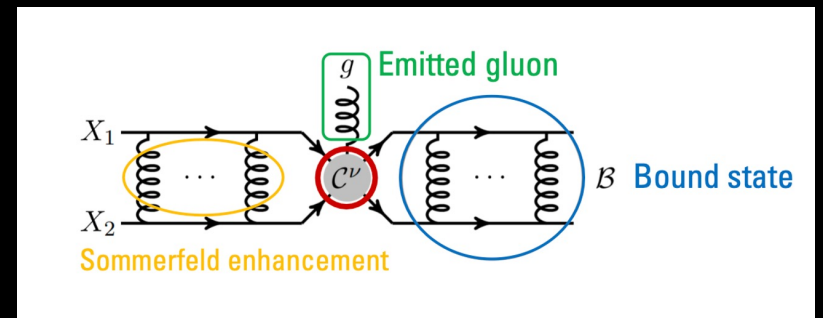


Non-perturbative Effects in a Simplified t-channel Dark Matter Model

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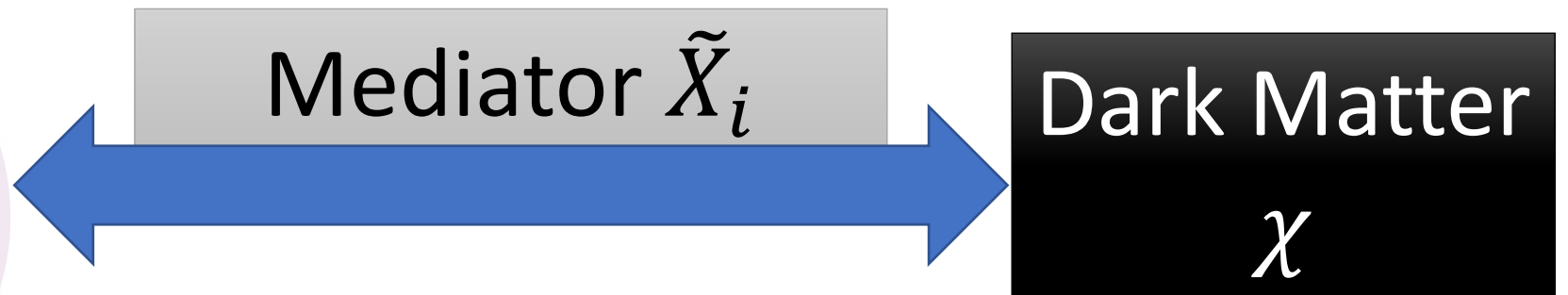
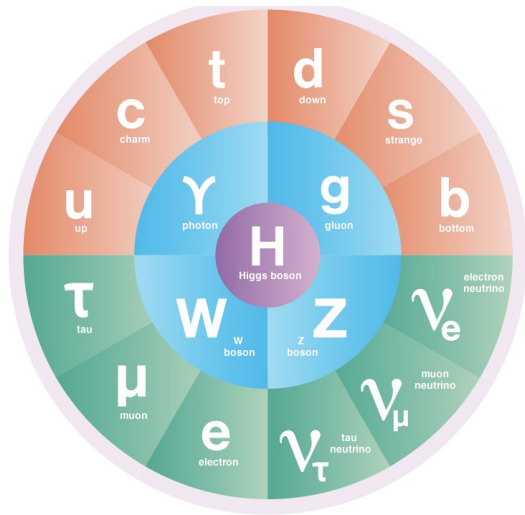
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A Simplified t-channel Model

- SM + Dark Matter Particle (χ : *Majorana*) + mediator (\tilde{X}_i ($\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{1}, +2/3$))

$$\mathcal{L} \supset \sum_i (D^\mu \tilde{X}_i)^\dagger (D_\mu \tilde{X}_i) - m_X^2 \tilde{X}_i^\dagger \tilde{X}_i + g_{\text{DM}} \tilde{X}_i^\dagger \bar{\chi} P_R q_i + h.c.$$

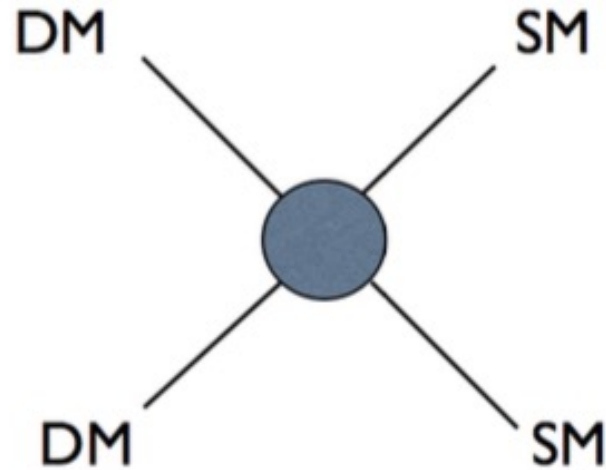


Simple model with three parameters;

