

# Dark Matter and Dark Sector Searches at



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# The Dark Side

# Dark Matters

Evidence for dark matter is now overwhelming

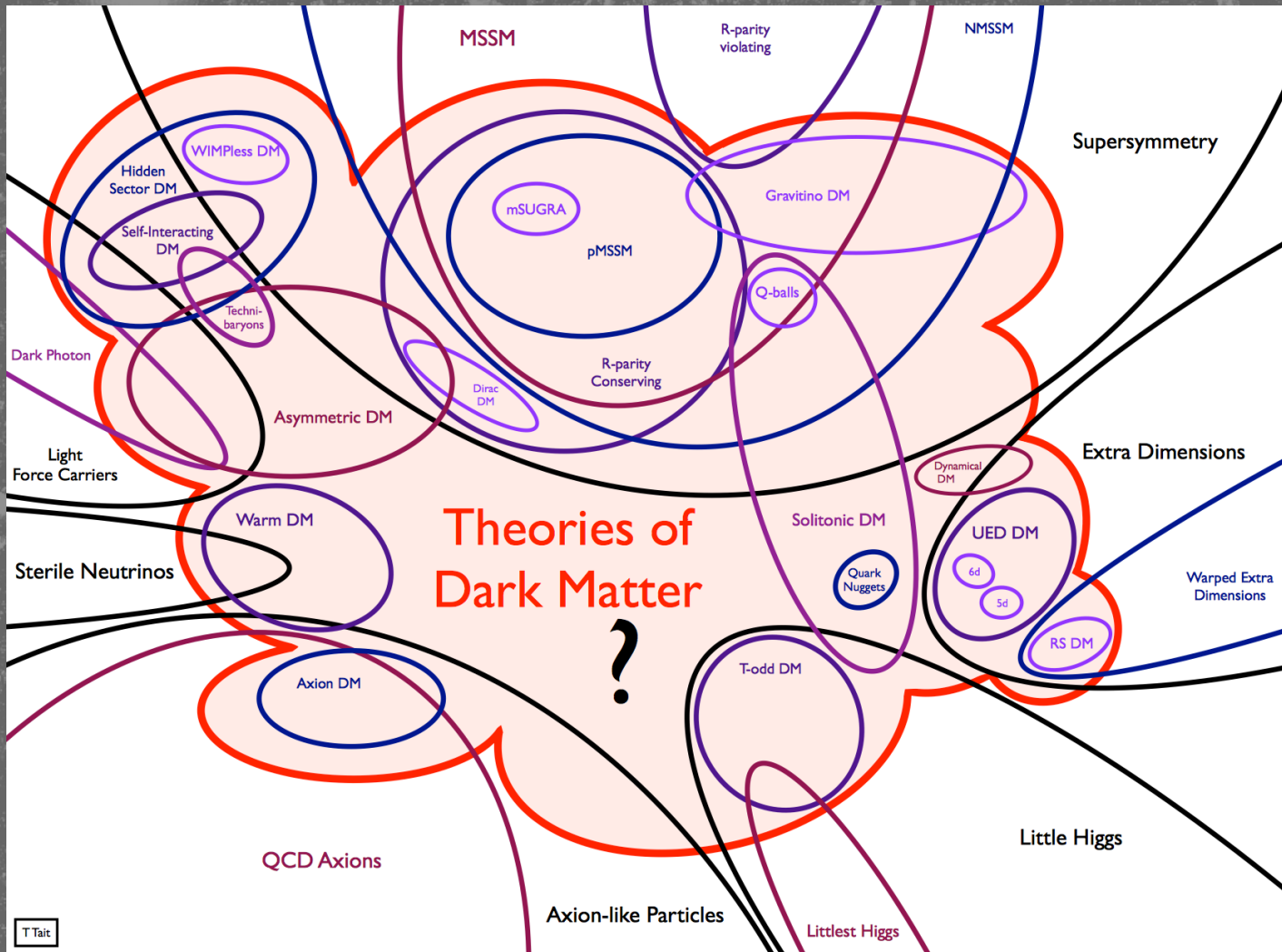
- Rotation curves
- CMB
- Large scale structure
- Velocity dispersions
- Gravitational lensing (Bullet Cluster)
- ....

Yet we have no clue what it is at the particle level!



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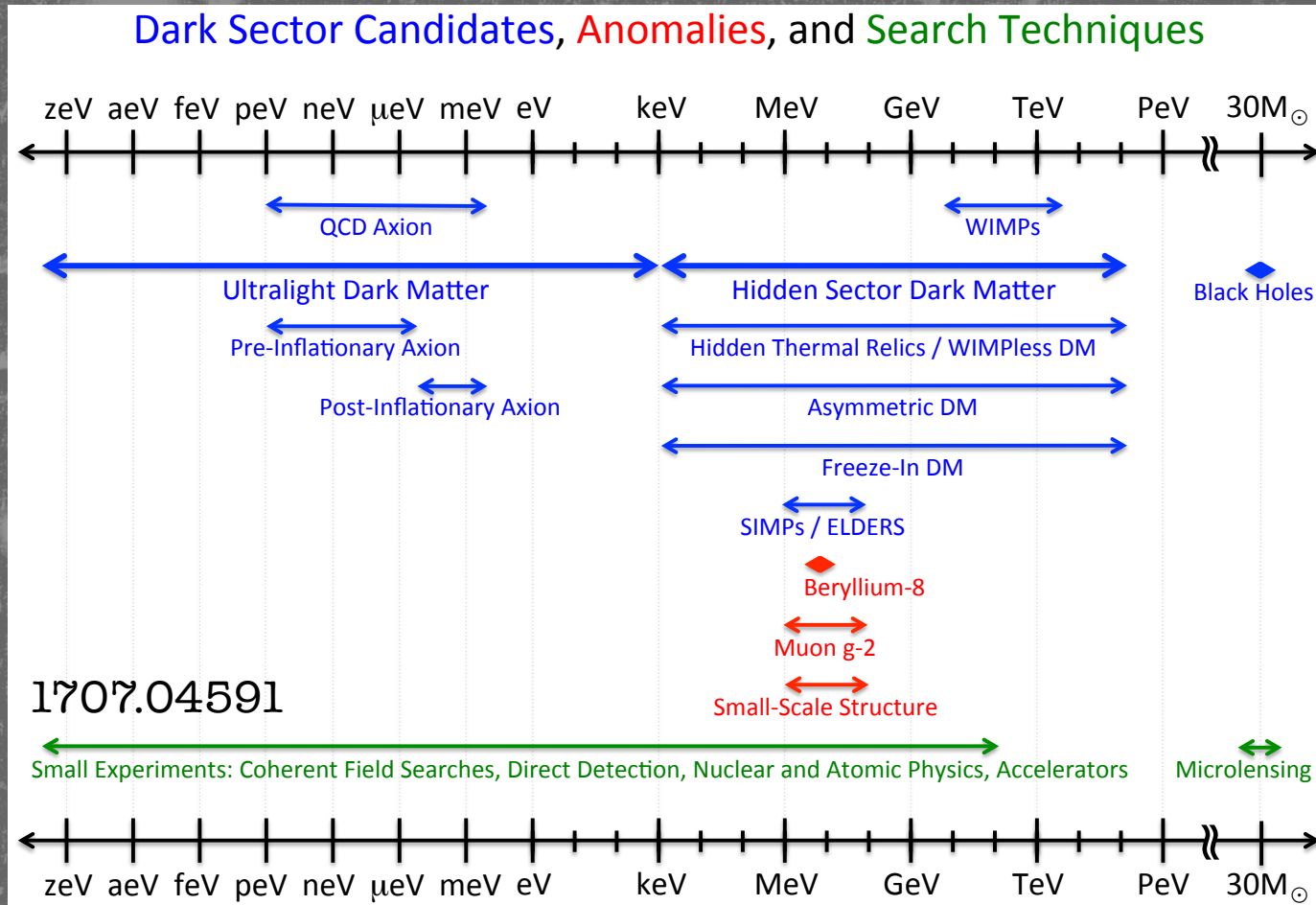
But there are some ideas...



