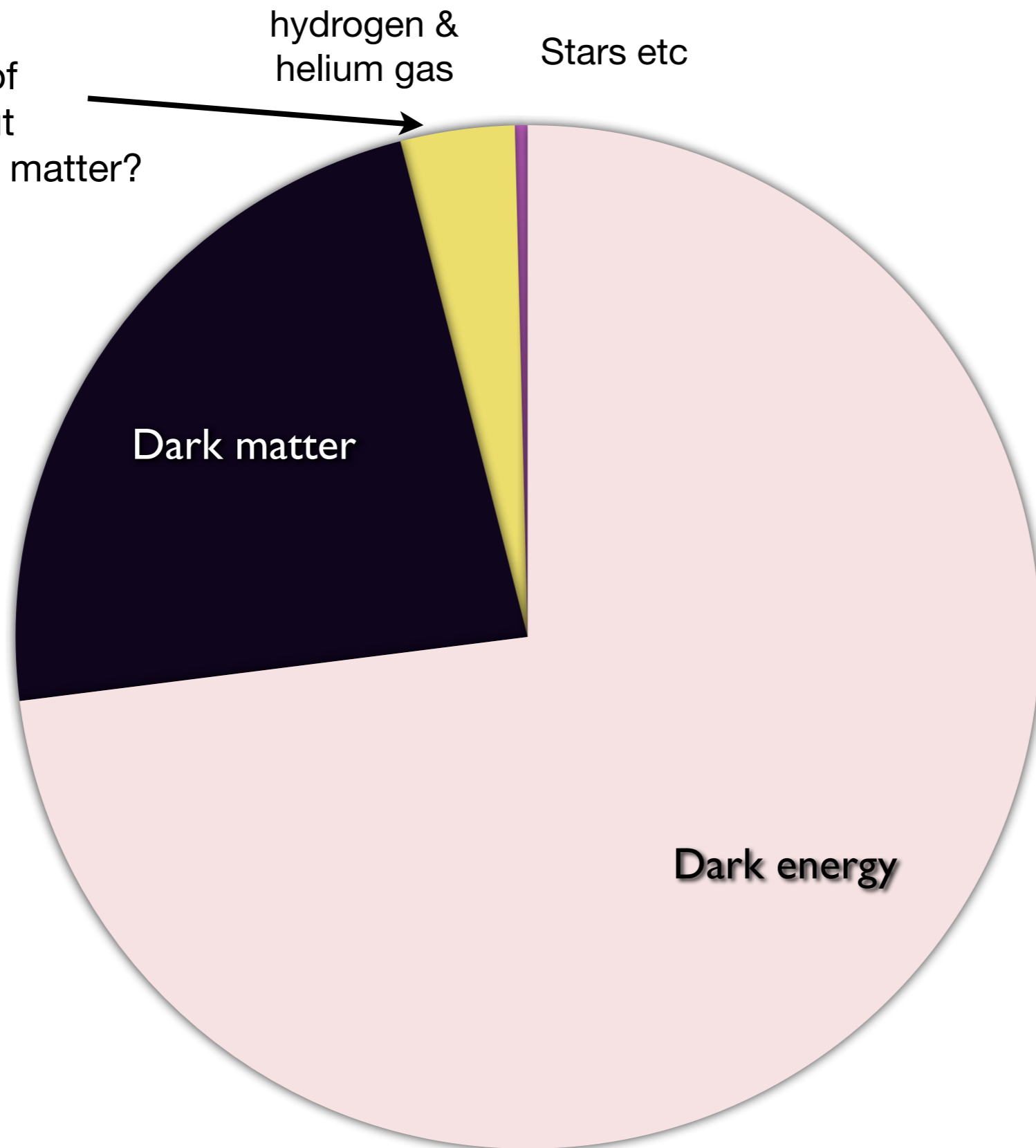


# Review of the status and future prospects for dark matter searches at colliders

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# Composition of the Universe

- What we are made of
- What we know about
- Insignificant? Do we matter?





# Our place in the Universe

Galileo: use of telescope, confirmed Copernican model,  
Jupiter has orbiting moons, Earth just another planet



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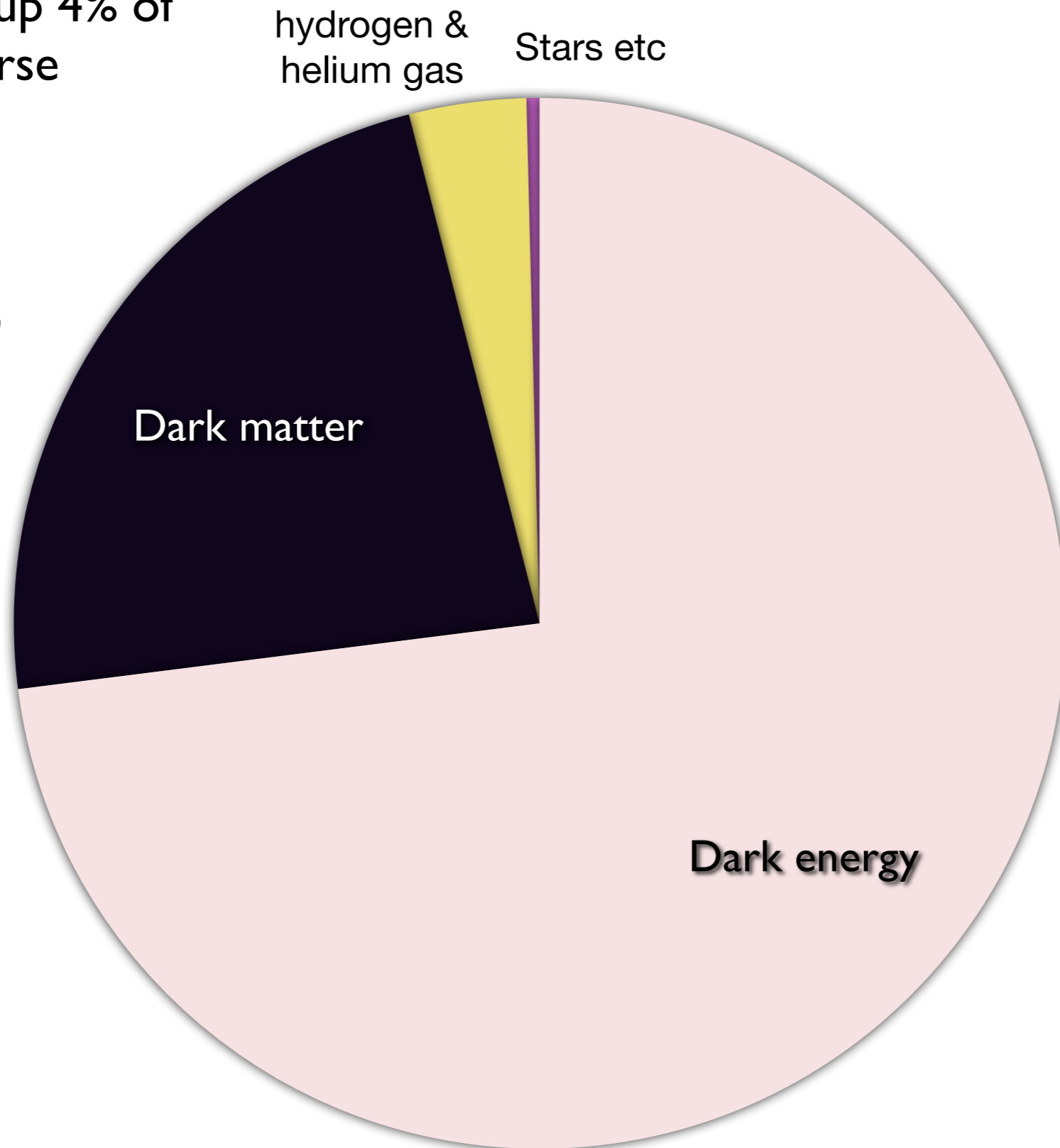
Hubble : each speck of light is another galaxy, our galaxy one of billions.



# Our place in the Universe

We only make up 4% of the Universe

How did we come to know that the most common form of matter in the universe is 'invisible' to us?



A field of galaxies with a central blue star and a red crosshair. The background is a dark space filled with numerous galaxies of various shapes and colors, including yellow, orange, and blue. A prominent blue star is located near the center, with a red crosshair overlaid on it. The overall scene is a deep space galaxy field.

# Evidence for Dark Matter

how do we know its there?

# Not enough mass

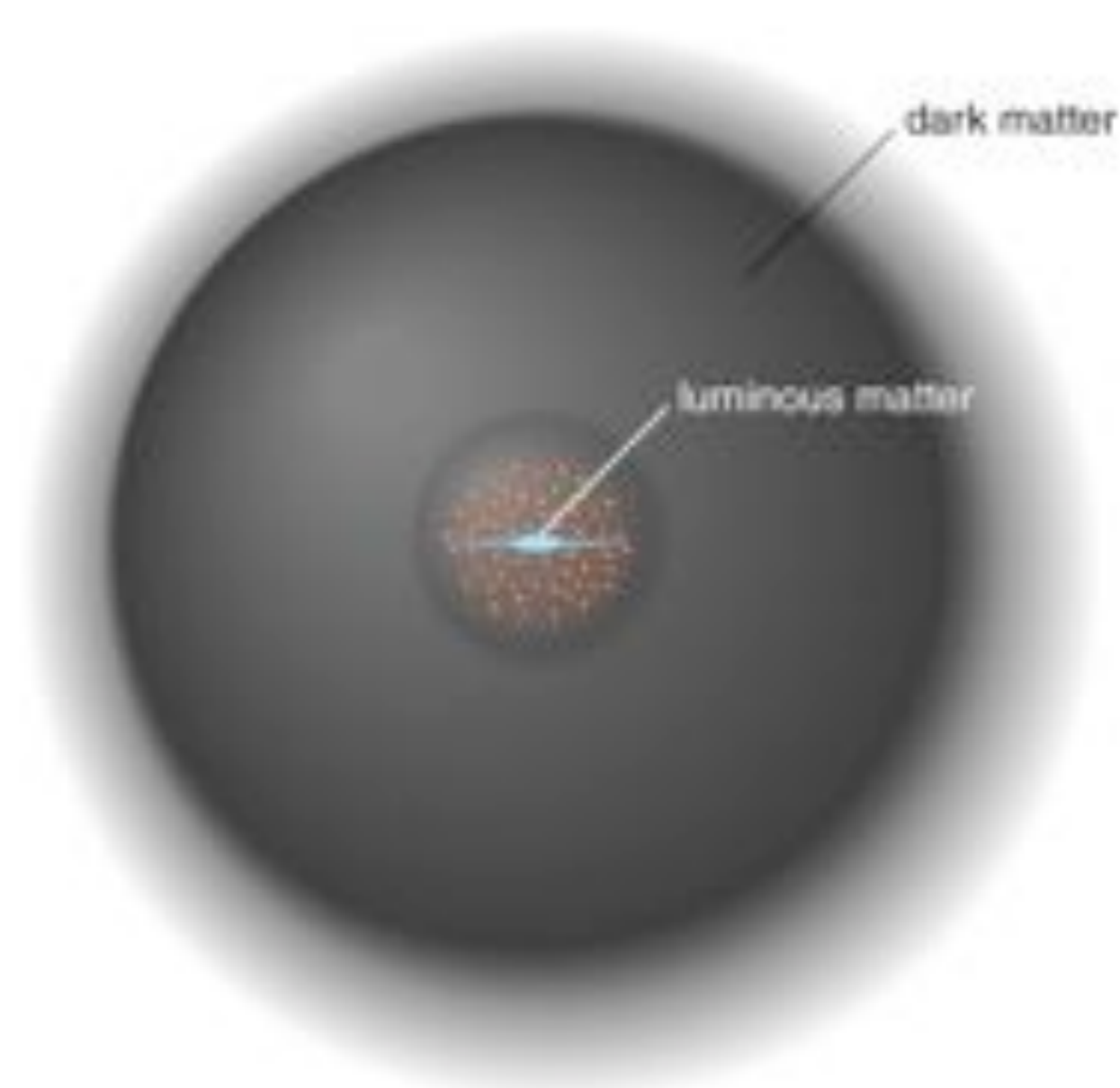
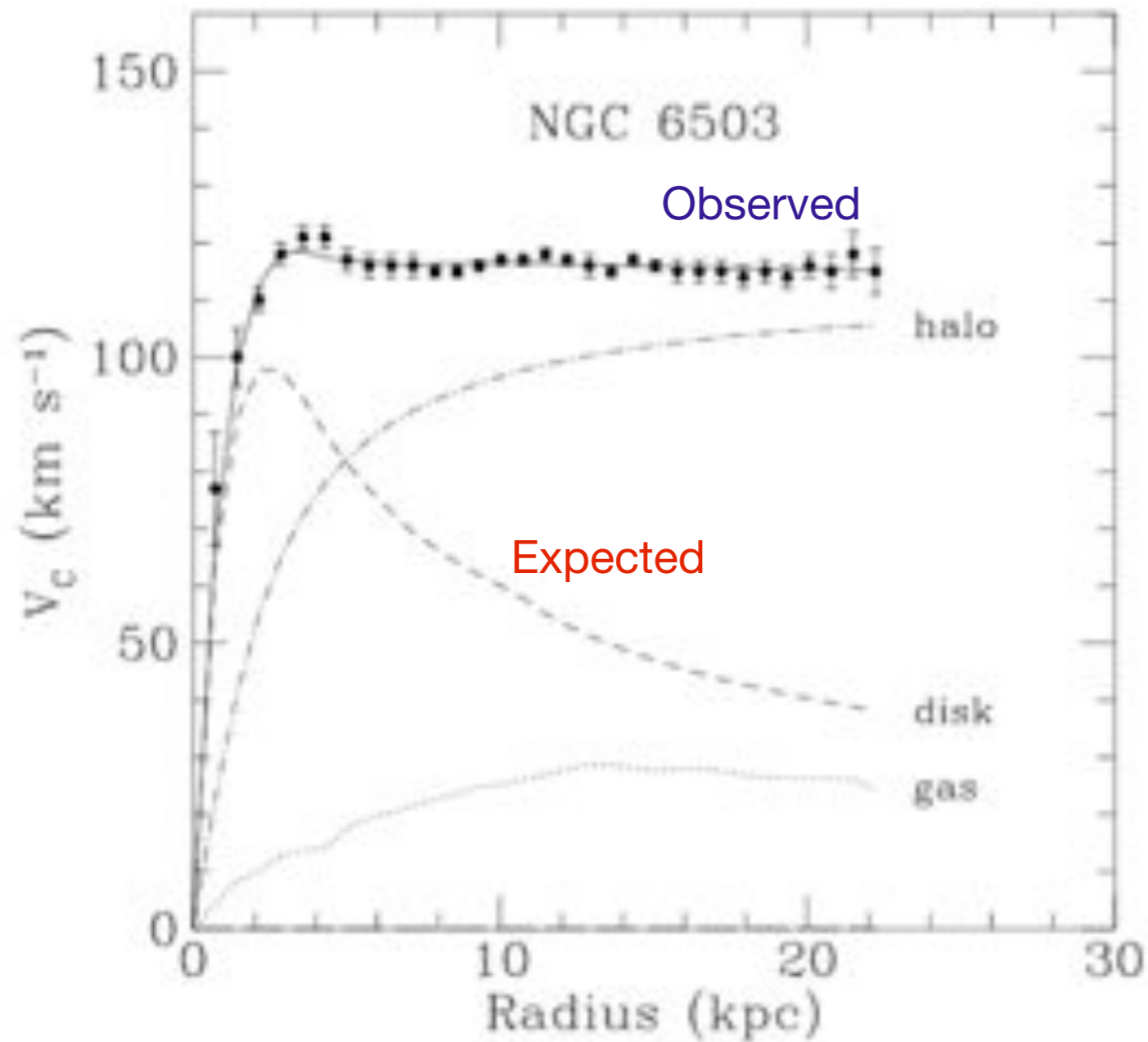
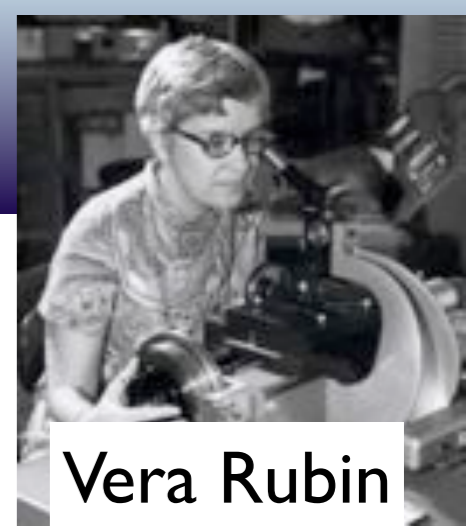


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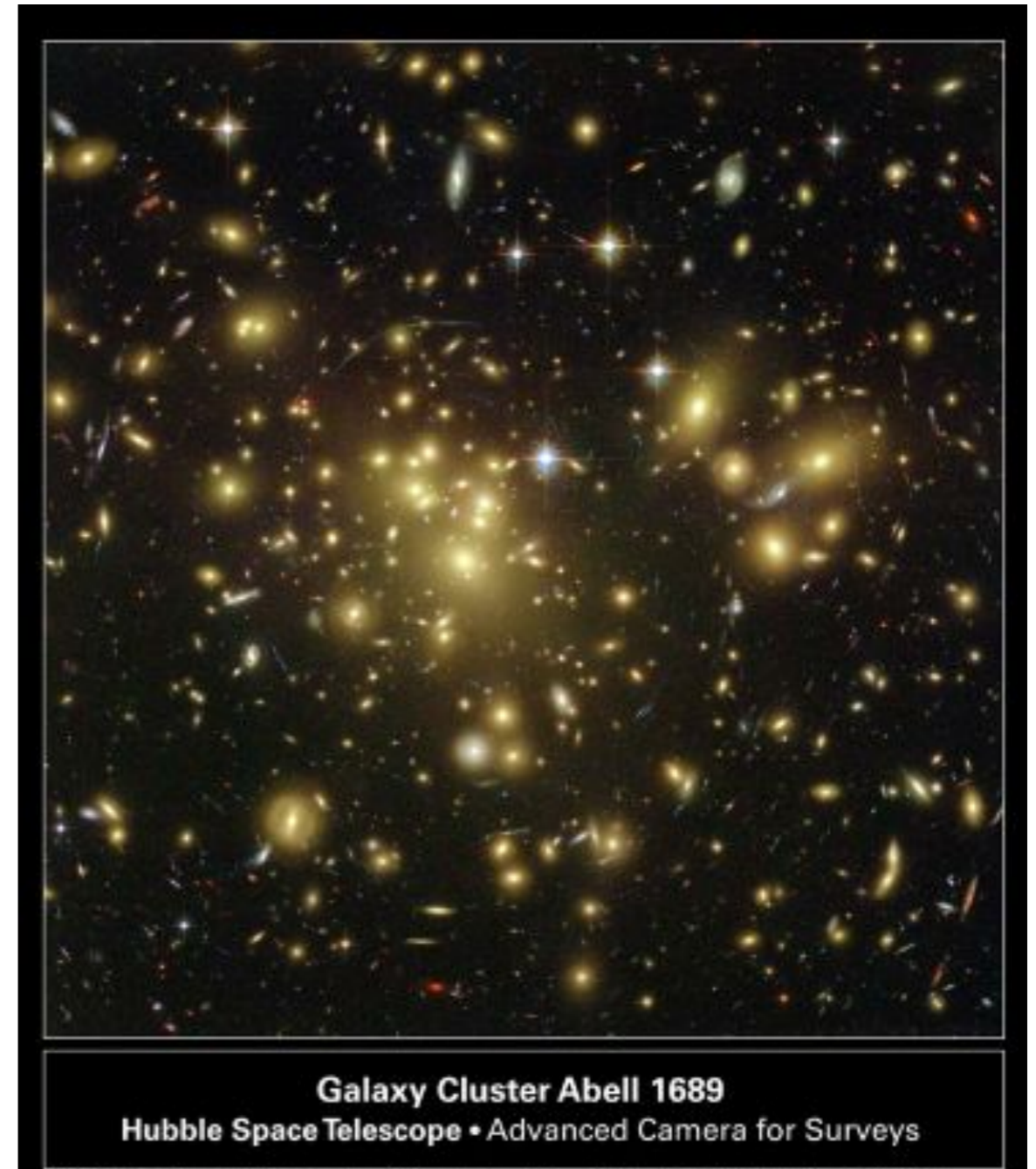
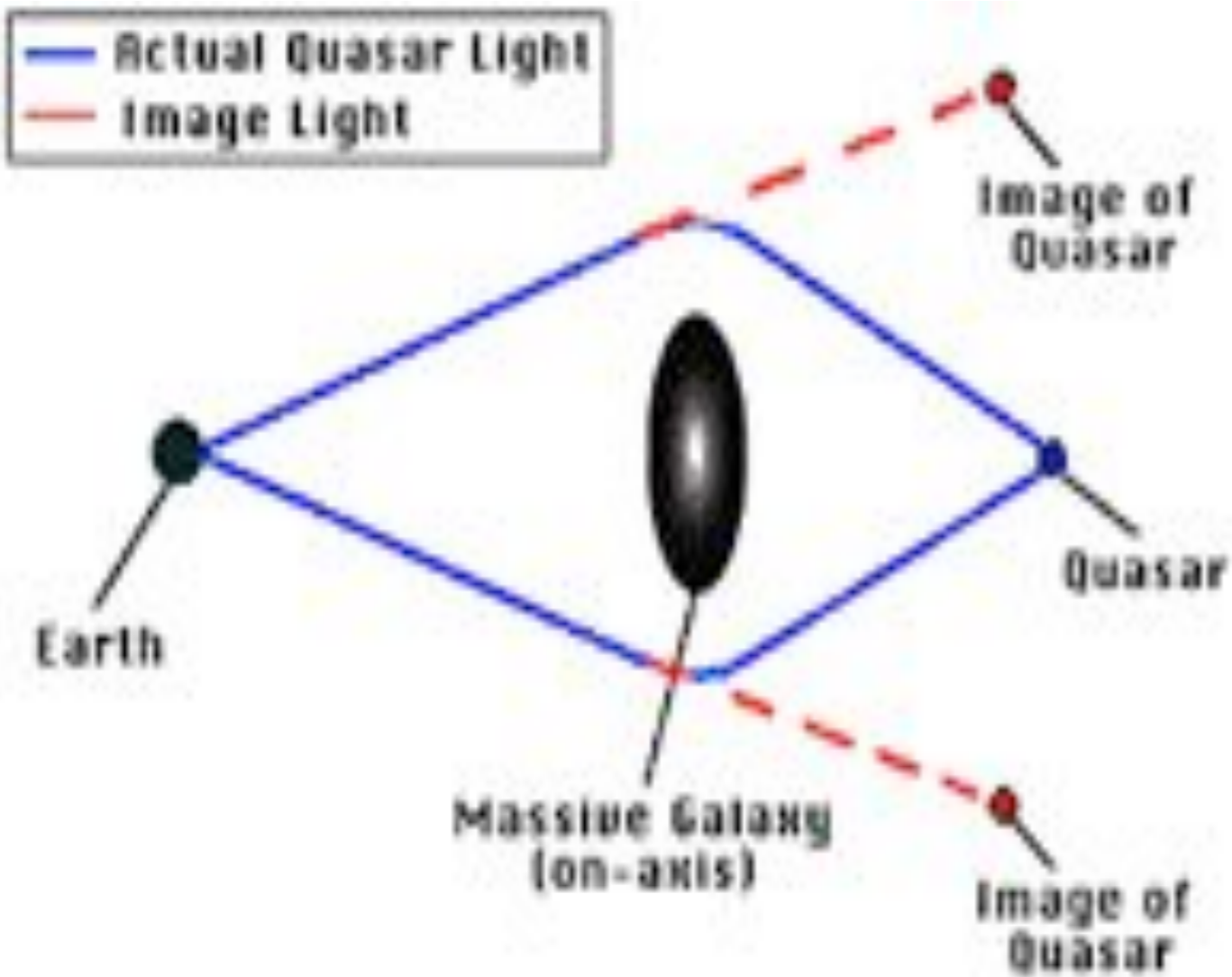


