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# A light second Higgs as portal to Dark Matter

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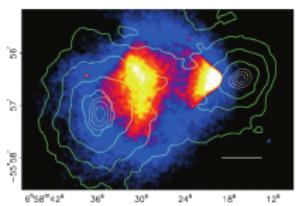
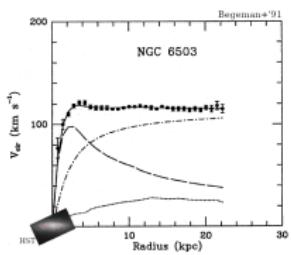
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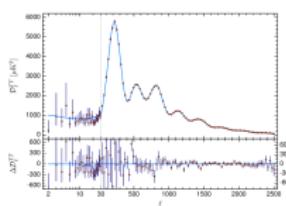
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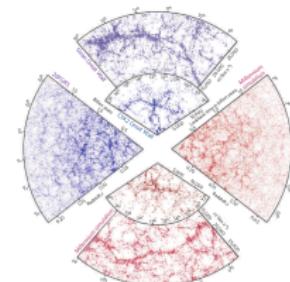
# What is Dark Matter ?



[Clowe+ '06]



[Planck Coll.'18]



[Springel+ '06]

## *What is Dark Matter made of?*

Study the observed DM

- what are the smallest collapsed structures in the Universe?
- does DM interact with itself? with baryons?

→ *so far, mostly limits*

Extrapolate to smaller scales

- make up dark matter candidates
- predict specific phenomena
- look for them in the lab (and astrophysics)

→ *theory needed, speculative*

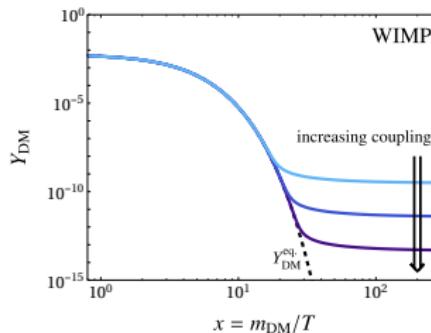


# Thermal relic dark matter

suppose there exists a stable neutral particle beyond the Standard Model...

- thermal relic  $\leftrightarrow$  was in thermal equilibrium with SM bath
- relic abundance from cosmic expansion and particle properties

$$\frac{dn_\chi}{dt} + 3Hn_\chi = -\langle \sigma v \rangle_{\chi\chi \rightarrow \text{SM}} (n_\chi^2 - n_\chi^{\text{eq},2})$$



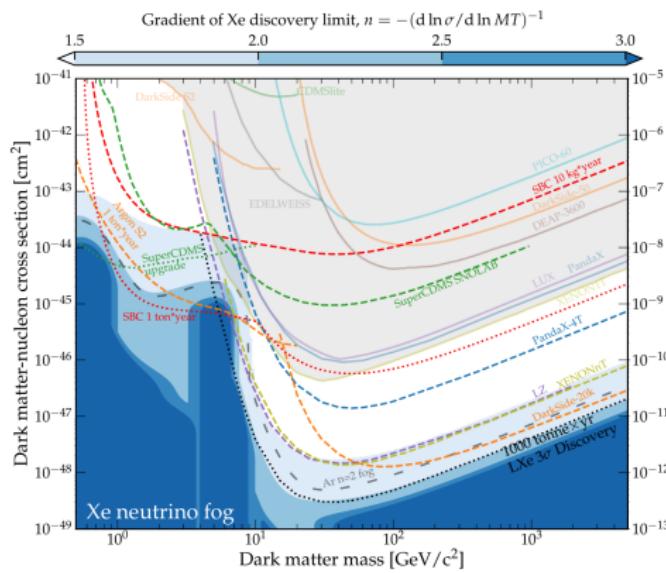
$$\Omega_\chi \propto \frac{1}{\langle \sigma v \rangle_{\text{fo}}} , \quad \Omega_{\text{DM}} h^2 = 0.12 \Rightarrow \langle \sigma v \rangle_{\text{fo}} \sim 2 \times 10^{-26} \text{ cm}^3/\text{s}$$

$\Rightarrow$  general framework, simplest cosmology, useful prediction



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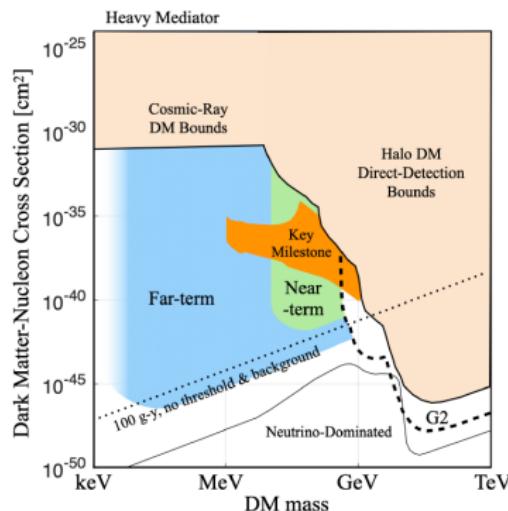


[Snwm-Akerib+’22]



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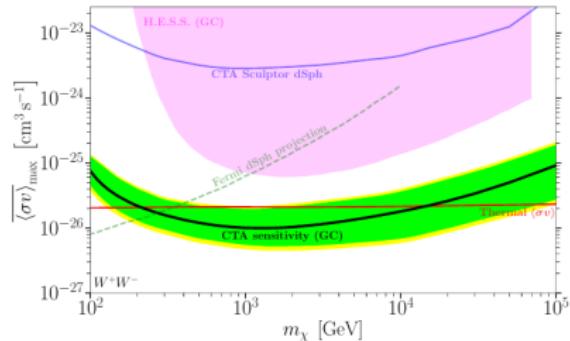


