# Exotics from a Hidden Sector (Through Examples)

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Why Exotics?

Significant tension for the "standard" scenarios

Because it could be there Theoretical prejudice is dangerous!

Exotic signatures are highly motivated by many theories beyond the SM

It's refreshing and fun to think about...

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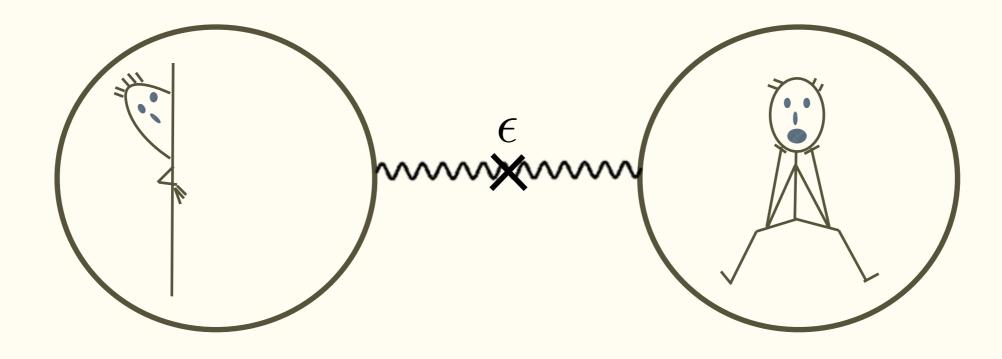
Maybe it's not crucial to define?

### Outline

- Hidden Sectors
- Examples
  - Lepton Jets
  - Signals from a Dark Sector
  - The 750 GeV Resonance
  - dRPV

Hidden Sectors

#### Exotics from a Hidden Sector



• Could be a weakly or strongly coupled version of "Hidden Valleys".

[Strassler, Zurek, 2006]

- Simple and plausible extensions of the SM.
- Mixing can be naturally generated at high scale,  $\mathcal{E} \leq 10^{-3}$ .
- Phenomenology vary with hidden sector structure, which we know nothing about!

#### Portals to Hidden Sectors

- We can couple to a hidden sector through several portals
  - Higgs portal:  $H^{\dagger}H(aS+bS^2)$
  - Vector portal:  $\epsilon b'_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu}_Y$
  - Neutrino portal: XLH
  - Axion portal:  $f_a^{-1}\bar{\psi}\gamma_\mu\gamma_5\psi\partial_\mu a$
  - Heavy Mediator:

- $f_a^{-1}\bar{\psi}\gamma_\mu\gamma_5\psi\partial_\mu\phi$  $\frac{1}{M}\mathcal{O}_{\rm vis}\mathcal{O}_{\rm hid}$
- Often, (but not always) hidden particles couple either to mass or charge.

We know nothing about the hidden sector

How do we capture as many models/features as possible?

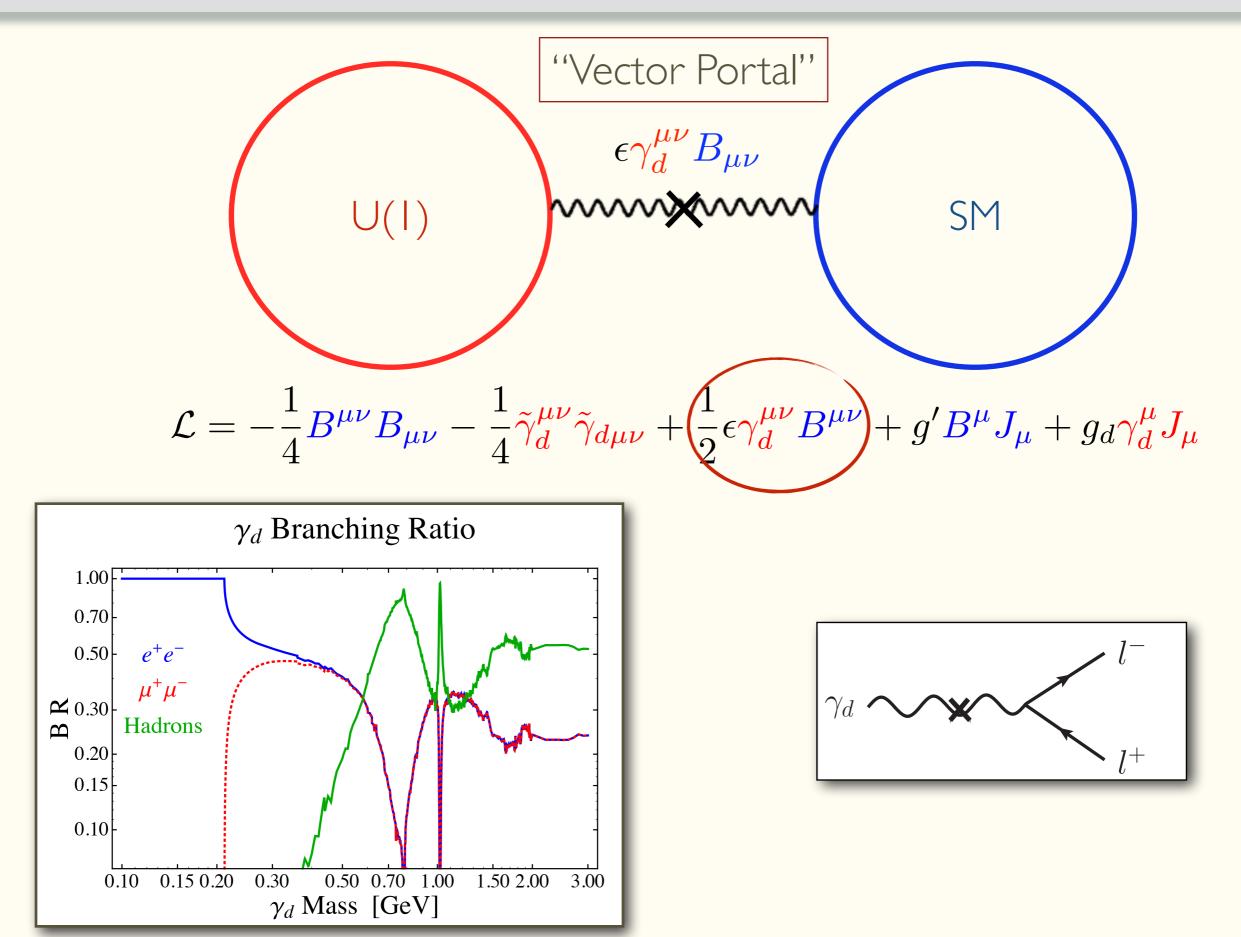
#### How to deal with unknown unknowns?

- We think through examples so come up with as many as we can. (Often motivated by unsubstantiated rumors and weak anomalies...)
- Figure out triggering. Very crucial to understand in advance!!
- Experimental searches keep general. Better do a signature-based search. Can be done more systematically.

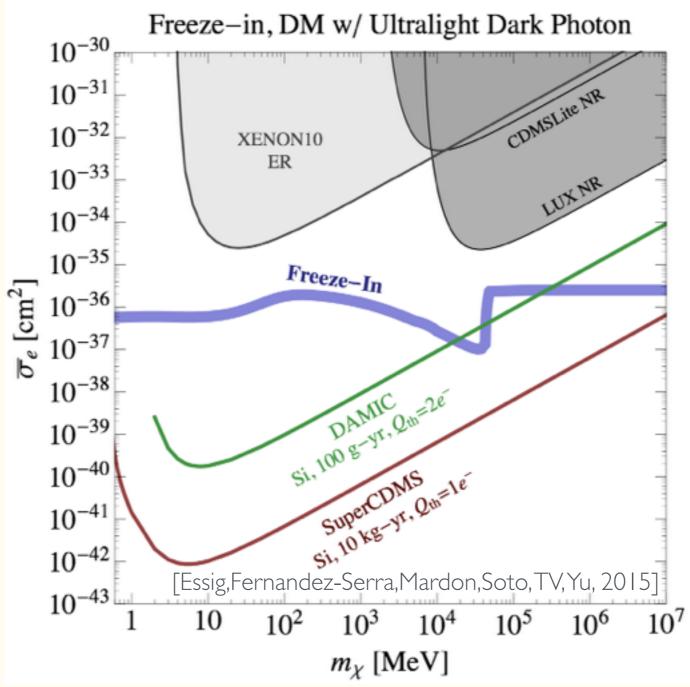
Work with simplified/pseudo models. When the unknowns are unknown, constraining one specific model is almost meaningless...

• Provide as much information as possible when presenting results so that the implication for other scenarios can be evaluated.

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$$\gamma' \sim \sqrt{\frac{gg'}{16\pi^2}} \log\left(\frac{M_+}{M_-}\right) \sim 10^{-2} - 10^{-4}$$

 $\epsilon$  can be much smaller, if arises from non-renormalizable operators.

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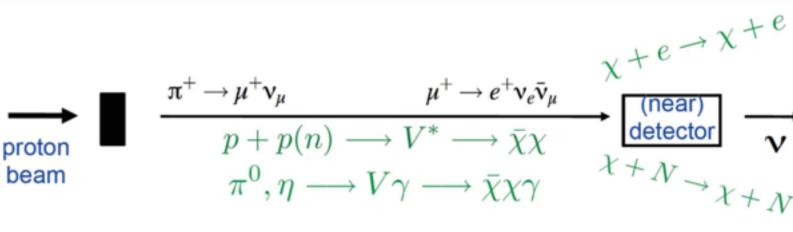
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Significant effort to search for a hidden photon is ongoing Search strategy depends on hidden sector structure

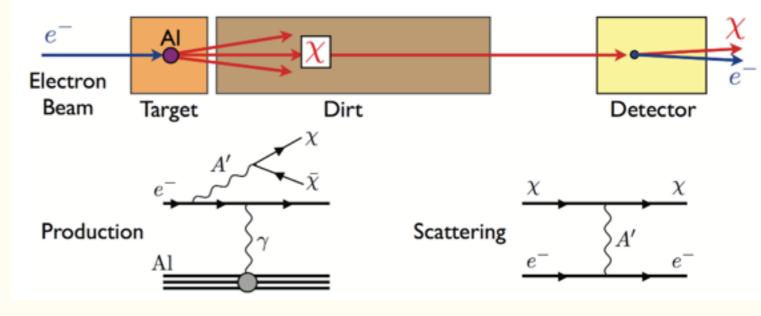
#### Beam-dump Experiments: A Dark Matter Beam





<sup>[</sup>MiniBooNE + Batell, deNiverville, McKeen, Pospelov, Ritz 2012]

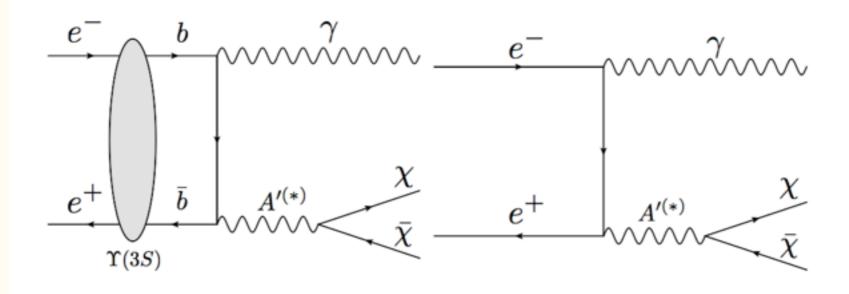
**Electron Beam-dumps** 



[Batell, Essig, Surujon 2014]

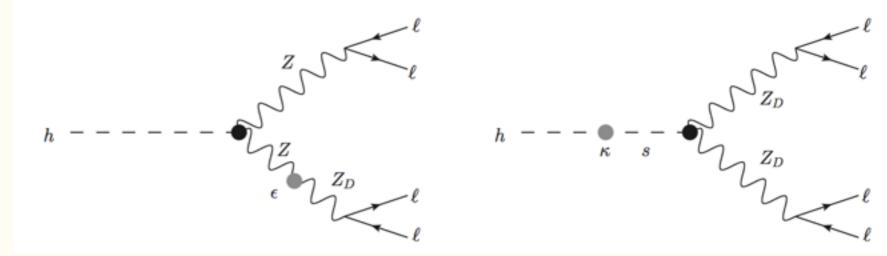
#### Colliders: Searching for the Mediator

[Bird et al. 2004; McElrath 2005; Fayel 20105; Dreiner et al. 2009; Borodatchenkova et al. 2006; Reece, Wang 2009; Essig., Mardon, Papucci, TV, Zhong, 2013]



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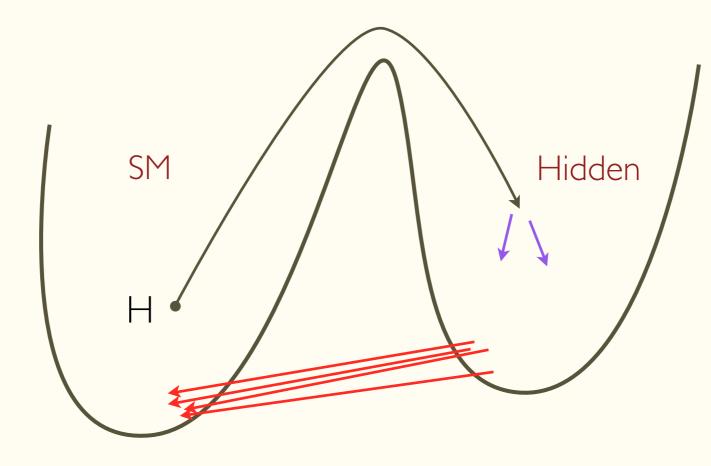
**High-E** Colliders



[Curtin, Essig, Gori, Shelton, 2014]

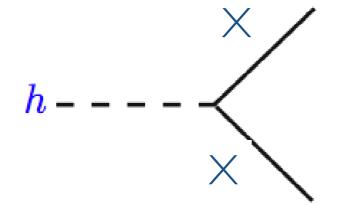
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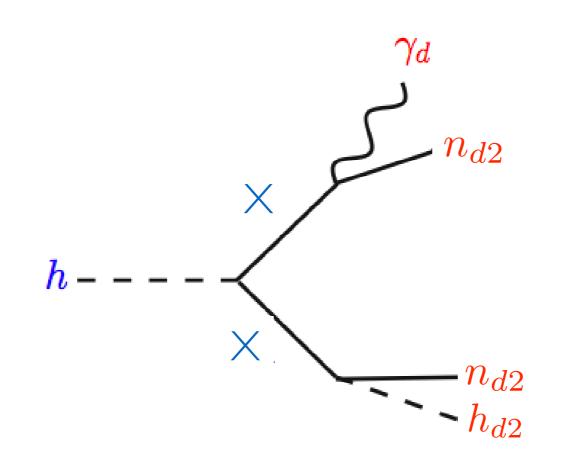


• If it is very light, it would result in collimated jets of leptons and (possibly) hadrons. Lepton Jets (LJ).

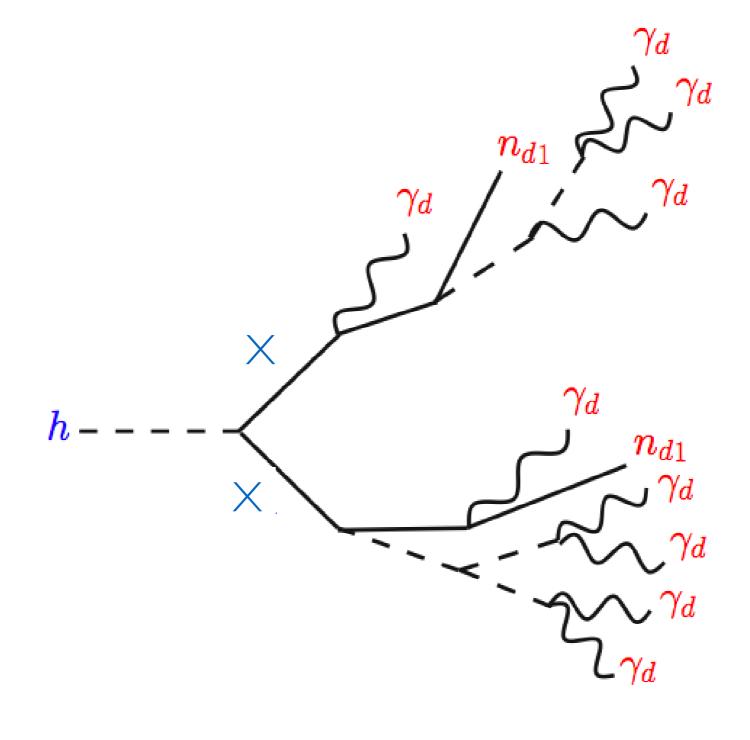
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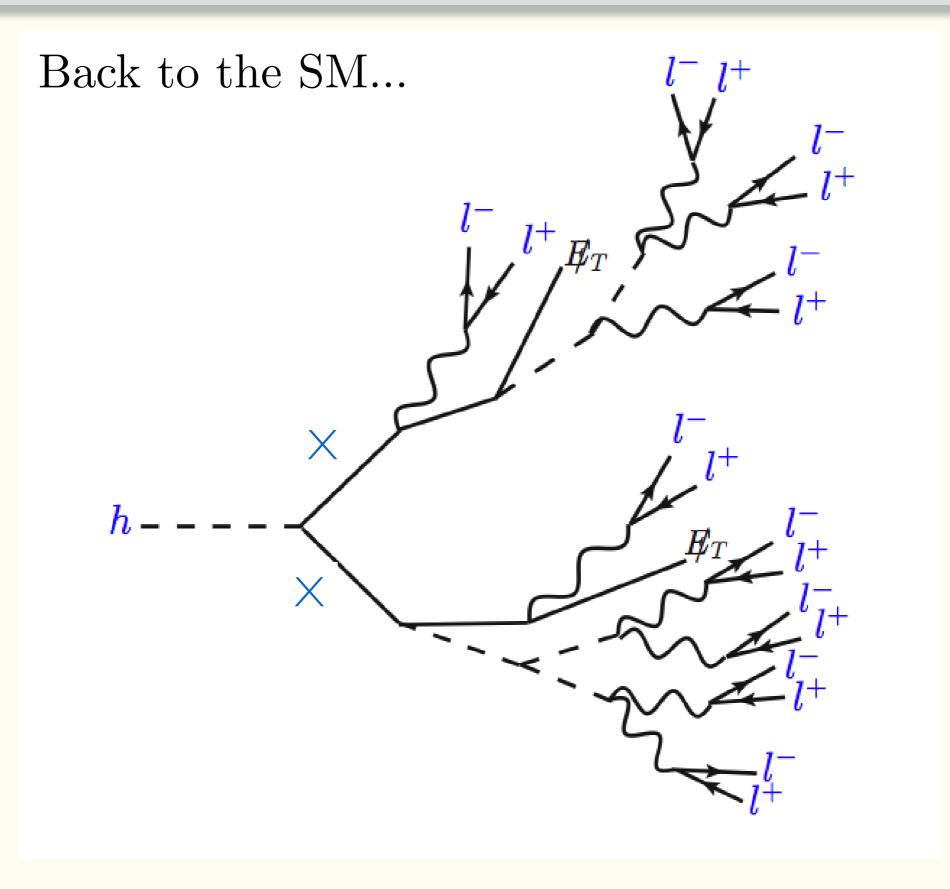


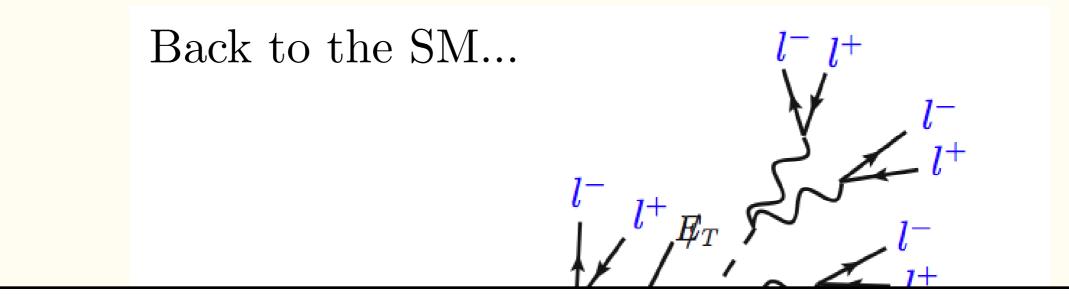
Into the Hidden Sector...



Hidden cascade...



