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# A Systematic Analysis of Semi-Annihilation

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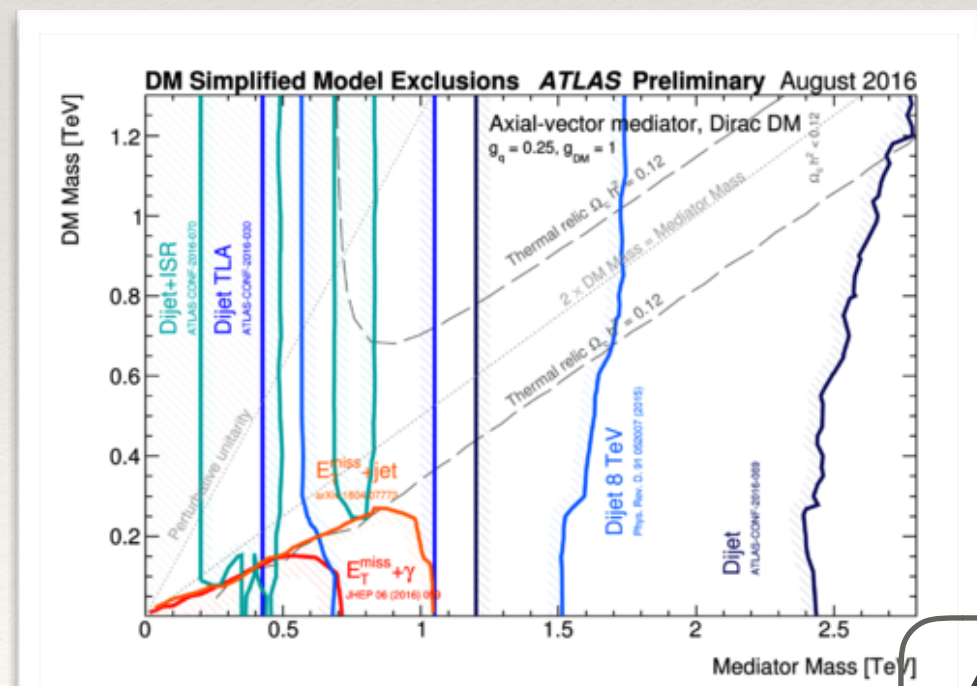
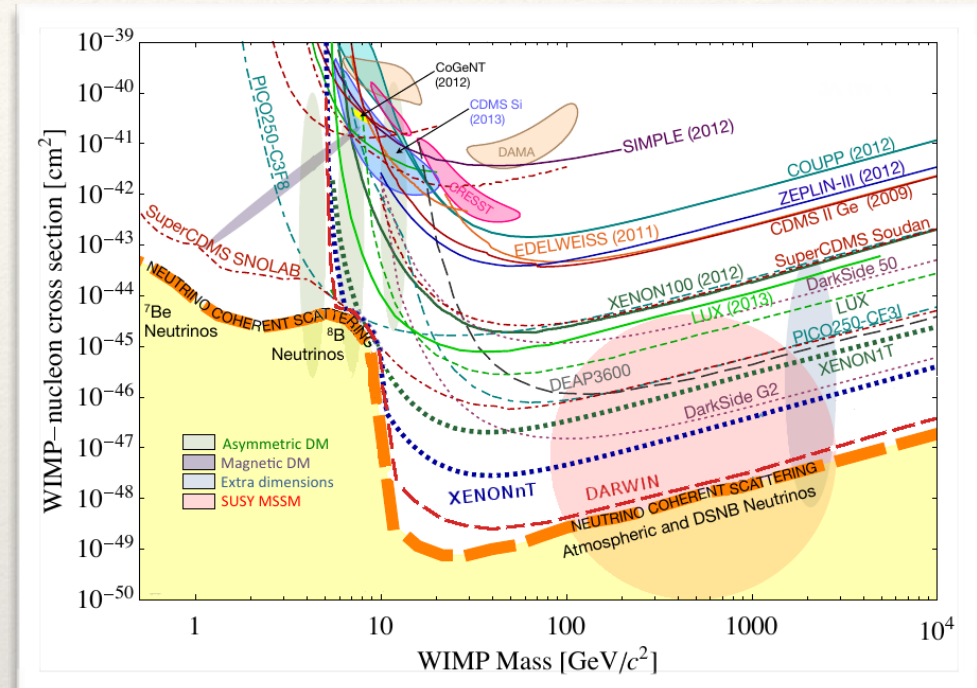