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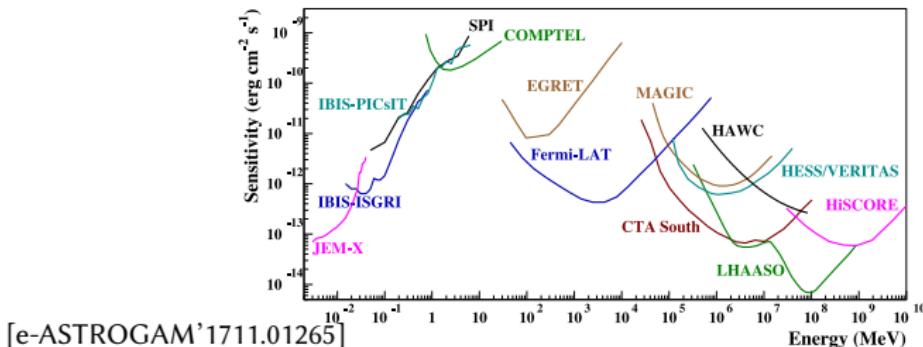
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[CTA-Iocco+’21]

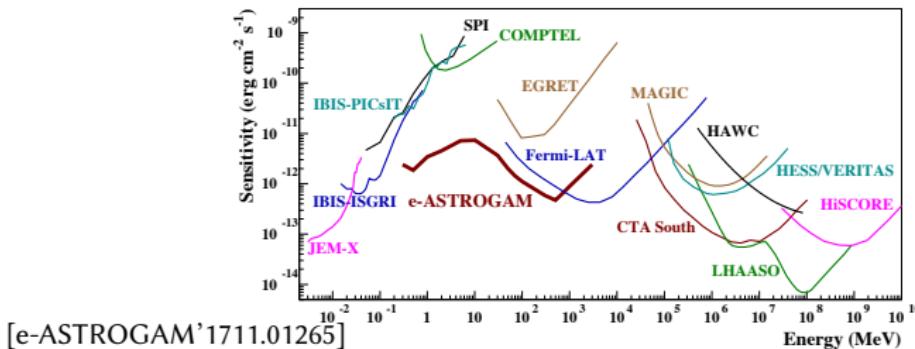
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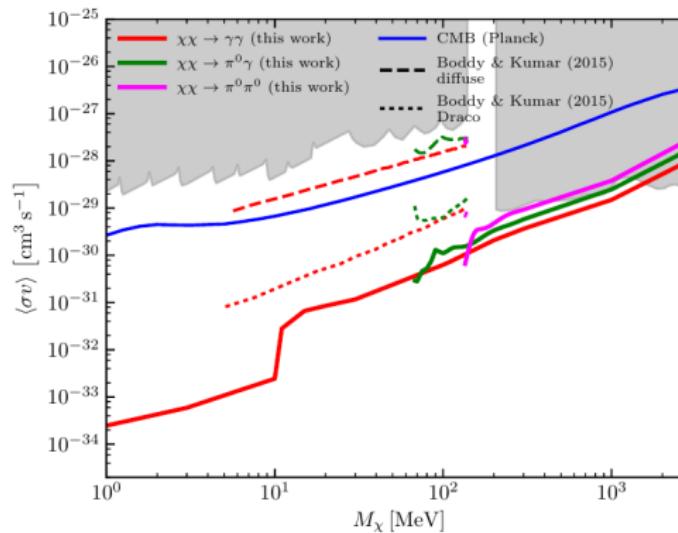
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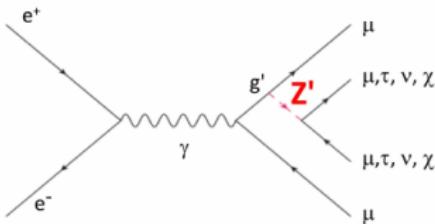


[Bartels+’17]

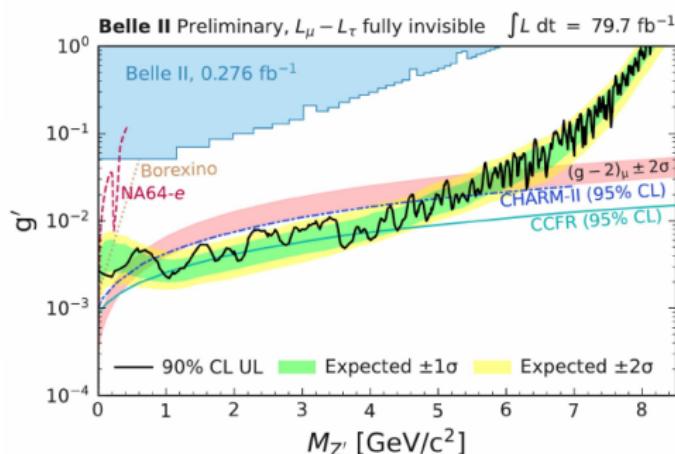


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[Belle-II, Feichtinger' PASCOS22]



$\Rightarrow$  good chances to find something soon!  
 $\Rightarrow$  plenty of motivation to consider sub-GeV DM!



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# The lightest WIMP?

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## Cosmological Lower Bound on Heavy-Neutrino Masses

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(Received 13 May 1977)

The present cosmic mass density of possible stable neutral heavy leptons is calculated in a standard cosmological model. In order for this density not to exceed the upper limit of  $2 \times 10^{-28} \text{ g/cm}^3$ , the lepton mass would have to be greater than a lower bound of the order of 2 GeV.



