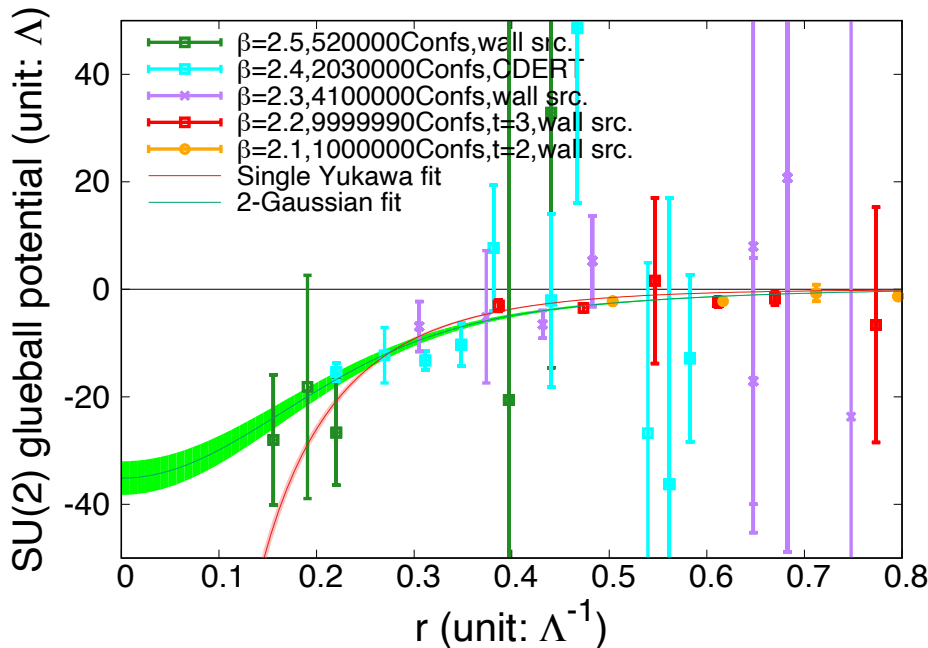
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- Crucial advantage : **do not need ground state saturation**

 Almost mandatory to use time-dependent HAL method for the glueball analysis, since the glueball correlator becomes **very noisy before ground state saturation**

- Inelastic threshold for glueball =  $3m_\phi$  : high enough to use low  $t$
- Subtract centrifugal force for removing higher angular momenta

# Result of interglueball potential calculation



We test two fitting forms:

● Yukawa fit:

$$V_Y(r) = V_1 \frac{e^{-m_\phi r}}{4\pi r}$$

$$V_1 = -231 \pm 8 \quad \chi^2 \text{ d.o.f.} = 1.3$$

● 2-Gaussian fit:

$$V(r) = V_1 e^{-\frac{(m_\phi r)^2}{8}} + V_2 e^{-\frac{(m_\phi r)^2}{2}}$$

$$V_1 = (-8.5 \pm 0.5)\Lambda$$

$$V_2 = (-26.6 \pm 2.6)\Lambda \quad \chi^2 \text{ d.o.f.} = 0.9$$

DM cross section is derived from phase shift calculated with the potentials

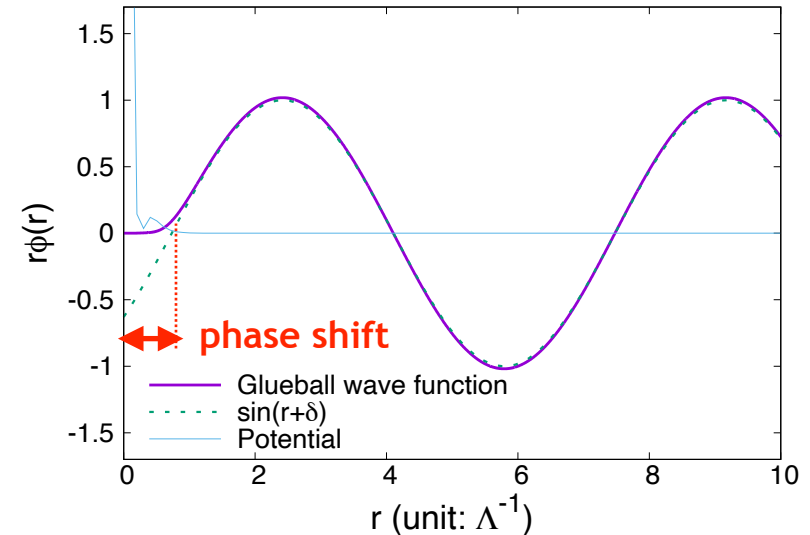
(usual calculation of nonrelativistic quantum mechanics)