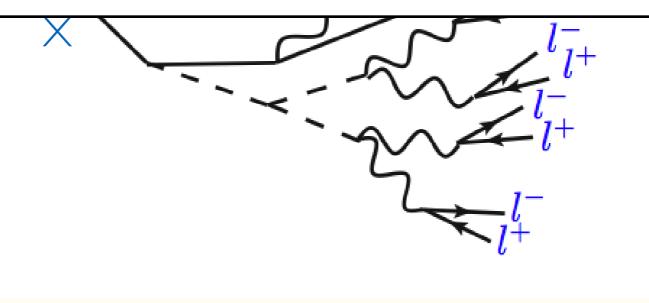




The final states are high-multiplicity clusters of boosted and collimated leptons

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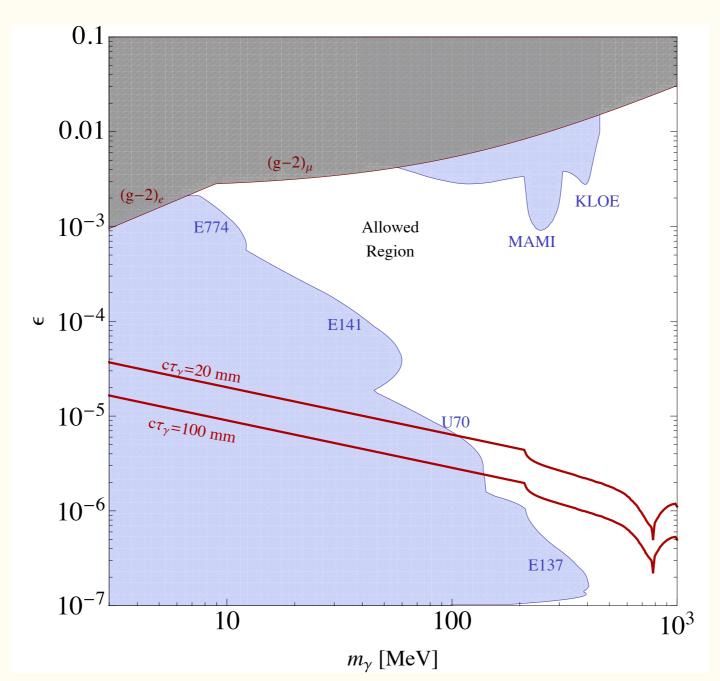
[Arkani-Hamed, Weiner; Cheung, et al.; , Baumgart, et al.]



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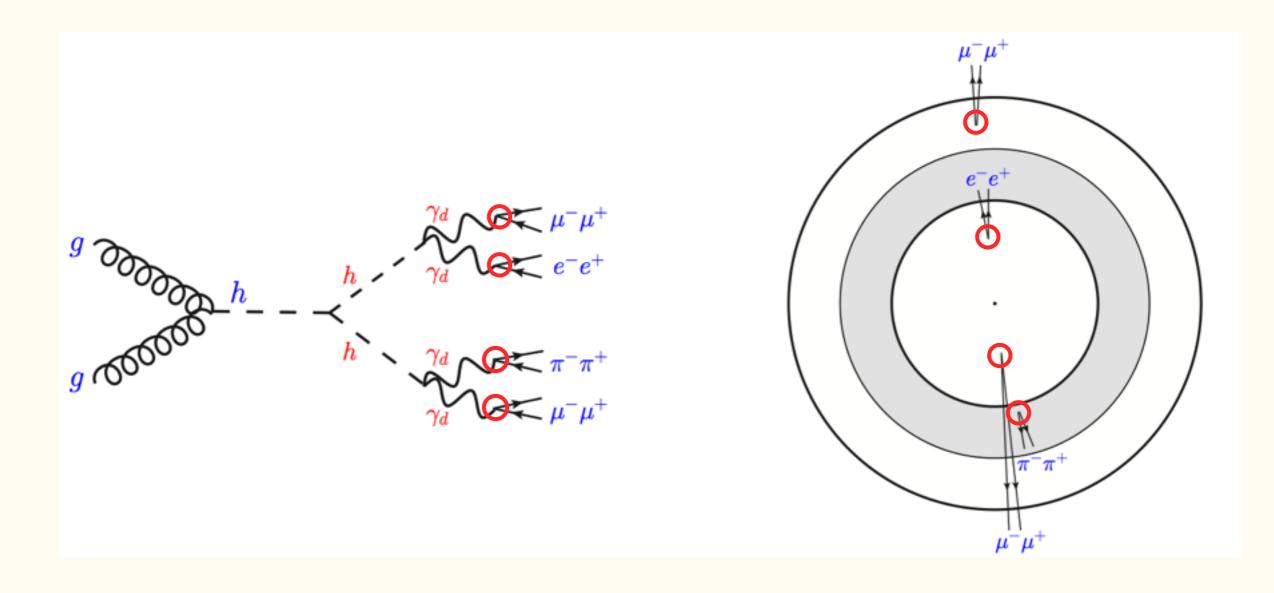
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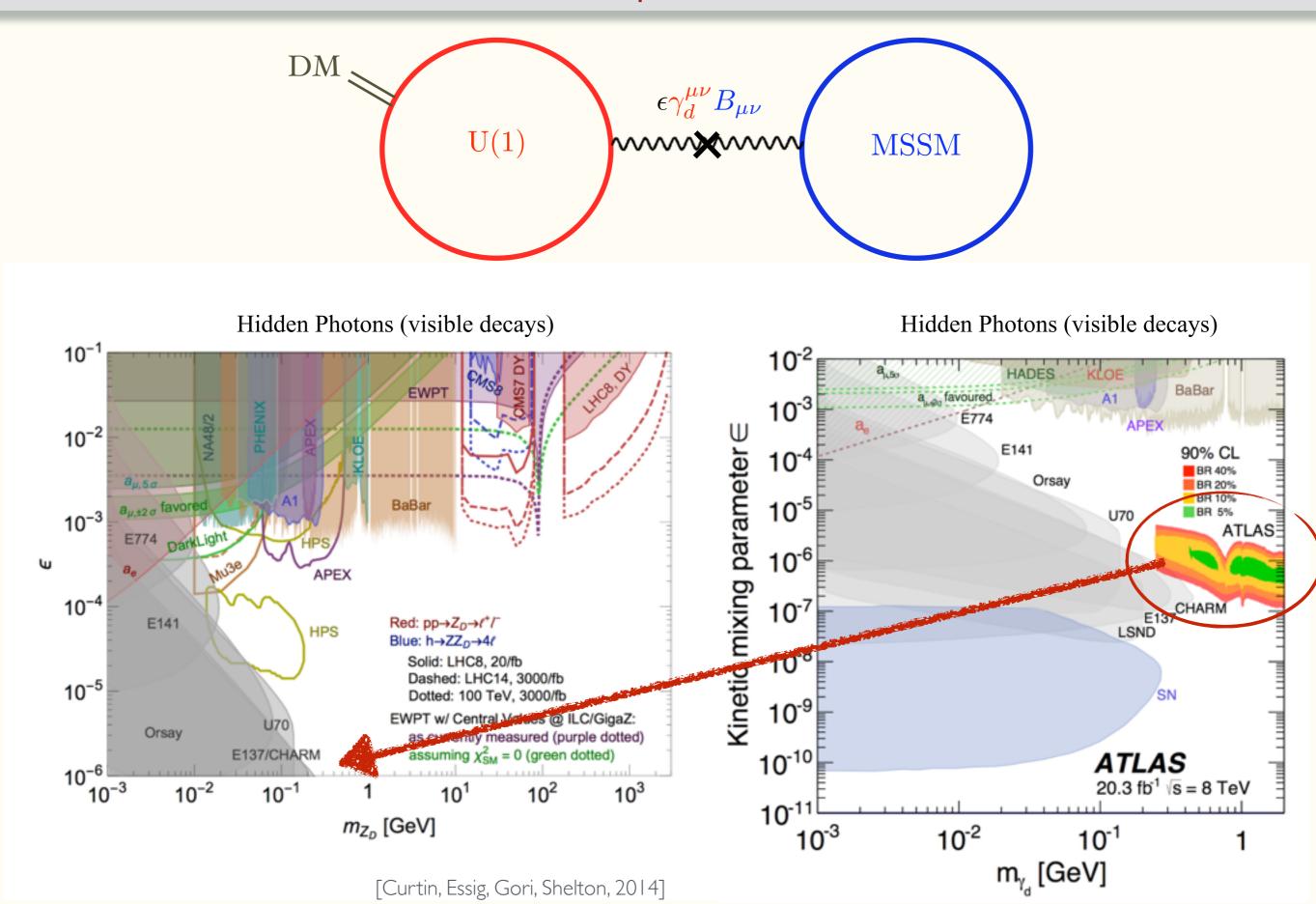
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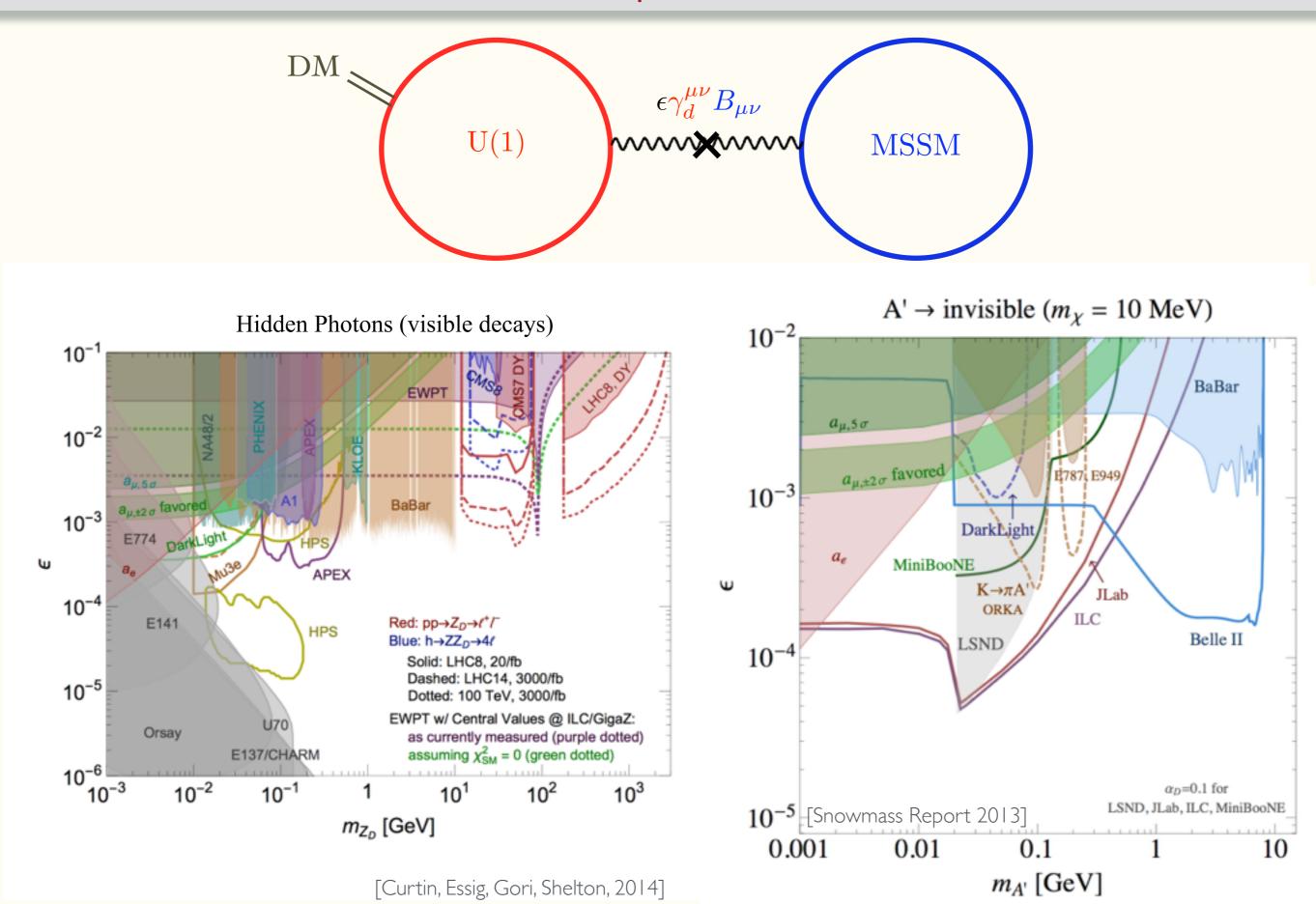
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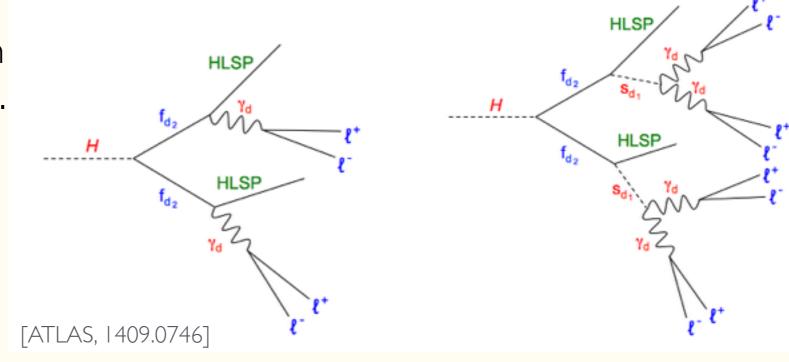


#### Pseudo Models

- When studying LJs at colliders, we should not make the mSUGRA mistake do not focus on one specific (and unmotivated) model.
- Better use an effective description!
- The simplified model framework can be divided into two types:
  - **Effective models -** Models that capture the relevant low lying states of motivated theories in the spirit of EFT.
  - **Pseudo models** Effective models that reproduce a set of signatures. The only way to go with low-scale theories.
- NOTE: Simplified and pseudo-models are very useful, but still require work to extract (rough) bounds on a specific model. So how the results are presented is crucial!

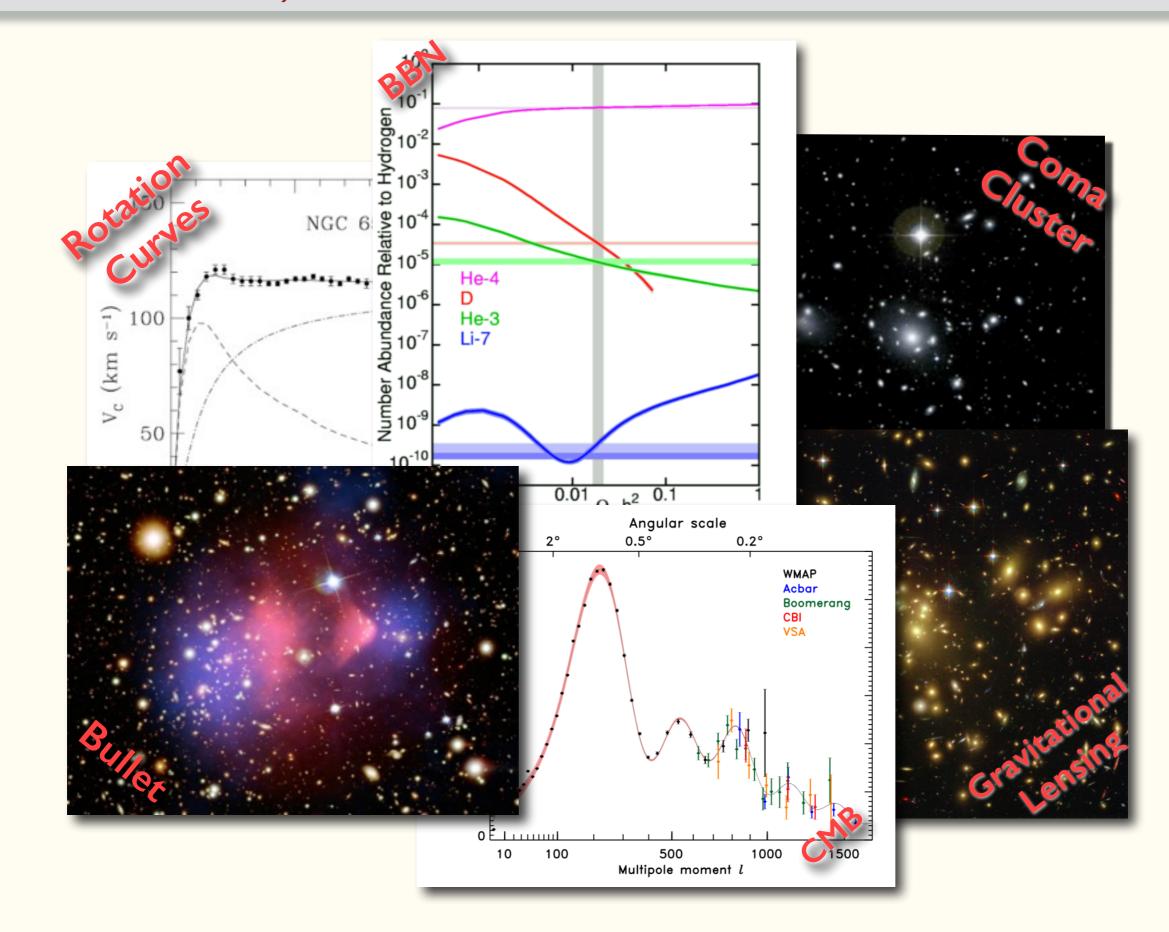
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- A wide range of parameters can be captured with a small set of pseudomodels.
- Assume N-step cascade.
- Tunable parameters:
  - **Topology**: number of cascade steps (multiplicity and pT).
  - **Composition**: BR's of last step to SM (composition and MET distribution).
  - Masses: hidden spectrum (number and width of LJ).
  - Lifetime.

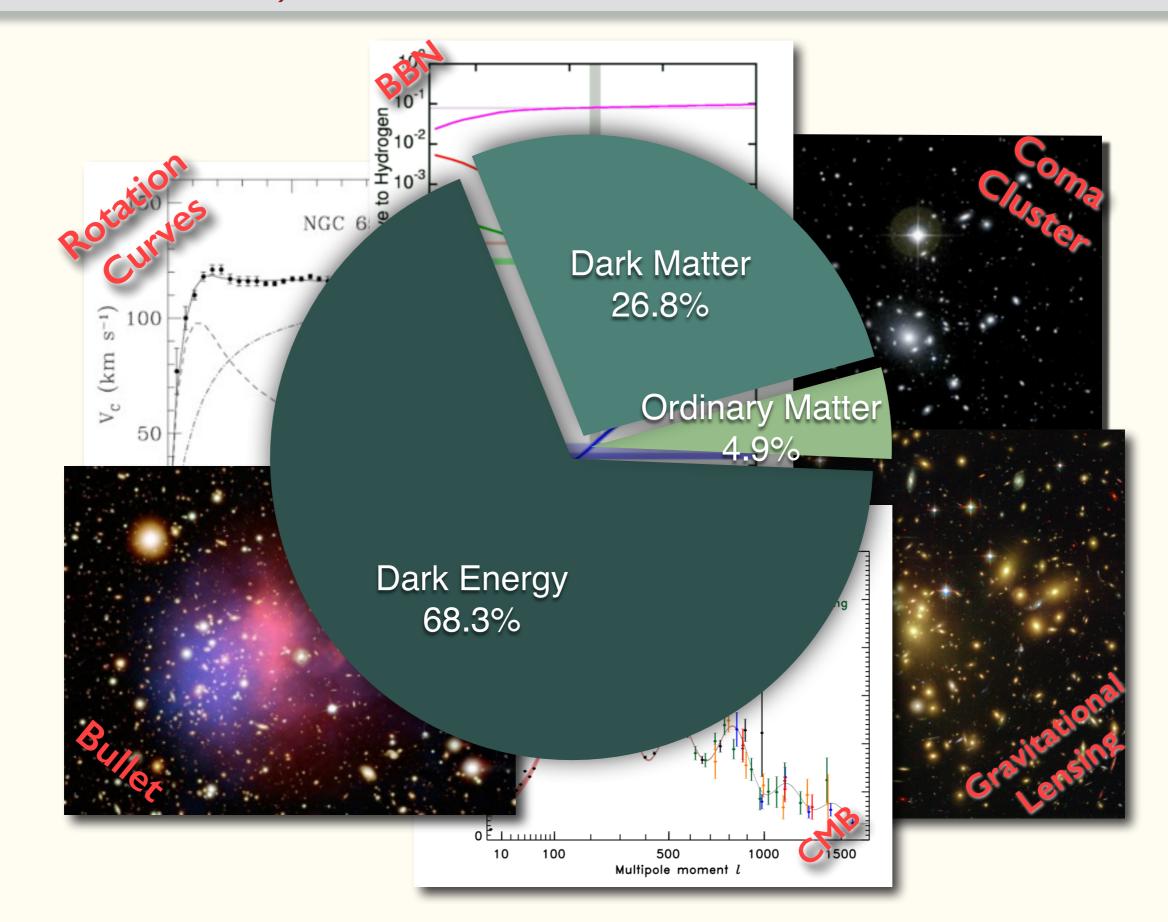


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All experimental signatures of dark matter are gravitational.

Q: Why should we see dark matter anywhere else?

A: Because it was produced in the early universe!