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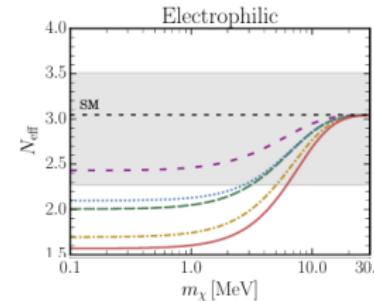
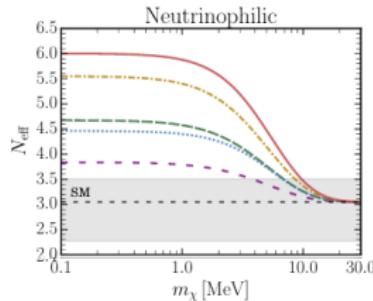
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$$m_{V-A \, G_F} \text{ WIMP} > 2 \text{ GeV}$$

- BBN + CMB constraints  $m_{\text{WIMP}} \gtrsim 6 \text{ MeV}$

- standard cosmology successfully reproduces light element abundances
- DM annihilation products can spoil this
  - photodissociation
  - modified expansion history from additional  $\rho_{\text{products}}$  ( $\rightarrow N_{\text{eff}}$ )



[Sabti+’20]



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- conclusion in principle relaxed in SIMP scenarios [Hochberg+’1402.5143], [Kuflik+’1512.04545]
  - everyone still introduces light mediators (eg. [Hochberg+’1512.07917], [Choi+’1707.01434], [Hochberg+’1806.10139])



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*this talk:*

light mediator  $\in H_2$ , second Higgs doublet

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- alignment limit

$$h_{\text{SM}} \simeq \phi_1^0, \quad H_{\text{new}} \simeq \phi_2^0, \quad A, \quad H^\pm$$



# Light scalars in the 2HDM

- scalar masses in alignment limit:

$$m_h^2 = \lambda_1 v^2,$$

$$m_H^2 = \mu_{22}^2 + \frac{v^2}{2}(\lambda_3 + \lambda_4 + \lambda_5), \quad \rightarrow \text{may be small}$$

$$m_A^2 = m_H^2 - v^2 \lambda_5, \quad \rightarrow \text{may be split}$$

$$m_{H^\pm}^2 = m_H^2 - v^2 \frac{(\lambda_4 + \lambda_5)}{2} \quad \rightarrow \text{may be split}$$

- choose  $m_H \ll m_A^2, m_{H^\pm}^2$ , and for simplicity  $m_A^2 \sim m_{H^\pm}^2$
- perturbativity:  $|\lambda| < \sqrt{4\pi} \Rightarrow m_A, m_{H^\pm} \lesssim 460 \text{ GeV}$

*we can have a sub-GeV scalar  $H \in 2\text{HDM}$*

see [Jana,Vishnu,Saad'2003.03386]

# Electroweak precision observables

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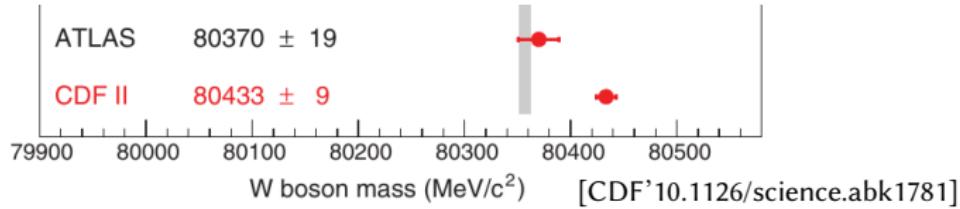
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→ *CDF II  $M_W$  indications for  $T > 0$ ?*



# Muon g-2

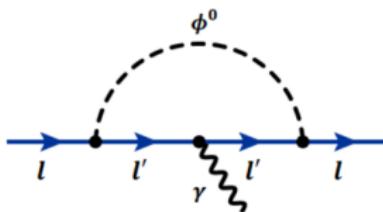
... talking about anomalies.

- muon anomalous magnetic moment:  $\Delta a_\mu = 251 \pm 59 \times 10^{-11} \rightarrow "4.2\sigma"$

- $a_\mu^{\text{the}} = 116591810(43) \times 10^{-11}$  [Aoyama+'2006.04822]

- $a_\mu^{\text{exp}} = 116592061(41) \times 10^{-11}$  [FNAL'2104.03281]

but: lattice results agree more with  $a_\mu^{\text{exp}}$  than  $a_\mu^{\text{the}}$  [Borsanyi+'2002.12347]



- light scalar induced loop contributes positively  
→ indicates mass splitting  $m_H \ll m_A$ ?

see [2003.03386]

# New Scalars at Colliders

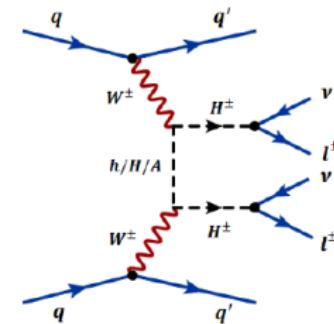
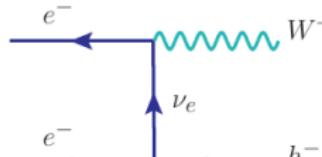
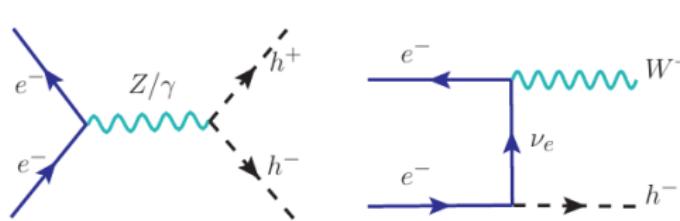
direct constraints on the mass spectrum

