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DM @ LHC STATUS & OUTLOOK

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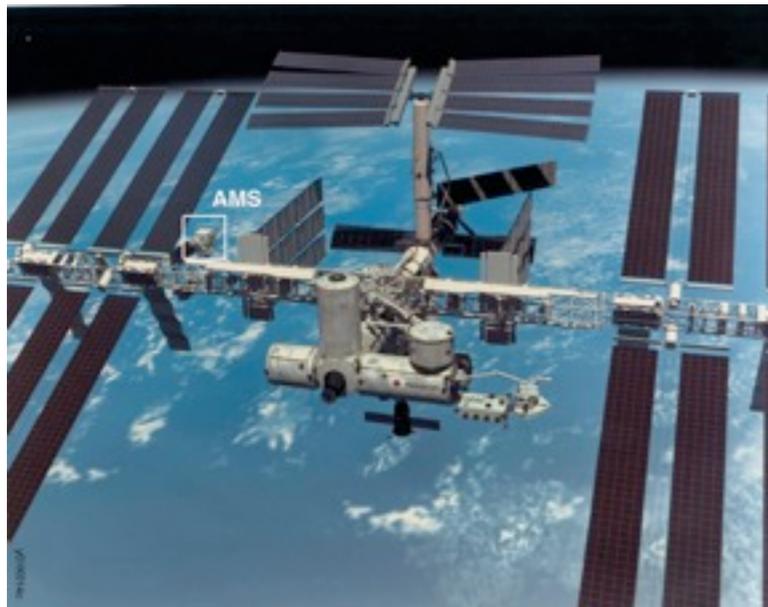
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3 PILLARS OF DARK MATTER SEARCHES

INDIRECT DETECTION

$DM DM \rightarrow e^+ e^-, \dots$



COLLIDER

$pp \rightarrow DM + X$

(in LHC we trust...)

DIRECT DETECTION

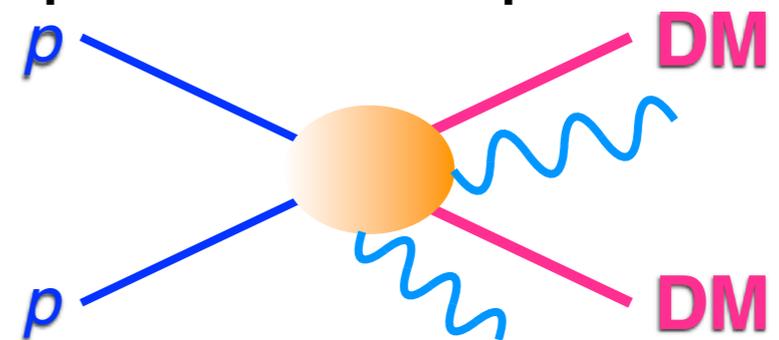
$DM \text{ Nucleus} \rightarrow DM \text{ Nucleus}$



- **Dark Matter searches @ LHC:**
mono-jets, effective operators and all that...
- *dead ends? way out?*
- **outlook for the next LHC Run**

Some trivial considerations:

- Dark Matter in a collider is like a neutrino (missing E_T)
- if stabilized by a Z_2 symmetry \longrightarrow DM produced in pairs
- Difficult search, unless correlating missing E_T with other handles



[- jets/photons from initial state radiation?
- displaced vertices?
- accompanying particles?]

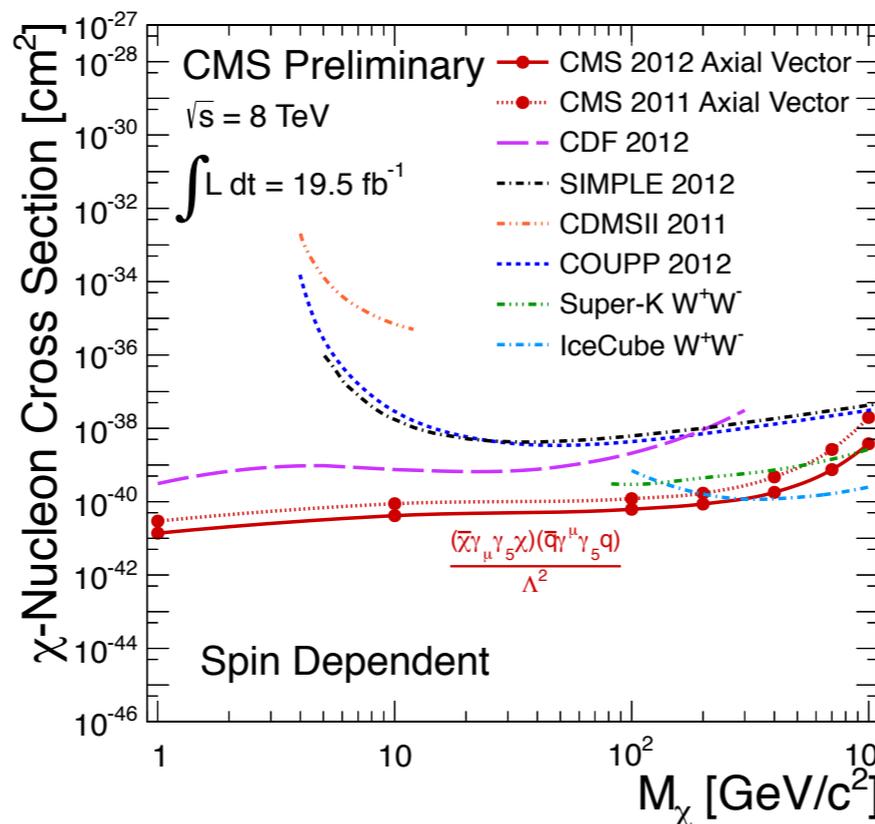
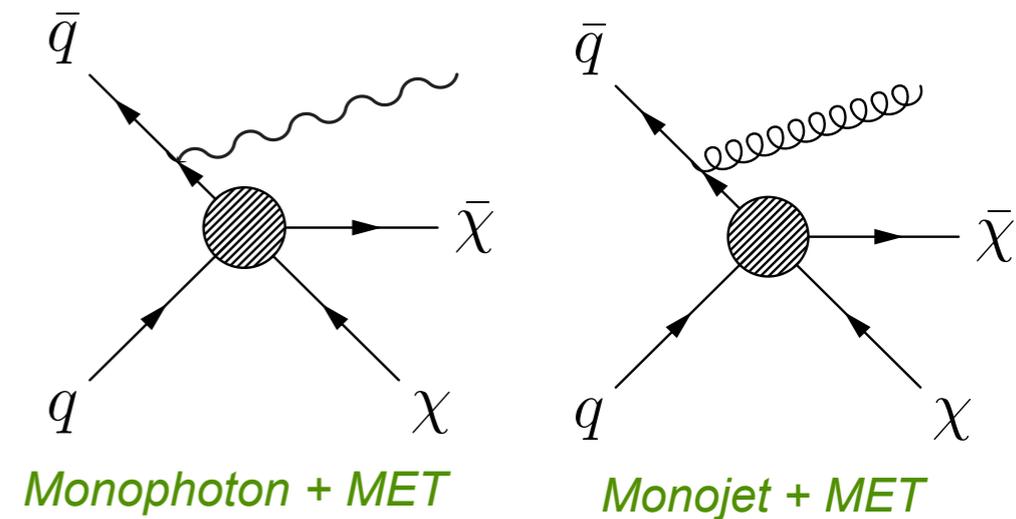
- **NEED NEW IDEAS!**

MONO-JET/MONO-PHOTON

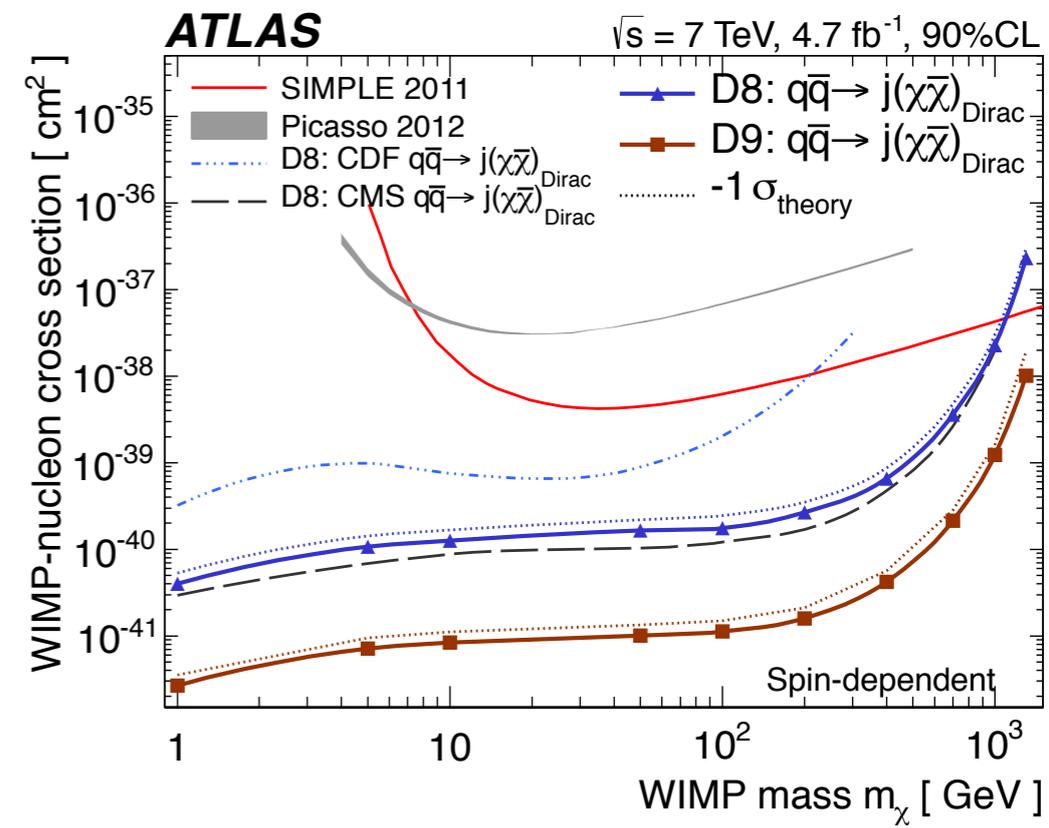
✓ constrain **DM-quarks** interactions and translate into limits on **DM-nucleon** cross-section

✓ complementary/competitive with direct detection

✓ no astrophysical uncertainties



[CMS PAS EXO-12-048]



[ATLAS 1210.4491]

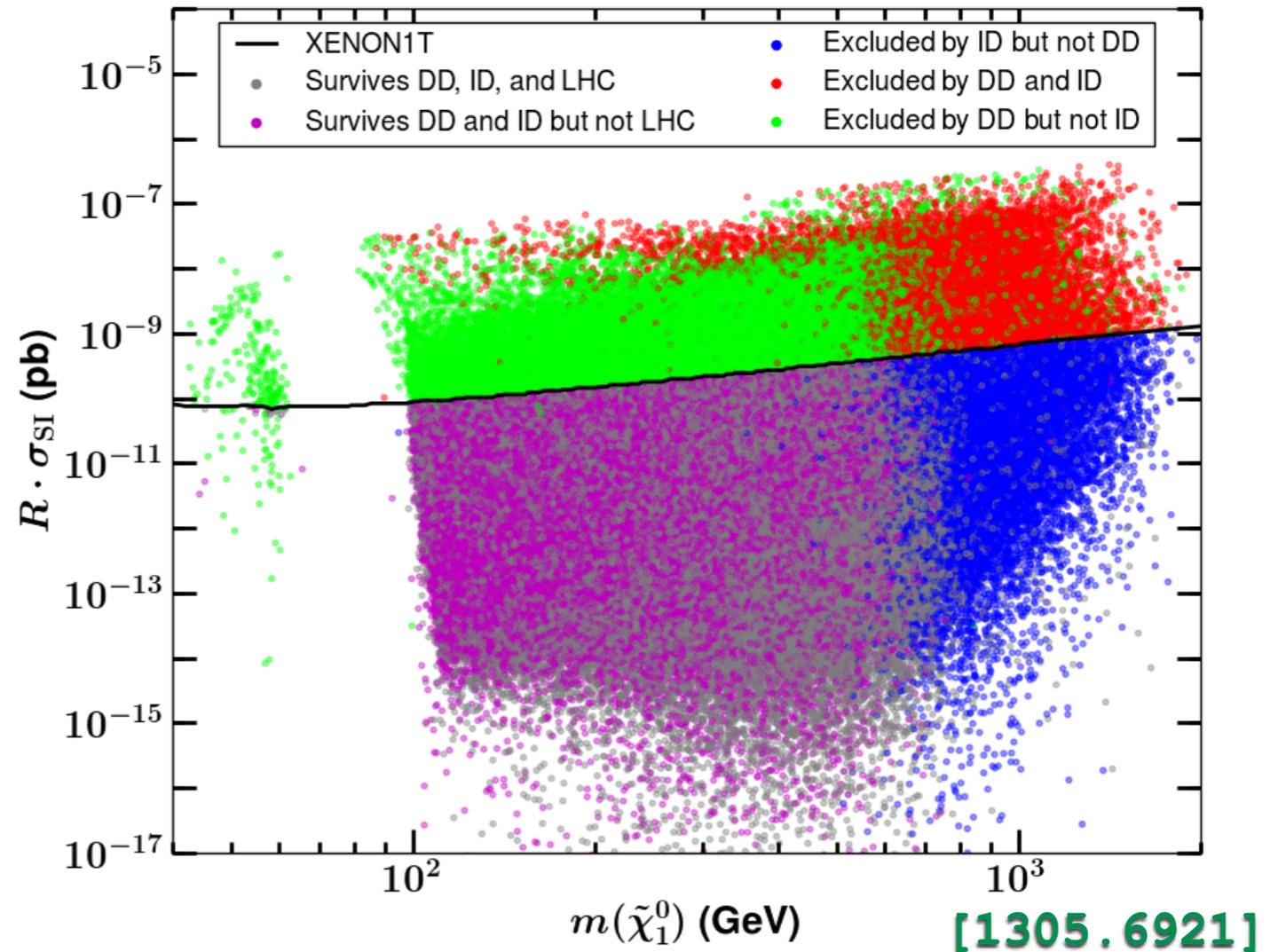
More complete/
more parameters

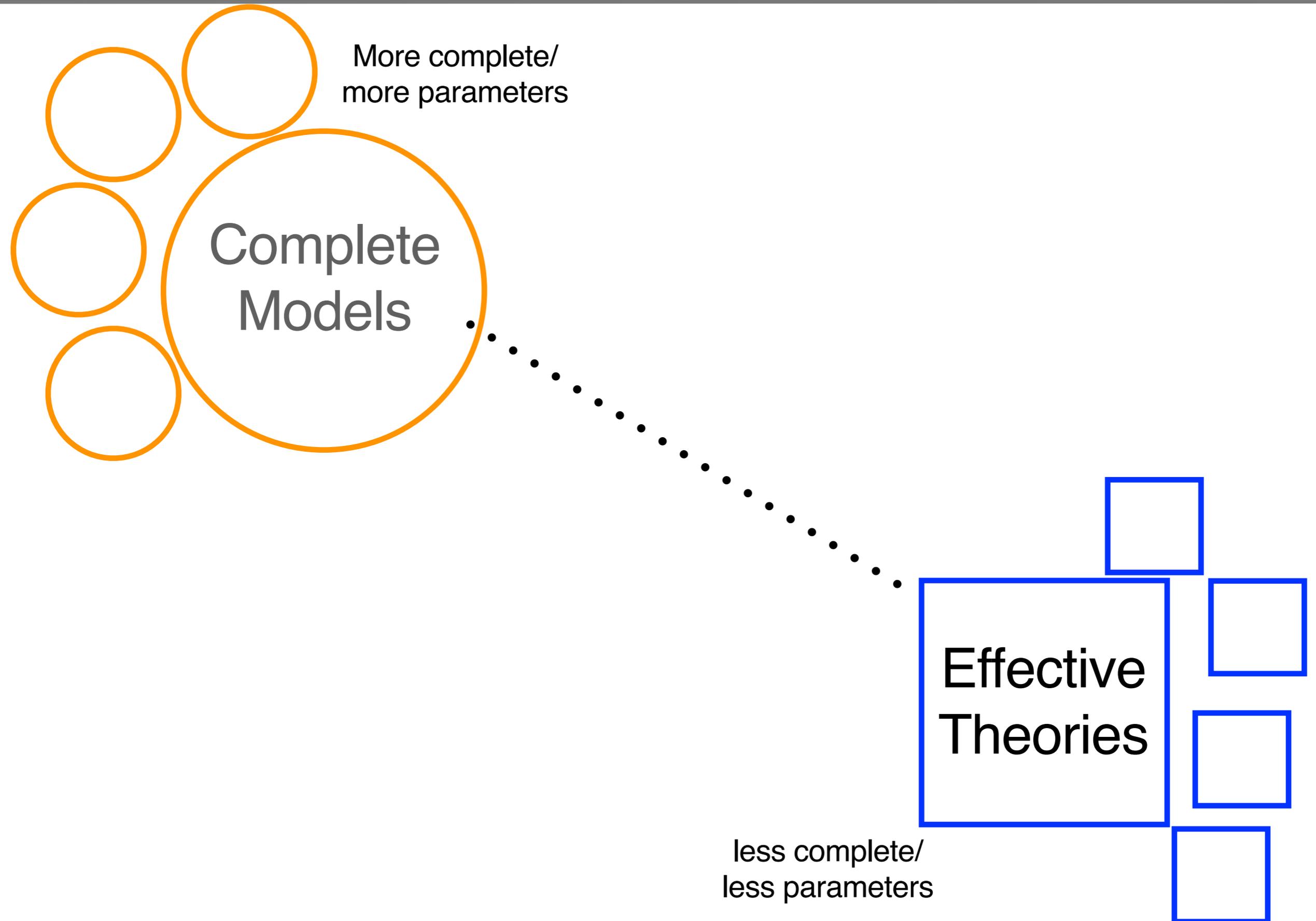
Complete
Models

lots of parameters...

