

# The Higgs - Dark Matter connection

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## The Higgs portal

- Higgs boson is the missing piece of the SM
  - While constraints exist, it's still not yet measured
- Exciting new physics may be connected to this sector
- What can the Higgs tell us about DM?

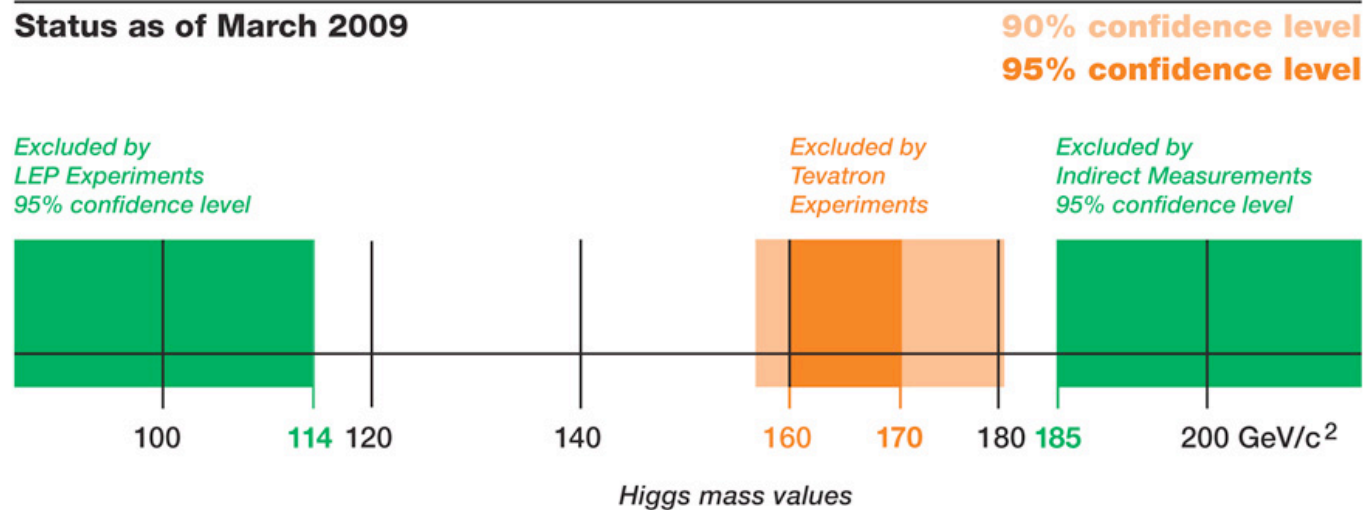
While the higgs boson may be the missing piece of the SM, many new pieces may be found once the nature of the Higgs sector is determined

## Status of the Higgs Mass

- Tevatron sensitive to intermediate SM Higgs masses
  - excluded region  $160 \text{ GeV} \leq M_h \leq 170 \text{ GeV}$
- Electroweak precision exclusion:  $M_h \leq 185 \text{ GeV}$ 
  - New physics contributions can significantly weaken this bound!

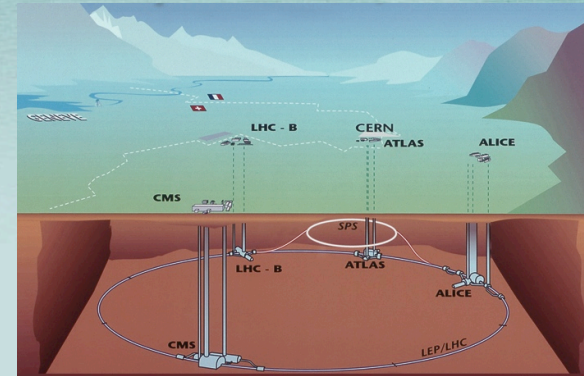
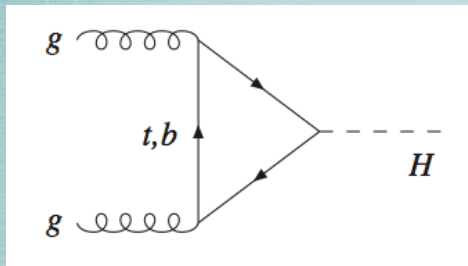
### Search for the Higgs Particle

Status as of March 2009



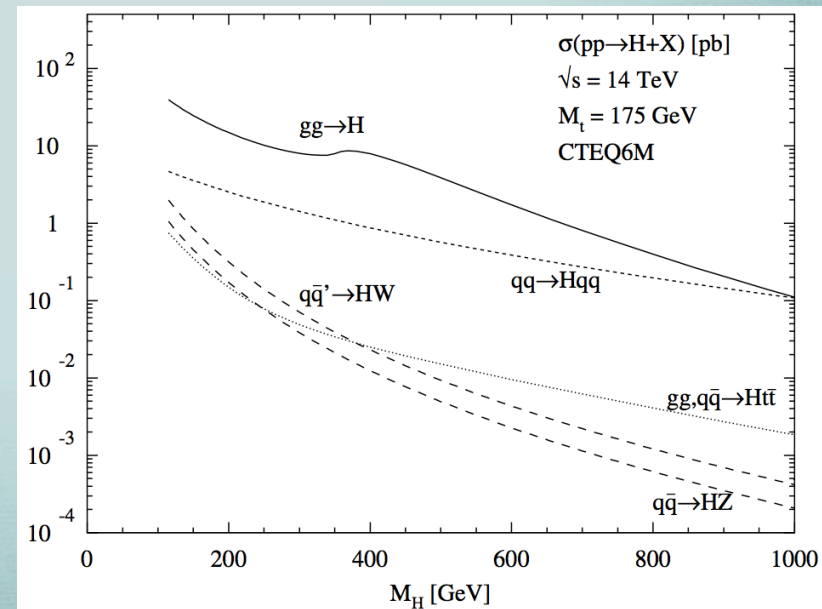
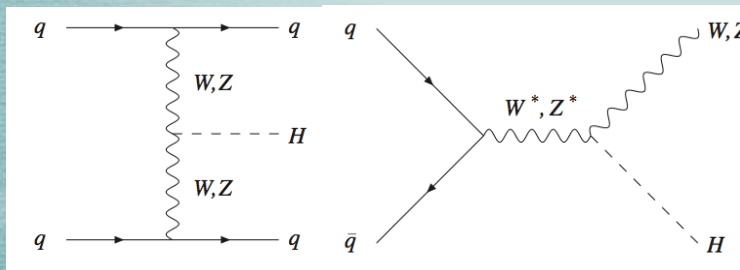
# The LHC: A Higgs Factory?

Gluon fusion most dominant mode but many backgrounds present (many jets)



SM Higgs production

WBF and Z-Higgstrahlung weaker but may yield cleaner signals



# Statistical significance of Higgs signals at the LHC

## ATLAS TDR:

$$gg \rightarrow H_i \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow ll\nu\nu$$

~~$$t\bar{t}H_i \rightarrow t\bar{t}b\bar{b}$$~~

$$WH_i \rightarrow 3W \rightarrow l\nu l\nu l\nu$$

## CMS TDR:

$$WW \rightarrow H_i$$

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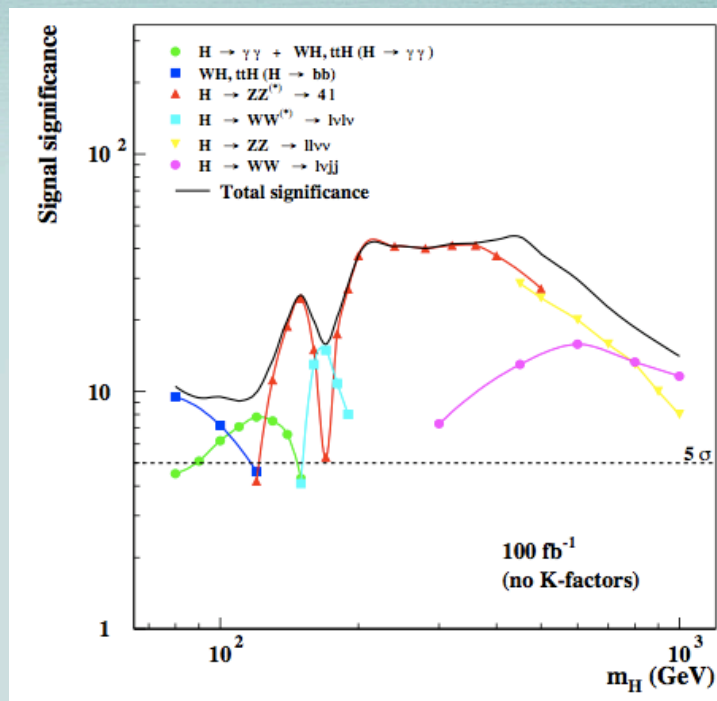
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$$H_i \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4l$$

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Both ATLAS & CMS can  
do similar searches

## SM Higgs at ATLAS $100 \text{ fb}^{-1}$



The “golden channel”,  $H_i \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4l$ ,  
dominates most of mass range ( $120 \text{ GeV} < M_H < 600 \text{ GeV}$ )

High significance when combined with  $H_i \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  for  $M_H < 120 \text{ GeV}$

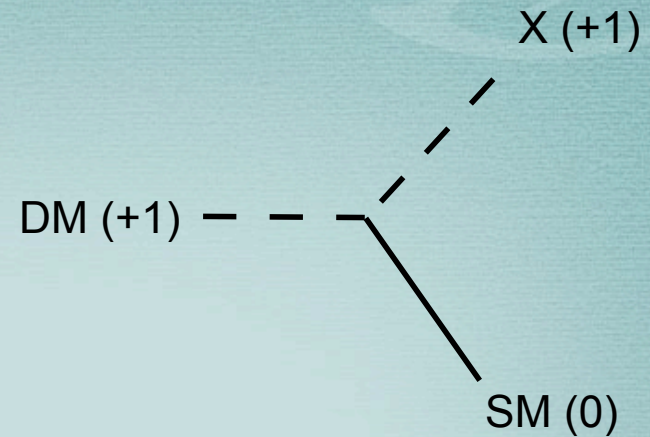
Lower energy running not expected to  
significantly reduce discovery prospects

# The Dark Matter portal

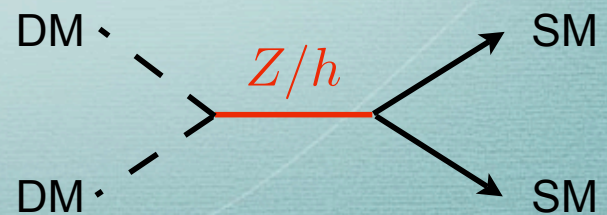
- DM should be approximately stable
  - Requires some parity to prevent decay
  - SM states remain uncharged

- Only way to deplete DM number is by pair annihilation

- What might DM tell us about the Higgs?