- existing constraints

- $m_A > m_Z - m_H \sim 90$  GeV to forbid  $Z \rightarrow HA$
- charged scalar production:  $m_{H^\pm} \gtrsim 110$  GeV from LEP  $W \rightarrow \nu l$  universality
- LHC constraints evaded for substantial  $\text{Br}_{\nu\tau}$

- signature processes

- $pp \rightarrow H^\pm H^\pm jj \rightarrow l_\alpha^\pm l_\beta^\pm jj + E_T$



[1907.09498][2003.03386]



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# SM Higgs properties

- alignment limit:  $h$  mostly SM-like
- $h \rightarrow HH \rightarrow l^+l^-l^+l^-$  / invisible

$$V \supset vhH^2 \frac{1}{2} (\lambda_3 + \lambda_4 + \lambda_5) \quad \rightarrow \lambda_3 \simeq -(\lambda_4 + \lambda_5) \propto m_{H^\pm}^2/v^2$$

- $h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

$$V \supset \lambda_3 vhH^+H^-$$

negatively interferes with  $W$ -loop, predicts  $R_{\gamma\gamma} < 1$ ; LHC data prefer  
 $R_{\gamma\gamma} \gtrsim 1$  [Okawa,Omura'2011.04788]



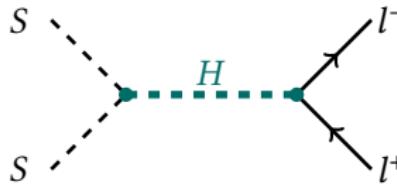
# $H$ enables light thermal DM

- coupling to light SM fermions → leptons for convenience

$$-\mathcal{L}_Y \supset \tilde{Y}_l \bar{\psi}_L H_1 \psi_R + \textcolor{teal}{Y}_l \bar{\psi}_L H_2 \psi_R + \text{h.c.}$$

- in alignment limit:  $\tilde{Y}_l = \text{diag}(m_e, m_\mu, m_\tau)/v$
- $\textcolor{teal}{Y}_l \rightarrow$  mediator coupling, DM phenomenology, flavour violation
- simplest DM candidate: real scalar  $S$

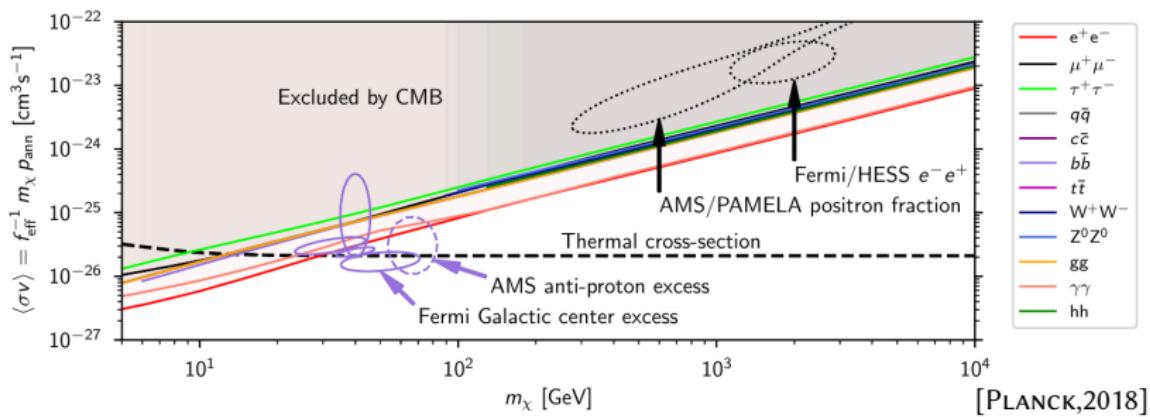
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DMID problem

- energy injection  $\propto Q_{\text{ann}} m_{\text{DM}} \propto n_{\text{DM}}^2 m_{\text{DM}} \propto m_{\text{DM}}^{-1}$



- WIMPs with  $m_{\text{WIMP}} \lesssim 10 \text{ GeV}$  require

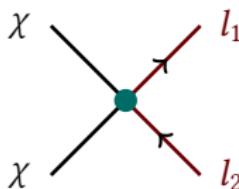
$$\langle\sigma v\rangle_{\text{today}} \ll \langle\sigma v\rangle_{\text{freeze-out}}$$

→ DMID very sensitive!



# Forbidden Dark Matter

[Griest,Seckel'91][DAgnolo,Ruderman'1505.07107]



- kinematically forbidden annihilation,  $2m_\chi < m_{l_1} + m_{l_2}$

$$\langle\sigma v\rangle_{\chi\chi \rightarrow ll} = \langle\sigma v\rangle_{ll \rightarrow \chi\chi} e^{-2\Delta(m_\chi/T)}$$

- suppressed by mass splitting

$$\Delta = (m_{l_1} + m_{l_2} - 2m_\chi)/2m_\chi$$

- $\langle\sigma v\rangle_{\chi\chi \rightarrow ll}$  zero at late times  $T \rightarrow 0$

→ spoiler:  $\langle\sigma v\rangle_{\chi\chi \rightarrow \gamma\gamma}$  allowed!



