

STRONGLY-INTERACTING DM & THE NEUTRINO PORTAL PARADIGM

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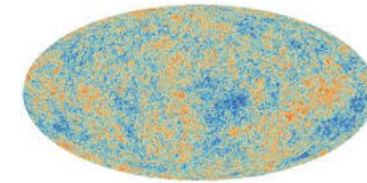
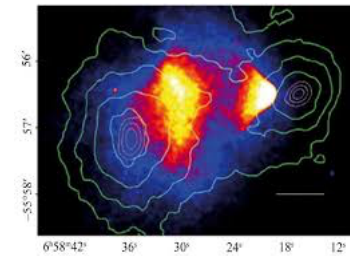
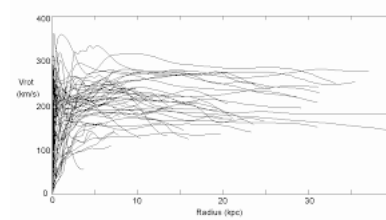
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INTRODUCTION

■ Why DM

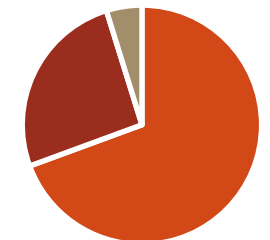
- Flat rotation curves
- Velocity profiles in galaxy clusters
- CMBR data
- Bullet cluster mass distribution



■ What we know

- DM evidence in astrophysical & cosmological observations
- DM is ~6 times more abundant than SM matter
- DM does not fit in the SM
- DM undetected in all Earth-bound experiments (at least not yet)
- No DM direct or indirect detection signals (at least not yet)

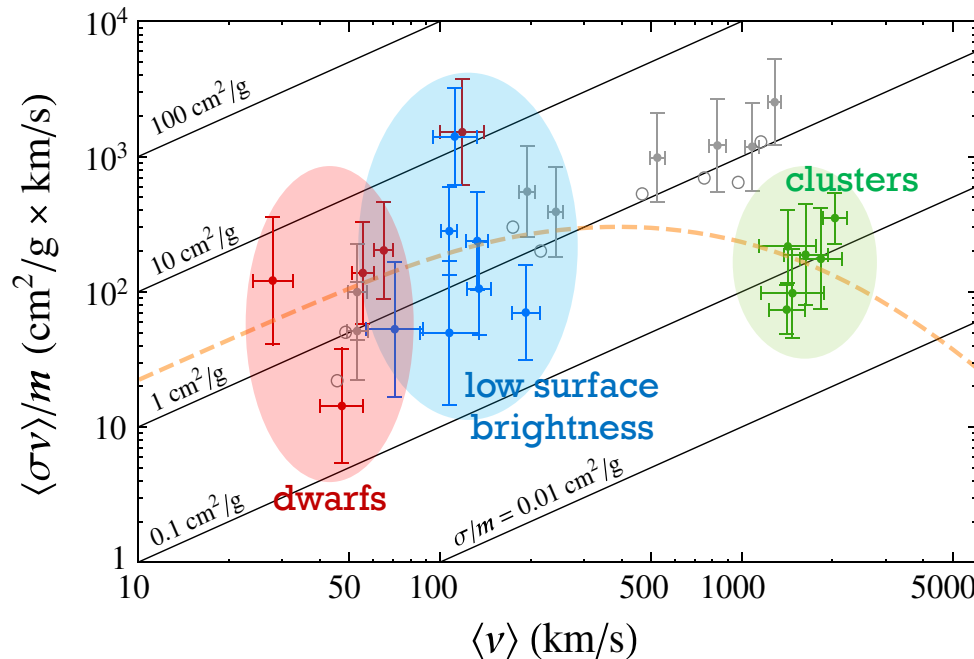
% in the universe



■ DE ■ DM ■ SM

■ Why SIDM?

- Halo density inconsistent with non-interacting cold DM
- Can be solved by assuming the DM has velocity- dependent self-interactions.
- Simplest possibility: introduce a light mediator



$$\left. \frac{\sigma_{\text{eff}}}{m_{\Psi}} \right|_{\text{galaxy}} = 1.9 \frac{\text{cm}^2}{\text{gr}} \quad \beta_{\Psi}|_{\text{galaxy}} = 3.3 \times 10^{-4}$$

$$\left. \frac{\sigma_{\text{eff}}}{m_{\Psi}} \right|_{\text{cluster}} = 0.1 \frac{\text{cm}^2}{\text{gr}} \quad \beta_{\Psi}|_{\text{cluster}} = 5.4 \times 10^{-3}$$

(with large errors)

