

# *Insights into Dark Matter and Baryogenesis from Binary Pulsar Data*

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# Motivation

- Baryogenesis and  $B$  violation
- Dark matter - baryon number coincidence puzzle ( $5\Omega_B \sim \Omega_{DM}$ )
- $N$ - $N$ bar oscillations

Basic Question: How can neutron stars constrain Baryogenesis models?

Can those constraints motivate complementary searches?

# Neutron Stars have lots of stuff

Nuclei +  $e^-$



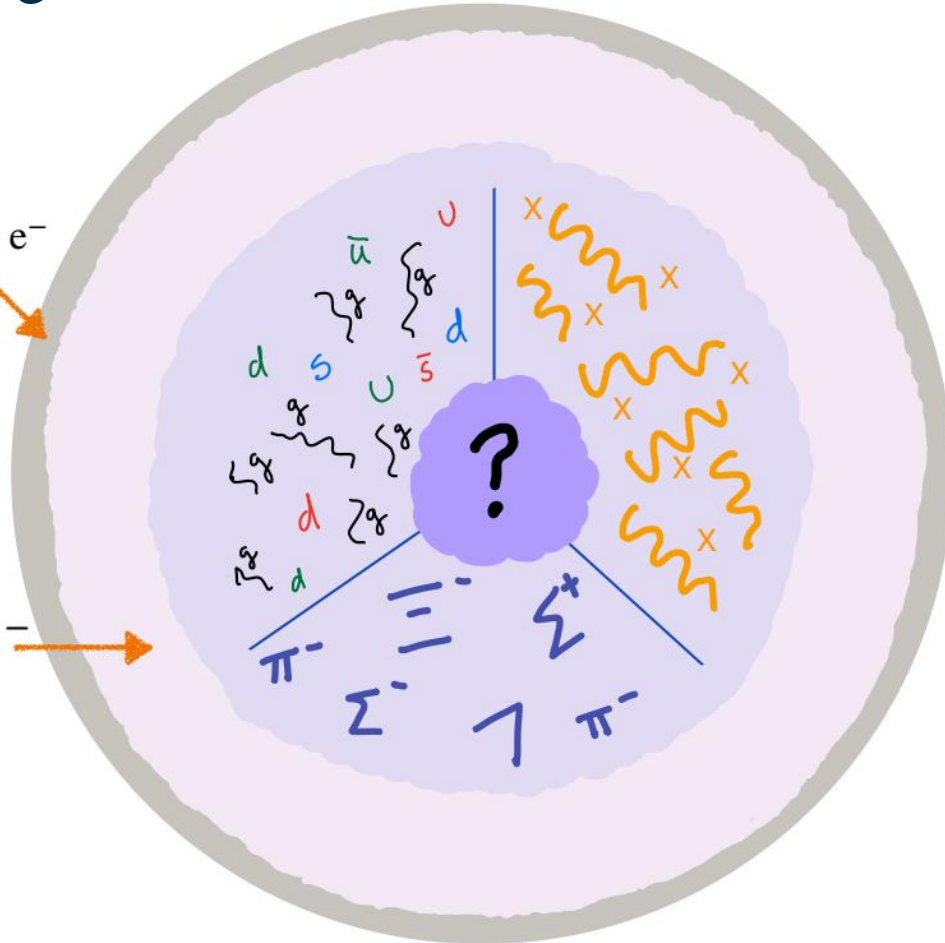
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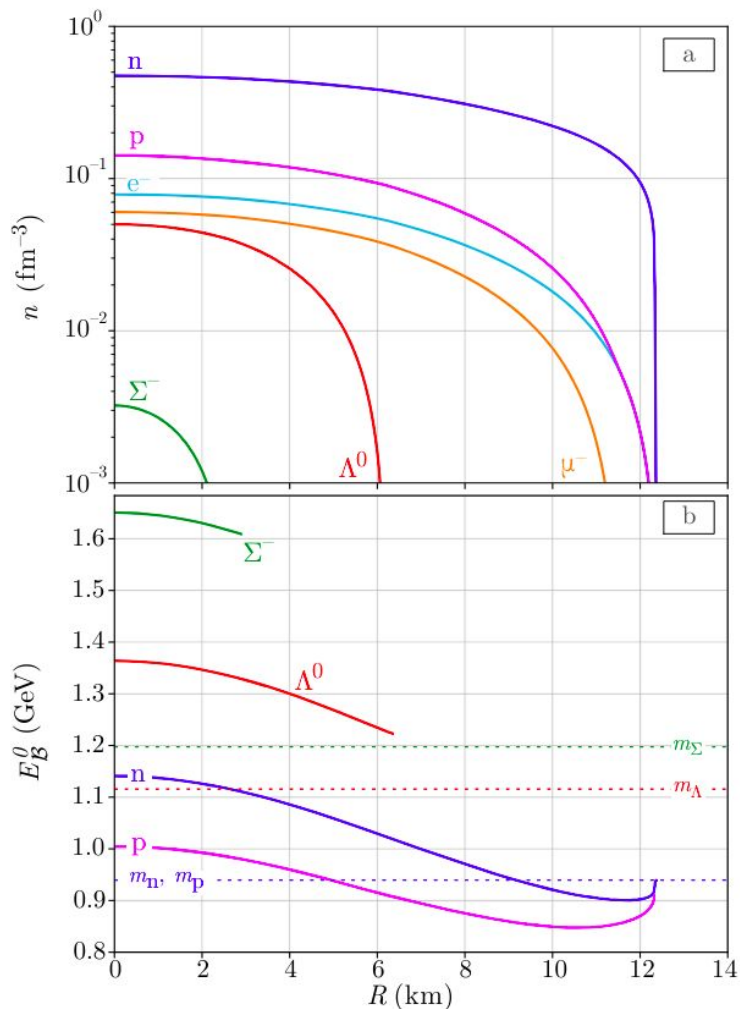
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$n, p, e^-, \mu^-$





## Neutron Star EoS Example: Hyperonic EoS

- We have a variety of hypothetical neutron star equations of state (EoS) with or without hyperons (“Hyperonic” / “Nucleonic”)
- The zero-point energy in the baryon rest frame is raised by scalar/vector meson VEVs in the dense nuclear matter (e.g. see 2305.13377)

# Our Model: A Majorana fermion + color-triplet scalar

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(suppressing color indices)

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See e.g.:

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- If  $X_{1,2}$  have CP-violating phases, baryon asymmetry can be explained after non-thermal production of  $X_{1,2}$
- If  $(m_p - m_e) < m_\psi < (m_p + m_e)$   $\psi$  can be the DM, proton stable
- $\lambda' = 0$  for  $i=j$
- $m_\psi \sim 1$  GeV
- $m_X \gtrsim 1$  TeV

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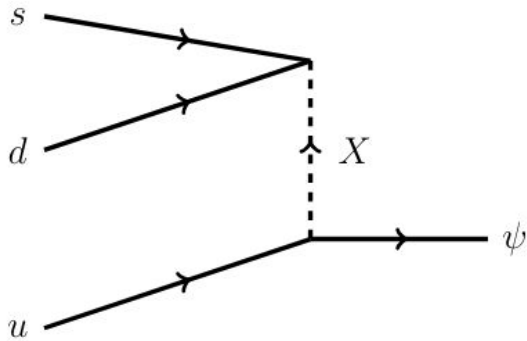
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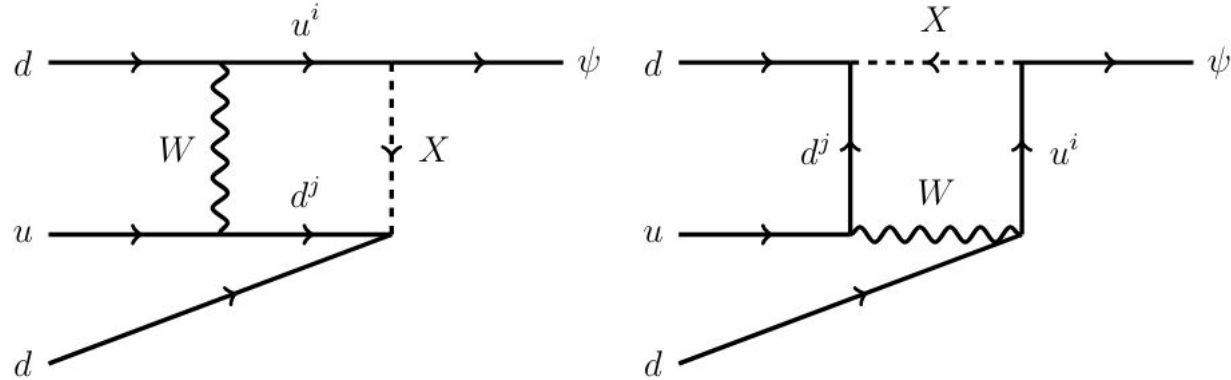
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# Generating a Baryon Mixing to $\psi$ ( $\Delta B=1$ )

