

# $Z_3$ Scalar Dark Matter with Strong Positron Fluxes

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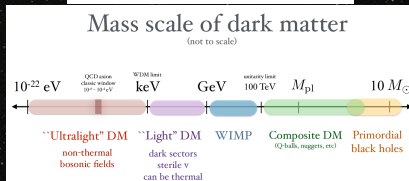
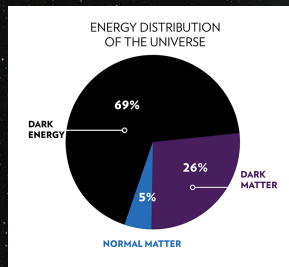
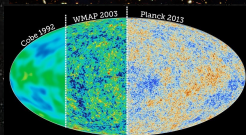
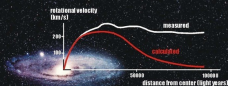
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# Outline

- 1 Introduction.
- 2  $Z_3$  complex scalar DM in a VLL portal.
- 3 Constraints and results.
- 4 Conclusions.

# Evidence of DM

Astrophysics: rotation curves, bullet clusters, CMB, etc...



# Scalar WIMPS: $Z_2$ based symmetry

- ① We focus on thermal DM in a vector-like lepton portal, with coupling to the first family of leptons.
- ② This type of models has been studied in the past based on  $Z_2$  symmetries (Ibarra 1405.6917, Giachino et.al. 1307.6480, Toma 1307.6181, Bai and Berger 1402.6696, Chang et.al. 1402.7358, Bell et.al. 1705.01105, etc...).
- ③ Real scalar:  $d$ -wave annihilation, direct detection (DD) suppressed at two loops, but sensitive indirect detection (ID).
- ④ **Complex scalar**:  $p$ -wave annihilation, DD at one-loop (sensitive to experiments), no sensitive to ID.
  
- ① **Under collider, DD and ID, both models highly constrained below TeV scale!**
- ② **No positron nor anti-proton strong fluxes.**

# $Z_2$ real scalar DM model: CTA projections

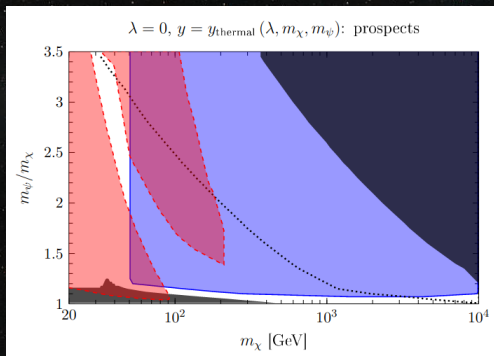


Figure 1: Parameter space constrained by ID (blue regions) and collider (red regions) (Ibarra et. al. 2014).

# $Z_3$ model: The simplest realization

- Lepto-philic new physics consisting of a complex singlet scalar  $S$  (no vev) and a VLL  $\psi$  with  $Y = -1$ .
- Under a new global  $Z_3$ :  $S \rightarrow e^{i2\pi/3}S$  and  $\psi \rightarrow e^{i2\pi/3}\psi$

$$\mathcal{L} = \bar{\psi}(\not{\partial} + m_\psi)\psi + (g_\psi S \bar{\psi} e_R + h.c.) - V(H, S),$$

where the potential is given by

$$V = \mu_H^2 |H|^2 + \lambda_H |H|^4 + \mu_S^2 |S|^2 + \lambda_S |S|^4 + \lambda_{SH} |S|^2 |H|^2 + \frac{\mu_3}{2} (S^3 + S^{\dagger 3})$$

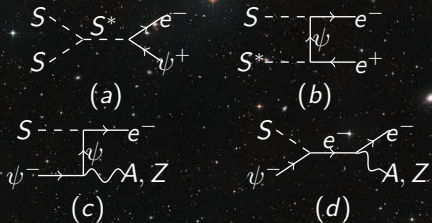
Parameter space of the model is then

$$(m_S, m_\psi, g_\psi, \lambda_{SH}, \mu_3).$$



# Z<sub>3</sub> model: Relic abundance

No Higgs portal!



