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A Systematic Analysis of Semi-Annihilation

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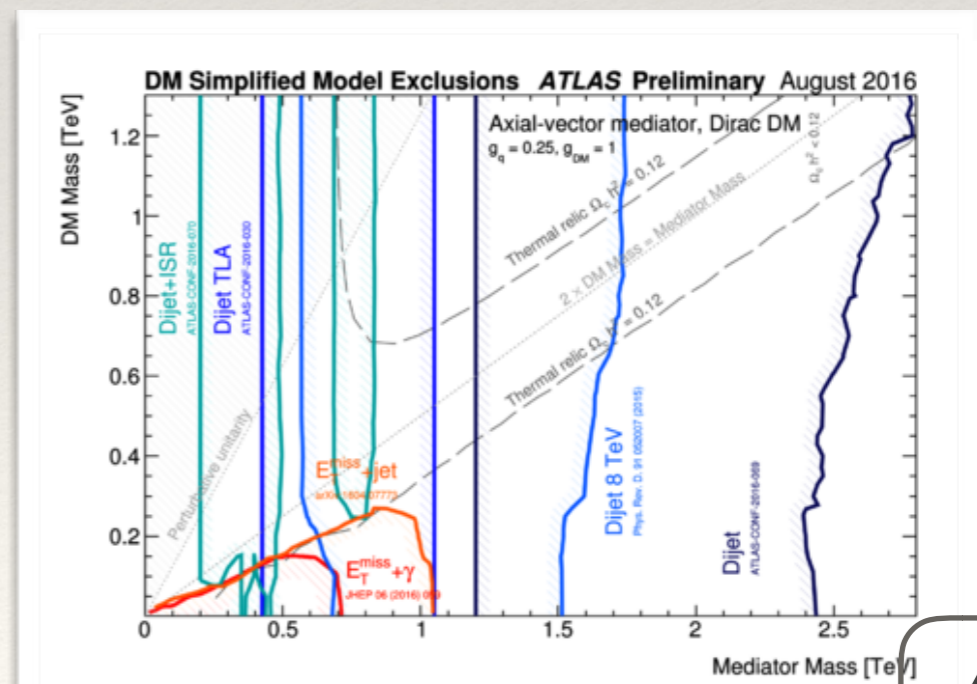
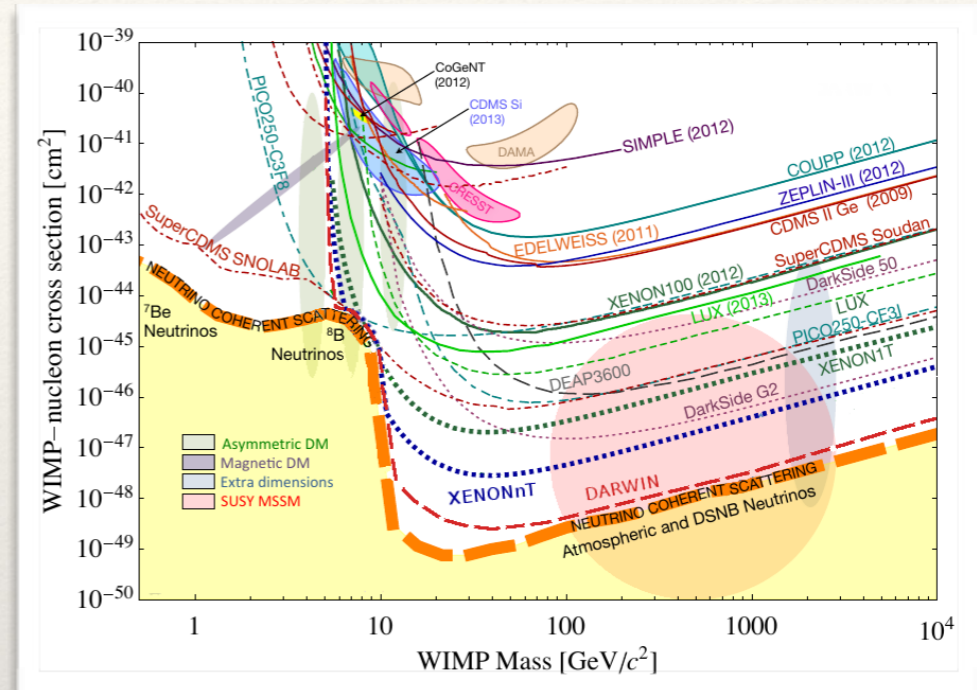
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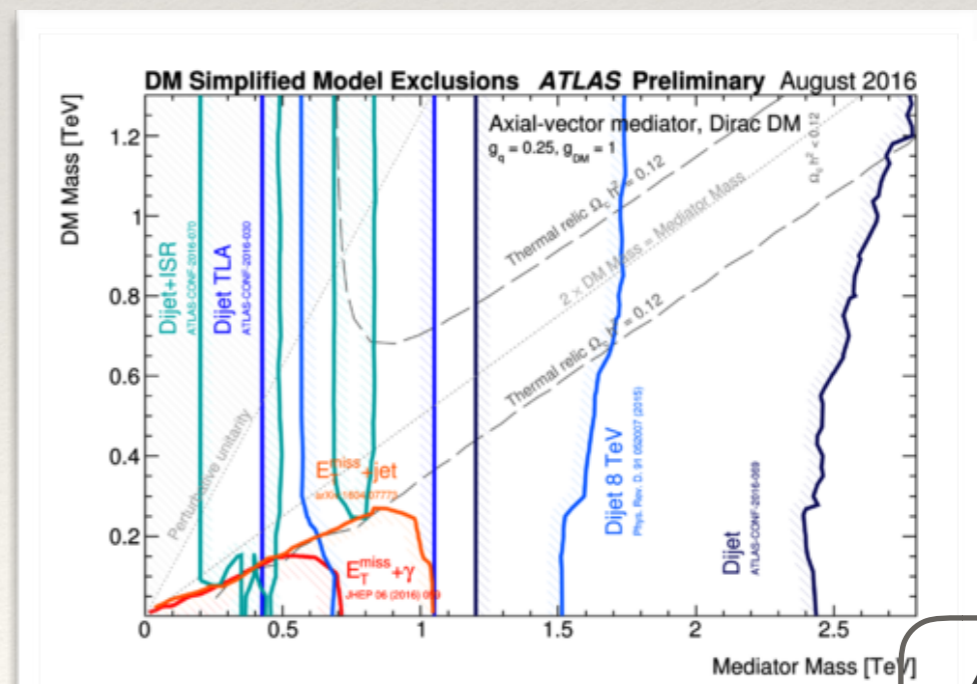
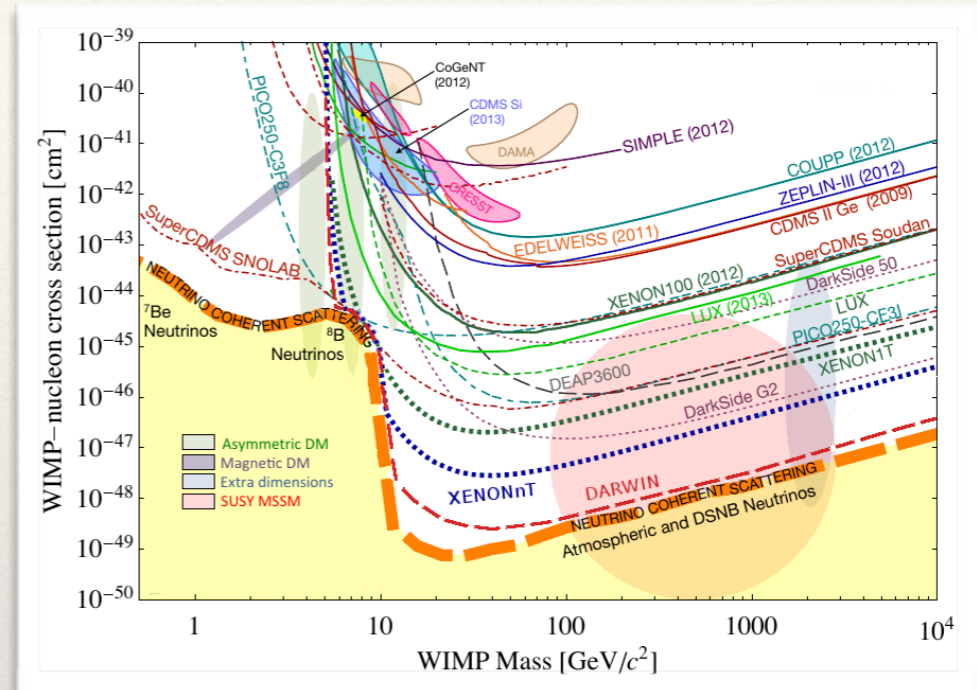
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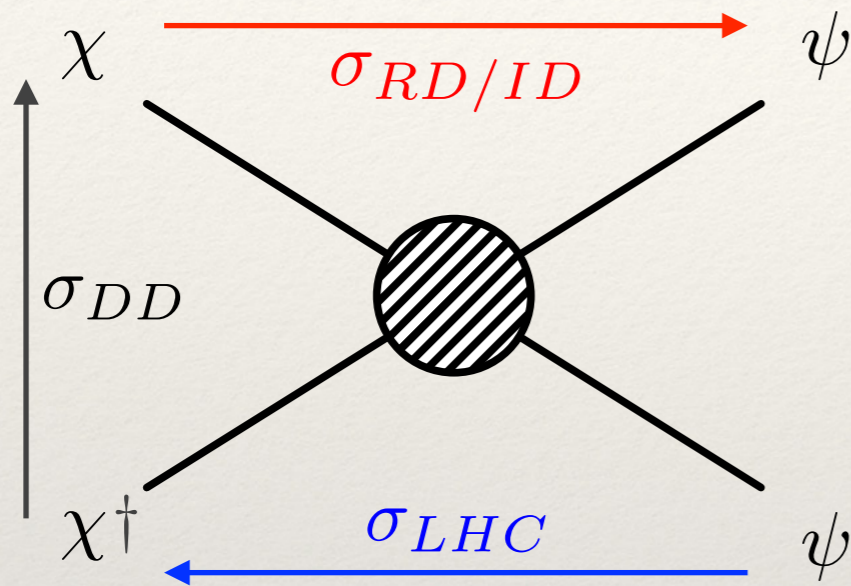


