

Higgs portal dark matter



and invisible width

Higgs Portal

- Second simplest model of WIMP dark matter
- Rich phenomenology: direct and indirect detection as well as collider signals possible
- Motivated: $|H|^2$ is lowest dimension SM singlet, so SM singlet dark matter may naturally couple to SM via this operator
- Dark matter could be scalar, fermion, or vector
- Simplest scalar case:

2 parameter model:

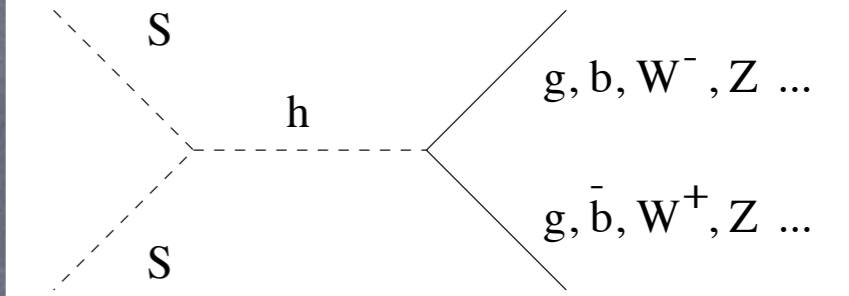
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Burgess, Pospelov, ter Veldhuis,
hep-ph/0011335

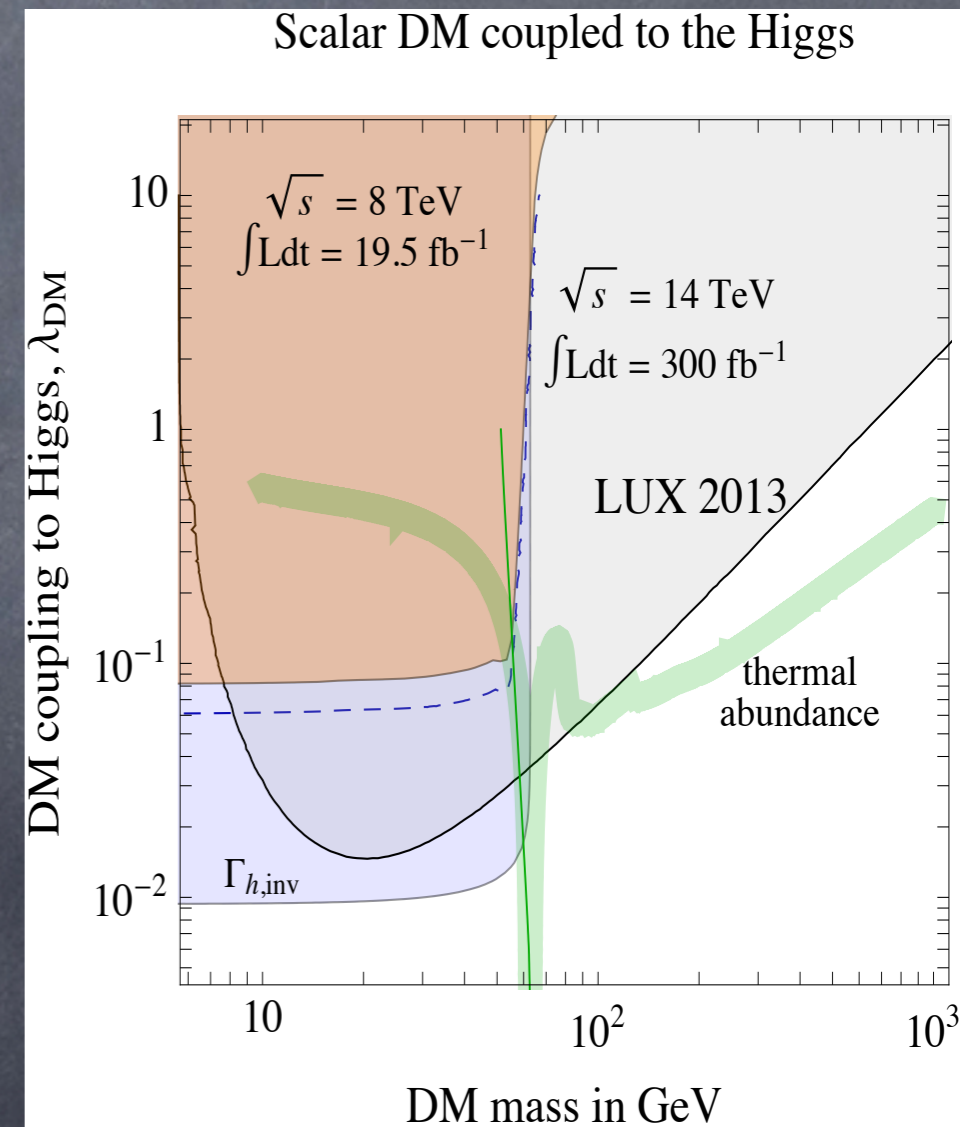
phenomenology fully determined by mass m_s and coupling λ

Higgs Portal: scalar case

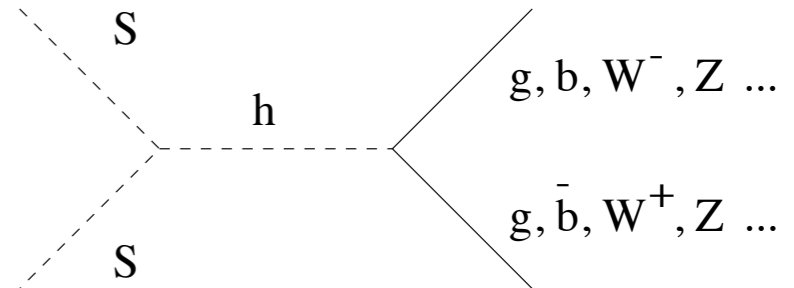
- Dark matter annihilation proceeds via s-channel Higgs
- For given (m_s, λ) annihilation cross section is fixed
- Insisting on thermal abundance of dark matter fixes $\lambda(m_s)$
- For weak scale dark matter and order 0.1–1 coupling dark matter relic abundance in right ballpark

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The diagram illustrates the s-channel Higgs exchange process. Two incoming scalar particles, labeled 'S', meet at a vertex. A dashed line representing a Higgs boson, labeled 'h', propagates between two vertices. From the right vertex, several Standard Model particles emerge: a gluon (g), a quark (b), a W boson (W⁻), and a Z boson (Z). From the left vertex, a gluon (g), an anti-quark (b-bar), a W boson (W⁺), and a Z boson (Z) emerge.

