

ACCELERATING THE SEARCH FOR DARK MATTER  
WITH MACHINE LEARNING

# INTRO TO THEORY MODELS FOR DARK MATTER

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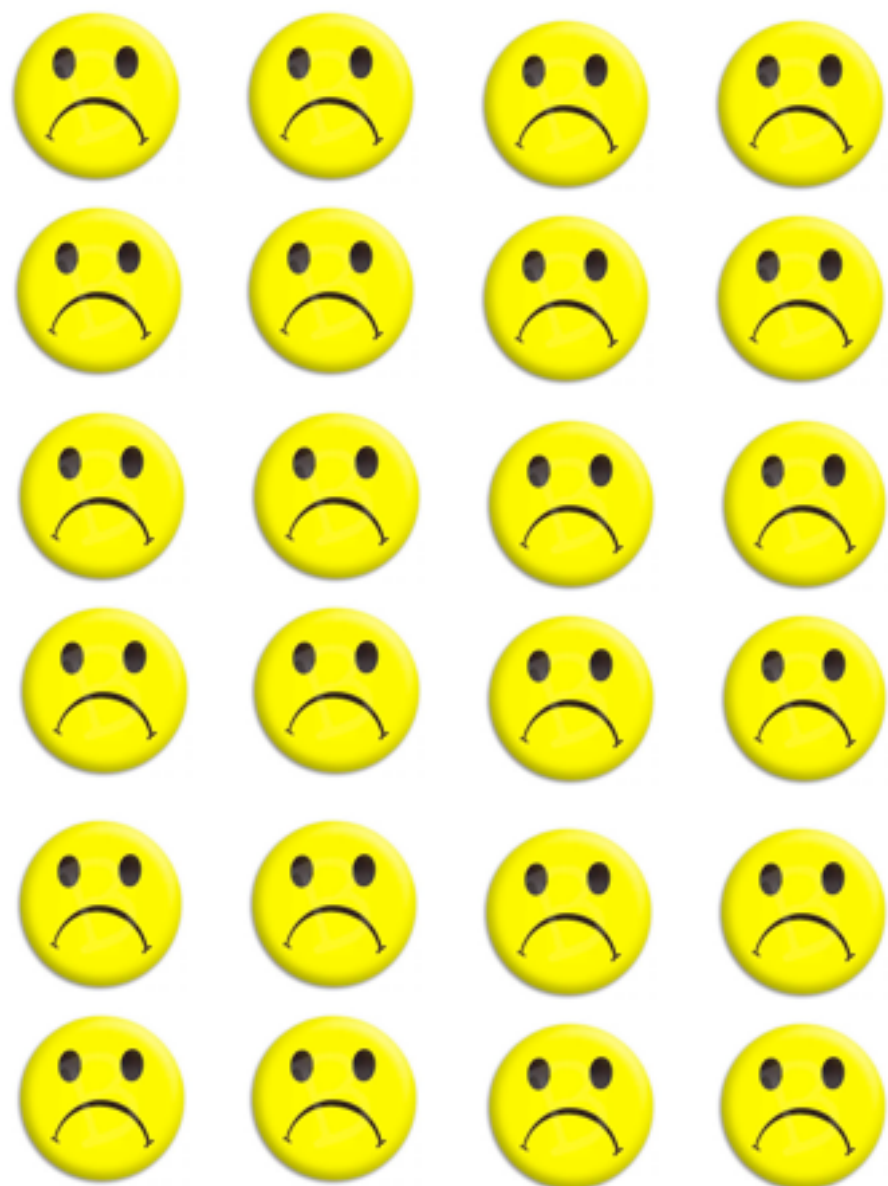
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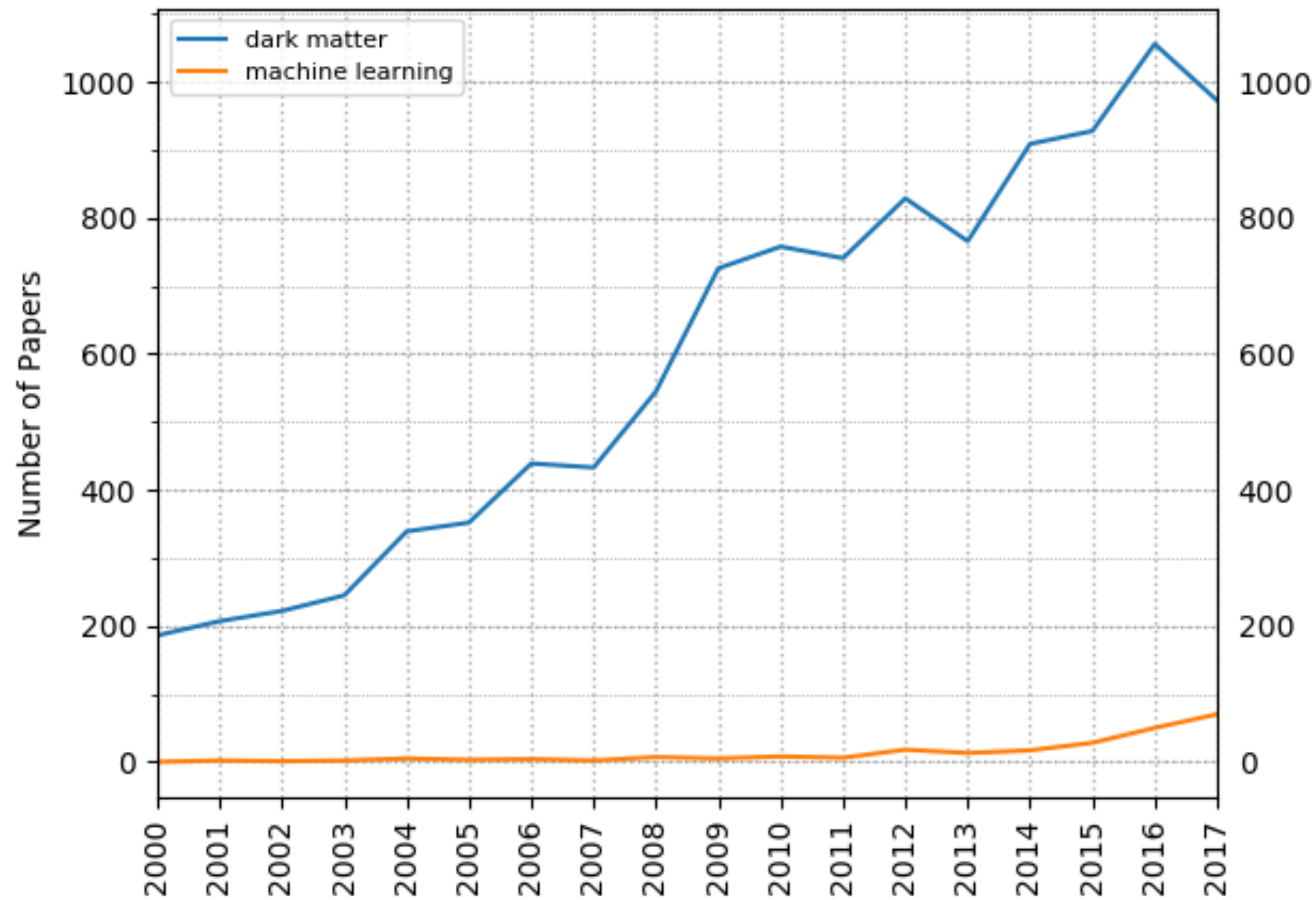
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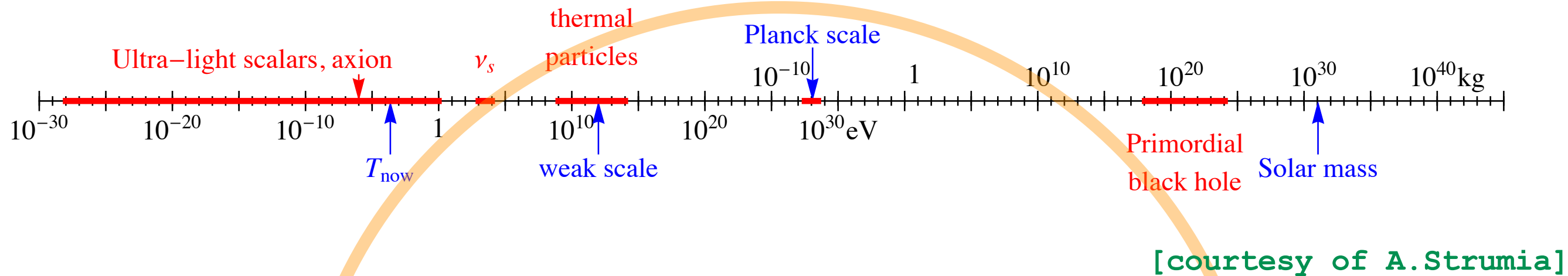


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# .. / Landscape of DM theories



## Dark Matter Models

### Wide landscape of DM models

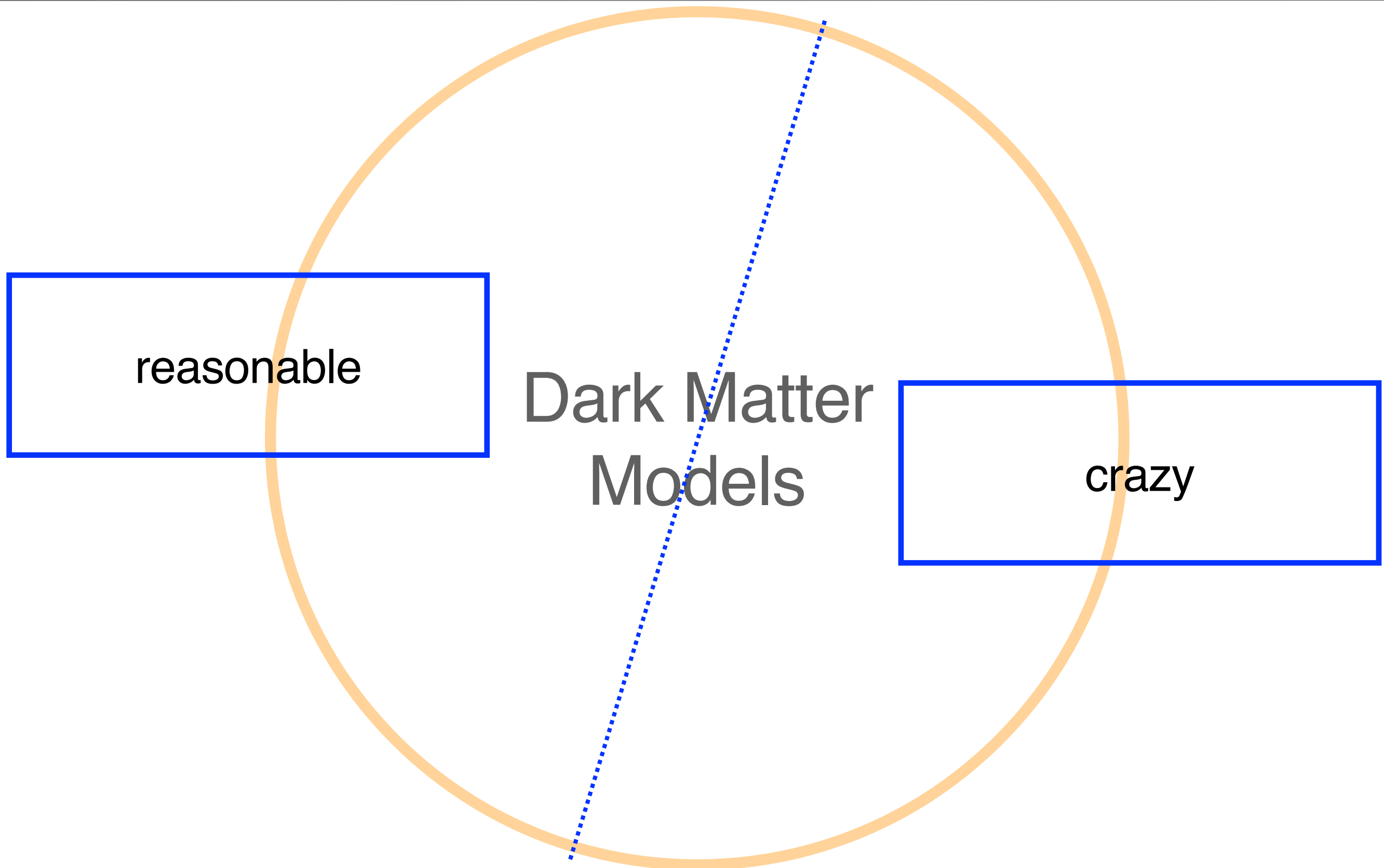
DM masses spanning several orders of magnitude

### No preferred mass scale

we are not sure where to look for DM (unlike e.g. the Higgs)

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top down

models motivated by BSM  
(Beyond the Standard Model)

Dark Matter  
Models

bottom up

Effective Field Theories  
Minimal models  
Simplified models

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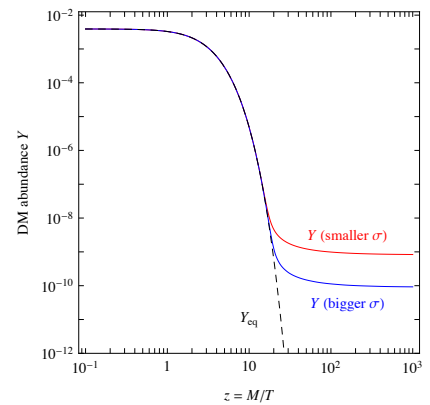


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standard cosmology

thermal production

WIMP  
(Weakly Interacting  
Massive Particles)



Dark Matter  
Models

non-thermal production

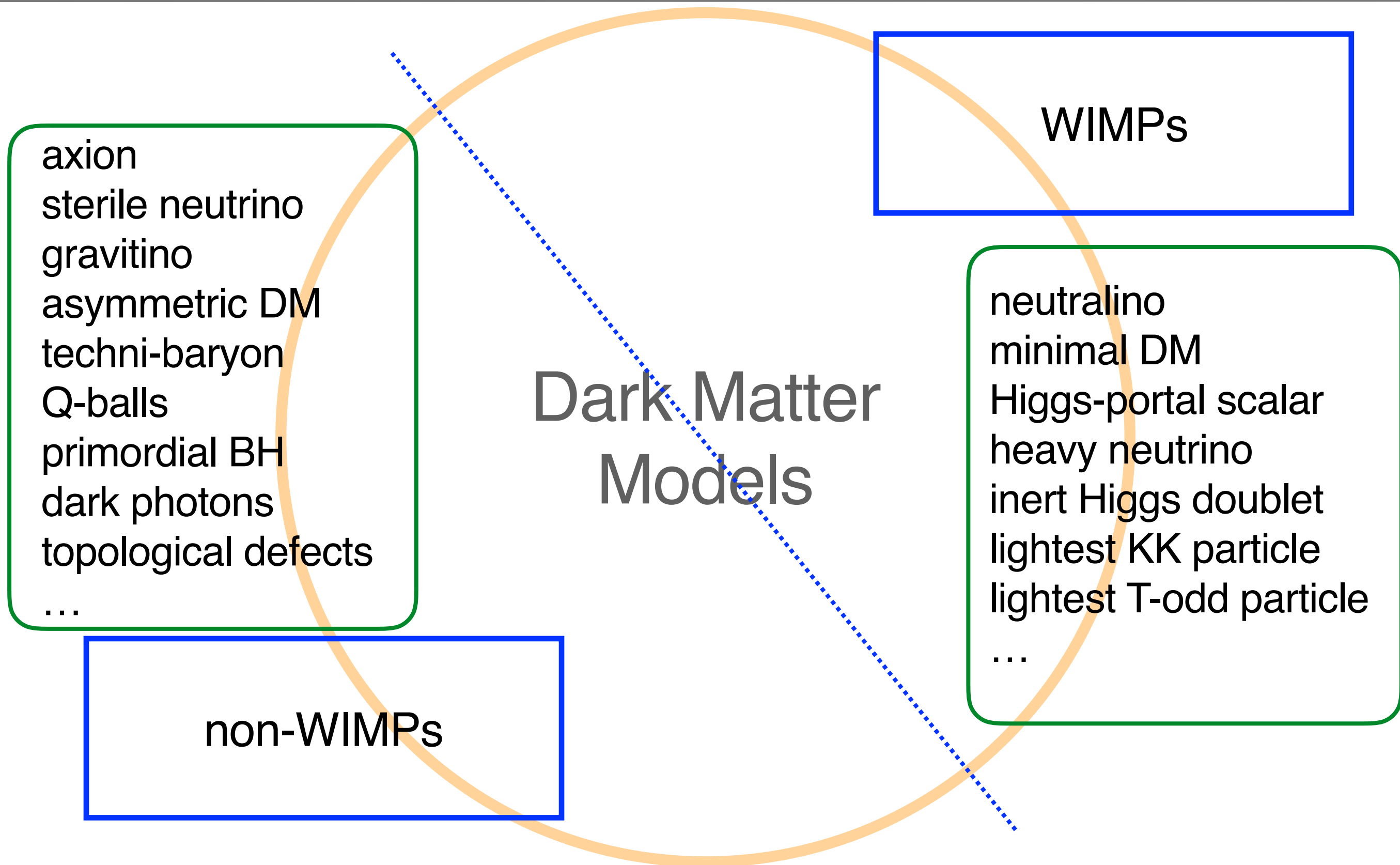
out-of-eq. decay of heavier particles (gravitinos)  
vacuum misalignment (axions)  
oscillations (sterile  $\nu$ )  
gravitational mechanism (WIMPzillas)

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non-standard  
cosmology

low reheating T  
modification of H

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### - for WIMPs

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**disclaimer:  
personal picks**

## 2. Simpler models (for WIMPs)

## 3. Machine learning mumbo jumbo

# ... / Models for WIMPs

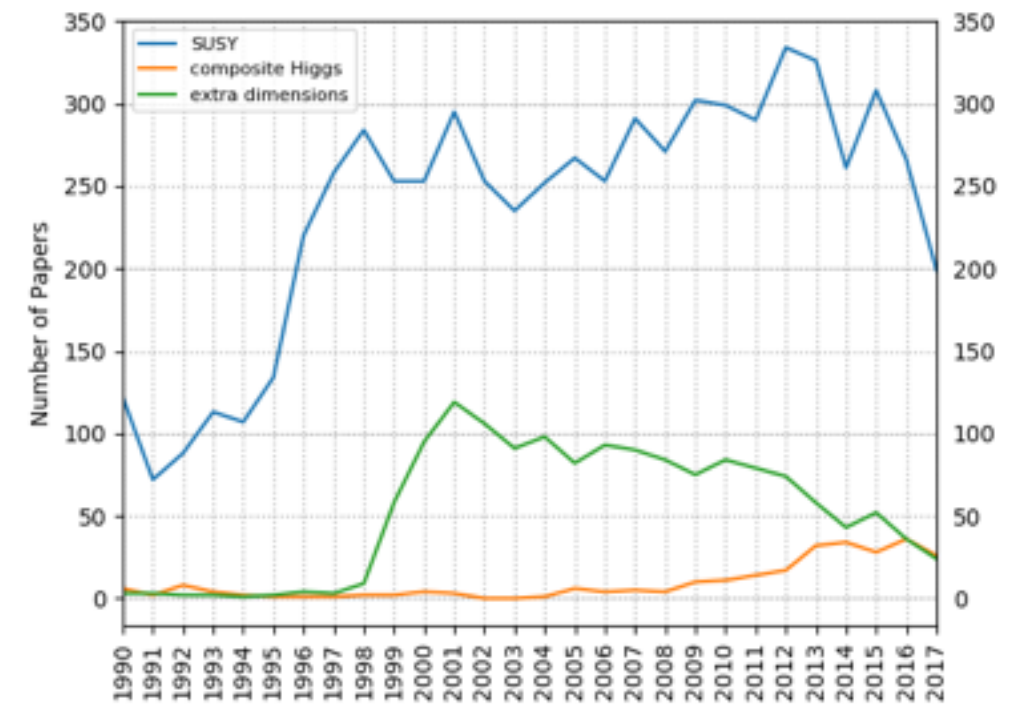
## Ingredients for a WIMP recipe:

- massive particle in 1 GeV — 100 TeV range
- weak interactions with the SM
- thermal freeze-out in the early universe

## Motivated by hierarchy problem

[Van Beekveld's talk]

Supersymmetry, composite Higgs,  
extra dimensions, ...



