



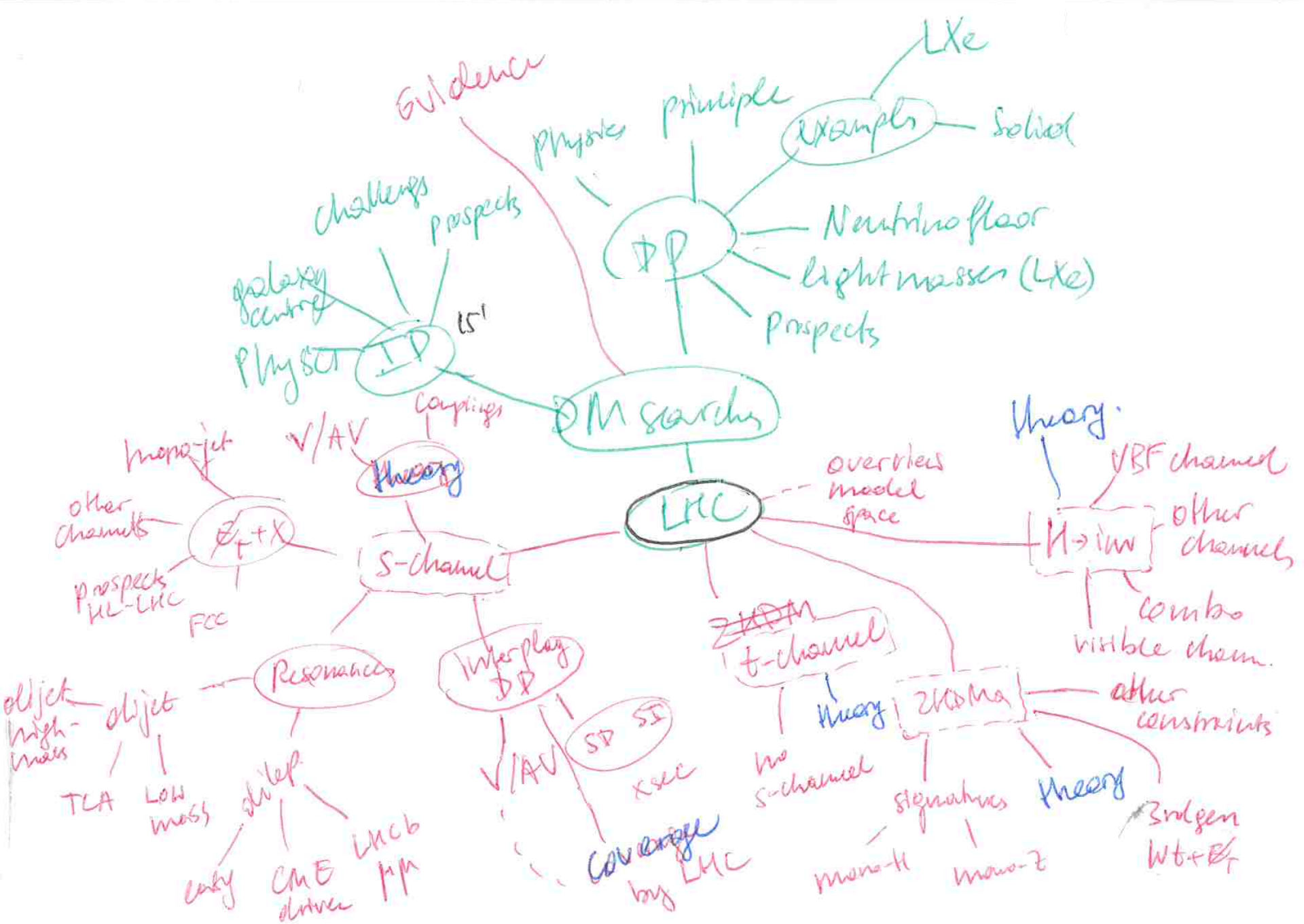
# HUNTING FOR DARK MATTER USING PROTON-PROTON COLLISIONS AT THE LHC



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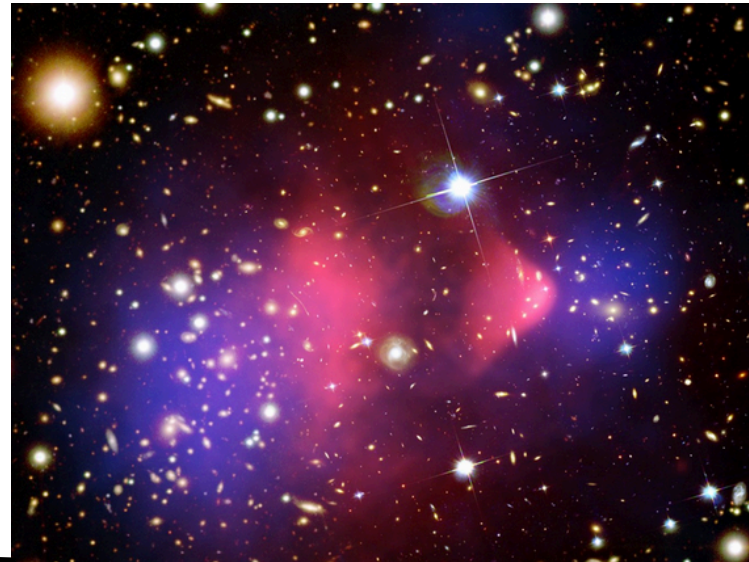
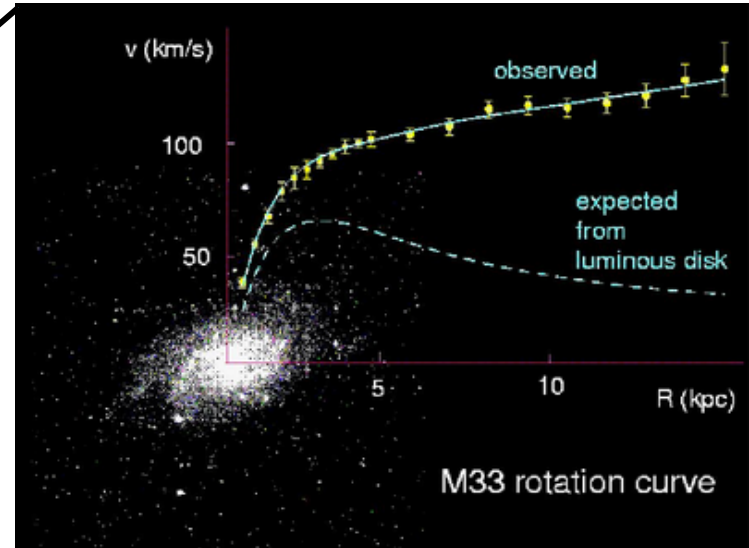
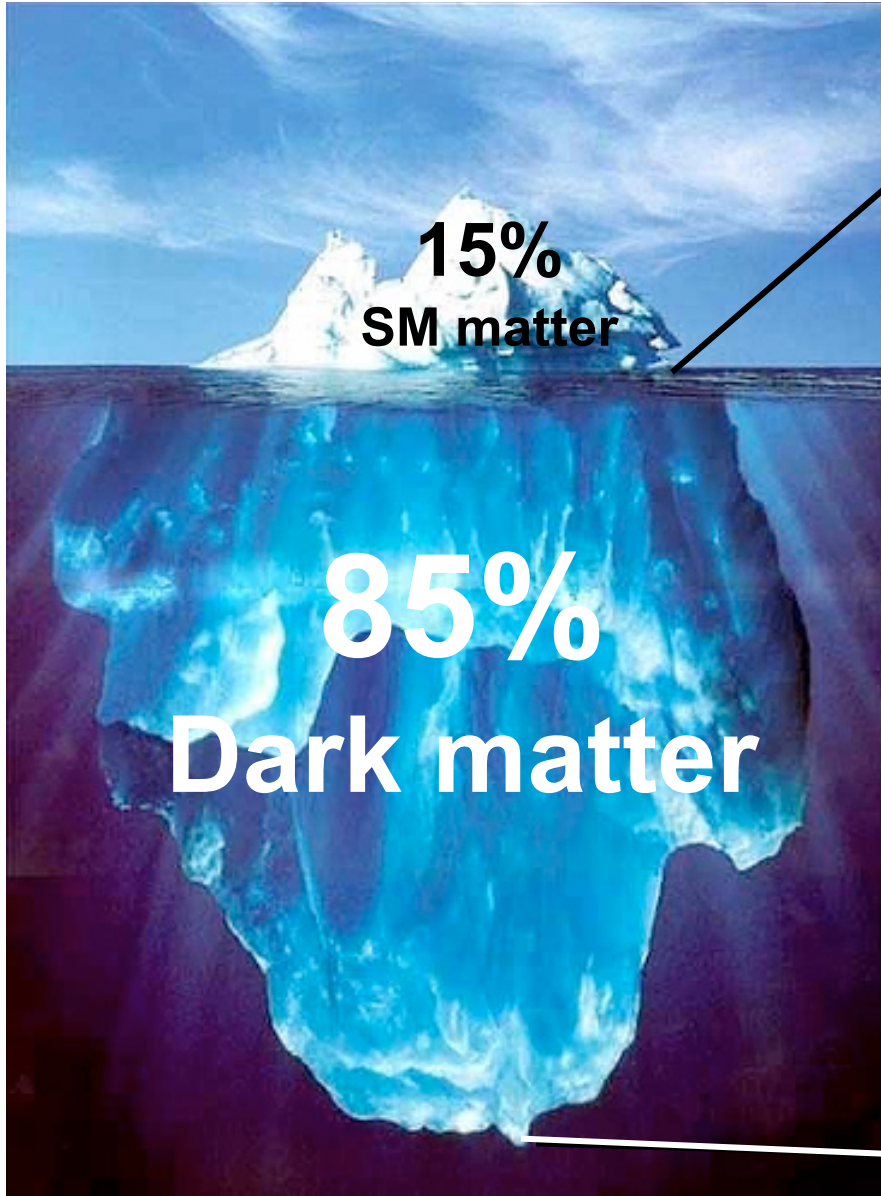
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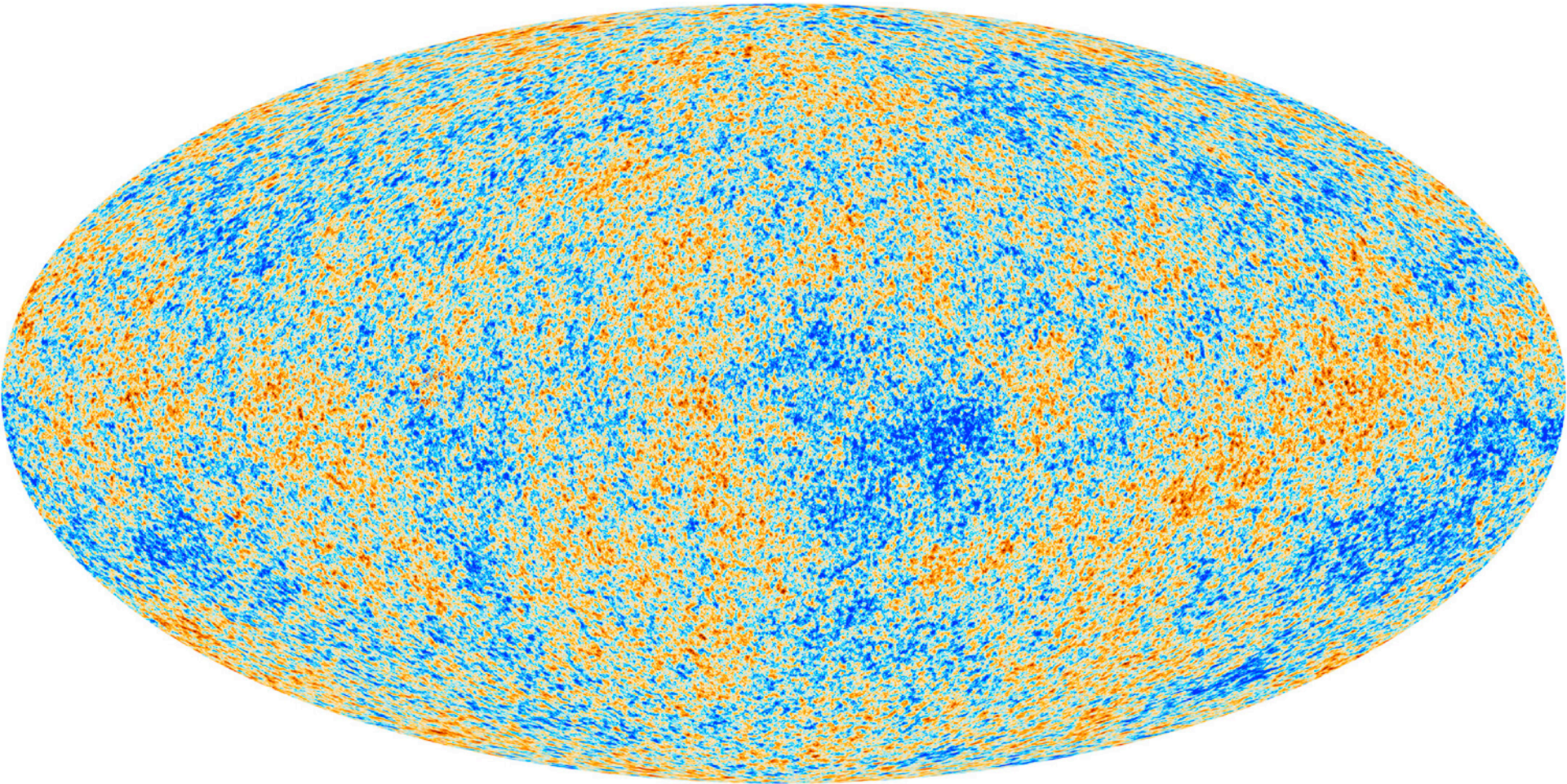






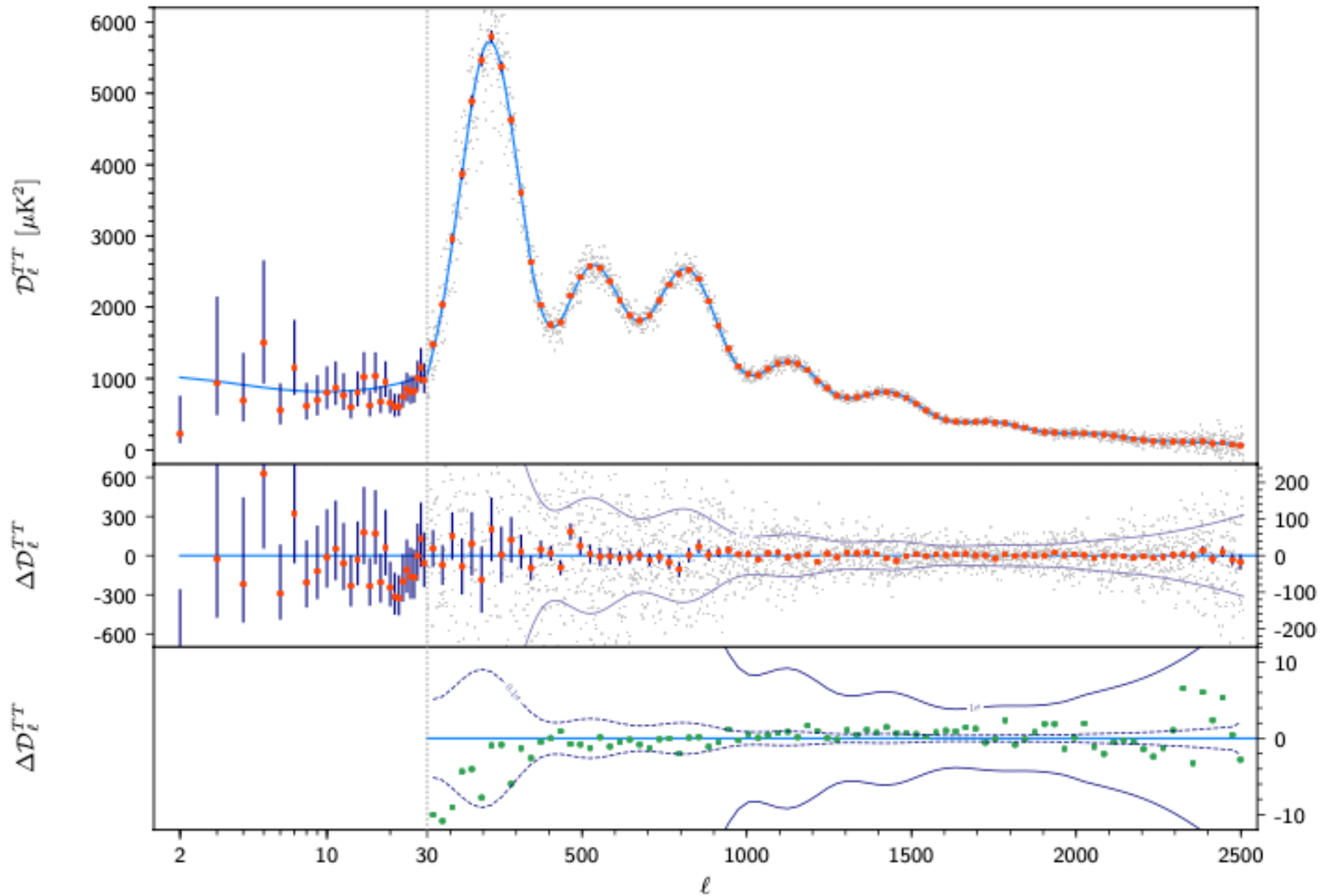
Just a brief reminder about the evidence for DM  
after Matthias' overview lecture...

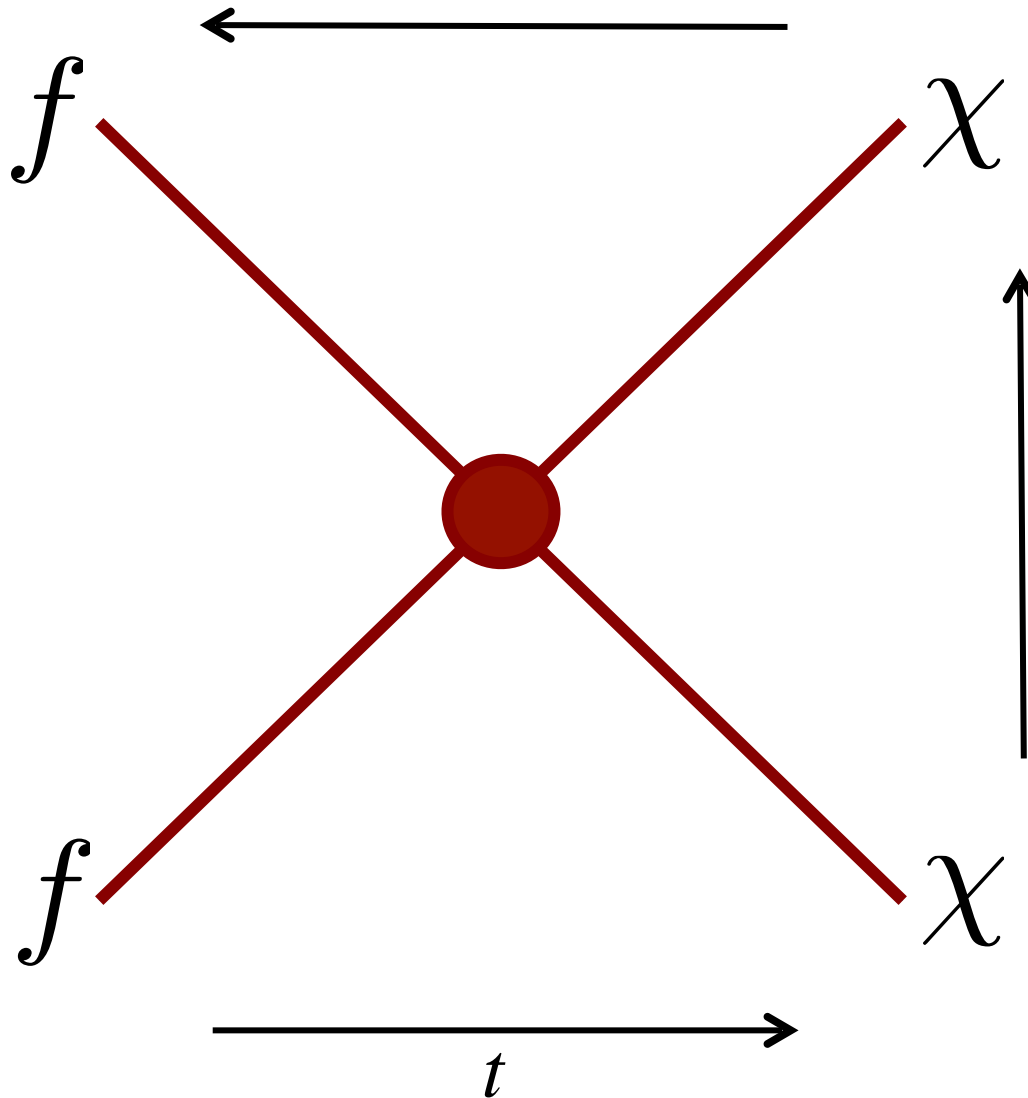


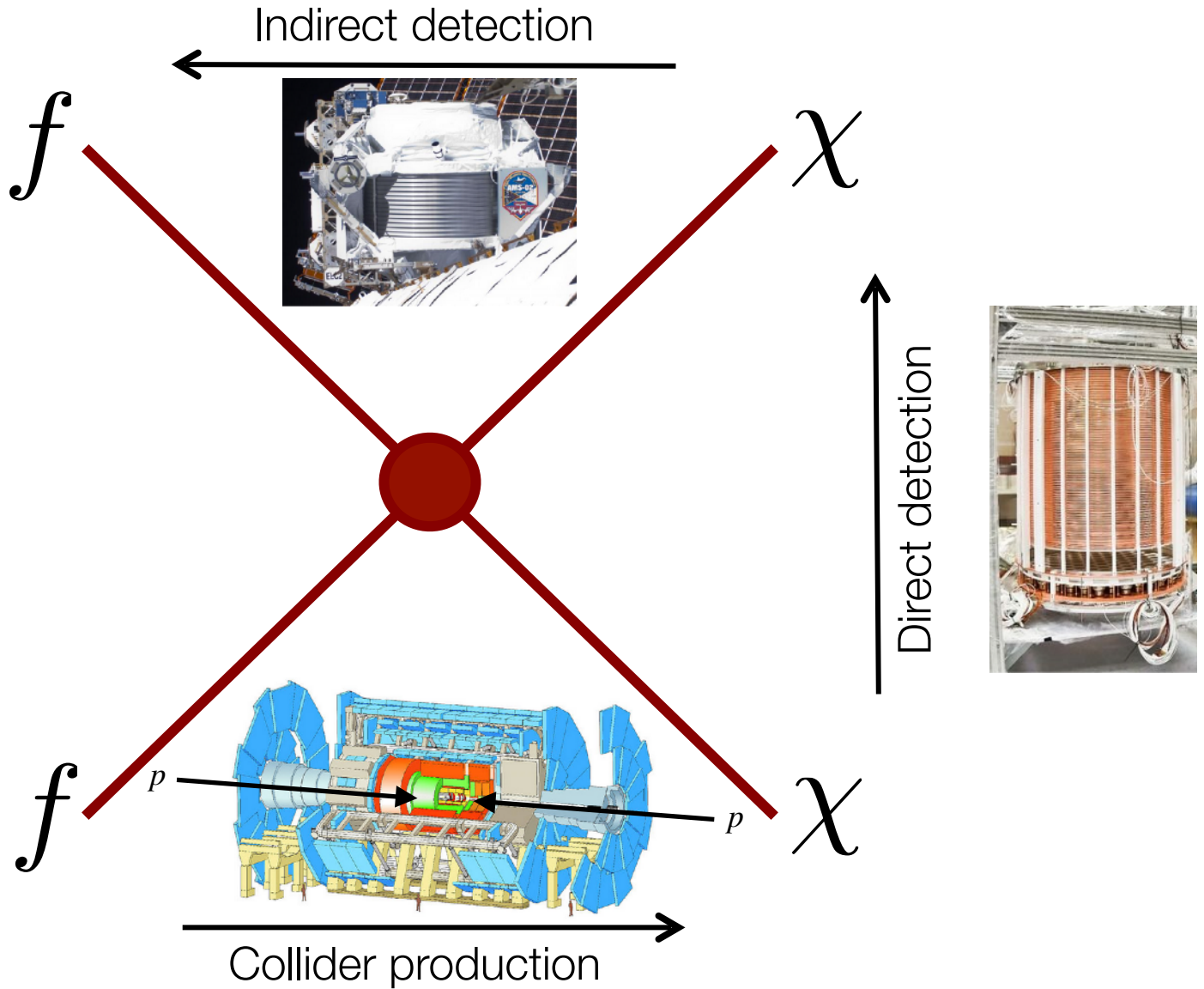




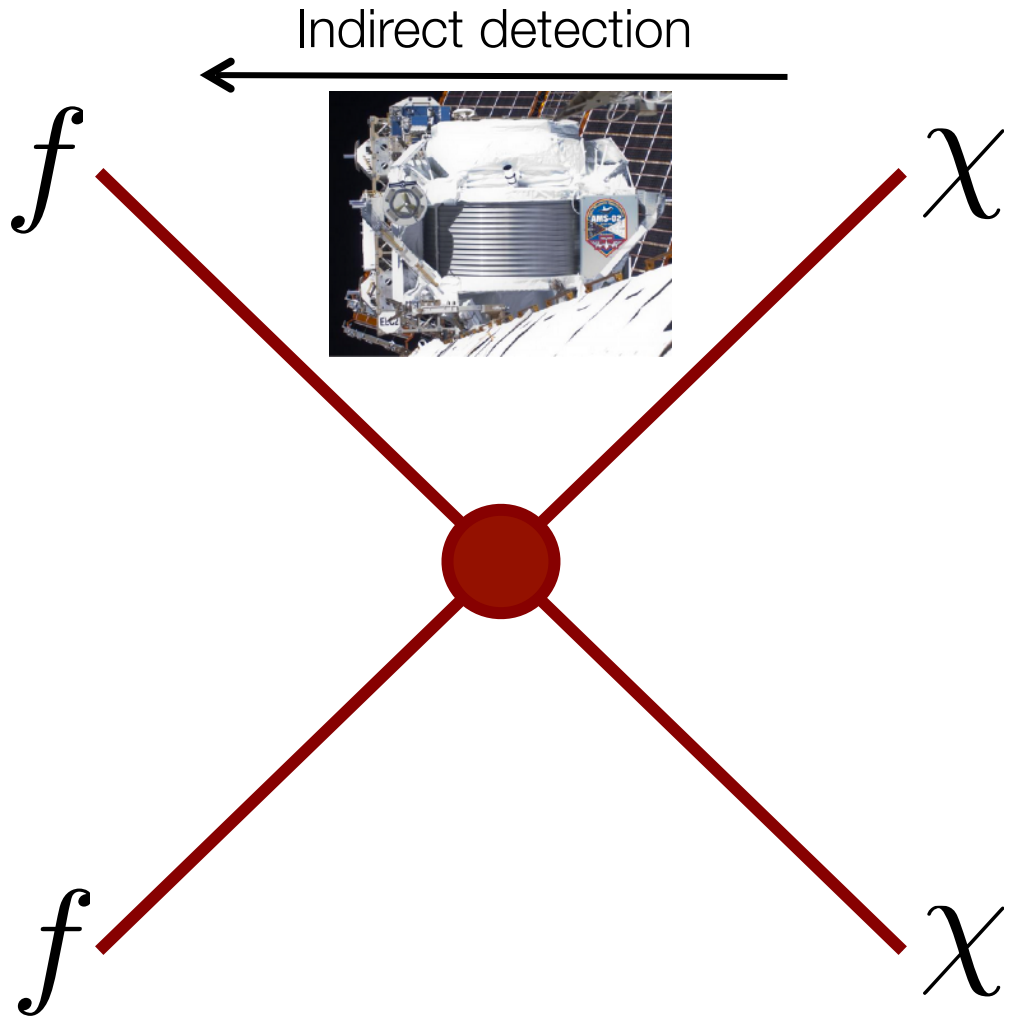
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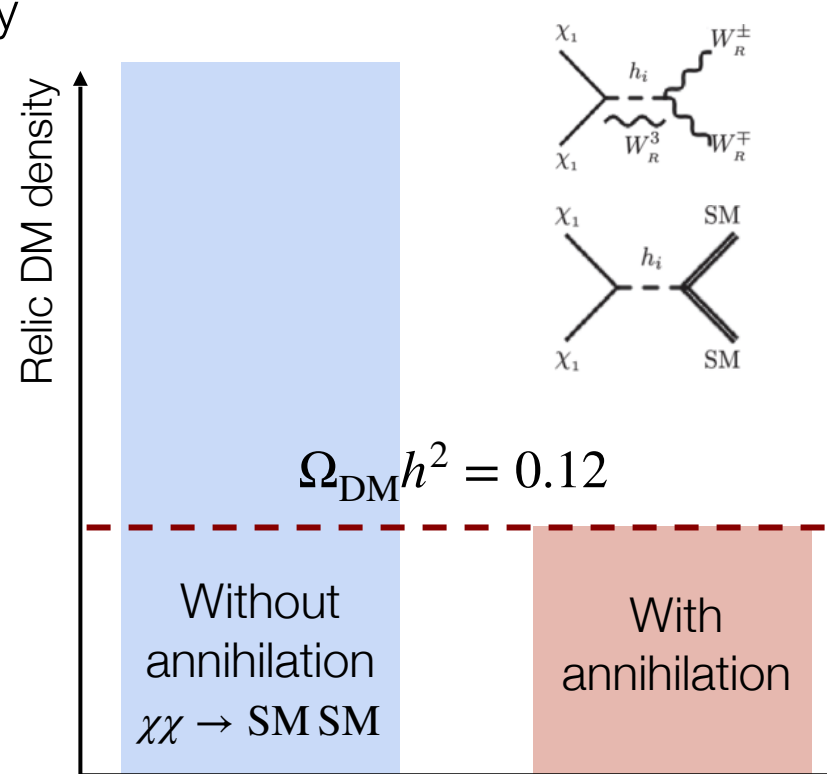








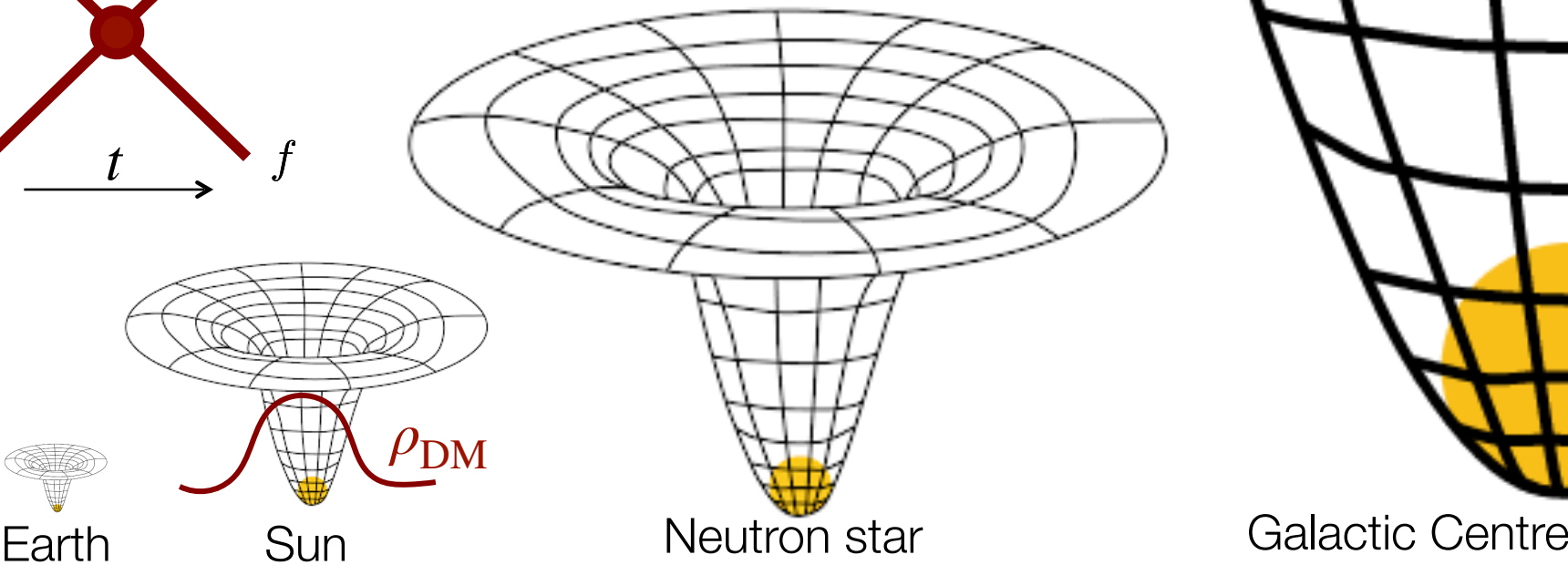
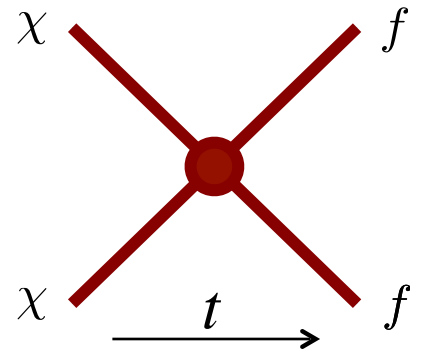
- DM annihilation into SM particles:
  - Need high DM density for observation!
    - a) Shortly after big bang (BB)
    - b) Today in gravitational wells
- a) DM annihilation after BB:
  - Indirect constraint from relic DM density
  - May need effective mechanism to deplete DM density if too high
    - Constraint very model-specific!

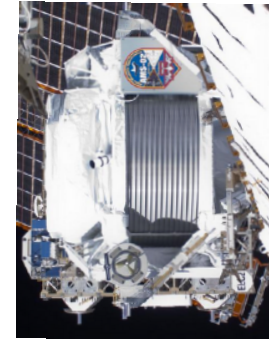
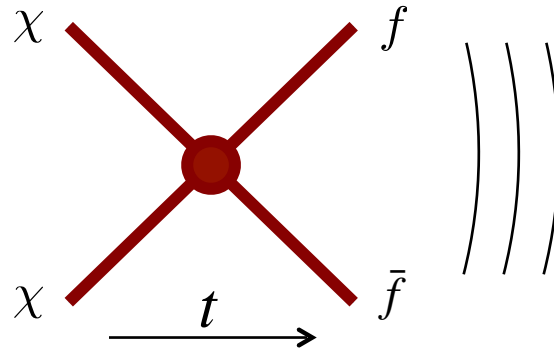




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$$\underbrace{\frac{d\Phi}{d\Omega dE}}_{\text{Diff. Flux}} = \underbrace{\frac{\sigma v}{8\pi m_\chi^2}}_{\text{Anni. Cross Section}} \times \underbrace{\frac{dN}{dE}}_{\text{Energy Spectrum}} \times \underbrace{\int_{l.o.s} ds \rho^2(\vec{r}(s, \Omega))}_{\text{Dark Matter Distribution}}$$

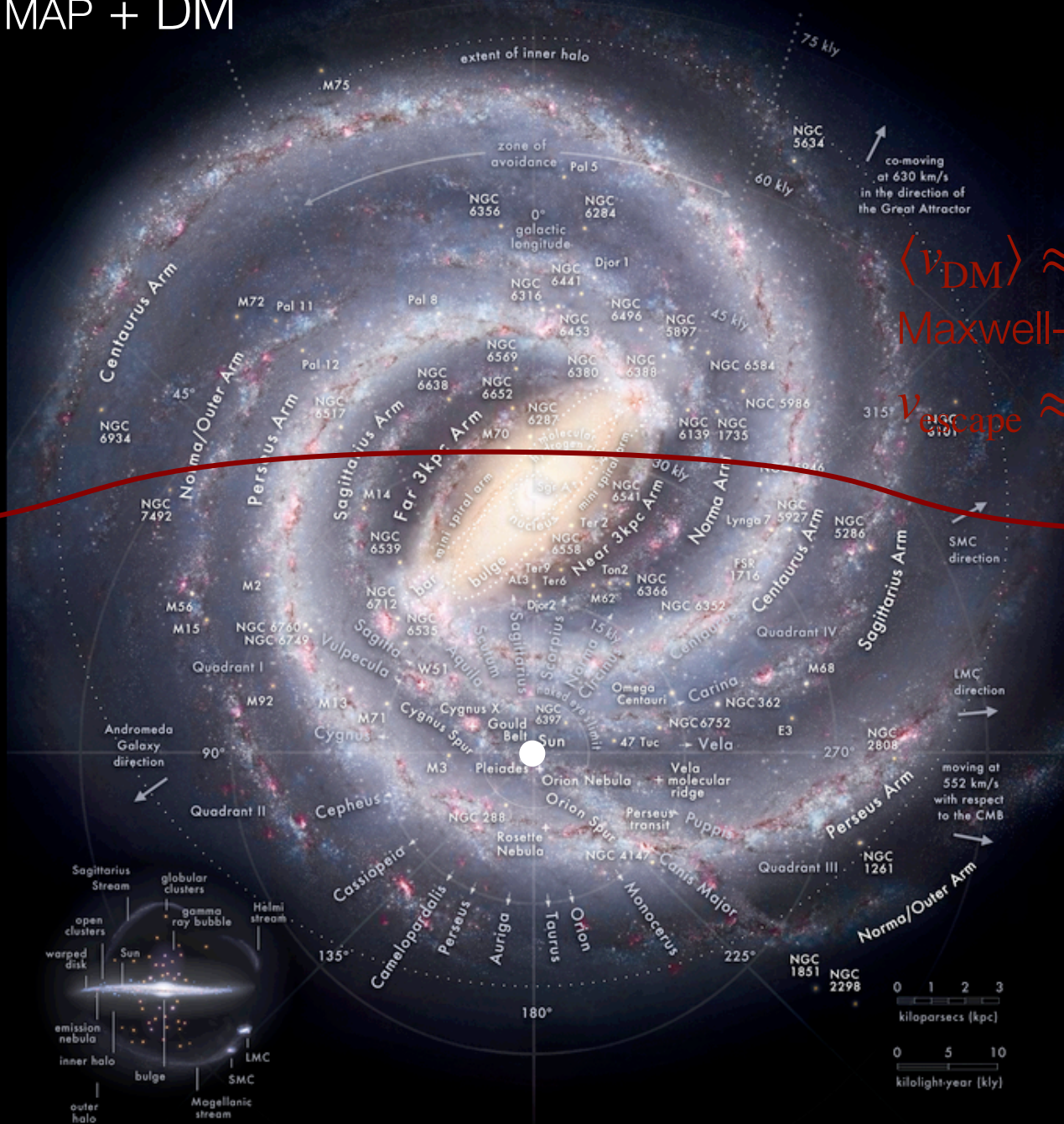
*a.k.a. J-factor*

Measurement  Model assumption, Colliders (fragmentation etc)  Cosmology

$\sigma v$ : Interpretation (final observable)

$m_\chi$ : model assumption

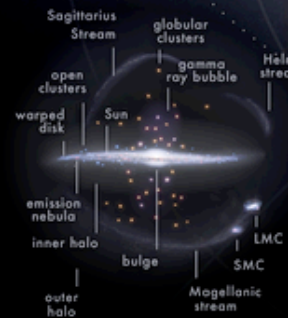
# MILKY WAY MAP + DM



$\langle v_{DM} \rangle \approx 200 \text{ km/s}$   
 Maxwell-distributed

$v_{\text{escape}} \approx 600 \text{ km/s}$

$\rho_{DM}$





- Cosmology input matters [1]:
  - Navarro-Frenk-White profile:

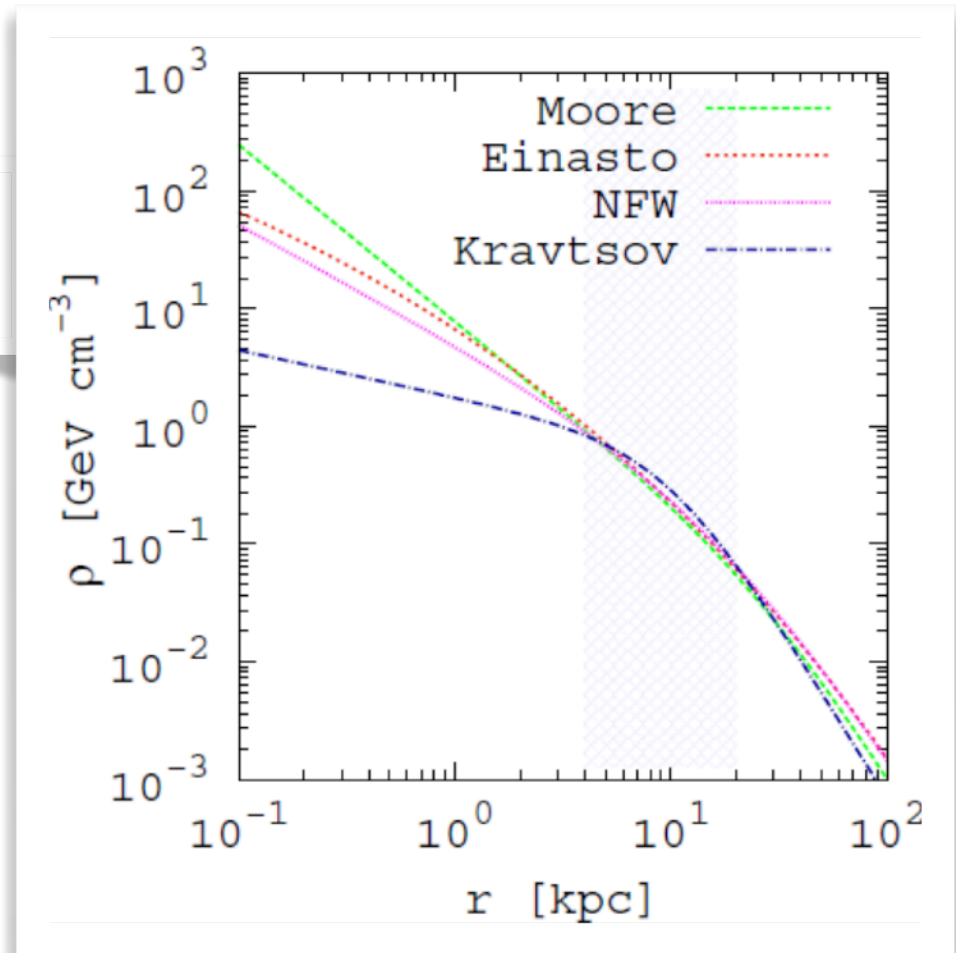
$$\rho(r) \propto \frac{r_s}{r[1 + r/r_s]^2}$$

$$\alpha \simeq 0.17$$

$$r_s \simeq 20 \text{ kpc}$$

- Einasto profile:

$$\rho(r) \propto \exp\left[\frac{-2.0}{\alpha} \left((r/r_s)^\alpha - 1\right)\right]$$



[1] other profiles, typically:  $\frac{\rho_0}{\left(\delta + \frac{r}{r_s}\right)^\gamma \cdot \left(1 + \left(\frac{r}{r_s}\right)^\alpha\right)^{(\beta-\gamma)/\alpha}}$



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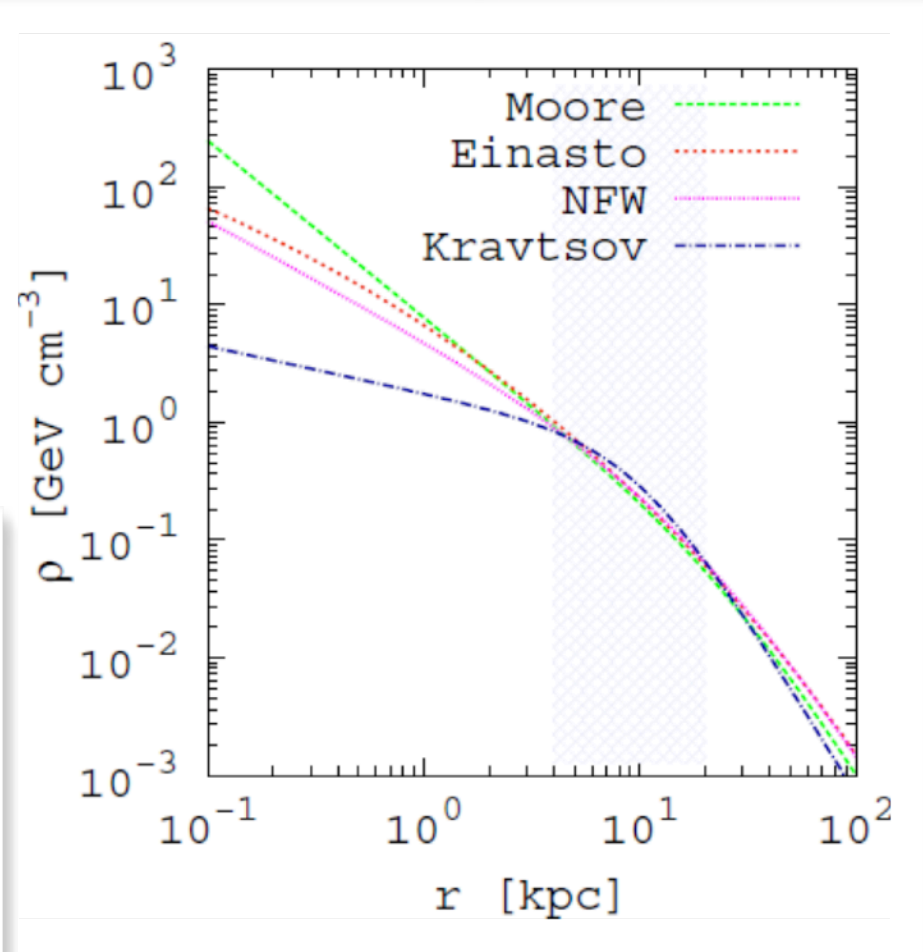
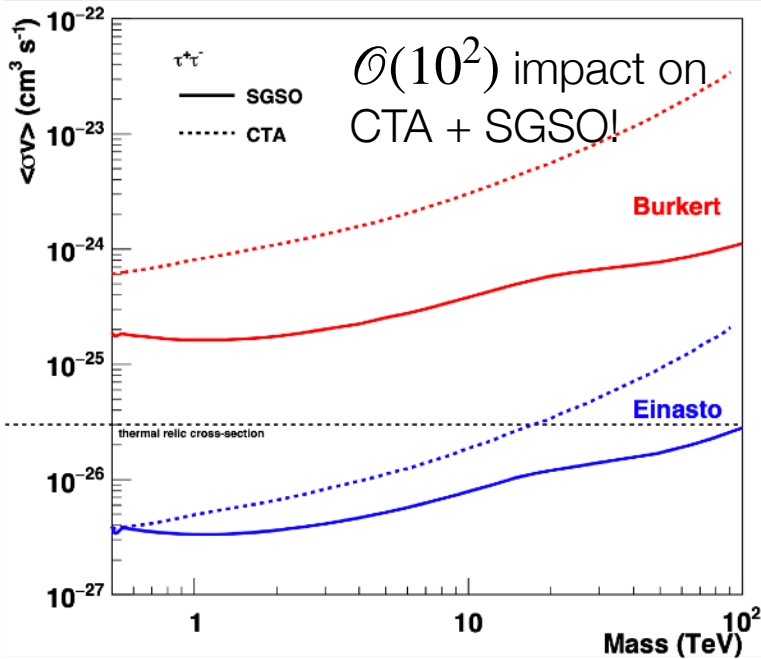
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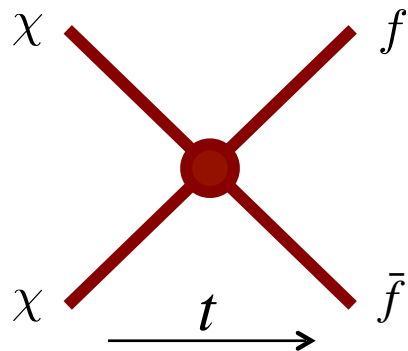
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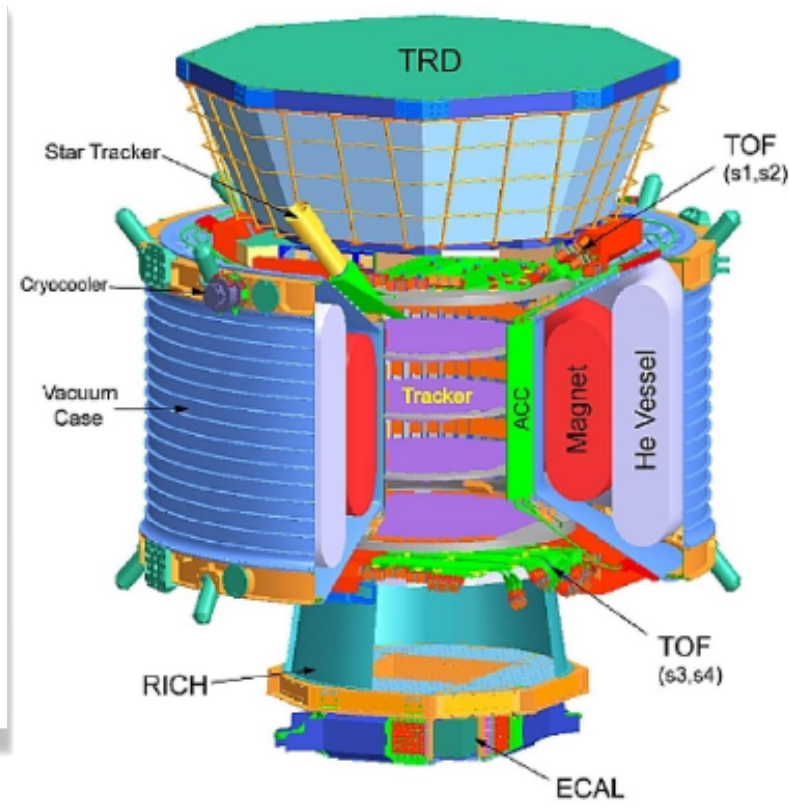
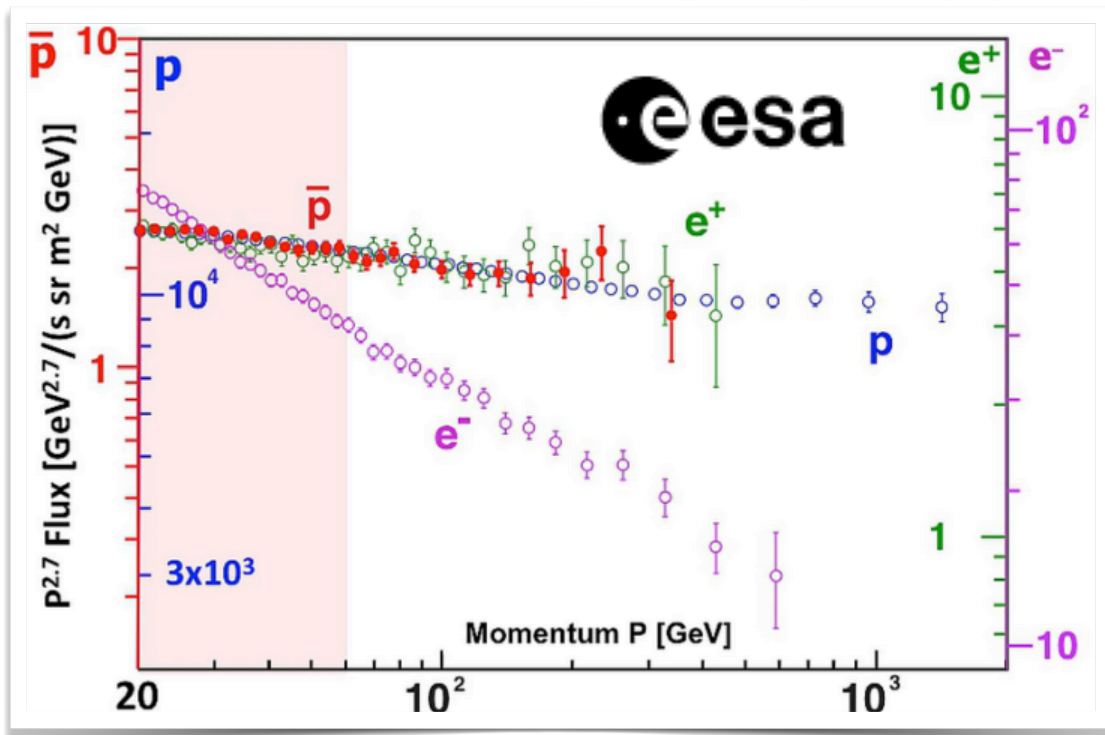


Alpha Magnetic Spectrometer (AMS-02)



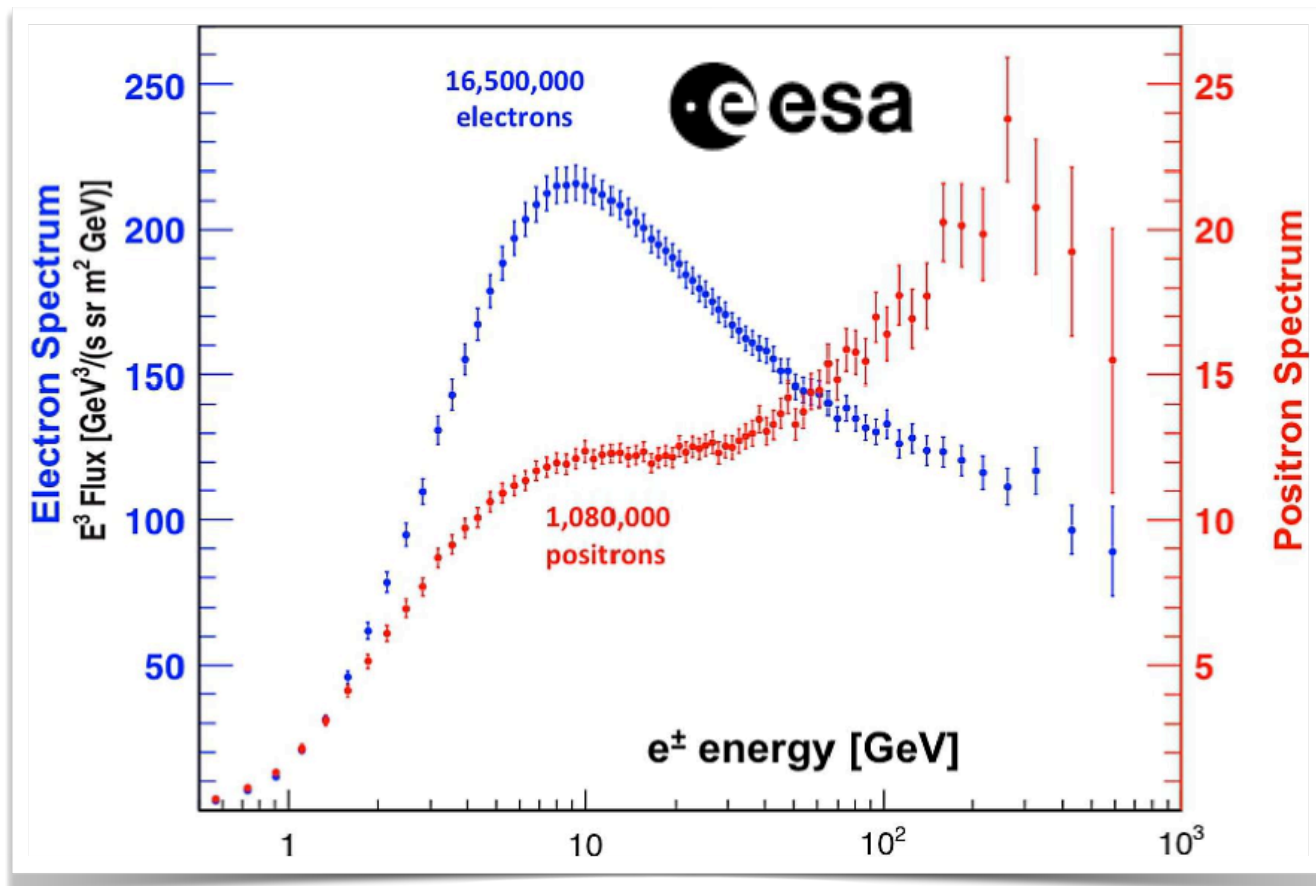
Also: PAMELA, Fermi-LAT, etc.

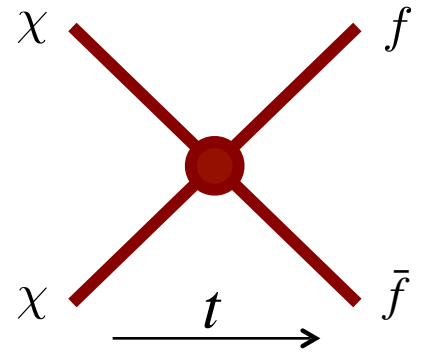
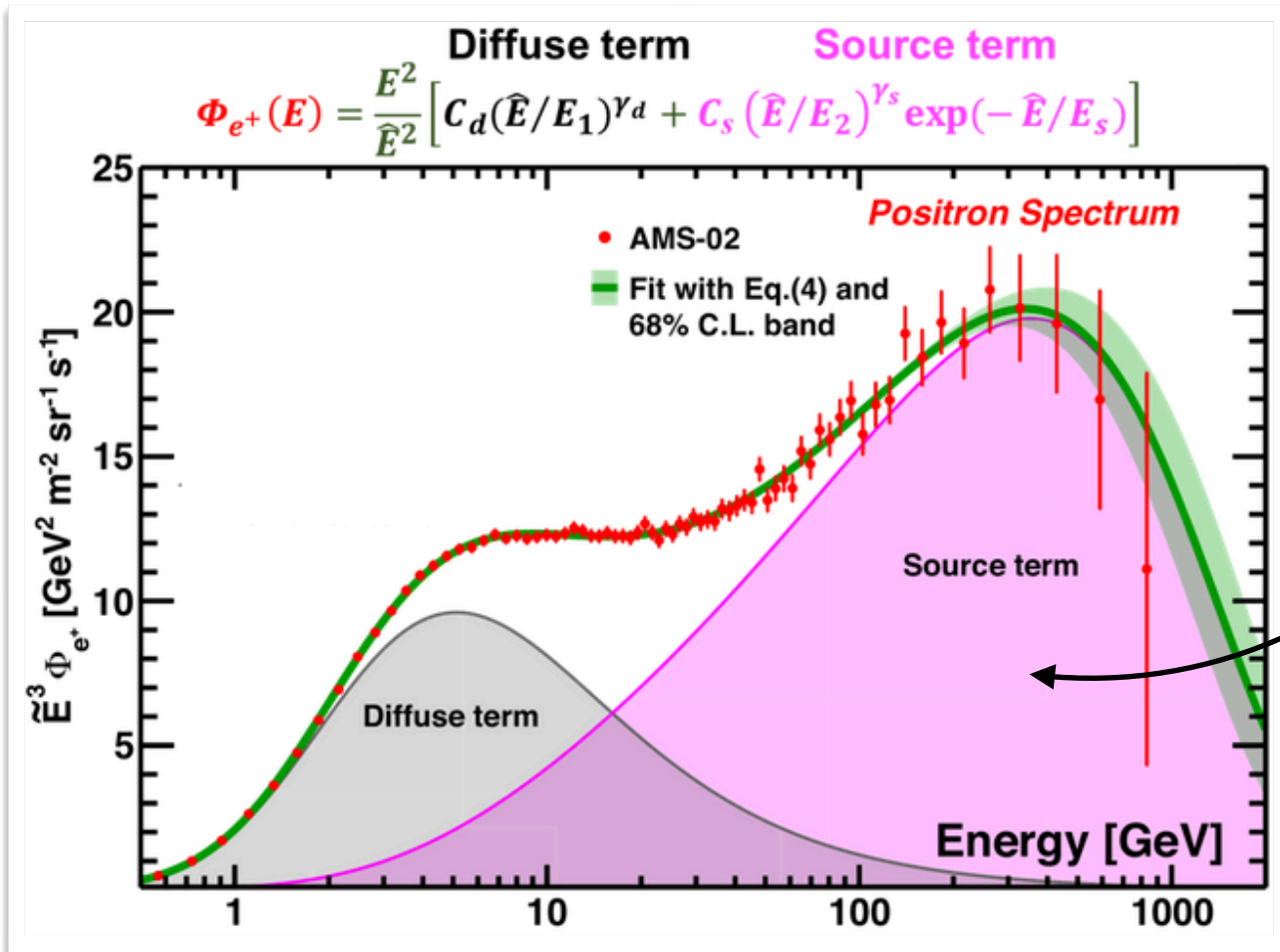






Electron and positron spectra ( $\times E^3$ )





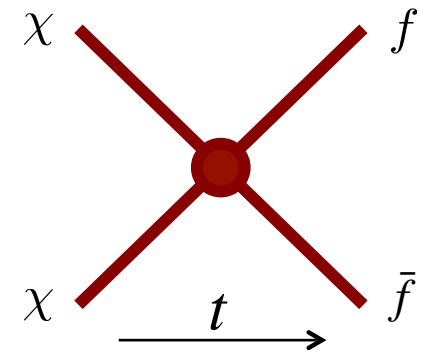
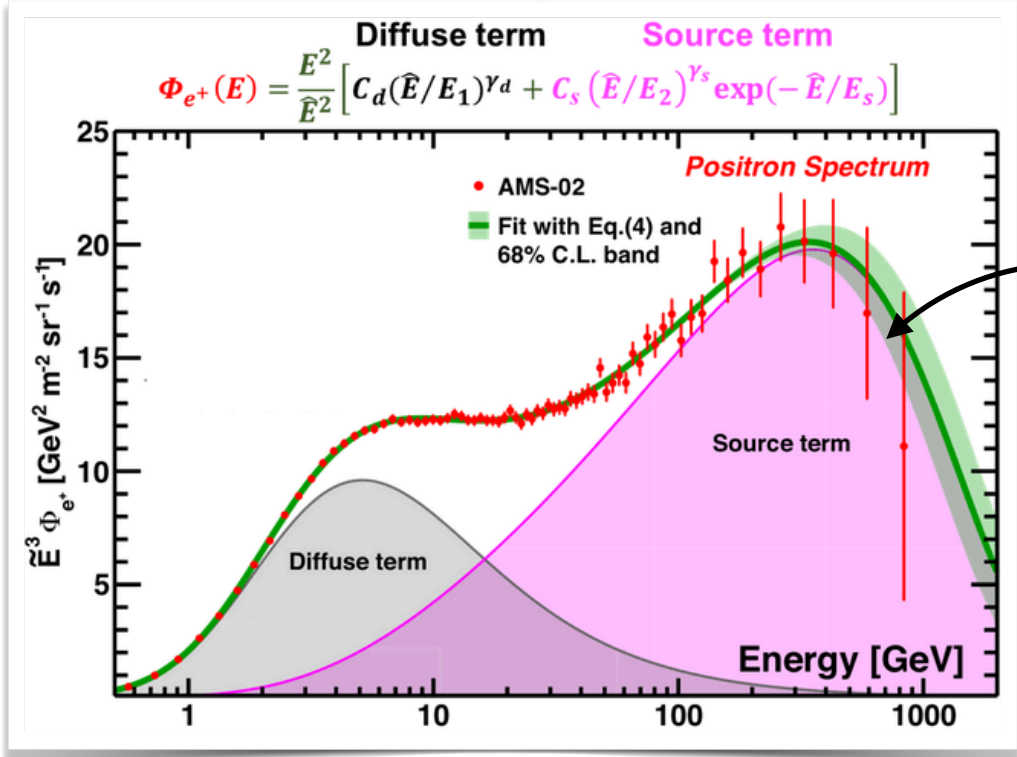
$m_\chi \simeq 1 \text{ TeV?}$

Also proposed:

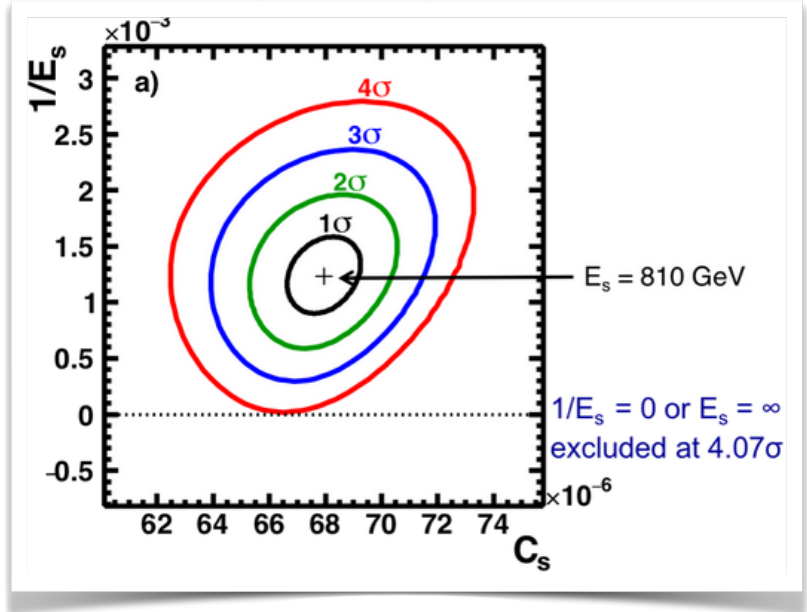
- pulsars
- quasars
- ...

why cut-off at 1 TeV?

PRL 122, 041102 (2019)



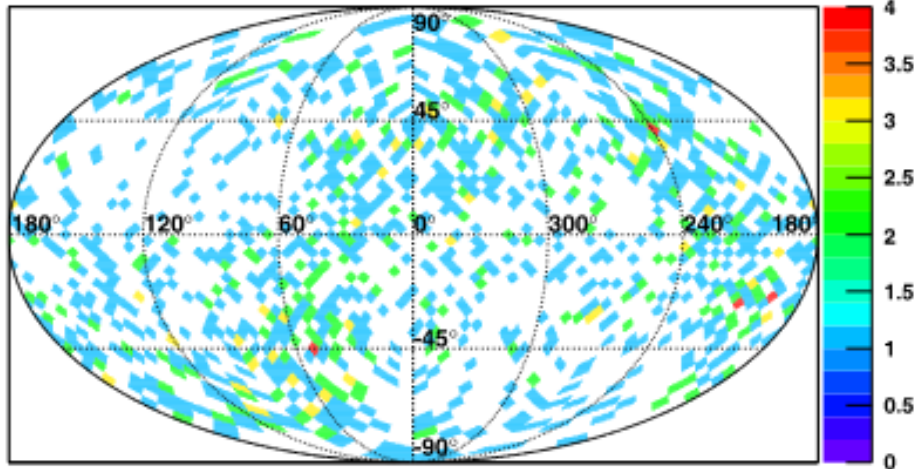
Significance of cut-off



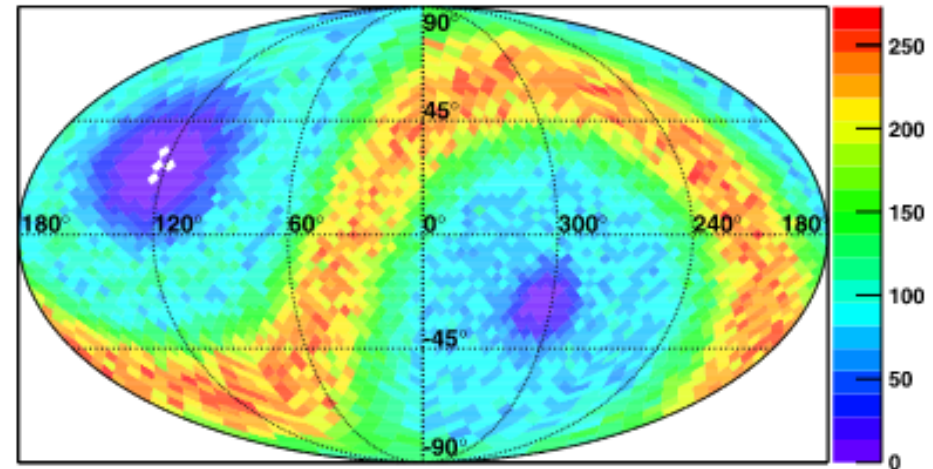
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*PAMELA maps: APJ, 811:21 (2015)*



(a) Positrons



(b) Protons

Origin of  $e^+$  not clear:

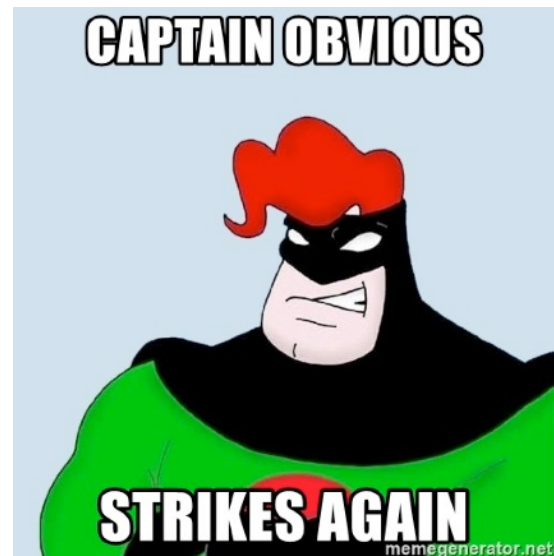
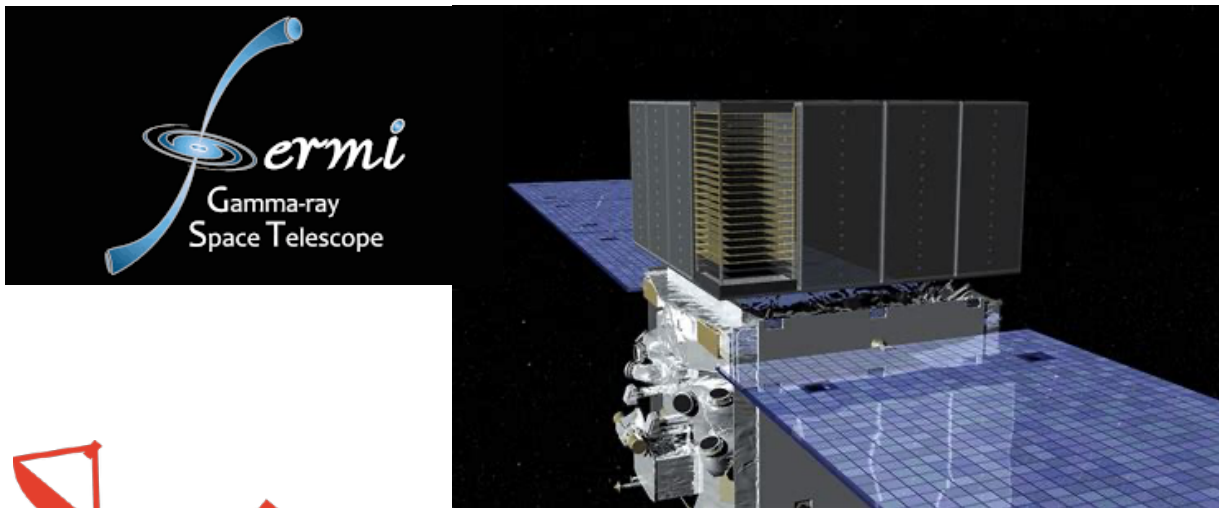
- Charged particles deflected in magnetic fields ([GALPROP](#))
- Large uncertainties

# INDIRECT DETECTION: $\gamma$ GALACTIC CENTRE EXCESS

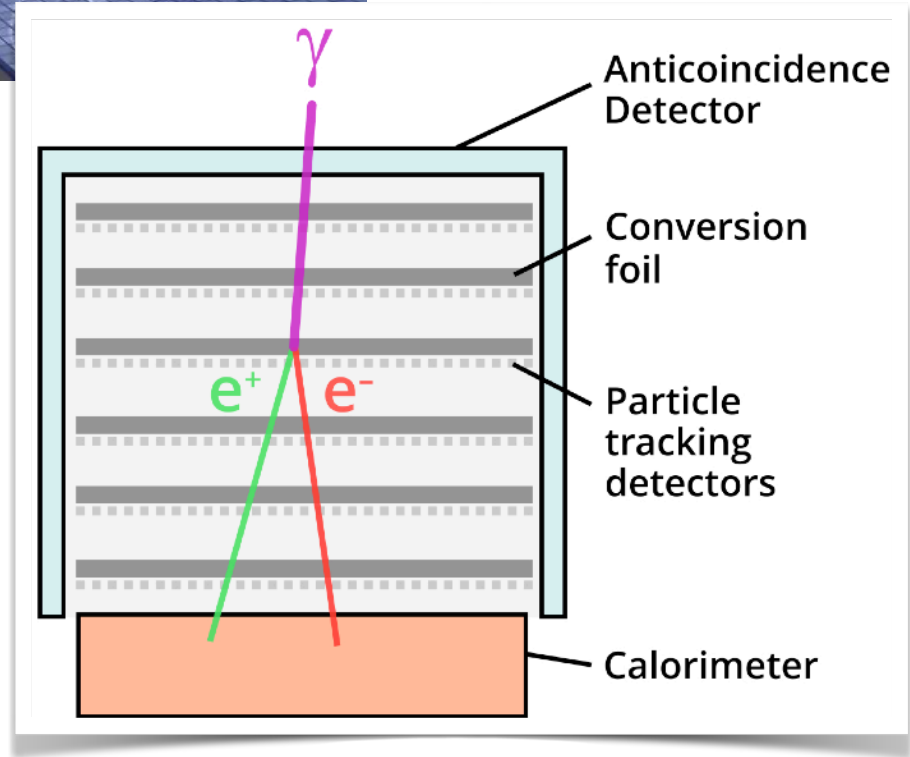
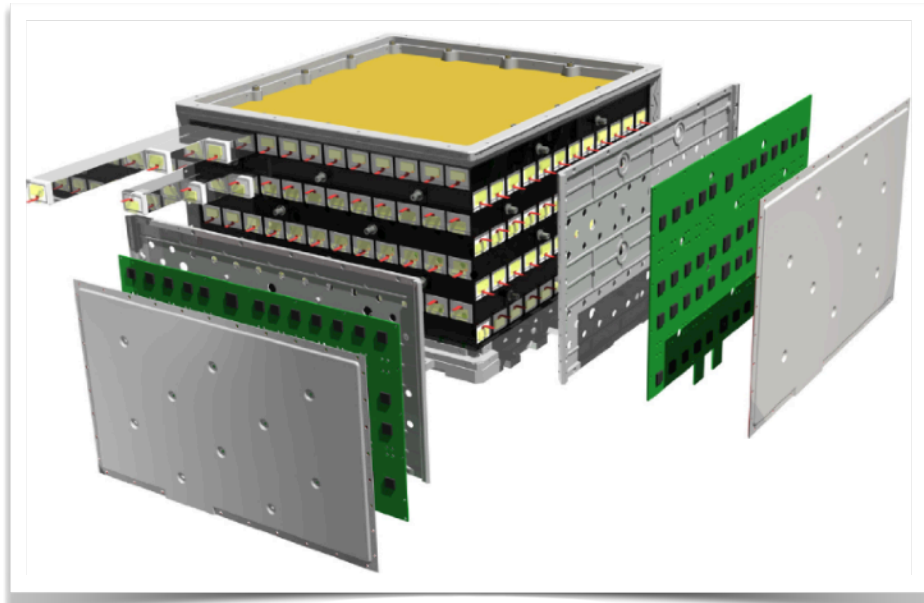
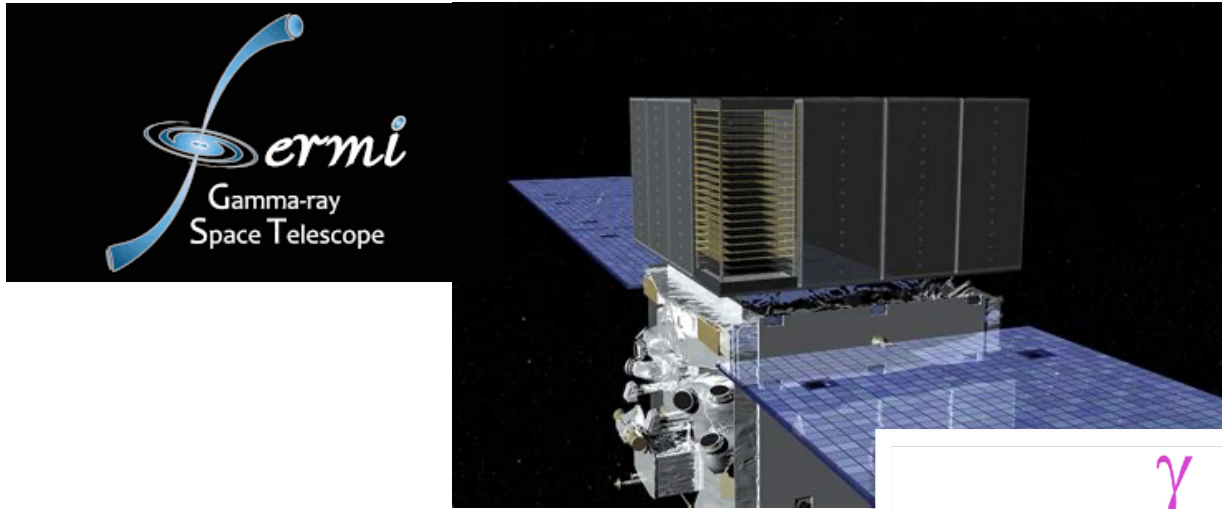


Search for energetic photons:

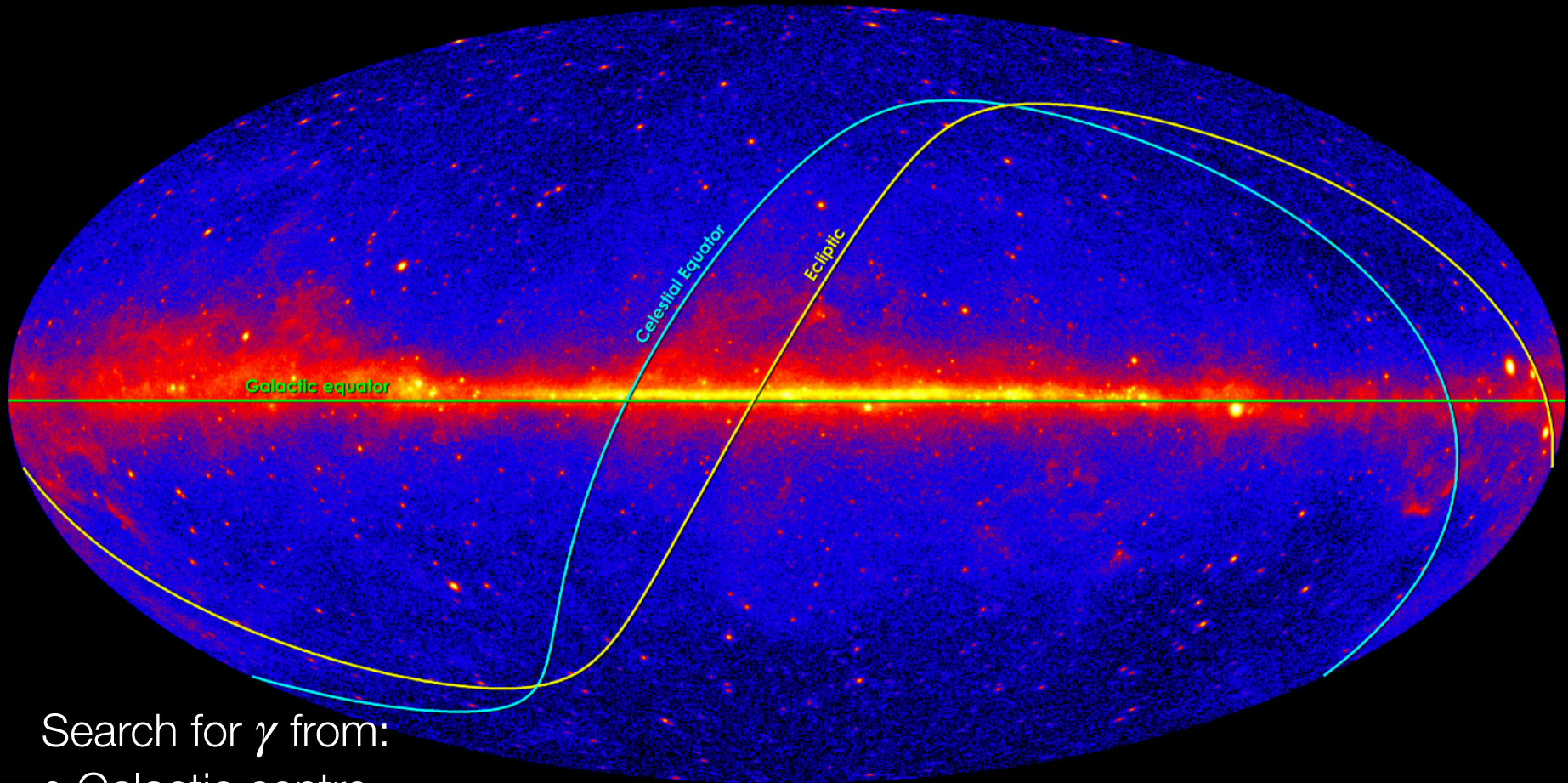
- no deflection in magnetic field
- produced in association with charged particles like  $e^+$



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# FERMI-LAT MAP OF THE $\gamma$ RAY SKY

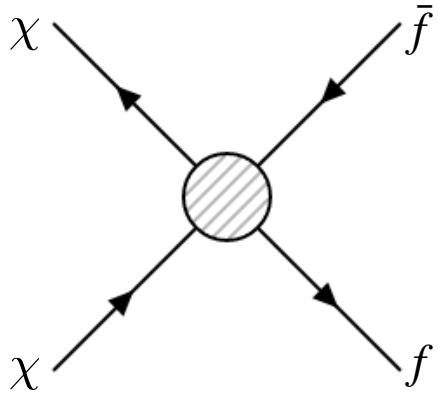


Search for  $\gamma$  from:

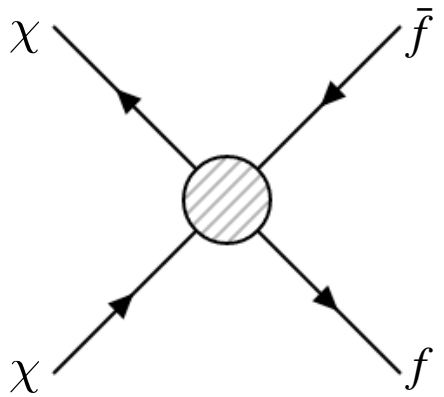
- Galactic centre
- Dwarf spheroidal galaxies

Interpret as limits on DM annihilation

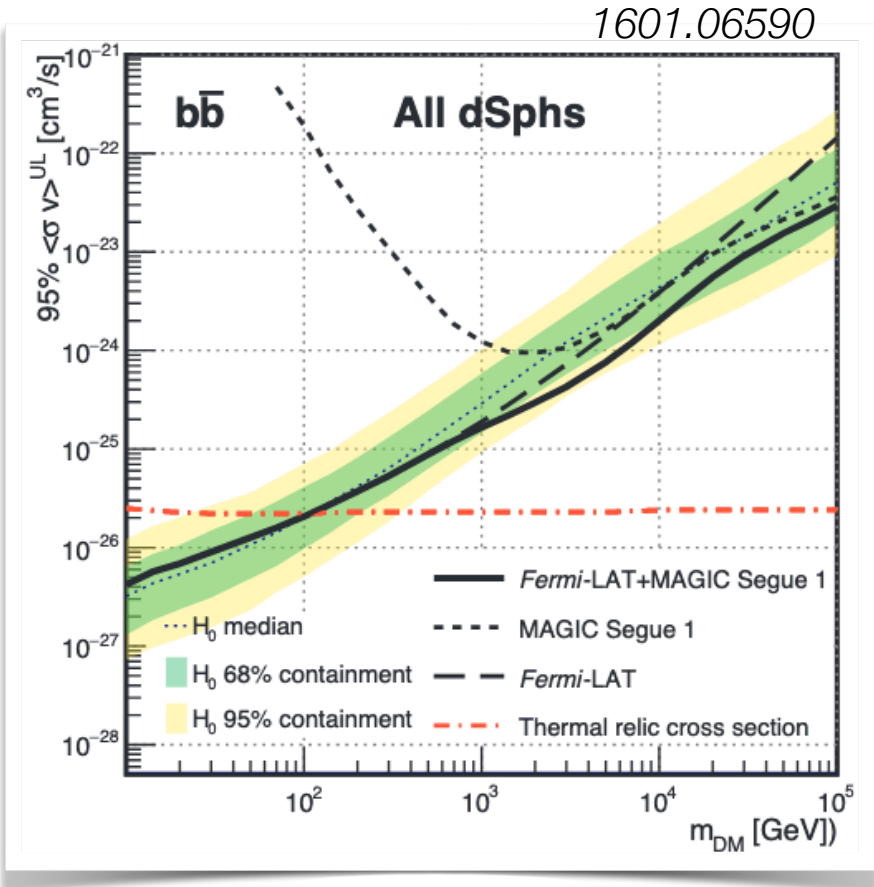
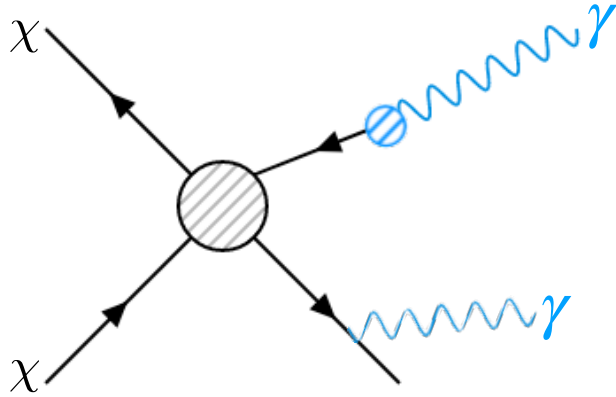




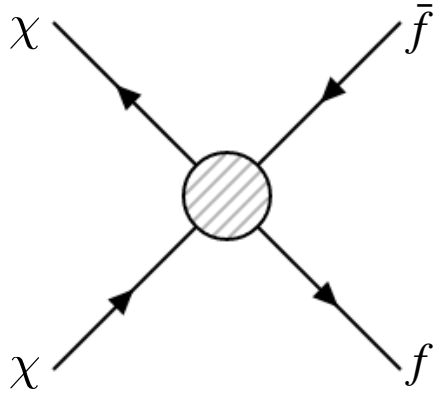
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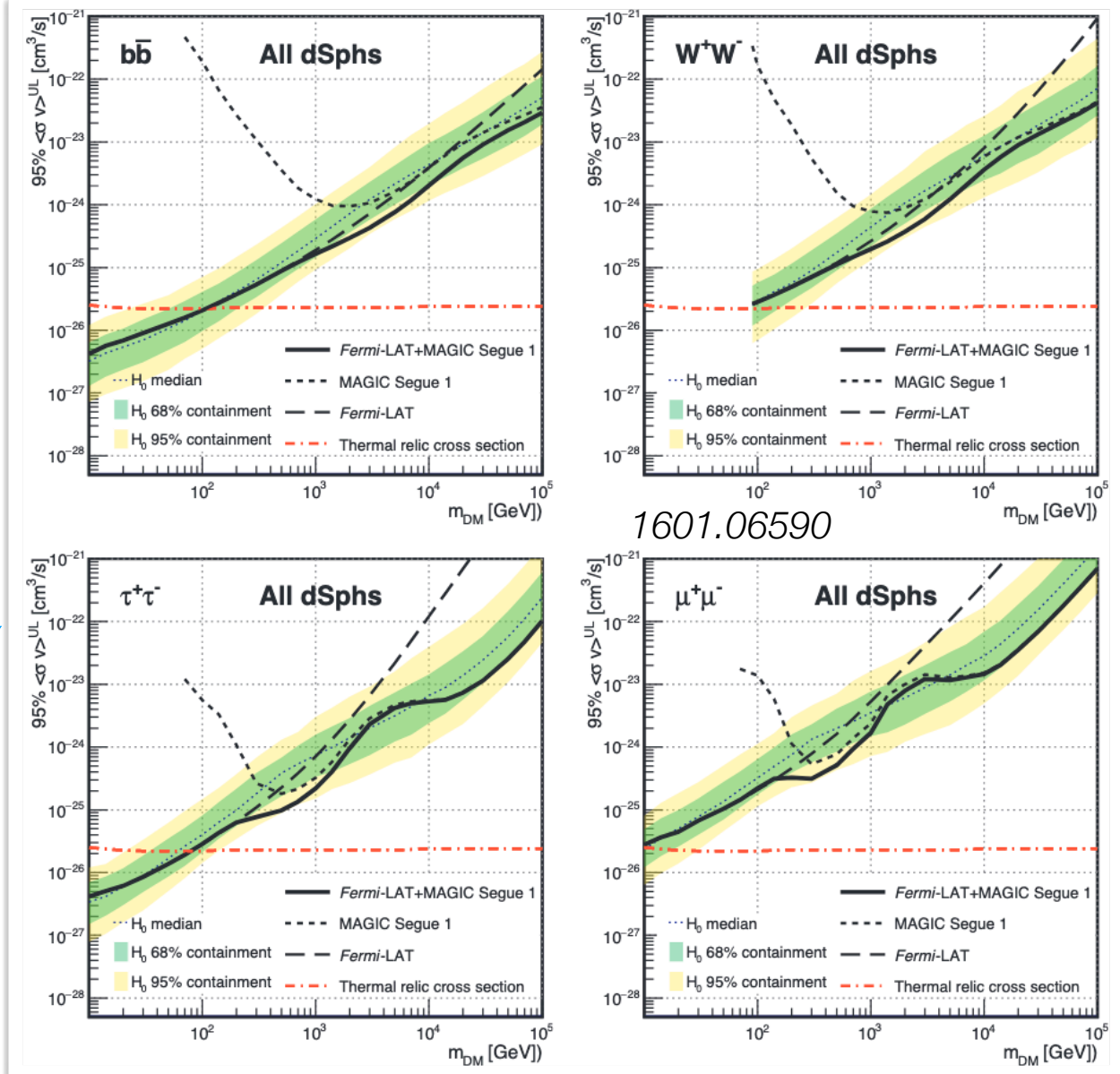
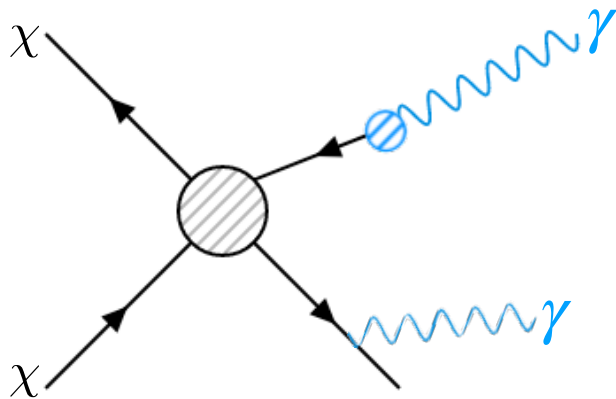
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and  $\gamma$  final state radiation  
always possible

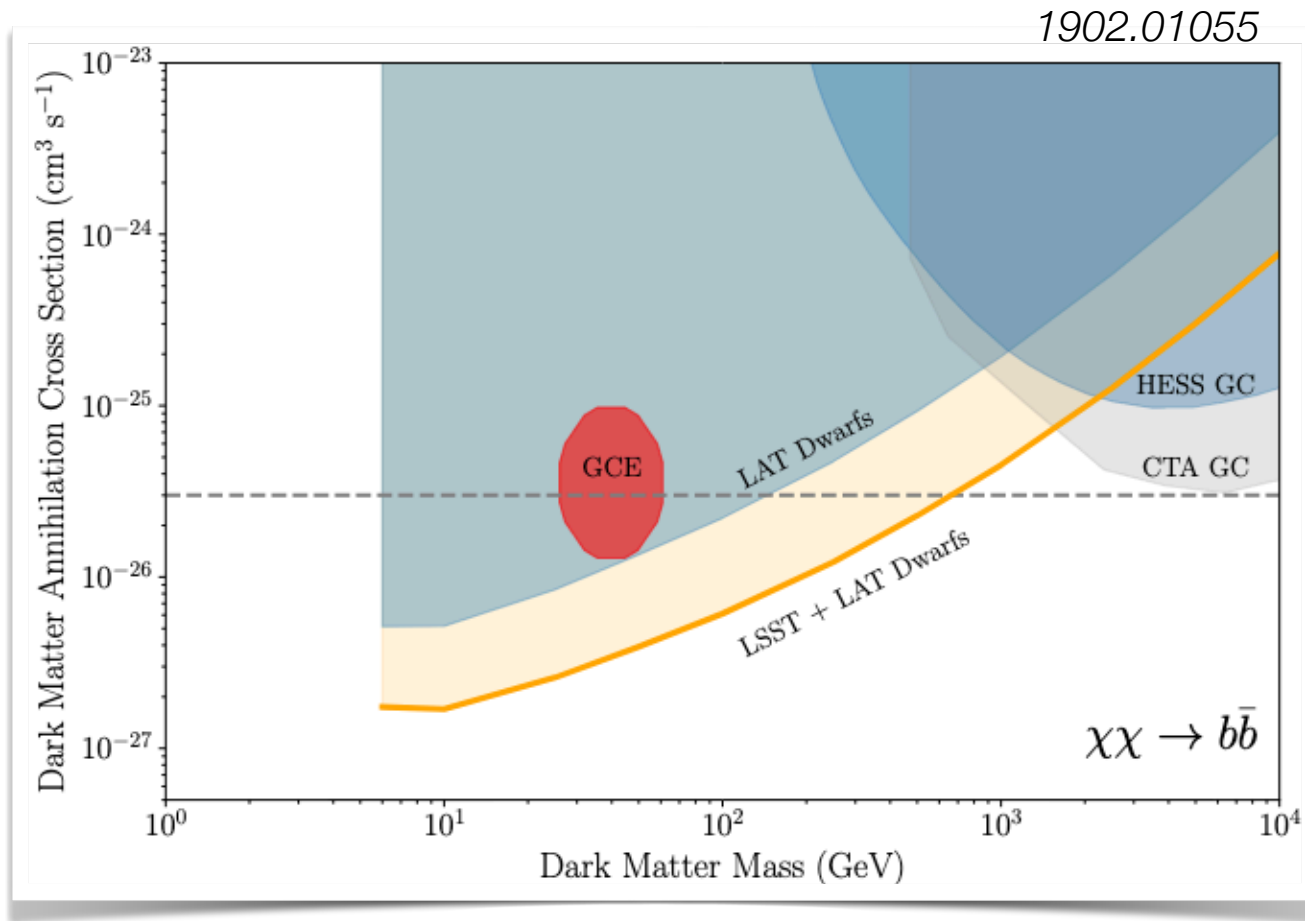


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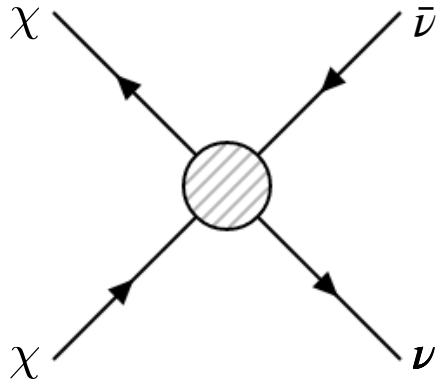


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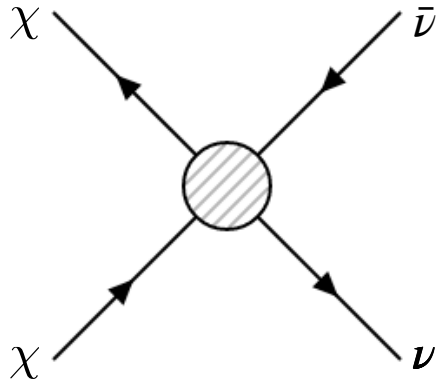




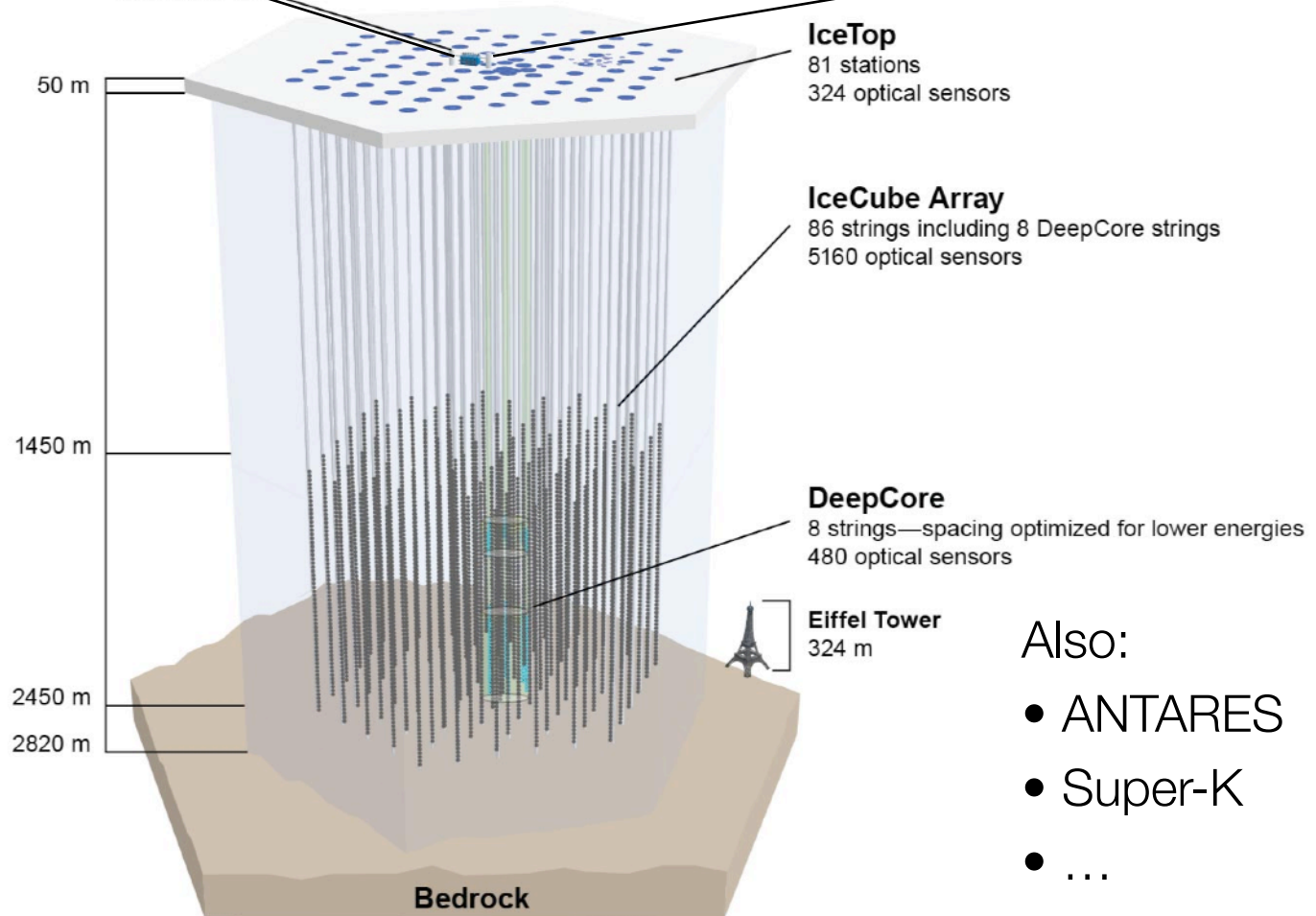
Stay tuned...



