

A sub-GeV dark matter model

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MOTIVATION FOR THE MODEL

- **Lack of evidence for WIMP miracle.**
- **Dark matter with mass $\mathcal{O}(1 - 100)$ MeV. Allowed by experimental data.**
- **Natural scale associated with the two lightest flavor sector is $\mathcal{O}(1 - 100)$ MeV.**
- **Dark matter arise from a new physics associated with the light flavor scale.**
- **New physics motivation is to solve the hierarchy problem in the Yukawa sector.**
- **Light mediator : Light scalar ϕ' and Light gauge boson A' .**

THE MODEL

Gauge symmetry : $SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y \times U(1)_{T_{3R}}$

The electric charge, $Q = T_{3L} + Y$.

- **Only the right-handed SM fields(including ν_R) are charged under $U(1)_{T_{3R}}$.**
- **New matter fields : a scalar ϕ and two Weyl fermions, η_L and η_R . Also, a new gauge boson A' .**
- **Anomaly free if either one or two generations couple to $U(1)_{T_{3R}}$.**
- **For simplicity we consider : one up-type quark, one down-type quark, one charged lepton and one neutrino(all right-handed) couple to $U(1)_{T_{3R}}$.**

field	$q_{T_{3R}}$
q_R^u	-2
q_R^d	2
ℓ_R	2
ν_R	-2
η_L	1
η_R	-1
ϕ	-2

THE MODEL

The interaction Lagrangian :

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{\lambda_u}{\Lambda} \tilde{H} \phi^* \bar{Q}_L q_R^u - \frac{\lambda_d}{\Lambda} H \phi \bar{Q}_L q_R^d - \frac{\lambda_\nu}{\Lambda} \tilde{H} \phi^* \bar{L}_L \nu_R - \frac{\lambda_l}{\Lambda} H \phi \bar{L}_L \ell_R$$

$$- \lambda \phi \bar{\eta}_R \eta_L - \frac{1}{2} \lambda_L \phi \bar{\eta}_L^c \eta_L - \frac{1}{2} \lambda_R \phi^* \bar{\eta}_R^c \eta_R - \mu_\phi^2 \phi^* \phi - \lambda_\phi (\phi^* \phi)^2 + H.c.$$

- ϕ gets vev V , breaks the $U(1)_{T_{3R}}$ down to Z_2 symmetry. $m_{\phi'} = 2\lambda_\phi^{1/2} V$.
- The symmetry breaking scale of $U(1)_{T_{3R}}$ is $\mathcal{O}(1 - 10)$ GeV.
- Only $\eta_{L,R}$ are odd under the Z_2 parity. They mix and give two physical Majorana fermions $\eta_{1,2}$, the dark matter candidates.

The Lagrangian after symmetry breaking :

$$\mathcal{L} = -m_u \bar{q}_L^u q_R^u - m_d \bar{q}_L^d q_R^d - m_{\nu D} \bar{\nu}_L \nu_R - m_\ell \bar{\ell}_L \ell_R - \frac{1}{2} m_1 \bar{\eta}_1 \eta_1 - \frac{1}{2} m_2 \bar{\eta}_2 \eta_2$$

$$- \frac{m_u}{V} \bar{q}_L^u q_R^u \phi' - \frac{m_d}{V} \bar{q}_L^d q_R^d \phi' - \frac{m_{\nu D}}{V} \bar{\nu}_L \nu_R \phi' - \frac{m_\ell}{V} \bar{\ell}_L \ell_R \phi' - \frac{1}{2} \frac{m_1}{V} \bar{\eta}_1 \eta_1 \phi' - \frac{1}{2} \frac{m_2}{V} \bar{\eta}_2 \eta_2 \phi' + \dots$$