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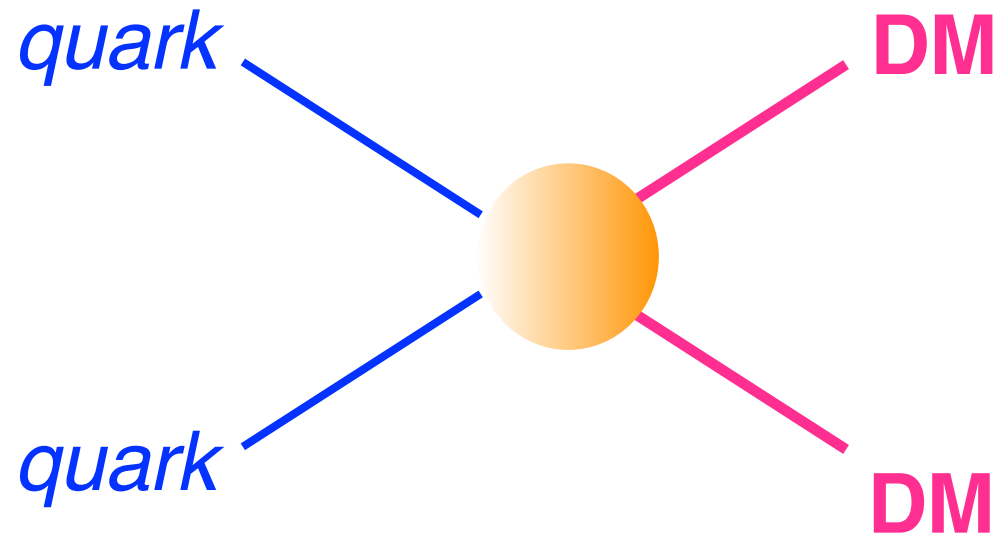
## Minimality rescued!

minimal DM, Higgs-portal scalar,  
inert doublet, simplified models, ...

# .. / Searches for WIMPs



collider detection



direct  
detection



indirect detection





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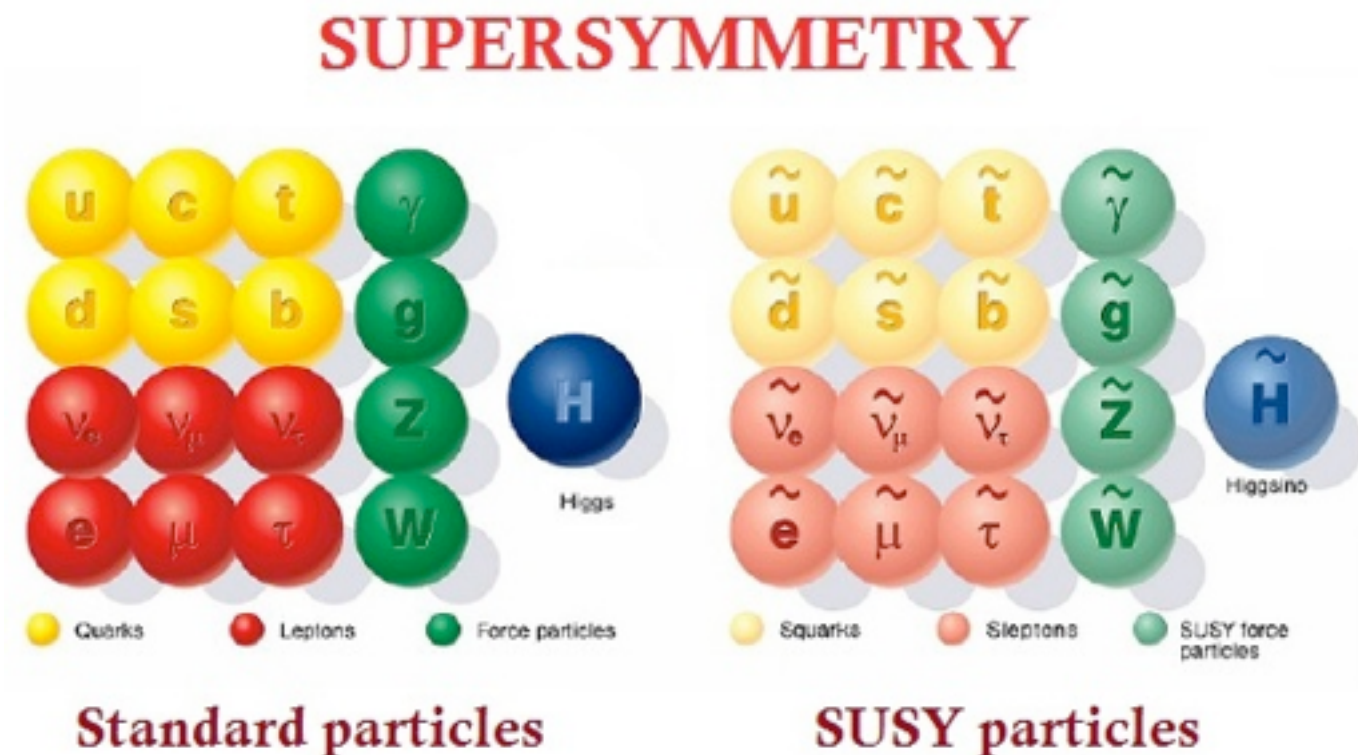
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# .. / SuperSymmetry

## SUSY is beautiful

- ✓ (elegant)
- ✓ hierarchy problem
- ✓ gauge coupling unification
- ✓ EWSB mechanism
- ✓ DM candidate
- ✗ fine-tuning
- ✗ not found!



## Which SUSY?

MSSM, NMSSM, cMSSM, pMSSM, flavourful SUSY, split SUSY, stealth SUSY, mSUGRA, natural SUSY, twisted SUSY, gauge mediation, gaugino mediation, gravity mediation, focus-point SUSY, leptogenic SUSY, clockwork SUSY, SUSY seesaw, SUSY GUT...

# .. / SuperSymmetry

## MSSM: 124 parameters

matter fields

gauge fields

R-parity  $R = (-1)^{3(B-L)+2s}$

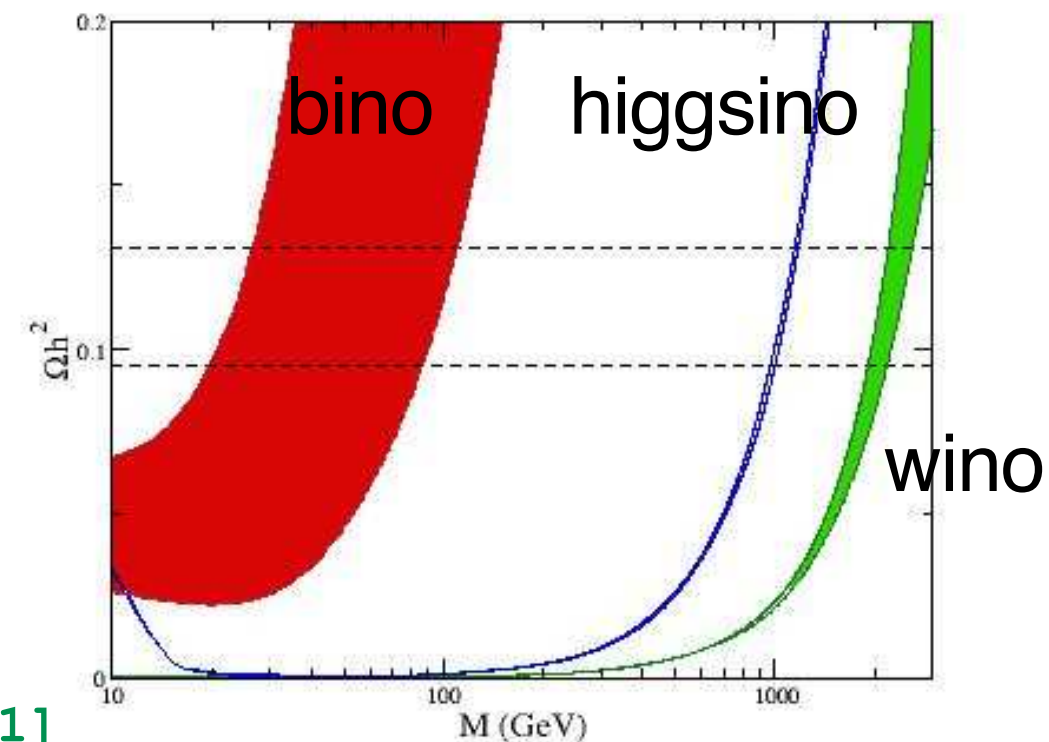
to avoid proton decay

R-parity makes Lightest  
SUSY Particle (LSP) stable!

$$\chi_i^0 = N_{1i}\tilde{B} + N_{2i}\tilde{W}^3 + N_{3i}\tilde{H}_u^0 + N_{4i}\tilde{H}_d^0 \quad (i = 1, \dots, 4)$$

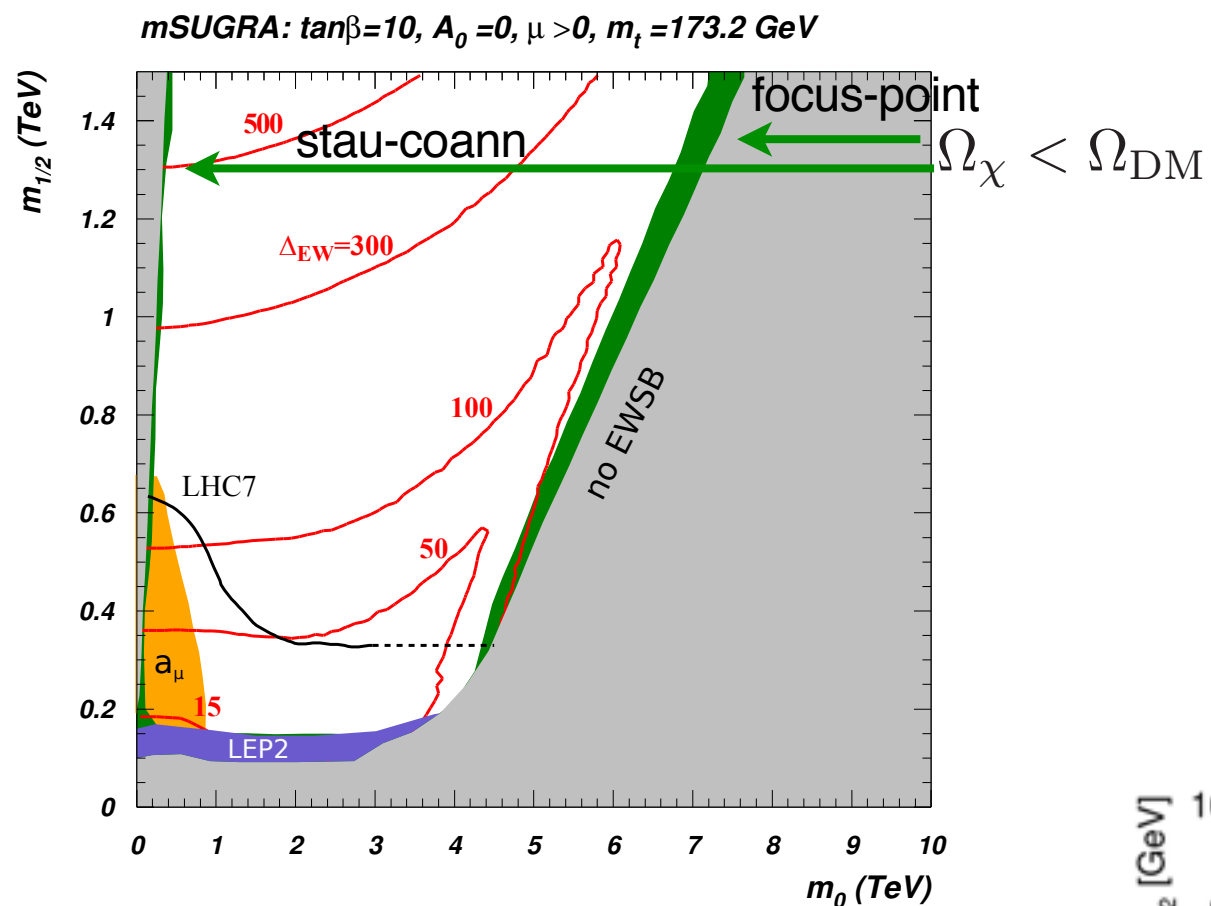
Names		spin 0	spin 1/2	$SU(3)_C, SU(2)_L, U(1)_Y$
squarks, quarks ( $\times 3$ families)	$Q$	$(\tilde{u}_L \ \tilde{d}_L)$	$(u_L \ d_L)$	$(\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{2}, \frac{1}{6})$
	$\bar{u}$	$\tilde{u}_R^*$	$u_R^\dagger$	$(\bar{\mathbf{3}}, \mathbf{1}, -\frac{2}{3})$
	$\bar{d}$	$\tilde{d}_R^*$	$d_R^\dagger$	$(\bar{\mathbf{3}}, \mathbf{1}, \frac{1}{3})$
sleptons, leptons ( $\times 3$ families)	$L$	$(\tilde{\nu} \ \tilde{e}_L)$	$(\nu \ e_L)$	$(\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{2}, -\frac{1}{2})$
	$\bar{e}$	$\tilde{e}_R^*$	$e_R^\dagger$	$(\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1}, 1)$
Higgs, higgsinos	$H_u$	$(H_u^+ \ H_u^0)$	$(\tilde{H}_u^+ \ \tilde{H}_u^0)$	$(\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{2}, +\frac{1}{2})$
	$H_d$	$(H_d^0 \ H_d^-)$	$(\tilde{H}_d^0 \ \tilde{H}_d^-)$	$(\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{2}, -\frac{1}{2})$

Names	spin 1/2	spin 1	$SU(3)_C, SU(2)_L, U(1)_Y$
gluino, gluon	$\tilde{g}$	$g$	$(\mathbf{8}, \mathbf{1}, 0)$
winos, W bosons	$\tilde{W}^\pm \ \tilde{W}^0$	$W^\pm \ W^0$	$(\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{3}, 0)$
bino, B boson	$\tilde{B}^0$	$B^0$	$(\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1}, 0)$



[hep-ph/0601041]

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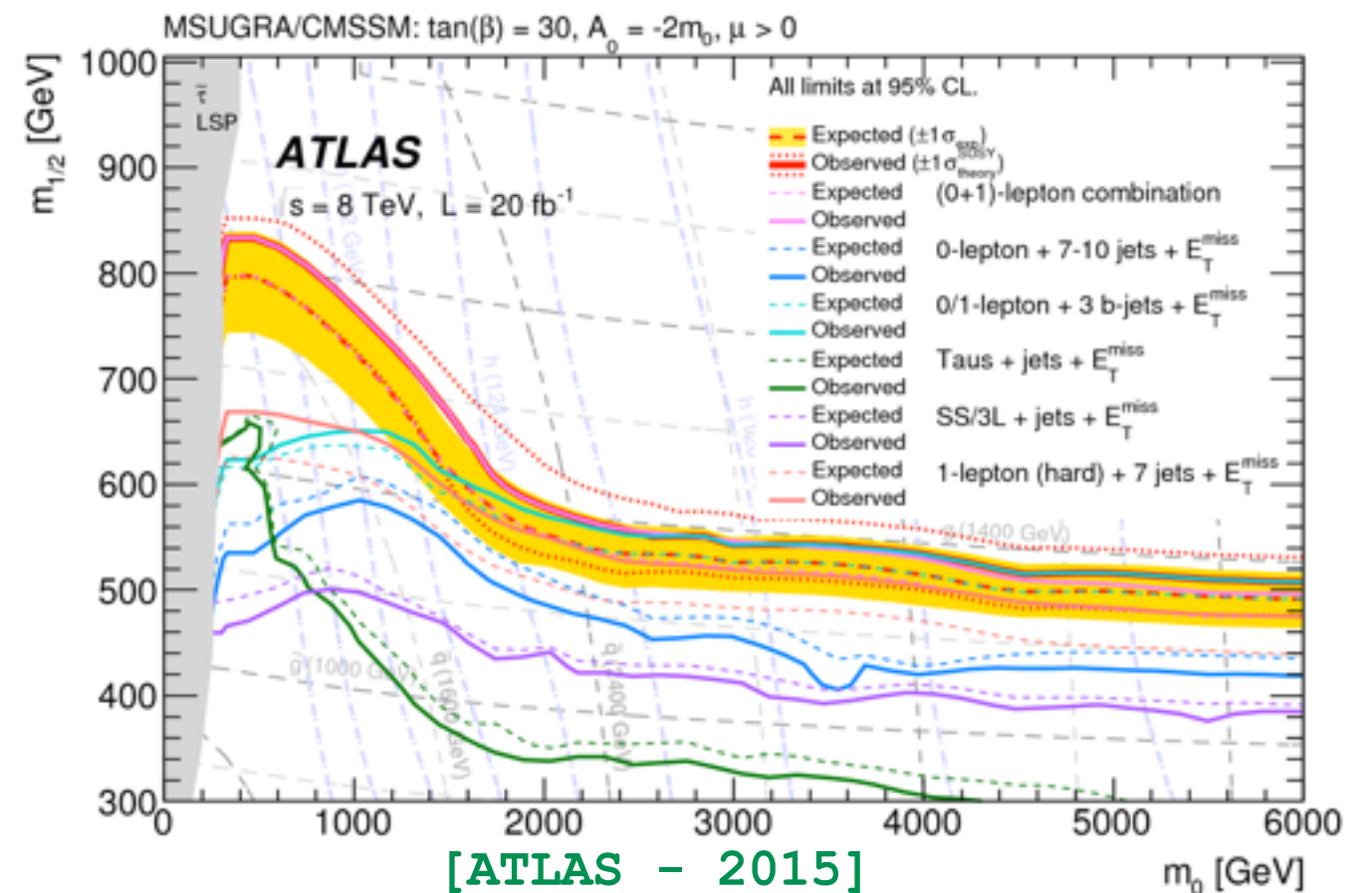
[Baer et al - 1210.3019]

