

# Update on DM t-channel signatures

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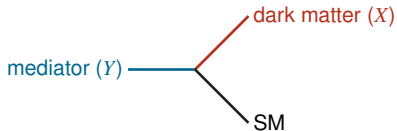
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# Motivation

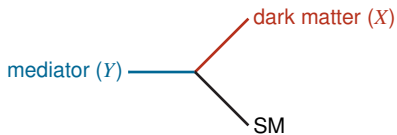
**Joint effort TH-EXP to provide guidelines and benchmarks  
for new analysis during Run 3 and future upgrades**

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Benjamin Fuks, LP (theory)  
Benedikt Maier, David Yu (CMS)  
Rute Pedro, Dominique Trischuk (ATLAS)  
**and 50+ authors**

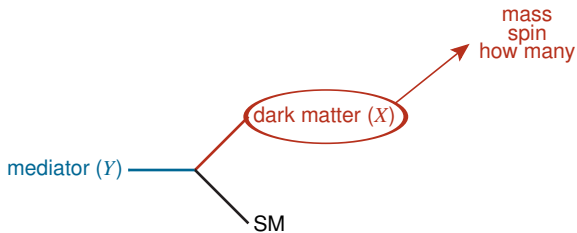
Study of scenarios based on the schematic interaction



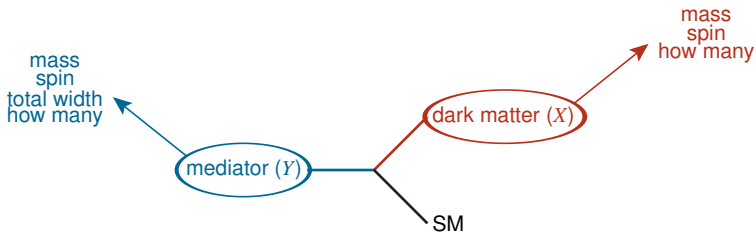
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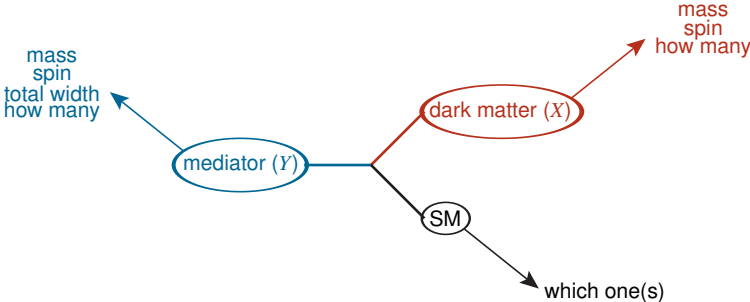
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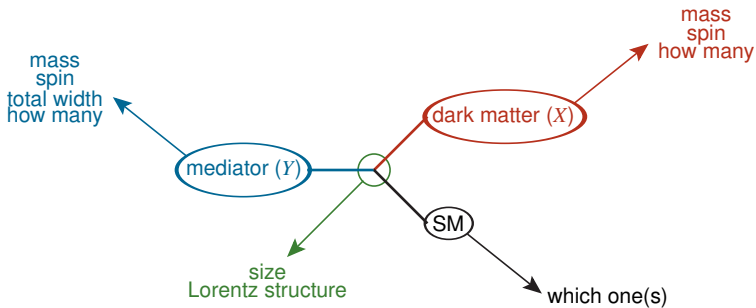
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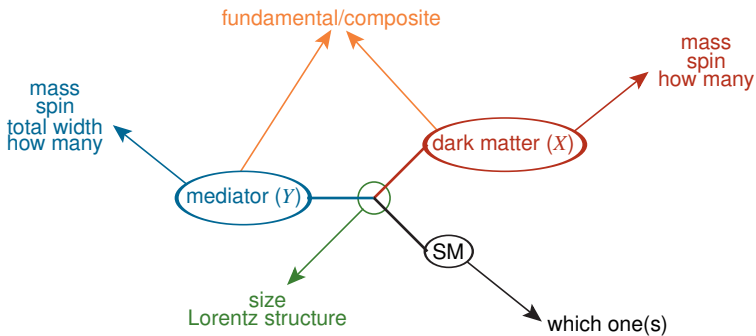
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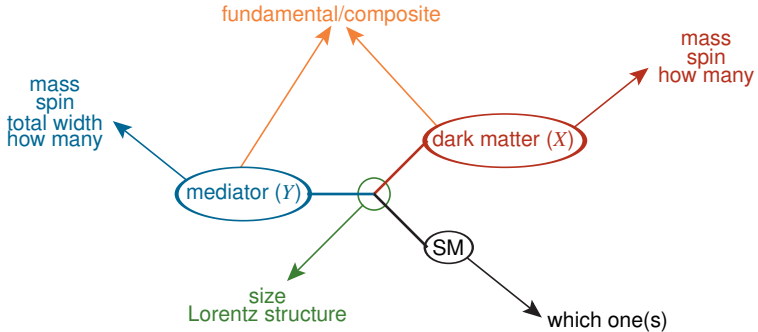


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Depending on the possibilities:

- Can we observe a signal? And how?
- How does cosmology constrain the parameters?
- How do we reinterpret results?
- Can we define benchmarks for LHC to cover the widest range of possibilities?

# Temporary structure

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2.3	Leptophilic <i>t</i> -channel models	.....
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2.3.2	Leptophilic Benchmark 2: Flavour Universal Model	.....
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<b>3</b>	<b>Interplay with cosmology</b>	
<b>4</b>	<b>Deciphering first-generation <i>t</i>-channel dark matter signals at hadron colliders</b>	
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4.2	Reinterpretation of the results of the LHC	.....
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5.4	Strange-philic dark matter	.....
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<b>7</b>	<b>Long-lived particle signatures</b>	
7.1	Freeze-out scenarios (WIMP-like)	.....
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<b>8</b>	<b>Going beyond the minimal setups</b>	
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To be reorganized  
once all contributions  
are in advanced state

# The models

Simplified models suitable for performing MC simulations at NLO in QCD and testing against cosmological observables

## Coloured mediators

**DMSimpT** : A general framework for t-channel dark matter models at NLO in QCD

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See [arXiv:2001.05024](https://arxiv.org/abs/2001.05024) [hep-ph].

### Model Description and FeynRules Implementation

We extend the Standard Model by a dark matter candidate X and a coloured mediator Y. The model includes bosonic dark matter) or 0 (fermionic dark matter). The model Lagrangian is given by

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{kin}} + \mathcal{L}_F(X) + \mathcal{L}_F(\bar{X}) + \mathcal{L}_S(S) + \mathcal{L}_S(\bar{S}) + \mathcal{L}_V(V) + \mathcal{L}_V(\bar{V}) .$$

The first term consists in the Standard Model Lagrangian, the second one includes gauge-invariant kinetic Dirac fermion, Majorana fermion, complex scalar, real scalar, complex vector and real vector dark matter,

$$\mathcal{L}_F(X) = \left[ \lambda_{\mathbf{Q}} \bar{X} \mathbf{Q}_L \psi_{\mathbf{Q}}^i + \lambda_u \bar{X} u_{\mathbf{R}} \psi_u^i + \lambda_d \bar{X} d_{\mathbf{R}} \psi_d^i + \text{h.c.} \right] ,$$

$$\mathcal{L}_S(X) = \left[ \lambda_{\mathbf{Q}} \bar{\psi}_{\mathbf{Q}} \mathbf{Q}_L X + \lambda_u \bar{\psi}_u u_{\mathbf{R}} X + \lambda_d \bar{\psi}_d d_{\mathbf{R}} X + \text{h.c.} \right] ,$$

$$\mathcal{L}_V(X) = \left[ \lambda_{\mathbf{Q}} \bar{\psi}_{\mathbf{Q}} \gamma^\mu X_\mu \mathbf{Q}_L + \lambda_u \bar{\psi}_u \gamma^\mu X_\mu u_{\mathbf{R}} + \lambda_d \bar{\psi}_d \gamma^\mu X_\mu d_{\mathbf{R}} + \text{h.c.} \right] ,$$

where  $\varphi$  and  $\psi$  consists in coloured scalar and fermionic mediators.

<http://feynrules.irmp.ucl.ac.be/wiki/DMSimpT>

C. Arina, B. Fuks and L. Mantani, Eur. Phys. J. C **80** (2020) no.5, 409, [arXiv:2001.05024 [hep-ph]].

	Spin	
Mediator	0	1/2
Dark matter	1/2	0 or 1

- DM real or complex
- Couplings with any SM quark
- Restrictions to select representations or coupling hierarchies (only one generation, universal couplings...)

Other models will be used for specific problems  
(leptophilic DM, multi-component DM...)

