

On the Validity of Effective Field Theories for Dark Matter Searches

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What to constrain?

EFTs

e.g. D1, M3
etc. operators

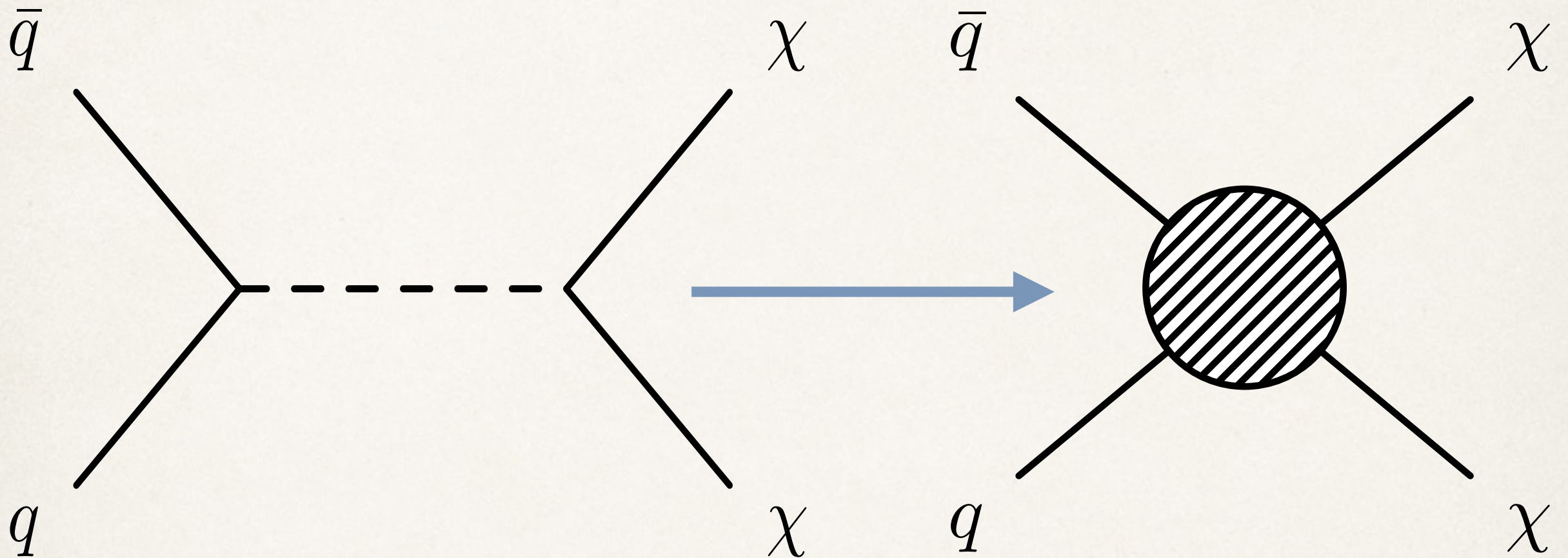
Simplified
Models

e.g. Z' , Scalar
singlet DM

Full
Models

e.g. MSSM, UED