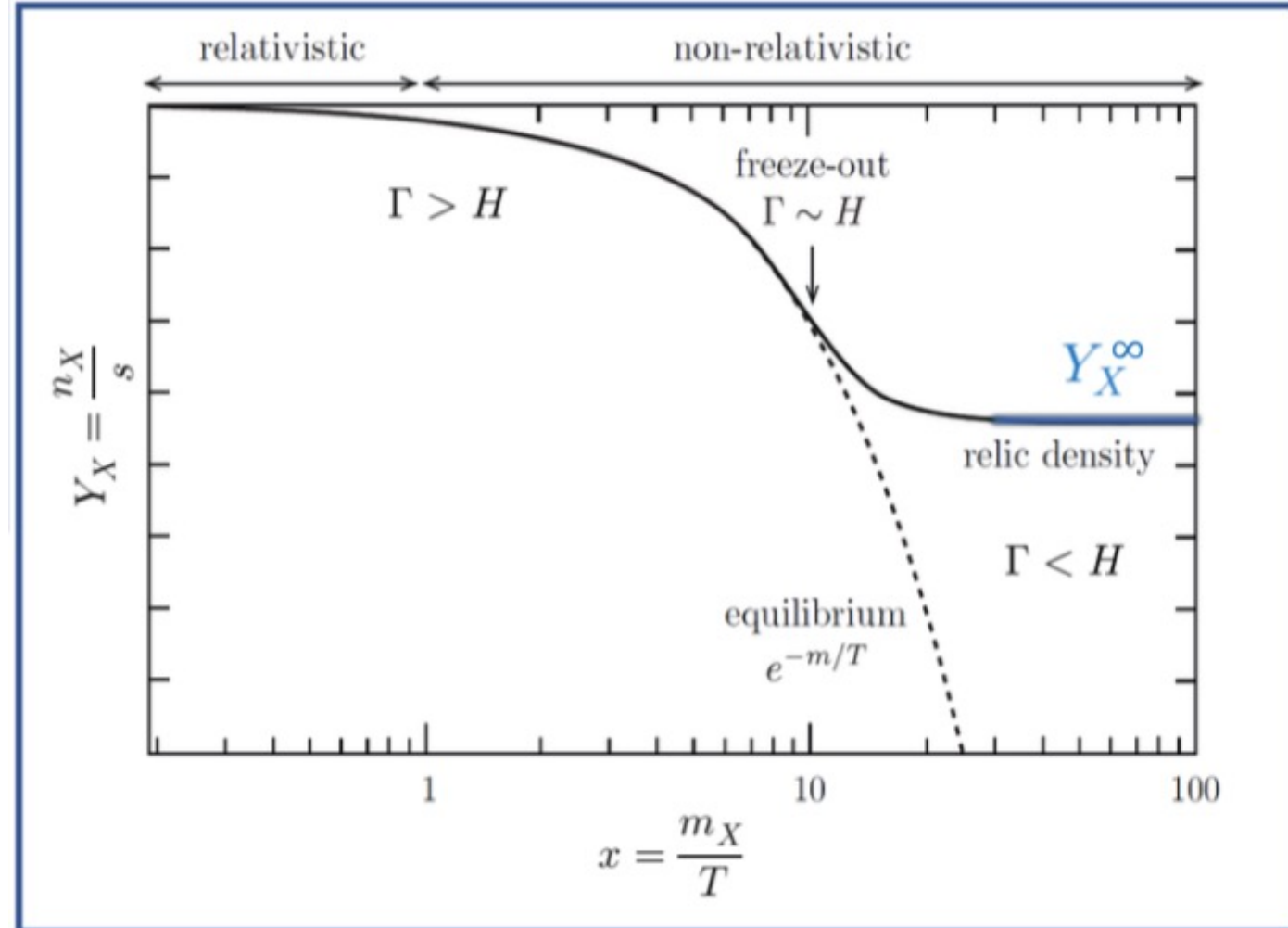
$$\text{Model parameters: } \{m_\chi, \Delta = m_X - m_\chi, g_{\text{DM}}\}$$

$$\dot{n}(t) + 3H(t)n(t) = -\langle\sigma_{XX}v\rangle (n(t)^2 - n_{\text{eq}}(t)^2)$$

- In the early universe, dark matter was in thermal equilibrium with SM



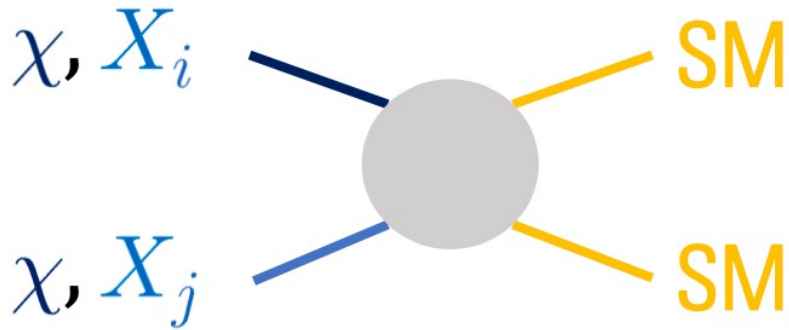
$$\frac{dY_X}{dx} = -\frac{s\langle\sigma v\rangle}{Hx} [Y_X^2 - (Y_X^{\text{eq}})^2]$$



Co-annihilation

[Griest&Seckel (1991)], [Edsjö&Gondolo (1997)], ...

Co-annihilations

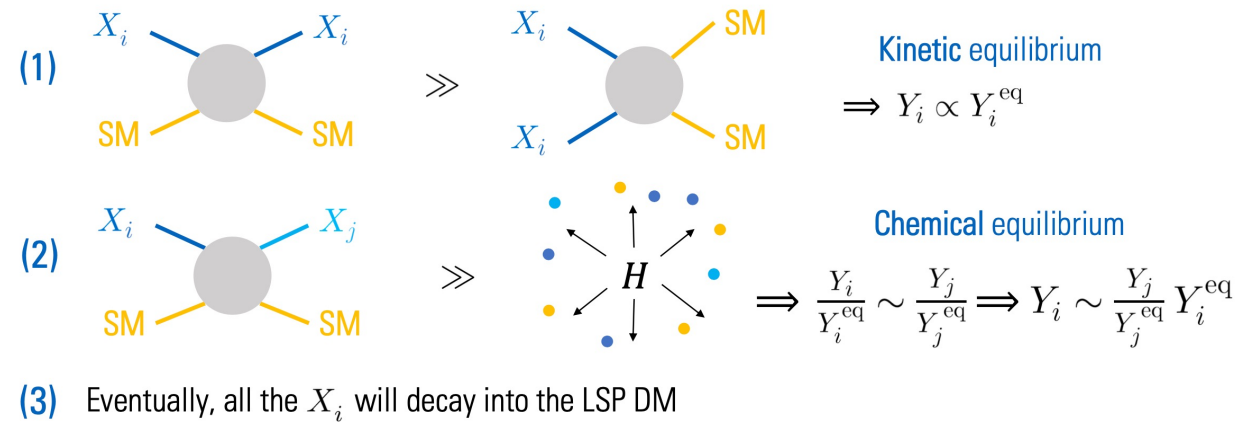


dark sector = $\{ \chi, X_2, X_3, \dots, X_n \}$

Effective Boltzmann equation

$$\frac{d\tilde{Y}}{dx} = -\frac{s}{Hx} \langle \sigma_{\text{eff}} v_{\text{rel}} \rangle (\tilde{Y} - \tilde{Y}^{\text{eq}})$$

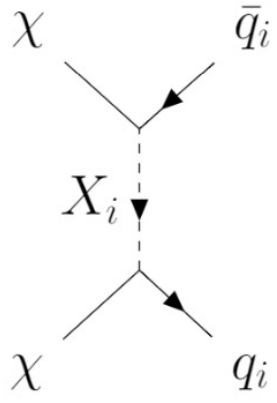
- If $m_{X_i} \gg m_\chi$ then these are Boltzmann suppressed.
- If $m_{X_i} \sim m_\chi$ we would need a system of n Boltzmann equations