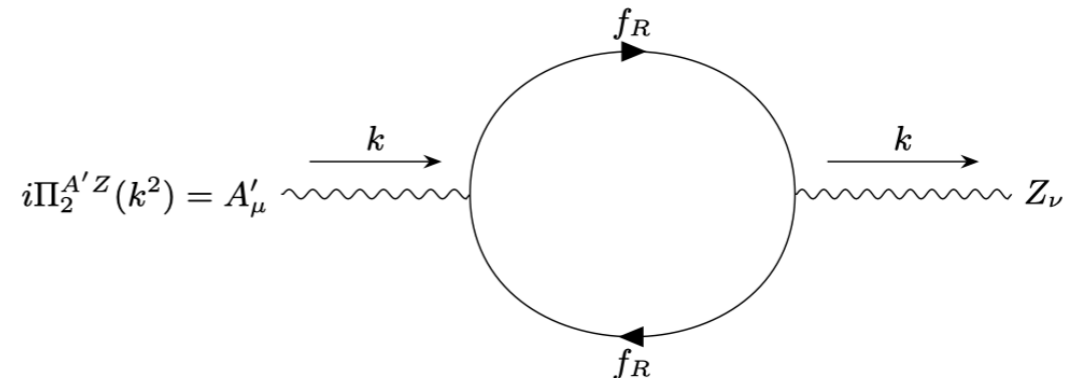
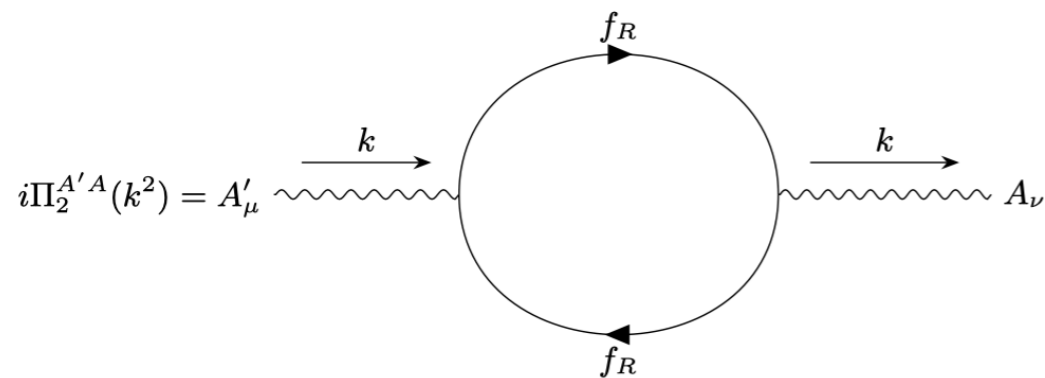
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The Lagrangian for the new gauge part :

$$\mathcal{L}_{gauge} = \frac{i}{4} g_{T_{3R}} A'_\mu (\bar{\eta}_1 \gamma^\mu \eta_2 - \bar{\eta}_2 \gamma^\mu \eta_1) + \frac{m_{A'}^2}{V} \phi' A'_\mu A'^\mu + i g_{T_{3R}} A'_\mu (\phi' \partial^\mu \phi'^* - \phi'^* \partial^\mu \phi) - \frac{1}{2} g_{T_{3R}} j_{A'}^\mu A'_\mu$$

where, $j_{A'}^\mu = \sum_f Q_{T_{3R}}^f \bar{f} \gamma^\mu f$ and $m_{A'}^2 = 2g_{T_{3R}}^2 V^2$.

- No tree level kinetic mixing. A' mix with photon and Z boson via loop.



- ν_R will mix with ν_L and give Majorana neutrino mass eigenstates.
- We assume, ν_R is composed of sterile neutrino mass eigenstate ν_s and has mixing with the active state ν_A .
- The lightest neutrino eigenstate can be determined by the seesaw mechanism.

THE MODEL

- **The new particles : ϕ', A' and ν_s are not stabilized by any symmetry.**

They will decay to SM particles.

- **The main decay channels are :**

- **$\phi' : \phi' \rightarrow \bar{\ell}\ell, \nu_s\nu_A, \pi\pi, A'A'$ dominate, if kinematically allowed.**

Otherwise $\phi' \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ (mediated by a one-loop diagram) will dominate.

- **$A' : A' \rightarrow \bar{\ell}\ell, \nu_s\nu_s, \pi\pi, \phi'\phi'$ dominate, if kinematically allowed.**