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Minimal forbidden DM

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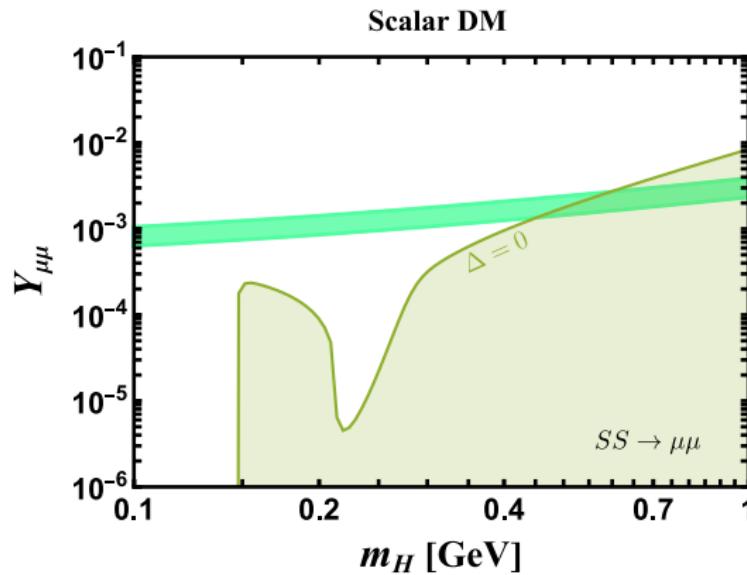
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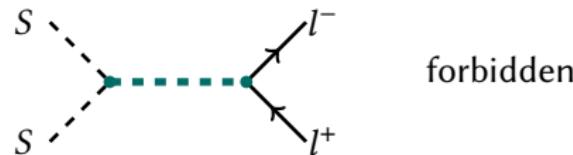
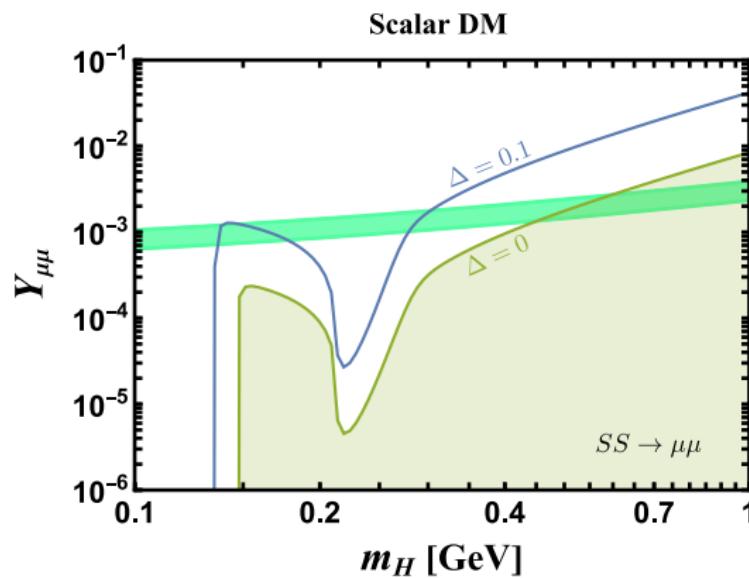
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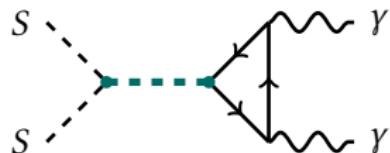
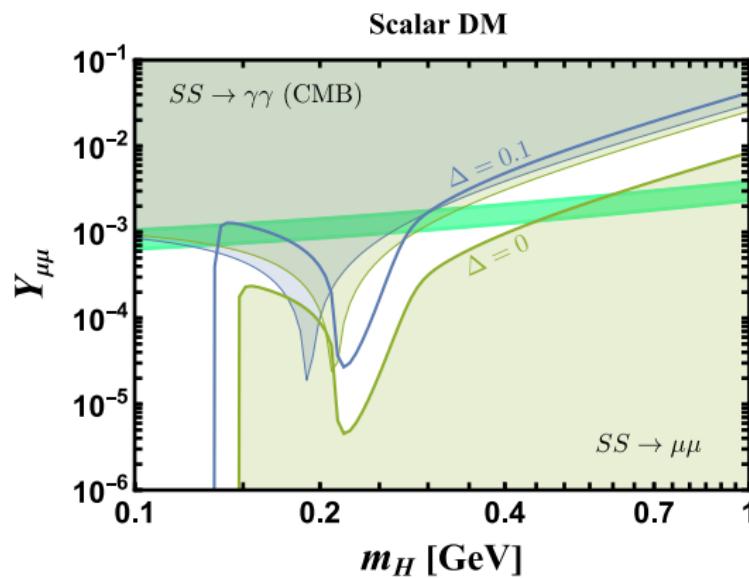
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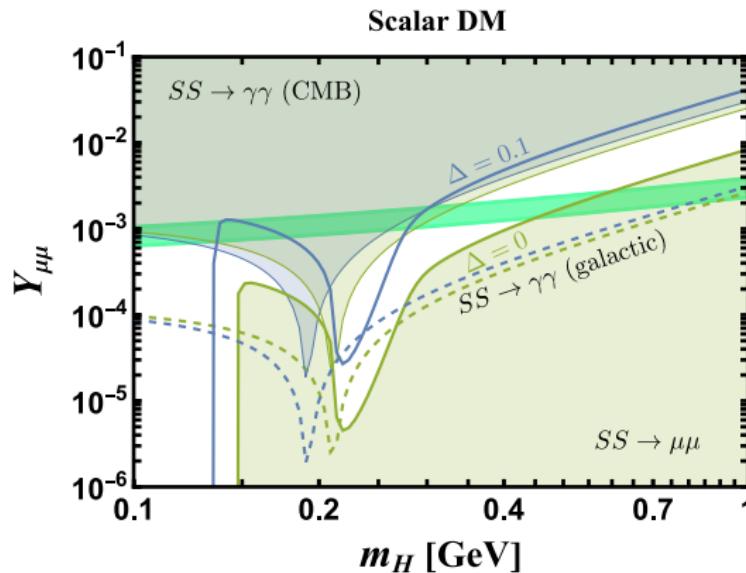
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$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{suppressed by } \alpha^2 \\ \text{enhanced by } e^{2\Delta x_f} \text{ wrt. } \langle \sigma v \rangle_{\text{th}}^{\text{naive}} \end{array} \right.$



