

Dark Matter @ Colliders

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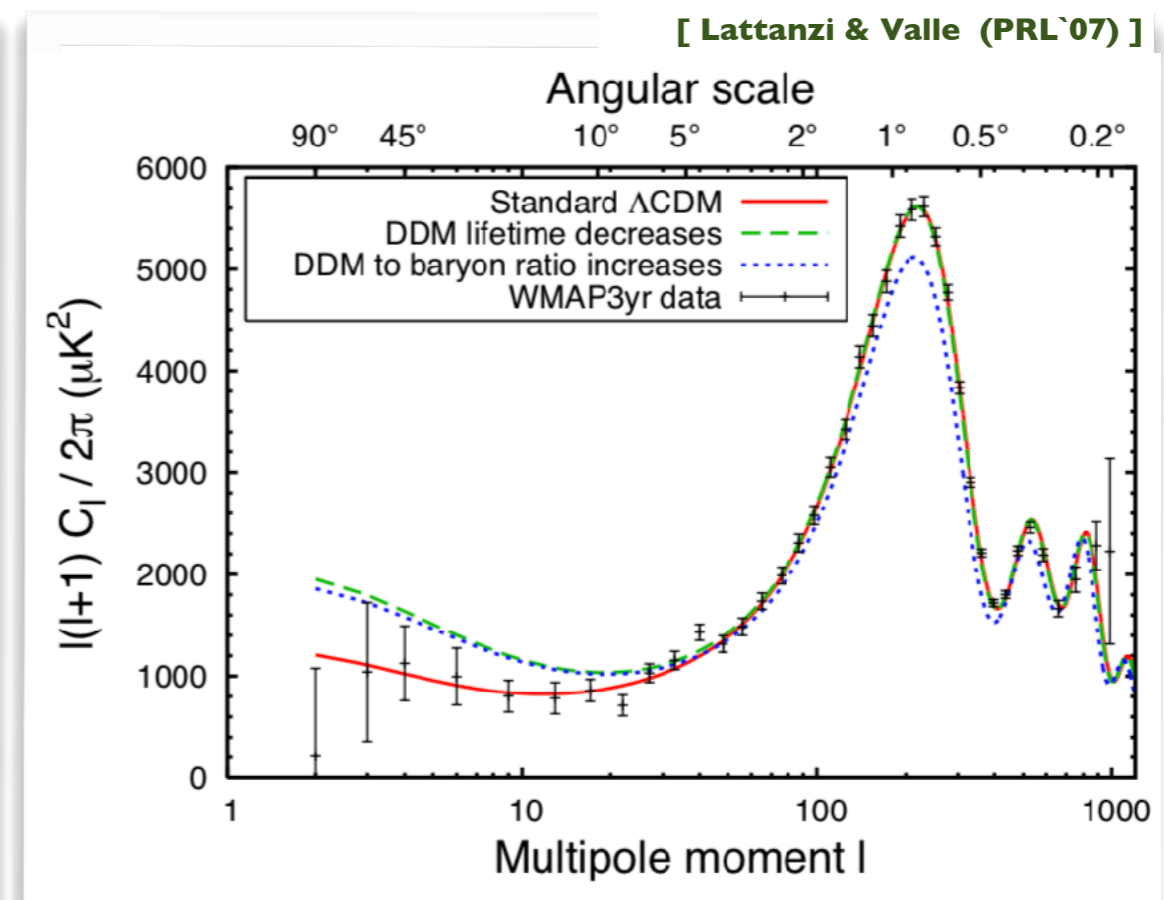
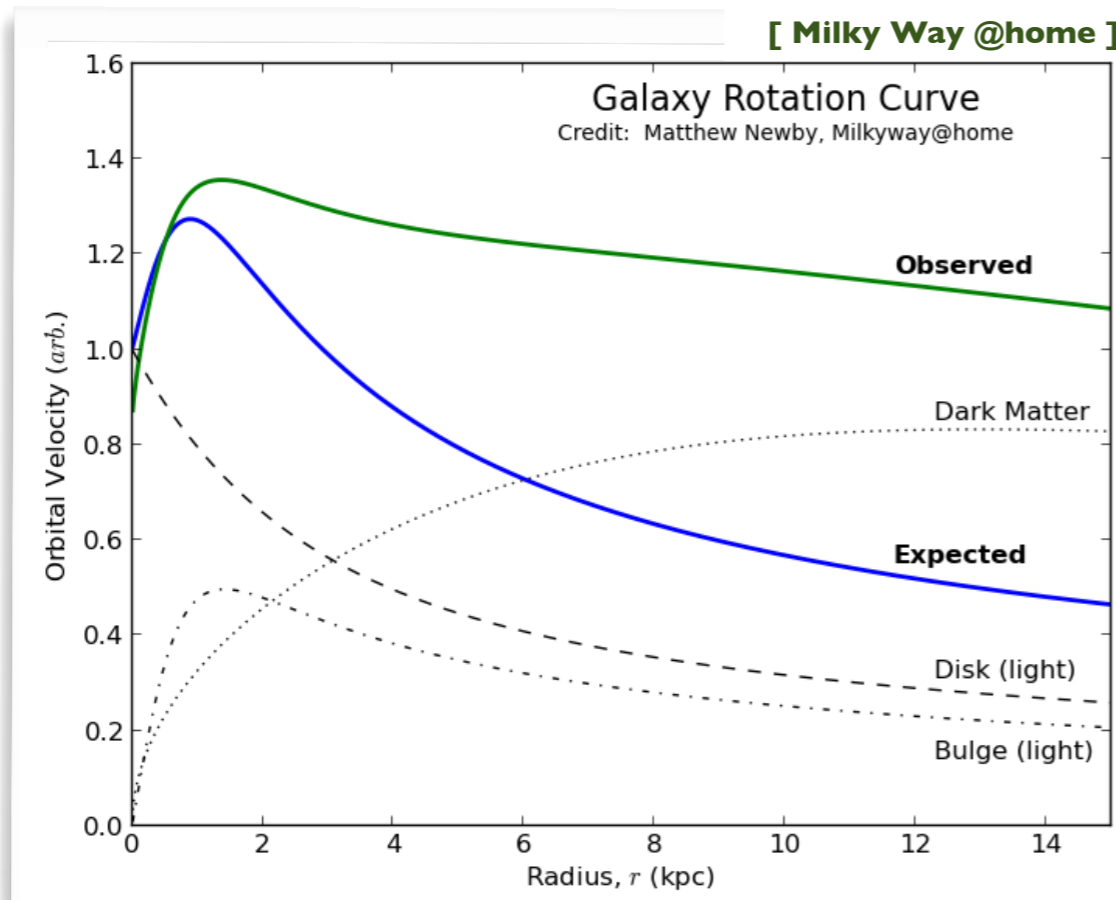
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New physics and dark matter

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- ♣ Flattening of the galaxy rotation curves
- ♣ Gravitational lensing
- ♣ Cosmic microwave background
- ♣ Structure formation

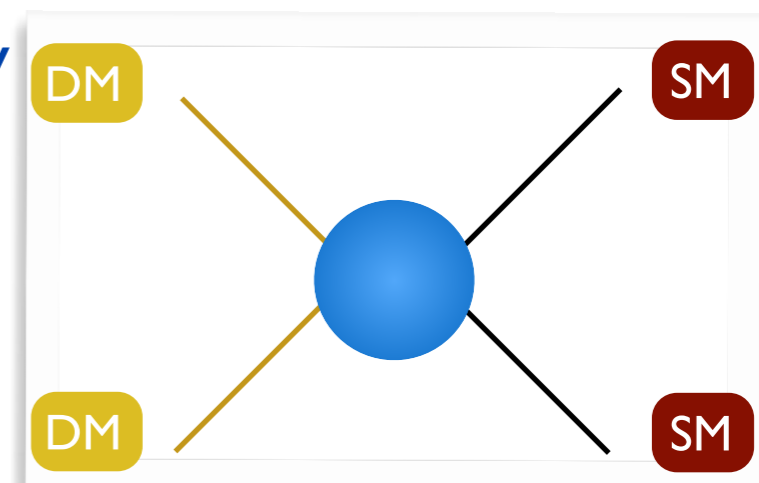
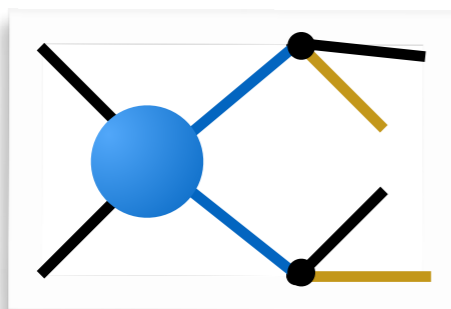
Enormous endeavour to detect dark matter



Dark matter in cosmology and at colliders

- ◆ Dark matter is searched for directly, indirectly and at colliders
 - ♣ This huge experimental effort offers a **strategy to constrain models**

- ◆ Complementary between colliders and cosmology
 - ♣ Dark matter relic abundance must be reproduced
 - ♣ Dark matter direct/indirect detection constraints
 - ♣ Direct production at (hadron) colliders (or from the decay of heavier states)



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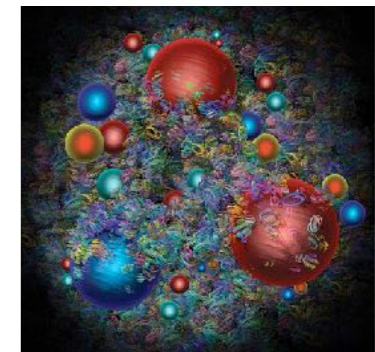
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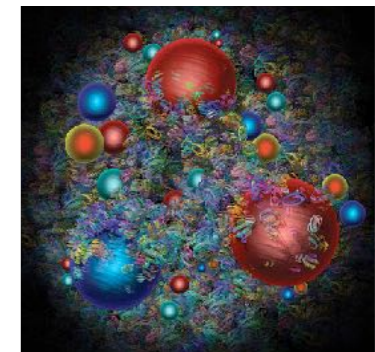
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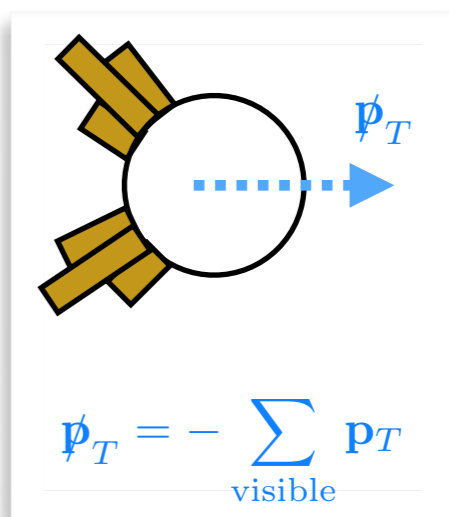
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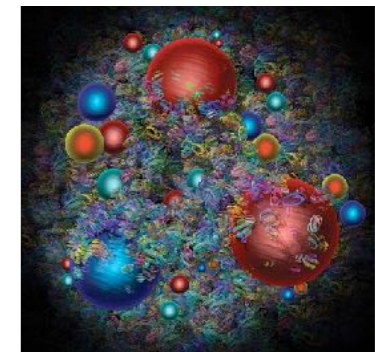
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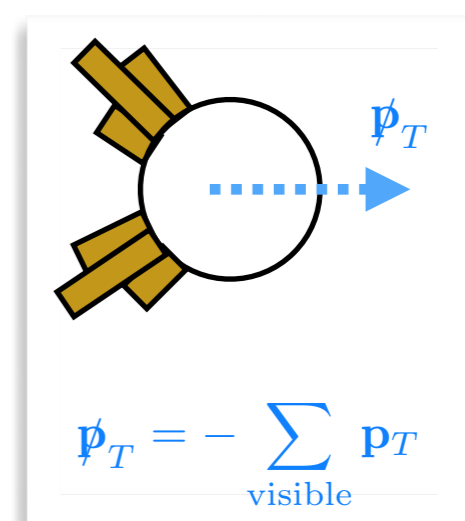
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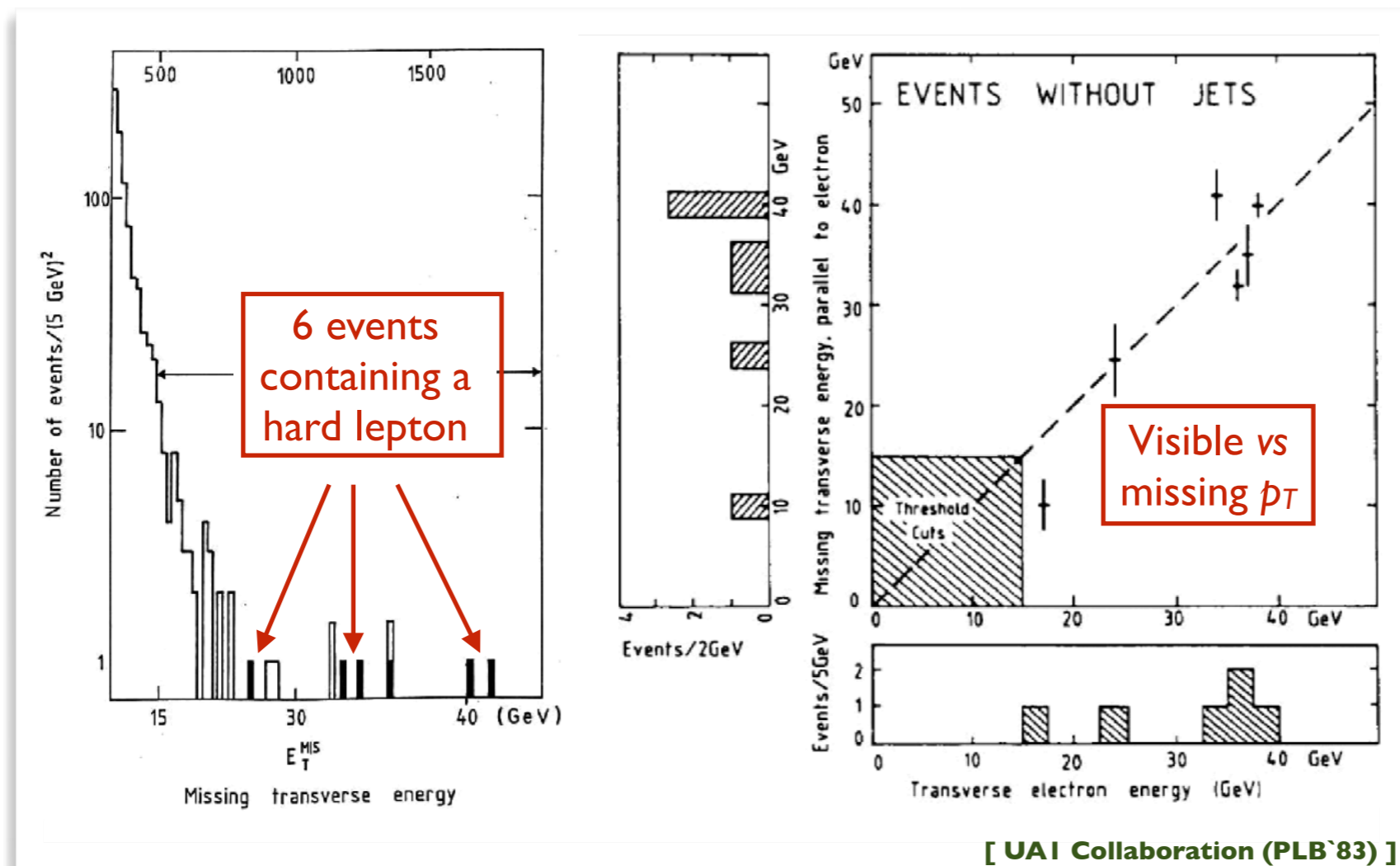