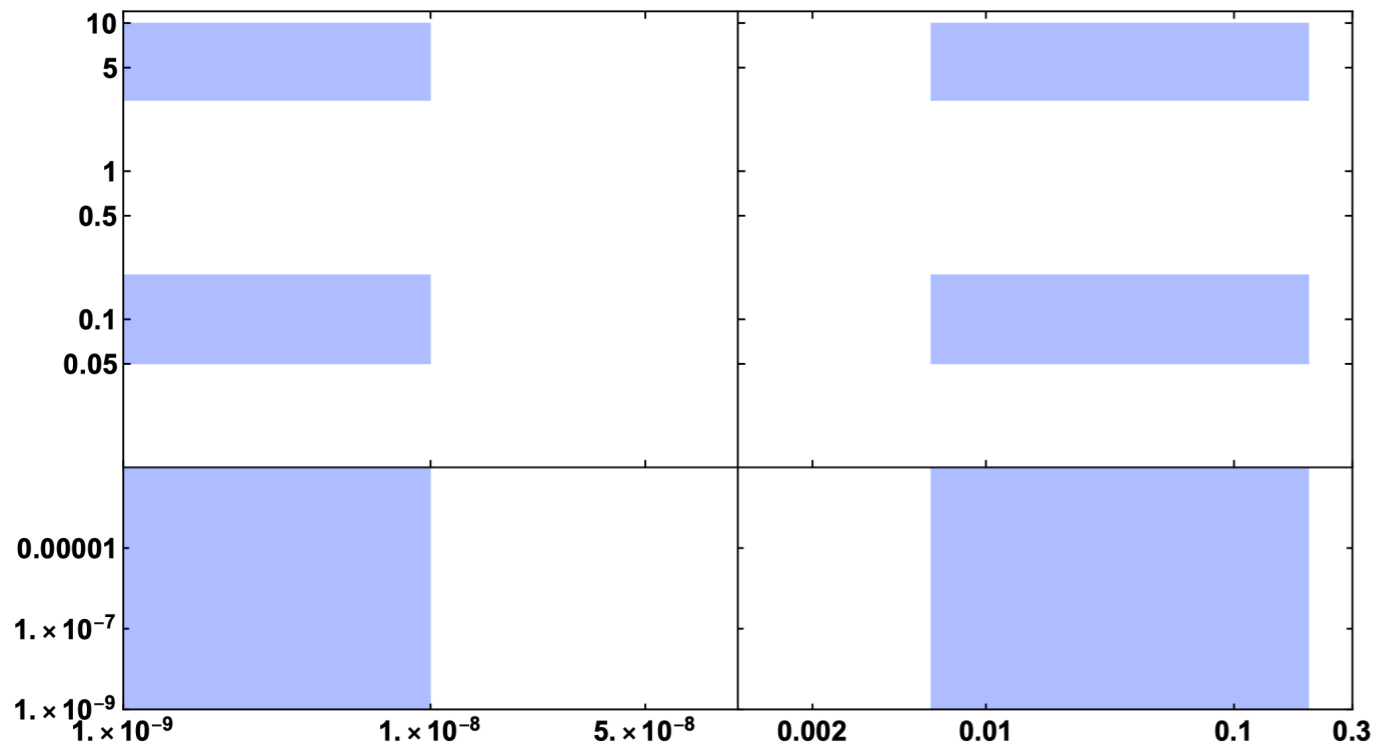
If not allowed, $A' \rightarrow \nu_A\nu_A$ will dominate.

- **$\nu_s : \nu_s \rightarrow \nu_A\gamma\gamma$ (mediated by an off-shell ϕ') will dominate.**

PARAMETER SPACE

- **Fermion mass set by the vev V , $m_f \lesssim V$. Imply $V \sim \mathcal{O}(1 - 10)$ GeV.**
- **Since $m_{\phi'}^2 = 4\lambda_{\phi}V^2$ and $m_{A'}^2 = 2g_{T3R}^2V^2$, we will also get $m_{\phi'}, m_{A'} \lesssim \mathcal{O}$ (GeV).**
- **The states which couple to the dark sector are thus u, d , a single right-handed neutrino, and either μ or e .**
- **We take $V \sim 10$ GeV and assume small neutrino mixing angle.**
- **No constraints from neutrino experiments because of the small mixing angle.**
- **No LHC constraints on ϕ' and A' .**
- **Two specific model :**
 - **For $\ell = \mu$: $u_R, d_R, \mu_R, \nu_R, \eta_1, \eta_2, \phi', A'$**
 - **For $\ell = e$: $u_R, d_R, e_R, \nu_R, \eta_1, \eta_2, \phi', A'$**

