

# Dark meson analysis



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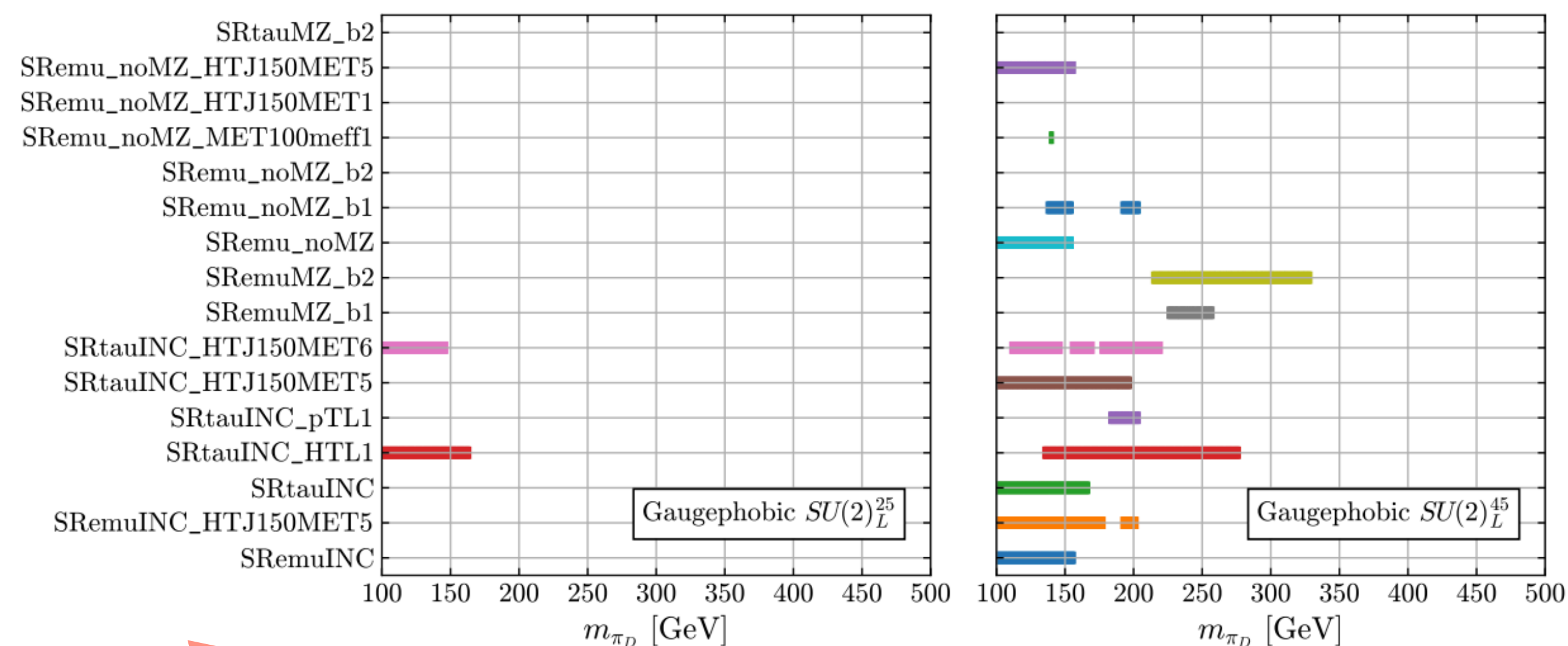


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- Many different **Dark Matter** searches ongoing in the ATLAS experiment
- Dark matter might be explained by **a whole new set** of particles interacting with each other but with minimal interactions with Standard Model (SM) particles, a **Dark Sector**

- Out of all the different searches, the **Uppsala** group, together with the University of Oregon, is focusing on **Dark Mesons**

