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# Dark Matter from sterile-sterile neutrino mixing

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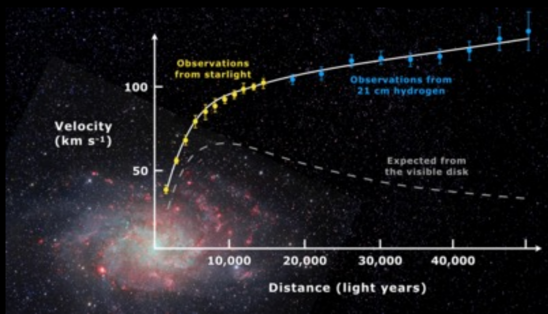
# Dark Matter

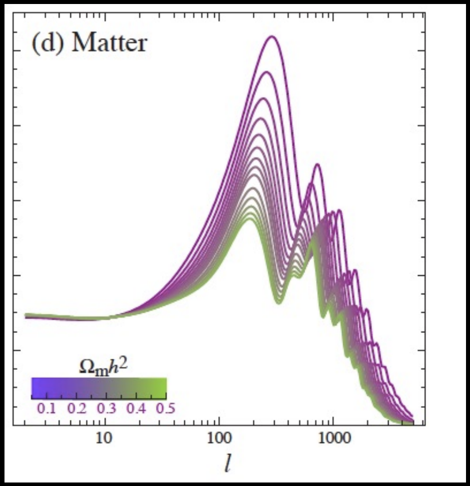
At the present time dark matter acts as a cosmic glue keeping together

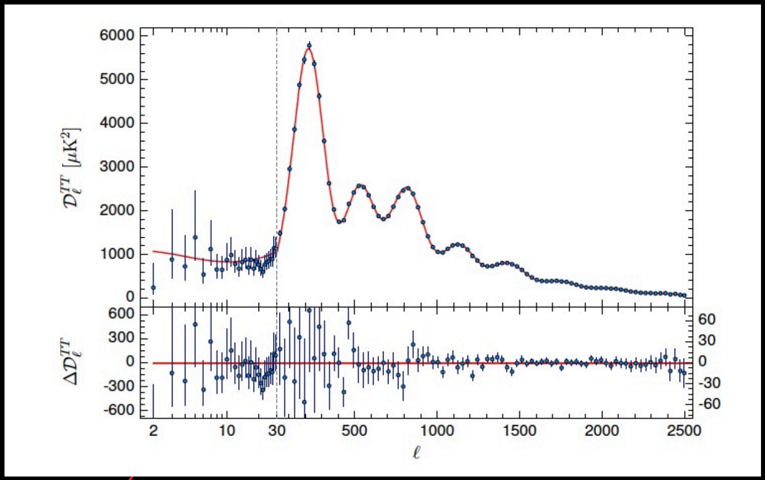
Stars in galaxies.... … and galaxies in clusters of galaxies (such as in Coma cluster)




…but it also has to be primordial and BSM* to understand structure formation and CMB anisotropies

(Hu, Dodelson, astro-ph/0110414 ) (Planck 2018, 1807.06209 )



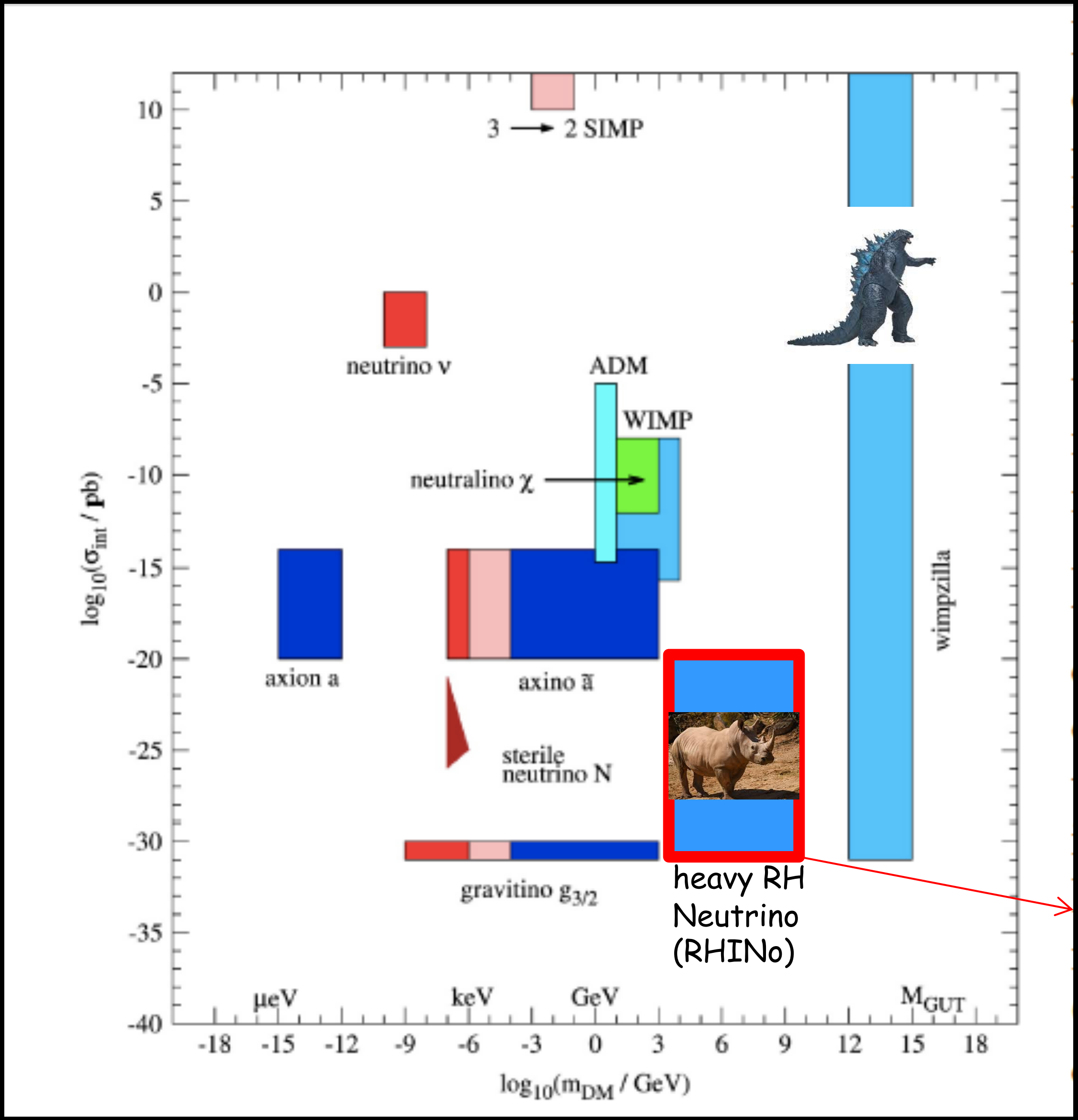




(CMB + BAO)

$$\Omega_{CDM,0}h^2 = 0.11933 \pm 0.0009 \sim 5\Omega_{B,0}h^2$$

# Beyond the WIMP paradigm

(from Baer et al.1407.0017)

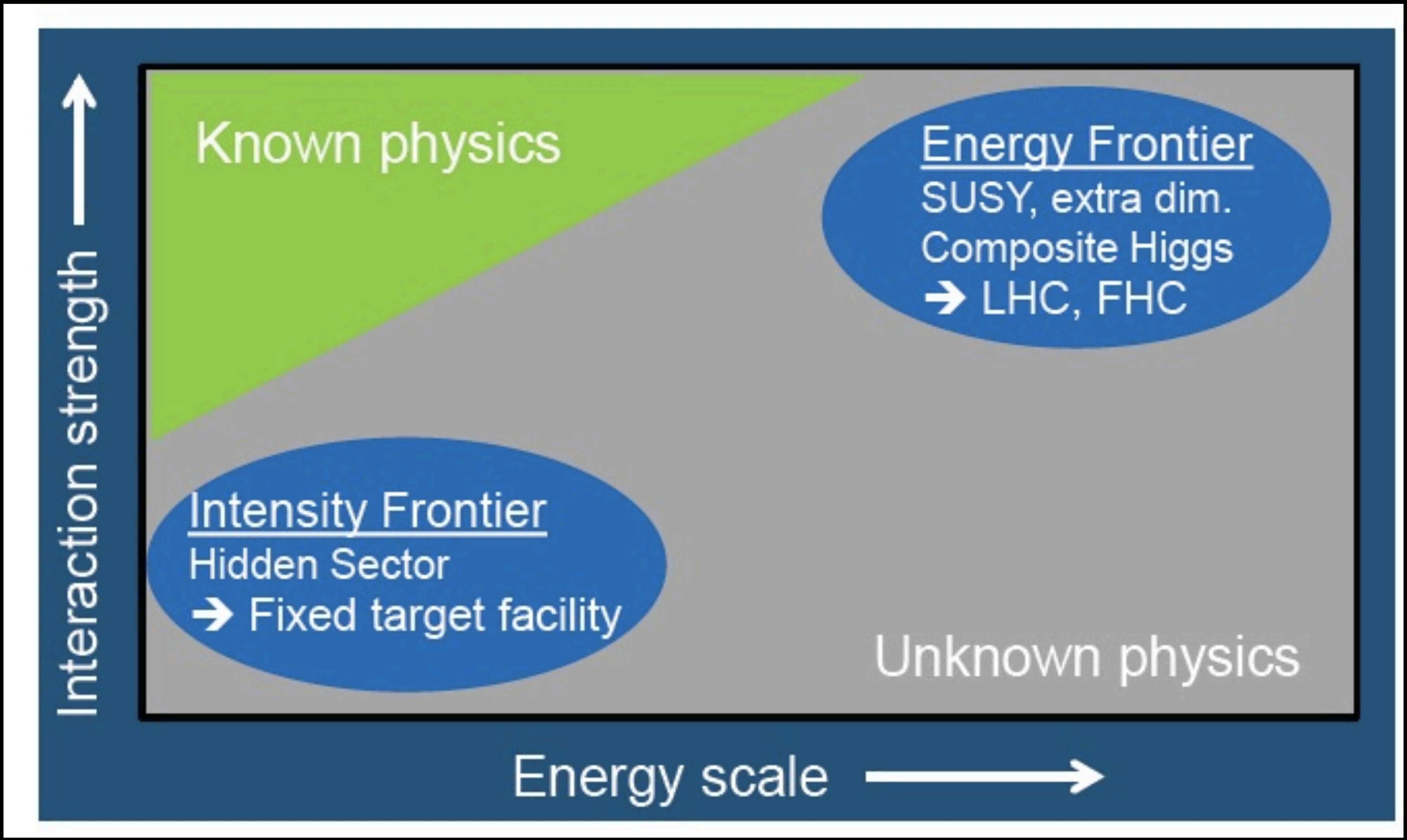



(PDB, Anisimov '08)

The more we know the less we understand?

