

Dark Matter Searches at ATLAS and CMS

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dark matter

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noun

1. a hypothetical form of matter invisible to electromagnetic radiation, postulated to account for gravitational forces observed in the universe.

Origin of dark matter



1985-1990

1985-90

source: [dictionary.com](https://www.dictionary.com)

FIRST ATTEMPT AT A THEORY OF THE ARRANGEMENT AND MOTION OF THE SIDEREAL SYSTEM¹

By J. C. KAPTEYN²

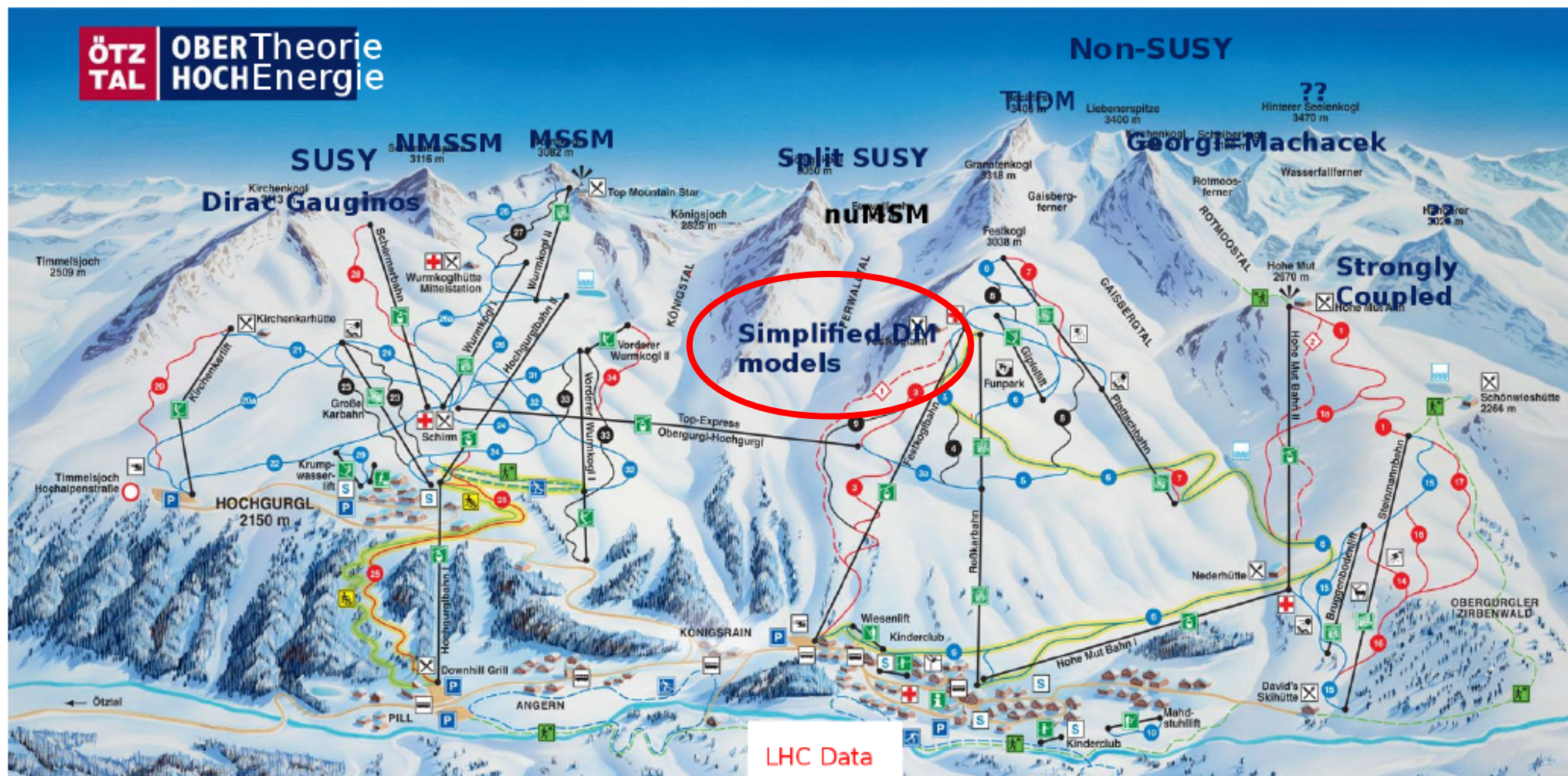
ABSTRACT

First attempt at a general theory of the distribution of masses, forces, and velocities in the stellar system.—(1) Distribution of stars. Observations are fairly well represented, at least up to galactic lat. 70° , if we assume that the equidensity surfaces are similar ellipsoids of revolution, with axial ratio 5.1, and this enables us to compute quite readily (2) the gravitational acceleration at various points due to such a system, by summing up the effects of each of ten ellipsoidal shells, in terms of the acceleration due to the average star at a distance of a parsec. The total number of stars is taken as 47.4×10^9 . (3) *Random and rotational velocities.* The nature of the equidensity surfaces is such that the stellar system cannot be in a steady state unless there is a general rotational motion around the galactic polar axis, in addition to a random motion analogous to the thermal agitation of a gas. In the neighborhood of the axis, however, there is no rotation, and the behavior is assumed to be like that of a gas at uniform temperature, but with a gravitational acceleration (G_η) decreasing with the distance ρ . Therefore the density Δ is assumed to obey the barometric law: $G_\eta = -\bar{u}^2(\delta\Delta/\delta\rho)/\Delta$; and taking the mean random velocity \bar{u} as 10.3 km/sec., the author finds that (4) the mean mass of the stars decreases from 2.2 (sun = 1) for shell II to 1.4 for shell X (the outer shell), the average being close to 1.6, which is the value independently found for the average mass of both components of visual binaries. In the galactic plane the resultant acceleration—gravitational minus centrifugal—is again put equal to $-\bar{u}^2(\delta\Delta/\delta\rho)/\Delta$, \bar{u} is taken to be constant and the average mass is assumed to decrease from shell to shell as in the direction of the pole. The angular velocities then come out such as to make the linear rotational velocities about constant and equal to 19.5 km/sec. beyond the third shell. If now we suppose that part of the stars are rotating one way and part the other, the relative velocity being 39 km/sec., we have a quantitative explanation of the phenomenon of star-streaming, where the relative velocity is also in the plane of the Milky Way and about 40 km/sec. It is incidentally suggested that when the theory is perfected it may be possible to determine the amount of dark matter from its gravitational effect. (5) *The chief defects of the theory* are: That the equidensity surfaces assumed do not agree with the actual surfaces, which tend to become spherical for the shorter distances; that the *position of the center of the system* is not the sun, as assumed, but is probably located at a point some 650 parsecs away in the direction galactic long. 77° , lat. -3° ; that the average mass of the stars was assumed to be the same in all shells in deriving the formula for the variation of G_η with ρ on the basis of which the variation of average mass from shell to shell and the constancy of the rotational velocity were derived—hence either the assumption or the conclusions are wrong; and that no distinction has been made between stars of different types.

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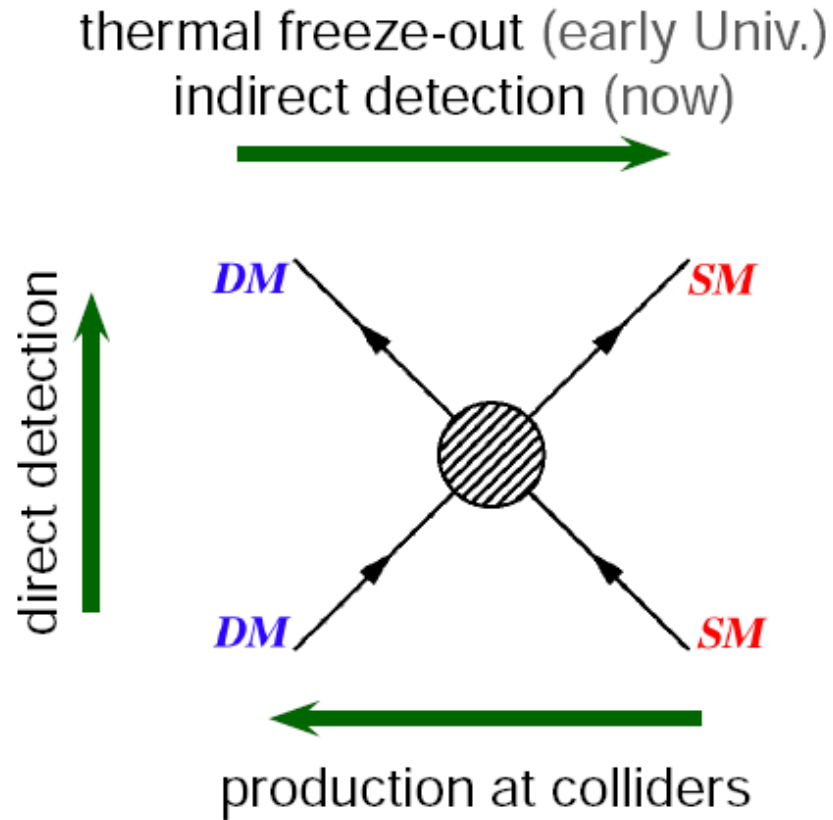
5 years to 100 years of dark matter!

Setting the scene

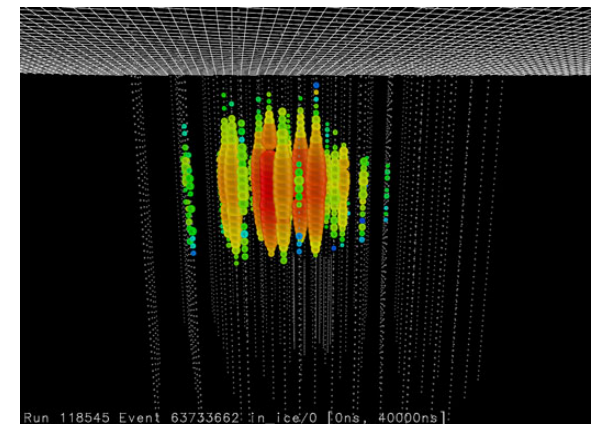
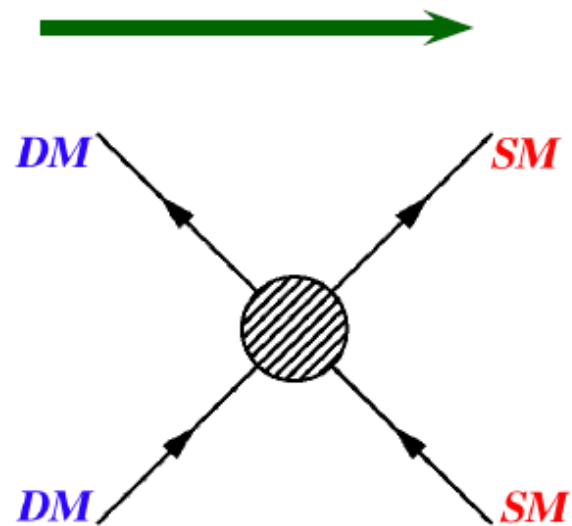


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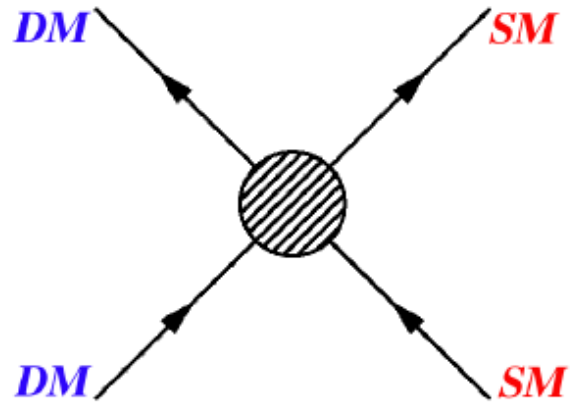
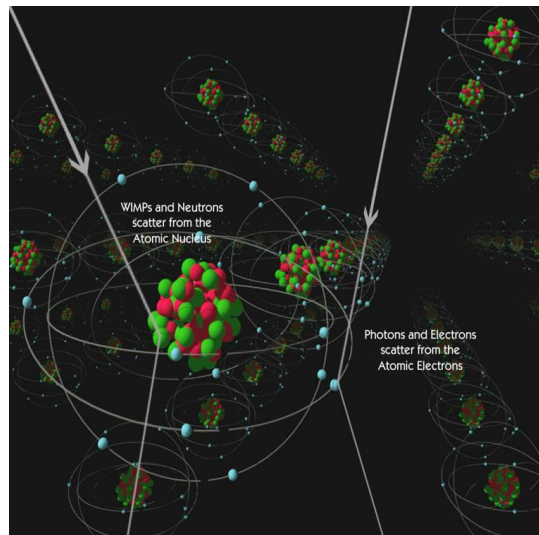


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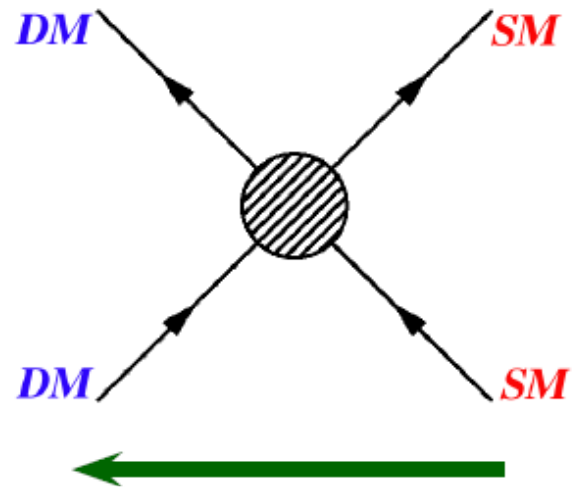
break it!