# Rotation curves of galaxies



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# Gravitational lensing



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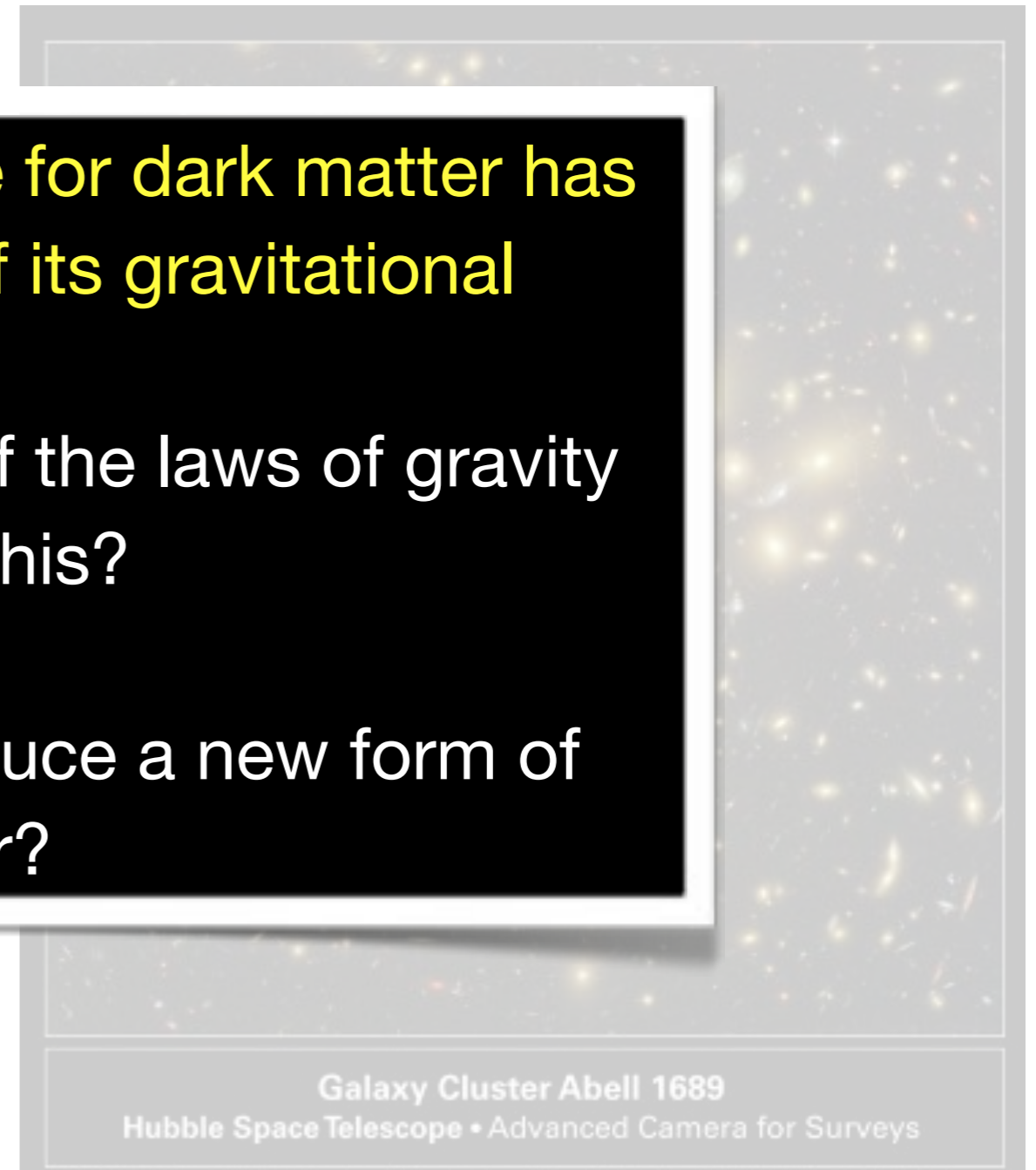
All experimental evidence for dark matter has come from observation of its gravitational influence :

- Can a modification of the laws of gravity explain this?

OR

- Do we need to introduce a new form of matter?

- foreground  
- bending of light  
- give multiple images



# Bullet cluster



Optical image from Magellan  
and Hubble



Optical + X-ray

hot gas detected by Chandra, containing most of  
normal matter



Optical + gravitational lensing

Most of the mass in the cluster, measured by  
gravitational lensing, shown in blue

A deep field image of galaxies, showing a vast field of distant galaxies in various colors and shapes, set against a dark background. The galaxies are scattered across the frame, with some appearing as bright, diffuse clouds and others as smaller, more distinct points of light. The colors range from yellow and orange to blue and purple. In the center, there is a prominent blue galaxy with a crosshair overlay. The text "Dark matter exists" and "What is it made of?" is overlaid in white on the image.

Dark matter exists  
*What is it made of?*



What properties should a DM candidate have?

- non-relativistic

- long lived

- interacts gravitationally

- no electric charge or color charge

# The Standard Model

**Remarkably successful theory!**

Passed rigorous tests performed by decades of experiments

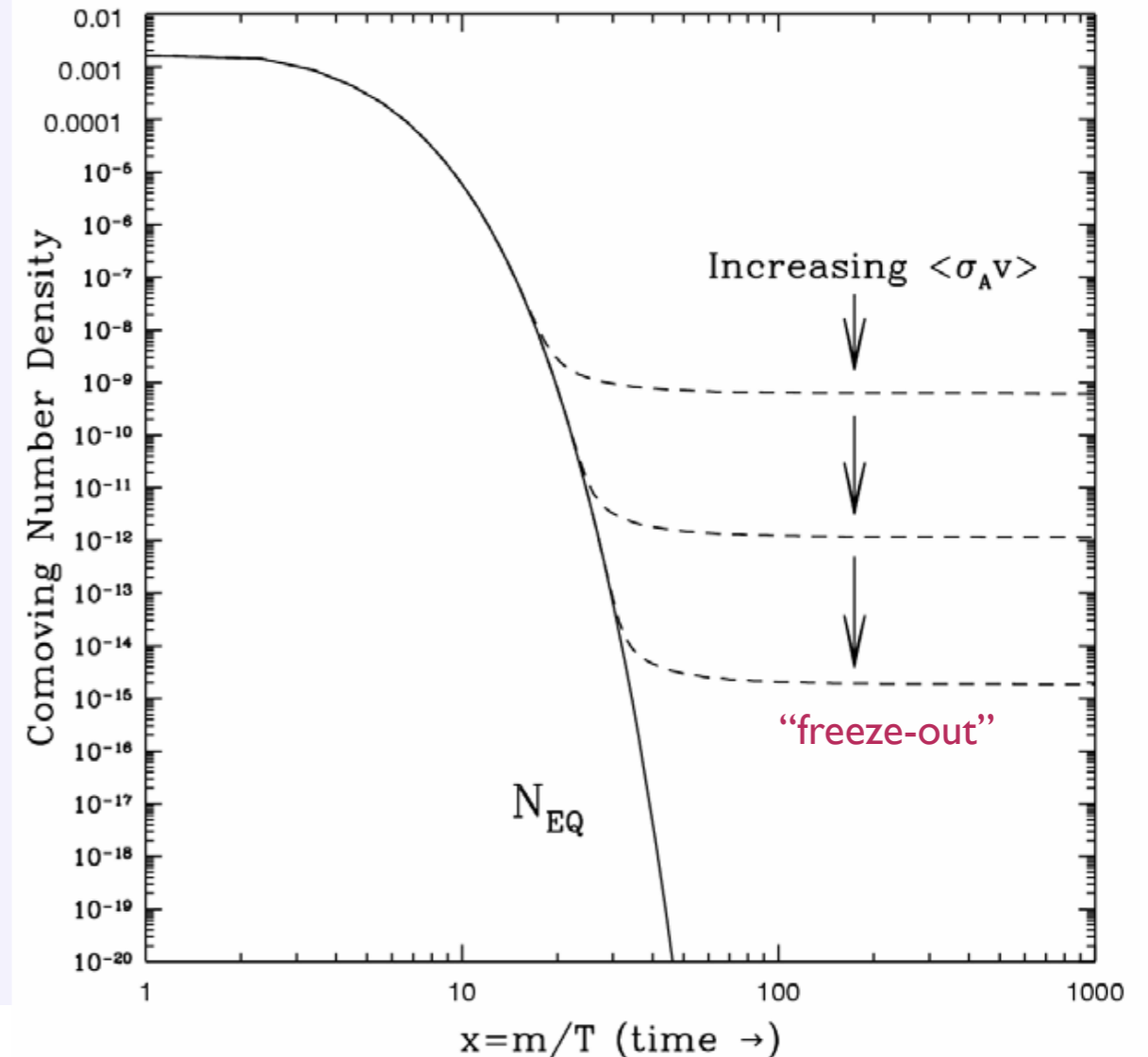
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	$e$	$\mu$	$\tau$	$W$

Three Generations of Matter

SM provides no candidate to explain the most common form of matter - no neutral, heavy, non-relativistic and long-lived particle

# Weakly Interacting Massive Particles (WIMPs)

- Postulate a new species of elementary particles
- They are produced in the Big Bang and interact via :  $\chi + \chi \leftrightarrow \text{SM} + \text{SM}$ .
- As the universe expands and the temperature falls, they become diluted, and eventually can't find each other, so they 'freeze out'.
- Their relic density is measured by their interaction strength, inversely proportional to the annihilation cross-section ( $\langle \sigma_{AV} \rangle$ )



*Weakly interacting particles with weak-scale masses naturally provide the right relic abundance - "WIMP miracle"*

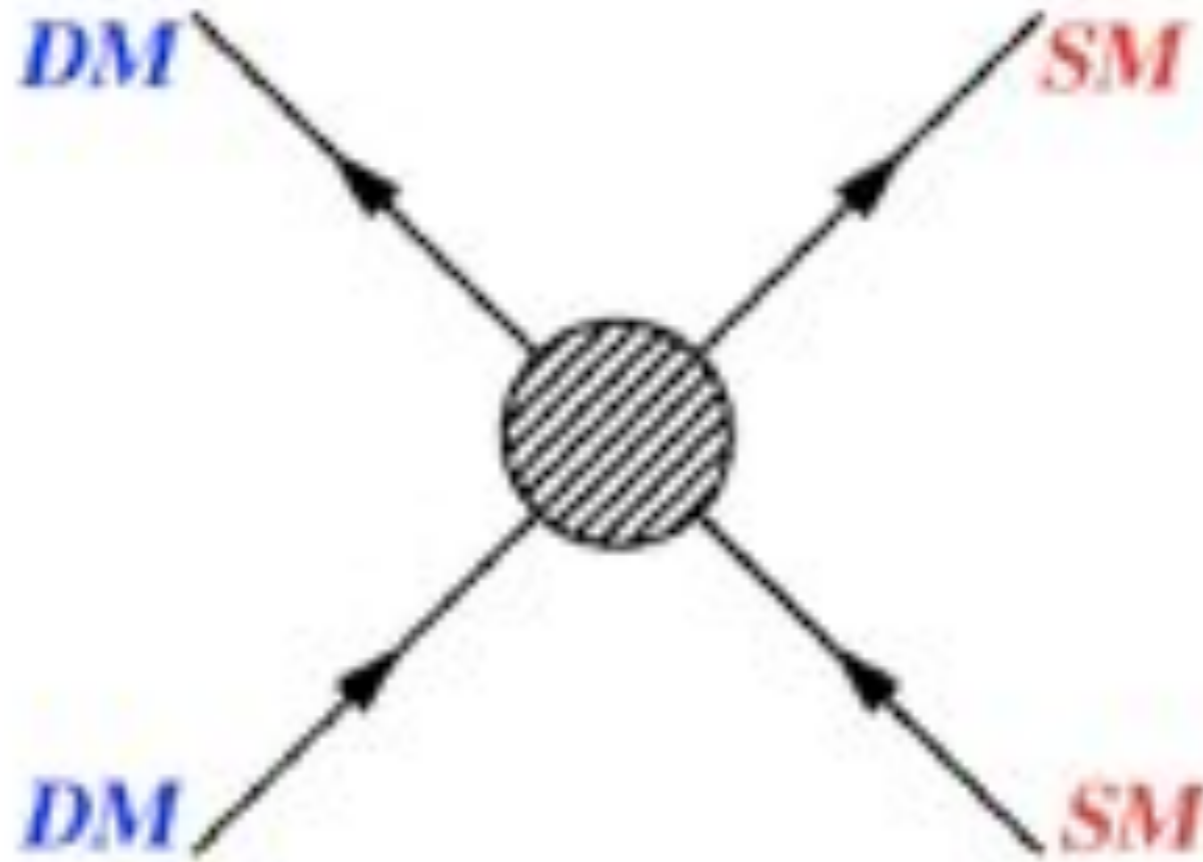


A deep field image of a galaxy cluster. The background is filled with numerous galaxies of various shapes and sizes, ranging from small, distant galaxies to larger, more prominent ones. The color palette is diverse, including yellows, oranges, reds, and blues. In the center of the image, there is a prominent blue star with a red crosshair overlaid on it, indicating a specific point of interest or a search region. The overall scene is a vast, multi-colored field of galaxies.

# Searches for dark matter

# Searching for dark matter

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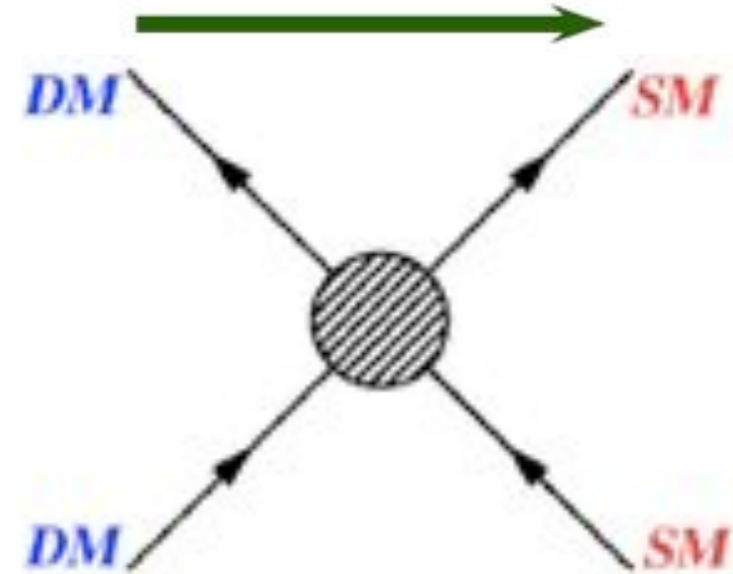


*All three approaches to detecting dark matter probing the same interaction*

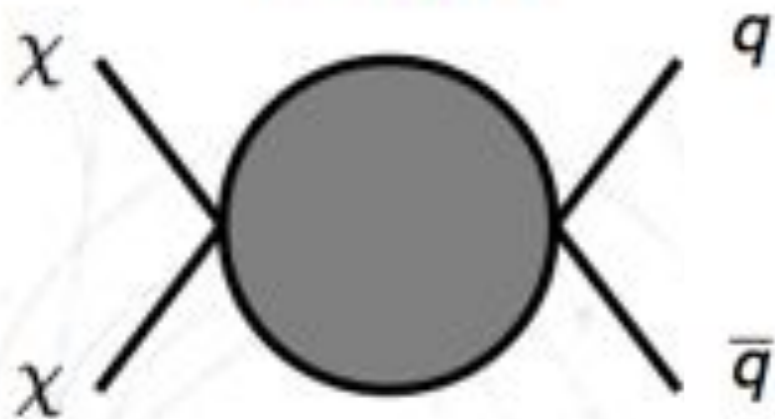
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thermal freeze-out (early Univ.)  
indirect detection (now)

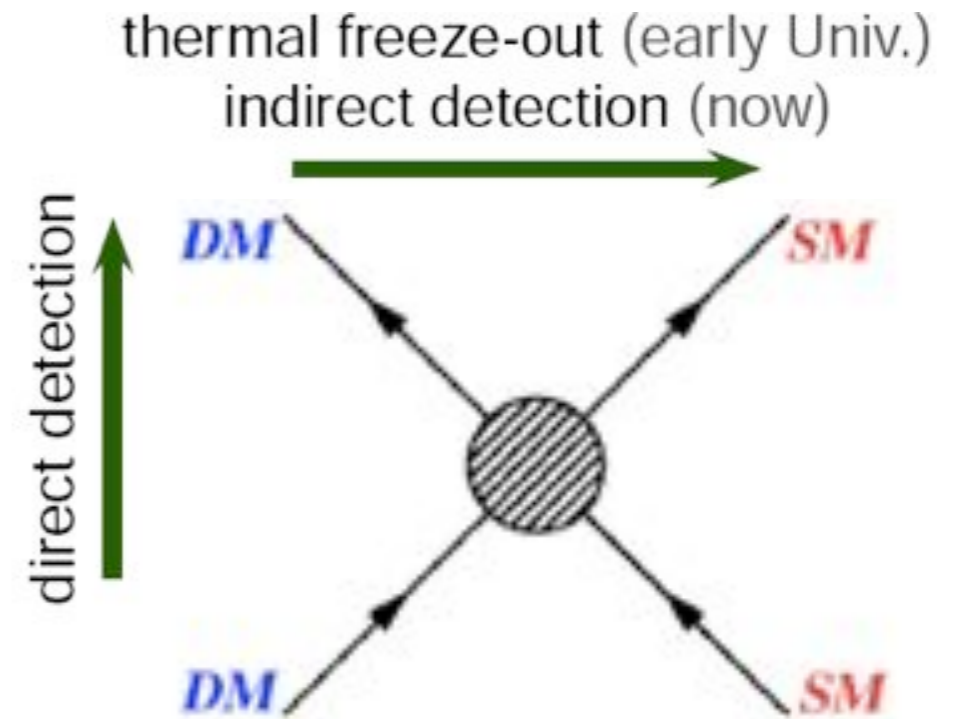


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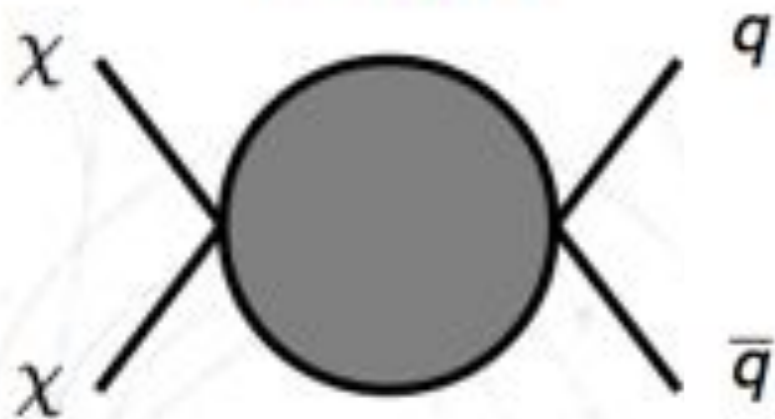