Mapping results from simplified models to theoretical scenarios

# **Cosmology**

contribution by C. Arina

# Cosmology of *t*-channel DM models

## Goals of the section

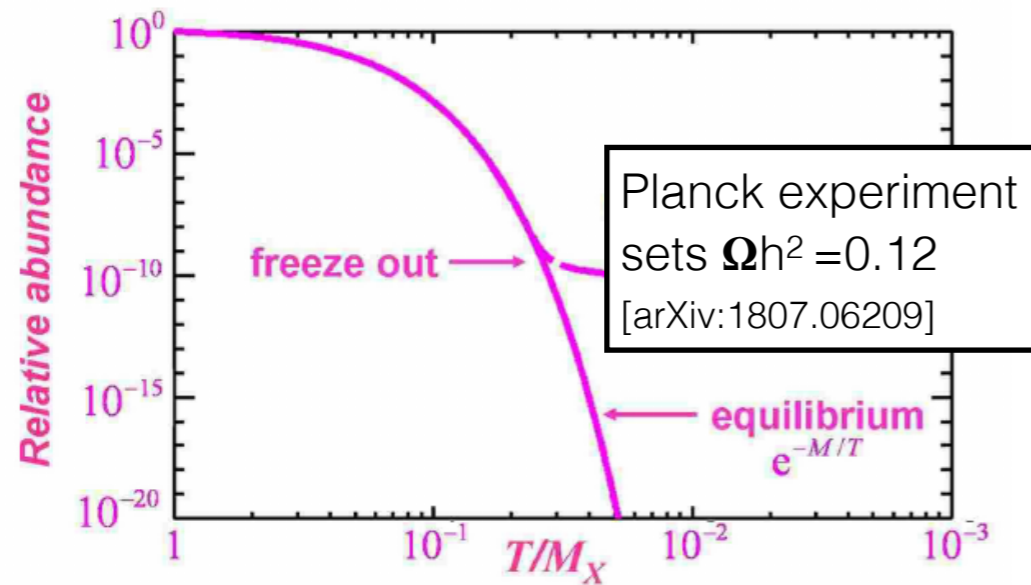
- Provide a general overview of the cosmology of *t*-channel models and point to the relevant literature
- Give overview of production mechanisms
- Give overview of main searches for:
  - Direct detection
  - Indirect detection
- Illustrate cosmological bounds for the models selected in the *t*-channel paper (minimal model, universal couplings, flavored, leptophilic, ...)
- From parameter space available define viable benchmarks for collider searches

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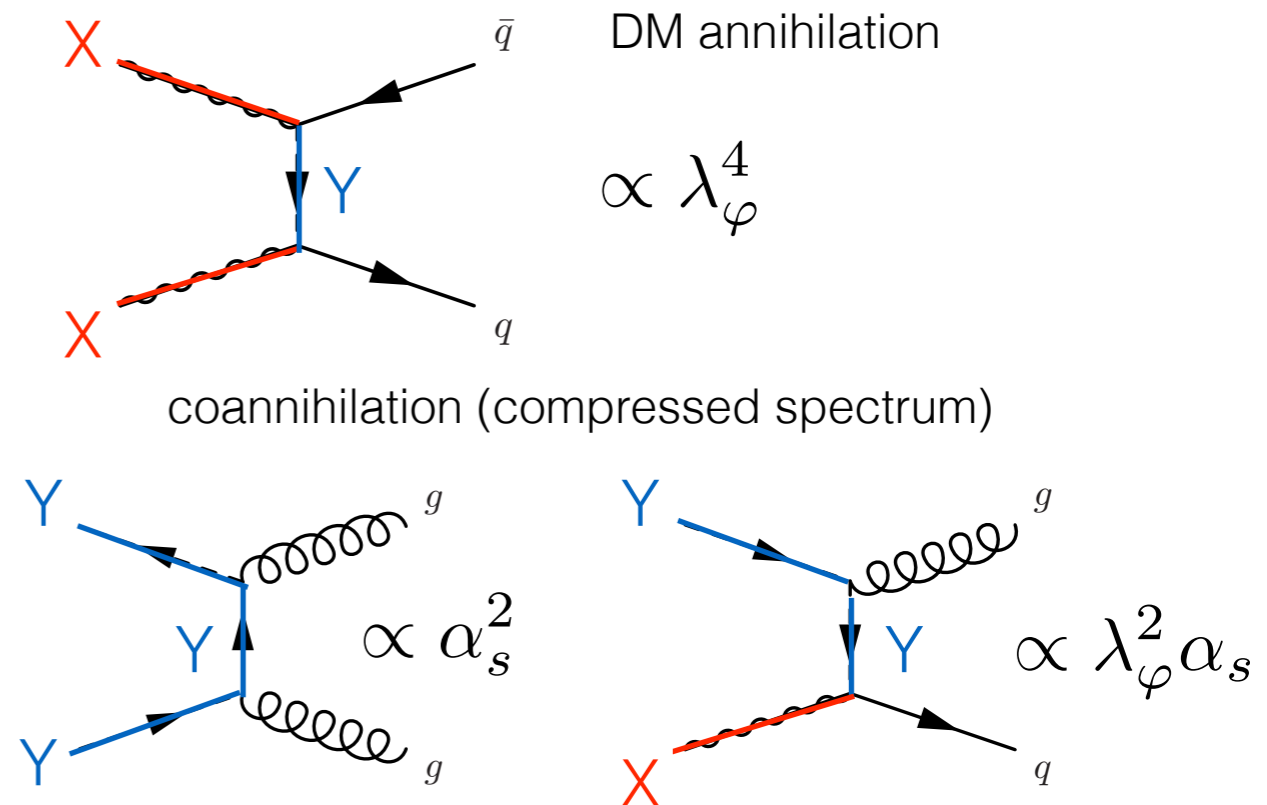
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# Dark Matter production in the early universe

Relic abundance via freeze-out  
Standard mechanism



LO processes

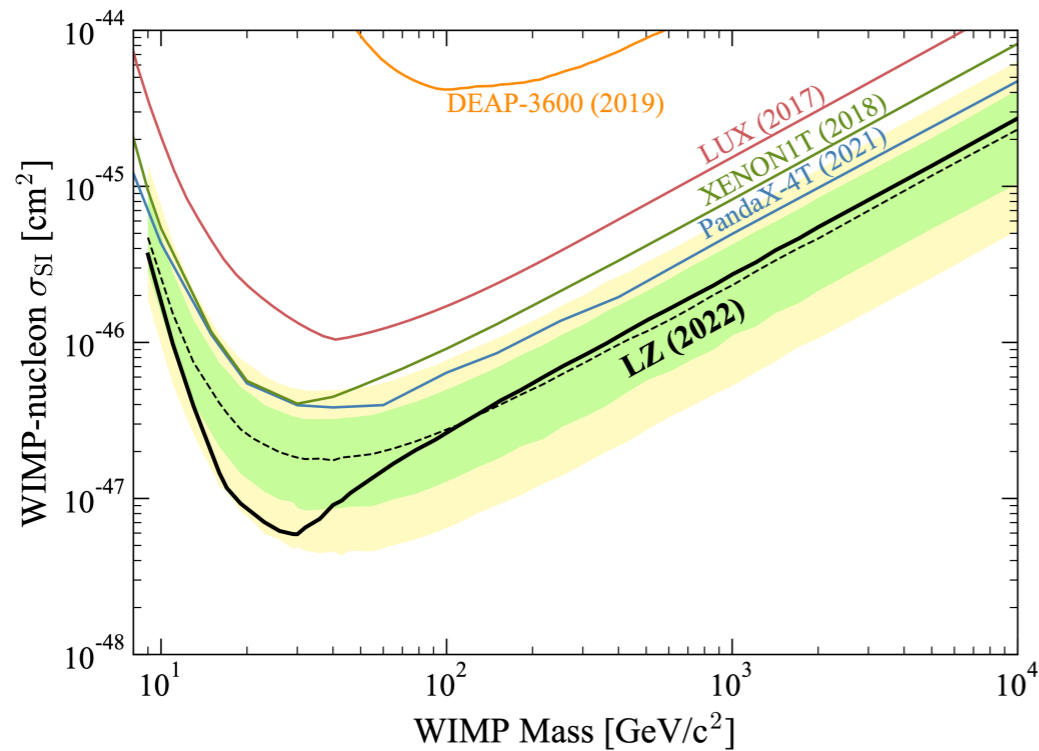


LO processes + non perturbative corrections (Sommerfeld enhancement + bound states)

Freeze-in, SuperWIMPs achieve relic density via decay of heavy species and provide LLPs signatures also detailed