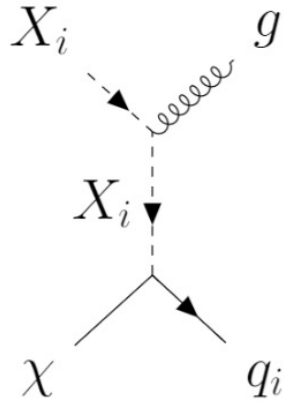
$$\tilde{Y} = Y_\chi + \sum Y_{X_i}$$

$$\langle \sigma_{\text{eff}} v_{\text{rel}} \rangle = \sum_{ij} \langle \sigma_{ij} v_{ij} \rangle \frac{Y_i^{\text{eq}} Y_j^{\text{eq}}}{\tilde{Y}^{\text{eq}^2}}$$

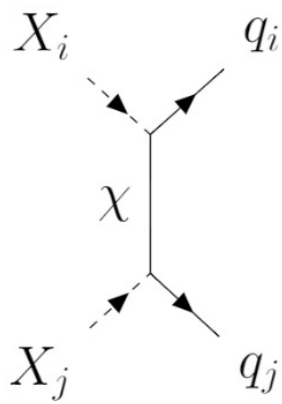
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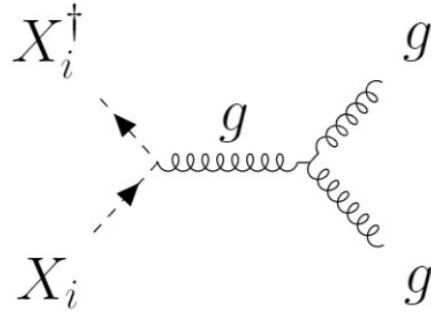
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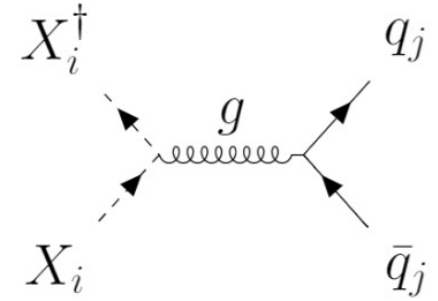
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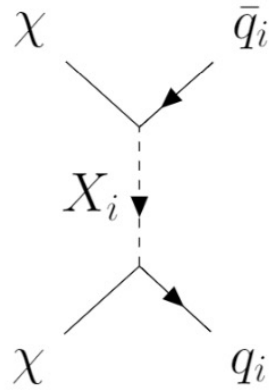
$$(\alpha g_{\text{DM}}^2 + \beta g_s^2)^2 e^{-2\Delta/T}$$



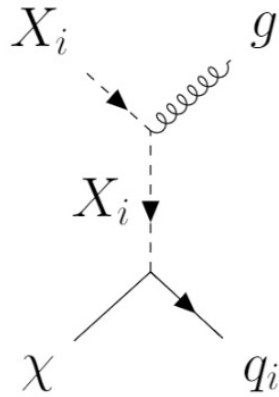
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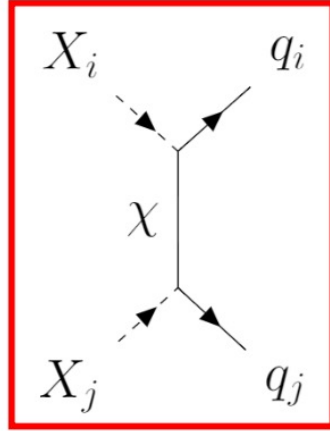
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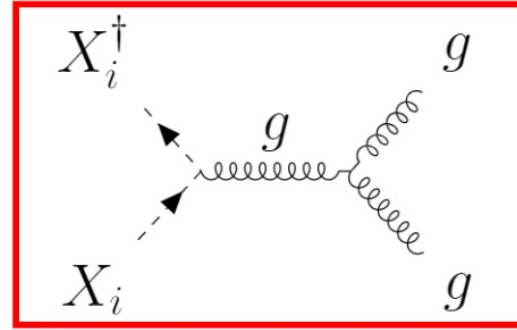
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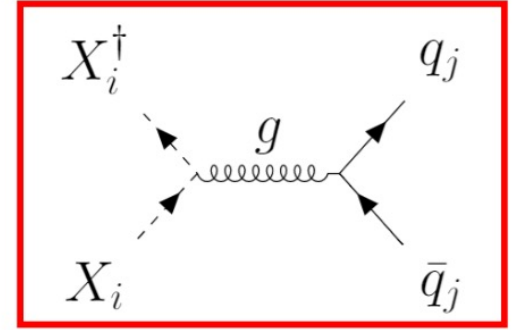
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! Incoming colored states experience gluonic long-range force!

Recall: $X \sim \mathbf{3}$ and $X^\dagger \sim \bar{\mathbf{3}}$ of SU(3)

Sommerfeld Effect

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Slowly-moving massive particles experience the presence of the NR potential between them:

- Wavefunctions are distorted already at large distances (long-range effect)
- Probability of finding particle at interaction vertex is modified (non-perturbative)

$$\frac{1}{r^2} \frac{d}{dr} \left(r^2 \frac{dR_l}{dr} \right) = \left[2\mu [V(r) - E] + \frac{l(l+1)}{r^2} \right] R_l \quad V_{\text{Coulomb}}(r) = \pm \frac{\alpha}{r}$$