Setting the scene



shake it!

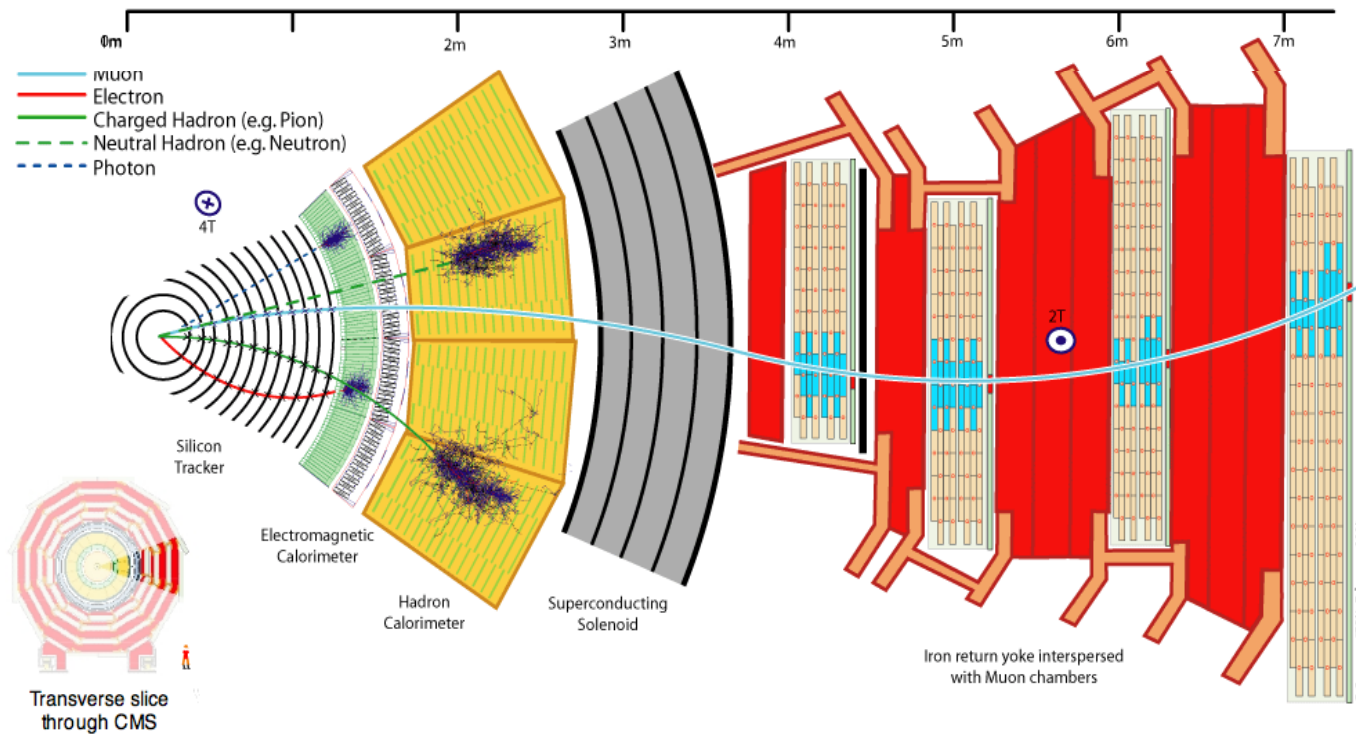
Setting the scene



make it!

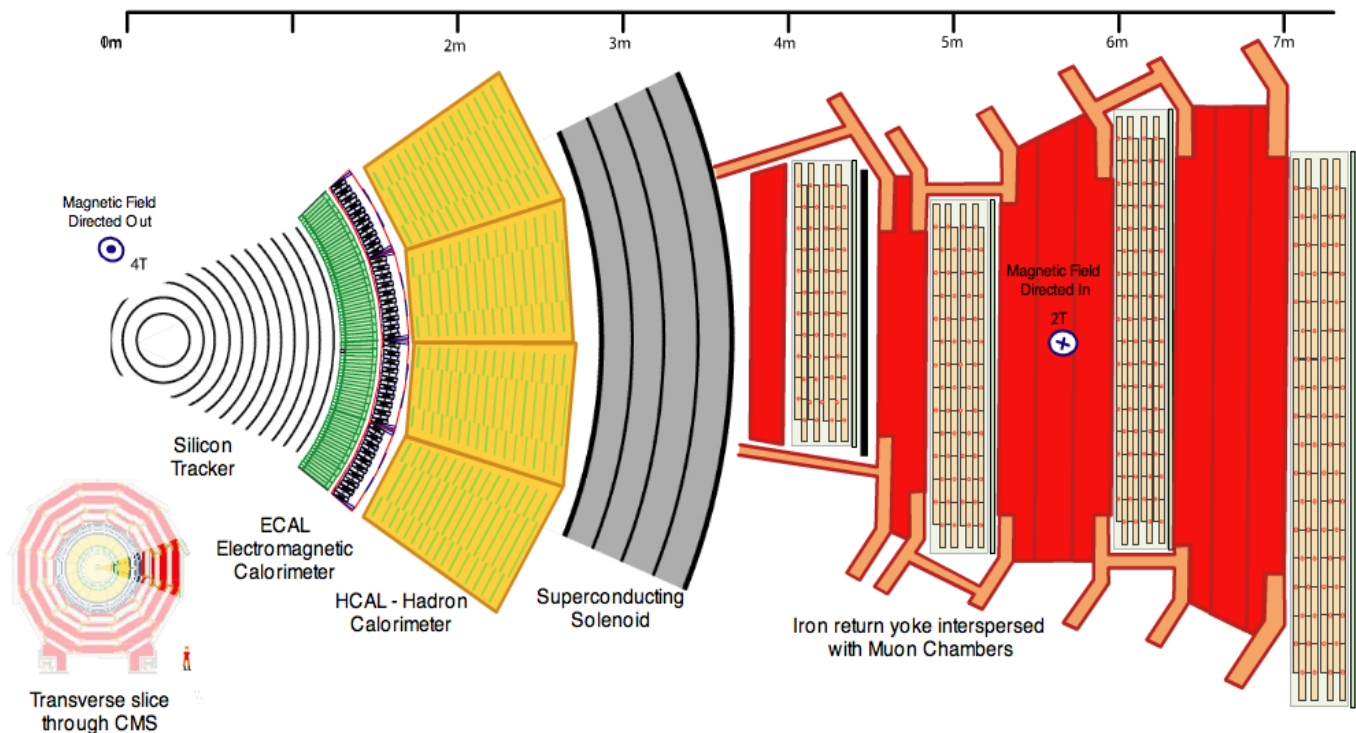


Collider experiments as DM hunters



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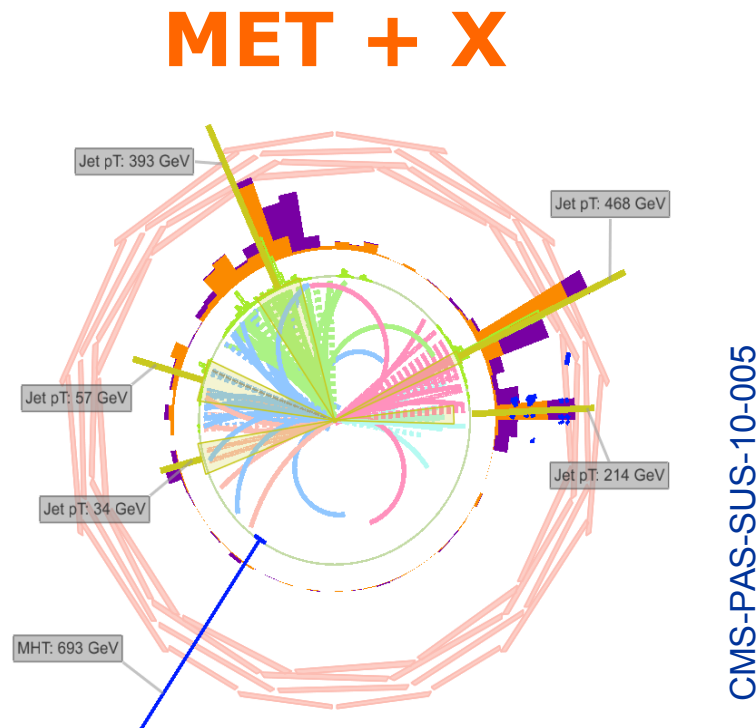
- focus on **WIMP**-like particles: no interaction in detector (*)



(*) though a whole world beyond the WIMP, also in ATLAS/CMS

Collider experiments as DM hunters

- experimental signature is transverse momentum imbalance
 - many tens of publications using MET as key observable



- note: DM \rightarrow MET is obvious ; MET \rightarrow DM interpretation much harder!

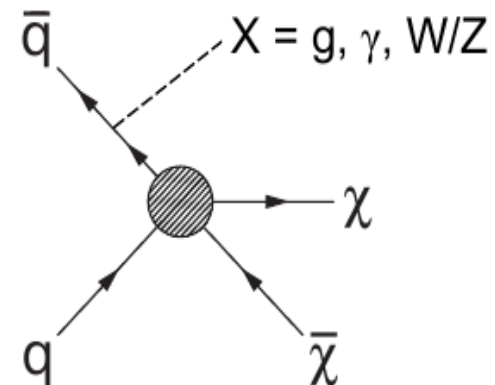
LHC search categorisation

DM from cascade decays

- example: **SUSY**
 - with R parity always 2 LSP's yielding observable momentum imbalance (MET)

DM produced directly

- **pair production**
 - but back-to-back DM particles are invisible
- ISR diagrams provide **probe recoiling against DM pair**



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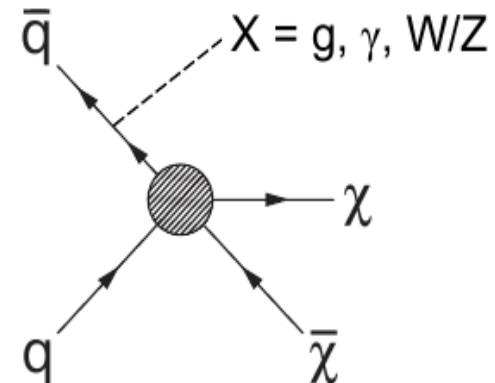
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artificial distinction?

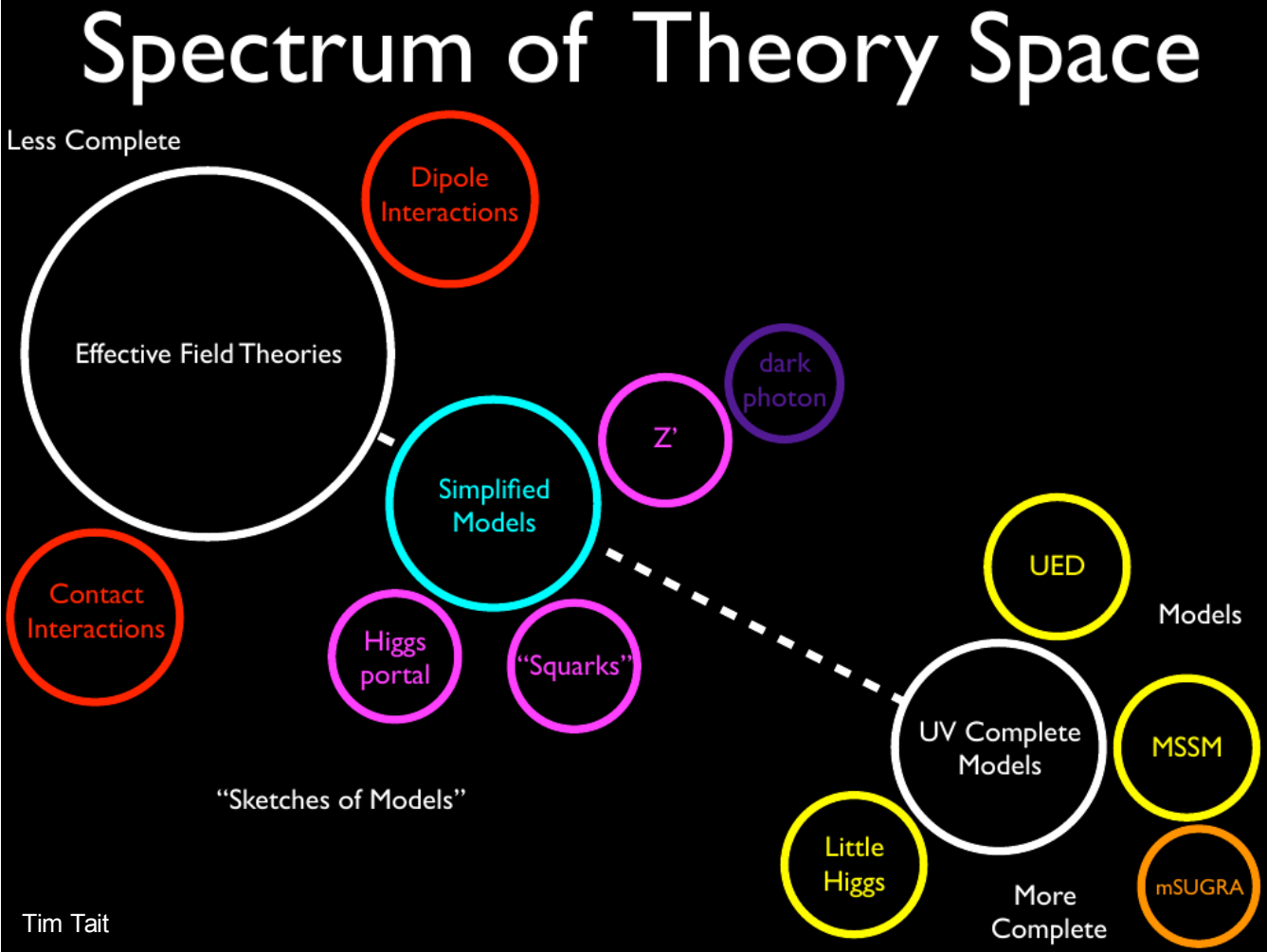
- example: **Higgs portal**
 - still large invisible H decay width allowed

