

# SEMI-ANNIHILATION AND DARK MATTER INDIRECT DETECTION

## A SYSTEMATIC ANALYSIS

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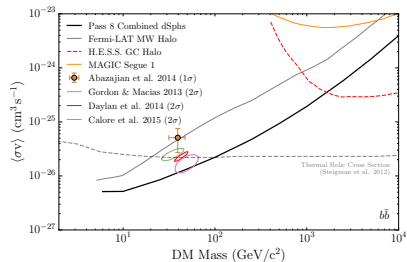
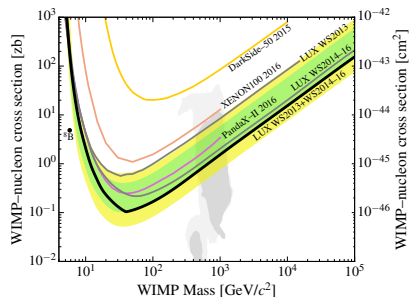
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# INTRODUCTION

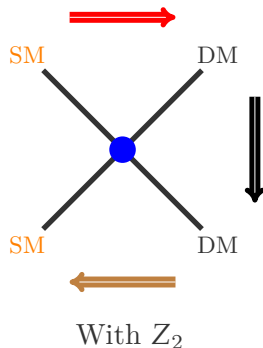
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# Where are we heading?

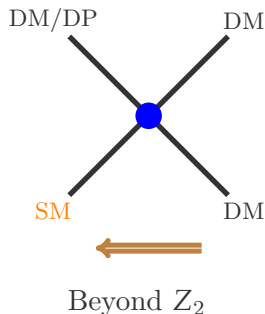
- Strong limits, null signals
  - Direct detection:  
embracing the neutrino background
  - Indirect detection
  - Collider test
- Take a break and check the assumptions?  
 $Z_2$  well motivated, yet not generic



# Semi-Annihilation



- Direct detection
- Indirect detection
- Collider test



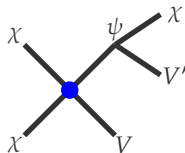
- Semi-annihilation (D'Eramo & Thaler, 2010)
- Odd number of external dark sector particles
- No  $\sigma_{DD}$  or  $\sigma_{collider}$
- Modify relic density and ID

# A summary of potential differences brought by SA

- (un)fortunately exempt from direct searches
- affect indirect searches
  - asymmetric kinematics for  $\chi\chi \rightarrow \psi V$

$$E_V = \frac{4m_\chi^2 + m_V^2 - m_\psi^2}{4m_\chi}$$

- dark partner decays



- SA study so far more model-dependent:  
Belanger et al, 1202.2962; D'Eramo et al, 2120.7817; Ko & Tang, 1402.6449; Aoki & Toma, 1405.5870; Cai & Spray 1509.08481; ...

# Model-independent Method: EFT

- integrate out heavy mediators  $\rightarrow$  EFT operators

$$\mathcal{L} \sim \frac{1}{\Lambda^d} \chi^3 \mathcal{O}_{\text{SM}}$$

- once dimension  $d$  and  $\mathcal{O}_{\text{SM}}$  fixed, easy to exhaust the theory space with the guidance of symmetries
- EFT especially convenient for semi-annihilation
  - mediator(if any) charged under dark symmetry and necessarily heavier than dark matter
  - only relic density and ID relevant, both non-relativistic
  - valid EFT description

## Construct SA operators under assumptions

- DM is a stable gauge singlet, complex scalar or fermion, charged under exact global symmetry beyond  $Z_2$
- consider  $2 \rightarrow 2$  process with 3 dark sector particles
- up to dimension 6 and some leading at dimension 7

## DERIVE CONSTRAINTS ON OPERATORS

- limit on UV scale  $\Lambda$  (expect  $d = 4$ )
- assume relic density saturated
- other constraints if relevant

# OPERATORS

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# Dark Matter Only

- dark matter is a singlet of the SM gauge group
- $\mathcal{O}_{\text{SM}}$ :  $H^\dagger H$  and  $L^\dagger \tilde{H}$  with possible variation of derivatives

