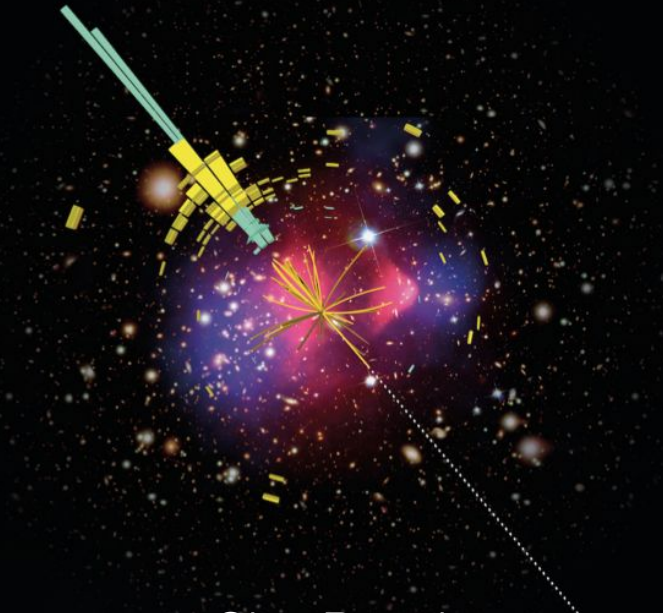
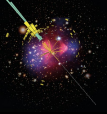


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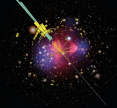
Oleg Brandt  
for the LHC DM WG organisers





# LHC Dark Matter Working Group:

- Raison d'être & rôle:
  - Coordinate discussion about DM searches at the LHC between theory and experiment
  - Provide advice about searches & parameter spaces of simplified models
  - Defining benchmark models and interpretations for DM searches
  - Facilitate collaboration across the LHC experiments and theory
  - Open and topical meetings, with  $O(100)$  interested physicists participating
  - Facilitate development of higher-precision calculations for backgrounds
  - Interface to direct and indirect detection communities



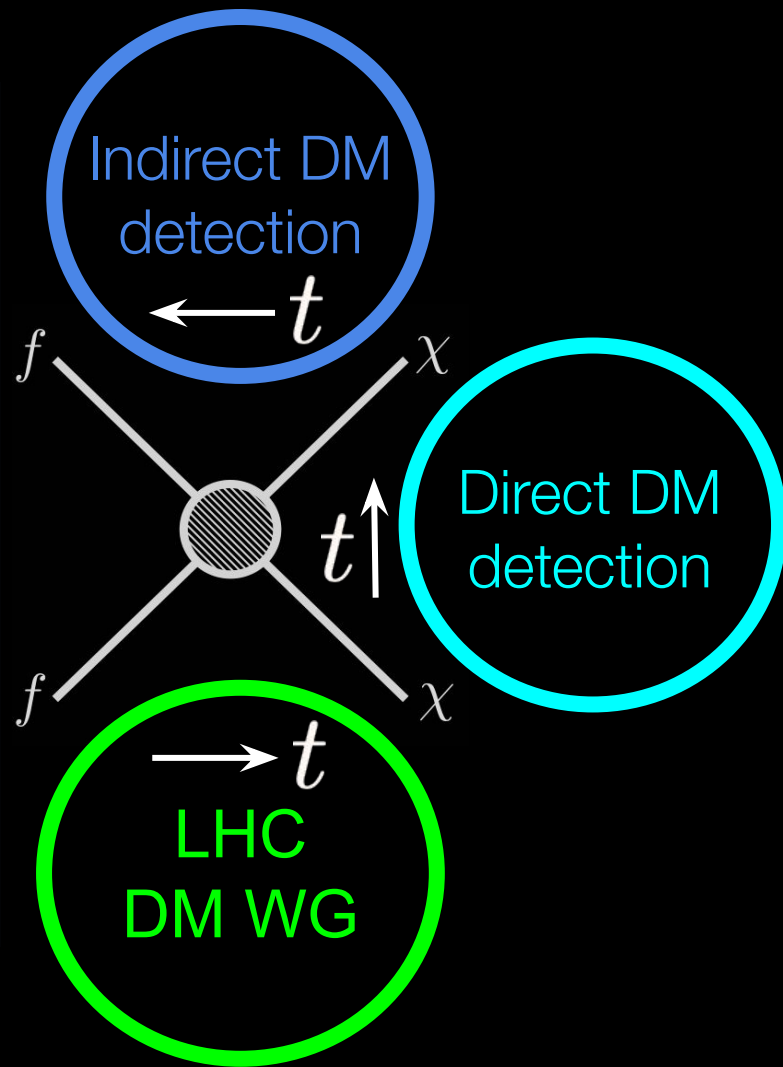
- Logistics:
  - [Website](#)
  - [Indico agenda space](#), [t-channel rolling agenda](#)
  - Mailing list for discussion/questions (everyone subscribed can post):
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Open to newcomers!  
Easy to contribute!

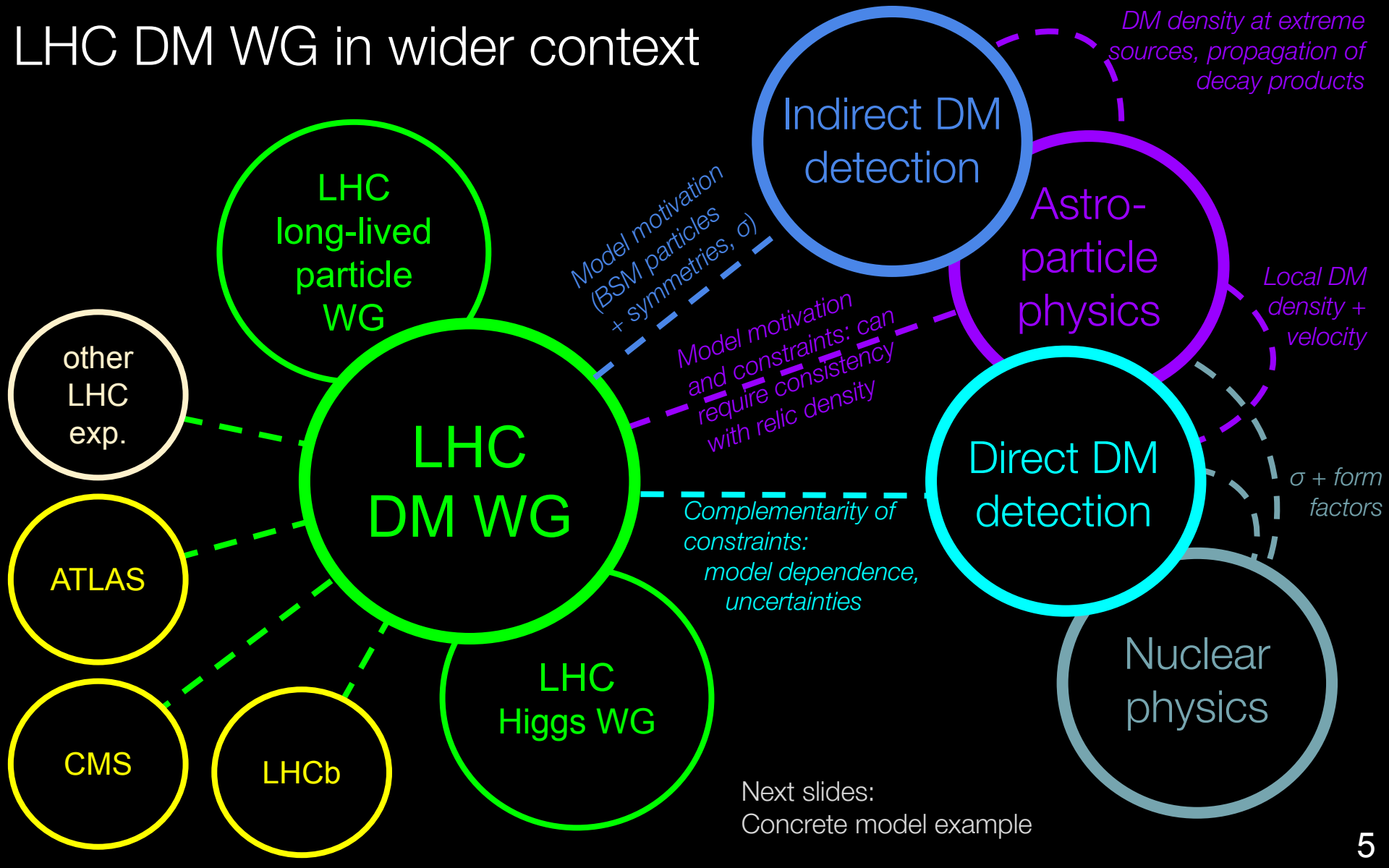
- LHC DM WG organisers ([email us](#)):
  - ATLAS: James Frost, Priscilla Pani
  - CMS: Phil Harris
  - LHCb: Xabier Cid Vidal
  - Theory: Uli Haisch, Tim Tait