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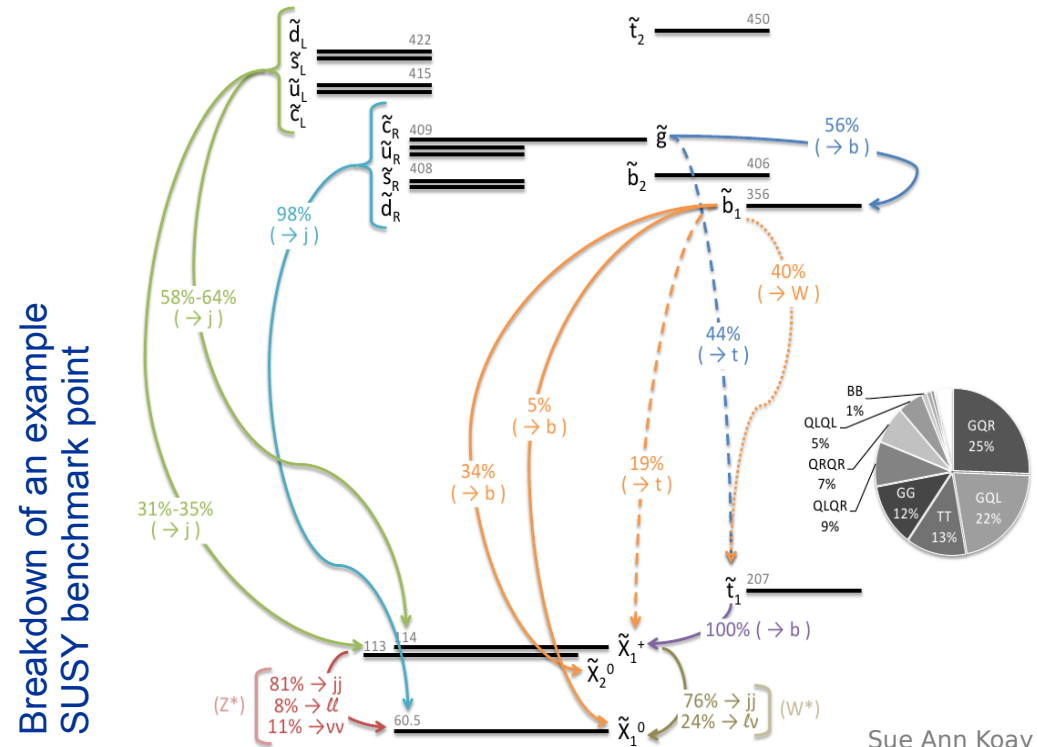
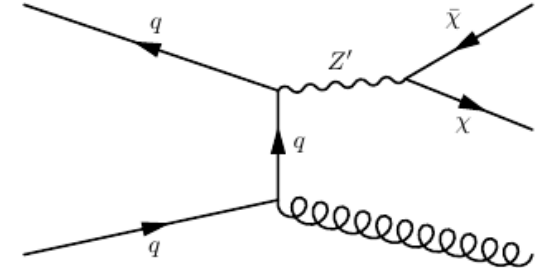


Use models to guide experimental strategies



Modelling DM production

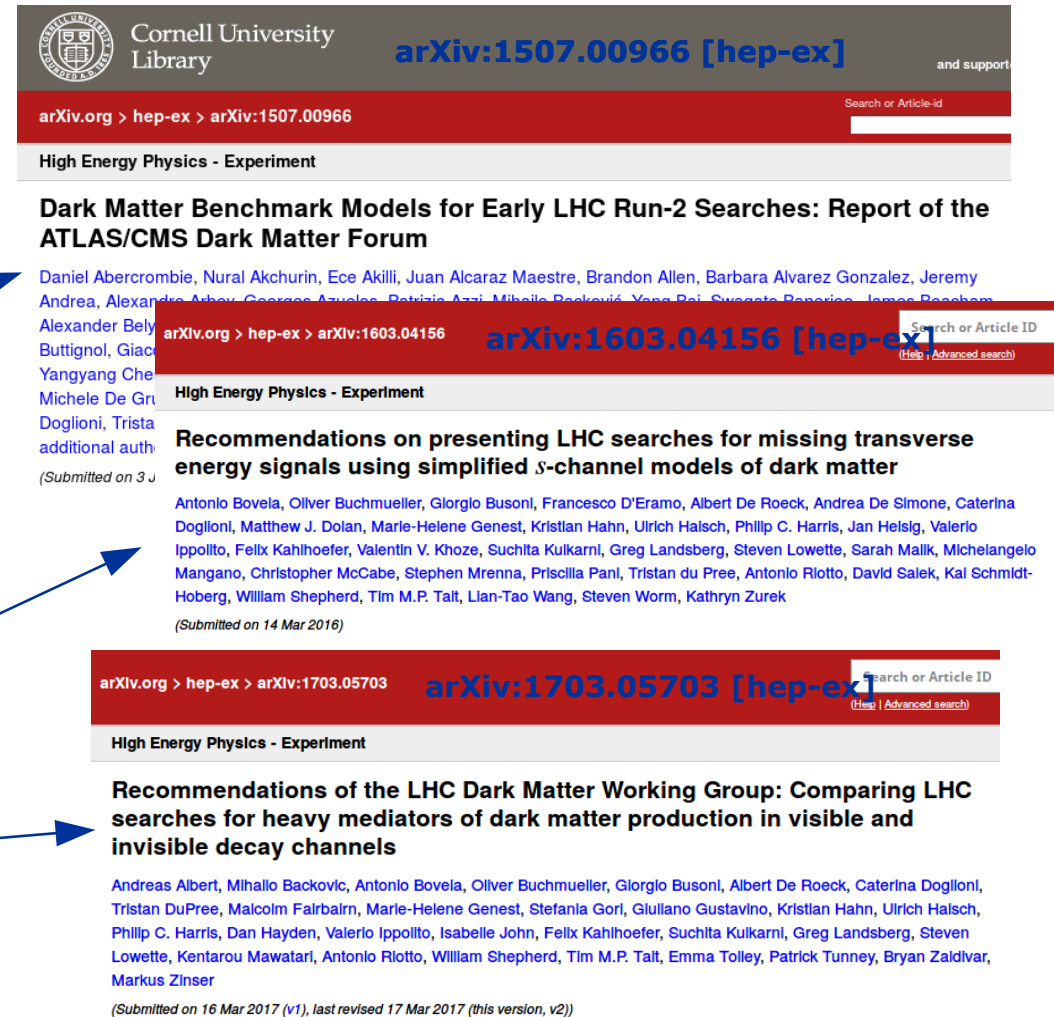
- **simplified models:** SM + only few particles
 - new physics **restricted to what is relevant** for a certain topology
 - aim for **maximal experimental coverage** of that topology
 - mediator and interactions **specified explicitly**
 - **building blocks for recasting** results in full models
 - caveats apply
 - parameter scans manageable



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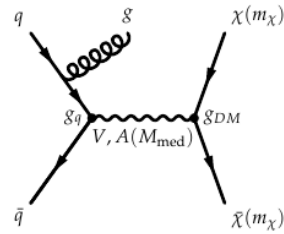
Modelling DM production

- simplified models were **standardized in 7/8TeV LHC SUSY searches**
- 13TeV direct DM production now also **standardized on simplified models**
- **2015: LHC DM Forum**
 - bottom-up **guidelines for LHC dark-matter searches at the start of LHC Run-2**
 - wide consensus in community summarized in extensive report
- **continues in LPCC Dark Matter Working Group**
 - https://lpcc.web.cern.ch/lpcc/index.php?page=dm_wg
 - common basis to present LHC results wrt other LHC and non-LHC experiments
 - common basis for comparison of LHC DM searches to visible mediator searches (in dijet and dilepton channels)

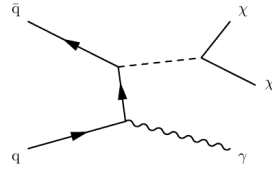


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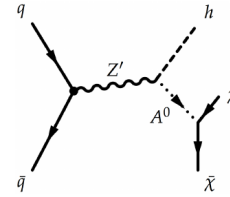
Searches for direct DM production



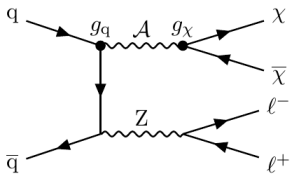
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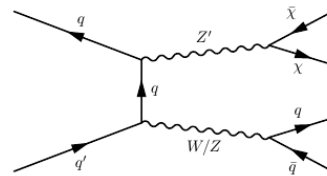
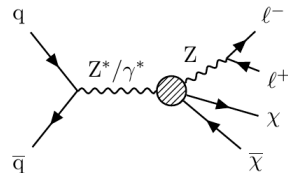
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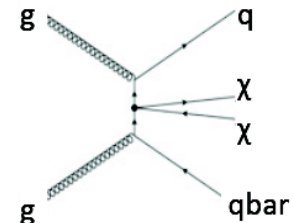
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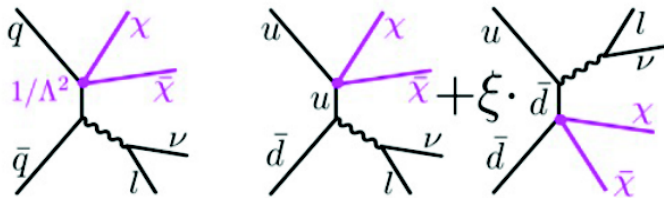
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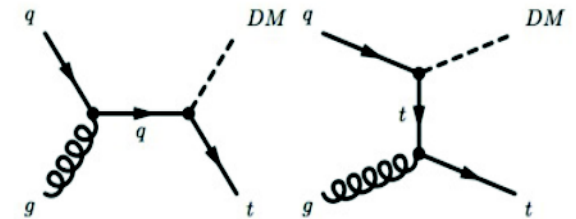
MonoW/Z (Hadronic)



BBbar / TTbar



MonoW (monoLepton)