Sca. DM Op.	Definition
$\mathcal{O}_{5U}^H$	$s^{ijk} \phi_i \phi_j \phi_k H^\dagger H$
$\mathcal{O}_{7U}^Z$	$(x^{ikj} + y^{ijk}) \phi_i \phi_j (\partial^\mu \phi_k) (iH^\dagger \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu H)$
$\mathcal{O}_{7U}^H$	$(x^{ikj} + y^{ijk}) (\partial_\mu \phi_i) (\partial^\mu \phi_j) \phi_k H^\dagger H$
Fer. DM Op.	Definition
$\mathcal{O}_{7U}^{LL}$	$(s^{ijk} + y^{ijk} + x^{ikj}) (\eta_i \eta_j) ((L^\dagger \tilde{H}) \bar{\xi}_k^\dagger)$
$\mathcal{O}_{7U}^{LR}$	$(y^{ijk} + x^{ikj}) (\bar{\xi}_i^\dagger \bar{\xi}_j^\dagger) ((L^\dagger \tilde{H}) \bar{\xi}_k^\dagger)$
Mixed DM Operator	Definition
$\mathcal{O}_{6U}^{LH^\dagger}$	$s^{ij} \phi_i \phi_j ((L^\dagger \tilde{H}) \bar{\xi}^\dagger)$
$\mathcal{O}_{7U}^L$	$a^{ij} \phi_i (\partial_\mu \phi_j) ((L^\dagger \tilde{H}) \bar{\sigma}^\mu \eta)$
$\mathcal{O}_{6U}^{HS}$	$s^{ij} \bar{\chi}_i^c \chi_j \phi H^\dagger H$
$\mathcal{O}_{6U}^{HP}$	$s^{ij} \bar{\chi}_i^c \gamma^5 \chi_j \phi H^\dagger H$
$\check{\mathcal{O}}_{6U}^B$	$a^{ij} \bar{\chi}_i^c \sigma^{\mu\nu} \chi_j \phi \check{B}_{\mu\nu}$
$\mathcal{O}_{7U}^{ZV}$	$a^{ij} \bar{\chi}_i^c \gamma^\mu \chi_j \phi (iH^\dagger \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu H)$
$\mathcal{O}_{7U}^{ZA}$	$s^{ij} \bar{\chi}_i^c \gamma^\mu \gamma^5 \chi_j \phi (iH^\dagger \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu H)$
$\mathcal{O}_{7U}^{HV}$	$a^{ij} \bar{\chi}_i^c \gamma^\mu \chi_j (\phi \overleftrightarrow{\partial}_\mu (H^\dagger H))$
$\mathcal{O}_{7U}^{HA}$	$s^{ij} \bar{\chi}_i^c \gamma^\mu \gamma^5 \chi_j (\phi \overleftrightarrow{\partial}_\mu (H^\dagger H))$

- scalar DM  $\phi_i$
- fermion DM  $\chi_i = (\eta_i, \xi_i^\dagger)^T$
- only **two ops.** for unique DM
- contain only neutral SM particles:  $h, Z, \gamma, \nu$
- mostly lead to  $2 \rightarrow 3$  SA processes
- (relatively) simple model space

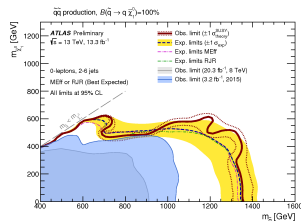
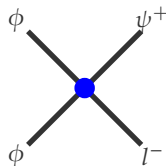
- besides SA ops, Higgs portal ops allowed

$$\mathcal{O}_{\phi H} = \lambda_{\phi H} \phi^\dagger \phi H^\dagger H \quad \mathcal{O}_{\chi H} = \frac{c_{\chi H}}{\Lambda^5} \bar{\chi} \gamma^5 \chi H^\dagger H$$

- sometimes even desirable if extra operators need to annihilate dark matter away
- For SA to **dominate**, constraints on  $\lambda_{\phi H}$  and  $c_{\chi H}$ 
  - SA generated at tree-level, Higgs portal at one-loop level
  - UV scale  $\Lambda \lesssim 5 - 10$  TeV

