

# Explaining lepton-flavor non-universality and self-interacting dark matter with $L_\mu - L_\tau$

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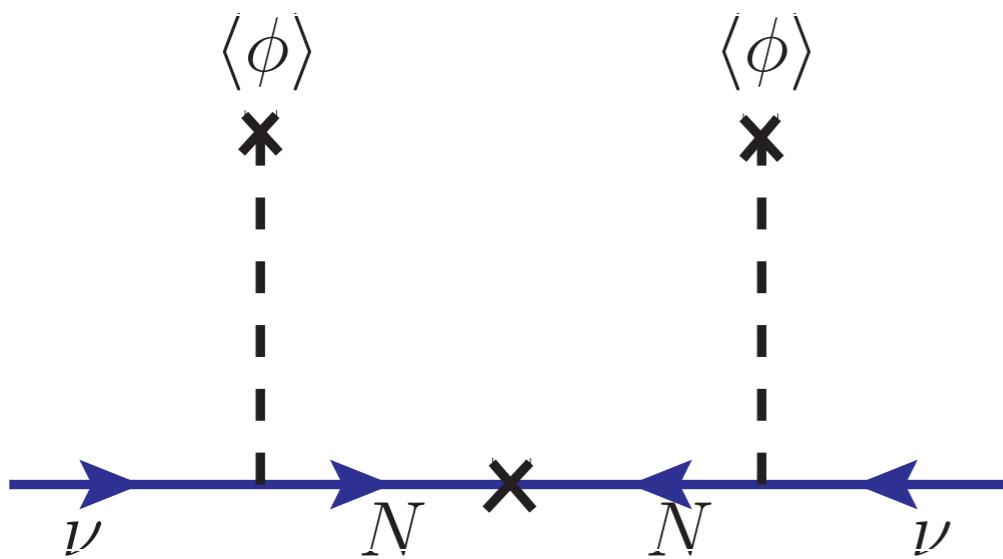
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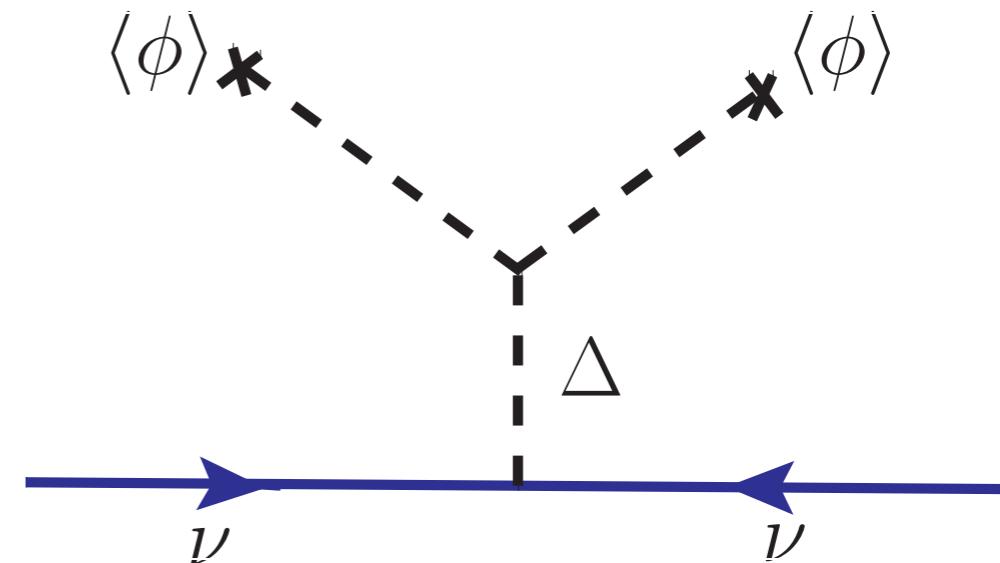


# $\nu$ mass generation: Seesaw paradigm

- In Standard Model  $M_\nu = 0$ . But,  $\nu$  flavor mix.  $\nu_{aL} \leftrightarrow \nu_{bL}$
- $|\nu_\alpha\rangle = \sum U_{\alpha i} |\nu_i\rangle \implies M_\nu \neq 0 \implies$  New Physics beyond SM
- Light neutrino mass is induced via Weinberg's dim-5 operator,  $LL\phi\phi$
- Large Majorana mass scale  $\Lambda$  to suppress the neutrino mass via  $\frac{\langle\phi\rangle^2}{\Lambda}$



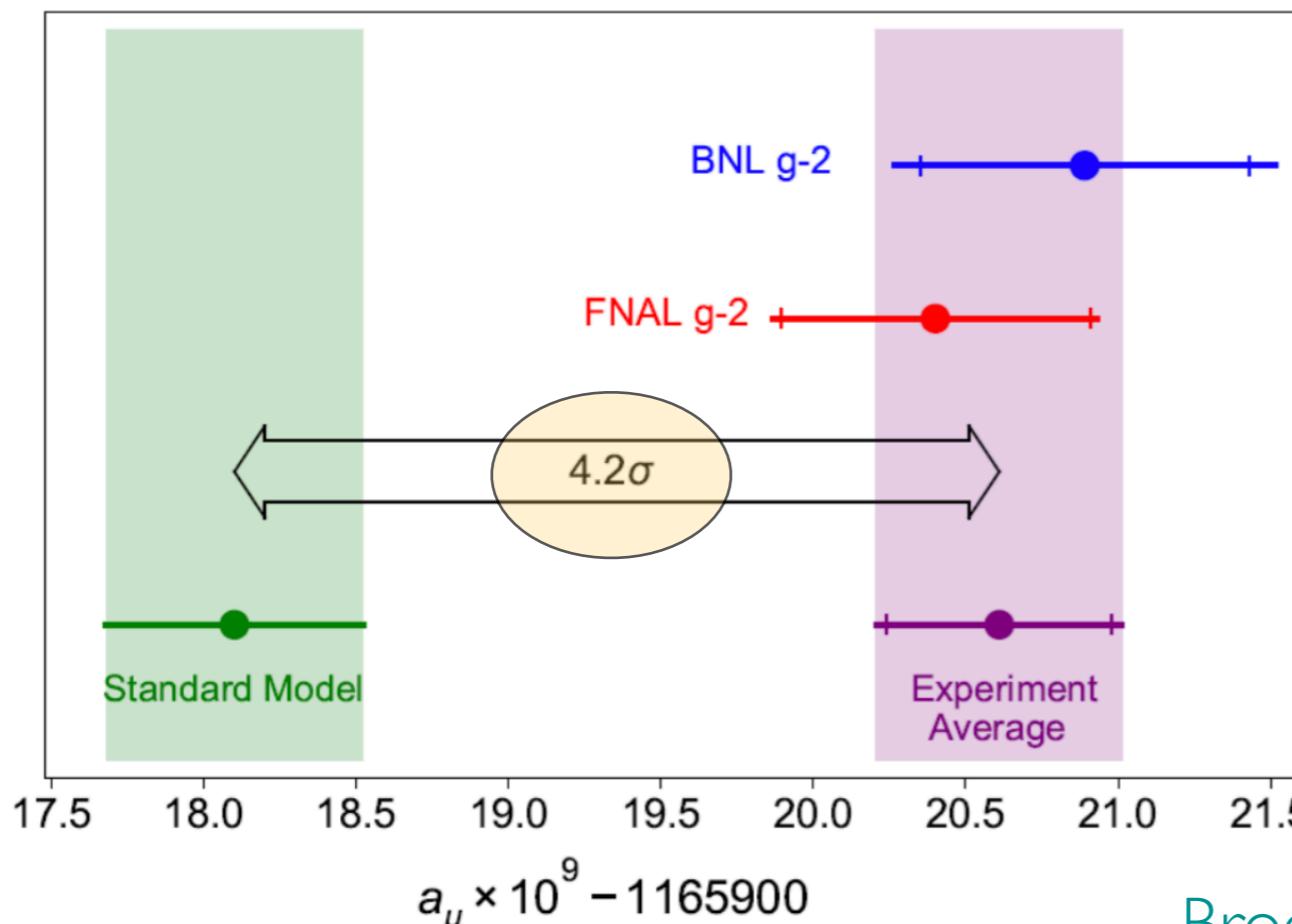
**Type I / Type III :**  
 $\nu$ - mass induced from fermion exchange  
 $N^1 \sim (1,1,0) \quad N^3 \sim (1,3,0)$



