



Dark Matter Searches in CMS



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Dark Matter at LHC

- To observe the Dark Matter (DM) at Large Hadron Collider (LHC) we find the signature produced in association with a Standard Model (SM) particle 'X', Where, 'X' = {Jet, W, Z, Photon, Higgs }.
 - ➔ **mono-X searches at LHC**
- In proton-proton collisions, the 'X' can be emitted from a light quark as Initial State Radiation (ISR) or it may be emitted as part of the new effective vertex coupling of DM to the SM.
- One popular candidate for dark matter is a weakly interacting massive particle (WIMP), which arises naturally in several models of physics beyond the standard model such as supersymmetry.
- Like neutrinos, WIMPs, leave detector silently and remain undetected. The missing transverse energy (MET) is most effective tool for searching DM particle in collider searches.

Benchmark Models

- **Simplified Models** : In this, one considers an explicit model, in which new massive particle mediates the SM-DM interaction. The new massive particle can be: vector mediator Z' , pseudo-scalar A_0 mediator, and scalar Mediator.
 - **DM particle is a Dirac Fermion, χ**
 - **Minimal Flavor Violation is applied**
 - **Mediator exchange in s-channel only**
 - **Parameters: $M_{\text{Med}}, m_{\chi}, g_q, g_{\chi}, \Gamma_{\text{Med}}$**
 - **Specific Model for $X=\text{higgs}(h)$: Mediator radiates higgs and decays to $\chi\chi$.**
- **Effective Field Operator** : Different non - renormalizable operators, valid only if the $M_{\text{Med}} \gg$ momentum transfer at LHC.

Results at 8 TeV

Mono-Photon

- DM particles (χ) can be produced in the process $qq \rightarrow \gamma \chi \chi$, where the photon is radiated by one of the incoming quarks

Events:

$$E_T^\gamma > 145 \text{ GeV}, |\eta^\gamma| < 1.4442$$

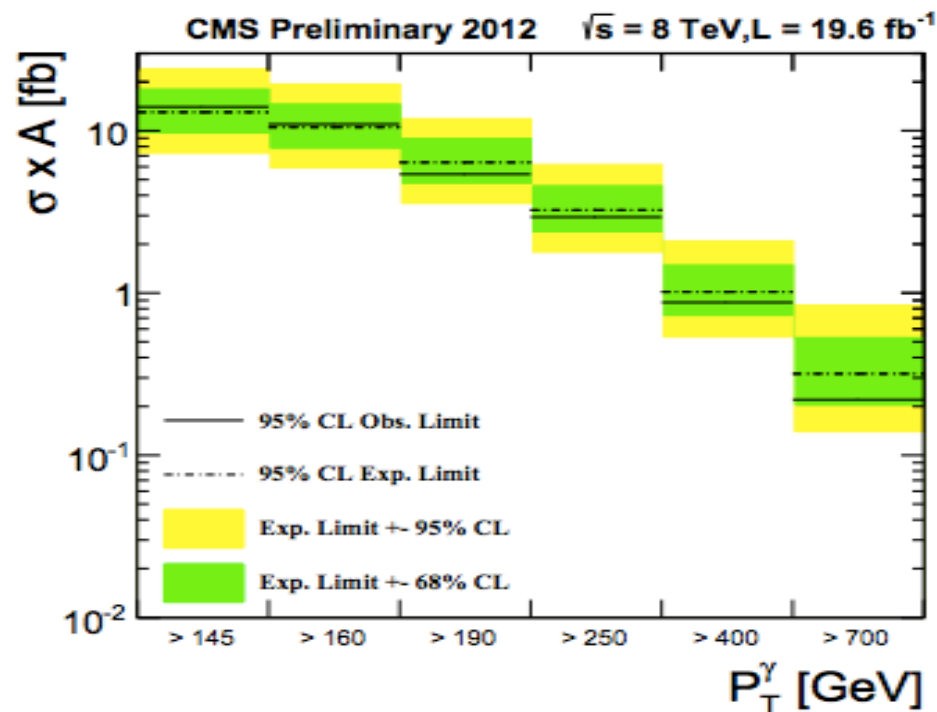
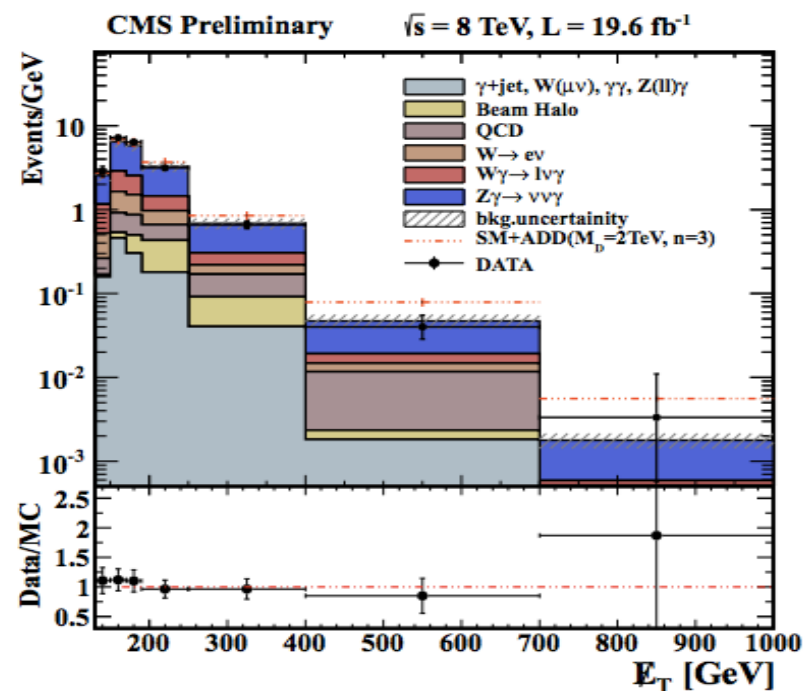
$$H/E < 0.05$$

Backgrounds:

Dominant: $W(l\nu)\gamma, Z(\nu\nu)\gamma, \gamma+\text{jet}, Z(l\ell)\gamma, \text{di-Photon}$

Sub-Dominant: QCD Multijets, $W(l\nu)$

The observed 95% CL upper limit on $\sigma \cdot A$ varies from 11.94 to 0.16 fb for $145 \text{ GeV} < p_T^\gamma < 700 \text{ GeV}$



Mono-Lepton

- Dark matter in final state with one electron or muon and MET

Events:

Single - muon (with offline $p_T > 45$ GeV)

Single - electron (with offline $p_T > 100$ GeV)

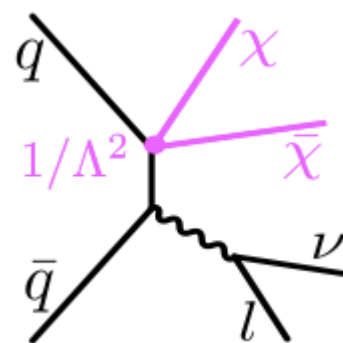
$$0.4 < p_T / E_T^{\text{miss}} < 1.5$$

Backgrounds:

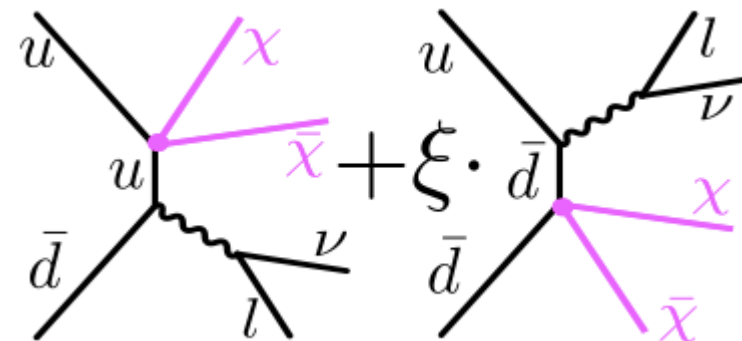
Dominant: $W(l\nu)$, tt +single top, DY

SubDominant: QCD
Multijets, Diboson

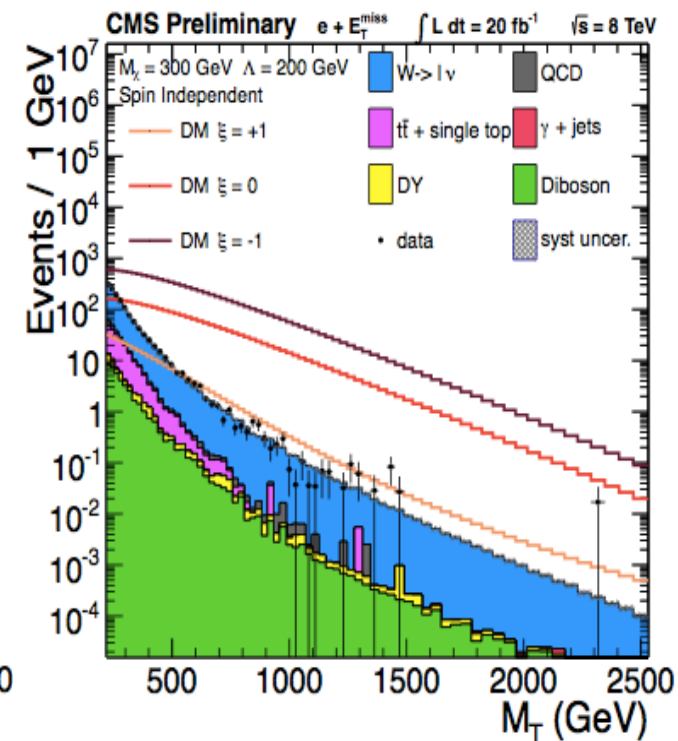
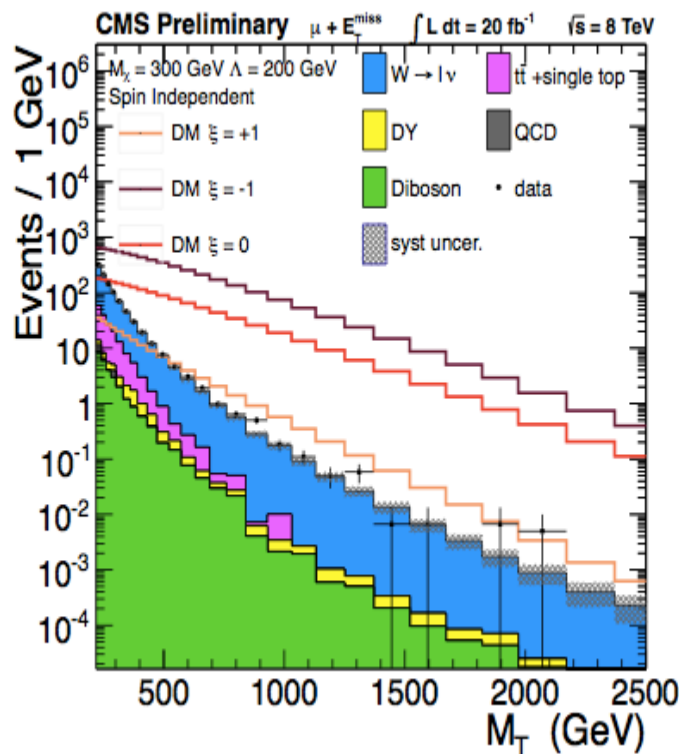
Limits are determined using full M_T spectrum for $M_T > 220$ GeV



Highest $M_T = 2.3$ TeV



Highest $M_T = 2.1$ TeV



Top Quark Pair + MET

- DM particles in association with $t\bar{t}$ in di-lepton events, (considered scalar type of coupling between dark matter particles and top quarks)

Events:

$$m_{ll} > 20 \text{ GeV}, E_T^{\text{miss}} > 320 \text{ GeV}$$

$$|m_{ll} - 91 \text{ GeV}| > 15 \text{ GeV}$$

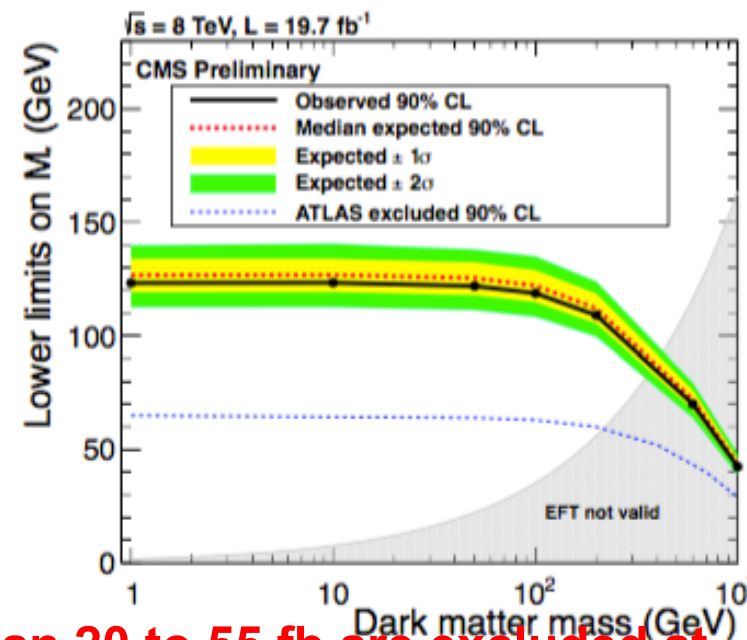
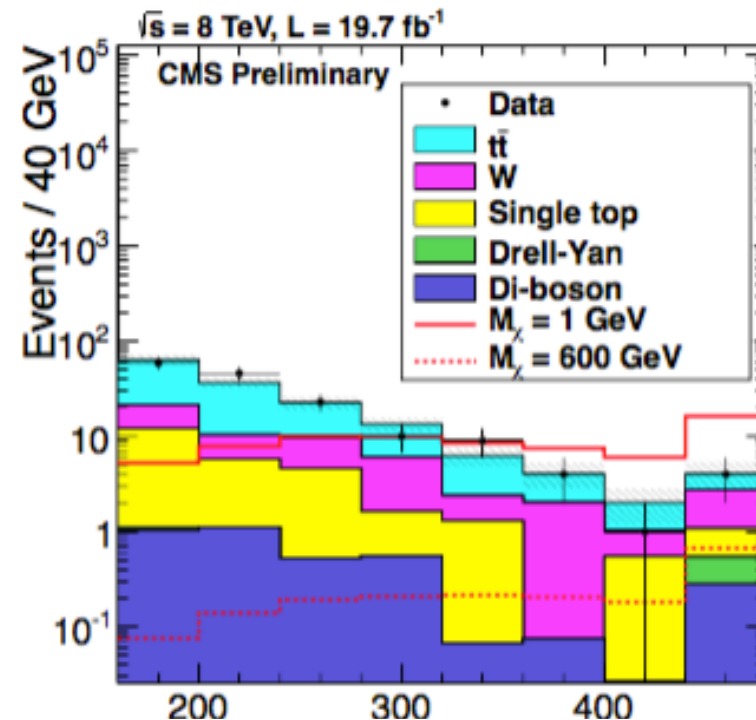
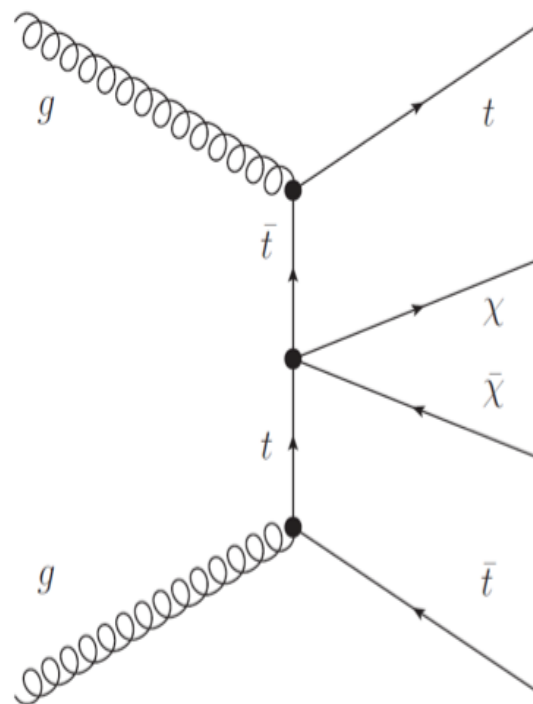
(to suppress DY)

