# Tau-philic dark matter co-annihilation at LHC and CLIC

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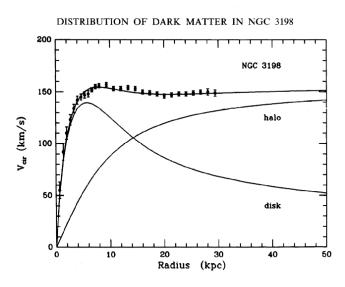


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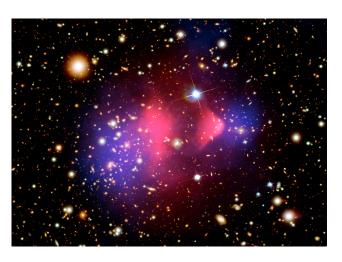
- 1. Dark Matter @ the LHC
- 2. Going Beyond EFT: 'Simplified Models of DM'
- 3. Co-annihilation partner as the next-to-lightest state
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- 6. Conclusions

### Dark Matter

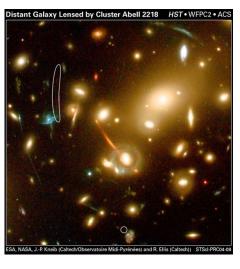
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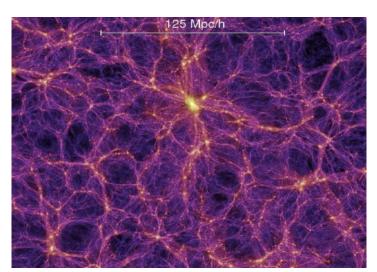
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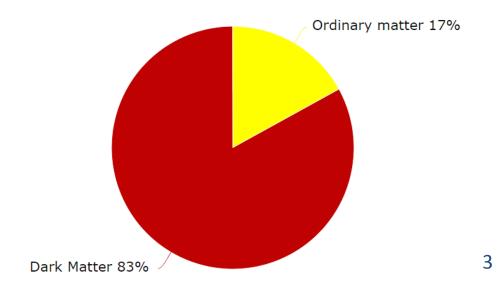


**Gravitational lensing** 

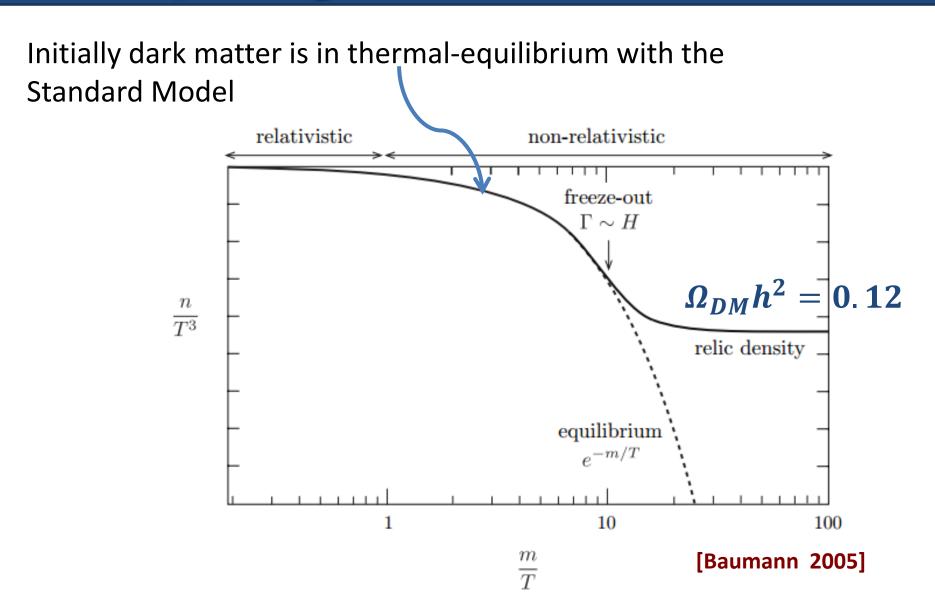


**Structure formation** 





# WIMP paradigm



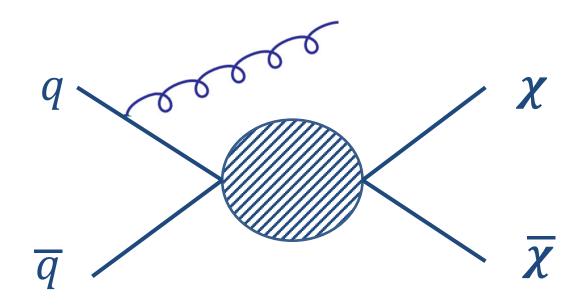
Later on, due to weak interactions DM freezes-out

# WIMP paradigm

- Current experiments already have strong constraints on the simplest WIMPs scenarios, where Dark Matter is coupled to Standard Model gauge bosons or the Higgs
- In lack of a signal from DM experiments, we need to explore as much as we can of the WIMP's parameter space
- An alternative and complementary search to Direct and Indirect detection experiments is the production of Dark Matter at colliders, such as the LHC and CLIC
- There is a plethora of theories of Dark Matter, nevertheless in finding experimental constraints we would like to be as modelindependent as possible

### Dark Matter @ Colliders

- Pair-production of dark matter (missing energy)
- How do we detect DM pair-production? Consider extra visible emissions from the initial quarks



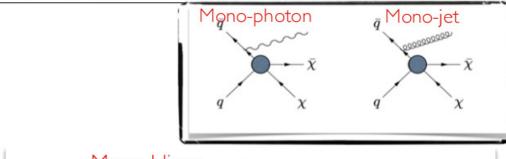
Mono-jet:  $E_T + j$ 

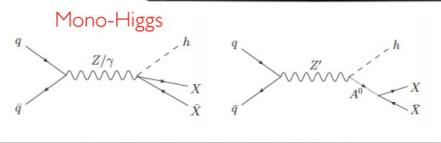
#### There can also be visible emissions of other particles:

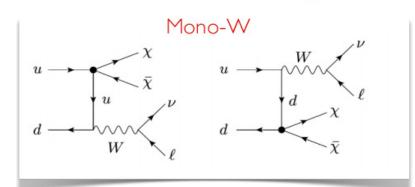
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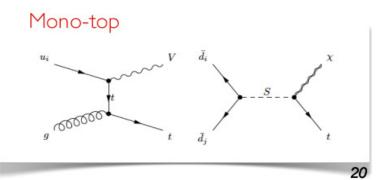
#### Mono-Mania (at the LHC)

Mono-Z  $\bar{x}$   $\bar{x}$   $\bar{x}$   $\bar{x}$ 

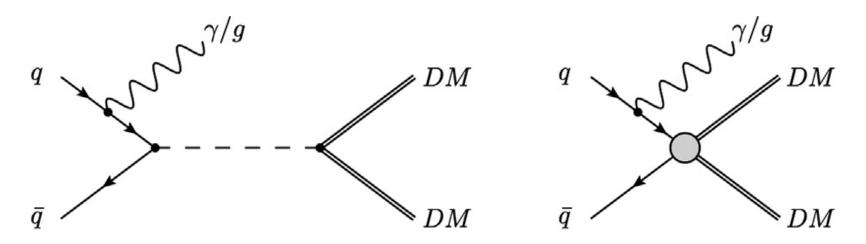








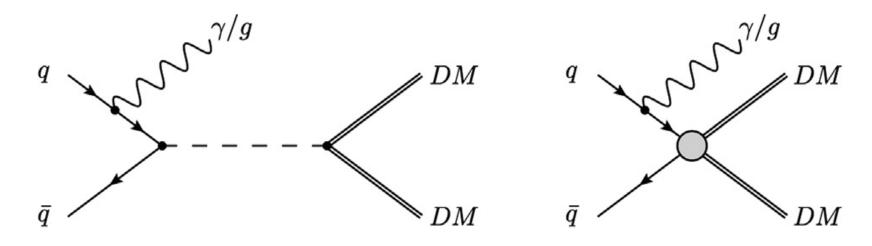
# Model-independent approach



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EFT approach is powerful and model-independent

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$$O = \frac{(\overline{\chi} \gamma^\mu \chi)(\overline{q} \gamma^\mu q)}{\Lambda^2} \qquad \qquad \text{LHC @ 14 TeV naive EFT valid for} \\ M_{med} > 10 \text{ TeV} \qquad \qquad$$

This approach only works for very heavy mediator!