# INDIRECT DETECTION: DE



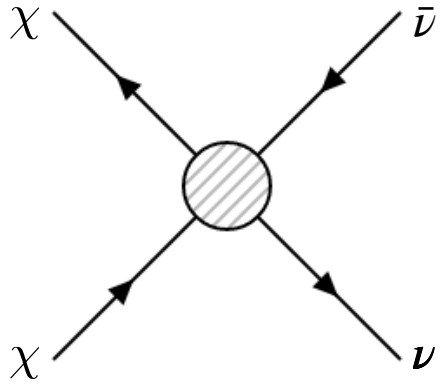
IceCube Lab



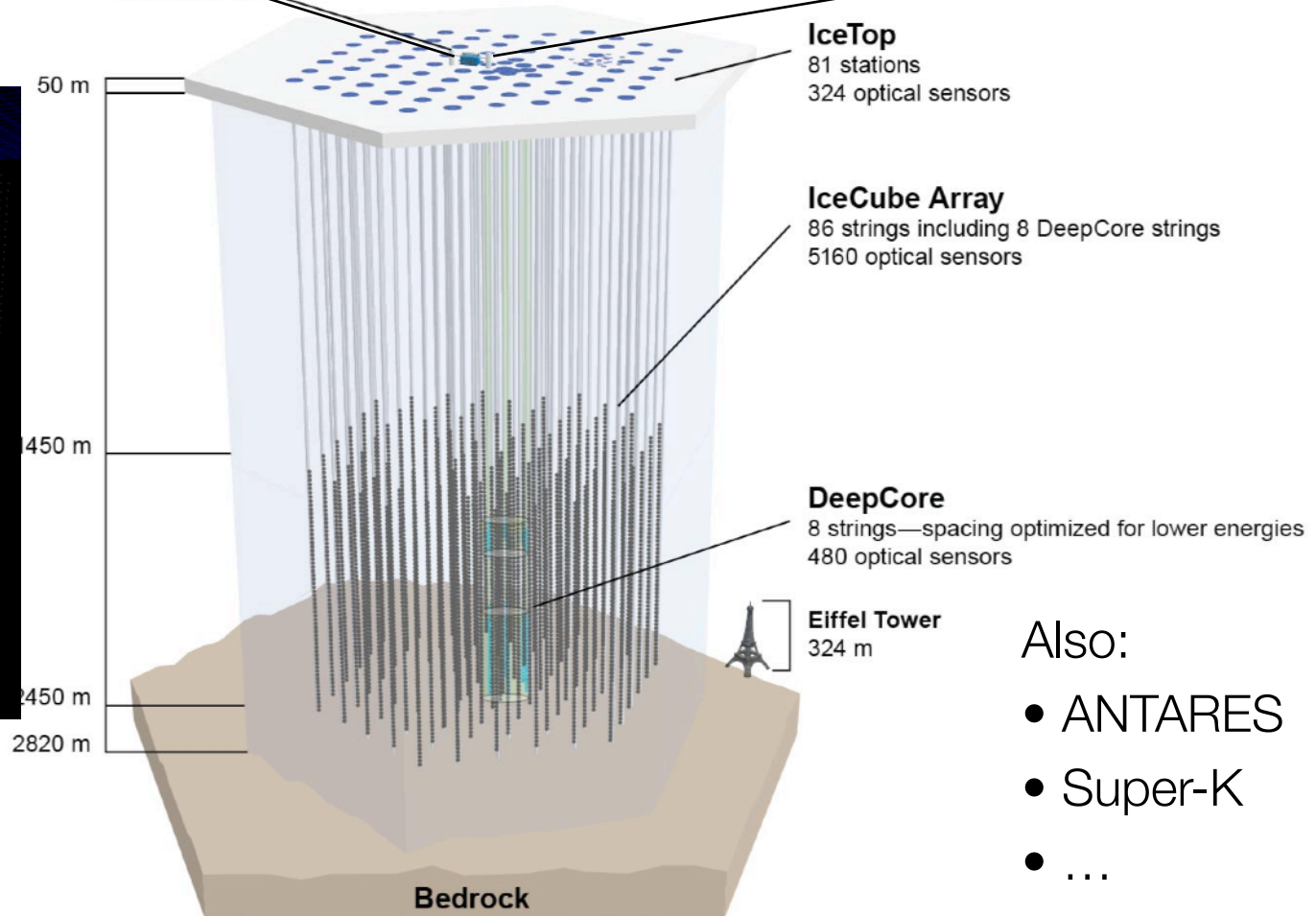
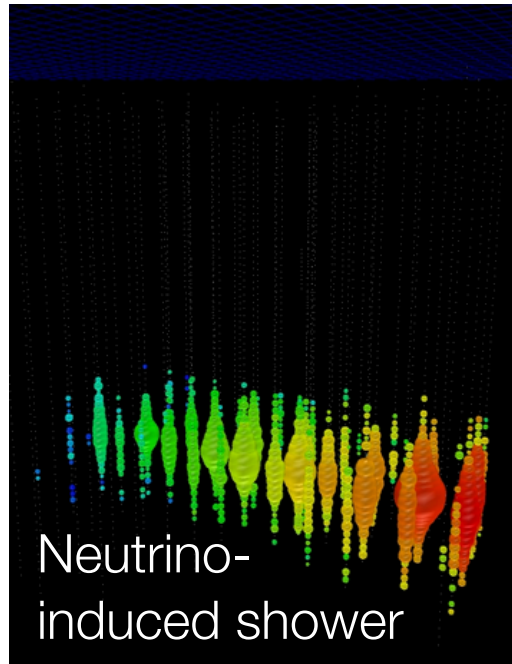
Also:

- ANTARES
- Super-K
- ...

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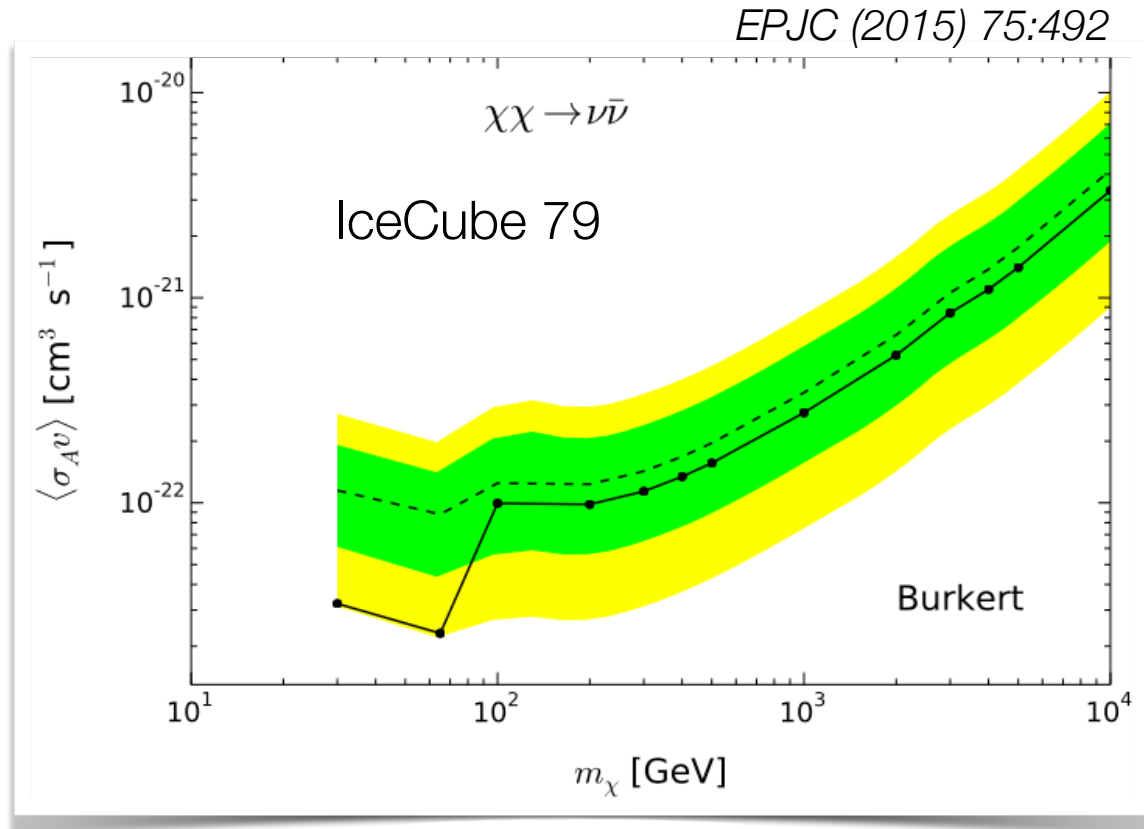
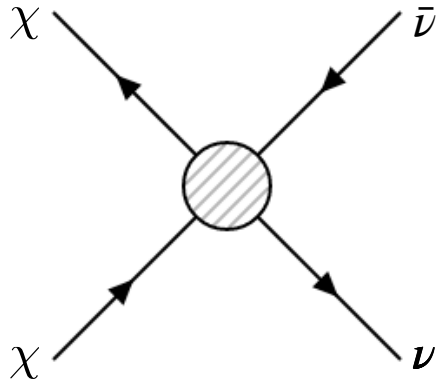


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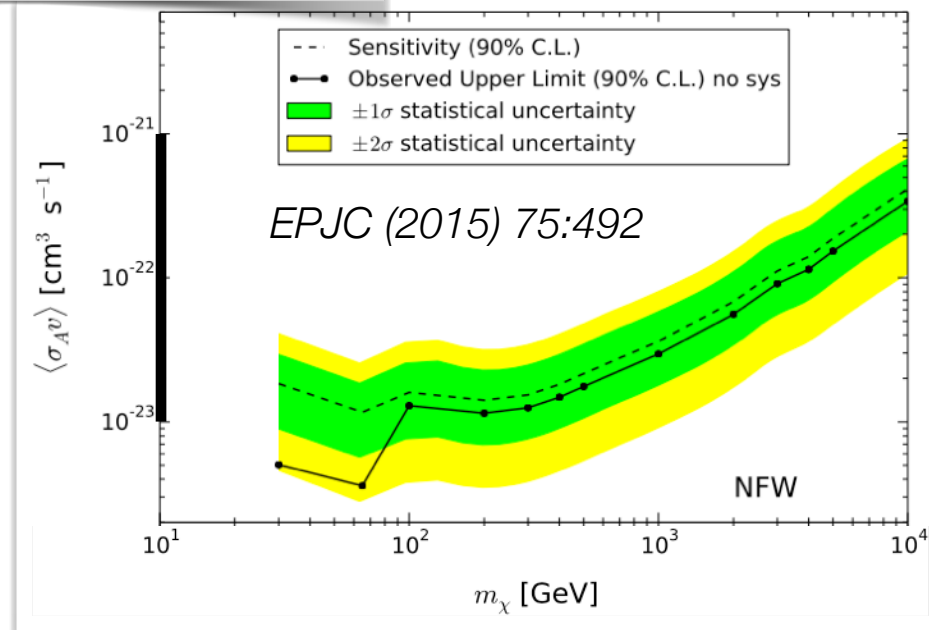
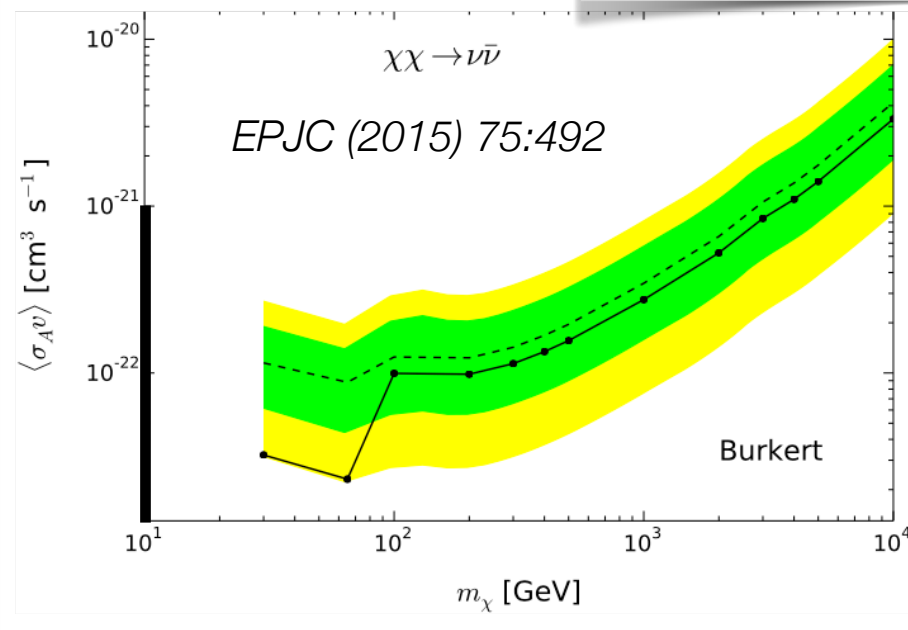
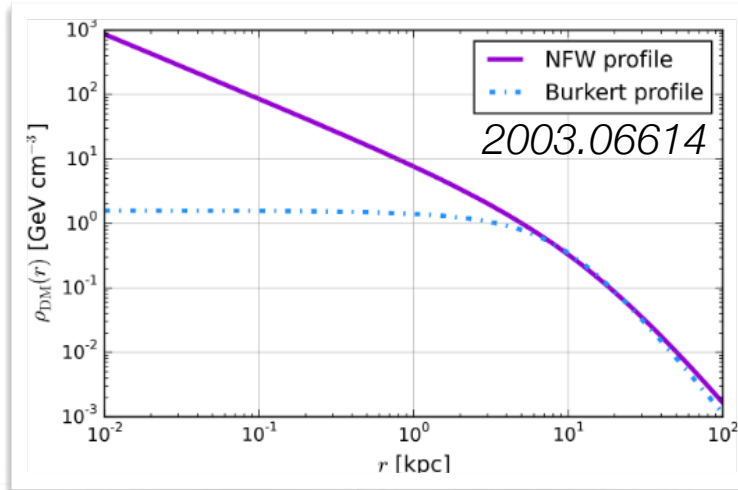
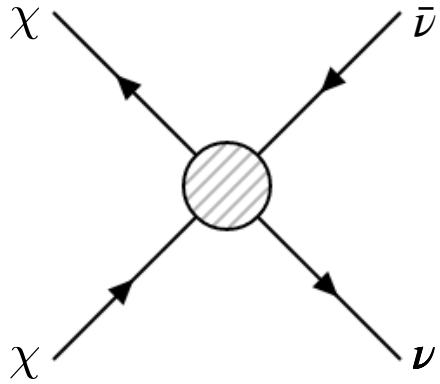
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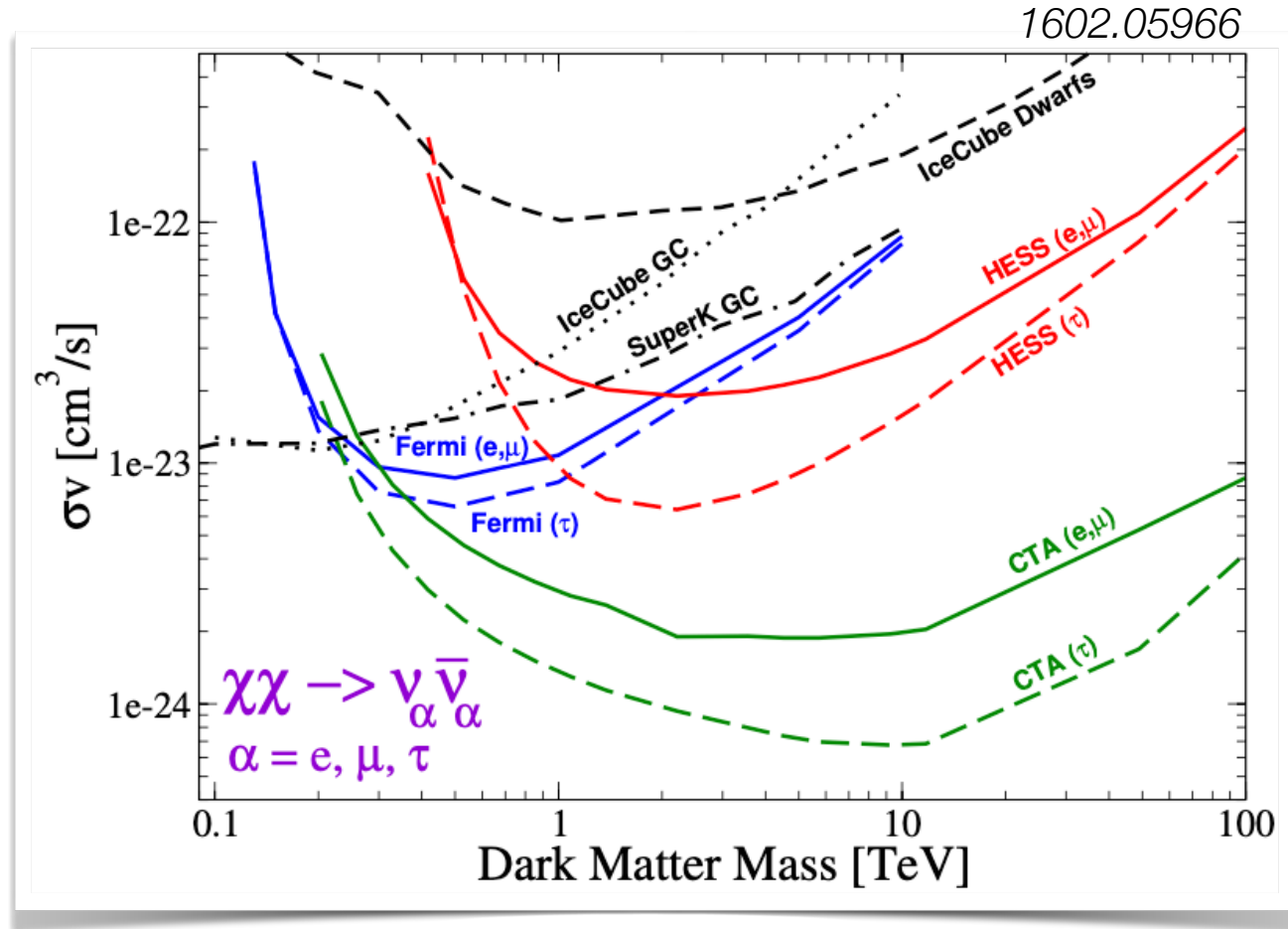
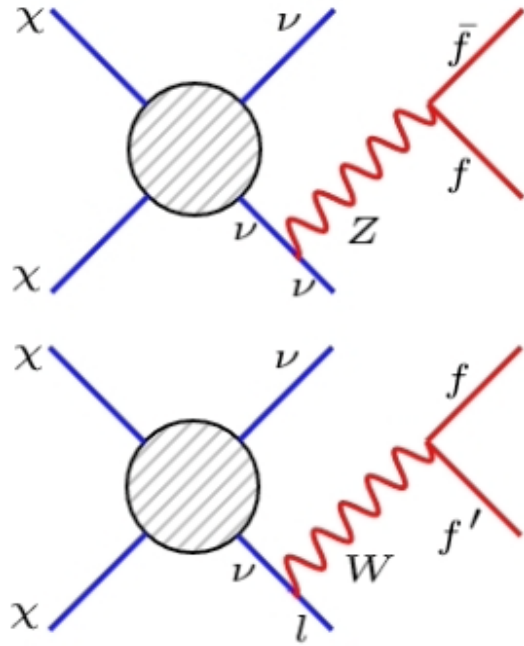




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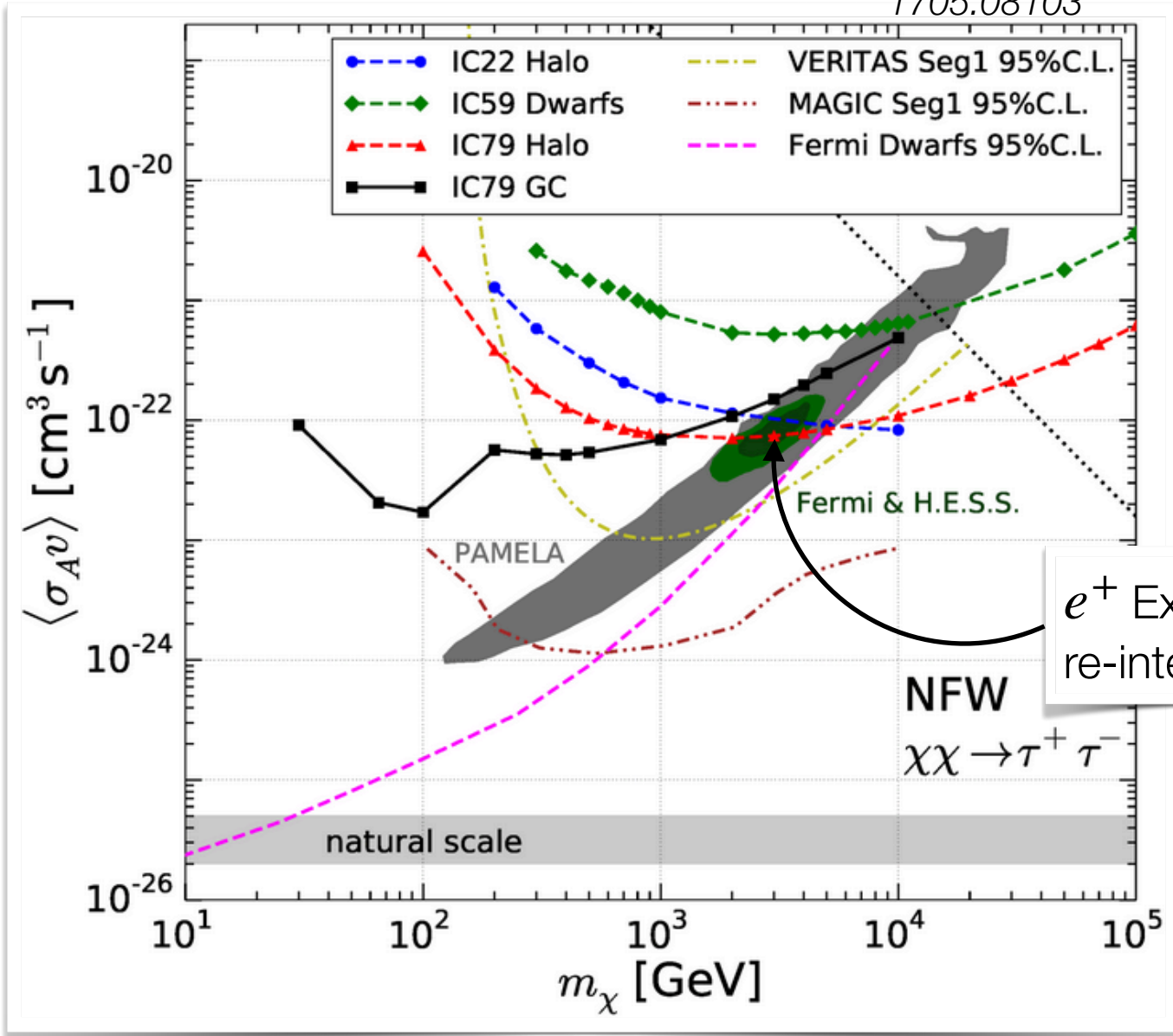
- Big impact from  $\rho_{\text{DM}}(r)$



- Best limits for  $m_{\text{DM}} > 200$  GeV from Fermi-LAT + HESS
- Neutrino telescope confirmation indispensable



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$e^+$  Excess  
re-interpretation

NFW

$\chi\chi \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-$

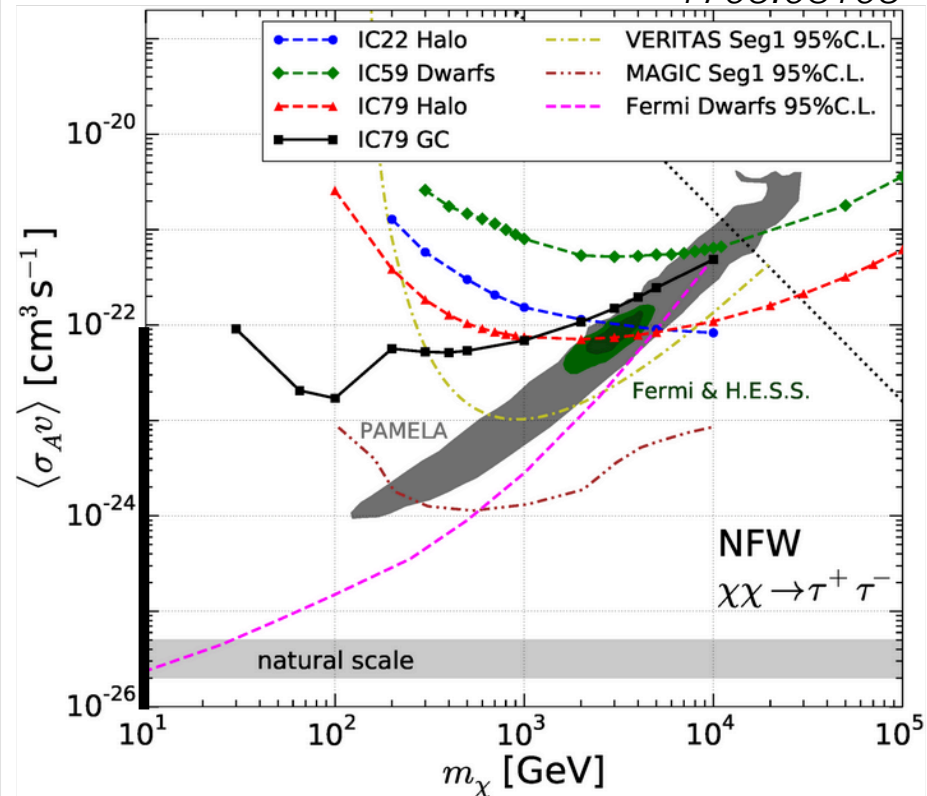
natural scale

PAMELA

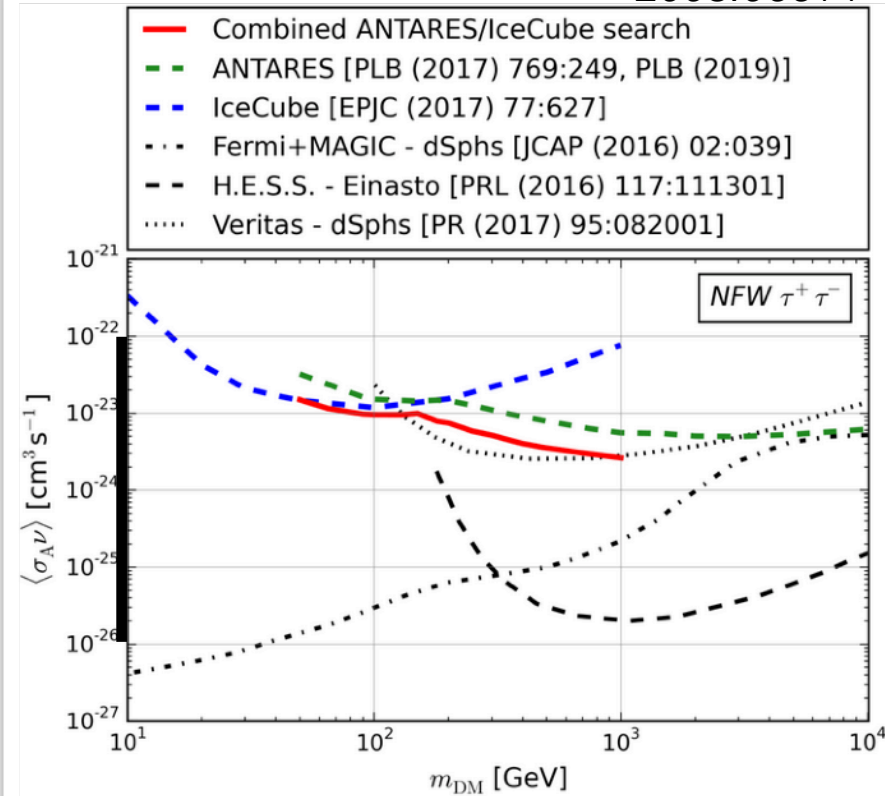
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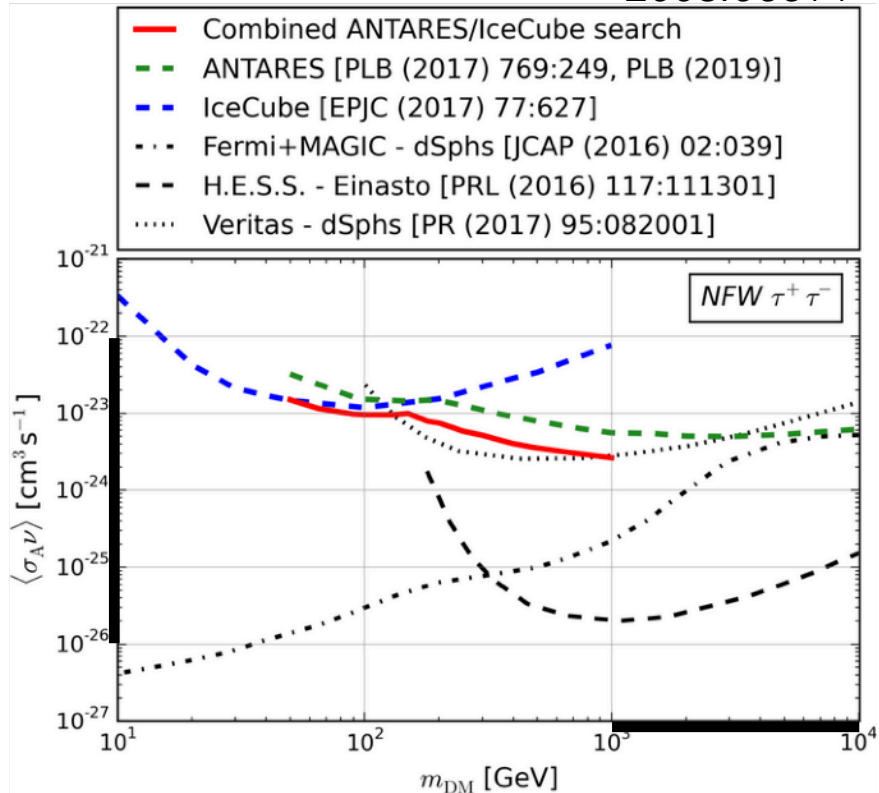


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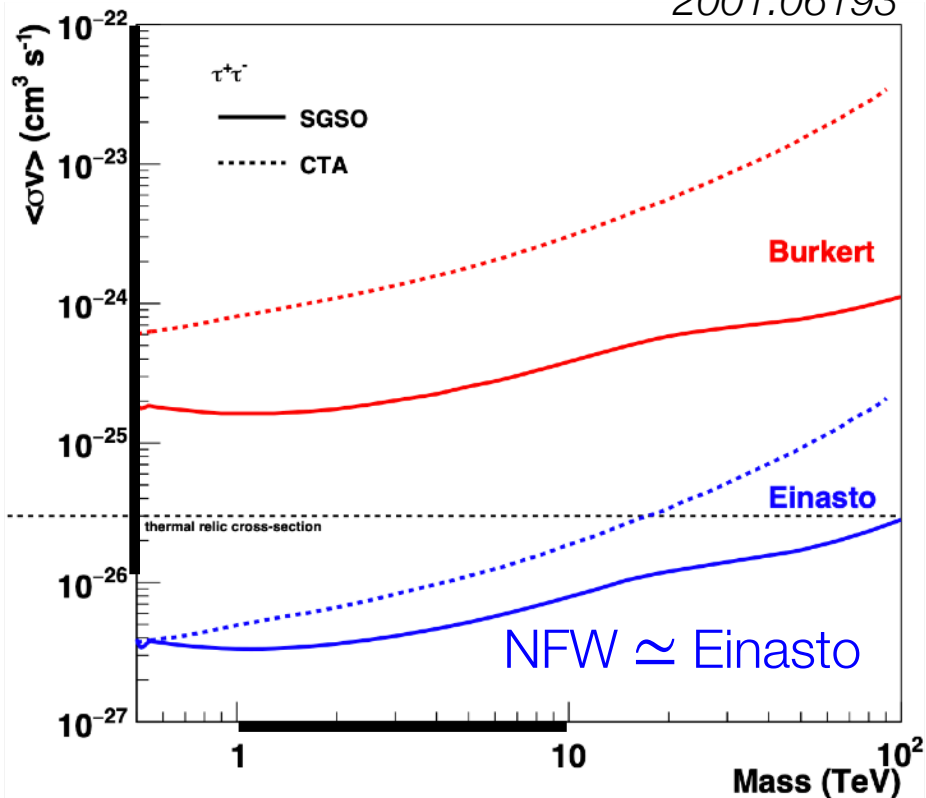




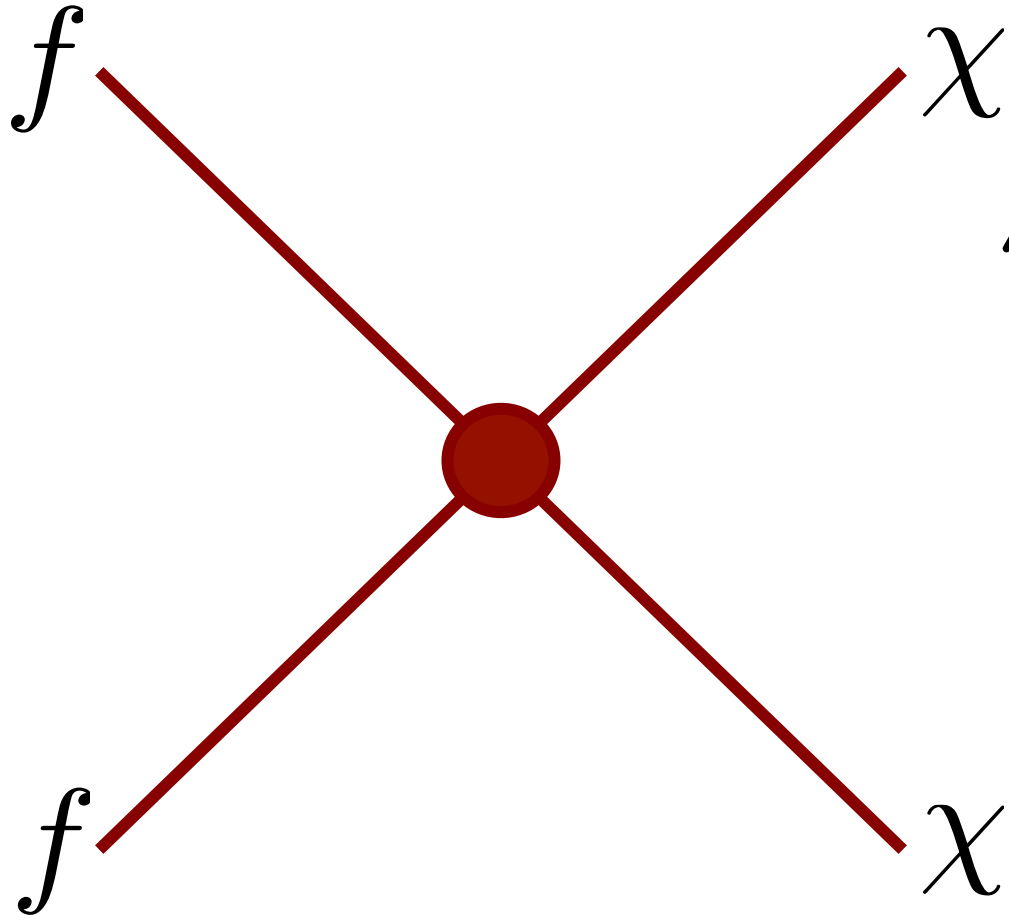
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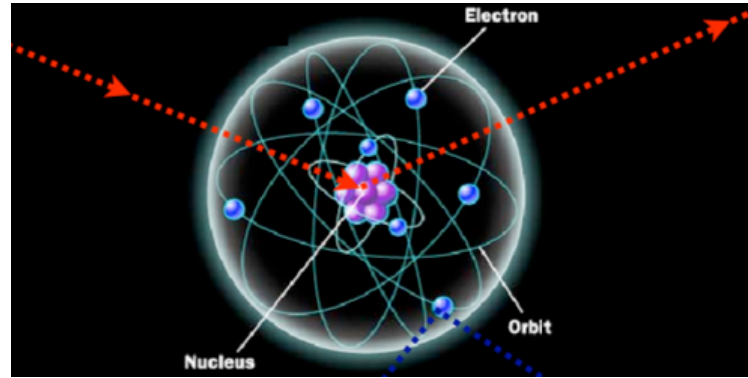
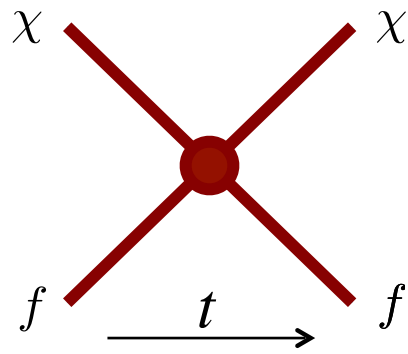
Exciting years ahead: CTA entering construction phase, James Webb etc...



↑  
Direct detection



# DIRECT DETECTION - DM SCATTERING RATE



*Scatt. Rate*  
 $\frac{dR}{dE}(E, t) =$

$N_T$   
*Target dependence*

*Number density*  
 $\frac{\rho_\chi}{m_\chi}$

$\int_{v_{min}} \frac{d\sigma}{dE}(v, E)$   
*Diff. Cross Section*

*veloc. distribution*  
 $v f_E(\vec{v}, t) d^3\vec{v}$

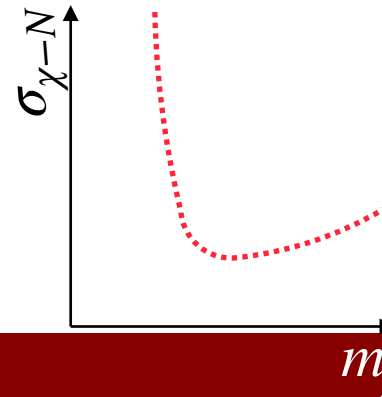
Measurement

Colliders,  
nuclear

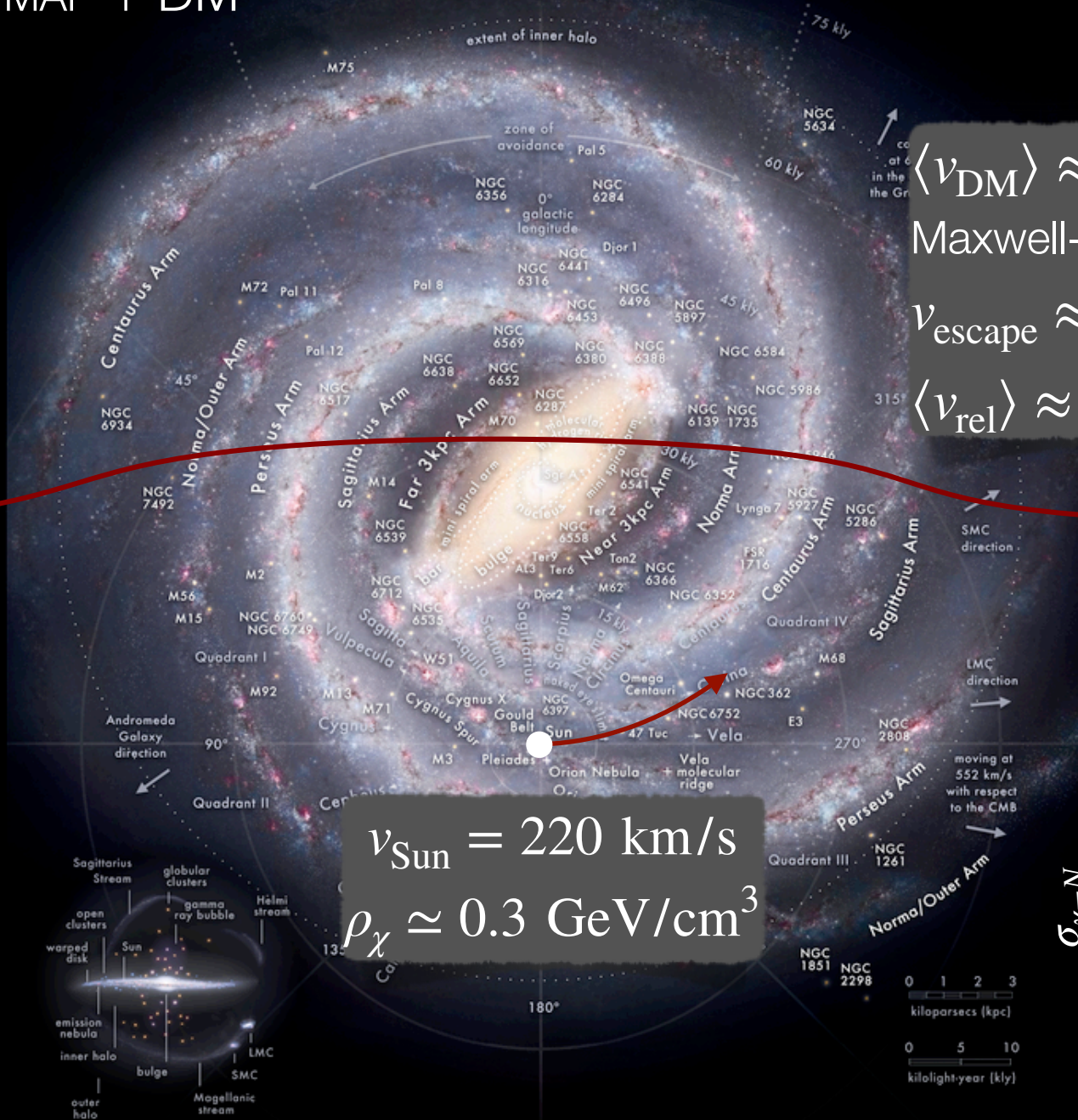
$\rho$ : Cosmology  
 $m_\chi$ : model

$\sigma$ : Interpretation  
 $m_N$ : experimental handle

Cosmology



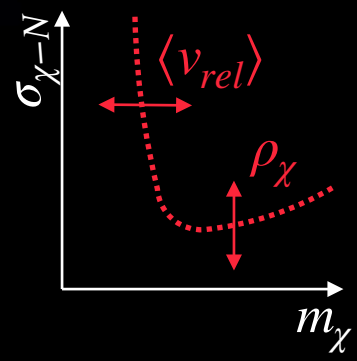
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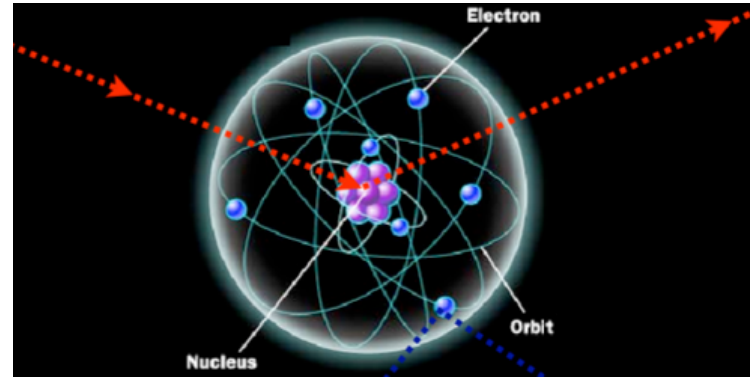
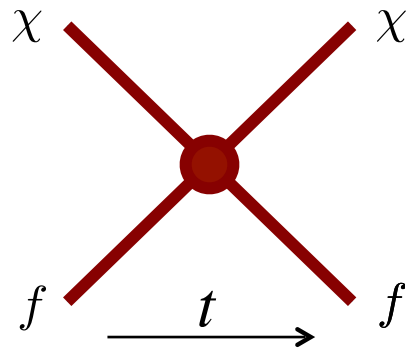
$\rho_{DM}$

$v_{\text{Sun}} = 220 \text{ km/s}$   
 $\rho_{\chi} \approx 0.3 \text{ GeV/cm}^3$

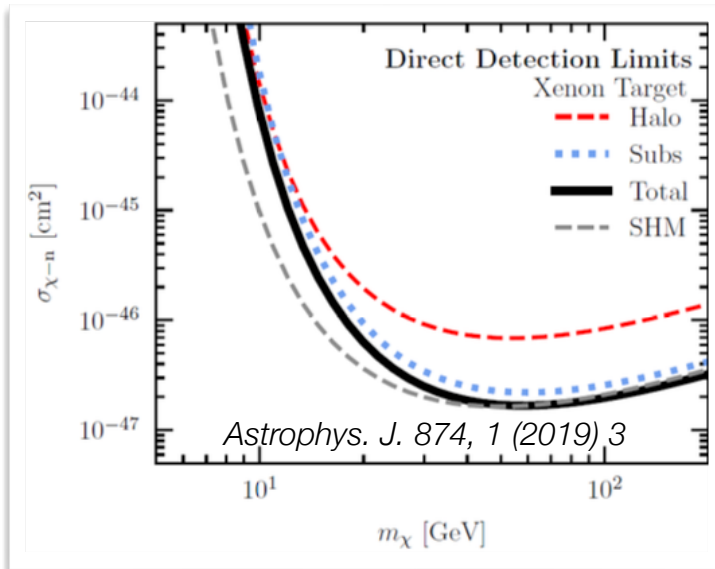




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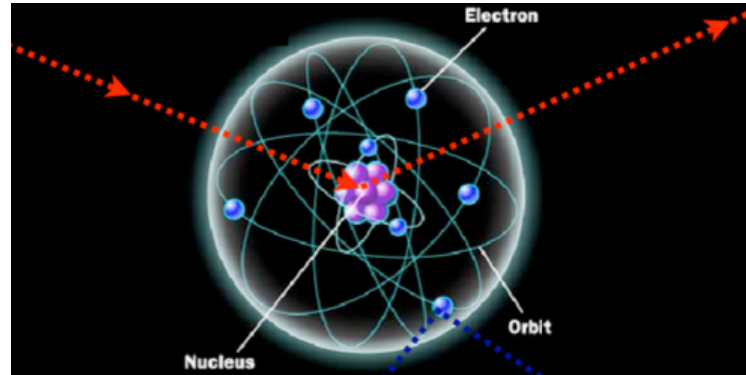
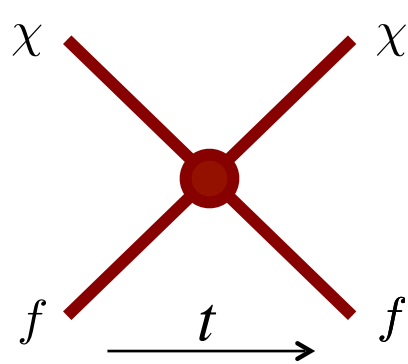
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- Benchmark for  $\rho_\chi$  impact:
- background-free Xe target
  - 1 kton x year
  - $E_{\text{recoil}}$  threshold 4.9 keV
  - spin-independent scattering
  - Maxwell-Boltzmann (SHM) vs. Gaia+SDSS data (Total)

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# DIRECT DETECTION - DM SCATTERING RATE



*Scatt. Rate*  
 $\frac{dR}{dE}(E, t) =$

$$= \underbrace{N_T}_{\text{Target dependence}} \underbrace{\frac{\rho_\chi}{m_\chi}}_{\text{Number density}} \int_{v_{min}} \underbrace{\frac{d\sigma}{dE}(v, E)}_{\text{Diff. Cross Section}} v \underbrace{f_E(\vec{v}, t)}_{\text{veloc. distribution}} d^3\vec{v}$$

Measurement

Target dependence

Number density

$$\frac{\rho_\chi}{m_\chi}$$

$$\int_{v_{min}}$$

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dE}(v, E)$$

veloc. distribution

$$f_E(\vec{v}, t)$$

$$d^3\vec{v}$$

Diff. Cross Section

$\sigma$ : Interpretation

$m_N$ : experimental handle

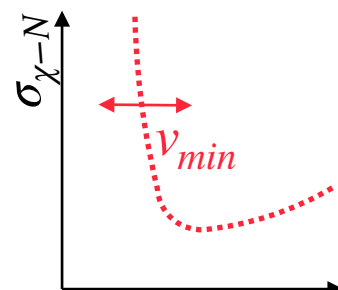
Cosmology

Colliders,  
nuclear

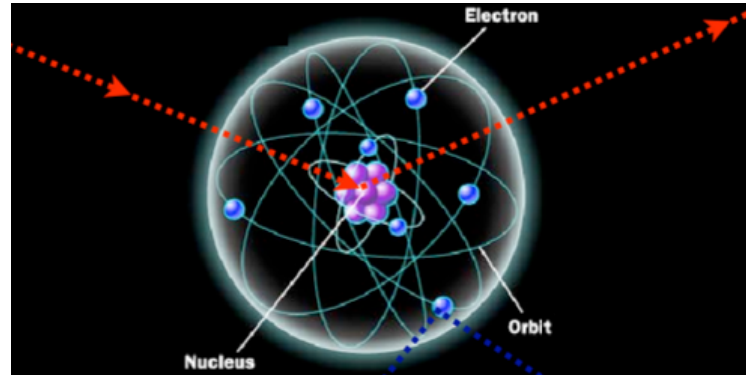
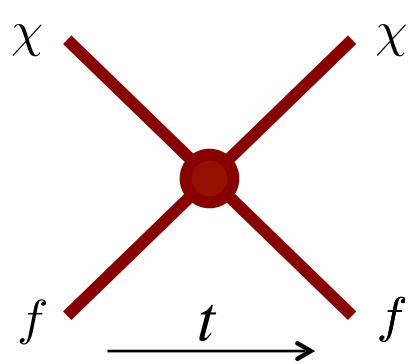
$\rho$ : Cosmology  
 $m_\chi$ : model

$$v_{min} = \sqrt{\frac{m_N E}{2\mu^2}}, \mu = \frac{m_\chi m_N}{m_\chi + m_N}$$

min velocity for detectable recoil



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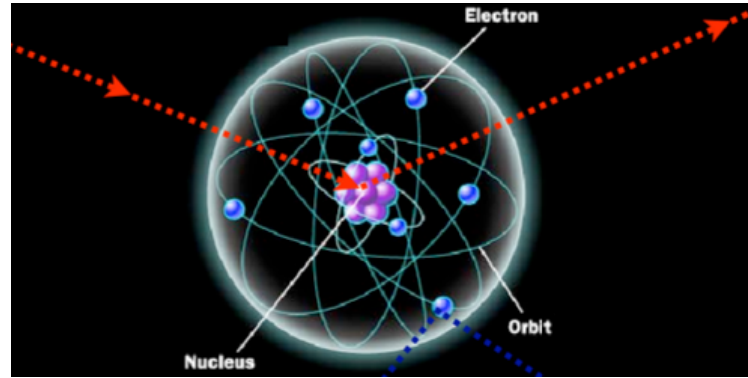
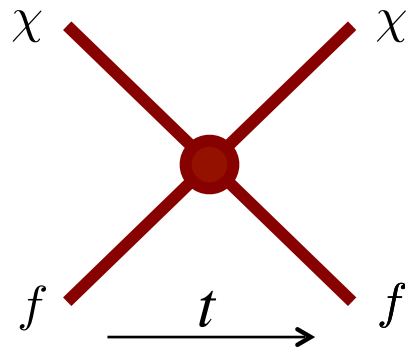
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*Target choice: the ONLY experimental handle!*

Spin-independent:

- vector coupling
- scalar coupling

$P$

DM interaction with:

*any* nucleon in nucleus

→ enhancement  $\propto A^2$

Spin-dependent:

- axial-vector coupling
- pseudoscalar coupling

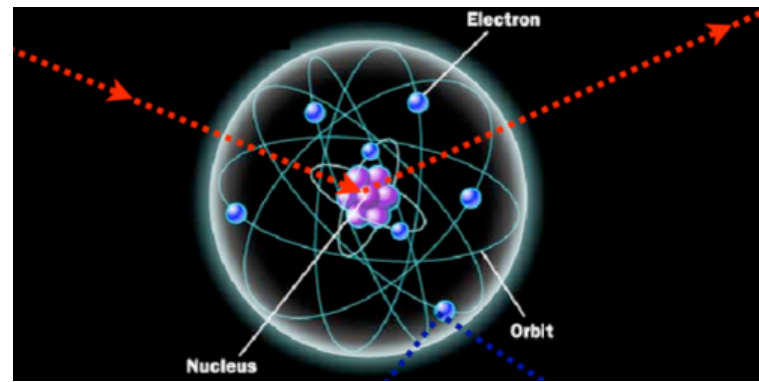
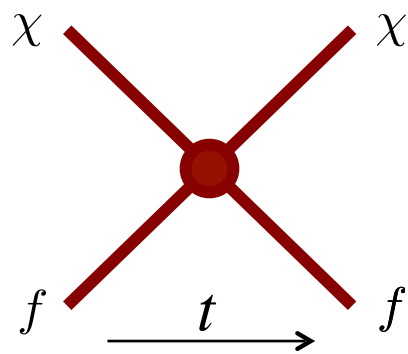
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DM interaction with:

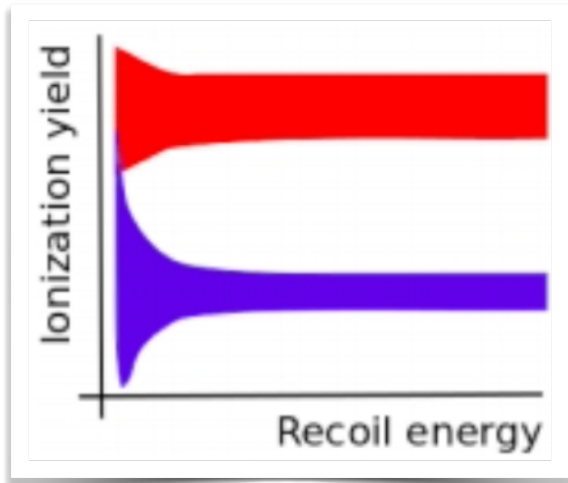
spin of unpaired  $p$  or  $n$

→ optimise for  $u$  or  $d$ ,  $\propto A$

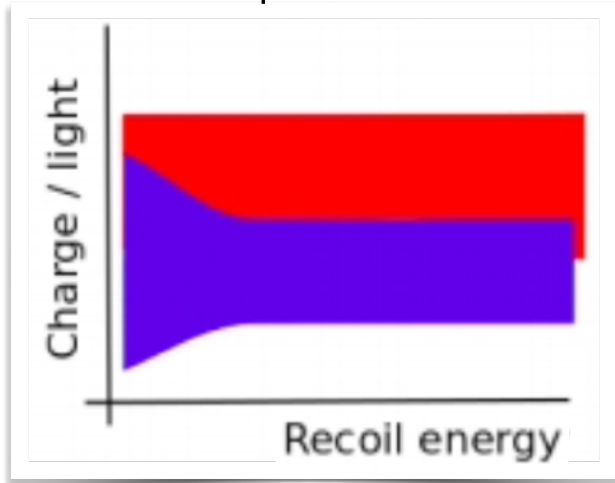
# DIRECT DETECTION - DETECTION



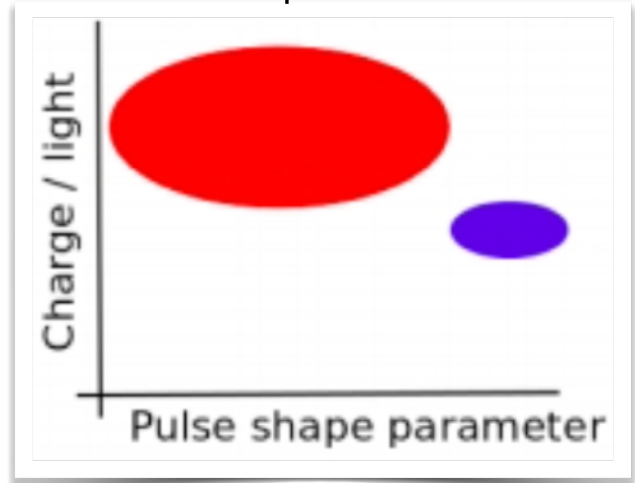
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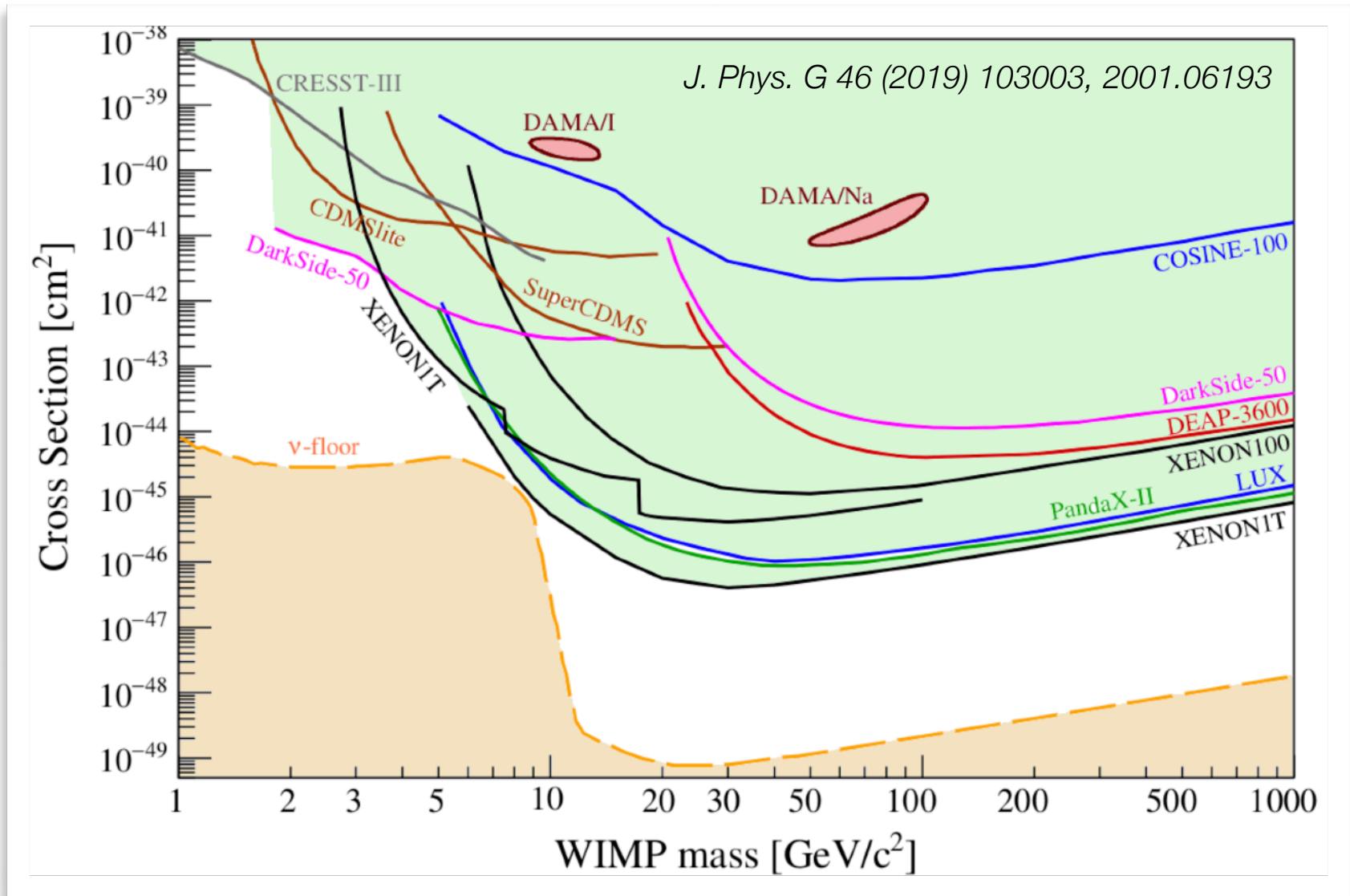
Liquid Xe

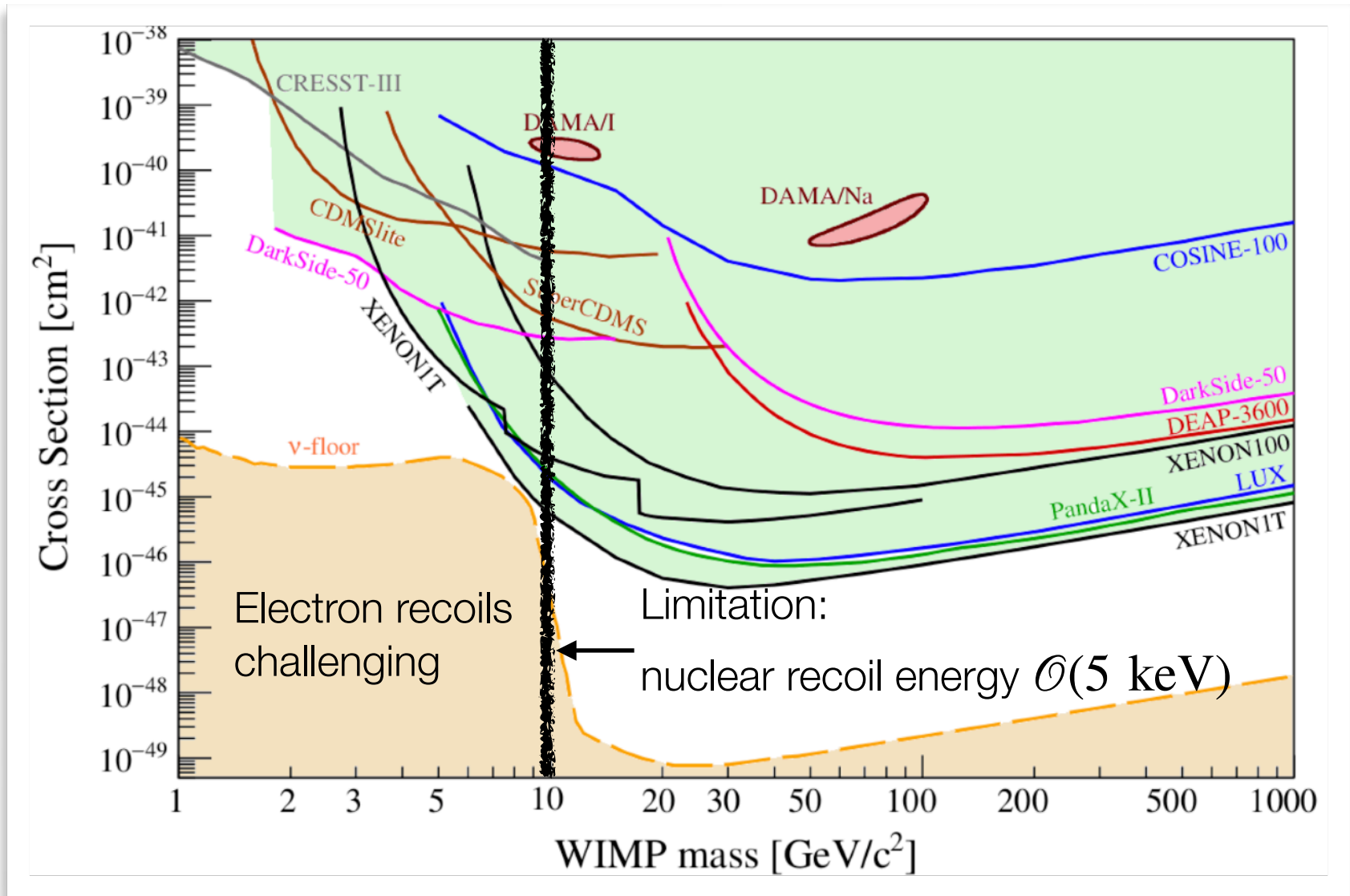


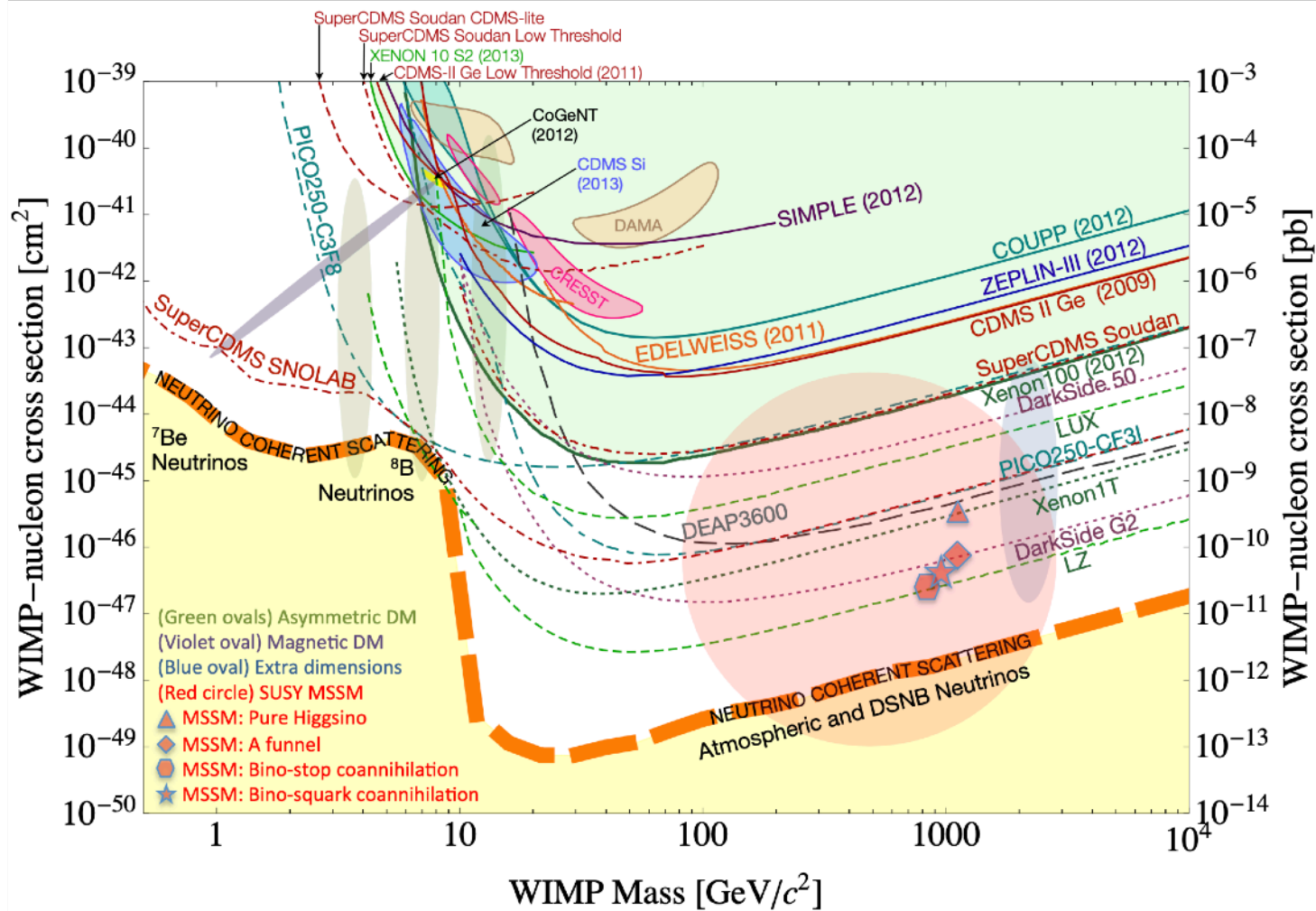
Liquid Ar



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The next decade will be very exciting!  
 (in the standard single WIMP paradigm)





- DM annihilation in Sun, e.g.,  $\chi\chi \rightarrow b\bar{b}, \tau\bar{\tau}, W^+W^-$ 
  - Only neutrinos as probe
    - Almost background-free:  $E_\nu > 1 \text{ GeV}$
  - Neutrino telescopes: ANTARES, Ice Cube, Super-K, etc.
    - Look for neutrino-induced showers from the Sun
  - Equilibrium: DM annihilation rate  $\Gamma_A \leftrightarrow$  DM capture rate

$$\frac{d\Phi_\nu}{dE_\nu} = \frac{\Gamma_A}{4\pi D^2} \frac{dN_\nu}{dE_\nu} \quad \text{and} \quad \Gamma_A \propto \sigma_{\chi-p}^{\text{SD}}$$

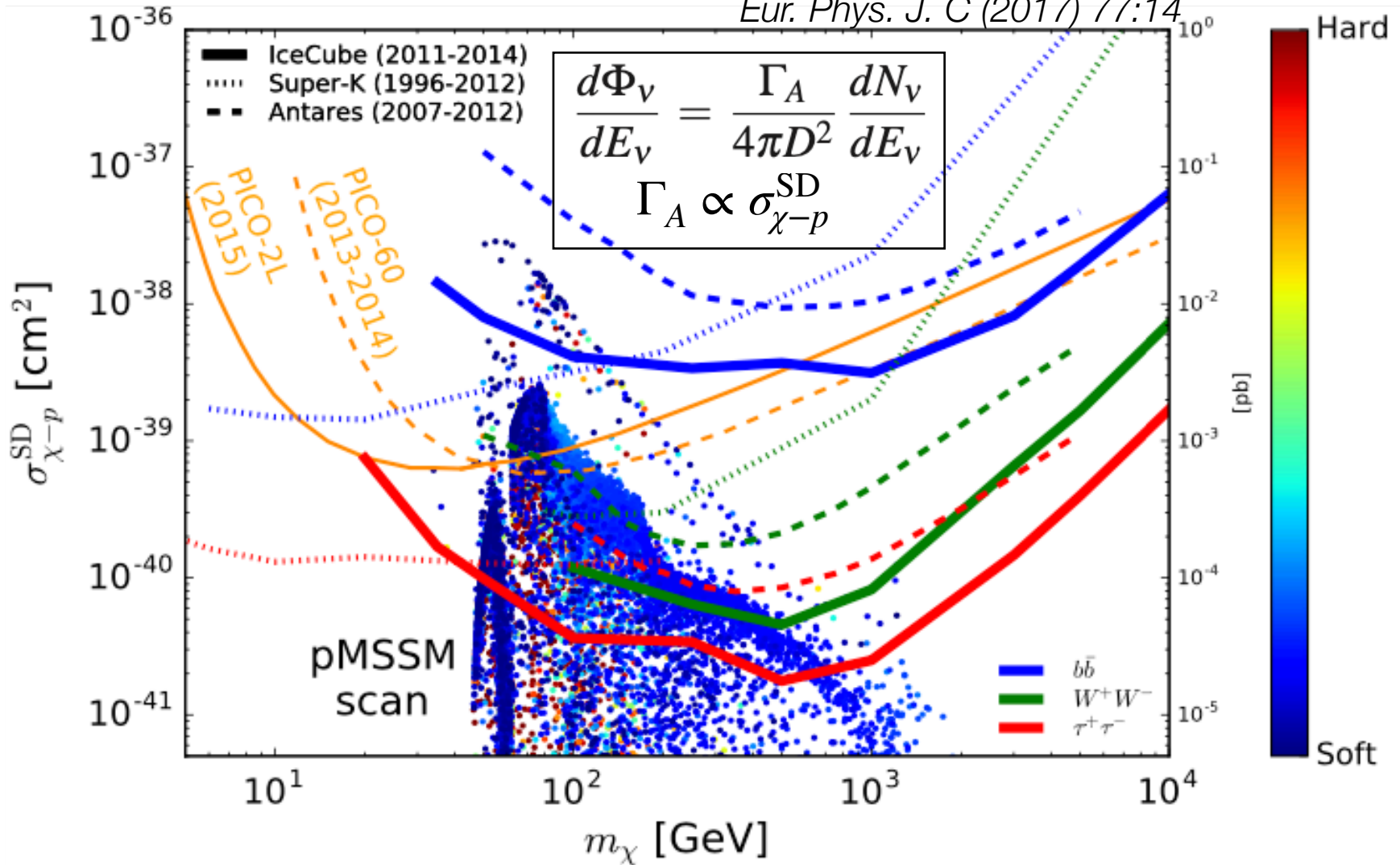
Why  $\sigma_{\chi-p}^{\text{SD}}$ ?

- Aside: similar approach possible for the Earth
  - challenge: equilibrium assumption breaks down
  - $\rightarrow$  constrain  $\sigma^{\text{SI}}$  for a given  $\sigma^{\chi \text{ ann.}}$

Why  $\sigma^{\text{SI}}$ ?

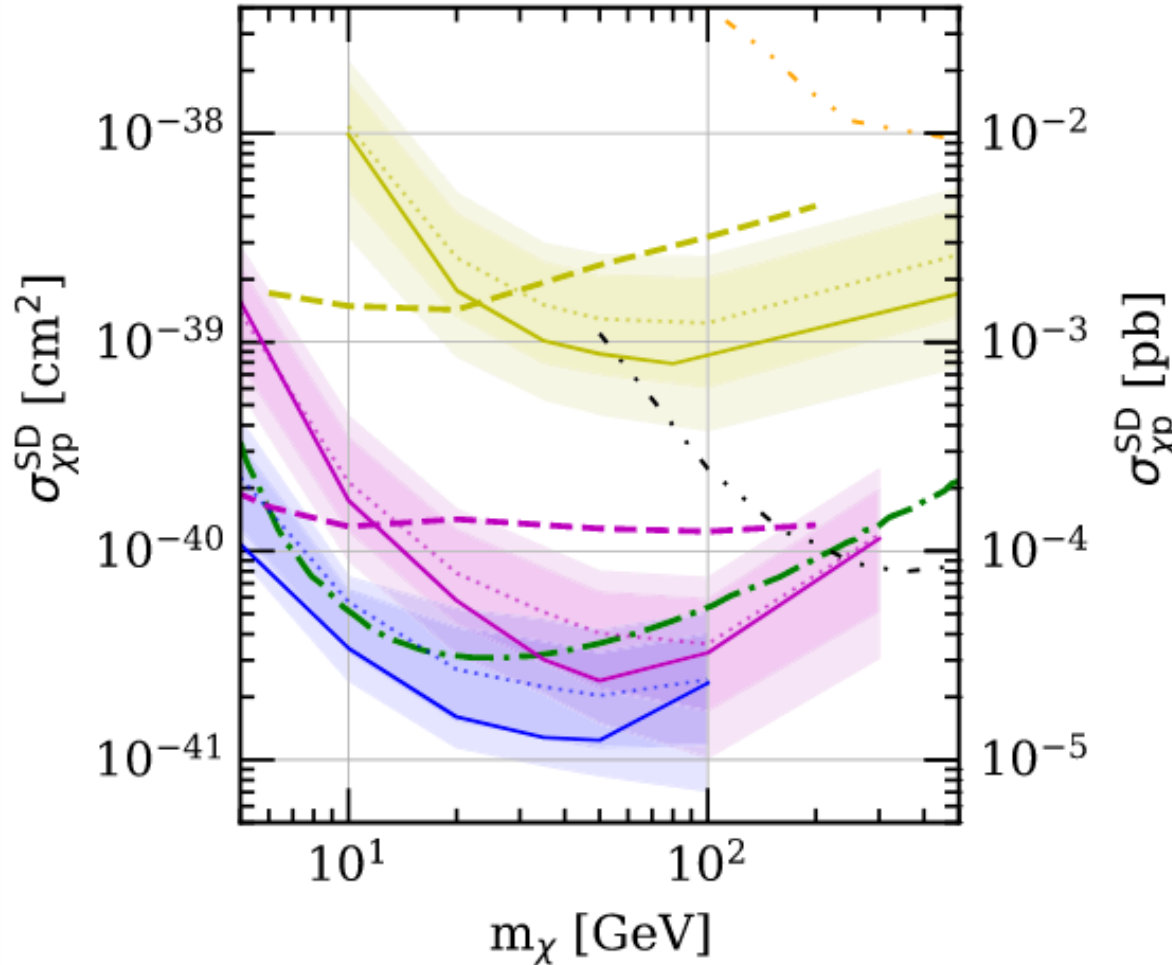


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$$\frac{d\Phi_\nu}{dE_\nu} = \frac{\Gamma_A}{4\pi D^2} \frac{dN_\nu}{dE_\nu}$$

$$\Gamma_A \propto \sigma_{\chi-p}^{SD}$$

- PICO-60 2019
- Super-K 2015  $\tau\bar{\tau}$
- Super-K 2015  $b\bar{b}$
- ANTARES 2016  $b\bar{b}$
- ANTARES 2016  $\tau\bar{\tau}$
- IceCube 2021  $\tau\bar{\tau}$
- IceCube 2021  $b\bar{b}$
- IceCube 2021  $\nu\bar{\nu}$

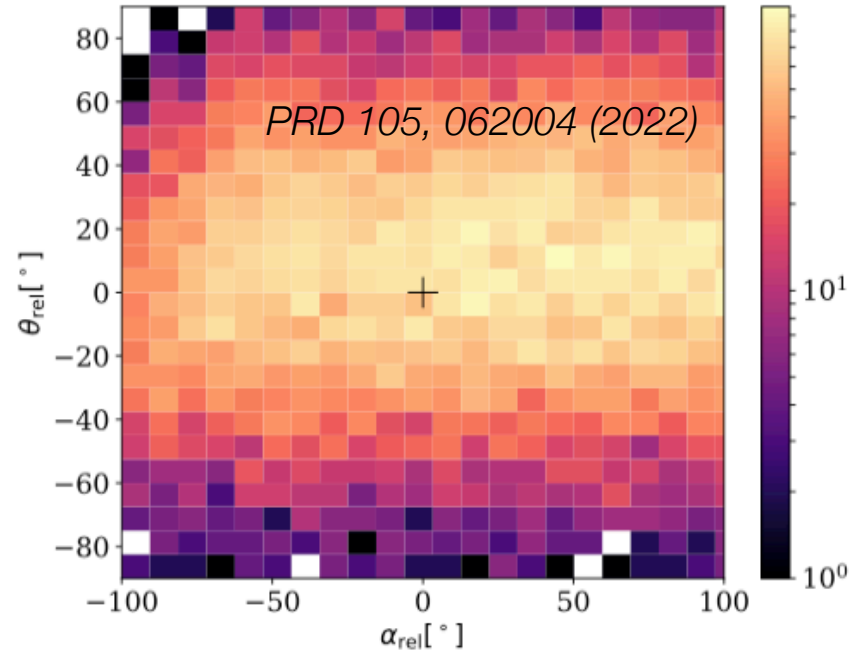
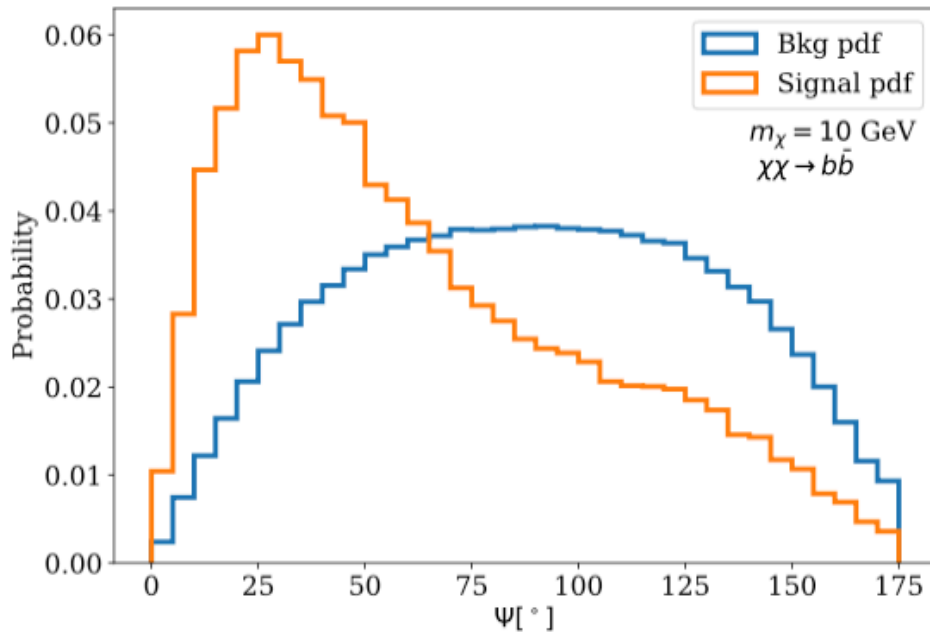
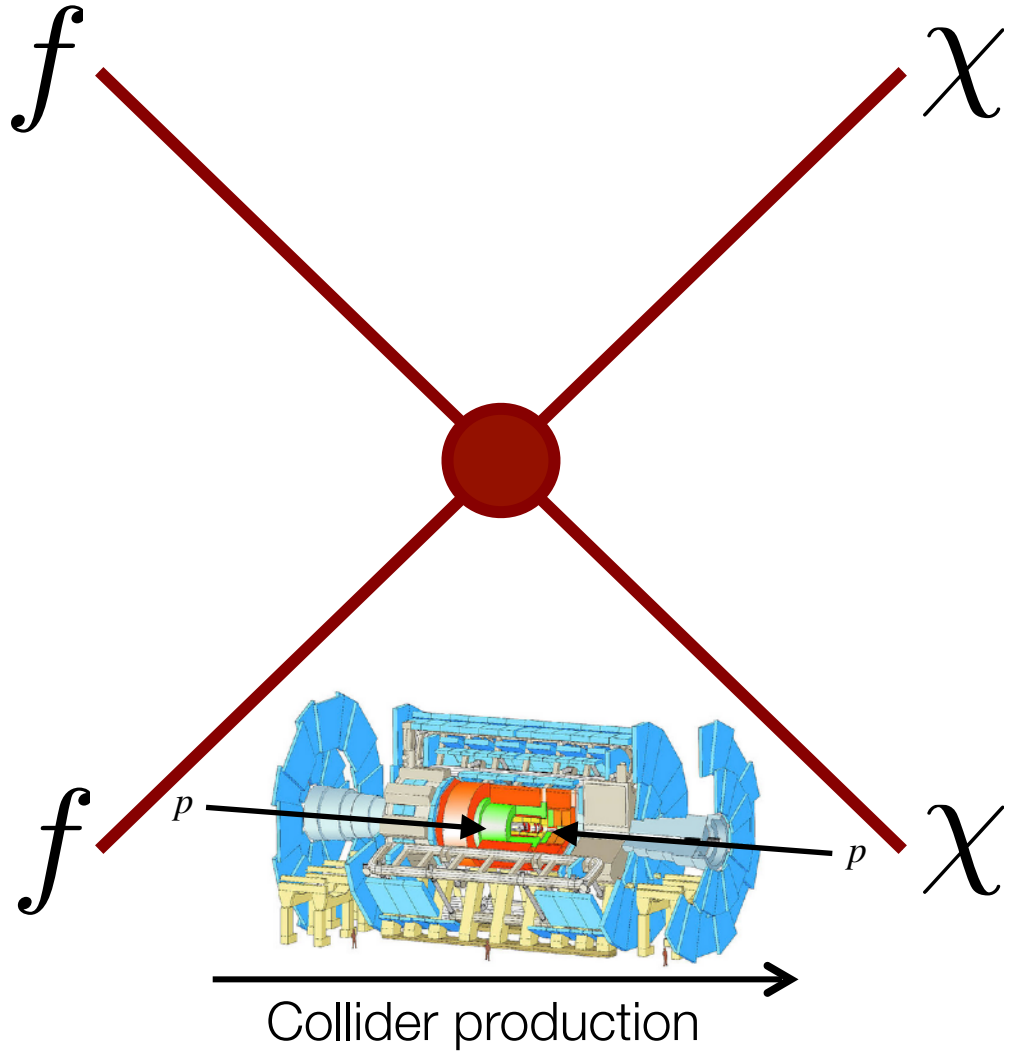


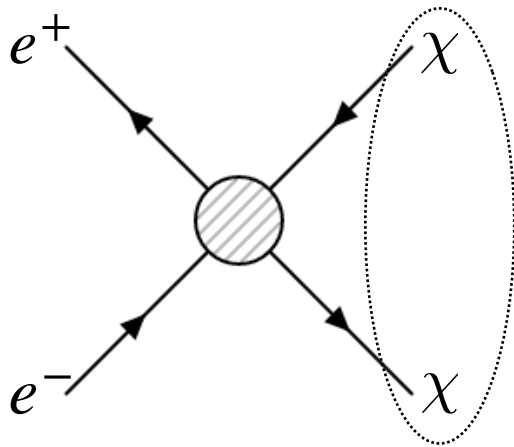
TABLE I. The reconstructed energy ranges of neutrinos used in the search for each WIMP mass and channel. The median energy of neutrinos in each range is shown in parentheses.

WIMP Mass (GeV)	$\tau^+\tau^- E_{\text{reco}}$ (GeV)	$\nu\bar{\nu} E_{\text{reco}}$ (GeV)	$b\bar{b} E_{\text{reco}}$ (GeV)
5	<9 (7)	2–11 (8)	–
10	1–16 (10)	<23 (13)	0–11 (8)
20	3–30 (15)	13–39 (23)	<18 (11)
35	8–50 (21)	25–70 (38)	<27 (14)
50	15–69 (29)	42–86 (55)	3–38 (17)
100	30–128 (47)	83–167 (107)	6–70 (22)

Mass (GeV)	$b\bar{b}$		
	$\sigma_{\text{SI}}$ [ $\text{cm}^2$ ] $\times 10^{-41}$	$\sigma_{\text{SD}}$ [ $\text{cm}^2$ ] $\times 10^{-39}$	$\sigma_{\text{SD}}^{\text{Exp}}$ [ $\text{cm}^2$ ] $\times 10^{-39}$
5	...	...	...
10	16.6	8.39	10.8
20	1.54	1.57	2.53
35	0.54	0.93	1.50
50	0.34	0.80	1.29
100	0.29	1.12	1.23

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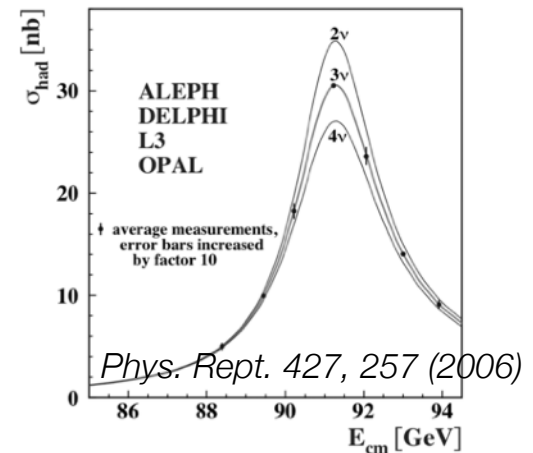
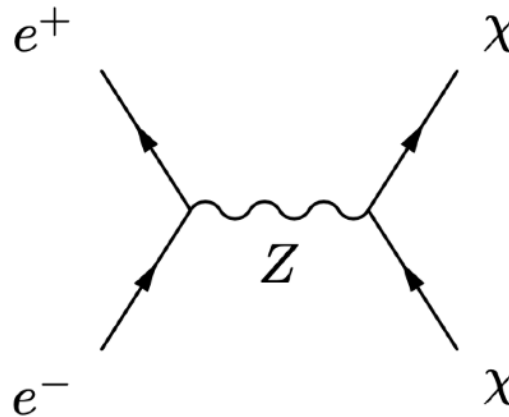
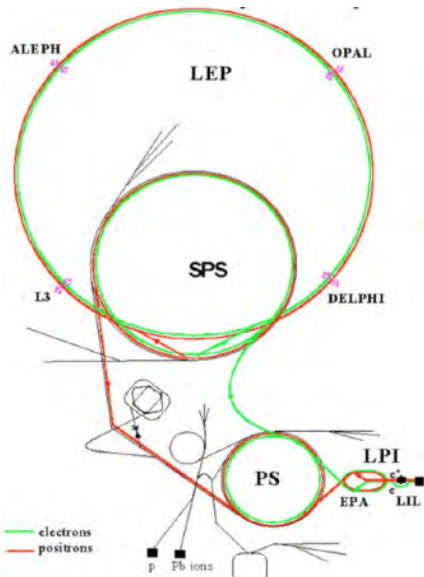




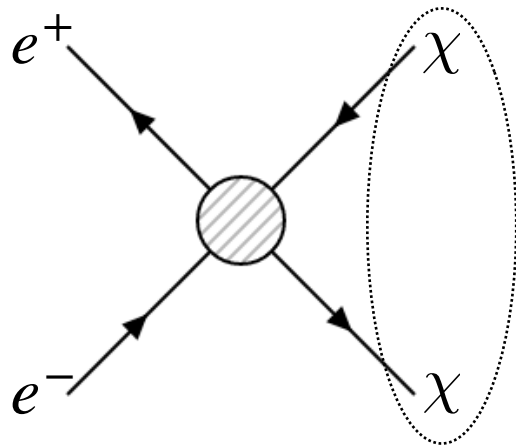
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(initial state known)

Collider production  
(controlled experimental environment!)