# Right-handed neutrino laboratory searches

(SHIP proposal, 1504.04855)



# Dark matter from active-sterile neutrino mixing

(Dodelson Widrow '94; Shi, Fuller '99; Dolgov and Hansen '00; Asaka, Blanchet,Shaposhnikov '05)

- Type-I seesaw Lagrangian $-\mathcal{L}^{\nu}_{mass} = \overline{\nu}_L m_D \nu_R + \frac{1}{2}\overline{\nu^c_R} M \nu_R + h.c. = -\frac{1}{2}(\overline{\nu_L}\ \overline{\nu^c_R})\begin{pmatrix} 0 & m_D^T \\ m_D & M \end{pmatrix}\begin{pmatrix} \nu_L \\ \nu^c_R \end{pmatrix} + h.c.$

$$\nu_{1L} \simeq U^{\dagger}_{1\alpha}\left(\nu_{L\alpha} - \frac{m_{D\alpha 1}}{M_1}\nu^c_{R1}\right)$$

- LH-RH neutrino mixing

$$N_{1R} \simeq \nu_{1R} + \frac{m_{D\alpha 1}}{M_1}\nu^c_{L\alpha}$$

- For $M_1 \ll m_e$ $\Rightarrow$ $\tau_1 = 5\times 10^{26}\,s\left(\frac{M_1}{\text{keV}}\right)^{-5}\left(\frac{10^{-8}}{\theta^2}\right) \gg t_0$ $\qquad \theta^2 \equiv \frac{\sum_\alpha |m_{D\alpha 1}|^2}{M_1^2}$

- Solving Boltzmann equations an abundance is produced at T~100 MeV:

$$\Omega_{N_1} h^2 \sim 0.1\,\frac{\theta^2}{10^{-8}}\left(\frac{M_1}{\text{keV}}\right)^2 \sim \Omega_{DM,0}h^2$$

- The lightest neutrino mass $m_1 \lesssim 10^{-5}$ eV $\Rightarrow$ hierarchical limit
- The $N_1$'s also radiatively decay and this produces constraints from X-rays (or opportunities to observe it).
- Considering also structure formation constraints, one is forced to consider a resonant production induced by a large lepton asymmetry
- $L \sim 10^{-4}$ (3.5 keV line?). (Horiuchi et al. '14; Bulbul at al. '14; Abazajian '14)

# Heavy RH neutrino as dark matter ?

(Anisimov,PDB '08)

What production mechanism? For high masses just a tiny abundance is needed:

$$N_{DM} \simeq 10^{-9}(\Omega_{DM,0}h^2)N_\gamma(t_{prod})\frac{\text{TeV}}{M_{DM}}$$

Suppose a RH neutrino has tiny Yukawa couplings (e.g., proportional to a small symmetry breaking parameter):

$$m_D \simeq \begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon_{e1} & m_{De2} & m_{De3} \\ \varepsilon_{\mu 1} & m_{D\mu 2} & m_{D\mu 3} \\ \varepsilon_{\tau 1} & m_{D\tau 2} & m_{D\tau 3} \end{pmatrix} \text{ or } m_D \simeq \begin{pmatrix} m_{De1} & \varepsilon_{e2} & m_{De3} \\ m_{D\mu 1} & \varepsilon_{\mu 2} & m_{D\mu 3} \\ m_{D\tau 1} & \varepsilon_{\tau 2} & m_{D\tau 3} \end{pmatrix} \text{ or } m_D \simeq \begin{pmatrix} m_{De1} & m_{De2} & \varepsilon_{e3} \\ m_{D\mu 1} & m_{D\mu 2} & \varepsilon_{\mu 3} \\ m_{D\tau 1} & m_{D\tau 2} & \varepsilon_{\tau 3} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$m_D = V_L^\dagger D_{m_D} U_R \qquad D_{m_D} \equiv v\, diag(h_A, h_B, h_C) \text{ with } h_A \le h_B \le h_C$$

$$\boxed{\tau_{DM} = \frac{4\pi}{h_A^2\, M_{DM}} = 0.87\, h_A^2\, 10^{-26}\, \frac{\text{TeV}}{M_{DM}}\, s} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \boxed{\tau_{DM} > \tau_{DM}^{\min} \simeq 10^{28} s \Rightarrow h_A < 10^{-27}\sqrt{\frac{\text{TeV}}{M_{DM}} \times \frac{10^{28}\,\text{s}}{\tau_{DM}^{\min}}}}$$

Too small to reproduce the correct abundance with any production mechanism within a minimal type-I seesaw extension

# Many proposed production mechanisms

Recently many production mechanisms have been proposed especially to address IceCube initially seemingly anomalous PeV neutrino events:

•from $SU(2)_R$ extra-gauge interactions (LRSM) (Fornengo,Niro, Fiorentin);

•from inflaton decays (Anisimov,PDB'08; Higaki, Kitano, Sato '14);

•from resonant annihilations through SU(2)' extra-gauge interactions (Dev, Kazanas,Mohapatra,Teplitz, Zhang '16);

•From new $U(1)_Y$ interactions connecting DM to SM (Dev, Mohapatra,Zhang '16);

•From $U(1)_{B\text{-}L}$ interactions (Okada, Orikasa '12);

•…………………

**In all these models IceCube data are fitted through fine tuning of parameters responsible for decays (they are post-dictive)**

# A 5-dimensional Higgs portal operator as a way out

(Anisimov hep-ph/0612024, Anisimov,PDB 0812.5085)

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{SM} + \mathcal{L}^{\nu}_{Y+M} + \mathcal{L}_{A}$$

Type-I Seesaw Lagrangian

$$-\mathcal{L}^{\nu}_{Y+M} = \overline{L_{\alpha}} h_{\alpha I} N_I \tilde{\phi} + \frac{1}{2} \overline{N^c_I} M_I N_I + h.c.$$

Anisimov operator(s)

$$\mathcal{L}_A = \sum_{I,J} \frac{\lambda_{IJ}}{\Lambda} \phi^{\dagger}\phi \, \overline{N^c_I} N_J + h.c.$$

$$= \frac{\lambda_{DS}}{\Lambda} \phi^{\dagger}\phi \, \overline{N^c_D} N_S + \frac{\lambda_{SS}}{\Lambda} \phi^{\dagger}\phi \, \overline{N^c_S} N_S + \frac{\lambda_{DD}}{\Lambda} \phi^{\dagger}\phi \, \overline{N^c_D} N_D + h.c. \quad (N_D = N_3; N_S = N_2)$$

Remarks:

- from SMEFT to νSMEFT (talks by C. DeGrande and Jim Talbert)
- They are kind of Weinberg operators, a further step up
- They extend Higgs portal renormalizable operator (Patt,Wilczek hep-ph/0605188)

# DM from Higgs induced neutrino mixing

(Anisimov '06, Anisimov,PDB '08)

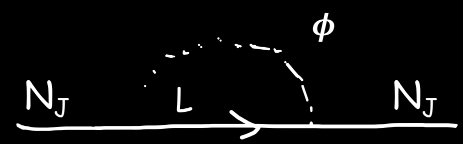
Assume new (5-dim) interactions with the standard Higgs:

$$\mathcal{L}_A = \frac{\lambda_{DS}}{\Lambda}\phi^\dagger\phi\,\overline{N_D^c}N_S$$

In general they are non-diagonal in the Yukawa basis: this generates a RH neutrino mixing. Consider a 2 RH neutrino mixing for simplicity. Interactions generate effective potentials from self-energies

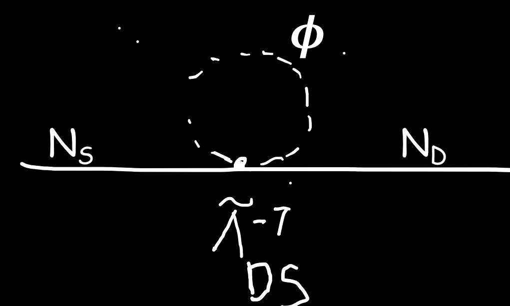
From Yukawa interactions

$$V_S^Y = \frac{T^2}{8p}h_S^2$$




From mixing

$$V_{DS}^{\Lambda} = \frac{T^2}{12\Lambda}\lambda_{DS}$$




$$\tilde{\Lambda}_{DS} = \Lambda/\lambda_{DS}$$

Effective mixing Hamiltonian :

$$\Delta H \simeq \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{\Delta M^2}{4p} - \frac{T^2}{16p}h_S^2 & \frac{T^2}{12\tilde{\Lambda}_{DS}} \\ \frac{T^2}{12\tilde{\Lambda}_{DS}} & \frac{\Delta M^2}{4p} + \frac{T^2}{16p}h_S^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Delta M^2 \equiv M_S^2 - M_D^2$$