# From potential to scattering cross section

## Potential $\Rightarrow$ Scattering phase shift:

$$\text{Solve } \left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} + k^2 + U(r) \right) \phi(r) = 0$$

$$\rightarrow \phi(r) \propto \sin[r + \delta(k)] \quad (r \rightarrow \infty)$$



## Scattering phase shift $\Rightarrow$ Cross section:

We are interested in the low energy DM cross section, s-wave dominant :

$$\rightarrow \sigma_{\text{tot}} = \frac{4\pi}{k^2} \sin^2[\delta(k \rightarrow 0)]$$

Yukawa:  $\sigma_{\text{tot}} = (2.5 - 4.7)\Lambda^{-2}$  (stat.)

2-Gaussian:  $\sigma_{\text{tot}} = (14 - 51)\Lambda^{-2}$  (stat.)

$$\rightarrow \sigma_{\text{tot}} = (2 - 51) \Lambda^{-2} \text{ (stat.and sys.)}$$

(sys. due to fitting forms)

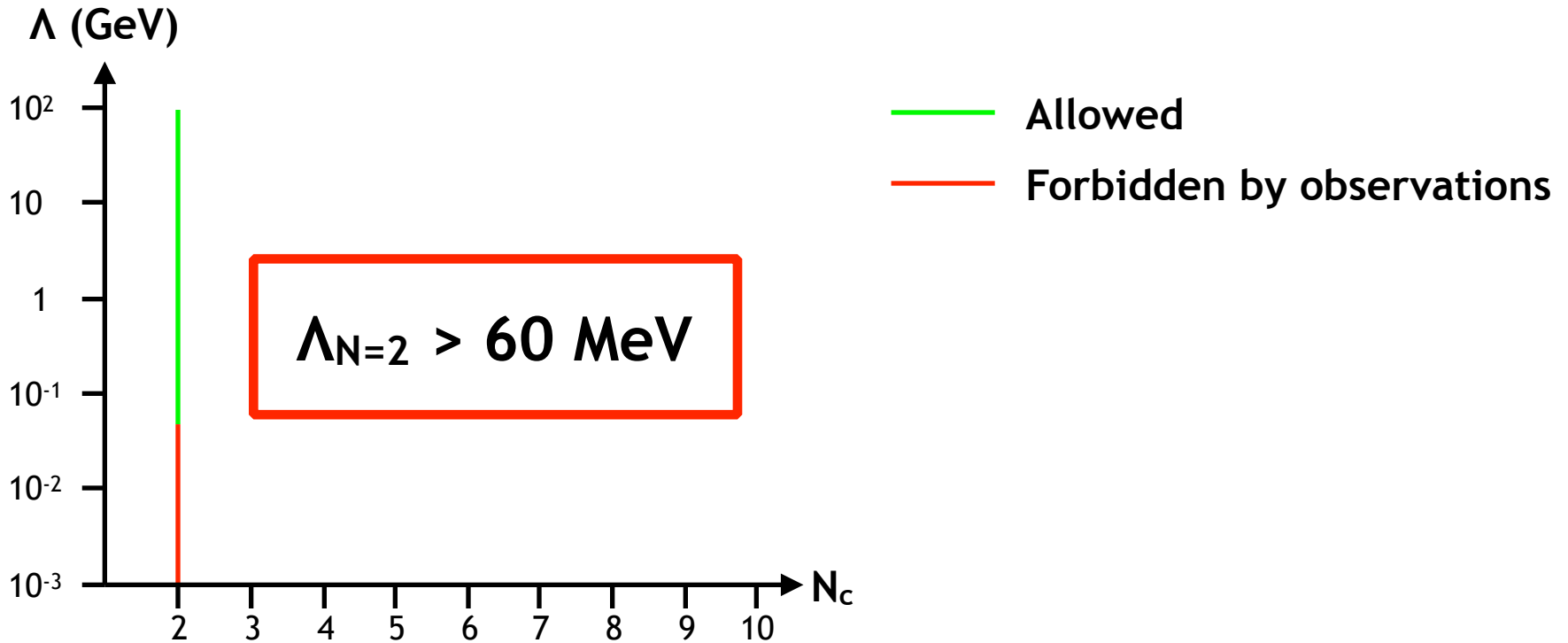
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$N_c$  vs. scale parameter ( $\Lambda$ ) diagram