Solid limits for WIMPs coupling through Z:



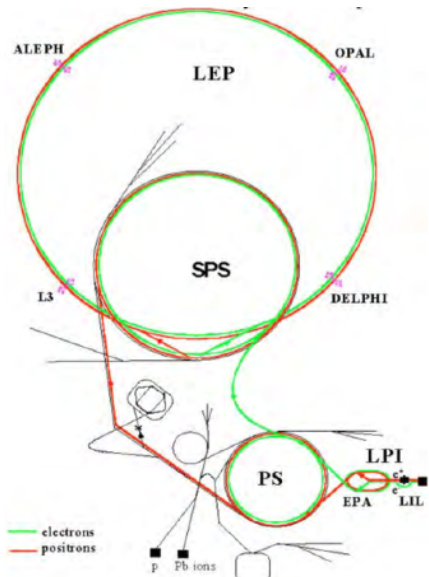
$$m_\chi < \frac{m_Z}{2} = 45 \text{ GeV excluded}$$

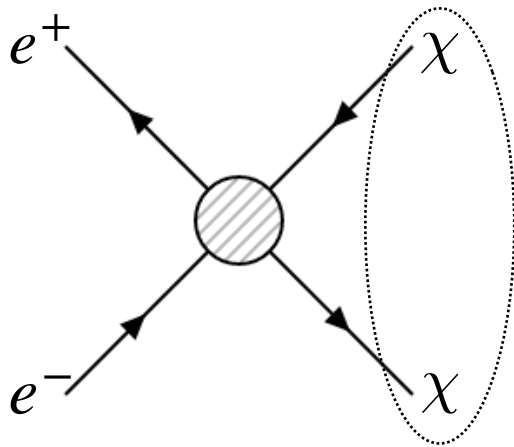


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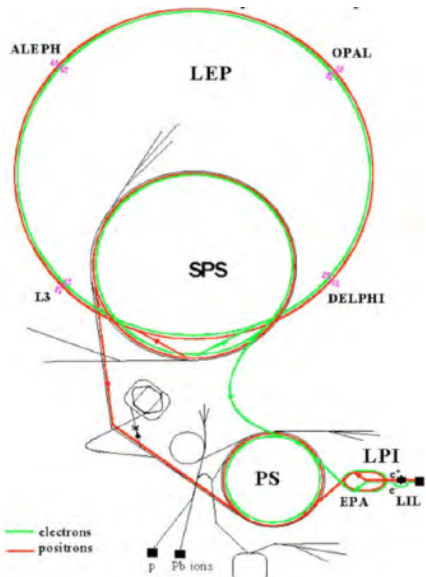
Go above the Z pole ???



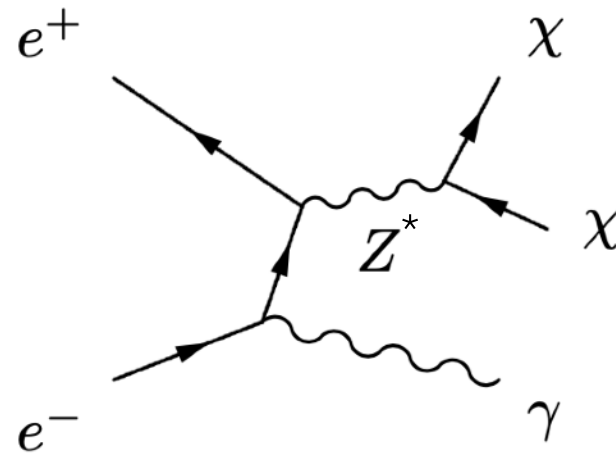


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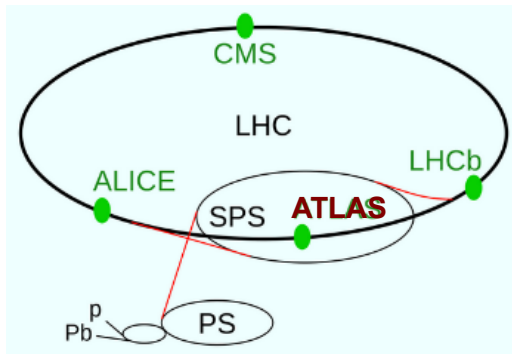
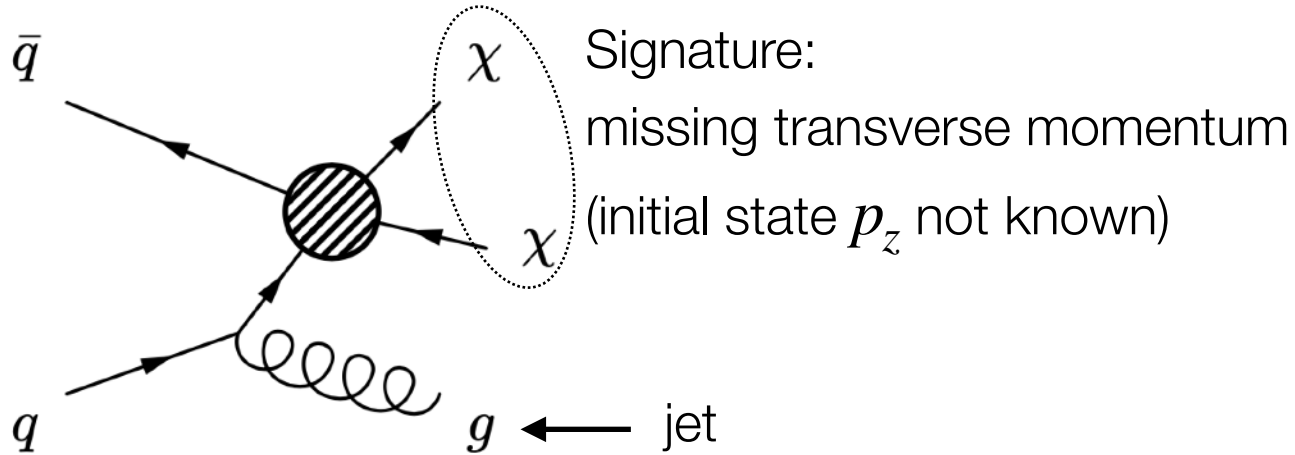


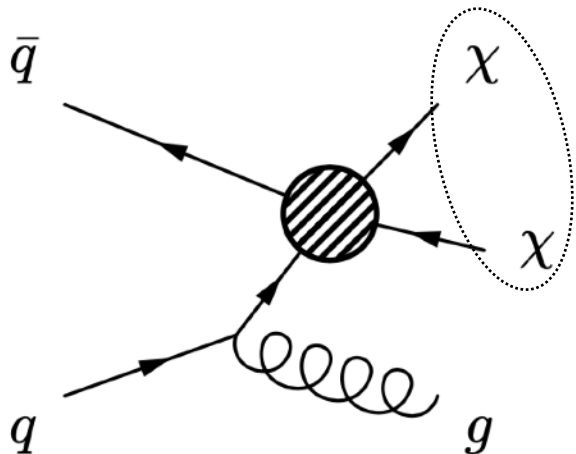
Go above the Z pole: *initial state radiation (ISR)*



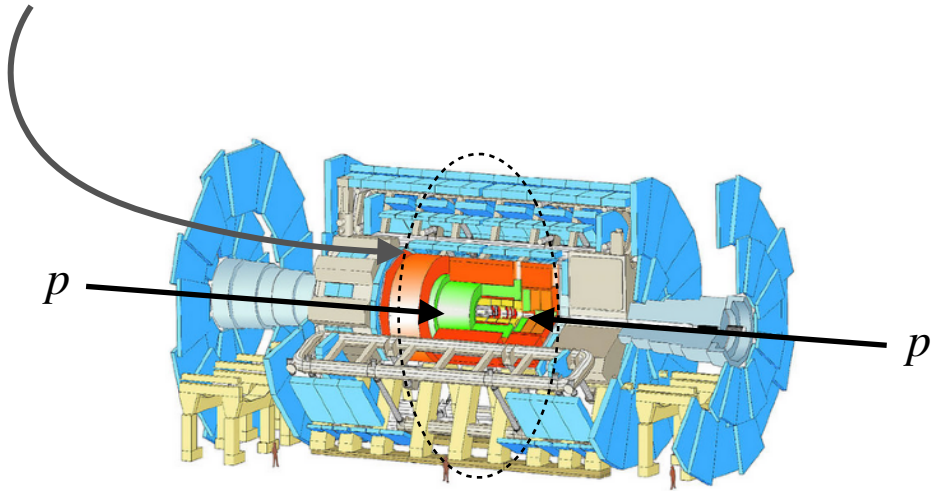
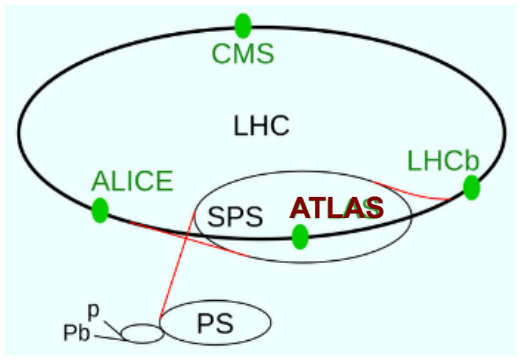
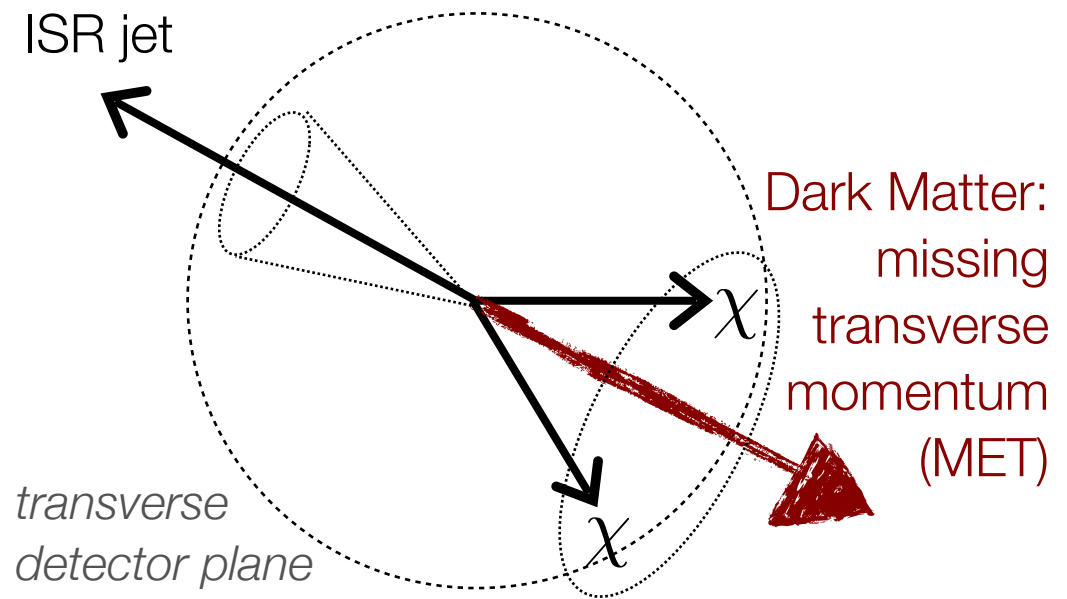
[ large hit from  $\alpha_{EM}$ , but hey... ]

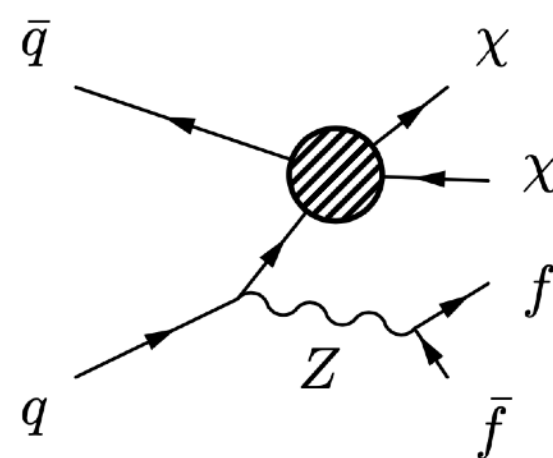
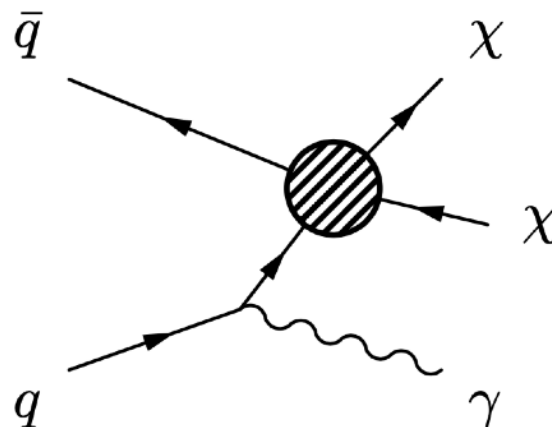
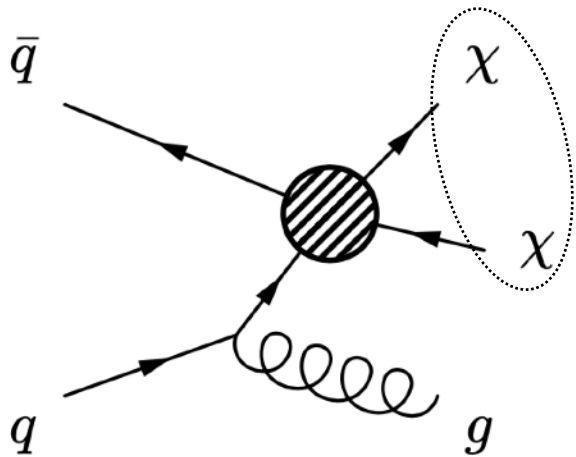






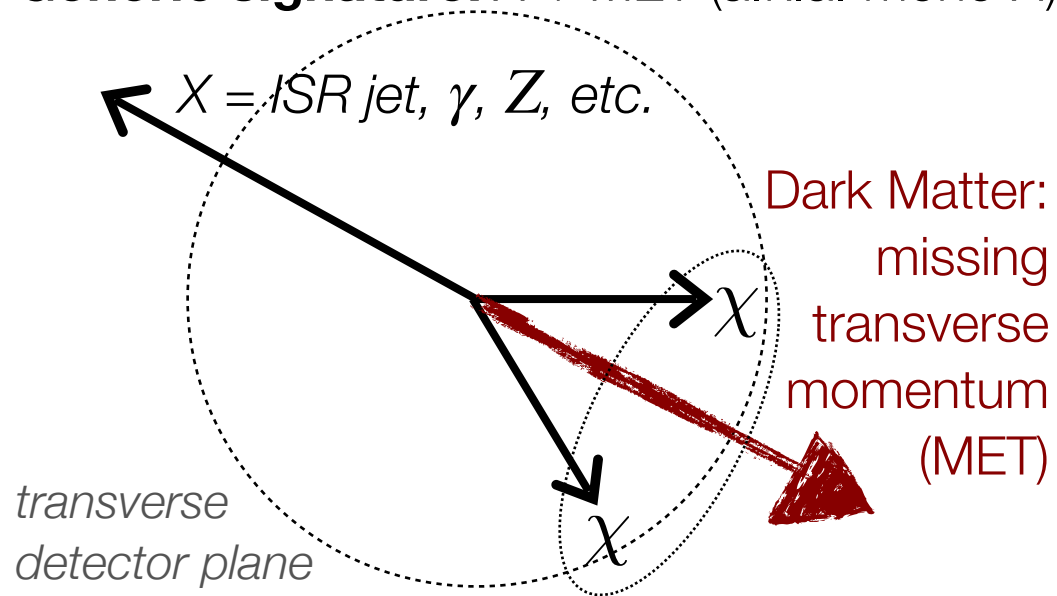
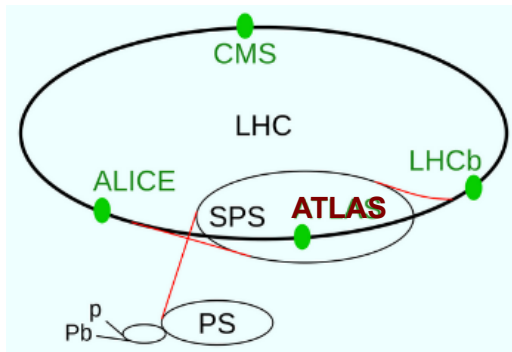
Collider production  
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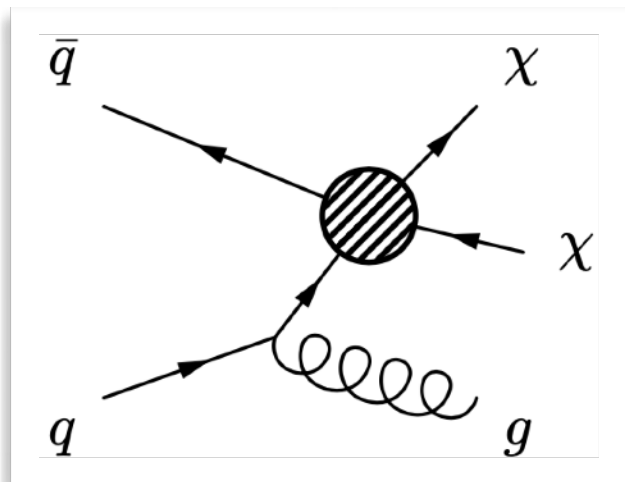
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**Generic signature:  $X + \text{MET}$  (a.k.a. mono- $X$ )**



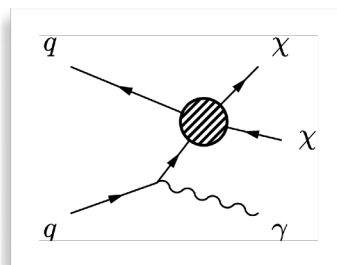


Mono-jet



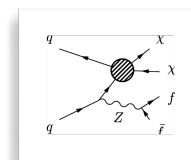
[ not-so-large hit from  $\alpha_s$  ]

Mono- $\gamma$



$$\frac{\sigma_{\chi\chi\gamma}}{\sigma_{\chi\chi j}} \approx \frac{\alpha}{\alpha_s} \frac{Q_q^2}{C_F} \approx \frac{1}{40}$$

Mono-Z ( $\rightarrow \mu\mu$ )

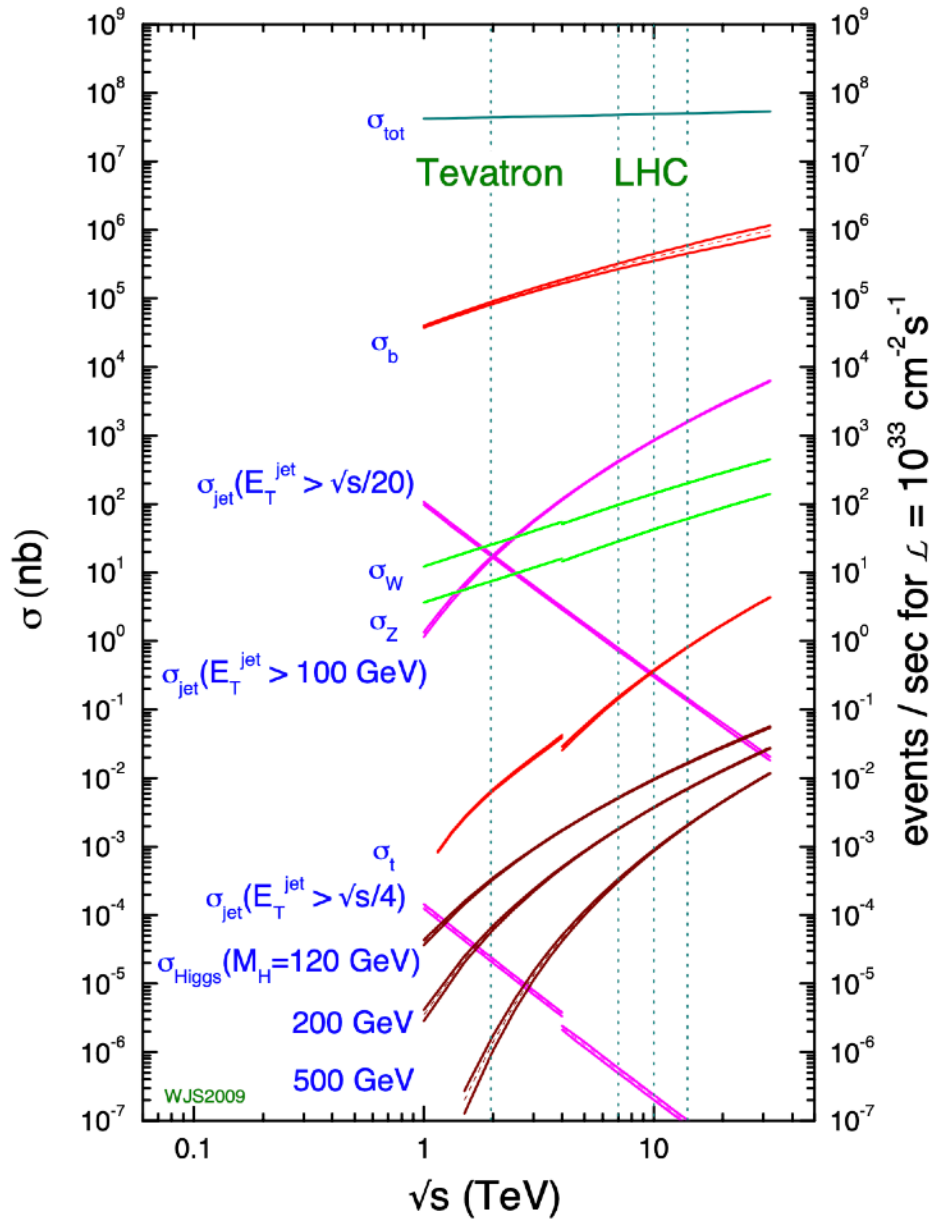


$$\frac{\sigma_{\chi\chi\mu\mu}}{\sigma_{\chi\chi j}} \approx \frac{1}{4000}$$

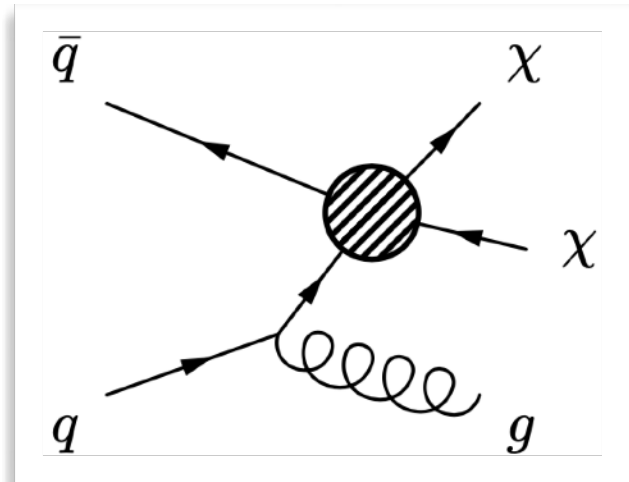
$$\approx \frac{\alpha}{\alpha_s} \frac{Q_q^2 s_w^2}{C_F} \text{BR}(Z \rightarrow \mu\mu)$$



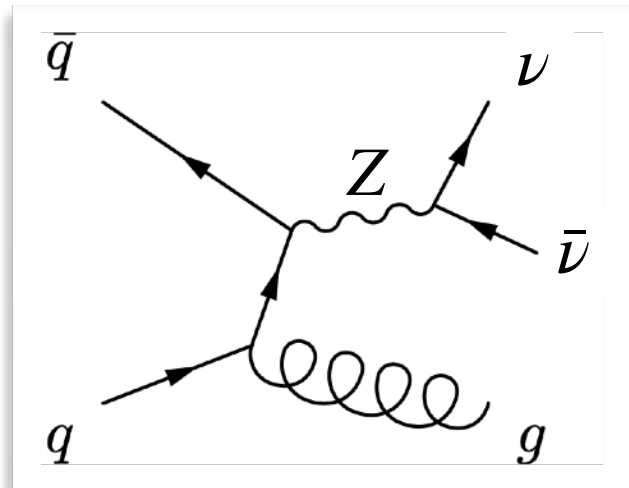
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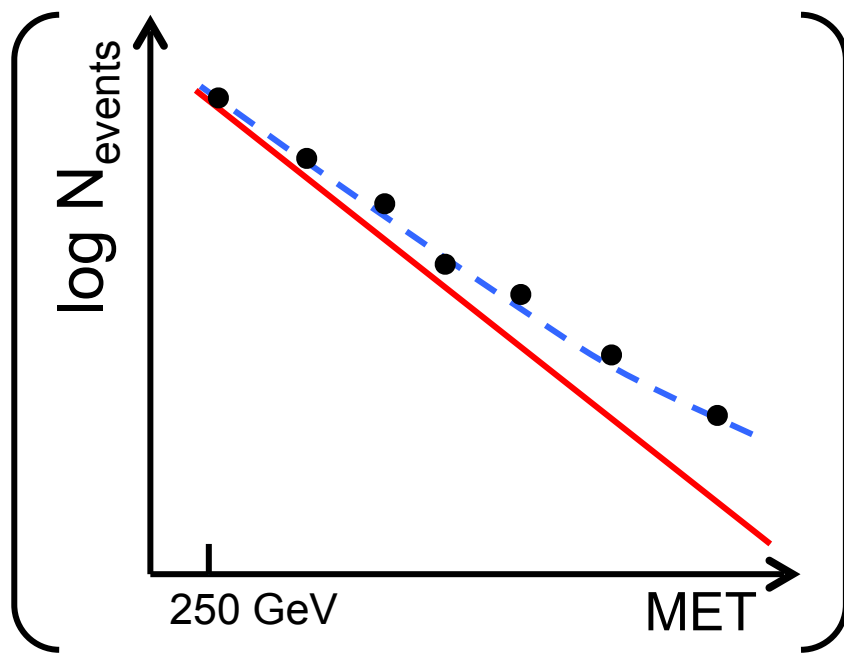
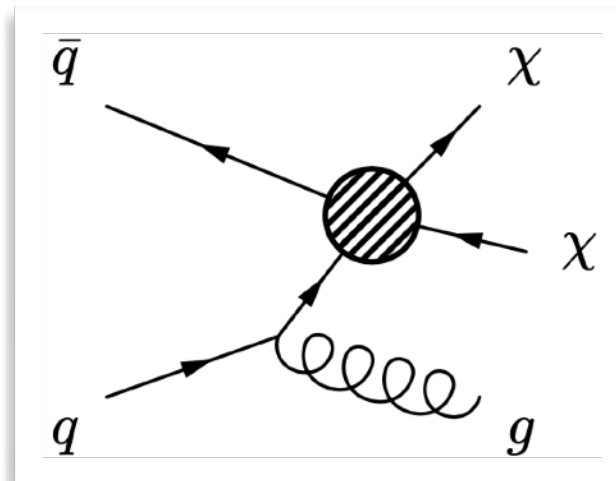
$Z(\rightarrow \nu\bar{\nu}) + \text{jets}$



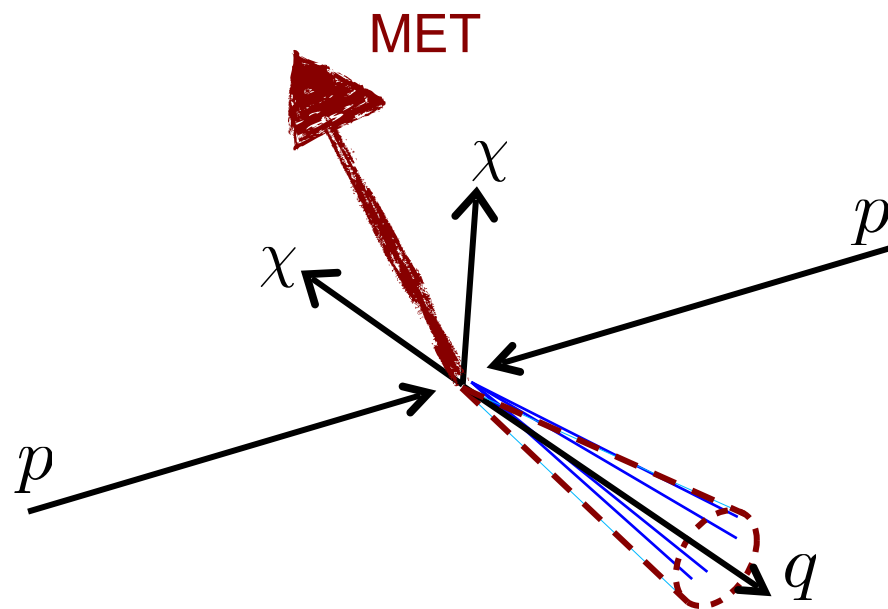


- Analysis strategy:**

- Require MET > 200 GeV
- Require jet with  $p_T > 150$  GeV
- Up to 3 extra jets
- Look for excess in MET:



Shape fit: 13 bins in MET

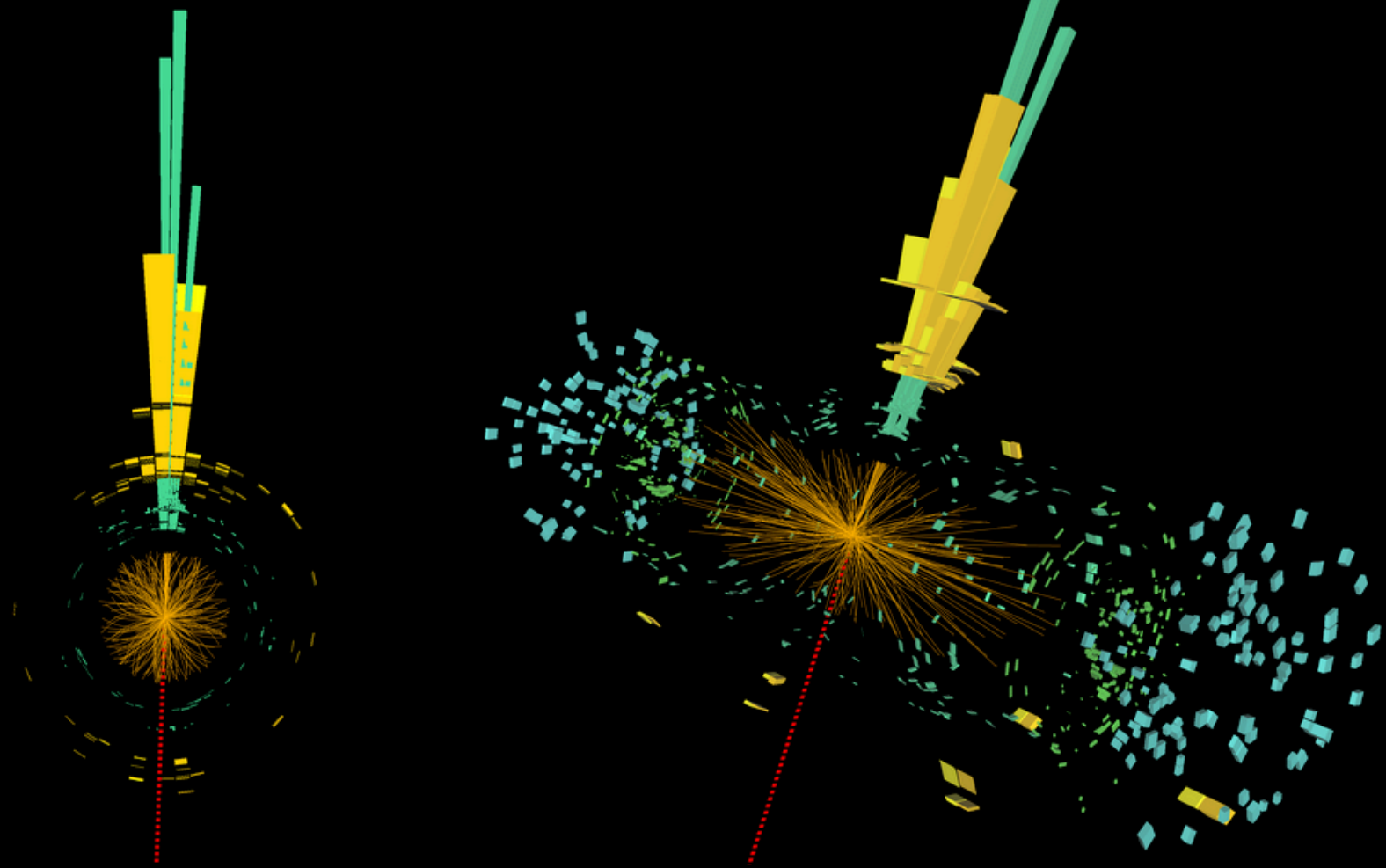




# ATLAS EXPERIMENT

Run: 337215  
Event: 2546139368  
2017-10-05 10:36:30 CEST

$E_T^{miss} = 1.9 \text{ TeV}$   
jet  $p_T = 1.9 \text{ TeV}$

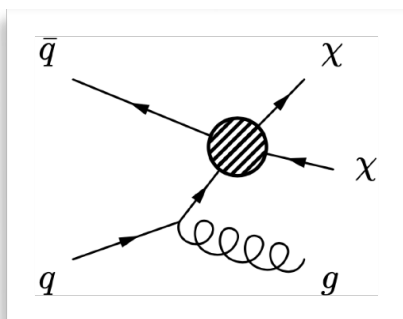




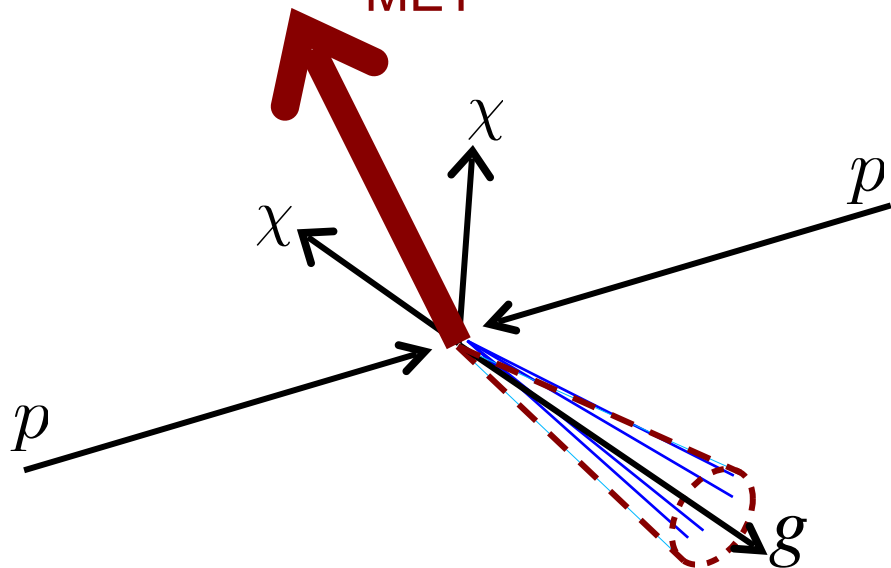
- Backgrounds:**

- SM  $Z(\nu)$ +jets (dominant + irreducible),  $W$ +jets, Diboson,  $t\bar{t}$ , rest

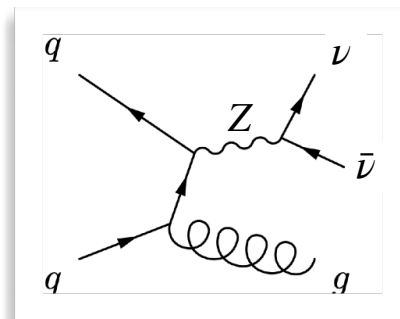
### Signal



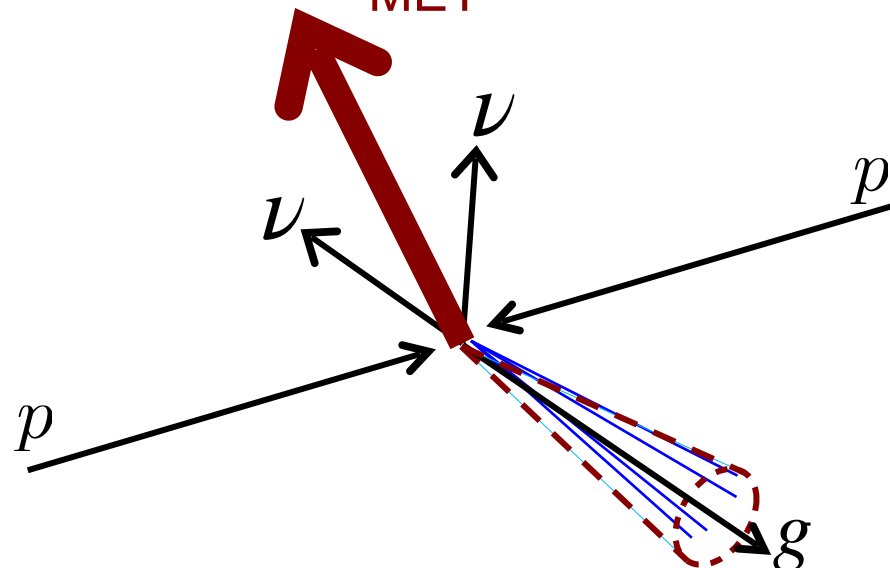
MET



### Background (Z+jets)



MET





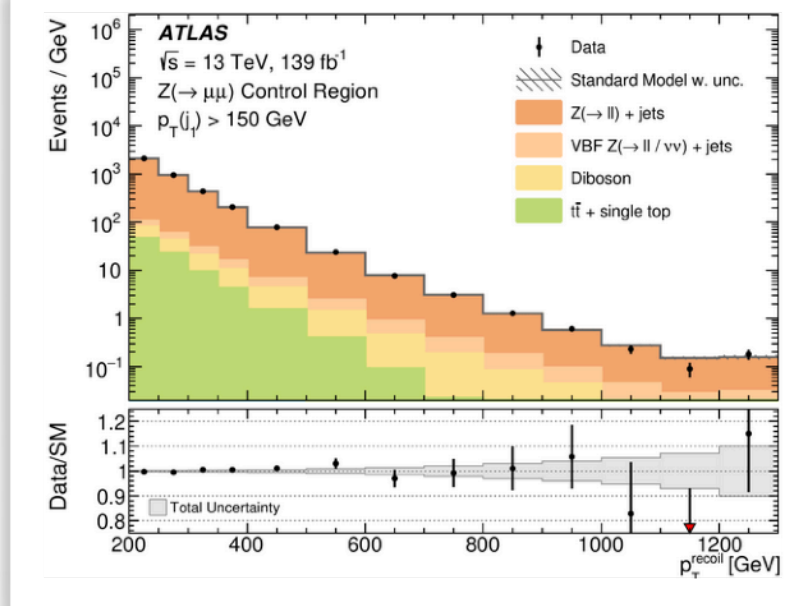
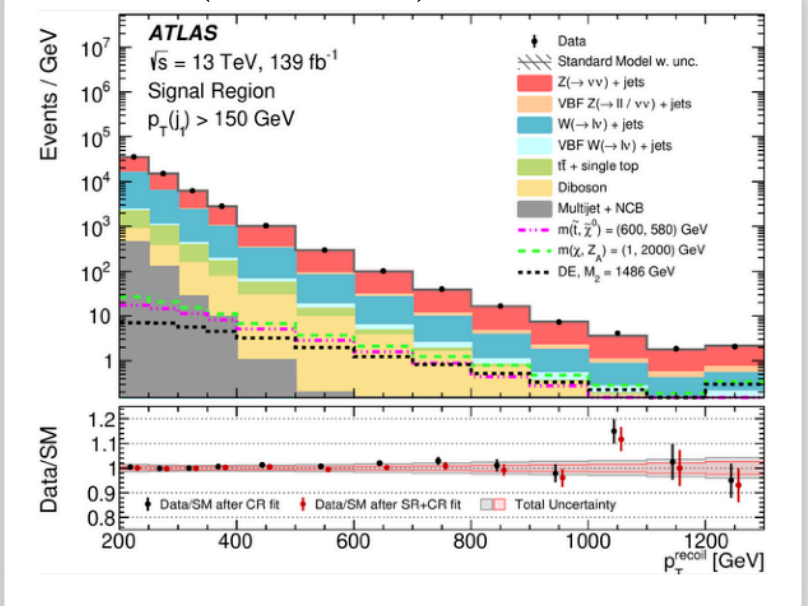


- **Backgrounds:**
  - SM  $Z(\nu\nu)$ +jets (dominant),  $W$ +jets, Diboson,  $t\bar{t}$  + rest
- **Strategy:**
  - Constrain major backgrounds:

0 lepton signal region	1 lepton control region	2 lepton control region
Signal	Constrain $W(\ell\nu)$ +jets and $Z(\nu\nu)$ +jets	Constrain $Z(\nu\nu)$ +jets using $Z(\ell\ell)$ +jets

$BR(Z \rightarrow \nu\nu) \approx 20\%$

$BR(Z \rightarrow \mu\mu) \approx 3\%$



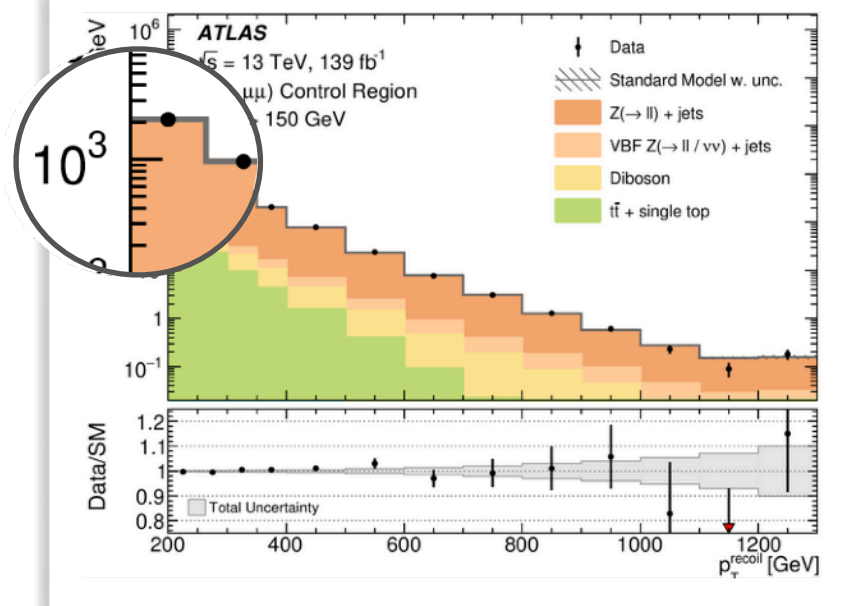
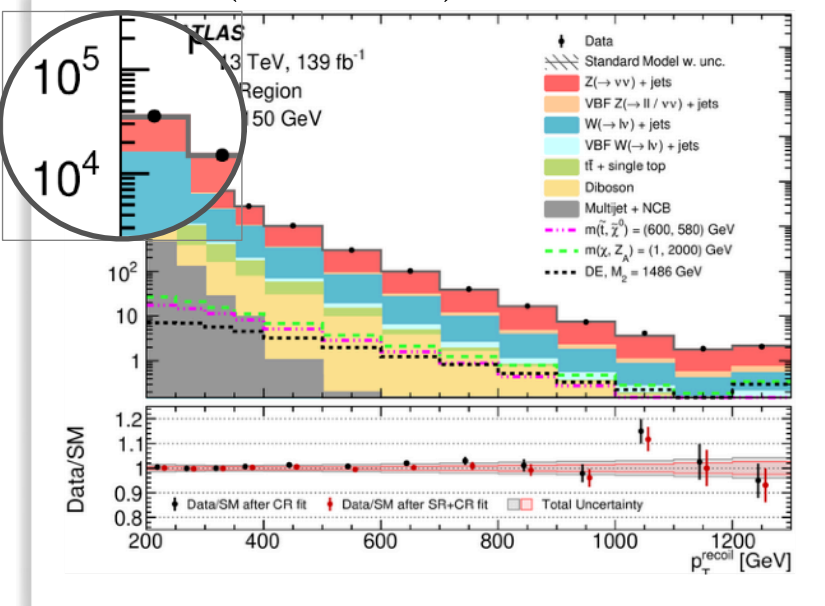


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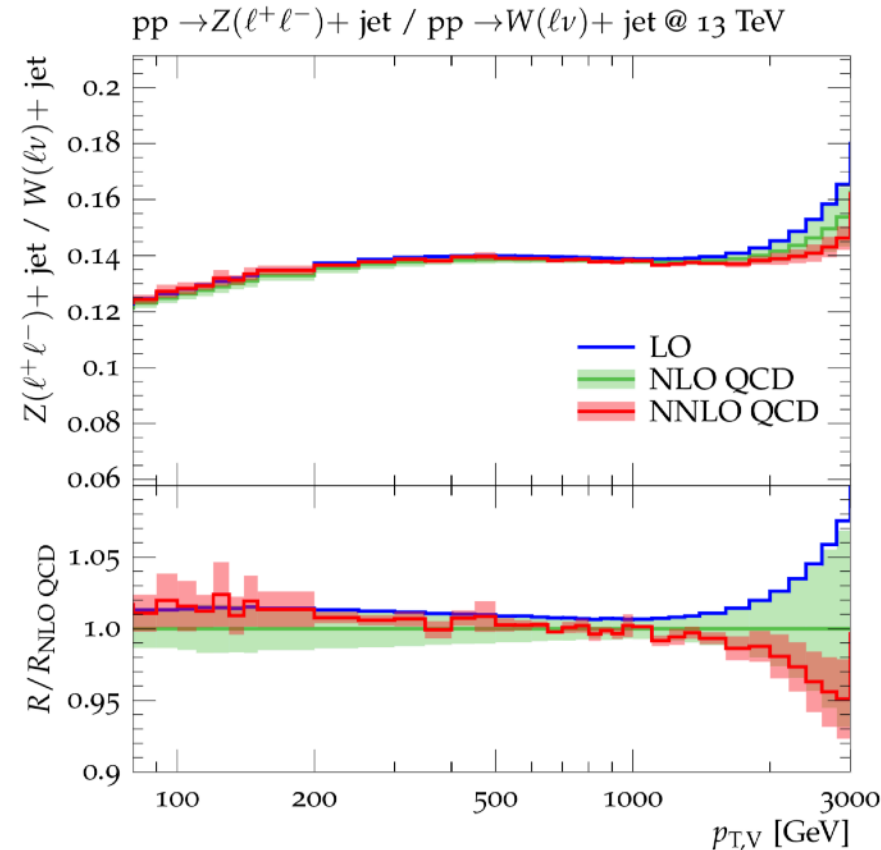
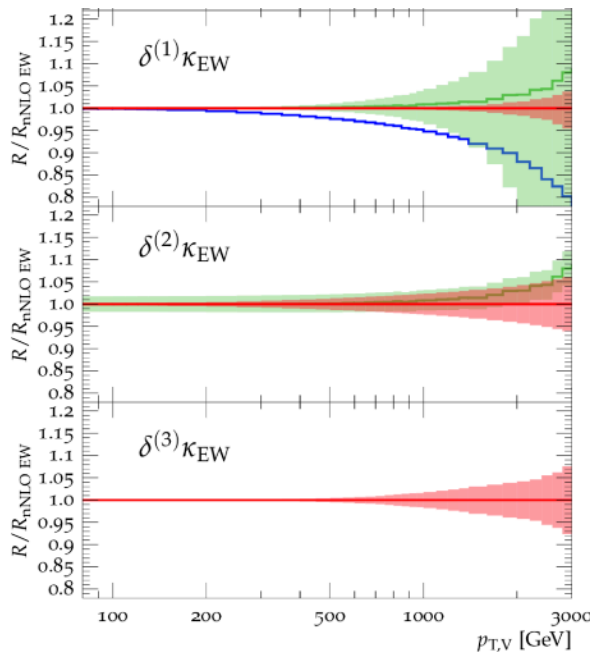
$BR(Z \rightarrow \nu\nu) \approx 20\%$

$BR(Z \rightarrow \mu\mu) \approx 3\%$





- **Ansatz:**
  - Constrain  $Z(\nu)+\text{jets}$  using  $W+\text{jets}$ !
  - Benefit:  $BR(W \rightarrow \mu\nu) \approx 10\% \mid \times 2 (e\nu)$
- **Challenge:**
  - $Z+\text{jets}$  and  $W+\text{jets}$  related, but different!
- **Solution:**
  - Calculate  $Z+\text{jets}$  vs  $W+\text{jets}$  difference at  $NNLO(\alpha_S)+NNLL(\alpha_S)$ ,  $NLO(\alpha_{EW})$

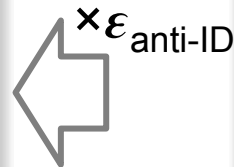
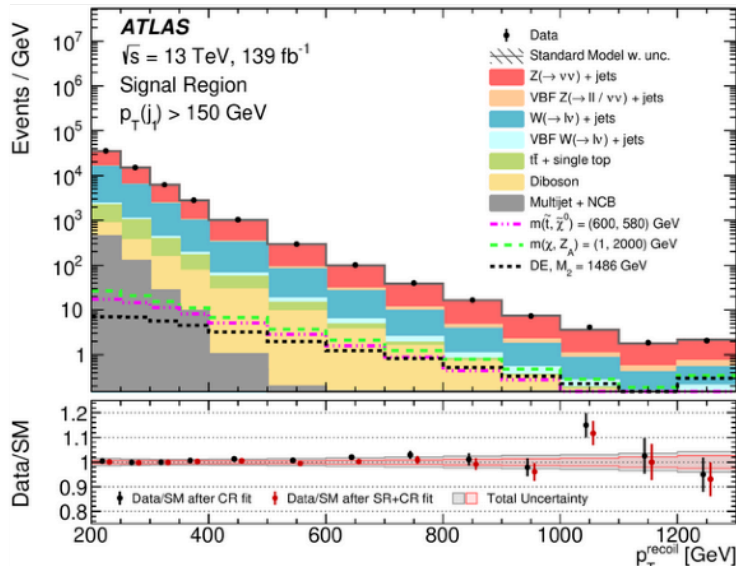




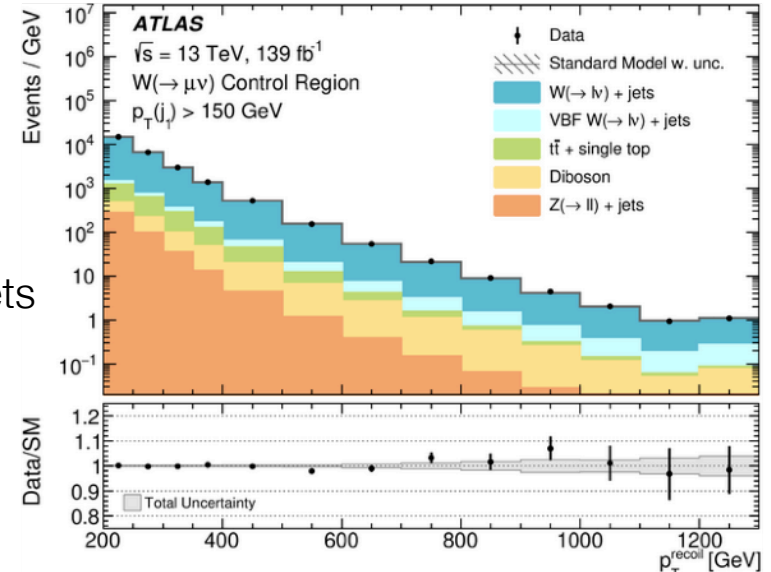
- **Backgrounds:**
  - SM  $Z(\nu\nu)$ +jets (dominant),  $W$ +jets, Diboson,  $t\bar{t}$  + rest
- **Strategy:**
  - Constrain major backgrounds:

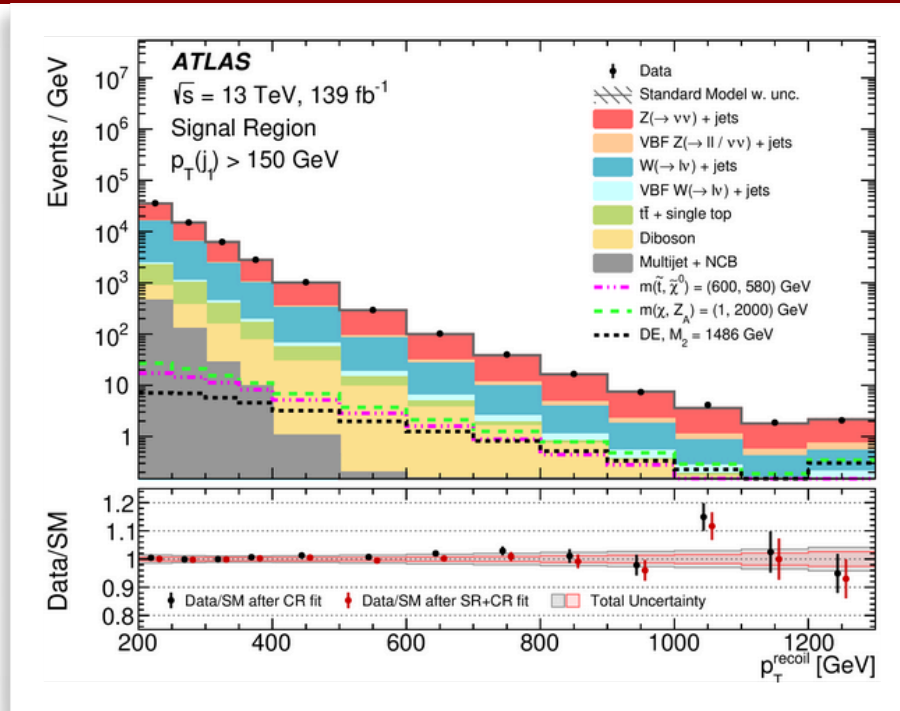
0 lepton signal region	1 lepton control region	2 lepton control region
Signal	Constrain $W(\ell\nu)$ +jets <b>and</b> $Z(\nu\nu)$ +jets	Constrain $Z(\nu\nu)$ +jets using $Z(\ell\ell)$ +jets

$$BR(Z \rightarrow \nu\nu) \approx 20\%$$



$Z$ +jets vs.  $W$ +jets  
difference  
calculated  
at NNLO( $\alpha_S$ )  
+NNLL( $\alpha_S$ ),  
NLO( $\alpha_{EW}$ )

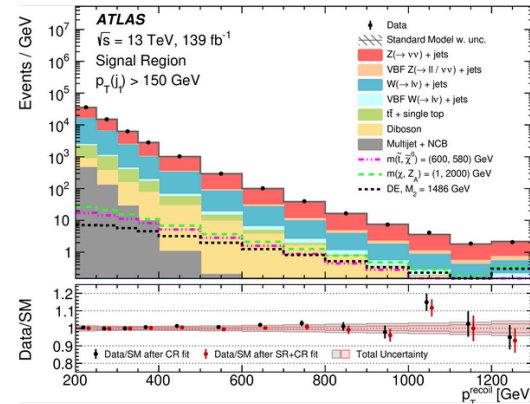




How to interpret this fantastic, incredibly precise result?



## Model-independent limits!



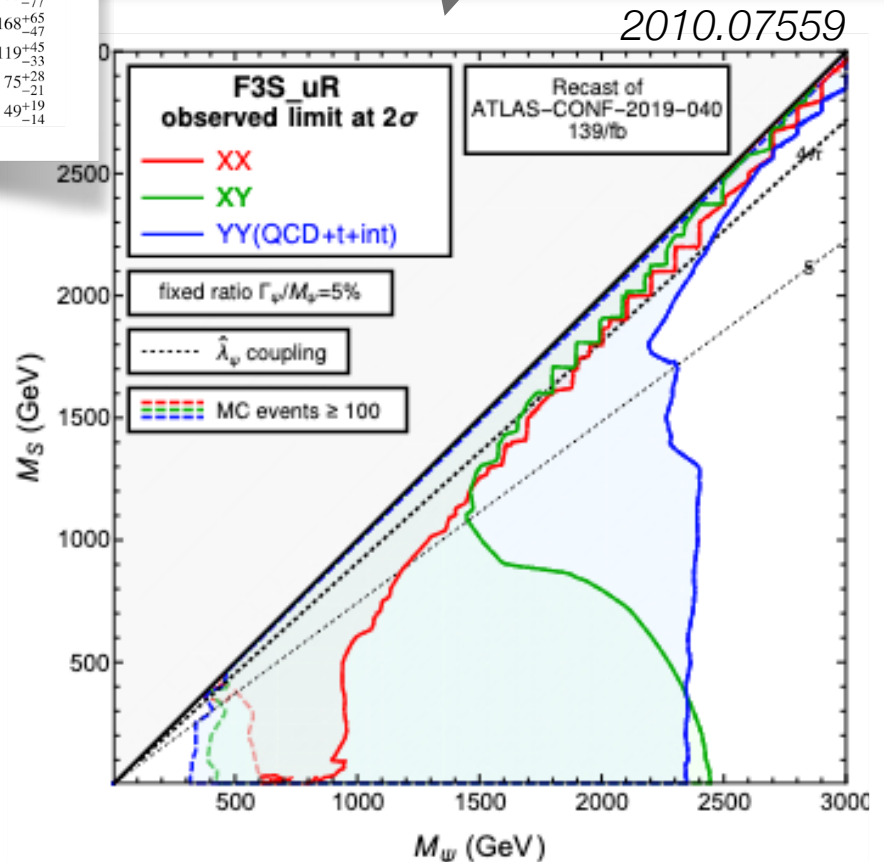
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$p_T^{\text{recoil}} > 300$ GeV	150	20 893	15 400 <sup>+5900</sup> <sub>-4300</sub>
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$p_T^{\text{recoil}} > 400$ GeV	52	7214	4700 <sup>+1800</sup> <sub>-1300</sub>
$p_T^{\text{recoil}} > 500$ GeV	21	2918	1930 <sup>+730</sup> <sub>-540</sub>
$p_T^{\text{recoil}} > 600$ GeV	10	1391	940 <sup>+360</sup> <sub>-260</sub>
$p_T^{\text{recoil}} > 700$ GeV	4.1	574	490 <sup>+190</sup> <sub>-140</sub>
$p_T^{\text{recoil}} > 800$ GeV	2.1	298	277 <sup>+106</sup> <sub>-77</sub>
$p_T^{\text{recoil}} > 900$ GeV	1.2	164	168 <sup>+65</sup> <sub>-47</sub>
$p_T^{\text{recoil}} > 1000$ GeV	1.3	186	119 <sup>+45</sup> <sub>-33</sub>
$p_T^{\text{recoil}} > 1100$ GeV	0.5	73	75 <sup>+28</sup> <sub>-21</sub>
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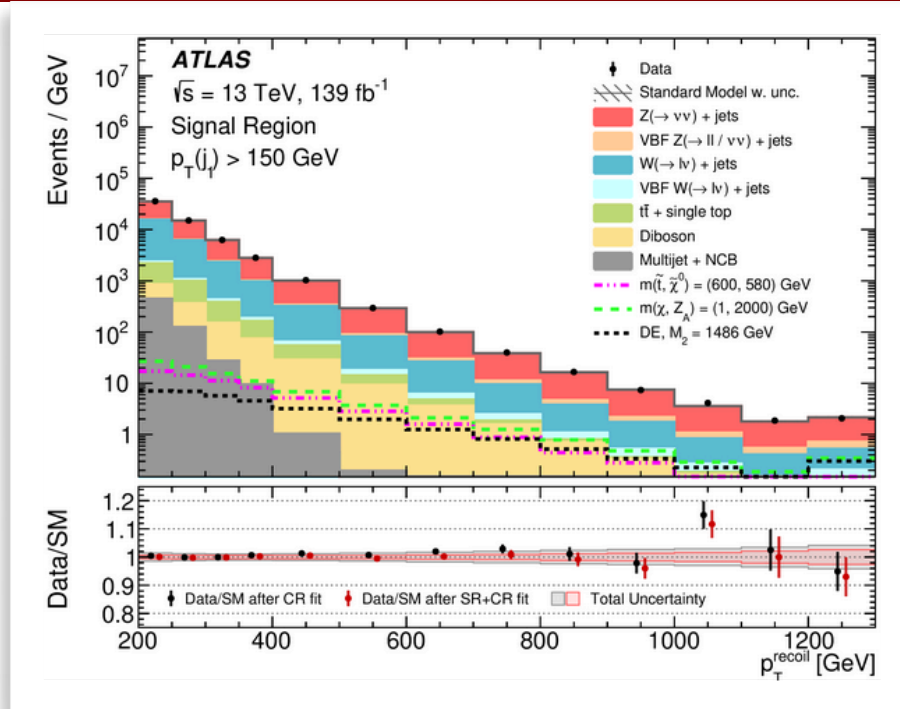


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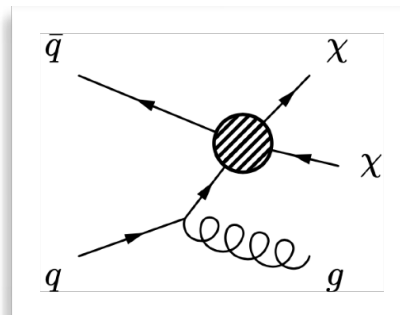
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Extremely useful to theorists to test their favourite model

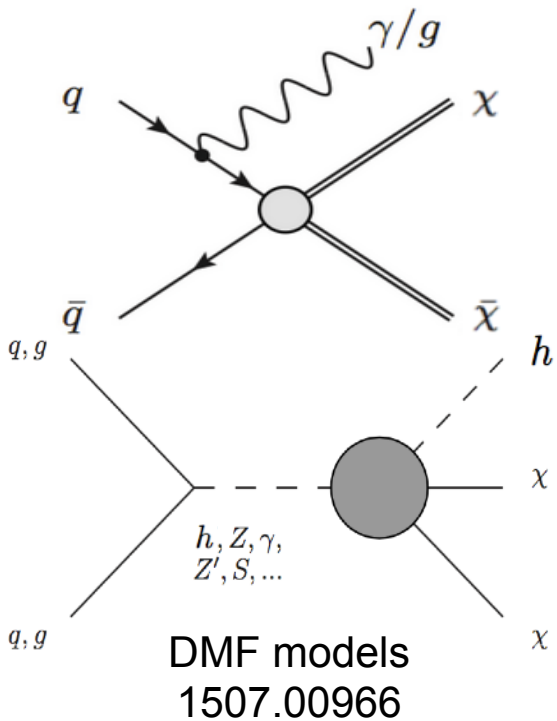




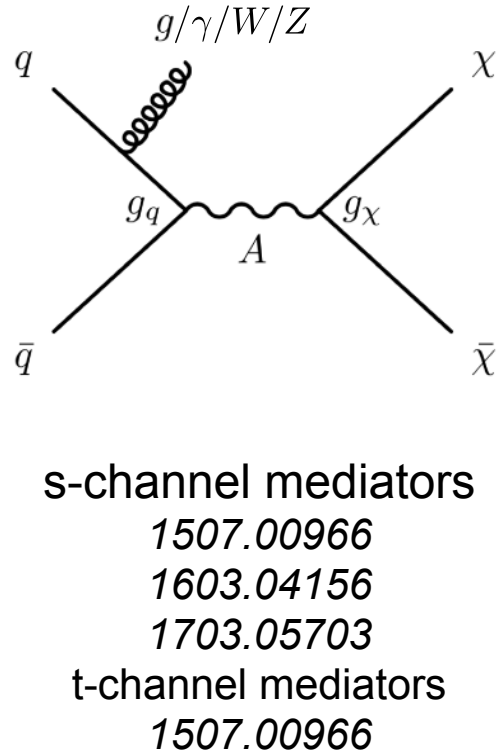
What can we say about dark matter?



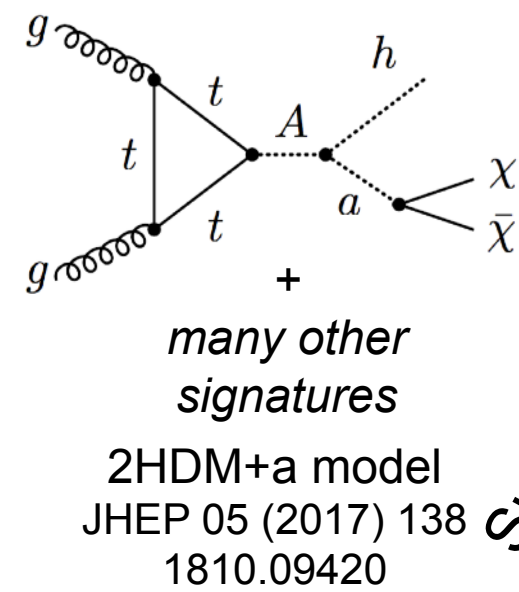




## 1) Effective field theory



## 2) Simplified models

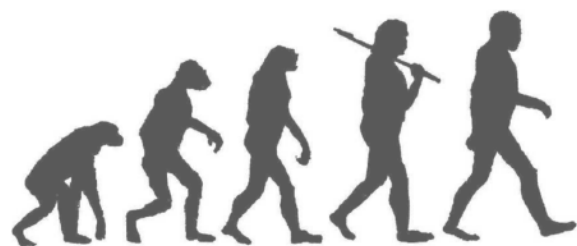


## 3) Simplified, consistent, models & UV-complete models

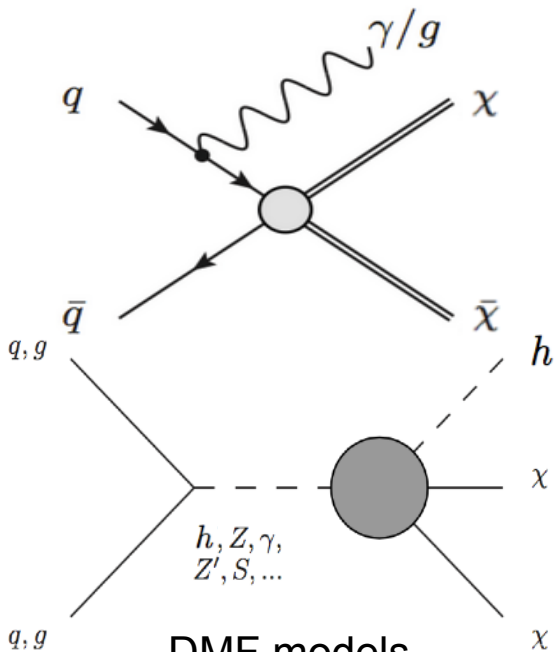
**Supersymmetry**  
DM candidate: lightest super-symmetric particle

Dark Higgs model  
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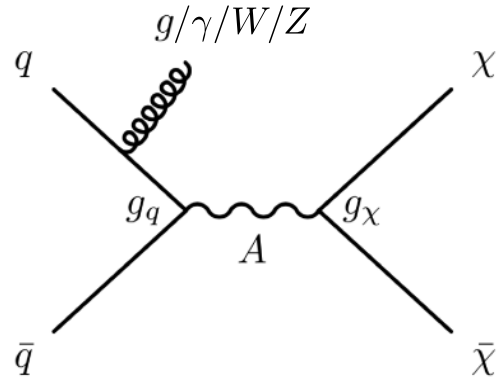


*Richer kinematics + phenomenology*



DMF models  
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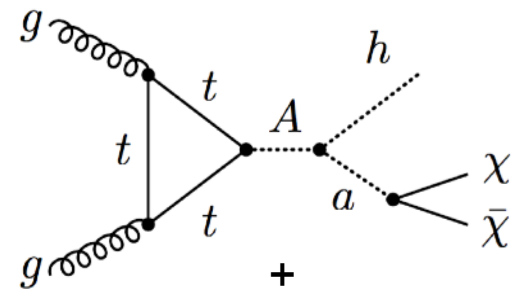


s-channel mediators

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- 1603.04156
- 1703.05703

t-channel mediators  
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**2) Simplified models**



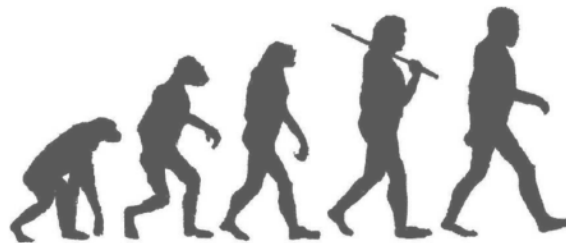
many other signatures

- 2HDM+a model
- JHEP 05 (2017) 138
- 1810.09420

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White Papers of LHC DM WG/DMF



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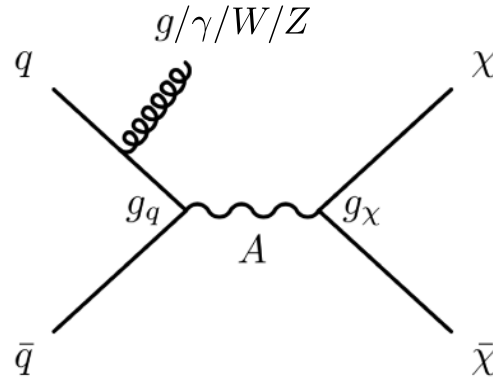
No EFT model interpretations for DM searches at the LHC:

$$Q^2 \gtrsim \Lambda$$

→ Need models with a resolved mediator

Exception:

Higgs portal models  
1) Effective field theory (why?)



s-channel mediators

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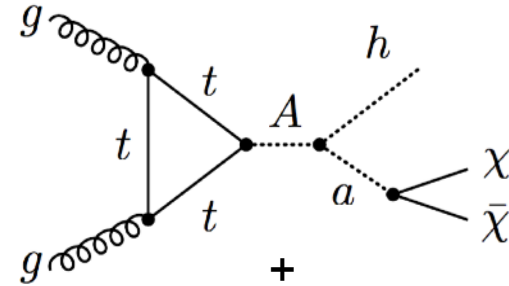
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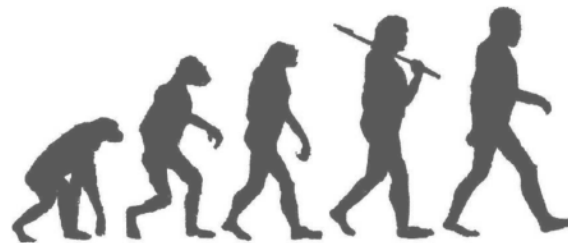
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Dark Higgs model

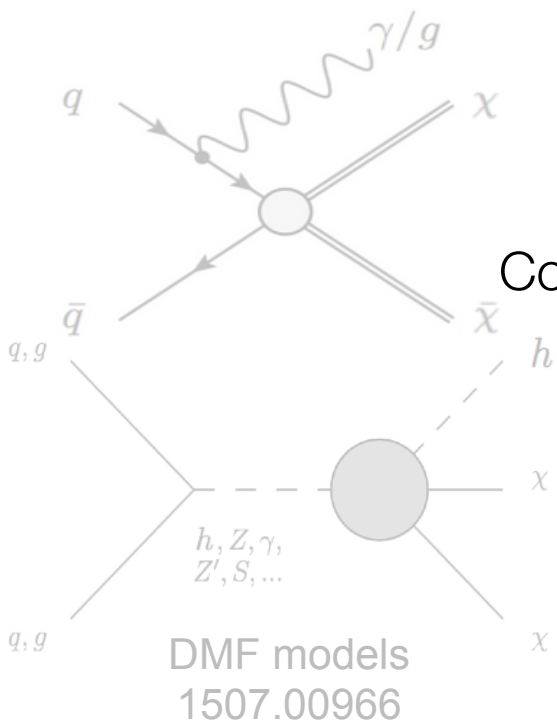
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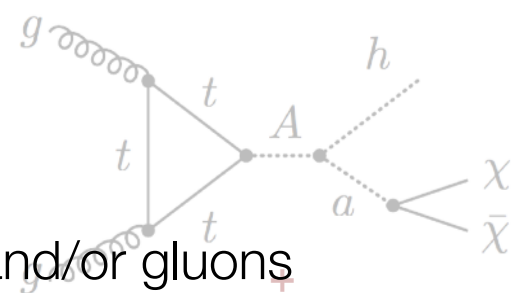


Richer kinematics + phenomenology



Assumption:  
Coupling of DM to quarks and/or gluons  
(at least effective)

s-channel mediators  
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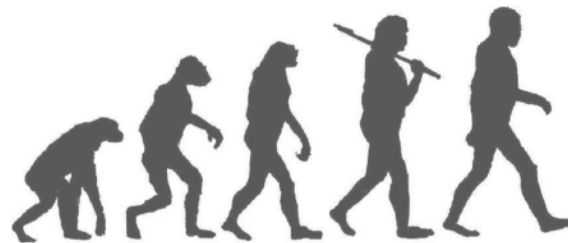
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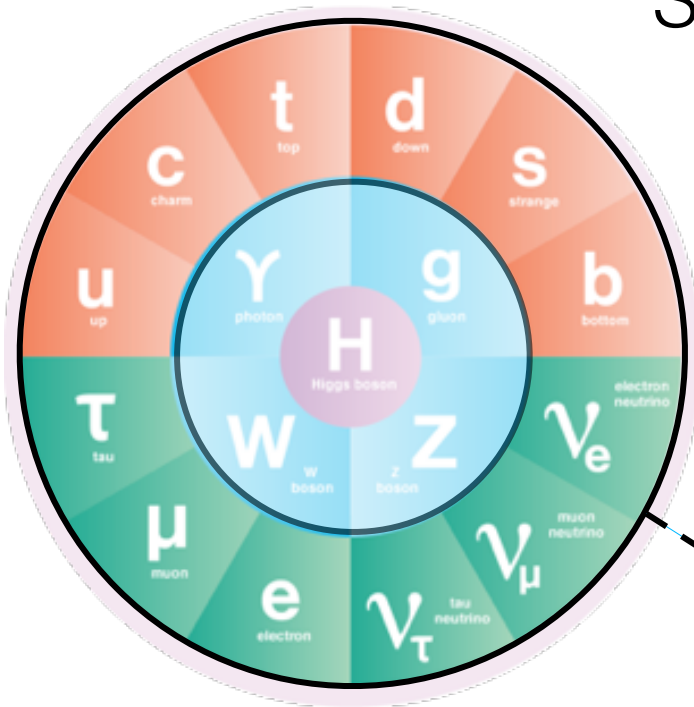
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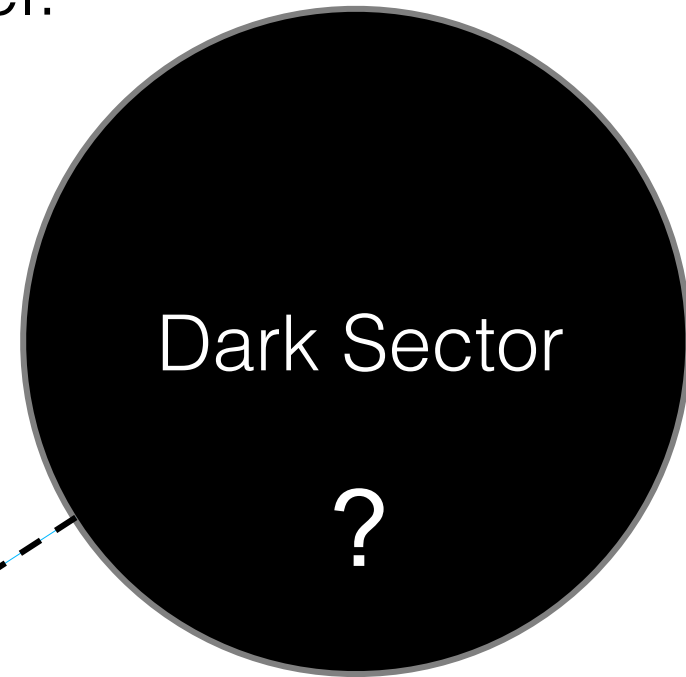
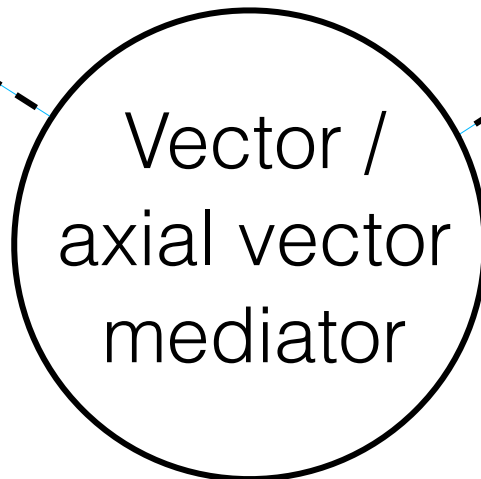
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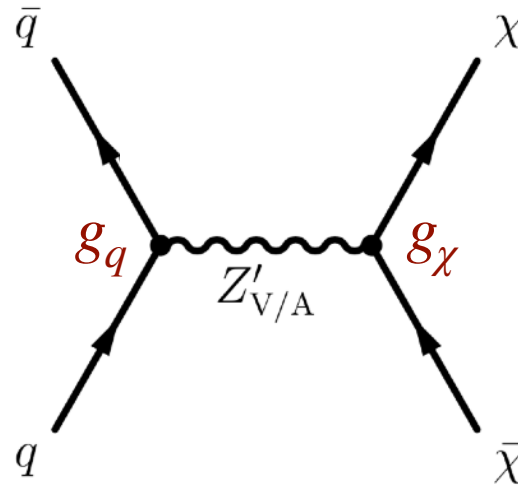
Simplified model:  
s-channel  
mediators



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- Motivation:**
- 1) Mediator that couples to SM and to Dark Sector particles
  - 2) Generic signatures that are present in complete models
  - 3) minimal assumptions about dark sector (one DM particle)



U(1) symmetry  
Dirac DM

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{vector}} = -g_{\text{DM}} Z'_{\mu} \bar{\chi} \gamma^{\mu} \chi - g_q \sum_{q=u,d,s,c,b,t} Z'_{\mu} \bar{q} \gamma^{\mu} q ,$$

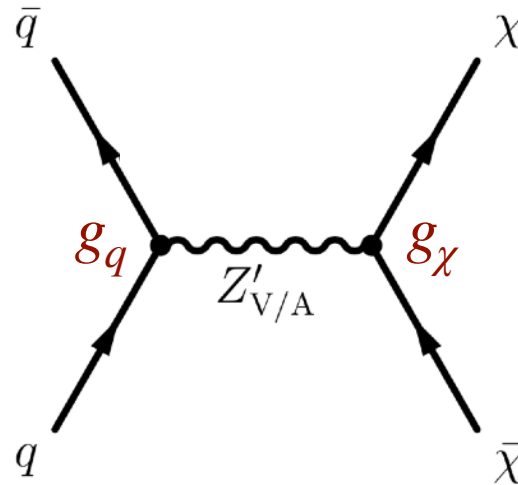
$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{axial-vector}} = -g_{\text{DM}} Z'_{\mu} \bar{\chi} \gamma^{\mu} \gamma_5 \chi - g_q \sum_{q=u,d,s,c,b,t} Z'_{\mu} \bar{q} \gamma^{\mu} \gamma_5 q$$

Minimal flavour violation ( $g_q$  universal)  $\rightarrow$  avoid flavour physics constraints  
Minimal assumptions about the dark sector (additional DOF integrated out)



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$$z_{\text{DM},q} = m_{\text{DM},q}^2 / M_{\text{med}}^2$$



U(1) symmetry

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$$\Gamma_{\text{vector}}^{\chi\bar{\chi}} = \frac{g_{\text{DM}}^2 M_{\text{med}}}{12\pi} (1 - 4z_{\text{DM}})^{1/2} (1 + 2z_{\text{DM}})$$

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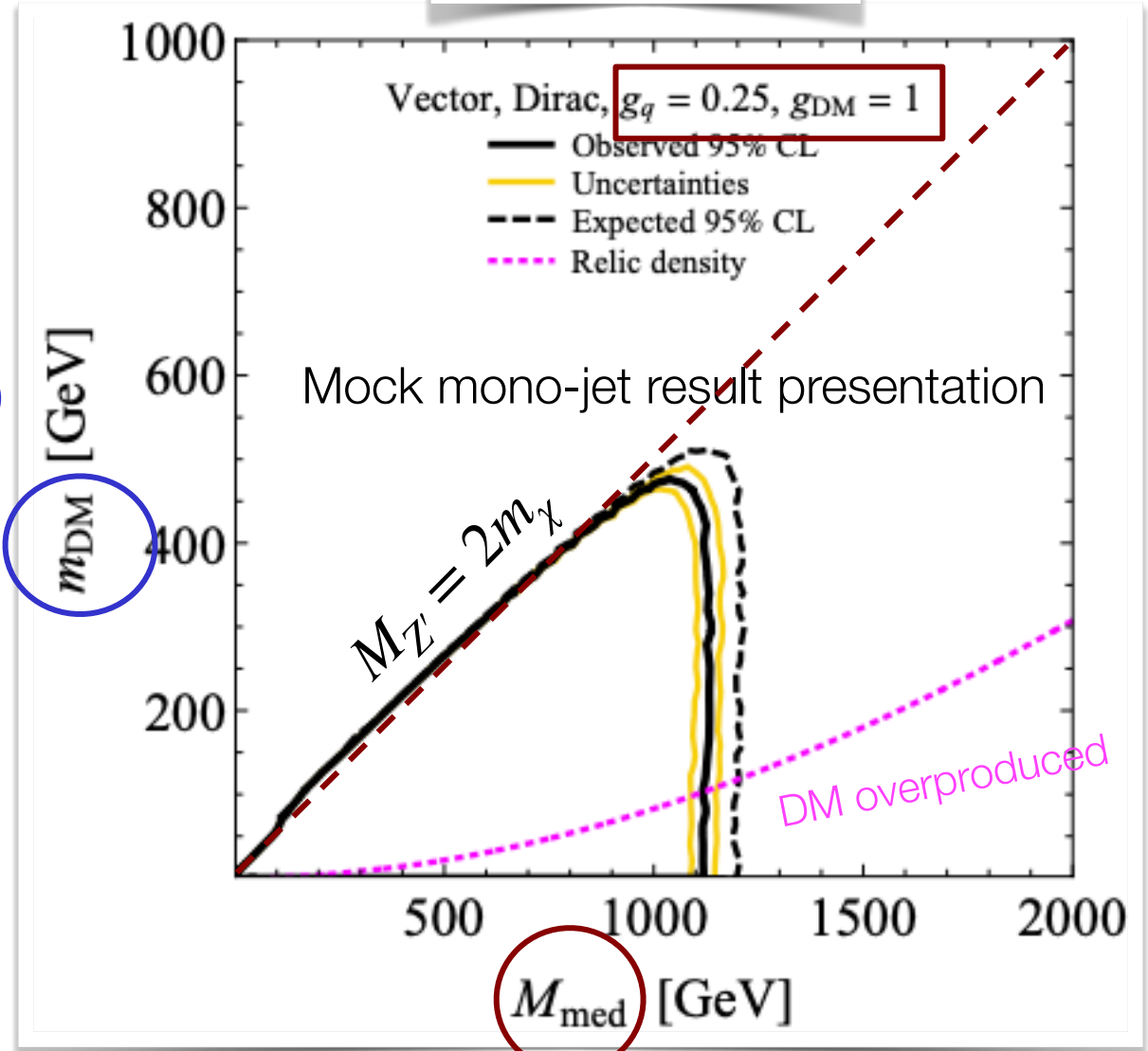
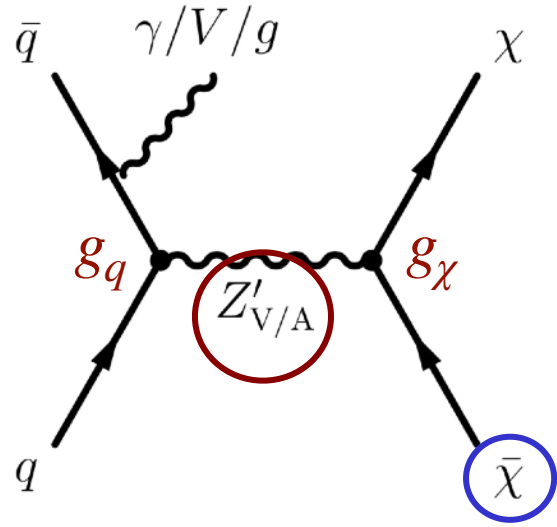
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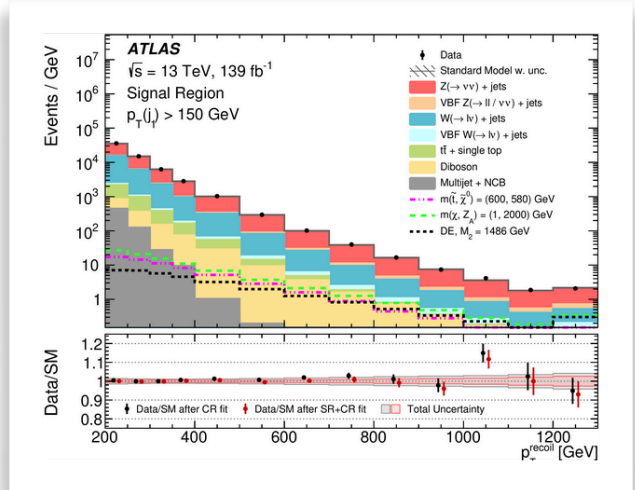
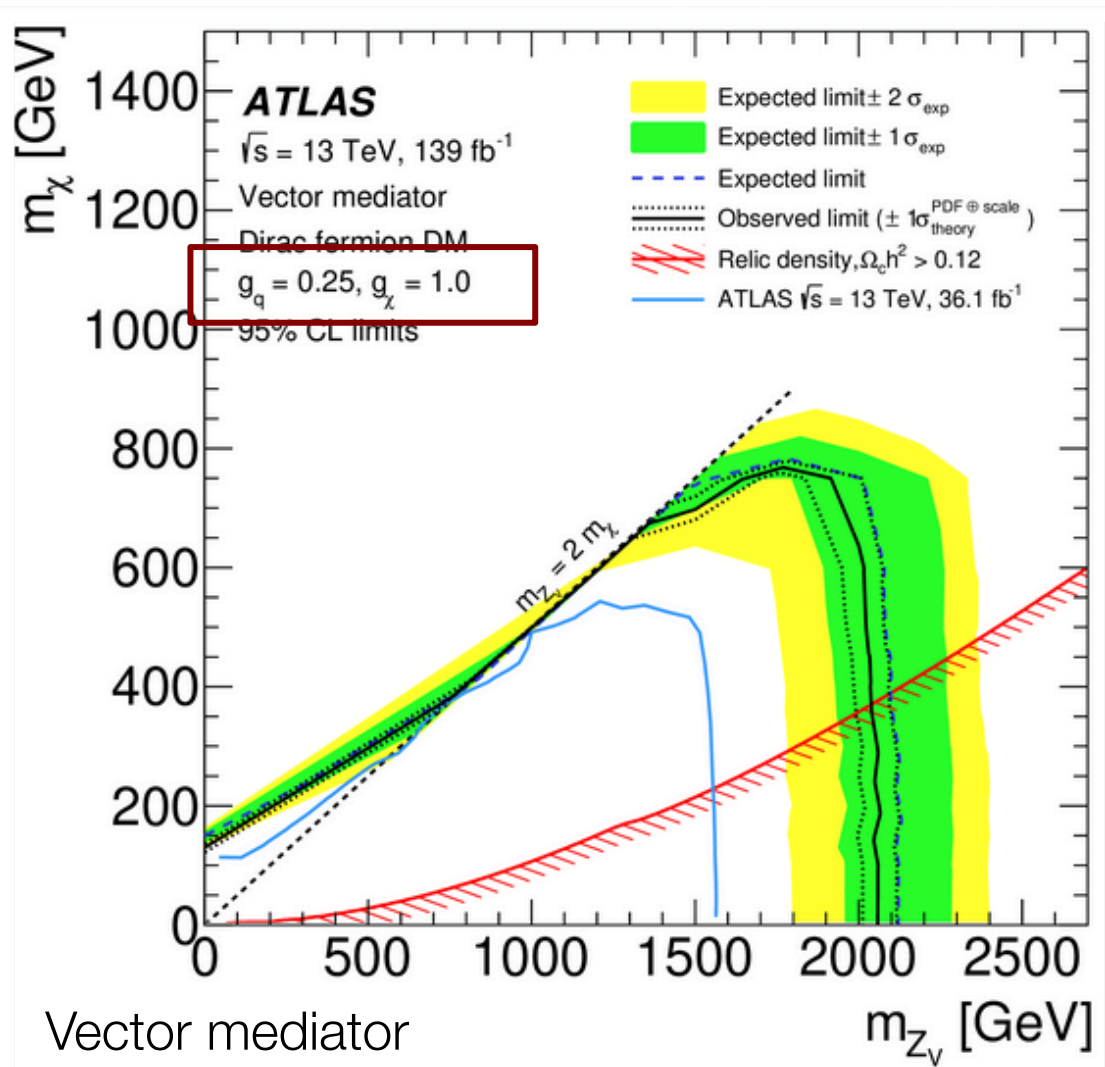
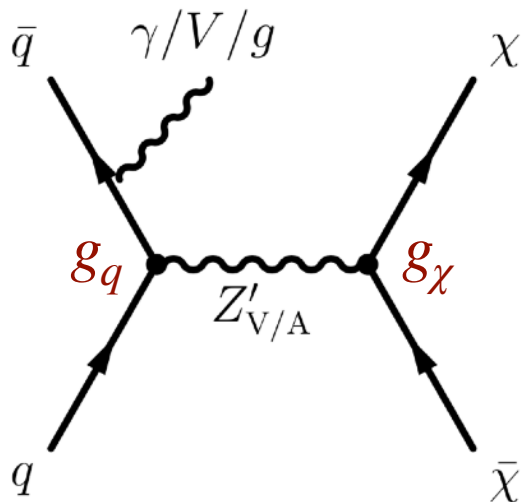
Assume  $g_q, g_\chi$  [1]

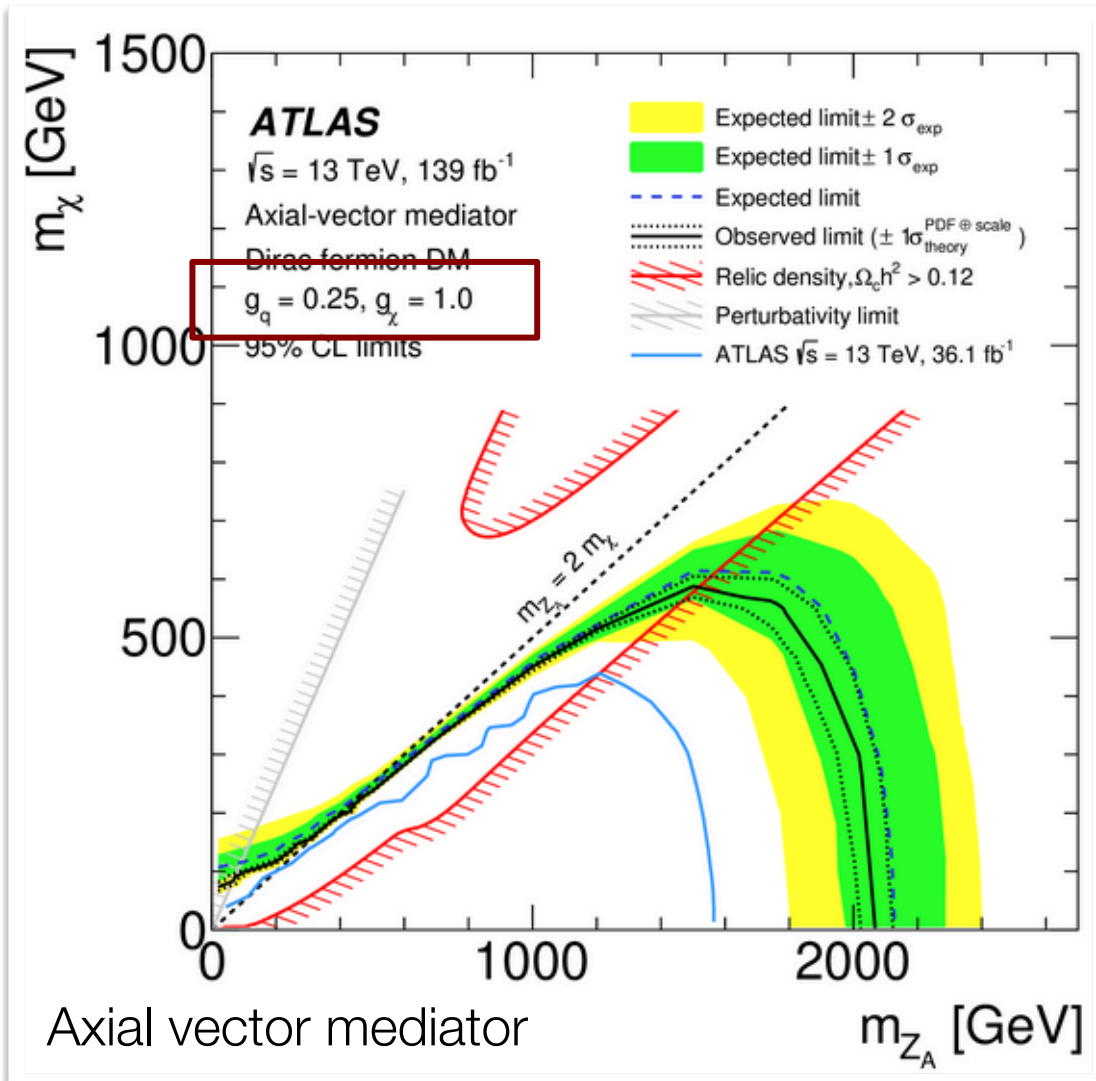
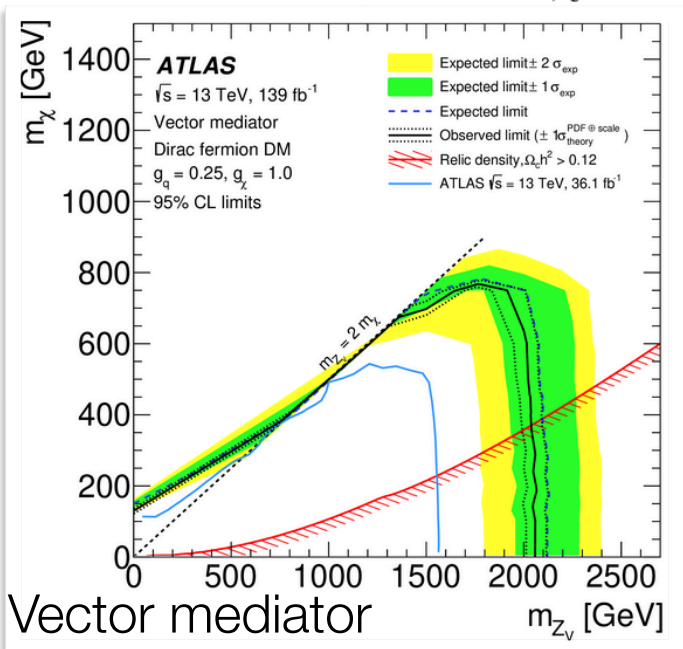
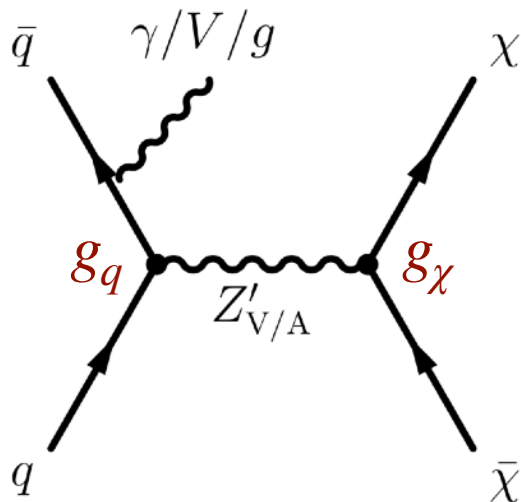
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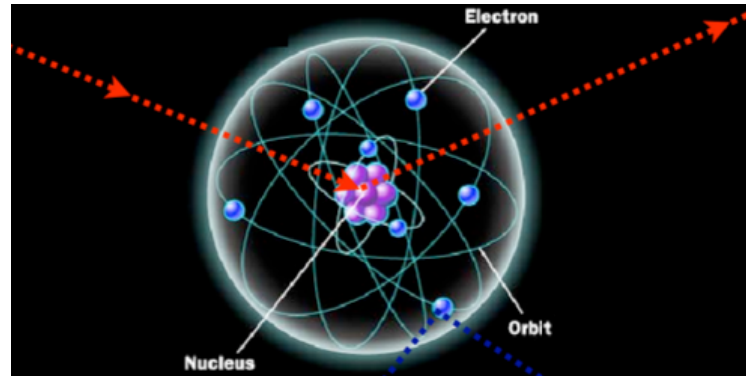
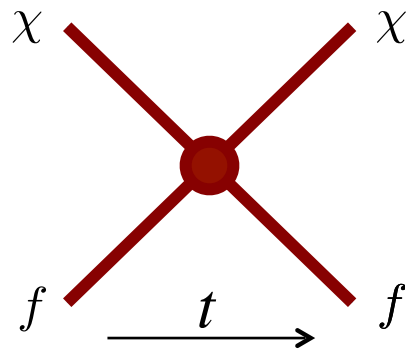


[1] values recommended by LHC DM WG









$$\frac{d\sigma}{dE} = \frac{m_N}{2\mu^2 v^2} (\sigma_{SI} F^2(q) + \sigma_{SD} S(q))$$

Target choice: the *ONLY* experimental handle!