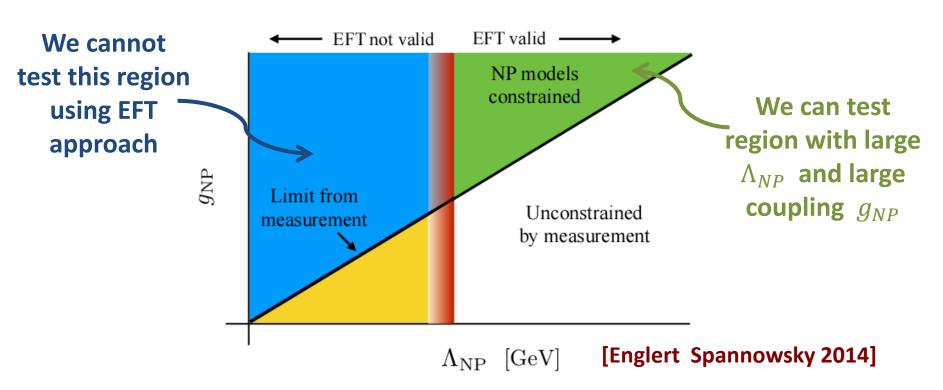
[Buchmueller, Dolan, McCabe 2013]

[Busoni, De Simone, Morgante, Riotto 2014]

## Model-independent approach

Experimental constraint on Wilson coefficient translates into diagonal black line

$$C_i \approx g_{NP} / \Lambda_{NP}$$

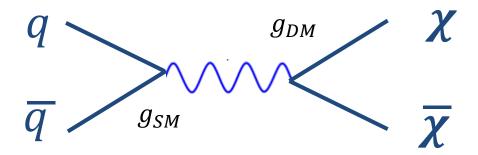


- lacktriangle EFT is consistent description if and only if energy of interaction  $E \ll M_{NP}$
- EFT might not the best framework for Dark Matter searches at colliders

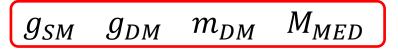
## Simplified models of dark matter

In the context of DM, there is no reason not to expect that  $M_{MED} \approx m_{DM}$ 

#### Going beyond EFTs:



4 free parameters:



#### Dark Matter:

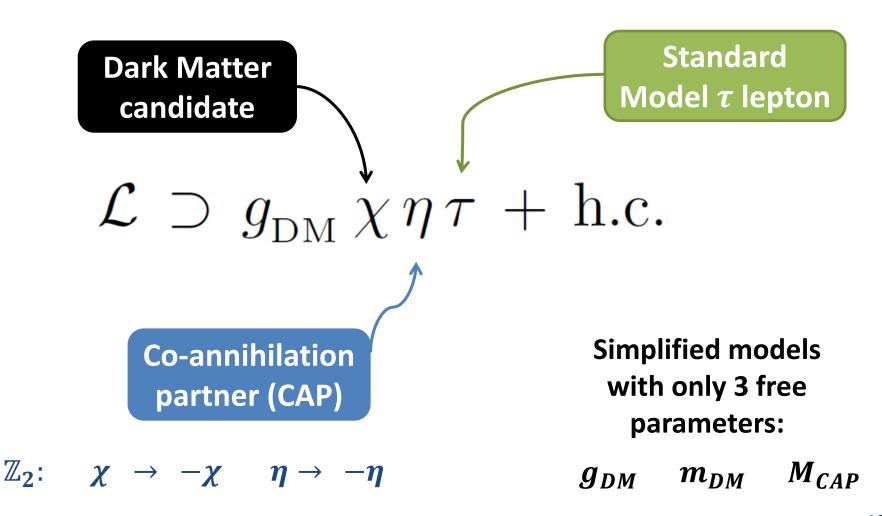
- Dirac or Majorana fermion
- Complex or real scalar
- Vector?

#### Mediators:

- Vector
- Axial-vector
- Scalar
- Pseudoscalar

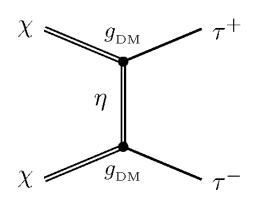
### 3-point interaction

Introduce a charged co-annihilation partner as the next-to-lightest BSM particle, instead of a mediator



#### Co-annihilation

#### Dark matter annihilation into pair of tau's



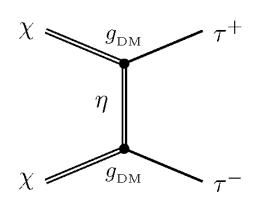
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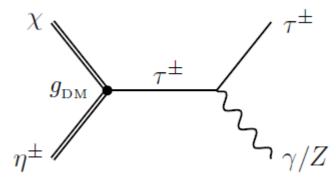
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Freeze-out temperature  $T_F \sim m_{DM}/25$ 

Boltzmann factor 
$$\exp\left(-\frac{\Delta M}{T}\right)$$

Co-annihilation:



$$\Delta M \lesssim m_{DM}/25$$

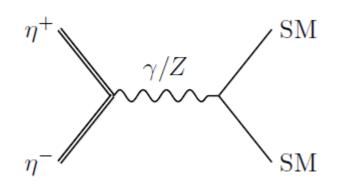
We need mass splitting of 4% of  $m_{DM}$ 

#### Co-annihilation

$$\sigma_{\text{eff}} v = \frac{1}{(\mathsf{g}_{\chi} + \overline{\mathsf{g}}_{\eta})^{2}} \left[ \mathsf{g}_{\chi}^{2} \cdot \sigma(\chi \chi \to \tau^{+} \tau^{-}) + \mathsf{g}_{\chi} \overline{\mathsf{g}}_{\eta} \cdot \sigma(\chi \eta \to SM \text{ particles}) + \overline{\mathsf{g}}_{\eta}^{2} \cdot \sigma(\eta \eta \to SM \text{ particles}) \right] v$$

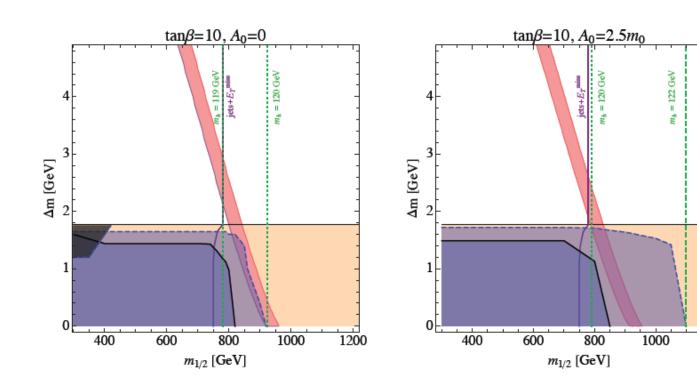
$$\overline{g}_{\eta} = g_{\eta} \left(\frac{M_{\eta}}{m_{\chi}}\right)^{3/2} \exp\left(-\frac{\Delta M}{T}\right)$$

Annihilation of coannihilation partner can give large contribution to the relic density



## Stau co-annihilation strip

# Inspired by the stau co-annihilation strip in the CMSSM: (stau and neutralino close in mass)



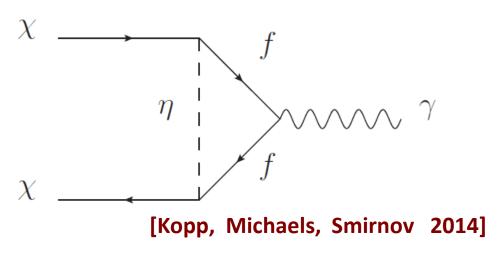
We want to generalize this.

