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Dark Matter in White Dwarfs

Neutron star heating and the $(g - 2)_\mu$ discrepancy

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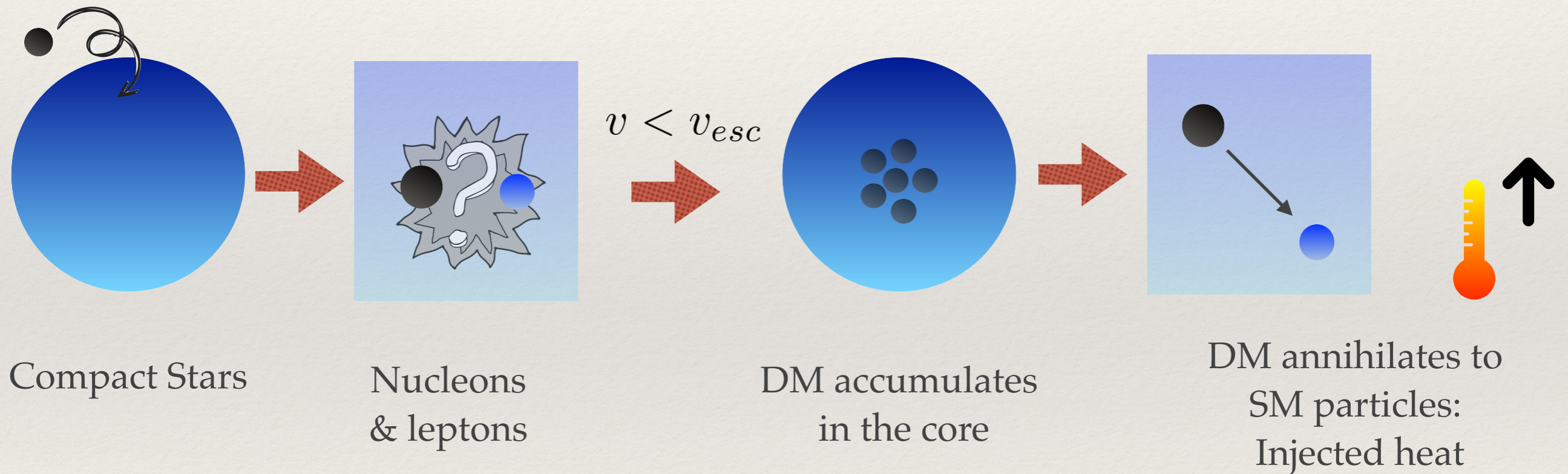
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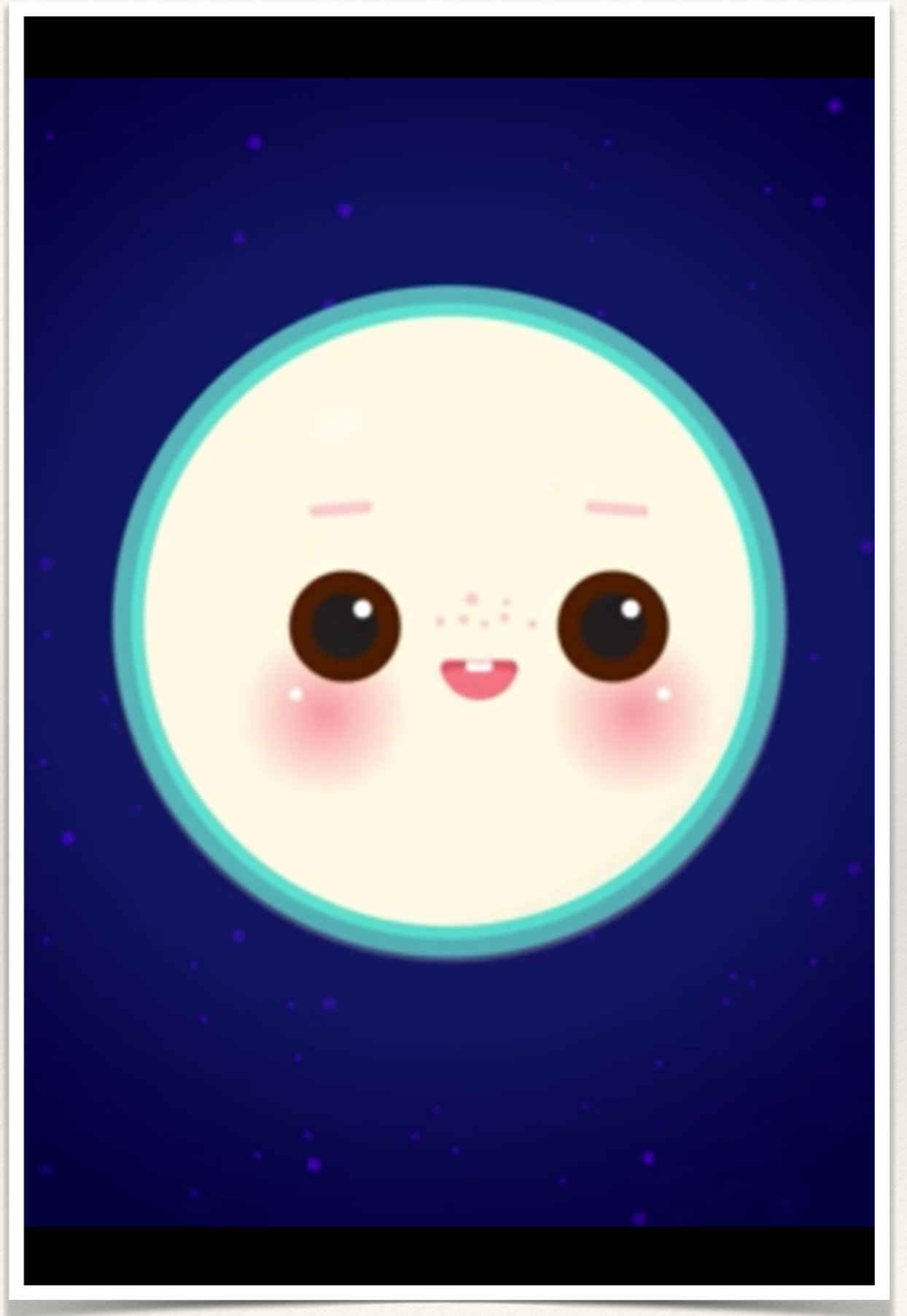
General picture

- ❖ Dark matter can heat compact stars and generate an observable signal.



Part I:
About White Dwarfs...

Dark Matter in White Dwarfs



Capture rate: ions

$$C = \frac{\rho_\chi}{m_\chi} \int_0^{R_\star} 4\pi r^2 \eta(r) dr \int_0^\infty du_\chi \frac{\omega(r)}{u_\chi} f_{MB}(u_\chi) \Omega^-(\omega)$$

$\eta(r) \rightarrow$ Star Opacity

$f_{MB}(u_\chi) \rightarrow$ Maxwell Boltzmann distribution

$\Omega^-(\omega) \rightarrow$ DM interaction rate

Capture rate: ions

- We calculate bounds on the **cut off scale** of the dimension 6 EFT operators that describe DM interactions with WD targets: ions and electrons.

$$\frac{d\sigma_{T\chi}}{d\cos\theta} = \frac{1}{32\pi} \frac{|\overline{M}_T|^2}{(m_\chi + m_T)^2}$$

We have introduced the **nuclear response function** for carbon-12

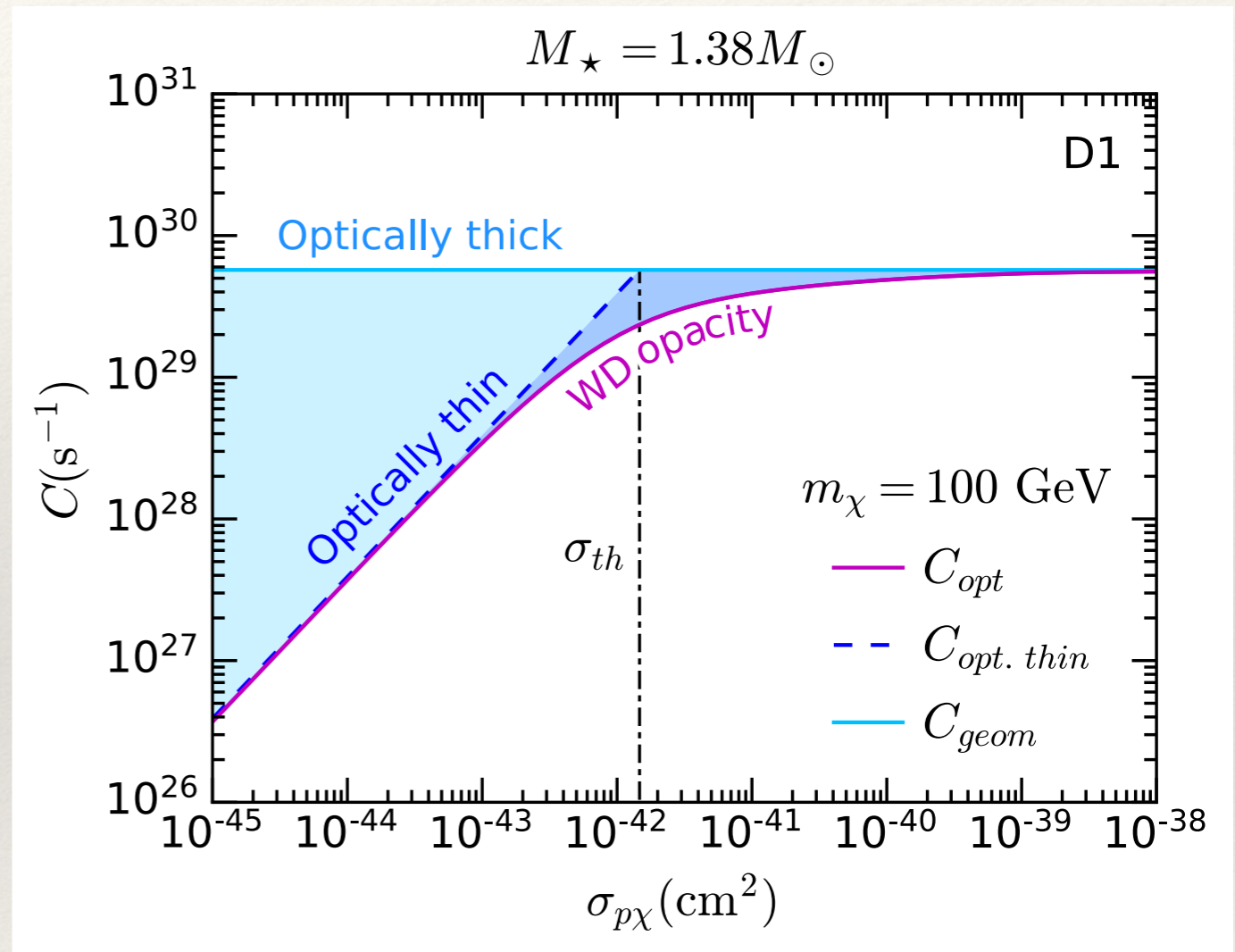
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Name	Operator	Coupling
✓ D1	$\bar{\chi}\chi \bar{f}f$	y_f/Λ_f^2
✓ D2	$\bar{\chi}\gamma^5\chi \bar{f}f$	iy_f/Λ_f^2
D3	$\bar{\chi}\chi \bar{f}\gamma^5 f$	iy_f/Λ_f^2
D4	$\bar{\chi}\gamma^5\chi \bar{f}\gamma^5 f$	y_f/Λ_f^2
✓ D5	$\bar{\chi}\gamma_\mu\chi \bar{f}\gamma^\mu f$	$1/\Lambda_f^2$
✓ D6	$\bar{\chi}\gamma_\mu\gamma^5\chi \bar{f}\gamma^\mu f$	$1/\Lambda_f^2$
D7	$\bar{\chi}\gamma_\mu\chi \bar{f}\gamma^\mu\gamma^5 f$	$1/\Lambda_f^2$
D8	$\bar{\chi}\gamma_\mu\gamma^5\chi \bar{f}\gamma^\mu\gamma^5 f$	$1/\Lambda_f^2$
D9	$\bar{\chi}\sigma_{\mu\nu}\chi \bar{f}\sigma^{\mu\nu} f$	$1/\Lambda_f^2$
✓ D10	$\bar{\chi}\sigma_{\mu\nu}\gamma^5\chi \bar{f}\sigma^{\mu\nu} f$	i/Λ_f^2

