

# Neutrino masse and mixed dark matter from doublet and singlet scalars

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Model Review

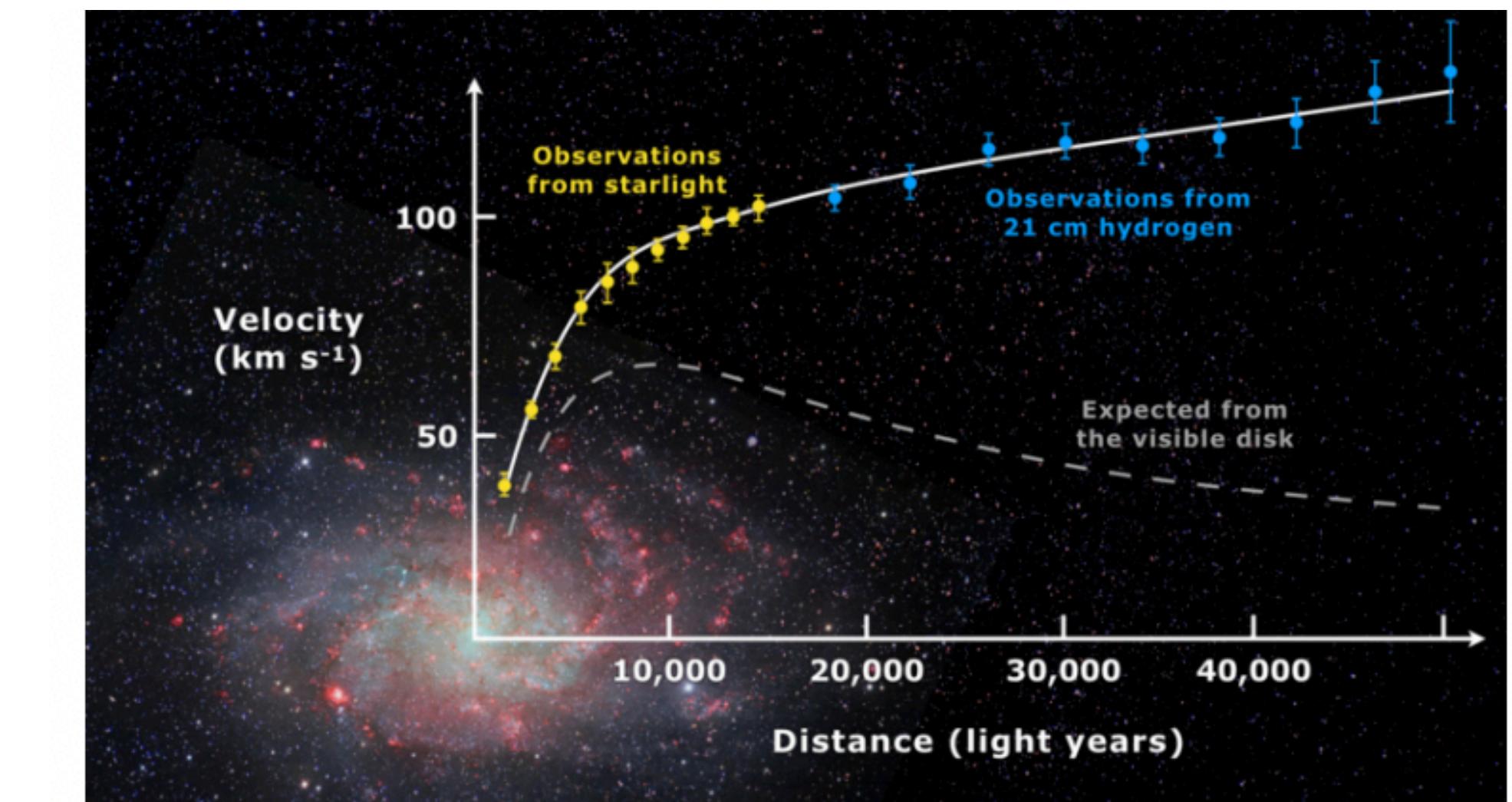
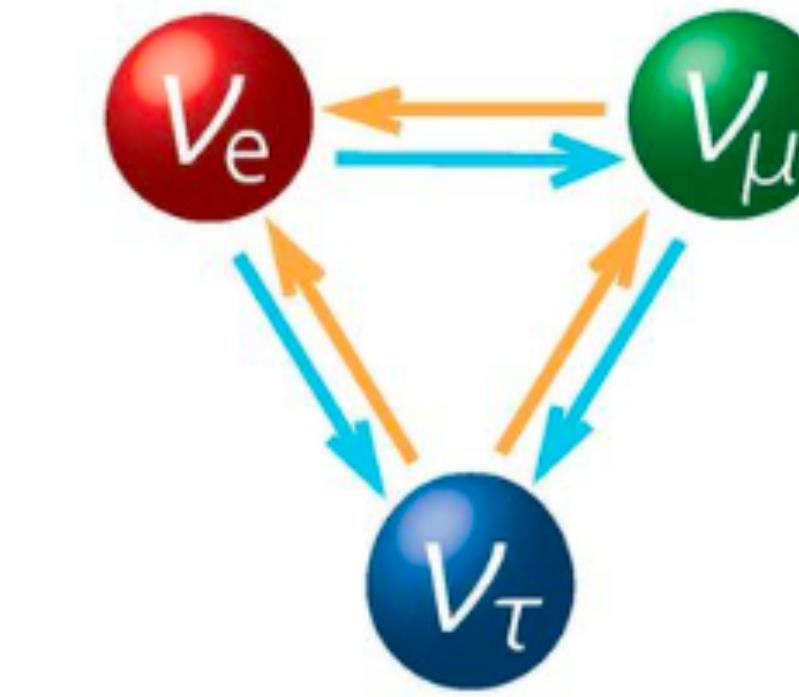
Existing constraints

Dark Matter Phenomenology

Summary

# Motivation

- ❖ eV scale light neutrino mass
- ❖ Measured Dark matter relic density  
 $\Omega h^2 = 0.1199 \pm 0.0012$
- ❖ Baryon Asymmetry of universe:  
 $\eta_B \simeq 6.1 \times 10^{-10}$



In a common framework...

# Model

- ❖ BSM Model with SM gauge group +  $Z_4$  symmetry

$$H_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ v_H + h \end{pmatrix}$$

**SM Higgs**

EW symmetry breaking

$$\varphi = v_\varphi + \rho$$

**Real Singlet scalar**

$Z_4 \rightarrow Z_2$  breaking

$$S = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(s + ia)$$

**Complex Singlet scalar**

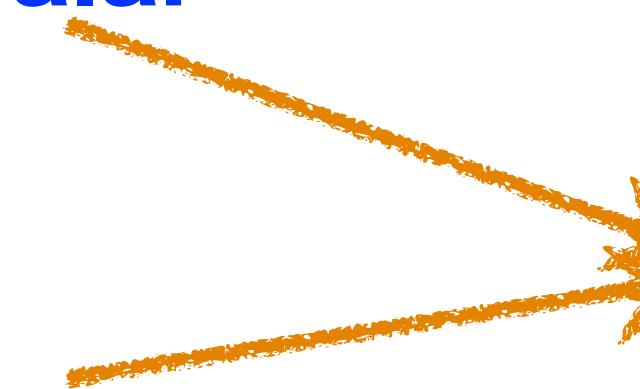
$$H_2 = \begin{pmatrix} H^+ \\ (H_0 + iA_0)/\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

**Inert Doublet**

|       | $S$ | $\varphi$ | $H_1$ | $H_2$ | $N_R$ |
|-------|-----|-----------|-------|-------|-------|
| $Z_4$ | $i$ | -1        | +1    | $i$   | $i$   |
| $Z_2$ | -1  | +1        | +1    | -1    | -1    |

$N_R \rightarrow$  neutrino mass and leptogenesis

Heavier than the  $Z_2$  odd scalars



**Lightest  $Z_2$  odd scalar is DM candidate**

# Interaction

## ❖ Scalar potential

$$V_1 = \sum_{i=1,2} (m_i^2 |H_i|^2 + \lambda_i |H_i|^4) + \lambda_3 |H_1|^2 |H_2|^2 + \lambda_4 (H_1^\dagger H_2)(H_2^\dagger H_1)$$

$$V_2 = m_S^2 |S|^2 + \lambda_S |S|^4 + m_\varphi^2 \varphi^2 + \lambda_\varphi \varphi^4 + \lambda_{S\varphi} |S|^2 \varphi^2$$

$$+ \sum_{i=1,2} \left[ \underbrace{\lambda_{H_i S} (H_i^\dagger H_i) |S|^2}_{\text{---}} + \underbrace{\lambda_{H_i \varphi} (H_i^\dagger H_i) \varphi^2}_{\text{---}} \right] \longrightarrow \varphi - H_1 \text{ mass mixing}$$

$$V_3 = -\sqrt{2}\kappa S^\dagger H_1^\dagger H_2 - \sqrt{2}\lambda'_{S\varphi} \varphi S H_1^\dagger H_2 + \mu \varphi S^2 + \text{h.c.}$$