- We use **MicrOMEGAS** code for calculation of observables.
- Diagram (a) proceeds in a s-wave, dominates provided

$$2m_S \gtrsim m_\psi$$

**Figure 2:** Leading processes at freeze-out.

# Z<sub>3</sub> model: Relic abundance

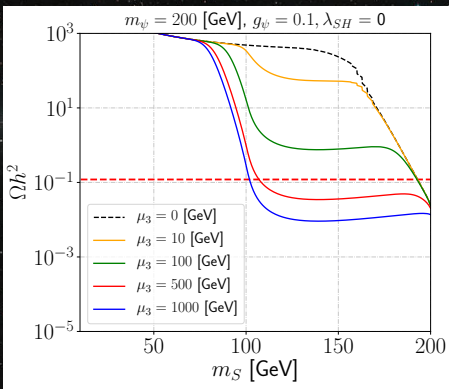


Figure 3: Predictions for the relic density abundance of  $S(S^*)$ . The red dashed horizontal line is  $\Omega_c h^2 = 0.12$ .

The overall effect is a decreasing of  $g_\psi$  !!.



# Experiments

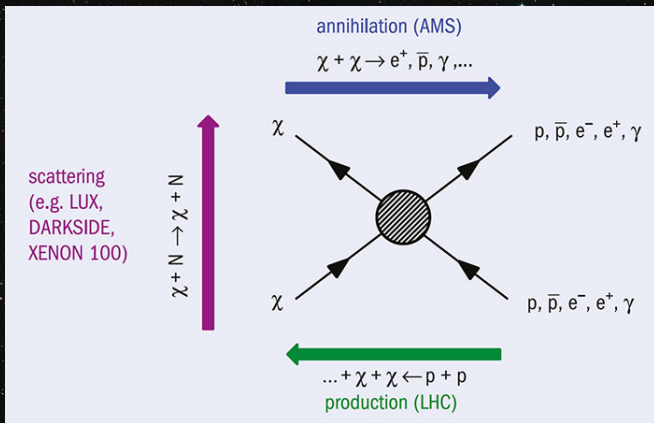


Figure 4: Ways to test the particle DM hypothesis.

# Direct detection at one-loop

DM-nucleon interactions via the VLL portal start at one-loop through the dimension-six operator

$$\mathcal{L} = 2C\partial_\mu S^* \partial_\nu S F^{\mu\nu}$$

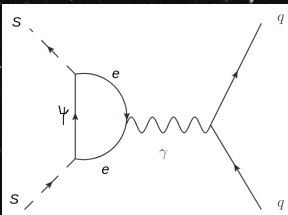


Figure 5: One-loop process for DD.

The total cross section for the DM-nucleon system is given by (Bai and Berger, 2014)

$$\sigma_{SN} = \frac{Z^2 e^2 C^2(m_e, m_\psi) \mu_{SN}^2}{8\pi A^2},$$

with  $Z(A)$  the atomic(mass) number,  $e$  the electric charge,  $\mu_{SN}$  the reduced mass of DM-nucleon system,  $m_N = 0.94$  GeV, and  $C(m_e, m_\psi)$  given by

$$C(m_e, m_\psi) \approx -\frac{g_\psi^2 e}{16\pi^2 m_\psi^2} \left[ 1 + \frac{2}{3} \log \left( \frac{m_e^2}{m_\psi^2} \right) \right]$$

# High positron fluxes

Main process (and its CP-conjugated) contributing to  $e^+$  flux:



● Box-shaped spectra.

We consider model-independent bounds on positron fluxes based on AMS-02 (Ibarra et.al., 2013).

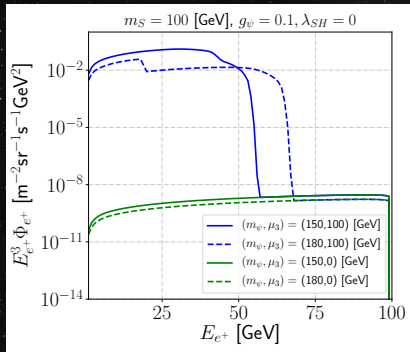
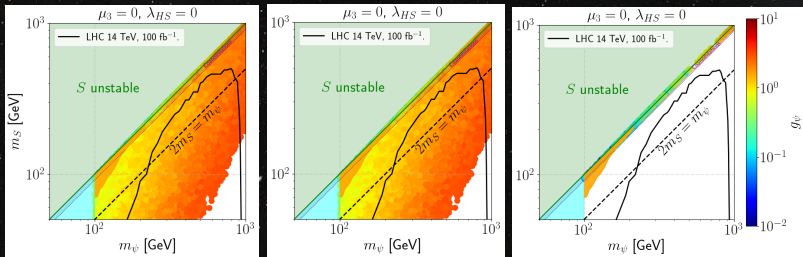


Figure 6: Positron flux as a function of the positron energy.