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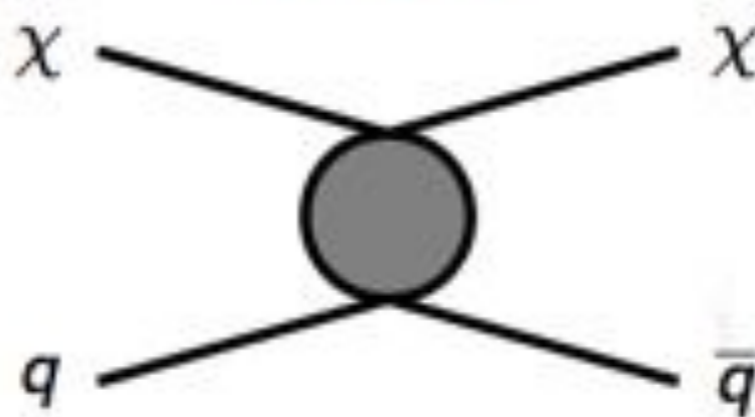
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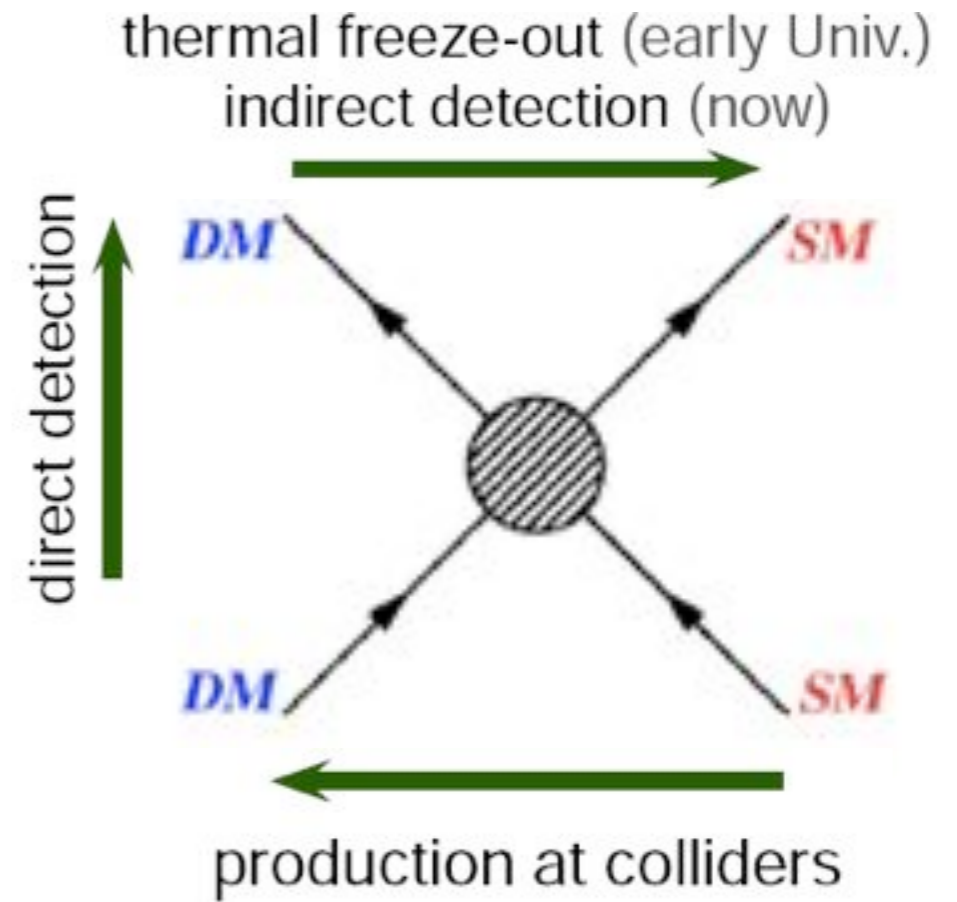


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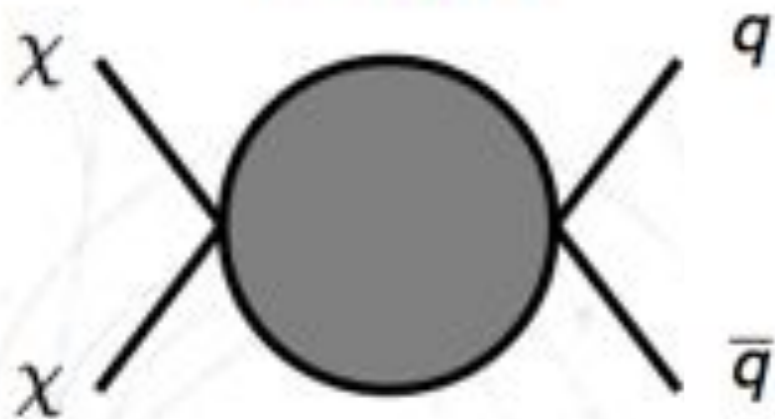


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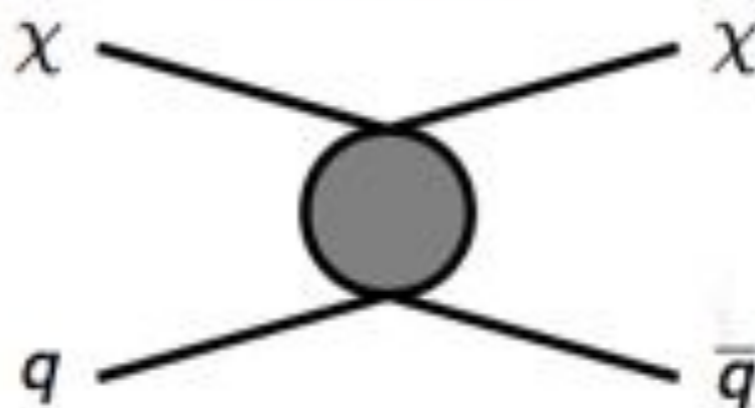
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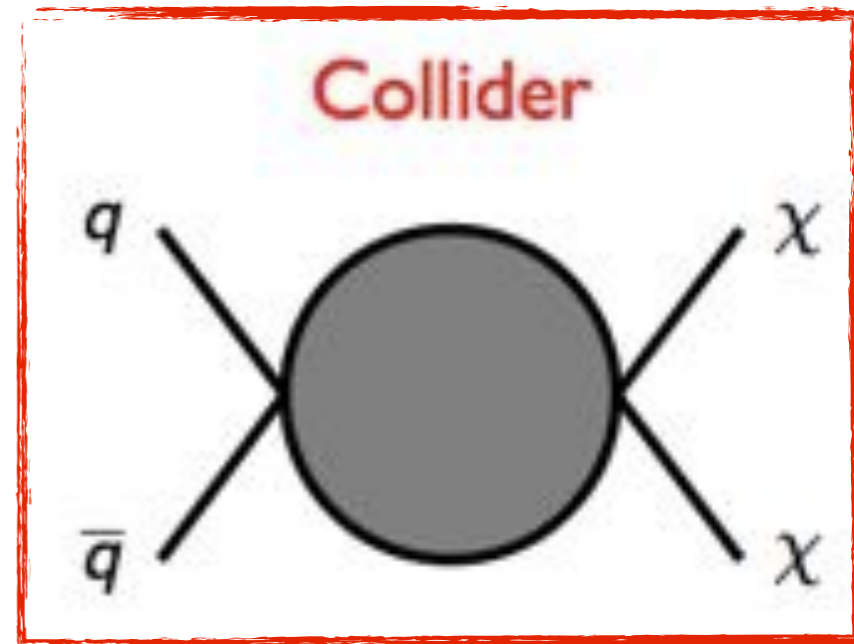
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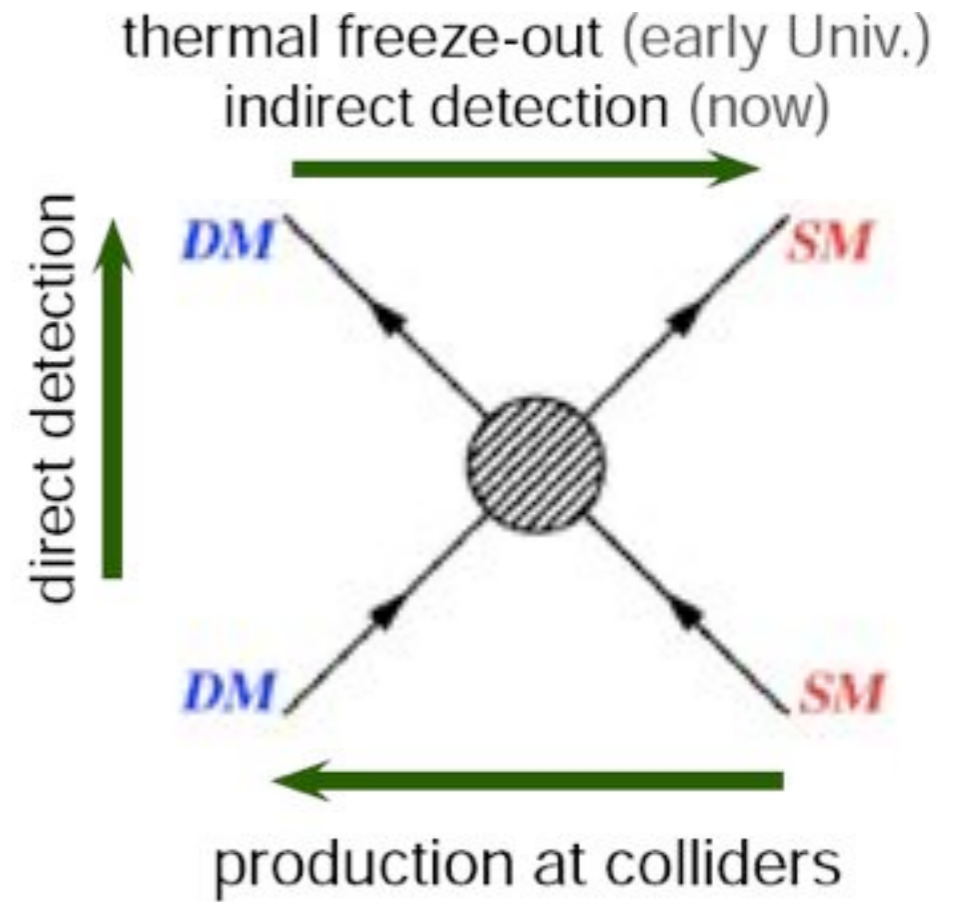


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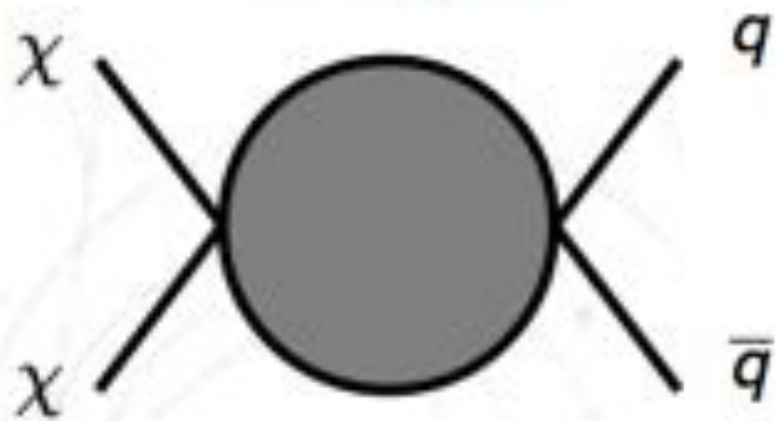


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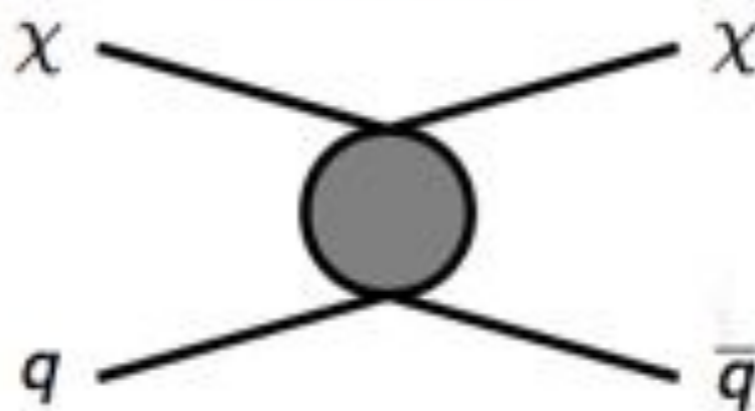
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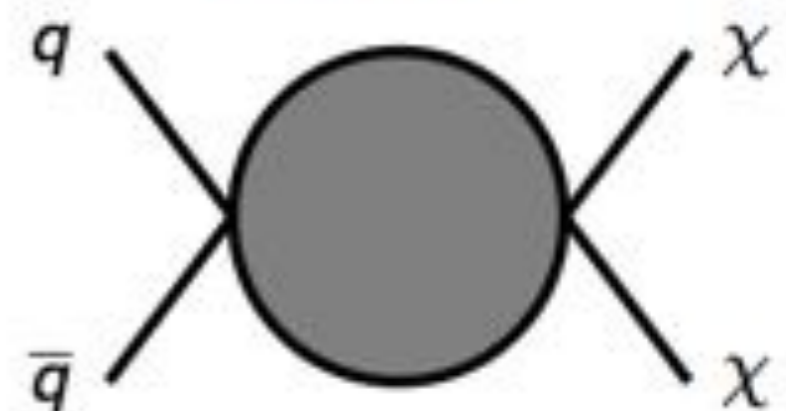
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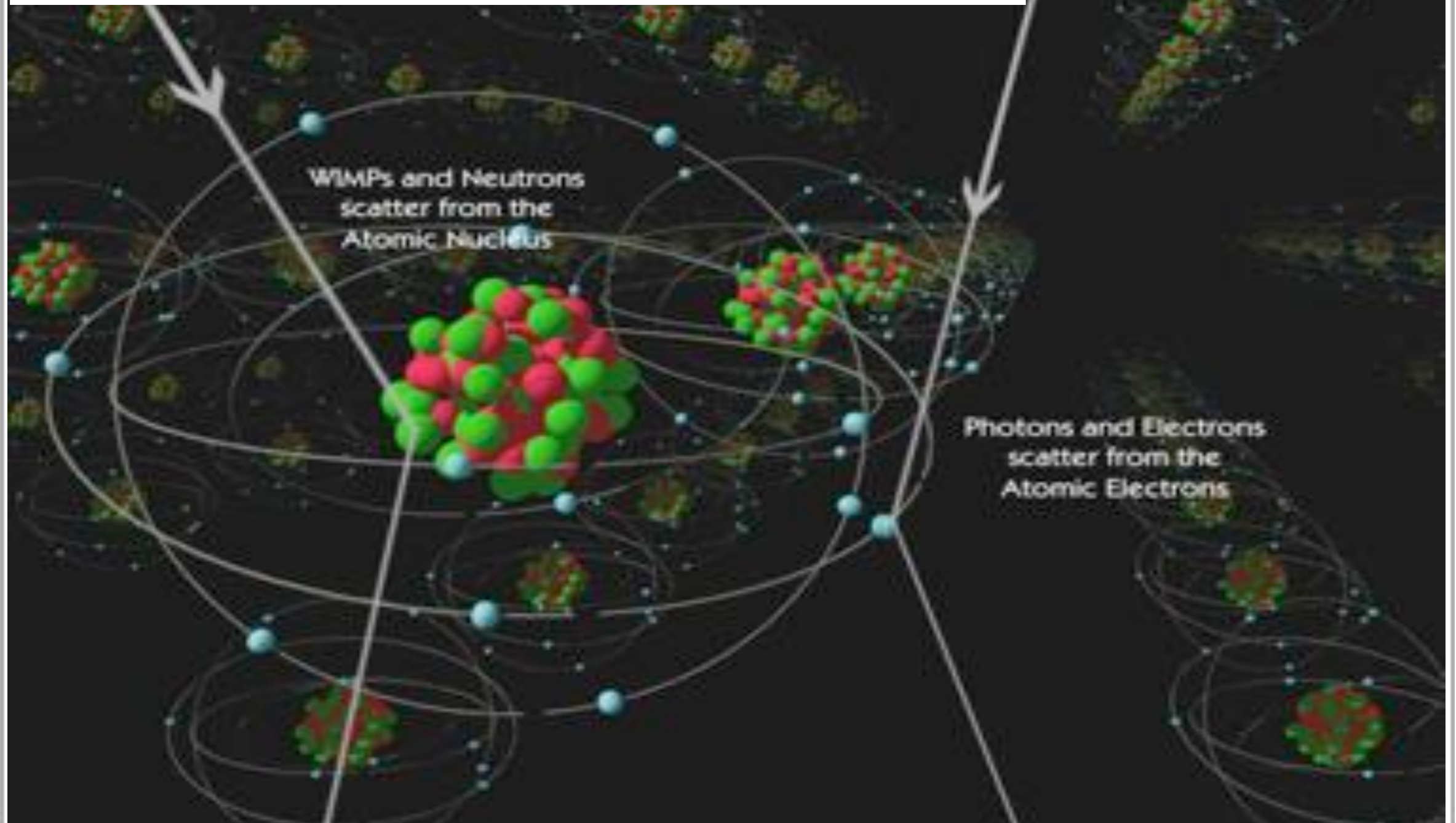


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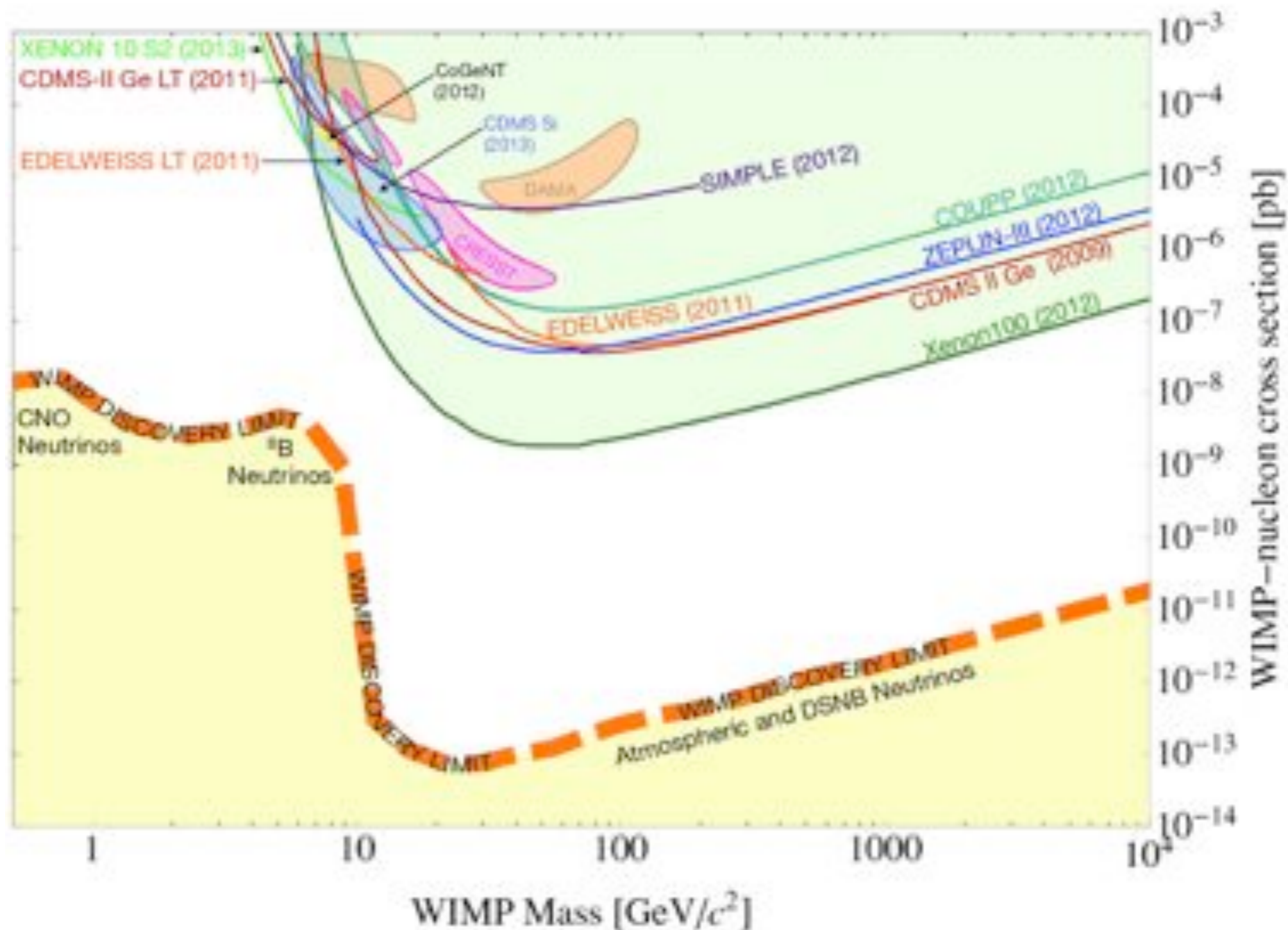
# Direct detection experiments