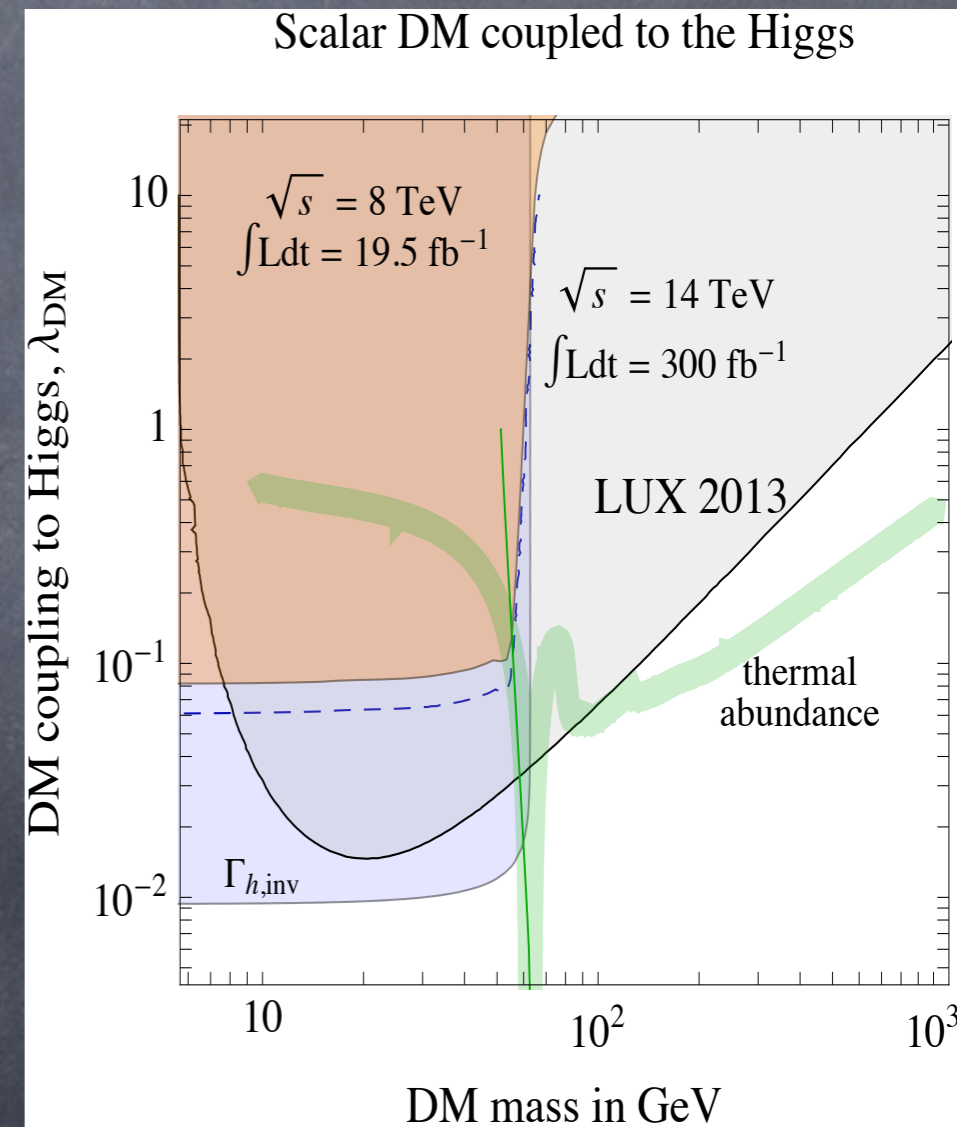


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The diagram shows a scalar particle S (dashed line) interacting with a Higgs boson h (dashed line). The Higgs boson then decays into various particles: $g, b, W^-, Z \dots$ and $g, \bar{b}, W^+, Z \dots$.

- For thermal abundance low mass dark matter region, $m_s < m_h/2$ excluded
- Actually, doubly excluded: by direct detection constraints and by Higgs invisible width

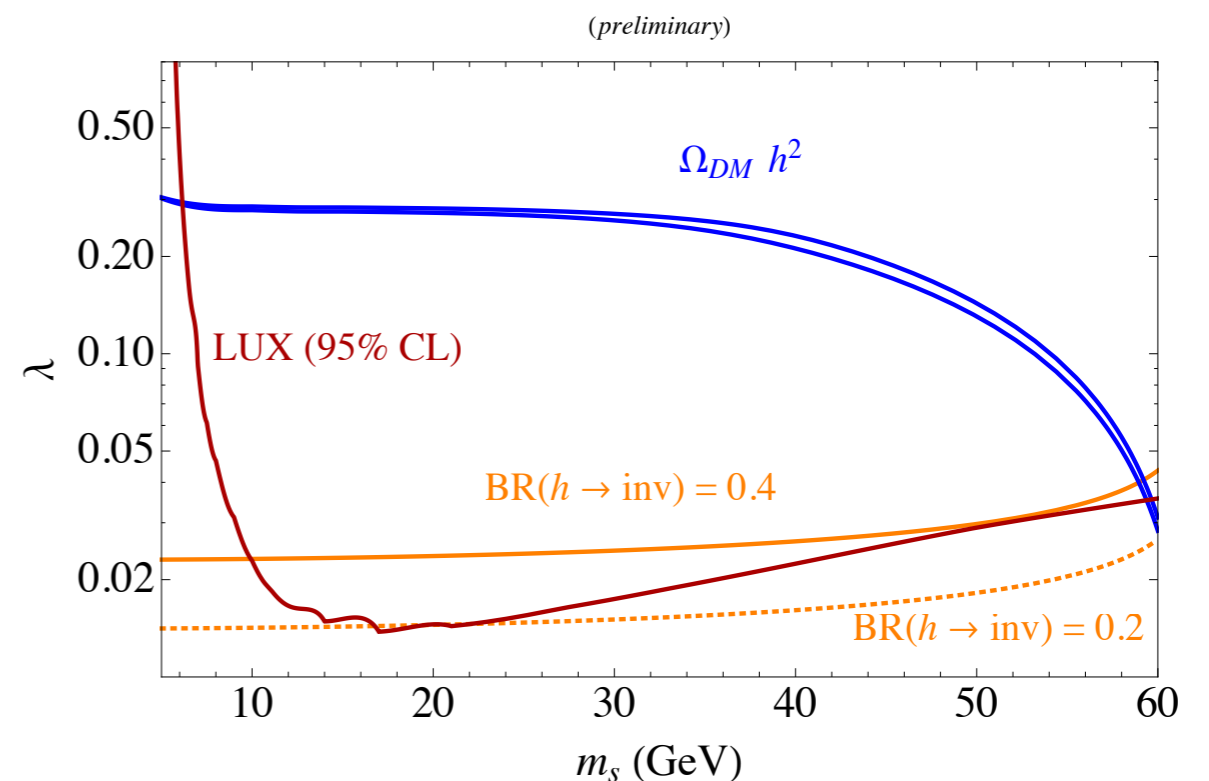
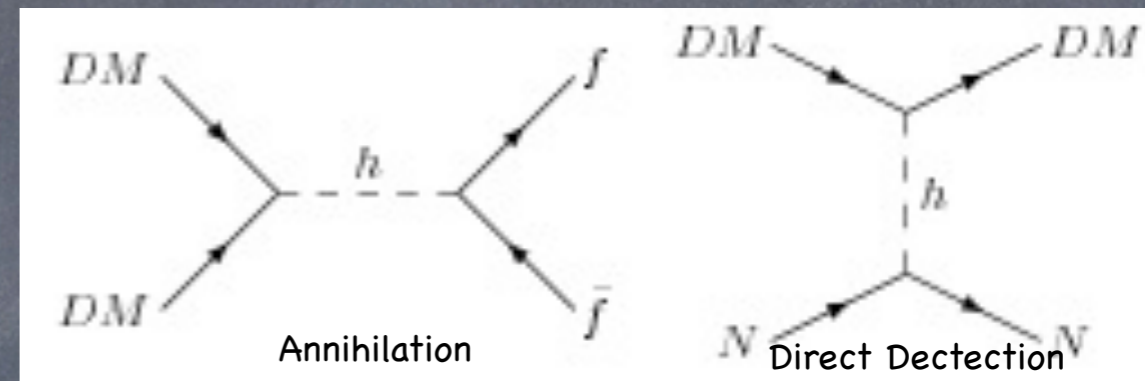