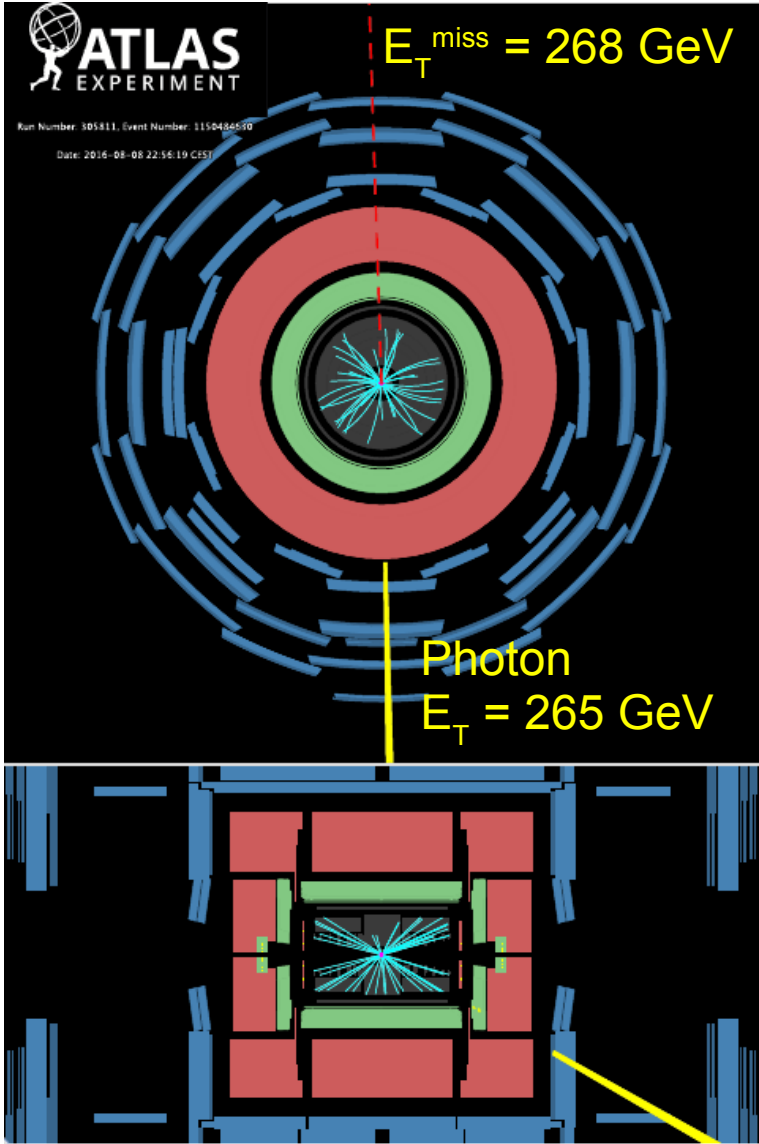
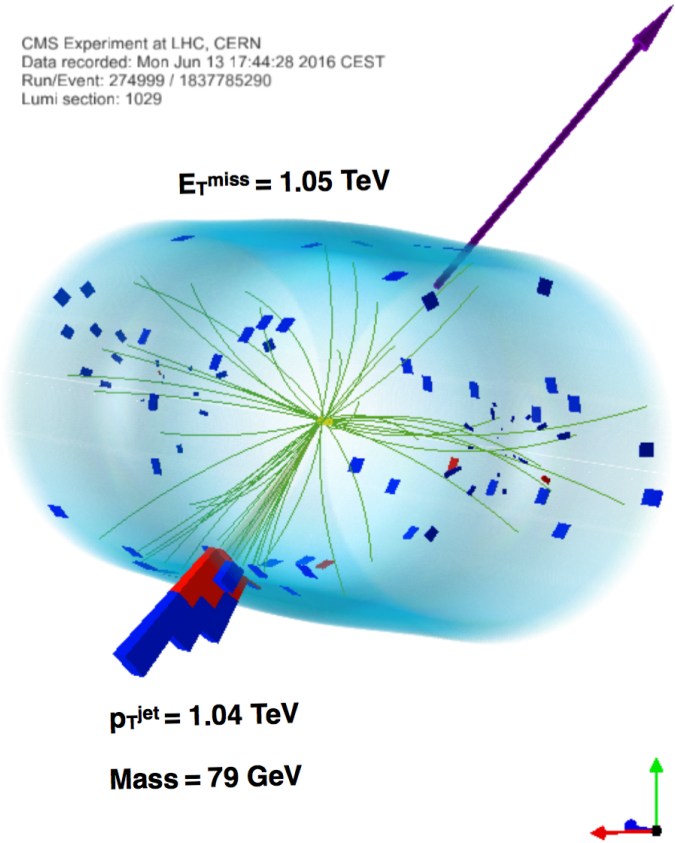
MonoTop

Experimental status

Spectacular signatures!



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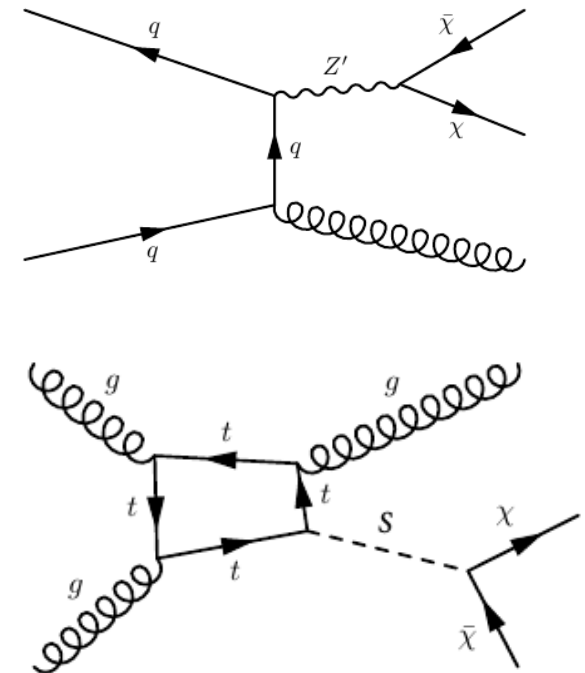


“Classic” search: mono-jet

- DM recoils against a jet from QCD ISR
- selection highlights (ex. from CMS)
 - MET as sensitive observable, lowest cut driven by trigger (200GeV)
 - at least one central high-momentum jet away from MET ($p_T > 100\text{GeV}$)
 - electron/muon/tau/b/photon vetoes
 - suppress large jet mismeasurements: $\Delta\phi(\text{jet } 1..4, \text{MET}) > 0.5$
 - control fake jets and instrumental MET
- irreducible $Z \rightarrow \nu\nu$ dominant after selection
 - $W \rightarrow l\nu$ subdominant

CMS, arXiv:1703.01651 [hep-ex], 12.9fb⁻¹

ATLAS, Phys. Rev. D94 (2016) 032005, 3.2fb⁻¹

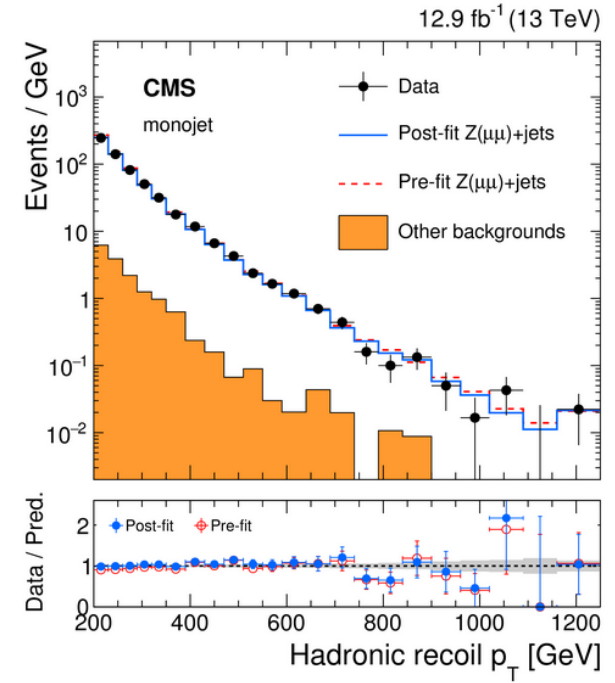
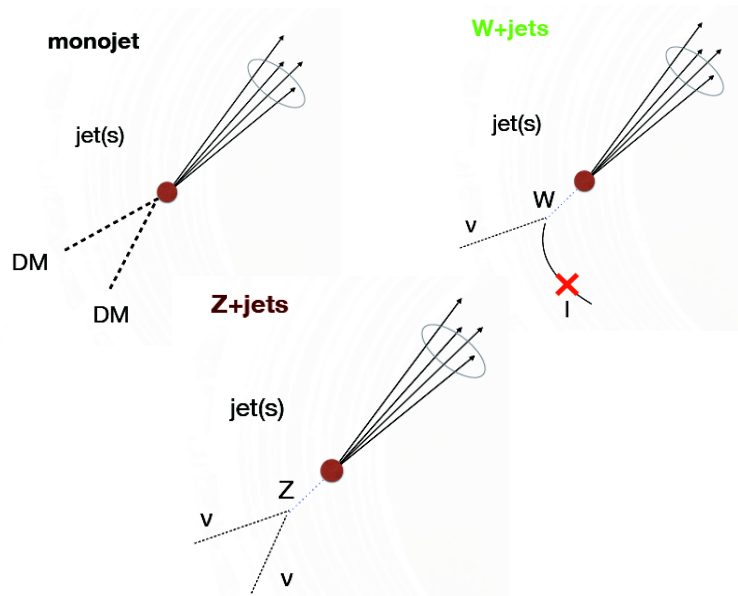


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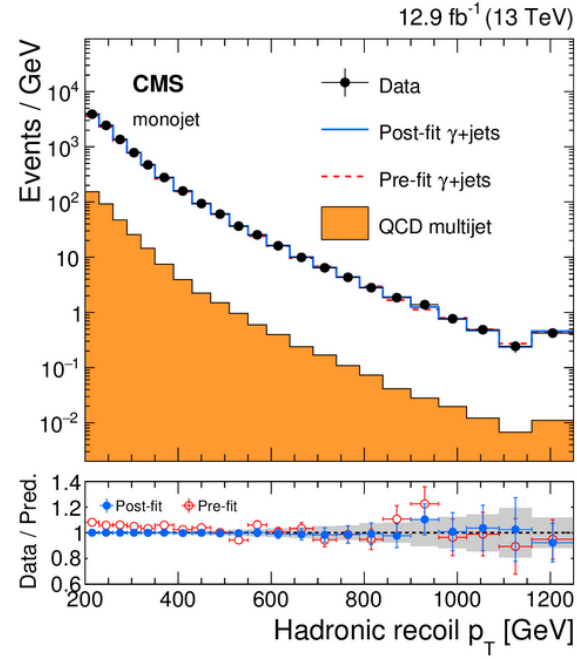
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- backgrounds well controlled with global fit over several data control regions
 - $Z \rightarrow \nu\nu$ constrained from $Z \rightarrow \mu\mu$, $Z \rightarrow ee$ and photon+jets
 - $W \rightarrow l\nu$ background constrained from $W \rightarrow \mu\nu$ and $W \rightarrow e\nu$
 - Z/W cross section ratio constraint added



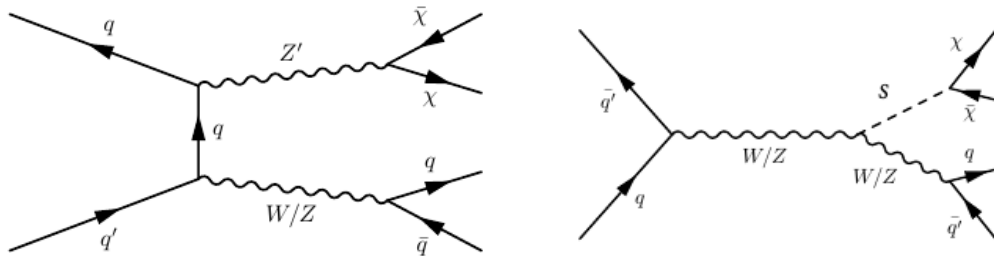
example:
 $Z(\rightarrow\mu\mu)+jets$ CR



example:
 $\gamma+jets$ CR

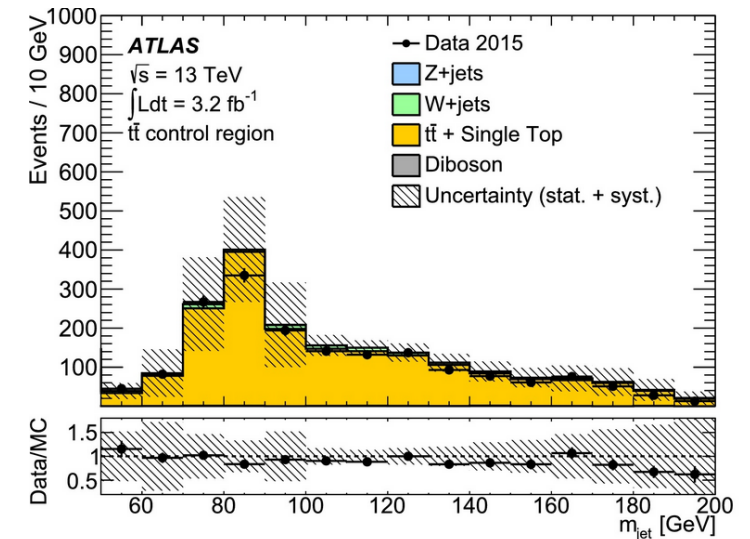
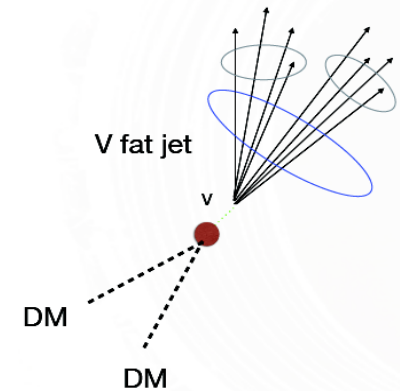
Extension to hadronic mono-V

- DM recoils against a hadronically decaying W or Z
- estimate boson mass from a single large merged jet with substructure
- otherwise, analysis similar to monojet
- particularly interesting in production a la Higgs-strahlung, with (pseudo)scalar mediator
 - ISR W/Z production always smaller than monojet