[Citron, Ellis, Luo, Marrouche, Olive, Vries 2012] [Desai, Ellis, Luo, Marrouche 2014]

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#### LHC production is relevant

Direct Detection: No tree-level interaction with quarks (anapole moment)



One-loop suppressed

$$m_{\rm DM} \simeq 500 \,{\rm GeV}$$
 and  $\Delta M/m_{\tau} < 1$ .  
 $\mathcal{A}/g_{\rm DM}^2 \sim 8 \cdot 10^{-7} \, [\mu_N \cdot {\rm fm}]$ 

LUX 
$$A > 2 \times 10^{-5} [\mu_N \text{ fm }]$$

Indirect Detection: Due to chiral suppression, DM annihilation is velocity-suppressed

In today's Universe, DM non-relativistic v/c << 1

In the limit  $m_{DM}\gg m_{ au}$  :

$$\sigma v \propto v^2$$
 p-wave suppressed for Majorana DM

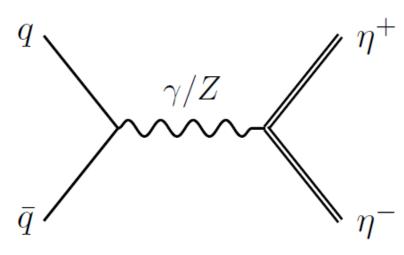
$$\sigma v \propto v^4$$
 d-wave suppressed for scalar DM

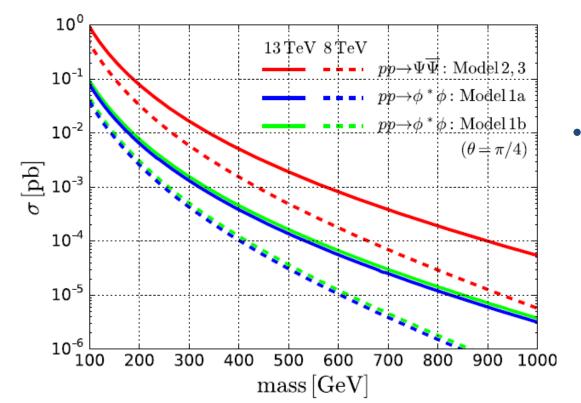
Nevertheless, the channel  $SS \rightarrow l \, l \, \gamma$  can be relevant for future experiments for scalar DM For large  $\Delta M$  [Giacchino, Lopez-

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### LHC production

 Drell-Yann pair production of coannihilation partner

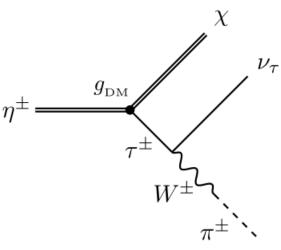




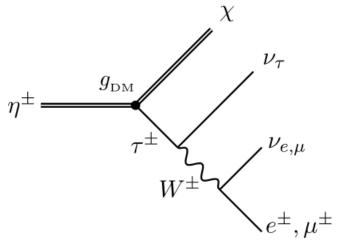
We study Dirac fermion and complex scalar as co-annihilation partners

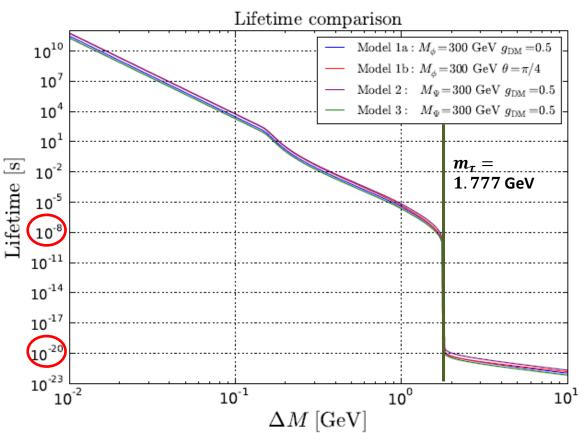
# Long-lived electrically charged particles

If  $\Delta M < m_{ au}$  only 3-body and 4-body decays open:

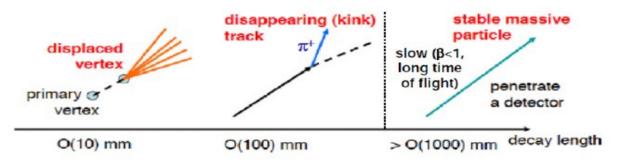


#### Also $\rho$ and $a_1$ mesons





## Searching for long-lived charged particles

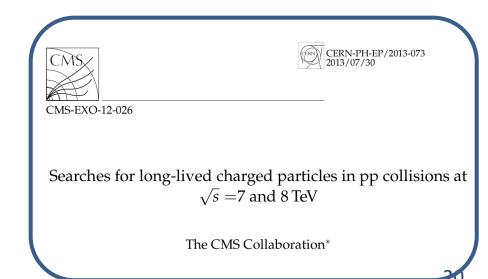


[Melzer-Pellmann, Pralavorio 2014]

 A long-lived charged particle escapes inner detector, leaving a charged track from ionization energy loss

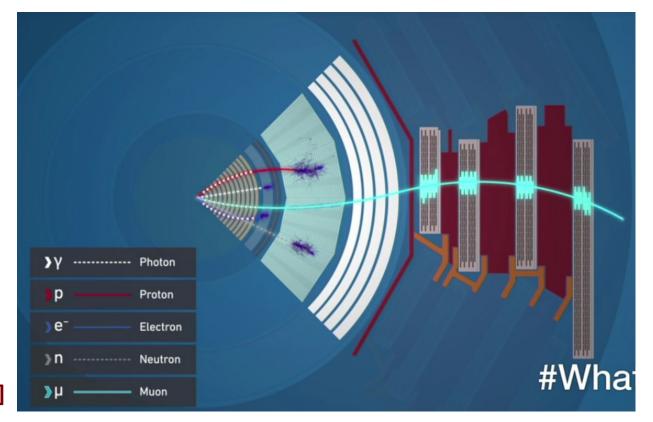
$$c au>1$$
 m

 Long-lived charged particles that have lifetimes > 10<sup>-8</sup> seconds, leave anomalous charged track and ionize the muon chamber



# Searching for long-lived charged particles

- To distinguish from muons experimentalists rely on energy loss and the time of flight (or bending from magnetic field to infer speed)
- Anomalous charged tracks: Heavier charged particles are slowly moving ( $m>100~{\rm GeV} \Longrightarrow \beta=v/c<0.9$ ) and have large energy loss through ionization dE/dx



# Computational tools

#### **DM** relic density



[Belanger, Boudjema, Pukhov, Semenov 2002]

#### **Production cross-sections**



[Alwall, et al 2014]

#### Lifetimes

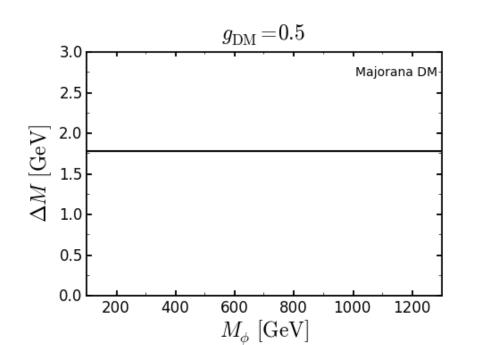
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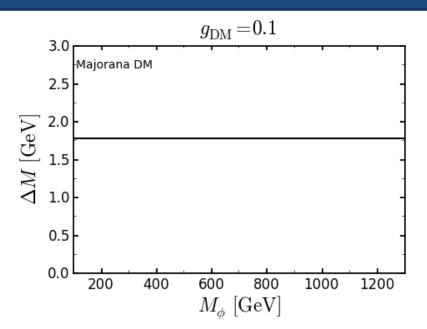
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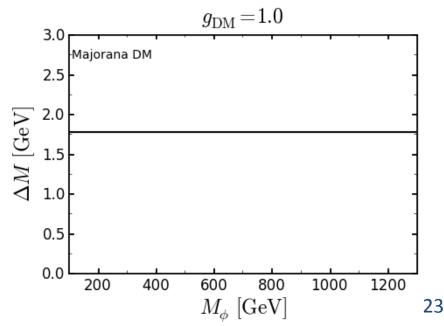
$$\begin{array}{cccc} \mathsf{DM} & & \mathsf{CAP} & (Y = \mathbf{1} \ L_{\tau} = \mathbf{1}) \\ \boldsymbol{\chi} & & \boldsymbol{\phi} \end{array}$$