$\mu = m_X/2$

$$\sigma_\ell^S v_{\text{rel}} = S_\ell \sigma_\ell^{\text{pert.}}$$

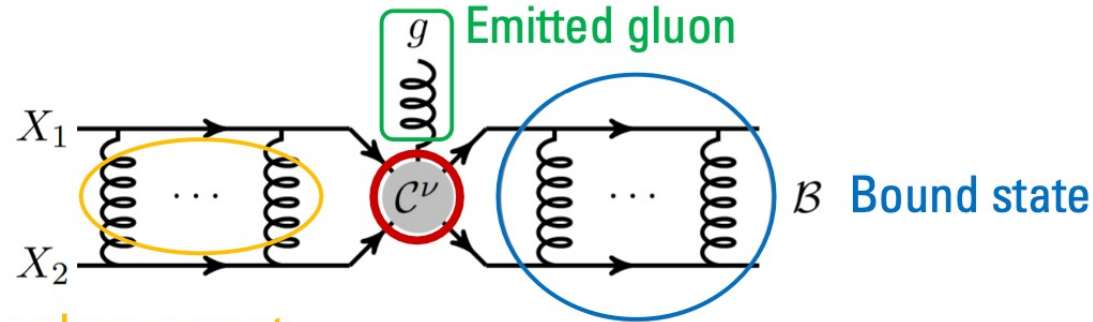
$$\zeta = \alpha/v_{\text{rel}}$$

$$S_\ell = \left| \frac{(2\ell+1)!!}{|p|^\ell \ell!} \frac{\partial^\ell R_\ell(r)}{\partial r^\ell} \right|_{r=0}^2 \xrightarrow{\text{Coulomb}} S_\ell(\zeta) = \frac{2\pi\zeta}{1 - e^{-2\pi\zeta}} \times \prod_{n=1}^{\ell} \left(1 + \frac{\zeta^2}{n^2} \right)$$

Bound State Formation

$$\mathbf{R}_1 \otimes \mathbf{R}_2 = \sum \hat{\mathbf{R}}$$

$C_2(\mathbf{R})$: quadratic Casimir of \mathbf{R}



[Harz and Petraki (2018)]
[Petraki et al. (2015)]

$$V_{\text{gluon}}^{[\hat{\mathbf{R}}]}(r) = -\frac{\alpha_g^{[\hat{\mathbf{R}}]}}{r} = -\frac{\alpha_s}{2r} [C_2(\mathbf{R}_1) + C_2(\mathbf{R}_2) - C_2(\hat{\mathbf{R}})] \xrightarrow{\mathbf{3} \otimes \bar{\mathbf{3}} = \mathbf{1} \oplus \mathbf{8}} V(r)_{\mathbf{3} \otimes \bar{\mathbf{3}}} = \begin{cases} -\frac{4}{3} \frac{\alpha_s}{r} & [\mathbf{1}] \\ +\frac{1}{6} \frac{\alpha_s}{r} & [\mathbf{8}] \end{cases}$$

$$(X + X^\dagger)_{[\mathbf{8}]} \rightarrow \{ \mathcal{B}(X X^\dagger)_{[\mathbf{1}]} + g \}_{[\mathbf{8}]}$$

$$\sigma_{\{100\}}^{[\mathbf{8}] \rightarrow [\mathbf{1}]} v_{\text{rel}} = \frac{2^7 17^2 \pi \alpha_{s,[1]}^{\text{BSF}} \alpha_{s,[1]}^B}{3^5 m_X^2} S_{\text{BSF}}(\zeta_S, \zeta_B)$$

$$S_{\text{BSF}}(\zeta_S, \zeta_B) = \left(\frac{2\pi\zeta_S}{1 - e^{-2\pi\zeta_S}} \right) (1 + \zeta_S^2) \frac{\zeta_B^4 e^{-4\zeta_S \text{arccot}(\zeta_B)}}{(1 + \zeta_B^2)^3}$$

Bound state decay and ionization

If X_1 and X_2 can (co-)annihilate into n lighter particles, then their bound states $\mathcal{B}(X_1, X_2)$ are unstable against **decay** into the same final-state particles.

Decay

$$\mathcal{B}(XX^\dagger) \rightarrow gg$$

→ **New effective annihilation channel!**

$$\Gamma_{\text{dec},[\mathbf{R}]} = (\sigma_{\text{ann},[\mathbf{R}]}^{\text{s-wave}} v_{\text{rel}}) |\psi_{nlm}^{[\mathbf{R}]}(0)|^2$$

$$\Gamma_{\text{dec},[\mathbf{1}]} = \frac{32}{81} m_X (\alpha_s^{\text{ann}})^2 (\alpha_{s,[\mathbf{1}]}^B)^3$$

$$|\psi_{100}^{[\mathbf{1}]}(0)|^2 = 8m_X^3 \frac{6}{27\pi} \alpha_{s,[\mathbf{1}]}^B^3$$

At $T \gg \mathcal{E}_{100} = \omega$, energetic gluons in thermal plasma can also **dissociate/ionize** B.S. into their constituents

Ionization

$$\mathcal{B}(XX^\dagger) + g \rightarrow X + X^\dagger + g$$

$$\Gamma_{\text{ion}} = g_g \int_{\omega_{\text{min}}}^{\infty} \frac{d\omega}{2\pi^2} \frac{\omega^2}{e^{\omega/T} - 1} \sigma_{\text{ion}}$$

$$\sigma_{\text{ion}} = \frac{g_X^2}{g_g g_B} \left(\frac{\mu^2 v_{\text{rel}}^2}{\omega^2} \right) \sigma_{\text{BSF}}$$