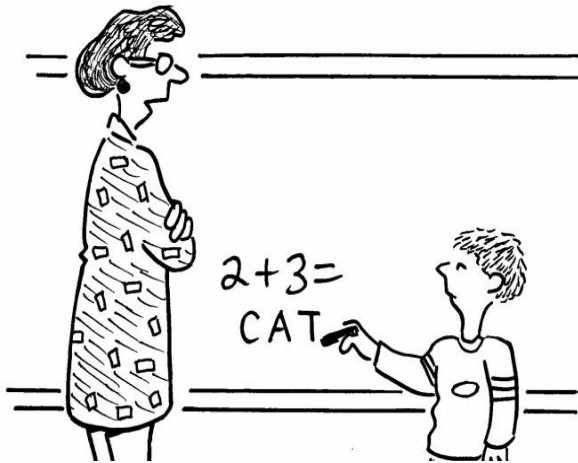
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There are other options (e.g. using the exclusion principle)

We don't know what DM is



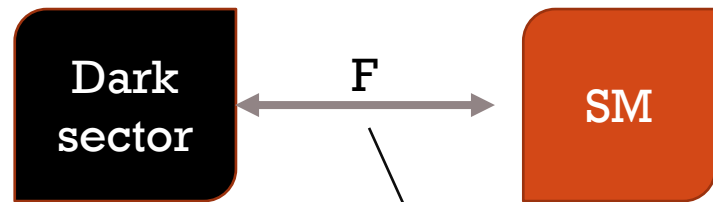
So we make educated guesses



THE NEUTRINO PORTAL PARADIGM



The basic idea: assume a neutral fermionic mediator



$$\mathcal{L} \sim F \mathcal{O}_{\text{dark}} + \bar{F} \mathcal{O}_{\text{SM}}$$

$\mathcal{O}_{\text{dark}}$ depends on the model

$\mathcal{O}_{\text{SM}}$ can be easily listed

When F = fermion the leading (lowest dim.) operator

$$\mathcal{O}_{\text{SM}} = \ell \tilde{\phi}$$

F : neutral (under all dark & SM symmetries)

General features

■ Detection:

- Direct detection: ≥ 1 loop $\rightarrow$ naturally suppressed ✓
- Indirect detection: tree level annihilation into neutrinos ✓

■ SIDM:

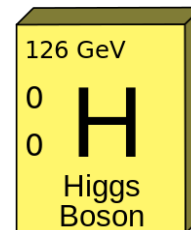
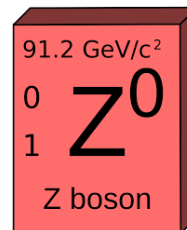
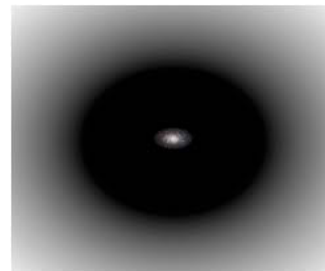
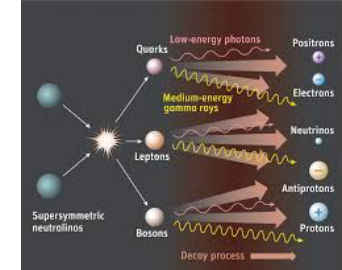
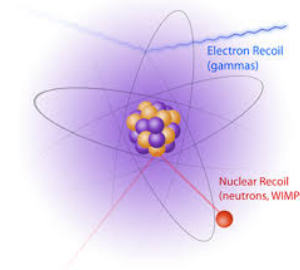
- Simple extension without $B\text{-}\gamma_{\text{dark}}$ kinetic mixing ✓
- γ_{dark} may produce DM bound states

■ Relic abundance

- $\text{DM} \rightarrow \nu, \gamma_{\text{dark}}$ annihilation channels
- γ_{dark} may be long lived

■ The F mixes with the neutrinos:

- $\Gamma(Z \rightarrow \text{invisible})$
- $\Gamma(H \rightarrow \text{invisible})$



DESCRIPTION OF THE MODEL

- **Particle content:** SM plus
 - $\Psi_{\pm}$ two dark fermions. Relic DM candidates
 - Φ one dark scalar. Assumed heavier than the fermions
 - V dark photon.
 - $\mathcal{F}_r$ mediator with SM family index r .
- **Symmetries:**
 - $U(1)_{\text{dark}}$:
 - Ψ_+ and Φ have the same charge
 - Ψ_+ and Ψ_- have opposite charges
 - Dark charge conjugation, C_{dark} :

$$\Psi_+ \leftrightarrow \Psi_-, \quad \Phi \leftrightarrow \Phi^*, \quad V \leftrightarrow -V$$