~~$\lambda_5 \left( (H_1^\dagger H_2)^2 + \text{h.c.} \right)$~~

Absent unlike IDM

$$m_{H_0} = m_{A_0}$$

CP odd and even components

of  $H_2$  are degenerate

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{Yuk}} = -y_N \overline{l} \widetilde{H}_2 N_R - \lambda_N \varphi \overline{N_R^c} N_R + \text{h.c.} \longrightarrow Z_4 \text{ forbids bare mass of } N_R$$

# $Z_4 \rightarrow Z_2$

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- ❖  $v_\varphi$  spontaneously breaks  $Z_4 \rightarrow Z_2$

$$\mathcal{L} \supset \sqrt{2}\kappa S^\dagger H_1^\dagger H_2 + \sqrt{2}\kappa' S H_1^\dagger H_2 + \frac{1}{2}\hat{m}_S^2 S^2 - \frac{1}{2}\lambda_N(\varphi + v_\varphi) \overline{N}_R^c N_R$$

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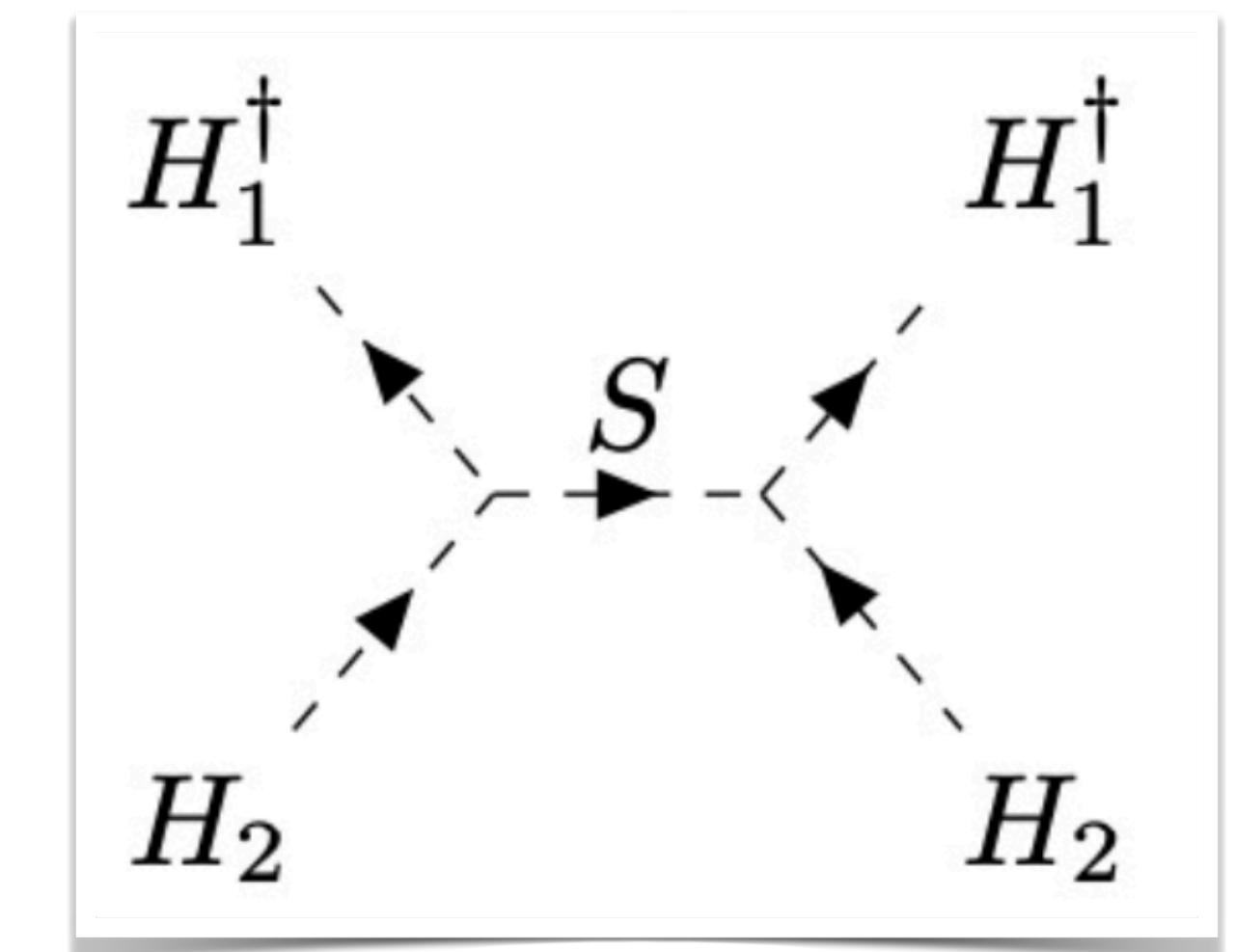
$$\kappa' = \lambda'_{S\varphi} v_\varphi \quad \hat{m}_S^2 = 2\mu v_\varphi$$

**Non-zero  $\kappa'$  and  $\hat{m}_S^2$  crucial for mass splitting b/w neutral components of  $H_2$**

- ❖ S is decoupled,  $m_S^2 \gg m_{H_0}^2, \hat{m}_S^2$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = -\frac{1}{2}\lambda_{5,\text{eff}}(H_1^\dagger H_2)^2 + \text{h.c.}$$

$$\lambda_{5,\text{eff}} = \frac{2\hat{m}_S^2(\kappa^2 + \kappa'^2)}{m_S^4} - \frac{4\kappa\kappa'}{m_S^2}$$



# Scalar Mixing

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- ❖ SM Higgs mixing with the singlet Higgs,

$$\tan 2\alpha = \frac{2v_H v_\varphi \lambda_{H_1\varphi}}{m_h^2 - m_\varphi^2}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} h_1 \\ h_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} c_\alpha & s_\alpha \\ -s_\alpha & c_\alpha \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} h \\ \rho \end{pmatrix}$$

**Assume  $s_\alpha = 0$**

- ❖ CP-even Dark Scalar mixing

$$\tan 2\theta_s = \frac{2(\kappa + \kappa')v_H}{m_{H_0}^2 - m_s^2}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} H_0 \\ s \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta_s & -\sin \theta_s \\ \sin \theta_s & \cos \theta_s \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} H_1 \\ H_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Notation:  $H_{1,2}$  is mass eigen state not Higgs doublet

- ❖ CP-odd Dark Scalar mixing

$$\tan 2\theta_a = \frac{2(\kappa - \kappa')v_H}{m_{H_0}^2 - m_a^2}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} A_0 \\ a \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta_a & -\sin \theta_a \\ \sin \theta_a & \cos \theta_a \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} A_1 \\ A_2 \end{pmatrix},$$

# Scalar Mass Spectrum

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- ❖ SM Higgs and BSM Singlet Higgs

$$m_{h_1,h_2}^2 = \frac{1}{2} \left[ m_h^2 + m_\varphi^2 \pm (m_h^2 - m_\varphi^2) \sqrt{1 + \frac{4v_H^2 v_\varphi^2 \lambda_{H_1\varphi}^2}{(m_h^2 - m_\varphi^2)^2}} \right]$$

- ❖  $Z_2$  odd Scalars

$$m_{H_{1,2}}^2 = \frac{1}{2} \left[ m_{H_0}^2 + m_s^2 \pm (m_{H_0}^2 - m_s^2) \sqrt{1 + \frac{4(\kappa + \kappa')^2 v_H^2}{(m_{H_0}^2 - m_s^2)^2}} \right]$$

$$m_{A_{1,2}}^2 = \frac{1}{2} \left[ m_{H_0}^2 + m_a^2 \pm (m_{H_0}^2 - m_a^2) \sqrt{1 + \frac{4(\kappa - \kappa')^2 v_H^2}{(m_{H_0}^2 - m_a^2)^2}} \right]$$

