

The LHC Dark Matter Working Group

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What is this talk about?

This is an advertisement for the activities of the LHC Dark Matter Working Group (WG)

We'd like more of the community to get involved

What is this talk *not* about?

- It is not about the newest collider results—see the other talks throughout this week

Why the LHC Dark Matter Working Group?

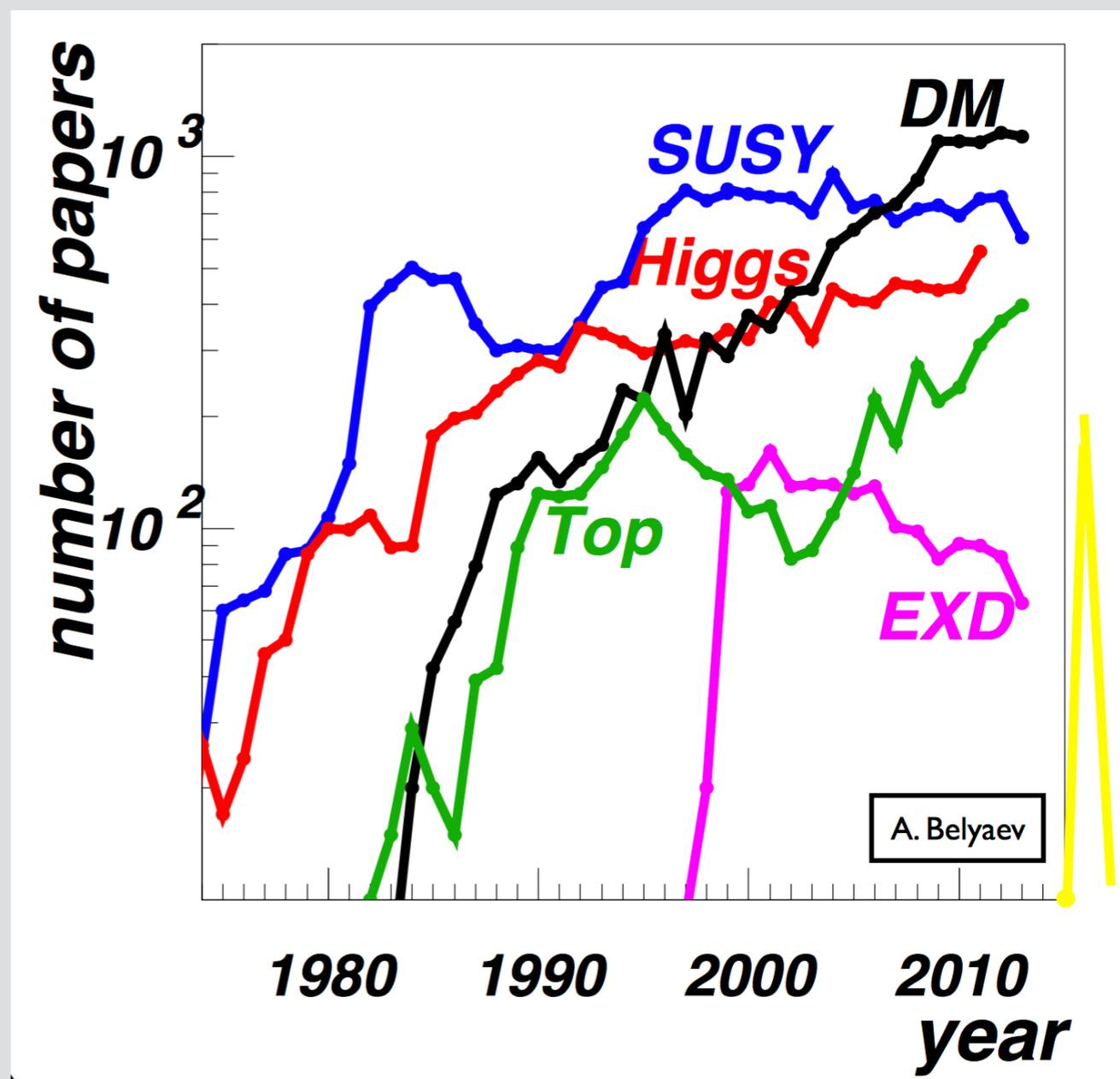
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Dark matter is a significant and growing focus of the collider experiments

- e.g. an expanding body of theory & phenomenology work targeting DM@LHC
- e.g. many collider DM workshops, many conference talks
- e.g. so many papers on the HEP arXiv

The collider experiments want to strengthen the connections between our work and the broader search for particle dark matter, but we need your help!

- What signals should we look for? (Our searches are critically sensitive to the models we assume!)
- How does our work fit into the other searches being done, and where should we focus our effort to best complement the other approaches?



What is the LHC Dark Matter Working Group?

A mechanism

- for theorists to discuss results with LHC experiments and LHC experiments to discuss with each other
- to share work on search targets and improved tools, and to pay attention to outside feedback on LHC results

Search targets are especially important: how can we minimize the chances that we miss (or do not record) a signal?

Made up of many from ATLAS, CMS, and theory

- Participation from the experimentalists actually working on the DM searches
- Open to all theorists and quite a few are active

LPCC: LHC Physics Centre at CERN

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LHC DM WG: WG on Dark Matter Searches at the LHC

To subscribe to the general WG mailing list, used to distribute announcements about meetings and available documents, go to <http://simba3.web.cern.ch/simba3/SelfSubscription.aspx?groupName=lhc-dmwg>

A second mailing list is used for more technical exchanges related to the ongoing work of the WG. To subscribe, go to <http://simba3.web.cern.ch/simba3/SelfSubscription.aspx?groupName=lhc-dmwg-contributors>

The LHC Dark Matter Working Group (LHC DM WG) brings together theorists and experimentalists to define guidelines and recommendations for the benchmark models, interpretation, and characterisation necessary for broad and systematic searches for dark matter at the LHC. As examples, the group develops and promotes well-defined signal models, specifying the assumptions behind them and describing the conditions under which they should be used. It works to improve the set of tools available to the experiments, such as higher-precision calculations of the backgrounds. It assists theorists with understanding and making use of LHC results.

The LHC DM WG develops and maintains close connections with theorists and other experimental particle DM searches (e.g. Direct and Indirect Detection experiments) in order help verify and constrain particle physics models of astrophysical excesses, to understand how collider searches and non-collider experiments complement one another, and to help build a comprehensive understanding of viable dark matter models.

LHC WORKING GROUPS

- Dark Matter WG
 - WG Meetings
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 - WG plots and twiki

Conveners:

- ATLAS: C. Doglioni and A. Boveia
- CMS: K. Hahn and S.Lowette
- TH: U. Haisch and T. Tait
- LPCC: M. Mangano

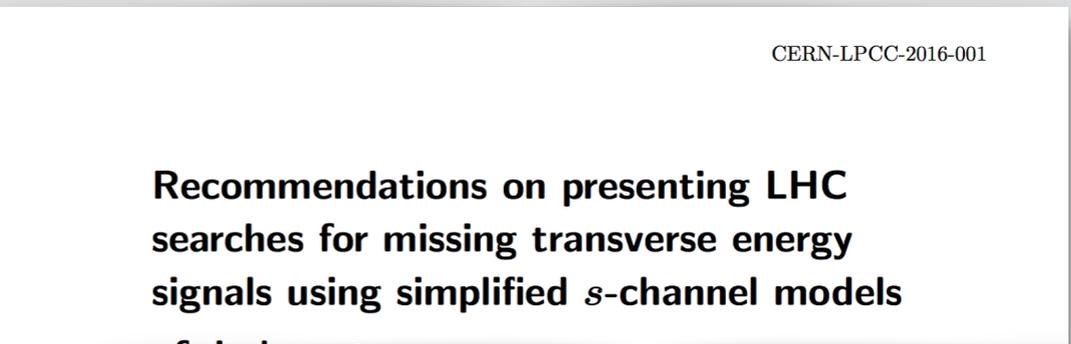
How does it work?

The DM WG works on focused efforts: selected topics leading to write-ups (CERN LPCC / arXiv)

- suggestions for topics can come at any time
- occasional meetings with short pitches for potential topics
- develop topics in open meetings and smaller groups of interested contributors
- conclude and write up, with circulation and review by the full group (and sometimes outside experts)
- meetings and drafts announced at lhc-dmwg@cern.ch (sign up at egroups.cern.ch)

At the same time, a discussion forum for any topic: lhc-dmwg-contributors@cern.ch

- high volume list for day-to-day discussions in detail
- everyone welcome to raise questions / issues to the attention of the group



arXiv:1603.04156v1 [hep-ex] 14 Mar 2016

arXiv:1703.05703v2 [hep-ex] 17 Mar 2017

arXiv:1705.04664v1 [hep-ph] 12 May 2017

What are some examples of what the WG has done?

Summer 2015

[Dark Matter Forum] Provide a common set of benchmark models for ATLAS and CMS early Run-2 searches [arXiv:1507.00966](https://arxiv.org/abs/1507.00966) (160pp!)

Winter 2015

Guidelines for comparisons with astroparticle dark matter searches [arXiv:1603.04156](https://arxiv.org/abs/1603.04156)

Winter 2016

Recommendations for mediator searches and comparisons between invisible and visible collider searches [arXiv:1703.05703](https://arxiv.org/abs/1703.05703)

Spring 2017

Arrive at a joint estimation of theory uncertainties for precision DM searches at colliders (e.g. mono-jet) [arXiv:1705.04664](https://arxiv.org/abs/1705.04664)

Spring 2017 (ongoing)

Further develop **extended scalar sector** and **colored scalar** benchmarks

Early Run 2 Benchmarks

Report of the ATLAS+CMS Dark Matter Forum [arXiv: 1507.00966](https://arxiv.org/abs/1507.00966)

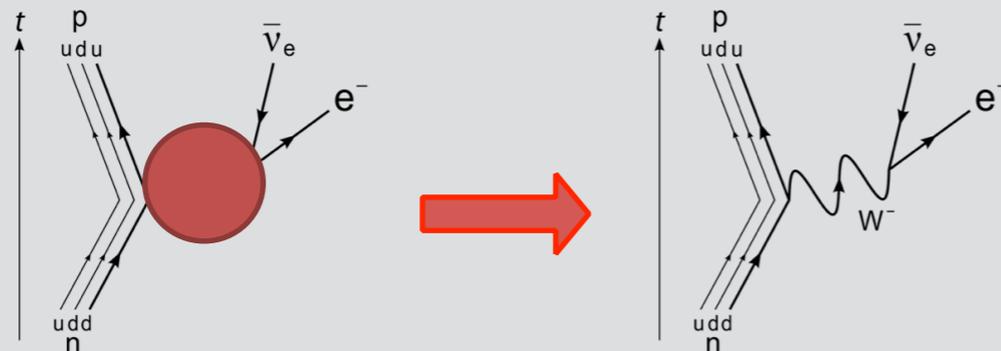
Focused on our searches for Missing Energy + jet/photon/b quark(s)/top quark(s)/W/Z/higgs/etc...

Are these searches looking for realistic signals? (EFT validity)

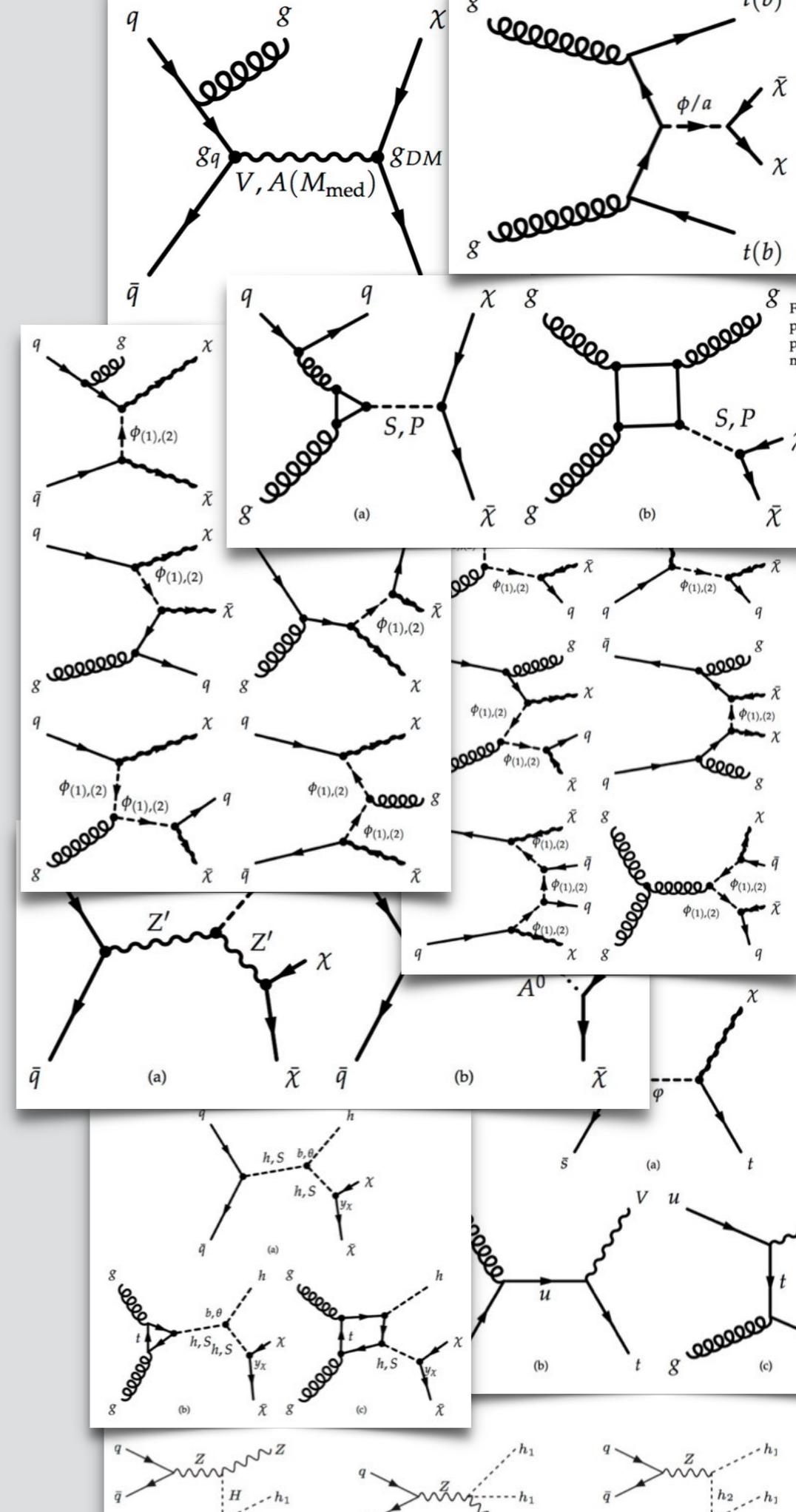
Provide a basis set of simplified models that complement SUSY searches

General models with SM + fermionic WIMP + mediating particle

- Z' or scalar mediators
- Colored scalar mediators
- Specific mediating processes (e.g. 2HDM-like) for Missing Energy + Higgs



Augmenting EFTs with simplified models

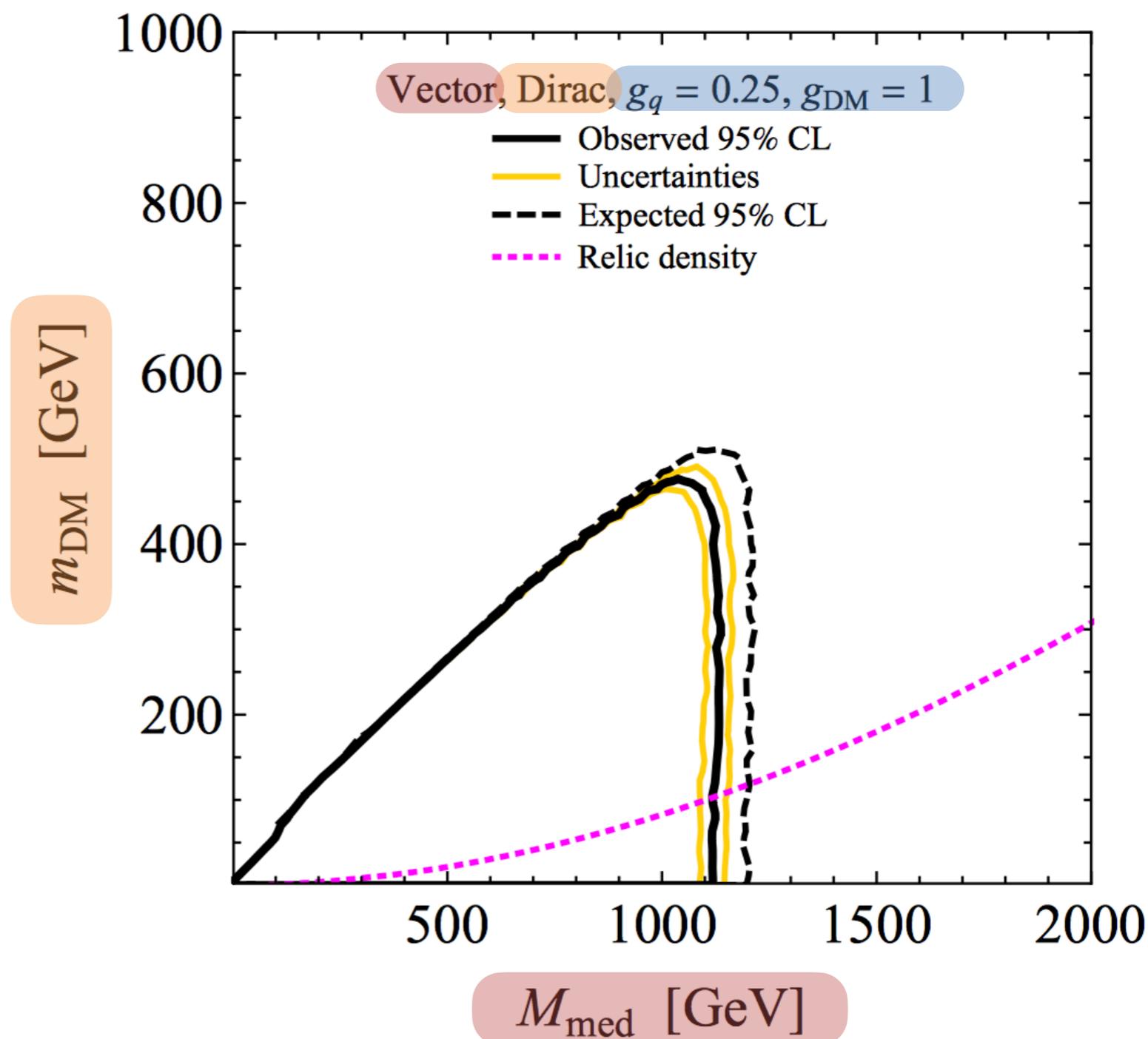
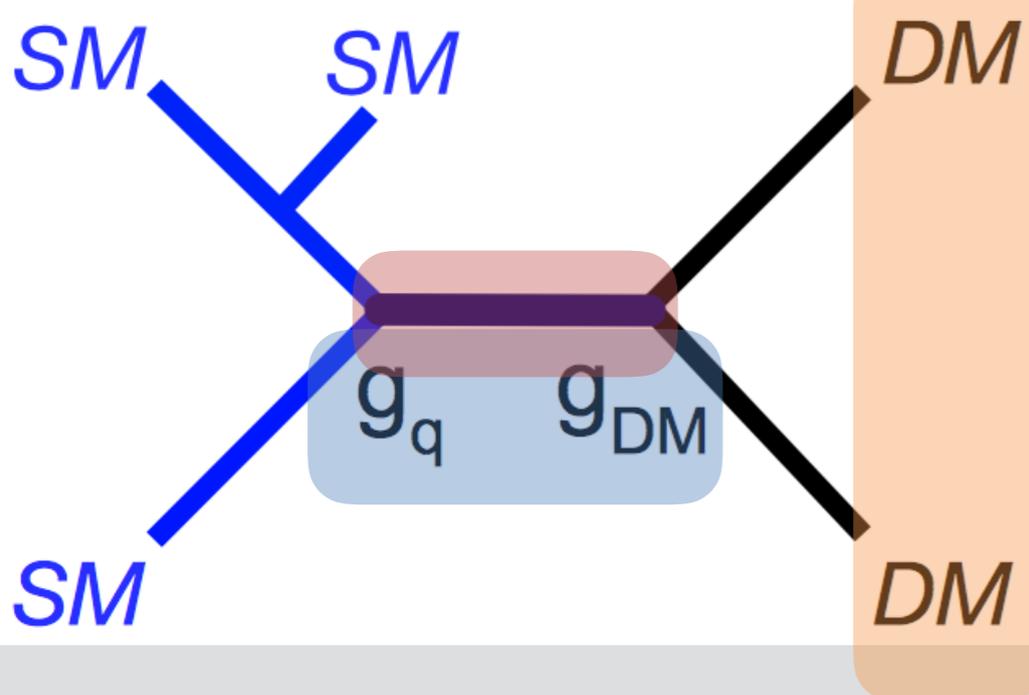


