



# How To SEARCH FOR LIGHT NEW PHYSICS

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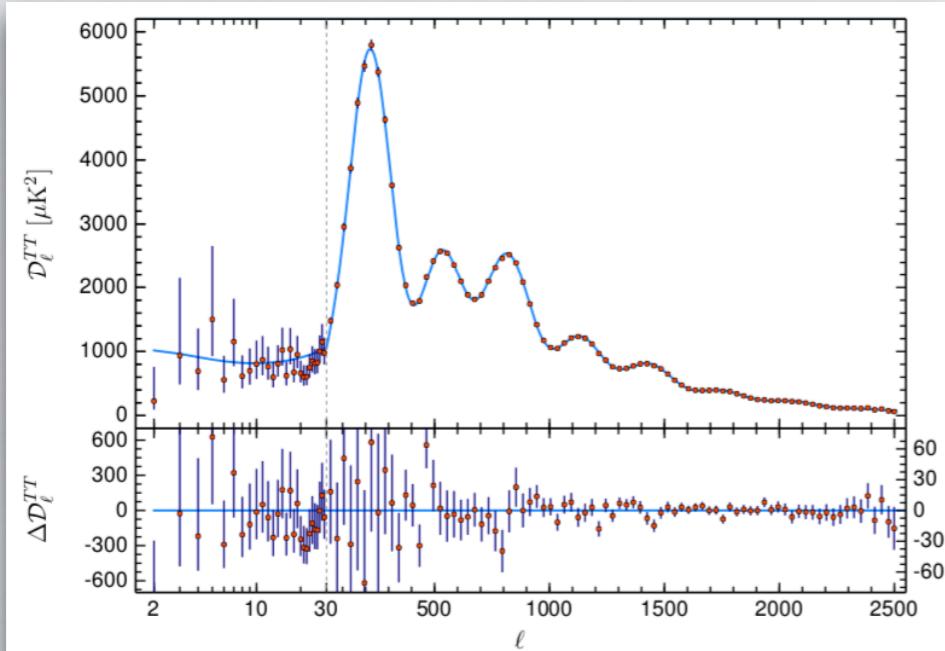
[Bauer, PF, Reimitz, Plehn; [2005.13551](#)]

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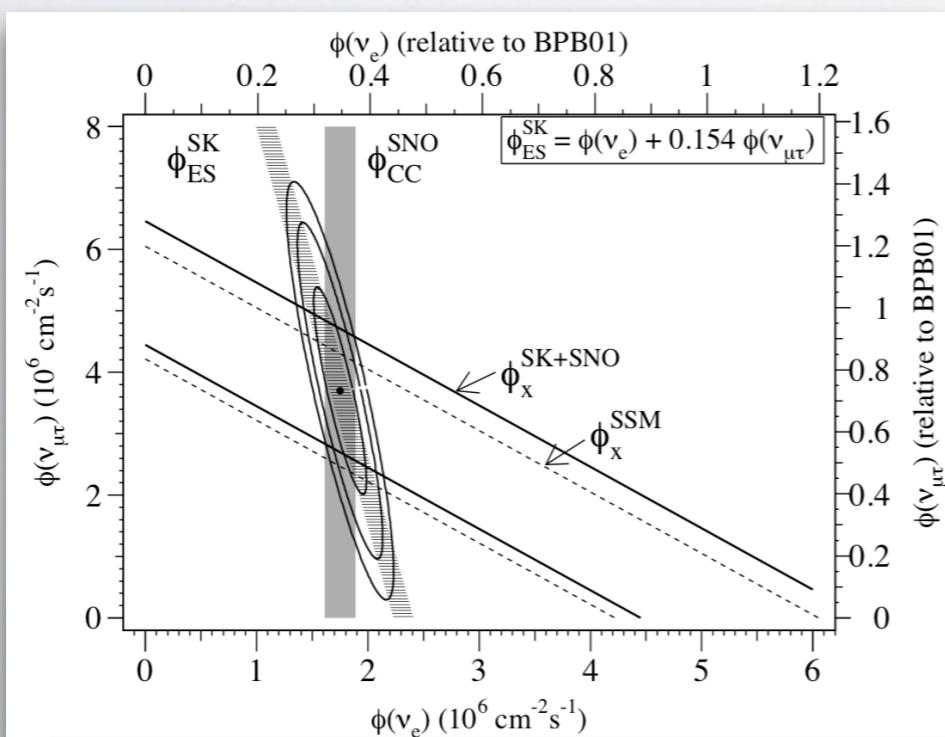
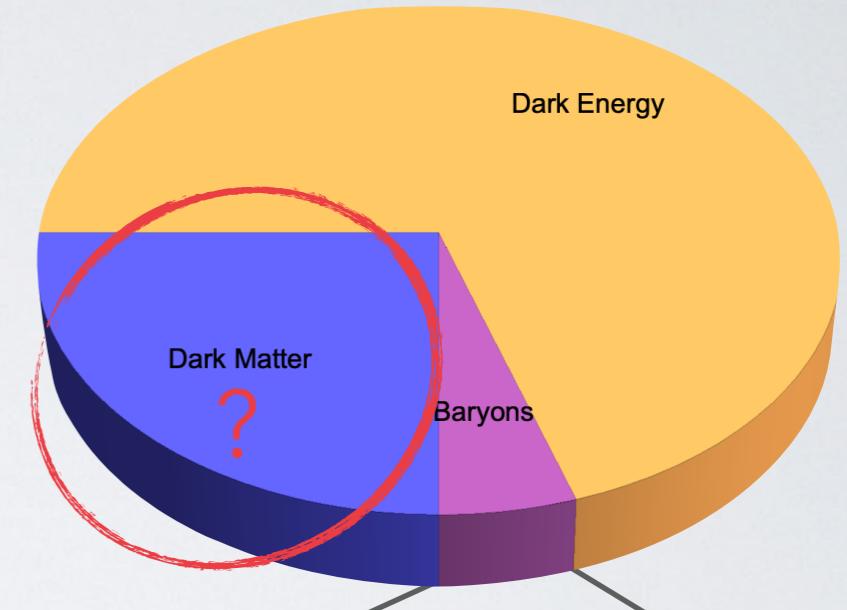
# WHY GO BEYOND THE SM?

Two obvious reasons:



[Planck Collaboration; 1807.06209]

CMB informs us  
about energy  
budget



Oscillations  
require  
massive  
neutrinos

A table listing the particles of the Standard Model, categorized into Quarks, Leptons, and Bosons (Forces).

	I	II	III	
mass → charge →	$2.4 \text{ MeV}$ $2/3$	$1.27 \text{ GeV}$ $2/3$	$171.2 \text{ GeV}$ $2/3$	$0$ $0$
name →	<b>u</b> up	<b>c</b> charm	<b>t</b> top	<b>g</b> gluon
Quarks	<b>d</b> down	<b>s</b> strange	<b>b</b> bottom	<b>γ</b> photon
	Left Right	Left Right	Left Right	Left Right
Leptons	<b>ν<sub>e</sub></b> electron neutrino	<b>ν<sub>μ</sub></b> muon neutrino	<b>ν<sub>τ</sub></b> tau neutrino	<b>Z</b> weak force
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Bosons (Forces)	<b>W</b> spin 1	<b>H</b> spin 0		
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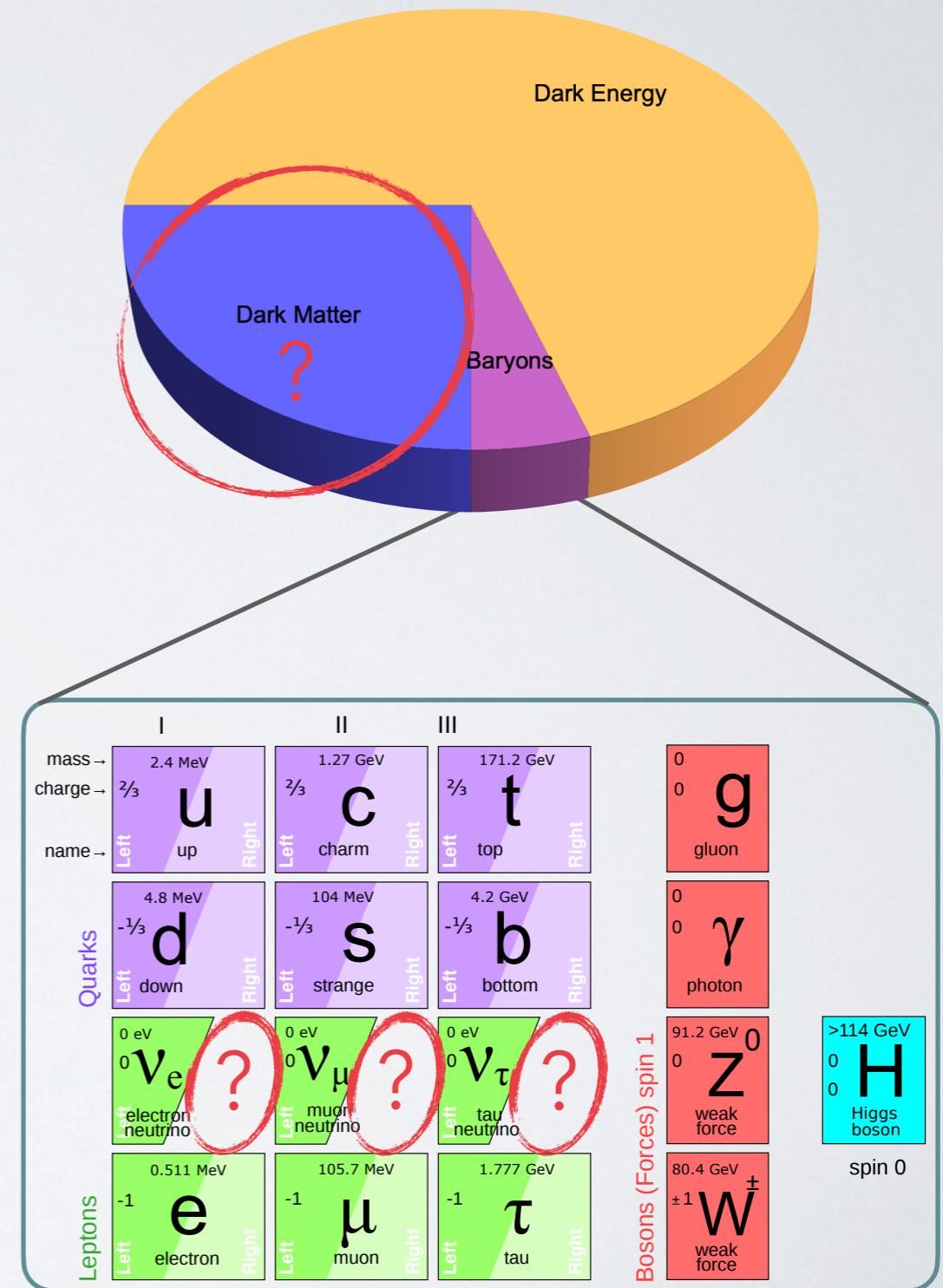
[SNO Collaboration PRL 87:071301]

[Gninenko et al., 1301.5516]

# WHY GO BEYOND THE SM?

Possible hints for New Physics:

- $(g - 2)_\mu$  **anomaly**
- **Flavour anomalies**  $R_{K^{(*)}}$  and  $R_{D^{(*)}}$   
(BaBar, Belle, LHCb)
- $H_0$  **tension**
- Cosmic ray **positron excess**  
(PAMELA, FermiLAT, AMS-02)
- **XENON1T** excess



# PORALS TO NEW PHYSICS

- Can build three renormalisable dim 4 portal interactions from the SM singlets  $H^\dagger H$ ,  $\bar{L}\tilde{H}$  and  $B_{\mu\nu}$  by combining them with  
Dark Sector singlets

Higgs Portal

$$\lambda_{HS} S^\dagger S H^\dagger H$$

Second part of talk!

Neutrino Portal

$$-Y^N \bar{L}\tilde{H} N$$

Vector Portal

$$-\frac{\epsilon_Y}{2} B_{\mu\nu} X^{\mu\nu}$$

Requires new  $U(1)_X$  symmetry

First part of talk!

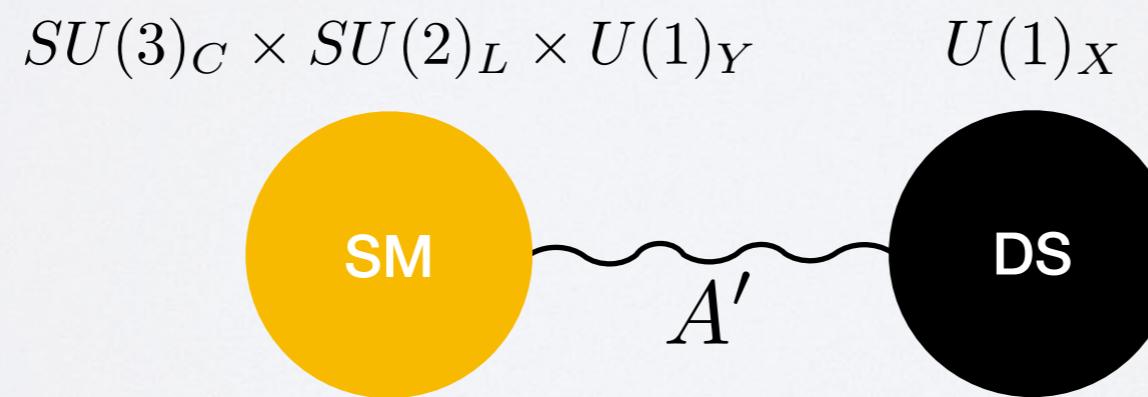
- Plus non-renormalisable dim-5 portal interaction:

Axion portal

$$\frac{G_{agg}}{4} a \text{Tr}[G_{\mu\nu} \tilde{G}^{\mu\nu}]$$

# A NEW DARK SYMMETRY

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# SECLUDED HIDDEN PHOTONS

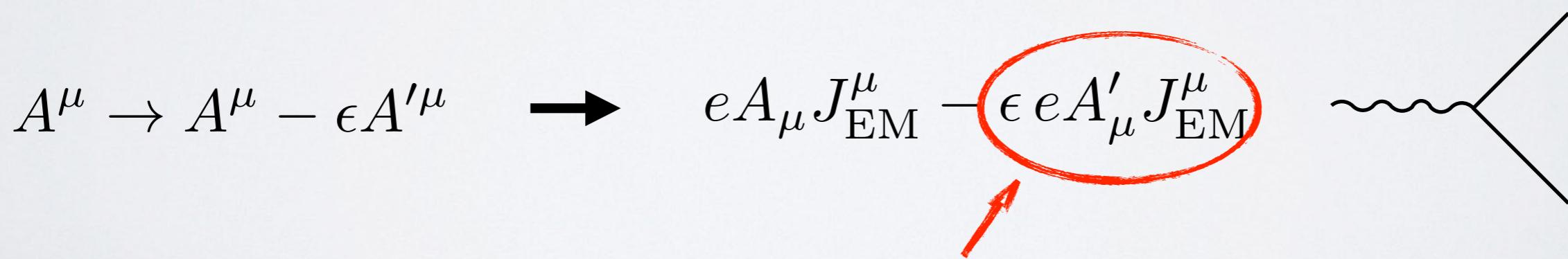
$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} - \frac{1}{4} X_{\mu\nu} X^{\mu\nu} - \frac{\epsilon}{2} B_{\mu\nu} X^{\mu\nu} - \frac{M_X^2}{2} X_\mu X^\mu - g_x J_\mu^X X^\mu$$

[Holdom; PLB 166, 196]

- Minimal choice is pure secluded U(1) symmetry with

$$J_X^\mu = 0$$

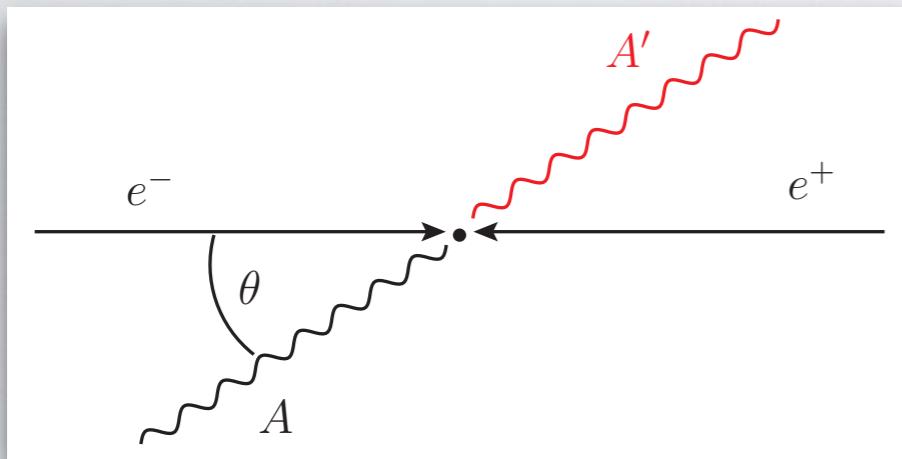
- For light mediators  $M_{A'} \ll M_W \sim \mathcal{O}(v)$  the kinetic mixing term in the mass basis can be diagonalised by the field redefinition:



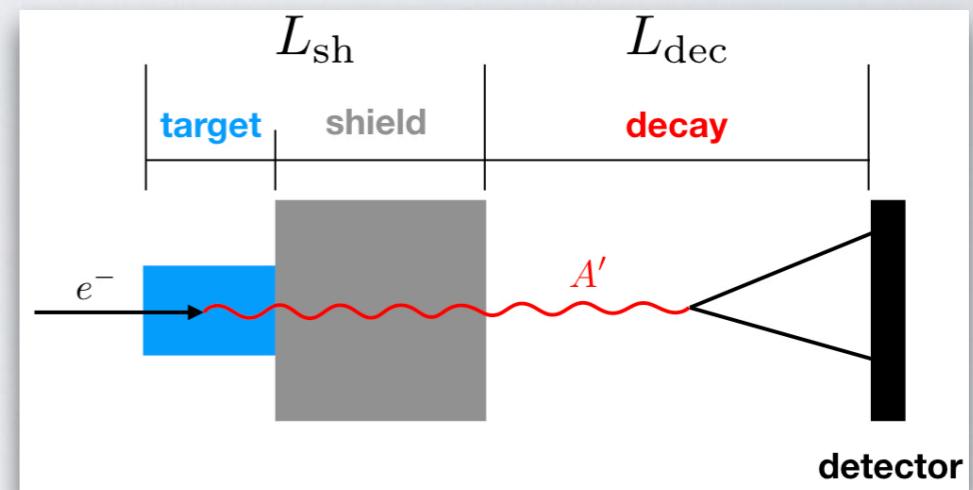
Hidden Photon couples to EM current suppressed by  $\epsilon$ !

# HIDDEN PHOTON SEARCHES

Colliders:

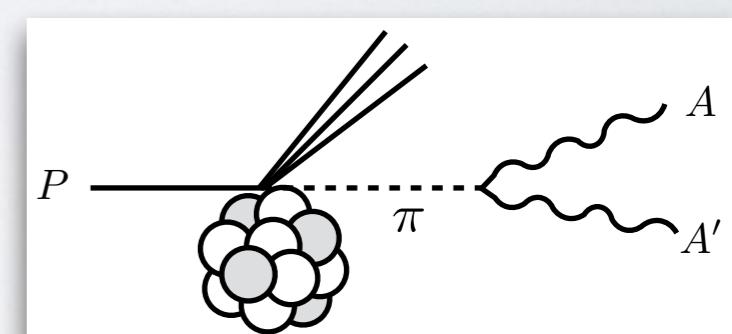
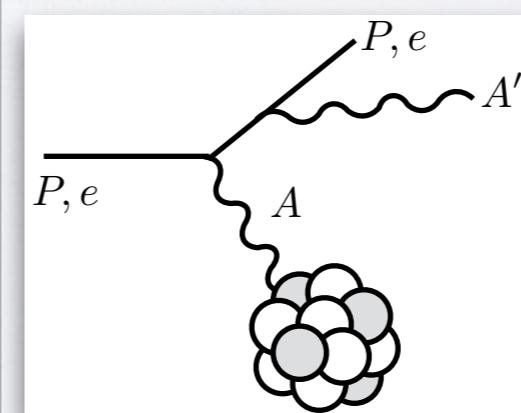
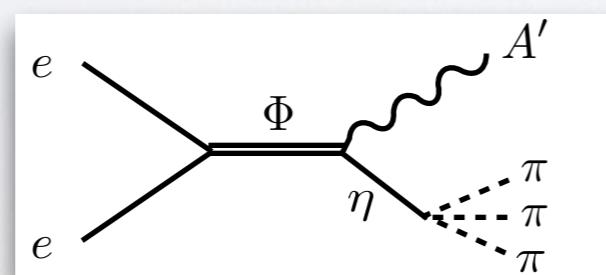
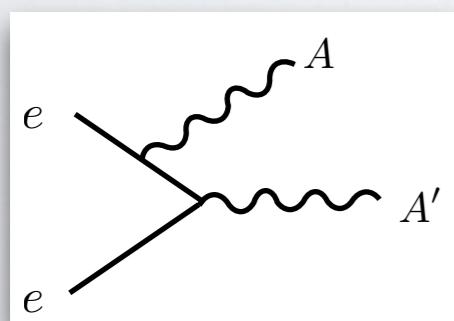


Beam dumps:



$$P_{\text{dec}} = e^{-\frac{L_{\text{sh}}}{\ell_{A'}}} \left( 1 - e^{-\frac{L_{\text{dec}}}{\ell_{A'}}} \right)$$

- Production:



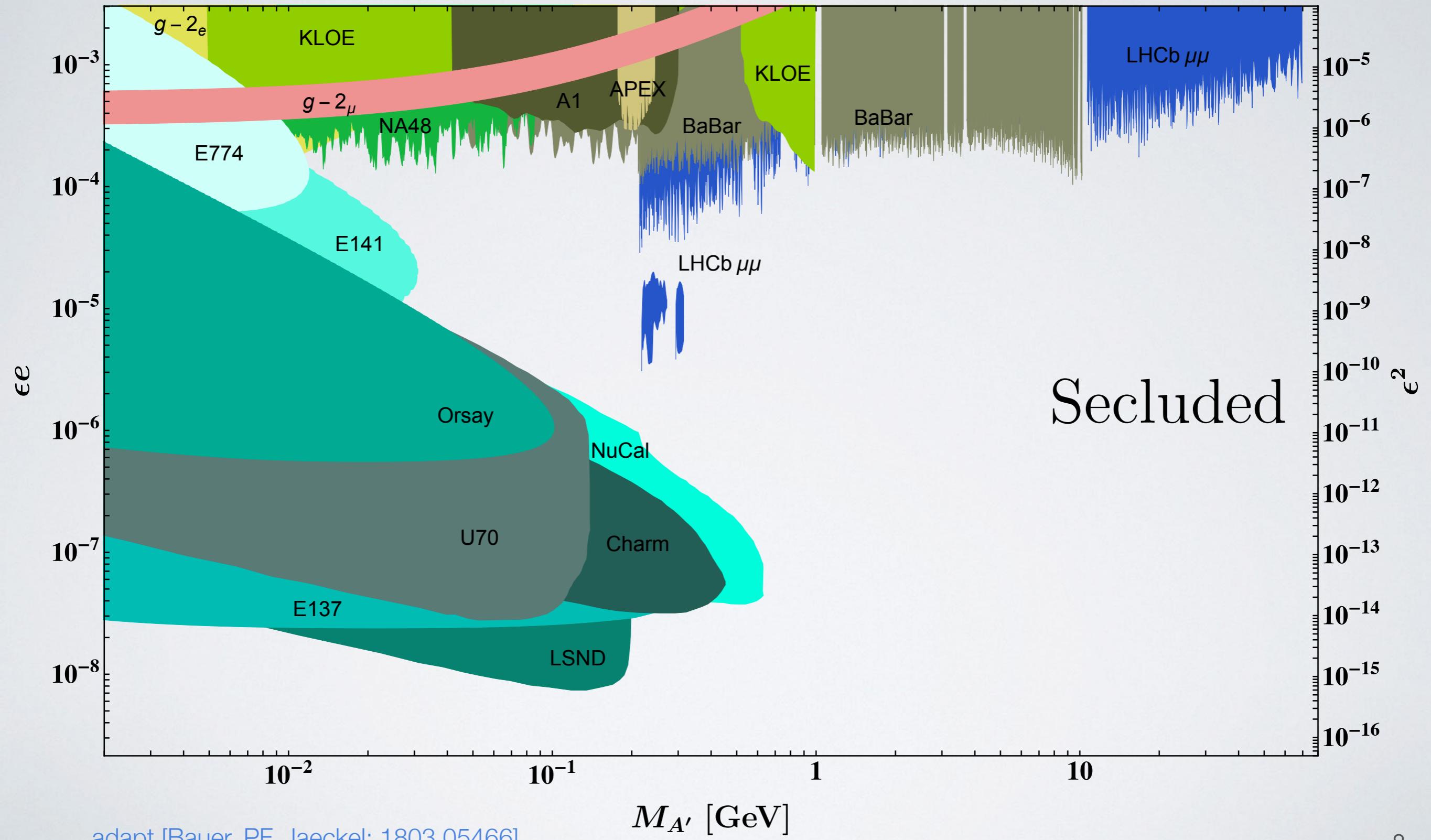
$$\mathcal{L}^{\text{coll}} \approx \mathcal{O}(10^{-1}) \text{ ab}^{-1} \text{yr}^{-1}$$

$$\sigma_{A'}^{\text{coll}} \propto \frac{\alpha^2 \epsilon^2}{E_{\text{CM}}^2}$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{\text{bd}} \approx \mathcal{O}(1) \text{ ab}^{-1} \text{d}^{-1}$$

$$\sigma_{A'}^{\text{bd}} \propto \frac{\alpha^3 Z^2 \epsilon^2}{M_{A'}^2}$$

# SECLUDED $U(1)_X$



# ANOMALY FREE GAUGE EXTENSIONS

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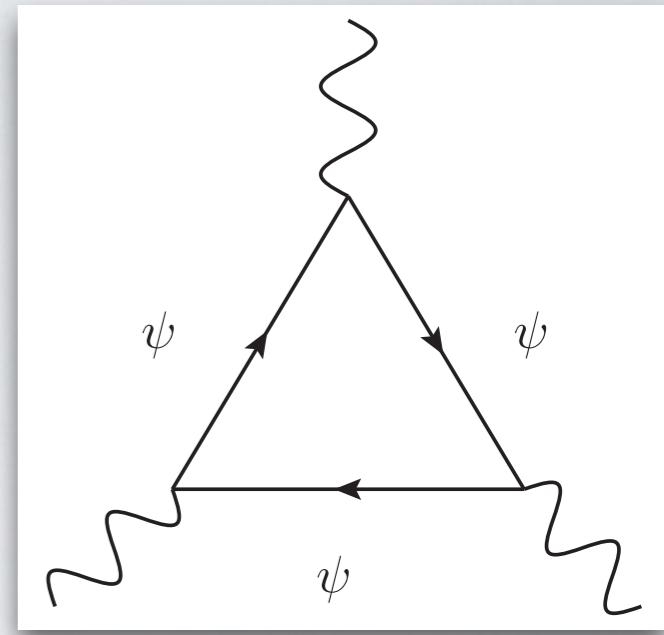
$$J_X^\mu \neq 0$$

# ANOMALY FREE MODELS

- Constraints on possible charge assignments of SM fields plus 3 RH neutrinos from **anomaly cancellation**:

$$J_X^\mu = \sum_\psi \bar{\psi} Q_\psi \gamma^\mu \psi \quad \text{with } \psi = Q, L, u, d, \ell, \nu$$

Define sum of family charges  $X_\psi^n = \sum_i^3 (Q_{\psi_i})^n$




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Anomaly	Charge combinations
$U(1)_X^3$	$2X_L^3 + 6X_Q^3 - X_\ell^3 - X_\nu^3 - 3(X_u^3 + X_d^3)$
$U(1)_X^2 U(1)_Y$	$2Y_L X_L^2 + 6Y_Q X_Q^2 - Y_\ell X_\ell^2 - Y_\nu X_\nu^2 - 3(Y_u X_u^2 + Y_d X_d^2)$
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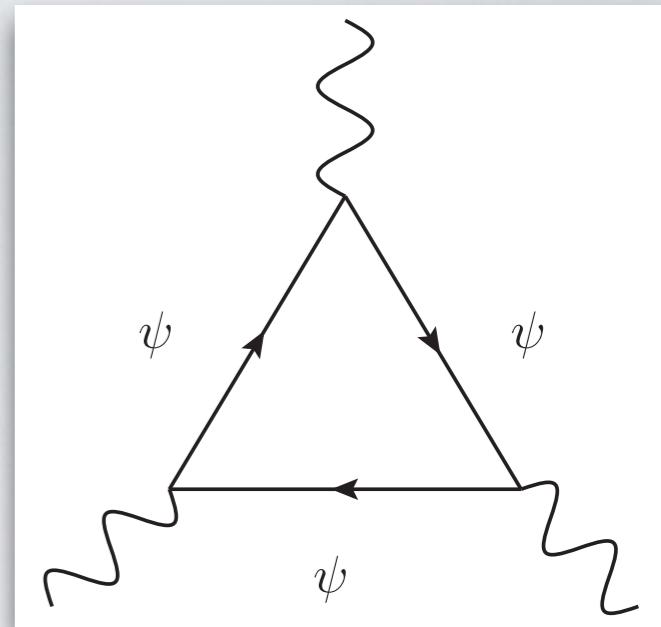
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- Additional constraints from **Yukawa terms**:

$$\mathcal{L}_Y = \frac{v}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_\psi \bar{\psi} y_\psi \psi$$

Anomaly	Charge combinations	with Yukawa constraints
$U(1)_X^3$	$2X_L^3 + 6X_Q^3 - X_\ell^3 - X_\nu^3 - 3(X_u^3 + X_d^3)$	$X_L^3 - X_\nu^3$
$U(1)_X^2 U(1)_Y$	$2Y_L X_L^2 + 6Y_Q X_Q^2 - Y_\ell X_\ell^2 - Y_\nu X_\nu^2 - 3(Y_u X_u^2 + Y_d X_d^2)$	0
$U(1)_X U(1)_Y^2$	$2Y_L^2 X_L + 6Y_Q^2 X_Q - Y_\ell^2 X_\ell - Y_\nu^2 X_\nu - 3(Y_u^2 X_u + Y_d^2 X_d)$	$-\frac{1}{2}(X_L + 3X_Q)$
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# DIRAC NEUTRINOS

- Structural invariance of Yukawa terms allows for **three different classes** of family charges

$$Q_\psi = (a, a, a) \quad (a, a, b) \quad (a, b, c)$$

and hence w.l.o.g.  $Q_Q = Q_u = Q_d$  and  $Q_L = Q_\ell = Q_\nu$

- After diagonalising the mass terms  $\bar{\psi}_L U_\psi M_\psi W_\psi^\dagger \psi_R$  final set of **constraints** from

$$V_{\text{CKM}} = U_u U_d^\dagger$$

$$V_{\text{PMNS}} = U_\ell U_\nu^\dagger$$

- In **absence** of **Majorana masses** (Dirac neutrinos) only  $a^3$  lepton charges can reproduce viable PMNS matrix! Thus:

$$X_{\text{leptons}} + 3X_{\text{quarks}} = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad U(1)_{B-L}$$

# MAJORANA NEUTRINOS

- All other anomaly free groups **must have Majorana neutrinos!**

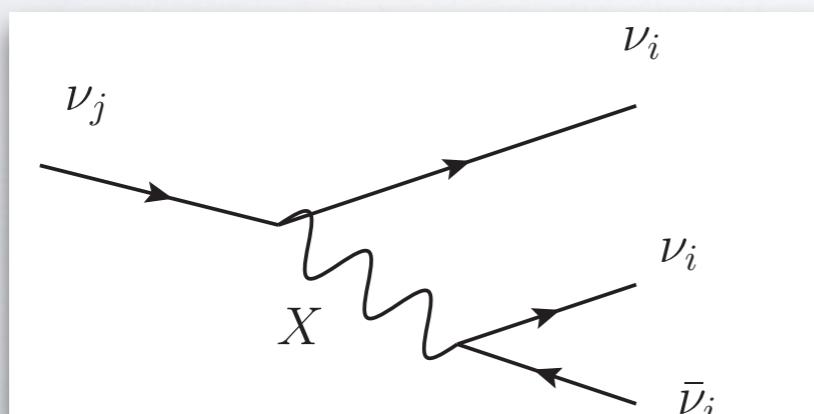
e.g.  $U(1)_{L_i - L_j}$  ,  $U(1)_{B - 3L_i}$  , ...

- Majorana mass terms induce **neutrino flavour changing couplings** of neutrino mass eigenstates

$$[Q_\ell, U_\nu^M] = [Q_\nu, U_\nu^M] \neq 0$$

$$\bar{\nu}_\alpha Q_{\alpha\alpha} \gamma^\mu \nu_\alpha X_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_i \underbrace{U_{i\alpha}^\dagger Q_{\alpha\alpha} U_{\alpha j}}_{Q_{ij}} \gamma^\mu \nu_j X_\mu$$

- This could in principle induce neutrino decays. Potentially interesting for astrophysical neutrinos



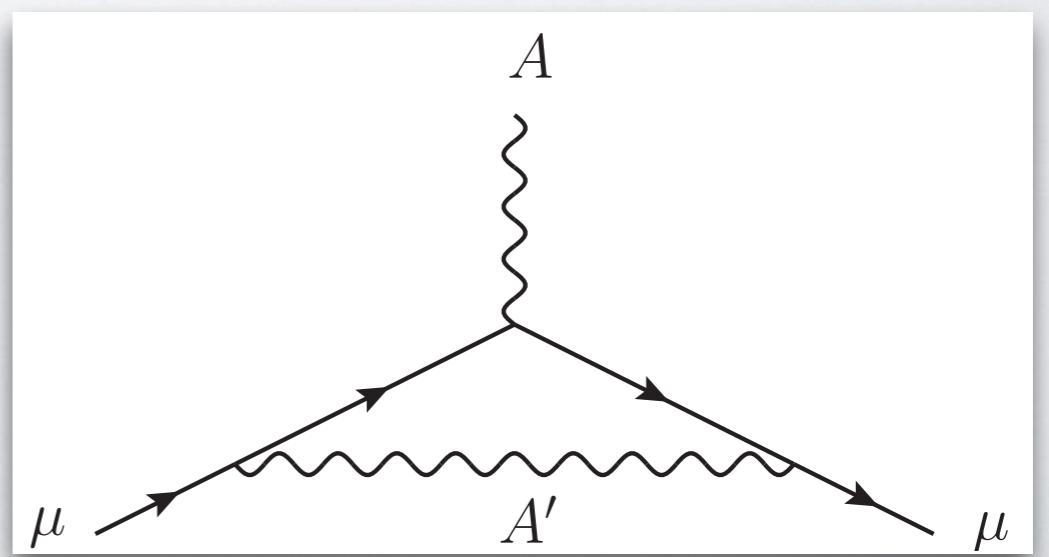
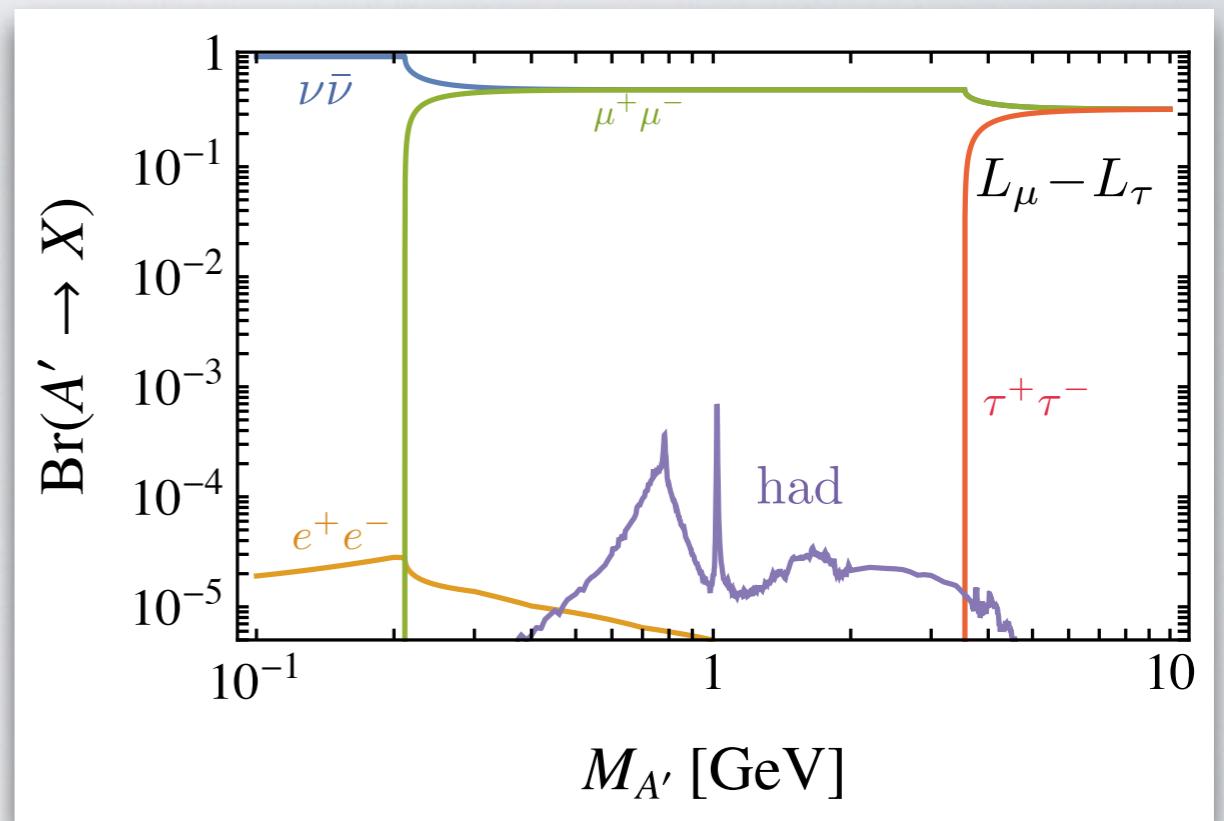
but  $\Gamma \propto \frac{g^2 m_\nu^5}{M_X^4}$  ⚡

# POPULAR EXAMPLE — $U(1)_{L_\mu - L_\tau}$

Why is this interesting?

- **No gauge interactions with ordinary matter!**
- Below dimuon threshold **only decays to neutrinos** (almost)
- Only minimal  $U(1)$  extension with viable  $(g - 2)_\mu$  **solution**

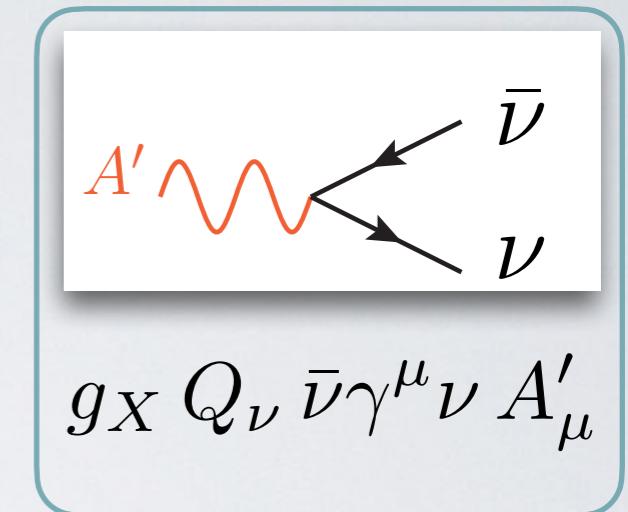
$$\Delta a_\mu = Q'_\mu'^2 \frac{\alpha'}{\pi} \int_0^1 du \frac{u^2(1-u)}{u^2 + \frac{(1-u)}{x_\mu^2}}$$



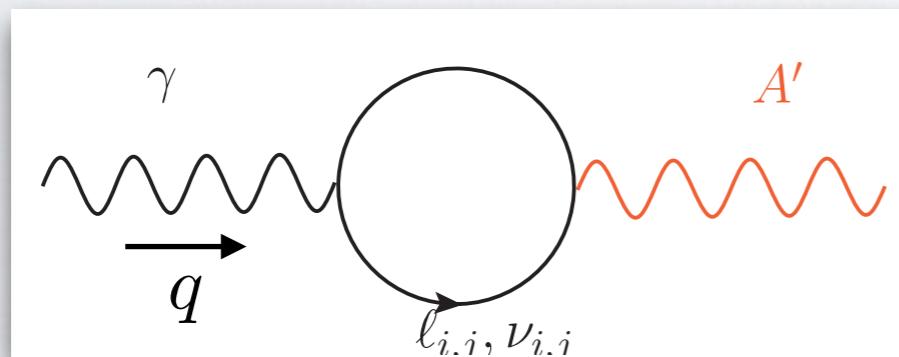
# GAUGING LEPTON SYMMETRIES

- Four extra anomaly-free groups within the SM (and combinations):

$L_\mu - L_e$	$L_e - L_\tau$	$L_\mu - L_\tau$
charging 1st & 2nd generation leptons	charging 1st & 3rd generation leptons	charging 2nd & 3rd generation leptons



- Loop-induced mixing is unavoidable!  
However, it is finite and calculable for  $L_i - L_j$ :