▪ Lagrangian

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{L} = & \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + \bar{\Psi}_+(i\not{D}_+ - m_+)\Psi_+ + \bar{\Psi}_-(i\not{D}_- - m_-)\Psi_- + |D_+\Phi|^2 \\
 & - \frac{1}{2}m_\Phi^2|\Phi|^2 - \frac{1}{4}\lambda|\Phi|^4 - \frac{1}{4}V_{\mu\nu}V^{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{2}m_V^2\left(V_\mu - \frac{1}{m_V}\partial_\mu\sigma\right)^2 + \bar{\mathcal{F}}(i\not{\partial} - m_{\mathcal{F}})\mathcal{F} \\
 & - \left[\bar{l}Y^{(\nu)}\mathcal{F}\tilde{\phi} + \text{H.c.}\right] - \left[(\bar{\Psi}_+\Phi + \bar{\Psi}_-\Phi^*)(z\mathcal{F}) + \text{H.c.}\right] - \lambda_x|\Phi|^2|\phi|^2,
 \end{aligned}$$

Stuckelberg trick

H portal

ν portal

Yukawa couplings

$D_\pm^\alpha = \partial^\alpha \pm igV^\alpha$

▪ $\mathbf{C}_{\text{dark}}$ softly broken:

$$m_\pm = m_\Psi \pm \mu$$

- Mass eigenstates (will assume the N are degenerate)

Mixing angles

$$\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{C} N_L + \mathcal{S} n_L + N_R;$$

$$\nu = V_{\text{PMNS}}^\dagger (\mathcal{C} n_L - \mathcal{S} N_L),$$

light neutrinos

N mass

$$Y^{(\nu)} = \sqrt{2} \frac{m_N}{v_H} V_{\text{PMNS}}^\dagger \mathcal{S}$$

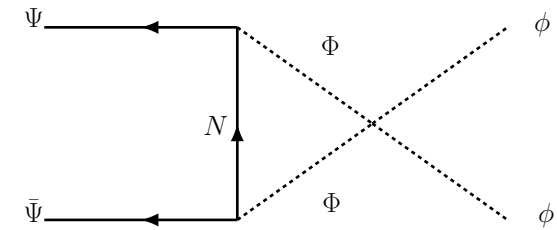
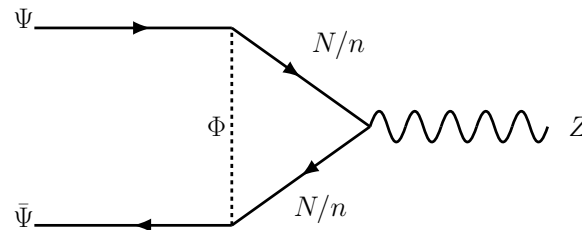
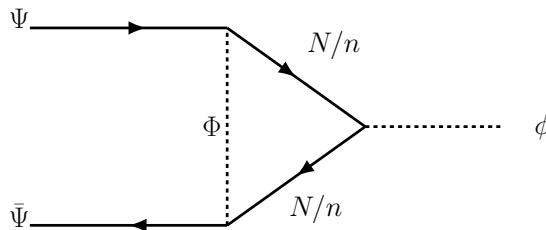
$$\mathcal{C}^2 + \mathcal{S}^2 = 1$$

$$m_{\mathcal{F}} = m_N \mathcal{C}$$

Higgs VEV

- Low hanging fruit:

- Indirect detection: main decays $\Psi \Psi \rightarrow \nu \nu$, $V V$ (no discernible $\Psi \Psi \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$ signal)
- Direct detection: via Z and H exchanges -- naturally suppressed





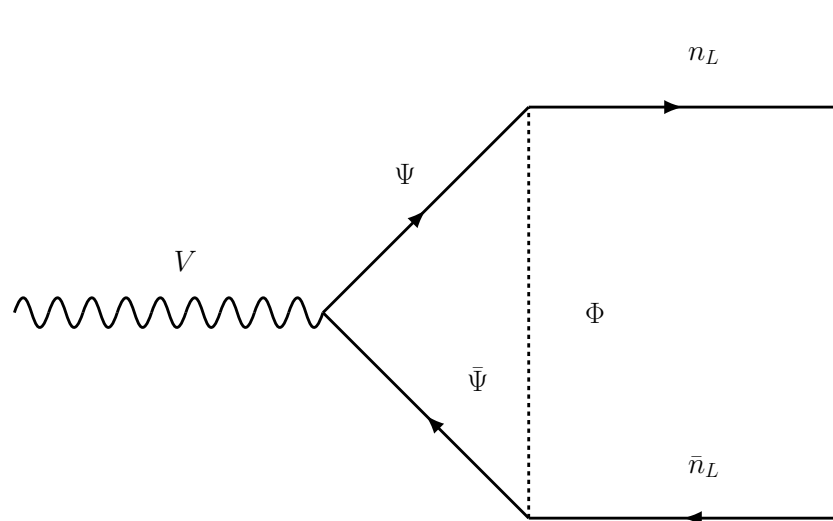
Self interactions

$\mathbf{C}_{\text{dark}}$, if exact:

- Forbids all $V^n \gamma^m$ (n odd) couplings 😊
- V is stable ➤ problems with relic abundance ☹️