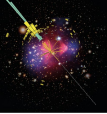


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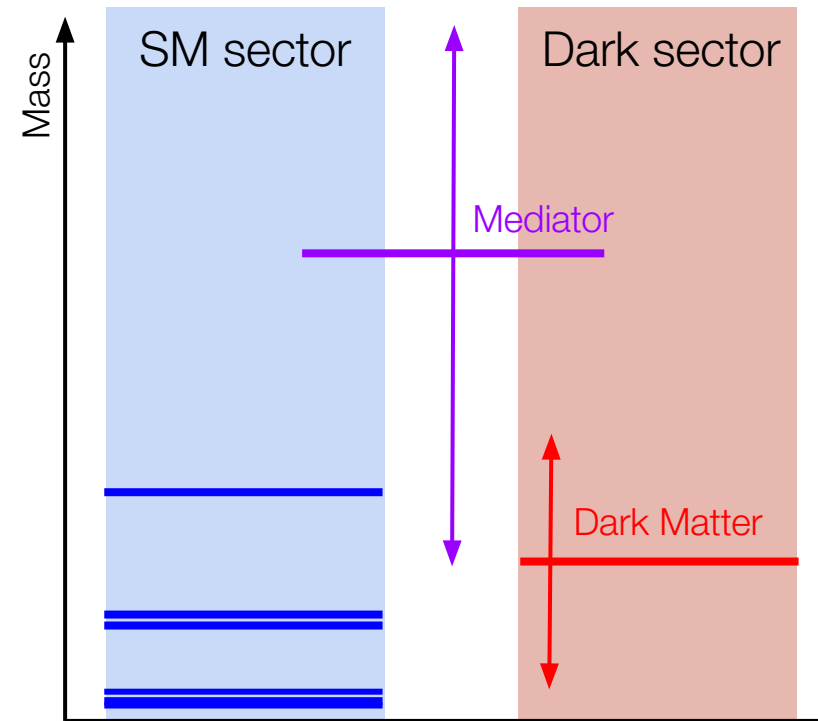
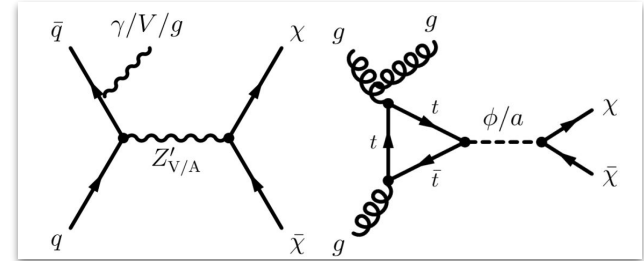
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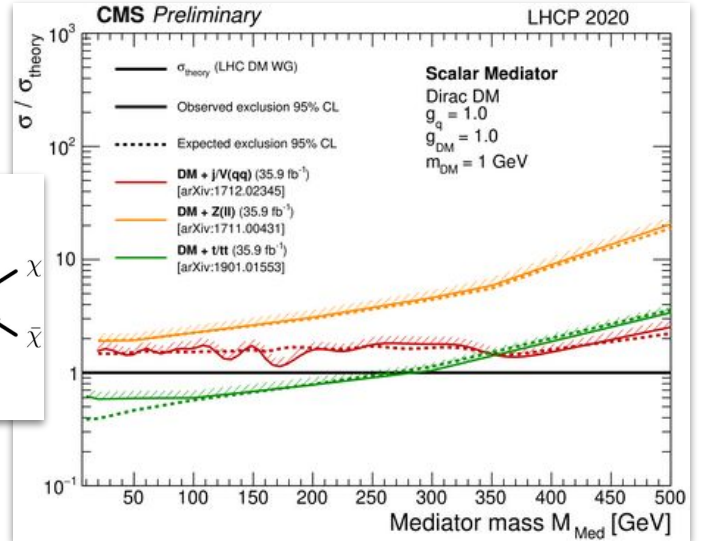
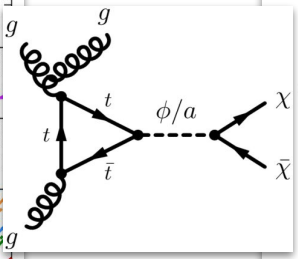
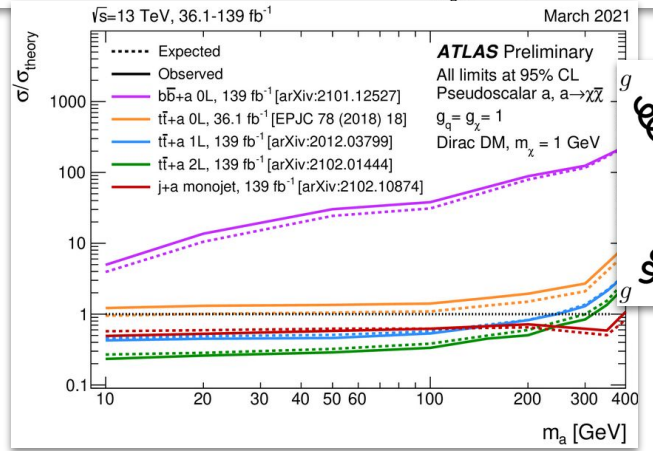
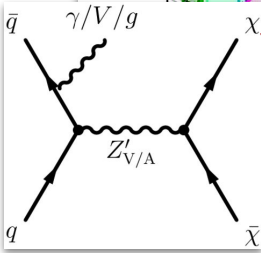
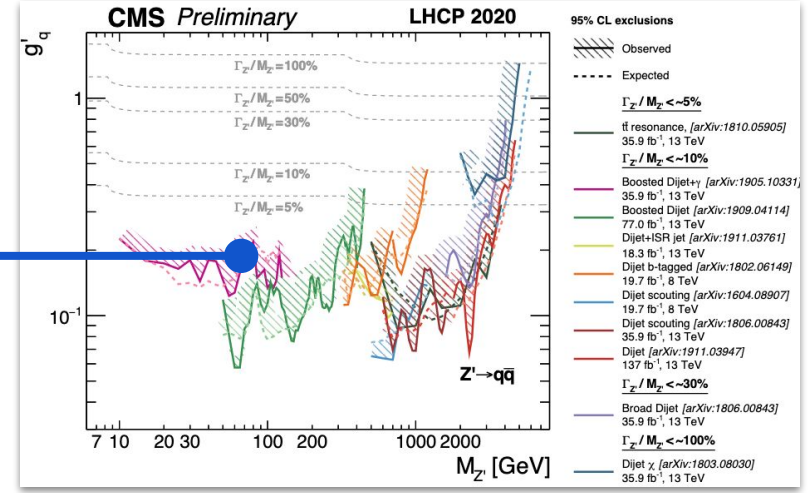
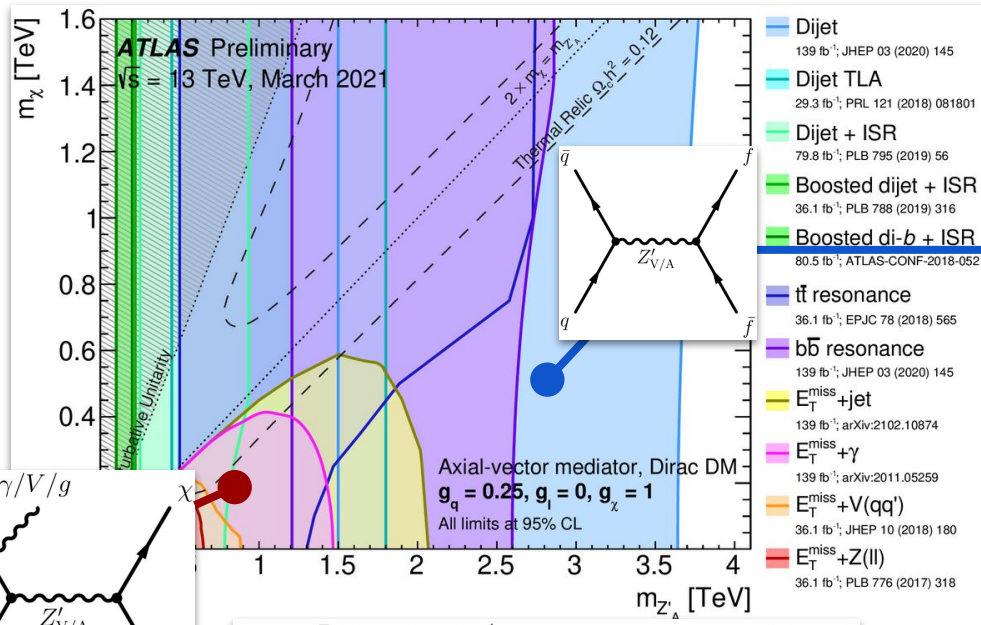
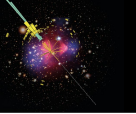
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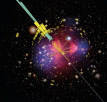
- Strong motivation (as strong as t-channel)
- Ansatz:
  - DM-mediator interaction
  - SM fermions-mediator interaction
- Mediator can be a vector vs scalar
  - (gauge vs Yukawa type of couplings)
  - Chiral structure (LH, RH) for SM fermions can be important
- Complementary signatures:
  - X+MET final states, X+ISR
  - resonance searches



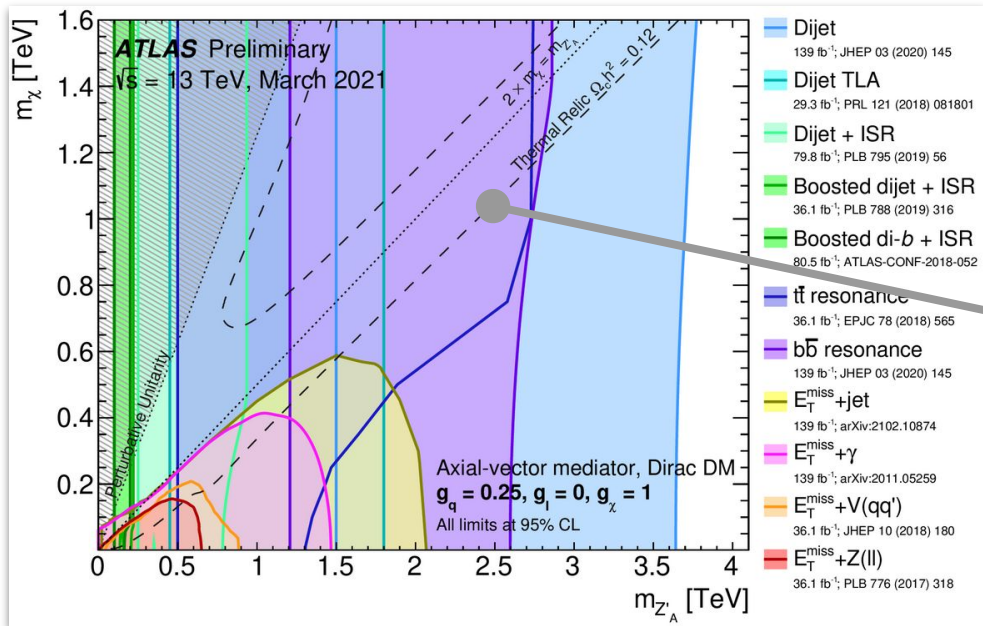
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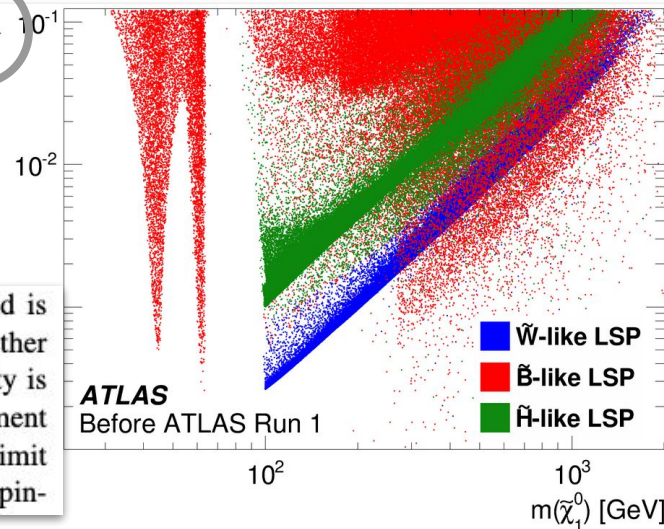
# s-channel connections: relic density



## Relic density input:

- from astroparticle physics (Planck / WMAP)
- In simplified models, use relic density to *guide* searches
  - No constraint: simplified model incomplete

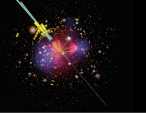
$\Omega_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0} h^2$



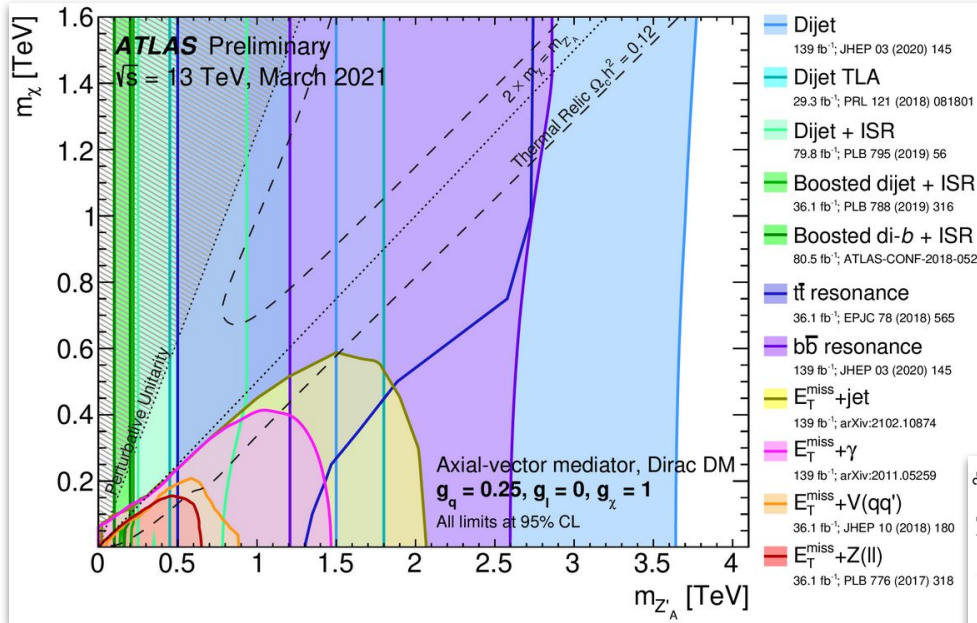
- In complete models (e.g. SUSY), use relic density to *constrain* searches

zero cosmological abundance. It is assumed that the LSP abundance is determined thermally and is not diluted by other processes e.g. late-time entropy addition. No assumption is made about whether the LSP is the sole constituent of dark matter. As a result, the total cold dark matter energy density is used as an upper limit on the LSP abundance. The limit is based on the latest combined measurement from the Planck Collaboration of  $\Omega_{\text{CDM}} h^2 = 0.1188 \pm 0.0010$  (Table 4 of Ref. [97]).<sup>2</sup> The upper limit is set to the observed central value plus double the experimental uncertainty. The limit on the spin-