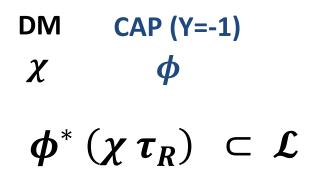
$$\phi^* (\chi \tau_R) \subset \mathcal{L}$$

# Gauge-invariant and renormalizable, no problems of unitarity

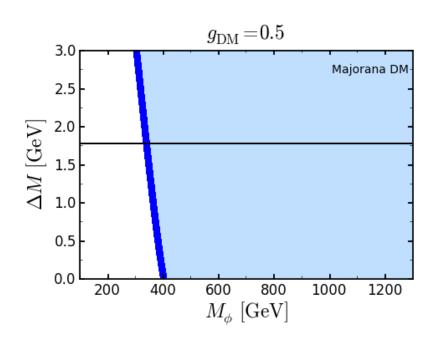


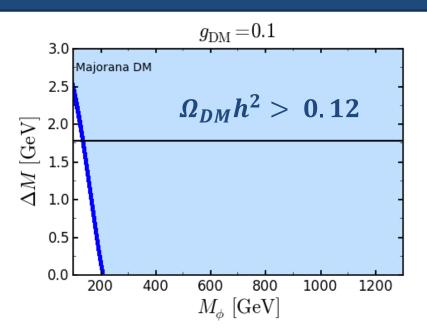


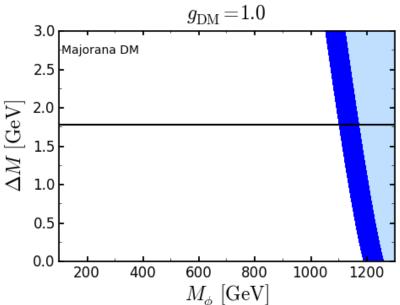




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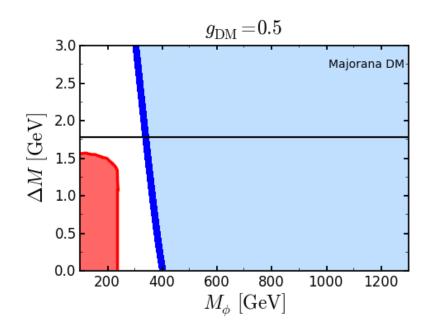


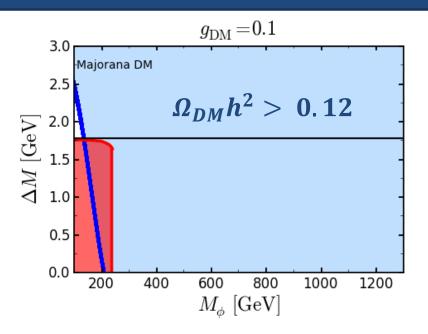


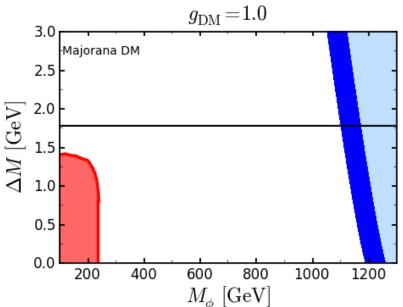
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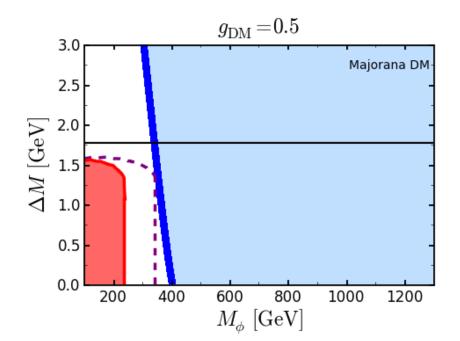


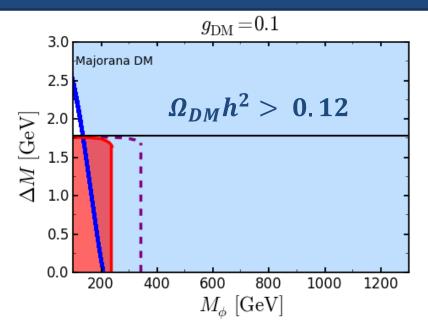


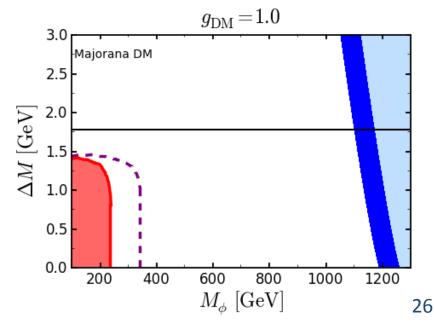
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#### 13 TeV 30 fb $^{-1}$



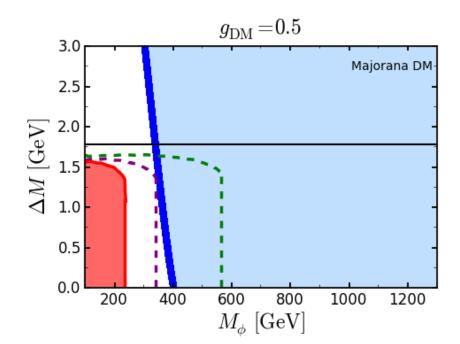


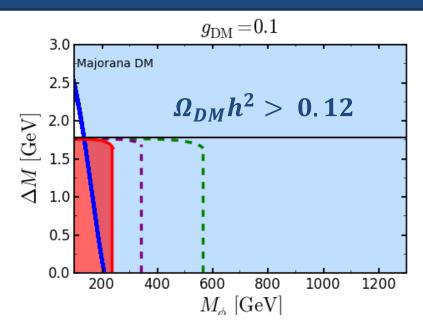


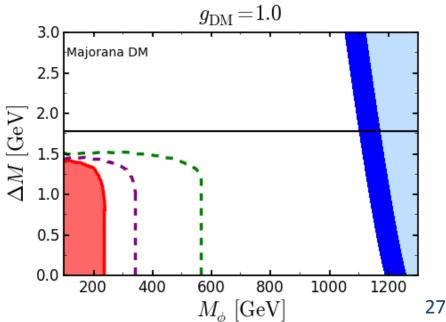
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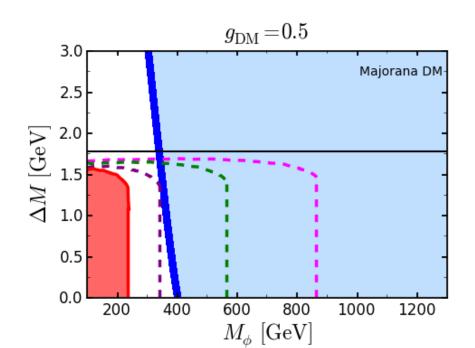