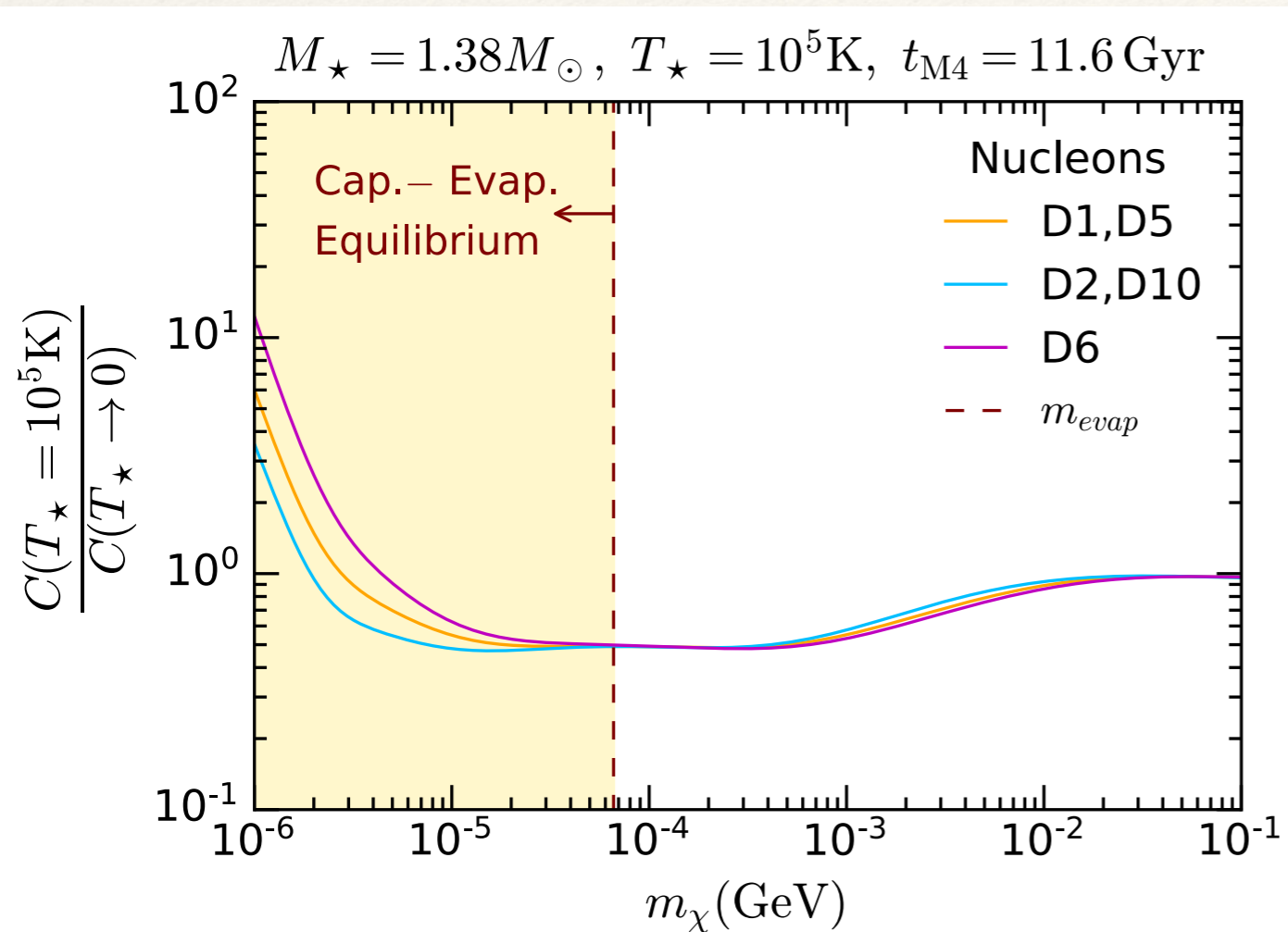
Capture rate: ions

In the $T_\star \rightarrow 0$ limit,

- Maximum capture: Geometric limit $\Omega^-(\omega) \rightarrow 1$
- Optically thin limit: $\eta(r) \rightarrow 1$
- The complete treatment includes the inner structure of the WD as well as



Capture rate: ions



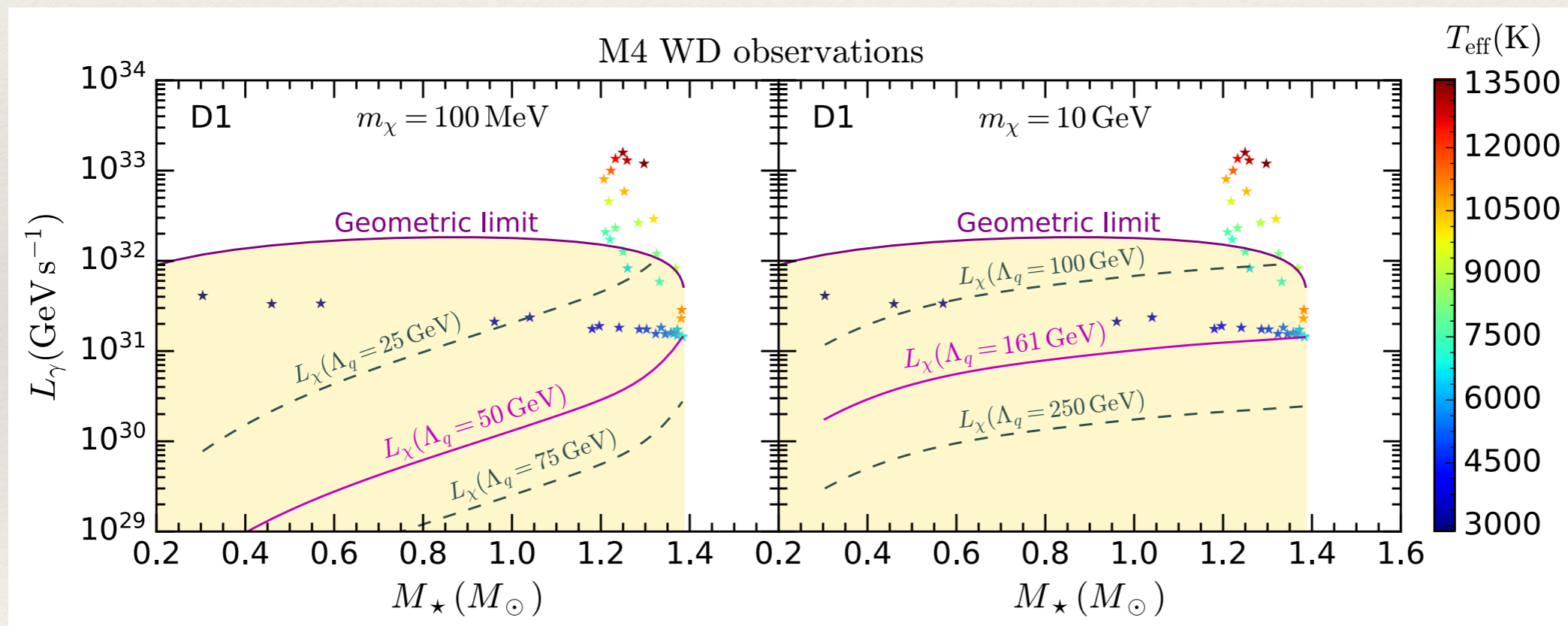
Finite temperature ($T_\star = const$)

- For the oldest and heaviest WDs in M4, $T_\star = 10^5\text{K}$
- Ratio starts to deviate from 1 at $m_\chi \sim 10\text{MeV}$
- Evaporation mass $m_{evap} \sim 70\text{keV}$

- Observed luminosity of the **faintest WD in M4**: Assumed to be composed of **Carbon-12**
- Since DM **capture and annihilation processes** are in **equilibrium**, the star luminosity due to DM is

$$L_\chi = m_\chi C(m_\chi, \Lambda_f)$$

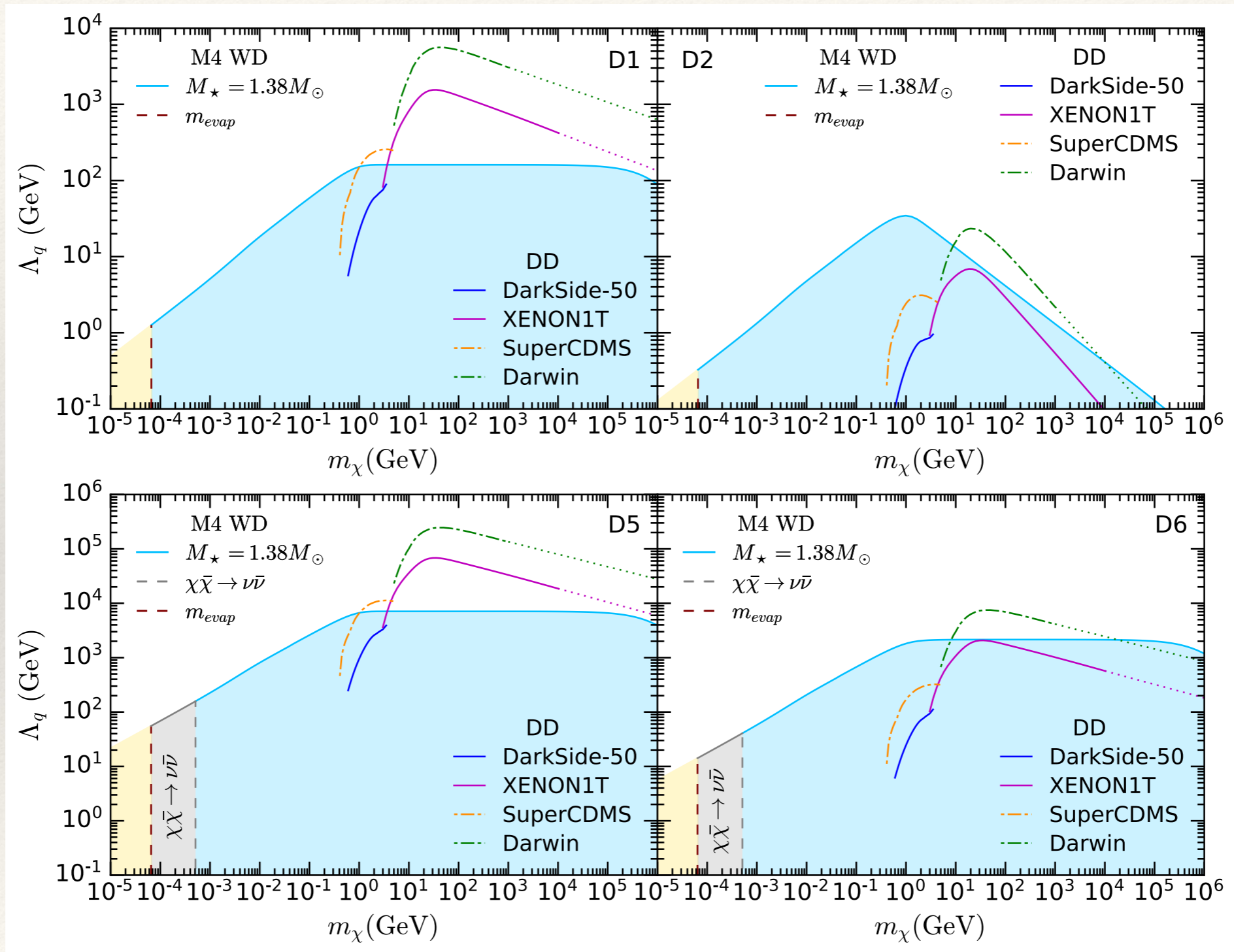
- We compare the WD observed luminosity L_γ to L_χ
- L_γ should be **at least equal** to the luminosity from DM contribution.