# s-channel connections: direct detection



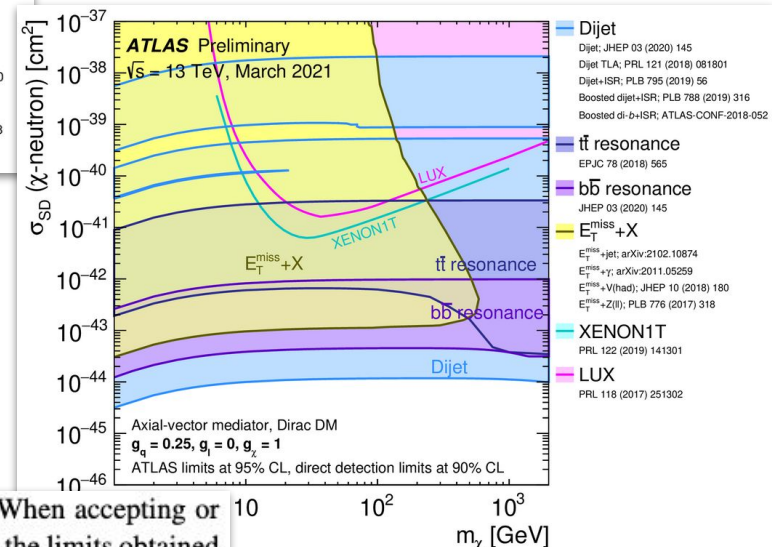
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- *WIMP* assumption + local DM density + type of interaction
- In simplified models, highlight complementarity between colliders and direct detection

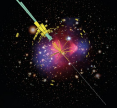
### Challenges:

- uncertainties on direct det.?  
 (so far: 4x, 10x)

→ constrain complete models:



the remaining non-LSP dark matter is invisible to the direct detection experiments. When accepting or rejecting models, the calculated value is allowed to be up to a factor of four higher than the limits obtained by the experiments, to account for nucleon form-factor uncertainties [33].



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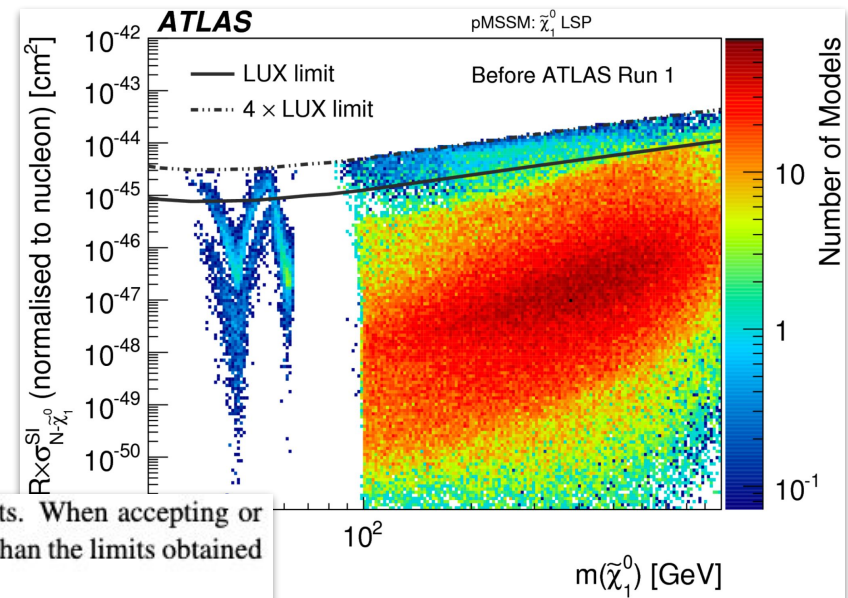
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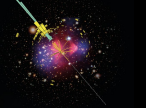
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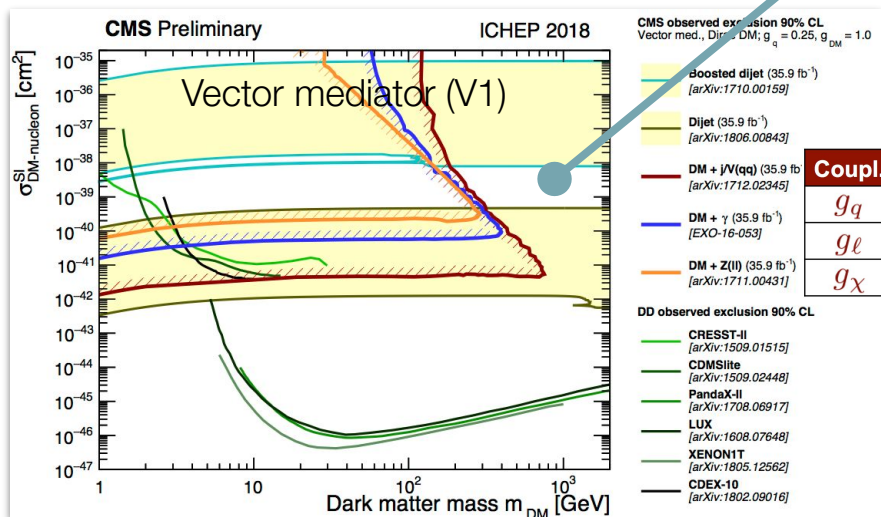
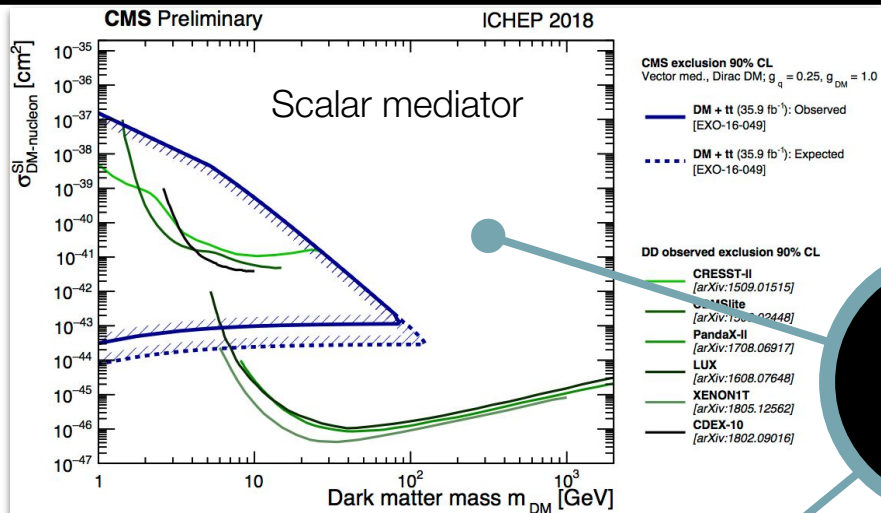
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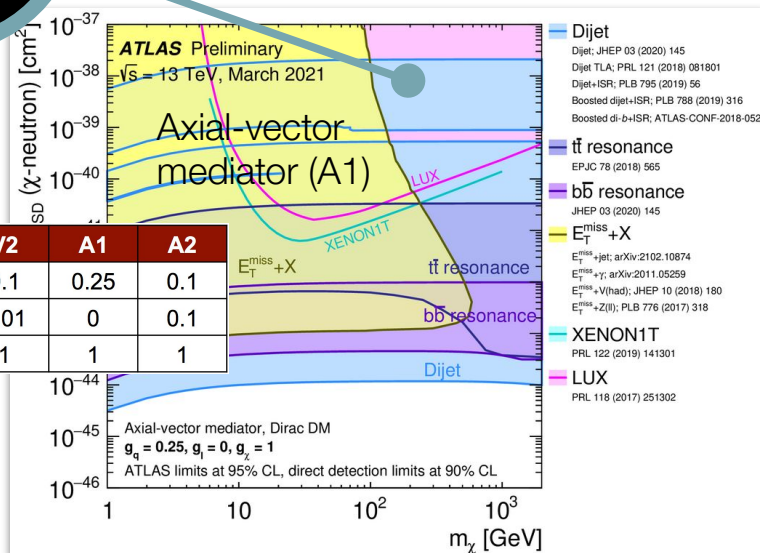
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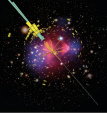
Nuclear physics:  
Form Factor

## Direct detection input:

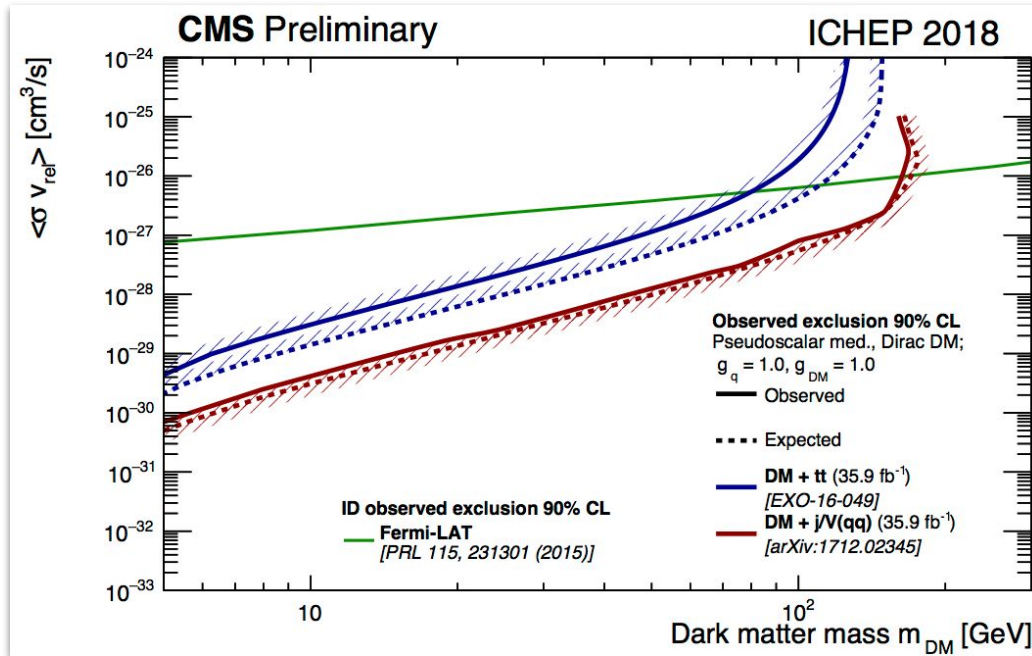
- WIMP assumption + local DM density + *type of interaction*
- Study impact of mediator + coupling assumptions (even within the same model)



Coupl.	V1	V2	A1	A2
$g_q$	0.25	0.1	0.25	0.1
$g_l$	0	0.01	0	0.1
$g_{\chi}$	1	1	1	1



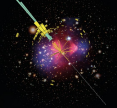
# s-channel connections: direct detection



## Indirect detection input:

- WIMP assumption + DM density at extreme sources + type of interaction + (inter-)galactic propagation
- Use constraints to *guide* searches

- Challenges:
  - uncertainties on indirect detection?