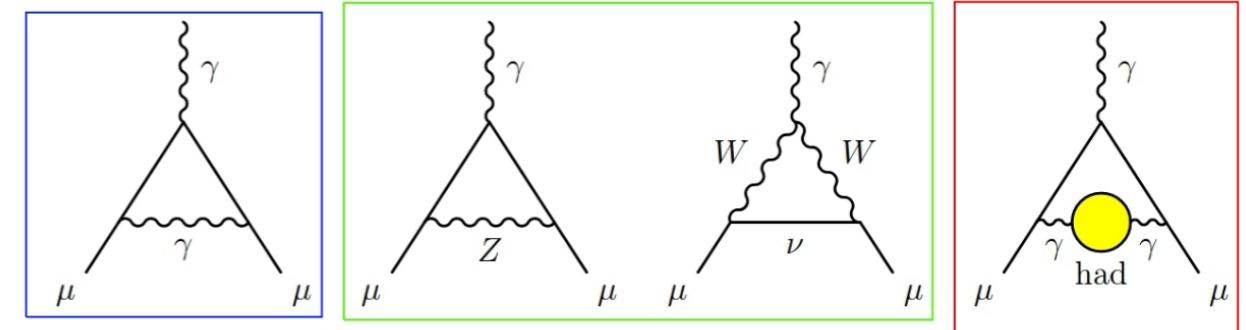
**Type II :**  
 $\nu$ - mass induced from scalar exchange  
 $\Delta \sim (1,3,1)$



- Intrinsic magnetic property of a lepton is characterized by dimensionless number, called **g-factor**  $H = -\vec{\mu} \cdot \vec{B}$ ,  $\vec{\mu} = g \frac{e}{2m} \vec{s}$
- Anomaly,  $a_\mu \equiv (g_\mu - 2)/2$ , is a consequence of quantum nature of elementary particles. R. Kusch and H. M. Foley 1948, J. Schwinger 1948
- The Standard Model contribution to the lepton  $g - 2$ :



$$a_\ell = a_\ell(\text{QED}) + a_\ell(\text{weak}) + a_\ell(\text{hadron})$$



$$a_\mu^{\text{exp}} - a_\mu^{\text{SM}} = (251 \pm 59) \times 10^{-11}.$$

Brookhaven (2006); Fermilab (2021)

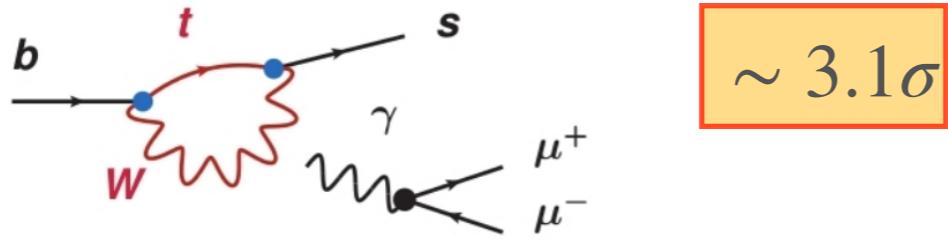


## $b \rightarrow s$ anomalies

Observables:  $R_K$  and  $R_{K^*}$

Neutral current

1-loop in the SM



$$R_{K^{(\star)}} = \frac{\Gamma(\bar{B} \rightarrow \bar{K}^{(\star)} \mu^+ \mu^-)}{\Gamma(\bar{B} \rightarrow \bar{K}^{(\star)} e^+ e^-)}$$

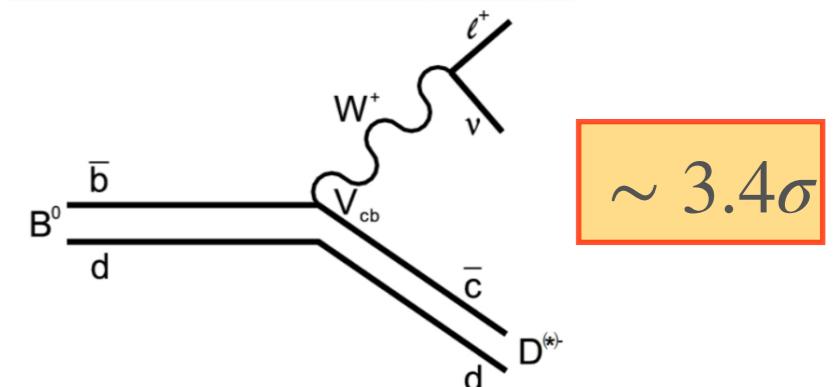
The New Physics can be heavy

## $b \rightarrow c$ anomalies

Observables:  $R_D$  and  $R_{D^*}$

Charged current

Tree-level in the SM



$$R_{D^{(\star)}} = \frac{\Gamma(\bar{B} \rightarrow D^{(\star)} \tau \nu)}{\Gamma(\bar{B} \rightarrow D^{(\star)} \ell \nu)}$$