$\Lambda \leftrightarrow \psi$  mixing



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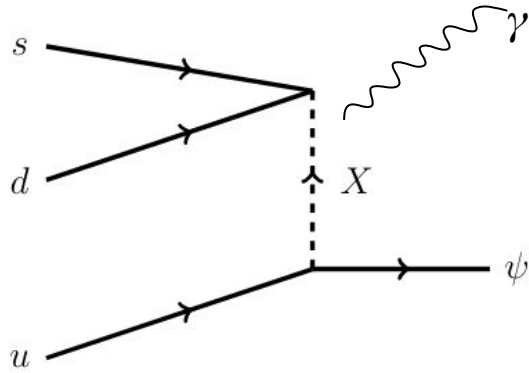


Baryon ( $n, \Lambda, \dots$ )  $\Leftrightarrow$  Dark Matter ( $\psi$ ) Mass Mixing

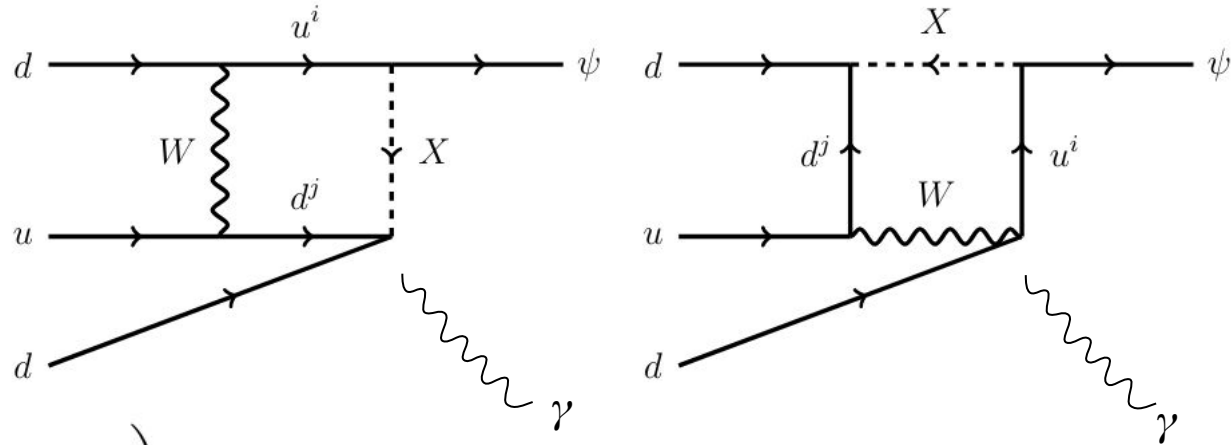
See also Fajfer, Susič [2010.08367](#) for example  
Alonso-Álvarez *et al* (2022) [[2111.12712](#)]

# Decays of the Baryons to $\psi$ and a Photon ( $\Delta B=1$ )

$\Lambda \rightarrow \psi \gamma$  decay at tree level



$n \rightarrow \psi \gamma$  decay at loop level



$$\mathcal{L} = \bar{\mathcal{B}} \left( i\not{\partial} - \not{Z}_{\mathcal{B}} - m_{\mathcal{B}}^* + \frac{g_{\mathcal{B}e}}{8m_{\mathcal{B}}^*} \sigma^{\alpha\beta} F_{\alpha\beta} \right) \mathcal{B} + \bar{\psi} (i\not{\partial} - m_{\psi}) \psi - \varepsilon_{\mathcal{B}\psi} (\bar{\mathcal{B}} P_L \psi + \bar{\psi} P_R \mathcal{B}) .$$

$$\varepsilon_{\Lambda\psi}^{\text{tree}} = \beta \frac{\lambda_1 \lambda'_{12}}{\sqrt{6} m_X^2} .$$

$$\varepsilon_{n\psi} = \frac{G_F \gamma_n^L}{\sqrt{2} 4\pi^2 m_W^2} \sum_i \sum_{j \neq 1} \lambda_i \lambda'_{1j} V_{i1} V_{1j}^* m_{d_j} m_{u_i} F(x_{d_j}, x_{u_i}, x_X)$$



# Operator Matching to the ChiPT Lagrangian (*d-s-u* coupling)

New physics spurion

$$O_{ij} \equiv \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{jkl} (q_k q_l) (q_i \psi) \iff \mathcal{L}_6 = \text{Tr}[\hat{C}^R O]$$

$$u = e^{i\Phi}/f_\pi$$



$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff,ChPT}}^{(0)} = \beta \text{Tr}[\hat{C}^R u^\dagger B_R \psi u]$$

Meson Octet

Baryon Octet



**Expand in  $1/f_\pi$**

$$\Phi = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\pi^0}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{\eta_8}{\sqrt{6}} & \pi^+ & K^+ \\ \pi^- & -\frac{\pi^0}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{\eta_8}{\sqrt{6}} & K^0 \\ K^- & \bar{K}^0 & -\frac{2\eta_8}{\sqrt{6}} \end{pmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\Lambda^0}{\sqrt{6}} + \frac{\Sigma^0}{\sqrt{2}} & \Sigma^+ & p \\ \Sigma^- & \frac{\Lambda^0}{\sqrt{6}} - \frac{\Sigma^0}{\sqrt{2}} & n \\ \Xi^- & \Xi^0 & -\frac{2\Lambda^0}{\sqrt{6}} \end{pmatrix}$$

Claudson, Wise,  
Hall, 1981

# The new physics spurion terms

Integrating out  $X$  and matching the operator  $dsu\psi$  gives rise to the spurion  $C^R$ :

$$\hat{C}^R[(ds)u] = \frac{\lambda'_{12}\lambda_1}{m_X^2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

For the higher generational couplings, the spurion term depends on a loop factor and CKM matrix elements:

$$\hat{C}^R[(ds)u] = \frac{G_F\sqrt{3}}{8\pi^2 m_W^2} \sum_{i,j \neq 1, l \neq k} \lambda_i \lambda'_{kj} V_{il} V_{1j}^* m_{d_j} m_{u_i} F(x_{d_j}, x_{u_i}, x_X) \times \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