## mSUGRA

$$\{m_{H_u}^2, m_{H_d}^2, \mu, B, m_{1/2}, m_0, A\}$$

## CMSSM

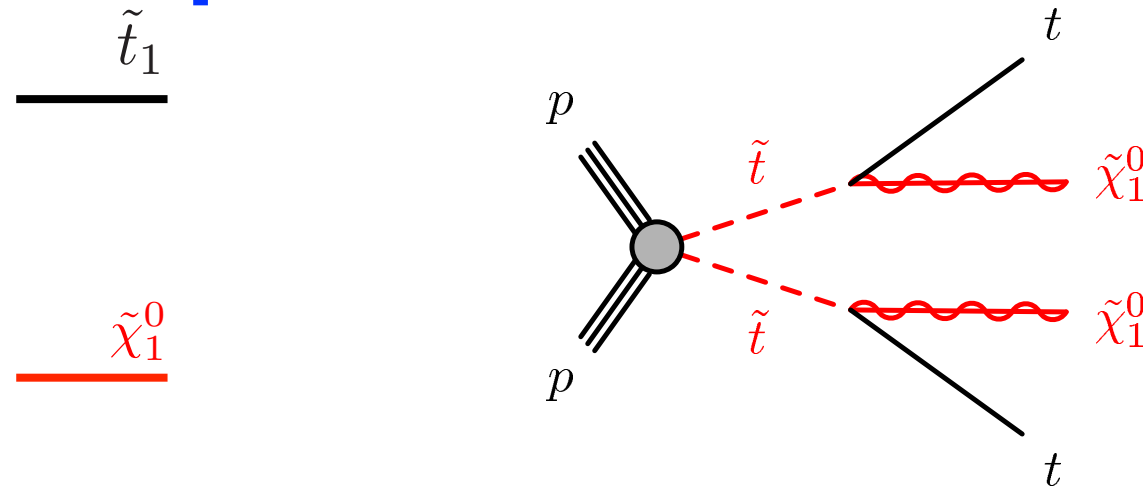
$$\{m_{1/2}^2, m_0^2, A, \tan\beta, \text{sign}(\mu)\}$$



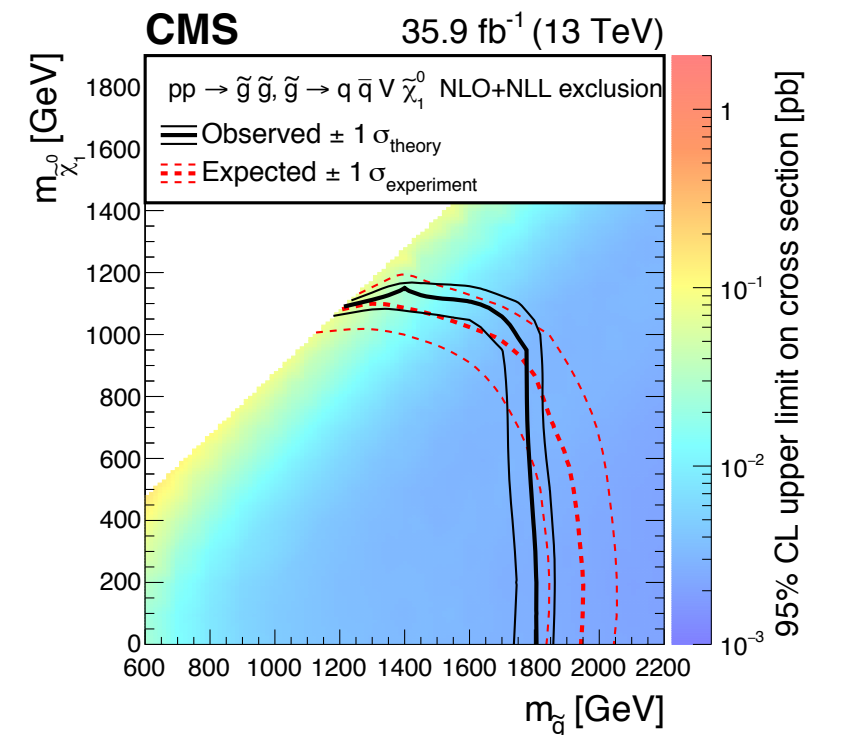
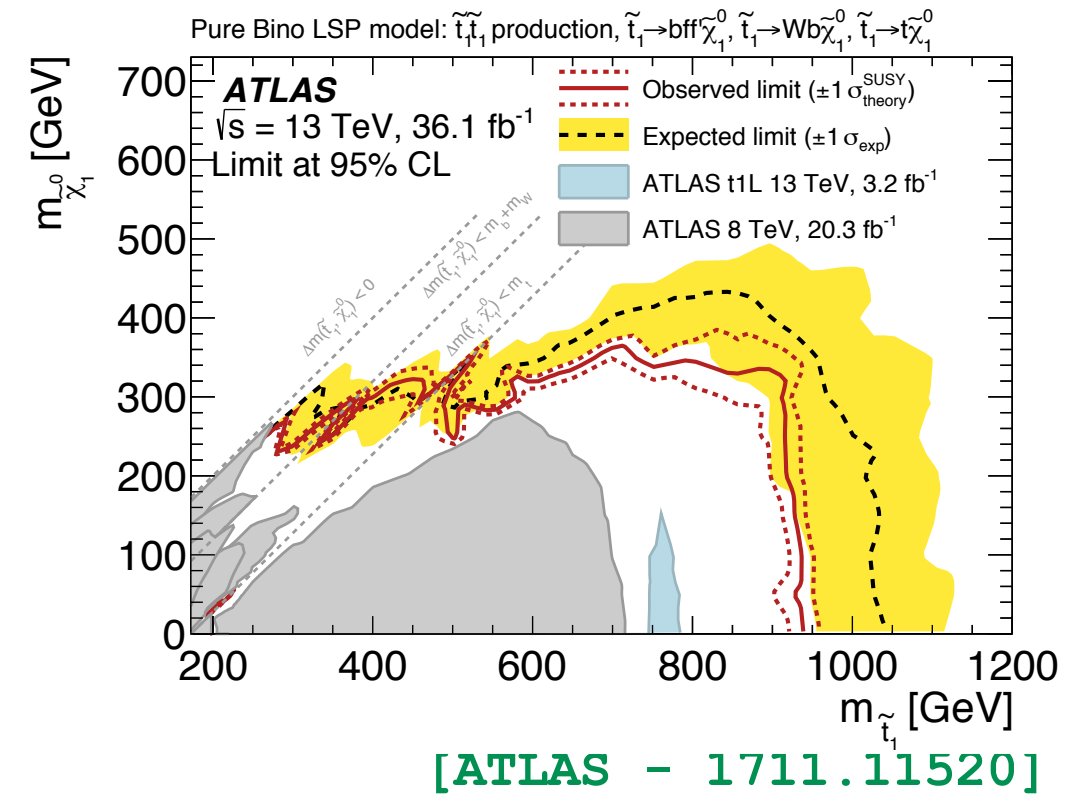
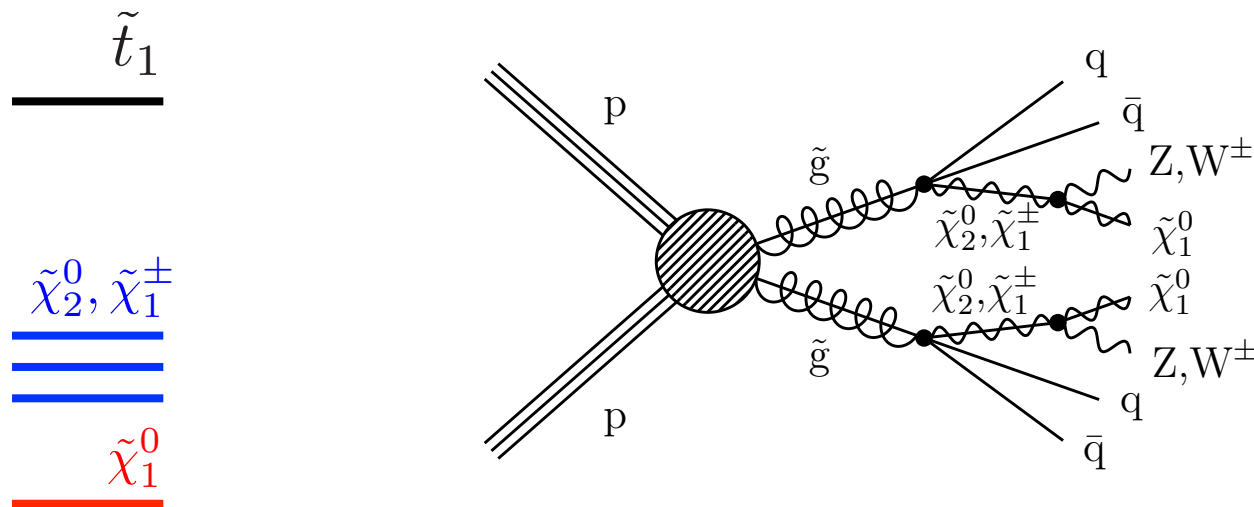
[ATLAS - 2015]

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## LSP-stop



## LSP-chargino-gluino





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[Kaplan, Georgi - 1984]

[Giudice, Grojean, Pomarol,  
Rattazzi - 2007]

## Higgs as a pseudo-NG boson

- Strongly-coupled sector symmetric under the global sym  $G$
- $G$  spontaneously broken to  $H$  at a scale  $f$   
(cf. QCD chiral sym. breaking).

### Elementary Sector

$$SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y$$

- SM fermions
- gauge bosons

Linear mixing  
(*partial compositeness*)

mixings



### Composite Sector

$$G/H$$

- Higgs
- (top)
- top partners

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{elem}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{comp}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{mix}}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{mix}} \propto \Psi_{\text{elem}} \cdot \mathcal{O}_{\text{comp}}$$

breaks  $G$  explicitly

Higgs pNGB  
acquires potential

## Hierarchy problem solved

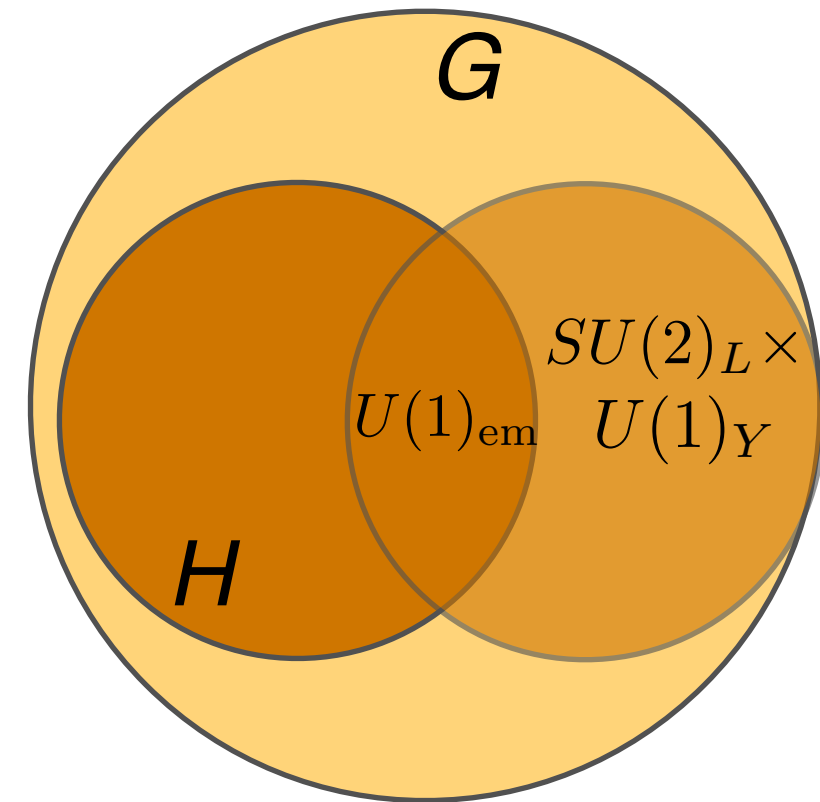
Higgs mass UV-screened (cf. QCD pion)

# .. / Composite Higgs models

Require custodial symmetry

$$H \supset SO(4) \sim SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R$$

Minimal choice:  $G = SO(5)$ ,  $H = SO(4)$   
delivering 4 NG-bosons:  $h + 3 W, Z$  // pol.



minimal CH model

$h$ +real scalar (DM)

$h$ +complex scalar (DM)

2HDM

$G$	$H$	$N_G$	NGBs rep. $[H] = \text{rep.}[SU(2) \times SU(2)]$
$SO(5)$	$SO(4)$	4	$4 = (\mathbf{2}, \mathbf{2})$
$SO(6)$	$SO(5)$	5	$5 = (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1}) + (\mathbf{2}, \mathbf{2})$
$SO(6)$	$SO(4) \times SO(2)$	8	$4_{+2} + \bar{4}_{-2} = 2 \times (\mathbf{2}, \mathbf{2})$
$SO(7)$	$SO(6)$	6	$6 = 2 \times (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1}) + (\mathbf{2}, \mathbf{2})$
$SO(7)$	$G_2$	7	$7 = (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{3}) + (\mathbf{2}, \mathbf{2})$
$SO(7)$	$SO(5) \times SO(2)$	10	$10_0 = (\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{1}) + (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{3}) + (\mathbf{2}, \mathbf{2})$
$SO(7)$	$[SO(3)]^3$	12	$(\mathbf{2}, \mathbf{2}, \mathbf{3}) = 3 \times (\mathbf{2}, \mathbf{2})$
$Sp(6)$	$Sp(4) \times SU(2)$	8	$(\mathbf{4}, \mathbf{2}) = 2 \times (\mathbf{2}, \mathbf{2}), (\mathbf{2}, \mathbf{2}) + 2 \times (\mathbf{2}, \mathbf{1})$
$SU(5)$	$SU(4) \times U(1)$	8	$4_{-5} + \bar{4}_{+5} = 2 \times (\mathbf{2}, \mathbf{2})$
$SU(5)$	$SO(5)$	14	$14 = (\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{3}) + (\mathbf{2}, \mathbf{2}) + (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1})$

[Mrazek, Pomarol, Rattazzi, Redi, Serra, Wulzer - 1105.5403]

# .. / Composite Higgs models

**Sym. breaking pattern**  $SO(6) \rightarrow SO(5)$

[Frigerio, Pomarol, Riva,  
Urbano - 1204.2808]  
[Marzocca, Urbano -  
1404.7419]

- Add extra  $Z_2$ -parity to stabilize DM ( effectively  $O(6)/O(5)$  ).
- Almost excluded by direct detection

**Sym. breaking pattern**  $SO(7) \rightarrow SO(6)$

[Balkin, Ruhdorfer, Salvioni,  
Weiler - 1707.07685]

DM charged under exact global  $U(1)_{\text{DM}} \subset SO(6)$  ensuring stabilization

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{GB}} = \frac{1}{2}(\partial_\mu h)^2 \left( 1 + 2 \underline{a_{hhh}} \frac{h}{v} + 2 \underline{a_{hh\chi\chi}} \frac{\chi^* \chi}{v^2} \right) + \partial_\mu \chi \partial^\mu \chi^* + \frac{1}{v} \partial_\mu h \partial^\mu (\chi^* \chi) \left( b_{h\chi\chi} + \underline{b_{hh\chi\chi}} \frac{h}{v} \right) \\ + 2 \underline{a_{hVV}} \frac{h}{v} \left( m_W^2 W_\mu^+ W^{-\mu} + \frac{m_Z^2}{2} Z_\mu Z^\mu \right).$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = \underbrace{\mathcal{L}_{\text{GB}} + \mathcal{L}_t}_{\text{tree}} - \underbrace{V_{\text{eff}}}_{\text{1-loop}}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_t = i \bar{t} \not{\partial} t - m_t \bar{t} t \left( 1 + \underline{c_{tth}} \frac{h}{v} + 2 \underline{c_{tt\chi\chi}} \frac{\chi^* \chi}{v^2} \right)$$

**coefficients** functions of  
top-partner masses

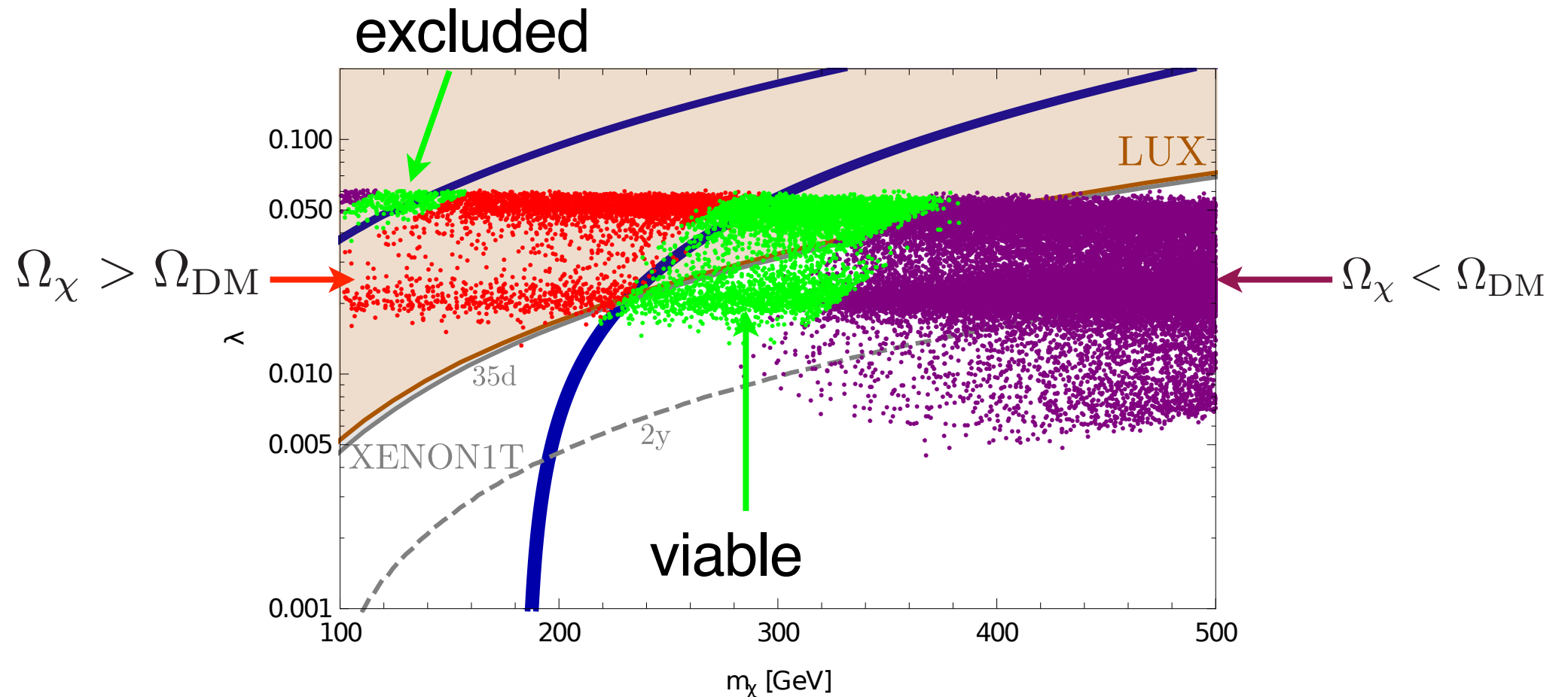
$$V_{\text{eff}} = \frac{1}{2} m_h^2 h^2 + \underline{d_{hhh}} \frac{m_h^2}{2v} h^3 + m_\chi^2 \chi^* \chi + 2 \underline{d_{h\chi\chi}} v \lambda h \chi^* \chi + \underline{d_{hh\chi\chi}} \lambda h^2 \chi^* \chi$$