# Neutrino mass @1-loop

$$\mathcal{L} \supset -y_N \bar{l} \widetilde{H}_2 N_R - \frac{1}{2} \lambda_{5,\text{eff}} (H_1^\dagger H_2)^2$$

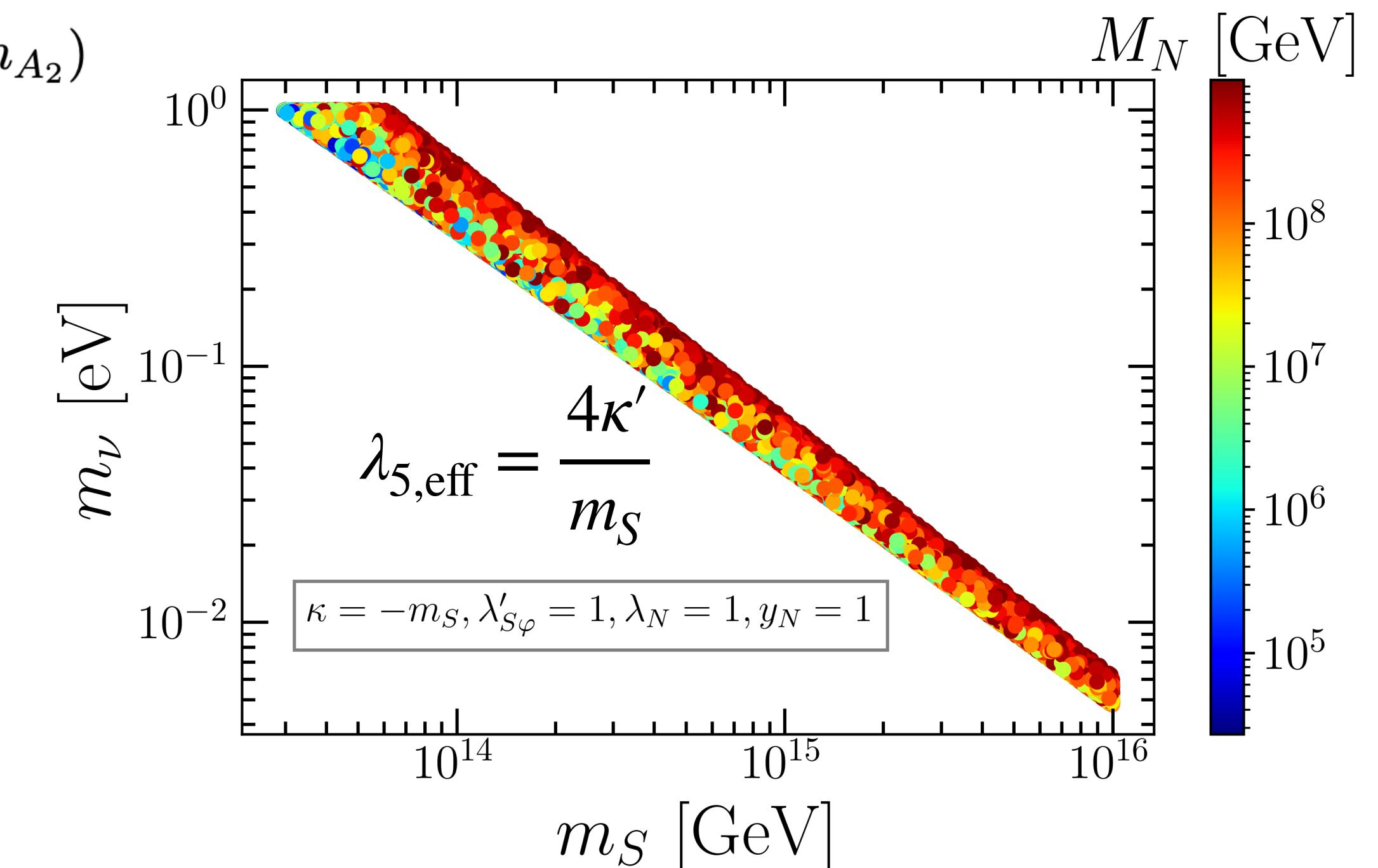
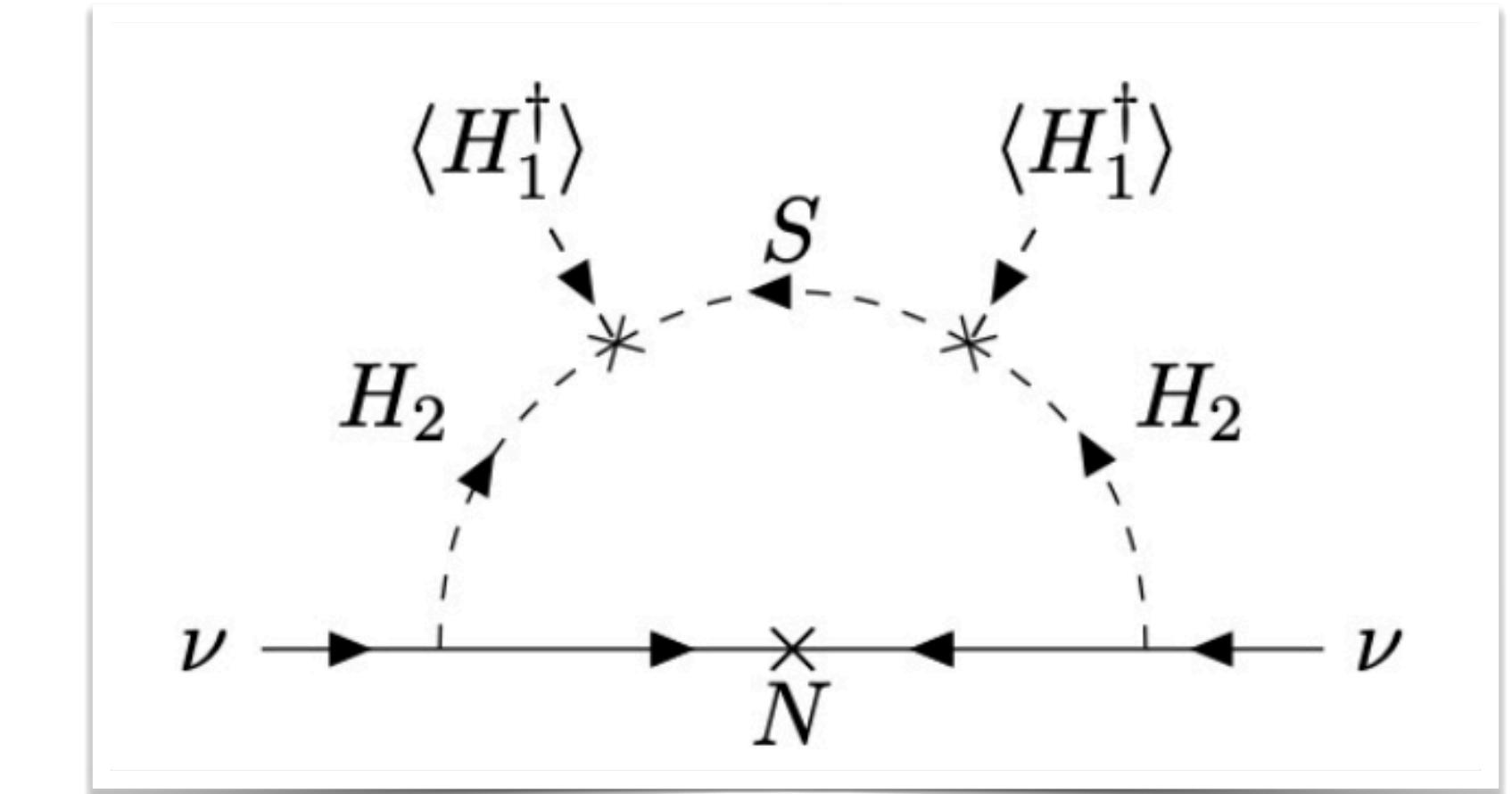
$$(\mathcal{M}_\nu)_{ij} = \frac{1}{16\pi^2} \sum_\alpha \sum_k y_{N,ik} y_{N,jk} M_{N,k} F_\alpha \left[ \frac{m_\alpha^2}{m_\alpha^2 - M_{N,k}^2} \ln \frac{m_\alpha^2}{M_{N,k}^2} \right]$$

$F_\alpha \equiv (\cos^2 \theta_s, \sin^2 \theta_s, -\cos^2 \theta_a, -\sin^2 \theta_a)$  and  $m_\alpha \equiv (m_{H_1}, m_{H_2}, m_{A_1}, m_{A_2})$

