

# *Leptoquark manoeuvres in the dark: a simultaneous solution of the dark matter problem and the $RD^{(*)}$ anomalies*

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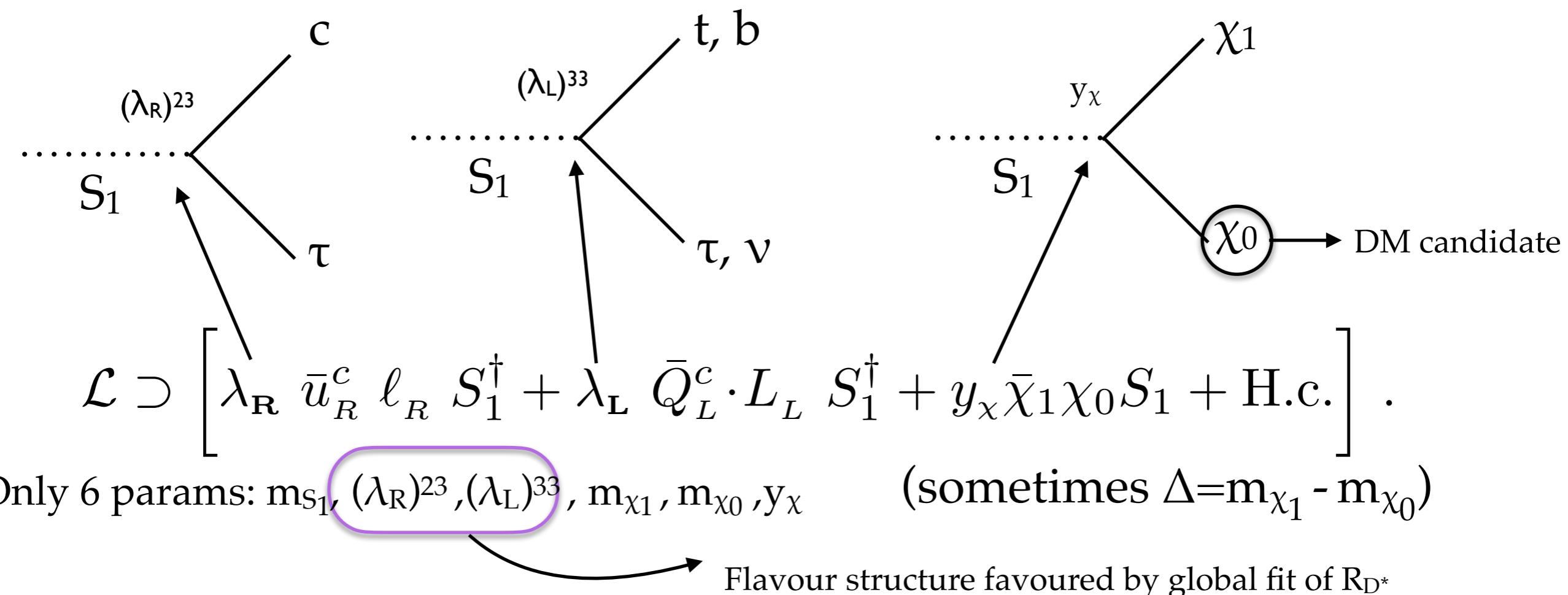
*Leptoquark Manoeuvres in the Dark: a simultaneous solution of the dark matter problem and the  $R_D$  anomalies*, G. Bélanger, A. Bharucha, B. Fuks, A. Goudelis, J. Heisig, A. Jueid, A. Lessa, K. Mohan, G. Polesello, P. Pani, A. Pukhov, D. Sengupta JZ, arXiv 2111.08027, JHEP 02 (2022) 42

# Outline

- Motivation and model
- Collider phenomenology
  - Missing energy (MET) searches
  - Leptoquark (LQ) searches
  - LQ + MET (CMS only...)
- Dark matter phenomenology (time allowing)
- Conclusion

# Motivation

- Two *games in town*:  $(g-2)_\mu$  and  $R_{D,K(*)}$ . The *flavour anomalies* can be solved with  $Z'$  or *leptoquarks* (LQ): scalars | vectors,  $O(1000)$  pheno papers don't fit in this margin... line.
- Can these LQ models also account for dark matter? (e.g. 1507.06660, 2005.10117, 2007.11931, 2104.03228)
- Here: we pick a scalar LQ ( $S_1$ ) with right-handed down-type quark quantum numbers (*right handed squark*, for the SUSY fans)



# Flavour side

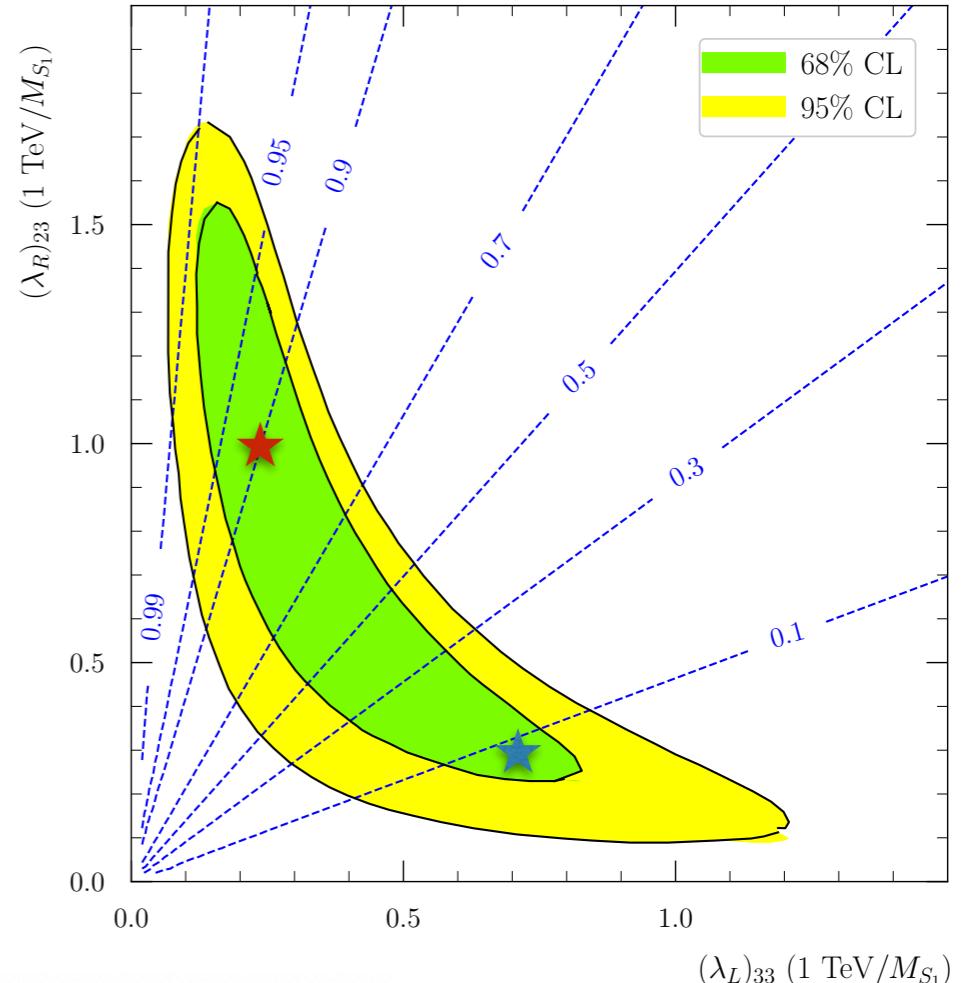
V. Gherardi, D. Marzocca, and E. Venturini, 2008.09548

- Global fit can be expressed in terms of

$$\tilde{\lambda}_L \equiv (\lambda_L)_{33}(\text{TeV}/M_{S_1}) \text{ and } \tilde{\lambda}_R \equiv (\lambda_R)_{23} (\text{TeV}/M_{S_1})$$

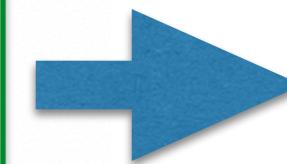
- We define benchmarks BS1=(0.7, 0.3) and BS2=(0.24, 1.0), all in 68 % C.L ellipse.

- These could be taken as the extreme cases where either  $\lambda_L$  or  $\lambda_R$  dominates



Name	$M_{S_1}$ [GeV]	$\lambda_L$	$\lambda_R$	$\text{BR}(S_1 \rightarrow b\nu)$	$\text{BR}(S_1 \rightarrow t\tau)$	$\text{BR}(S_1 \rightarrow c\tau)$	$\Gamma_{S_1}$ [GeV]
BS1a	1250	0.875	0.375	0.466	0.448	0.086	40.9
BS2a	1250	0.3	1.25	0.053	0.050	0.897	43.24
BS1b	1500	1.05	0.45	0.463	0.451	0.086	70.98
BS2b	1500	0.36	1.5	0.052	0.050	0.898	74.78
BS1c	1700	1.19	0.51	0.462	0.452	0.085	103.60
BS2c	1700	0.408	1.7	0.052	0.051	0.897	108.88

setting  $y\chi=0$   
(no  $S_1$  decays  
to dark matter)

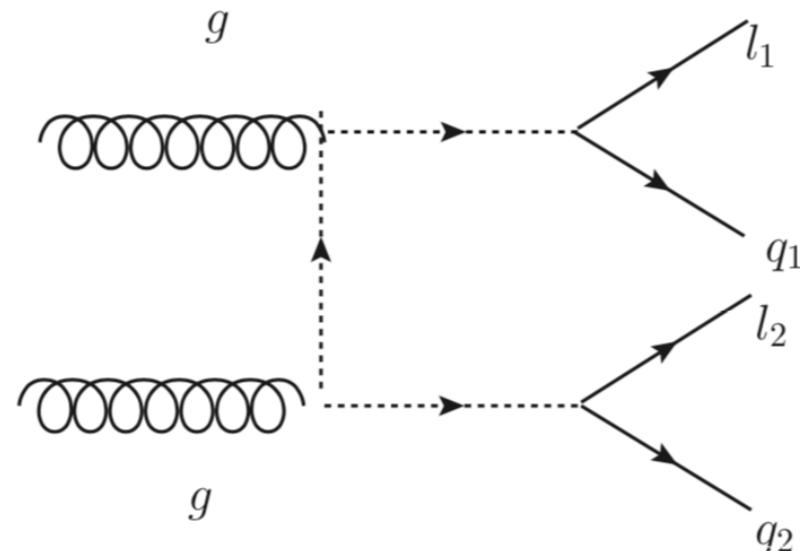


$S_1$  is not fat ( $\Gamma / M \sim 3-6\%$ )