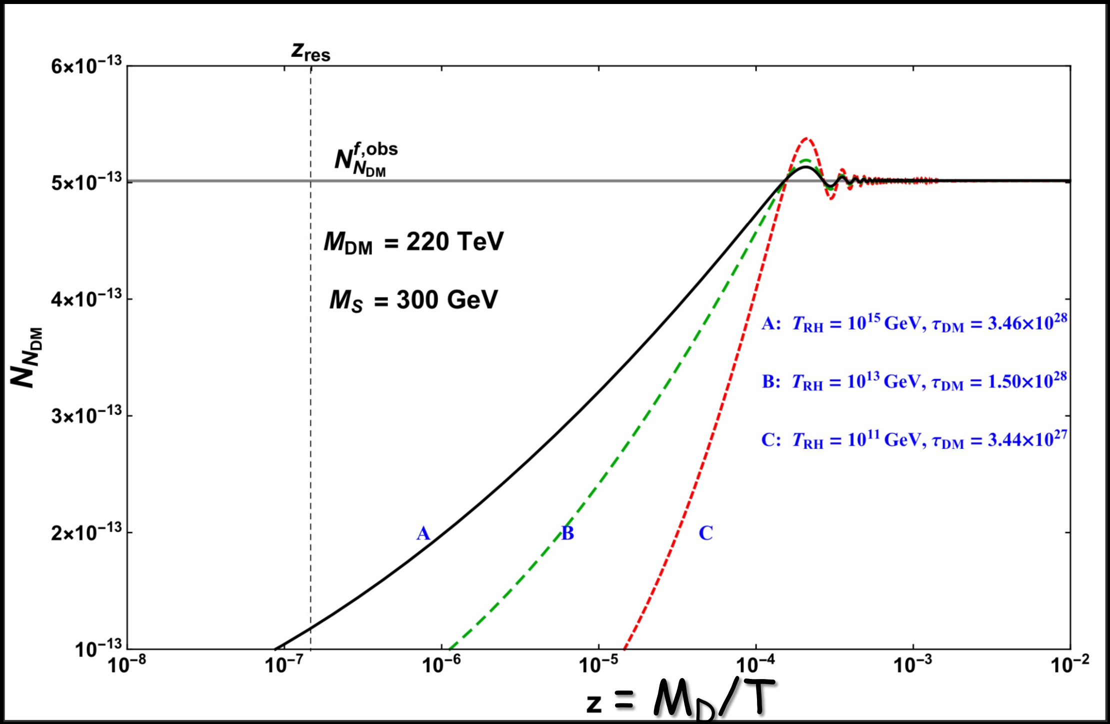
# Density matrix calculation of the relic abundance

(P.Di Bari, K. Farrag, R. Samanta, Y. Zhou, 1908.00521)

Density matrix equation for the DM-source RH neutrino system (using a monocromatic approximation p~3T)

$$\frac{dN_{IJ}}{dt} = -i\,[\Delta H, N]_{IJ} - \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \frac{1}{2}(\Gamma_D + \Gamma_S)N_{DS} \\ \frac{1}{2}(\Gamma_D + \Gamma_S)N_{SD} & (\Gamma_D + \Gamma_S)(N_{N_S} - N_{N_S}^{eq}) \end{pmatrix}$$

Example for initial $N_S$ thermal abundance

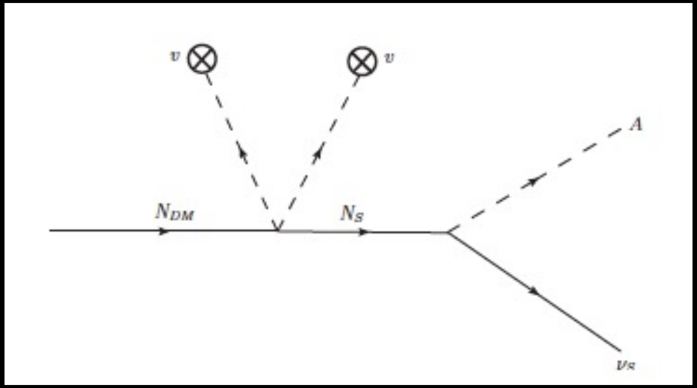


# Constraints from decays

(Anisimov,PDB '08; Anisimov,PDB'10; P.Ludl.PDB,S.Palomarez-Ruiz'16)

## 2 body decays ($M_S > M_W$)

DM neutrinos unavoidably decay today into A+leptons (A=H,Z,W) through the same mixing that produced them in the very early Universe



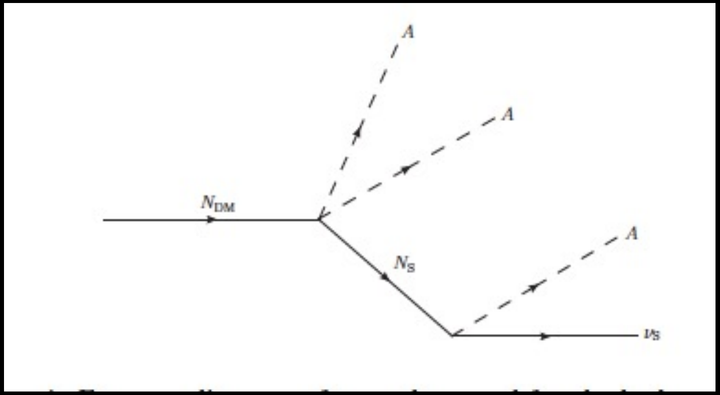

$$\theta_{\Lambda 0} = \frac{2\, v^2/\widetilde{\Lambda}_{\rm DS}}{M_{\rm D}\,(1 - M_{\rm S}/M_{\rm D})}$$

mixing angle today (for $\theta_{\Lambda 0} \ll 1$ )

$$\Gamma_{{\rm D}\rightarrow A+\ell_{\rm S}} = \frac{h_{\rm S}^2}{\pi}\left(\frac{v^2}{\widetilde{\Lambda}}\right)^2 \frac{M_{\rm D}}{(M_{\rm D}-M_{\rm S})^2}\,.$$

⇒ Lower bound on $M_{DM}$

## 4 body decays




$$N_{\rm DM} \rightarrow 2\,A + N_{\rm S} \rightarrow 3\,A + \nu_{\rm S}\ (A = W^{\pm}, Z, H).$$

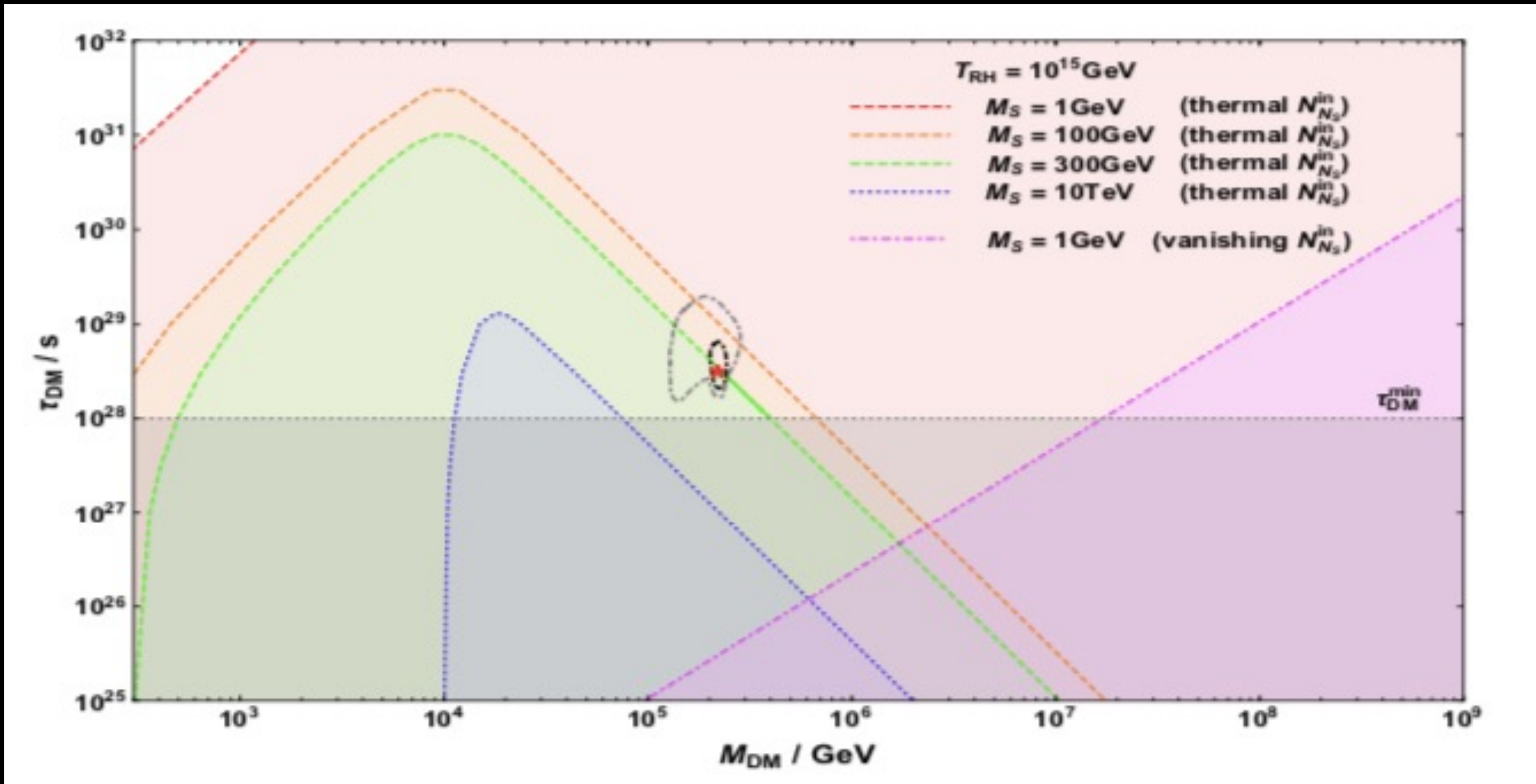
$$\Gamma_{{\rm D}\rightarrow 3A+\ell_{\rm S}} = \frac{\Gamma_{\rm S}}{15\cdot 2^{11}\cdot\pi^4}\,\frac{M_{\rm D}}{M_{\rm S}}\left(\frac{M_{\rm D}}{\widetilde{\Lambda}_{\rm DS}}\right)^2$$