# LHC DM WG ecosystem in theory space

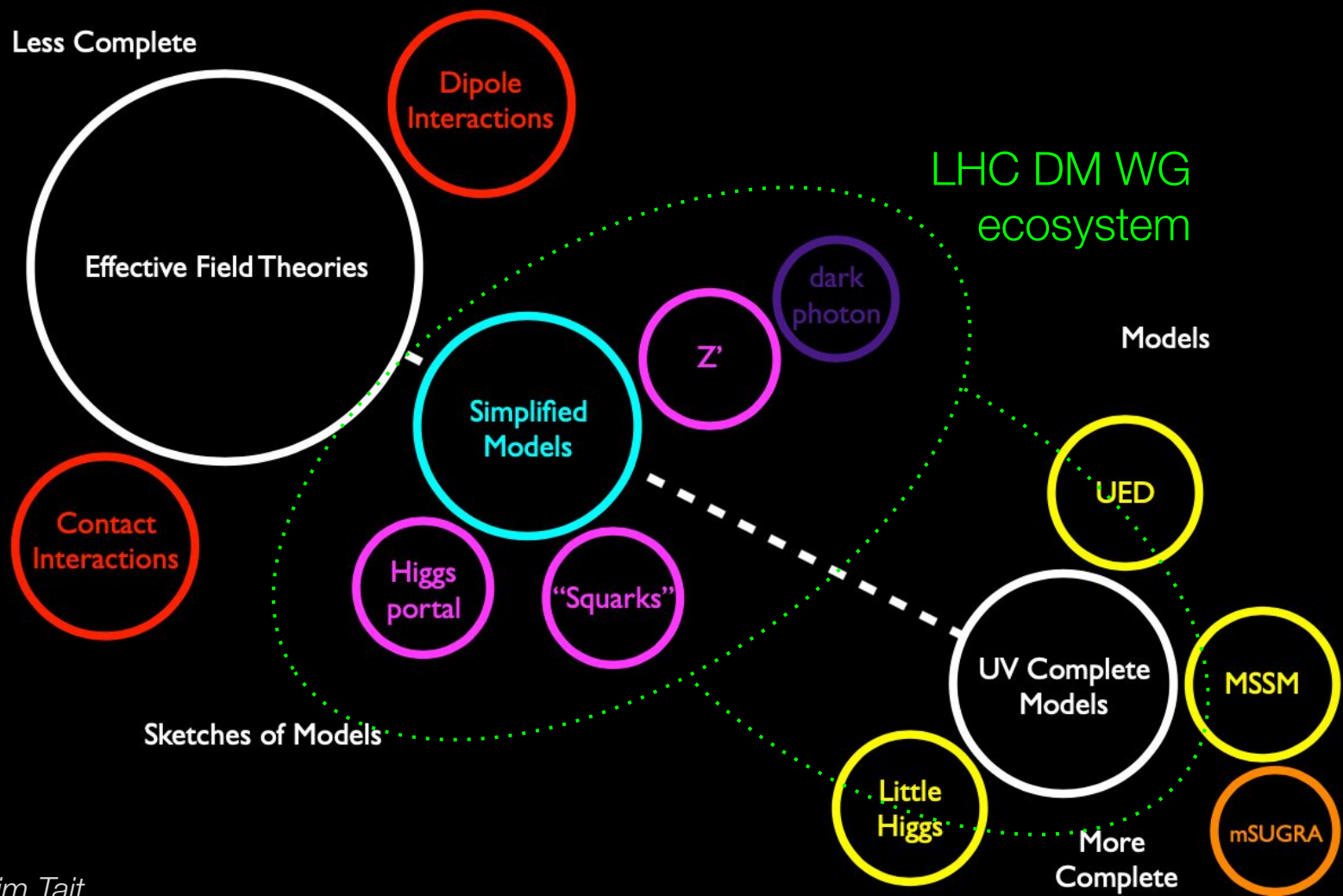
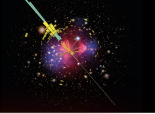
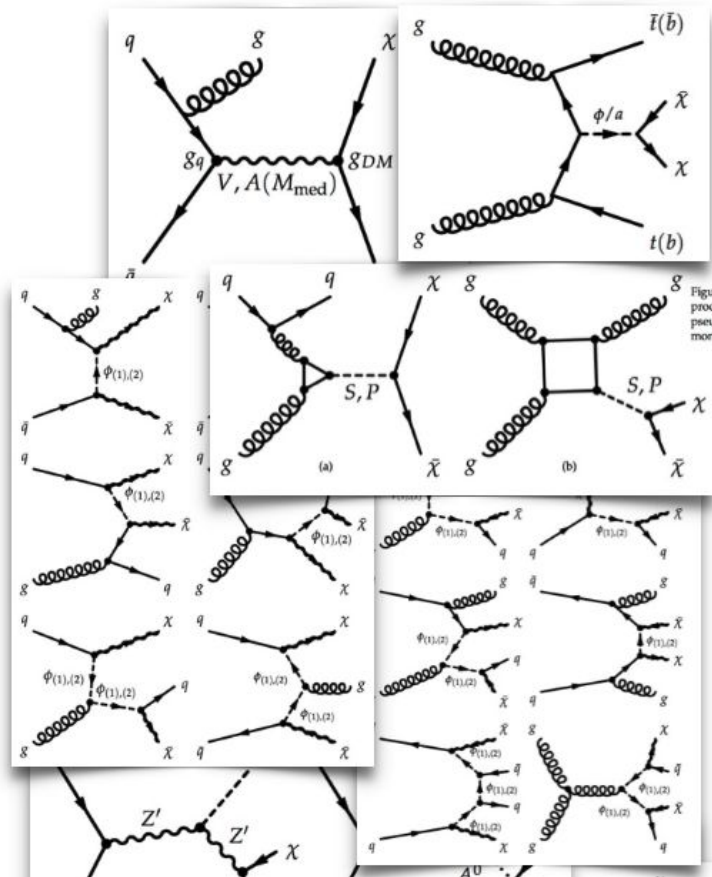


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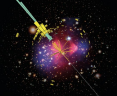
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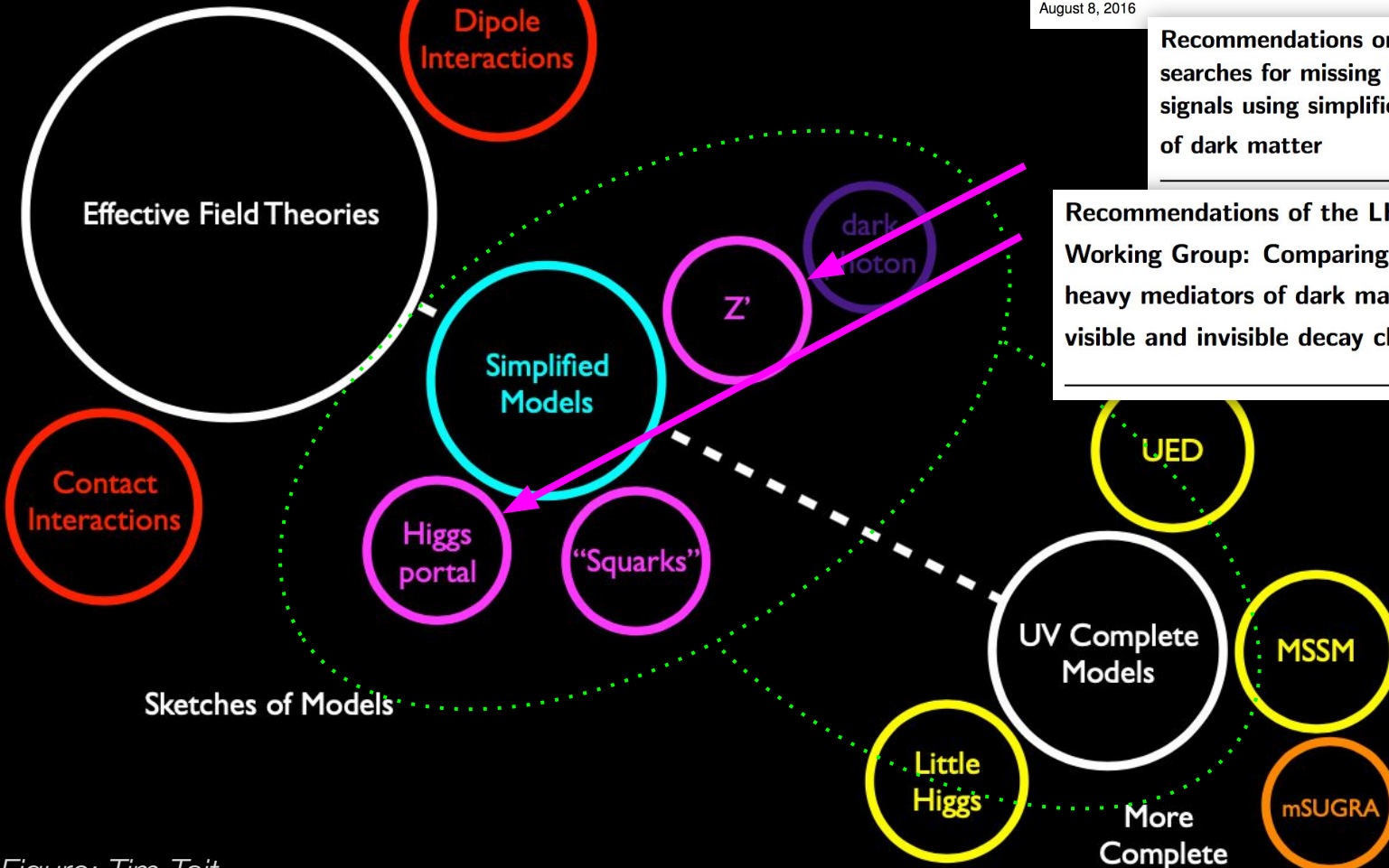
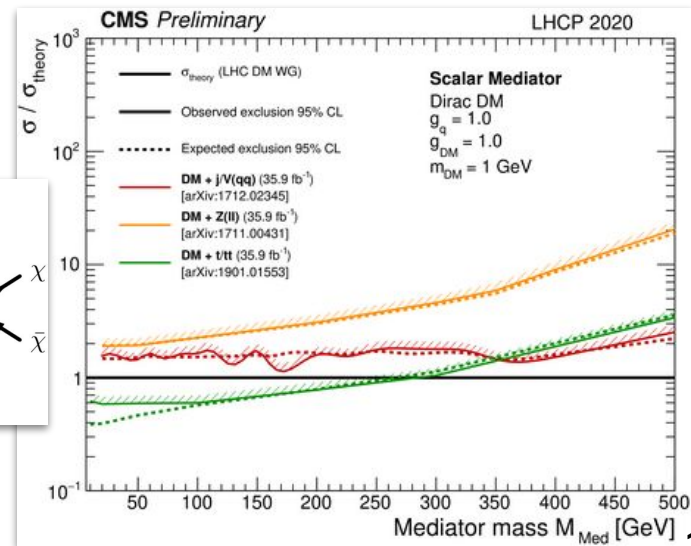
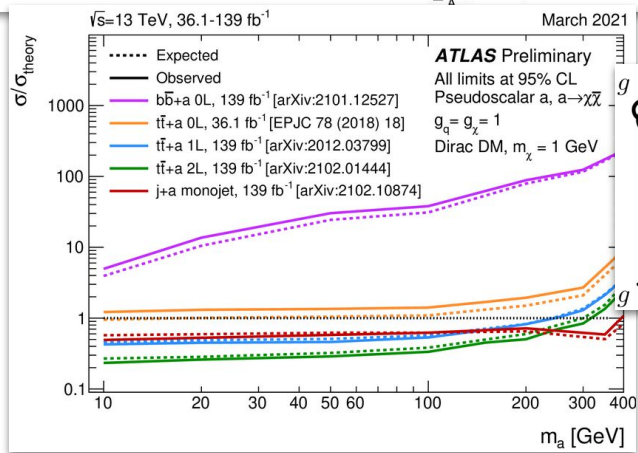
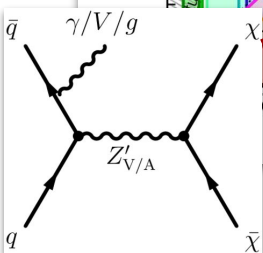
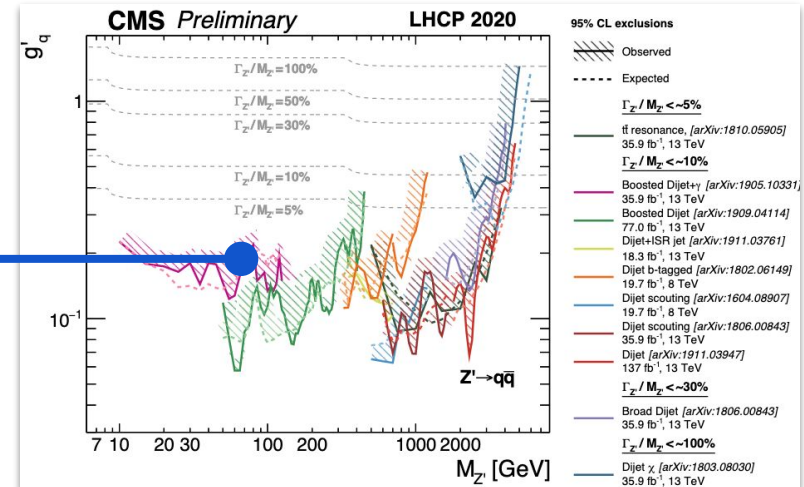
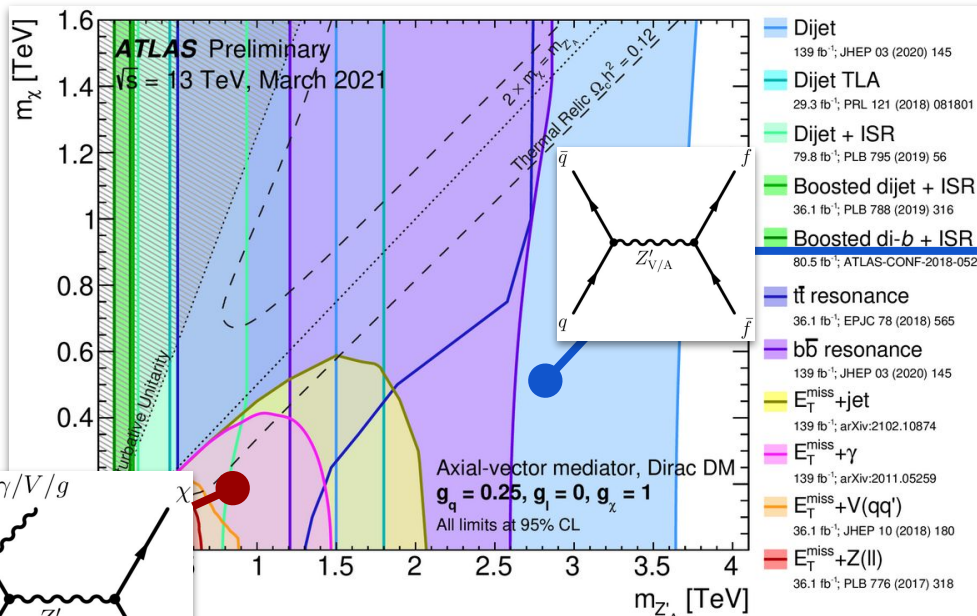
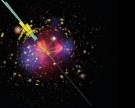
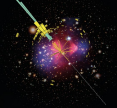