- Aim to observe recoil of dark matter off nucleus
- Typical recoil energy 1- 100 keV
- elastic scattering can be spin-dependent or spin-independent



# Direct detection experiments : Status and challenges

WIMP-nucleon cross section

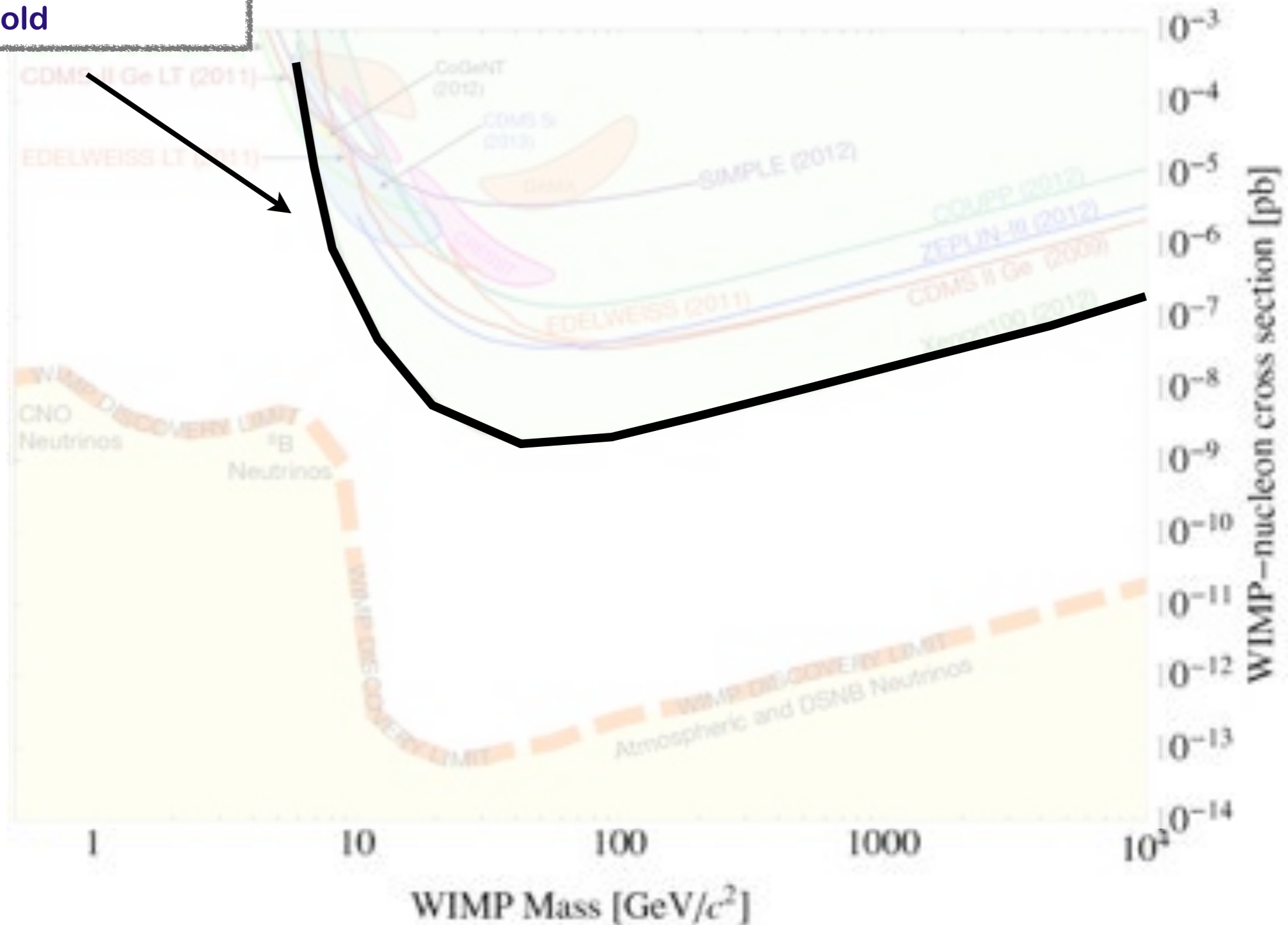




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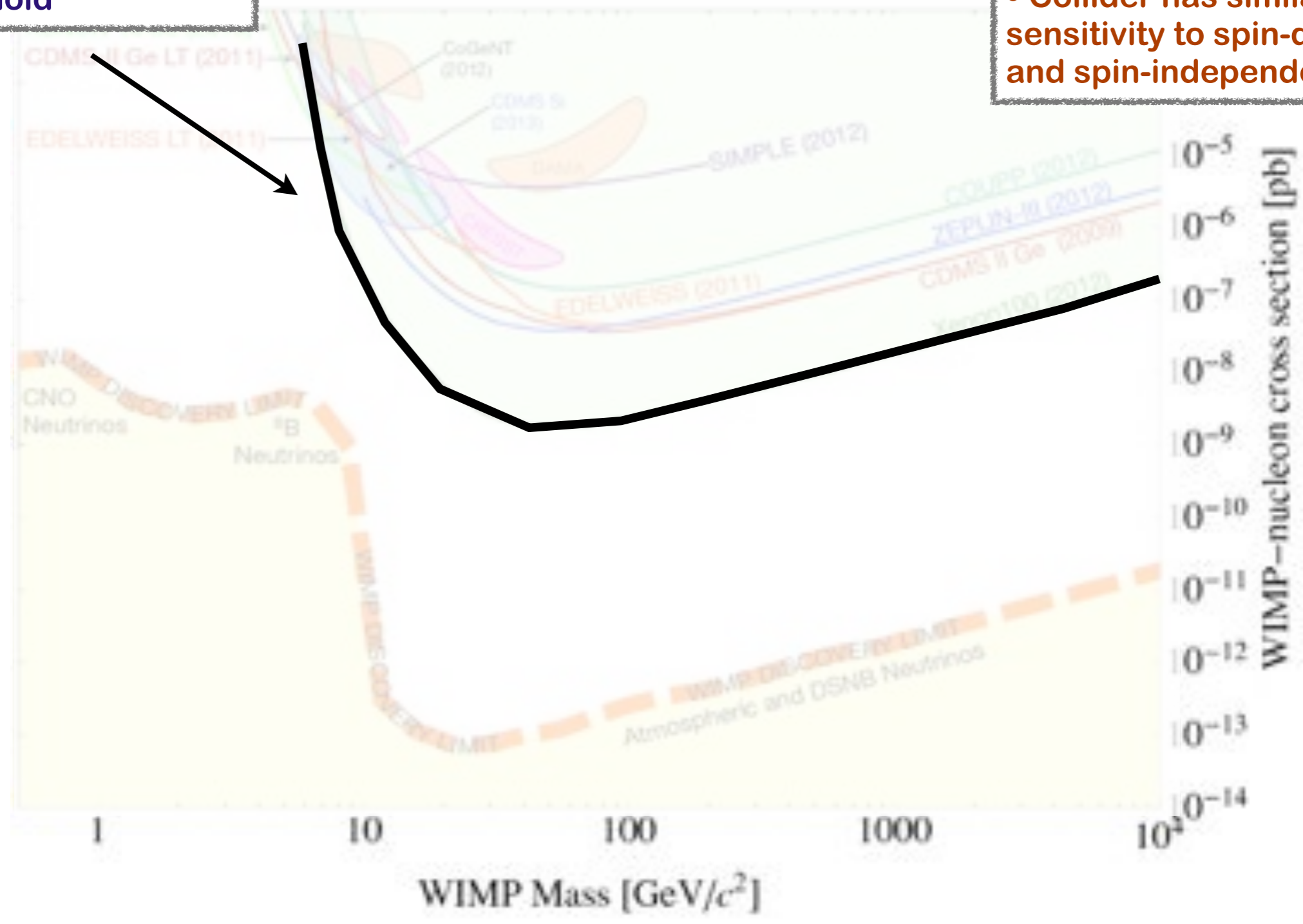


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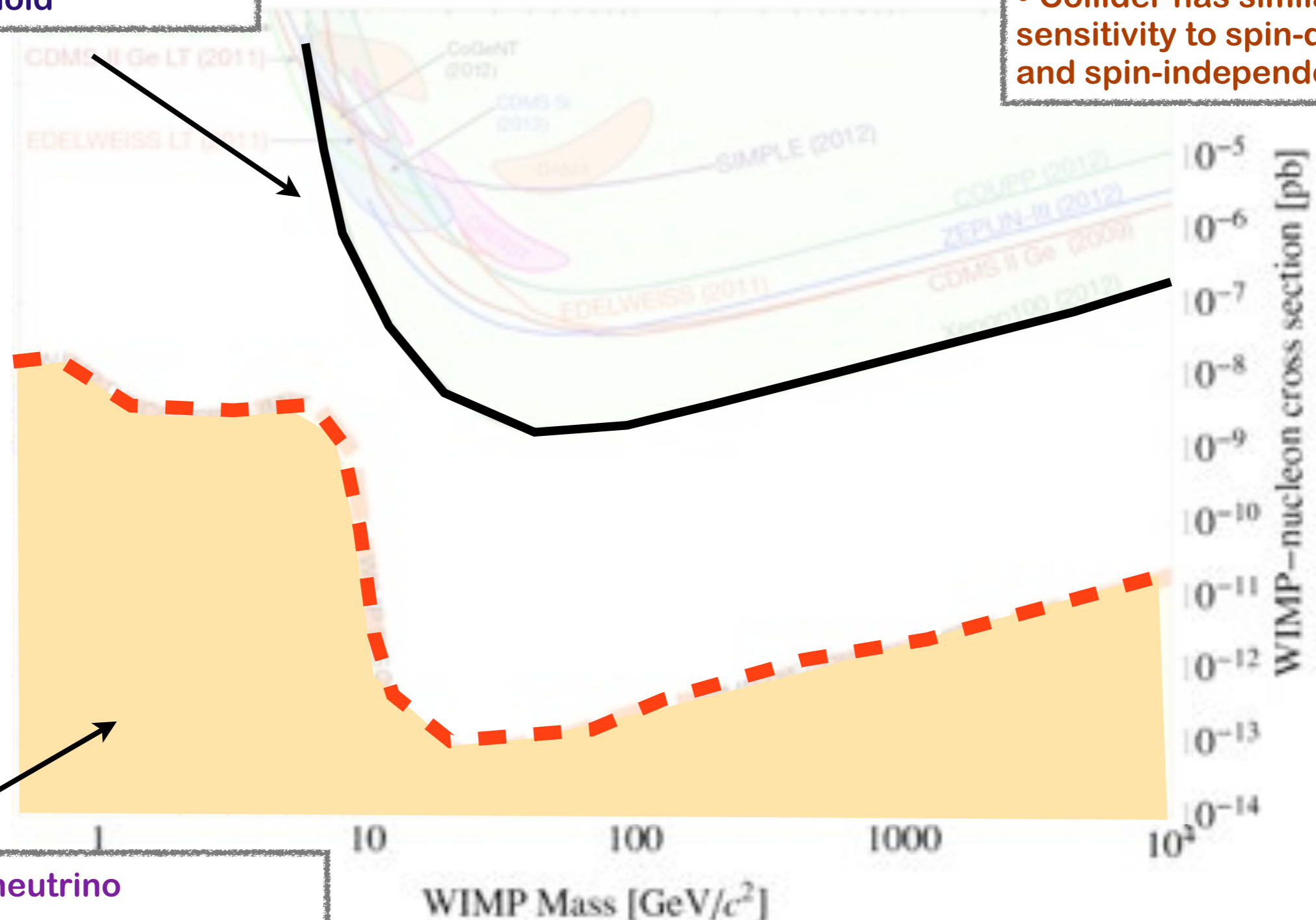


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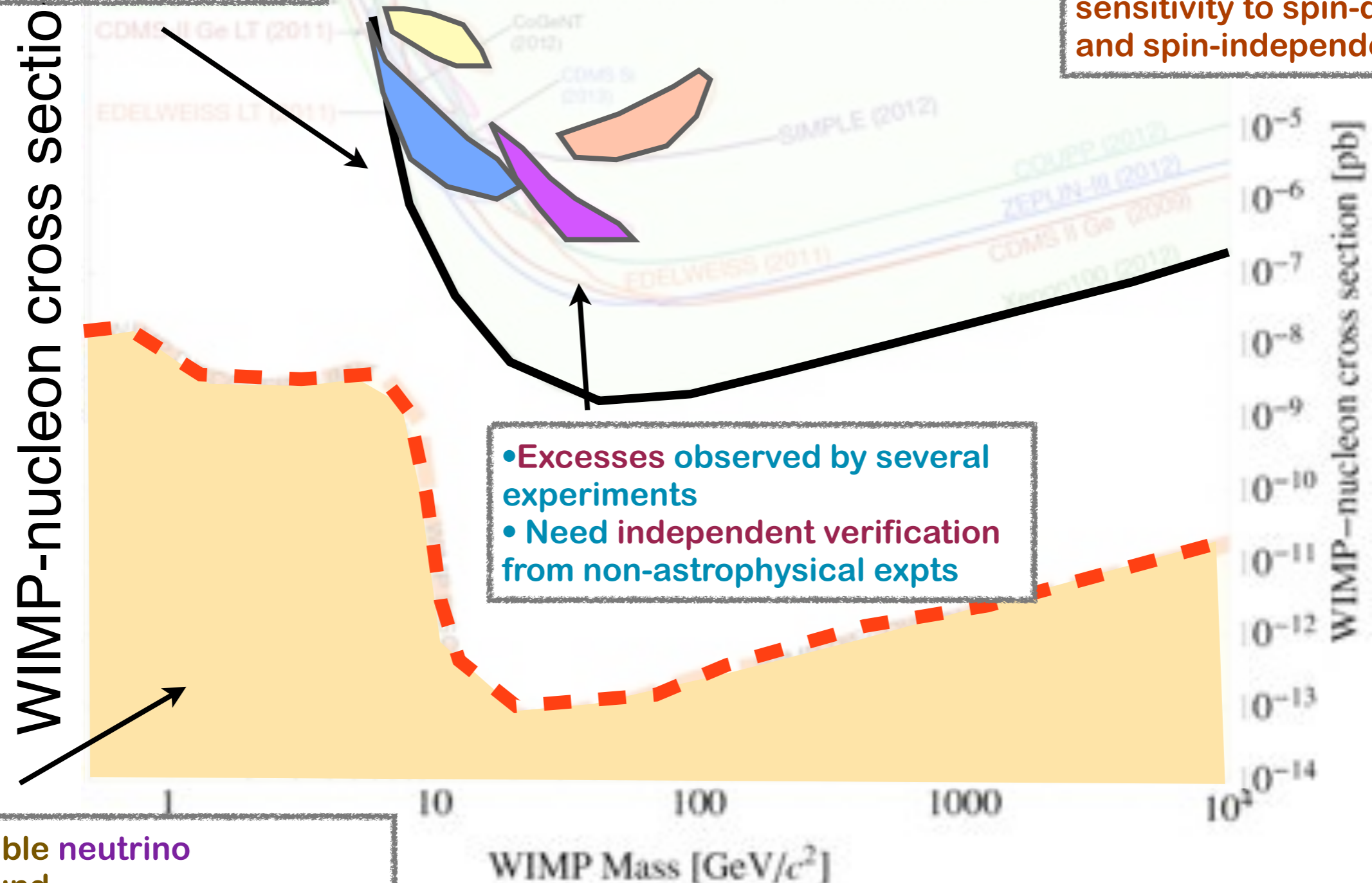


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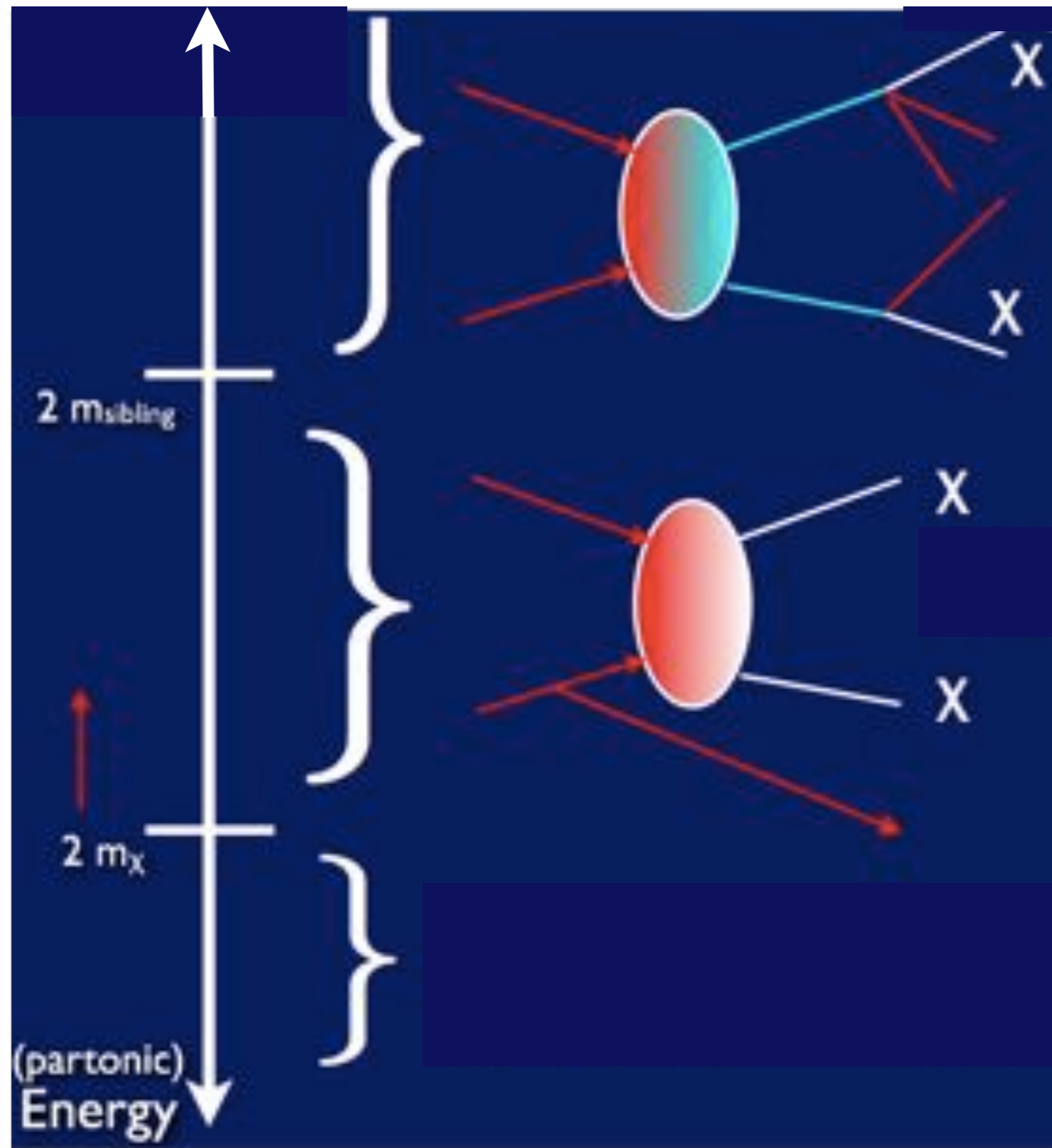
- **Excesses** observed by several experiments
- **Need independent verification from non-astrophysical expts**

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A vibrant astronomical image of a galaxy cluster. The background is a dense field of galaxies in various colors, including yellow, orange, and blue. In the center, there is a prominent blue star-like object with a red crosshair overlaid on it. The text "Searches at colliders" is centered in white.