Spin-independent:

- vector coupling
- scalar coupling

$P$

DM interaction with:

*any* nucleon in nucleus

→ enhancement  $\propto A^2$

Spin-dependent:

- axial-vector coupling
- pseudoscalar coupling

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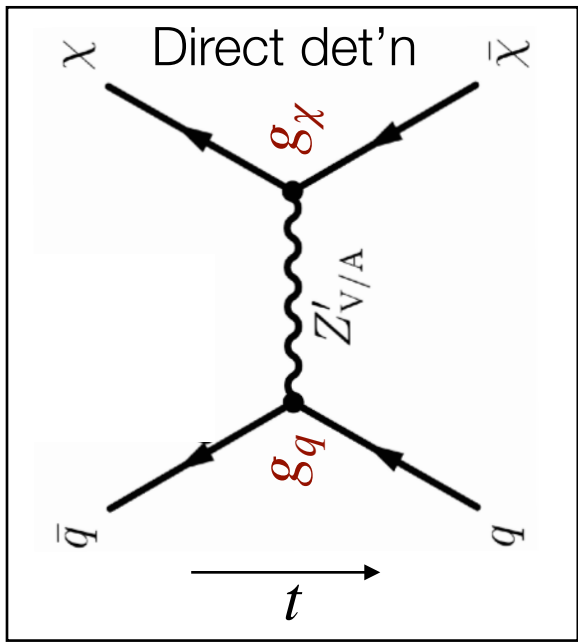
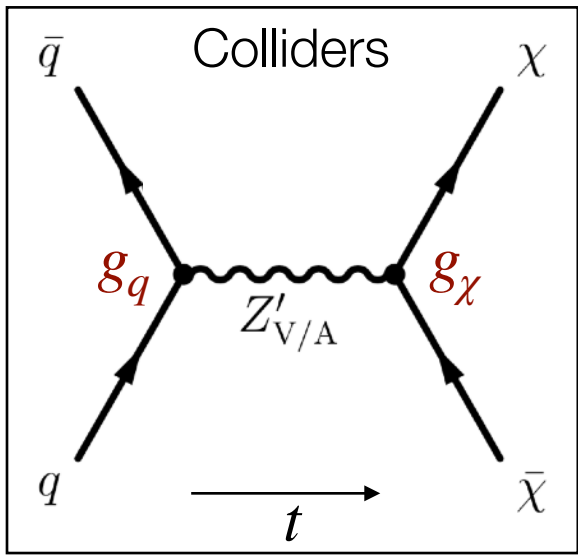
DM interaction with:

spin of unpaired  $p$  or  $n$

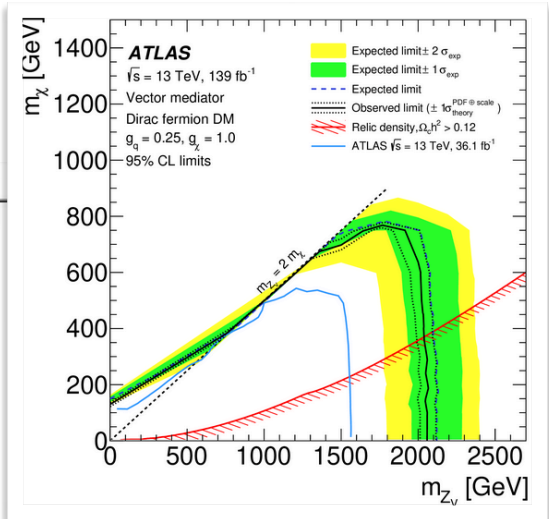
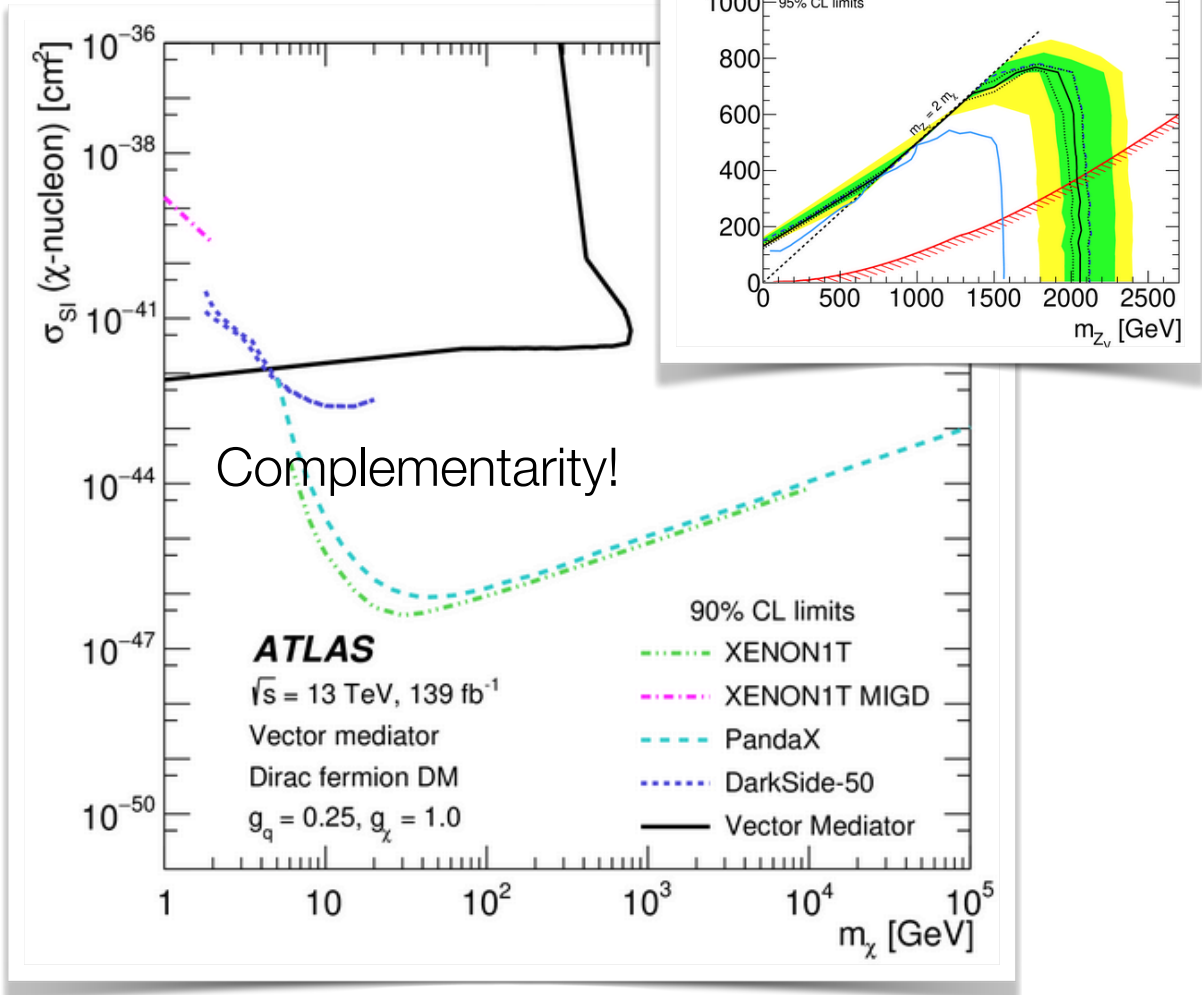
→ optimise for  $u$  or  $d$ ,  $\propto A$



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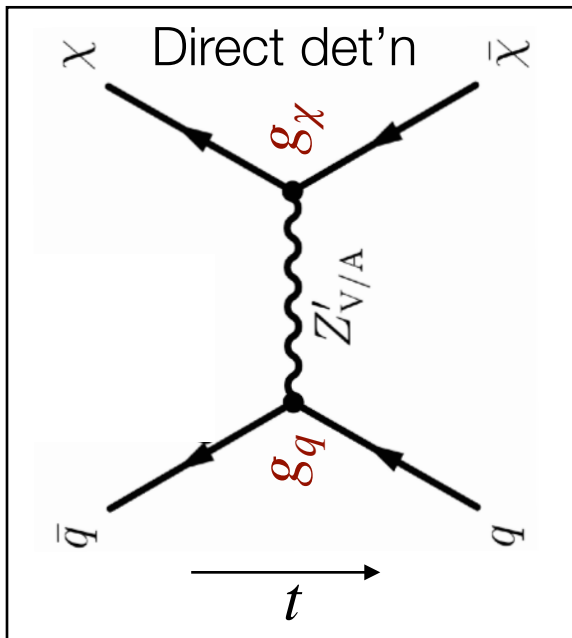
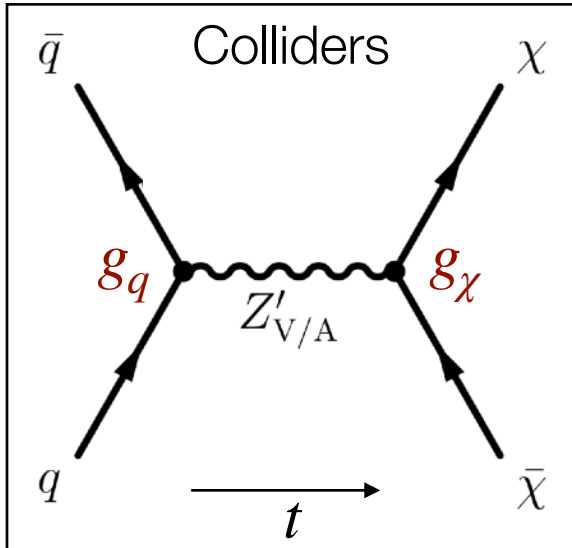


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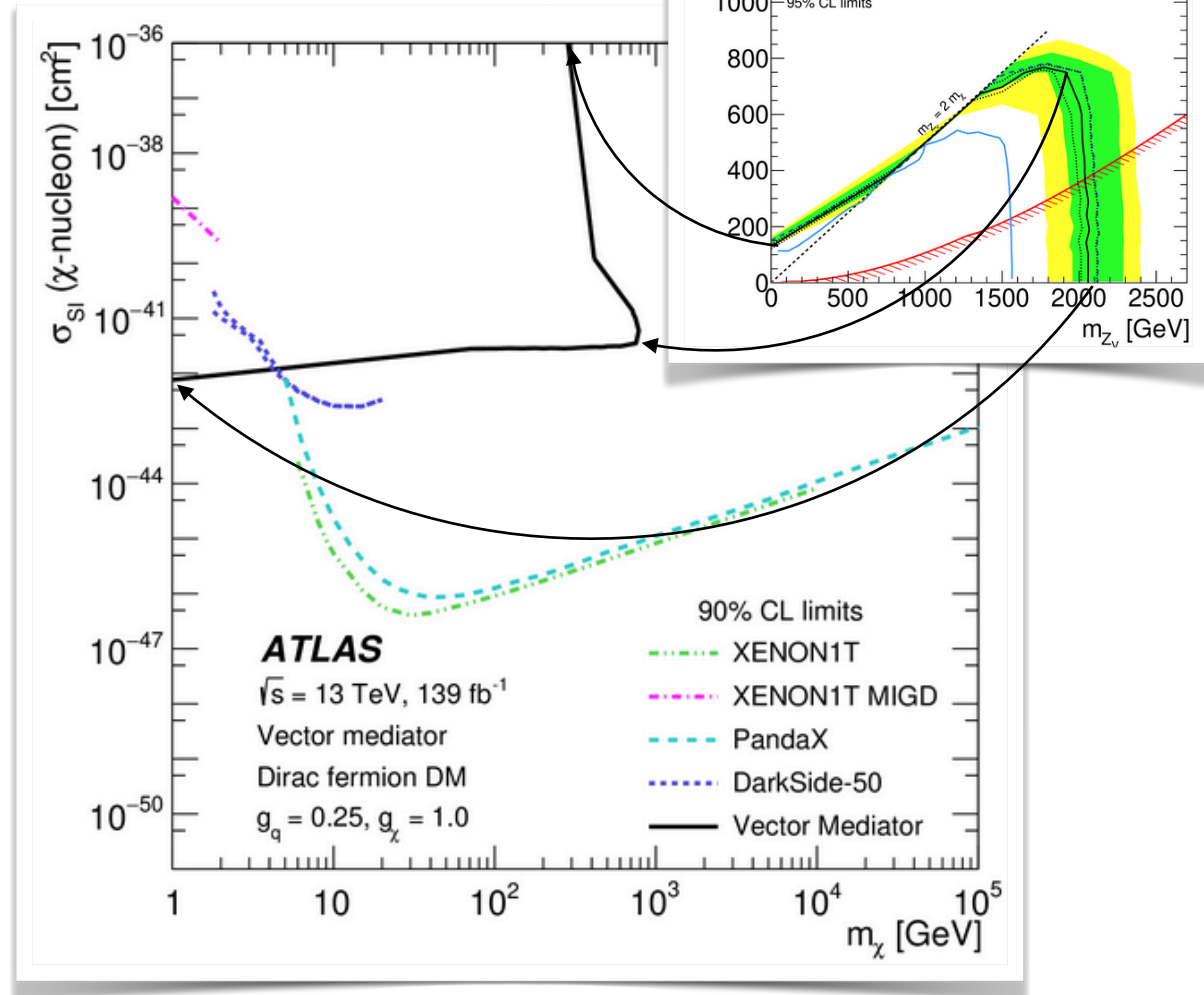




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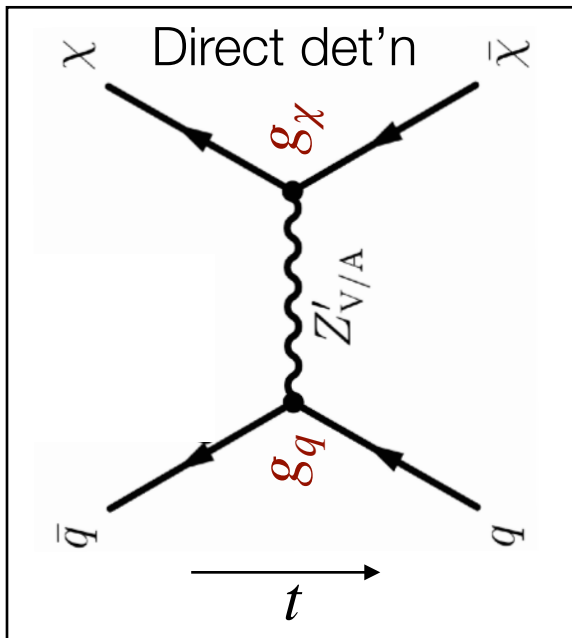
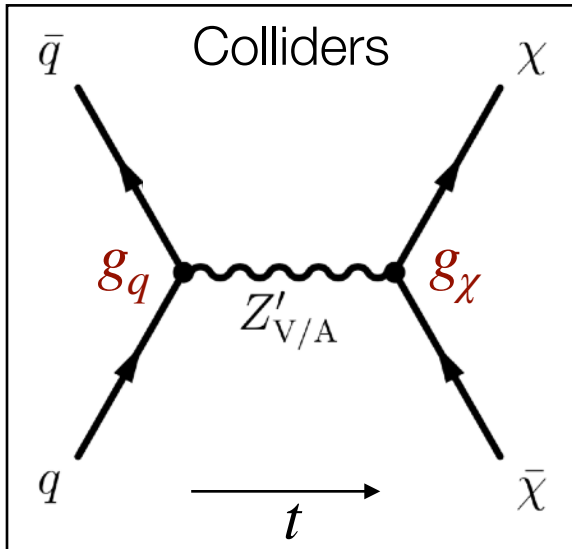


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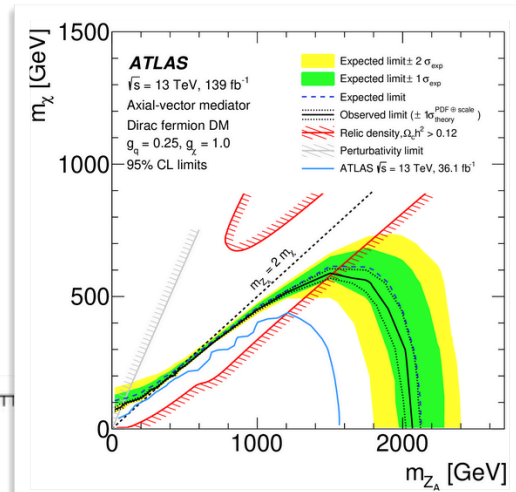
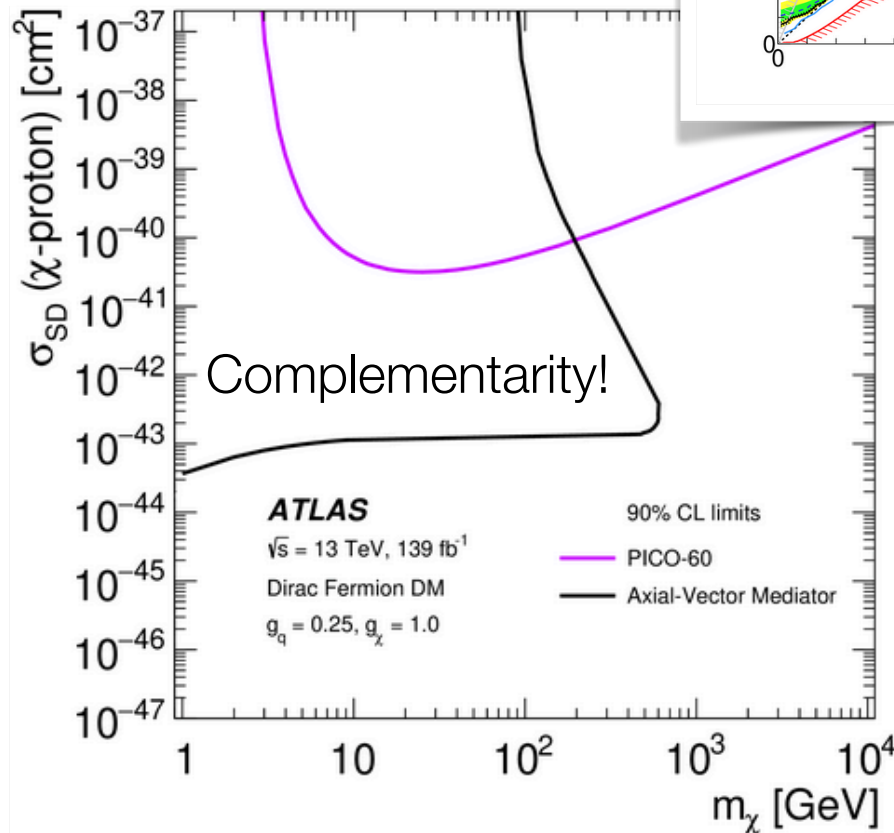




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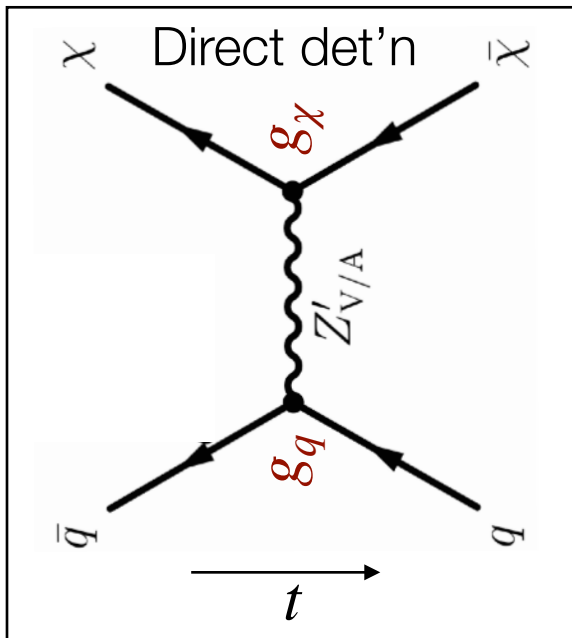
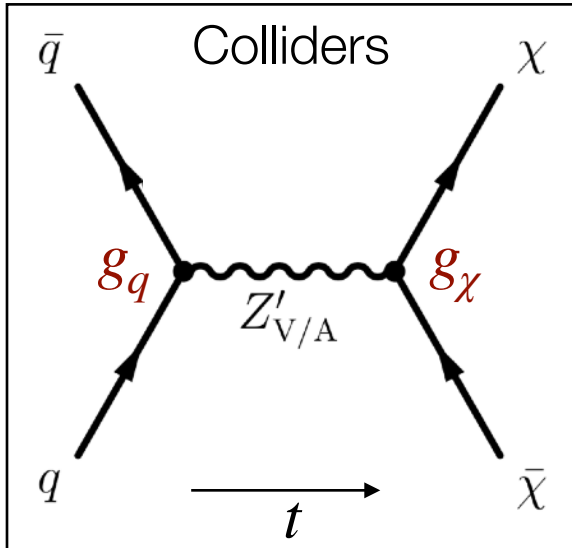


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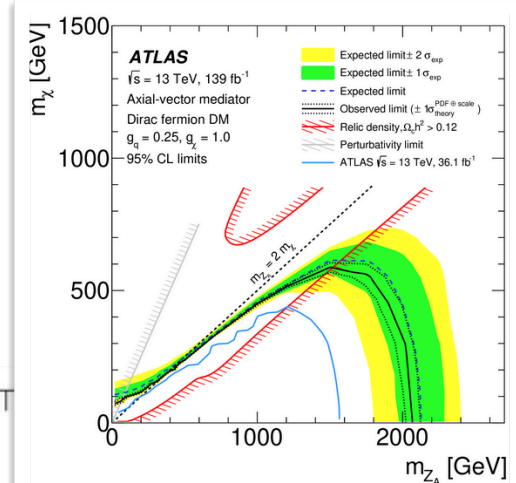
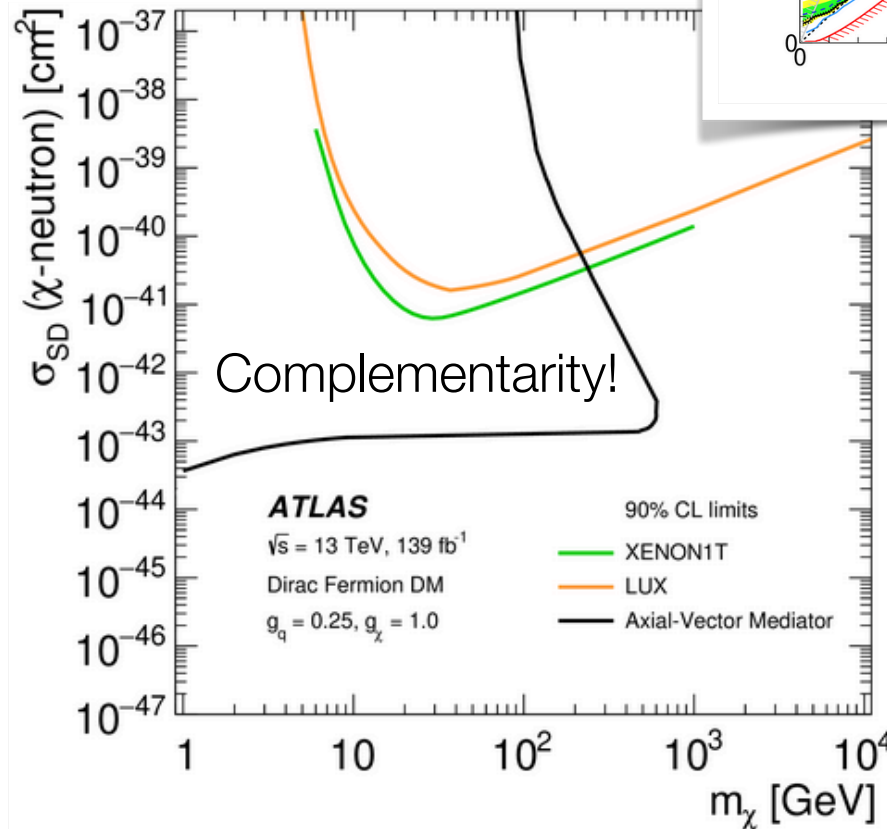




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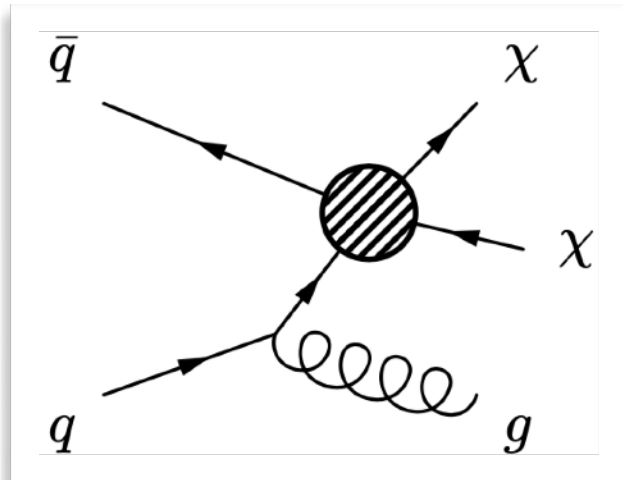


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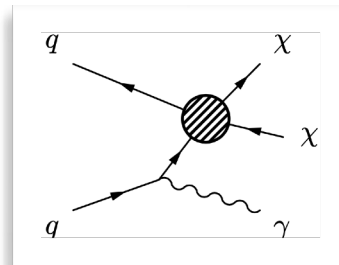


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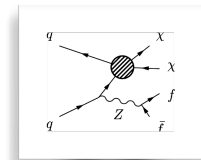
[ not-so-large hit from  $\alpha_s$  ]

Mono- $\gamma$



$$\frac{\sigma_{\chi\chi\gamma}}{\sigma_{\chi\chi j}} \approx \frac{\alpha}{\alpha_s} \frac{Q_q^2}{C_F} \approx \frac{1}{40}$$

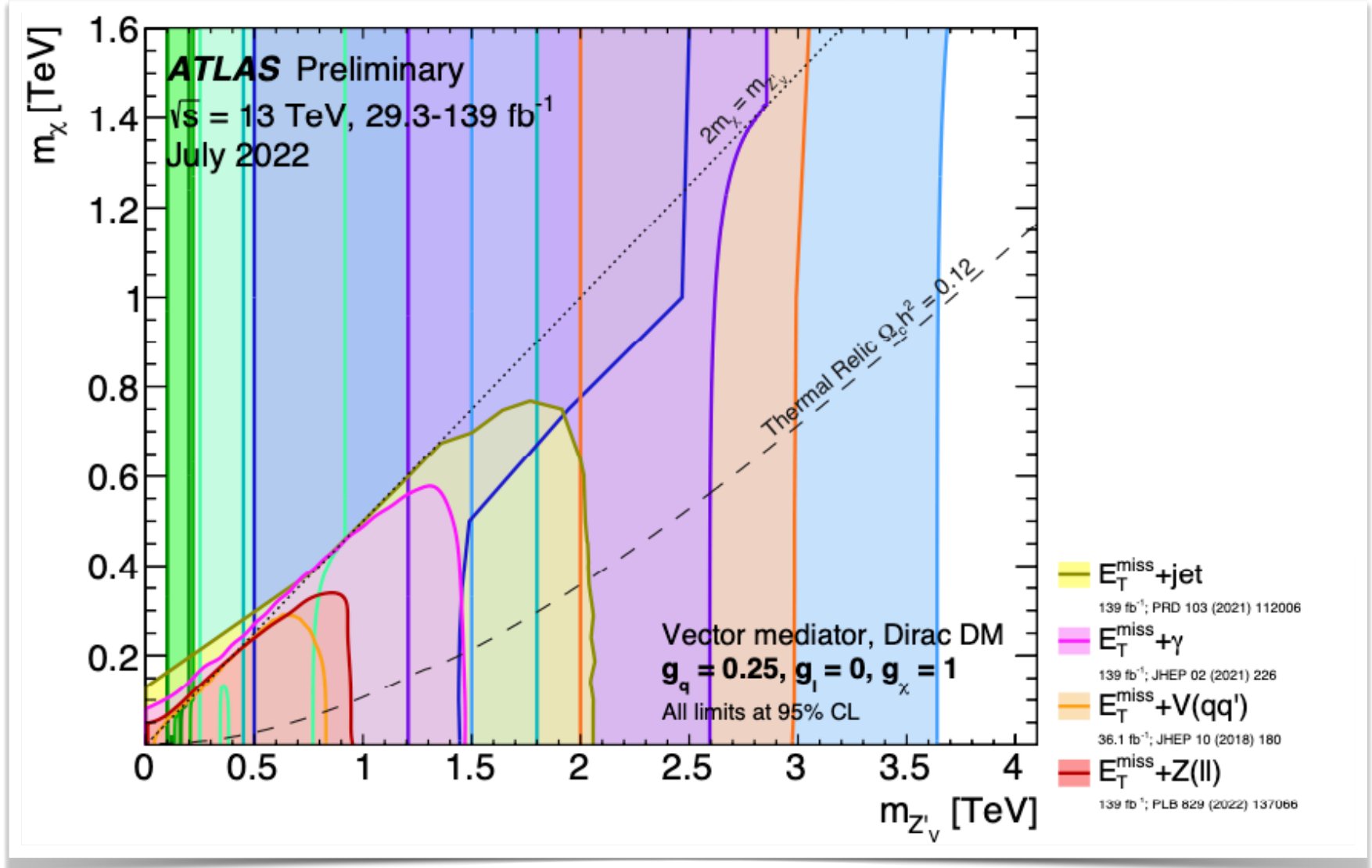
Mono-Z ( $\rightarrow \mu\mu$ )

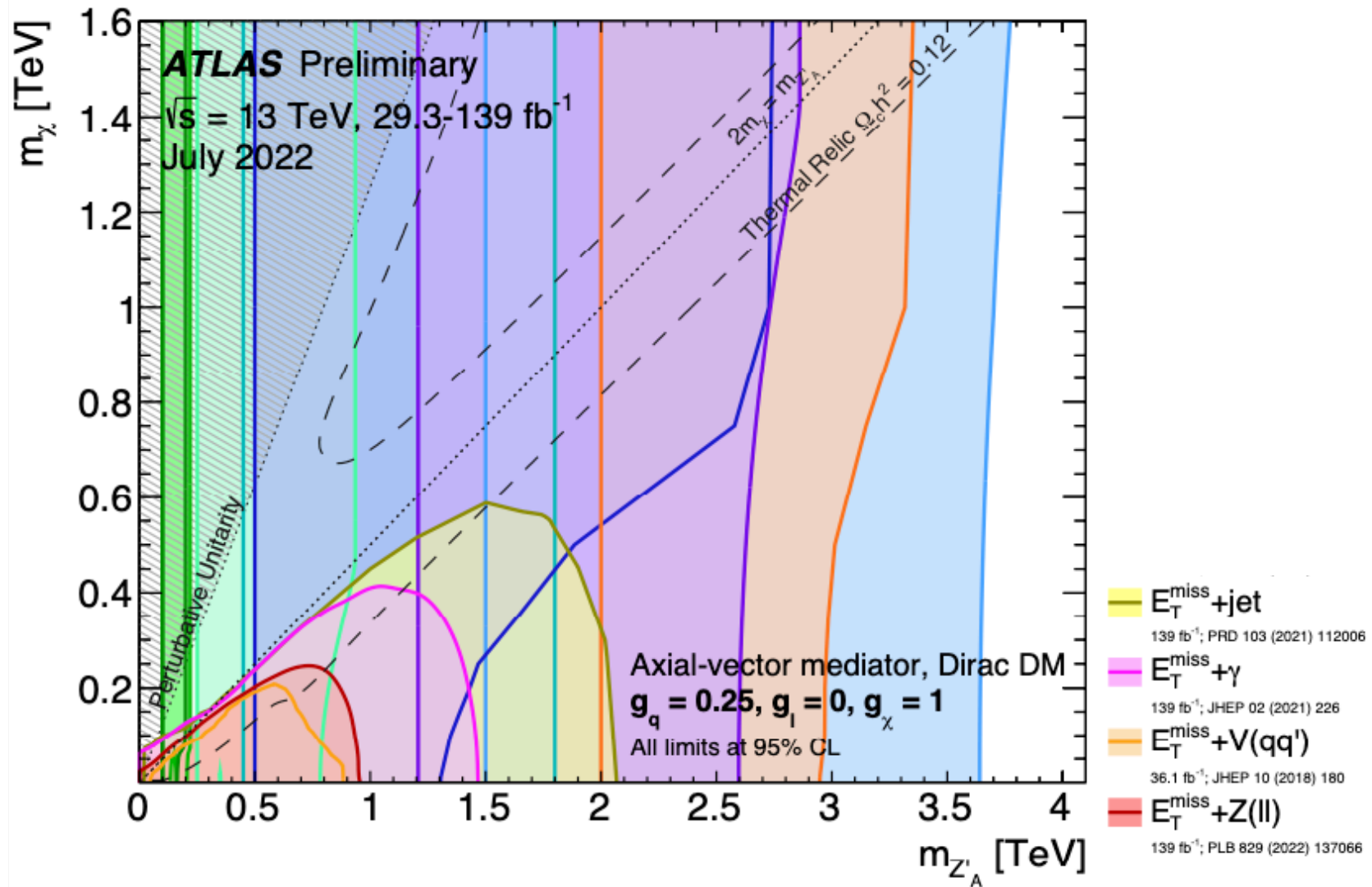


$$\frac{\sigma_{\chi\chi\mu\mu}}{\sigma_{\chi\chi j}} \approx \frac{1}{4000}$$

$$\approx \frac{\alpha}{\alpha_s} \frac{Q_q^2 s_w^2}{C_F} \text{BR}(Z \rightarrow \mu\mu)$$



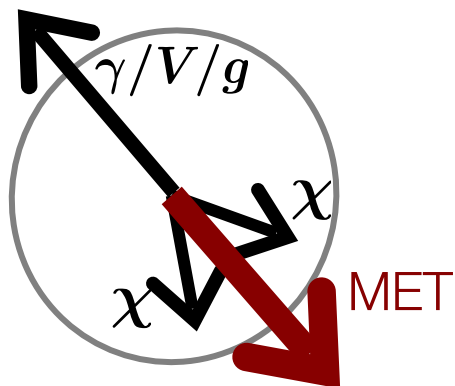
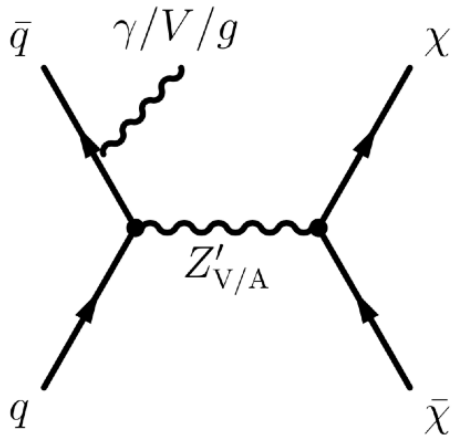






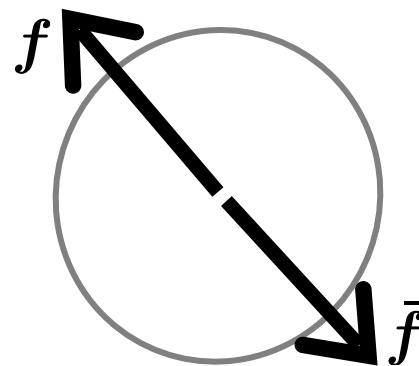
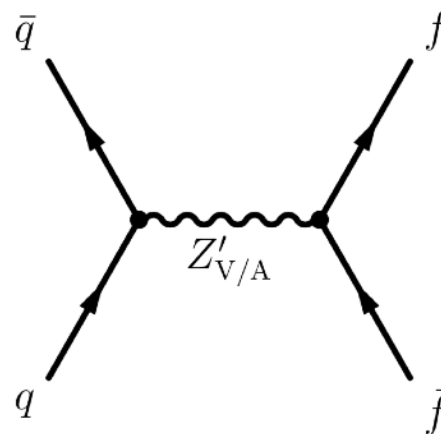
Exciting interplay between signatures:

X+MET



Smoking gun DM signature

Resonances

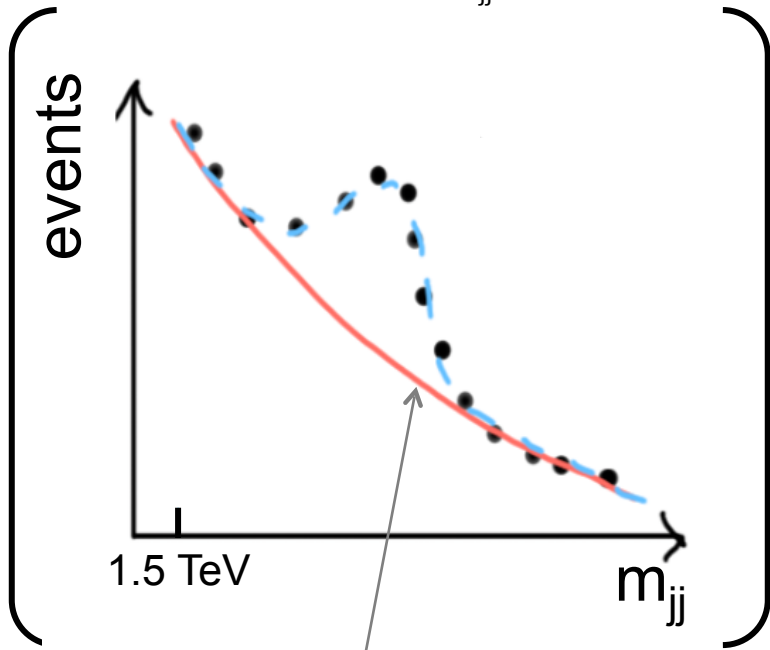
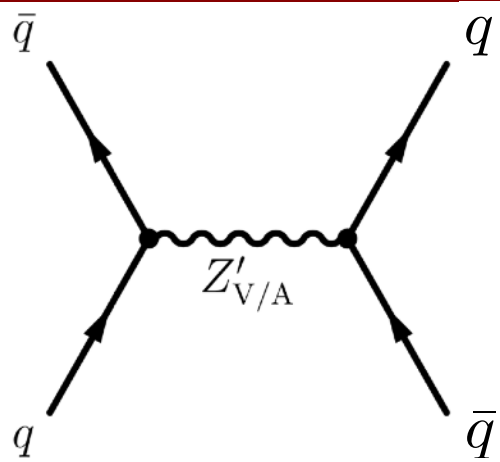


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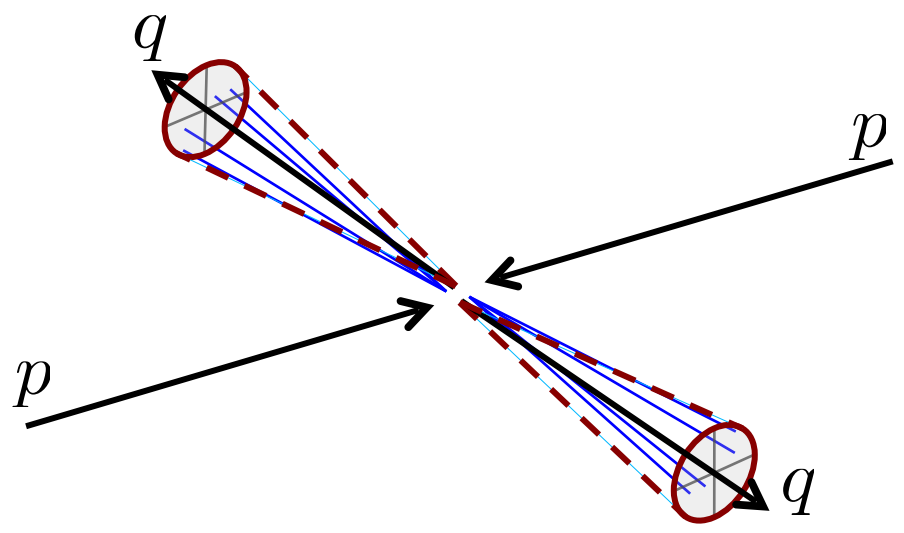


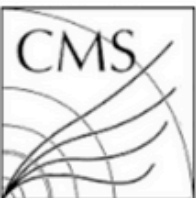
• **Analysis strategy:**

- Require  $\geq 2$  of jets + jet triggers
- Include initial state radiation jets if  $\Delta R < 1.1$
- Reduce SM  $t$ -channel dijets:
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- Look for excess in  $m_{jj}$  distribution:



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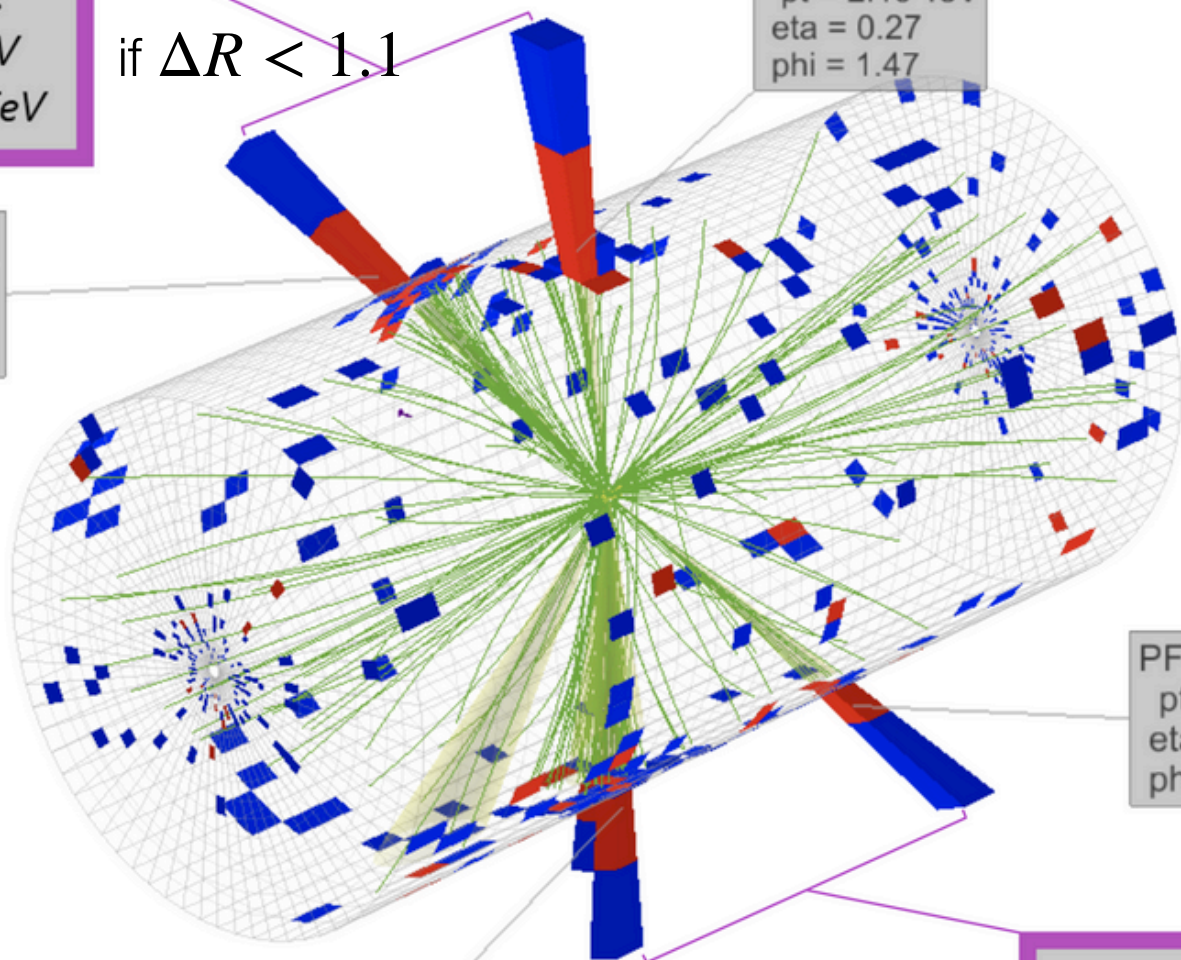


**Wide Jet 1:**  
 $pt = 3.5 \text{ TeV}$   
 $Mass = 1.8 \text{ TeV}$

Include initial state radiation  
if  $\Delta R < 1.1$

PF Jet 1,  
 $pt = 2.19 \text{ TeV}$   
 $eta = 0.27$   
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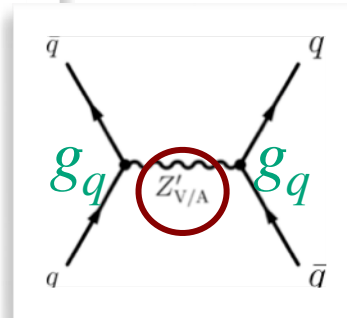
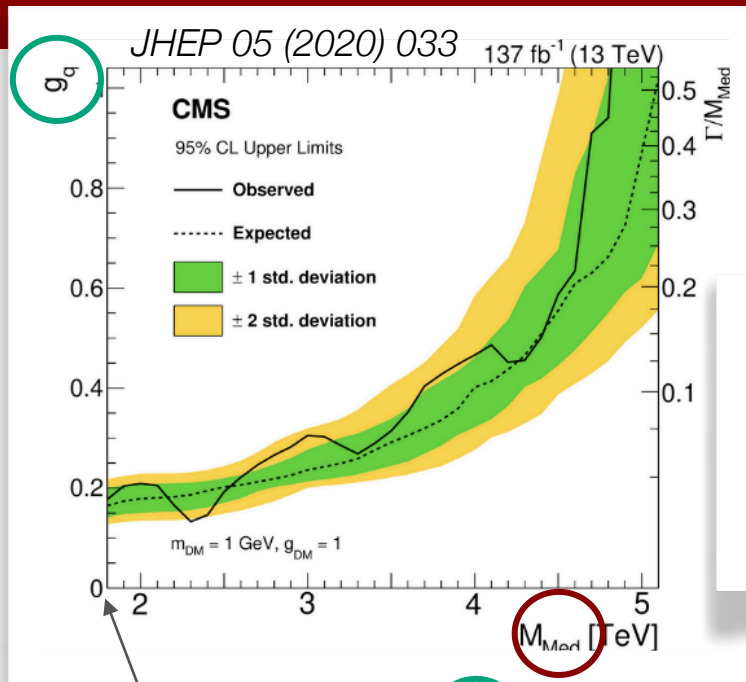
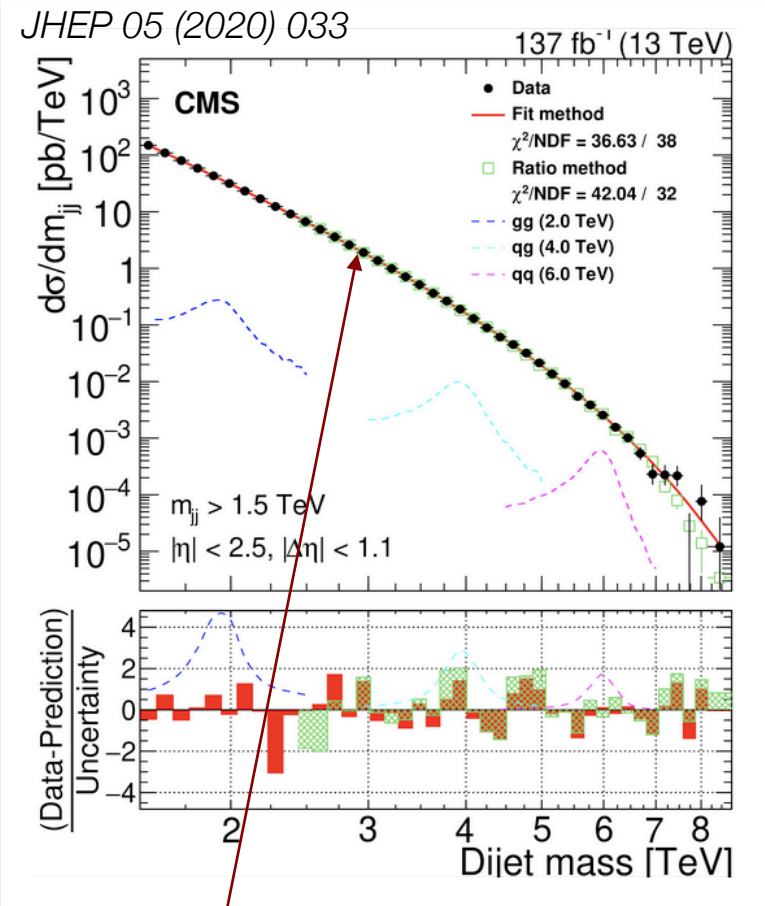
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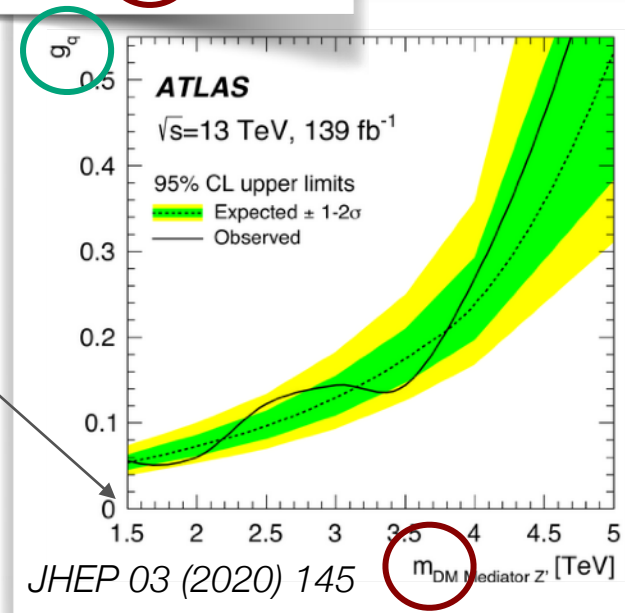
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PF Jet 2,  
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 $eta = 0.29$   
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**Wide Jet 2:**  
 $pt = 3.4 \text{ TeV}$   
 $Mass = 1.8 \text{ TeV}$



**Challenge:**  
trigger threshold



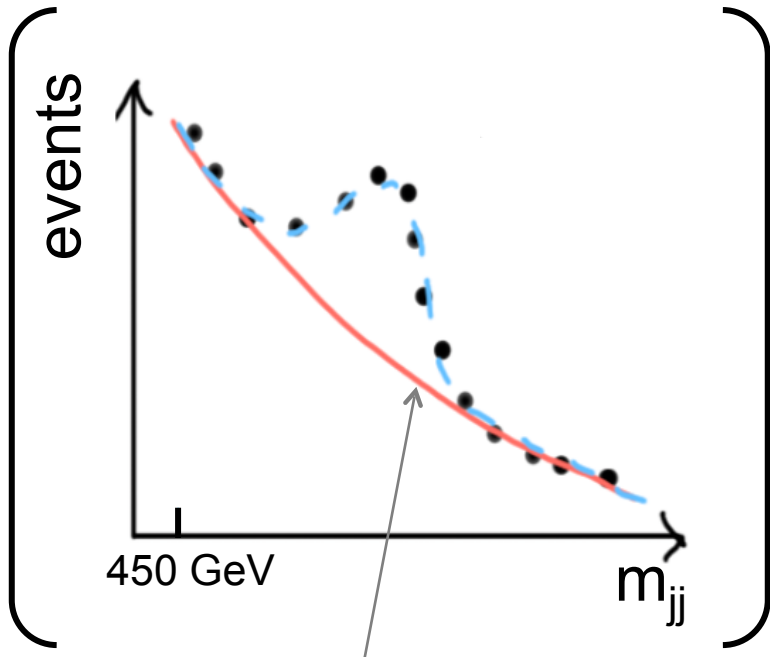
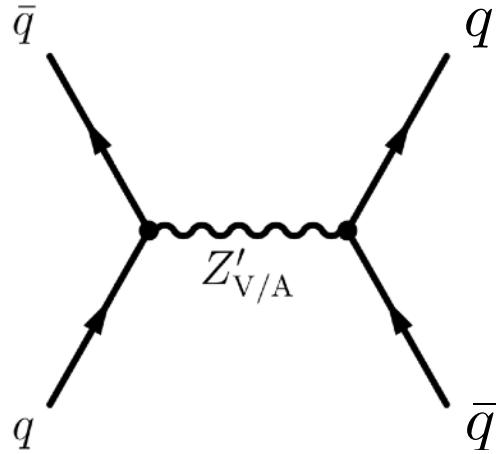
Background fit + alternative bgr. estimation (not shown)

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dm_{jj}} = \frac{P_0(1-x)^{P_1}}{x^{P_2+P_3} \ln(x)} \quad x \equiv m_{jj}/\sqrt{s}$$

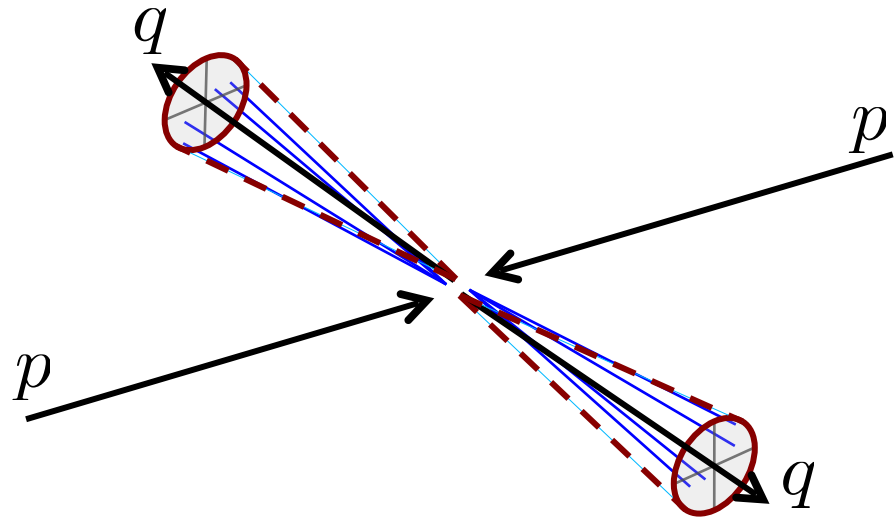


• **Analysis strategy:**

- Jets reconstructed by high-level trigger
- Require  $\geq 2$  of jets with  $p_T \gtrsim 220$  GeV
- $|y^*| = \frac{1}{2}|y_1 - y_2| < 0.6$  (also 0.3)
- $M_{jj} > 450$  GeV
- Look for excess in  $m_{jj}$  distribution:



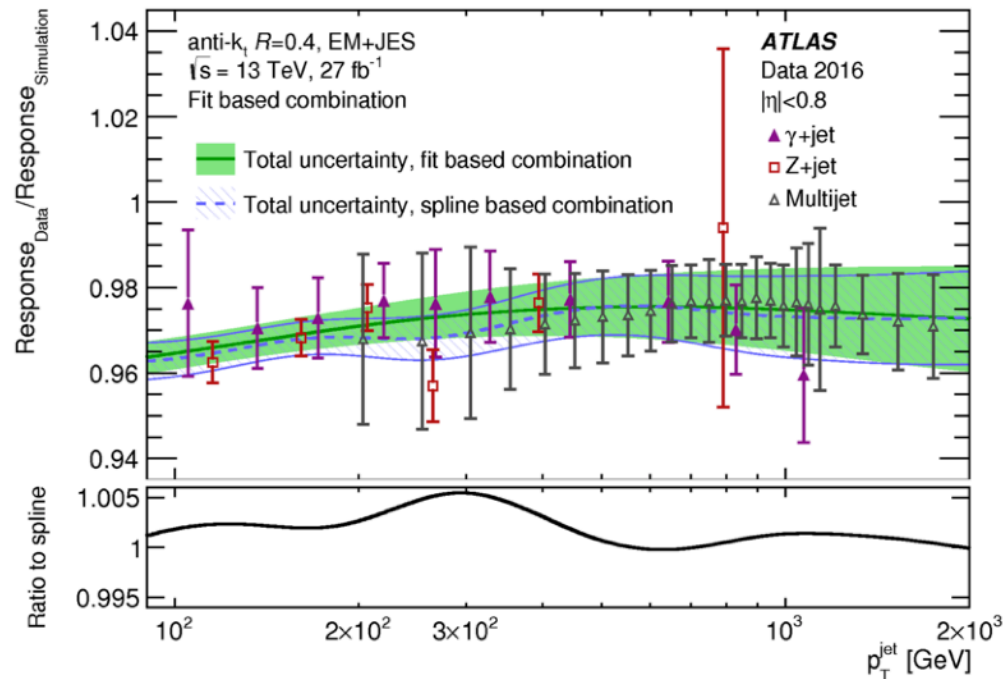
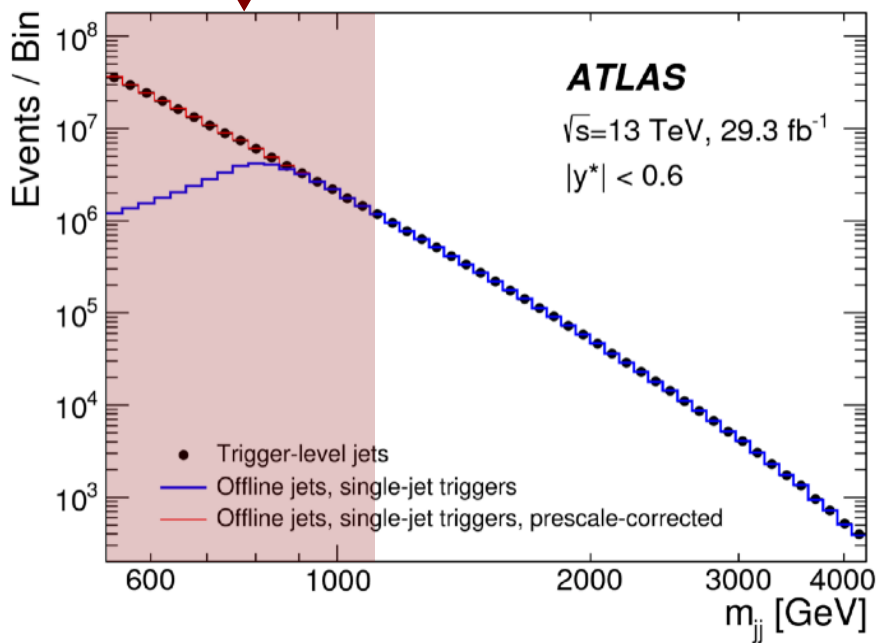
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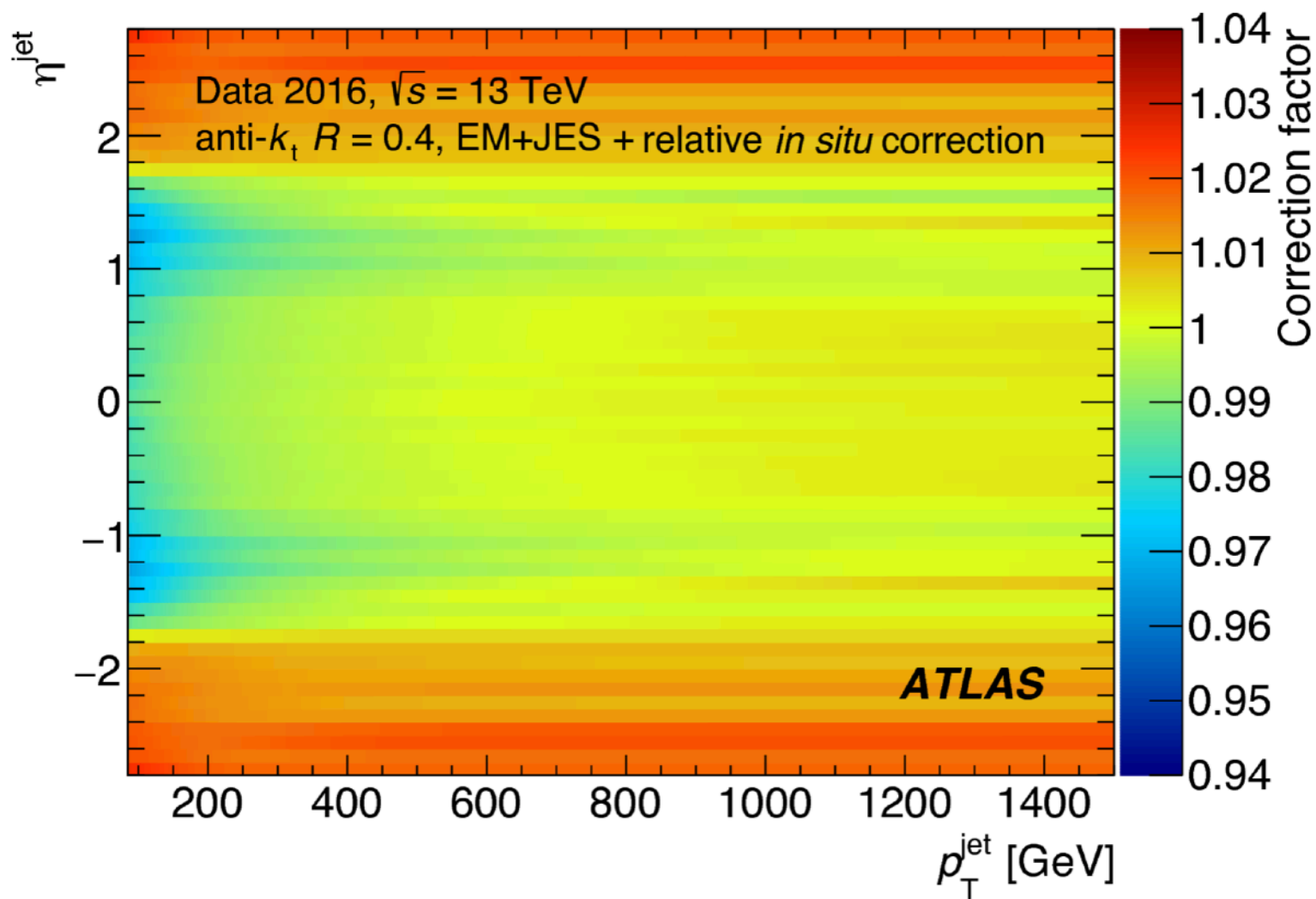
- **Ansatz:**
  - Reconstruct jets using High Level Trigger
  - Storage: one 4-vector per jet → larger bandwidth!
- **Challenge:**
  - Calibration of jets in High Level Trigger:

*Trigger level analysis*

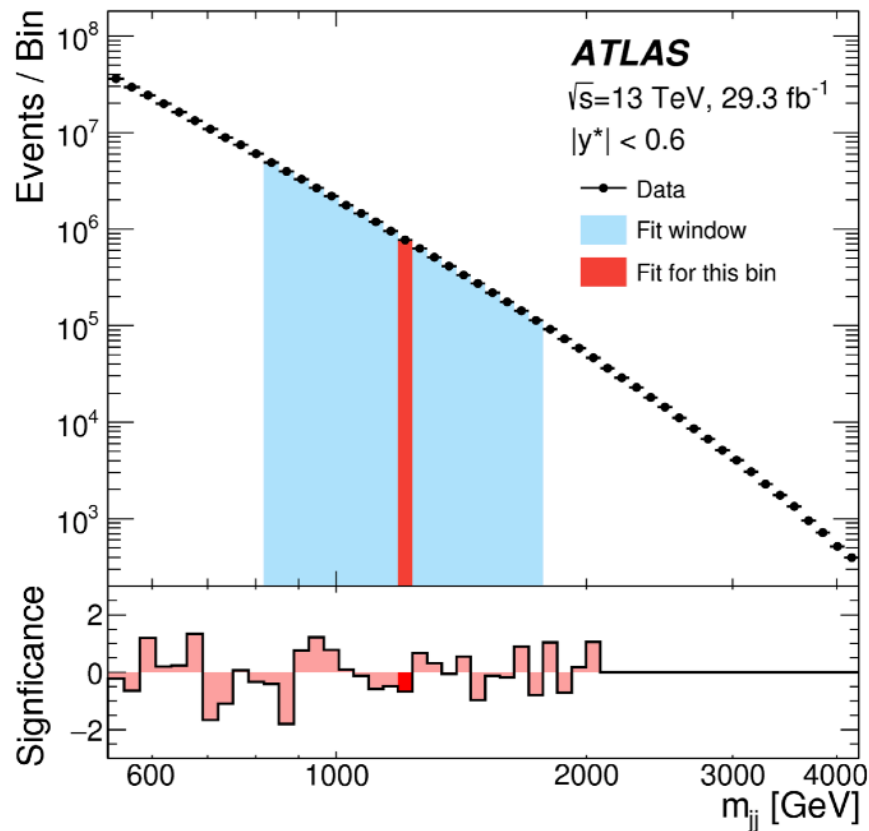
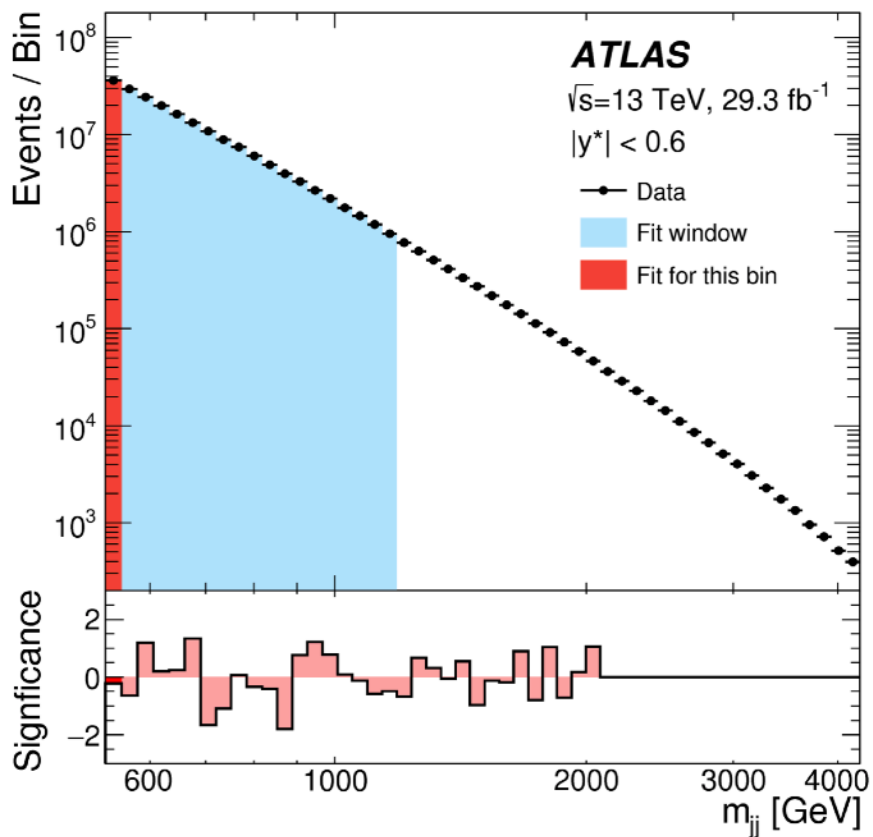


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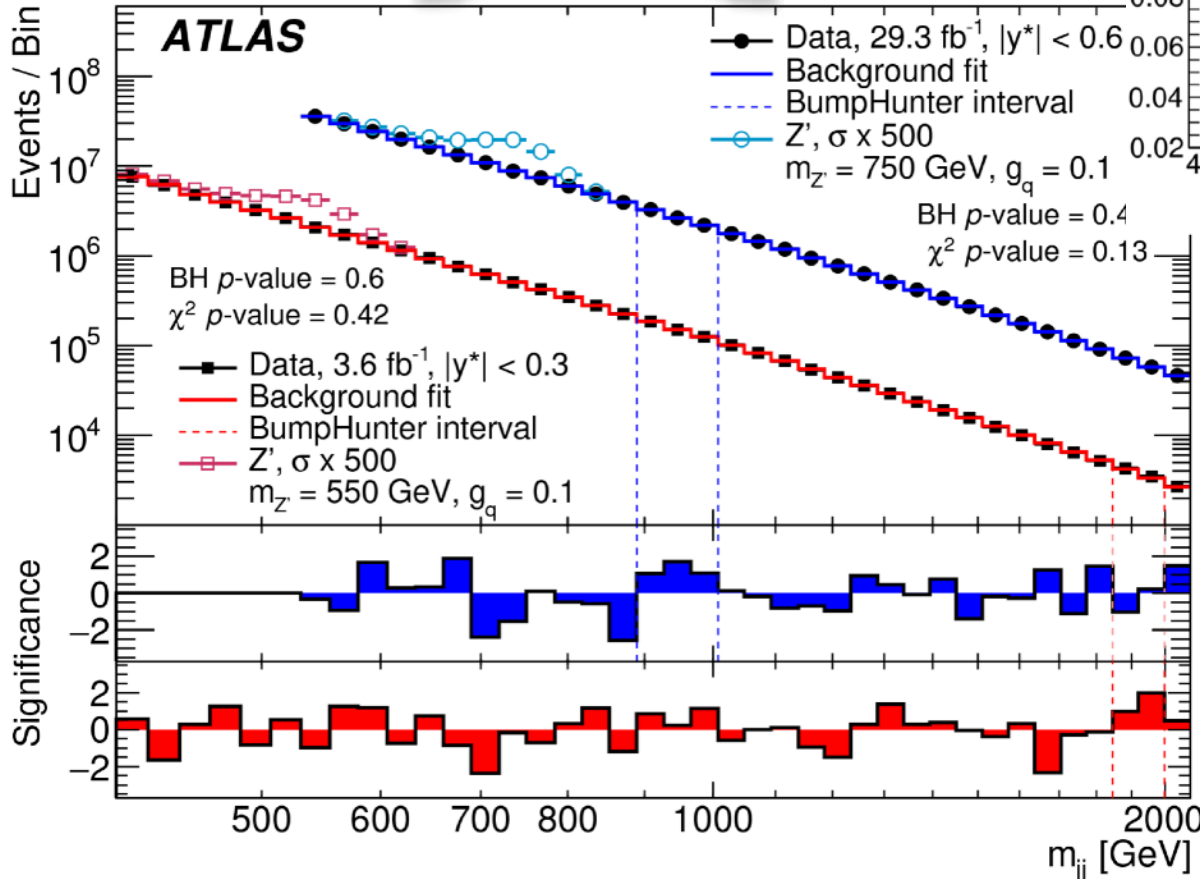
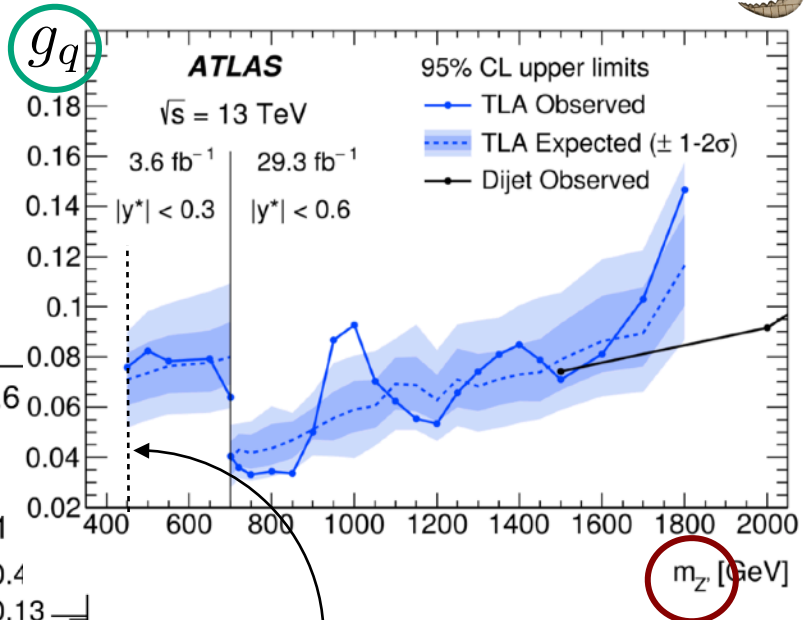
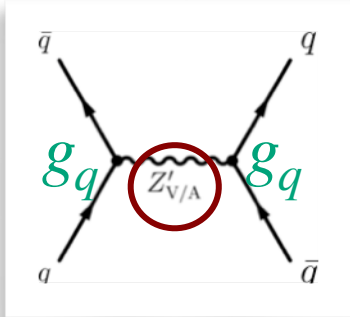


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# TRIGGER LEVEL DIJET RESONANCES: STRATEGY



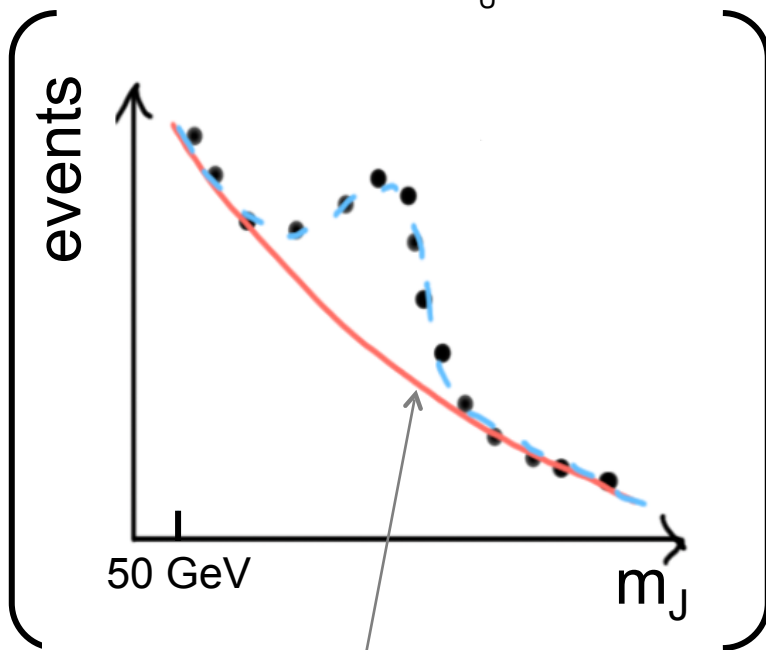
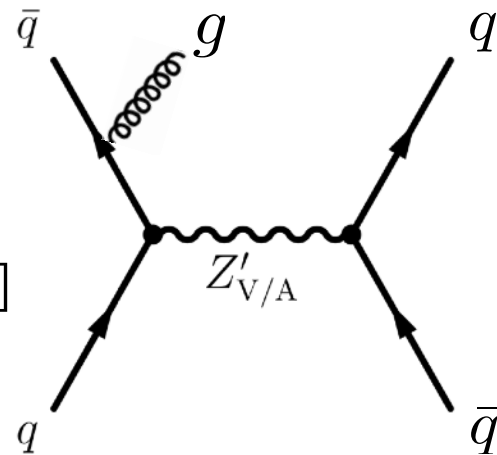
Push further down to  $m_{Z'} < 450 \text{ GeV}$ ?

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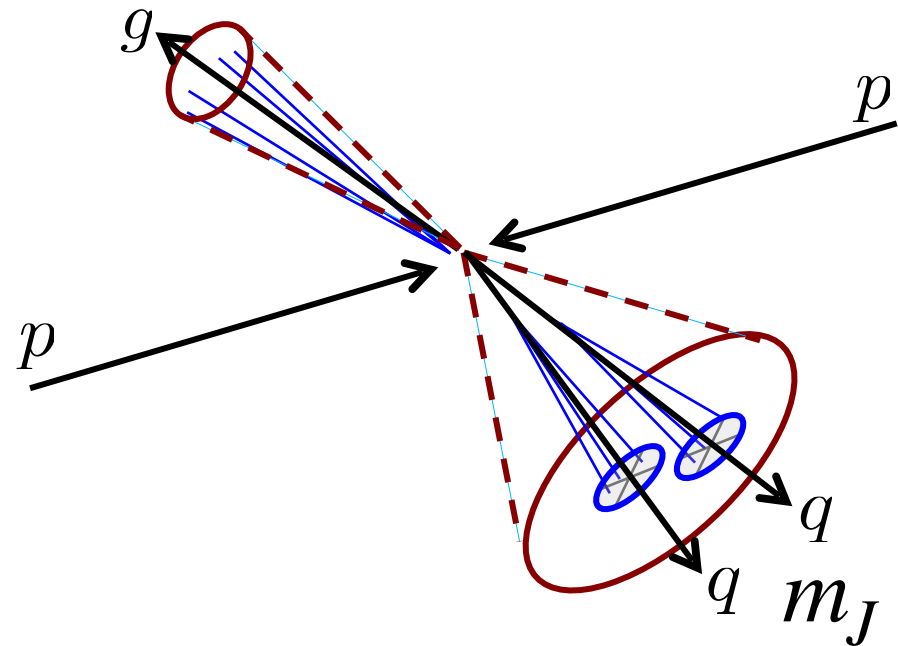


## • Analysis strategy:

- Capture resonance as large-R jet (2-prong)
  - R=0.8 anti-kt jet ( $m_{Z'} < 220$  GeV) [1]
  - R=1.5 C/A jet ( $220 < m_{Z'} < 450$  GeV) [1]
- Initial state gluon radiation for *trigger*
- Look for excess in  $m_J$  distribution:



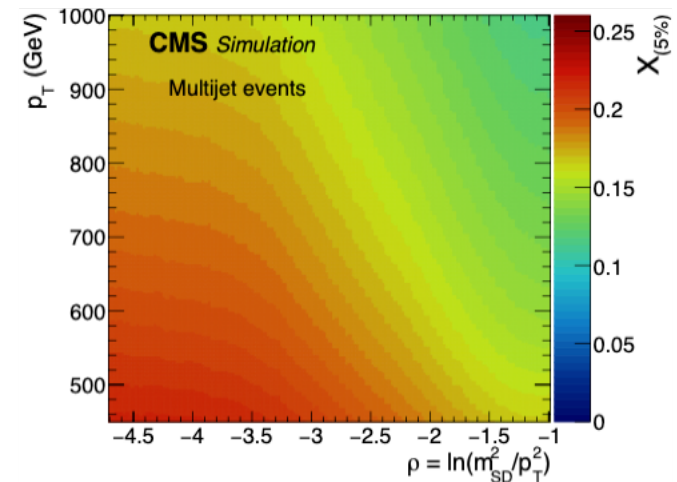
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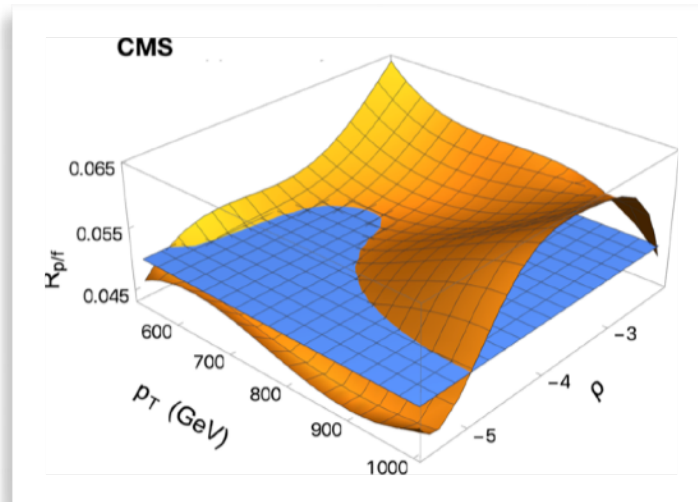
- **Signal jet discriminants:**

- Jet mass  $m_J \equiv m_{Z'}$
- Ratio of energy correlation functions  $N_2^{1,DDT}$ 
  - DDT: de-correlated from  $m_J$  and  $p_{T,J}$
  - QCD jets:  $\rho \equiv \ln(m_J^2/p_{T,J}^2)$   
irrespective of  $p_{T,J}$



- **Background Estimate:**

- From CR in data with  $\epsilon = 95\%$  for QCD jets:
  - $N_2^{1,DDT} > 0$
- Extrapolate to SR ( $N_2^{1,DDT} < 0$ ) using
  - $n_{\text{pass}}^{\text{QCD}} = R_{\text{p/f}} n_{\text{fail}}^{\text{QCD}} + \text{fit of } R_{\text{p/f}}$



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# LOW-MASS HADRONIC RESONANCES: ANALYSIS



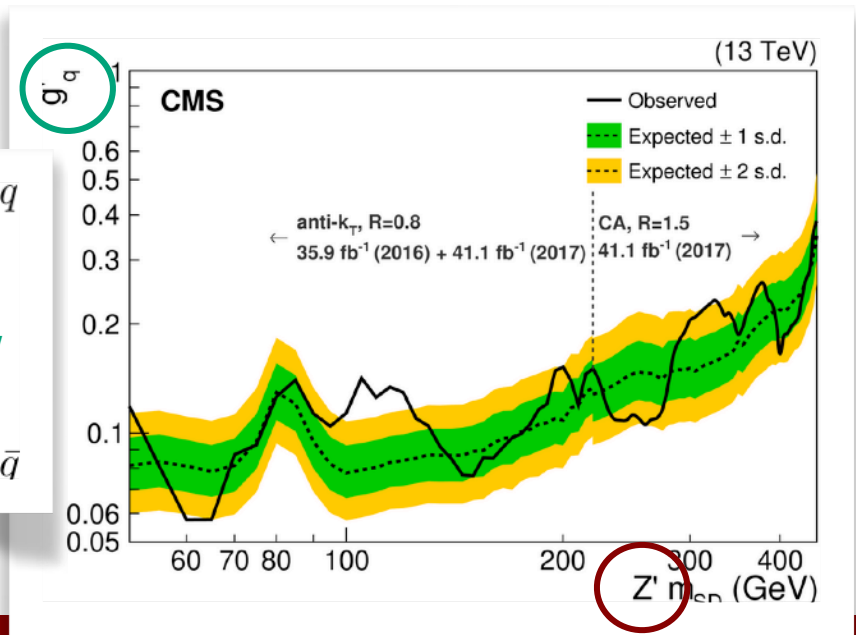
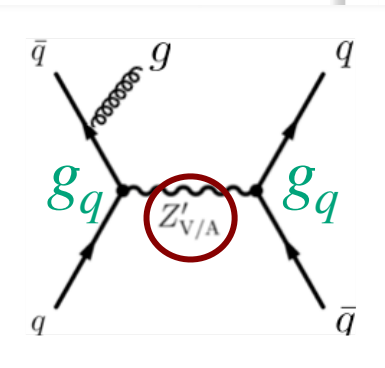
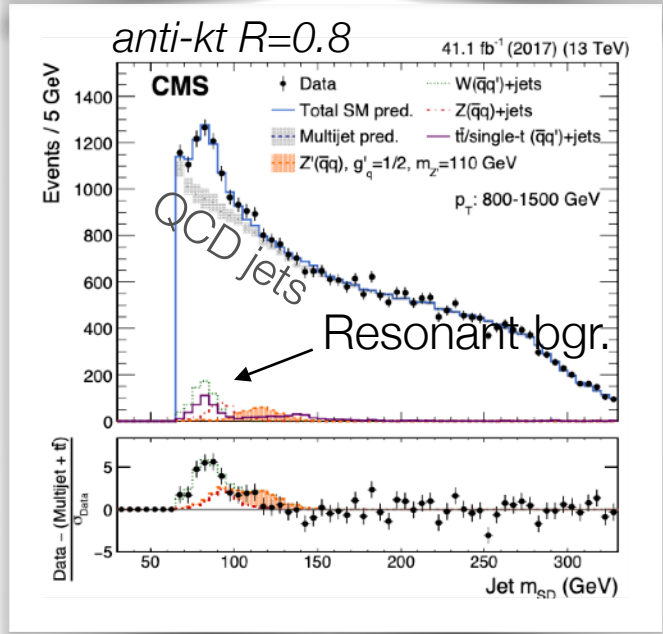
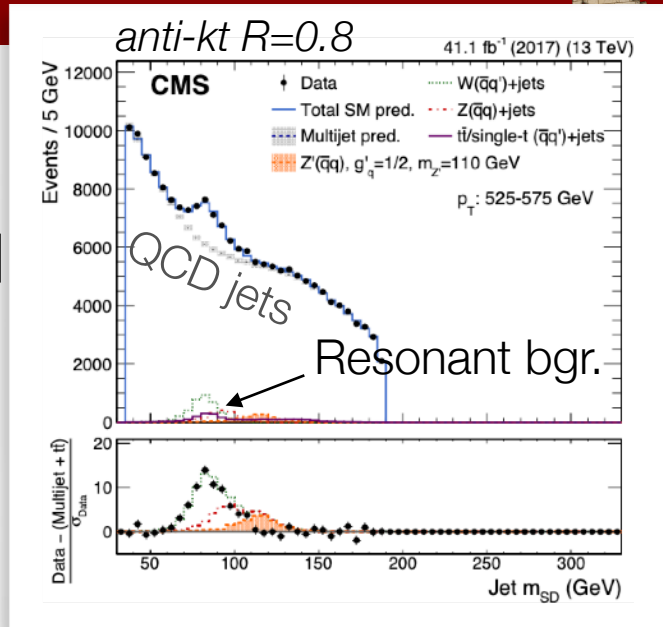
- Signal jet discriminants:**

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- Jet mass  $m_J \equiv m_{Z'}$
- Ratio of energy correlation functions  $N_2^{1,DDT} [1]$ 
  - DDT: decorrelated from  $m_J$  and  $p_{T,J}$

- Background Estimate:**

- From CR in data with  $\epsilon = 95\%$  for QCD jets:
  - $N_2^{1,DDT} > 0$

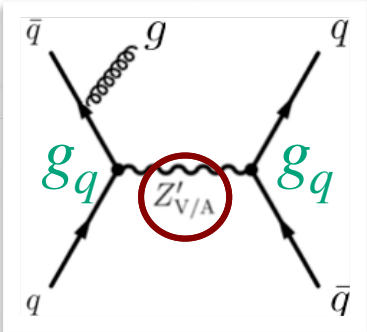
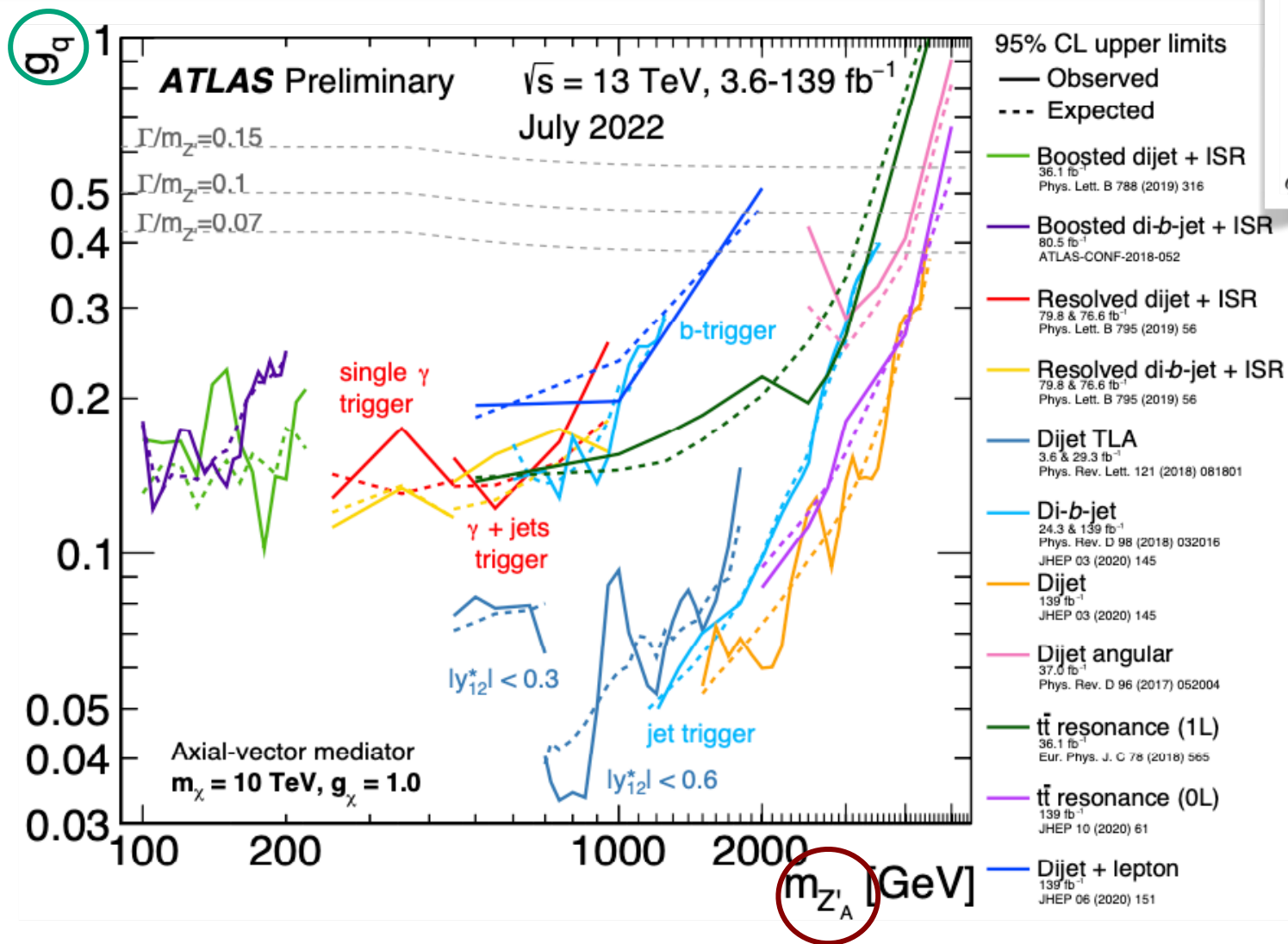


# DARK MATTER V/AV MODEL: PIECE IT ALL TOGETHER





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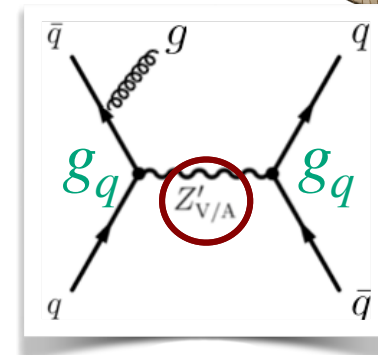
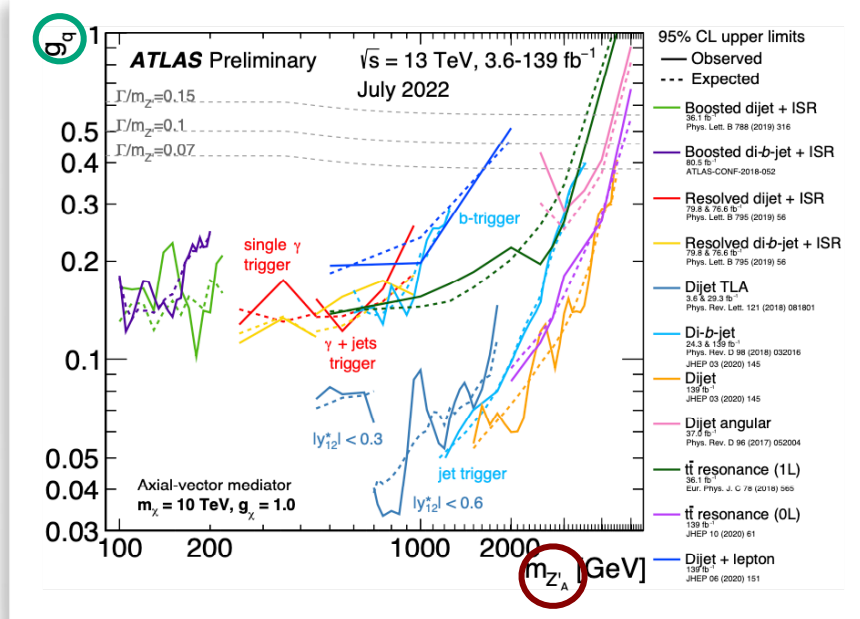
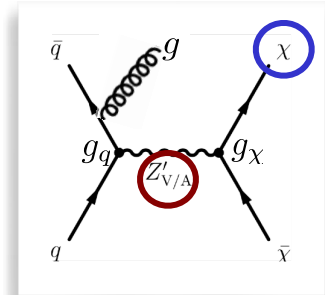
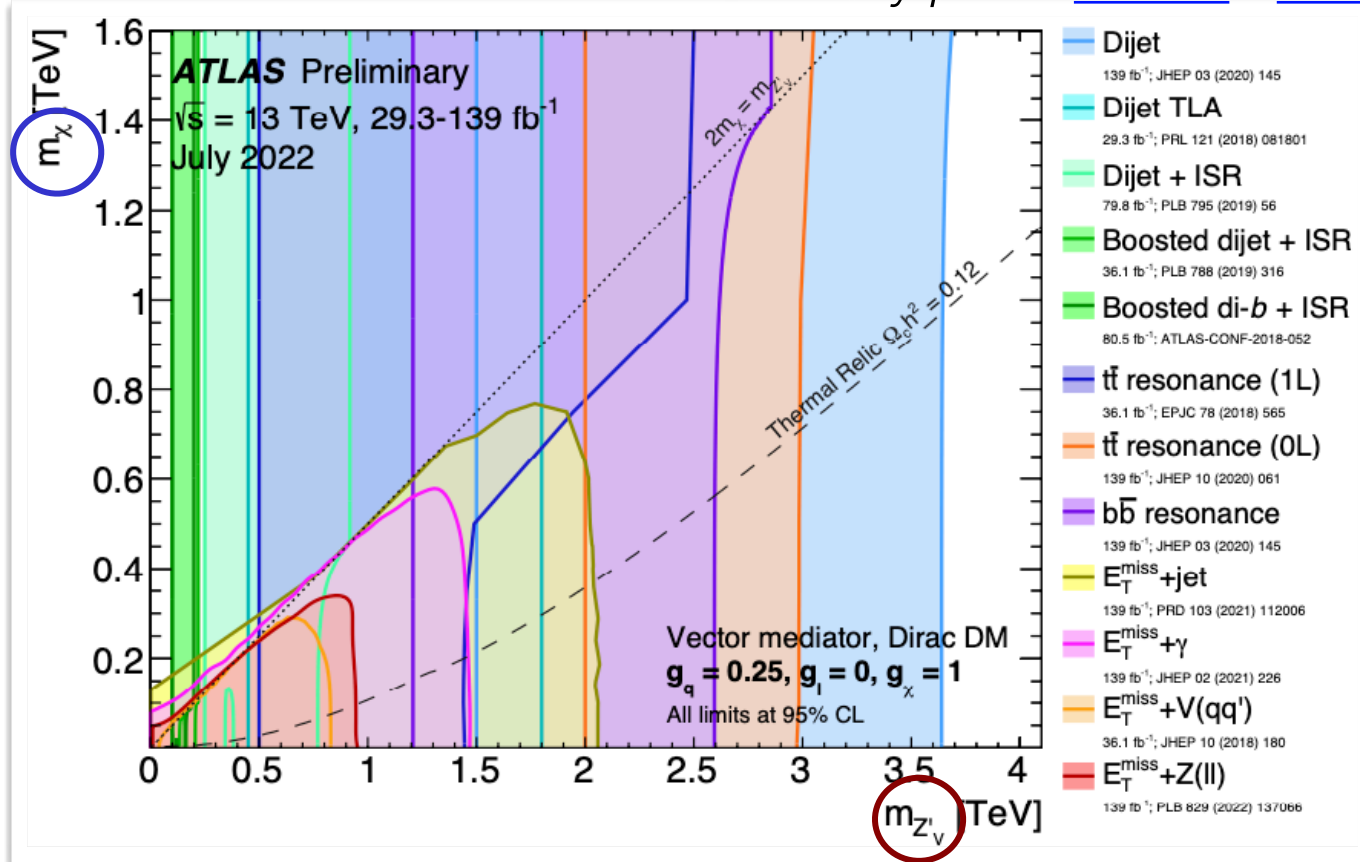


Figure 15: Hadronic resonance search contours for 95% CL upper limits on the coupling  $g_q$  as a function of the resonance mass  $m_{Z'_A}$  for the leptophilic axial-vector mediator simplified model. The expected limits from each search are indicated by dotted lines. The TLA dijet analysis has two parts, employing different datasets with different selections in the rapidity difference  $y^*$  as indicated. The dijet+ISR ( $\gamma$ ) analysis also has two parts, each using a different trigger strategy, and each further studied in inclusive and  $b$ -tagged channels. Two lines are also shown for the di- $b$ -jet search. These are from separate analyses, one which used  $b$ -jet triggers and provides the limit at lower mass, and one which used inclusive jet triggers and provides the high mass limit. Coupling values above the solid lines are excluded, as long as the signals are narrow enough to be detected using these searches. The TLA dijet search with  $|y^*| < 0.6$  is sensitive up to  $\Gamma/m_{Z'} = 7\%$ , the TLA dijet with  $|y^*| < 0.3$  and dijet + ISR searches are sensitive up to  $\Gamma/m_{Z'} = 10\%$ , and the dijet and di- $b$ -jet searches are sensitive up to  $\Gamma/m_{Z'} = 15\%$ . The dijet angular analysis is sensitive up to  $\Gamma/m_{Z'} = 50\%$ . No limitation in sensitivity arises from large width resonances in the  $t\bar{t}$  resonance analysis. Benchmark width lines are indicated in the canvas.  $\Gamma/m_{Z'} = 50\%$  lies beyond the canvas borders.