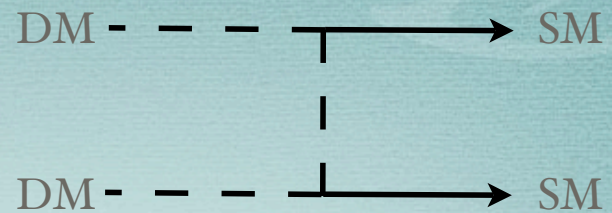
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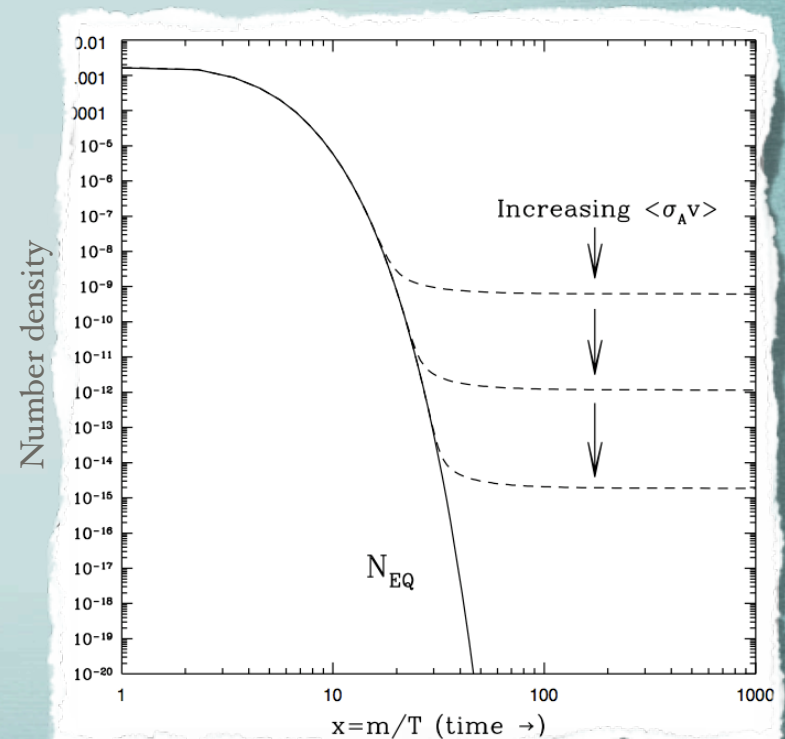
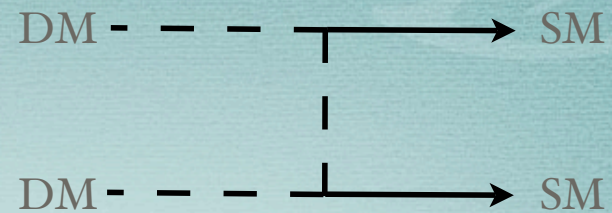




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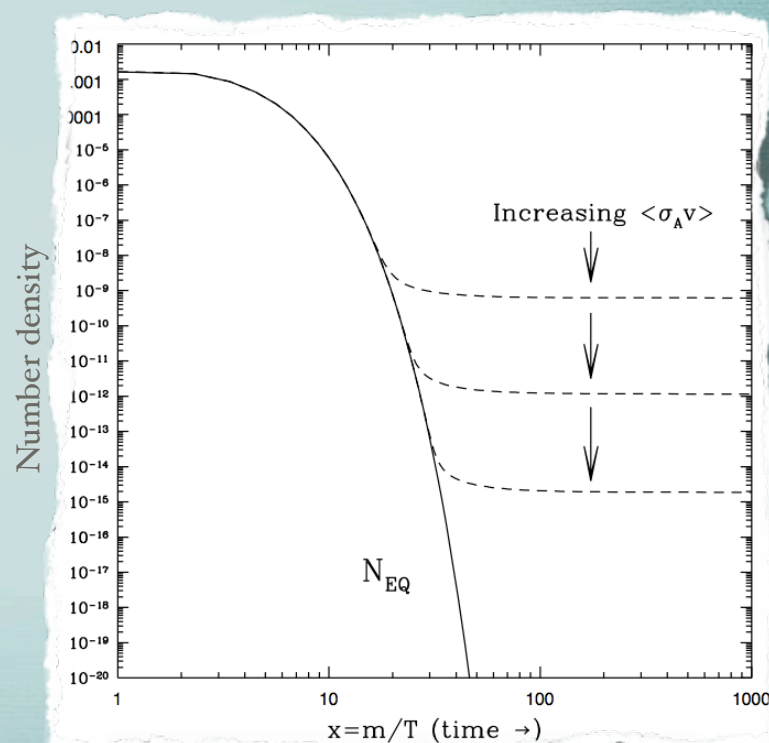
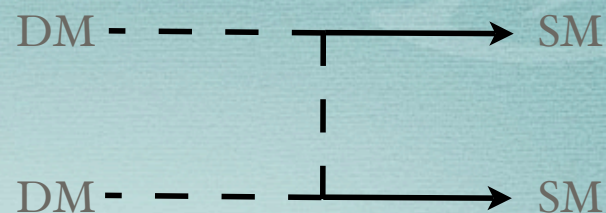


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- For electroweak size couplings, expect a mass about 100 GeV
- **Coincidence that DM has some connection to EW scale?**