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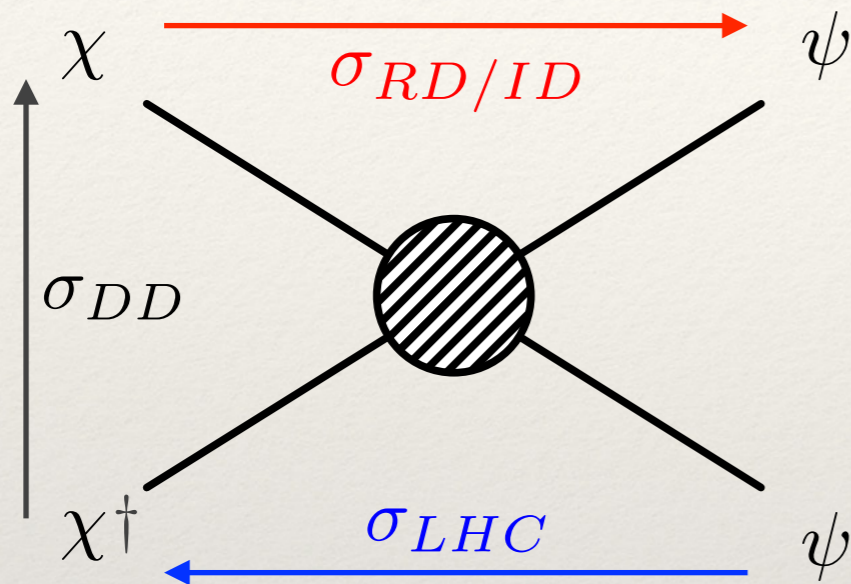