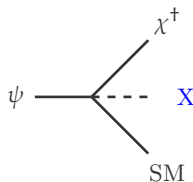
# Models with Dark Partner

- dark partners: relatively light unstable states
  - allow SA to charged/colored particles
  - allow lower-dimensional operators
- dark partners decay without breaking DM symmetry
- search dark partners at colliders
  - mass  $\gtrsim 1 - 2$  TeV for colored or 200 – 500 GeV for charged particles
  - indirectly set a bound on DM mass,  $m_{\text{DM}} > \frac{1}{2} m_{\text{DP}}$



# Decay of Dark Partners

- dark partner can not decay via the same operator
  - $\psi \rightarrow \phi\phi + \text{SM}$  kinematically forbidden
  - new coupling needed  $\psi \rightarrow \phi^\dagger + \text{SM}$
- model dependent decay of dark partners
  - should be allowed by all symmetries
  - fermion DM can not have two body decays

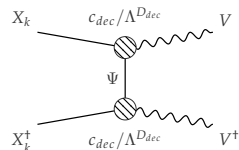


- bounds on lifetime of dark partner from BBN
$$\tau \lesssim 0.05 \text{ s} \Rightarrow c_{dec} \gtrsim 10^{-11} (4\pi)^{n-2} \left( \frac{\Lambda}{m_{\text{DP}}} \right)^{D_{\text{dec}}-4}$$

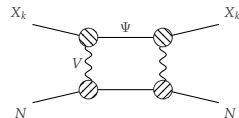
# New Pheno from Dark Partner Decay

- obviously dark partner decay contributes to cosmic ray signal
  - depends on the mass of dark partner
  - the details of the decay, quite model dependent
- other complications (see e.g. 1509.08481 )
  - dark matter annihilation through *t*-channel dark partner
  - dark matter coannihilates with dark partner
  - could enhance contributions to direct detection
  - possible dark matter and dark partner mixing
- general bounds  $c_{\text{dec}} \lesssim 0.1 - 0.01$

annihilation  
through *t*-channel



contribution to  
direct detection



# A Review of the Ops.

- possibilities vastly increased
- on the right:  
scalar DM ops.
- one  $d = 4$  op.
- a handful of  $d = 5$  ops.
- can couple to all SM particles  
 $\gamma/g$  require multi-component DM