Higgs Portal: constraints from direct detection

$$c_1^N S^2 \bar{N} N$$

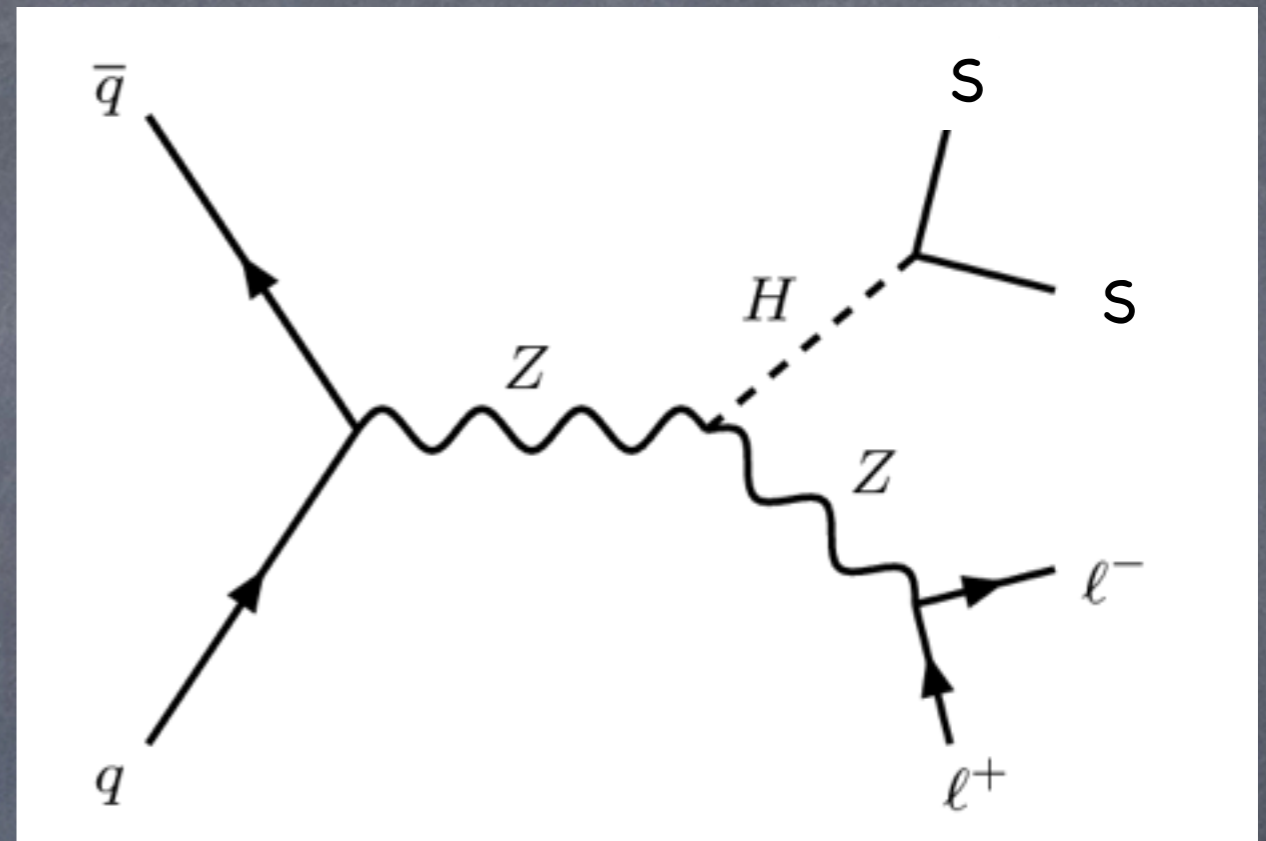
- Higgs exchange induces effective coupling of dark matter to nucleons
- For given (m_s, λ) scattering cross section on nucleons fixed
- For $\lambda(m_s)$ fixed by thermal relic abundance, direct detection safely excluded for $m_s > 7$ GeV

$$c_1^n \approx c_1^p = -0.45 \lambda_{\text{DM}} \frac{m_N v}{M_h^2}.$$



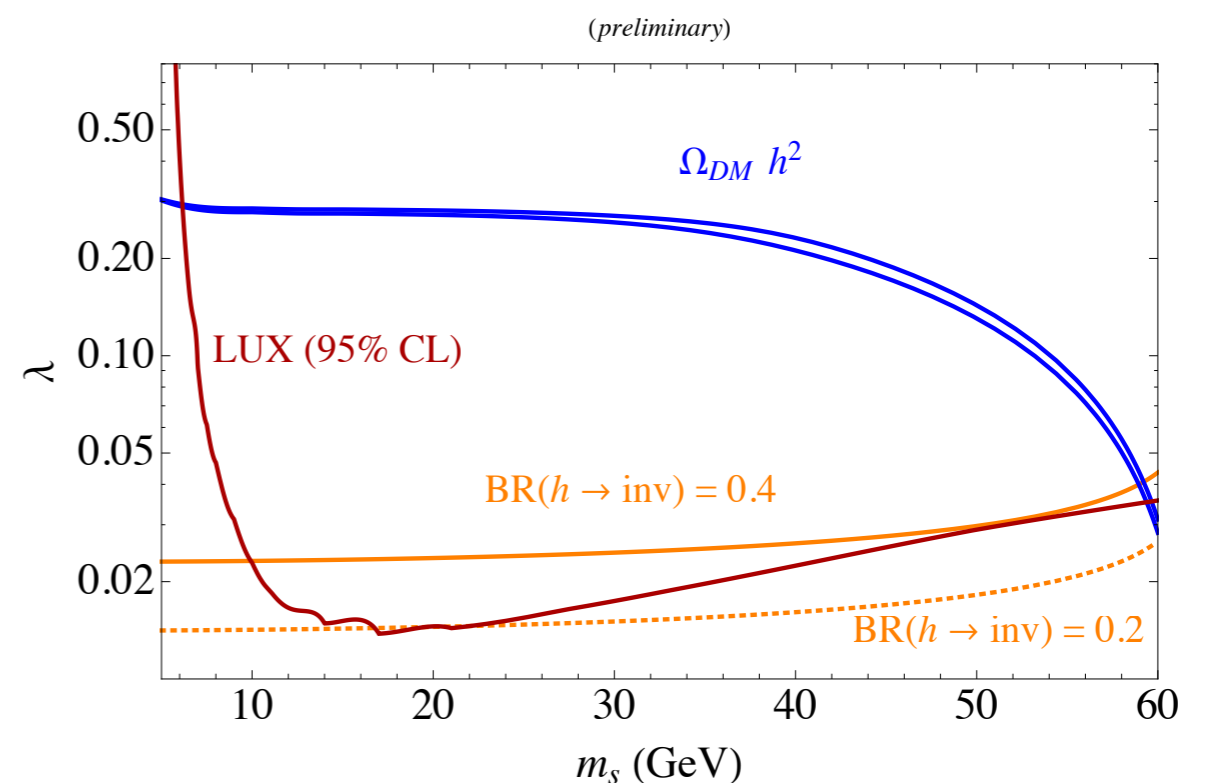
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- For $m_s < m_h/2$ Higgs can decay directly to dark matter, leading to invisible width
- Branching fraction is huge for thermal region of parameter space