# Dark Matter direct and indirect searches

## Direct detection

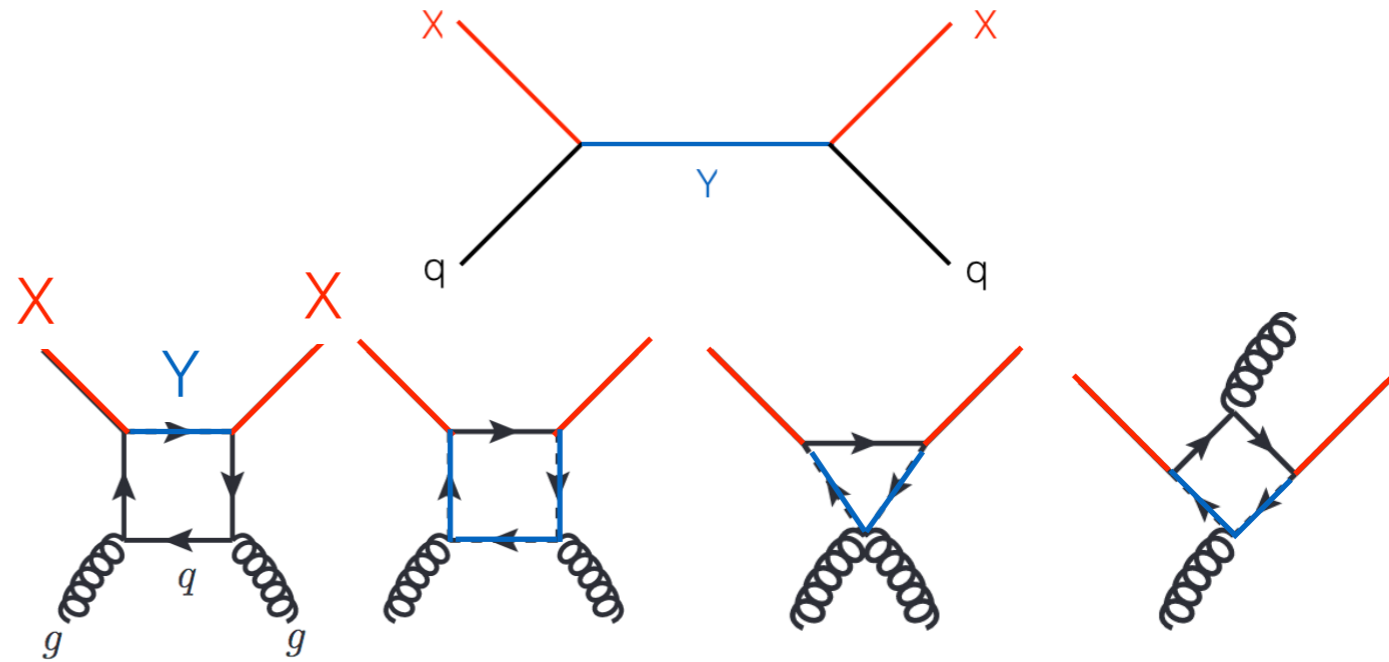


## Indirect detection

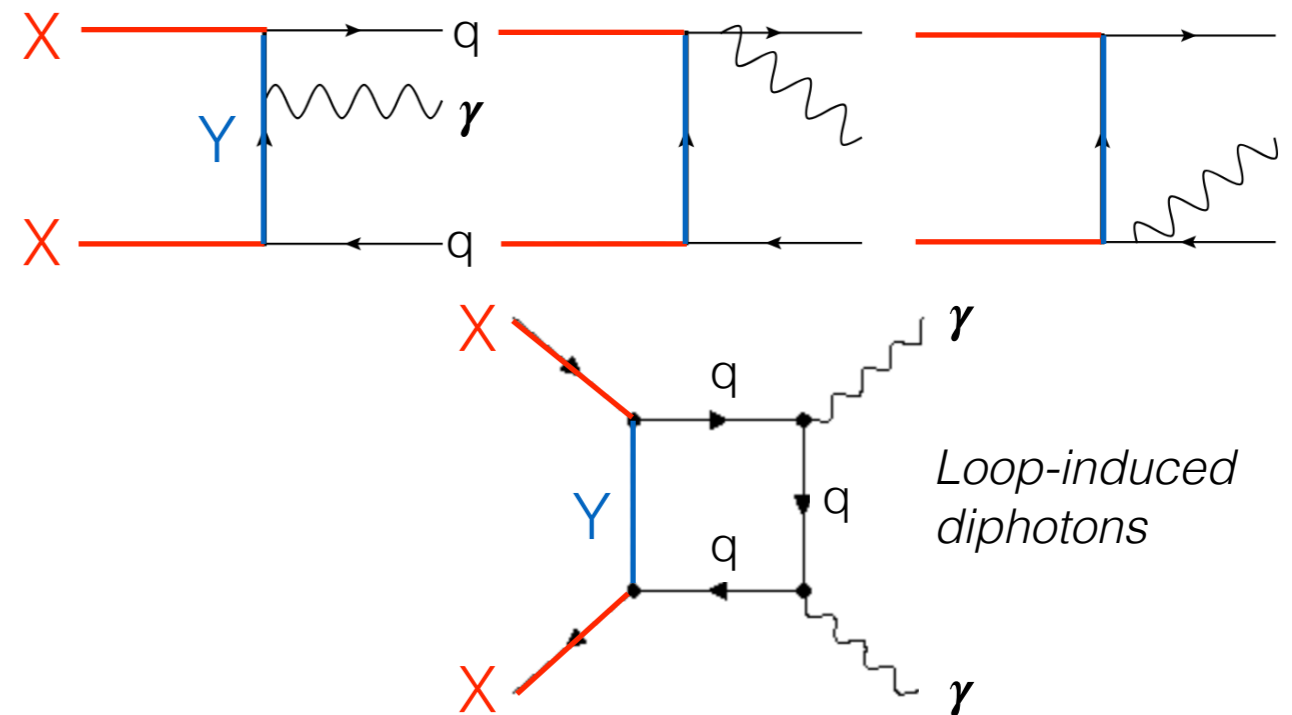
- In many models LO annihilation is p-wave suppressed
- NLO processes uplift the suppression and produce a sharp feature in the gamma-ray energy spectrum

T-channel white paper - Cosmology section

## LO and/or NLO/loop processes



Virtual internal bremsstrahlung (VIB)



# Cosmology: current status

The section is divided mainly into two parts

## 1. general overview of t-channel models concerning

- ✓ production mechanisms in the early universe (freeze-out, freeze-in, conversion driven freeze-out, super wimp) → **basically all done**
- ✓ addition of non-perturbative corrections such as bound states to the relic density computation (freeze-out, conversion driven cases) → **done**
- ✓ direct, indirect searches (gamma-rays lines especially) → **yet to be written but literature widely available**

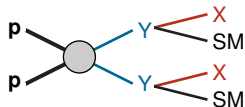
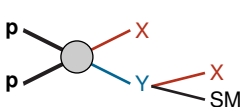
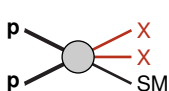
## 2. benchmark models

- ✓ coupling to third generation ( $b_R, t_R$ ) for Majorana dark matter for all production mechanisms → **basically all done**
- ✓  $u_R$  case for all DM spin and mediators → **to be written but data already available**
- ✓ non perturbative corrections for universal case (freeze-out and conversion driven) → **writing almost complete**
- ✓ frustrated DM (see A. Cornell's contribution later) → **will be written by the authors, first contact made some time ago**



## **Collider signatures**

# Which signatures

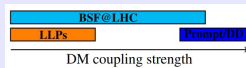


Not all processes might be possible at tree-level

depending on coupling or mass splitting

## Long-lived mediators

Bound states  
Displaced vertices  
Delayed jets/photons



**Mediators with prompt decay**  
MET+SM

depending on which SM particle

**quark-philic**  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 1\text{st generation} \\ 2\text{nd generation} \\ 3\text{rd generation} \\ \text{universal} \\ \dots \end{array} \right\}$  **lepto-philic**

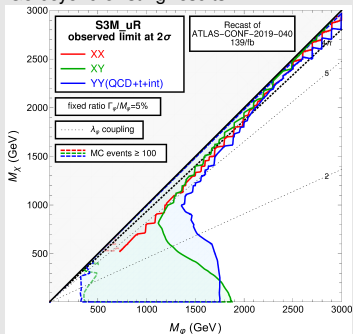
**Interacting with SM gauge bosons (Z/W) or the Higgs boson**

# Prompt mediator decays

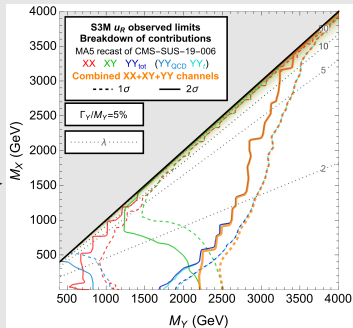
interaction with the up quark

## Goals

- Go beyond existing results



C. Arina, B. Fuks, L. Mantani, H. Mies, LP and J. Salko, *Phys. Lett. B* **813** (2021), 136038



C. Arina, B. Fuks, Jan Heisig, Michael Krämer, L. Mantani and LP, *arXiv:2307.10367*, to appear on PRD

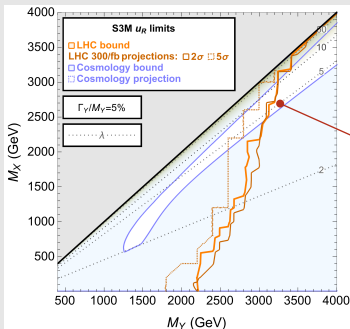
Combination of all channels, relevance of NLO corrections and interference effects

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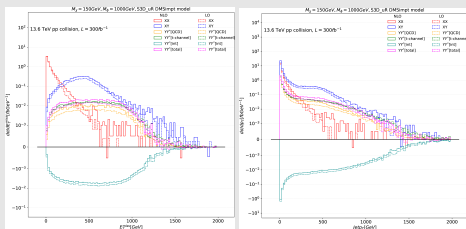
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- Store event samples and kinematical distributions for subsequent analyses



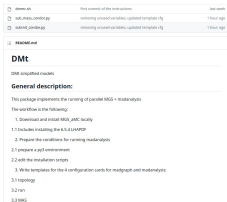
# Collider: current status

This section requires long simulations but writing will be fast at the end

## 1. Simulation status (only authors with access to clusters)

- ✓  $u_R, d_R, c_R, t_R$  recast done for all simplified scenarios
- ✓  $s_R, b_R$  in progress
- ✓ MC samples not ready

## 2. Development of a common simulation framework on condor



dmmt\_msl  
sub\_msl\_condor.py  
submlt\_condor.py

3.4 jobs

4. Run a script (done by 'sub\_msl\_condor.py') that prepares and launches jobs on condor, performing the following actions for a selected madmodelmass range:

4.1 editing the files in 3.1 - 3.4 to change the mass points and the input/output folders

4.2 check the existence of the events / madmodels folder or whether the model/mass combination was already successful

4.3 for each of the unsuccessful files write the collider name and configuration file (done by 'submlt\_condor.py')

4.4 launch them.