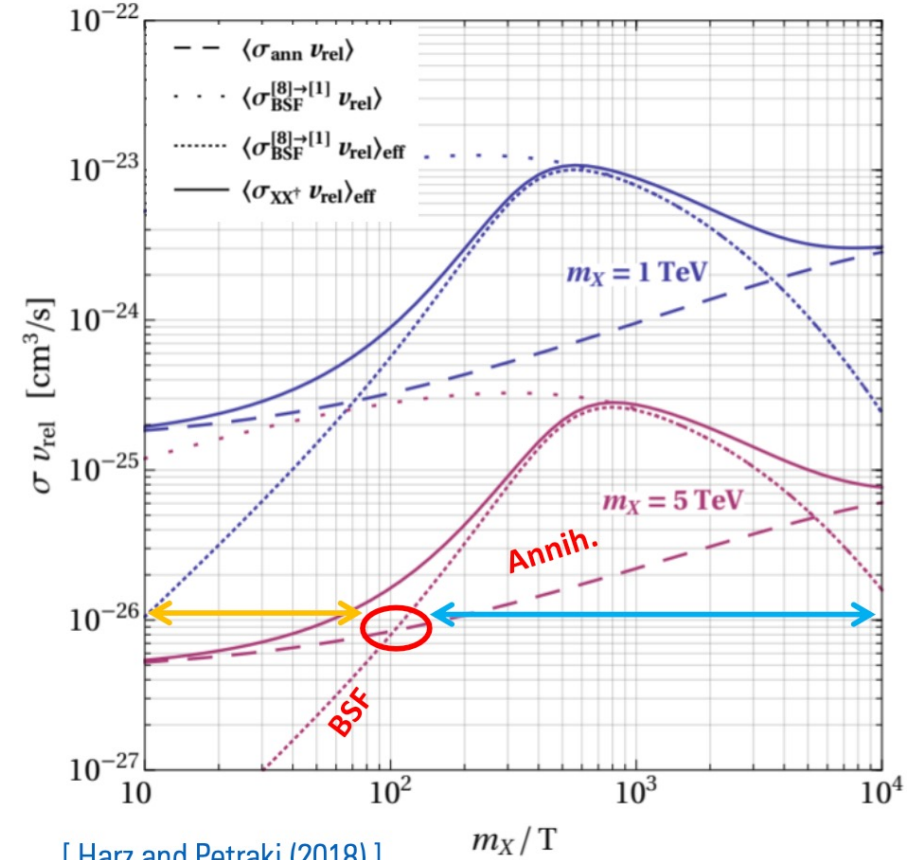
BSF impact on Boltzmann equation

$$\langle \sigma_{\text{eff}} v_{\text{rel}} \rangle = \sum_{i,j=\{\chi, X\}} \langle \sigma_{ij} v_{ij} \rangle \frac{Y_i^{\text{eq}} Y_j^{\text{eq}}}{(\tilde{Y}^{\text{eq}})^2} + \langle \sigma_{\text{BSF}} v_{\text{rel}} \rangle_{\text{eff}} \frac{(Y_X^{\text{eq}})^2}{(\tilde{Y}^{\text{eq}})^2}$$

$$\langle \sigma_{\text{BSF}} v_{\text{rel}} \rangle_{\text{eff}} \equiv \langle \sigma_{\text{BSF}}^{[8] \rightarrow [1]} v_{\text{rel}} \rangle \frac{\Gamma_{\text{dec}[1]}}{\Gamma_{\text{dec}[1]} + \Gamma_{\text{ion},[1]}}$$

$\mathcal{B} F X X^\dagger G \rightarrow g + g$
 $\mathcal{B}_{\text{W}} X X^\dagger X + g \rightarrow X + X^\dagger$

Large T $\Gamma_{\text{Ion}} \gg \Gamma_{\text{Dec}} \Rightarrow \langle \sigma_{\text{BSF}} v_{\text{rel}} \rangle_{\text{eff}} \rightarrow 0$
 Small T $\Gamma_{\text{Ion}} \ll \Gamma_{\text{Dec}} \Rightarrow \langle \sigma_{\text{BSF}} v_{\text{rel}} \rangle_{\text{eff}} \rightarrow \langle \sigma_{\text{BSF}} v_{\text{rel}} \rangle$



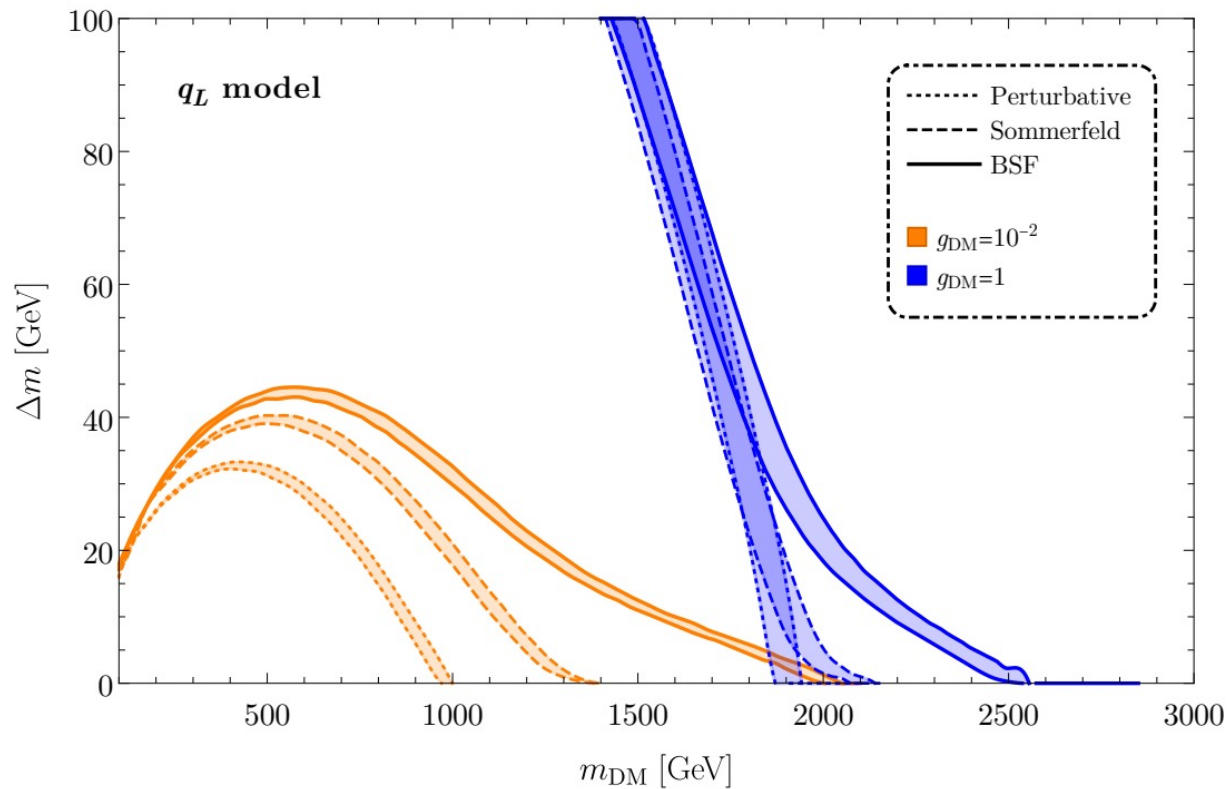
Relic density computation

- Several tools for calculating DM relic density + experimental signatures (non-exhaustive list)
 - MadDM [Backovic et al. (2013)]
 - SuperIso Relic [Arbey&Mahmoudi (2009)]
 - DarkSUSY [Gondolo et al. (2004)]
 - MicrOMEGAs [Belanger et al. (2010)]
- BSF and Sommerfeld effects not included
Exception: DarkSUSY includes Sommerfeld effect only for electroweak interactions.