Collider results: mass-mass plots

[arXiv:1603.04156](https://arxiv.org/abs/1603.04156)

How to display interpretation of collider search using simplified models

1. How to convey the results fairly
2. Issues that should be considered
3. Comparison with the relic density obtained in the absence of further higher-energy physics

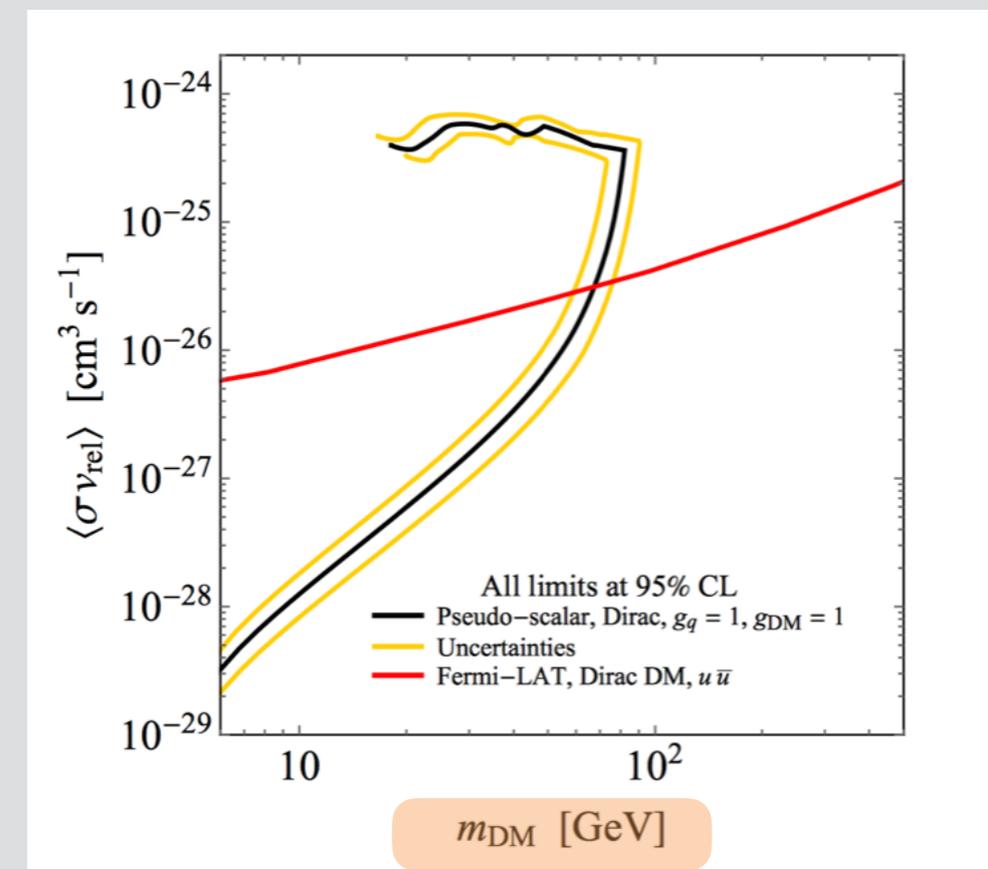
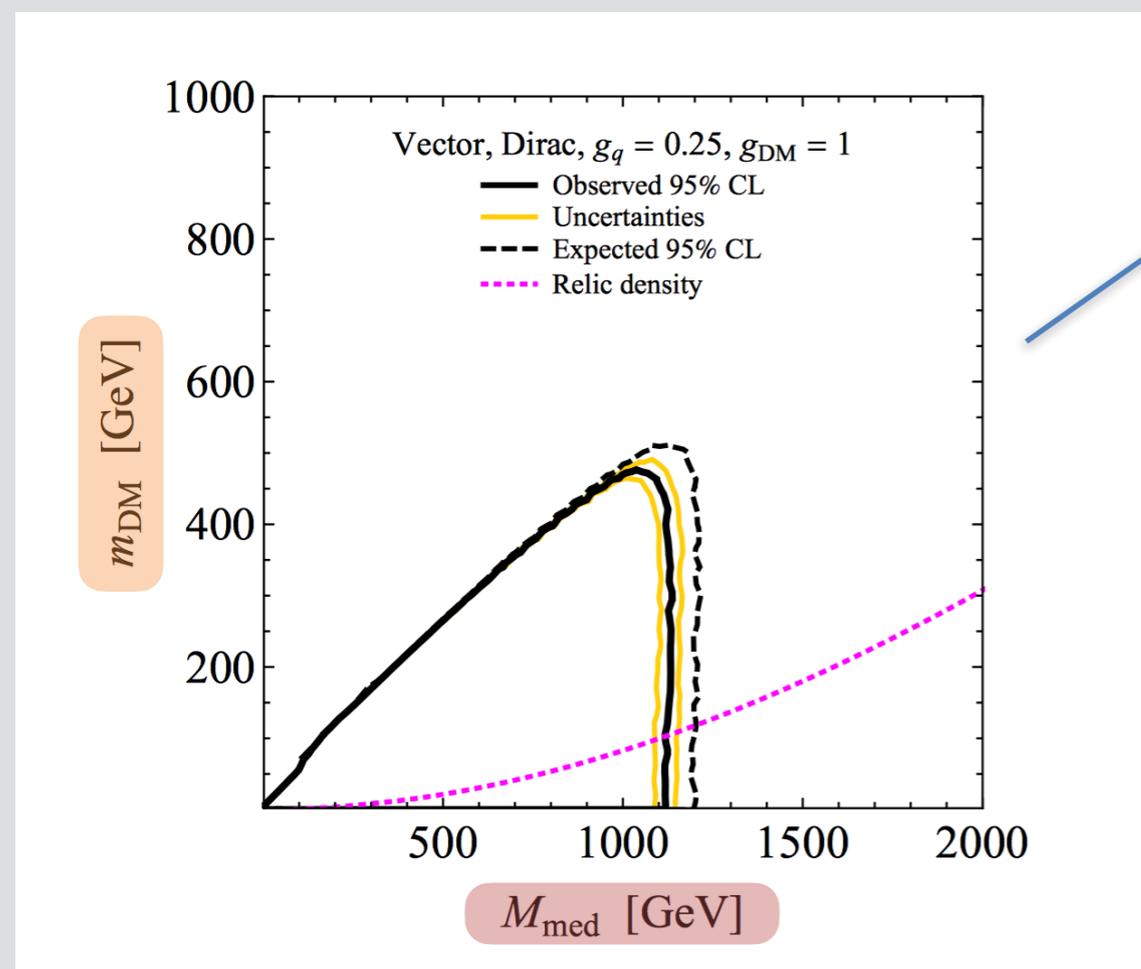
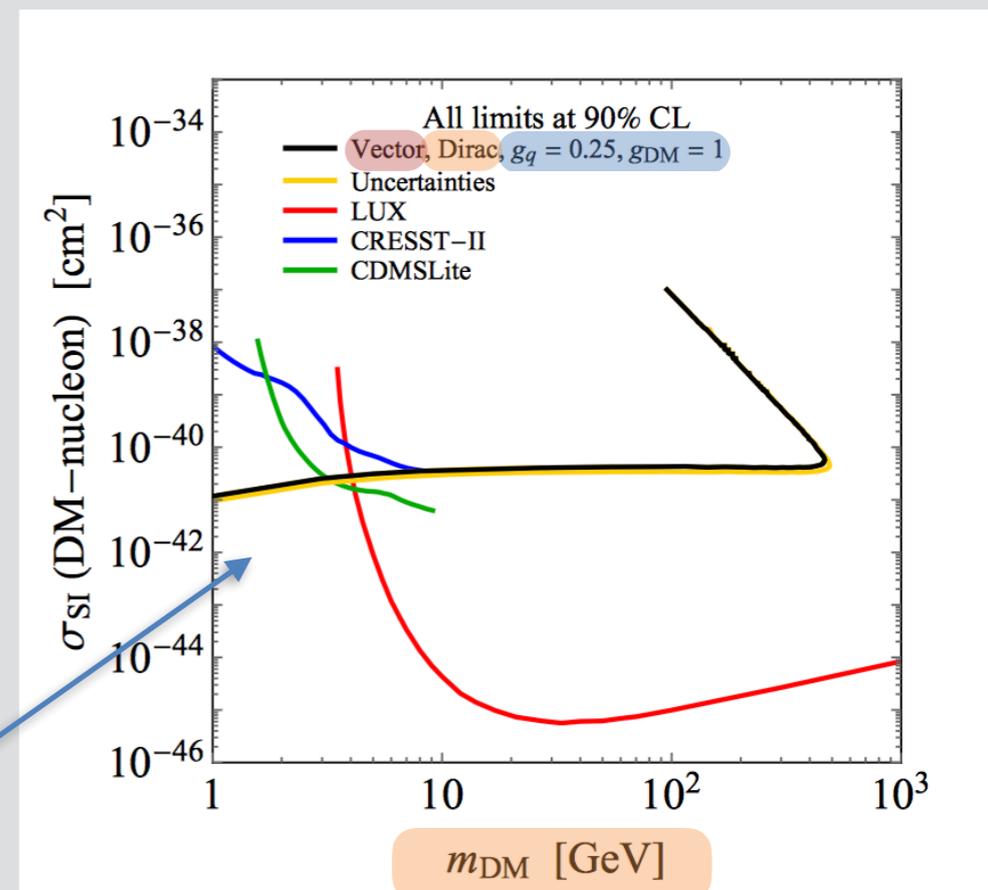


Comparison to non-collider results

arXiv:1603.04156

How to display collider searches alongside DD/ID

1. Mapping from the simplified models to DD/ID variables (correspondence $M_{\text{Med}}, M_{\text{DM}}, g_q, g_{\text{DM}} \Leftrightarrow \sigma$)
2. Spells out well-defined translation formulas, reference relic abundances for benchmarks
3. Reference/pedagogical discussion of the strengths and limitations of collider searches and how they complement other approaches



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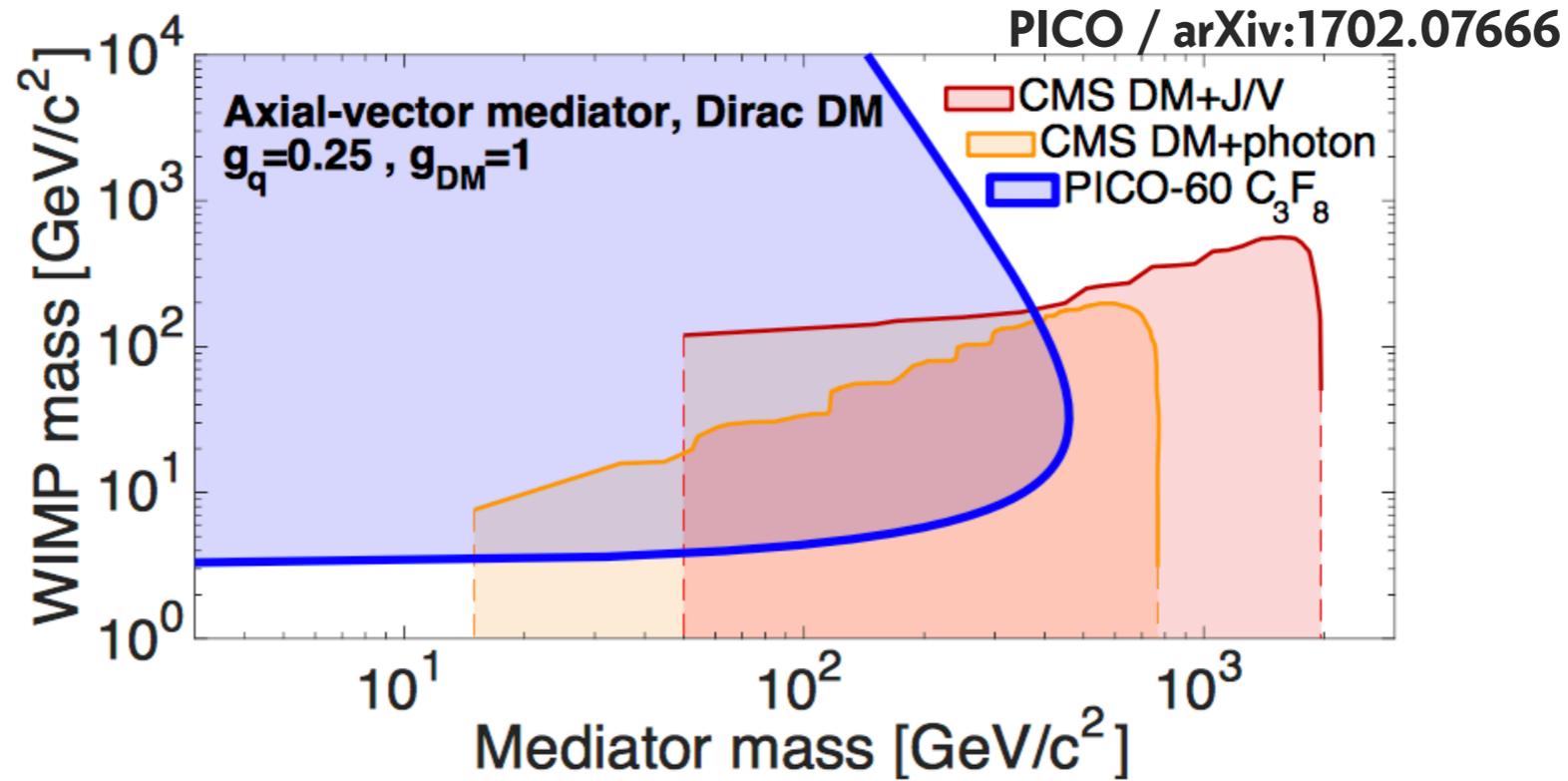
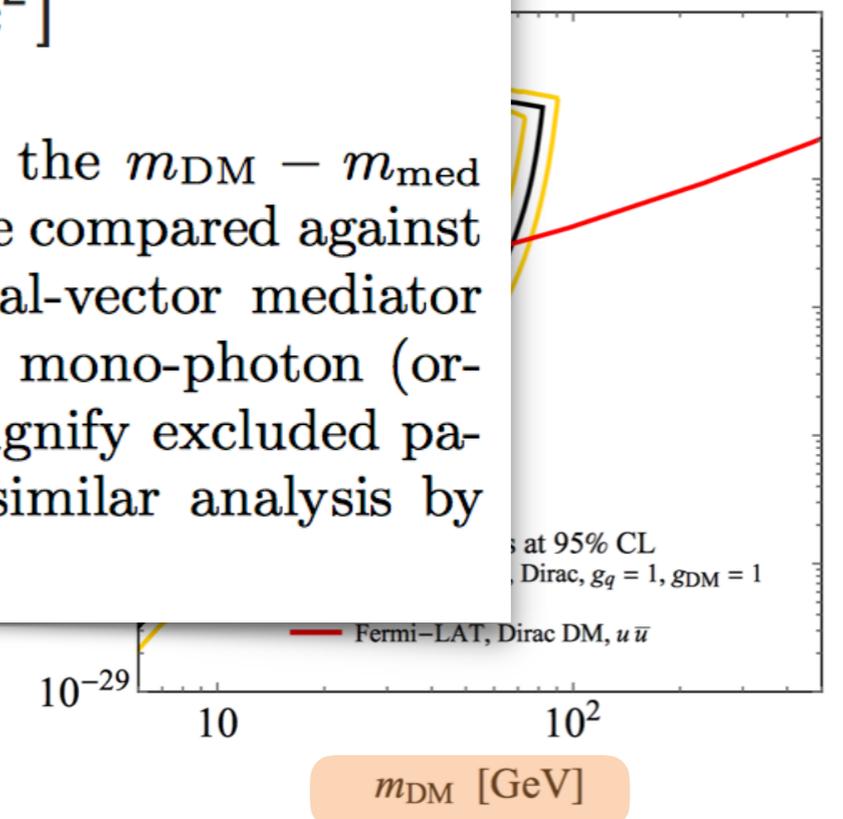
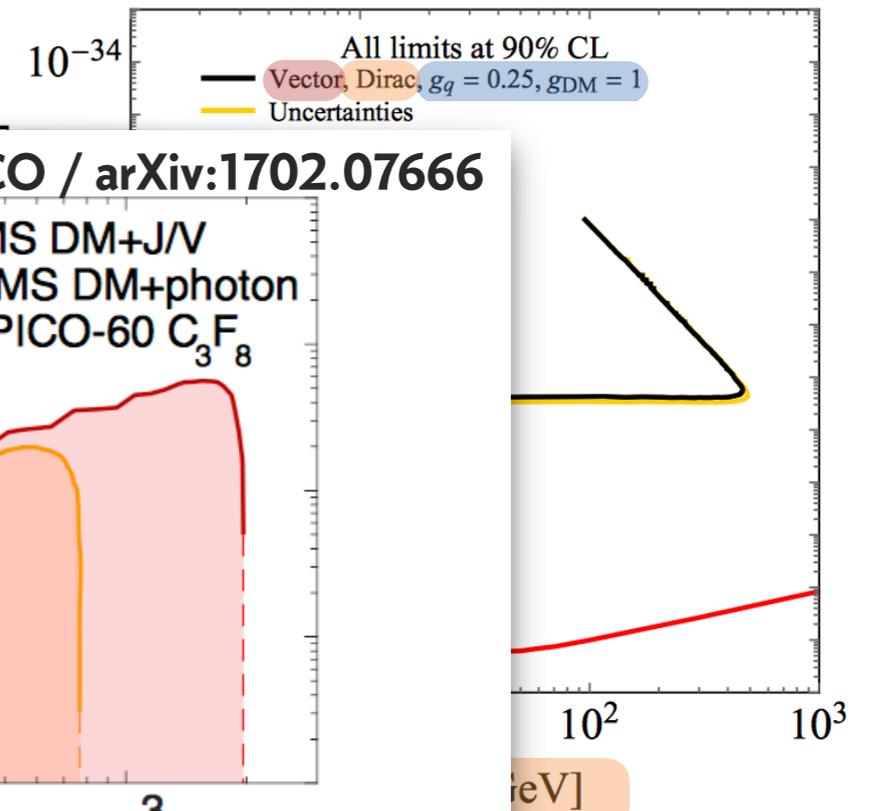
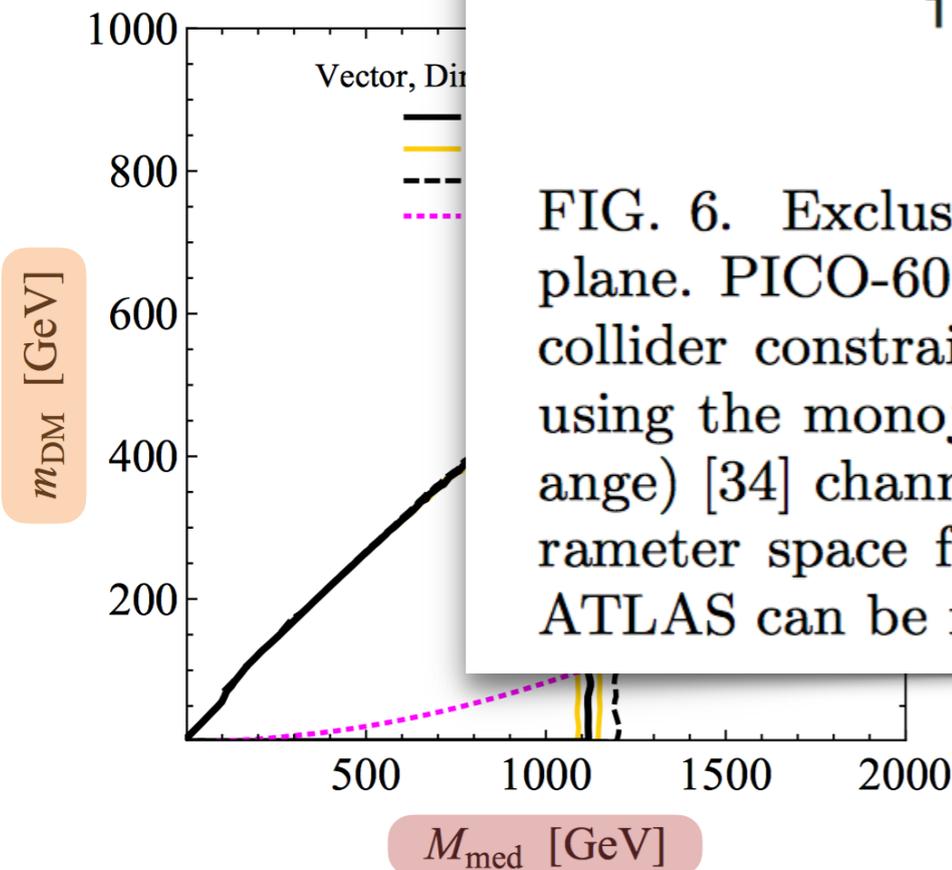