**coefficients** functions of  $\xi \equiv \frac{v}{f}$

# .. / Composite Higgs models

Parameter set:  $\{f, m_\chi, \lambda\}$  + top-partner masses

$f = 1.4$  TeV



[Balkin, Ruhdorfer, Salvioni,  
Weiler - 1707.07685]

Viable window to be closed by direct detection



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## Most general QCD lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{QCD}} = -\frac{1}{4} G_{\mu\nu}^a G^{a,\mu\nu} + \bar{q} (i\gamma_\mu D^\mu - \mathcal{M}_q) q - \frac{\alpha_s}{8\pi} \theta G_{\mu\nu}^a \tilde{G}^{a,\mu\nu}$$

Topological term  $G_{\mu\nu}^a \tilde{G}^{a,\mu\nu} \propto \mathbf{E}^a \cdot \mathbf{B}^a$  violates P and T, thus CP

Observable effect: neutron EDM:  $d_n \sim \frac{\theta}{(4\pi)^2} e \frac{m_\pi}{m_N^2} \sim 10^{-16} \theta \text{ e} \cdot \text{cm}$

$$|d_n| \lesssim 10^{-26} \text{ e} \cdot \text{cm} \longrightarrow \theta \lesssim 10^{-10}.$$

*"strong-CP problem"*

## Axion solution of strong-CP problem

A global  $U(1)_{PQ}$  symmetry is broken spontaneously and by anomaly

The **axion** is the pseudo-NG boson of this symmetry



Triangle anomaly:  $\mathcal{L} \supset \left( \theta + \frac{a(x)}{f_a} \right) \frac{g_s^2}{32\pi^2} G\tilde{G}$   $[f_a \sim \text{PQ-breaking vev}]$

The CP-violating term relaxes dynamically to zero.

## Axion Properties

Mass:  $m_a \simeq 6 \times 10^{-6} \text{ eV} \left( \frac{10^{12} \text{ GeV}}{f_a} \right)$   $f_a$  : free parameter

Effective Couplings to SM:

to photons:  $\mathcal{L} \supset -\frac{1}{4} g_{a\gamma\gamma} a F \tilde{F} = g_{a\gamma\gamma} a \vec{E} \cdot \vec{B}$   
from PQ anomaly

to fermions:  $\mathcal{L} \supset \frac{C_{aff}}{f_a} (\partial_\mu a) \bar{\psi}_f \gamma^\mu \gamma^5 \psi_f$   
largely model-dependent

“invisible axion” models:

**KSVZ**: axion + heavy quarks

[Kim, Shifman, Vainshtein,  
Zakharov - 1979/80]

**DFSZ**: axion + extra Higgs

[Dine, Fischler, Srednicki,  
Zhitnitsky - 1980/81]

## Axions as cold DM

Solve EOM

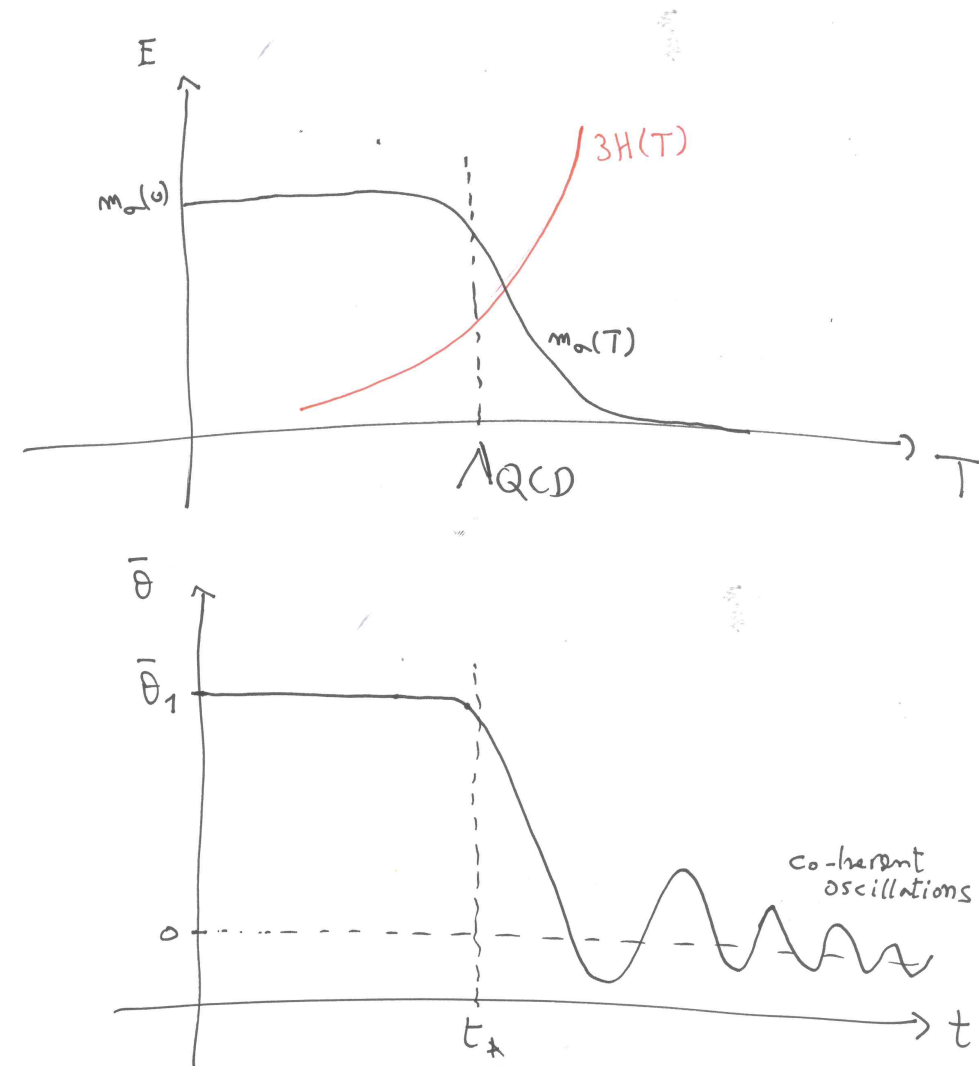
$$\ddot{\theta} + 3H\dot{\theta} + m_a^2(T)\theta = 0$$

Axions redshift as NR (cold) matter

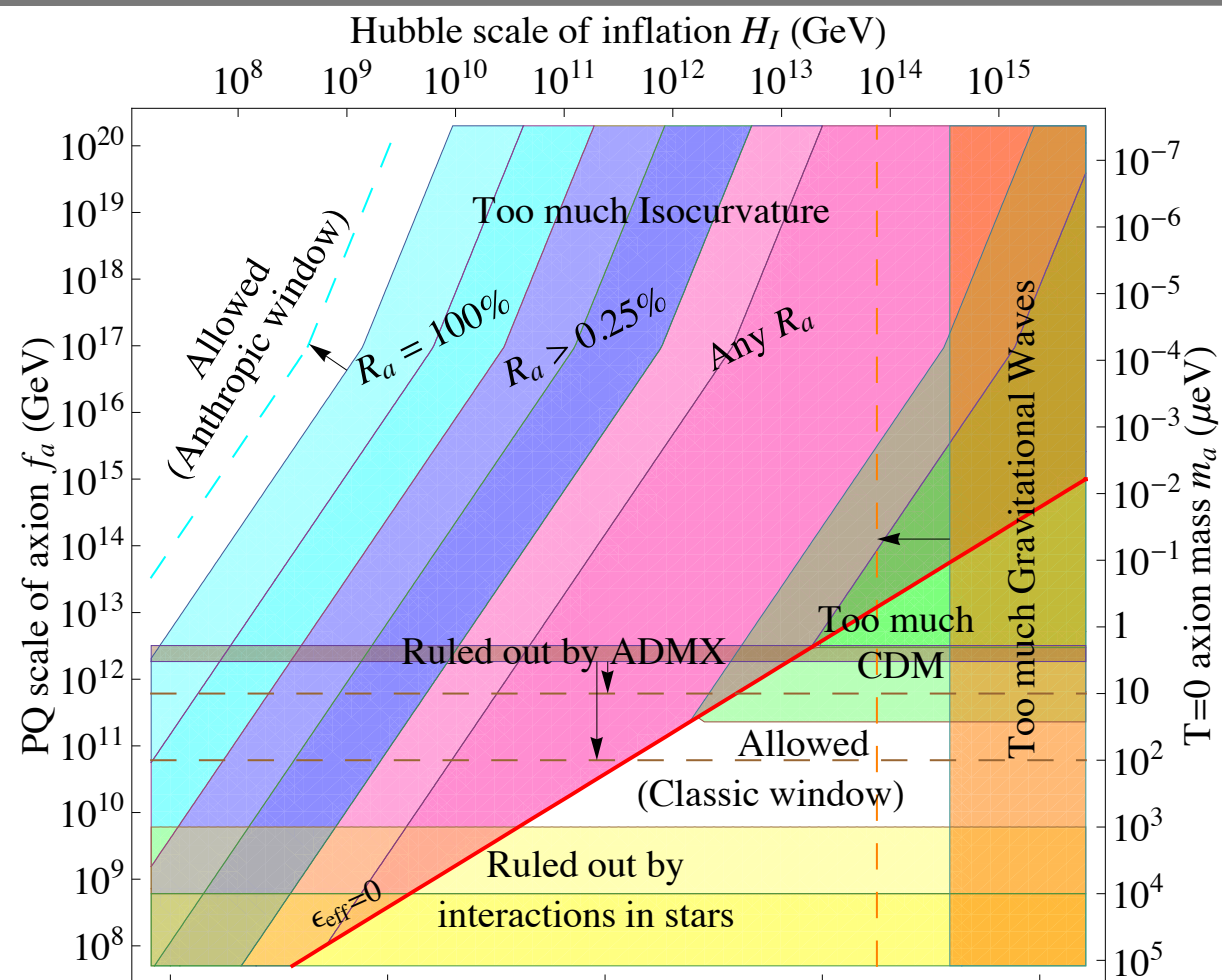
$$\rho_a(T) \propto \frac{m(T)}{a(T)^3}$$

Relic density

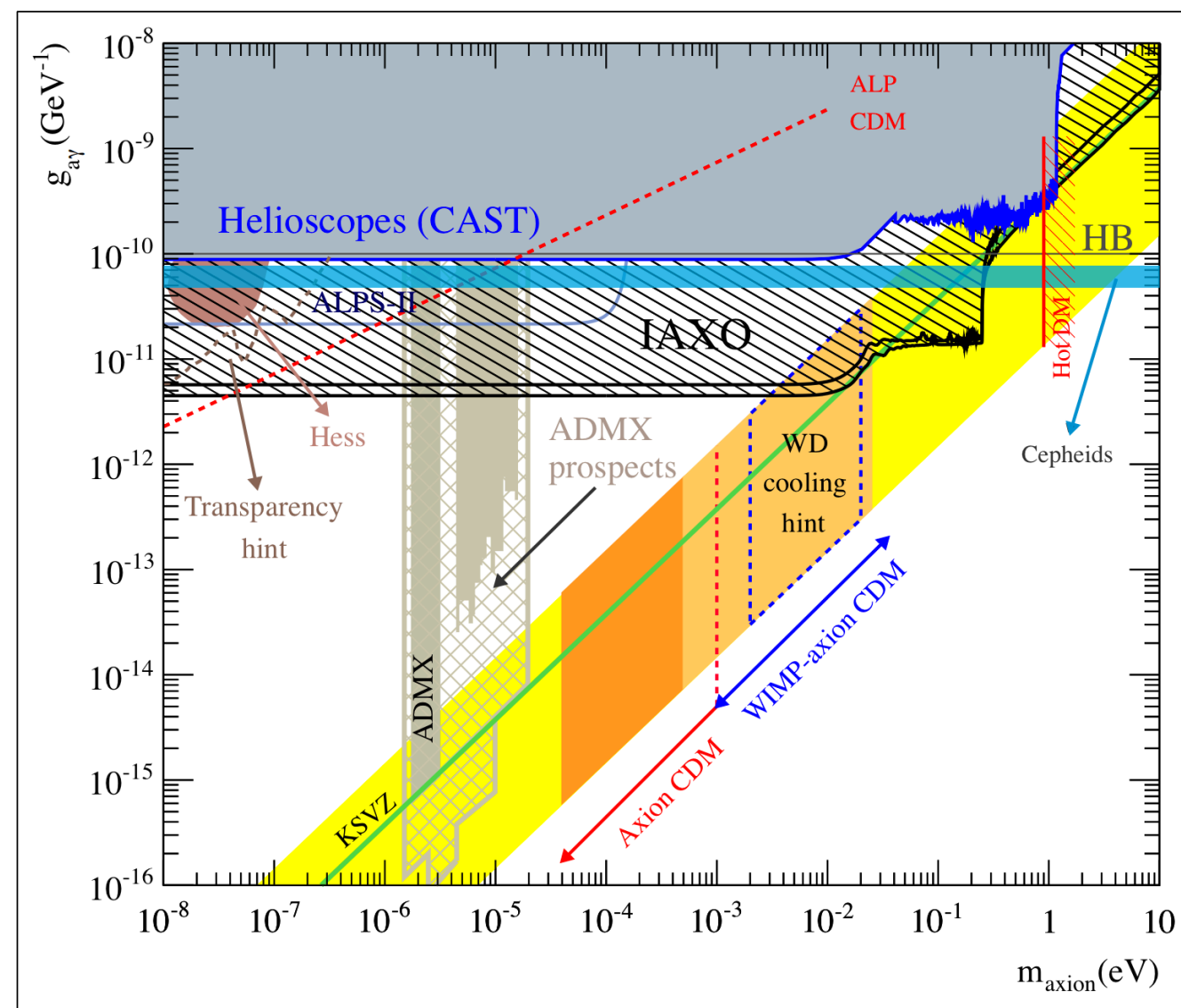
$$\Omega_a \simeq 0.7 \left( \frac{f_a}{10^{12} \text{ GeV}} \right)^{7/6} \bar{\theta}^2$$



# .. / Axions



[Hertzberg, Tegmark, Wilczek, 0807.1726]



[ADMX 2016]

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## Motivation

Origin of neutrino masses/mixings

[Asaka, Blanchet, Shaposhnikov,  
hep-ph/0503065]

[Boyarski, Ruchayskiy, Shaposhnikov -  
[0901.0011]

## The Model

SM + 3 Majorana fermions  $N_I$

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + i\bar{N}_I \partial_\mu \gamma^\mu N_I - F_{\alpha I} \bar{L}_\alpha N_I H - \frac{M_I}{2} \bar{N}_I^c N_I + \text{h.c.}$$

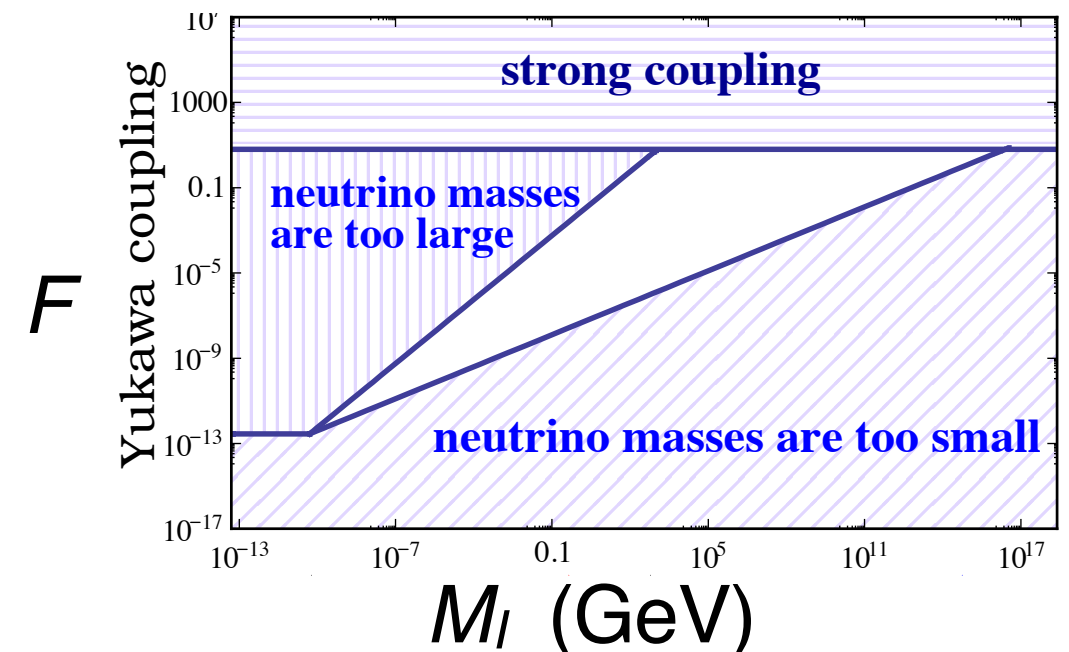
active-sterile mixing angle  $\theta_{\alpha 1} = F_{\alpha 1} v / M_1$

Dirac neutrino mass  $m_{\text{Dirac}} = F v$

$$\begin{aligned} |\nu_\alpha\rangle &= \cos \theta |\nu_1\rangle + \sin \theta |\nu_2\rangle, \\ |\nu_s\rangle &= -\sin \theta |\nu_1\rangle + \cos \theta |\nu_2\rangle, \end{aligned}$$

## See-Saw

$$m_\nu \sim \frac{m_{\text{Dirac}}^2}{M_I} \longrightarrow F \sim \left( \frac{M_I m_\nu}{v^2} \right)^{1/2}$$



# .. / Sterile Neutrinos

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## Bonuses: Baryon Asymmetry + Dark Matter

- $N_2, N_3$  are heavy ( $> 10^2$  GeV) to generate
  - > **Neutrino Masses** (see-saw)
  - > **Baryon Asymmetry** (leptogenesis)
- Sterile  $N_1$  is light ( $\sim$  keV) to make **Dark Matter**

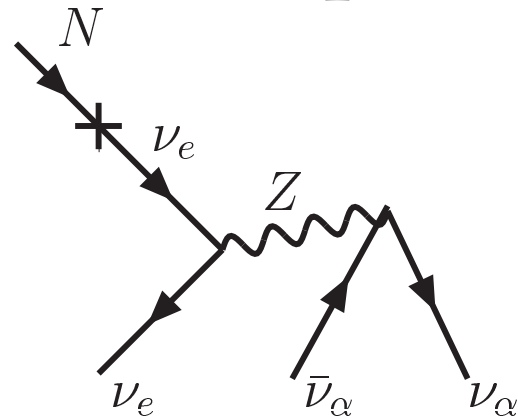
## DM Production

- thermal production via mixing  
(never in thermal eq., “freeze-in”)
- non-thermal production via decay of heavy particles  
(inflaton, scalar singlet...)