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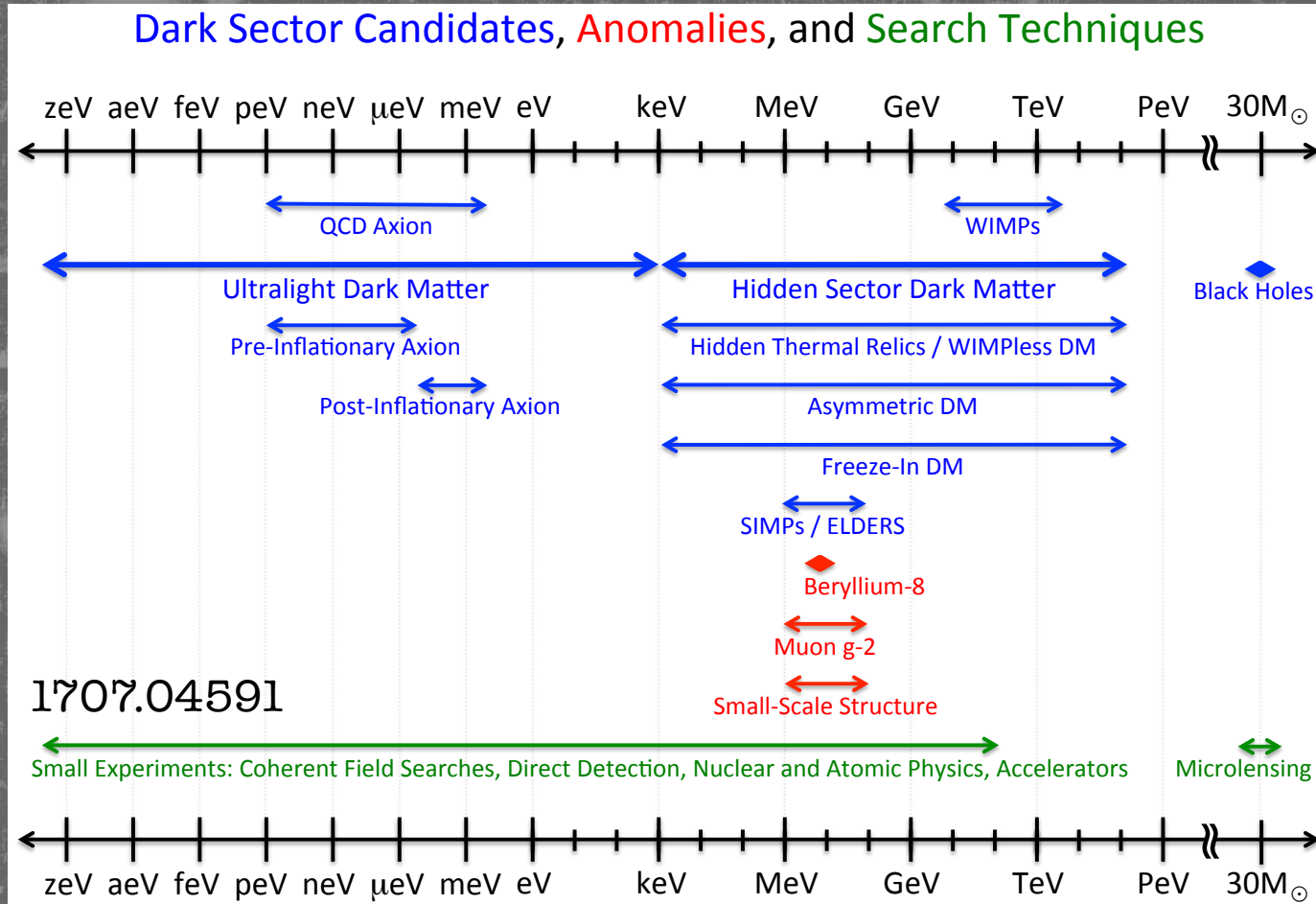
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Experiments to cover every aspect of this plot should and will, hopefully, be undertaken.

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Only accelerators can create these particles in lab.

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Does cosmology give us any hint towards underlying particle physics scenarios?

# Thermal Freeze-Out

For a given dark matter candidate, can trace the cosmological history from early times to present day.

Annihilation:



For a given postulated interaction form, we can calculate the amount of dark matter left over.



# Thermal Freeze-Out

Through this, cosmology provides a strong motivation for direct, indirect, and collider searches...

$$\Omega_{\text{DM}} h^2 \sim 0.12 \times \left( \frac{M_{\text{DM}}}{2 \text{ TeV}} \right)^2 \left( \frac{0.3}{g_{\text{eff}}} \right)^4$$



$$M_{\text{DM}} \sim \mathcal{O}(\text{few GeV}) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}(10\text{'s TeV})$$

↑  
Cosmological  
constraints

↑  
Unitarity  
bounds

specifically, at TeV scale.

# A Candle to light the dark?

This paradigm is very much still viable, and there are many many thermal freeze out models... One class is Electroweak-Charged Massive Particles.\*

Let us consider, as a standard candle, the WINO:

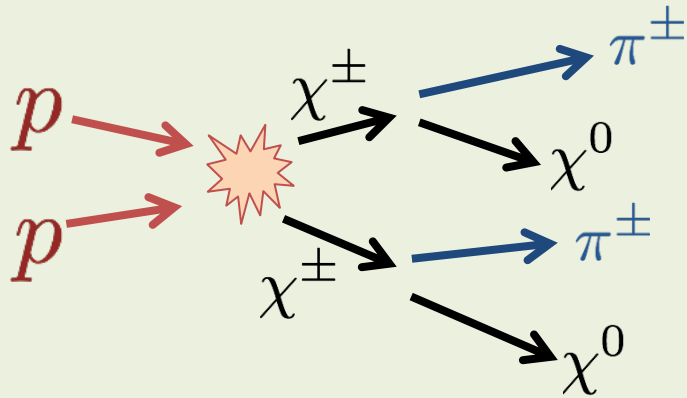
$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} W^c \not{D} W - \frac{1}{2} M_W W^c W$$

\* Also broadened to WIMPs.

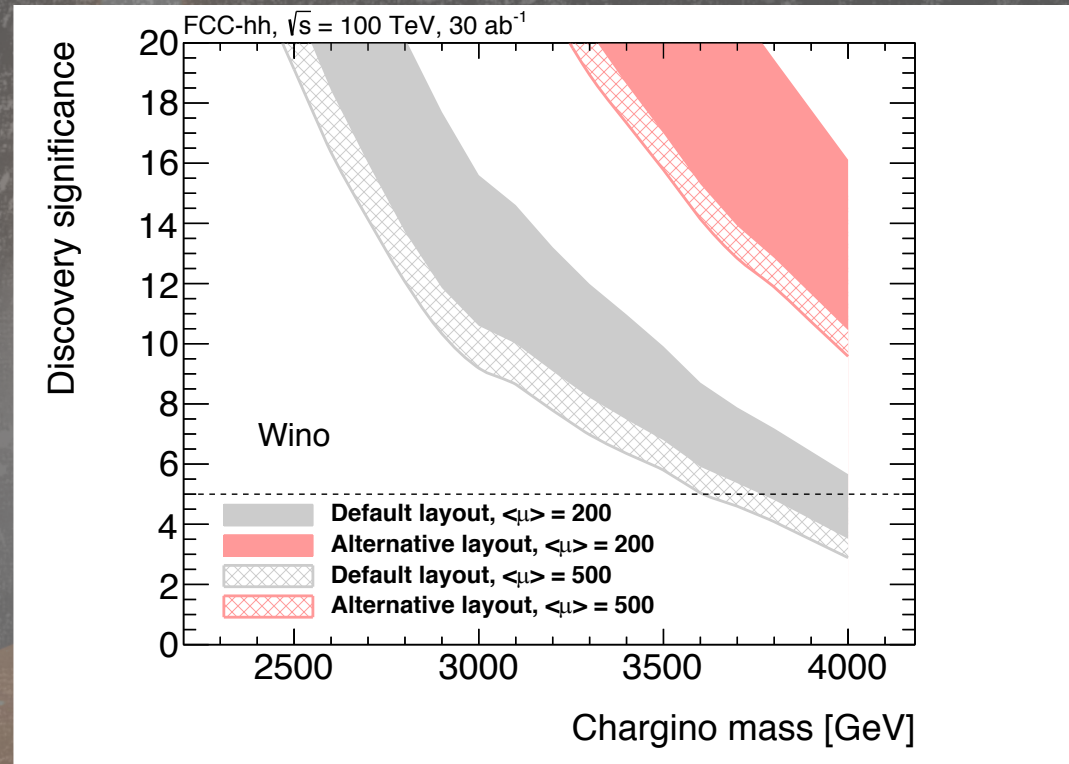
# WINO Searches at FCC-hh

## Disappearing Tracks

A promising search mode is for so-called “disappearing tracks”



The mass splitting is so small that the long-lived track essentially vanishes.