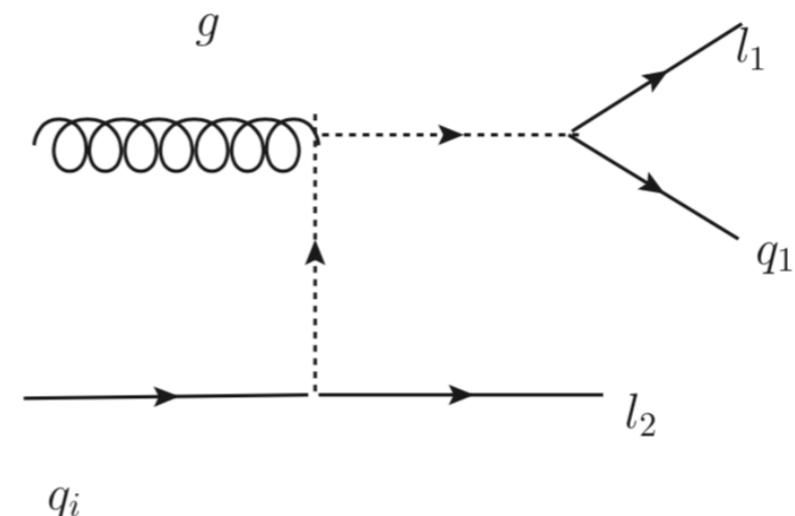
# Collider signals

1) LQ searches

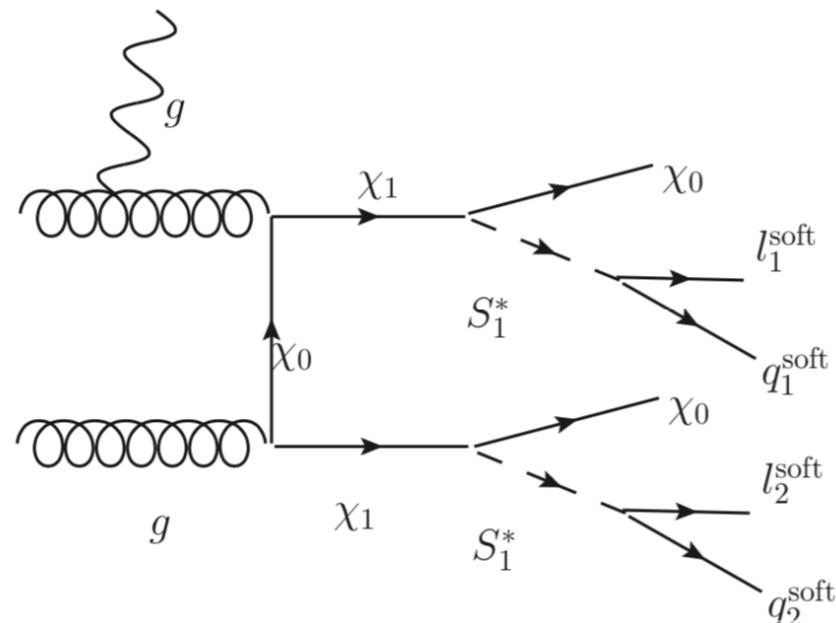
LQ pairs



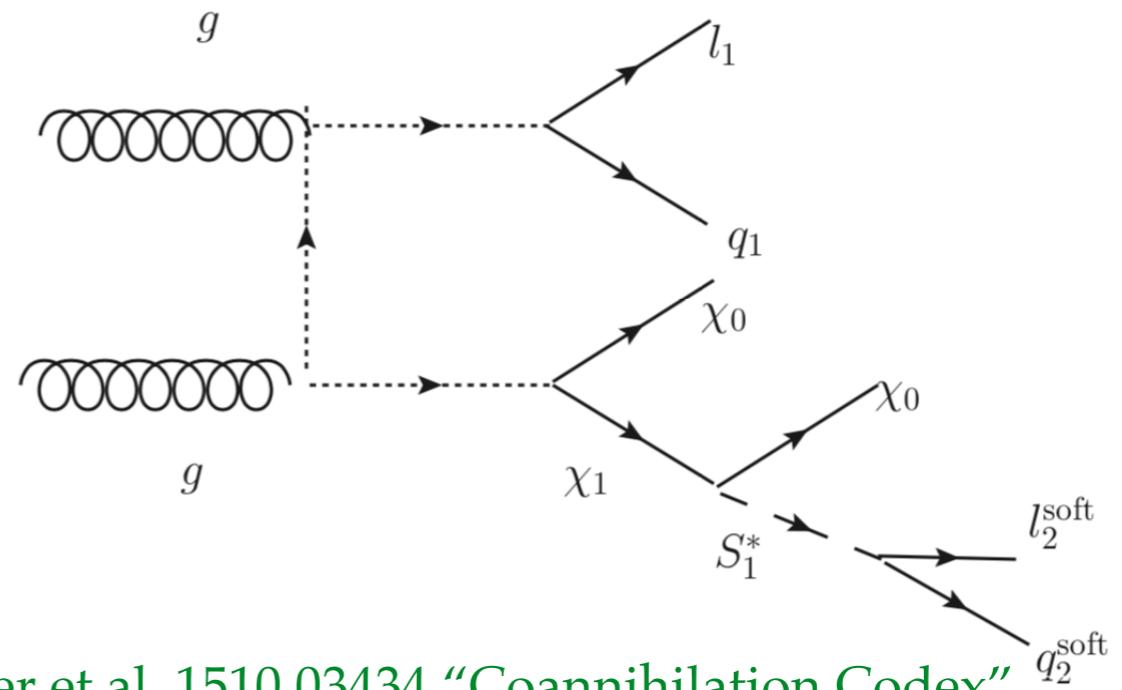
single LQ + lepton



2) MET +  $j + \dots +$  (+soft)



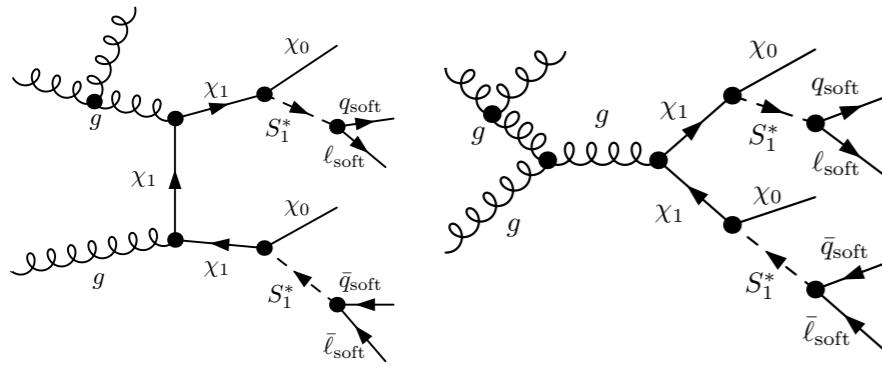
3) MET +  $\text{LQ}_{\text{res}} +$  (soft)



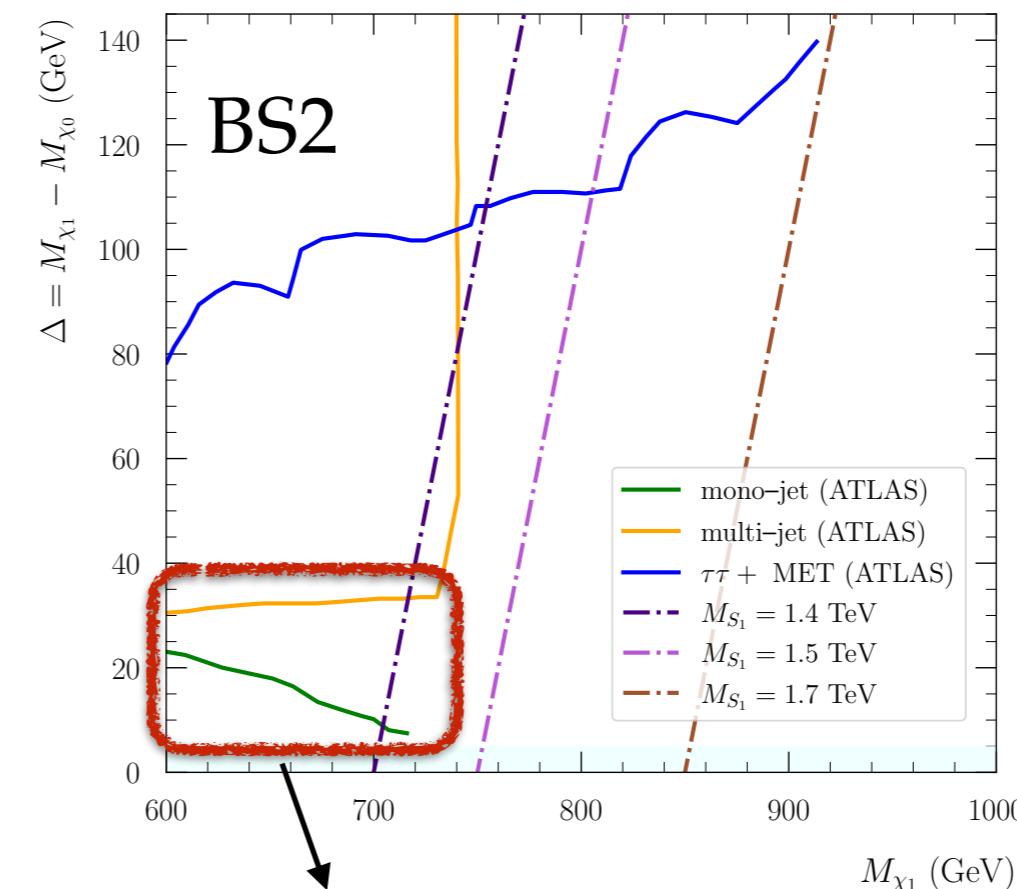
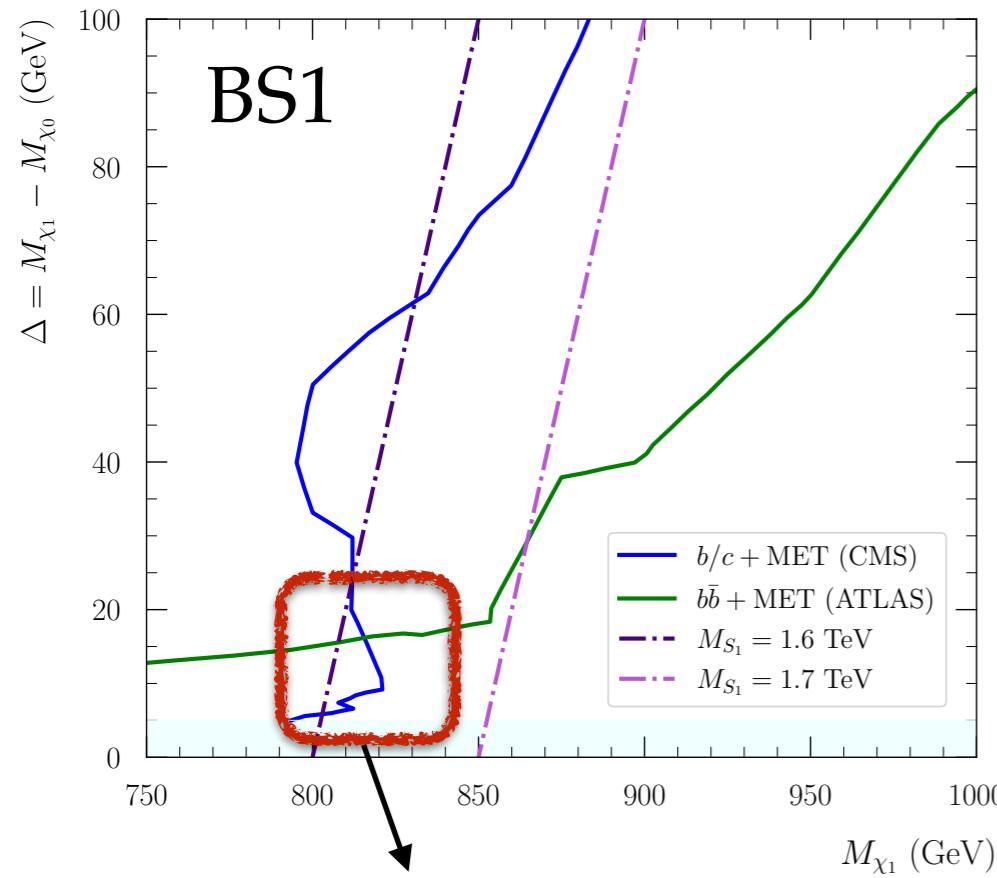
Proposed in Baker et al, 1510.03434 "Coannihilation Codex"

CMS Collaboration, A. M. Sirunyan et al., *Search for dark matter in events with a leptoquark and missing transverse momentum in proton-proton collisions at 13 TeV*, *Phys. Lett. B795* (2019) 76–99, [[arXiv:1811.10151](https://arxiv.org/abs/1811.10151)].