$$P_T < 400 \text{ GeV for two jets}$$

$$M_T < 160 \text{ GeV}$$

Backgrounds:

$t\bar{t}$ +single top, DY, Diboson



Cross sections higher than 20 to 55 fb are excluded at the 90% CL for dark matter particles with masses ranging from 1 GeV to 1 TeV.

Results at 13 TeV

Mono-Top

- DM candidate particle is produced in association with a top quark.

Events:

$$E_T^{\text{miss}} > 90 \text{ GeV}$$

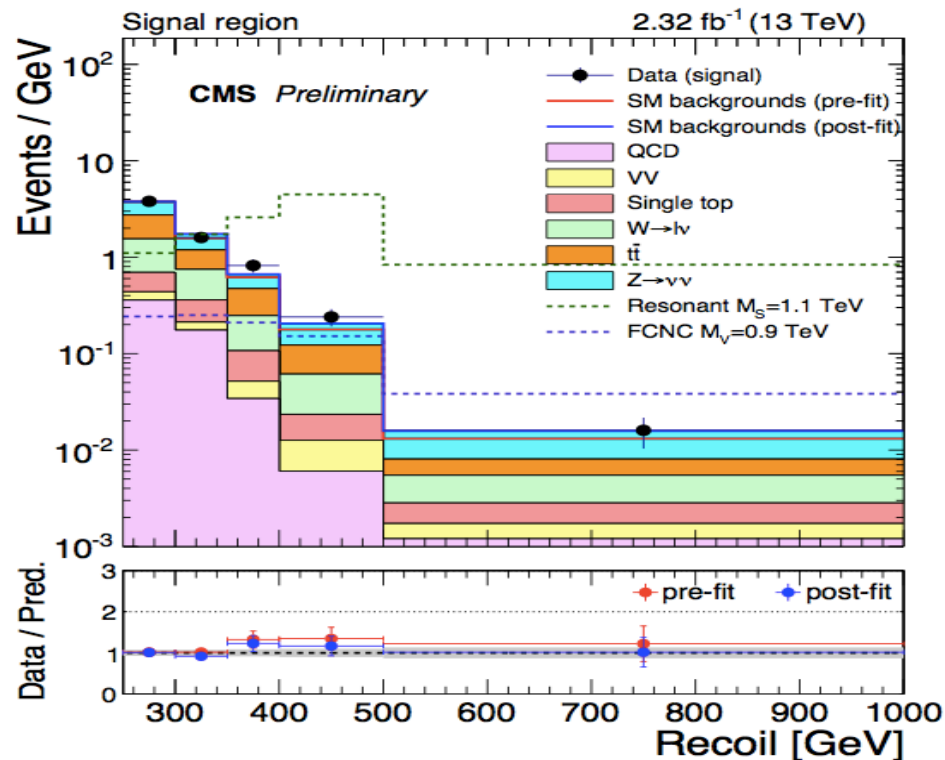
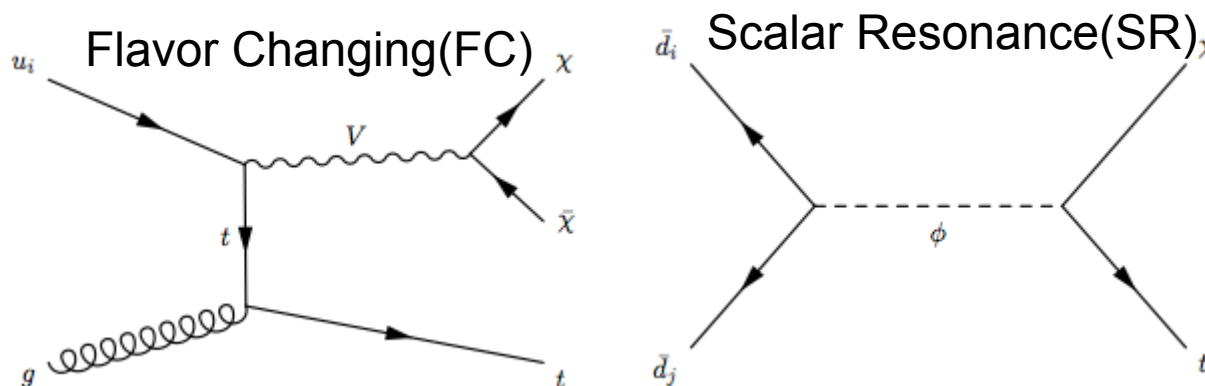
$$H_T^{\text{miss}} > 90 \text{ GeV}$$

Leading Jet:

$$p_T > 250 \text{ GeV}, |\eta| < 2.5$$

Backgrounds:

Dominant: $t\bar{t}$, Z + jets, W + jets, QCD Multijets



Choosing Different Couplings ($a_{\text{SR/FC}} = b_{\text{SR/FC}} = 0.1$): $900 < M_s < 2100 \text{ GeV}$ at $M_\chi = 100 \text{ GeV}$ For SR, $300 < M_s < 1100 \text{ GeV}$ at $M_\chi = 100 \text{ GeV}$ For FC

Heavy Flavor

- DM in association with one or more jets originating from the hadronization of bottom quarks.