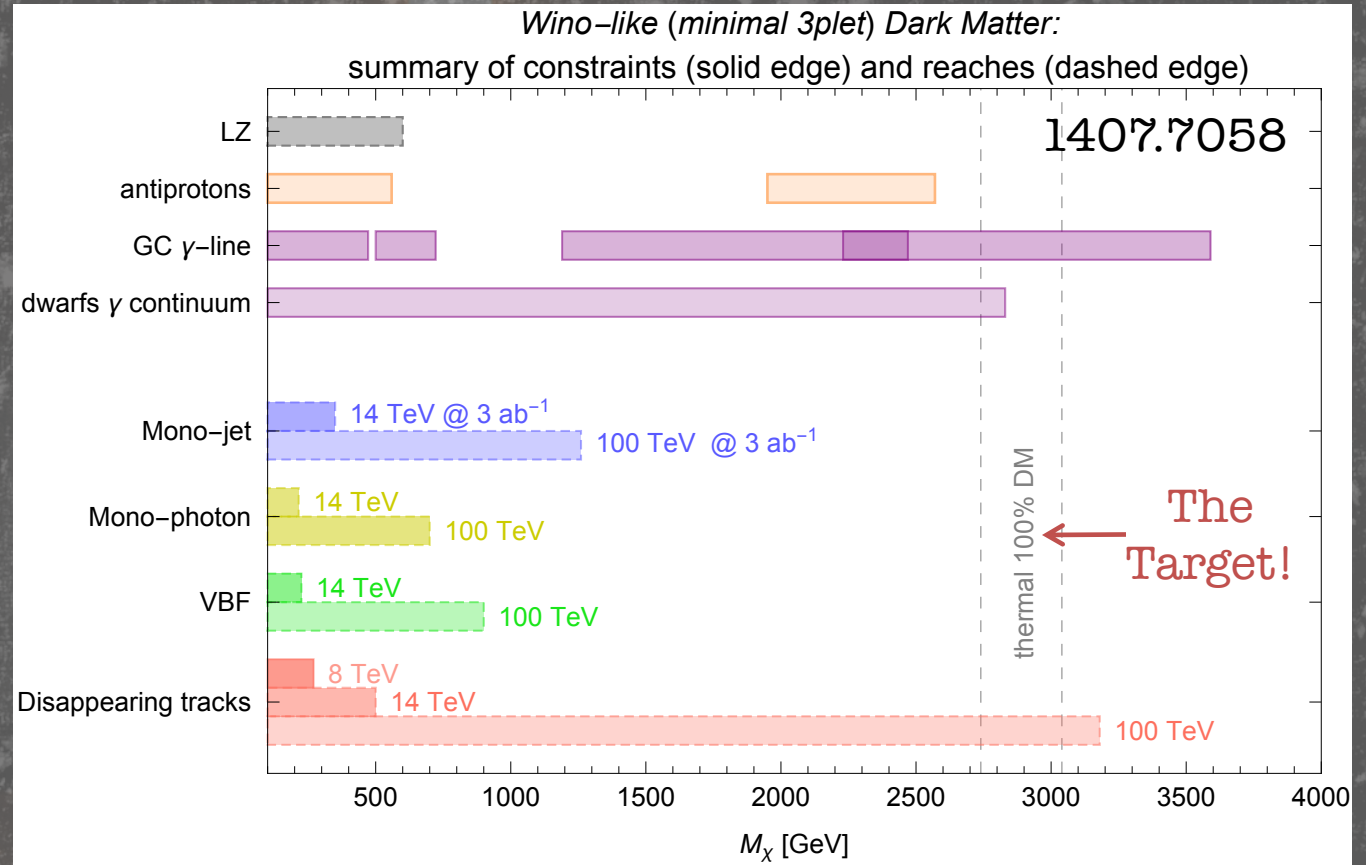


Reach extends far into target parameter space.  
In fact...

# WINO Projection Summary

Direct,  
Indirect  
Detection

Collider  
Searches

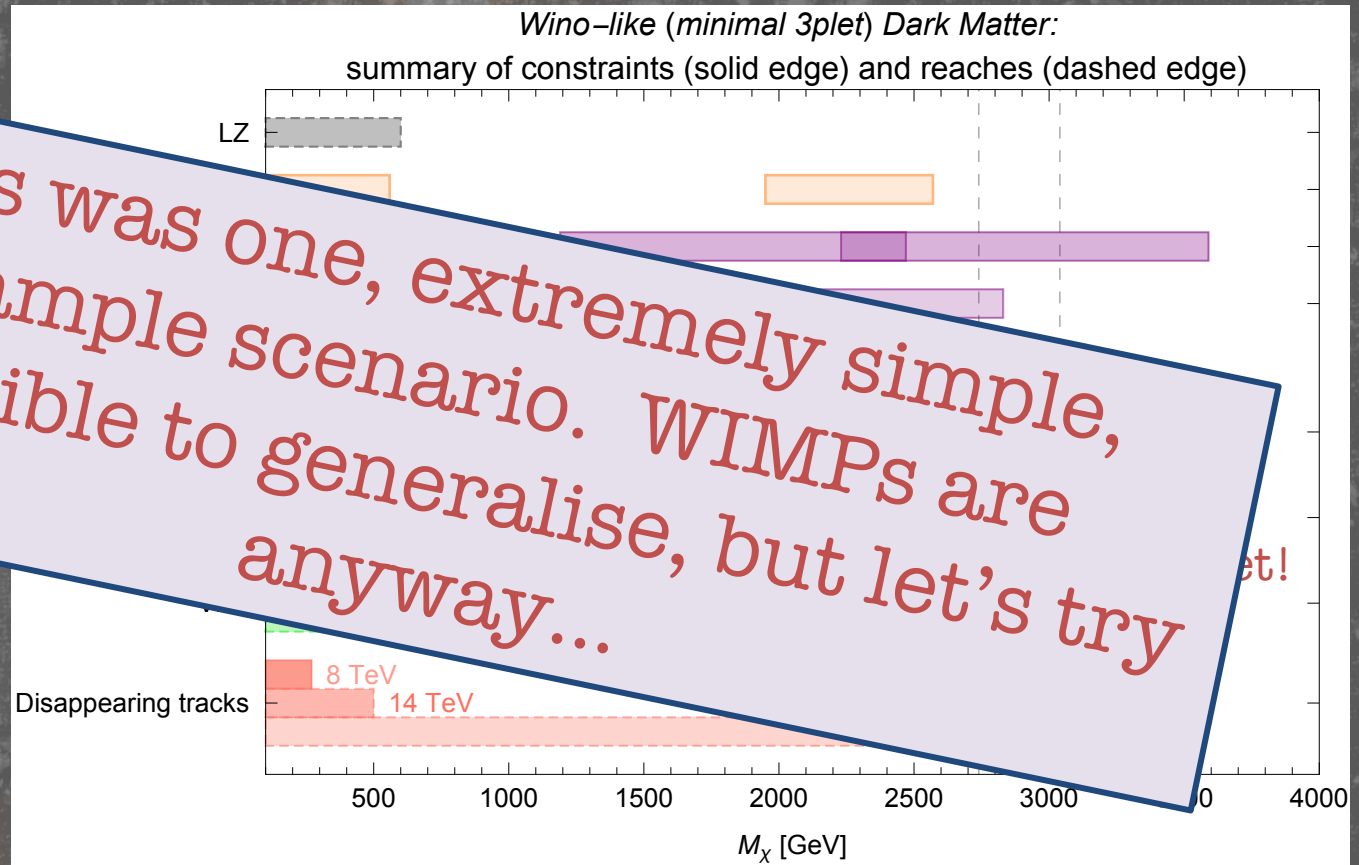


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*This was one, extremely simple, example scenario. WIMPs are impossible to generalise, but let's try anyway...*

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# Simplified Dark Matter Models

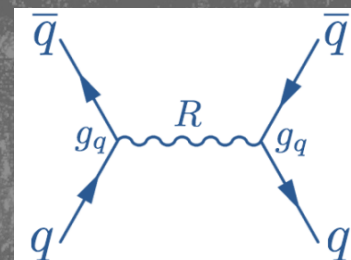
Write down simple models for dark matter interactions. Capture simplest experimental features.