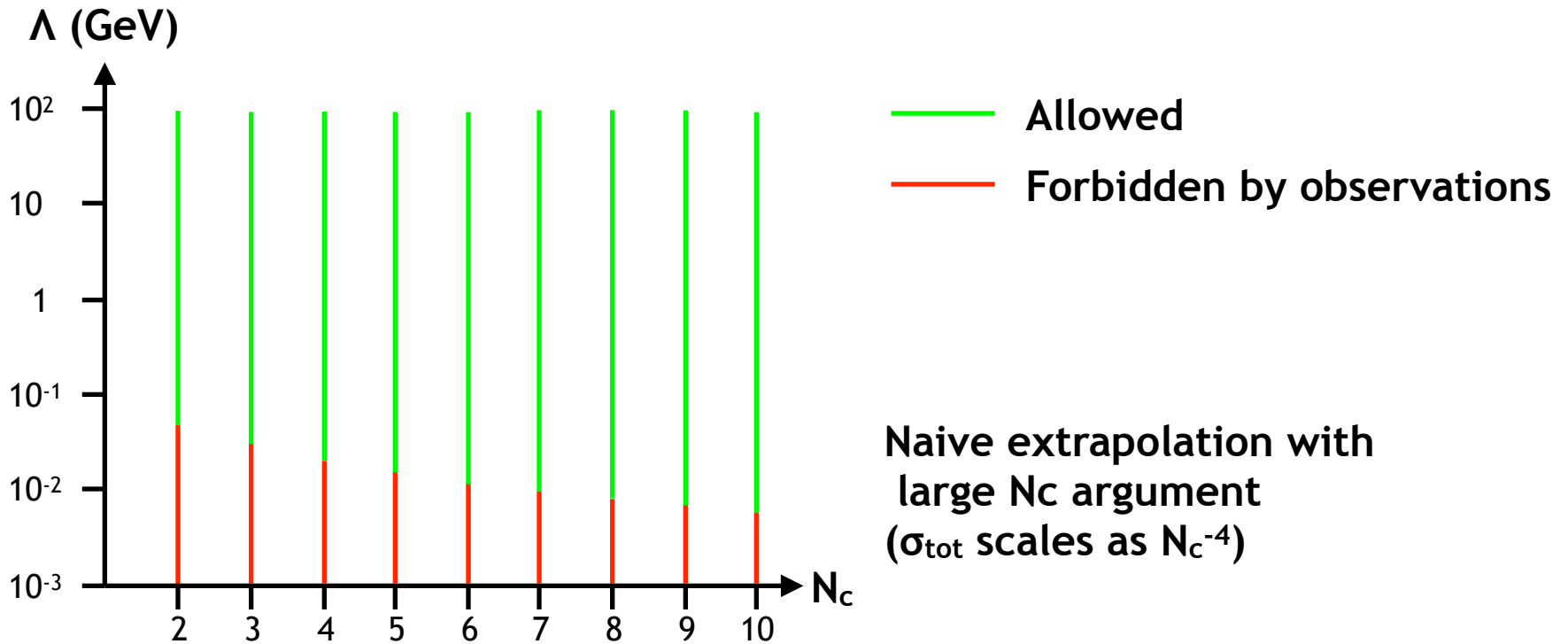
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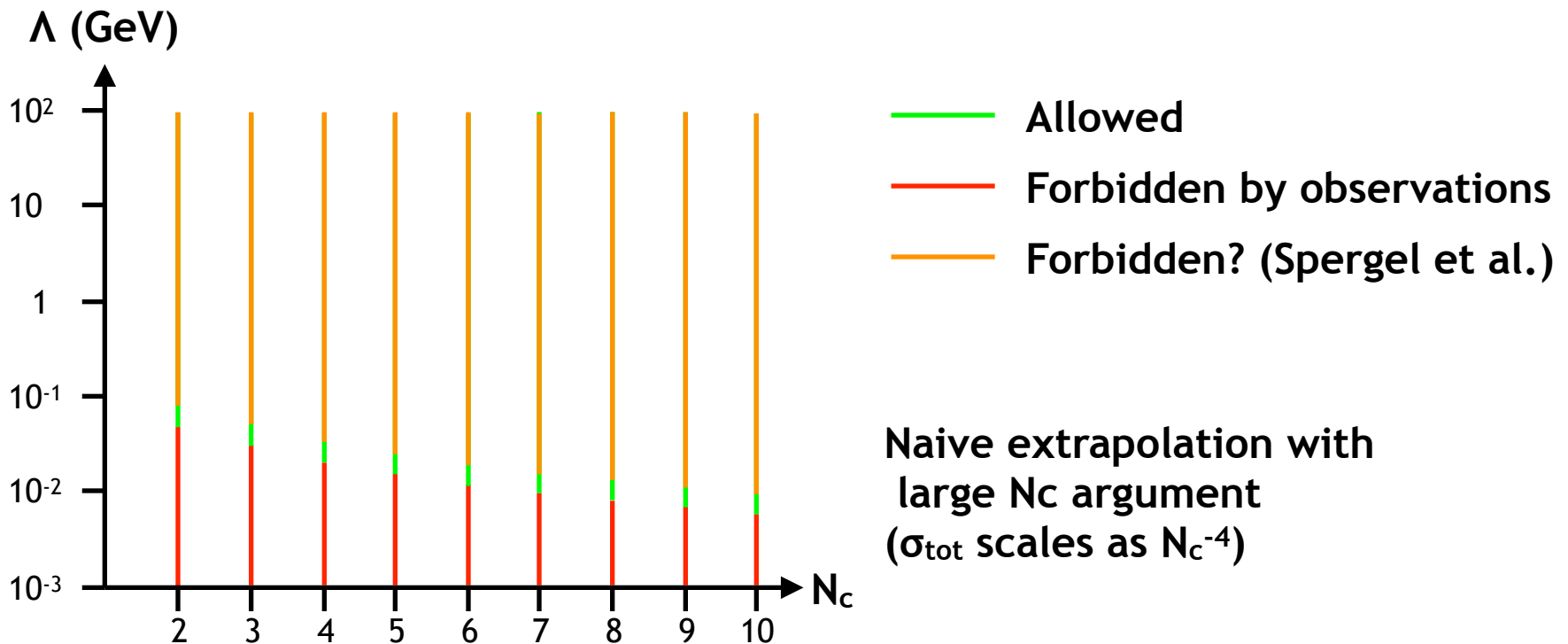
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**Constraint from Spergel et al. (lower limit), under discussion?**