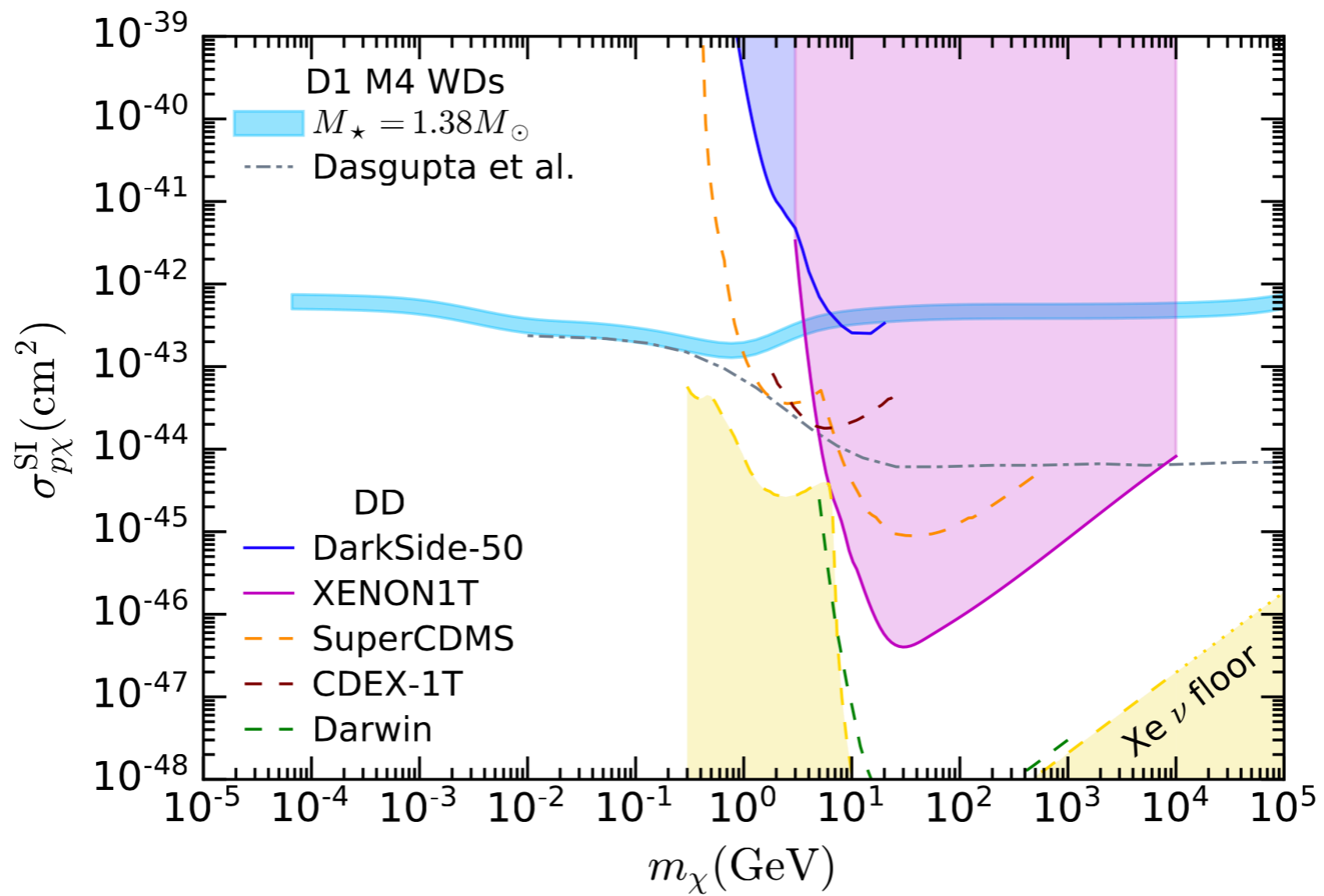


$$M_\star \sim 1.38 M_\odot$$

If DM is presented in M4

$\rho_\chi = 798 \text{ GeVcm}^{-3}$ for a contracted NFW profile





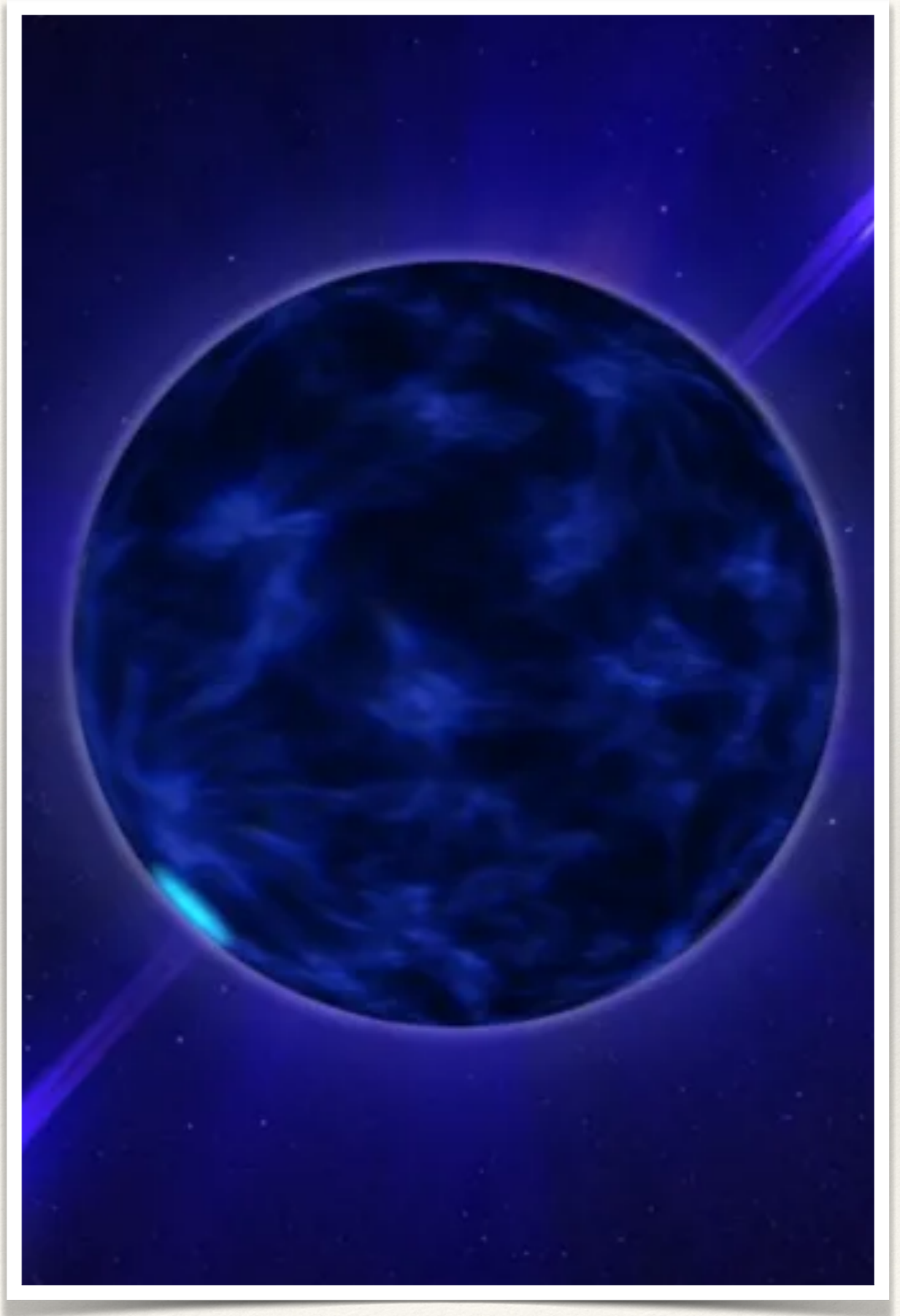
- Improvement of previous calculations of DM capture rate in WDs
 - Realistic nuclear **response functions**
 - WD **internal structure** (FMT-EOS)
 - Star opacity
 - Temperature effects
- Estimate the **evaporation mass**:
for the heaviest WD in M4 with a core temperature of $T_{\star} = 10^5$ K,

$$m_{evap} \sim \mathcal{O}(\text{keV})$$

- If there is DM in M4,
 - For DM-nucleon SI cross section: constraints from old WDs in M4 are stronger than DD experiments:
 - **Sub-GeV DM mass regime**
 - **velocity and momentum dependent**

Part II: About Neutron Stars...

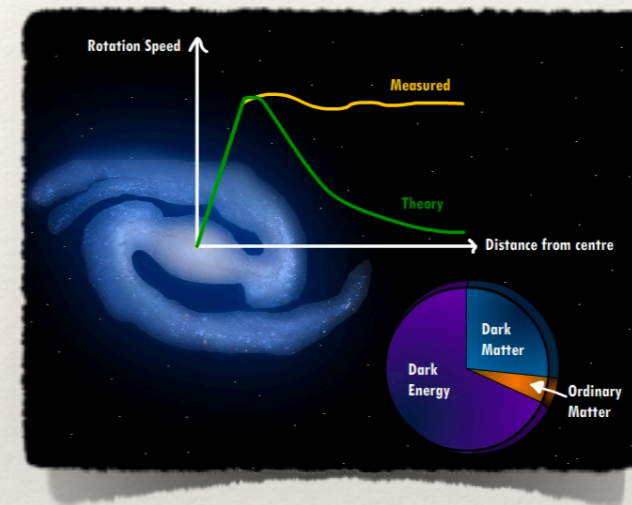
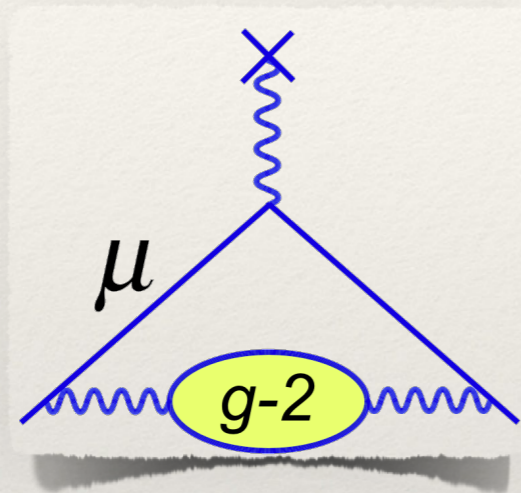
Neutron star heating and the
 $(g - 2)_\mu$ discrepancy



Several BSM scenarios have been proposed in order to explain this discrepancy

→ Weakly-interacting massive particles (WIMPs) coupling to muons

These scenarios could explain



→ Large number of possibilities for this class of extension models:

1. Model I: Majorana fermion DM couples to the Higgs field at tree level.
2. Model II: Majorana fermion DM doesn't couple to the Higgs field at tree level.

DM + $(g - 2)_\mu$

Model I

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{mass}} = -\frac{1}{2} (\chi_S, \xi_{D^0}, \eta_{D^0}) \mathcal{M}_\chi \begin{pmatrix} \chi_S \\ \xi_{D^0} \\ \eta_{D^0} \end{pmatrix} - M_{F_D} \xi_{D^-} - \eta_{D^+} + \text{h.c.} \\ - M_{\tilde{e}}^2 |\tilde{e}|^2 - M_{\tilde{\nu}}^2 |\tilde{\nu}|^2 ,$$

$$0 < M_{\chi_1} \leq M_{\chi_2} \leq M_{\chi_3}$$

DM candidate

$$\begin{pmatrix} \chi_S \\ \xi_{D^0} \\ \eta_{D^0} \end{pmatrix} = V_\chi \begin{pmatrix} \chi_1 \\ \chi_2 \\ \chi_3 \end{pmatrix} .$$

Unitary matrix

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{Yukawa}} = -\frac{h}{\sqrt{2}} \overline{\psi}_i^0 \left[(C_{\chi h L})_{ij} P_L + (C_{\chi h R})_{ij} P_R \right] \psi_j^0$$

DM -muon
interaction

$$- \left\{ \overline{\psi}_i^0 \left[y_1 (V_\chi)_{1i} P_L + y_2^* (V_\chi)_{2i}^* P_R \right] \mu \tilde{e}^* + \text{h.c.} \right\} \\ - \left[y_1 (V_\chi)_{1i} \overline{\psi}_i^0 P_L \nu \tilde{\nu}^* - y_2 \bar{\mu} P_L \psi^- \tilde{\nu} + \text{h.c.} \right]$$