➤ decoupling limit of the singlet scalar  $S$  and  $M_N \gg m_0$

$$M_\nu \simeq \frac{\lambda_{5,\text{eff}} \nu_H^2}{16\pi^2} \frac{y_N^2}{M_N} \left[ \ln \frac{M_N^2}{m_0^2} - 1 \right]$$

Here  $m_0$  is IDM mass scale



# Baryon Asymmetry

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Via thermal Leptogenesis

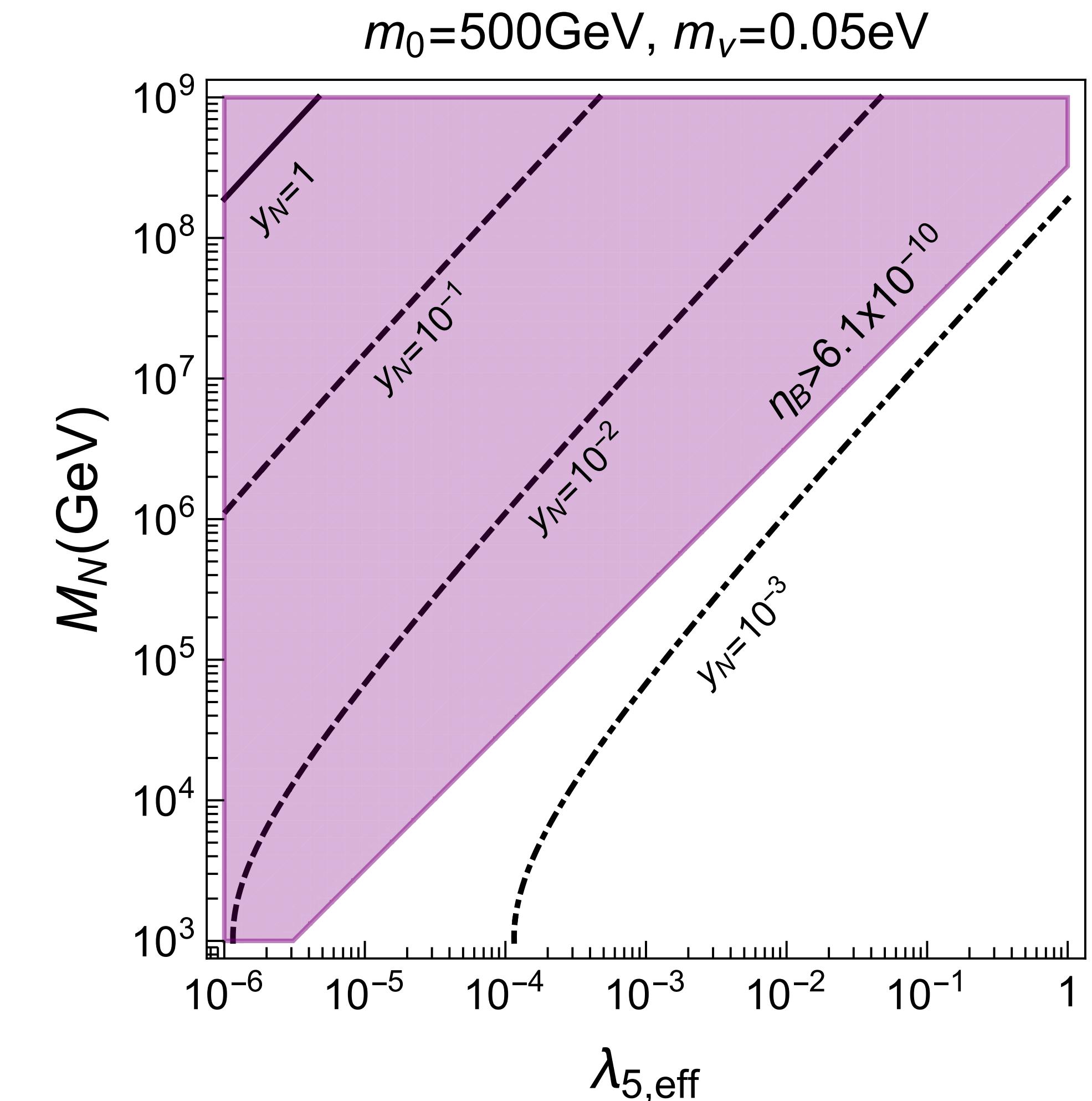
[M. Fukugita, T. Yanagida]

- baryon-to-photon ratio :  $\eta_B = - C \epsilon_1 \kappa_1$
- After optimizing over the Casas-Ibarra parameters

$$\eta_B \simeq 3.8 \times 10^{-10} \left( \frac{M_N}{10^4 \text{ GeV}} \right) \left( \frac{10^{-4}}{\lambda_{5,\text{eff}}} \right) \left( \frac{m_\nu}{0.1 \text{ eV}} \right)$$

[T. Hugle, 1804.09660]

(washout effects from  $\Delta L = 2$  process not included)



# Theory Constraints

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- ❖ **Vacuum stability:** quartic part of potential  $V_4 \geq 0$  ( i.e. co-positivity of matrix X )

$$V_4 = R^T X R, \text{ with } R = [r^2, \rho^2]$$

Such as

$$\{\lambda_1 \geq 0, \lambda_S \geq 0, \frac{\lambda_{H_1 S}}{2} + \sqrt{\lambda_1 \lambda_S} \geq 0\}, \text{ for } \alpha = 0 \text{ and } \beta = 0,$$

- ❖ **Perturbative unitarity:** Eigen values of the  $2 \rightarrow 2$  scalar scattering matrix

$$\mathcal{E}_1 = \left\{ 2\lambda_1, 2\lambda_2, , 2\lambda_s, 2\lambda_\varphi, \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 \pm \sqrt{(\lambda_1 - \lambda_2)^2 + \lambda_4^2} \right\} < 8\pi$$

- ❖ **Electroweak Precision:** EW gauge boson self-energy is modified

$S_{\text{exp}} = -0.05 \pm 0.07 \text{ and } T_{\text{exp}} = 0.00 \pm 0.06, \text{ for } U = 0$