Effective Field Theories



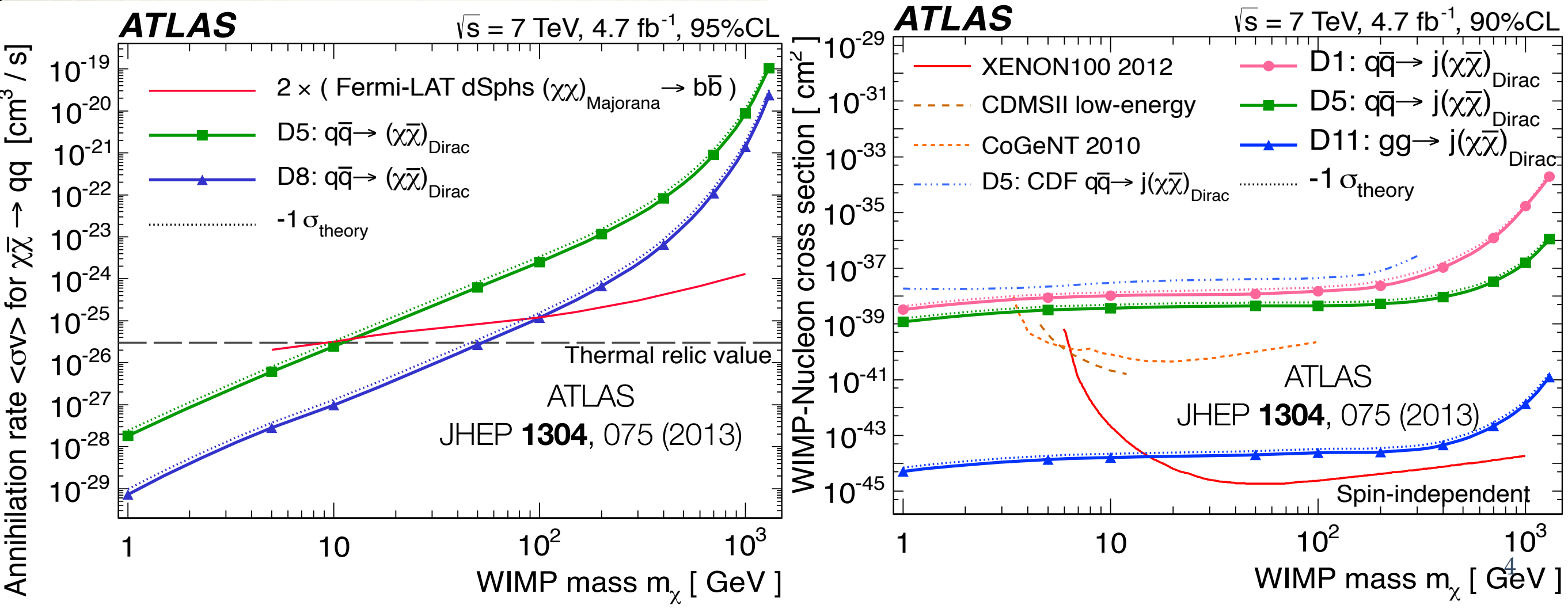
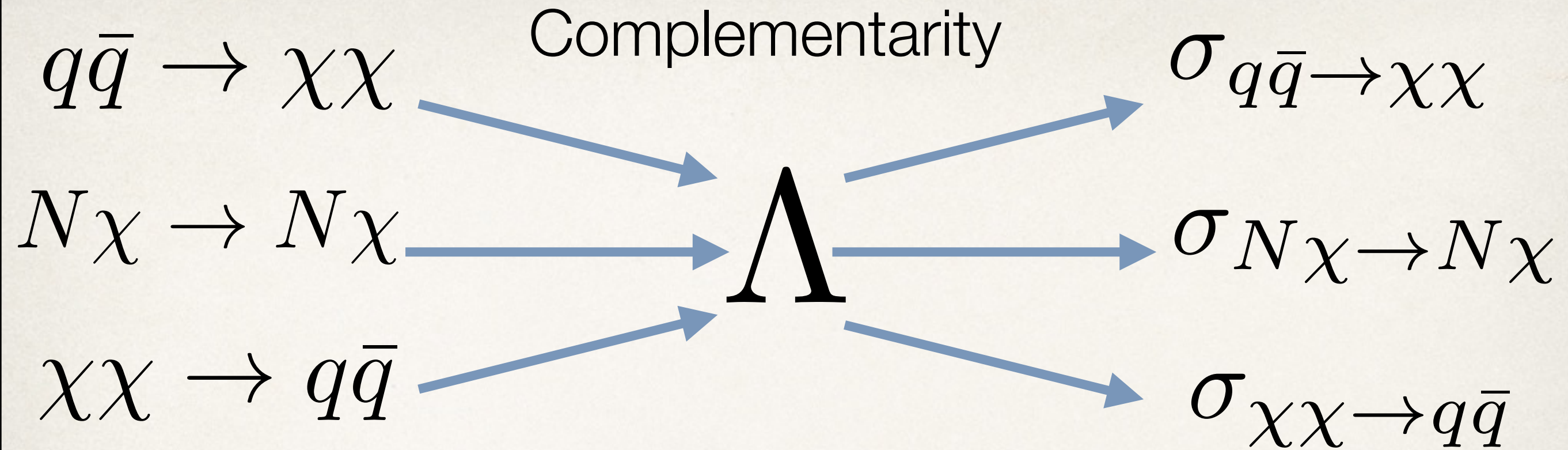
$$\frac{g_a g_b}{Q_{\text{tr}}^2 - M^2} = -\frac{g_a g_b}{M^2} \left(1 + \frac{Q_{\text{tr}}^2}{M^2} + \mathcal{O} \left(\frac{Q_{\text{tr}}^4}{M^4} \right) \right) \simeq -\frac{1}{\Lambda^2}$$