MSSM, Composite Higgs, Extra-Dim...

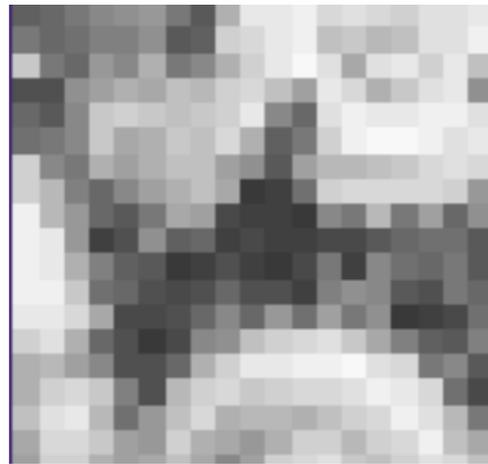
pMSSM scan





EFFECTIVE FIELD THEORY DESCRIPTION

effective
low-energy
description



($\Lambda \sim 1 \text{ TeV}$)

New States



(say, 10 TeV)

M_Z

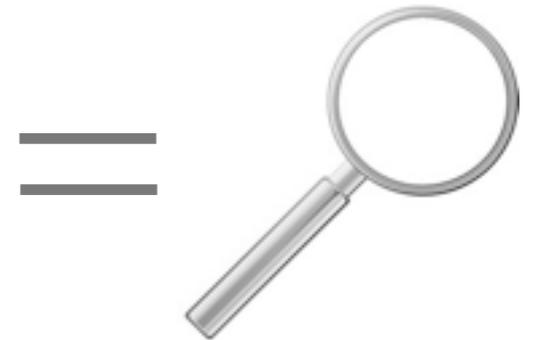
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EFT OK

Integrate out the UV physics
connecting Dark Matter-SM

$$\frac{1}{M_*^2} (\bar{\chi} \Gamma^A \chi) (\bar{q} \Gamma_A q)$$

LHC can access regions **beyond**
the validity of the eff. description



→ need to use EFT carefully and consistently

IMPLICATIONS FOR LHC LIMITS

Number of valid events are a fraction

$$[R_{M_*}^{\text{tot}}] = \sigma|_{Q_{\text{tr}} < M_*} / \sigma$$

of the total events

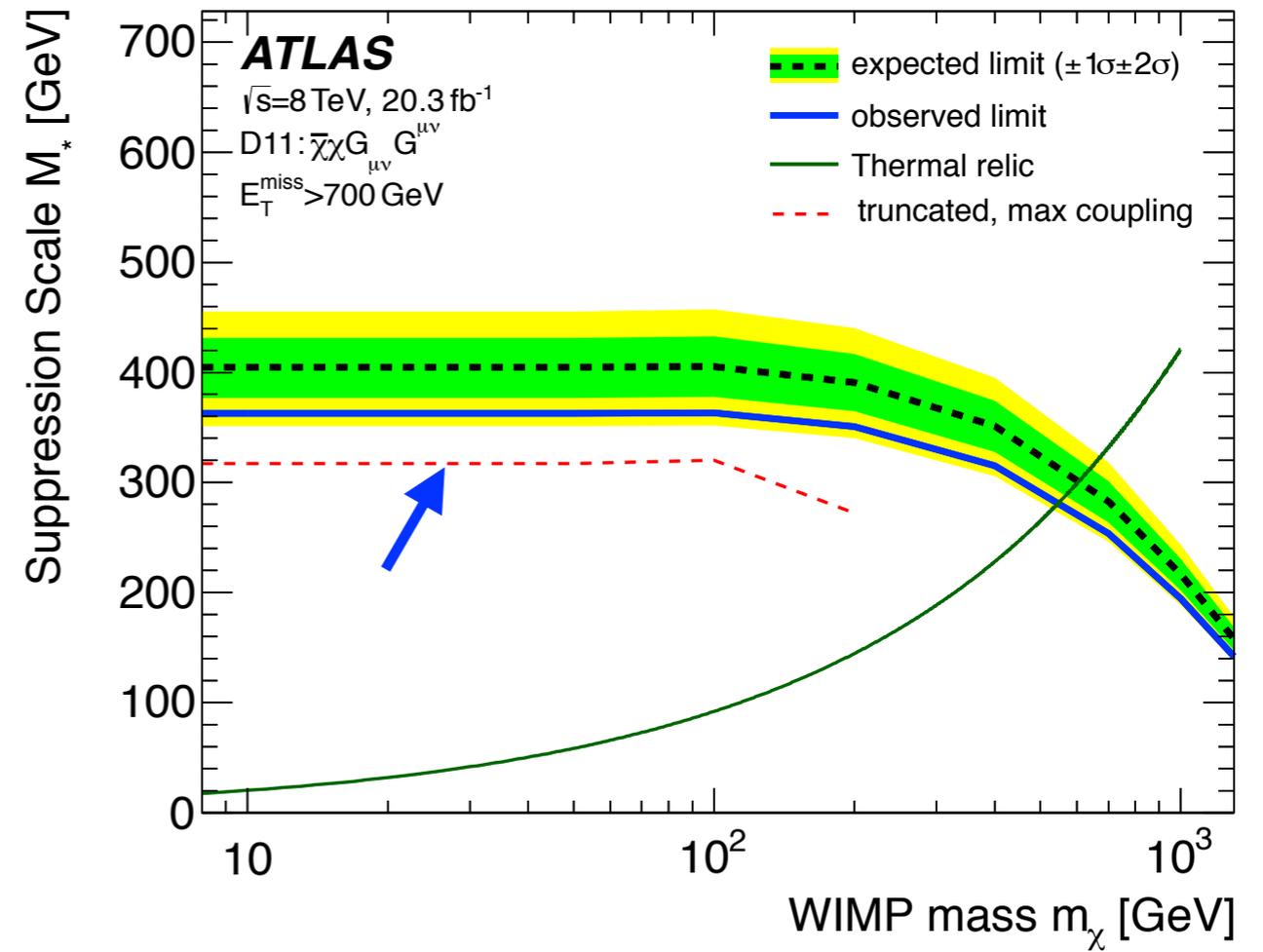
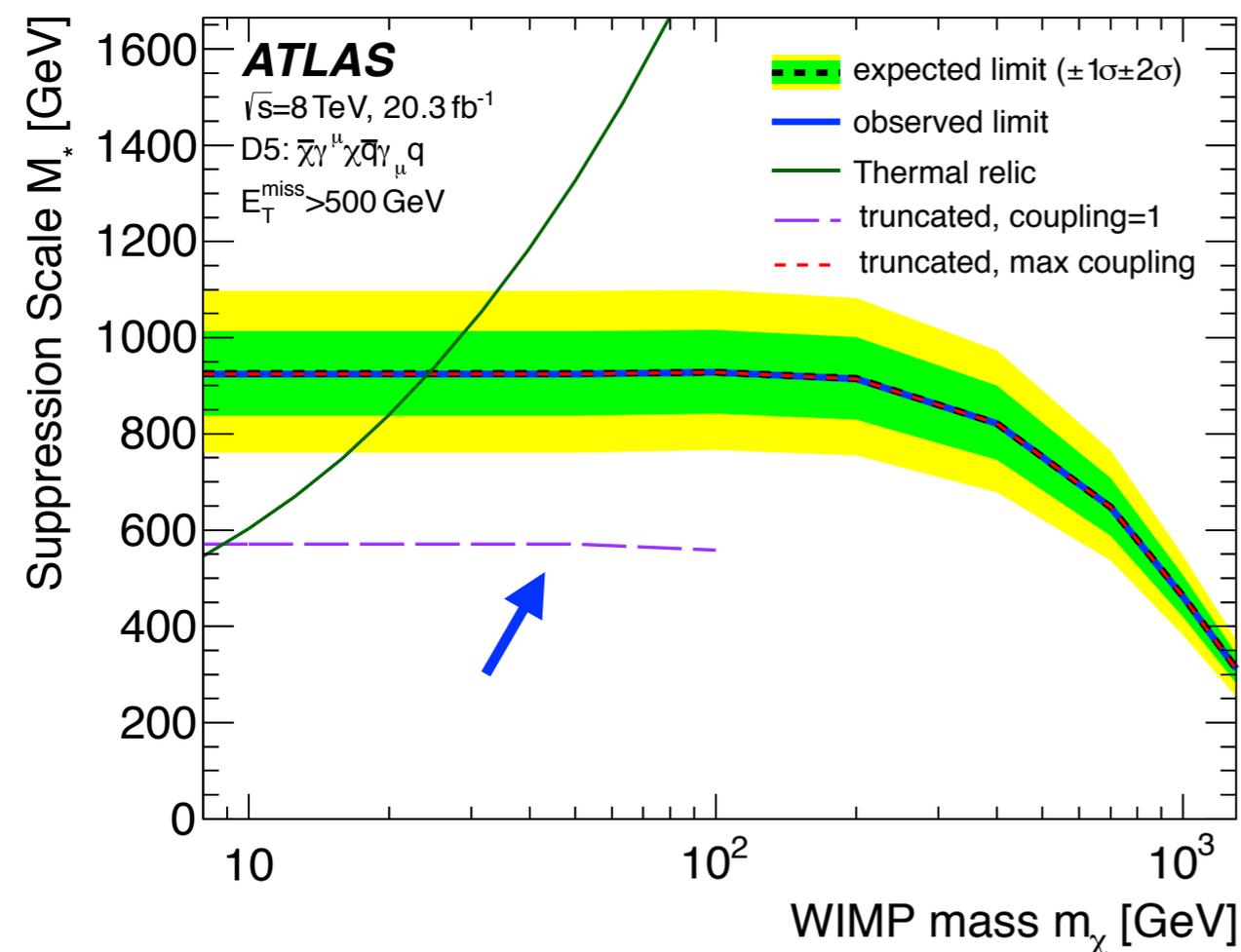
Signal cross section scales as:

$$\sigma \propto M_*^{-4}$$

(for dim-6 ops)

So the new limits are found by:

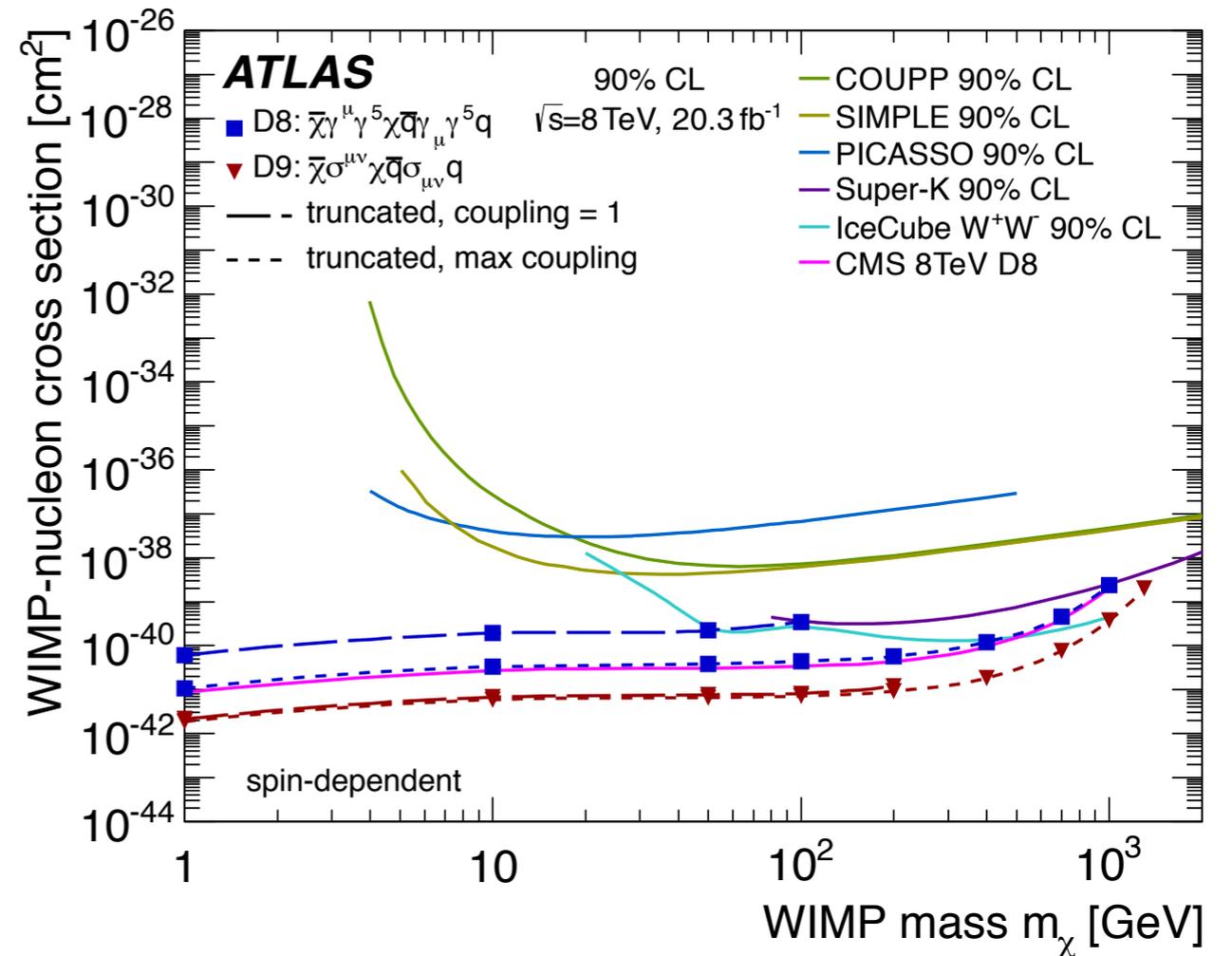
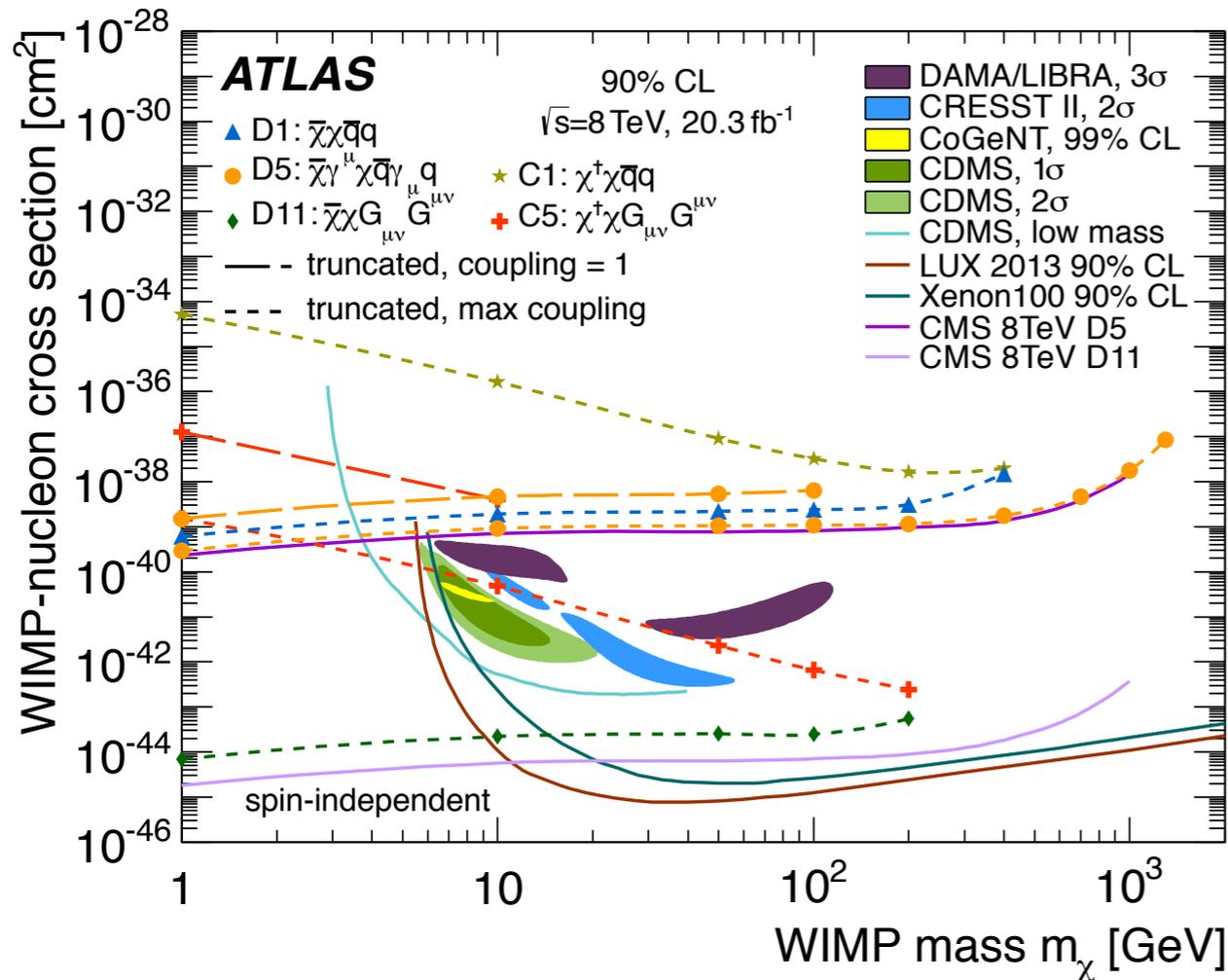
$$M_*^{\text{valid}} = [R_{M_*^{\text{valid}}}^{\text{tot}}]^{1/4} M_*^{\text{exp}}$$