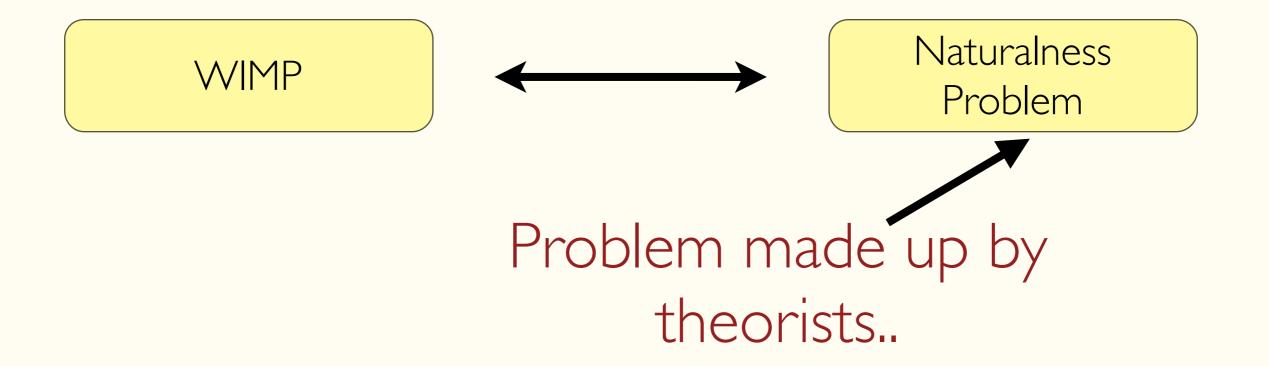
How do we explain the 85% DM abundance?

Thermal WIMP (Weakly Interacting Massive Particle).

# Going Beyond WIMPs?

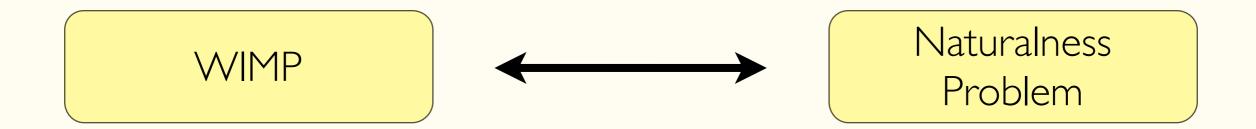
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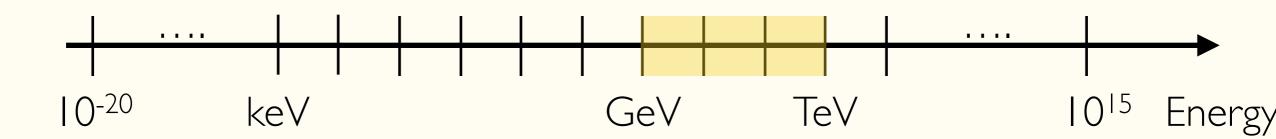


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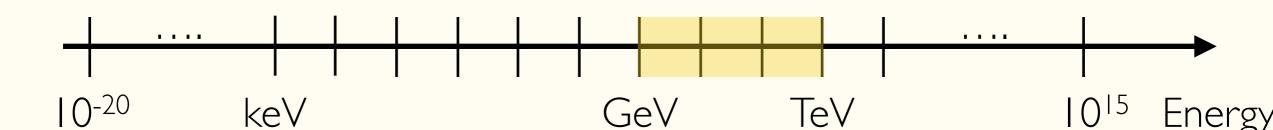


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Lots more to do! (repeat everything we did for the WIMP...)

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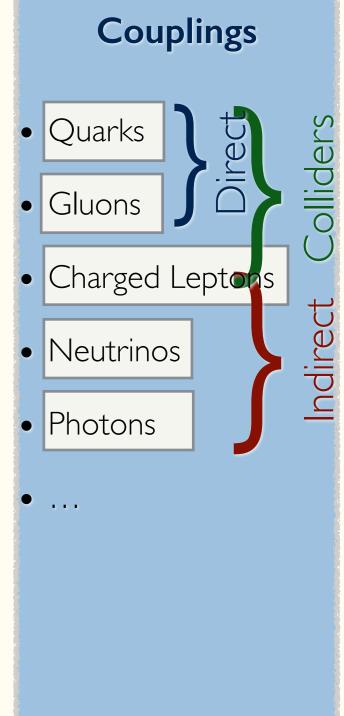
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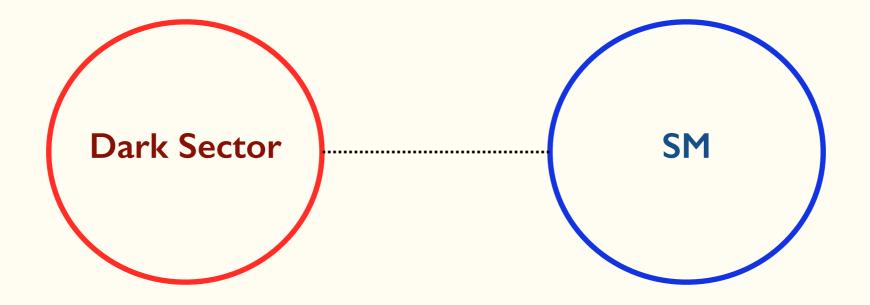
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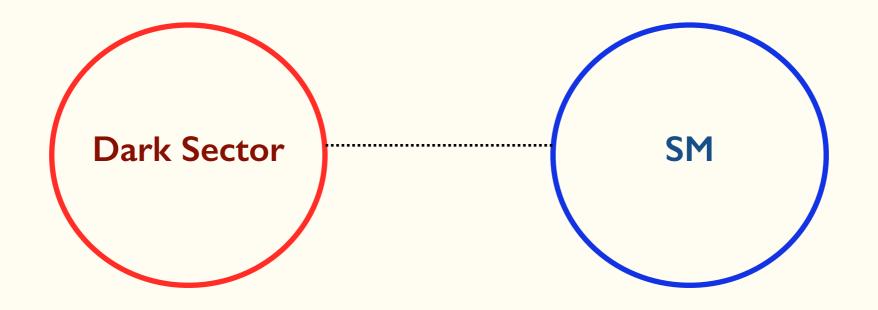
# Only a small fraction is probed for the WIMP

New production mechanisms and mediation schemes often imply a hidden dark sector. Possibly with complex dynamics.



Such hidden sectors often include low scale particles, below the GeV scale.

Very different from the WIMP paradigm!!



Signatures from the dark sector strongly depend on the production mechanism and mediation scheme!

Three examples:

- WIMP Coannihilation: Soft final states
- SIMP with vector mediator: Semi-visible Jets
- Freeze-in:

Displaced vertices

Example I Coannihilations

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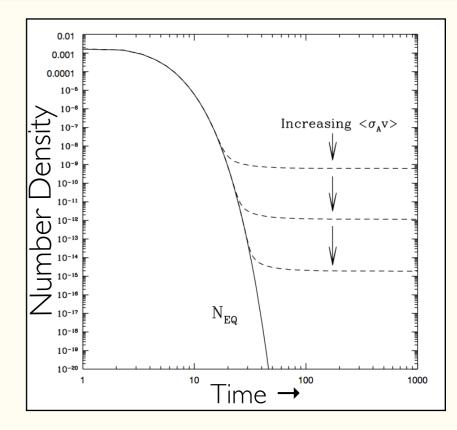
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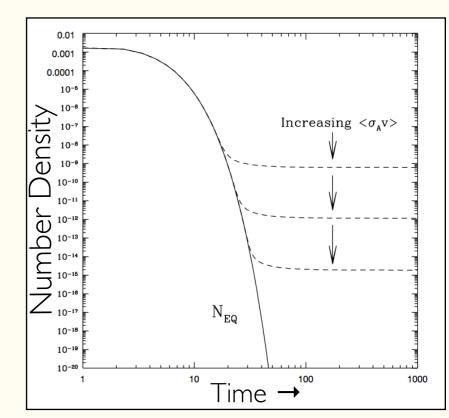
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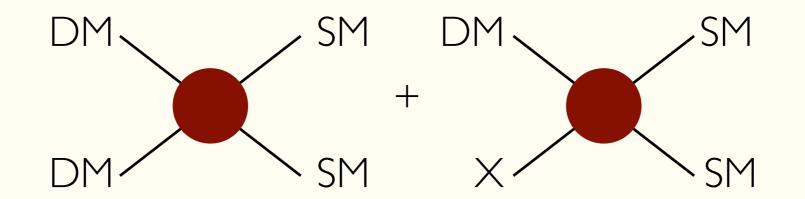
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Same mass-scale we are now probing at the LHC



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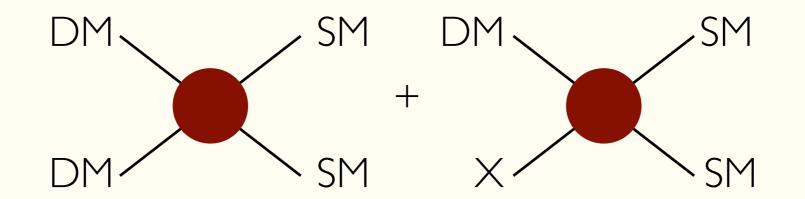


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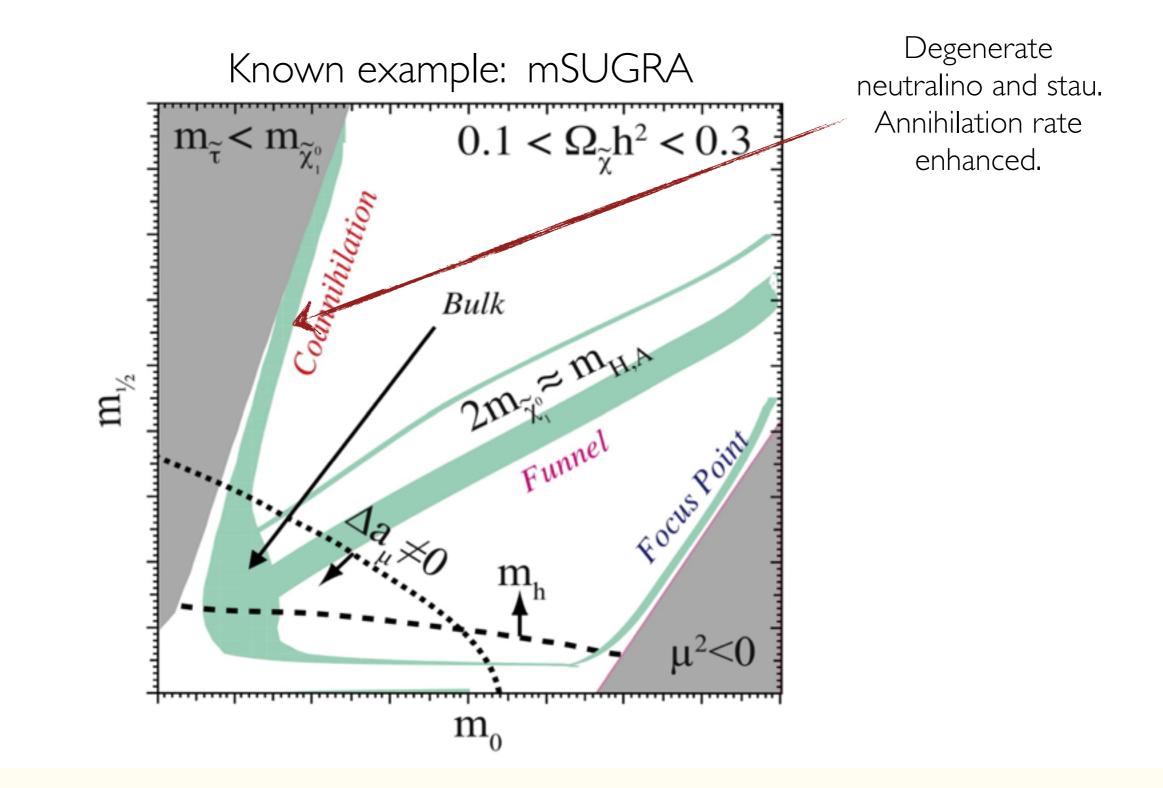
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[Nussinov, 1985; , Kaplan, 1992]

Experimental fact:

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Main idea:

Relate the DM abundance to the baryon abundance.

But:

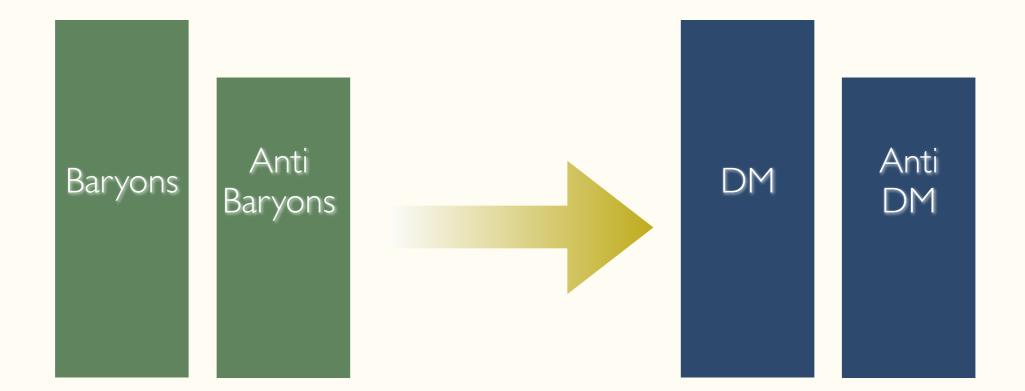
Baryon density is asymmetric (no anti-baryons), so DM may also be asymmetric.

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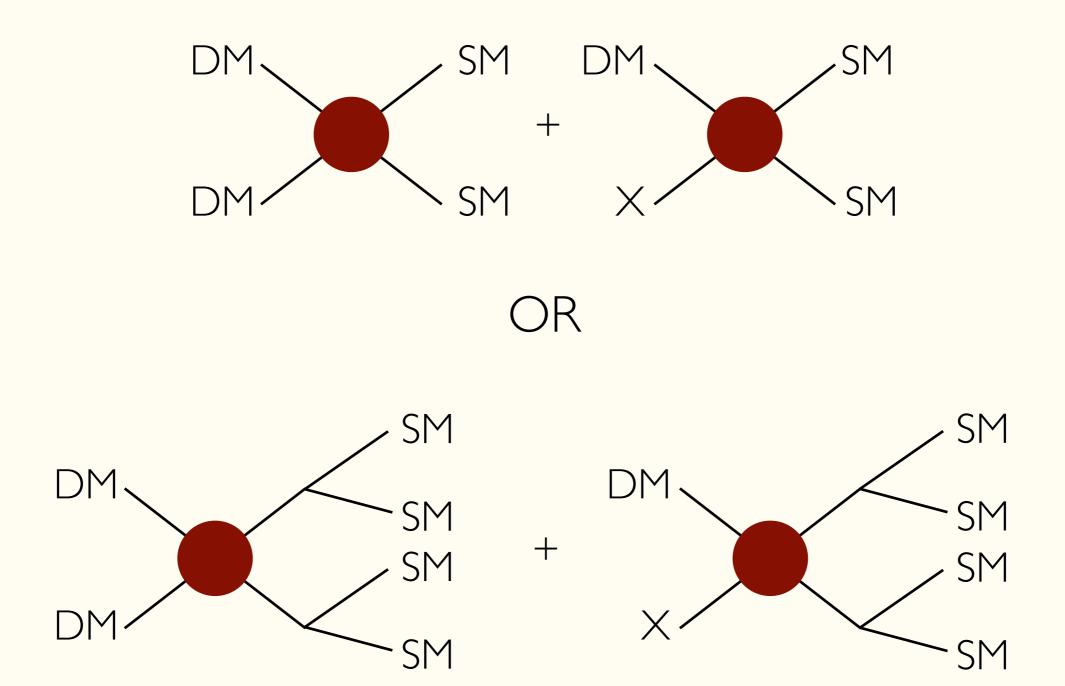




# Coannihilations in Asymmetric Dark Matter

- Coannihilations is also motivated in ADM.
- ADM requires very large annihilation rate.
- Heavy mediators is more or less excluded by monojets and direct detection if dark sector is mediated by heavy fields. [March-Russell, Unwin, West, 2012]
- These could be evaded if annihilations are either via light mediators or coannihilations with soft final states.

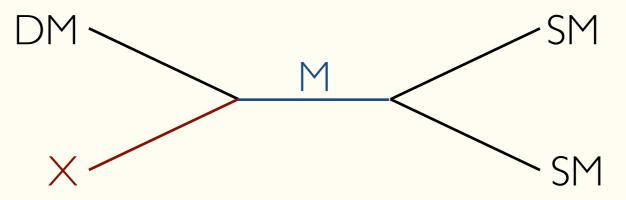
If DM resides in a hidden sector, it may easily be part of a semidegenerate multiplet of some hidden symmetry (just like our pions).



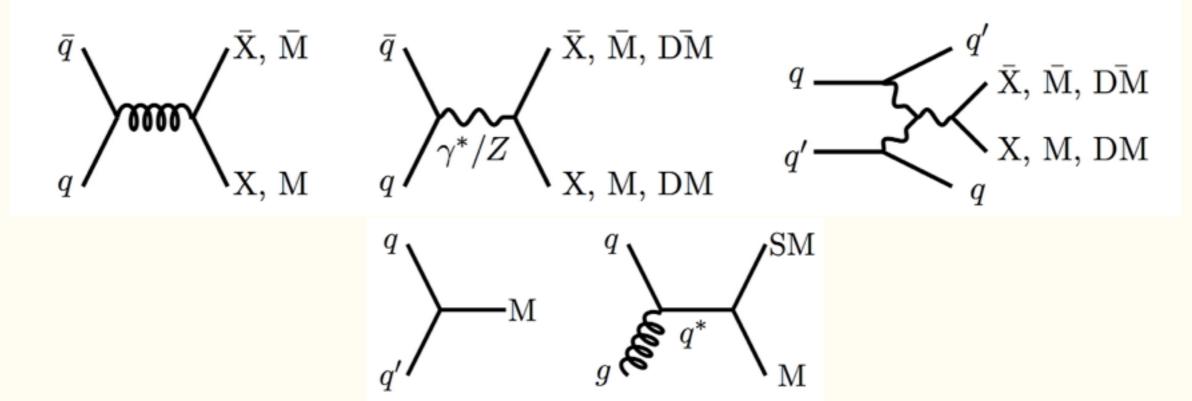
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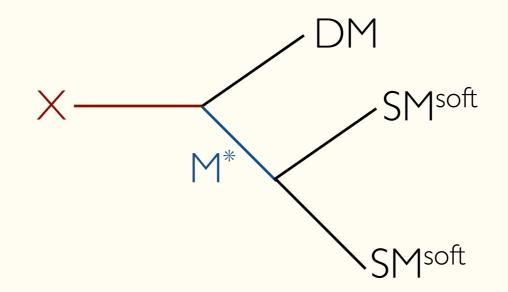
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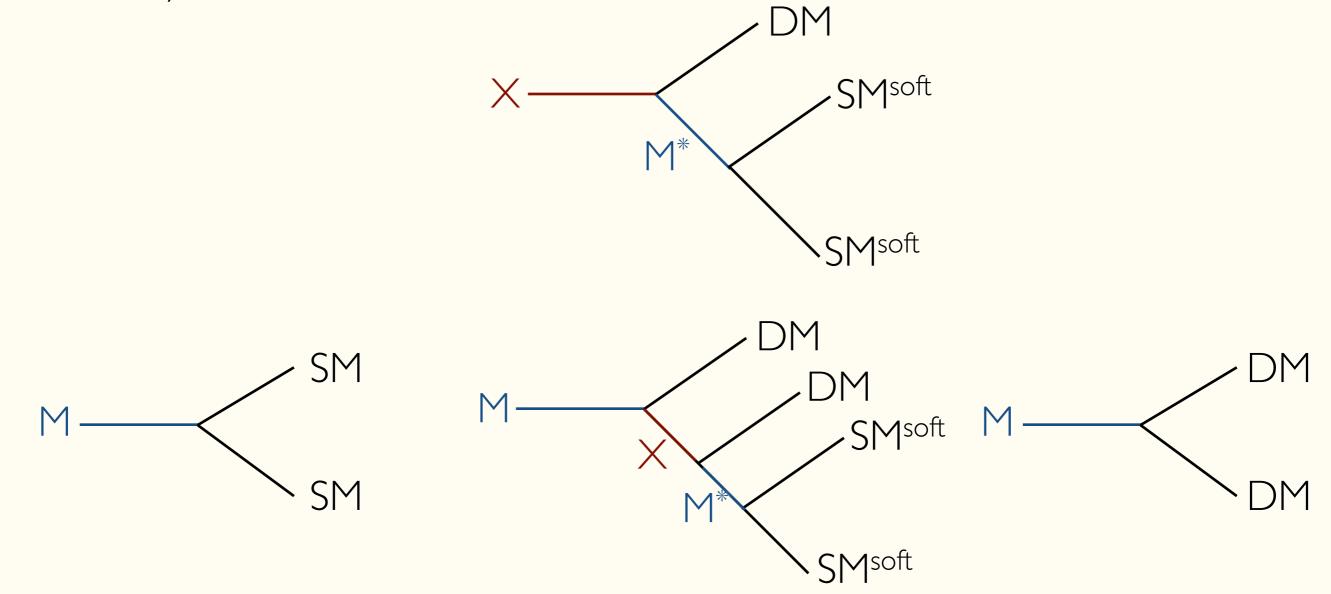
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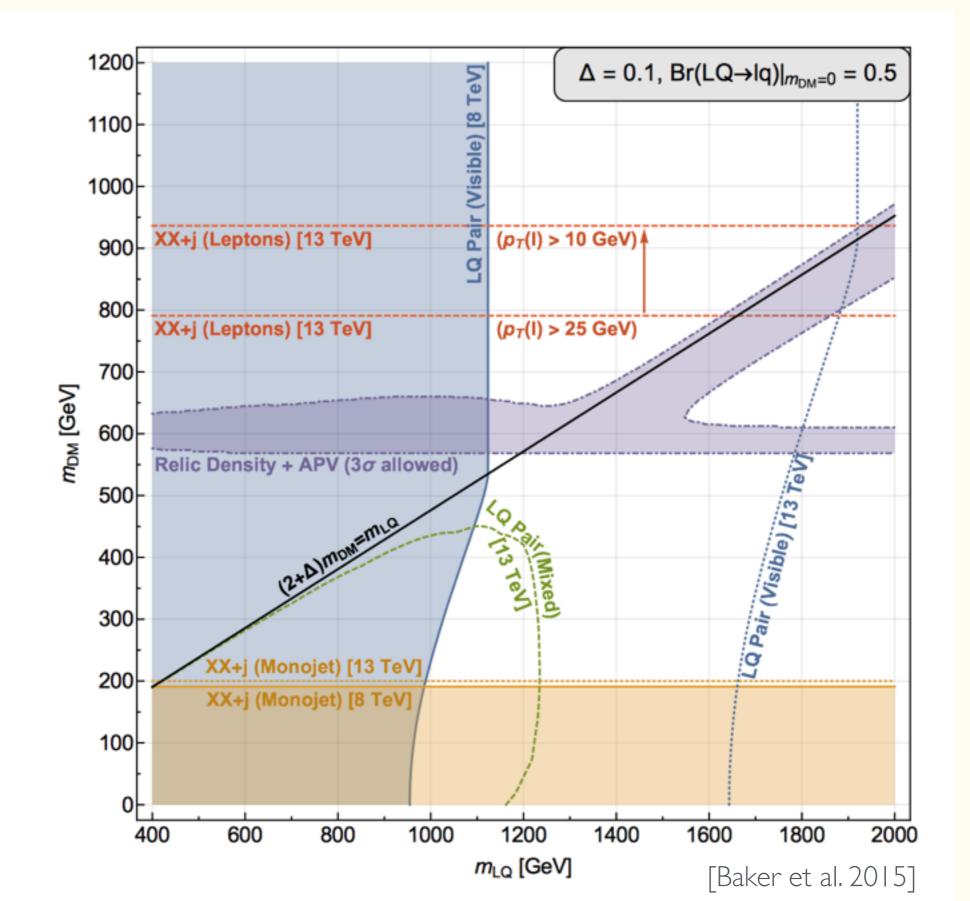
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- Several interesting channels:
  - If M couples to the Higgs, could induce invisible Higgs, exotic decays or have imprints in Higgs precision measurements.
  - Monojets, mono-photons, mono-Z/W.
  - (hard) ISR + MET + I (pp->X DM) or 2 (pp->XX) soft SM pairs.
  - Paired resonances
  - | resonance + | soft pair.