Consider a scenario where dark matter interacts via a new Z' boson:

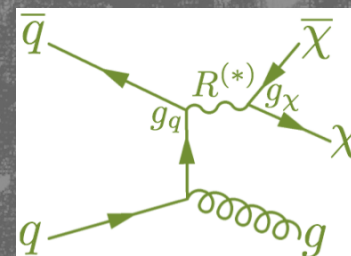
$$\mathcal{L} = -g_q \sum_q Z'^{\mu} \bar{q} \gamma_{\mu} q - \frac{g_{\text{DM}}}{2} Z'^{\mu} \bar{\chi} \gamma_{\mu} \gamma^5 \chi$$

These interactions, combined with the particle masses, let us calculate basic features.

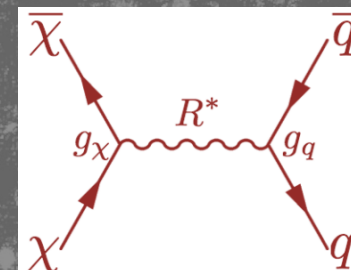
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Missing  
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Relic  
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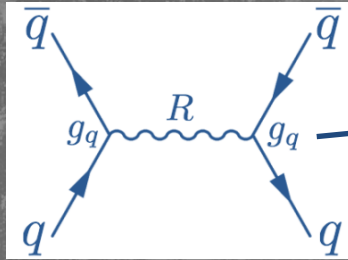


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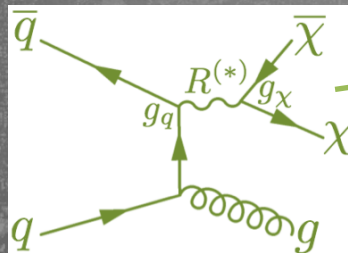
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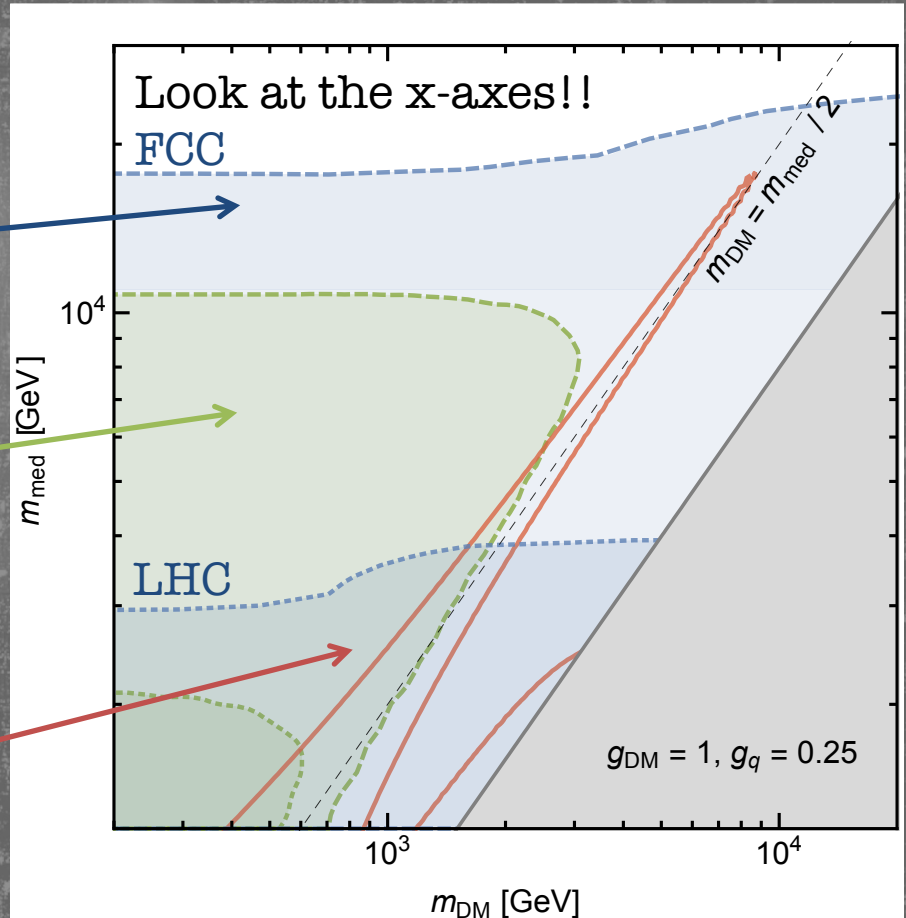
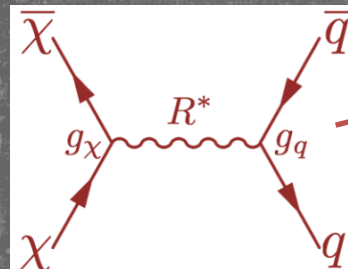
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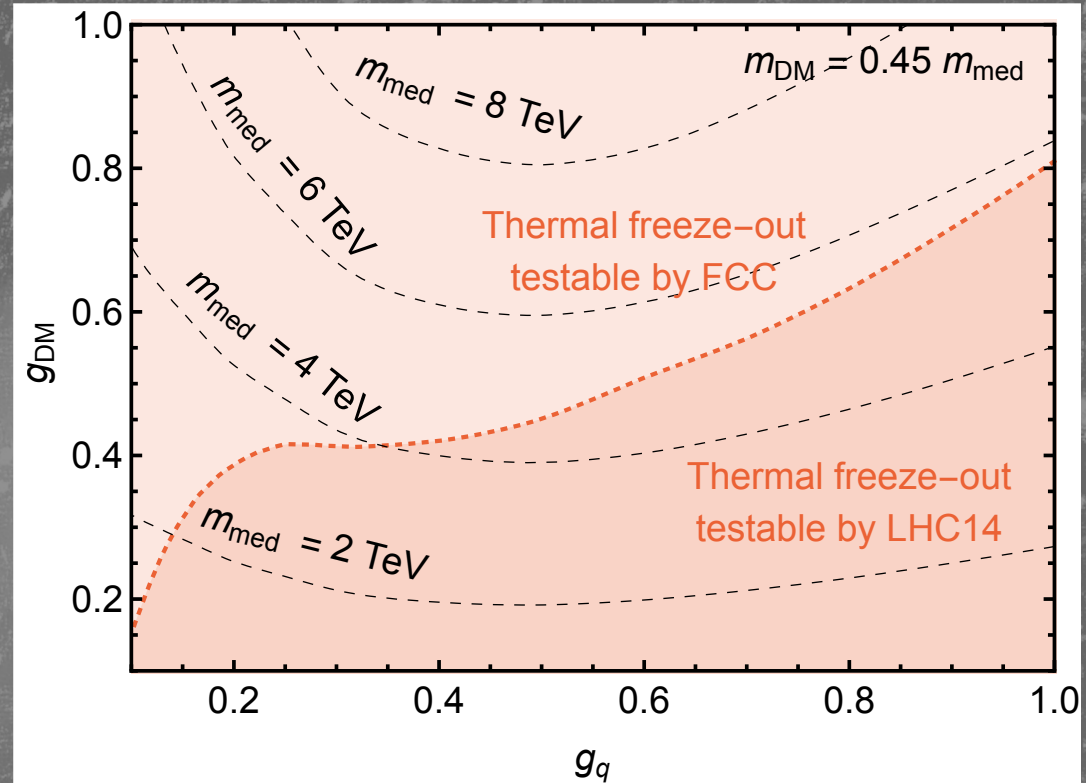
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This model has four parameters.

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Two couplings and two masses. For illustration, set a ratio between mediator and DM mass, and always picking mass that gives the right relic density.

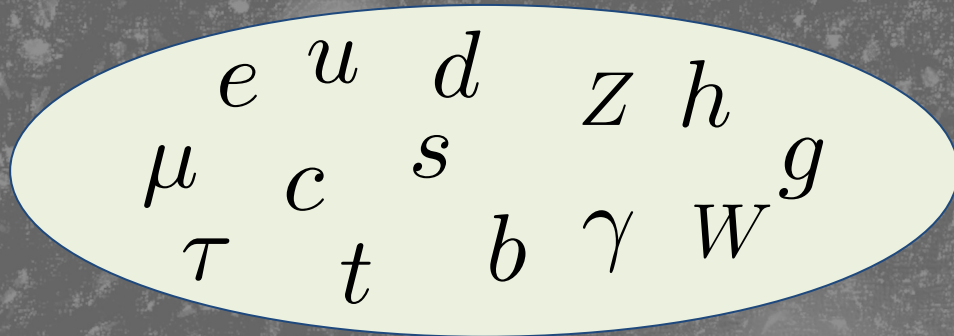


FCC covers swathes of new parameter space with reasonable couplings.