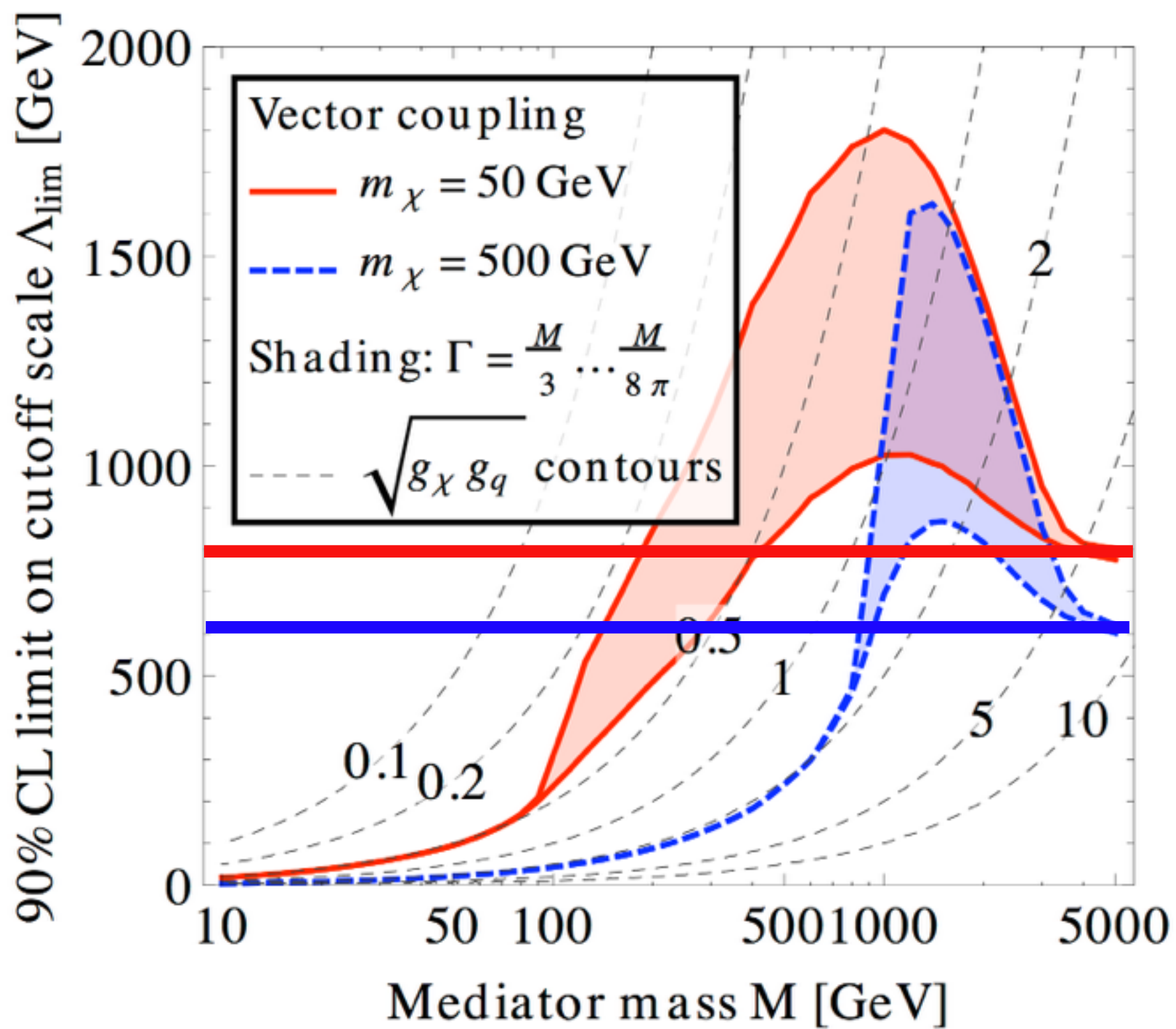
$$\text{D1} = (\bar{\chi}\chi)(\bar{q}q)$$

