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# Comprehensive Phenomenology of Dirac Scotogenic Model: Novel Low Mass Dark Matter

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# Introduction

## The Standard Model (SM)

- ❖ A quantum field theory which provides a very good understanding of three of the four fundamental forces: Strong, Weak, and EM.
- ❖ It is based on the "Gauge Principle".  $SU(3)_C \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y$
- ❖ It contains three generations of leptons and quarks with Gauge bosons and Higgs boson.
- ❖ SM stands as a remarkably successful theoretical framework, providing a comprehensive description of all known particles and their interactions with very great accuracy.



## Shortcomings of SM

- ❖ Neutrino Mass
- ❖ Dark Matter
- ❖ Matter-antimatter asymmetry
- ❖ Muon's anomalous magnetic dipole moment
- ❖ Electroweak Vacuum Stability Problem

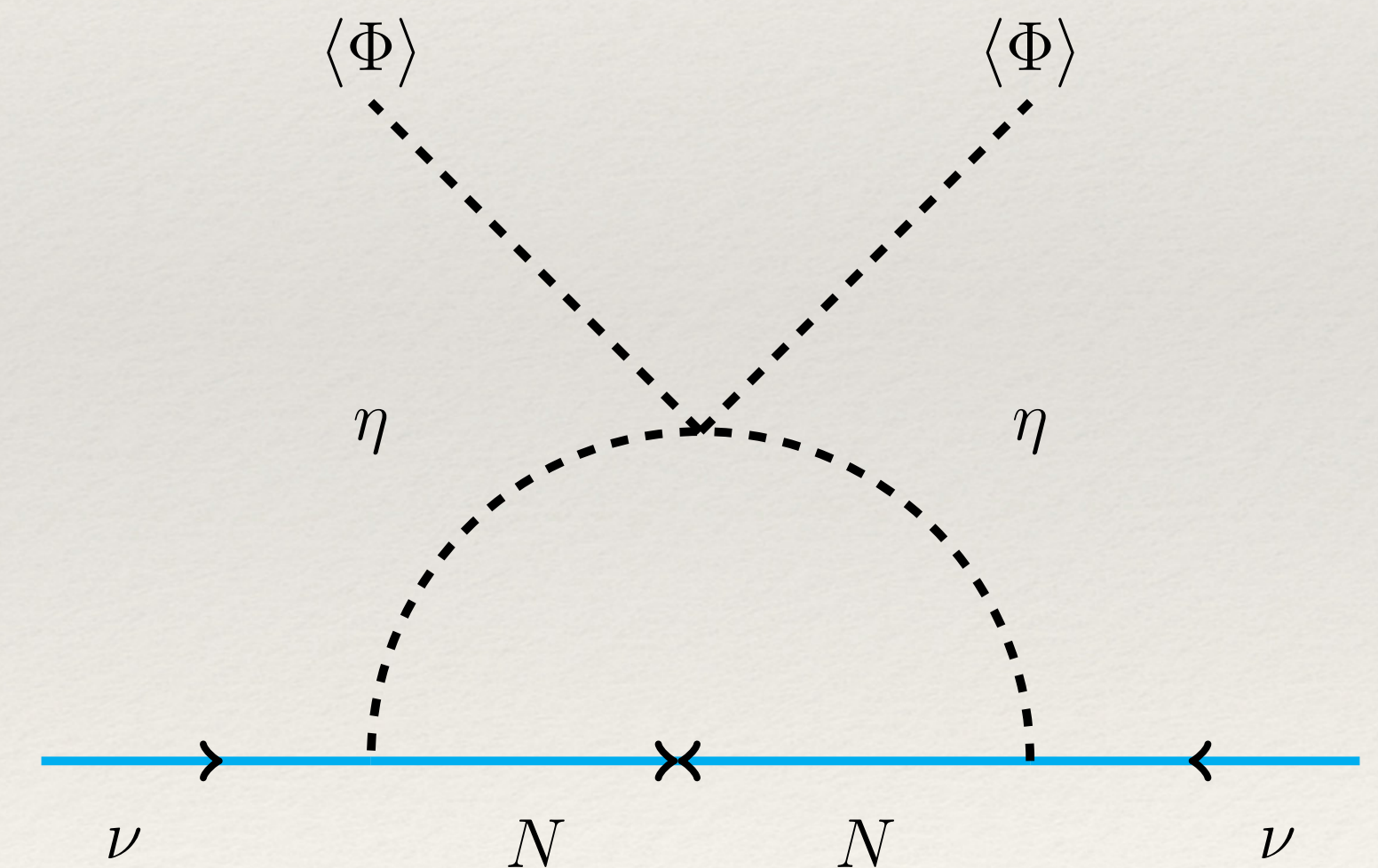


# Scotogenic Model

- ❖ Minimal extension of SM (Proposed by Ernest Ma in 2006)
- ❖ It provides tiny neutrino mass and dark matter stability simultaneously within the same framework.
- ❖ Light neutrino masses are generated via the one-loop radiative seesaw mechanism.
- ❖ Two newly added BSM fields: Scalar doublet  $\eta$  and Fermion singlet  $N$ .
- ❖ A new symmetry  $Z_2$ : new fields are odd under  $Z_2$  and SM fields are even under  $Z_2$ .
- ❖ Two possible DM candidates:

Neutral Scalar  $\eta^0$

Neutral Fermion  $N_1$



Leading neutrino mass generation diagram.



## Dirac Scotogenic Model

- ❖ It is a theoretical framework for obtaining stable dark matter and naturally small Dirac neutrino masses generated at the loop level.
- ❖ This is achieved through the symmetry breaking of the global  $U(1)_{B-L}$  symmetry already present in the SM.
- ❖ Dirac/Majorana nature of neutrinos is intimately connected with the  $U(1)_{B-L}$  symmetry of the SM and its possible breaking pattern.
- ❖  $U(1)_{B-L} \rightarrow Z_m \equiv Z_{2n+1}$  with  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \Rightarrow$  neutrinos are Dirac particles
- ❖  $U(1)_{B-L} \rightarrow Z_m \equiv Z_{2n}$  with  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \Rightarrow$  neutrinos can be Dirac or Majorana
- ❖ Lepton doublet  $L_i \sim \omega^n$  under  $Z_{2n} \Rightarrow$  Dirac neutrinos
- ❖ Lepton doublet  $L_i \sim \omega^n$  under  $Z_{2n} \Rightarrow$  Majorana neutrinos; where  $\omega^{2n} = 1$  or  $\omega = \exp \frac{2\pi i}{2n}$



## The Model Setup

$(-4, -4, 5)$  Chiral solutions to  $U(1)_{B-L}$  anomaly cancellation conditions (forbidding the tree-level neutrino Yukawa couplings).

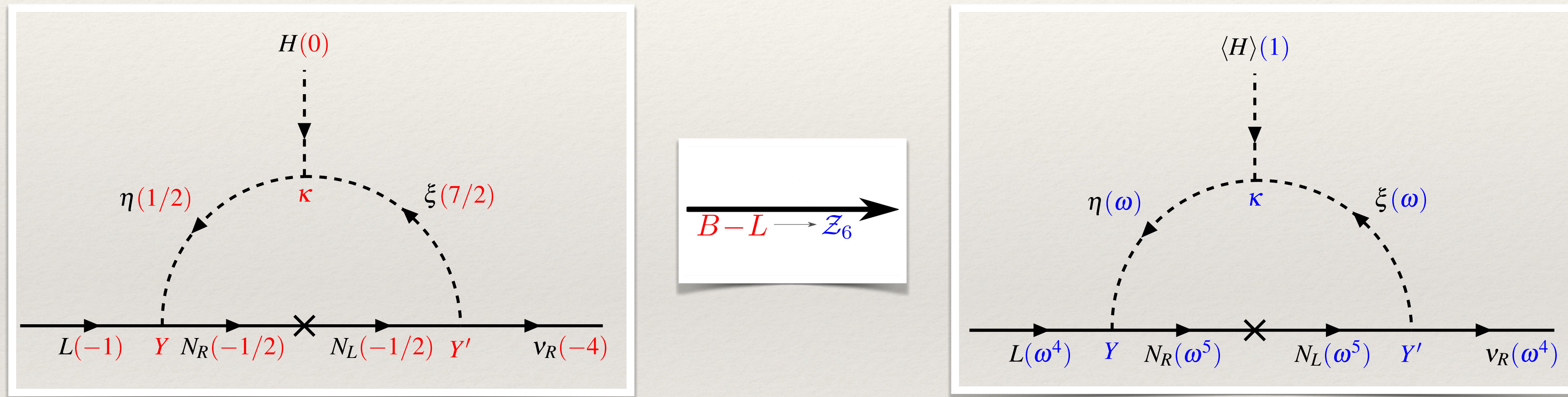
	Fields	$SU(2)_L \otimes U(1)_Y$	$U(1)_{B-L}$	$\rightarrow$	$\mathbb{Z}_6$
Fermions	$L_i$	$(\mathbf{2}, -1/2)$	$-1$	$\rightarrow$	$\omega^4$
	$\nu_{R_i}$	$(\mathbf{1}, 0)$	$(-4, -4, 5)$	$\rightarrow$	$(\omega^4, \omega^4, \omega^4)$
	$N_{L_j}$	$(\mathbf{1}, 0)$	$-1/2$	$\rightarrow$	$\omega^5$
	$N_{R_j}$	$(\mathbf{1}, 0)$	$-1/2$	$\rightarrow$	$\omega^5$
Scalars	$H$	$(\mathbf{2}, 1/2)$	$0$	$\rightarrow$	$1$
	$\eta$	$(\mathbf{2}, 1/2)$	$1/2$	$\rightarrow$	$\omega$
	$\xi$	$(\mathbf{1}, 0)$	$7/2$	$\rightarrow$	$\omega$

B-L charge for Higgs is zero to preserve Yukawa terms for fermions that give mass to them.



# Breaking Pattern of $U(1)_{B-L}$ Symmetry

- ❖ The  $U(1)_{B-L} \rightarrow Z_6$  breaking happens because of the presence of the soft-term  $(\kappa \eta^\dagger H \xi + h.c.)$



- ❖ This residual  $Z_6$  symmetry simultaneously protects the Dirac nature of neutrinos and the stability of DM.