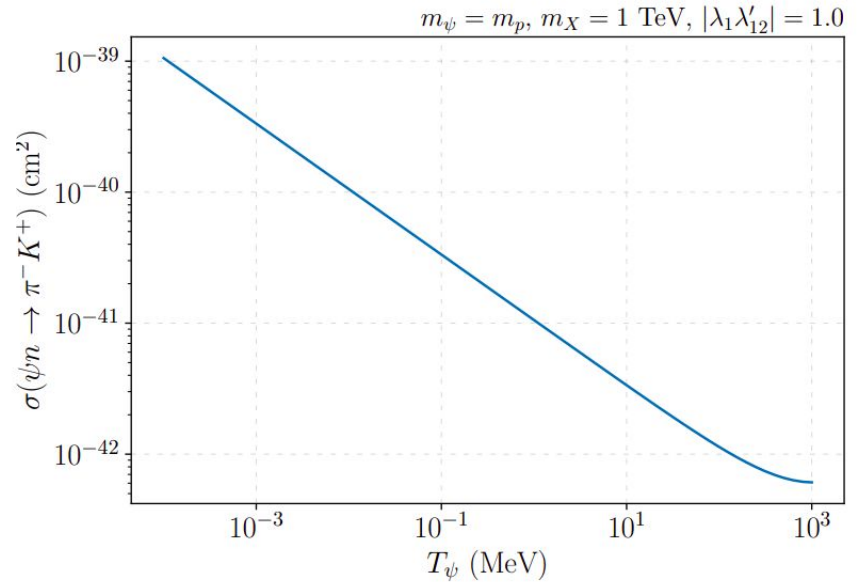
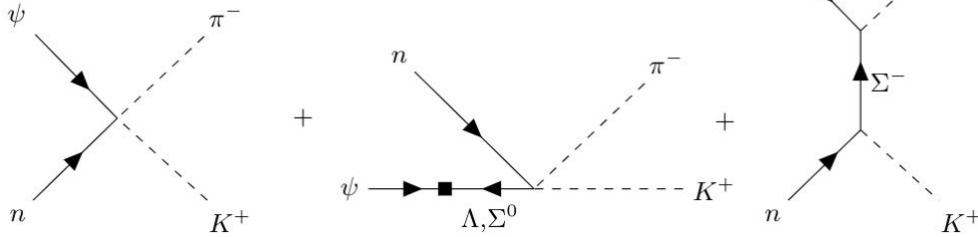
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# “Induced Nucleon Decay”

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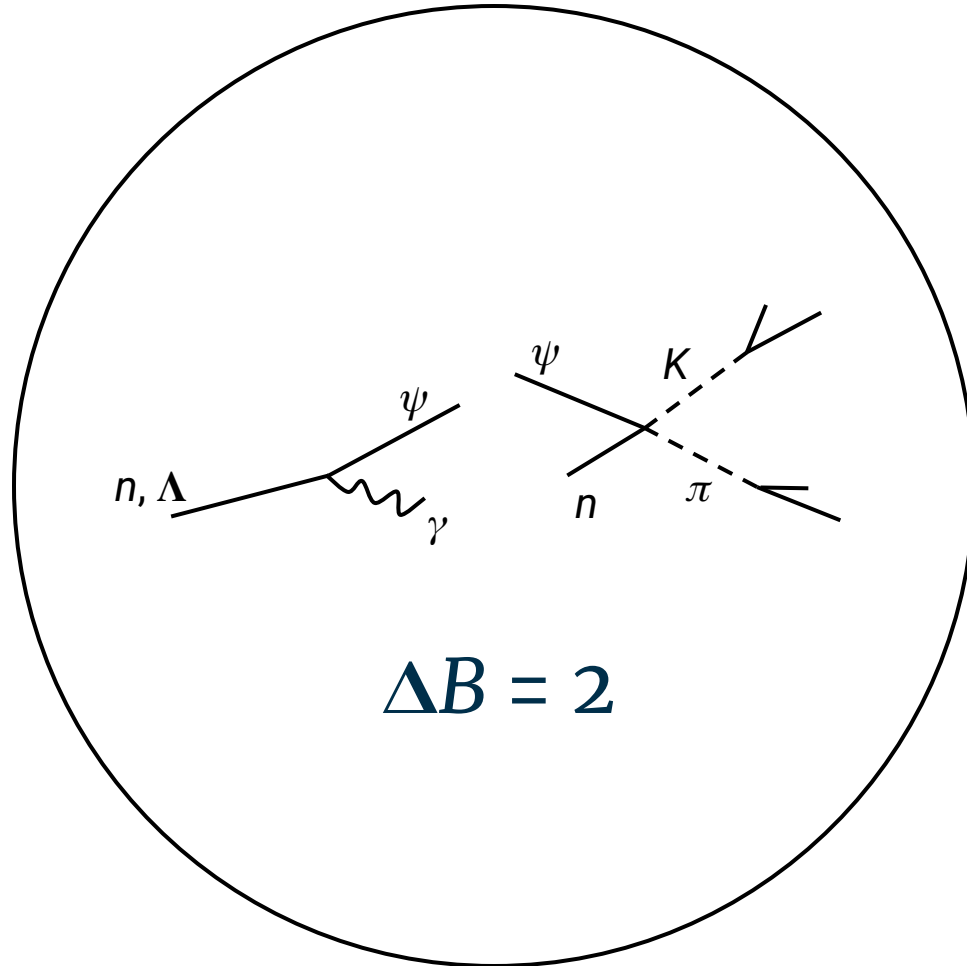


$$\mathcal{L}_{\phi B}^{(1)} = \frac{D}{2} \text{Tr}(\bar{B} \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 \{u_\mu, B\}) + \frac{F}{2} \text{Tr}(\bar{B} \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 [u_\mu, B])$$



See e.g. Davoudiasl *et al* (2011)  
Alonso-Álvarez *et al* (2022)

Neutron Star



# Several ways baryon loss can be constrained in the NS

Mass Loss in Neutron Star (Pulsar) Binary Systems, e.g. [\[2201.02637\]](#) 

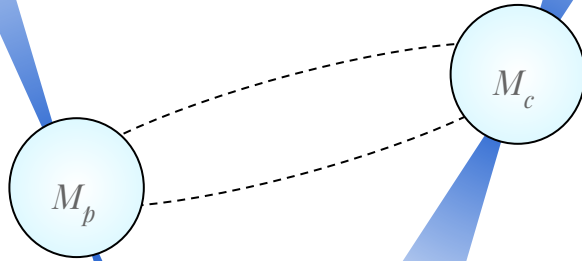
Perturb the Equation of State (EoS) and lower the NS mass limit, e.g. [\[1802.08244\]](#)

Heating of the Neutron Star, e.g. [\[2405.18472\]](#), [\[2407.03450\]](#)

etc...

# Impact of $\Delta B$ processes on Binary Pulsars

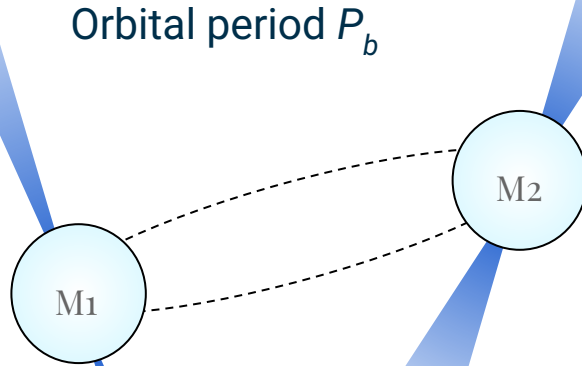
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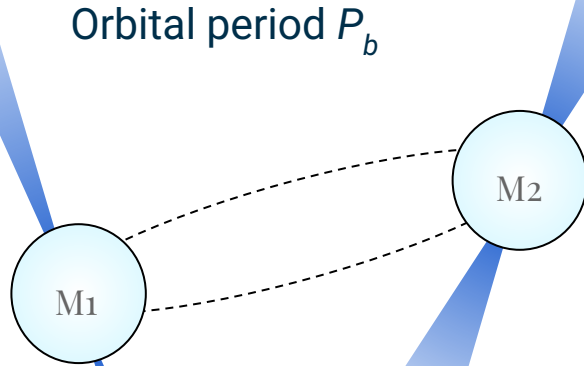