$$\text{D5} = (\bar{\chi}\gamma^\mu\chi)(\bar{q}\gamma_\mu q)$$

$$\text{M1} = (\chi\chi)(\bar{q}q)$$

$$\text{C1} = (\chi^\dagger\chi)(\bar{q}q)$$





Fox, Harnik, Kopp, Tsai, arXiv:1109.4398

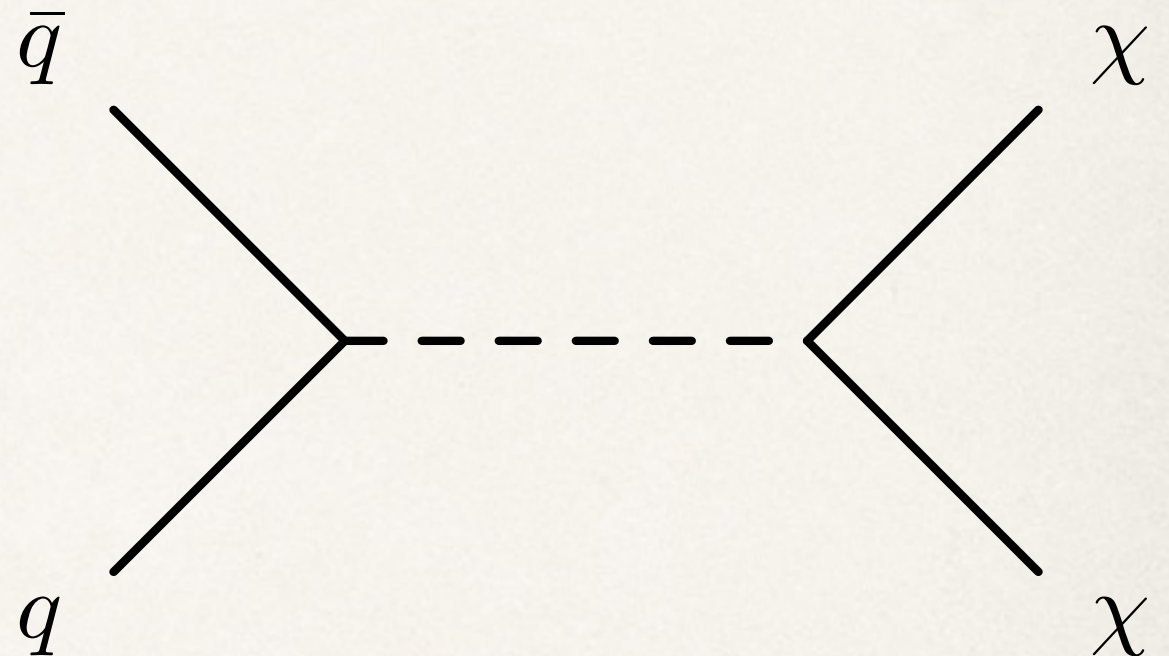
Fundamental Limit to Validity

- In s-channel:

$$1) Q_{\text{tr}} > 2m_{\text{DM}}$$

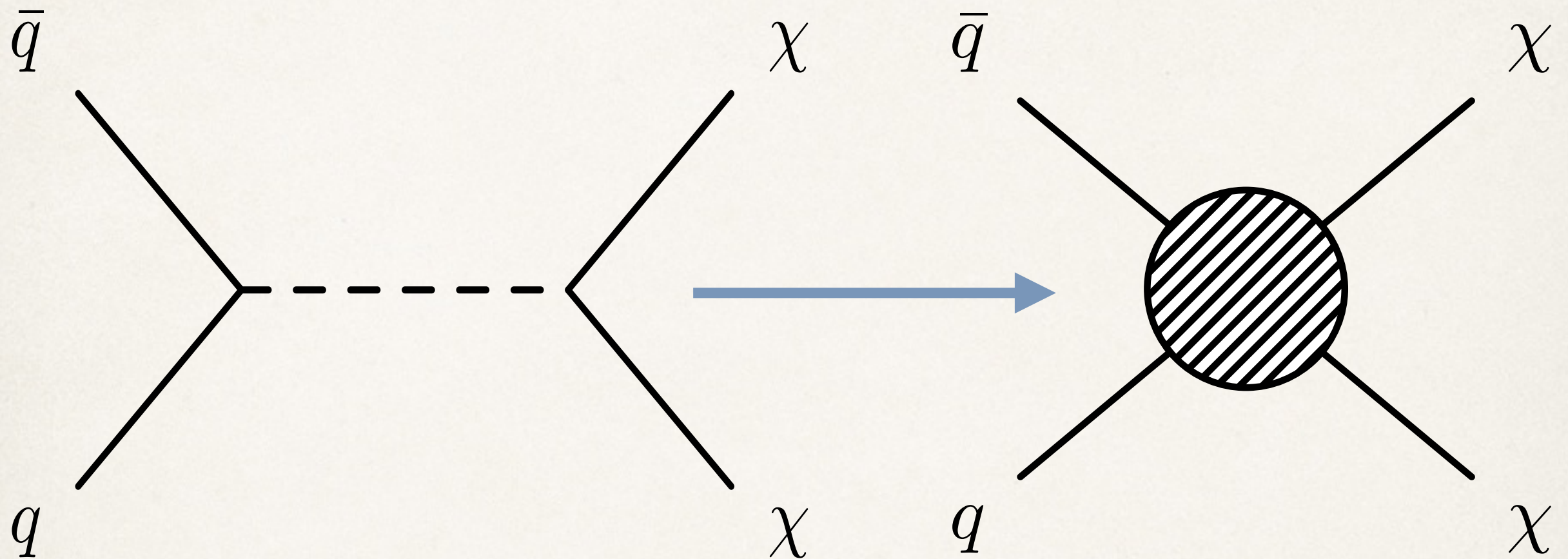
$$\rightarrow M > 2m_{\text{DM}}$$

$$2) \Lambda = \frac{M}{\sqrt{g_a g_b}} \geq \frac{M}{4\pi}$$



$$\Lambda \gtrsim \frac{m_{\text{DM}}}{2\pi}$$

Measuring the Validity



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~~$$\Lambda \gtrsim \frac{m_{\text{DM}}}{2\pi}$$~~

$$Q_{\text{tr}} < M$$

Measuring the Validity

- If we want to measure the validity as a fn of Λ , the $Q_{\text{tr}} < M$ condition means choosing a model-dependent relationship between M and Λ : e.g.