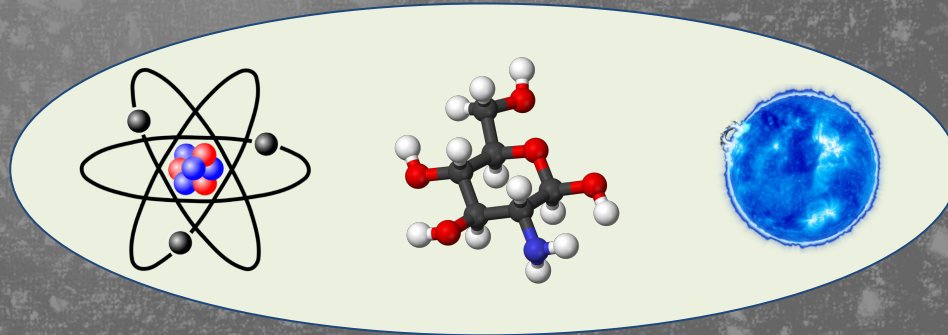


# Dark Sectors

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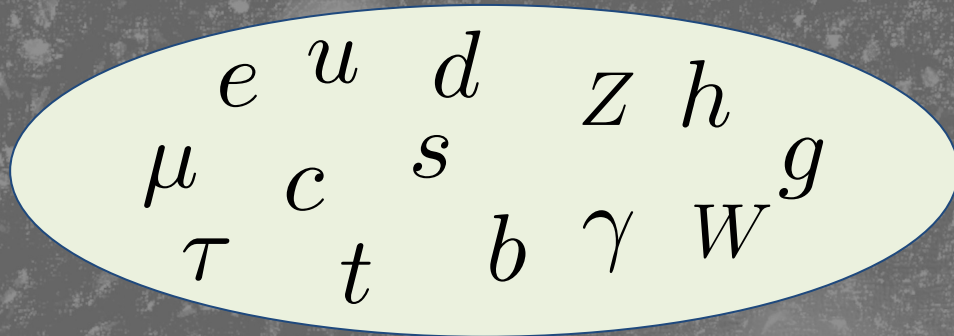


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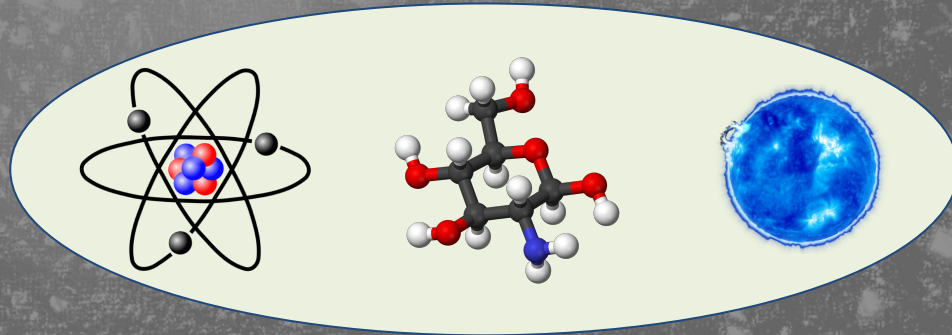


The photon, despite not being matter itself, gave us our first tool to explore the visible sector.

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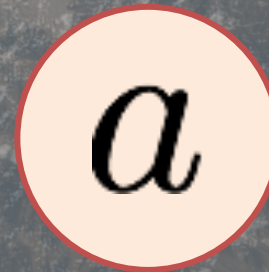
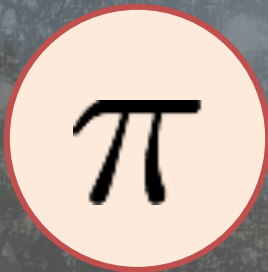
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Similarly, it may be the light mediators, or other states, that open the window to the dark sector.

# ALPs

The standard model provides two examples of neutral bosons which can comfortably be light and have arbitrarily weak interactions:

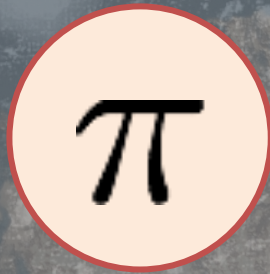


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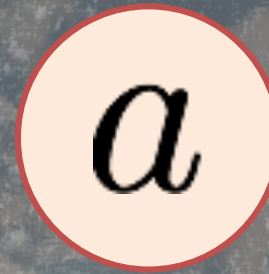
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# ALPs

We will here focus on this case:



Standard  
Model



Dark  
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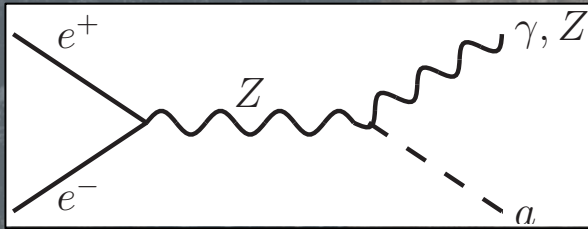
Pseudo-Goldstone Bosons can be naturally light.  
Typically called “Axion-Like Particles (ALPs)”.

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} \ni e^2 C_{\gamma\gamma} \frac{a}{\Lambda} F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu} + \frac{2e^2}{s_w c_w} C_{\gamma Z} \frac{a}{\Lambda} F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{Z}^{\mu\nu} + \frac{e^2}{s_w^2 c_w^2} C_{ZZ} \frac{a}{\Lambda} Z_{\mu\nu} \tilde{Z}^{\mu\nu}$$

Many possible interactions, but focus on these.

# ALPs: FCC-ee

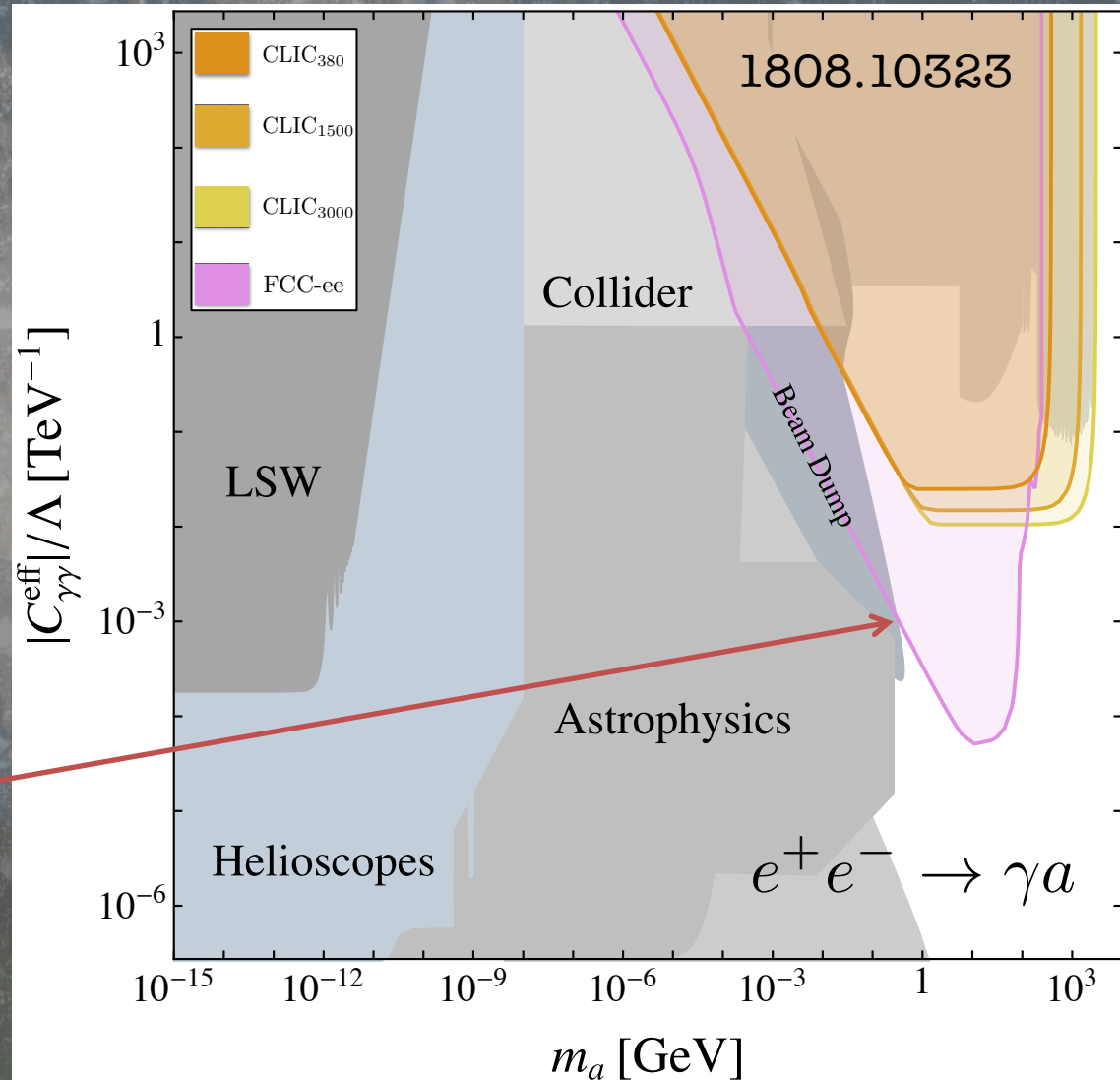
Key production channel:



Followed by:

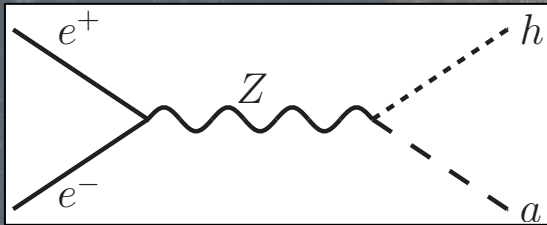
$$a \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$$

FCC-ee is an  
intensity frontier  
machine!!!



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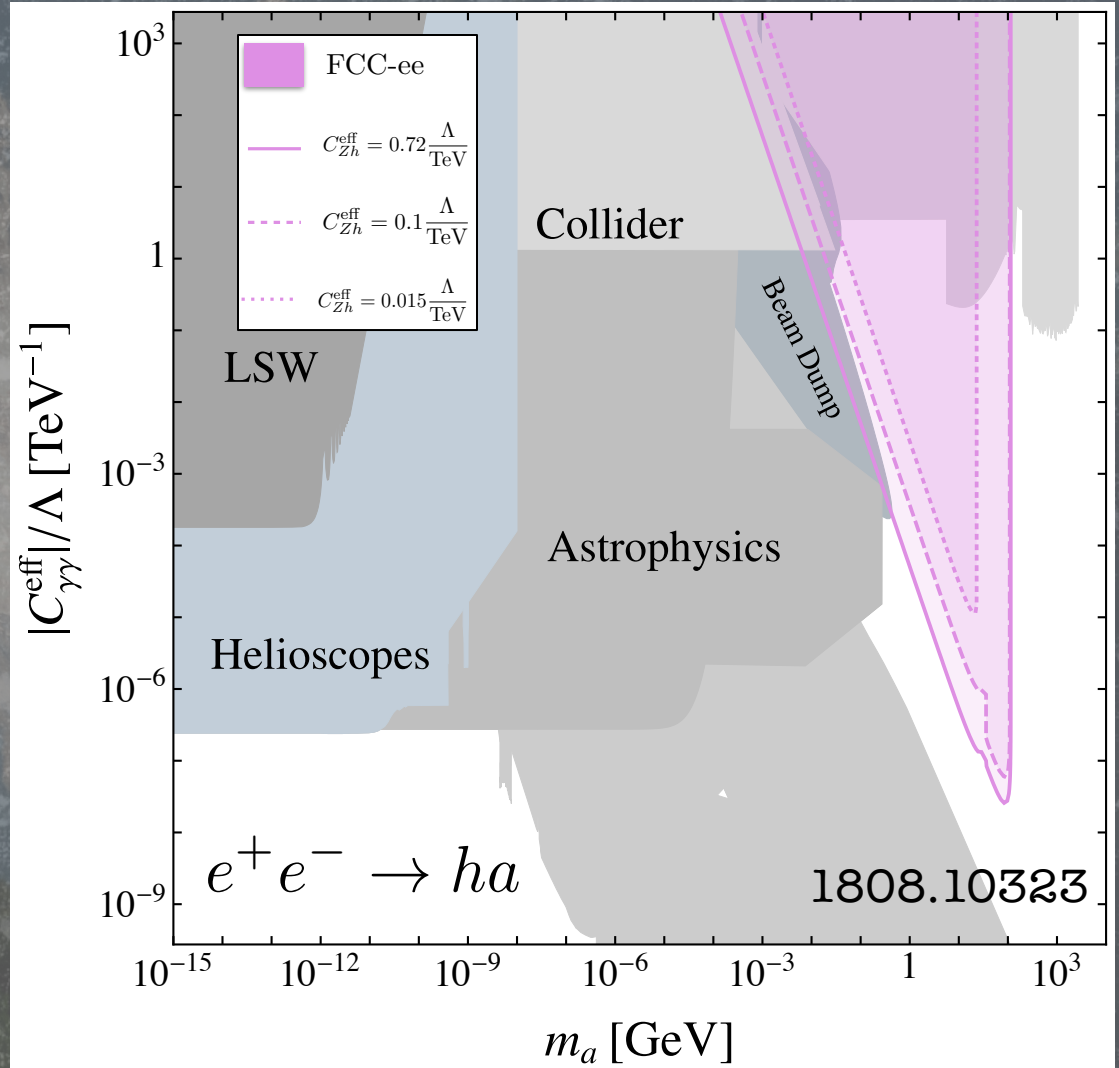
The Higgs is a key player:



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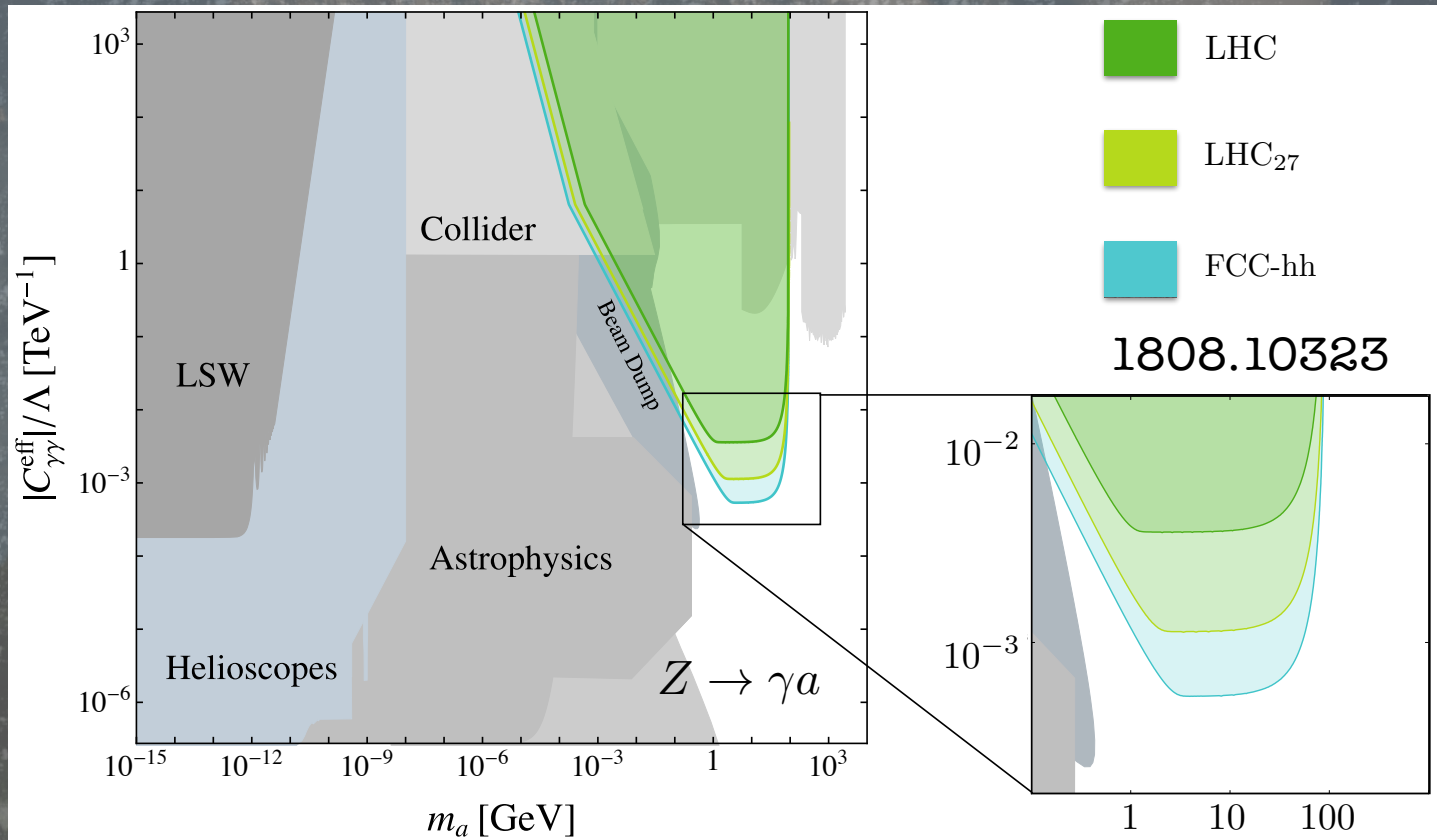
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FCC-ee can probe extremely high scales through the Higgs.