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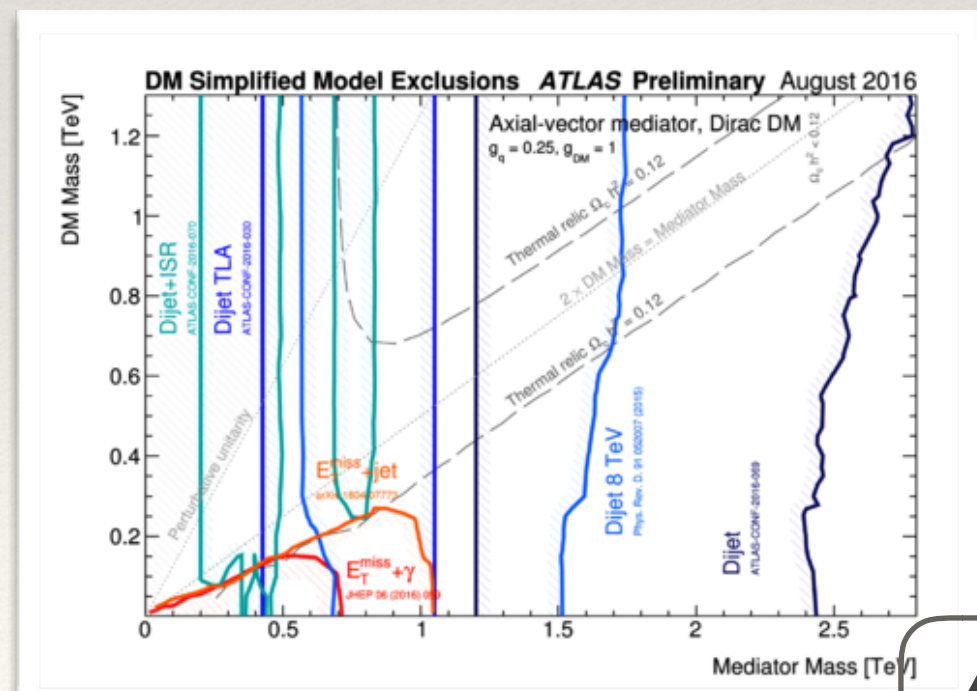
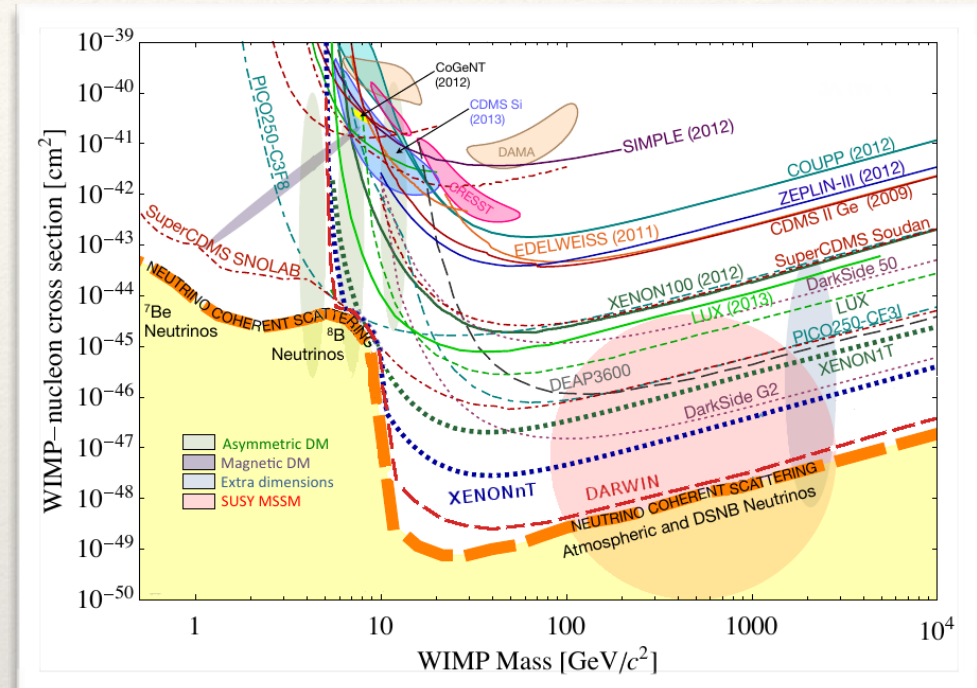
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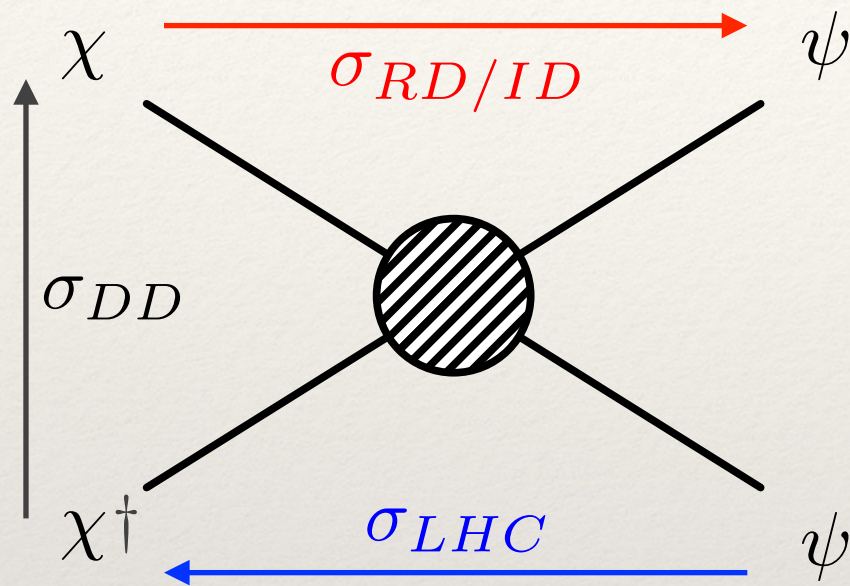
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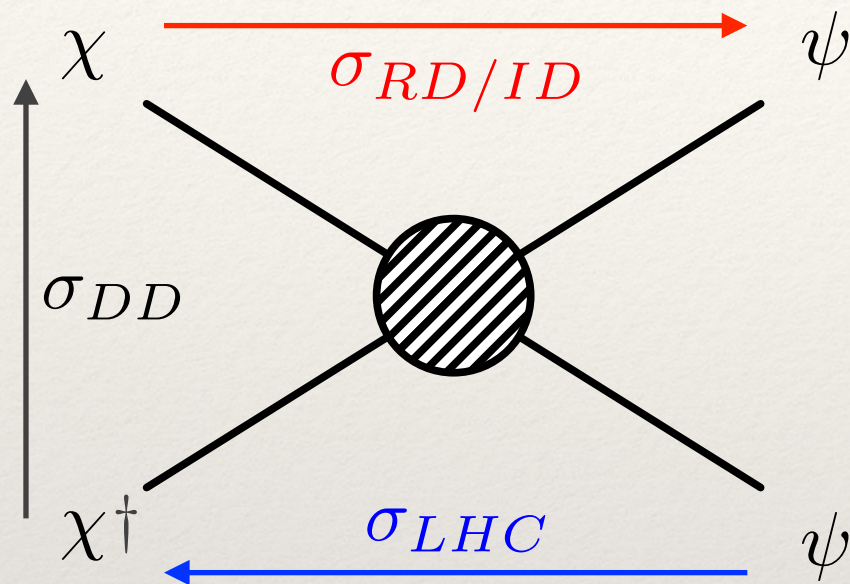
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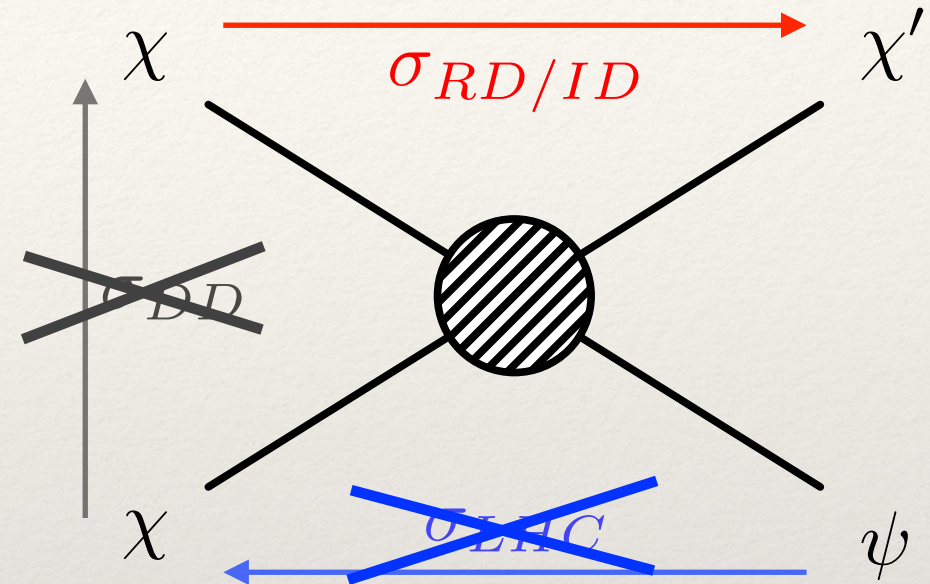
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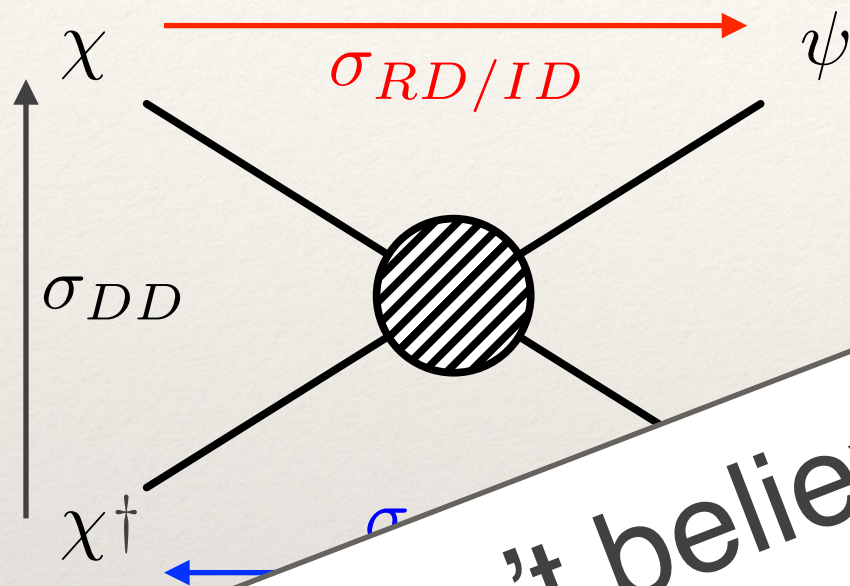
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You won't believe this 1 weird trick for avoiding dark matter constraints!