If there's a light mediator, all SM final states can show up in the form of LJs or other collimated objects.

### Coannihilations Case Study: Leptoquarks



Example 2 Strongly Interacting Massive Particles The hidden sector may be strongly coupled!

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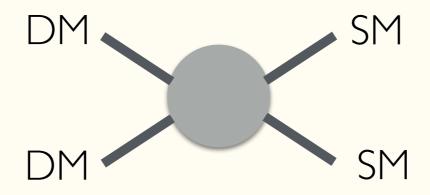
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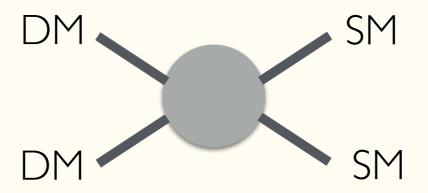
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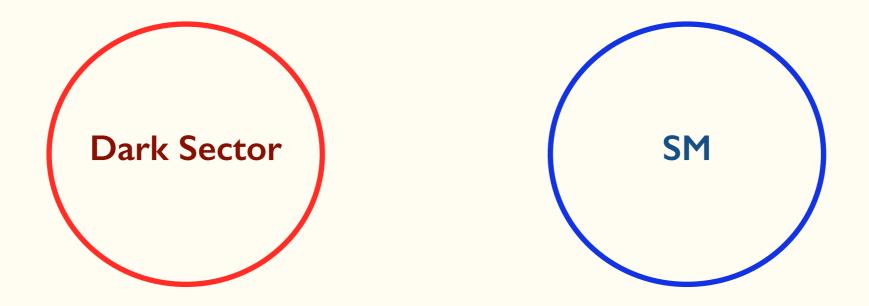


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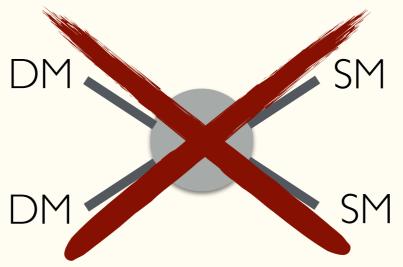


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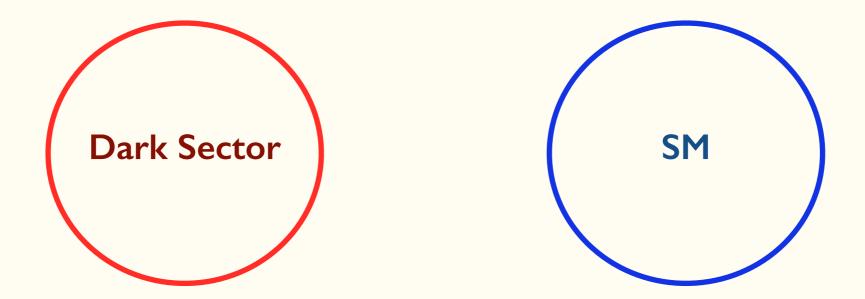


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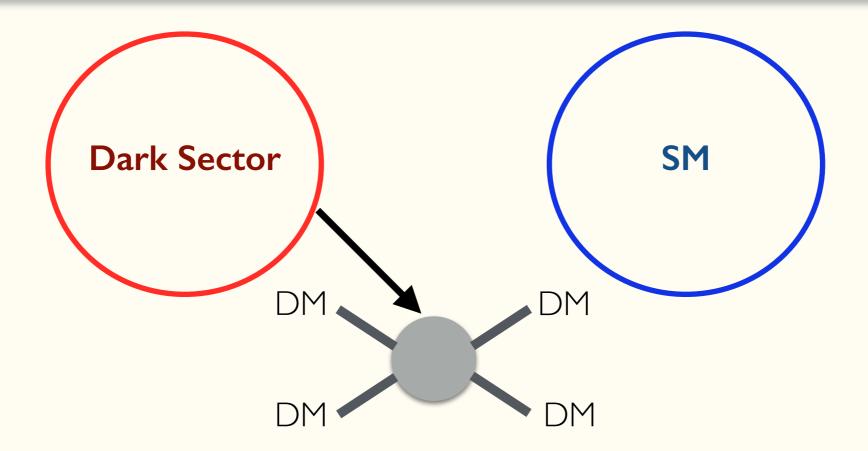


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• More generally, the hidden sector will have additional interactions (especially in a strongly coupled case).



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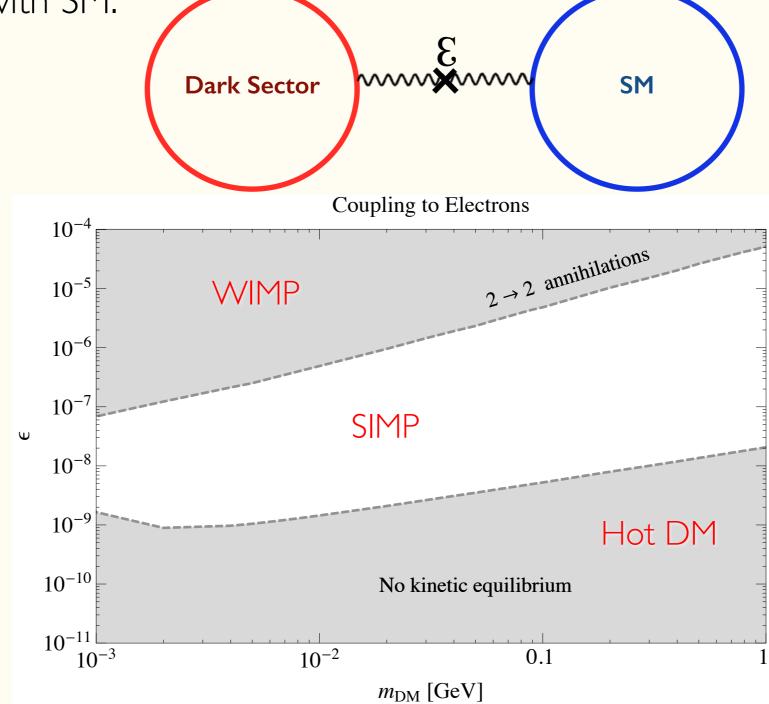
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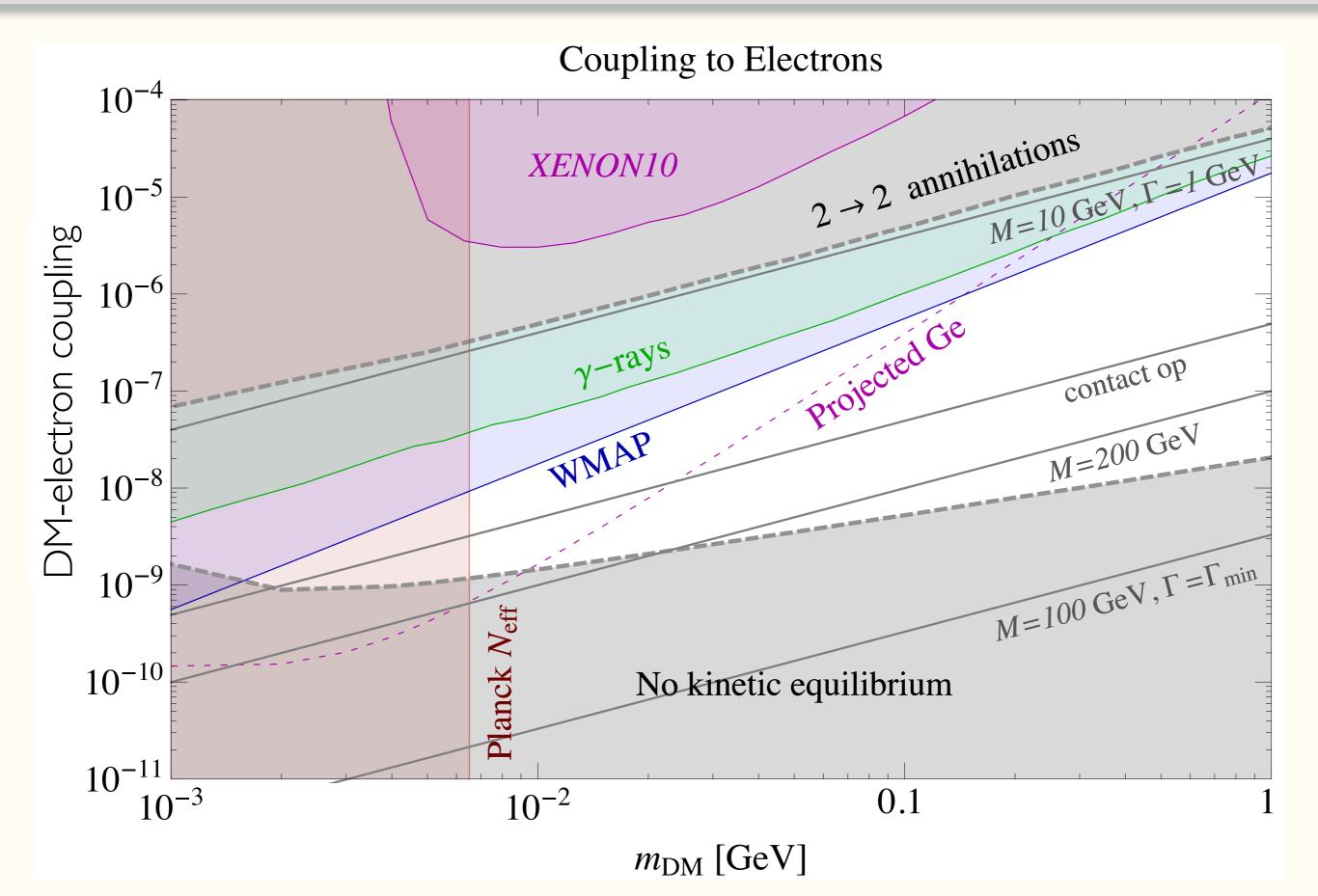
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- Problem: We implicitly assumed that  $T_{dark} = T_{SM}$ . Otherwise DM is hot and excluded.
- To evade limits on hot DM, the dark sector needs to be in thermal equilibrium with SM.



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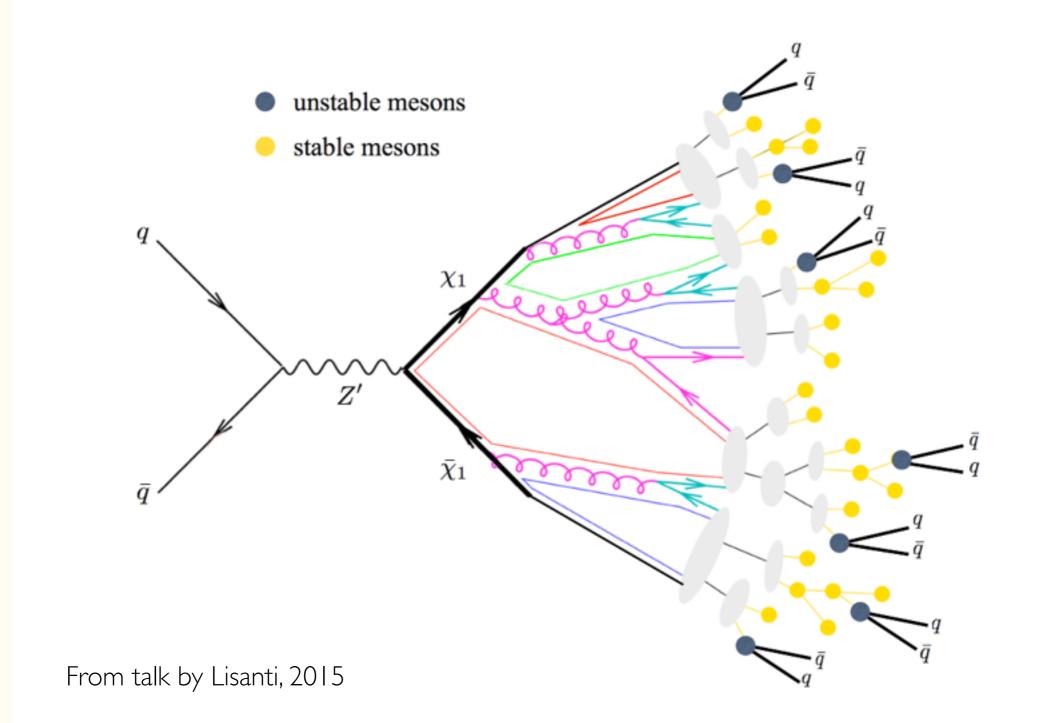
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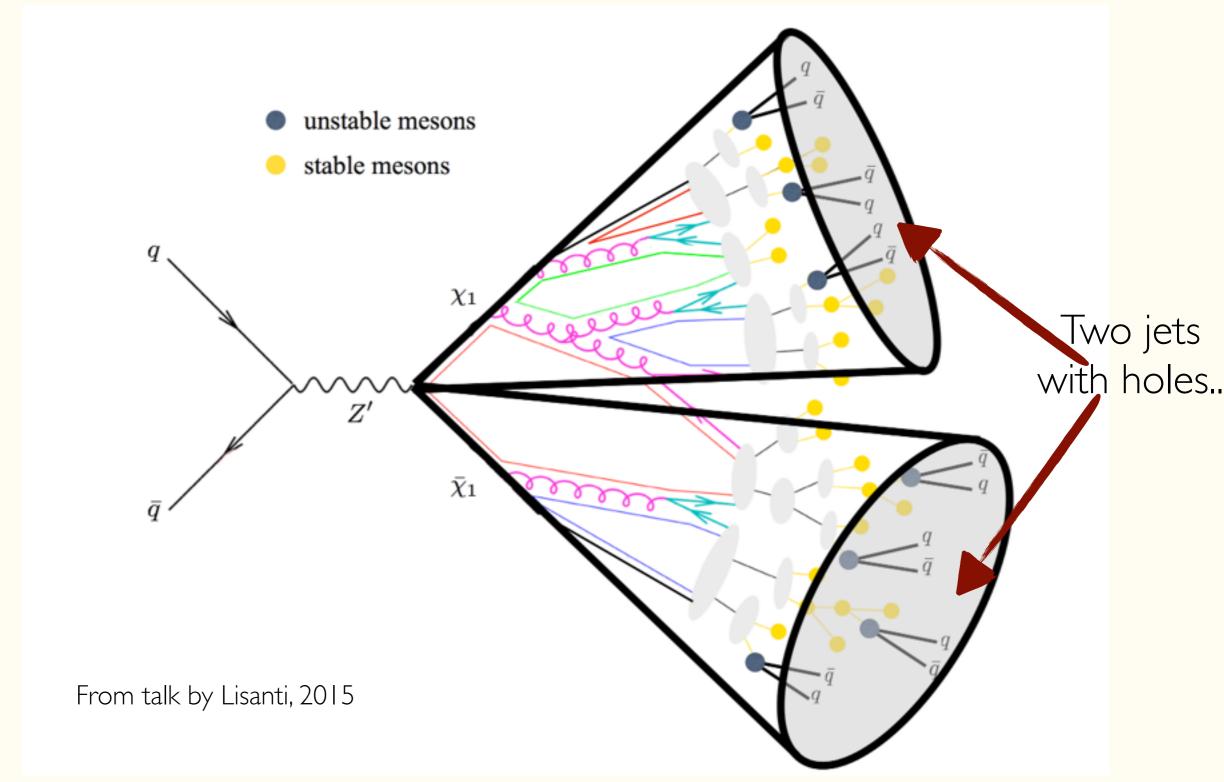
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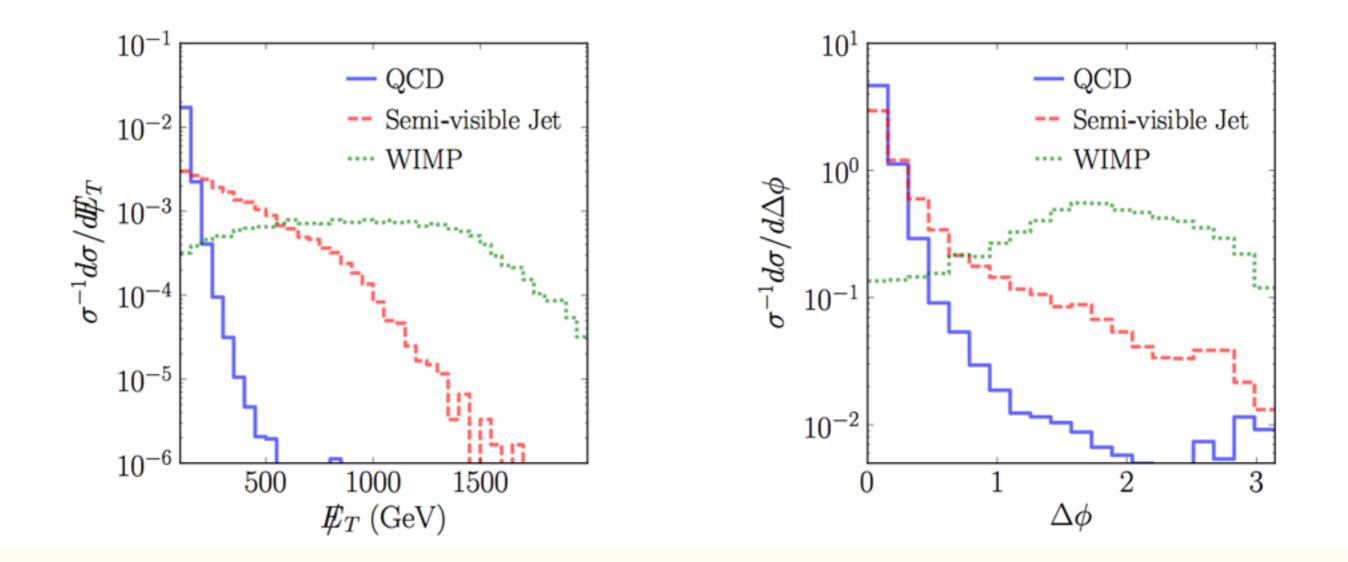
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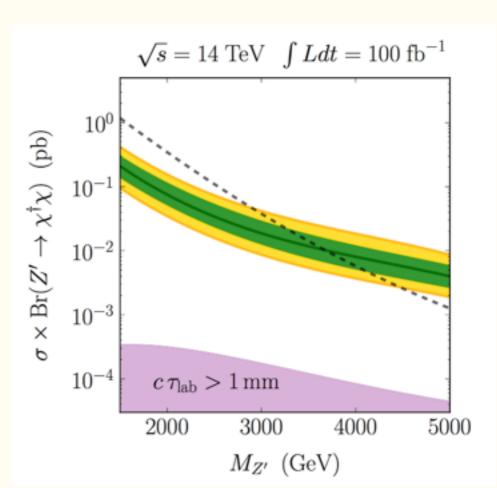
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- Signals of this kind have MET aligned with one of the visible jets.
- This evades standard mono-jet searches.