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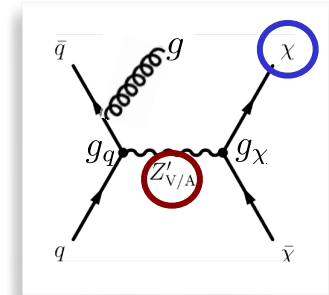
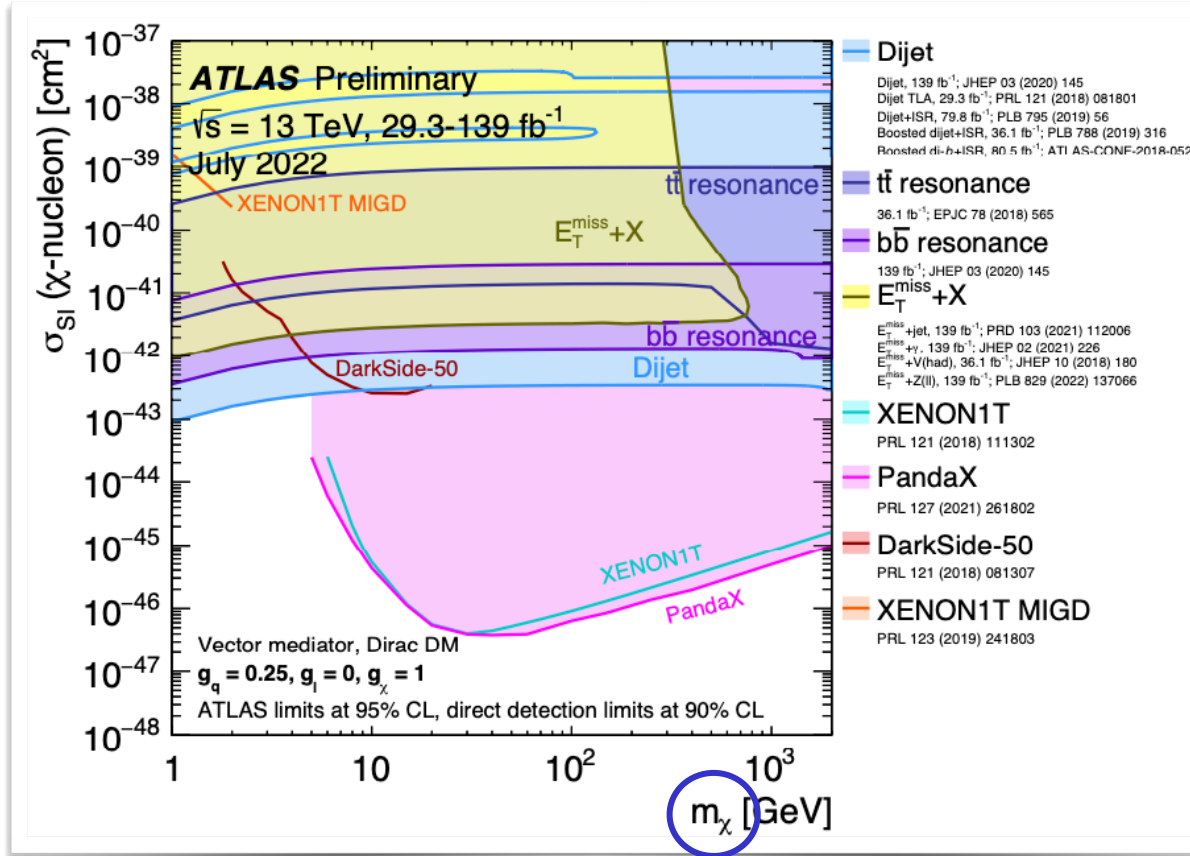
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$g_q$	0.25	0.1	0.25	0.1
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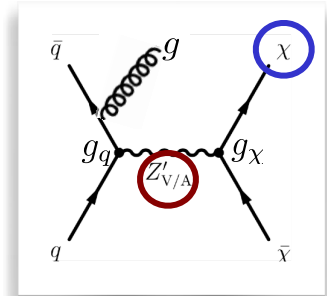
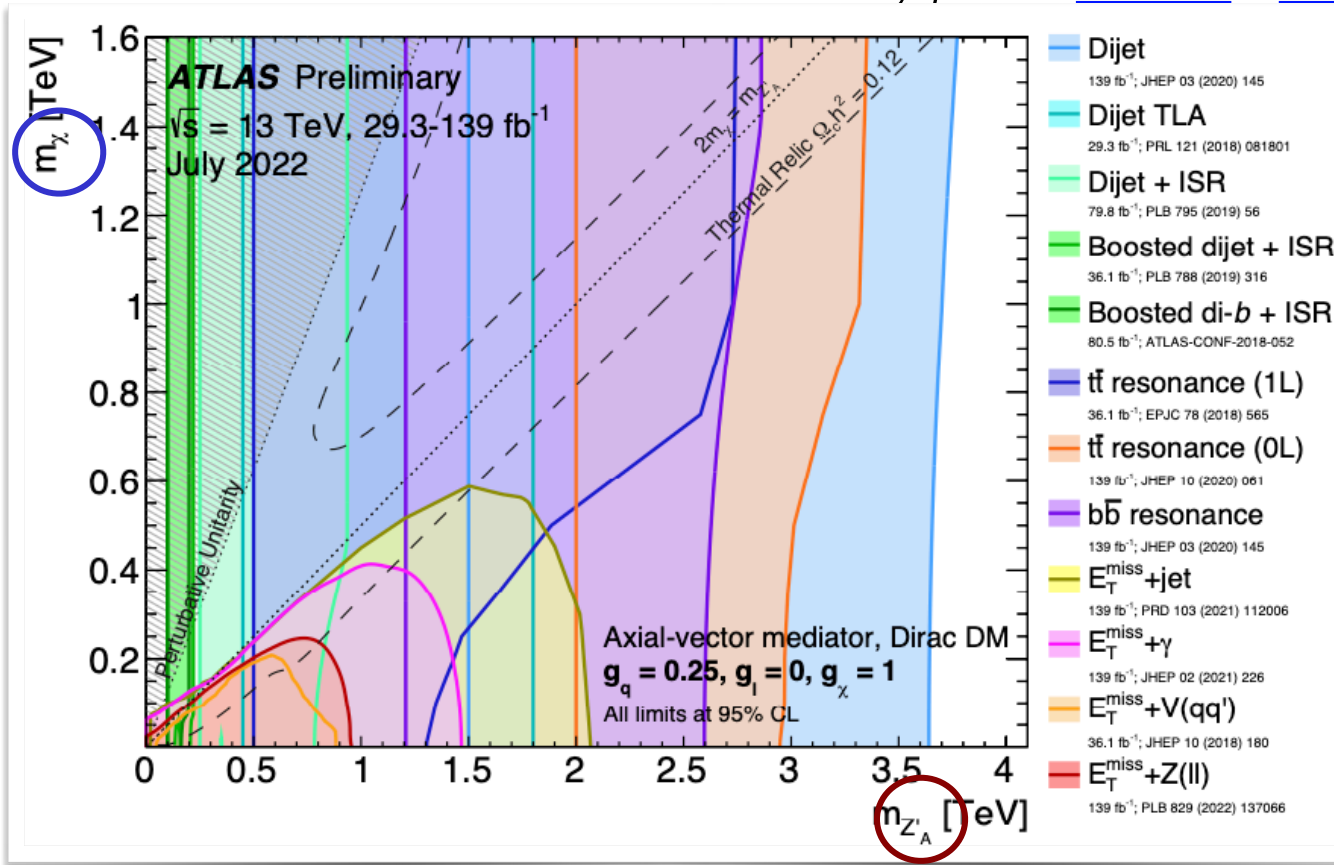
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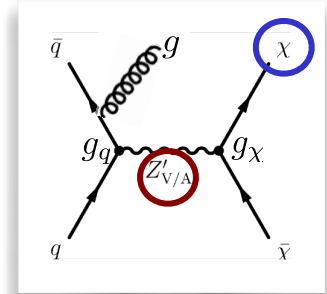
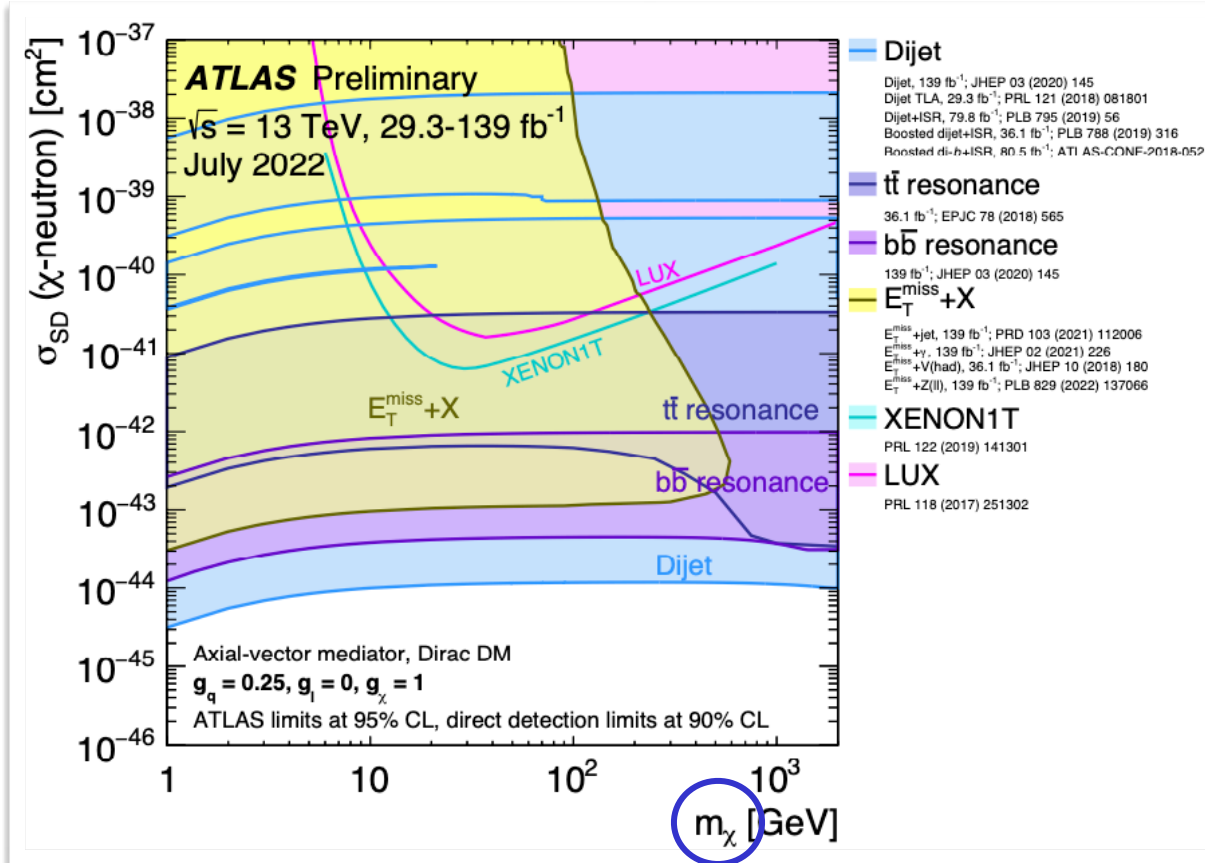
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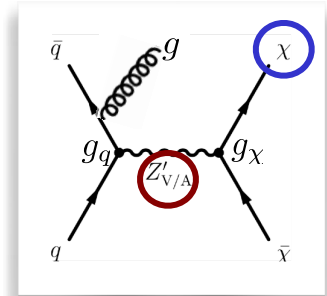
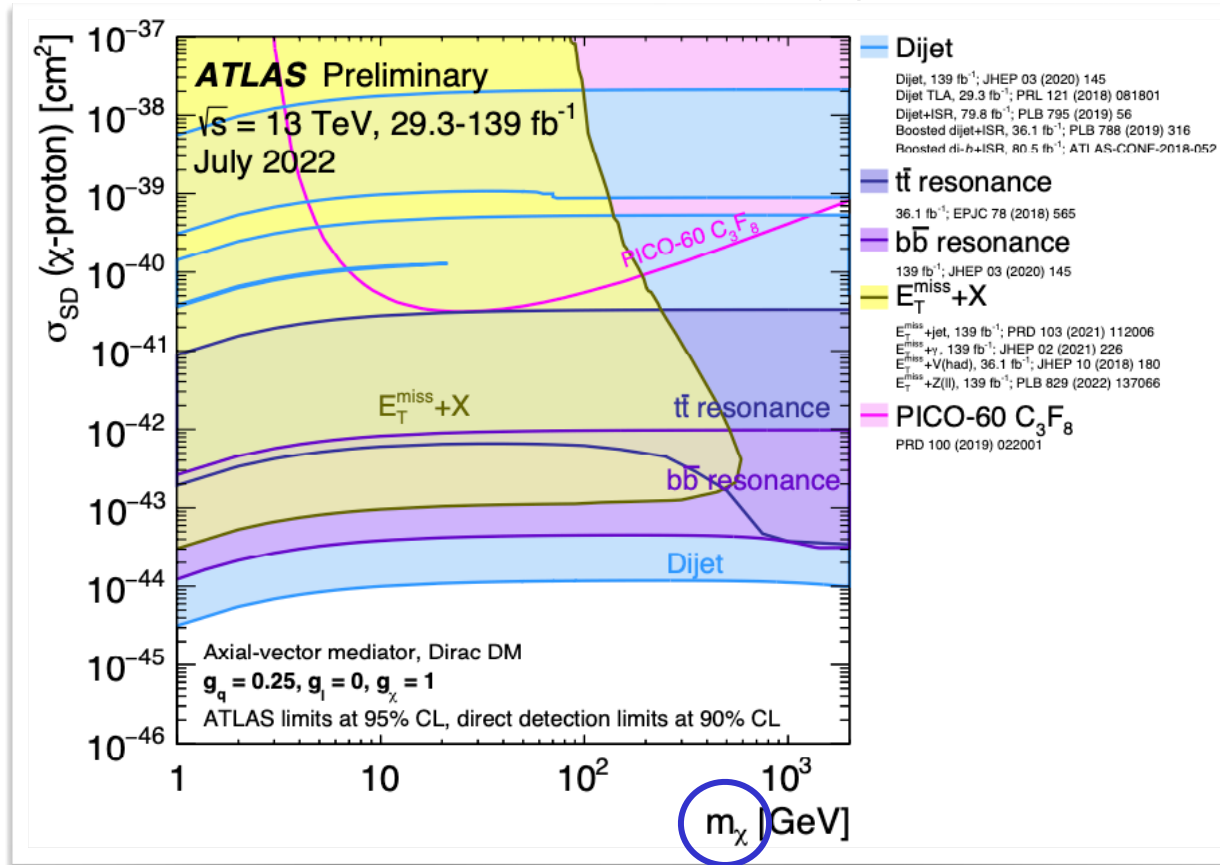
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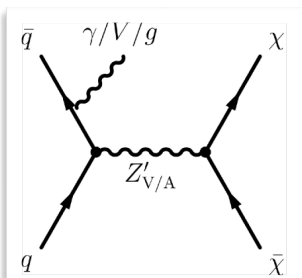
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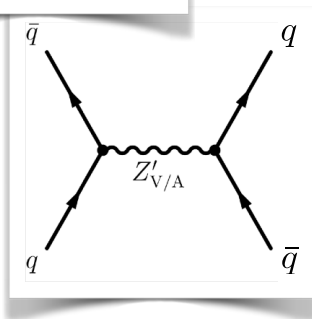
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Why those benchmarks?

- $g_\chi = 1$  : sizeable coupling to DM through  $Z'\chi\bar{\chi}$  vertex!
- $g_q = 0.25$  : mediator coupling to SM quarks ensures  $\Gamma_{Z'}/m_{Z'} < 10\%$ 
  - Narrow width approximation + interpretation as *resonance* searches
- $g_\ell = 0.01$  : effective coupling to leptons through Z'-Z mixing via loops
  - natural for  $g_\ell/g_q = \mathcal{O}(0.1)$  [1], since  $g_q = 0.25$
- $g_\ell = 0.1$  : scenario with  $g_\ell = g_q = 0.1$ : prevalence of leptonic channels



$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{vector}} = -g_{\text{DM}} Z'_\mu \bar{\chi} \gamma^\mu \chi - g_q \sum_{q=u,d,s,c,b,t} Z'_\mu \bar{q} \gamma^\mu q - g_\ell \sum_{\ell=e,\mu,\tau} Z'_\mu \bar{\ell} \gamma^\mu \ell,$$

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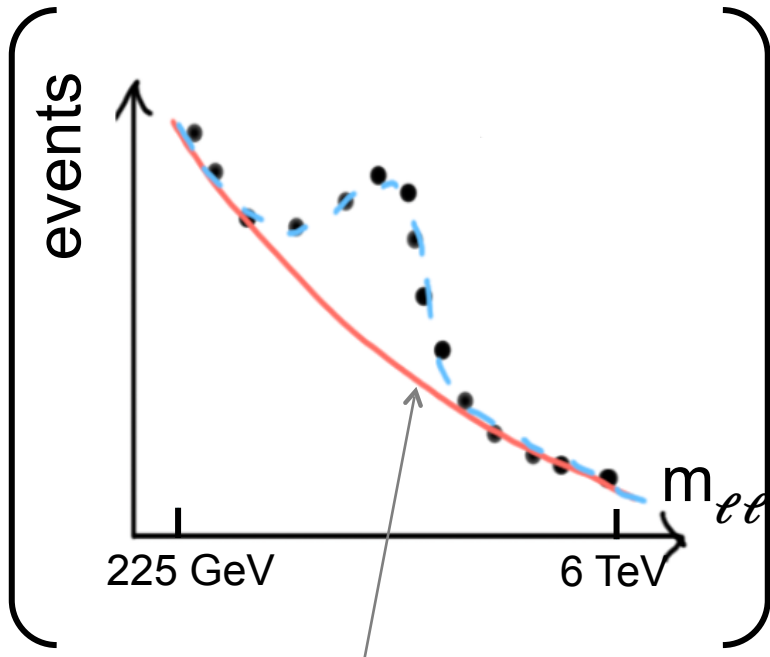
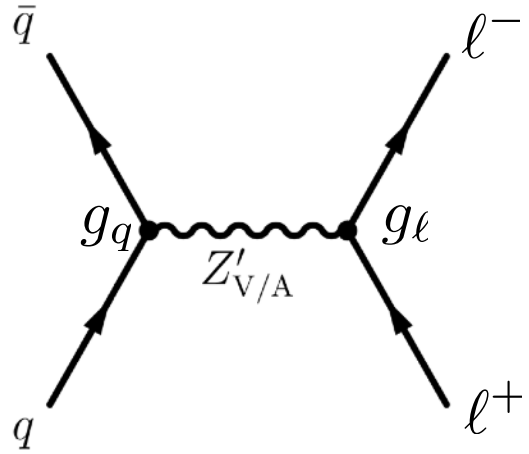
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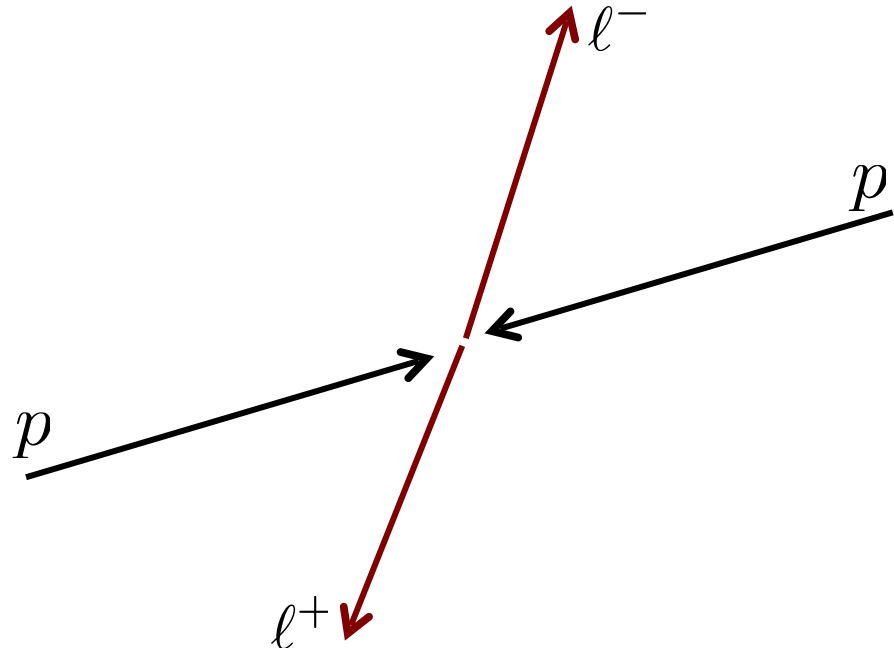


• **Analysis strategy:**

- Require  $ee$  or  $\mu\mu$  pair with  $p_T \gtrsim 220$  GeV
- $m_{\ell\ell} > 225$  GeV
- Look for excess in  $m_{\ell\ell}$  distribution:



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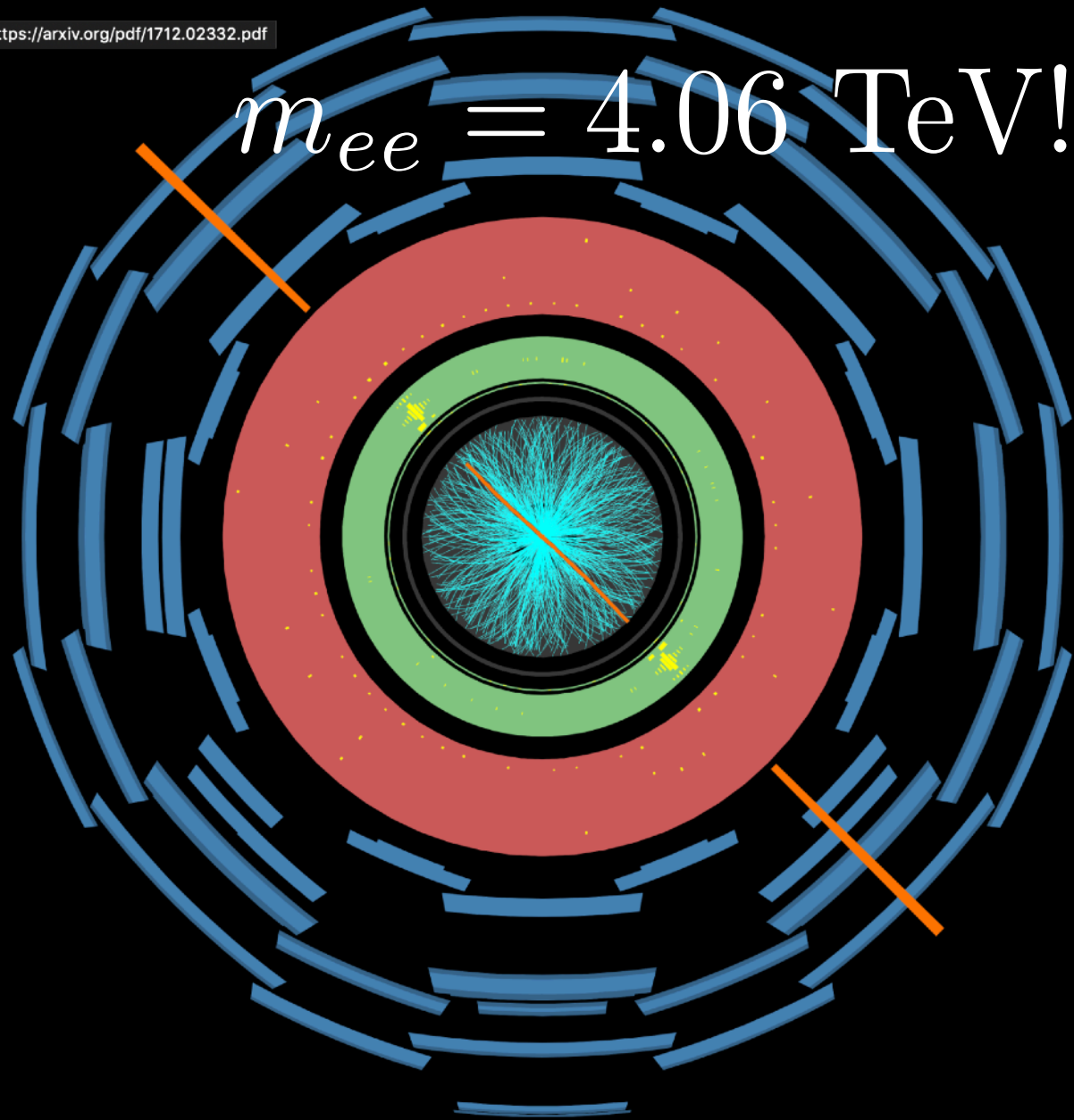


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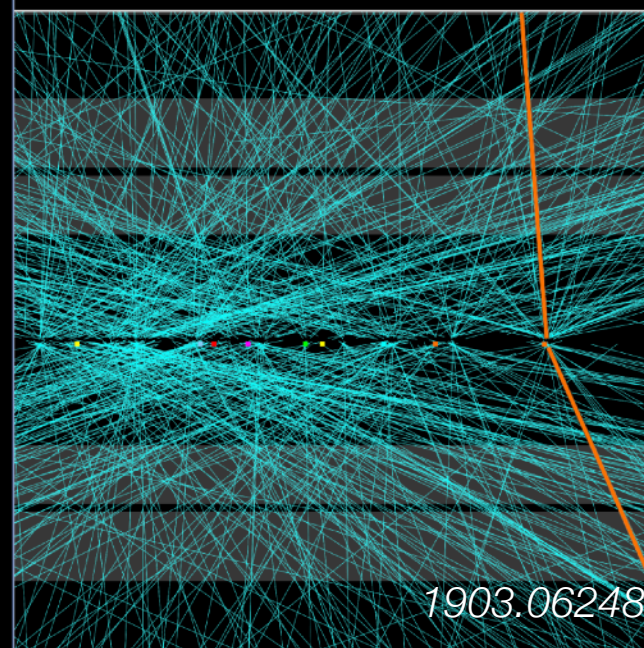
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$$m_{ee} = 4.06 \text{ TeV!}$$

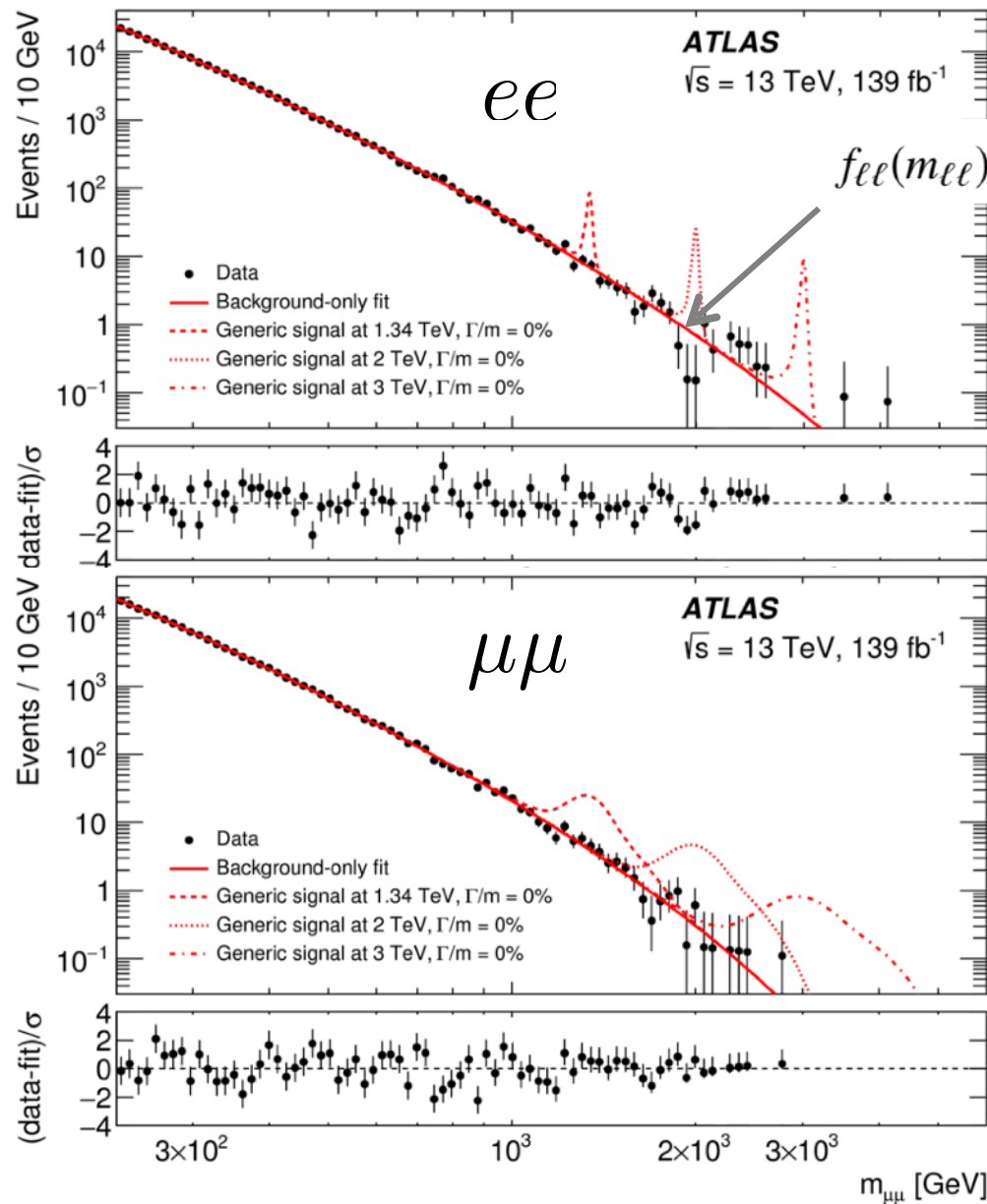


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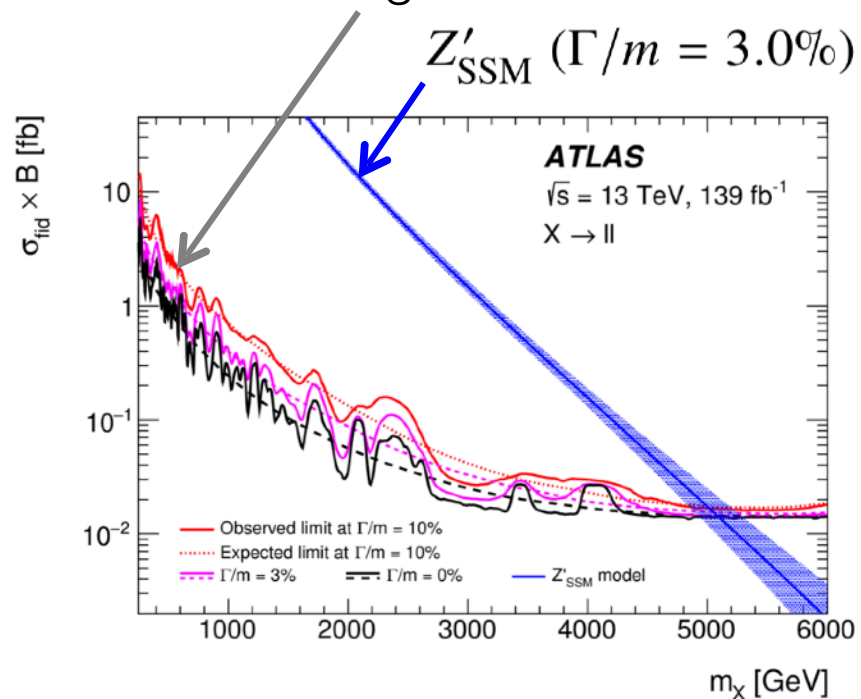
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Background parametrisation:

$$f_{ee}(m_{ee}) = f_{BW,Z}(m_{ee}) \cdot (1 - x^c)^b \cdot x^{\sum_{i=0}^3 p_i \log(x)^i}$$

Generic resonance limits for Breit-Wigner  $\otimes$  resolution

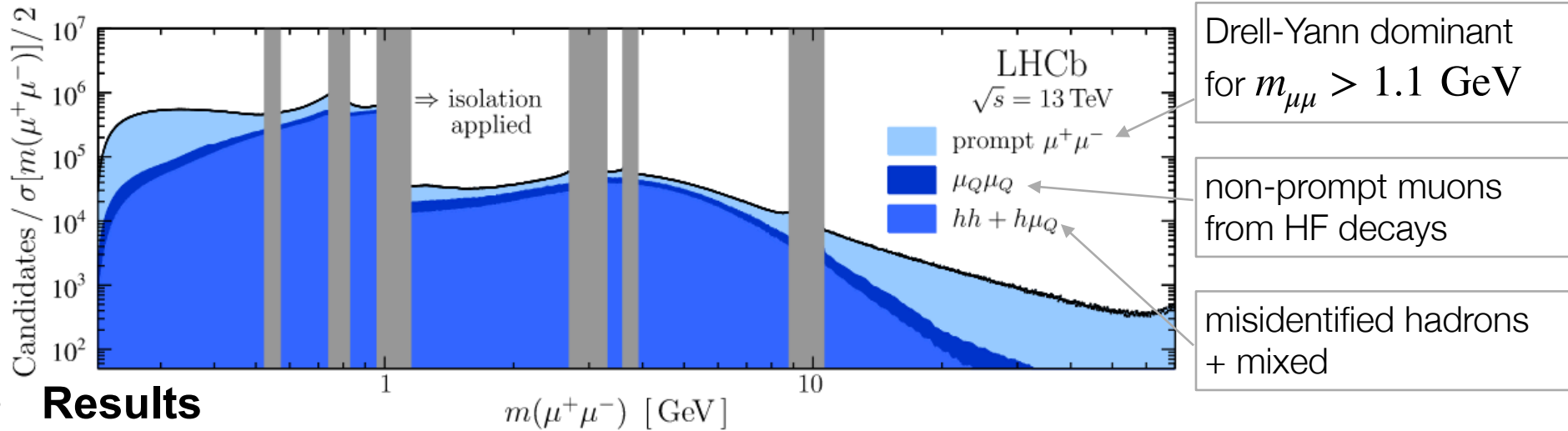


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## • Analysis strategy:

- Capture resonance decaying into  $\mu^+\mu^-$  + dedicated dimuon triggers
- Reduce Drell-Yann via  $k_t$ -cone isolation



## • Results

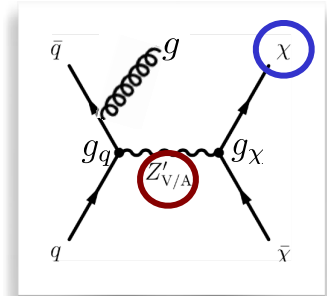
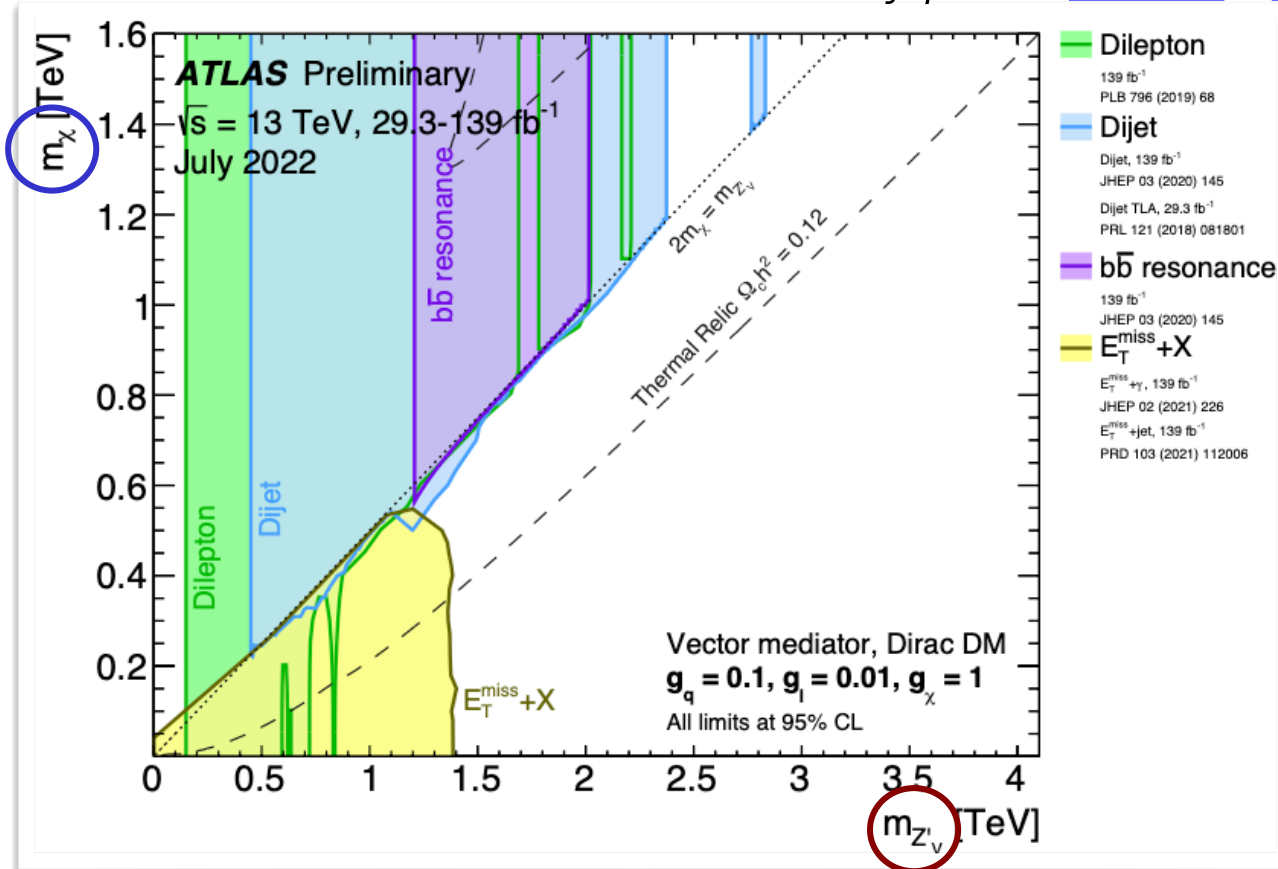
Complementarity to ATLAS+CMS at low  $m_{\mu\mu}$ !

PRL 124 (2020) 041801

[1] JHEP 04 (2008) 005 116



All DM summary plots: [ATLAS](#) / [CMS](#)



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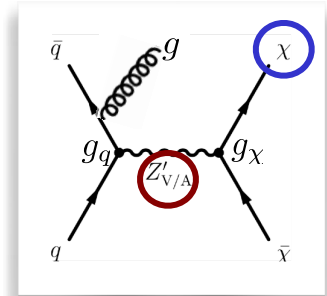
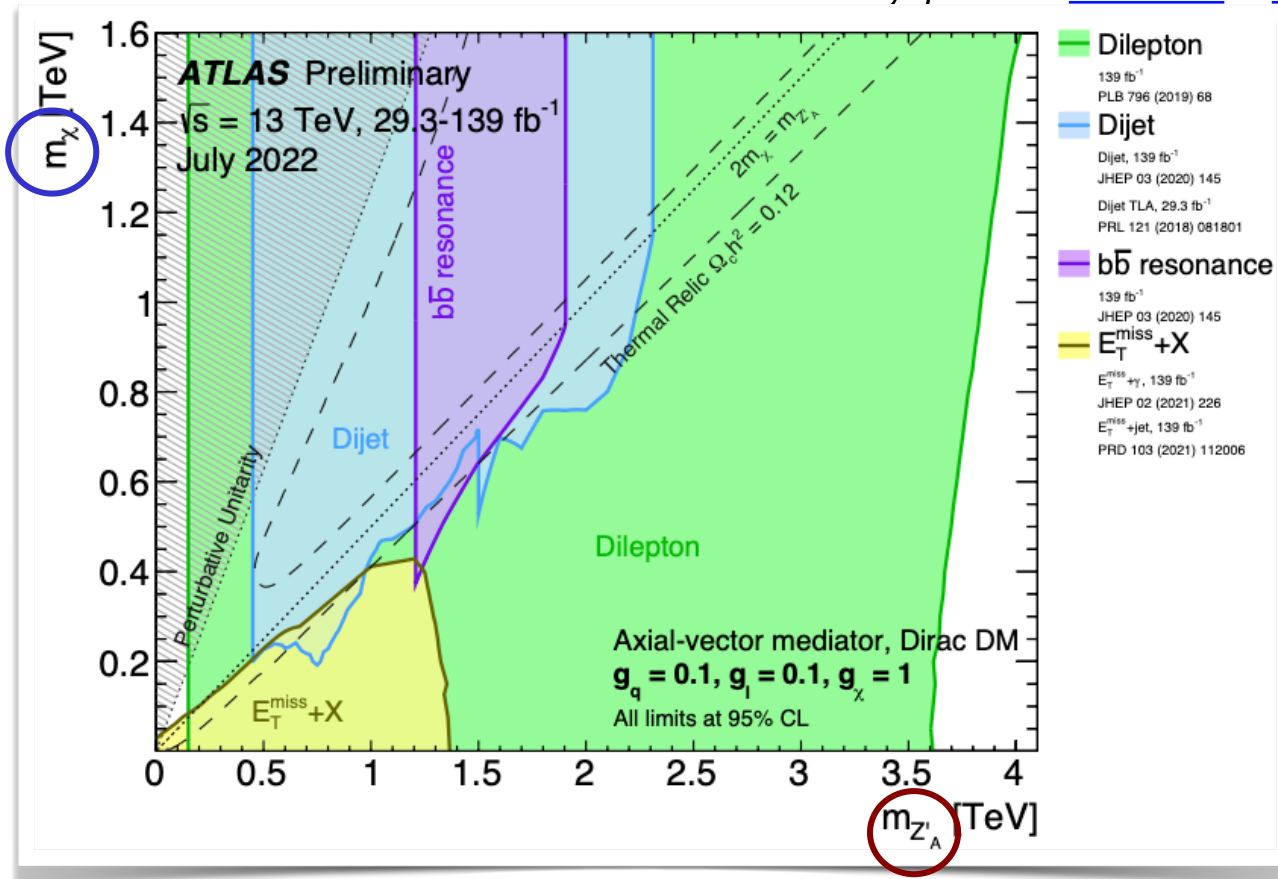
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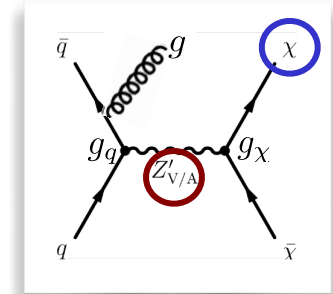
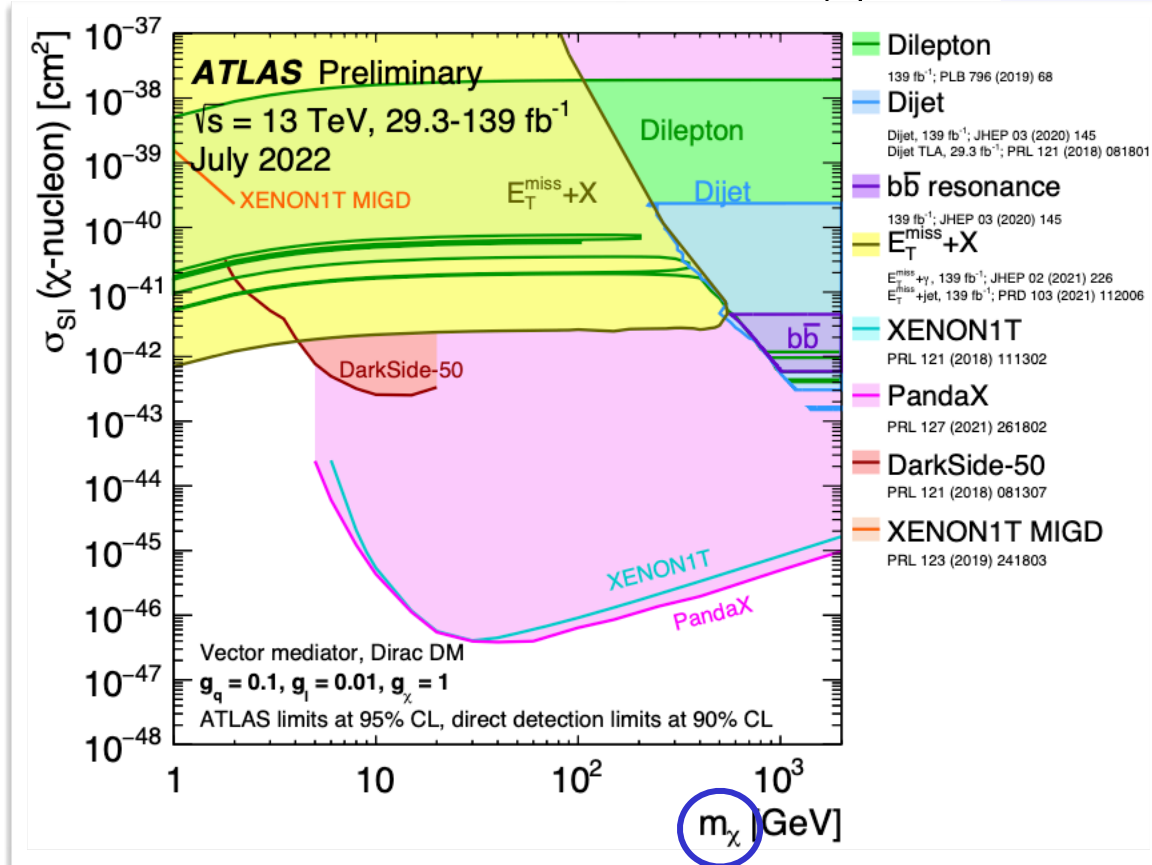
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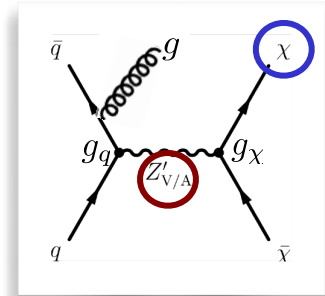
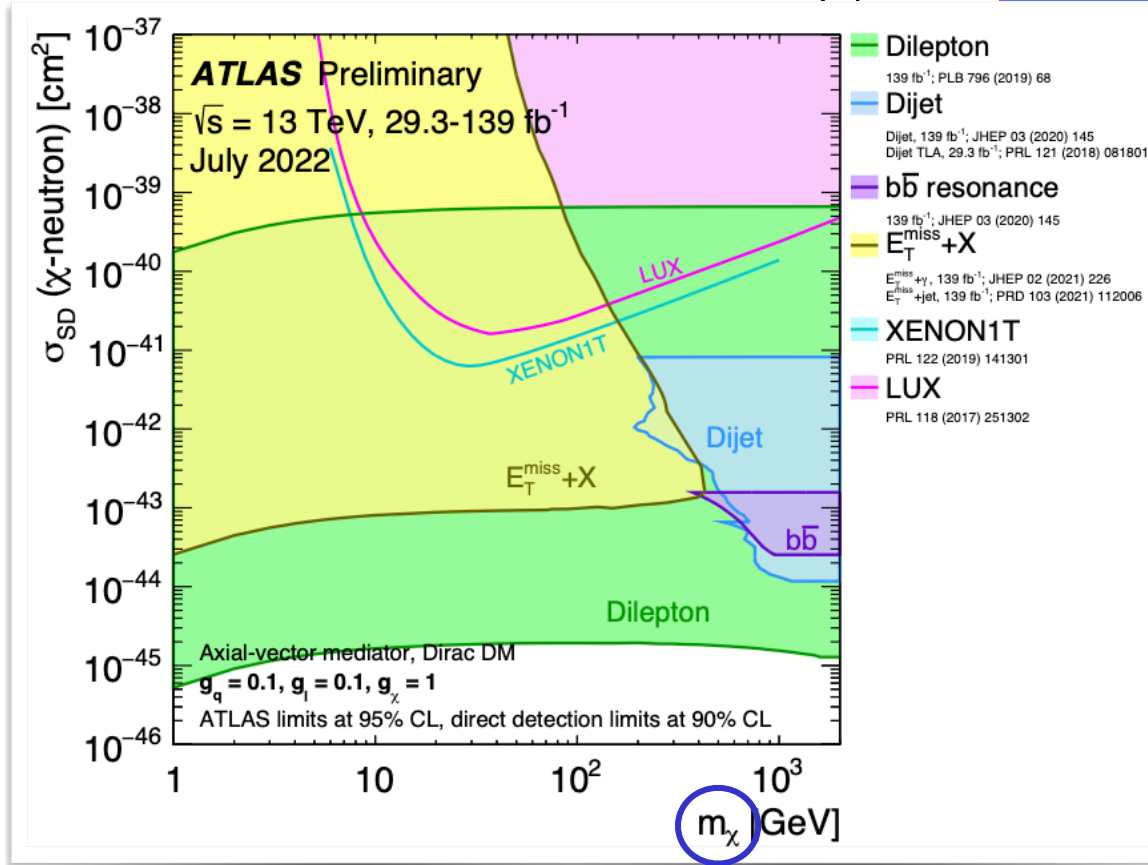
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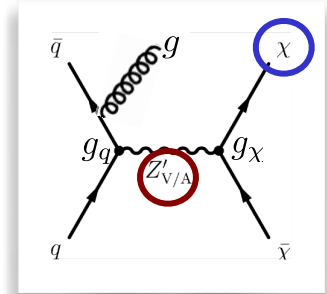
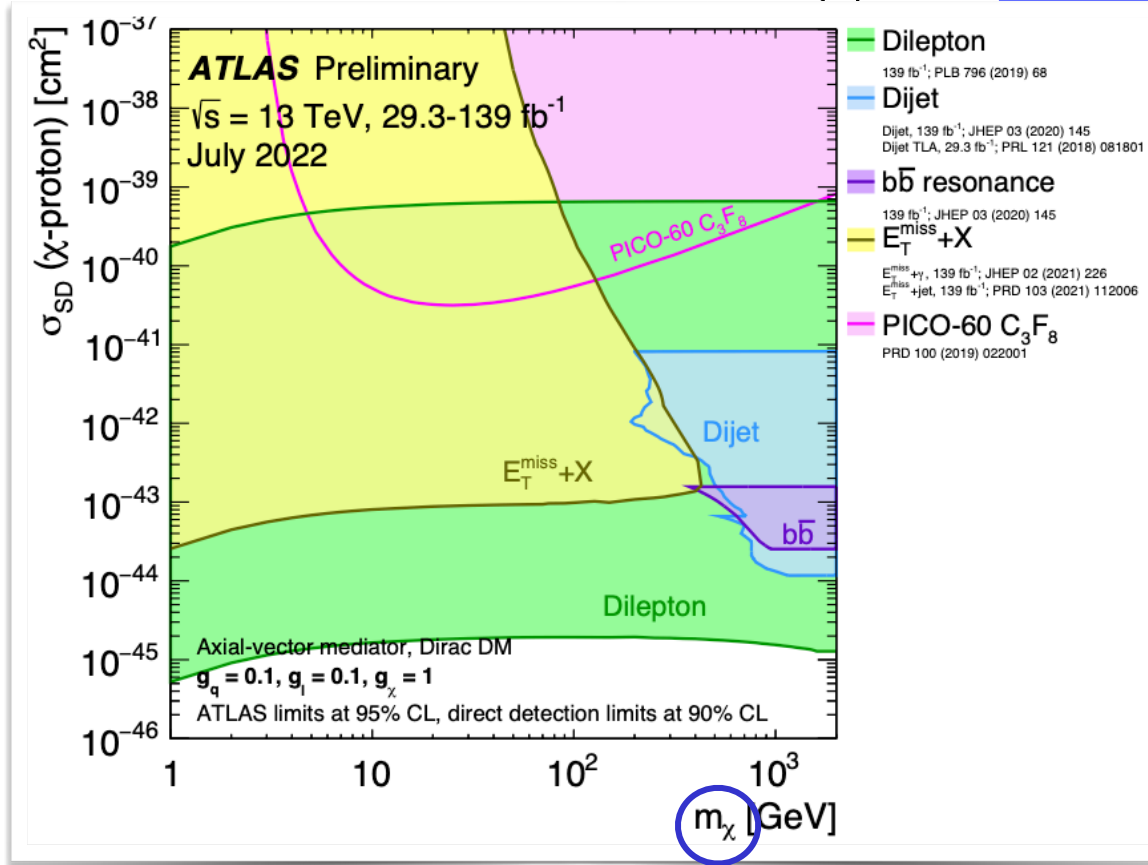
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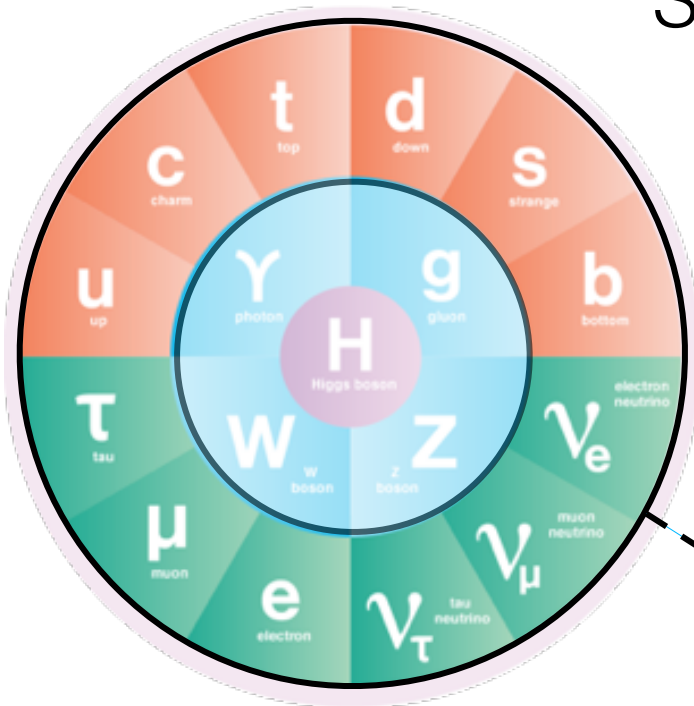
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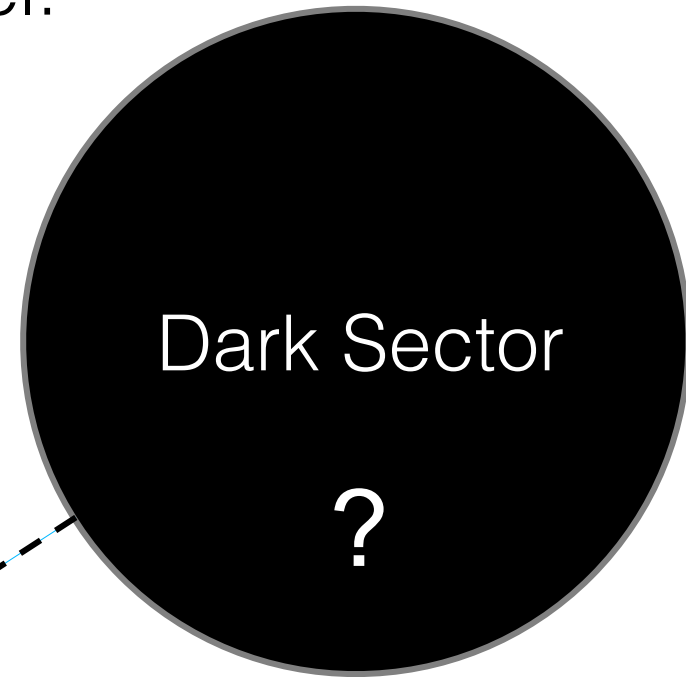
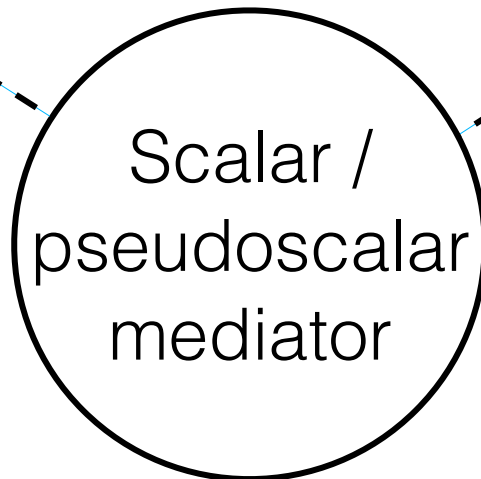




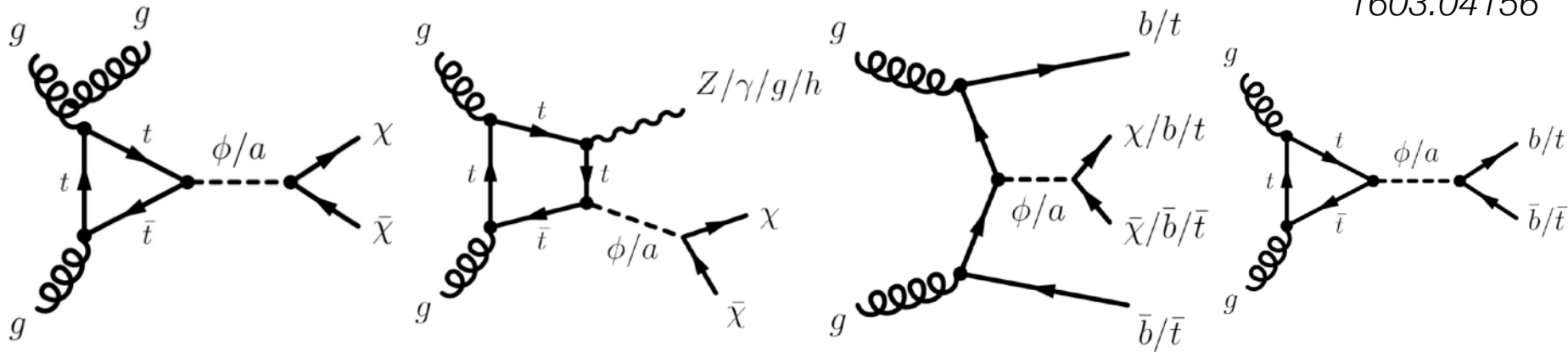
Simplified model:  
s-channel  
mediators



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- Motivation:**
- 1) Mediator that couples to SM and to Dark Sector particles
  - 2) Generic signatures that are present in complete models
  - 3) minimal assumptions about dark sector (one DM particle)



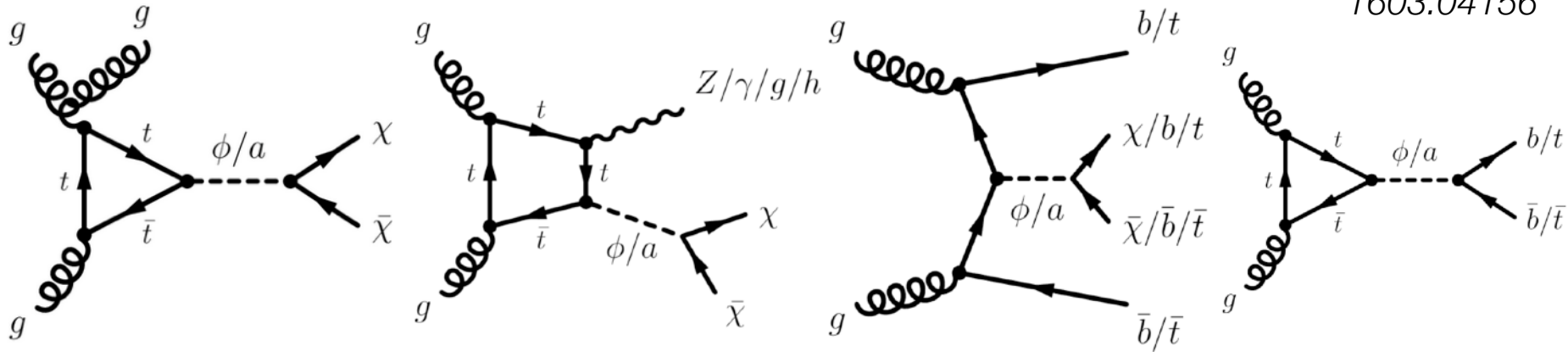
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Yukawa-like coupling to SM fermions:  $y_q = \sqrt{2} m_q / v$ ,  $v = 246 \text{ GeV}$

Minimal flavour violation ( $g_q$  universal)  $\rightarrow$  avoid flavour physics constraints

Minimal assumptions about the dark sector (additional DOF integrated out)



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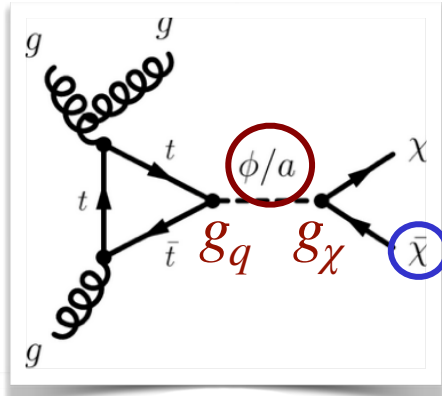
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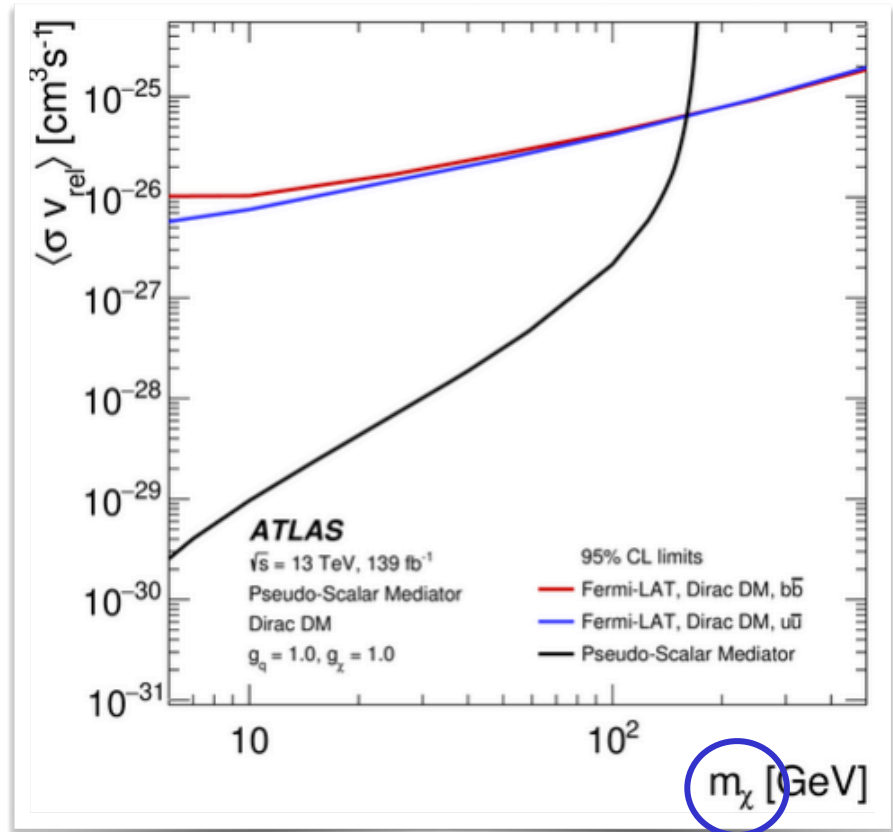
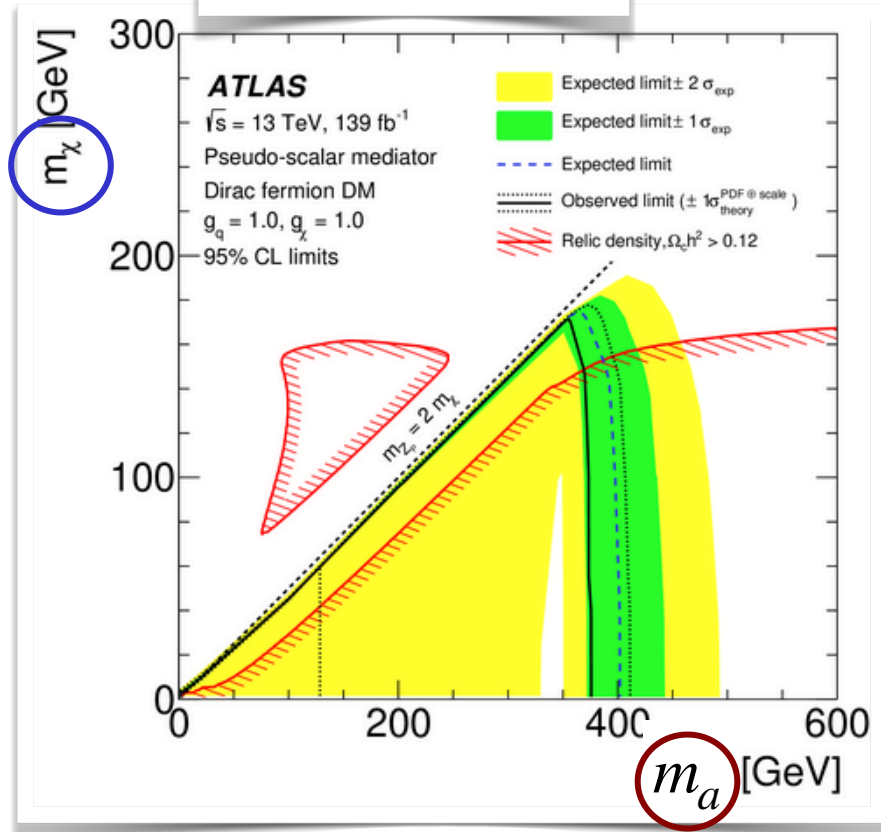
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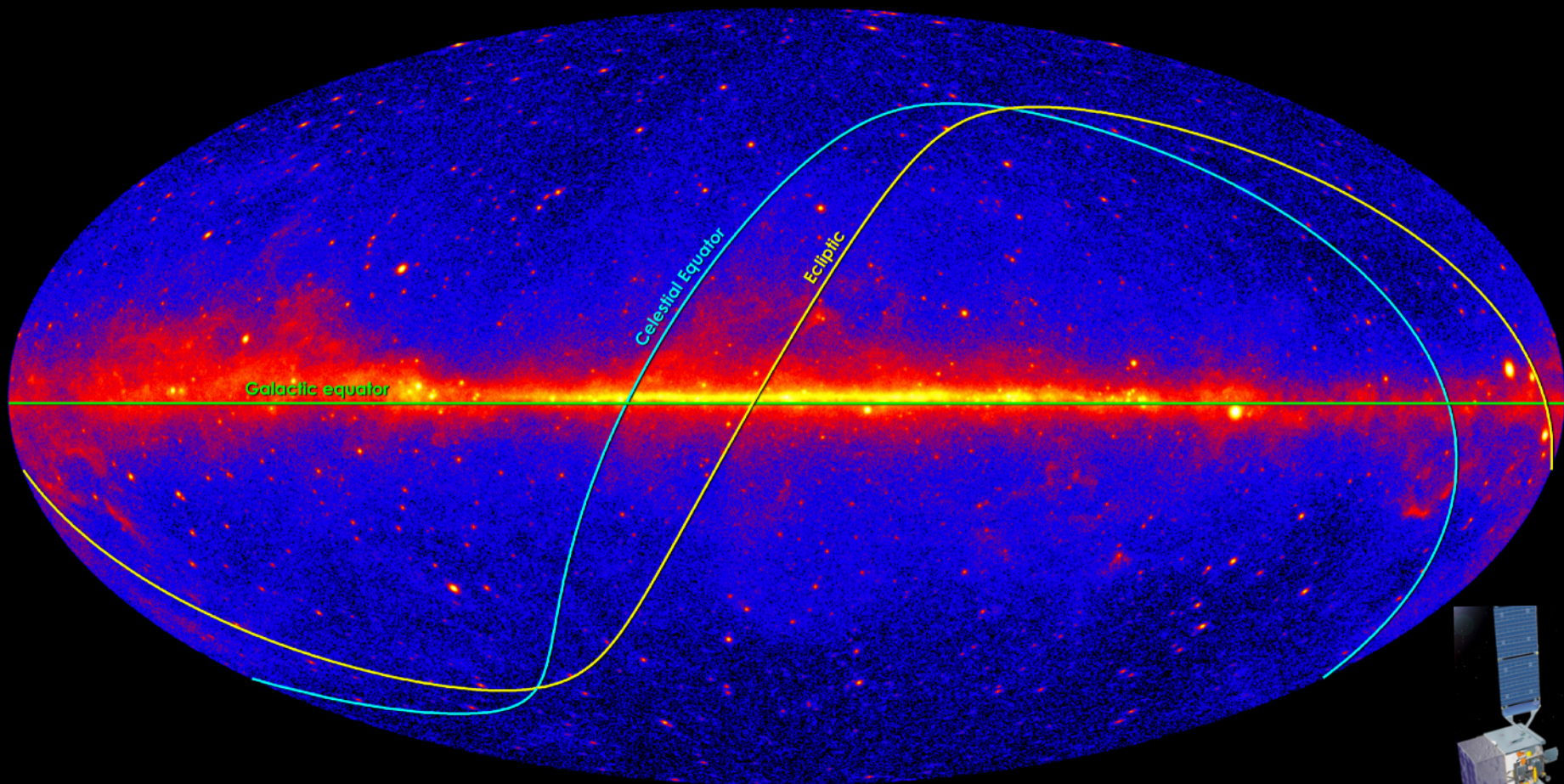
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Direct detection sensitivity to DM strongly velocity-suppressed  
 → indirect detection interpretation  
 → compare to Fermi-LAT



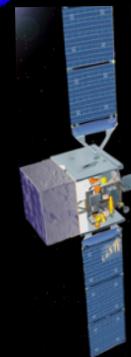
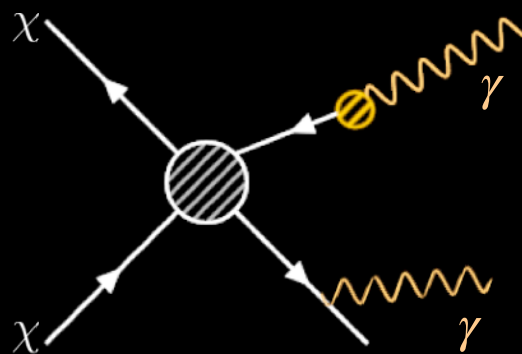
# FERMI-LAT MAP OF THE $\gamma$ RAY SKY



Search for  $\gamma$  from:

- Galactic centre
- Dwarf spheroidal galaxies

Interpret as limits on DM annihilation

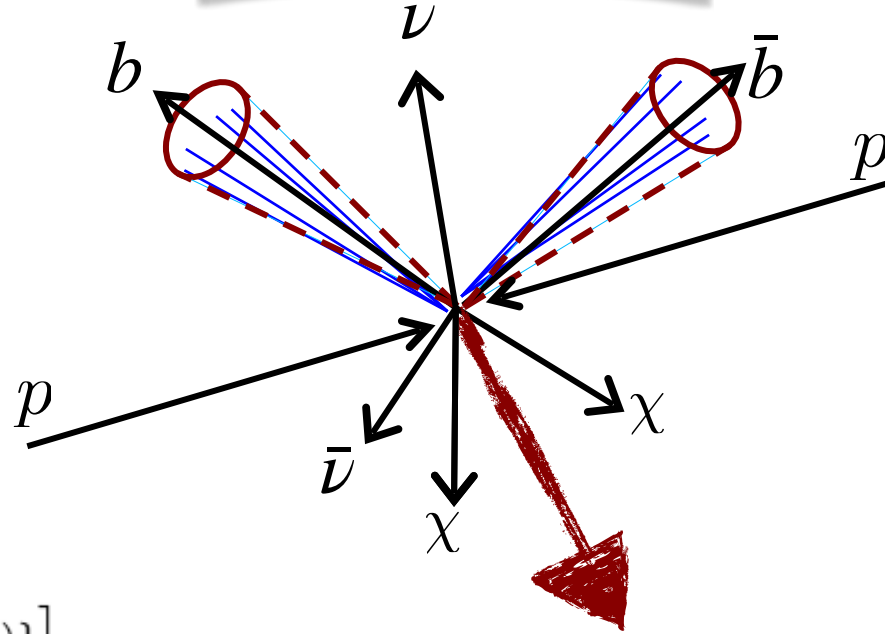
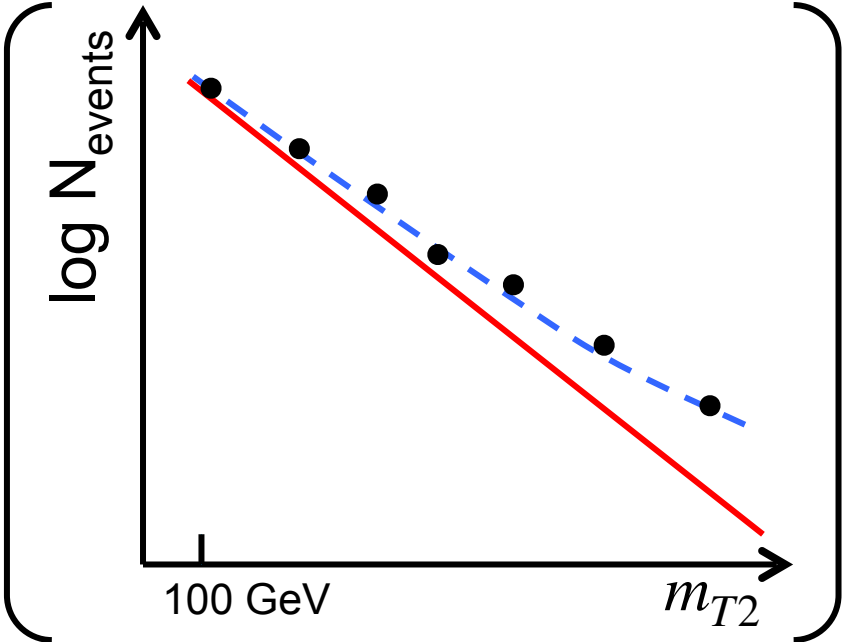
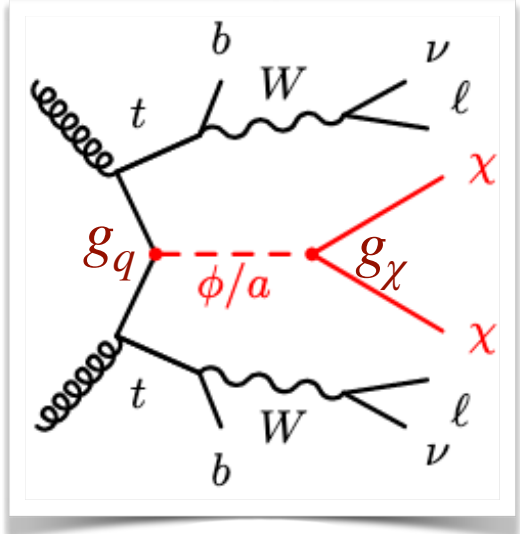




# $t\bar{t} + \chi\bar{\chi}$ : (PSEUDO-) SCALAR MEDIATORS

## • Analysis strategy:

- Dilepton channel, single lepton trigger
- Require  $\geq 1$  b-tagged jet
- Significant MET
- $|m_{\ell\ell} - m_Z| > 20$  GeV
- Look for excess in  $m_{T2}$  distribution:

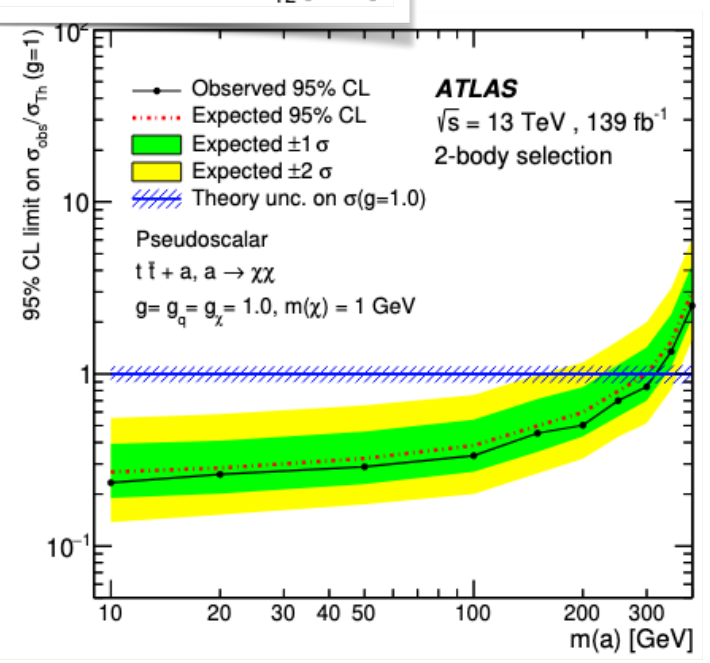
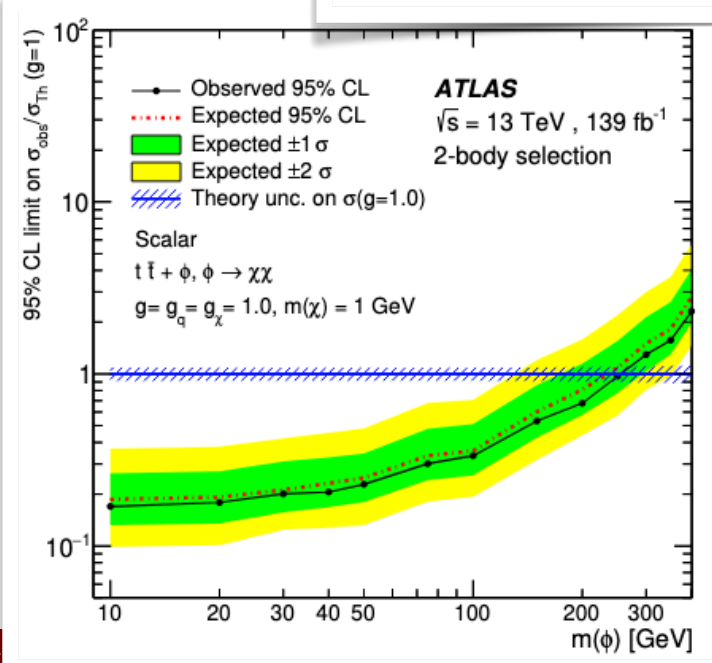
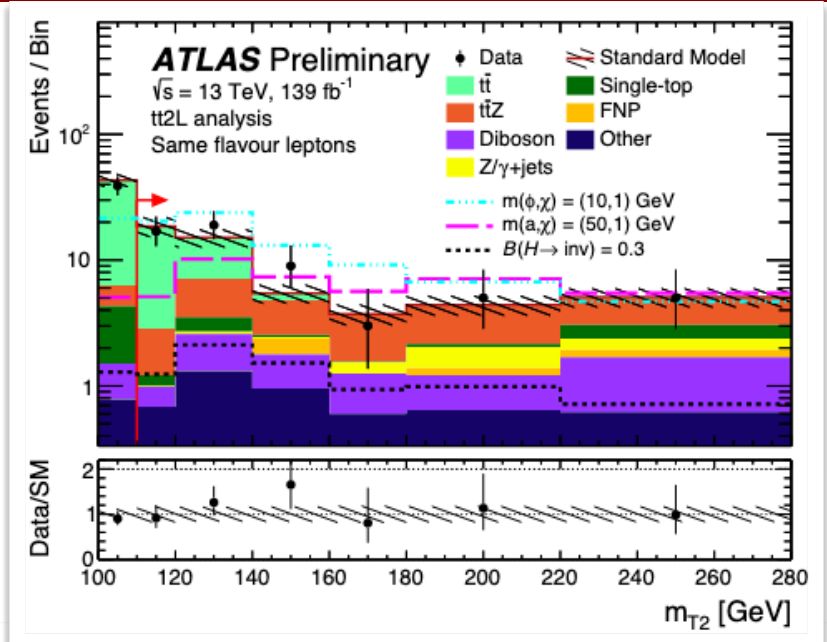


$$m_{\tilde{t}}^2 \geq M_{T2}^2 \equiv \min_{\mathbf{p}_1 + \mathbf{p}_2 = \mathbf{p}_T} \left[ \max \{ m_T^2(\mathbf{p}_{T1-}, \mathbf{p}_1), m_T^2(\mathbf{p}_{T1+}, \mathbf{p}_2) \} \right]$$

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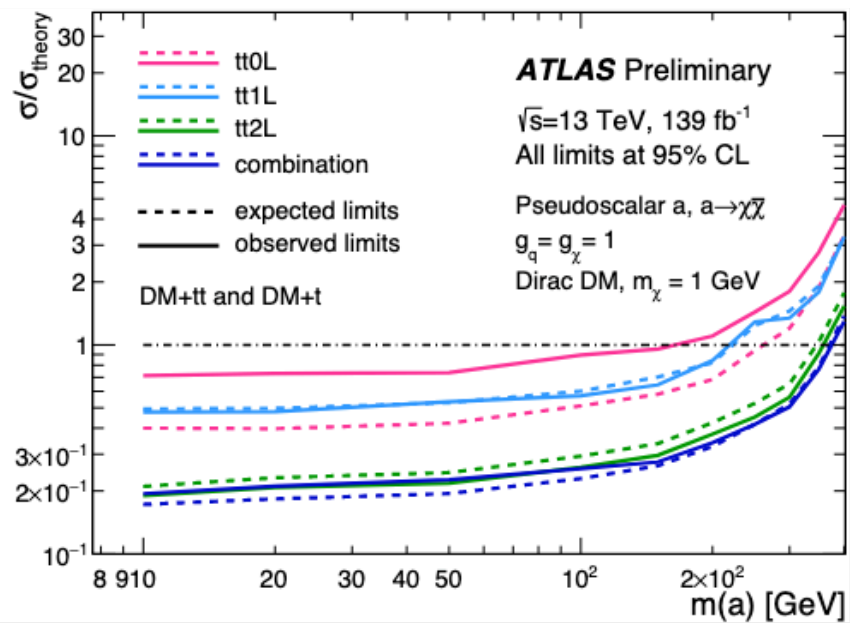
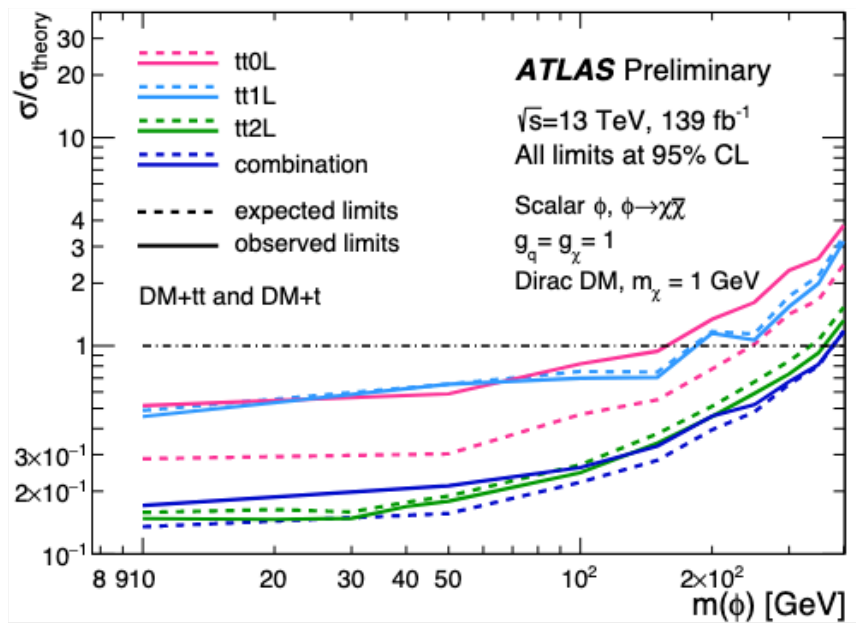
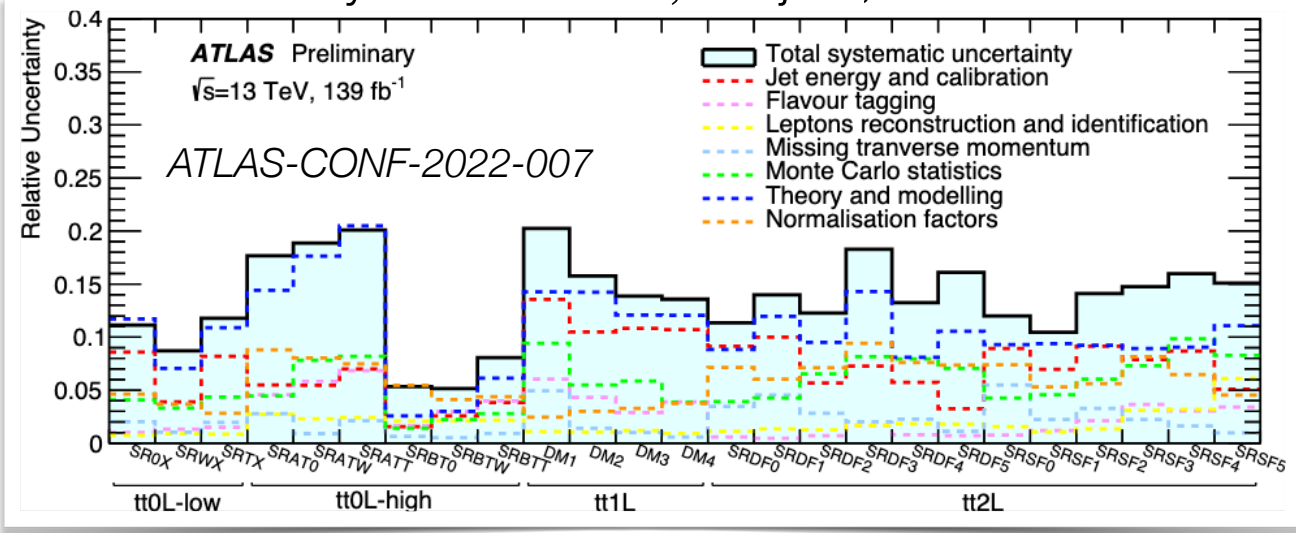
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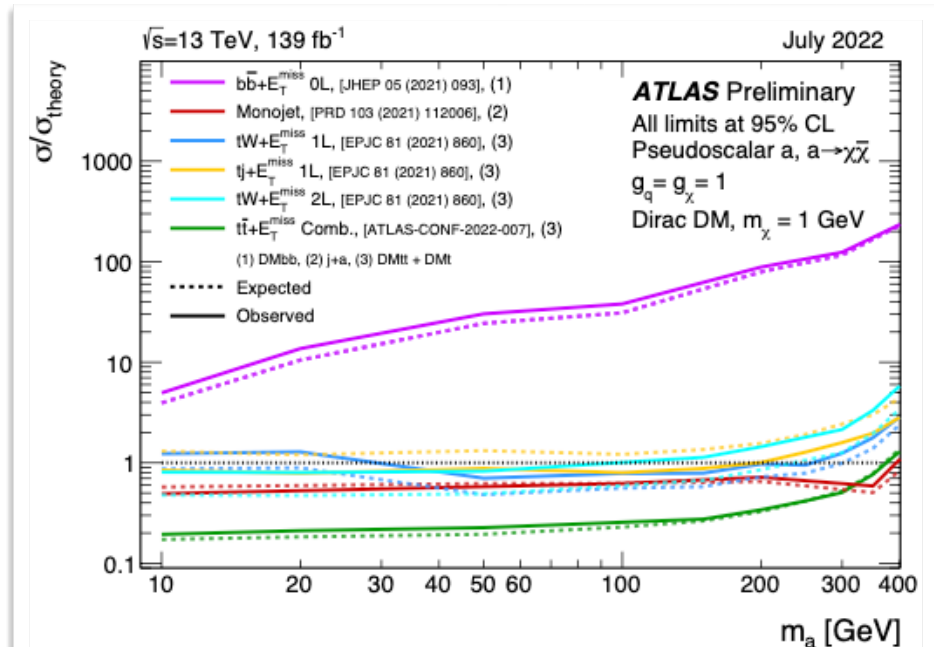
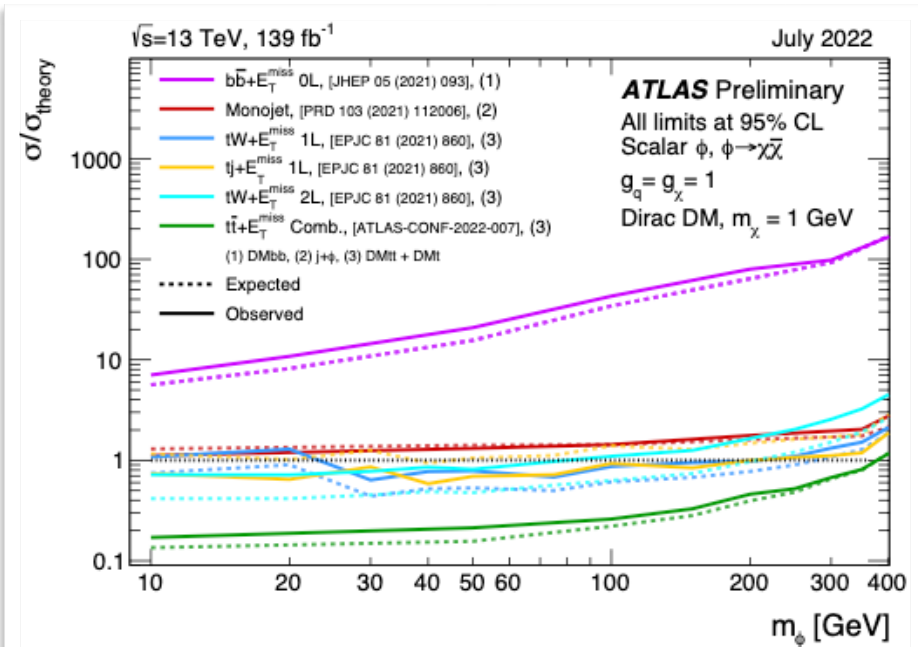
Statistically combine  $2\ell, \ell + \text{jets}$ , all-had channels



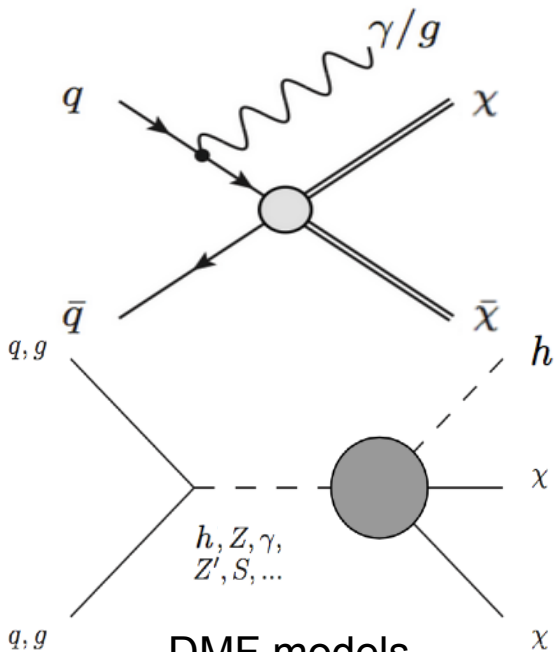
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# S-CHANNEL (PSEUDO-) SCALAR MEDIATOR: PIECE IT TOGETHER



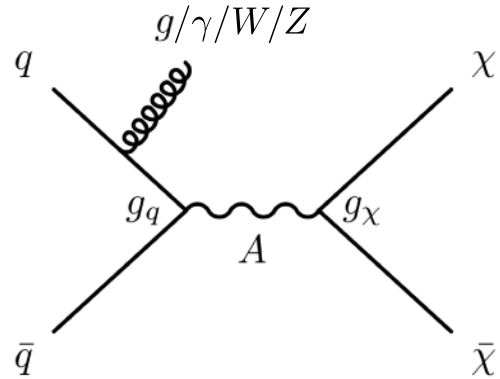


- $b\bar{b}+E_T^{\text{miss}} \text{ 0L, [JHEP 05 (2021) 093], (1)}$
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- (1) DMbb, (2) j+a, (3) DMtt + DMt



DMF models  
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**1) Effective field theory**

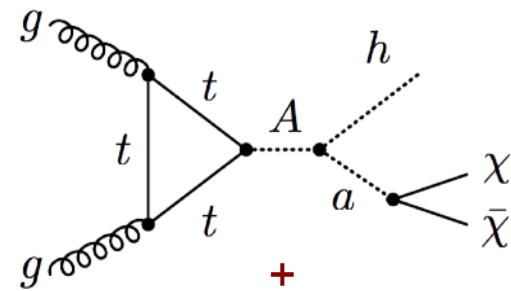


s-channel mediators

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t-channel mediators  
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**2) Simplified models**



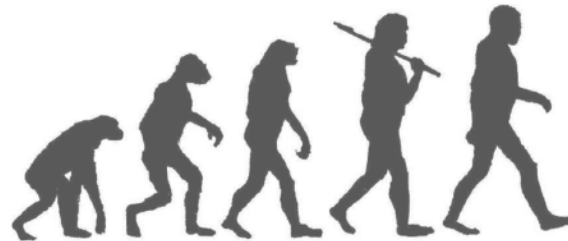
*many other signatures*

2HDM+a model  
JHEP 05 (2017) 138  
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Dark Higgs model  
JHEP 04(2017)143 **4) complete**  
**3) Simplified, consistent, models & UV-complete models**

**Supersymmetry**  
DM candidate: lightest super-symmetric particle

*White Papers of  
[LHC DM WG/DMF](#)*



*Richer kinematics + phenomenology*



# LHC DM WG: Dark Matter Searches at the LHC

## Dark Matter WG

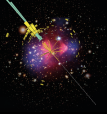
› WG documents

› WG Meetings

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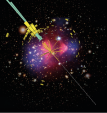
- Provide **open, collaborative, and friendly** environment for:
  - Discuss new Dark Matter signatures
  - Devise future searches for Dark Matter
  - Provide recommendations for interpretation of Dark Matter searches
- **Your** ideas very welcome:
  - E.g. t-channel mediators, dark photon models, you name it!
    - Suggestions for future topics you would like to tackle very welcome!
- **Facilitate exchange of ideas** through meetings etc:
  - <http://simba3.web.cern.ch/simba3/SelfSubscription.aspx?groupName=lhc-dmwg-contributors>





# 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

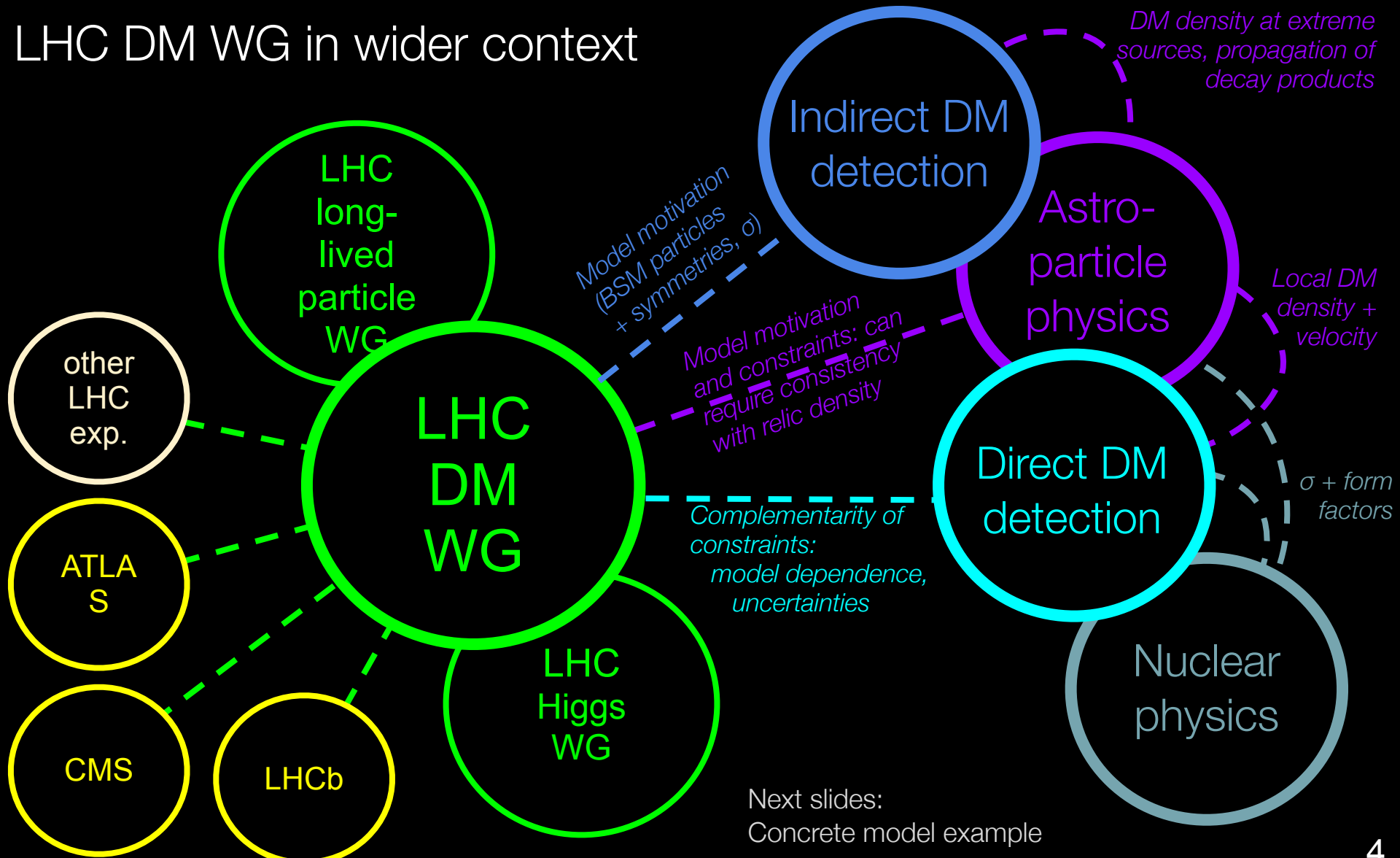


- Logistics:
  - [Website](#)
  - [Indico agenda space](#)
  - Mailing list for discussion/questions (everyone subscribed can post):
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Open to newcomers!  
Easy to contribute!

