

Dark matter as the trigger of strong electroweak phase transition

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Baryon asymmetry & dark matter

- * Two issues that particle physics SM cannot answer for cosmology:
 - * Dark matter candidate.
 - * Origin of baryon asymmetry of the universe.
- * Connections between dark matter and baryon relic densities?
 - * After / during baryogenesis, dark matter shares part of the asymmetry -- generally use B or L violating processes beyond SM.
 - * Dark matter plays role in generating the baryon asymmetry.

Electroweak baryogenesis

- * Baryon number in the SM is known able to be violated efficiently at high temperature.

't Hooft, 76'; Klinkhamer, Manton, 84';
Kuzmin, Rubakov, Shaposhnikov, 85'

- * SM fails for two reasons: no strong first-order phase transition & no enough CP violation -- **mainly focus on phase transition in this talk.**
- * Strong first-order PhT calls for $v_c/T_c \gtrsim 1$ (suppress sphalerons inside the bubble). **Thermal cubic from boson loops.** SM: gauge bosons couple to Higgs too weakly.
- * New scalars with sizable coupling to Higgs (like stop in MSSM).
- * Can (one of) these scalars be dark matter candidate?

DM from an inert scalar doublet

- ❖ Two Higgs doublet (H, D) model with Z2 symmetry.

$$V = \mu_H^2 |H|^2 + \mu_D^2 |D|^2 + \lambda_1 |H|^4 + \lambda_2 |D|^4 + \lambda_3 |H|^2 |D|^2 + \lambda_4 |H^\dagger D|^2 + \frac{\lambda_5}{2} \left[(H^\dagger D)^2 + h.c. \right]$$

- ❖ Original motivations from little hierarchy problem, mirror fermions.

[Deshpande, Ma, 78'](#); [Barbieri, Hall, Rychkov hep-ph/0603188](#)

[Melfo, Nemevsek, Nesti, Senjanovic, YZ, 1105.4611](#)

- ❖ Only one doublet H (Z2 even) gets VEV, breaks EW symmetry; The second doublet (Z2 odd) does not couple to fermions -- inert.

- ❖ Spectrum:

$$D = \begin{pmatrix} C^+ \\ (S + iA)/\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$m_S^2 = \mu_D^2 + \frac{1}{2} \lambda_S v^2 \quad (\lambda_S = \lambda_3 + \lambda_4 + \lambda_5)$$

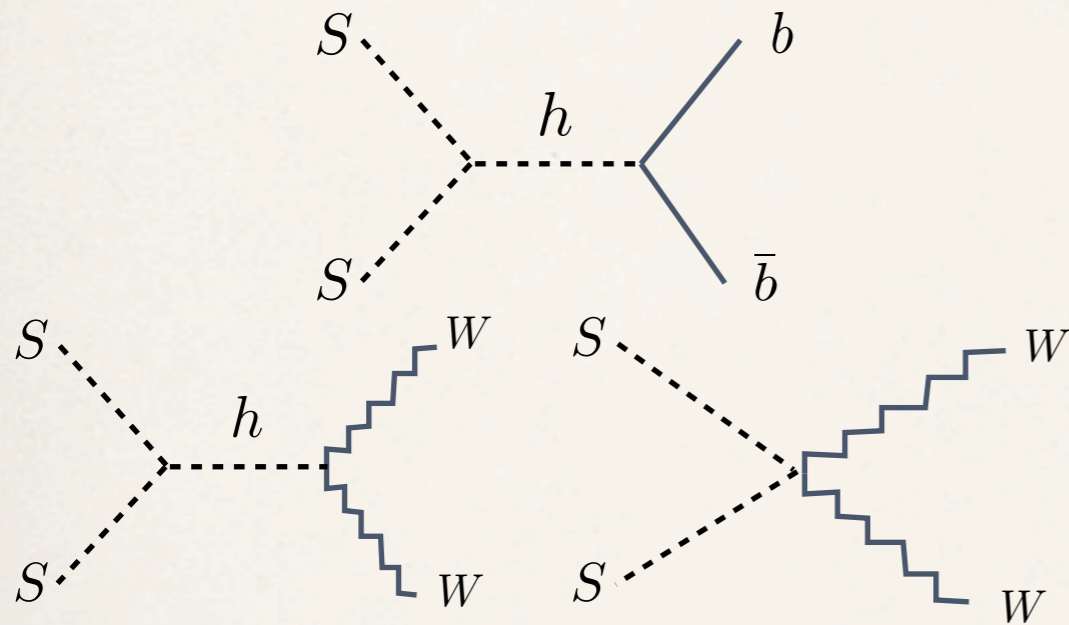
$$m_A^2 = \mu_D^2 + \frac{1}{2} (\lambda_3 + \lambda_4 - \lambda_5) v^2$$