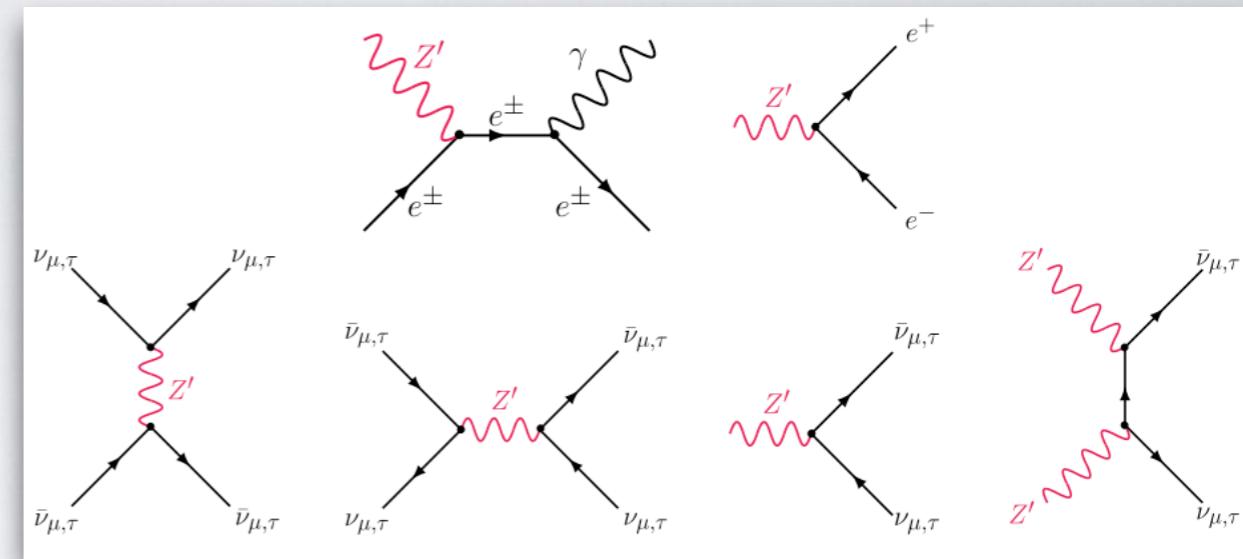


$$\Rightarrow \frac{\epsilon_{ij}(q^2)}{2} F^{\mu\nu} F'_{\mu\nu}$$

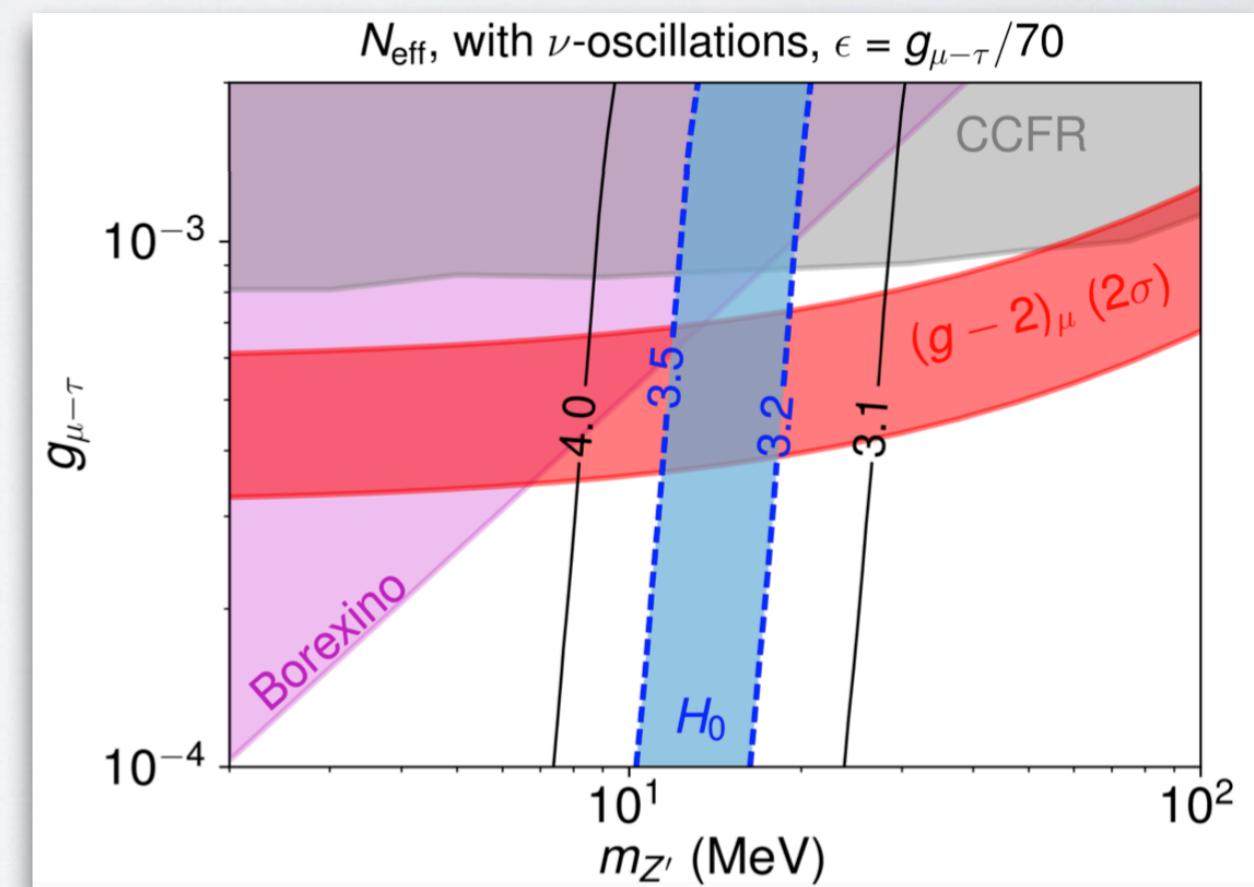
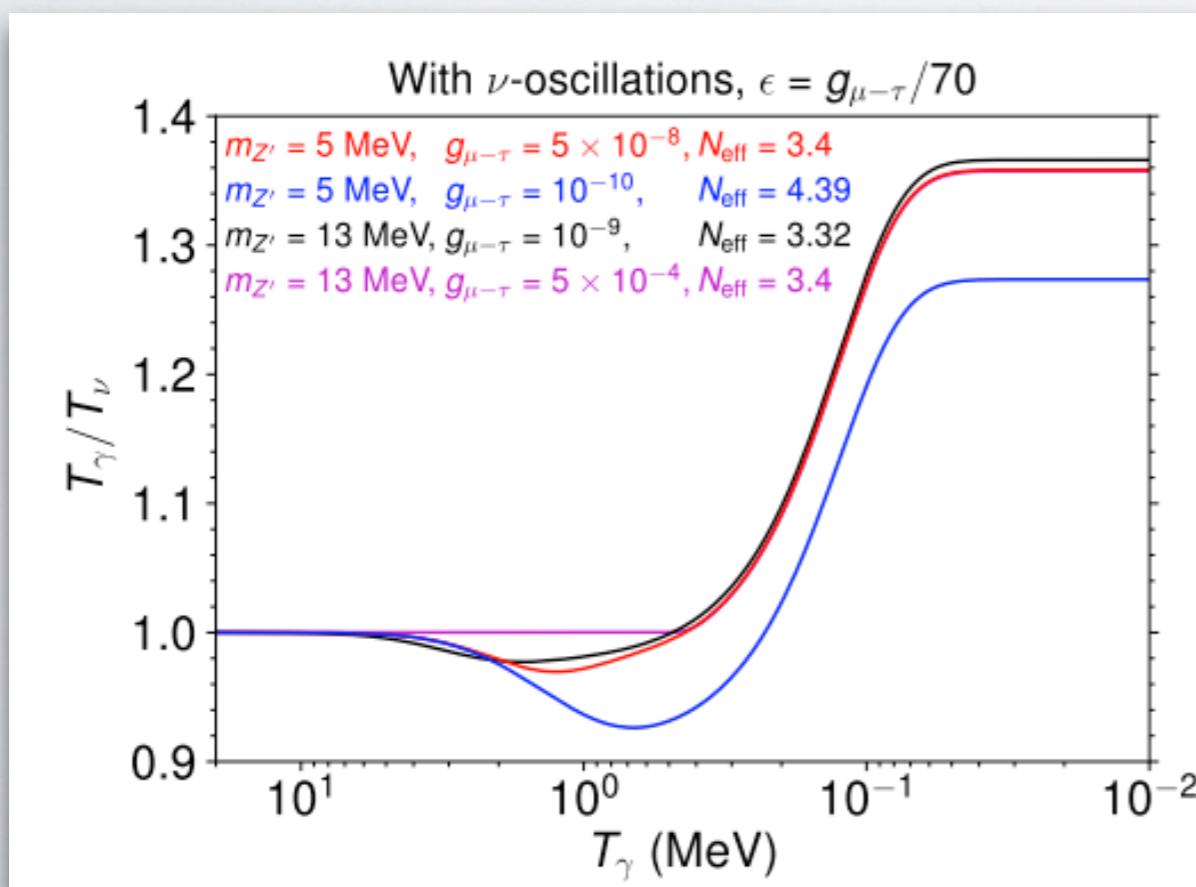
$$\epsilon_{ij}(q^2) = \frac{e g_{ij}}{2\pi^2} \int_0^1 dx x(1-x) \left[ \log \left( \frac{m_i^2 - x(1-x)q^2}{m_j^2 - x(1-x)q^2} \right) \right]$$

# NEUTRINOS AND HUBBLE

- Decay of  $A'$  heats neutrino gas and delays the decoupling  
 $\Rightarrow$  increase of  $N_{\text{eff}}$  at early times

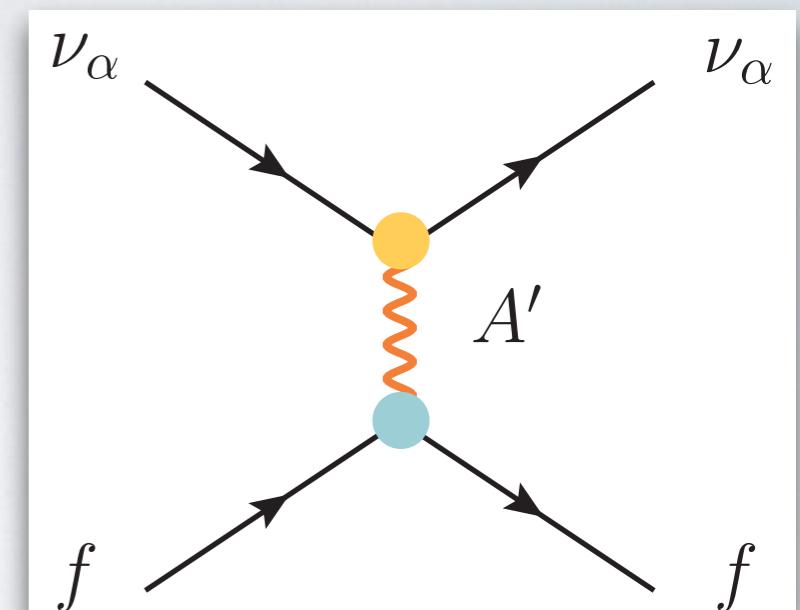


- Leads to larger  $H_0$



# NEUTRINO INTERACTIONS

- QUESTION: Can we utilise gauge-neutrino interactions to test this interesting parameter space?
- IDEA:  $A'$  contributes to **neutrino-electron and -nucleus scattering** via kinetic mixing.
- Can be effectively treated as NSI interaction:

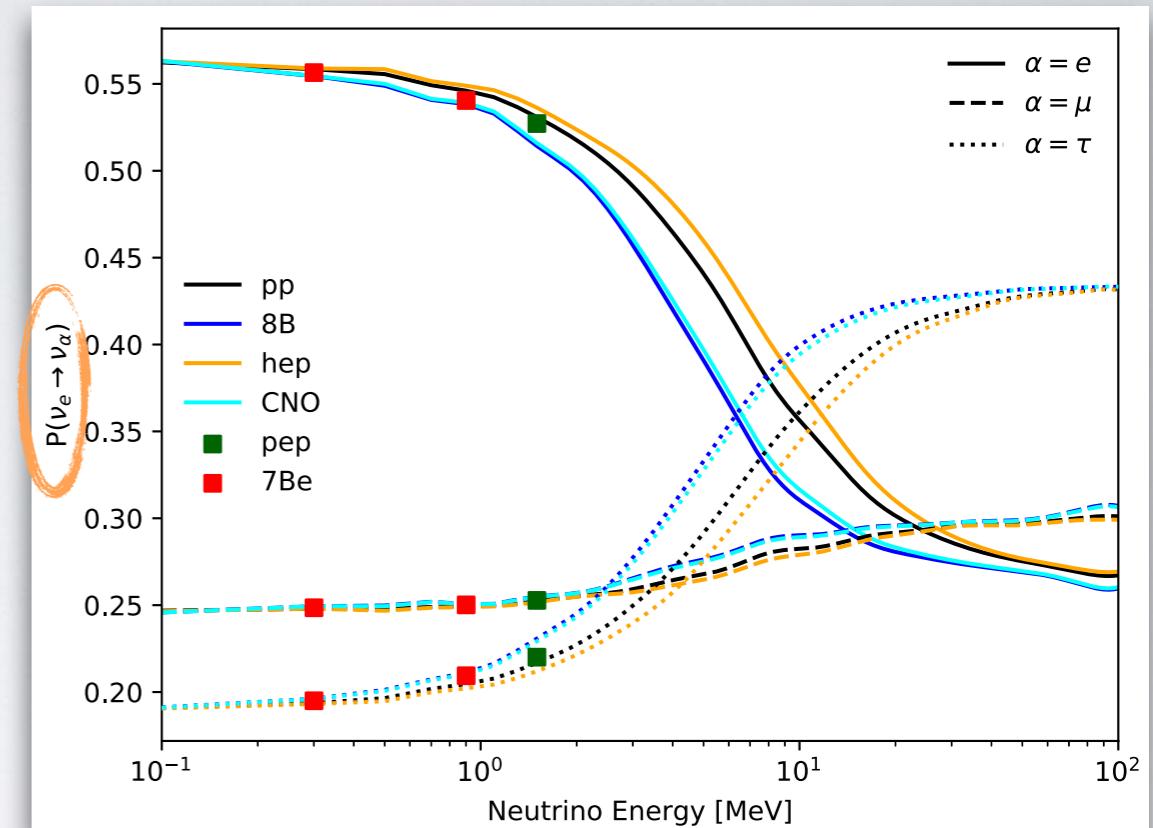
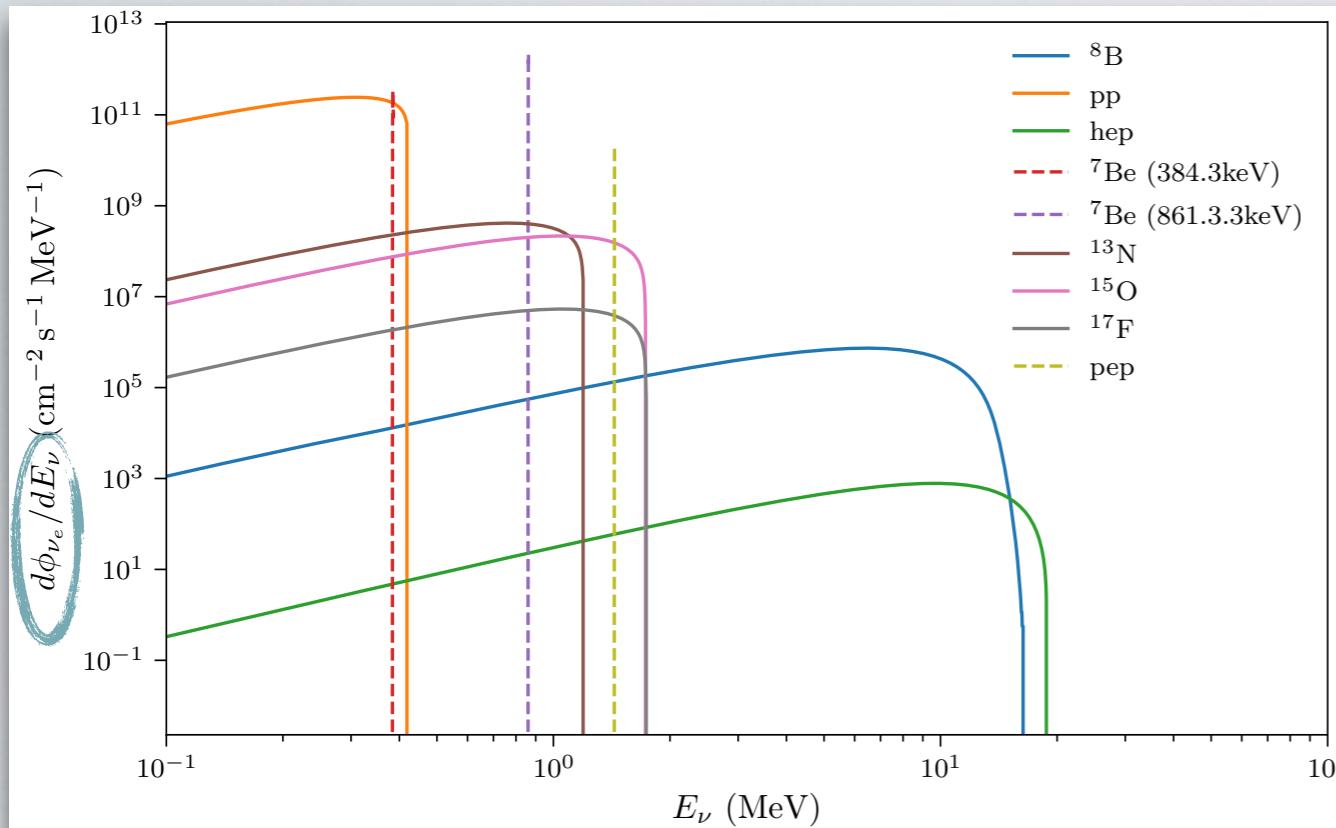


$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{NSI}} = -2\sqrt{2} G_F \sum_{\substack{f=u,d,e \\ \alpha=e,\mu,\tau}} \varepsilon_{\alpha\alpha}^{fP} [\bar{\nu}_\alpha \gamma_\rho P_L \nu_\alpha] [\bar{f} \gamma^\rho P f]$$

with

$$\varepsilon_{\alpha\alpha}^{fP}(E_R) = -\frac{g_{\mu\tau} Q'_{\nu_\alpha} e \epsilon_{\mu\tau} Q_f^{\text{EM}}}{2\sqrt{2} G_F (2m_f E_R + M_{A'}^2)}$$

# SOLAR NEUTRINO SCATTERING



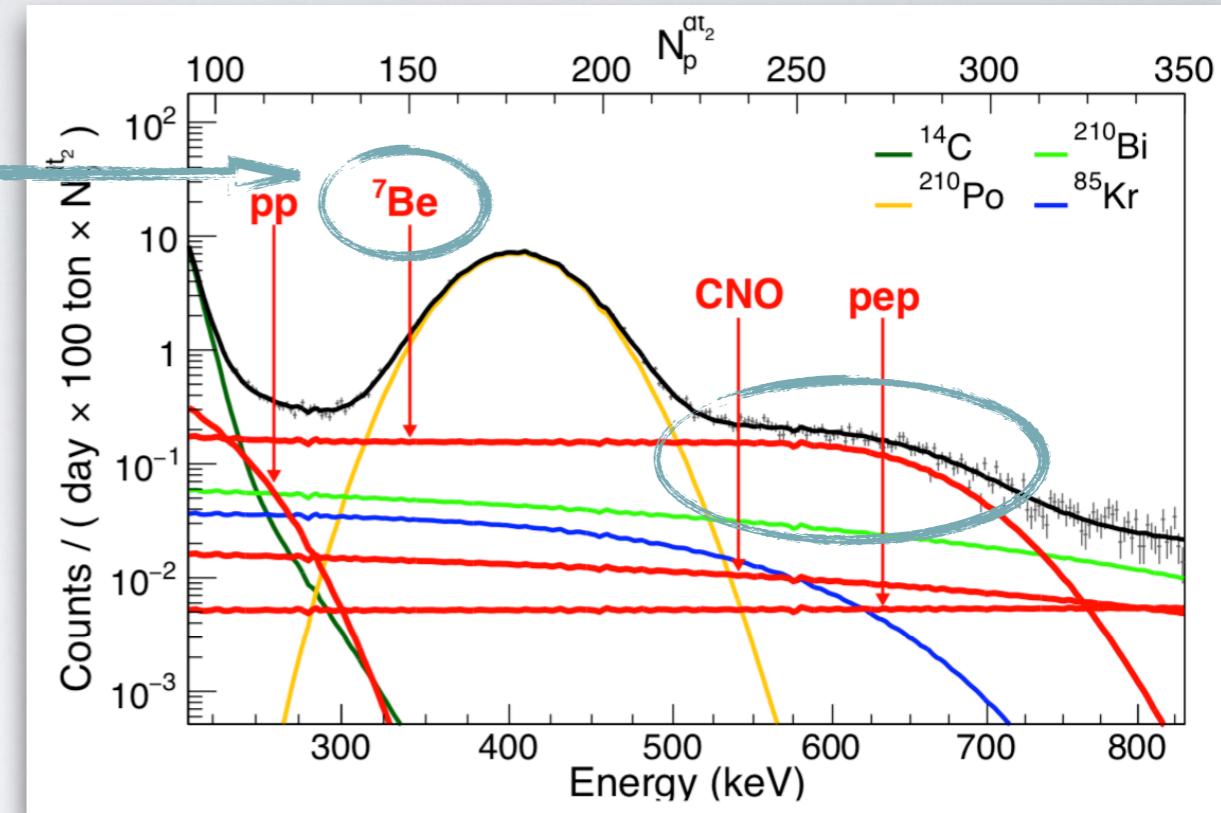
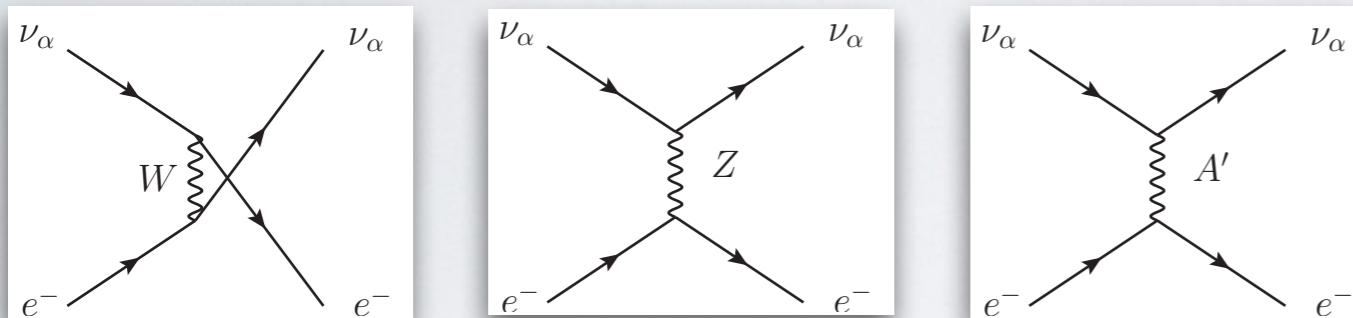
[Amaral, Cerdeno, PF, Reid; 2006.11225]

- Solar neutrinos produced in various processes, but initially always in electron flavour.
- In-medium oscillation within solar matter dominantes flavour composition reaching earth
- Total counts in scattering experiment given by

$$N = \varepsilon n_T \int_{E_{\text{th}}}^{E_{\text{max}}} \sum_{\nu_\alpha} \int_{E_\nu^{\text{min}}} \frac{d\phi_{\nu_e}}{dE_\nu} P(\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_\alpha) \frac{d\sigma_{\nu_\alpha T}}{dE_R} dE_\nu dE_R$$

# BOREXINO

- Borexino measured the  ${}^7\text{Be}$  flux very precisely in its Phase I and II runs.