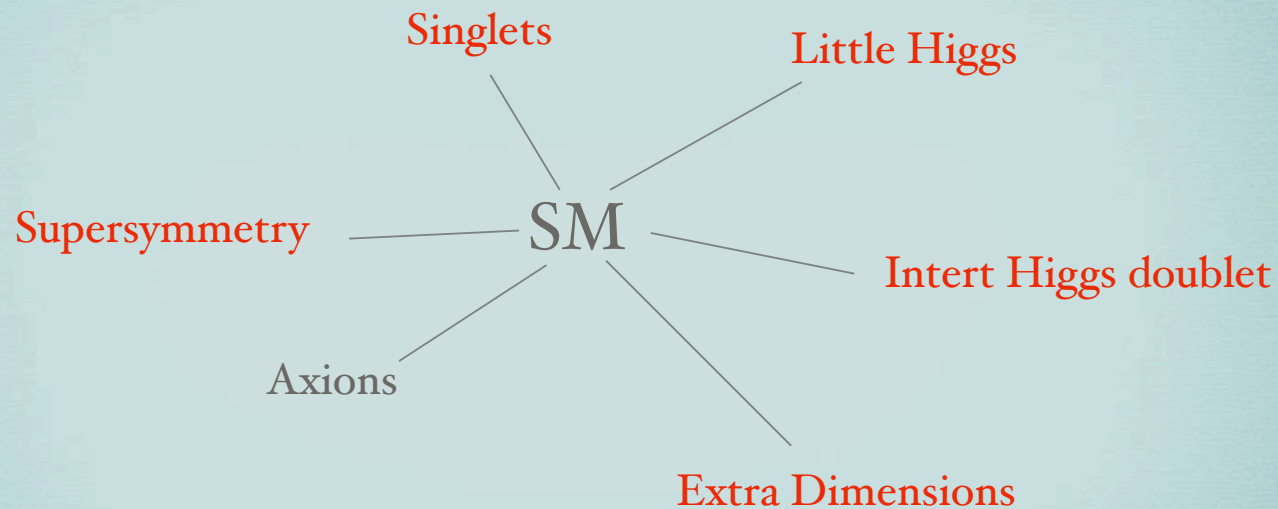
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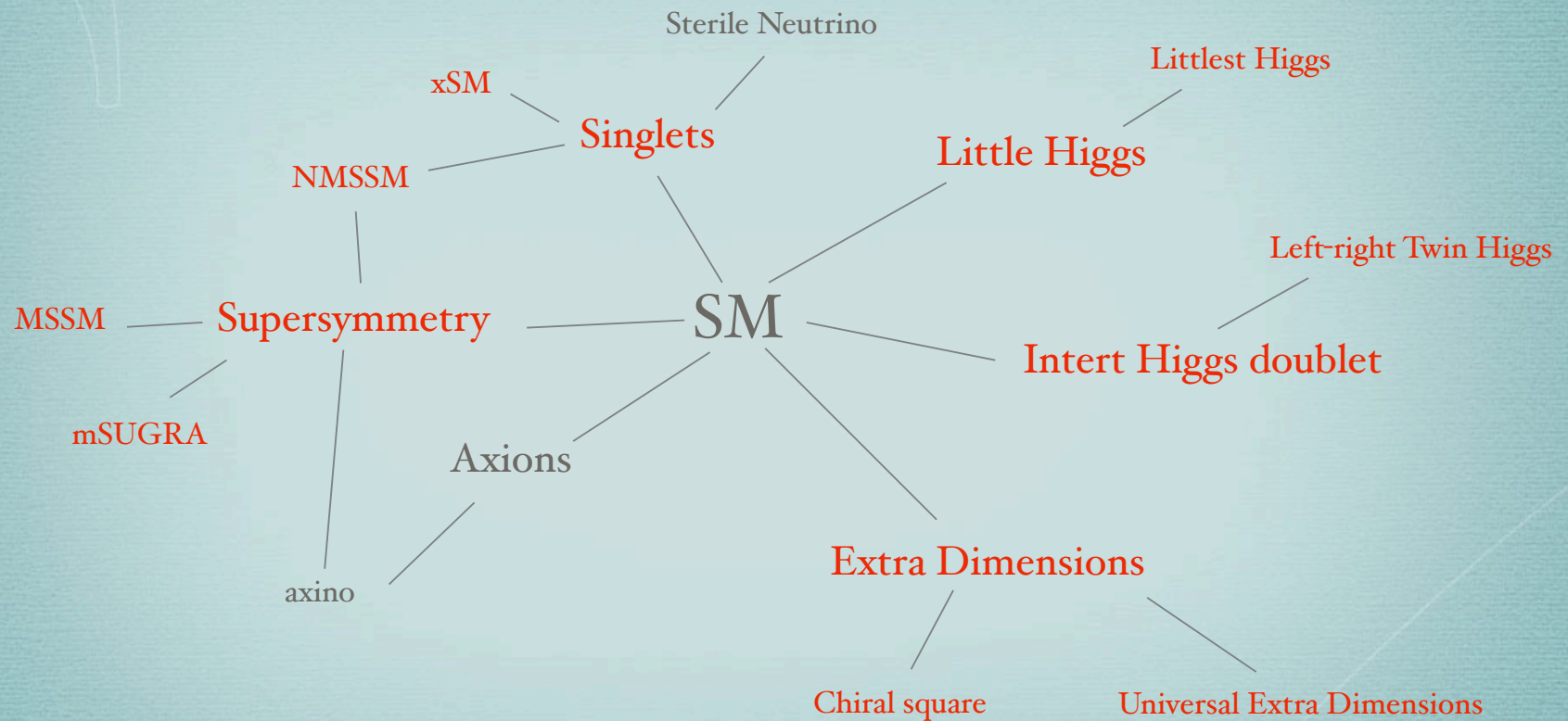
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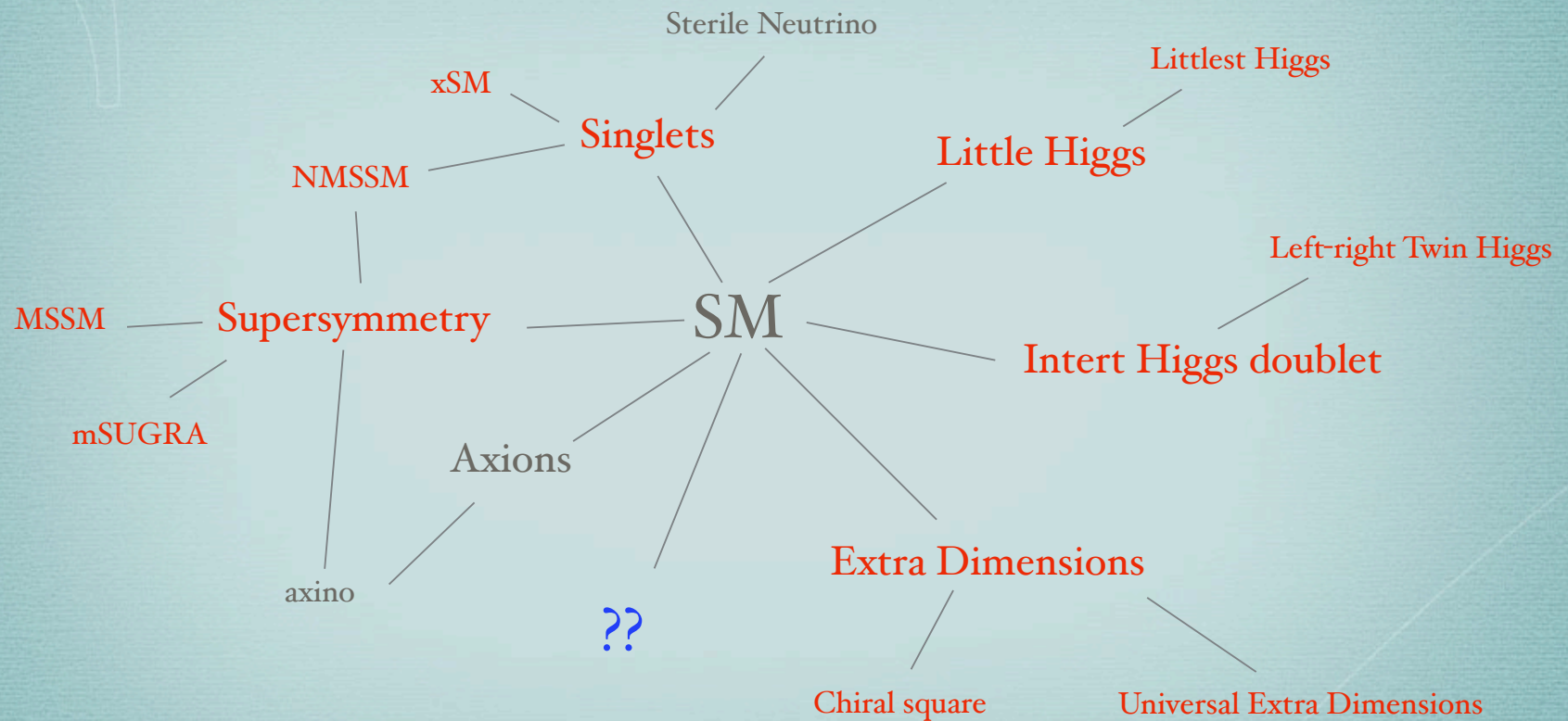
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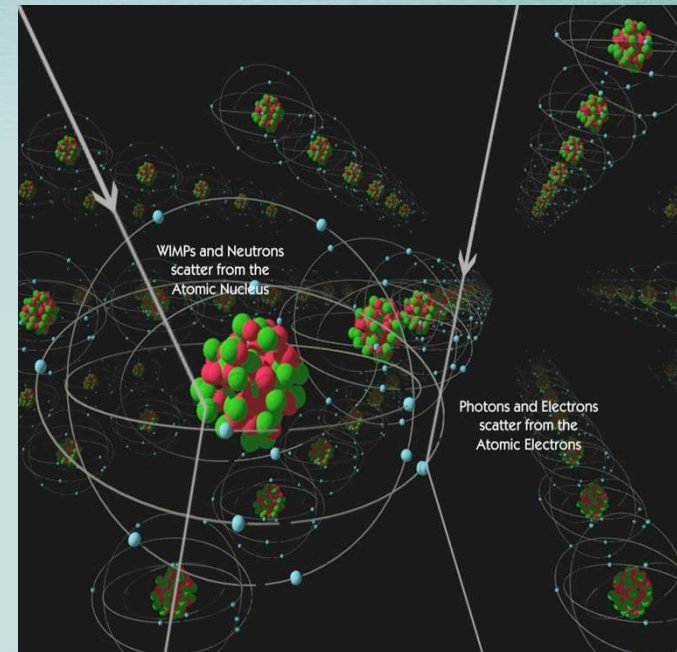
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Must be prepared for both the contemplated changes in Higgs paradigm and the unexpected!

# Direct Detection of Dark Matter

- ◉ DM particle strikes nucleus of atom
  - Large de Broglie wavelength (coherent sampling of nucleus)
  - Large  $A$  nuclei ideal
- ◉ Nuclear recoil can be seen in a variety of ways
  - Detection of phonons in lattice (Cryogenic detectors)
  - Scintillating liquid noble gasses
- ◉ Featureless differential rate
  - Very difficult to extract signal
  - Backgrounds must be known well

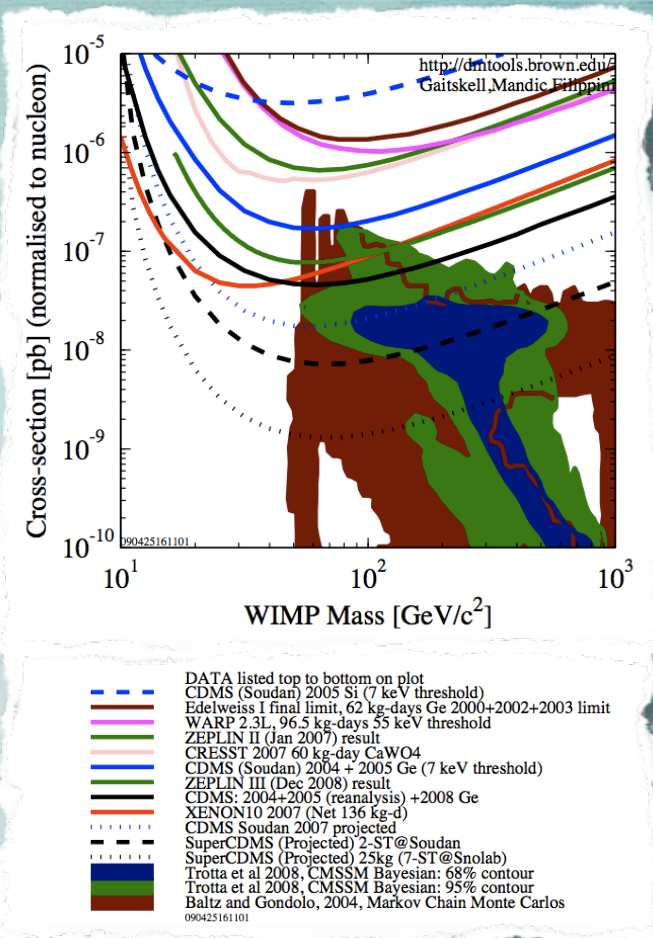
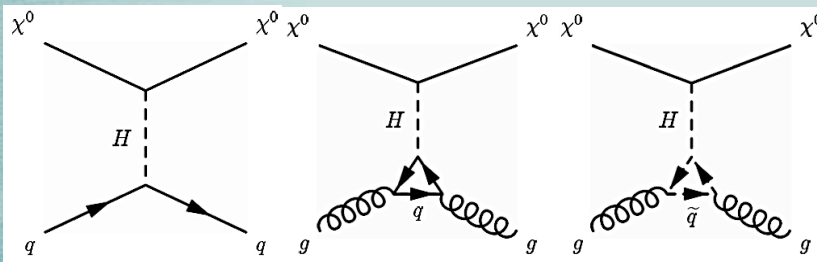




## Present experimental limits

- Two kinds of scattering:
  - Spin-independent  $\sigma_{DM-N} \propto A_N^2$
  - Spin-dependent  $\sigma_{DM-N} \propto J_N(J_N + 1)$
- Best limits on **Spin-independent** rate
- How might the Higgs fit in?

$$\sigma_{DM-N} \propto \frac{g_{DM-h}^2}{M_h^4} \mathcal{F}_{h-N}$$



## Higgs - Dark Matter connections

- One of the simplest gauge invariant combination of Higgs:  $H^\dagger H$

- Scalar -  $\mathcal{L} \supset \frac{\delta}{2} H^\dagger H \cdot DM^2$  (dim 4)

- Fermion -  $\mathcal{L} \supset \frac{\delta}{\Lambda} H^\dagger H \cdot \bar{\Psi} \Psi$  (dim 5)

- Vector -  $\mathcal{L} \supset \frac{\delta}{\Lambda^2} H^\dagger H \cdot F^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu}$  (dim 6)

- $\mathcal{L} \supset \delta H^\dagger H \cdot B^\mu B_\mu$  (dim 4)

See Shepherd, Tait and Zaharijas '09  
for more complete list of effective operators

- Implications for DM / Higgs searches

- Terrestrial experiments - LHC, DM Direct detection experiments
  - Search in the Sky - Fermi, PAMELA