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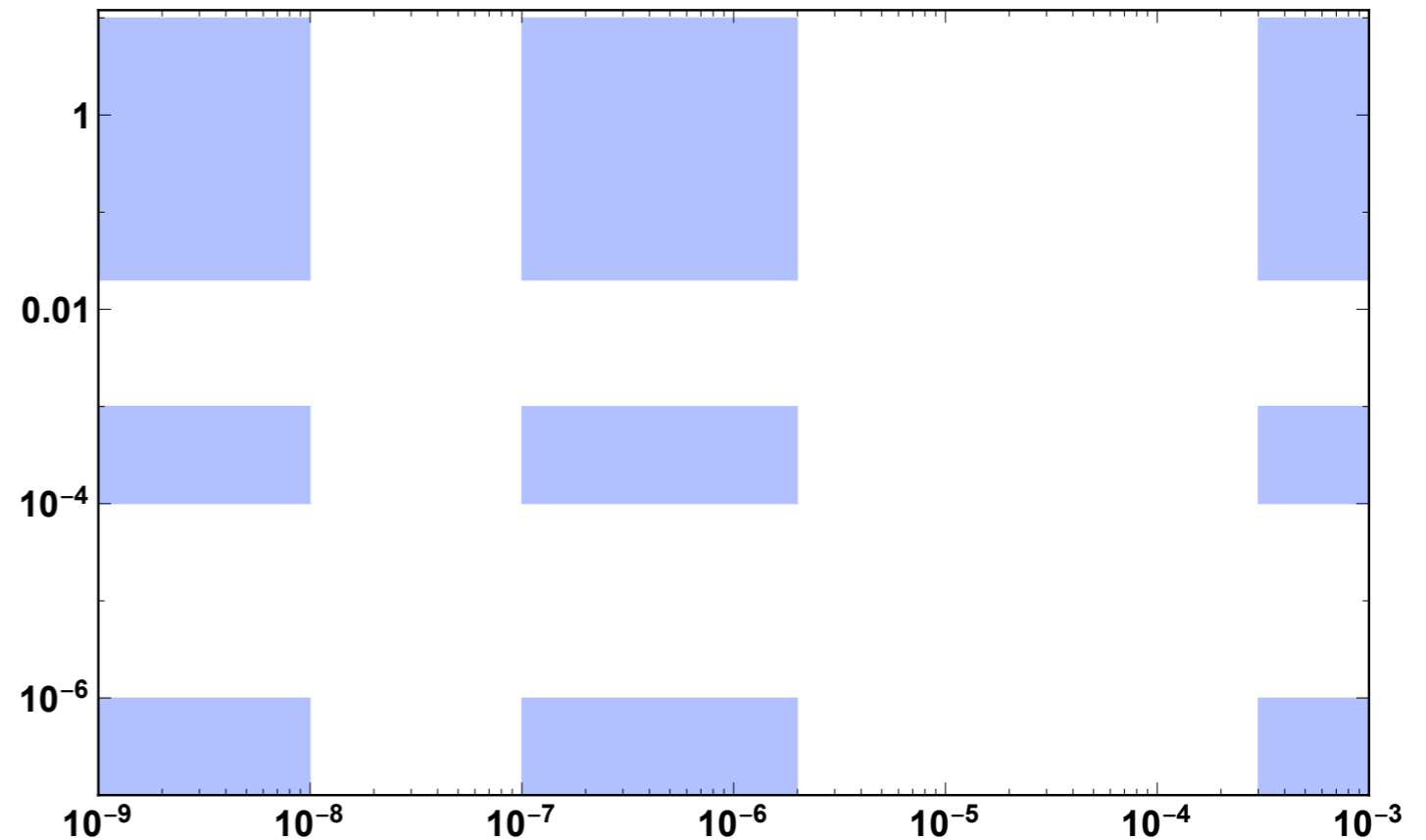


• $\ell = e$ model :

Constraints from Orsay, APV, E774, E141, E137 fifth force, Globular clusters and Sun.

• $\ell = \mu$ model :

Constraints from BaBar, E137, fifth force, Globular cluster, Sun and supernova cooling.



DIRECT DETECTION

Nuclear recoil energy for $m \sim \mathcal{O}(1 - 100)$ MeV dark matter :

$$E_R \lesssim \frac{2\mu^2 v^2}{m_A} \sim \left(\frac{100 \text{ GeV}}{m_A} \right) \left(\frac{m}{100 \text{ MeV}} \right)^2 \text{ eV}$$

For XENON nucleus, $E_R \leq \mathcal{O}(1)$ eV for dark matter of mass $m \sim \mathcal{O}(1 - 100)$ MeV .

Thresholds from most experiments $E_{R_{th}} \geq 0.1$ keV

Constraints for low mass dark matter :