# The Scalar Potential

- ❖ The general form of the scalar potential is given by

$$V = -\mu_H^2 H^\dagger H + \mu_\eta^2 \eta^\dagger \eta + \mu_\xi^2 \xi^* \xi + \frac{1}{2} \lambda_1 (H^\dagger H)^2 + \frac{1}{2} \lambda_2 (\eta^\dagger \eta)^2 + \frac{1}{2} \lambda_3 (\xi^* \xi)^2 \\ + \lambda_4 (H^\dagger H)(\eta^\dagger \eta) + \lambda_5 (H^\dagger \eta)(\eta^\dagger H) + \lambda_6 (H^\dagger H)(\xi^* \xi) + \lambda_7 (\eta^\dagger \eta)(\xi^* \xi) + (\kappa \eta^\dagger H \xi + h.c.)$$

- ❖ Fleshing out the  $SU(2)_L$  components of the scalars, we can write

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} H^+ \\ H^0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \eta = \begin{pmatrix} \eta^+ \\ \eta^0 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$H^0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(v + h + iA) \quad \eta^0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\eta_R + i\eta_I) \quad \xi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\xi_R + i\xi_I)$$



## Mass spectrum

- ❖ The tree-level masses of the physical scalar states after symmetry-breaking

$$m_h^2 = \lambda_1 v^2 \quad m_{\eta^\pm}^2 = \mu_\eta^2 + \frac{\lambda_4}{2} v^2$$

- ❖ The real / imaginary part of  $\xi$  will mix with the real / imaginary part of  $\eta$ , and the mass eigenstates for the real / imaginary part of neutral scalars  $\xi$  and  $\eta^0$  are given by

$$m_{1R}^2 = m_{1I}^2 = \left( \mu_\xi^2 + \lambda_6 \frac{v^2}{2} \right) \cos^2 \theta + \left( \mu_\eta^2 + (\lambda_4 + \lambda_5) \frac{v^2}{2} \right) \sin^2 \theta - 2\kappa v \sin \theta \cos \theta \equiv m_\xi^2$$

$$m_{2R}^2 = m_{2I}^2 = \left( \mu_\xi^2 + \lambda_6 \frac{v^2}{2} \right) \sin^2 \theta + \left( \mu_\eta^2 + (\lambda_4 + \lambda_5) \frac{v^2}{2} \right) \cos^2 \theta + 2\kappa v \sin \theta \cos \theta \equiv m_{\eta^0}^2$$

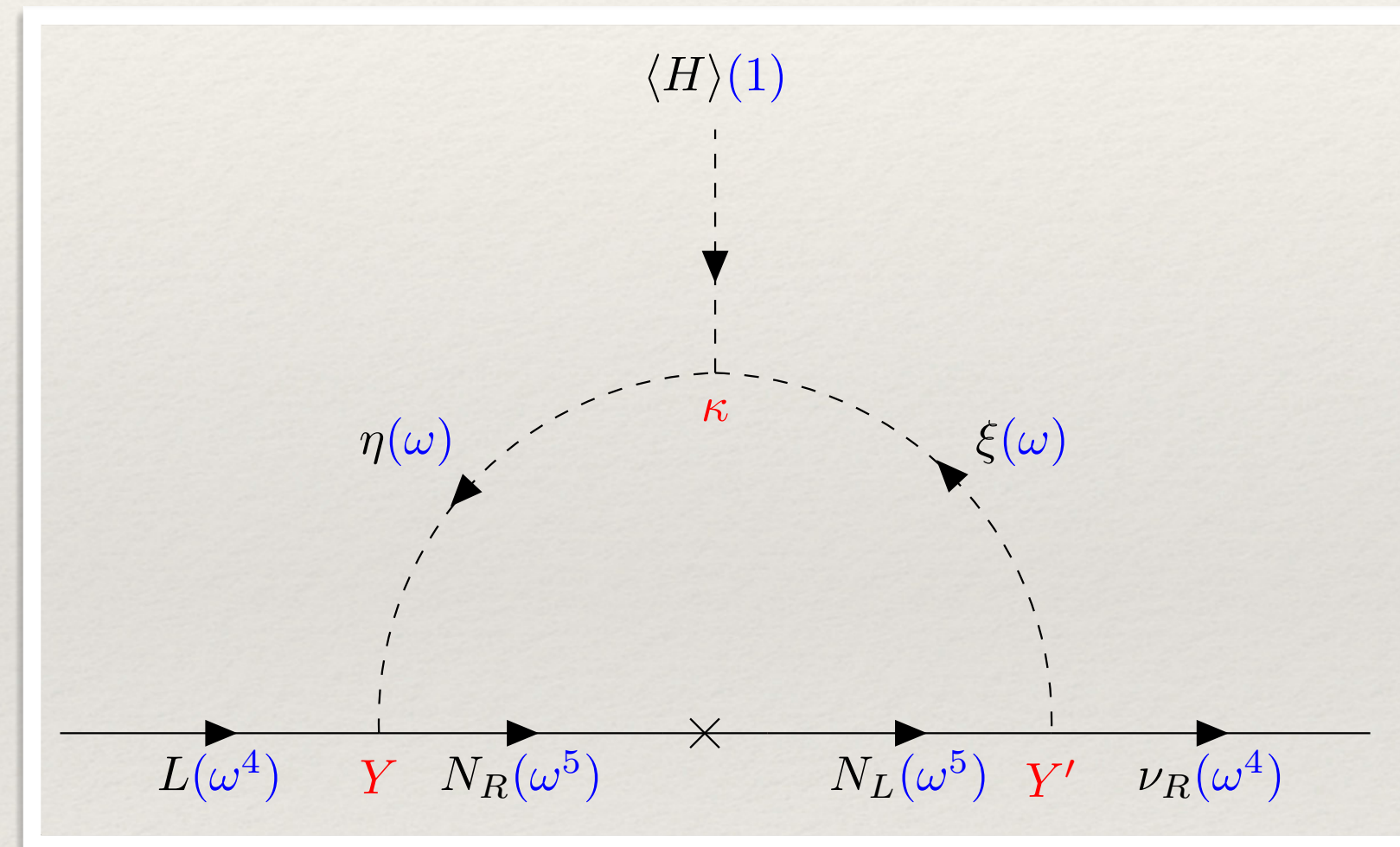
- ❖ Where, the singlet-doublet mixing angle  $\tan 2\theta = \frac{\sqrt{2}\kappa v}{(\mu_\xi^2 - \mu_\eta^2) + (\lambda_6 - \lambda_4 - \lambda_5) \frac{v^2}{2}} \ll 1$



# Neutrino Mass

- ❖ The relevant Yukawa Lagrangian for neutrino masses is given by

$$\mathcal{L}_Y \supset Y_{il} \bar{L}_i \tilde{\eta} N_{R_l} + Y'_{li} \bar{N}_{L_l} \nu_{R_i} \xi + M_{lm} \bar{N}_{R_l} N_{L_m} + h.c.$$



Leading neutrino mass generation diagram.

- ❖ We can calculate neutrino masses from the above fig.

$$(M_\nu)_{ij} = \frac{1}{16\pi^2} \sum_{k=1}^3 Y_{ik} Y'_{kj} \frac{\kappa v}{m_\xi^2 - m_\eta^2} M_k \sum_{l=1}^2 (-1)^l B_0(0, m_l^2, M_k^2).$$



