

# Theoretical uncertainty of the supersymmetric dark matter relic density from scale and scheme variations

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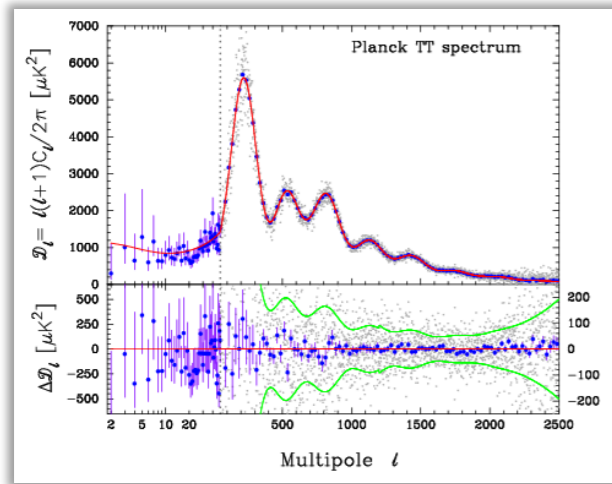
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# I. Motivation & Introduction

# Constrain Parameter Space by DM Relic Density

dark matter relic density allows for constraining the MSSM parameter space strongly

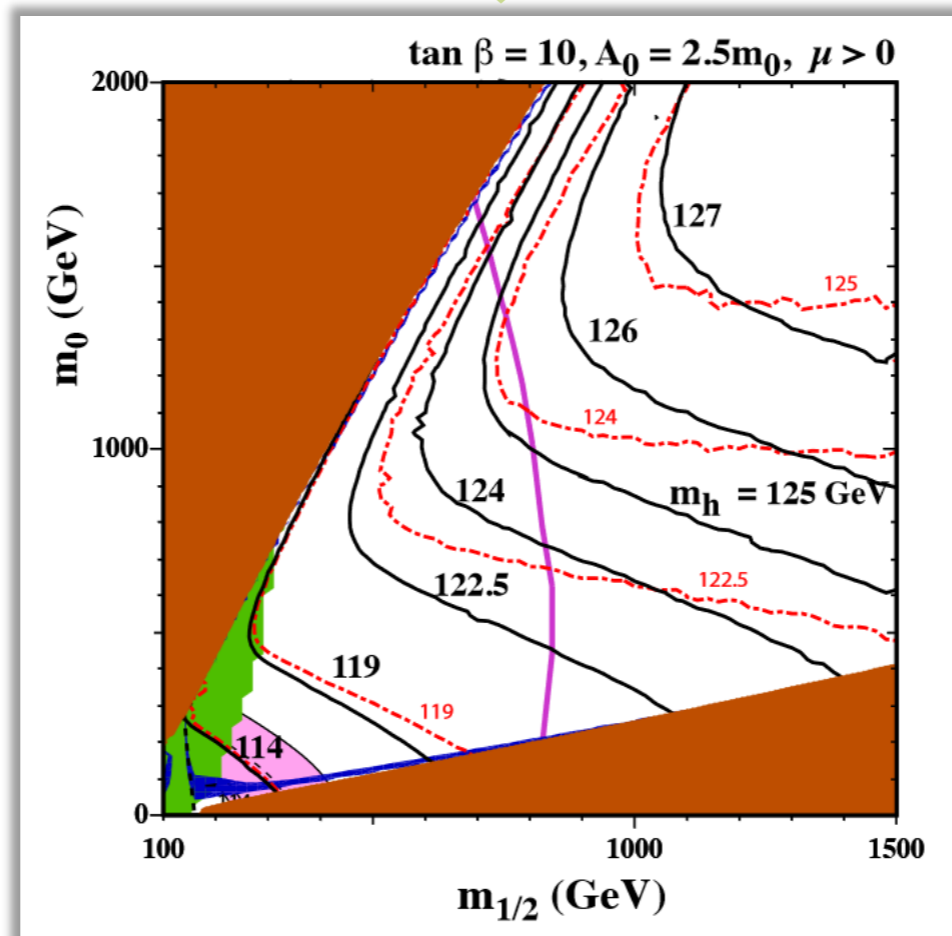


Planck Collaboration, arXiv:1303.5076

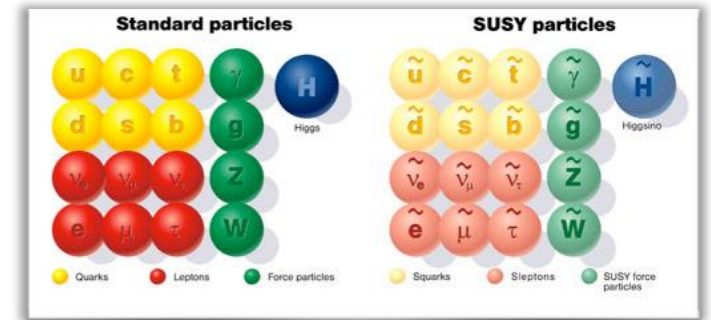
precise determination of the relic density by PLANCK to

$$\Omega_{\text{CDM}} h^2 = 0.1198 \pm 0.0015$$

P. A. R. Ade et al. [Planck Collaboration], arXiv:1502.01589 [astro-ph.CO]



J. Ellis, K. Olive, J. Zheng, Eur. Phys. J. C74 (2014) 2947



Minimal Supersymmetric Standard Model (MSSM)

assume lightest neutralino  $\tilde{\chi}_1^0$  being the LSP and thus the DM candidate

$$\Omega_{\text{CDM}}^{\text{theoret.}}$$

- need of precise theoretical prediction to meet experimental precision
- measure of theoretical uncertainty needed for a realistic estimation

# Theoretical Prediction of the Relic Density

- number density of DM in the early universe can be described by the Boltzmann equation

$$\dot{n} + 3Hn = -\langle\sigma_{\text{eff}}v\rangle(n^2 - n_{\text{eq}}^2)$$

## 1) Thermal equilibrium regime ( $T \gg m$ )

annihilation and production of DM in thermal equilibrium

## 2) Annihilation regime ( $T \sim m/10$ )

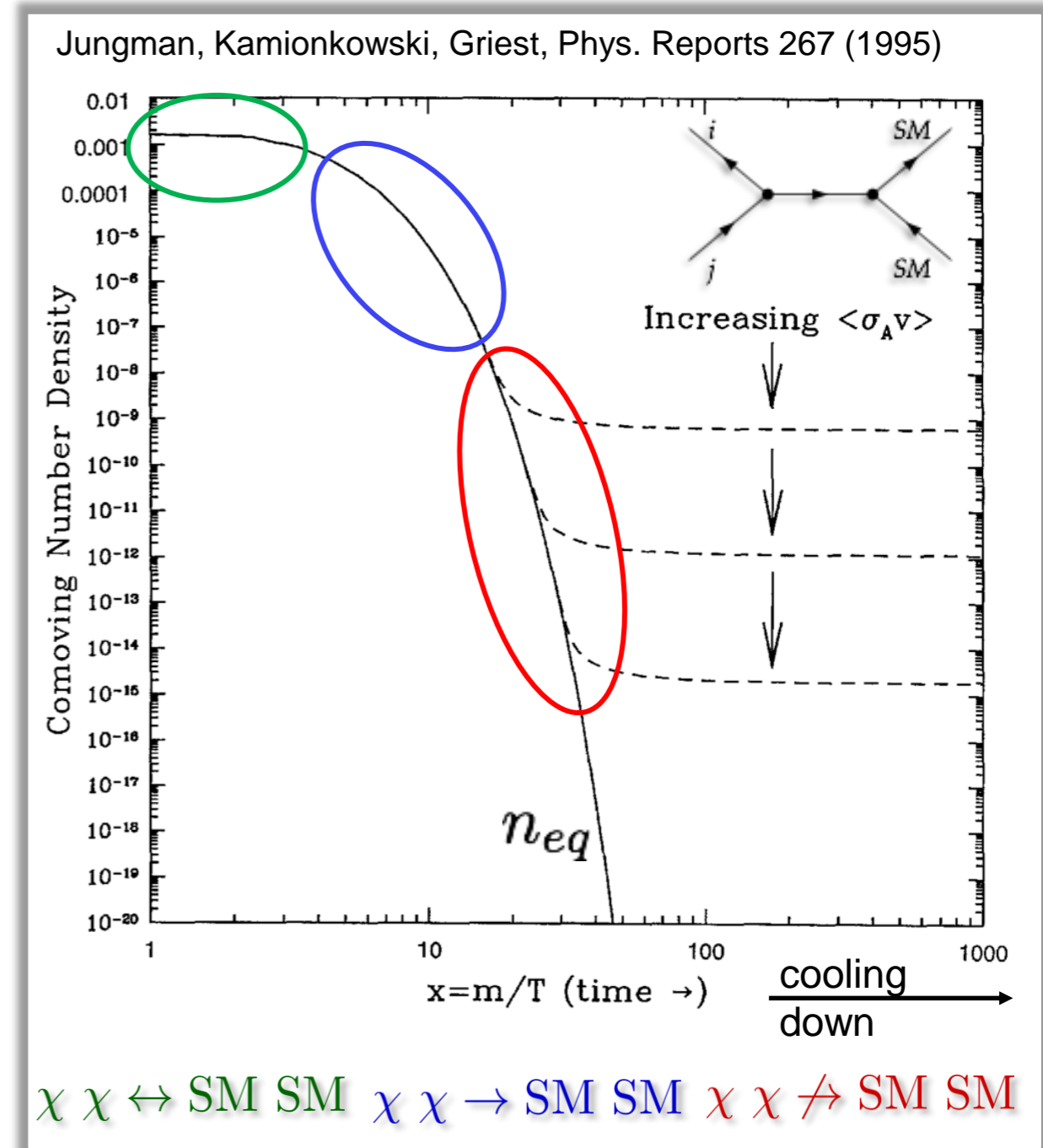
SM particles not energetic enough to create DM particles

## 3) Freeze-out ( $T \sim m/30$ )

Annihilation rate falls behind expansion rate  $\rightarrow$  DM abundance

- relic density proportional to cross section

$$\Omega_{\chi} h^2 = \frac{n_{\chi} m_{\chi}}{\rho_{\text{crit}}} \propto \frac{1}{\langle\sigma_{\text{eff}}v\rangle} \quad \text{particle physics}$$

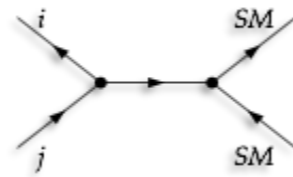


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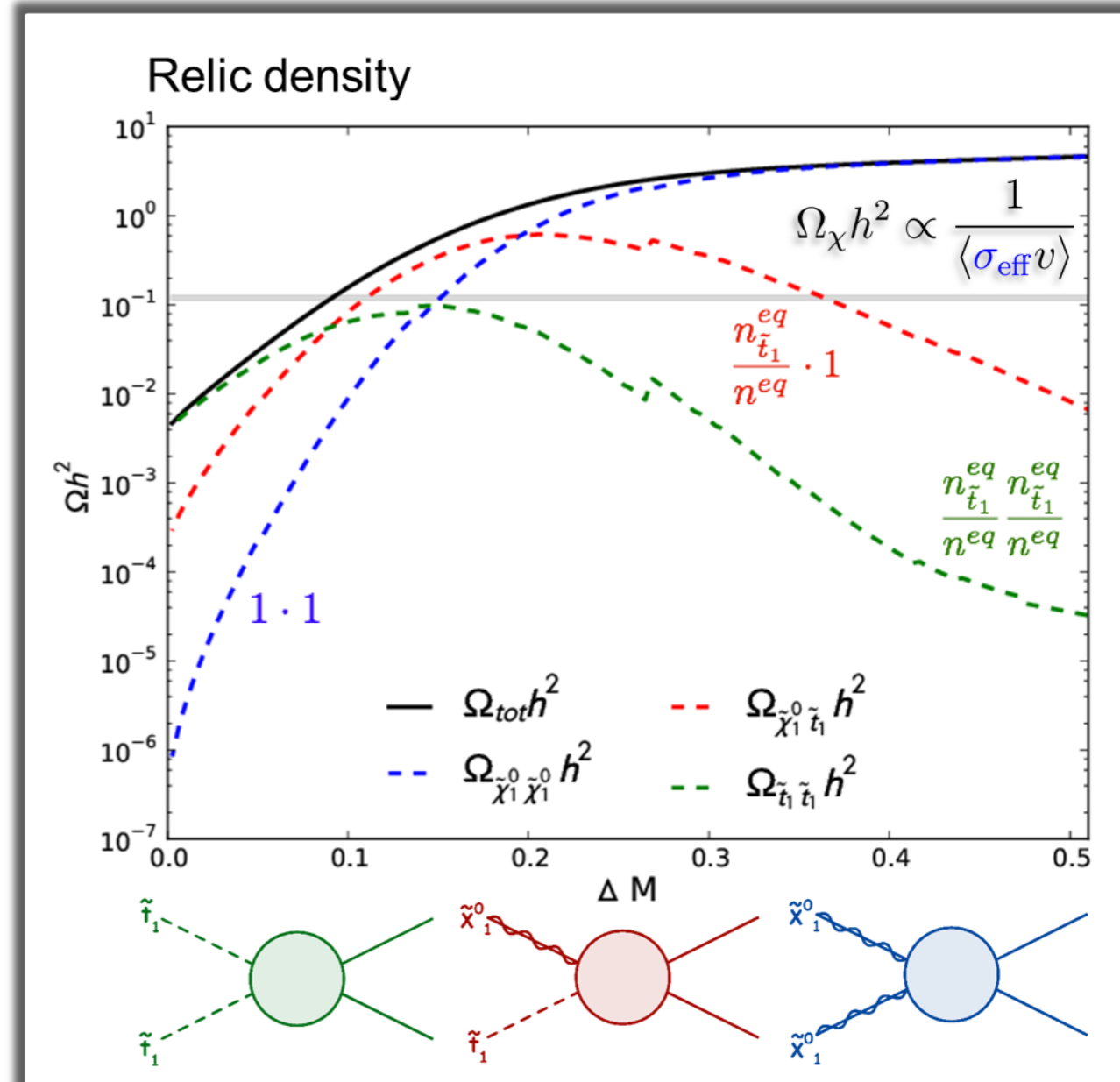
$$\dot{n} + 3Hn = -\langle\sigma_{\text{eff}}v\rangle(n^2 - n_{\text{eq}}^2)$$

$$\langle\sigma_{\text{eff}}v\rangle = \sum_{ij} \langle\sigma_{ij}v_{ij}\rangle \frac{n_i^{\text{eq}}}{n^{\text{eq}}} \frac{n_j^{\text{eq}}}{n^{\text{eq}}}$$



with  $\frac{n_i^{\text{eq}}}{n^{\text{eq}}} \propto \exp\left(\frac{-(m_i - m_\chi)}{T}\right) = \exp\left(\frac{-(m_i - m_\chi)}{x m_\chi}\right)$

- sizeable contributions of  $AX \rightarrow SM$  when particle A is almost degenerate in mass with particle X (DM candidate)
- various different processes can be important in the MSSM parameter space:
  - pair annihilation of neutralinos
  - coannihilation with other neutralinos, light stops, taus, etc...