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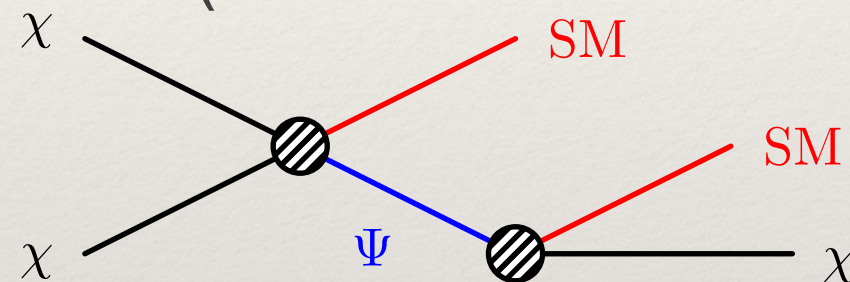


❖ SA relaxes bounds from terrestrial searches

❖ SA affects **indirect** (cosmic ray) **searches**

❖ Different kinematics  $E = \frac{(m_{i_1} + m_{i_2})^2 + m_V^2 - m_f^2}{2(m_{i_1} + m_{i_2})}$

❖ Dark sector cascades (from unstable dark states)



❖ A number of studies so far

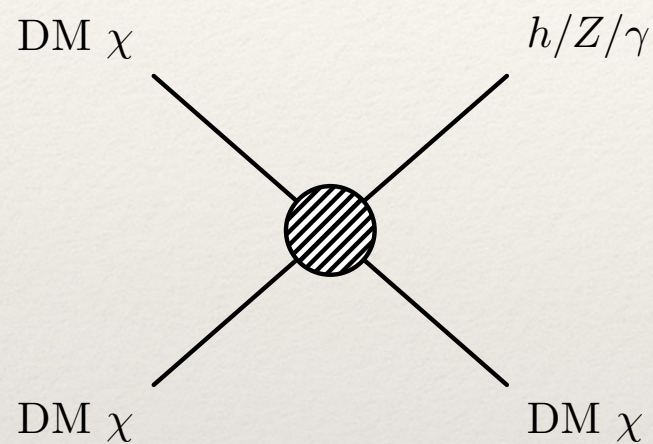
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❖ **But** based on particular models; **no general study** so far



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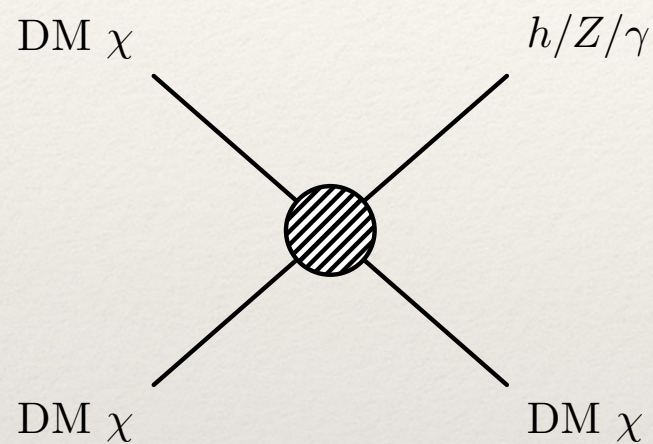


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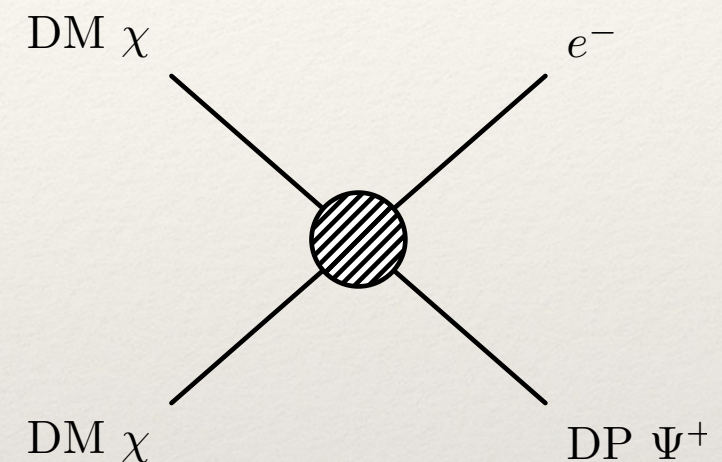
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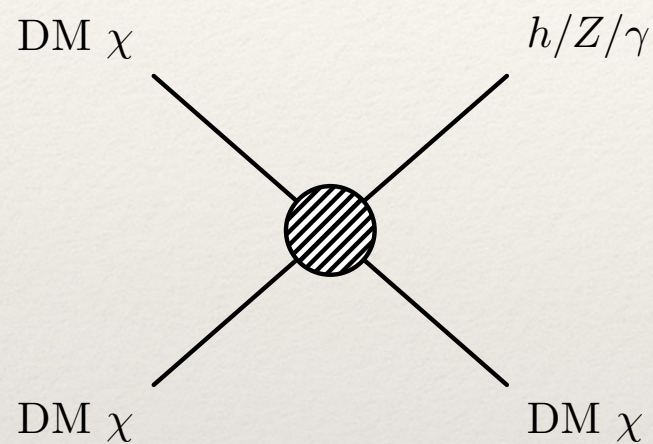