# Phenomenology

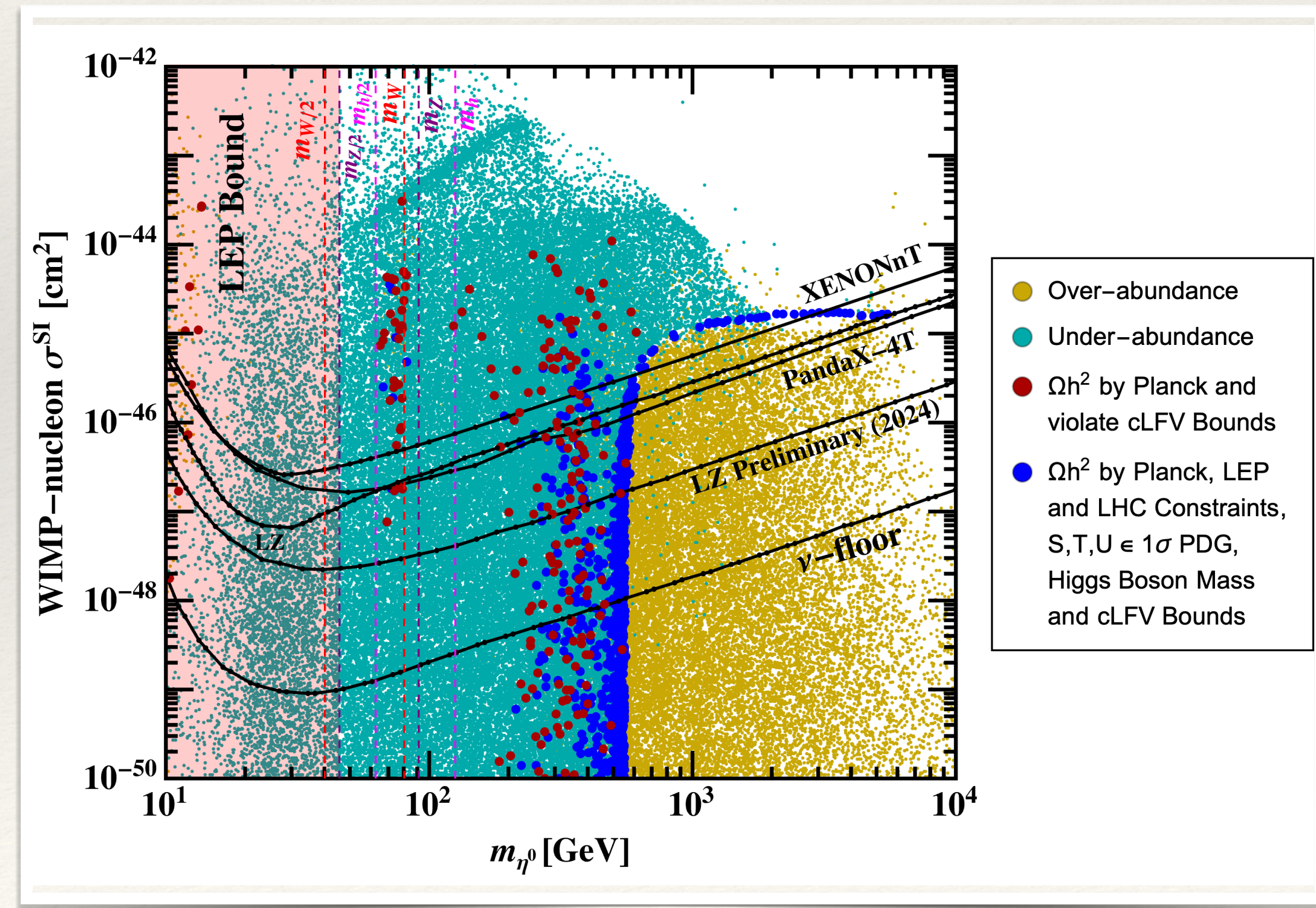
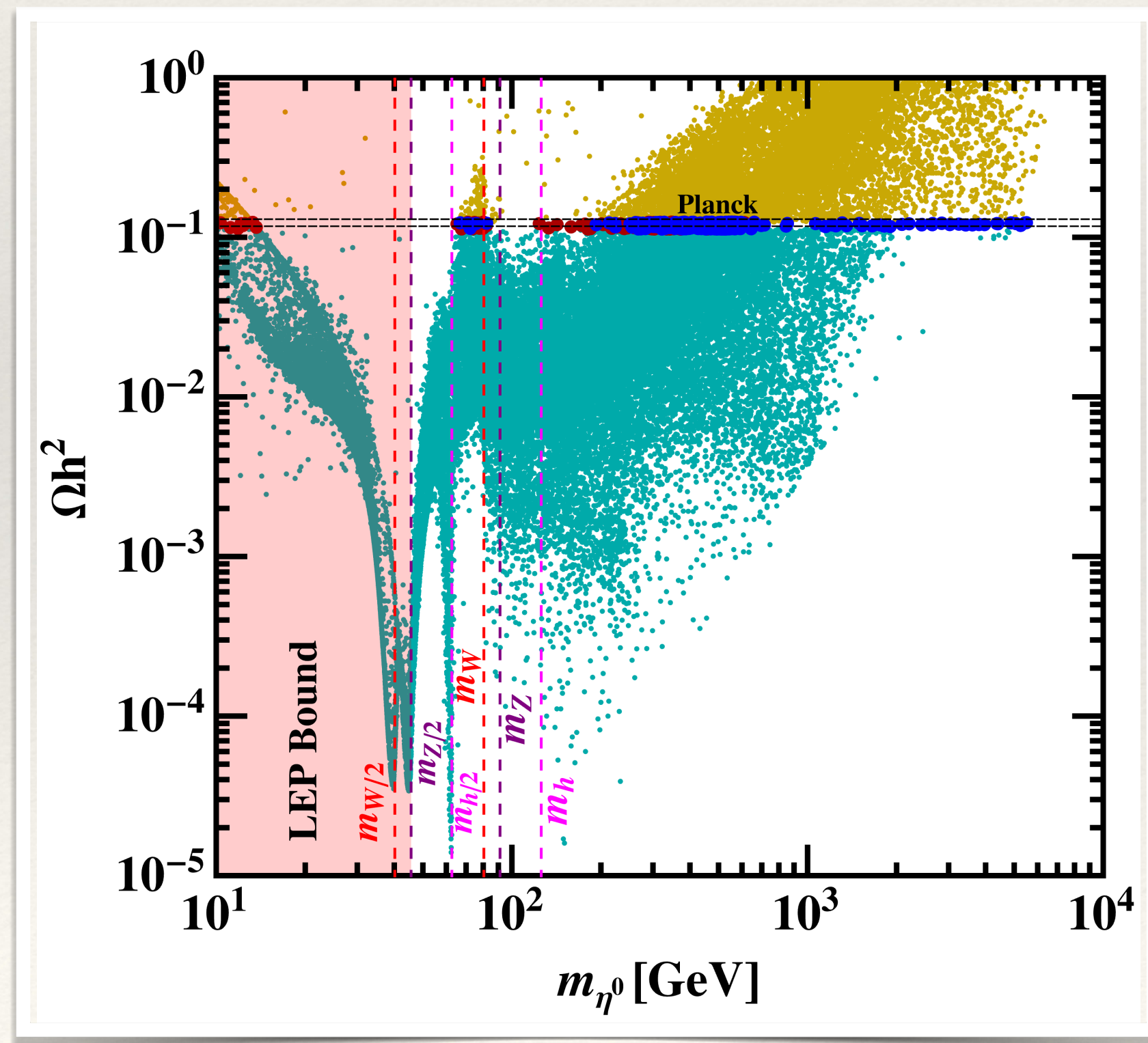
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- ❖ We performed a detailed numerical scan for the model parameters with various experimental and theoretical constraints.
- ❖ We have implemented the model in SARAH-4.14.5 and SPheno-4.0.5 to calculate all the vertices, mass matrices and tadpole equations.
- ❖ Thermal components to the DM relic abundance, as well as the DM nucleon scattering cross-sections, are determined by micrOMEGAS-5.2.13.



# Doublet Scalar DM

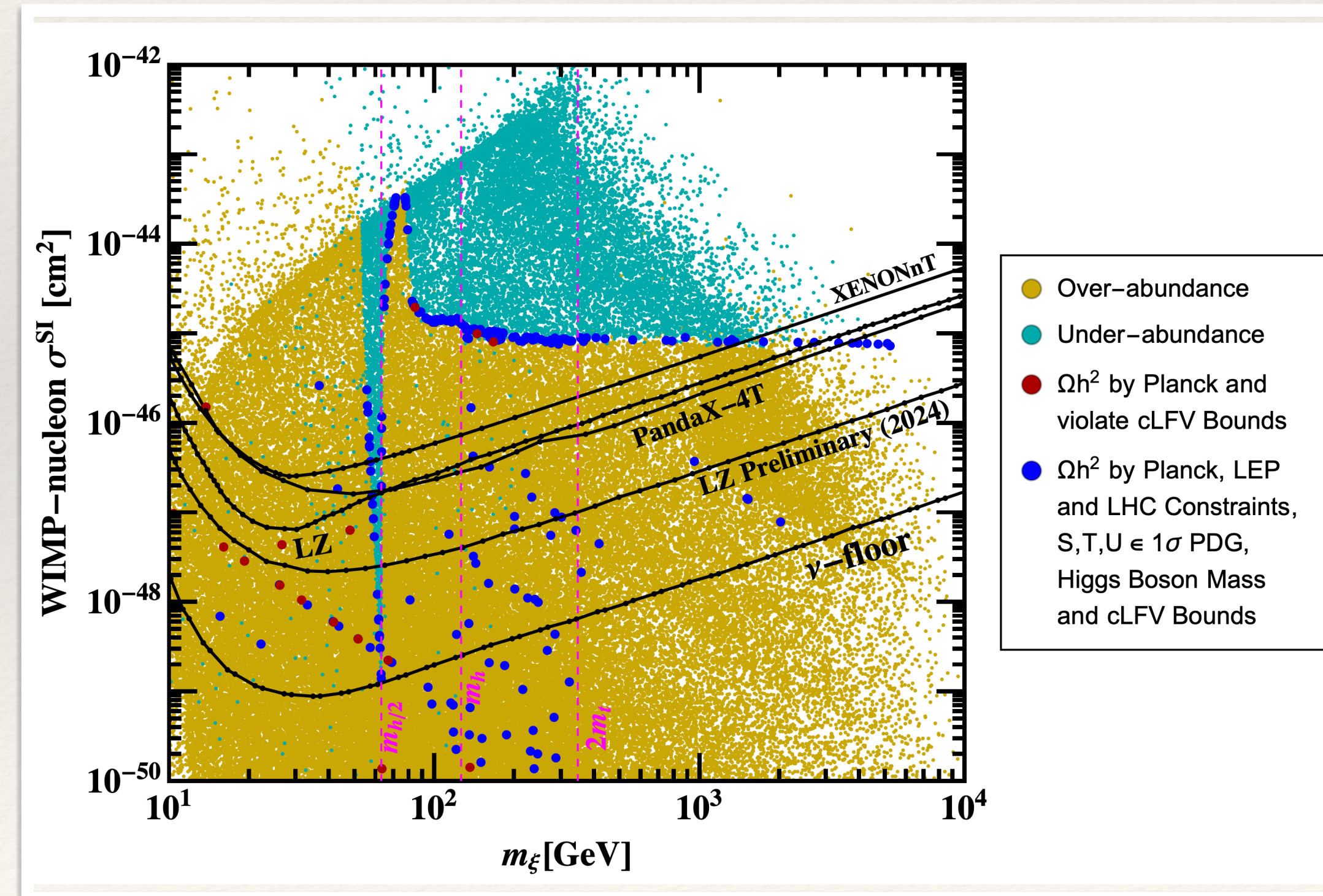
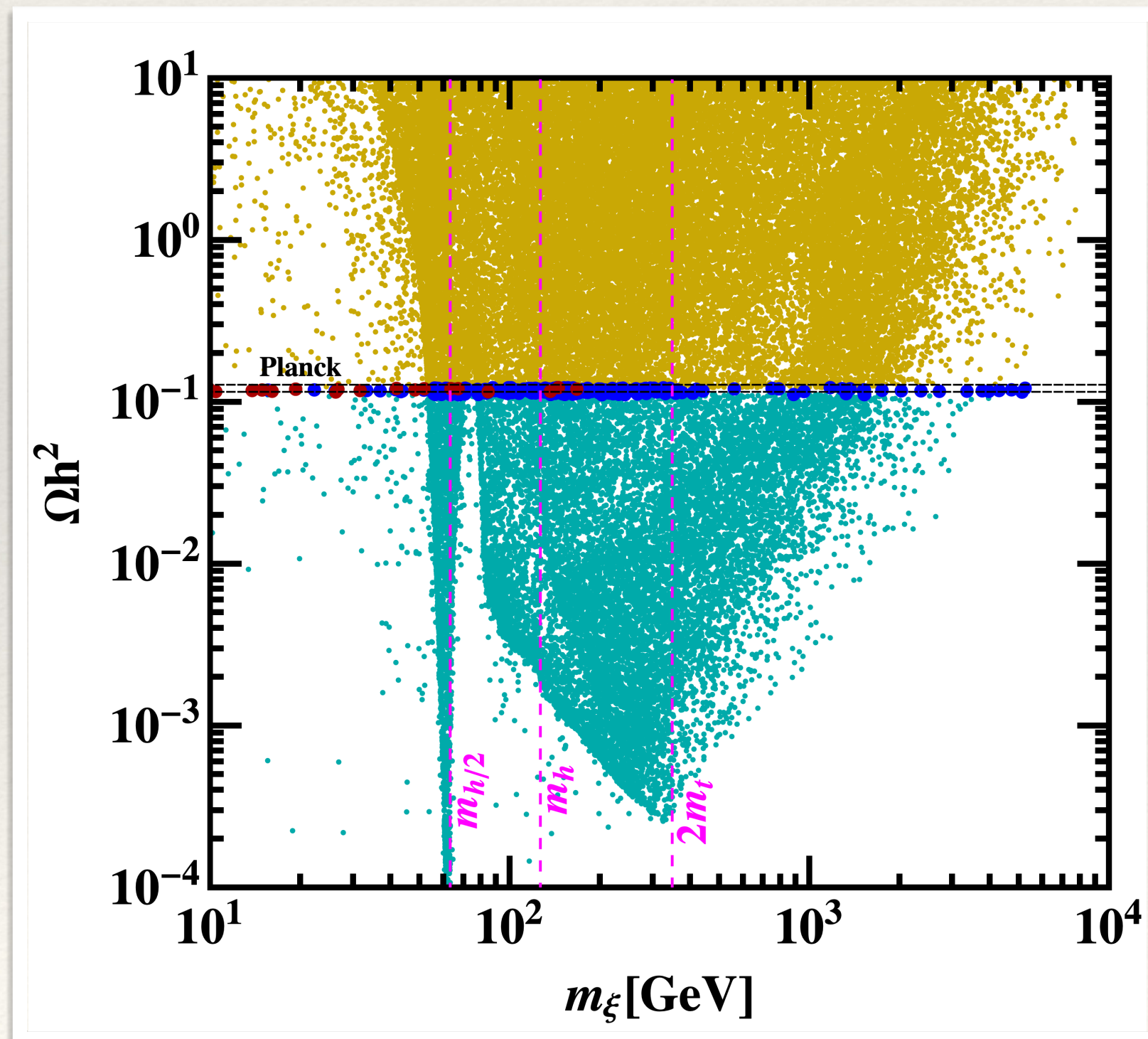
- ❖ The combination of all relevant constraints leads to an allowed mass range of  $m_{\eta^0} \sim 70 \text{ GeV} - 80 \text{ GeV}$  and  $m_{\eta^0} \sim 200 \text{ GeV} - 600 \text{ GeV}$  for mainly doublet scalar DM.