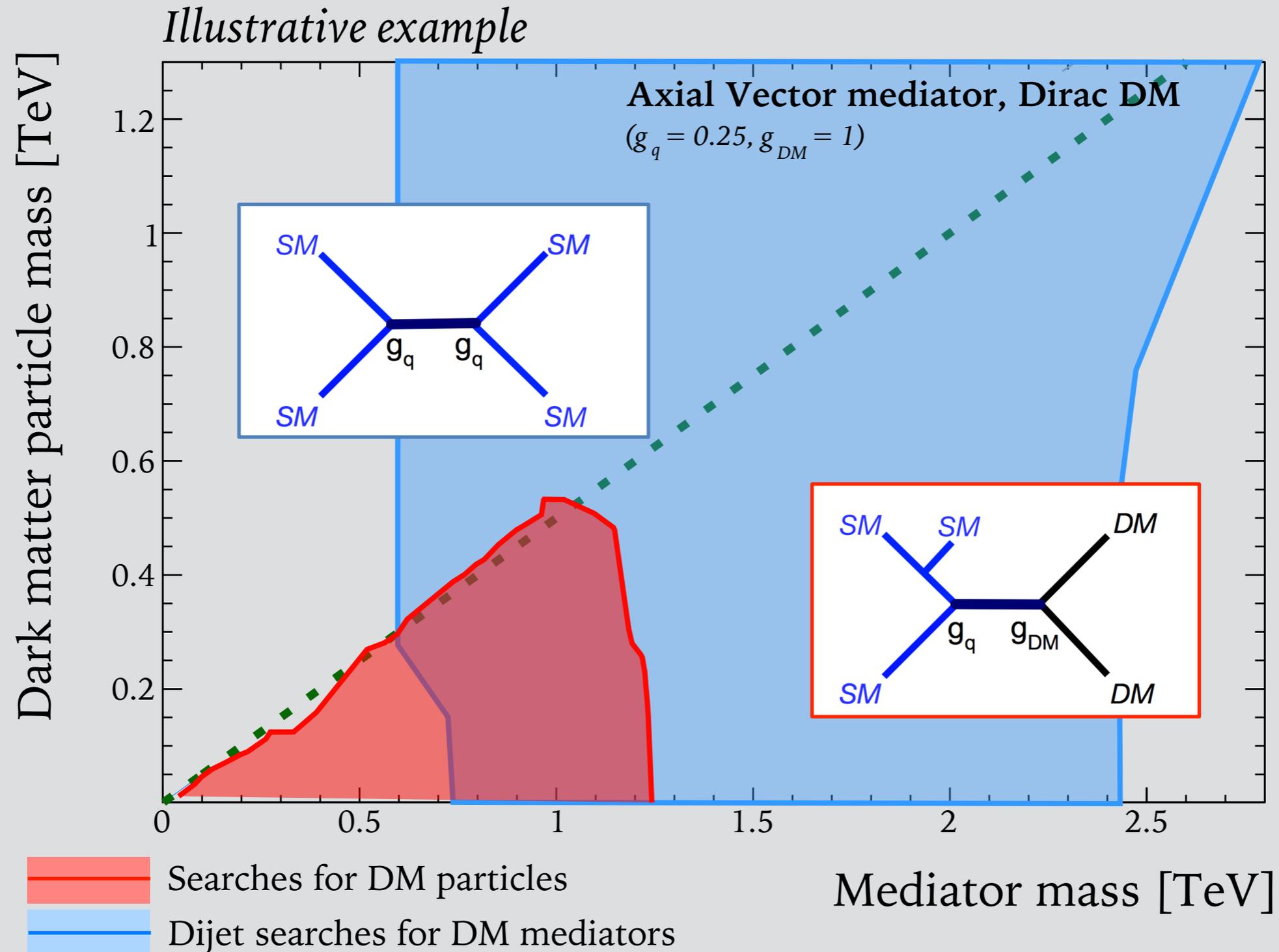
FIG. 6. Exclusion limits at 95% C.L. in the $m_{\text{DM}} - m_{\text{med}}$ plane. PICO-60 constraints (thick blue) are compared against collider constraints from CMS for an axial-vector mediator using the monojet/mono-V (red) [33] and mono-photon (orange) [34] channels. The shaded regions signify excluded parameter space for the chosen model. A similar analysis by ATLAS can be found in [52].



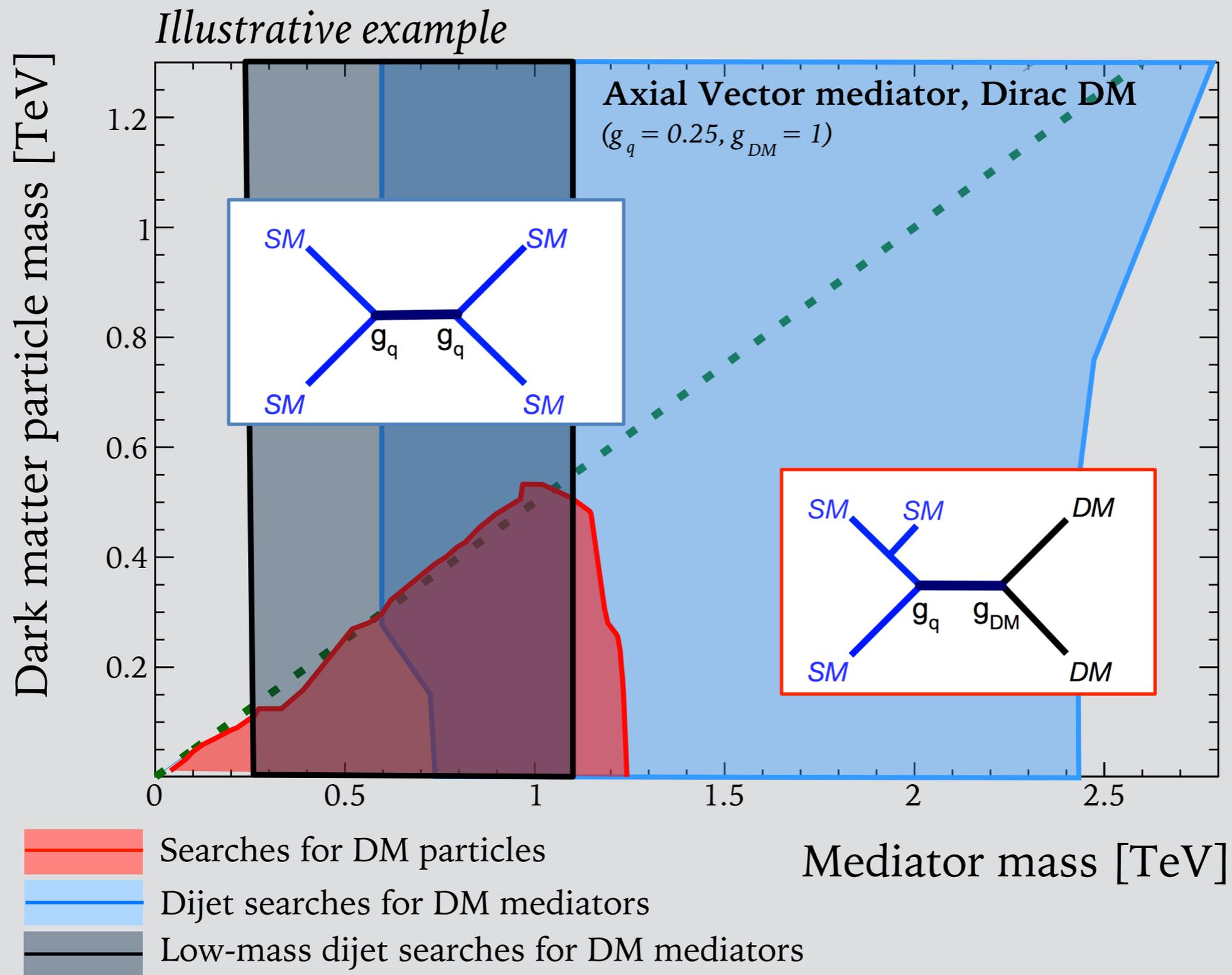
Visible/invisible mediator searches

[arXiv:1703.05703](https://arxiv.org/abs/1703.05703)

Are we looking for all the signatures of these models? e.g. $Z' \rightarrow \text{WIMPs}$ or $Z' \rightarrow \text{jet}+\text{jet}$



Visible decays are an important strength of colliders
(Think MET+jet vs specific SUSY cascade decay)

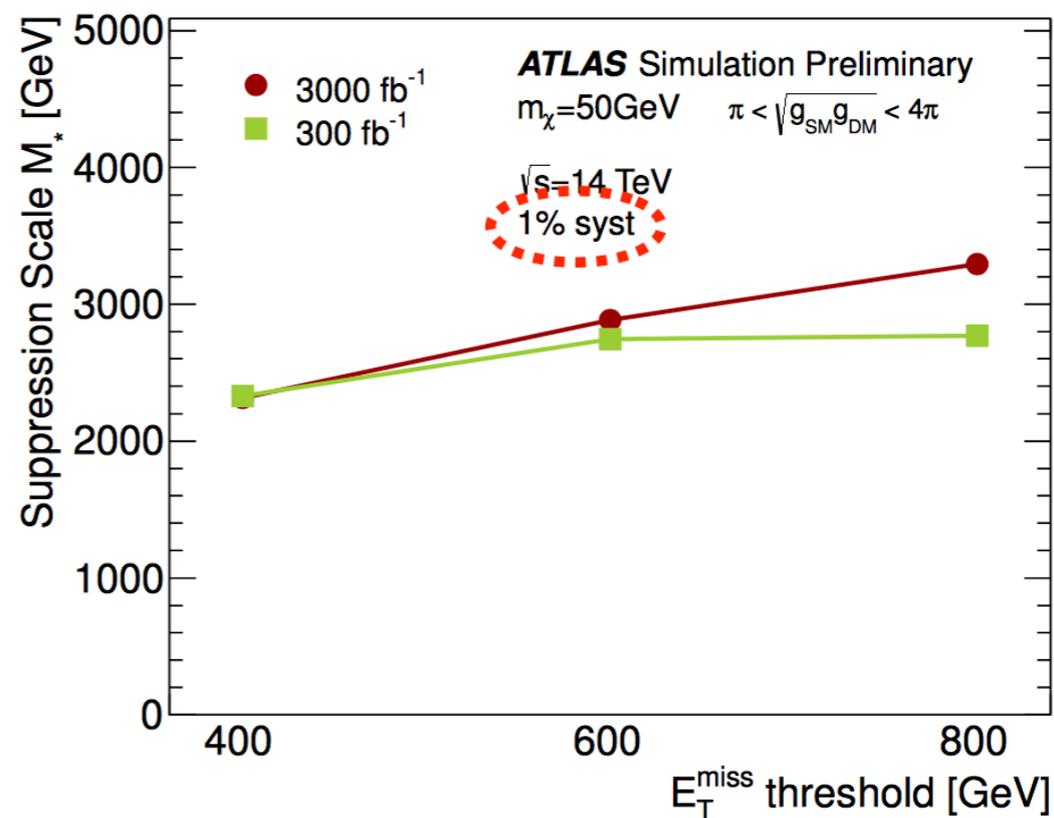
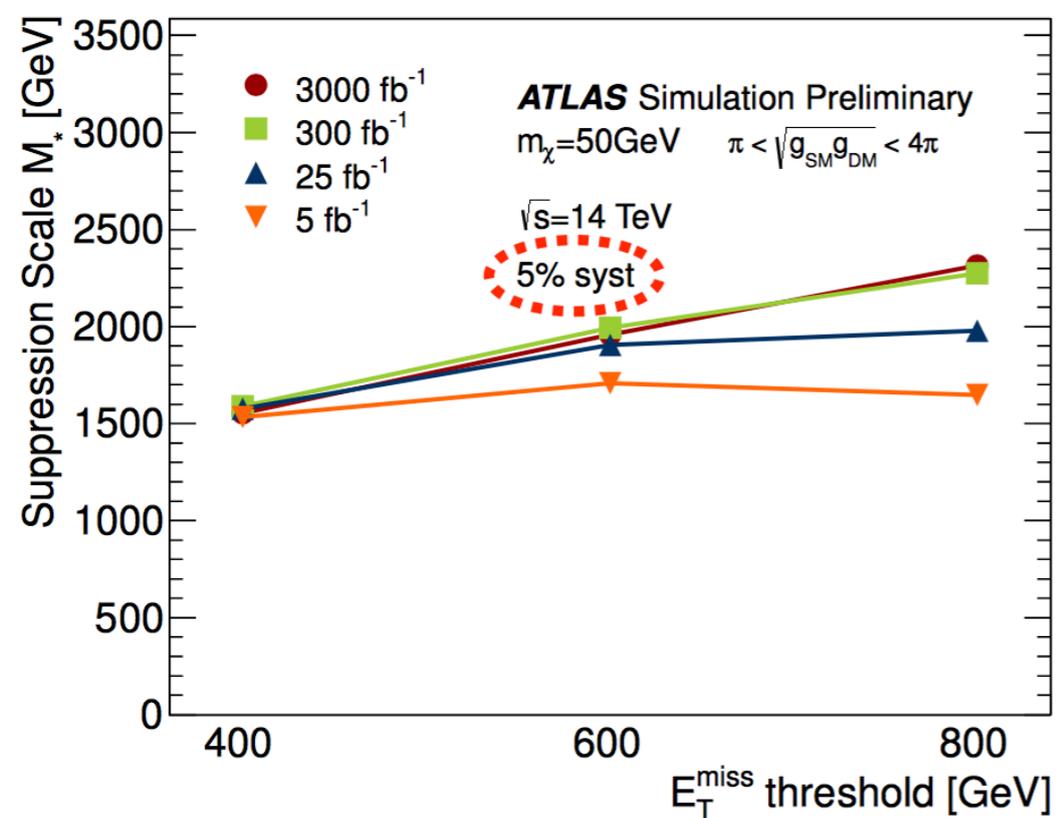


How to improve missing-energy searches?