we define  $\Delta M = \frac{m_{\tilde{\tau}_1} - m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0}}{m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0}}$

# Theoretical Uncertainties

## Arising from Cosmology

- choice of cosmological model

Hamann, Hannestad, et al. , Phys. Rev. D (2007)

- variation in hubble expansion rate

Arbey, Mahmoudi, Phys. Lett. B (2008)

$$H^2 = \frac{8\pi G}{2} (\rho_{\text{rad}} + \rho_D)$$

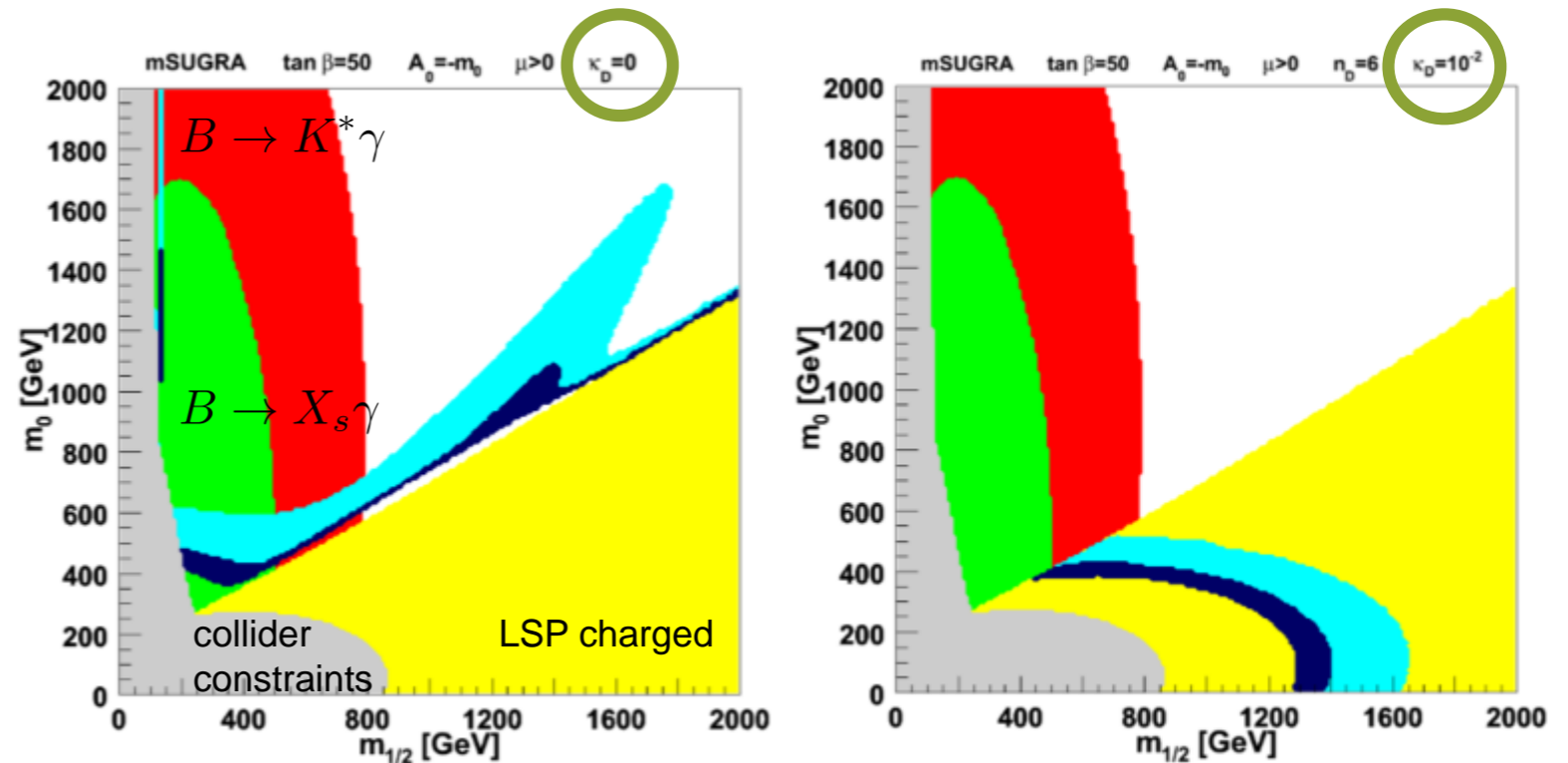
$$\kappa_D \equiv \frac{\rho_D(T_0)}{\rho_{\text{rad}}(T_0)}$$

$$\Omega_{\text{LSP}} h^2 < 0.135$$

- effective degrees of freedom of the Universe

Hindmarsh, Philipsen, Phys. Rev. D (2005)

Parameter set	Data set	$\Omega_{ch^2}$
B	WMAP+SDSS	0.092 → 0.136
B	WMAP+SDSS+SNLS+BAO	0.100 → 0.123
C	WMAP+SDSS+SNLS+BAO	0.100 → 0.123
A	WMAP+SDSS+SNLS+BAO	0.094 → 0.136



Precision data from CMB measurements  
 PLANCK: ~ 1.5% uncertainty

# Theoretical Uncertainties

## Arising from Particle Physics

- determination of particle mass spectrum

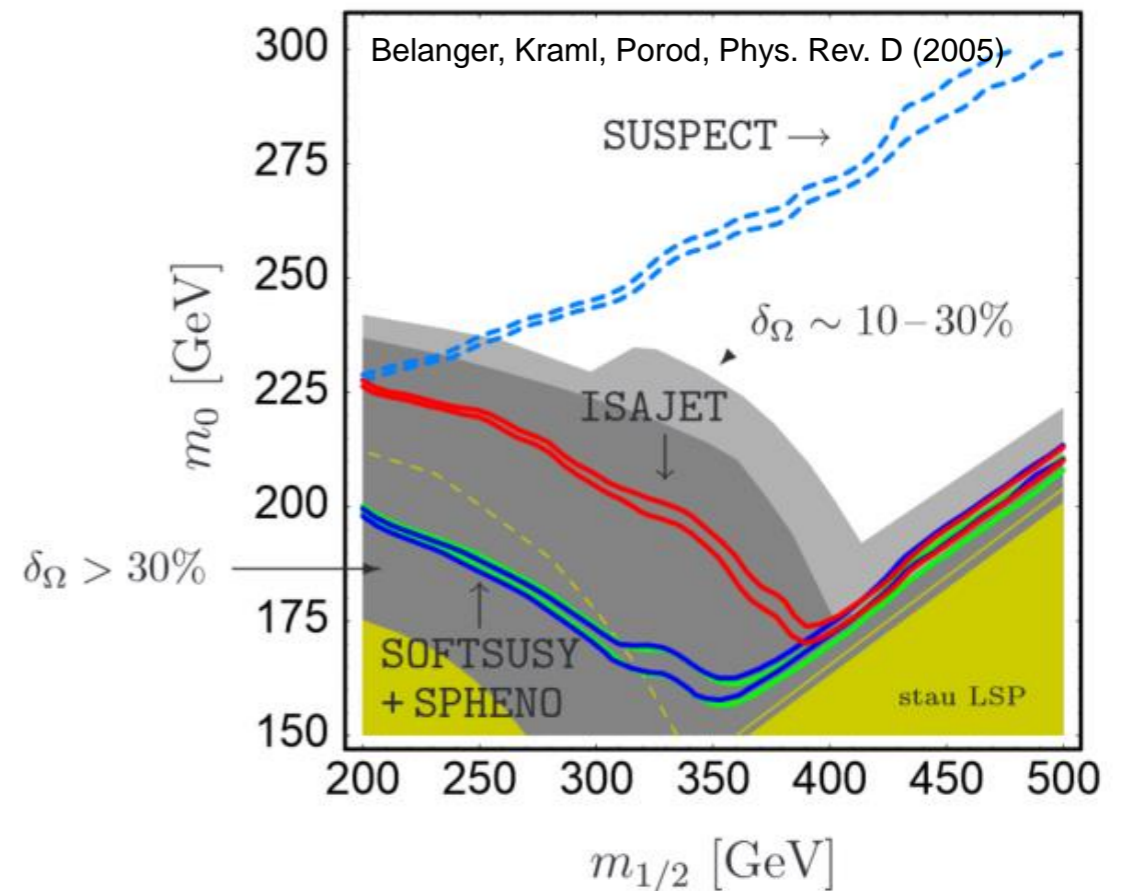
Allanach, Kraml, Porod, JHEP (2003)  
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- accuracy of effective cross section calculation

$$\Omega_\chi h^2 \propto \frac{1}{\langle \sigma_{\text{eff}} v \rangle}$$

particle physics

$\tan \beta = 10, A_0 = -4m_{1/2}$



<b>MicrOMEGAs</b> Belanger, Boudjema, et al. , CPC (2002)	<b>DarkSUSY</b> Gondolo, Edsjö, et al. , JCAP (2004)
<b>SuperIso Relic</b> Arbey, Mamouidi, et al. , CPC (2010)	<b>MadDM</b> Backovic, Kong, et al. , (2013)

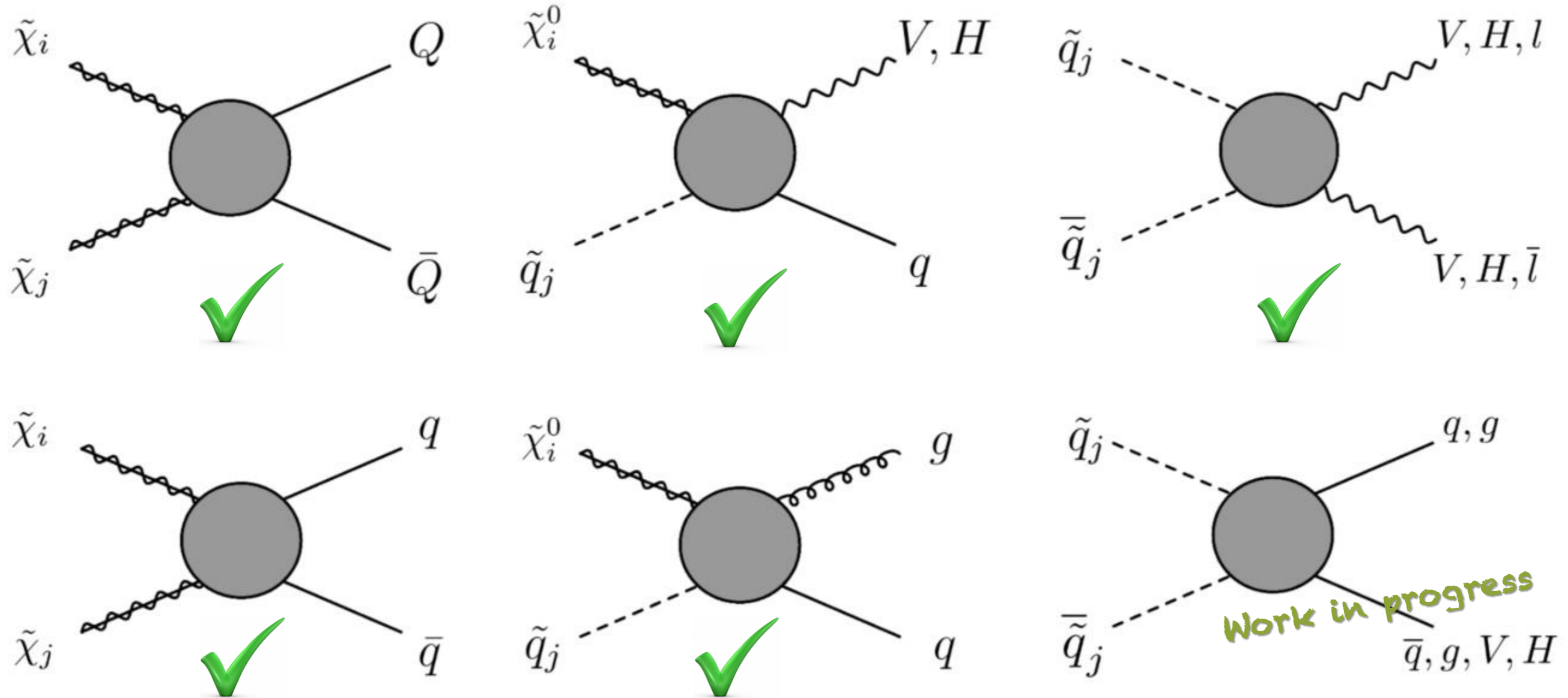
*tools use so far just (effective) tree level calculation*

For enhancing the precision and getting a first quantitative estimate of the theoretical predicted relic density  
 → calculate SUSY-QCD NLO corrections to  $\sigma_{\text{eff}}$

**DM@NL**

# II. Processes & Technicalities

# Classes of Diagrams



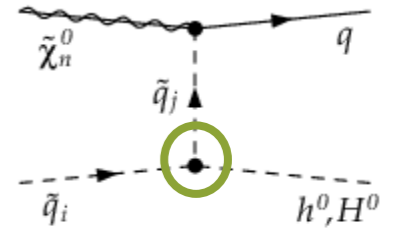
- Calculating SUSY-QCD corrections to all relevant processes for the relic density calculation
- providing a tool which extends public tools like micrOMEGAs (and DarkSUSY)

# Renormalisation



aim: Renormalisation scheme which is valid over a wide parameter space for all (co)annihilation processes

- relevant parameters:  $m_{\tilde{t}_1}, m_{\tilde{t}_2}, m_{\tilde{b}_1}, m_{\tilde{b}_2}, m_t, m_b, A_t, A_b, \theta_{\tilde{t}}, \theta_{\tilde{b}}$

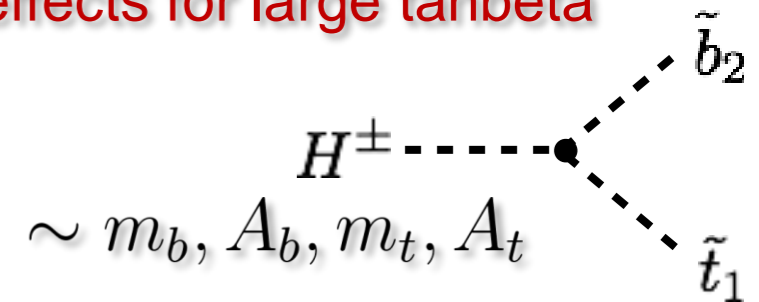


relevant as incoming (co)annihilating particles

known masses

crucial for coannihilating scenarios; as dependent parameter problem of large effects for large tanbeta