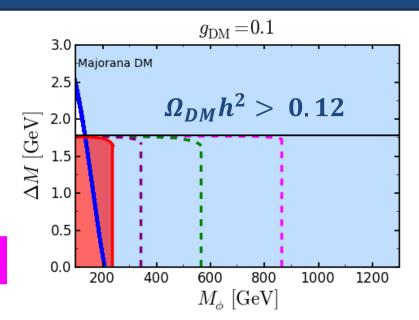


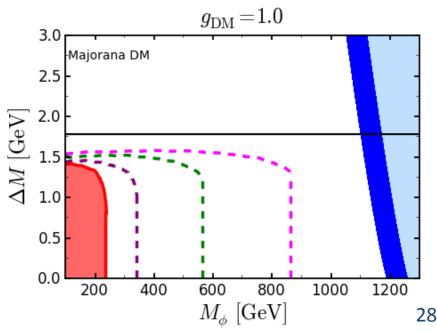
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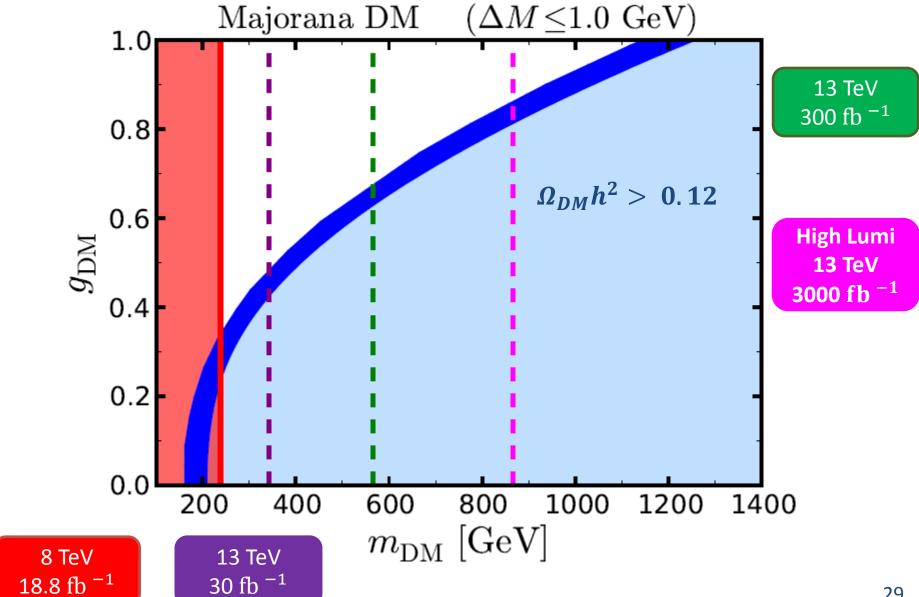
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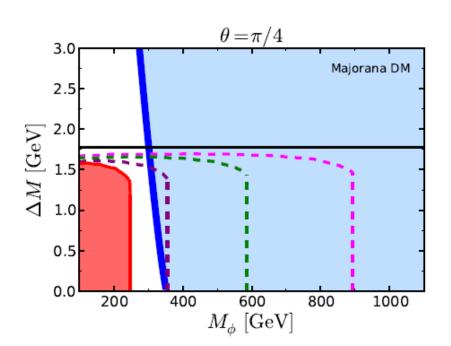


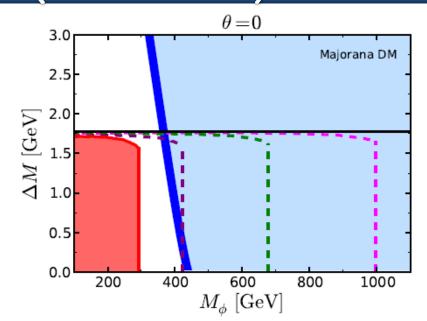
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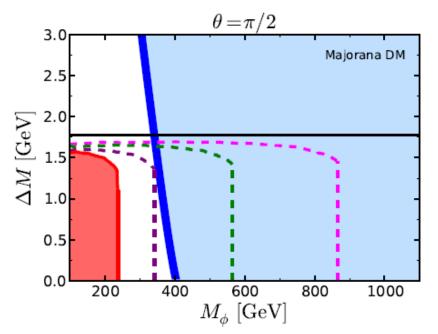
DM CAP (Q=-1) 
$$\chi$$
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$$g_R \phi^* (\chi \tau_R) + g_L \phi^* (\chi \tau_L) \subset \mathcal{L}$$

$$\phi = \cos \theta \, \phi_L + \sin \theta \, \phi_R$$
$$g_L = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} g' \cos \theta, \quad g_R = -\sqrt{2} g' \sin \theta.$$





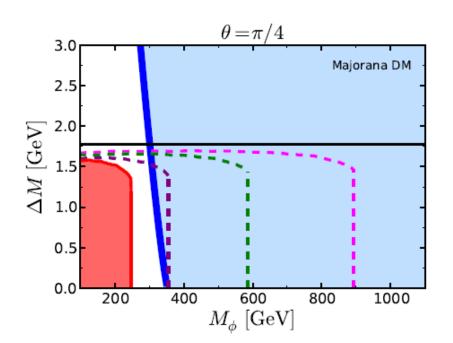


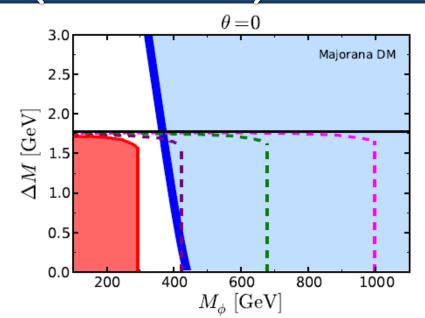
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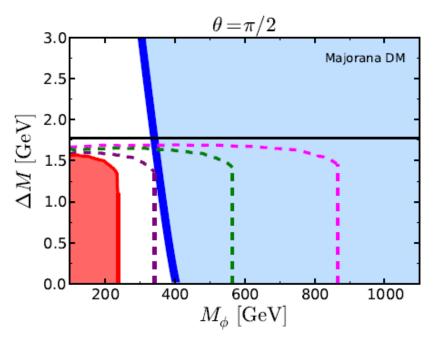
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NOT gauge-invariant, requires UV-completion, e.g. SUSY

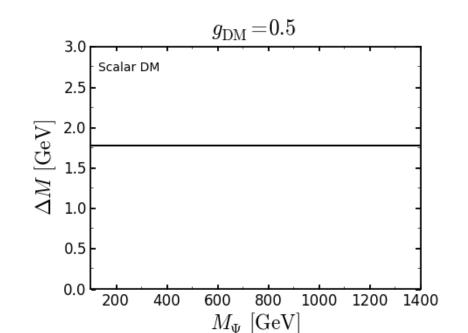


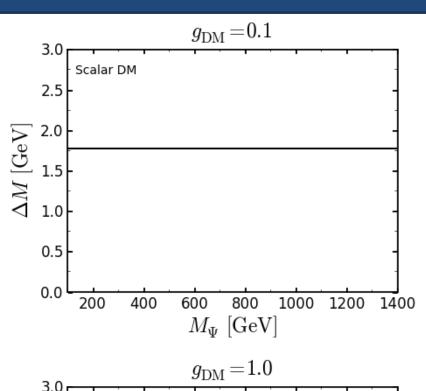


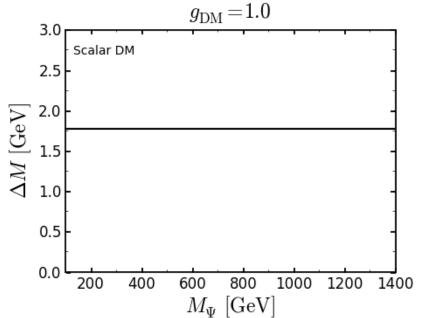


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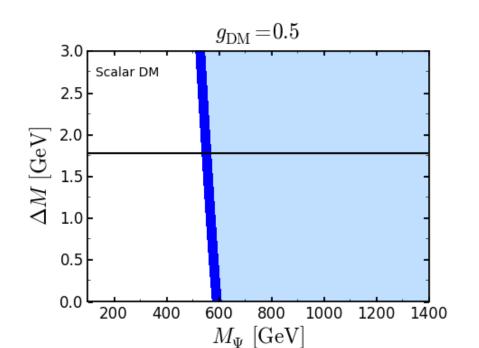