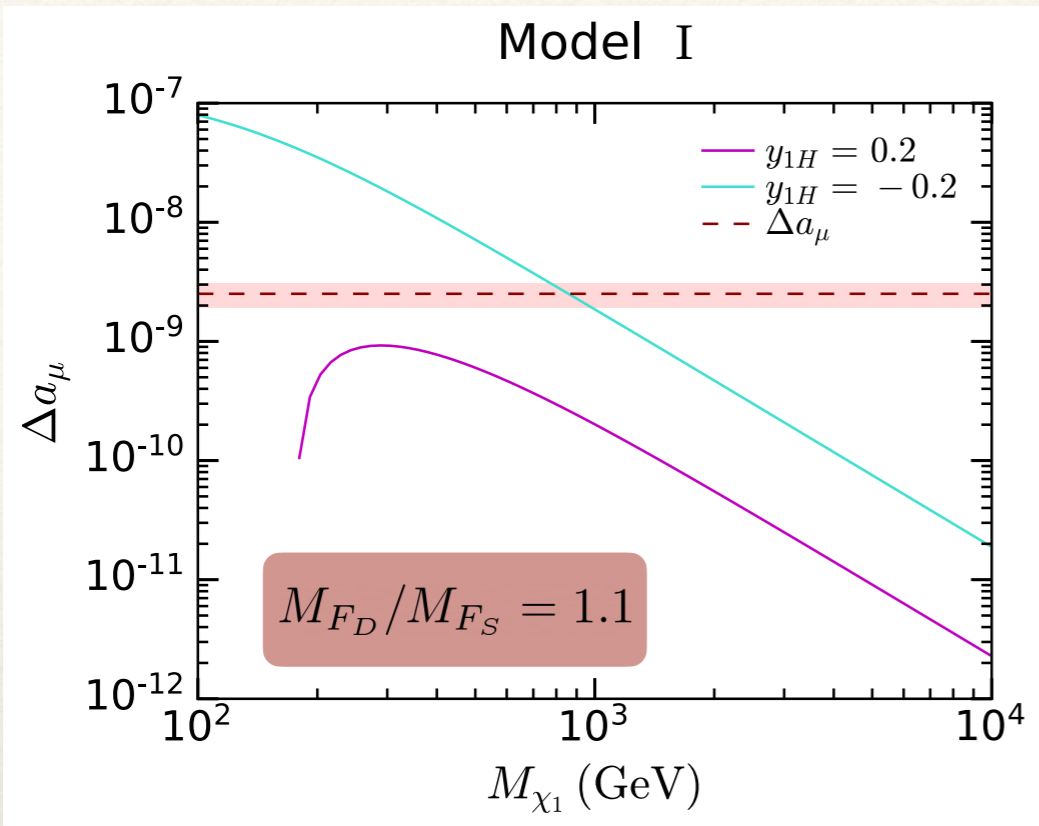
Two cases

- Singlet-like

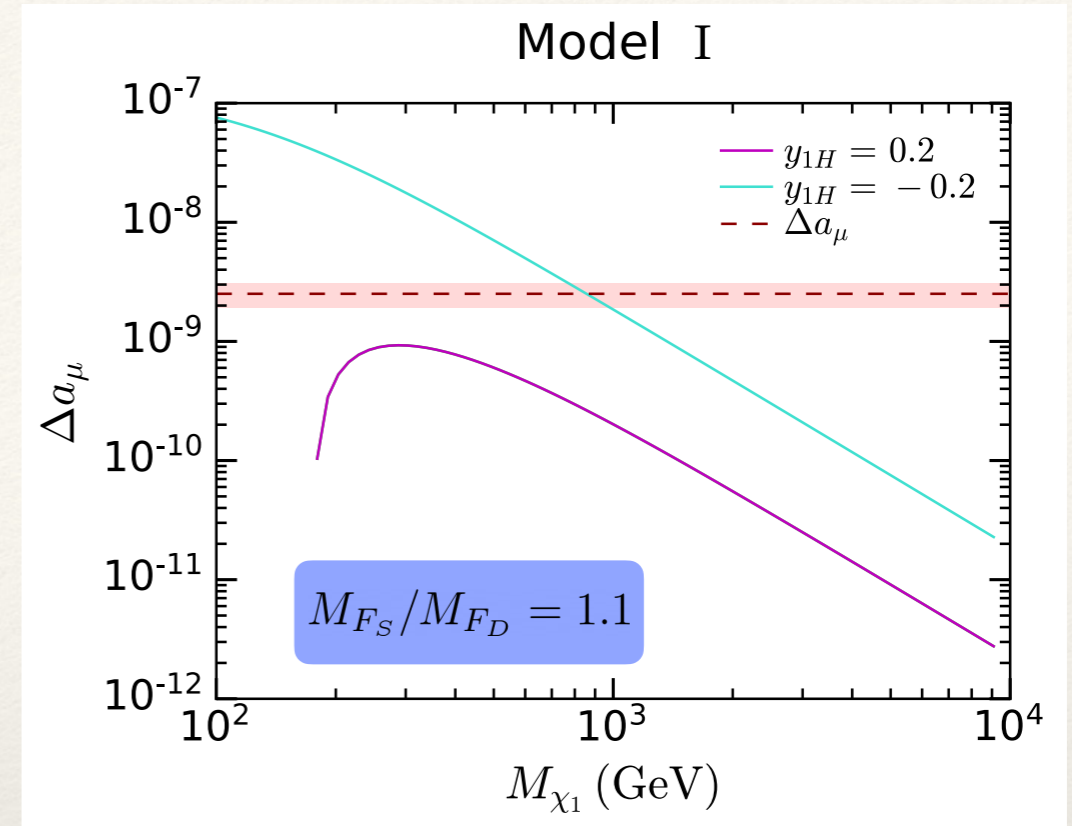
$$M_{F_S} < M_{F_D}$$

- Doublet-like

$$M_{F_S} > M_{F_D}$$



Singlet-like



Doublet-like

This model could explain the observed discrepancy in the $(g - 2)_\mu$ if the DM mass is

$$M_{\chi_1} \simeq 1 \text{ TeV}$$

$$M_{\chi_1} \simeq 800 \text{ GeV}$$

The relic abundance of χ_1 can coincide with the observed DM density

arXiv: 1804.00009

DM + $(g - 2)_\mu$

Model II

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{mass}} = - \left(\frac{1}{2} M_{F_S} \chi_S \chi_S + \text{h.c.} \right) - (\tilde{e}^*, \tilde{e}) \mathcal{M}_e^2 \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{e} \\ \tilde{e}^* \end{pmatrix} - M_{\tilde{\nu}}^2 |\tilde{\nu}|^2$$

DM candidate

Unitary matrix

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{Yukawa}} = - \left\{ \overline{\psi^0} \left[y_1 (U_e)_{1i}^* P_L + y_2^* (U_e)_{2i}^* P_R \right] \mu \tilde{e}_i^* + \text{h.c.} \right\} - \left[y_1 \overline{\psi^0} P_L \nu \tilde{\nu}^* + \text{h.c.} \right]$$

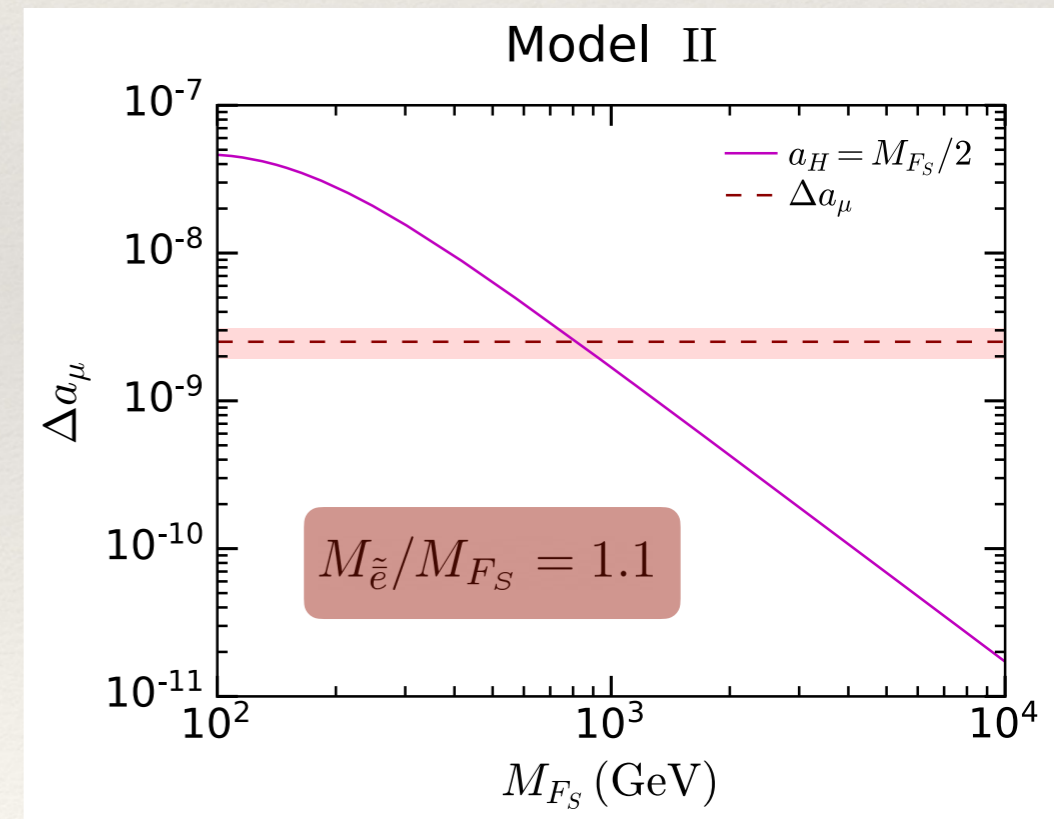
DM -muon
interaction

$$\begin{pmatrix} \tilde{e} \\ \tilde{e}^* \end{pmatrix} = U_e \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{e}_1 \\ \tilde{e}_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

The observed deviation the $(g - 2)_\mu$ can be explained if the DM mass is

$$M_{F_S} \simeq 800 \text{ GeV}$$

The observed DM density can be explained with the size of the DM mass

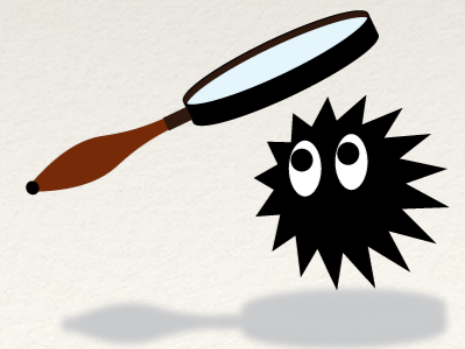


arXiv:2002.12534

Limitations..?

Masses of ~ 1 TeV to explain dark matter and $(g - 2)_\mu$

- ❖ The new particles in our model do not have color charge: hard to probe them in the LHC
 - ❖ The DM particles would be invisible to any detector near the collision point.
- ❖ Direct detection experiments: considerable regions of parameter space are beyond the reach of the next-generation DM direct detection experiments.



Alternatives...?

- ❖ DM can heat NS up to \sim a few $\times 10^3$ K
- ❖ NS efficiently capture DM particles $m_\chi \sim 10^2$ TeV after a single scattering
[arXiv: 2004.14888](#)

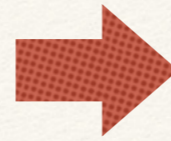
The temperature observation of neutron stars offers a promising way to probe these scenarios through DM accretion and annihilation in their core.



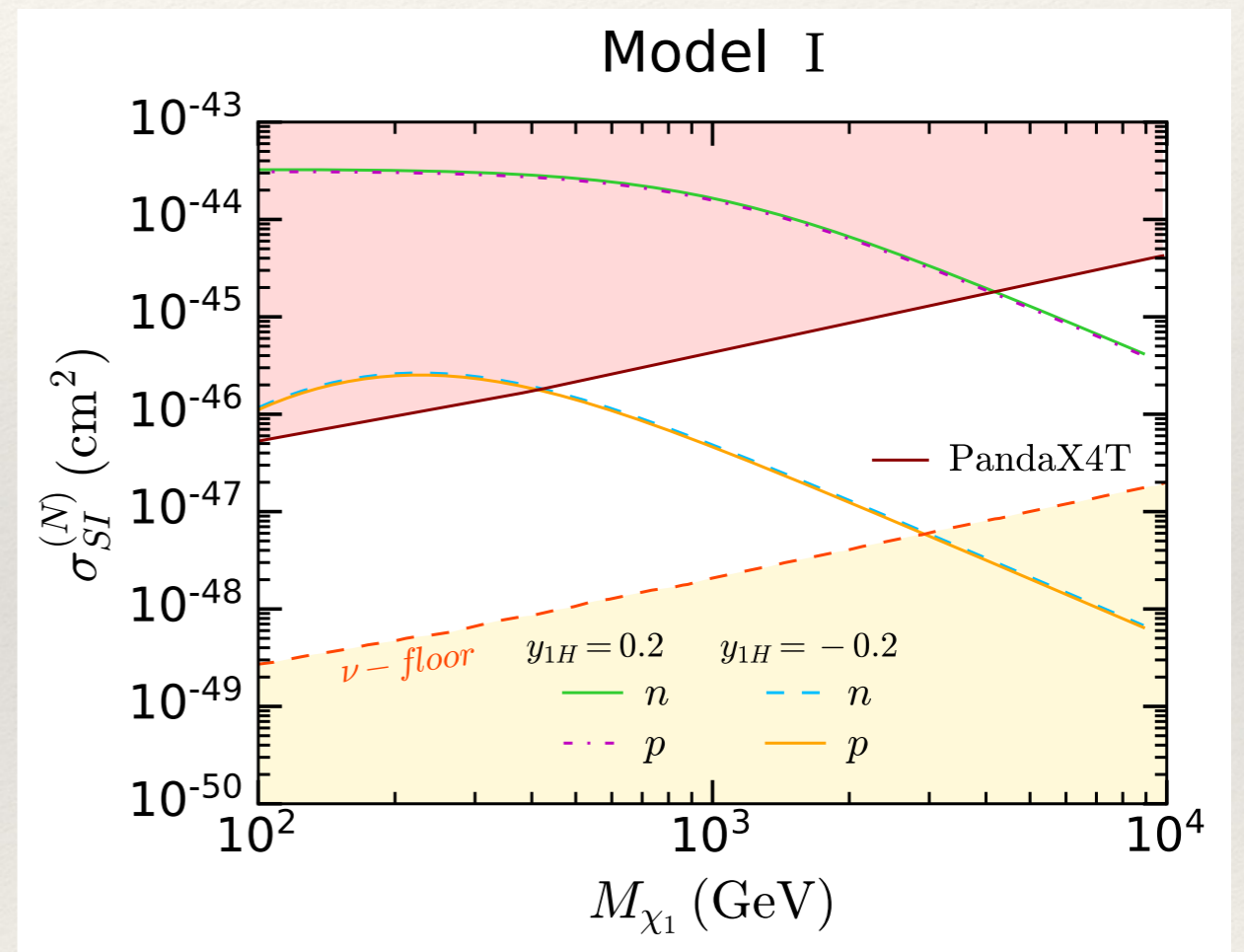
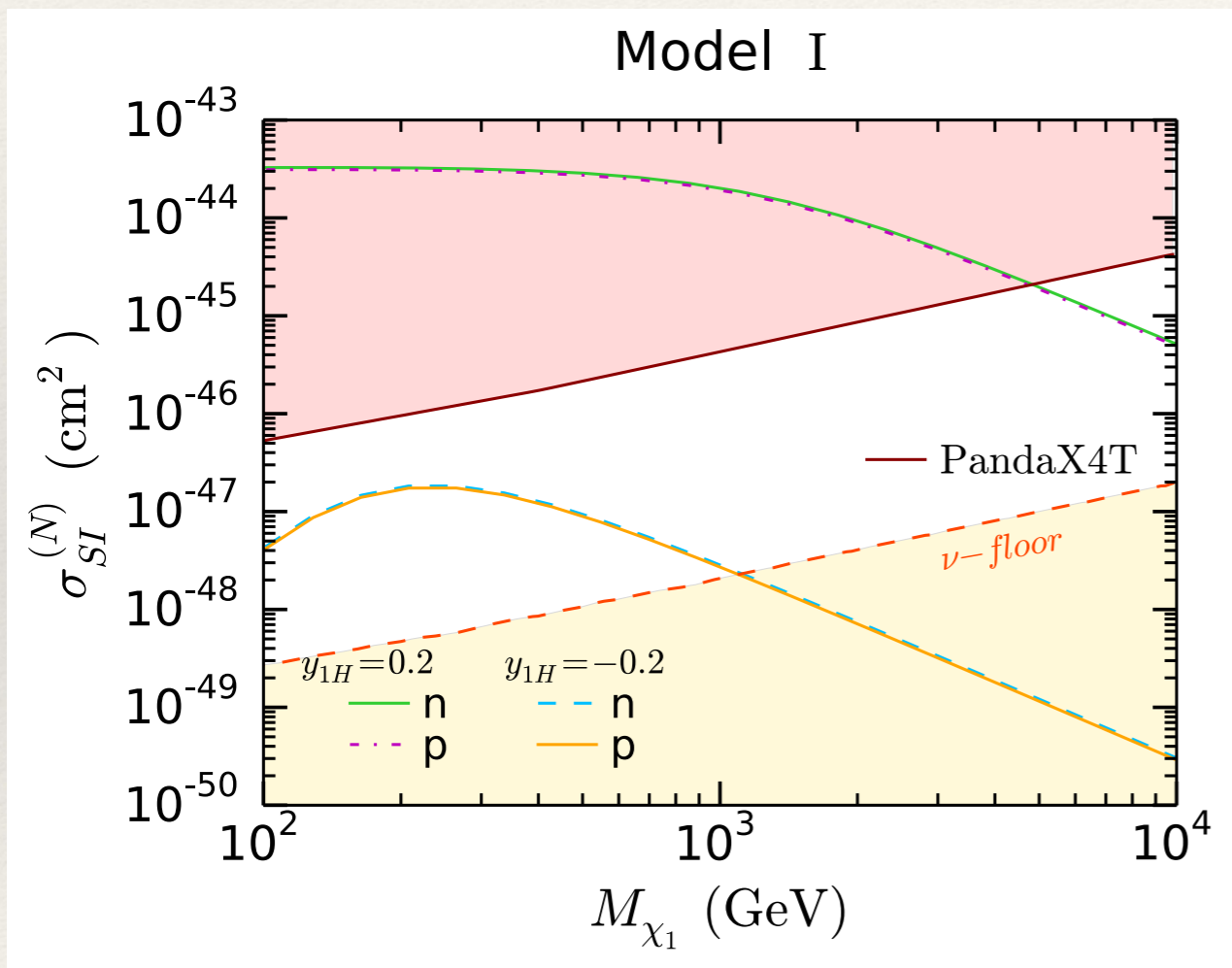
Model I: DM-nucleon cross section