CMS, arXiv:1703.01651 [hep-ex], 12.9fb⁻¹

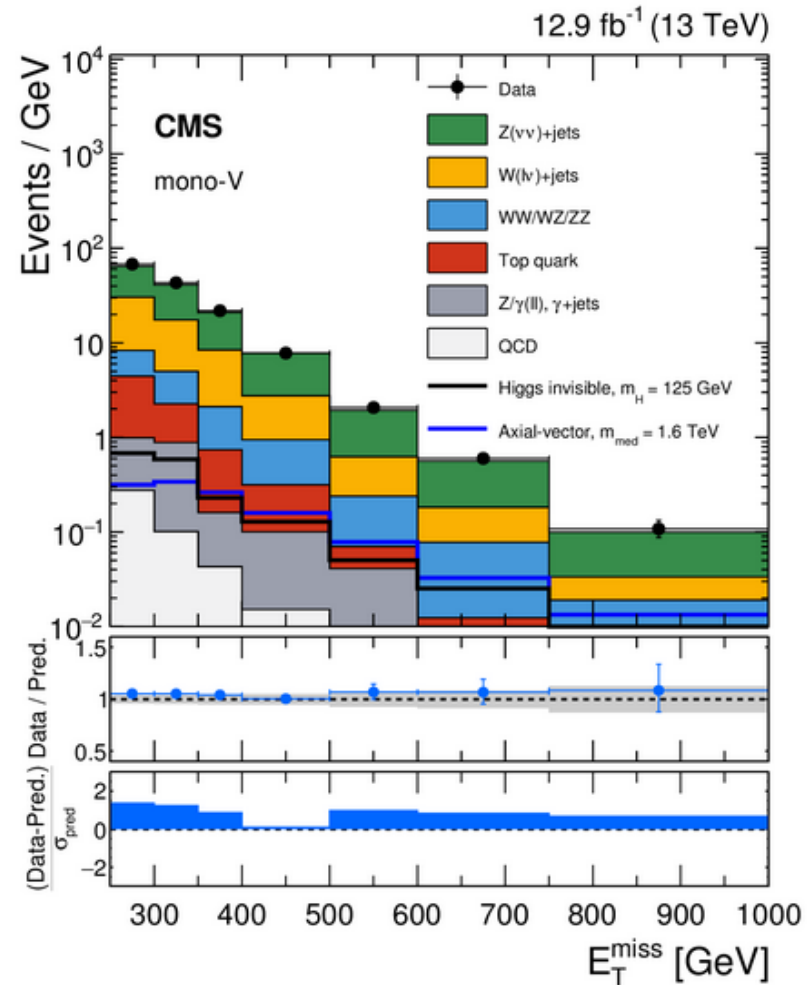
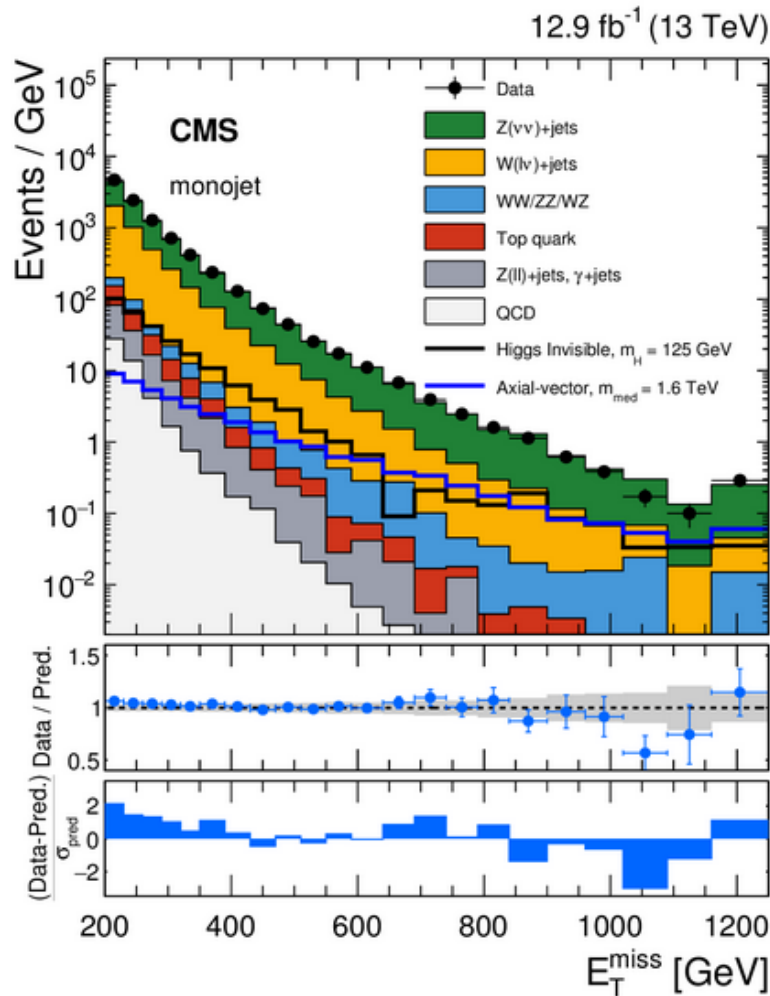
ATLAS, Phys.Lett. B763 (2016) 251, 3.2fb⁻¹



Mono-(V)jet

CMS, arXiv:1703.01651 [hep-ex], 12.9fb⁻¹

- (relatively) good match of data to background prediction

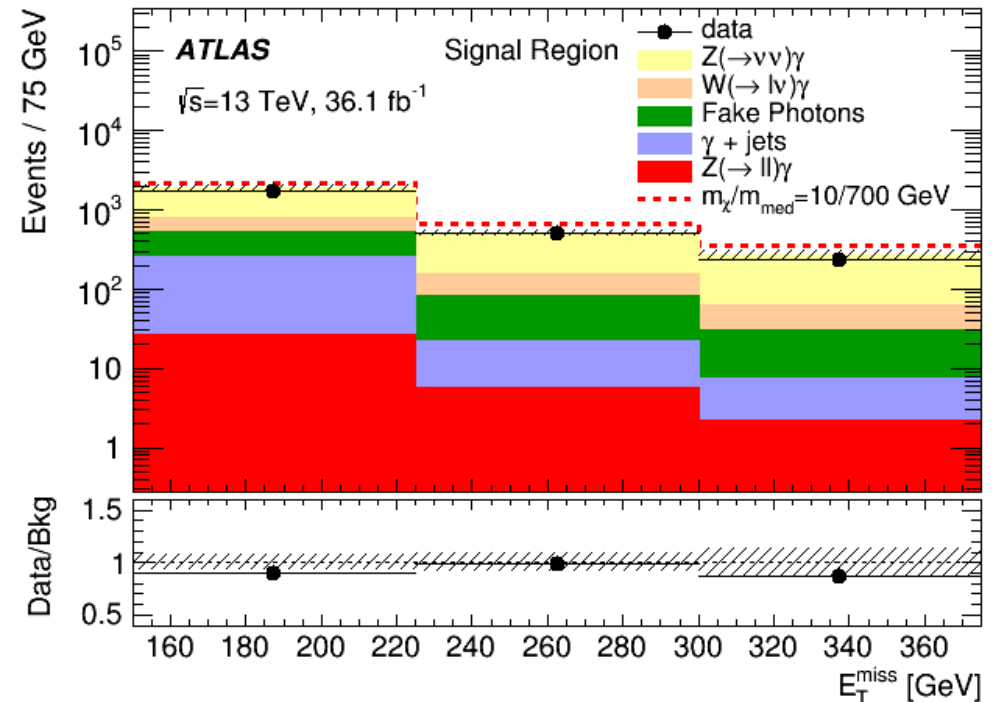
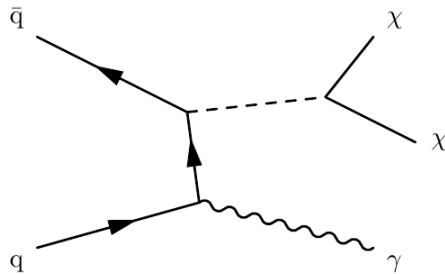


Mono-photon

ATLAS, arXiv:1704.03848 [hep-ex], 36.1 fb⁻¹

CMS-PAS-EXO-16-039, 12.9 fb⁻¹

- DM recoils against a photon from QED ISR
 - clean signal, but $\alpha_{\text{QED}} < \alpha_{\text{QCD}}$
- difficult instrumental backgrounds
 - jet and electron fakes, beam halo (CMS), spikes (CMS)...
 - all subdominant
- good match of data to background prediction

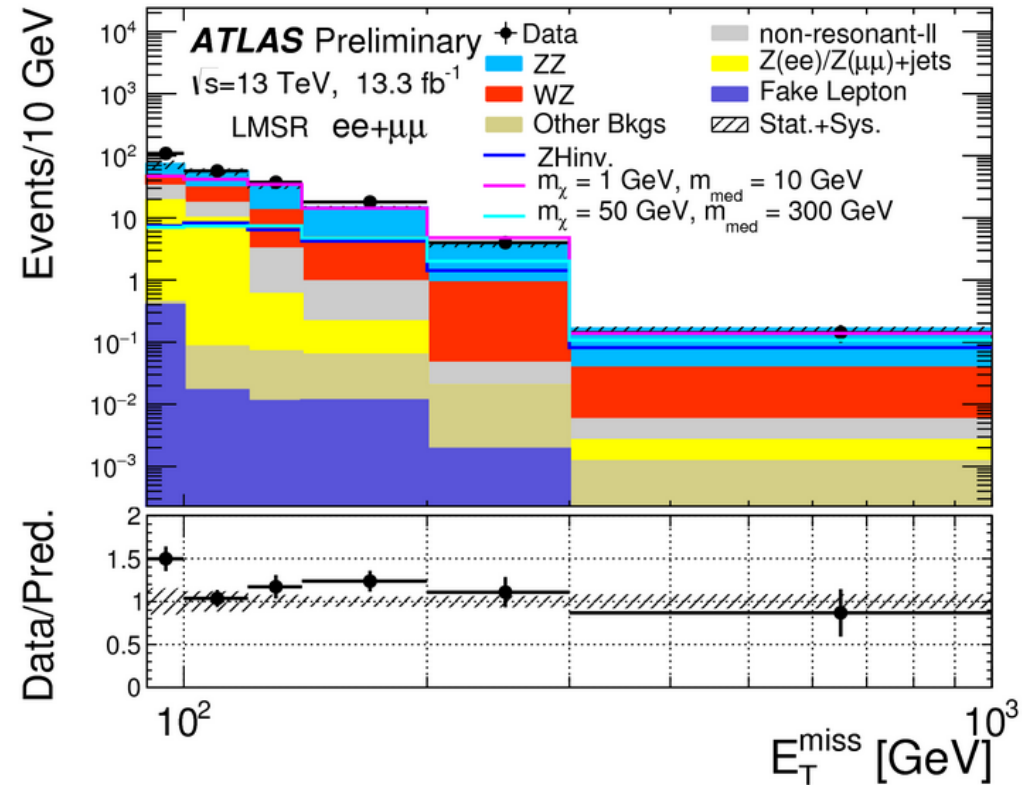
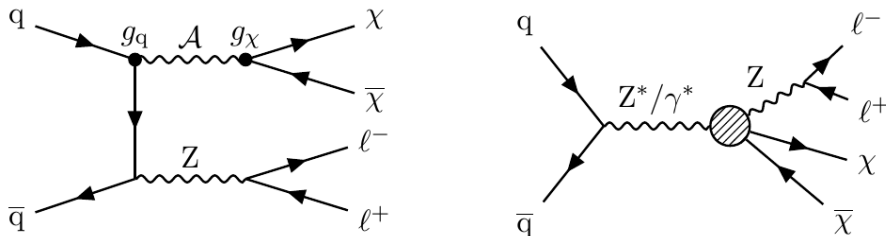


Mono-Z(\rightarrow ll)

ATLAS-CONF-2016-056, 13.3fb⁻¹

CMS-PAS-EXO-16-038, 12.9fb⁻¹

- DM recoils against a Z boson
 - can arise from "EWK ISR" or from "DM-strahlung"
- very clean backgrounds
 - except at low MET:
 - DY + jet mismeasurements
- good match of data to background prediction

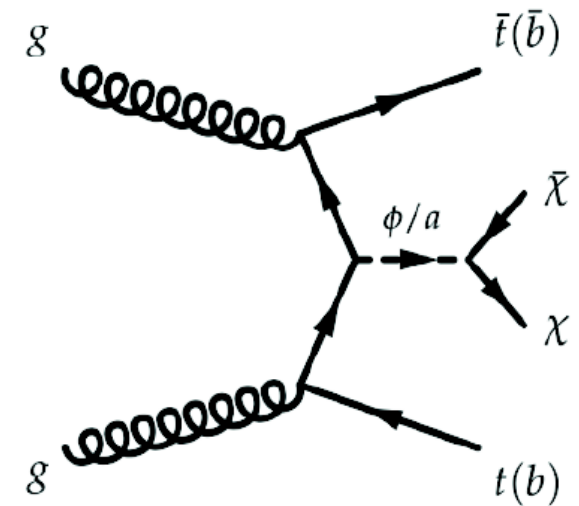


MET + tt

- DM produced in association with t quarks
- of interest for (pseudo)scalar interactions with Yukawa-like couplings
 - Higgs-like production
- MET as sensitive observable
- all 3 channels searched in
 - hadronic, lepton+jets, dilepton
- jet substructure being used
- currently sensitive at low mediator mass
 - means low MET, means quite similar to SM ttbar
 - or high coupling