- hybrid on-shell /  $\overline{\text{DR}}$  renormalisation scheme



$$m_{\tilde{t}_1}^{\text{OS}}, m_{\tilde{b}_1}^{\text{OS}}, m_{\tilde{b}_2}^{\text{OS}}, A_t^{\overline{\text{DR}}}, A_b^{\overline{\text{DR}}}, m_t^{\text{OS}}, m_b^{\overline{\text{DR}}} \Rightarrow m_{\tilde{t}_2}, \theta_{\tilde{t}}, \theta_{\tilde{b}}$$

input parameters

dependent parameters

$$\begin{pmatrix} m_{\tilde{q}_1}^2 & 0 \\ 0 & m_{\tilde{q}_2}^2 \end{pmatrix} = U^{\tilde{q}} \begin{pmatrix} M_{\tilde{Q}}^2 + (I_q^{3L} - e_q s_W^2) \cos 2\beta m_Z^2 + m_q^2 & m_q (A_q - \mu (\tan \beta)^{-2I_q^{3L}}) \\ m_q (A_q - \mu (\tan \beta)^{-2I_q^{3L}}) & M_{\{\tilde{U}, \tilde{D}\}}^2 + e_q s_W^2 \cos 2\beta m_Z^2 + m_q^2 \end{pmatrix} (U^{\tilde{q}})^\dagger$$

- stable choice important  $\delta\theta_{\tilde{q}} \propto \frac{1}{(U_{21}^{\tilde{q}} U_{12}^{\tilde{q}} + U_{11}^{\tilde{q}} U_{22}^{\tilde{q}})}$

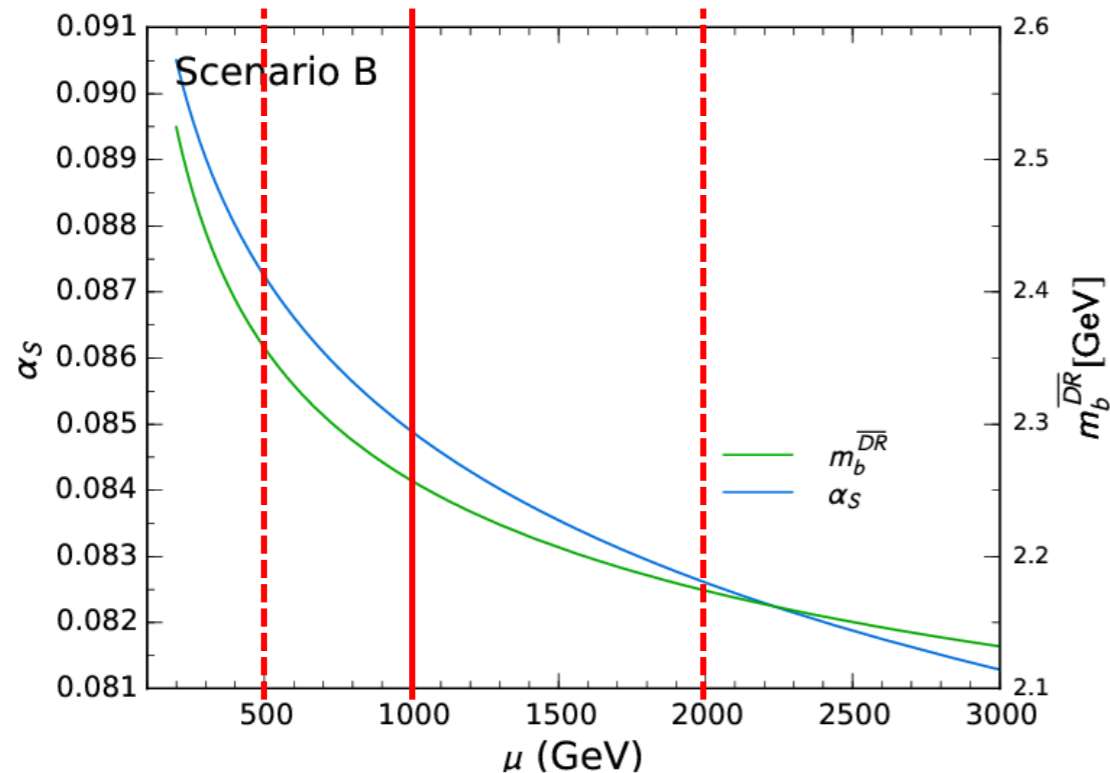
# Estimate Theoretical Uncertainty

→ What is the theoretical uncertainty of the calculation?

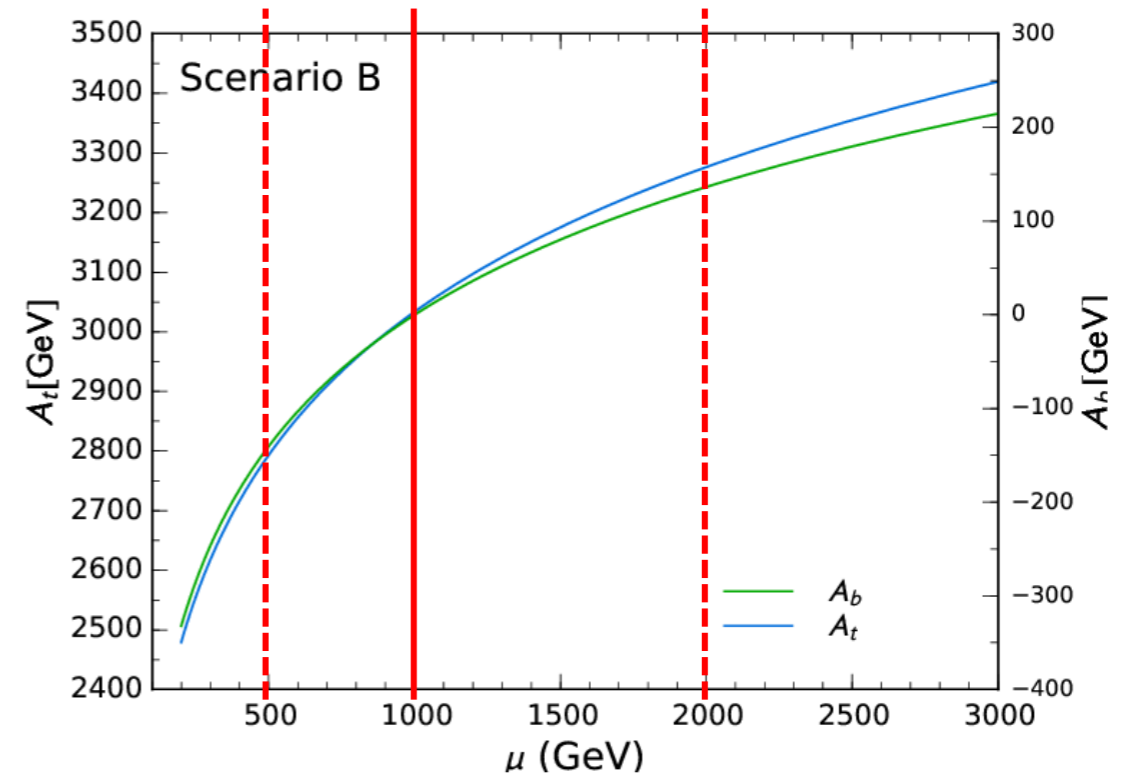
- loop calculation contains explicit uncanceled logs of the renormalisation scale as well as scale implicitly scale dependent parameter  $\alpha_s, \theta_{\tilde{t}}, \theta_{\tilde{b}}, A_t, A_b, m_b, m_{\tilde{t}_2}$

- scale variation gives an estimate of the uncertainty of the calculation

$$\frac{1}{2}\mu_R < \mu < 2\mu_R$$



$\alpha_s$  less scale dependent as in TeV range



trilinear couplings more scale dependent



first quantitative study of theoretical uncertainty of Neutralino relic density calculation possible

# III. Results & Phenomenology

# Example Scenarios

For studying the uncertainty from scale & scheme variations we define 3 example scenarios:

## gaugino annihilation

default case with interesting features depending on final state

	A	B	C
$\tilde{\chi}_1^0 \tilde{\chi}_1^0 \rightarrow t\bar{t}$	2%		16%
$\tilde{\chi}_1^0 \tilde{\chi}_1^0 \rightarrow b\bar{b}$	9%		
$\tilde{\chi}_1^0 \tilde{\chi}_2^0 \rightarrow t\bar{t}$	3%		
$\tilde{\chi}_1^0 \tilde{\chi}_2^0 \rightarrow b\bar{b}$	23%		
$\tilde{\chi}_1^0 \tilde{\chi}_1^\pm \rightarrow t\bar{b}, \bar{t}b$	43%		
$\tilde{\chi}_1^0 \tilde{t}_1 \rightarrow th^0$		1%	23%
$\tilde{\chi}_1^0 \tilde{t}_1 \rightarrow tg$		6%	23%
$\tilde{\chi}_1^0 \tilde{t}_1 \rightarrow tZ^0$			5%
$\tilde{\chi}_1^0 \tilde{t}_1 \rightarrow bW^+$			11%
$\tilde{t}_1 \tilde{t}_1^* \rightarrow h^0 h^0$		12%	5%
$\tilde{t}_1 \tilde{t}_1^* \rightarrow h^0 H^0$		11%	
$\tilde{t}_1 \tilde{t}_1^* \rightarrow Z^0 A^0$		7%	
$\tilde{t}_1 \tilde{t}_1^* \rightarrow W^\pm H^\mp$		13%	
$\tilde{t}_1 \tilde{t}_1^* \rightarrow Z^0 Z^0$		8%	2%
$\tilde{t}_1 \tilde{t}_1^* \rightarrow W^+ W^-$		14%	3%
Total	80%	72%	88%

## Neutralino-stop

## Coannihilation

study of scheme dependence on cross section and combination of all channels

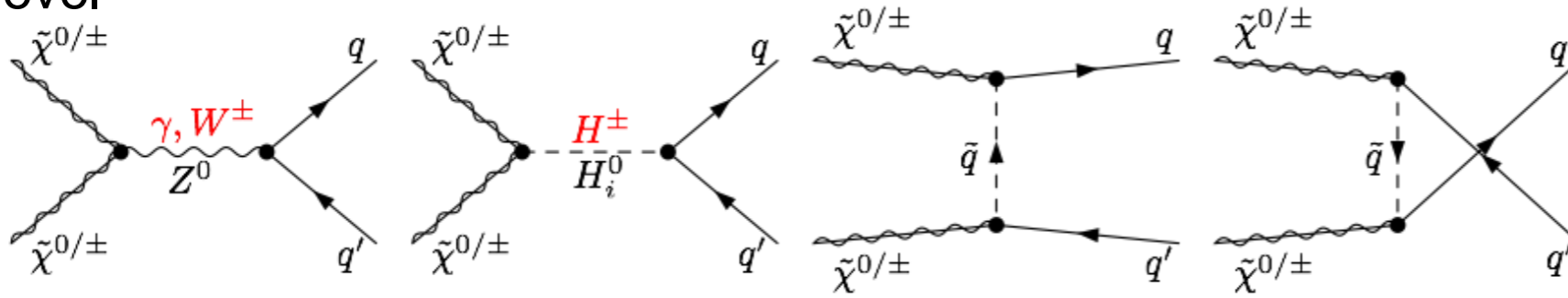
## stop-antistop annihilation

receives huge corrections due to Coulomb enhancement effects

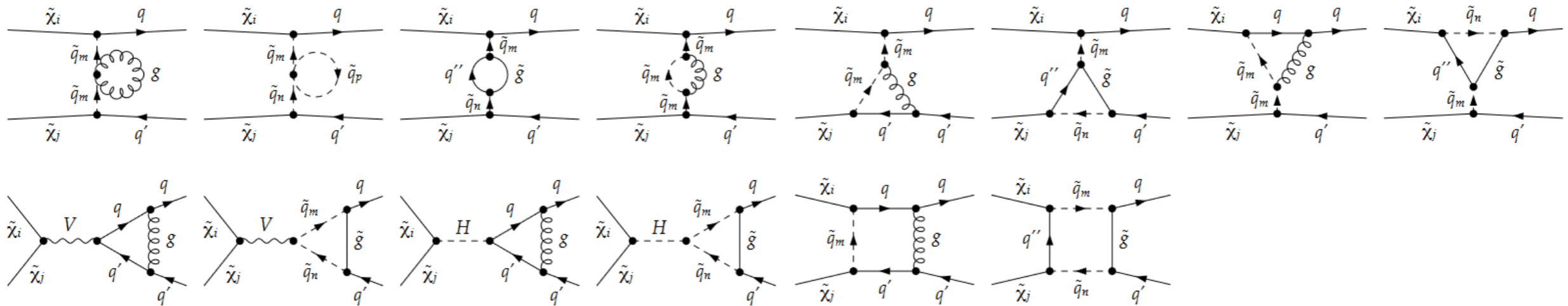
	$m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0}$	$m_{\tilde{\chi}_2^0}$	$m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm}$	$m_{\tilde{\chi}_2^\pm}$	$m_{\tilde{t}_1}$	$m_{\tilde{t}_2}$	$m_{h^0}$	$\Omega_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0} h^2$	$\text{BR}(b \rightarrow s\gamma)$
A	738.1	802.5	802.4	1295.3	1032.1	1682.0	126.5	0.1248	$3.0 \cdot 10^{-4}$
B	1306.3	1827.0	1827.2	2640.0	1361.7	2157.3	123.7	0.1134	$3.1 \cdot 10^{-4}$
C	338.3	1996.6	1996.7	2909.0	376.3	1554.0	121.7	0.1193	$3.49 \cdot 10^{-4}$