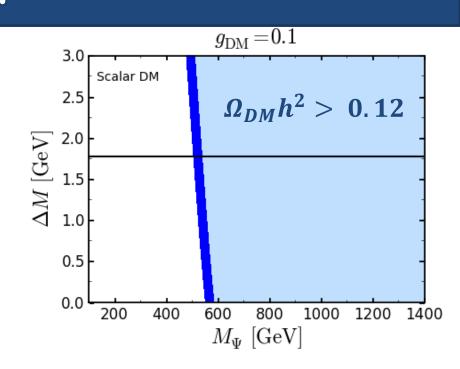


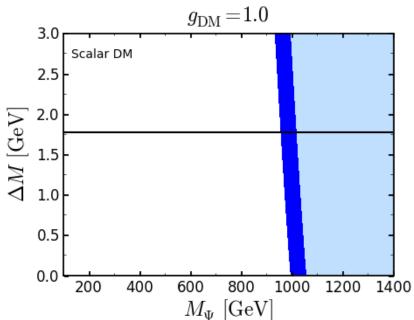


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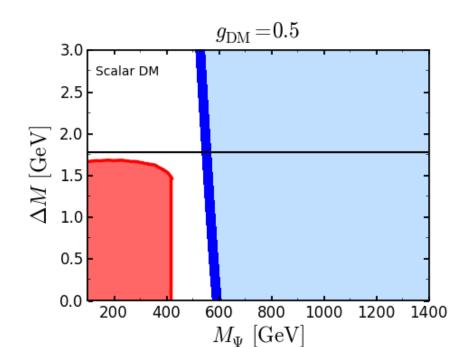
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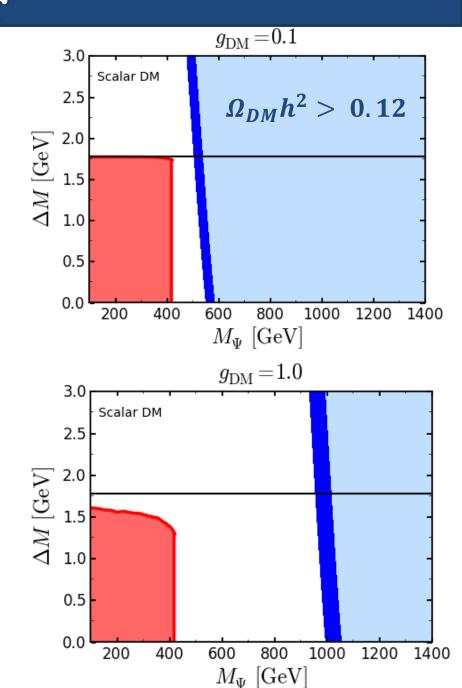






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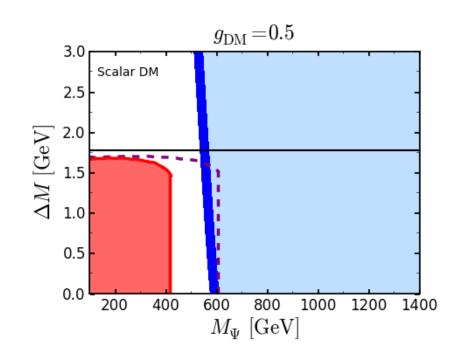


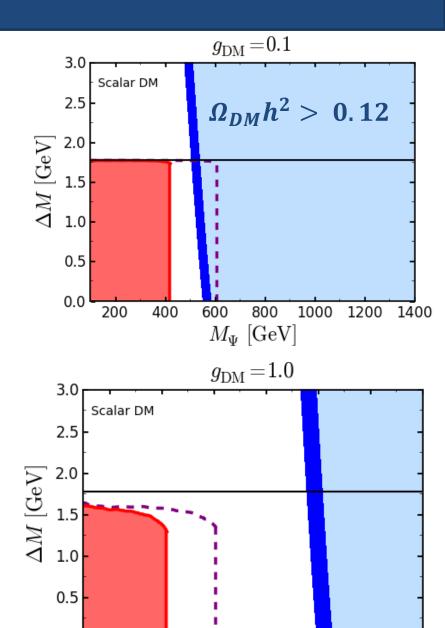


DM CAP  $(Y = 1 L_{\tau} = 1)$ Υ
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13 TeV  $30 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ 





800

 $M_{\Psi}$  [GeV]

600

1200

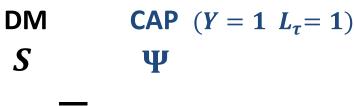
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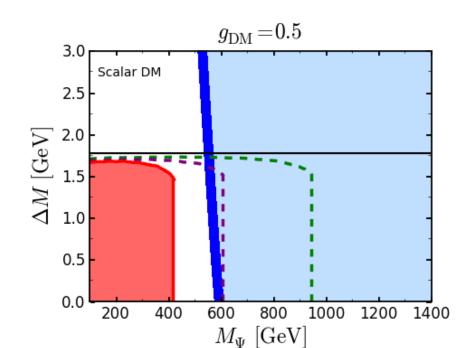
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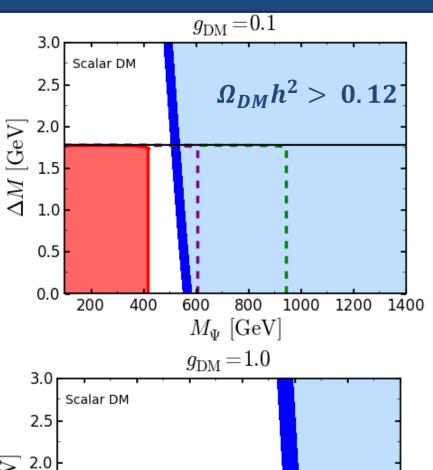
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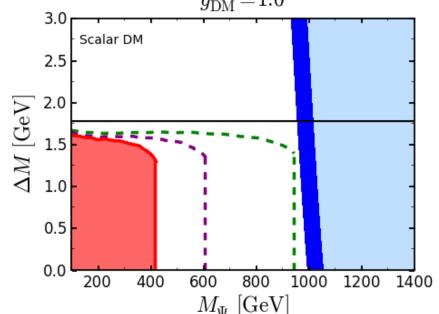


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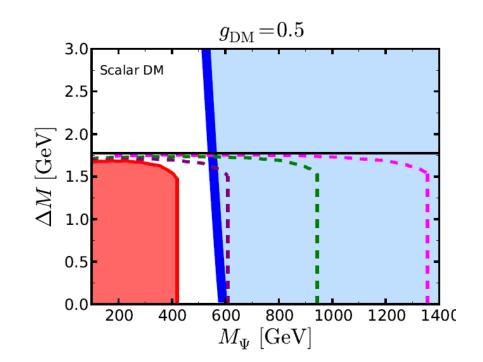


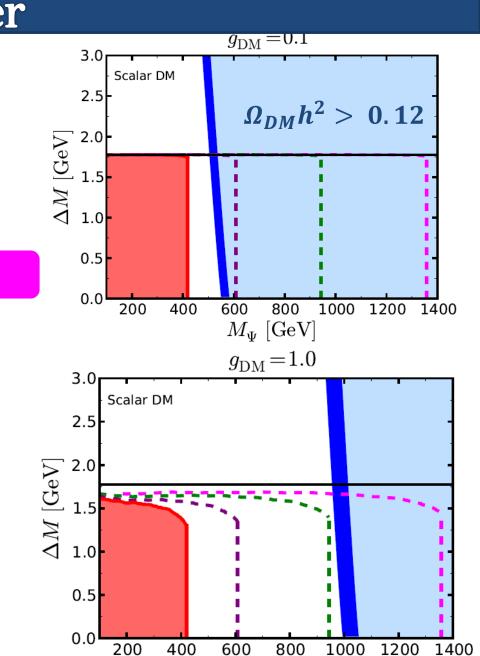


## Real scalar dark matter

DM CAP  $(Y = 1 \ L_{\tau} = 1)$   $S \quad \Psi$   $S(\overline{\Psi} \tau_R) \subset \mathcal{L}$ 