ATLAS-CONF-2016-077/050/076, 13.3fb⁻¹

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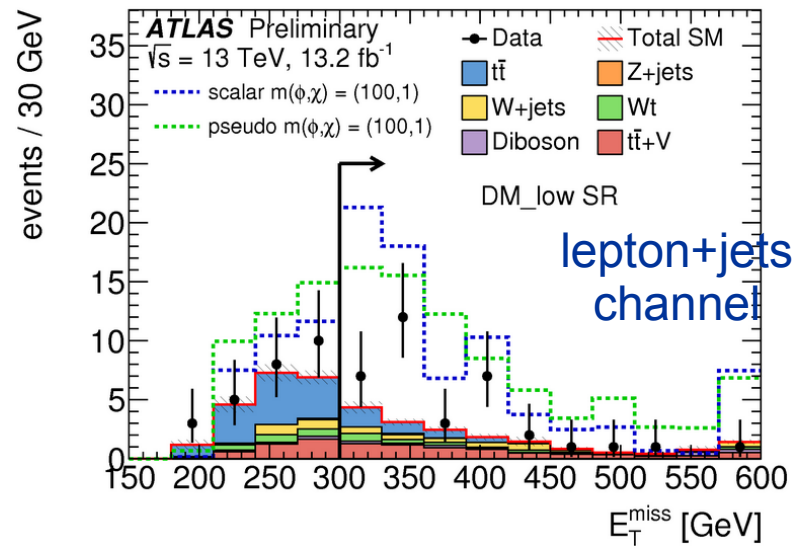
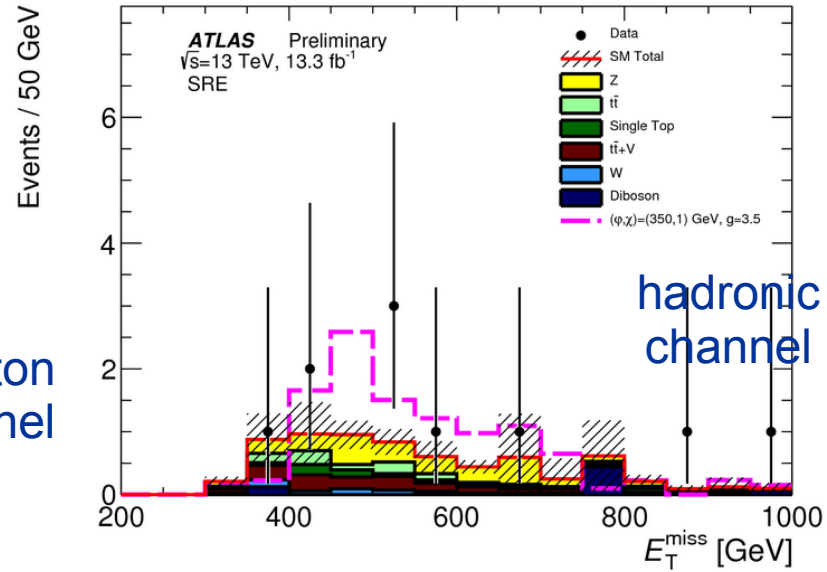
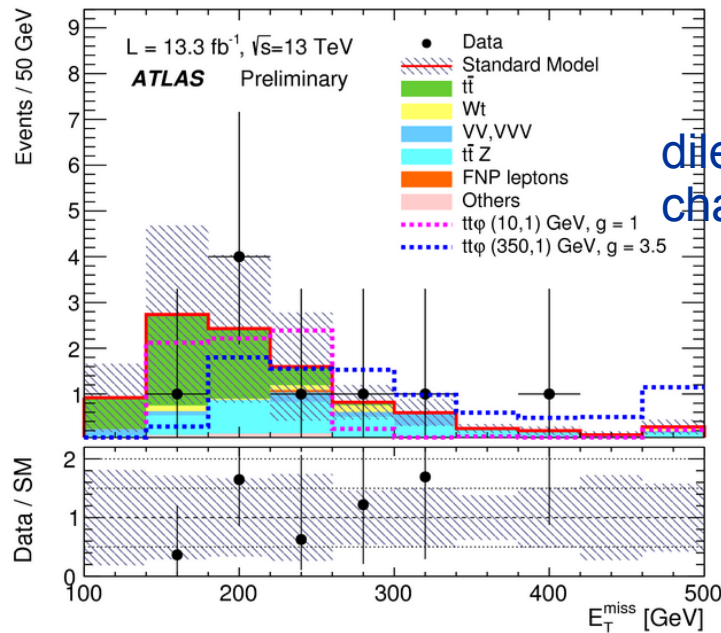


Experimental status

MET + tt

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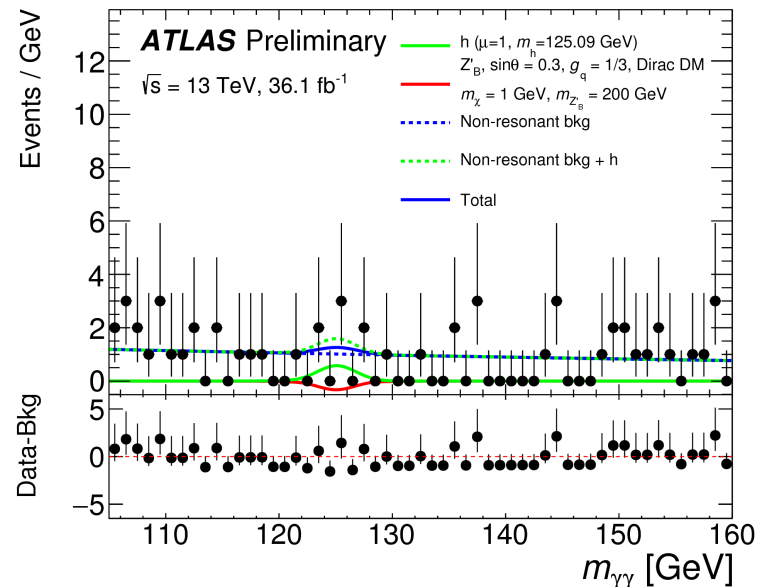
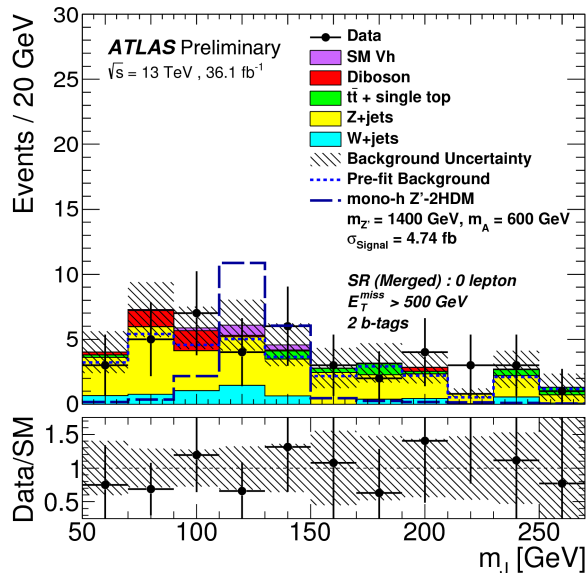
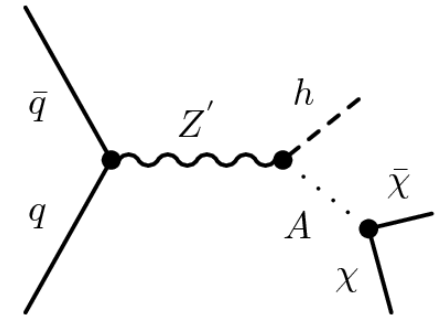
- channels with lots of progress expected in 2017!

Mono-H($\rightarrow bb$) and mono-H($\rightarrow \gamma\gamma$)

ATLAS-CONF-2017-028/024, 36.1fb⁻¹

CMS, arXiv:1703.05236, 2.3fb⁻¹

- DM recoils against a Higgs boson
- need to boost production cross section with dedicated models (eg. Z'-2HDM)
 - Higgs initial state radiation as good as zero
- H($\rightarrow bb$): resolved $m(jj)$ and merged $m(J)$
- H($\rightarrow \gamma\gamma$): fit to $m(\gamma\gamma)$ spectrum



$$E_t^{\text{miss}} / \sqrt{\Sigma E_T} > 7\sqrt{\text{GeV}}$$

$$p_T^{\gamma\gamma} > 90\text{GeV}$$

Other searches for direct DM production

- **mono-top**: DM recoils against a single top quark
 - specific flavour-changing simplified model, resonant and non-resonant
 - background shared between $Z(\rightarrow\nu\nu)$ and $t\bar{t}$

CMS-PAS-EXO-16-040, 12.9fb^{-1}

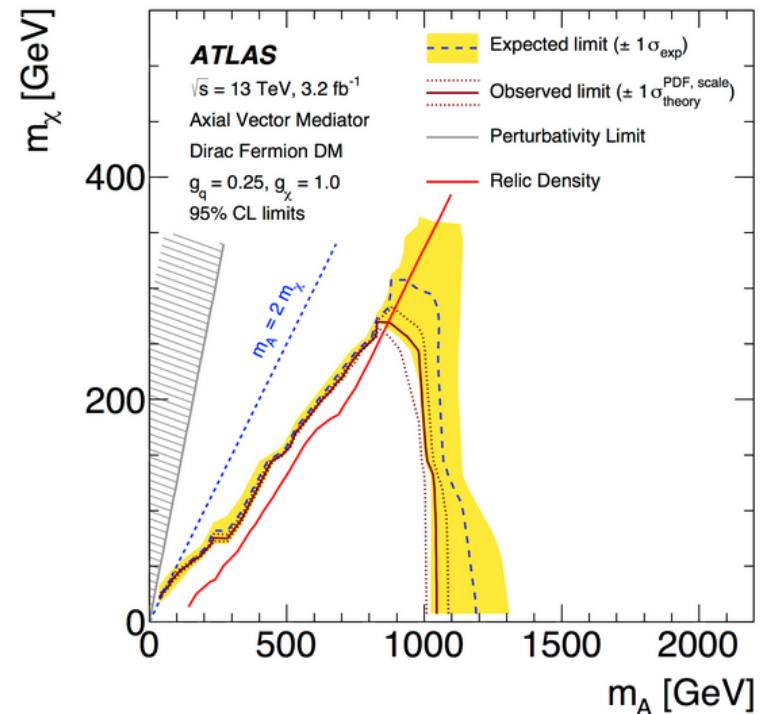
- **b(b)+MET**: DM recoils against b quarks
 - $\text{MET} > 150\text{GeV}$, jets far apart
 - very tough signal due to small fiducial cross section

ATLAS-CONF-2016-068, 13.3fb^{-1}

- + others

Interpretation of results

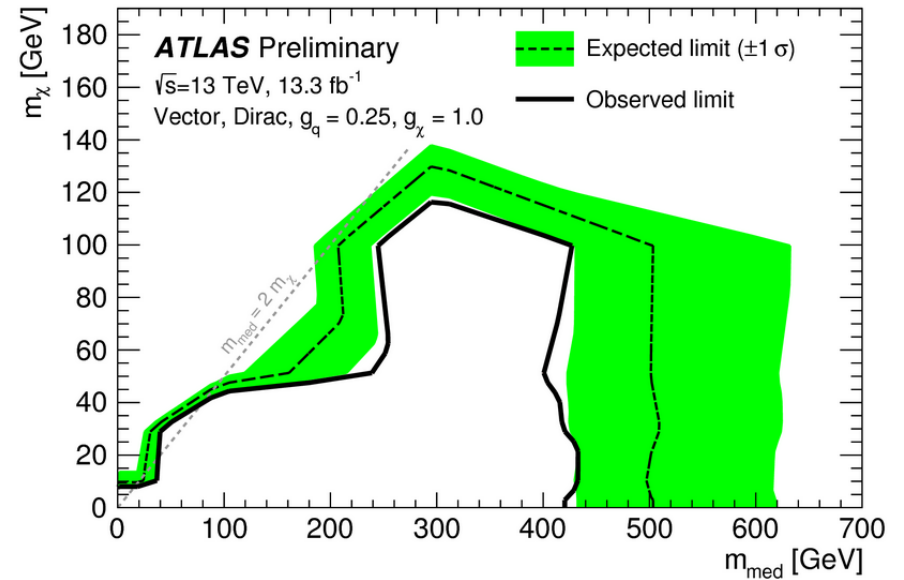
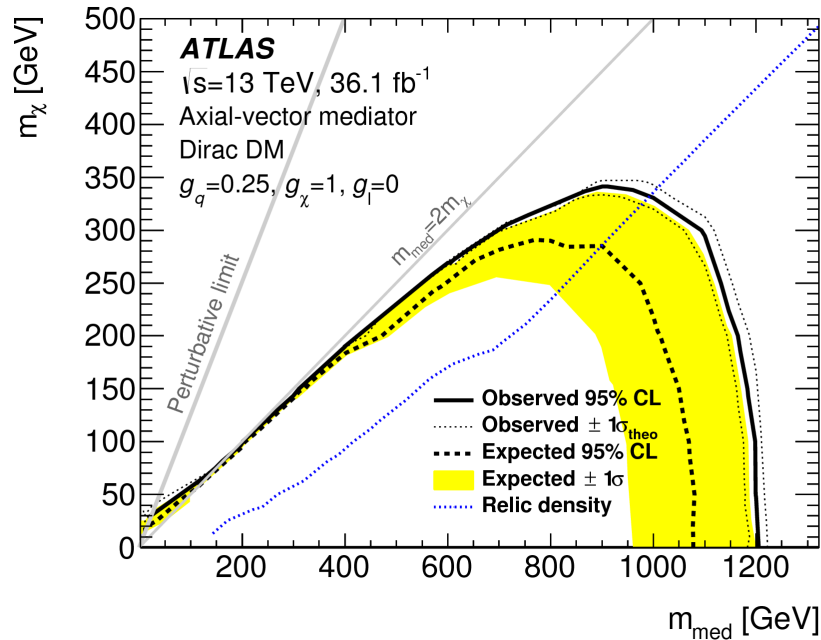
- all analyses found **data compatible with background expectation**
- provide exclusion limits on assumed signal models → simplified models!
- simplified models allow to **map out all mediator masses**
 - **resonant enhancement** when mediator produced on-shell (s-channel)
 - **limits suppressed** when going off-shell for $m_{\text{med}} < 2 * m_{\text{DM}}$
 - **cross section drops** at high mediator mass
- always mind assumptions:
 - mediator type
 - coupling values
 - ...