# Gaugino Annihilation

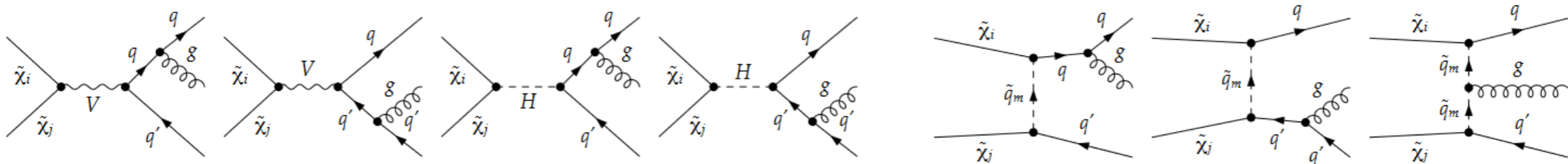
## Tree level



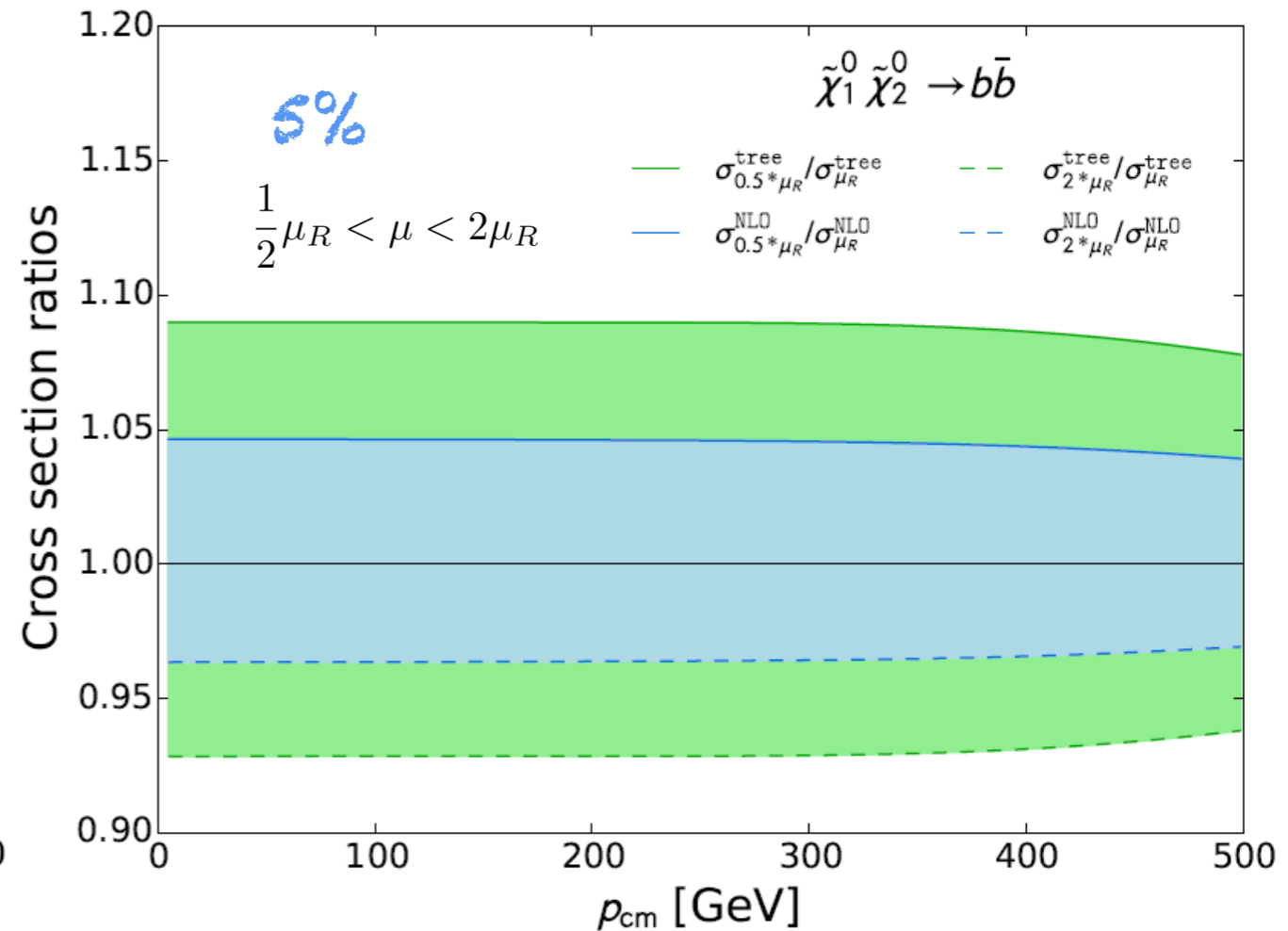
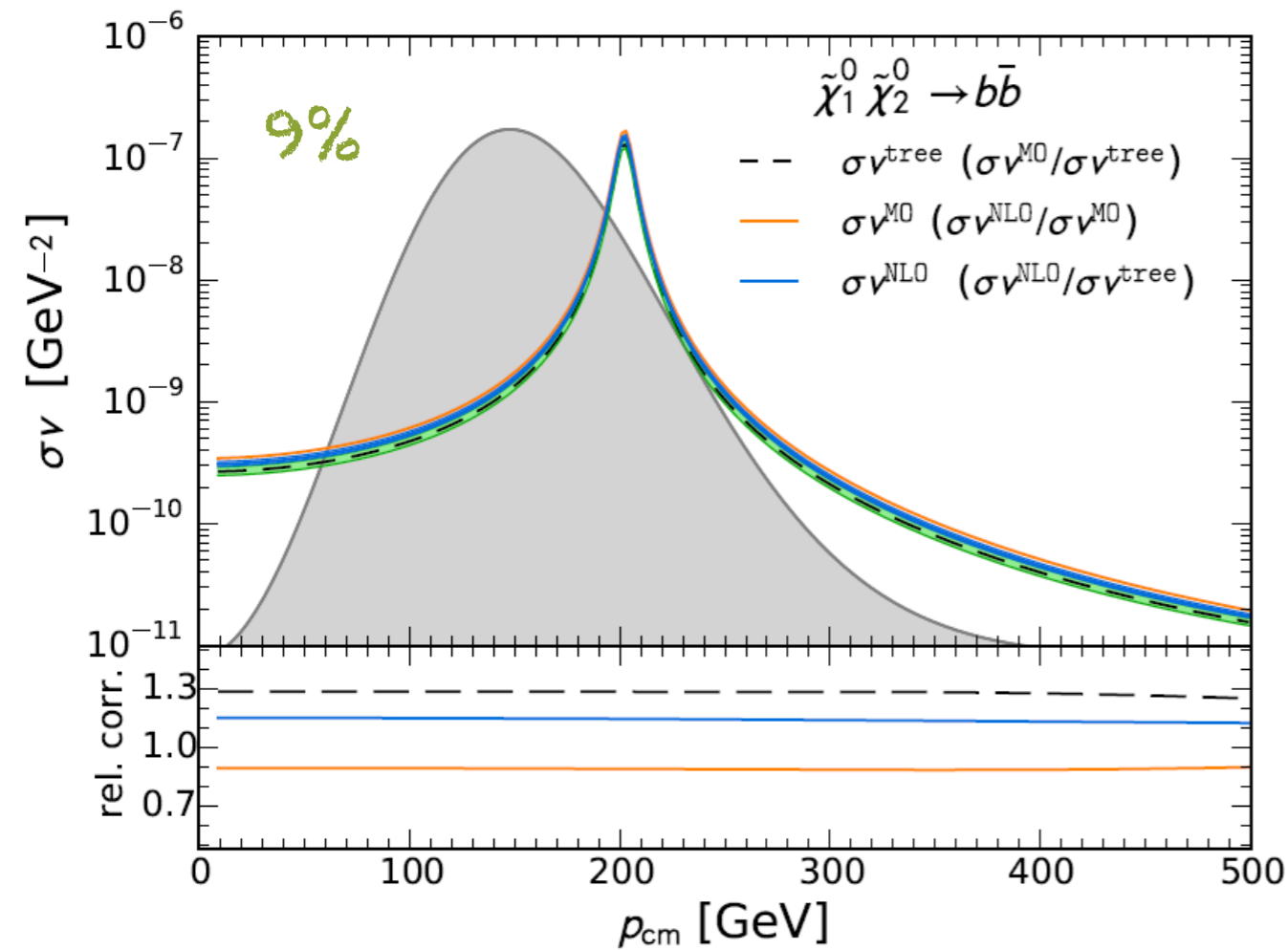
## Virtual one-loop corrections



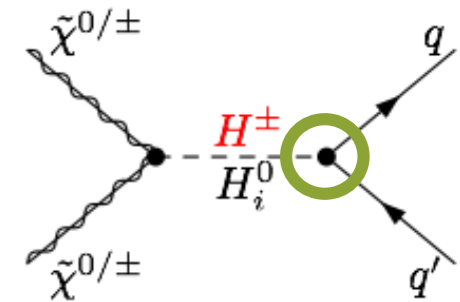
## Real gluon emission processes



# Gaugino Annihilation



- NLO value does not lie within LO uncertainty band  $\leftarrow$  pure electroweak process
- **Larger** LO uncertainty band  $\leftarrow$  scale dependent  $m_b^{\overline{DR}}$
- **Smaller** NLO uncertainty band  $\leftarrow$  scale dependence decreased by virtual corrections to  $A^0 b\bar{b}$  coupling

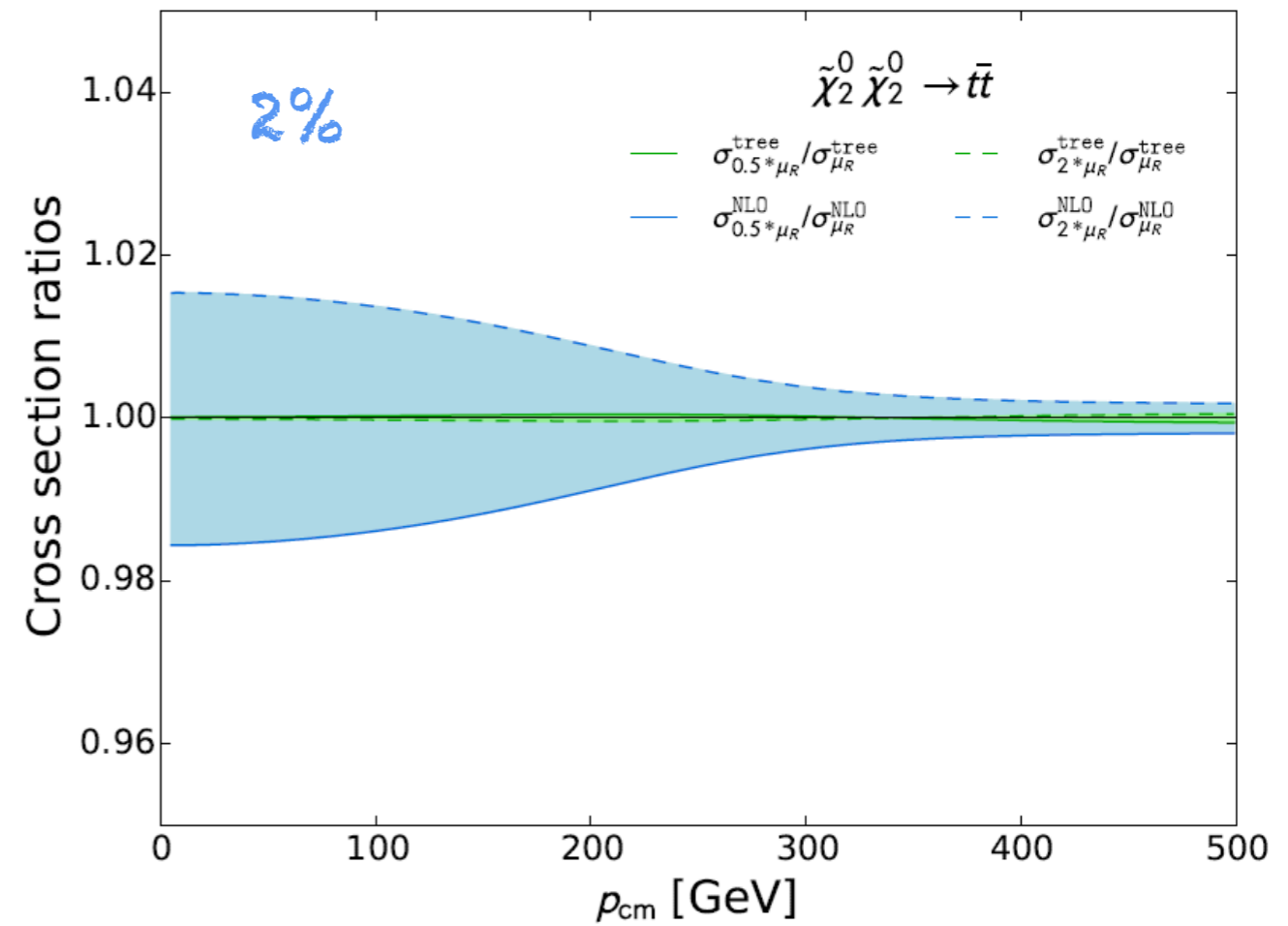
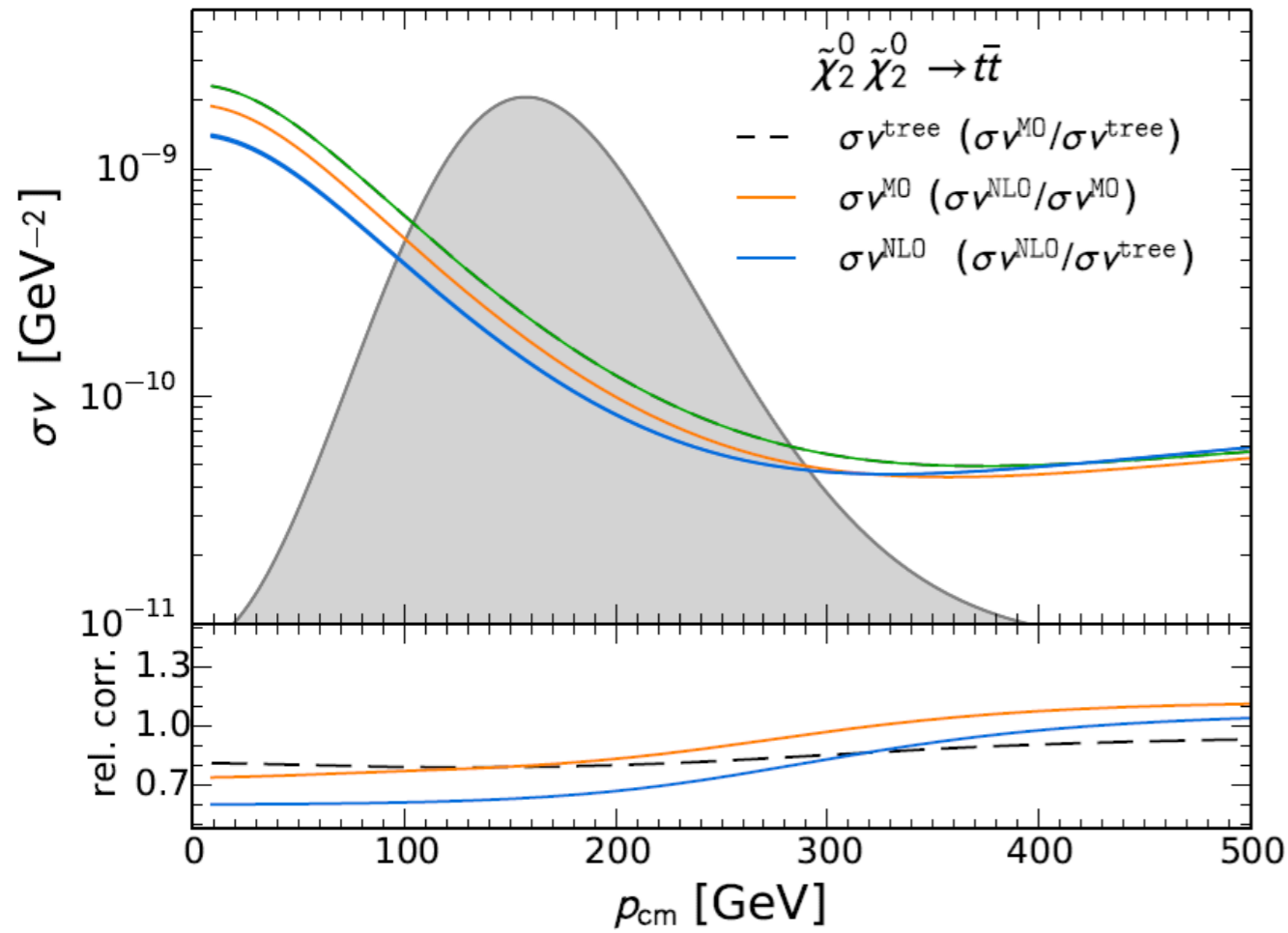