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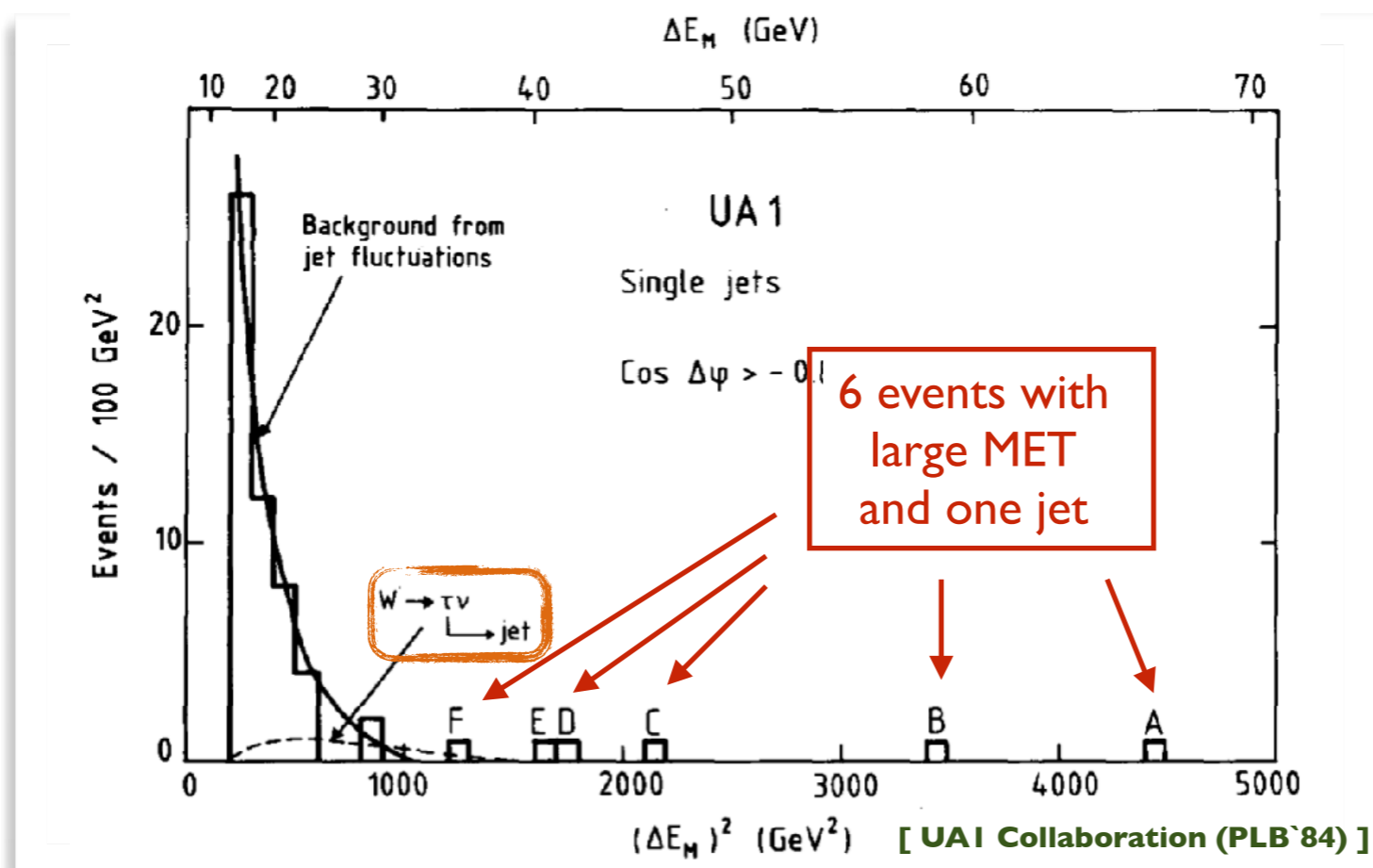
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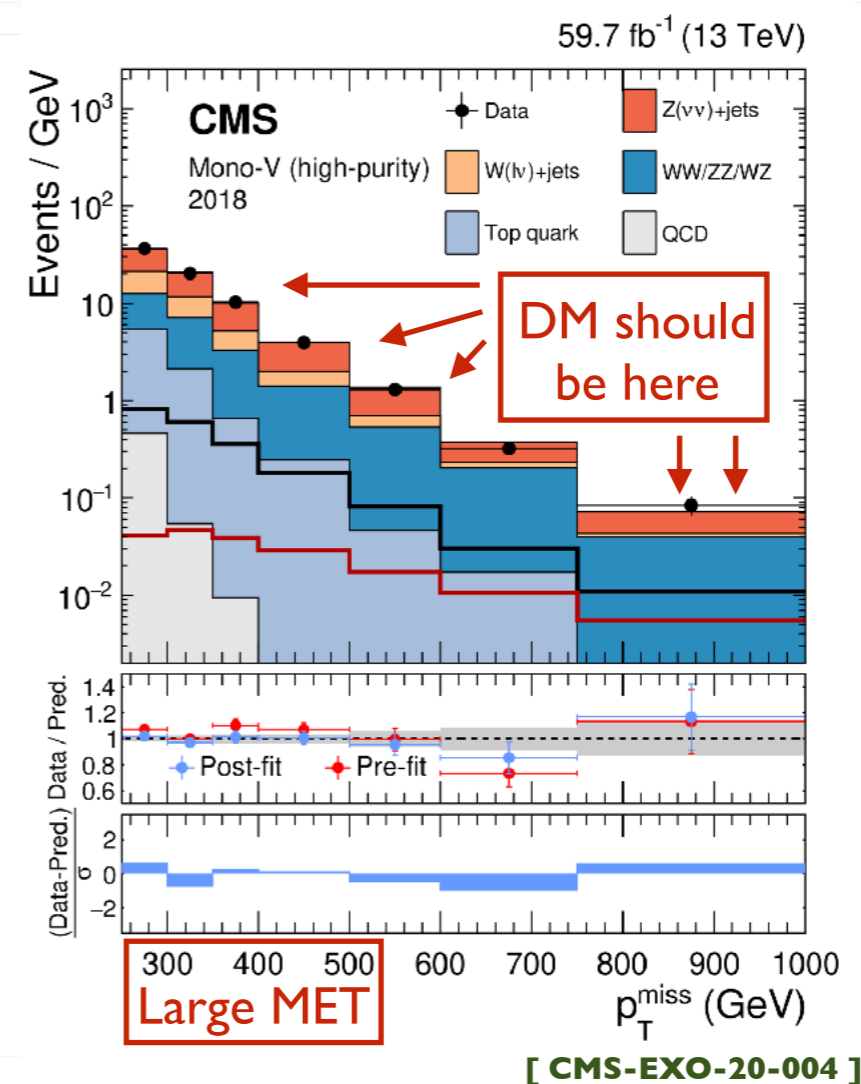
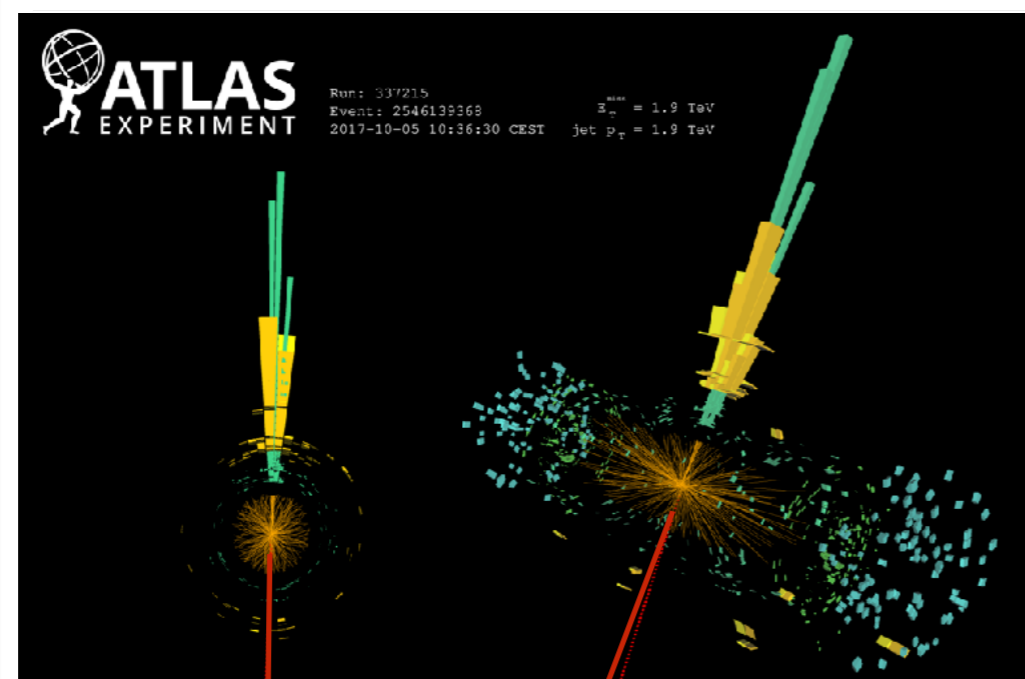
- ♣ Jets and missing energy in UA1
- ♣ Not considered DM-related at that time
- ♣ No SM explanation \rightarrow W +jets (in orange), invisible Z +jets, etc.



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◆ Missing transverse energy at the LHC: 40 years fast forward

- ♣ Searching for a signal with **a lot of missing energy**
- ♣ The missing momentum recoils against visible objects



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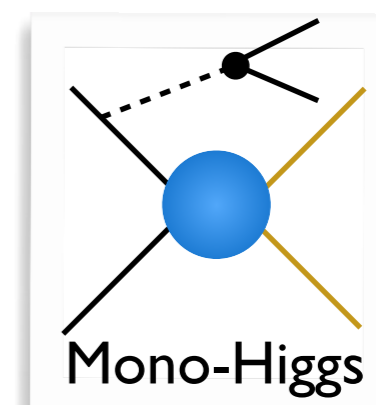
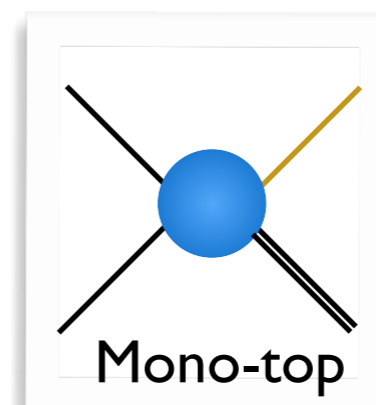
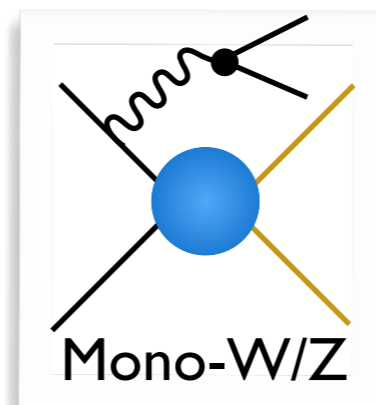
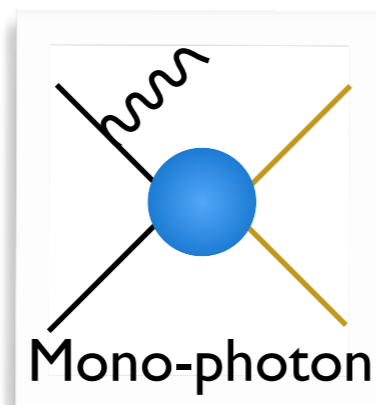
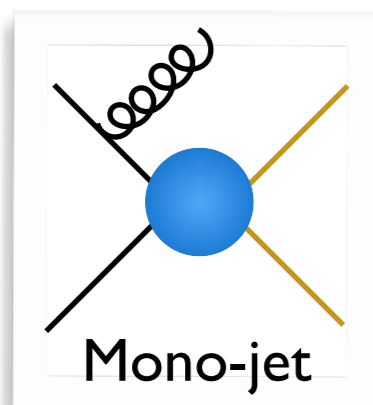
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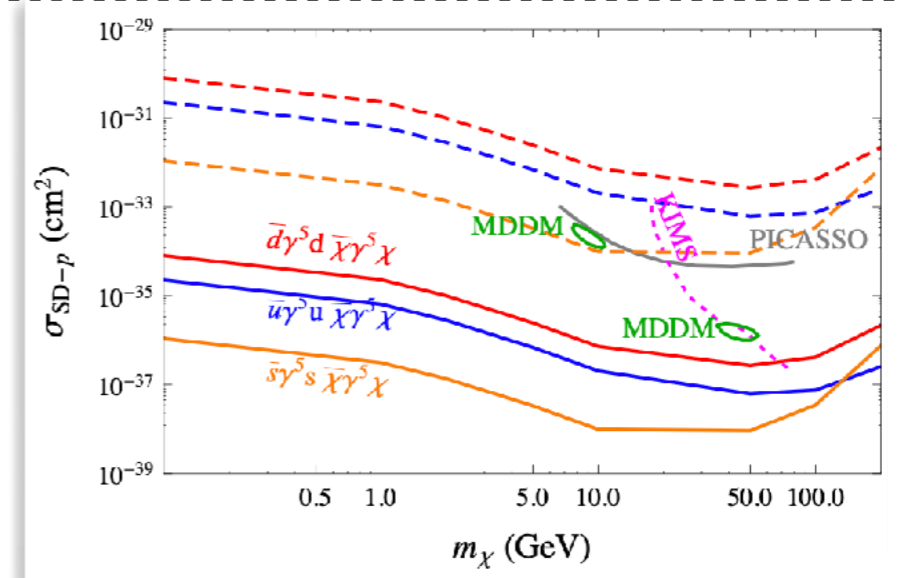
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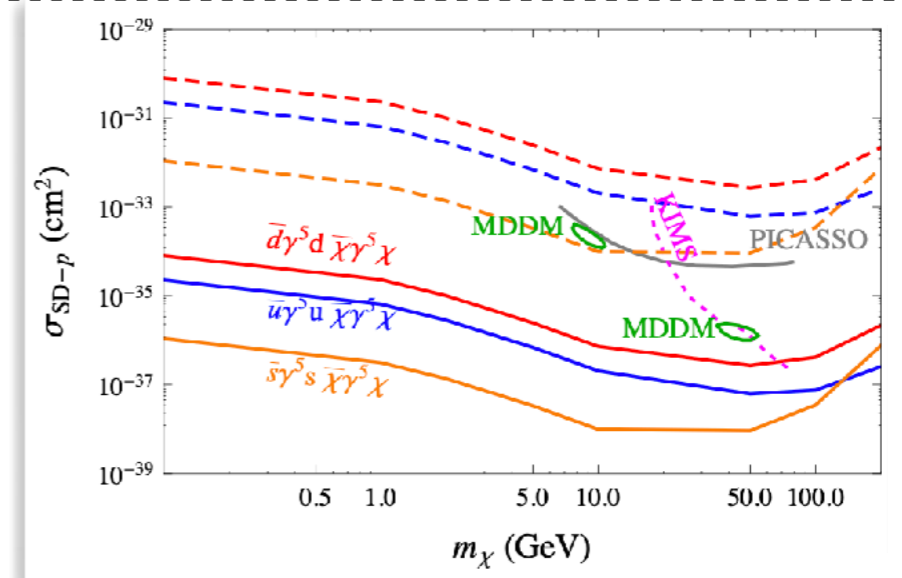
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◆ Towards the modern epoch

- ❖ New dark signals: mono-top, mono-Z, mono-lepton & mono-Higgs

[Andrea, BF & Maltoni (PRD`11); Bell, Dent, Galea, Jacques, Krauss & Weiler (PRD`12); Bai & Tait (PLB`13); Petrov & Shepherd (PLB`14)]

- ❖ First experimental studies: CDF, and then ATLAS/CMS

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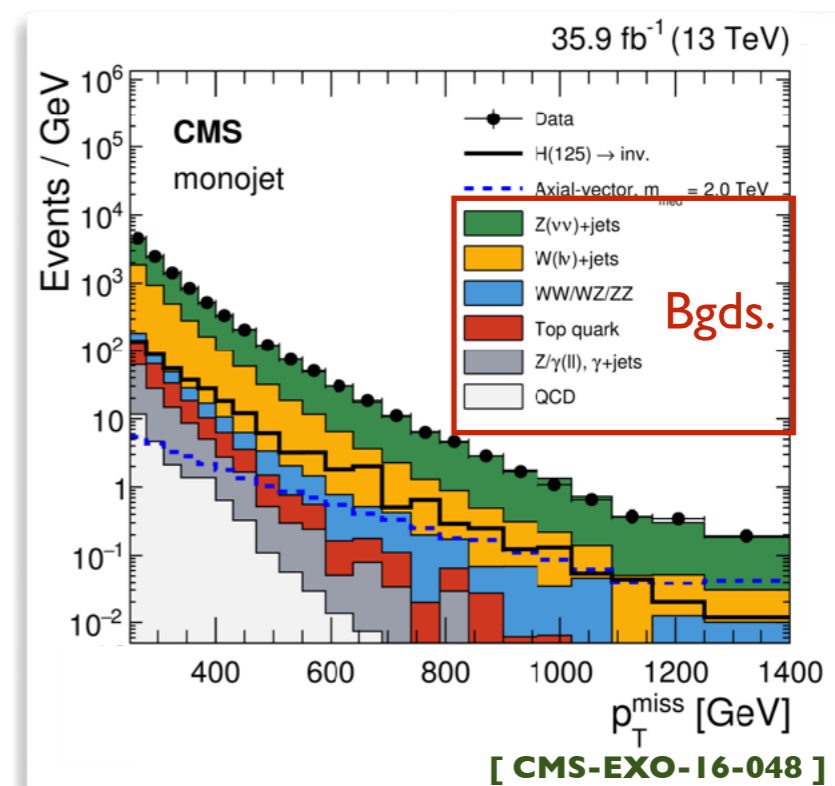
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◆ Backgrounds - the mono-jet case

- ❖ Invisible Z decays
 - irreducible backgrounds
- ❖ W decays with a lost lepton
 - not very frequent but large (total) rate
- ❖ Mis-measurements in multi-jet production
 - rare, but huge QCD total rate
 - steeply falling with the MET value