$$m_C^2 = \mu_D^2 + \frac{1}{2} \lambda_3 v^2$$

Dark matter candidate

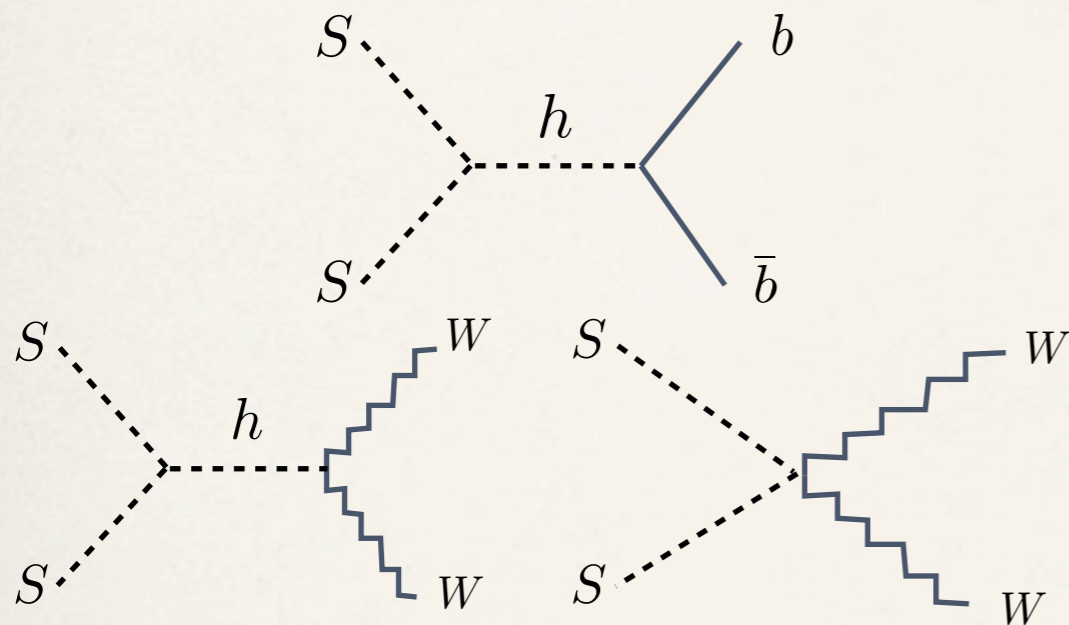
- ❖ Precision test: $\Delta T \approx \frac{1}{24\pi^2 \alpha v^2} (m_C - m_A)(m_C - m_S) \Rightarrow m_A \approx m_C \gg m_S$

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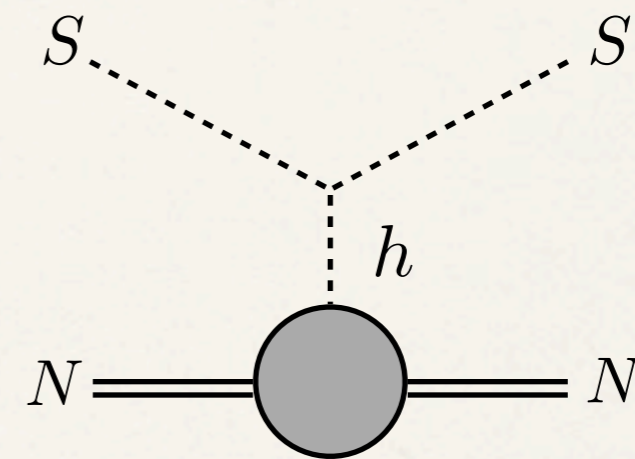


