

Hunting BSM with DM: perspectives for a WIMP discovery

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No BSM at LHC (so far)

→ no sign of hierarchy problem motivated favorite BSM setups

⇒ one scenario: hierarchy problem remains the fundamental guiding principle



SUSY for instance is at TeV scale rather than at 100 GeV

→ accepting some percent/per mil tuning (from 100 GeV to TeV)

→ but nothing in comparison with huge tuning
it still cures (from TeV to Planck scale)



in this case SUSY still provides “natural” DM candidate



for what concerns DM so far leaves
the neutralino option perfectly alright

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⇒ another scenario: hierarchy problem is not the right fundamental guiding principle
(more plausible than before)

⇒ more difficult to see what kind
of BSM could be there at TeV scale

⇒ but a series of BSM experimental facts remains

- neutrino masses
- baryogenesis
- dark matter
- dark energy
- ...

← good argument to expect
DM below few TeV

DM thermal relic density scenario (WIMP)

most straightforward way to explain $\Omega_{DM} \simeq 26\%$

If DM has been in thermal equilibrium with SM particles short after big bang

↪ expected as soon as: - Universe thermal bath had a period with $T \sim m_{DM}$

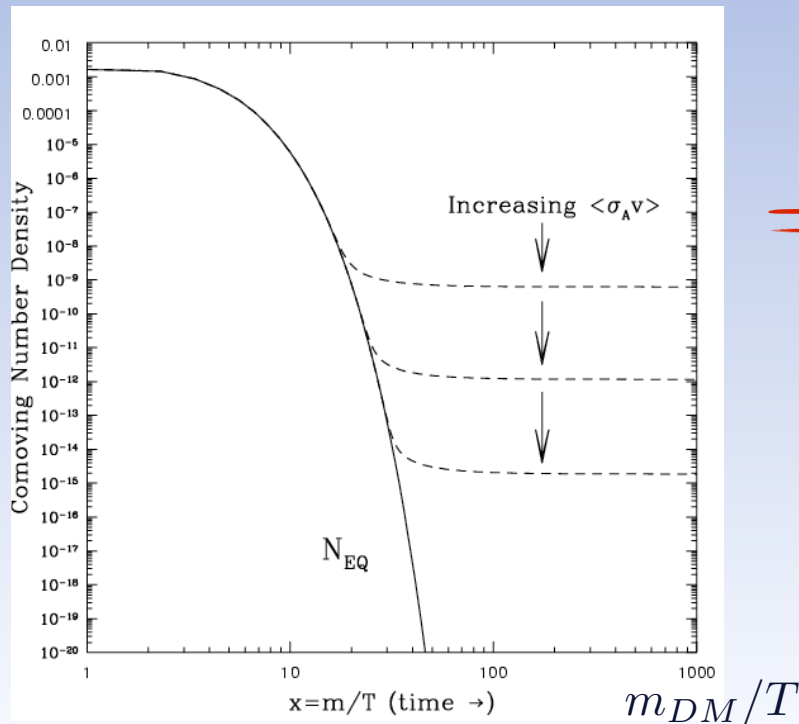
- SM-DM coupling not tiny ↪ $\lambda \gtrsim 10^{-7}$ for $m_{DM} \sim \text{TeV}$

$$n_{DM}^{Eq.} \propto e^{-m_{DM}/T}$$

↪ cannot stay for long in thermal equilibr. once $T < m_{DM}$

↪ once $\Gamma_{annih.} < H$: freeze out of DM particle number

$$\frac{n_{DM}^{Eq.}}{s}$$



⇒ $\Omega_{DM} \propto 1/\langle \sigma_{annih.} v \rangle$

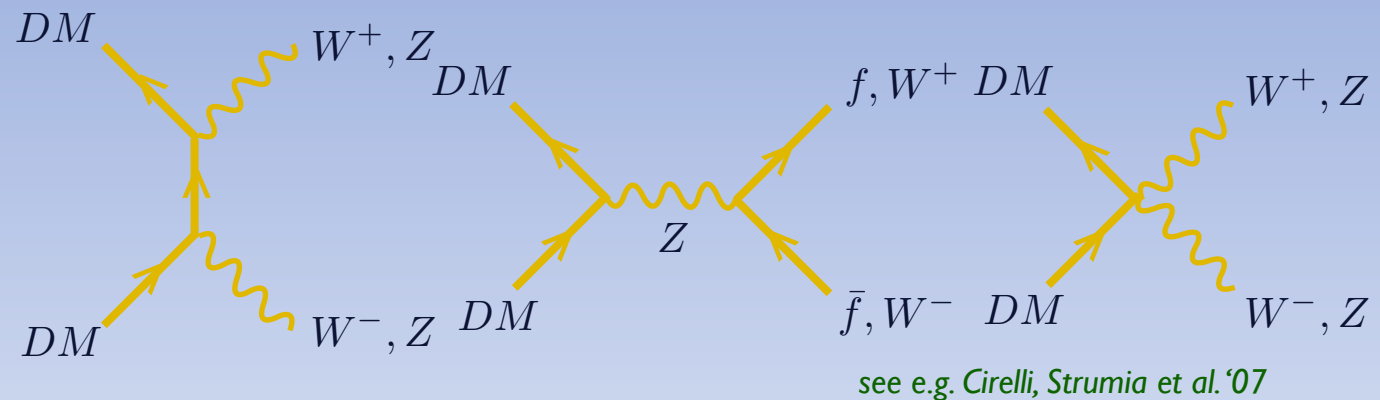
↪ for electroweak couplings or couplings of order unity:

$\Omega_{DM} \simeq 26\%$ requires $m_{DM} \sim \text{EW scale}$

↑
 $\langle \sigma_{annih.} v \rangle \simeq 10^{-26} \text{ cm}^3/\text{sec}$

Most straightforward WIMP scale \sim TeV

- examples: a fermion $SU(2)_L$ DM doublet ($Y_{DM} = 1/2$): $m_{DM} = 1.1$ TeV
a fermion $SU(2)_L$ DM triplet ($Y_{DM} = 0$): $m_{DM} = 3.1$ TeV
a scalar $SU(2)_L$ DM doublet ($Y_{DM} = 1/2$): $m_{DM} \geq 540$ GeV
a scalar $SU(2)_L$ DM triplet ($Y_{DM} = 0$): $m_{DM} \geq 2.5$ TeV



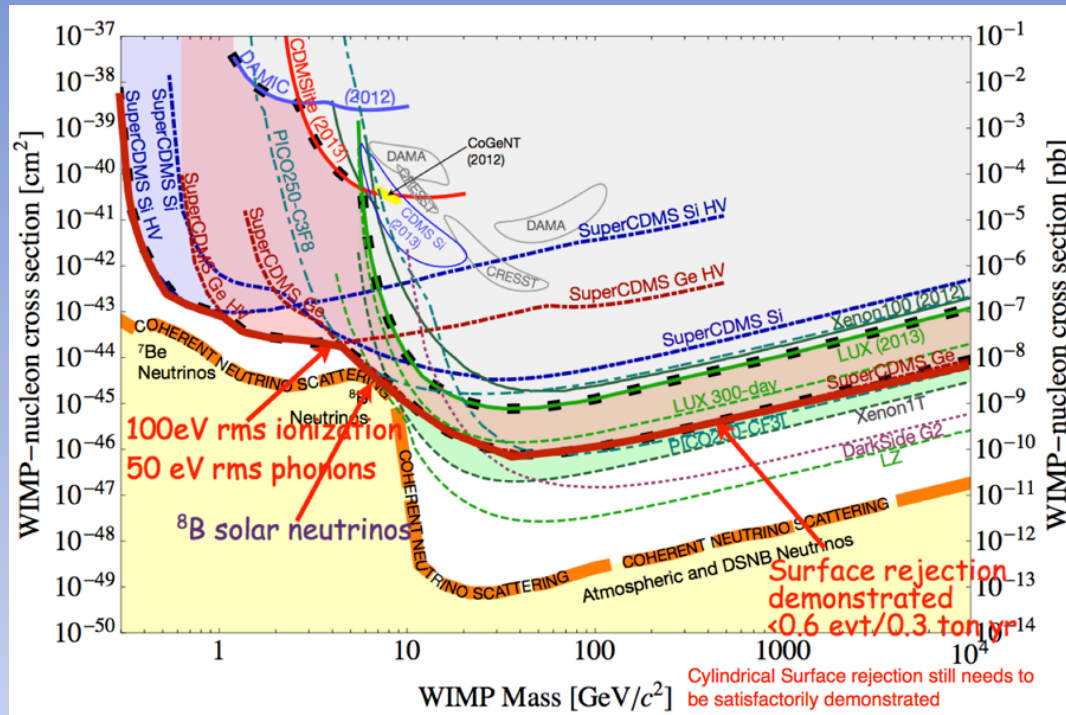
→ around the corner! ← (but not necessarily at LHC!)

WIMP scale could also be lower or higher

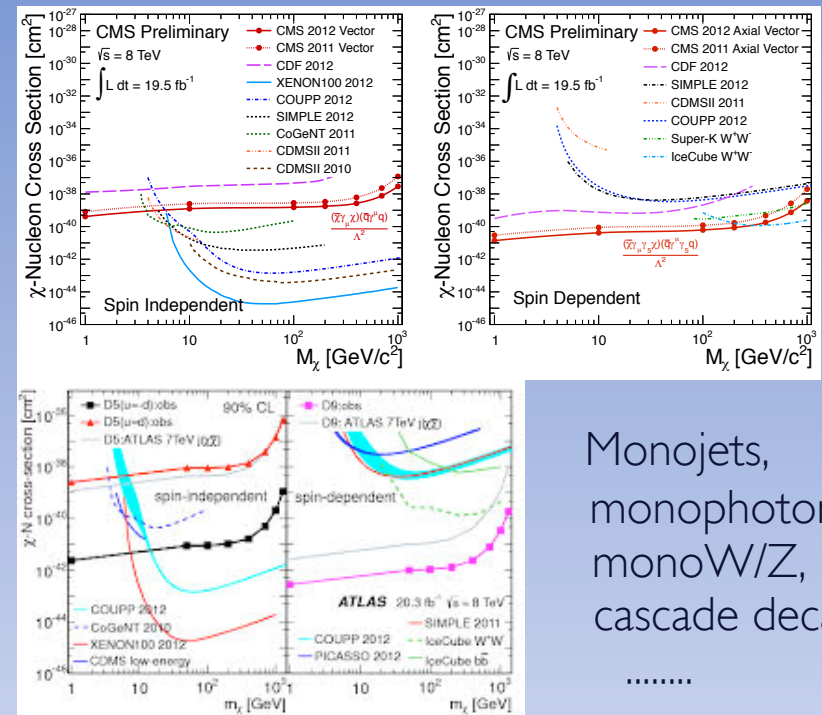
↓ if driven by larger couplings up to ~ 100 TeV: unitarity bound
if Fermi suppression, or driven by smaller couplings, or interplay of channels, or small mass splittings, ...