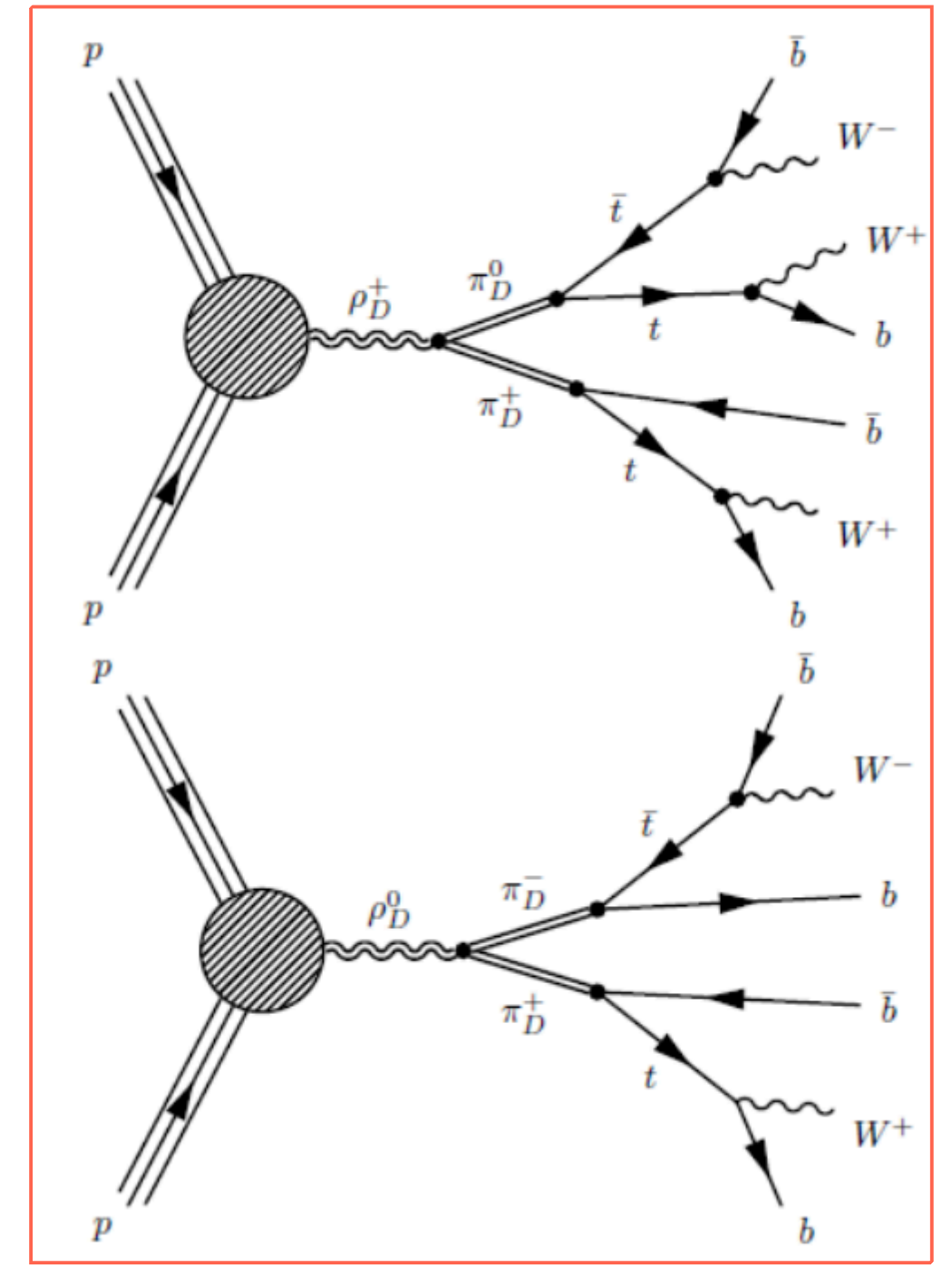
- Looking for a new, strongly coupled, confining sector (Dark Sector) following [arXiv:1809.10183](https://arxiv.org/abs/1809.10183) and [arXiv:1809.10184](https://arxiv.org/abs/1809.10184)