The New Physics must be light

# $L_\mu - L_\tau$ Model

- Promote anomaly-free global symmetry  $U(1)_{L_\mu - L_\tau}$  to gauge symmetry
- $Z'$  only talks to second and third generation leptons, constraints are weak and allow light  $Z'$  that can explain  $(g - 2)_\mu$

Fermions	Bosons		Julian, AT, '22
$N_{R,e}$	$(1, 1, 0, 0)$	$\phi_1$	$(1, 1, 0, 1)$
$N_{R,\mu}$	$(1, 1, 0, 1)$	$S_3$	$(\bar{\mathbf{3}}, \mathbf{3}, \frac{1}{3}, -1)$
$N_{R,\tau}$	$(1, 1, 0, -1)$	$S_1$	$(\bar{\mathbf{3}}, \mathbf{1}, \frac{1}{3}, +1)$
$\chi$	$(1, 1, 0, q)$ or $\chi$	$(1, 1, 0, q)$	

- Resolve  $R_{K(\star)}$  via  $S_3$  and  $S_1$  resolve  $R_{D(\star)}$ . Automatically eliminate dangerous proton and LFV decays.
- No need for ad-hoc discrete symmetry for DM. The light  $Z'$  can mediate a large velocity dependent DM self-interaction that resolve small scale problems.

# Neutrino Mass Generation

Neutrino masses are induced at tree level via type-I seesaw mechanism

$$m_\nu \simeq - m_D m_R^{-1} m_D^T$$

$$m_D = v/\sqrt{2} \text{ Diag } (\lambda_e, \lambda_\mu, \lambda_\tau)$$

$$m_R = \begin{pmatrix} M_1 & a_{12}\langle\phi_1\rangle & a_{13}\langle\phi_1\rangle \\ a_{12}\langle\phi_1\rangle & 0 & M_2 \\ a_{13}\langle\phi_1\rangle & M_2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Lead to two vanishing minors,  
 $(m_\nu^{-1})_{22} = (m_\nu^{-1})_{33} = 0$

Predicts Normal Hierarchy

$$\sum_j m_j = [0.124 - 0.17] \text{ eV}, m_{\beta\beta} = 0.036 \text{ eV}, \delta_{\text{CP}} = 246^\circ \text{ or } 114^\circ$$

Cosmological constraints:  $\sum_j m_j = [0.12 - 0.16] \text{ eV}$

If lower bound confirmed,

Excluded but add second scalar  $\phi_2 \sim (1,1,0,2)$

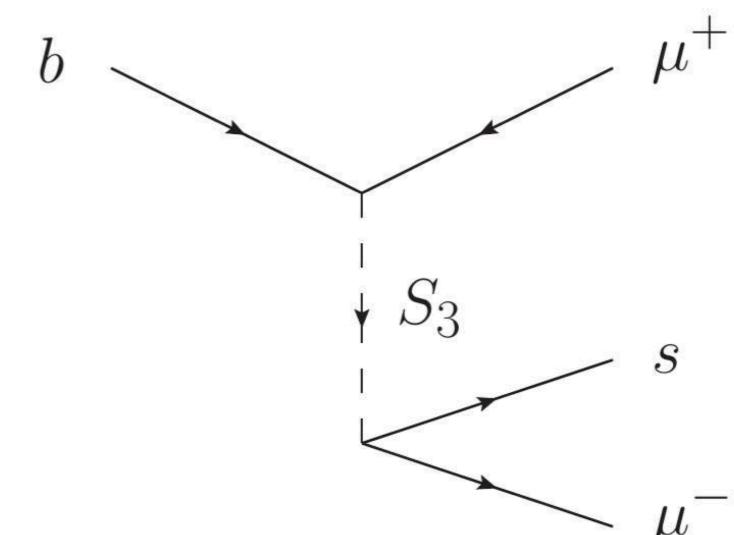
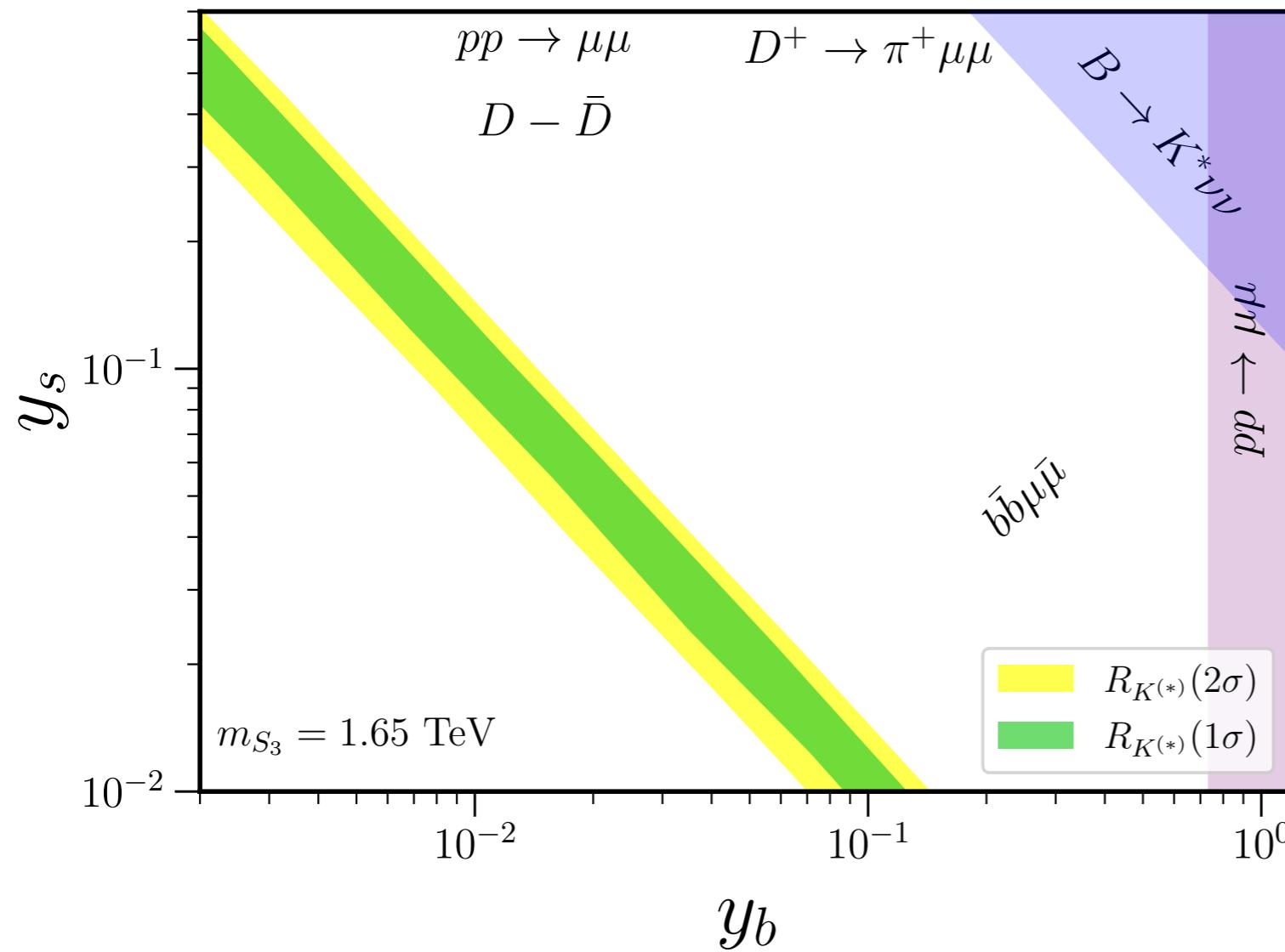
But not prediction!