#### High Lumi 13 TeV $3000 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

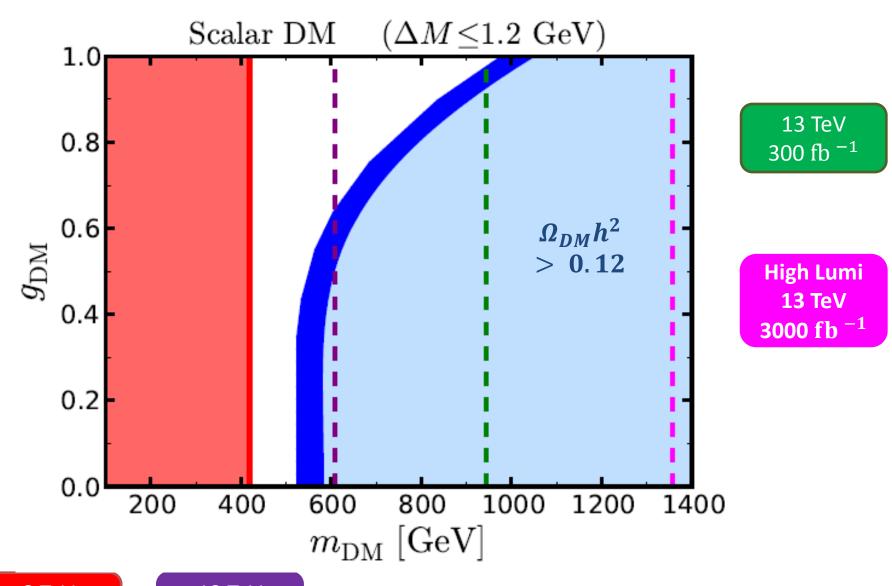




 $M_{\Psi}$  [GeV]

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## Real scalar dark matter



8 TeV 18.8 fb <sup>-1</sup> 13 TeV 30 fb <sup>-1</sup>

# Vector dark matter (Model 3)

NOT gauge-invariant, requires UV-completion, e.g. Extra-Dimensions

CAP 
$$(Y=1 \ L_{ au}=1)$$
  $A_{\mu}$   $\Psi$  Kaluza-Klein photon  $\gamma^1$   $A_{\mu}$   $(\overline{\Psi} \ \gamma^{\mu} \ au_R) \subset \mathcal{L}$  Kaluza-Klein  $au^1$ 

- The lightest KK excitation is usually the 1st excitation of the photon
- DM spin=1, so there is no chiral suppression

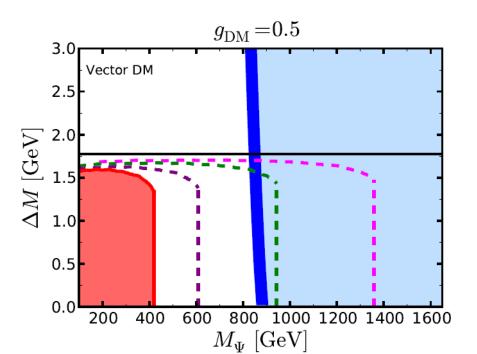
$$m_n^2 = m_0^2 + \frac{n^2}{R^2}$$

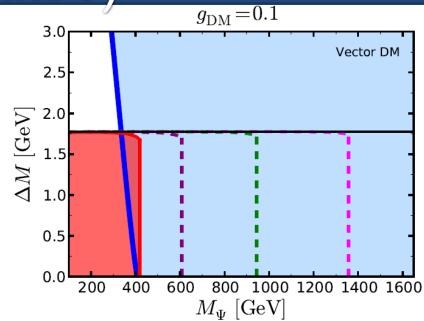
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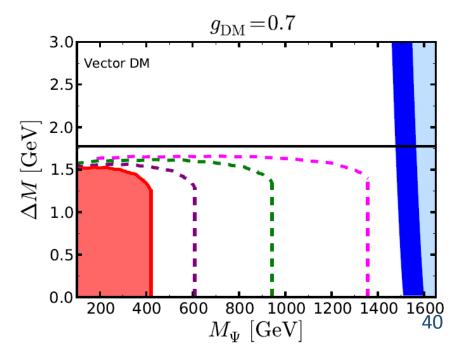
DM CAP 
$$(Y=1 \ L_{ au}=1)$$
  $A_{\mu}$   $\Psi$ 

$$A_{\mu} (\overline{\Psi} \gamma^{\mu} \tau_{R}) \subset \mathcal{L}$$

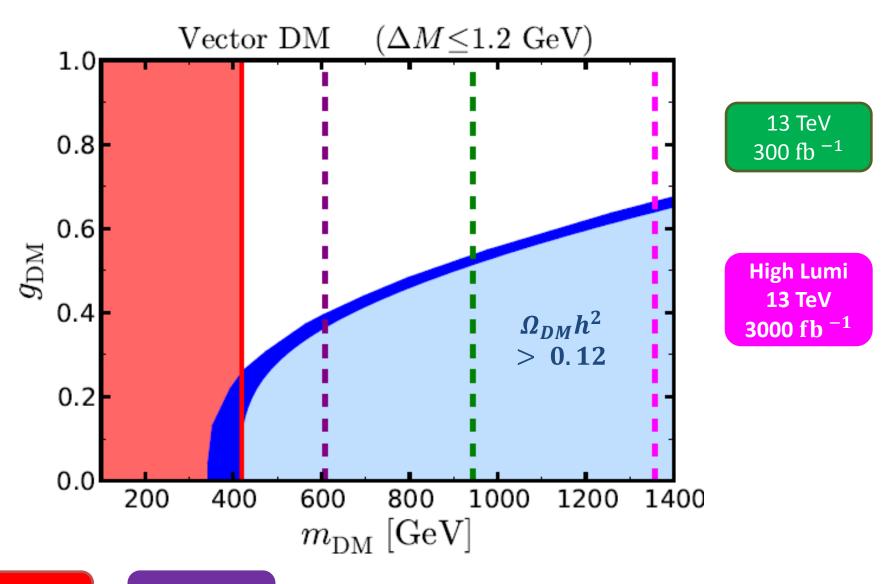
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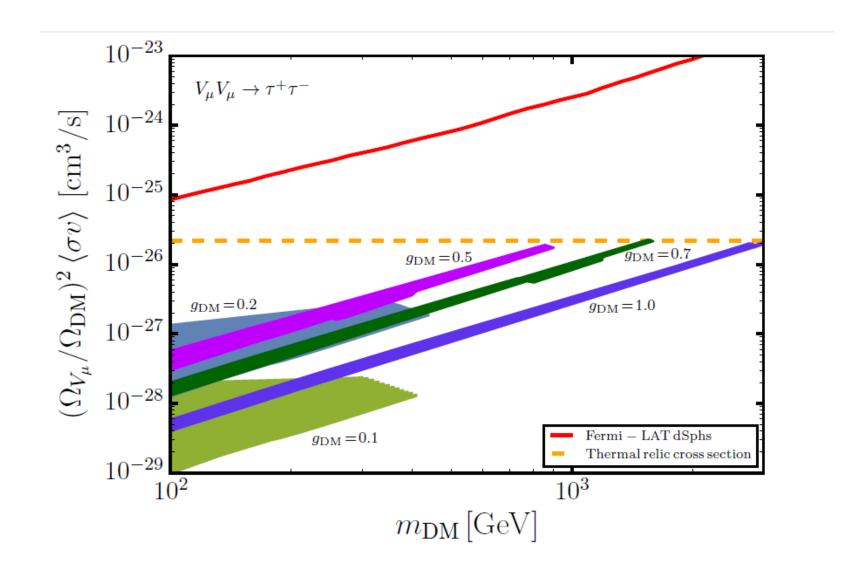


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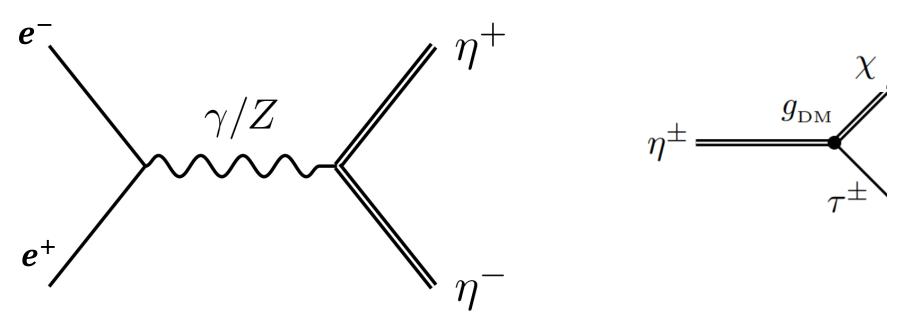


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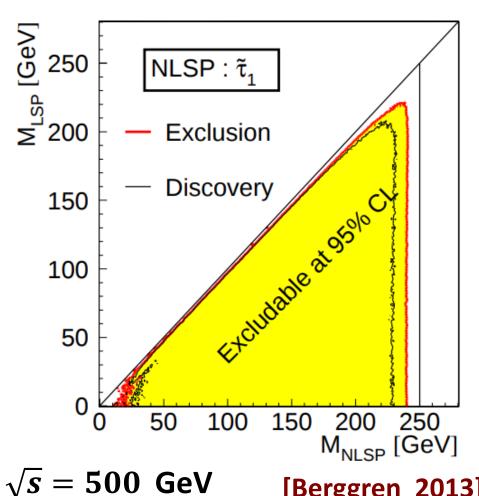


- Soft tau lepton is hard to reconstruct at the LHC
- lacktriangle The co-annihilation region  $\Delta M > m_ au$  is out of reach of LHC
- CLIC can potentially test this region!