DM search: 3 main types of experiments

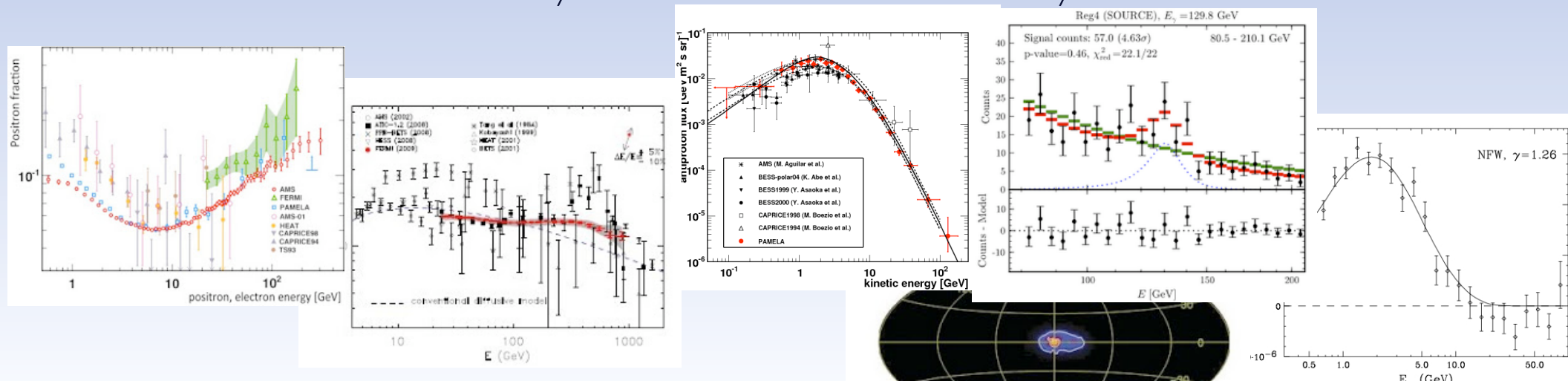
Direct detection: DM-N collision:



Colliders: DM pair production:



Indirect detection: cosmic rays from DM annihilation or decay:



3 main types of phenomenological approaches

Effective operators: most model independent approach

Explicit DM-SM mediator setups

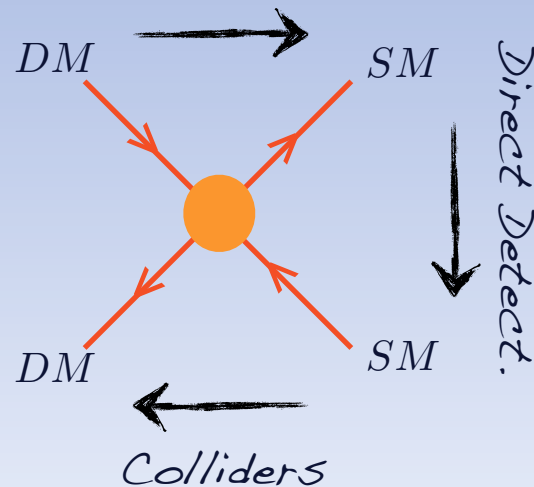
Explicit DM models

Effective operator approach

from determining and analysing the full series of effective operators quadratic in the DM field (or linear for a DM decay)

is well justified for DM direct and indirect detection, not necessarily for collider studies

Indirect Det., Relic Density



Effective oper. approach: fermion dark matter coupled to quarks

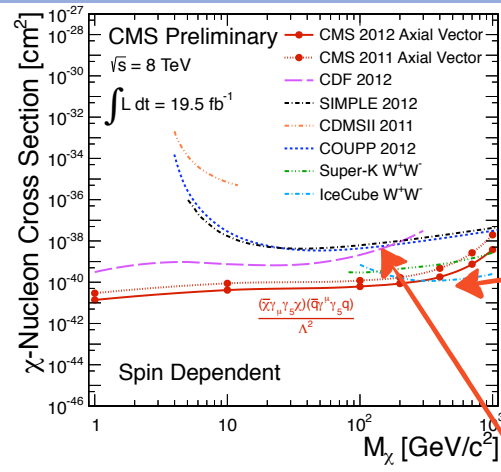
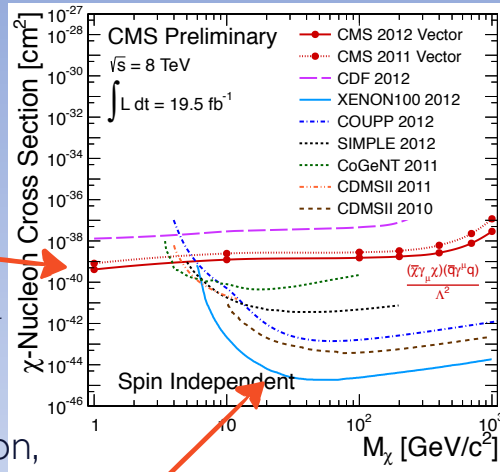
examples: vector and axial operators

$$\mathcal{O} = \frac{1}{\Lambda^2} \bar{\psi}_{DM} \gamma_\mu \psi_{DM} \bar{q} \gamma^\mu q$$

spin-independent direct detect.

$$\mathcal{O} = \frac{1}{\Lambda^2} \bar{\psi}_{DM} \gamma_\mu \gamma_5 \psi_{DM} \bar{q} \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 q$$

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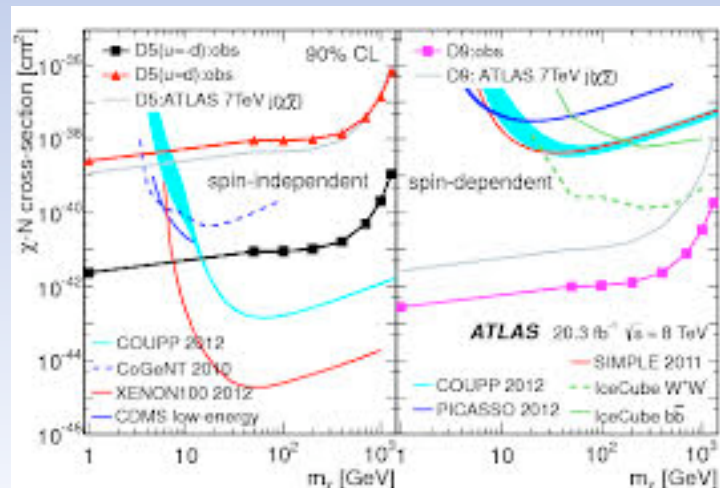


Colliders:
 $\Lambda \gtrsim 1 \text{ TeV}$
 for m_{DM} up to $\sim 1 \text{ TeV}$
 from monojets,
 mono-photon,
 mono-W, ...

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Direct Detect:
 $\Lambda \gtrsim 10 \text{ TeV}$
 for $10 \text{ GeV} \gtrsim m_{DM} \gtrsim 1 \text{ TeV}$

Direct Detect:
 $\Lambda \gtrsim 600 \text{ GeV}$
 for $10 \text{ GeV} \gtrsim m_{DM} \gtrsim 1 \text{ TeV}$



N.B.: XenonIT will probe Λ effective scale values up to 3-4 times higher!

Effective oper. approach: fermion dark matter coupled to SM scalar

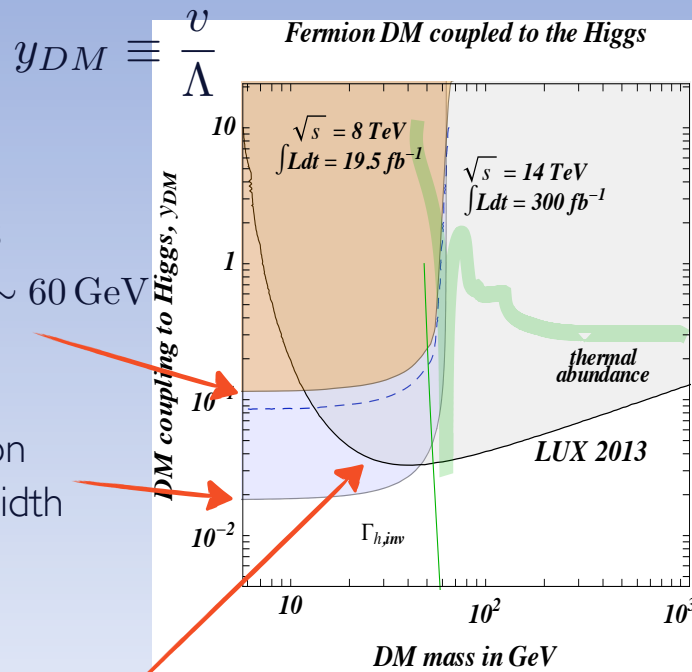
examples: parity even and odd operators

$$\mathcal{O} = \frac{1}{\Lambda} H^\dagger H \bar{\psi}_{DM} \psi_{DM}$$

spin-independent direct detect.

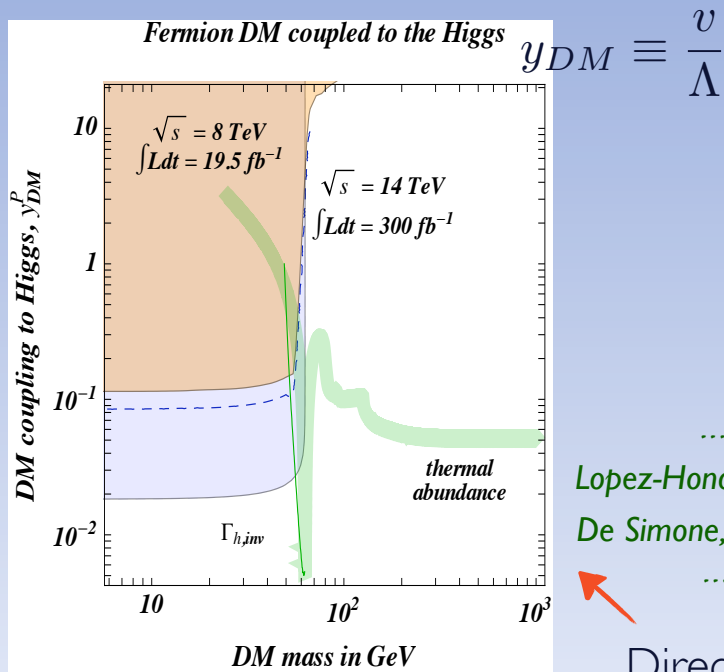
$$\mathcal{O} = \frac{1}{\Lambda} H^\dagger H \bar{\psi}_{DM} i\gamma_5 \psi_{DM}$$

spin-dependent direct detect.