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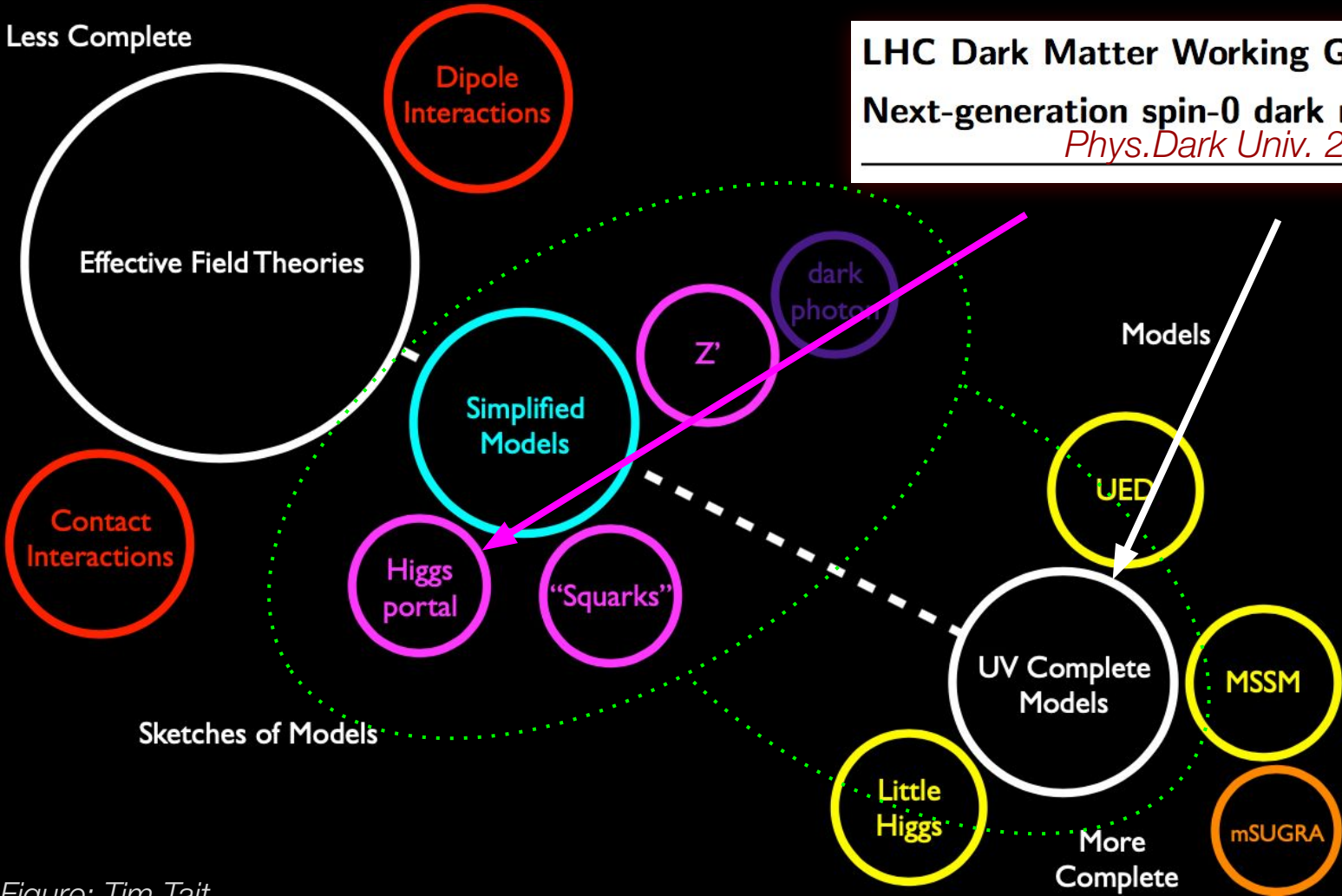
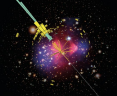
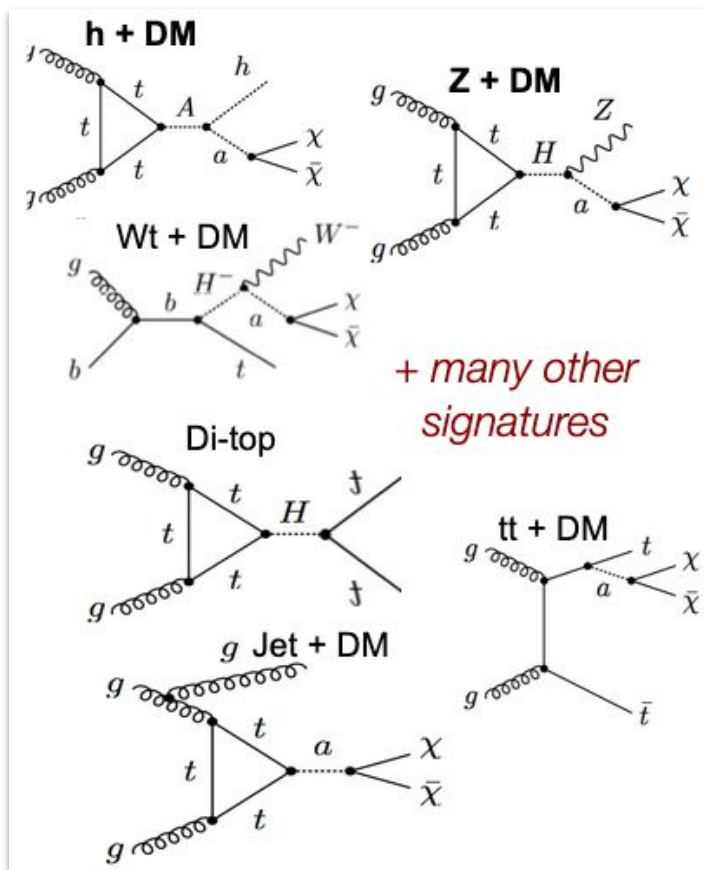