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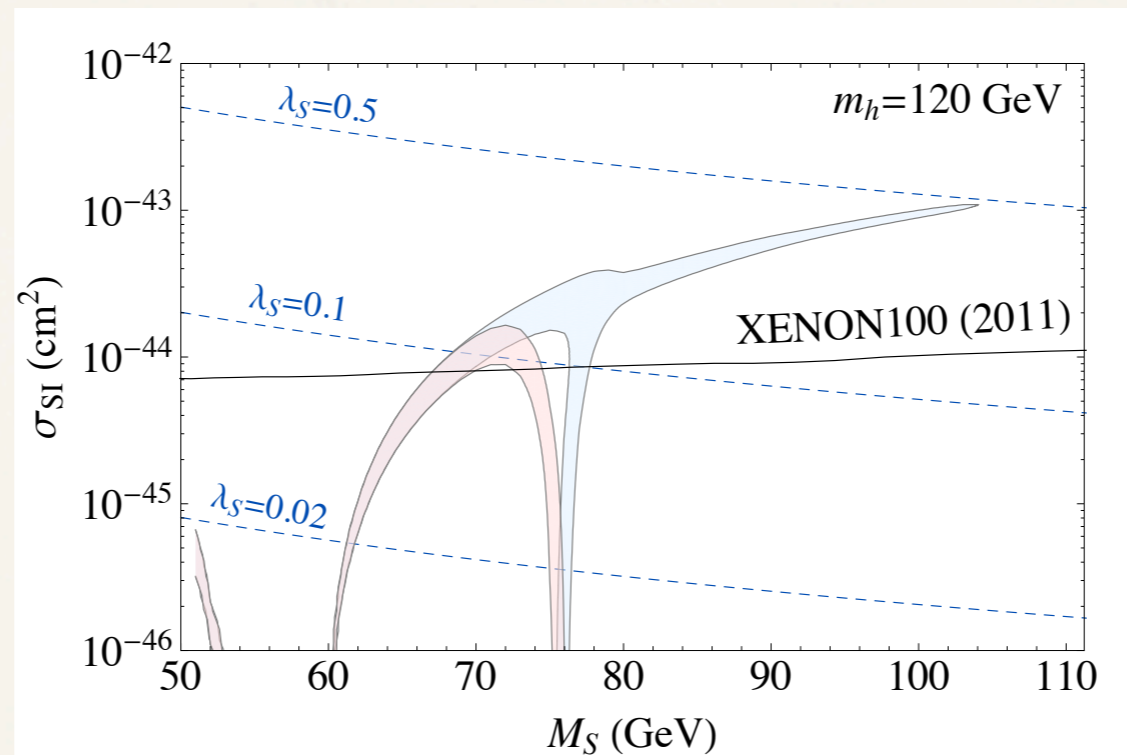


- ❖ Direct detection: Higgs mediated.
- ❖ Via interaction: $\lambda_S S S (h + v)^2$
- ❖ Cross section:

$$\sigma_{\text{SI}} = \frac{\lambda_S^2 f^2}{4\pi} \frac{\mu_N^2 m_N^2}{m_h^2 m_S^2}$$

$$f = f_{T_u}^{(N)} + f_{T_d}^{(N)} + f_{T_s}^{(N)} + 2/9, \quad m_N f_{T_q}^{(N)} \equiv \langle N | m_q \bar{q}q | N \rangle$$