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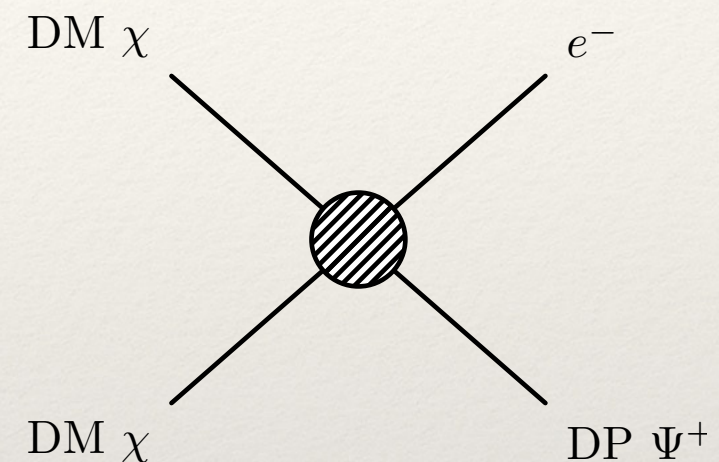


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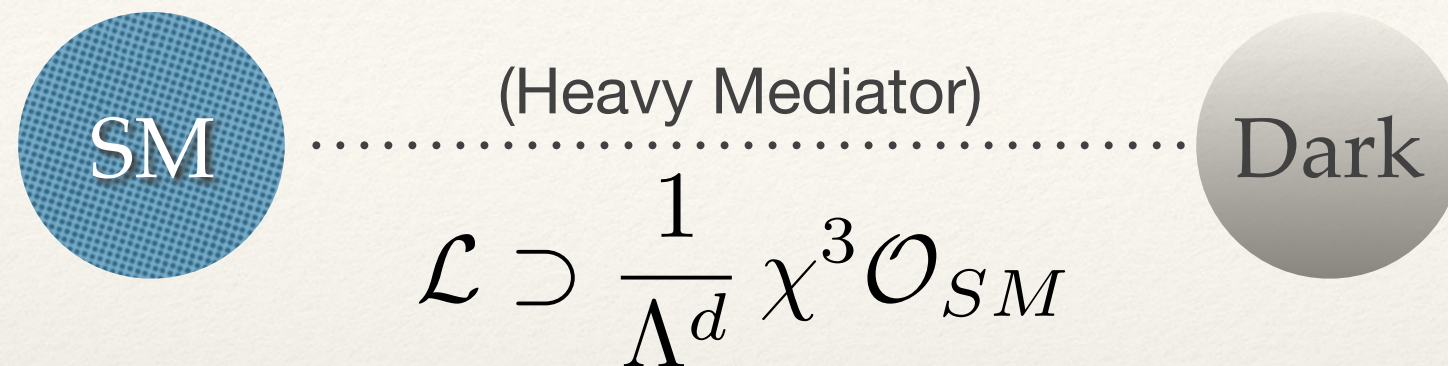
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- ❖ Call states with dark & SM symmetries **Dark Partners**
- ❖ DM-DM initial states: dark partners conjugate to SM



# Effective Operators



# Exploring Model Space: EFTs



- ❖ Standard tool for model-independent studies
  - ❖ Two sectors: dark and visible
  - ❖ Integrate out mediators to generate EFT
- ❖ Easy to exhaust possibilities
- ❖ Direct connection to initial & final states
- ❖ **Very applicable for Semi-annihilation:**
  - ❖ Mediators must be more massive than DM
  - ❖ Freeze out & indirect detection non-relativistic so EFT valid



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# Assumptions

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1. DM is gauge singlet complex scalar or fermion, charged under exact global symmetry  $D \neq Z_2$
2. Consider  $2 \rightarrow 2$  processes with 3 dark sector fields i.e. operators with 4 fields after EWSB
3. Allow dark partners, at most 1 per operator
4. Allow multi-component dark matter
5. Consider all possible terms to dimension 6 & leading terms at dimension 7



# General Results

- ❖ See paper/back-up slides for operator lists
- ❖ Small number of operators; e.g. for unique DM,

	DM-only	Scalar DP	Fermion DP
Scalar DM	1	9	6
Fermion DM	1 x gens.	19 x gens.	28 x gens.

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# Higgs Portals

- ❖ Operators for scalar/fermion DM at dimension 5+/6+
- ❖ Compare this to the always-allowed Higgs portals:

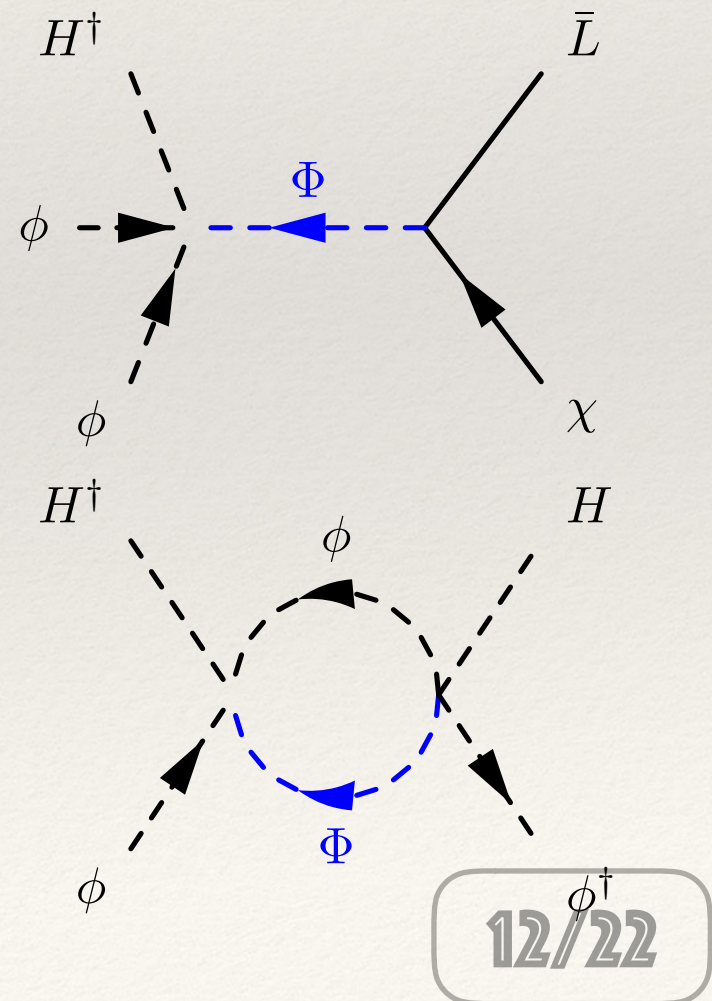
$$\mathcal{O}_{\phi H} = \lambda_{\phi H} \phi^\dagger \phi H^\dagger H, \quad \mathcal{O}_{\chi H} = \frac{c_{\chi H}}{\Lambda} \bar{\chi} \gamma^5 \chi H^\dagger H$$