# Neutral Current Anomaly: $R_K, R_{K^*}$

$$S_3 \sim (\bar{3}, 3, 1/3, -1)$$

$$y_j \bar{Q}_j^c S_3 P_L L_\mu + h.c.$$

~~$QQS_3^*$~~



$$C_9 = -C_{10} = \frac{\pi v^2}{V_{tb} V_{ts}^* \alpha_{\text{em}}} \frac{y_b y_s^*}{m_{S_3}^2}$$

$$C_9^{\mu\mu} = -C_{10}^{\mu\mu} = -0.41 \pm 0.09$$

[Aebischer, et. al, '19; Becirevic et. al, '21]

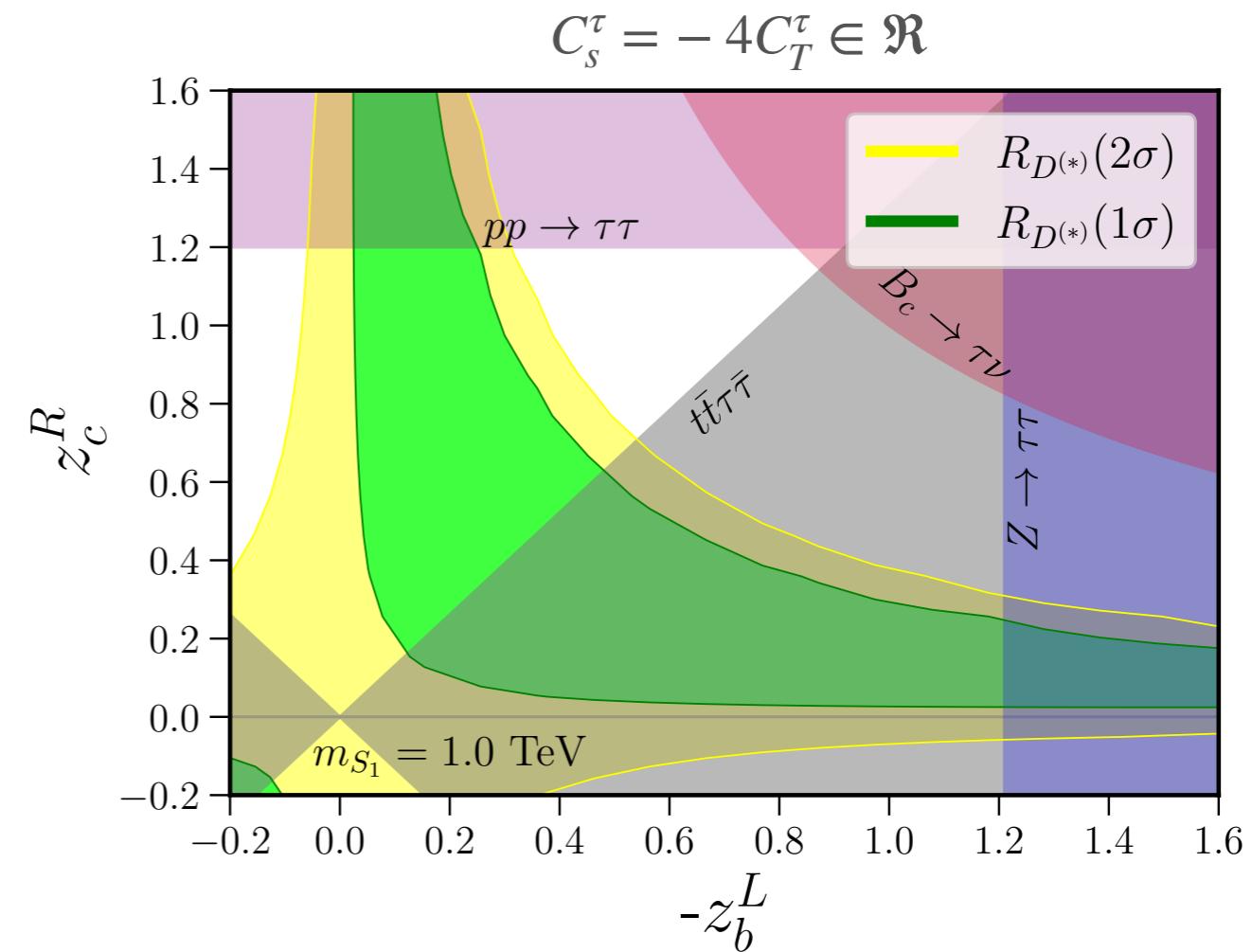