# Z<sub>3</sub> model: Results

**Left:** +perturbativity +relic abundance. **middle:** +ID. **right:** + DD



**Figure 7:** Color maps for  $g_\psi$  for  $\mu_3 = 0$ . The cyan region corresponds to collider constraints for VLL, and the orange region is the exclusion from compressed spectra for LHC at 13 TeV; and blow the solid black line excluded by simulation. The dashed line is a reference in which above it the  $SS(S^*S^*)$  annihilations start to become efficient.

# $Z_3$ model: Results

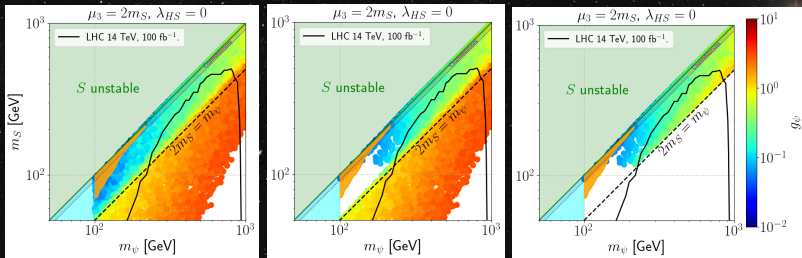


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# Conclusions

- 1 In its simplest form, we have explored a novel model containing two new fields ( $S, \psi$ ), both transforming under a  $Z_3$  symmetry.
- 2 The model is able to account for the DM from hundred GeV up to several TeV of mass evading strong constraints, in contrast to previous studies on real and complex scalar DM in a VLL portal based on  $Z_2$  symmetries.
- 3 Significant positron fluxes, although gamma-ray fluxes stay below CTA sensitivity.
- 4 More possibilities: Higgs portal, hadro-philic DM, higher representations of the new fields, etc... :)



# Backup: $Z_3$ model stability

There are four stationary points that can be classified by their symmetries:

- 1 (EW,  $Z_3$ )
- 2 (EW,  $Z_3$ )
- 3 (EW,  $Z_3$ )
- 4 (EW,  $Z_3$ )

Consider that:

- We demand that (EW,  $Z_3$ ) be the global minimum.
- As  $\mu_3$  grows too much, the potential energy of the  $Z_3$ -breaking extrema rapidly descend below the value of the SM minimum.

# Backup: $Z_3$ model Theory constraints (Belanger et.al. 2012)

- The scalar potential is bounded below if the quartic interactions satisfy the vacuum stability conditions

$$\lambda_H > 0, \quad \lambda_S > 0, \quad \lambda_{SH} > -\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \lambda_H \lambda_S. \quad (1)$$

- $\mu_3$  can not be too big because the  $Z_3$ -symmetric SM vacuum could not be the global minimum. We demand that

$$\max(\mu_3) \approx 2\sqrt{2} \sqrt{\frac{\lambda_S}{\delta}} m_S, \quad (2)$$

with  $\delta$  a parameter which regulates whether the SM vacuum is or not a global minimum.

- We have (Belanger et.al., 1211.1014)

$$\max(\mu_3) \approx 2m_S.$$

# Z<sub>3</sub> model: Relic abundance

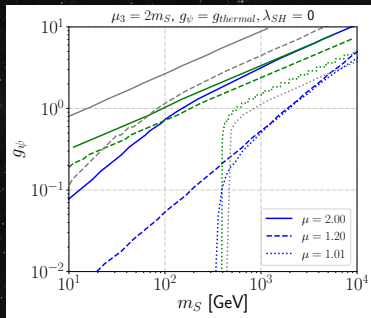


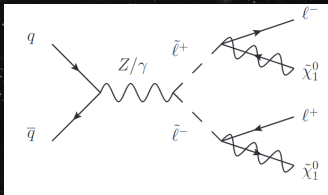
Figure 9: Yukawa coupling  $g_\psi$  leading to the observed DM relic density in the Z<sub>3</sub> model (blue), Z<sub>2</sub> complex DM and in the Z<sub>2</sub> real scalar (gray). Here  $\mu \equiv m_\psi/m_S$ .