Events:

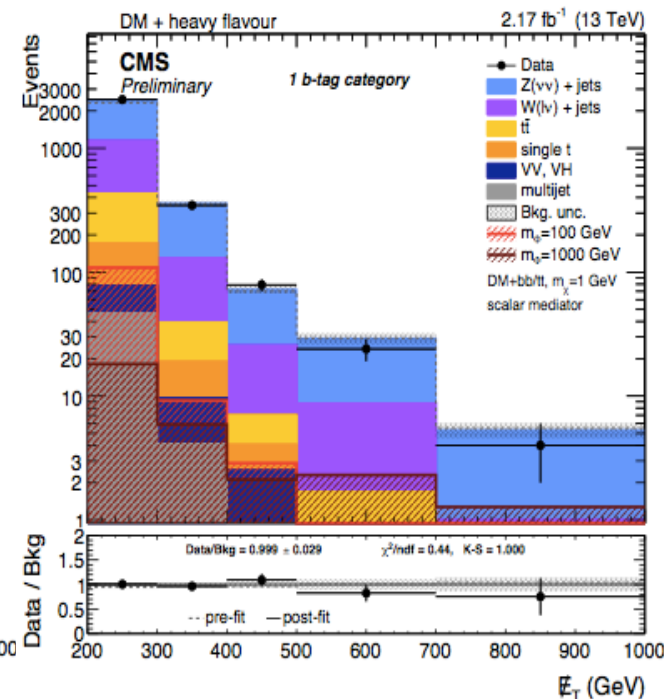
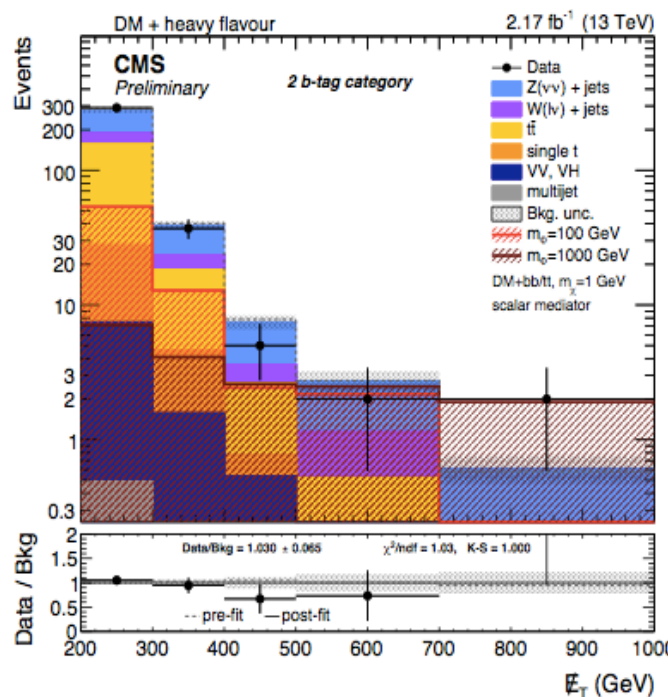
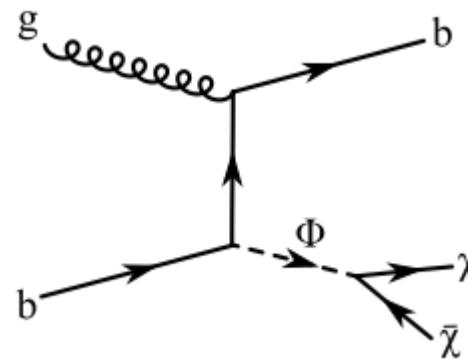
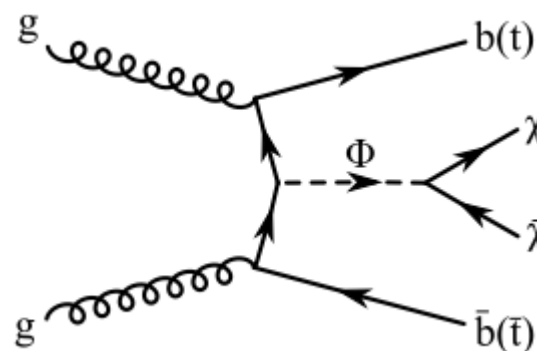
$$E_{T}^{\text{miss}} > 90 \text{ GeV}$$

$$H_T > 90 \text{ GeV}$$

Backgrounds:

Dominant: Z(vv) + jets, W(lv) + jets (~90%)

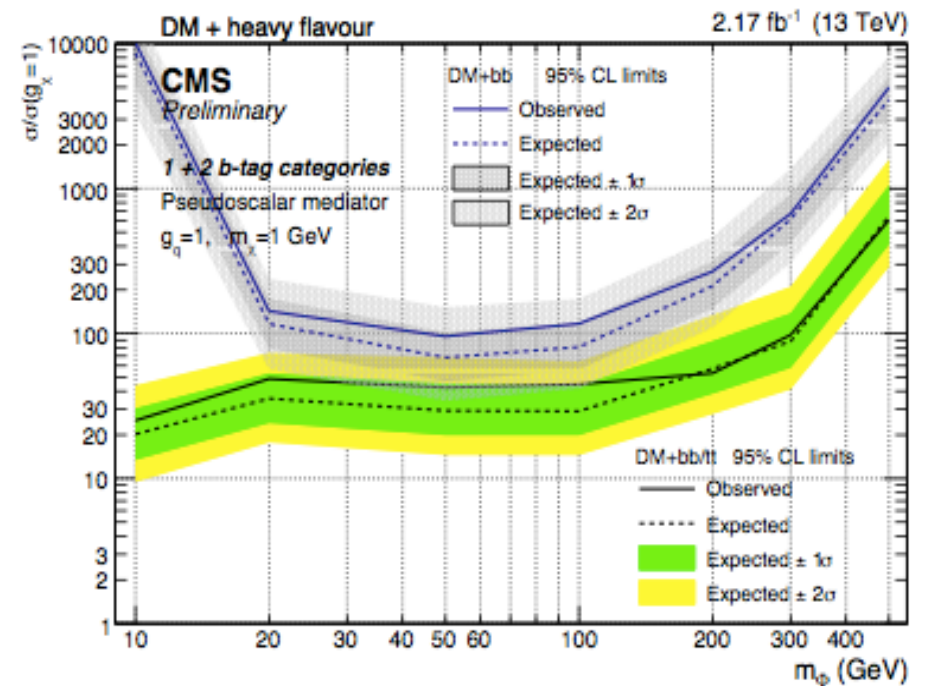
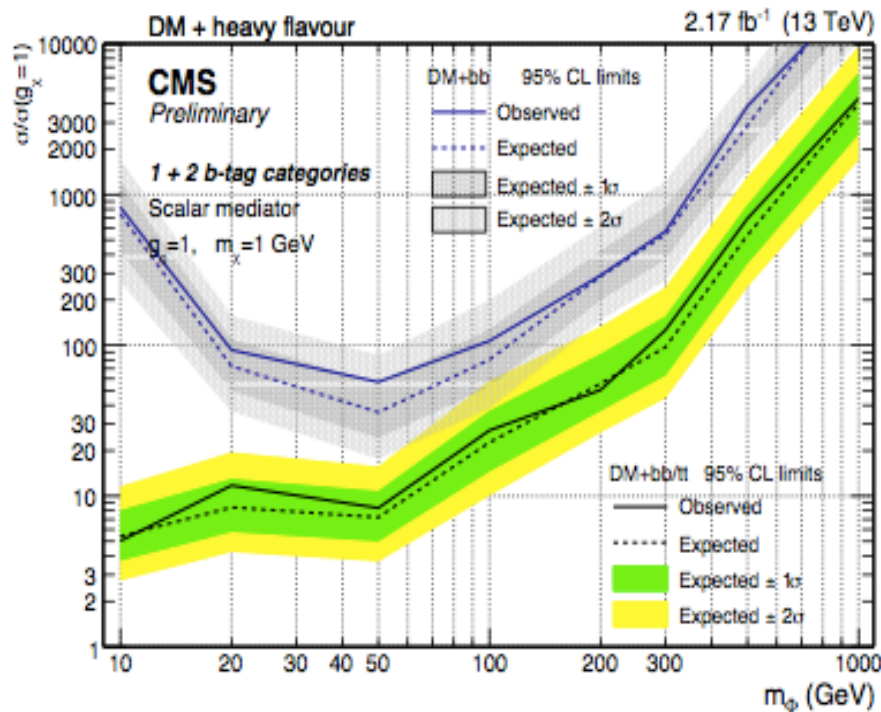
SubDominant: ttbar, Single top, Di-Boson, VH, MultiJets