Operator	Definition	$\omega/\psi$
$\mathcal{O}_{4U}^H$	$s^{ij} \phi_i \phi_j (H^\dagger \omega)$	$(1, 2, \frac{1}{2})$
$\mathcal{O}_{5U}^{[H]^2_1}$	$s^{ij} \phi_i \phi_j \omega H^\dagger H$	$(1, 1, 0)$
$\mathcal{O}_{5U}^{[H]^2_3}$	$s^{ij} \phi_i \phi_j \omega^a H^\dagger \sigma^a H$	$(1, 3, 0)$
$\mathcal{O}_{5U}^{H^2}$	$s^{ij} \phi_i \phi_j \omega^a H^\dagger \sigma^a \tilde{H}$	$(1, 3, 1)$
$\mathcal{O}_{6U}^{Hd}$	$s^{ij} \phi_i \phi_j (H^\dagger \omega)(H^\dagger H)$	$(1, 2, \frac{1}{2})$
$\mathcal{O}_{6U}^{Hq}$	$s^{ij} \phi_i \phi_j \omega^{IJK} H^\dagger_I H^\dagger_J \tilde{H}^\dagger_K$	$(1, 4, \frac{1}{2})$
$\mathcal{O}_{6U}^{H^3}$	$s^{ij} \phi_i \phi_j \omega^{IJK} H^\dagger_I H^\dagger_J H^\dagger_K$	$(1, 4, \frac{3}{2})$
$\mathcal{O}_{6U}^{H\partial^2}$	$s^{ij} (\partial_\mu \phi_i)(\partial^\mu \phi_j)(H^\dagger \omega)$	$(1, 2, \frac{1}{2})$
$\mathcal{O}_{6U}^{H\partial D}$	$a^{ij} \phi_i (\partial_\mu \phi_j) (H^\dagger \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu \omega)$	$(1, 2, \frac{1}{2})$
$\mathcal{O}_{6U}^{HD^2}$	$s^{ij} \phi_i \phi_j (D^\mu H)^\dagger (D_\mu \omega)$	$(1, 2, \frac{1}{2})$
$\mathcal{O}_{5U}^{f\psi}$	$s^{ij} \phi_i \phi_j \bar{f} \zeta$	$(\bar{R}_{\bar{f}}, 1, -Y_{\bar{f}})$
$\mathcal{O}_{5U}^{F\psi}$	$s^{ij} \phi_i \phi_j F^\dagger \bar{\nu}^\dagger$	$(R_F, 2, Y_F)$
$\mathcal{O}_{6U}^{fH\psi}$	$s^{ij} \phi_i \phi_j \bar{f} (\tilde{H}^\dagger \zeta)$	$(\bar{R}_{\bar{f}}, 2, -Y_{\bar{f}} - \frac{1}{2})$
$\mathcal{O}_{6U}^{fH^\dagger \psi}$	$s^{ij} \phi_i \phi_j \bar{f} (H^\dagger \zeta)$	$(\bar{R}_{\bar{f}}, 2, -Y_{\bar{f}} + \frac{1}{2})$
$\mathcal{O}_{6U}^{FH\psi_1}$	$s^{ij} \phi_i \phi_j (F^\dagger H) \bar{\nu}^\dagger$	$(R_F, 1, Y_F - \frac{1}{2})$
$\mathcal{O}_{6U}^{FH^\dagger \psi_1}$	$s^{ij} \phi_i \phi_j (F^\dagger \tilde{H}) \bar{\nu}^\dagger$	$(R_F, 1, Y_F + \frac{1}{2})$
$\mathcal{O}_{6U}^{FH\psi_3}$	$s^{ij} \phi_i \phi_j (F^\dagger \sigma^a H) \bar{\nu}^{a\dagger}$	$(R_F, 3, Y_F - \frac{1}{2})$
$\mathcal{O}_{6U}^{FH^\dagger \psi_3}$	$s^{ij} \phi_i \phi_j (F^\dagger \sigma^a \tilde{H}) \bar{\nu}^{a\dagger}$	$(R_F, 3, Y_F + \frac{1}{2})$
$\mathcal{O}_{6U}^{f\partial}$	$a^{ij} \phi_i (\partial_\mu \phi_j) \bar{f} \sigma^\mu \bar{\nu}^\dagger$	$(\bar{R}_{\bar{f}}, 1, -Y_{\bar{f}})$
$\mathcal{O}_{6U}^{F\partial}$	$a^{ij} \phi_i (\partial_\mu \phi_j) F^\dagger \bar{\zeta}^\mu \eta$	$(R_F, 2, Y_F)$

# CONSTRAINTS

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- limits from cosmic ray and other astrophysical observations

gamma ray, positron, neutrinos

cosmic microwave background

- assumptions:
  - DM is single component
  - one operator at a time
  - fix the mass ratio of dark partner and dark matter
- set limits on the EW broken phase operators
  - direct connection to amplitudes
  - easier to translate to constraints for general models

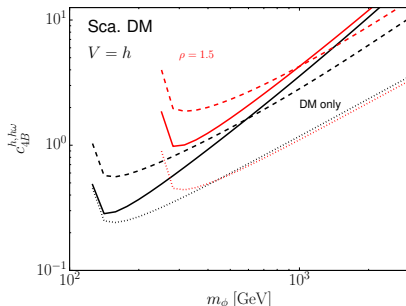
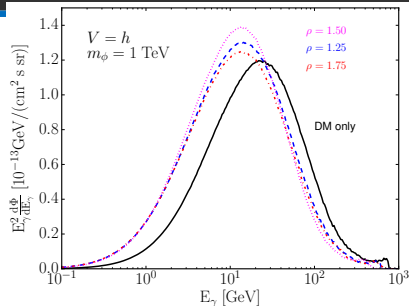