$$\frac{M^2}{g_a g_b} \equiv \Lambda^2$$

- Best case scenario:

$$\sqrt{g_a g_b} \simeq 4\pi, \quad Q_{\text{tr}} \lesssim 4\pi\Lambda$$

- Starting choice for coupling:

$$g_a g_b \simeq 1, \quad Q_{\text{tr}} \lesssim \Lambda$$

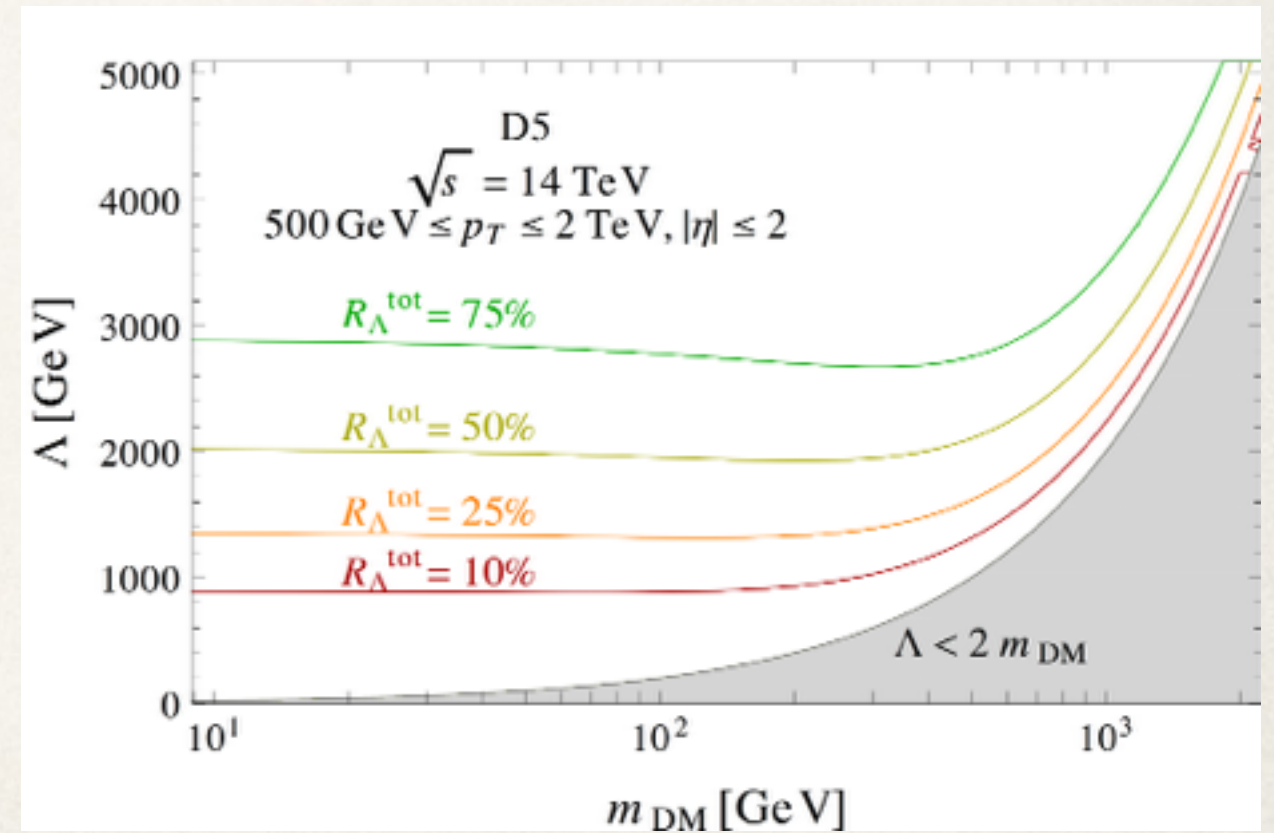
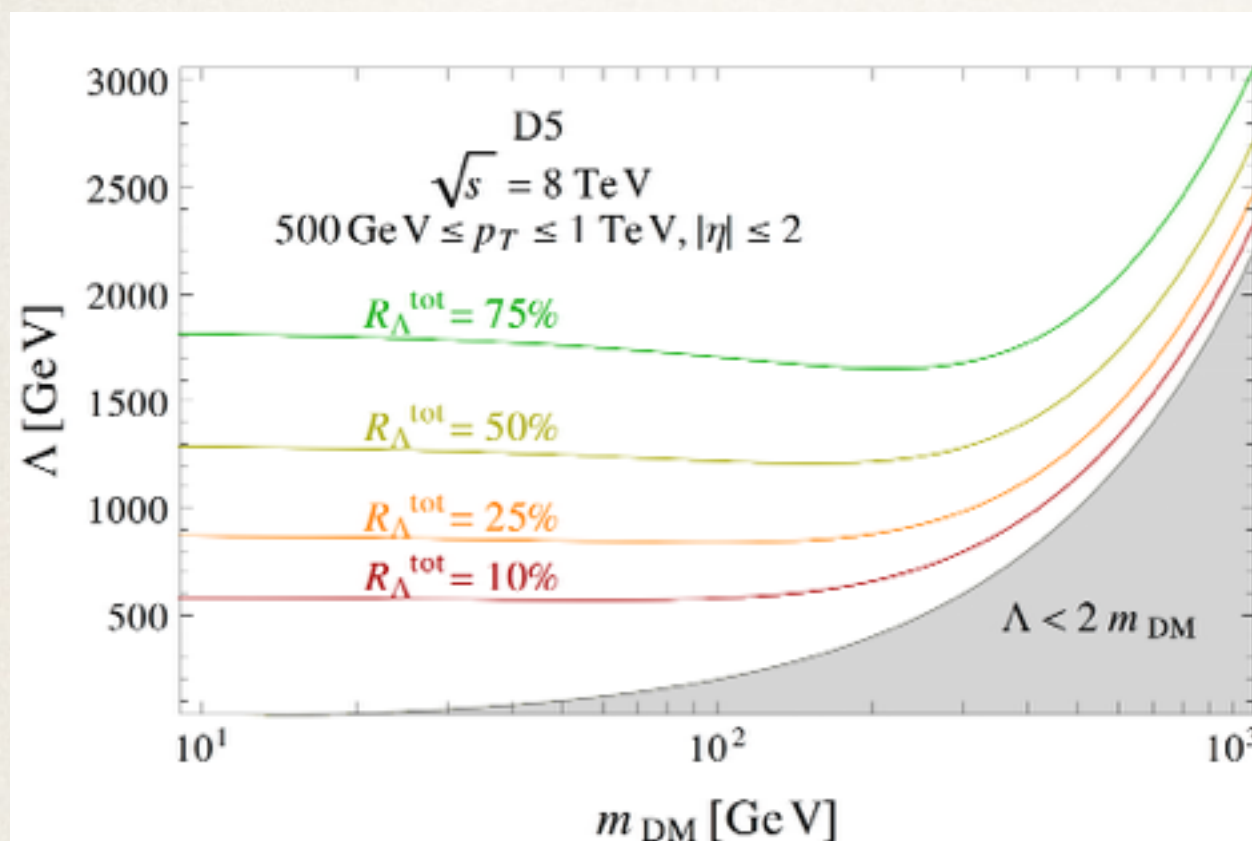
Measuring the Validity