# Dark Sector Bound

- ❖ DM relic density:  $\Omega h^2 = 0.1199 \pm 0.0012$

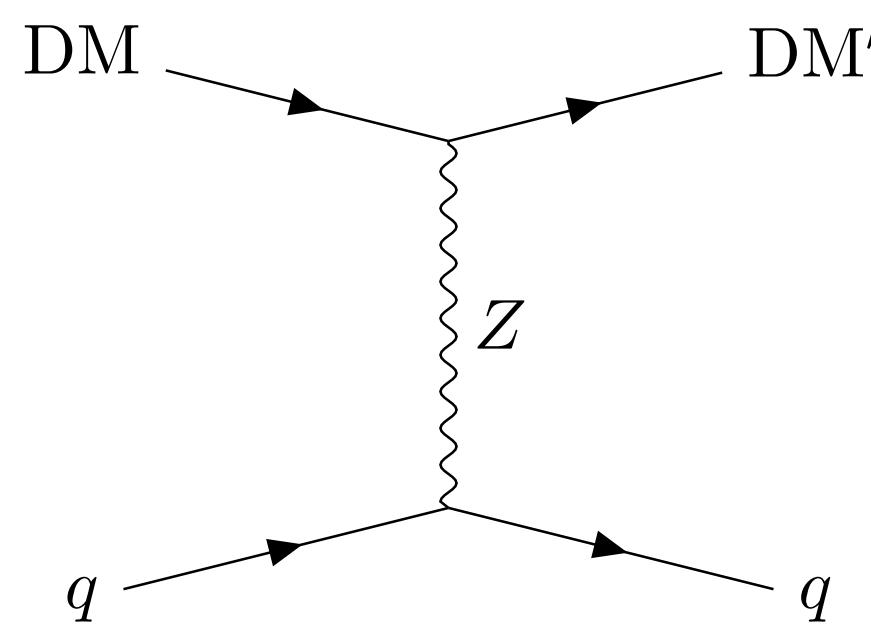
Annihilation

$$\text{DM DM} \rightarrow \text{SM SM}, h_2 h_2, h_1 h_2$$

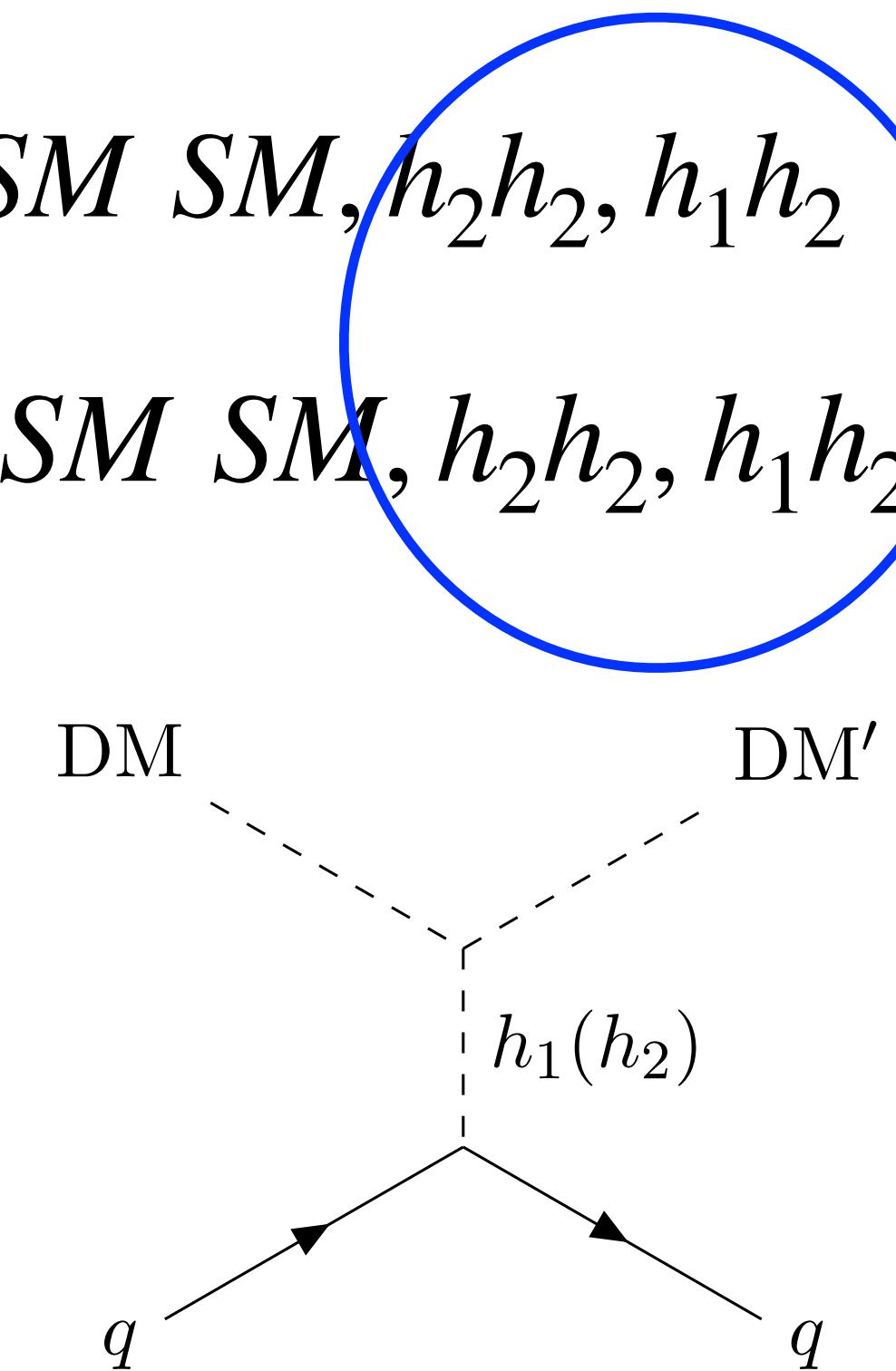
co-annihilation

$$DM \ DM' \rightarrow \text{SM SM}, h_2 h_2, h_1 h_2$$

- ❖ Direct detection:



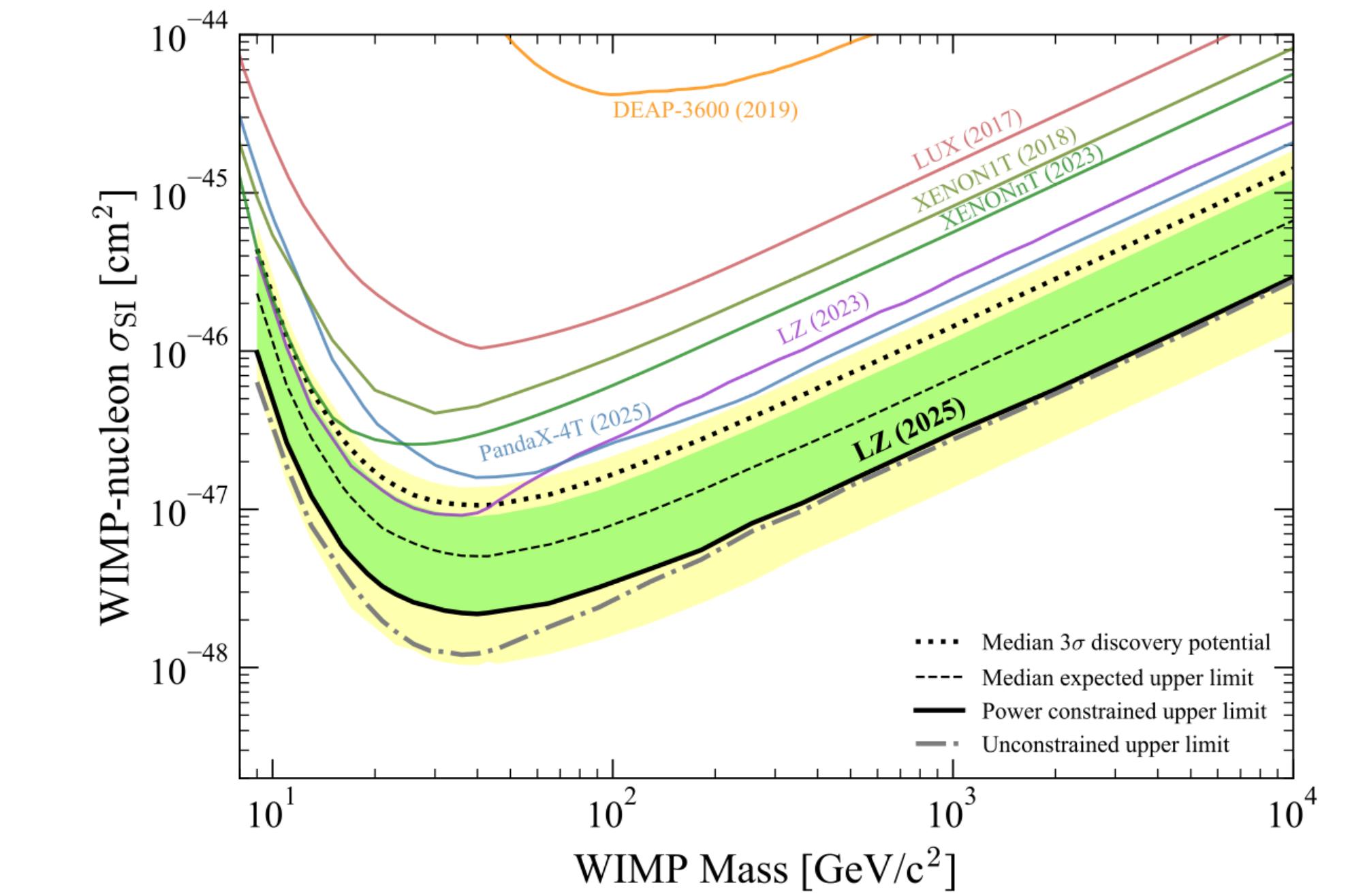
$\Delta m > 100 \text{ KeV}$  kinematically suppressed



- ❖ Indirect detection:

$$\text{DM DM} \rightarrow h_2 h_2, \ h_2 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$$

Additional channels



Good sensitivity at CTA expected

# Collider Bound

- ❖ LEP:  $e^+e^- \rightarrow H^+H^-/H_iA_i$

$$M_{H^\pm} > 70 \text{ GeV}$$

[JHEP 08 (2007) 026]

For  $|M_{H_1} - M_{A_1}| \geq 8 \text{ GeV}$

$$M_{H_1} \leq 80 \text{ GeV} \text{ and } M_{A_1} \leq 100 \text{ GeV}$$

[PRD 2009]