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the “money plots”

$L=20.3 \text{ fb}^{-1}$



■ after truncation: theoretically robust limits

■ still relevant at low DM masses

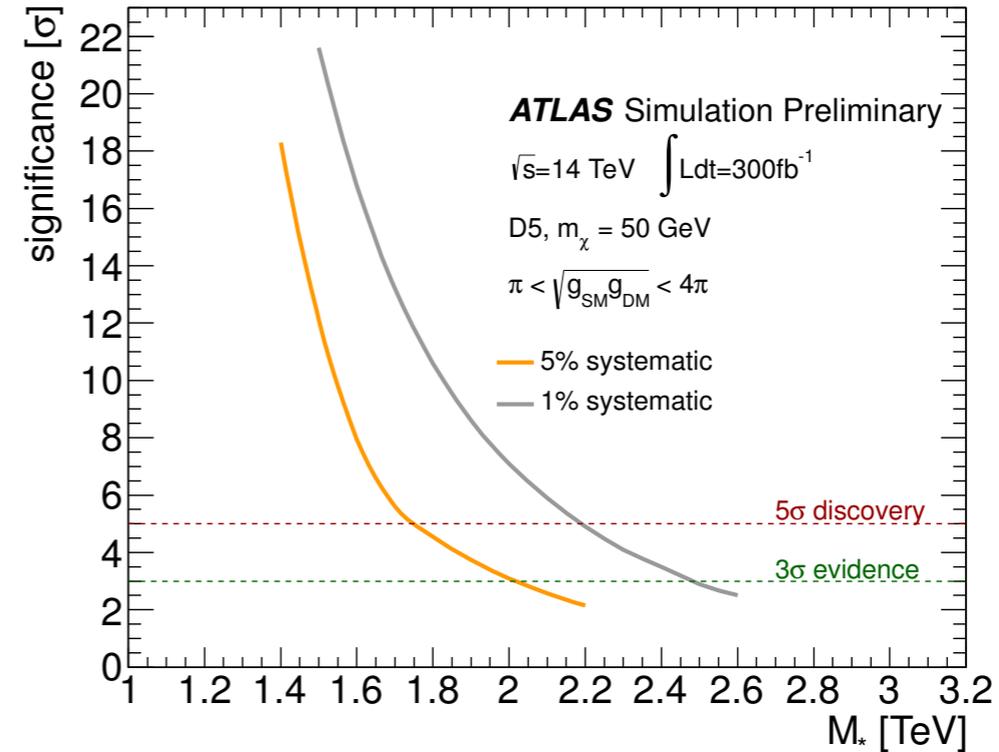
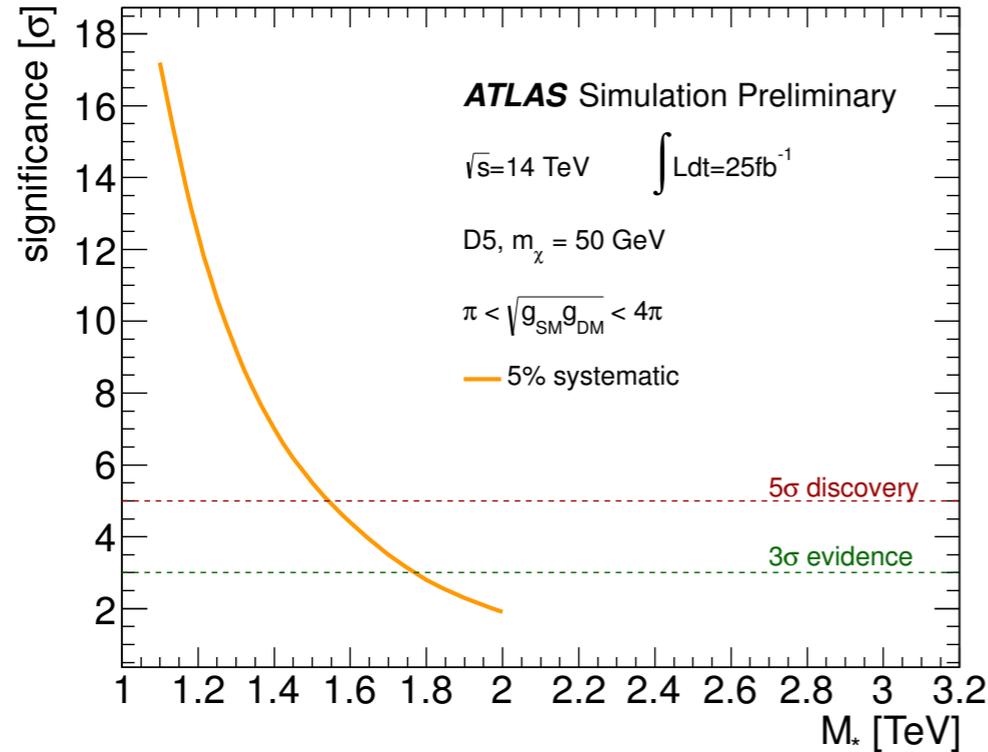
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EFT DISCOVERY POTENTIAL

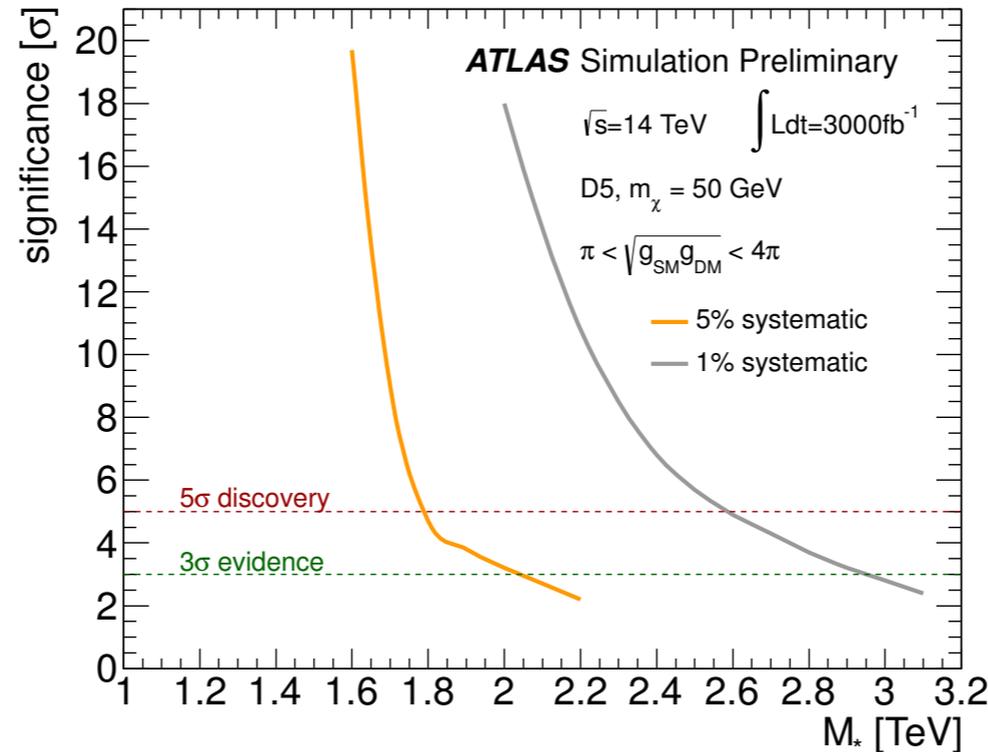
$\sqrt{s} = 14 \text{ TeV}$

$L=25 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

$L=300 \text{ fb}^{-1}$



$L=3000 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ (HL-LHC)



Effective
Operator

$$(\bar{\chi}\gamma^\mu\chi)(\bar{q}\gamma_\mu q)$$

EFT validity
assumed

$$m_{\text{DM}} = 50 \text{ GeV}$$

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*“There’s a way to do it better. **Find it.**”*

T.A. Edison

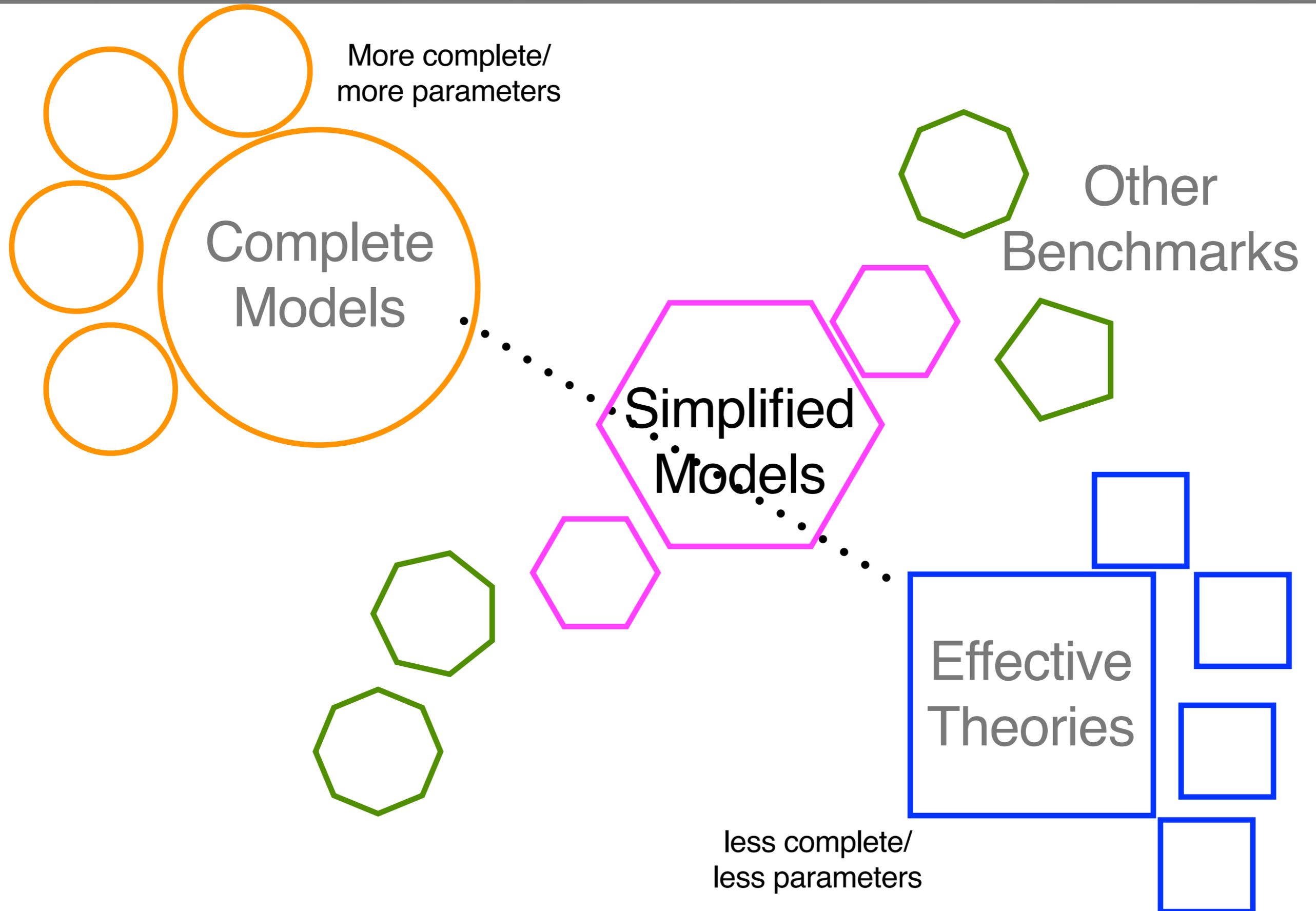
EFT approach

- limited validity
- not entirely model-independent
(still rather general...)

**How to go beyond that (but keeping generality),
in view of LHC14?**

- **Simplified Models**
- **Selected benchmarks cases**

WAY OUT?

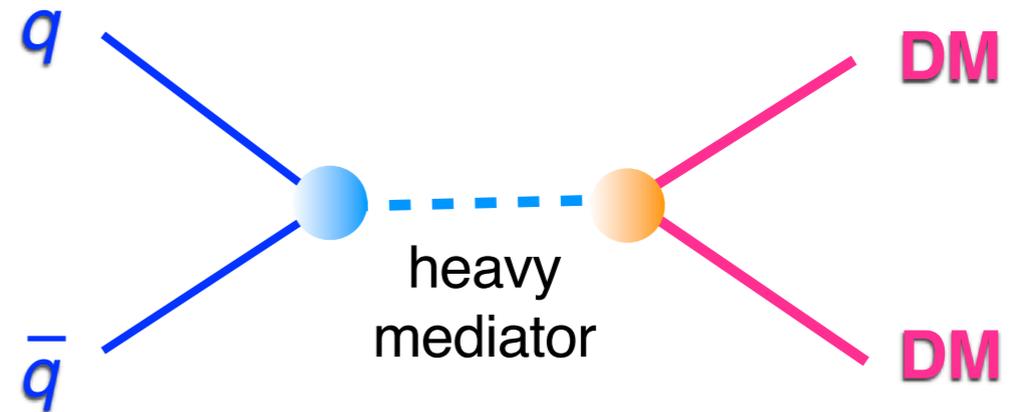


... just means extending the SM with:

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

>> just another parametrization of unknown high energy physics <<

correspondence
eff ops \longleftrightarrow simplified models



✗ 1 or 2 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.

Simplified Models for Dark Matter and Missing Energy Searches at the LHC

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Interplay and Characterization of Dark Matter Searches at Colliders and in Direct Detection Experiments

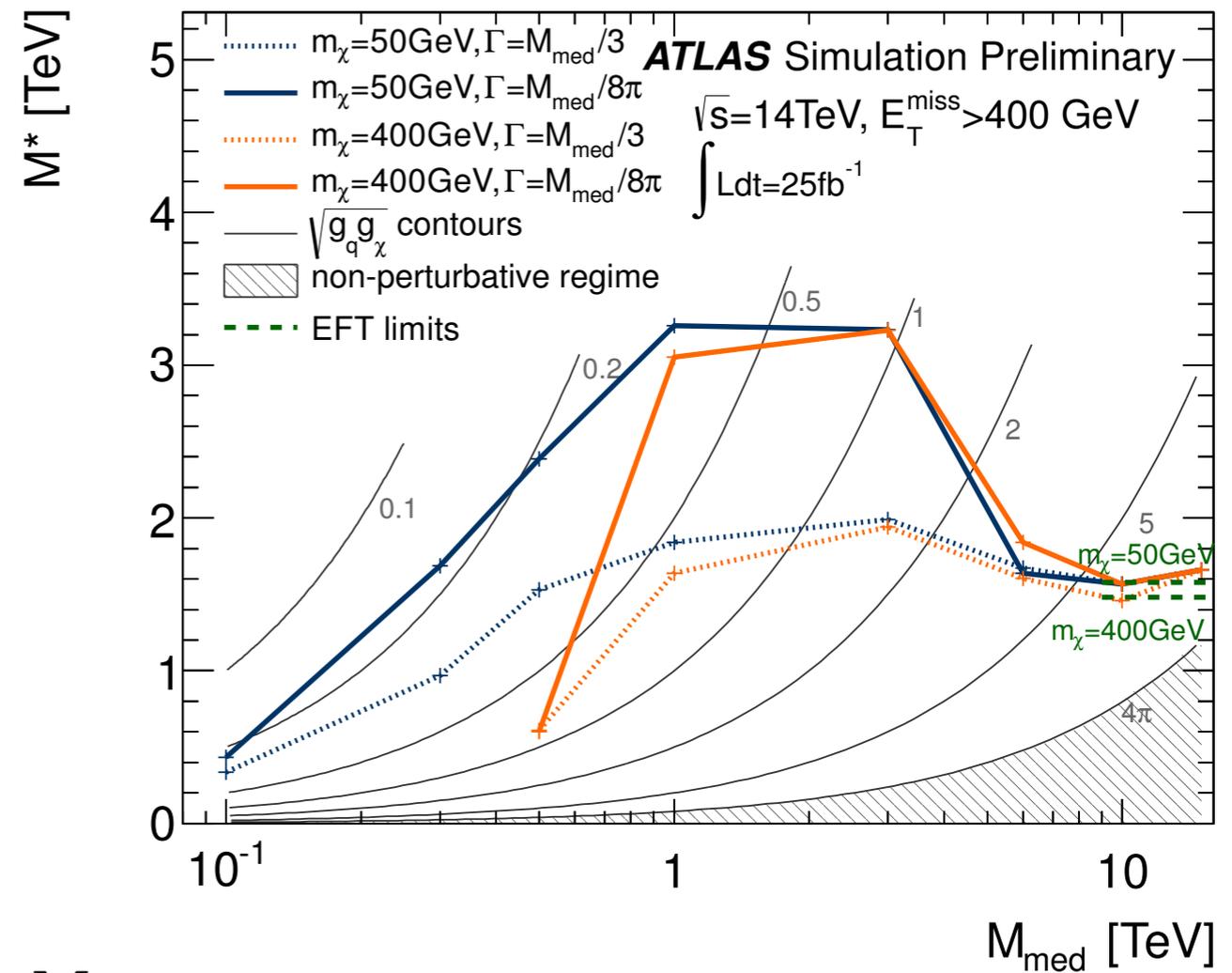
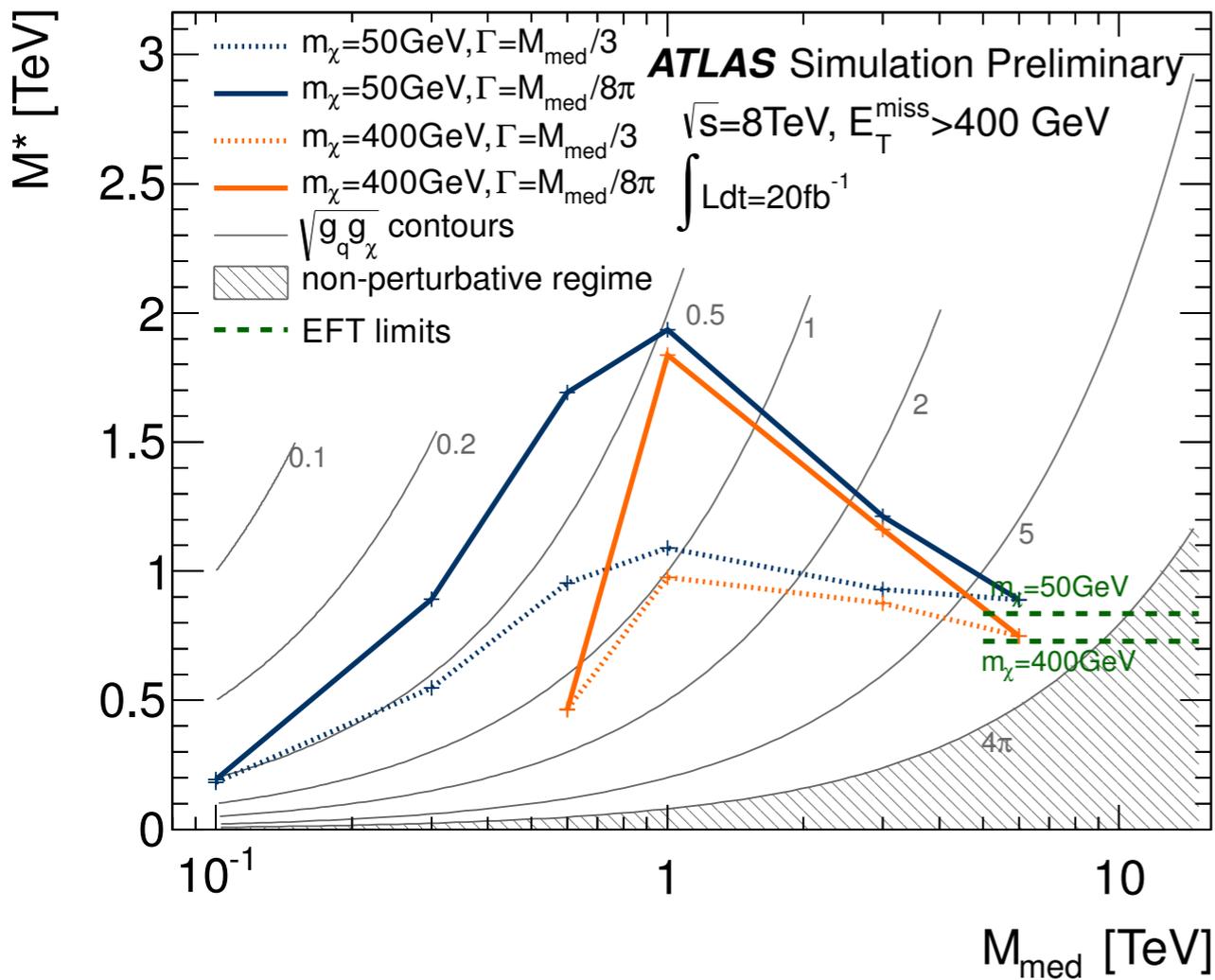
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SIMPLIFIED MODELS