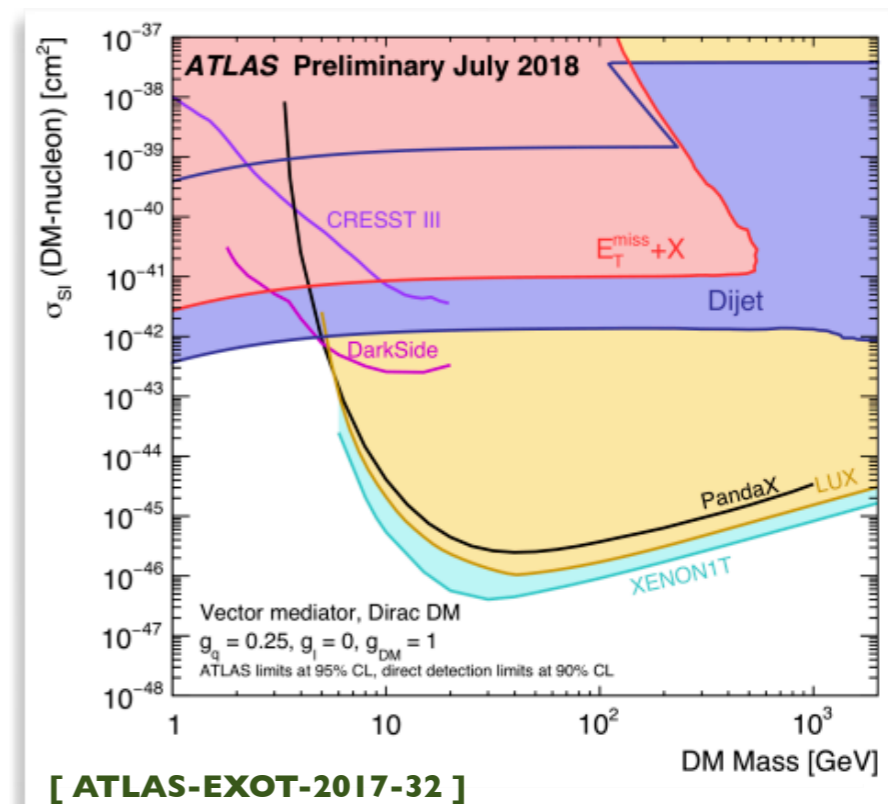
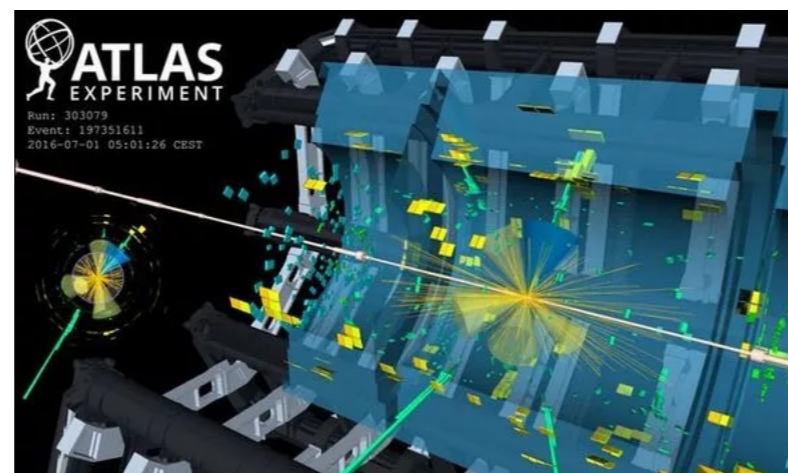
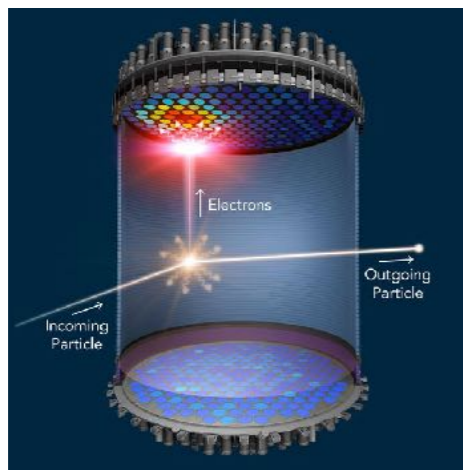
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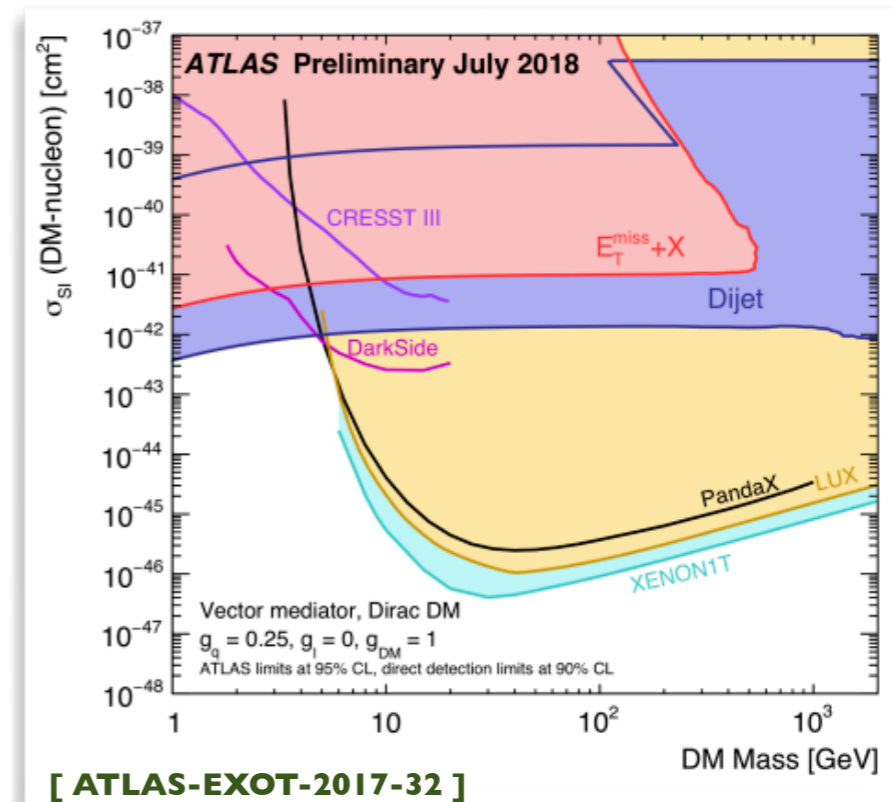
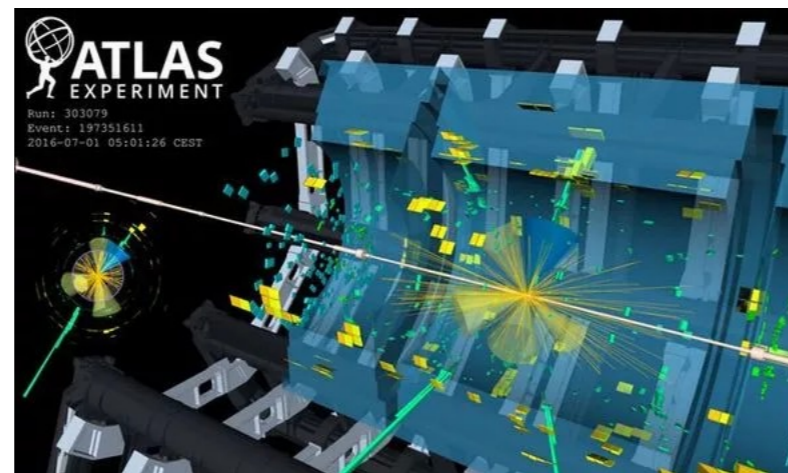
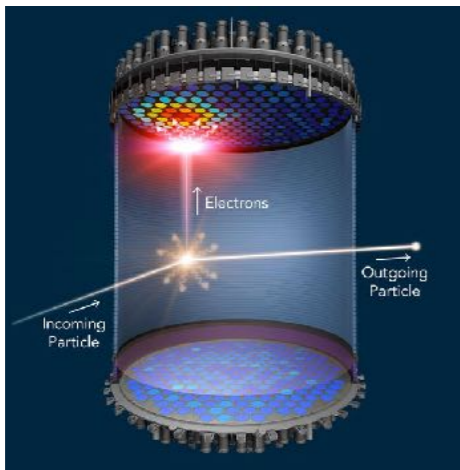
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- ♣ Effective field theory approach
 - ★ LHC constraints on the effective couplings and scale

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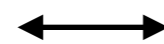
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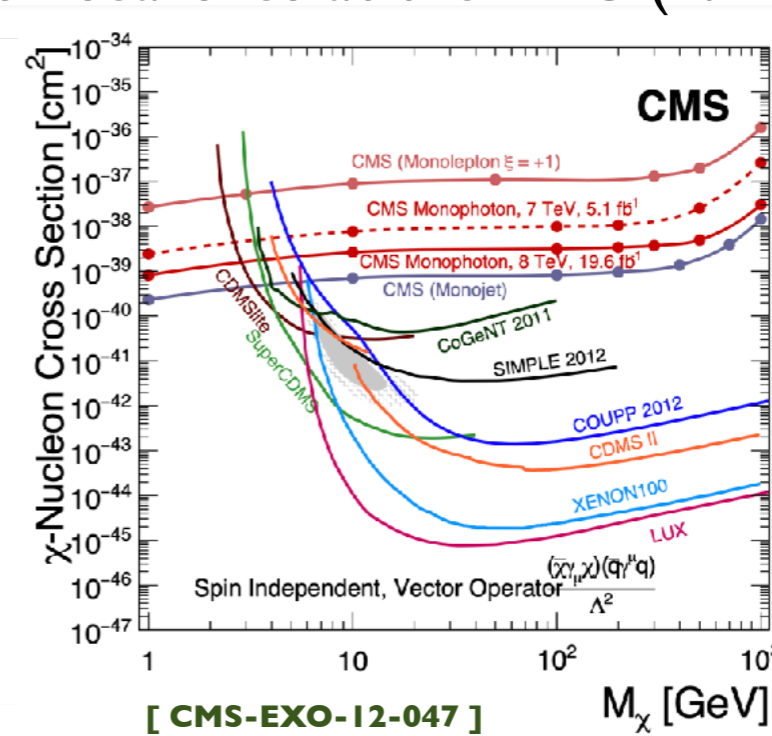
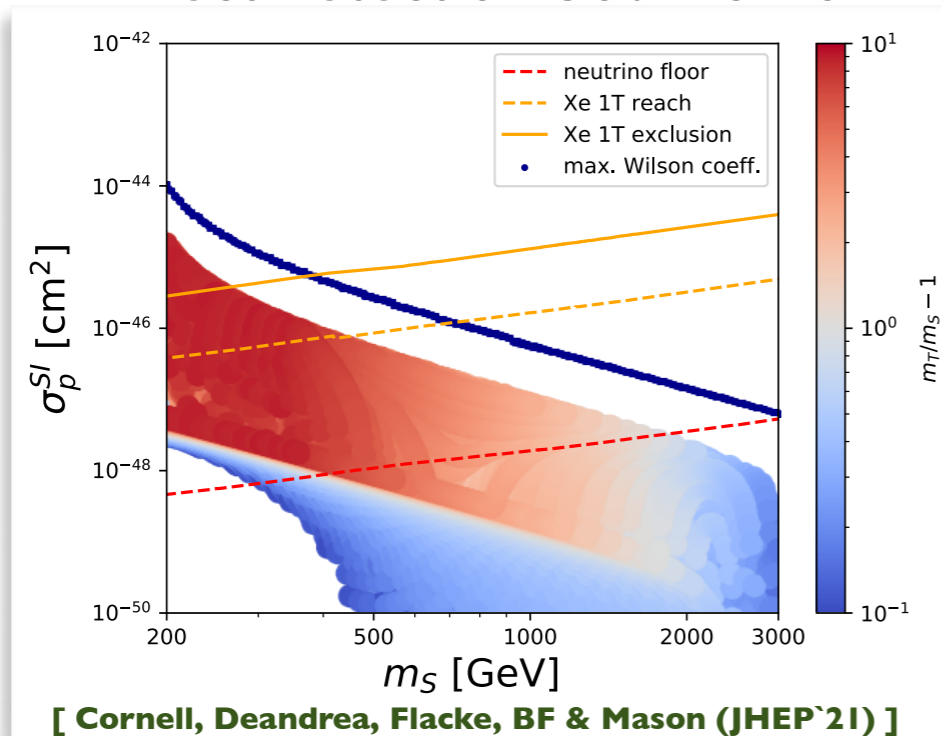


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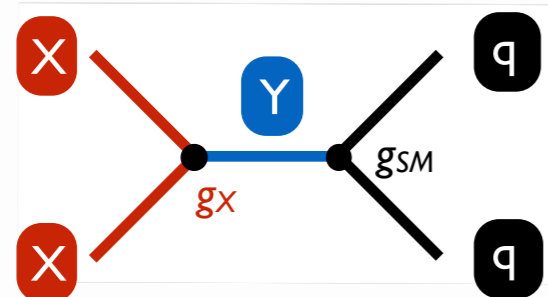
- ❖ Top-philic scalar DM from direct detection to bounds on the UV model
- ❖ Direct detection bounds from mono-photon searches at the LHC (run I)



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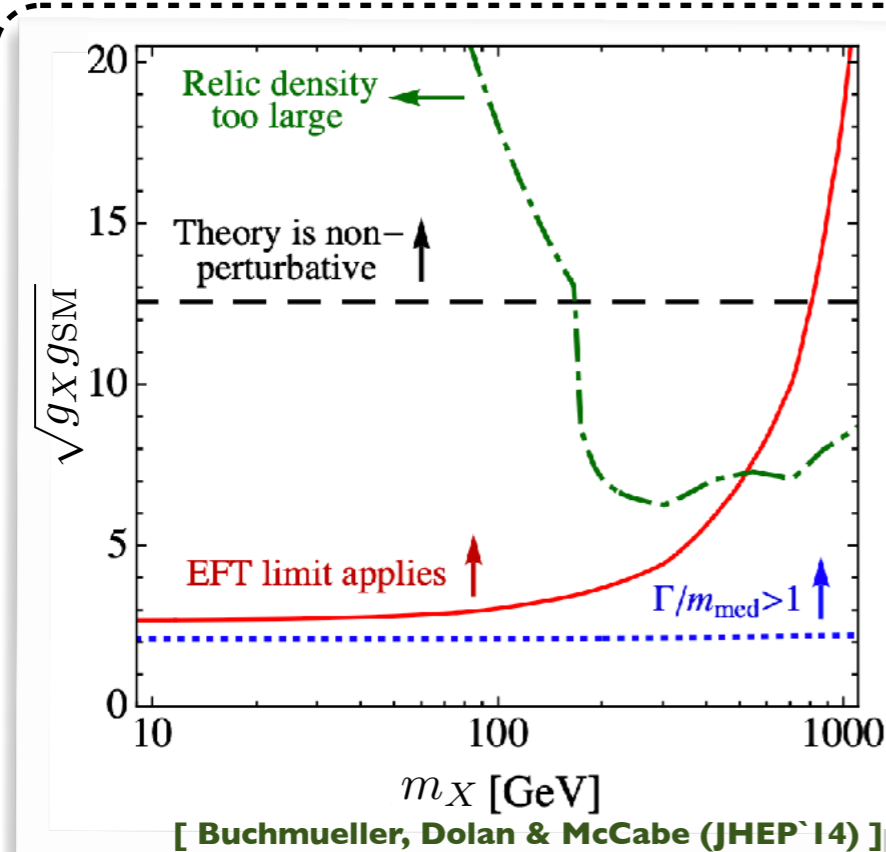
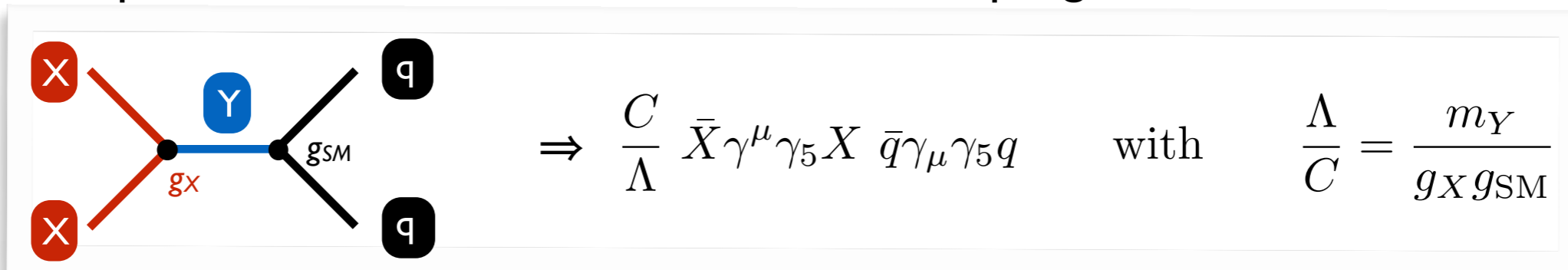