Ambitious program of LHC mono-X searches up to HL-LHC needs:

- Very precise ($\sim 1\%$) uncertainties on theoretical modelling of W/Z+jets processes
- Detailed understanding correlations between background uncertainty sources

[ATL-COM-PHYS-2014-549]

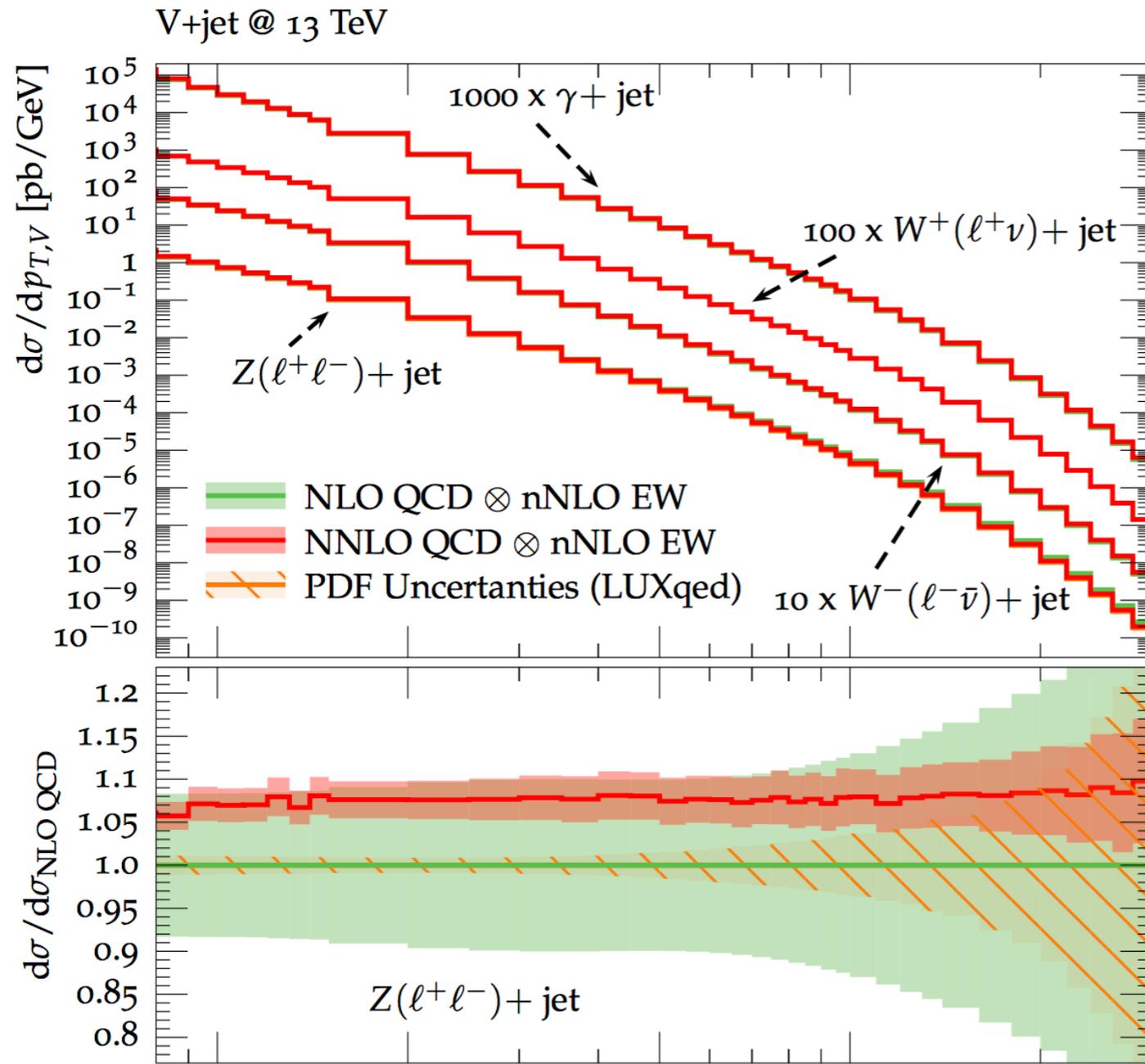


Precise predictions for V+jets dark matter backgrounds

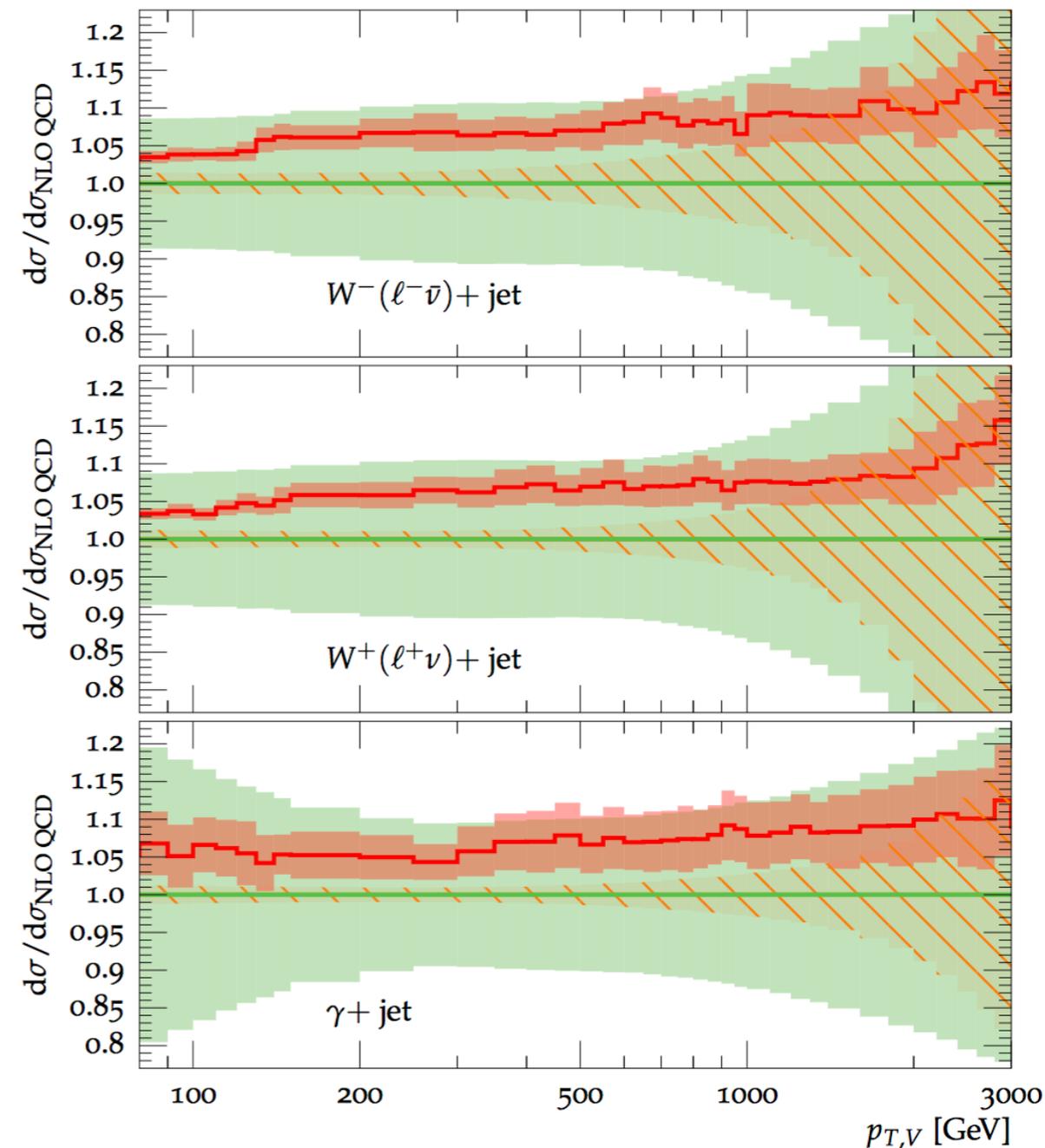
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Combined state-of-the-art calculations for all relevant V + jets processes to mono-jet searches, including **NNLO QCD corrections** and **NLO electroweak corrections** supplemented by **Sudakov logarithms at two loops**

Theoretical uncertainty on $Z(\nu\nu^-)+$ jet background at the few percent level up to the TeV range.



All NLO uncertainties combined in quadrature (NLO), except for PDFs



[NNLO: scale uncertainty only]

What will the group do in the future?

Periodic calls for new topics from the community
—another call soon (subscribe to lhcdmwg@cern.ch at <https://e-groups.cern.ch>)

Attention remains on

- Developing dialogue with theory and non-collider communities
- Motivating searches that are not being done
- Earlier example: effort on hadronic resonances at the EW scale rather than TeV scale
- Mediator consequences
- Connecting to other neighboring efforts, such as for long-lived particle searches

Please contact us and join!

http://lpcc.web.cern.ch/lpcc/index.php?page=dm_wg

The image shows a screenshot of a meeting agenda for the DMWG group. The agenda is organized by time slots and includes the following items:

- 09:30 → 11:00 New topics (pitch talks)**
 - 09:30 Prompt lepton-jet searches**
Speakers: Miriam Deborah Joy Diamond (University of Toronto (CA)), Miriam Diamond
Attachment: DMWG_slides.pdf
 - 13:15 Simplified DM models: a case with t-channel colored scalar mediators**
Speaker: Alexander Natale (Korea Institute for Advanced Study)
Attachment: ACN-LHCDMWG-2...
 - 13:30 Parameter scans over couplings**
Speakers: Thomas David Jacques (Scuola Int. Superiore di Studi Avanzati (IT)), Thomas Jacques (U)
Attachment: TJacques_DMWG_...
- Future directions**
 - 13:40 10:15 Search for mediators: leptons**
Speakers: Bryan Zaldivar, Bryan Zaldivar Montero (IFT UAM/CSIC)
Attachment: zaldivar_DMWG.pdf
 - 14:00 10:30 Searches for mediators: jets and heavy flavors**
Speakers: Matthew McCullough (M), Matthew McCullough (Oxford University), Matthew Philip Mccullough (CERN)
Attachment: LPCC.pdf
 - 11:00 10:45 Coffee break**
 - 14:30 11:15 Simplified models in Madgraph**
Speaker: Mathieu Pellen (University Wuerzburg)
Attachment: PELLEN_CERN_WG...
 - 14:40 11:28 The coannihilation codex**
Speakers: Felix Yu (Fermilab), Felix Yu (UC Irvine), Felix Yu (Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz)
Attachment: FY_Coannihilation....
 - 12:00 11:41 Reinterpretation tools**
Speaker: Daniele Barducci (Unite Reseaux du CNRS (FR))
Attachment: DMWG_CERN_bard...
 - 15:20 11:55 Mono-Z' and new directions**
Speaker: Daniel Whiteson (University of California Irvine (US))
Attachment: lpcc_dm_2015.pdf
 - 12:07 Dark sector**
Speakers: Jessie Shelton (Yale University), Julia (Jessie) Shelton (Rutgers University), Julia Shelton
Attachment: 151211-LPC forum...

Additional Slides

If the Z boson mediates SM-DM interaction...

PDG (LEP) Invisible Decay Width of the Z

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503 ± 16	OUR AVERAGE	Error includes scale factor of 1.2.	
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539 ±26 ±17	410	AKERS	1995C OPAL
450 ±34 ±34	258	BUSKULIC	1993L ALEP
540 ±80 ±40	52	ADEVA	1992 L3

Number from e^+e^- Colliders

Number of Light ν Types

Our evaluation uses the invisible and leptonic widths of the Z boson from our combined fit shown in the Particle Listings for the Z Boson, and the Standard Model value $\Gamma_{\nu}/\Gamma_{\ell} = 1.9908 \pm 0.0015$.

VALUE 2.994 ± 0.012 OUR EVALUATION DOCUMENT ID TECN Combined fit to all LEP data.

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3.00 ± 0.05 ¹LEP 92 RVUE

¹Simultaneous fits to all measured cross section data from all four LEP experiments.

Number of Light ν Types from Direct Measurement of Invisible Z Width

In the following, the invisible Z width is obtained from studies of single-photon events from the reaction $e^+e^- \rightarrow \nu\bar{\nu}\gamma$. All are obtained from LEP runs in the E_{cm}^e range 88–94 GeV.

VALUE 3.00 ± 0.06 OUR AVERAGE DOCUMENT ID TECN COMMENT

3.01 ± 0.08 ACCIARRI 99R L3 1998 LEP run
 2.98 ± 0.07 ± 0.07 ACCIARRI 98G L3 LEP 1991–1994
 2.89 ± 0.32 ± 0.19 ABREU 97J DLPH 1993–1994 LEP runs
 3.23 ± 0.16 ± 0.10 AKERS 95C OPAL 1990–1992 LEP runs
 2.68 ± 0.20 ± 0.20 BUSKULIC 93L ALEP 1990–1991 LEP runs

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3.1 ± 0.6 ± 0.1 ADAM 96C DLPH $\sqrt{s} = 130, 136$ GeV