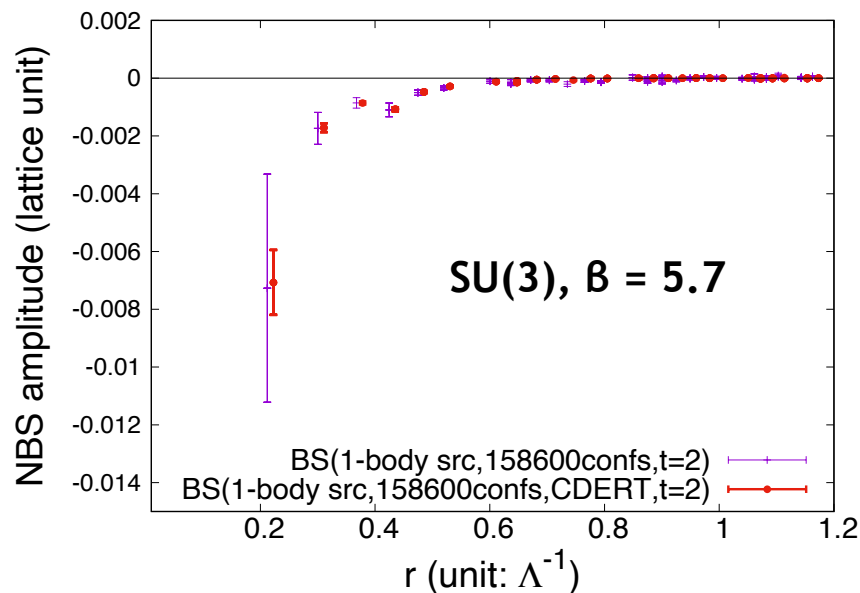
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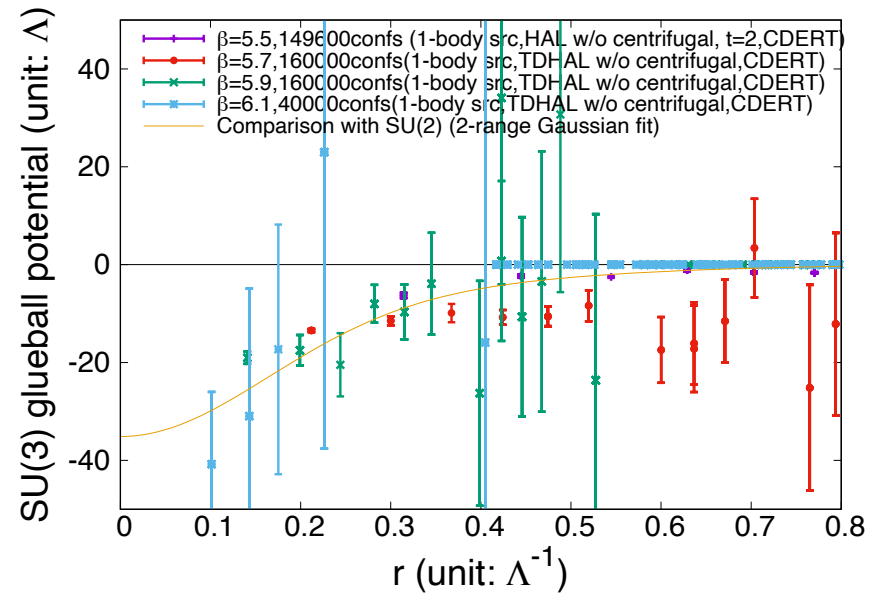
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# SU(3) result (preliminary)