5. Clear the directories of the heavy files (i.e., .gg, the python split run folders). This is done with the 'sub\_msl\_condor.py' as well.

**1. Downloading and installing MG5**

**2. Prepare the conditions for installing madanalysis**

**3. Write template configuration cards**

**4. Run the scripts**

**5. Clear the directory**

DMT  
DMT simplified models  
General description:  
This package implements the running of parallel MG5 + madanalysis  
The workflow is the following:  
1. Download and install MG5\_AMC locally  
1.1 includes installing the 6.3.4 LHAASPP  
2. Prepare the conditions for running madanalysis  
2.1 prepare a py3 environment  
2.2 edit the installer scripts  
3. Use the templates for the 4 configuration cards for madgraph and madanalysis  
3.1 topology  
3.2 run  
3.3 MG5

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## 3. Analysis code for interpretation in general scenarios



Example\_Output  
Example\_Programs  
gghiggs  
jctbtree  
NLOcombine.py  
RECAST-ml

RECAST-ml  
MAS\_combine  
MadAnalysis2 scripts to combine samples for DM100mg Model in the context of a channel DM.  
GeneralSimulationOutputDir=../Results\_msc\_750/MAS\_04e04

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# **Flavoured dark matter**

contribution by R. Costa Batalha Pedro

# Top-philic Dark Matter

## Models of flavoured DM beyond Minimal Flavour Violation

- [1702.08457](#) [1702.08457](#)
- Flavour carried by the DM candidate and not by the mediator
- DM is either a Dirac or Majorana fermion
- Quark-flavoured DM coupling to the SM quarks
  - Lepton-flavoured models may link to the  $(g - 2)_\mu$  anomaly [2212.08142](#)

## Constrains from LHC for top-philic scenario

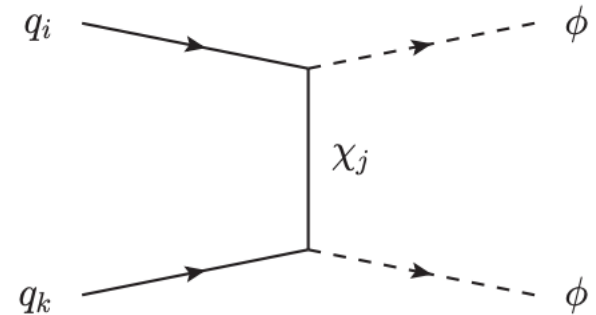
- Mainly on mediator pair production
- $tj + \cancel{E}_T$  and  $t\bar{t} + \cancel{E}_T$  final states (common to searches for SUSY squarks)

## Majorana-specific phenomenology

- t-channel  $\phi$ -pair-production leading to same-sign  $tt + \cancel{E}_T$
- Enhanced cross-section at the LHC due to the  $u\bar{p}$ -quark PDF in the protons

$$\lambda^{ij} \bar{q}_i \chi_j \phi$$

- $q_i$  SM quarks
- $\chi_j$  DM fermion, flavoured
- $\phi$  coloured scalar mediator
- $\lambda$  flavour-violating coupling matrix



(b)  $\phi\phi$  production

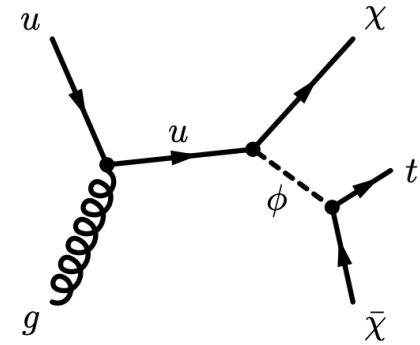
Majorana-specific



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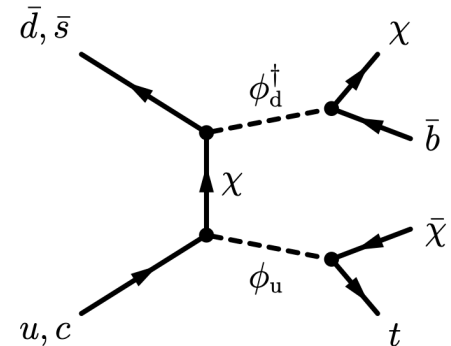
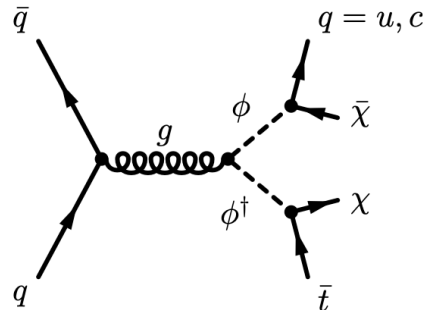
- **Simplified models of top-flavoured Dark Matter**

- [2010.10530](#)
- Within the framework of Minimal Flavour Violation
- $\phi$  coloured mediator
  - Right-handed model: couplings to up-type quarks only
  - Left-handed model: couplings to up/down-type quarks (more constrained by flavour physics)



- **Single top signatures**

- $t + \cancel{E}_T$
- $tq + \cancel{E}_T$ , where  $q = \{u, d, s, c\}$
- $tb + \cancel{E}_T$



# Charm/strange-philic DM

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- **Review/draw constrains on charm-flavoured DM**
  - Limits for the charm-philic model using four jets+MET searches
  - Phenomenology investigations of charm tagging
  
- **Similar content for a strange-philic model?**

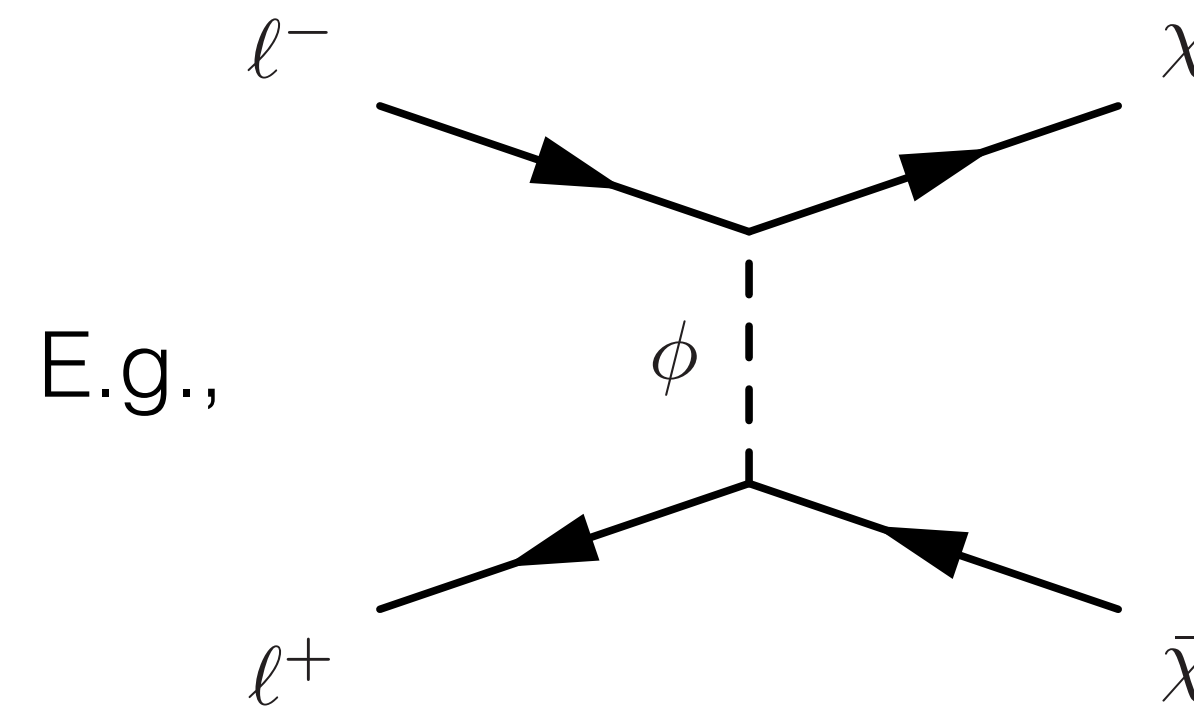
# **Leptophilic models**

contribution by M. Baker

Leptophilic  $t$ -channel models:

DM **only** couples to SM leptons via a  $t$ -channel diagram

- DM can couple to RH and/or LH  $e$ ,  $\mu$  and/or  $\tau$
- DM is gauge singlet  $\implies$  charged mediator
- Fermionic DM  $\implies$  bosonic mediator and vice versa
- DM could be a real or complex scalar, a Majorana or Dirac fermion or a real or complex vector
- The mediator must be complex/Dirac



RH Model Parameters:

- $m_\chi$
- $\Delta = (m_\phi - m_\chi)/m_\chi$
- $y_R^i$

$$\mathcal{L} \supset y_R^{ij} \phi^j \bar{\chi} \ell_R^i + y_L^{ik} \varphi^k \bar{\chi} L_L^i + h.c.$$

Field	$(su(3)_C, su(2)_L, u(1)_Y)$	Spin
$\ell_R$	$(1, 1, -1)$	$1/2$
$L_L$	$(1, 2, -1/2)$	$1/2$
$\chi$	$(1, 1, 0)$	$0, 1/2, 1$
$\phi$	$(1, 1, 1)$	$1/2, \{0, 1\}, 1/2$
$\varphi$	$(1, 2, 1/2)$	$1/2, \{0, 1\}, 1/2$

Phenomenology depends on

## Mass Regime

- Decoupled:  $0.3 \lesssim \Delta$
- Coannihilation:  $0.02 \lesssim \Delta \lesssim 0.3$
- Quasi-degenerate:  $\Delta \lesssim 0.02$

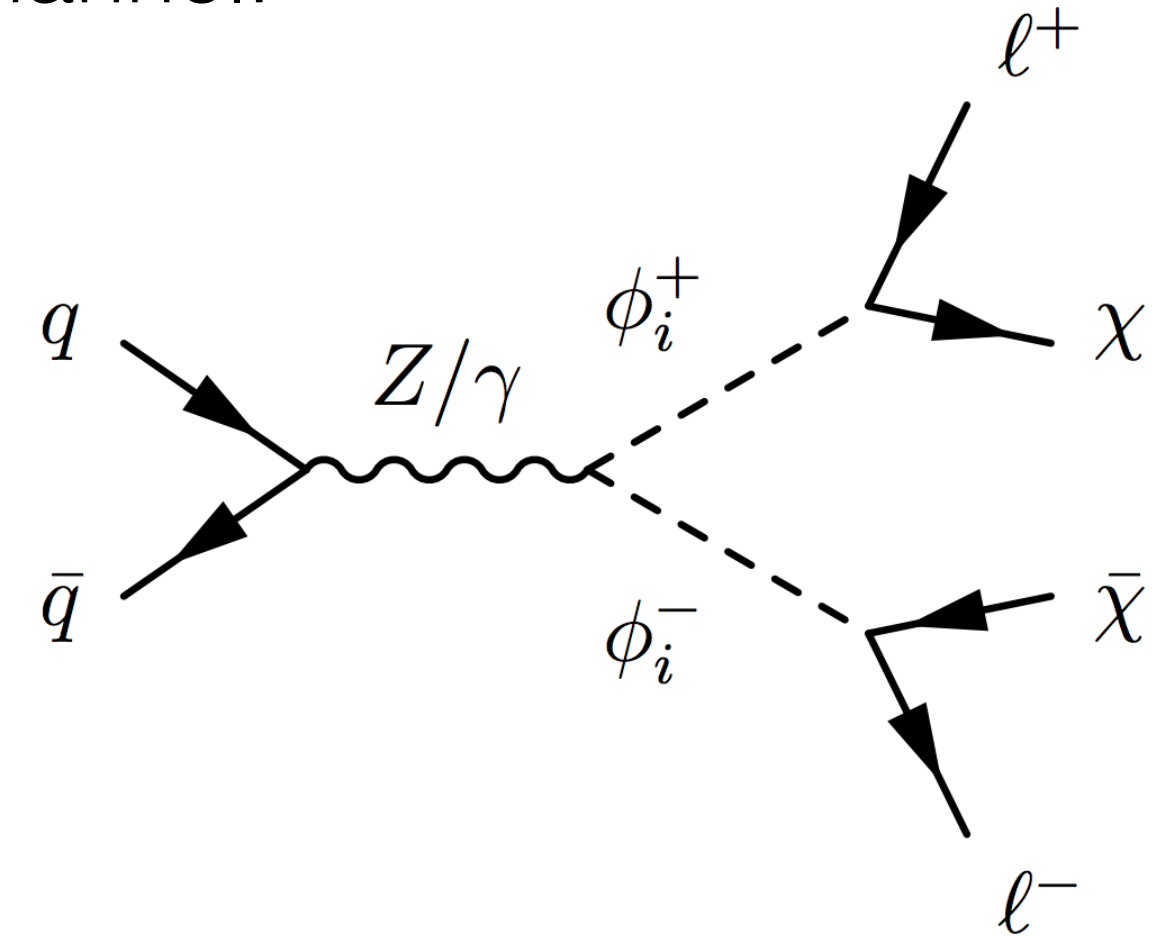
## DM Production Mechanism (3 $\rightarrow$ 2 parameters)

- Freeze-out
- Freeze-in
- Other
- Undefined (3 parameters)

## DM Particle Identity

- Real scalar and Majorana fermion has velocity suppressed freeze-out, direct detection and indirect detection processes
- Not directly relevant at LHC, but important when comparing with other searches or using production as constraint

Main LHC channel:



Two (SF) OS leptons + MET

(Also one lepton + MET in LH models from  $W^\pm \rightarrow \phi^0 \phi^\pm$ )

## Mass Regimes:

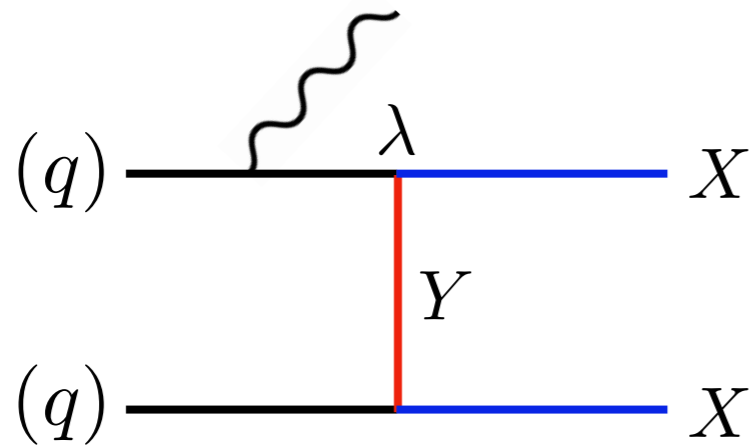
- Decoupled:  $\implies$  hard leptons
- Coannihilation:  $\implies$  soft leptons (ISR boost?)
- Quasi-degenerate and small couplings:  $\implies$  long-lived mediator

- Classification complete
- Benchmark models defined
- Completing work on combining existing limits and relic surfaces