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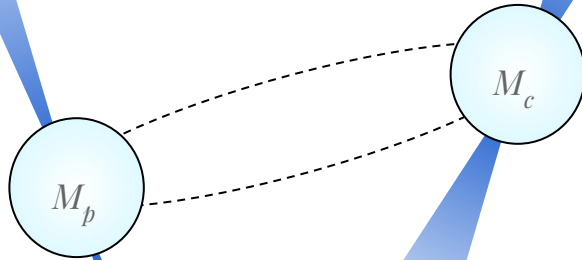
$$\left( \frac{\dot{P}_b}{P_b} \right)^{\text{obs}} = \underbrace{\left( \frac{\dot{P}_b}{P_b} \right)^{\text{GR}} + \left( \frac{\dot{P}_b}{P_b} \right)^{\dot{E}}}_{\text{intrinsic}} + \left( \frac{\dot{P}_b}{P_b} \right)^{\text{ext}}$$

Relative rate of orbital period decay

BNV perturbs the energy loss term



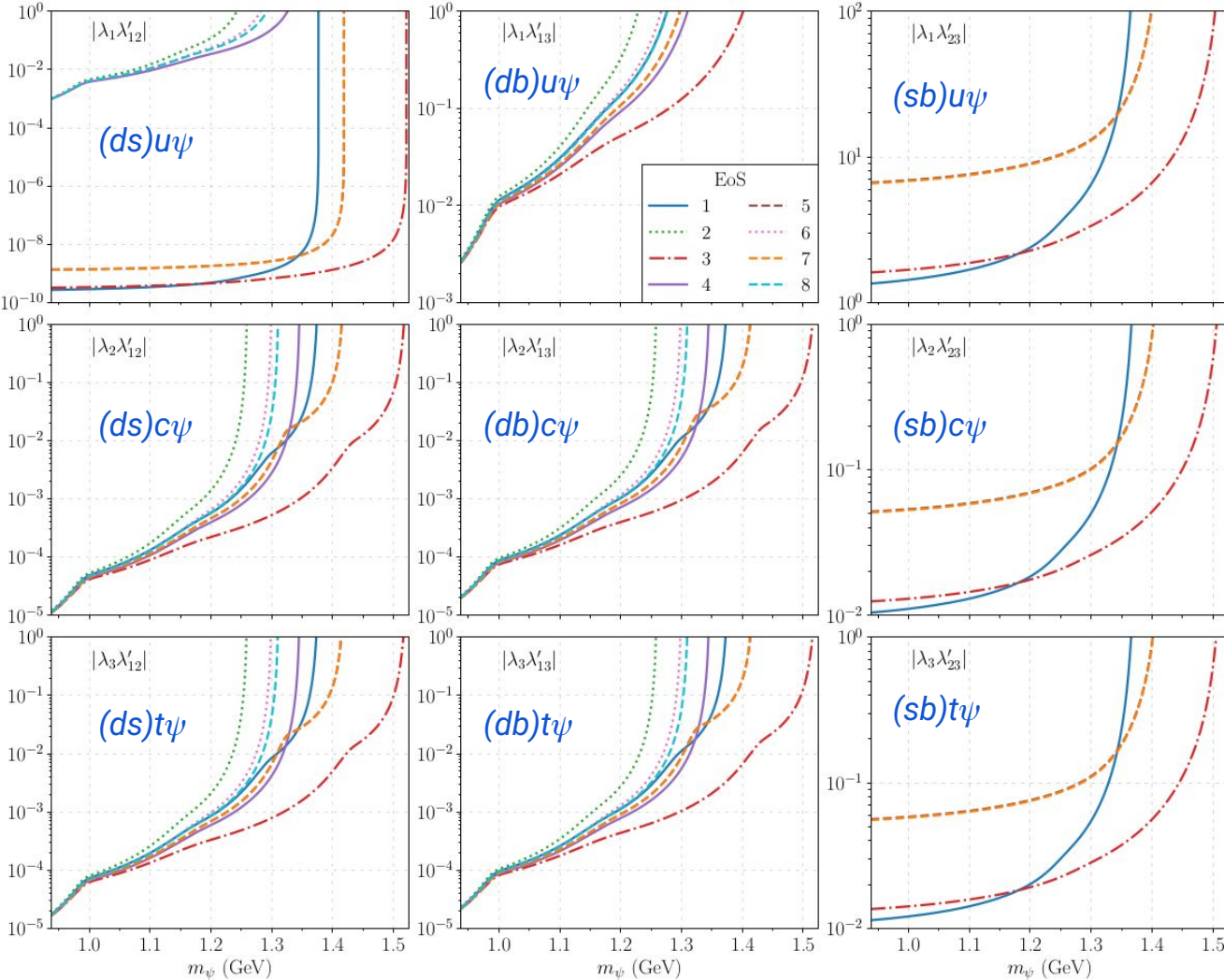
# Systems in this study



White dwarf / pulsar binaries

Double pulsar

Name	J0348+0432	J1614-2230	J0737-3039A/B
$M_p (M_\odot)$	2.01(4)	1.908(16)	1.338 185(+12, -14) [A]
$M_c (M_\odot)$	0.172(3)	0.493(3)	1.248 868(+13, -11) [B]
$ \dot{B}/B _{2\sigma} (\text{yr}^{-1})$	$1.8 \times 10^{-10}$	$2.0 \times 10^{-11}$	$4.0 \times 10^{-13}$



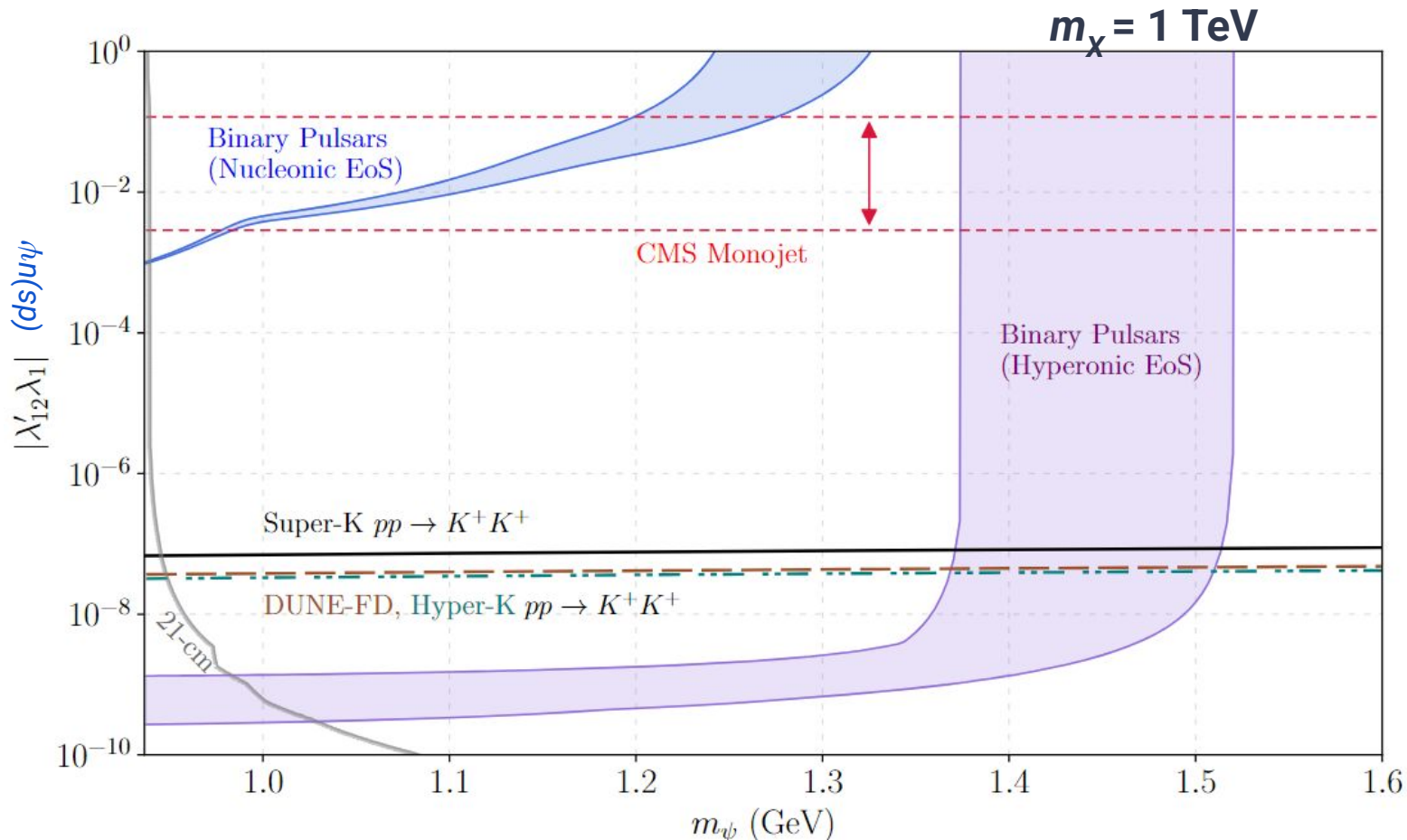
- We looked at constraints on the coupling product