Tree-level Higgs-boson exchange

$$\mathcal{L}_N = f_N \bar{\chi}_1 \chi_1 \bar{N} N$$



$$\sigma_{SI}^{(N)} = \frac{4}{\pi} \left(\frac{m_N M_{\chi_1}}{m_N + M_{\chi_1}} \right)^2 f_N^2$$



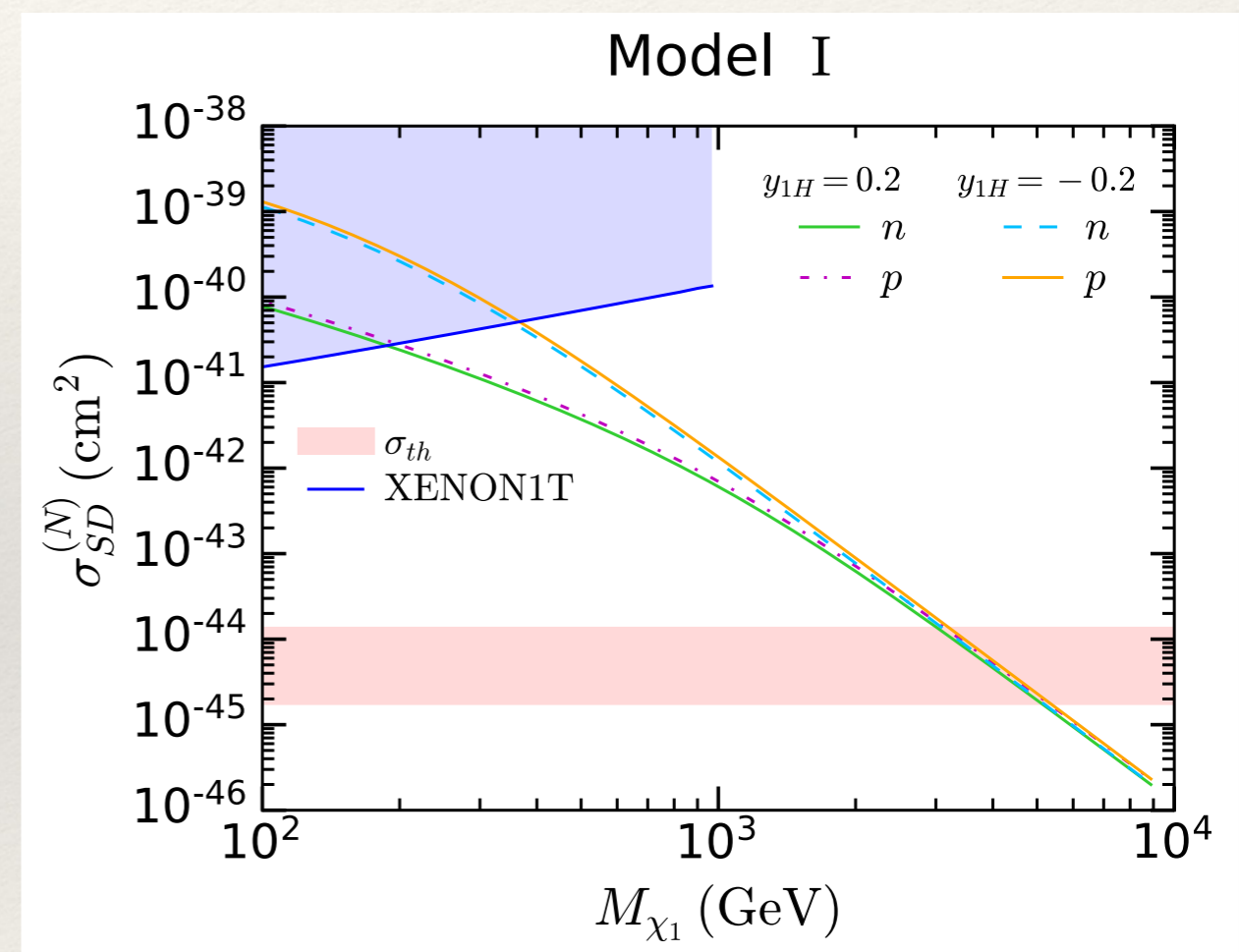
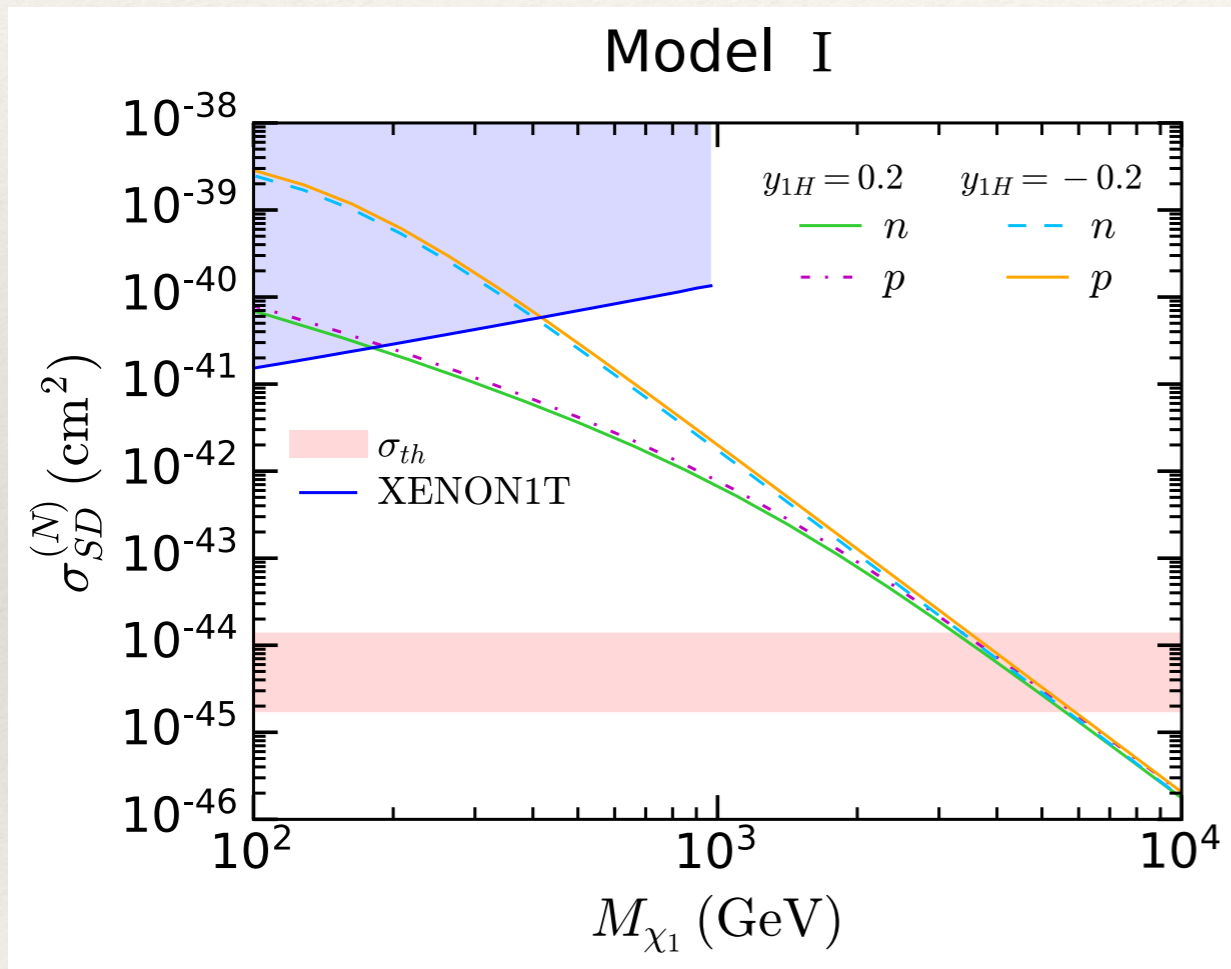
Model I: DM-nucleon cross section

Tree-level Z-boson exchange

$$\mathcal{L}_q = d_q \bar{\chi}_1 \gamma_\mu \gamma_5 \chi_1 \bar{q} \gamma^\mu \gamma^5 q$$



$$\sigma_{SD}^{(N)} = \frac{12}{\pi} \left(\frac{m_N M_{\chi_1}}{m_N + M_{\chi_1}} \right)^2 a_N^2$$