mono-jet
Phys. Rev. D94 (2016) 032005

mono-photon
arXiv:1704.03848 [hep-ex]

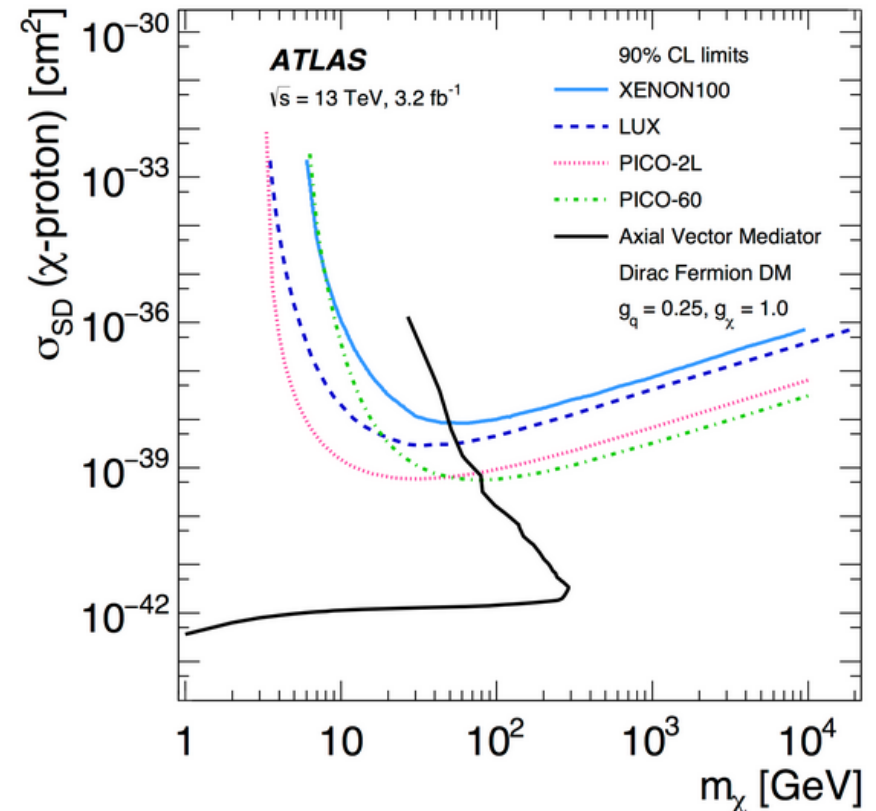
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Interpretation

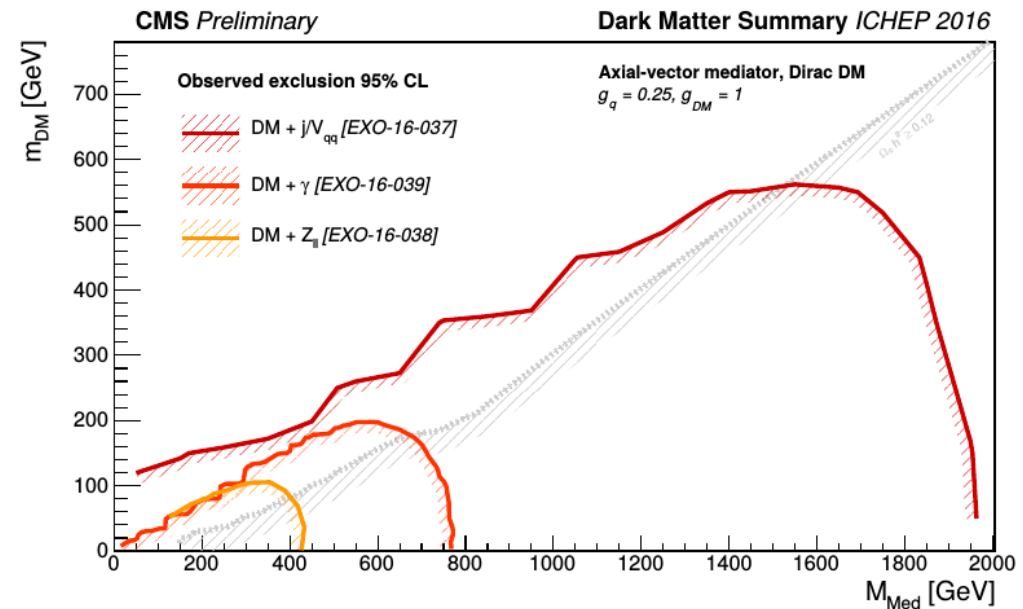
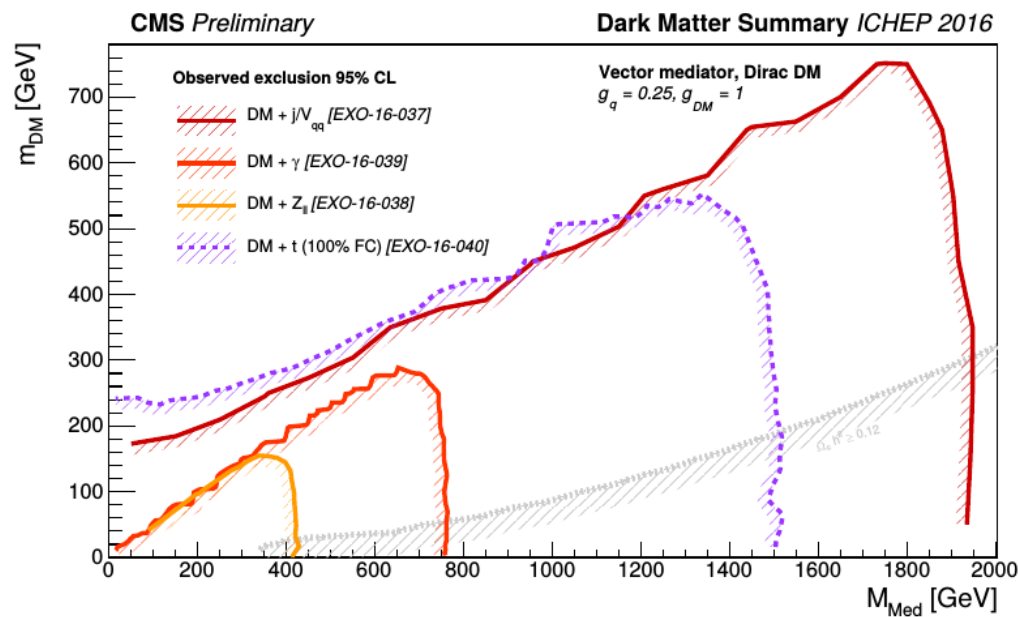
- the comparison of simplified models in the WIMP-DM cross section versus DM mass plane can be done unambiguously
 - **advantage**: visualizes the complementarity of the collider and DD/ID searches → eg. low versus high mass, vector versus axial-vector, etc
 - **disadvantage**: must be careful, oversimplification can lead to misinterpretation → **must properly specify model, parameters and assumptions**

- comparison standardization by the LHC DM WG
 - [arXiv:1603.04156 \[hep-ex\]](https://arxiv.org/abs/1603.04156)
“Recommendations on presenting LHC searches for missing transverse energy signals using simplified s-channel models of dark matter”



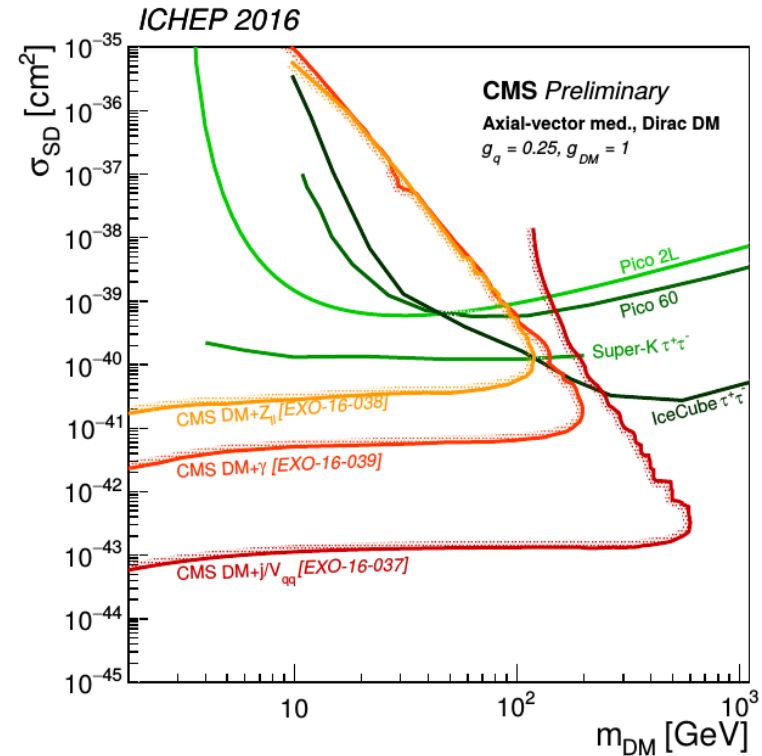
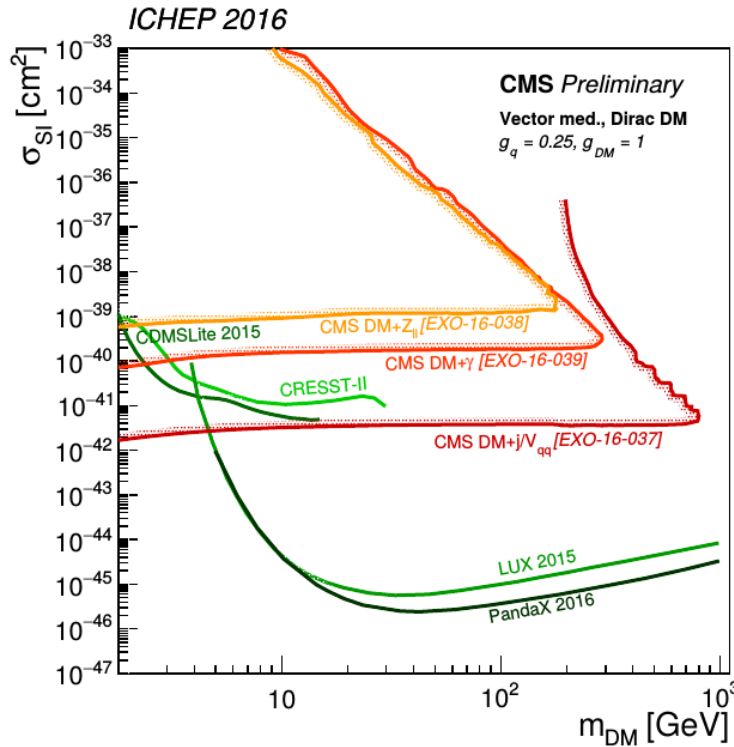
Summary of spin-1 channels

- monojet most sensitive because of “H” in LHC acronym
- reached 2TeV → further jumps in reach need much more luminosity
 - or significantly lower couplings
 - or a higher-energy collider