# 2-MET searches



Search	arXiv	$\mathcal{L}$ [fb $^{-1}$ ]	BS1	BS2
CMS $b/c + \text{MET}$	1707.07274 [45]	35.9	✓	X
ATLAS $b\bar{b} + \text{MET}$	2101.12527 [46]	139	✓	X
CMS $\ell_{\text{soft}} + \text{MET}$	1801.01846 [47]	35.9	X	✓
ATLAS mono-jet	2102.10874 [48]	139	✓	✓
ATLAS $\tau^+\tau^- + \text{MET}$	1911.06660 [49]	139	X	✓
ATLAS multi-jet	2010.14293 [50]	139	X	✓

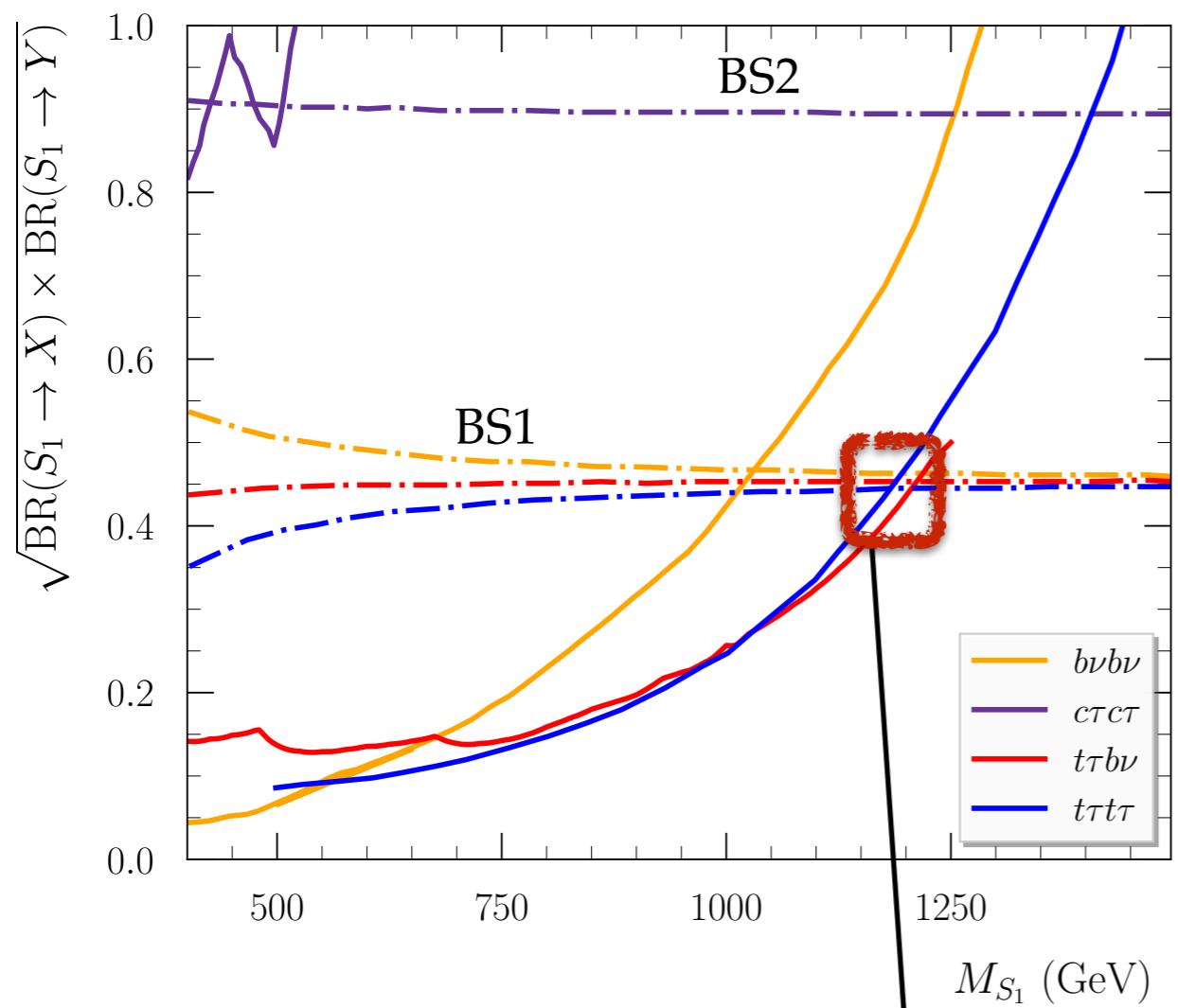


Nice probe of the compressed region!

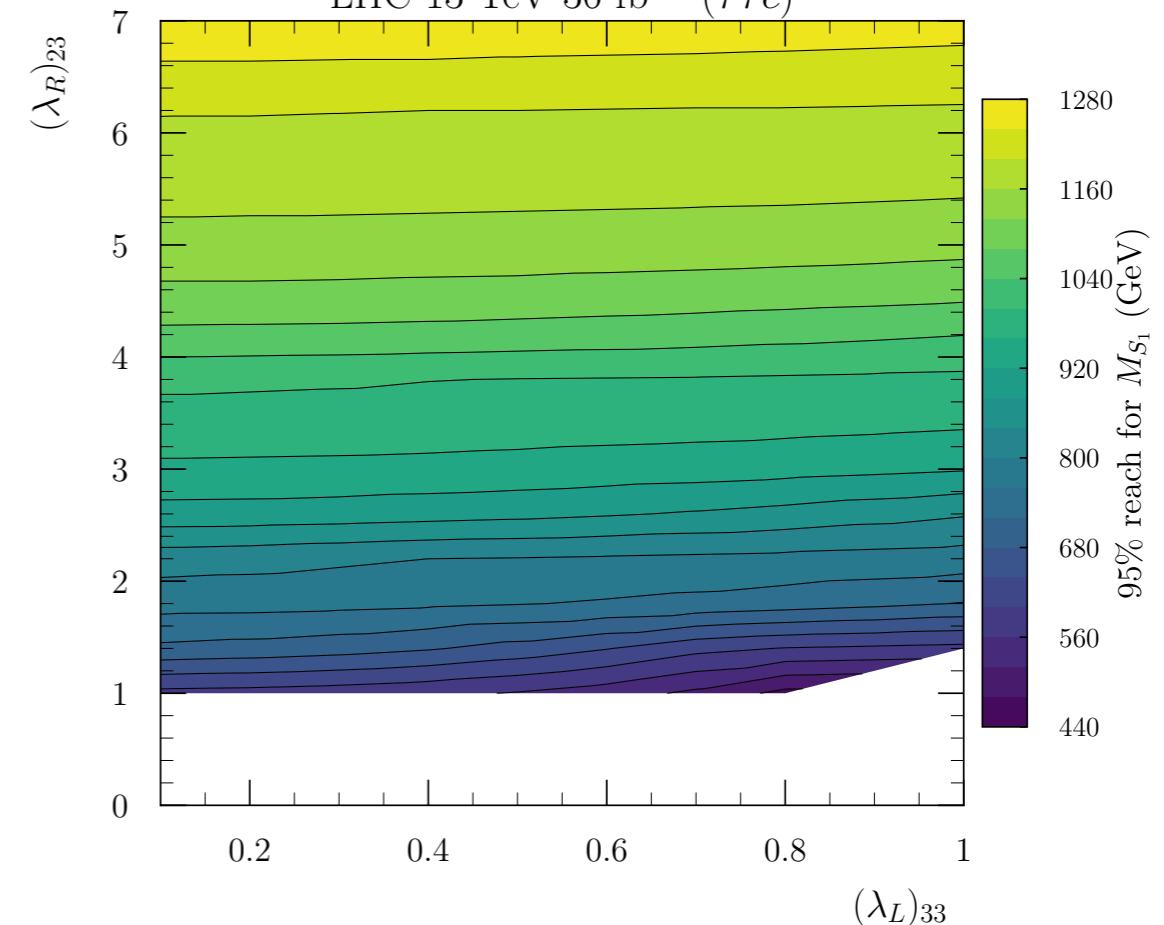
BS2 less constrained!

# 1-LQ searches

Decays	$t\tau$	$b\nu$	$c\tau$
$t\tau$	ATLAS-CONF-2020-029 [20]	ATLAS-CONF-2021-008 [22]	No public search yet
$b\nu$	—	2101.12527 [46]	
$c\tau$	—	—	Rescaling of 1803.08103 [58]



Rescaling  $b\tau b\tau$ : no dedicated search yet!



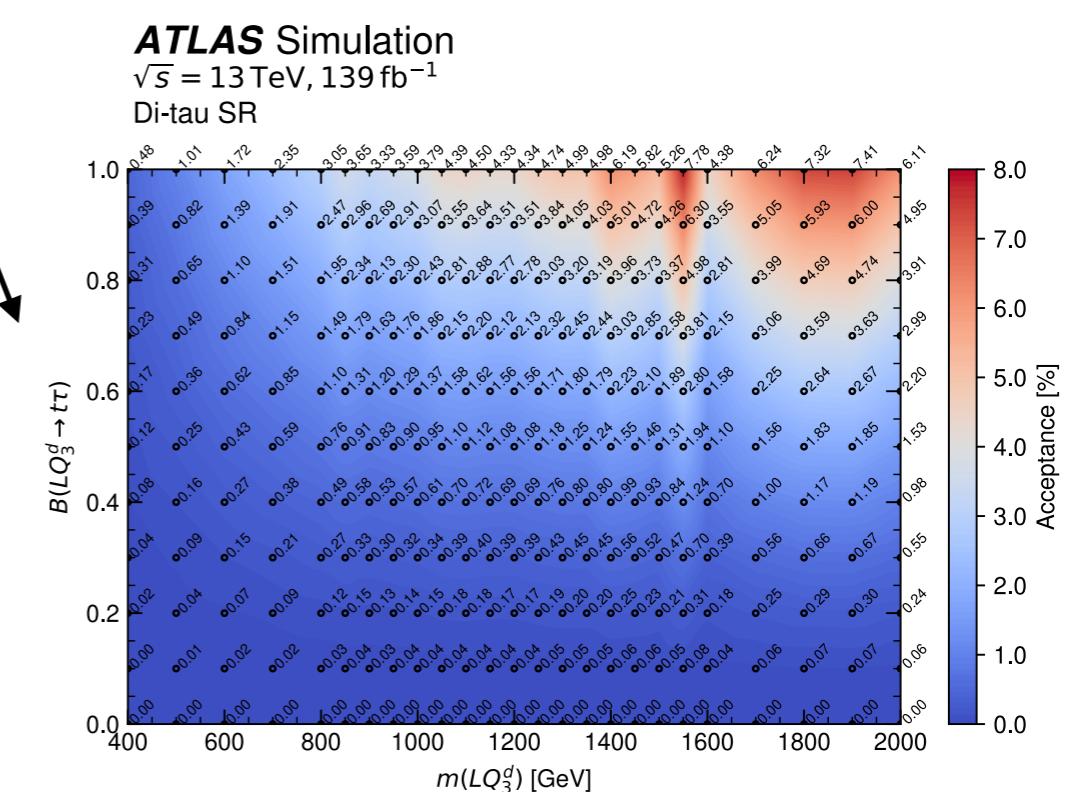
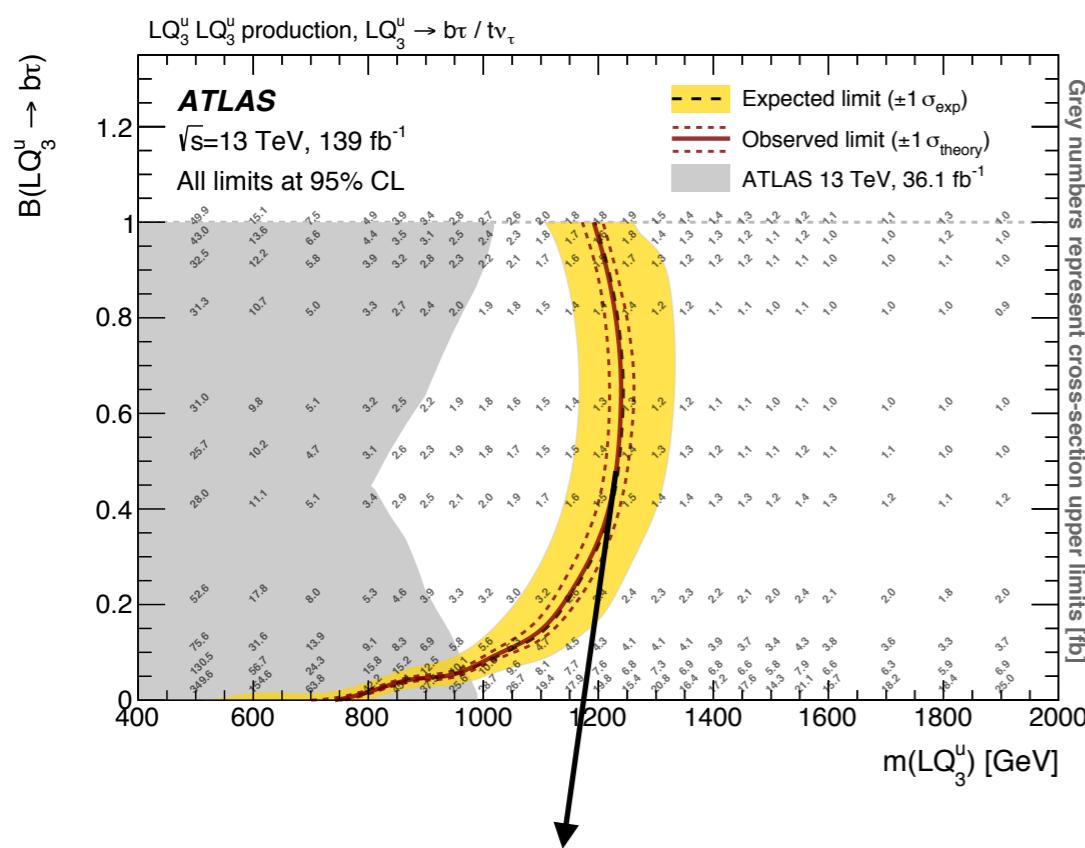
Mixed search wins!!!