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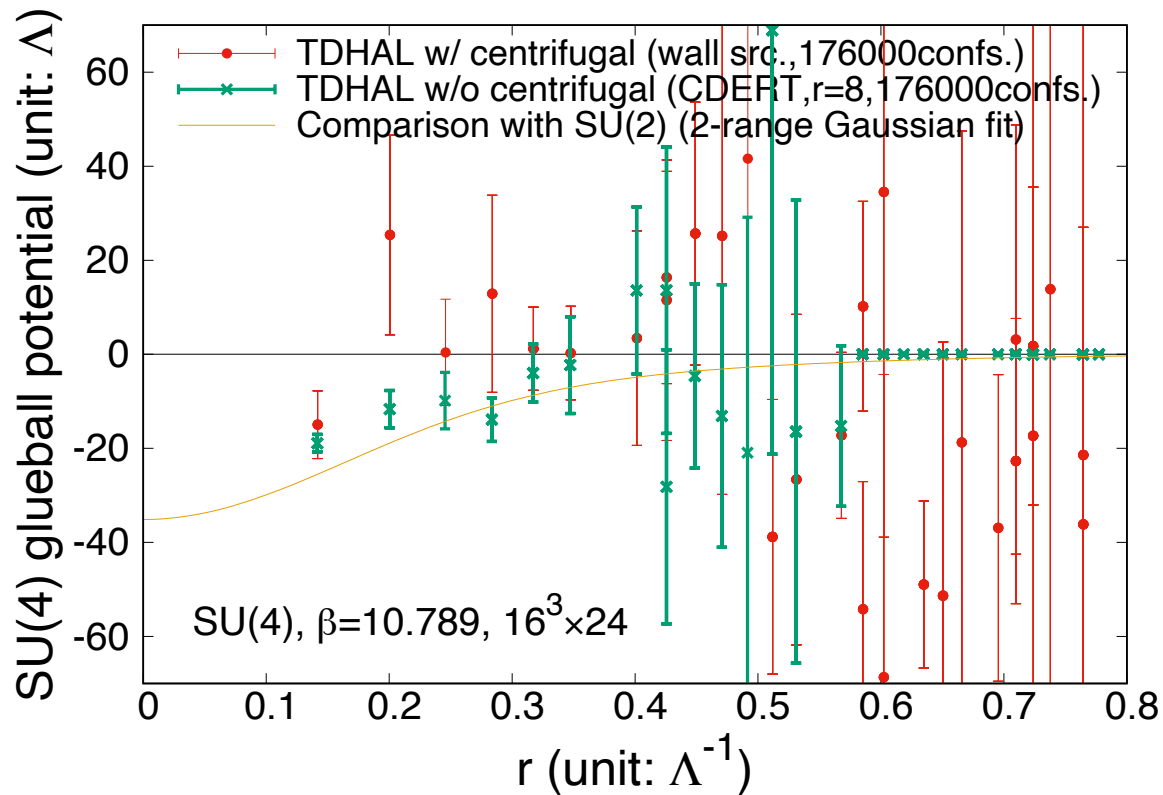