⇒ Break $\mathbf{C}_{\text{dark}}$ softly

- Unique soft breaking term: $m_+ - m_- = \mu \neq 0$
- Soft braking allows $V \rightarrow \nu \nu$ at 1 loop ($V - Z$ mixing at 2 loops; $V - \gamma$ mixing at 3 loops,)



$$\Gamma(V \rightarrow \bar{n}_L n_L) = \frac{m_V}{6\pi} \left\{ \frac{g}{16\pi^2} \left[f\left(\frac{m_+}{m_\Phi}\right) - f\left(\frac{m_-}{m_\Phi}\right) \right] \right\}^2 (z\mathcal{S}^2 z^\dagger)^2$$

V mass

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{x^2 + 1}{x^2 - 1} \right) - \left(\frac{x^2}{x^2 - 1} \right)^2 \ln x$$

- **Comparison with observations**

- $\sigma(\Psi_{\pm}\Psi_{\pm} \rightarrow \Psi_{\pm}\Psi_{\pm})$ and $\sigma(\Psi_{+}\Psi_{-} \rightarrow \Psi_{+}\Psi_{-})$ fit the data provided,

$$m_V = \frac{m_{\Psi}}{443}, \quad g = \left(\frac{m_{\Psi}}{64 \text{ GeV}} \right)^{3/4}.$$

... but with large errors:

$$443 \rightarrow (116, 1557), \quad 64 \text{ GeV} \rightarrow (17, 225) \text{ GeV}.$$

- In all cases: $m_V \ll m_{\Psi}$



- **Bound states**

- In the NR limit V exchange generates a Yukawa potential between Ψ_+ and Ψ_- :

$$\mathcal{V}_{\text{NR}} = \frac{g^2}{4\pi} \frac{e^{-m_V r}}{r}$$

- No bound states if: (kinetic energy) $\sim m_V^2/m_\Psi > g^2 m_V/4\pi \sim$ (potential energy)

$$0.595 \frac{g^2}{4\pi} < \frac{m_V}{m_\Psi} \xrightarrow{\text{SIDM}} m_\Psi \lesssim 10 \text{ GeV}$$

- Of course, even if bound states are allowed they may not form.

CONSTRAINTS



- Electroweak

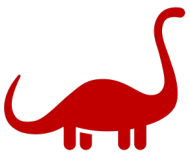
- Vector bosons & Higgs: $W : \Gamma(\ell \rightarrow \nu \ell' \bar{\nu}')$

$$Z : \Gamma(Z \rightarrow NN, nN, nn)$$

$$H : \Gamma(H \rightarrow NN, nN, \Phi\Phi)$$

- g-2 not yet competitive: $|\Delta a_\mu| \leq 10^{-11}$

- V lifetime: $\Gamma(V \rightarrow \nu\nu) > (1 \text{ s})^{-1}$



- Relic abundance: $\bar{\Psi} \Psi \rightarrow V V, n_L n_L$

$$\sigma_0 = \frac{g^4 + [z \mathcal{S}^2 z^T m_\Phi^2 / (m_\Psi^2 + m_\Phi^2)]^2}{64\pi m_\Psi^2}$$

SIDM: $g^4 \sim m_\Psi / (64 \text{ GeV})$

EW constraints: $\mathcal{S} \lesssim 0.1$



$$\frac{dn_\Psi}{dt} + 3Hn_\Psi = -\sigma_0 \left[n_\Psi^2 - \left(n_\Psi^{(\text{eq})} \right)^2 \right]$$



Direct detection

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{nucleon-DM}} = \sqrt{2}G_F \left[\bar{\Psi} \gamma_\mu (\epsilon_L P_L + \epsilon_R P_R) \Psi \right] \left(\bar{\mathbf{p}} \mathcal{J}_{\mathbf{p}}^\mu \mathbf{p} + \bar{\mathbf{n}} \mathcal{J}_{\mathbf{n}}^\mu \mathbf{n} \right) + G_H \epsilon_H \bar{\Psi} \Psi (\bar{\mathbf{p}} \mathbf{p} + \bar{\mathbf{n}} \mathbf{n})$$