# Reinterpreting the $b\tau\tau$ search

ATLAS analysis assumes  $\text{BR}(S_1 \rightarrow t\tau) + \text{BR}(S_1 \rightarrow bv) = 1$ . But we have  $\text{BR}(S_1 \rightarrow c\tau)$ , that we assumed does not pollute the signal region, and also  $\text{BR}(S_1 \rightarrow t\tau) \approx \text{BR}(S_1 \rightarrow bv)$ .

Acceptance and efficiency maps provided as function of mass and  $\text{BR}(S_1 \rightarrow t\tau)$ , but the relevant quantity would be  $x' = \text{BR}(S_1 \rightarrow t\tau) / (\text{BR}(S_1 \rightarrow t\tau) + \text{BR}(S_1 \rightarrow bv))$  [relative proportion]

$$N \propto \sigma(p p \rightarrow S_1 S_1) \text{BR}(S_1 \rightarrow t\tau) \text{BR}(S_1 \rightarrow bv) A(x', m_{S1}) \varepsilon(x', m_{S1})$$



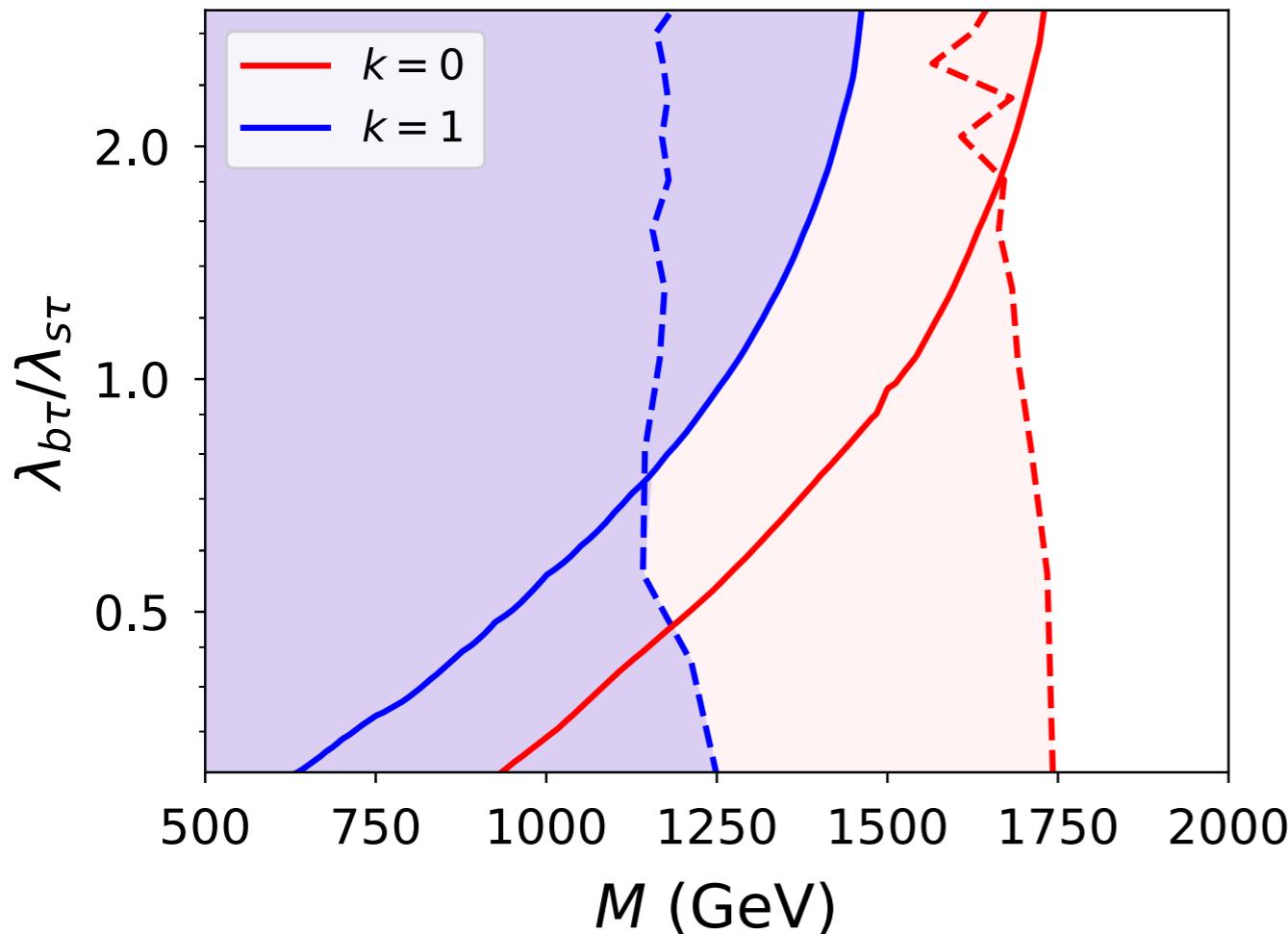
ATLAS excludes  $m_{95}=1250 \text{ GeV}$  for  $x'=0.5$

$\rightarrow \text{BR}(S_1 \rightarrow t\tau)^{95}(m) = 0.5 \left( \frac{\sigma(m_{95})A(m_{95}, 0.5)E(m_{95}, 0.5)}{\sigma(m)A(m, 0.5)E(m, 0.5)} \right)^{1/2}$

for  $\text{BR}(S_1 \rightarrow t\tau) \approx \text{BR}(S_1 \rightarrow bv)$ .

# Mixed search for vector LQ model

See M. Blanke's talk (this session, the previous talk)



Vector leptoquark  $U_1$   
(up quark quantum numbers)

solid: LQ mixed search  
dashed: CheckMATE  
(exclusion driven by ATLAS  
multi-jet 1712.02332)

J. Bernigaud, M. Blanke, J. Talbert, I. de Medeiros Varzielas, JZ, arXiv 2112.12129, accepted by JHEP

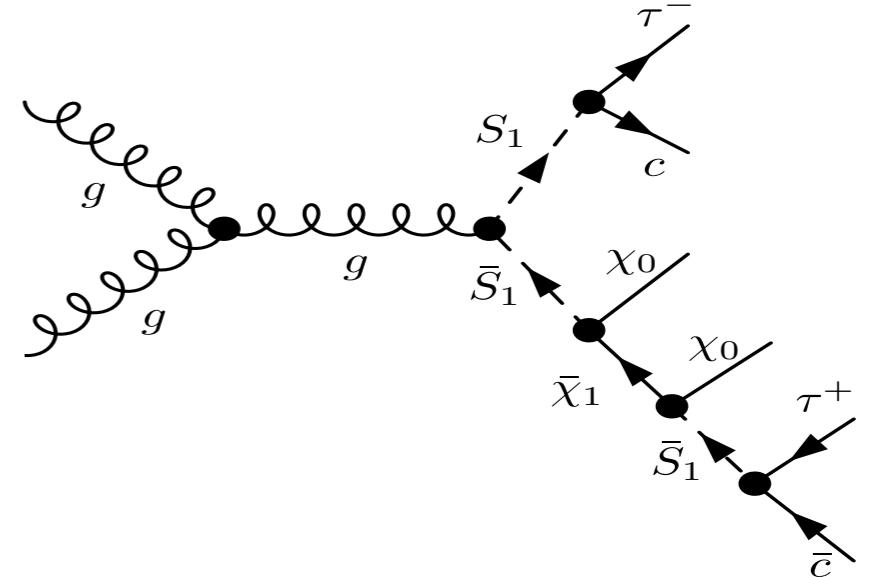
This model also has left-handed 3-3 couplings:  $\text{BR}(U_1 \rightarrow tv) \approx \text{BR}(U_1 \rightarrow b\tau)$ , ( $x' = 0.5$ ) and  $U_1$  can have sizeable decays into  $c\bar{v}$  and  $s\bar{\tau}$  as well.

# 3-LQ + MET

CMS search targets ( $c\mu$ ) + MET.

Final state proposed in *Coannihilation Codex*, Baker et al, 1510.03434.