- In the NSI formulation we have:

Phase II [Borexino; PRD 100, 082004]

Phase I [Borexino; PRL 107, 141302]

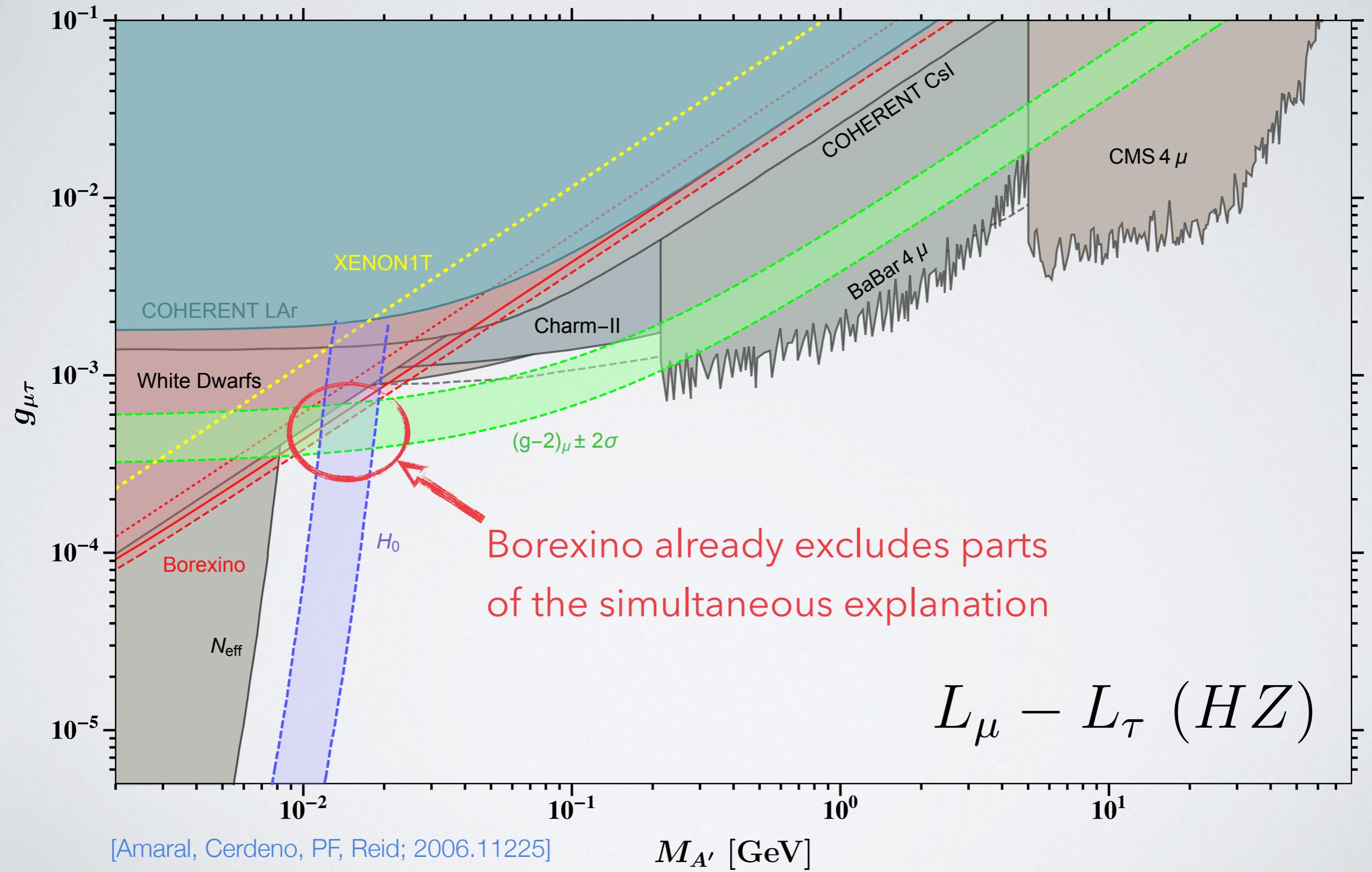
$$\frac{d\sigma_{\nu_\alpha e}}{dE_R} = \frac{2G_F^2 m_e}{\pi} \left[ (g_1^\alpha)^2 + (g_2^\alpha)^2 \left( 1 - \frac{E_R}{E_\nu} \right)^2 - g_1^\alpha g_2^\alpha \frac{m_e E_R}{E_\nu^2} \right]$$

with

$$g_1^\alpha = \begin{cases} 1 + g_L^e + \varepsilon_{\alpha\alpha}^{eL}, & \text{for } \alpha = e \\ g_L^e + \varepsilon_{\alpha\alpha}^{eL}, & \text{for } \alpha = \mu, \tau \end{cases}$$

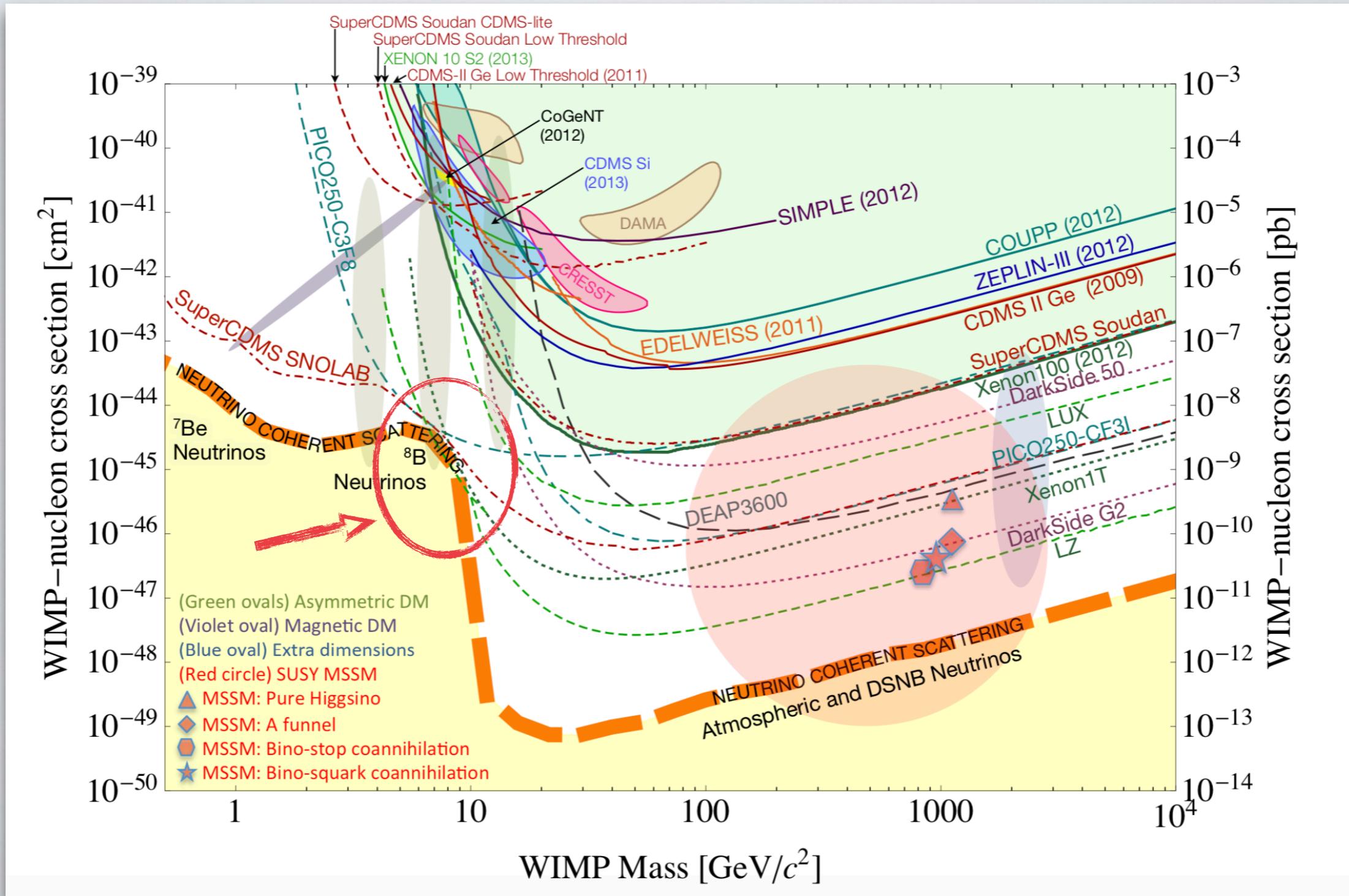
$$g_2^\alpha = g_R^e + \varepsilon_{\alpha\alpha}^{eR}$$

# $U(1)_{L_\mu - L_\tau}$ — CURRENT



# NEUTRINO FLOOR

- Direct detection experiments will become sensitive to solar neutrino scattering (in particular coherent scattering)



# DIRECT DETECTION

- Future low-threshold DD experiments will be sensitive to NR and ER of solar neutrino scattering
- Coherent neutrino-nucleus scattering:

$$\frac{d\sigma_{\nu_\alpha N}}{dE_R} = \frac{G_F^2 M_N}{\pi} \left(1 - \frac{M_N E_R}{2E_\nu^2}\right) \left\{ G_{\nu N}^{\text{SM}} + 2 G_{\nu N}^{\text{SM}} G_{\nu_\alpha N}^{\text{NSI}} + G_{\nu_\alpha N}^{\text{NSI}} \right\} F^2(E_R)$$

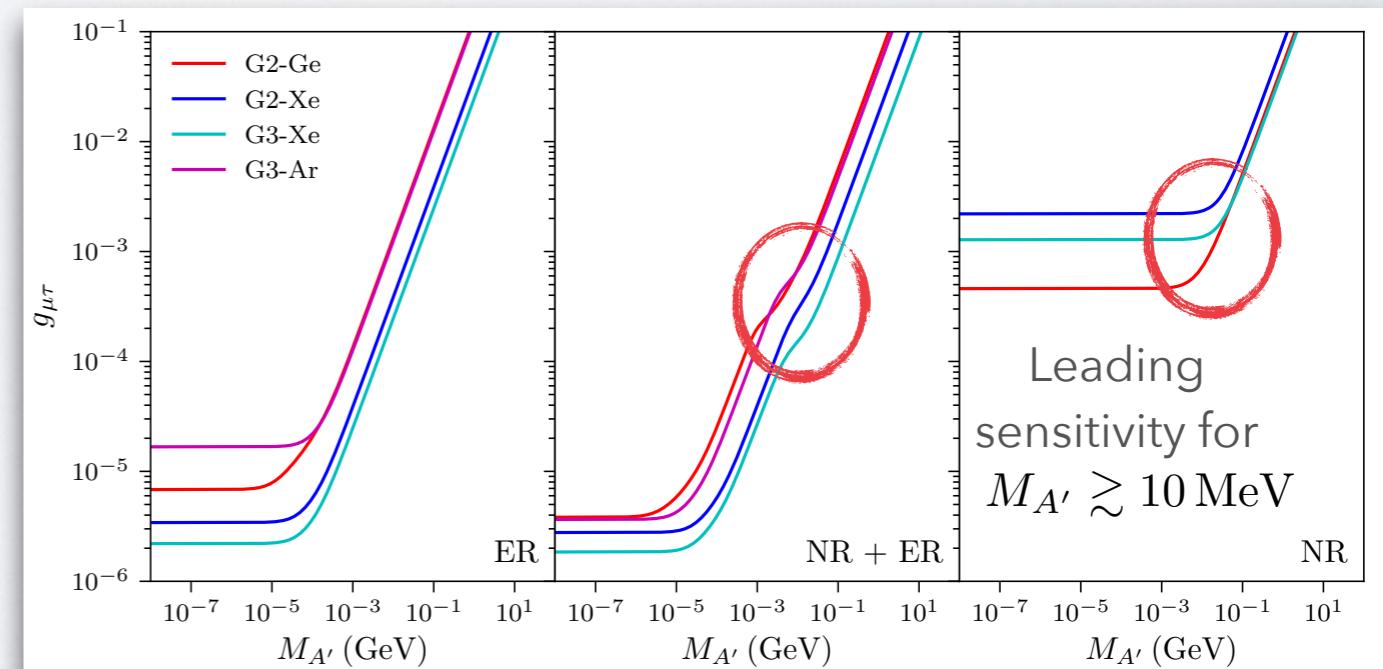
with

$$G_{\nu N}^{\text{SM}} = -\frac{1}{2} [N - (1 - 4 s_w^2) Z]$$

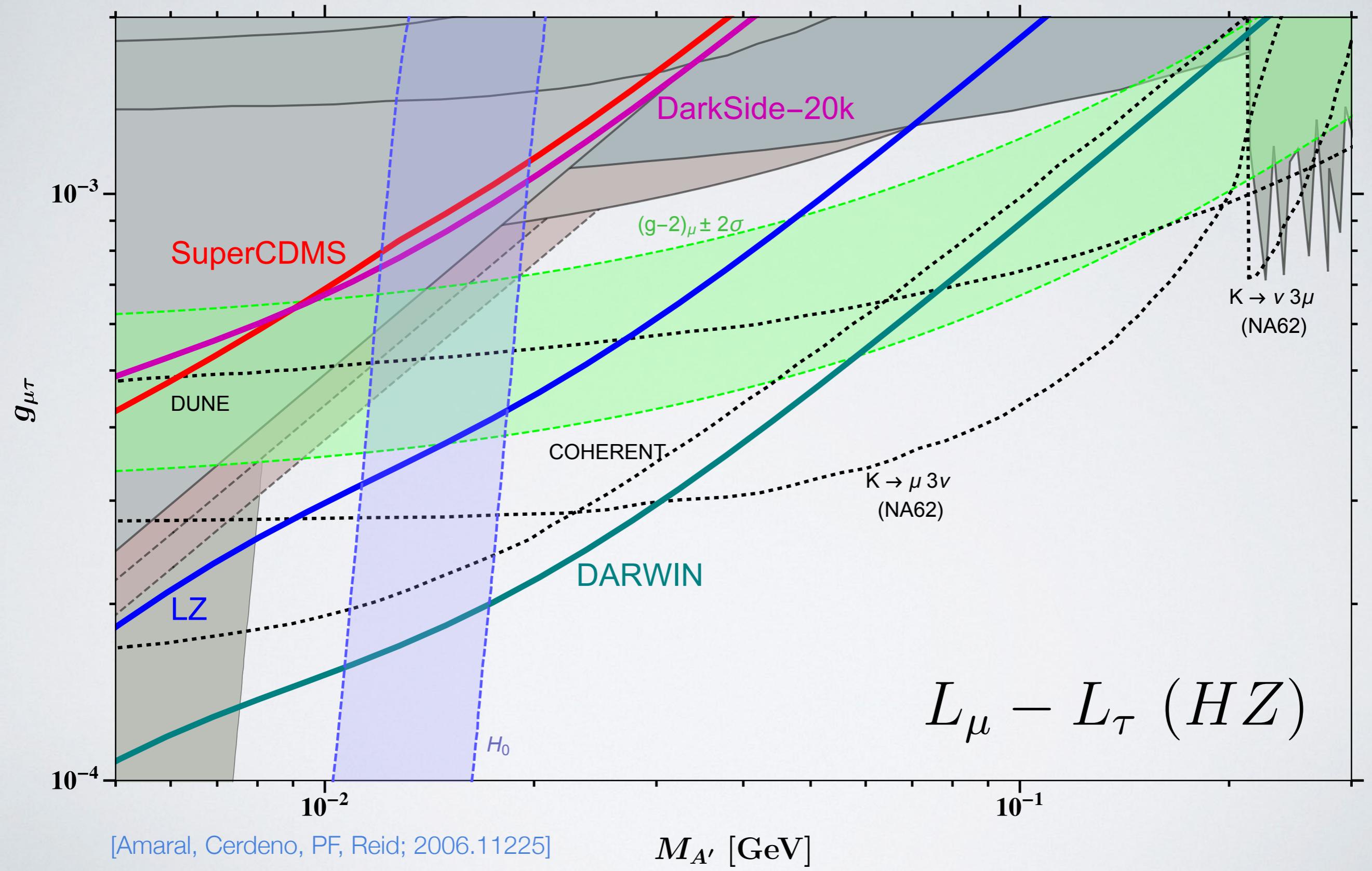
$$G_{\nu_\alpha N}^{\text{NSI}} = -\frac{e \epsilon g_{\mu\tau} Q'_{\nu_\alpha}}{\sqrt{2} G_F (2 E_R M_T + M_{A'}^2)} Z$$

Experiment	$\varepsilon$ (t·yr)	NR (keV <sub>nr</sub> )	ER (keV <sub>ee</sub> )	NR + ER (keV <sub>nr</sub> )
G2-Ge (SuperCDMS iZIP)	0.056	[0.272, 10.4]	[0.120, 50]	-
(SuperCDMS HV)	0.044	-	-	
G2-Xe (LZ)	15	[3, 5.8]	[2, 30]	[0.7, 100]
G3-Xe (DARWIN)	200	[3, 5.8]	[2, 30]	[0.6, 100]
G3-Ar (DarkSide-20k)	100	-	[7, 50]	[0.6, 15]

cannot discriminate NR only



# $U(1)_{L_\mu - L_\tau}$ — FUTURE



# SUMMARY PART I

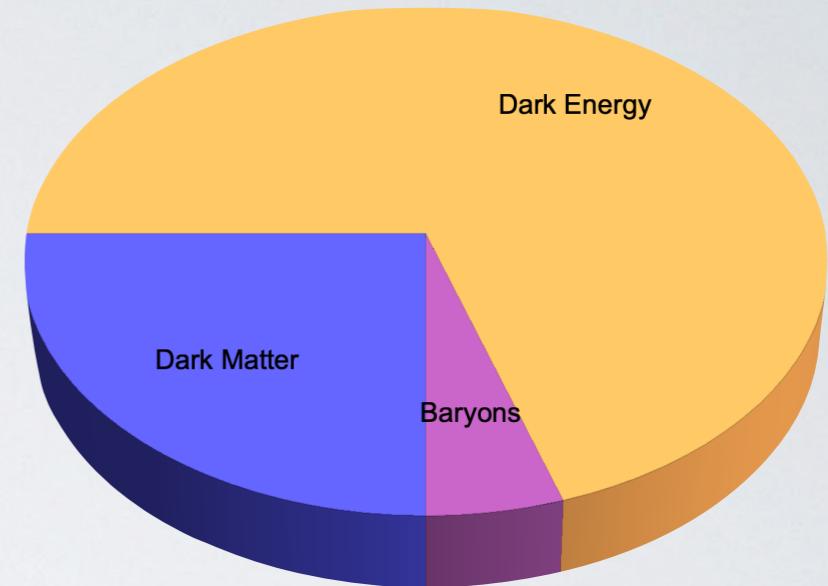
- General minimal **phenomenologically viable  $U(1)$**  models require **Majorana neutrinos**
- **Neutrinos** will play a special role to **test flavour structure** of these models (in particular FCNCs)
- **Solar neutrino scattering** at Borexino excludes part of joint  $H_0$  and  $(g - 2)_\mu$  explanation within  $U(1)_{L_\mu - L_\tau}$
- In the **future direct detection experiments** become sensitive to this explanation, in particular in NR. **Increasing exposure** is more favourable than lowering the threshold to gain sensitivity.

# ULTRALIGHT DM

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# QUICK REMINDER ABOUT DM

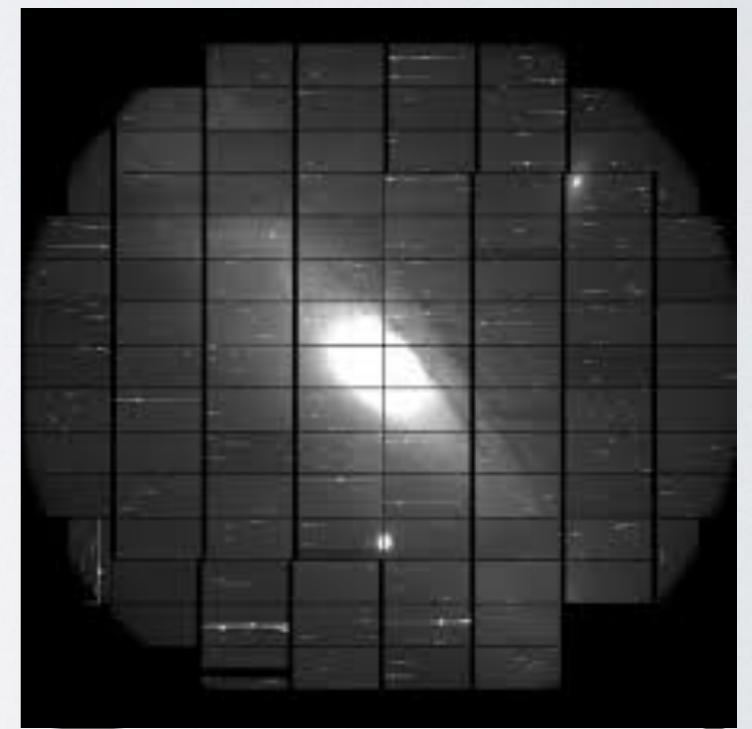
1. Stable, cold, (almost) collisionless, dissipationless substance
2. Interacts (only?) gravitationally
3. Makes up ~25 % of the energy density of the universe
4. Mass ?



[Niikura et al., Nat. Astr. 3 (2019) 6]

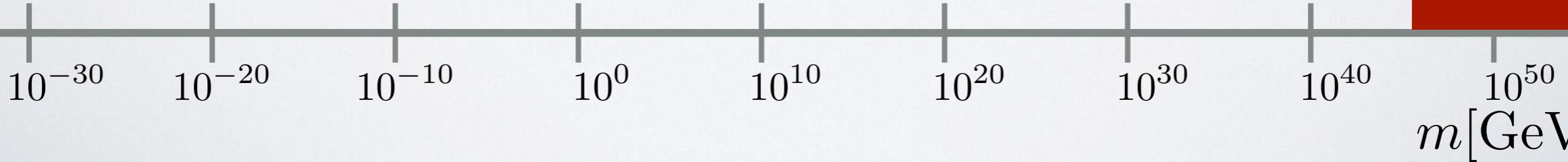
microlensing  
searches of  
PBHs

$$m \lesssim 10^{46} \text{ GeV}$$



Galaxy formation  
 $\lambda_{dB} = \frac{2\pi}{mv} \lesssim 100 \text{ kpc}$   
 $m \gtrsim 10^{-24} \text{ eV}$

[Hlozek et al., PRD 91 (2015)]



# THE FUZZY DM PARADIGM

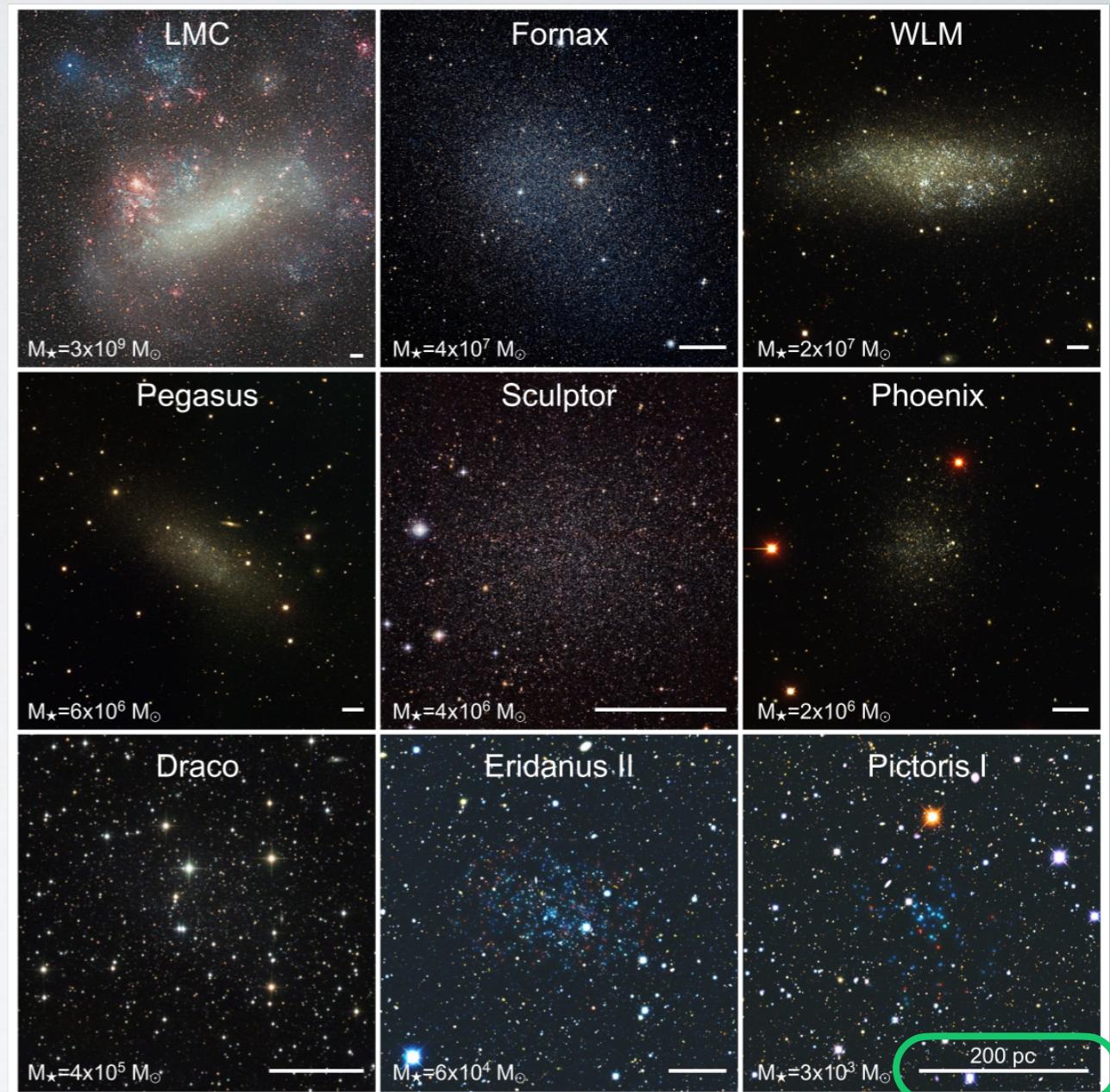
## Dwarf galaxies

- Standard CDM typically produces too much small scale structure
- Can be suppressed if DM de Broglie wavelength prohibits small scale structures:

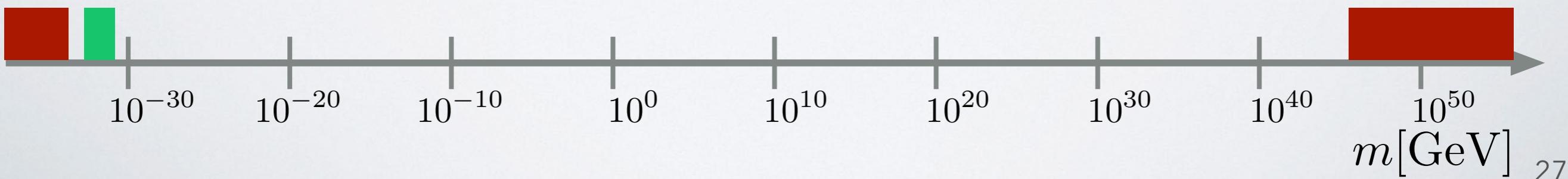
$$m_{\text{DM}} \approx 10^{-22} \text{ eV} \Rightarrow \lambda_{\text{dB}} \gtrsim 1 \text{ kpc}$$

[Hu, Barkana, Gruzinov, PRL 85 (2000)]

Better fit to small scale structure!