⇒ Upper bound on $M_{DM}$

3 body decays and annihilations also can occur but yield weaker constraints

# DM lifetime vs. mass plane: allowed regions

(P.Di Bari, K. Farrag, R. Samanta, Y. Zhou, 1908.00521)




Solutions only for initial thermal $N_S$ abundance, unless $M_S \sim 1$ GeV and $M_D \gtrsim 10^7$ GeV

Can one think of processes able to thermalize the $N_S$ abundance prior to the oscillations?

Two good motivations

# Unifying Leptogenesis and Dark Matter

(PDB, K. Farrag, R. Samanta, Y. Zhou, 1908.00521)

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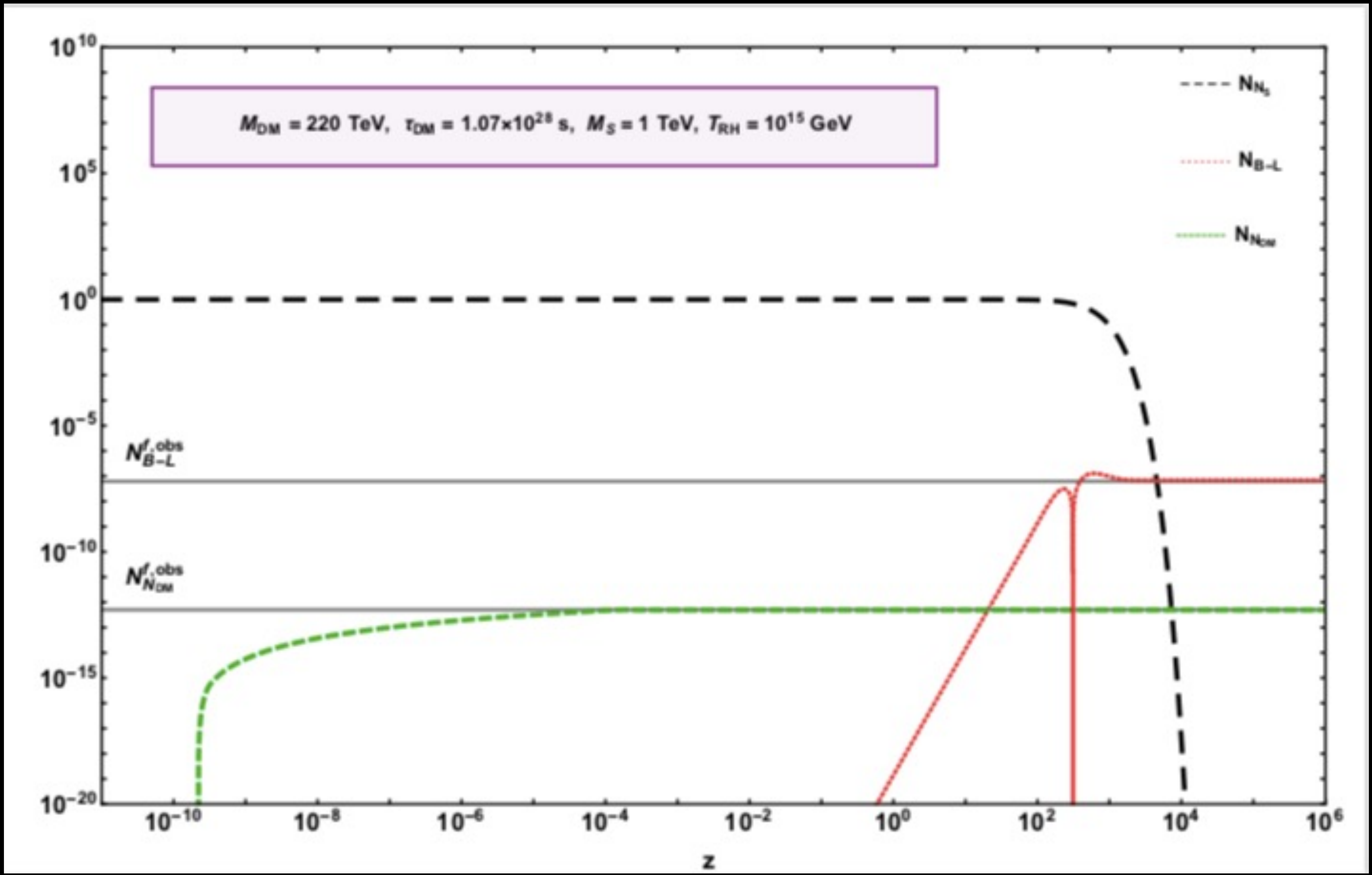
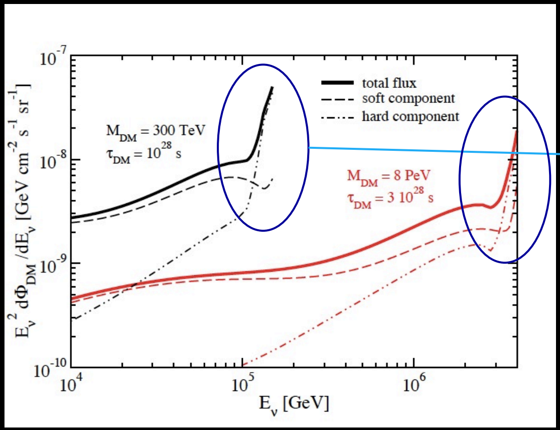


# Very high energy neutrinos from decays

(Anisimov,PDB,0812.5085;PDB, P.Ludl,S. Palomarez-Ruiz 1606.06238)

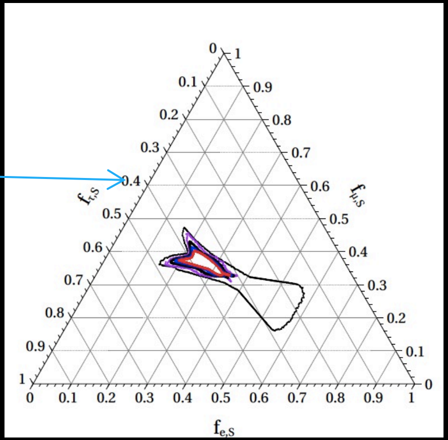
- DM neutrinos unavoidably decay today into A+leptons (A=H,Z,W) through the same mixing that produced them in the very early Universe
- Potentially testable high energy neutrino contribution