Reinterpretation and validation in MadAnalysis5, B.Fuks, A. Jueid, 2021

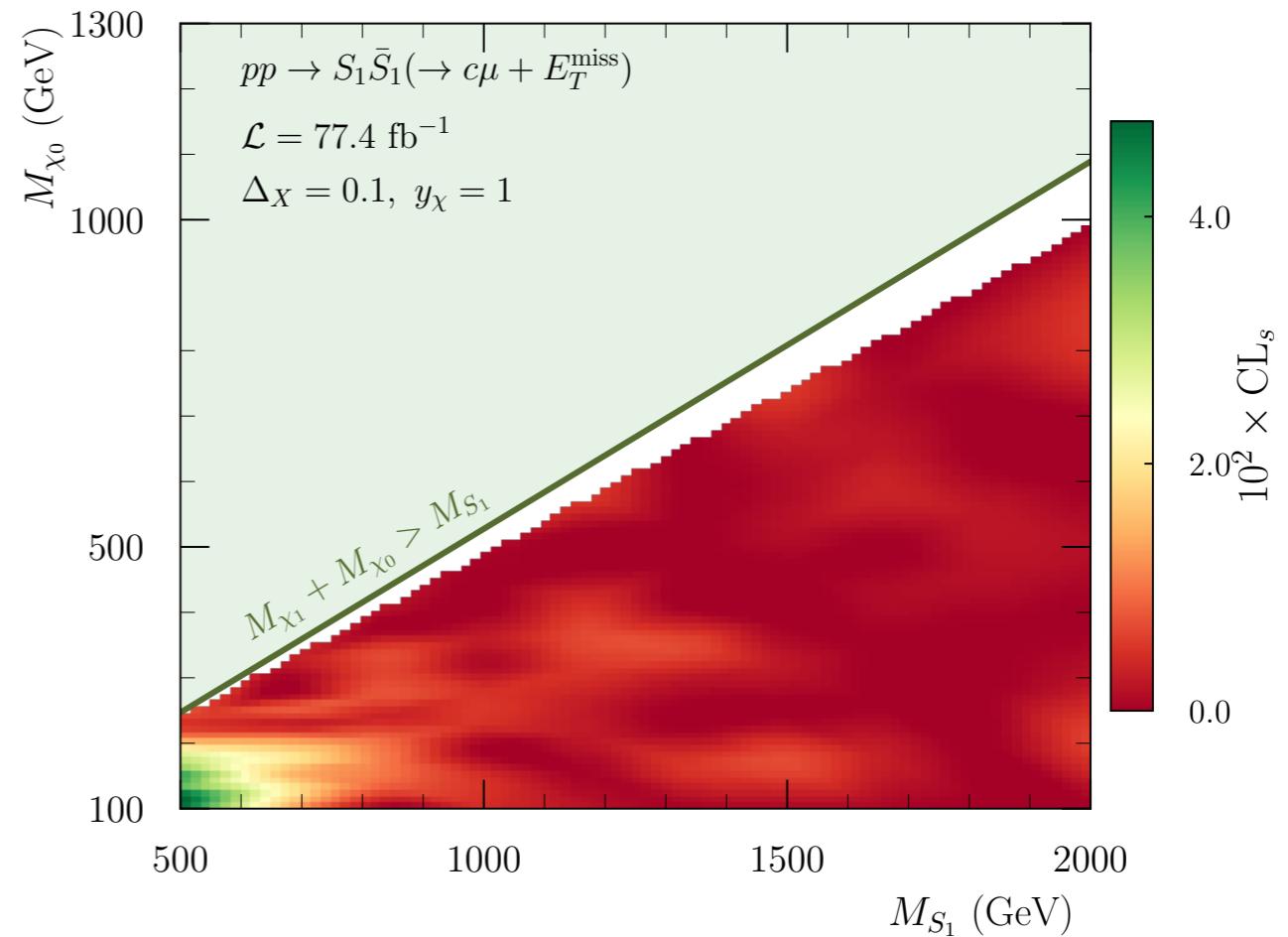


For the reinterpretation  $\mu$  must come from  $\tau$  decays. Two big disadvantages:

- i) branching ratio
- ii) muons are rather soft

The search has low sensitivity.

A dedicated  $c\tau$ +MET search is certainly an arduous task, but would be quite interesting to have!

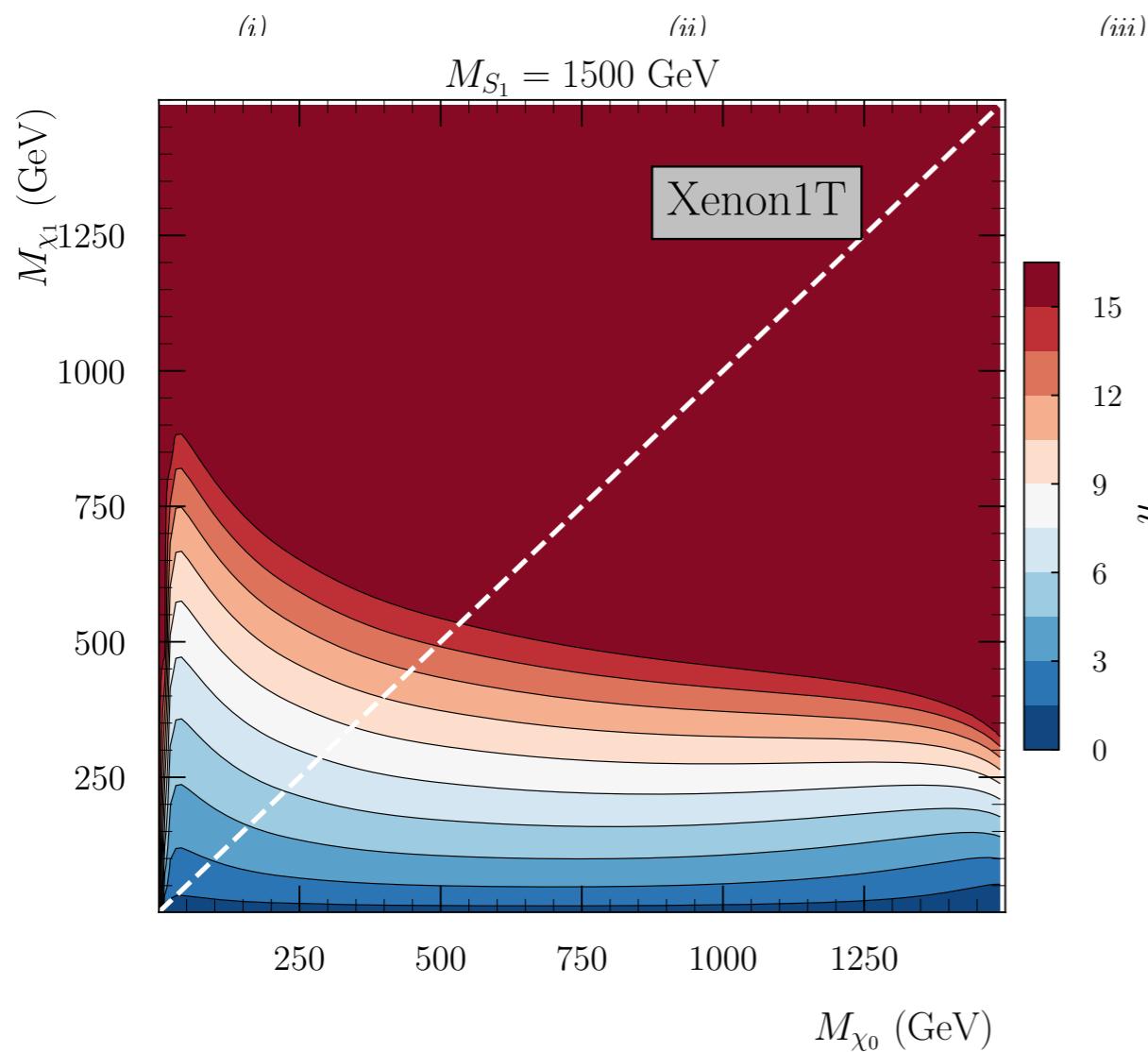
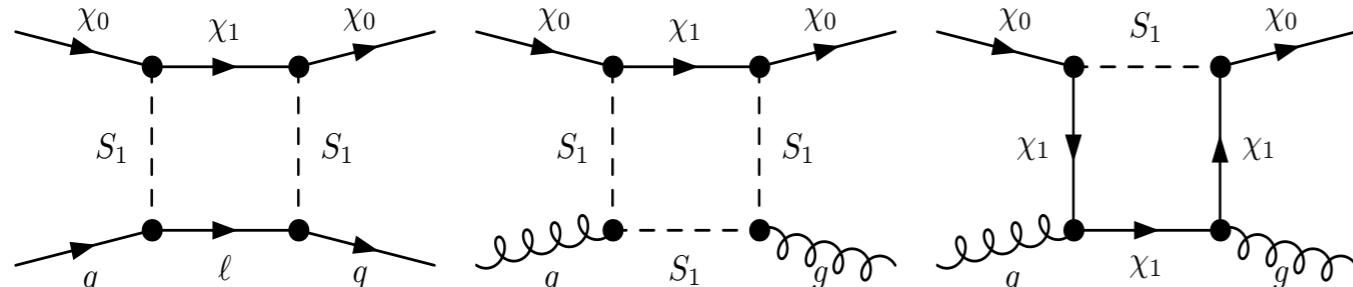


# Dark Matter phenomenology (relic density and direct detection)

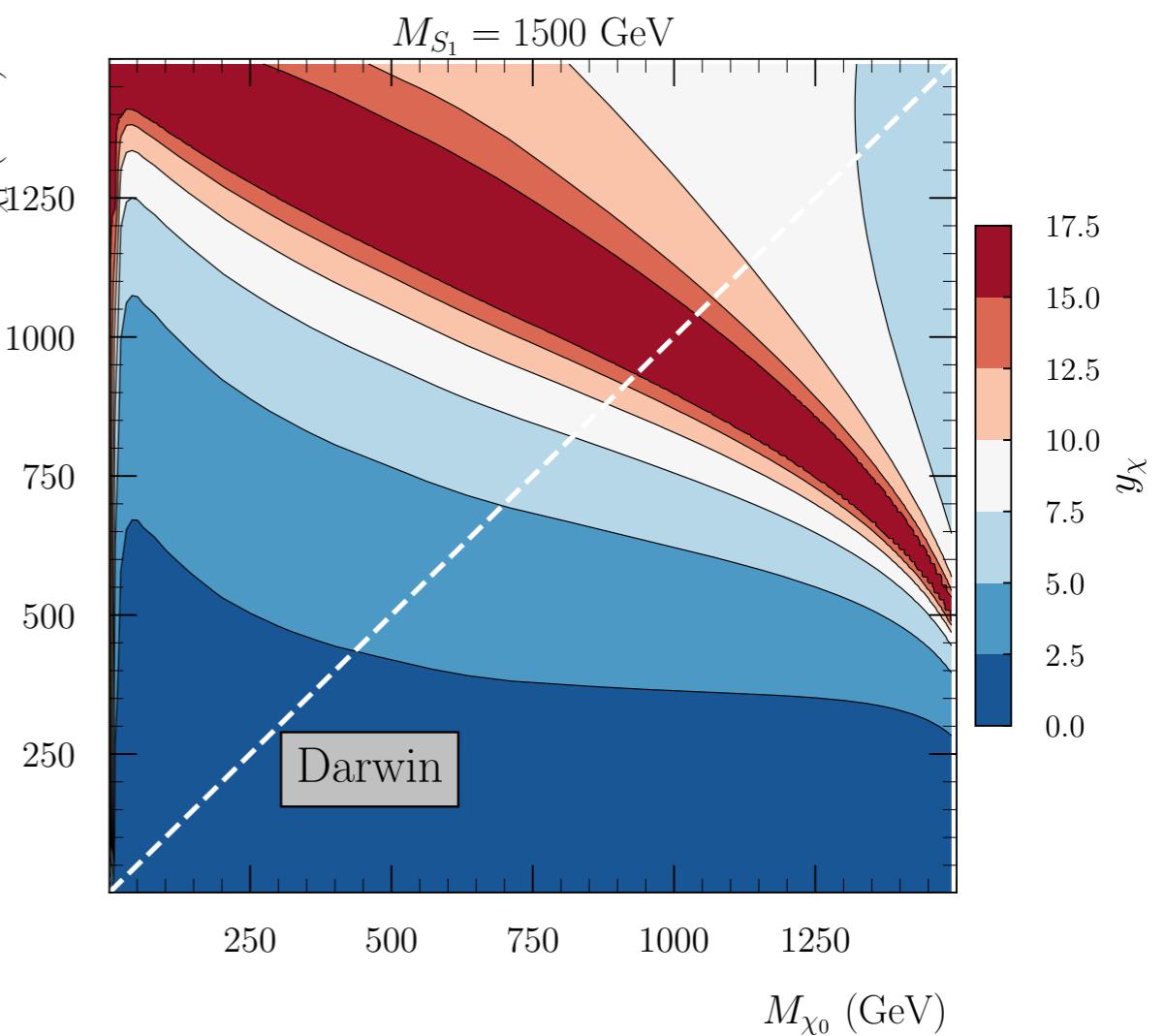


# Direct detection

Direct detection enters at 1-loop, but since DD is also quite precise



Gluon form factor dominates:  
only  $y_\chi$ ,  $m_{\chi 1}$ ,  $m_{\chi 0}$  (no dep on BS!)