Z' vector mediator model: $\mathcal{L} = - \sum_f g_f Z'_\mu [\bar{f} \gamma^\mu f] - g_{\text{DM}} Z'_\mu [\bar{\chi} \gamma^\mu \chi]$

$\sqrt{s} = 8 \text{ TeV}$

$\sqrt{s} = 14 \text{ TeV}$

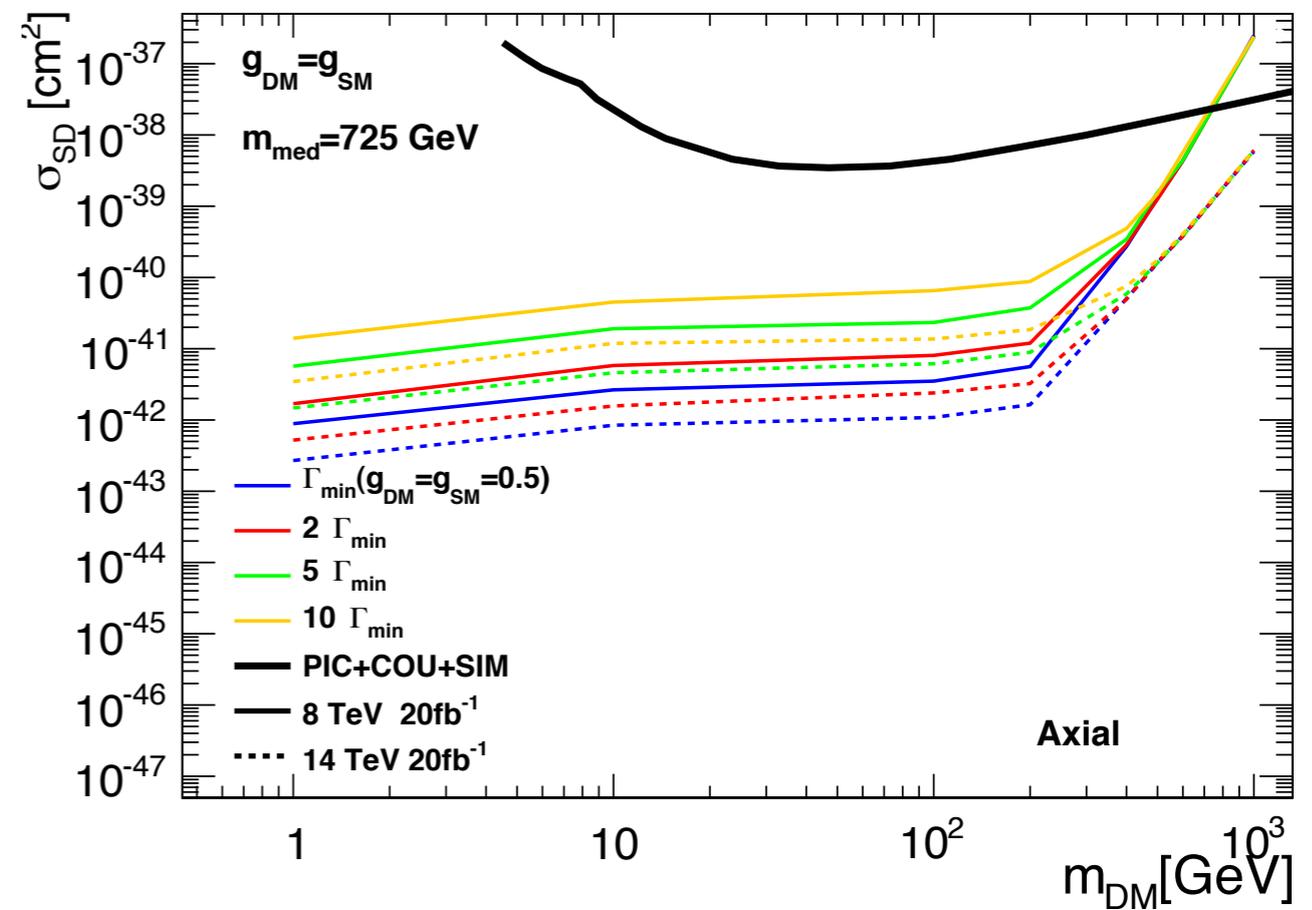
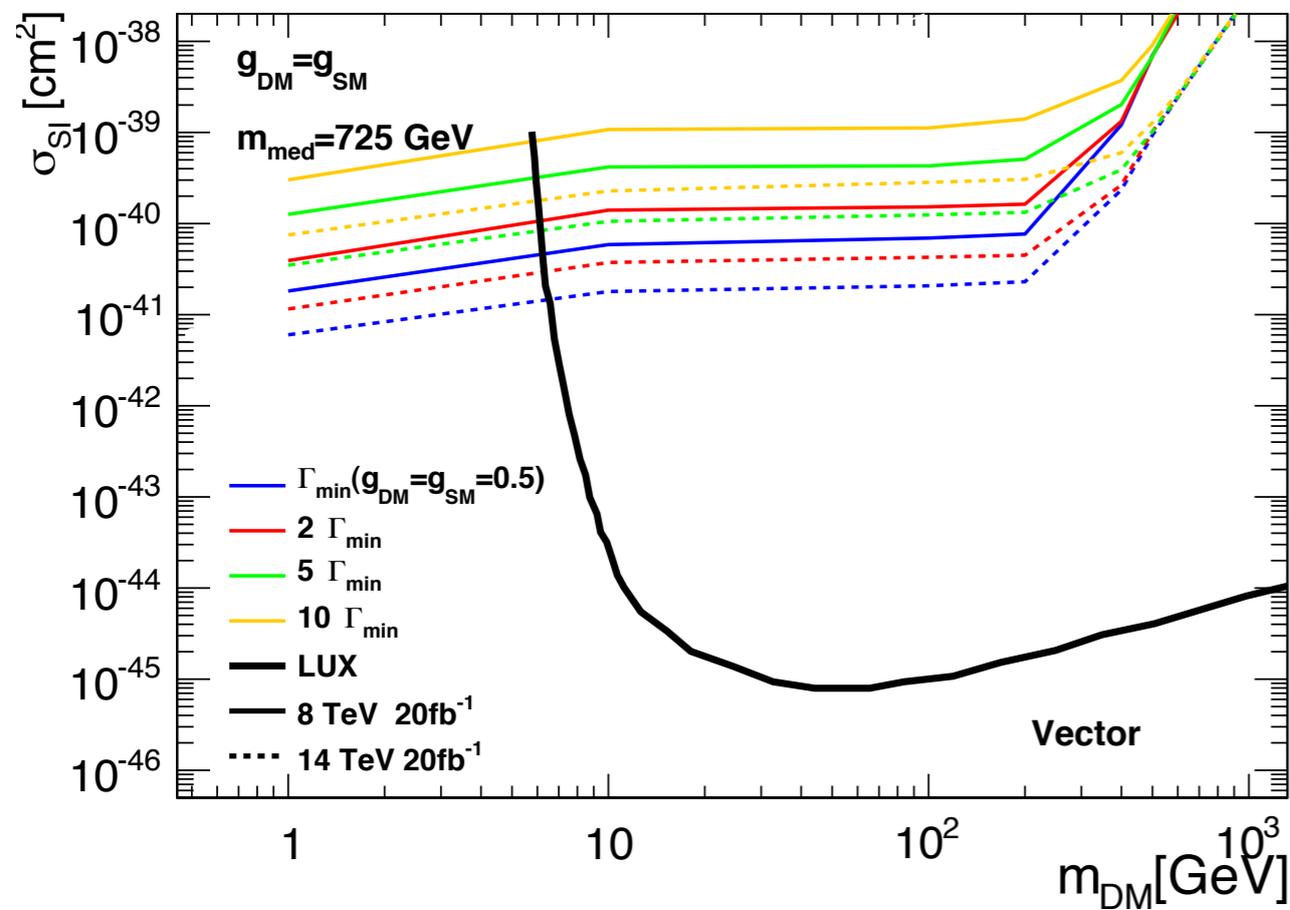


$$M^* = \frac{M_{\text{med}}}{\sqrt{g_f g_{\text{DM}}}}$$

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SIMPLIFIED MODELS

projecting 90%CL exclusions
(from CMS data)
onto direct-detection plane

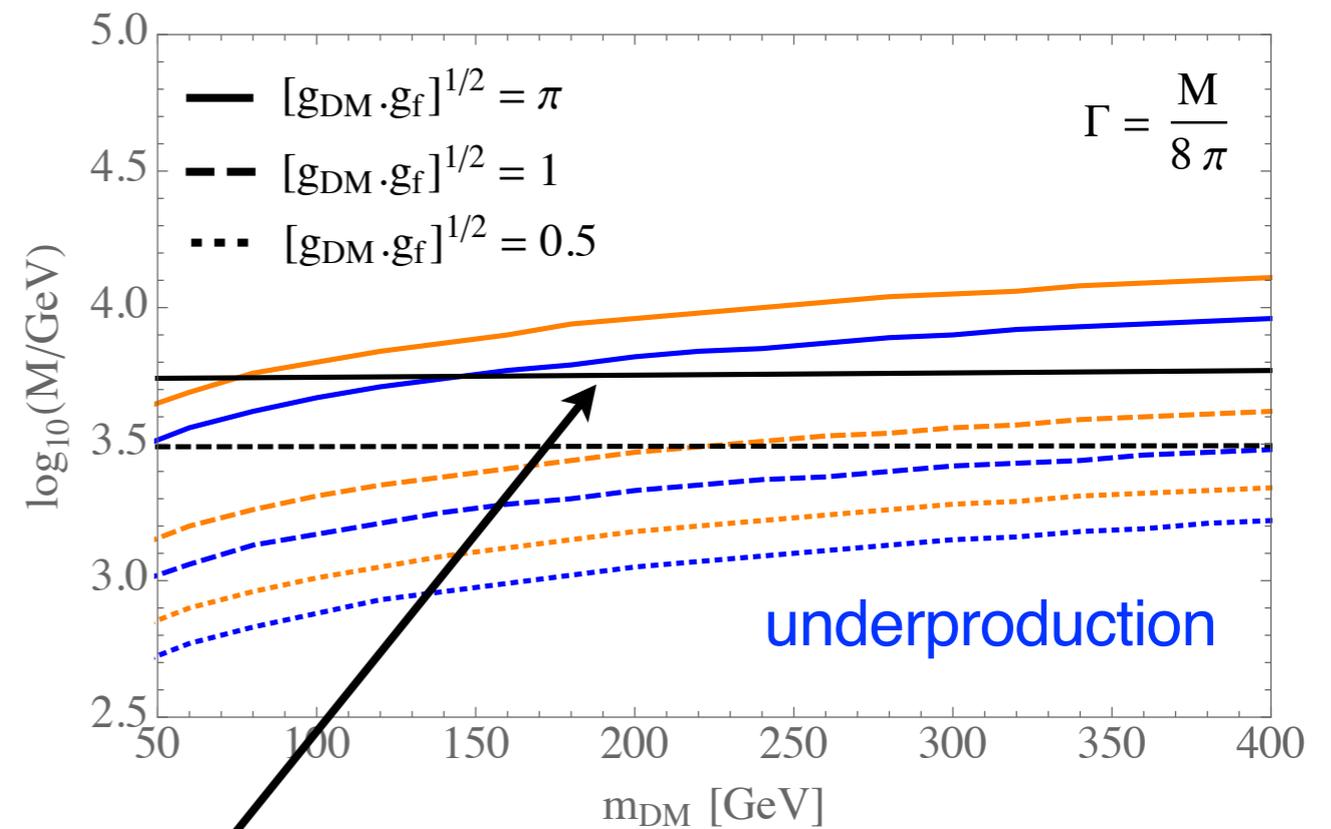
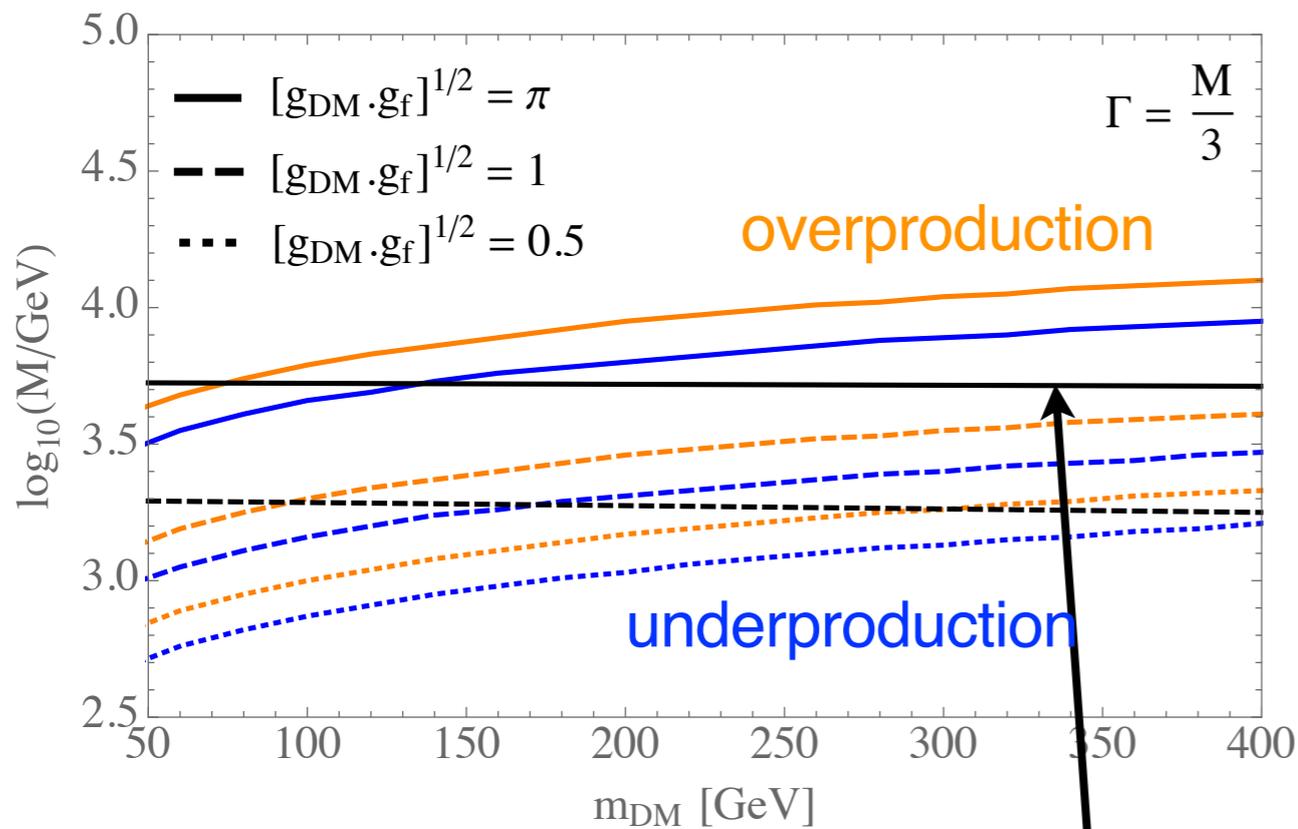