## Energy neutrino flux



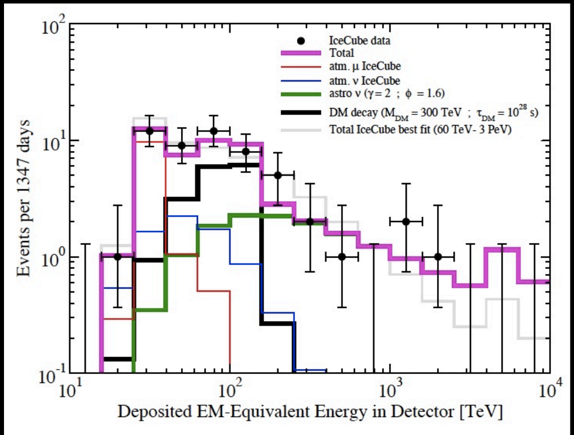

Hard component

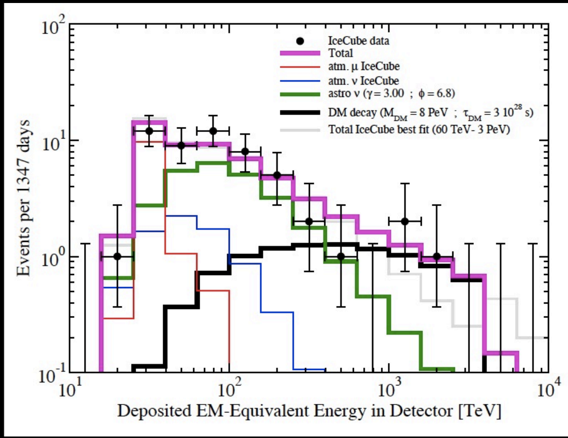
## Flavour composition at the detector




## Neutrino events at IceCube: 2 examples

$M_{DM}$=300TeV




$M_{DM}$=8 PeV

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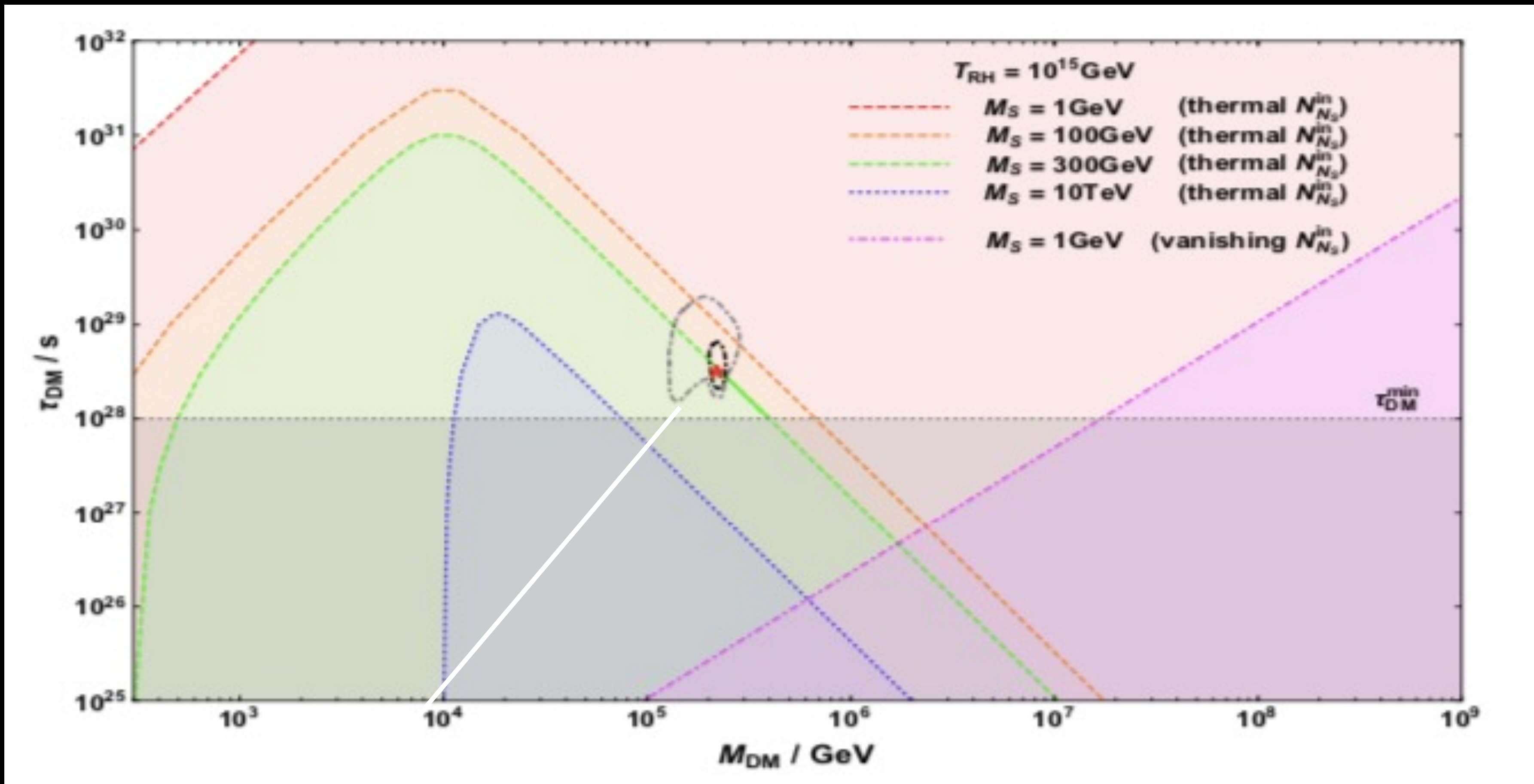



95% C.L. region where neutrinophilic DM decays well fit an excess in the neutrino flux at ~100 TeV energies in addition to an astrophysical component (Chianese et al. 1808.02486)

# Including Higgs portal interactions for $N_S$

(PDB, A. Murphy, arXiv 2209.xxxx)

$$\mathcal{L}_A = \frac{\lambda_{DS}}{\Lambda}\phi^\dagger\phi\,\overline{N^c_{DM}}N_S + \frac{\lambda_{SS}}{\Lambda}\phi^\dagger\phi\,\overline{N^c_S}N_S$$

Can these interactions thermalise the source neutrinos prior to the mixing?

Let us modify the kinetic equations including these processes:

$$\frac{dN_{IJ}}{dt} = -i\,[\Delta H, N]_{IJ} - \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \frac{1}{2}(\Gamma_D+\Gamma_S)N_{DS} \\ \frac{1}{2}(\Gamma_D+\Gamma_S)N_{SD} & (\Gamma_D+\Gamma_S)(N_{N_S}-N^{eq}_{N_S}) + \frac{\langle\sigma_{\phi\phi\to N_S N_S} v\rangle}{R^3}(N^2_{N_S}-N^{eq\,2}_{N_S}) \end{pmatrix}$$

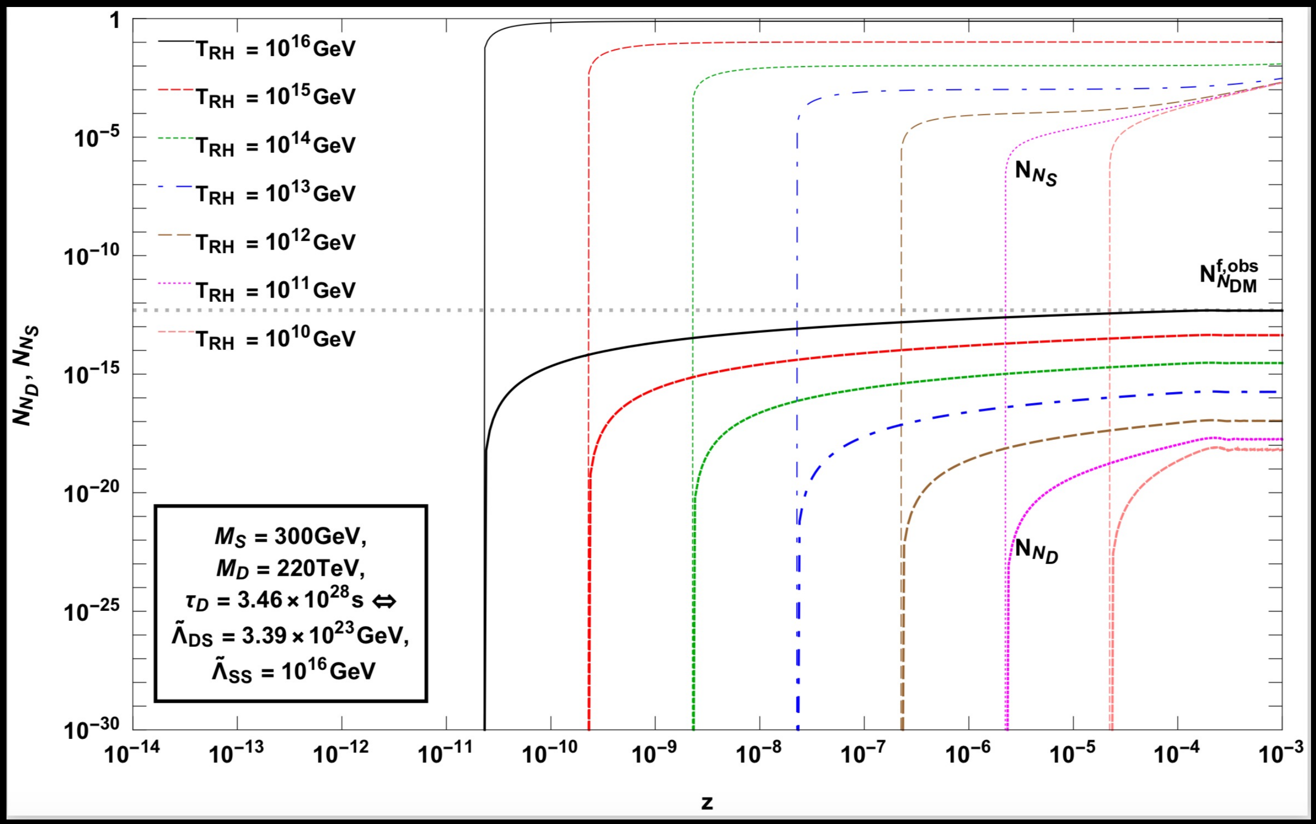
$$A(z) \equiv \frac{\langle\sigma_{\phi\phi\to N_S N_S} v\rangle}{R^3 H z} = \frac{A(z=1)}{z^2}; \qquad \langle\sigma_{\phi\phi\to N_S N_S} v\rangle_{T>>M_S} \simeq \frac{1}{4\pi\tilde{\Lambda}^2_{SS}}$$

$$\Rightarrow A(z=1) \simeq g_N \frac{3}{16}\frac{\xi(3)}{\pi^3}\sqrt{\frac{90}{8\pi^3 g_R}}\frac{M_D M_{Pl}}{\tilde{\Lambda}^2_{SS}}$$