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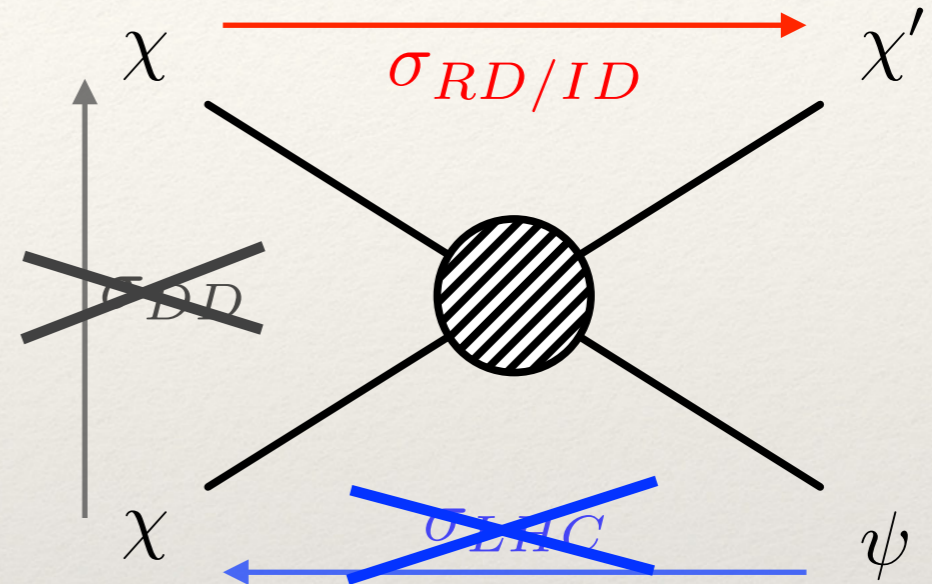


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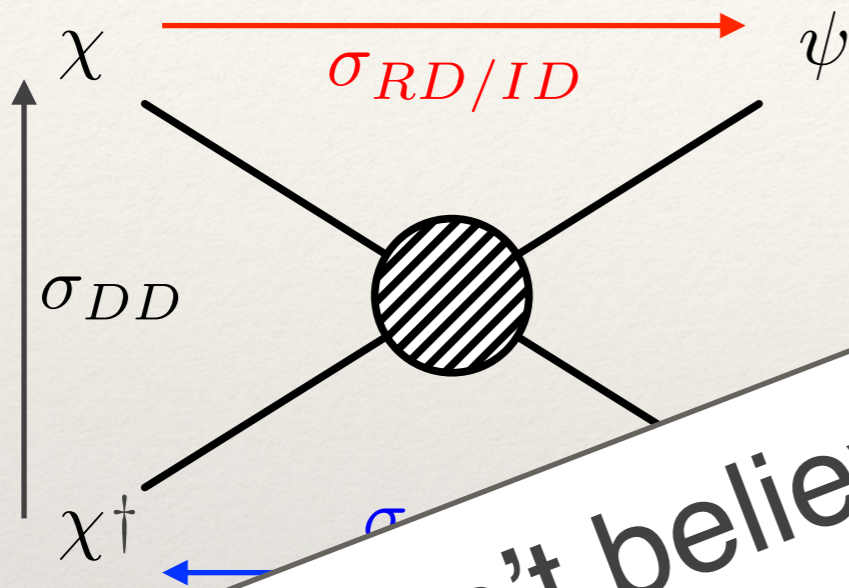


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Semi-Annihilation



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

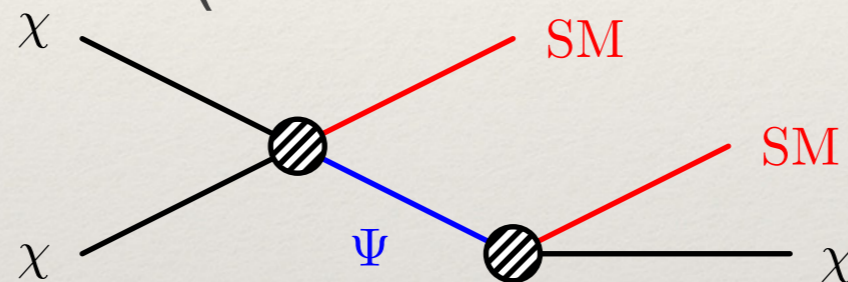
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❖ SA relaxes bounds from terrestrial searches

❖ 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)



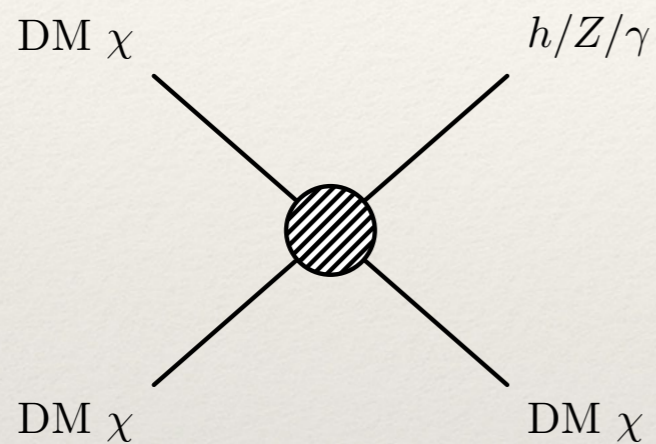
❖ A number of studies so far

Bélanger *et al*, 1202.2962; D'Eramo *et al*, 1210.7817; Ko & Tang, 1402.6449; Aoki & Toma, 1405.5870; Berger *et al*, 1401.2246; Fonseca *et al*, 1507.08295; Cai & Spray, 1509.08481