[Harris et al - 1411.0535]

SIMPLIFIED MODELS: RELIC DENSITY

[Busoni, DS, Jacques, Morgante, Riotto - 1410.7409]

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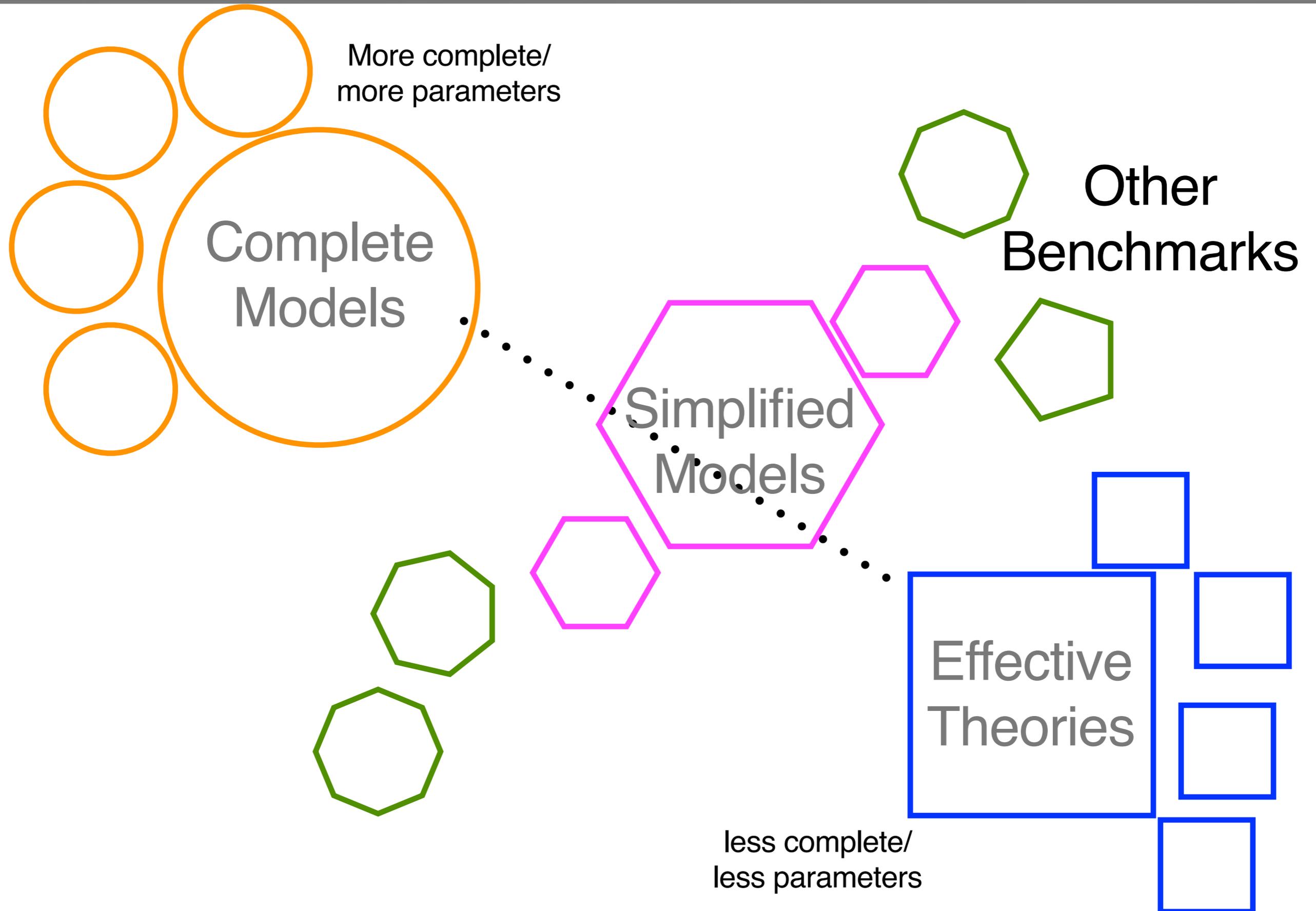
ATLAS 95% CL bound
L=25 fb⁻¹ at 14 TeV

overproduction $\langle \sigma v \rangle_{\text{ann}} < \# \langle \sigma v \rangle_*$

underproduction $\langle \sigma v \rangle_{\text{ann}} > \langle \sigma v \rangle_*$

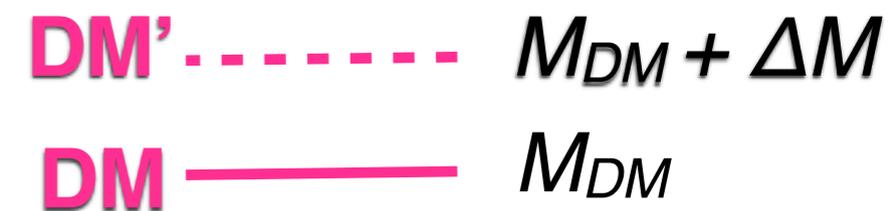
Hypothesis: $g_f \leq g_{u,d}$

WAY OUT?



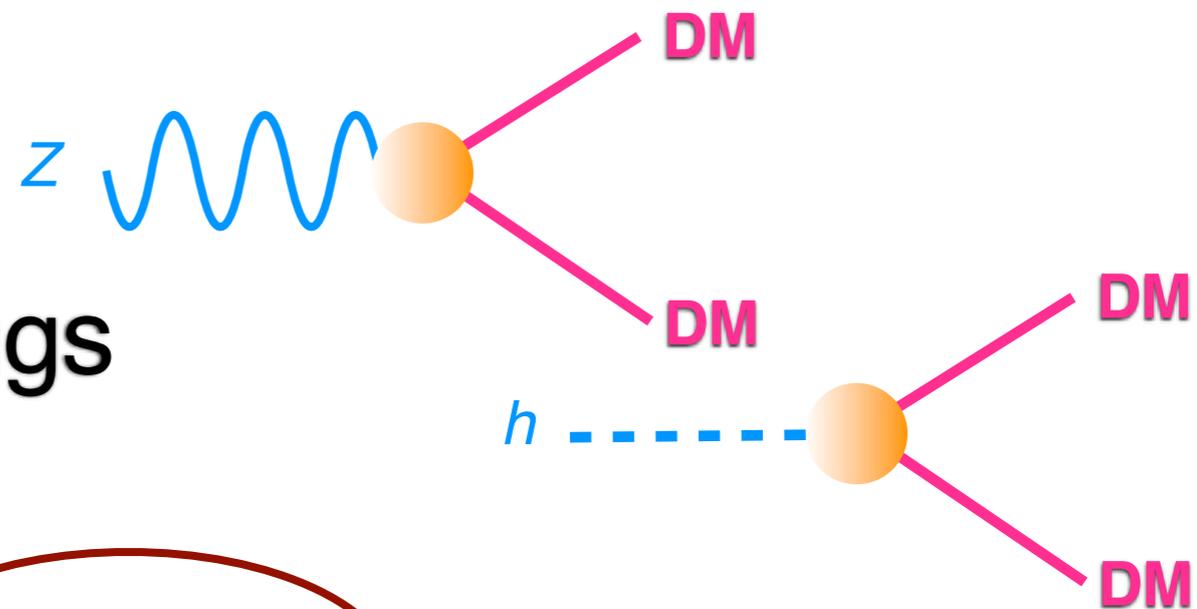
Some benchmark cases offering prospects for DM discovery
(alternative to EFT or simplified models):

1. DM co-annihilating with a coloured partner



2. DM annihilating through a SM mediator

- DM coupled to the Z
- DM coupled to the Higgs



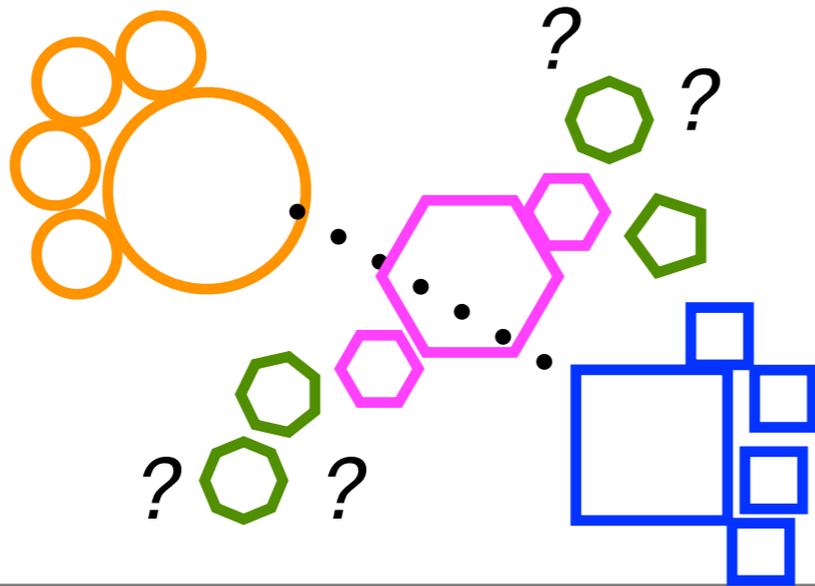
3. DM near Z/h thresholds

$$\Gamma_{\text{med} \rightarrow \text{DM}}$$

... ???

EFT fragile

LHC can discover **mediators** more easily than effective operators



Future of LHC searches for DM

Need to explore new avenues

- *beyond EFT*
- *as model-indep. as possible*

Get ready to fail

abandon WIMP paradigm in N years
or
WIMP obstinacy?

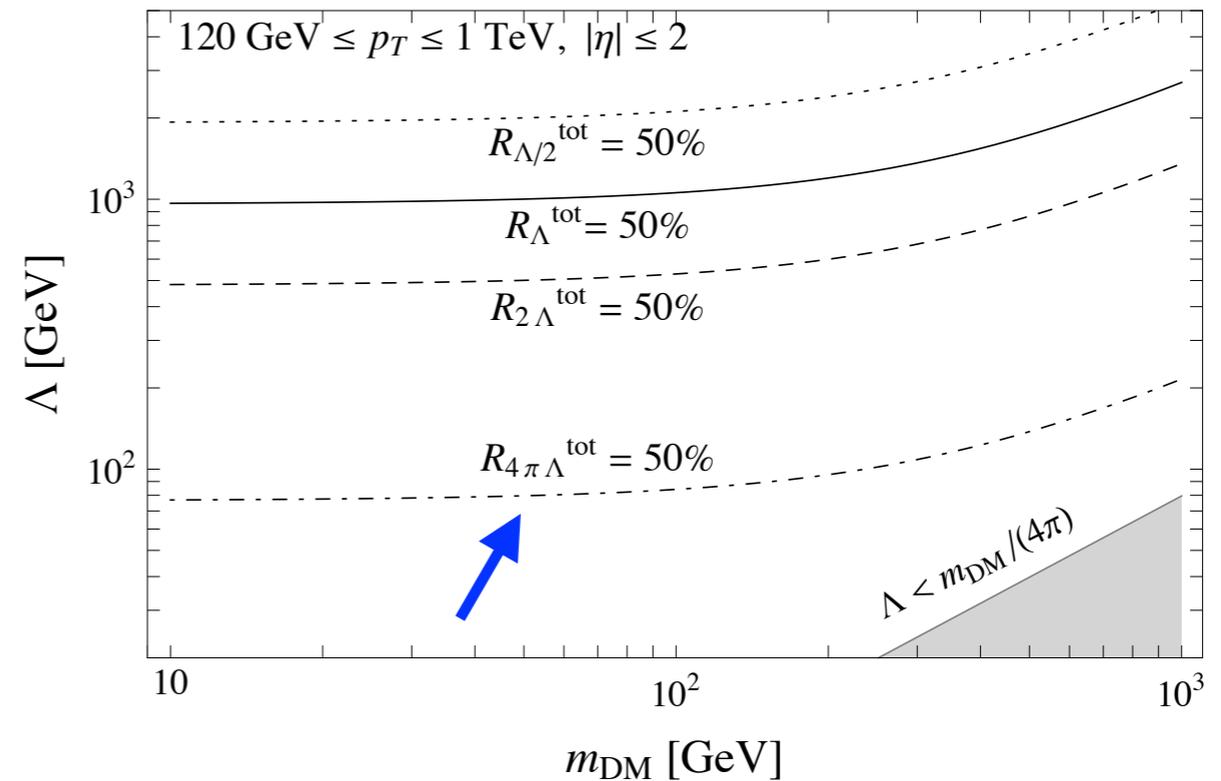
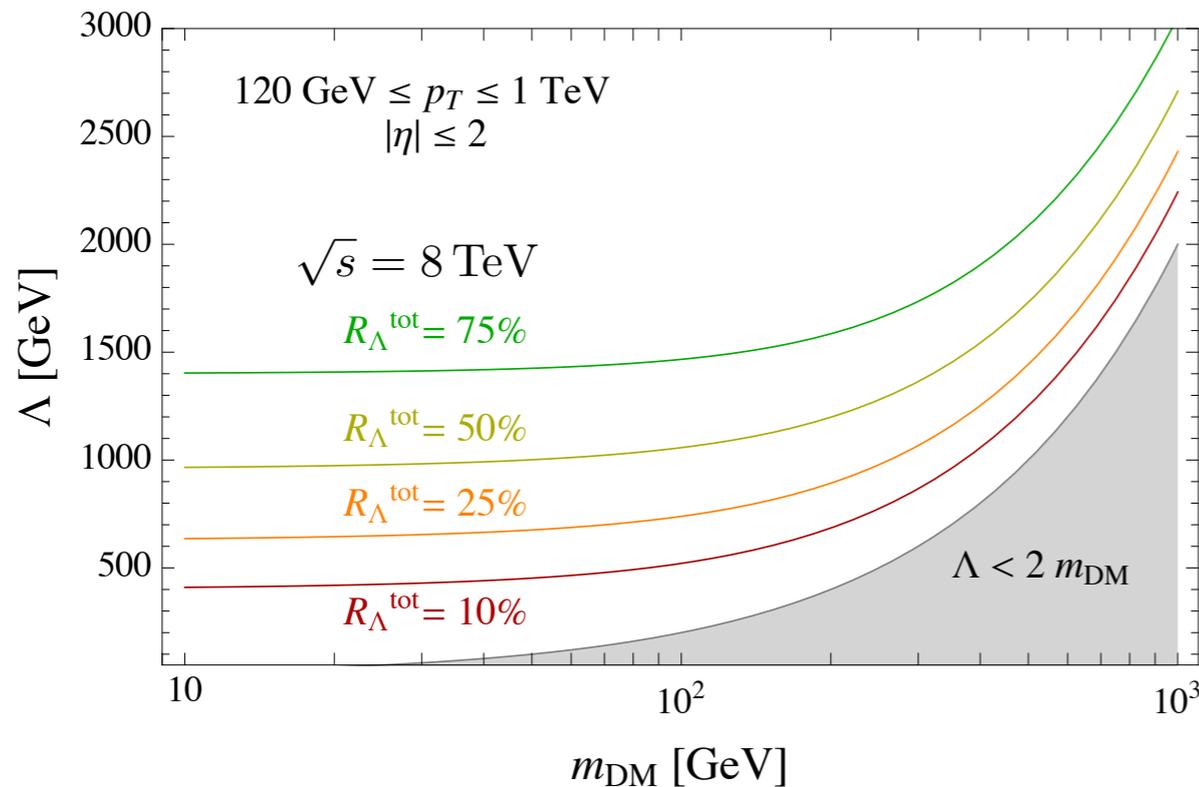
BACK UP

EFFECT OF THE EFT CUTOFF

In what regions of the parameter space $\{\Lambda, m_{\text{DM}}\}$ is the effective description accurate/reliable?

$$R_{\Lambda}^{\text{tot}} \equiv \frac{\sigma_{\text{eff}} |_{Q_{\text{tr}} < \Lambda}}{\sigma_{\text{eff}}}$$

fraction of eff. cross section at low momentum transfer (valid events)