# Condition for the thermalisation of the $N_S$ abundance

(PDB, A. Murphy, arXiv 2209.xxxx)

$$\Rightarrow N_{N_S}(z_{in} << z << 1) - N_{N_S}(z_{in}) \simeq \frac{A_1}{z_{in}} \simeq 1.0 \times \left(\frac{T_{in}}{10^{16}\,\mathrm{GeV}}\right)\left(\frac{10^{16}\,\mathrm{GeV}}{\tilde{\Lambda}_{SS}}\right)^2 \simeq 1$$



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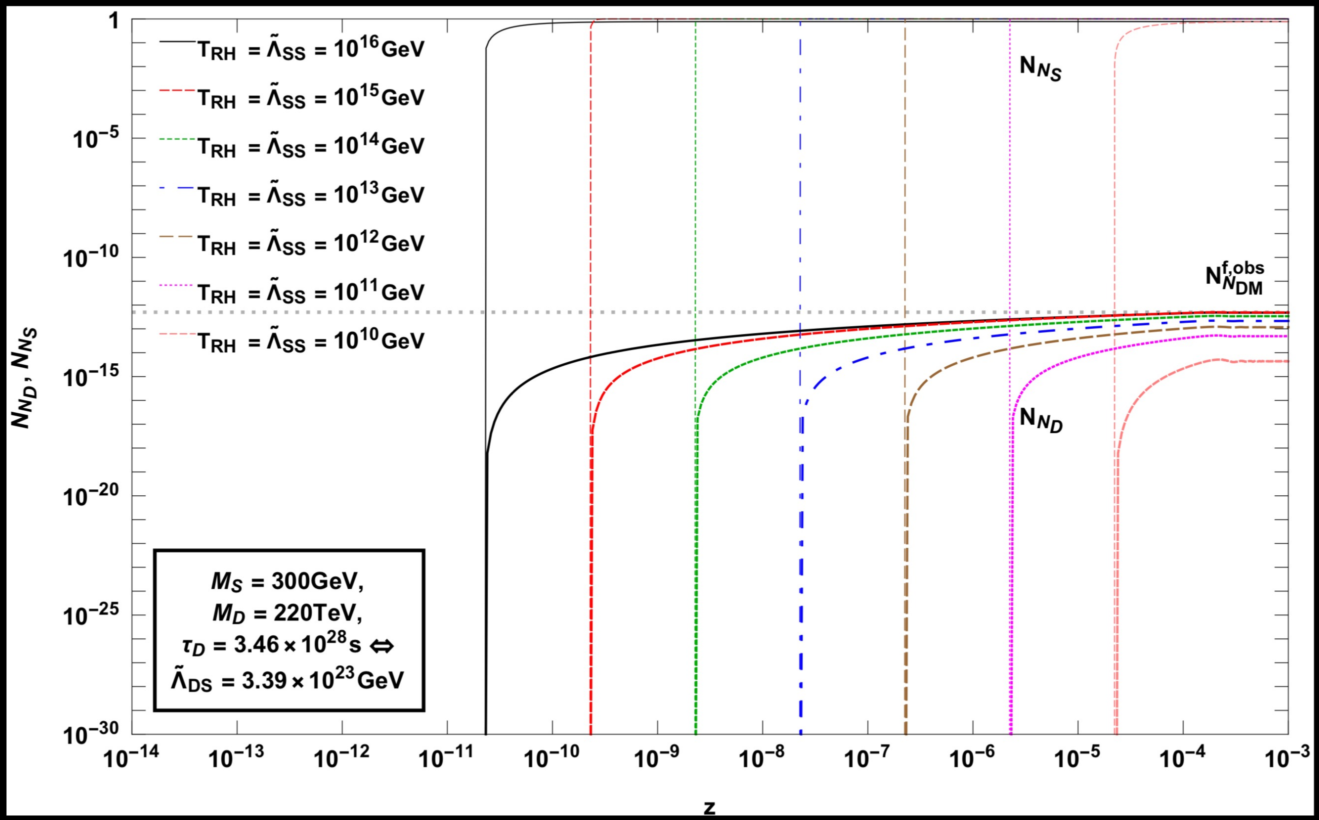


For the validity of the EFT: $T_{RH} \lesssim \tilde{\Lambda}_{SS}$

# DM lifetime vs. mass plane: allowed regions

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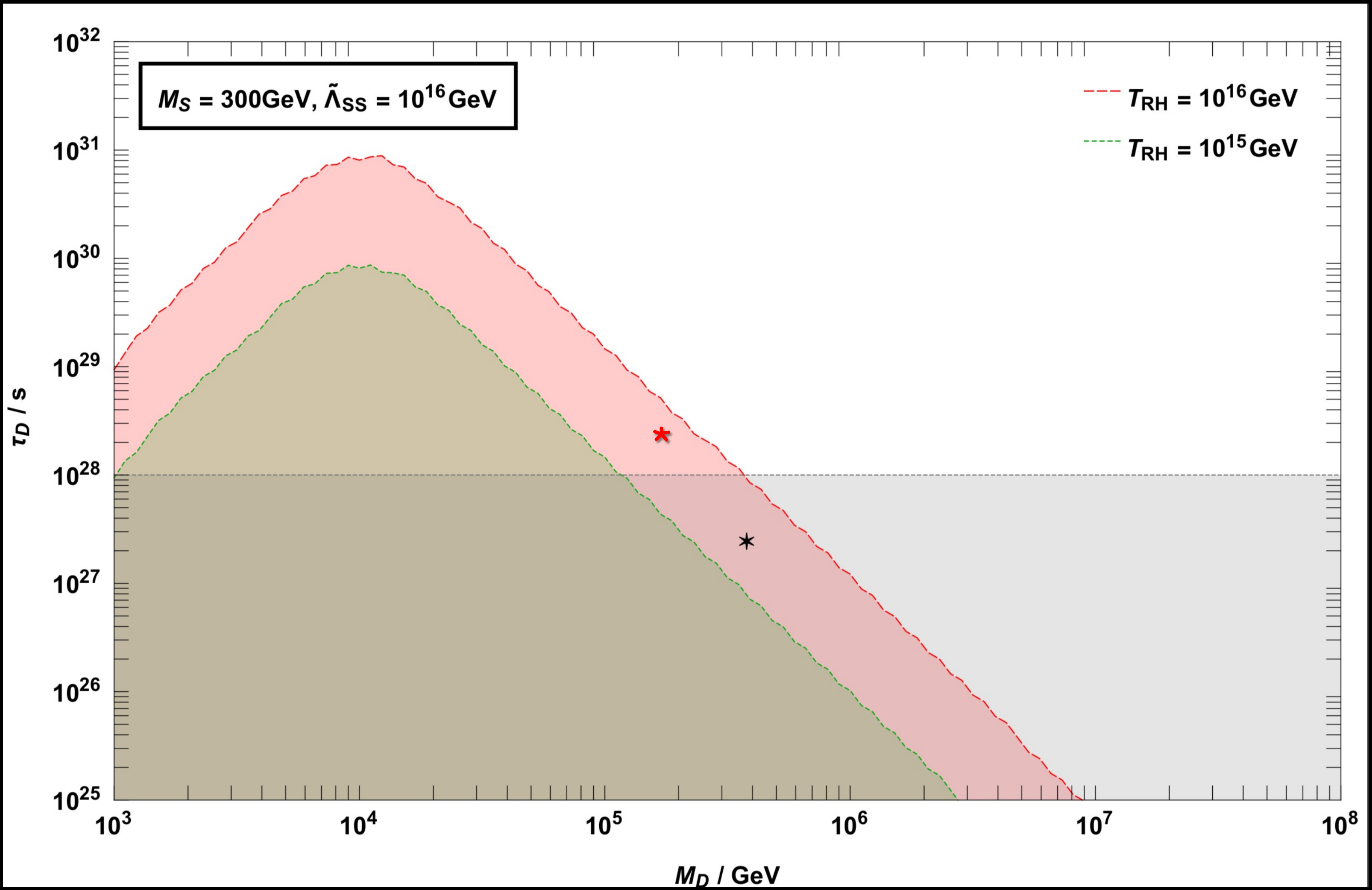