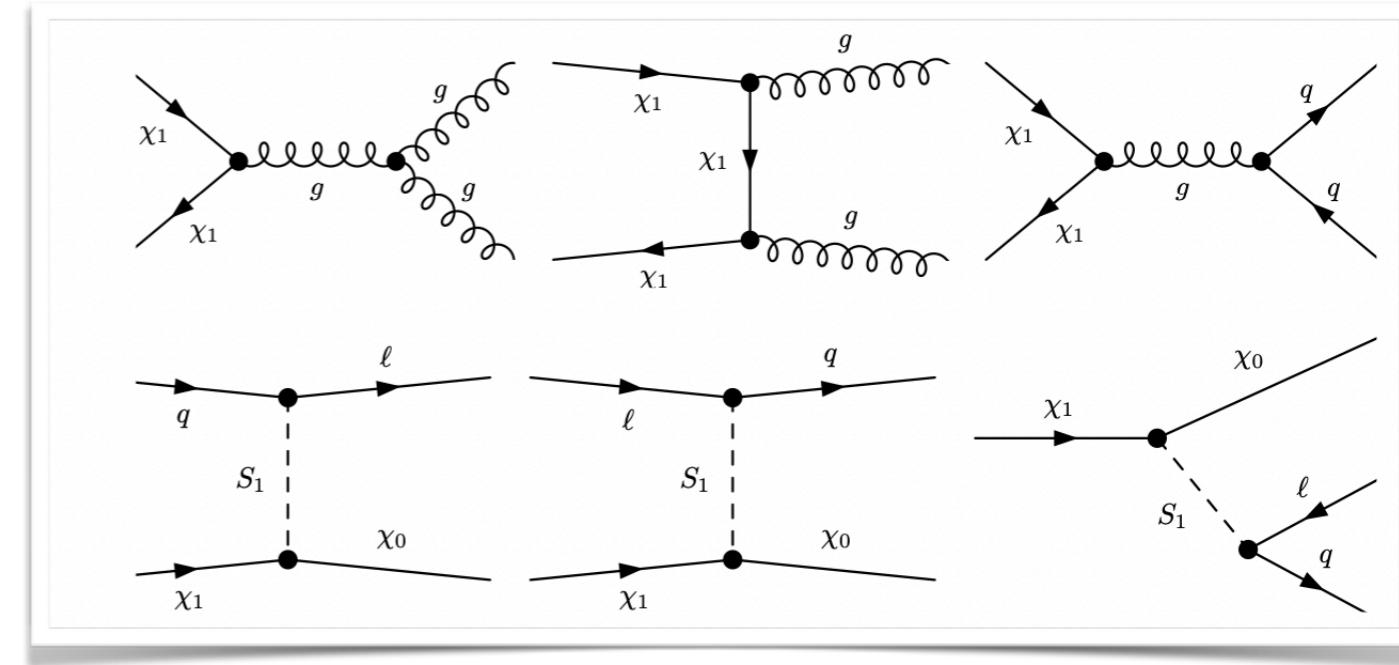
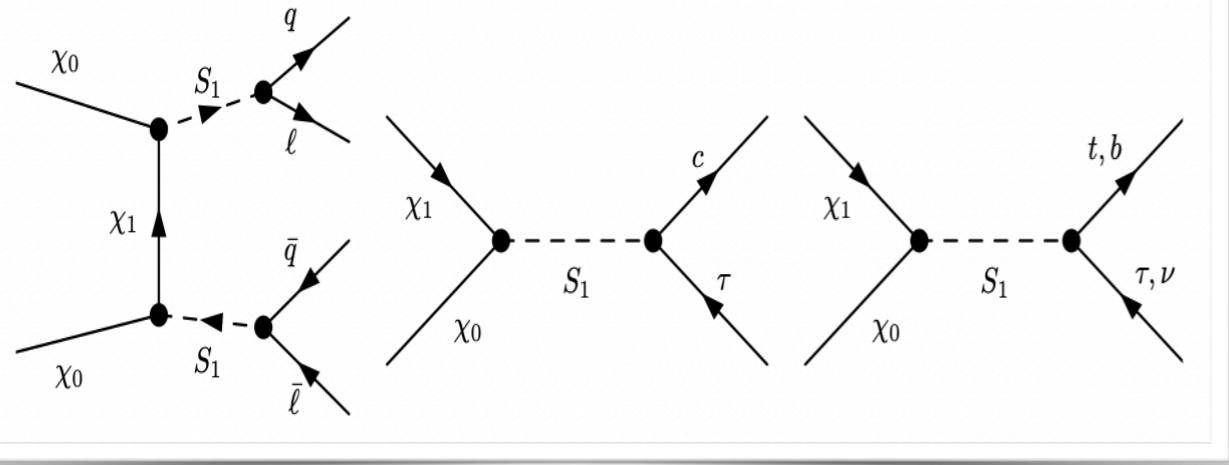
# Relic density

$\chi_0$  can be produced in the early universe via:

- 1) Vanilla “freeze-out” with (co-)annihilation (small  $\Delta$ )
- 2) Conversion-driven freeze-out:

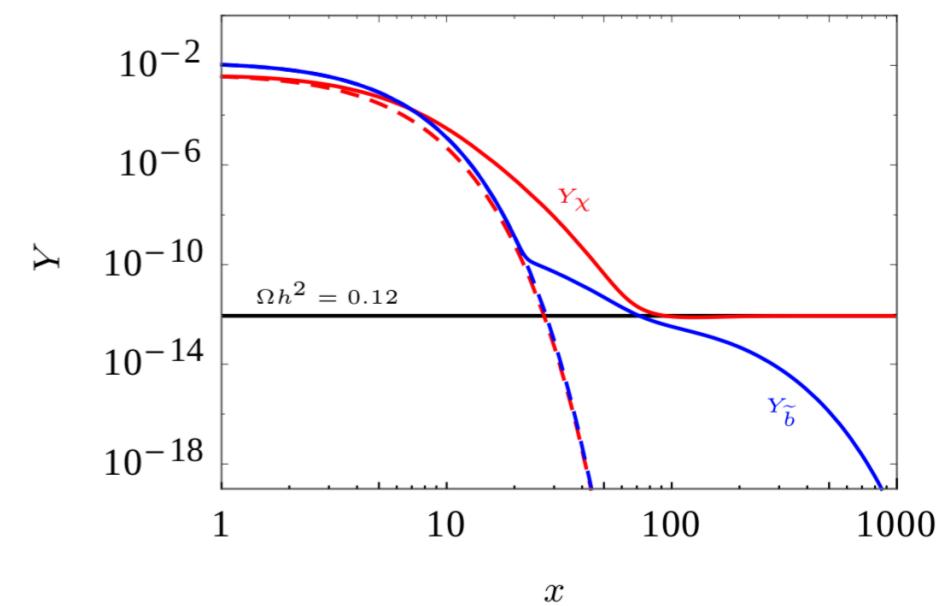
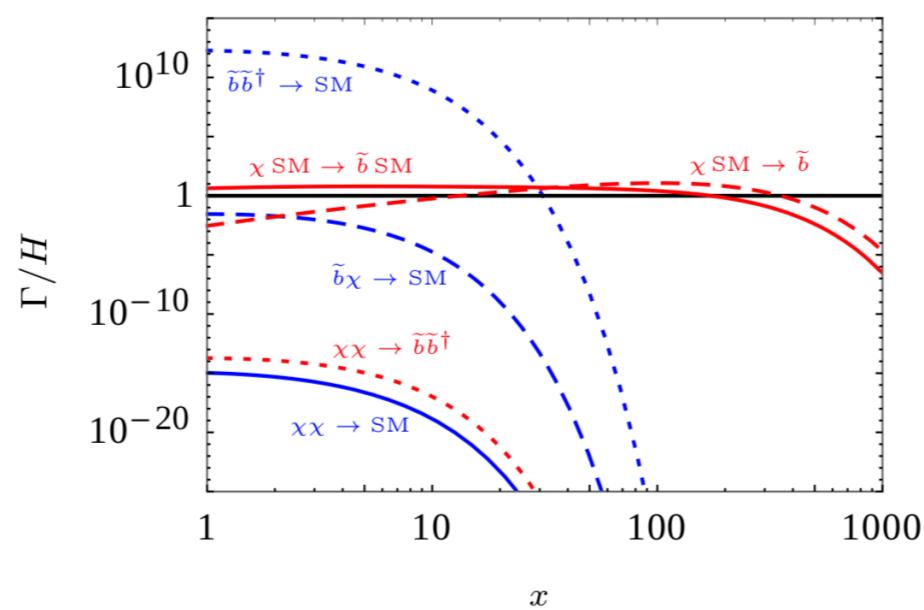
CDFo: Garny, Heisig, Lüfl, Vogl, 1705.09292

co-scattering: D’Agnolo, Pappadopulo, Ruderman, 1705.08450



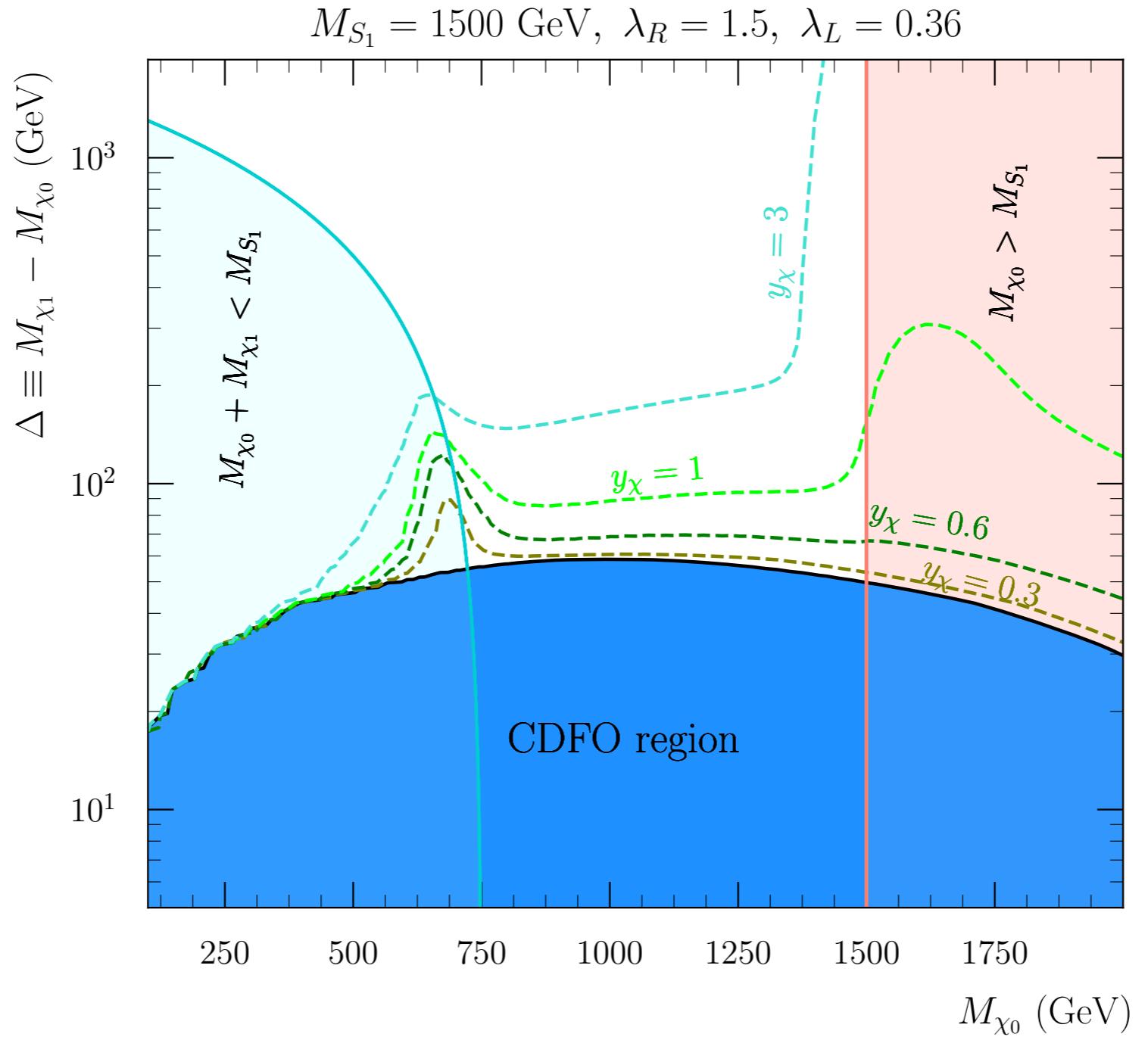
freeze-out takes place  
outside of chemical  
equilibrium

relic density set by  
conversion processes  
(inefficient annihilation)