NLO calculation shows 10-15% correction with respect to default MicrOMEGAs value

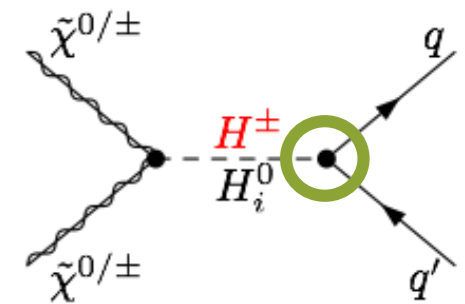
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# Gaugino Annihilation



- Tiny scale dependence at LO and NLO
- **Smaller** LO uncertainty band  $\leftarrow$  scale independent  $m_t^{\text{OS}}$
- **Larger** NLO uncertainty band  $\leftarrow$  first appearance of scale dependent  $\alpha_s$

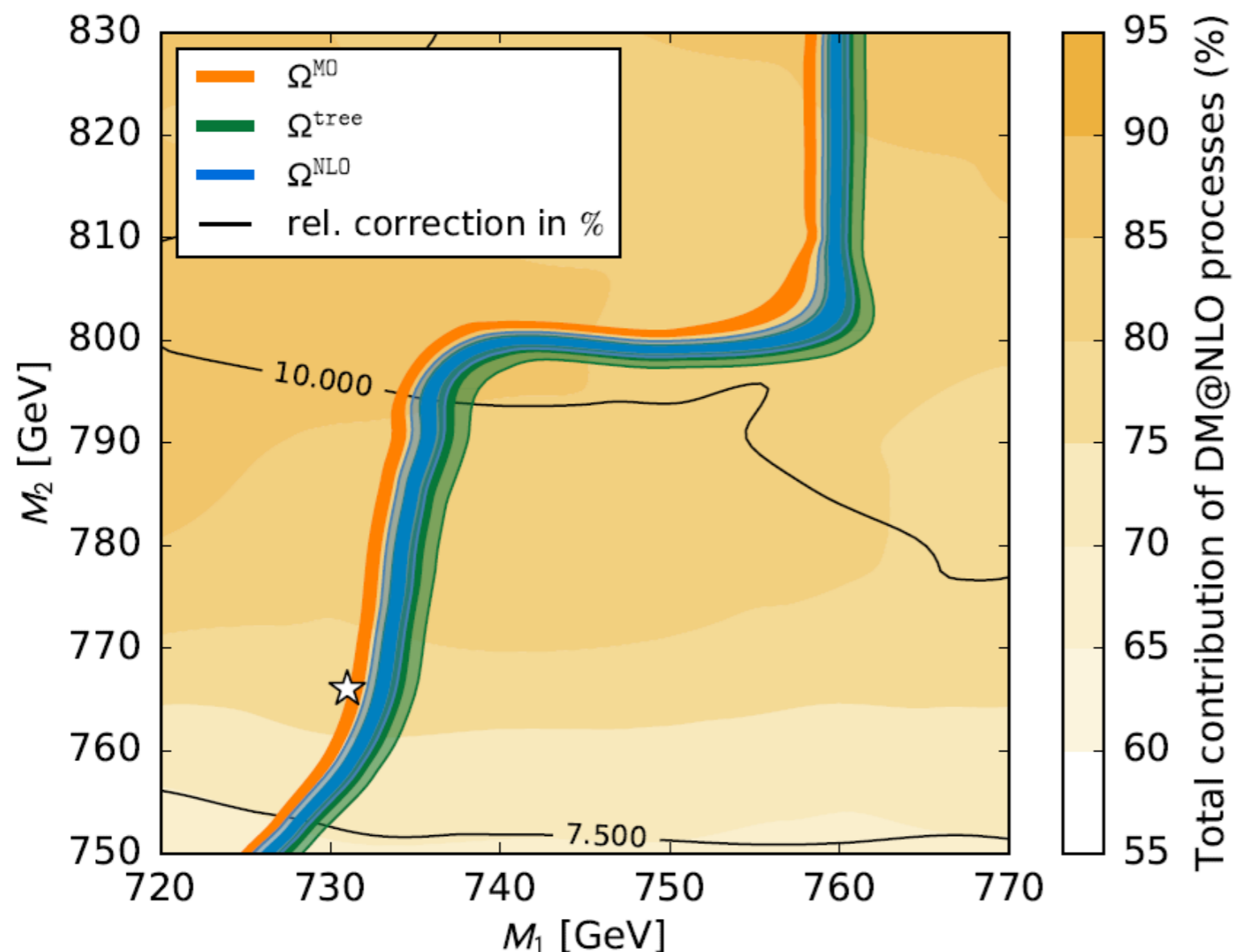


$\rightarrow$  only at NLO it becomes possible to quantify the theoretical error for the first time

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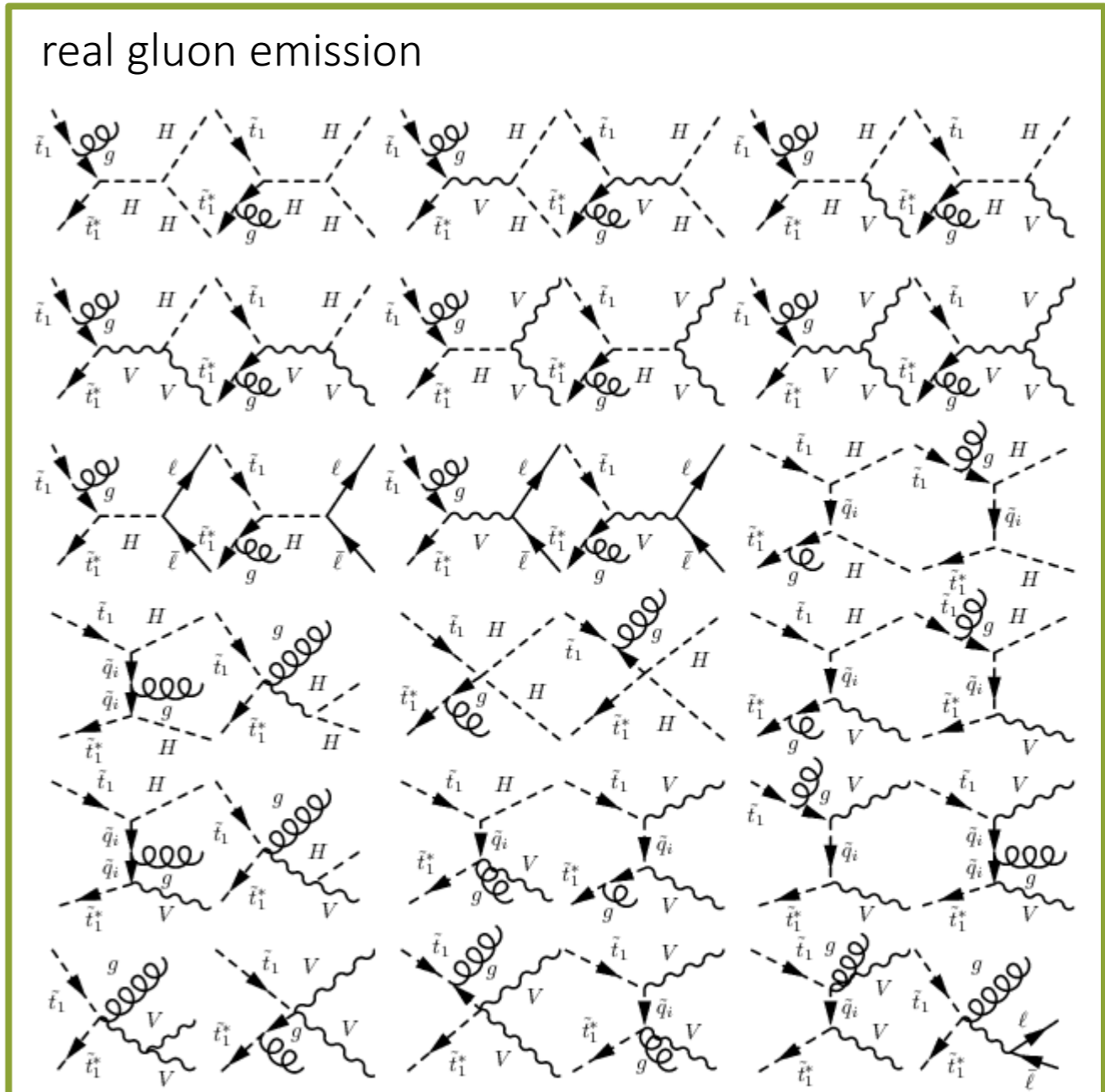
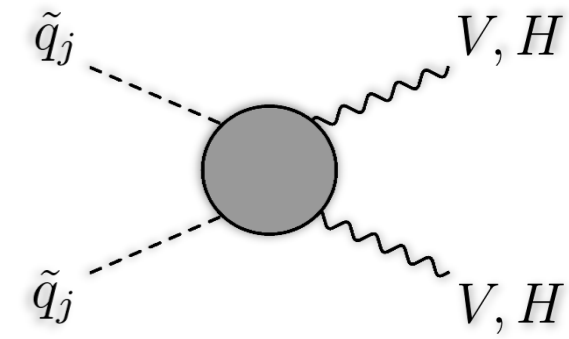
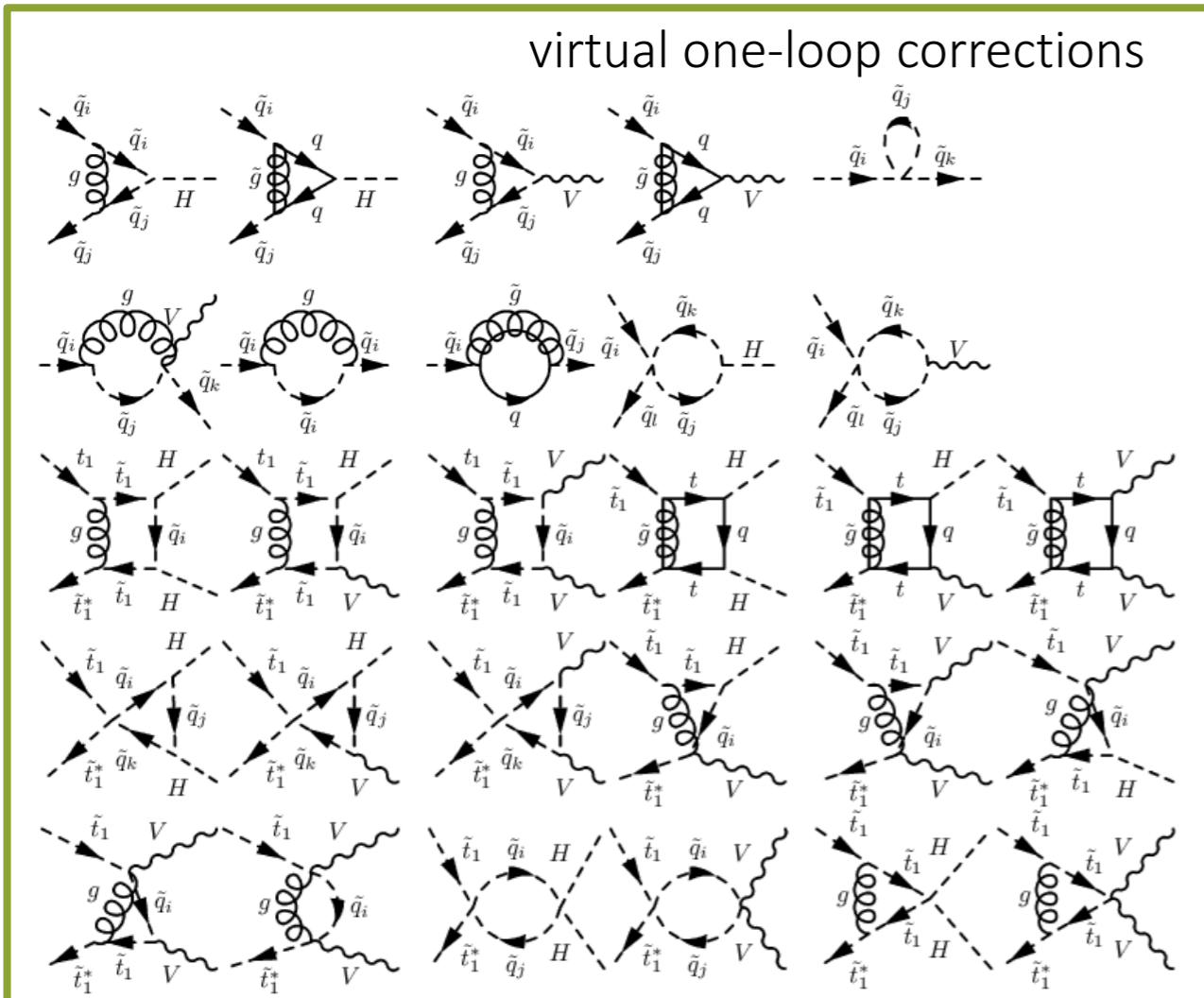
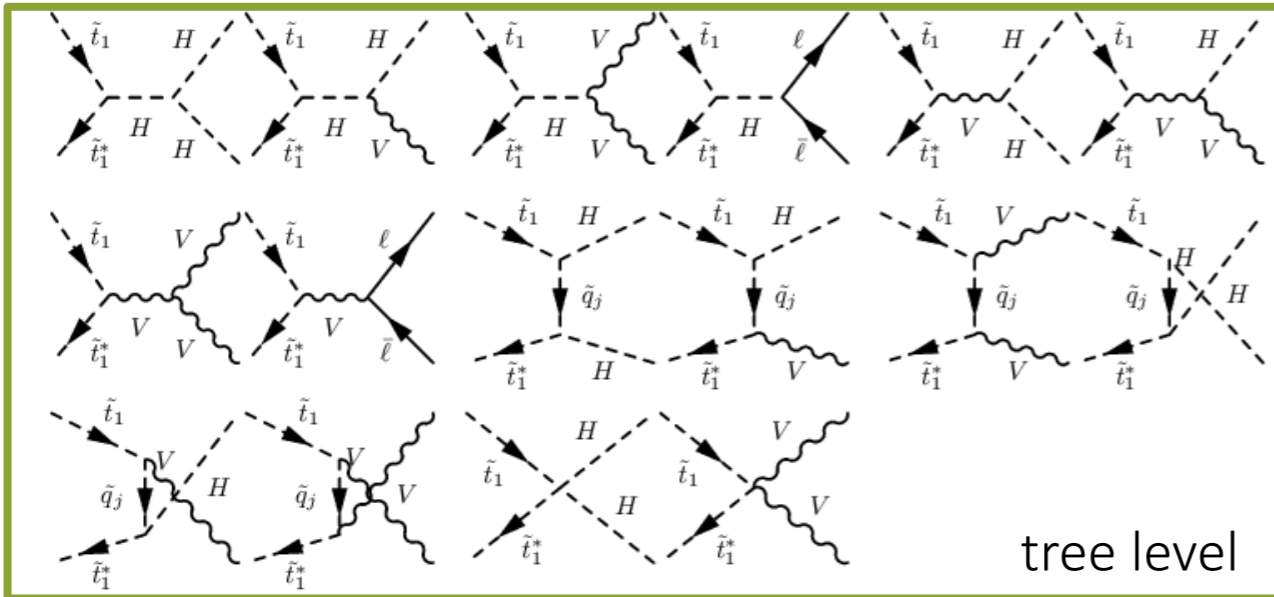