$$|\lambda_k \lambda'_{ij}|$$

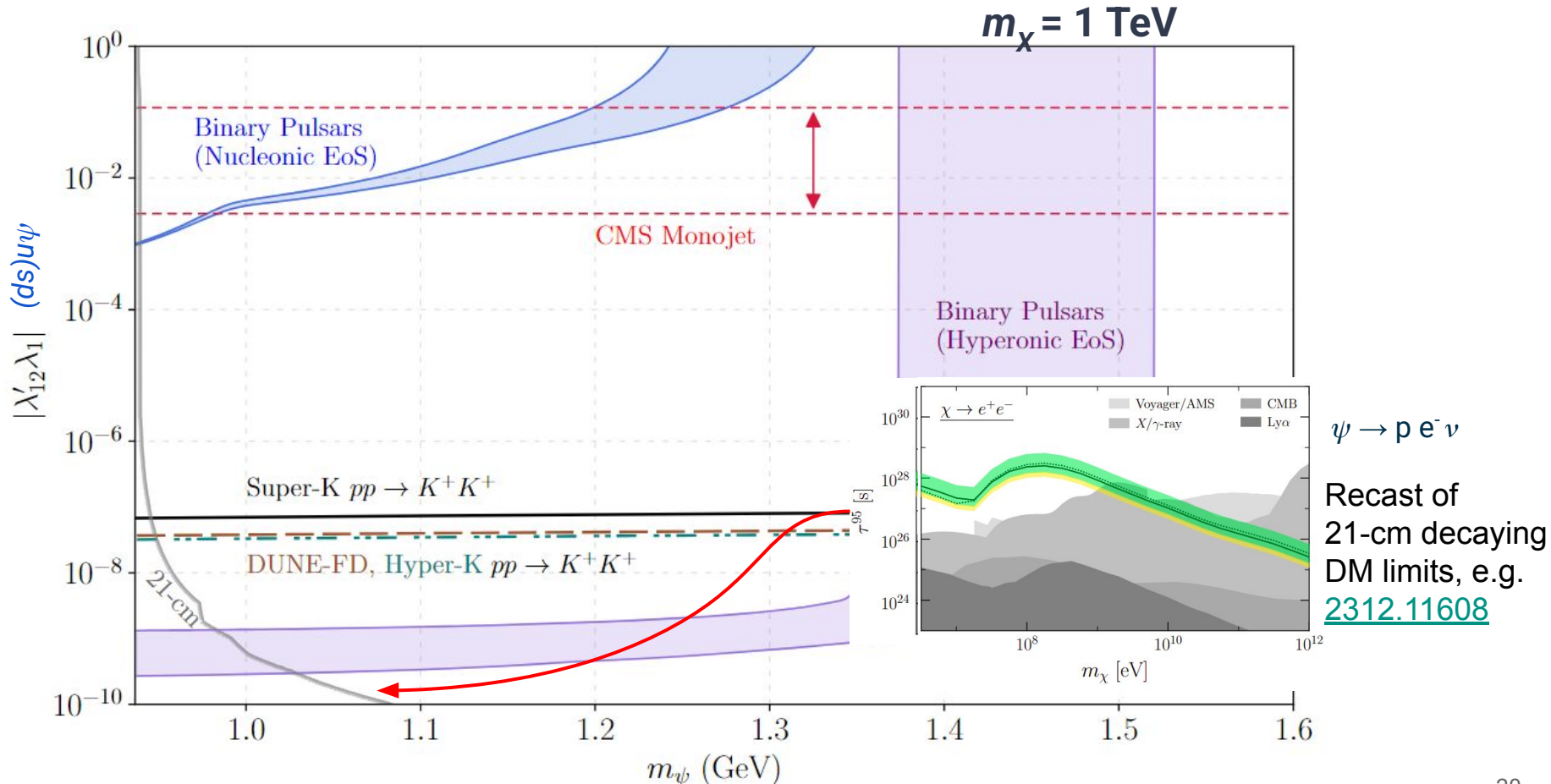
- We find stringent constraints from binary pulsars down to the  $10^{-5}$  level (nucleonic Equation of State or EoS)
- Potentially as low as  $10^{-9}$  if we have hyperonic EoS!

$$m_x = 1 \text{ TeV}$$

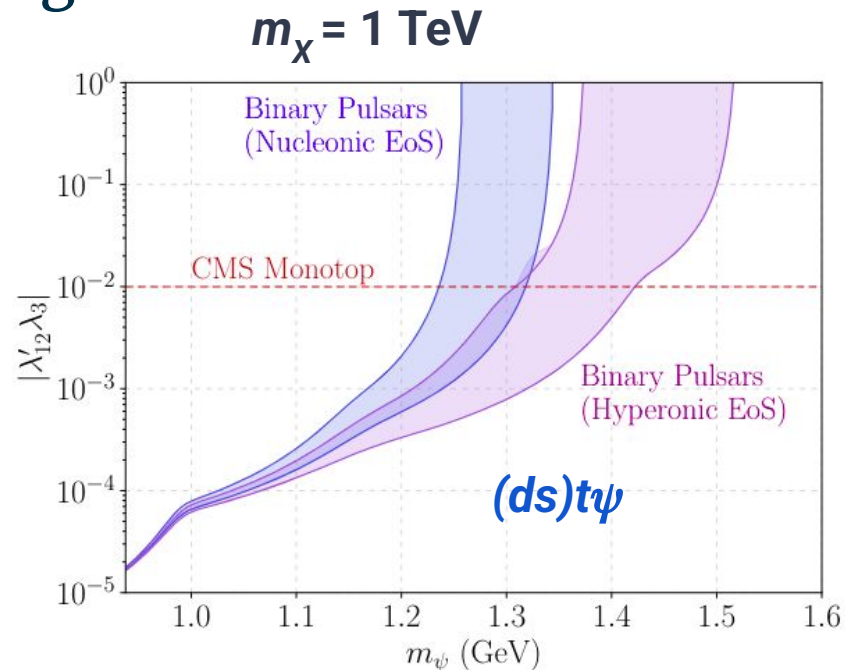
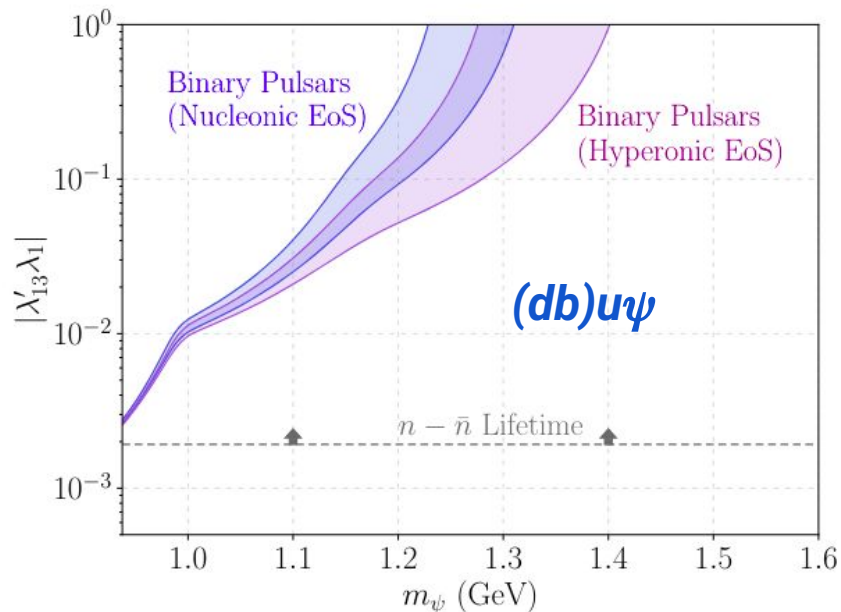
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# Other Flavor Combination Couplings