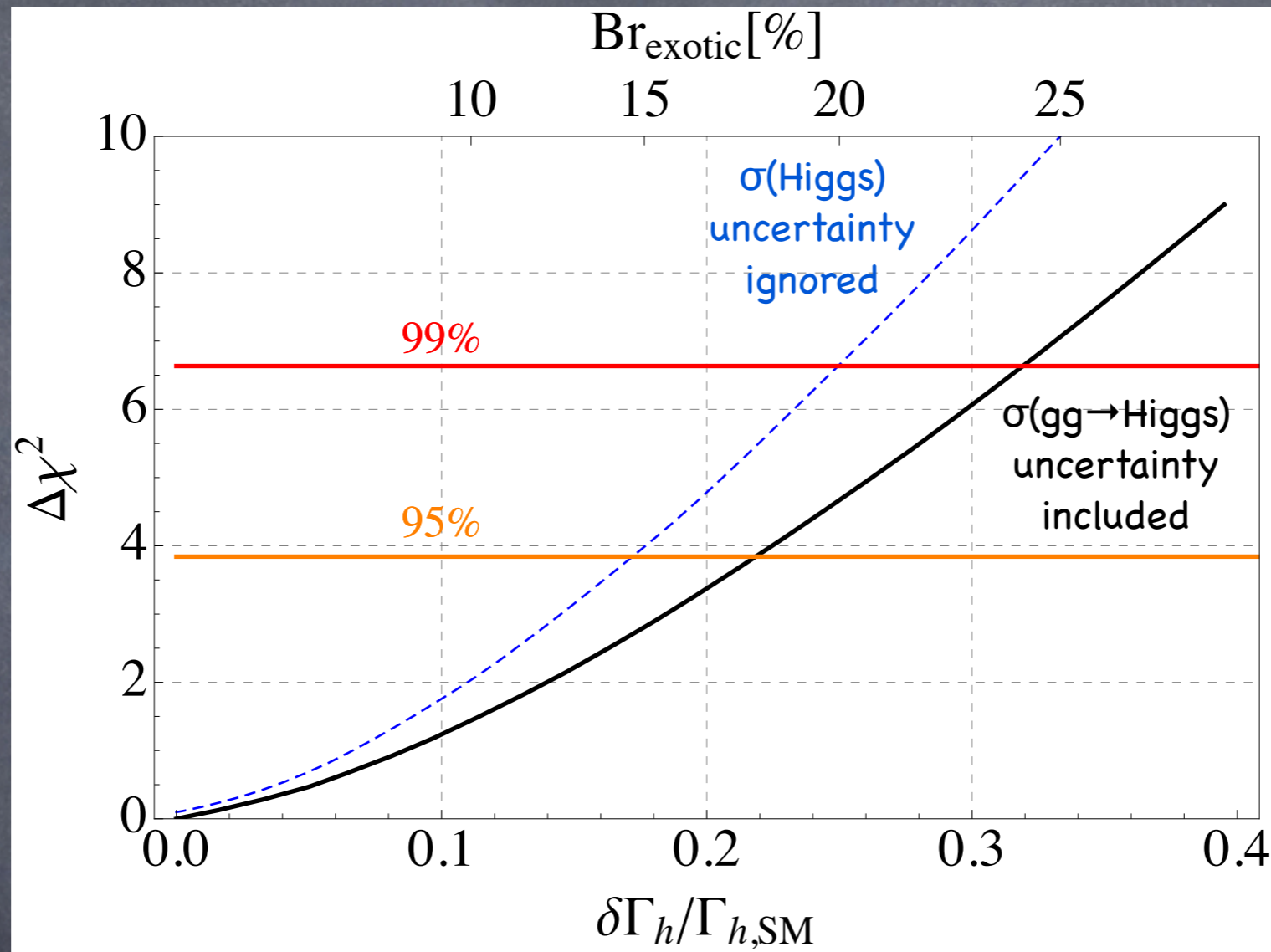
$$\Gamma(h \rightarrow \text{invisible}) = \frac{\lambda^2 v^2}{64\pi m_h} \sqrt{1 - 4m_s^2/m_h^2}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma(h \rightarrow \text{invisible})}{\Gamma_h^{\text{SM}}} \approx \left(\frac{\lambda}{0.04} \right)^2$$