## Scalar Dark Matter

- Gauge invariant combination of Higgs doublets:  $H^\dagger H$
- Simplest interactions between scalar DM and Higgs:  $\mathcal{L} \supset \frac{\delta}{2} H^\dagger H \cdot DM^2$ 
  - Fundamental connection? (dimension 4)
  - Singlet scalar DM:  $DM^2 = \tilde{S}^2$  or  $DM^2 = \tilde{S}^\dagger \tilde{S}$  for complex singlets  
Silveira and Zee '84. McDonald '94. Burgess, Pospelov, ter Veldhuis '00.  
Barger, Langacker, McCaskey, Ramsey-Musolf, GS '06, '08.
  - Inert Higgs doublet:  $DM^2 = \tilde{\Phi}^\dagger \tilde{\Phi}$   
Barbieri, Hall and Rychkov '06. Ma '07.
  - Private Higgs Model:  $DM^2 = K^0 K^0$   
Porto and Zee '07. Jackson '09
- Composite DM - WIMPonium
  - DM is scalar state of bound fermions - may mix with SM Higgs boson  
Shepherd, Tait, Zaharijas '09

## Singlet Scalar DM

Add one scalar singlet to SM Higgs potential

- Higgs can be indistinguishable from SM
- Singlet obtains no VEV

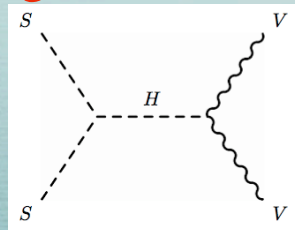
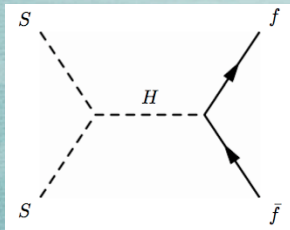
$$V = \frac{m^2}{2} H^\dagger H + \frac{\lambda}{4} (H^\dagger H)^2 + \frac{\delta_1}{2} H^\dagger H S + \frac{\delta_2}{2} H^\dagger H S^2 + \left( \frac{\delta_1 m^2}{2\lambda} \right) S + \frac{\kappa_2}{2} S^2 + \frac{\kappa_3}{3} S^3 + \frac{\kappa_4}{4} S^4,$$

O'Connell, Ramsey-Musolf, Wise

### Singlet scenarios:

- **Singlet mixes with SM Higgs** (Krasnikov & O'Connell et al.)
- **Reflection Symmetry  $S \rightarrow -S$**  (Zee et al., McDonald, Burgess et al.)

➔ **DM singlet interacts only with Higgs bosons**



Both cases possible if singlet is complex

Barger, Langacker, McCaskey, Ramsey-Musolf, GS

Phys.Rev.D77:035005,2008. Phys.Rev.D79:015018,2009

## Fermionic Dark Matter

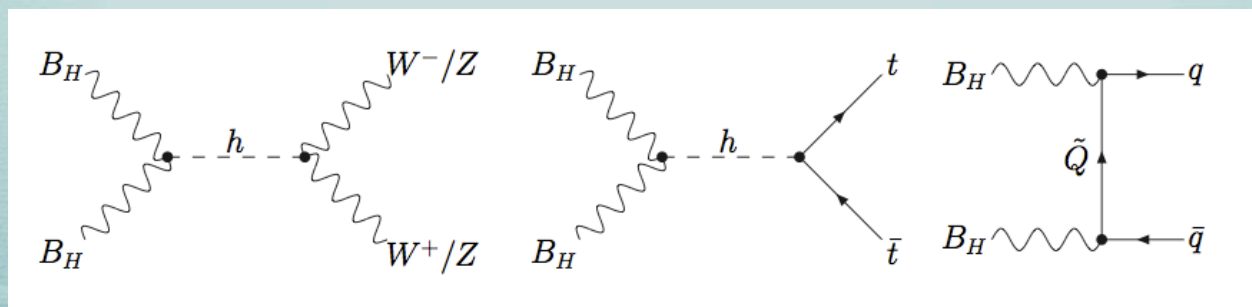
- SUSY models typically have neutralino LSPs.

$$\chi_1^0 = N_{11}\tilde{B} + N_{12}\tilde{W} + \underbrace{N_{13}\tilde{H}_d + N_{14}\tilde{H}_u}_{\substack{\text{Superpartners of} \\ \text{Higgs bosons}}}$$

- Values of  $N_{13}, N_{14}$  dependent on Higgsino mass parameter  $\mu$  and its relation to soft breaking terms
  - Dependent on Higgs masses and mixings
- Singlet extensions of SUSY add particle content to both DM sector (neutralinos) and Higgs sector
  - NMSSM, UMSSM, nMSSM

## Vector Dark Matter

- Vector Dark Matter present in Universal Extra Dimensions (UED)
  - Since 5-dimensional momentum conserved, KK parity ensures stability of lightest state (LKP) [Servant and Tait '02](#)
  - Spin-1 nature of DM allows possible annihilation to  $h\gamma$  (see later slides)
- Little Higgs with T-parity [Cheng and Low '04](#)
  - Higgs boson composite due to strong dynamics that break EW symmetry
  - Primary annihilation process is through the Higgs
    - Higgs mass constrains DM sector strongly



[Hubisz and Meade '04](#)  
[Birkedal, Noble, Perelstein, Spray '06.](#)

# The Higgs-DM connection: At the LHC

## Higgs decays to DM pairs

- DM and Higgs talk to each other
  - Natural to expect Higgs decays to DM if kinematically allowed
  - May cause complications for Higgs discovery

### Weak boson fusion:

Extract signal with cuts on azimuthal correlation of forward jets and large missing  $p_T$

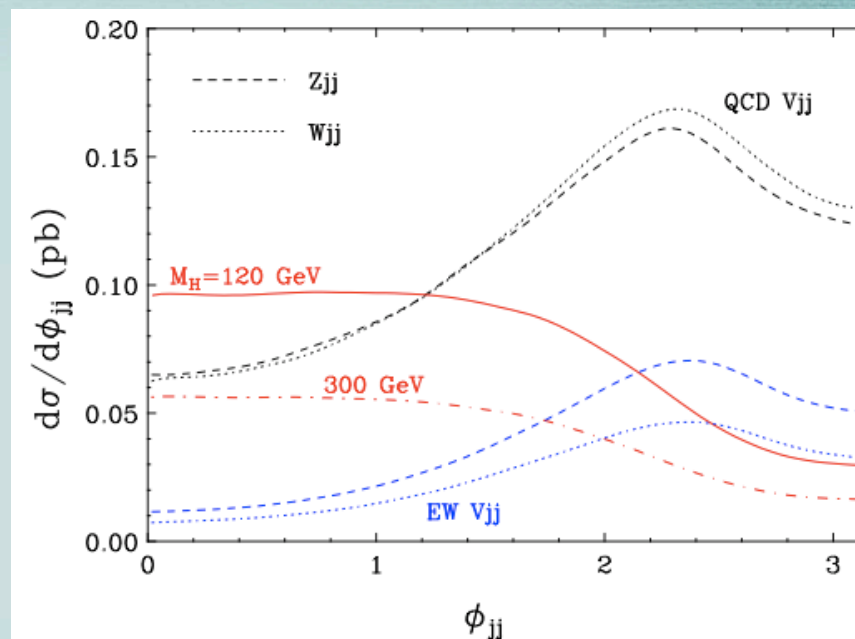
Eboli and Zeppenfeld

### Z-Higgstrahlung:

Cuts on dilepton separation and invariant mass to extract signal

Davoudiasl, Han, Logan

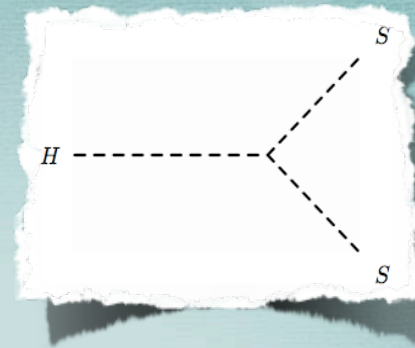
Combined → model independent mass determination



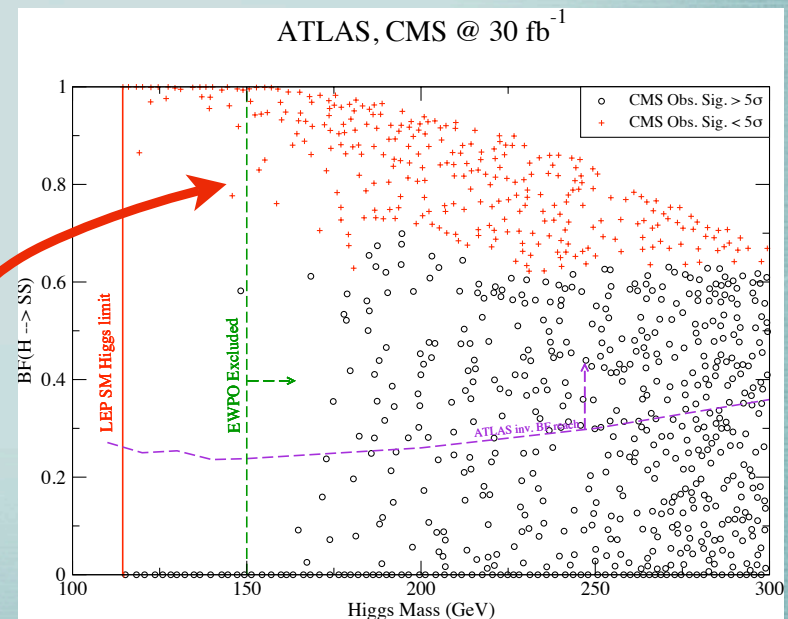
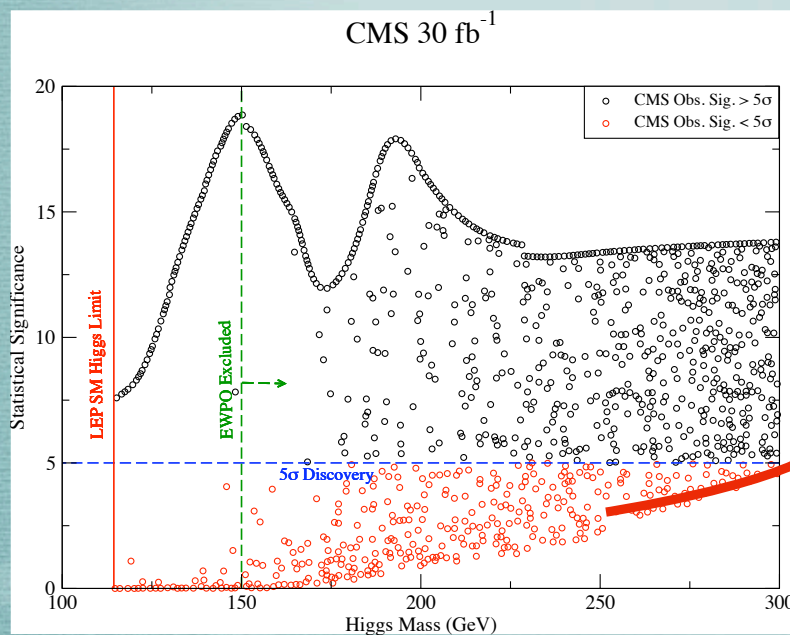