Heavy Flavor

With Scalar Mediator and Psuedo-Scalar Mediator

- Observed Exclusion limit and expected limit shown in 1σ , 2σ uncertainty Bands
- Combination of two categories(1 b-tag and 2 b-tag)
- DM is assumed to have mass of 1 GeV



Mono-jet

- DM particles can be produced in pairs and recoil with large transverse momentum (p_T) against additional jets radiated from the initial state. This results in a 'Mono-jet' final state.

Events:

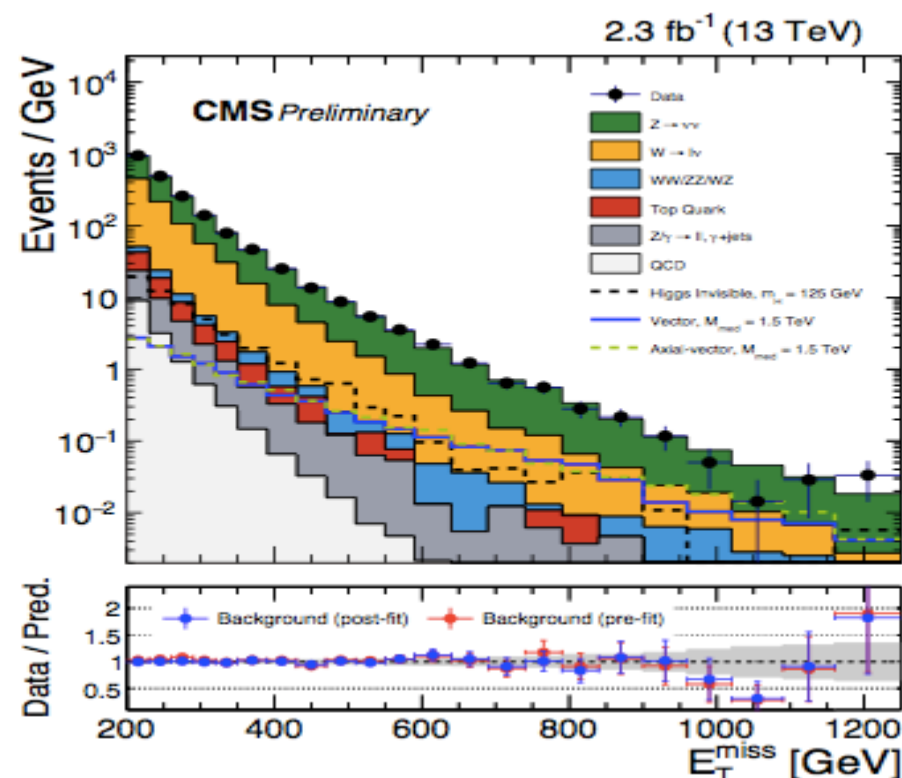
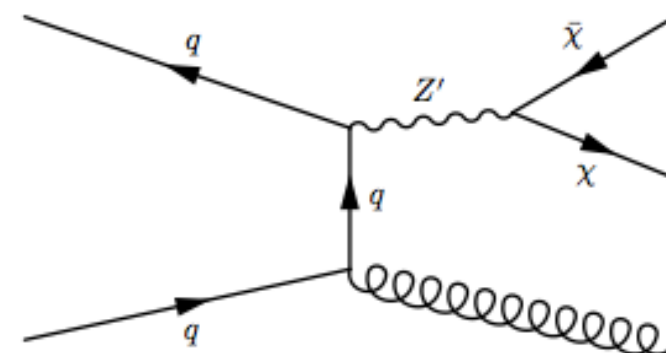
$$E_T^{\text{miss}} > 90 \text{ GeV}, H_T^{\text{miss}} > 90 \text{ GeV}$$

$$\text{Leading jet: } p_T > 100 \text{ GeV}, |\eta| < 2.5$$

Backgrounds:

Dominant: Z(vv) + jets, W(lv) + jets (~90%)

SubDominant: Single top, Di-boson, QCD Multijets



The Last Bin includes all events with $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 1160 \text{ GeV}$

Mono-V

- DM particle pair can be produced in association with a vector boson.

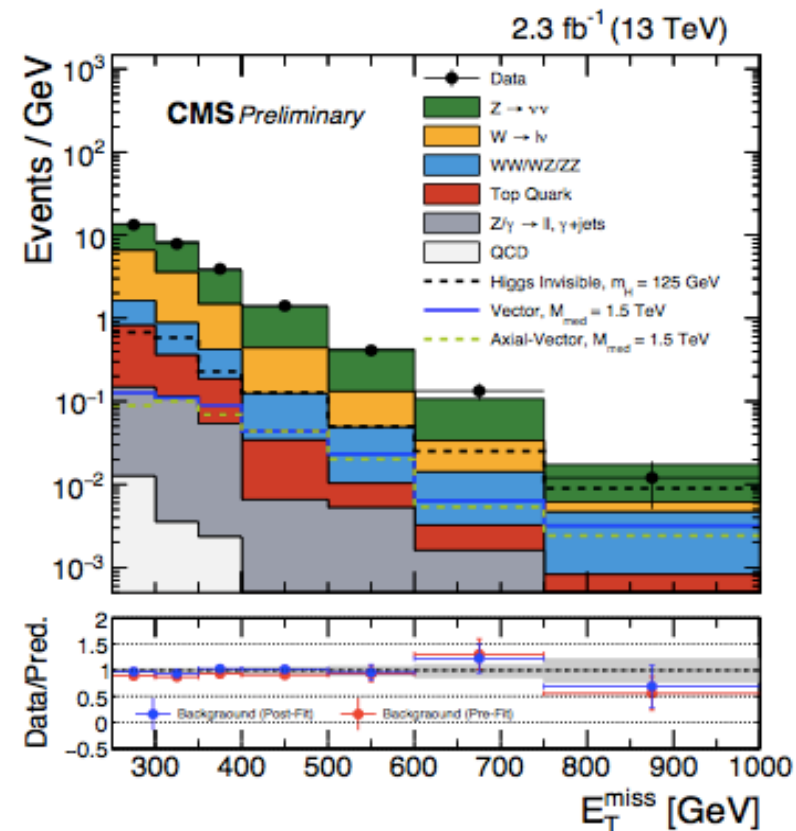
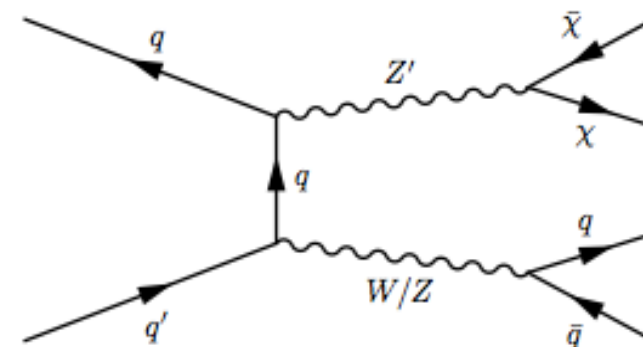
Events:

- $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 250 \text{ GeV}$
- Leading jet(AK8): $p_T > 250 \text{ GeV}$, $|\eta| < 2.4$

Backgrounds:

Dominant: Z($\nu\nu$) + jets and
W($l\nu$) + jets (~90%)

SubDominant: $t\bar{t}$, diBoson,
QCD Multijets Events

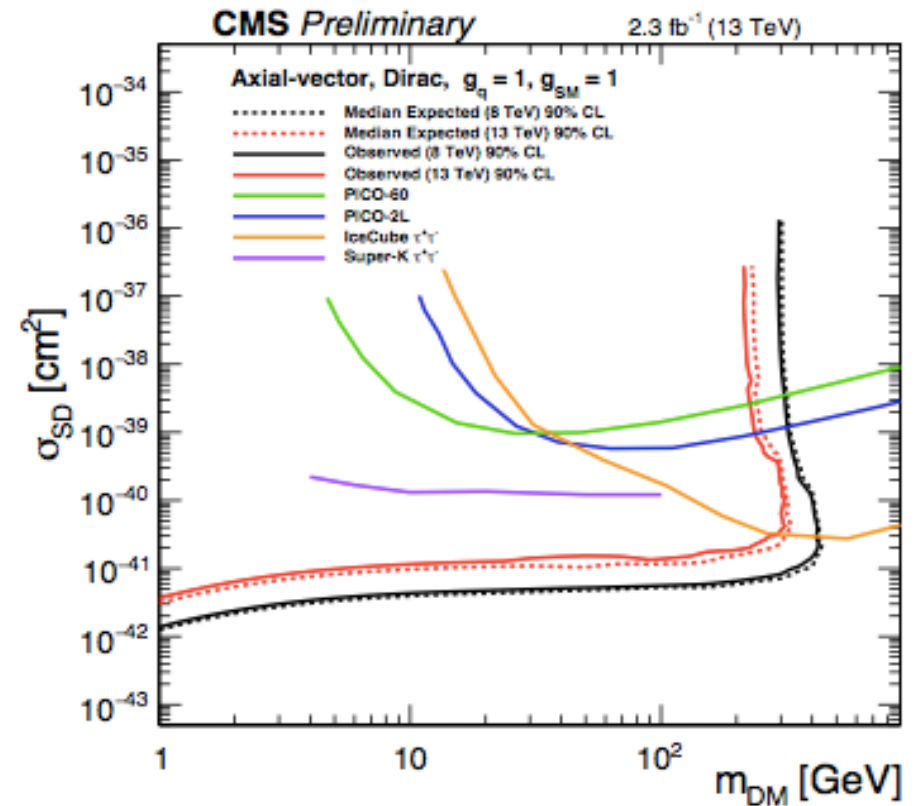
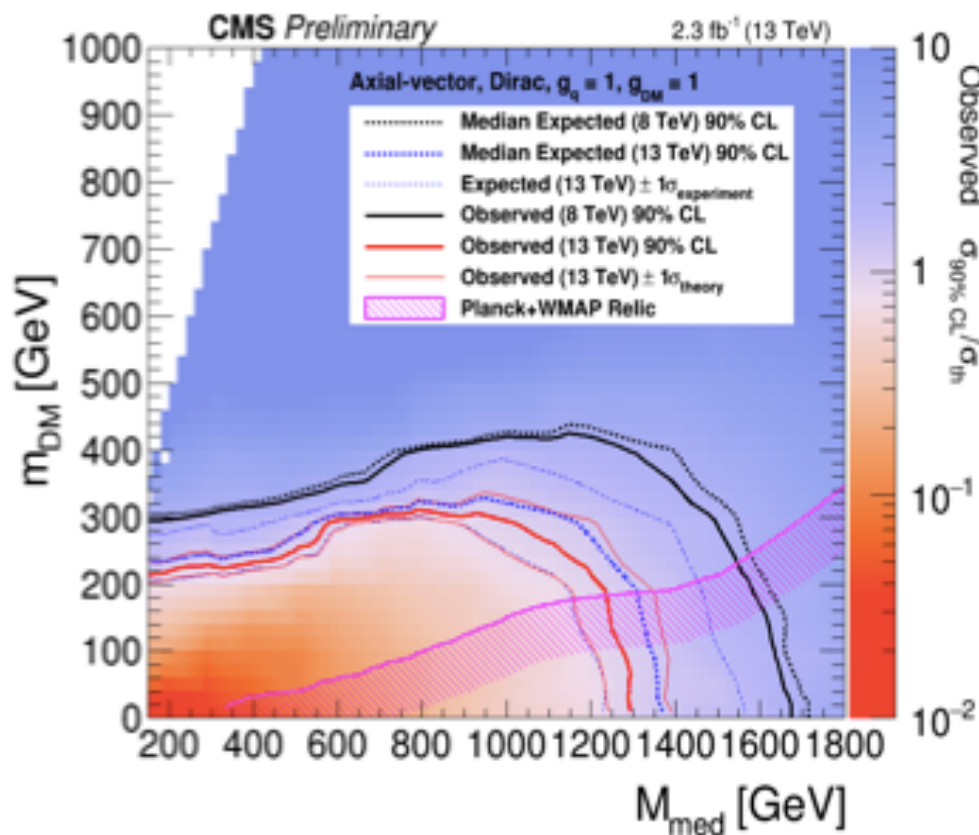


The Last Bin includes all events with $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 750 \text{ GeV}$

Combined Mono-jet/V

With Axial-Vector Mediator

- Exclusion limit at 90% CL on $(M_{\text{Med}}, m_{\text{DM}})$ plane
- Results compared to PICO-2L, PICO-60, IceCube, Super Kamiokande in plane $(m_{\text{DM}}, \sigma_{\text{SI/SD}})$