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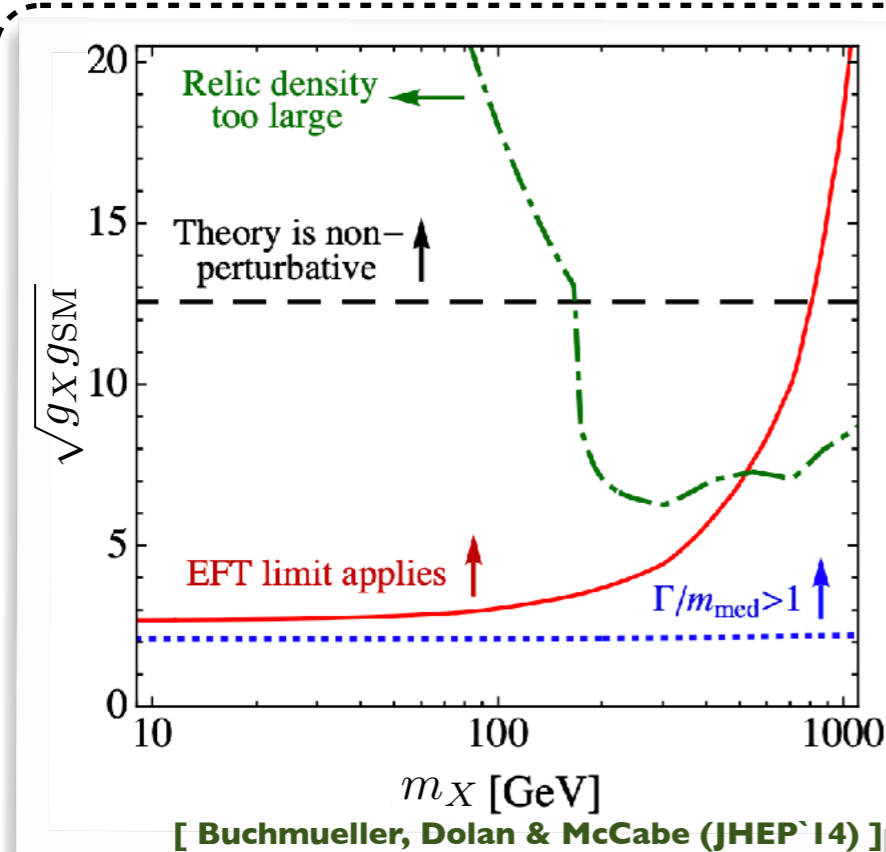
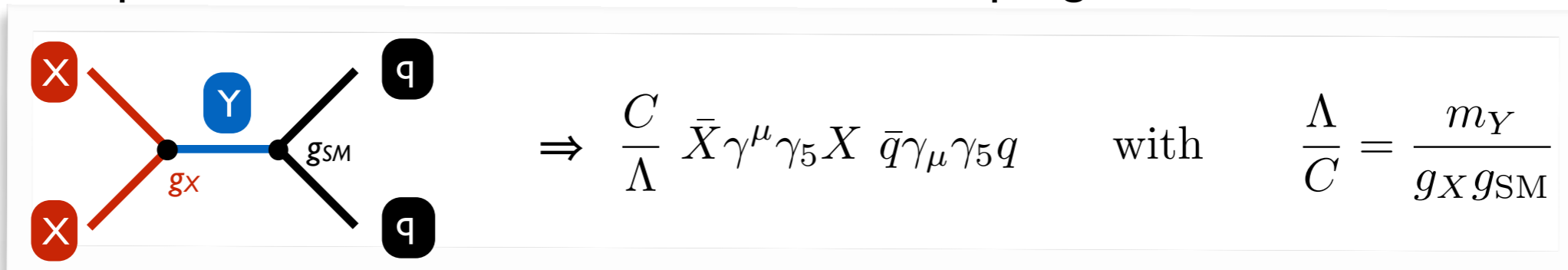
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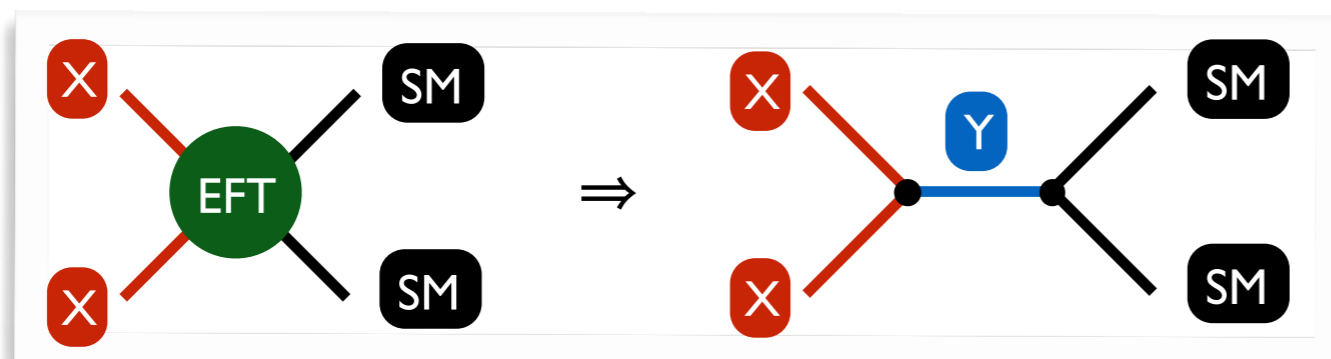
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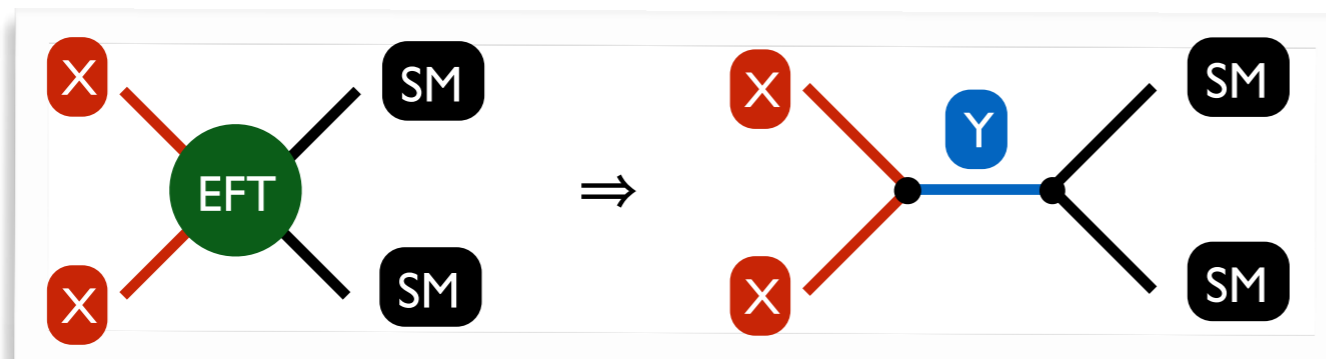
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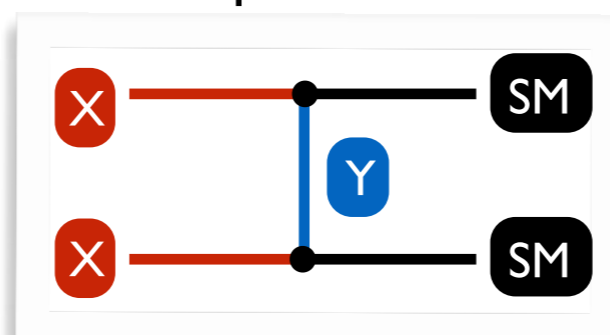
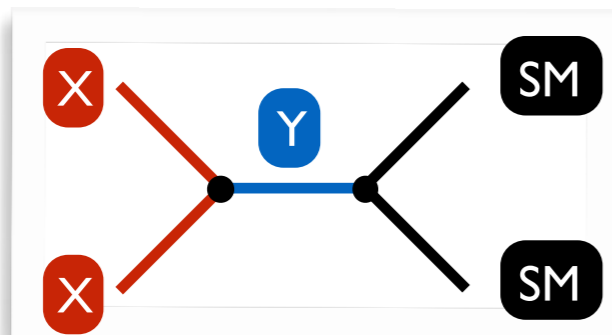
◆ Generic simplified models for dark matter @ LHC

- ♣ **Minimality: SM + 1 DM candidate + 1 mediator (coupling to quarks and gluons)**
 - ★ Representative of different theoretically-motivated new physics scenarios
 - ★ Lack non-minimal features (multiple mediators, multi-component DM, etc.)
 - ★ Beware: **non-minimality can change the picture**

Simplified dark matter models @ LHC

◆ Basic properties of the simplified DM models

- ♣ DM (X) is stable
 - ↪ Odd under some \mathbb{Z}_2 discrete symmetry
 - ↪ SM states even under the same symmetry
- ♣ The mediator (Y) connects DM to quarks/gluons
 - ★ \mathbb{Z}_2 -even: s -channel models ↪ colour singlet and electrically neutral
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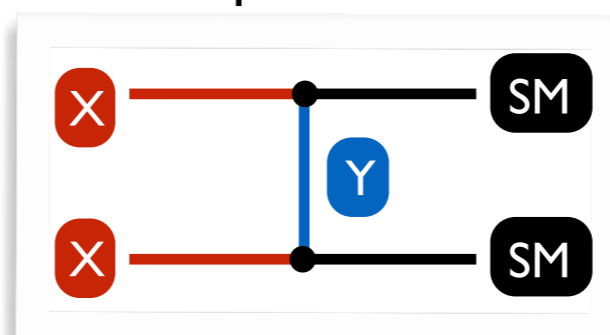
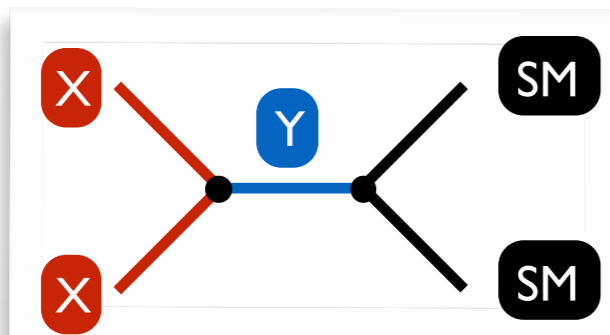
[Arina, BF & Mantani (EPJC'20)]

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◆ Basic properties of the simplified DM models

- ♣ DM (X) is stable
 - ↪ Odd under some \mathbb{Z}_2 discrete symmetry
 - ↪ SM states even under the same symmetry
- ♣ The mediator (Y) connects DM to quarks/gluons
 - ★ \mathbb{Z}_2 -even: s-channel models ↪ colour singlet and electrically neutral
 - ★ \mathbb{Z}_2 -odd: t-channel models ↪ colour triplet and electrically charged



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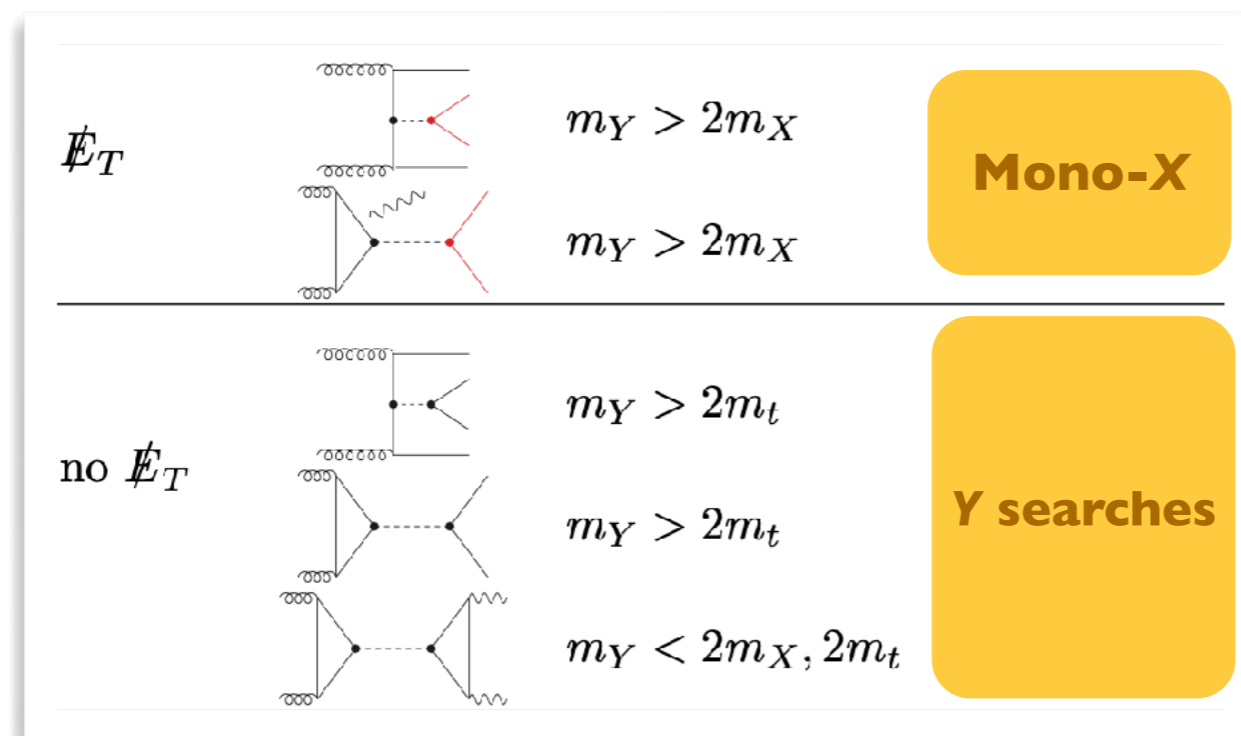
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◆ Free parameters

- ♣ 2 spins: J_X, J_Y
- ♣ $O(10)$ masses
 - ★ 1 DM mass: m_X
 - ★ Several mediators (coupling to different SM generations)
- ♣ Many couplings in the flavour space

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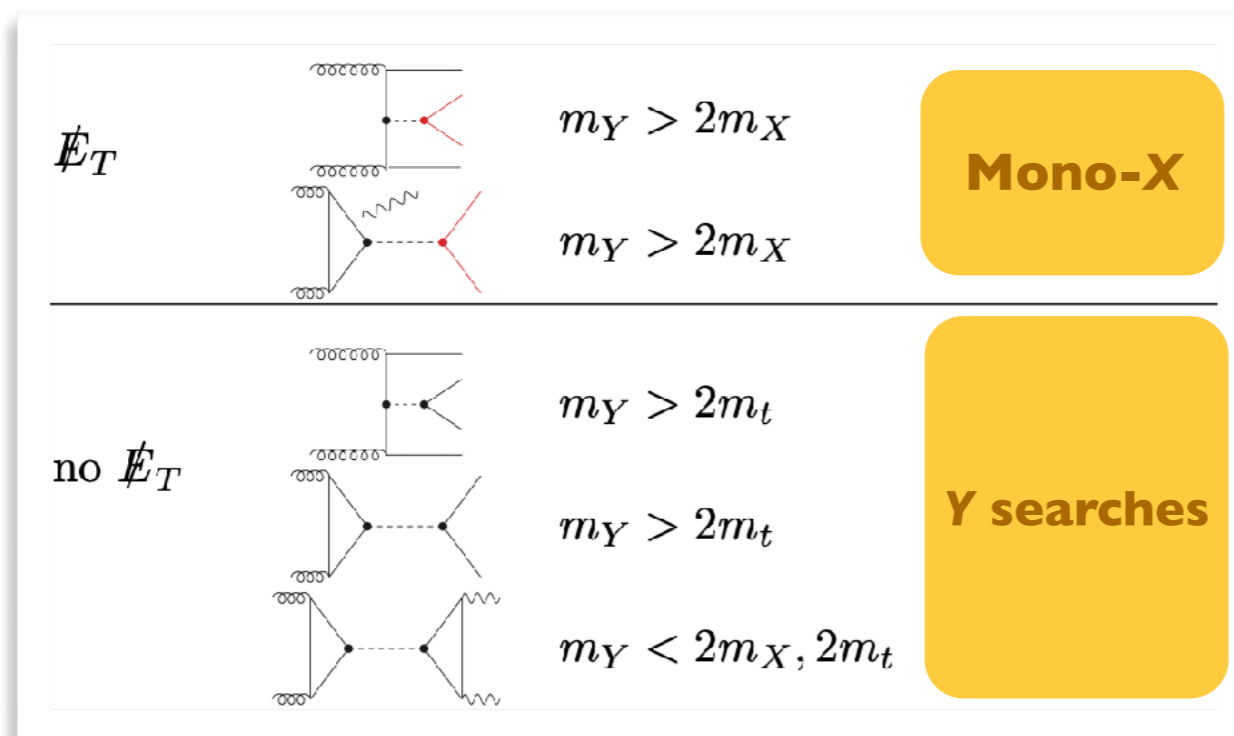
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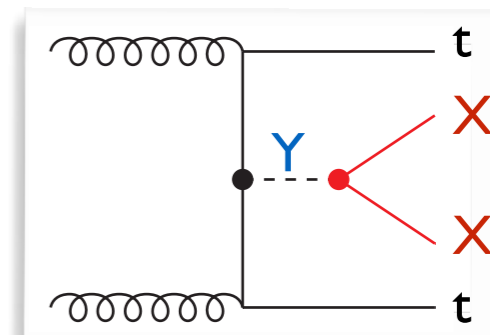
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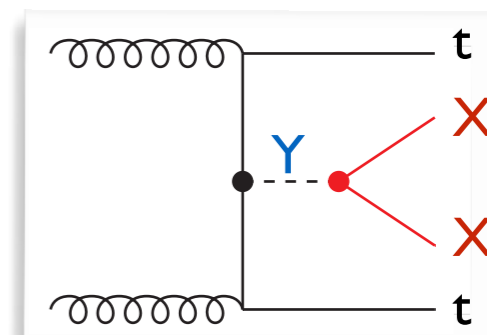