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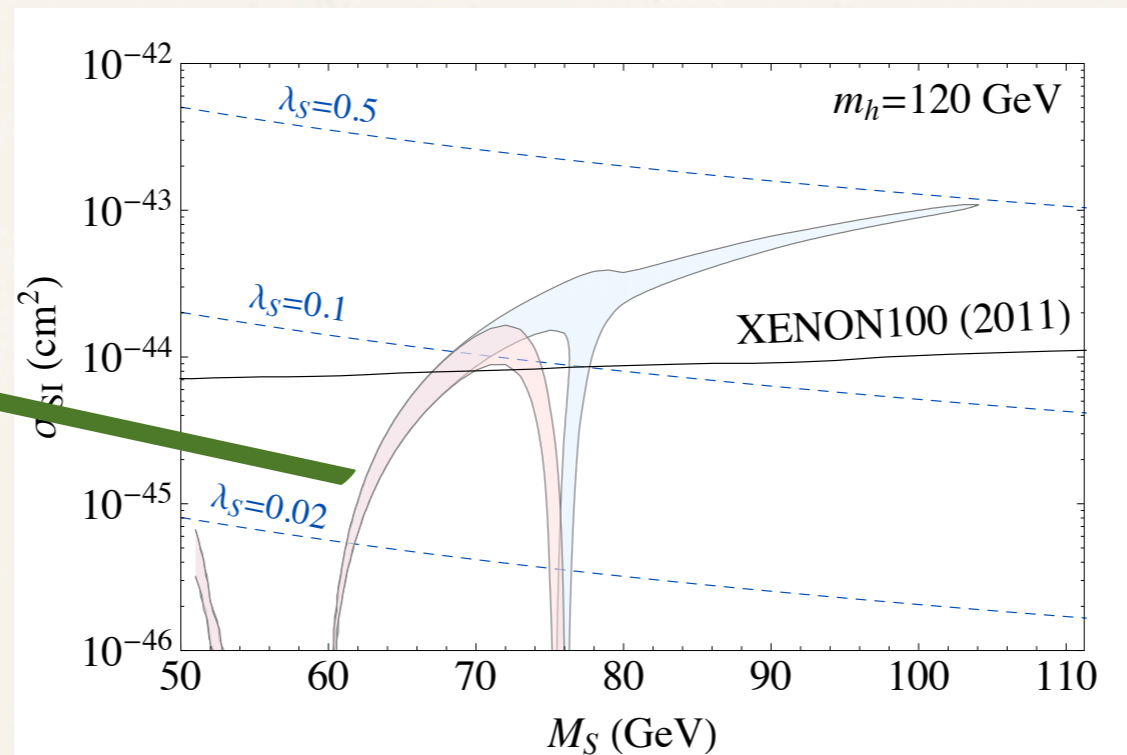


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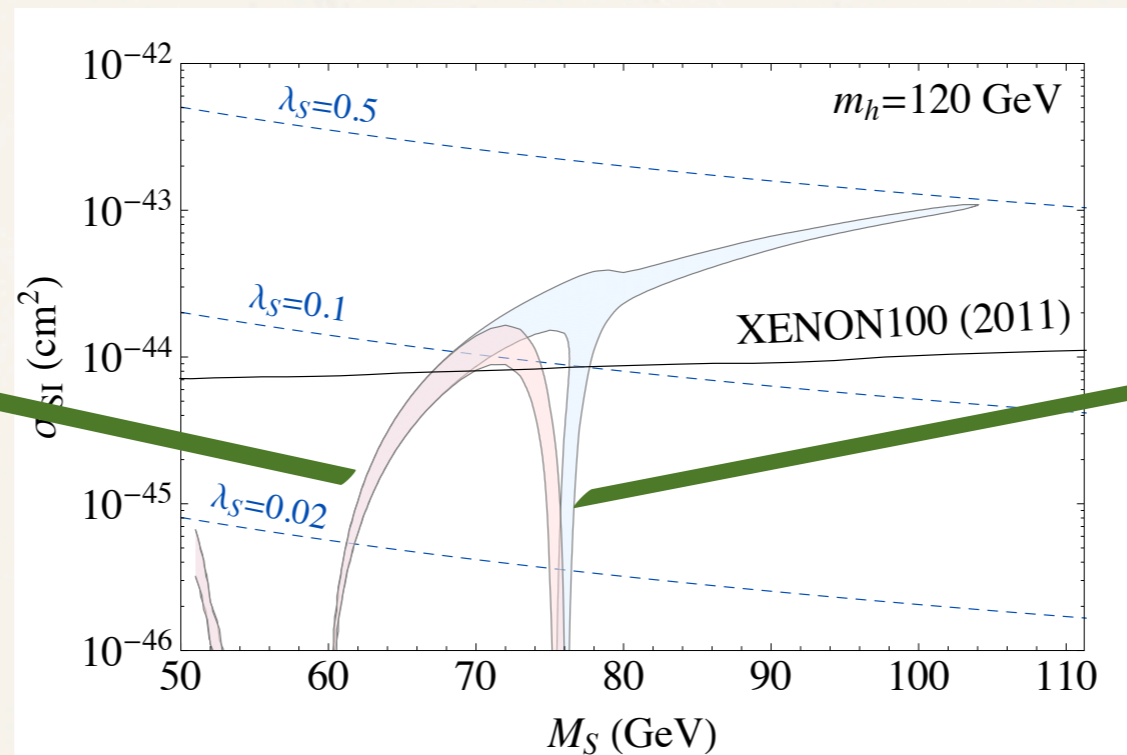