# Singlet Scalar DM

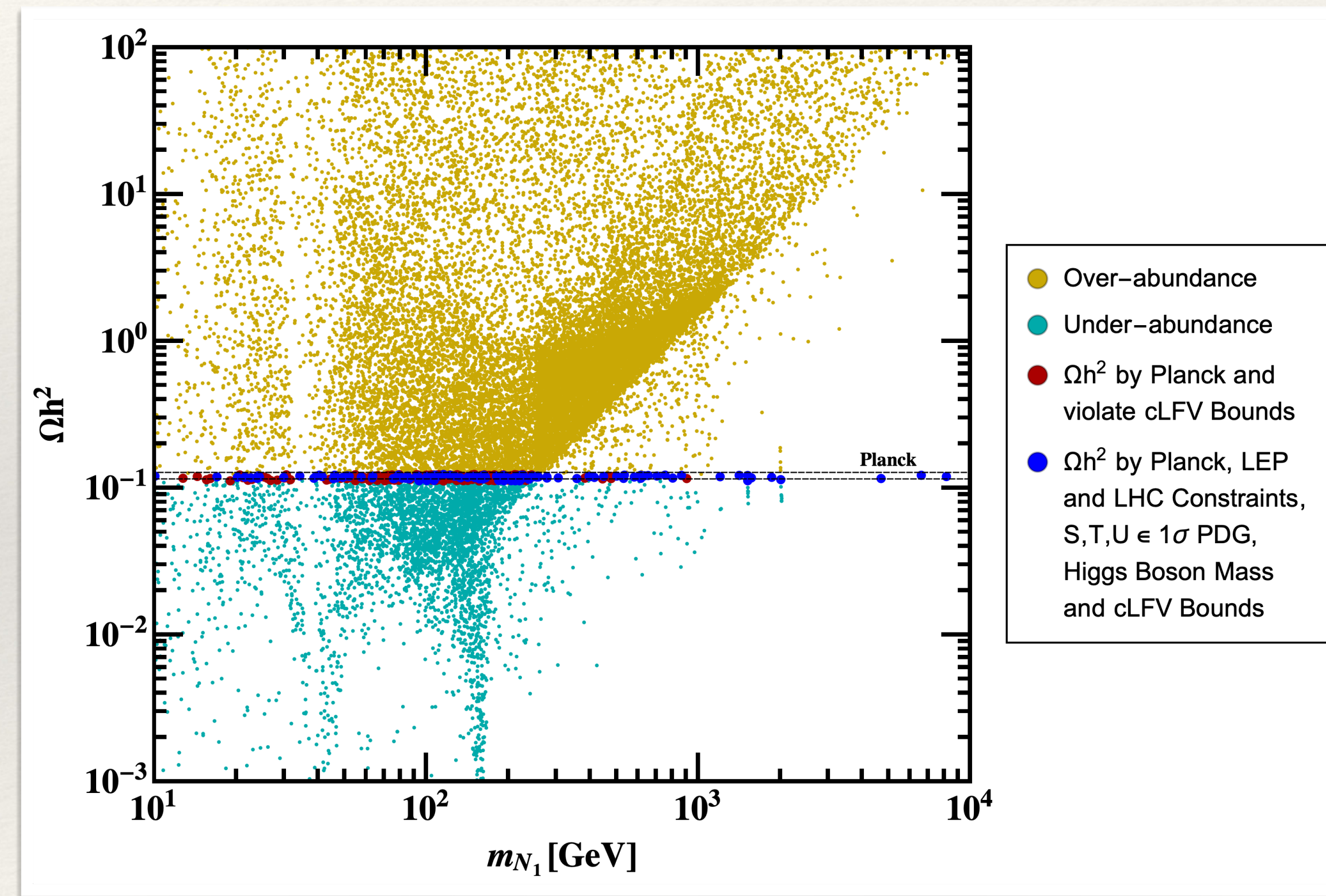
- ❖ The combination of all relevant constraints leads to an allowed mass range of  $m_\xi \sim 10 \text{ GeV} - 2 \text{ TeV}$  (co-annihilation) and  $m_\xi \sim 3.5 \text{ TeV} - 5.2 \text{ TeV}$  (hierarchical) for singlet scalar DM.





# Fermionic DM

- ❖ For the fermionic DM case, co-annihilation involving dark scalars is crucial, providing a wide range of viable parameter space.
- ❖ The low-mass region is allowed due to co-annihilation channels involving the singlet scalar, a distinctive feature of the Dirac Scotogenic model which distinguishes it from the canonical Majorana Scotogenic model.





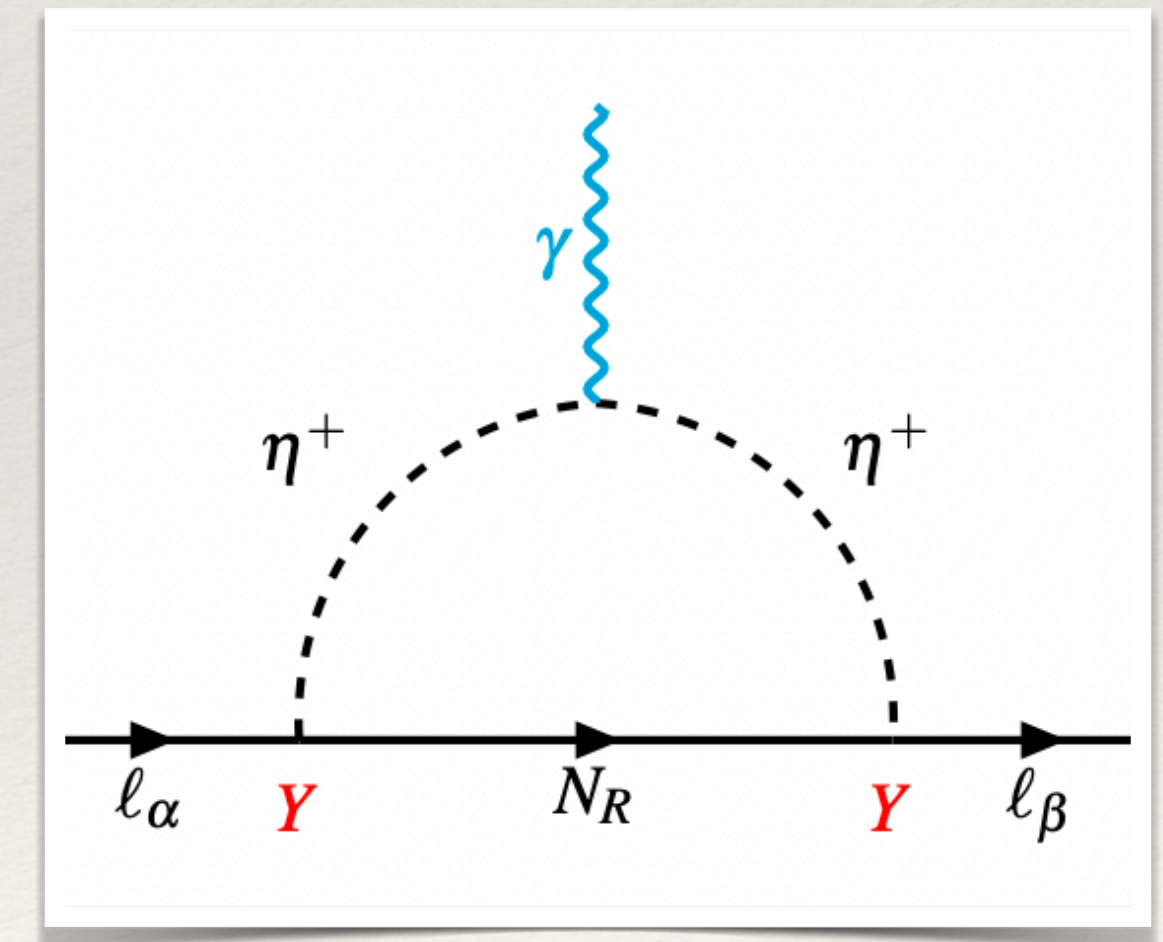
# Charged Lepton Flavor violation

- ❖ The strongest constraints to cLFV come from the family of non-standard lepton decays  $\ell_\alpha \rightarrow \ell_\beta \gamma$
- ❖ In our framework, the leading contribution to  $\ell_\alpha \rightarrow \ell_\beta \gamma$  comes at the one-loop level through the mediation of the charged scalar  $\eta^+$ .