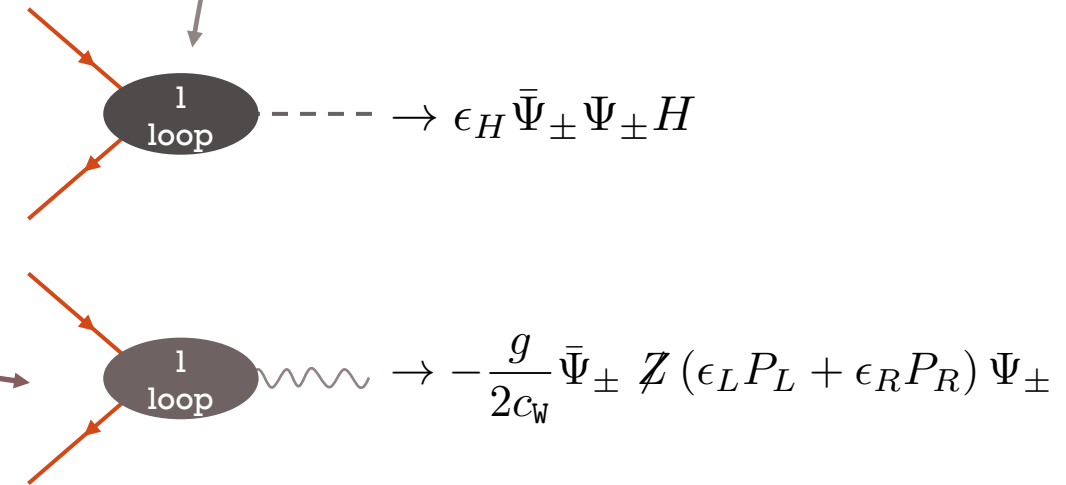
proton

neutron

$$\mathcal{J}_{\mathbf{p}}^\mu = \frac{1}{2} \left[(1 - 4s_W^2) \gamma^\mu + g_A \left(\gamma^\mu - \frac{2m_N q^\mu}{m_\pi^2 + \mathbf{q}^2} \right) \gamma_5 \right],$$

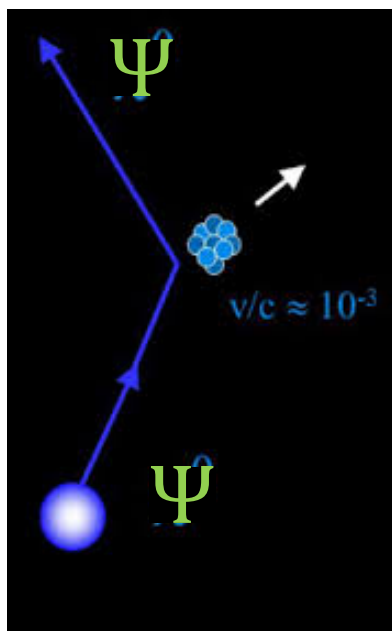
$$\mathcal{J}_{\mathbf{n}}^\mu = -\frac{1}{2} \left[\gamma^\mu + g_A \left(\gamma^\mu - \frac{2m_N q^\mu}{m_\pi^2 + \mathbf{q}^2} \right) \gamma_5 \right]$$

$$G_H = -\frac{0.011}{m_H^2}.$$



Neglecting momentum transfer,

$$\sigma_{\mathcal{N}} \simeq \frac{f_1 + 2bf_2 + b^2 f_3}{16\pi^2(m_{\mathcal{N}} + m_{\Psi})^2} \kappa^2$$



$$\kappa = \sqrt{2}G_{\text{F}}m_{\Psi}m_{\mathcal{N}} \left[2(\epsilon_L + \epsilon_R)s_{\text{W}}^2 - \sqrt{8}\epsilon_H \frac{G_{\text{H}}}{G_{\text{F}}} \right]$$

$$b = \frac{(1 - 2s_{\text{W}}^2)(\epsilon_L + \epsilon_R)}{\sqrt{8}\epsilon_H G_{\text{H}}/G_{\text{F}} - 2s_{\text{W}}^2(\epsilon_L + \epsilon_R)}.$$

element	f_1	f_2	f_3
Xe	0.995256	-0.177925	0.031717
Ge	0.990137	-0.124142	0.0161359
CaWO ₄	0.0624983	0	0

CONSTRAINT IMPLEMENTATION

- All constraints can be written in the form

$$f_i^{(low)} \leq F_i(\zeta) \leq f_i^{(up)}$$

Lower bounds

Functions of the parameters ζ

Upper bounds

- Define a region in parameter space
- Assume there are no holes → need only the boundaries
- This is a nonlinear optimization problem
- Software packages (e.g. NLOPT) more efficient than grid scanning
(Spot-checked w/MicrOmegas)