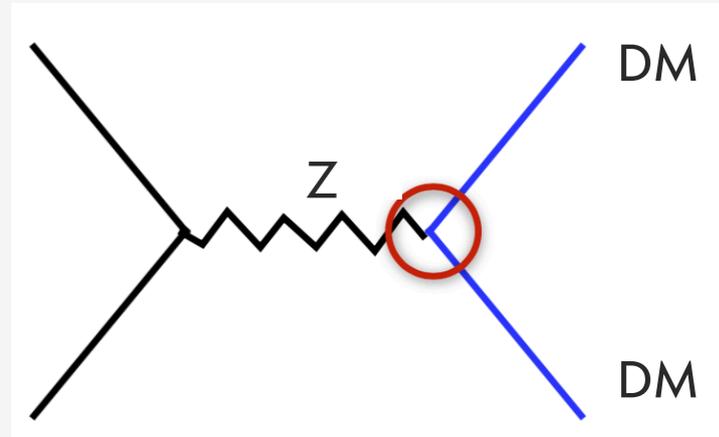
Limits from Astrophysics and Cosmology

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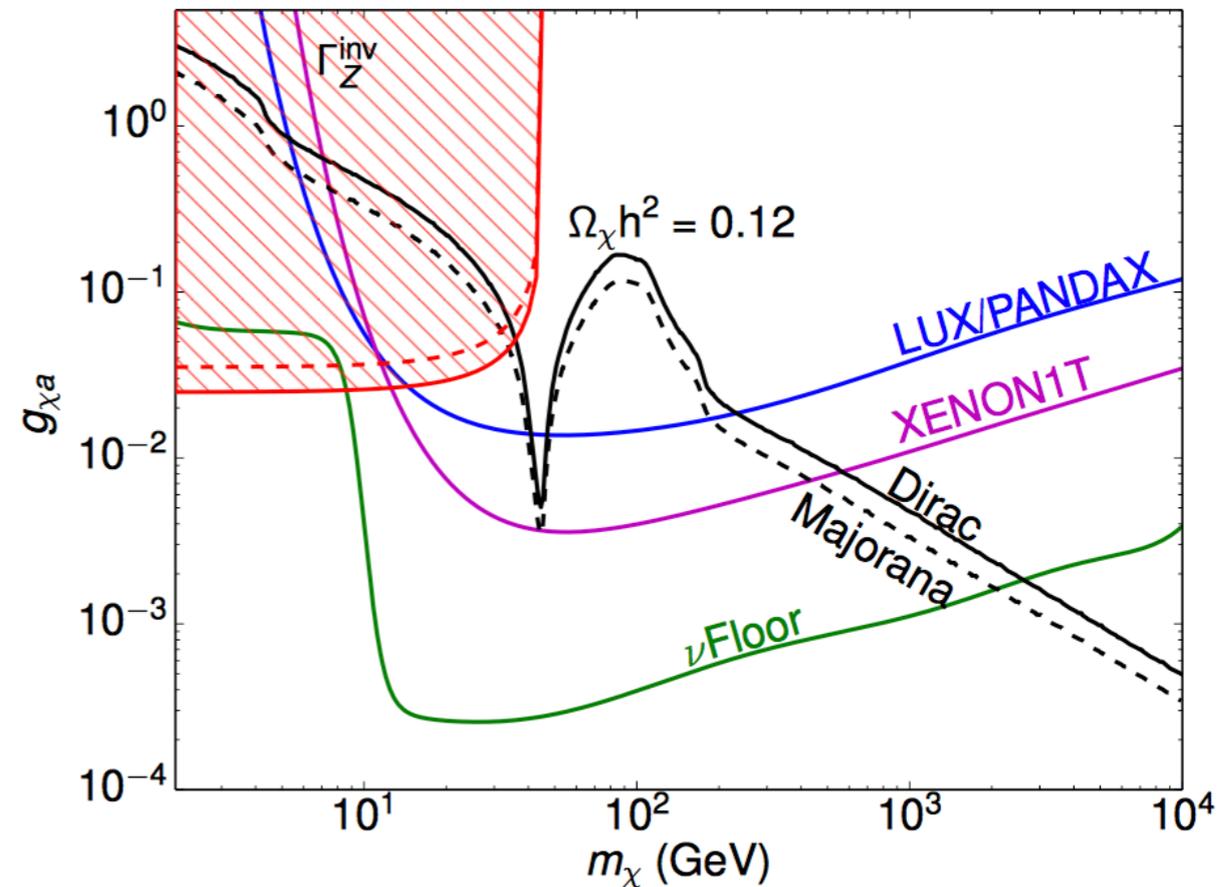
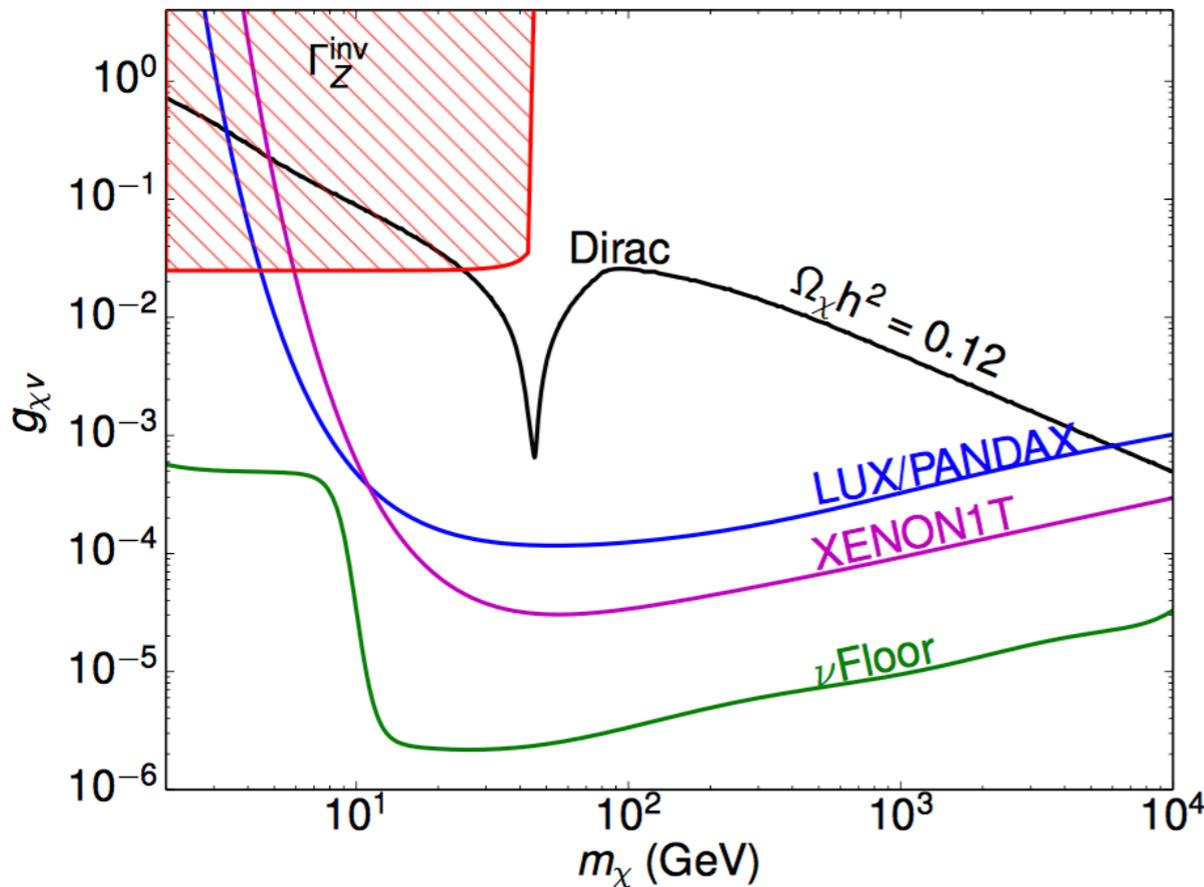
("light" means < about 1 MeV). See also OLIVE 81. For a review of limits based on Nucleosynthesis, Supernovae, and also on terrestrial experiments, see DENEGR 90. Also see "Big-Bang Nucleosynthesis" in this Review.

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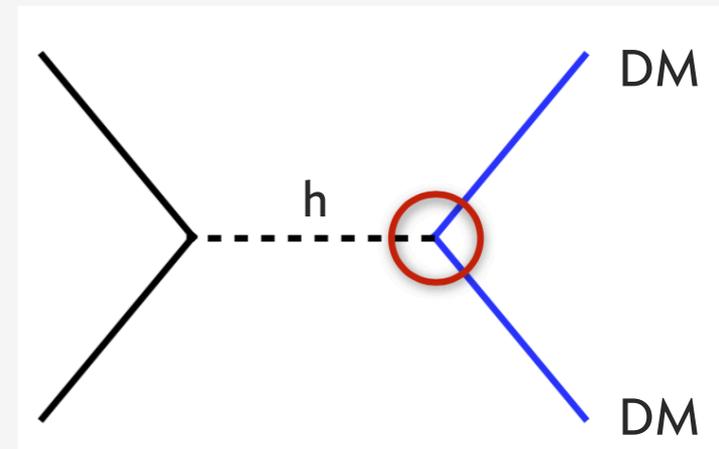
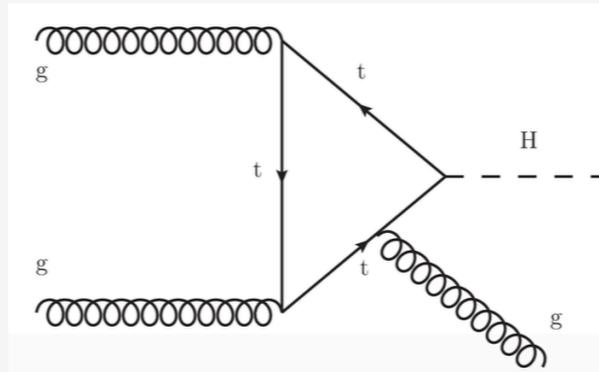
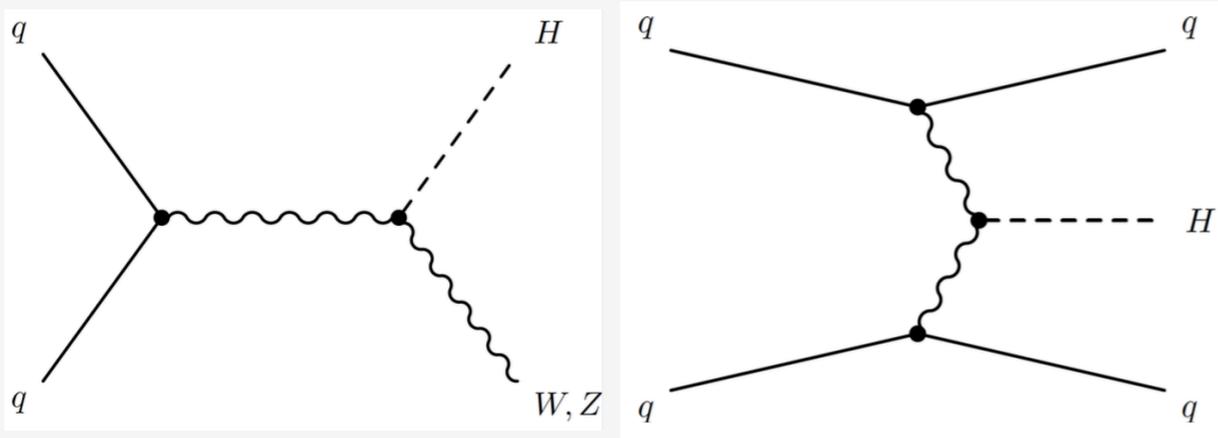
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Escudero et al., arXiv:1609.09079

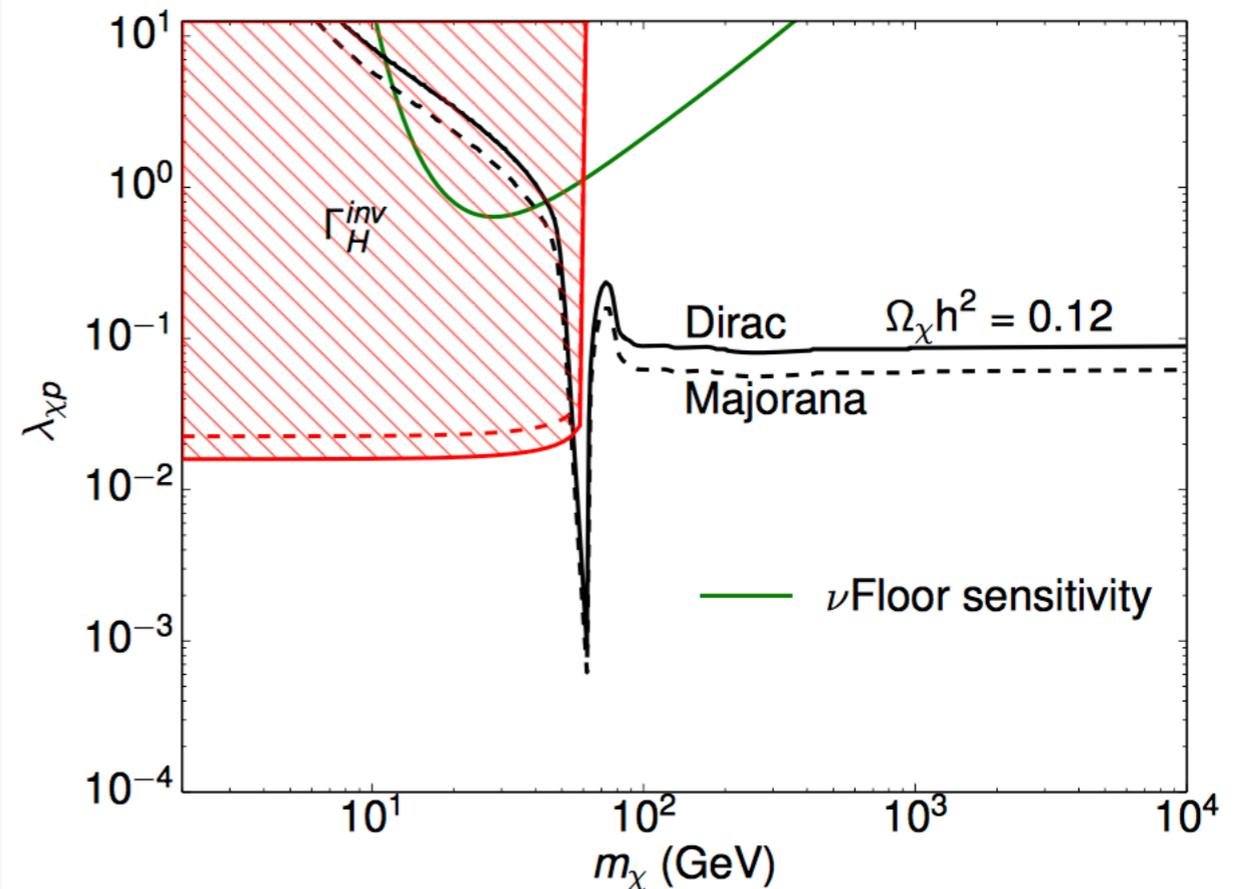
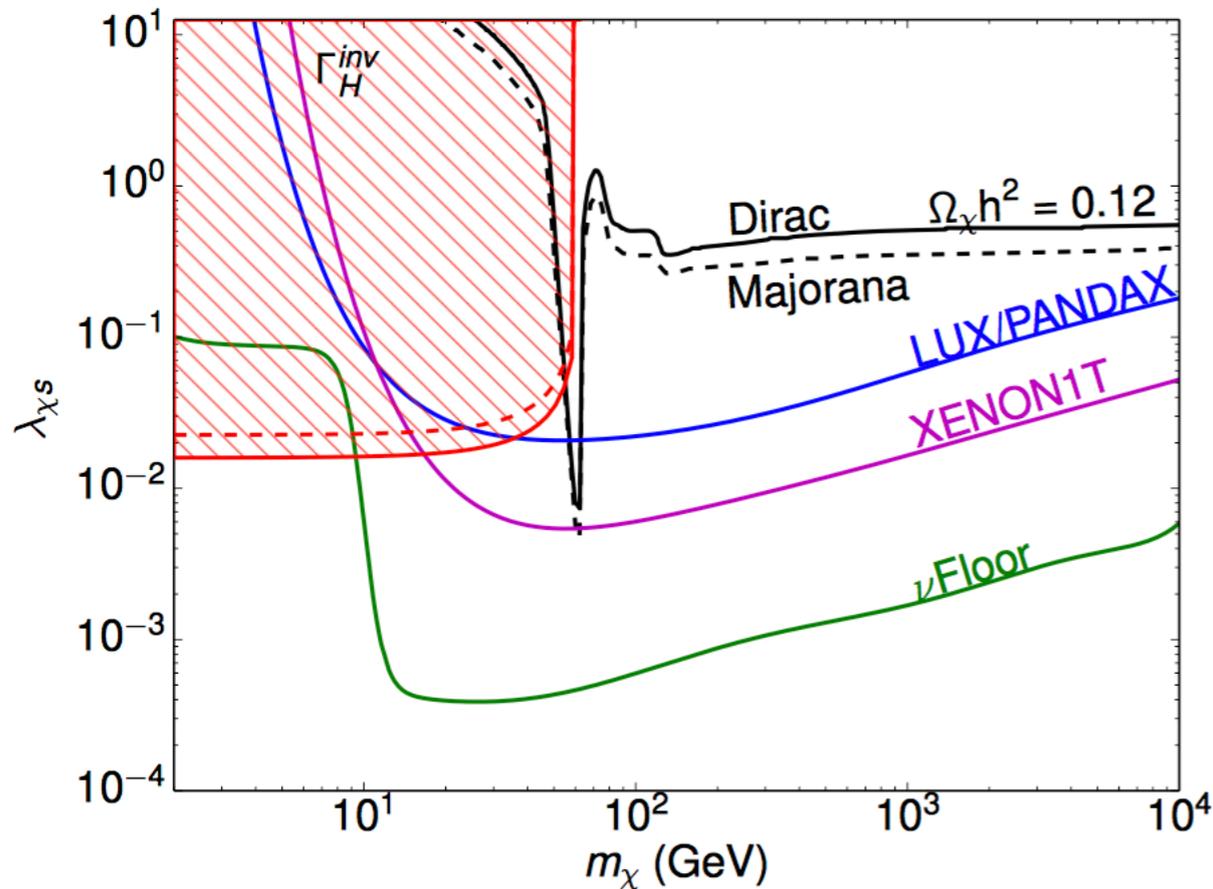
If the Higgs boson mediates SM-DM interaction...

LHC data can constrain the Higgs→invisible branching fraction, which is 10^{-3} in the SM