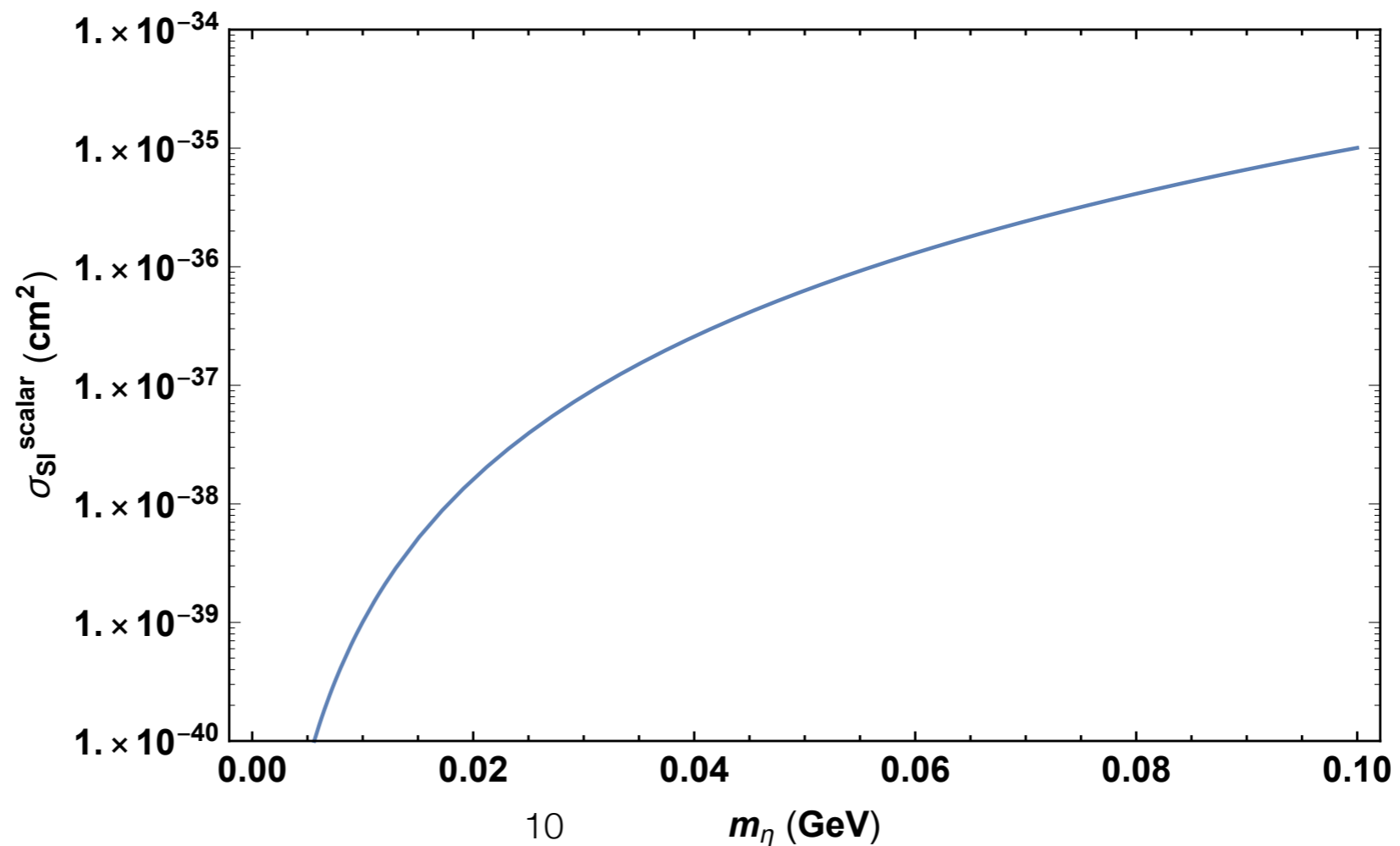
- **CRESST III : $\sigma_{SI} \sim 10^{-35} \text{ cm}^2$ for $m \sim 200 \text{ MeV}$. No bound for $m \leq 160 \text{ MeV}$.**
[arXiv:1904.00498](#)
- **XENON1T : For $m \sim \mathcal{O}(1 - 100) \text{ MeV}$, $\sigma_{SI} \lesssim \mathcal{O}(10^{-30}) \text{ cm}^2$ or $\sigma_{SI} \gtrsim \mathcal{O}(10^{-28}) \text{ cm}^2$.**
[arXiv:1810.10543](#)
- **CDEX-1B : $\sigma_{SI} \lesssim (10^{-32} - 10^{-34}) \text{ cm}^2$ for $m \sim (50 - 180) \text{ MeV}$.**
[arXiv:1905.00354](#)

DIRECT DETECTION

Elastic scattering: $-\frac{1}{2} \frac{m_1}{V} \bar{\eta}_1 \eta_1 \phi' - \frac{1}{2} \frac{m_2}{V} \bar{\eta}_2 \eta_2 \phi' - \frac{m_u}{V} \bar{q}_L^u q_R^u \phi' - \frac{m_d}{V} \bar{q}_L^d q_R^d \phi'$

ϕ' mediated dark matter-nucleon scattering

$$\sigma_{SI}^{scalar(p,n)} \sim (10^{-35} \text{ cm}^2) \left(\frac{V}{10 \text{ GeV}} \right)^{-4} \left(\frac{m_{\phi'}}{100 \text{ MeV}} \right)^{-4} \left(\frac{\mu_{\eta N}}{100 \text{ MeV}} \right)^2 \left(\frac{m_{\eta}}{100 \text{ MeV}} \right)^2$$