- ❖ Higgs signal strength:

$$\mu_{\gamma\gamma} = 1.1 \pm 0.06$$

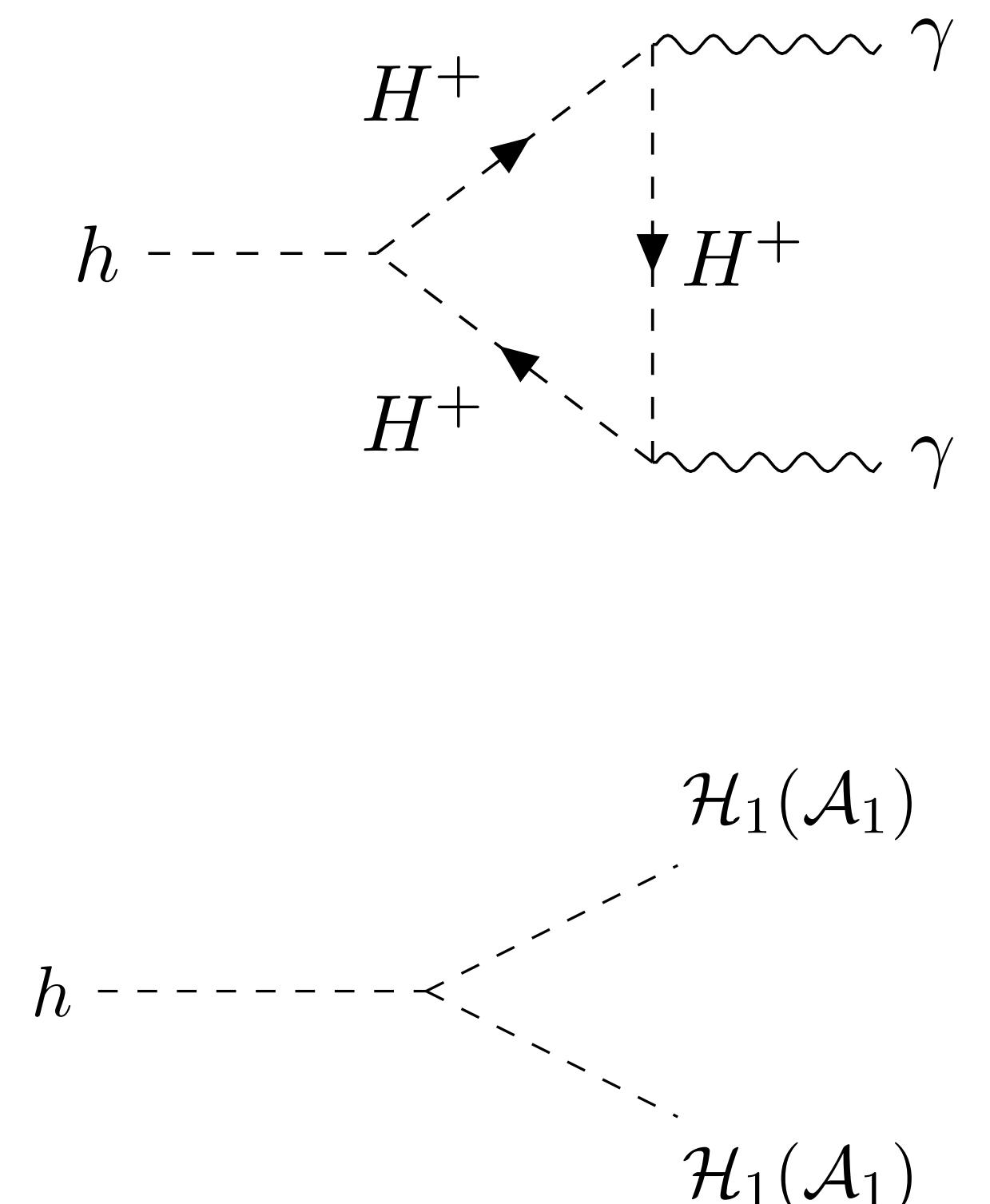
[PDG 2024]

$$\mu_{\gamma\gamma} = \frac{\sigma}{\sigma^{\text{SM}}} \frac{\text{Br}(h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)}{\text{Br}^{\text{SM}}(h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)} = \cos^2 \alpha \frac{\text{Br}(h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)}{\text{Br}^{\text{SM}}(h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)}$$

- ❖  $h \rightarrow \text{inv decay rate:}$

[PDG 2024]

$$\text{Br}(h \rightarrow \text{invisible}) < 0.107$$



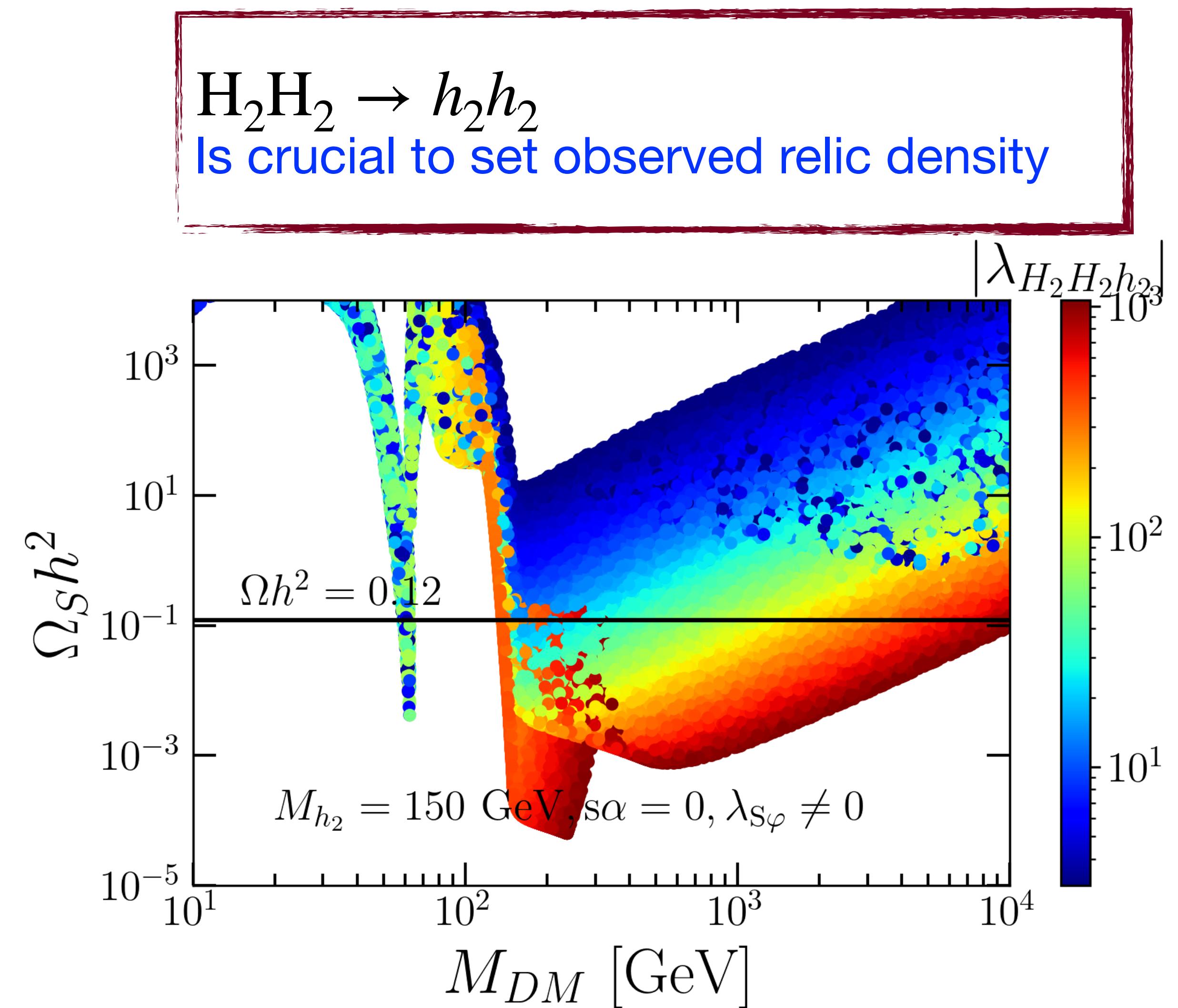
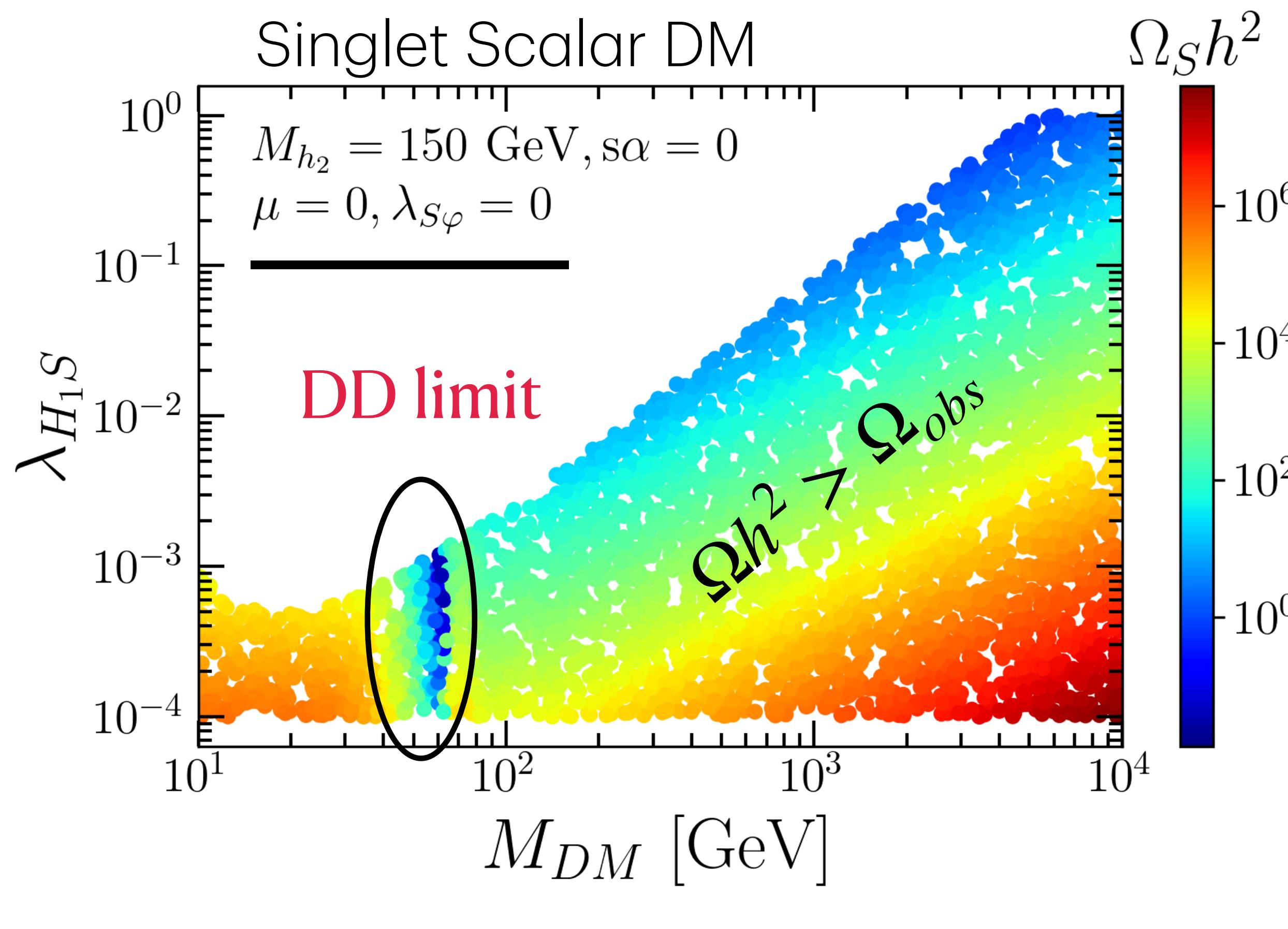
# Benchmark