Calculate or measure the fraction of events that pass the condition $Q_{\text{tr}} < \Lambda$, for a given choice of Λ and m_{DM}

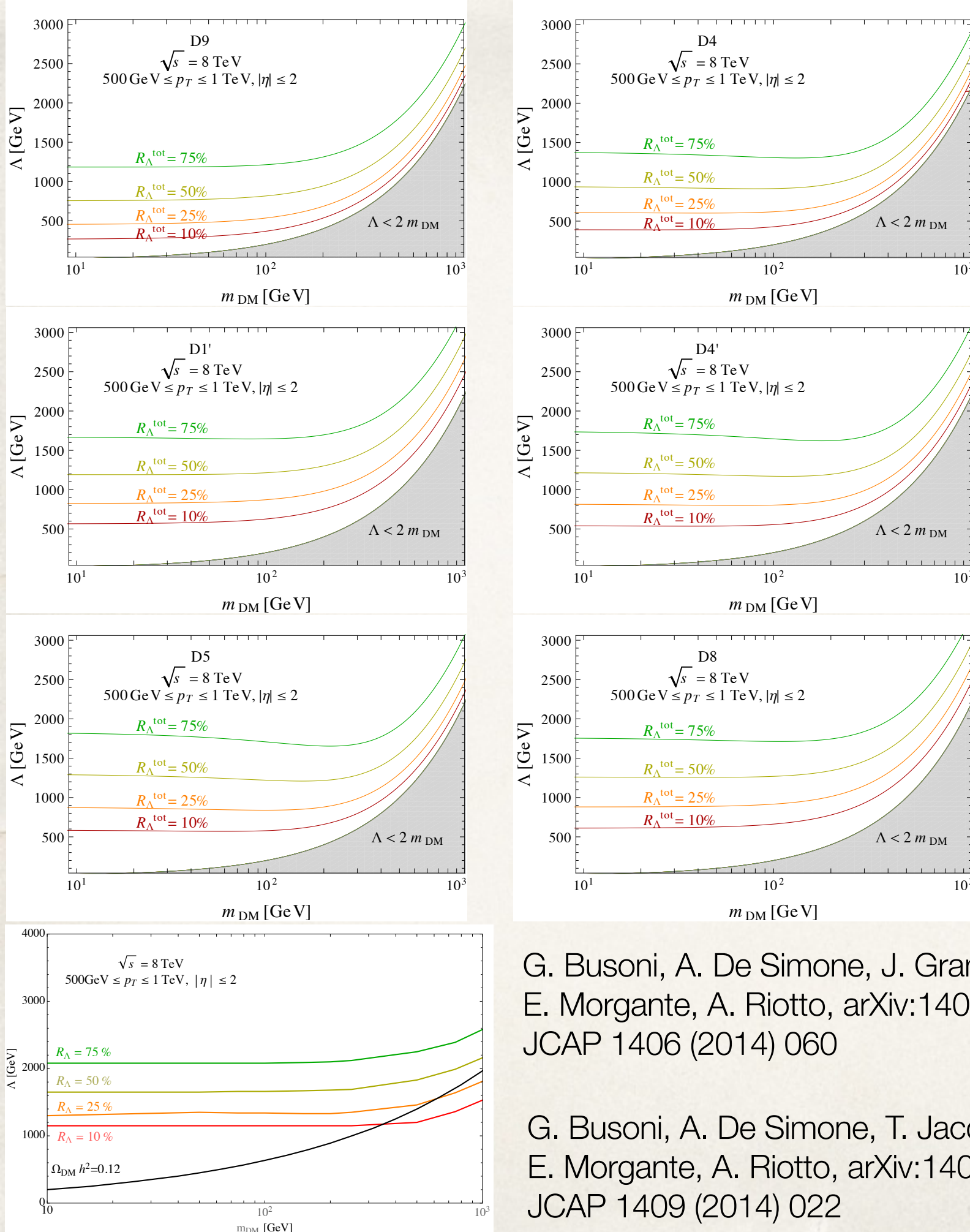
$$R_{\Lambda}^{\text{tot}} = \frac{\sigma_{\text{eff}} |_{\Lambda > Q_{\text{tr}}}}{\sigma_{\text{eff}}}$$