# Searches at colliders

# Searching for dark matter at colliders



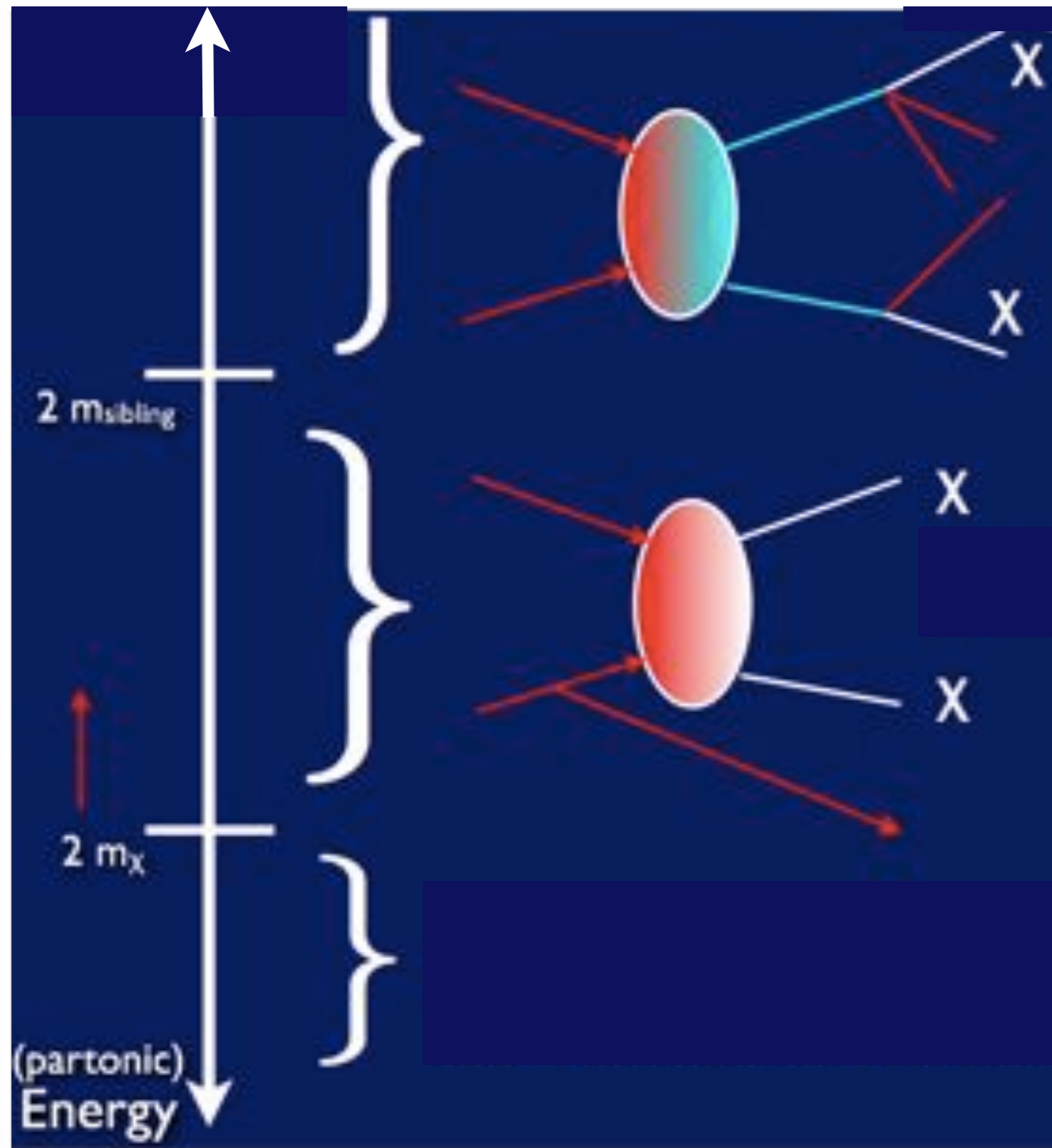
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Slide adapted from Tim Tait talk at Moriond

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# Searching for dark matter at colliders

LHC can produce heavier

## Supersymmetry

- symmetry between fermions and bosons
- heavy super-partners for each SM particle
- lightest SUSY particle (LSP) is neutral, stable. Good candidate for dark matter

## Extra dimensions

- In UED, the dark matter candidate is a massive vector particle which is stable
- In Randall-Sundrum, the right-handed neutrino is stable

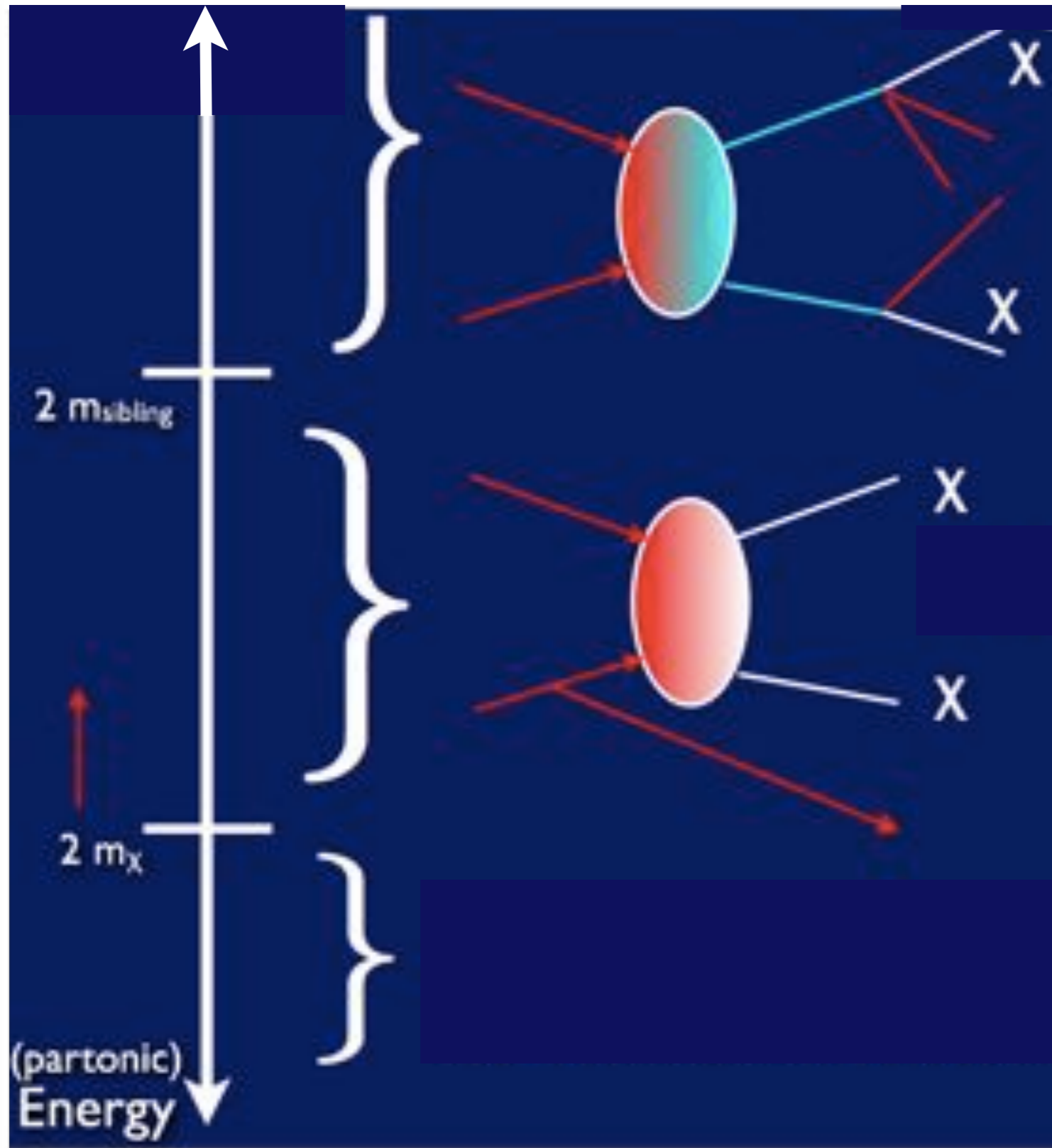
Theories designed to address the gauge hierarchy problem naturally

- predict stable, weakly interacting particles with mass  $\sim$  weak scale
- the correct relic abundance required to be dark matter.

(partonic)  
Energy ↓



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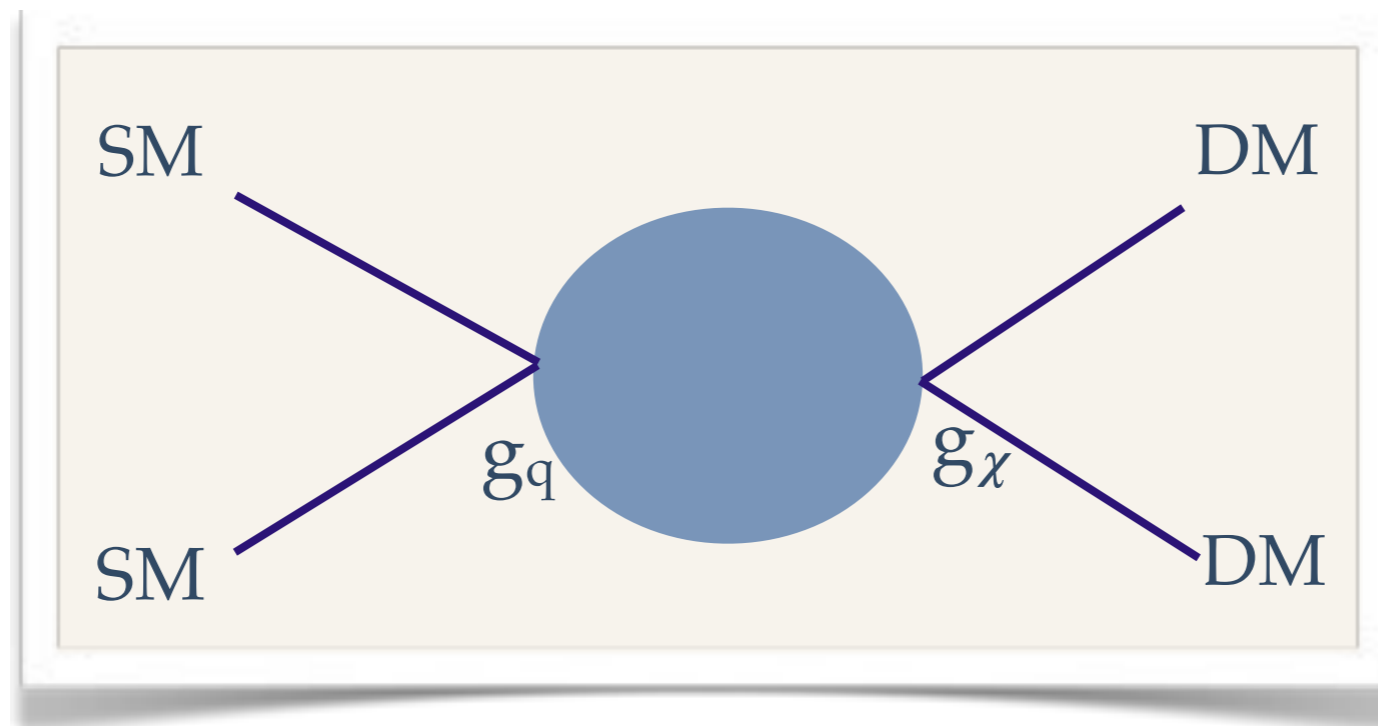
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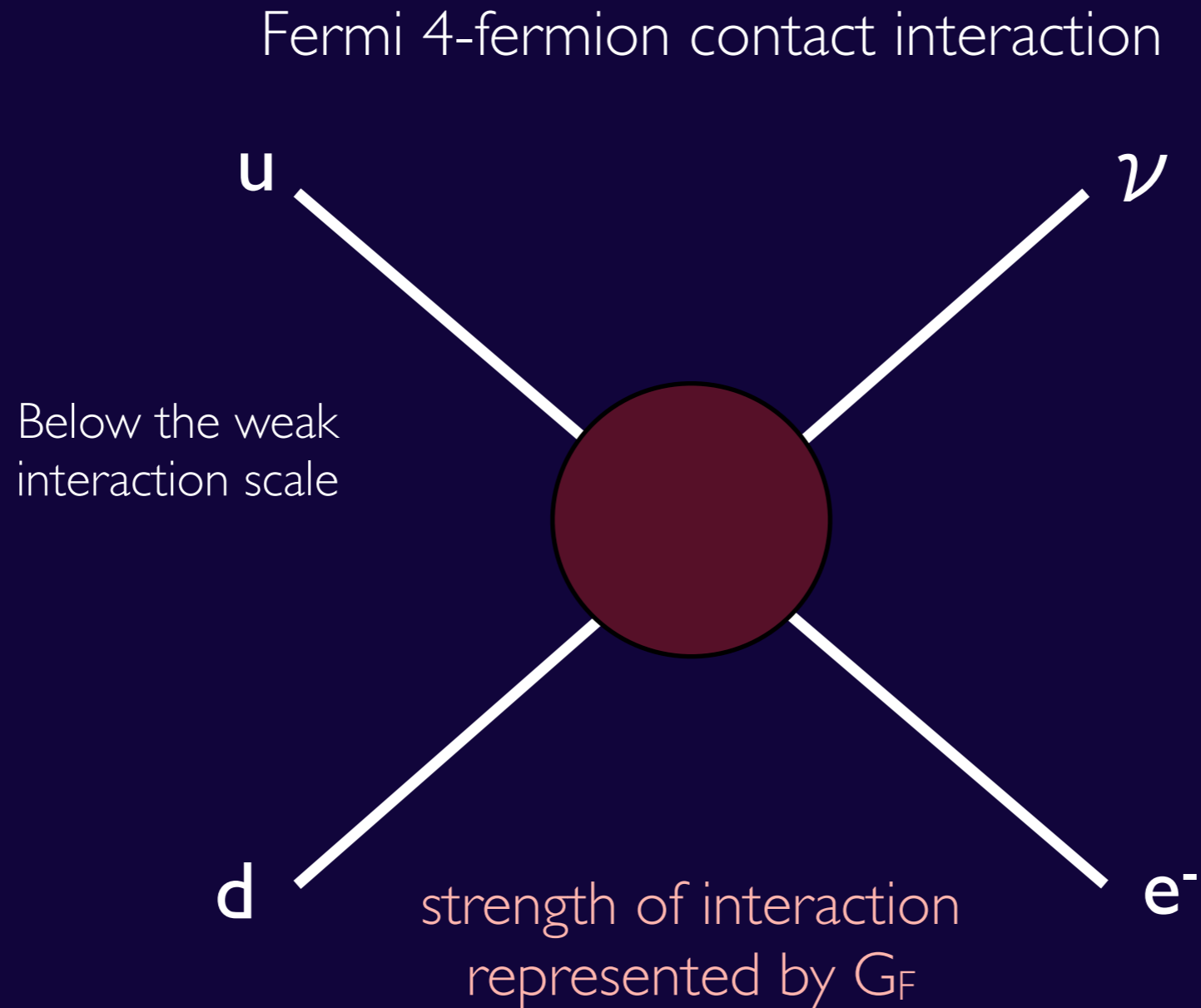
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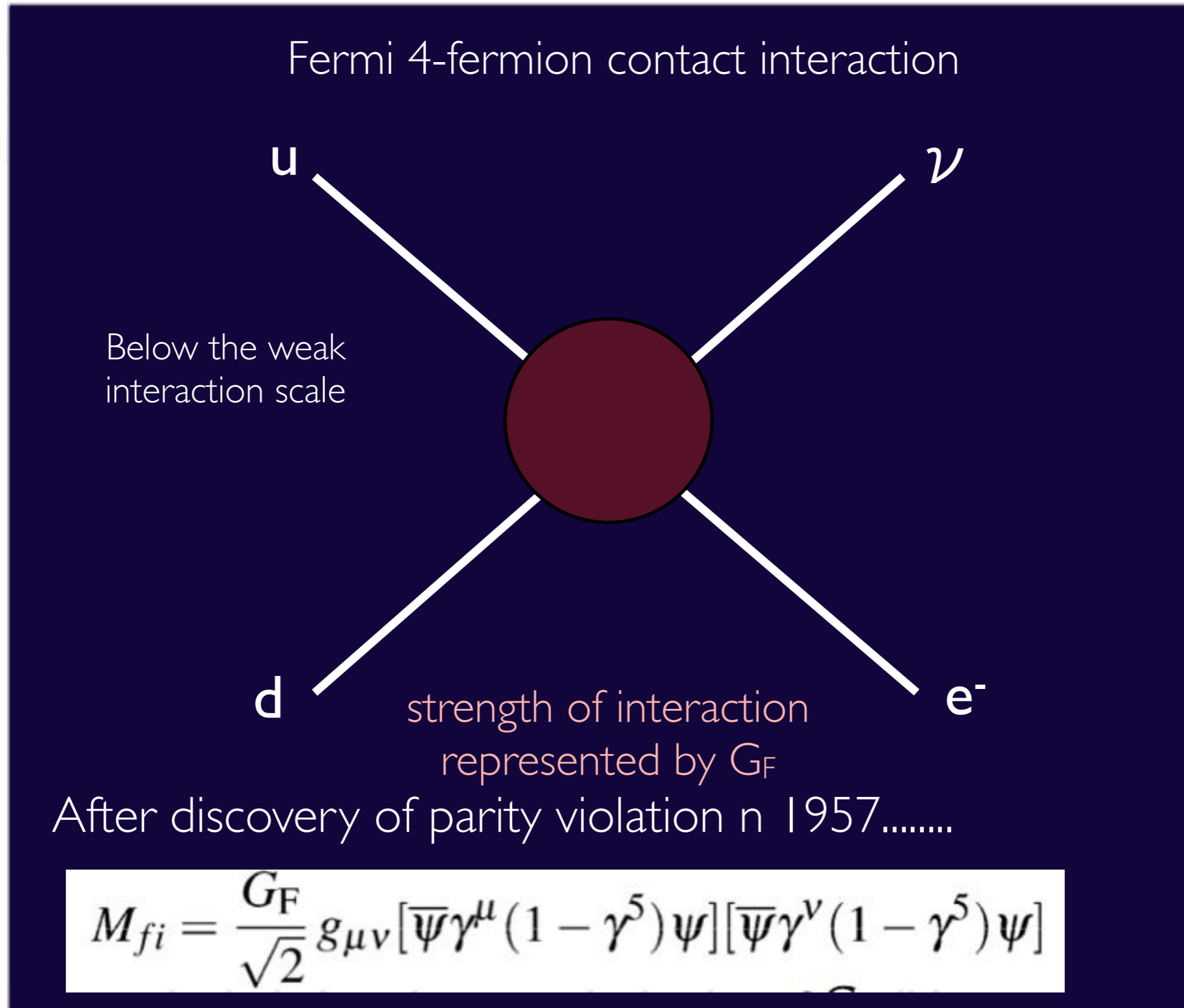


$$M_{fi} = G_F g_{\mu\nu} [\bar{\psi} \gamma^\mu \psi] [\bar{\psi} \gamma^\nu \psi]$$

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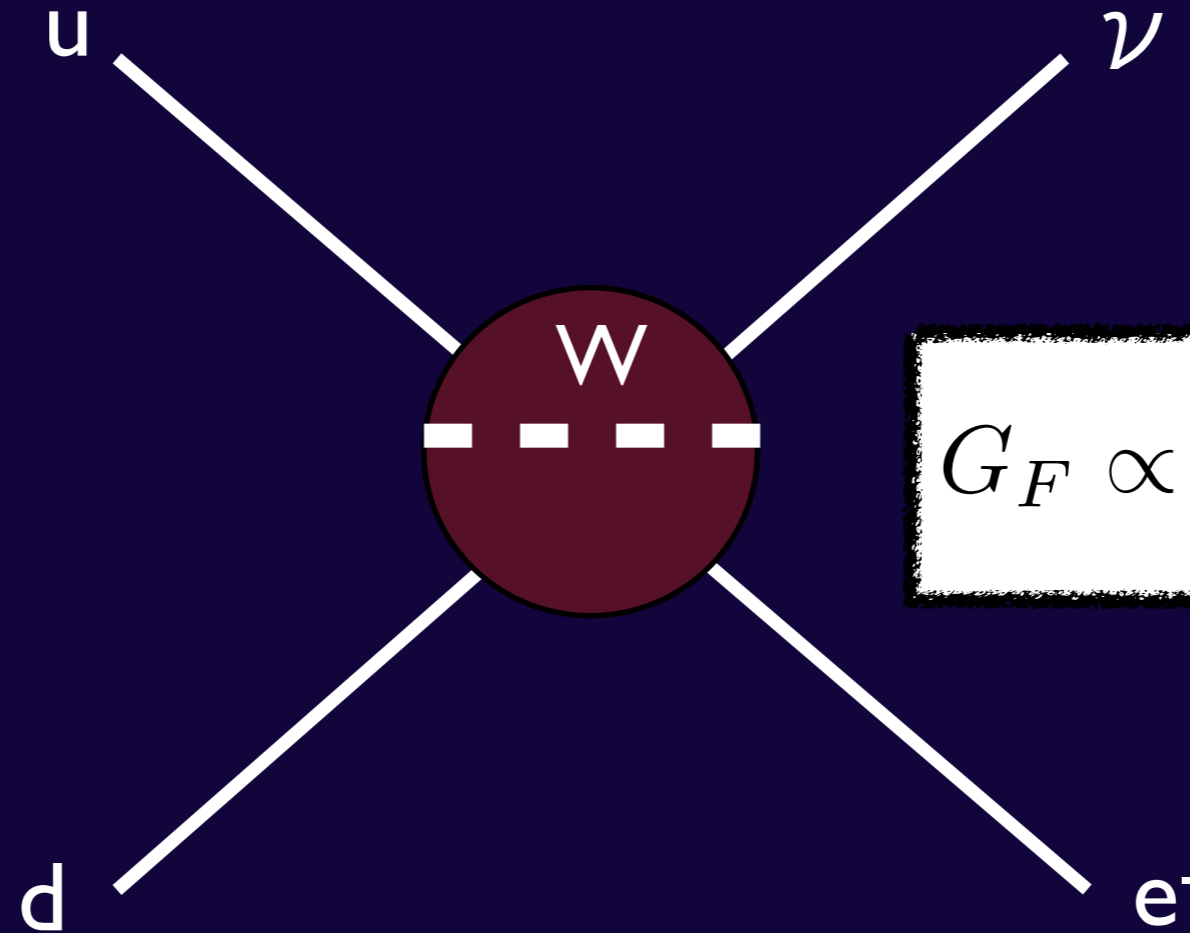
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# Phenomenology