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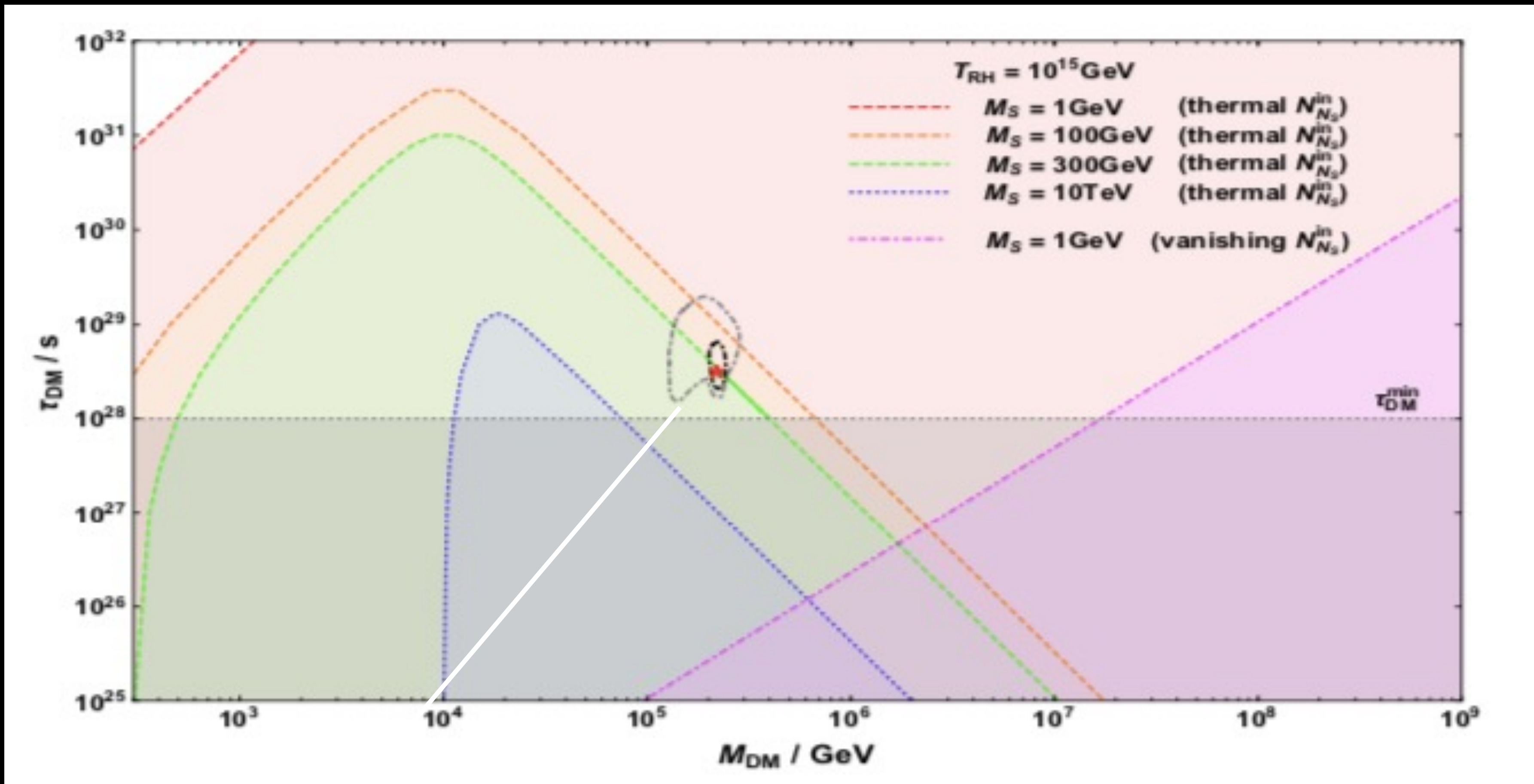


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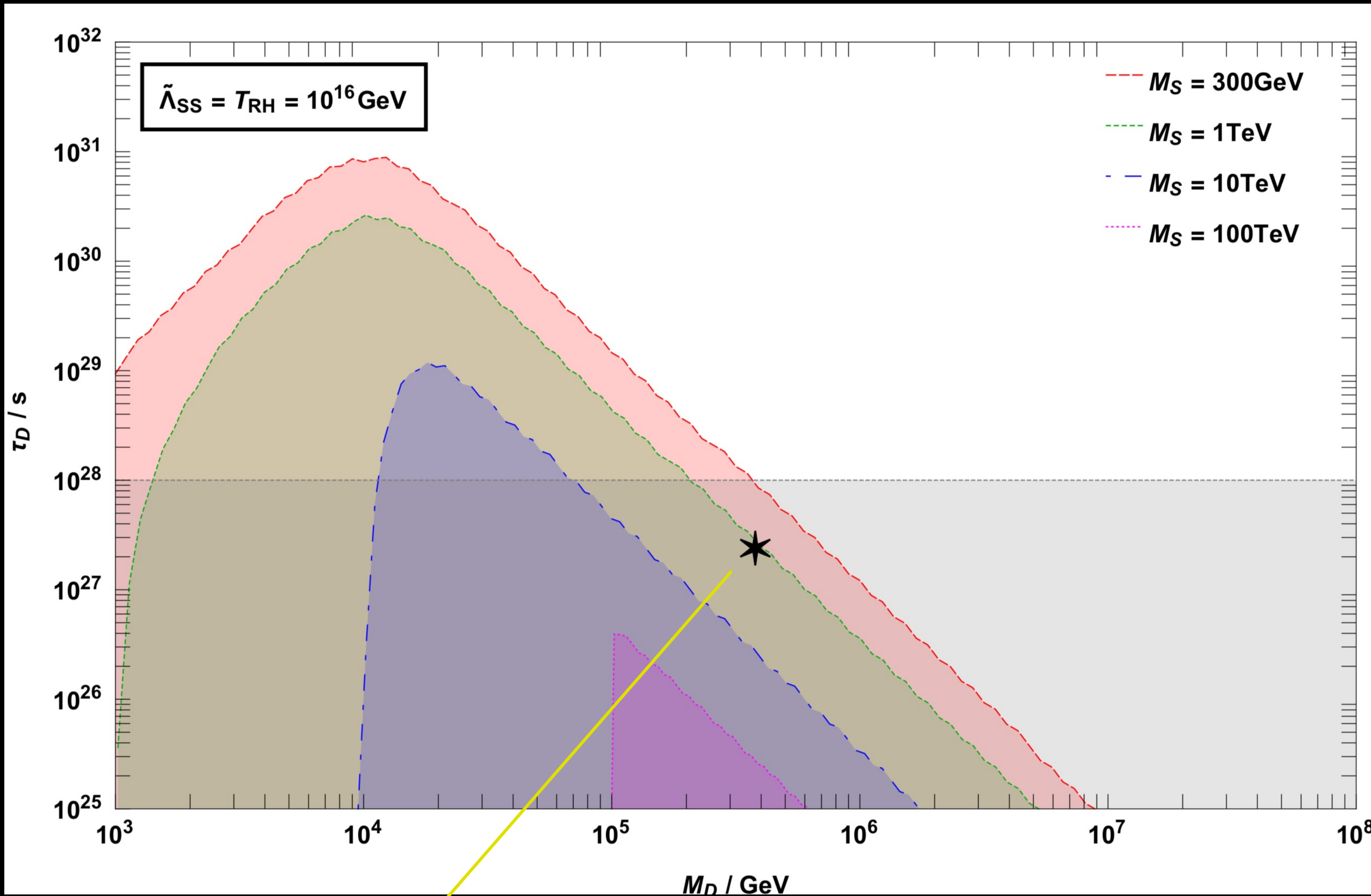
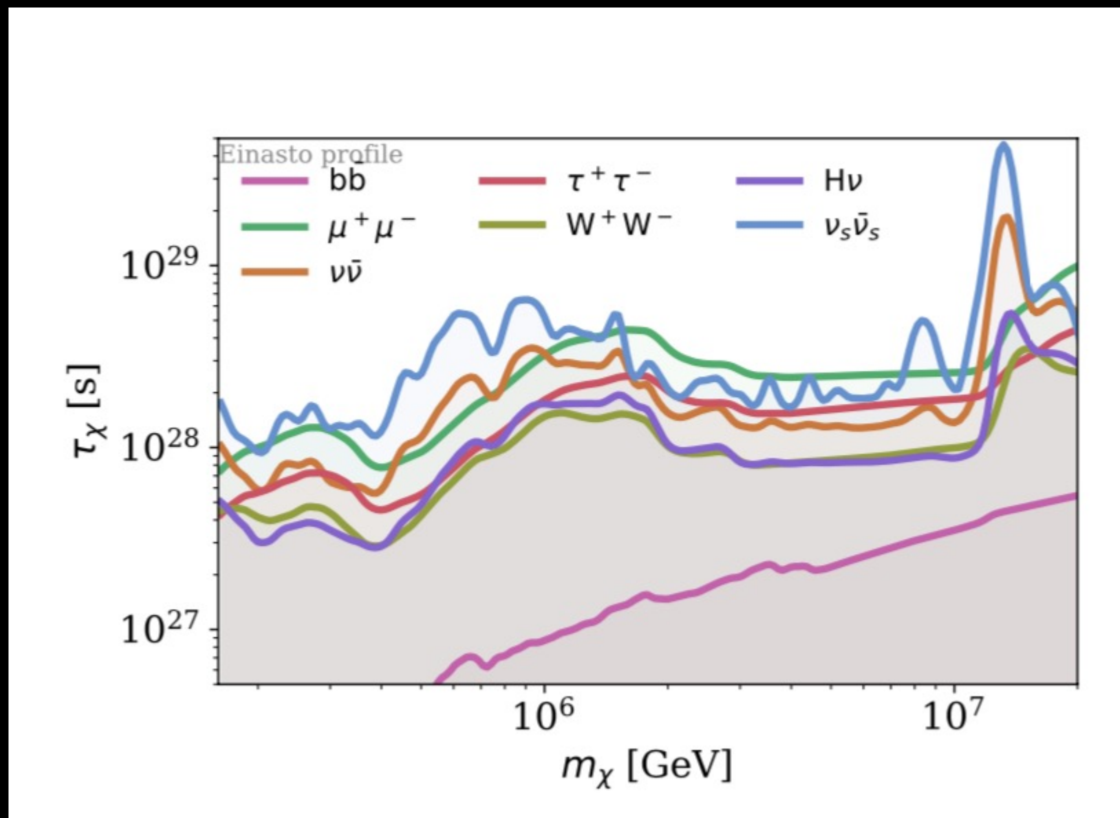



(IceCube collaboration 2205.12950)