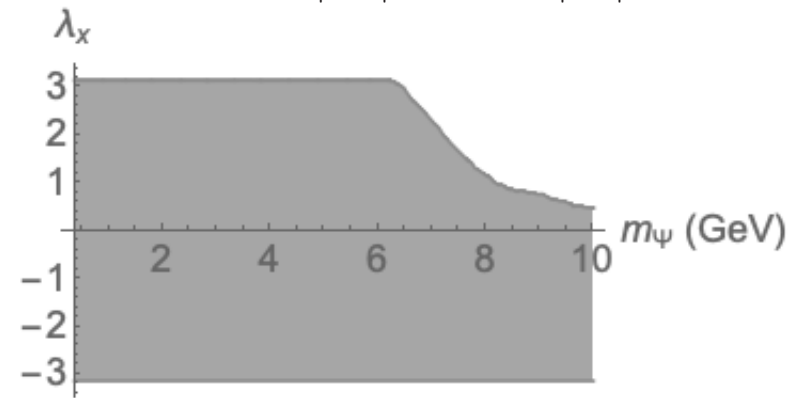
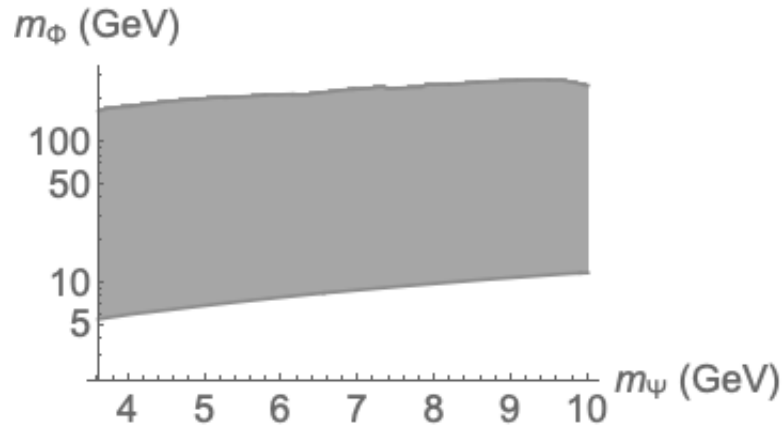
$$0.5\text{GeV} \leq m_\Psi \leq 10\text{GeV}, \quad \mu = \frac{m_\Psi}{20},$$

$$\min\{1.1m_\Psi, m_\Psi + 2\text{GeV}\} \leq m_\Phi < 500\text{GeV},$$

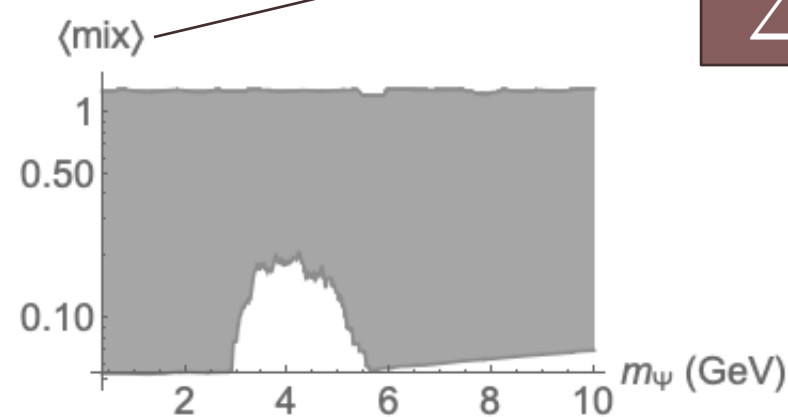
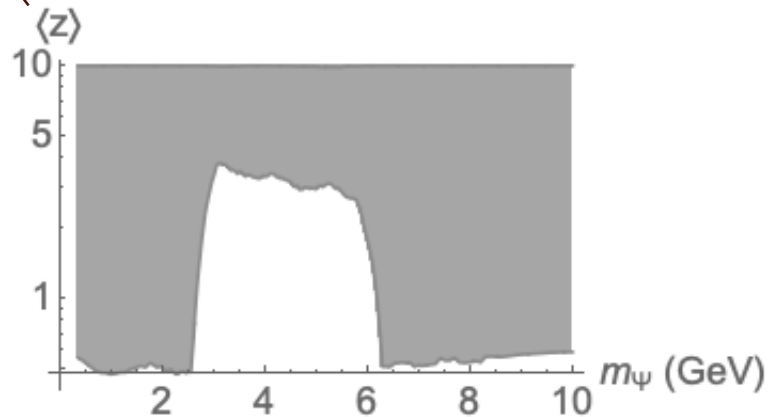
$$\min\{1.1m_\Psi, m_\Psi + 2\text{GeV}\} \leq m_N \leq 1.5\text{TeV},$$

$$|\lambda_x| \leq \pi, \quad |S_i| < 1, \quad |z_i|^2 \leq 10 \quad (i = 1, 2, 3);$$