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- ★ $1 \text{ GeV} < m_X < 1 \text{ TeV}$

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♣ Flat likelihood functions in all dimensions

♣ LHC Run I constraints are imposed, **no cosmology bounds**

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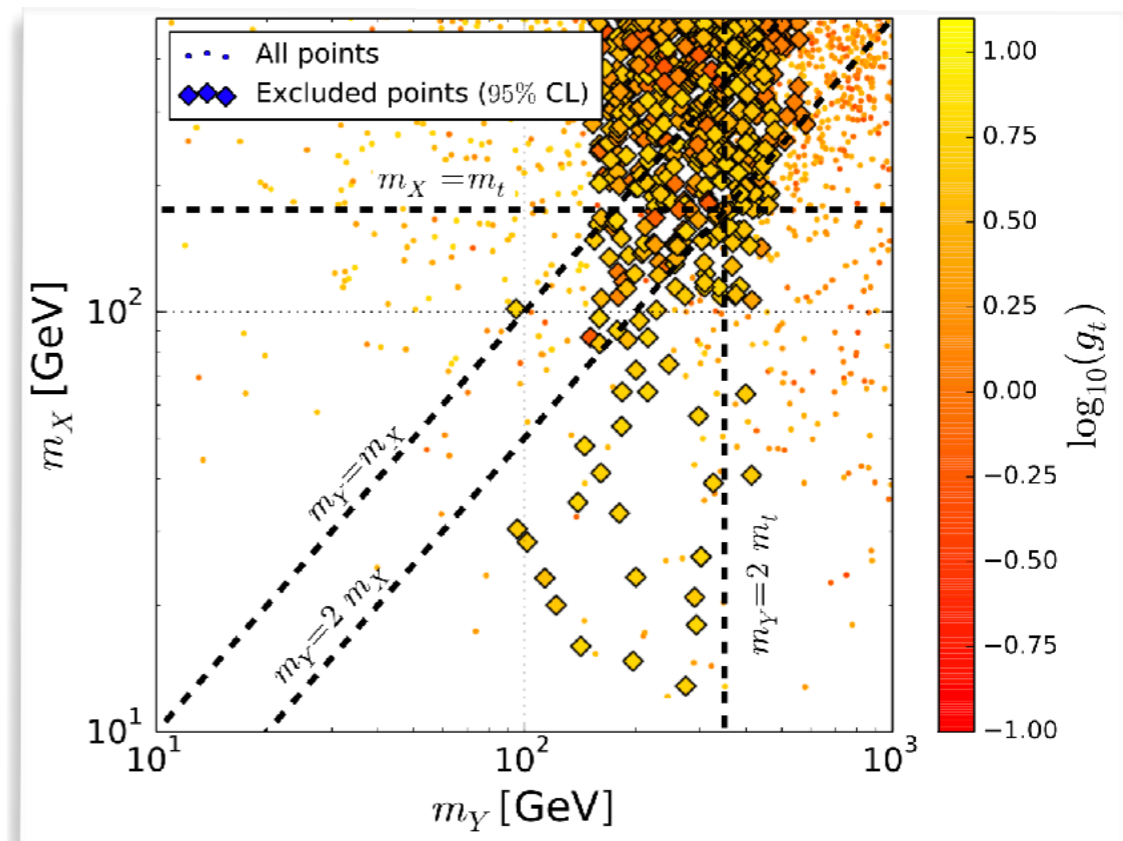
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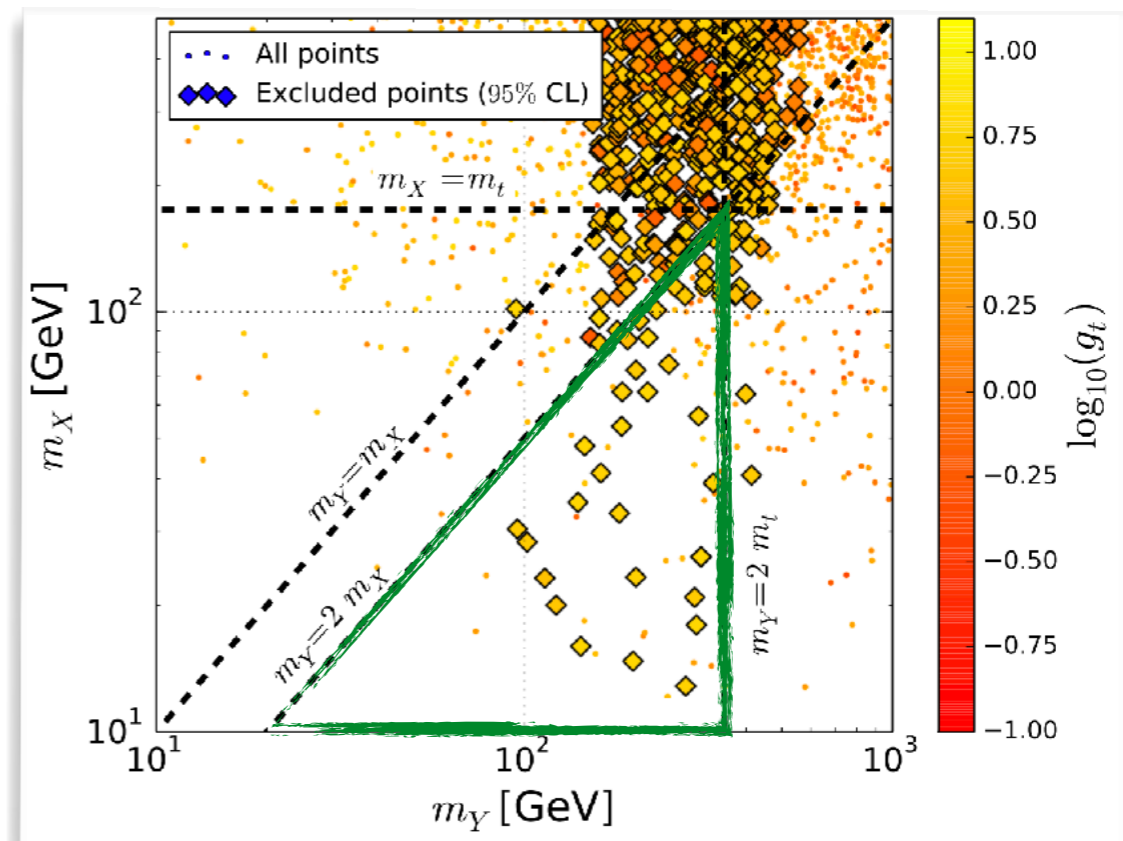
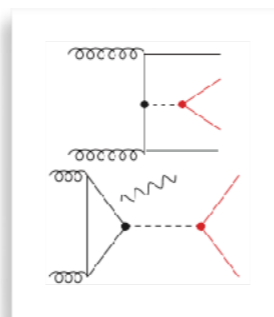
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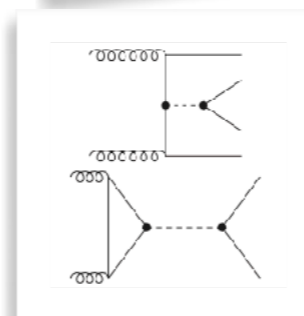
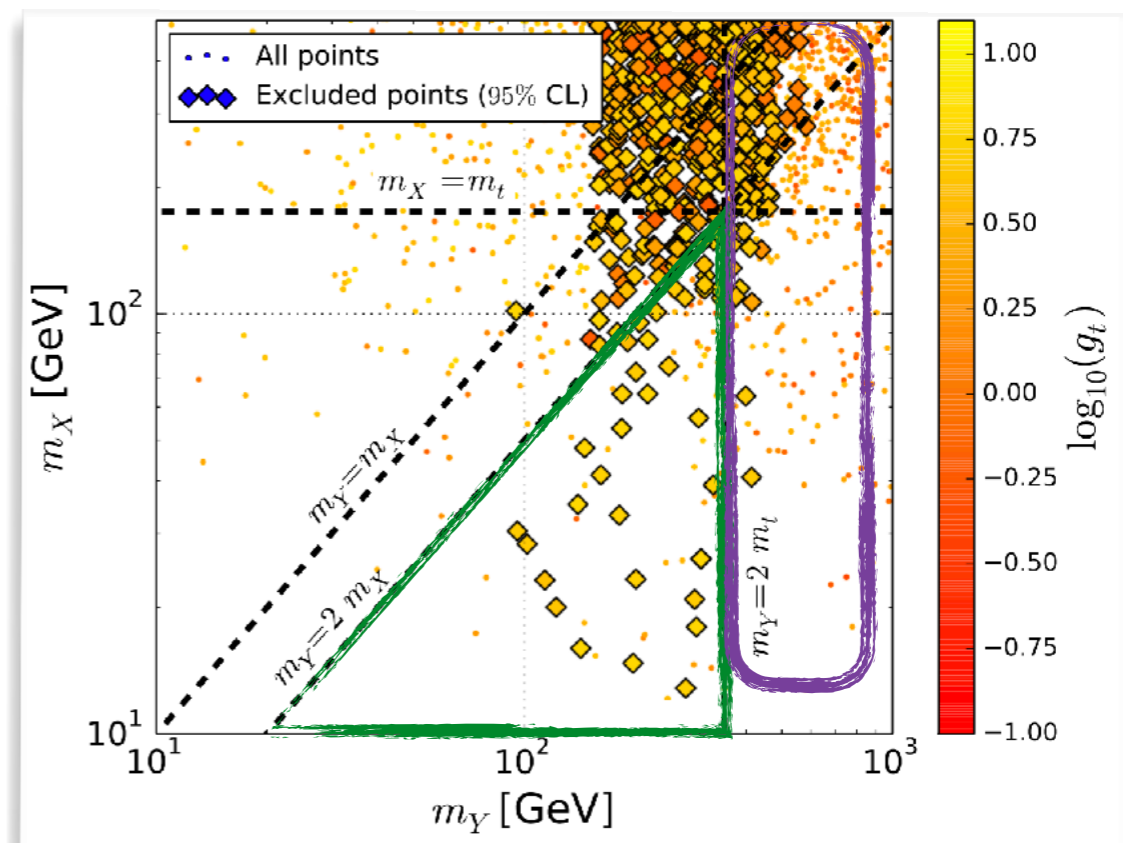
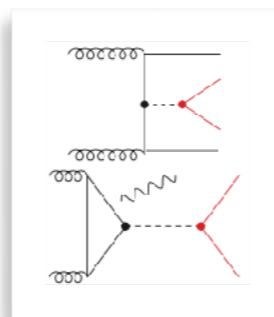
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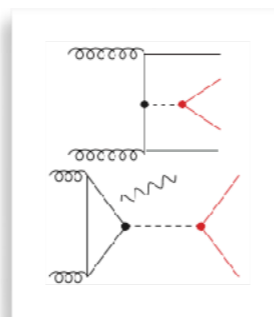
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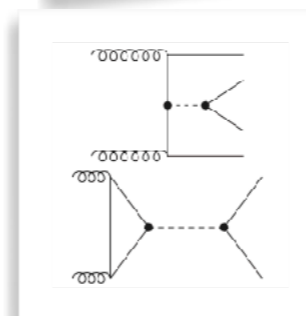
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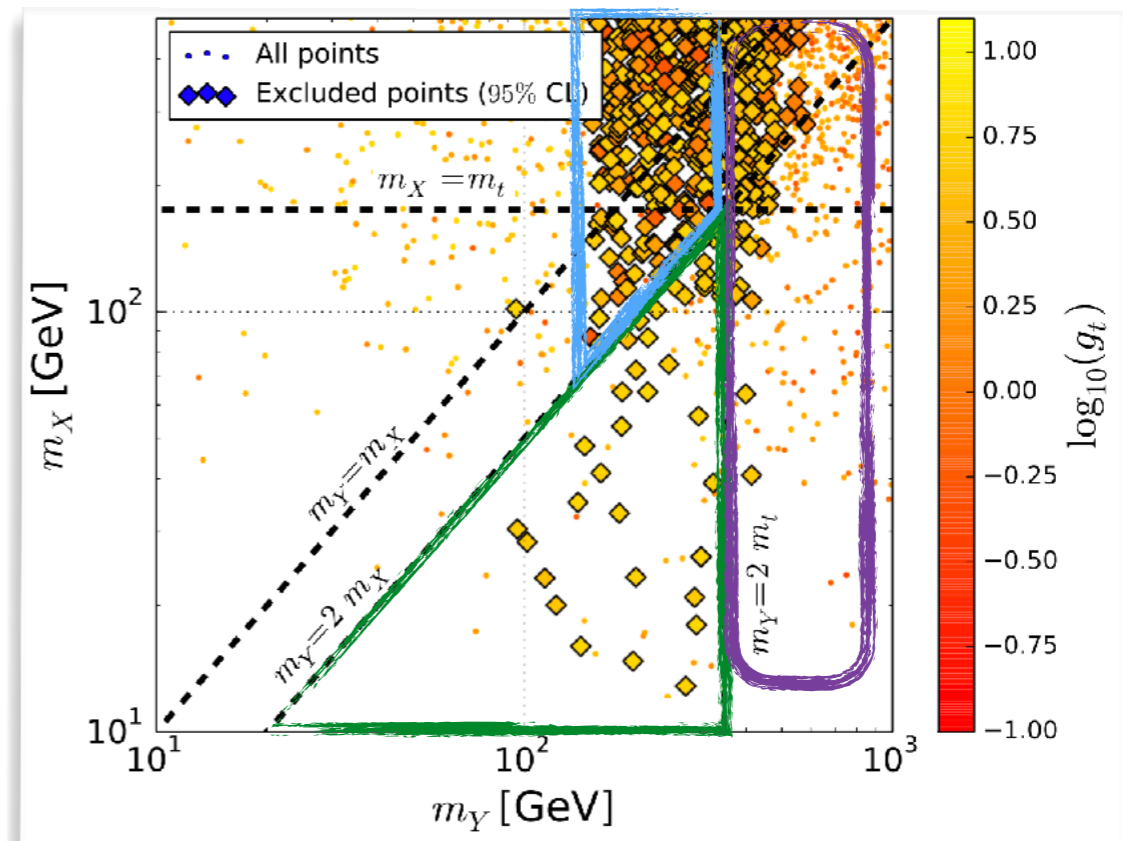
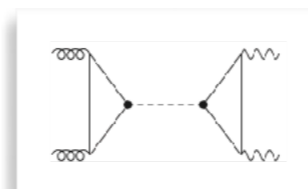
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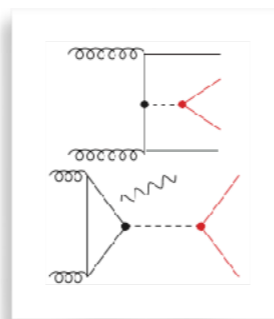
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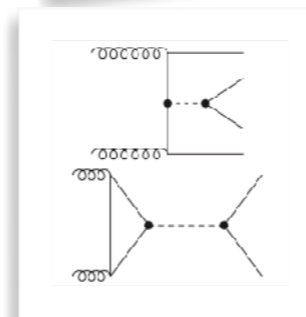
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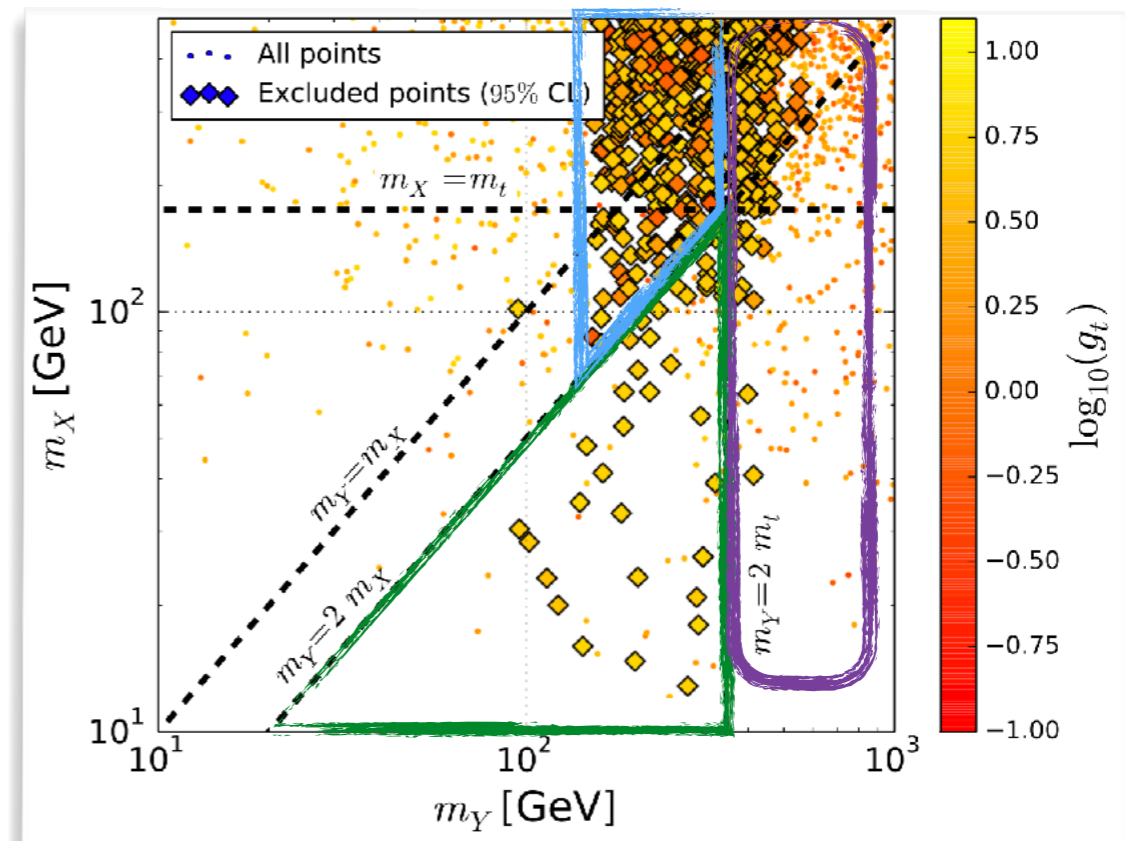
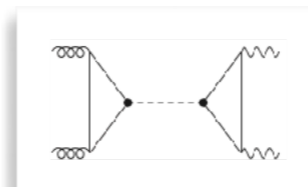
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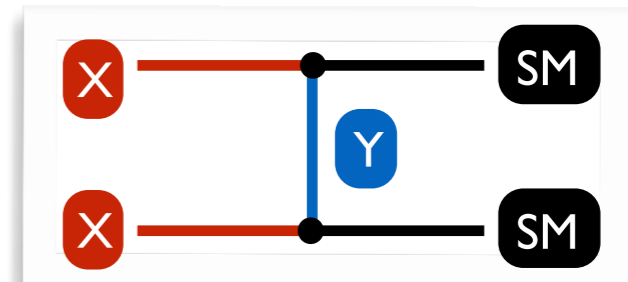
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 - ♣ **Recasting with public tools**
 - ★ Many ATLAS and CMS searches for new physics
 - ★ Interpretation within popular frameworks and simplified models
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**Dark matter
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The t -channel case**