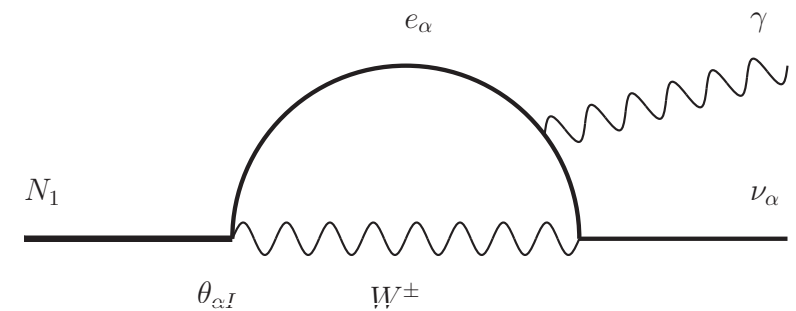
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## Decays

tree-level  $N_1 \rightarrow 3\nu$



radiative  $N_1 \rightarrow \nu\gamma$

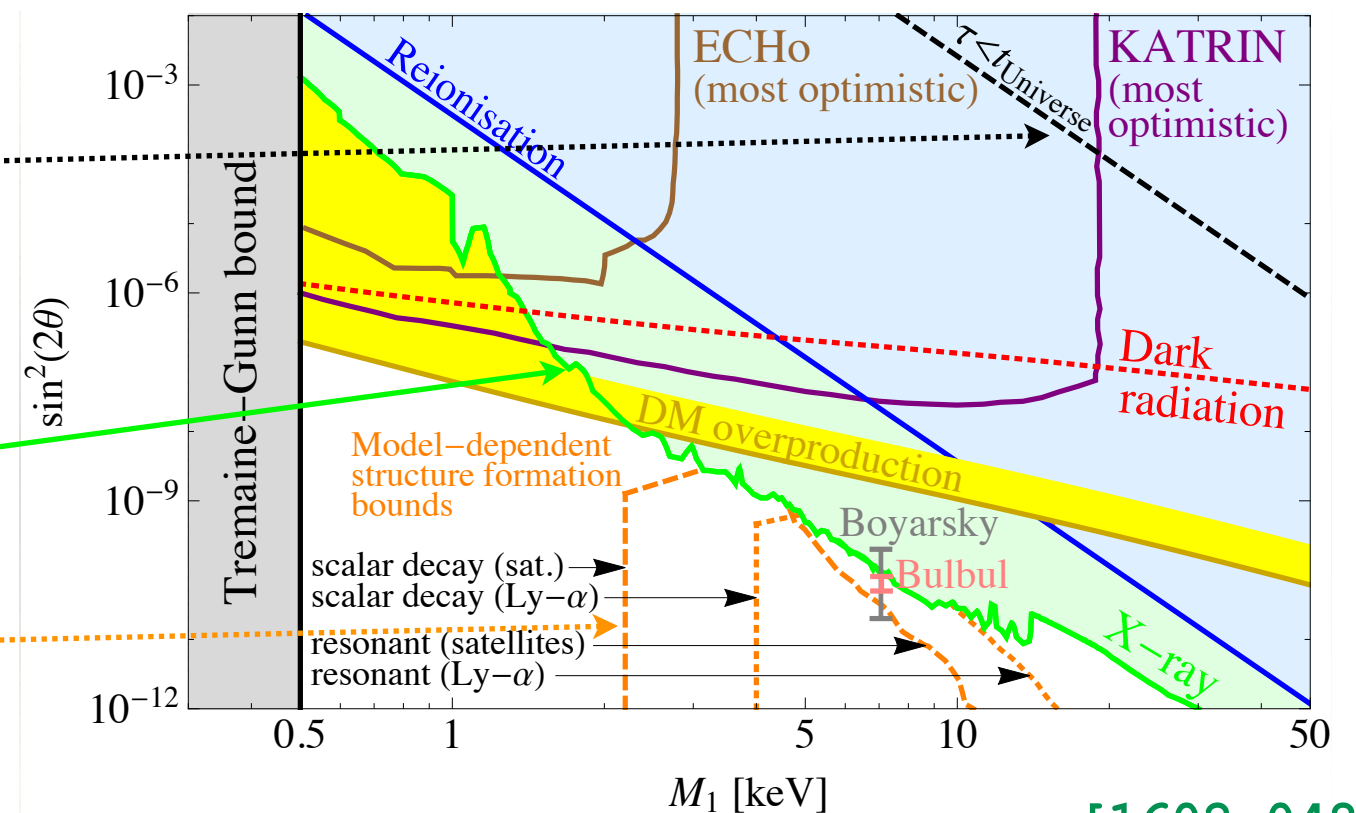


mixing small enough for stable DM

$$\left(\frac{M_1}{10\text{keV}}\right)^5 \left(\frac{\theta_1^2}{10^{-4}}\right) \lesssim 1$$

stronger limits from X-ray

and Lyman-alpha



[1602.04816]

other constraints on nuMSM from: KATRIN, T2HK, SHiP, ...

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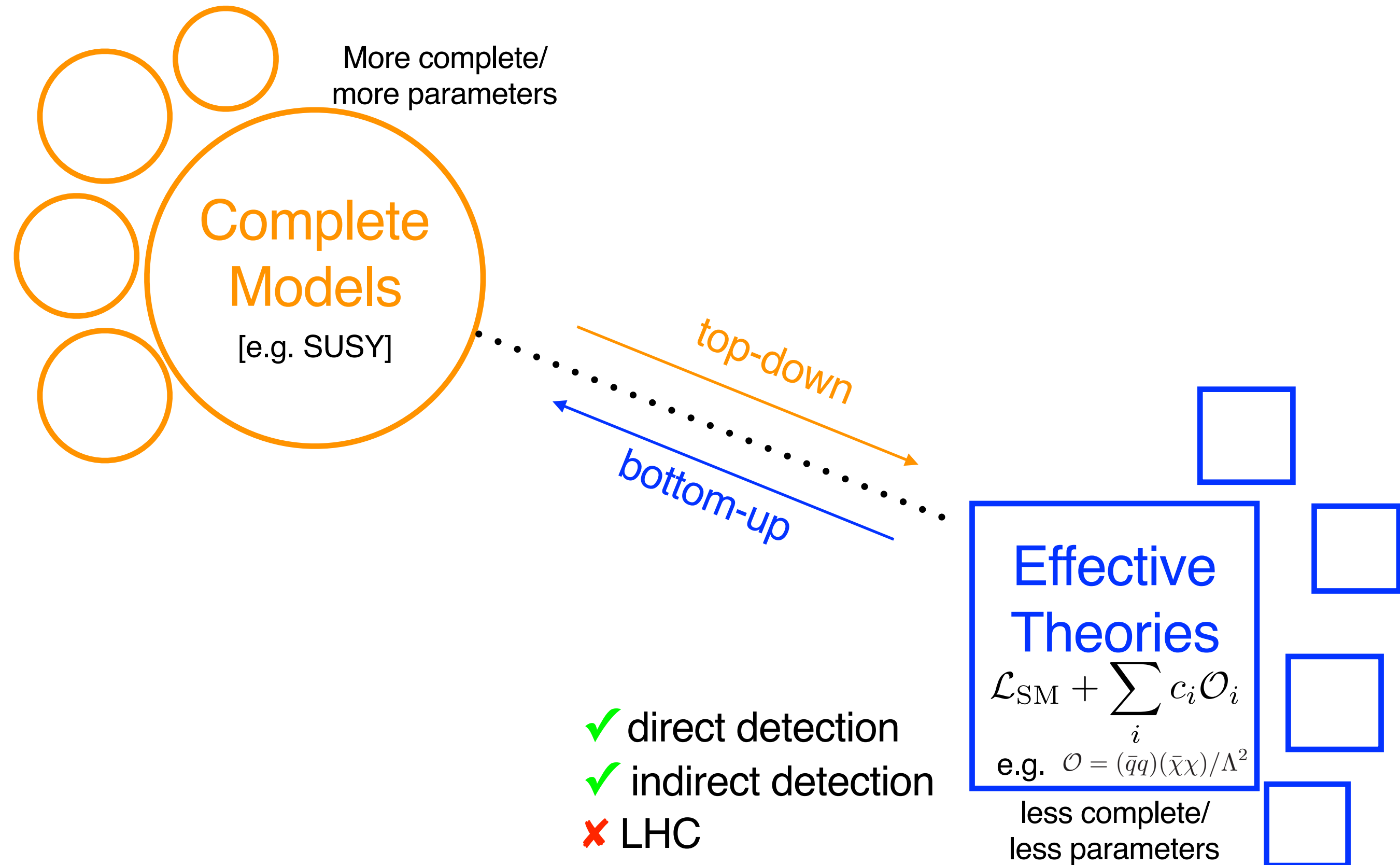
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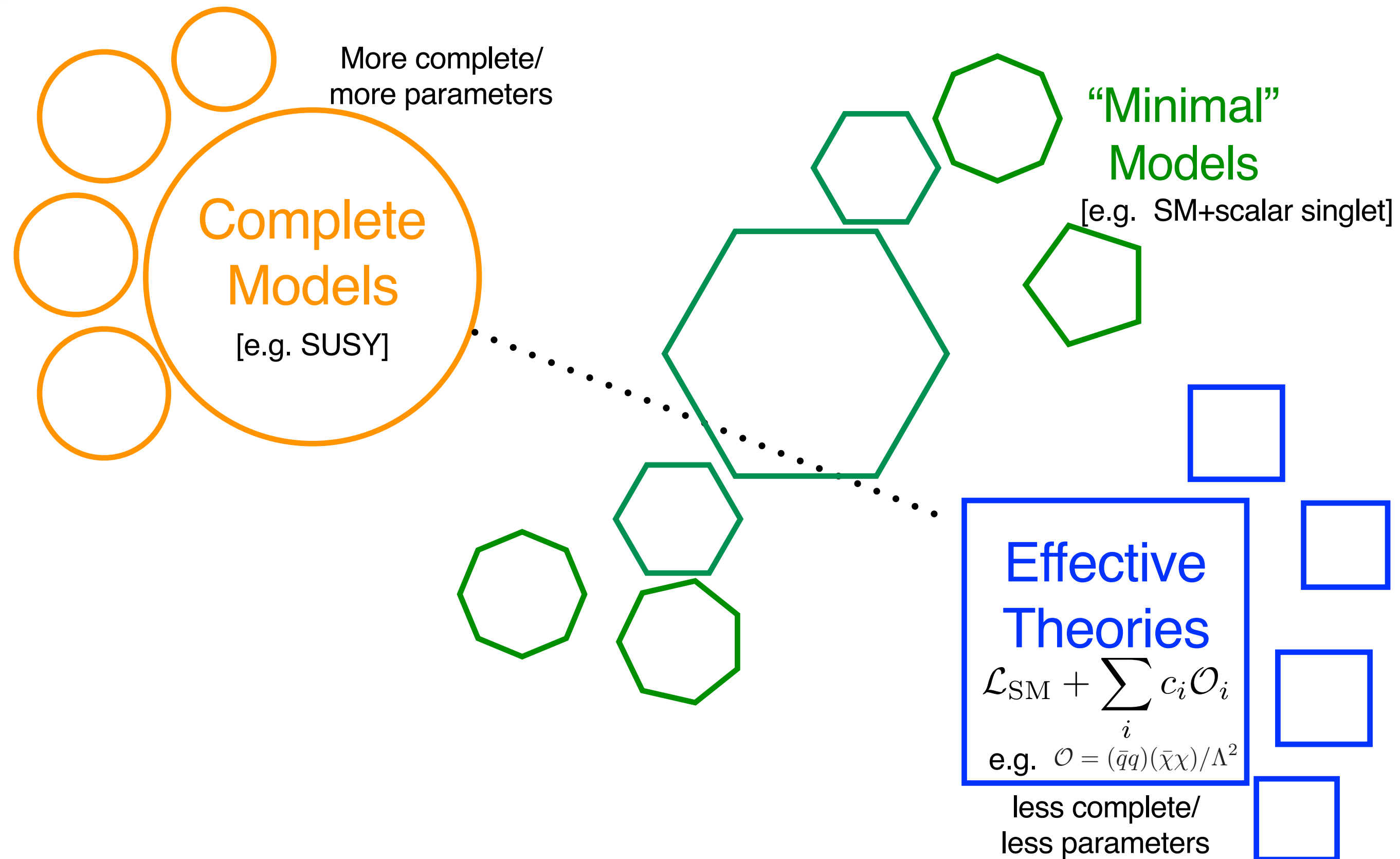
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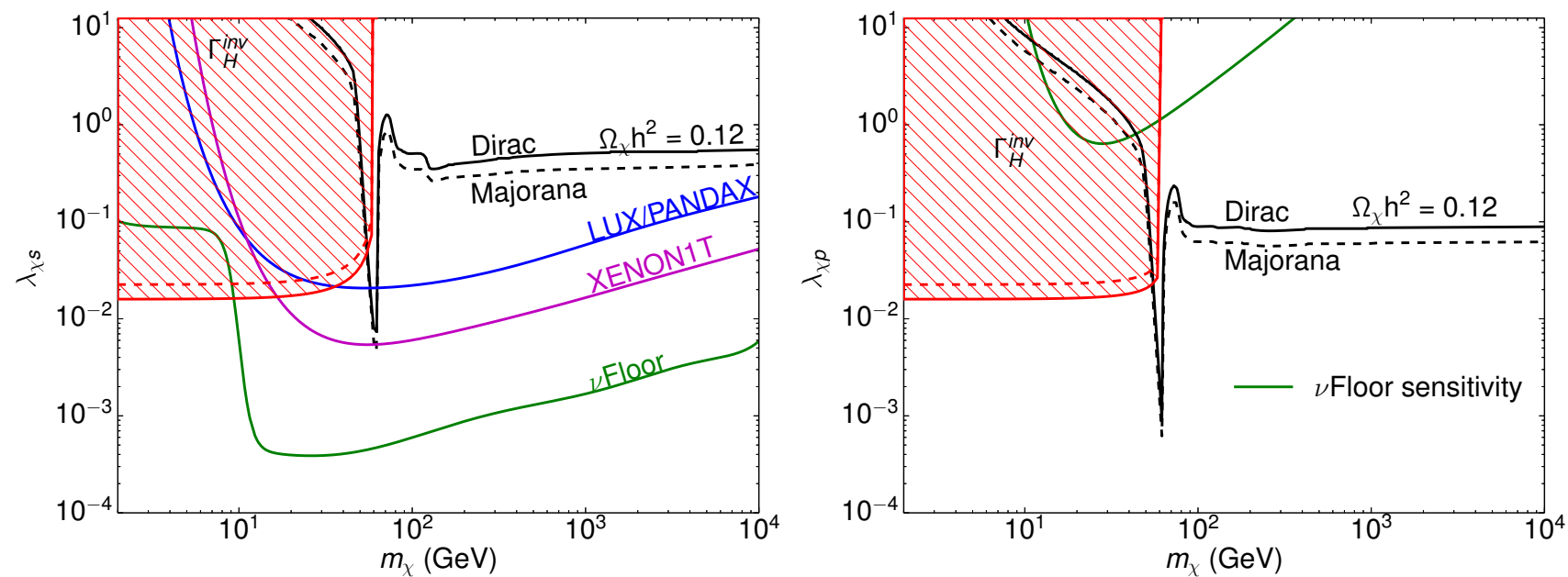
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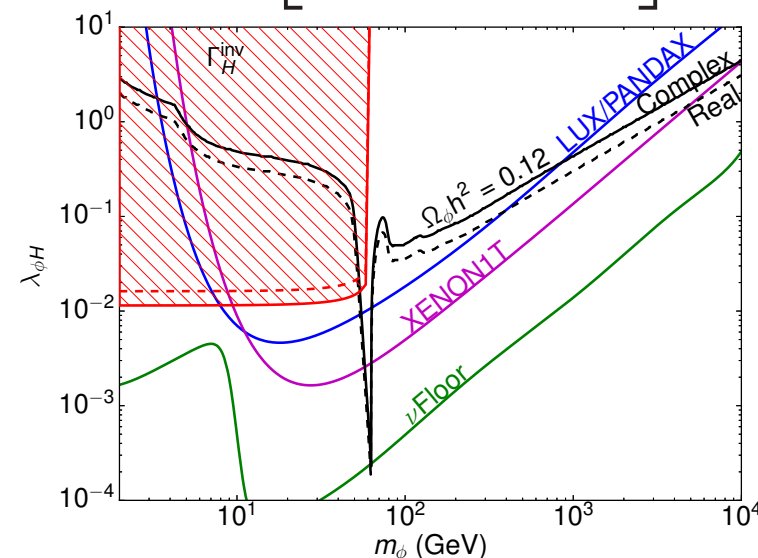
# .. / Minimal Models

## Higgs-mediator

Fermion DM  $\mathcal{L} \supset \bar{\chi}(\lambda_{\chi s} + i\gamma^5 \lambda_{\chi p})\chi H$



Scalar DM  $\mathcal{L} \supset \lambda_{\phi H} \left[ vH + \frac{1}{2}H^2 \right] \phi^2$