- We assumed $M_\Psi \leq 10 \text{ GeV}$
- Projections to 2-d planes

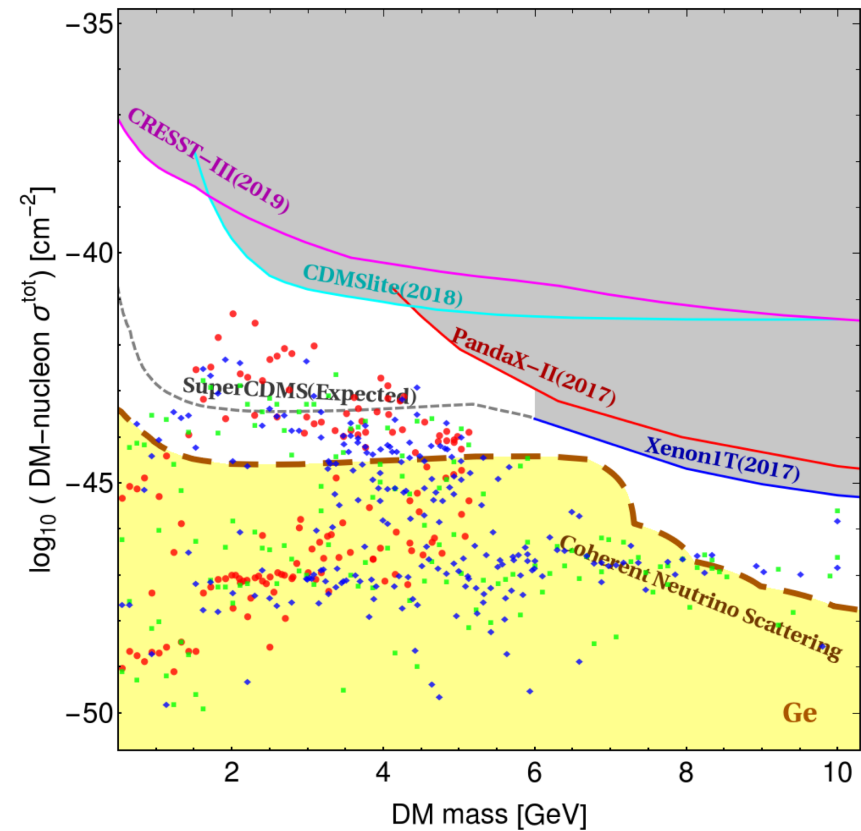
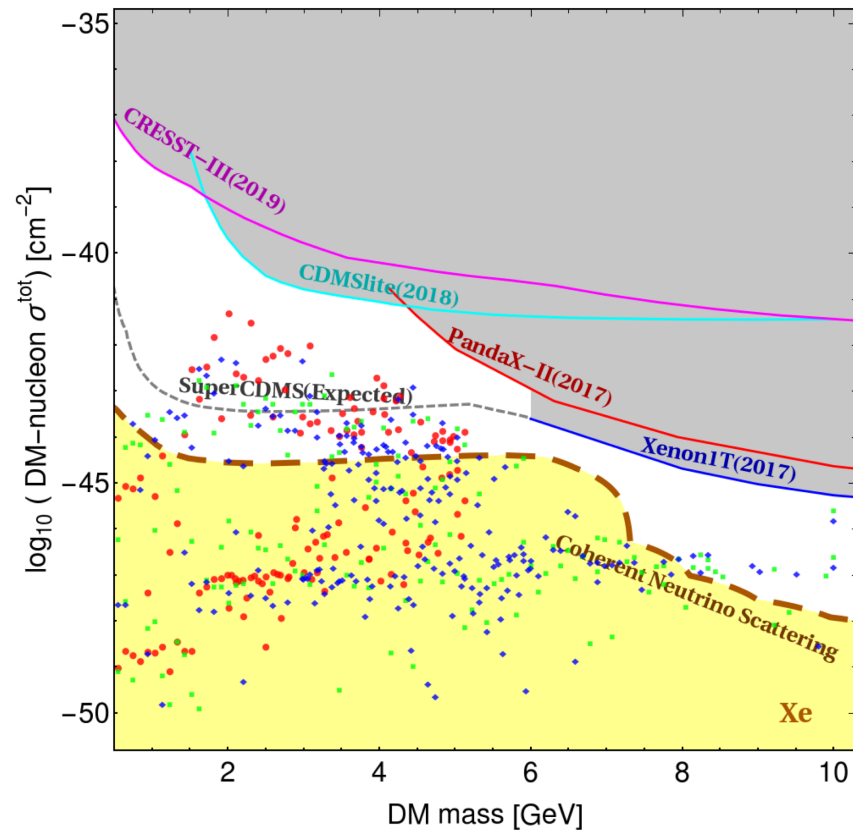


$$|z|/\sqrt{3}$$



$$\sum |z_i|^2 S_i^2$$

- Parameter space not fully hidden by the neutrino ‘floor’:



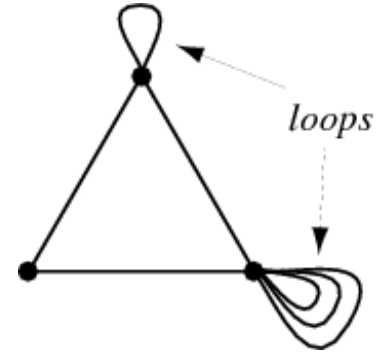
COMMENTS & FUTURE DIRECTIONS

- Model can satisfy all current constraints
 - Large $g \Rightarrow$ DM under-production: better σ_{SIDM} data will strongly constrain the model
 - Better data on $\Gamma(H \rightarrow \text{invisible})$ will constrain λ_x
- The upper bound on m_ψ can be relaxed: formation rate calculation
- Possible effects of $V \rightarrow \nu\nu$ decays.