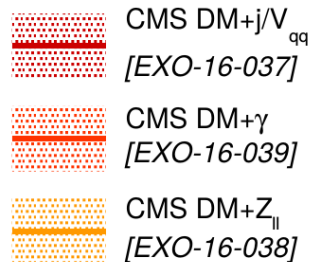


Interpretation

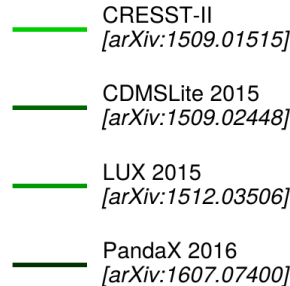
- translation to direct-detection plane



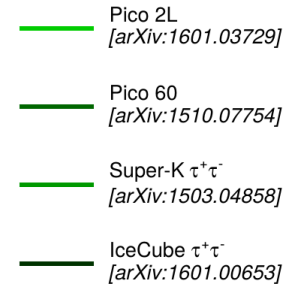
CMS observed exclusion 90% CL



DD observed exclusion 90% CL

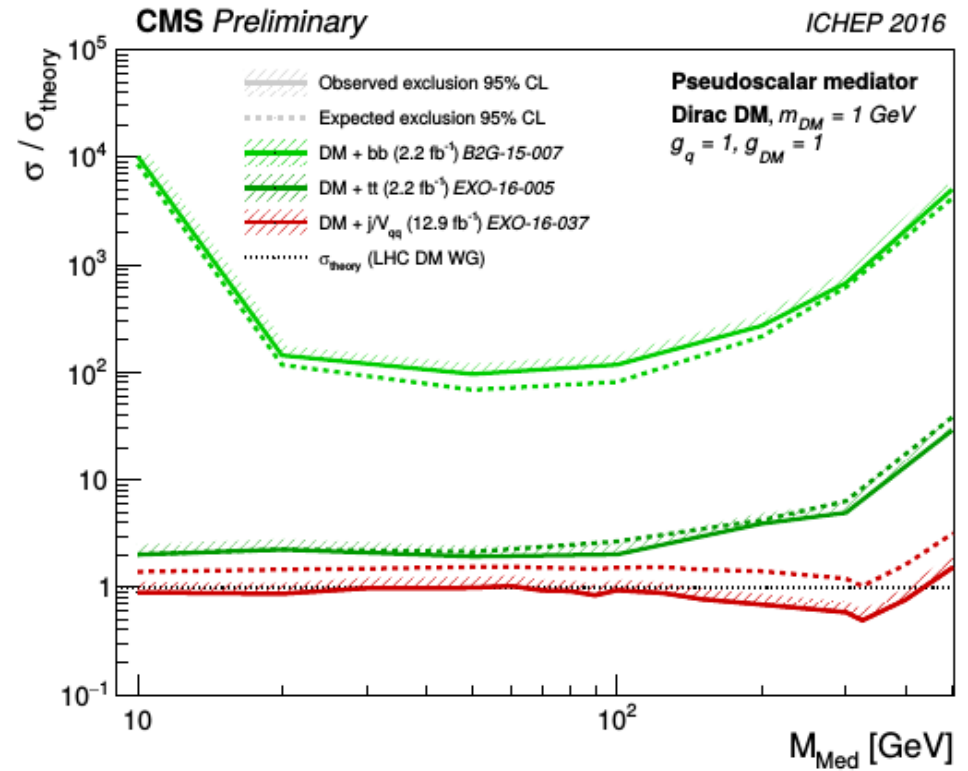
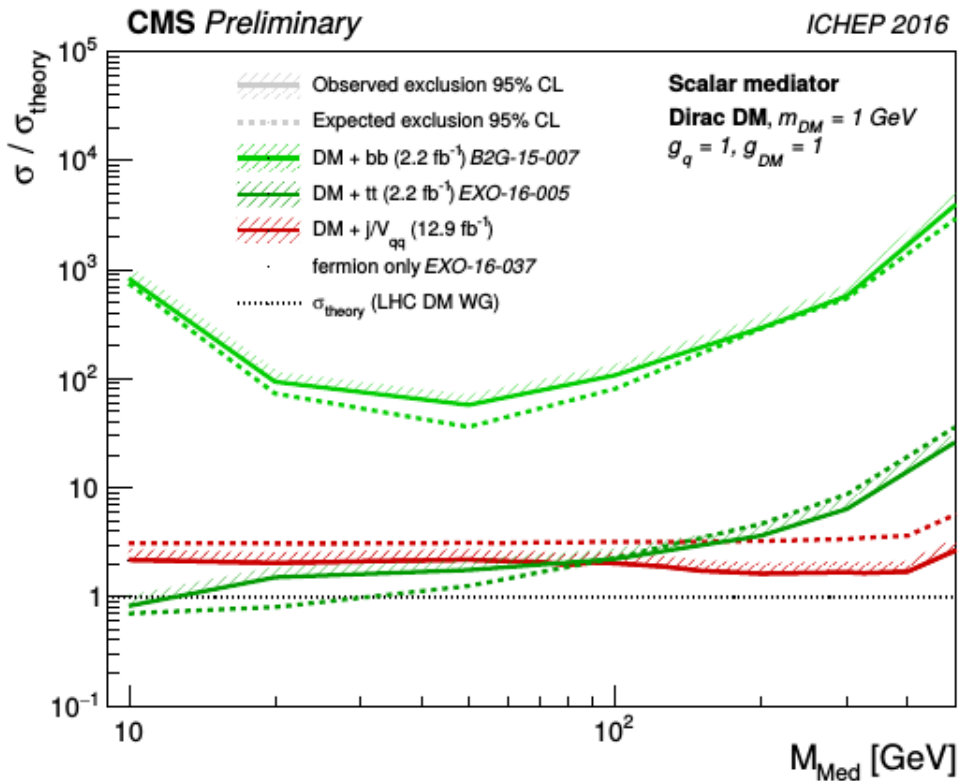


DD/ID observed exclusion 90% CL



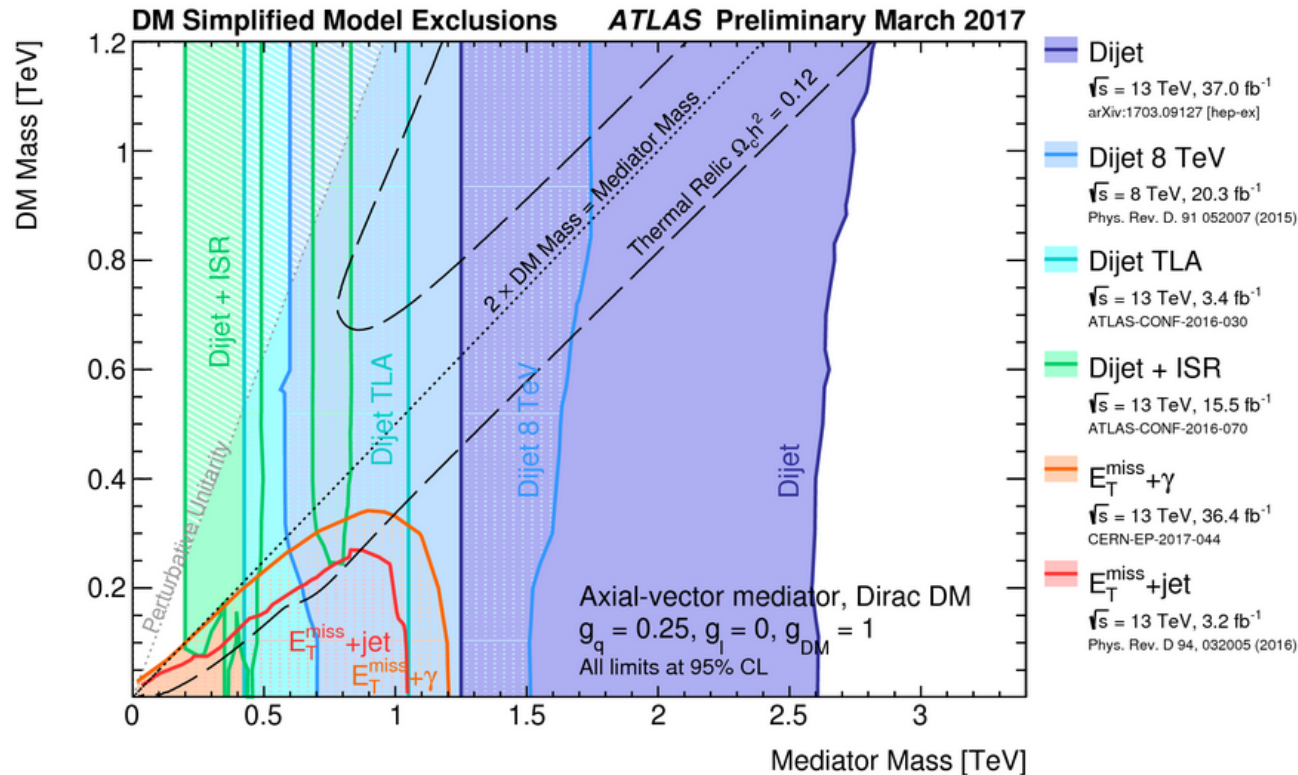
Summary of spin-0 channels

- $t\bar{t}$ most sensitive at low mass, monojet at high mass
- only scratched the surface so far → lots of progress expected in 2017



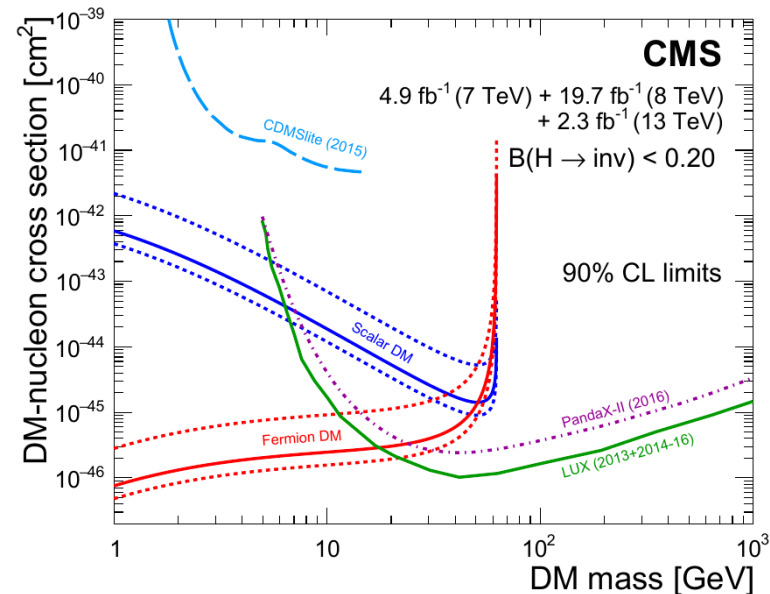
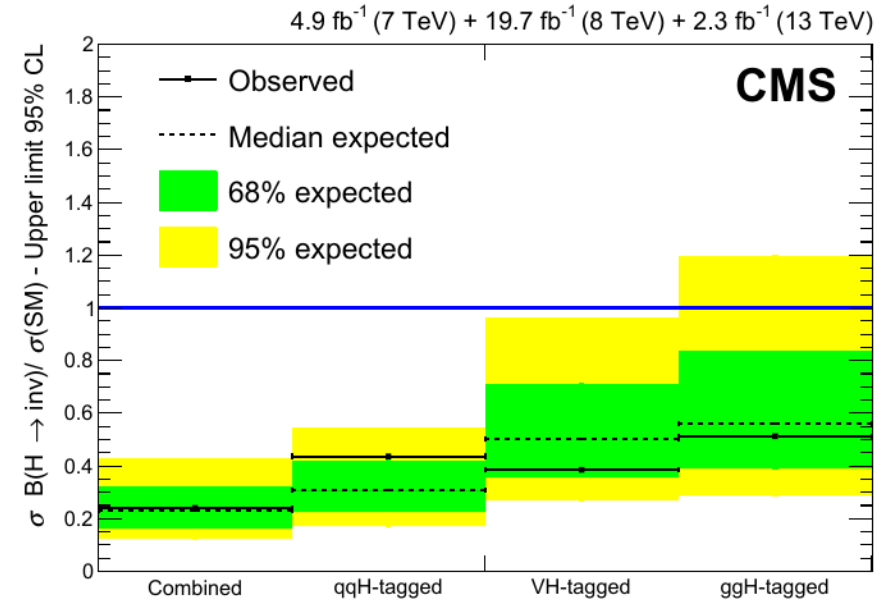
Visible mediator searches

- dark matter searches can be constrained by **visible decays** of the mediator
 - complementary information to the invisible decays into Dark Matter
- guaranteed: dijets – possibly: dileptons
 - coupling choices very important!



DM from Higgs decay

- $H \rightarrow \text{invisible}$: DM production through the Higgs portal
 - for DM mass below $m_H/2$
- 3 channels:
 - qqH VBF production
 - $Z(\rightarrow ll) H(\rightarrow \text{inv})$
 - latest addition: **monojet**
- $BR(H \rightarrow \text{inv}) < 24\%$
- both ATLAS and CMS results still dominated by 8TeV
 - lots of progress to be made



arXiv:1610.09218 [hep-ex]

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Beyond minimal models

- **simplified models were great for initial exploration**
 - “done with V and AV ”
- now things are moving towards **more realism/complexity** in scalar sector
 - extra scalar with H mixing (arXiv:1607.06680 [hep-ex])
 - current 2HDM exploration in LPCC DM WG
 - t-channel production
 - ideas beyond MFV
 - beyond the WIMP
 - ...

- The LHC has a large dark matter program
 - missing momentum signatures and visible mediator searches
 - complementarity to direct and indirect searches
 - a top priority for LHC
- LHC Run-II going full speed
 - analysis of 2016 data intensely proceeding
 - factor 3 more collisions during LHC Run-II
- many developments in the pipeline
 - scalar sector exploration
 - beyond simplest simplified models
 - more exotic scenarios

Thank You

“I’m sorry I know so little.
I’m sorry we all know so little.
But that’s kind of the fun, isn’t it?”

(Vera Rubin)