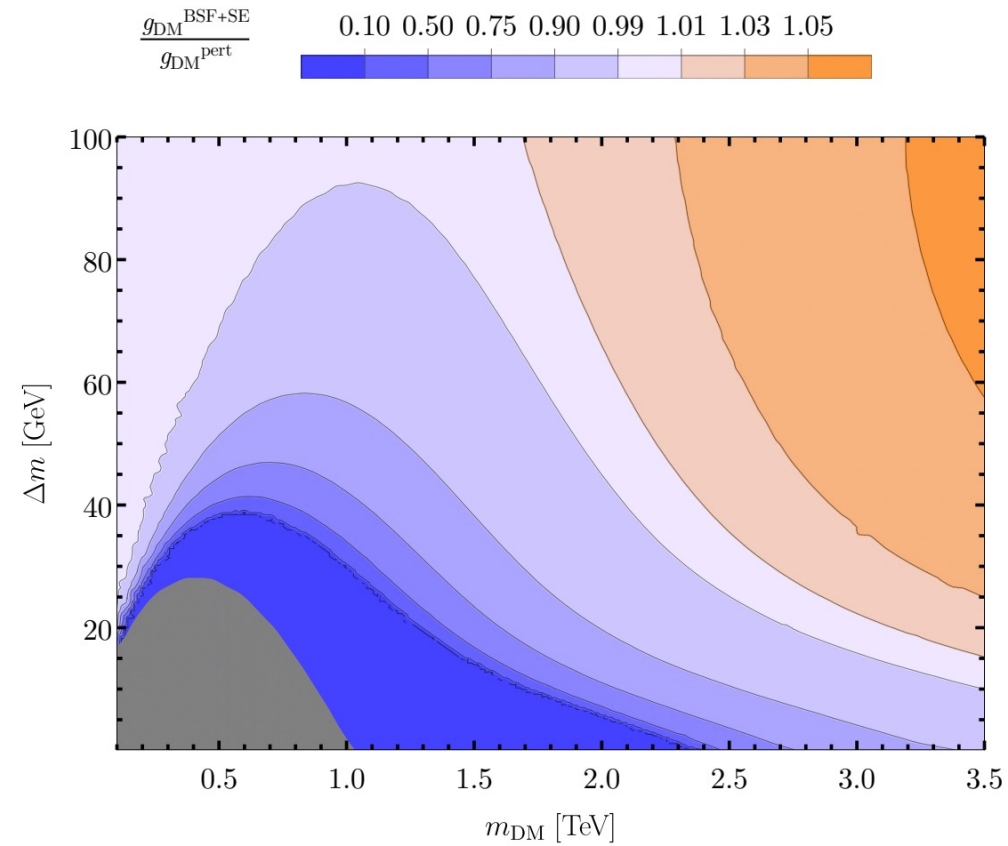
We modified MicrOMEGAs v.5.2.7 including:

1. Sommerfeld effect ($3 \otimes \bar{3}$ and $3 \otimes 3$)
2. BSF (singlet ground state) for colored particles.

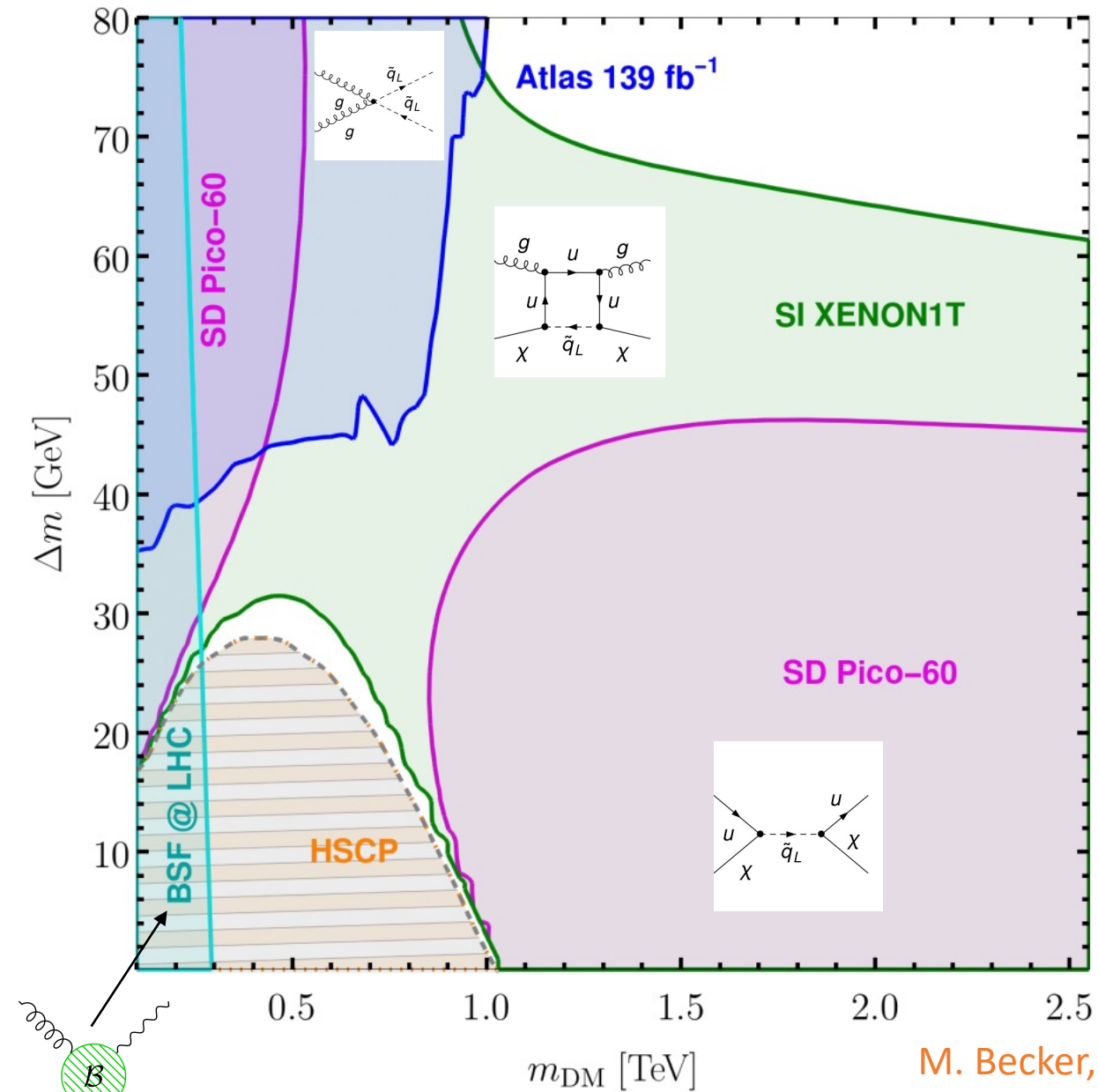


- Bands $\leftrightarrow \Omega_{\text{DM}} h^2 = 0.120 \pm 0.005$
- Dramatic change in DM density with SE and SE+BSF for **small** g_{DM} when $\Delta m \ll m_{\text{DM}}$.
- For $g_{\text{DM}} \sim \mathcal{O}(1)$ still sizable effects
- Stronger effective annihilations
 - \Rightarrow larger DM masses needed
 - \Rightarrow larger mass splittings Δm

