

# WIMPs: Weakly interactive massive particles

Let's assume decoupling of the form (annihilation)



$l$  and  $\bar{l}$  are massless and tightly coupled particles to the fluid. Let's assume the following conditions

- $n_l = n_l^{eq}$
- $n_{\bar{l}} = n_{\bar{l}}^{eq}$
- there is no initial asymmetry of  $X$  and  $\bar{X}$ :  
 $n_X = n_{\bar{X}}, n_X^{eq} = n_{\bar{X}}^{eq}$

The Boltzmann equation reads:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{a^3} \frac{d(n_1 a^3)}{dt} &= -\langle \sigma v \rangle \left[ n_1 n_2 - \left( \frac{n_1 n_2}{n_3 n_4} \right)_{eq} n_3 n_4 \right] \rightarrow \\ \rightarrow \frac{1}{a^3} \frac{d(n_X a^3)}{dt} &= -\langle \sigma v \rangle \left[ n_X n_{\bar{X}} - \left( \frac{n_X n_{\bar{X}}}{\cancel{n_l n_{\bar{l}}}} \right)_{eq} \overset{n_l^{eq} n_{\bar{l}}^{eq}}{\cancel{n_l n_{\bar{l}}}} \right] \\ &= -\langle \sigma v \rangle \left[ n_X n_{\bar{X}} - n_X^{eq} n_{\bar{X}}^{eq} \right] = \\ &= -\langle \sigma v \rangle \left[ n_X^2 - n_X^{eq 2} \right] \end{aligned}$$

We can convert this equation in a Number of particles per volume  $n_X$  ( $n_X^{eq}$ )

of particles equation using  $N_x = n_x / \Lambda^3$ ,  $N_x = n_x / \Lambda^3$

$$\frac{1}{a^3} \frac{d}{dt} \left[ N_x \underbrace{\Lambda a^3}_{S'} \right] = - \langle \sigma v \rangle \left[ N_x^2 \Lambda^2 - N_x^{eq^2} \Lambda^2 \right] \quad (\Rightarrow)$$

$$\frac{\cancel{\Lambda a^3}}{a^3} \frac{dN_x}{dt} = - \langle \sigma v \rangle \Lambda^2 \left[ N_x^2 - N_x^{eq^2} \right] \quad (\Rightarrow)$$

$$\frac{dN_x}{dt} = - \langle \sigma v \rangle \Lambda \left[ N_x^2 - \{N_x^{eq}\}^2 \right]$$

Lets make a change of variable  $x = \frac{N_x}{T}$ . So the left-hand-side gives:

$$\frac{dN_x}{dt} = \frac{dN_x}{dx} \frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{dN_x}{dx} \frac{d \left( \frac{N_x}{T} \right)}{dt} =$$

$$= \frac{dN_x}{dx} \frac{d \left( N_x T^{-1} \right)}{dt} = \frac{dN_x}{dx} \left( N_x (-1) T^{-2} \frac{dT}{dt} \right)$$

$$(1) \quad = - \frac{dN}{dx} \frac{1}{T} \left( \frac{N_x}{T} \right) \left( \frac{dT}{dt} \right) = - x \frac{dN}{dx} \frac{1}{T} \frac{dT}{dt}$$

But using entropy conservation we know that

$$T = A g_{*s}^{-1/3} a^{-1}$$

lets start with the case where  $g_{*s} \approx \text{constant}$  (away from mass thresholds)

$$\frac{dT}{dt} = A g_{xs}^{-1/3} \frac{d\bar{a}^{-1}}{dt} = A g_{xs}^{-1/3} (-1) \bar{a}^{-2} \dot{\bar{a}}$$

$$= -A g_{xs}^{-1/3} \frac{\dot{\bar{a}}}{\bar{a}} \bar{a}^{-1} = -A g_{xs}^{-1/3} H \bar{a}^{-1}$$

So going back to (1):

$$\frac{dN_x}{dt} = -x \frac{dN_x}{dx} \frac{1}{T} \left( -A g_{xs}^{-1/3} H \bar{a}^{-1} \right) =$$

$$= -x \frac{dN_x}{dx} \frac{1}{\left( A g_{xs}^{-1/3} \bar{a}^{-1} \right)} \left( -A g_{xs}^{-1/3} \bar{a}^{-1} H \right) =$$

$$= x H \frac{dN_x}{dx}$$

This allows us to go back to Boltzmann equation:

$$\frac{dN_x}{dt} = x H \frac{dN_x}{dx} = - \langle \sigma v \rangle n \left[ N_x^2 - (N_x^{eq})^2 \right]$$

$$\frac{dN_x}{dx} \simeq - \frac{\langle \sigma v \rangle n}{x H} \left[ N_x^2 - N_x^{eq 2} \right]$$

Ricatti equation