# Effect on Higgs discovery in xSM

- May greatly affect Higgs discovery potential
  - Higgs decays to invisible states
  - Decrease rate of traditional Higgs modes
  - Discovery possible via dominant invisible decay

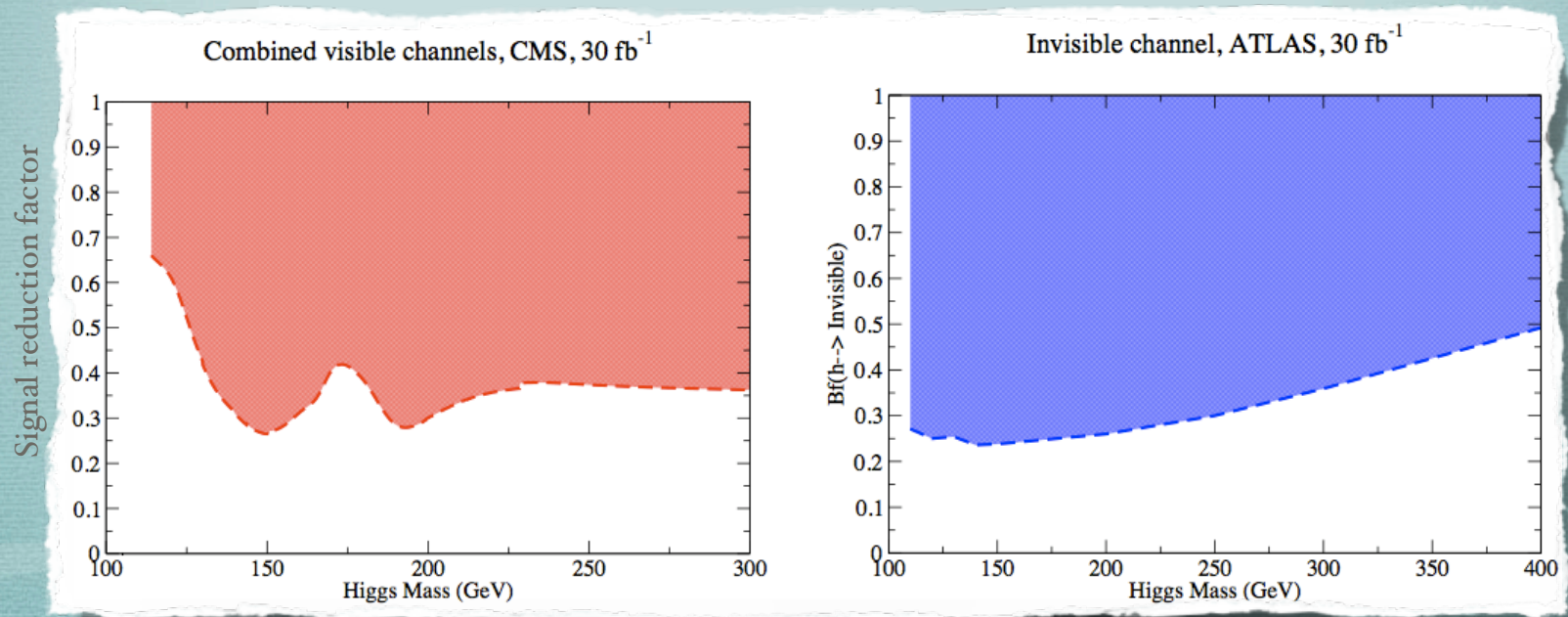


Red: not disc. with visible modes  
 Black: disc. with visible modes



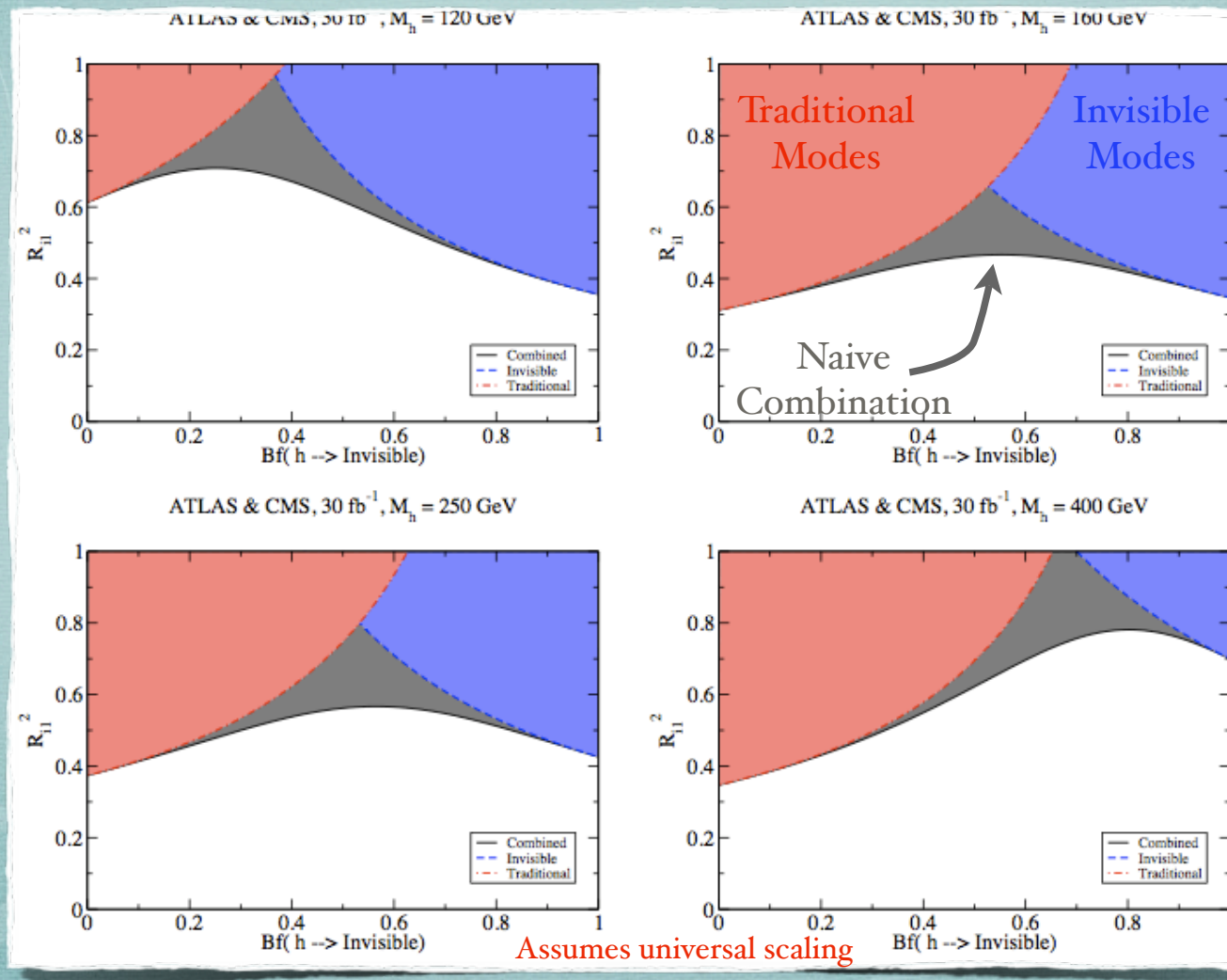
**Higgs boson still discoverable even if decays to DM allowed!**

- Sensitivity can be inverted to determine level of Higgs mixing can be probed at LHC



# Combination

- Simple (and naive) scaling for combination paints picture of how well LHC covers space of Higgs mixing and invisible decay