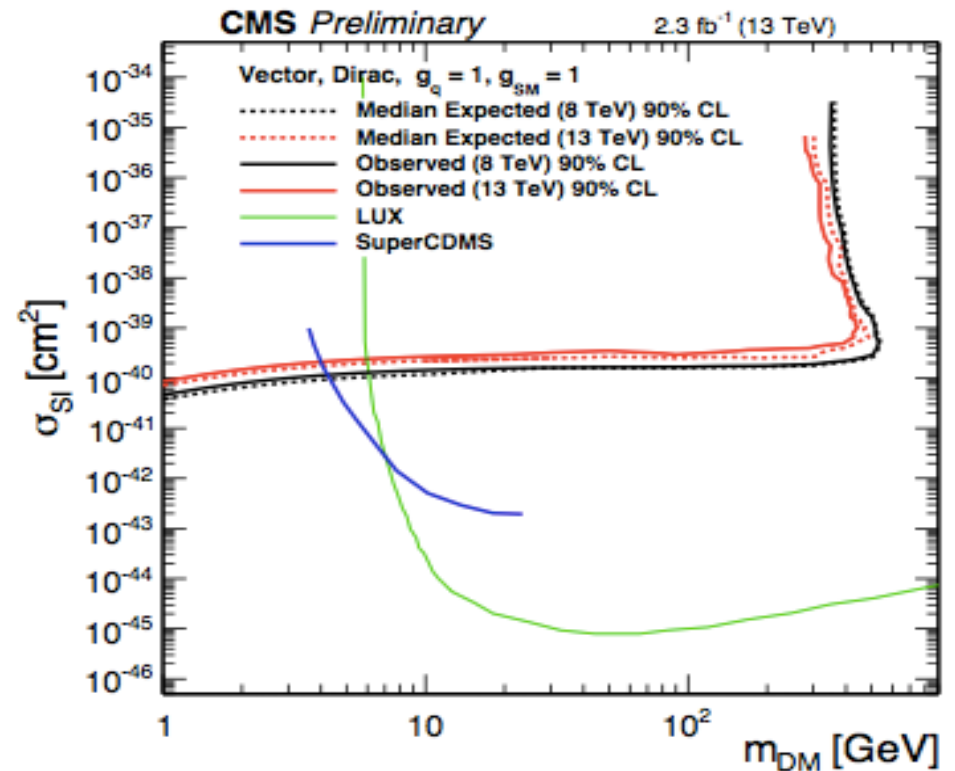
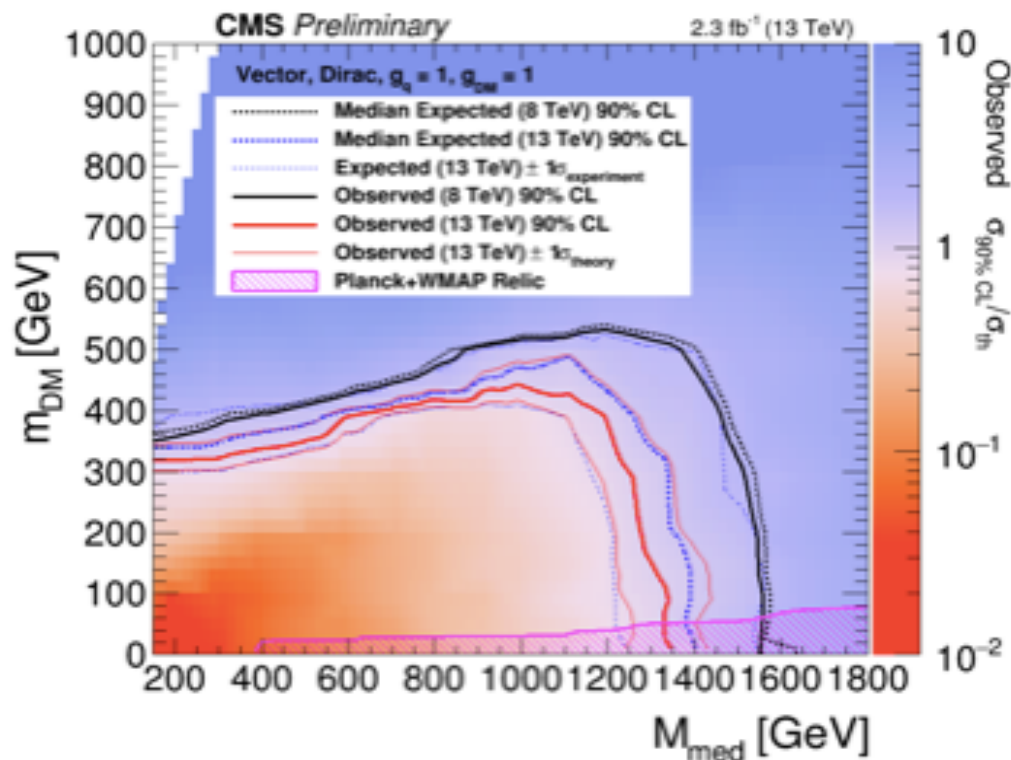


Combined Mono-jet/V

With Vector Mediator

Exclusion limit at 90% CL on $(M_{\text{Med}}, m_{\text{DM}})$ plane

Results compared to LUX and Super CDMS in plane $(m_{\text{DM}}, \sigma_{\text{SI/SD}})$