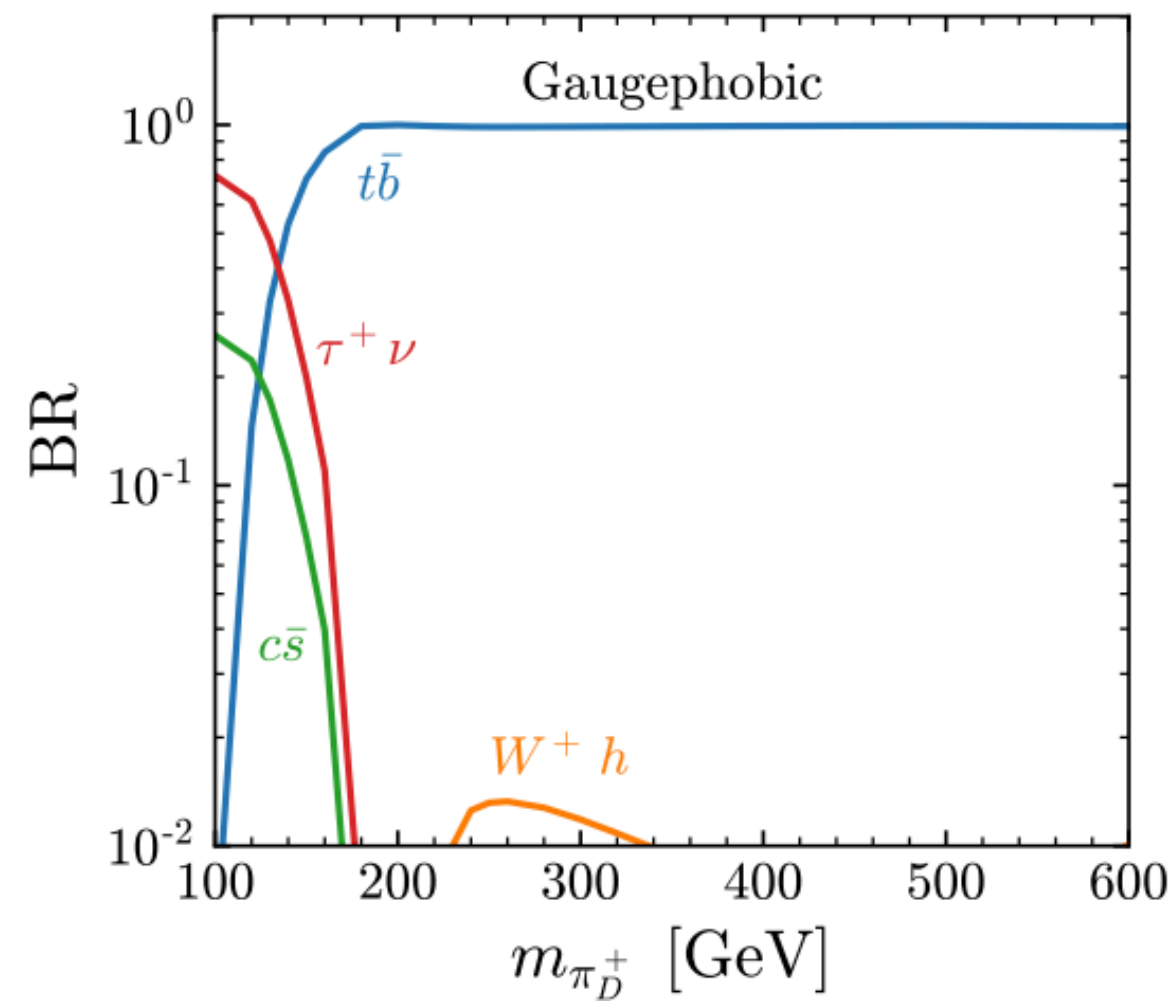
The coloured bars show excluded masses (fig. from [arXiv:1809.10184](https://arxiv.org/abs/1809.10184))

- This dark sector preserves an  $SU(2)$  dark flavour symmetry and is **free of constraints** from precision measurements. **Higgs interactions** break the global (species) symmetries of this dark sector allowing dark pions to decay to SM particles.