**No mixing   Small mixing**

| Parameters               | Scenario I        | Scenario II                | Bi-Maximal                   | Maximal                               | Scenario IV              |
|--------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| $(m_{H_0}/\text{GeV})^2$ | $31623^2$         | $[1, 10^8]$                | $[1, 10^8]$                  | $[1, 10^8]$                           | $[1, 10^8]$              |
| $(m_S/\text{GeV})^2$     | $[1, 10^8]$       | $[10^{10}, 10^{20}]$       | $m_2^2$                      | $m_2^2$                               | $[1, 10^8]$              |
| $\kappa/\text{GeV}$      | 0                 | $-m_S$                     | $-[10^{-4}, 1]$              | $-[10^{-4}, 1]$                       | $[1, 10^6]$              |
| $\mu/\text{GeV}$         | $0(-1)$           | 0                          | 0                            | $[1, 10^4]$                           | $10^2$                   |
| $v_\varphi/\text{GeV}$   | 106               | $[10^2, 10^9]$             | $10^3$                       | $10^3$                                | $10^4$                   |
| $m_{h_2}/\text{GeV}$     | 150               | 150                        | 150                          | 150                                   | 150                      |
| $\lambda_2$              | 0                 | $[10^{-4}, 4\pi]$          | $[10^{-4}, 4\pi]$            | $[10^{-4}, 4\pi]$                     | $[10^{-4}, 4\pi]$        |
| $\lambda_S$              | 0                 | $[10^{-4}, 4\pi]$          | $[10^{-4}, 4\pi]$            | $[10^{-4}, 4\pi]$                     | $[10^{-4}, 4\pi]$        |
| $\lambda_{H_1\varphi}$   | 0                 | 0                          | 0                            | 0                                     | 0                        |
| $\lambda_{H_2S}$         | 0                 | $[10^{-4}, 4\pi]$          | $[10^{-4}, 4\pi]$            | $[10^{-4}, 4\pi]$                     | $[10^{-4}, 4\pi]$        |
| $\lambda_{H_1S}$         | $[10^{-4}, 1]$    | $[10^{-4}, 4\pi]$          | $[10^{-4}, 4\pi]$            | $[10^{-4}, 4\pi]$                     | $[10^{-4}, 4\pi]$        |
| $\lambda_4$              | -0.01             | $-[10^{-4}, 4\pi]$         | $-[10^{-6}, 4\pi]$           | $-[10^{-6}, 4\pi]$                    | $-[10^{-4}, 4\pi]$       |
| $\lambda_3$              | 0.1               | $[10^{-4}, 4\pi]$          | $\lambda_{H_1S} - \lambda_4$ | $\lambda_{H_1S} - \lambda_4$          | $[10^{-4}, 4\pi]$        |
| $\lambda'_{S\varphi}$    | 0                 | $[10^{-4}, 4\pi]$          | $[10^{-7}, 10^{-3}]$         | $[10^{-7}, 10^{-3}]$                  | $[10^{-4}, 4\pi]$        |
| $\kappa'/\text{GeV}$     | 0                 | $[0.005, 6.2 \times 10^9]$ | $[0.5 \times 10^{-4}, 0.5]$  | $[0.5 \times 10^{-4}, 0.5]$           | $[0.5, 6.2 \times 10^4]$ |
| $\lambda_{S\varphi}$     | $[10^{-2}, 4\pi]$ | $[10^{-4}, 4\pi]$          | $[10^{-4}, 1]$               | $[10^{-4}, 1]$                        | $[10^{-4}, 1]$           |
| $\lambda_{H_2\varphi}$   | $4\pi$            | $[10^{-4}, 4\pi]$          | $\lambda_{S\varphi}$         | $\lambda_{S\varphi} - 4\mu/v_\varphi$ | 0                        |