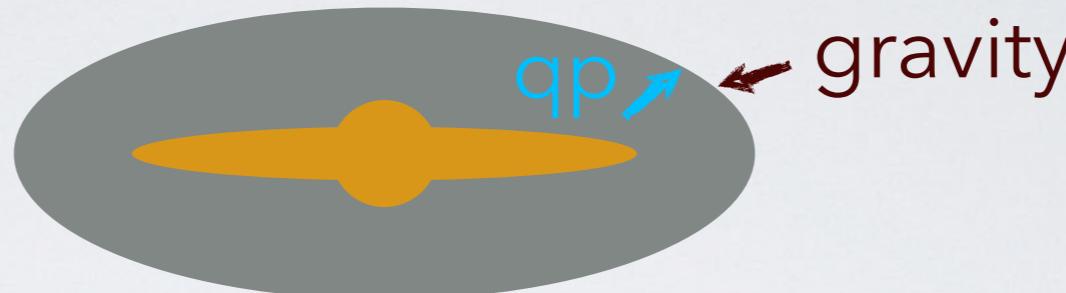


[Bullock et al., Ann.Rev.Astron.Astrophys. 55 (2017)]

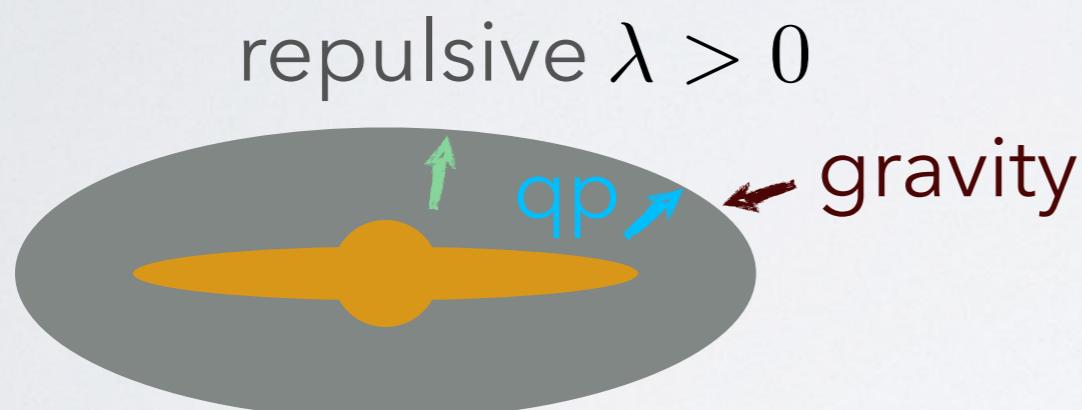


# THE FUZZY DM PARADIGM

- Small scale is set by a balance of gravity and quantum pressure:

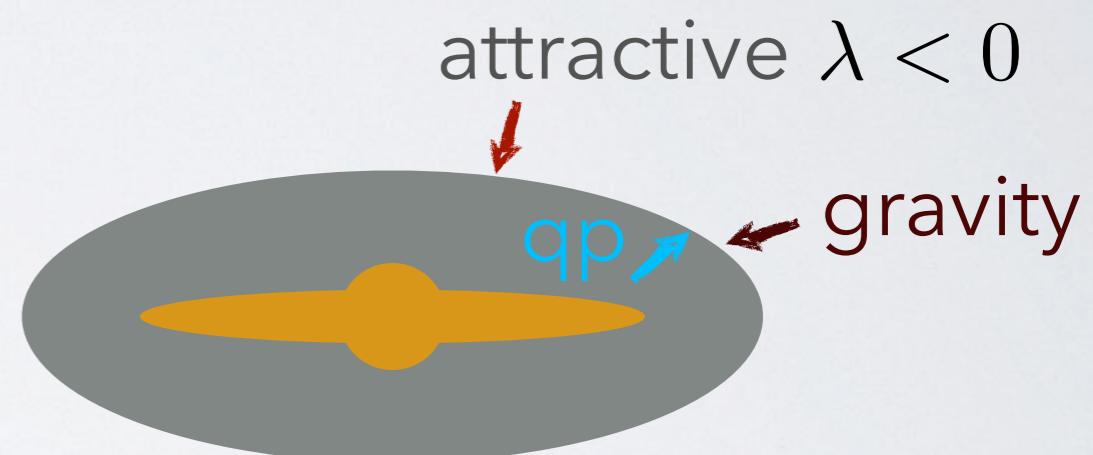


- Self-interactions may drastically alter situation:



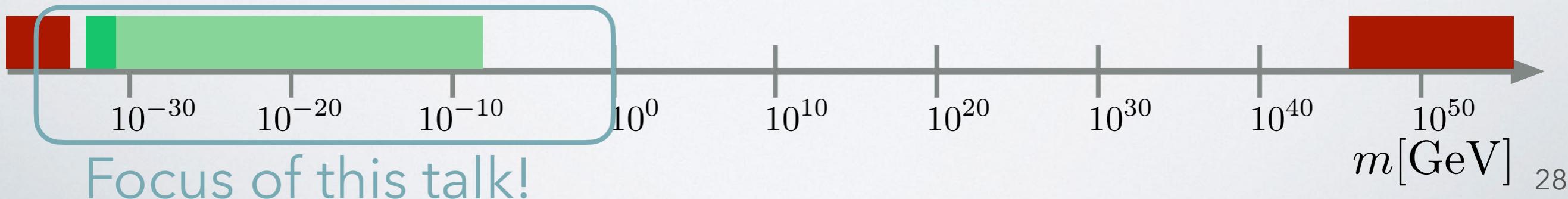
Relaxed mass range: [Ferreira, 2005.03254]

$$m_{\text{DM}} \approx 10^{-22} - 1 \text{ eV}$$



Instabilities!

[Guth et al. PRD **92**, 2015 ]



# QFT TOY MODELS FOR FUZZY DM

- Typical searches for Fuzzy DM (FDM) employ their properties of a classical background field.
- **QUESTION:** Can we write down QFT models for this kind of DM and learn something about the microscopic properties?
- **STRATEGY:** Explore complementary search strategies using the particle properties of QFT toy models:
  - FDM can be **scalar**  $s$  or **pseudo-scalar**  $a$
  - **Coupled** to SM via **Higgs**  $H$  or **new heavy singlet mediator**  $\phi$

# 1. SCALAR DM — HIGGS PORTAL

- Most economic way to couple fuzzy DM to SM via Higgs Portal:

$$\mathcal{L} \supset \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu s \partial^\mu s - \frac{1}{2} m_s^2 s^2 - \frac{1}{4!} \lambda_s s^4 - \frac{1}{2} \lambda_{hs} s^2 H^\dagger H$$

- DM is protected by a  $Z_2$  symmetry and has positively bounded potential  $\lambda_s > 0$ 
  - ⇒ FDM can have wide mass range (but for no good reason) due to repulsive self-interactions
- In the FDM regime momenta are small and the occupation numbers are huge
$$n \lambda_{dB}^3 \approx 6.35 \cdot 10^5 \left( \frac{\text{eV}}{m} \right)^4$$
  - ⇒ can be treated as a classical wave!

How do we search for wave DM?

# 1. SCALAR DM — HIGGS PORTAL

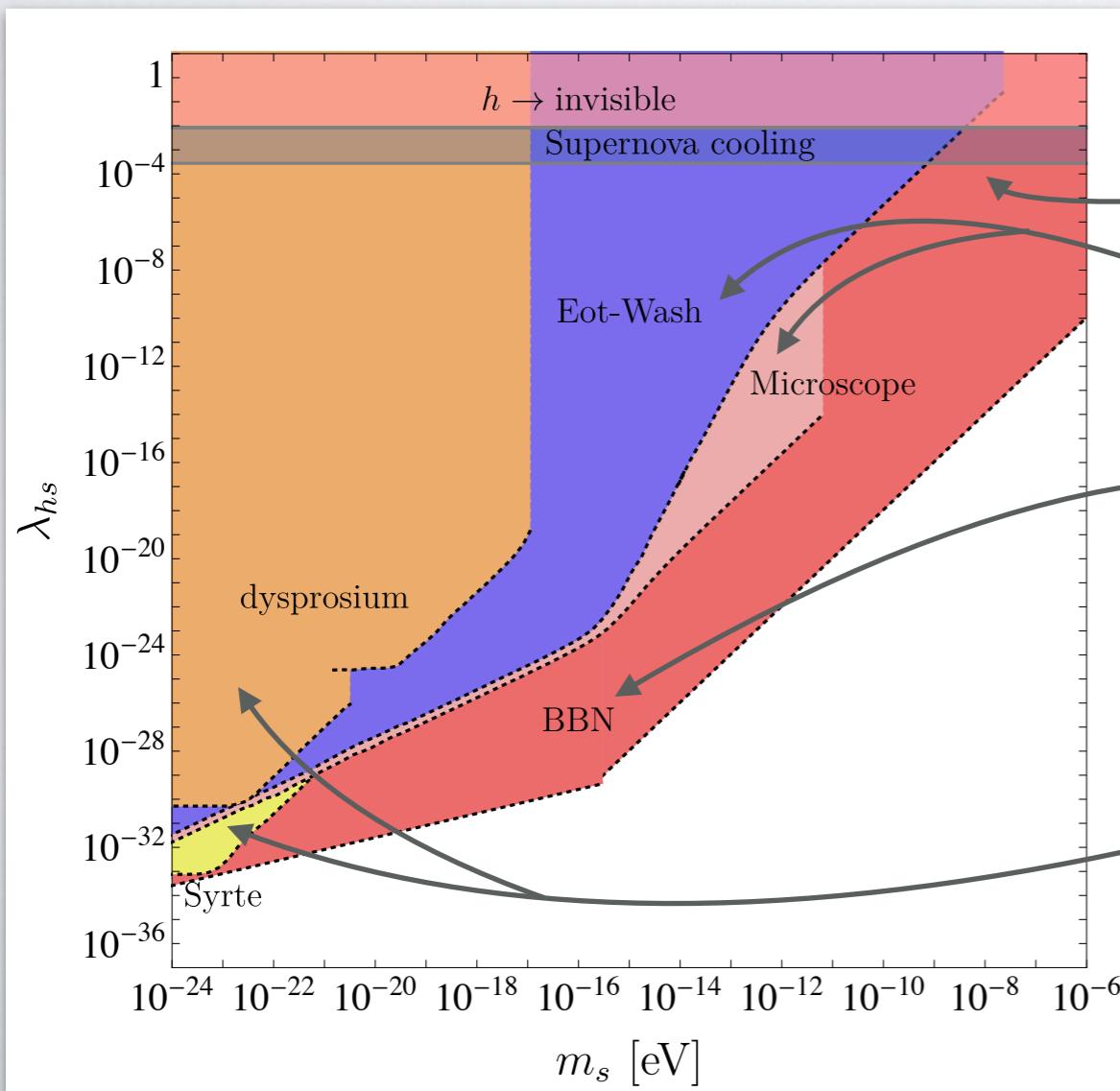
- At low momenta Higgs portal mediates an effective DM-nucleon coupling

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where now

$$s^2 = s_0^2 \cos^2(m_s t) \rightarrow \frac{s_0^2}{2}(1 + \cos(2m_s t))$$

$$c_{sNN} = \lambda_{hs} \frac{m_N}{m_h^2} \frac{2n_H}{3(11 - \frac{2}{3}n_L)}$$



Supernova  
fifth force

primordial helium abundance

$$m_N - m_P \propto c_{sNN} s_0^2$$

oscillating energy levels

[Brax et al., PRD **97**, 2018]

[Hees et al., PRD **98**, 2018]

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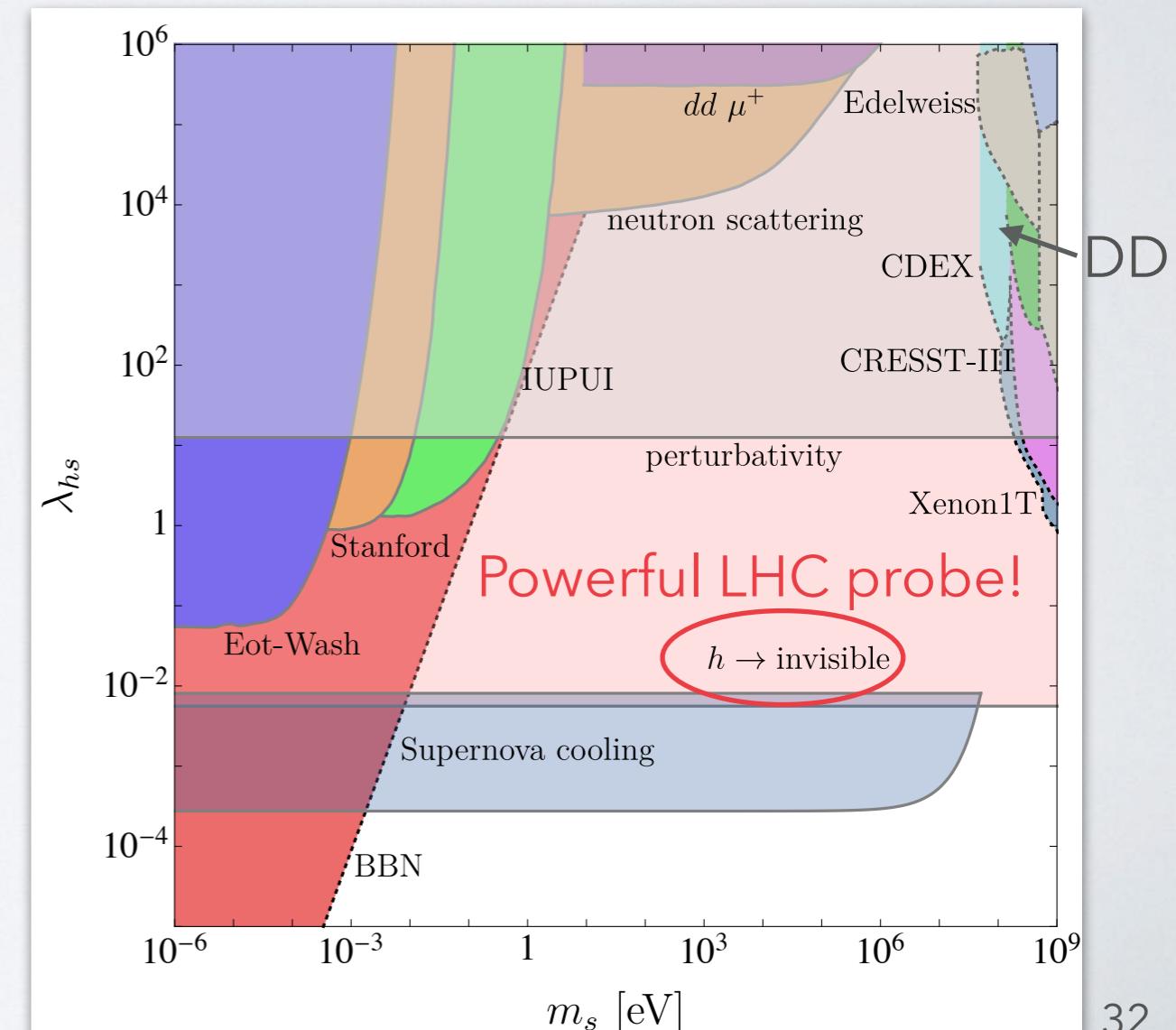
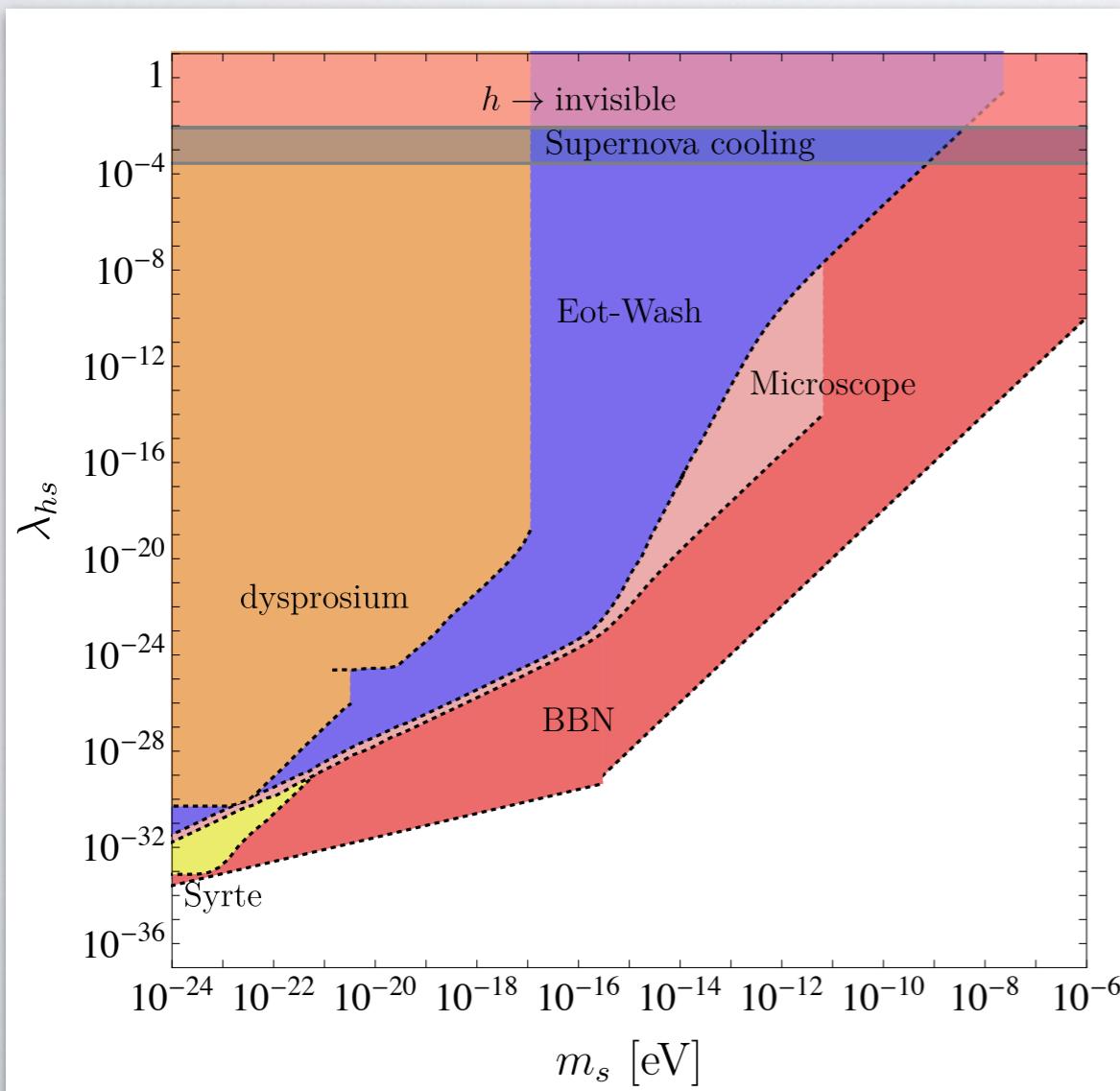
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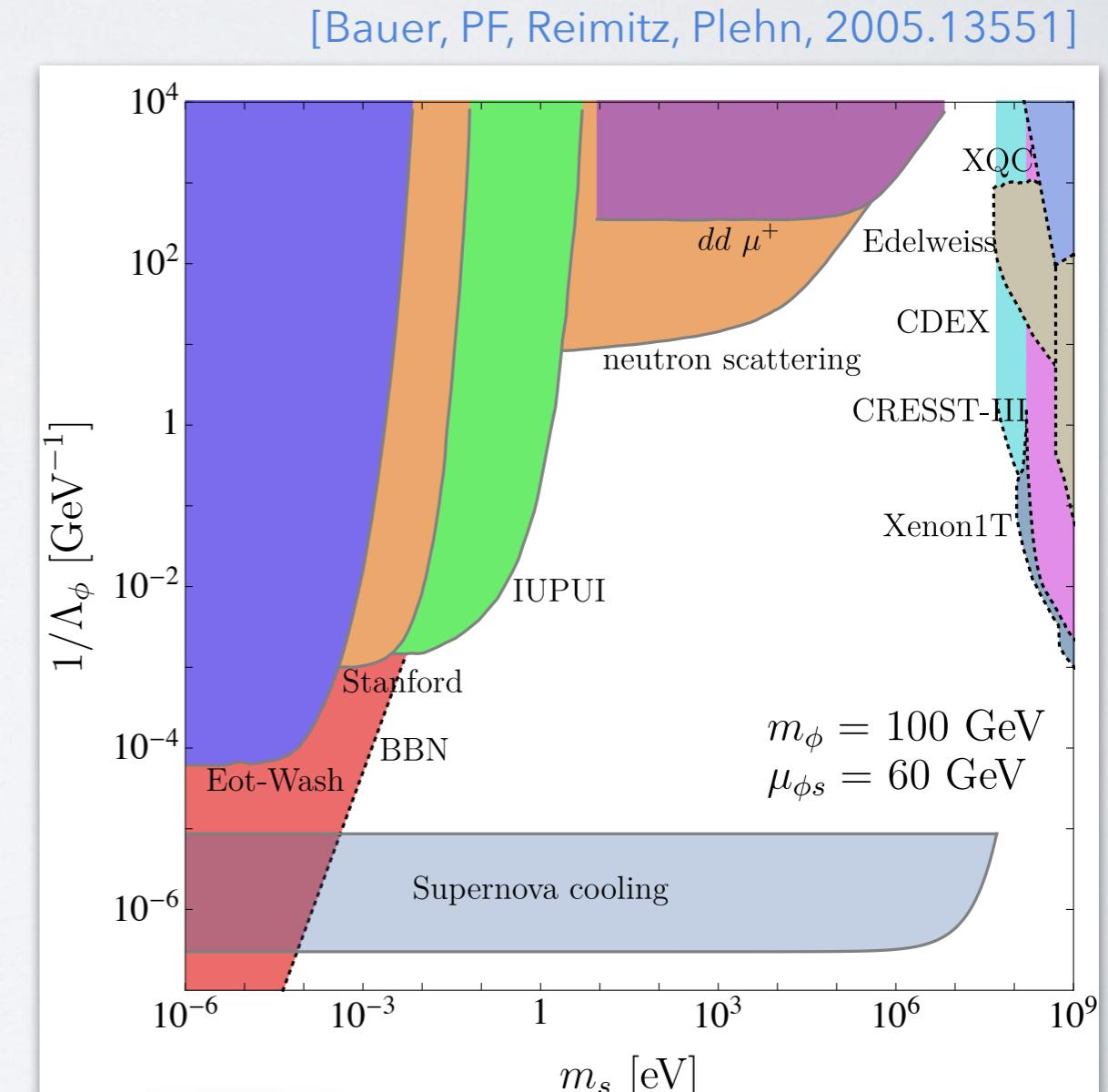
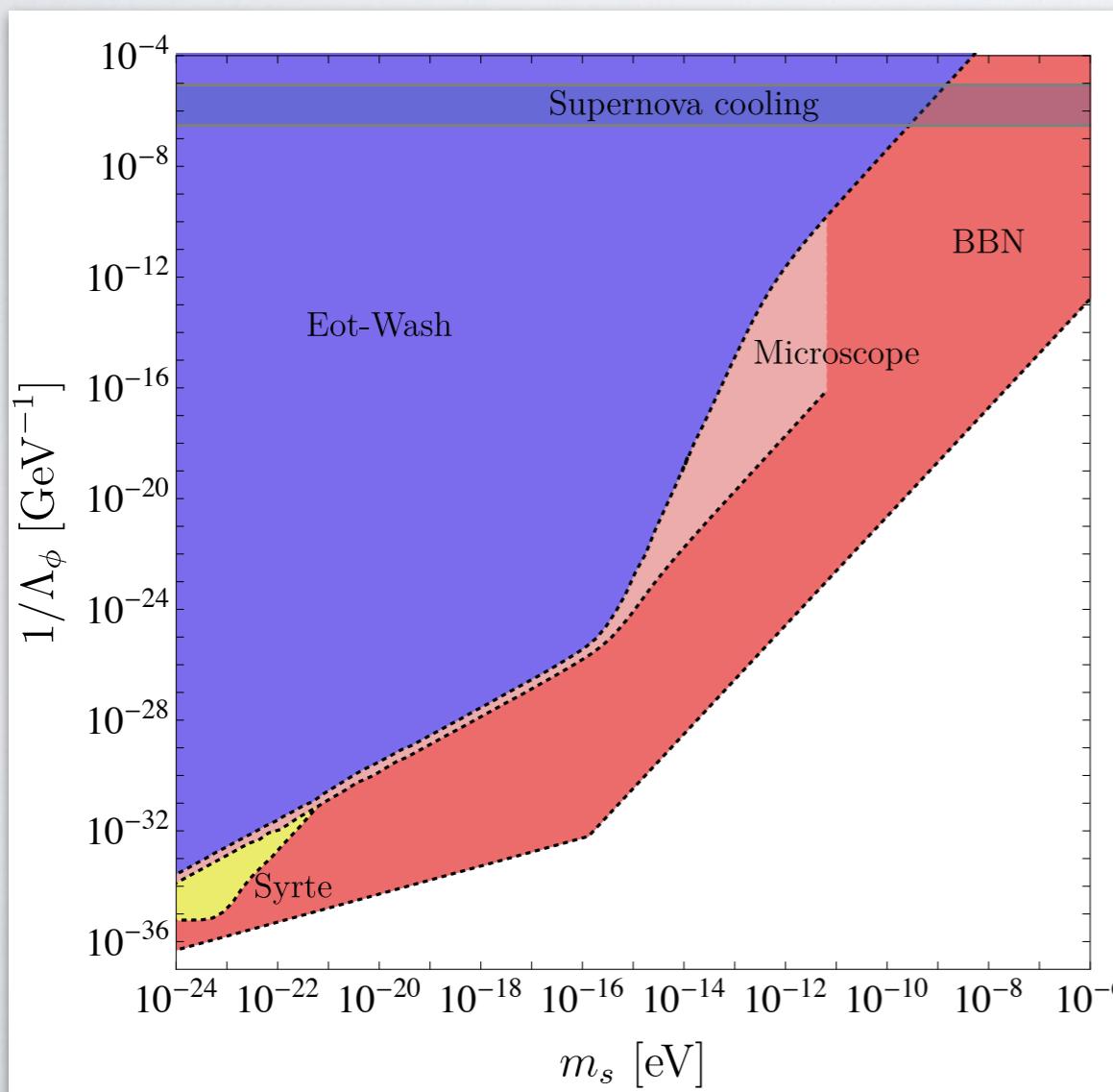
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- Consider model with new weak scale mediator  $\phi$