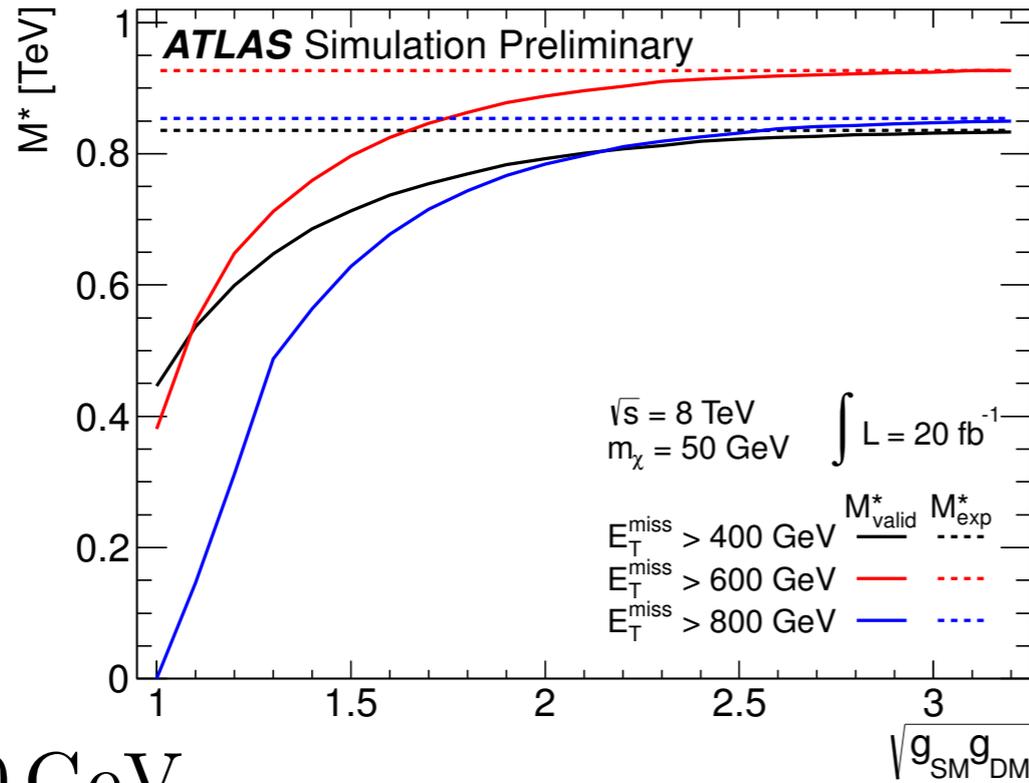


- $0 < R < 1$. $R \sim 1$: negligible contribution from higher-dim ops
- EFT works better for **larger** Λ and **smaller** m_{DM} .
- Cutoff scale arbitrary: $Q_{\text{tr}} < \sqrt{g_q g_{\chi}} \Lambda$ (conservatively: $Q_{\text{tr}} < 4\pi \Lambda$)

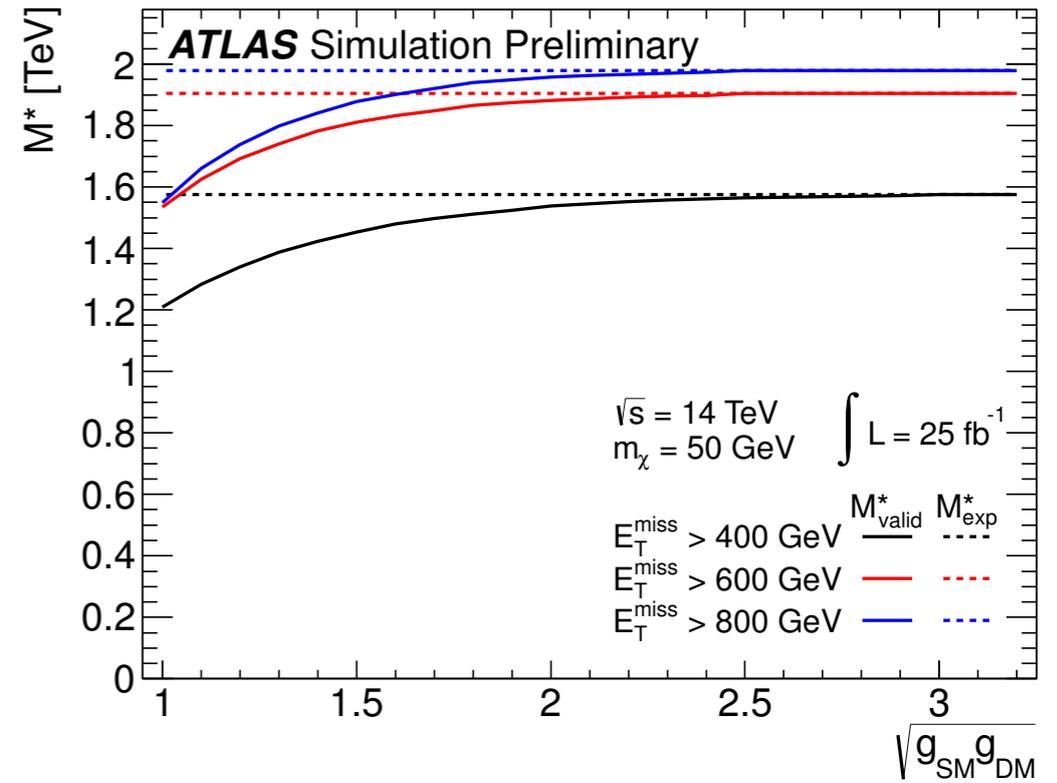
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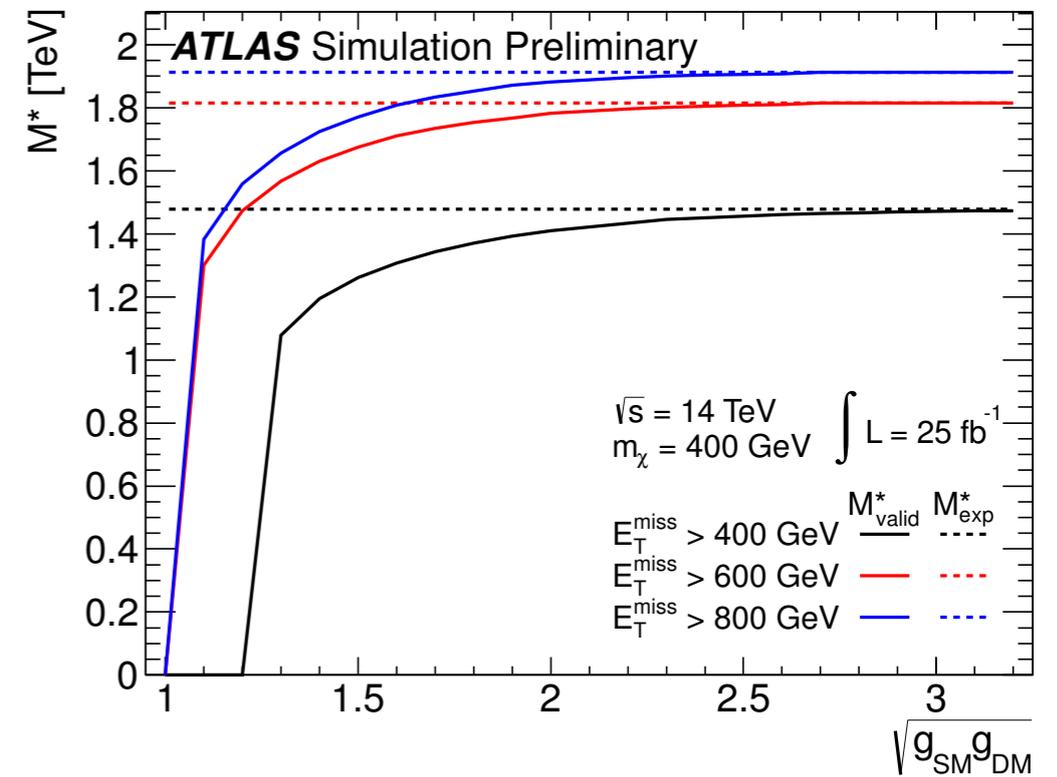
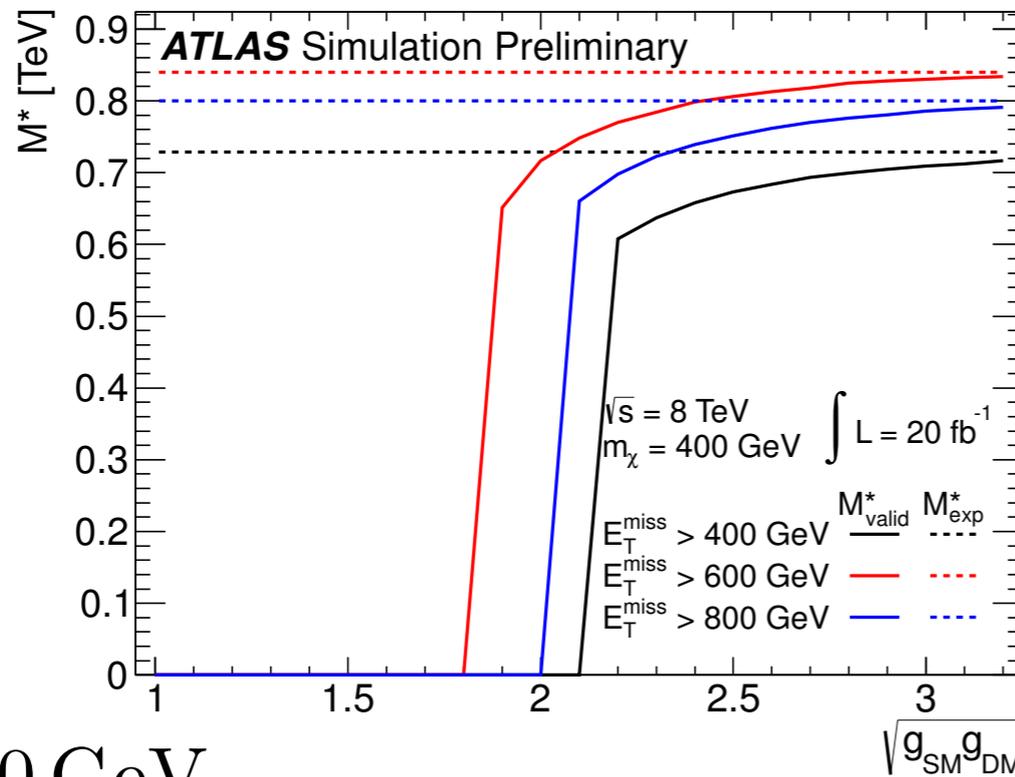
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$$\sqrt{s} = 14 \text{ TeV}$$



$$m_{\text{DM}} = 50 \text{ GeV}$$



$$m_{\text{DM}} = 400 \text{ GeV}$$

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1. CO-ANNIHILATIONS WITH A COLOURED PARTNER

- DM accompanied by a nearby coloured state

DM'	-----	$M_{DM} + \Delta M$
DM	—————	M_{DM}

- Situation fully characterised (model-independently) by:

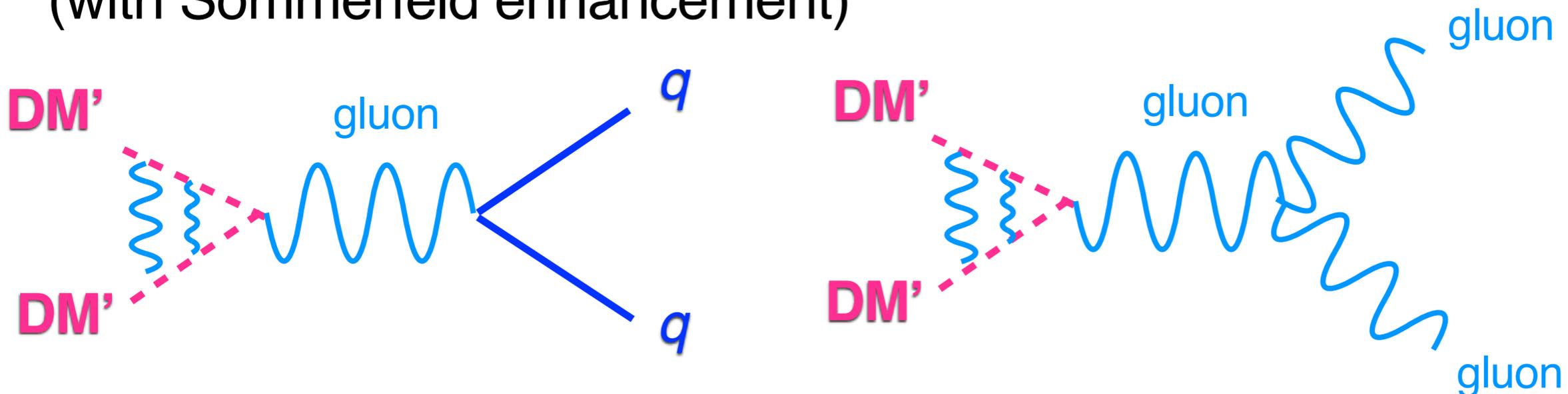
}	- DM' quantum numbers (spin,color)
	- M_{DM}
	- ΔM

- 4 cases of interest:

DM'	Colour triplet	Colour octet
Scalar	S3	S8
Fermion	F3	F8

→ stop → gluino

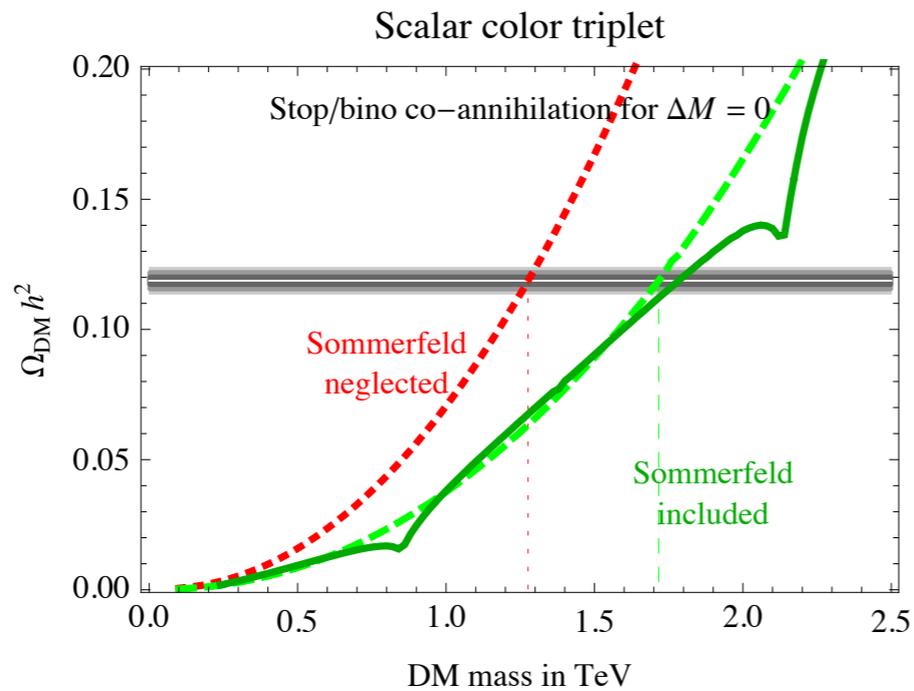
- Relic density from co-annihilations in the early Universe (with Sommerfeld enhancement)