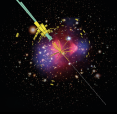
- LHC DM WG organisers ([email us](#)):
  - ATLAS: Spyros, James Frost
  - CMS: Matteo Cremonesi
  - LHCb: Xabier Cid Vidal
  - Theory: Uli Haisch, Tim Tait

# LHC DM WG in wider context



Next slides:  
Concrete model example





# LHC DM WG ecosystem in theory space

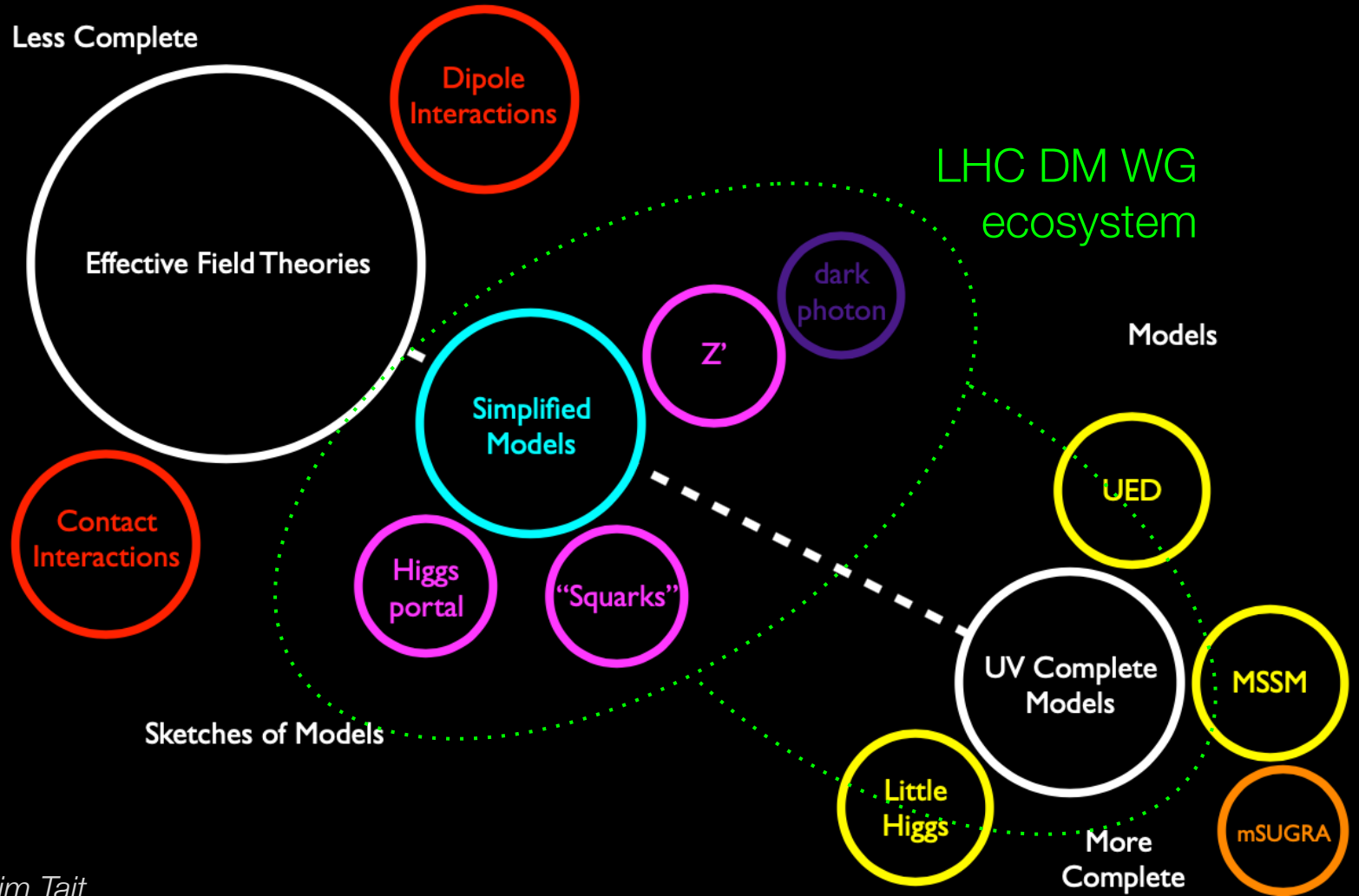
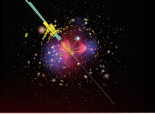
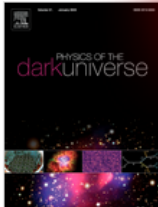
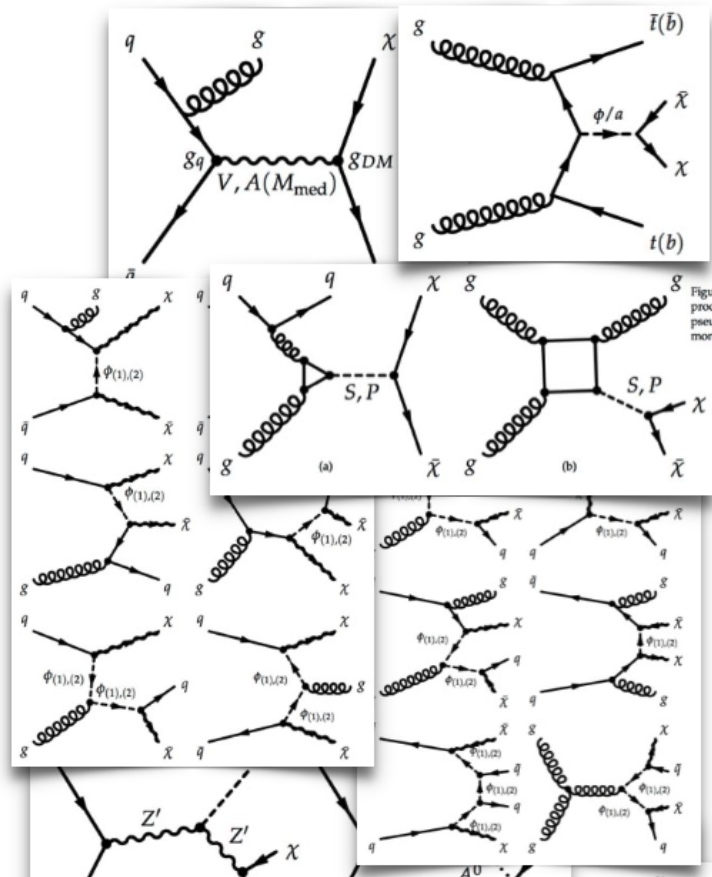


Figure: Tim Tait



# LHC DM WG: past activities

- Series of White Papers published in Phys. Dark Univ.



Dark Matter Benchmark Models for Early LHC Run-2 Searches: Report of the ATLAS/CMS Dark Matter Forum

August 8, 2016

*Phys. Dark Univ. 26 (2020) 100371*

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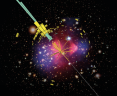
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**LHC Dark Matter Working Group:**

**Next-generation spin-0 dark matter models**

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**Next White Paper**  
t-channel mediator models



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# Navigating (DM) theory space

Less Complete

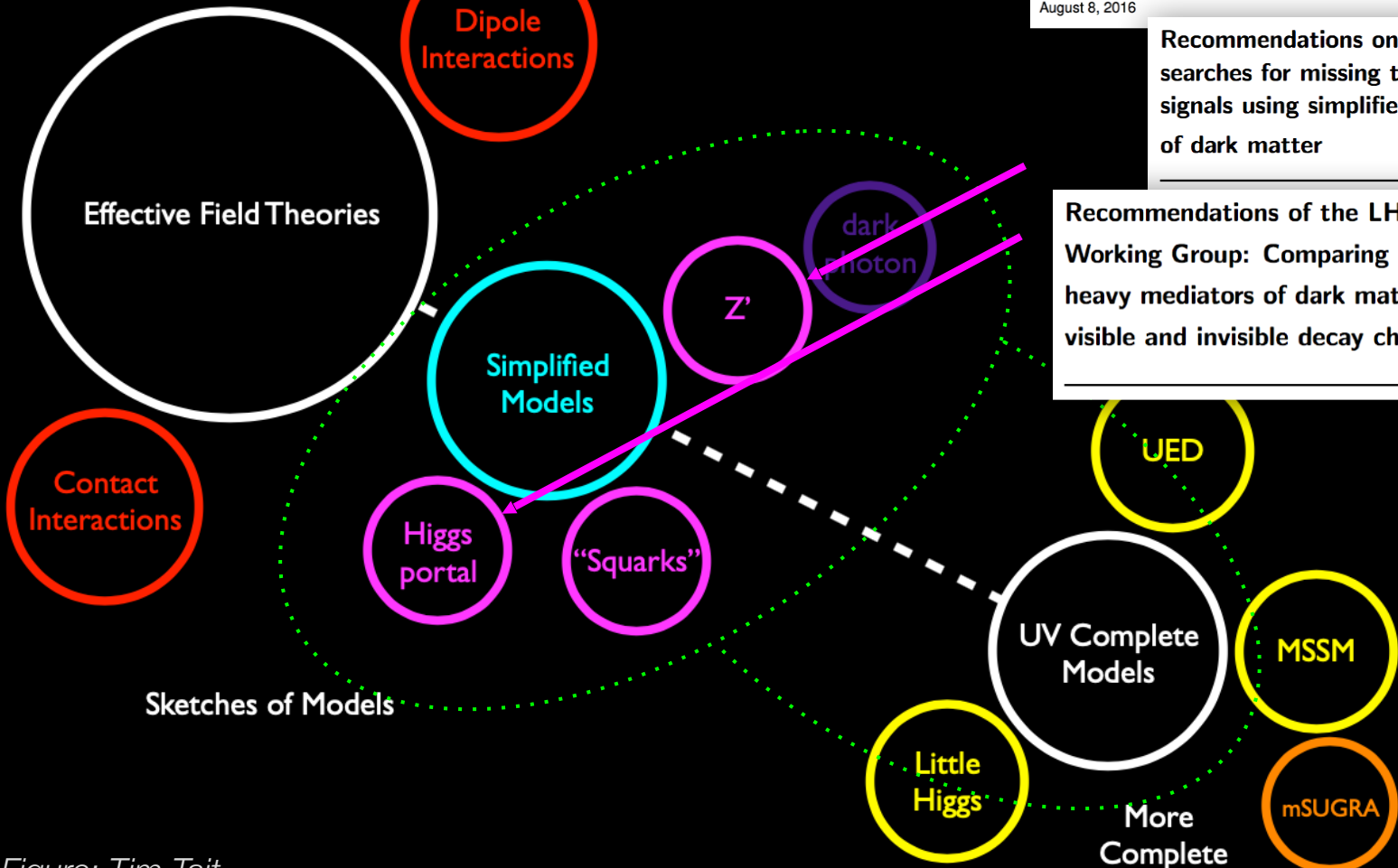
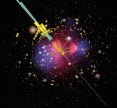
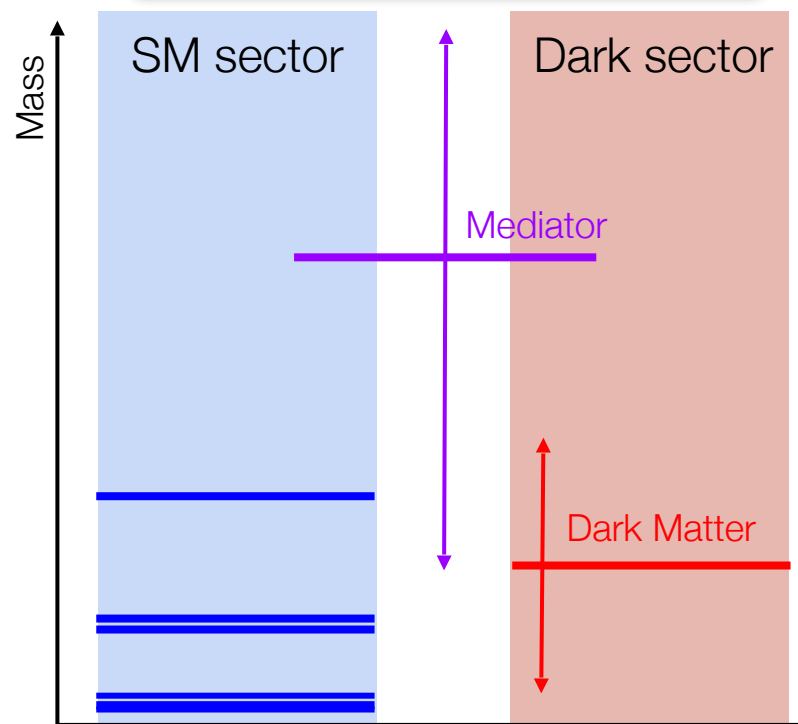
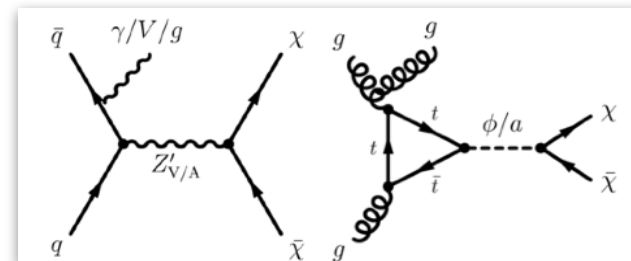


Figure: Tim Tait



# s-channel mediator models

- 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

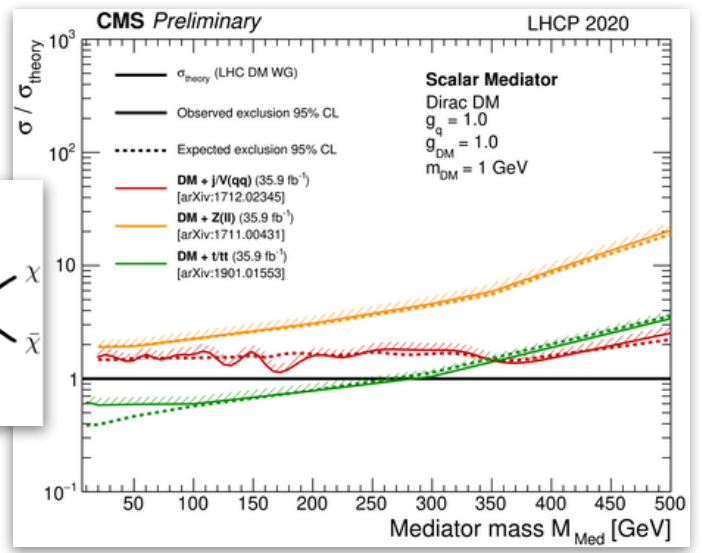
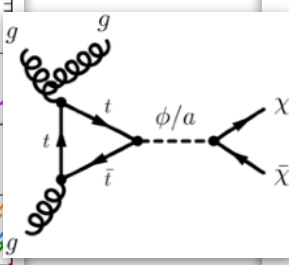
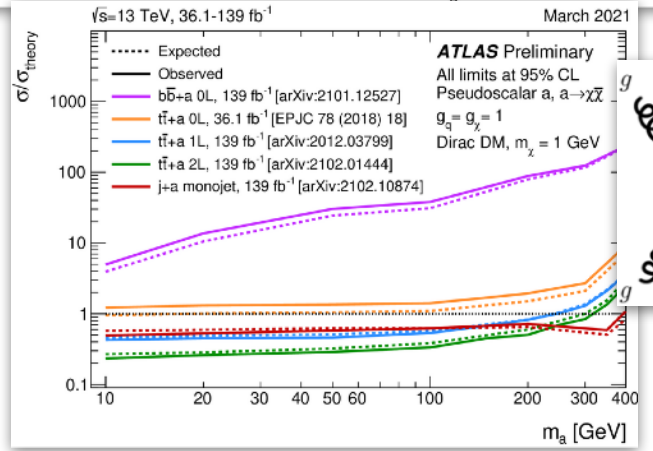
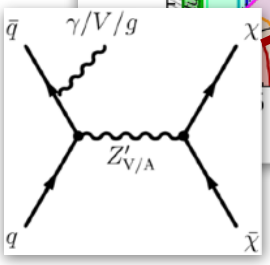
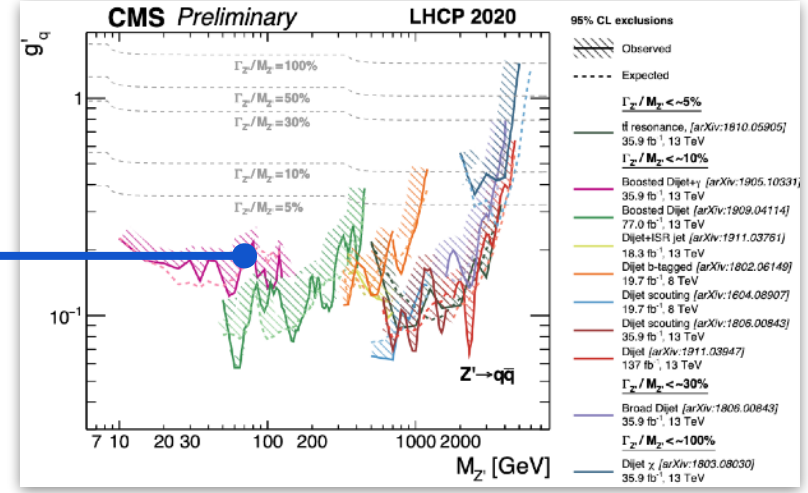
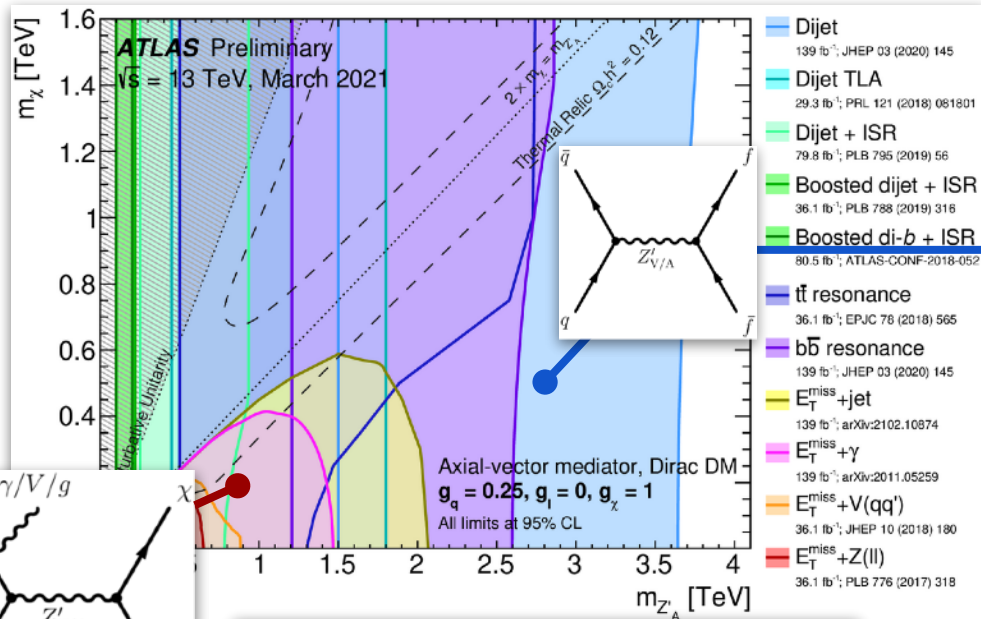


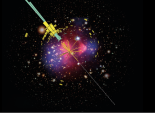
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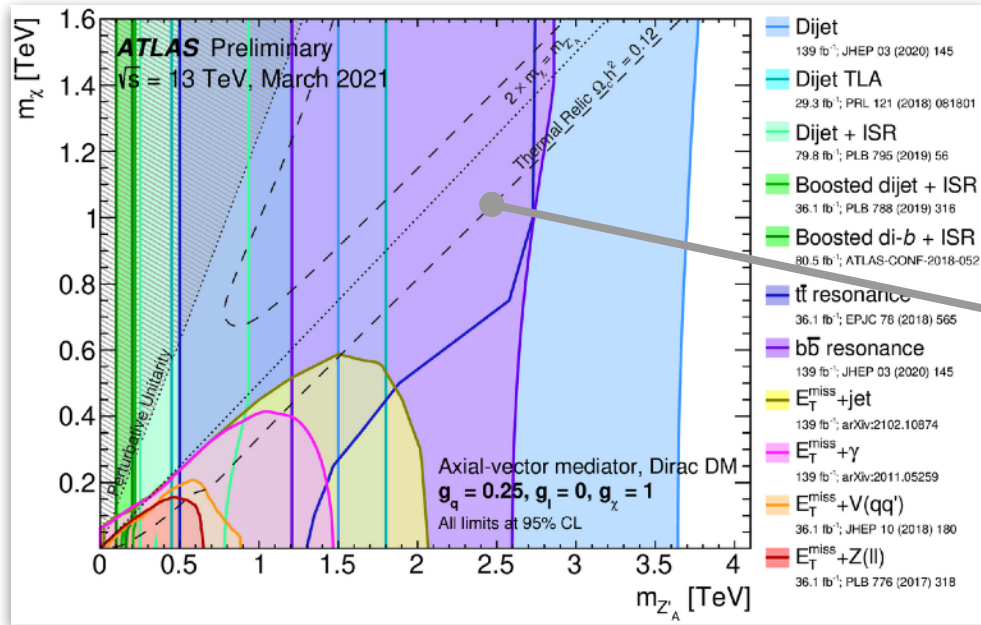
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# s-channel mediator models





# s-channel connections: relic density

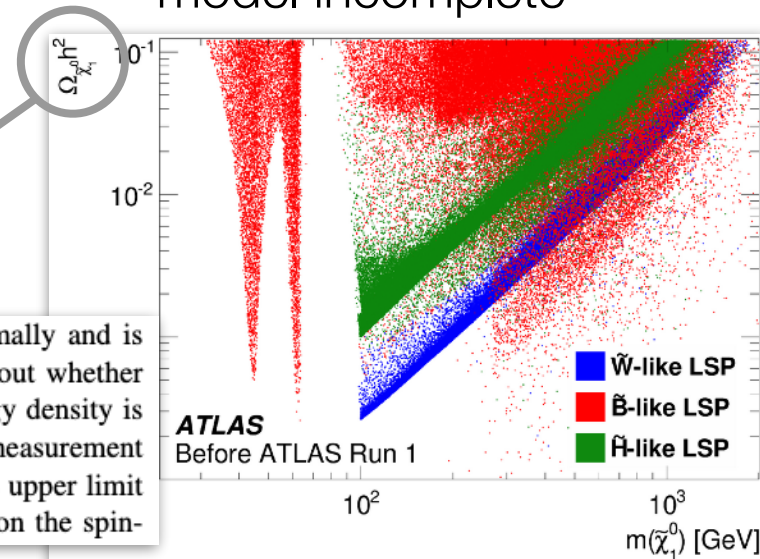


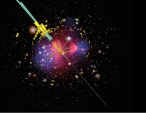
## Relic density input:

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

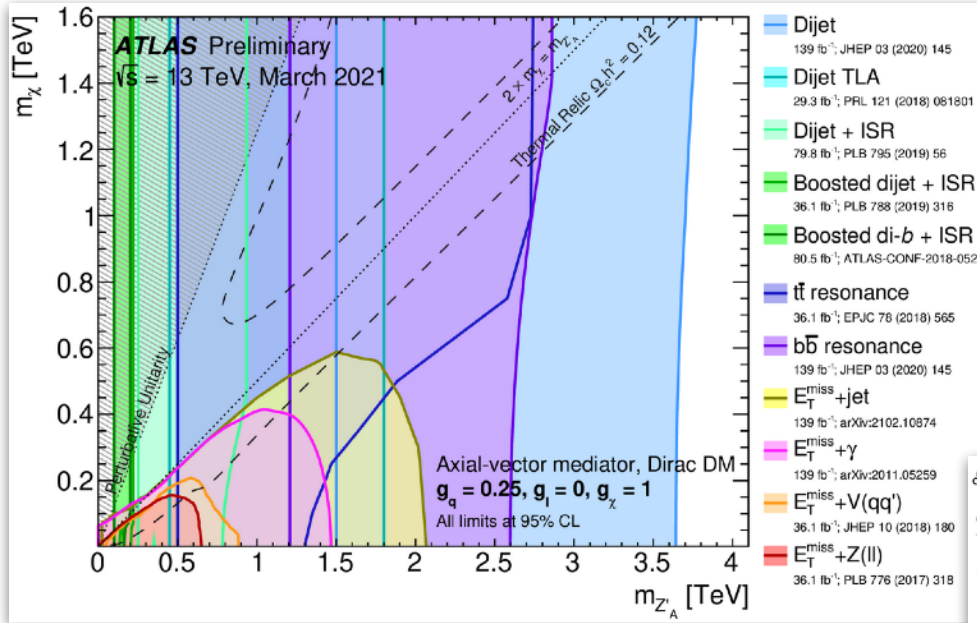
- In complete models (e.g. SUSY), use relic density to *constrain* searches

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

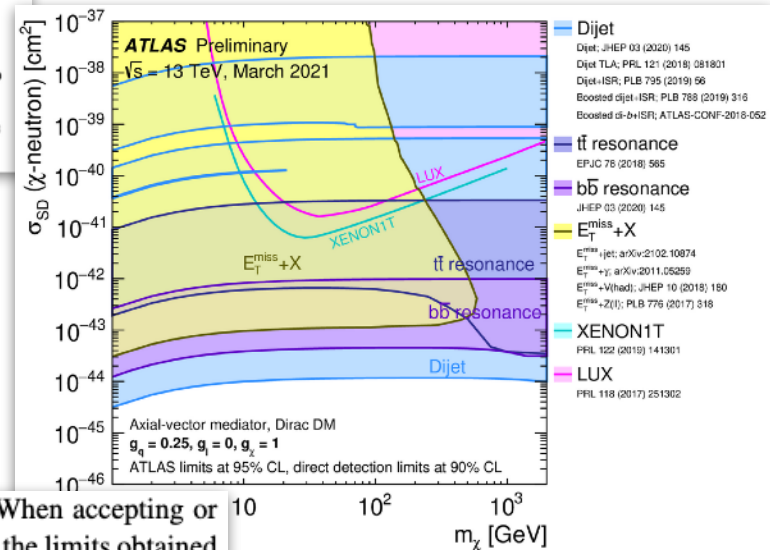


## Direct detection input:

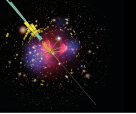
- *WIMP* assumption + local DM density + type of interaction
- In simplified models, highlight complementarity between colliders and direct detection

### Challenges:

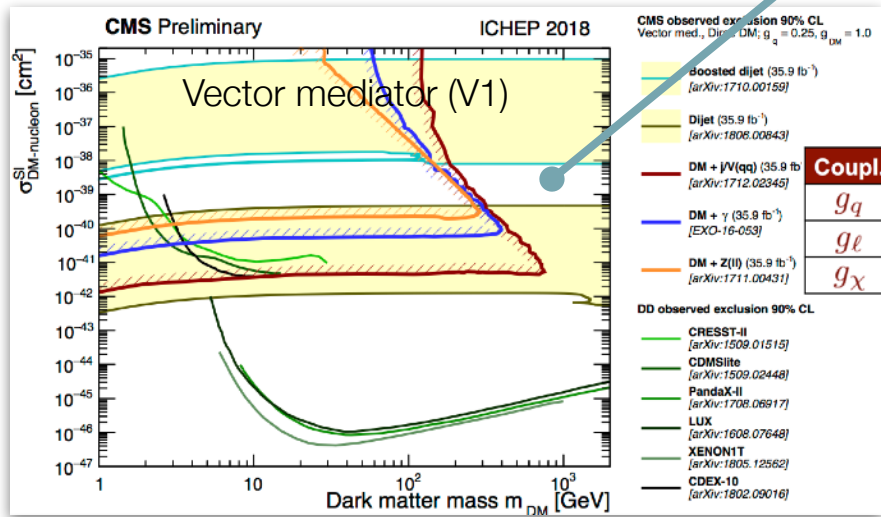
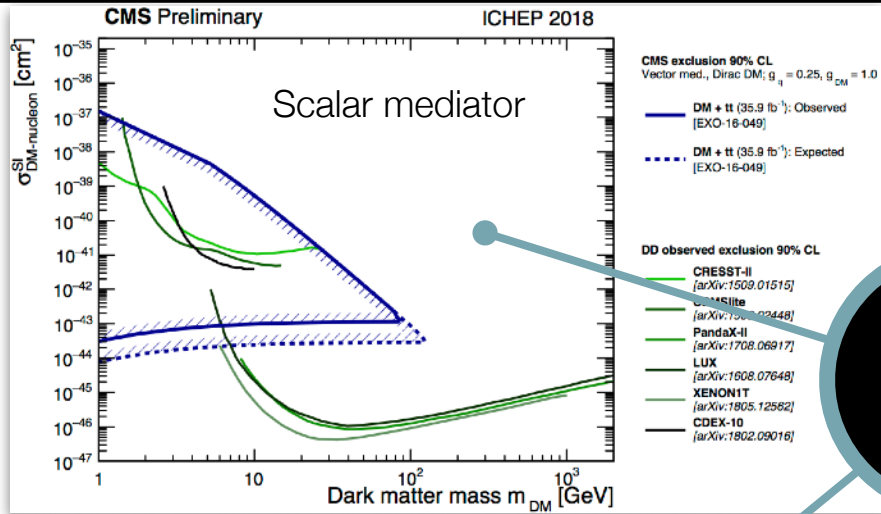
- uncertainties on direct det.?  
 (so far: 4x, 10x)  
 → constrain complete models:



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].



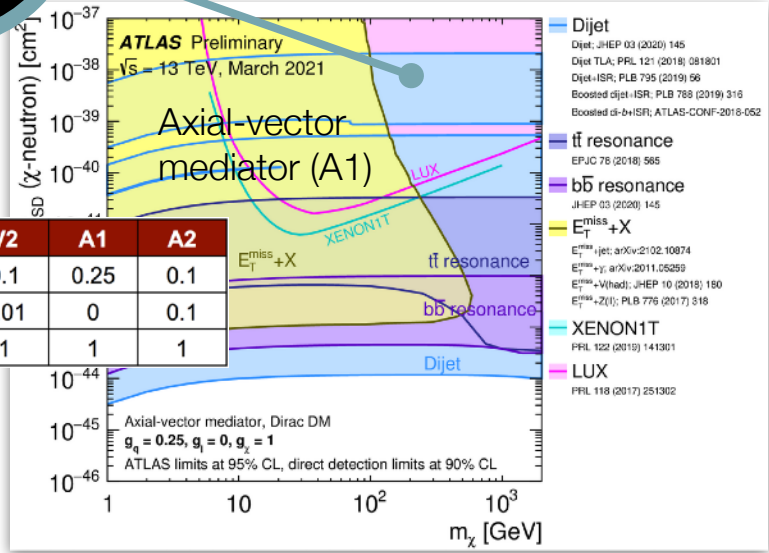
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Nuclear physics:  
Form Factor

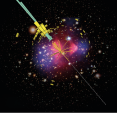
## Direct detection input:

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

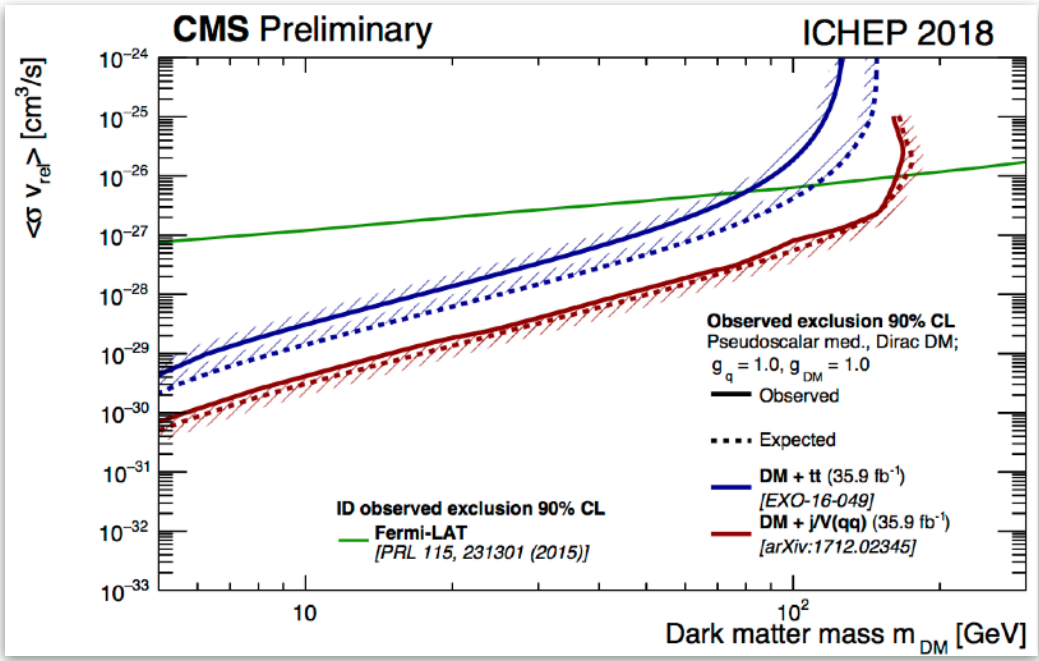


Coupl.	V1	V2	A1	A2
$g_q$	0.25	0.1	0.25	0.1
$g_l$	0	0.01	0	0.1
$g_\chi$	1	1	1	1





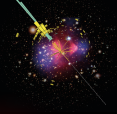
# s-channel connections: direct detection



## 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?



# Navigating (DM) theory space

**Next White Paper?**  
t-channel mediator models

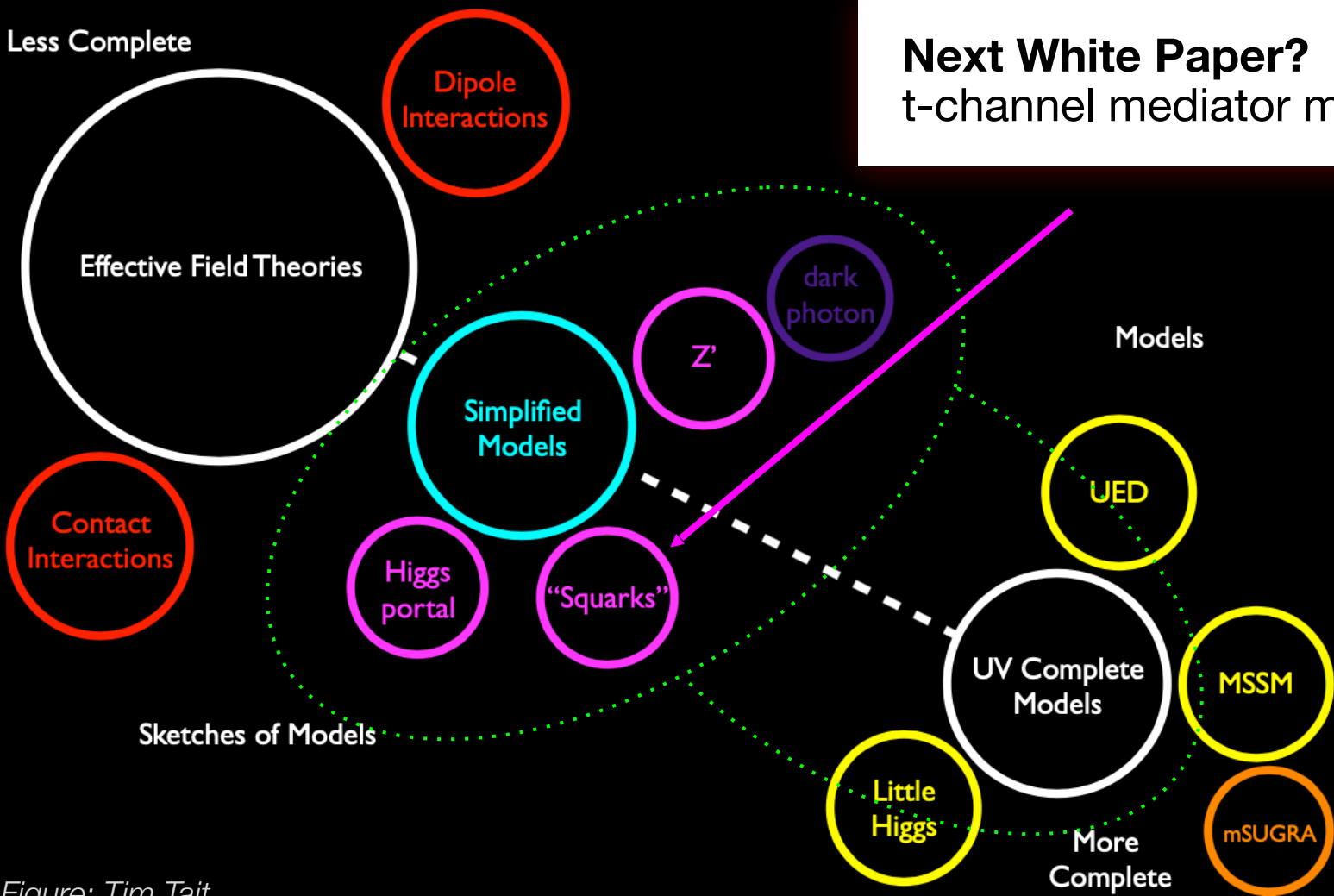
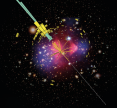
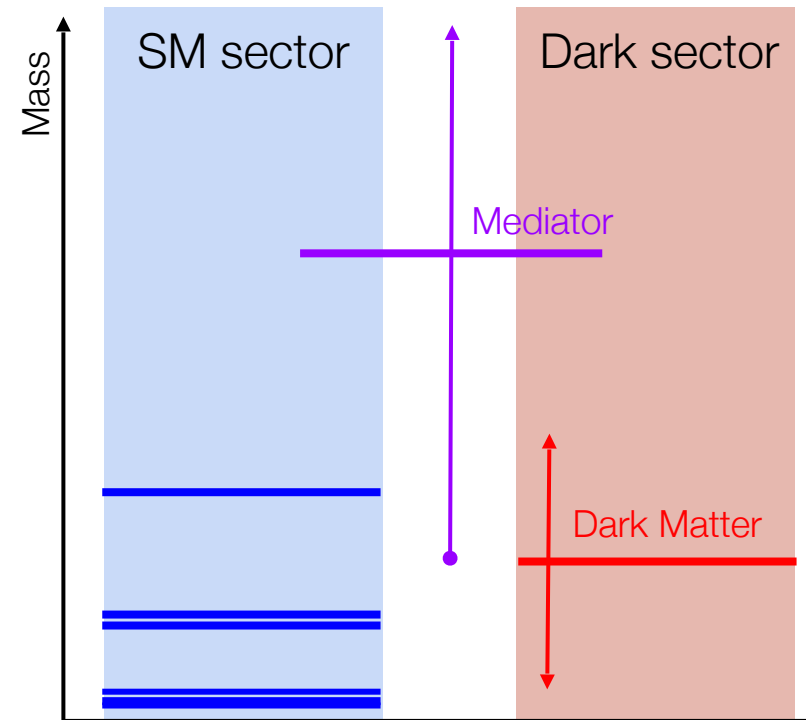
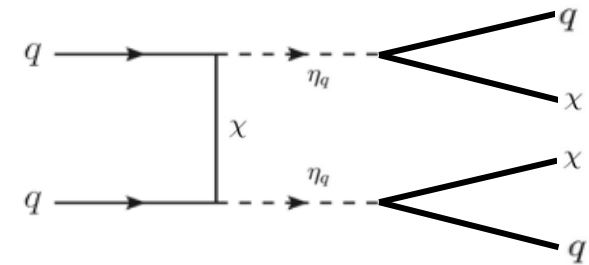


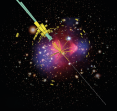
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# t-channel mediator models

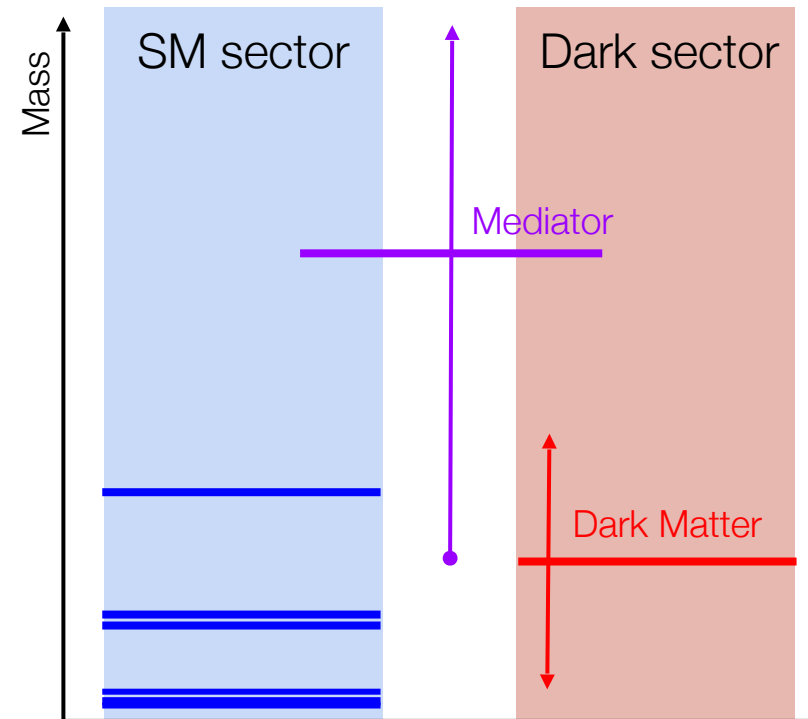
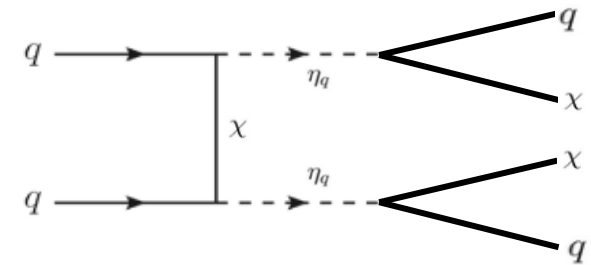
- Strong motivation (as strong as s-channel)
- Ansatz:
  - DM interacting with SM fermions and a mediator
- Corollary:
  - SM mediators must carry charge (since SM particles carry charge)
  - mediator shares the symmetry that stabilises DM
  - $\rightarrow m_{\text{Mediator}} > m_{\text{DM}}$
  - Different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

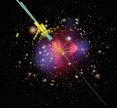




# t-channel mediator models

- 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

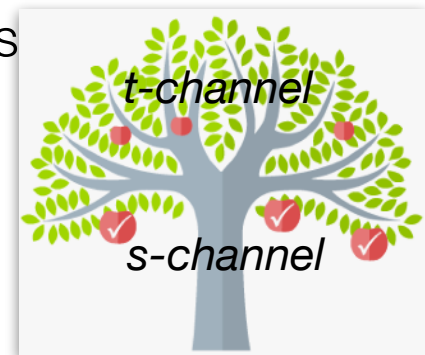
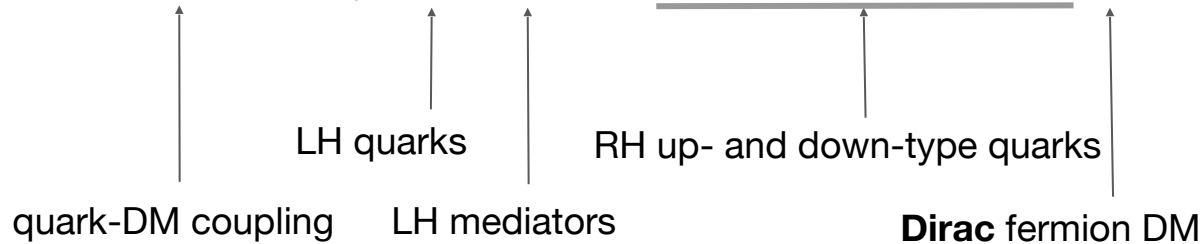




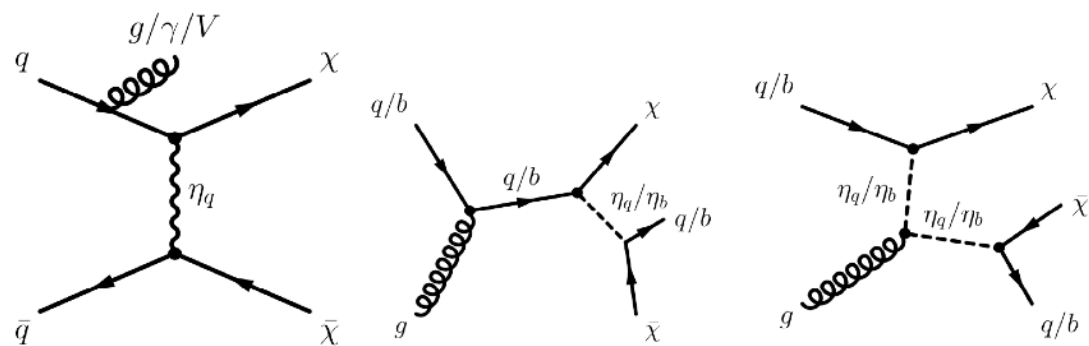
# Basic signatures

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

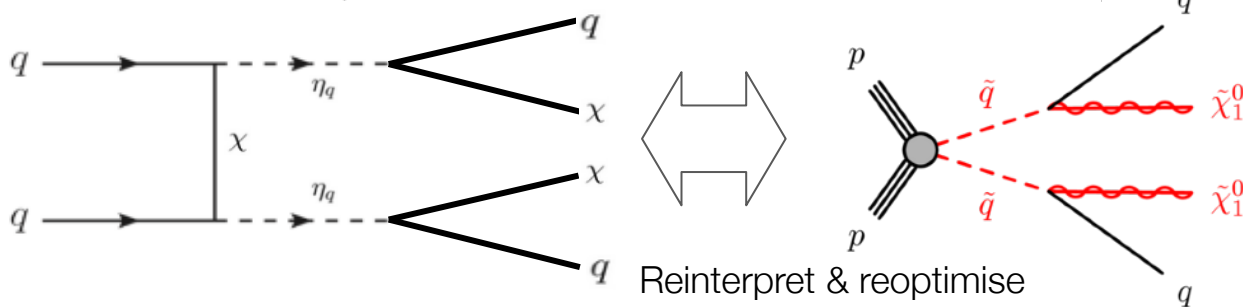
$$\mathcal{L} \supset g_{q\chi} \sum_{i=1,2} (\bar{Q}_{L,i} \eta_{L,q_i} + \bar{u}_{R,i} \eta_{R,u_i} + \bar{d}_{R,i} \eta_{R,d_i}) \chi + \text{h.c.}$$

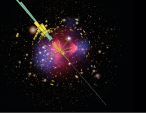


Jet + MET:



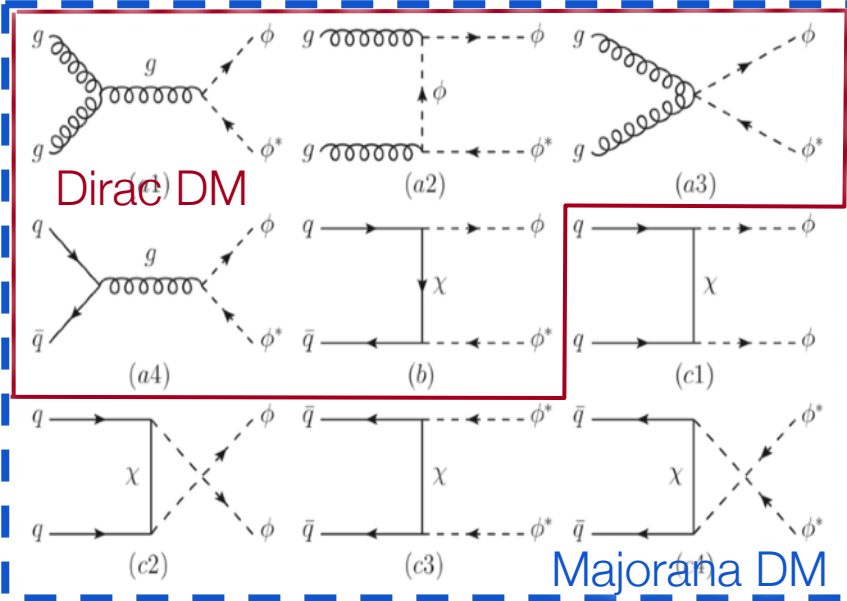
Di-jet + MET:





# Going beyond

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



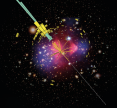
◆ 18 restrictions with 3 parameters each

Name	DM	Mediators	Parameters
S3M_uni	$\tilde{\chi}$	$\varphi_{Q_f}, \varphi_{u_f}, \varphi_{d_f}$	
S3D_uni	$\chi$		
S3M_3rd	$\tilde{\chi}$		$M_\varphi, M_\chi, \lambda_\varphi$
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	$\tilde{S}$		$M_S, M_\psi, \lambda_\psi$
F3C_3rd	$S$	$\psi_{Q_3}, \psi_{u_3}, \psi_{d_3}$	
F3S_uR	$\tilde{S}$	$\psi_{u_1}$	
F3C_uR	$S$		
F3V_uni	$\tilde{V}_\mu$	$\psi_{Q_f}, \psi_{u_f}, \psi_{d_f}$	
F3W_uni	$V_\mu$		
F3V_3rd	$\tilde{V}_\mu$		$M_V, M_\psi, \lambda_\psi$
F3W_3rd	$V_\mu$	$\psi_{Q_3}, \psi_{u_3}, \psi_{d_3}$	
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
$$\mathcal{L}_{\chi,uni}(X) = \sum_{F=Q,u,d} \sum_{f=1}^3 [\lambda_\nu \bar{X} F_f \varphi_{F_f}^\dagger + \text{h.c.}]$$
- 3rd generation models (3rd):
  - ★ 1 dark matter particle
  - ★ 4 mass-degenerate mediators
  - ★ 1 flavour-conserving coupling
$$\mathcal{L}_{\chi,3rd}(X) = \sum_{F=Q,u,d} [\lambda_\nu \bar{X} F_3 \varphi_{F_3}^\dagger + \text{h.c.}]$$
- uR models (uR):
  - ★ 1 dark matter particle
  - ★ 1 mediator
  - ★ Coupling to the right-handed up-quark
$$\mathcal{L}_{\chi,uR}(X) = [\lambda_\nu \bar{X} u_1 \varphi_{u_1}^\dagger + \text{h.c.}]$$

→ cf. Chiara's talk for details

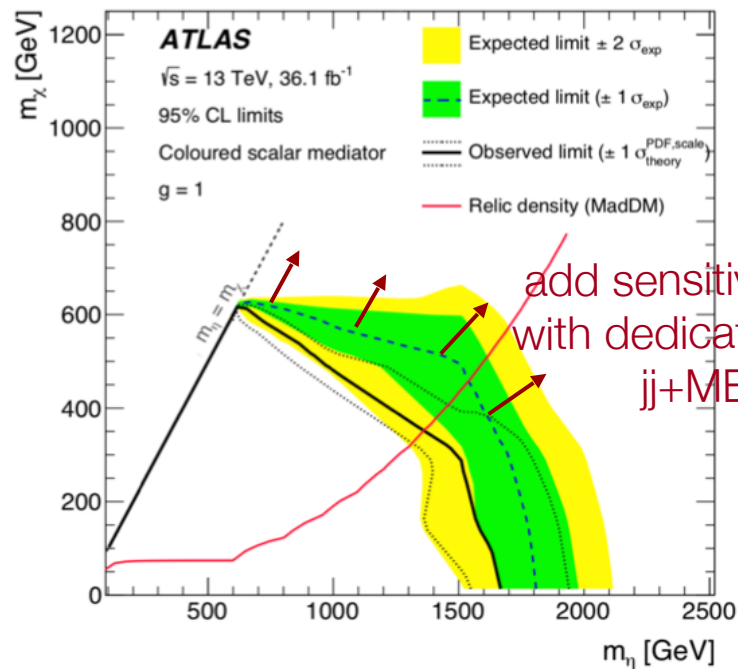
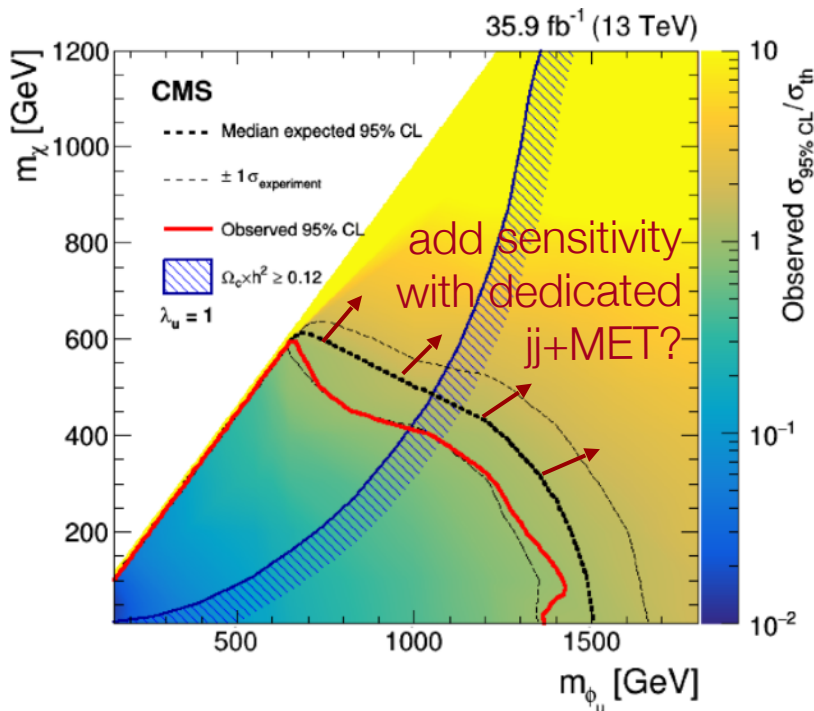
- Important step forward:
  - New Über-UFO [1,2,3] available
    - can do all DM spin hypotheses
  - über-UFO validated against few existing implementations

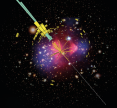


# Previous work

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  - [CMS monojet](#)
  - Coincides with S3D\_uR restriction for Über-UFO
  - Previous results reproduced [1]

- Scalar color-charged model [1,2]
  - [ATLAS monojet](#)
  - LH coupling 1<sup>st</sup> gen. restriction for Über-UFO worked out
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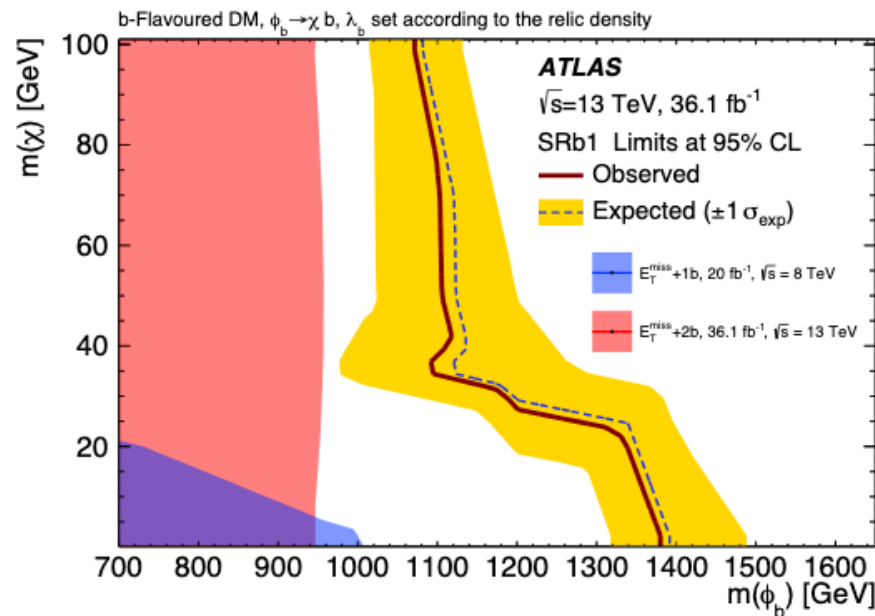
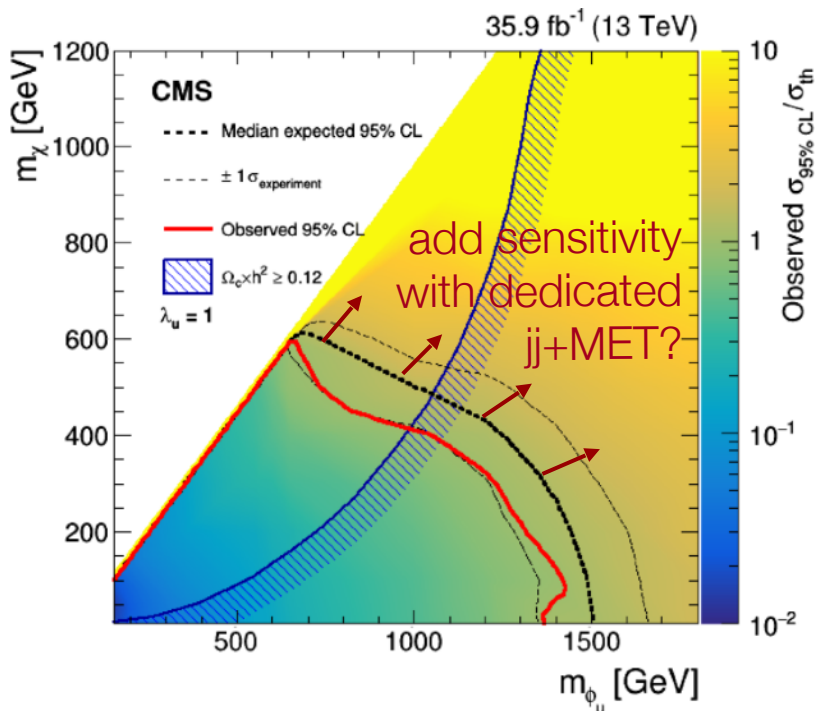




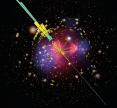
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  - RH coupling 3<sup>rd</sup> generation
  - qualitatively similar kinematic behaviour to 1<sup>st</sup> gen case



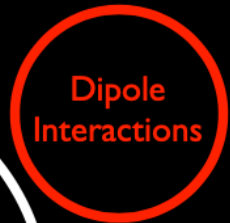




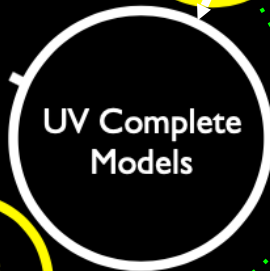
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Less Complete



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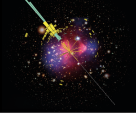
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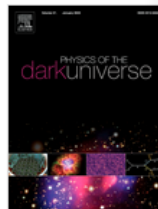
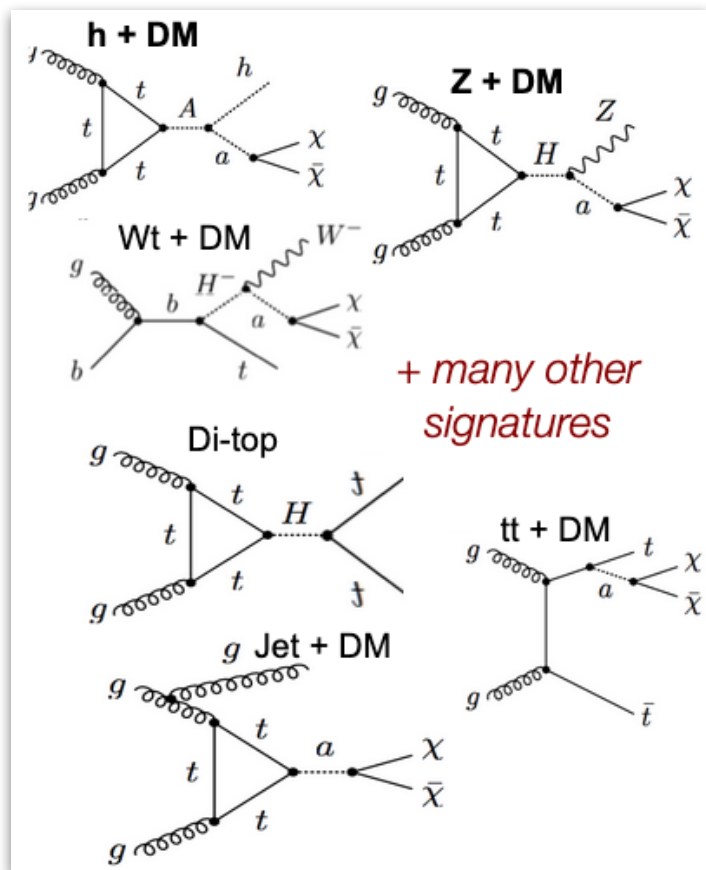


Figure: Tim Tait



# LHC DM WG: past activities

- Series of White Papers published in Phys. Dark Univ.



Dark Matter Benchmark Models for Early LHC Run-2 Searches: Report of the ATLAS/CMS Dark Matter Forum

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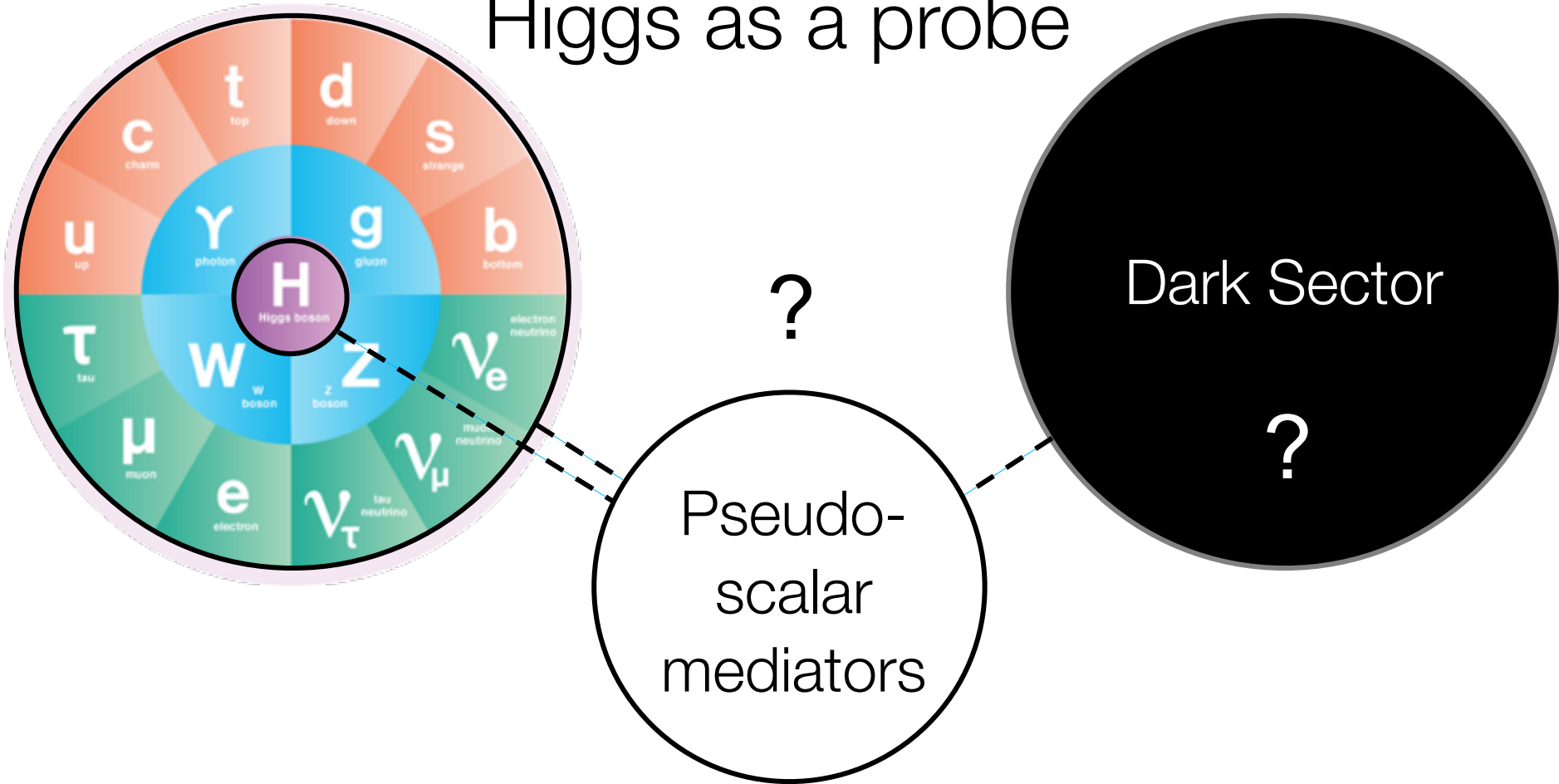
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# Higgs as a probe



## Motivation:

- 1) Mediator that couples to Higgs, SM and Dark Sector typically: Higgs sector extension, 2HDM
- 2) Higgs coupling to new particles (hierarchy problem)

*Review*

# Collider Searches for Dark Matter through the Higgs Lens

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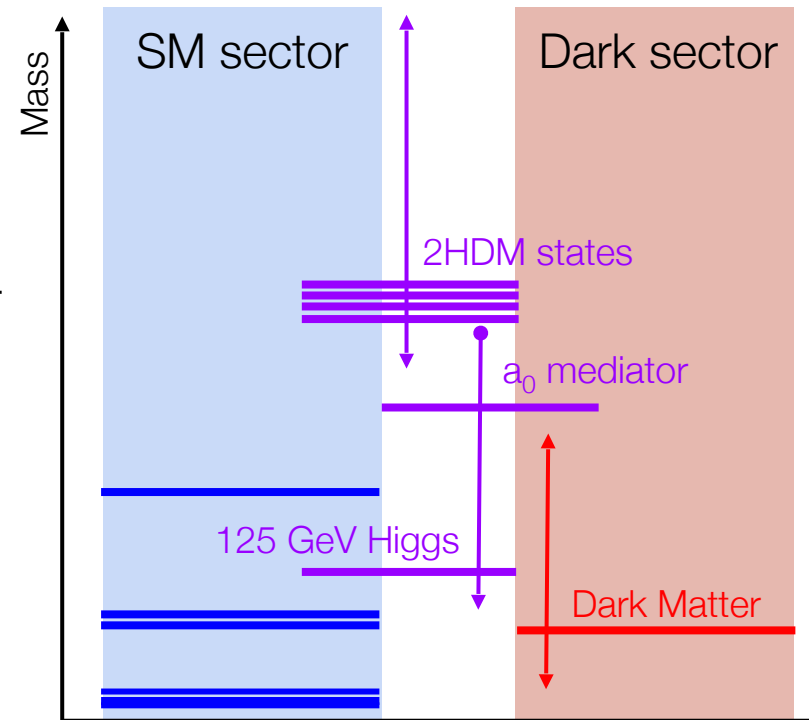
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**Abstract:** Despite the fact that dark matter constitutes one of the cornerstones of the standard cosmological paradigm, its existence has so far only been inferred from astronomical observations and its microscopic nature remains elusive. Theoretical arguments suggest that dark matter might be connected to the symmetry-breaking mechanism of the electroweak interactions or of other symmetries extending the Standard Model of particle physics. The resulting Higgs bosons, including the 125 GeV spin-0 particle discovered recently at the Large Hadron Collider therefore represent a unique tool to search for dark matter candidates at collider experiments. This article reviews some of the relevant theoretical models as well as the results from the searches for dark matter in signatures that involve a Higgs-like particle at the Large Hadron Collider.

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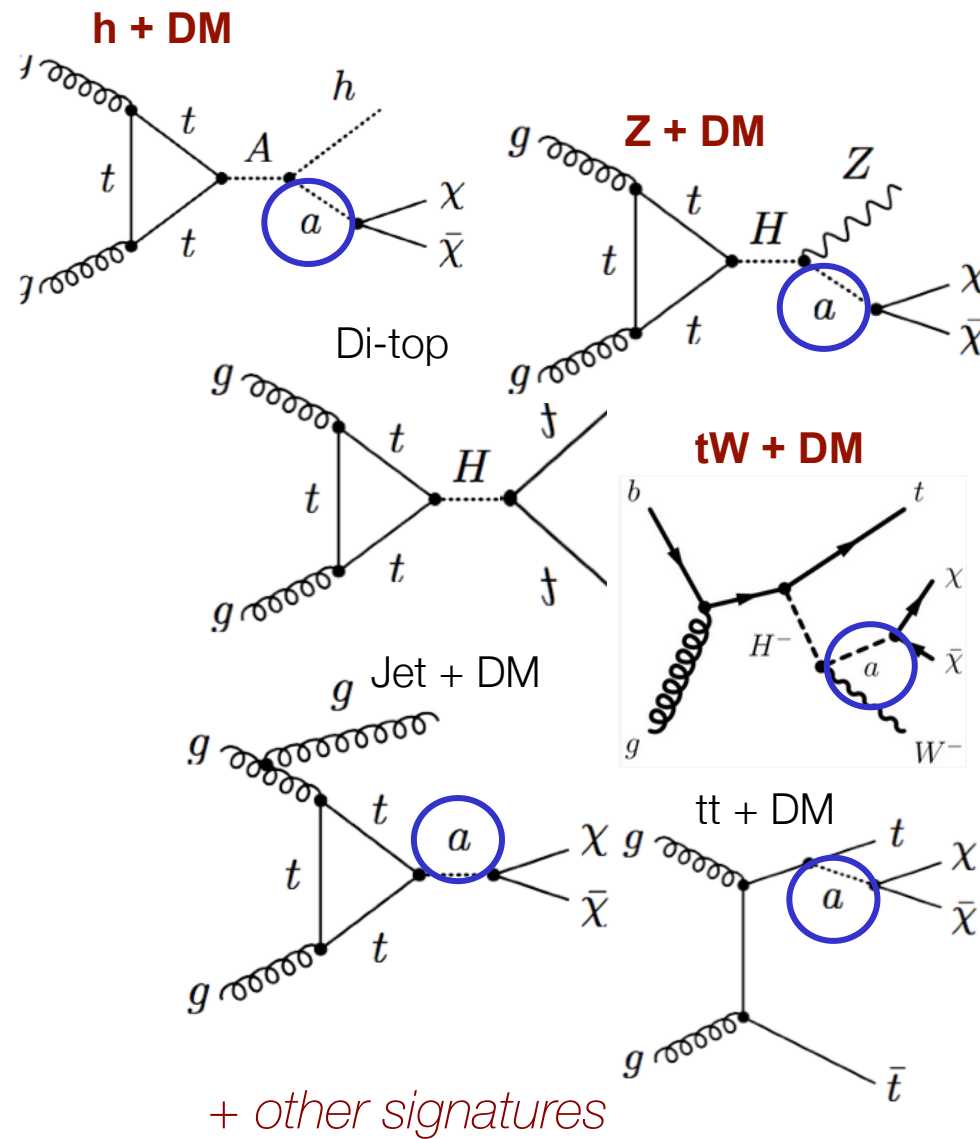
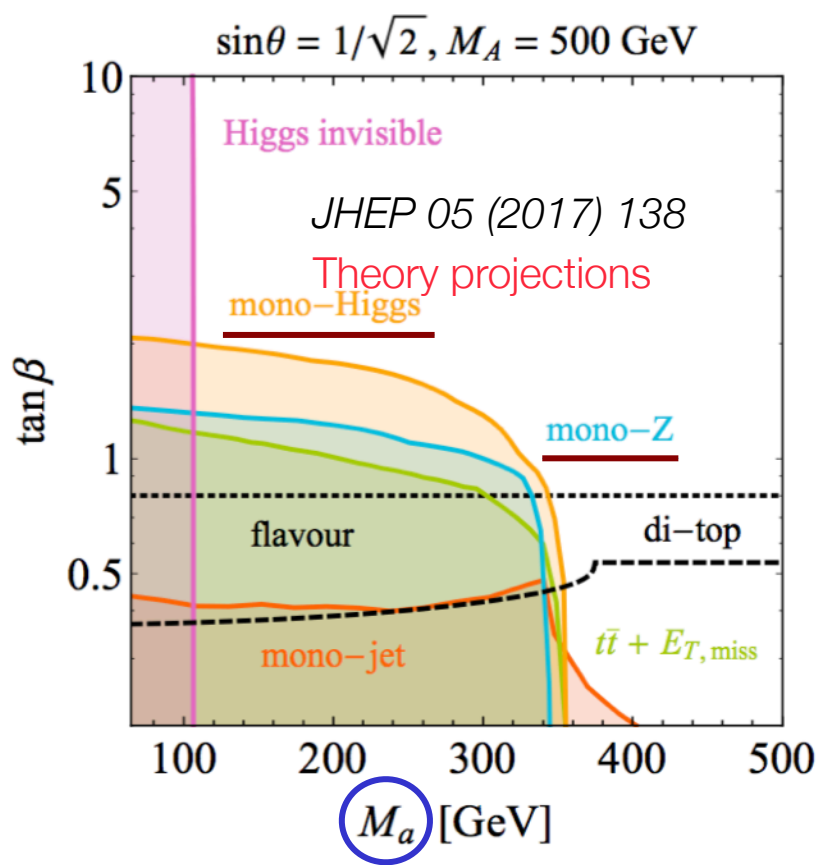
- 2HDM+ $a$  model [JHEP 05 (2017) 138, LHC DM WG: PDU 27 (2020) 100351]
  - Simplified, but UV-complete
- Ansatz: Extended Higgs sector
  - 2HDM as simple UV-complete
  - Higgs sector extension:  $H^\pm, H, A_0, h$
  - $a_0$ : portal to DM
  - $A_0 - a_0$  mixing into  $A, a$  physical states
    - interesting SM - dark sector interplay
- Complementary signatures:
  - Prominence of  $h$ +MET,  $Z$ +MET,  $Wt$ +MET (not in other models)
  - non-resonant, e.g., jet+MET
  - resonant visible channels, e.g.,  $t\bar{t}$



# 2HDM+a: SIGNATURES @ LHC



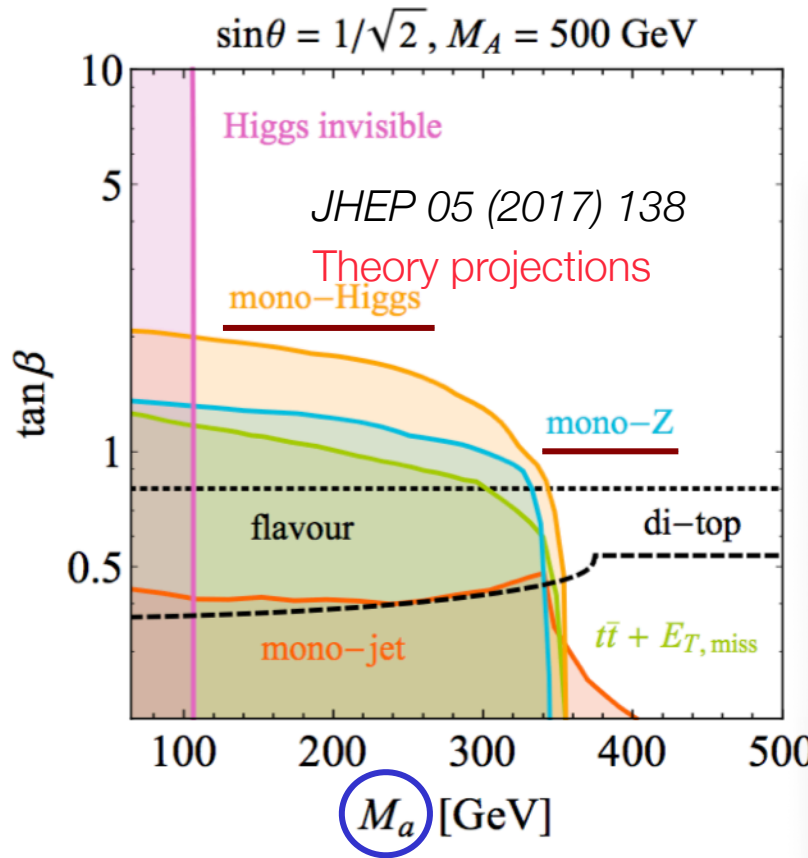
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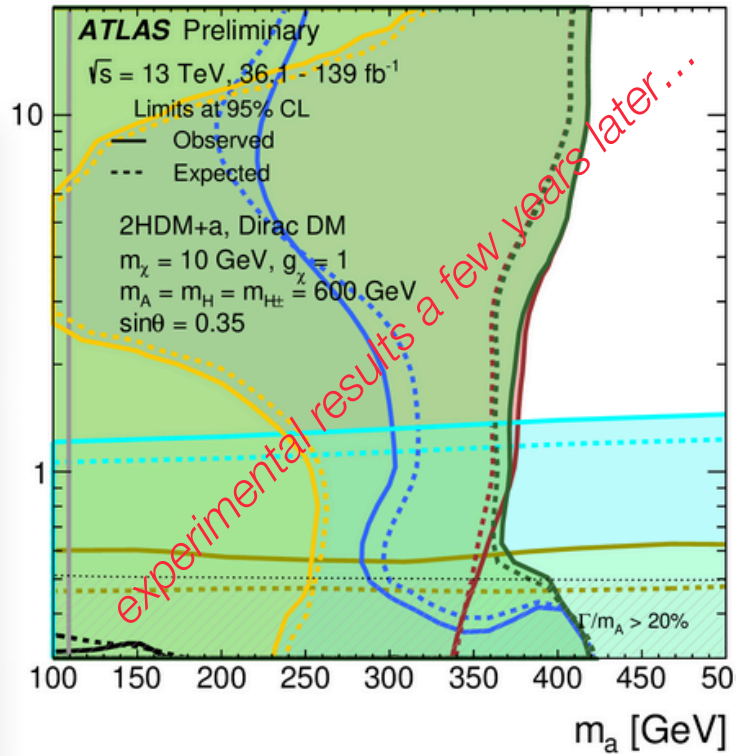
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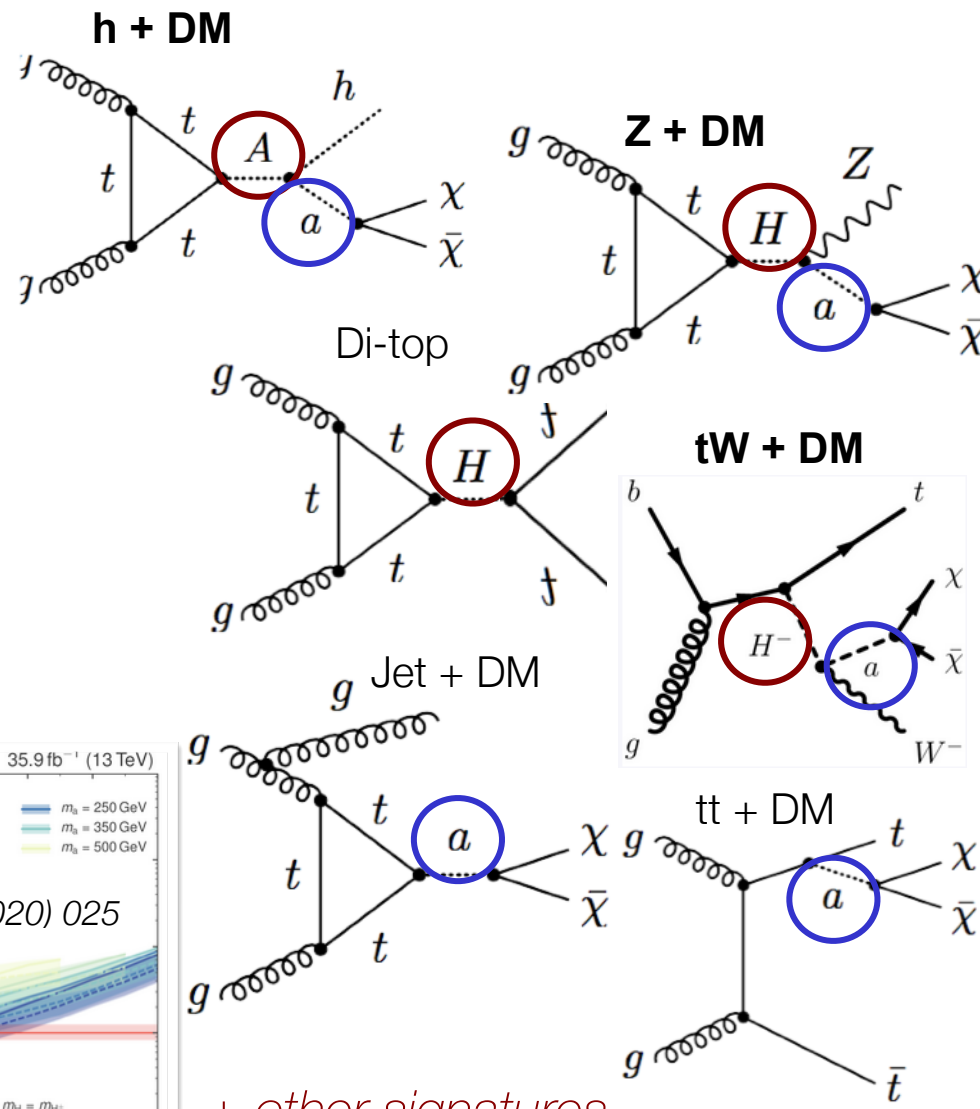
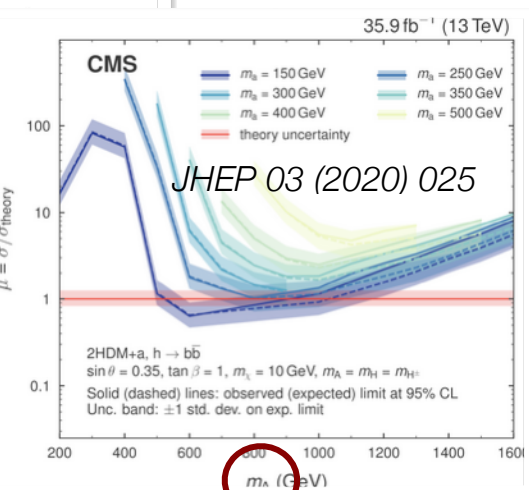
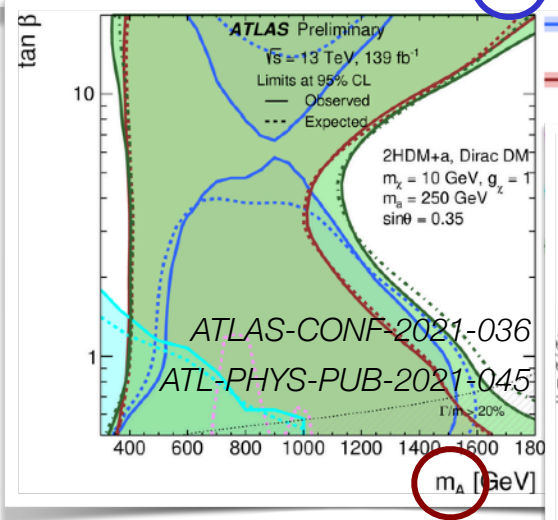
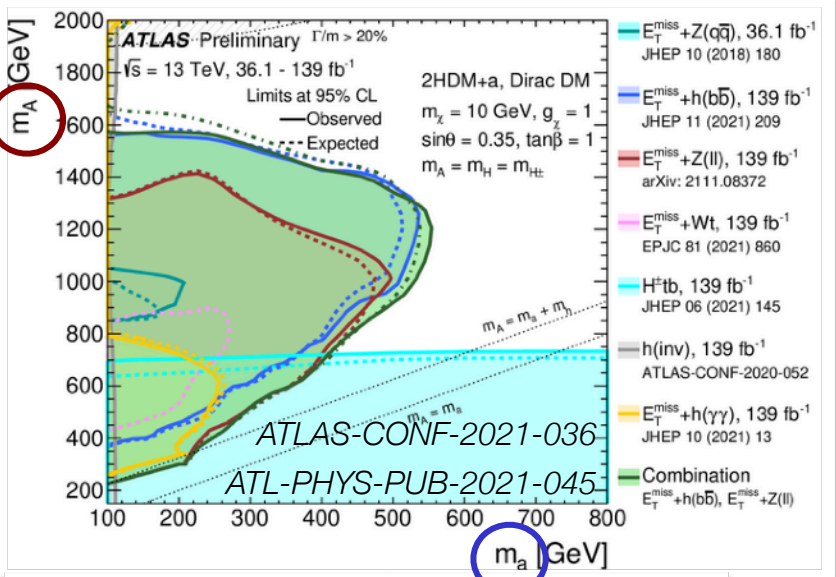
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- $E_T^{miss} + h(\gamma\gamma)$ , 139 fb<sup>-1</sup>  
arXiv: 2104.13240
- Combination  
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# 2HDM+a: SIGNATURES @ LHC



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+ other signatures





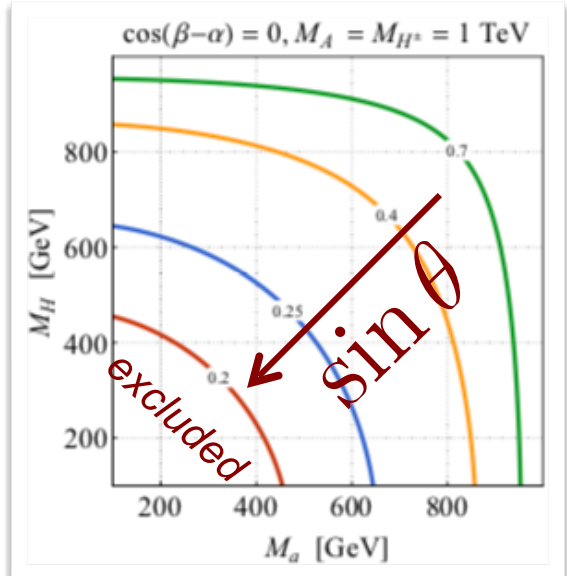
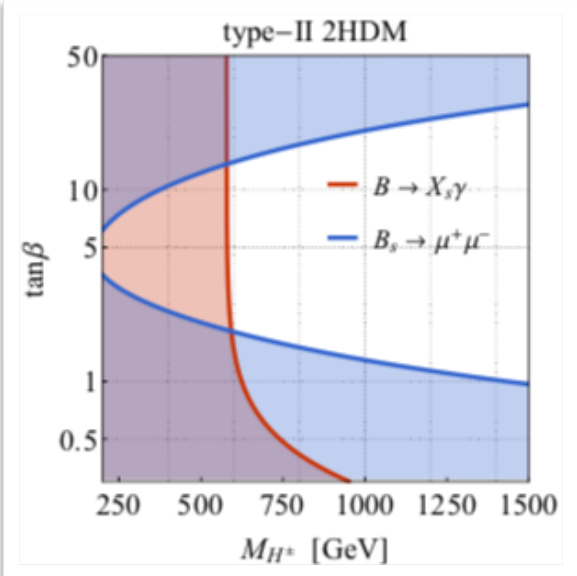
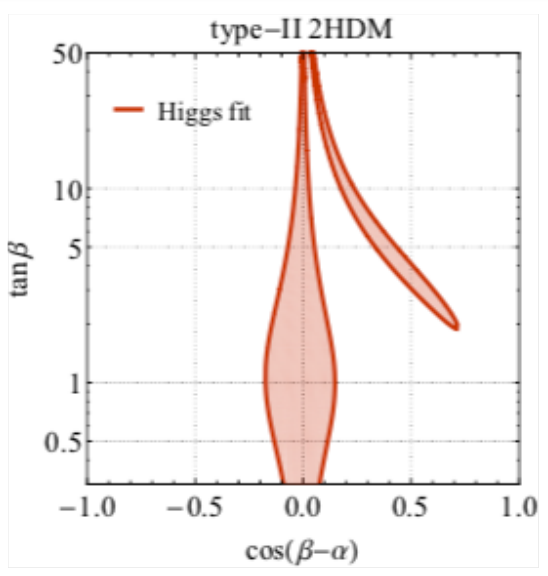
# LHC Dark Matter Working Group:

## Next-generation spin-0 dark matter models

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**Abstract.** Dark matter (DM) simplified models are by now commonly used by the ATLAS and CMS Collaborations to interpret searches for missing transverse energy ( $E_T^{\text{miss}}$ ). The coherent use of these models sharpened the LHC DM search program, especially in the presentation of its results and their comparison to DM direct-detection (DD) and indirect-detection (ID) experiments. However, the community has been aware of the limitations of the DM simplified models, in particular the lack of theoretical consistency of some of them and their restricted phenomenology leading to the relevance of only a small subset of  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$  signatures. This document from the LHC Dark Matter Working Group identifies an example of a next-generation DM model, called 2HDM+ $a$ , that provides the simplest theoretically consistent extension of the DM pseudoscalar simplified model. A comprehensive study of the phenomenology of the 2HDM+ $a$  model is presented, including a discussion of the rich and intricate pattern of mono- $X$  signatures and the relevance of other DM as well as non-DM experiments. Based on our discussions, a set of recommended scans are proposed to explore the parameter space of the 2HDM+ $a$  model through LHC searches. The exclusion limits obtained from the proposed scans can be consistently compared to the constraints on the 2HDM+ $a$  model that derive from DD, ID and the DM relic density.