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$c_{sNN} = \frac{\mu_{\phi s}}{\Lambda_\phi} \frac{m_N}{m_\phi^2} \frac{8\pi}{11 - \frac{2}{3}n_L}$

- High mass window rather unconstrained!



# LIGHT DM — ALPS

- Maybe best motivated candidate for FDM is an axion-like particle. It has a reason to be very light
- Axions are Nambu-Goldstone particles, protected by shift symmetry:

$$S = \frac{s + f}{\sqrt{2}} e^{ia/f} \quad e^{i a/f} \rightarrow e^{i(a+c)/f} = e^{i a/f} e^{i c/f}$$

- Mass is generated by small explicit breaking:

$$V(a) = \Lambda^4 \left[ 1 - \cos \left( \frac{a}{f} \right) \right] = \frac{\Lambda^4}{2f^2} a^2 + \dots$$

with the heavy axion scale

$$f = \mathcal{O}(f_{\text{GUT}})$$

# 3. ALP DM — HIGGS MEDIATOR

- Can couple the Goldstone mode  $a$  of complex scalar  $S$  to the Higgs via Dim-6 operator

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{(\partial_\mu S)(\partial^\mu S)^\dagger}{\Lambda_{ha}^2} H^\dagger H \supset \frac{\partial_\mu a \partial^\mu a}{2\Lambda_{ha}^2} H^\dagger H \longrightarrow c_{aNN} \partial_\mu a \partial^\mu a \bar{N} N$$

[Bauer, PF, Reimitz, Plehn, 2005.13551]

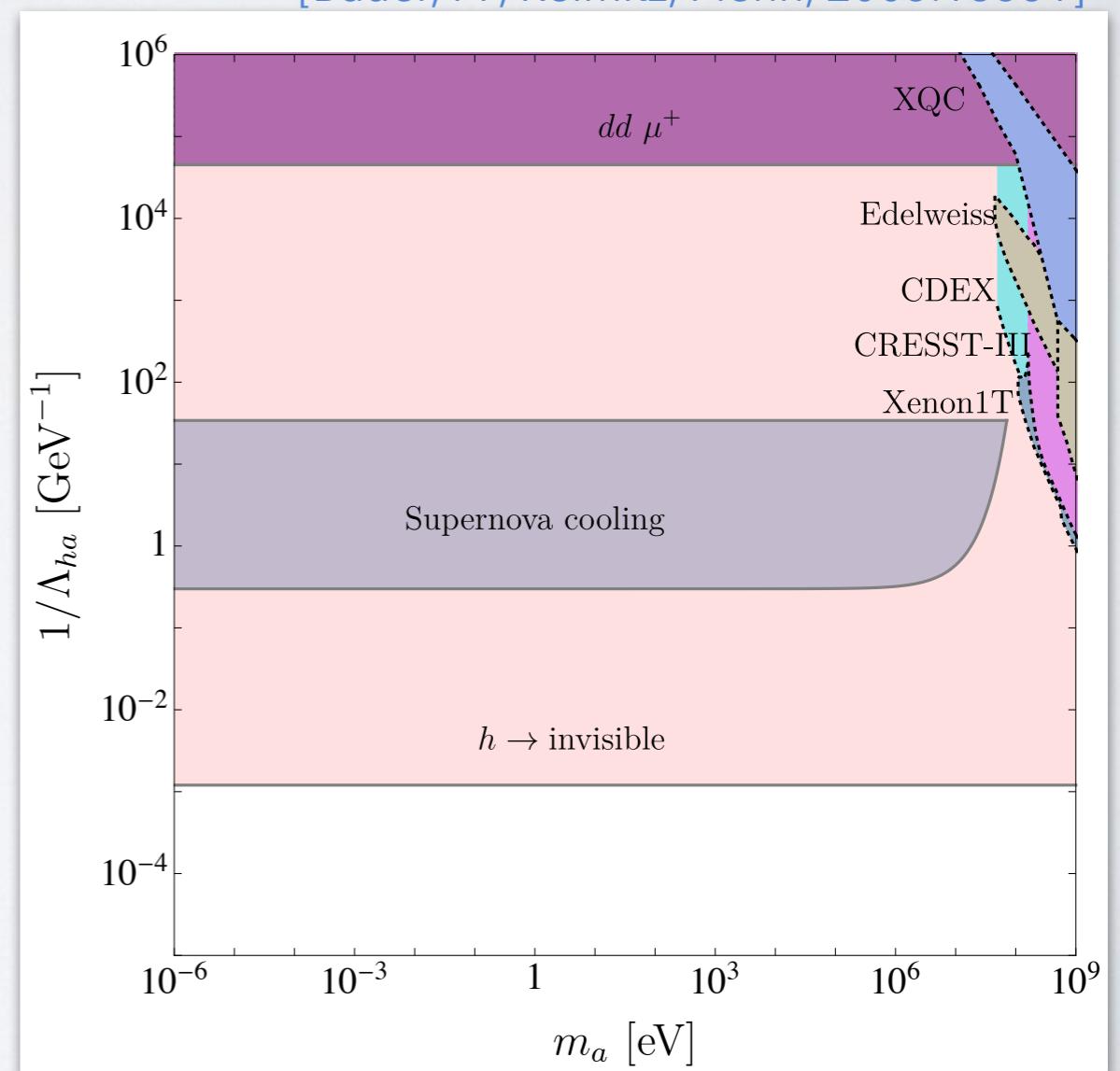
with

$$c_{aNN} = \frac{1}{\Lambda_{ha}^2} \frac{m_N}{m_h^2} \frac{2n_H}{3(11 - \frac{2}{3}n_L)}$$

- Strong model independent Higgs to invisible bound:

$$\Gamma(h \rightarrow aa) \approx \frac{v^2 m_h^3}{128\pi \Lambda_{ha}^4}$$

$$\Lambda_{ha} \gtrsim 832 \text{ GeV}$$



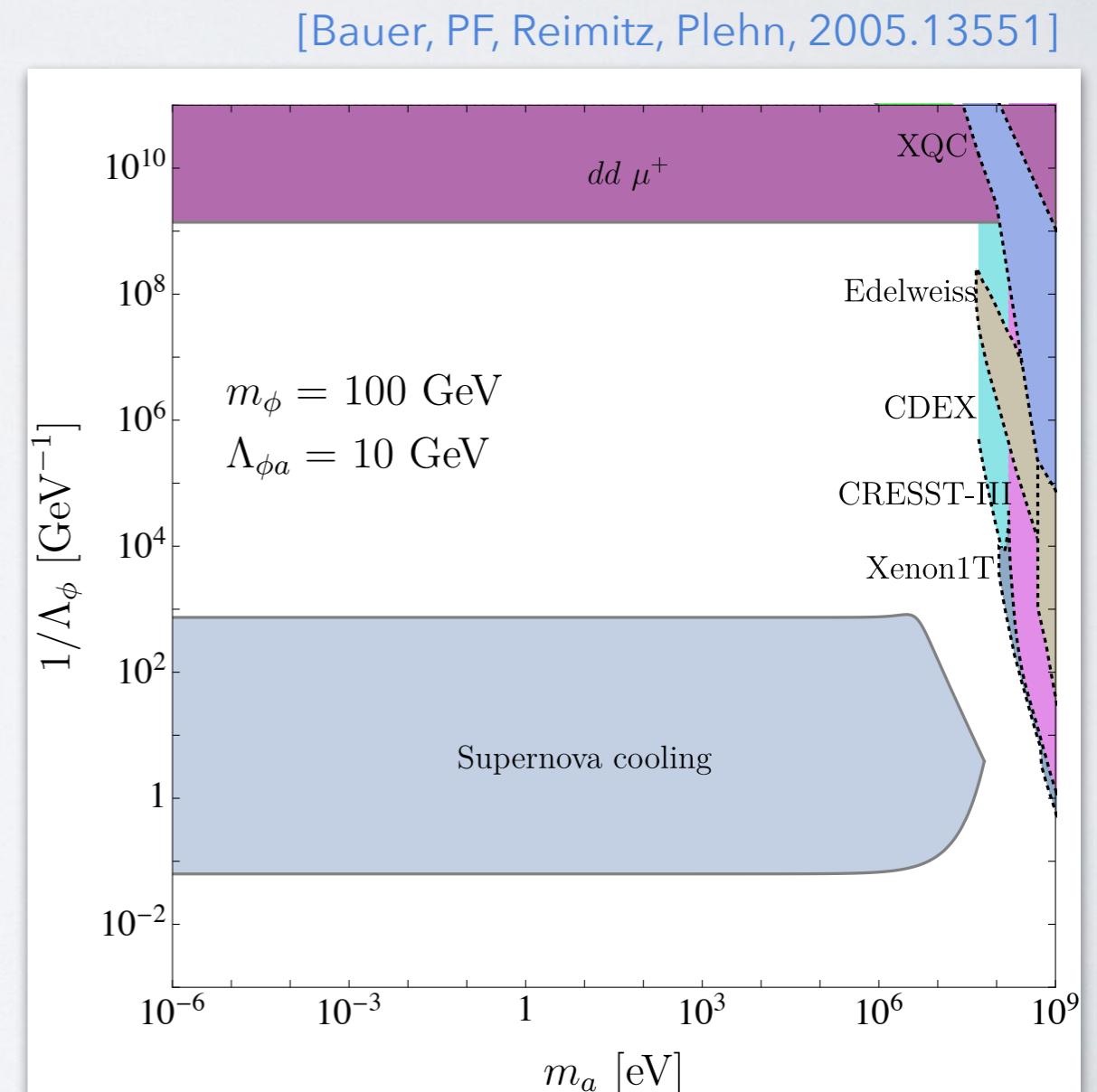
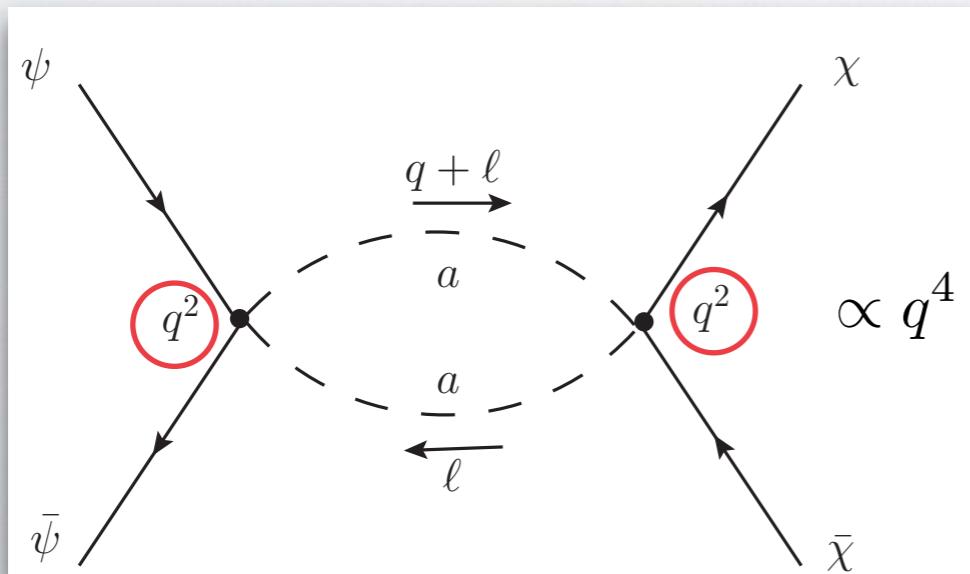
# 4. ALP DM — NEW MEDIATOR

- Consider model with new weak scale mediator  $\phi$  and ALP DM candidate  $a$ . Only shift-symmetric couplings allowed:

$$\mathcal{L} \supset -\frac{1}{2}m_\phi^2\phi^2 - \frac{\partial_\mu a \partial^\mu a}{2\Lambda_{\phi a}}\phi - \frac{\alpha_S}{\Lambda_\phi}\phi \text{ Tr}[G_{\mu\nu}G^{\mu\nu}] \longrightarrow c_{aNN} \partial_\mu a \partial^\mu a \bar{N}N$$

with  $c_{aNN} = \frac{m_N}{\Lambda_{\phi a} \Lambda_\phi m_\phi^2} \frac{8\pi}{11 - \frac{2}{3}n_L}$

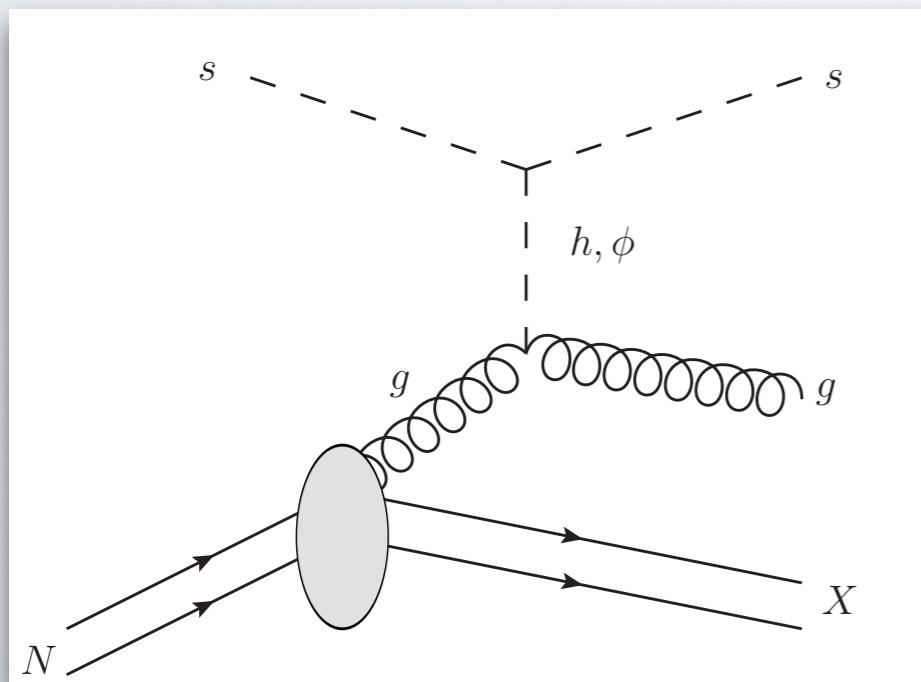
- Almost unconstrained at low masses (momenta) because of momentum suppression:



# NEW SEARCH STRATEGIES AT LHC

- Conventional direct and indirect DM search strategies hopeless due to low momenta of (U)LDM
- But production at LHC enhances momenta:

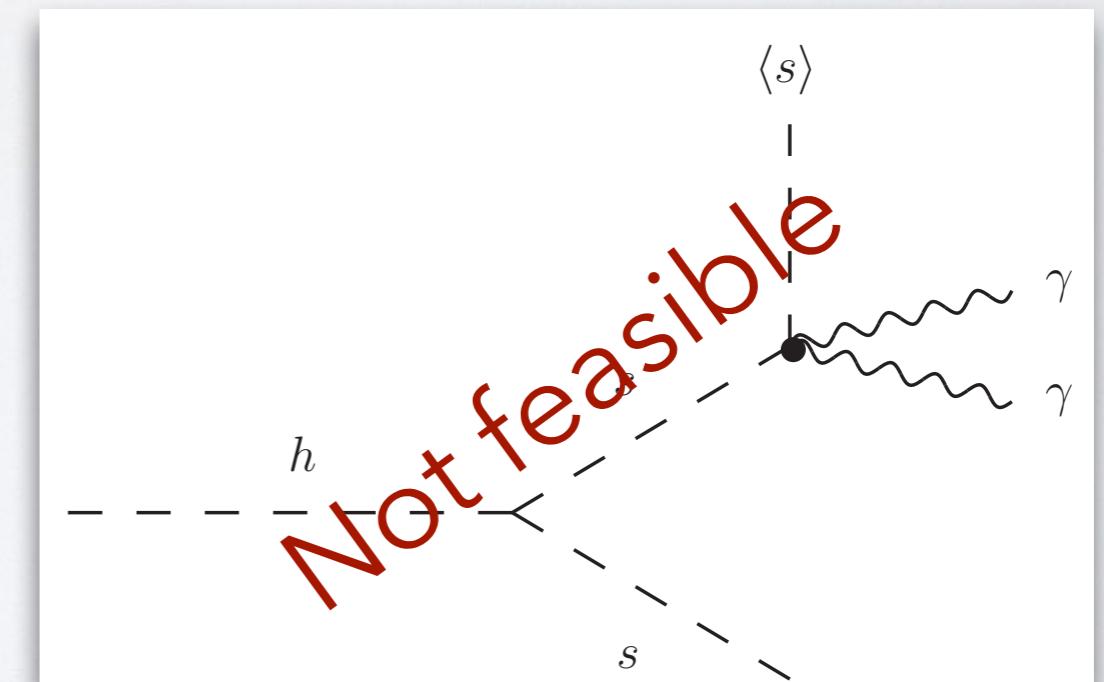
Direct detection @ LHC



(Deep inelastic scattering)

[Bauer, PF, Reimitz, Plehn, 2005.13551]

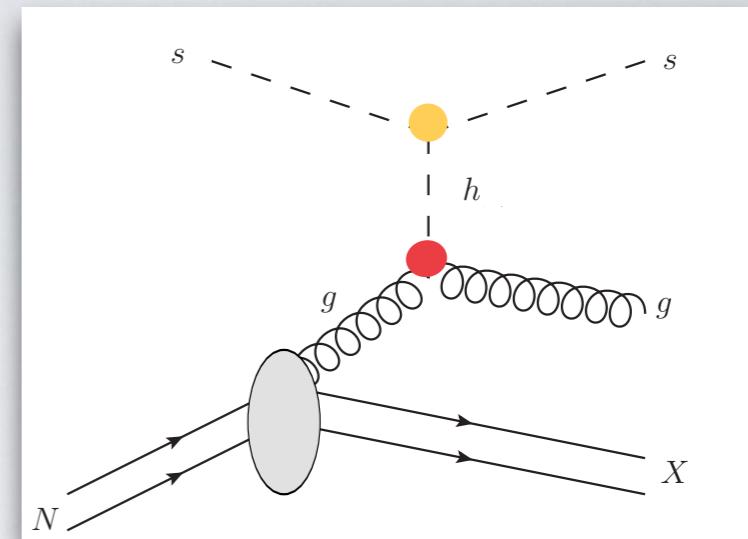
Indirect detection @ LHC



(Background annihilation)

# DIRECT DETECTION

- Boosted DM can undergo DIS in detector material and produce jets.