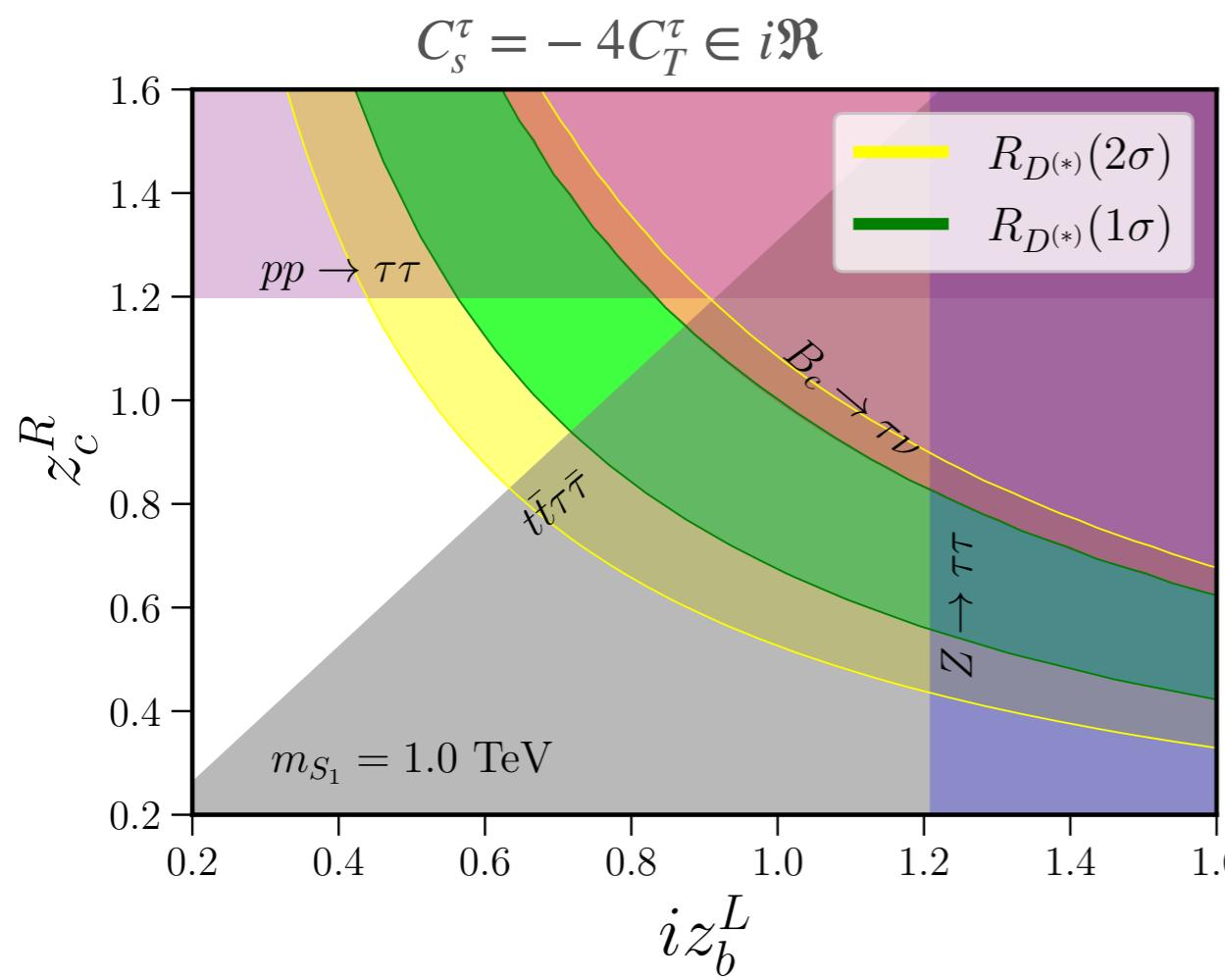
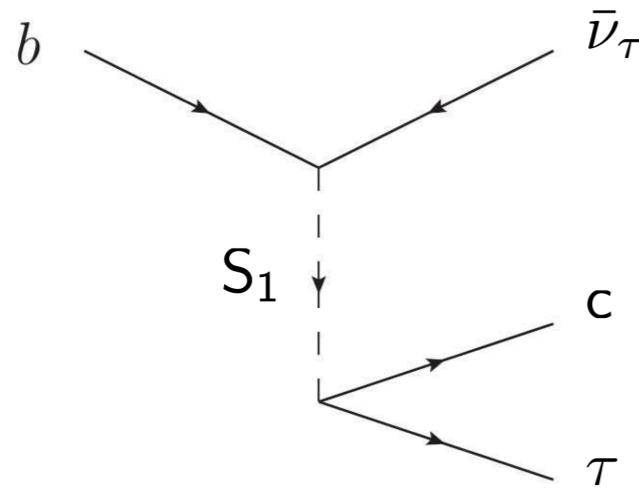
$$m_{S_3} \sim 40 \text{ TeV} \times \sqrt{|y_b y_s|}$$



# Charged Current Anomaly: $R_D, R_{D^\star}$

$$S_1 \sim (\bar{3}, 1, 1/3, +1)$$

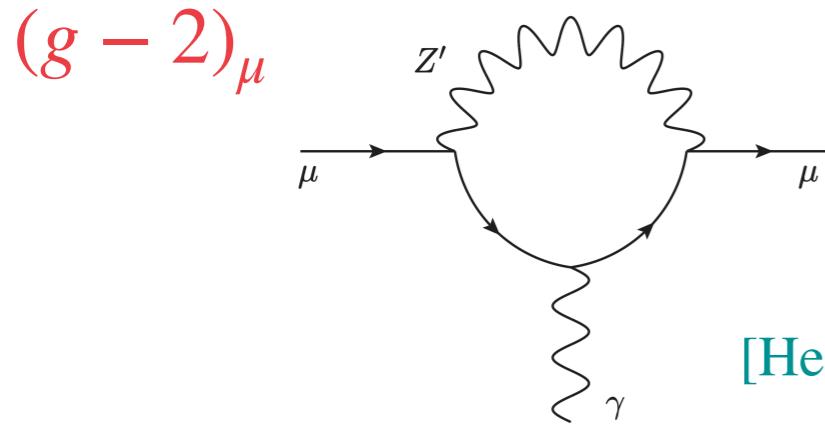
$$z_j^L \bar{Q}_j^c S_1 P_L L_\tau + z_j^R \bar{u}_j^c S_1 P_R \tau + z_j^N \bar{d}_j^c S_1 P_R N_{R,\tau} + h.c.$$