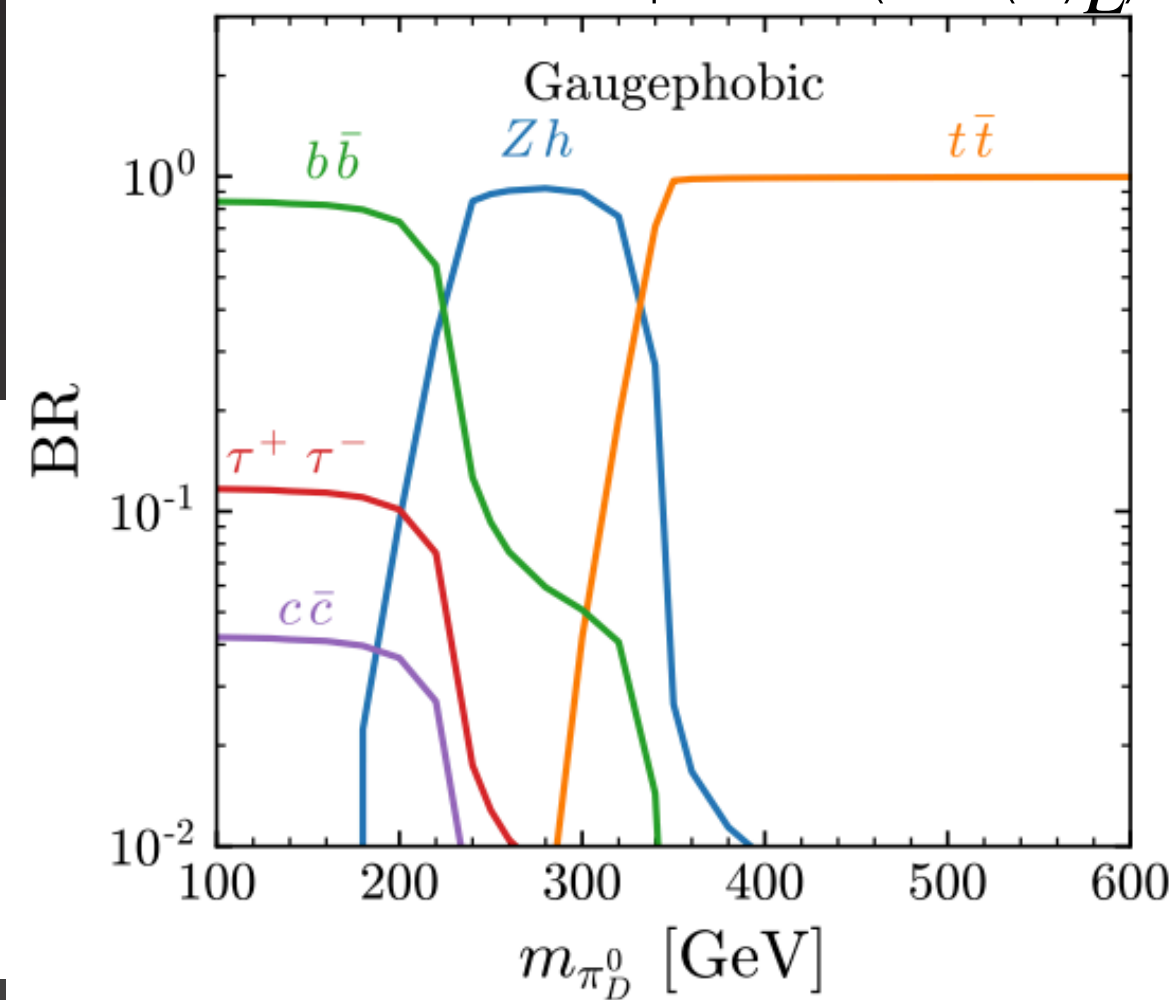
# Dark pion pair production



Charged dark pions ( $SU(2)_R$ )



Neutral dark pions ( $SU(2)_L$ )



- Particle content: dark pion triplet  $\pi_D^0, \pi_D^\pm$  and dark vector meson triplet  $\rho_D^a$  (dark rho)

- Focus on pair production of dark pions through  $pp \rightarrow \rho_D \rightarrow \pi_D \pi_D$

- $\pi_D$  decays into SM states

- The models can be classified into two distinct categories depending on which: **gaugephobic** and gaugephilic

- This analysis focuses only on gaugephobic:  $\pi_D \rightarrow ff'$

- Further, there are **two choices of kinetic mixing**:  $SU(2)_L$  and  $SU(2)_R$

- The decay of the dark pions depends on **gaugephobicness**, **kinetic mixing**, and **mass of the dark pions**

- Channels explored are  $t\bar{t}b$  and  $t\bar{t}b\bar{b}$  chosen because of their branching ratio and the constrains obtained from several ATLAS and CMS analyses