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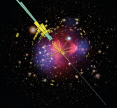
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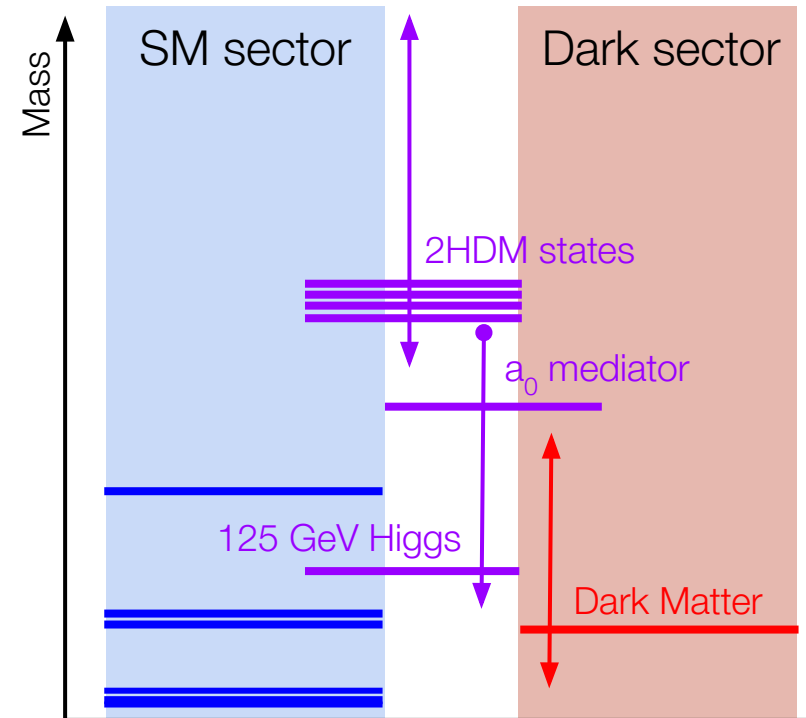
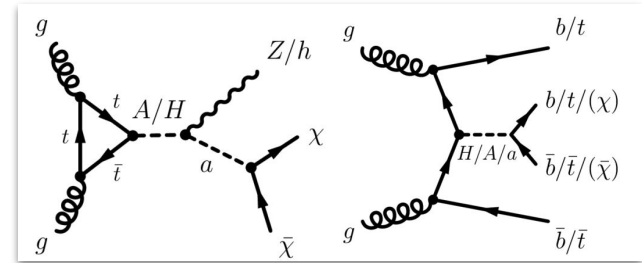
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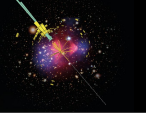
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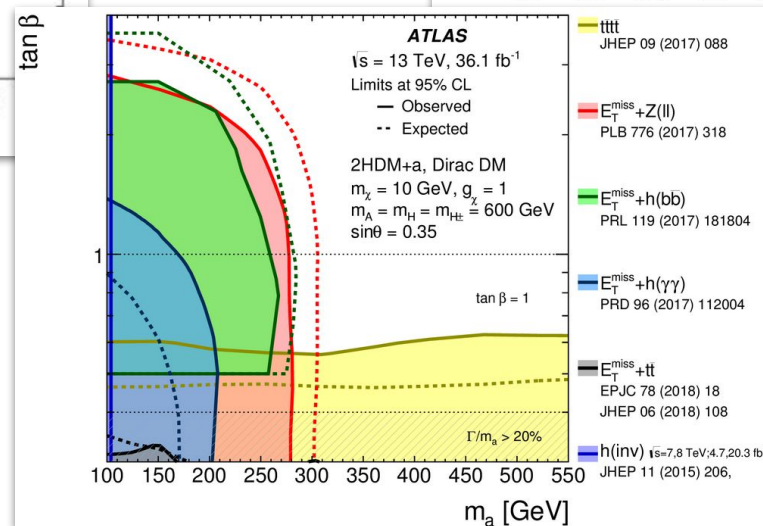
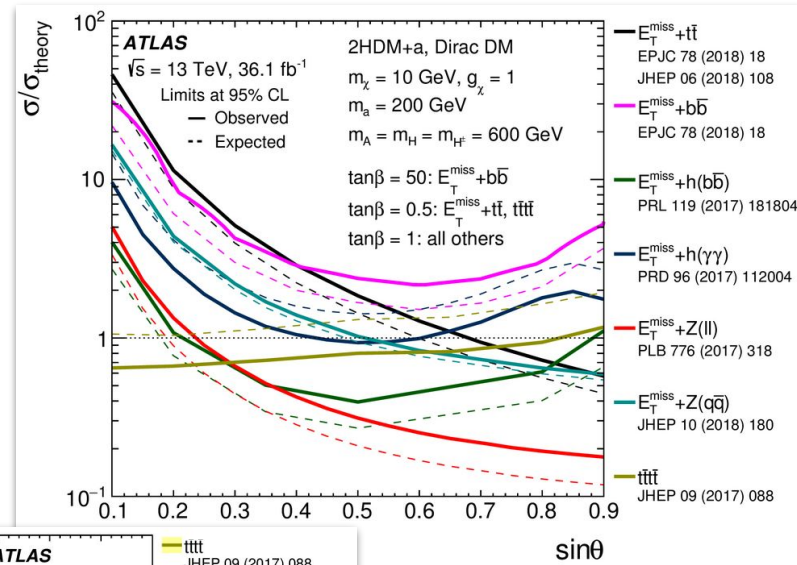
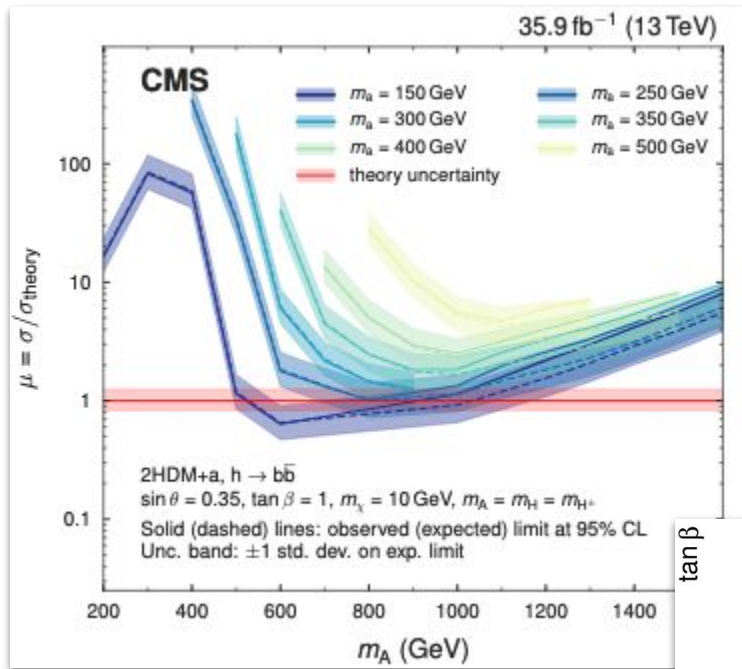
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- Compelling: Higgs sector “special”
- Ansatz:
  - Extended Higgs sector:
    - 2HDM as simple UV-complete Higgs sector extension
    - $a_0$ : portal to DM
    - interesting physics from  $A_0 - a_0$  mixing  $\rightarrow A, a$
- Complementary signatures:
  - Prominence of  $h+\text{MET}$ ,  $Z+\text{MET}$ ,  $Wt+\text{MET}$  (not in other models)
  - non-resonant, e.g.,  $\text{jet}+\text{MET}$
  - resonant visible channels, e.g.,  $t\bar{t}$

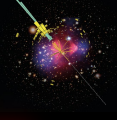




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→ cf. [Kristian's talk](#) for details



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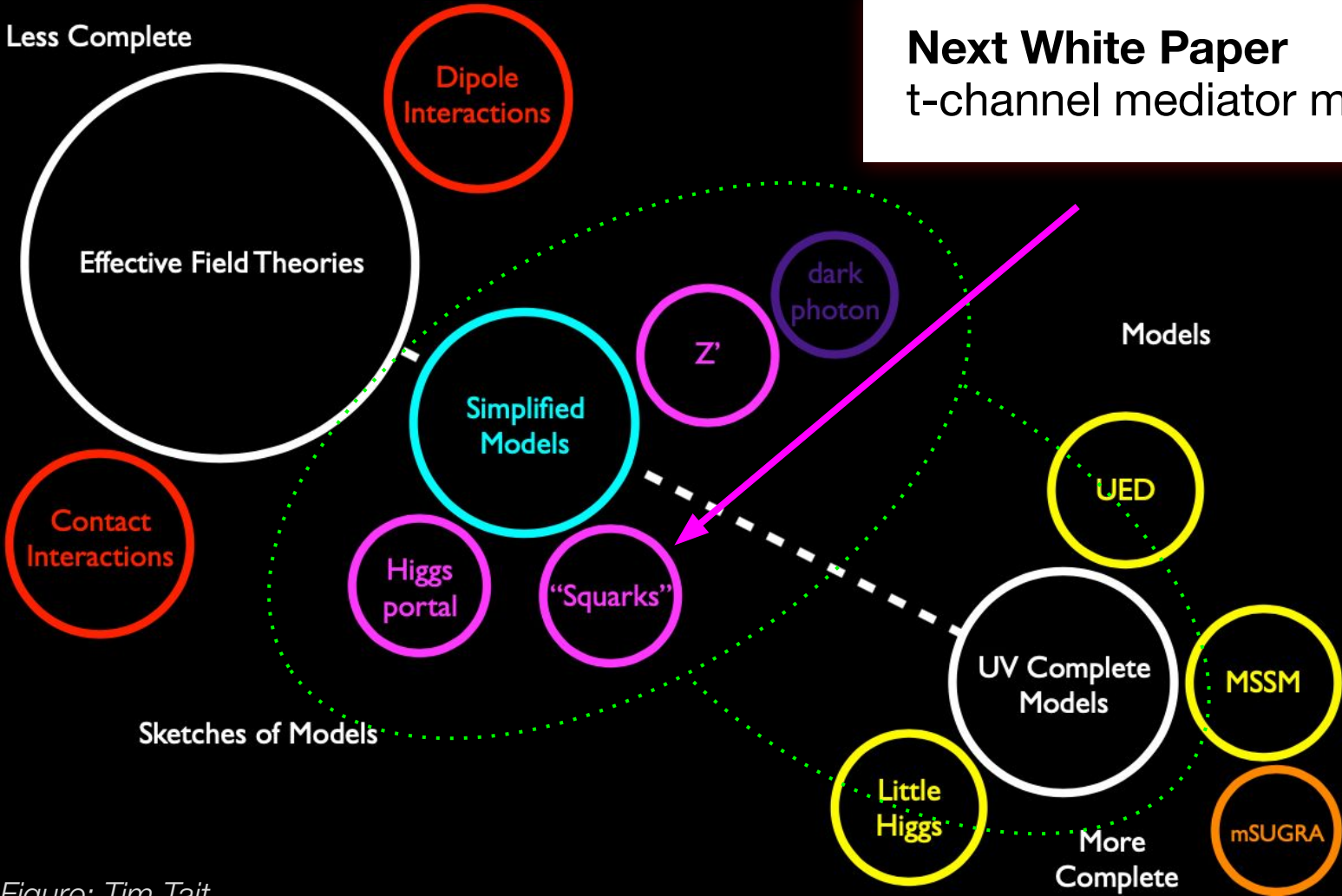
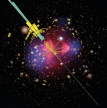
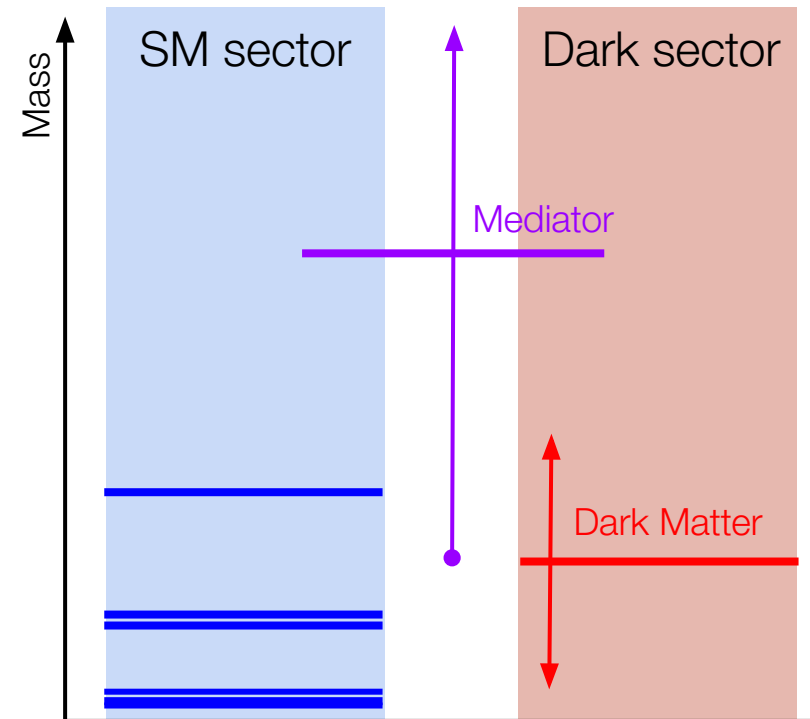
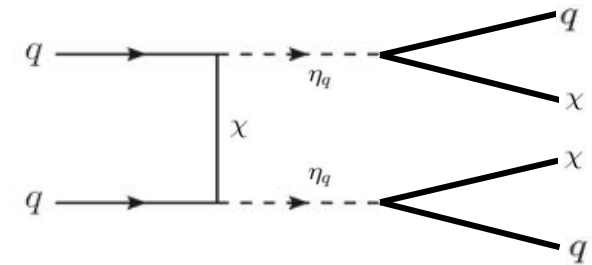