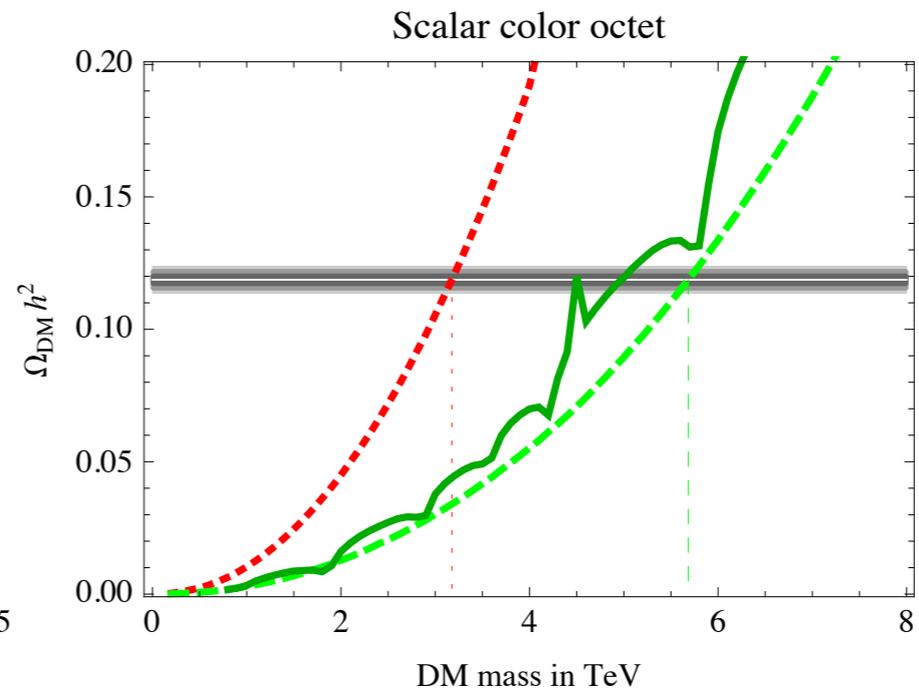
1. CO-ANNIHILATIONS WITH A COLOURED PARTNER

Relic density in the limit of mass degeneracy $\Delta M = 0$

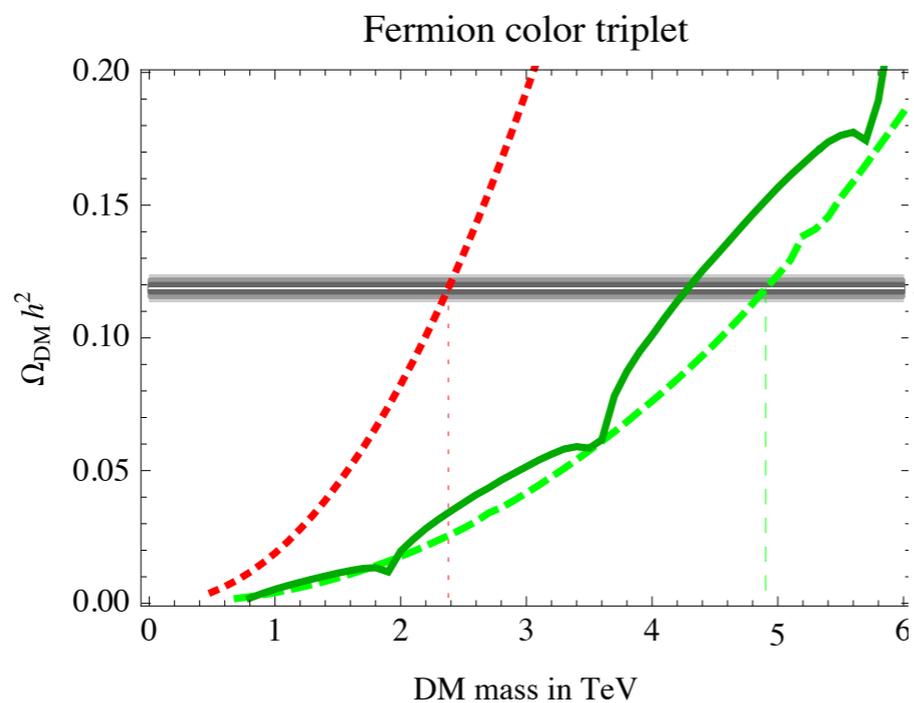
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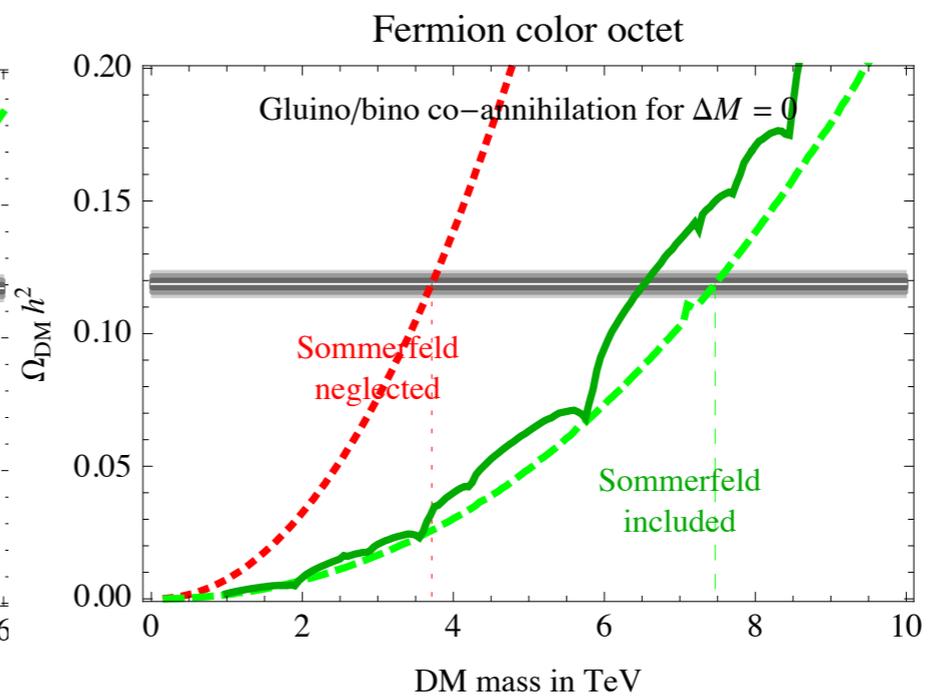
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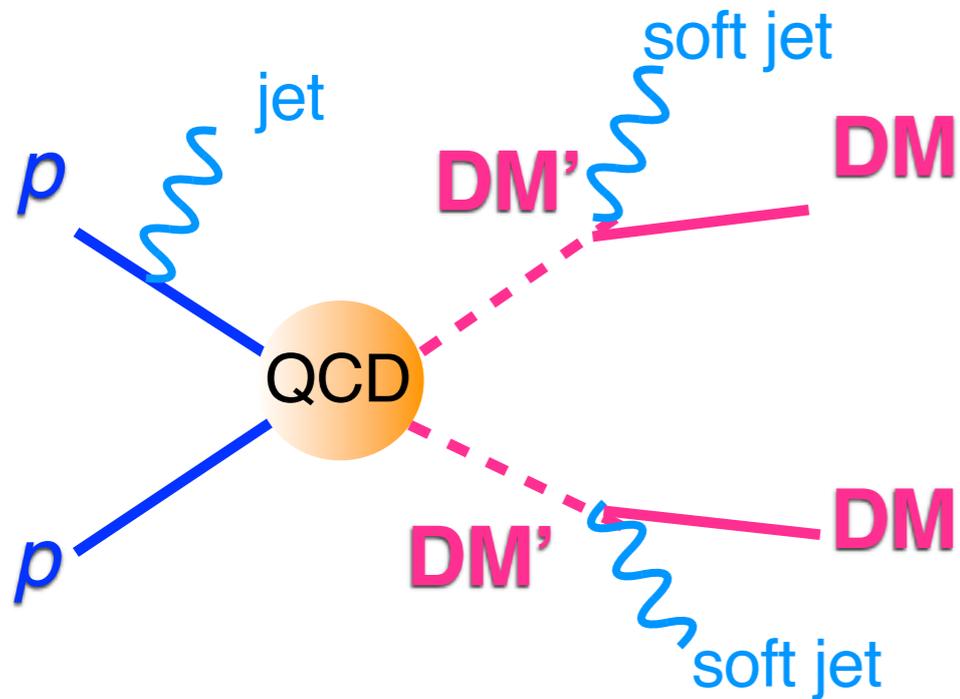


substantial effect of Sommerfeld corrections

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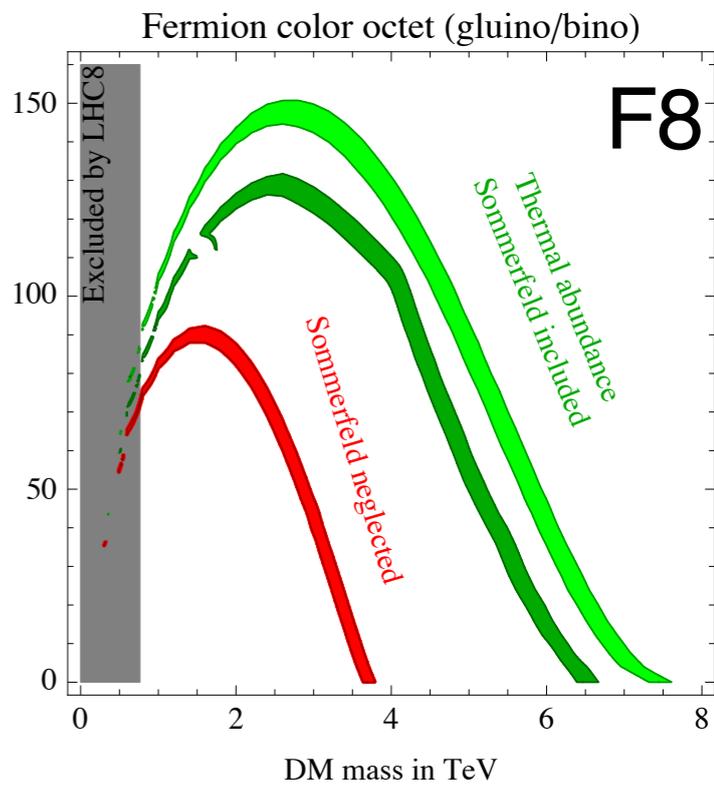
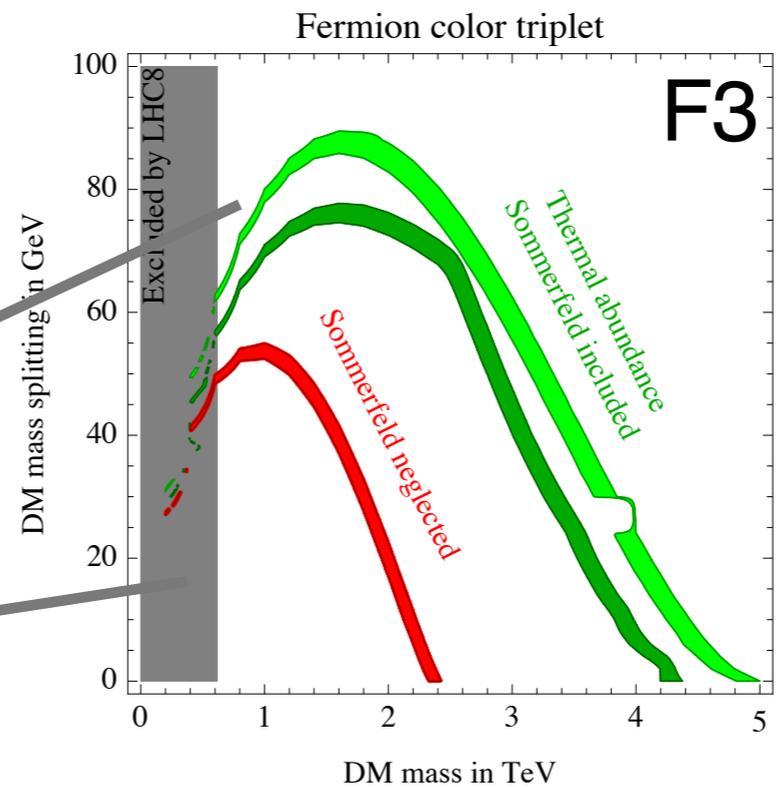
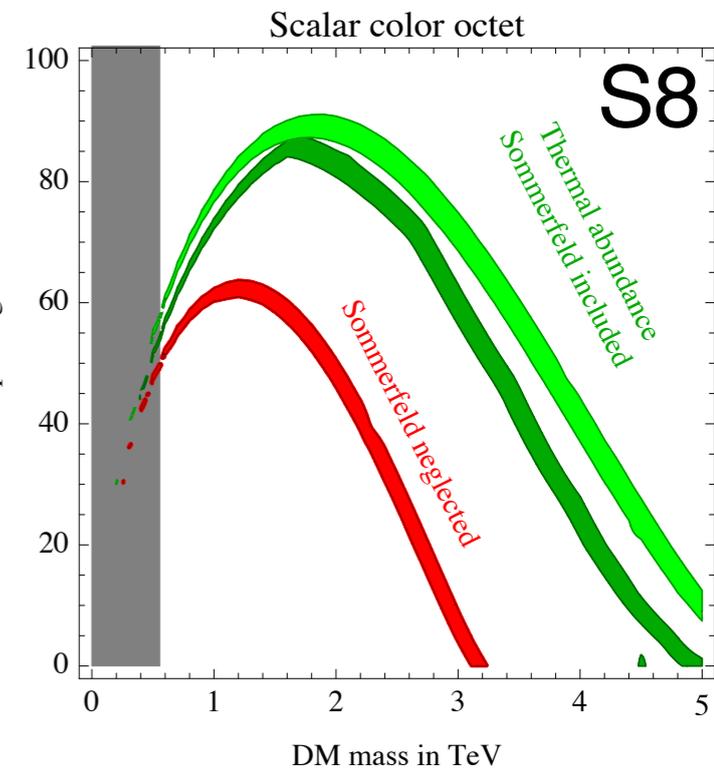
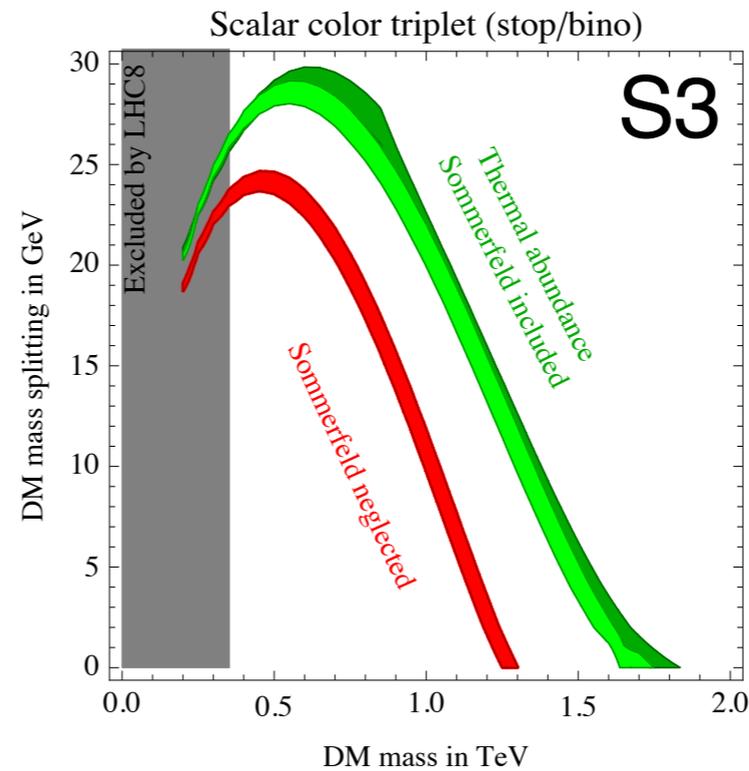
large QCD cross section:

$$pp \rightarrow \text{DM}' \text{DM}' + \text{jet}$$



large-enough splitting
to tag soft jet?

90%CL exclusion
 $\sqrt{s} = 8 \text{ TeV}$
 $L=19.6 \text{ fb}^{-1}$



LHC will not probe the entire parameter space, $\sqrt{s} \sim 100 \text{ TeV}$ will.

2. ANNIHILATIONS THROUGH SM MEDIATOR

The DM-quarks interactions are mediated by a SM particle (Z or H)

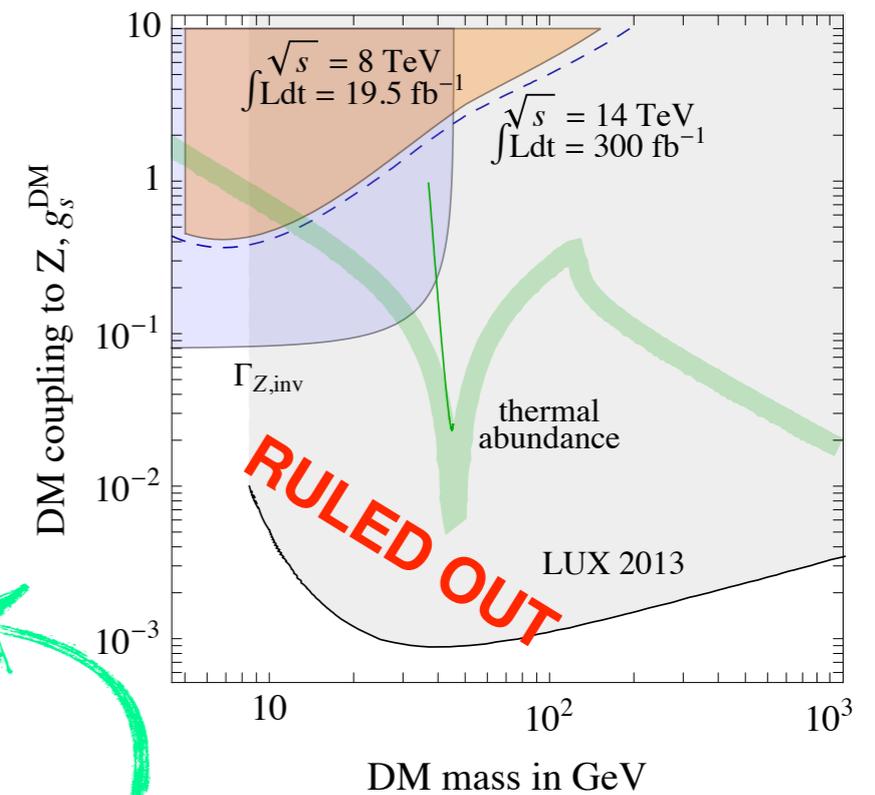
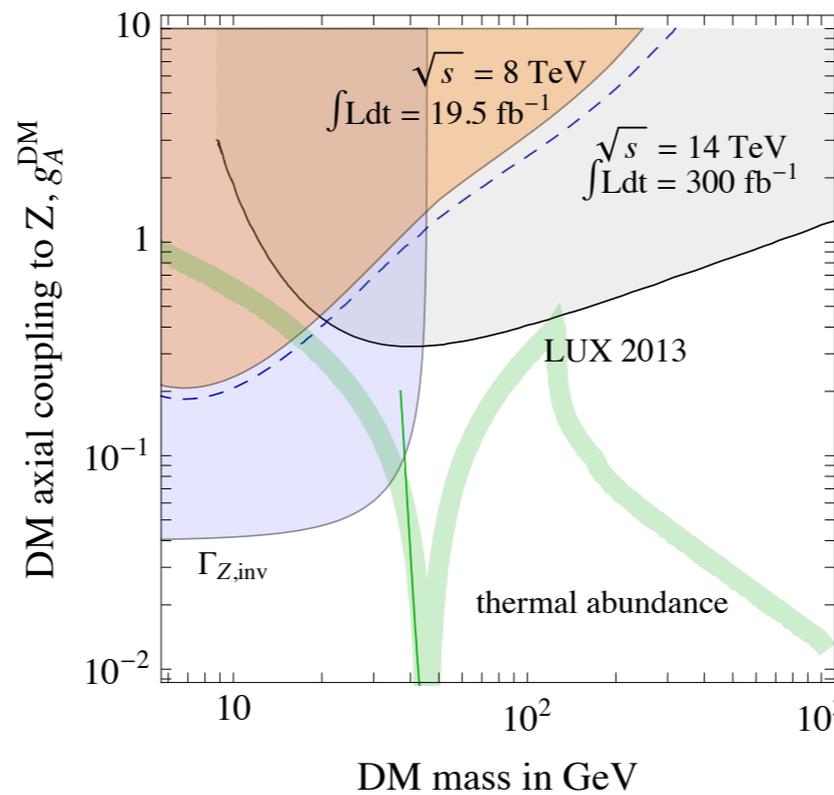
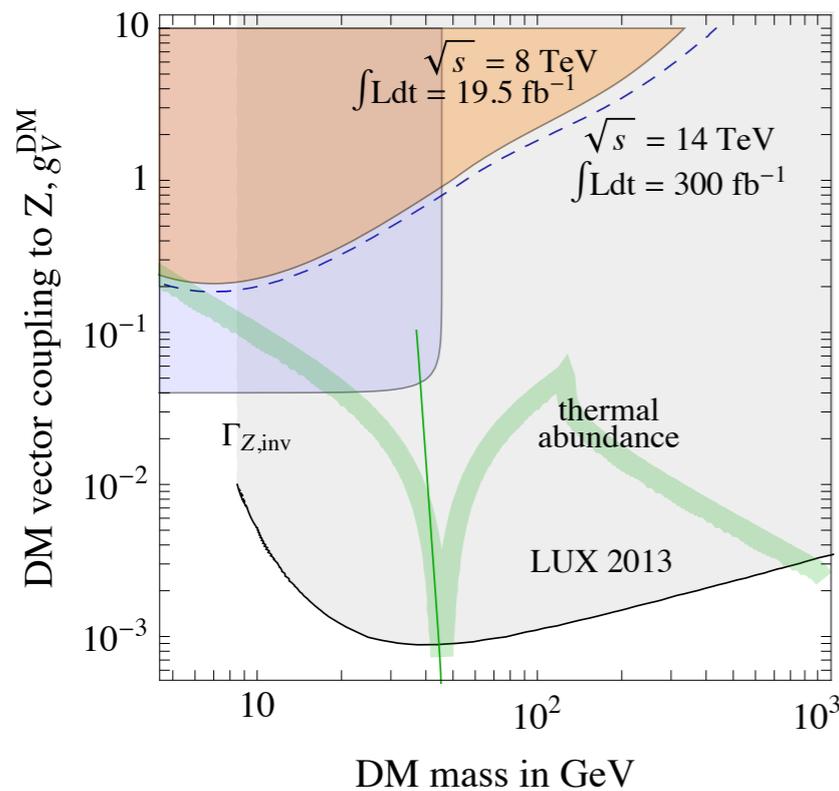
DM coupled to the Z

$$\mathcal{L} = -Z_\mu \frac{g_2}{\cos \theta_W} \left[\sum_f [\bar{f} \gamma_\mu (g_V^f + \gamma_5 g_A^f) f] + \sum_s g_s [s^* (i\partial_\mu s) - (i\partial_\mu s^*) s] \right]$$