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Future proton colliders can also reach intensity frontier levels:



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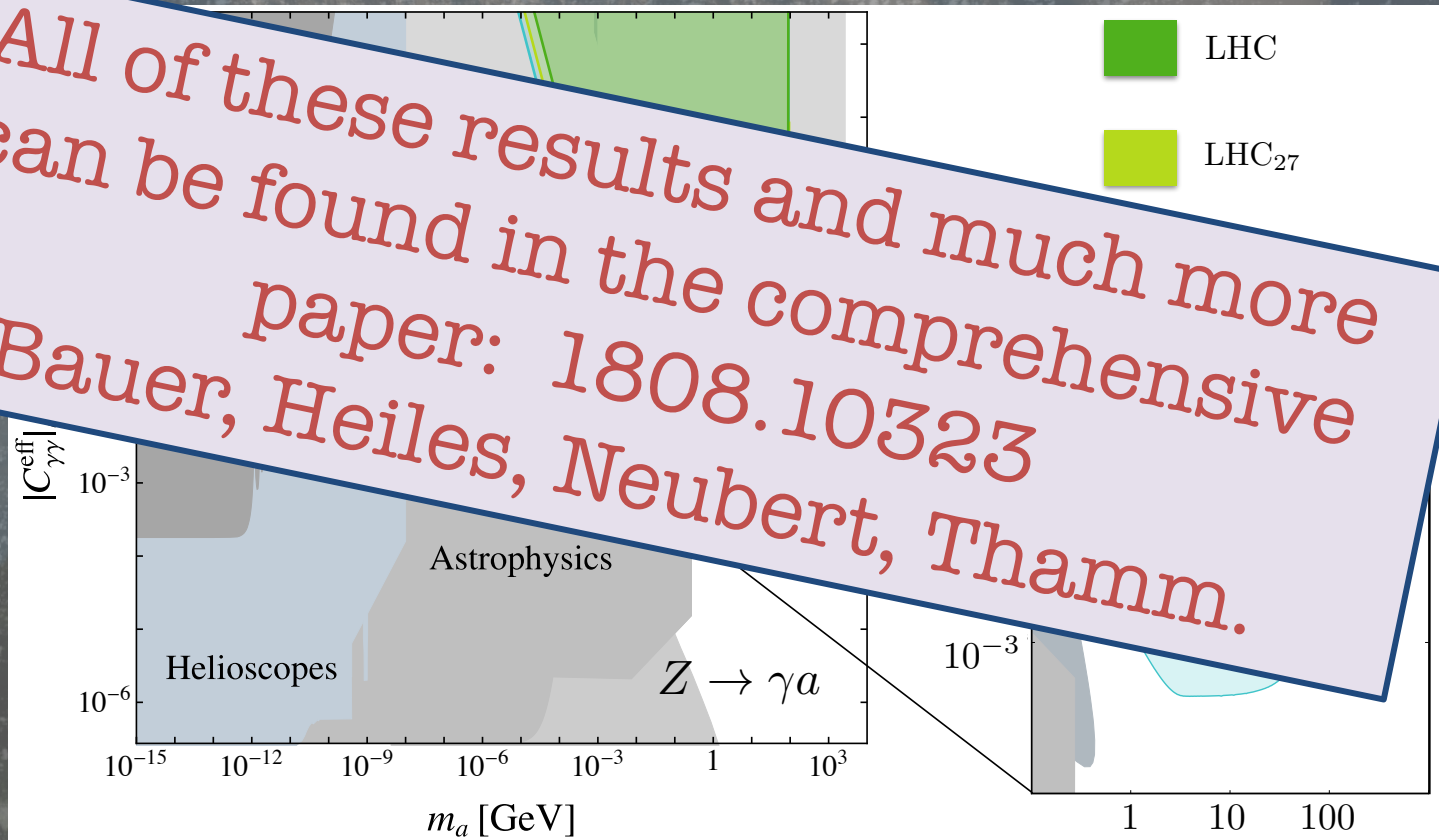
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All of these results and much more can be found in the comprehensive paper: 1808.10323  
Bauer, Heiles, Neubert, Thamm.

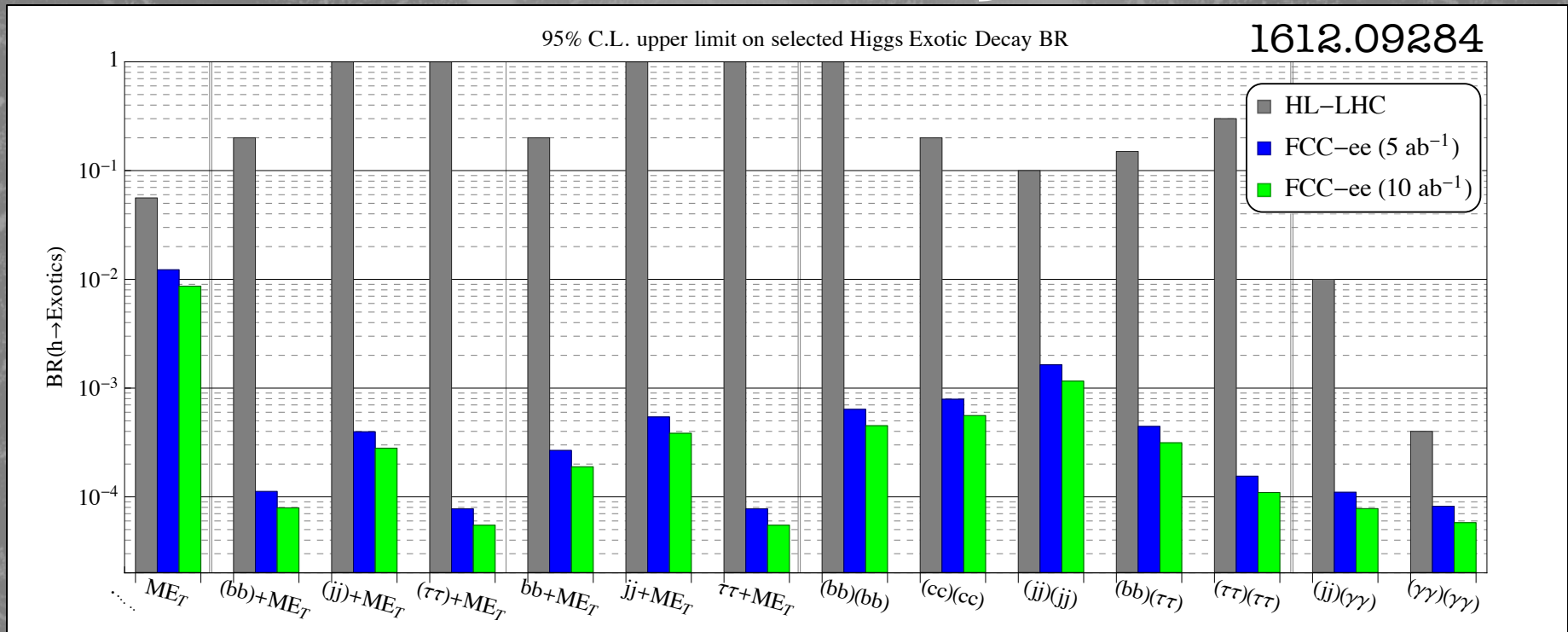
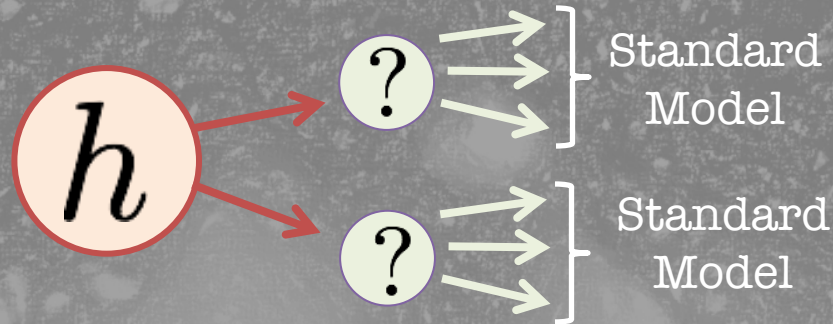