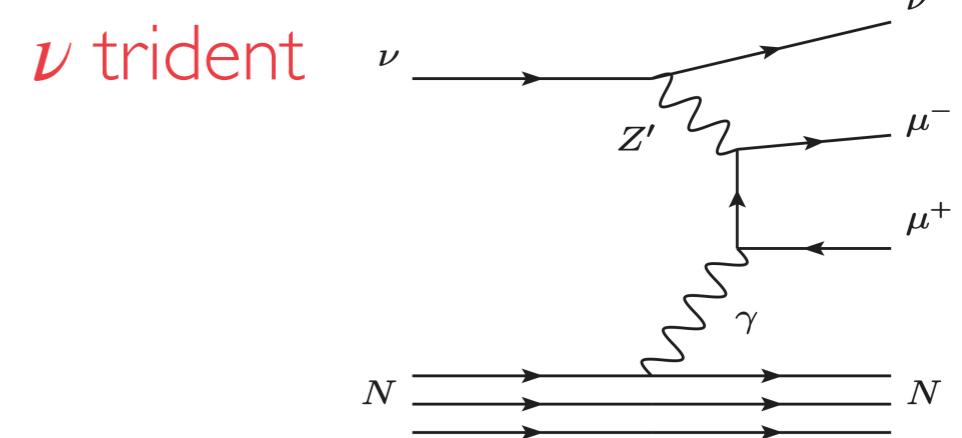
$$C_s^\tau = -4C_T^\tau = -\frac{v^2}{4V_{cb}} \frac{z_b^L z_c^{R*}}{m_{S_1}^2}$$

$$C_V^\tau = \frac{v^2}{4V_{cb}} \frac{z_b^L (V z_c^{L*})_c}{m_{S_1}^2}$$

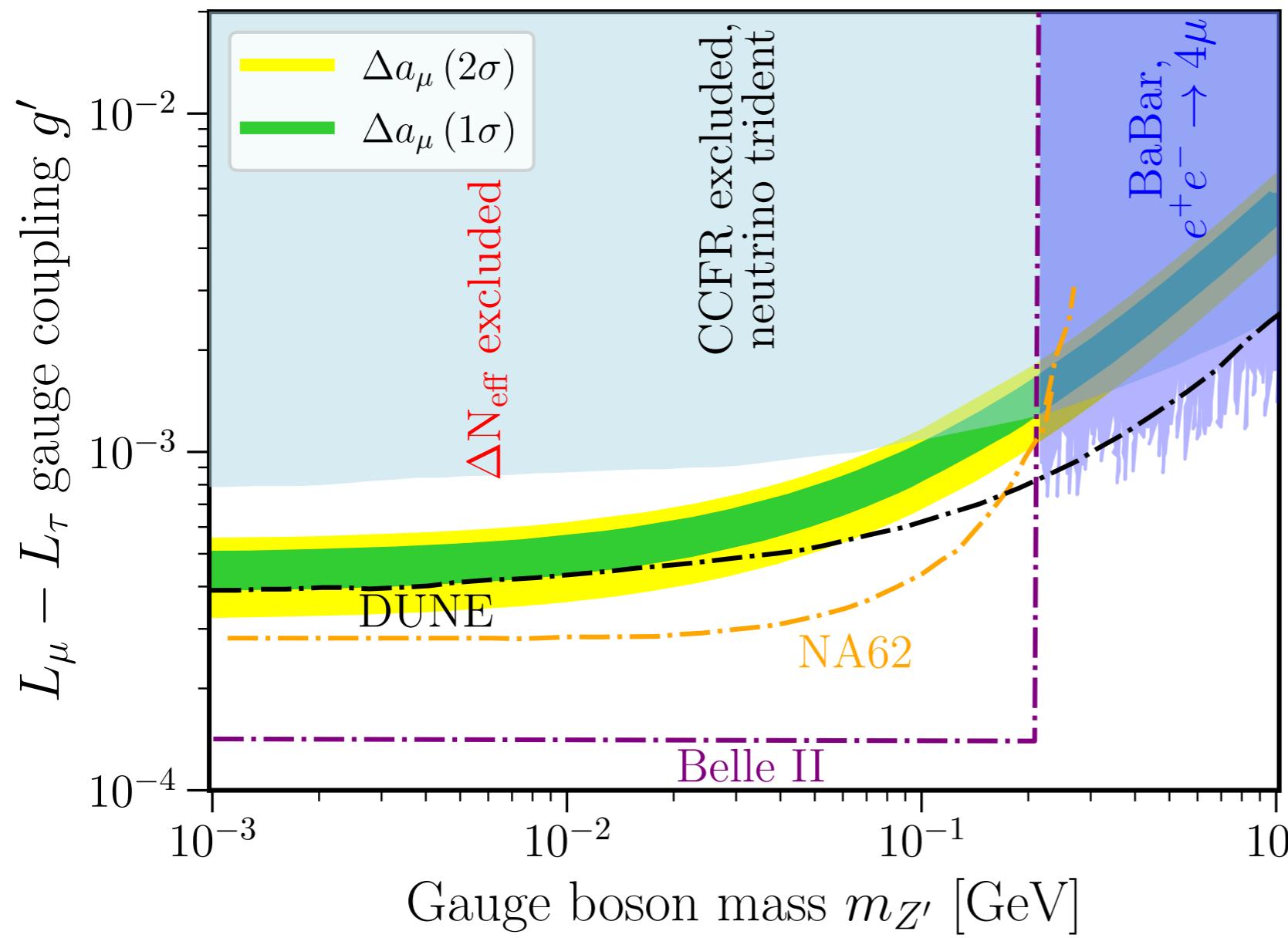
# Anomalous Magnetic Moment



[He, Joshi, Lew, Volkas, '91]



[Altmannshofer, Gori, Pospelov, Yavin, '14]



To be improved by DUNE

[Altmannshofer et al, '19;  
Ballettet al, '19]

Invisible  $Z'$

$e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-Z'$  at Belle II

[Jho++, 1904.1305]