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

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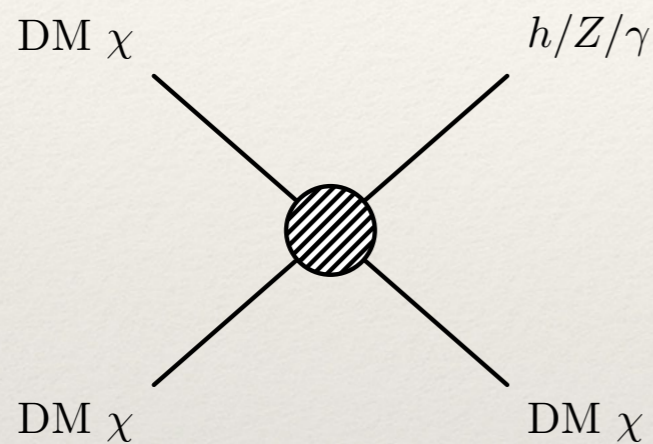
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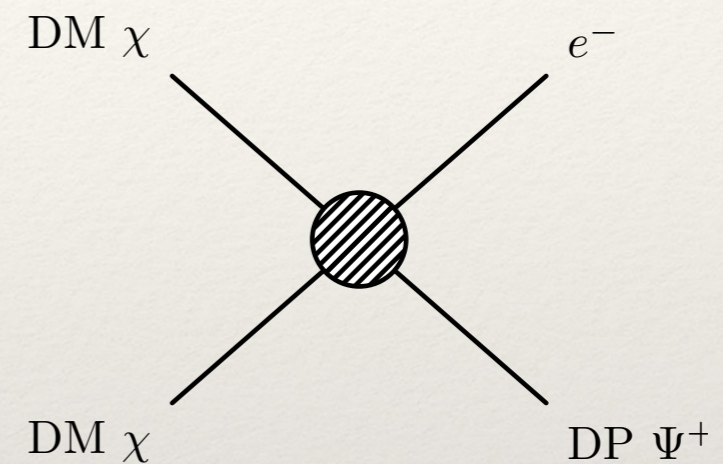
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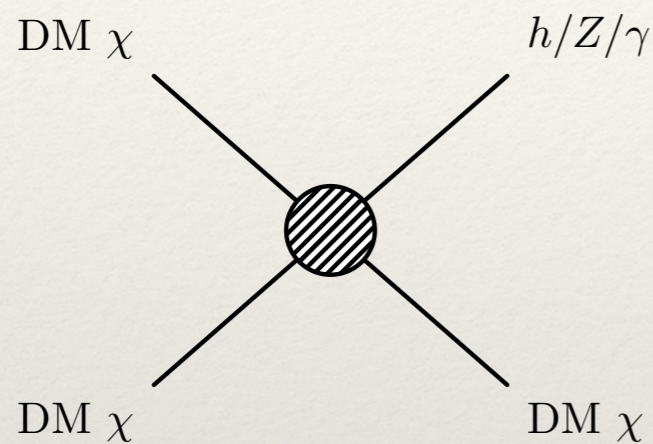


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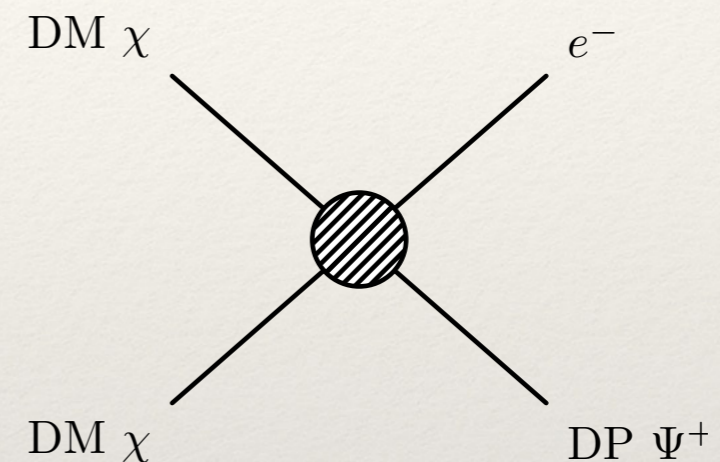
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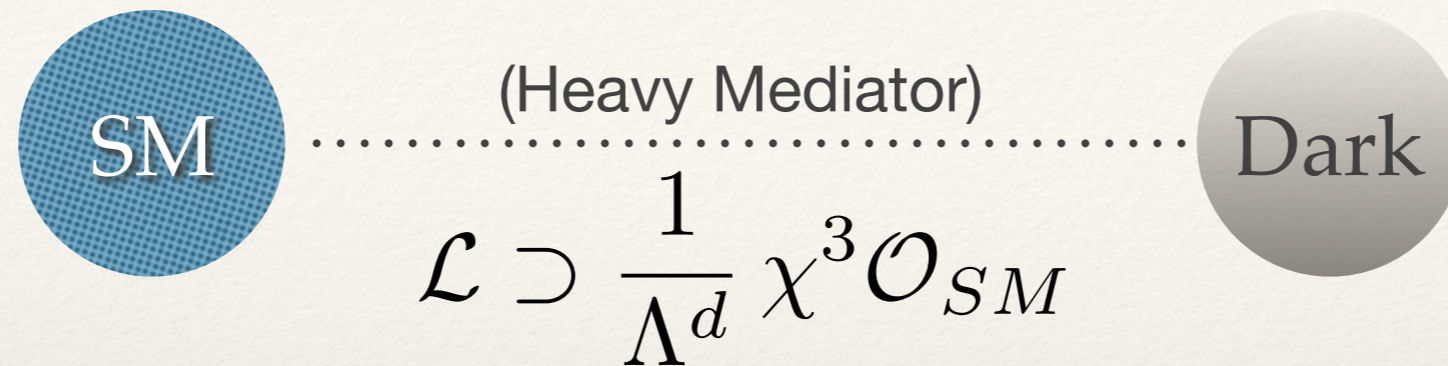
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- ❖ Call states with dark & SM symmetries **Dark Partners**
- ❖ DM-DM initial states: dark partners conjugate to SM