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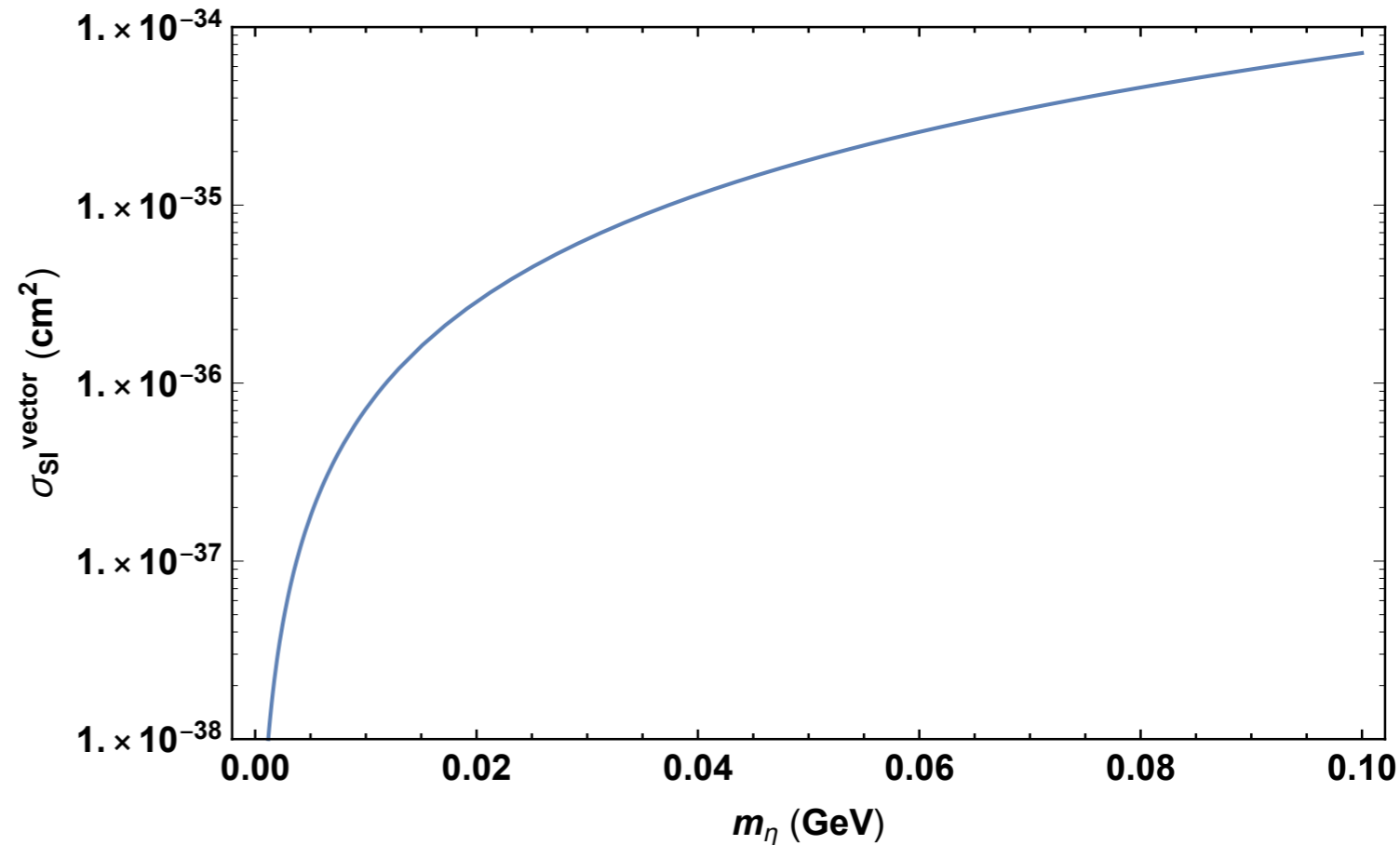
Inelastic scattering:
$$\frac{i}{4\sqrt{2}} \frac{m_{A'}}{V} A'_\mu (\bar{\eta}_1 \gamma^\mu \eta_2 - \bar{\eta}_2 \gamma^\mu \eta_1) - \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} \frac{m_{A'}}{V} Q_{T_{3R}} A'_\mu (\bar{q}_R^u \gamma^\mu q_R^u + \bar{q}_R^d \gamma^\mu q_R^d)$$

A' mediated dark matter-nucleon scattering

$$\sigma_{SI}^{vector(p,n)} = \frac{9\mu_{\eta N}^2}{16\pi V^4}$$

$$= (7 \times 10^{-35} \text{ cm}^2) \left(\frac{V}{10 \text{ GeV}} \right)^{-4} \left(\frac{\mu_{\eta N}}{100 \text{ meV}} \right)^2$$