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# Higgs

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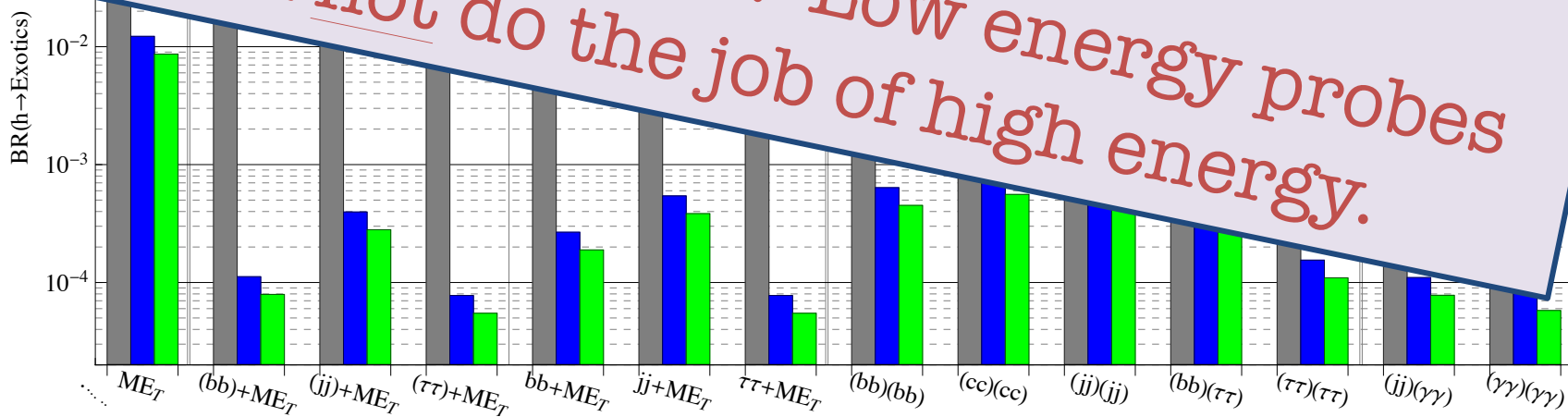
# Higgs

The Higgs is totally different from other particles  
 and has a narrow window to the dark sector:  
 Standard

The only way to search for such scenarios is with a Higgs boson. At lower energies, suppressed by tiny additional factors:

$$\text{Rate} \propto \frac{\Gamma_h^2 E_{\text{CM}}^2}{m_h^4} \times \text{other factors}$$

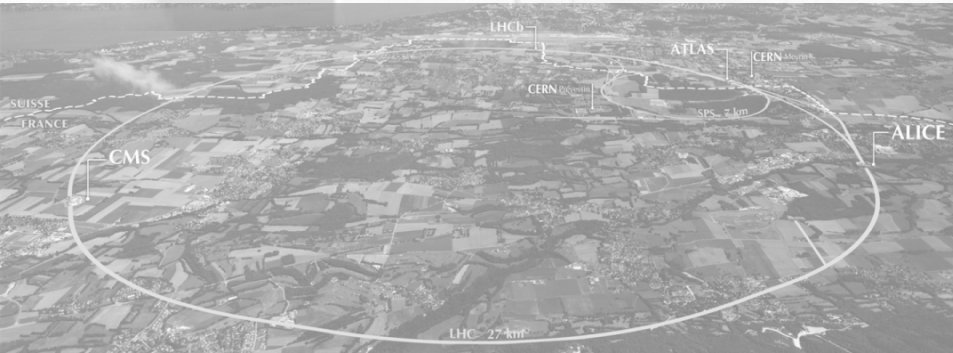
Trivial calculation: Low energy probes can not do the job of high energy.



# Summary

Fundamental advances come when experimental measurements challenge theoretical ideas.

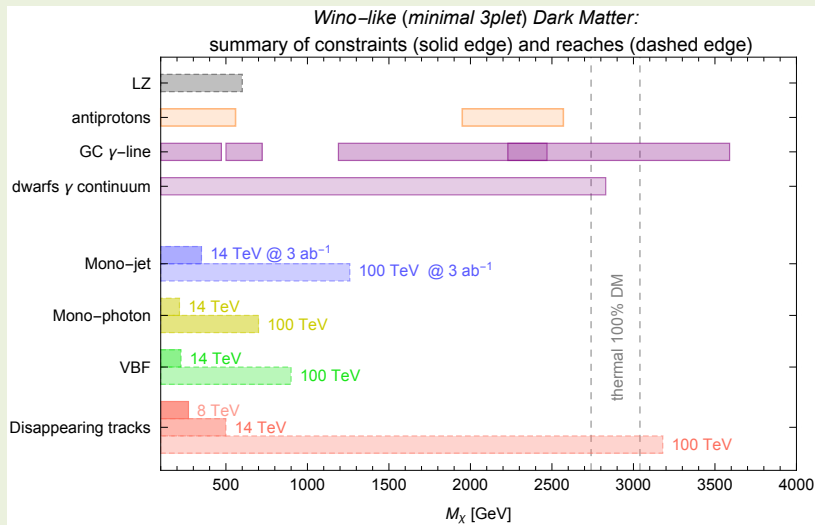
The dark matter puzzle is arguably the most significant question in fundamental physics. We must deploy every tool to uncover the fundamentals of the dark sector.



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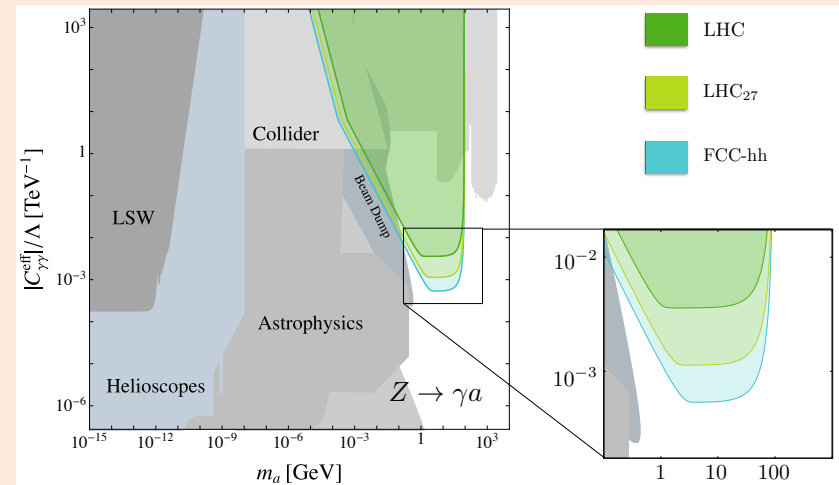
By the end of the HL-LHC era we will have:

Impressive...



but incomplete, exploration of electroweak scale dark matter candidates.

Early exploration of hidden sector particles at weak scale...



but not yet as a high energy component to intensity frontier programme.

# Summary

## Future Circular Colliders



### Offer:

- Unprecedented exploration of the dark sector, from light dark matter to above the TeV scale.
- An indispensable high-energy component to the intensity-frontier hunt for new, weakly-coupled, hidden sector particles.