$$\text{D5} = (\bar{\chi} \gamma^{\mu} \chi)(\bar{q} \gamma_{\mu} q)$$

$$q\bar{q} \rightarrow \chi\chi + \text{jet}$$



Extension to other operators





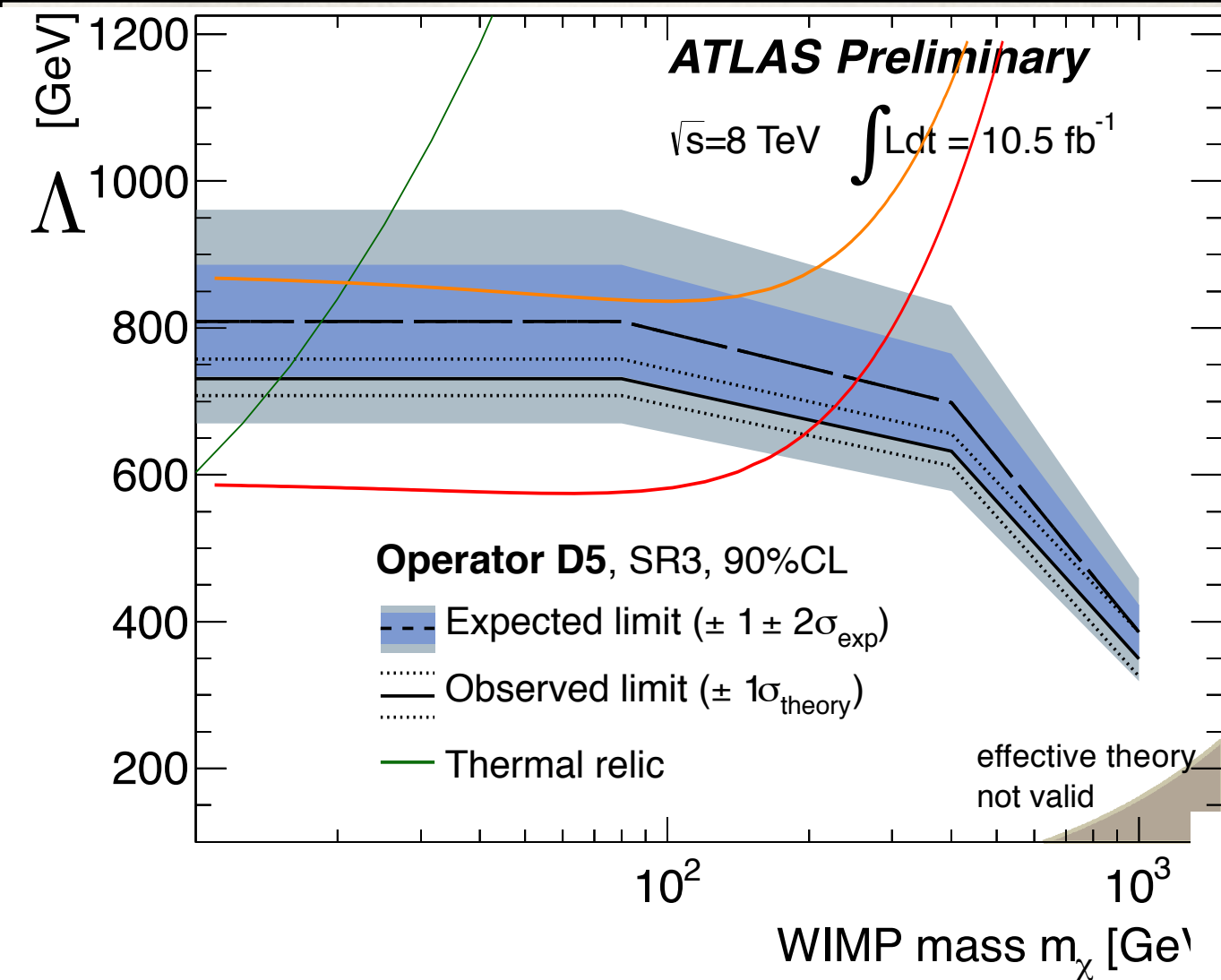
- Calculated for a representative set of effective operators
- Qualitatively similar to first operator