- scale dependence at LO mainly triggered by  $m_b^{DR}$
- decreased scale dependence at NLO

- NLO calculation shows 5-10% relative correction with respect to default MicrOMEGAs value
- including theoretical error, still shift in the parameter space with respect to the MO value
- **first quantitative estimation of theoretical uncertainty**

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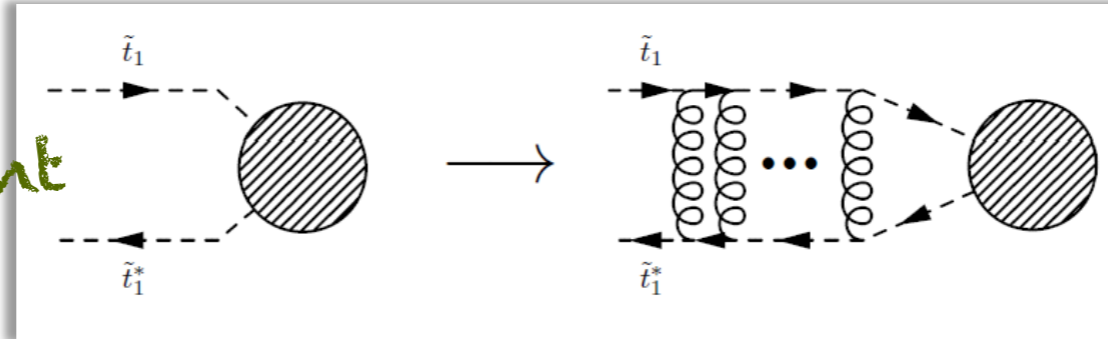
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# Stop-Antistop Annihilation

+ Coulomb enhancement



- during freeze-out stop-antistop pair is moving slowly
- exchange of  $n$  gluons lead to a correction factor proportional to  $\left(\frac{\alpha_s}{v}\right)^n$
- with  $\alpha_s/v > \mathcal{O}(1)$  Coulomb corrections can be become sizeable



resummation to all orders within framework of nonrelativistic QCD

M.J. Strassler and M.E. Peskin, Phys. Rev. D 43 1500 (1991)

Y. Kiyo et al. Eur. Phys. J. C. 60 375 (2009)

Would-be stoponium Schroedinger equation

$$\sigma^{\text{Coul.}}(\tilde{t}_1 \tilde{t}_1^* \rightarrow \text{EW}) = \frac{4\pi}{vm_{\tilde{t}_1}^2} \Im \left\{ G^{[1]}(\mathbf{r} = 0; \sqrt{s} + i\Gamma_{\tilde{t}_1}, \mu_C) \right\} \times \sigma^{\text{LO}}(\tilde{t}_1 \tilde{t}_1^* \rightarrow \text{EW})$$

$$\left[ H^{[1]} - (\sqrt{s} + i\Gamma_{\tilde{t}_1}) \right] G^{[1]}(\mathbf{r}; \sqrt{s} + i\Gamma_{\tilde{t}_1}, \mu_C) = \delta^{(3)}(\mathbf{r})$$

$$H^{[1]} = -\frac{1}{m_{\tilde{t}_1}} \Delta + 2m_{\tilde{t}_1} + V^{[1]}(\mathbf{r})$$

$$\Im \left\{ G^{[1]}(0; \sqrt{s} + i\Gamma_{\tilde{t}_1}, \mu_C) \right\} = m_{\tilde{t}_1}^2 \Im \left\{ \frac{v}{4\pi} \left[ i + \frac{\alpha_s(\mu_C) C_F}{v} \left( \frac{i\pi}{2} + \ln \frac{\mu_C}{2m_{\tilde{t}_1} v} \right) + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2) \right] \right\}$$

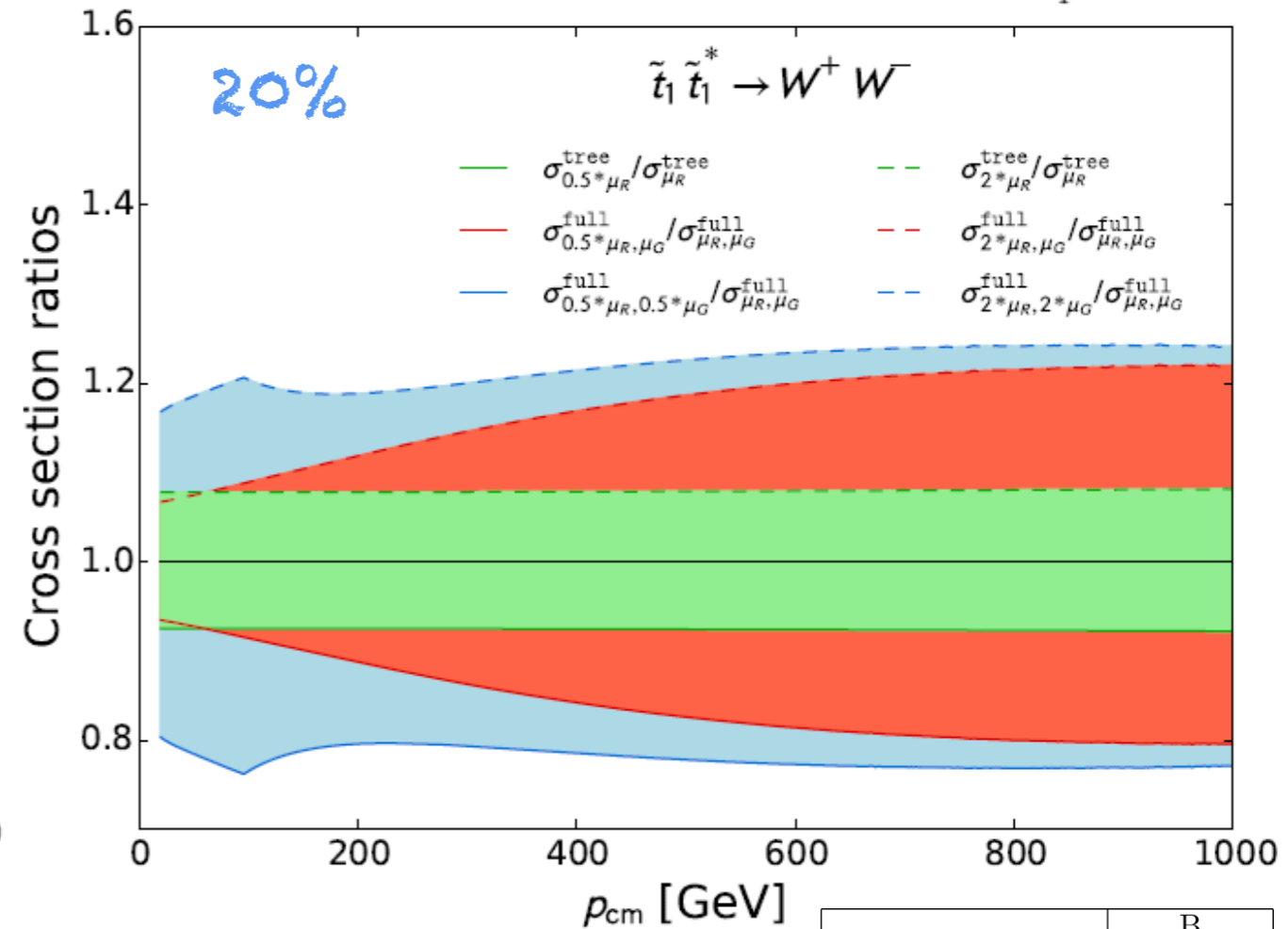
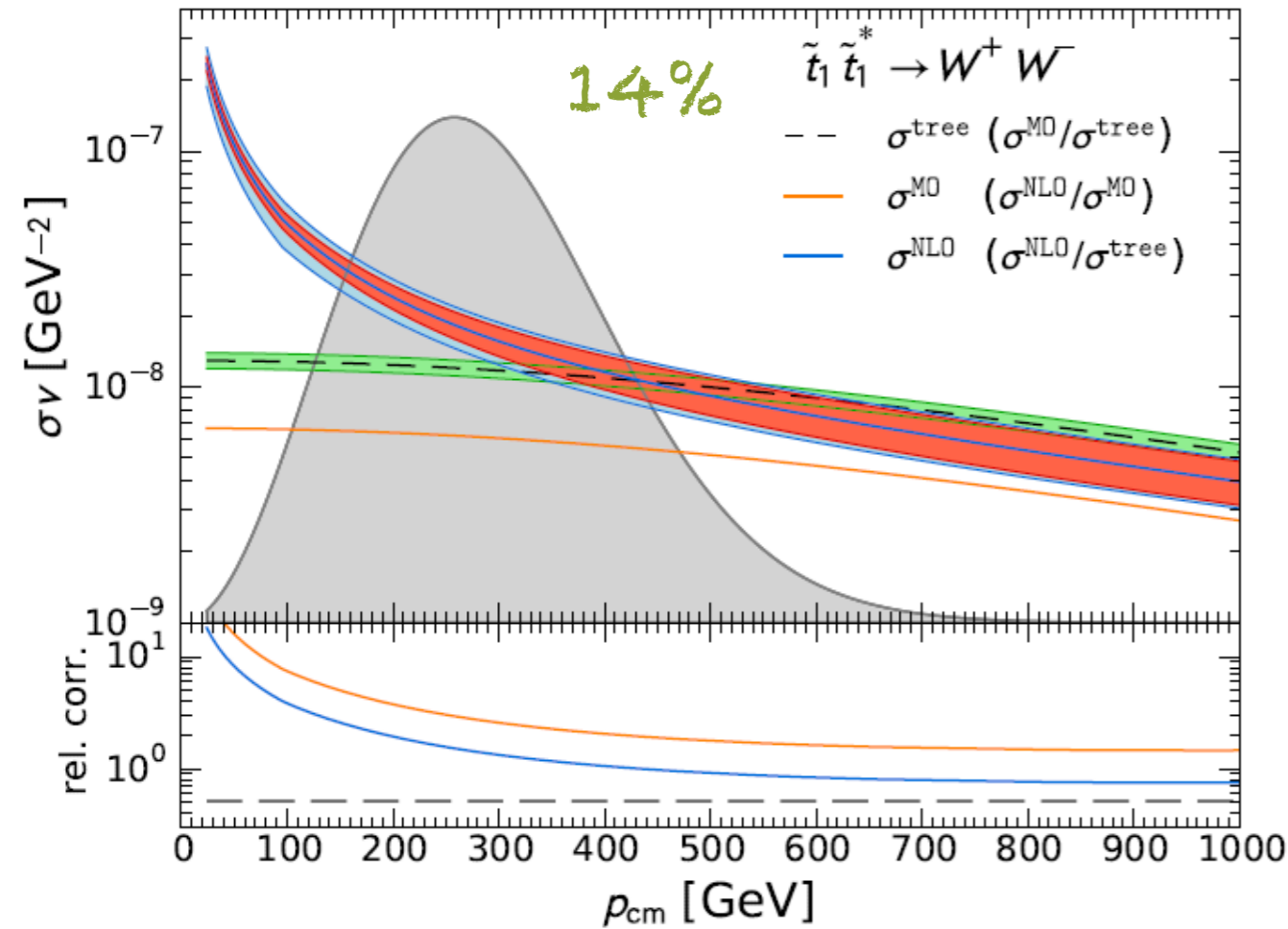
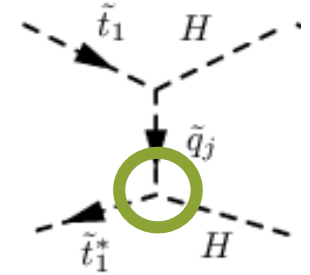
Coulomb potential  
@ NLO  $\mathcal{O}((\alpha_s^2/v)^n)$

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# Stop-Antistop Annihilation

Scenario with a small mass gap between LSP and NLSP

	$m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0}$	$m_{\tilde{\chi}_2^0}$	$m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm}$	$m_{\tilde{\chi}_2^\pm}$	$m_{\tilde{t}_1}$	$m_{\tilde{t}_2}$	$Z_{1\tilde{B}}$	$Z_{1\tilde{W}}$	$Z_{1\tilde{H}_1}$	$Z_{1\tilde{H}_2}$	$m_{h^0}$	$\Omega_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0} h^2$	BR( $b \rightarrow s\gamma$ )
B	1306.3	1827.0	1827.2	2640.0	1361.7	2157.3	-1.000	0.002	-0.024	0.013	123.7	0.1134	$3.1 \cdot 10^{-4}$



- Scale dependence at LO triggered by trilinear coupling  $A_t$
- Scale dependence at NLO due to explicit logarithms and implicit ( $A_t \alpha_s$ )
- Coulomb scale leads to 20% uncertainty

→ large correction (K-factor of 1-9) in relevant region, 20 % theoretical error

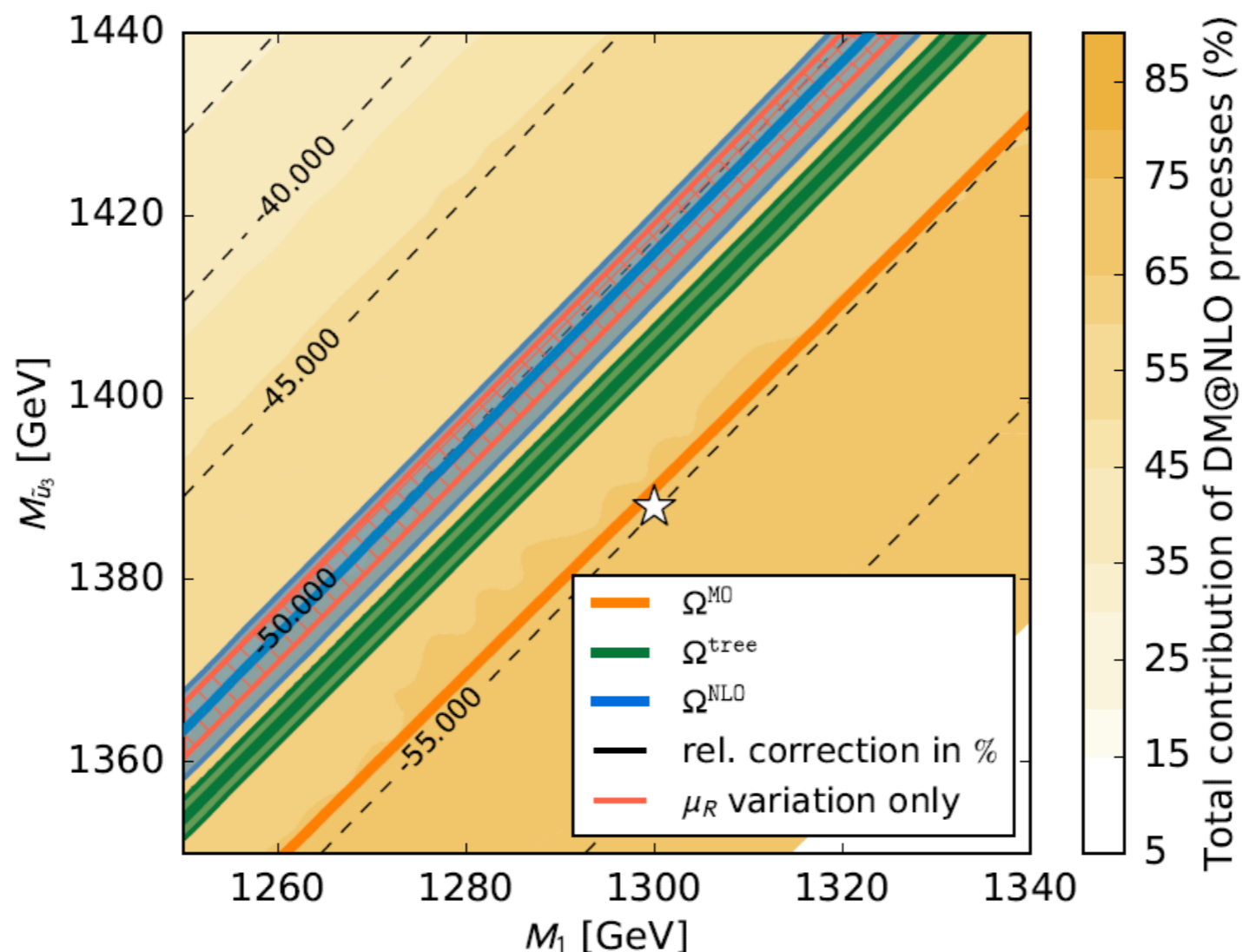
	B
$\tilde{\chi}_1^0 \tilde{t}_1 \rightarrow th^0$	1%
$tg$	6%
$\tilde{t}_1 \tilde{t}_1^* \rightarrow h^0 h^0$	12%
$h^0 H^0$	11%
$Z^0 A^0$	7%
$W^\pm H^\mp$	13%
$Z^0 Z^0$	8%
$W^+ W^-$	14%
Total	72%