Cannot use k factor



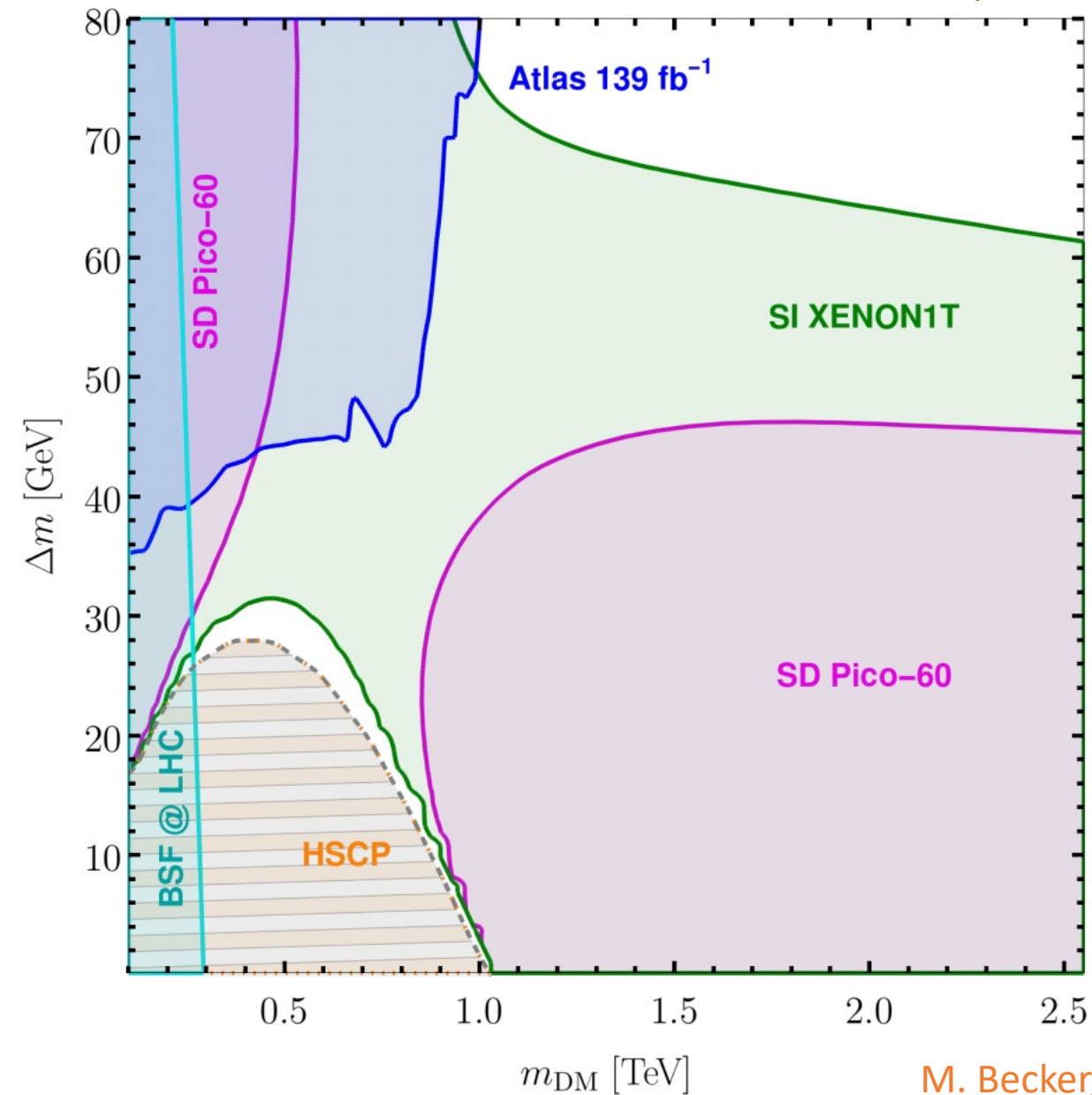
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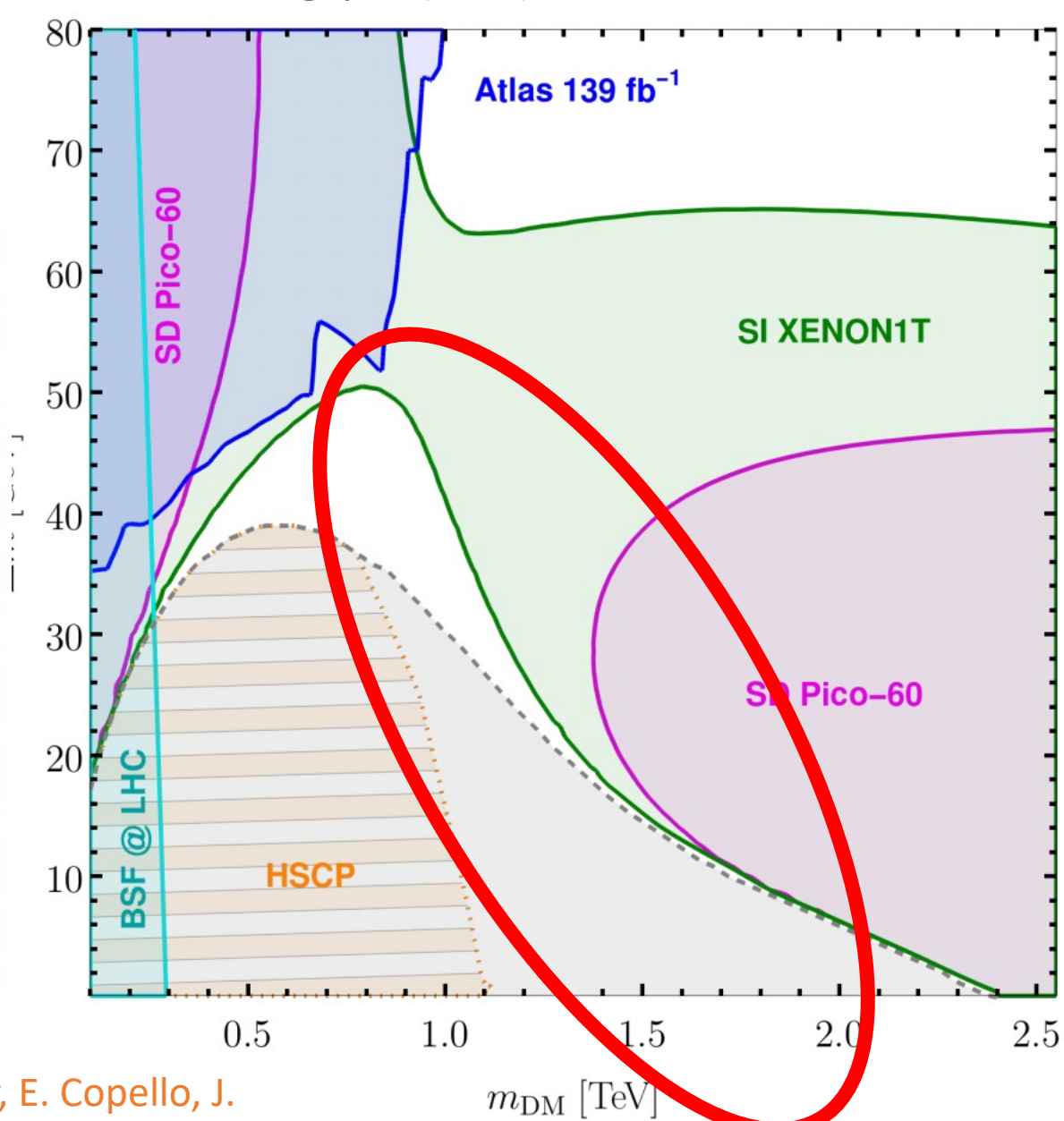
- HSCP: Heavy stable charged particle searches (decays in or outside detector)
- BSF: Bound State Formation – Bound states form and decay to gauge bosons at LHC
- SI : Spin Independent Direct Detection
- SD: Spin Dependent Direct Detection