## Potential:



- The CDERT is very efficient in reducing statistical error
- The removal of centrifugal force makes the potential attractive, like SU(2)
- The value of the SU(3) interglueball potential is close to the SU(2) one
- Anomalous constant-like structure around  $r \sim 0.4 \Lambda^{-1}$  : discretization error?

# SU(4) result (preliminary)



- The SU(4) interglueball potential is close to the SU(2), SU(3) ones
- The large  $N_c$  scaling is not clear (the potential scales as  $1/N_c^2$ )

## Summary

- Dark matter is important to explain our existence, and it is strongly suggested by observations.
- Glueballs of the SU(N) Yang-Mills theory are good WIMP candidates of dark matter, study of **self-interaction** is important.
- We calculated the interglueball potential in the SU(2,3,4) Yang-Mills theory on lattice using the **HALQCD method**.
- We calculated the scattering phase shift and derived the interglueball cross section, and we could constrain  $\Lambda$  of SU(2) YMT for the 1st time from observational data :  **$\Lambda > 60$  MeV**.
- Preliminary SU(3,4) results YMT look consistent with SU(2).

### Homeworks:

- Calculations for  $N_c > 2$  on-going : extrapolate to large  $N_c$ .
- Systematics due to discretization to be discussed: calculate with improved action (on-going work).