t -channel models at colliders

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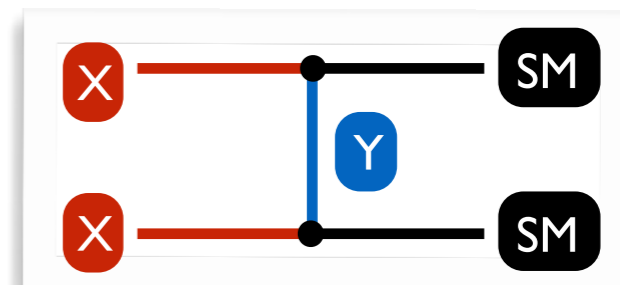
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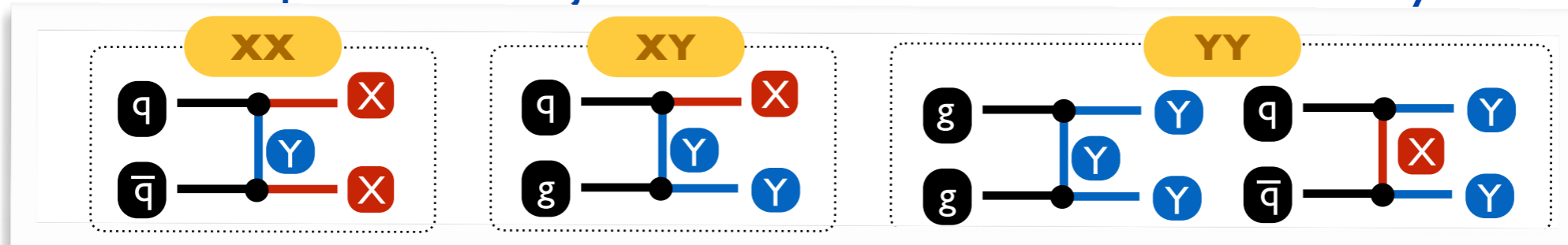
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◆ 3 classes of processes \sim jets from radiation or mediator decays



- ♣ Signal less naive than considering XX production only
 - ★ DM pair production
 - ★ DM/mediator associated production (with mediator decays into DM+jet)
 - ★ Mediator pair production (with mediator decays into DM+jet)
- ♣ Mediator pair-production: t -channel and QCD contributions
 - ★ Model-dependent relative dominance \rightarrow couplings, masses
 - ★ Mixed order situation
 - ★ Interference issue

Recasting ATLAS mono-jet search (36/fb)

◆ CLs exclusion from the best region (1 TeV mediator; 150 GeV DM)

Process	CL_s [LO]	E_T^{miss} constraint	CL_s [NLO]	E_T^{miss} constraint
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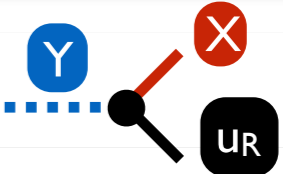
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- ❖ **NLO** simulations are crucial
 - ★ Modification of the rates (larger yields) and shapes (different best region)
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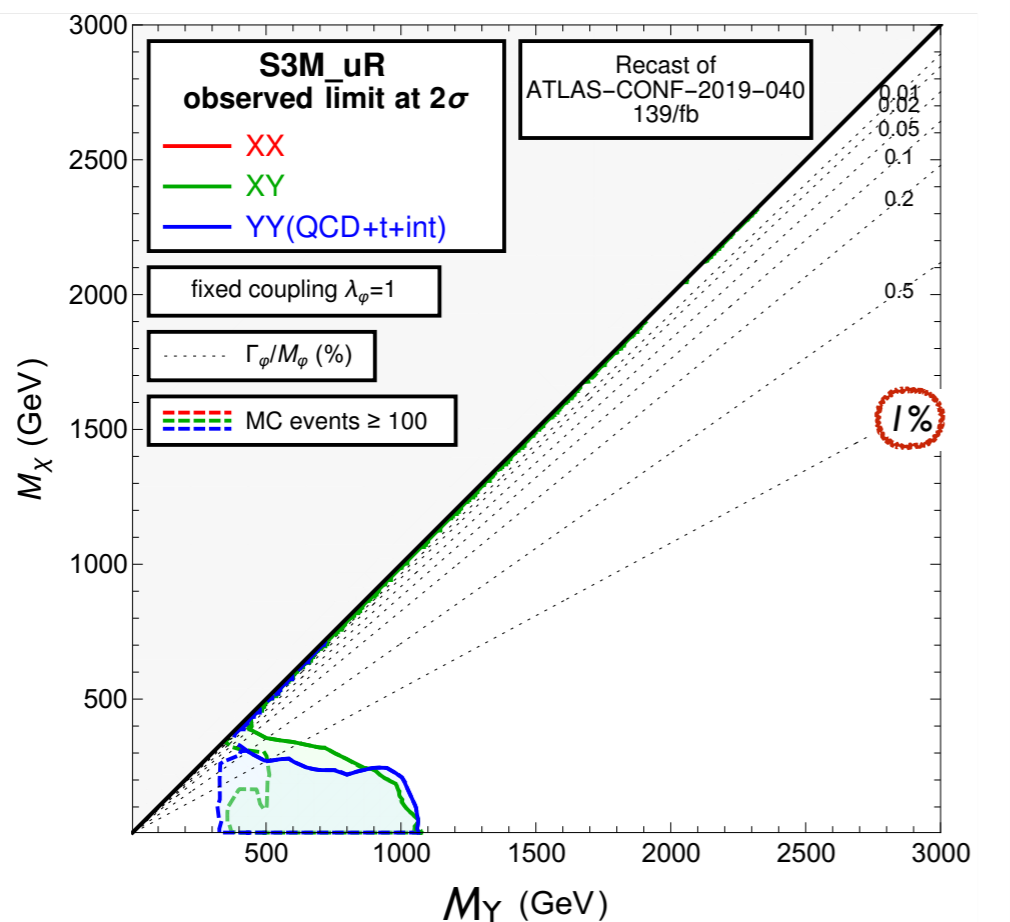
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Recast: ATLAS multi-jet + MET search