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$SS \rightarrow WW$ at threshold,
via tail of Boltzmann
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EW phase transition

- ❖ Effective potential at high T: $V_{\text{eff}} = \frac{m^2(T)}{2}\phi^2 - ET\phi^3 + \frac{\lambda}{4}\phi^4$
- ❖ Strong first order phase transition, $\frac{v_c}{T_c} \gtrsim 1$ suppress sphaleron inside bubble.

- ❖ **Cubic term is crucial.** SM case: $\frac{v_c}{T_c} \approx \frac{3}{2\pi} \frac{2M_W^3 + M_Z^3}{m_h^2 v_0}$

- ❖ Require the Higgs be lighter than 50 GeV.

Only bosons contribute to thermal cubic

- ❖ Higgs potential at finite T

$$V_{\text{tot}} \approx \frac{1}{4}\lambda_1\phi^4 + \frac{1}{2}\left[-\mu_H^2 + a\frac{T^2}{12}\right]\phi^2 - \frac{T}{12\pi}\sum_{\text{bosons}} n_B m_B^3(\phi, T)$$

$$a = 6\lambda_1 + 2\lambda_3 + \lambda_4 + (9g^2 + 3g'^2)/4 + 3y_t^2$$

- ❖ List of bosons: W^\pm, Z^0, h ; inert components C^\pm, A, S .

Phase transition w. inert doublet

- ❖ With an inert doublet, term proportional to T

$$-\frac{T}{12\pi} [m_S^3(T) + m_A^3(T) + 2m_C^3(T) + 4M_W^3(T) + 2M_Z^3(T)]$$

- ❖ Thermal mass not purely from Higgs vev (like MSSM stop)

$$m_i^2(\phi, T) \approx \left(\mu_D^2 + b \frac{T^2}{12} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \lambda_i \phi^2, (i = S, A, C)$$

- ❖ Non-zero first term tends to weaken the strength of phase transition

$$\mu_D^2 + \frac{T_c^2}{12} \left[6\lambda_D + \frac{m_S^2 + m_A^2 + 2m_C^2 - 4\mu_D^2}{v_c^2} + \frac{9g^2 + 3g'^2}{4} \right]$$

- ❖ Need to minimize -- upper bound on μ_D^2 .

Connection to direct detection

❖ More correlations:

- ❖ S, A, C masses share the same μ_D^2 , whose upper bound means lower bound on λ_S .