LHC monojets
for m_{DM} up to ~ 60 GeV

LHC: Higgs boson
invisible decay width



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López-Honorez, Schwetz, Zupan 12
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Direct Detect.:
no relevant bound

Direct Detect.:

$$\Lambda \gtrsim 10 \text{ TeV}$$

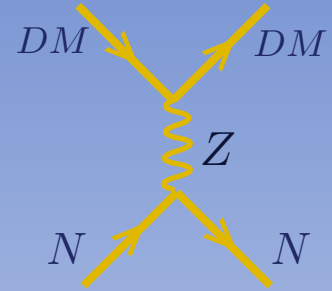
$$\text{for } 10 \text{ GeV} \gtrsim m_{DM} \gtrsim 1 \text{ TeV}$$

Explicit mediator approach: Z mediator for fermion DM

↪ e.g. assuming DM/SM specific mediator:

- Z mediator: fermion DM: vector and axial DM coupling to the Z

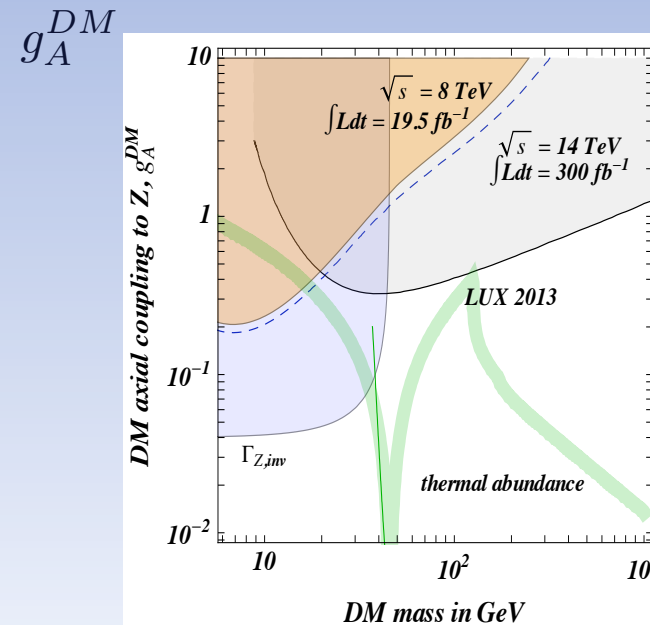
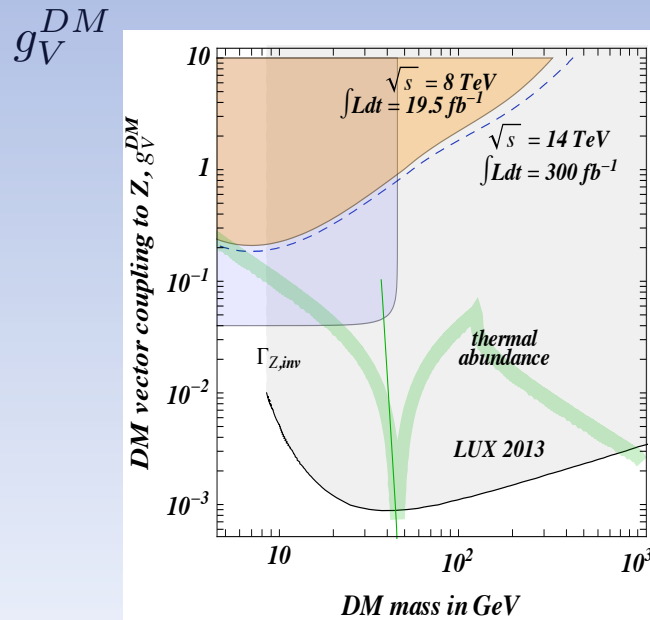
$$\mathcal{L} \ni -Z_\mu \frac{g}{\cos \theta_W} \bar{\psi}_{DM} (g_V^{DM} + g_A^{DM} \gamma_5) \gamma^\mu \psi_{DM}$$



For direct detection: the Z can be integrated out \Rightarrow same discussion than with effective operators

For colliders: the Z must be kept explicit

$$\frac{1}{\Lambda} \sim \frac{g_{V,A}^{DM}}{m_Z} \frac{g}{\cos \theta_W}$$



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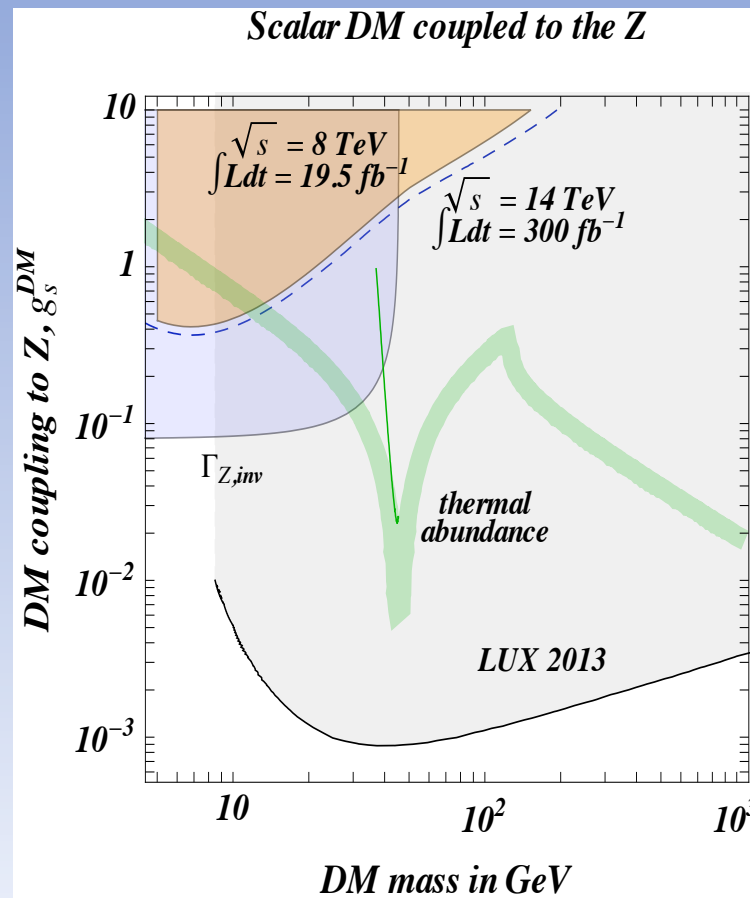
↓
totally excluded for “standard” Z couplings

↓
still largely open for $m_{DM} > 60$ GeV

Explicit mediator approach: Z mediator for scalar DM

↪ $\mathcal{L} \ni -Z_\mu \frac{g}{\cos \theta_W} g_\phi [\phi_{DM}^* \partial^\mu \phi_{DM} - \partial^\mu \phi_{DM}^* \phi_{DM}]$

↪ similar to fermion DM vector case



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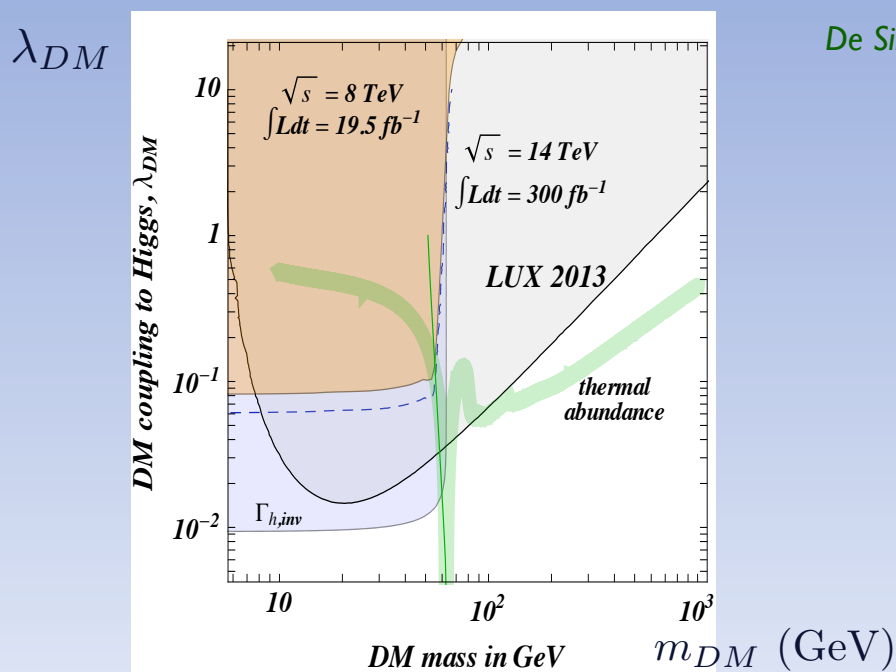
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Explicit mediator approach: SM scalar mediator

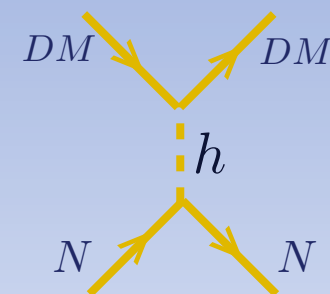
- Fermion DM: lowest gauge invariant interaction: dim-5 \Rightarrow back to effective oper. discussion

$$\mathcal{O} = \frac{1}{\Lambda} H^\dagger H \bar{\psi}_{DM} \psi_{DM}$$

- Scalar DM: Higgs portal interaction: $\mathcal{L} \ni \lambda_{DM} H^\dagger H \phi_{DM}^* \phi_{DM}$



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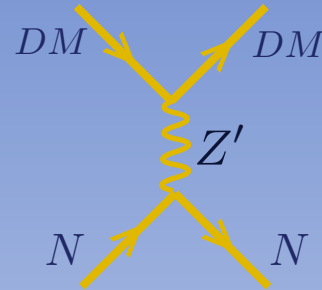
begin to be pretty much constrained below 100 GeV

N.B.: Xenon IT will probe it up to ~ 10 TeV for $\lambda_{DM} \sim 1$
 up to ~ 1 TeV for $\lambda_{DM} \sim 10^{-1}$

Z' mediator

Similar phenomenology than for the Z exchange except that:

- bounds relax if Z' couplings to SM fields are smaller than for Z
- bounds relax for increasing values of $m_{Z'}$ and fixed m_{DM}