# Forbidden DM results



- 200m sensitivity boost from proposed telescopes [Bartels+ '1703.02546]
- $\gamma$ -ray line signal close to  $m_\mu, m_\tau$  as smoking-gun signal



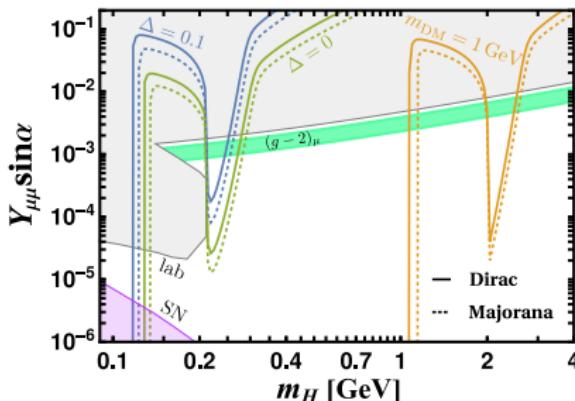
# Light 2HDM portal - Fermion DM

need scalar singlet  $S$  to couple to DM

$$-\mathcal{L} \supset Y_l \bar{\psi}_L H_2 \psi_R + Y_\chi S \bar{\chi} \chi + \mu_{12} S (H_1^\dagger H_2) + \frac{\kappa_{12}}{2} S^2 (H_1^\dagger H_2) + h.c..$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} H \\ H' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \alpha & \sin \alpha \\ -\sin \alpha & \cos \alpha \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \omega \\ \phi_2^0 \end{pmatrix}$$

## Fermionic DM



$$Y_\chi = 0.1$$

- annihilation  $p$ -wave  $\rightarrow$  DMID suppressed



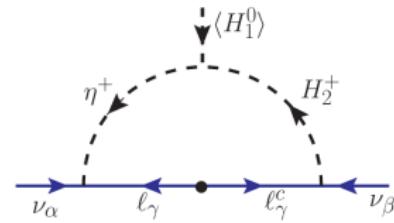
# Neutrino masses?

purely scalar model for DM and  $M_\nu$ : Zee model

- introduce a charged scalar singlet  $\eta^+ \sim (1, 1, 1)$

$$-\mathcal{L}_Y \supset f_{ij} L_i \epsilon L_j \eta^+ + \text{h.c.}$$

$$-V \supset \mu H_1 \epsilon H_2 \eta^- + \text{h.c.}$$



- leads to neutrino masses

$$M_\nu \propto \left( f m_E \mathbf{Y}_L - \mathbf{Y}_L^T m_E f \right)$$

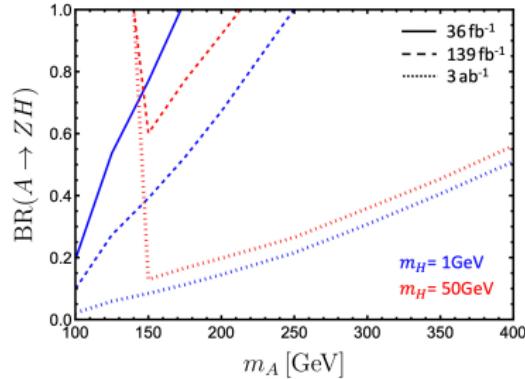
- DM constraints
    - non-forbidden channels must have negligible coupling →  $\mathbf{Y}_L$  texture
  - LFV
    - $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma, \tau \rightarrow e\gamma$ , and  $\tau \rightarrow \mu\gamma$  at one-loop
- ⇒  $\mu\tau$  coupled scenario works out! predicts  $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$  at reach of MEG-II



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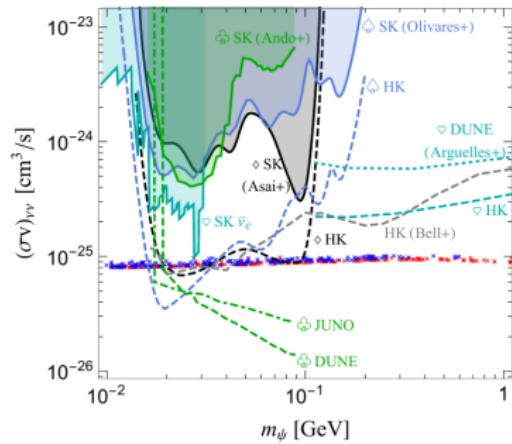
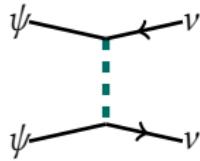
( $\sqrt{L}$ -scaling for  $L > 36 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ )



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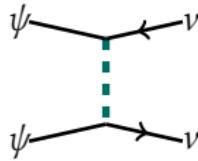
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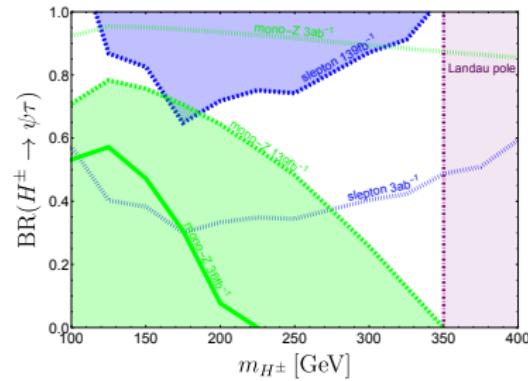
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$$\text{Br}(H^\pm \rightarrow HW^\pm) + \text{Br}(H^\pm \rightarrow l\psi) = 1$$

$$\text{Br}(H^\pm \rightarrow HW^\pm) \simeq \text{Br}(A \rightarrow HZ)$$

- mono-Z + slepton searches cover parameter space ( $\sqrt{L}$ -scaling at HL-LHC)



[Iguro+'22]

(green lines incorrect)



Sub-GeV thermal relics

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How dare you light scalar?

Light 2HDM portal

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Outlook

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Conclusion

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# Coincidence?!

- $\text{Br}(h \rightarrow \text{inv.}) \ll 1$

$$|\lambda_3 + \lambda_4 + \lambda_5| \lesssim 10^{-2}$$

- $m_H^2 = \mu_2^2 + v^2(\lambda_3 + \lambda_4 + \lambda_5)$

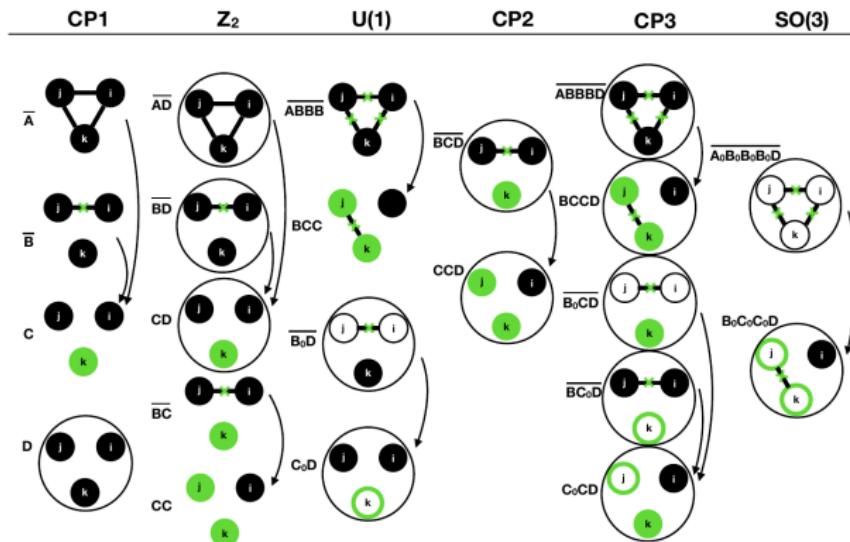
$$\Delta\lambda_{345} \lesssim 10^{-6}$$

$\Rightarrow$  pretty special point in parameter space!

tuned? radiatively stable? motivated? is this telling us something?

# Coincidence or Symmetry?

- Symmetries of the 2HDM



[Ferreira+'21]

- constraints on neutral scalar masses → *some indicate a massless scalar!*



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*preliminary*

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# NO!

*but massless pseudoscalar looking good!*



# Light 2HDM Portal to Dark Matter

- Sub-GeV thermal relics
  - lots of potential in near future
  - require light mediator, limited options
- light 2HDM portal
  - 2HDM may supply light scalar mediator
  - scalar forbidden DM  $\rightarrow \gamma$  ray signature
  - heavy scalars discoverable at LHC?
- innocent model building fun or any truth to this?
  - purely scalar model for DM and  $m_\nu$ ?
  - theory justification for light scalar?