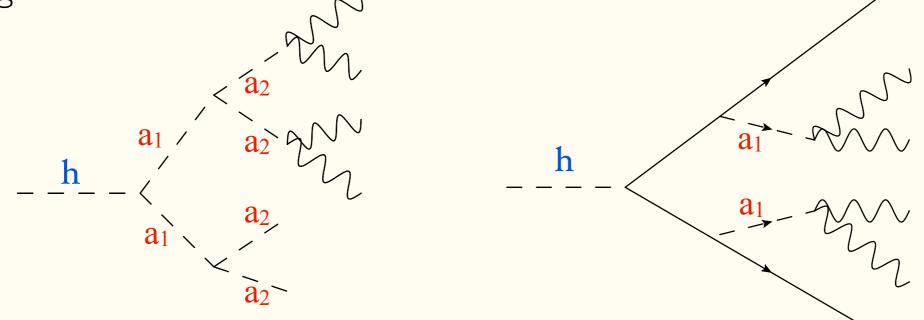
- Cohen et al. study a hidden valley model with an SU(2) gauge group and scalar quarks.
- Hidden sector couples to visible one via a Z':

$$\mathcal{L} \supset -\frac{1}{4} \, Z'^{\mu\nu} \, Z'_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2} \, M_{Z'}^2 \, Z'_{\mu} \, Z'^{\mu} - g_{Z'}^{\rm SM} \, Z'_{\mu} \, J_{\rm SM}^{\mu}$$

- Global hidden symmetry ensures stability of some of the states.
- Search strategy:
  - 2 fat jets (R=I.I)
  - $|\eta_{j|} \eta_{j2}| < |.|$
  - $\Delta \Phi(MET, j_i) < 1$
  - MET/M<sub>T</sub> > 0.15
  - Perform bump hunt on M<sub>T</sub>:



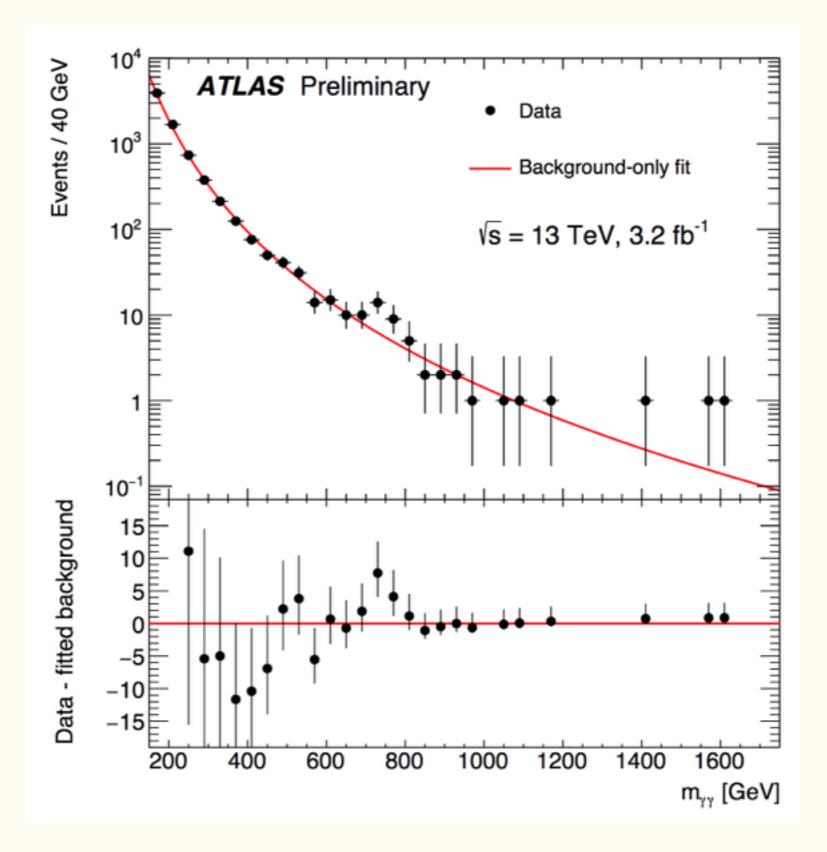
- The above study was performed with a specific simplified model, which includes a gauge coupling parameter,  $\alpha_s$ .
- Working with such simplified models make it very hard to recast on other scenarios.
- It is much simpler to use a weakly-coupled simplified model.
- In fact, the exact same scenario can occur in a cascading model used with LJ signals.



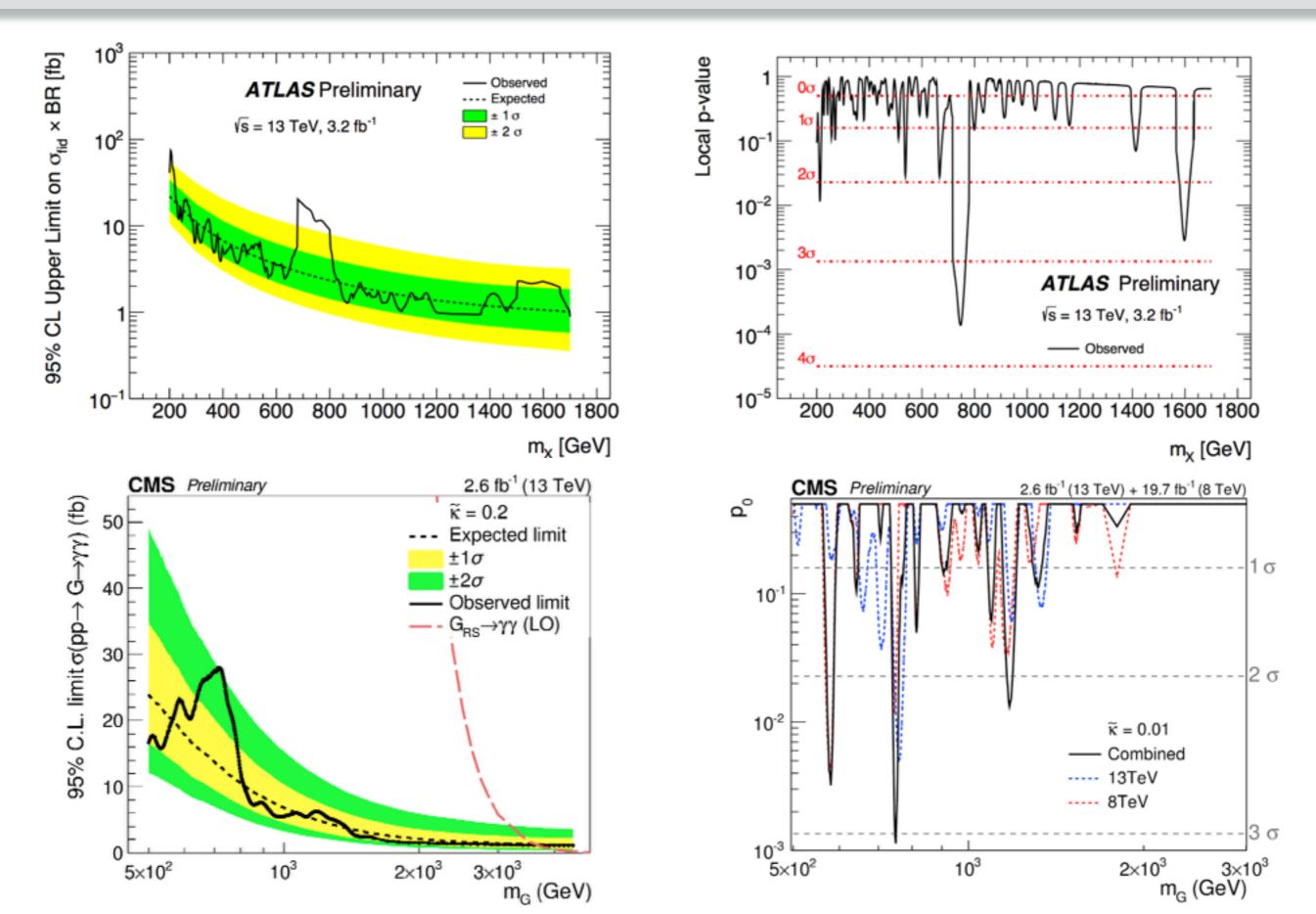
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Exotics from a 750 GeV Resonance

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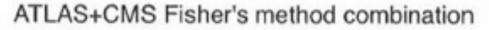


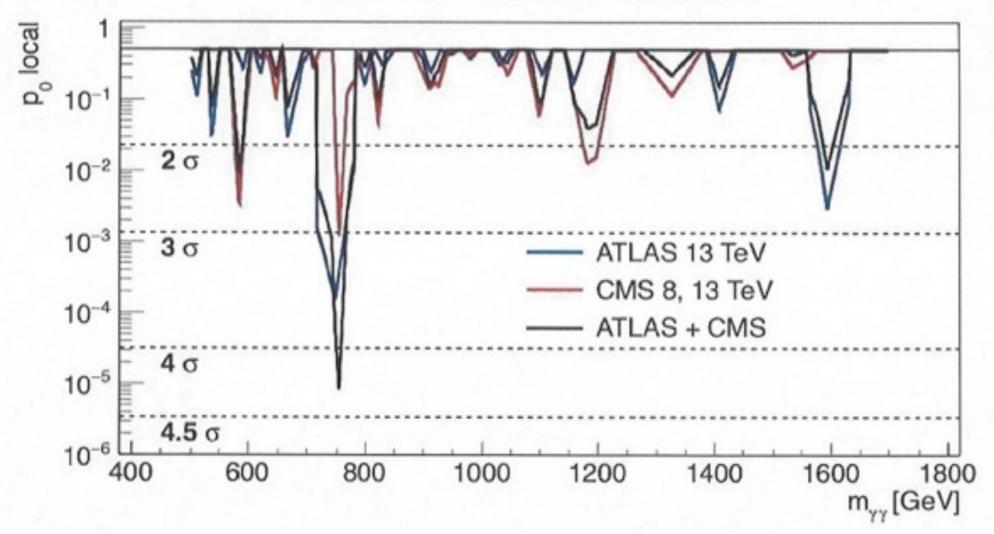
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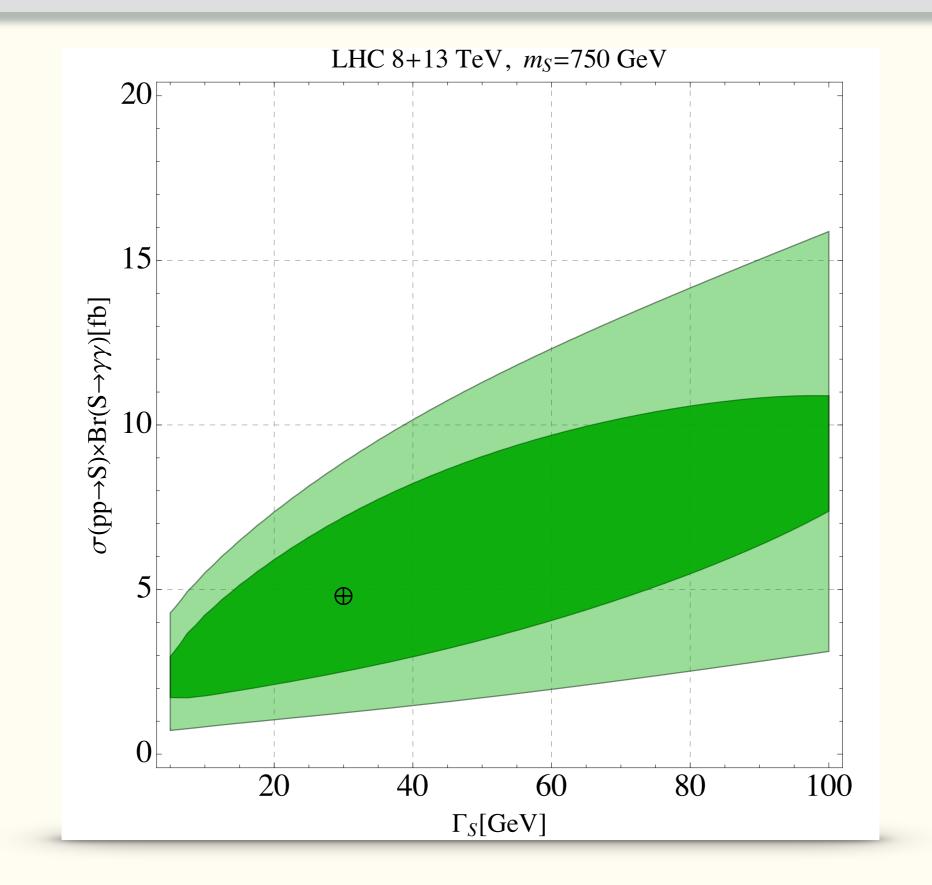
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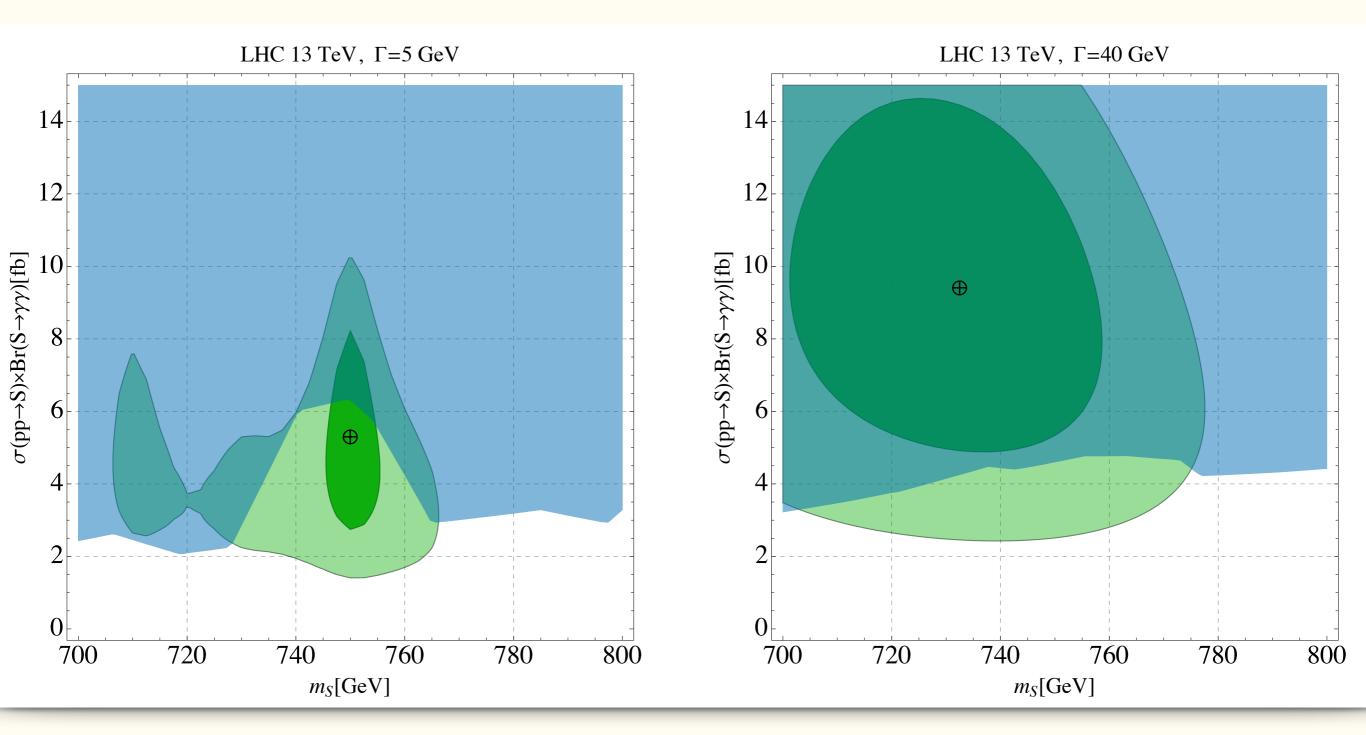
4.4**σ** local @750 GeV, 3.2**σ** global.

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Narrow scalar resonance fits well and is consistent with 8 TeV data.

Broad resonance also fits well but (very) mildly inconsistent with 8 TeV data.

# The Case of a Singlet

- Let's assume the resonance is real.
- Perhaps the simplest explanation is a singlet.
- To be produced, the singlet must couple to quarks or gluons.
- Production through quarks is in more tension with 8 TeV data (except bb production).
- Straightforward to describe using an effective theory:

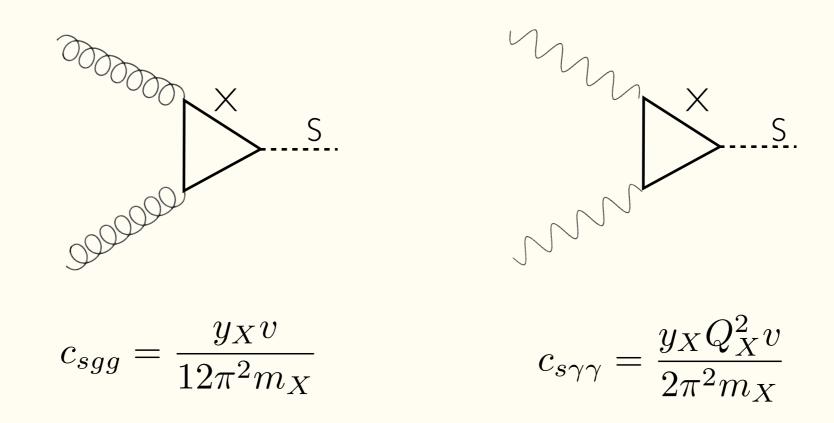
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• Consider the simplest case of gluon production.

How do we generate such an effective theory?

- Couplings of S to tt or WW is excluded.
- Instead, introduce new fermions:

$$\mathcal{L} = -y_x S \bar{X} X$$



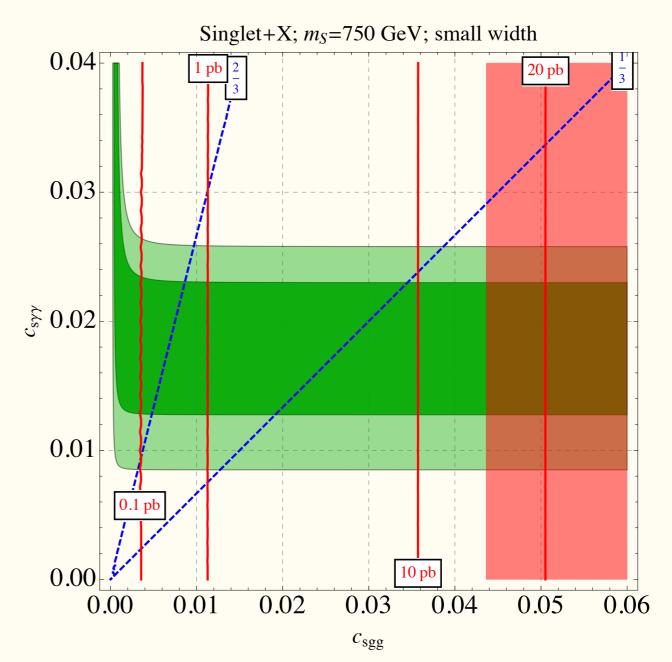
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- Total decay width is small.
- Significant opened parameter space.