$K \rightarrow \mu\nu Z'$  at NA62

[Krnjaic++, 1904.1305]

$$\chi \sim (1,1,0,q)$$

- $(g - 2)_\mu \implies m_{Z'} = \mathcal{O}(10 - 100) \text{ MeV}$ , relevant hierarchy  $m_{Z'} \ll m_\chi$
- Dominant annihilation channel  $\bar{\chi}\chi \rightarrow Z'Z'$ :

$$qg' \simeq 0.02 \sqrt{\frac{m_\chi}{\text{GeV}}}$$

- $\bar{\chi}\chi \rightarrow \text{leptons}$  suppressed by  $1/q^2$

- Large DM-DM self interactions mediated by the light  $Z'$
- Same combination ( $g_X = qg'$ ) enters the DM-DM self-interactions cross sections described by Yukawa potential:

$$g_X \bar{\chi} \gamma^\mu \chi Z_\mu$$

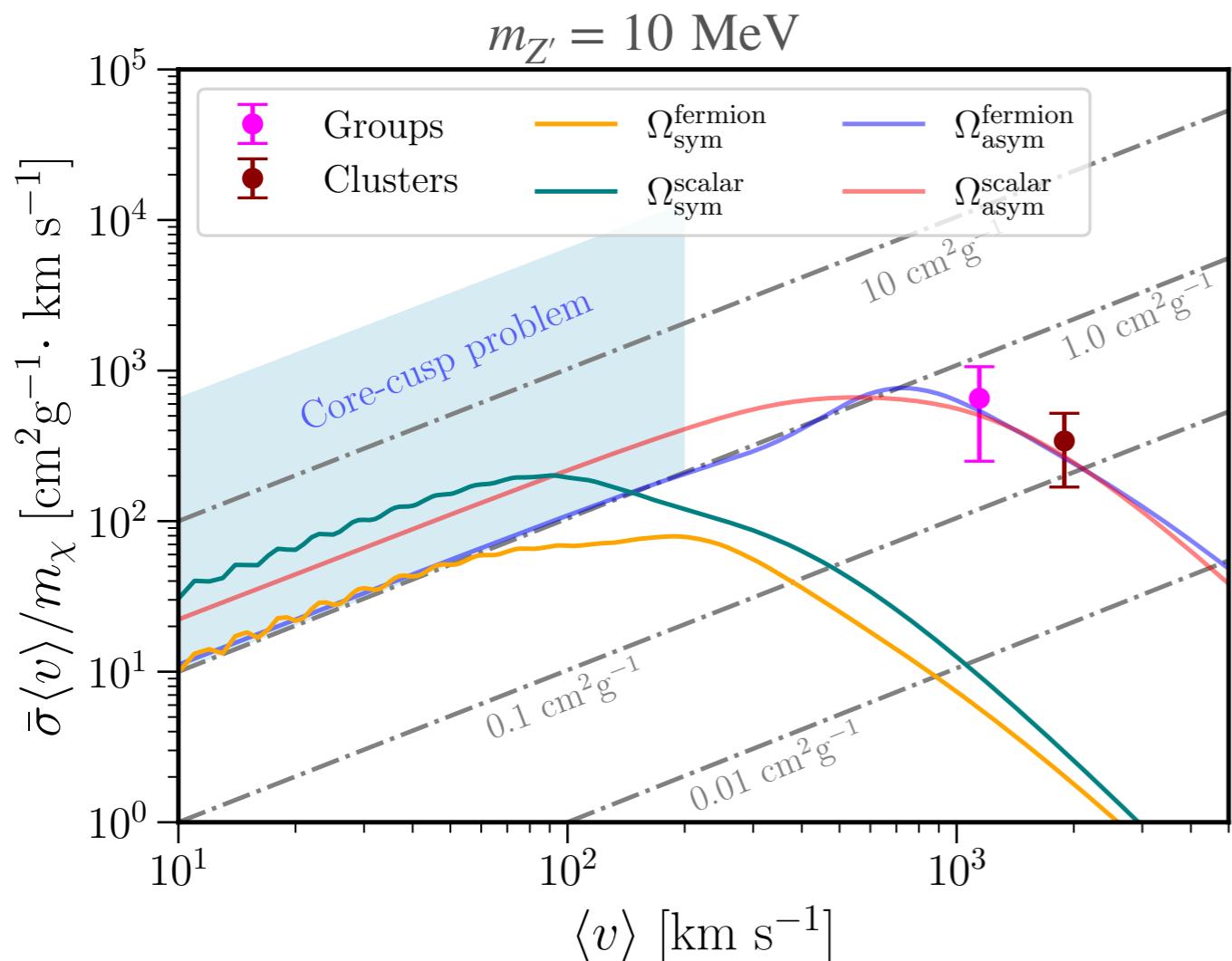
$$V(r) = \pm \frac{\alpha_X}{r} e^{-m_{Z'} r} \quad [\text{Tulin et al, '20}]$$

- Typical cross section needed to flatten the cores to explain small structure formation:

$$\sigma \sim 10^{-24} \text{ cm}^2 \frac{m_\chi}{\text{GeV}} \approx 1 \text{ cm}^2/\text{g}$$

Typical WIMP cross section:  $\sigma \sim 10^{-36} \text{ cm}^2$





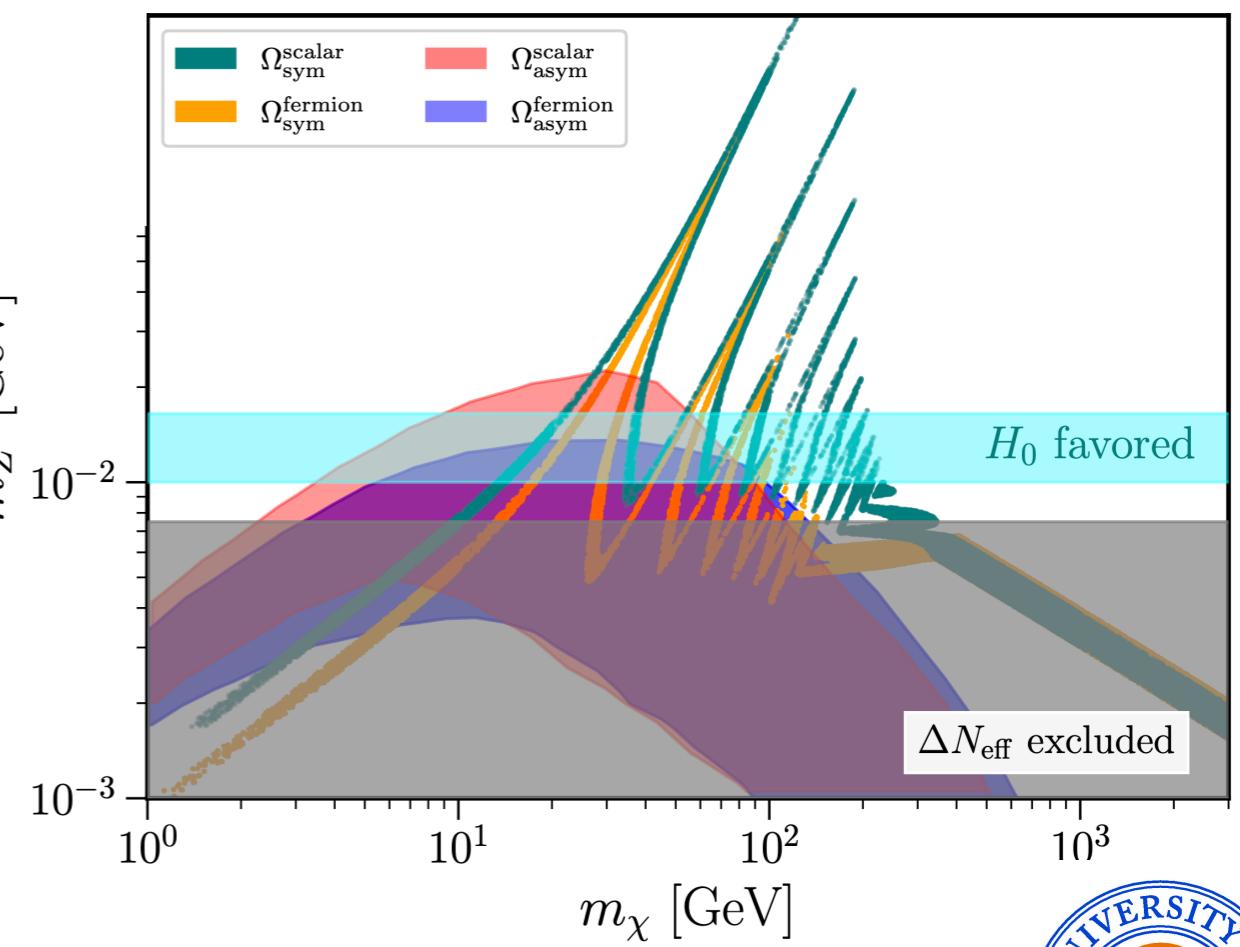
$m_\chi = 4 \text{ GeV}$   
asymmetric DM