1. E.g. Higgs Portal:

$$N_{\text{DIS}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{HL}} \sigma_h \text{BR}_{h \rightarrow ss} P_{\text{DIS}}$$

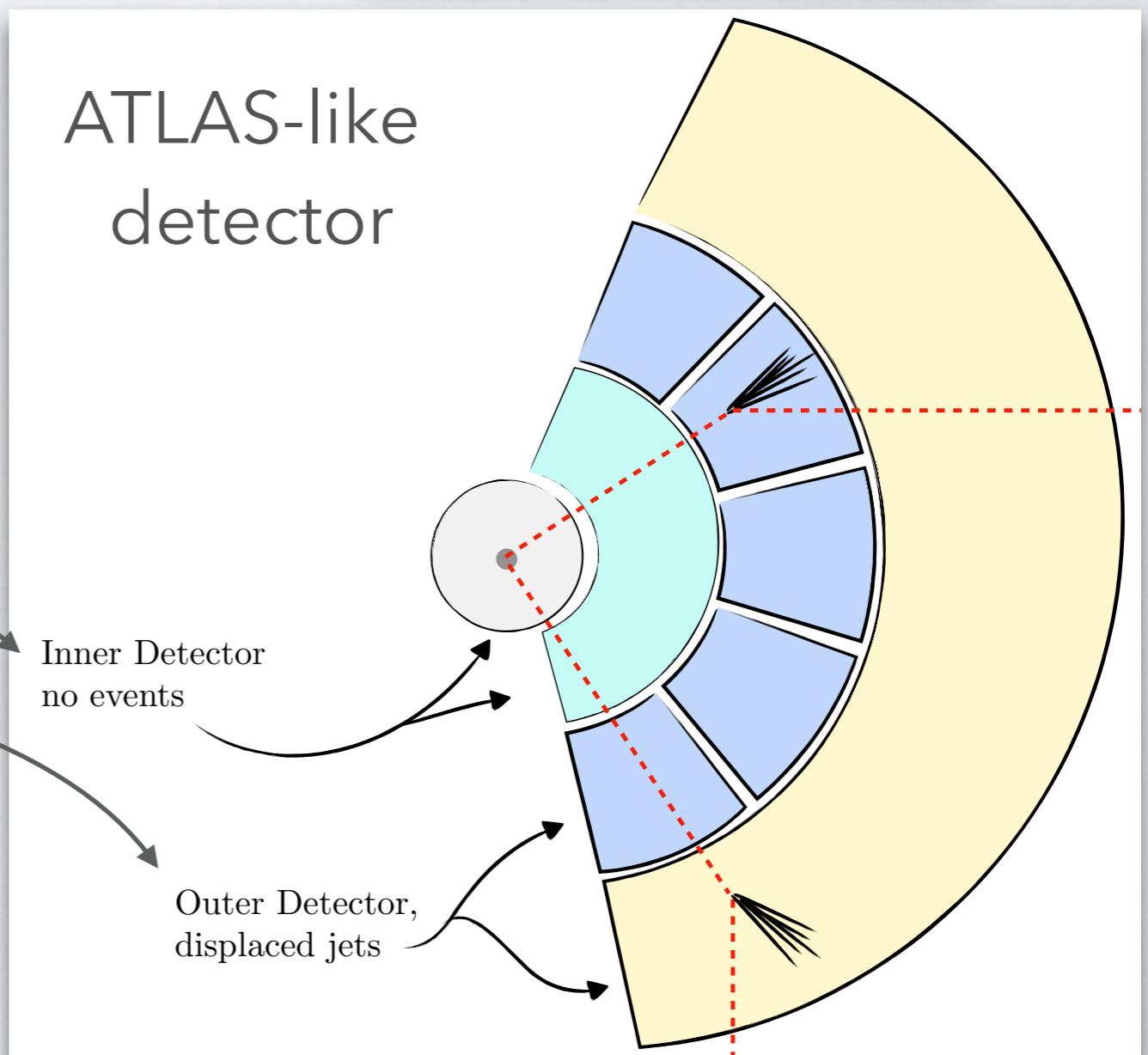
with  $P_{\text{DIS}} = 1 - e^{L_{\text{det}} n_X \sigma_X}$

Distinguishable from LLPs:

$$n_{Pb} \gg n_{Xe}$$

But unfortunately for HP:

$$\frac{d^2 \hat{\sigma}_{\text{DIS}}}{dx dy} = \frac{\lambda_{hs}^2 g_{hgg}^2}{4\pi \hat{s}} \frac{Q^4}{(Q^2 + m_h^2)^2}$$



$$P_{\text{DIS}} = 1 - e^{L_E n_{Pb} \sigma_{Pb}} e^{L_H n_{Fe} \sigma_{Fe}} \approx 7.5 \cdot 10^{-21}$$



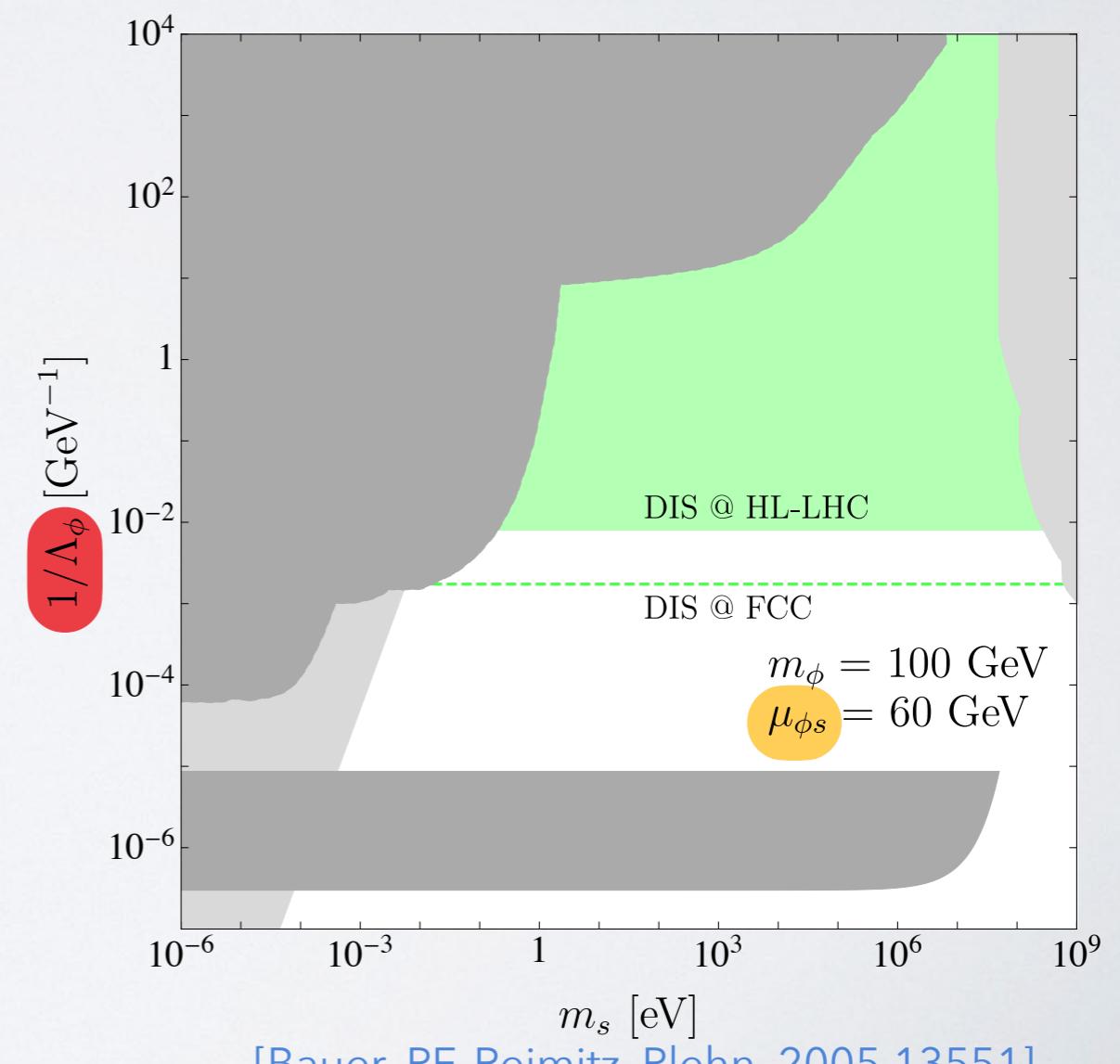
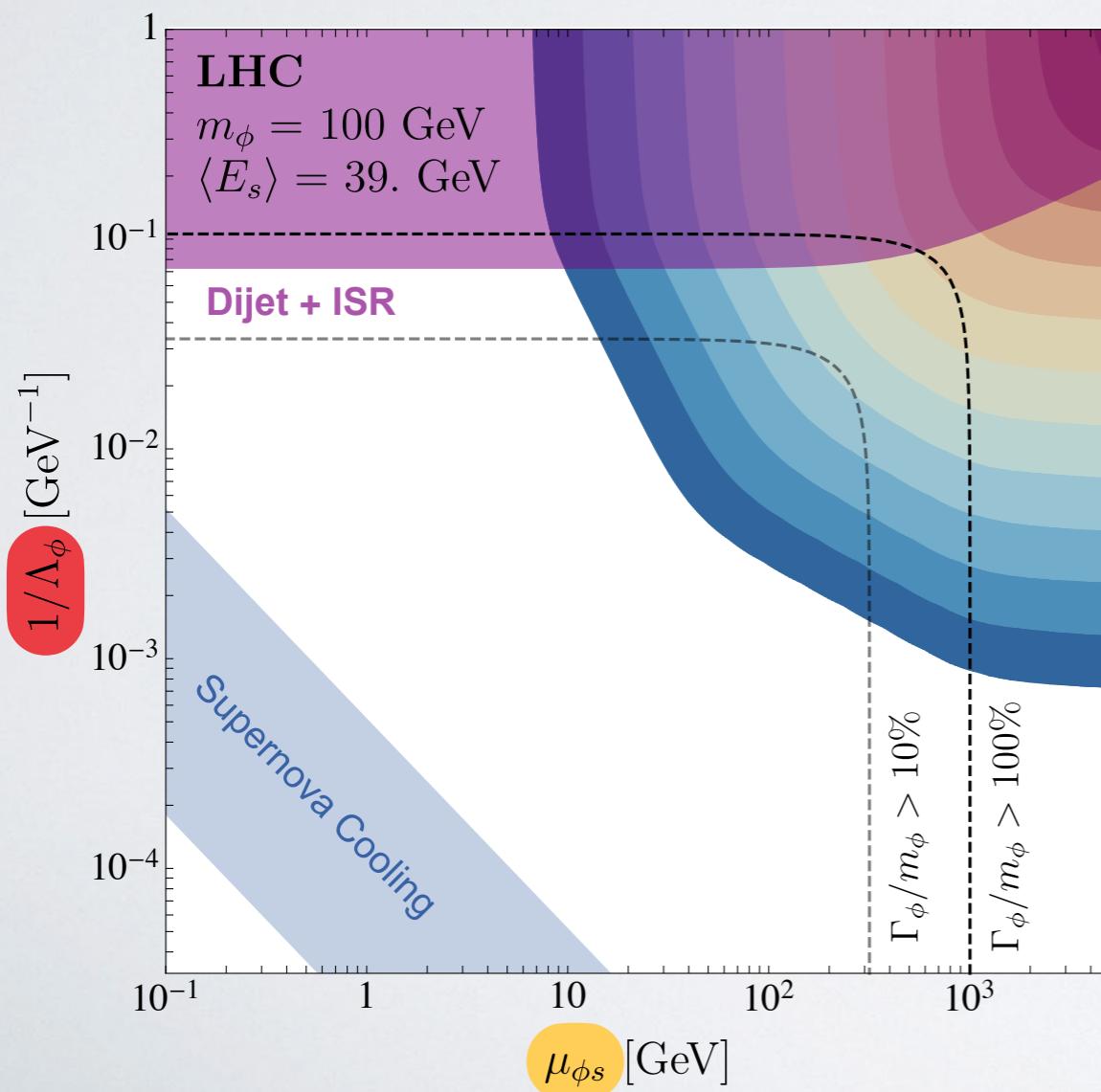
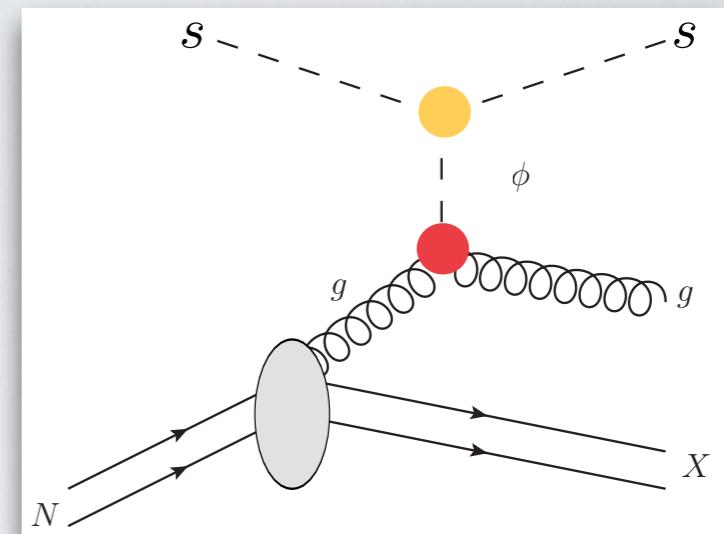
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# DIRECT DETECTION AT THE LHC

## 2. Scalar DM with new scalar mediator

$$\frac{d^2\hat{\sigma}_{\text{DIS}}}{dx dy} = \frac{\alpha_s^2}{4\pi \hat{s}} \left( \frac{\mu_{\phi s}}{\Lambda_\phi} \right)^2 \frac{Q^4}{(Q^2 + m_\phi^2)^2}$$

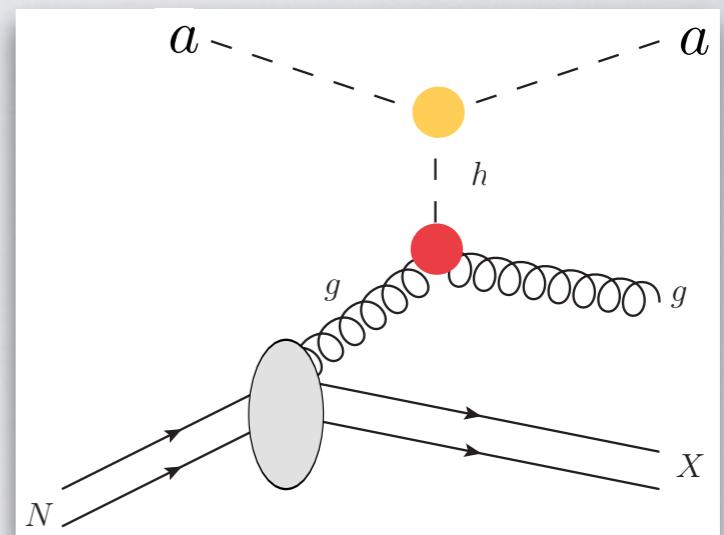
$N_{\text{DIS}}$



# DIRECT DETECTION AT THE LHC

## 3. ALP DM with Higgs mediator

$$\frac{d^2\hat{\sigma}_{\text{DIS}}}{dx dy} = \frac{g_{hgg}^2}{16\pi \hat{s}} \frac{Q^4}{\Lambda_{ha}^4} \left( \frac{Q^2 + 2m_a^2}{Q^2 + m_h^2} \right)^2$$