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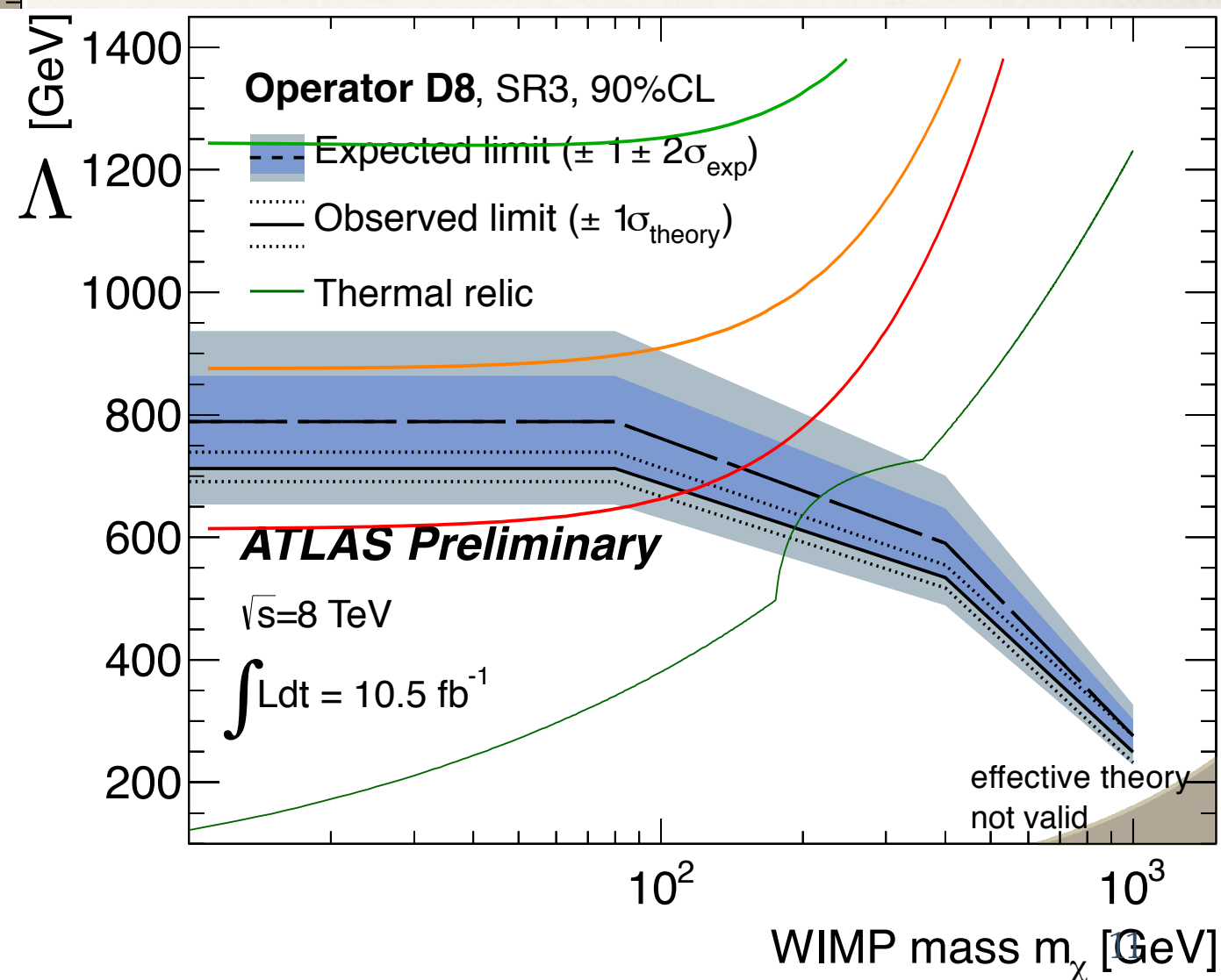
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Measuring the Validity

$R_\Lambda = 10\%$	
$R_\Lambda = 25\%$	
$R_\Lambda = 50\%$	



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$$R_\Lambda^{\text{tot}} = \frac{\sigma_{\text{eff}} | \Lambda > Q_{\text{tr}}}{\sigma_{\text{eff}}}$$

Summary

- Effective Field Theories are a powerful tool allowing comparisons between different classes of experiment.
- At LHC energies, the approximation begins to break down, and remains fully valid only for very large couplings and values of Λ .
- More on the implementation of the truncation, and dependence on the UV completion & couplings from Steven next.