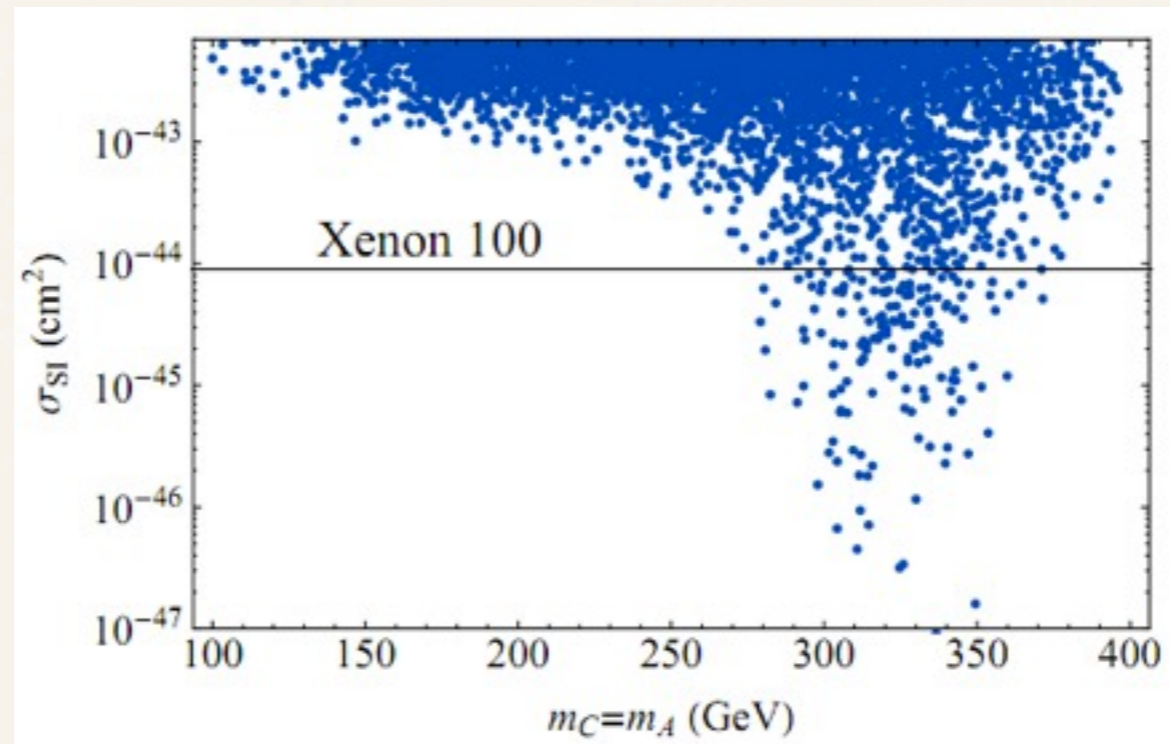
$$\text{Recall : } V \sim \lambda_S S S (h + v)^2$$

- ❖ DM mass: $m_S^2 = \mu_D^2 + \frac{1}{2} \lambda_S v^2 = m_h/2 - 76 \text{ GeV}$ (relic density)

- ❖ Direct detection: $\sigma_{\text{SI}} = \frac{\lambda_S^2 f^2}{4\pi} \frac{\mu_N^2 m_N^2}{m_h^2 m_S^2}$

- ❖ Thus strong phase transition implies a **lower bound** on direct detection cross section.

Constraints on the model



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Constraints on the spectrum:

- ❖ A, C masses between **270-350 GeV** (nearly degenerate);
- ❖ DM S mass **$m_h/2-76$ GeV**, and small self interaction;
- ❖ SM Higgs mass must be **<130 GeV**.

Unique representation(s)

- ❖ **Why not scalar singlet:** direct detection wants its coupling to Higgs small, but phase transition wants it large.
- ❖ **Can be done with a complex singlet** -- essentially two real singlets -- less correlation between direct detection and phase transition?
[Barger, Langacker, McCaskey, Ramsey-Musolf, Shaughnessy, 0811.0393](#)
- ❖ **Higher representation?**
- ❖ Integer weak-isospin: cannot accommodate light DM (end up $> \text{TeV}$).
[Cirelli, Fornengo, Strumia, hep-ph/0512090](#)
- ❖ Half integer weak-isospin, allow light DM, but larger gauge contribution to thermal mass -- too weak phase transition (even for quadruplet).

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