- ❖ The branching ratio of this process is given by

$$\text{Br}(\ell_\alpha \rightarrow \ell_\beta \gamma) = \text{Br}(\ell_\alpha \rightarrow \ell_\beta \nu_\alpha \bar{\nu}_\beta) \times \frac{3\alpha_{em}}{16\pi G_F^2} \left| \sum_i \frac{Y_{\beta i} Y_{\alpha i}^*}{m_{\eta^-}^2} j\left(\frac{M_{N_i}^2}{m_{\eta^-}^2}\right) \right|^2$$

$$\text{where } j(x) = \frac{1 - 6x + 3x^2 + 2x^3 - 6x^2 \log(x)}{12(1 - x)^4}$$

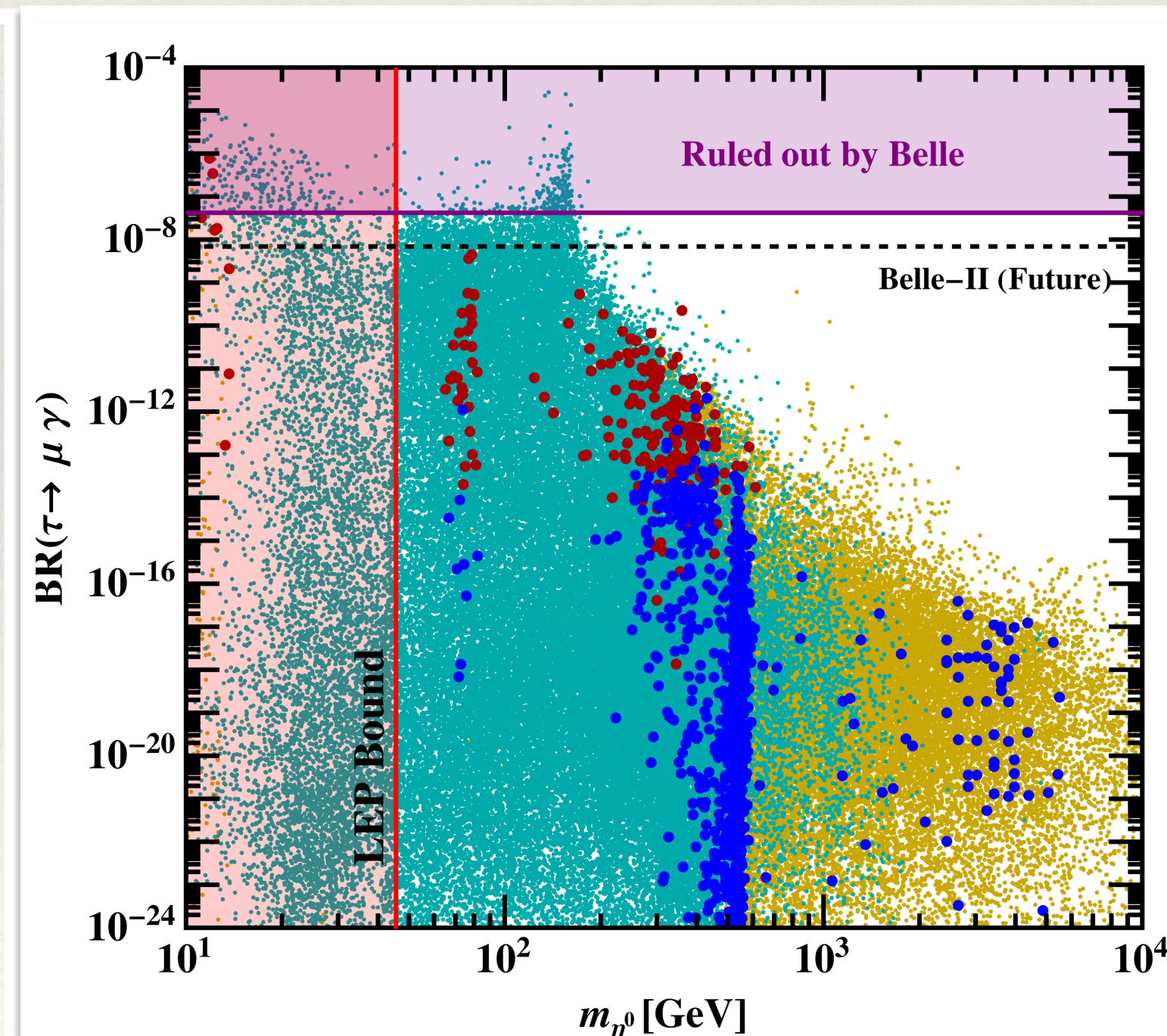
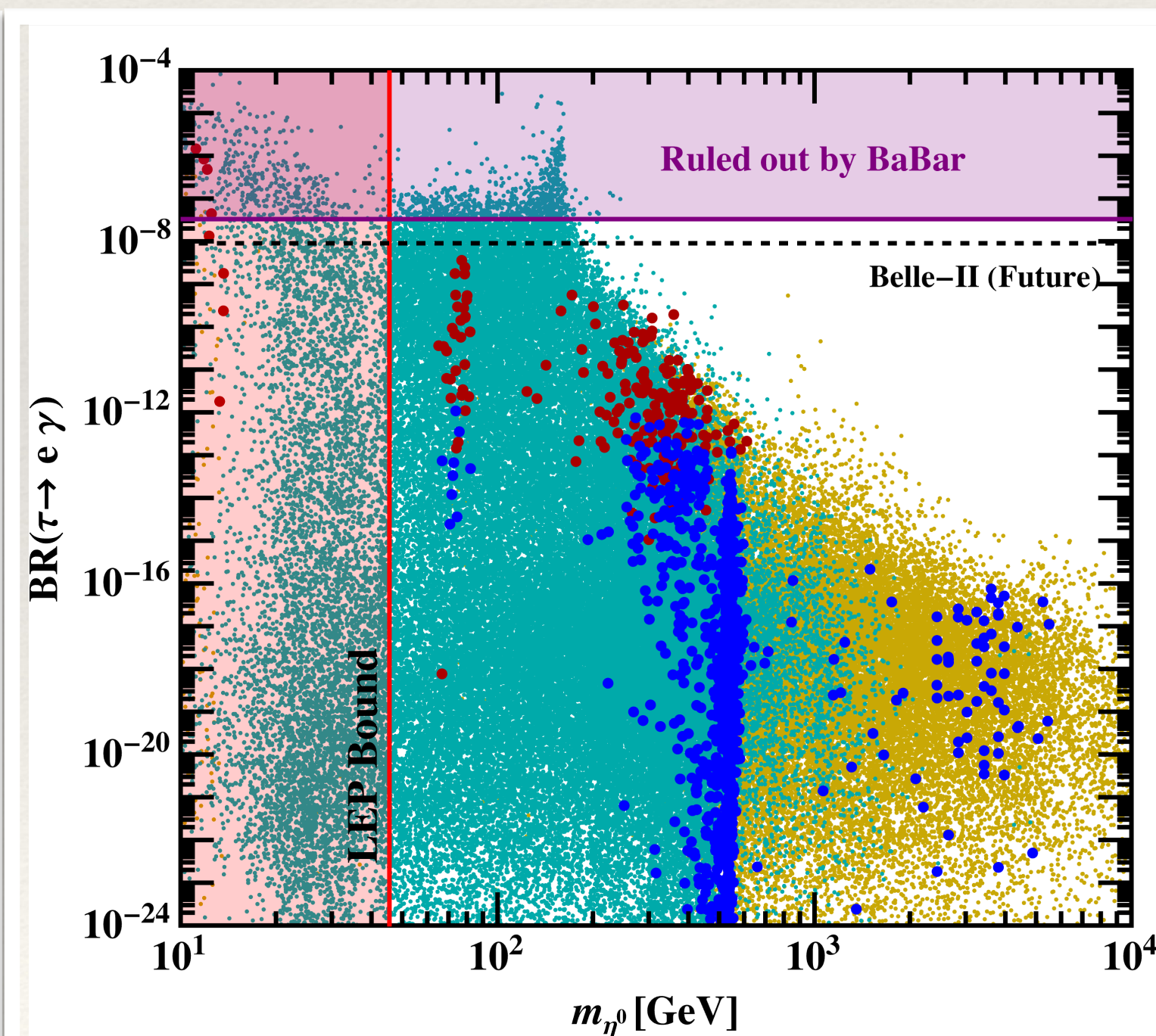
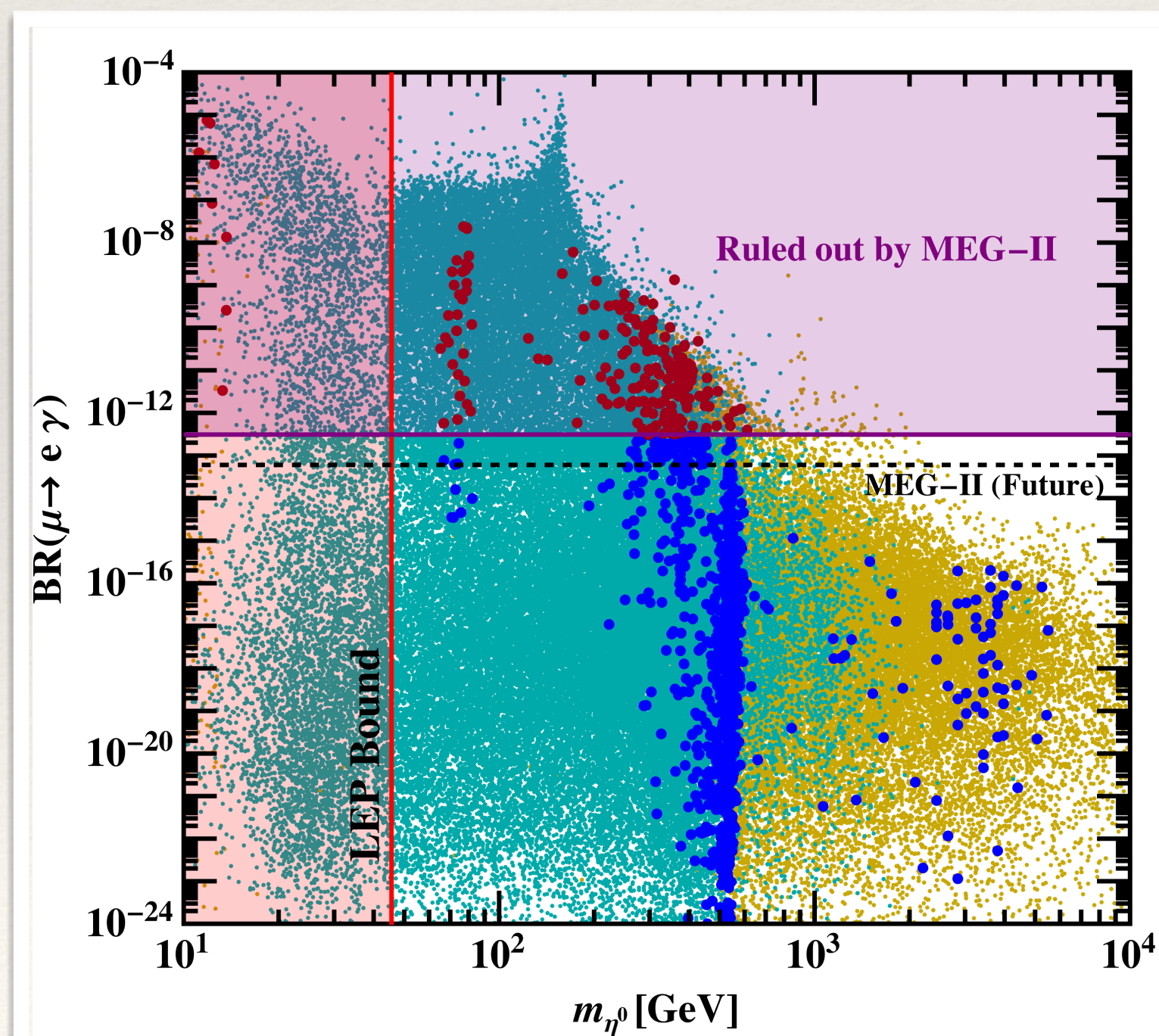