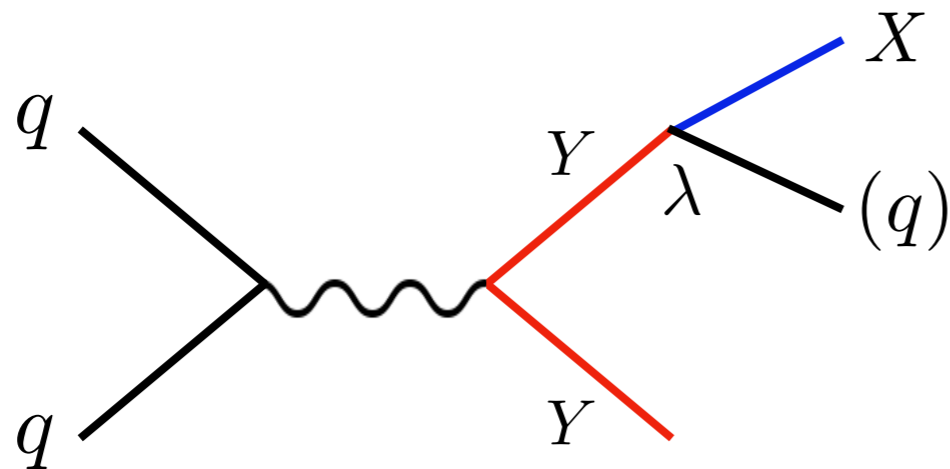
# **Long-lived mediators**

contribution by J. Heisig

# Why long-lived particles (LLPs)?



⇒ MET signature



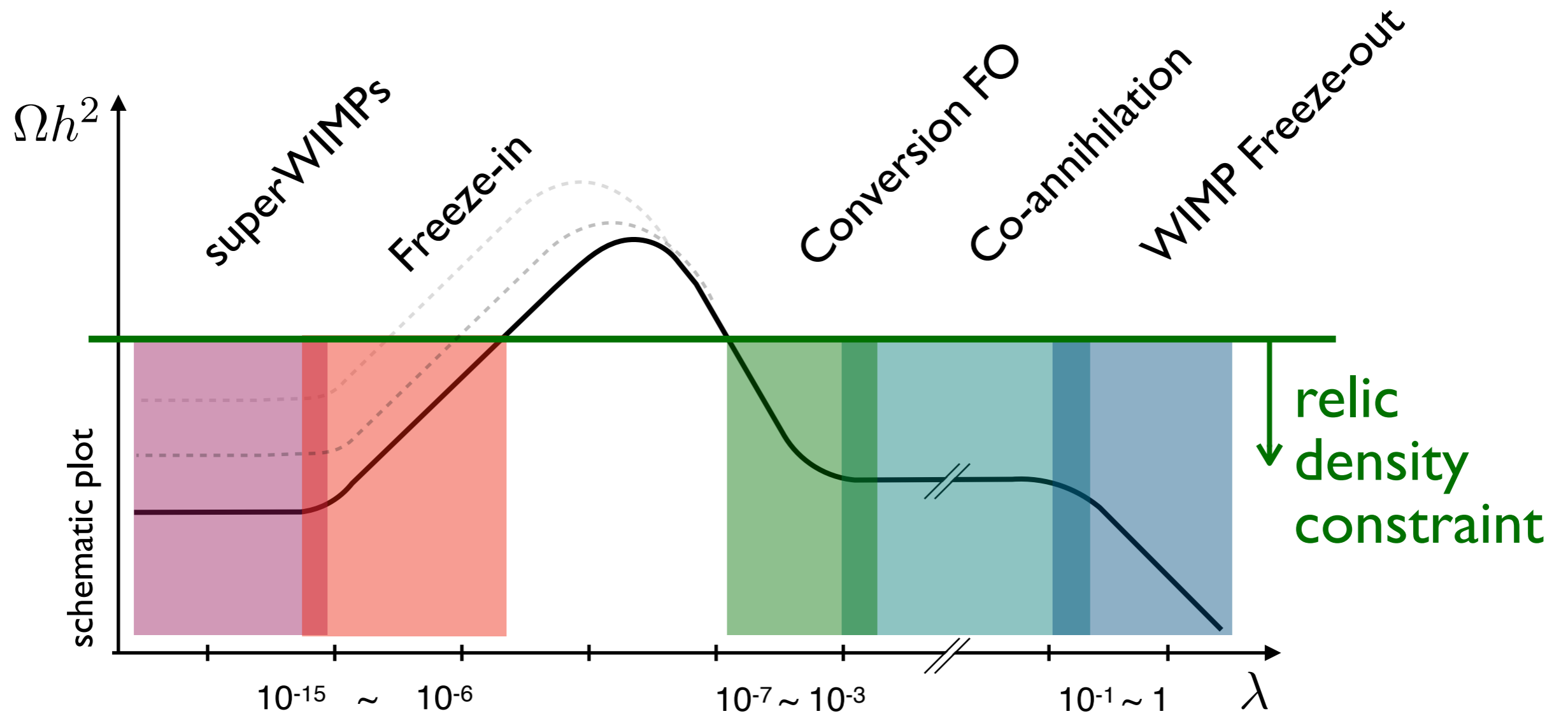
⇒ LLPs if:

- $\lambda$  small or/and
- Small mass splitting, in particular:

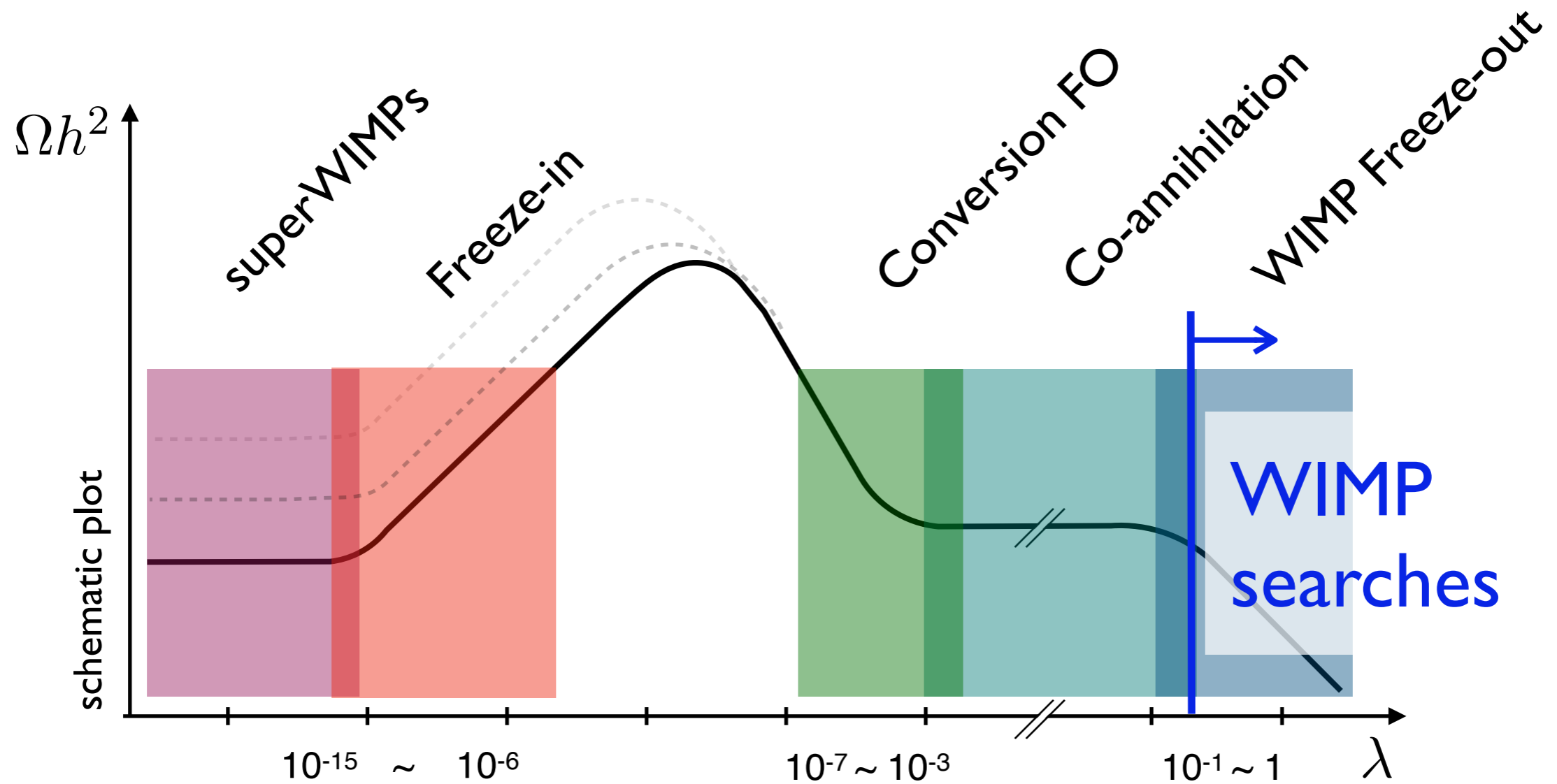
$$\Delta m = m_Y - m_X < m_{(q)}$$



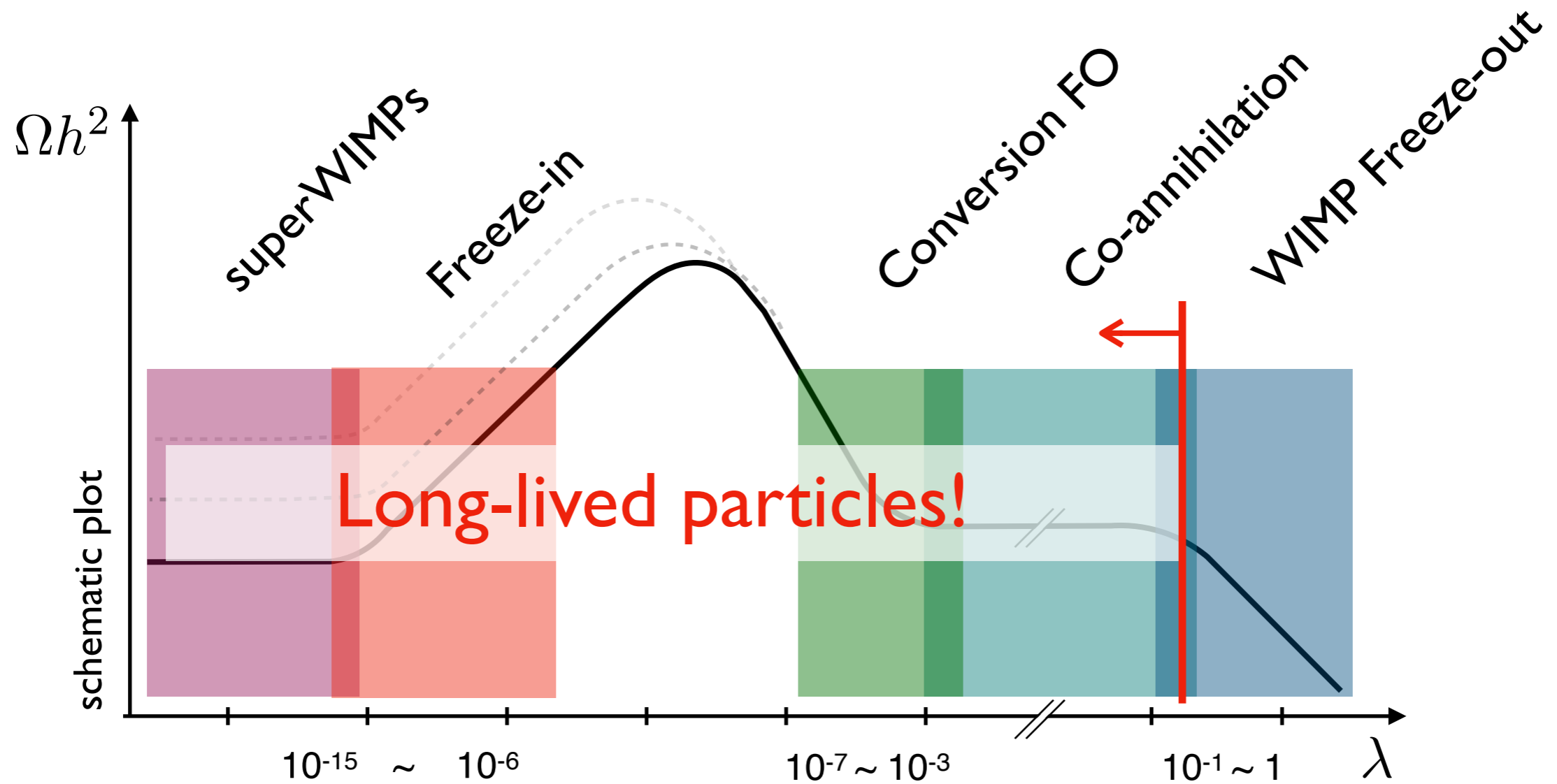
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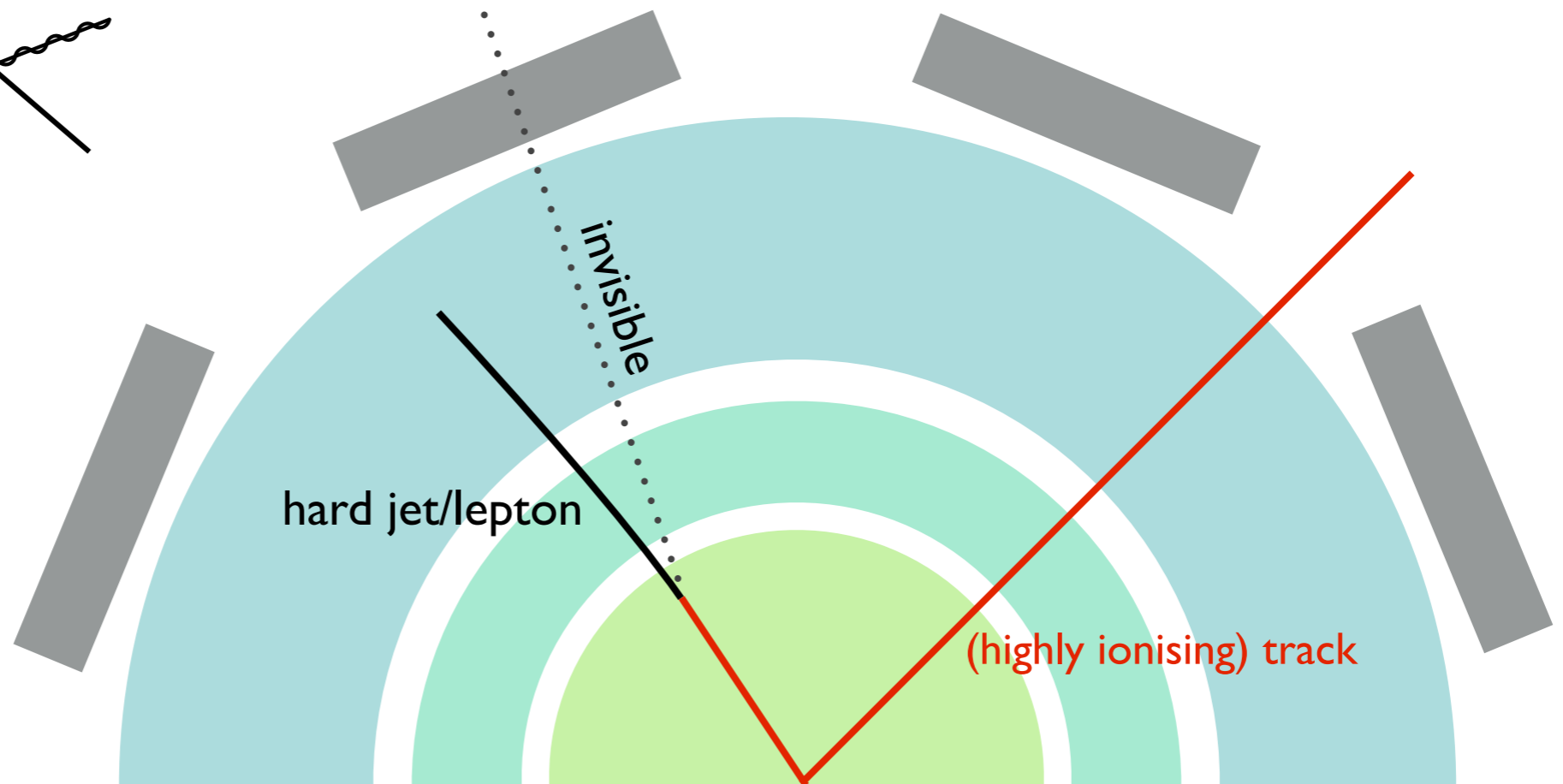
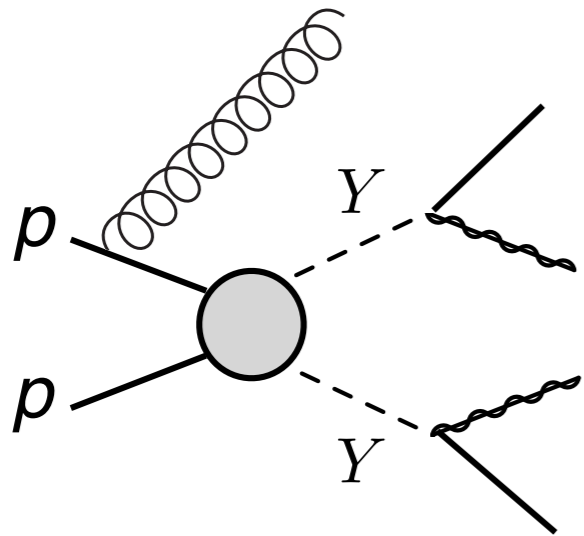