- ❖ If SA is to dominate, these **must be suppressed**

- ❖ SA (Portal) generated at tree-level (one loop)
- ❖ UV scale  $\lesssim 5-10$  TeV

- ❖ **Constrains UV particle content:**

- ❖ No gauge- and D-singlet scalars
- ❖ No EW doublets in conjugate D-rep, same spin as DM



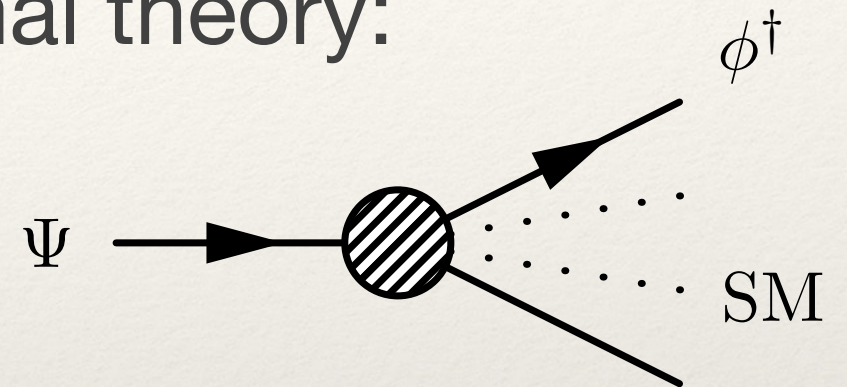


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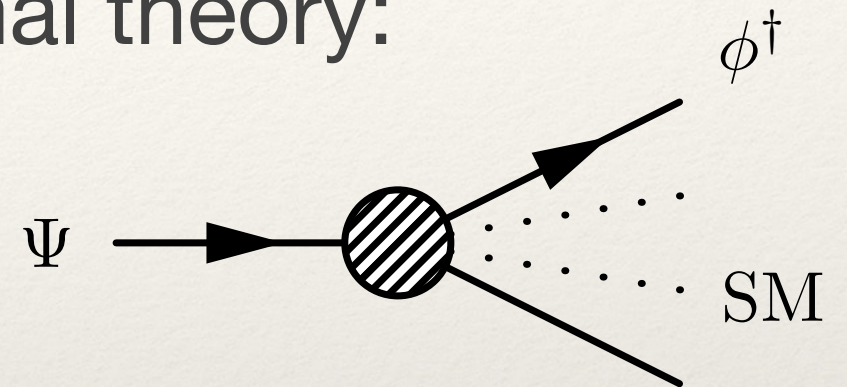


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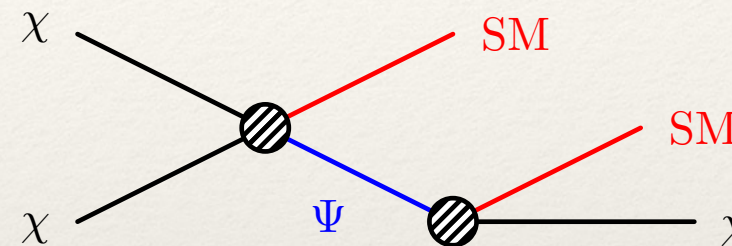
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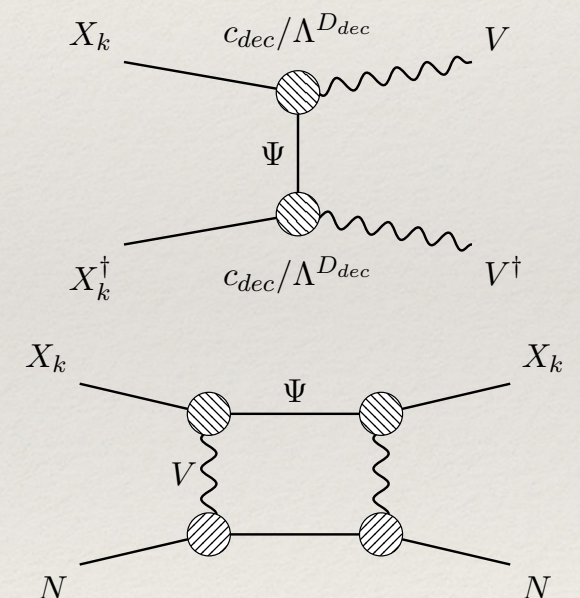
- ❖ Prompt decays contribute to cosmic ray signals

- ❖ Function of dark partner mass
- ❖ Depends on decay mode



- ❖ Lead to upper bounds on Wilson coefficient:

- ❖ DM annihilation through t-channel Dark partner
- ❖ DM-Dark partner coannihilation
- ❖ Enhanced contributions to direct detection
- ❖ Possible DM-Dark partner mixing