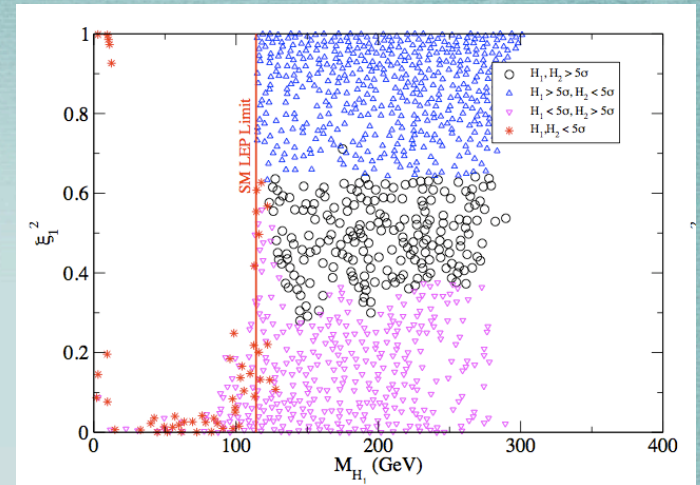
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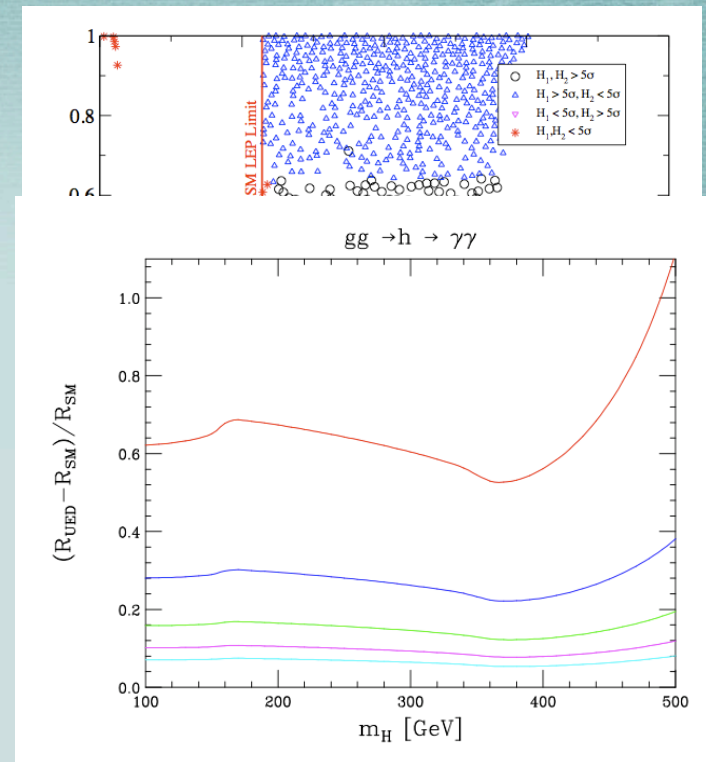
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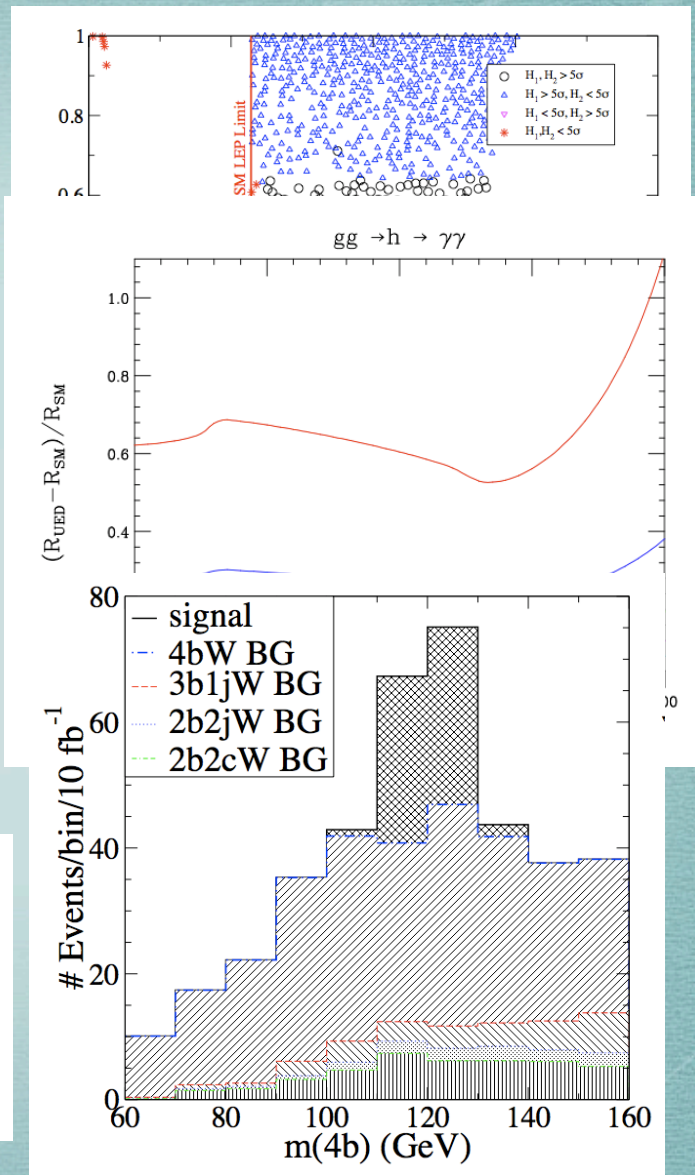
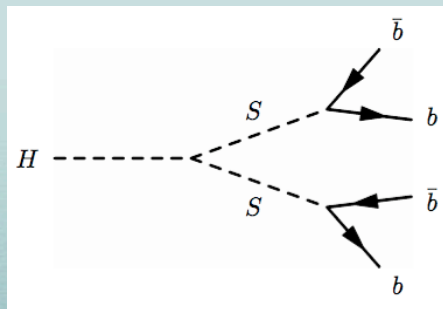
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- Extended Higgs decays to  $>2$  final states

Gunion, Dermisek. Carena, Han, Huang, Wagner '07  
 Cheng, Song, Yan '07



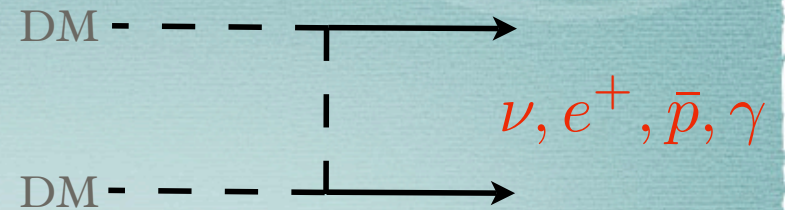
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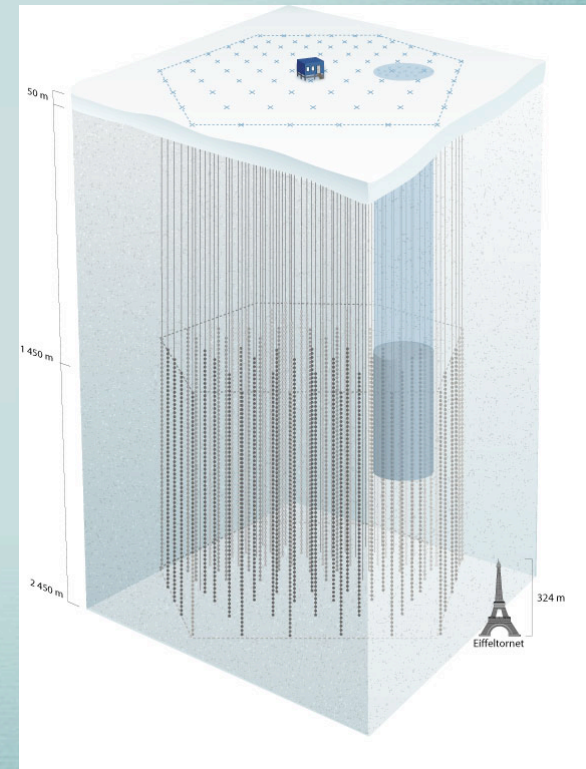
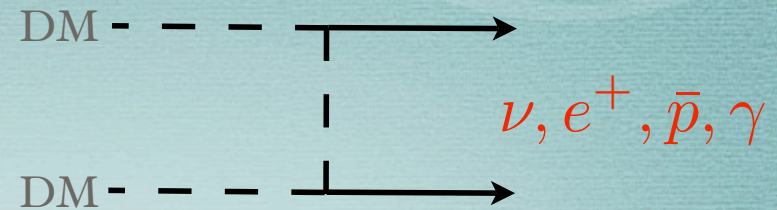
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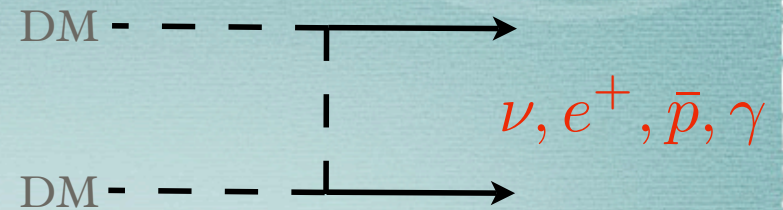
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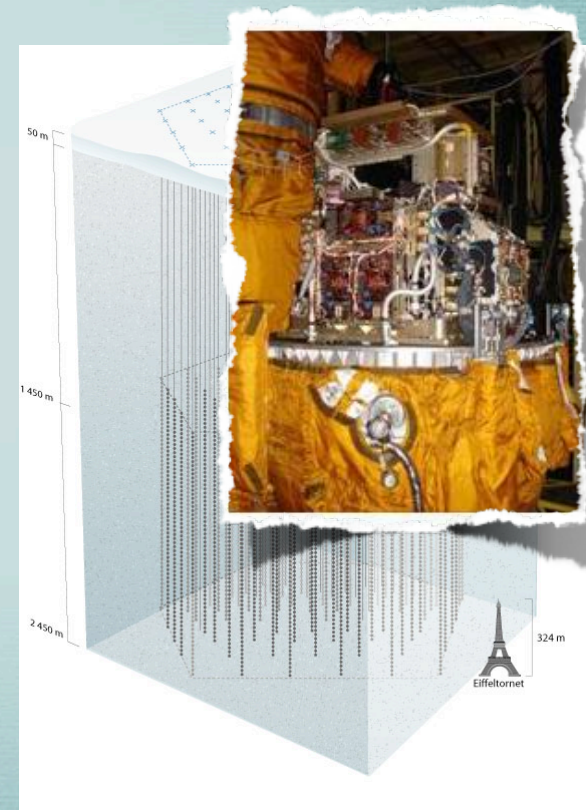
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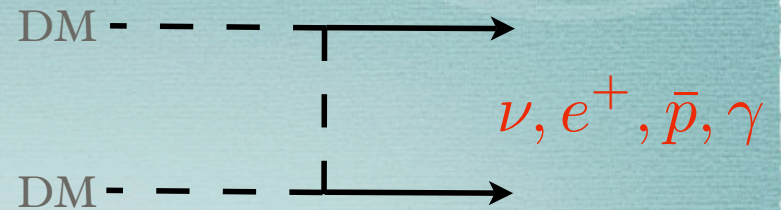
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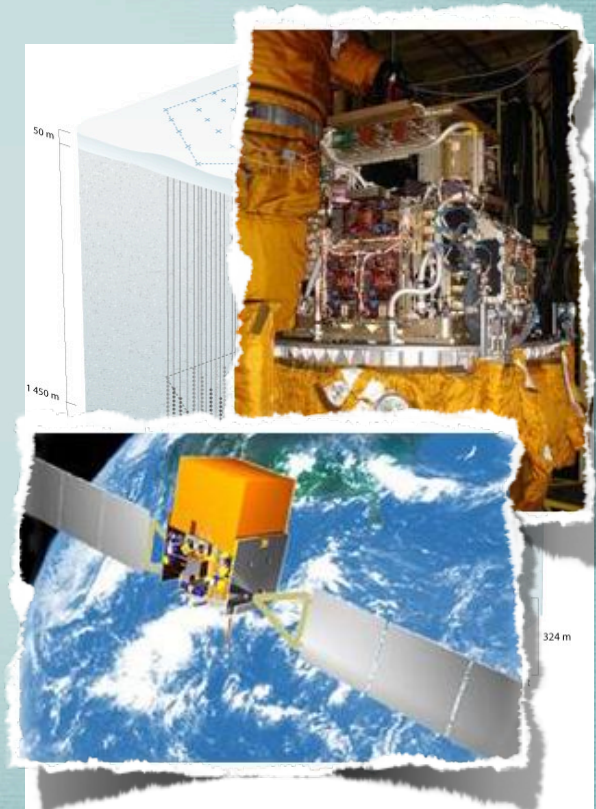