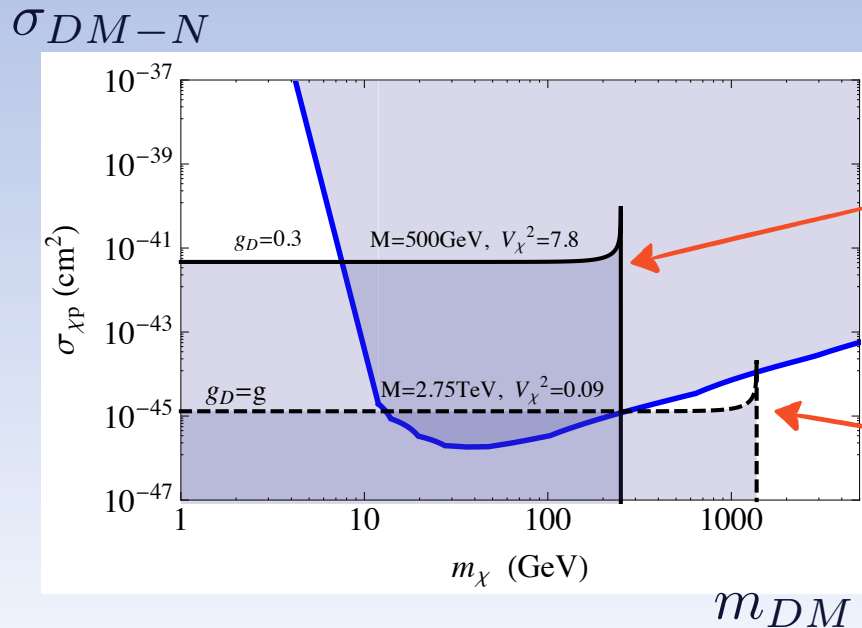


Direct detection:
put an upper bound
on Z'-DM couplings



LHC Z' direct search:
put a lower bound
on Z'-DM couplings

to escape Z' detection via large invisible Z' decay width



LHC direct search $m_{Z'} = 500 \text{ GeV}$

LUX

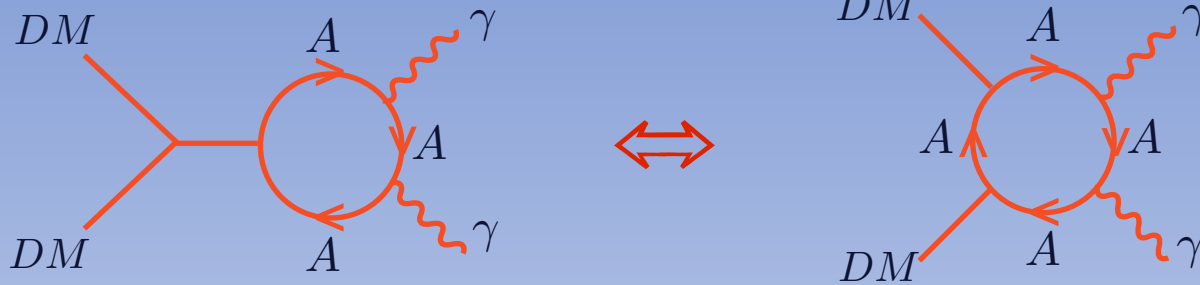
LHC direct search $m_{Z'} = 2.75 \text{ TeV}$

Arcadi, Mambrini, Tytgat, Zaldivar 14

Mediator for γ -lines and “gluon-lines”

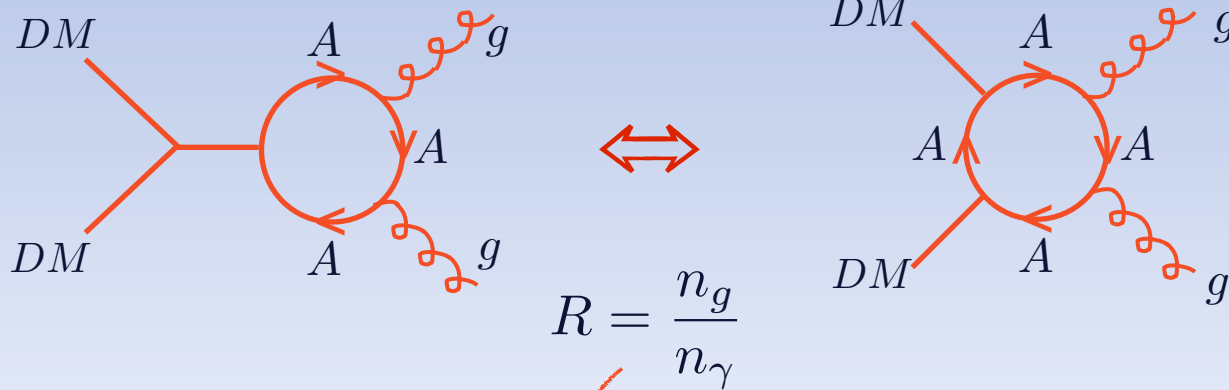
- γ -line emission production proceeds through photon emission from a charged particle in a loop

as for well known examples:
 $h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma, \pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma, \dots$



if the charged particle emitting the γ -line is also colored: “gluon lines”:

as for well known examples:
 $h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma, \pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma, \dots$



Chu, T.H., Scarna, Tytgat 12

$$R = \frac{n_g}{n_\gamma}$$

is basically known: $R \propto \frac{\alpha_s^2}{\alpha^2} \cdot \frac{c}{Q_A^4} \sim 50 - 100$

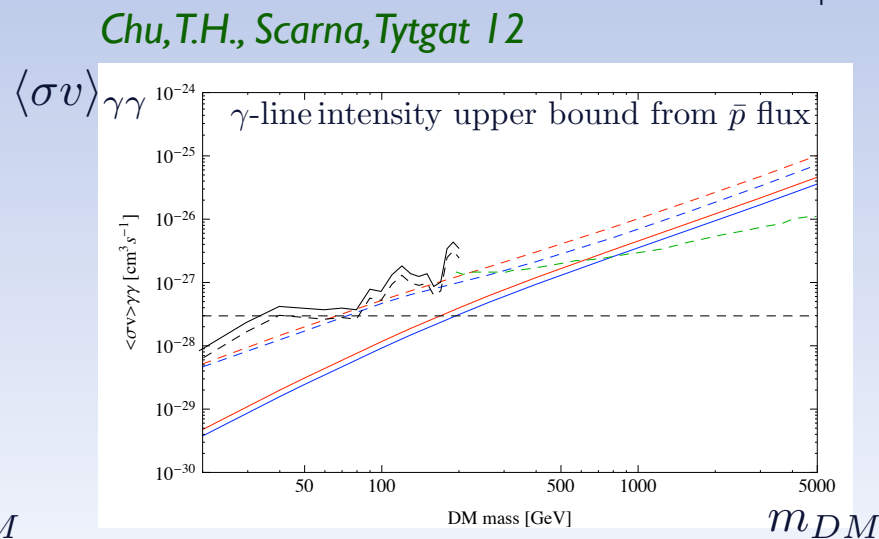
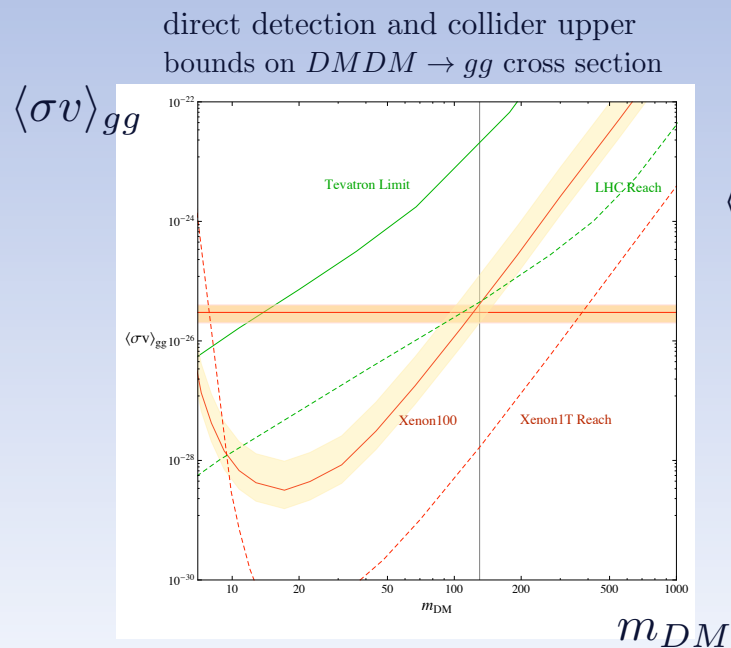
depends on $SU(3)_c$ representation for A

\Rightarrow many experimental consequences!

“Gluon lines” associated to γ -lines

Many experimental consequences!

- gluon “lines” may lead to observable \bar{p} flux for $m_{DM} \sim$ few hundreds GeV
- gluon “lines” may lead to observable γ continuum flux
- gluon exchange leads to DM -Nucleon cross section: observable for $m_{DM} \lesssim 500$ GeV
- possibility of gluon fusion DM pair production at LHC
- gluon “lines” production gives a DM annihilation cross section of the right order of magnitude for fitting observed relic density



for a γ -line observed around current experimental sensitivity

Whenever DM couples to gluon: many experimental possibilities

Explicit models

DM models can be classified according to various criteria:

Minimal models



More theoretically motivated global models

Visible sector DM models



Hidden sector DM models

ad hoc DM stability



justified DM stability

$$\tau_{DM} > \tau_{Universe}$$

$$\tau_{DM} > 10^{26-29} \text{ sec}$$

The stabilization mechanism determines many structural features of the all DM scenario