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$\tilde{\chi}_1^0 \tilde{t}_1 \rightarrow$	$th^0$	B
	$tg$	1%
$\tilde{t}_1 \tilde{t}_1^* \rightarrow$	$h^0 h^0$	6%
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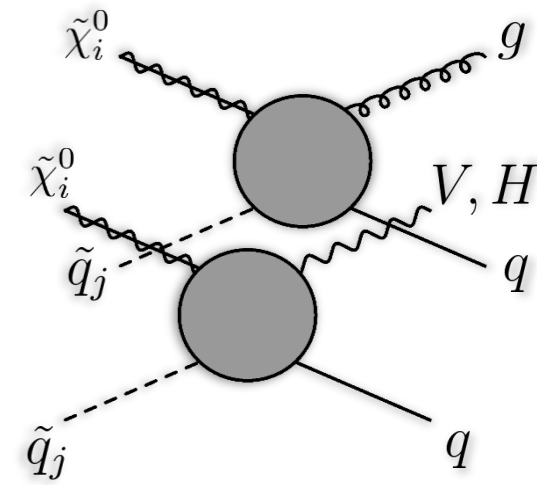
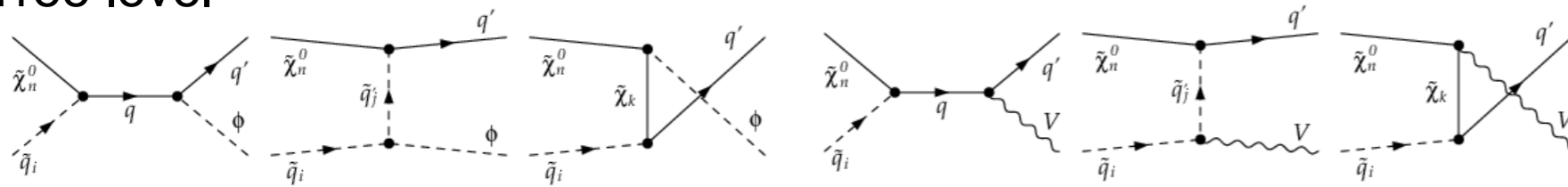
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- including theoretical error, still shift in the parameter space with respect to the MO value
- Mass shift of 30 GeV (2 %) with an uncertainty of 0.5%

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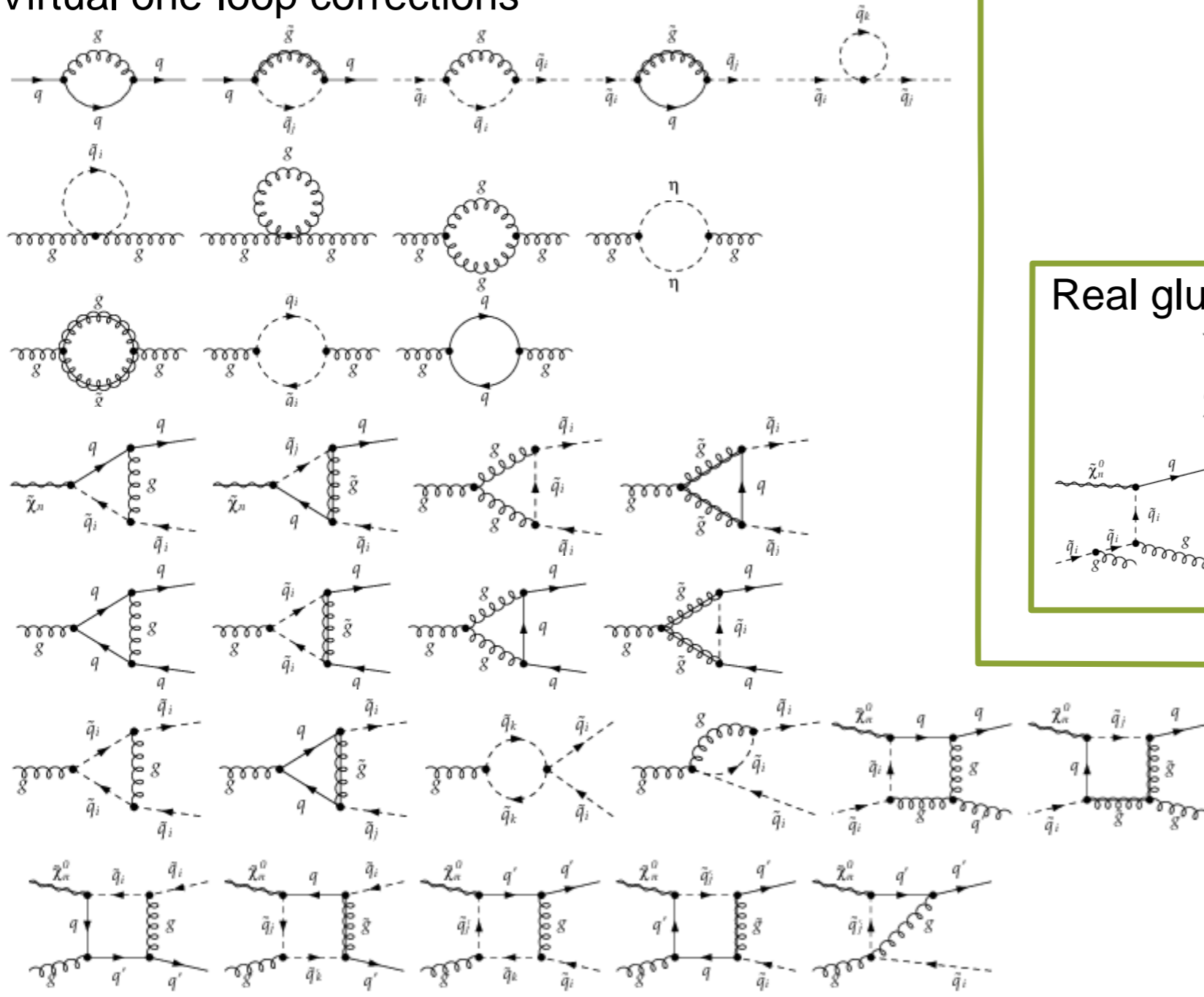
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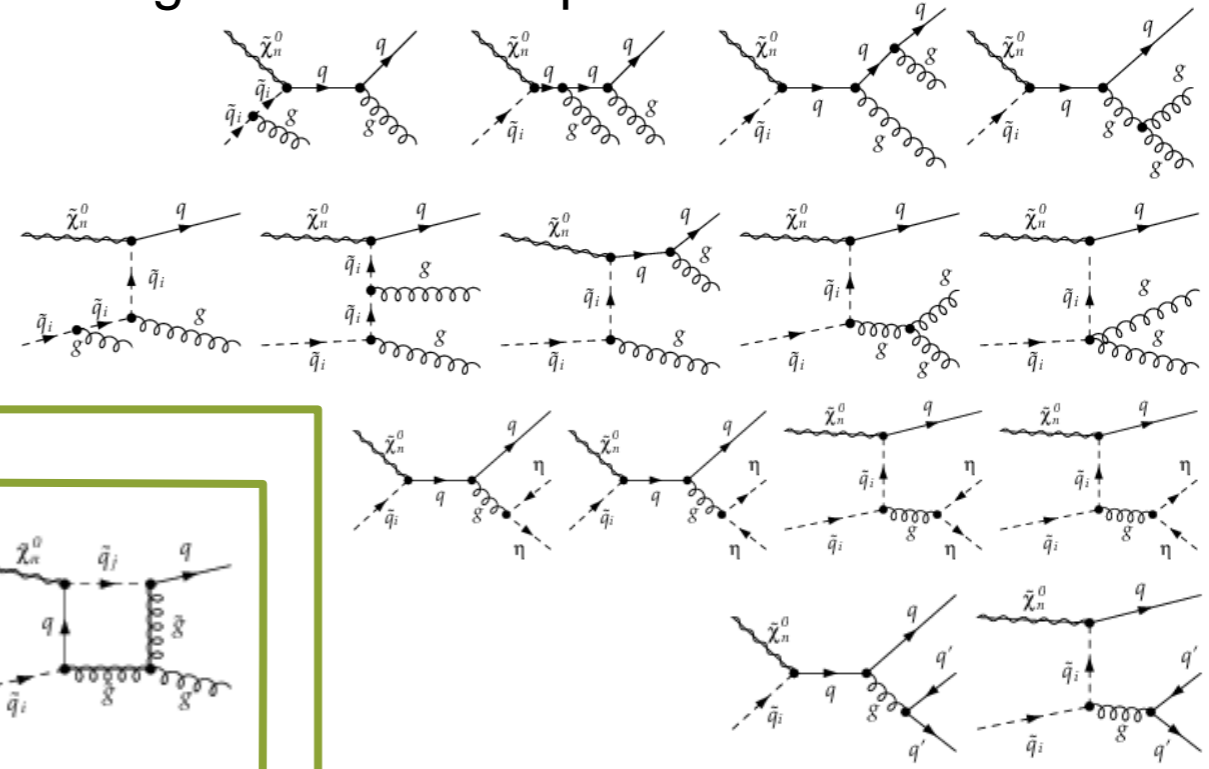
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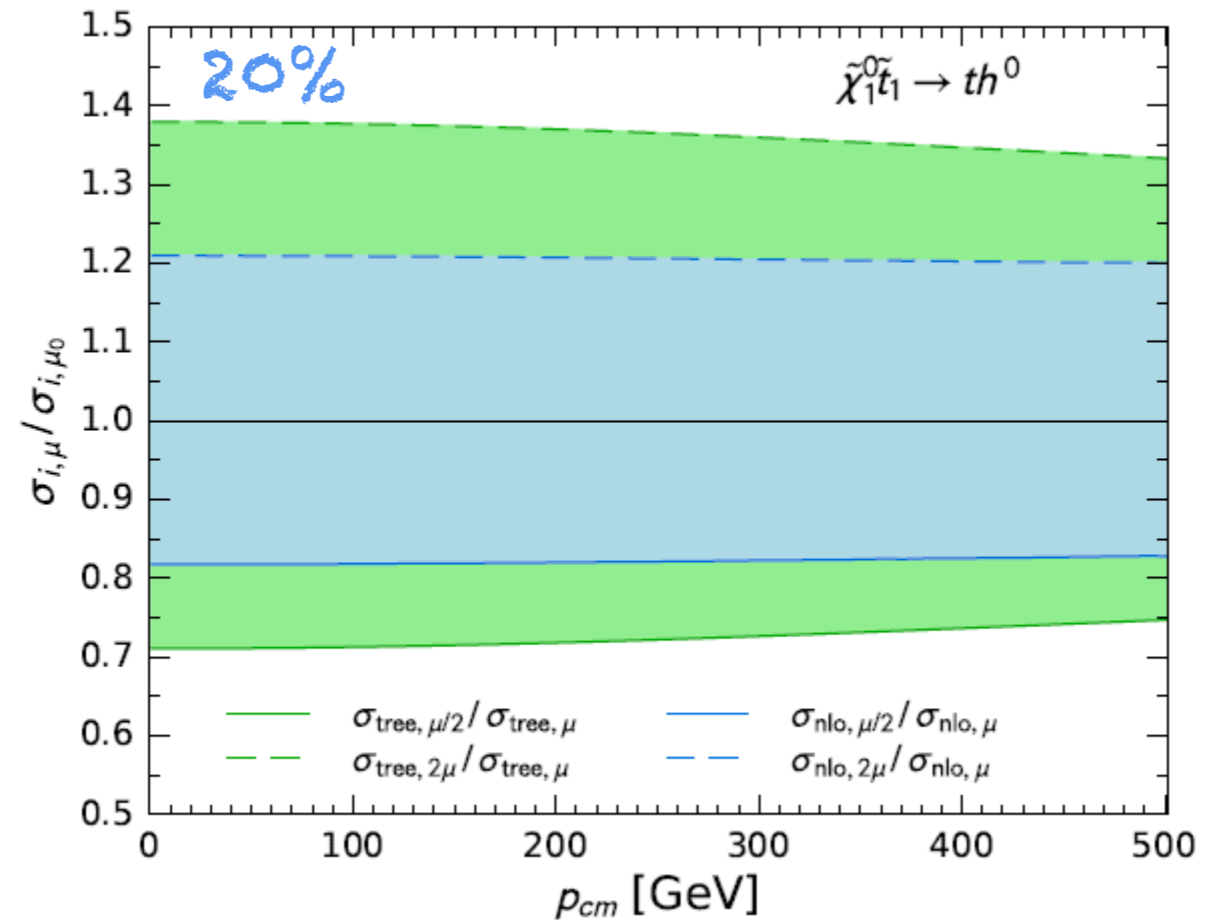
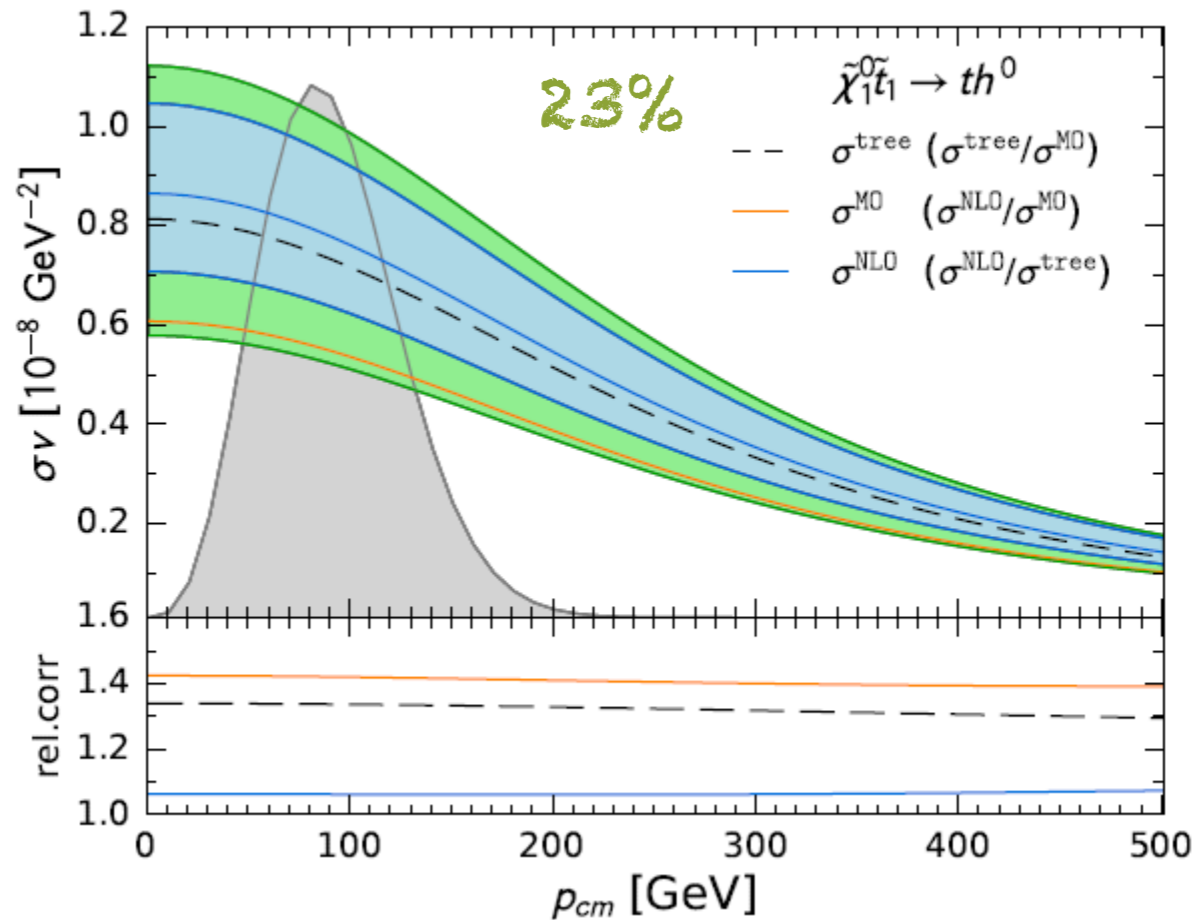
## Virtual one-loop corrections