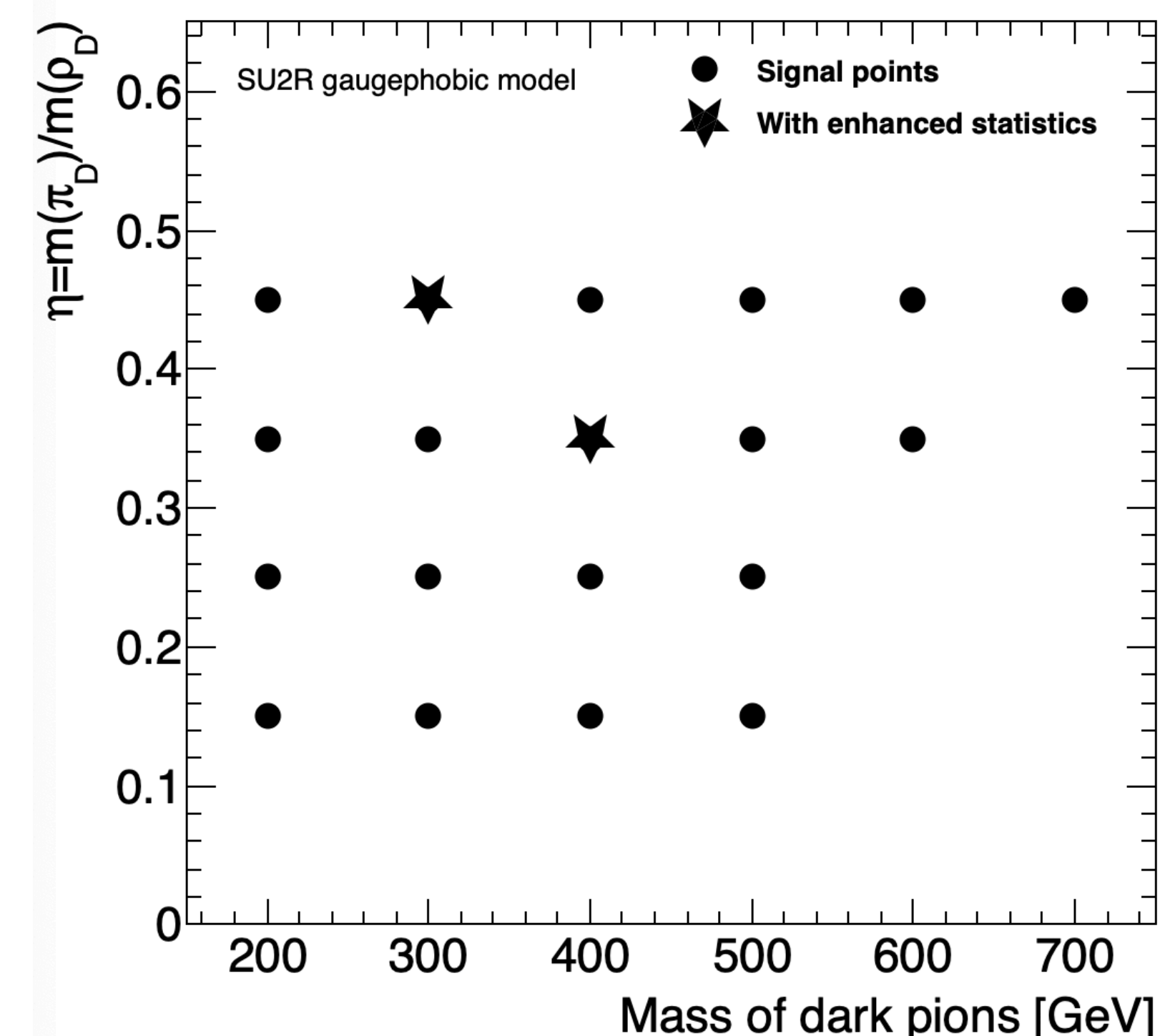
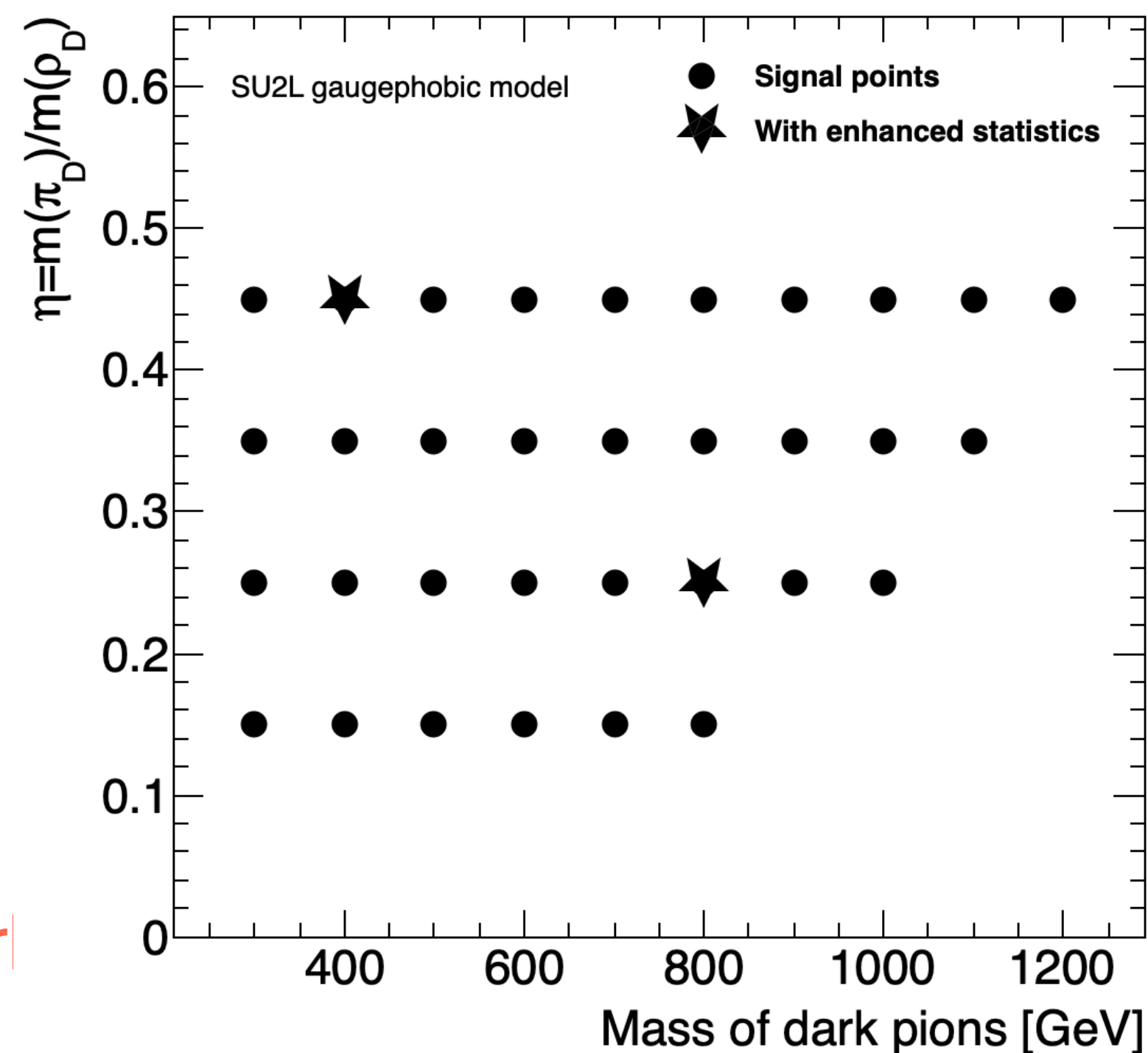
Figures from arXiv:1809.10184)

# Progress

- **Full signal samples produced.** Search grid defined by mass ratio of dark pions to dark rhos vs mass of dark pions. One grid for each choice of kinetic mixing – total of 52 signal samples with 10 000 or 100 000 (enhanced statistics) events each

- **Full background samples produced**

- Developing our own framework for analysing data samples based on AnalysisTop: **DarkFramework**



- **1 lepton channel (Uppsala)** and **all hadronic channel (Oregon)**
- **Signal region** defined in all hadronic channel and underway in one lepton channel

If you want to know more about the analysis (ATLAS internal)

[Twiki](#) | [Git](#) | [Glance](#) | [HQT update](#)