DM/EW scale similarity just so



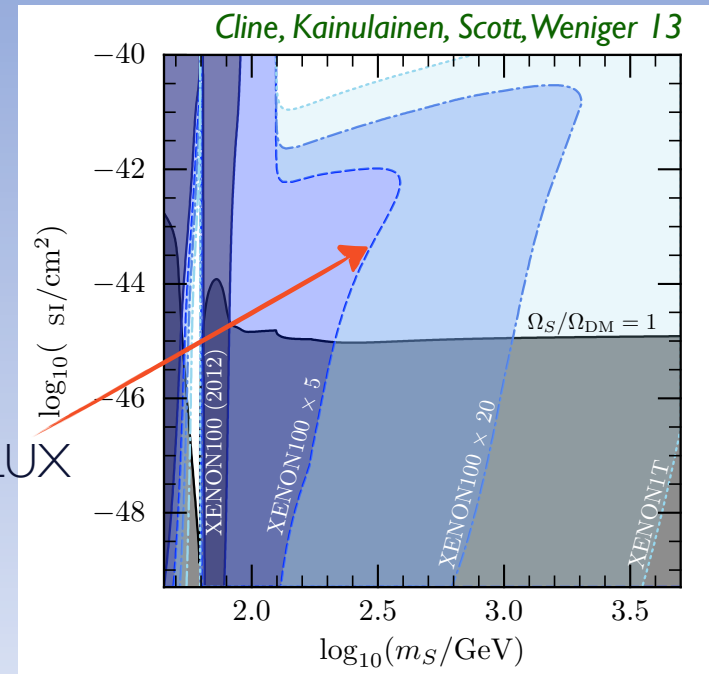
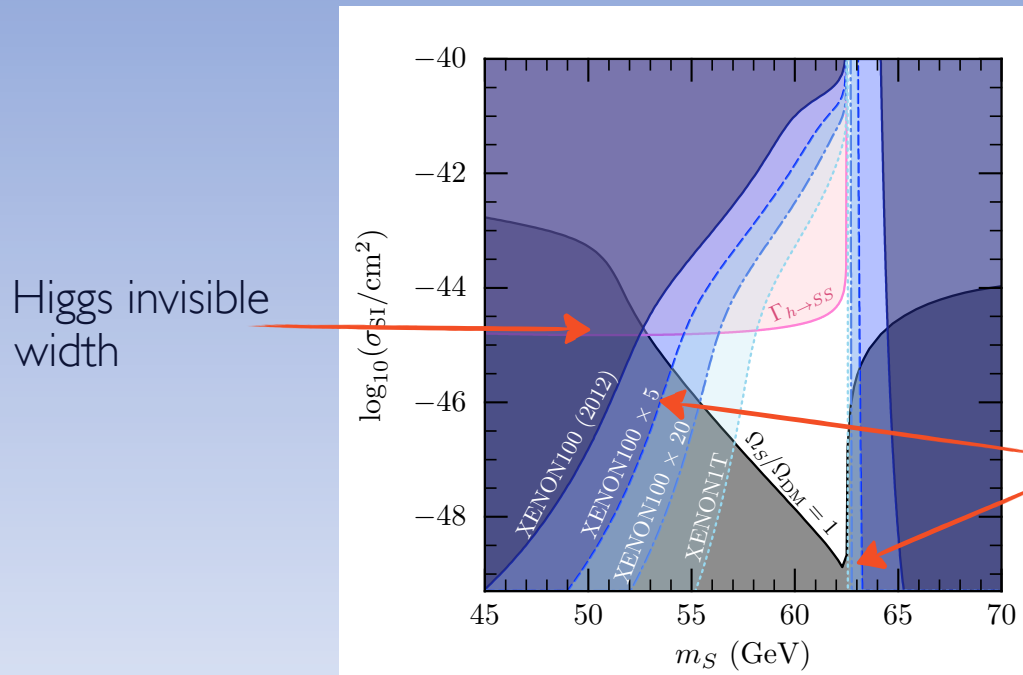
DM/EW scale similarity explained

Explicit models: the simplest example: a real scalar singlet

→ a real singlet S odd under Z_2 parity: $S \rightarrow -S$

$$\mathcal{L} \ni -\frac{1}{2}\mu_S^2 S^2 - \frac{1}{24}\lambda_S S^4 - \frac{1}{2}\lambda_{hs} H^\dagger H S^2 \quad m_S^2 = \mu_S^2 + \frac{1}{2}\lambda_{hs} v^2$$

For m_S fixed, λ_{hs} can be fixed by $\Omega_{DM} \simeq 26\%$ constraint: everything is fixed!



LUX direct detection requires: $53 \text{ GeV} \lesssim m_{DM} \lesssim 63 \text{ GeV}$
or $m_{DM} > 160 \text{ GeV}$

Dwarf galaxies γ -ray flux requires: $m_{DM} \gtrsim 50 \text{ GeV}$

Future: XenonIT will probe m_{DM} up to 7 TeV
except for: $55 \text{ GeV} \lesssim m_{DM} \lesssim 62.5 \text{ GeV}$

Fermi+CTA will probe m_{DM} up to 5 TeV

→ shows how a model is getting very squeezed when it depends on only very few parameters

Explicit models: the illustrative Wino example

→ e.g. a fermion $SU(2)_L$ triplet DM

→ have only gauge interactions with SM fields:
relic density totally fixed by value of m_{DM}

$$\Omega_{DM} \simeq 26\% \text{ requires } \underline{m_{DM} \simeq 3.1 \text{ TeV}}$$

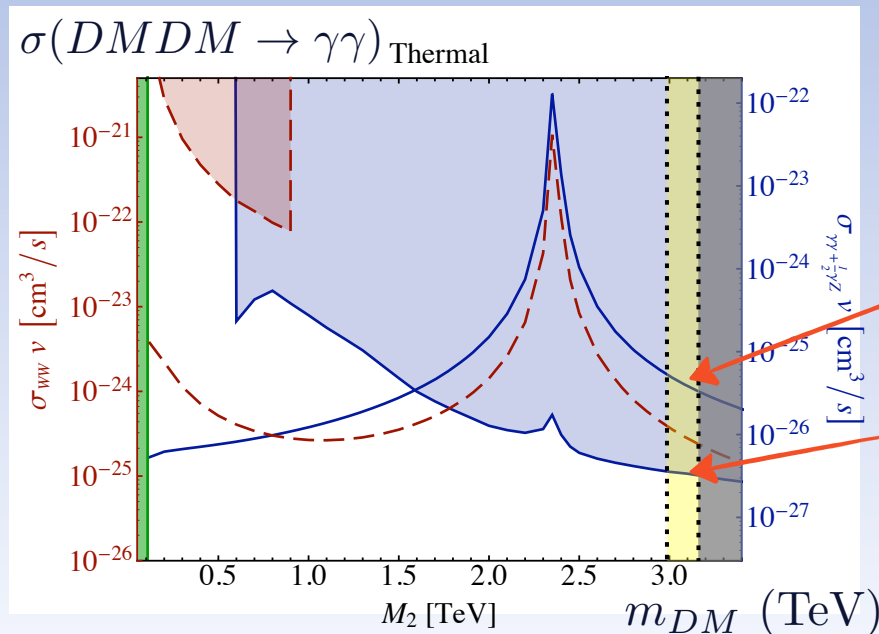
too high for LHC

direct detection: $\sigma_{DM-N} \simeq 10^{-47} \text{ cm}^2$

far future: Darwin?

But Indirect detection remains!! → production of γ -line is Sommerfeld enhanced

Hisano et al. 03-09



Cohen, Lisanti, Pierce, Slatyer 13

Predicted flux (x4)

HESS upper limit

→ we should soon see a signal or exclude this model!

Explicit models: DM coupled to a colored partner

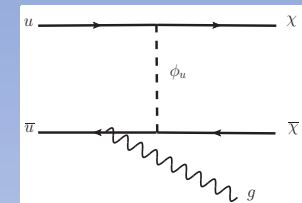
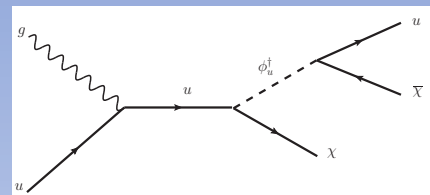
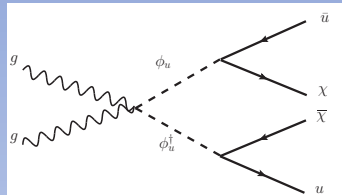
many proposals to couple DM directly to a colored partner

- Example: $\mathcal{L} \ni \lambda_u \bar{\chi}_{DM} u_R \phi_c$

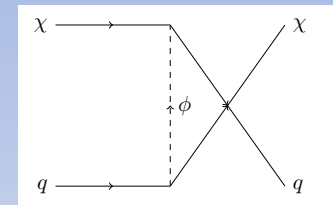
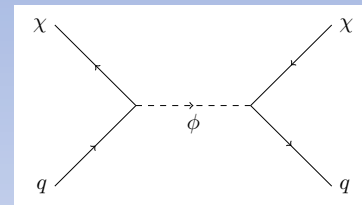
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scalar colored triplet

many ways to produce DM at colliders in unsuppressed way



unsuppressed direct detection in s channel

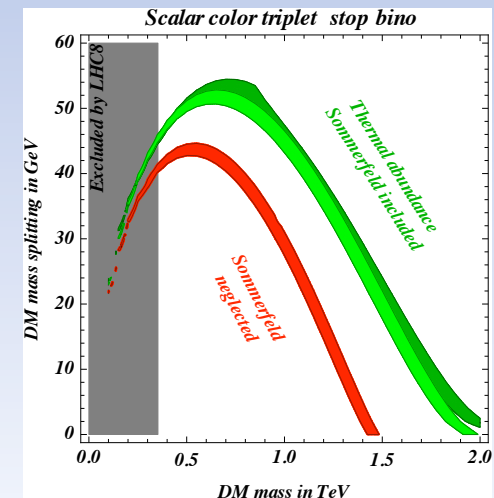


- DM coannihilation with a color partner

example: bino in thermal equilibrium with a stop or a gluino

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“Hand-made” to be testable at LHC rather than for any other reason

Explicit models: MSSM neutralino

- Main impact of the LHC on MSSM: colored sector: $m_{\tilde{g}} \gtrsim 1 \text{ TeV}$

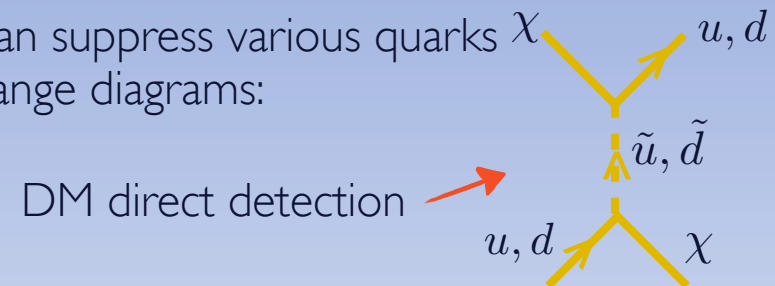
$$m_{\tilde{u}, \tilde{d}} \gtrsim 1 \text{ TeV}$$

leaves neutralino option widely open

impact of gluino mass bound
on neutralino parameters is mild

impact of 1st generat. squarks mass bounds
on neutralino parameters is also mild

e.g. can suppress various quarks χ
exchange diagrams:



DM direct detection

- Impact of $m_h = 125.3 \pm 0.6 \text{ GeV}$:

one stop should be heavy: has the tendency to push Higgsino mass above $\sim 500 \text{ GeV}$
through RGE's