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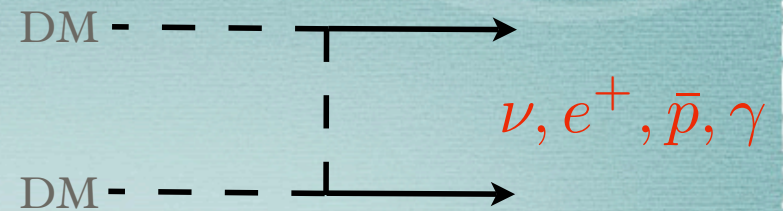
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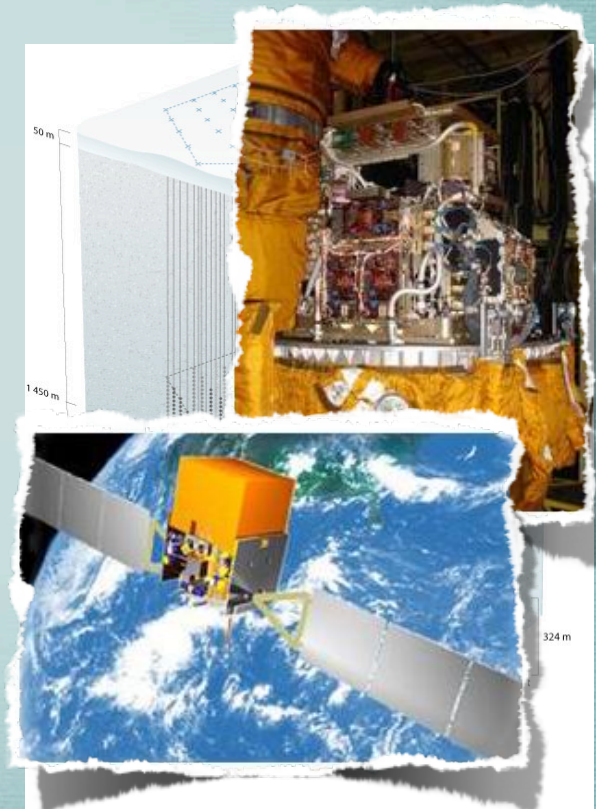
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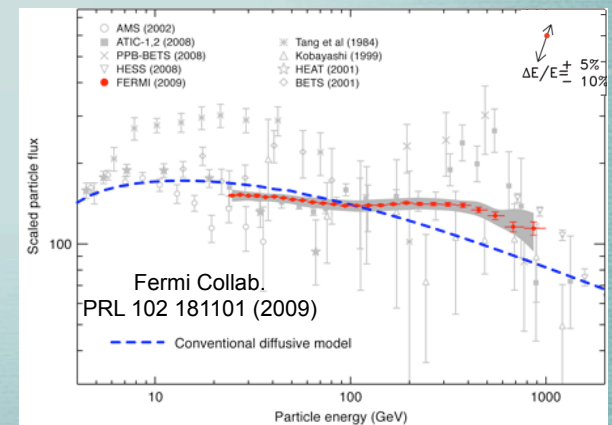
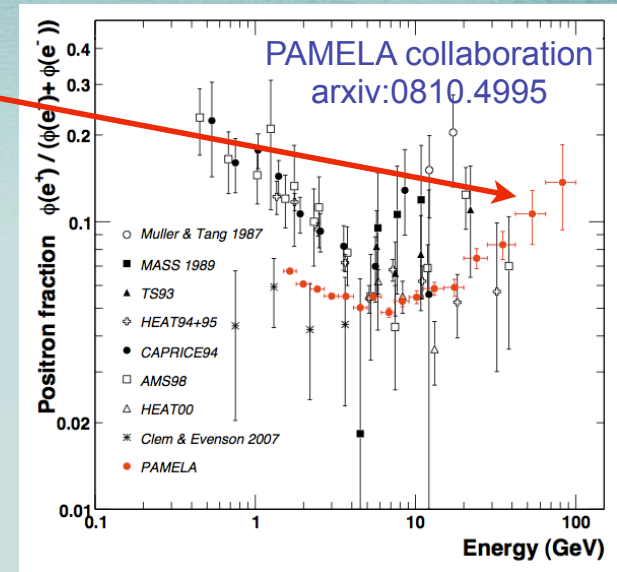
- ◉ How might these final states be connected with the Higgs?



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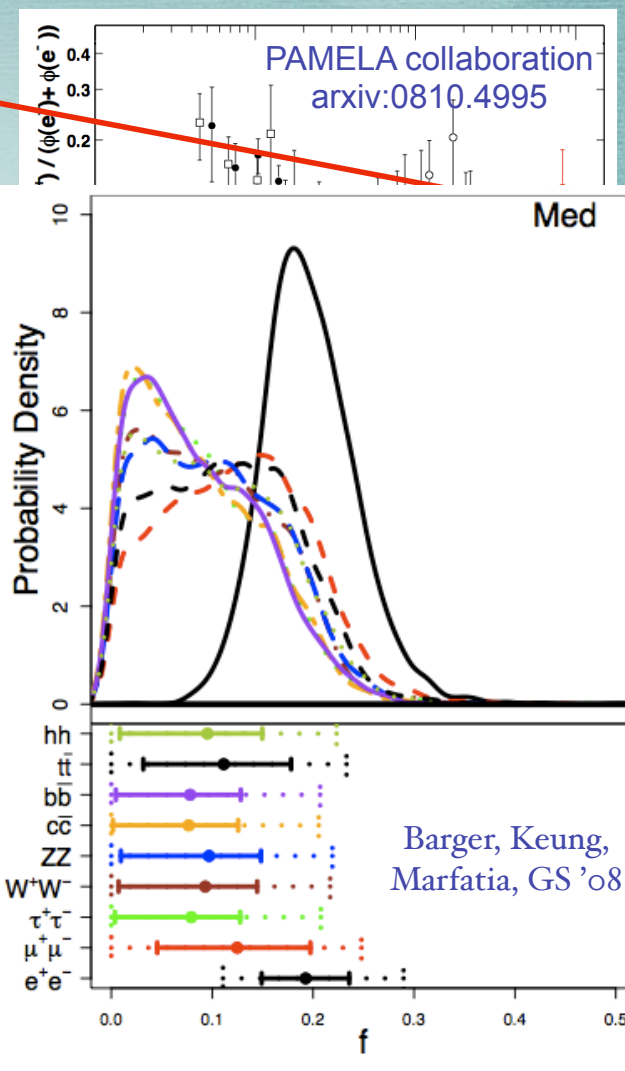
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- Direct annihilation to charged lepton pairs most favorable to reproduce hard spectrum

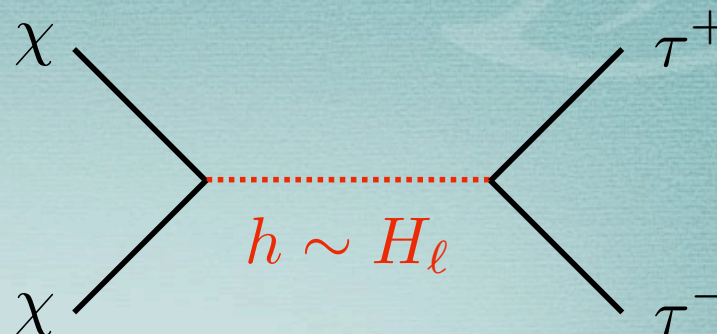
Cirelli, Kadastik, Raidal, Strumia '08  
Barger, Keung, Marfatia, GS '08

- Annihilation to SM Higgs boson pairs unfavorable



## Lepto-phillic Higgs mediated positron signals!

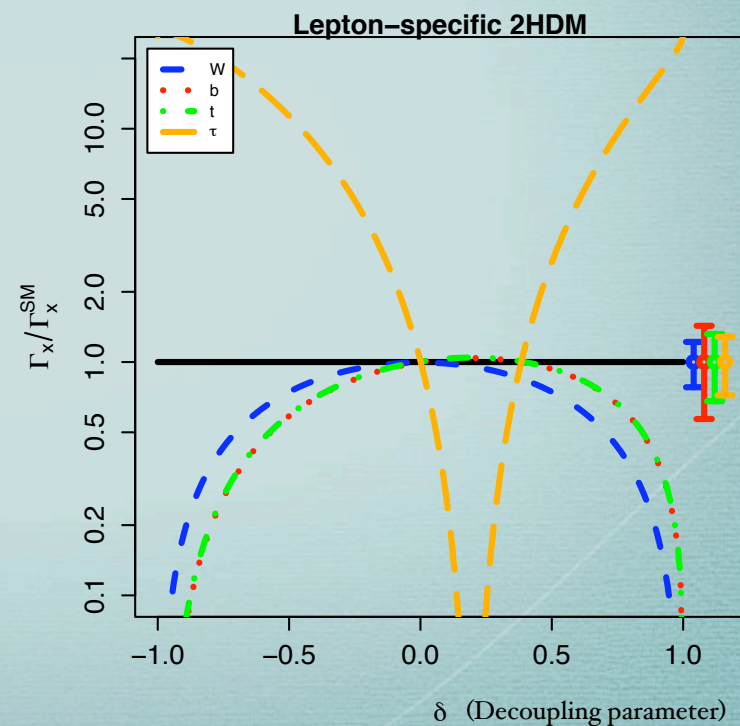
- However, leptophilic Higgs models can produce leptons prolifically  
Goh, Hall, Kumar '09



- Associated LHC signatures can be easy to distinguish from other Higgs sectors  
Barger, Logan, GS '09