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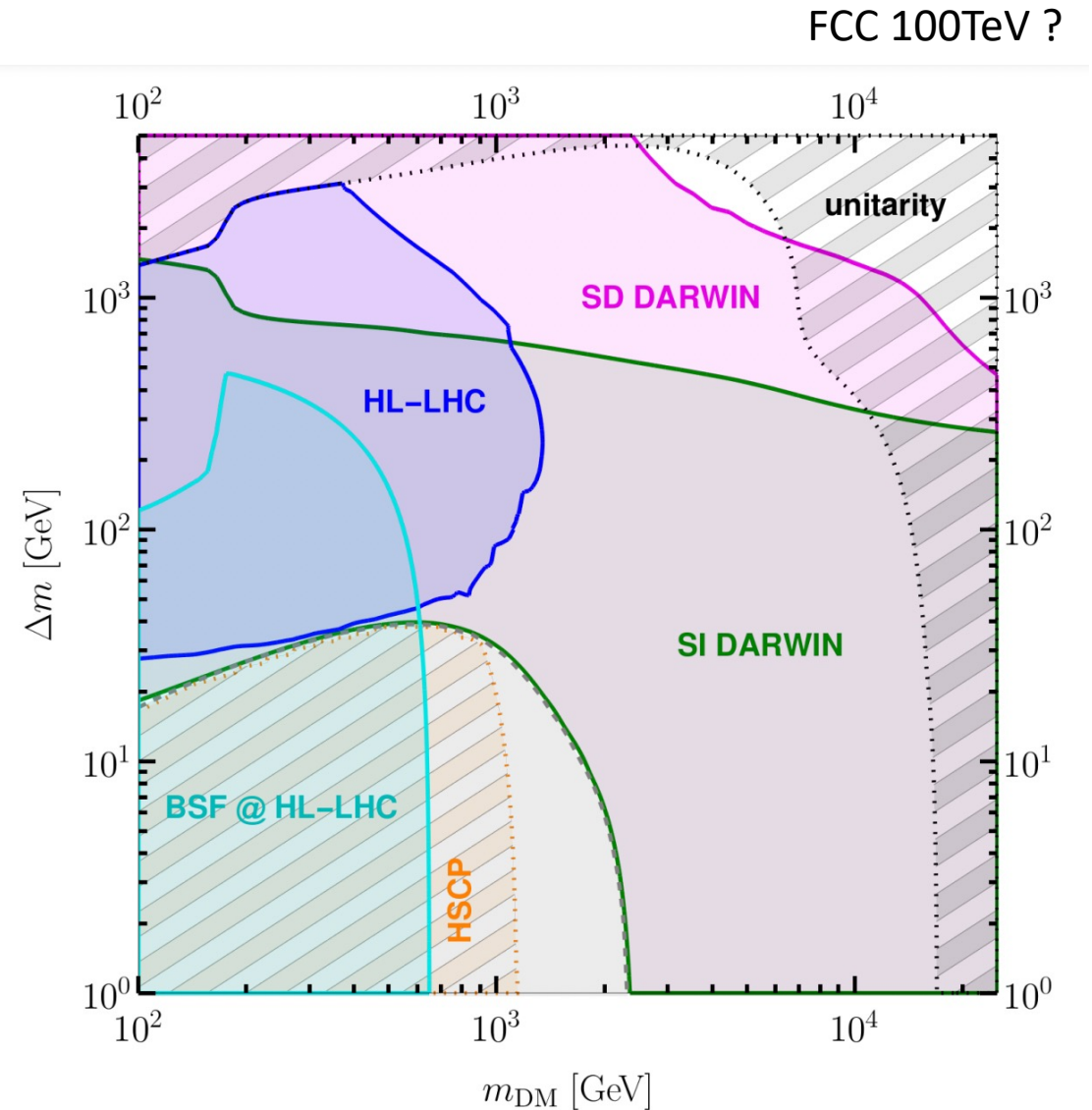


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Future Projection

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Summary

- Looked at the impact of Sommerfeld enhancement and Bound State Formation on the relic density.
 - Strong effect on the Simplified t-channel parameter space – and should be taken seriously.
 - Next steps
 - Formalism allows to be generalized to many models
 - Plans to release tool for community use.