♣ 139/fb

♣ Mono-jet-like and multi-jet + MET regions

Signal component complementarity

♣ DM production is irrelevant

♣ YY and XY production: comparable reach

~ M_Y below 1 TeV

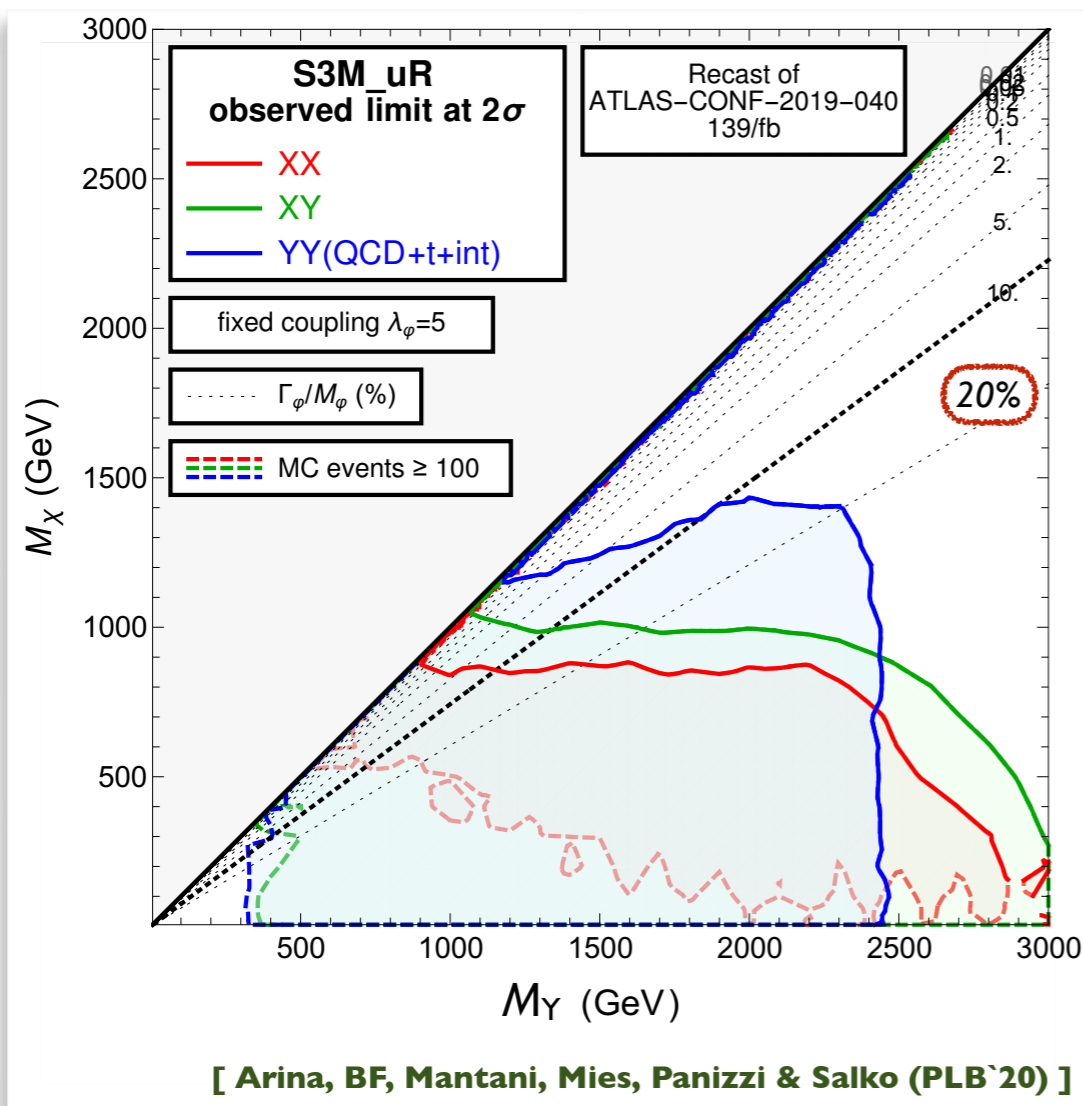
~ M_X below few hundred GeV

~ Mild coverage of the parameter space

♣ The width of the mediator can play a role

~ especially for larger λ values

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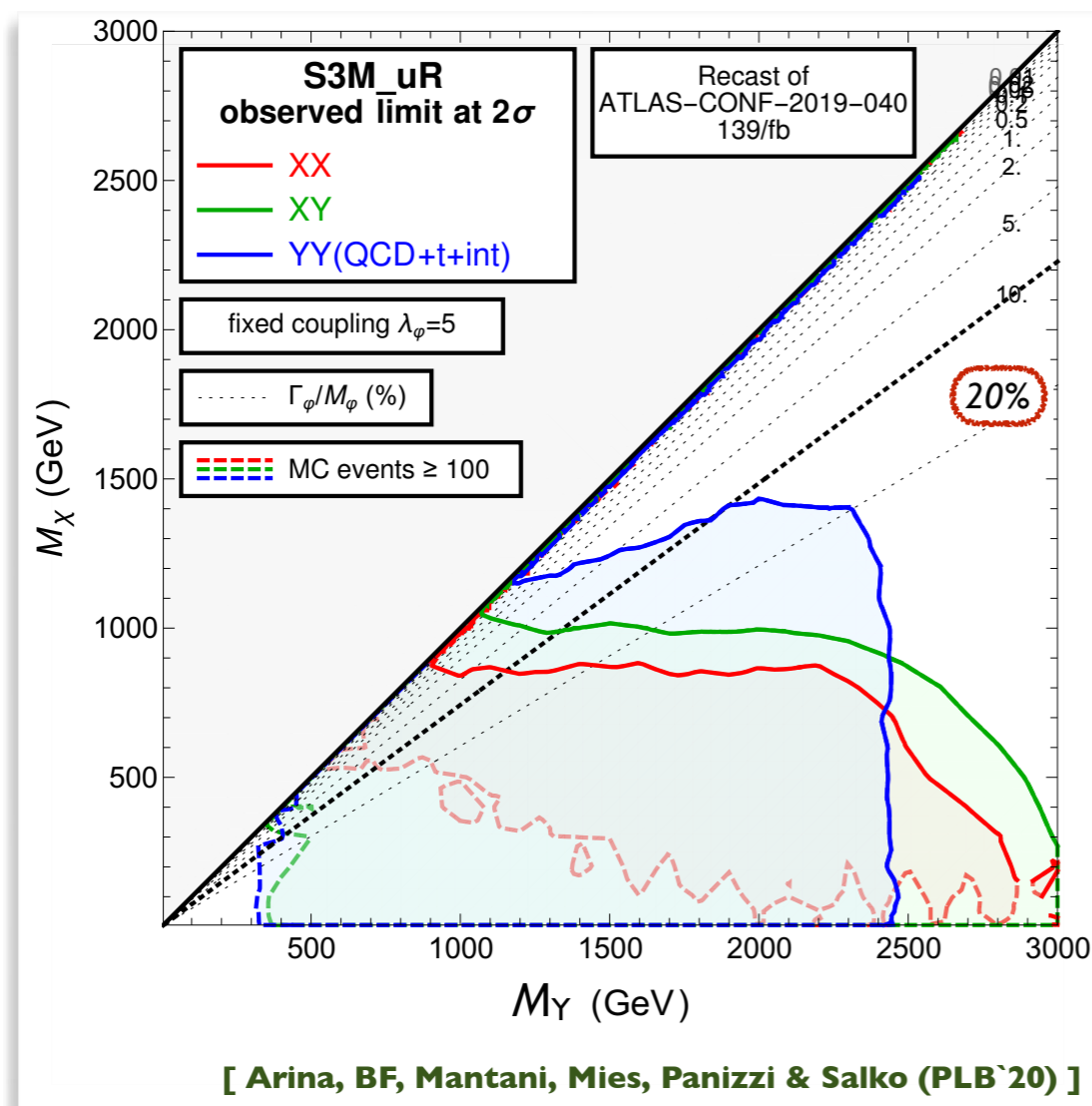
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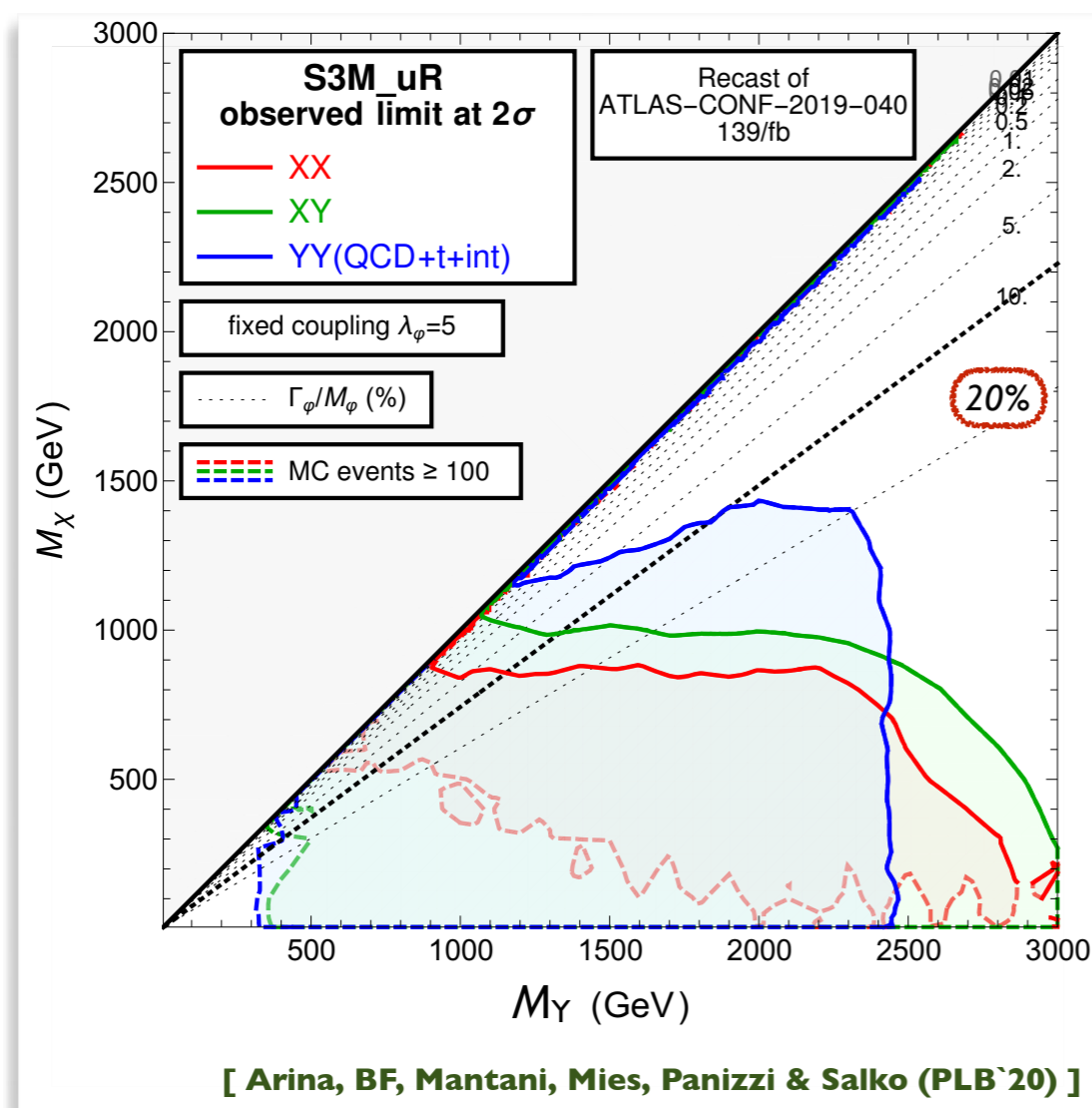
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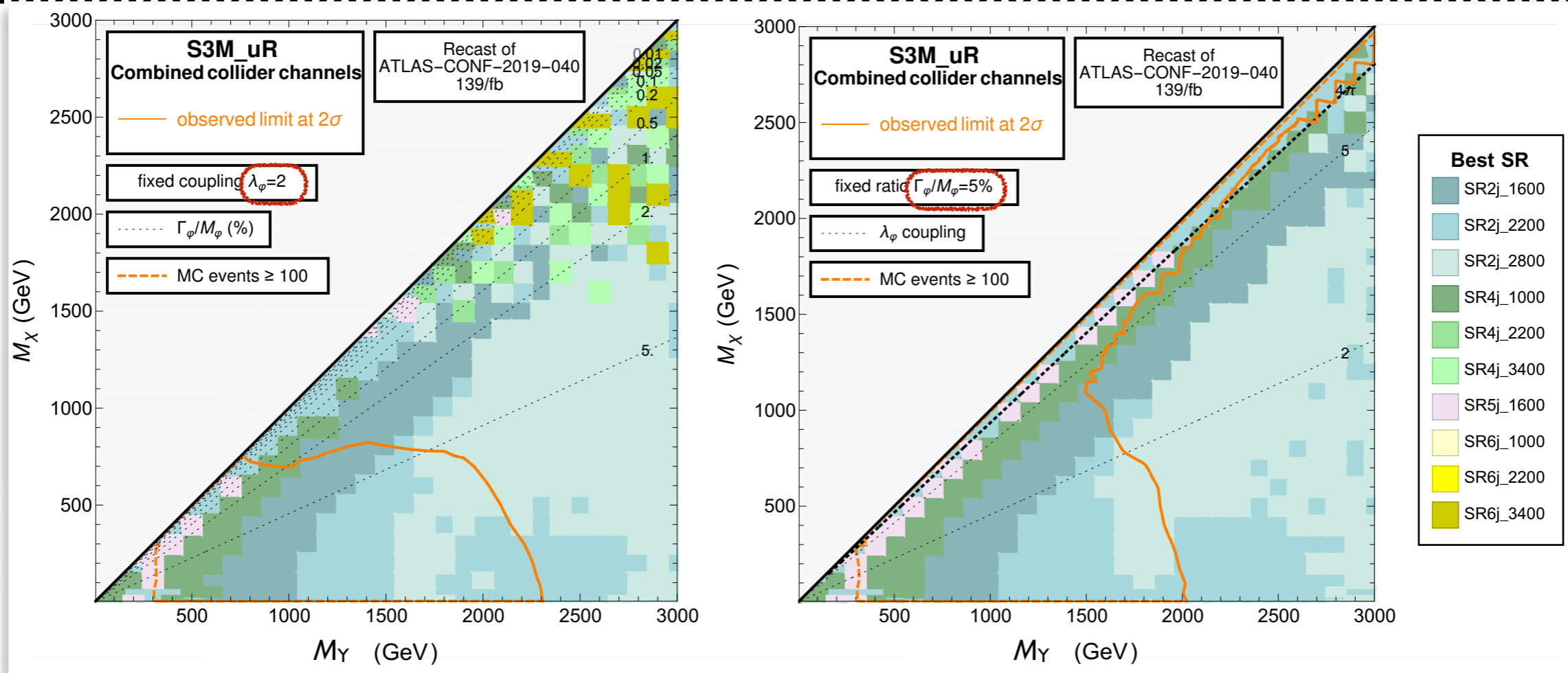
→ XY: medium N_j , hard and softer jets

→ YY: large N_j , hard jets

♣ Dedicated regions for all cases

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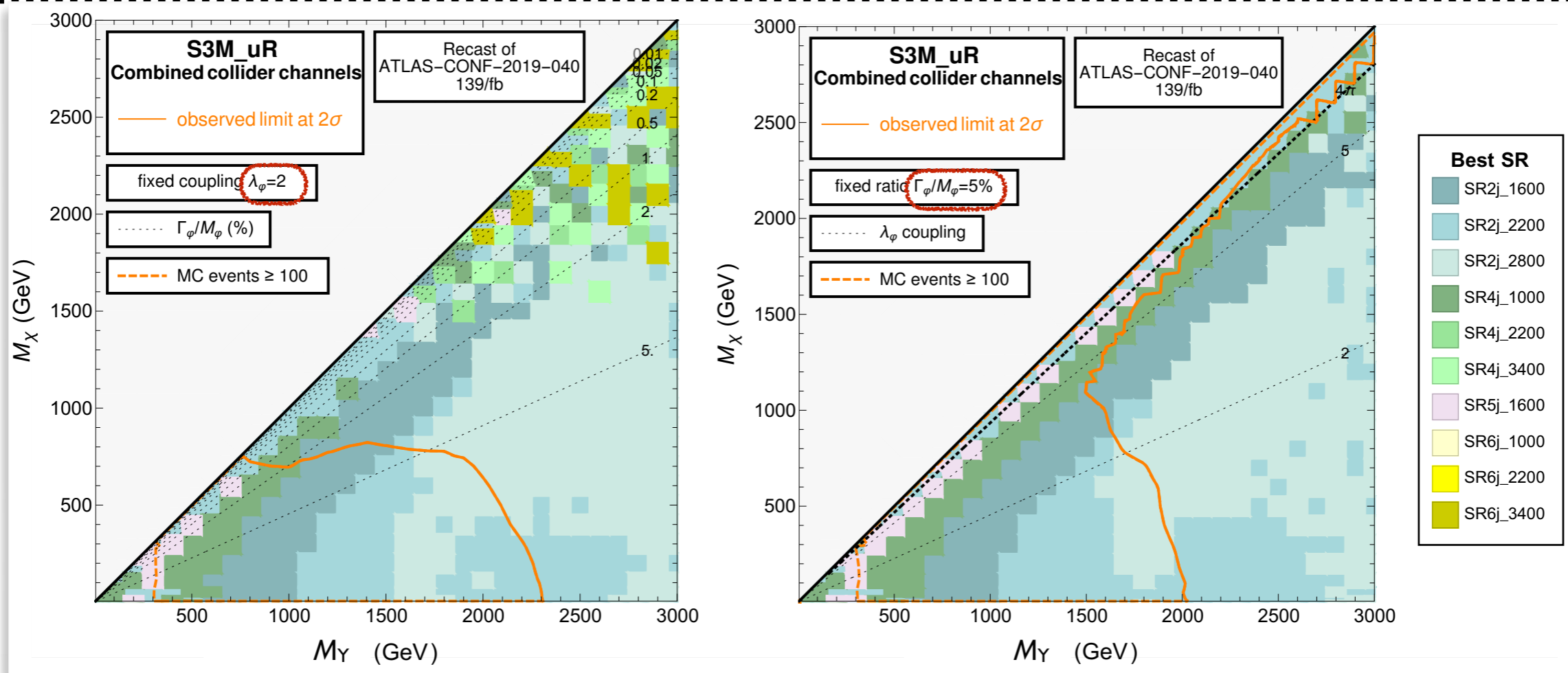
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**Beyond
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Benchmark models

◆ More complex than simplified models

- ❖ A large set of models exist \rightarrow focus on few benchmarks (e.g. supersymmetry)
- ❖ Dedicated searches for those specific benchmarks
 - ★ Simplified models encapsulate characteristics of varied theories

◆ 3 (subjective) examples

- ❖ The Higgs portal model (very few parameters and one new state)
- ❖ Dilaton-induced DM (very few parameters and two new states)
- ❖ Supersymmetry (lots of parameters and new states)

◆ There are many more: dark photons, axions, etc. (not covered here)

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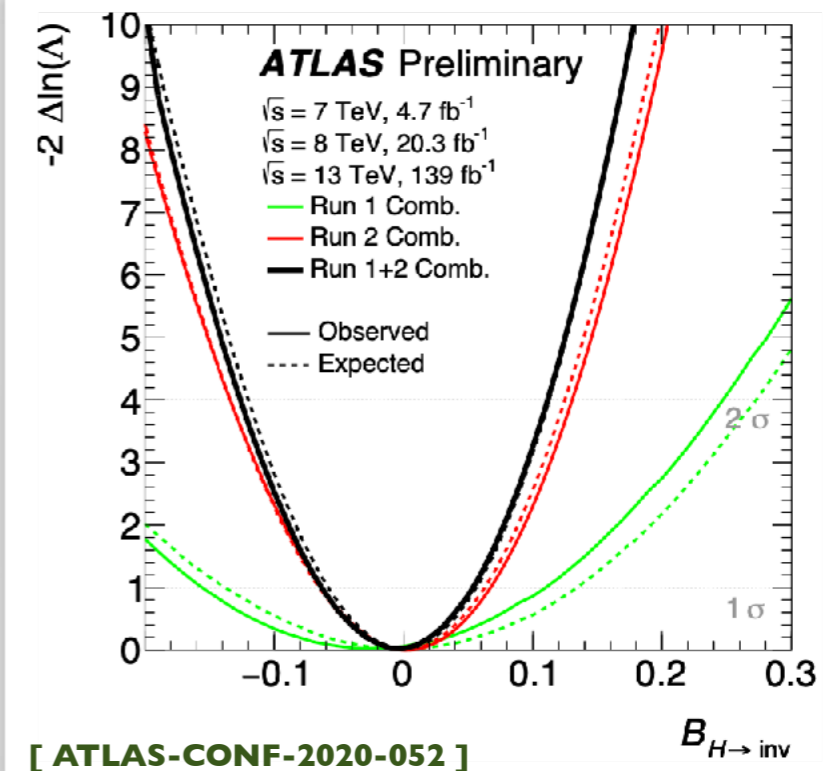
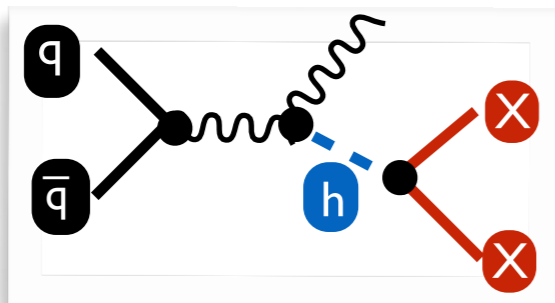
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- ❖ All SM production modes considered (VBF, VH,...)
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 - ★ Full run 2 dataset



2. Dilaton induced DM

◆ A dilaton portal between the SM and dark sector

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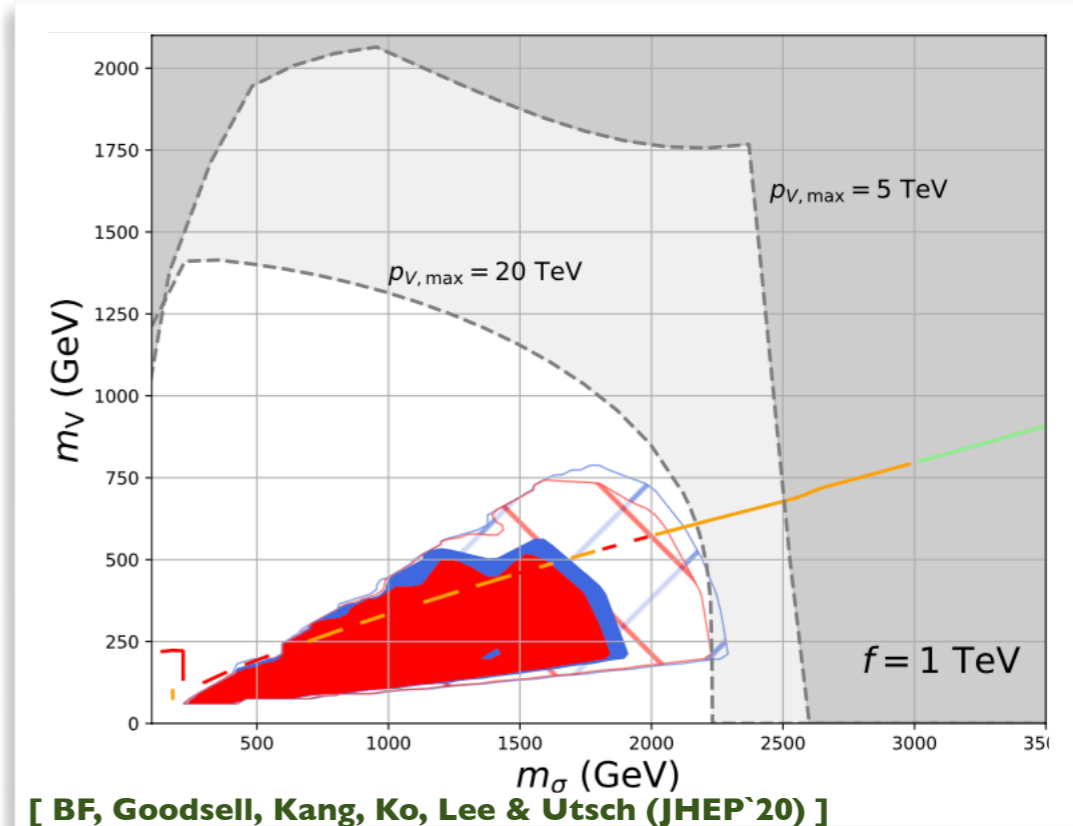
◆ Heavy Higgs searches & correct relic

- ♣ Orange line (excluded)
- ♣ Green line (allowed)

◆ The EFT must be valid

- ♣ Cutoff on the momentum transfers
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$f=1$ TeV is ruled out!