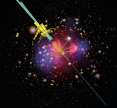
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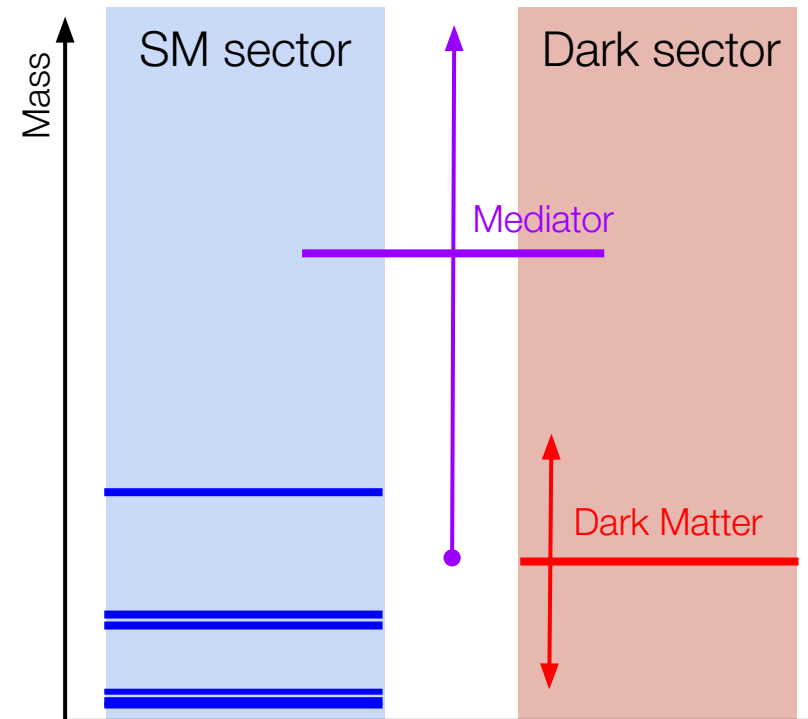
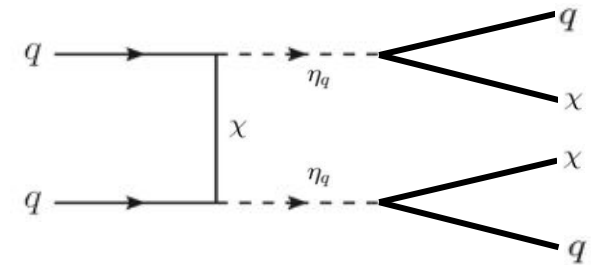
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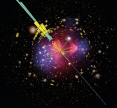
- Strong motivation (as strong as s-channel)
- Ansatz:
  - DM interacting with SM fermions and a mediator
- Corollary:
  - SM mediators must carry charge (since SM particles carry charge)
  - mediator shares the symmetry that stabilises DM
  - $\rightarrow m_{\text{Mediator}} > m_{\text{DM}}$
  - Different possibilities for DM and mediator spin QN, but one must be a fermion, and the other a boson





- Self-consistent mediator-SM pairing:
  - LH quarks
  - RH up-type quarks
  - RH down-type quarks
  - leptons
- Signatures:
  - No restriction across families
    - can have interesting flavour dependence beyond MFV
  - No resonant mediator searches!
    - MET ubiquitous!
  - Possible long-lived particle signatures

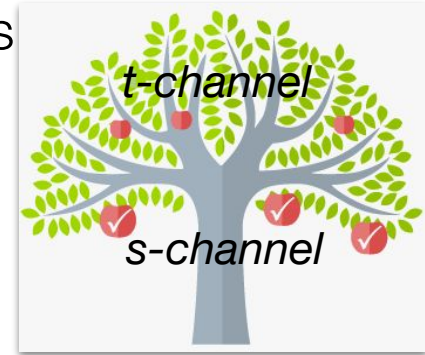
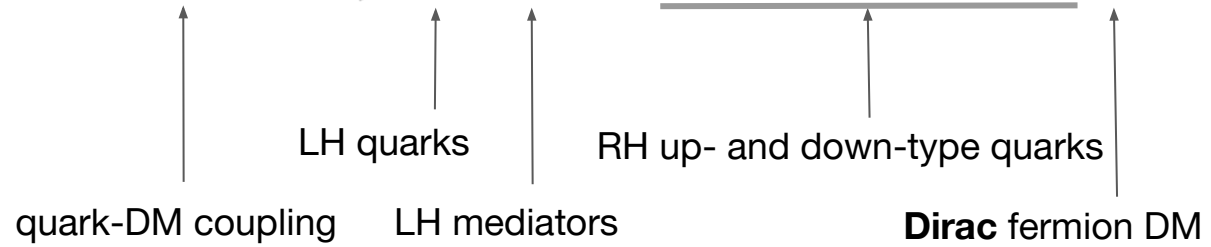




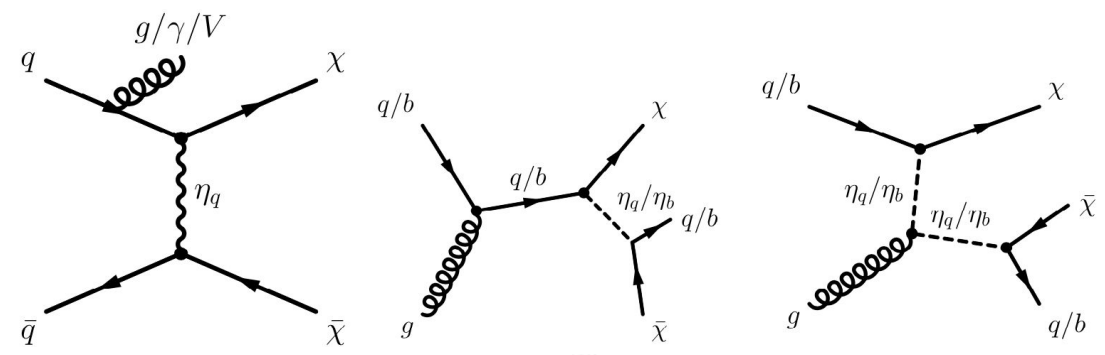
# Basic signatures

- Example Lagrangian for Dirac DM coupling to 1&2<sup>nd</sup> families

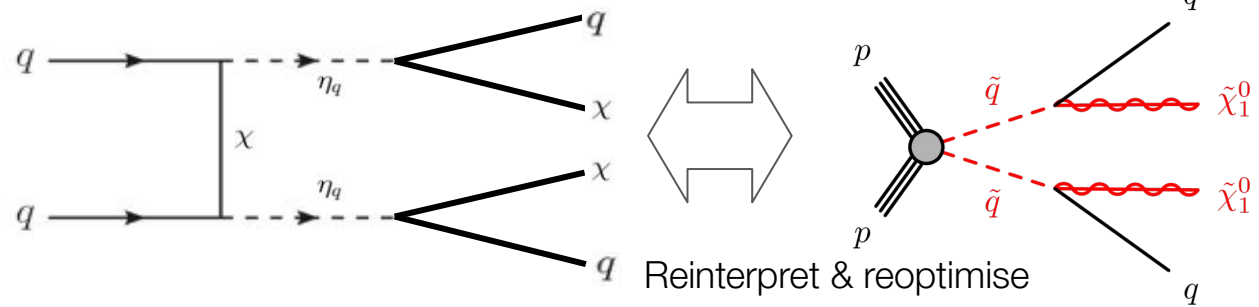
$$\mathcal{L} \supset g_{q\chi} \sum_{i=1,2} (\bar{Q}_{L,i} \eta_{L,q_i} + \bar{u}_{R,i} \eta_{R,u_i} + \bar{d}_{R,i} \eta_{R,d_i}) \chi + \text{h.c.}$$



Jet + MET:

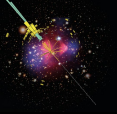


Di-jet + MET:



Reinterpret & reoptimise





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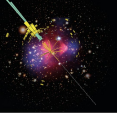
Thank you!

Few DM-related initiatives:

<https://snowmass21.org/>

[JENAS initiative](#)



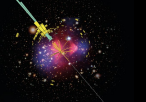


- Past LHC DM WG White Papers:
  - instrumental in guiding LHC DM searches
- Current focus: next white paper on t-channel models
  - Series of dedicated meetings organised to share results
  - Über-UFO ready to study different spin and coupling assumptions
    - Previous ATLAS & CMS models mapped
    - Basic sensitivity laid out for 1<sup>st</sup> generation searches
    - Converging on first 1<sup>st</sup> generation recommendations
  - Great range in pheno+experimental space to explore & contribute:
    - Impact of spin & coupling assumptions, 3<sup>rd</sup> generation couplings
    - Connection to LLP signatures
    - Constraints from flavour sector
  - → If interested, please get involved!
    - [Topics & sign up](#), [discuss findings](#), [rolling agenda](#)

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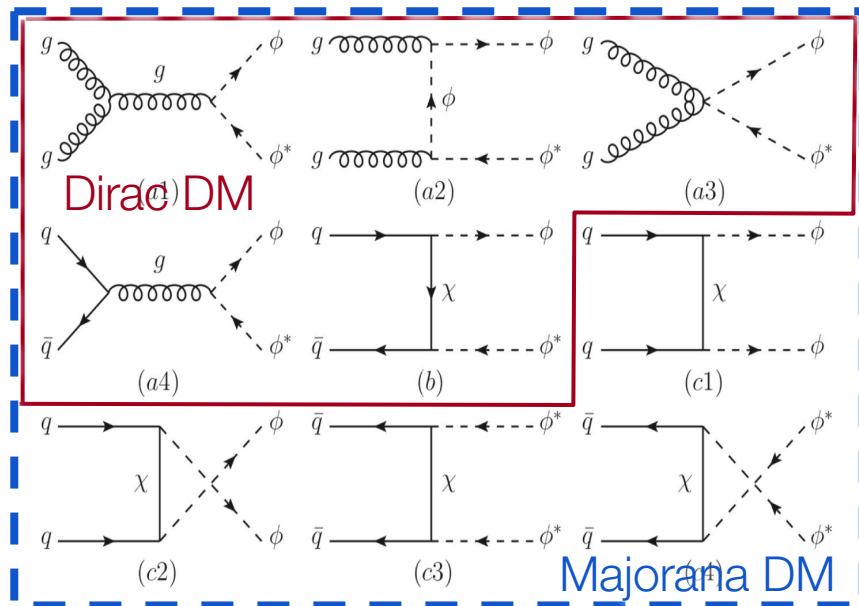
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# Going beyond

- Study impact of spin of DM particles
  - Majorana DM has more diagrams
  - Quantify effect on which phase-space regions are relevant?
- Try out DM properties:
  - Dirac/Majorana fermion
  - Scalar
  - Vector



◆ 18 restrictions with 3 parameters each

Name	DM	Mediators	Parameters
S3M.uni	$\tilde{\chi}$	$\varphi_{Q_f}, \varphi_{u_f}, \varphi_{d_f}$	
S3D.uni	$\chi$		
S3M.3rd	$\tilde{\chi}$	$\varphi_{Q_3}, \varphi_{u_3}, \varphi_{d_3}$	$M_\varphi, M_\chi, \lambda_\varphi$
S3D.3rd	$\chi$		
S3M.uR	$\tilde{\chi}$	$\varphi_{u_1}$	
S3D.uR	$\chi$		
F3S.uni	$\tilde{S}$	$\psi_{Q_f}, \psi_{u_f}, \psi_{d_f}$	
F3C.uni	$S$		
F3S.3rd	$\tilde{S}$	$\psi_{Q_3}, \psi_{u_3}, \psi_{d_3}$	$M_S, M_\psi, \lambda_\psi$
F3C.3rd	$S$		
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F3C.uR	$S$		
F3V.uni	$\tilde{V}_\mu$	$\psi_{Q_f}, \psi_{u_f}, \psi_{d_f}$	
F3W.uni	$V_\mu$		
F3V.3rd	$\tilde{V}_\mu$	$\psi_{Q_3}, \psi_{u_3}, \psi_{d_3}$	$M_V, M_\psi, \lambda_\psi$
F3W.3rd	$V_\mu$		
F3V.uR	$\tilde{V}_\mu$	$\psi_{u_1}$	
F3W.uR	$V_\mu$		

♣ Universal models (uni):

- ★ 1 dark matter particle
- ★ 12 mass-degenerate mediators
- ★ 1 flavour-conserving coupling

$$\mathcal{L}_{X,\text{uni}}(X) = \sum_{F=Q,u,d} \sum_{f=1}^3 [\lambda_\varphi \bar{X} F_f \varphi_f^\dagger + \text{h.c.}]$$

♣ 3rd generation models (3rd):

- ★ 1 dark matter particle
- ★ 4 mass-degenerate mediators
- ★ 1 flavour-conserving coupling

$$\mathcal{L}_{X,3\text{rd}}(X) = \sum_{F=Q,u,d} [\lambda_\varphi \bar{X} F_3 \varphi_3^\dagger + \text{h.c.}]$$