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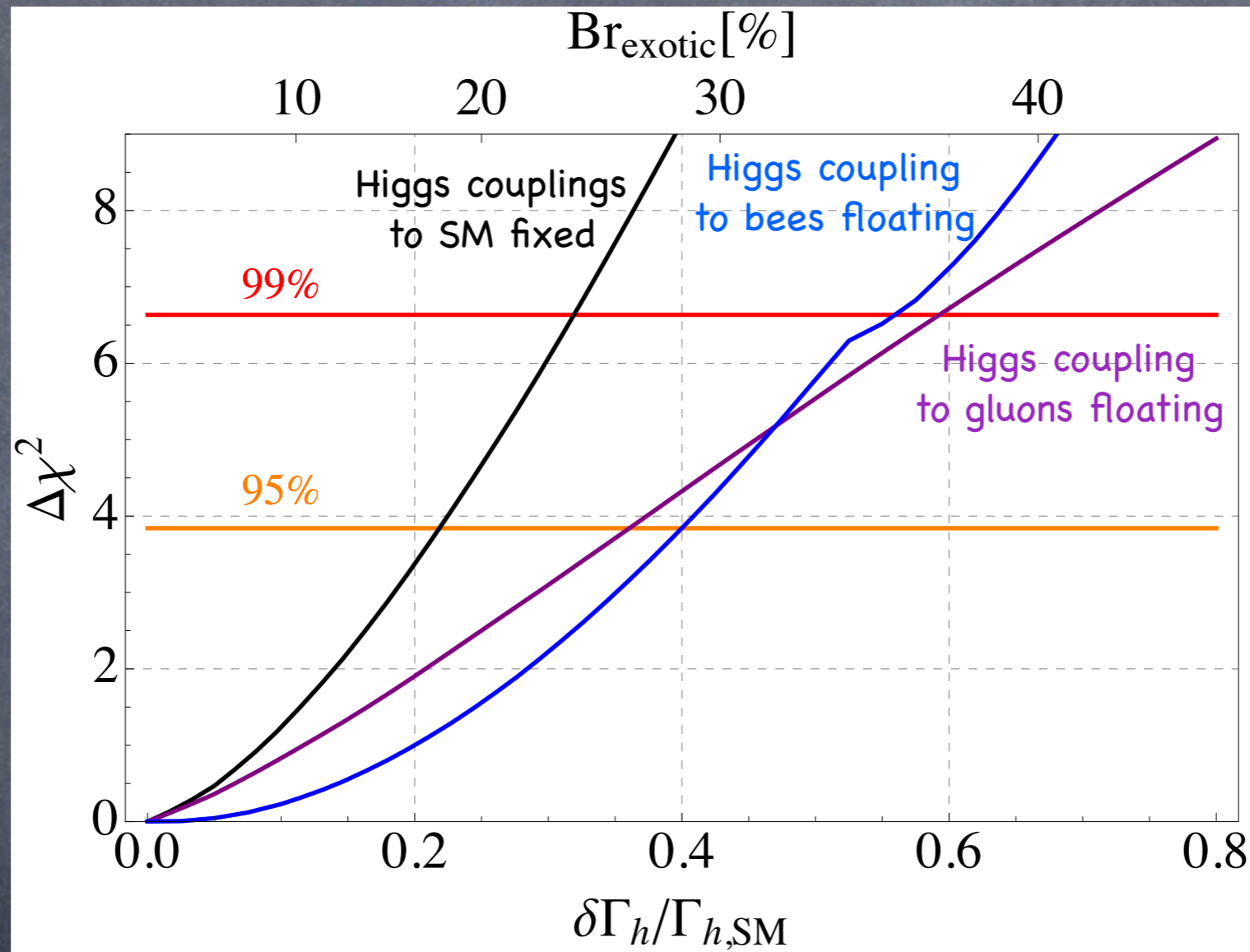
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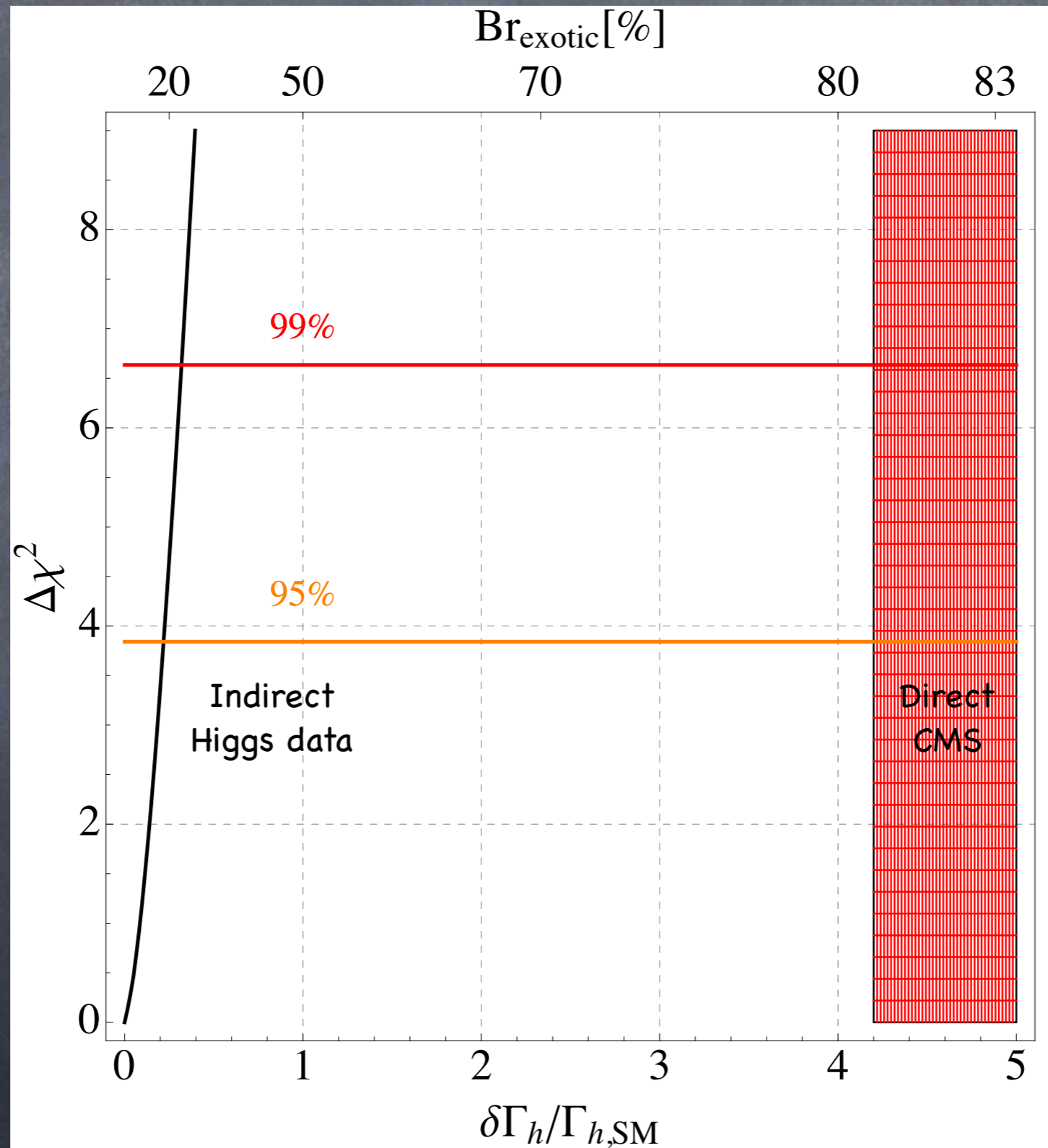
Allowing some Higgs couplings to SM to float



$Br(h \rightarrow \text{exotic}) \lesssim 30\%$ at 95% CL

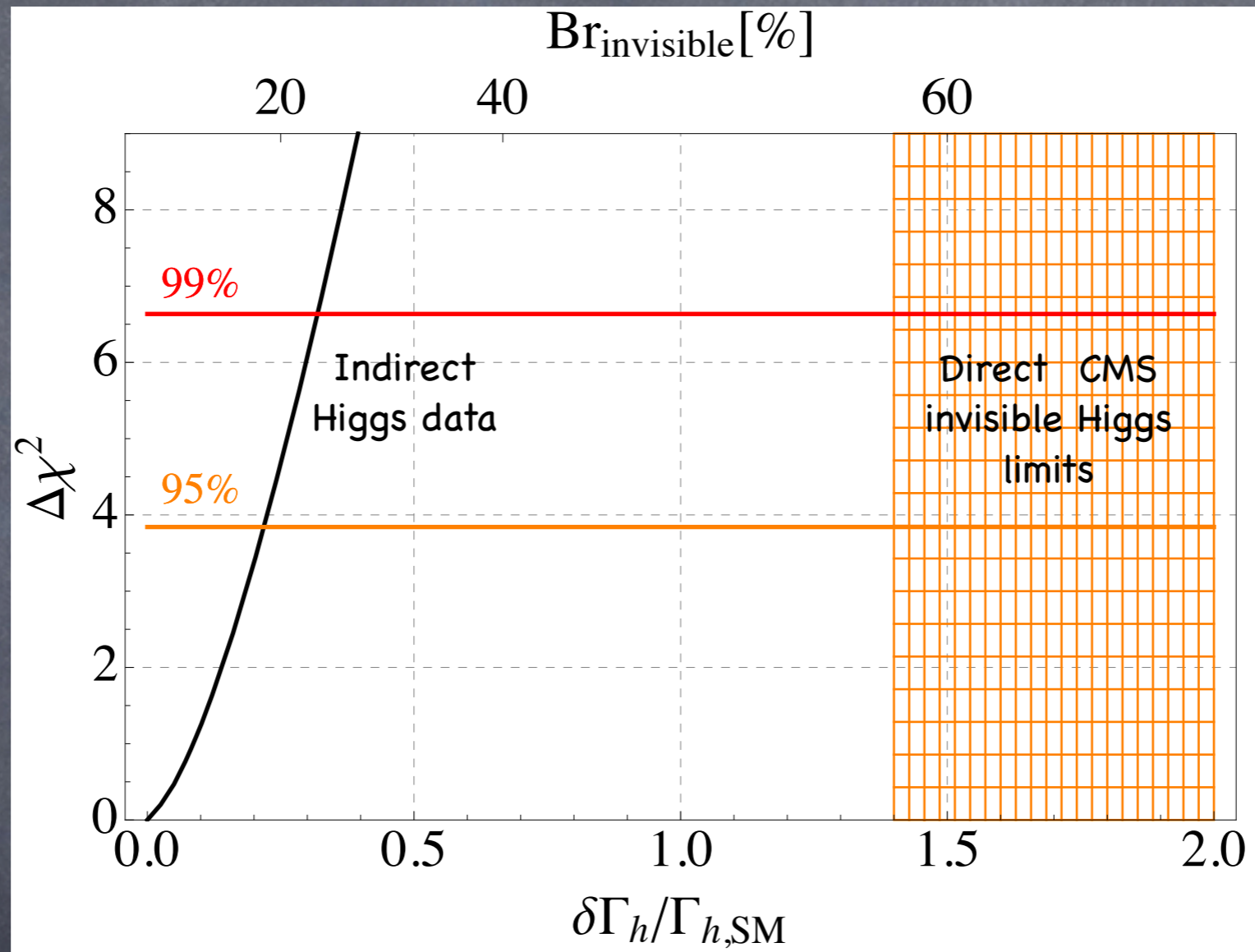
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Compare direct and indirect width constraints