- ❖ General bound  $c_{dec} \approx 0.1\text{---}0.01$



# Phenomenology & Constraints



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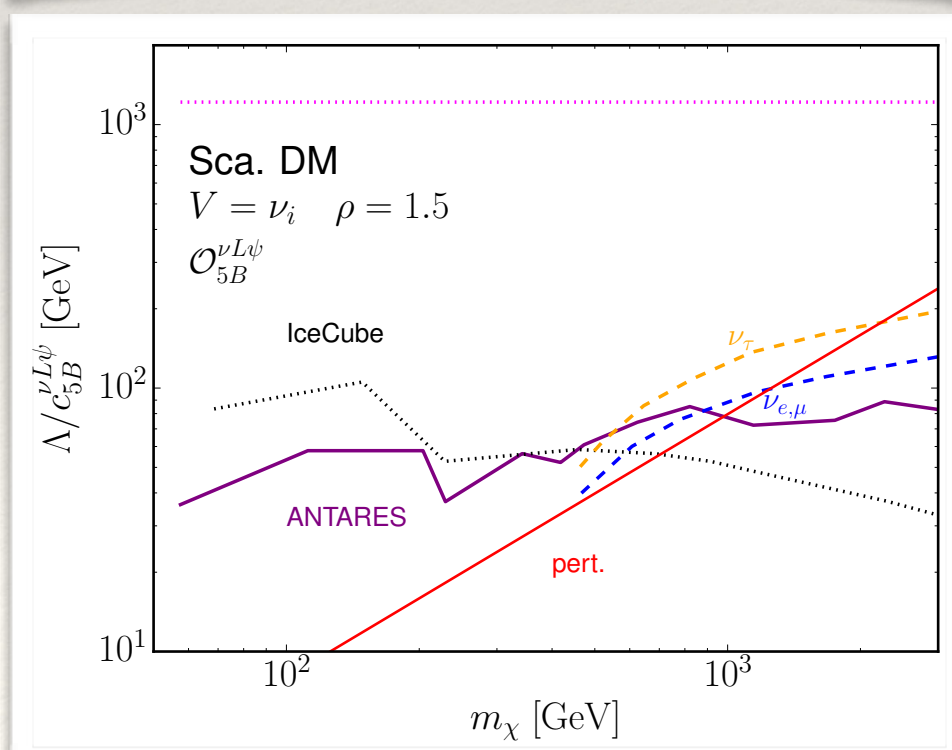
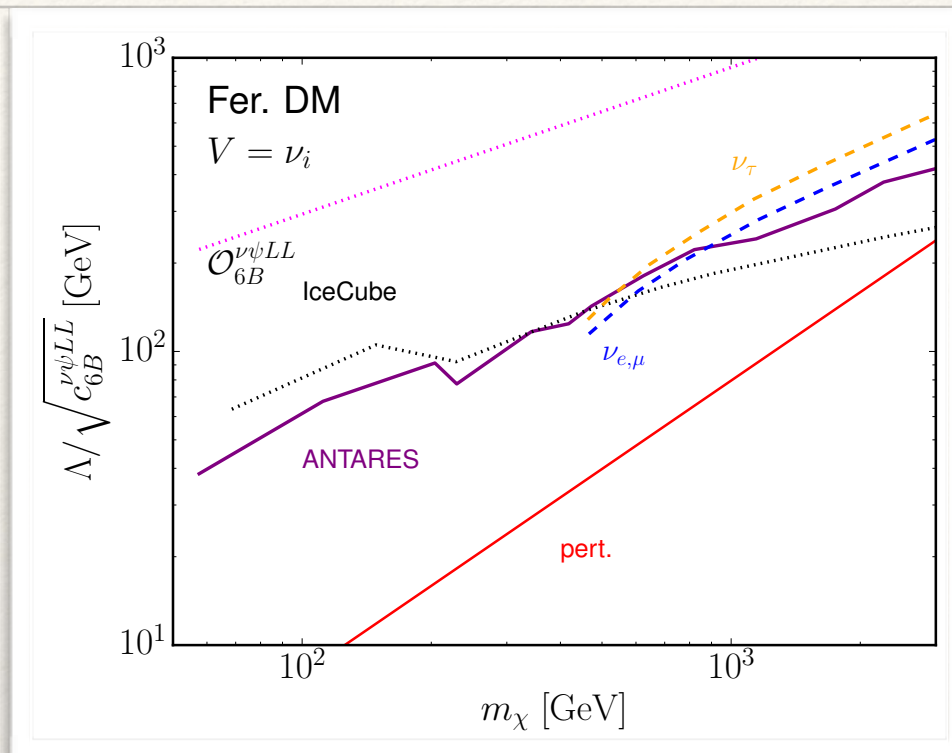
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- ❖ Derive limits from  $\gamma$ -ray, positron & neutrino telescopes
- ❖ Additional assumptions:
  - ❖ DM is single component
  - ❖ Fix dark partner-DM mass ratio to 1.5
- ❖ Set limits on EW broken phase operators
  - ❖ Direct connection to amplitudes
  - ❖ More easily applicable to general models
- ❖ Only time & space to show a small selection of results



# SA to Neutrinos



- ❖ Top: Bounds on dim-6 ops

$$\frac{1}{6\Lambda^2} \chi^3 \nu \quad \& \quad \frac{1}{2\Lambda^2} (\chi\chi) (\bar{\nu}\psi)$$

- ❖ Bottom: dim-5 ops

$$\frac{1}{2\Lambda} \phi^2 (\bar{\nu}\psi)$$

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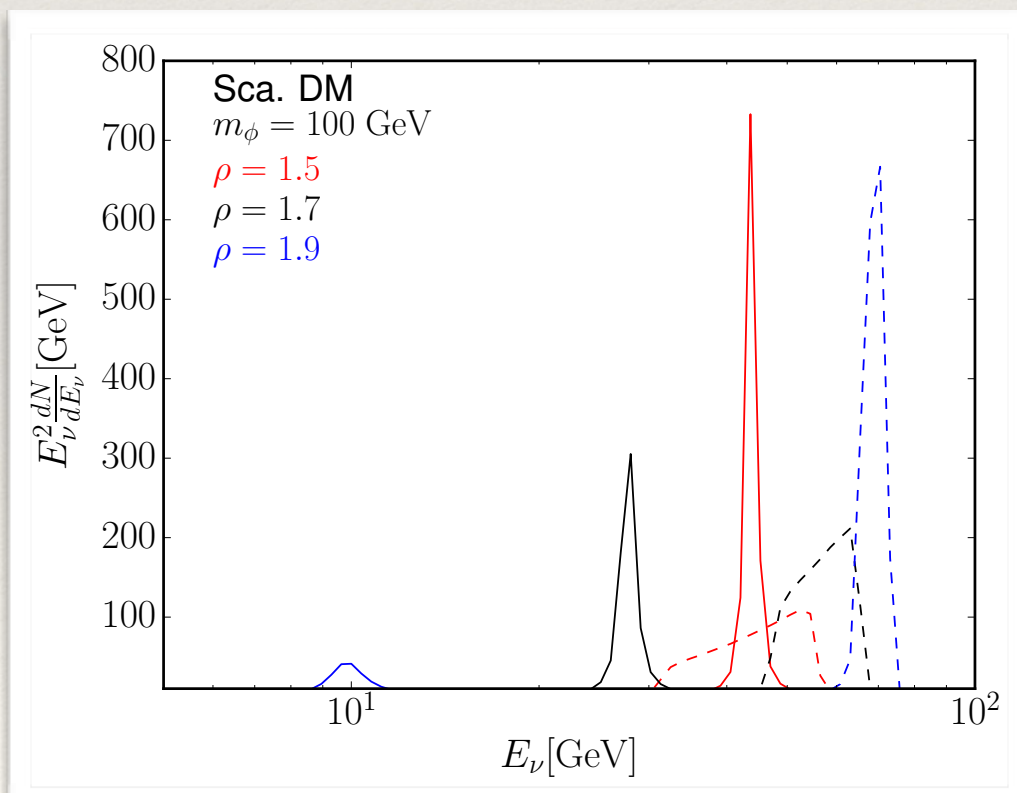
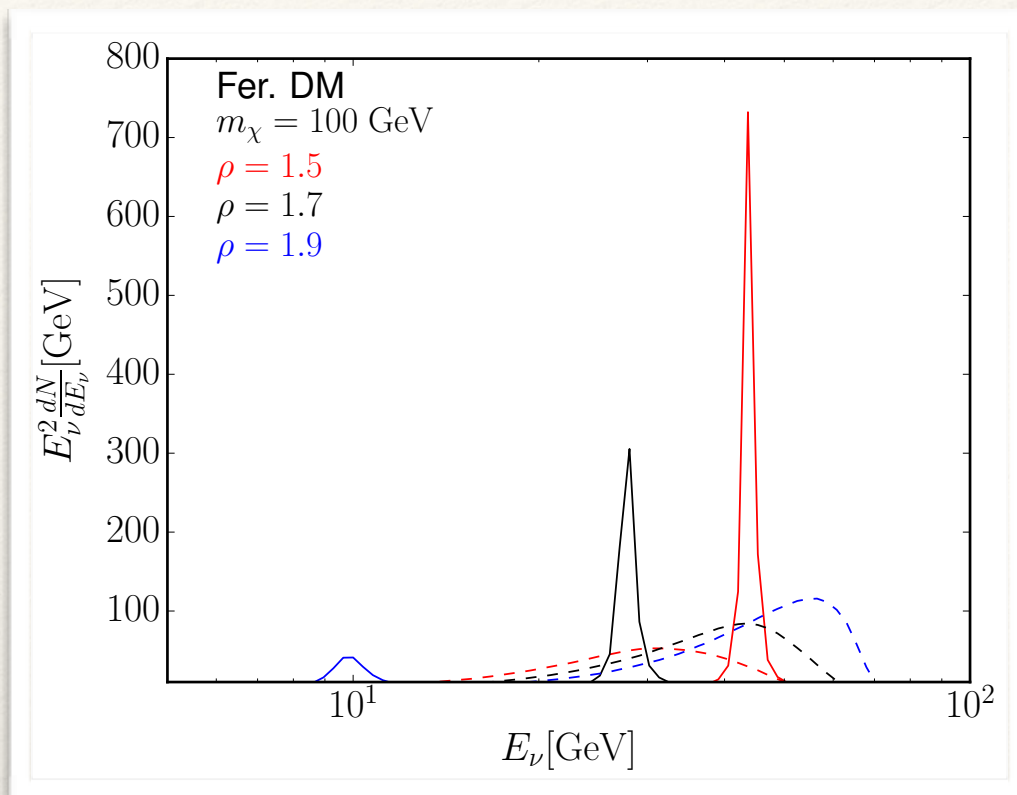
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- ❖ Dots: relic density from SA alone