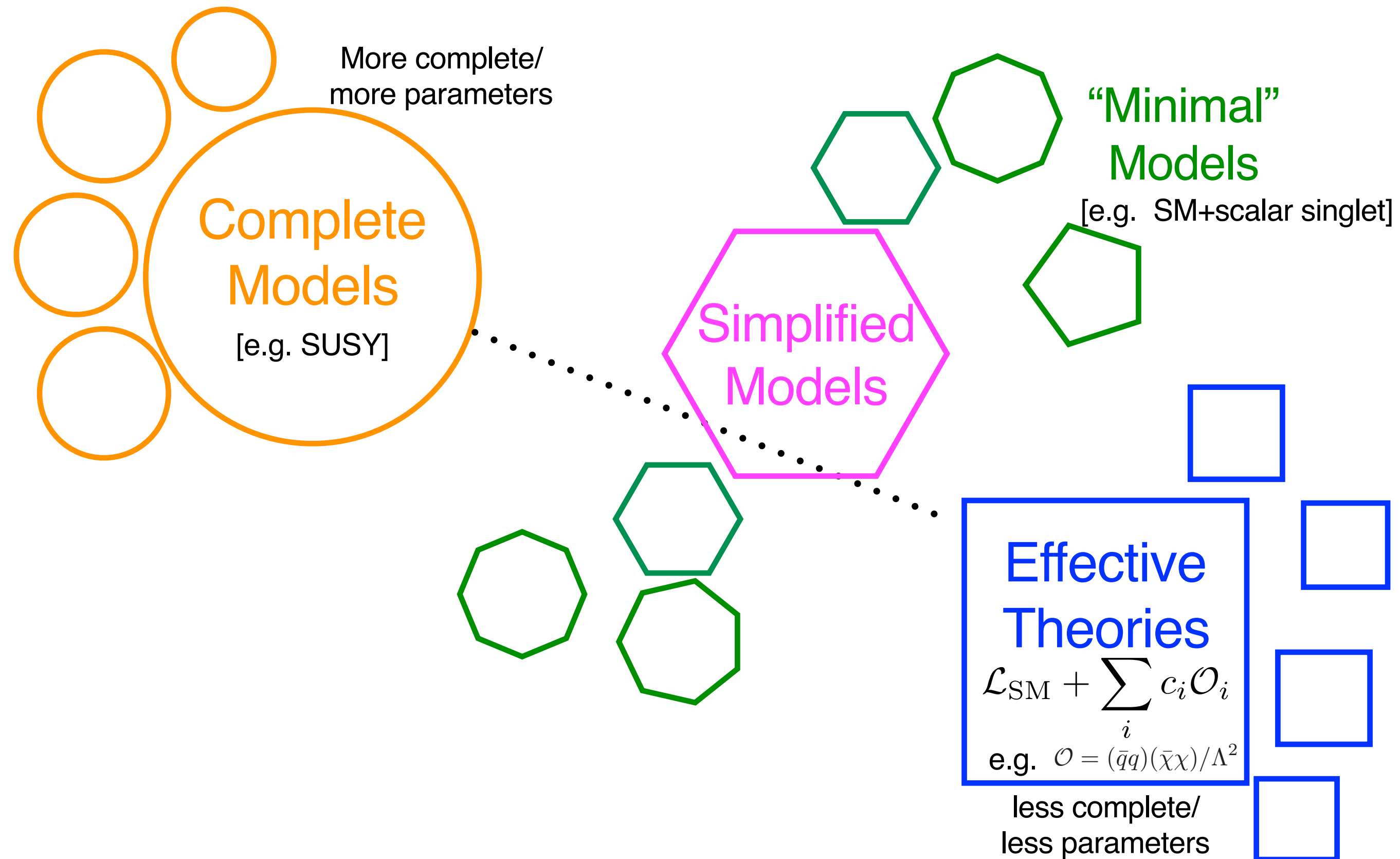


[DS, Giudice, Strumia -  
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[Escudero, Berlin, Hooper,  
Lin - 1609.09079]



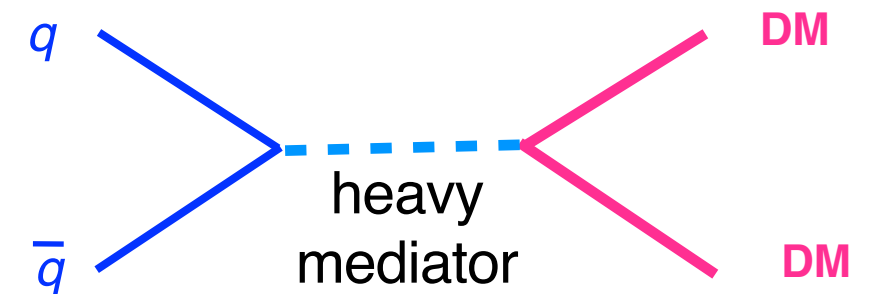
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... just means extending the SM with:

- 1 Dark Matter particle
- 1 Mediator particle connecting DM-SM



**just another parametrization of  
unknown high-energy physics**

✗ more parameters ( $g$ 's)

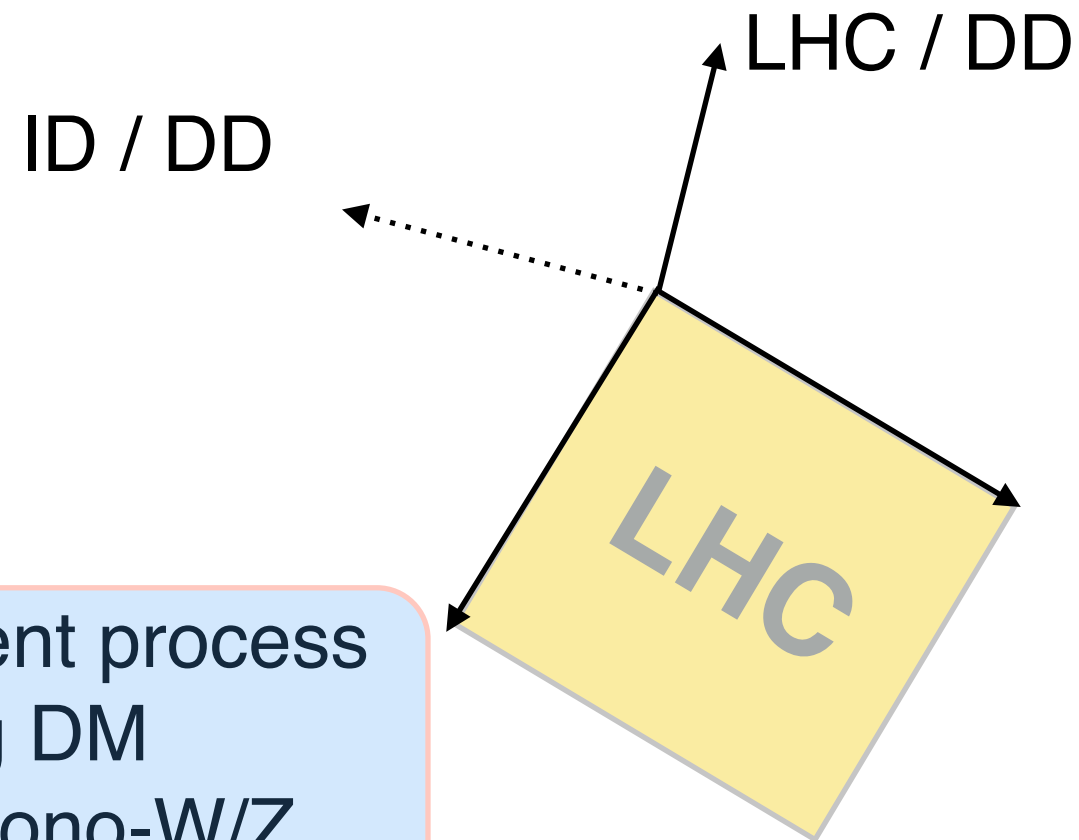
✓ exploit other searches for mediators  
(e.g. di-jet), complementary to mono-jet

✓ theoretically consistent,  
no worries about EFT, widths, etc.

**from DM search to MEDIATOR search**

# .. / Simplified Models

multi-dimensional exploration



combine different process  
involving DM  
(mono-jet+mono-W/Z  
+mono-H...)

combine DM +  
mediator searches  
(di-jet...)

# .. / Simplified Models

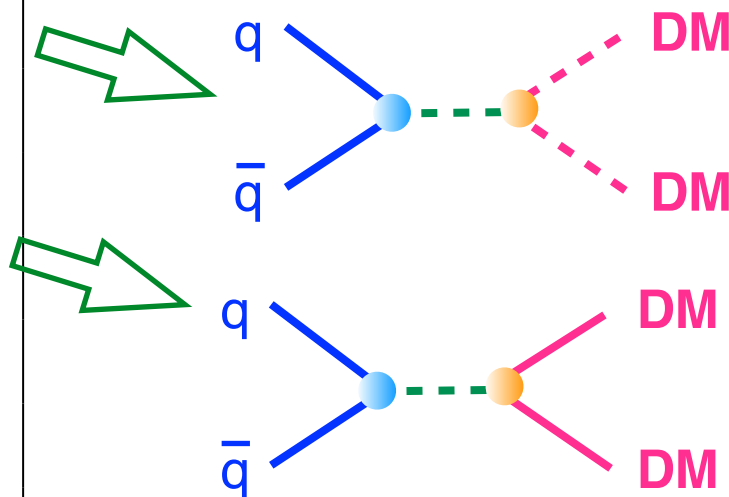
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[see also Wang's talk]

# .. / Simplified Models

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## s-channel models



scalar DM

fermion DM

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{scalar}} = -g_{\text{DM}} \phi \bar{\chi} \chi - g_q \frac{\phi}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_{q=u,d,s,c,b,t} y_q \bar{q} q ,$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{pseudo-scalar}} = -ig_{\text{DM}} \phi \bar{\chi} \gamma_5 \chi - ig_q \frac{\phi}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_{q=u,d,s,c,b,t} y_q \bar{q} \gamma_5 q ,$$

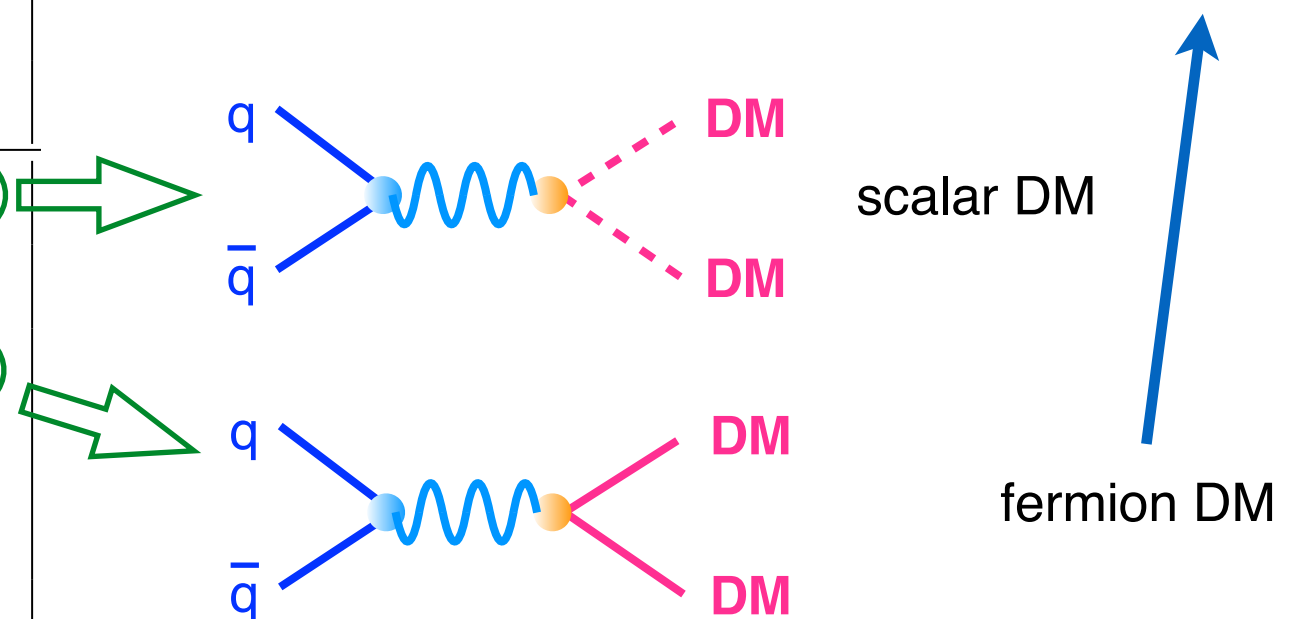
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$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{axial-vector}} = -g_{\text{DM}} Z'_\mu \bar{\chi} \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 \chi - g_q \sum_{q=u,d,s,c,b,t} Z'_\mu \bar{q} \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 q .$$



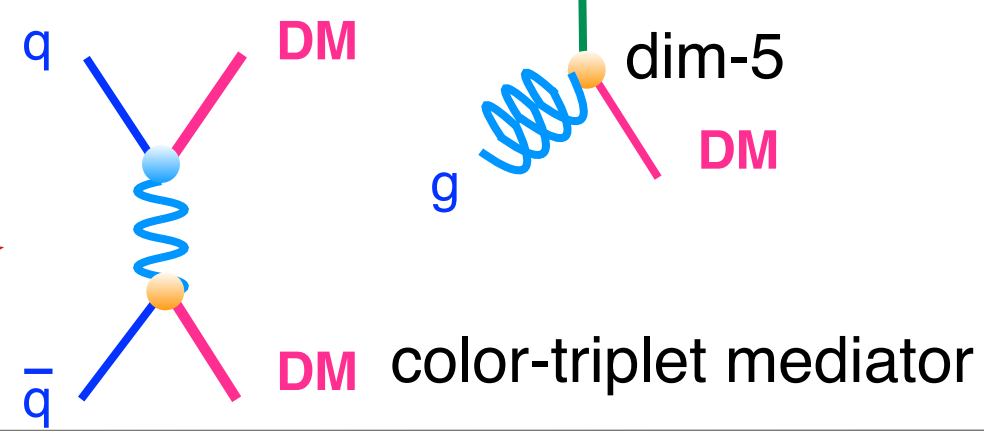
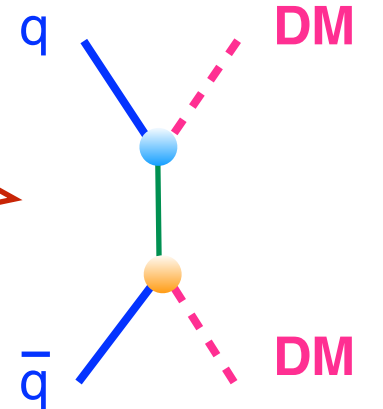
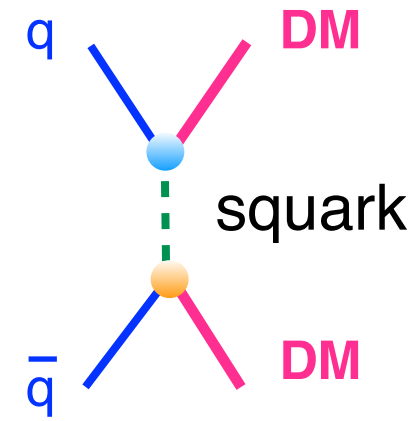
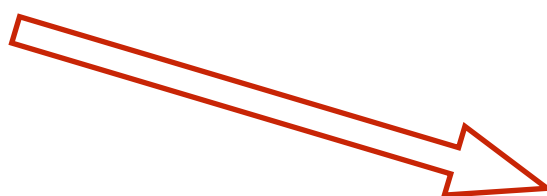
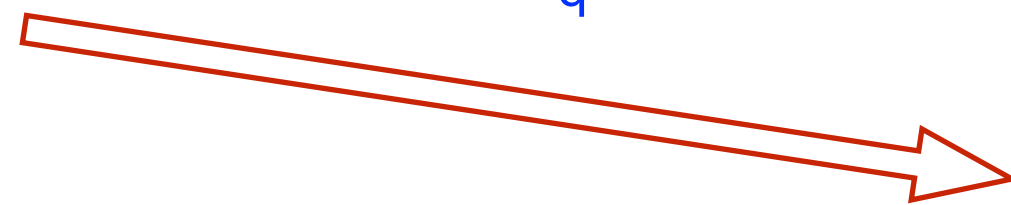
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## $t$ -channel models