- Pattern relation among couplings within Lepton-specific model:

$$P_{ul} = \bar{g}_W(\bar{g}_q + \bar{g}_\ell) - \bar{g}_q\bar{g}_\ell = 1$$

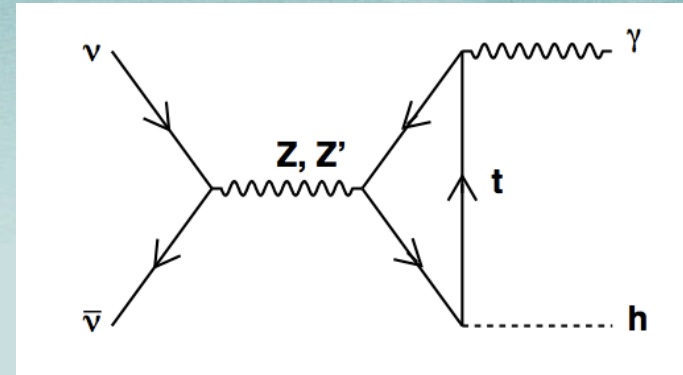


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- Detection of DM via gamma rays can provide rich signatures
- Annihilation to  $h\gamma$  can significantly displace photon line

$$E_\gamma = M \left( 1 - \frac{M_X^2}{4M^2} \right)$$



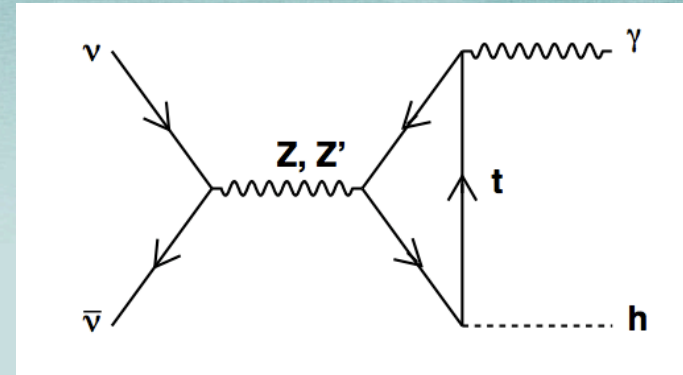
Randall-Sundrum example:  
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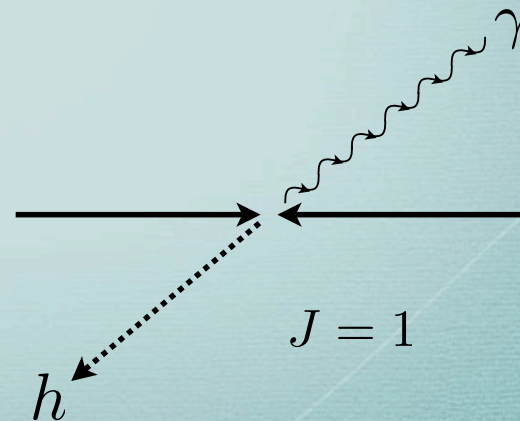
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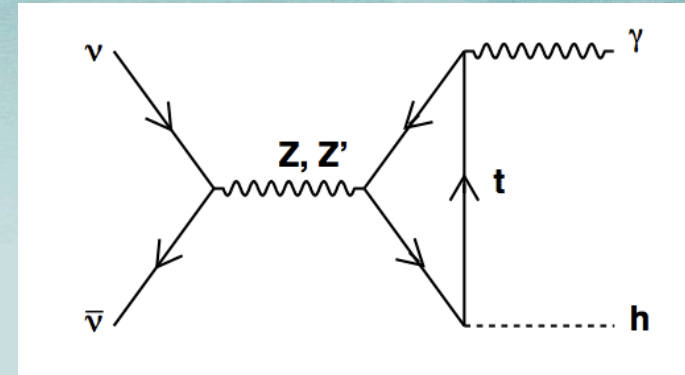


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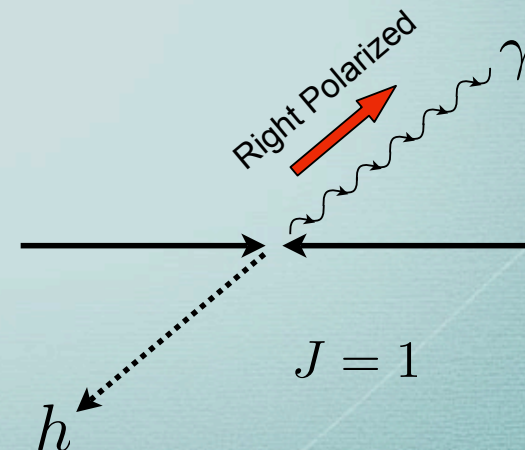
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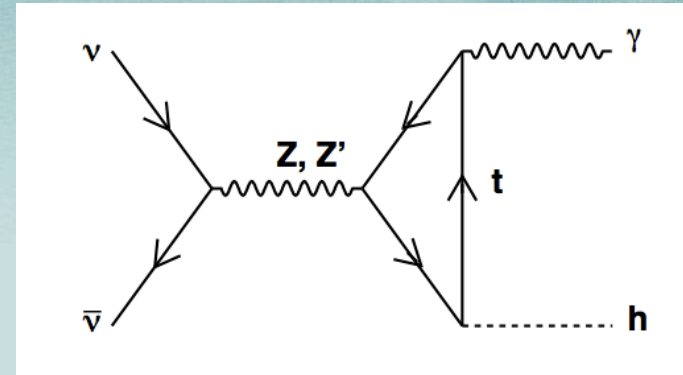


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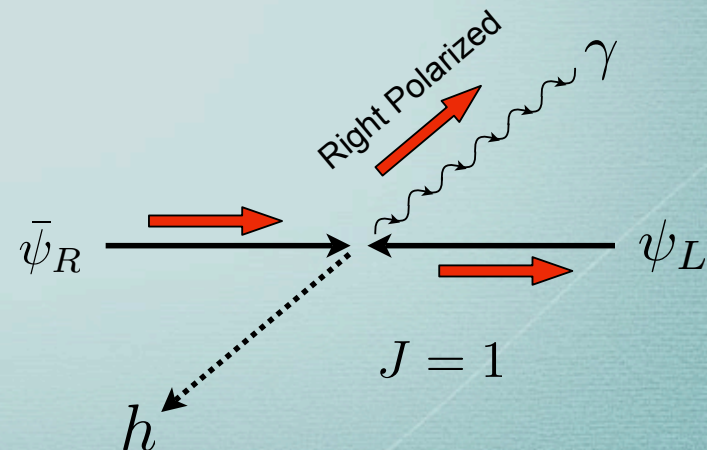
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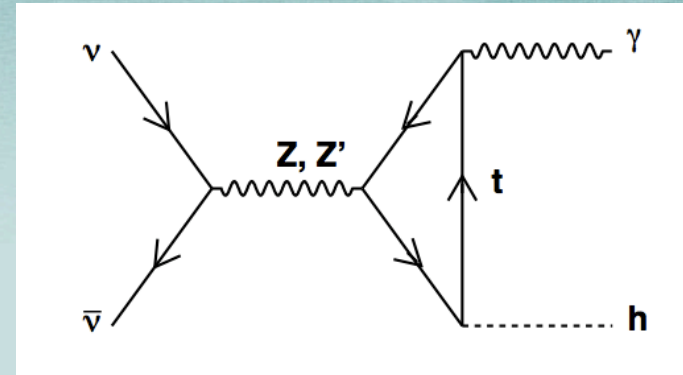


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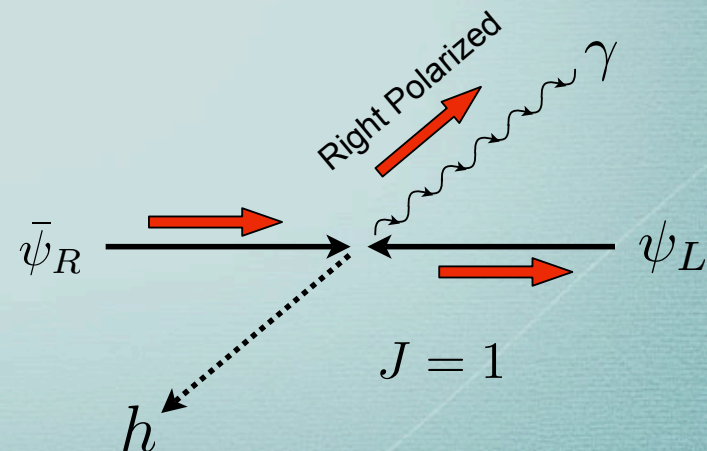
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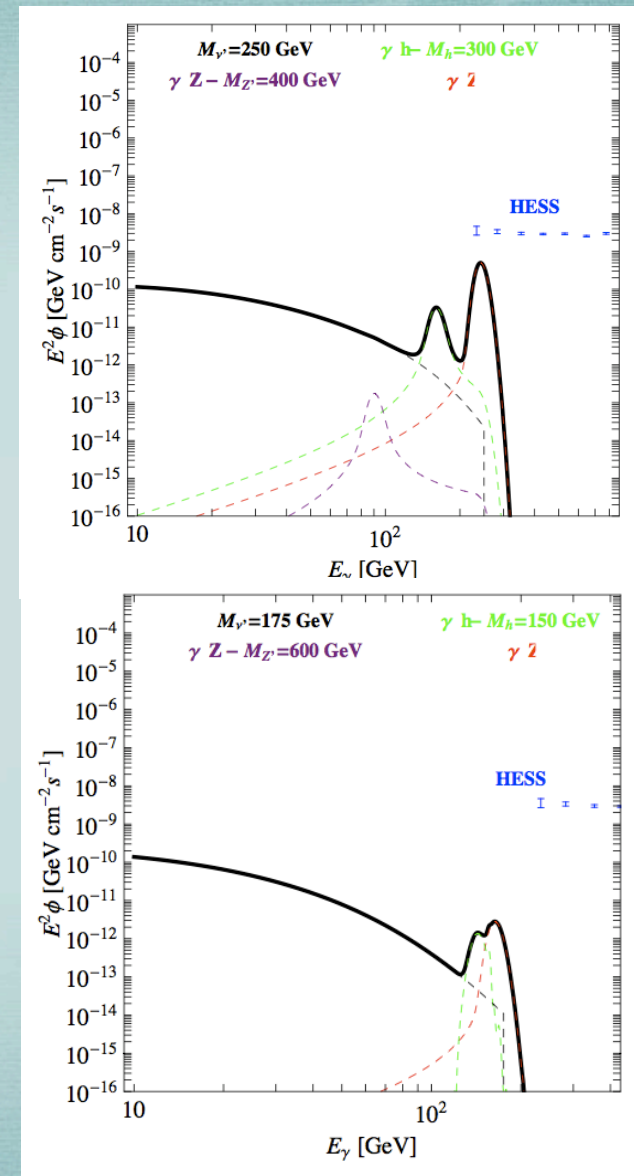




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- Fermi energy resolution  $\frac{\delta E}{E} \sim 10\%$  smears lines
- Observation of two lines can be checked for consistency with Higgs boson
- Additional lines may appear if associated states can be produced
  - Possible “WIMP Forest”
  - New physics spectroscopy!

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## Conclusions

- ◉ Both DM and Higgs discovery may be upon us!
- ◉ Plethora of BSM models connect DM and Higgs sectors
- ◉ Terrestrial and astronomical observations may point to the nature of these sectors and how they are connected
  - DM production via Higgs decays at the LHC
  - DM annihilation to  $h\gamma$  giving displaced gamma lines in galactic DM halo
  - Leptophilic Higgs connection may explain cosmic ray excess