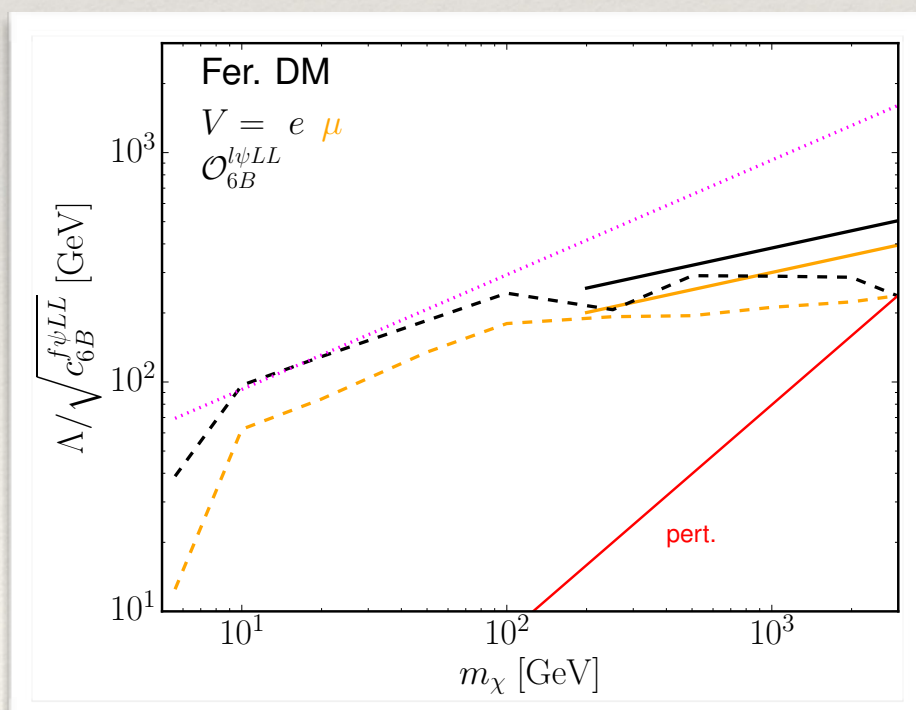
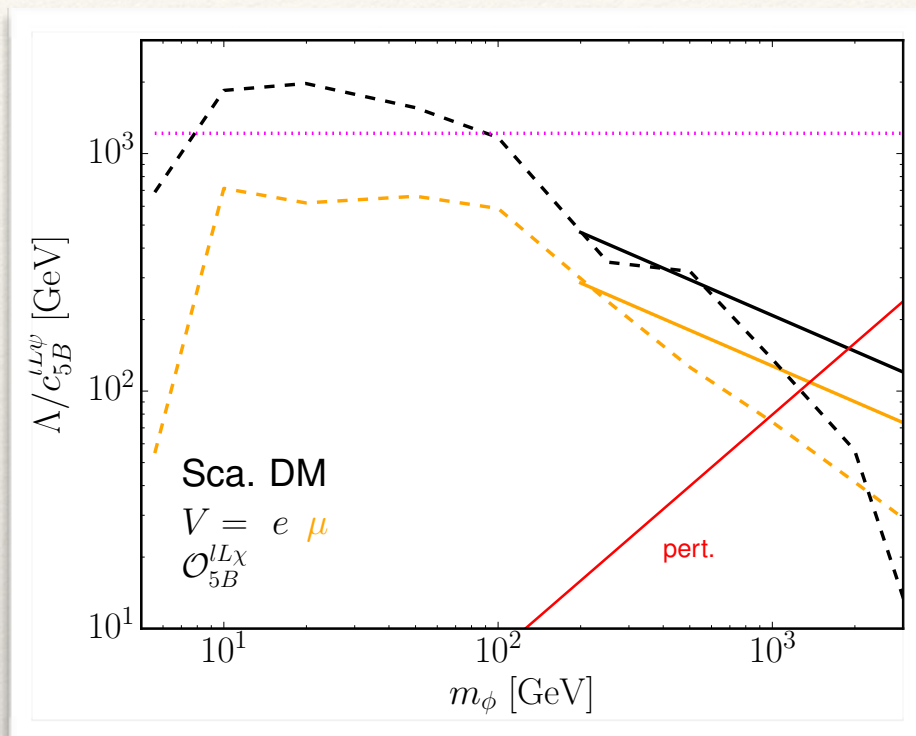




- ❖ Neutrino spectra for same operators as on last slide
- ❖ Varied DM—DP mass ratio
- ❖ Solid lines:
  - ❖ SA final state neutrinos
  - ❖ **Nearly monochromatic**
- ❖ Dashed lines
  - ❖ Dark partner decay neutrinos
  - ❖ **Broad spectrum**; more so for fermion DM due to 3-body decay
  - ❖ More important for **heavier DPs**