Fermion DM coupled to the Z

Fermion DM coupled to the Z

Scalar DM coupled to the Z

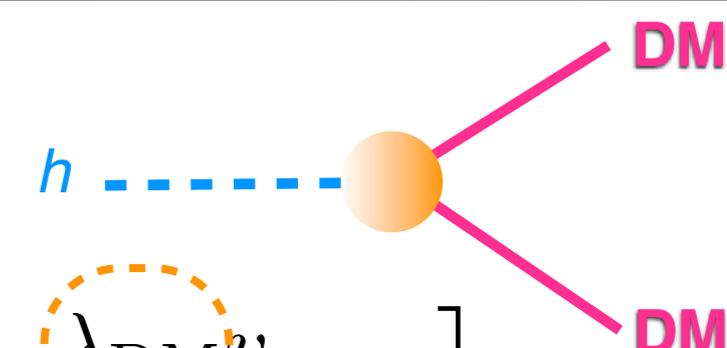


some regions still allowed for axial couplings of fermion DM
(SD cross section is less constrained)

2. ANNIHILATIONS THROUGH SM MEDIATOR

DM coupled to the Higgs

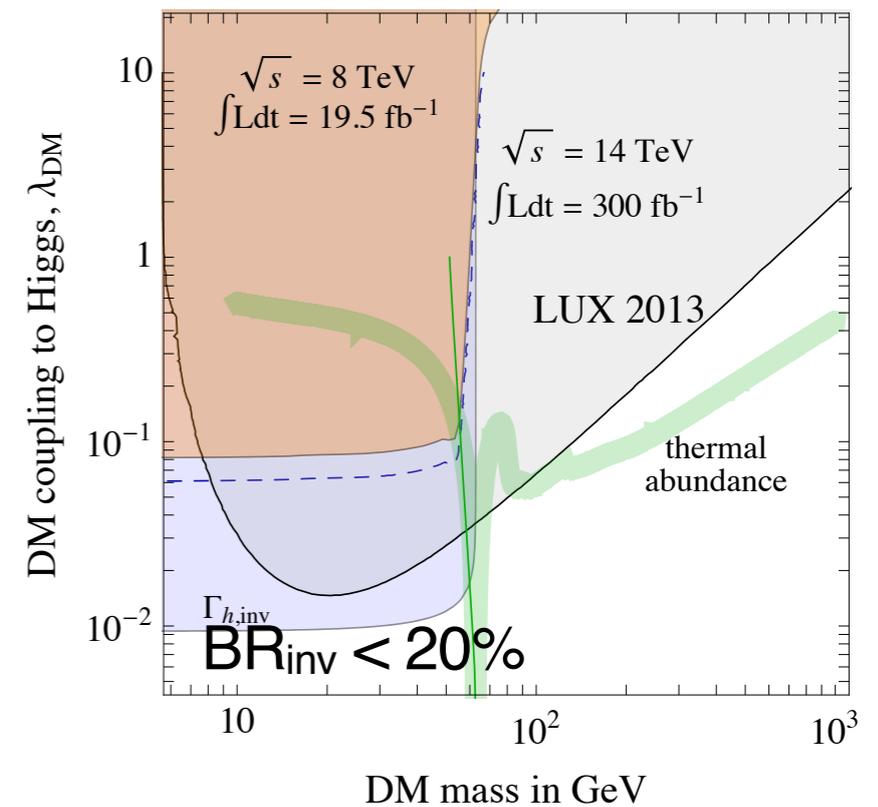
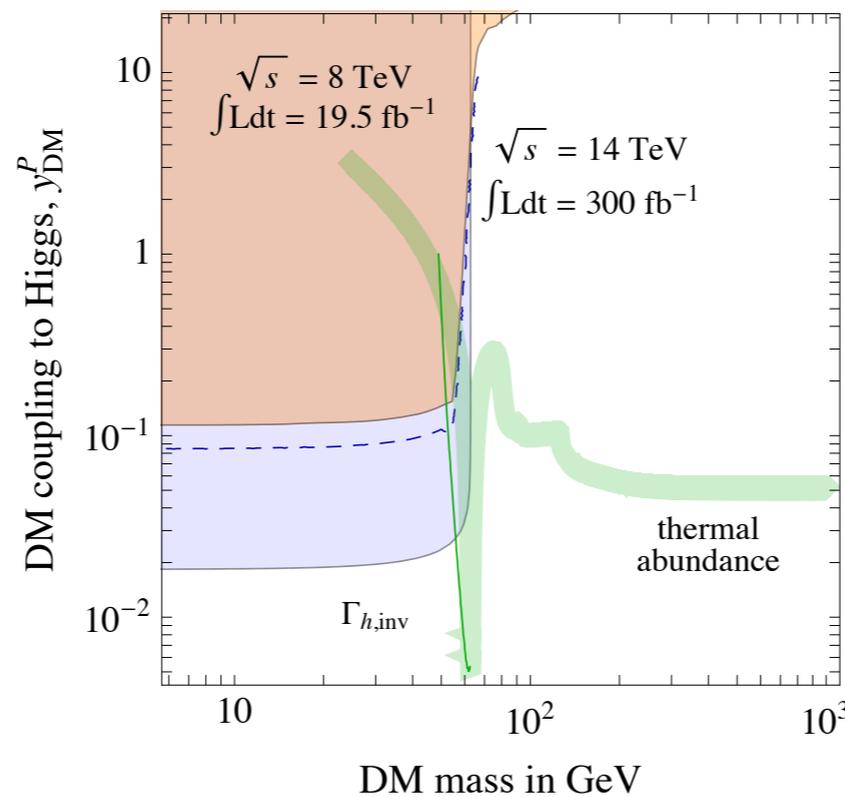
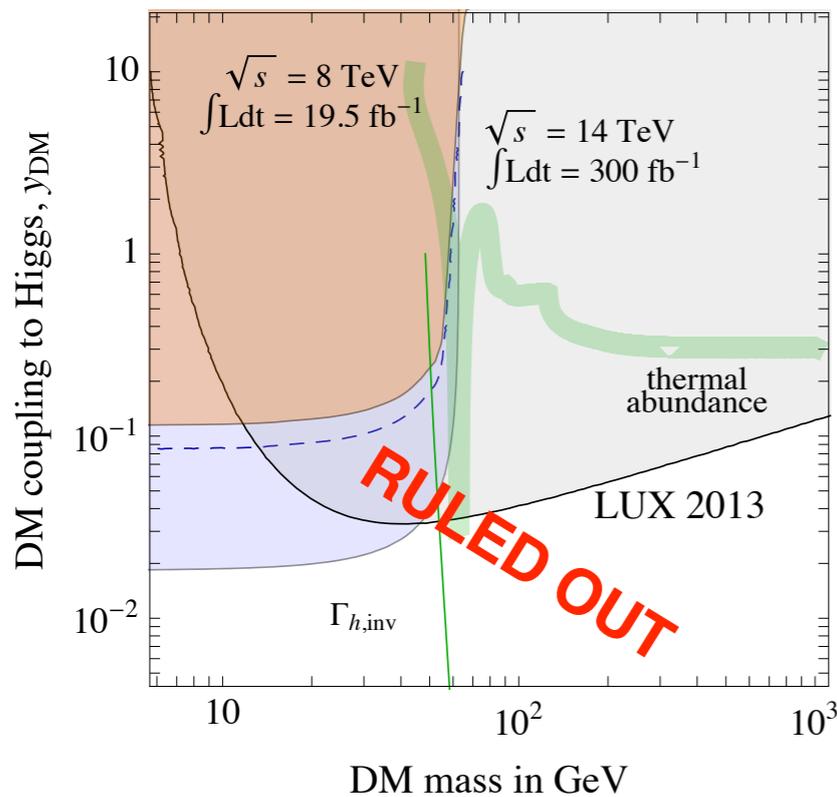
$$\mathcal{L} = -h \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left[\sum_f y_f \bar{f} f + \bar{\psi}_{\text{DM}} (y_{\text{DM}} + i y_{\text{DM}}^P \gamma_5) \psi_{\text{DM}} + \frac{\lambda_{\text{DM}} v}{2} s_{\text{DM}}^2 \right]$$



Fermion DM coupled to the Higgs

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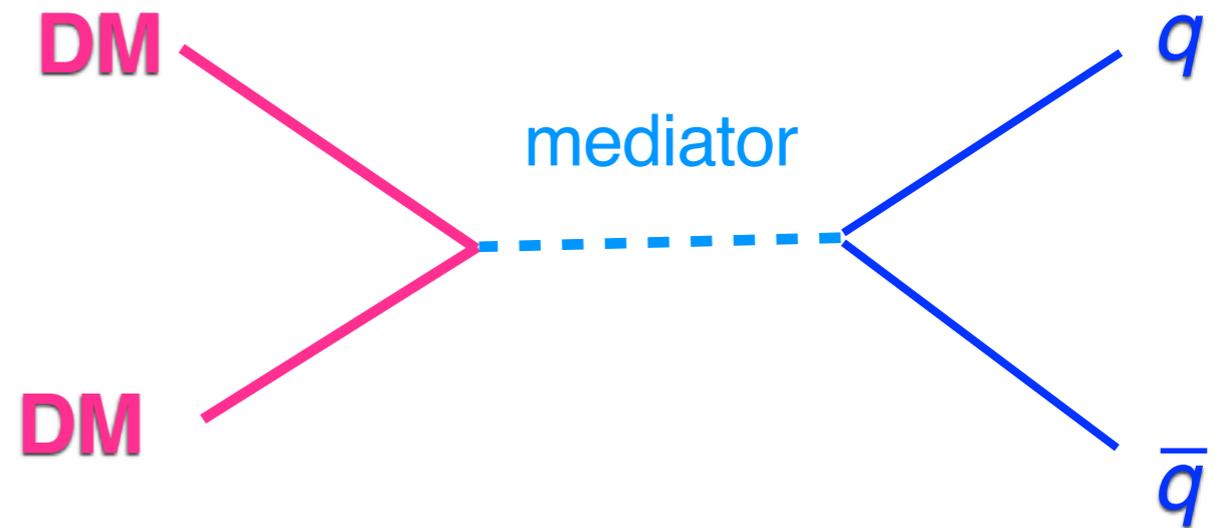
Scalar DM coupled to the Higgs



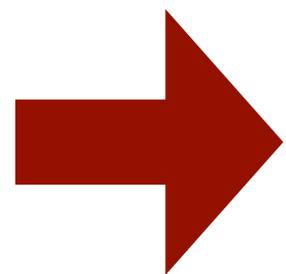
some regions still allowed for **scalar DM** ($M > 100$ GeV)
and **fermion DM** with axial couplings

3. DM NEAR Z/H THRESHOLDS

in the early Universe:
DM annihilations with s-channel
exchange of a mediator



Near resonance ($M_{\text{med}} - 2M_{\text{DM}} \lesssim 2\Gamma_{\text{med} \rightarrow \text{DM}}$), the annihilation cross section is driven by the on-shell term, which is **model-independent** (Breit-Wigner)



The relic abundance is determined model-independently by the width:

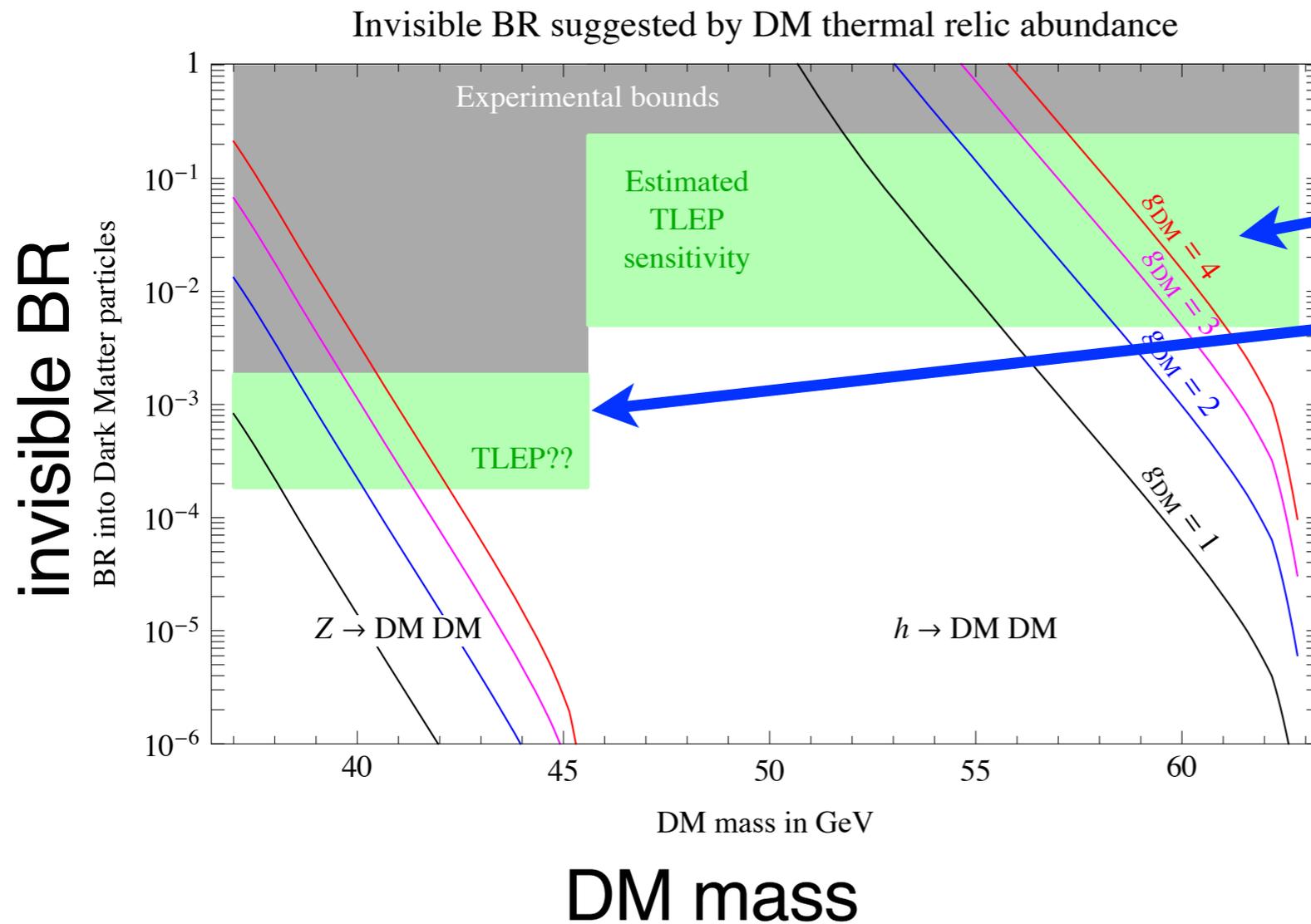
$$\Gamma_{\text{med} \rightarrow \text{DM}}$$

DM freezes out via decays

3. DM NEAR Z/H THRESHOLDS

Simple situation when the mediator is Z or H.

Curves for correct DM relic abundance:



room for improvement,
exploring invisible
widths of Z and h

(LHC, future Higgs
factories, GigaZ...)

- motivation to improve on Z/h invisible BRs