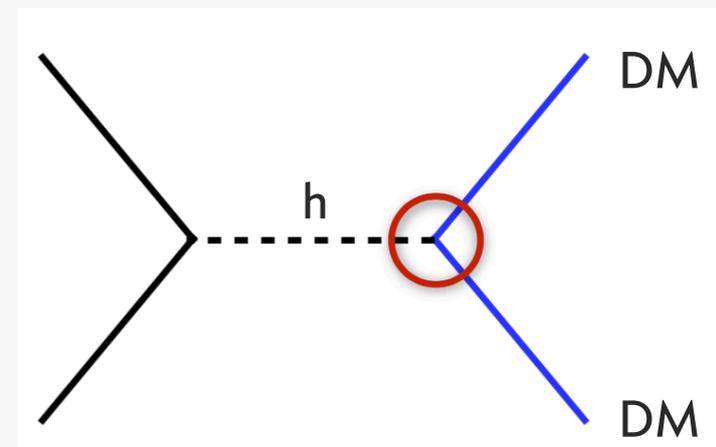
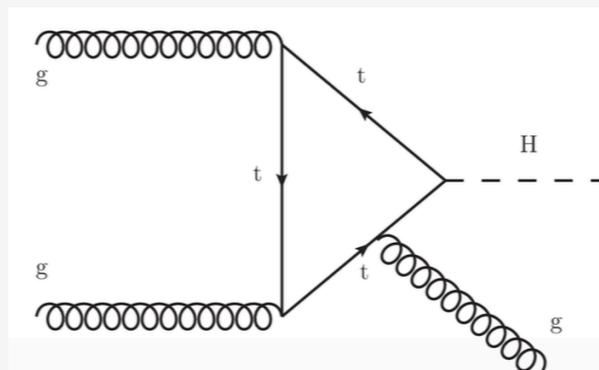
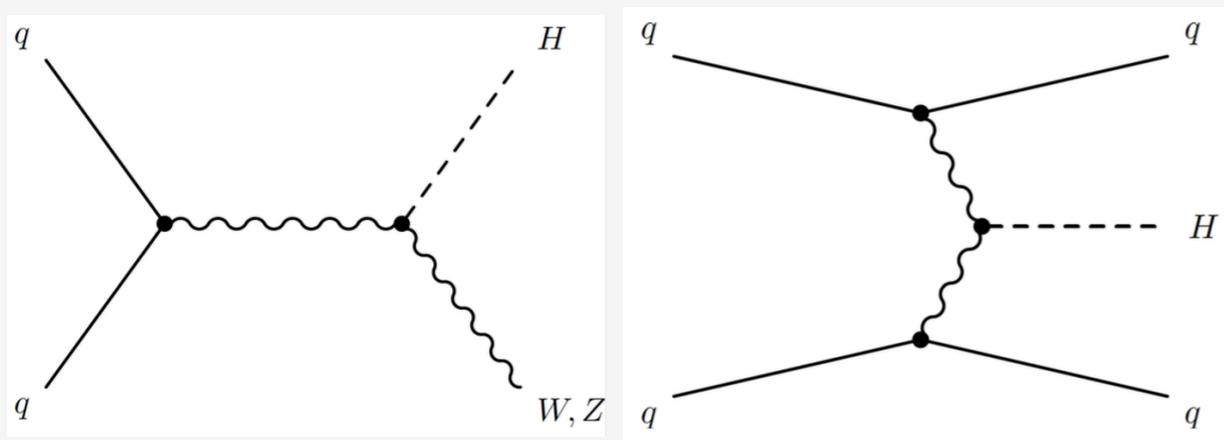
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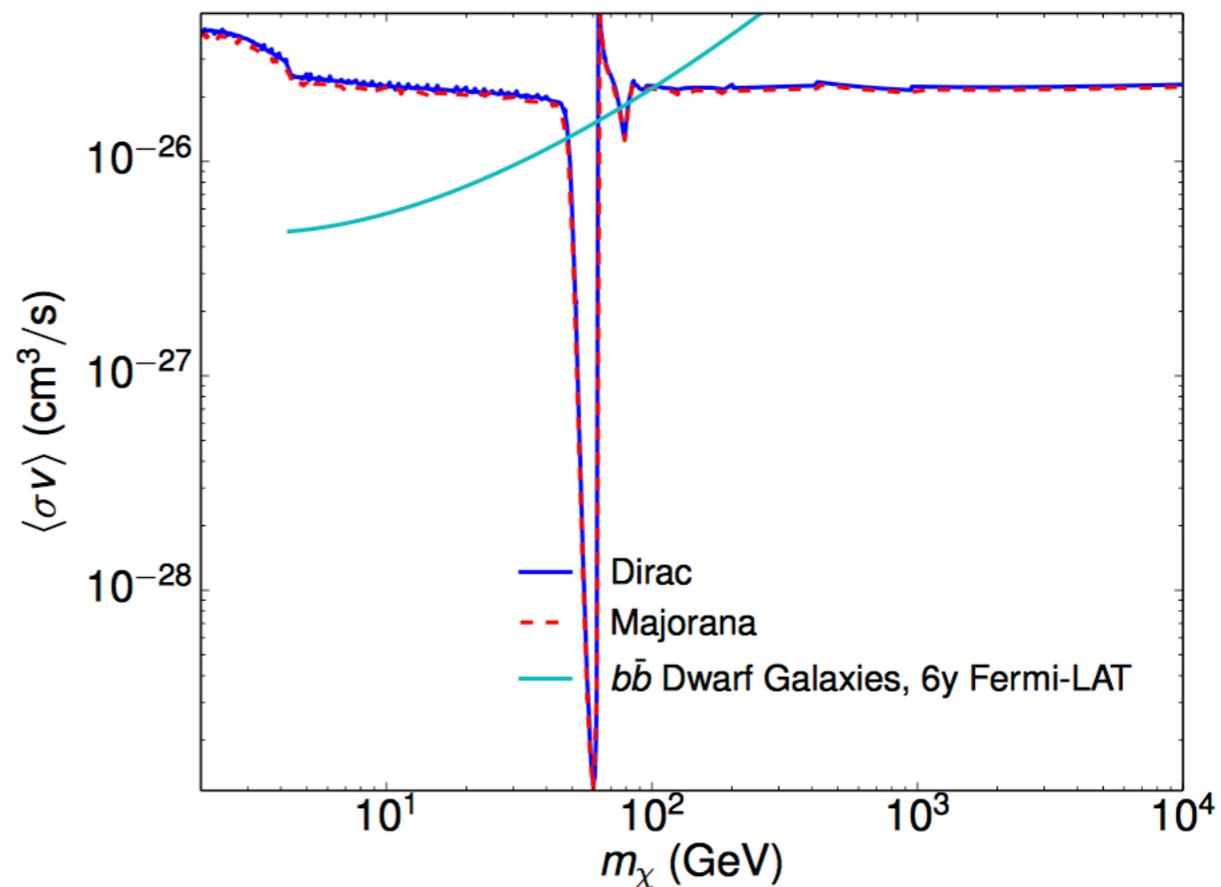
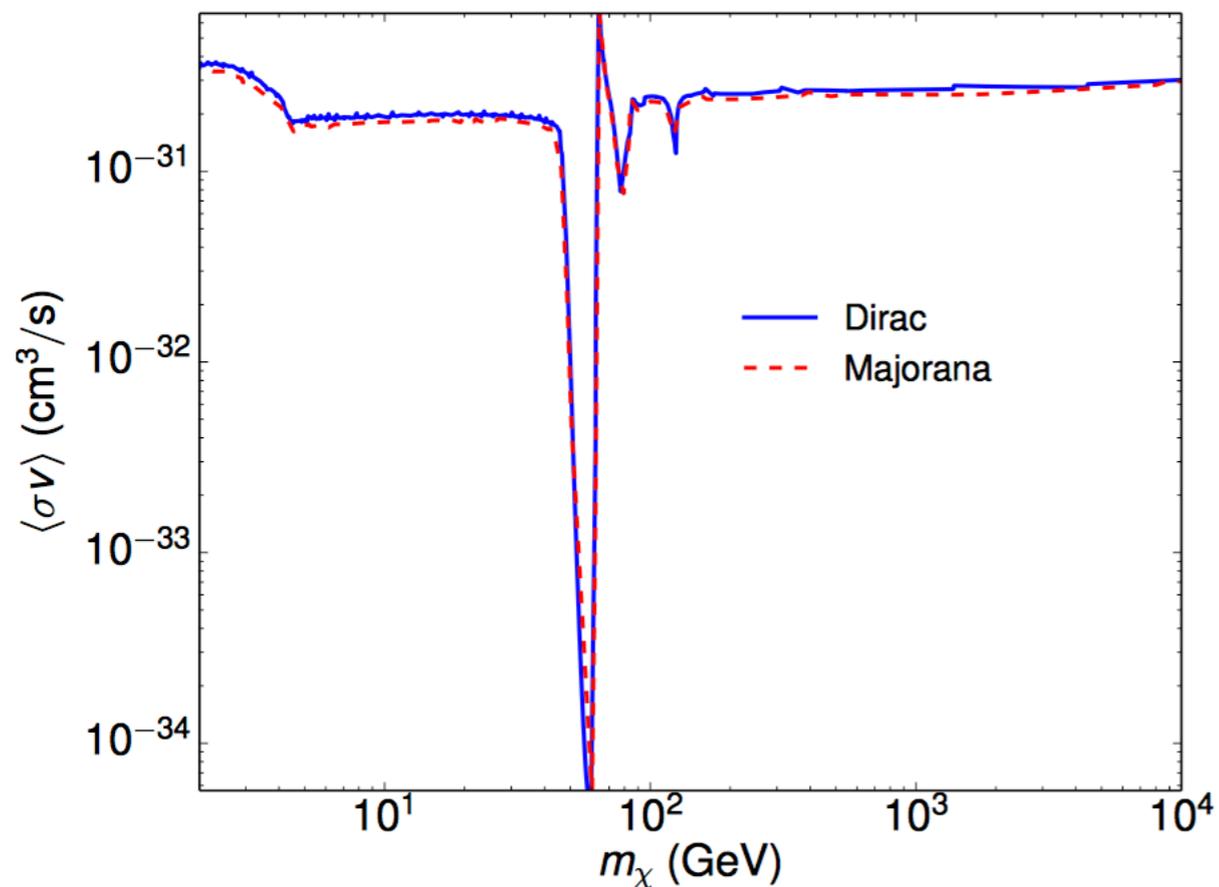
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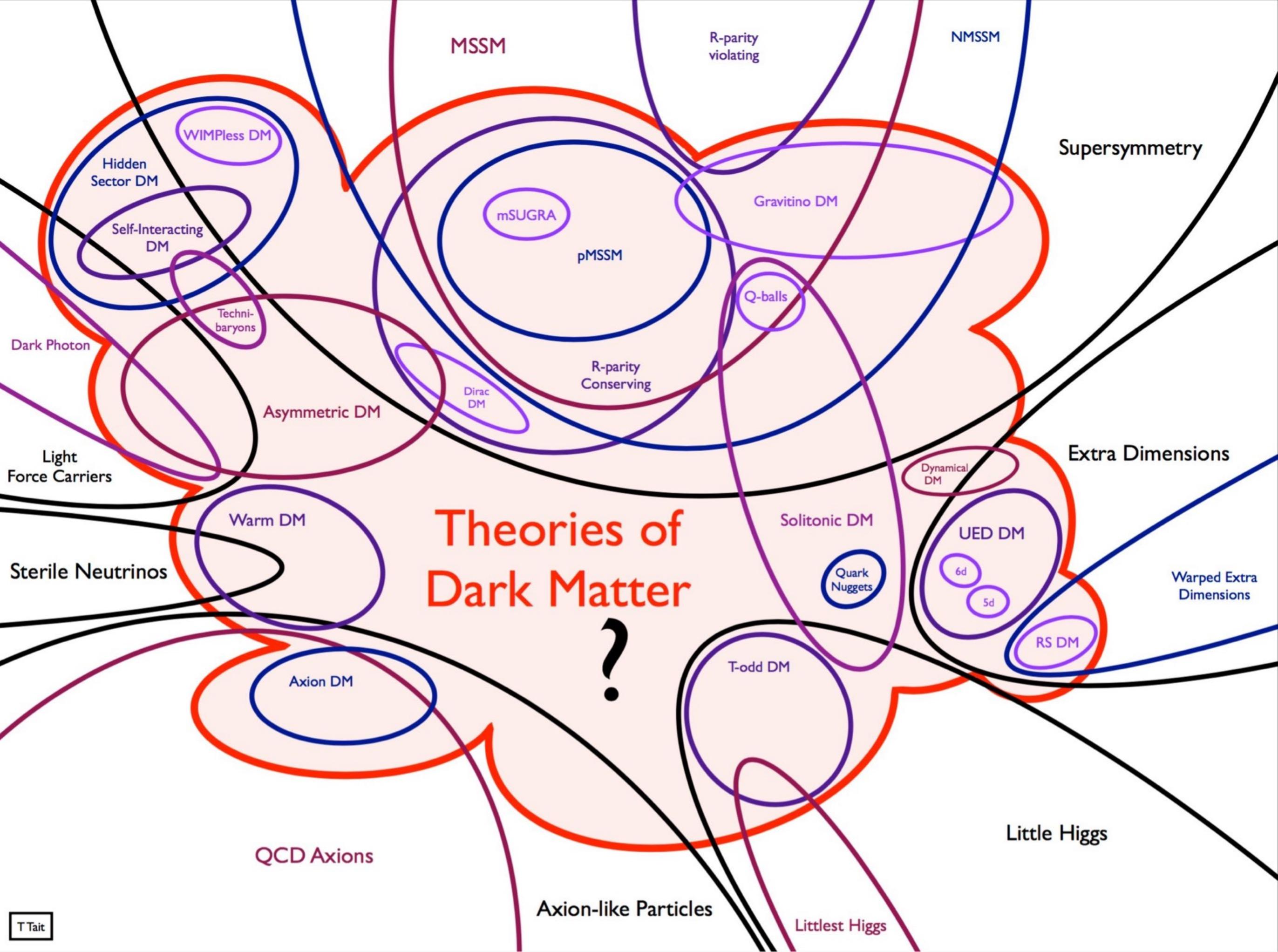
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Theories of Dark Matter

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MSSM

R-parity violating

NMSSM

Supersymmetry

WIMPless DM

Hidden Sector DM

Self-Interacting DM

Techni-baryons

mSUGRA

pMSSM

Gravitino DM

Q-balls

R-parity Conserving

Dirac DM

Asymmetric DM

Dark Photon

Light Force Carriers

Warm DM

Sterile Neutrinos

Axion DM

QCD Axions

Axion-like Particles

Extra Dimensions

Solitonic DM

Quark Nuggets

Dynamical DM

UED DM

6d

5d

RS DM

Warped Extra Dimensions

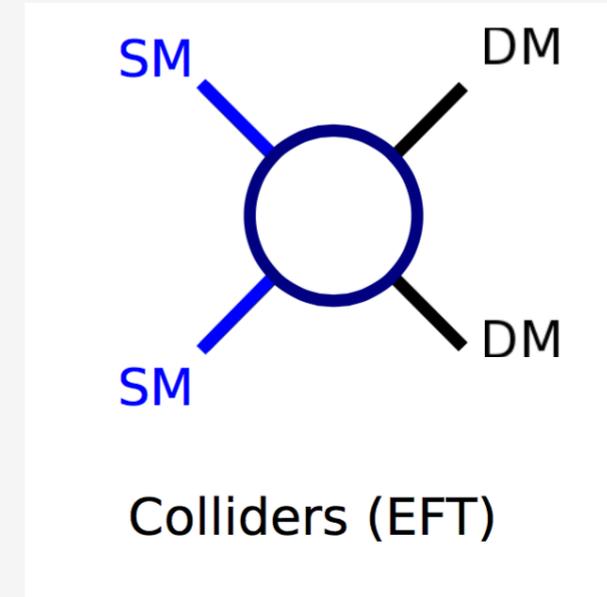
Todd DM

Little Higgs

Littlest Higgs

TABLE I. Operators coupling WIMPs to SM particles. The operator names beginning with D, C, R apply to WIMPS that are Dirac fermions, complex scalars or real scalars, respectively.

Name	Operator	Coefficient
D1	$\bar{\chi}\chi\bar{q}q$	m_q/M_*^3
D2	$\bar{\chi}\gamma^5\chi\bar{q}q$	im_q/M_*^3
D3	$\bar{\chi}\chi\bar{q}\gamma^5q$	im_q/M_*^3
D4	$\bar{\chi}\gamma^5\chi\bar{q}\gamma^5q$	m_q/M_*^3
D5	$\bar{\chi}\gamma^\mu\chi\bar{q}\gamma_\mu q$	$1/M_*^2$
D6	$\bar{\chi}\gamma^\mu\gamma^5\chi\bar{q}\gamma_\mu q$	$1/M_*^2$
D7	$\bar{\chi}\gamma^\mu\chi\bar{q}\gamma_\mu\gamma^5q$	$1/M_*^2$
D8	$\bar{\chi}\gamma^\mu\gamma^5\chi\bar{q}\gamma_\mu\gamma^5q$	$1/M_*^2$
D9	$\bar{\chi}\sigma^{\mu\nu}\chi\bar{q}\sigma_{\mu\nu}q$	$1/M_*^2$
D10	$\bar{\chi}\sigma_{\mu\nu}\gamma^5\chi\bar{q}\sigma_{\alpha\beta}q$	i/M_*^2
D11	$\bar{\chi}\chi G_{\mu\nu}G^{\mu\nu}$	$\alpha_s/4M_*^3$
D12	$\bar{\chi}\gamma^5\chi G_{\mu\nu}G^{\mu\nu}$	$i\alpha_s/4M_*^3$
D13	$\bar{\chi}\chi G_{\mu\nu}\tilde{G}^{\mu\nu}$	$i\alpha_s/4M_*^3$
D14	$\bar{\chi}\gamma^5\chi G_{\mu\nu}\tilde{G}^{\mu\nu}$	$\alpha_s/4M_*^3$
C1	$\chi^\dagger\chi\bar{q}q$	m_q/M_*^2
C2	$\chi^\dagger\chi\bar{q}\gamma^5q$	im_q/M_*^2
C3	$\chi^\dagger\partial_\mu\chi\bar{q}\gamma^\mu q$	$1/M_*^2$
C4	$\chi^\dagger\partial_\mu\chi\bar{q}\gamma^\mu\gamma^5q$	$1/M_*^2$
C5	$\chi^\dagger\chi G_{\mu\nu}G^{\mu\nu}$	$\alpha_s/4M_*^2$
C6	$\chi^\dagger\chi G_{\mu\nu}\tilde{G}^{\mu\nu}$	$i\alpha_s/4M_*^2$
R1	$\chi^2\bar{q}q$	$m_q/2M_*^2$
R2	$\chi^2\bar{q}\gamma^5q$	$im_q/2M_*^2$
R3	$\chi^2 G_{\mu\nu}G^{\mu\nu}$	$\alpha_s/8M_*^2$
R4	$\chi^2 G_{\mu\nu}\tilde{G}^{\mu\nu}$	$i\alpha_s/8M_*^2$



Problem (when applying to LHC):

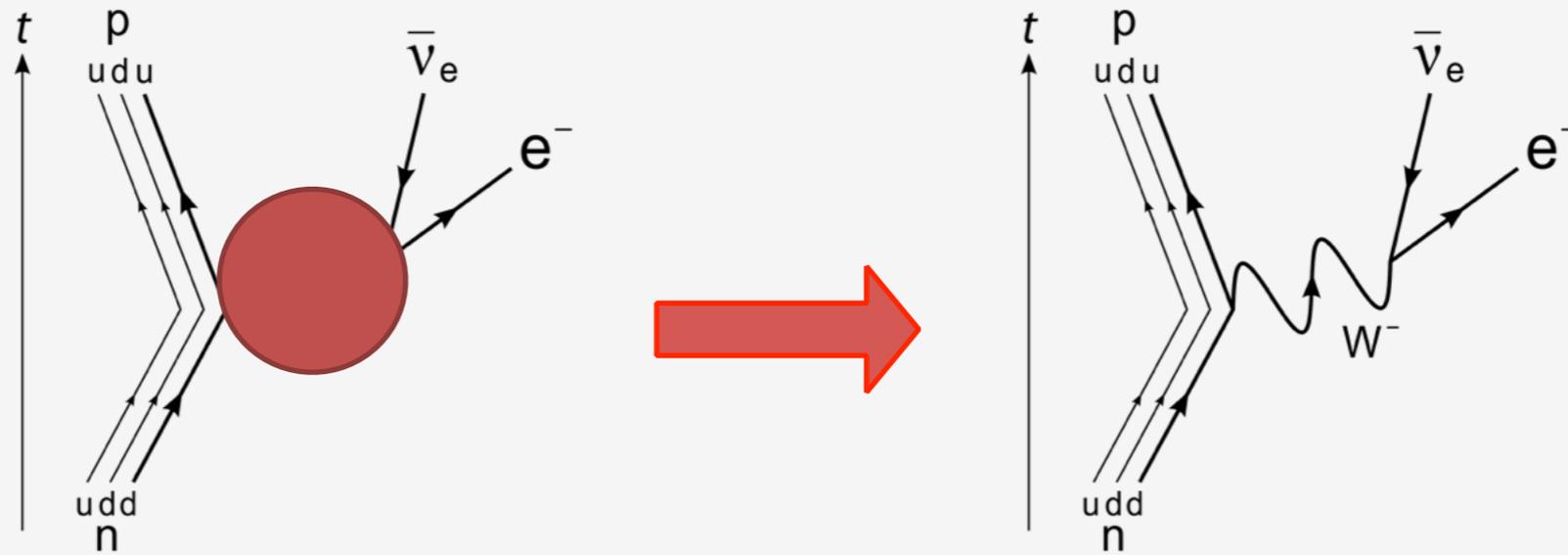
In typical completions, the inaccessible physics must be too strongly coupled to produce observable signals

e.g. s-channel mediator: rate depends on

$$M_\star = M_{\text{med}} / \sqrt{g_q g_\chi}$$

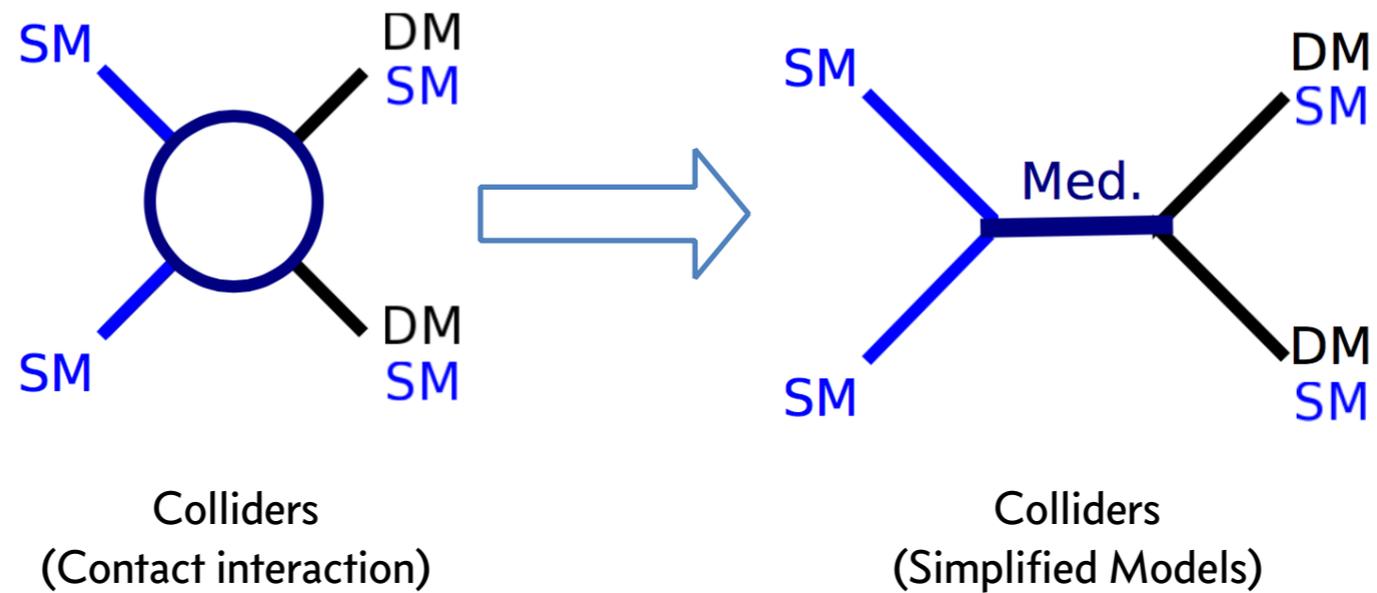
High enough rate implies either:

- heavy mediator, non-perturbative couplings
- light mediator (EFT incorrect theory)



LHC probes 'high' energy scales

**If 'high' is high enough, it can discovery and characterize the interactions
between normal and dark matter**



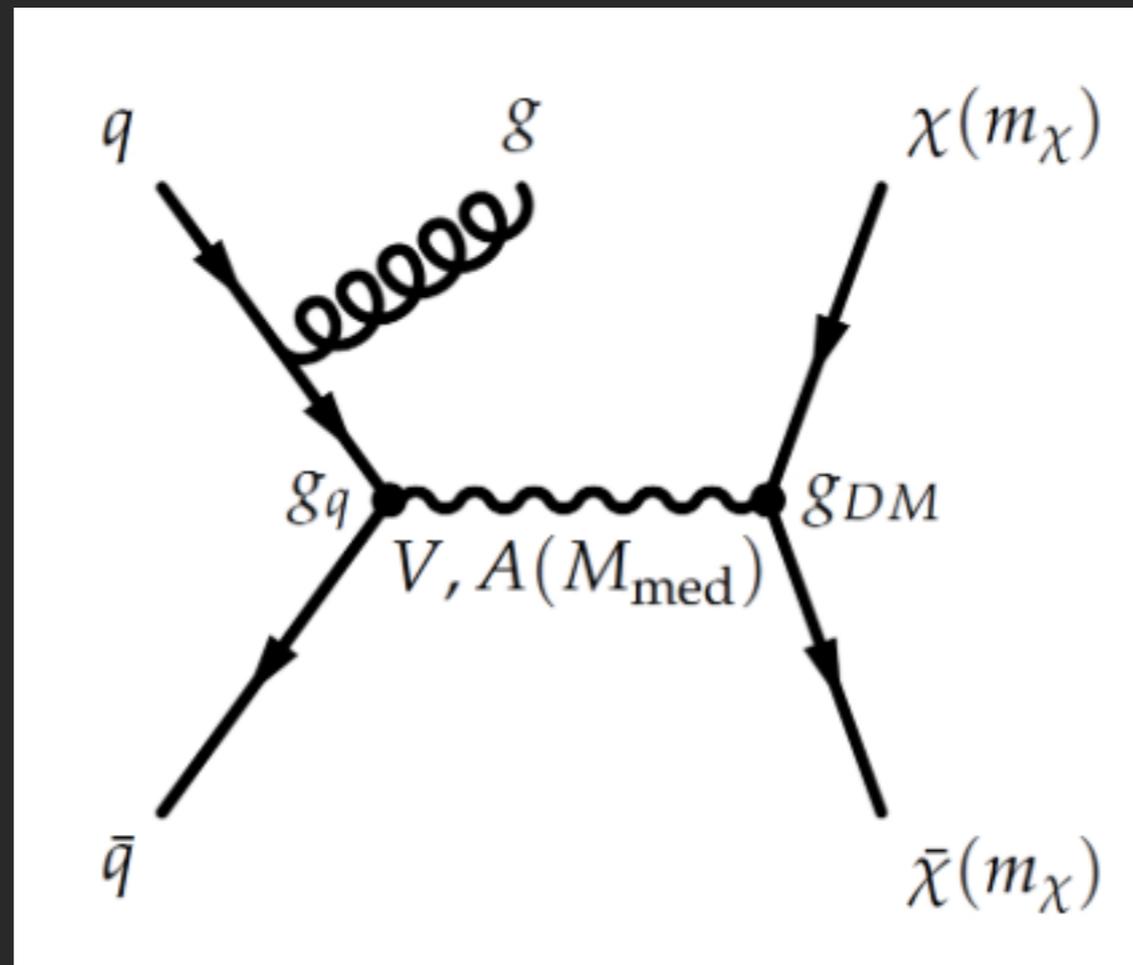
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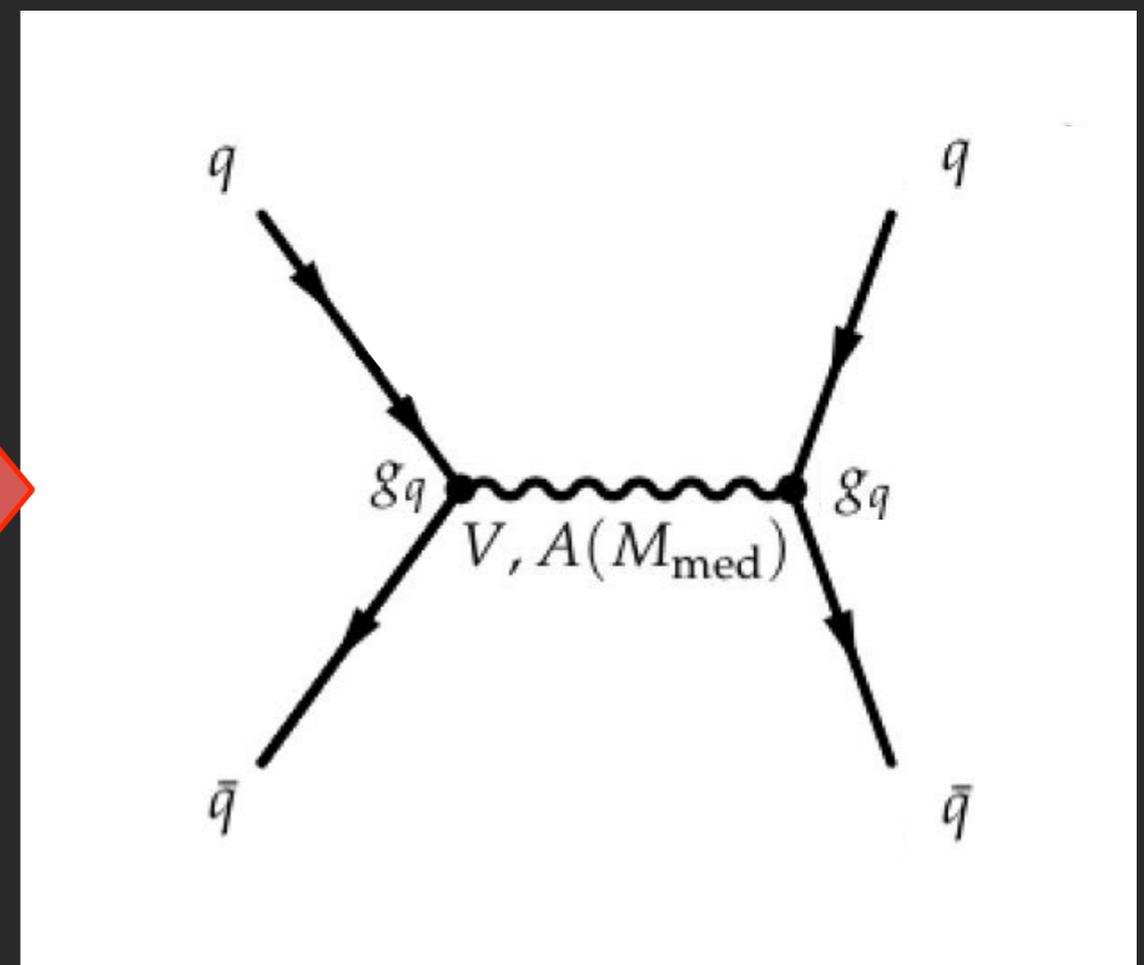
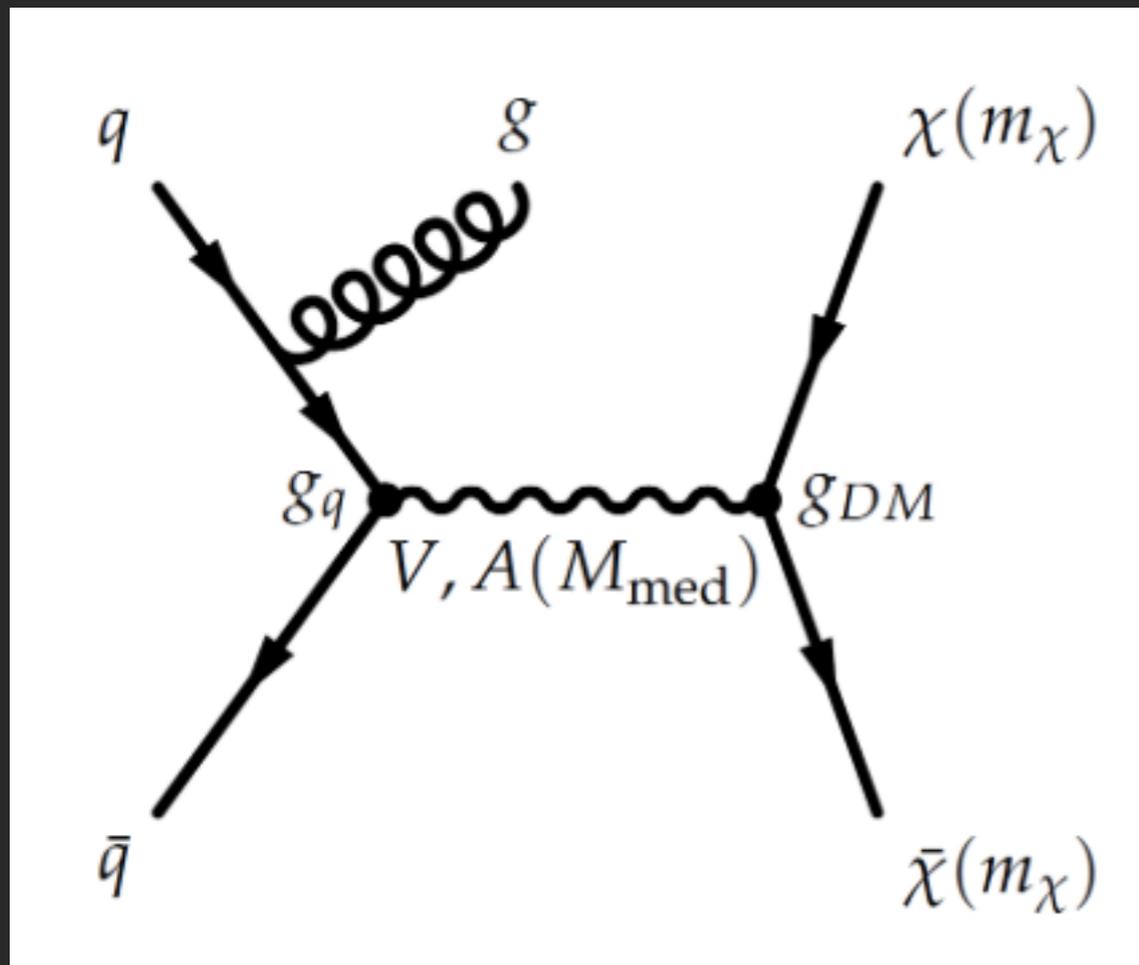
Requires more model assumptions (and parameters)

Searching for Dark Matter Production

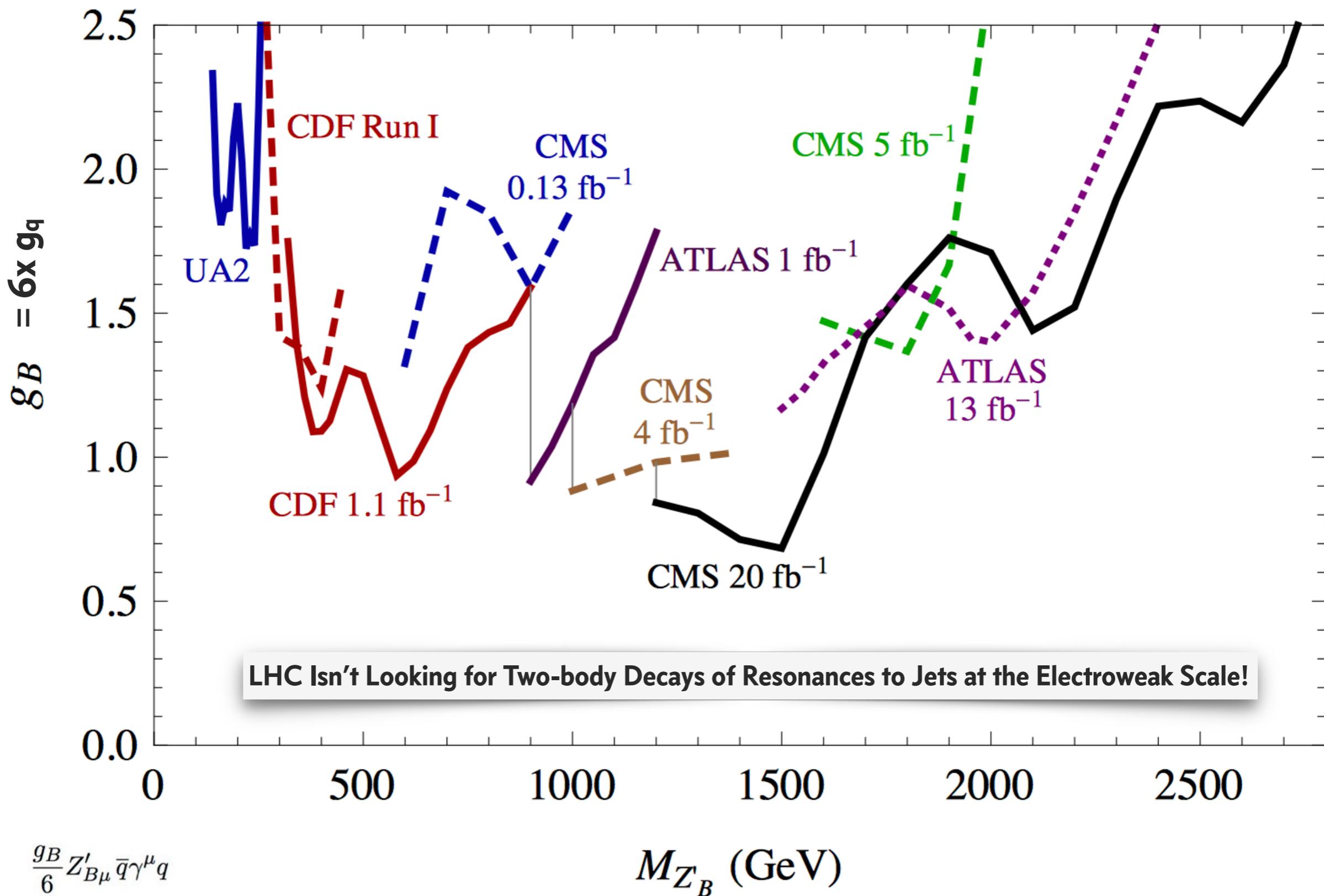
(or: collider-stable weakly-interacting particles)



Searching for Dark Sector Interactions



Coupling of new particle to quarks



Searches for long-lived particles

Dark matter very weakly-coupled to the SM through **light, long-lived particles**