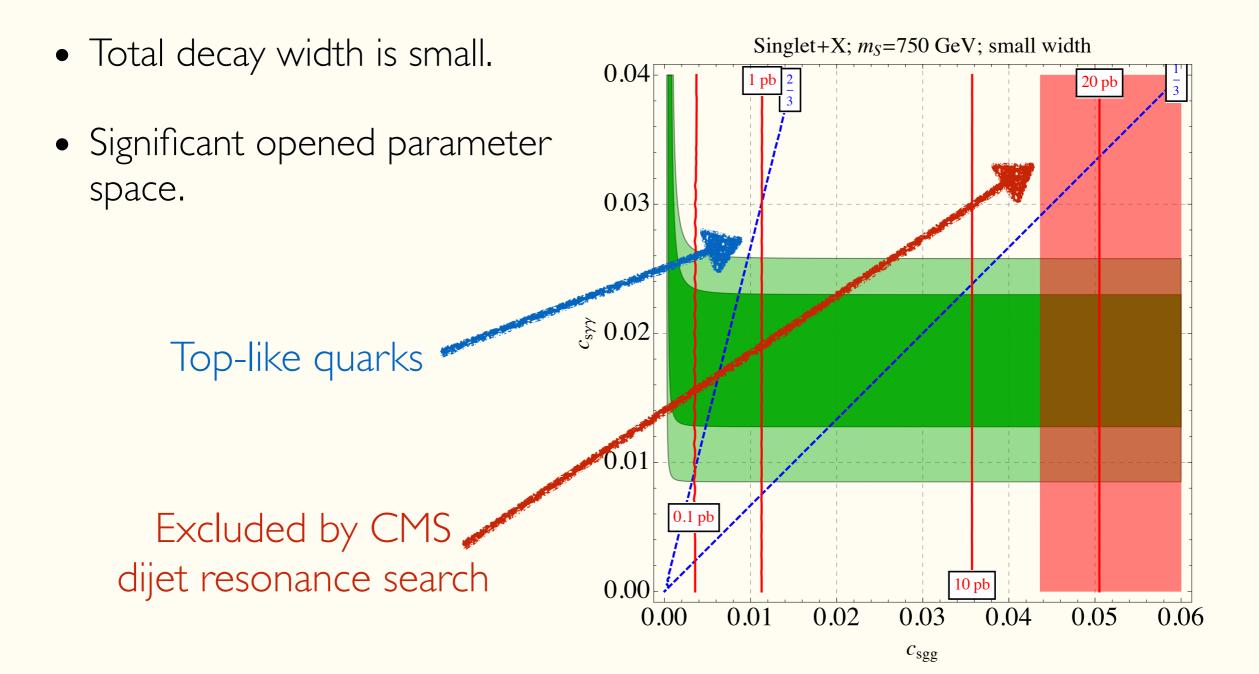


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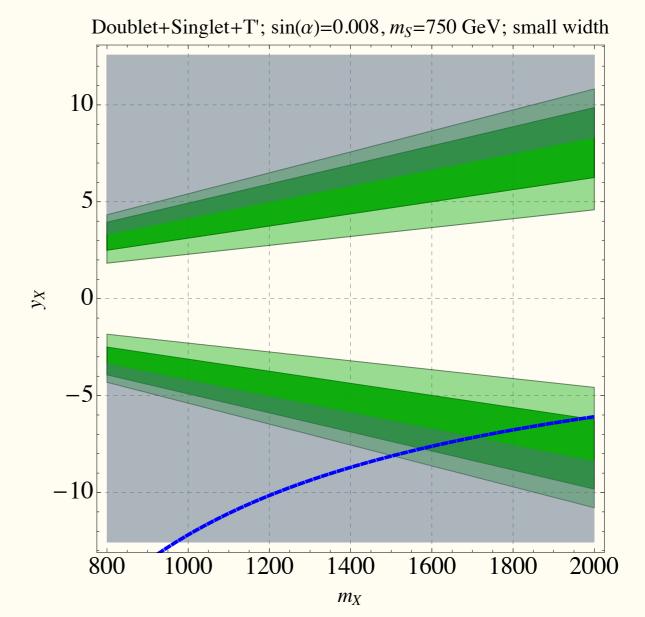
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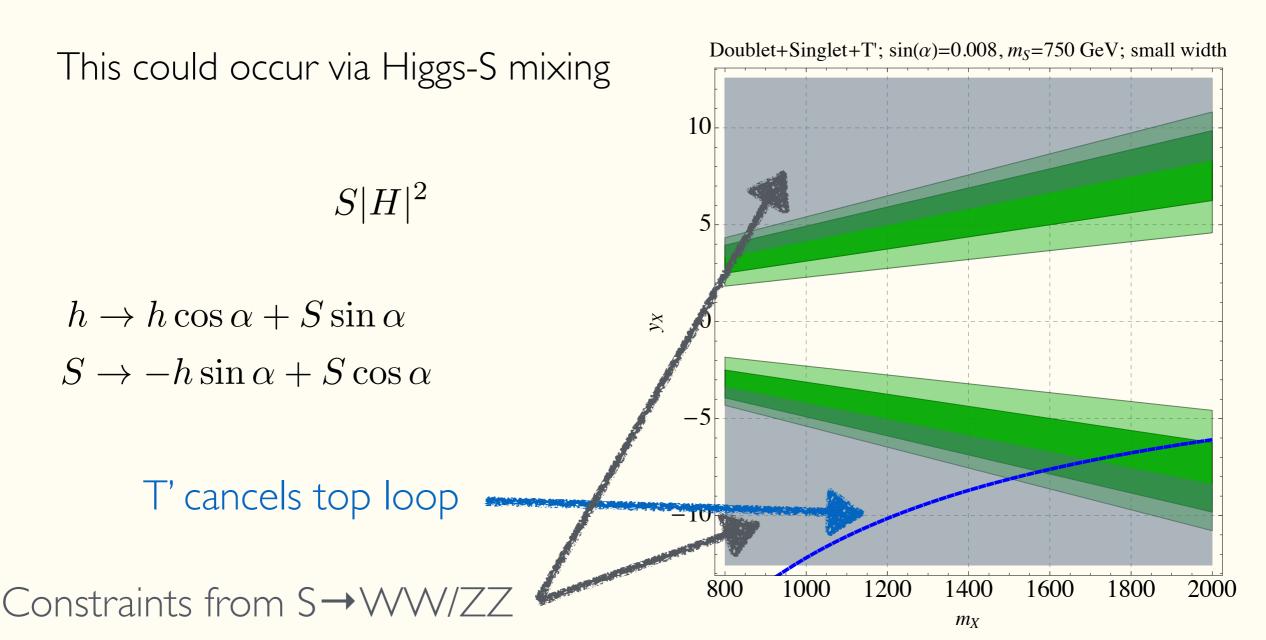
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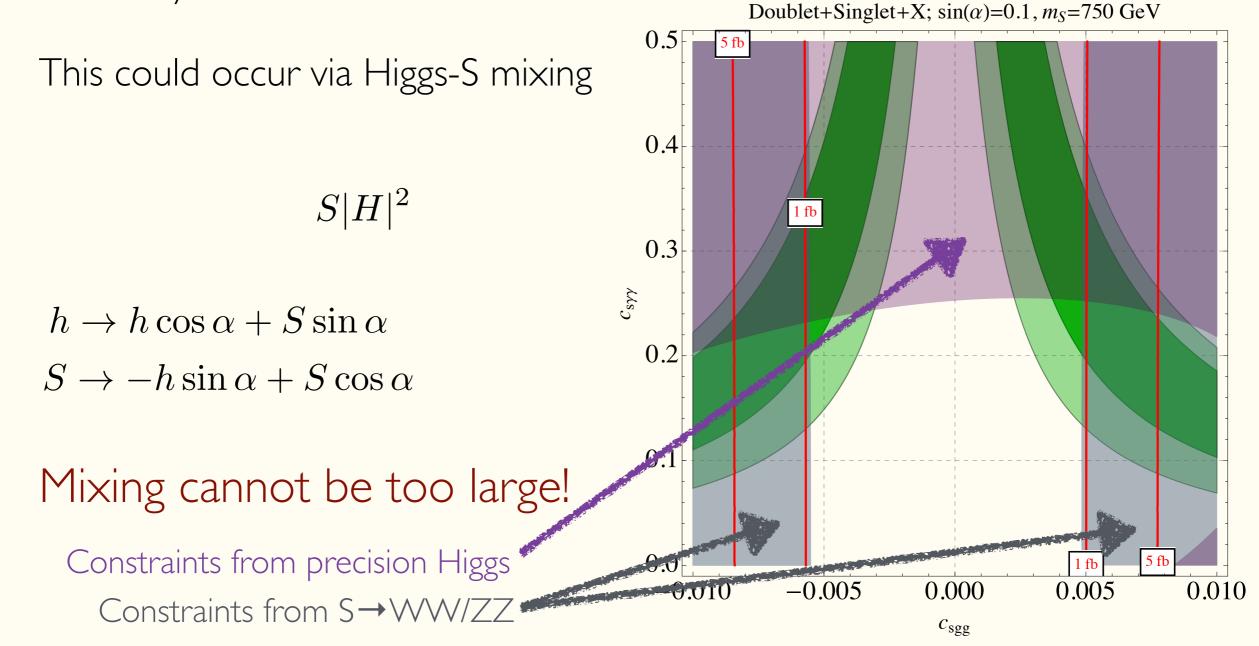
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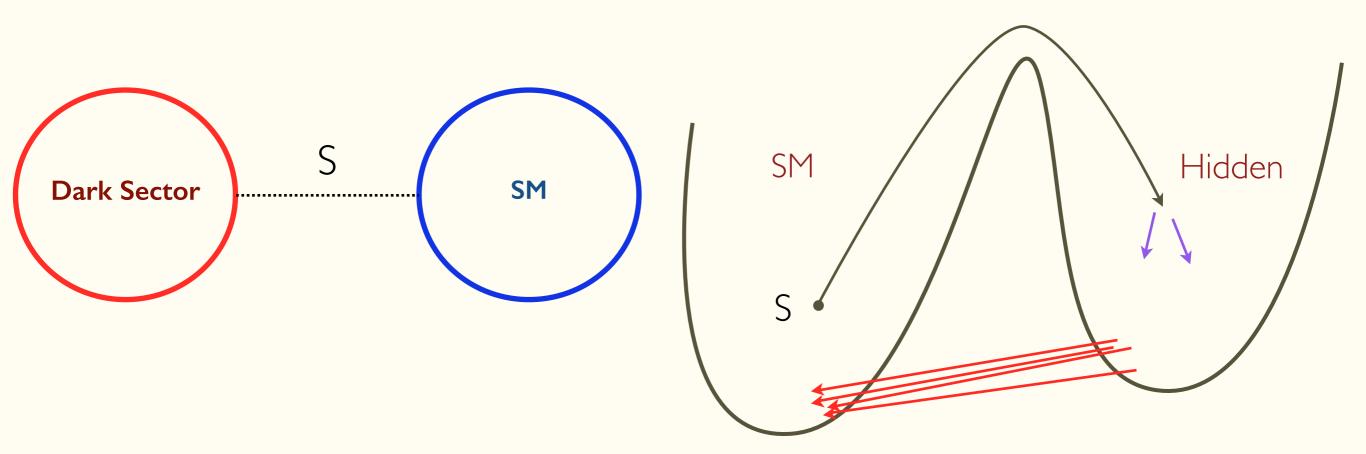
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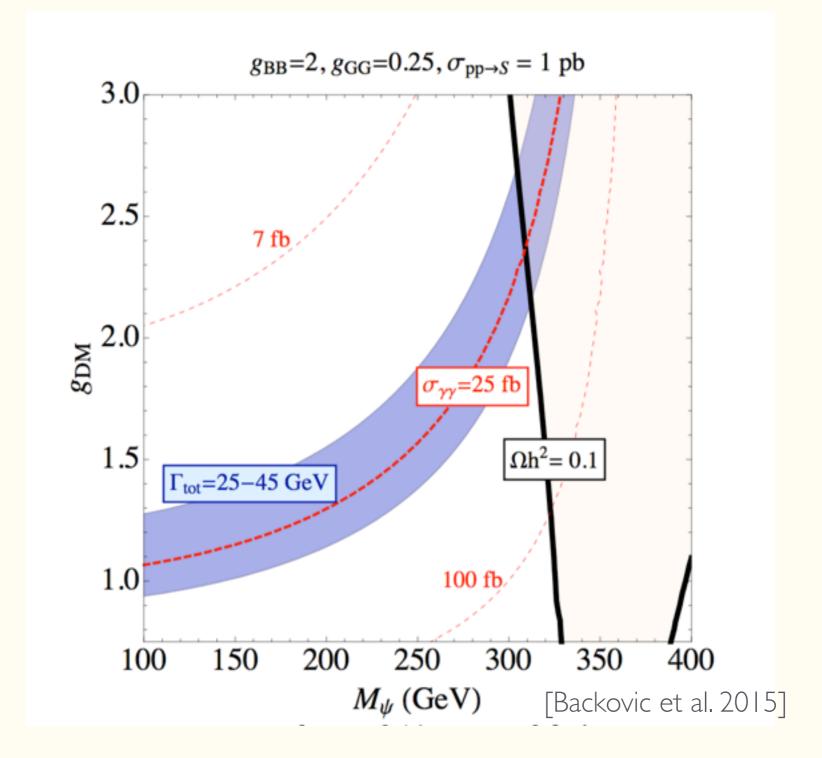


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- 3. H-S mixing suggest that S could be a mediator to a hidden sector. Possibly dark and possibly strong. Could this be a gateway to a hidden valley?



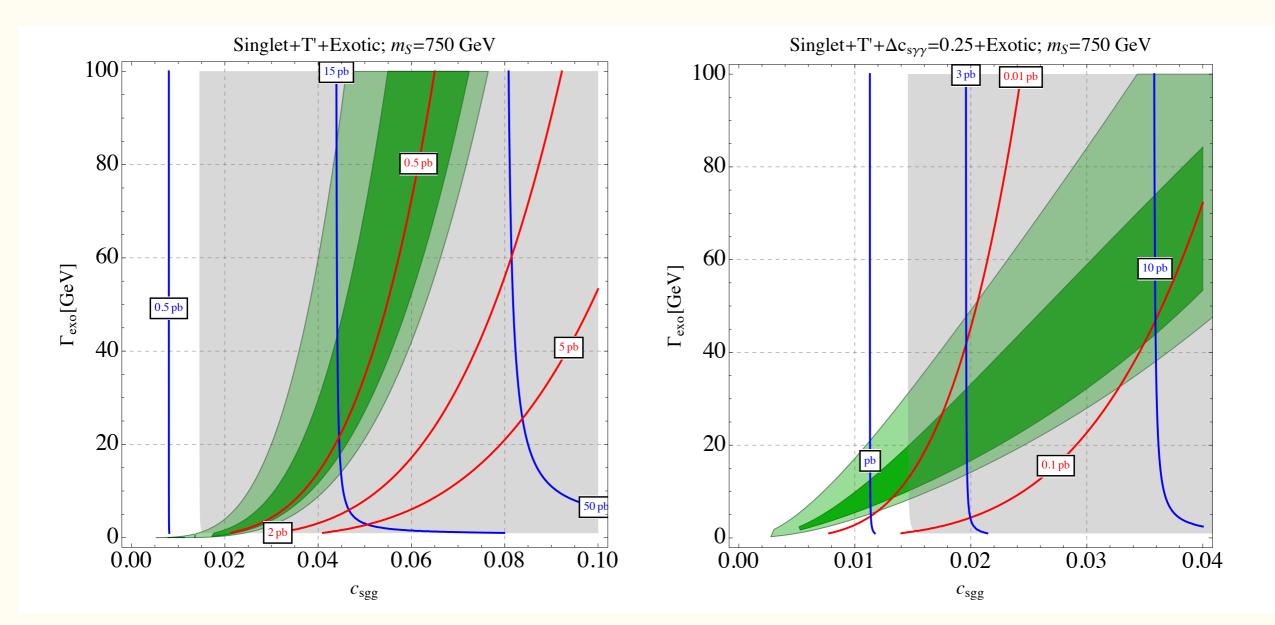
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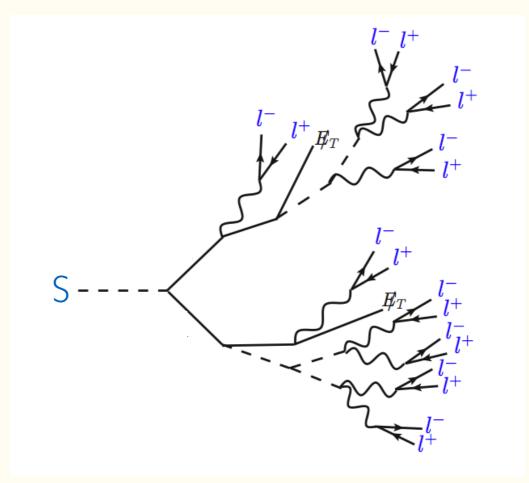
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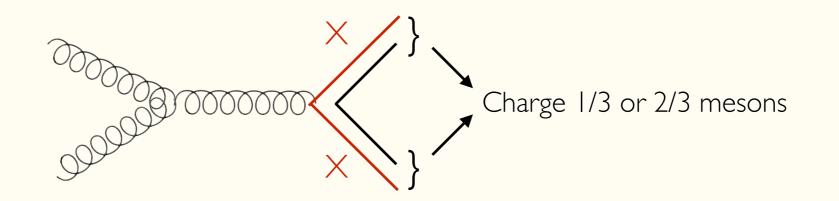
## Exotic Signatures: Lepton Jets

- Just like with the Higgs scenario, S could cascade down a hidden sector and decay to collimated jets, possibly lepton jets (photon jets also relevant).
- Just as with the Higgs, decays could be displaced.
- LJs (especially displaced) may be a good way to hide S.
- We should search for such lepton jets at this mass scale!



# Exotic Signatures: Fractionally Charged Particles

- The glue-glue couplings to S may be generated by vector-like fermions, charged under QCD (but with no hypercharge).
- Direct production of X would form (possibly unstable) fractionally charged mesons.



• The  $p_T$  that will be measured is enhanced:

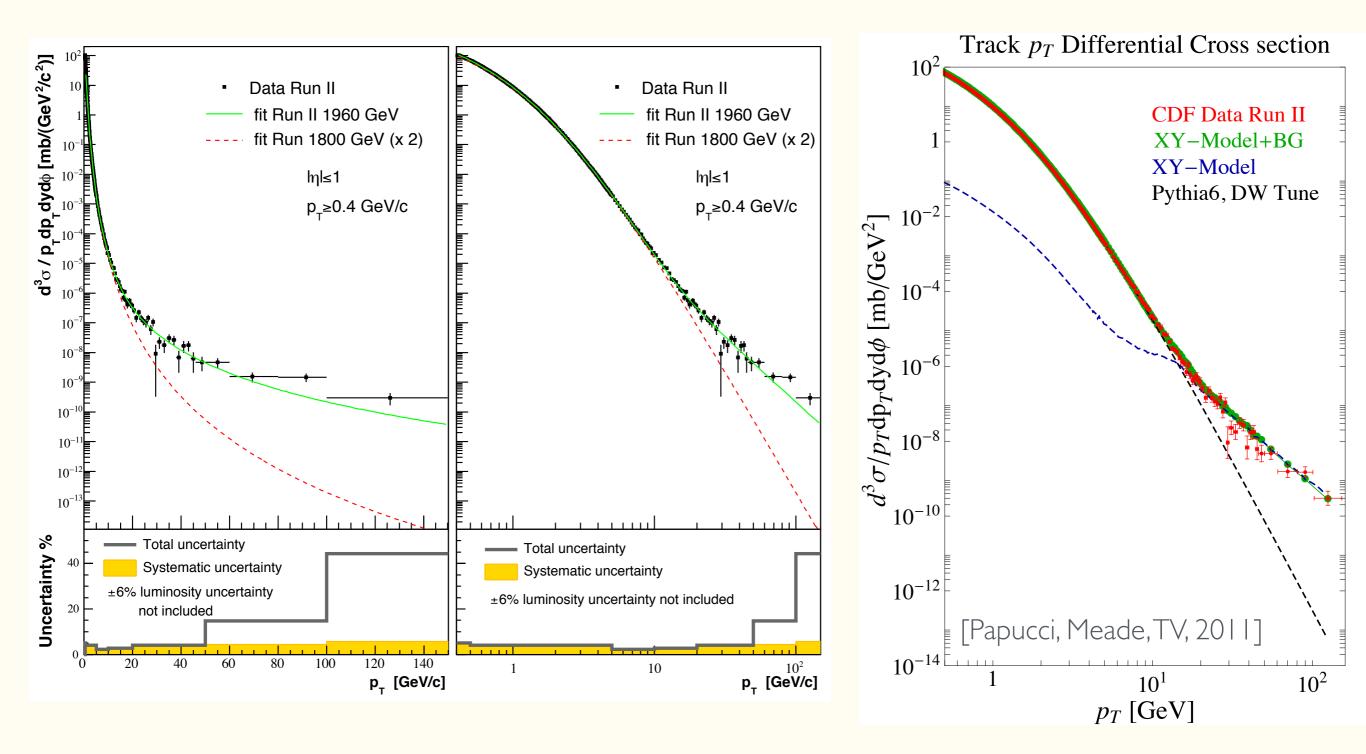
 $p_{T,\text{measured}} = \frac{p_T}{q}$ 

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• Strange signatures like these showed up in the past...