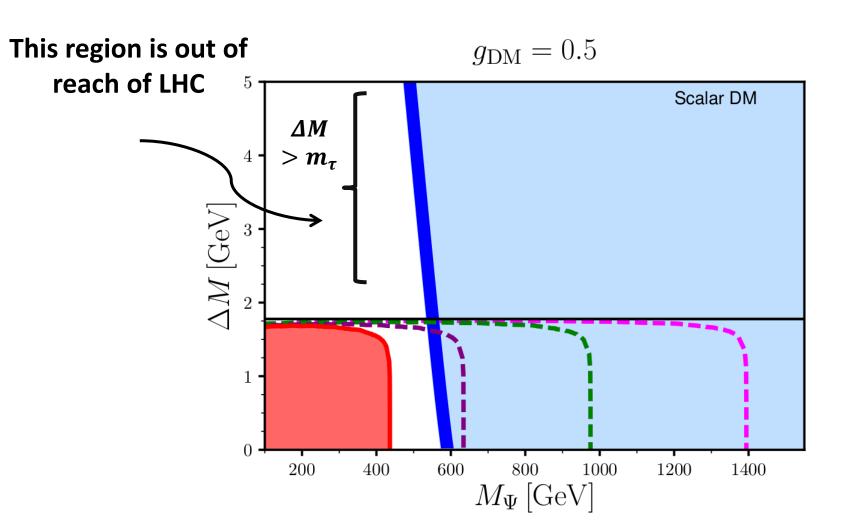


- Pair-production of co-annihilation partner from e+ e- initial state
- Cleaner experimental environment and one can fully reconstruct the missing energy

Example: Linear colliders can study compressed spectrum in SUSY

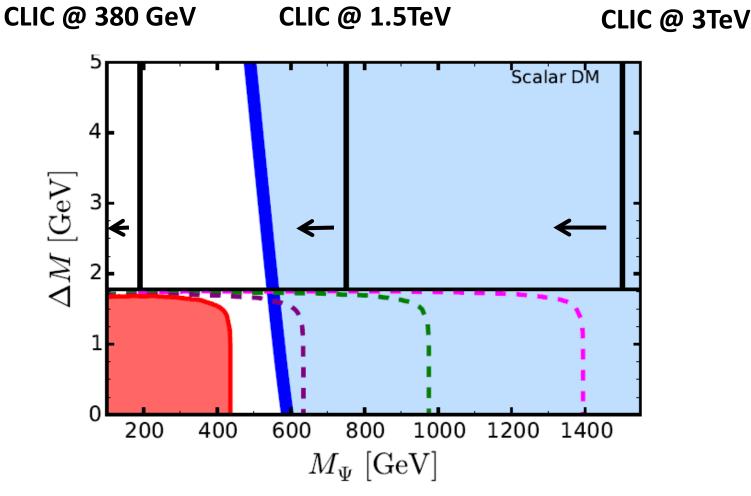


- Stau and neutralino, lightest supersymmetric states
- $\Delta M < 10$  GeV can be tested, virtual  $\gamma \gamma$  becomes relevant background



Expected reach for electrically charged particles is

$$M<\frac{\sqrt{s}}{2}$$

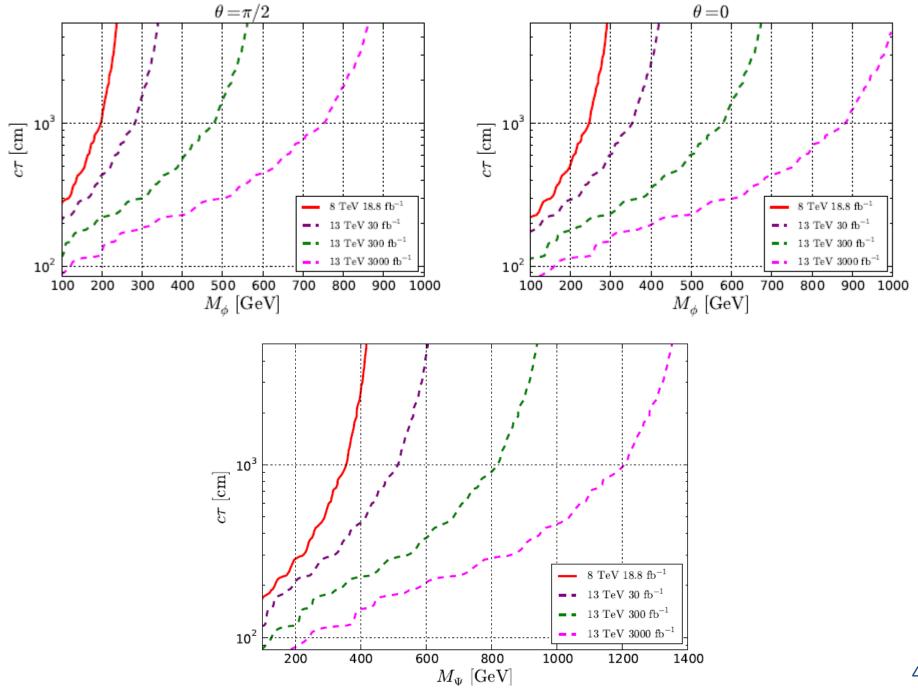


lacktriangle CLIC allows us to probe the co-annihilation strip for  $m{\Delta}M>m_{ au}$ 

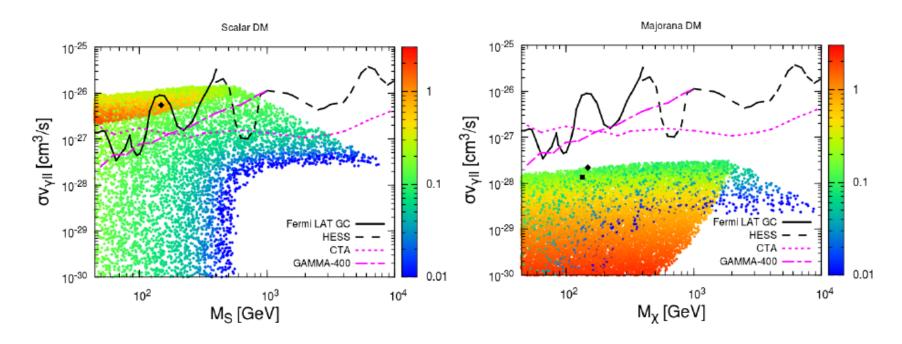
#### Conclusions

- We have studied 4 classes of simplified models, that have 3-point interaction with  $\tau$ -lepton. We have considered the case for Majorana, real scalar and vector dark matter
- Instead of a mediator, these simplified models have a co-annihilation partner that has non-zero hypercharge
- The crucial signatures are tracks of long-lived charged particles, these searches had not been studied before in the context of simplified models of DM
- In the four simplified models we have introduced there are only 3 free parameters
- Testing co-annihilation in dark matter models is one more motivation to build CLIC
- The possible discovery of a long-lived electrically charged particle could provide an insight into the nature of dark matter

Thank you!



#### **Indirect Detection**



Color coding corresponds to parameter  $\frac{M_{CAP}}{M_{DM}} - 1$ 

Blue dots correspond to small mass splitting

[Giacchino, Lopez-Honorez, Tytgat 2013]