# Searches for Connections between Dark Matter and High-Energy Neutrinos with IceCube

IceCube Collaboration

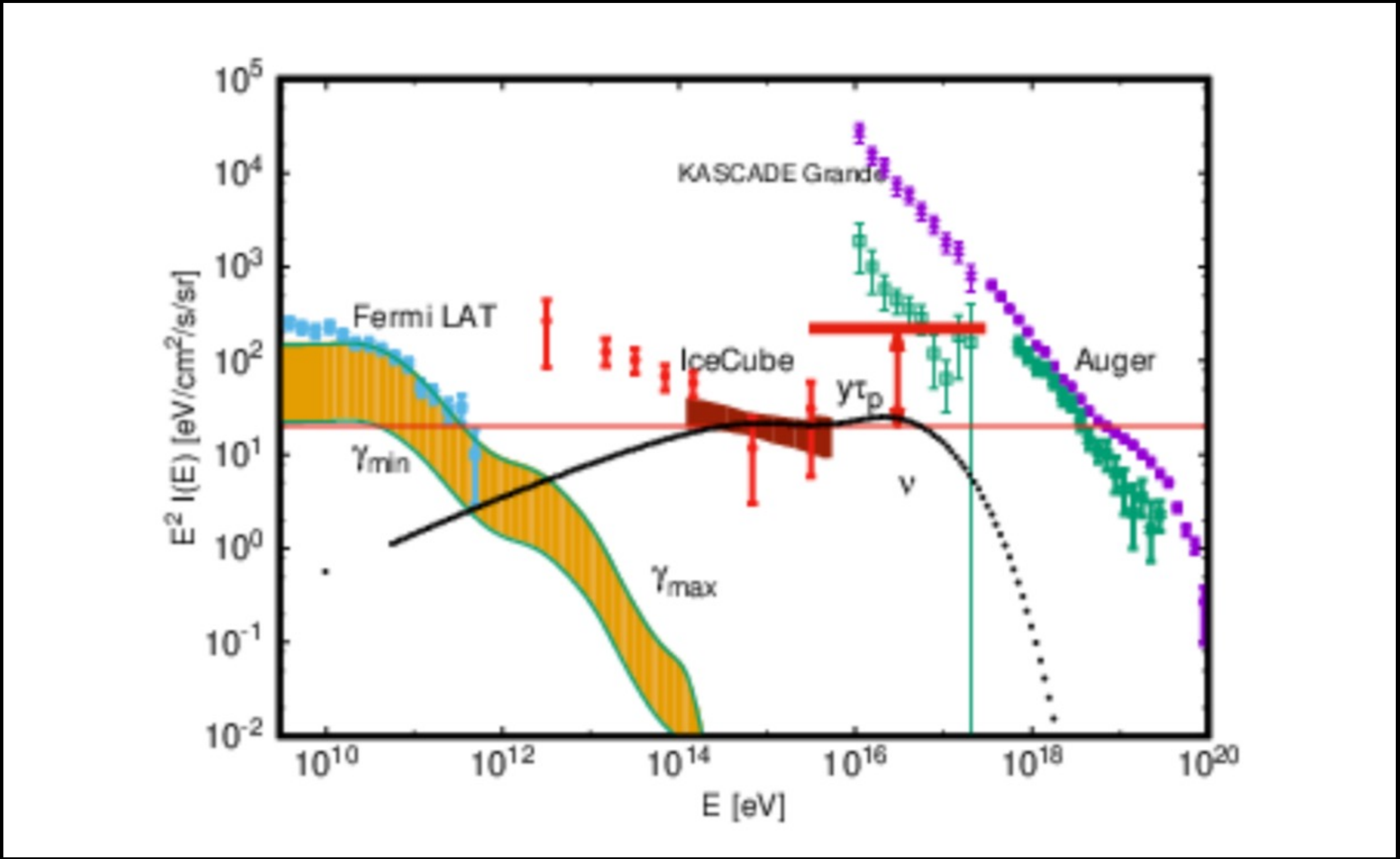
(2205.12950)




2.5σ significance when compared to the null hypothesis

best fit point: $m_D$=386 TeV, $\tau_D$=2.8x$10^{27}$ s

# Multimessenger analysis

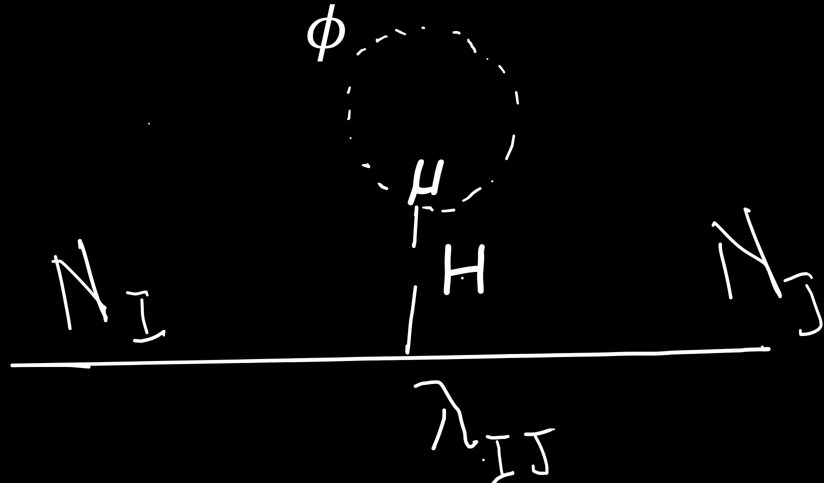



From Kachelriess 2201.04535 (IceCube 3 year data)

# A possible GUT origin ? (1)

(Anisimov,PDB, 2008; P.Ludl.PDB,S.Palomarez-Ruiz'16; Kolb and Long 1708.04293)

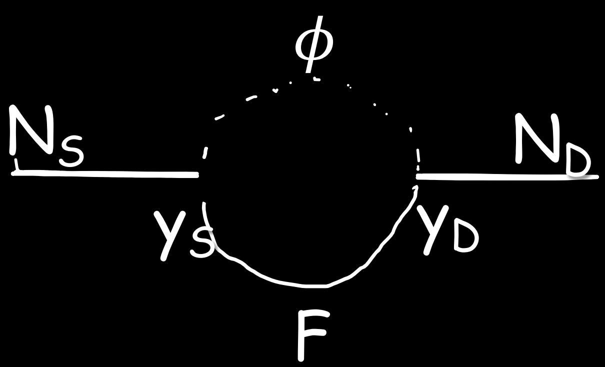
$$M_H \sim M_{GUT} \Rightarrow \tilde{\Lambda}_{DS} = \frac{1}{\lambda_{IJ}} \frac{M^2_{GUT}}{\mu} = \Lambda$$

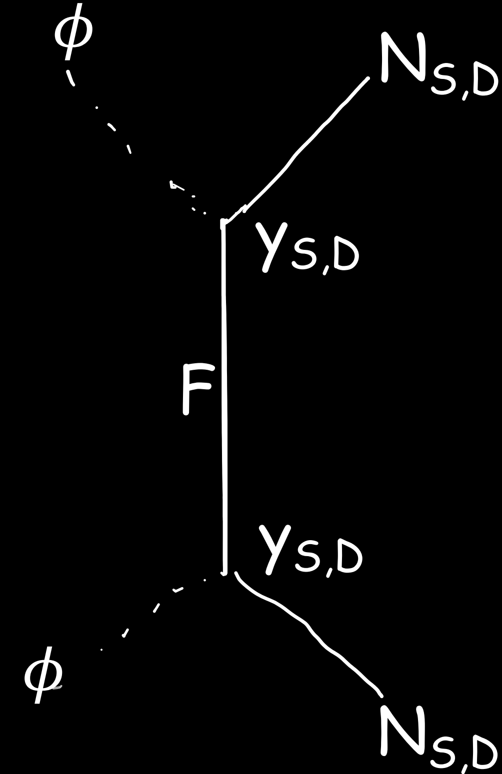



For $\mu \sim 10^9$GeV one can have $\tilde{\Lambda}_{DS} \sim 10^{23}$ GeV and $\lambda_{DS} \sim O(1)$ but one cannot reproduce simultaneously $\tilde{\Lambda}_{SS} \sim 10^{16}$GeV with the same scale $\Lambda$

# A possible GUT origin (2)?

(Anisimov,PDB, 2008; PDM, A. Murphy 2209.xxxx)




This time one can have one scale $\Lambda = M_F \sim M_{GUT}$ and for $y_S \sim 1$ and $y_D \sim 10^{-7}$:

$$\tilde{\Lambda}_{DS} = \frac{\Lambda}{y_D y_S} \sim 10^{23}\,\mathrm{GeV} \qquad \tilde{\Lambda}_{SS} = \frac{\Lambda}{y_S y_S} \sim \Lambda \sim 10^{16}\,\mathrm{GeV} \qquad \tilde{\Lambda}_{DD} = \frac{\Lambda}{y_D y_D} \sim 10^{30}\,\mathrm{GeV}$$

$y_D \sim 10^{-7}$ could be understood as a small symmetry (e.g. $Z_2$) breaking parameter

# Summary

- The DM puzzle might have a solution at higher scales than those usually explored and….
- ….neutrino physics is a good place where to look for such a solution. A high scale RH neutrino playing the role of DM requires an extension of the usual type-I seesaw Lagrangian (able already to explain neutrino masses and mixing and the matter-antmatter asymmetry via leptogenesis).
- Higgs induced sterile-sterile neutrino mixing provides not only a way to produce dark neutrinos with the right abundance and….also to make them shining.
- Higgs portal interactions for the seesaw (source) neutrino enhance the dark neutrino production and allow to lift the scale of leptogenesis certainly above 300 GeV but even higher, how much higher exactly? We will soon address this question.
- Interestingly, the IceCube collaboration find an excess in the neutrino flux at energies well explained by a RHINo DM (~100 TeV) and further support (or constraints) might come relatively soon from γ-ray experiments and therefore……looking forward to hearing from next speaker!
  - THANK YOU!