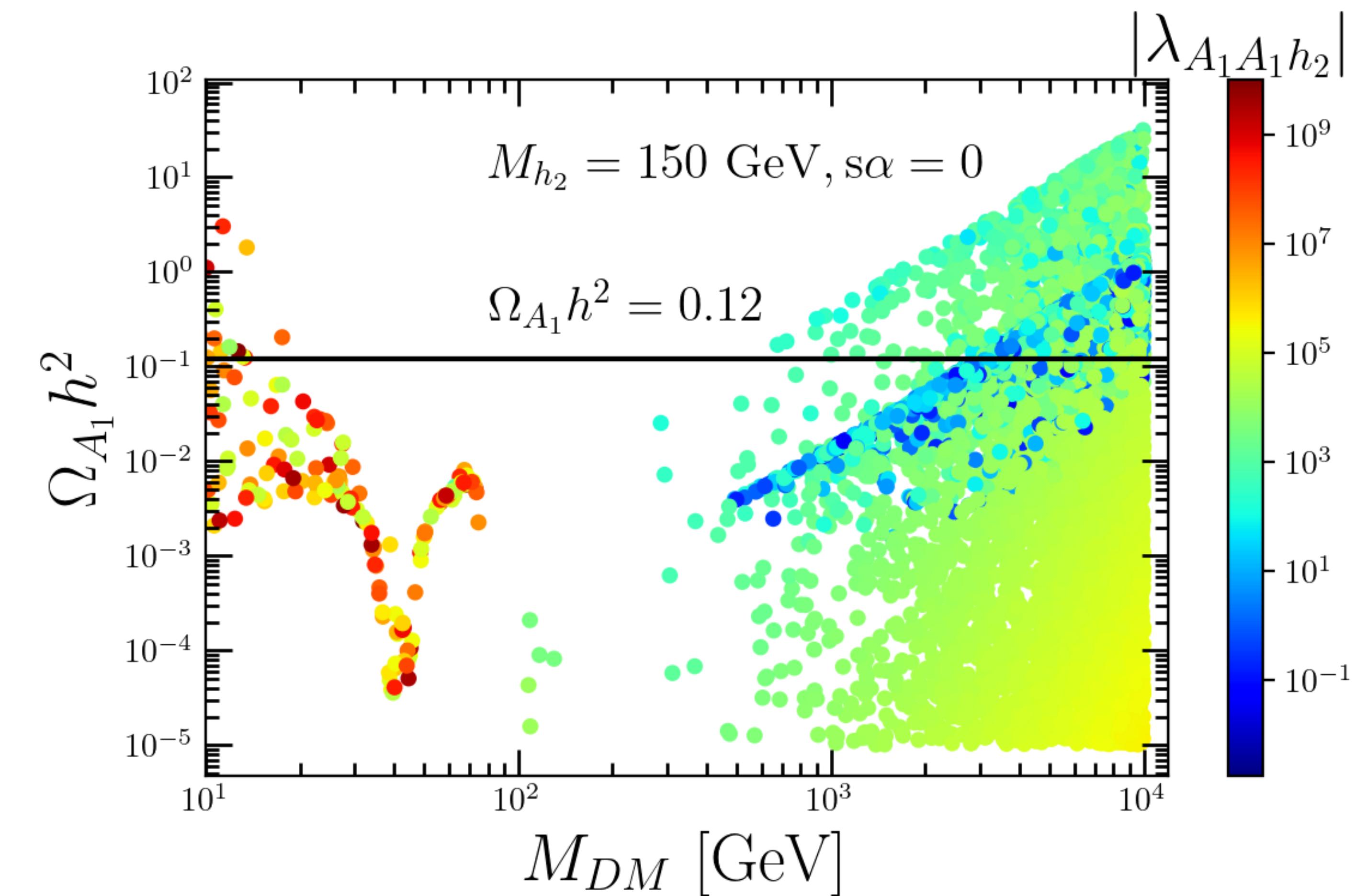
# Scenario-1

- ❖  $\kappa = \kappa' = 0$  ( no mixing b/w Dark Scalars)      Neutrino mass is zero
- ❖  $m_{H_2} < m_{A_2}, m_{A_2} < m_{H_1} = m_{A_1}$ :  
 $\rightarrow H_2$  is singlet like DM



# Scenario-II

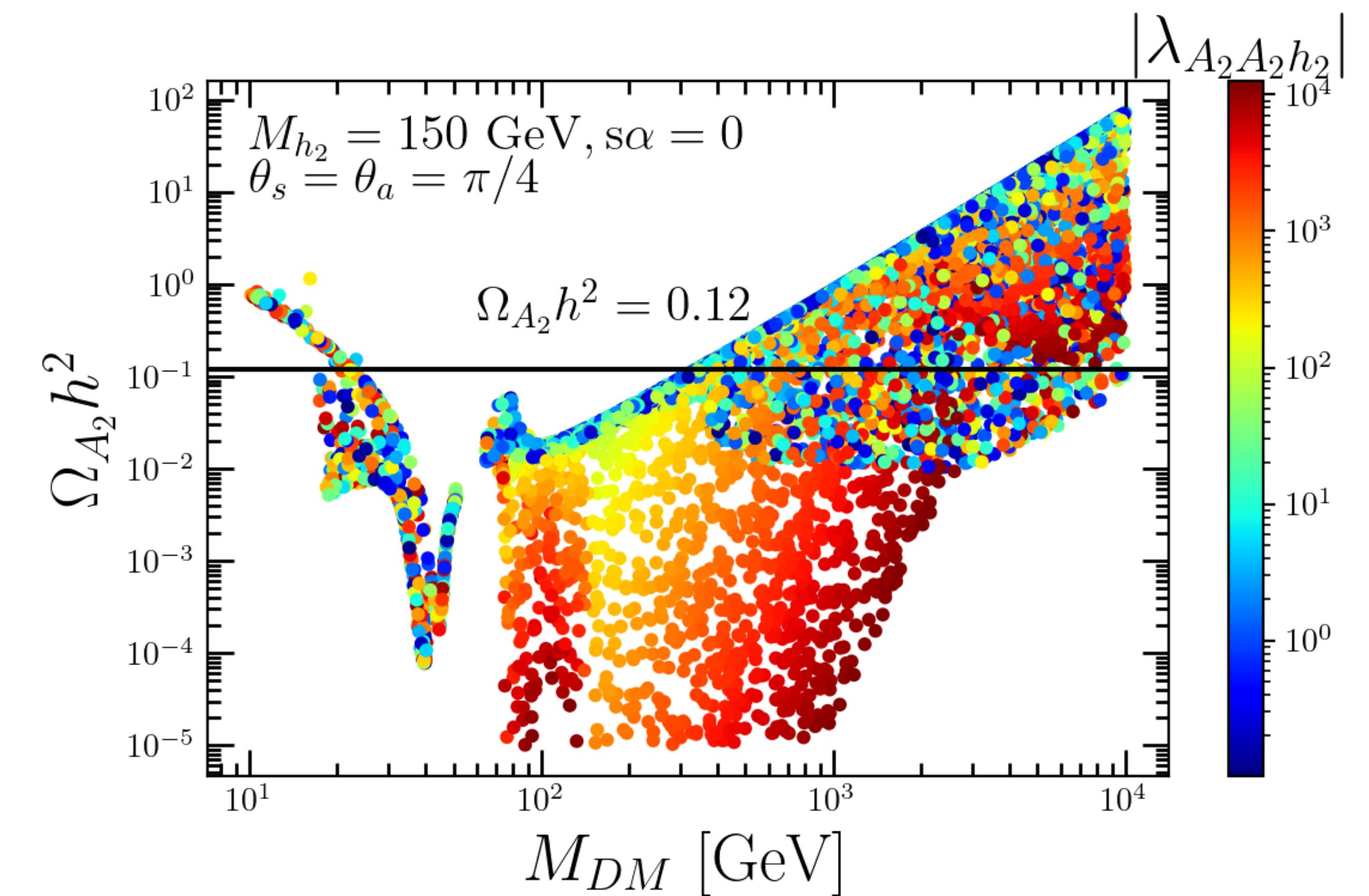
- ❖  $\kappa \neq \kappa' \neq 0$  ( small mixing b/w Dark Scalars)      Neutrino mass non-zero
- ❖  $m_{H_2}, m_{A_2} > m_{H_1} > m_{A_1}$ :  $\rightarrow A_1$  is doublet like DM
- ❖  $\lambda_{H_2\phi} = 0$ :  $\rightarrow$  Inert Doublet model
- ❖  $\lambda_{H_2\phi} \neq 0$ : Observed relic can be adjusted in the overabundance regime of IDM via additional channel  $A_1 A_1 \rightarrow h_2 h_2$ , which **opens up wider parameter space**



# Scenario-III

- ❖  $\theta_s$  and/or  $\theta_a = \pi/4$  ( Maximal mixing b/w Dark Scalars)      Neutrino mass non-zero
- ❖ for  $\theta_s = \theta_a = \pi/4 \rightarrow m_{H_0} = m_a = m_s$ , if  $\kappa\kappa' < 0$ ,  $\rightarrow A_2$  is mixed DM

$A_2A_2 \rightarrow h_2h_2$   
Can have dominant contribution to the  
annihilation cross section



# Summary

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- ❖ We proposed Z4 model to explain neutrino mass, Dark matter and Baryon Asymmetry.
- ❖ As a consequence of  $Z_4$  breaking, a small effective LNV interaction is generated which is crucial for neutrino mass generation at one-loop level.
- ❖ Presence Scalar  $\varphi$  gives additional DM annihilation modes, ID signal and opens up wider parameter space where DM relic can be adjusted to observed value.

Thank You!!