## Real gluon emission processes



# Neutralino-Stop Coannihilation



- Scale dependence on LO triggered by trilinear coupling  $A_t$
- Scale dependence at NLO due to explicit logarithmical and implicit ( $A_t \alpha_s$ )
- Scale uncertainty of 20%

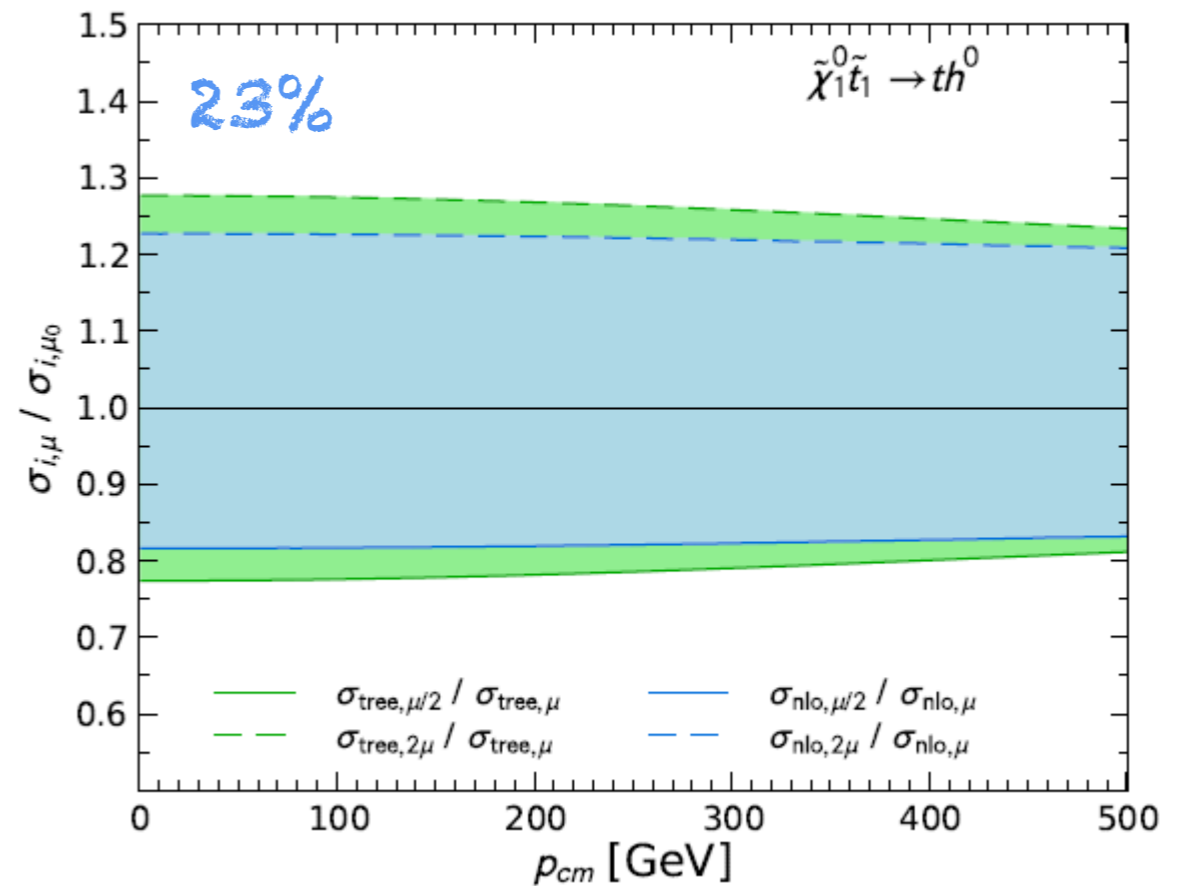
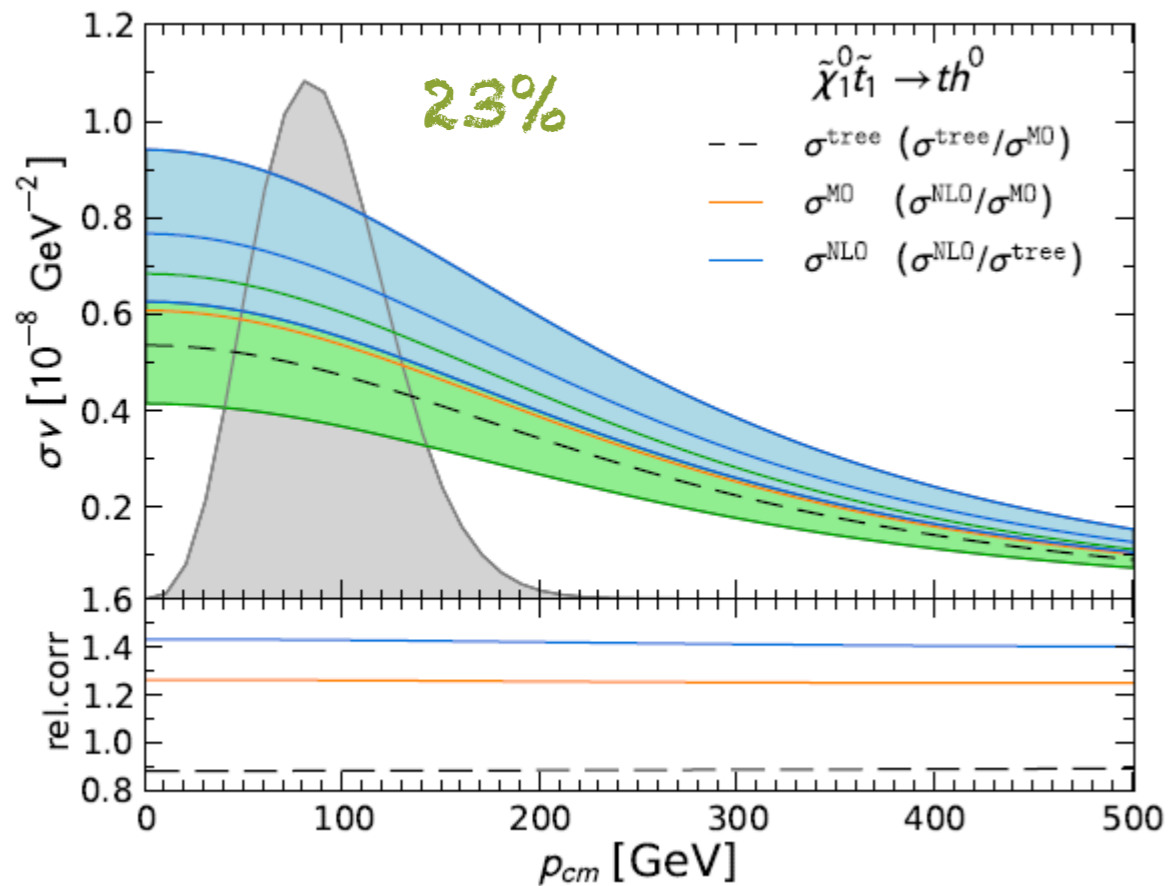


→ K-factor of 1.05, correction of 40% w.r.t. MicrOMEGAs, 20 % theoretical error

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# Effect of Scheme Variation ( $m_{top}$ )

Study effect of taking  $m_t^{\overline{DR}}$  instead of  $m_t^{OS}$

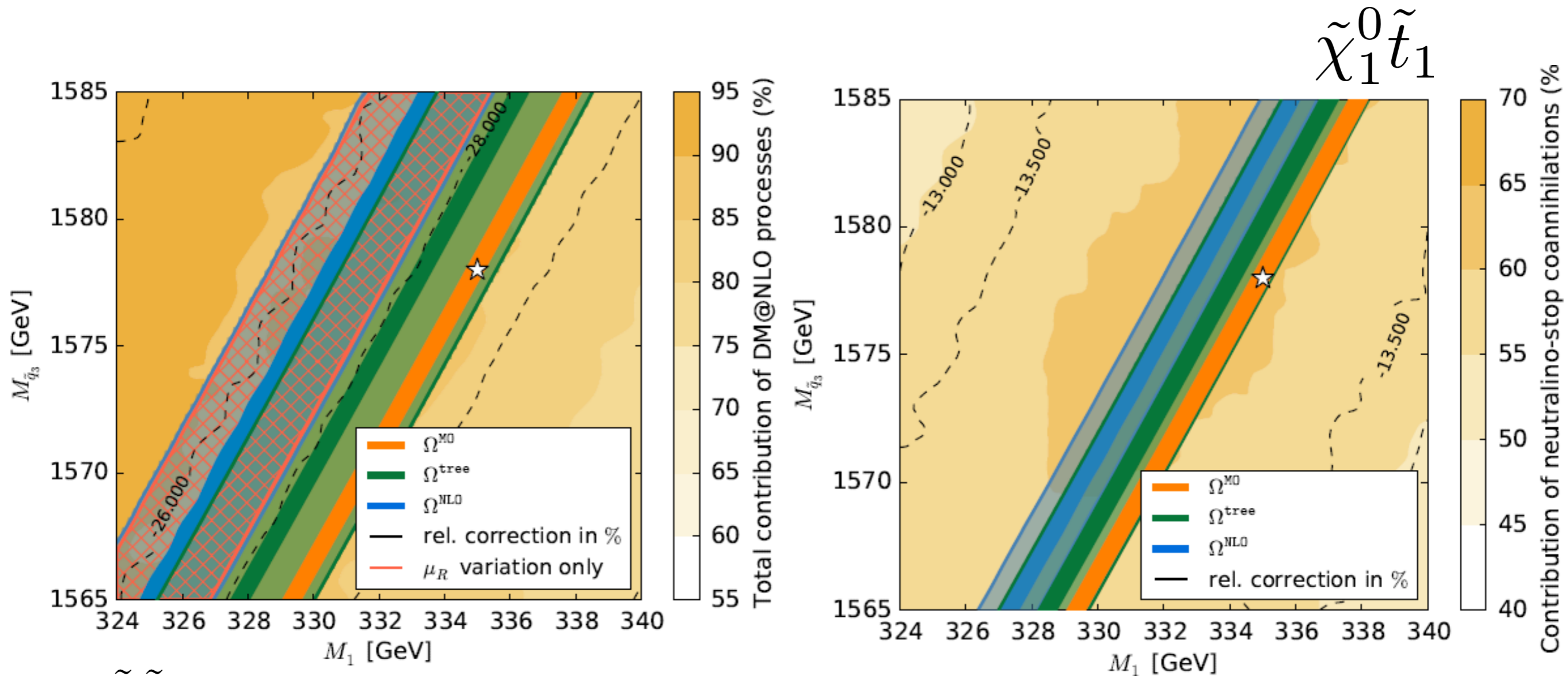


- MO larger than LO cross section as MO uses effective top mass
- Larger K-factor of 1.4 in contrast to our scheme with 1.05

→ Confirms our choice of taking top mass on-shell

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# Relic density in the combined Scenario



- $\tilde{\chi}\tilde{\chi}$  • K-factor of 1.15, 5-10% correction w.r.t. MO, 5% scale uncertainty (A)
- $\tilde{\chi}_1^0\tilde{t}_1$  • K-factors of 1.05-1.5, 15% correction w.r.t. MO, 20% scale uncertainty (C)
- $\tilde{t}_1\tilde{t}_1^*$  • K-factors of 1-9, up to 16% correction w.r.t. MO, 20% scale uncertainty (B)



Correction of almost 30 % w.r.t. MO relic density calculation

# Conclusions

- We presented the first quantitative estimate of the theoretical uncertainty coming from scale and scheme variations
- Renormalisation scale dependence can differ significantly, however, usually reduced at NLO
- We could demonstrate an enhanced stability in our mixed renormalisation scheme in comparison to pure  $\overline{\text{DR}}$
- SUSY-QCD corrections induce important shifts up to 50% ( $\rightarrow$  Coulomb enhancement!)
- Theoretical uncertainty should be more reliably estimated to be six times larger than the experimental one
- When extracting the pMSSM parameters from relic density measurement, shifts and uncertainties of a few percent have to be taken into account



Thank you!