- With Higgs coupling

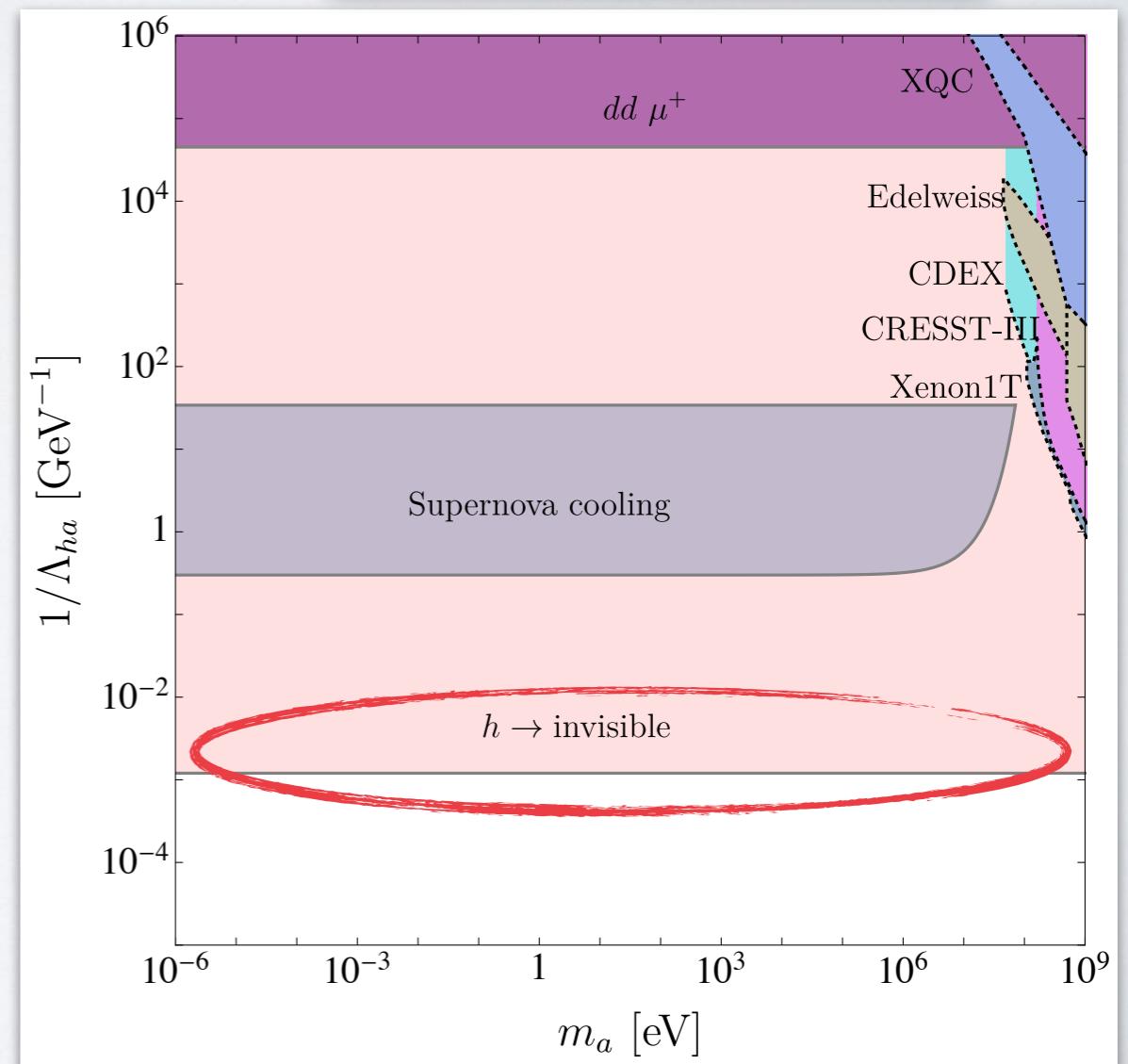
$$g_{hgg} = \alpha_s / (12\pi)$$

and the Higgs invisible constraint

$$\Lambda_{ha} \gtrsim 832 \text{ GeV}$$

we can estimate

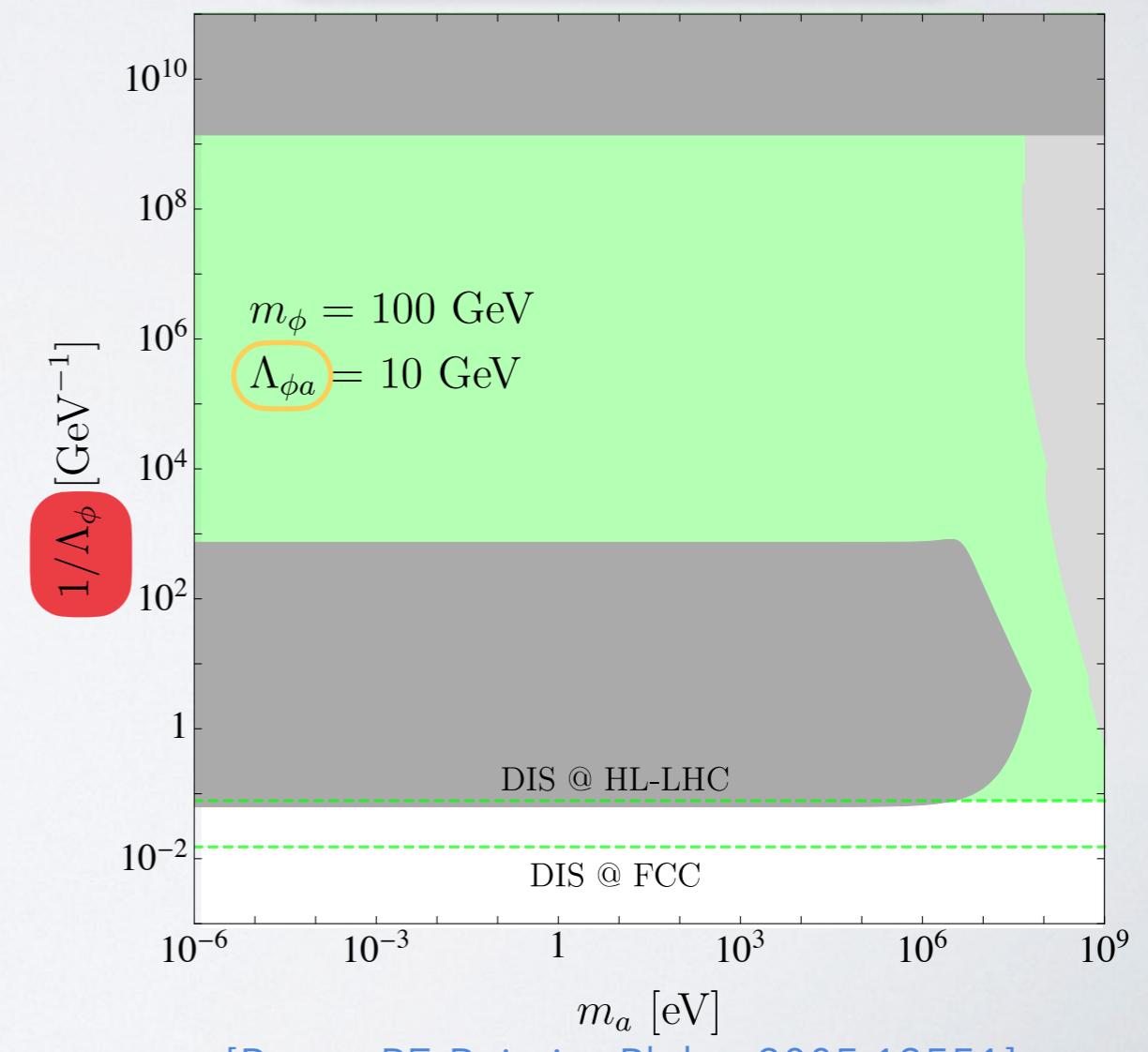
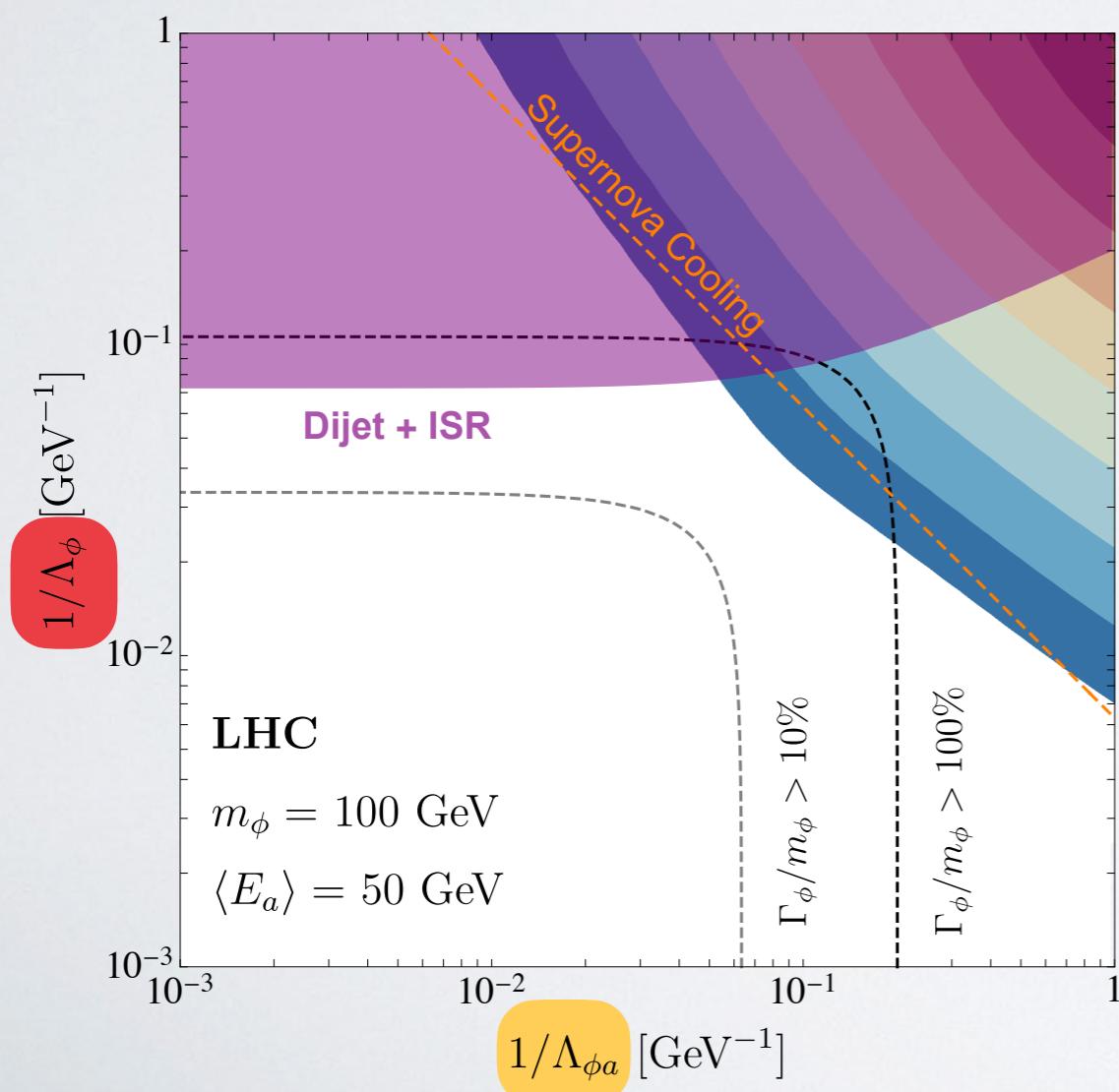
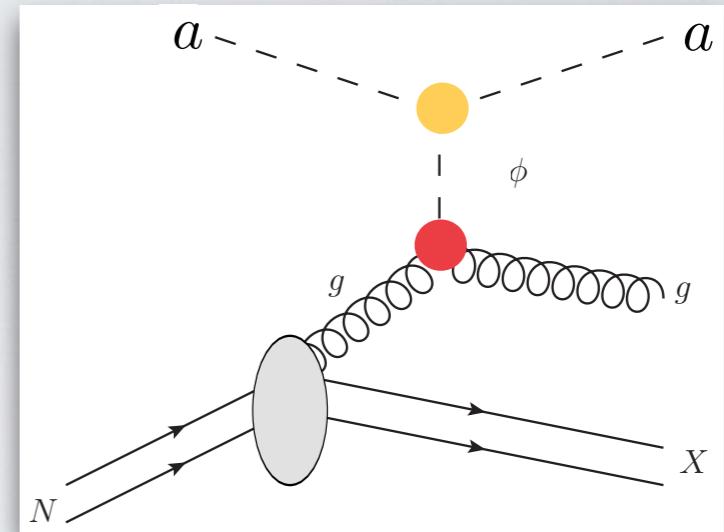
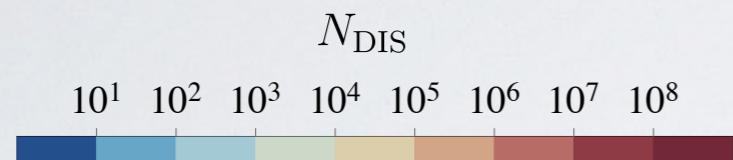
$$P_{\text{DIS}} = 1 - e^{-L_E n_{\text{Pb}} \sigma_{\text{Pb}}} e^{-L_H n_{\text{Fe}} \sigma_{\text{Fe}}} \approx 10^{-23} \quad \text{⚡}$$



# DIRECT DETECTION AT THE LHC

## 4. ALP DM with scalar mediator

$$\frac{d^2\hat{\sigma}_{\text{DIS}}}{dx dy} = \frac{\alpha_s^2}{16\pi \hat{s}} \frac{Q^4}{\Lambda_{\phi a}^2 \Lambda_\phi^2} \left( \frac{Q^2 + 2m_a^2}{Q^2 + m_\phi^2} \right)^2$$



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# APPLICATION TO NEUTRINOS

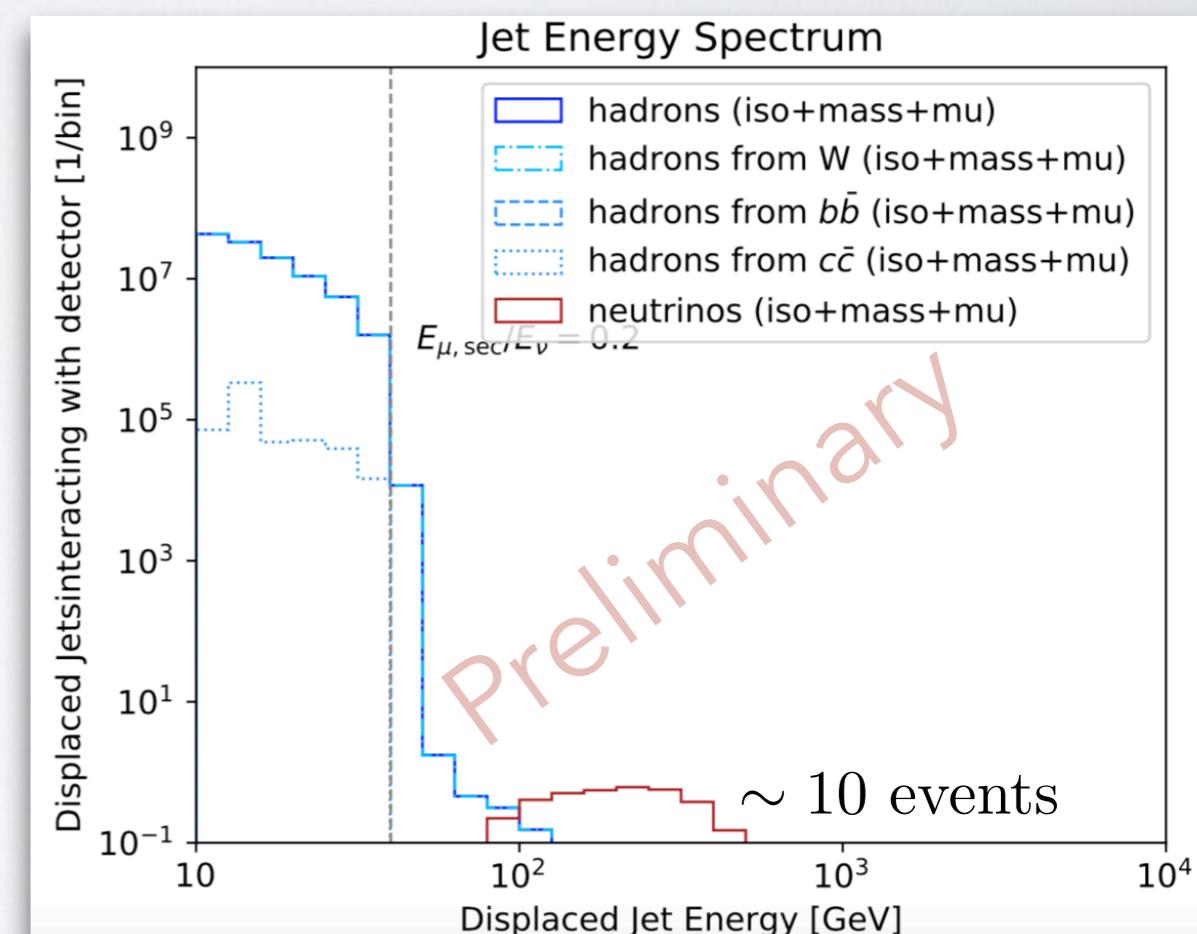
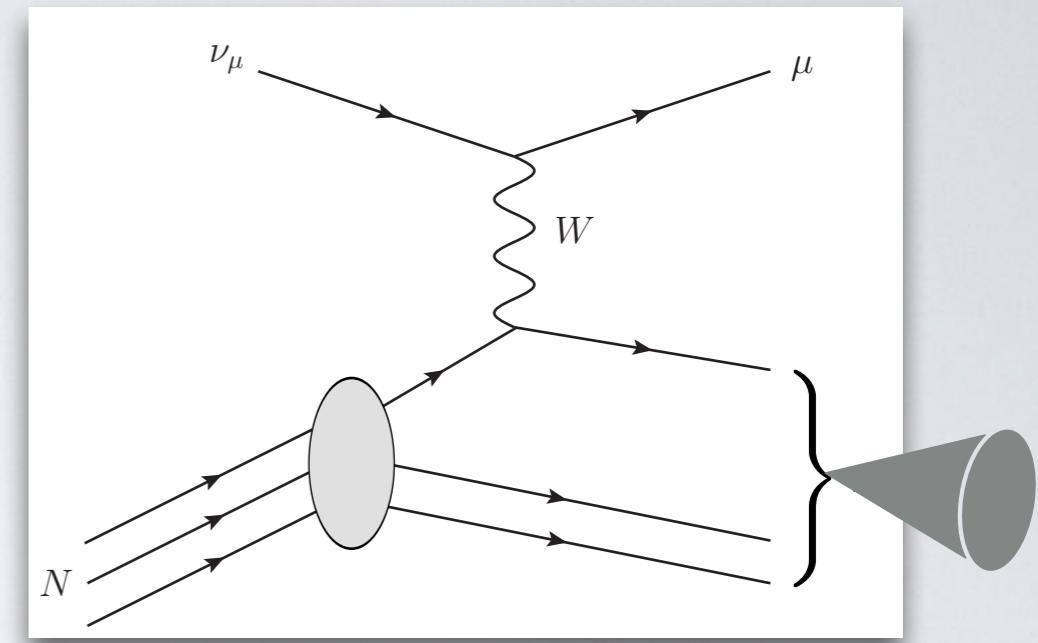
- Highly-energetic **neutrinos** are copiously produced at **HL-LHC**.

Look for them in neutrino-nucleus scattering

- Promising candidate is  $W \rightarrow \mu \nu_\mu$  decay with subsequent

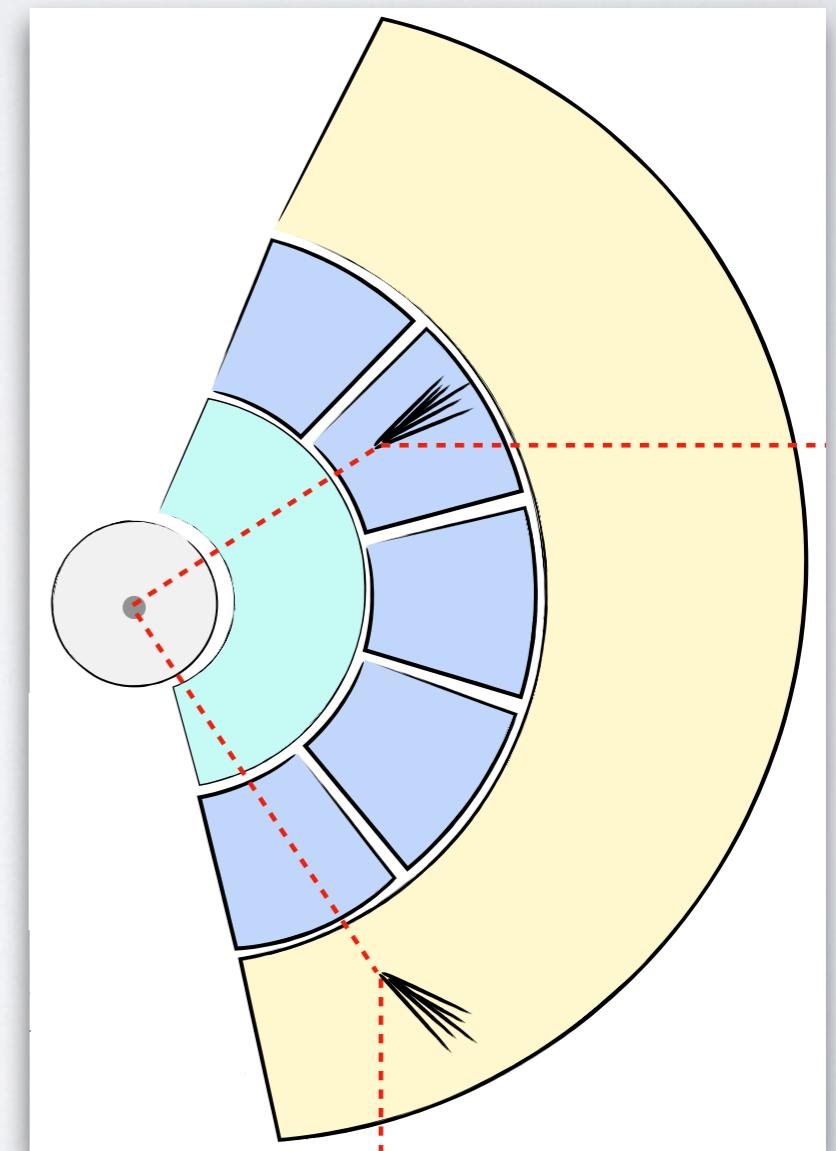
$$\nu_\mu + N \rightarrow \mu + \text{jet}$$

- Proposed cut selection:
  - isolated muon and jet
  - reconstructed W-mass
  - secondary muon tag



# SUMMARY PART II

- **(U)LDM** can be produced at the LHC with large boost and then be **detected by recoil jets** produced in DIS
- Complementary to existing direct detection or ULDM probes!  
**Promising for momentum-suppressed interactions!**
- Potentially interesting signature for flavour in LHCb, Belle-II, ...
- Promising signature to detect **neutrino** scattering **at the LHC in CMS**
- More improvements and generalisations:
  - quark couplings
  - sterile neutrino
  - meson decays
  - new detectors
  - ...



# THANK YOU!

# BACKUP

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# VARIATION OF CONSTANTS

- Fundamental constants like  $m_f$ ,  $\alpha$  or  $m_V$  are described by SM operators

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} \supset - \sum_f m_f \bar{f} f - \frac{F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu}}{4} + \sum_V \delta_V m_V^2 V_\mu V^\mu$$

- In the presence of ULDM these operators modified, e.g. in the Higgs portal

$$\mathcal{L} \supset \frac{\lambda_{hs}}{2} \frac{m_f}{m_h^2} s^2 \bar{f} f - \frac{\lambda_{hs} g_{h\gamma\gamma}}{2} \frac{1}{m_h^2} s^2 F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} - \lambda_{hs} \delta_V \frac{m_V^2}{m_h^2} s^2 V_\mu V^\mu$$

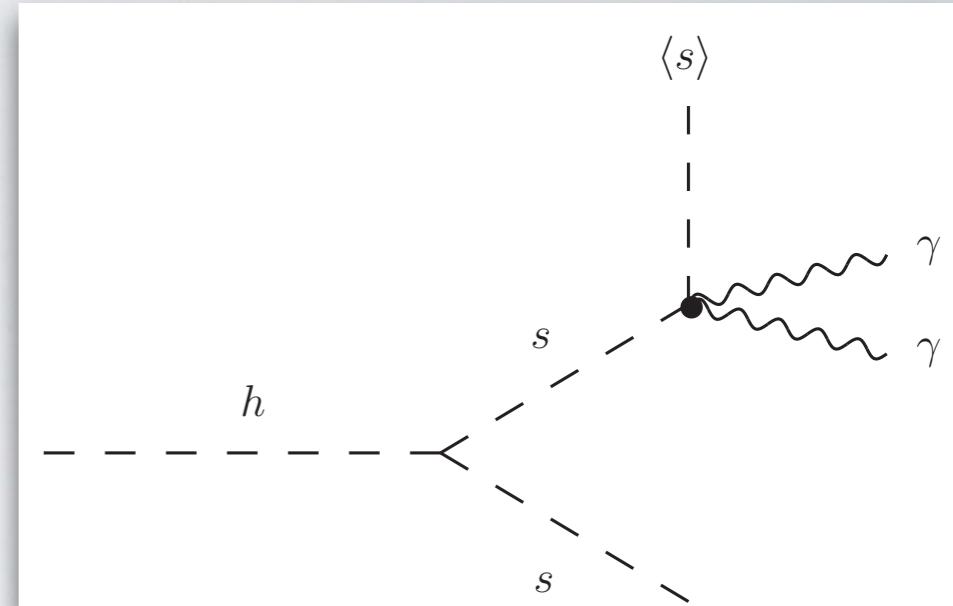
where the DM field is described by the classical wave

$$s^2 = s_0^2 \cos^2(m_s t) \rightarrow \frac{s_0^2}{2} (1 + \cos(2m_s t))$$

# INDIRECT DETECTION @ LHC

- ULDM has huge occupation numbers.  
Can it annihilate with the halo background field if produced at LHC?

$$n_{\text{DM}} = \frac{\rho_{\text{DM}}}{m_s} \approx \frac{3 \times 10^{30}}{\text{cm}^3} \left( \frac{10^{-22} \text{ eV}}{m_s} \right)$$



- But cross section scales with mass

$$\sigma_{\langle s \rangle s \rightarrow \gamma\gamma} \approx \frac{\lambda_{hs}^2 g_{h\gamma\gamma}^2}{4\pi} \frac{m_s}{m_h^3}$$

- Mean free path independent of mass and very large

$$\lambda = \frac{1}{n_{\text{DM}} \sigma_{\langle s \rangle s \rightarrow \gamma\gamma}} = \frac{4\pi}{\lambda_{hs}^2 g_{h\gamma\gamma}^2} \frac{m_h^3}{\rho_{\text{DM}}} \gtrsim 10^{43} \text{ m}$$



- Larger cross section above electron threshold, but also lower densities!

$$\sigma_{\langle s \rangle s \rightarrow \bar{f}f} = \frac{\lambda_{hs}^2}{8\pi} \frac{m_f^2}{m_h^4} \left( 1 - \frac{4m_f^2}{m_s m_h} \right)$$

# CONTRIBUTION TO $N_{\text{eff}}$

- DM has large coupling to gluon. Will keep DM in thermal equilibrium until after QCD phase transition

$$\frac{\alpha_S}{\Lambda_\phi} \phi \text{ Tr}[G_{\mu\nu}G^{\mu\nu}] \rightarrow \frac{\alpha_S}{\Lambda'} \partial_\mu \pi \partial^\mu \pi$$

- (Pseudo-)scalar particle contributes  $\Delta N_{\text{eff}} \lesssim 0.5$  for decoupling of  $1 \text{ MeV} \lesssim T_{\text{dec}} < T_{\text{QCD}}$