After discovery of W boson.....



$$G_F \propto \frac{g_w^2}{M_w^2}$$

$$M_{fi} = \left[ \frac{g_w}{\sqrt{2}} \bar{\psi} \frac{1}{2} \gamma^\mu (1 - \gamma^5) \psi \right] \frac{g_{\mu\nu} - q_\mu q_\nu / m_W^2}{q^2 - m_W^2} \left[ \frac{g_w}{\sqrt{2}} \bar{\psi} \frac{1}{2} \gamma^\nu (1 - \gamma^5) \psi \right]$$

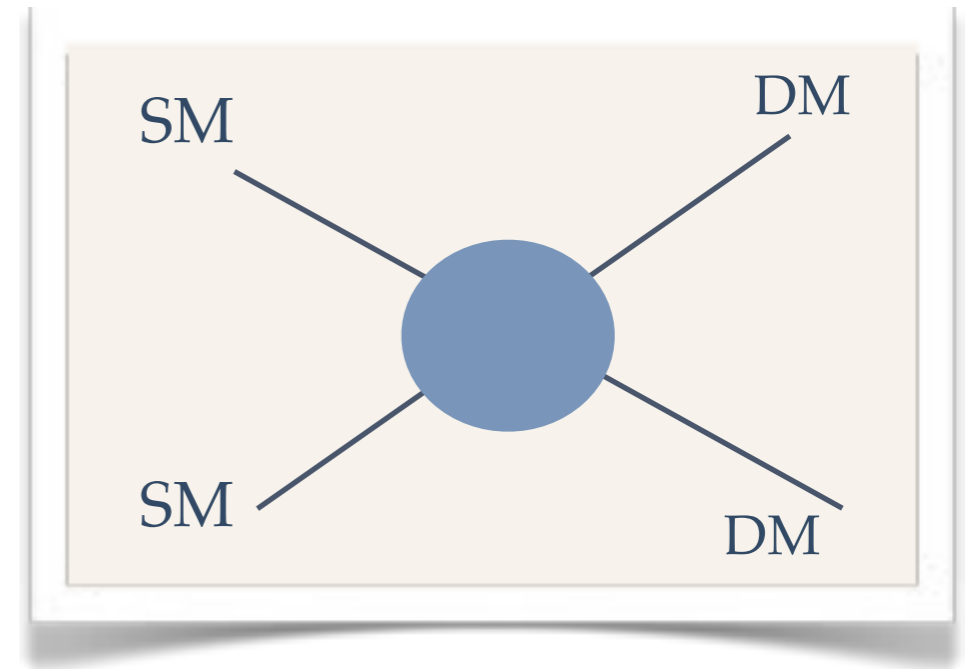
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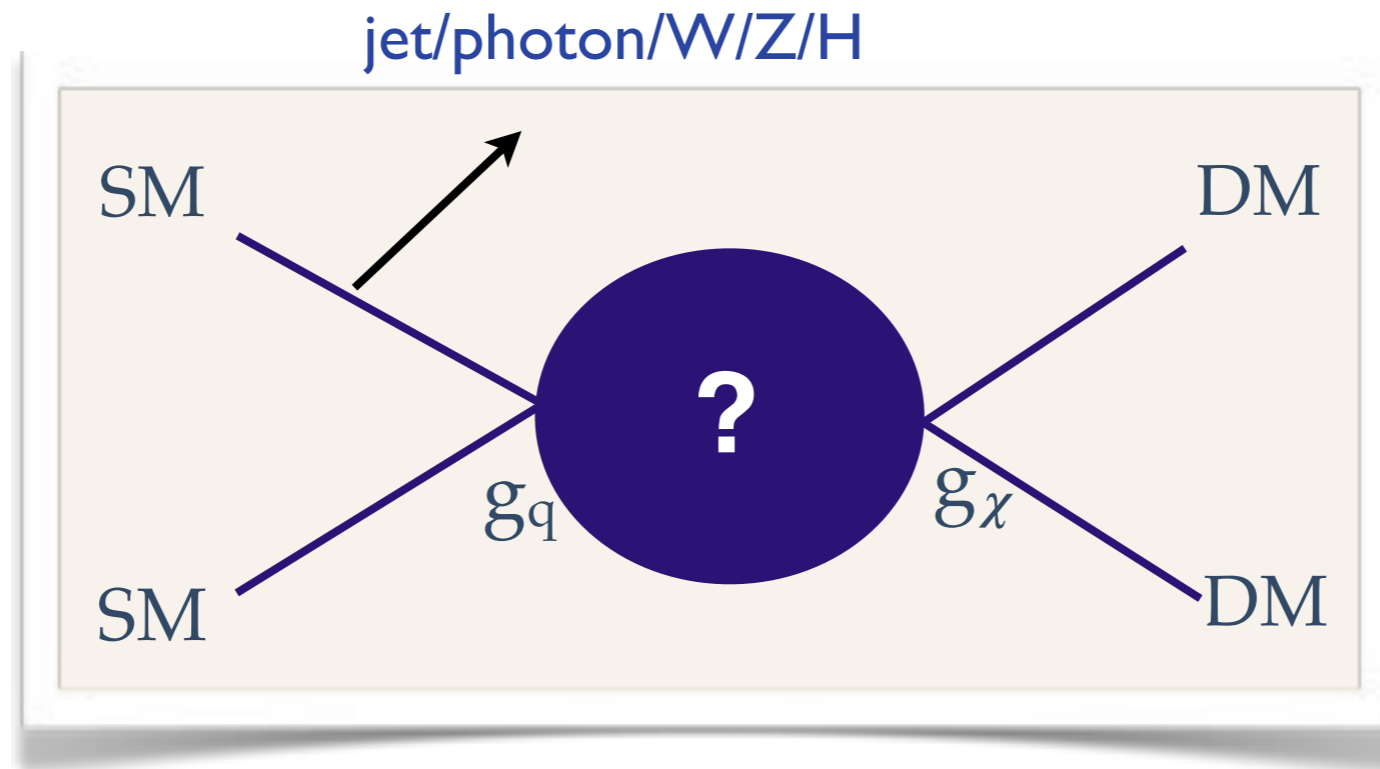


$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{SM} + \underbrace{i\bar{X}\gamma^\mu\partial_\mu X - M_X\bar{X}X}_{\text{kinetic terms for DM}} + \underbrace{\sum_q \sum_{i,j} \frac{G_{qij}}{\sqrt{2}} [\bar{X}\Gamma_i^X X] [\bar{q}\Gamma_q^j q]}_{\text{set of 4-Fermion interactions between DM and SM quarks}},$$

SM Lagrangian

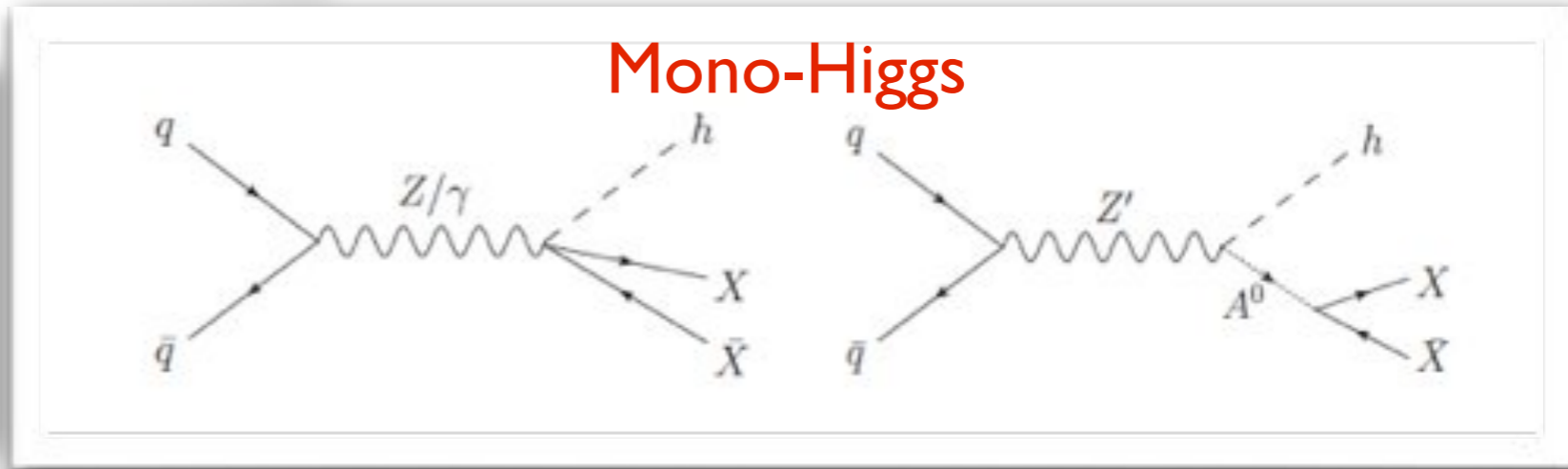
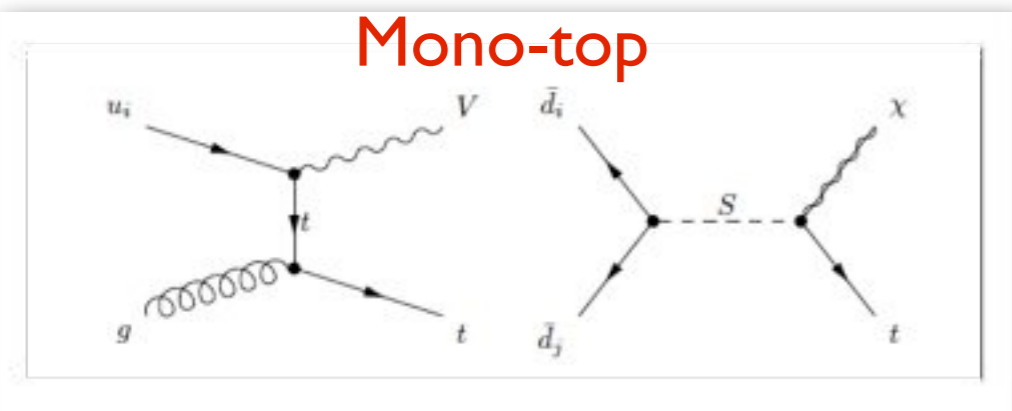
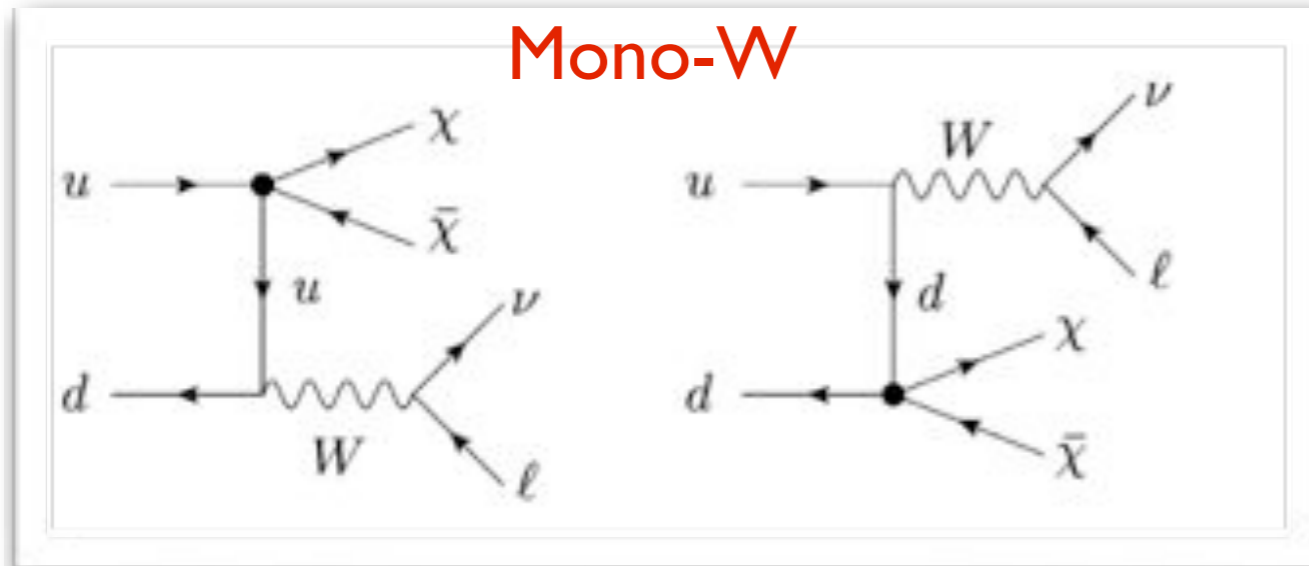
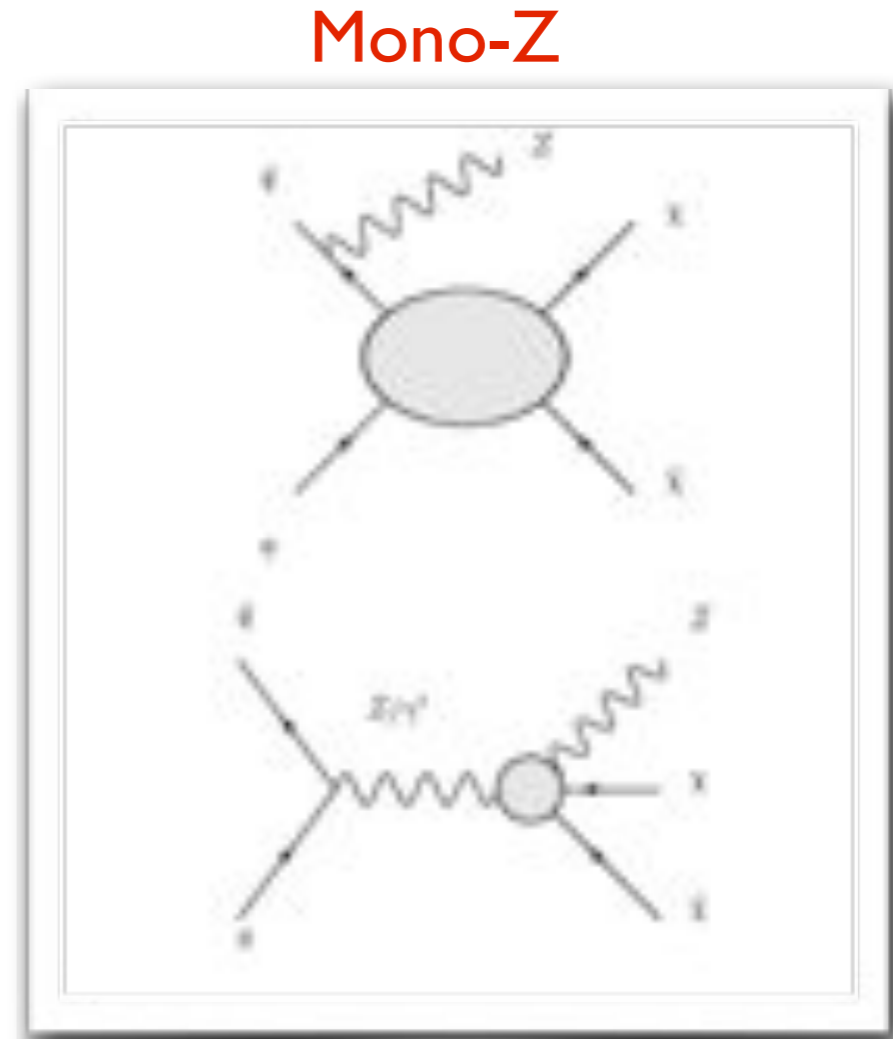
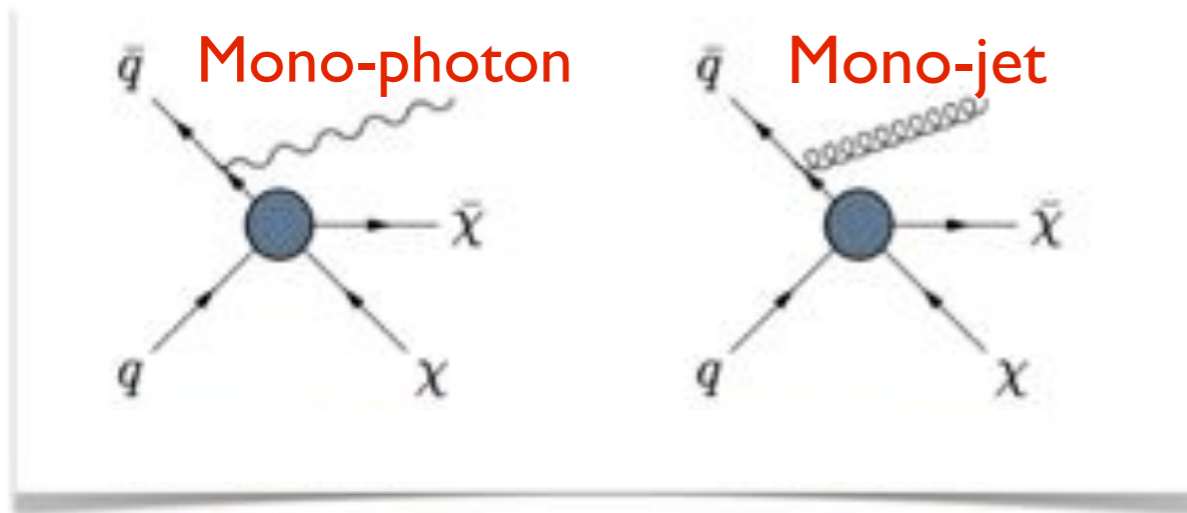
Operators  $\Gamma$  describe scalar, pseudoscalar, vector, axial vector, tensor interactions

# Phenomenology



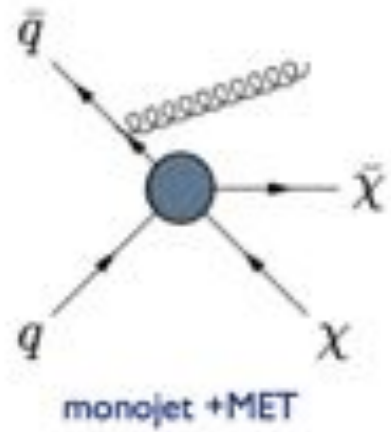
- DM neutral and weakly interacting, **escape detection**.
- only infer presence from **imbalance in transverse momentum** of all visible particles
- Search for DM particles recoiling off a jet/photon/X from the initial state