for small mass difference $\delta = m_j - m_i$



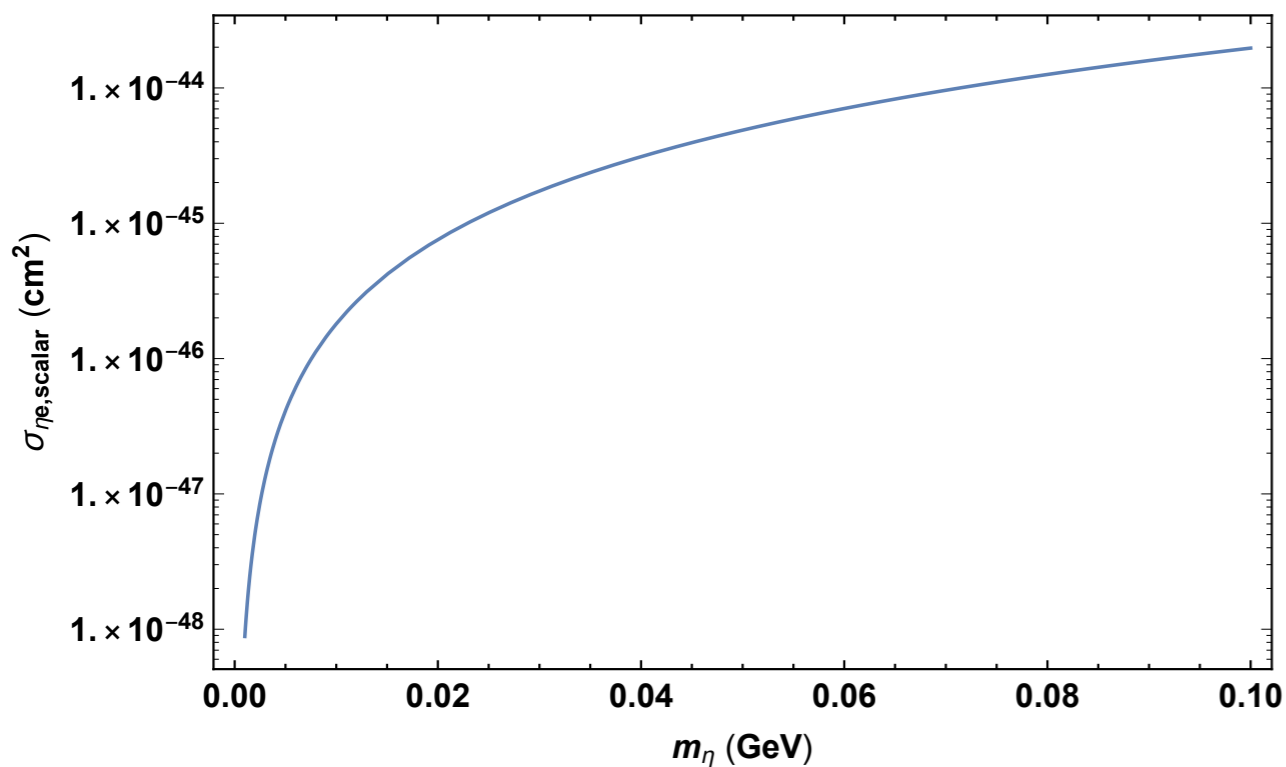
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Dark matter-electron scattering :

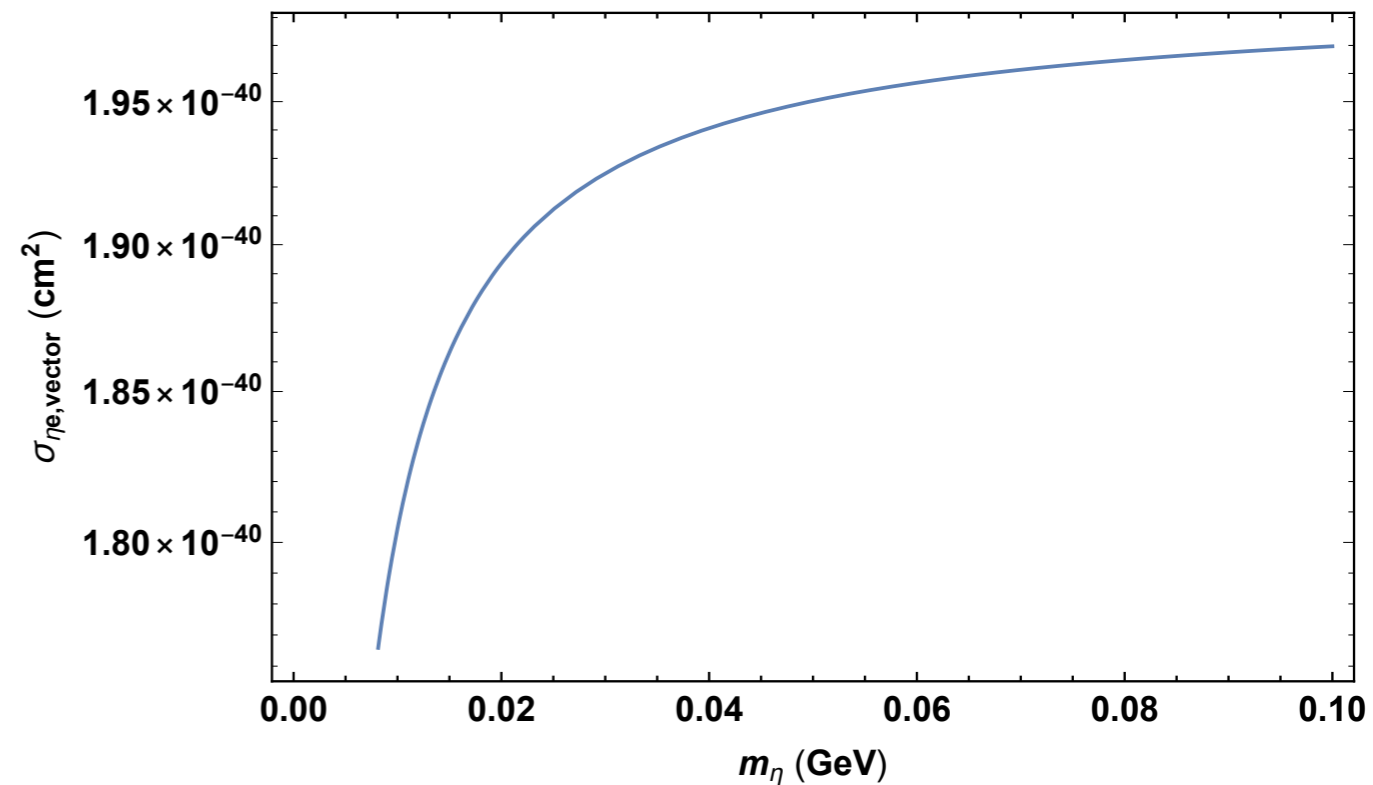
Constraints from XENON10, Super CDMS and SENSEI.