EXTRA SLIDES



LOOP-INDUCED COUPLINGS



$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{DM-Z}} = -\frac{g}{2c_W} \bar{\Psi}_{\pm} \not{Z} (\epsilon_L P_L + \epsilon_R P_R) \Psi_{\pm} ;$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{DM-H}} = \epsilon_H \bar{\Psi}_{\pm} \Psi_{\pm} H ,$$

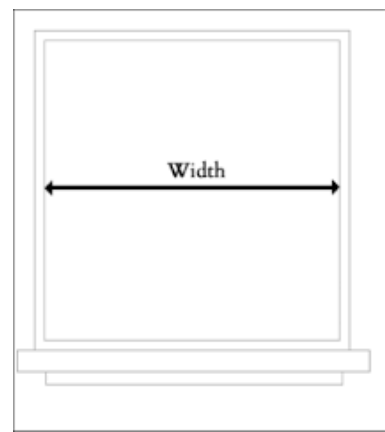
$$\epsilon_R = -\frac{(z\mathcal{S}^2\mathcal{C}^2z^T)}{32\pi^2} \frac{1 - r_{\Phi\text{N}} + \ln r_{\Phi\text{N}}}{(1 - r_{\Phi\text{N}})^2} ;$$

$$\epsilon_L = \frac{(z\mathcal{S}^2z^T)}{16\pi^2} \frac{1 - r_{\Phi\text{N}} + r_{\Phi\text{N}} \ln r_{\Phi\text{N}}}{(1 - r_{\Phi\text{N}})^2} ;$$

$$\epsilon_H = -\frac{1}{8\pi^2} \frac{m_{\text{N}}}{v_{\text{H}}} \left\{ (z\mathcal{S}^2\mathcal{C}z^T) \frac{1 - r_{\Phi\text{N}} + r_{\Phi\text{N}} \ln r_{\Phi\text{N}}}{(r_{\Phi\text{N}} - 1)^2} + \frac{1}{2} \lambda_x \frac{v_{\text{H}}^2}{m_{\text{N}}^2} (z\mathcal{C}z^T) \frac{1 - r_{\Phi\text{N}} + \ln r_{\Phi\text{N}}}{(r_{\Phi\text{N}} - 1)^2} \right\} .$$

$$r_{ij} = \left(\frac{m_i}{m_j} \right)^2 ,$$

WIDTHS



$$\Gamma(Z \rightarrow nn) = \Gamma_0 \text{tr} \{ \mathcal{C}^4 \} ; \quad \Gamma_0 = \left(\frac{g}{2c_W} \right)^2 \frac{m_Z}{24\pi} ,$$

$$\Gamma(Z \rightarrow NN) = \Gamma_0 \text{tr} \{ \mathcal{S}^4 \} (1 - r_{NZ}) \sqrt{1 - 4r_{NZ}} \theta(1 - 4r_{NZ}) ,$$

$$\Gamma(Z \rightarrow Nn) = \Gamma_0 \text{tr} \{ \mathcal{C}^2 \mathcal{S}^2 \} (2 + r_{NZ}) (1 - r_{NZ})^2 \theta(1 - r_{NZ}) ,$$

$$\Gamma(H \rightarrow \Psi \bar{\Psi}) = \frac{m_H \epsilon_H^2}{8\pi} (1 - 4r_{\Psi H})^{3/2} \theta(1 - 4r_{\Psi H}) ,$$

$$\Gamma(H \rightarrow n, N) = \frac{m_H^3}{4\pi v_H^2} \left[r_{NH} (1 - r_{NH}) \text{tr} \{ \mathcal{S}^2 \mathcal{C}^2 \} \theta(1 - r_{NH}) + \frac{1}{2} (1 - 4r_{NH})^{3/2} \text{tr} \{ \mathcal{S}^4 \} \theta(1 - 4r_{NH}) \right] ,$$

$$\Gamma(H \rightarrow \Phi \Phi) = \frac{(v_H \lambda_x)^2}{16\pi m_H} \sqrt{1 - 4r_{\Phi H}} \theta(1 - 4r_{\Phi H}) , .$$

W-MEDIATED DECAYS

$$\Gamma(\ell_r \rightarrow \ell_s \bar{\nu} \nu) \simeq (1 - \Delta_r - \Delta_s) \Gamma_{\text{SM}}(\ell_r \rightarrow \ell_s \bar{\nu} \nu); \quad \Delta_r = \left(V_{\text{PMNS}}^\dagger \mathcal{S}^2 V_{\text{PMNS}} \right)_{rr} > 0,$$