Limits on invisible Higgs branching fraction

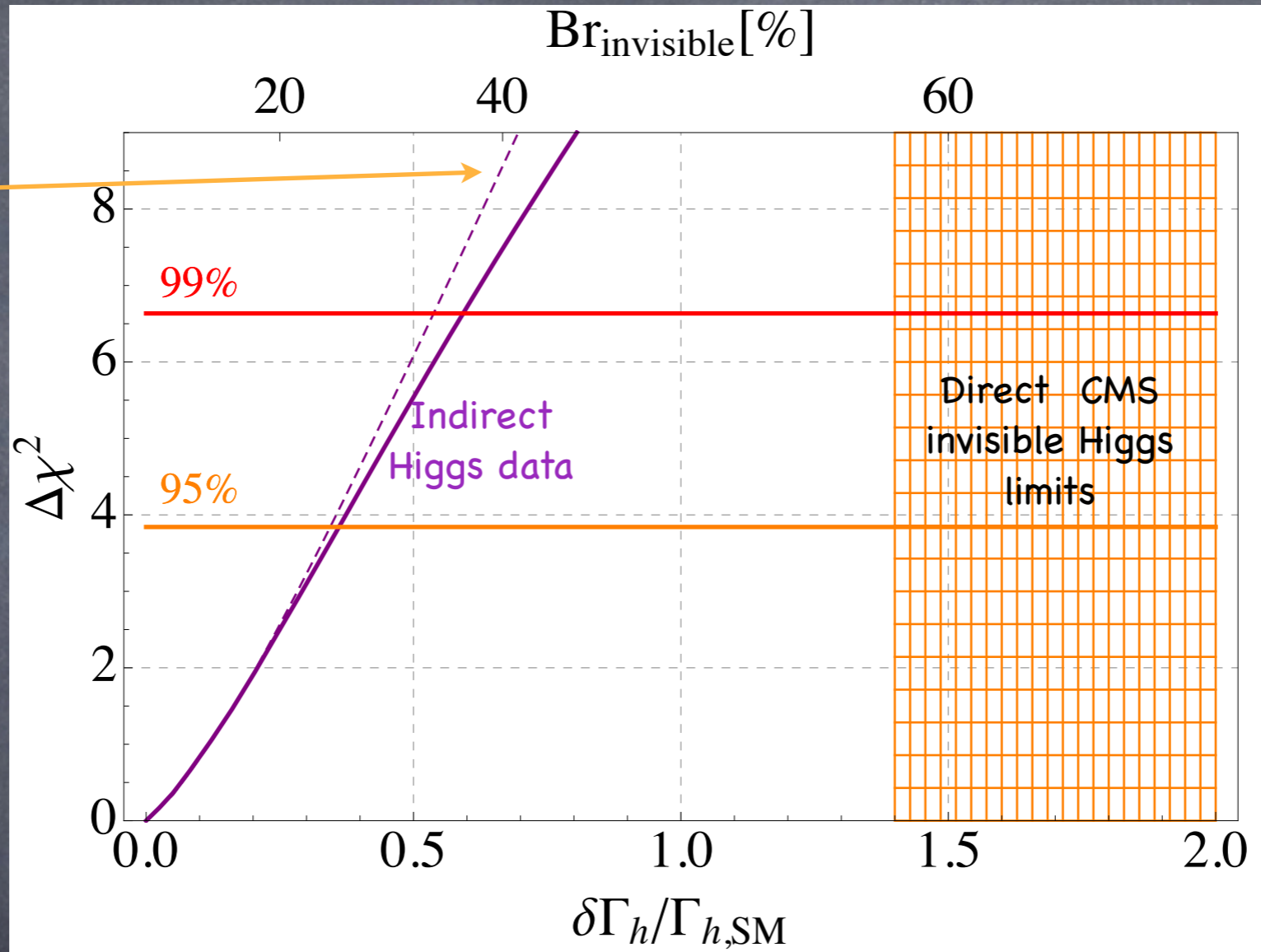
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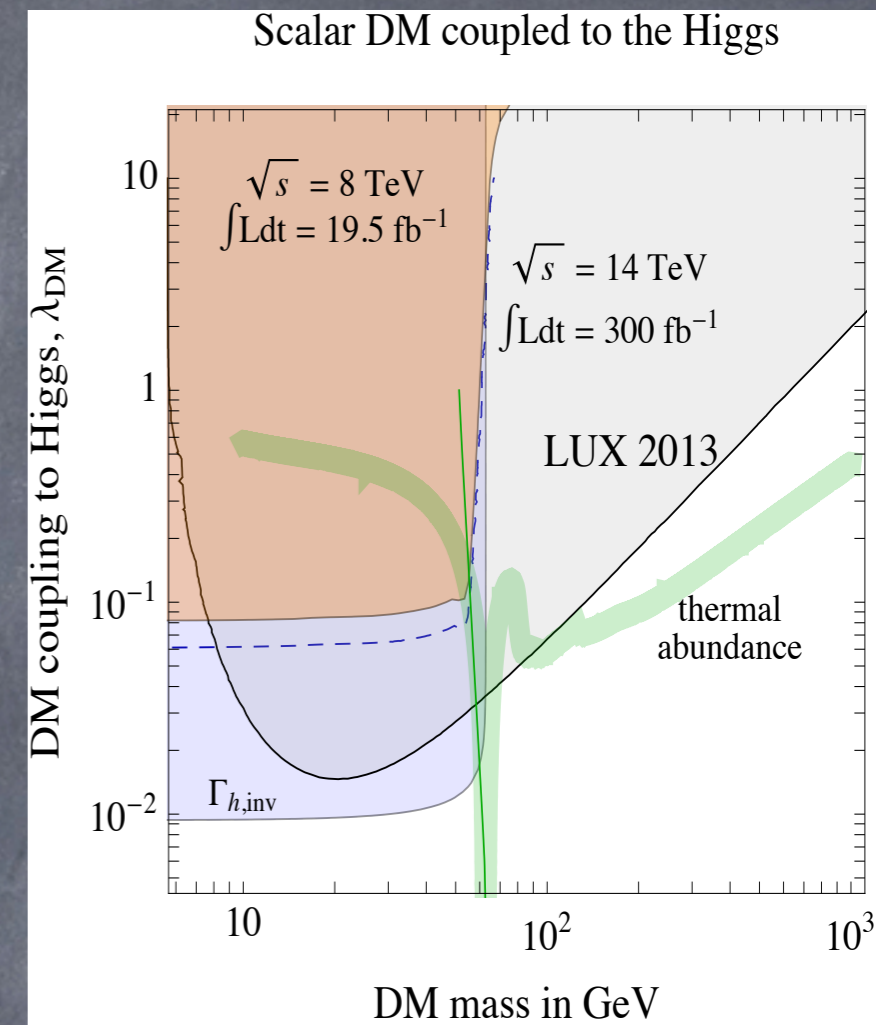
Assuming Higgs coupling to gluons floating