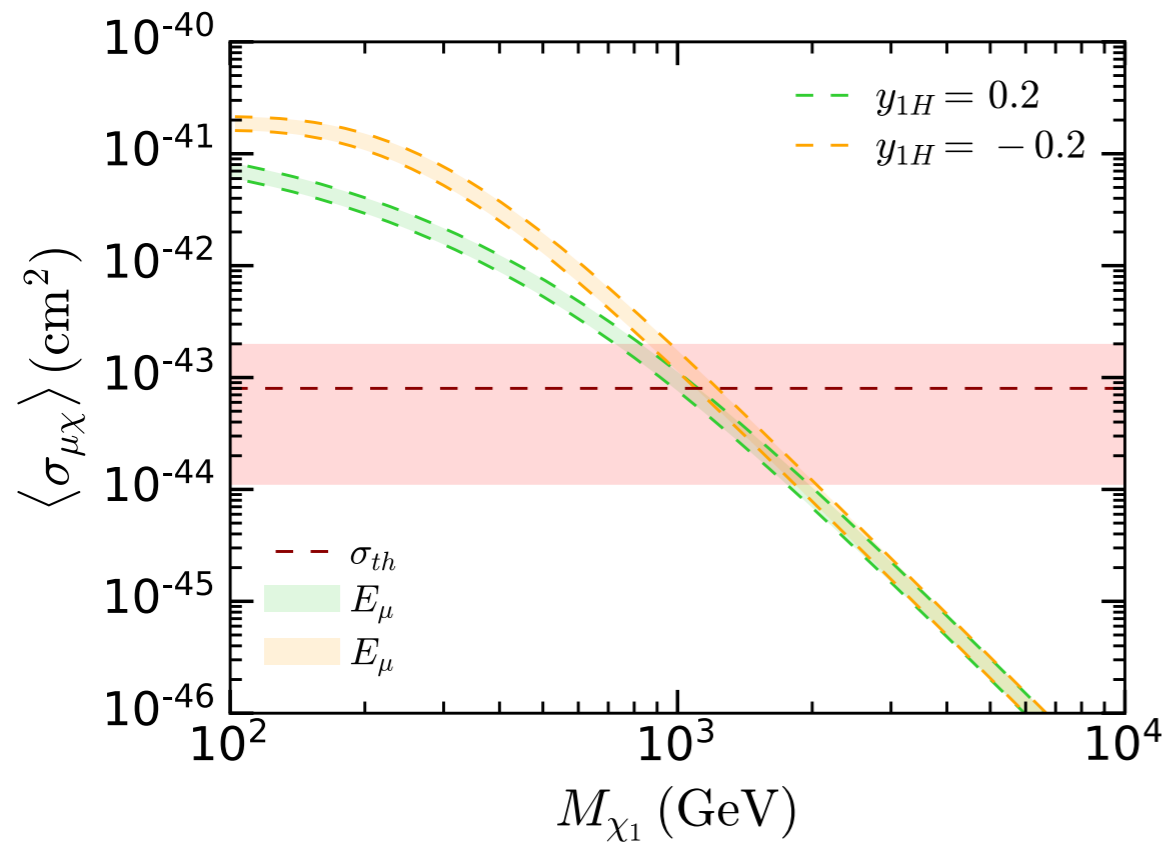


$$\sigma_{th} \simeq [1.7 \times 10^{-45}, 1.4 \times 10^{-44}] \text{ cm}^2$$

arXiv:2108.02525

arXiv: 2004.14888

Model I



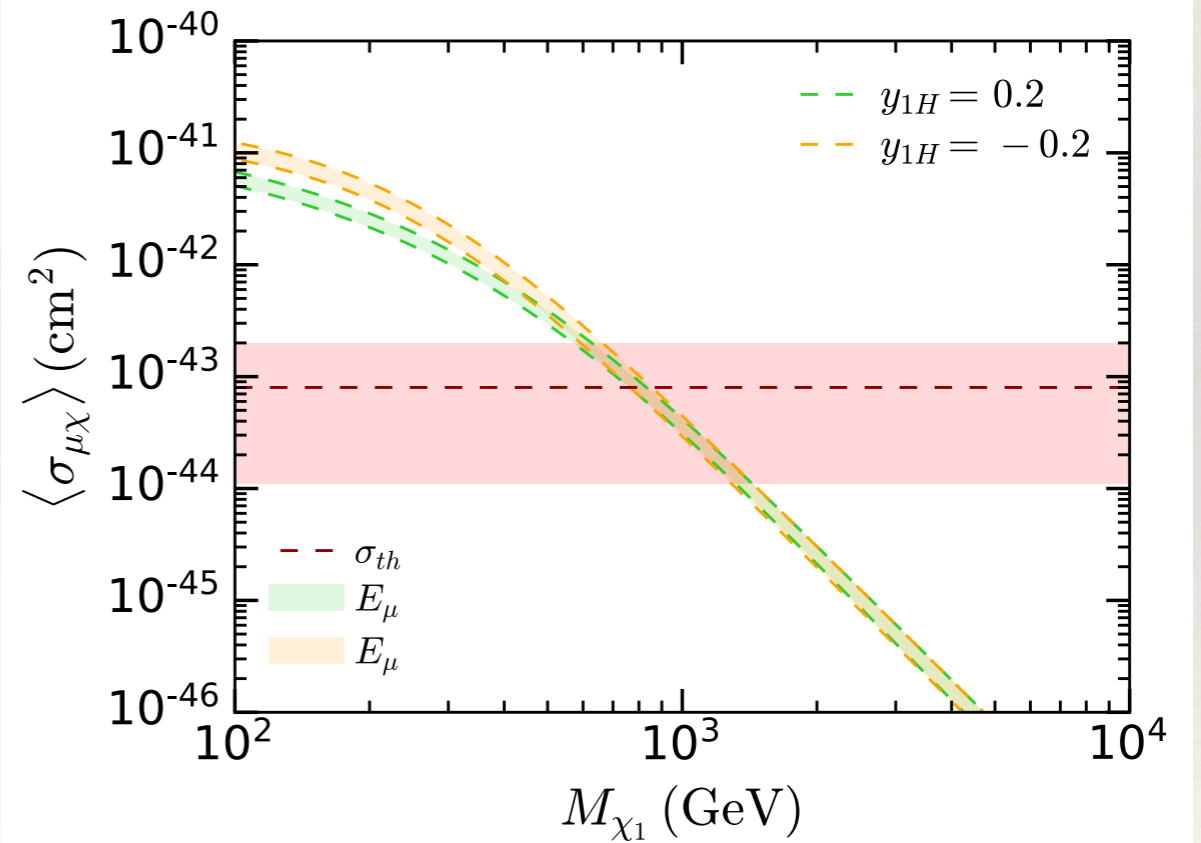
arXiv: 2010.13257

$$\sigma_{th} \simeq 8 \times 10^{-44} \text{ cm}^2$$

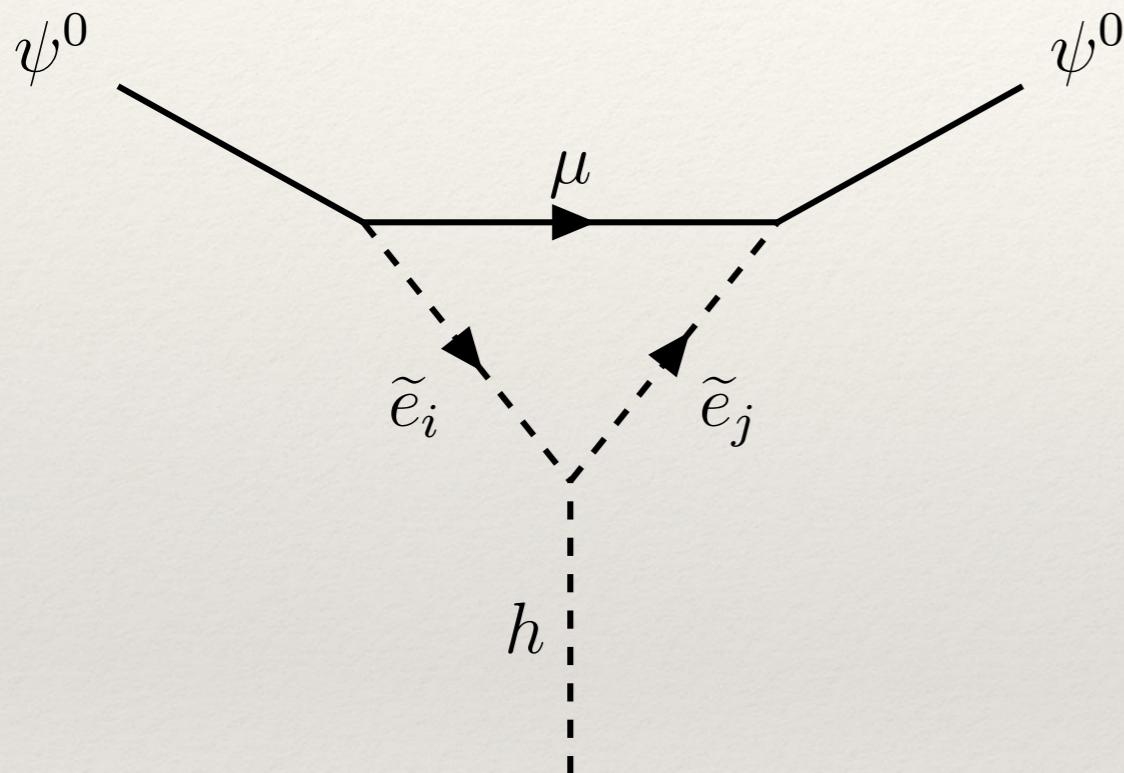
$$M_{NS} = 1.5 M_\odot$$

$$R_{NS} = 12.593 \text{ km}$$

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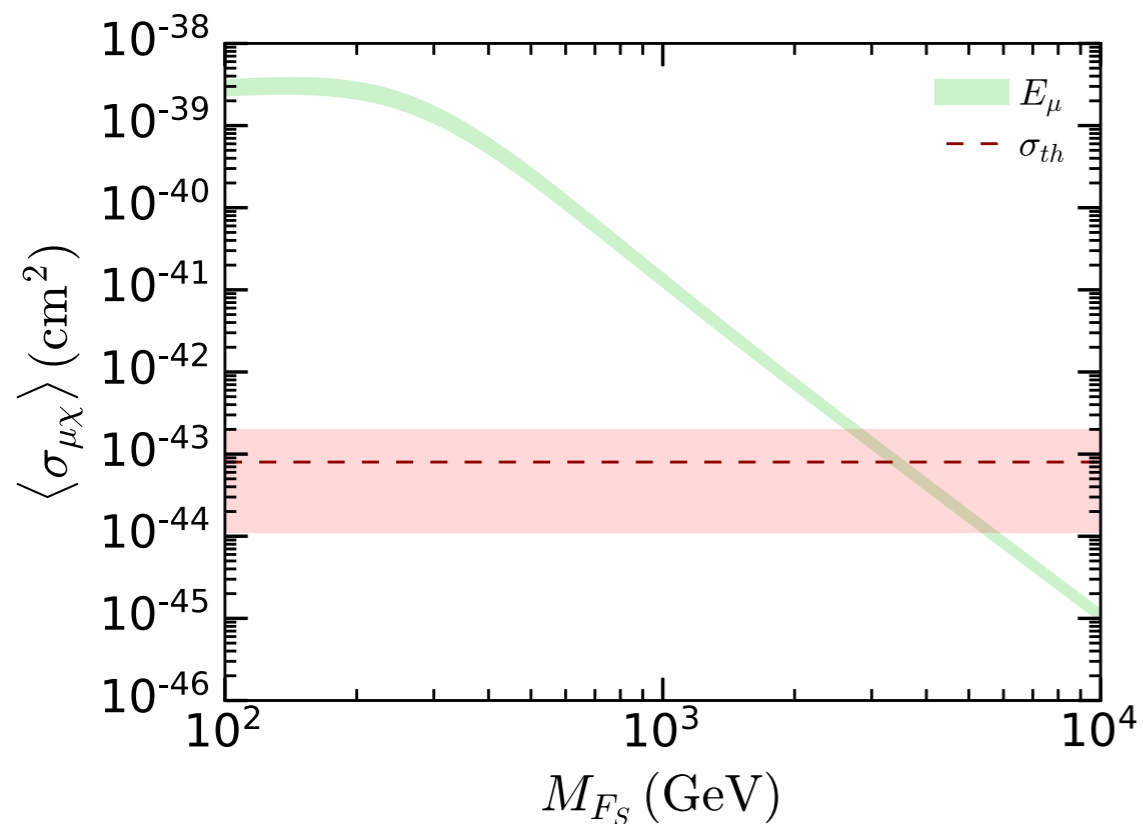


Model II: DM-nucleon cross section



- ❖ No tree-level coupling between the DM and the Higgs field: one-loop level.
- ❖ The scattering cross-section is suppressed by a factor of $y_i^2 / (4\pi)^2 \sim 10^{-3}$.
- ❖ The resultant scattering cross-section is suppressed by a factor of $\sim 10^{-6}$.
- ❖ This leads to cross-section values of out of reach of future DM direct detection experiments.

Model II



arXiv: 2010.13257

$$\sigma_{th} \simeq 8 \times 10^{-44} \text{ cm}^2$$

$$M_{NS} = 1.5 M_\odot$$

$$R_{NS} = 12.593 \text{ km}$$

The DM search using the NS temperature observation might play an important role in testing these scenarios in the future.

Summary

- ❖ We have studied two representative DM models, Model I and II, where WIMP DM particles have renormalisable couplings to muons.

The experimental value of the $(g - 2)_\mu$ discrepancy can be explained with a DM mass of ~ 1 TeV

- ❖ DM particles from these models efficiently accumulate in NSs:

DM capture in NSs is effective, and the DM heating operates maximally

Temperature observation of old NSs provide a promising way of testing the WIMP DM models for the muon $(g - 2)_\mu$ discrepancy.

However, despite using an excellent treatment on the capture rate in NS, here it is still very simplified and important effects might impact the capture probability.

Thank you!