⇒ if $m_\chi \lesssim 500 \text{ GeV}$ neutralino must be Bino dominated

widely allowed experimentally a neutralino as light as $\sim 20\text{-}30 \text{ GeV}$ is still possible (in fully general MSSM) *Calibbi et al 12*

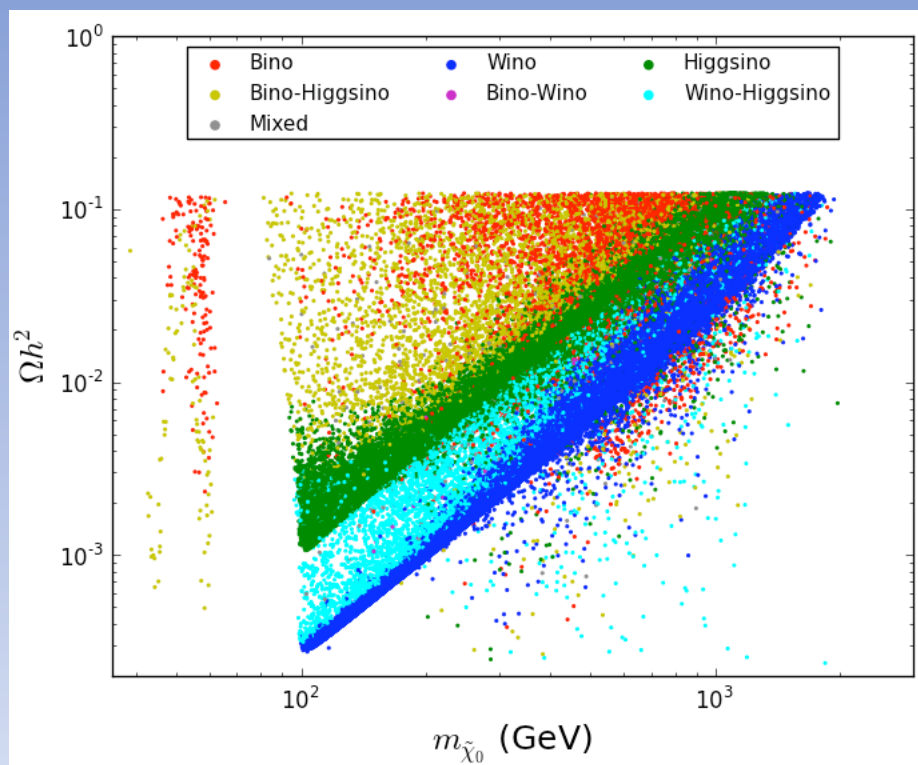
if $m_\chi \gtrsim 500 \text{ GeV}$ neutralino can be easily Higgsino dominated

if neutralino is Wino dominated its mass must be $m_\chi \sim 3 \text{ TeV}$

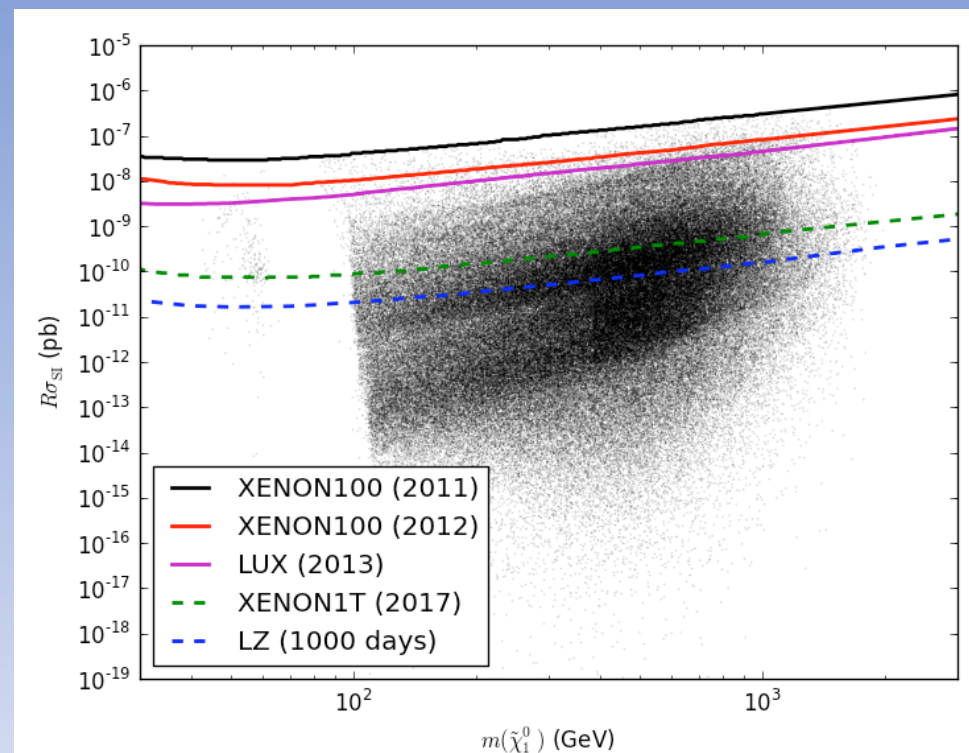
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$pMSSM$ (19 parameters)

Rizzo 14, ...



↪ relic density point out a neutralino below ~ 3 TeV (i.e. gauge driven, or loop driven, ...) but could be higher

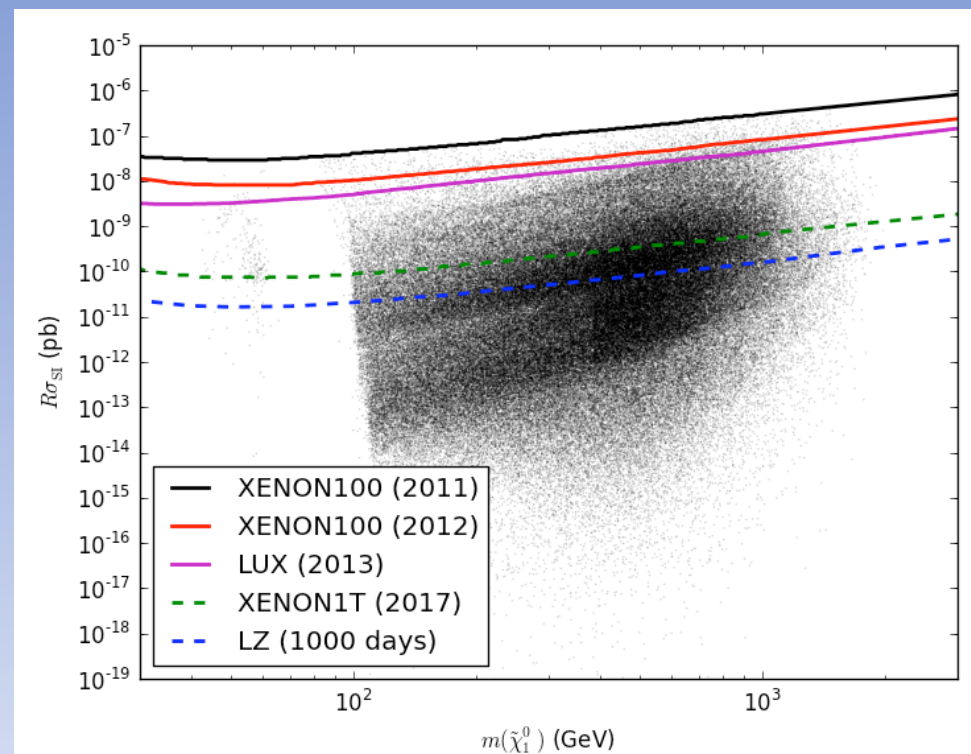
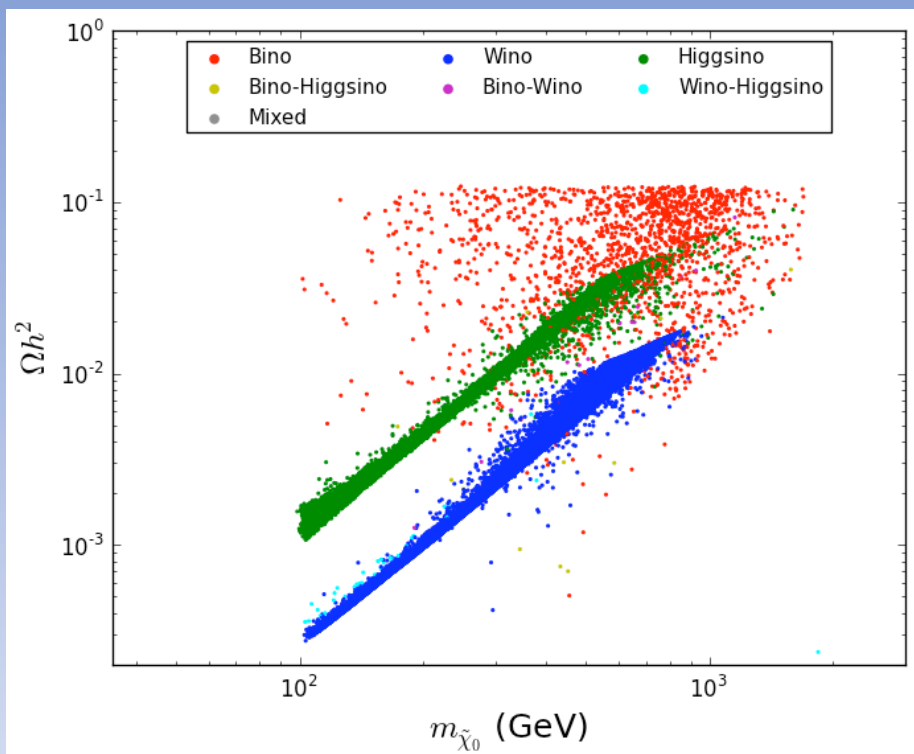


↪ still not much probed by direct detection but Xenon IT, LZ, ..., will probe it substantially

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Rizzo 14, ...



↪ e.g. bino with coannihilation or resonance can still saturate the observed Ω_{DM}

↪ still not much probed by direct detection but Xenon 1T, LZ, ..., will probe it substantially

↪ example of multichannel model with good experimental perspective (but no guarantee)

Explicit models: Hidden sector models

DM could be part of an all hidden sector

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"Secluded DM" Pospelov, Ritz, Voloshin 07
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Testability depends on connector size: no more LHC, Direct/Indirect Detect., as soon as the connector coupling is sizably below unity



only gravitational probes remain:

- extra radiation constraint
- DM self-interaction constraints (halo formation, bullet cluster,...)
- BBN, ...