Effect of monojet constraints recast from CMS and ATLAS monojets searches by Djouadi et al. 1205.3169



Scalar Higgs portal summary

- Barring biggest conspiracy since Roswell
 $\text{Br}(h \rightarrow \text{invisible}) \lesssim 30\%$ (and most likely $\lesssim 20\%$)
- Direct limits from CMS and ATLAS yield
 $\text{Br}(h \rightarrow \text{invisible}) \lesssim 58\%$ for SM Higgs coupling to V
- For $m_s < m_h/2$ this translates to $\lambda \gtrsim 0.03$ (0.02)
and excludes couplings corresponding to thermal WIMP
- For $10 \text{ GeV} < m_s$ comparable constraints on λ from direct detection



Light Higgs portal DM should be non-thermal.

Then probed via (small) invisible Higgs width at LHC or in direct detection experiments

Higgs portal DM exactly at resonance ($m_s = m_h/2$) or heavier than 100 GeV can be thermal. Then probed in direct detection experiments. What about LHC?

Fermion and vector Higgs portal

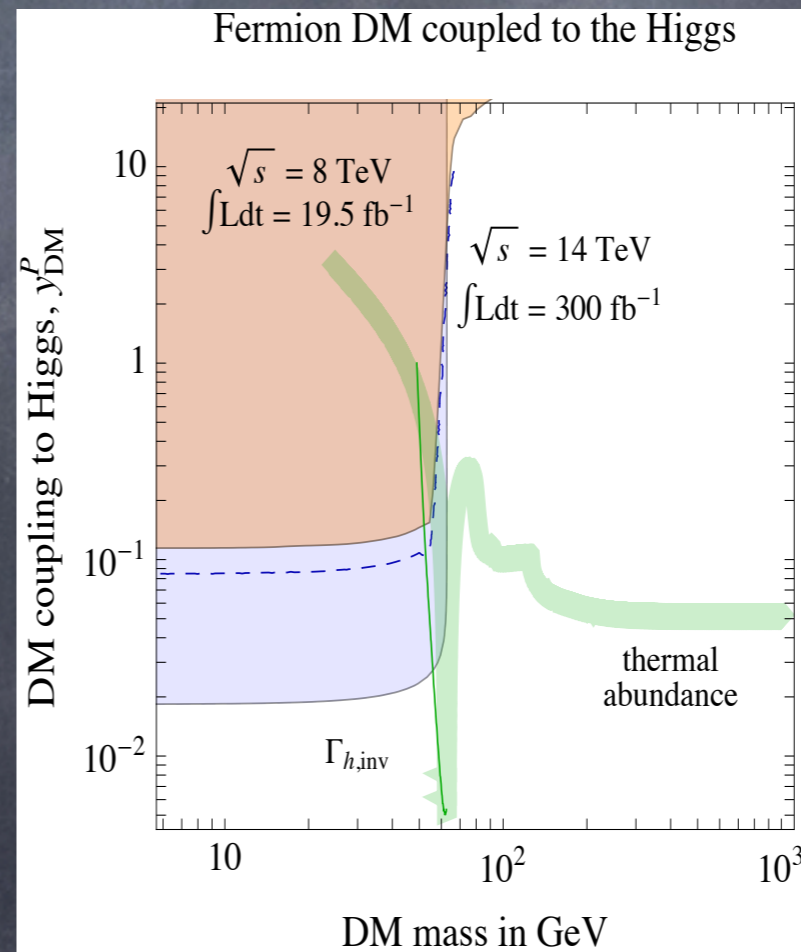
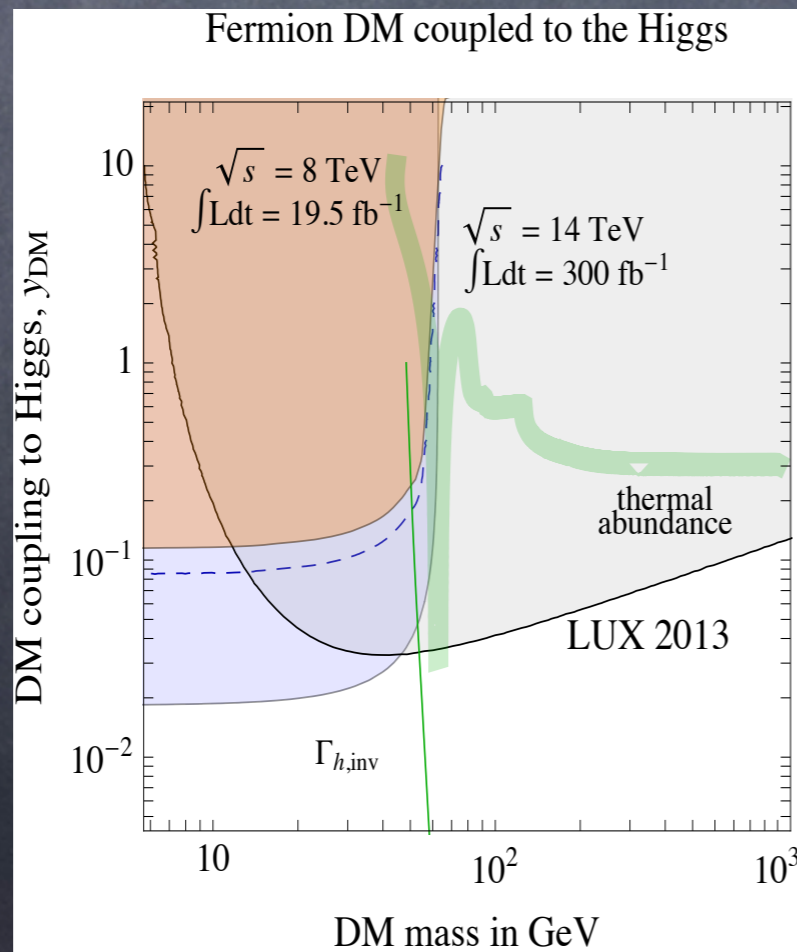
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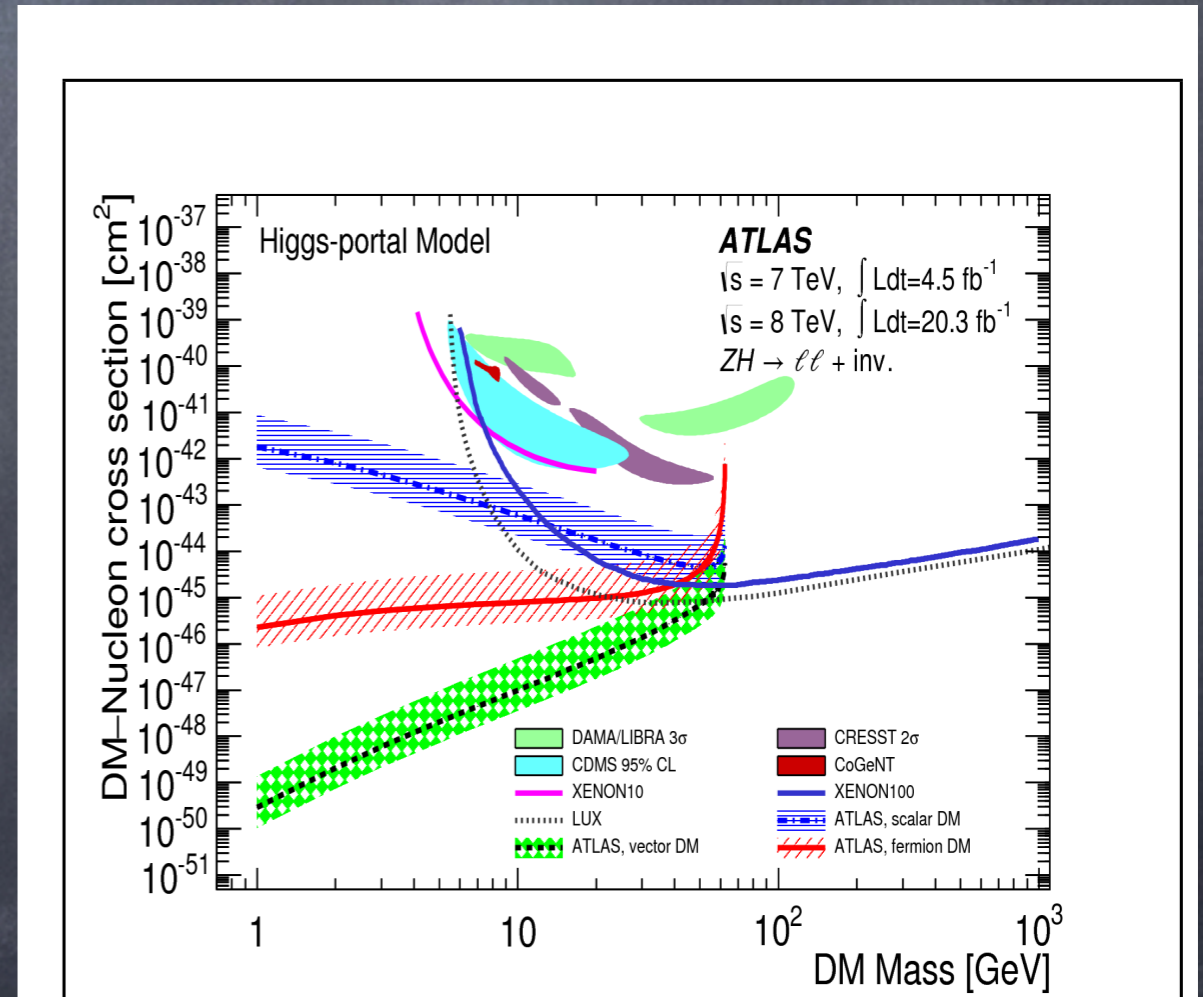
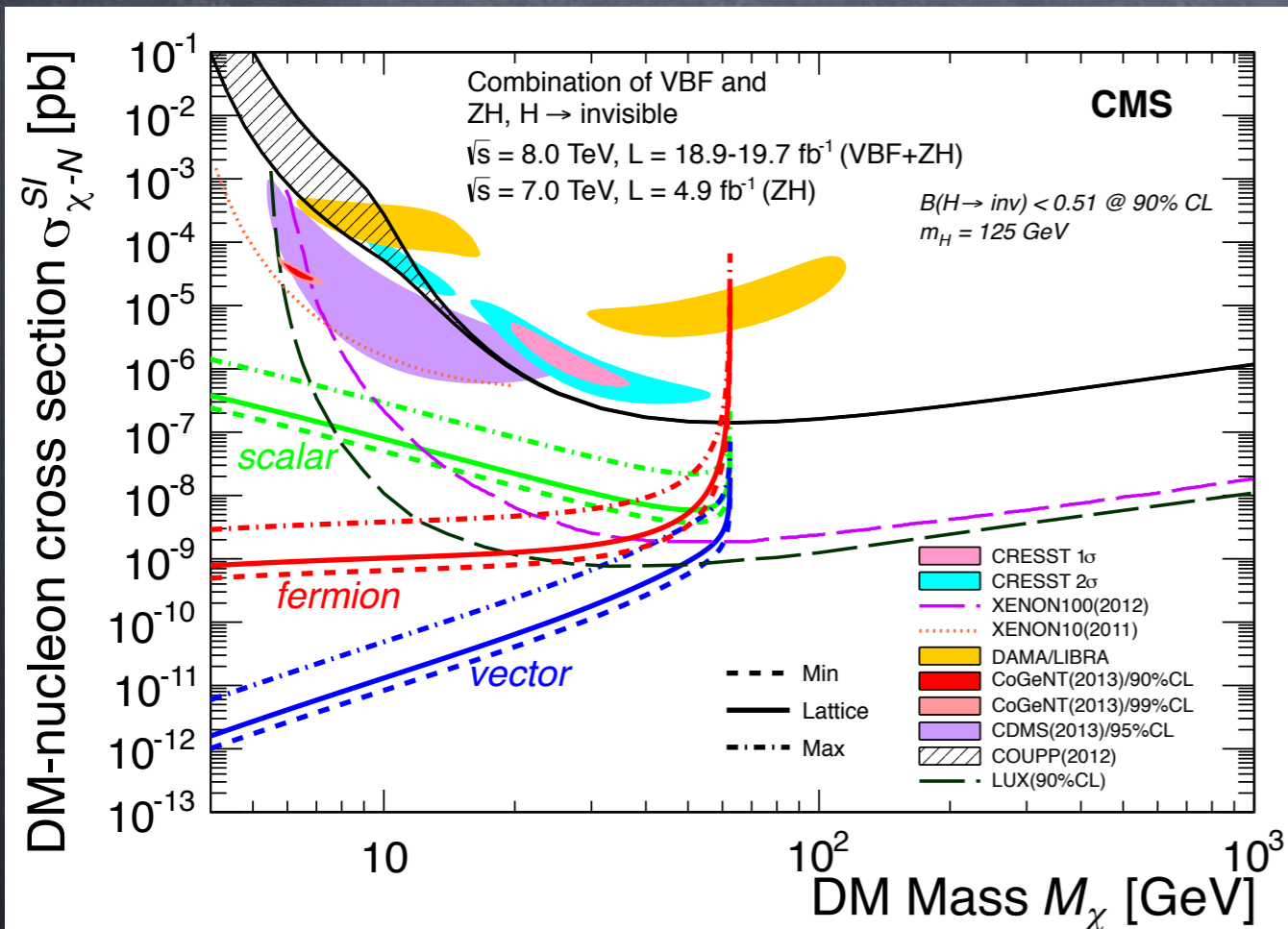
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Take-away

- Higgs portal DM is a very motivated and very predictive scenario for dark matter.
- Predicts direct and indirect detection signals as well as collider signals
- For $m_s < 60$ GeV region of parameter space corresponding to thermal relic abundance is safely excluded by both LHC and direct detection experiments
- Heavier region will be probed by direct detection in near future
- Can we probe heavier Higgs portal DM at LHC? Or at ILC/TLEP? Or at 100 TeV