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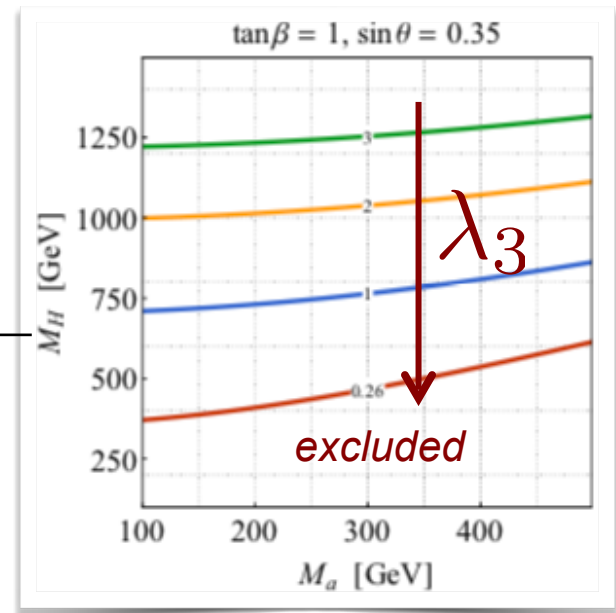
$$M_H = M_A = M_{H^\pm}, \quad m_\chi = 10 \text{ GeV},$$

$$\cos(\beta - \alpha) = 0, \quad \tan \beta = 1, \quad \sin \theta = 0.35,$$

$$y_\chi = 1, \quad \lambda_3 = \lambda_{P1} = \lambda_{P2} = 3.$$

Convenience

Resonant enhancement





Executive-Experimental summary on model pheno:

- 14 parameters to start with

More details in talk by Johanna Gramling  
<https://indico.cern.ch/event/665524/sessions/260090/>

- 7 parameters fixed:

- symmetry, EW-precision measurements, Higgs properties,...

- 7 “free” parameters:

- **4 affect MET shape:**

- $m_a$
  - $m_A$
  - $m_H$
  - $\sin(\theta)$  ← couplings
- kinematics & channels*

- **3 only affect total cross-section:**

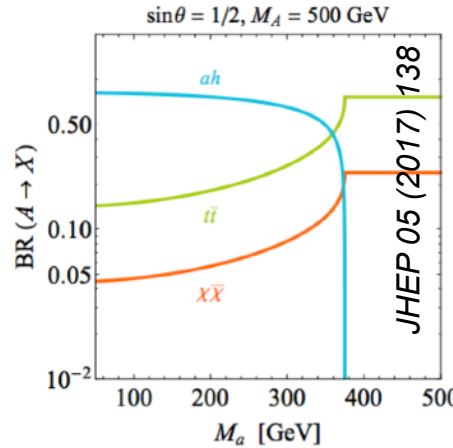
- $\tan(\beta)$  [1]
- $m_\chi$  [2]
- $y_\chi$  ← Yukawa

- $A/a$  mixing angle  $\sin\theta$  important, e.g.:

$$\Gamma(A \rightarrow \chi\chi) \propto \sin^2 \theta \quad \Gamma(a \rightarrow \chi\chi) \propto \cos^2 \theta$$

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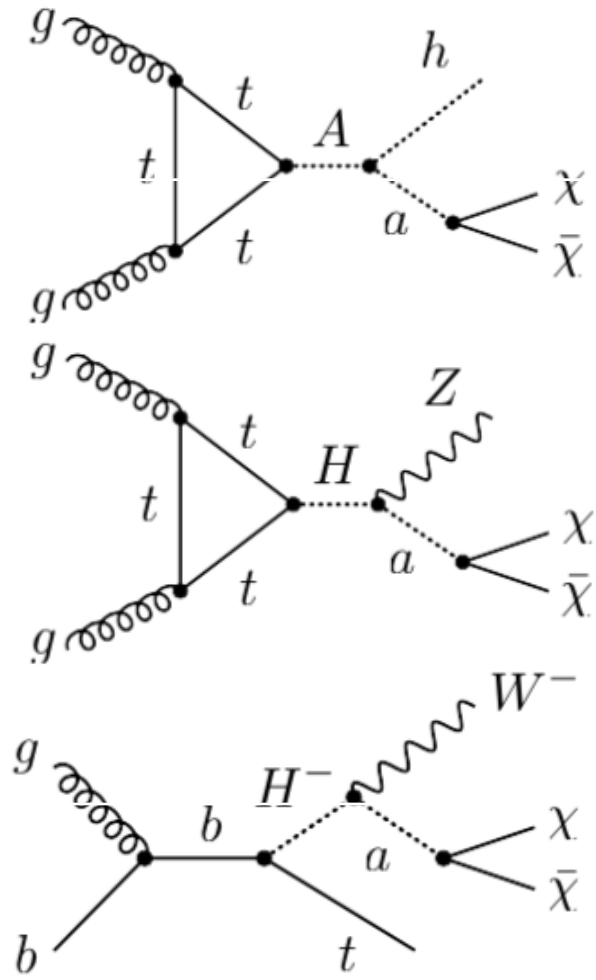


[1] can change shapes if u/d-type couplings process-relevant

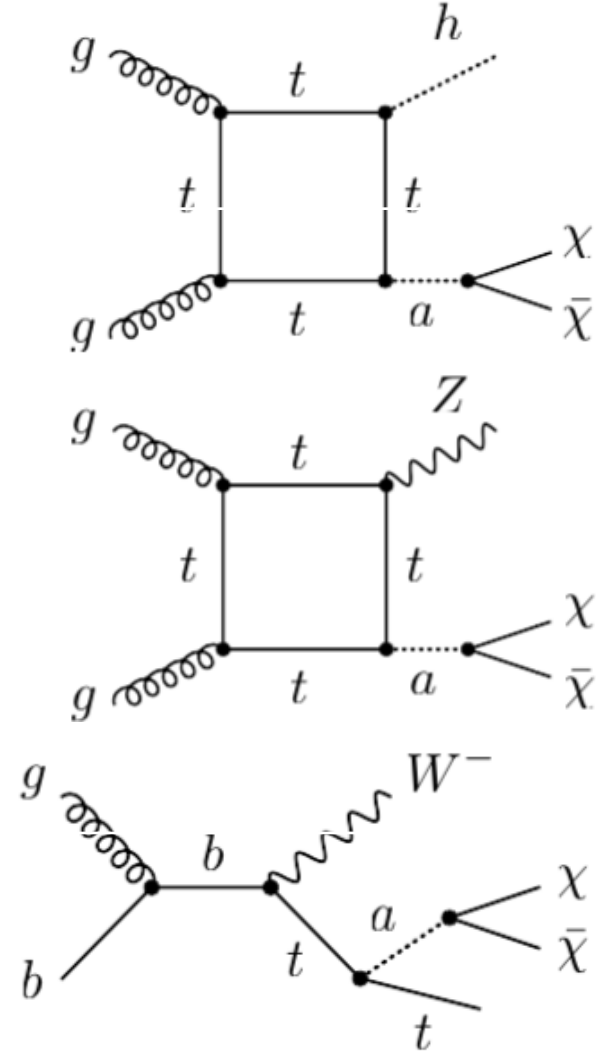
[2] statement true if decay mediator on-shell



## Resonant



## Non-Resonant

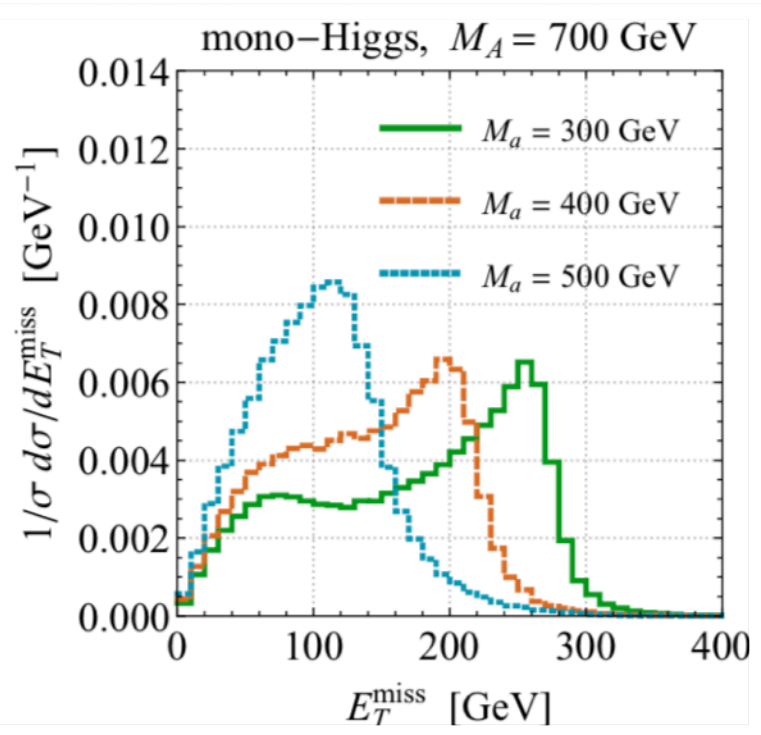
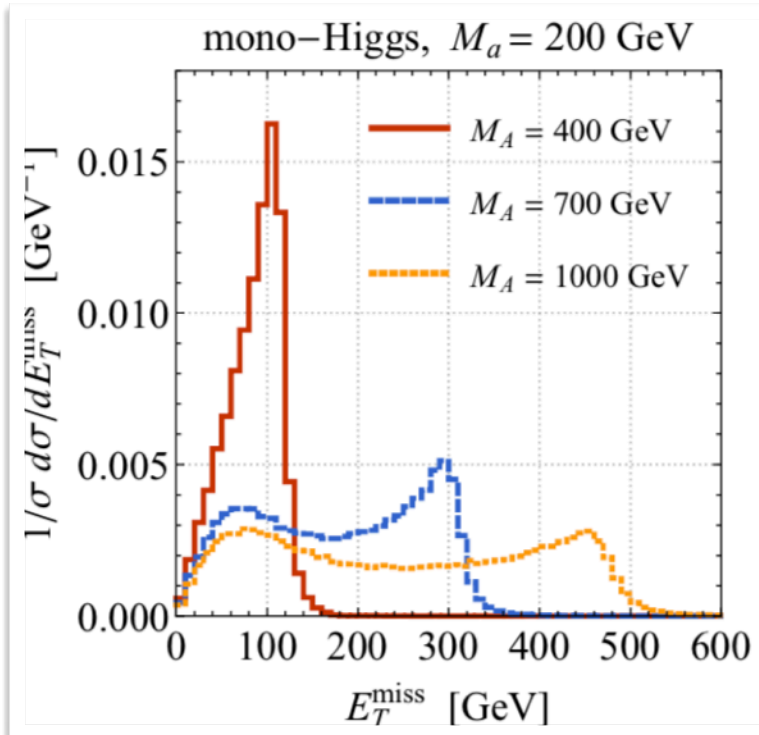
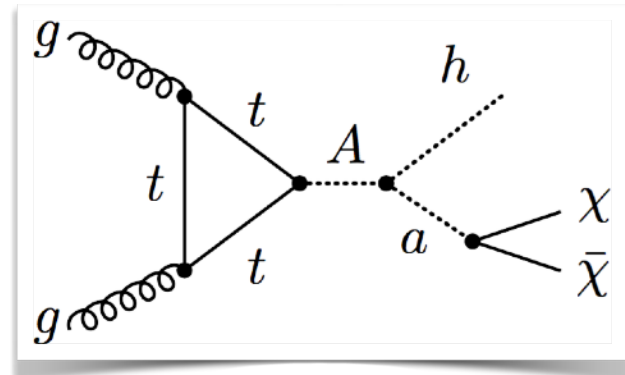
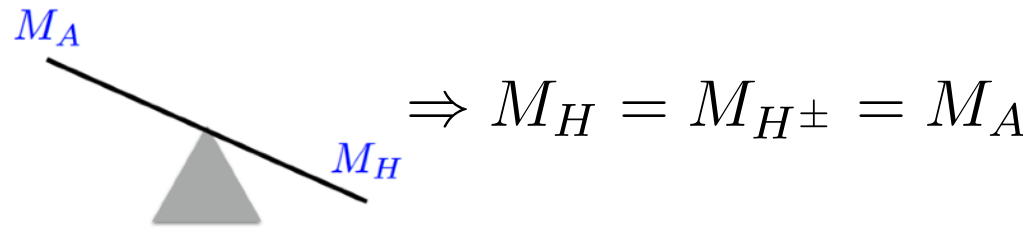


+ many other signatures

# 2HDM+a: $h$ + DM



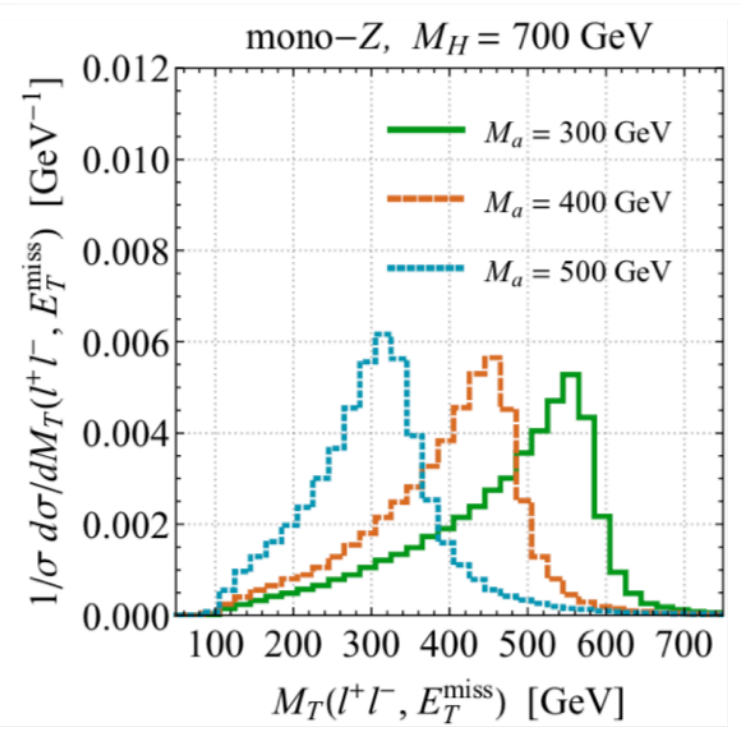
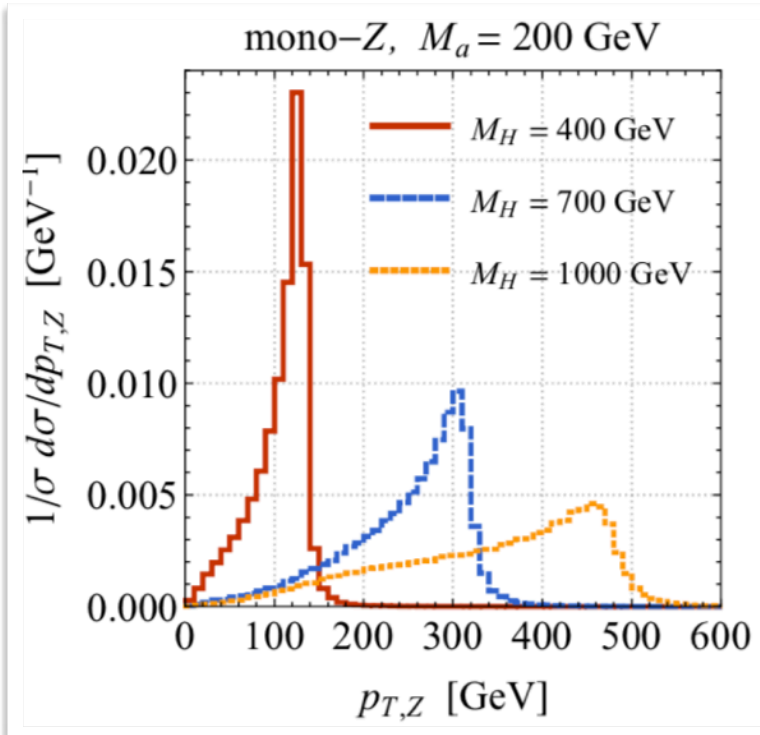
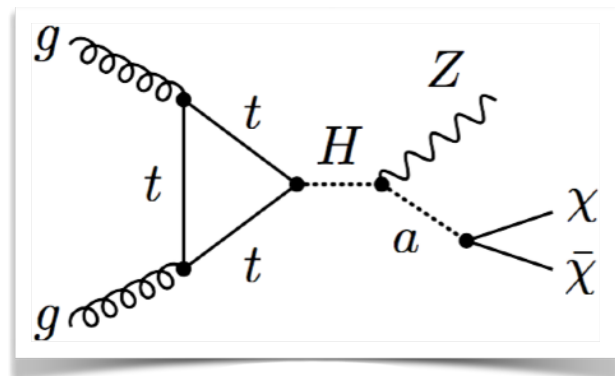
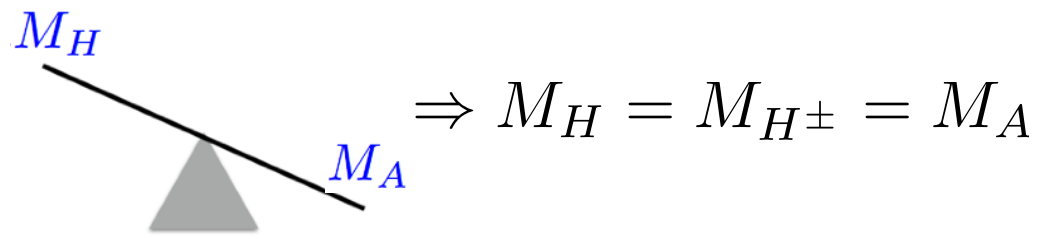
- Can be resonantly enhanced
  - $\rightarrow$  driving sensitivity for 2HDM+a
- $h$ +MET dominant over  $Z$ +MET if  $M_H > M_A$



# 2HDM+*a*: Z + DM



- Can be resonantly enhanced
  - → driving sensitivity for 2HDM+*a*
- Z+MET dominant over *h*+MET if  $M_A > M_H$

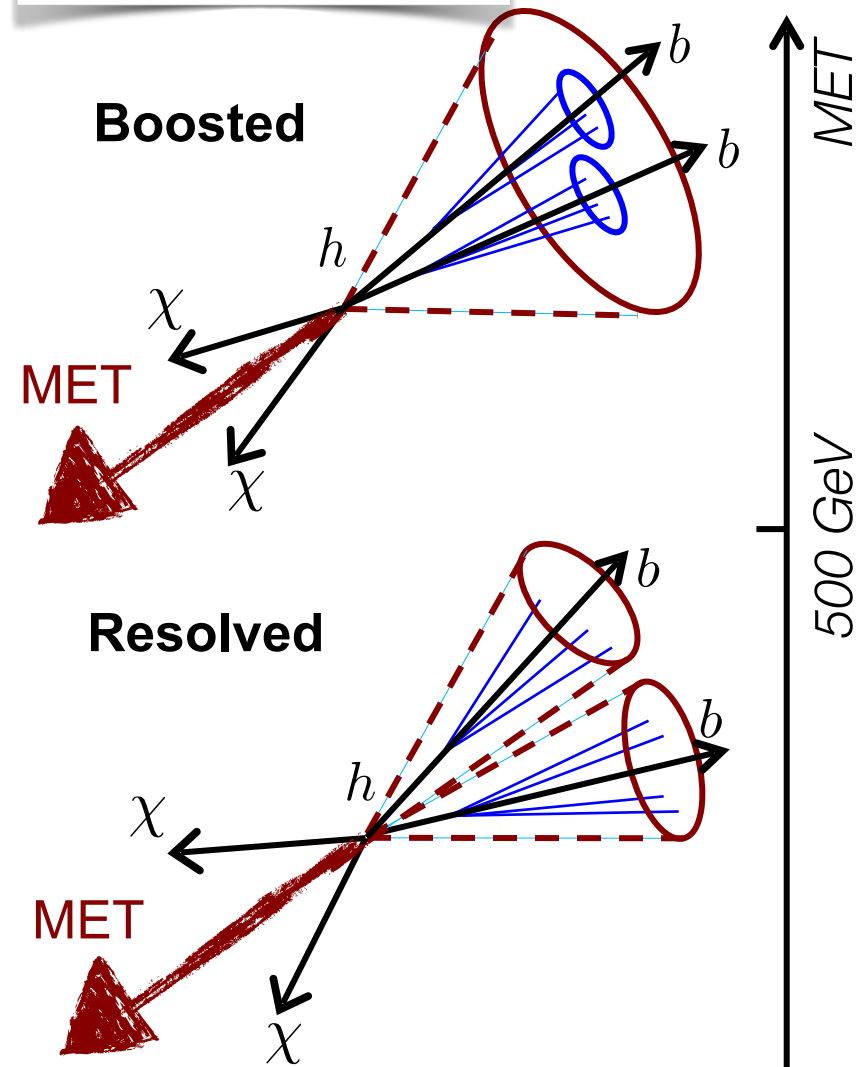
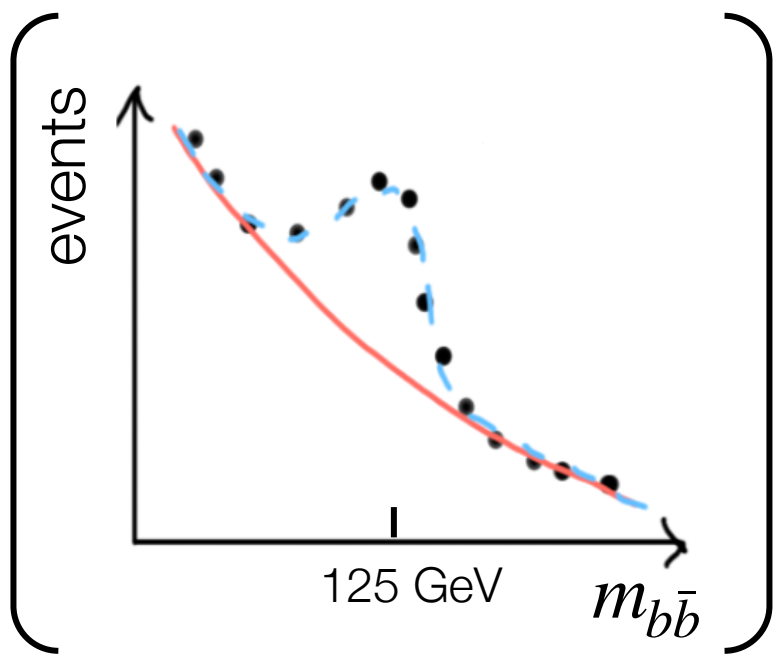
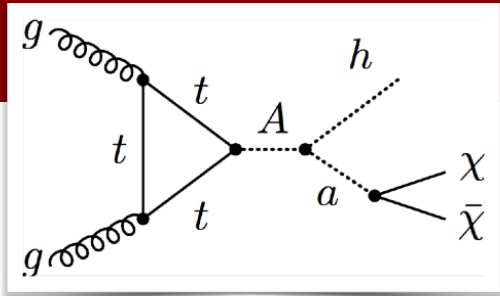


# 2HDM+a: HIGGS( $b\bar{b}$ )+DM



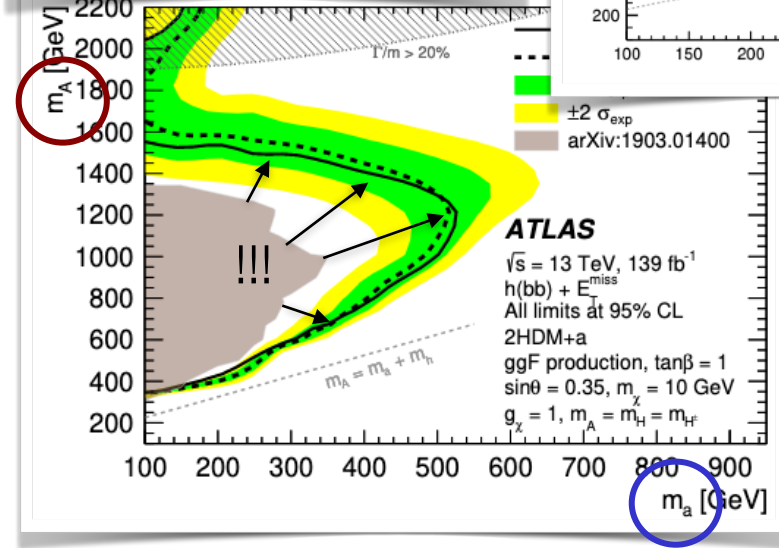
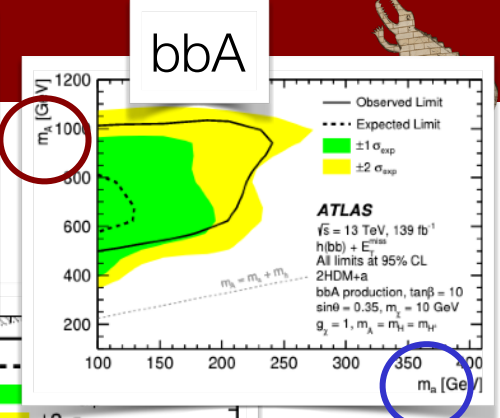
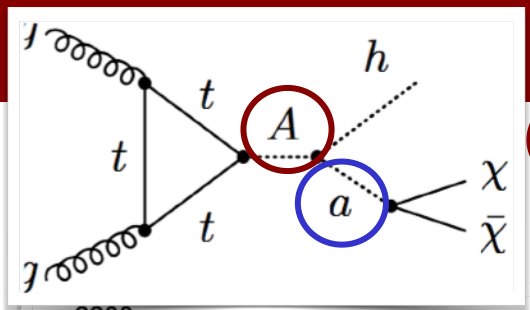
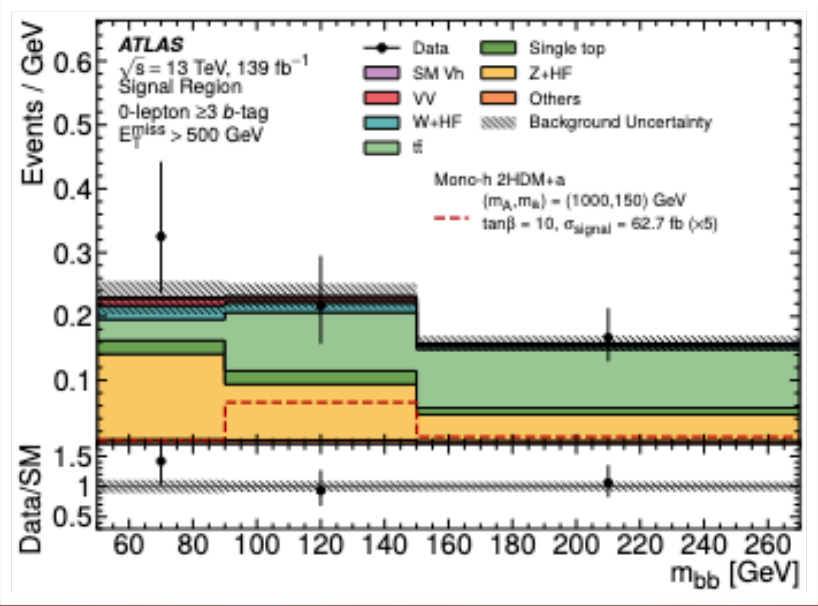
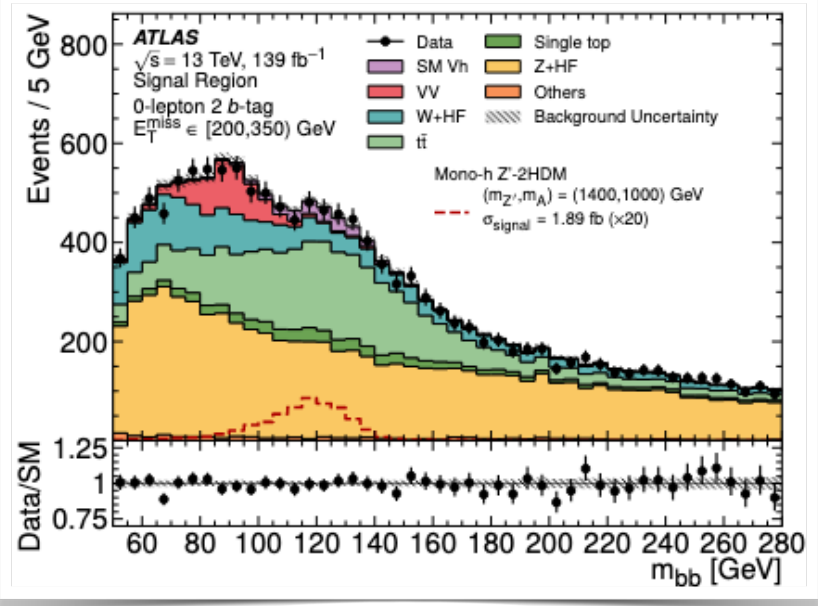
## Analysis strategy:

- MET > 150 GeV from DM particles
- 2 or 3+ b-tagged jets
- Higgs  $\rightarrow b\bar{b}$  candidate decay
- Constrain W,Z+HF with  $1\mu, 2\ell$  CRs
- Look for localised excess in  $m_{b\bar{b}}$

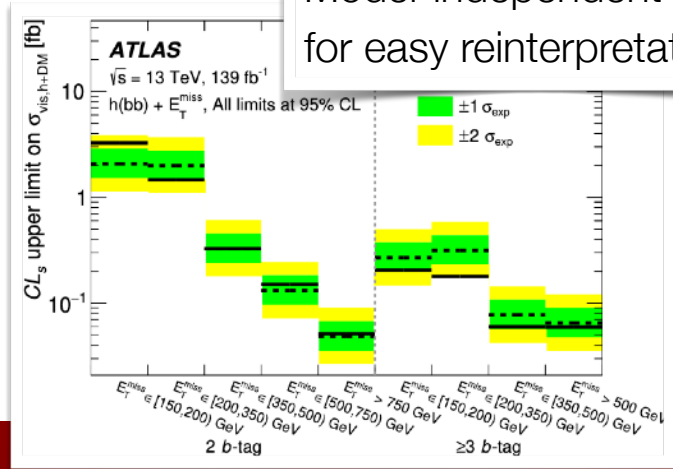


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# 2HDM+a: HIGGS( $b\bar{b}$ )+DM



Model-independent limits for easy reinterpretation!



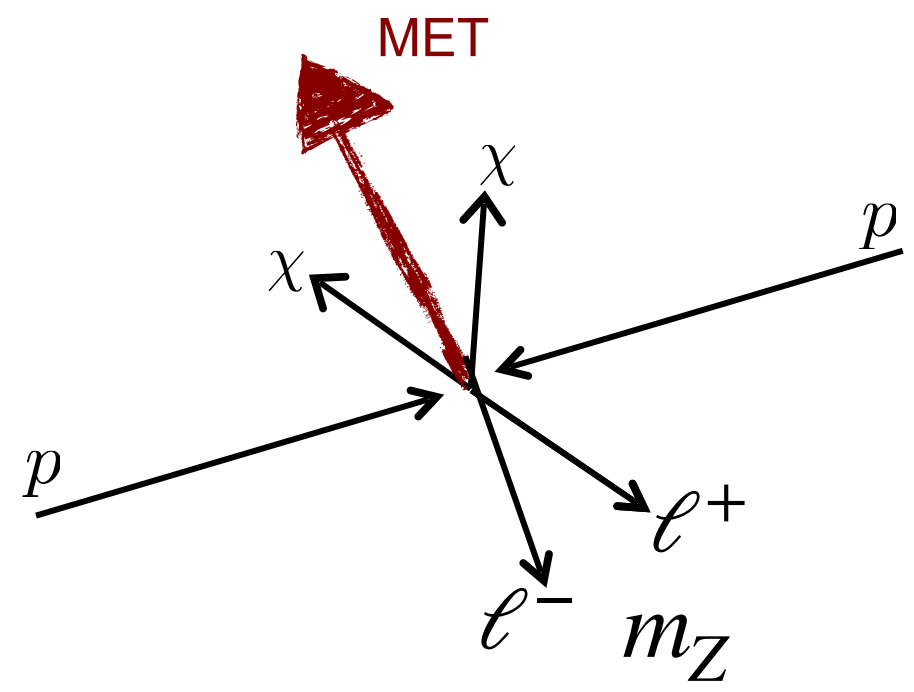
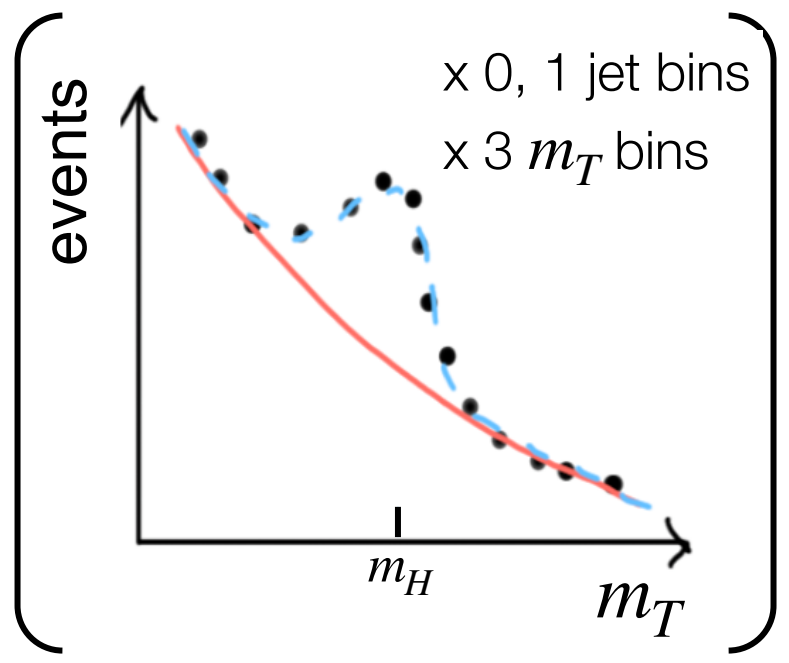
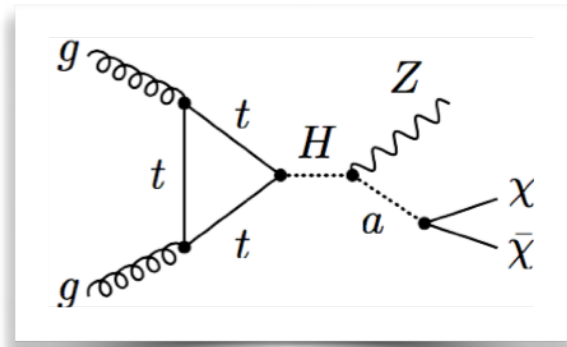




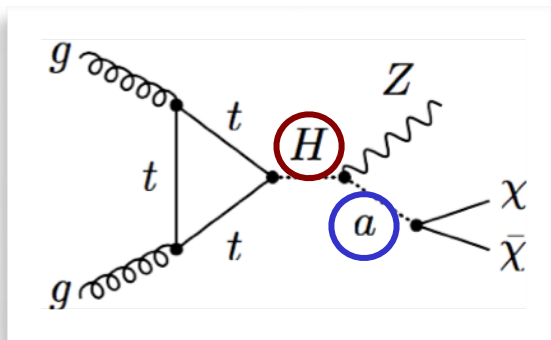
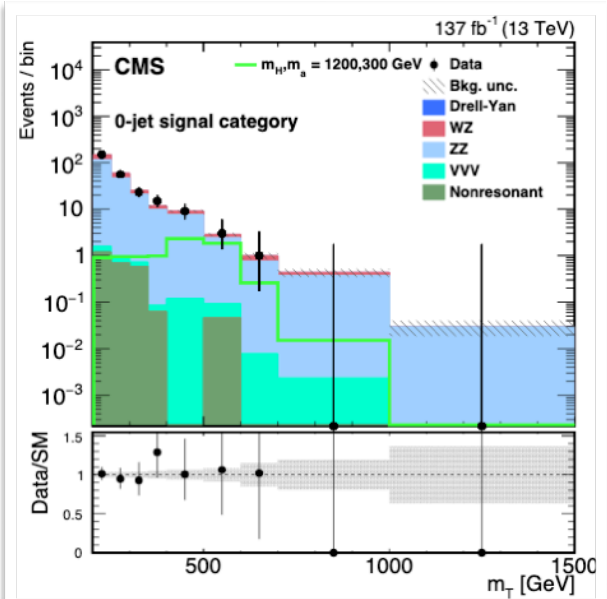
# 2HDM+a: $Z(\ell\ell)$ +DM

## • Analysis strategy:

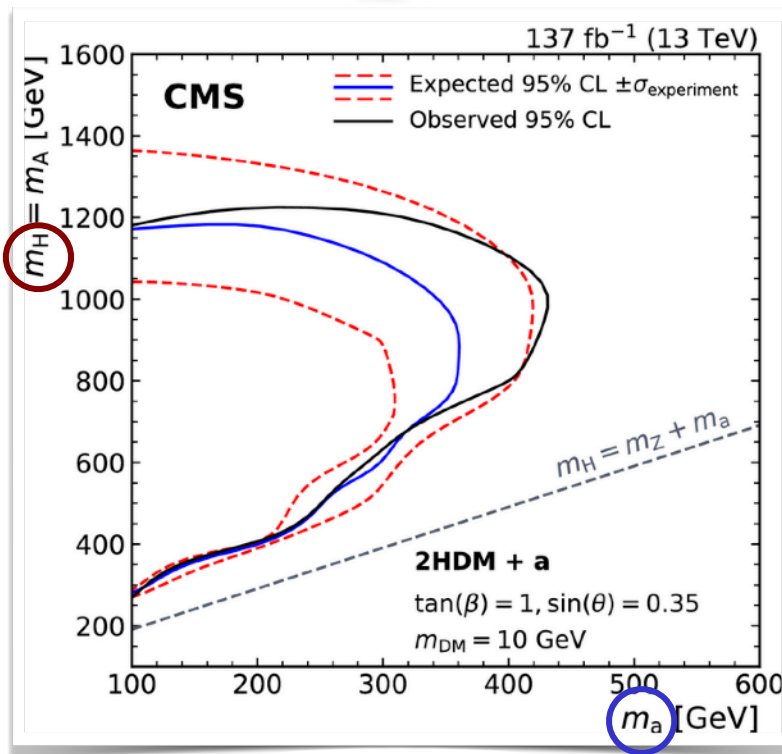
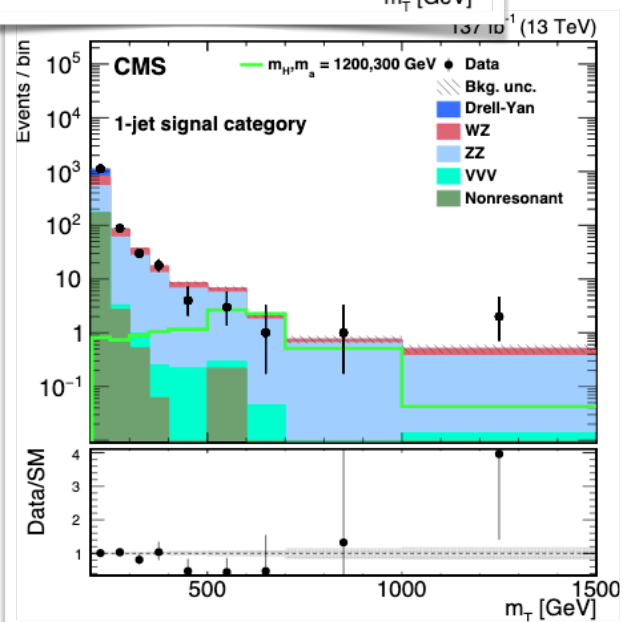
- Significant MET from DM particles
- $Z \rightarrow \ell\ell$  candidate decay
- $\leq 1$  extra jet,  $|p_T^{\text{miss}} - p_T^{\ell\ell}| / p_T^{\ell\ell} < 0.4$
- Constrain WZ, ZZ with  $3\ell, 4\ell$  CRs
- Look for excess in  $m_T$  distribution:



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Significant improvement  
w/r/t 36/fb results!

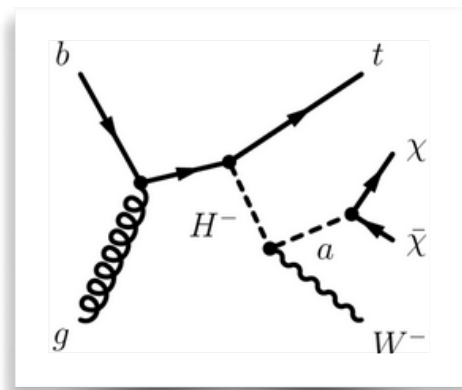




# 2HDM+a: $tW + DM$

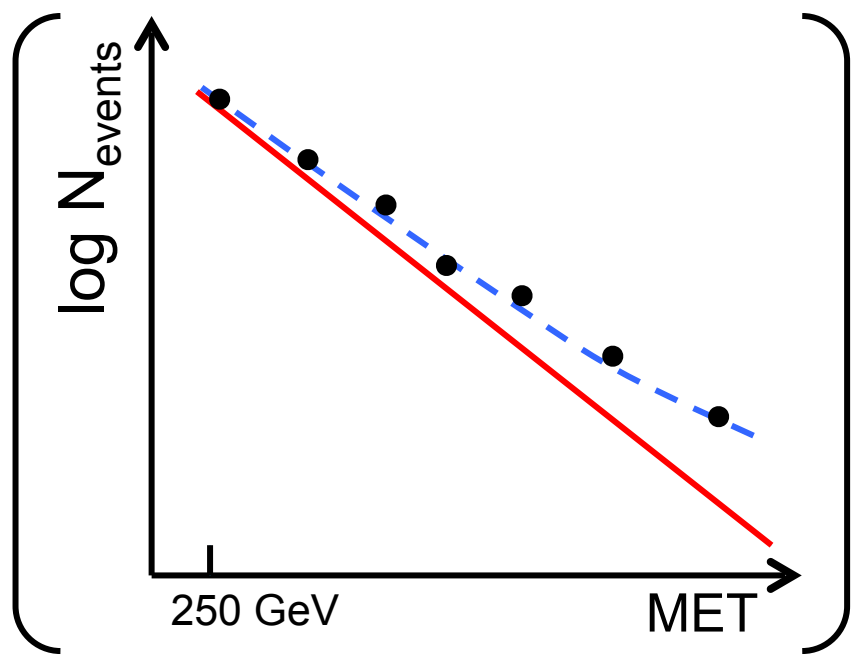
## • Analysis strategy:

- Large MET (>250 GeV) from DM particles
- $t$  candidate,  $W$  candidate from  $H^\pm \rightarrow Wa$
- 1,2 leptons for  $tW+DM$ , 1 lepton for  $tq+DM$
- $\geq 1$  b-tagged jet
- Constrain  $tt+V$  with CRs
- Look for excesses in MET + other distributions:



$$\sin(\theta) = 1/\sqrt{2}$$

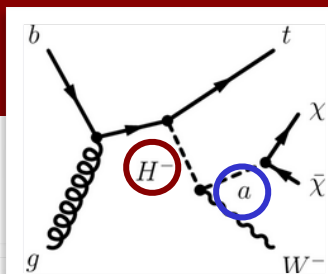
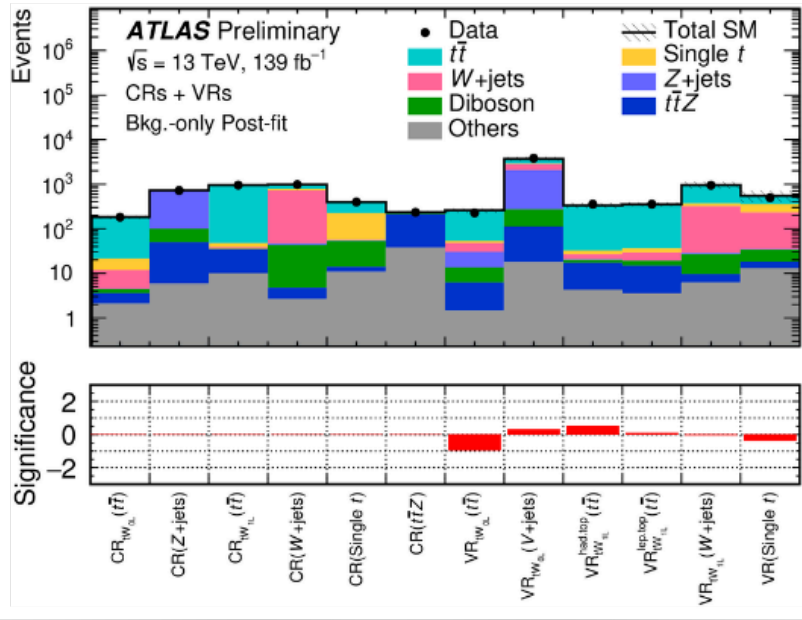
enhances resonant  $H^\pm$



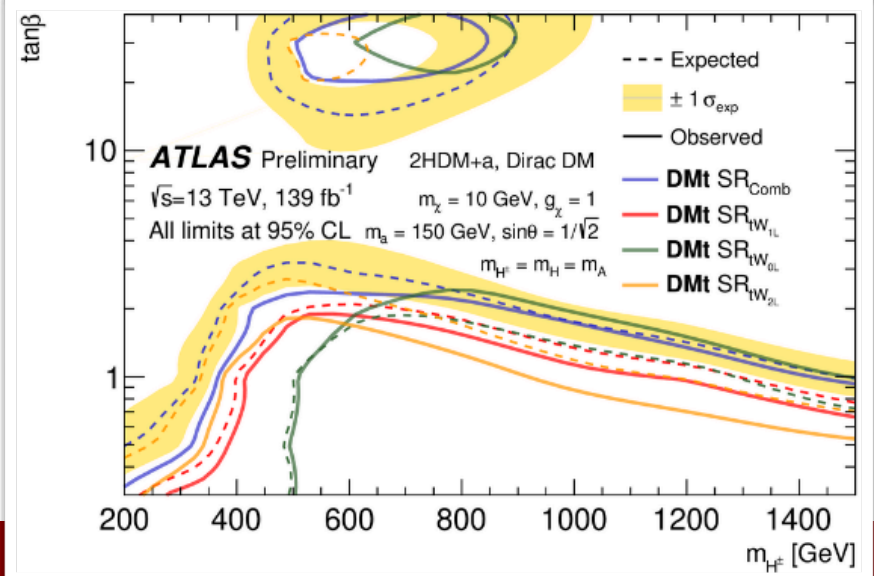
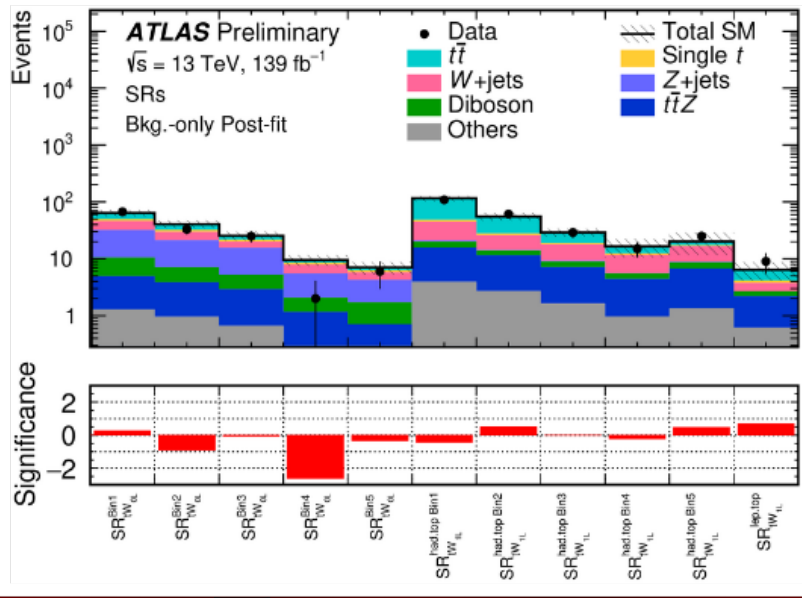
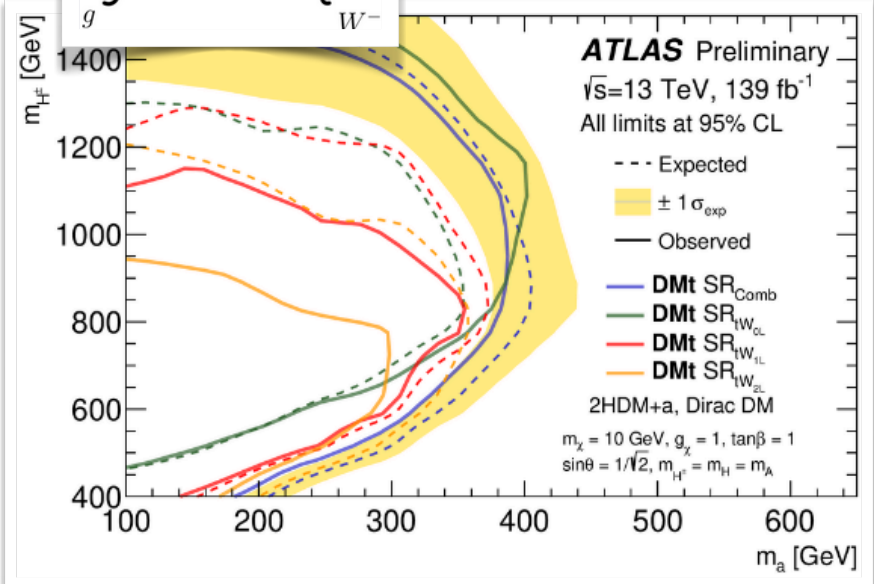
First-time experimental search for this process!

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# 2HDM+a: $tW$ + DM

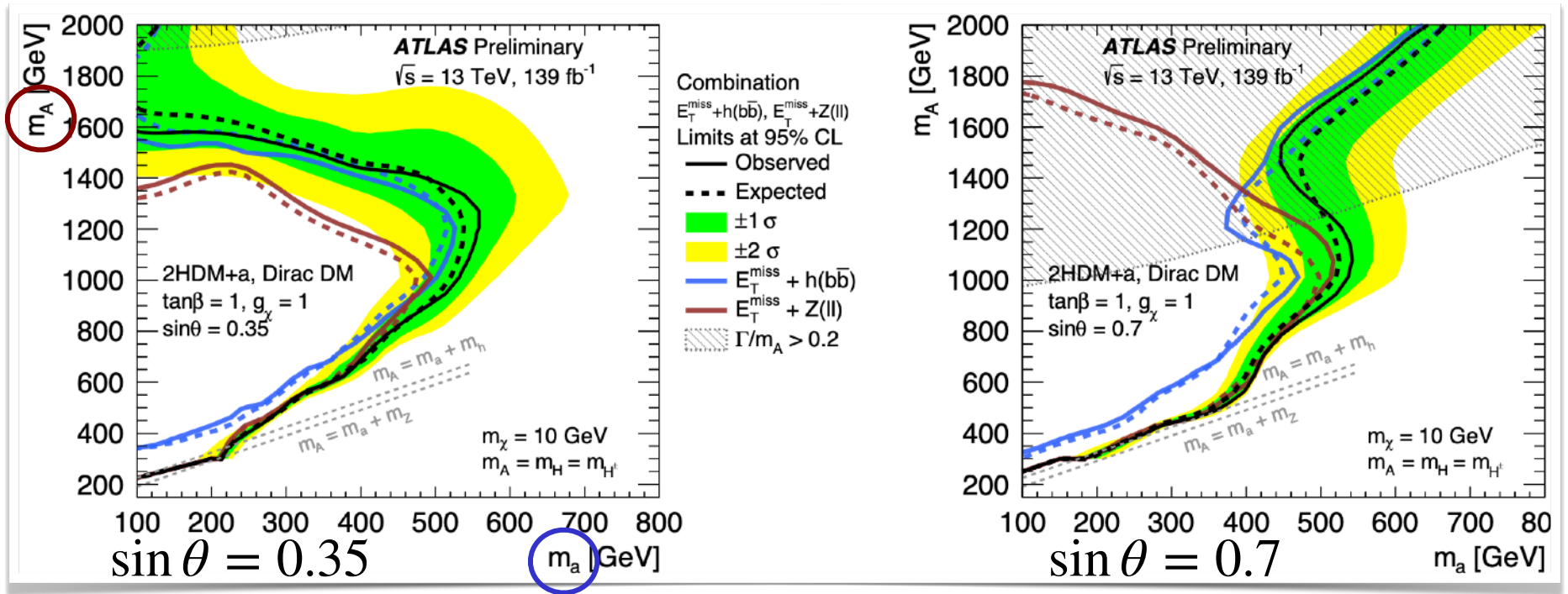
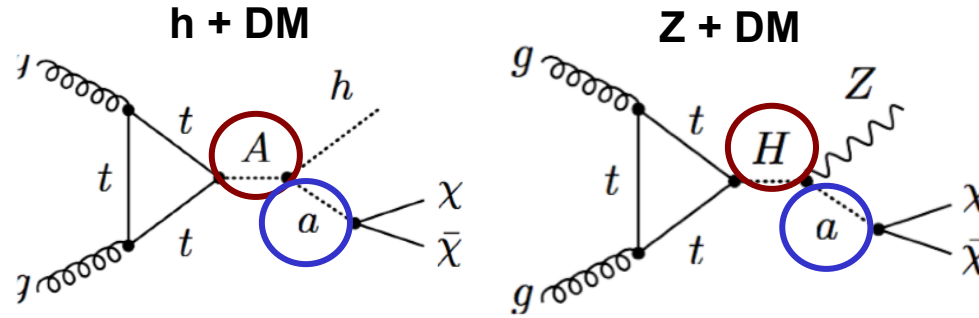


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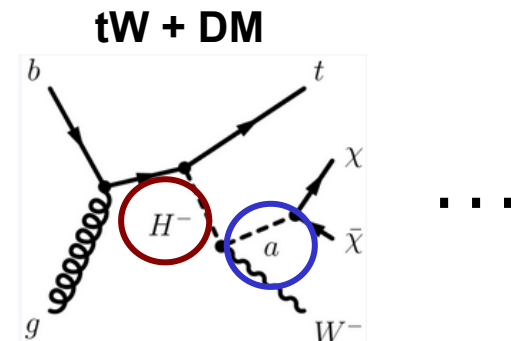
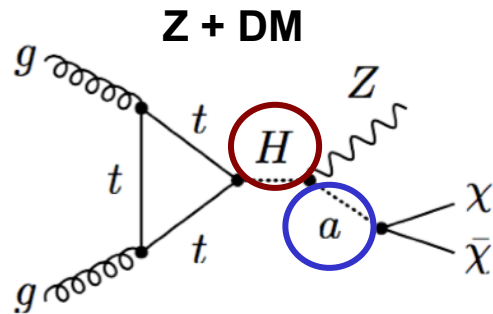
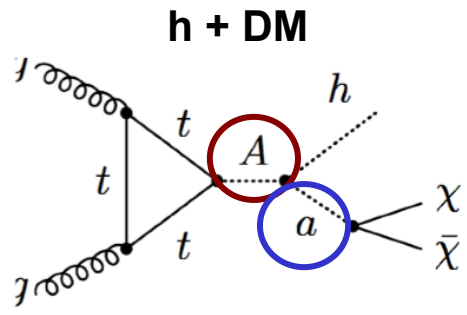




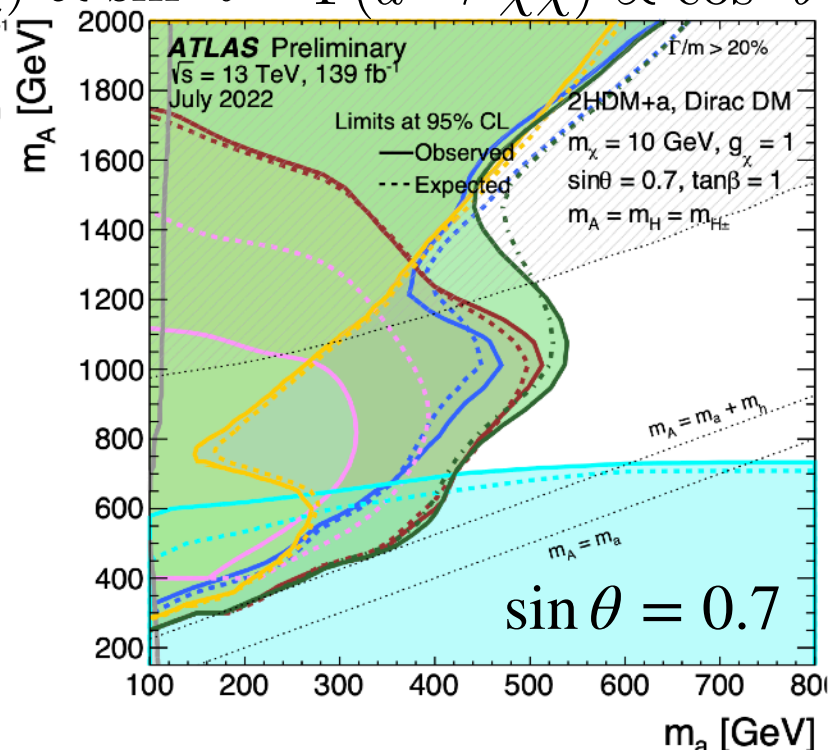
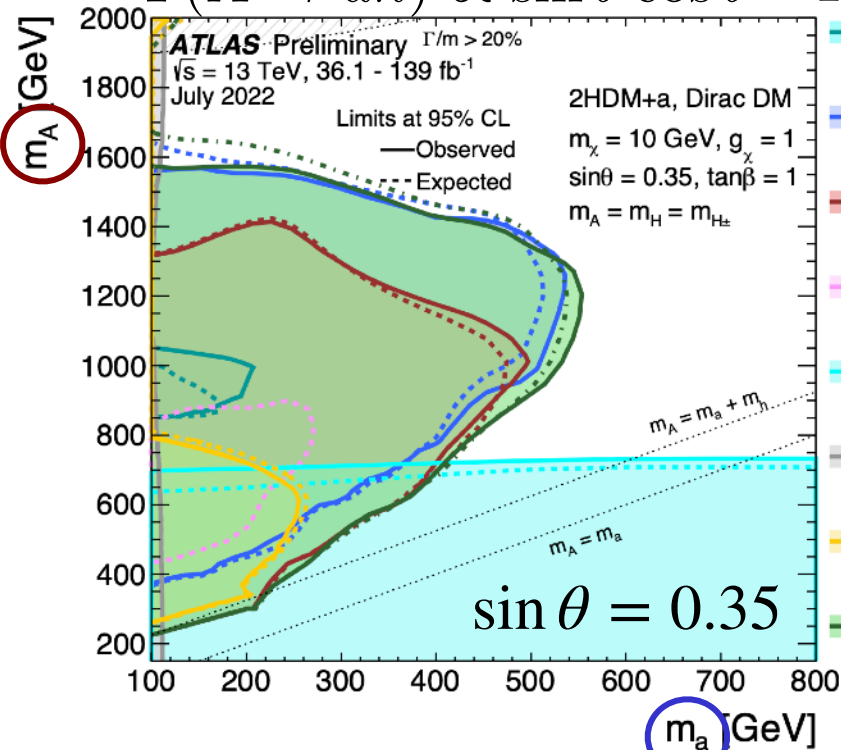
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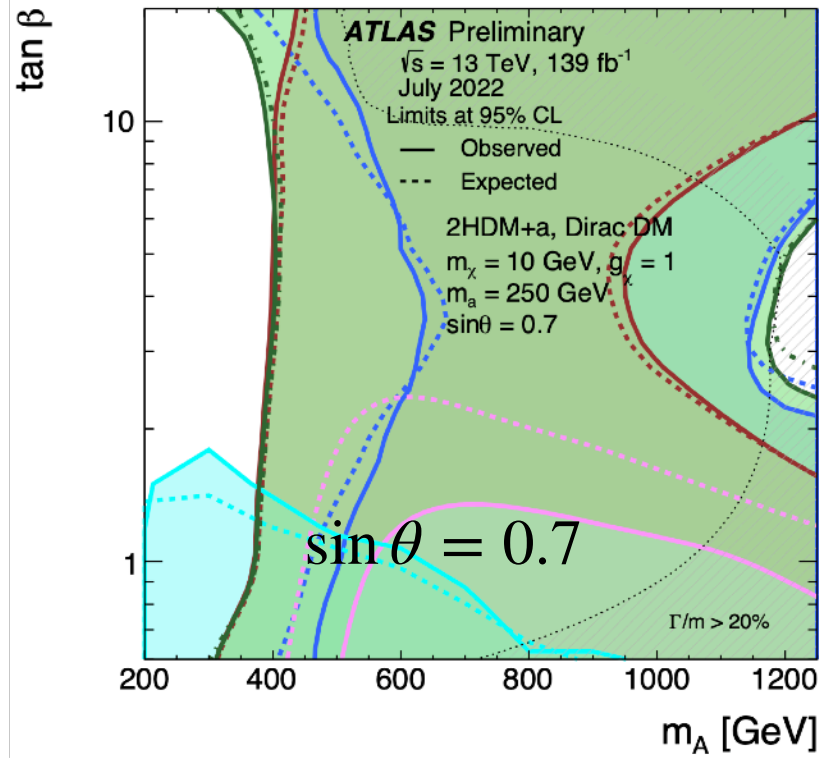
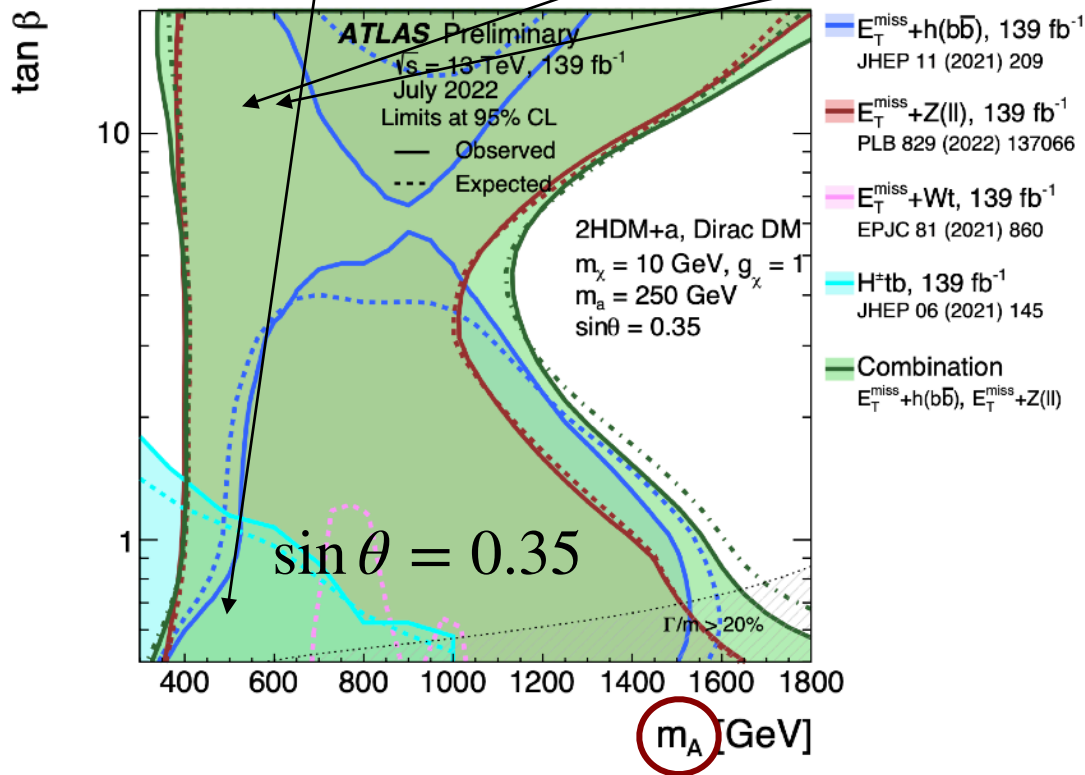
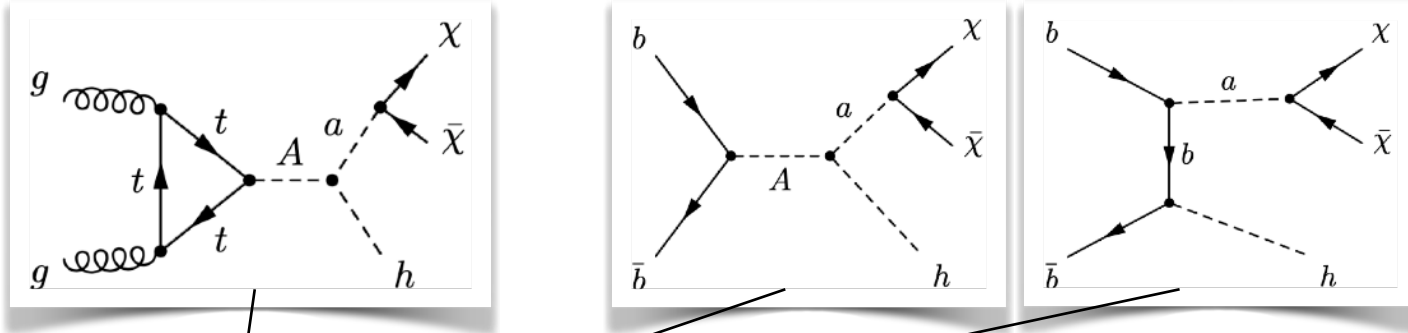
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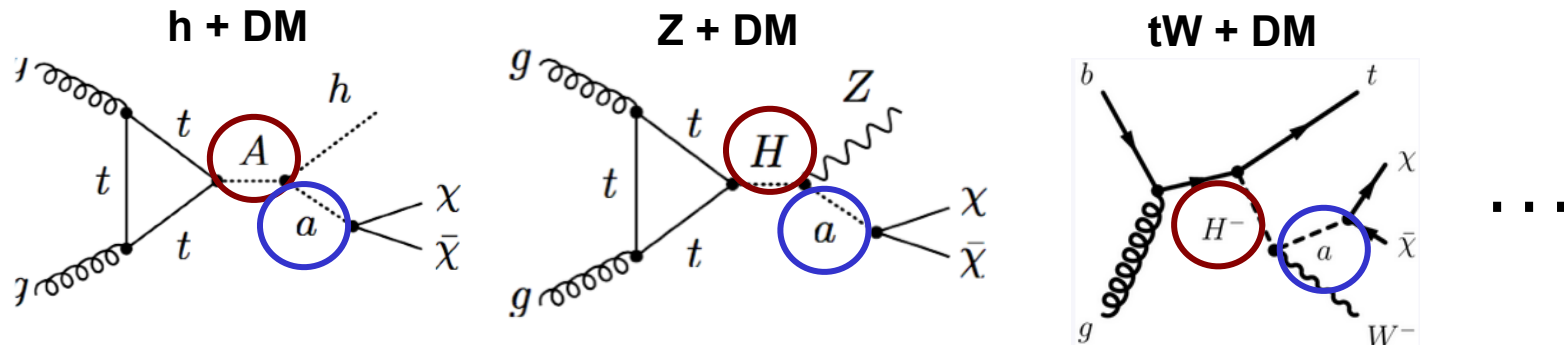
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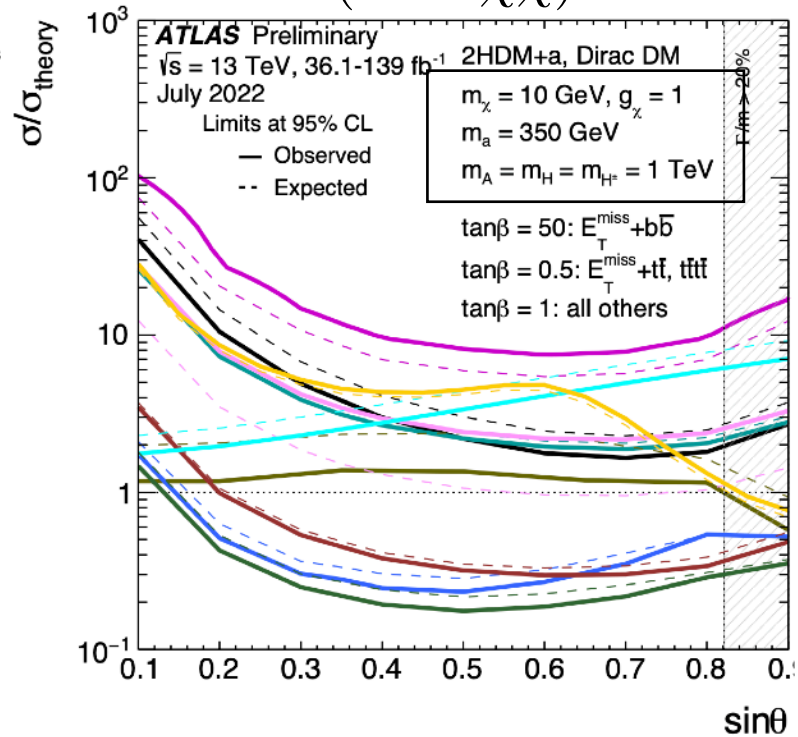
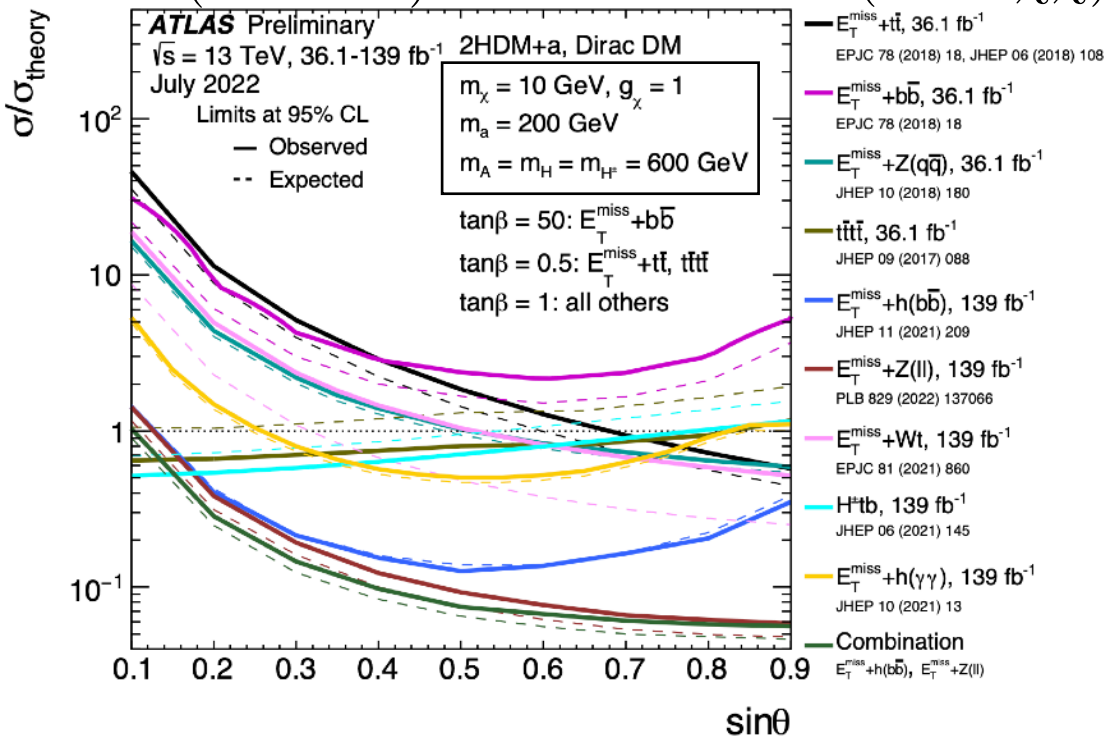


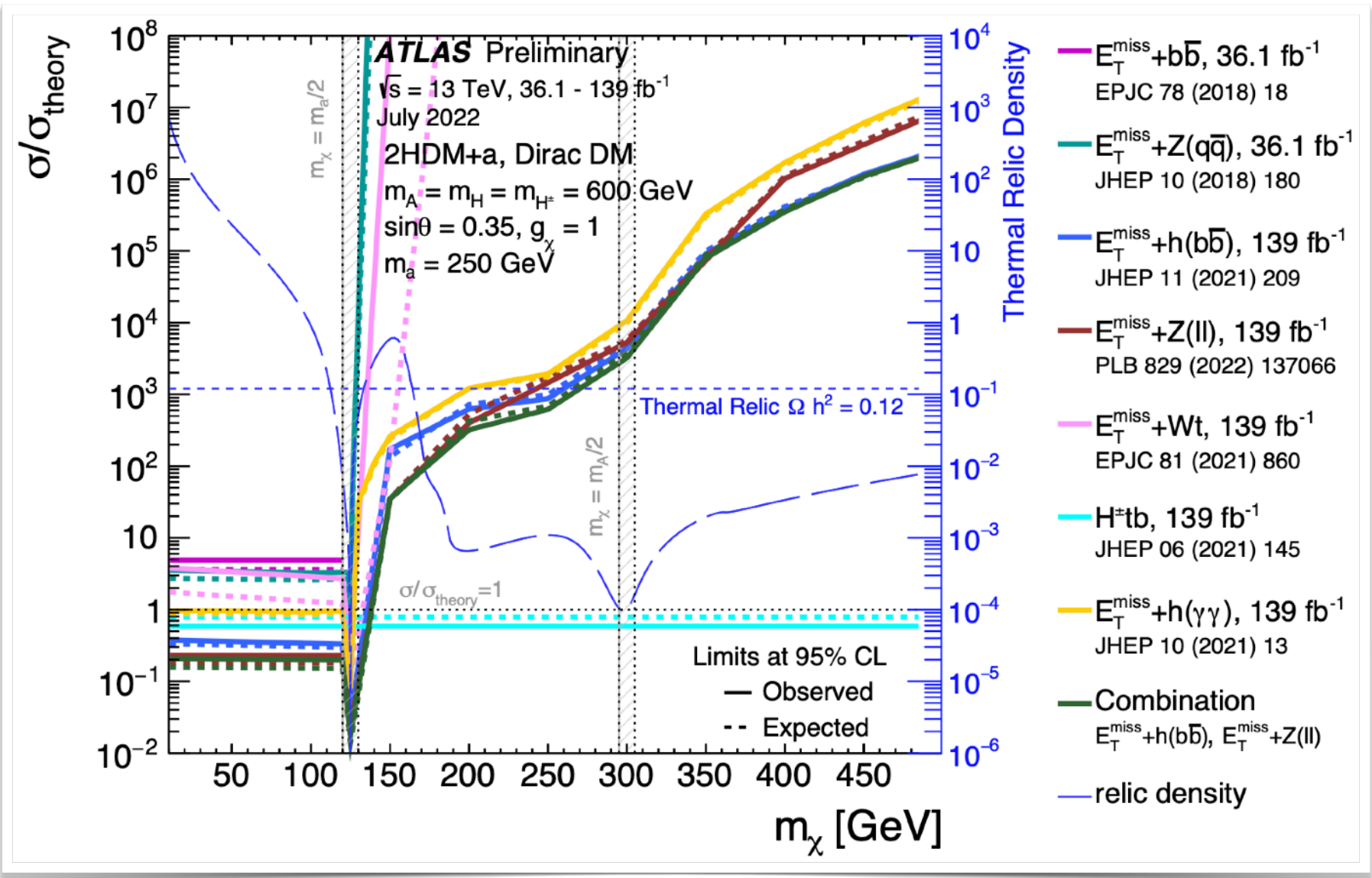


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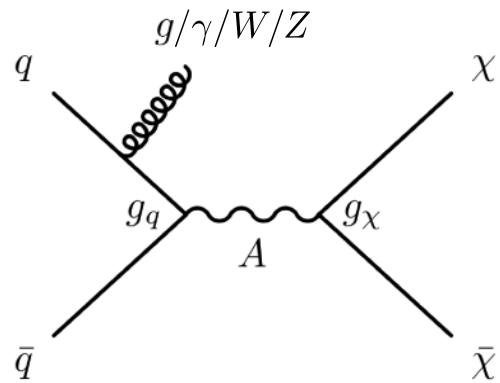
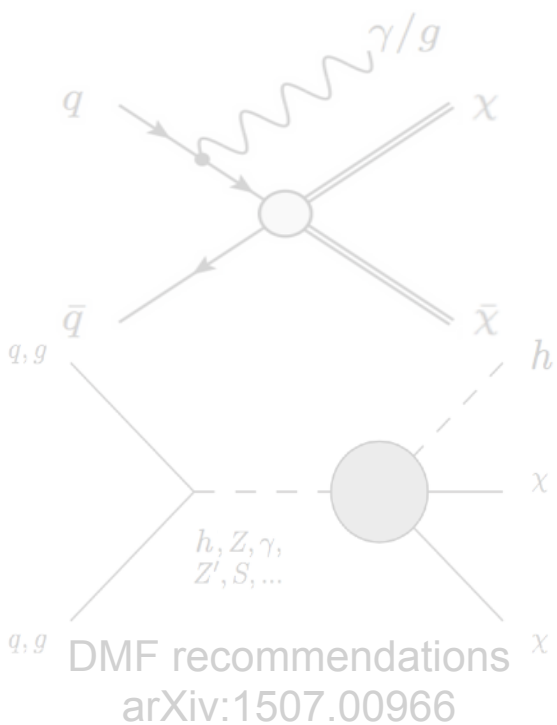
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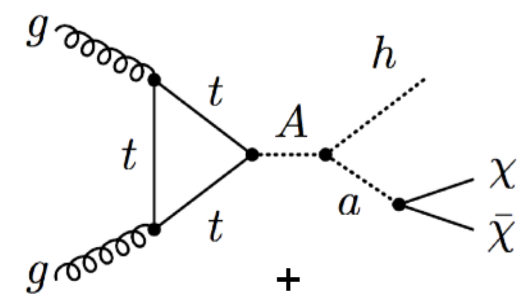




# DARK HIGGS MODEL: MOTIVATION



Scalar mediator model  
V/AV mediator model  
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many other signatures  
2HDM+a model  
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Dark Higgs model  
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Supersymmetry

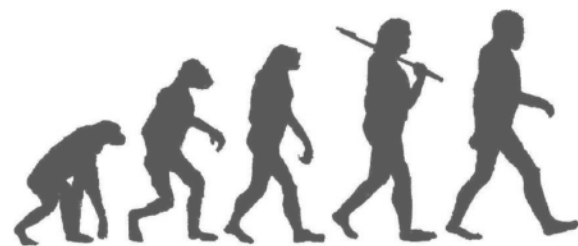
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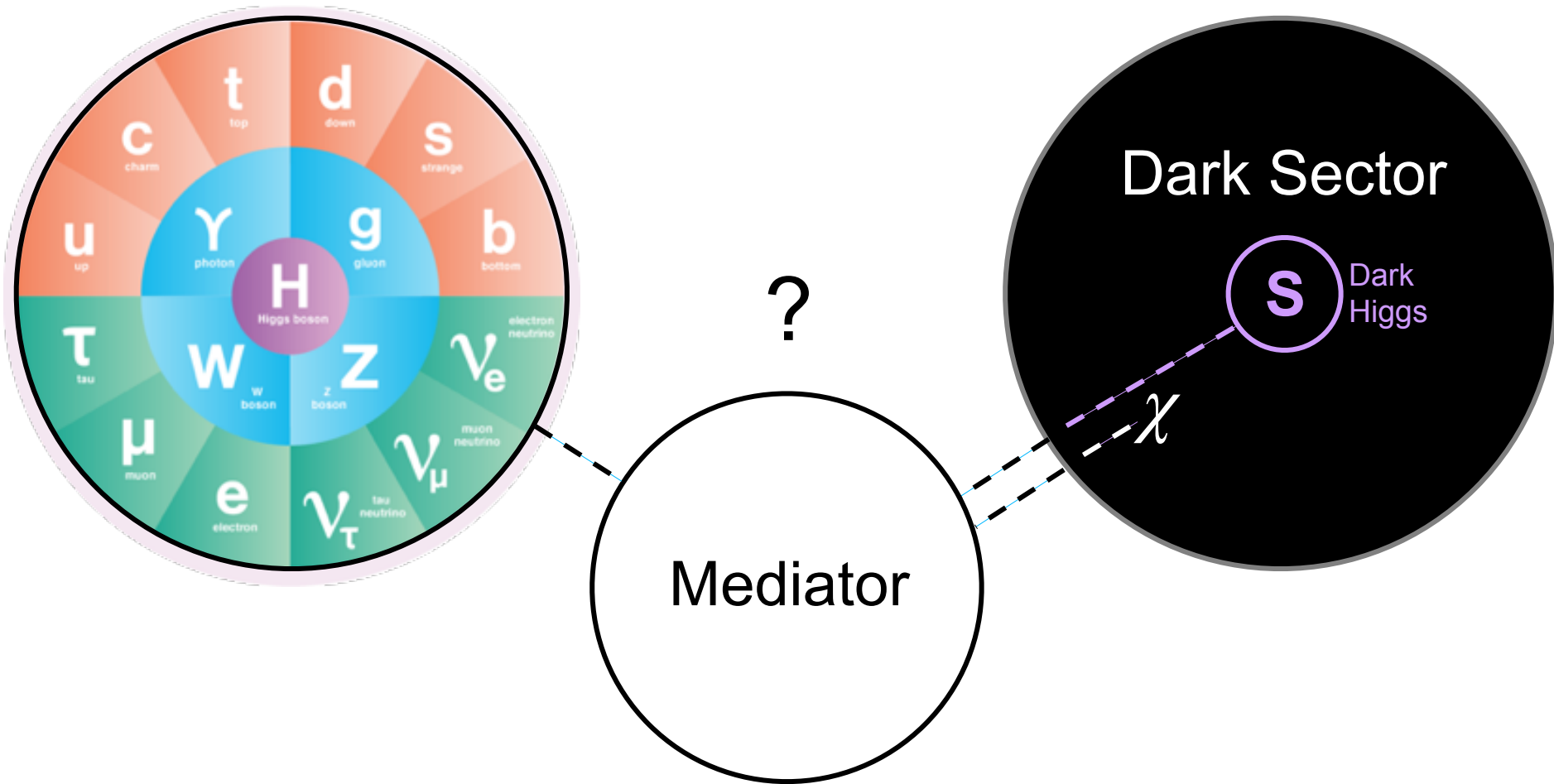
2) Simplified models

3) **Simplified, consistent, & UV-complete models**

4) complete models

*Richer kinematics + phenomenology* →





- Motivation:**
- 1) Dark Higgs mechanism to give mass to DM particles  $\chi$
  - 2) Mediator that couples to SM and to Dark Higgs (S) and  $\chi$
  - 3) Generic signatures that are present in complete models

*Review*

# Collider Searches for Dark Matter through the Higgs Lens

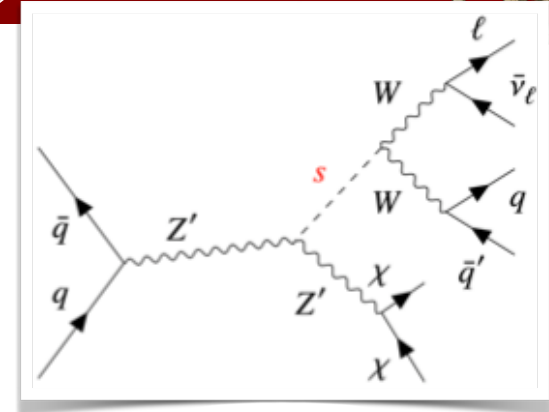
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**Abstract:** Despite the fact that dark matter constitutes one of the cornerstones of the standard cosmological paradigm, its existence has so far only been inferred from astronomical observations and its microscopic nature remains elusive. Theoretical arguments suggest that dark matter might be connected to the symmetry-breaking mechanism of the electroweak interactions or of other symmetries extending the Standard Model of particle physics. The resulting Higgs bosons, including the 125 GeV spin-0 particle discovered recently at the Large Hadron Collider therefore represent a unique tool to search for dark matter candidates at collider experiments. This article reviews some of the relevant theoretical models as well as the results from the searches for dark matter in signatures that involve a Higgs-like particle at the Large Hadron Collider.