Backup slides

Model I

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta a_\mu = & -\frac{m_\mu}{8\pi^2 M_{\tilde{e}}^2} \sum_{i=1,2,3} M_{\chi_i} \operatorname{Re} [y_1 y_2 (V_\chi)_{1i} (V_\chi)_{2i}] f_{LR}^S \left(\frac{M_{\chi_i}^2}{M_{\tilde{e}}^2} \right) \\ & -\frac{m_\mu^2}{8\pi^2 M_{\tilde{e}}^2} \sum_{i=1,2,3} \left[|y_1 (V_\chi)_{1i}|^2 + |y_2 (V_\chi)_{2i}|^2 \right] f_{LL}^S \left(\frac{M_{\chi_i}^2}{M_{\tilde{e}}^2} \right) \\ & +\frac{m_\mu^2 |y_2|^2}{8\pi^2 M_{\tilde{\nu}}^2} f_{LL}^F \left(\frac{M_{F_D}^2}{M_{\tilde{\nu}}^2} \right),\end{aligned}$$

Model II

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta a_\mu = & -\frac{m_\mu M_{F_S}}{8\pi^2} \sum_{i=1,2} \frac{1}{M_{e_i}^2} \operatorname{Re} [y_1 y_2 (U_e)_{1i}^* (U_e)_{2i}] f_{LR}^S \left(\frac{M_{F_S}^2}{M_{e_i}^2} \right) \\ & -\frac{m_\mu^2}{8\pi^2} \sum_{i=1,2} \frac{1}{M_{e_i}^2} \left[|y_1 (U_e)_{1i}^*|^2 + |y_2 (U_e)_{2i}|^2 \right] f_{LL}^S \left(\frac{M_{F_S}^2}{M_{e_i}^2} \right)\end{aligned}$$

DM-muon amplitude

$$\frac{d\sigma_{\chi\mu}}{dt} = \frac{1}{16\pi \lambda(s, M_{\text{DM}}^2, m_\mu^2)} \cdot \frac{1}{4} \sum_{\text{spins}} |\mathcal{A}|^2$$

$$\bar{s} \simeq M_{\text{DM}}^2 \gg \bar{s} - M_{\text{DM}}^2 \simeq 2E_\chi E_\mu \gg |t|, E_\mu^2$$

Model I

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{mass}} = - \left(\frac{1}{2} M_{F_S} \chi_S \chi_S + M_{F_D} \xi_D \eta_D + \text{h.c.} \right) - M_{\tilde{L}}^2 |\tilde{L}|^2 ,$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{Yukawa}} = -y_{1H} \chi_S (\xi_D \cdot H) - y_{2H} \chi_S \eta_D H^\dagger - y_1 \chi_S L_\mu \tilde{L}^\dagger - y_2 \mu_R^c (\xi_D \cdot \tilde{L}) + \text{h.c.} ,$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{quart}} = -\lambda_L |\tilde{L}|^2 |H|^2 - \lambda'_L \tilde{L}^\dagger \tau_a \tilde{L} H^\dagger \tau_a H + \dots ,$$

Model II

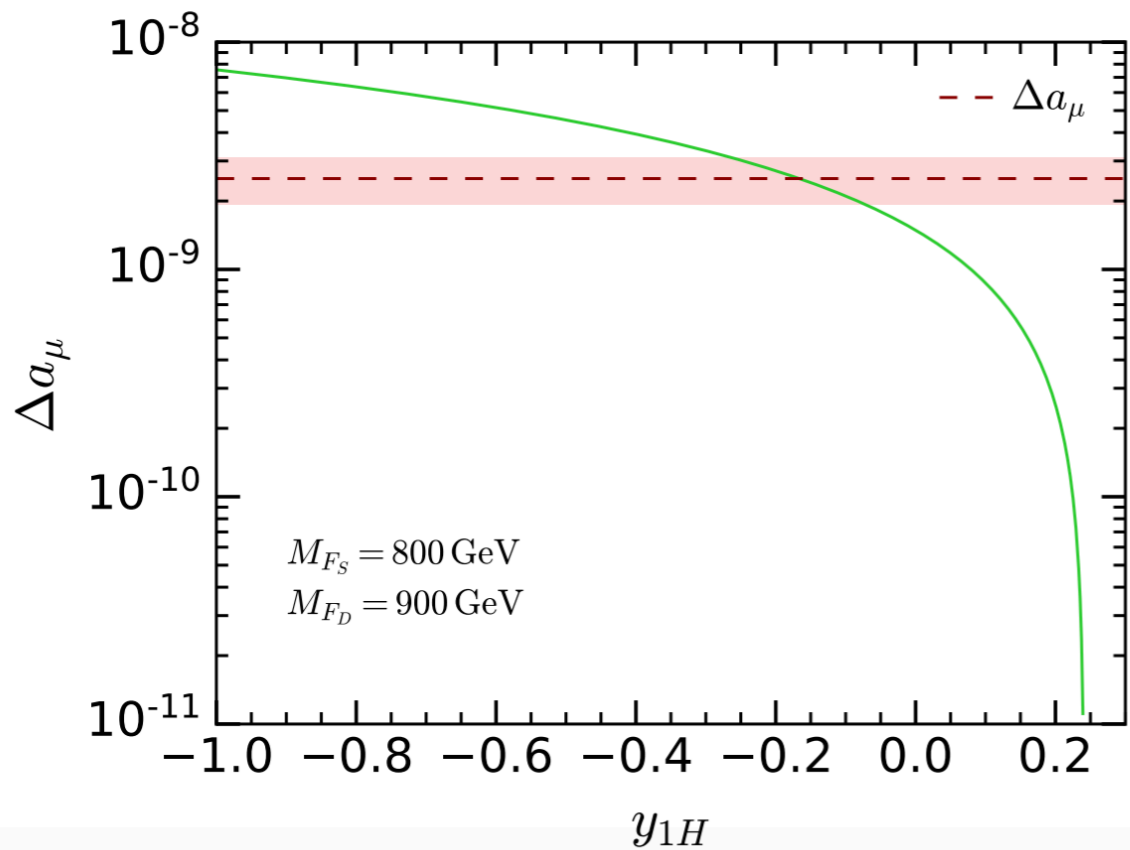
$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{mass}} = - \left(\frac{1}{2} M_{F_S} \chi_S \chi_S + \text{h.c.} \right) - M_{\tilde{L}}^2 |\tilde{L}|^2 - M_{\tilde{e}}^2 |\tilde{e}|^2 ,$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{Yukawa}} = -y_1 \chi_S L_\mu \tilde{L}^\dagger - y_2 \chi_S \mu_R^c \tilde{e}^\dagger + \text{h.c.} ,$$

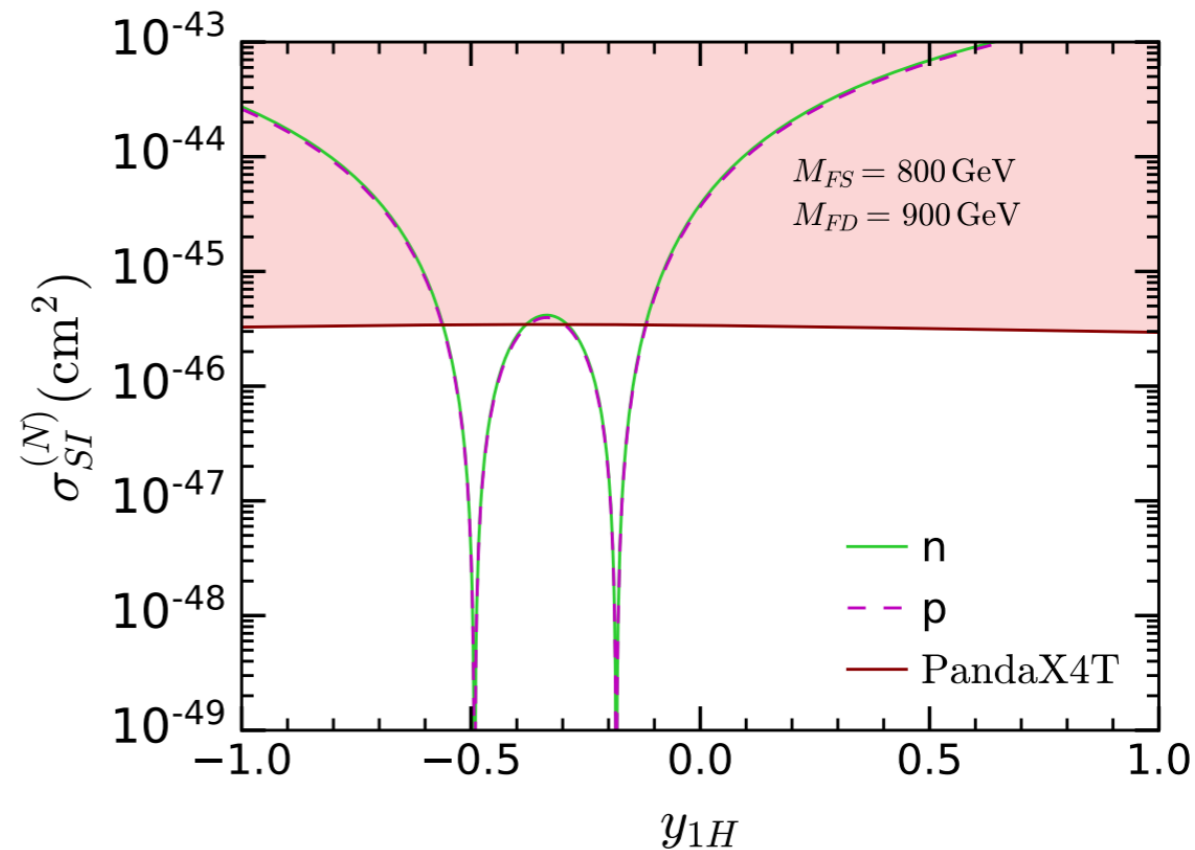
$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{tri}} = -a_H \tilde{e} \tilde{L} H^\dagger + \text{h.c.} ,$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{quart}} = - \sum_{f=L, \tilde{e}} \lambda_f |\tilde{f}|^2 |H|^2 - \lambda'_L \tilde{L}^\dagger \tau_a \tilde{L} H^\dagger \tau_a H + \dots .$$

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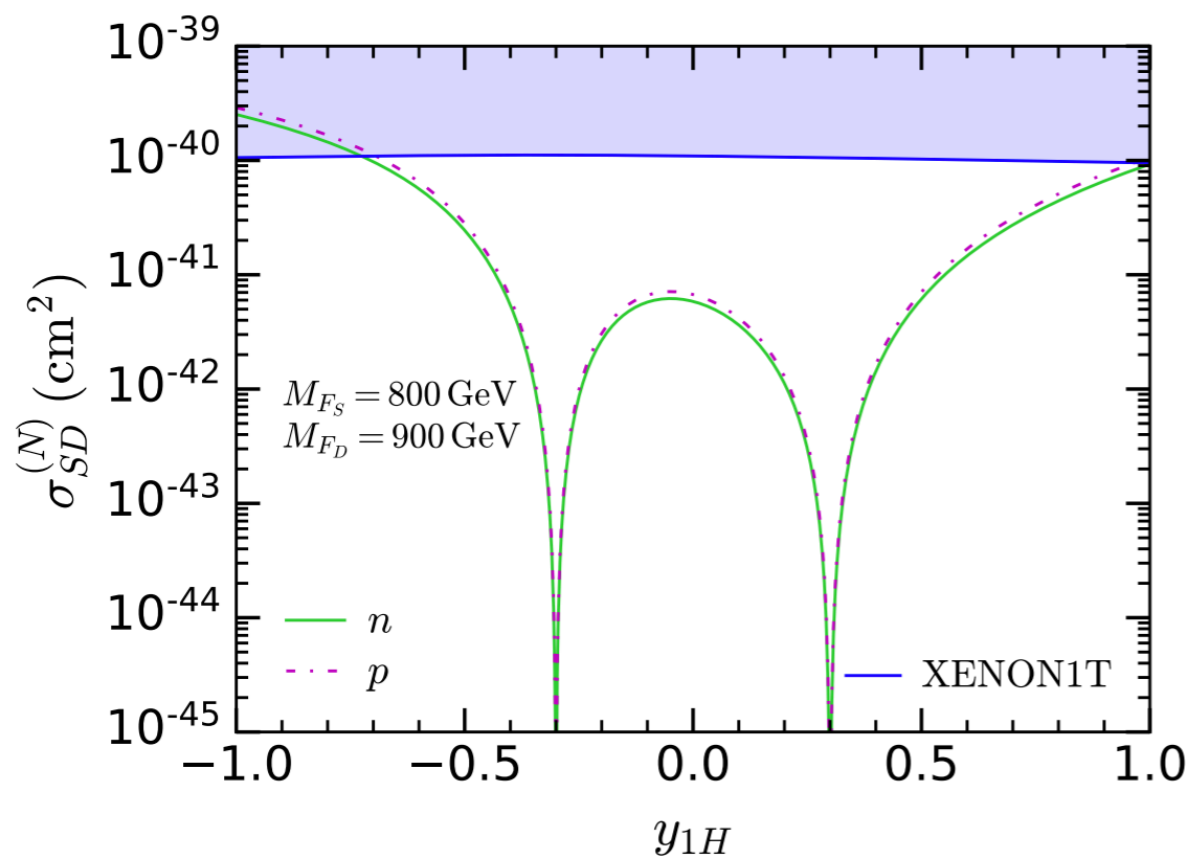