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

Assumptions

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:

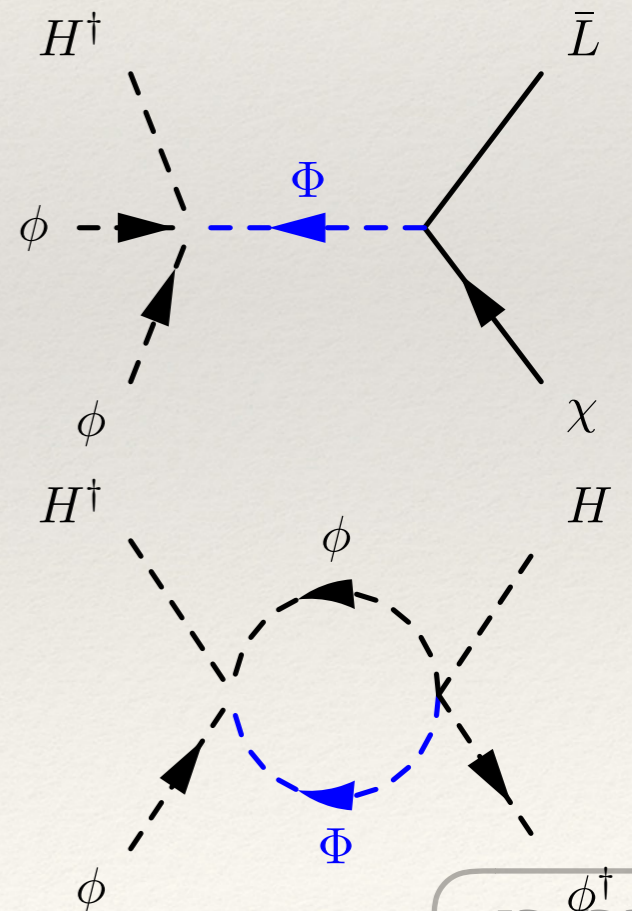
$$\mathcal{O}_{\phi H} = \lambda_{\phi H} \phi^\dagger \phi H^\dagger H, \quad \mathcal{O}_{\chi H} = \frac{c_{\chi H}}{\Lambda} \bar{\chi} \gamma^5 \chi H^\dagger H$$

- ❖ 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

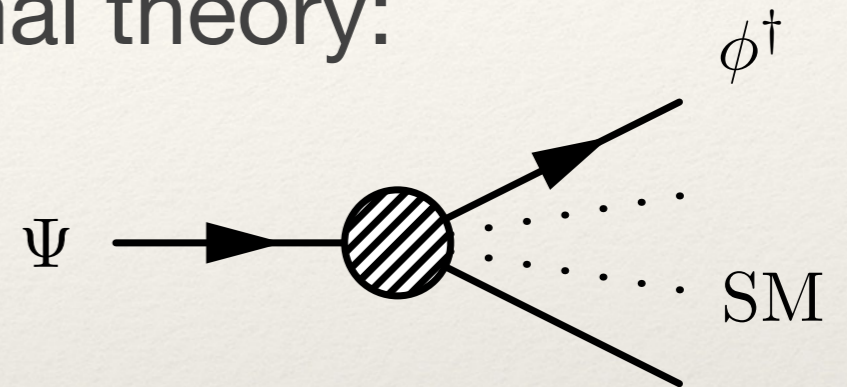


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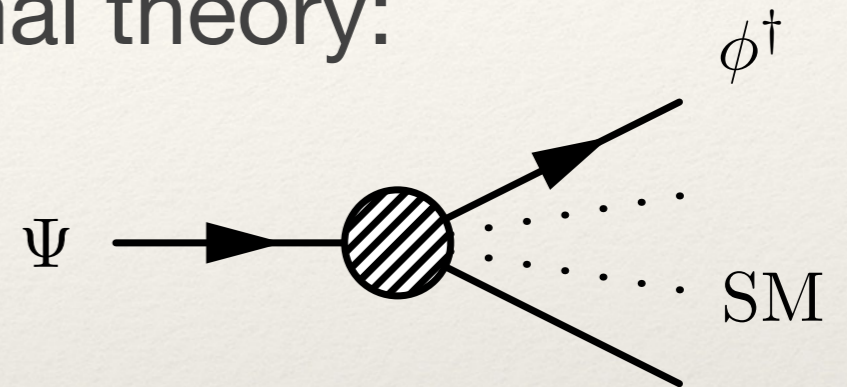
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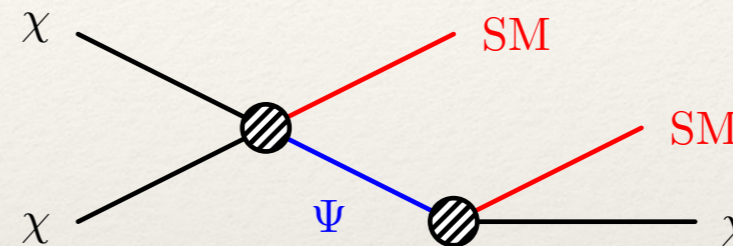
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Impact of Decay Operators