# Signatures for dark matter searches: Mono-X



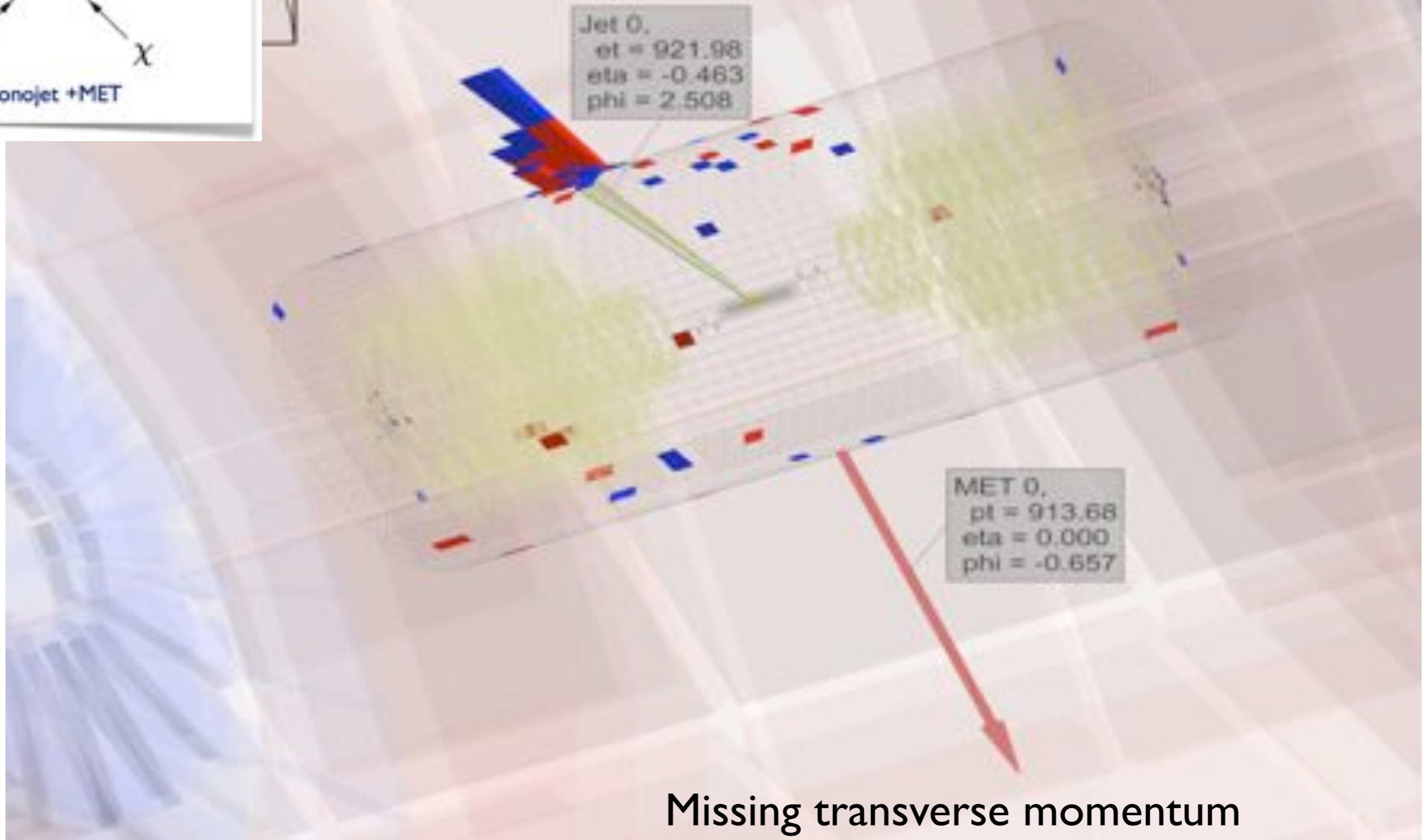


# A monojet event



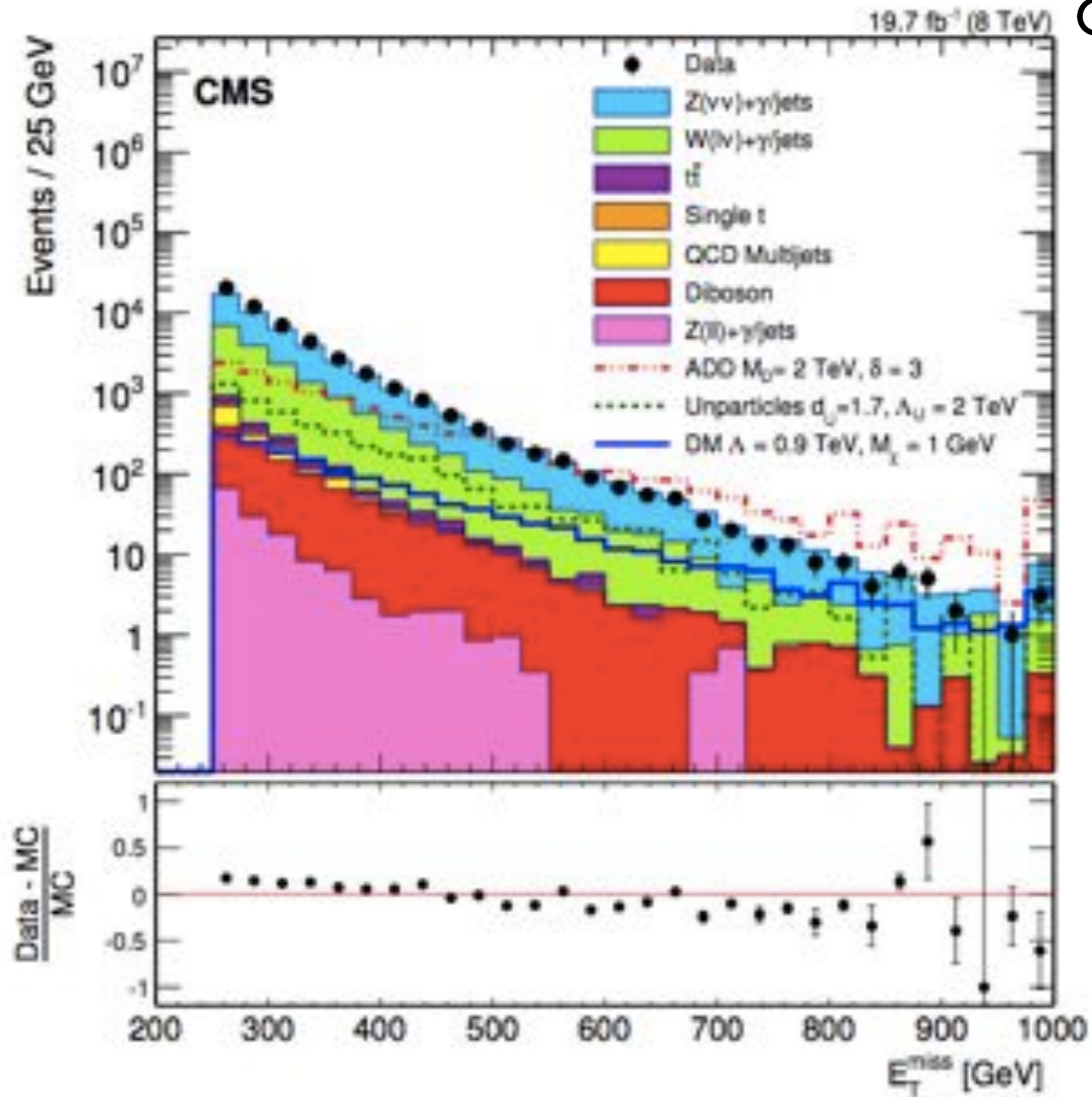
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- one jet  $p_T$  900 GeV
- MET of 900 GeV



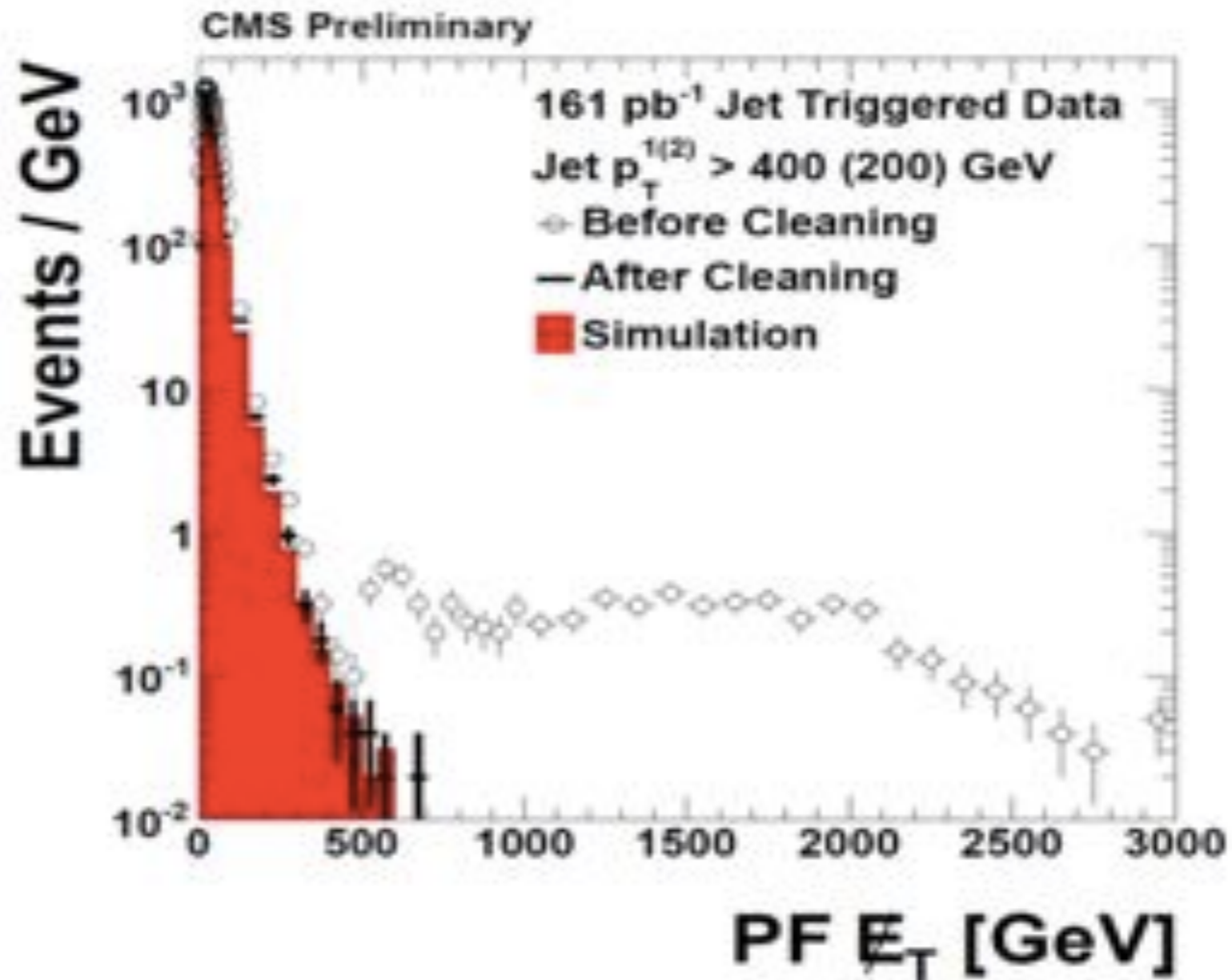
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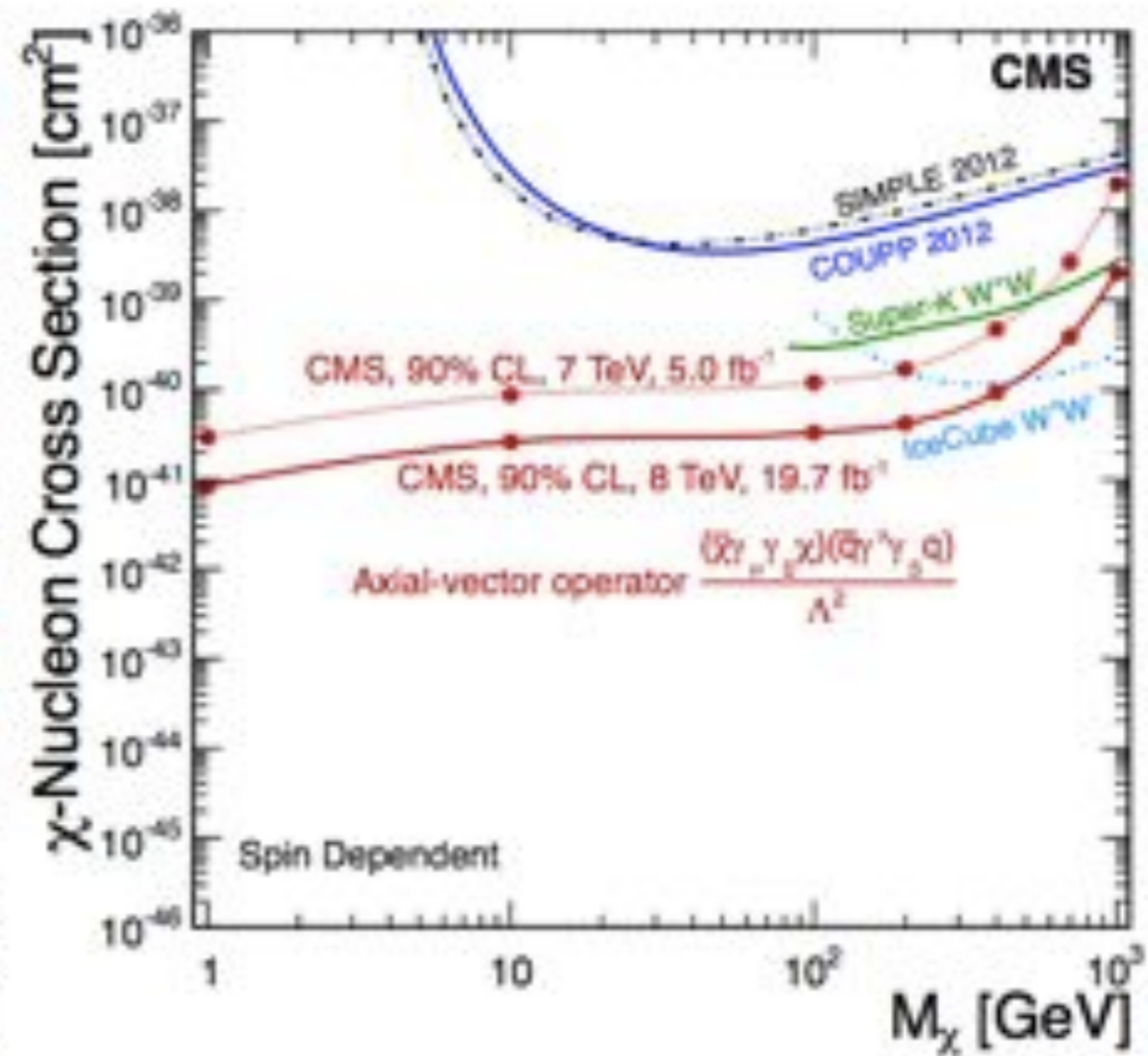
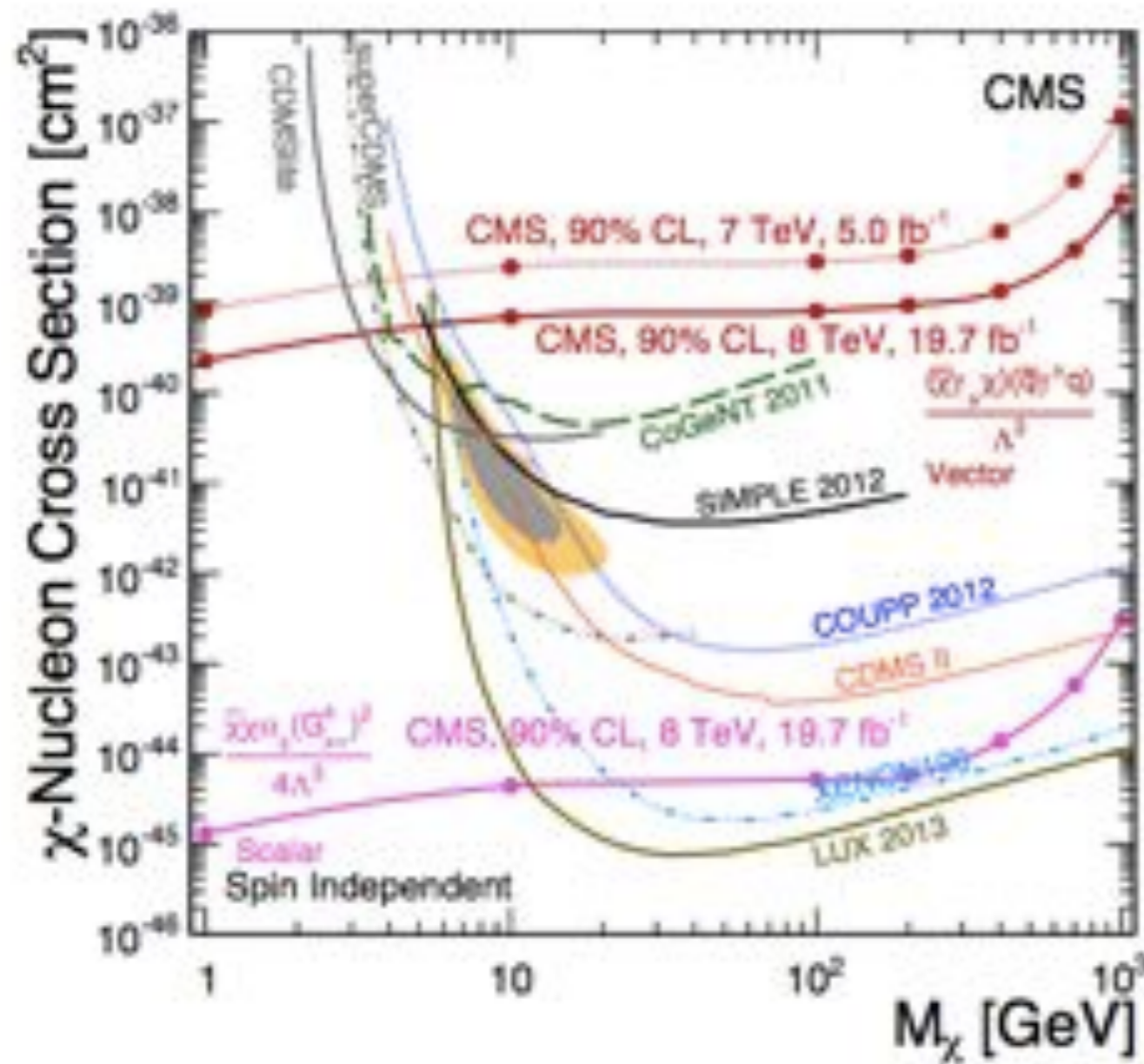


# Monojet search

At the heart of all DM searches at colliders : Missing transverse energy (MET)