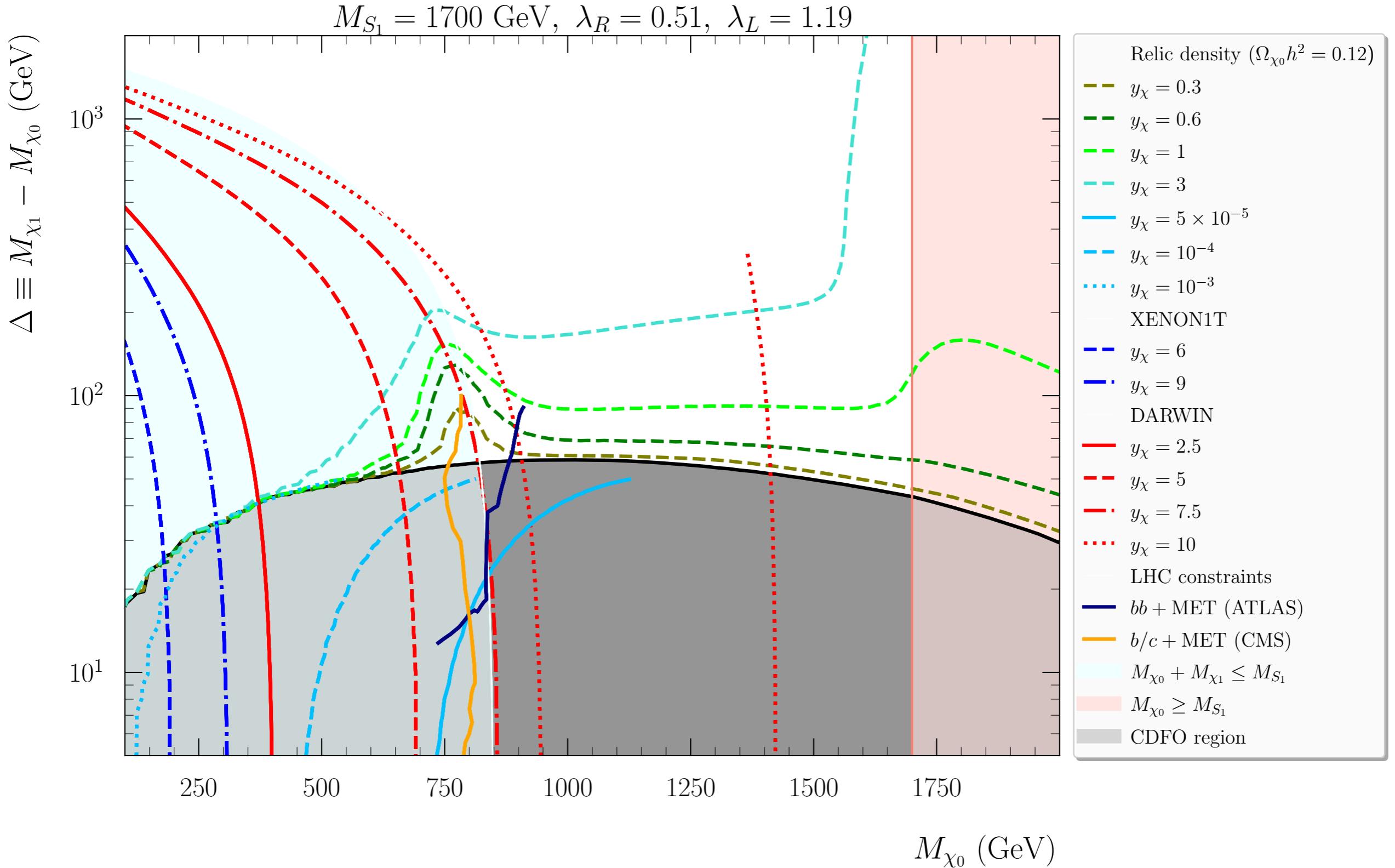


Opens-up the region of small  $y_\chi$  and / or small  $\Delta$

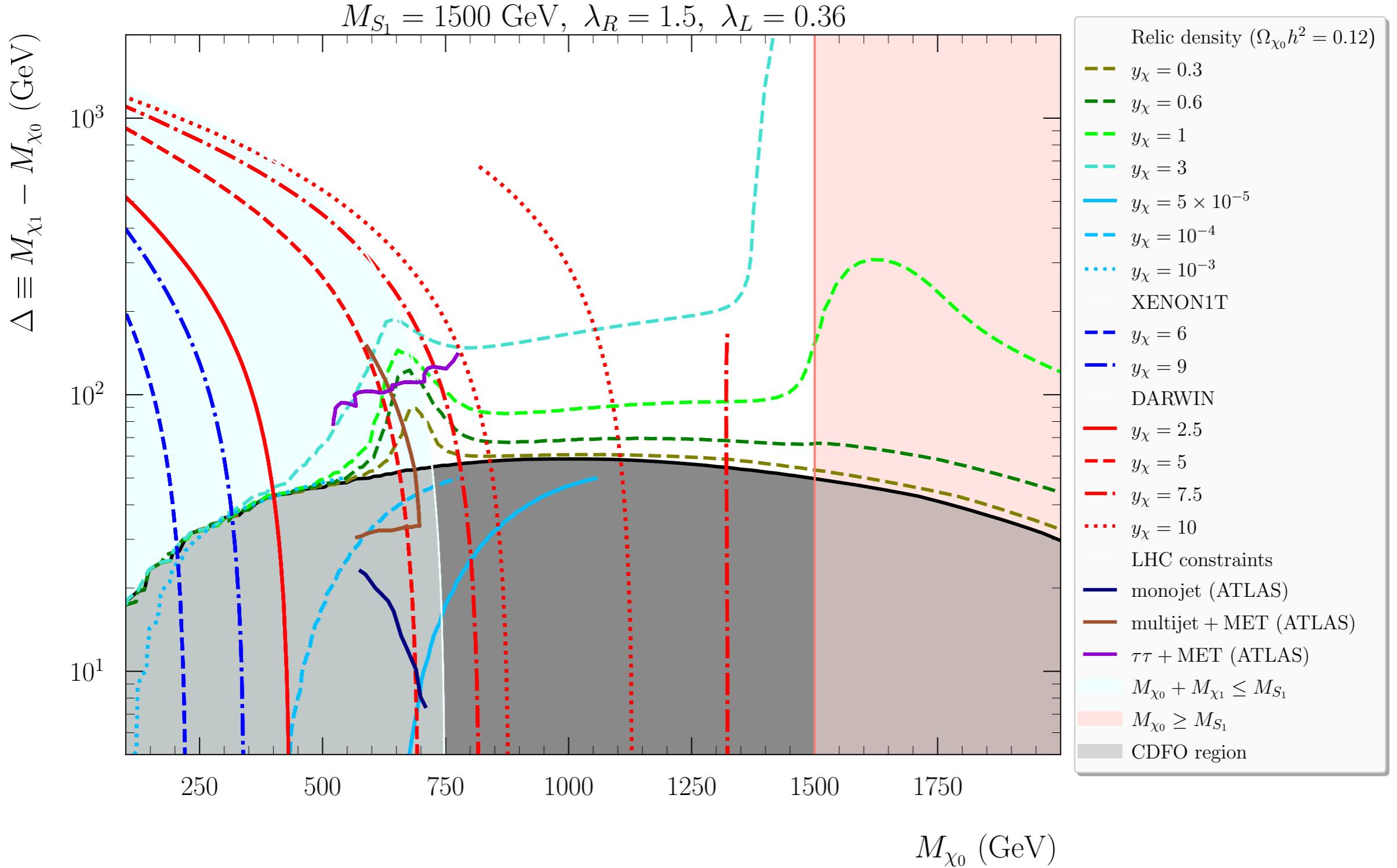
# Relic density



# All together (BSI)



# All together (BS2)

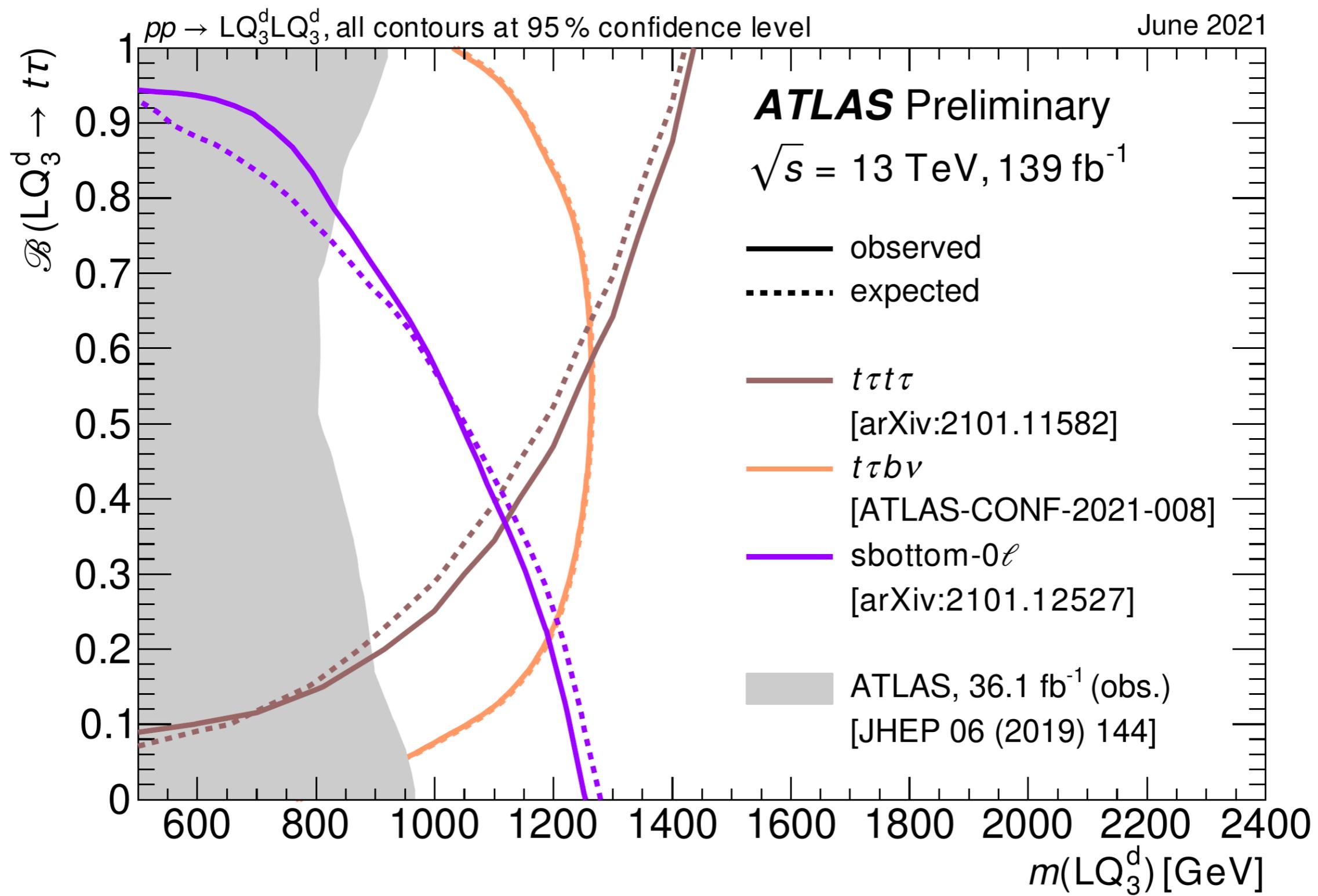


# Outlook

- I discussed a minimal setup addressing the RD anomalies and dark matter. The model introduces a leptoquark S1 ( $d_R$  gauge charges) and two dark fermions  $\chi_1, \chi_0$ . This simple setup is under siege (collider-wise) from MET, LQ and LQ+MET.
- We studied two benchmarks with S1 decaying dominantly into  $c\tau$  /  $b\nu + t\bar{t}$ .
- MET searches prefer  $x_1 \sim x_0$  (with  $D < \sim 10$  GeV), but then  $mLQ \geq 1.4 - 1.7$  TeV (important to target the compressed region!). Offers no information about couplings.
- LQ searches would constrain  $mLQ \geq 1.2 - 1.3$  TeV (less than MET), but they are highly relevant to characterise the signal.
- High impact of the *mixed* search  $S1 \rightarrow b \nu t \tau$  (and first reinterpretation!)
- Important to explore c-quarks decays and also new mixed channels!
- LQ+MET is key to connect two seemingly uncorrelated excesses (and to measure the  $S1 \rightarrow$  invisible branching ratio).
- Rich interplay with dark matter phenomenology (relic and direct detection).