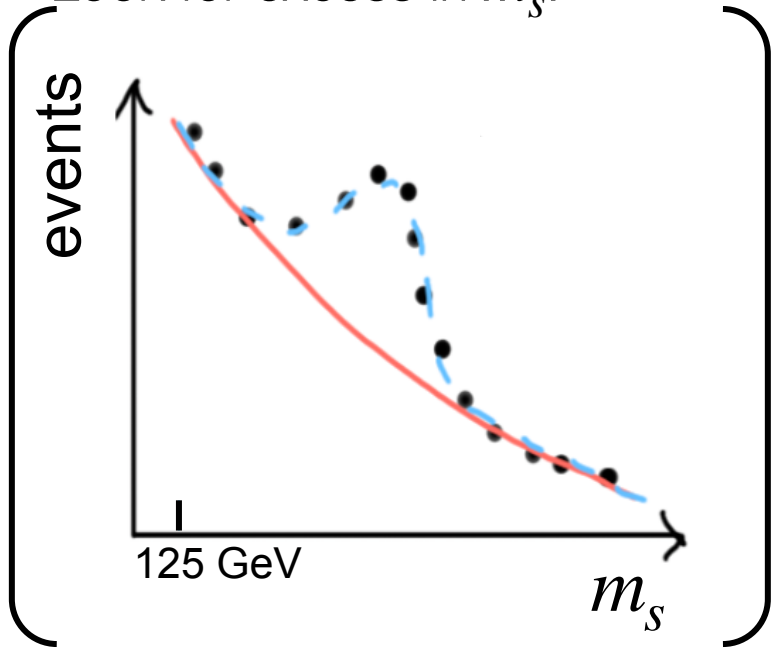
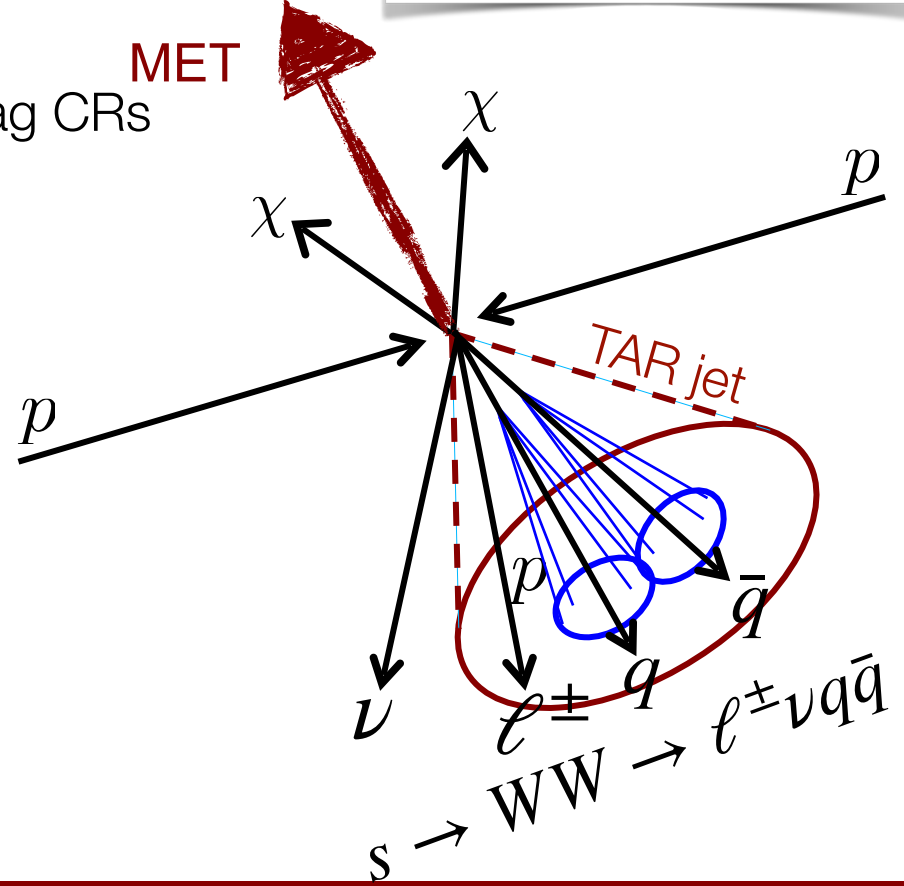
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# DARK HIGGS MODEL: MONO-S( $\rightarrow WW \rightarrow \ell\nu q\bar{q}$ )



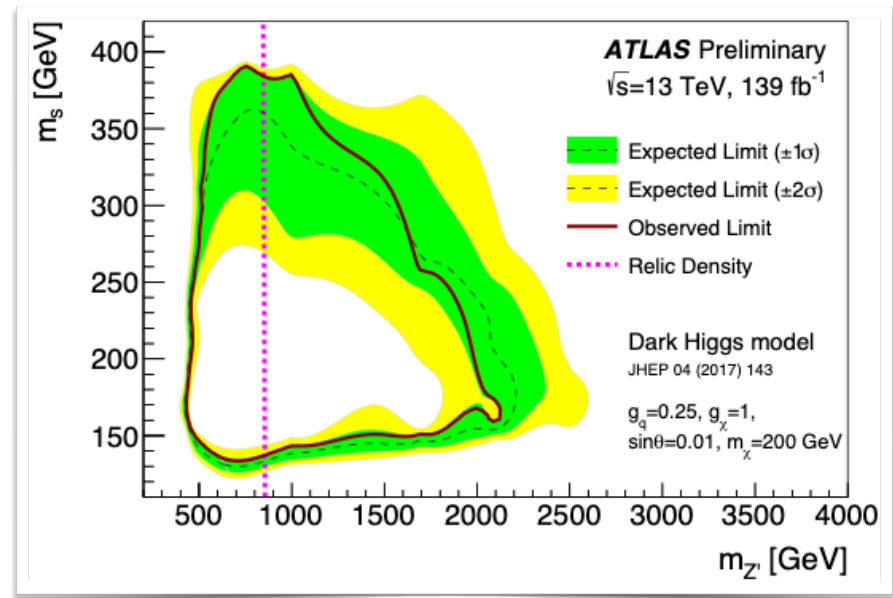
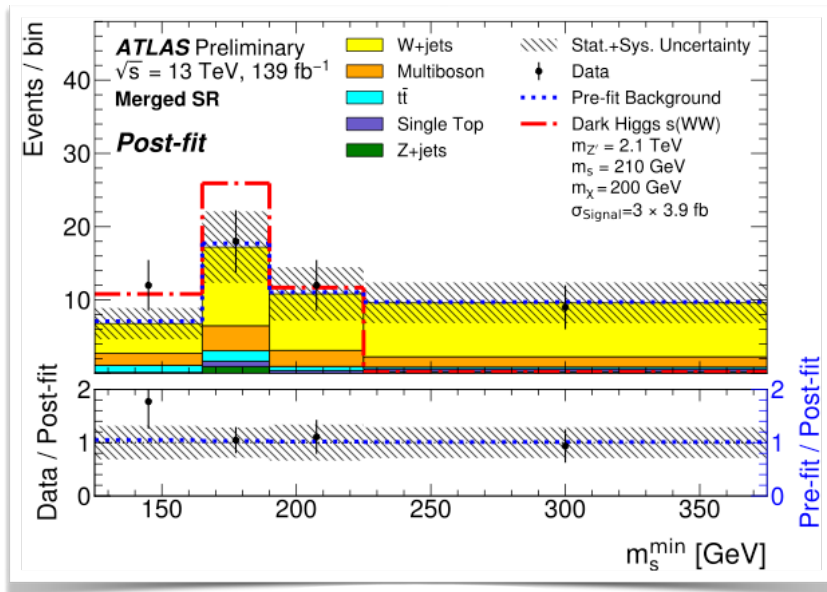
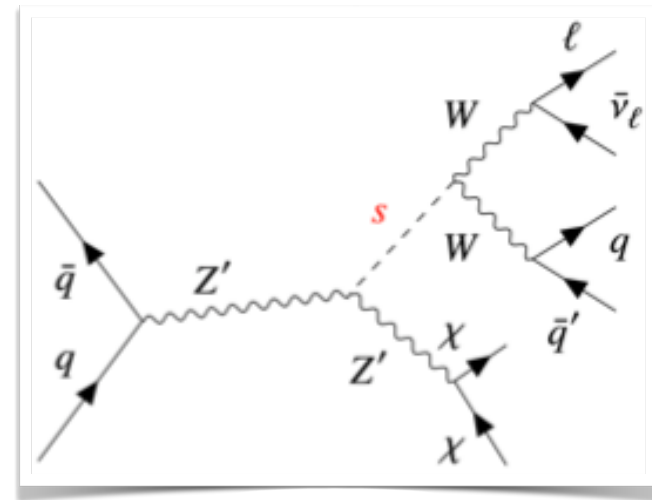
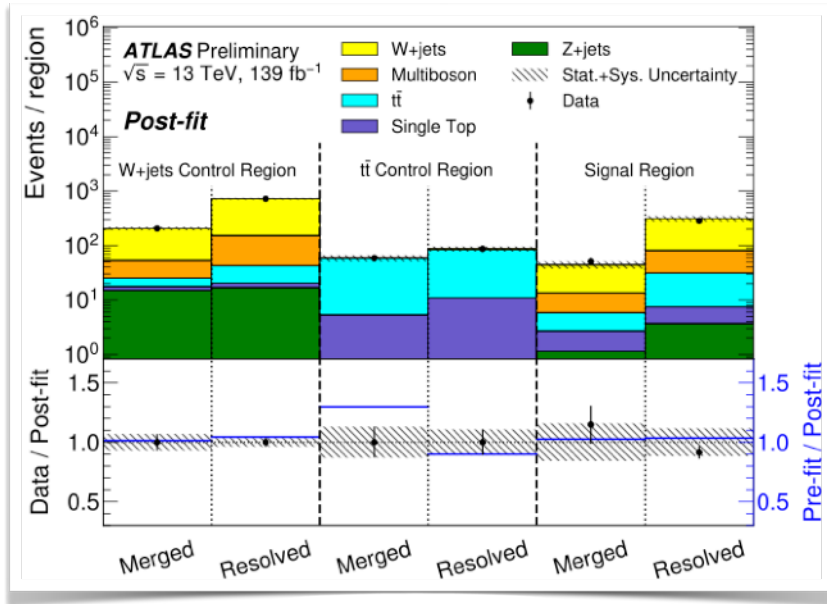
## Analysis strategy:

- MET > 200 GeV,  $m_T > 220$  GeV
- Dark Higgs candidate  $s \rightarrow W(\ell\nu)W(q\bar{q})$ 
  - single  $W(\rightarrow q\bar{q})$  TAR jet (merged)
  - two  $W(\rightarrow q\bar{q})$  jets (resolved)
- Constrain  $W$ +jets and  $t\bar{t}$ : 1 $\ell$ , 2  $b$ -tag CRs
- Look for excess in  $m_s$ :

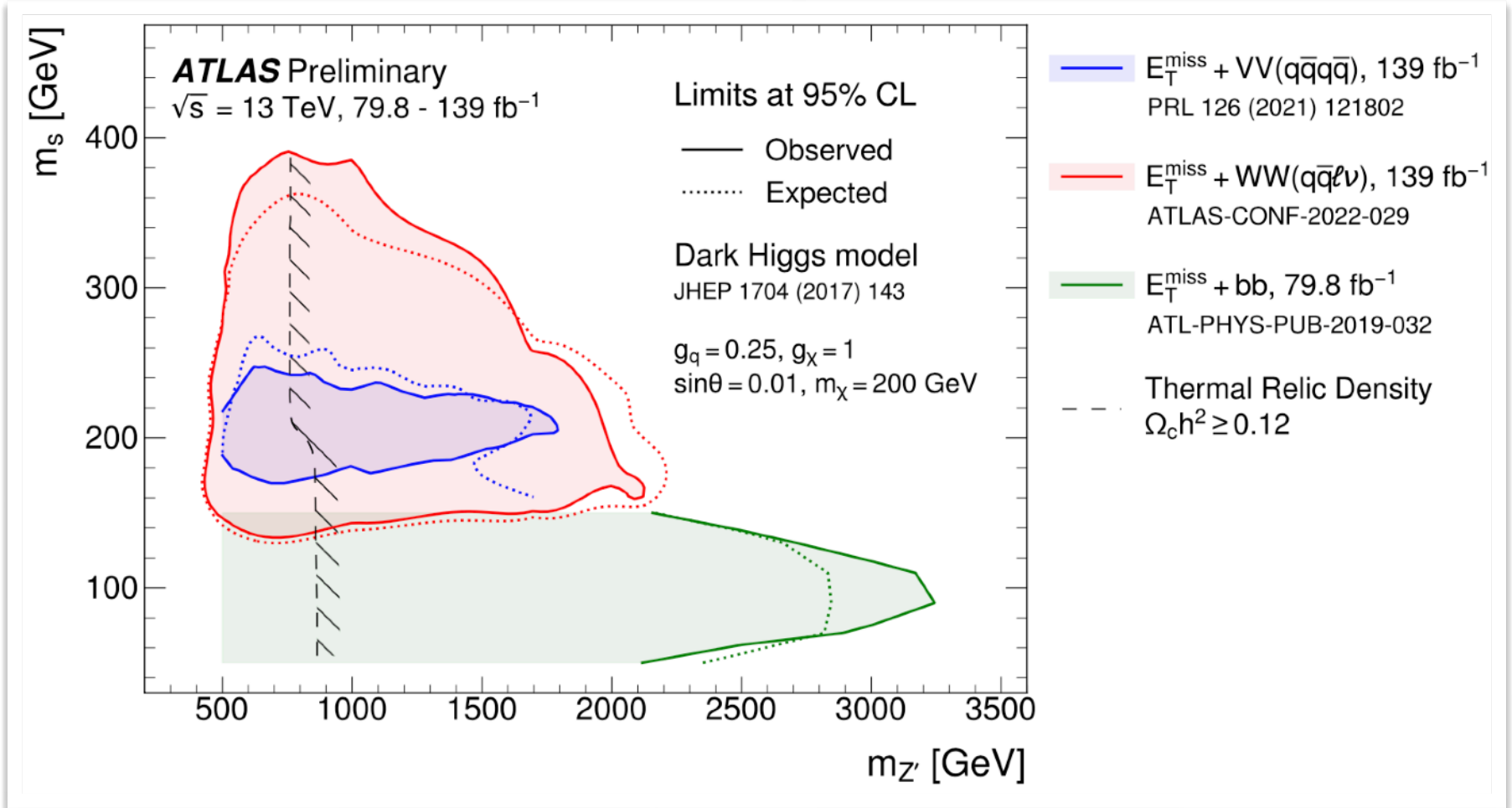


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# DARK HIGGS + DM: RESULTS



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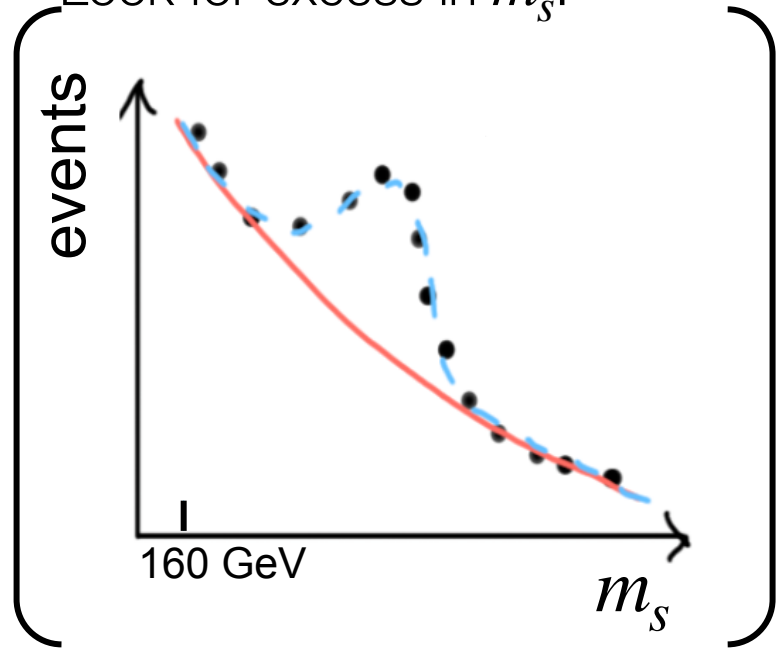
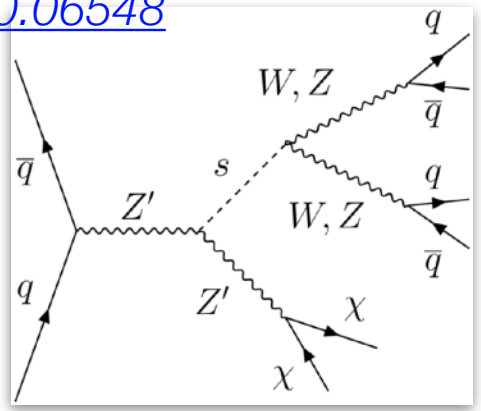
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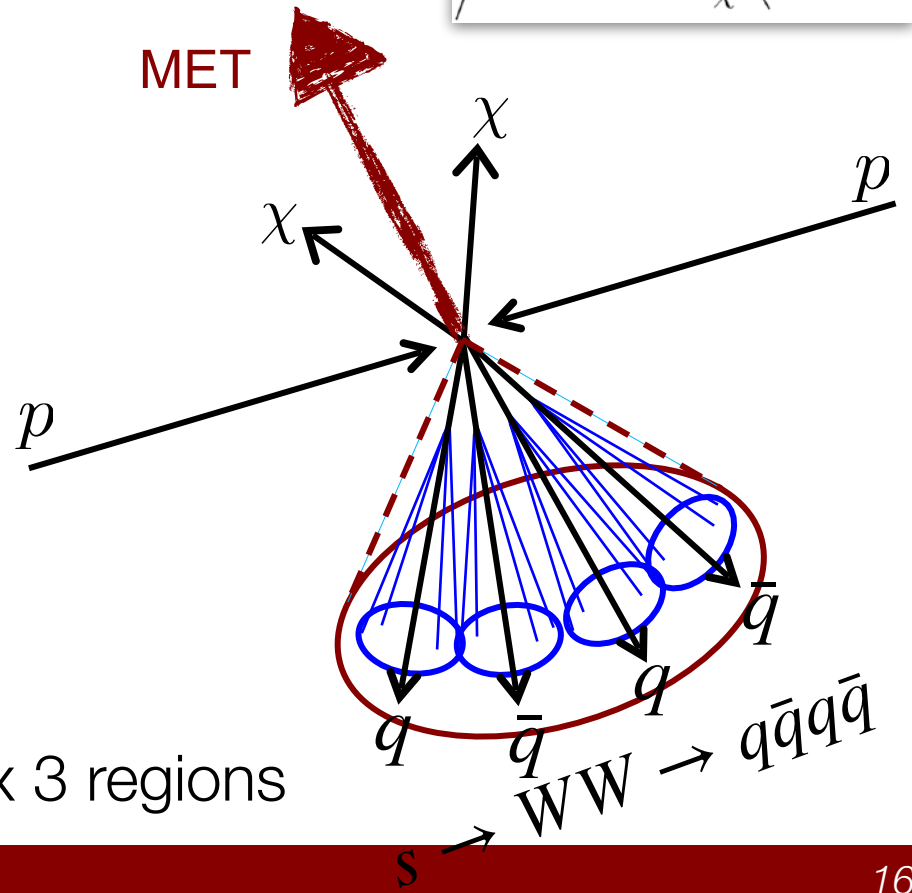
## Analysis strategy:

subm. to PRL, [arXiv:2010.06548](https://arxiv.org/abs/2010.06548)

- Require MET > 200 GeV
- Require Dark Higgs candidate  $s$ 
  - One  $s \rightarrow WW \rightarrow q\bar{q}q\bar{q}$  jet ("merged")
  - One  $W(\rightarrow q\bar{q})$  jet + extra jets ("intermediate")
- Look for excess in  $m_s$ :



[Shape fit  $m_s > 160$  GeV]



# DARK HIGGS MODEL: MONO- $s(\rightarrow VV)$ , $V = W, Z$



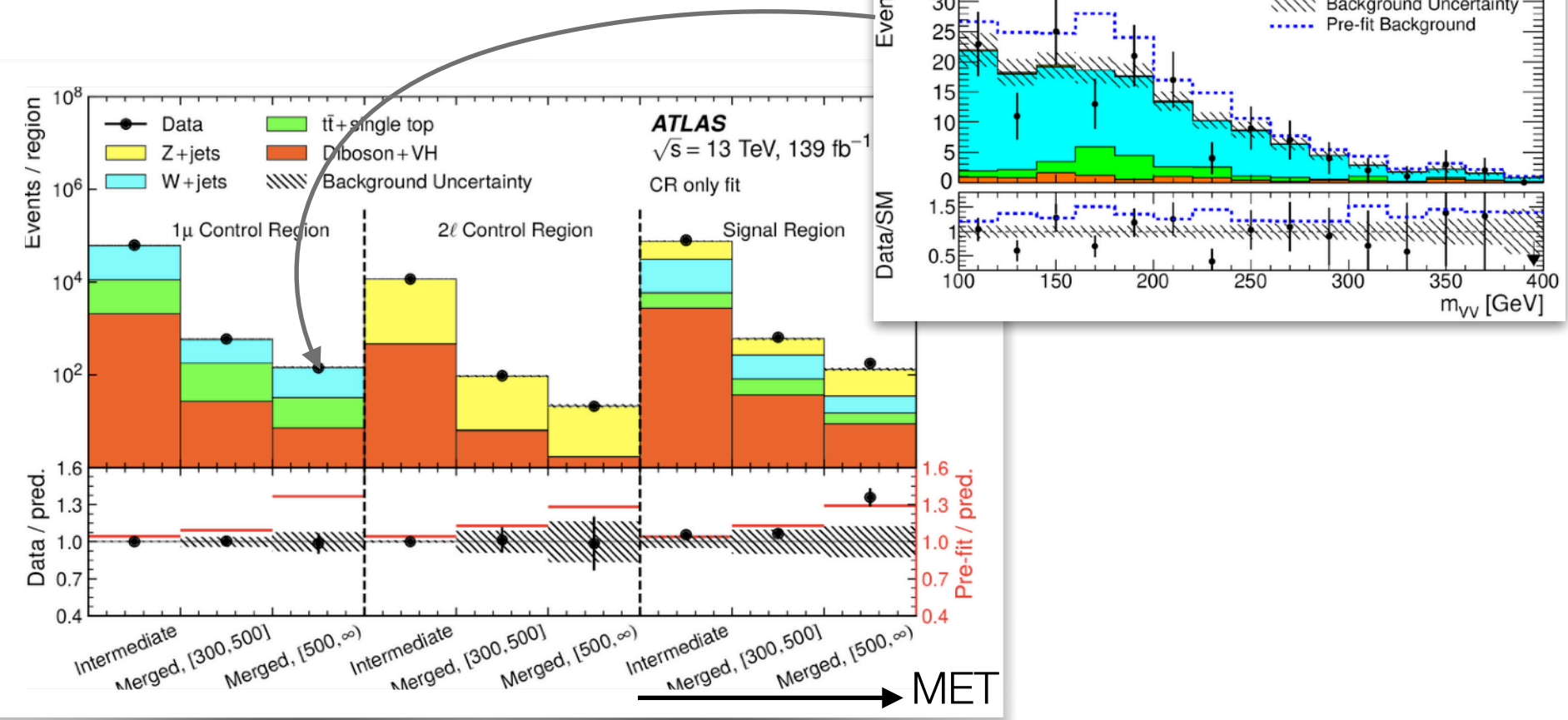
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## • Backgrounds:

- SM Z(vv)+jets (dominant + irreducible), W+jets, Diboson, tt + rest
- Challenge: extreme kinematic regime

## • Strategy:

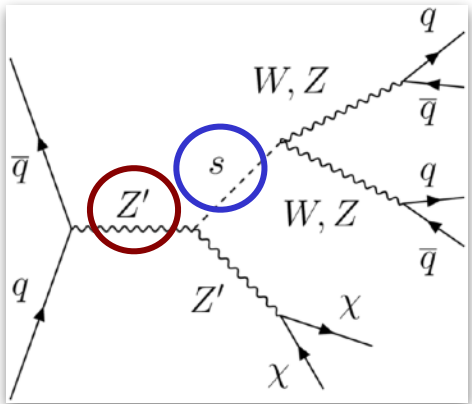
- Constrain major backgrounds:



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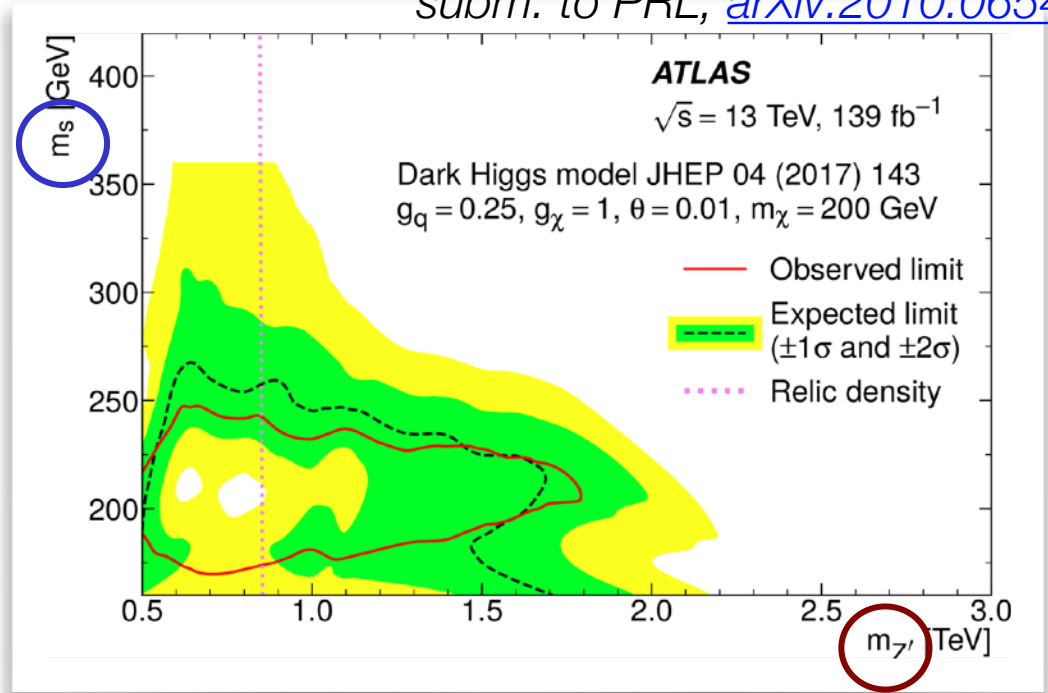


• Results:

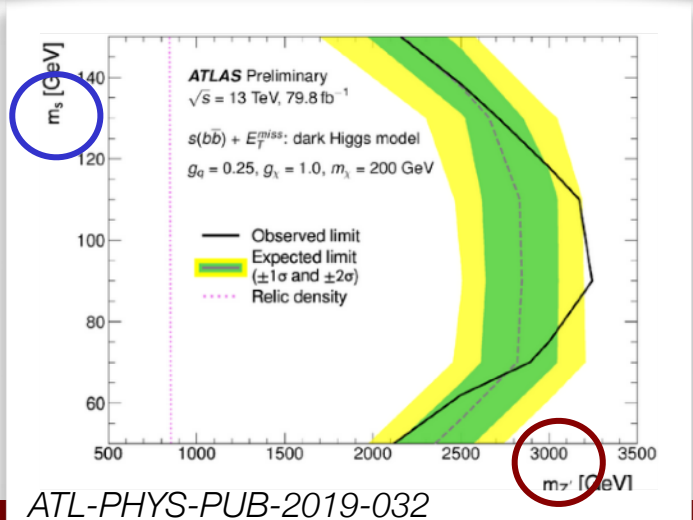
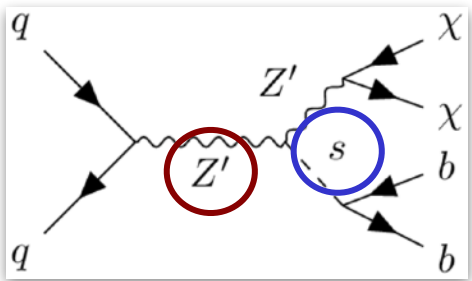


First look at this signature at the LHC!

subm. to PRL, [arXiv:2010.06548](https://arxiv.org/abs/2010.06548)



• Results for  $m_s < 160$  GeV:



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No EFT model interpretations for DM searches at the LHC:

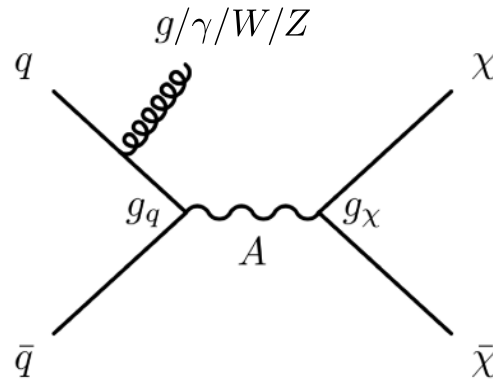
$$Q^2 \gtrsim \Lambda$$

→ Need models with a resolved mediator

*Exception:*

*Higgs portal models*

*(why?)*



s-channel mediators

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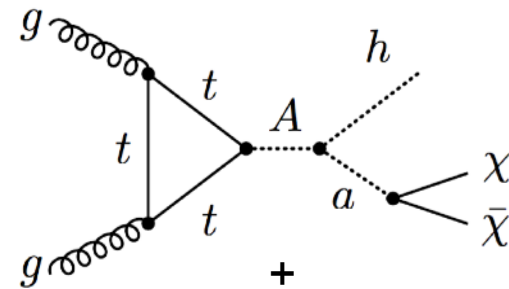
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**2) Simplified models**



+ many other signatures

2HDM+a model

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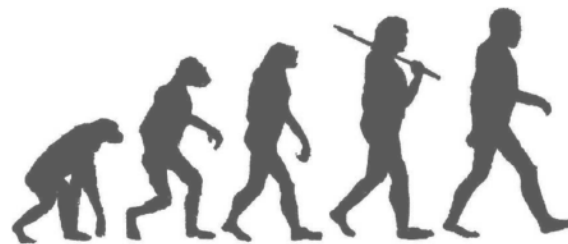
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Dark Higgs model

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**3) Simplified, consistent, & UV-complete models**

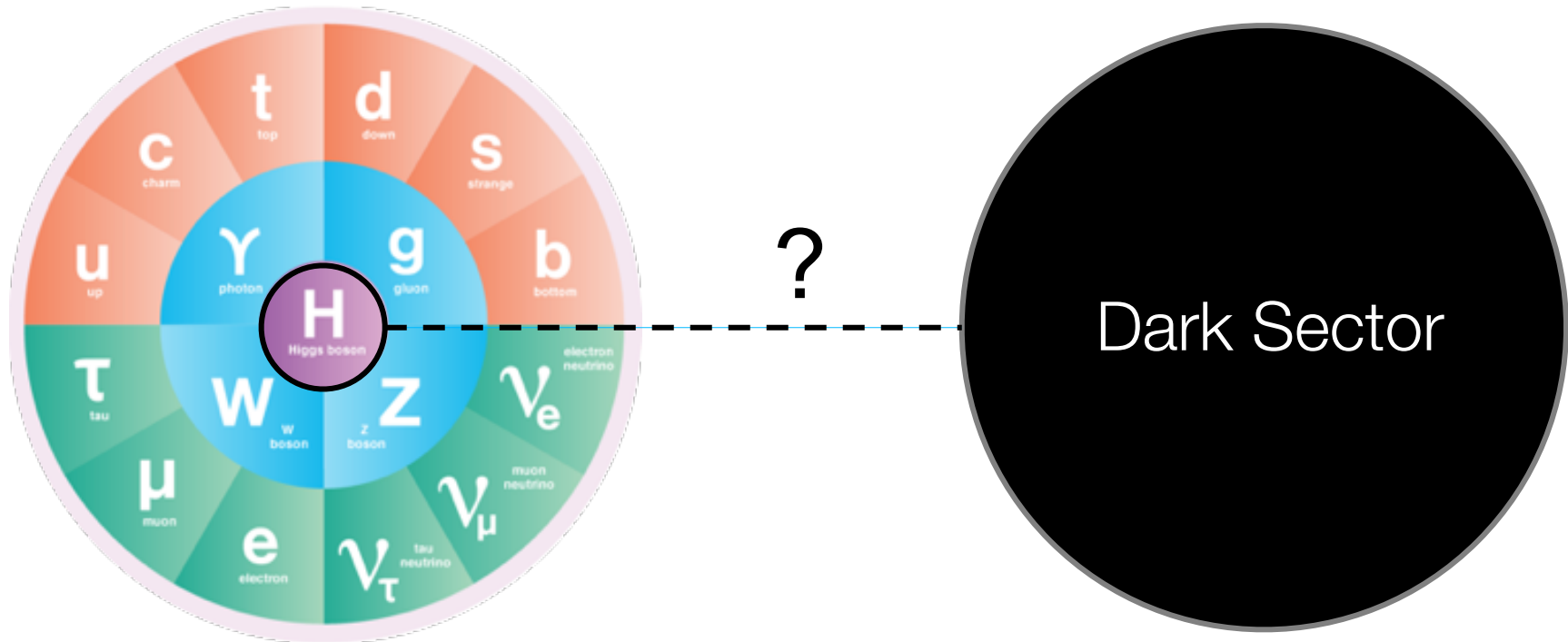
**Supersymmetry**  
DM candidate: lightest supersymmetric particle



*Richer kinematics + phenomenology*



# Higgs-portal models



- Motivation:
- 1) Higgs Yukawa coupling to massive Dark Sector particles
  - 2) Higgs coupling to new particles (hierarchy problem)
  - 3) can be UV-complete
  - 4) the only dim-4 operator to couple SM and scalar/vector DM

$$\mathcal{L}_{\phi H} = c_m \phi^2 (H^\dagger H)$$

*Review*

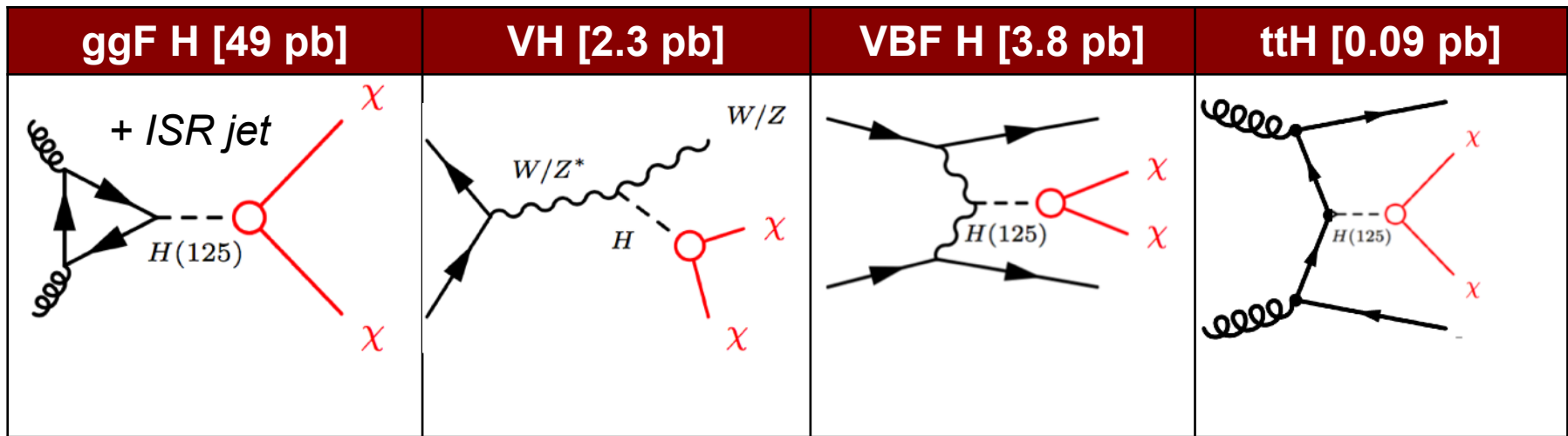
# Collider Searches for Dark Matter through the Higgs Lens

Spyros Argyropoulos <sup>1</sup>, Oleg Brandt <sup>2,\*</sup> and Ulrich Haisch <sup>3</sup>*Symmetry* 13(12) (2021) 2406  
2109.13597

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**Abstract:** Despite the fact that dark matter constitutes one of the cornerstones of the standard cosmological paradigm, its existence has so far only been inferred from astronomical observations and its microscopic nature remains elusive. Theoretical arguments suggest that dark matter might be connected to the symmetry-breaking mechanism of the electroweak interactions or of other symmetries extending the Standard Model of particle physics. The resulting Higgs bosons, including the 125 GeV spin-0 particle discovered recently at the Large Hadron Collider therefore represent a unique tool to search for dark matter candidates at collider experiments. This article reviews some of the relevant theoretical models as well as the results from the searches for dark matter in signatures that involve a Higgs-like particle at the Large Hadron Collider.

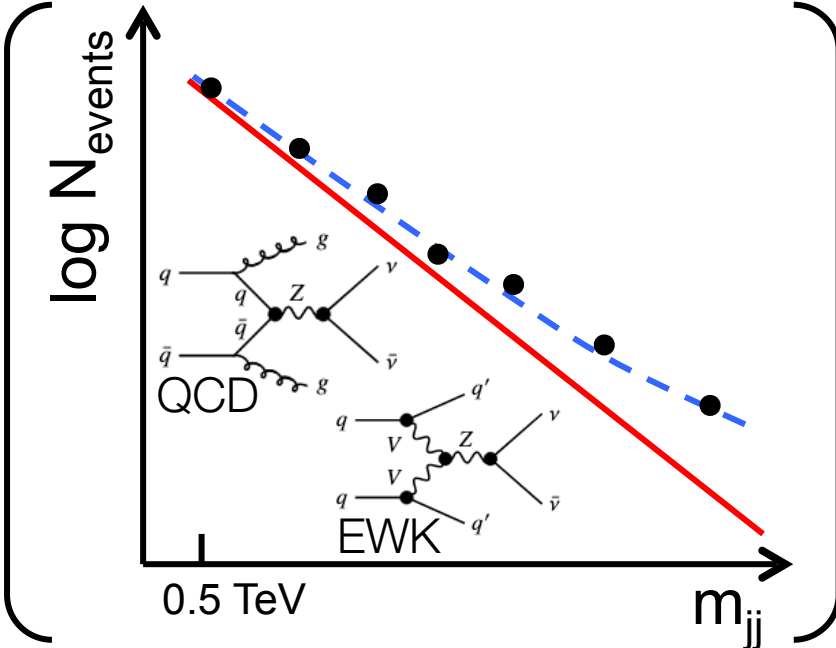
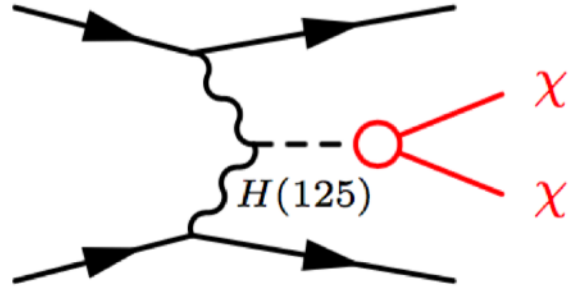
**Keywords:** dark matter; Higgs; LHC



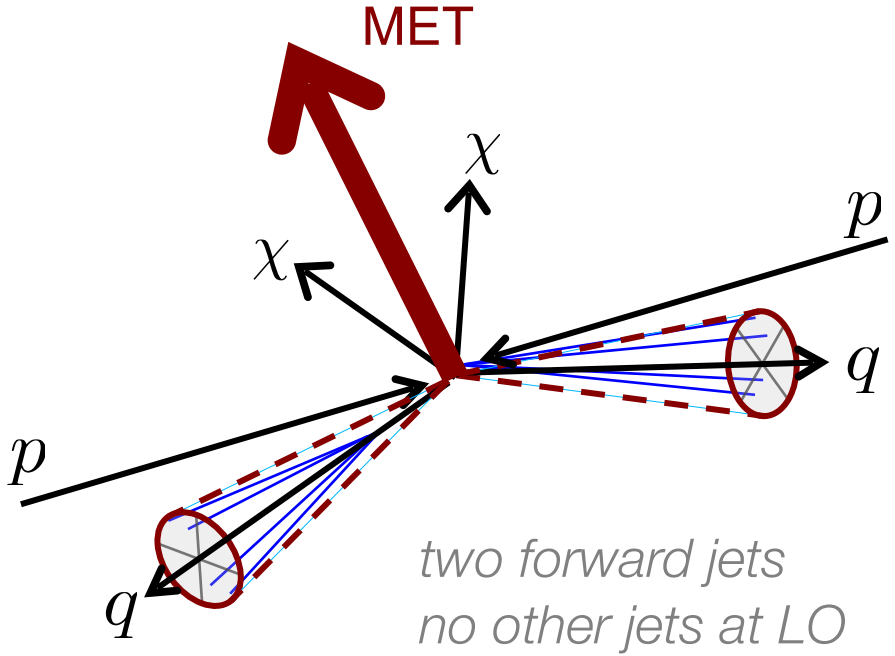


## Analysis strategy:

- Require MET > 200 GeV, MHT > 180 GeV
- Require high  $|\Delta\eta_{jj}| > 3.8$
- No 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> jet with large impact on  $m_{jj}$
- Look for excess at high  $m_{jj}$ :



Shape fit  $m_{jj} > 0.5$  TeV





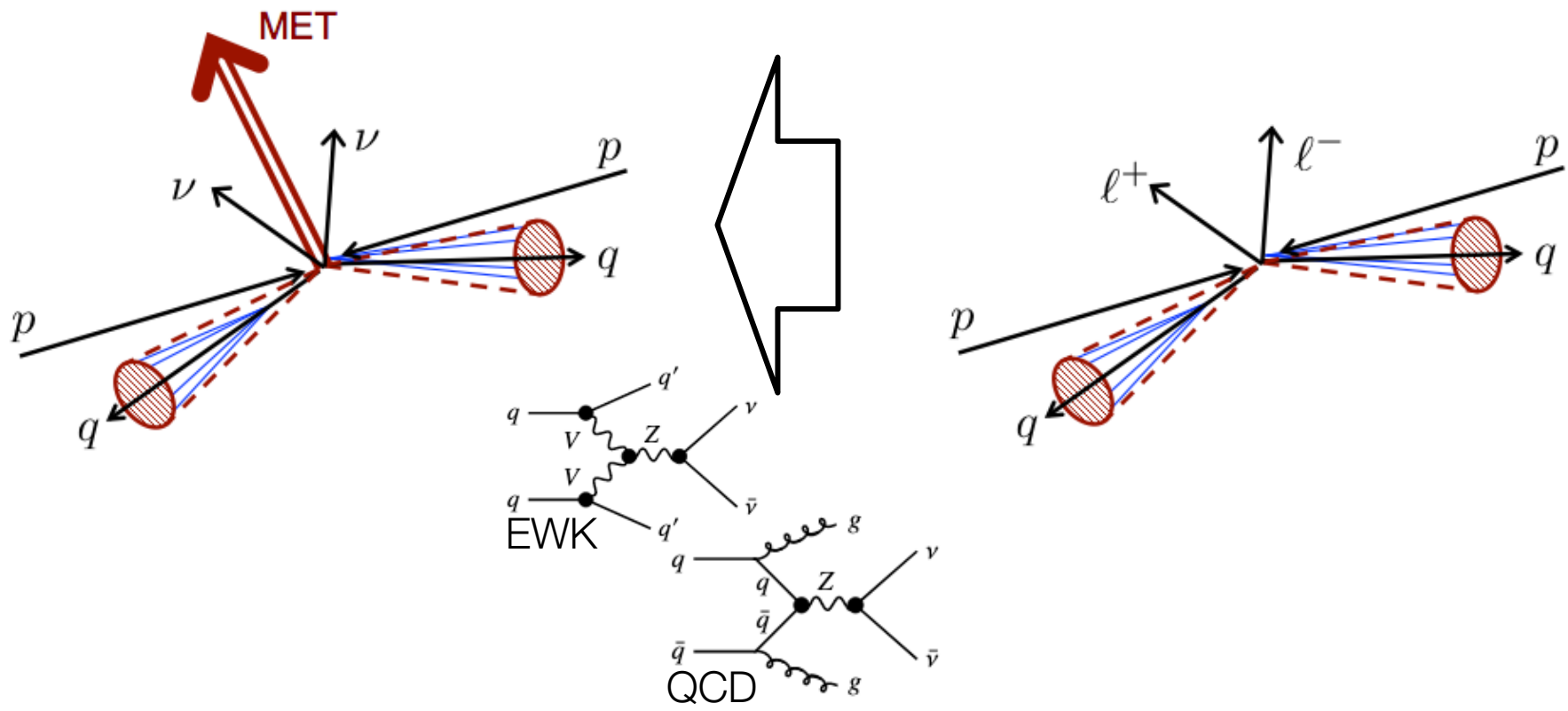


- Constrain  $Z(\nu\nu)+jets$ ,  $W+jets$  in signal region (SR) using control regions (CR):

0 lepton SR	1 lepton CR	2 lepton CR
Signal + constrain $Z(\nu\nu)+jets$ etc. at low $m_{jj}$	Constrain $W+jets$	Constrain $Z(\nu\nu)+jets$ using $Z(\ell\ell)+jets$

$Z(\nu\nu)+jets$

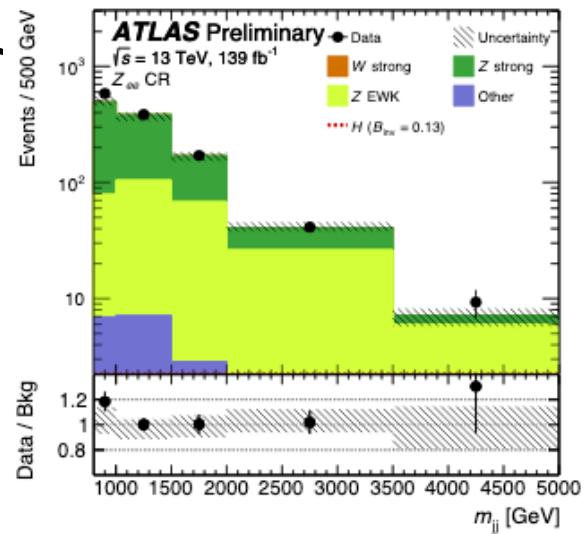
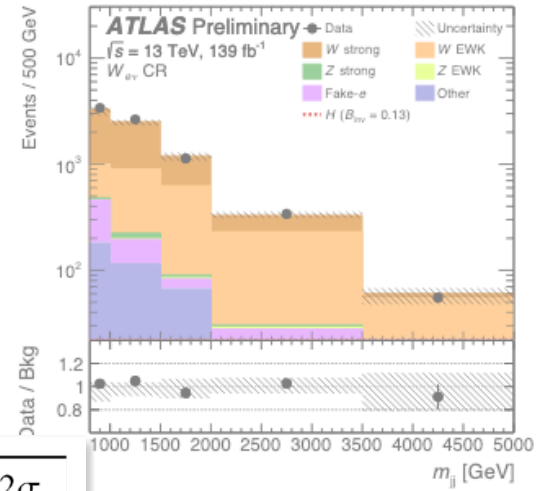
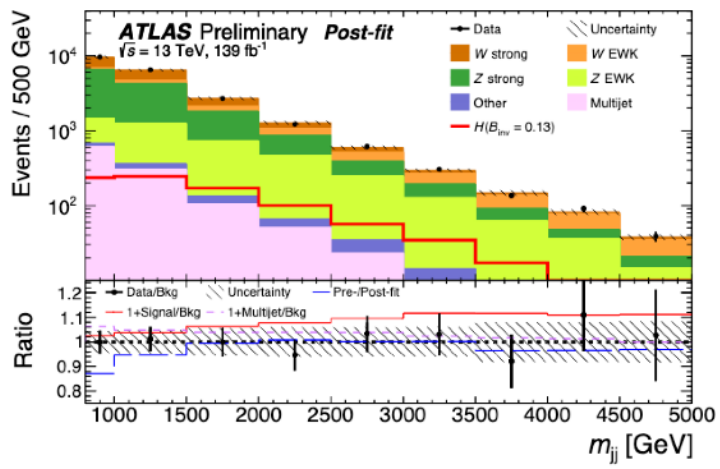
$Z(\ell\ell)+jets$



# VBF $H(\rightarrow inv)$ : CONSTRAIN BACKGROUNDS

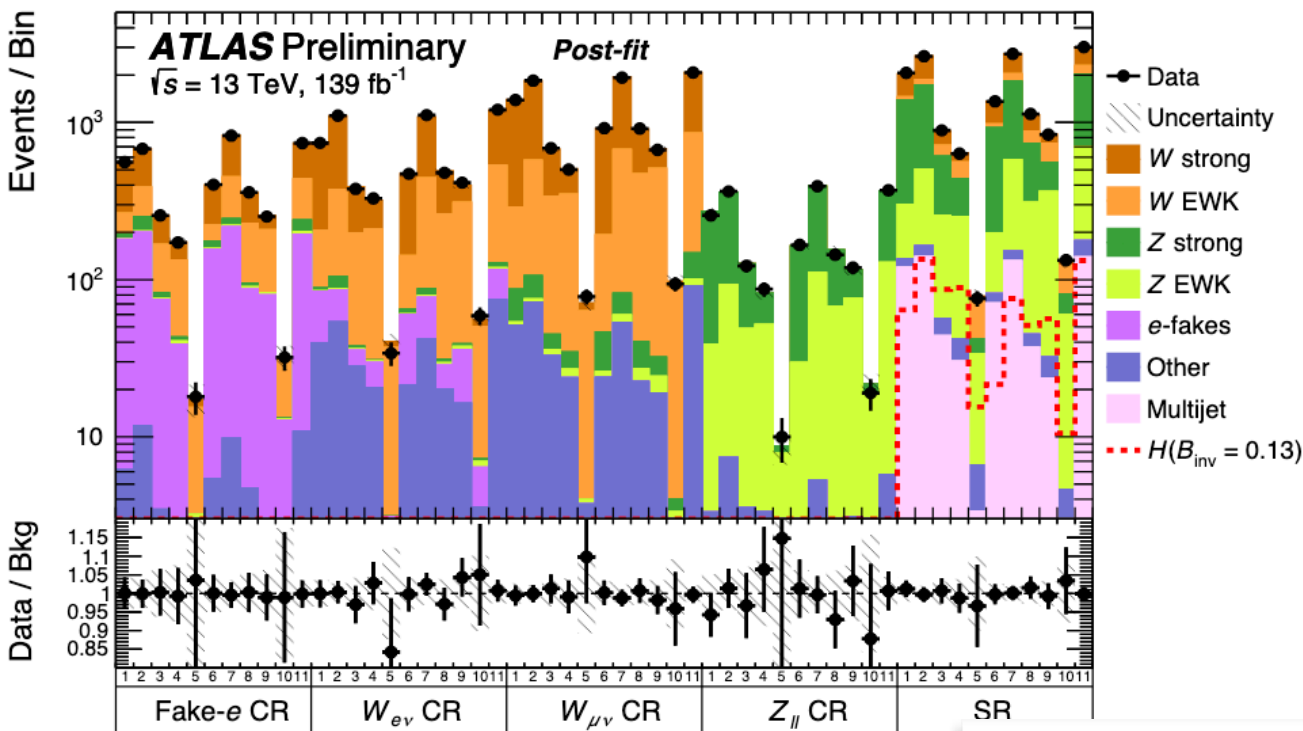


- Constrain  $Z(\nu\nu)+jets$ ,  $W+jets$  in signal region (SR) using control regions (CR):



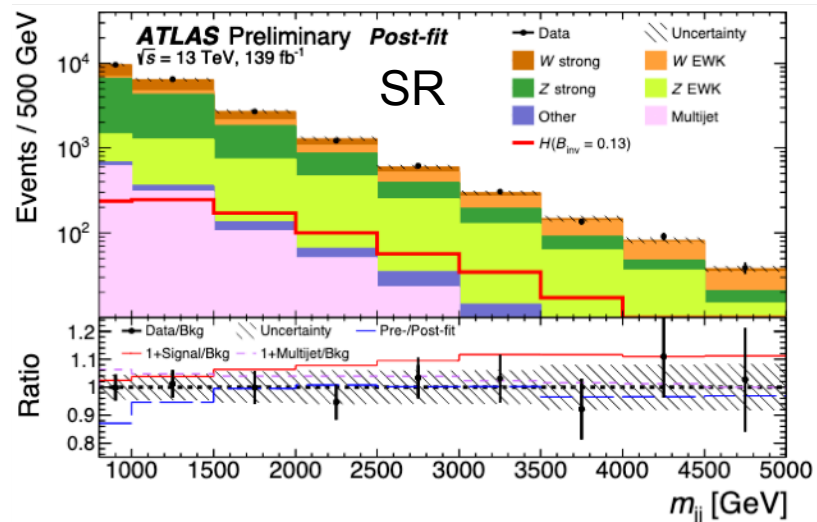
Observed	Expected	+1 $\sigma$	-1 $\sigma$	+2 $\sigma$	-2 $\sigma$
0.145	0.103	0.144	0.075	0.196	0.055

# VBF $H(\rightarrow inv)$ : RESULTS

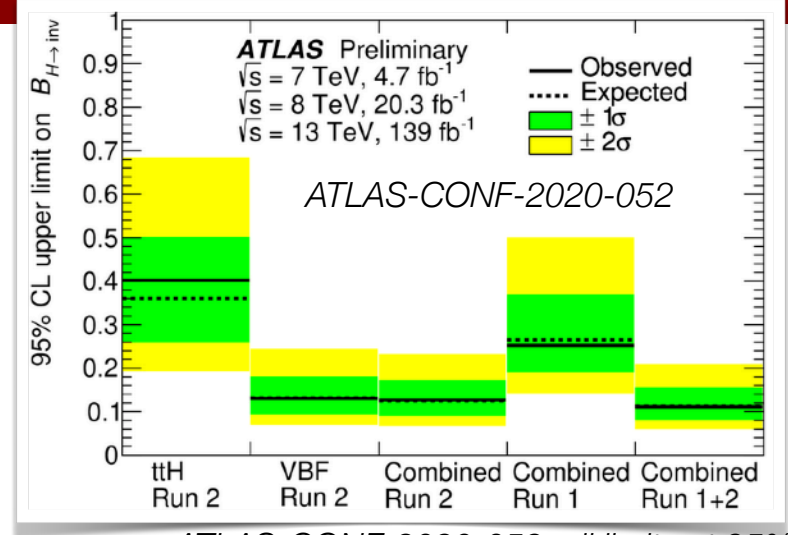
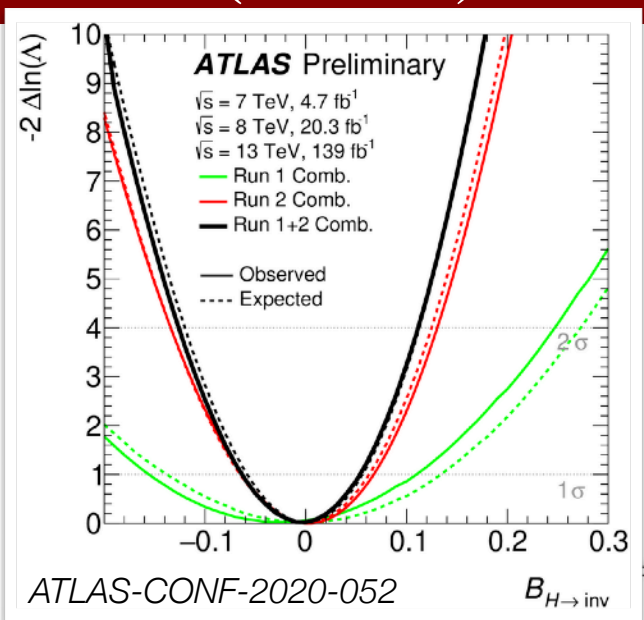


Observed	Expected	+1 $\sigma$	-1 $\sigma$	+2 $\sigma$	-2 $\sigma$
0.145	0.103	0.144	0.075	0.196	0.055

Most precise result @ LHC!



# ATLAS $H(\rightarrow inv)$ COMBINATION: RUN 1+2, ALL CHANNELS

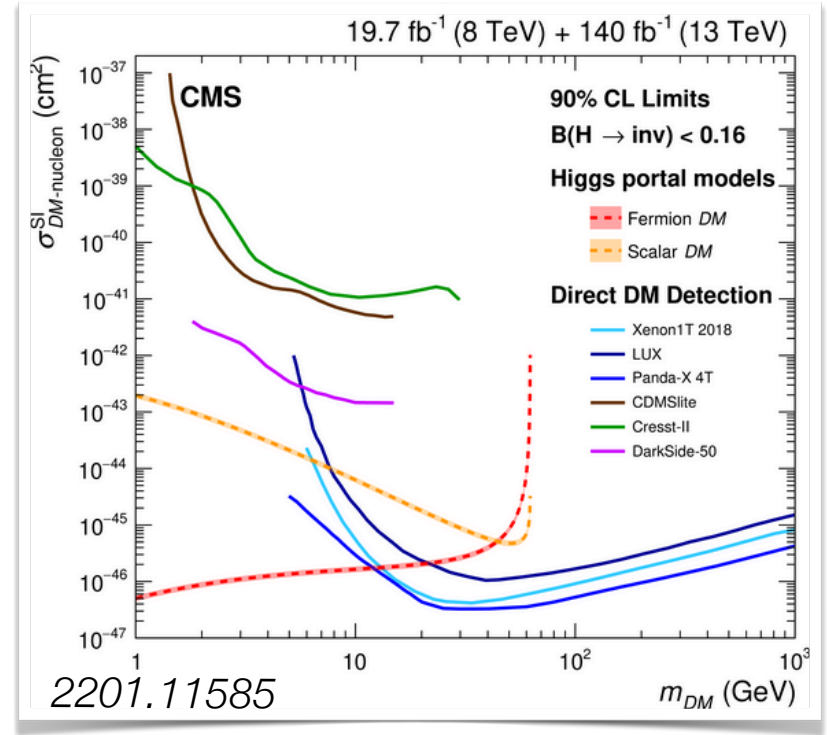
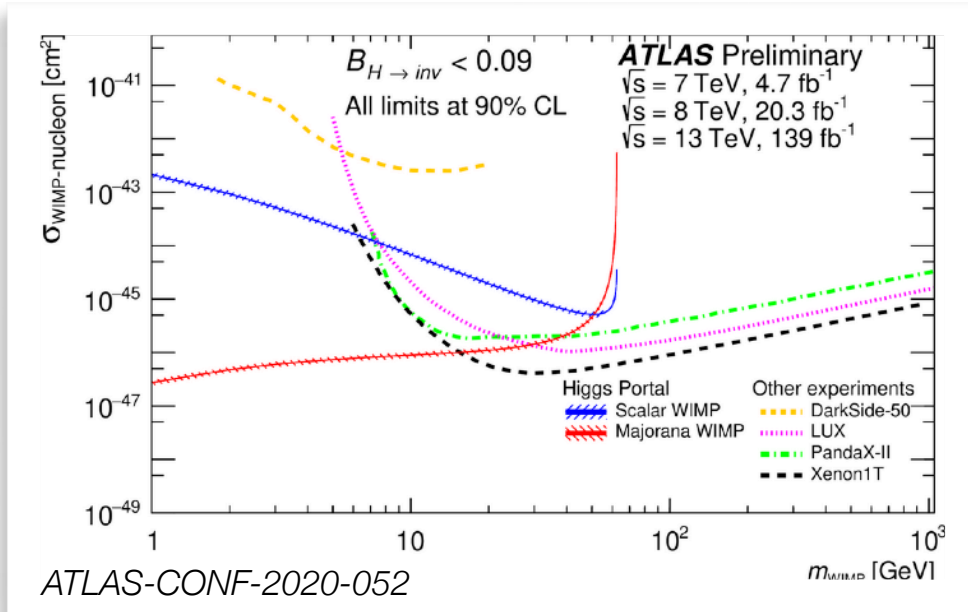


ATLAS-CONF-2020-052, all limits at 95% CL

Analysis	[TeV]	luminosity [fb <sup>-1</sup> ]	Best fit $B_{H \rightarrow inv}$	Observed upper limit	Expected upper limit	Reference
Run 2 VBF	13	139	$0.00^{+0.07}_{-0.07}$	0.13	$0.13^{+0.05}_{-0.04}$	[42]
Run 2 $t\bar{t}H$	13	139	$0.04^{+0.20}_{-0.20}$	0.40	$0.36^{+0.15}_{-0.10}$	This document
Run 2 Comb.	13	139	$0.00^{+0.06}_{-0.07}$	0.13	$0.12^{+0.05}_{-0.04}$	This document
Run 1 Comb.	7, 8	4.7, 20.3	$-0.02^{+0.14}_{-0.13}$	0.25	$0.27^{+0.10}_{-0.08}$	[36]
Run 1+2 Comb.	7, 8, 13	4.7, 20.3, 139	$0.00^{+0.06}_{-0.06}$	0.11	$0.11^{+0.04}_{-0.03}$	This document

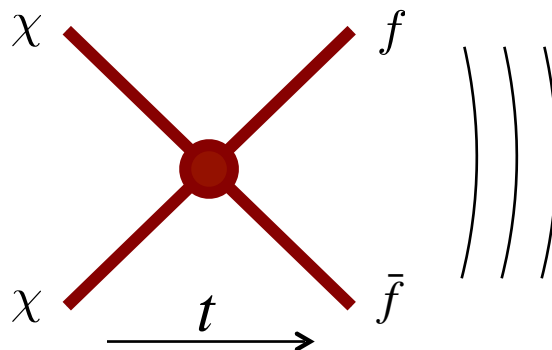
Updates since:  
(to be included)

Analysis	Obs.	Expected limit	Reference
Run 2 VBF	0.15	$0.10^{+0.04}_{-0.03}$	<i>arXiv:2202.07953</i>
Run 2 ZH	0.19	0.19	<i>PLB 829 (2022) 137066</i>
Run 2 $t\bar{t}H$	0.40	$0.30^{+0.13}_{-0.09}$	<i>ATLAS-CONF-2022-007</i>
Run 2 VBF+y	0.37	$0.34^{+0.15}_{-0.10}$	<i>arXiv:2109.00925</i>





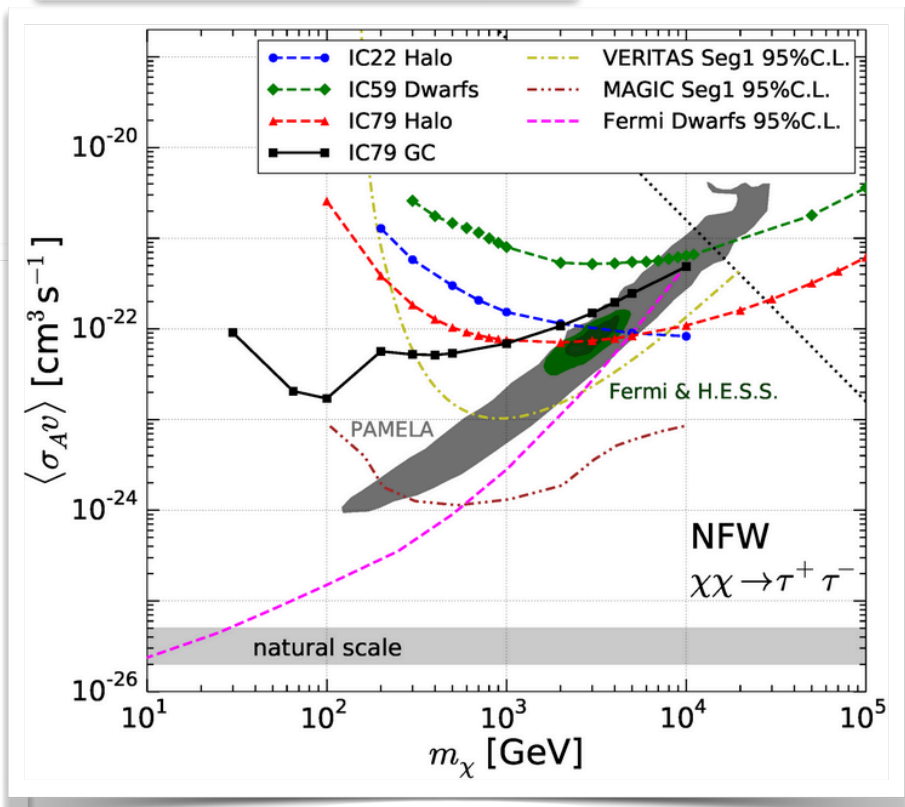
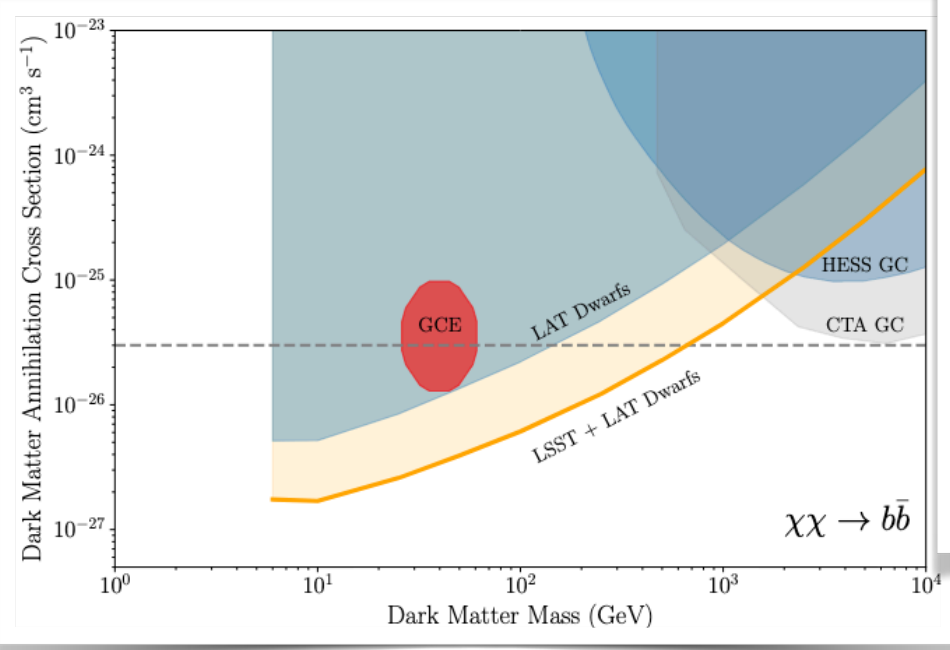
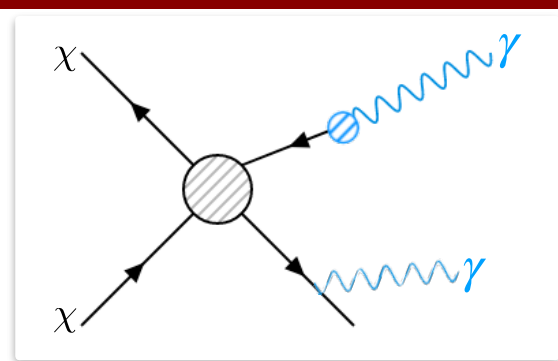
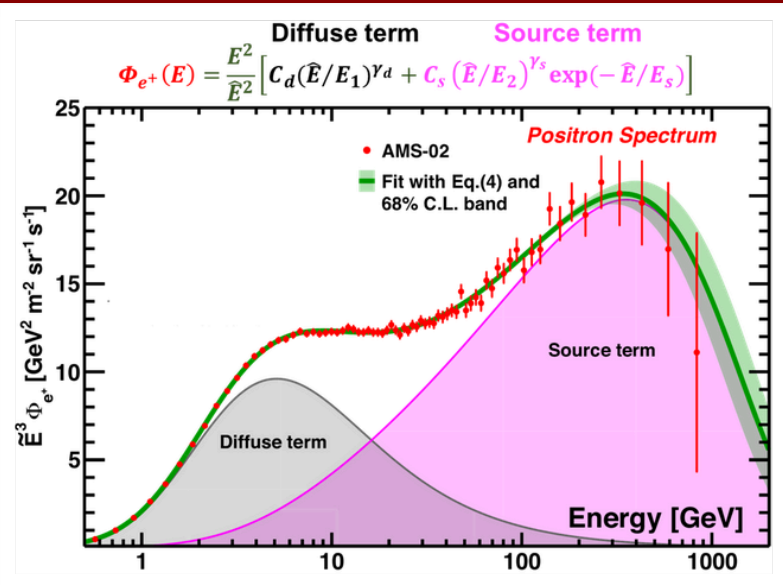
# Highlights & overview



$$\underbrace{\frac{d\Phi}{d\Omega dE}}_{\text{Measurement}} = \underbrace{\frac{\sigma v}{8\pi m_\chi^2}}_{\text{Anni. Cross Section}} \times \underbrace{\frac{dN}{dE}}_{\text{Energy Spectrum}} \times \underbrace{\int_{l.o.s} ds \rho^2(\vec{r}(s, \Omega))}_{\text{Dark Matter Distribution}} \quad \text{a.k.a. J-factor}$$

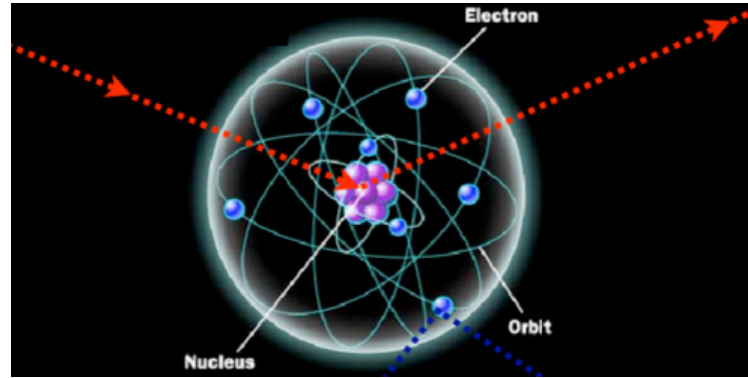
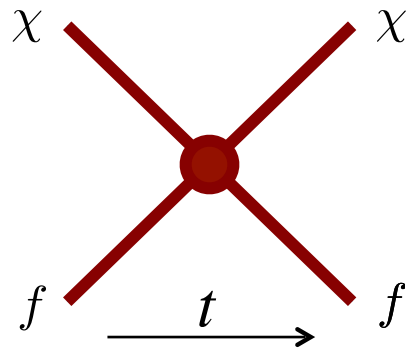
$\sigma v$ : Interpretation (final observable)  
 $m_\chi$ : model assumption  
 Model assumption, Colliders (fragmentation etc)  
 Cosmology

# INDIRECT DETECTION - HIGHLIGHTS





# DIRECT DETECTION - DM SCATTERING RATE



*Scatt. Rate*  
 $\frac{dR}{dE}(E, t) =$

$N_T$   
*Target dependence*

*Number density*  
 $\frac{\rho_\chi}{m_\chi}$

$\int_{v_{min}} \frac{d\sigma}{dE}(v, E)$   
*Diff. Cross Section*

*veloc. distribution*  
 $v f_E(\vec{v}, t) d^3\vec{v}$

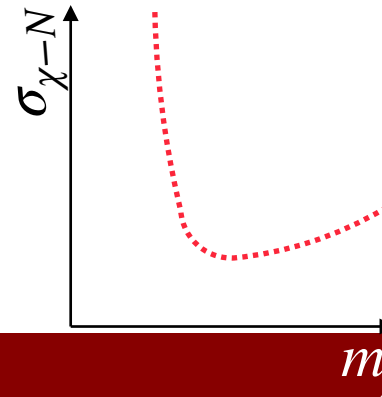
Measurement

Colliders,  
nuclear

$\rho$ : Cosmology  
 $m_\chi$ : model

$\sigma$ : Interpretation  
 $m_N$ : experimental handle

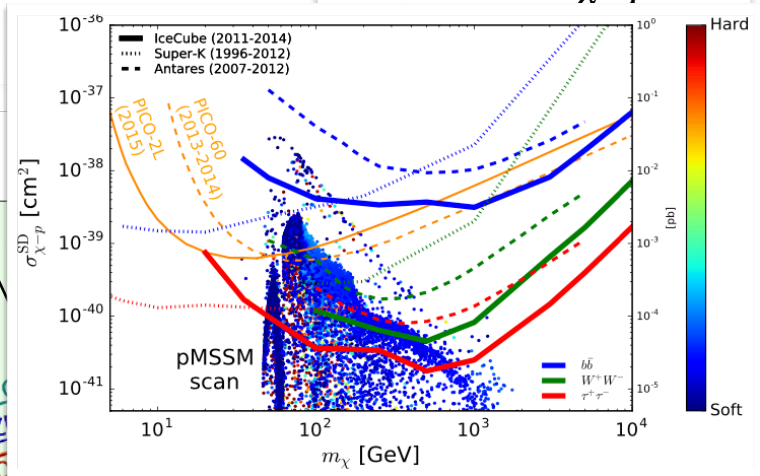
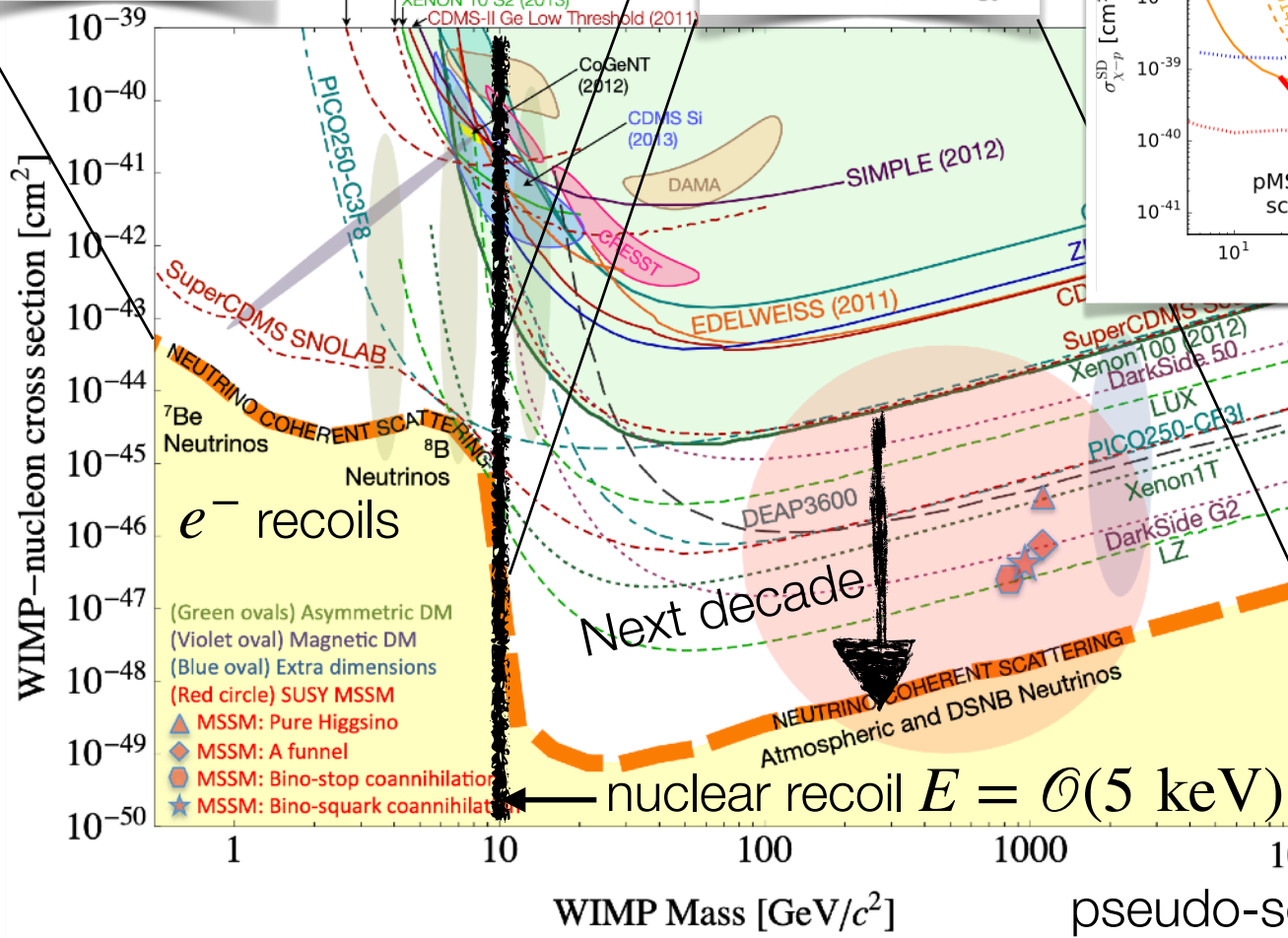
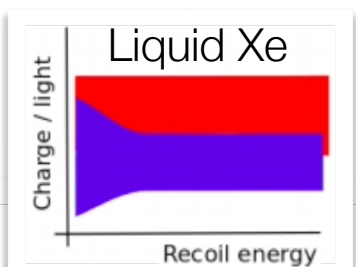
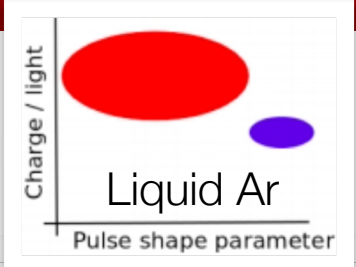
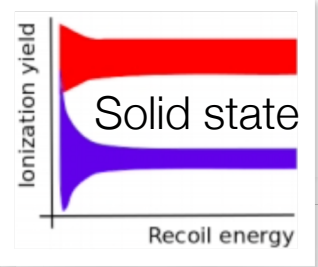
Cosmology



# DIRECT DETECTION - HIGHLIGHTS

$$\frac{d\Phi_\nu}{dE_\nu} = \frac{\Gamma_A}{4\pi D^2} \frac{dN_\nu}{dE_\nu}$$

$$\Gamma_A \propto \sigma_{\chi-p}^{SD}$$

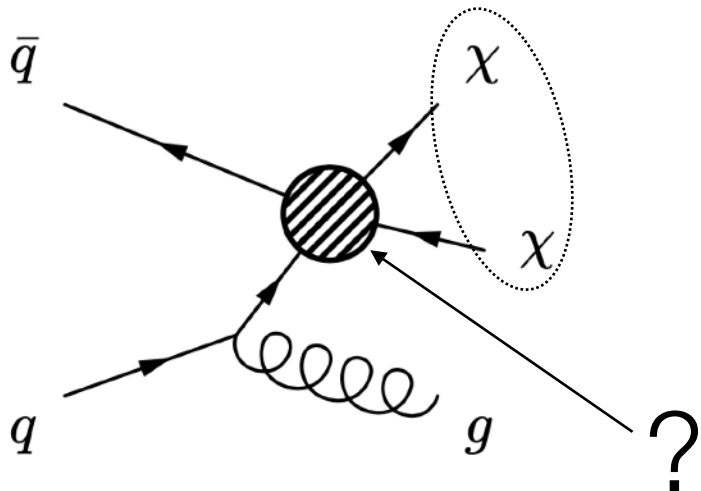


$$P \rightarrow \sigma_{SI}$$

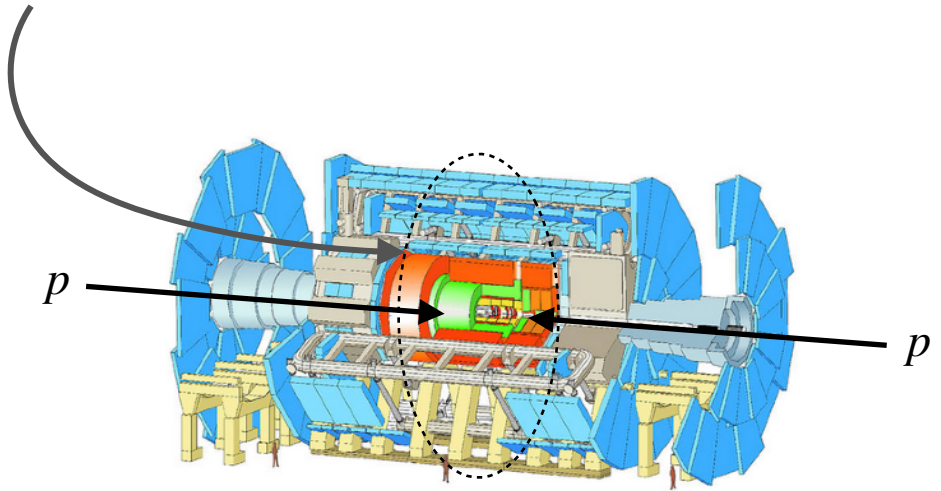
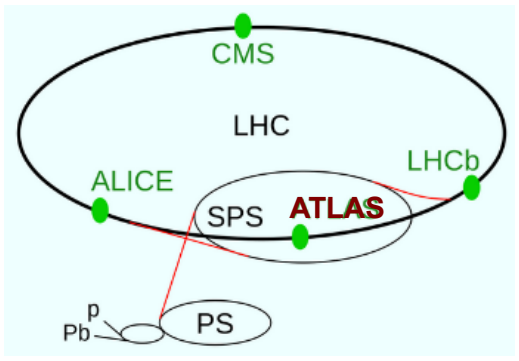
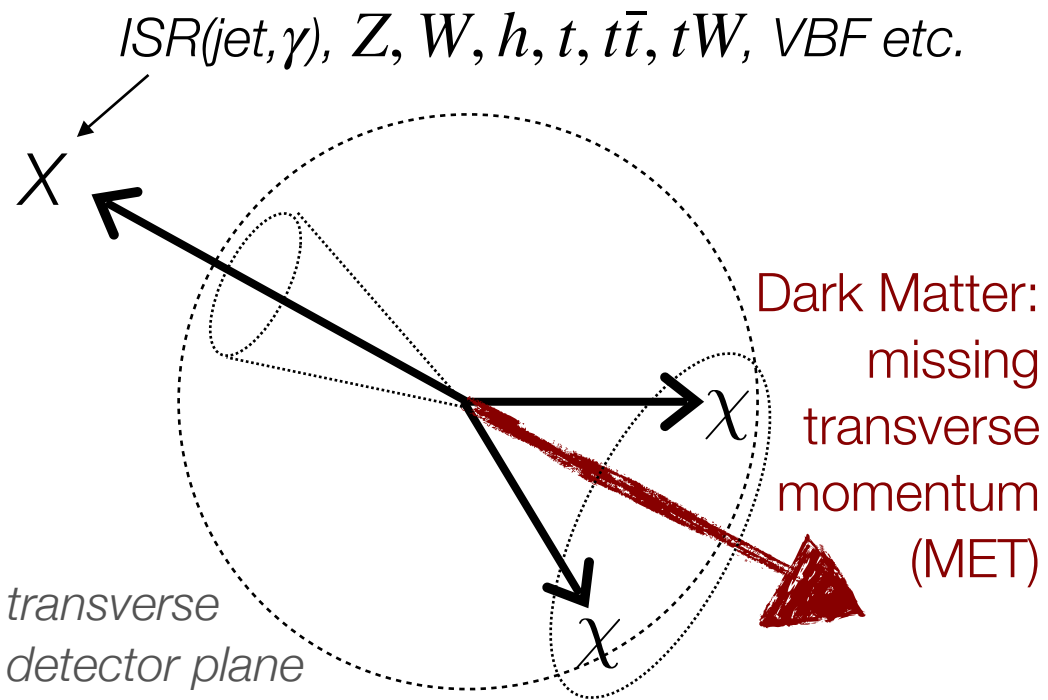
$$\cancel{P} \rightarrow \sigma_{SD}$$

Next decade  
 nuclear recoil  $E = \mathcal{O}(5 \text{ keV})$

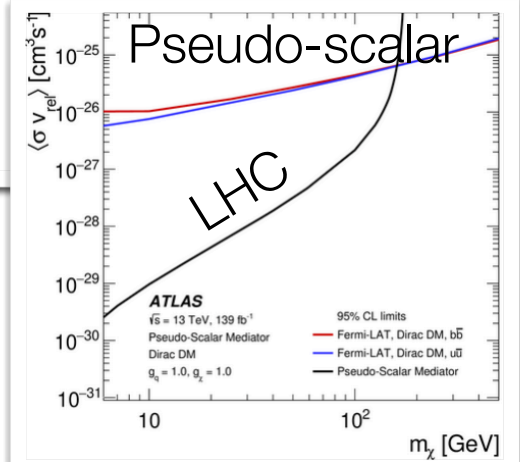
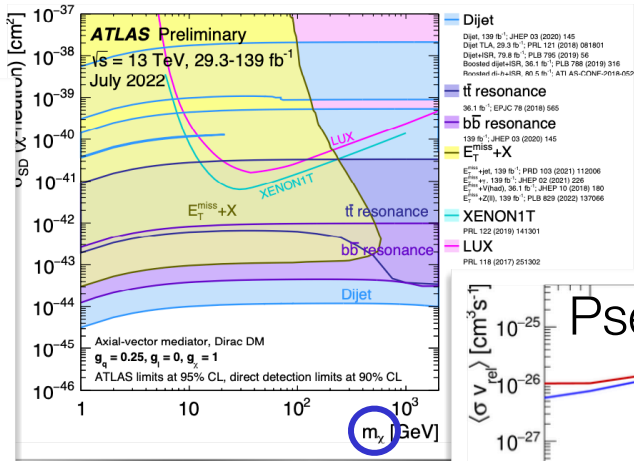
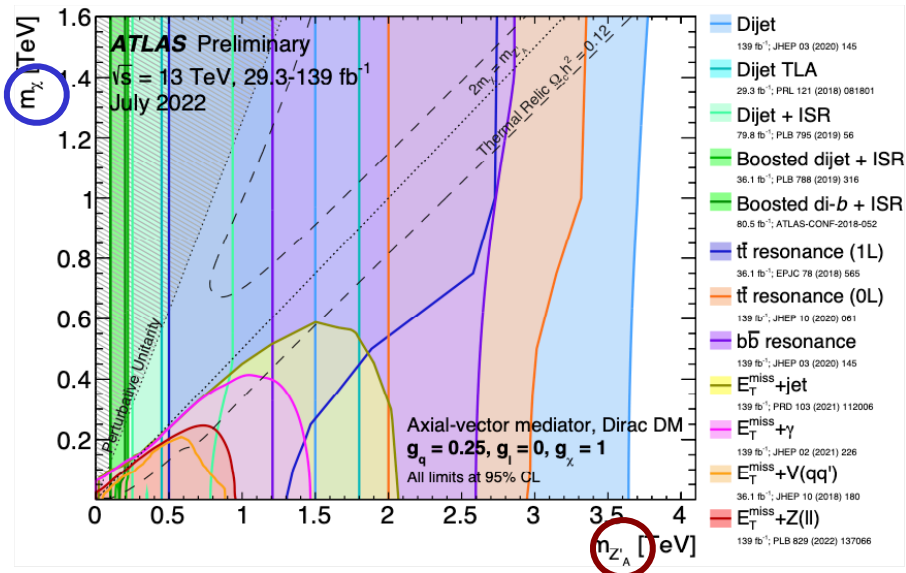
pseudo-scalar mediator hopeless



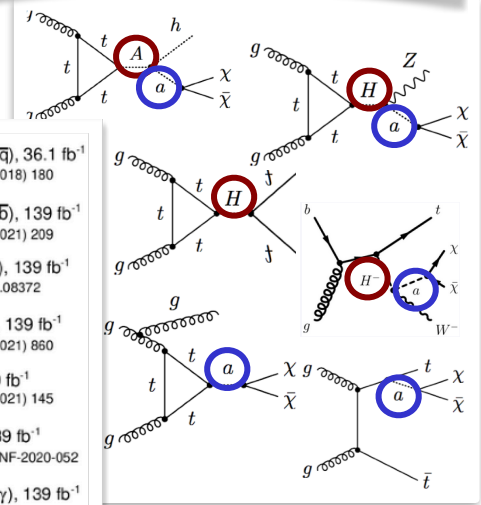
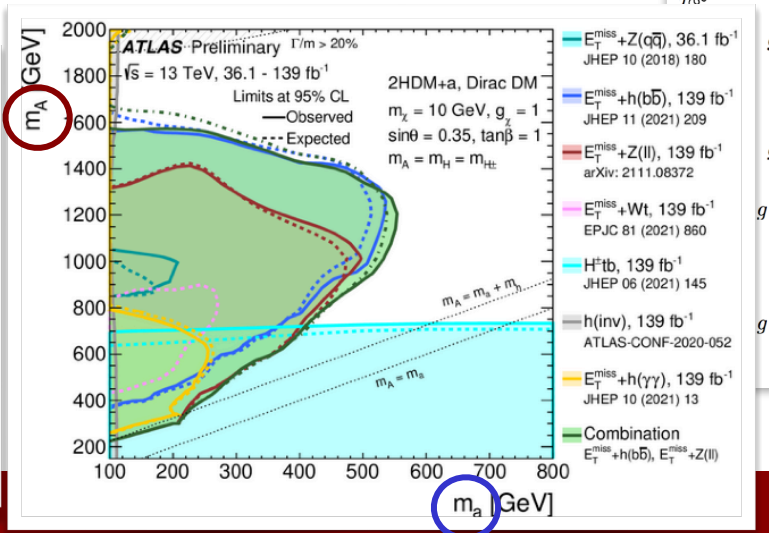
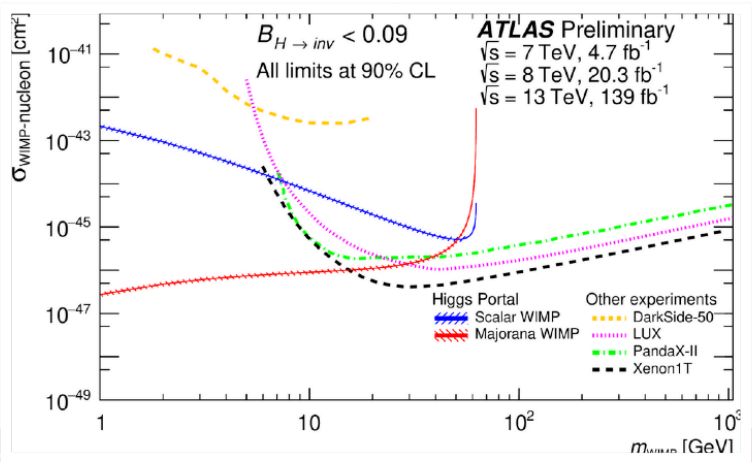
Collider production  
(controlled experimental environment!)

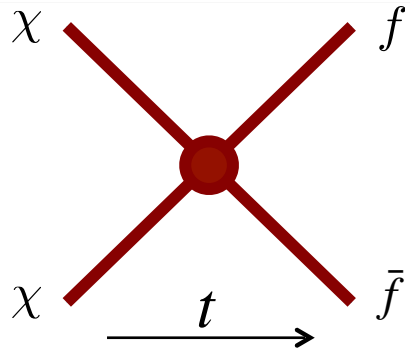


# DM @ LHC: HIGHLIGHTS



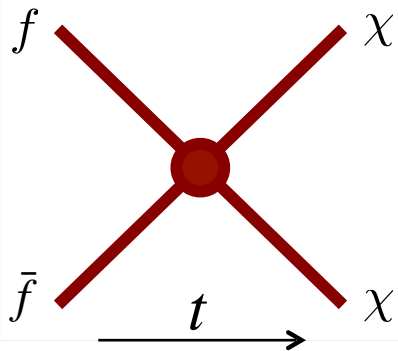
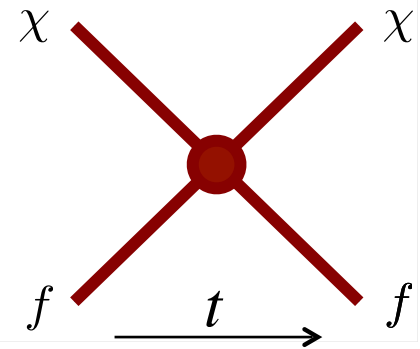
$BR(h \rightarrow inv) < 0.15 \quad (0.10^{+0.04}_{-0.03})$





- $\langle v\sigma \rangle$ : velocity profile
- $\langle v\sigma \rangle$ : annihilation model  $\sigma_{\text{annihil}}$
- $\rho_\chi$  profile
- single DM species
- Decay channel

- velocity profile, especially at high  $v$
- $\rho_\chi$  profile + smooth halo
- Rotation of galactic disk  $\rightarrow$  DM wind
- type of interaction
- single DM species



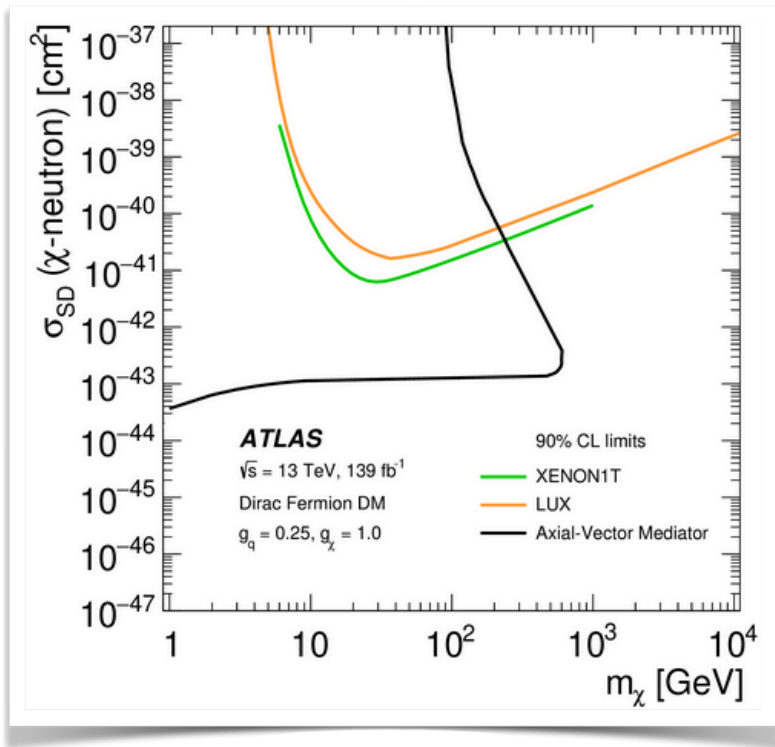
- Model for interaction
- mediator couplings + quantum numbers
- Often minimal flavour violation (flavour physics)



Single vs several DM species:

## Colliders

NO change in limits or better limit  
(conservative)



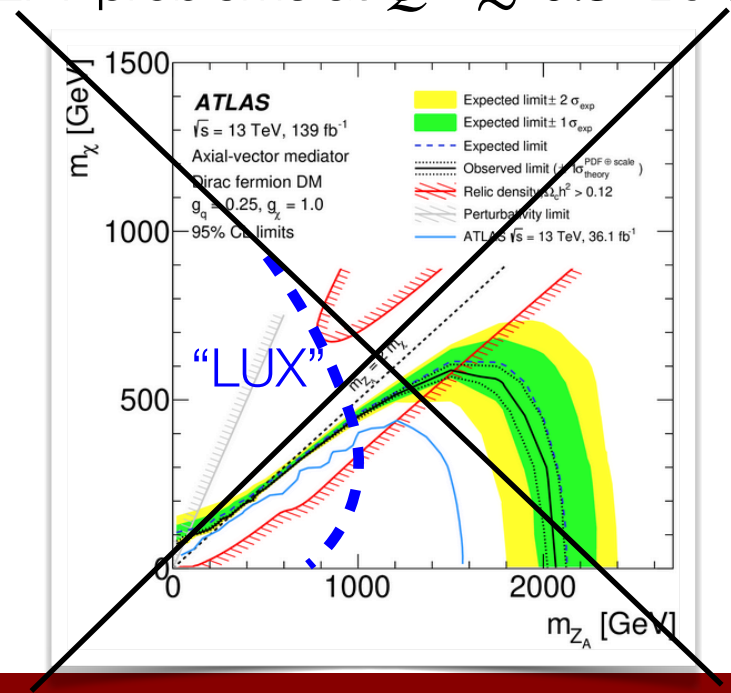
## Direct detection

Limits become weaker

$$\rho_{\text{DM}} = \rho_{\chi_1} + \rho_{\chi_2} + \dots$$

( $\rho_{\chi_i}$  enters limits on  $\sigma_{\chi-N}$ )

EFT problems at  $Q^2 \gtrsim 0.5 \text{ TeV}$





# Thank you!