*looking forward to your comments!*

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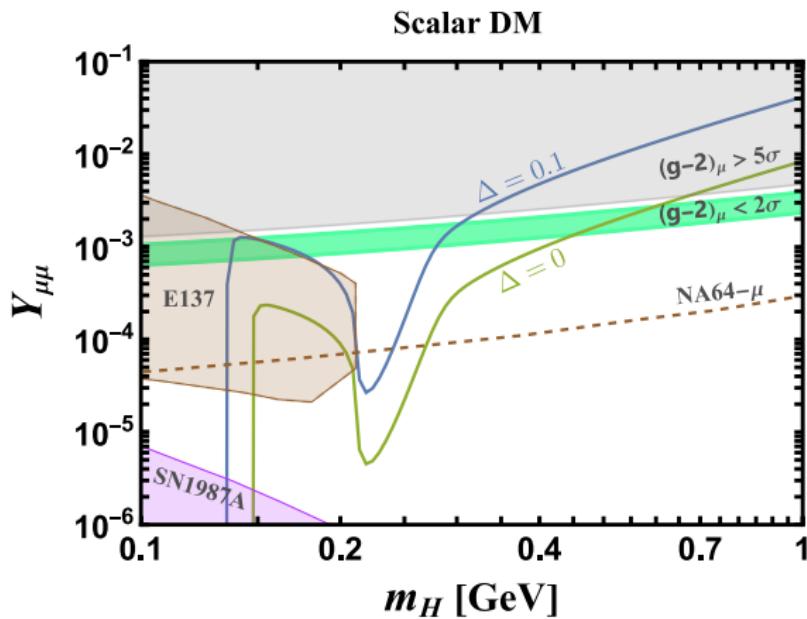
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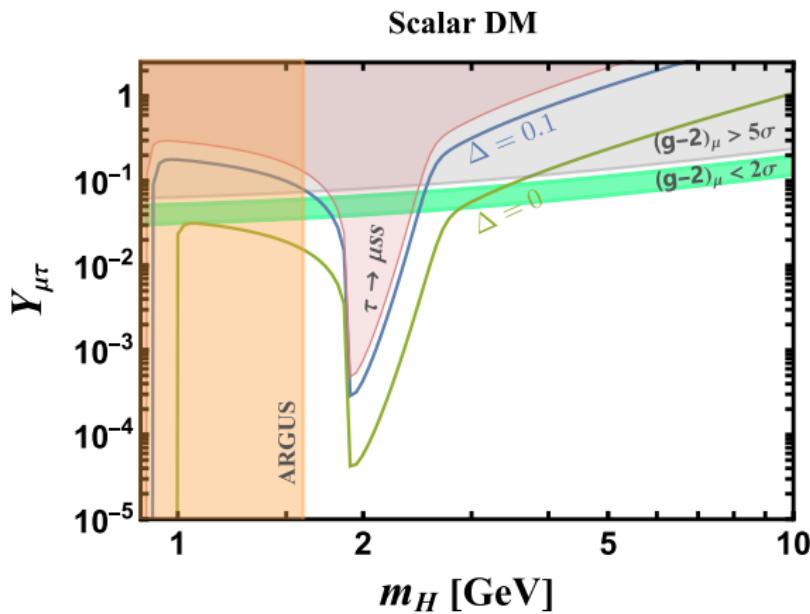
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- $(g - 2)_\mu$  [FNAL'2104.03281][Jana+'2003.03386]
- E137 beam dump [Bjorken+'88][Batell+'1712.10022]
- SN energy loss [Croon+'2006.13942]

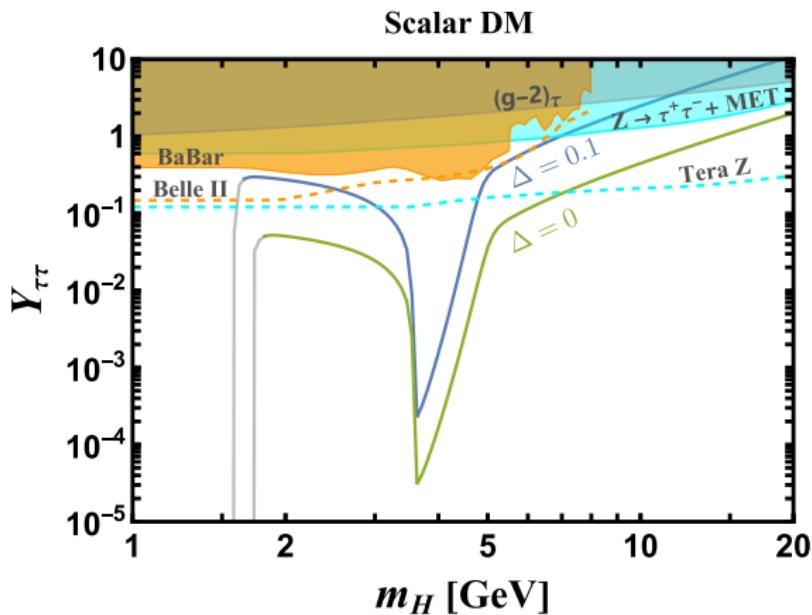


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- $(g - 2)_\mu$  [FNAL'2104.03281][Jana+'2003.03386]
- $\tau \rightarrow \mu H$  LFV 2-body decay [ARGUS'95]  $\Rightarrow m_H > m_\tau - m_\mu$
- $\tau \rightarrow \mu SS$  adds to expt.  $\Gamma(\tau \rightarrow \mu \bar{\nu}_\mu \nu_\tau)$   $\Rightarrow m_{DM} > (m_\tau - m_\mu)/2$

# Relic abundance results - $\tau\tau$      $\kappa_{ij} = 10^{-3}$ fixed



- $e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma H$ , with  $H \rightarrow \text{dark}$   
 [BaBar'1702.03327][Dolan+'1709.00009][DAgnolo+'2012.11766]
- $Z \rightarrow \bar{\tau}\tau H$  adds to expt.  $\text{Br}(Z \rightarrow \bar{\tau}\tau)$  [Chen+'1807.03790]



# Neutrino masses – details

we provide a benchmark

$$\begin{aligned}
 M_\nu &= a_0 \left( f m_E Y_l - Y_l^T m_E f \right) \\
 a_0 &= \frac{\sin 2\omega}{16\pi^2} \ln \left( \frac{m_{h^+}^2}{m_{H^+}^2} \right); \quad \sin 2\omega = \frac{\sqrt{2}v\mu}{m_{h^+}^2 - m_{H^+}^2}, \\
 Y_l &= 10^{-4} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 3.494 \times 10^{-4} \\ 0 & 0 & 5 \\ -10^{-3} & -0.382 & 0.542 \end{pmatrix}, \\
 a_0 \cdot f &= 10^{-7} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2.135 & 0 \\ -2.135 & 0 & 2.266 \\ 0 & -2.266 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Neutrino observables associated with this fit yield,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Delta m_{21}^2 &= 7.486 \times 10^{-5} eV^2, \quad \Delta m_{31}^2 = 2.511 \times 10^{-3} eV^2, \\
 \theta_{12} &= 34.551^\circ, \quad \theta_{23} = 47.830^\circ, \quad \theta_{13} = 8.545^\circ.
 \end{aligned}$$