# Leptonic Dark Partner Limits



- ❖ Top: bounds on d = 5 ops

$$\frac{1}{2\Lambda} \phi^2 \bar{f}\psi$$

- ❖ Bottom: bounds on d = 6 ops

$$\frac{1}{2\Lambda^2} (\chi\chi) \bar{f}\psi$$

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- ❖ Dashed: CMB (current)

- ❖ **Exclude** RD params for electron channel and  **$10 \lesssim m \lesssim 100$  GeV**



# Conclusions



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**Thank You!**



Back-Up Slides



# Dark Matter Only

❖ Write down all operators consistent with assumptions

❖ Scalar

Operator	Definition
$\mathcal{O}_{5U}^H$	$s^{ijk} \phi_i \phi_j \phi_k H^\dagger H$
$\mathcal{O}_{7U}^Z$	$(x^{ikj} + y^{ijk}) \phi_i \phi_j (\partial^\mu \phi_k) (iH^\dagger \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu H)$
$\mathcal{O}_{7U}^H$	$(x^{ikj} + y^{ijk}) (\partial_\mu \phi_i) (\partial^\mu \phi_j) \phi_k H^\dagger H$

❖ Fermion

Operator	Definition
$\mathcal{O}_{7U}^{LL}$	$(s^{ijk} + y^{ijk} + x^{ikj}) (\eta_i \eta_j) ((L^\dagger \tilde{H}) \bar{\xi}_k^\dagger)$
$\mathcal{O}_{7U}^{LR}$	$(y^{ijk} + x^{ikj}) (\bar{\xi}_i^\dagger \bar{\xi}_j^\dagger) ((L^\dagger \tilde{H}) \bar{\xi}_k^\dagger)$

❖ Both

Operator	Definition
$\mathcal{O}_{6U}^{LH^\dagger}$	$s^{ij} \phi_i \phi_j ((L^\dagger \tilde{H}) \bar{\xi}^\dagger)$
$\mathcal{O}_{7U}^L$	$a^{ij} \phi_i (\partial_\mu \phi_j) ((L^\dagger \tilde{H}) \bar{\sigma}^\mu \eta)$
$\mathcal{O}_{6U}^{HS}$	$s^{ij} \bar{\chi}_i^c \chi_j \phi H^\dagger H$
$\mathcal{O}_{6U}^{HP}$	$s^{ij} \bar{\chi}_i^c \gamma^5 \chi_j \phi H^\dagger H$
$\check{\mathcal{O}}_{6U}^B$	$a^{ij} \bar{\chi}_i^c \sigma^{\mu\nu} \chi_j \phi \check{B}_{\mu\nu}$
$\mathcal{O}_{7U}^{ZV}$	$a^{ij} \bar{\chi}_i^c \gamma^\mu \chi_j \phi (iH^\dagger \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu H)$
$\mathcal{O}_{7U}^{ZA}$	$s^{ij} \bar{\chi}_i^c \gamma^\mu \gamma^5 \chi_j \phi (iH^\dagger \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu H)$
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❖ Small number of operators;  
Only **TWO** for unique DM

❖ Only neutral SM:  $h, Z, \gamma, \nu$

❖ (Almost) all lead to  $2 \rightarrow 3$  SA

❖ Very simple model space



# Dark Partner

Operator	Definition	$\omega/\psi$
$\mathcal{O}_{4U}^H$	$s^{ij} \phi_i \phi_j (H^\dagger \omega)$	$(1, 2, \frac{1}{2})$
$\mathcal{O}_{5U}^{ H ^2_1}$	$s^{ij} \phi_i \phi_j \omega H^\dagger H$	$(1, 1, 0)$
$\mathcal{O}_{5U}^{ H ^2_3}$	$s^{ij} \phi_i \phi_j \omega^a H^\dagger \sigma^a H$	$(1, 3, 0)$
$\mathcal{O}_{5U}^{H^2}$	$s^{ij} \phi_i \phi_j \omega^a H^\dagger \sigma^a \tilde{H}$	$(1, 3, 1)$
$\mathcal{O}_{6U}^{Hd}$	$s^{ij} \phi_i \phi_j (H^\dagger \omega)(H^\dagger H)$	$(1, 2, \frac{1}{2})$
$\mathcal{O}_{6U}^{Hq}$	$s^{ij} \phi_i \phi_j \omega^{IJK} H_I^\dagger H_J^\dagger \tilde{H}_K^\dagger$	$(1, 4, \frac{1}{2})$
$\mathcal{O}_{6U}^{H^3}$	$s^{ij} \phi_i \phi_j \omega^{IJK} H_I^\dagger H_J^\dagger H_K^\dagger$	$(1, 4, \frac{3}{2})$
$\mathcal{O}_{6U}^{H\partial^2}$	$s^{ij} (\partial_\mu \phi_i)(\partial^\mu \phi_j)(H^\dagger \omega)$	$(1, 2, \frac{1}{2})$
$\mathcal{O}_{6U}^{H\partial D}$	$a^{ij} \phi_i (\partial_\mu \phi_j) (H^\dagger \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu \omega)$	$(1, 2, \frac{1}{2})$
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$\mathcal{O}_{5U}^{\bar{f}\psi}$	$s^{ij} \phi_i \phi_j \bar{f} \zeta$	$(\bar{R}_{\bar{f}}, 1, -Y_{\bar{f}})$
$\mathcal{O}_{5U}^{F\psi}$	$s^{ij} \phi_i \phi_j F^\dagger \bar{\nu}^\dagger$	$(R_F, 2, Y_F)$
$\mathcal{O}_{6U}^{\bar{f}H\psi}$	$s^{ij} \phi_i \phi_j \bar{f}(\tilde{H}^\dagger \zeta)$	$(\bar{R}_{\bar{f}}, 2, -Y_{\bar{f}} - \frac{1}{2})$
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$\mathcal{O}_{6U}^{FH\psi_1}$	$s^{ij} \phi_i \phi_j (F^\dagger H) \bar{\nu}^\dagger$	$(R_F, 1, Y_F - \frac{1}{2})$
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$\mathcal{O}_{6U}^{\bar{f}\partial}$	$a^{ij} \phi_i (\partial_\mu \phi_j) \bar{f} \sigma^\mu \bar{\nu}^\dagger$	$(\bar{R}_{\bar{f}}, 1, -Y_{\bar{f}})$
$\mathcal{O}_{6U}^{F\partial}$	$a^{ij} \phi_i (\partial_\mu \phi_j) F^\dagger \bar{\zeta}^\mu \eta$	$(R_F, 2, Y_F)$

- ❖ Possibilities **vastly increased**
- ❖ Scalar DM plus
- ❖ Scalar dark partner (top)
- ❖ Fermion dark partner (bottom)
- ❖ One renormalisable operator
- ❖ Multiple  $d = 5$  operators
- ❖ Situation for fermion and scalar-fermion DM similar
- ❖ **All SM final states possible**
- ❖  $\gamma/g$  require multi-component DM