[CDF, 0904.1098]



# **Open Questions**

- What is this related to?
  - Naturalness?
  - Extended Higgs Sector?
  - Mediator to a Hidden Sector?
  - Breakdown of Antropics?

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# Exotics from SUSY

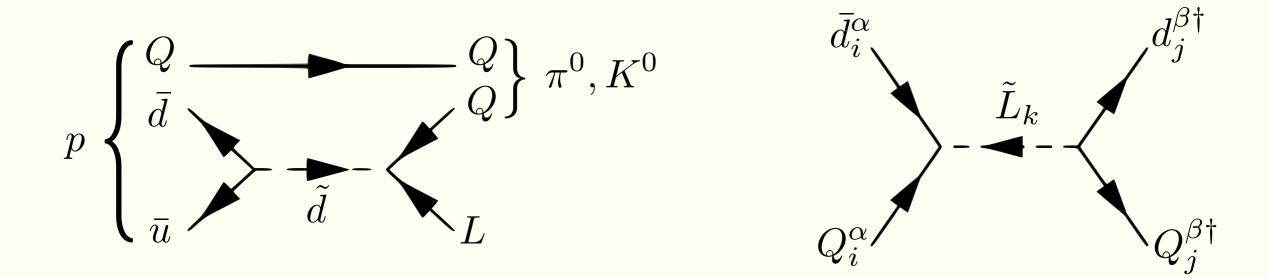
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Problem

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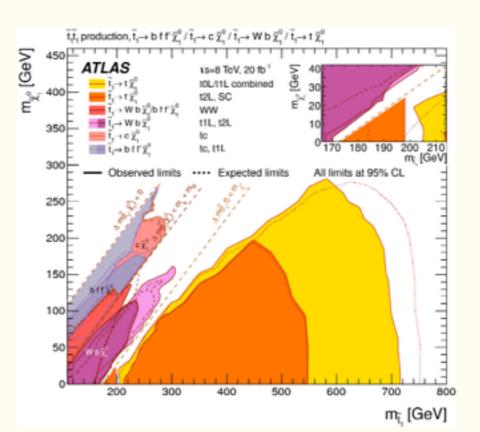
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• The above leads to many problems, such as proton decay or FCNCs:



#### Solution

- Impose a discrete symmetry:  $P_R = (-1)^{3(B-L)+2s}$
- Symmetry forbids the above terms.
  - No problem with proton decay.
  - LSP stable.
  - Implies MET in all events related to supersymmetry.
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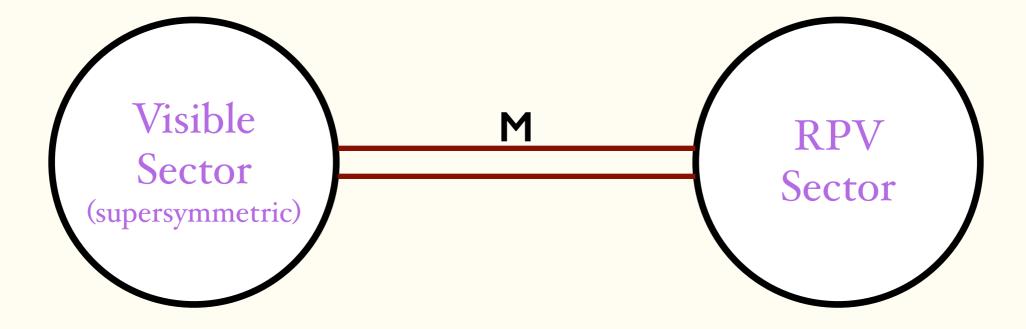
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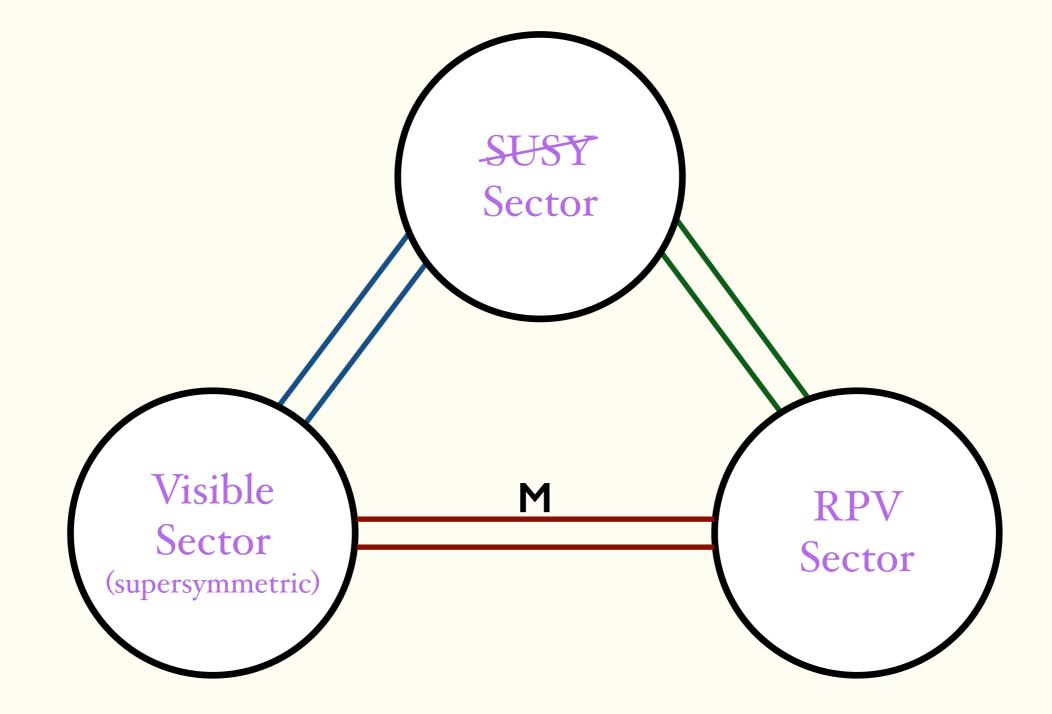
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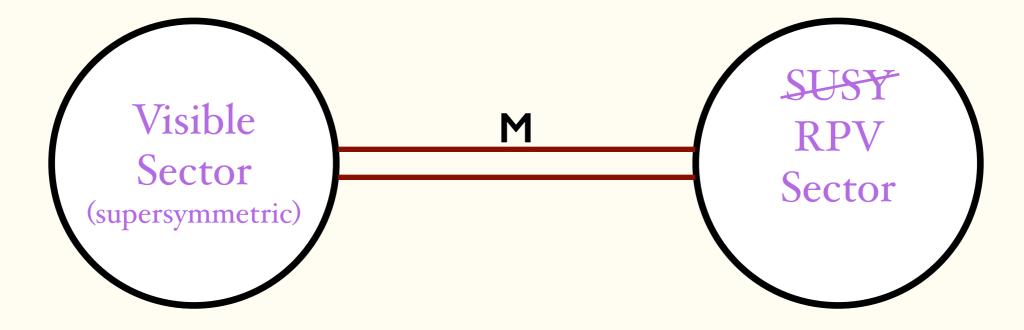
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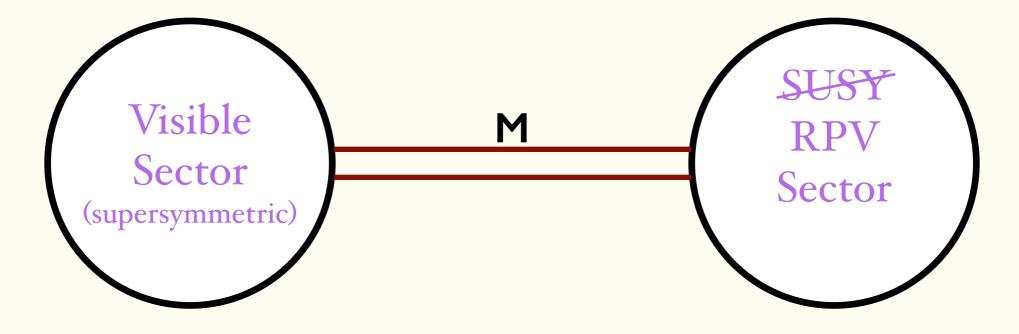
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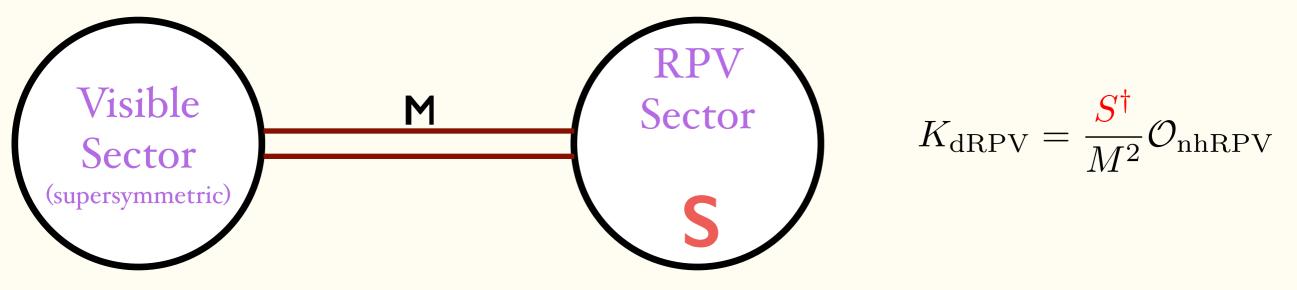
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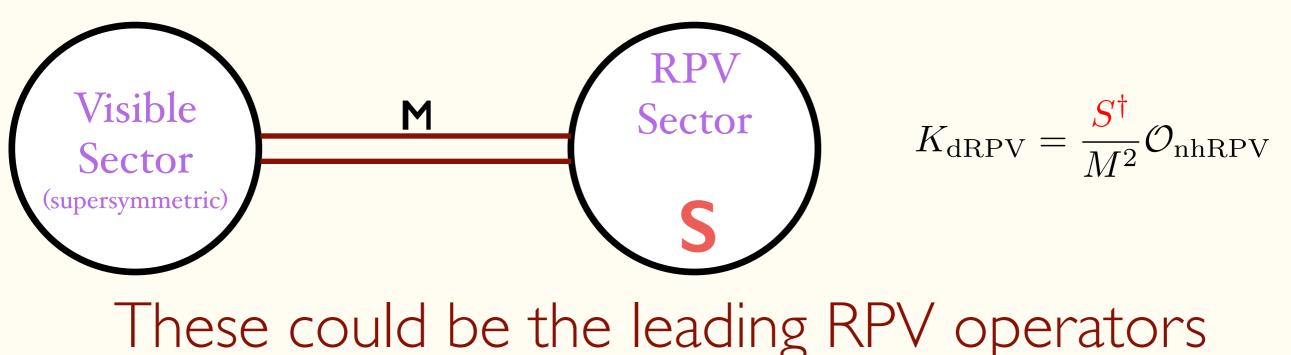


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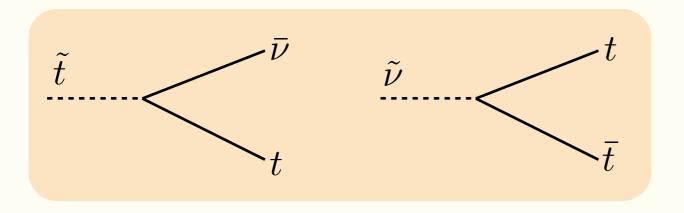


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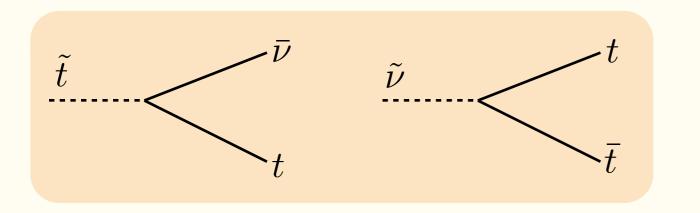
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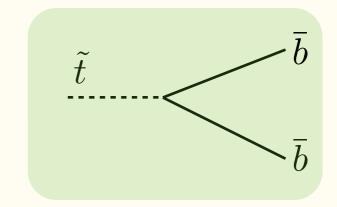
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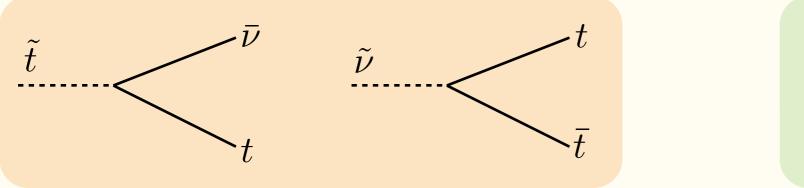
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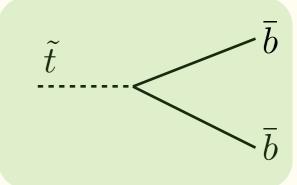
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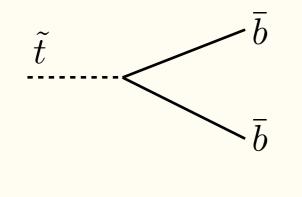
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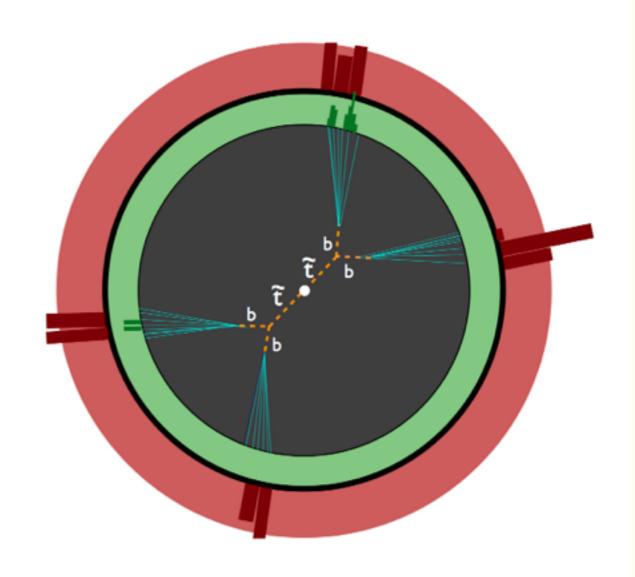
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• The suppressions due to the breaking in the hidden sector imply displaced vertices at colliders:

$$c\tau_{\tilde{t}\to\bar{b}\bar{b}}\simeq 10\mathrm{cm}\left(\frac{300\ \mathrm{GeV}}{m_{\tilde{t}}}\right)\left(\frac{M^2/\langle S\rangle}{10^9\ \mathrm{GeV}}\right)^2\left|\frac{1}{\eta_{333}''}\right|^2$$

• Interesting displaced vertices:





• Stop decay to neutrino could also show up as kinks in the tracker.

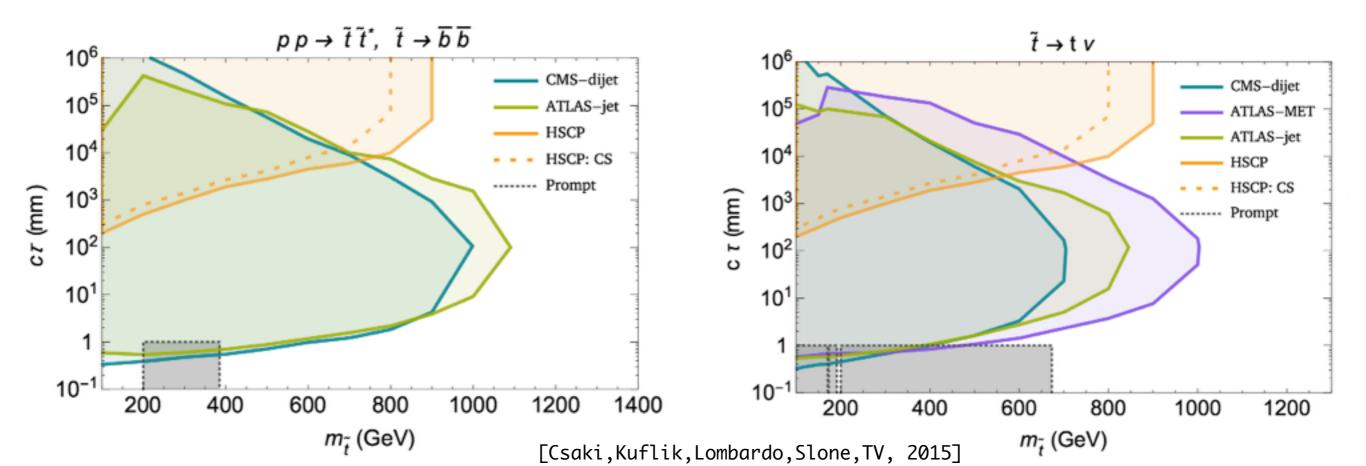
## dRPV: Constraints

- Sensitivity to such models come from exotic searches with displaced vertices.
- Two main searches:
  - I. ATLAS DV+ $\mu$ /e/jets/MET.
    - N<sub>tracks</sub> > 5
    - m<sub>DV</sub> > 10 GeV
    - p<sub>T</sub> > 55 GeV (muon), 125 GeV (electron), 180 GeV (MET), ~60 GeV (jets)
  - 2. CMS Displaced Dijet
    - pT > 60 GeV for each jet.
    - $H_T > 350 \text{ GeV}$  (trigger)
    - m<sub>DV</sub> > 4 GeV (no b's)
    - N<sub>tracks</sub> > 4, 5
    - At most one prompt (IP <0.5 mm) track per jet
    - Dijet consistent with DV

#### dRPV: Constraints

	Topologies	
LSP	Decay	Operator
$ ilde{t}$	$ar{d}ar{d}'$	$\lambda'', \eta''$
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	$d\ell^+$	$\lambda', \eta$
$\tilde{g}$	tdd' + c.c	$\lambda'', \eta''$
	$t\bar{u}\bar{\nu} + c.c$	$\eta'$
	$t\bar{d}\ell^- + c.c$	$\lambda', \eta$
${\tilde H}^0/{\tilde H}^\mp$	(t/b)dd' + c.c	$\lambda'', \eta''$
	$(t/b) \bar{u} \bar{\nu} + c.c$	$\eta'$
	$(t/b)\bar{d}\ell^- + c.c$	$\lambda', \eta$

Sensitive to various topologies:



Exciting times at the LHC!! Something may be right around the corner

Exotic searches will play a crucial role in upcoming years Unless vanilla SUSY (or similar) is discovered, exotic searches may be one of the only game in town

Hidden sectors are highly motivated!

Many different signatures are possible Displaced vertices, lepton jets, soft jets, semi-visible jets, kinks, quirks, etc.