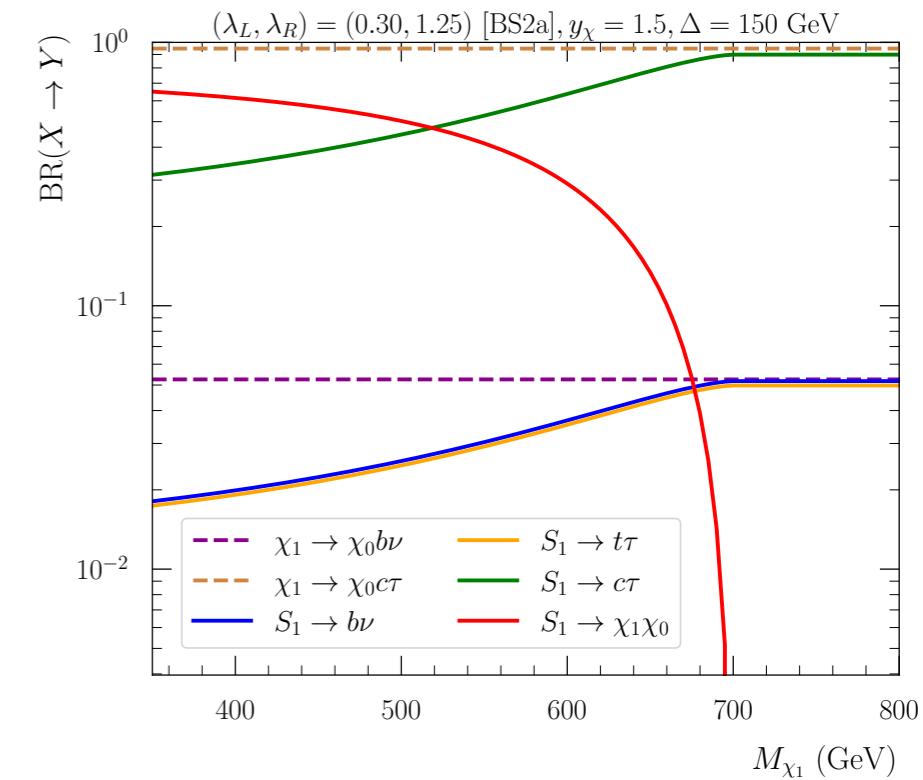
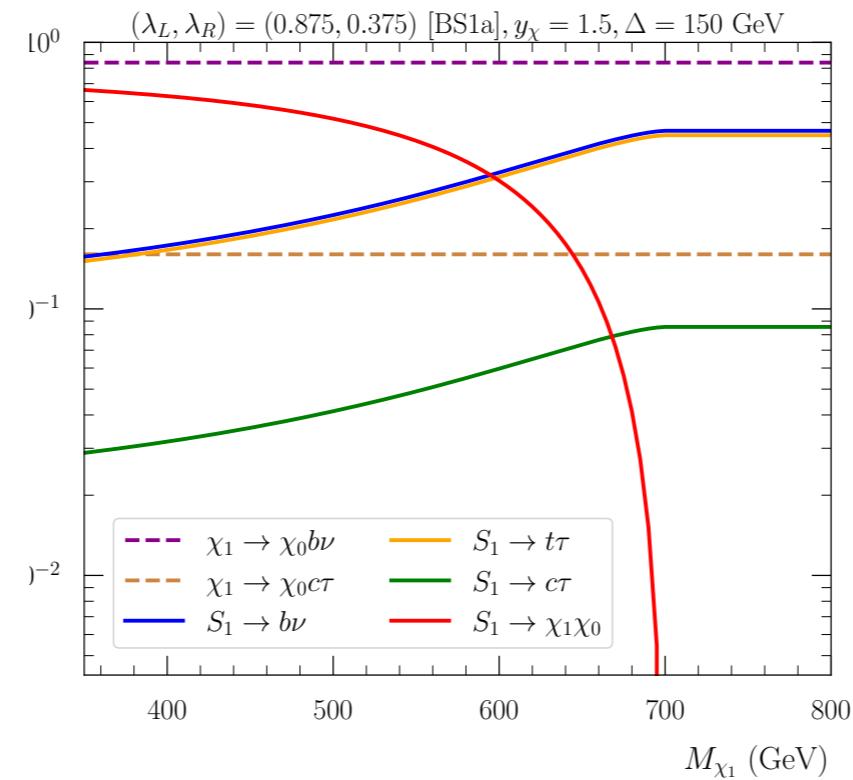
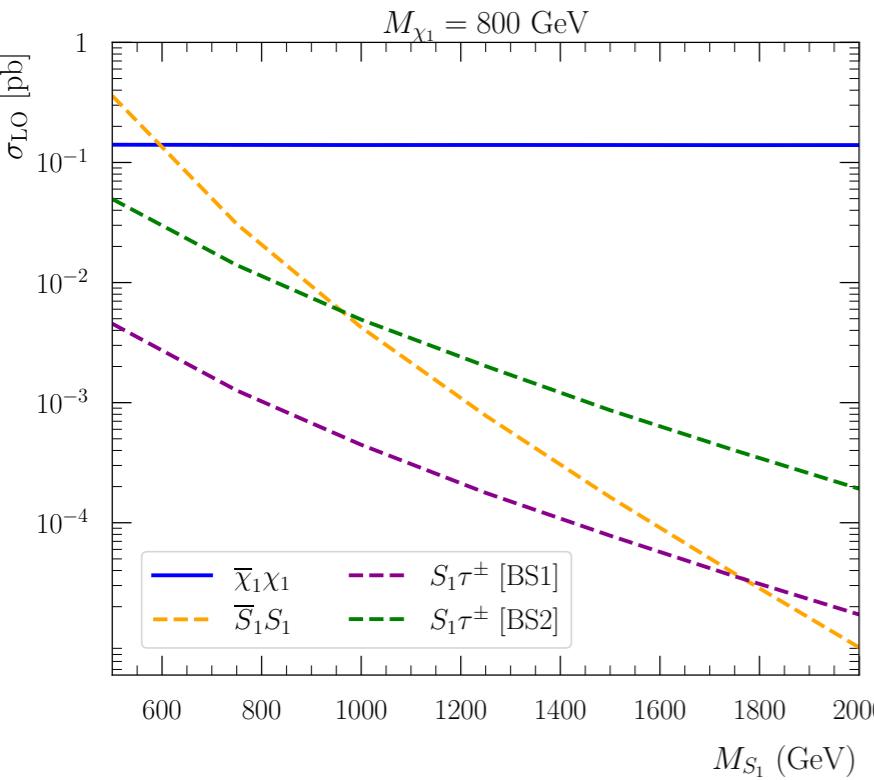
# Backup slides

# ATLAS LQ exclusions



# LHC side

- Production:
  - $p p \rightarrow S_1 S_1$  and  $p p \rightarrow \chi_1 \chi_1$  depend only (respectively) on  $S_1$  and  $\chi_1$  masses.
  - $p p \rightarrow S_1 l$ : single LQ involves  $\lambda_L, \lambda_R$  as well.
- Decays:
  - $S_1$  goes to  $b\nu, t\tau$  with equal rate, also decays to  $c\tau$  and  $\chi_1 \chi_0$
  - $\chi_1 \rightarrow c\tau \chi_0$  and  $\chi_1 \rightarrow b\nu \chi_0$  (we assume  $\Delta < m_t$ )



# Conversion-driven Freeze-Out

Boltzmann Equation with annihilation (and coannihilations with Chemical Equilibrium)

$$\frac{dY_\chi}{dx} = \frac{1}{3H} \frac{ds}{dx} \left[ \langle \sigma_{\chi\chi} v \rangle (Y_\chi^2 - Y_\chi^{\text{eq}}{}^2) + \langle \sigma_{\chi\tilde{b}} v \rangle (Y_\chi Y_{\tilde{b}} - Y_\chi^{\text{eq}} Y_{\tilde{b}}^{\text{eq}}) \right]$$

Complete Boltzmann Equation (including conversion and out of CE)

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dY_\chi}{dx} &= \frac{1}{3H} \frac{ds}{dx} \left[ \langle \sigma_{\chi\chi} v \rangle (Y_\chi^2 - Y_\chi^{\text{eq}}{}^2) + \langle \sigma_{\chi\tilde{b}} v \rangle (Y_\chi Y_{\tilde{b}} - Y_\chi^{\text{eq}} Y_{\tilde{b}}^{\text{eq}}) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{\Gamma_{\chi \rightarrow \tilde{b}}}{s} \left( Y_\chi - Y_{\tilde{b}} \frac{Y_\chi^{\text{eq}}}{Y_{\tilde{b}}^{\text{eq}}} \right) - \frac{\Gamma_{\tilde{b}}}{s} \left( Y_{\tilde{b}} - Y_\chi \frac{Y_{\tilde{b}}^{\text{eq}}}{Y_\chi^{\text{eq}}} \right) + \langle \sigma_{\chi\chi \rightarrow \tilde{b}\tilde{b}^\dagger} v \rangle \left( Y_\chi^2 - Y_{\tilde{b}}^2 \frac{Y_\chi^{\text{eq}}{}^2}{Y_{\tilde{b}}^{\text{eq}}{}^2} \right) \right] \\ \frac{dY_{\tilde{b}}}{dx} &= \frac{1}{3H} \frac{ds}{dx} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \langle \sigma_{\tilde{b}\tilde{b}^\dagger} v \rangle (Y_{\tilde{b}}^2 - Y_{\tilde{b}}^{\text{eq}}{}^2) + \langle \sigma_{\chi\tilde{b}} v \rangle (Y_\chi Y_{\tilde{b}} - Y_\chi^{\text{eq}} Y_{\tilde{b}}^{\text{eq}}) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \frac{\Gamma_{\chi \rightarrow \tilde{b}}}{s} \left( Y_\chi - Y_{\tilde{b}} \frac{Y_\chi^{\text{eq}}}{Y_{\tilde{b}}^{\text{eq}}} \right) + \frac{\Gamma_{\tilde{b}}}{s} \left( Y_{\tilde{b}} - Y_\chi \frac{Y_{\tilde{b}}^{\text{eq}}}{Y_\chi^{\text{eq}}} \right) - \langle \sigma_{\chi\chi \rightarrow \tilde{b}\tilde{b}^\dagger} v \rangle \left( Y_\chi^2 - Y_{\tilde{b}}^2 \frac{Y_\chi^{\text{eq}}{}^2}{Y_{\tilde{b}}^{\text{eq}}{}^2} \right) \right], \end{aligned}$$