One loop feynman diagram for the process  $\ell_\alpha \rightarrow \ell_\beta \gamma$



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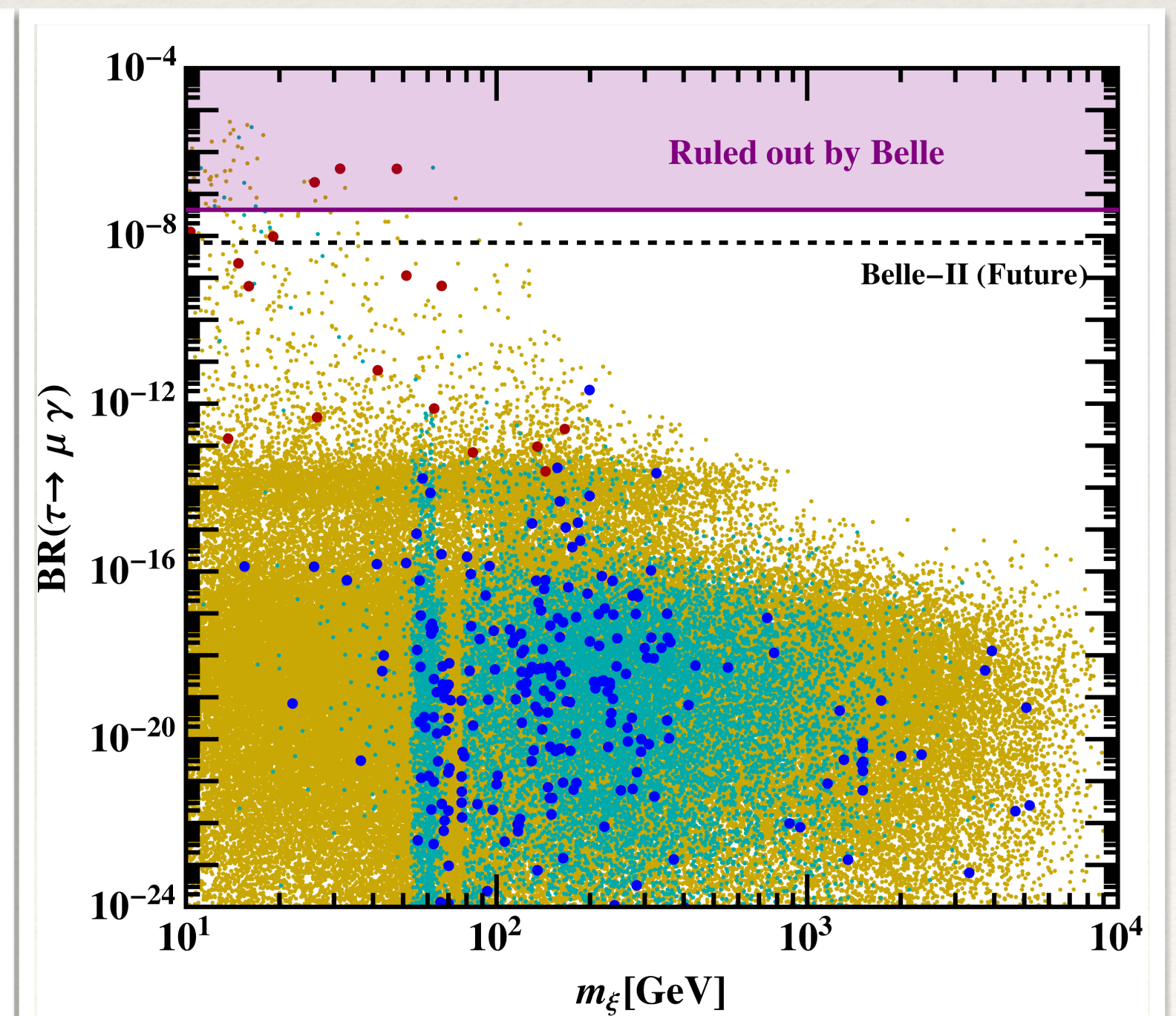
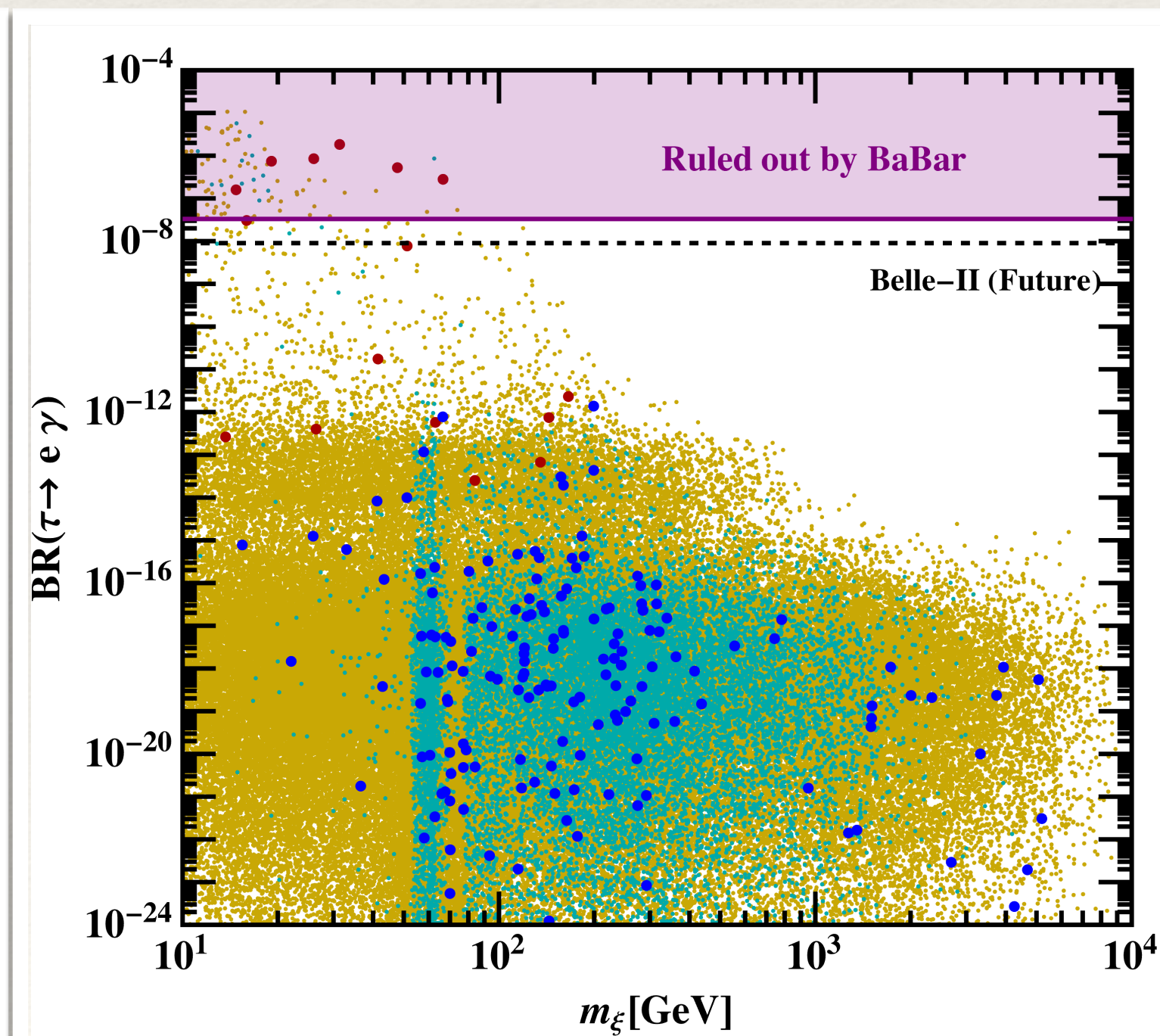
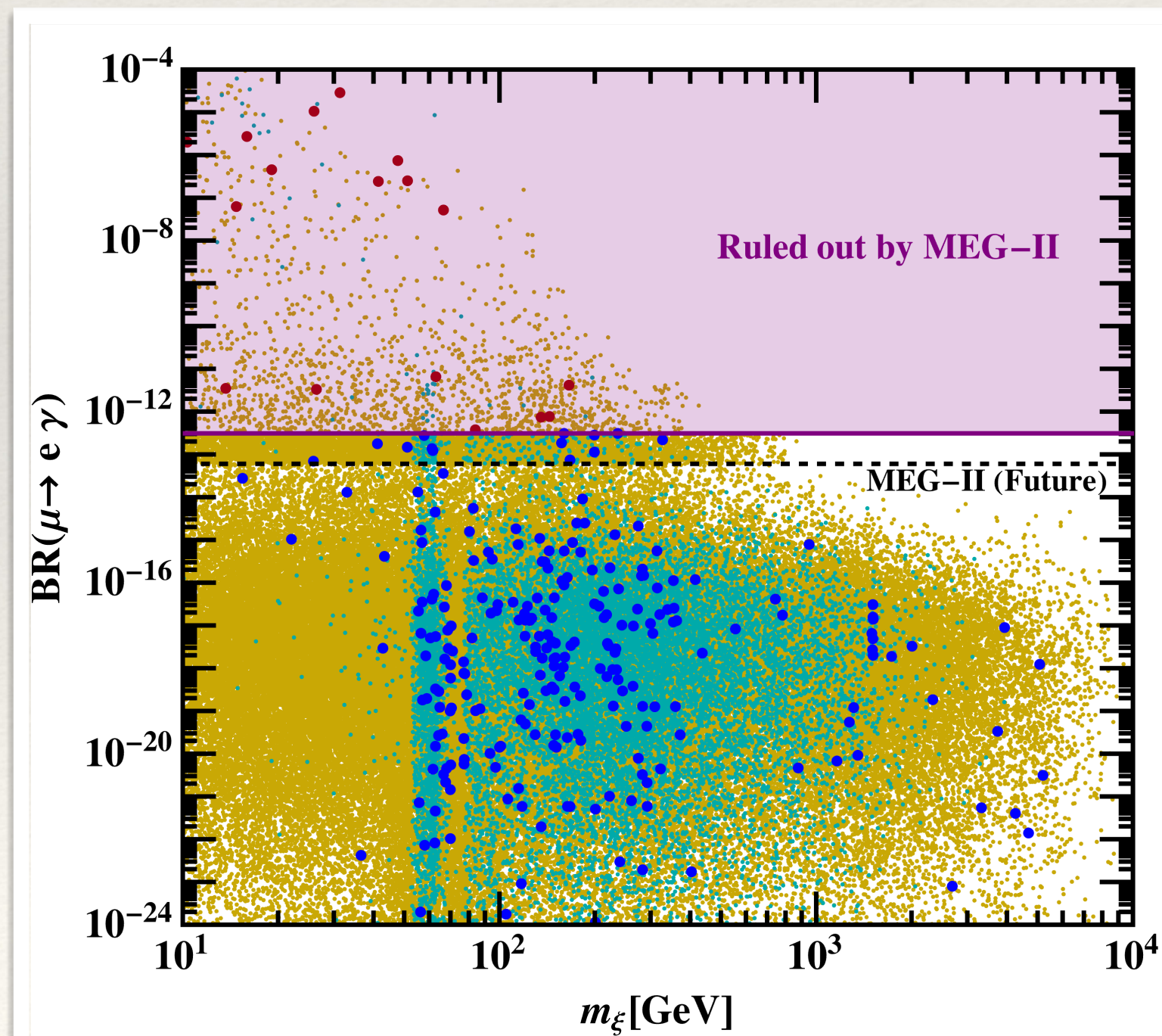
## ❖ Doublet scalar DM case