$$\mathcal{L}_{n\bar{n}} = \frac{(\lambda'_{1j})^2 \lambda_1}{m_X^2} [\psi^\dagger u_R] [d_R^T (i\sigma_2) d_R^j] [d_R^T (i\sigma_2) d_R^j]^\dagger, \quad \Gamma_{n\bar{n}} \simeq \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^6 \frac{\lambda_1^2 (\lambda'_{1j})^4 m_\psi}{16\pi^2 m_X^6} \ln \left( \frac{m_X^2}{m_\psi^2} \right)$$

(Dev, Mohapatra 2015)

# What about dark matter laboratory searches?

$\psi$  can be the dark matter if:

$$m_p - m_e < m_\psi < m_p + m_e$$

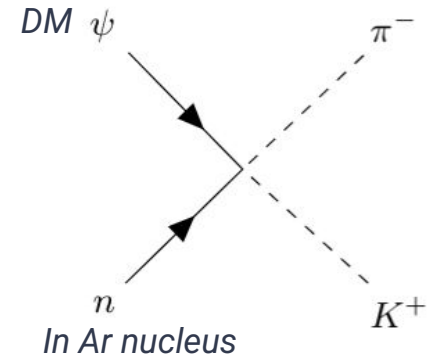
Consider the Earth-captured ambient DM flux through a large detector:

$$f_\psi(\vec{v}) = \frac{1}{N_{\text{esc}} \pi^{3/2} v_0^3} \exp\left(-\frac{(\vec{v} + \vec{v}_\oplus)^2}{v_0^2}\right) \Theta(v_{\text{esc}} - |\vec{v} + \vec{v}_\oplus|)$$

Then look for  $\psi n \rightarrow \pi^- K^+$  in the detector

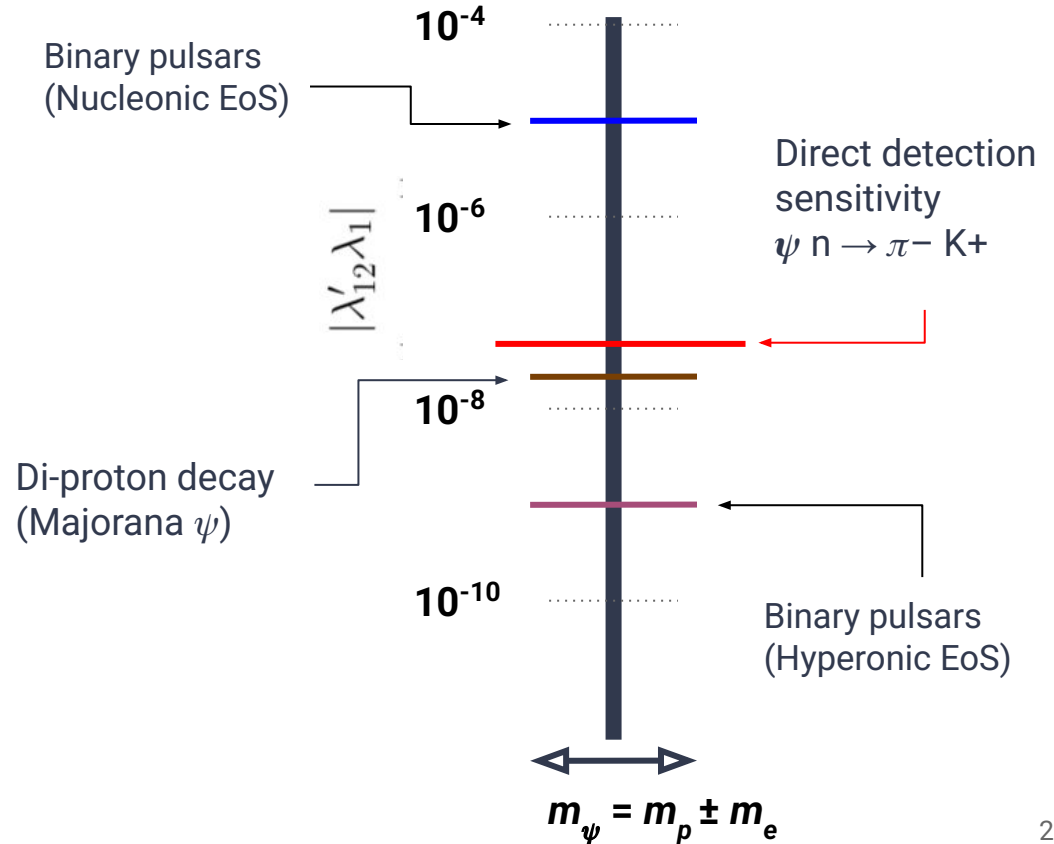
E.g. DUNE Far Detector (FD):

$$|\lambda_1 \lambda'_{12}| > 2.69 \times 10^{-7} \left(\frac{m_X}{\text{TeV}}\right)^2 \quad \text{DUNE-FD sensitivity to DM, 90\% CL}$$



# What about dark matter laboratory searches?

- Alternatively,  $\psi$  could be Dirac with  $B=+1$  and assign  $B=-\frac{2}{3}$  for the heavy  $X$  mediator
- In this case,  $B$  is conserved...but hidden away in the dark sector
- For Dirac  $\psi$ , the di-proton decay channel vanishes



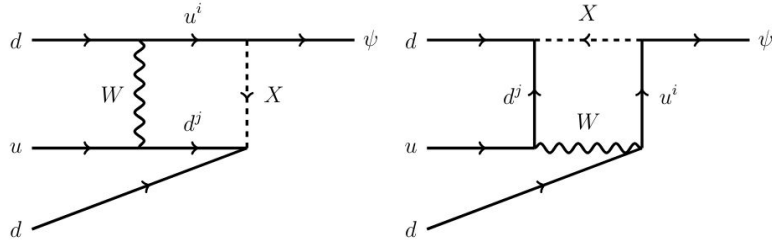
# Outlook

- Neutron stars are extremely sensitive probes of baryon number violation; sensitive to TeV scale mediators
- Hyperonic/Nucleonic EoS can have very different impact
- Laboratory probes (colliders, rare decay searches,  $n\bar{n}$  etc..) probe complementary parts of the parameter space
- Thank you!