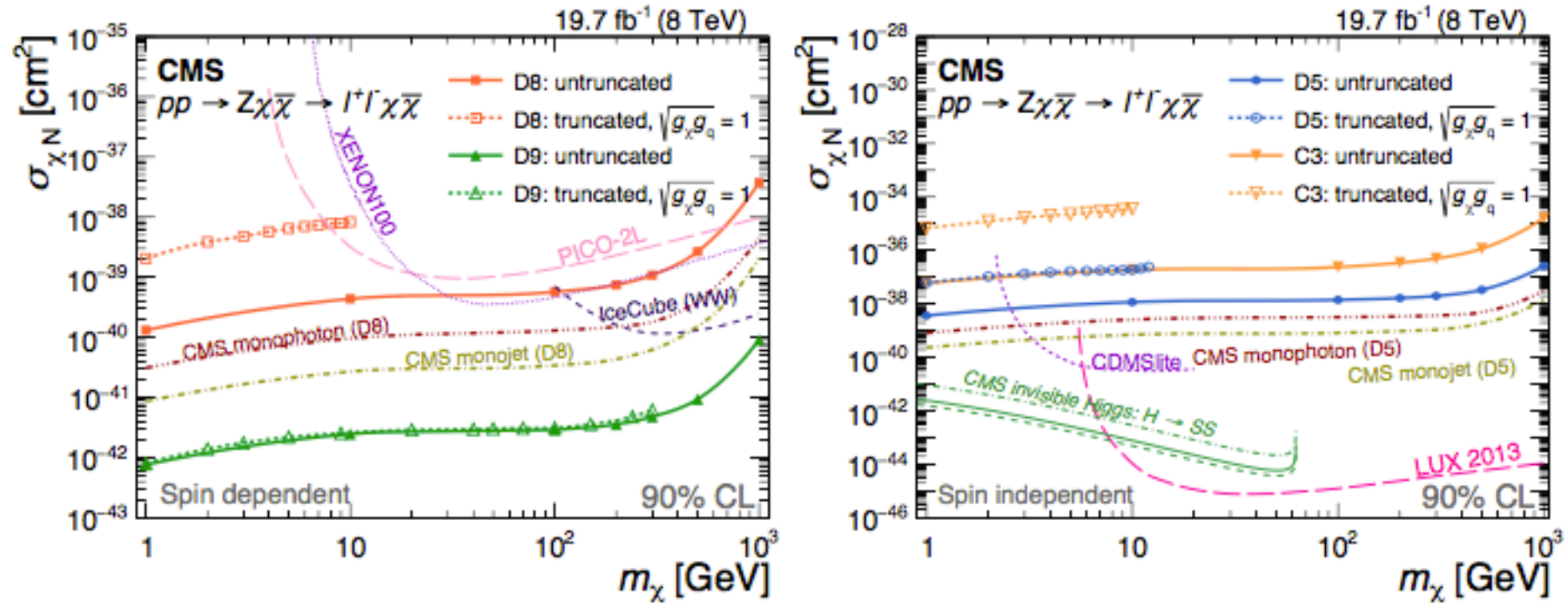


Figure 7: The 90% CL upper limits on the DM-nucleon cross section as a function of the DM particle mass. Left: spin-dependent limits for axial-vector (D8) and tensor (D9) coupling of Dirac fermion DM candidates, together with direct search experimental results from the PICO [101], XENON100 [102], and IceCube [7] collaborations. Right: spin-independent limits for vector coupling of complex scalar (C3) and Dirac fermion (D5) DM candidates, together with CDMSlite [8], LUX [11], as well as Higgs-portal scalar DM results from CMS [96] with central (solid), minimum (dashed) and maximum (dot dashed) values of Higgs-nucleon couplings. Collider results from CMS monojet [14] and monophoton [16] searches, interpreted in both spin-dependent and spin-independent scenarios, are shown for comparison. The truncated limits for D5, D8, D9, and C3 with $\sqrt{g_q g_\chi} = 1$ are presented with dashed lines in same shade as the untruncated ones.

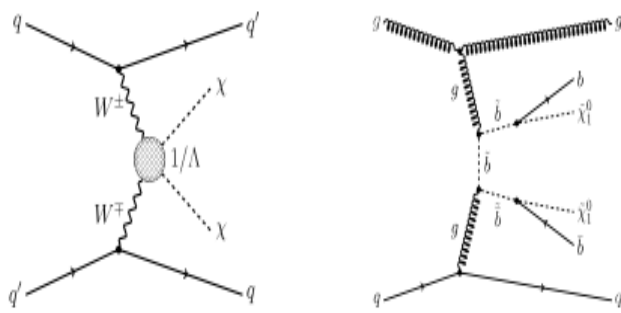
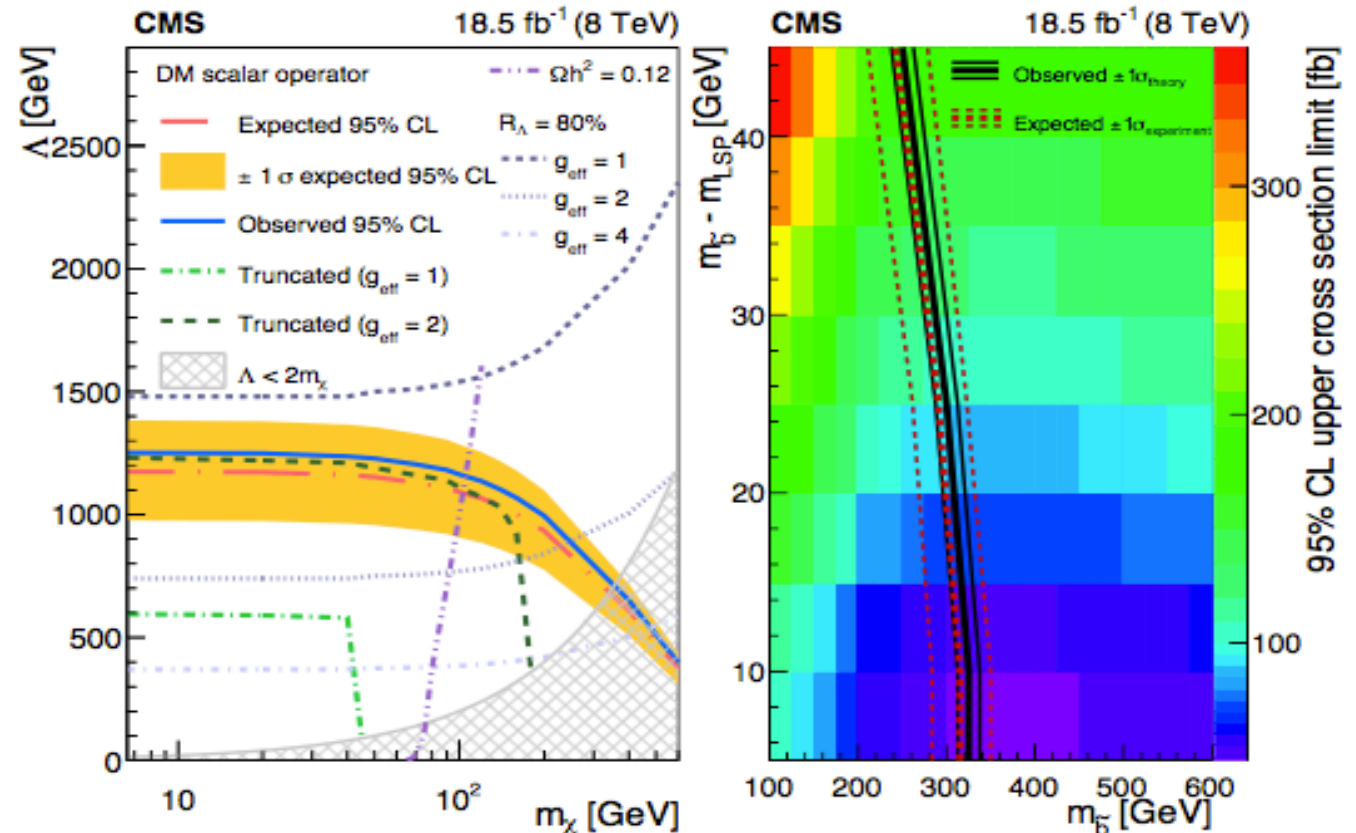


Figure 1: Feynman diagrams for dark matter pair production in a vector boson fusion process (left) and for bottom squark pair production (right). Given a nearly degenerate bottom squark and LSP, the final state b-quarks are too soft to be observed.

First ever search for direct pair production of DM through pure electroweak vector boson fusion (VBF) processes at a hadron collider.



The production of DM via VBF with masses below 420 GeV is excluded at a 95% confidence level for a chosen contact interaction scale $\Lambda = 600$ GeV.

Figure 3: (left) Contact interaction scale limit at 95% CL as a function of the DM mass. The validity of the effective field theory is quantified by (i) $R_\Lambda = 80\%$ contours and (ii) truncated limits for different values of the effective coupling. The DM relic abundance $\Omega h^2 = 0.12$ is calculated as described in the text. (right) Bottom squark pair production 95% CL upper cross section limit as a function of the bottom squark mass and the mass difference between the bottom squark and the LSP. The observed (expected) cross section limit includes one standard deviation bands for the theoretical (experimental) uncertainty.

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