For dark matter of mass $\mathcal{O}(1 - 100)$ MeV, the allowed cross section is $\leq 10^{-38}$ cm².

[arXiv:1811.00520.](#)



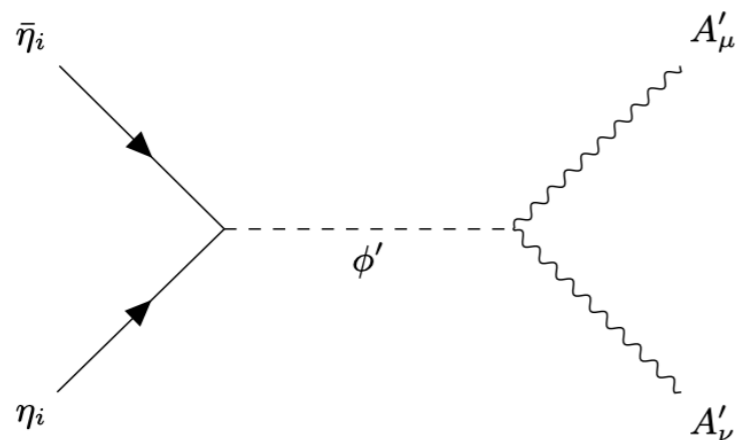
ϕ' mediated



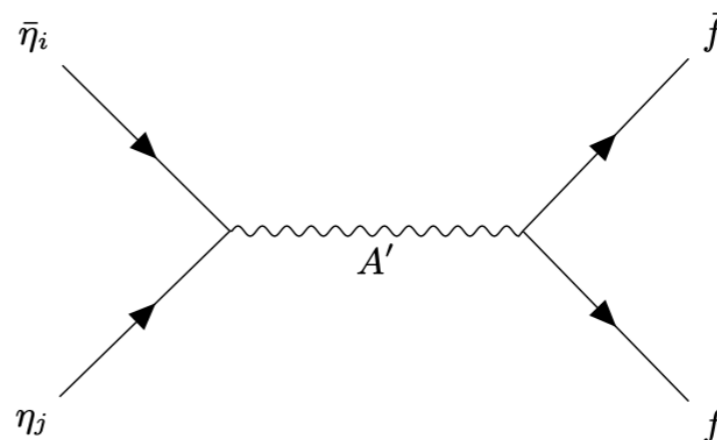
A' mediated

THERMAL RELIC ABUNDANCE

- We try to get the thermal relic abundance from the (co-)annihilation to SM particles or dark sector particles.
- The dominant two body final states are :
 $\bar{\ell}\ell, \bar{\nu}\nu, \pi\pi, \pi^0(\phi', A', \gamma)$ and the purely dark sector channels $A'A', \phi'\phi'$ and $\phi'A'$.
- We consider two scenarios : ϕ' resonance (p -wave suppressed) and A' mediated



p -wave



s -wave

	m'_A (MeV)	m'_ϕ (MeV)	m_η (MeV)	m_{ν_s} (MeV)	m_{ν_D} (MeV)	$\langle\sigma v\rangle$ (cm ³ /sec)	$\sigma_{\text{SI}}^{\text{scalar}}$ (pb)	$\sigma_{\text{SI}}^{\text{vector}}$ (pb)
muon case	40	102	50	10	10^{-3}	3×10^{-26}	0.56	16
	70	10^4	50	10^{13}	10^3	3×10^{-26}	5.6×10^{-9}	16
electron case	0.4	100	50	0.1	10^{-2}	3×10^{-26}	0.56	16

CONCLUSION

- **Low mass dark matter model with dark matter mass $m \sim \mathcal{O}(1 - 100)$ MeV.**
- **Yukawa sector hierarchy problem.**
- **Low mass mediator, mass $\leq \mathcal{O}(10)$ GeV. Not constrained by LHC.**
- **Consistent with the current experiments. Can be probed in the future experiments.**
- **Gives correct thermal relic abundance.**