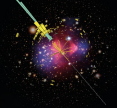
♣ uR models (uR):

- ★ 1 dark matter particle
- ★ 1 mediator
- ★ Coupling to the right-handed up-quark

$$\mathcal{L}_{X,\text{uR}}(X) = [\lambda_\varphi \bar{X} u_1 \varphi_{u_1}^\dagger + \text{h.c.}]$$

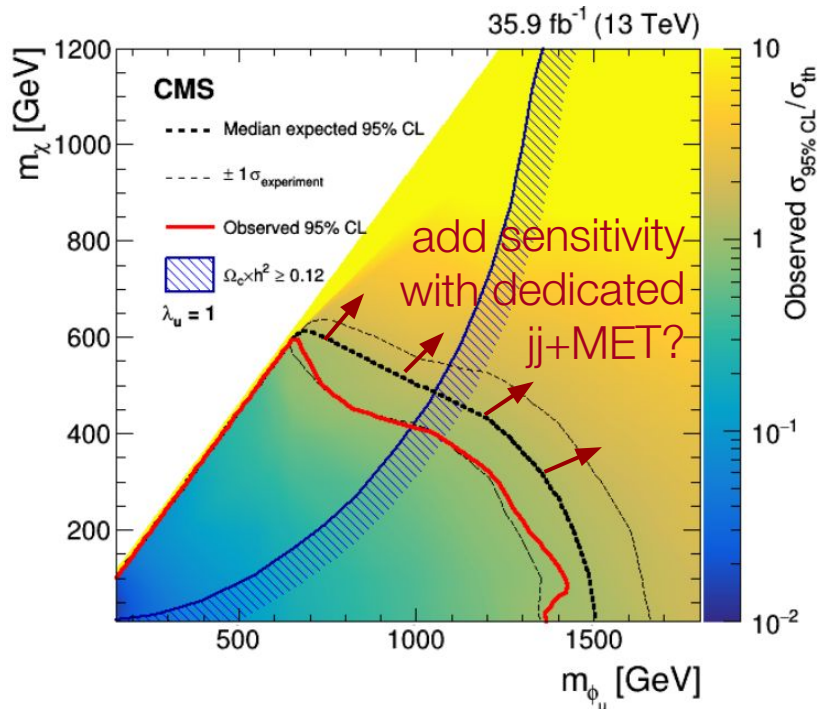
→ cf. Chiara's talk for details

- Important step forward:
  - New Über-UFO [1,2,3] available
    - can do all DM spin hypotheses
  - über-UFO validated against few existing implementations

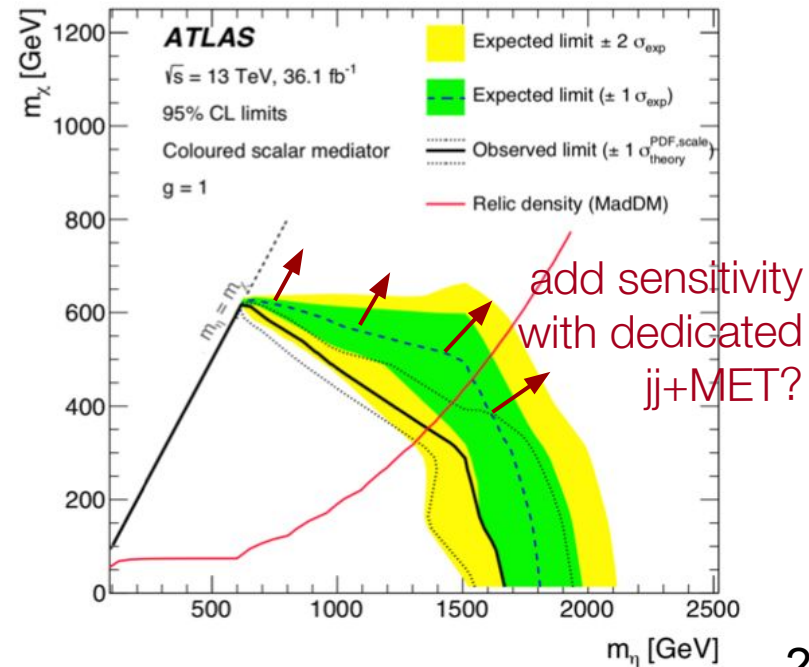


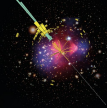
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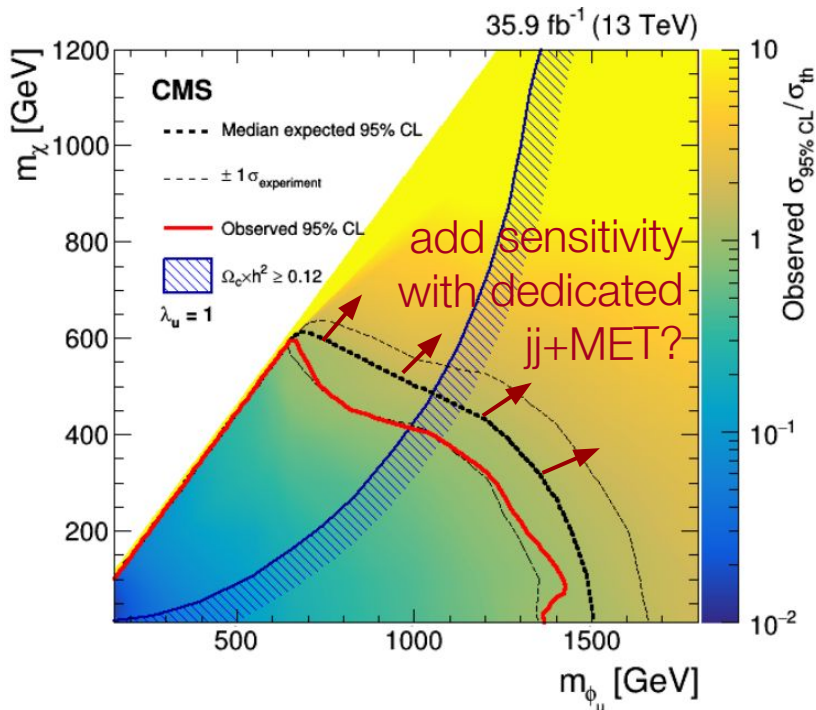
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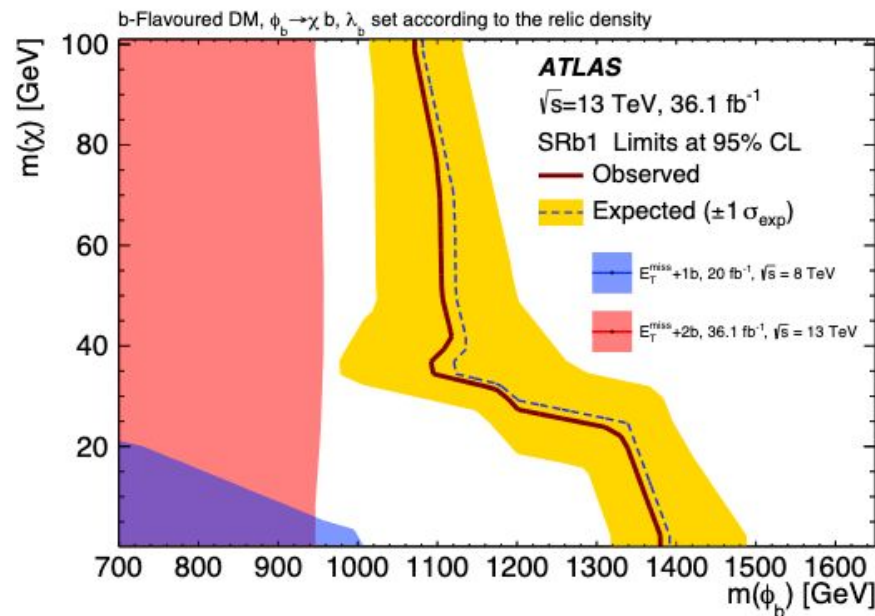


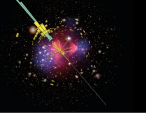
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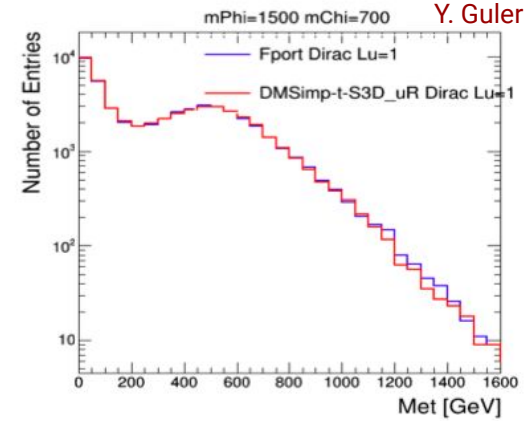
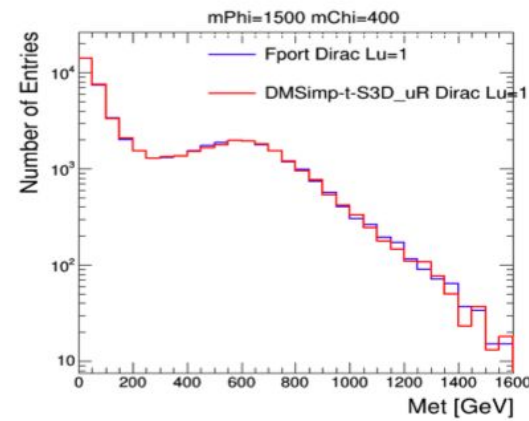
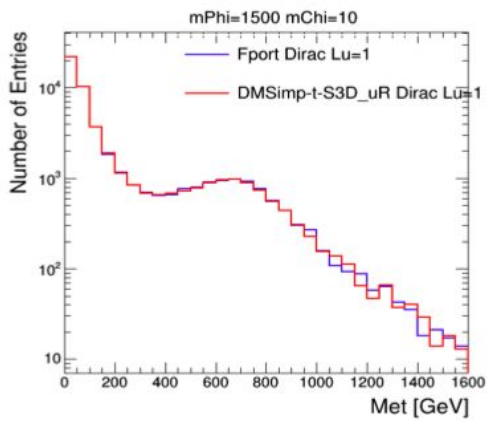
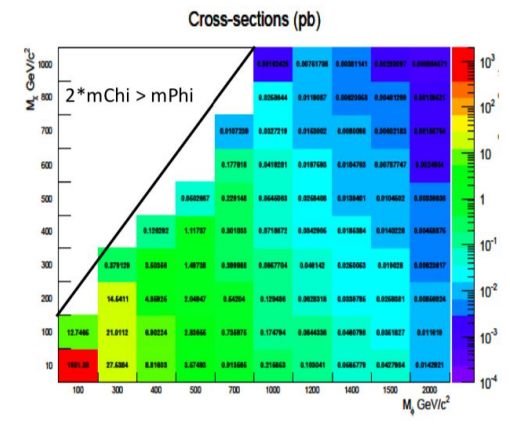
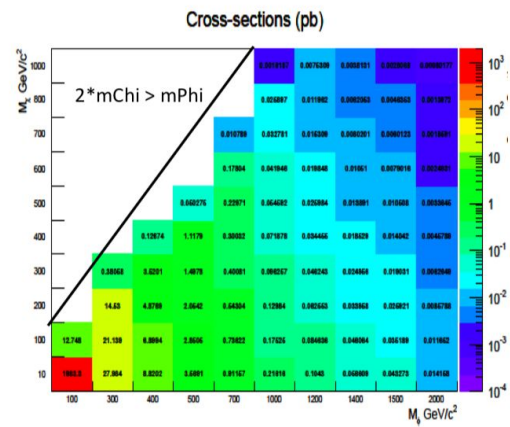


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  - RH coupling 3<sup>rd</sup> generation
  - qualitatively similar kinematic behaviour to 1<sup>st</sup> gen case





# Fermion portal == S3D\_uR



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