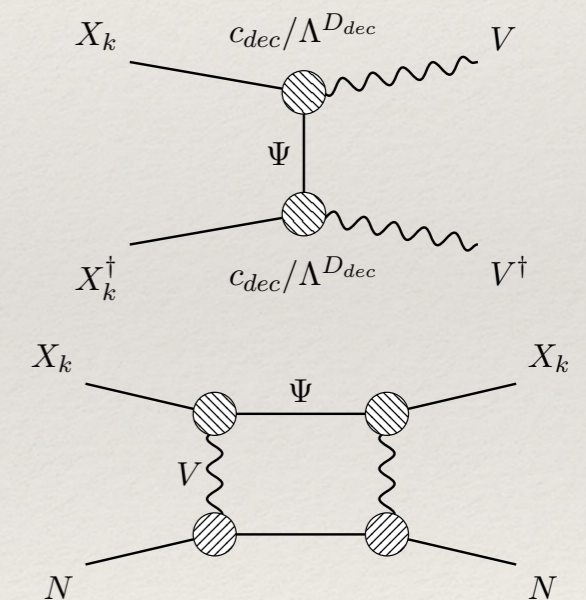
- ❖ Prompt decays contribute to cosmic ray signals

- ❖ 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



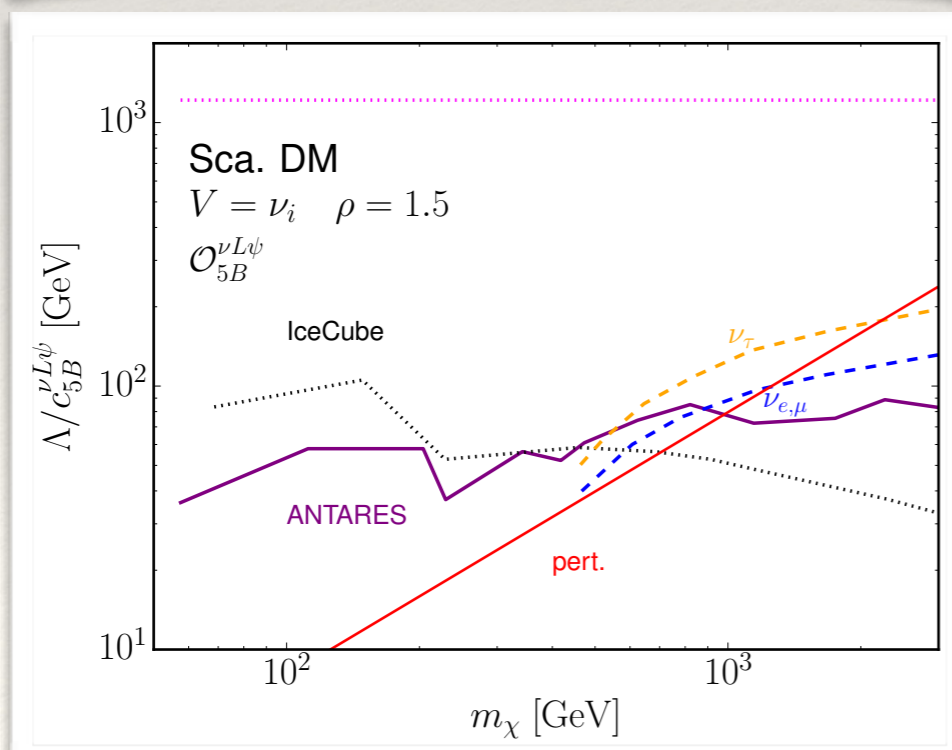
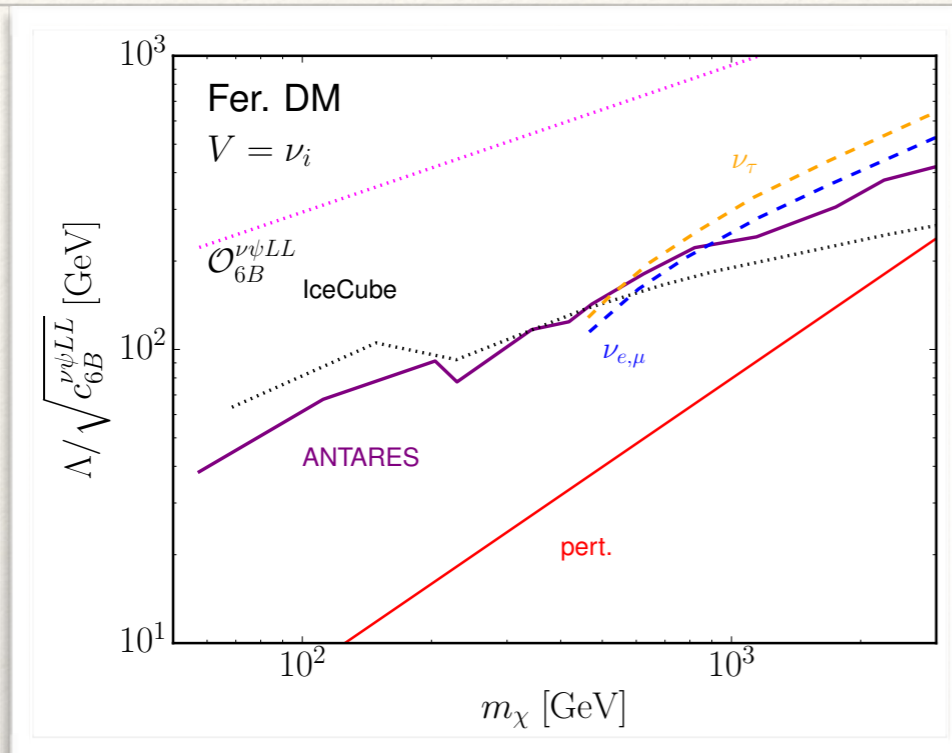
- ❖ General bound $c_{dec} \approx 0.1\text{--}0.01$