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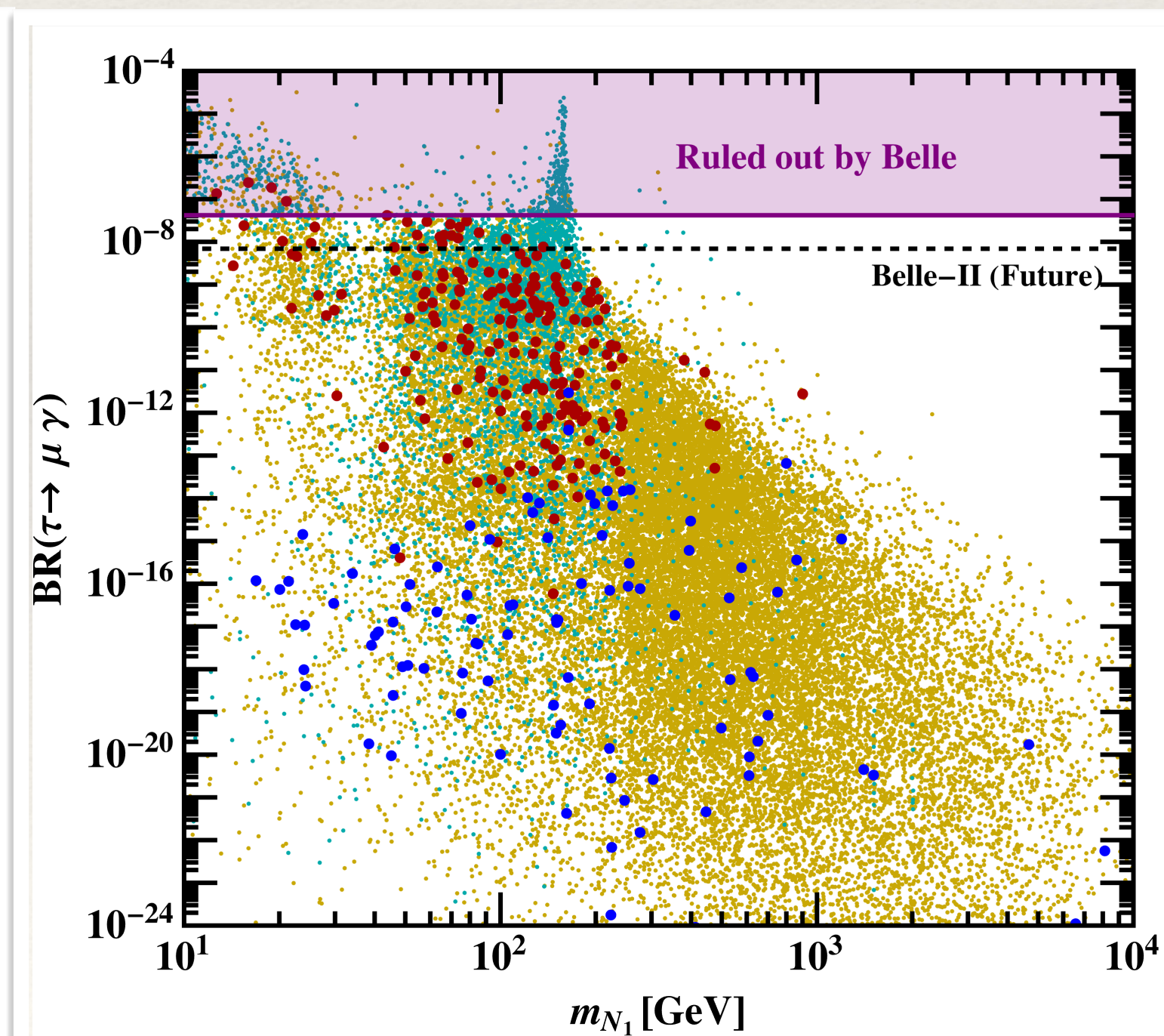
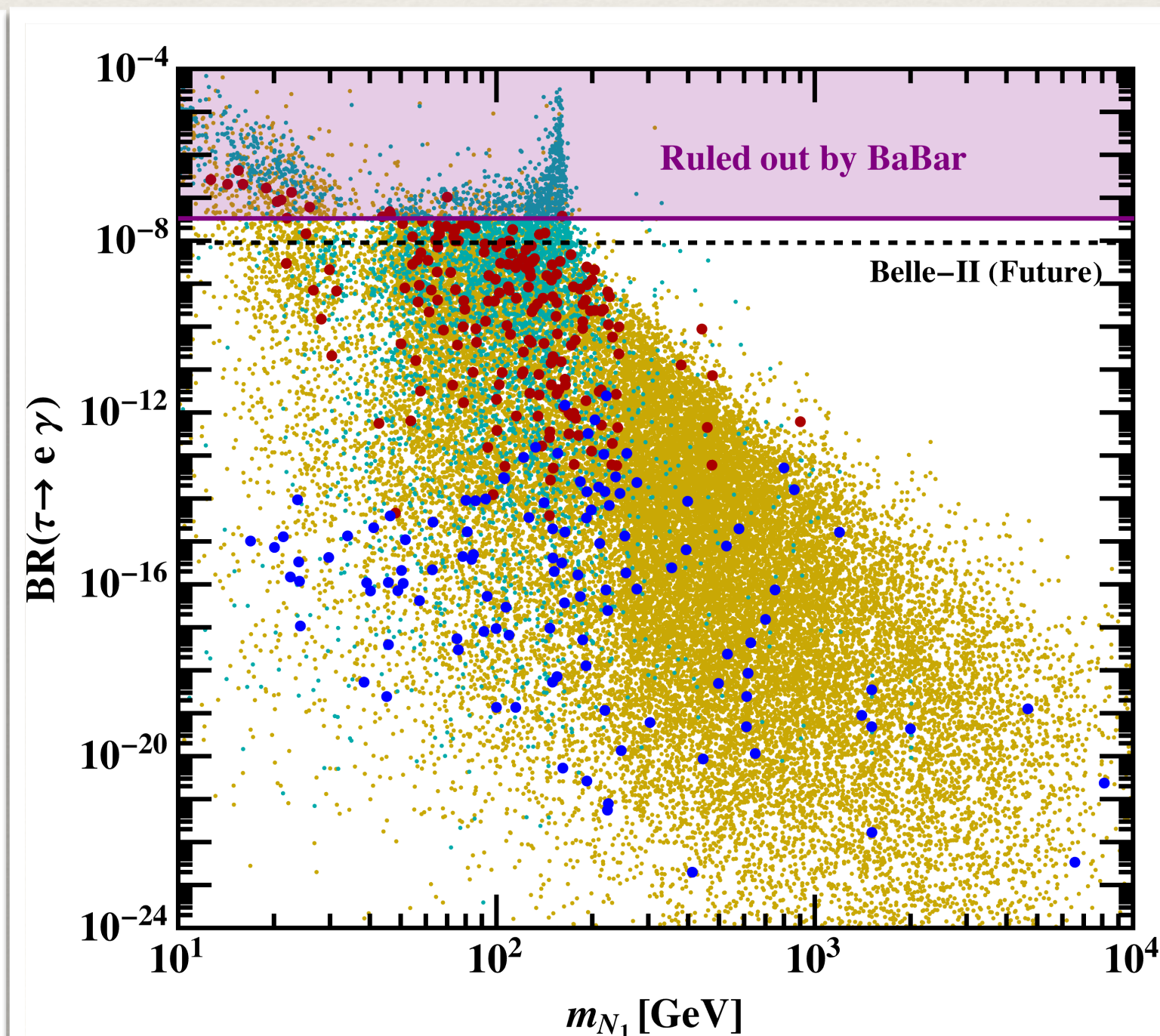
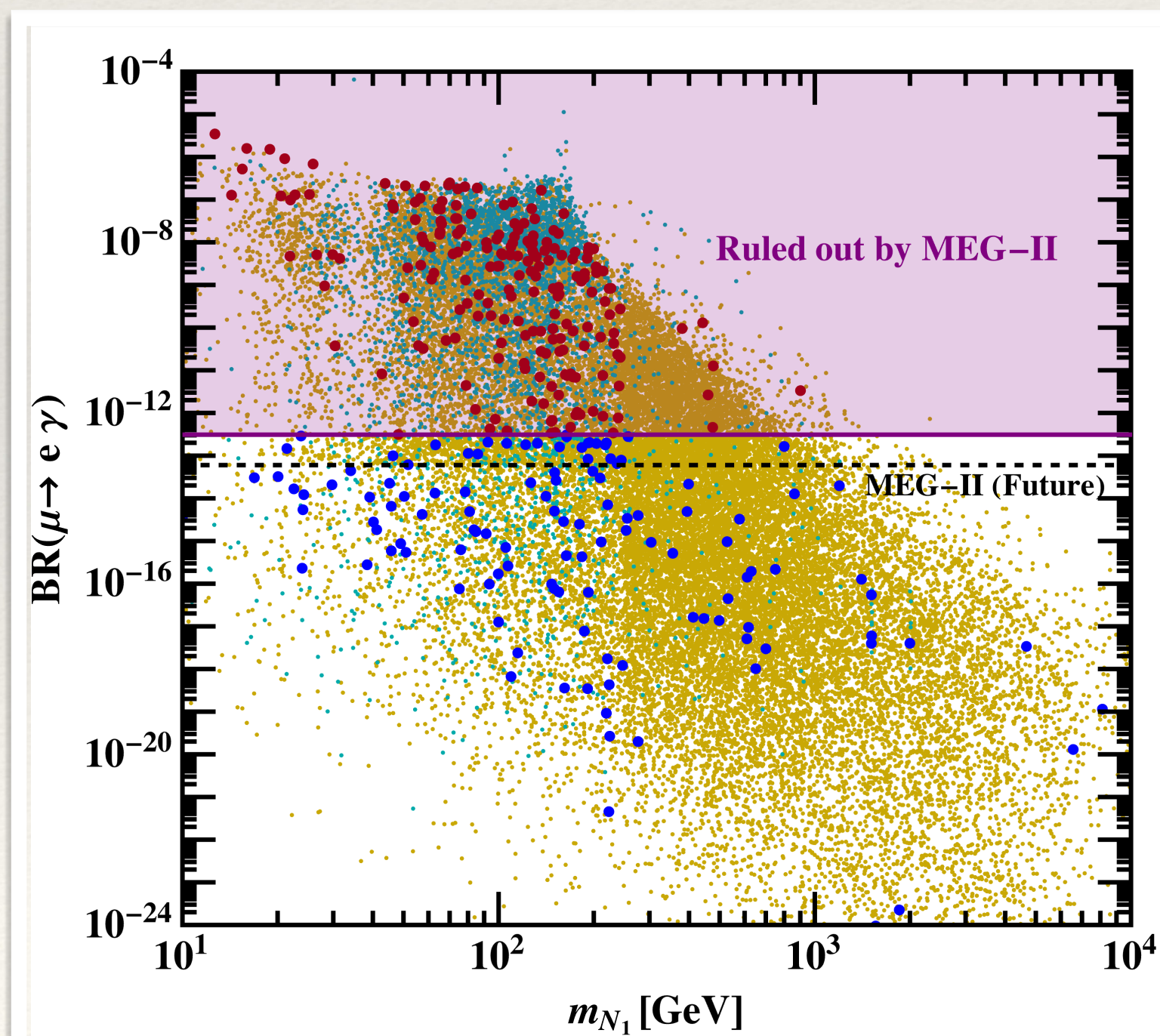
## ❖ Singlet scalar DM case