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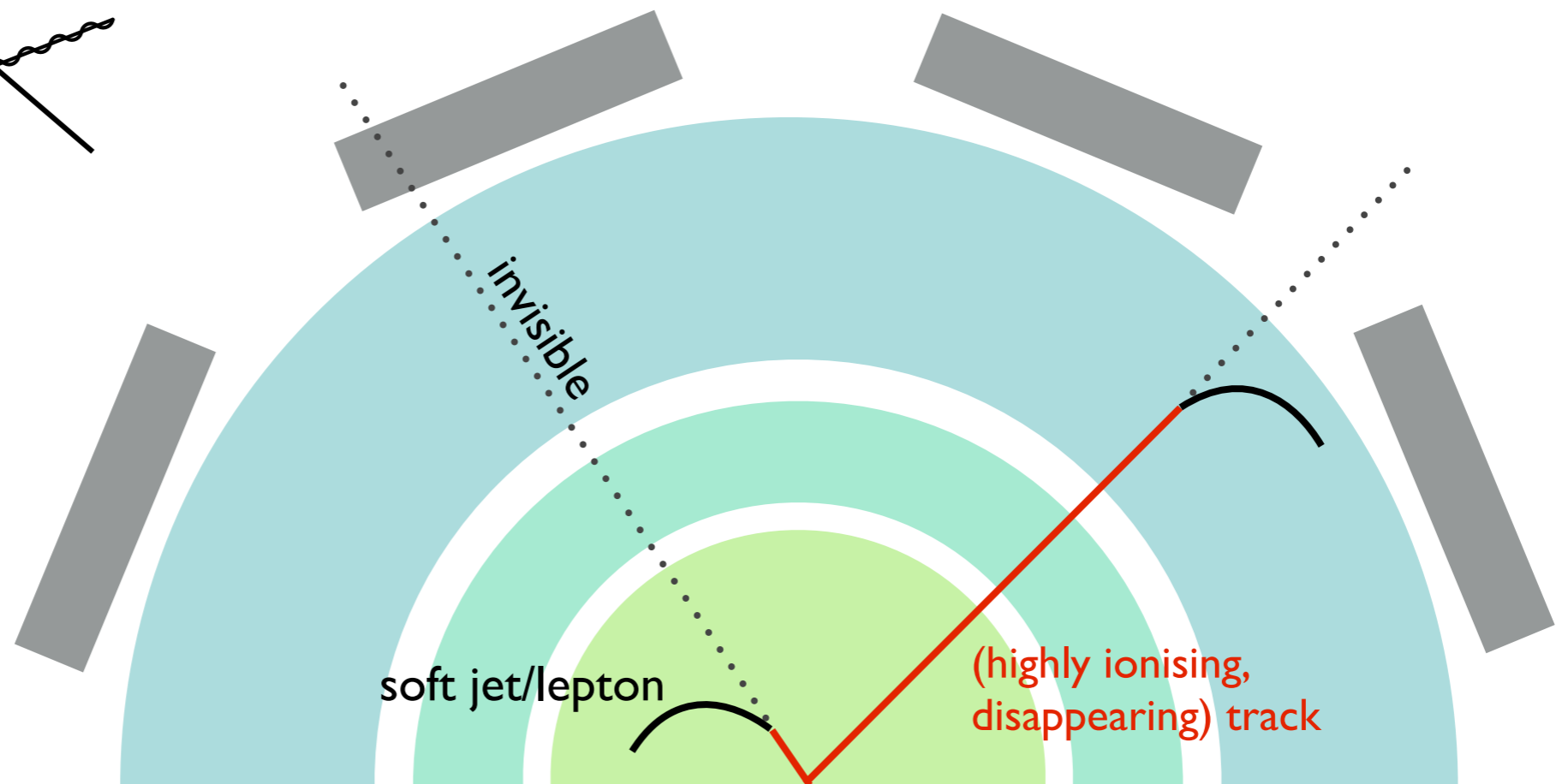
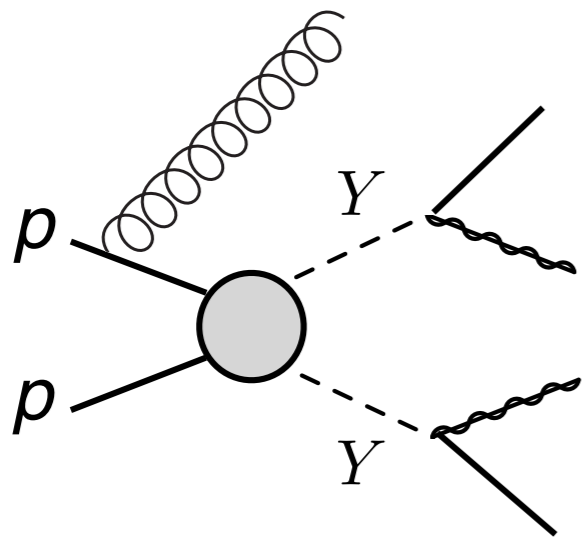
# LLP Signatures: light dark matter

(superWIMPs, Freeze-in)



# LLP Signatures: small mass splitting

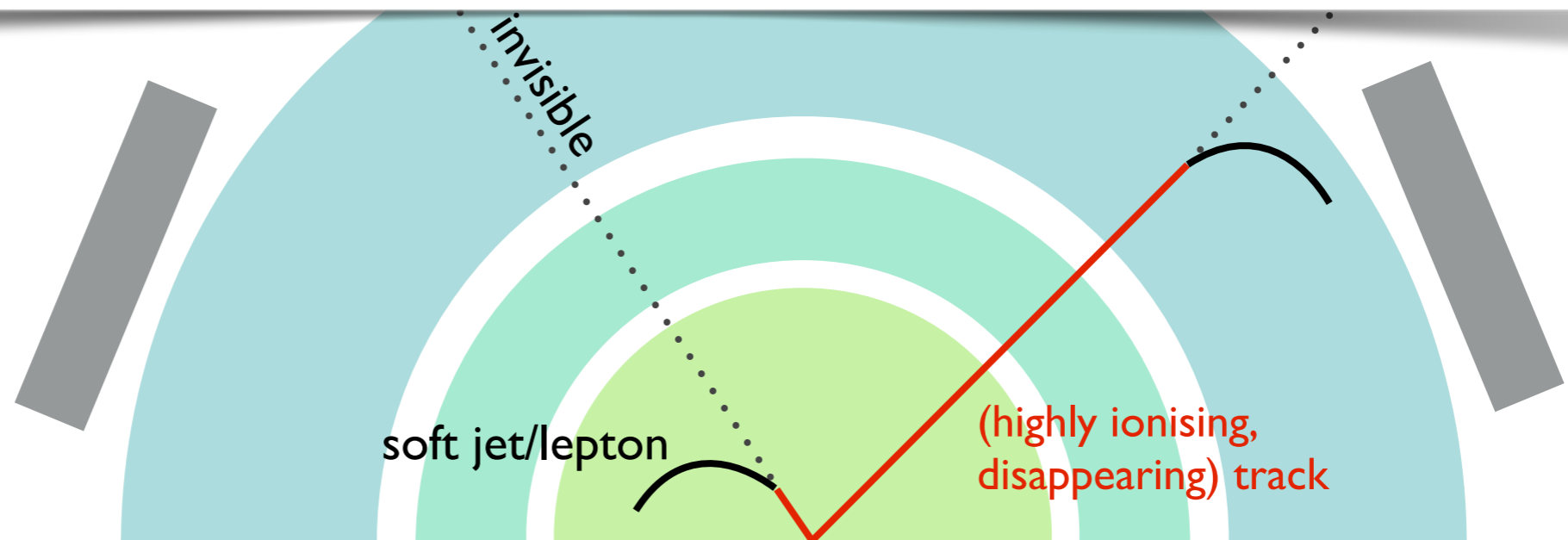
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# LLP Signatures: small mass splitting

Closing experimental gaps:

- How far do MET searches cover LLP regime? (transition prompt-LLP)
- How to tackle small mass splittings, i.e. softish displaced objects?



# Going beyond the minimal setup

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# Subsection 8.1

## Top-philic composite dark matter

- Top-philic scalar DM models represent very simple, testable and viable models of WIMP DM:  
[\[S.W. Baek, P. Ko, P. Wu \(2016\)\]](#),[\[Colucci, Fuks, Giacchino et al. \(2018\)\]](#)
  - very few new particles and parameters  
(one DM scalar  $S$  and a vector-like fermion mediator  $T$ ),
  - renormalizable,
  - simple cosmology (thermal relic, standard evolution),
  - testable in DM direct detection, indirect detection (photons), and at colliders.
- VLQs which primarily couple to the SM top quark are common in many SM extensions (extra dimensions, little Higgs, twin Higgs, VLQ extensions of SUSY, Composite Higgs Models .... )
- If  $S$  and  $T$  are part of a UV completion with additional states/dynamics at typical scale  $\Lambda$  (of a few TeV), integrating out the additional states induces higher-dimensional operators in the top-philic scalar DM Lagrangian.



# Sub-section 8.2

## Frustrated dark matter models

- All mediator fields couple both to  $\chi$  and to SM fields  
carry SM gauge charges that preclude renormalizable gauge-invariant interactions between the DM and any SM fermion.
- Interactions of the DM are **frustrated** in the sense that the specific mediator assignments preclude its tree level interaction with the SM

$$\text{SM} \longleftrightarrow \text{mediators} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \varphi \text{ (scalar)} \\ \psi \text{ (Dirac)} \end{array} \right\} \longleftrightarrow \text{DM } \chi;$$

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{med}} + \mathcal{L}_{\chi},$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{med}} = (D_{\mu}\varphi)^{\dagger s}(D^{\mu}\varphi)_s - m_{\varphi}^2\varphi^{\dagger s}\varphi_s + \bar{\psi}^s(i\not{D} - m_{\psi})\psi_s + \mathcal{L}_{\text{decay}}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\chi} = \bar{\chi}(i\not{D} - m_{\chi})\chi + y_{\chi}(\varphi^{\dagger s}\bar{\chi}\psi_s + \text{H.c.})$$

# Sub-section 8.3

## B-mesogenesis models

- Mesogenesis is a recent experimentally testable mechanism of baryogenesis and dark matter production which utilizes CP violation in Standard Model mesons
- In the Mesogenesis mechanism, a scalar field  $\Phi$  with a mass of 10 to  $O(100 \text{ GeV})$  decays at a low temperature  $T_R \sim O(\text{MeV})$  to equal numbers quarks and anti-quarks pairs.
- Critical to the setup of these mechanisms is a t-channel coloured scalar mediator which mediates the decays of mesons in to dark sector baryons
- In neutral B mesogenesis, the CP violation of  $B^0_{s,d} - \bar{B}^0_{s,d}$  is leveraged

$$\mathcal{L}_Y = \sum_{i,j} Y^* \bar{u}_{i,R} d_{j,R}^c - \sum_k y_{\psi_B k} Y d_{k,R}^c \psi_B + \text{h.c.}$$

# Conclusion

**Work is proceeding on multiple fronts**

## **Tentative timescales of the white paper**

- **End of the year** → complete production of numerical data (mostly collider side)
- **End of the year / Early January** → Advanced draft
- **Early 2024** → General meeting to finalise writeup
- **Spring 2024** → Full white paper 🙌