Phenomenology & Constraints

Overview

- ❖ Derive limits from γ -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

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

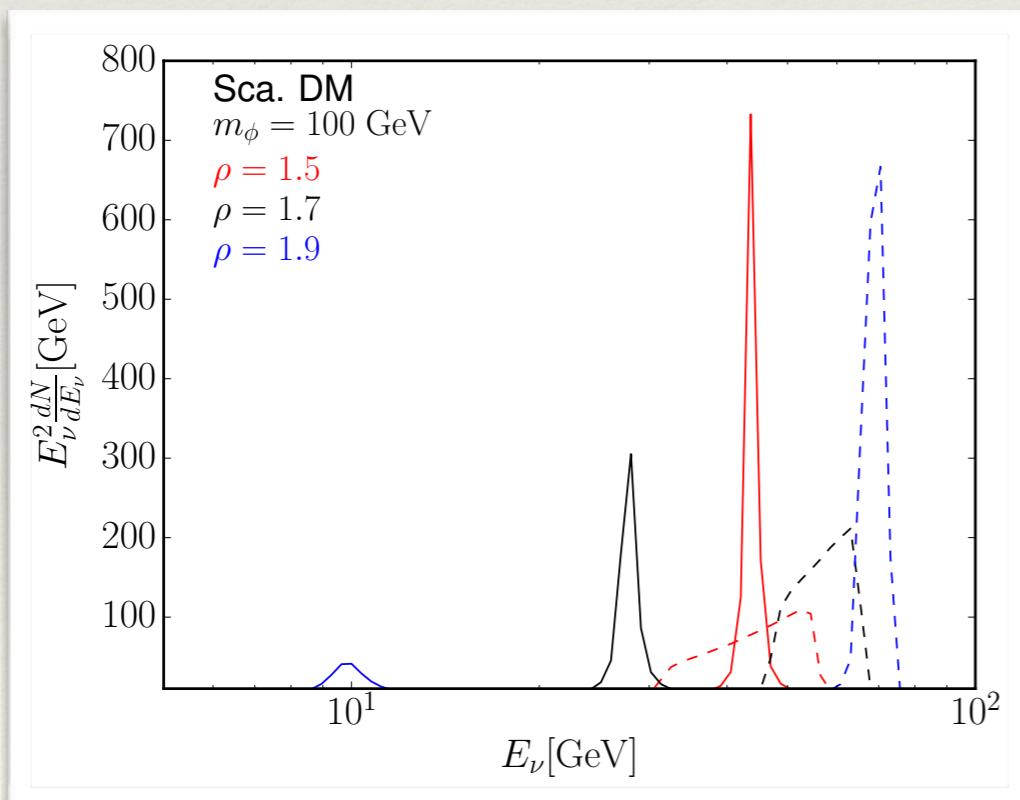
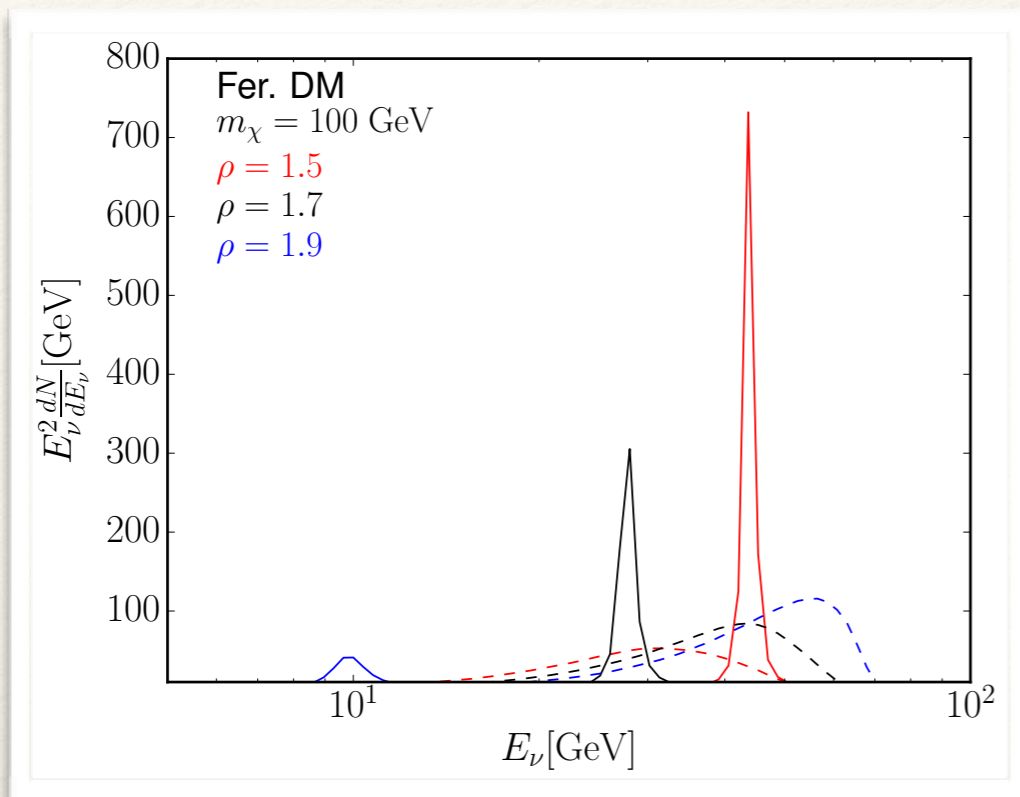
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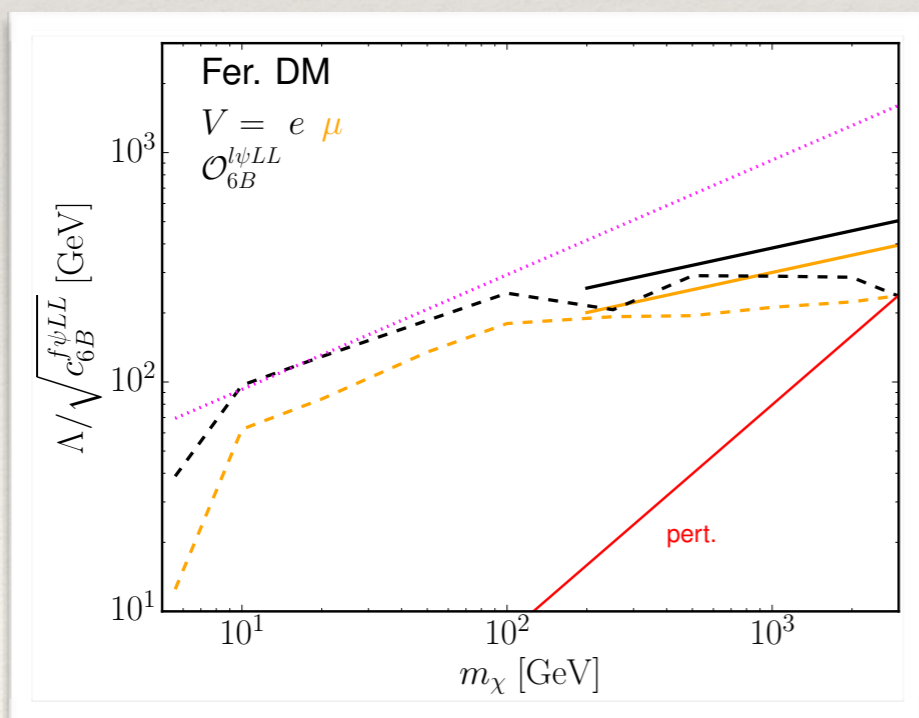
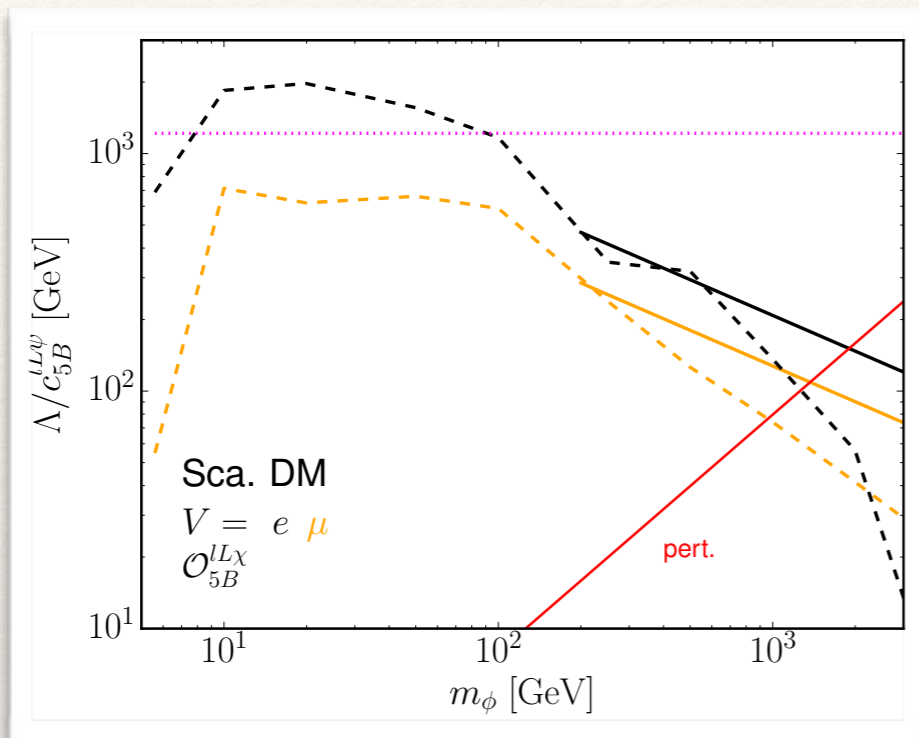
- ❖ Dashed: CTA (projected)

- ❖ 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

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

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

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\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

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$\mathcal{O}_{6U}^{LH^\dagger}$	$s^{ij} \phi_i \phi_j ((L^\dagger \tilde{H}) \bar{\xi}^\dagger)$
\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}	$s^{ij} \bar{\chi}_i^c \gamma^\mu \gamma^5 \chi_j \phi (iH^\dagger \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu H)$
\mathcal{O}_{7U}^{HV}	$a^{ij} \bar{\chi}_i^c \gamma^\mu \chi_j (\phi \overleftrightarrow{\partial}_\mu (H^\dagger H))$
\mathcal{O}_{7U}^{HA}	$s^{ij} \bar{\chi}_i^c \gamma^\mu \gamma^5 \chi_j (\phi \overleftrightarrow{\partial}_\mu (H^\dagger H))$

- ❖ Small number of operators; Only **TWO** for unique DM
 - ❖ Only neutral SM: h, Z, γ, ν
 - ❖ (Almost) all lead to $2 \rightarrow 3$ SA
 - ❖ Very simple model space

Dark Partner

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

- ❖ 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**
- ❖ γ/g require multi-component DM