# *Backup Deck*

# Example: Neutron Decay Rate in the Nuclear Matter Frame



$$\gamma_n^L P_R u_n \equiv \langle 0 | [\epsilon_{\alpha\beta\gamma} u^{\alpha T} C P_L d^\beta] [P_R d^\gamma] | n \rangle$$

In the nuclear matter frame:

$$\frac{dn_{\mathcal{B}}}{d\tau} = -\frac{\varepsilon_{B\psi}^2 g_{\mathcal{B}}^2 e^2}{128\pi^3} (m_{\mathcal{B}}^*)^2 \int_1^{x_F} dx \sqrt{x^2 - 1} \times \frac{1 + 2x\sigma + \sigma^2 - \mu^2}{(1 + 2x\sigma + \sigma^2)^2} \\ \times [(1 + 2x\sigma + \sigma^2)(1 + x\sigma + 2\mu) + \mu^2(1 + x\sigma)]$$

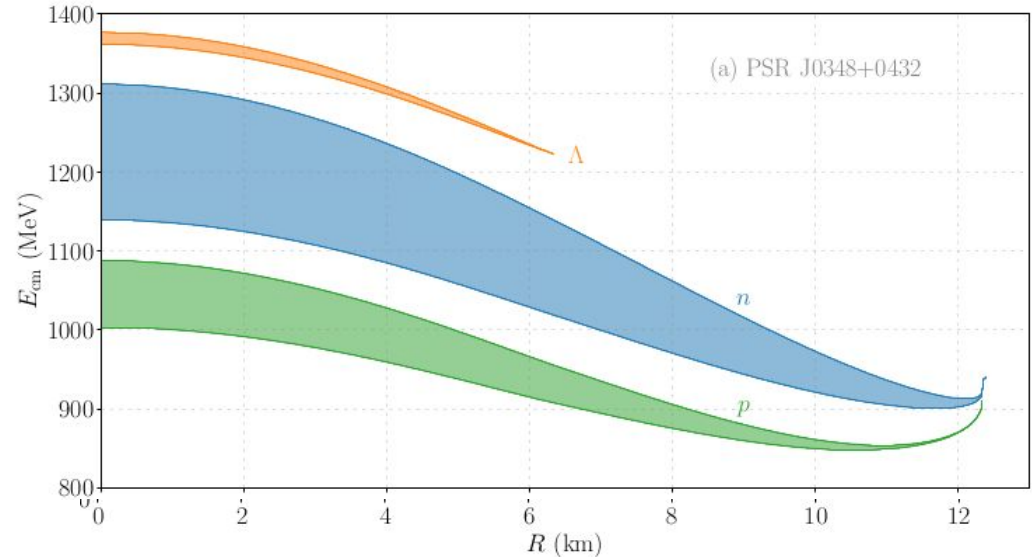
$$x \equiv \frac{E_{\mathcal{B}}^{*(\text{n.m.})}}{m_{\mathcal{B}}^*}, \quad x_F \equiv \frac{E_{F,\mathcal{B}}^{*(\text{n.m.})}}{m_{\mathcal{B}}^*}, \quad \sigma \equiv \frac{\Sigma_{\mathcal{B}}^{(\text{n.m.}),0}}{m_{\mathcal{B}}^*}, \quad \mu \equiv \frac{m_\psi}{m_{\mathcal{B}}^*}$$

# Enhancement of the Baryon CM Energy in Dense Matter

Vector meson self-energy  
↓

$$k^{*\mu} \equiv k^\mu - \Sigma^\mu = \left\{ E^*(k^*), \vec{k} - \vec{\Sigma} \right\}$$

- In the dense nuclear matter, baryons get a kinetic mass which lifts the available energy in the CM frame
- This allows us to probe decays that would otherwise be kinematically forbidden in vacuum!
  - → We can decay to  $\psi$  with masses up to  $\sim 1.5$  GeV

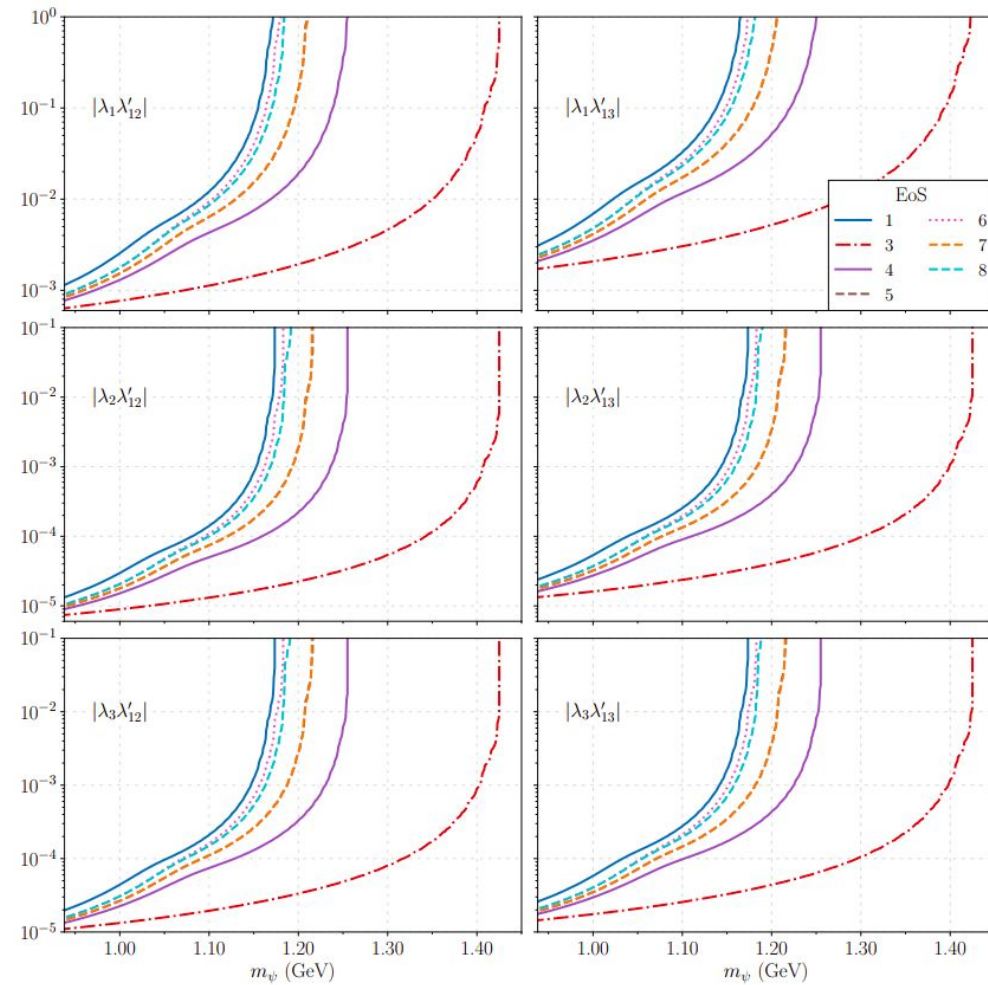


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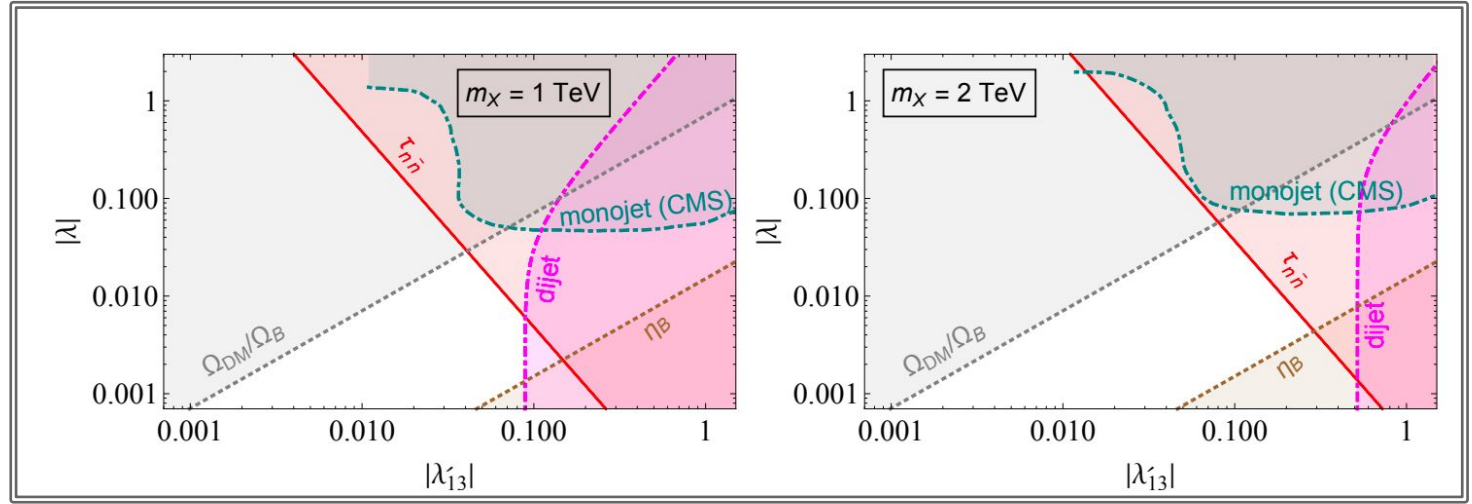
$$W_{n0}^{L,\text{pole}}(q^{*2}) = \left( \frac{-\beta b_n}{f} \right) \frac{q^{*2} + m_n^{*2}}{m_n^{*2} - q^{*2}} - \frac{\beta}{f} c_n,$$

$$W_{n1}^{L,\text{pole}}(q^{*2}) = \left( \frac{-\beta b_n}{f} \right) \frac{2m_n^*}{m_n^{*2} - q^{*2}},$$