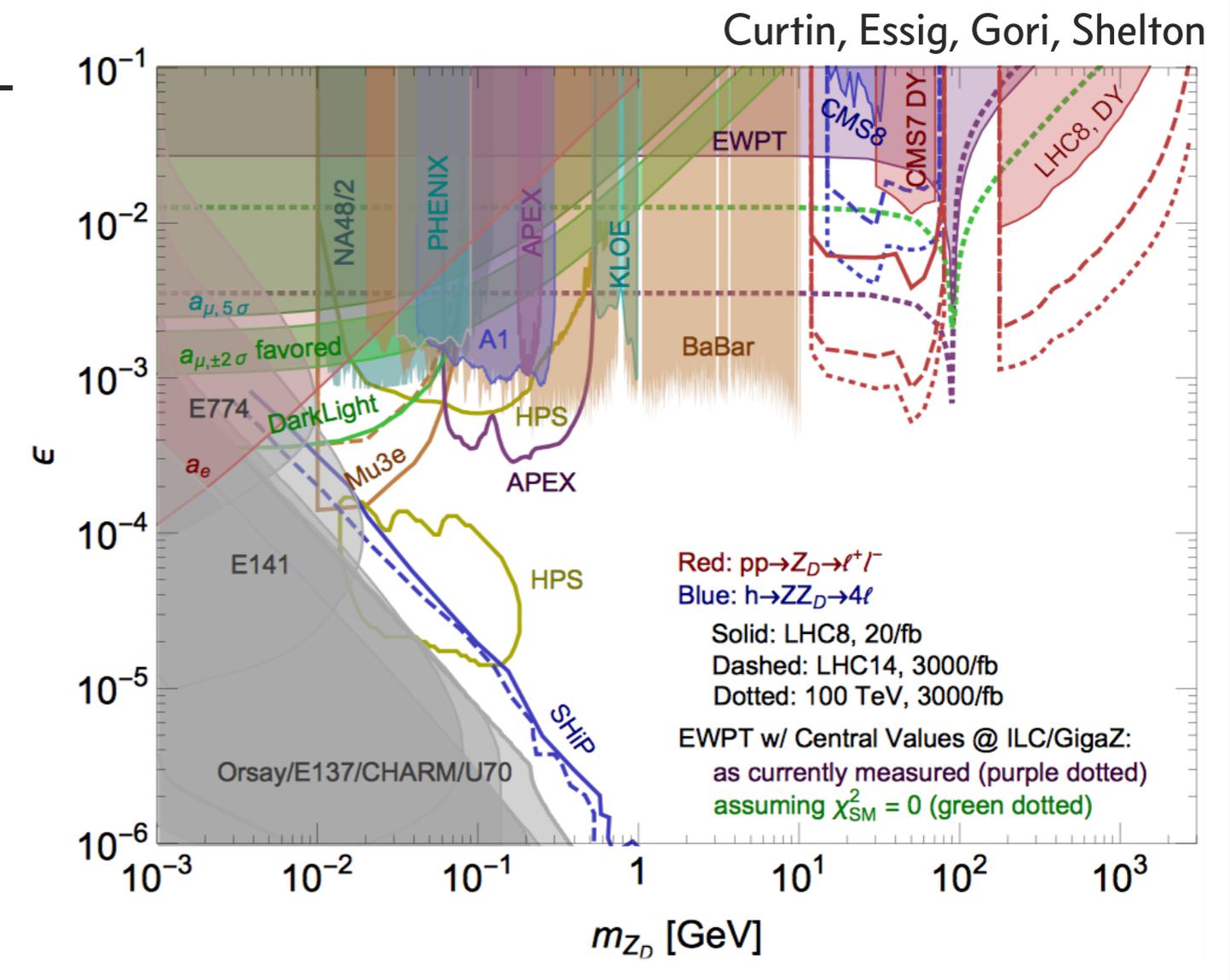
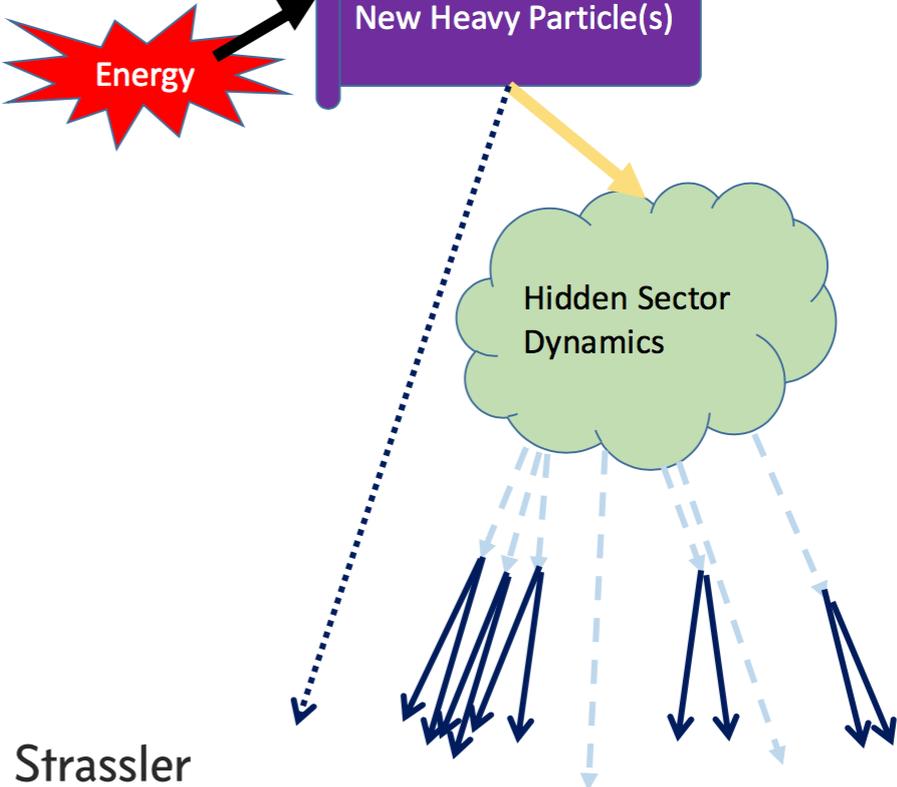
- Displaced decays (e.g. displaced / emerging jets)
- Collimated decay products (lepton jets)

Current detectors not designed for

- reconstruction of very odd physics objects
- triggering on displaced decays of neutral long-lived particles
- triggering on 'low' energy physics

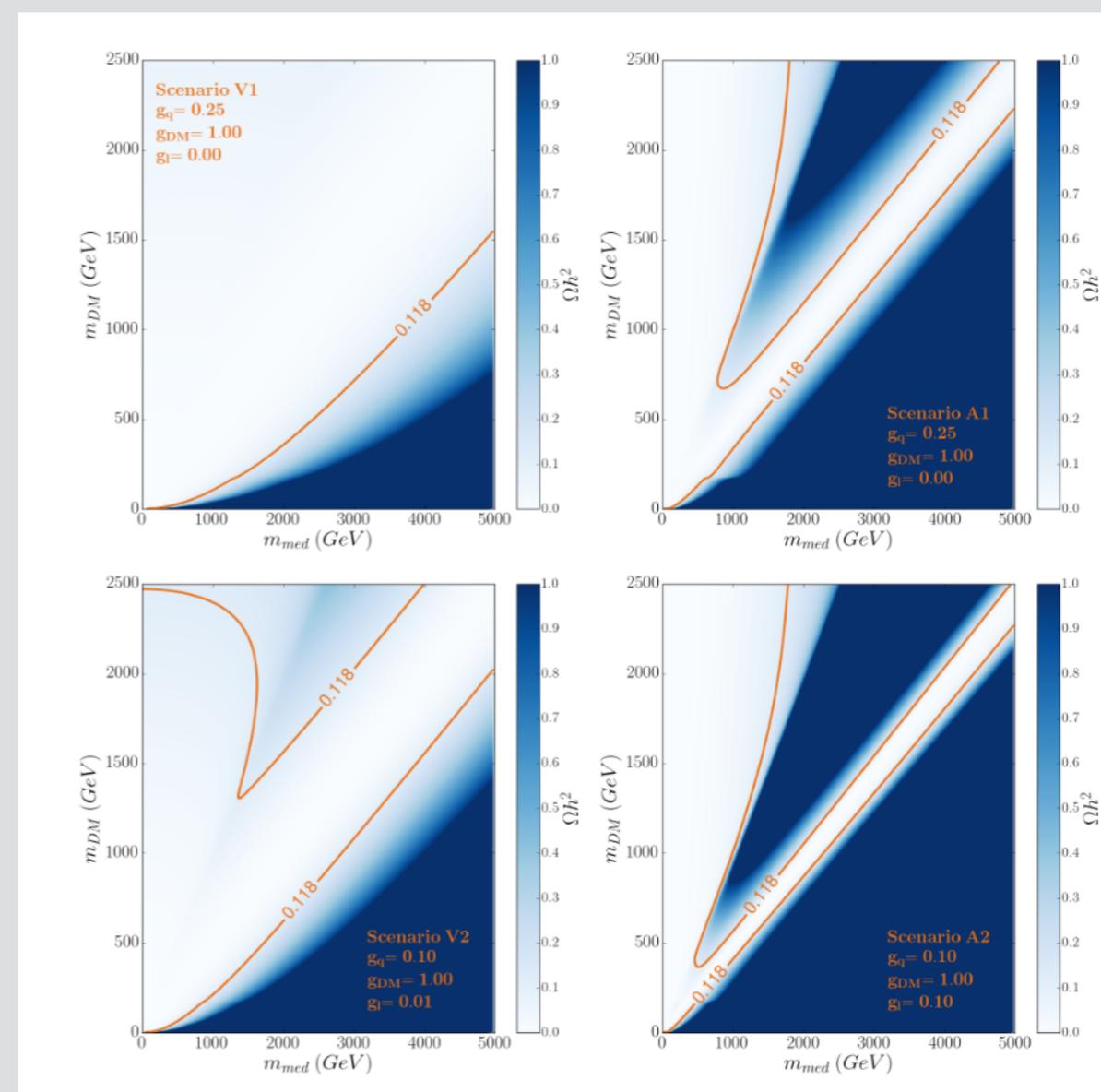
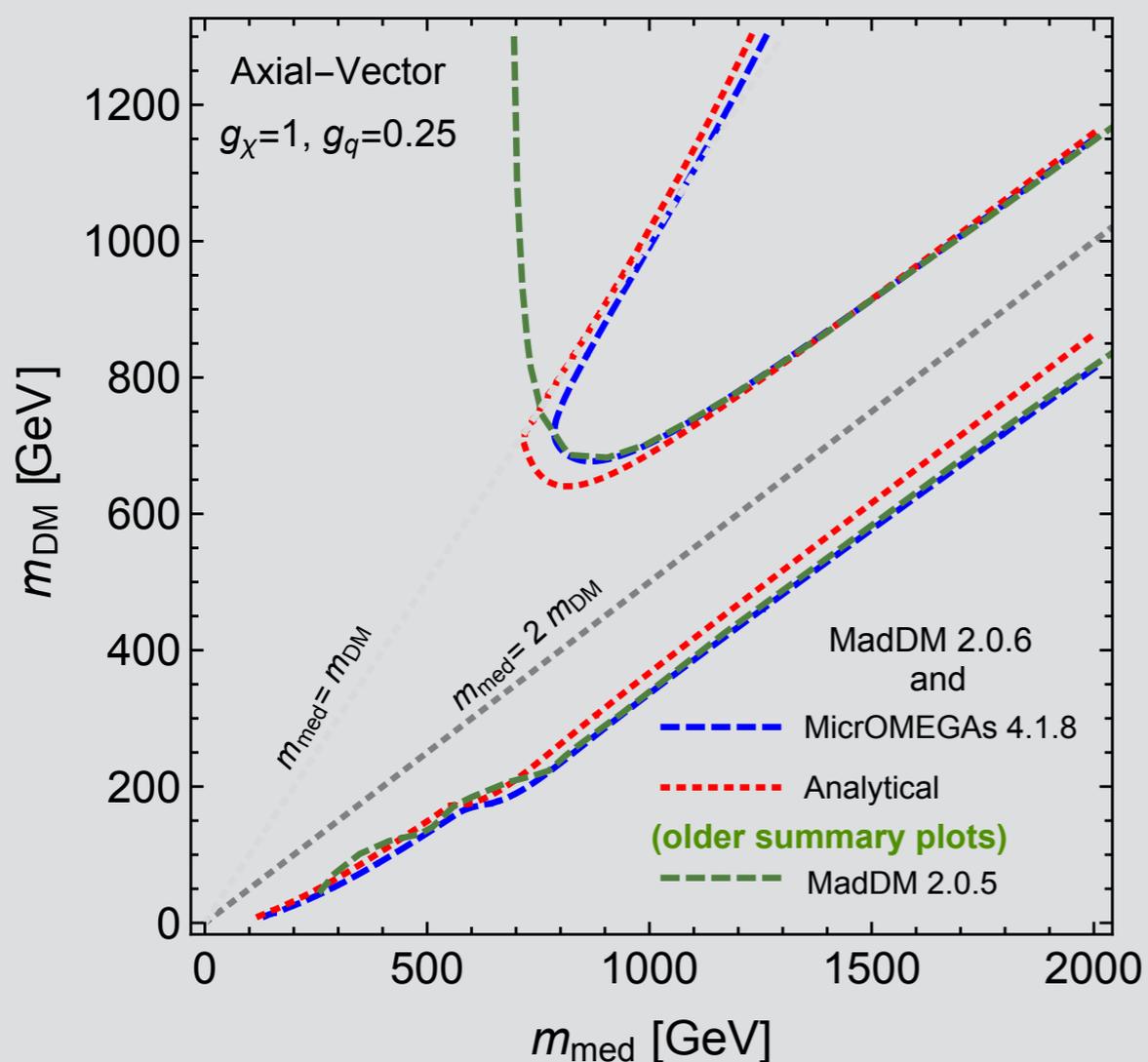
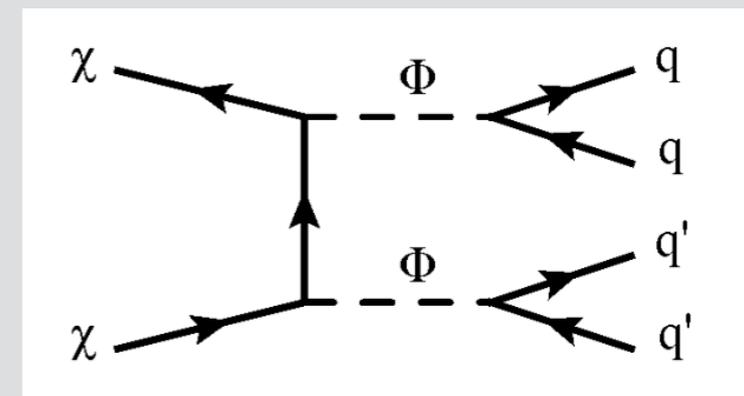
Partial wish list

- Better online reconstruction capability
- Timing information and dE/dx
- Detector design for very displaced objects cases (e.g. disappearing tracks)



Relic density for summary plots

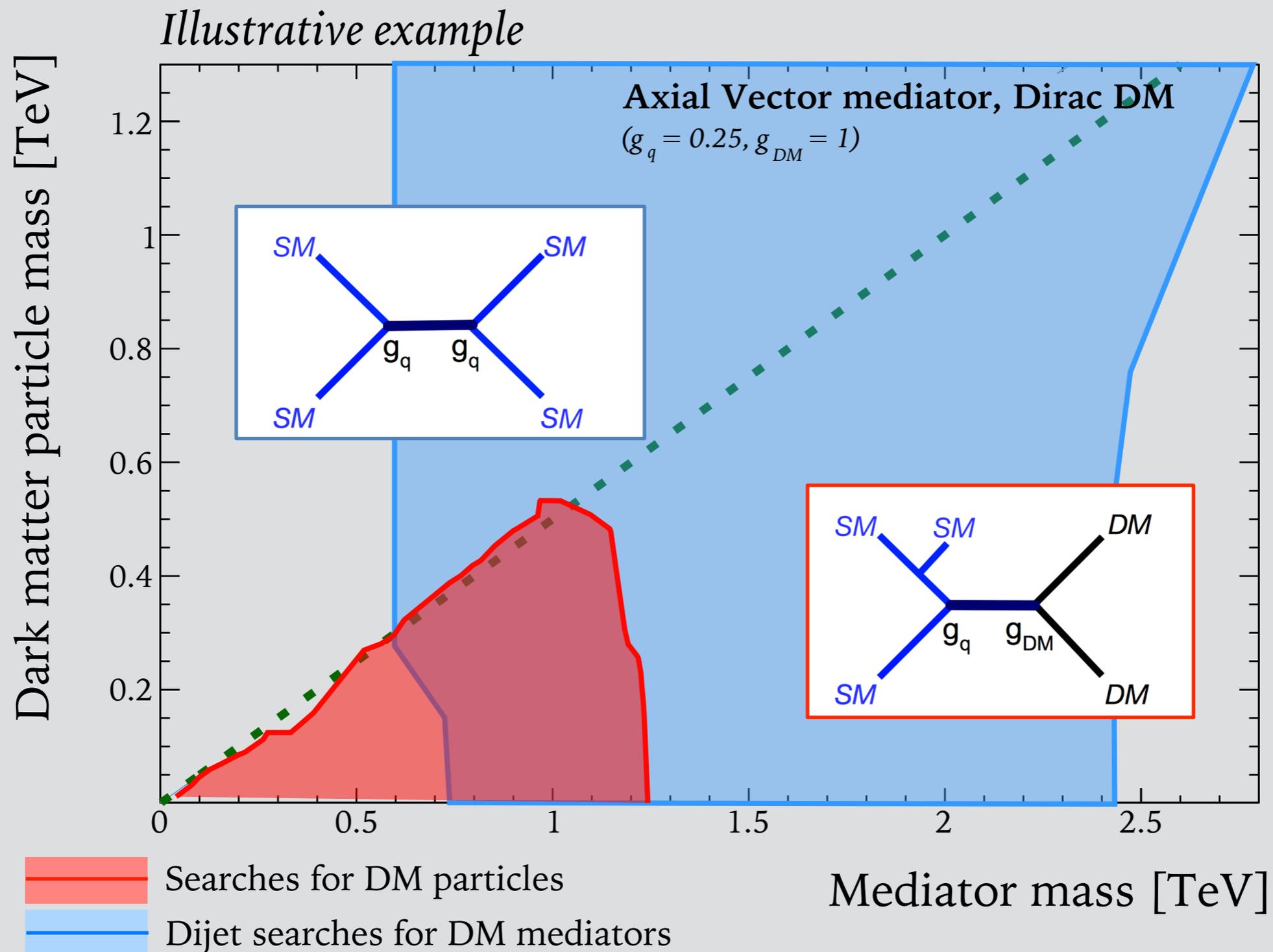
- Previous relic density calculation with MadDM: missing t-channel annihilation for $\chi\chi^- \rightarrow 2$ mediators
 - Now fixed in MadDM 2.0.6
 - New curves for summary plots provided centrally by DMWG
- [\[link to git repository\]](#)



Visible/invisible mediator searches

[arXiv:1703.05703](https://arxiv.org/abs/1703.05703)

Are we looking for all the signatures of these models? e.g. $Z' \rightarrow \text{WIMPs}$ or $Z' \rightarrow \text{jet} + \text{jet}$



Visible decays are an important strength of colliders
(Think MET+jet vs specific SUSY cascade decay)