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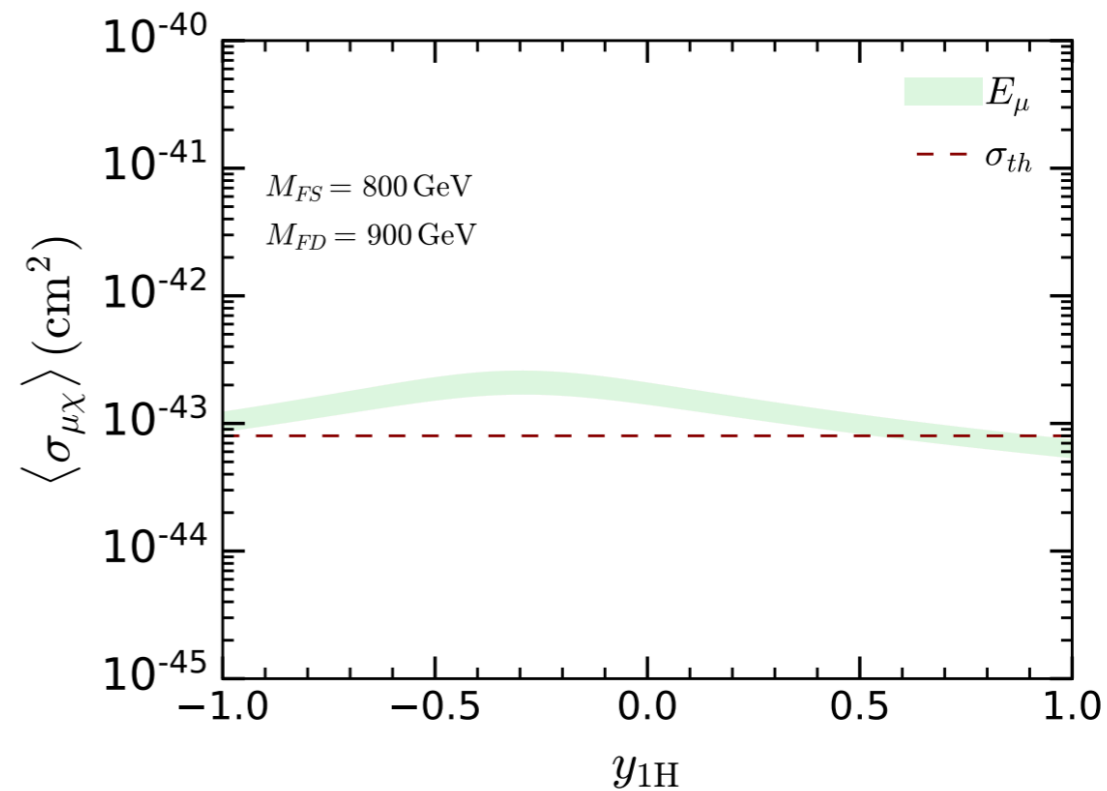


Singlet-like

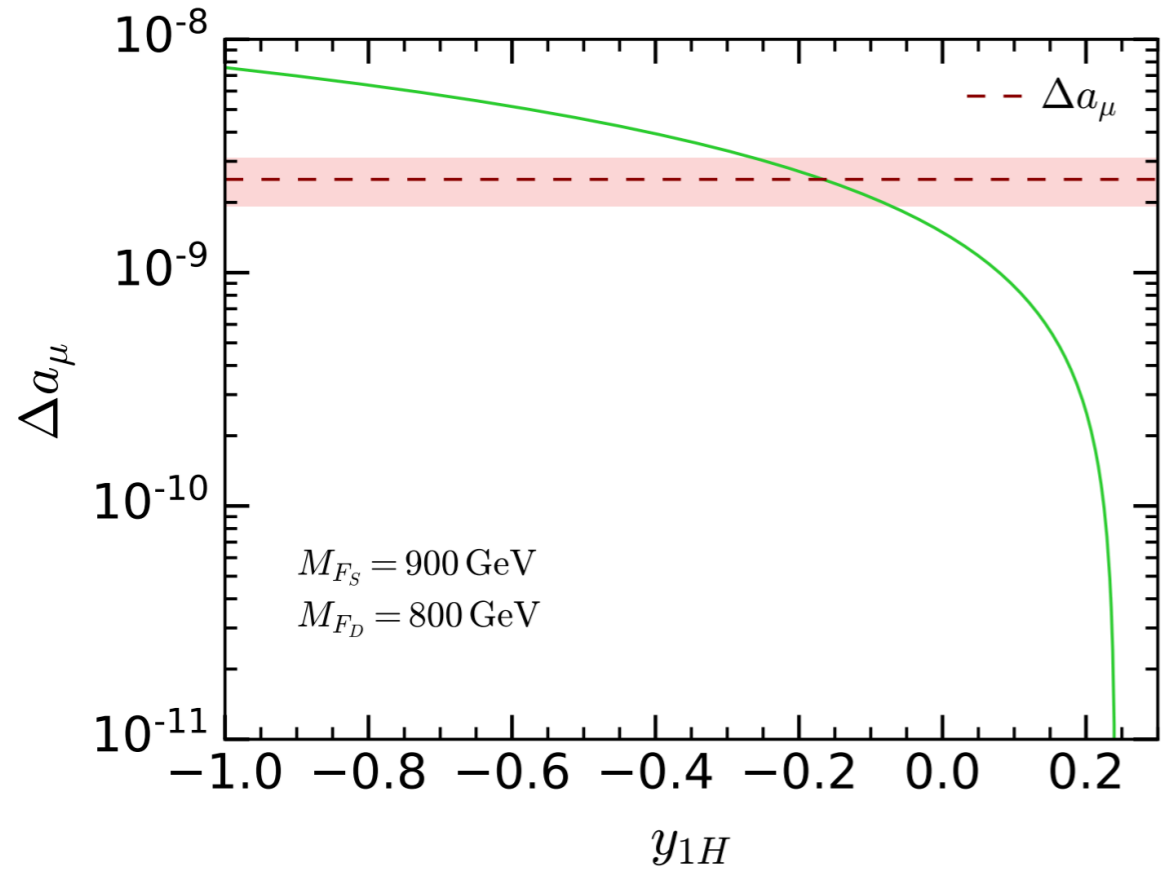
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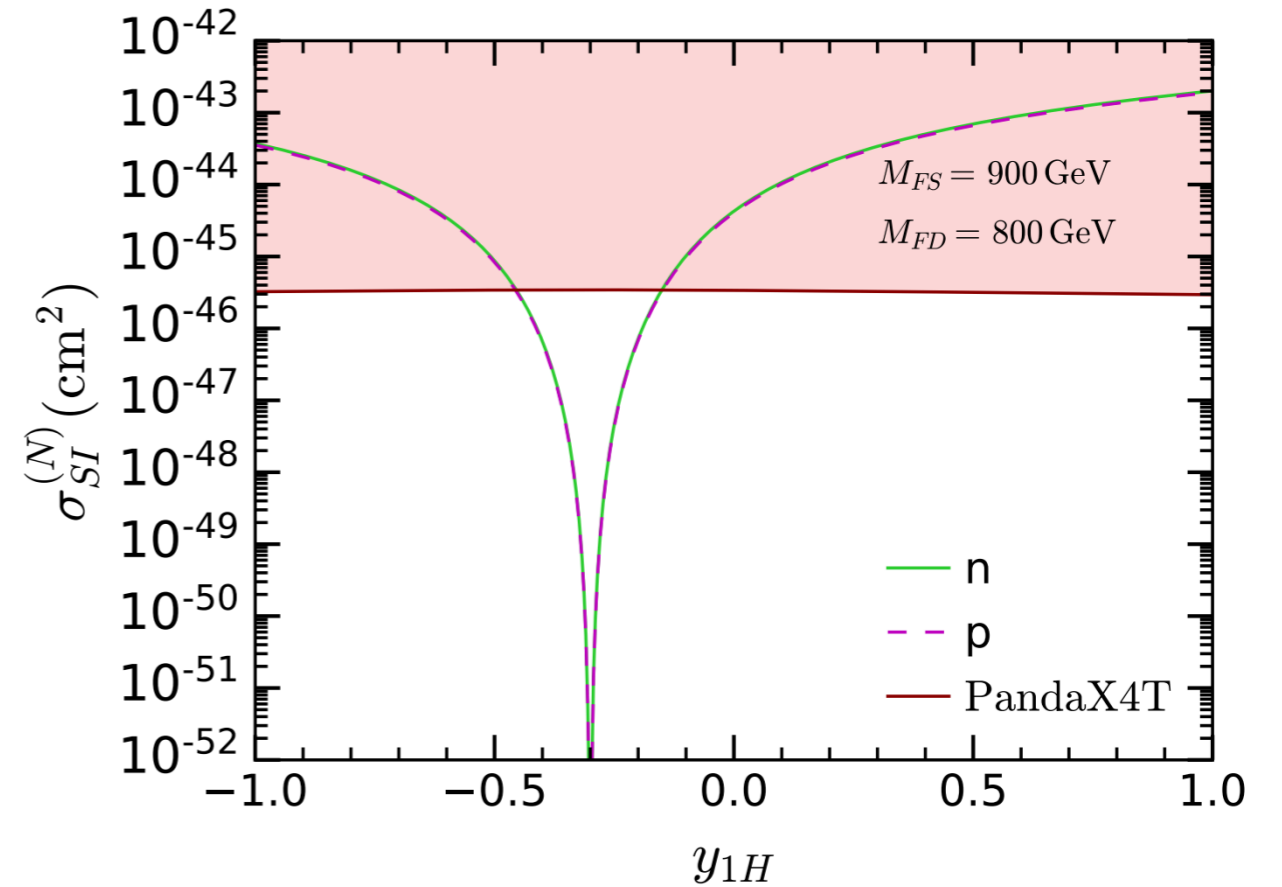
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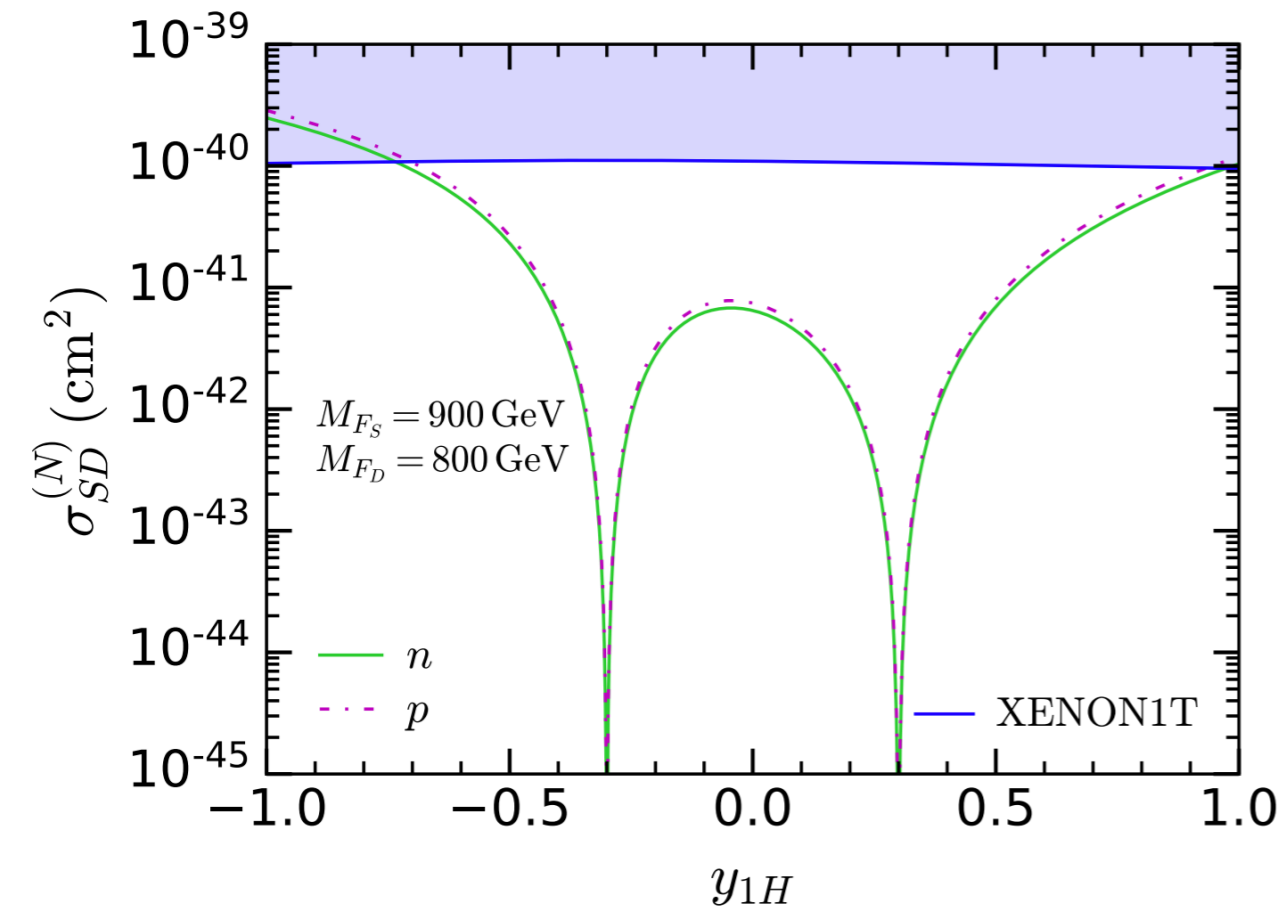


Model I



Doublet-like

Model I



Model I