Berezhiani, Comelli, Villante 01

Feng, Tu, Yu 08

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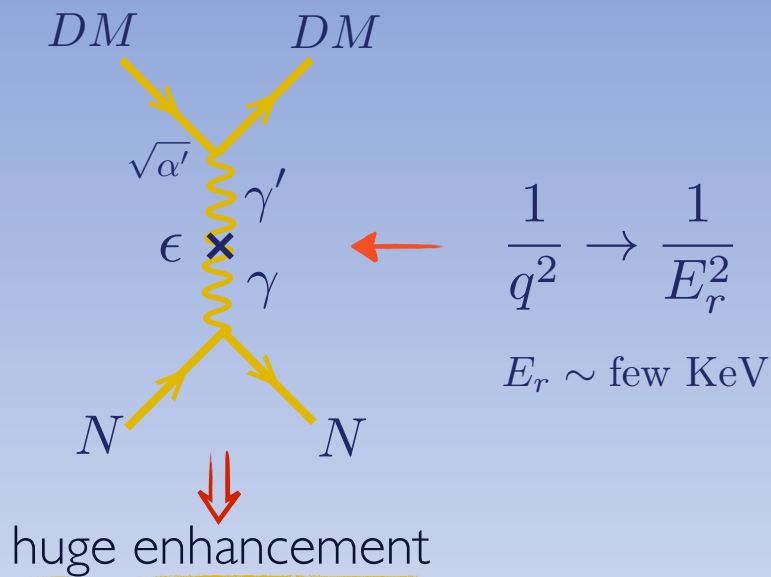
Mc Dermott, Yu, Zurek 10,

Explicit models: Hidden sector models with light connector

Simple example:

$$\mathcal{L} \ni -\frac{1}{4} F'_{\mu\nu} F_Y^{\mu\nu}$$

a DM fermion charged under an unbroken U(1) which kinetically mixes with the photon



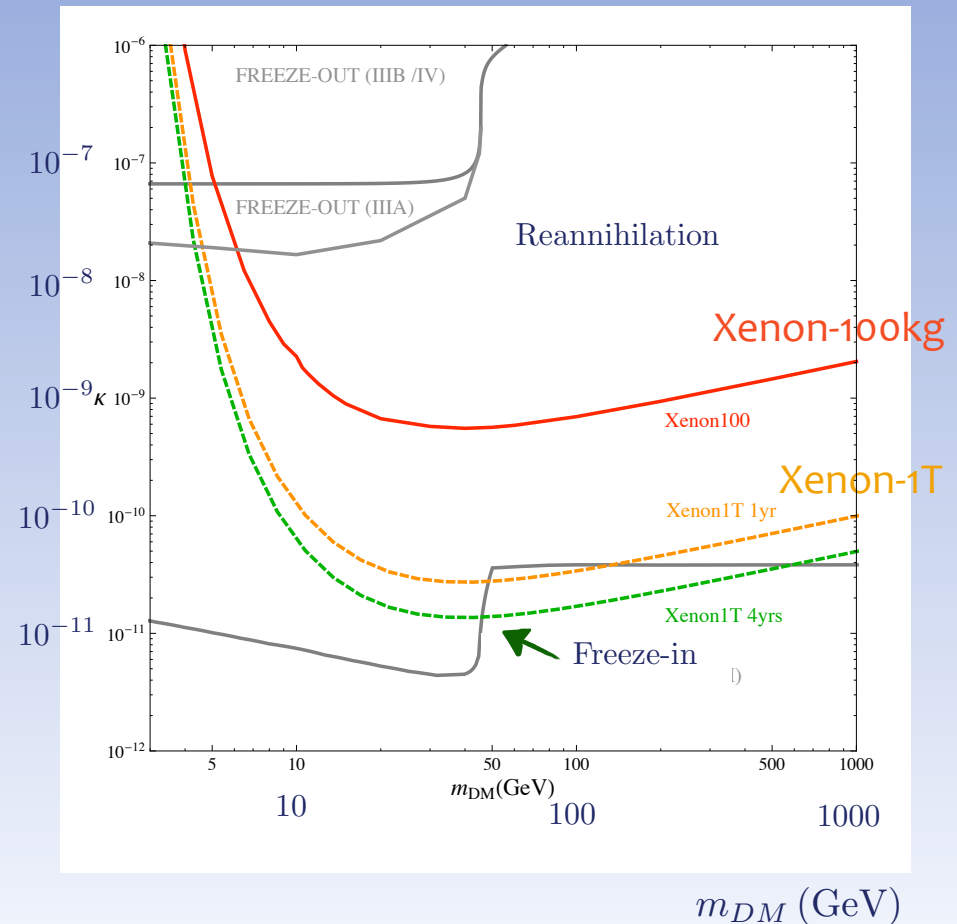
direct detection sensitive to very small connector values

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dE_r} = \frac{1}{E_r^2} \frac{1}{v^2} \frac{2\pi\kappa^2 Z^2 \alpha^2}{m_A} F_A^2(qr_A)$$

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 Schwetz, Zupan II
 Fornengo, Panci, Regis II
 Chu, T.H., Tytgat II

$$\kappa = \epsilon \cdot \sqrt{\frac{\alpha'}{\alpha}}$$

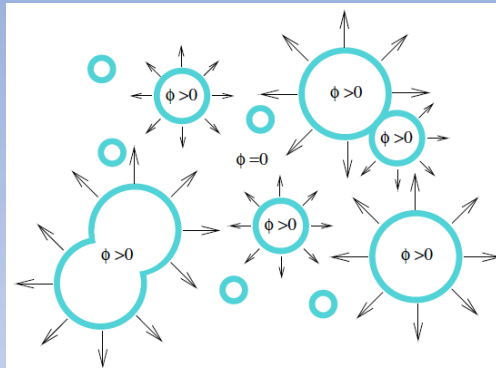
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Is DM at TeV scale useful for anything else than DM??

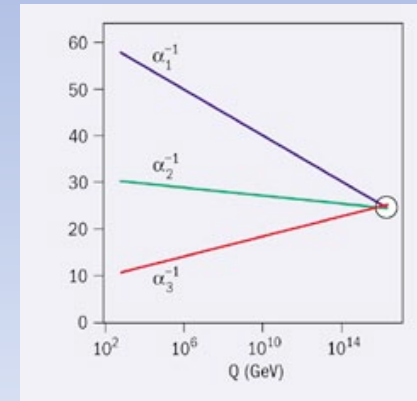
↪ relevant question whether or not: -one brings a solution for the hierarchy problem
-one brings an explanation for $m_{DM} \sim \text{TeV} \sim v_{EW}$

- DM at TeV scale could easily play a role for EW baryogenesis,



↑
or even making it successful

- DM at TeV scale could constitute the unique ingredient missing for EW unification at GUT scale



↪ for example $SO(10)$ setup with automatically stable fermion triplet DM
↑
“split SUSY without SUSY”
Frigerio, T.H. 10

- DM at TeV scale could easily play a role for EWSB dynamics

DM-EW scale coincidence: impact of DM on EWSB

WIMP generic scale is right where it could play a role for EWSB

→ recent revival of the old Coleman-Weinberg radiative sym. breaking mechanism:

DM being at TeV scale could drive EWSB: $v_{EW} \sim m_{DM} \sim TeV$

→ not a solution to hierarchy problem: assumes $\mu^2 \simeq 0$ at Planck scale

if this conjecture is done it gives $m_{DM} \ll m_{Planck}$

$$v_{EW} \sim m_{DM} \sim TeV$$

→ with inert doublet scalar DM *T.H., Tytgat 07*

→ with hidden vector DM *T.H., Strumia 13*

Carone, Ramos 13

Khoze 13

Lindner, Schmidt, Watanabe 13

Salvio, Strumia 14

Khoze, Mc Cabe, Ro 14,

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Brief conclusion

Establishing DM as a particle:

- ↪ complementary phenomenological ways to test it from multichannel experiments
- ↪ very promising experimentally for the WIMP scenario for visible sector DM models
- ↪ clear possibilities for hidden sector DM models too (but easy to escape detection too)
- ↪ potentially related to many other BSM fundamental issues, at various possible levels

Systematic study of effective theory for γ -line production from DM decay

- γ -line: no astrophysics background \Rightarrow DM “smoking gun”
↪ promising experiments: Fermi, HESS-2, CTA, ...
- one perfectly possible scenario: γ -lines from radiative 2-body DM decay
↪ e.g. if DM is stable due to accidental sym. as for the proton

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 very slow decay can be expected as for the proton
 from UV physics inducing low energy effect. operators

a GUT induced dim-6 operator gives cosmic ray fluxes of order experimental sensitivity!

for a scalar DM candidate:

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$O_{\phi_{DM}}^{(5)YY} \equiv \phi_{DM} F_{Y\mu\nu} F_Y^{\mu\nu}$	$\phi_{DM} = (1, 0)$	$O_{DM}^{1YY} \equiv \phi_{DM} F_{Y\mu} F_Y^\mu$	$DM \cdot = (1, 0)$
$O_{\phi_{DM}}^{(5)YL} \equiv \phi_{DM} F_{L\mu\nu} F_Y^{\mu\nu}$	$\phi_{DM} = (3, 0)$	$O_{DM}^{1YL} \equiv \phi_{DM} F_{L\mu} F_Y^\mu$	$DM \cdot = (3, 0)$
$O_{\phi_{DM}}^{(5)LL} \equiv \phi_{DM} F_{L\mu\nu} F_L^{\mu\nu}$	$\phi_{DM} = (1/3/5, 0)$	$O_{DM}^{1LL} \equiv \phi_{DM} F_{L\mu} F_L^\mu$	$DM \cdot = (1/3/5, 0)$
$O_{\phi_{DM}}^{(5)YY'} \equiv \phi_{DM} F_{Y\mu\nu} F_{Y'}^{\mu\nu}$	$\phi_{DM} = (1, 0)$	$O_{DM}^{1YY'} \equiv \phi_{DM} F_{Y\mu} F_{Y'}^\mu$	$DM \cdot = (1, 0)$
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		$O_{DM}^{2Y} \equiv D_\mu \phi_{DM} D^\mu F_Y^\mu$	$DM \cdot = (1, 0) \quad \neq$
		$O_{DM}^{2L} \equiv D_\mu \phi_{DM} D^\mu F_L^\mu$	$DM \cdot = (3, 0) \quad \neq$

for a fermion DM candidate:

$O_{\psi_{DM}}^{(5)Y} \equiv \bar{\psi}_{DM} \sigma_{\mu\nu} \psi_{DM} F_Y^{\mu\nu}$	$\psi_{DM} \cdot \psi = (1, 0)$	$O_{DM}^{1Y} \equiv \bar{\psi}_{DM} \sigma_{\mu\nu} \psi_{DM} F_Y^\mu$	$DM \cdot = (1, 0)$
$O_{\psi_{DM}}^{(5)L} \equiv \bar{\psi}_{DM} \sigma_{\mu\nu} \psi_{DM} F_L^{\mu\nu}$	$\psi_{DM} \cdot \psi = (3, 0)$	$O_{DM}^{1L} \equiv \bar{\psi}_{DM} \sigma_{\mu\nu} \psi_{DM} F_L^\mu$	$DM \cdot = (3, 0)$
		$O_{DM}^{2Y} \equiv D_\mu \bar{\psi}_{DM} \psi_{DM} F_Y^\mu$	$DM = (1, 0)$
		$O_{DM}^{2L} \equiv D_\mu \bar{\psi}_{DM} \psi_{DM} F_L^\mu$	$DM = (3, 0)$
		$O_{DM}^{3Y} \equiv \bar{\psi}_{DM} \sigma_{\mu\nu} D^\mu \psi_{DM} F_Y^\nu$	$DM = (1, 0)$
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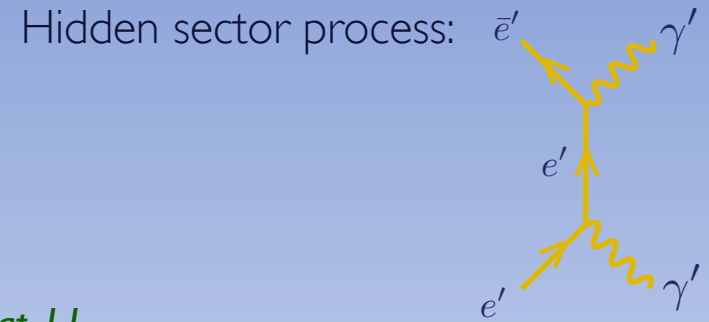
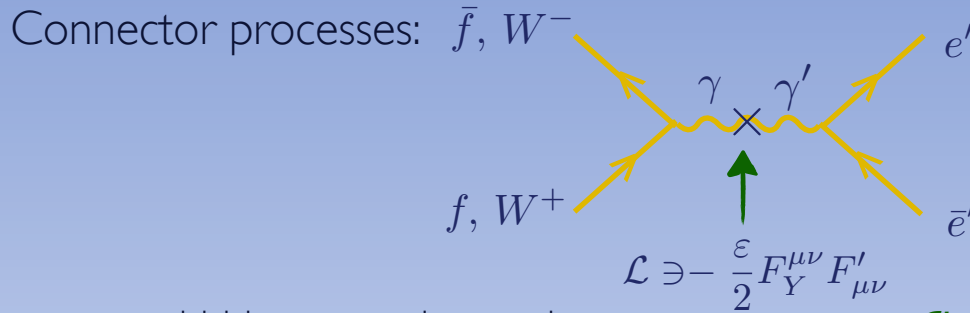
for a spin-1 DM candidate:

$O_{V_{DM}}^{(5)Y} \equiv F_{\mu\nu}^{DM} F_Y^{\mu\nu} \phi$	$\phi = (1, 0)$	$O_{V_{DM}}^1 \equiv F_{\mu\nu}^{DM} F_Y^{\mu\nu} F_{Y'}^\rho$	
$O_{V_{DM}}^{(5)L} \equiv F_{\mu\nu}^{DM} F_L^{\mu\nu} \phi$	$\phi = (3, 0)$	$O_{V_{DM}}^{2Y} \equiv F_{\mu\nu}^{DM} F_Y^{\mu\nu} \phi \phi'$	$\phi \cdot \phi' = (1, 0)$
		$O_{V_{DM}}^{2L} \equiv F_{\mu\nu}^{DM} F_L^{\mu\nu} \phi \phi'$	$\phi \cdot \phi' = (3, 0)$
		$O_{V_{DM}}^{3YY'} \equiv D_\mu^{DM} \phi D_\nu^{DM} \phi' F_Y^{\mu\nu}$	$\phi \cdot \phi' = (1, 0)$
		$O_{V_{DM}}^{3LY'} \equiv D_\mu^{DM} \phi D_\nu^{DM} \phi' F_L^{\mu\nu}$	$\phi \cdot \phi' = (3, 0)$

Visible sector/Hidden sector/Connector structure: 4 basic ways to get the observed relic density

here for scenario with only visible sector at end of inflation

A DM fermion charged under a U(1) which kinetically mixes with the photon:



hidden sector interaction:
 $\bar{\psi}_{DM} \psi_{DM} \leftrightarrow \gamma' \gamma'$

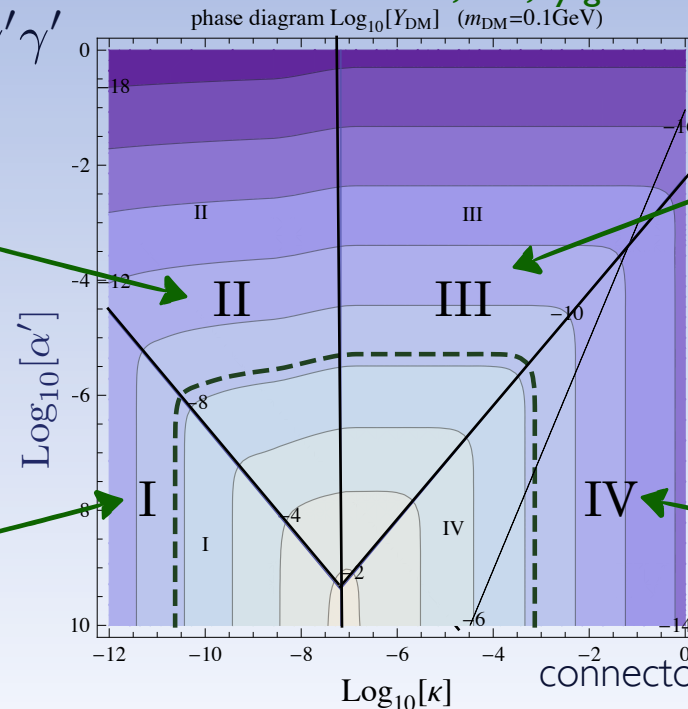
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Reannihilation regime

Hidden sector freeze-out regime

Freeze-in regime

Connector freeze-out regime



connector interaction: $SM SM \leftrightarrow \bar{\psi}_{DM} \psi_{DM}$ See also Cheung, Ellor, Hall, Kumar I I with slow decay

DM particle stability issue

A WIMP do decay unless a symmetry forbids it

← unlike various non WIMP models (e.g. at lower scale)

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many models: an ad-hoc Z_2 sym.

more attractive reason??

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→ based on having DM as a large electroweak multiplet: accidental symmetry

→ based on a gauge symmetry: Z_2 remnant subgroup of broken GUT group

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→ as R-parity in SUSY-GUT

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→ as Z_2^{B-L} in non-susy SO(10)

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→ based on a flavor symmetry

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→ hidden sector DM: various simple possibilities: -DM stable as electron

-DM stable as lightest neutrino

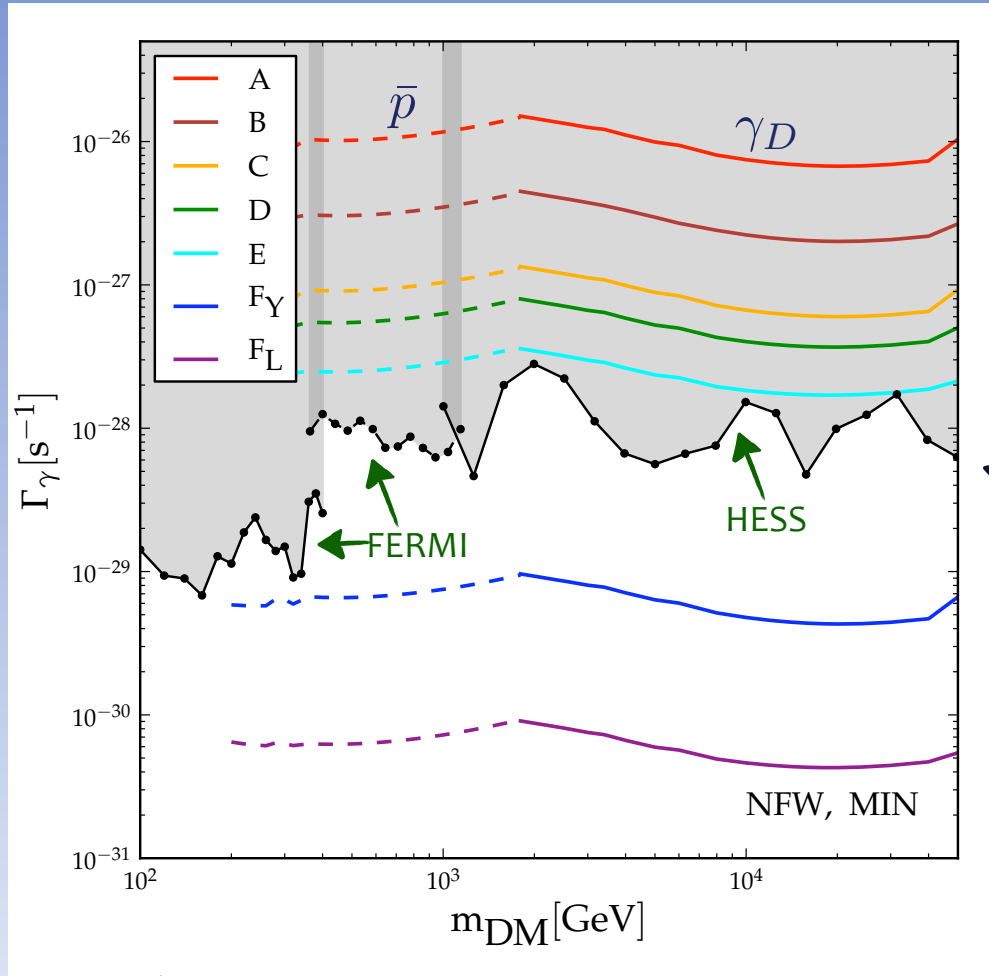
-DM stable as proton

abelian or non-abelian accidental sym.

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⇒ The stabilization mechanism determines many structural features of the all DM scenario

Upper bounds on γ -line intensity from DM decay



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upper bounds depending on operator

direct γ -line search

possibilities of operator discrimination

combined with the fact that op. can give more than one line

N.B.: an observable γ -line could also be due to the possible fact that the DM particle is not absolutely neutral

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