# Unique Scalar Limit

- two operators

$$\frac{1}{6}c_{4B}^h\phi^3h \quad \frac{1}{2}c_{4B}^{h\omega}\phi^2\omega h$$

- gamma ray spectra vary with  $\rho$  with the strongest at  $\rho = 1.5$
- constraints and projection
  - solid for Fermi-LAT limit
  - dashed for CTA projection
- relic density shown in dotted lines

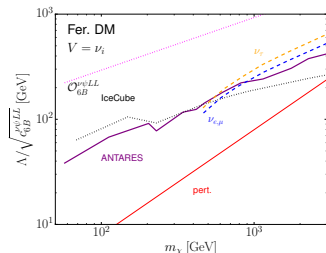
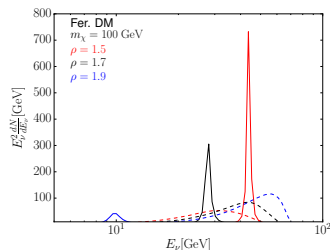


# Unique Fermion Limit

- $d = 6$  ops.

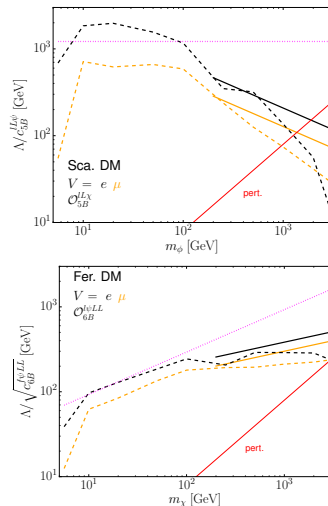
$$\frac{1}{6\Lambda^2}\chi^3\nu \quad \frac{1}{2\Lambda^2}(\chi\chi)(\bar{\nu}\psi)$$

- $\rho$  determines the size of contribution from SA and the decay of DP
- $\rho = 1.5$  sets the former to be absolutely dominant
- regions below excluded
- perturbativity shown in red dotted line
- below the relic curve the universe is not overclosed



# Leptonic Dark Partner

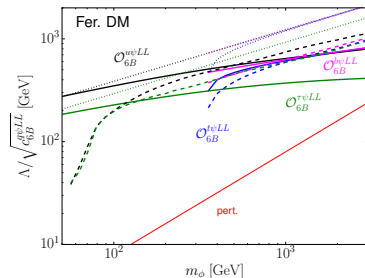
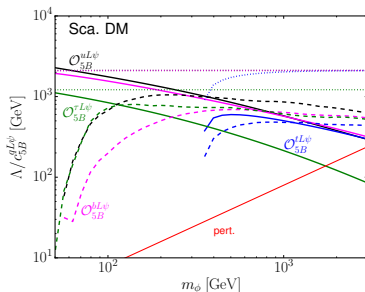
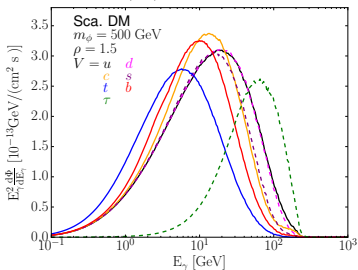
- $d = 5$  and 6 ops  
 top:  $\frac{1}{2\Lambda}\phi^2\bar{f}\psi$   
 bottom:  $\frac{1}{2\Lambda^2}(\chi\chi)\bar{f}\psi$
- positron propagated with DRAGON
- AMS limits: dashed lines
- CMB limits: solid lines



# Hadronic Dark Partner: quarks and $\tau$

- $d = 5$  and 6 ops  
 $\frac{1}{2\Lambda}\phi^2\bar{f}\psi$  and  $\frac{1}{2\Lambda^2}(\chi\chi)\bar{f}\psi$
- Fermi-LAT limits: solid lines
- CTA projection: dashed lines
- four species shown

$u, b, t$  and  $\tau$



## CONCLUSION

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# Conclusion

- Semi-Annihilation is a generic feature of dark matter
- Constructed all SA operators up to dimension 6
- Model space for DM-only theories is small
- Dark partners lead to more varied phenomenology at cost of dependence on dark partner decay modes
- Derived limits and prospects from cosmic ray searches; close to relic cross section in some fermionic channels
- Many questions remain, e.g. UV completions