# Baryogenesis Parameter Space

From [\[1712.02713\]](#)



$$\epsilon_\alpha = \frac{1}{8\pi} \frac{\sum_{ijk} \text{Im}(\lambda_{\alpha k}^* \lambda_{\beta k} \lambda'_{\alpha ij} \lambda'_{\beta ij})}{\sum_i |\lambda_{\alpha i}|^2 + \sum_{ij} |\lambda'_{\alpha ij}|^2} \times \frac{(m_{X_\alpha}^2 - m_{X_\beta}^2) m_{X_\alpha} m_{X_\beta}}{(m_{X_\alpha}^2 - m_{X_\beta}^2)^2 + m_{X_\alpha}^2 \Gamma_{X_\beta}^2}$$

# Expansion of the ChiPT New Physics Lagrangian: Zeroth order

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**Zeroth order expansion:**



$$u^\dagger \simeq 1 - i\frac{\phi}{2f_\pi} - \frac{\phi^\dagger \phi}{8f_\pi^2}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff,ChPT}}^{(0)} = \beta \frac{\lambda_1 \lambda'_{12}}{m_X^2} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \bar{\psi}^c P_R \Lambda + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \bar{\psi}^c P_R \Sigma^0 + \text{h.c.} \right) + \mathcal{O}(1/f_\pi)$$

# Expansion of the ChiPT New Physics Lagrangian: First order in $1/f_\pi$

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$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff,ChPT}}^{(0)} \supset \frac{\beta}{f_\pi} \frac{\lambda_1 \lambda'_{12}}{m_X^2} \left( \frac{iK^- \bar{\psi}^c P_R p}{\sqrt{2}} - \frac{iK^+ \bar{\psi}^c P_R \Xi^-}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{i\pi^- \bar{\psi}^c P_R \Sigma^+}{\sqrt{2}} - \frac{i\pi^+ \bar{\psi}^c P_R \Sigma^-}{\sqrt{2}} + \text{h.c.} \right)$$

# Expansion of the ChiPT New Physics Lagrangian: Second order in $1/f_\pi^2$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff,ChPT}}^{(0)} = \beta \text{Tr}[\hat{C}^R u^\dagger B_R \psi u]$$

$$b_R^\dagger [-i\sigma^2] \psi_R^* = \bar{b} P_L \psi^c \text{ and } u = e^{i\Phi/f_\pi}$$

$$u^\dagger \simeq 1 - i \frac{\phi}{2f_\pi} - \frac{\phi^\dagger \phi}{8f_\pi^2}$$

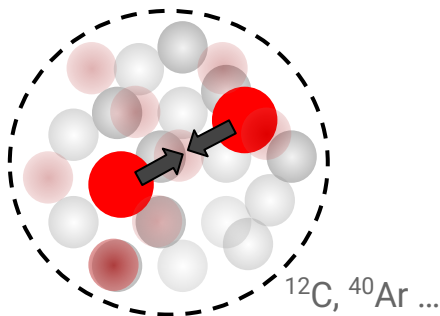
**Second order expansion:**

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{\text{eff,ChPT}}^{(0)} \supset & \frac{\beta}{f_\pi^2} \frac{\lambda_1 \lambda'_{12}}{m_X^2} \left( -\sqrt{\frac{3}{8}} K^- K^+ \bar{\psi}^c P_R \Lambda - \frac{K^- K^+ \bar{\psi}^c P_R \Sigma^0}{2\sqrt{2}} + \frac{\pi^+ K^- \bar{\psi}^c P_R n}{2} + \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} \frac{\eta^8 K^- \bar{\psi}^c P_R p}{4} + \frac{\pi^0 K^- \bar{\psi}^c P_R p}{4\sqrt{2}} \right. \\ & + \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} \frac{\eta^8 K^+ \bar{\psi}^c P_R \Xi^-}{4} + \frac{\pi^- K^+ \bar{\psi}^c P_R \Xi^0}{2} + \frac{\pi^0 K^+ \bar{\psi}^c P_R \Xi^-}{4\sqrt{2}} - \frac{K^0 \pi^+ \bar{\psi}^c P_R \Xi^-}{4F^2} \\ & + \frac{\pi^0 \pi^- \bar{\psi}^c P_R \Sigma^+}{2\sqrt{2}} + \frac{\pi^0 \pi^+ \bar{\psi}^c P_R \Sigma^-}{2\sqrt{2}} - \frac{K^+ \bar{K}^0 \bar{\psi}^c P_R \Sigma^-}{4} - \frac{\pi^- \bar{K}^0 \bar{\psi}^c P_R p}{4} \\ & \left. - \frac{K^0 K^- \bar{\psi}^c P_R \Sigma^+}{4} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \pi^- \pi^+ \bar{\psi}^c P_R \Sigma^0 + \text{h.c.} \right) + \mathcal{O}(1/f_\pi^3) \end{aligned}$$

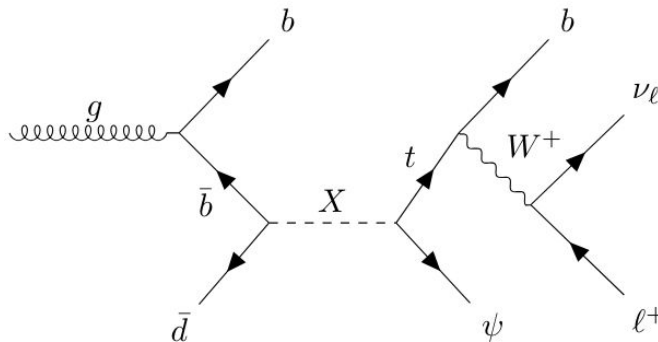


# Laboratory Probes

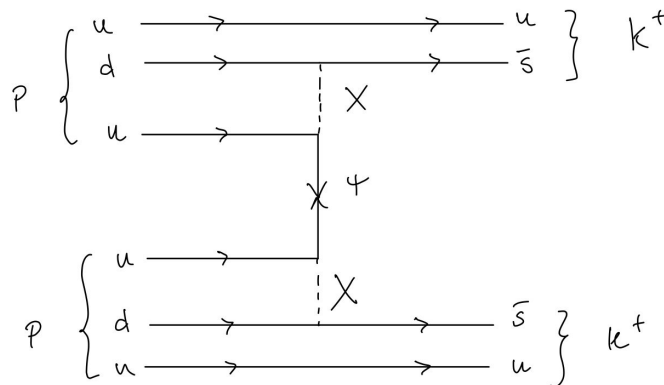
- Collider searches:
  - Monotop, Monojet, and missing energy searches
- BES-III, LHCb: see [2111.12712]
- Di-nucleon decay searches:
  - Super-K: large volume search for spontaneous di-proton decay
  - DUNE-FD, Hyper-K



See [2404.14844]



$$\tau(pp \rightarrow K^+ K^+) = \frac{8}{\pi} (\lambda_1 \lambda'_{12})^4 \frac{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^{10} \rho_N}{m_p^2 m_\psi^2 m_X^8}$$



# Possibility of dark sector states escaping the star?