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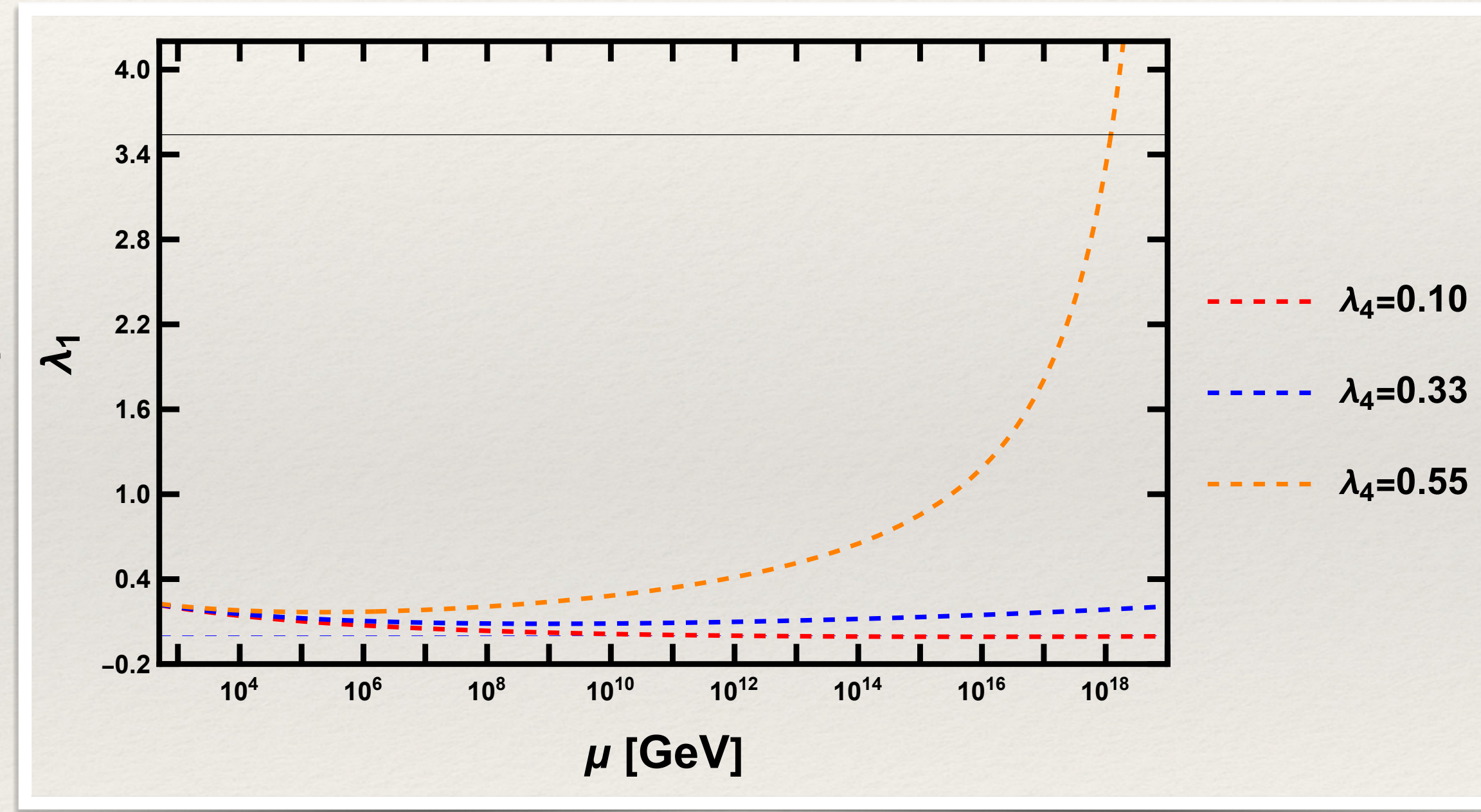
## ❖ Fermionic DM case





# Higgs Vacuum Stability in the Dirac Scotogenic Model

- ❖ The structure of the EW vacuum of the SM has been thoroughly studied and is known to be metastable.
- ❖ We analyse the conditions under which the vacuum of the Dirac Scotogenic model can be stabilized up to the Planck scale.
- ❖ In our analysis, we observe a notable dependence of the running of the quartic Higgs self-coupling ( $\lambda_1$ ) on the interaction couplings  $\lambda_4$ ,  $\lambda_5$  and  $\lambda_6$  of the scalar potential.
- ❖ The EW vacuum can remain completely stable for all three types of possible DM candidates: dark doublet scalar, dark singlet scalar and dark fermion.





## Conclusions

- ❖ We have thoroughly analysed the phenomenology of the Dirac scotogenic model, including neutrino masses and mixing, DM relic abundance, stability of the electroweak vacuum and charged lepton flavor violation.
- ❖ For the doublet scalar DM case, two distinct mass regions are viable: a low mass region near half Higgs mass and a medium mass region just above the top quark mass.
- ❖ For the singlet scalar DM case, allowed parameter space reduces to  $m_\xi \sim 10 \text{ GeV} - 2 \text{ TeV}$  as the higher mass region is ruled by latest preliminary results of LZ collaboration.
- ❖ In the fermionic DM case, a wide range of viable parameter space is allowed by considering co-annihilation channels involving dark scalars.
- ❖ When the DM is either the doublet scalar or the fermion, the cLFV rates may fall within the sensitivity of future experimental searches, offering promising prospects for detection.



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