[BF, Goodsell, Kang, Ko, Lee & Utsch (JHEP'20)]

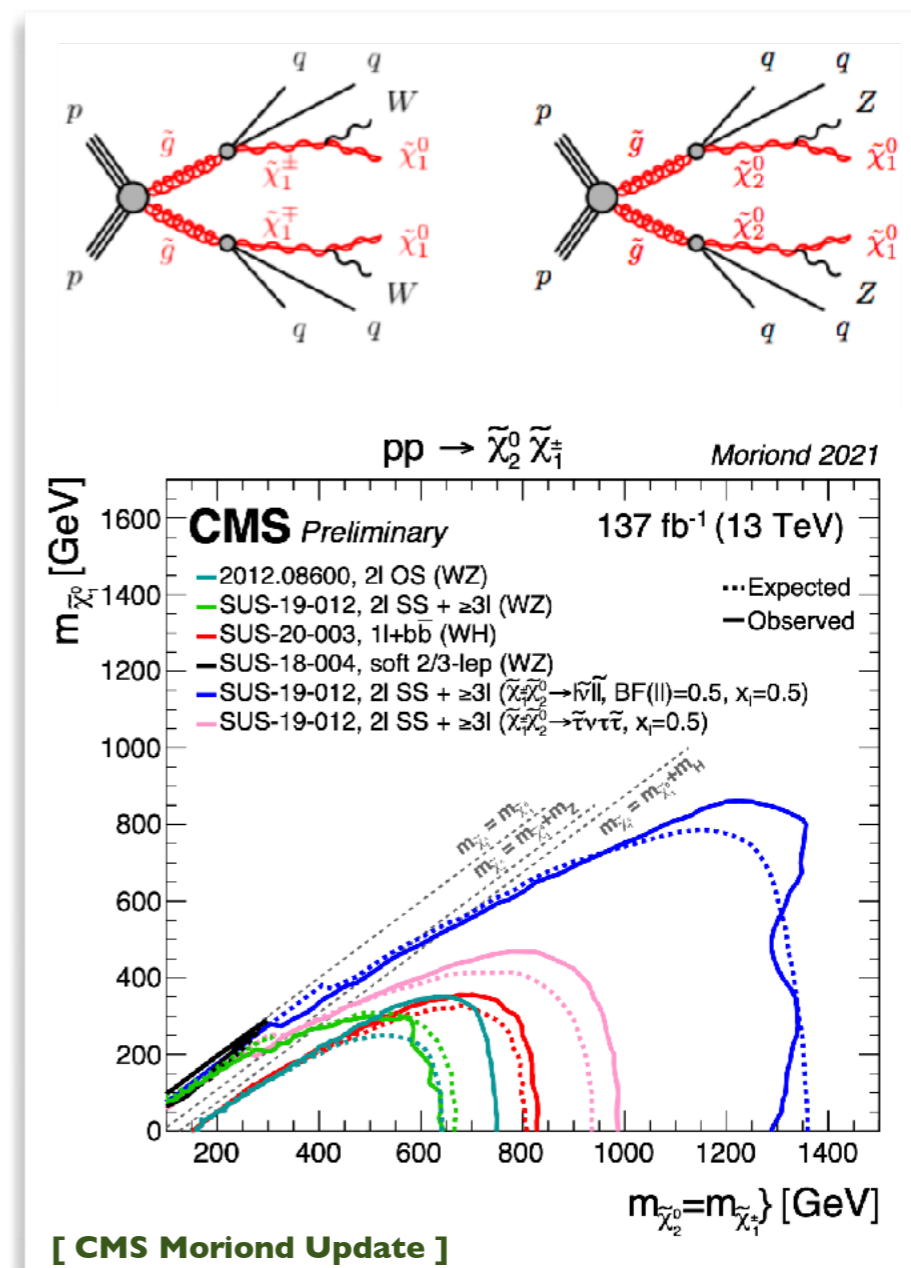
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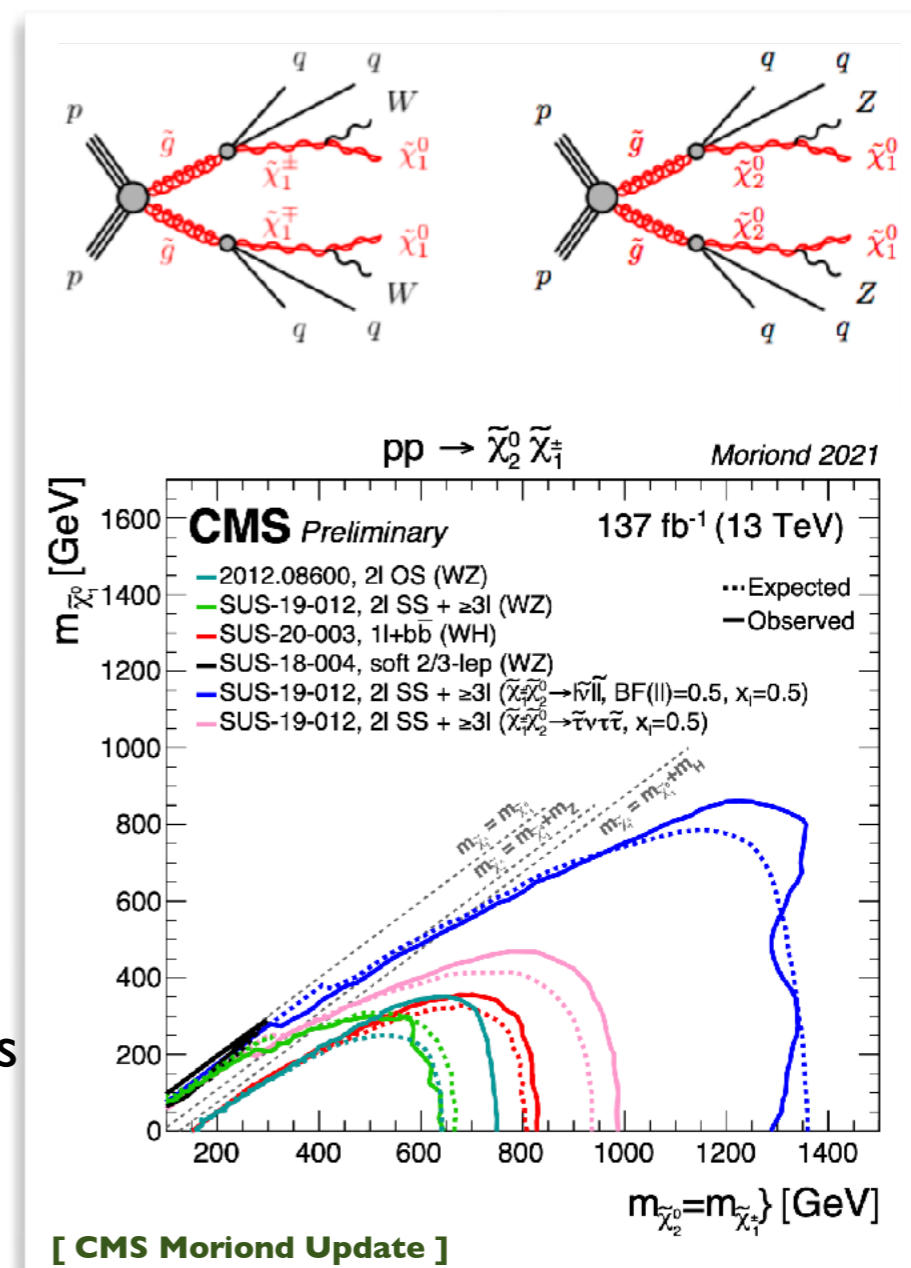
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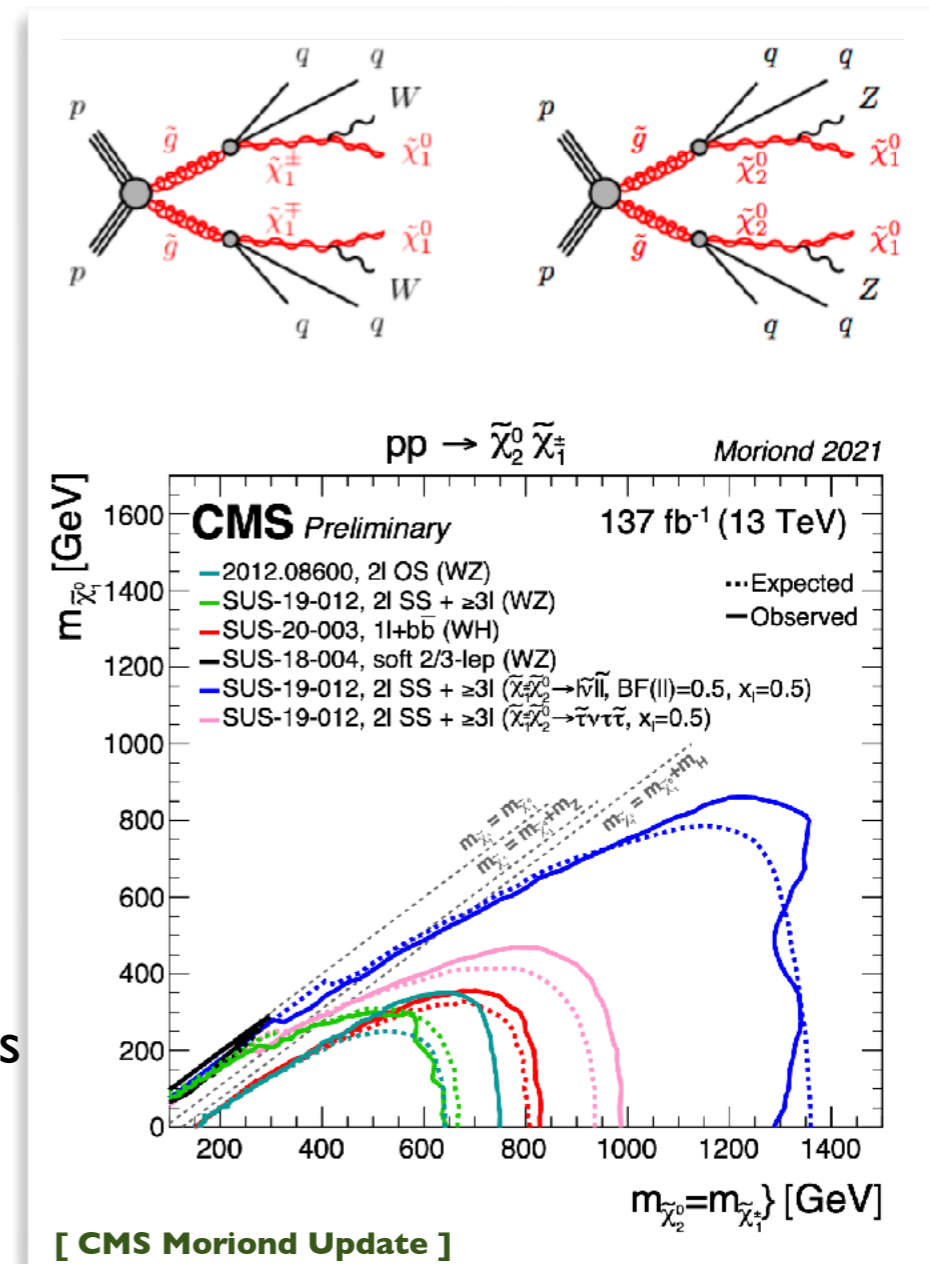
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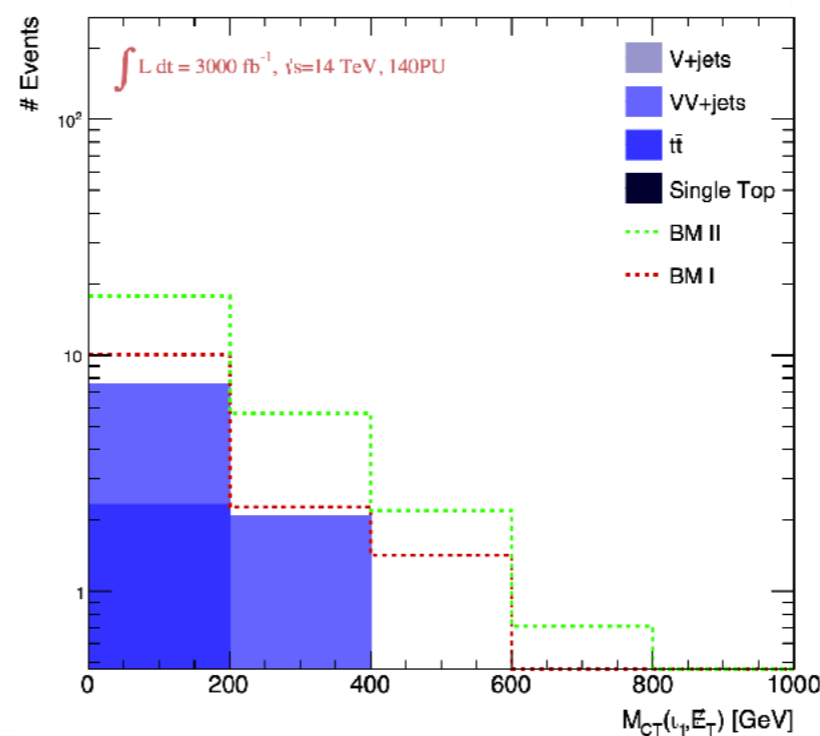
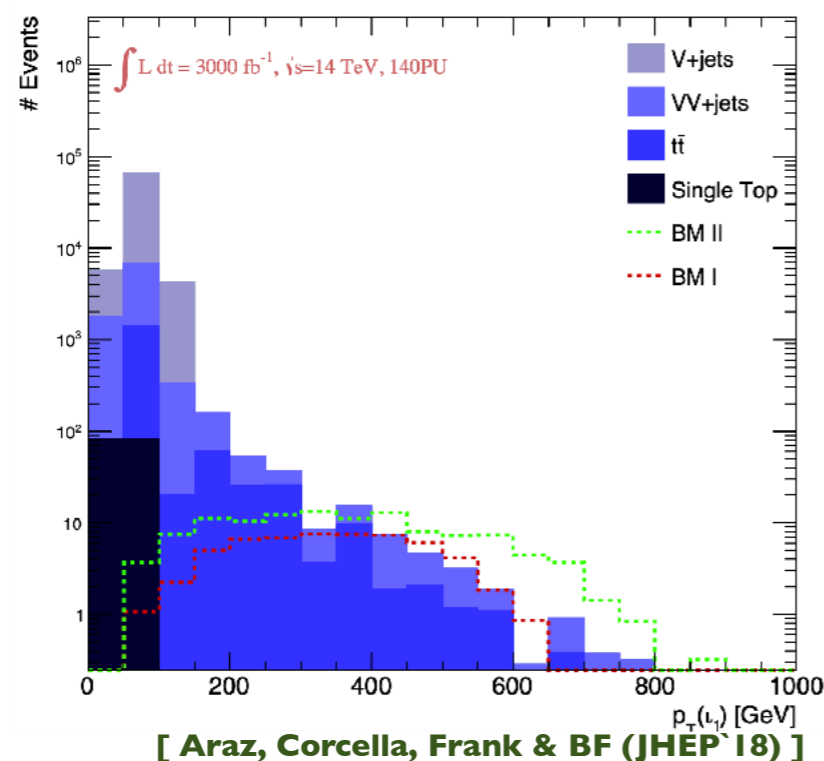
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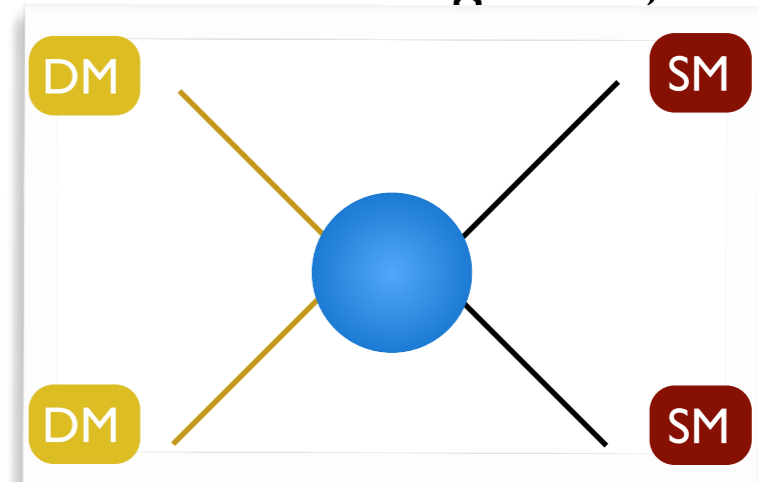
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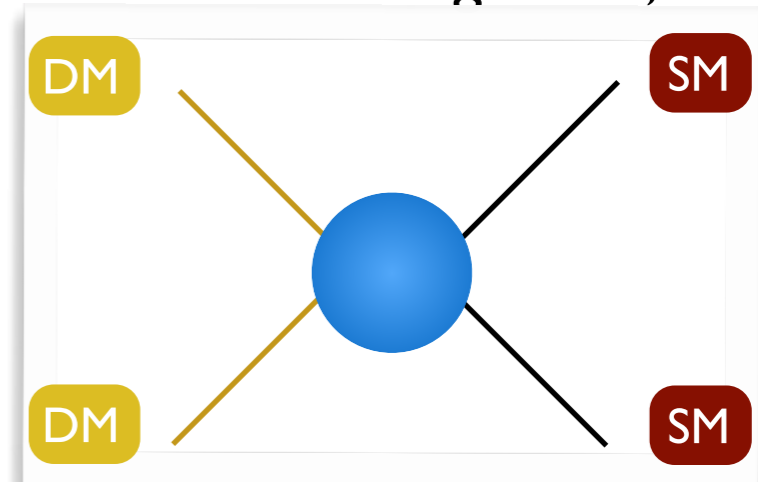
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