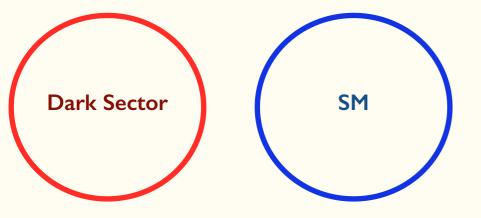
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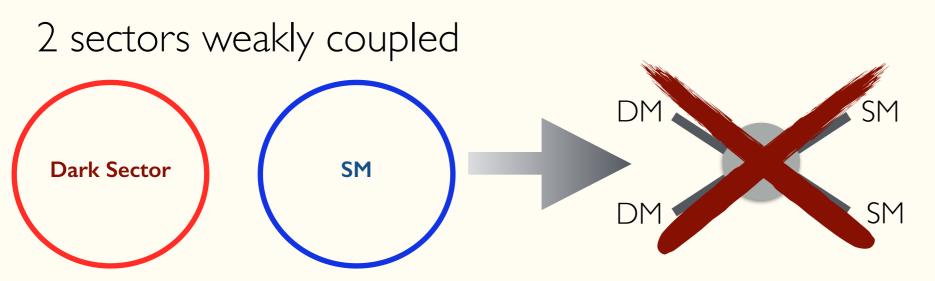
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[Carlson, Hall, Machacek, 1992; Kuflik, Hochberg, TV, Wacker, 2014; Kuflik, Hochberg, Murayama, TV, Wacker, 2014; Kuflik, Hochberg, Murayama, TV, Wacker, in progress]

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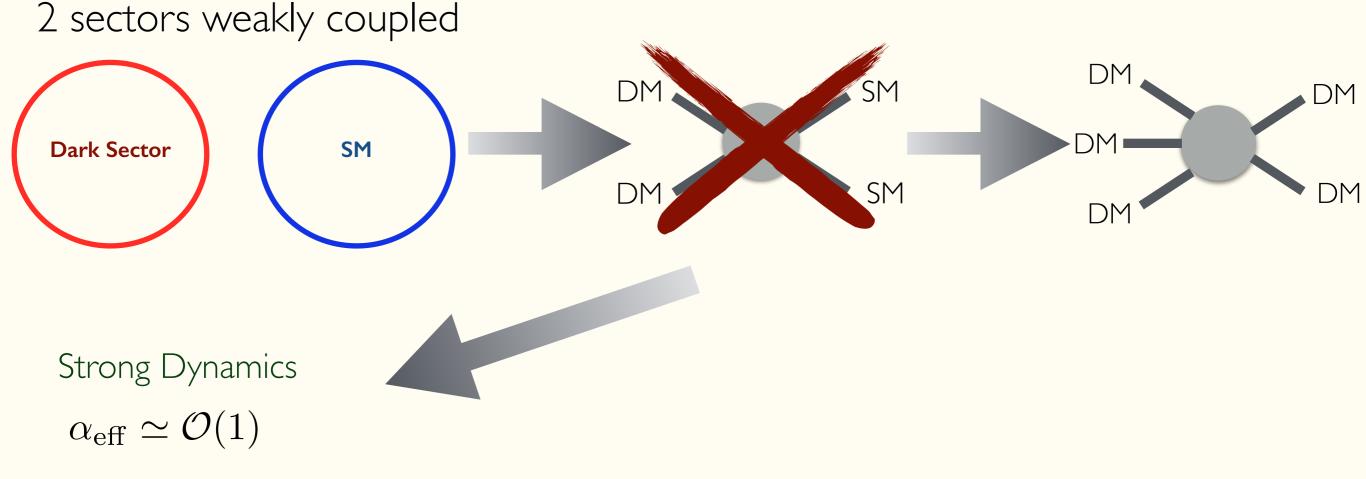
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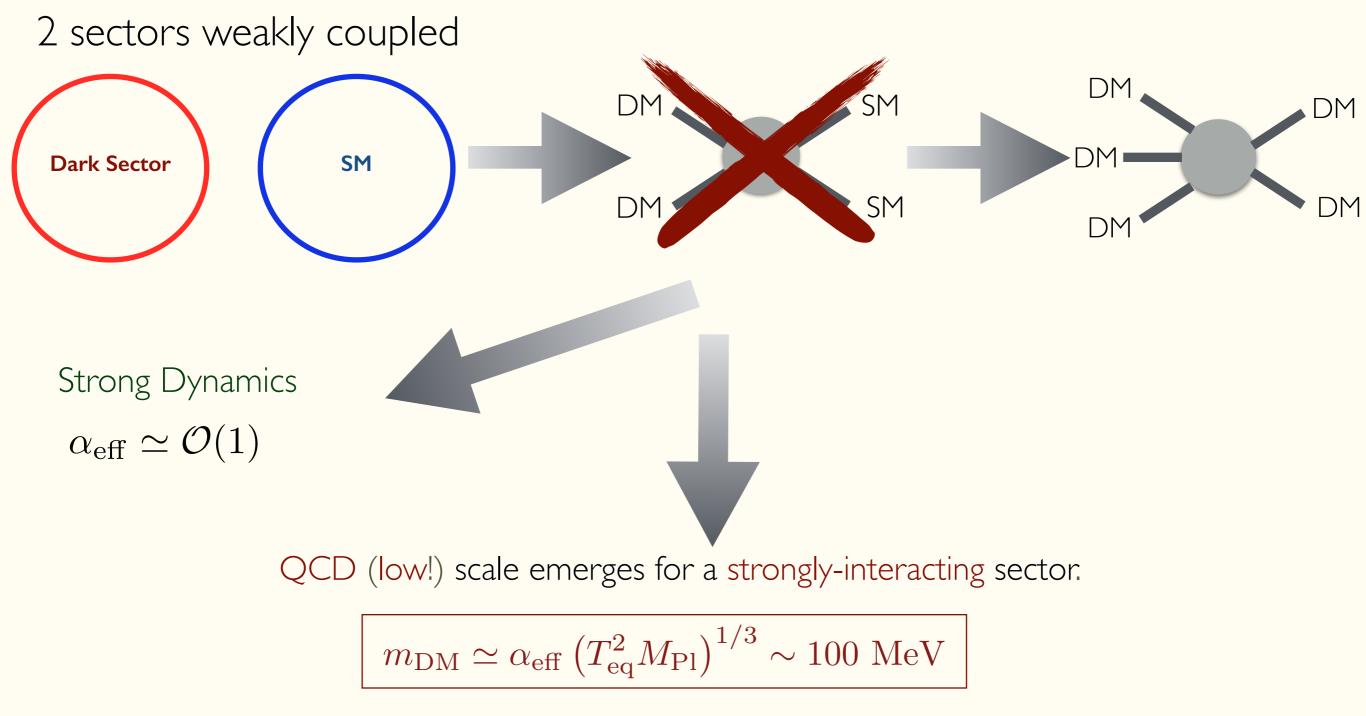
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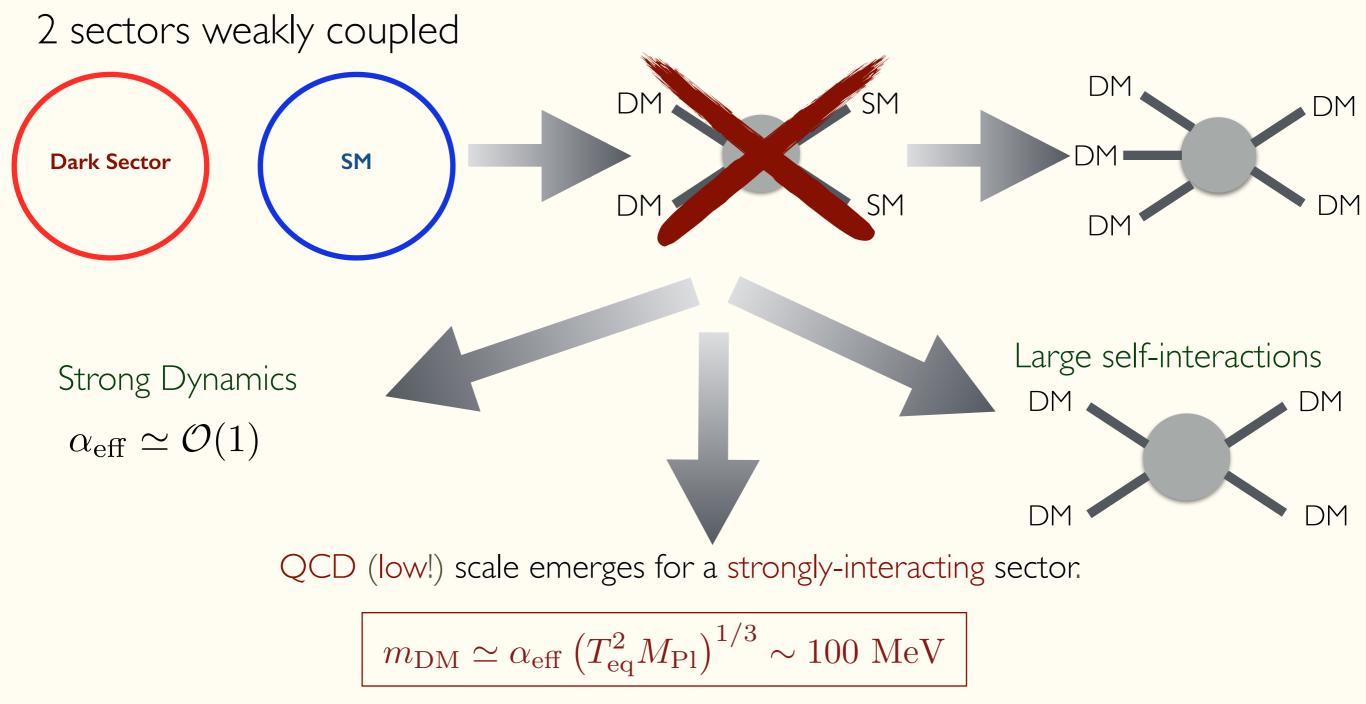
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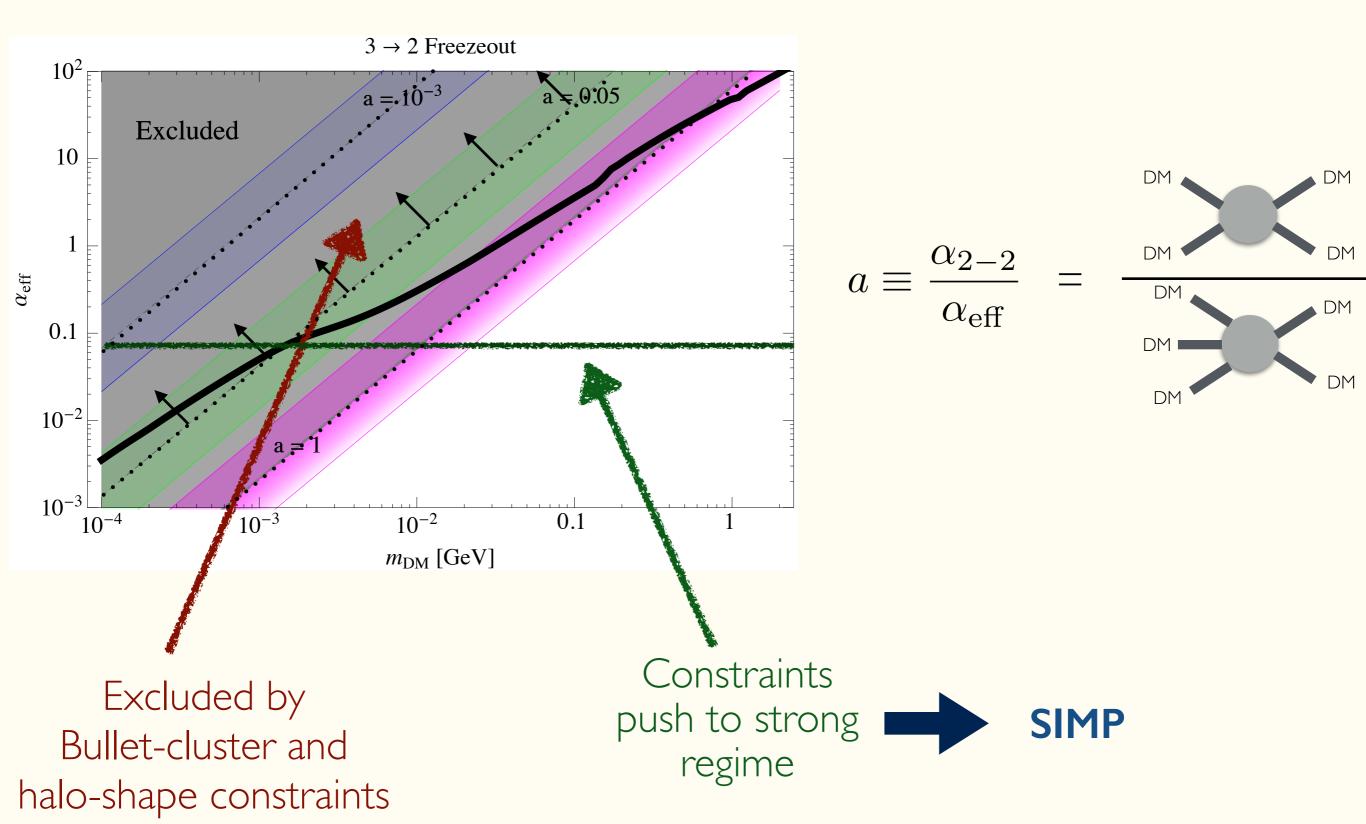


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## 2-2 Good or Bad?

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#### Weak scale emerges for a weak-strength interactions DM

 $10^{2}$ 

$$m_{\rm DM} \simeq \alpha_{\rm eff} \left( T_{\rm eq} M_{\rm Pl} \right)^{1/2} \sim {\rm TeV}$$

SIMP DM

QCD scale emerges for a strongly-interacting sector.

$$m_{\rm DM} \simeq \alpha_{\rm eff} \left( T_{\rm eq}^2 M_{\rm Pl} \right)^{1/3} \sim 100 \,\,\mathrm{MeV}$$

 $3 \rightarrow 2$  Freezeout

 $a = 10^{-3}$ 

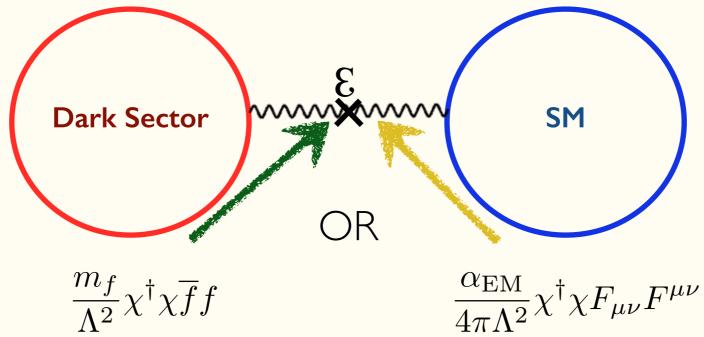
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Excluded by B halo

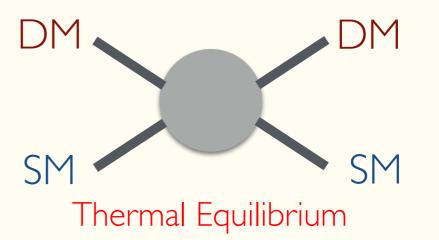
ullet-cluster and  
-shape constraints  
$$a \equiv \frac{\alpha_{2-2}}{\alpha_{\text{eff}}}$$

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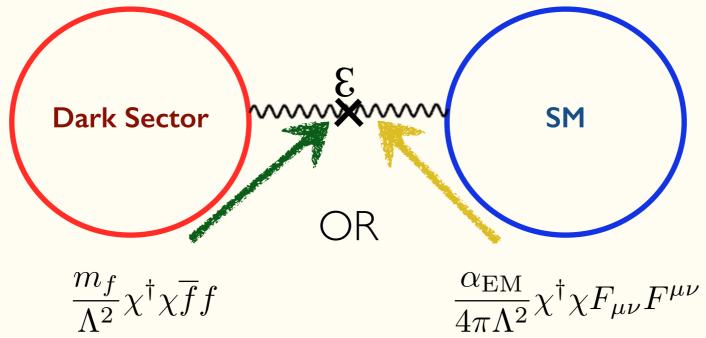


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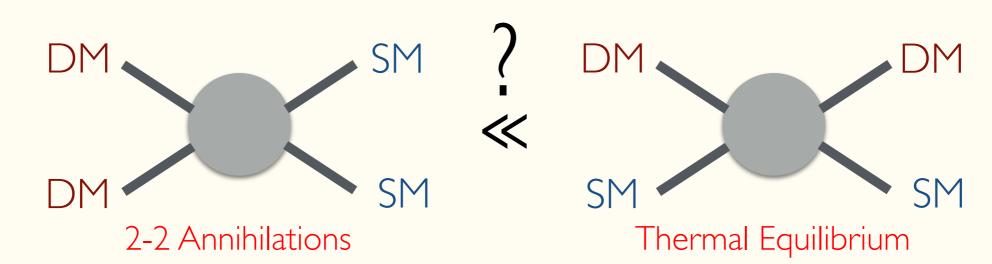


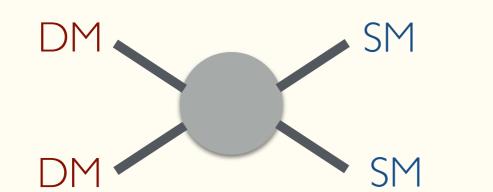


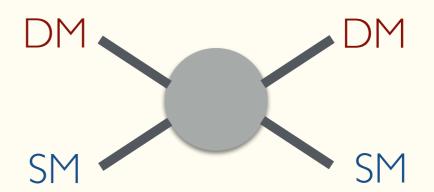
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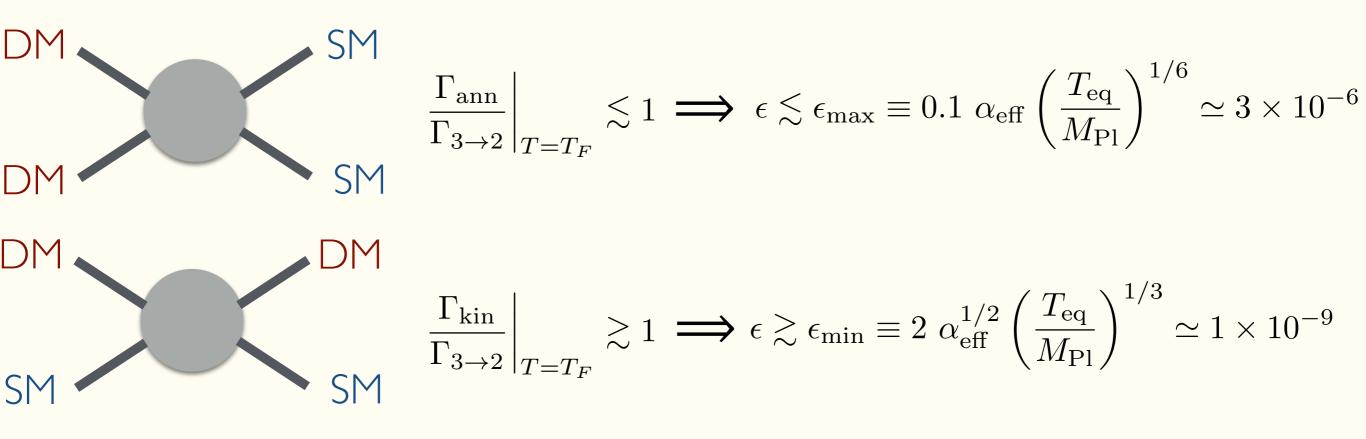




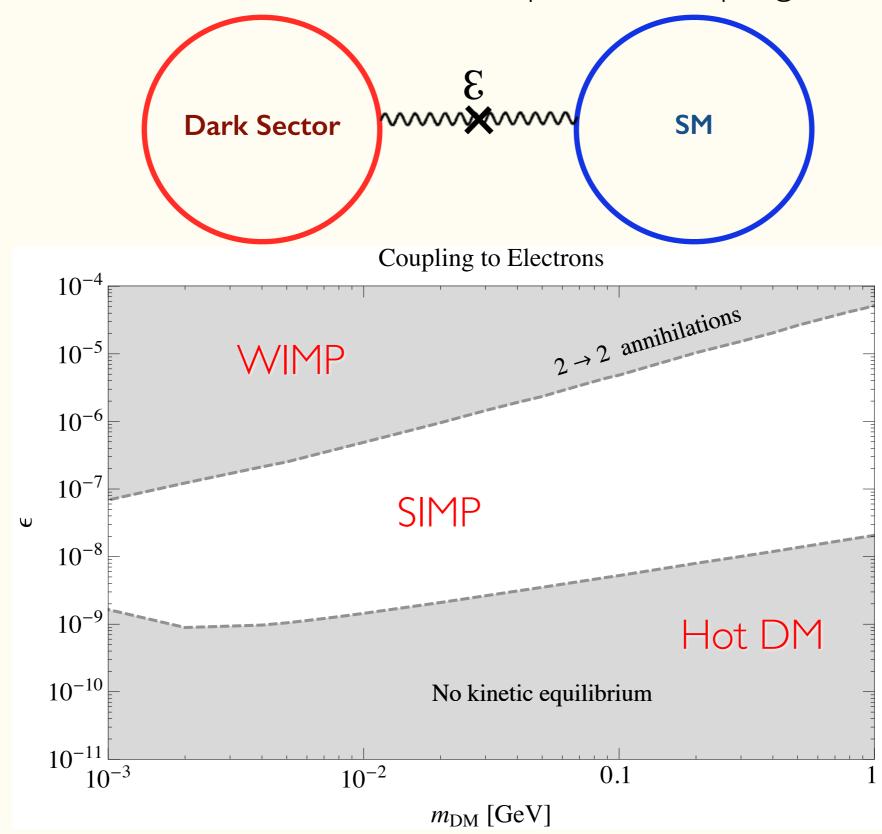
Taking:

 $\langle \sigma v \rangle_{\rm kin} \sim \langle \sigma v \rangle_{\rm ann} \equiv \frac{\epsilon^2}{m_{\rm DM}^2}$ 

$$\frac{\Gamma_{\rm ann}}{\Gamma_{\rm kin}} \sim \frac{n_{\rm DM}}{n_{\rm SM}} \sim e^{-m_{\rm DM}/T} \sim 2 \times 10^{-7}$$



Thus, much like the WIMP, the SIMP scenario predicts couplings to SM.



#### SIMP DM: Experimental Status