*Leitmotiv:* mediator carries non-trivial quantum numbers

no tree-level





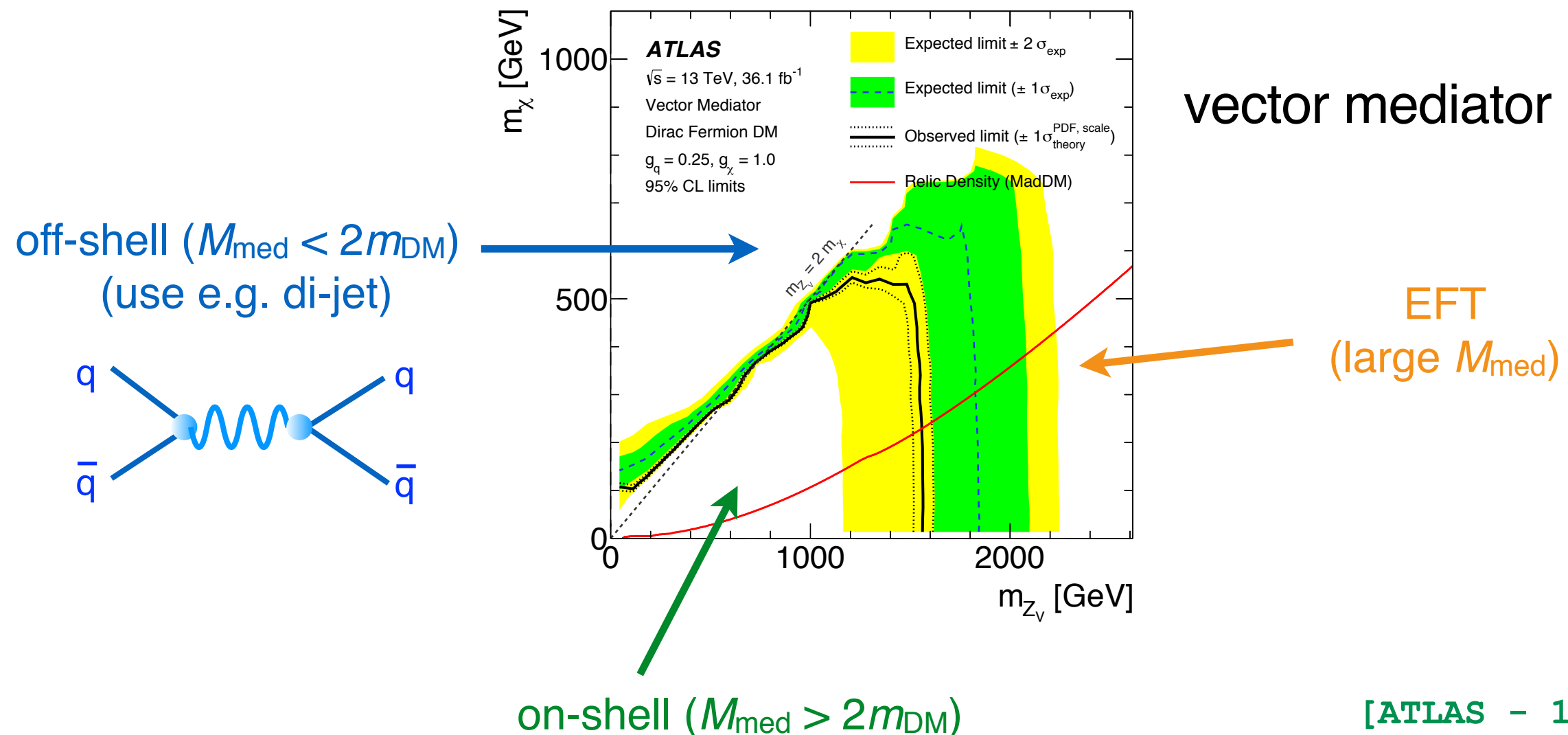
# ... / Simplified Models

## 4-dimensional parameter space

$$\{m_{\text{DM}}, M_{\text{med}}, g_{\text{DM}}, g_q\}$$

## Mass-mass plane

slice of parameter space with fixed couplings

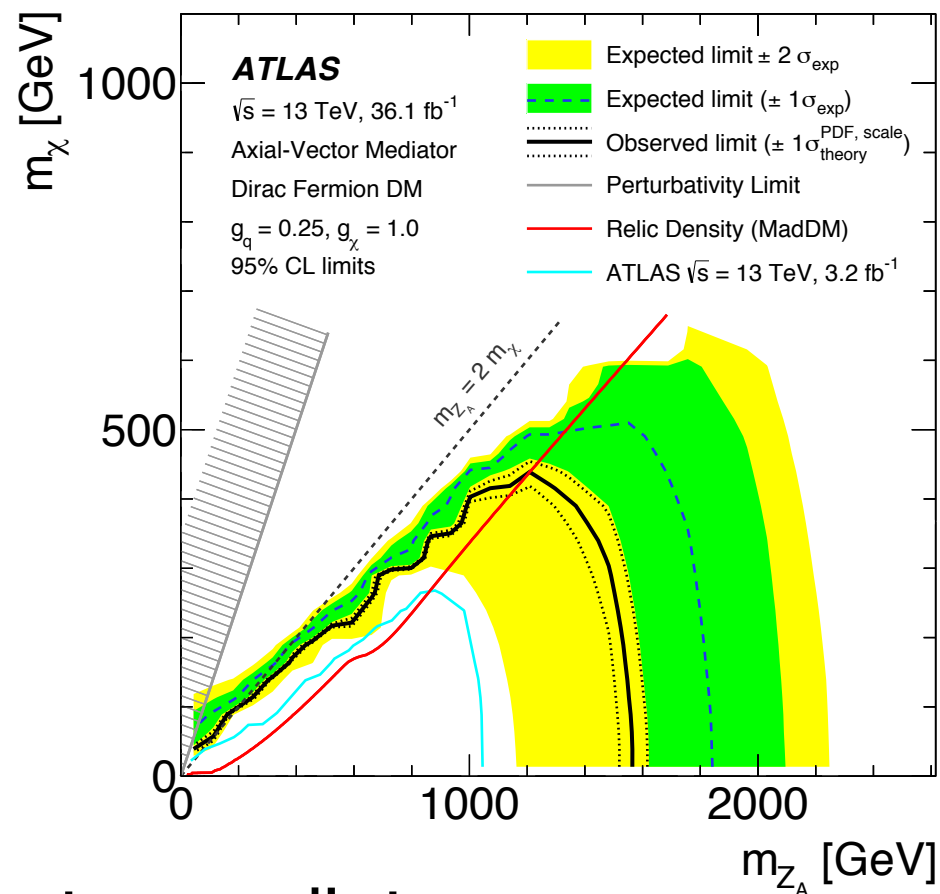


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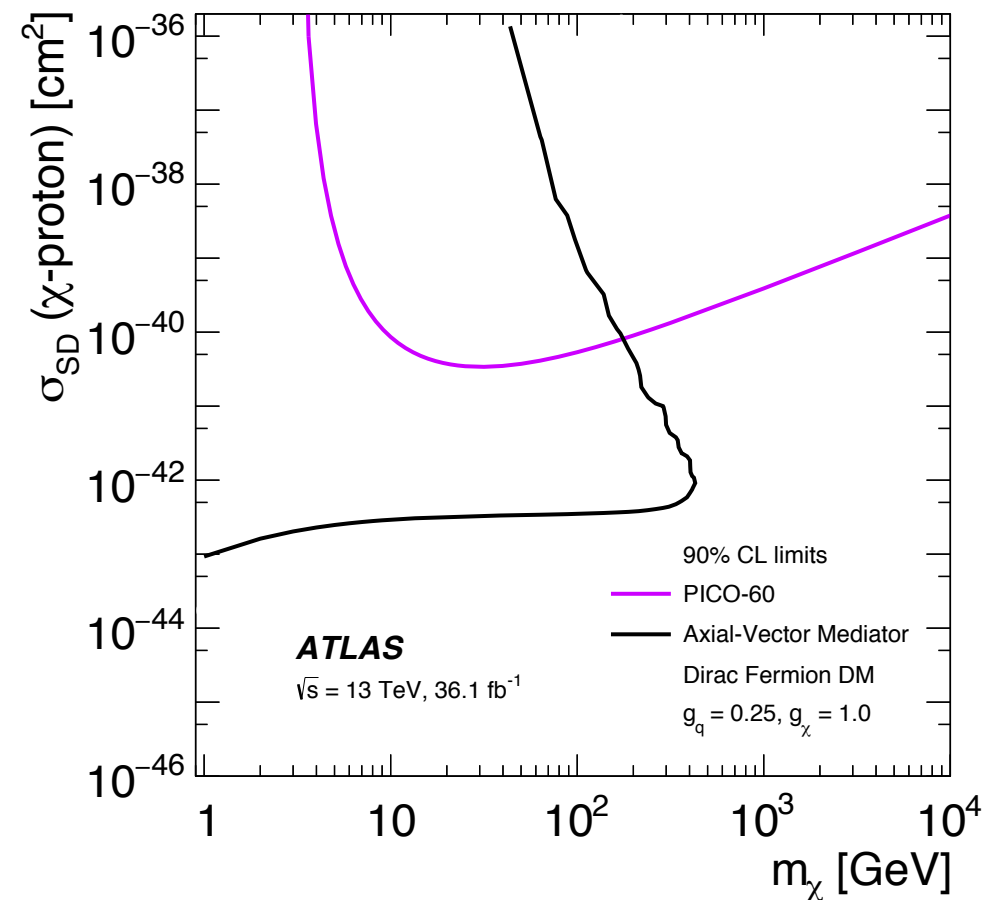
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Link to direct detection:  $\sigma_{\text{SI,SD}} \propto \frac{(g_q g_{\text{DM}})^2}{M_{\text{med}}^4}$

← plug in  $M_{\text{med}}$  from the mass-mass plane



axial-vector mediator

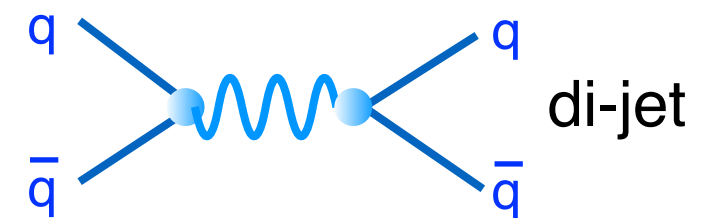


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# ... / Simplified Models

Combine with  
mediator searches

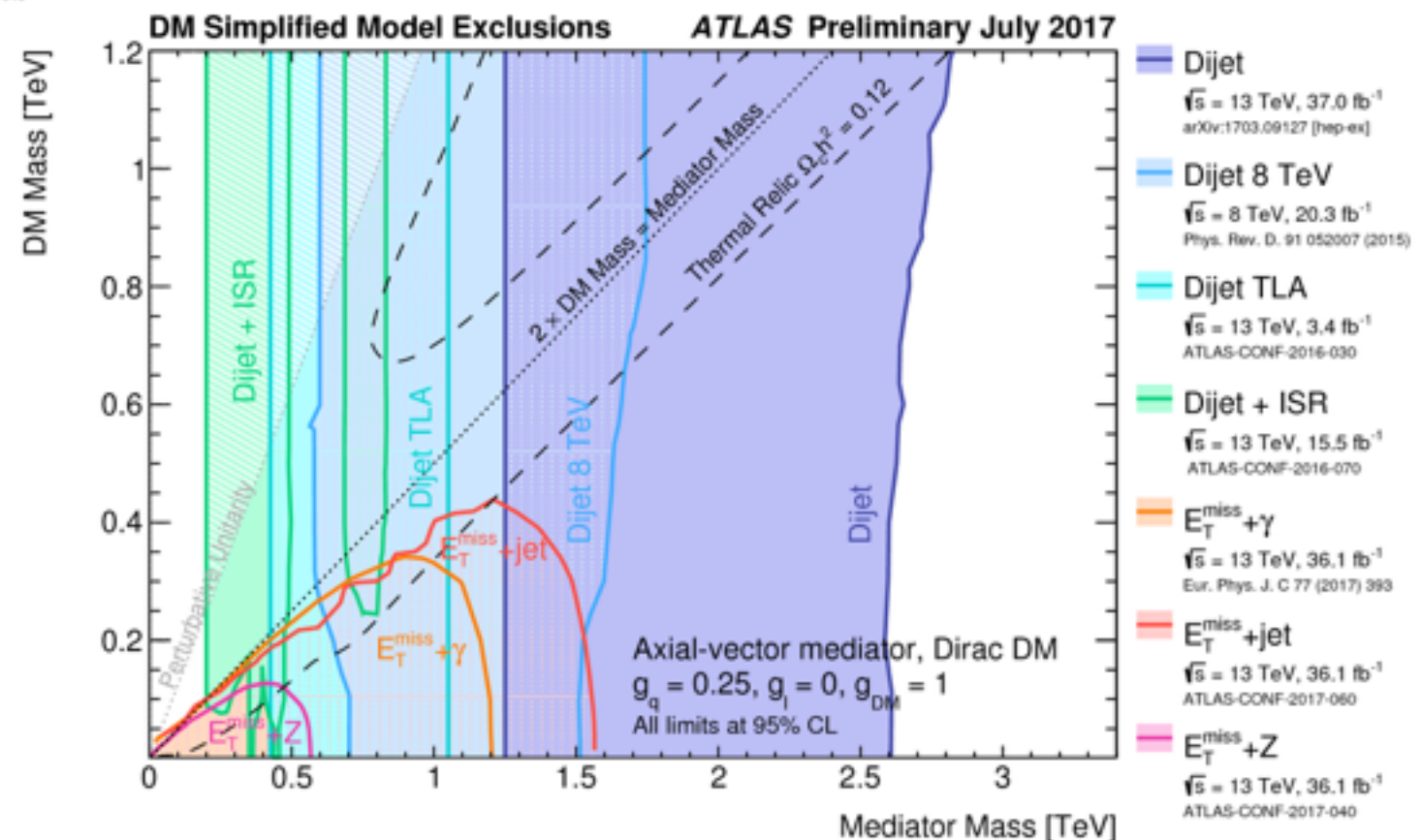
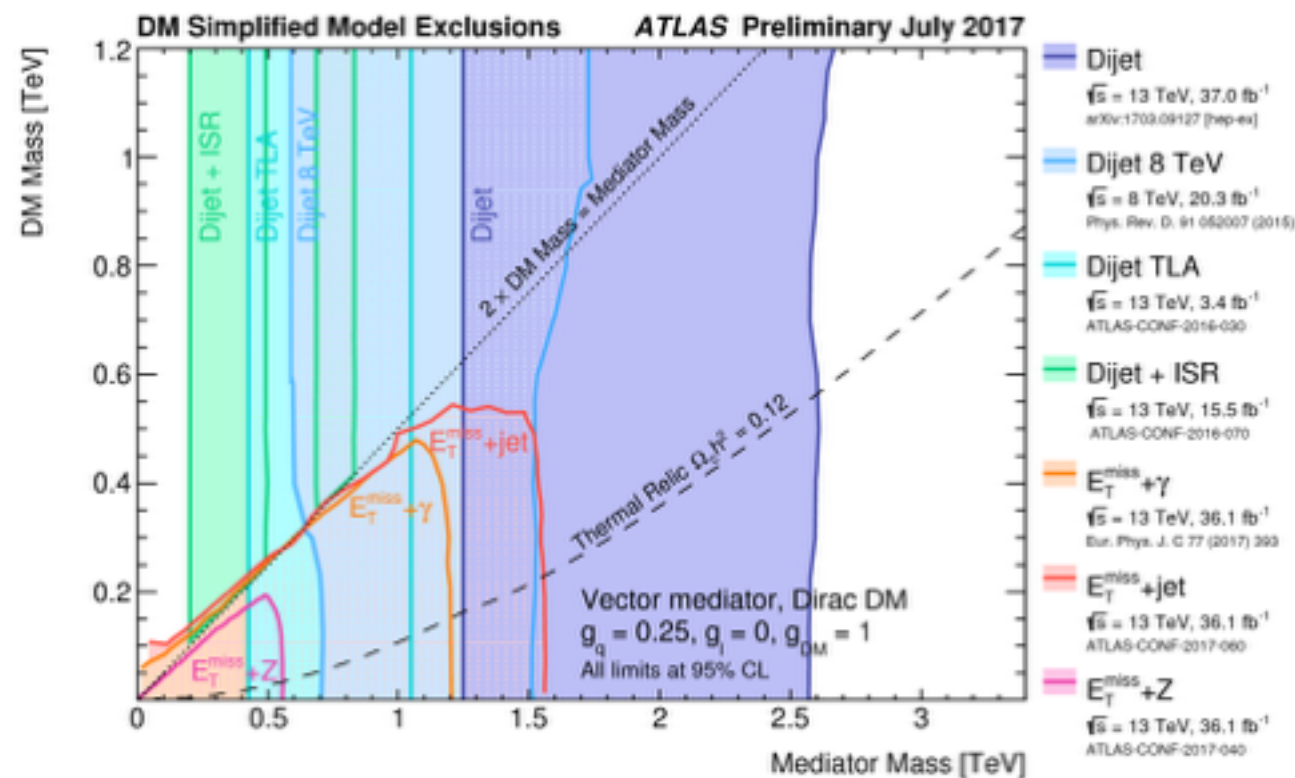


axial-vector mediator

vector mediator

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[see also Wang's talk]



## .. / What Next?

### Is this the whole story?

*“if all you have is a hammer, everything looks like a nail...”*



### Need to look for other tools\*

- \* less conventional / unexplored phenomenology
- \* data-driven approaches (ML)
- \* new/deeper views into data (ML)

# .. / Scoreboard

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## WIMP

- ✓ simple
- ✓ BSM-motivation (for some)
- ✓ common production (freeze-out)
- ✓ testable, in many ways
- ✗ ad-hoc stabilization (for some)
- ✗ window is closing (insist/desist?)

## non-WIMP

- ✓ more and more expt. data
- ✓ BSM-motivation (for some)
- ✗ case-by-case production

# .. / Outline

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## 1. Full-fledged models:

### - for WIMPs

- SUSY
- Composite Higgs

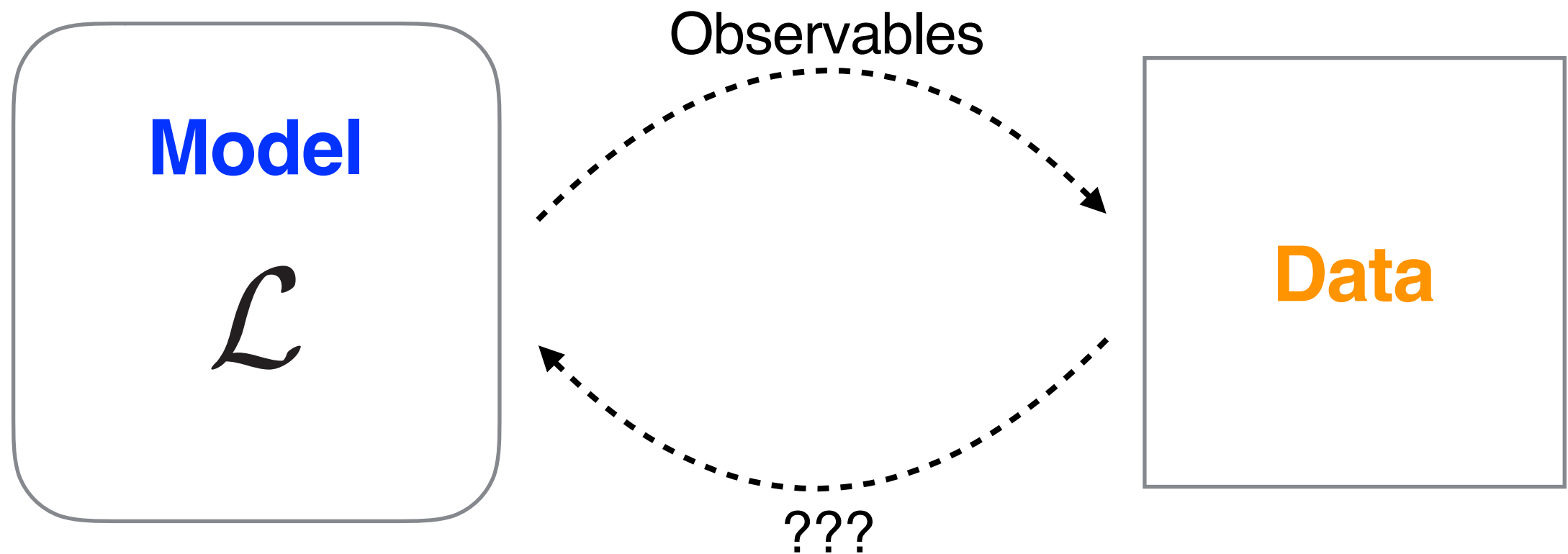
### - for non-WIMPs

- Axions
- Sterile Neutrinos

## 2. Simpler models (for WIMPs)

## 3. Machine learning mumbo jumbo

# .. / Inverse Problem

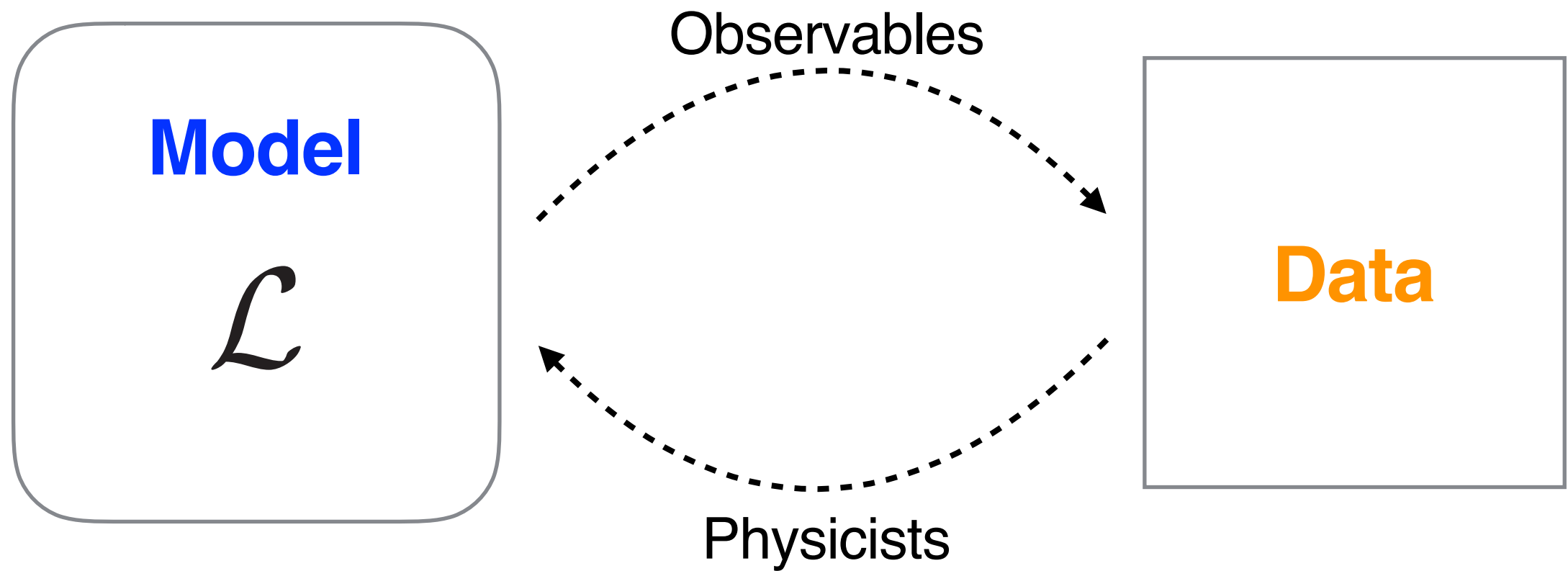


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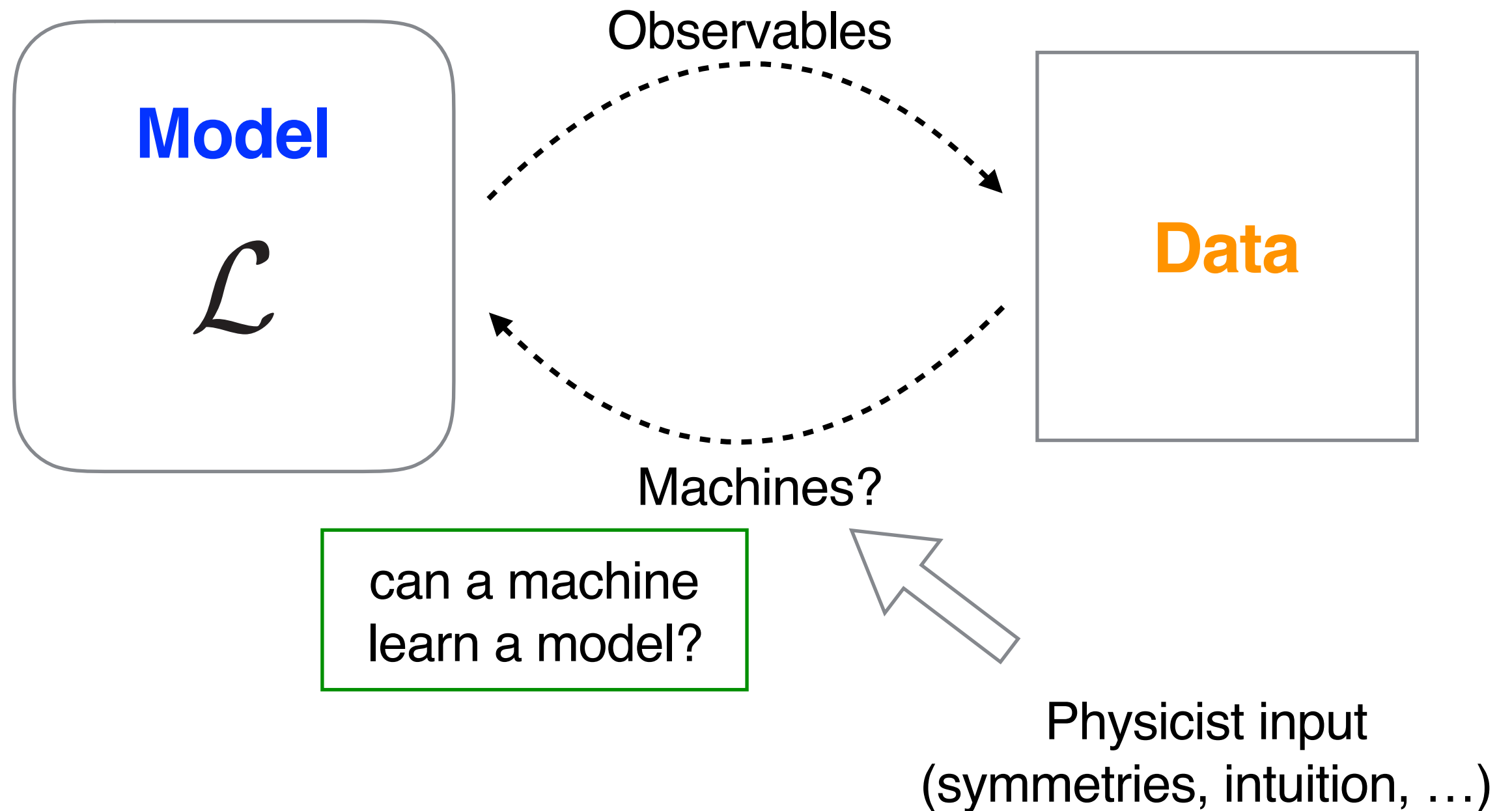


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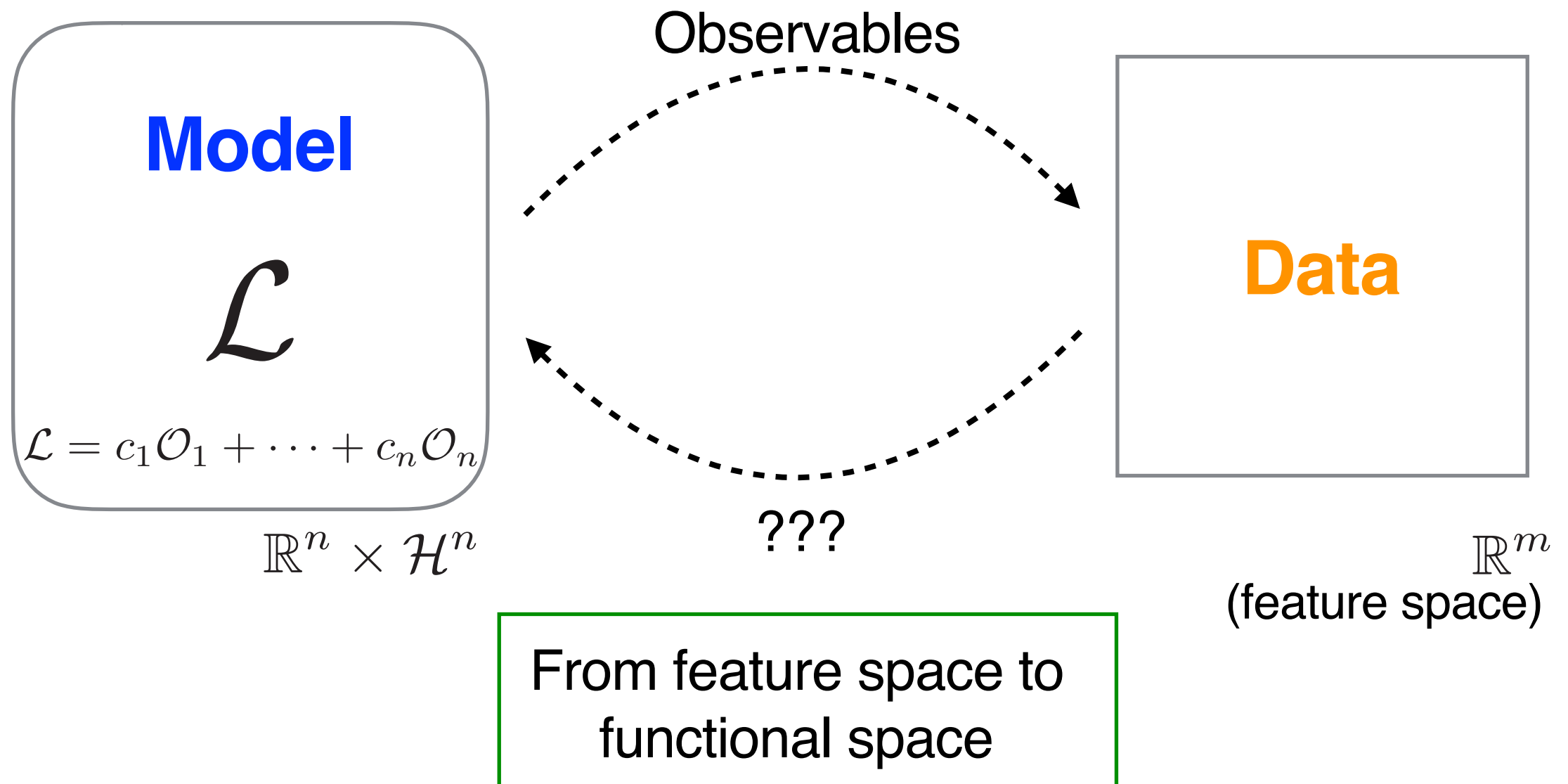
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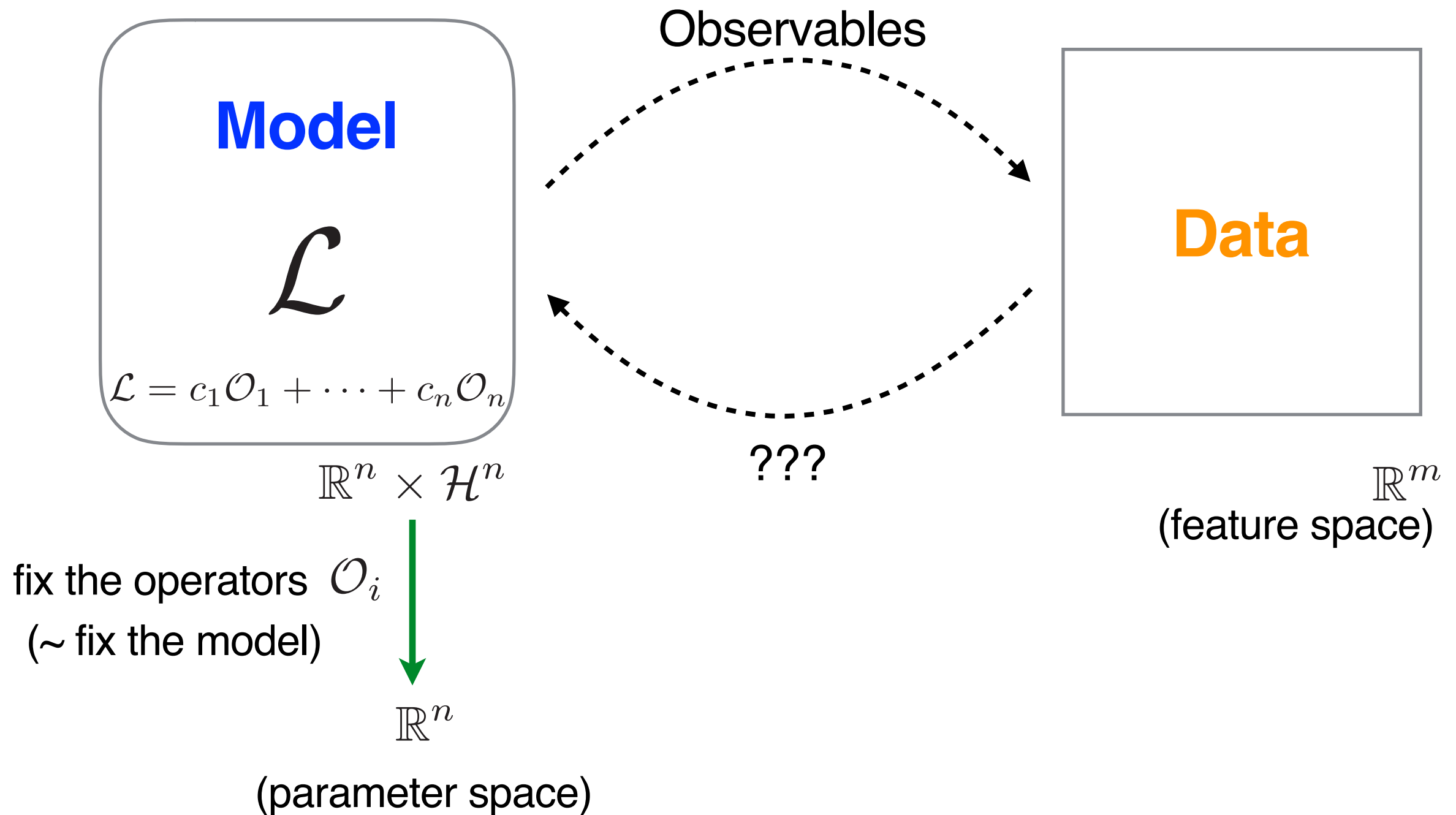
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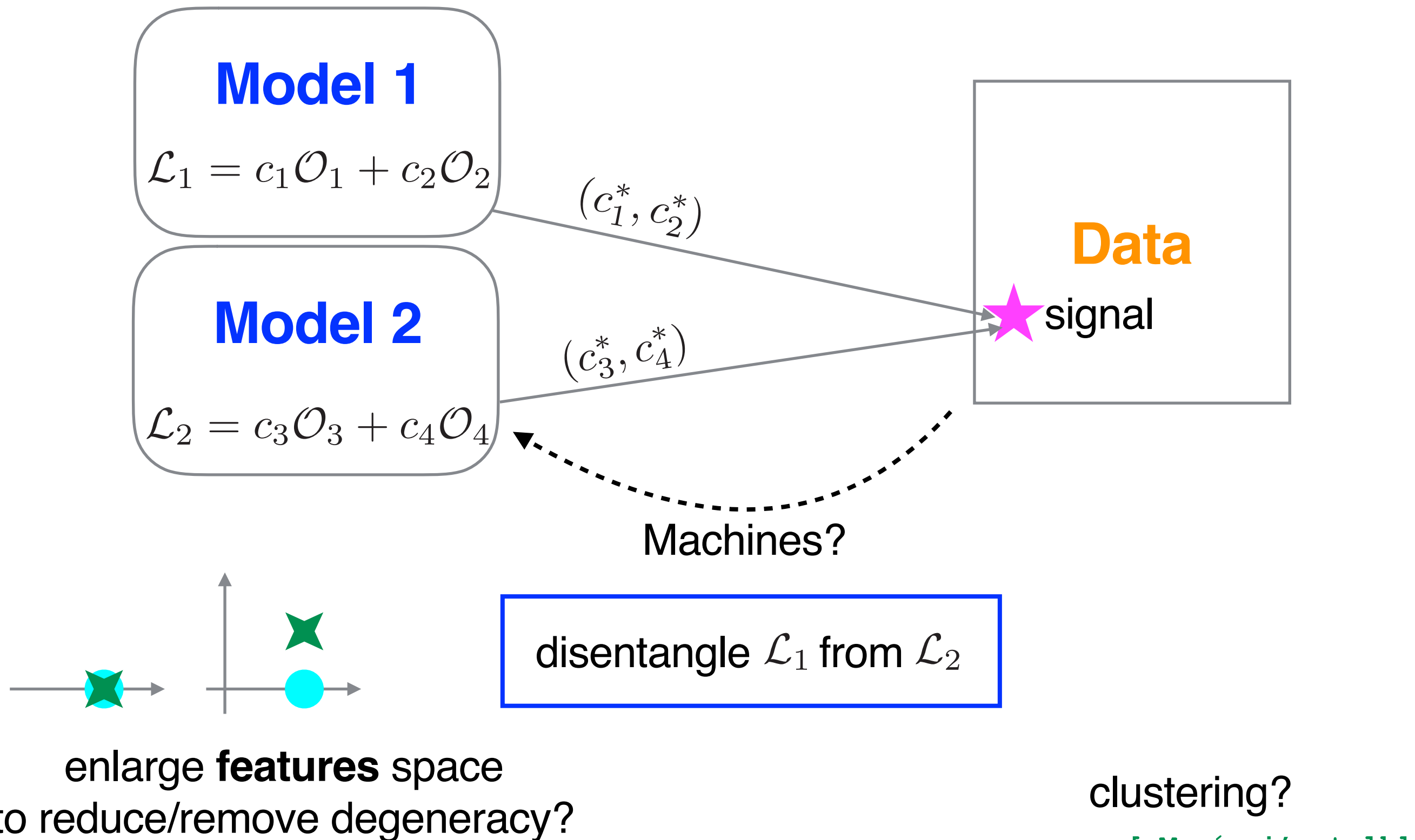
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[ Merényi's talk ]

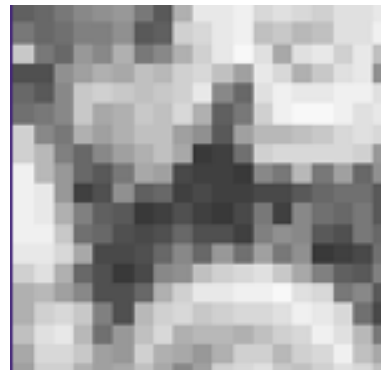
# ... / Inverse Problem

Energy



high-res.

New degrees  
of freedom



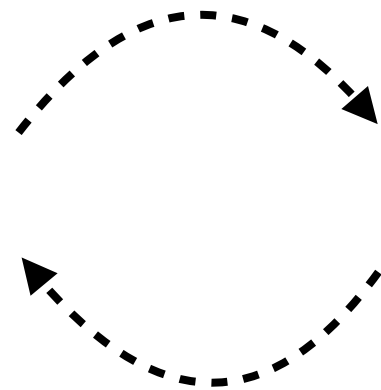
low-res.

**“The”  
Model**

$\mathcal{L}_{\text{full}}$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{full}} = c_3 \mathcal{O}_3 + \cdots + c_N \mathcal{O}_N$$

Physicist



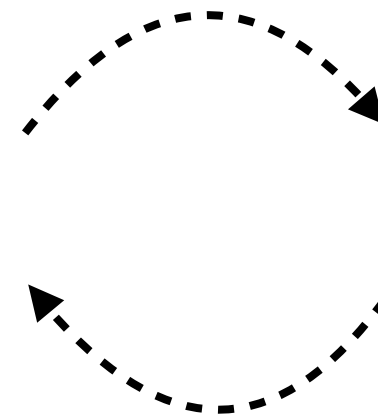
Machines?

**Model 1**

$\mathcal{L}_{\text{simple}}$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{simple}} = c_1 \mathcal{O}_1 + c_2 \mathcal{O}_2$$

Observables



Machines?

**Data**

RIM? [Welling's talk]

## - Improve speed/power of param. scans?

from models to data

more accuracy with less training data (active learning?)

## - Reduce degeneracies?

from data to models (inverse problem)

## - Learn a model?

from param space to functional space (inverse problem)

# . . / Take-Home Messages

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- **WIMP land is rich**

SUSY, composite Higgs,  
minimal models, simplified models, ...

- **DM-models land is even richer!**

a great deal of possibilities outside WIMPs

- **ML can help**



DM Physicists



ML Experts