The overall effect is a decreasing of  $g_\psi$ !!.

# Backup: $Z_3$ model: Collider constraints

At hadron colliders, pair production of  $\psi$  via **Drell-Yan** is the main production mechanism. **SUSY** searches relevant. We use:

- $m_\psi > 100$  GeV (ALEPH 2002, DELPHI 2003).
- We use projection limits where  $pp$  events were simulated at 14 TeV at  $100 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  (Y. Bai and J. Berger 2014).
- Compressed spectra, i.e.  $m_\psi \approx m_S$  (P. Athron et.al 2021).



# $Z_3$ model: Indirect detection

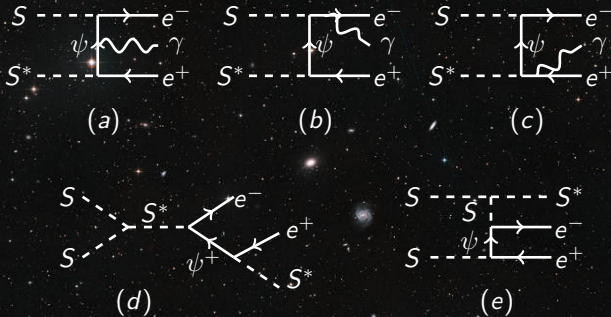


Figure 10: (above) *Bremsstrahlung*. (below) *New  $Z_3$  diagrams*.

# $Z_3$ model: Gamma-rays

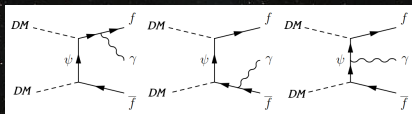


Figure 11: Bremsstrahlung and Final-state radiation.

**Gamma-rays below sensitivity of CTA projections! (like Majorana DM)**

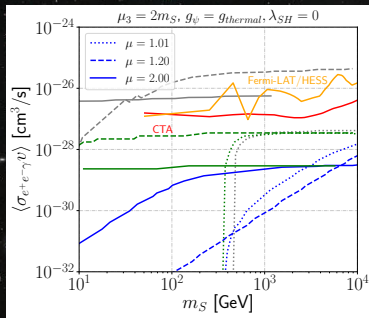


Figure 12: Cross section as a function of  $m_S$  for  $Z_2$  model (grey ones),  $Z_2$  complex (green),  $Z_3$  model (blue curves).



# $Z_3$ model: High mass range

- Above the TeV scale there is still enough parameter space which evades strong projections of DD and ID.

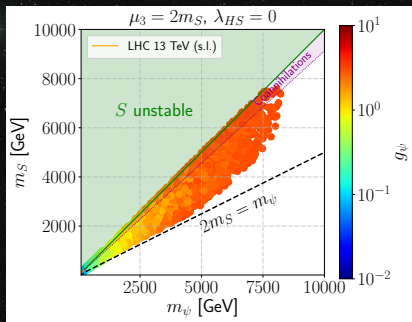


Figure 13: High mass regime considering fulfilling perturbativity and correct relic abundance, and XENONnT and CTA bound projections.

# $Z_3$ model: Results

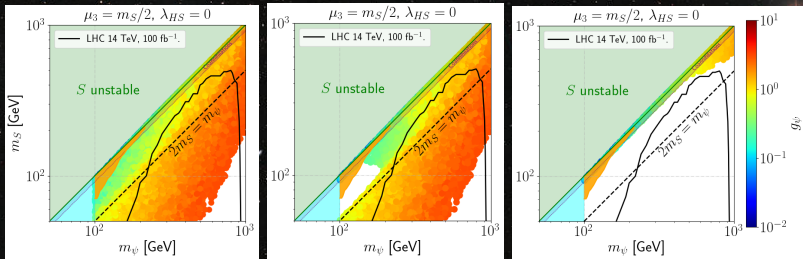


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