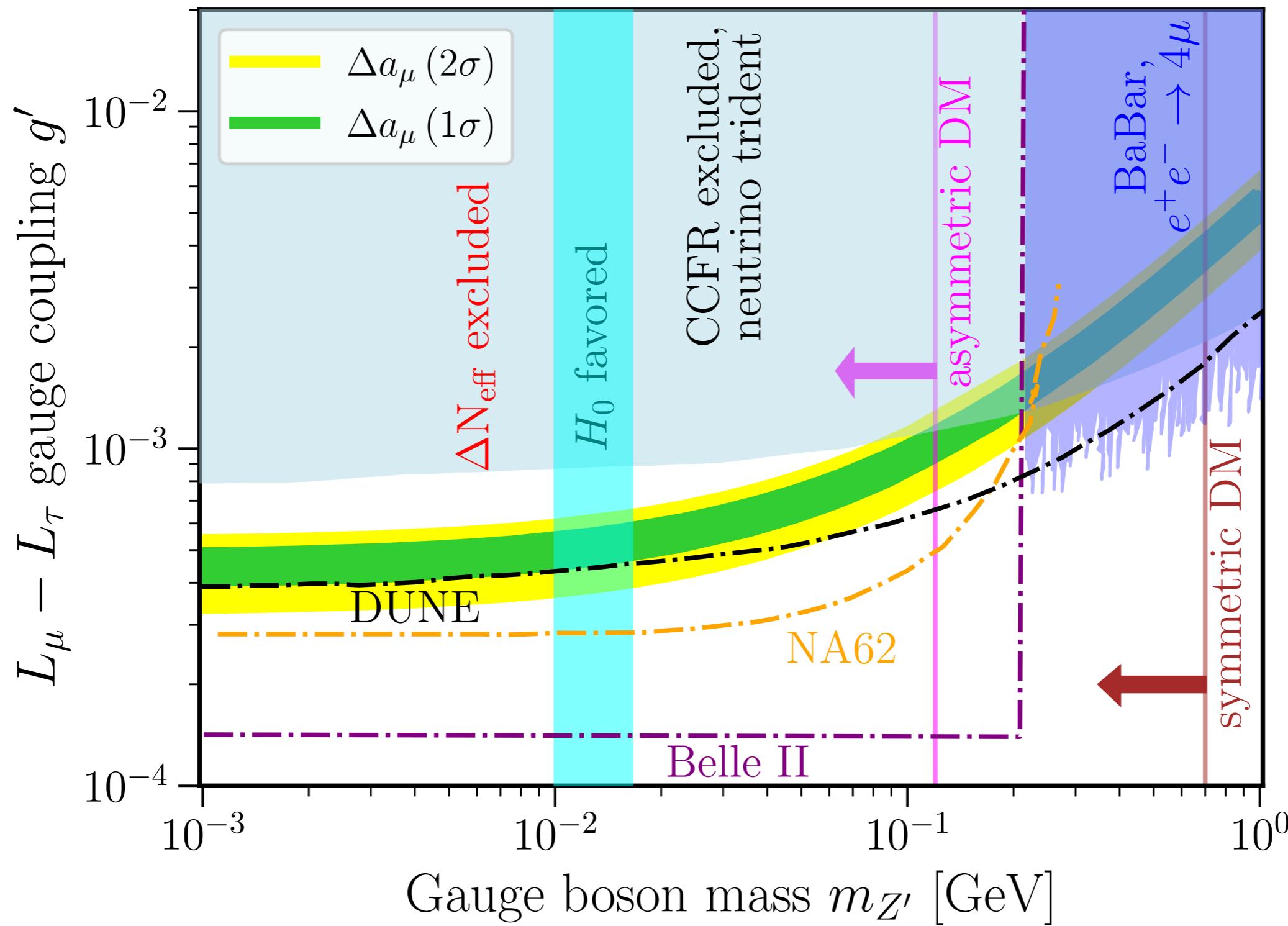
$m_\chi = 15 \text{ GeV}$   
symmetric DM

$Z'$  mass falls precisely in the region in which the  $Z'$  can explain the  $(g - 2)_\mu$  anomaly

Dwarf galaxies:  
velocity of DM  $\sim [10 - 100] \text{ km/s}$ ,  
 $\sigma/m \sim 1 \text{ cm}^2/\text{g}$   
[Tulin et al, '20]

Clusters:  
velocity of DM  $\sim 1000 \text{ km/s}$ ,  
 $\sigma/m \sim 0.1 \text{ cm}^2/\text{g}$ .





# Conclusion

- Simple gauged  $U(1)_{L_\mu - L_\tau}$  resolves  $B$ - anomalies, muon  $g - 2$  and leads to velocity-dependent dark-matter self-interactions that can ameliorate current small-scale structure-formation discrepancies.
- The models are consistent with observed neutrino oscillation data and predicts NH.