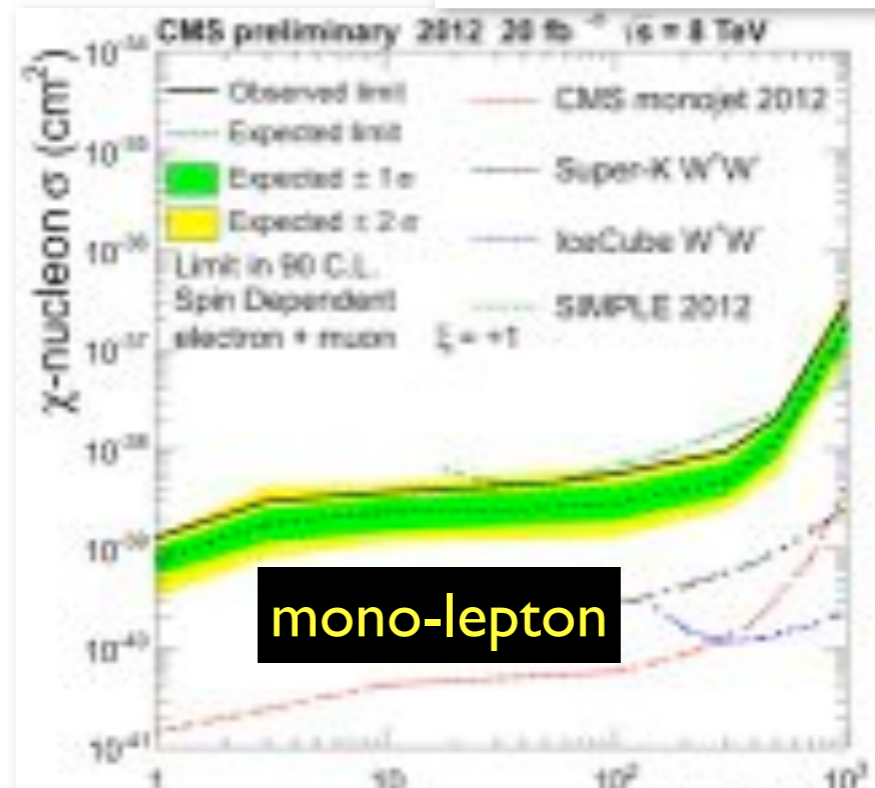
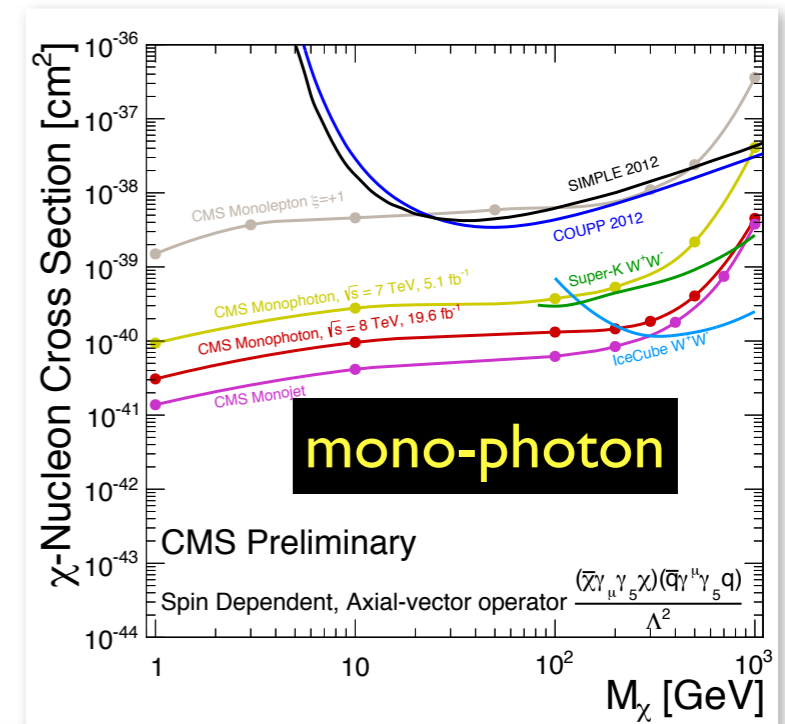
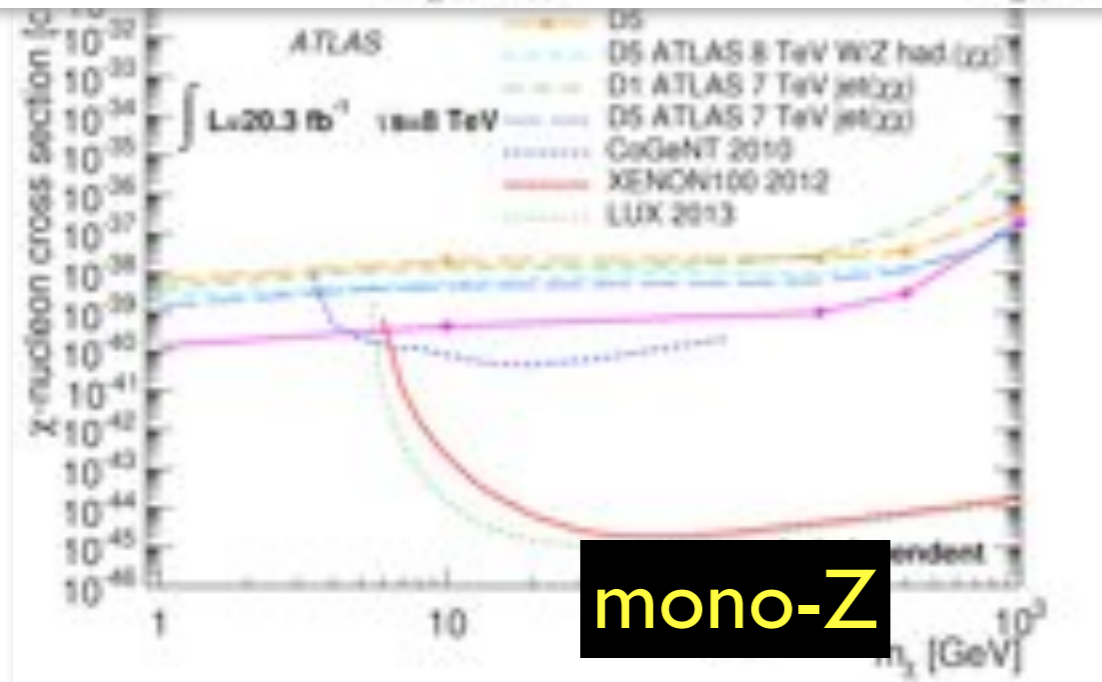
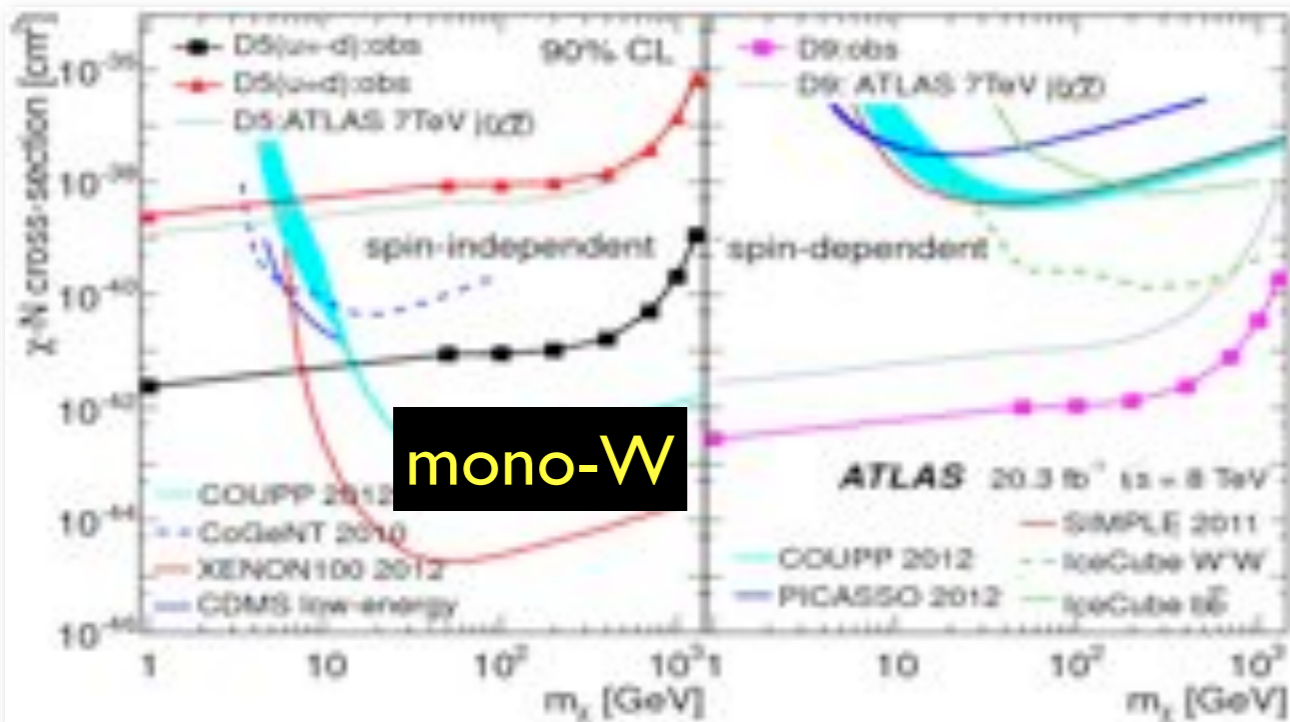


- challenging quantity to measure
- sensitive to mis-measurements, detector effects, backgrounds
- but well controlled

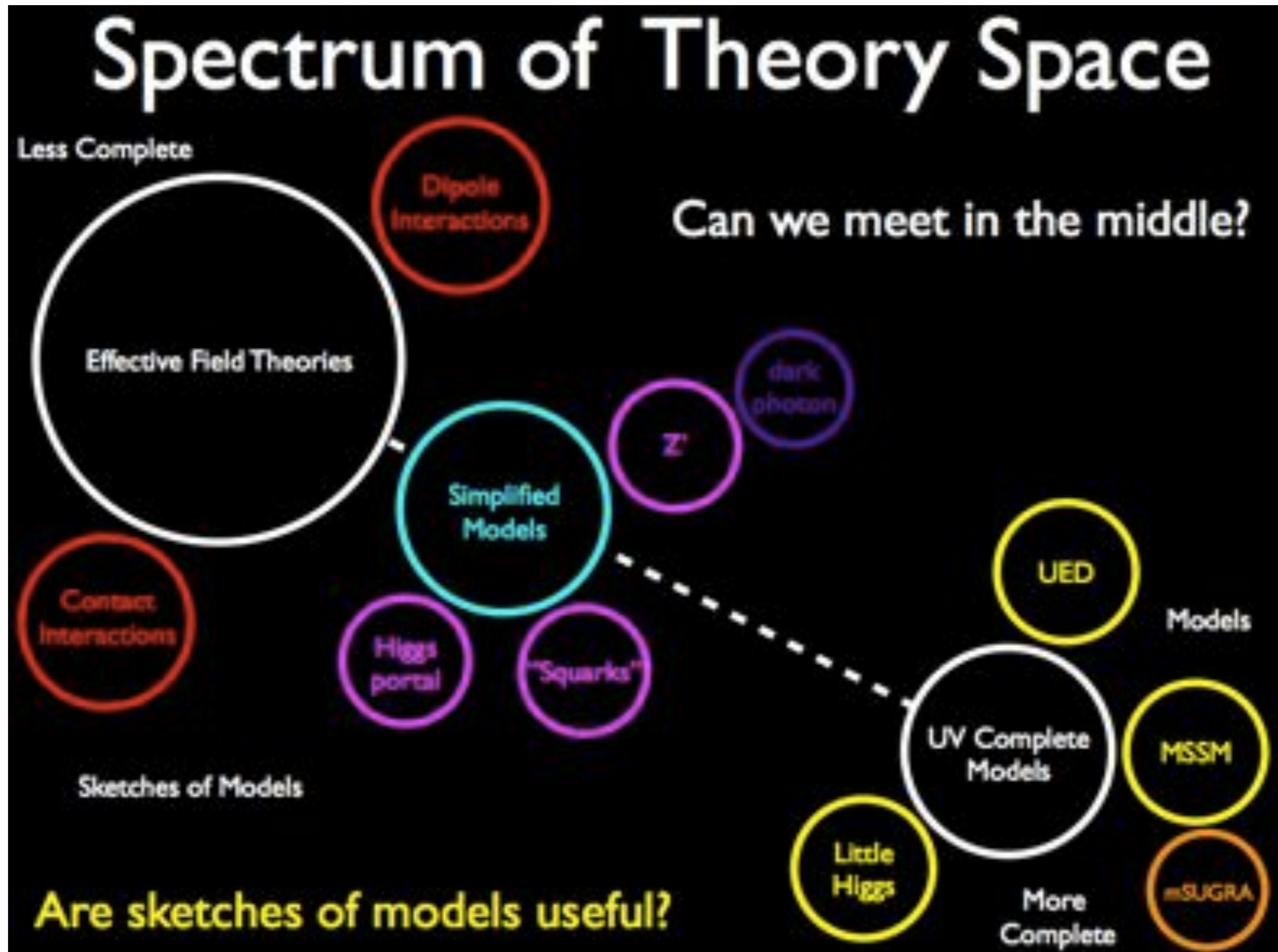


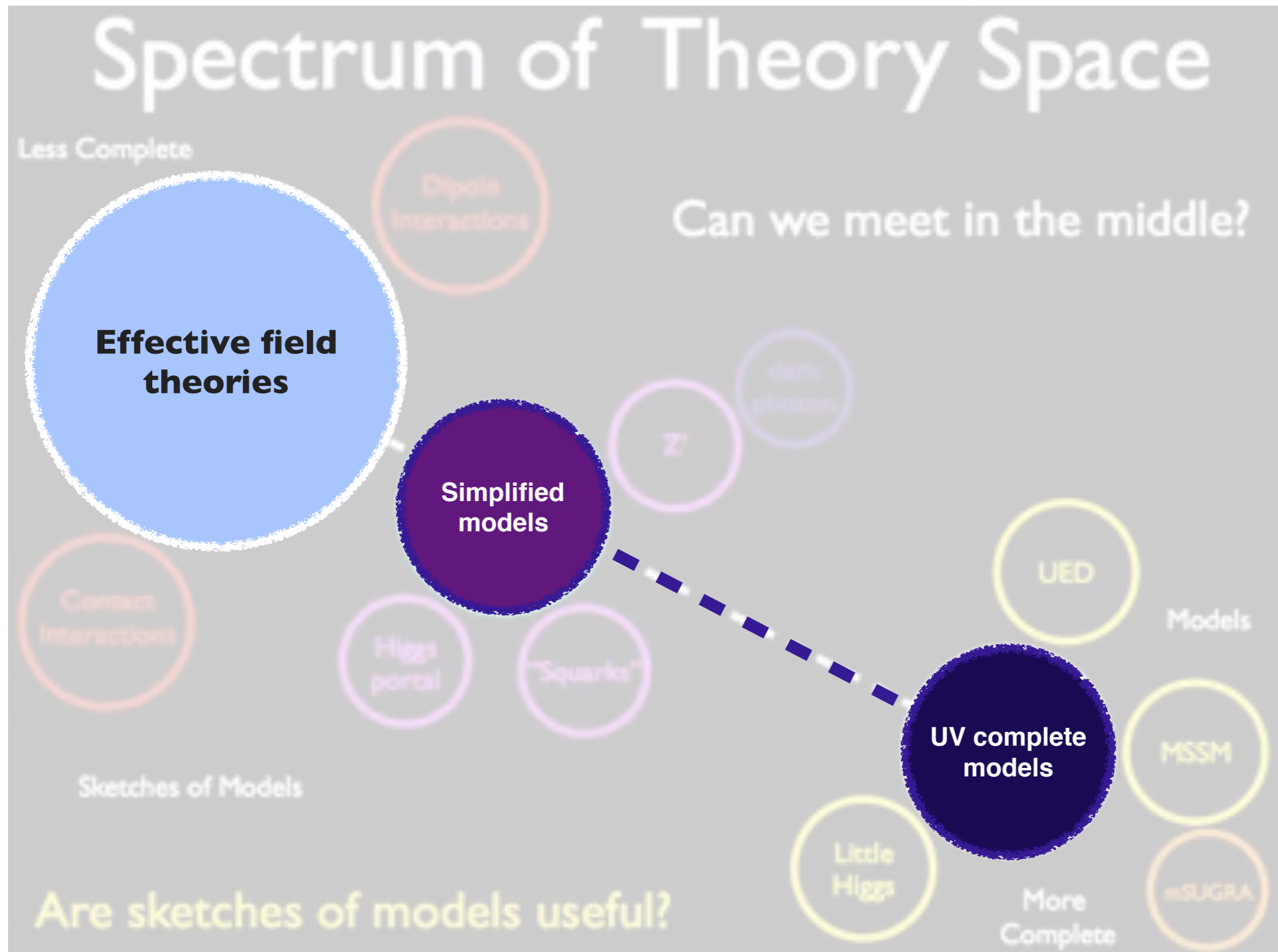
Collider limits comparable and complementary to direct detection experiments

# Searches for dark matter with mono-X

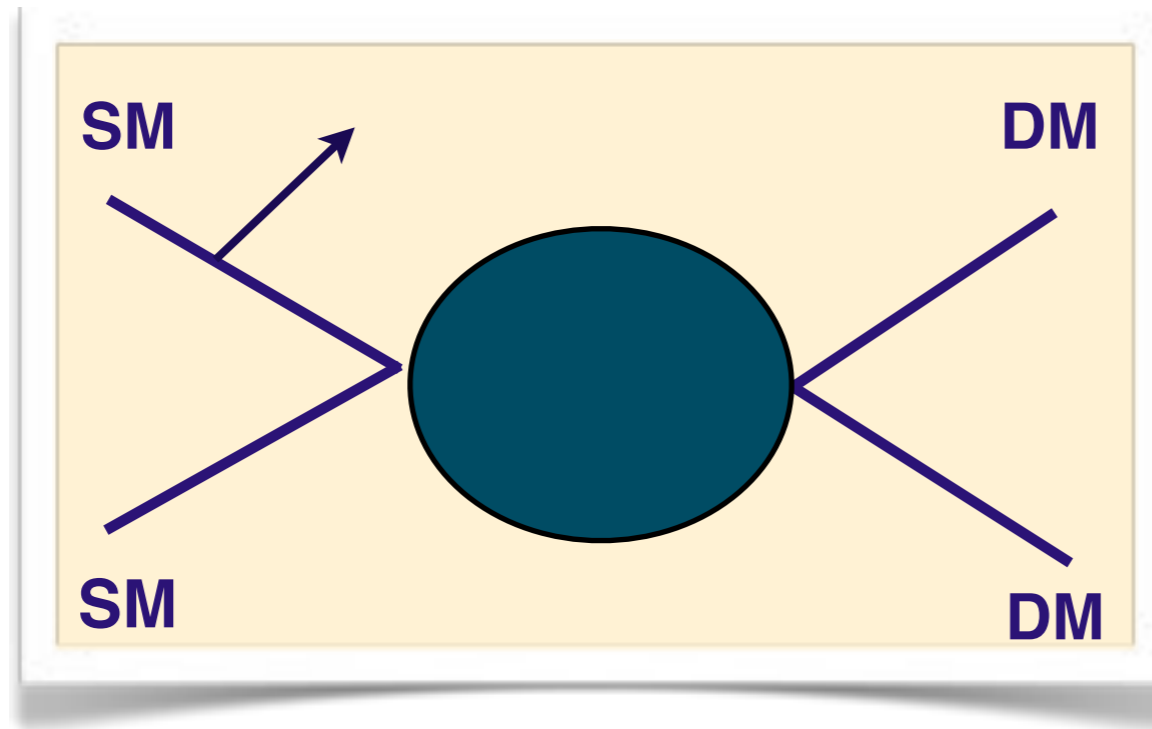


Many different signatures employed to search for dark matter at LHC, will become especially important if signal is observed by collider/DD/ID experiments





# Effective field theory



Beltran, Hooper, Kolb, Krusberg, Tait, 1002.4137  
Goodman, Ibe, Rajaraman, Shepherd, Tait, Yu, 1005.1286  
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Fortin, Tait, 1103.3289  
Cheung, Tseng, Yuan, 1104.5329  
Shoemaker, Vecchi, 1112.5457

- Assume mediator heavy enough to be integrated out
- Use **EFT operators** to describe SM-DM interaction
- Pro: **Limited** number of **degrees of freedom** (interaction scale, DM mass).
- Con: Given energy scales being probed by collider, **not always a valid assumption** for us



# Beyond EFT : Simplified models of dark matter

For Run-2 : focus shifted to simplified models

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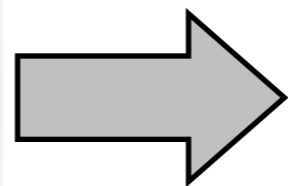
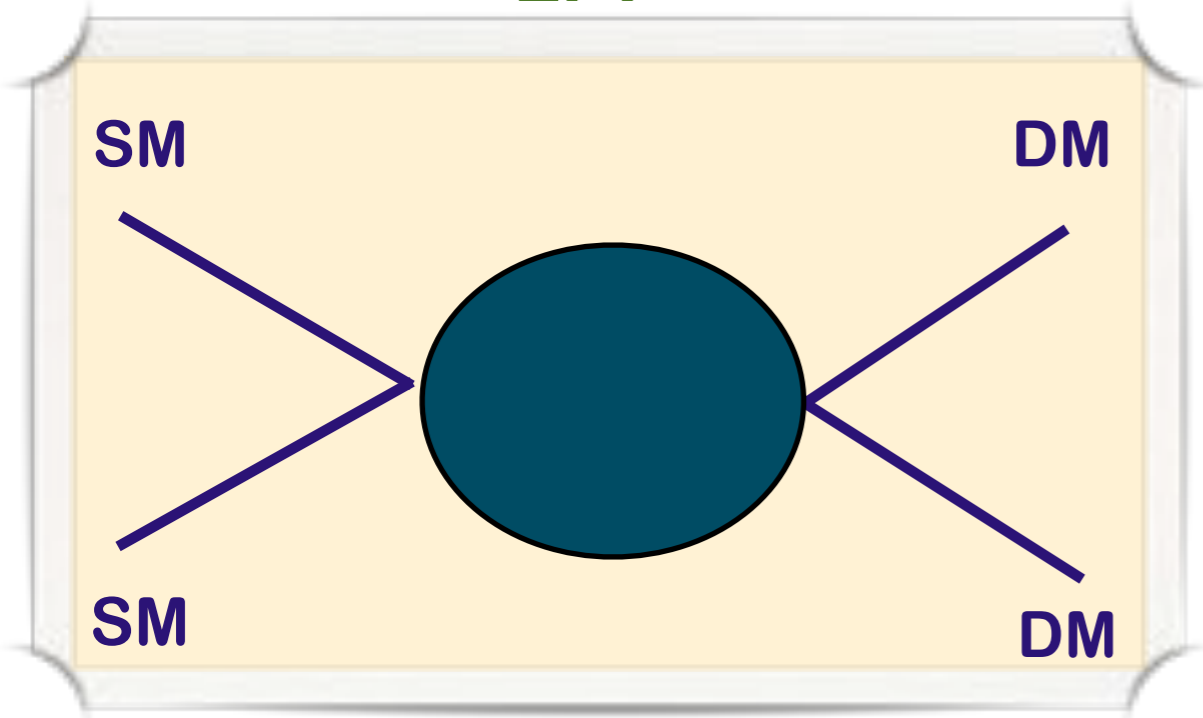
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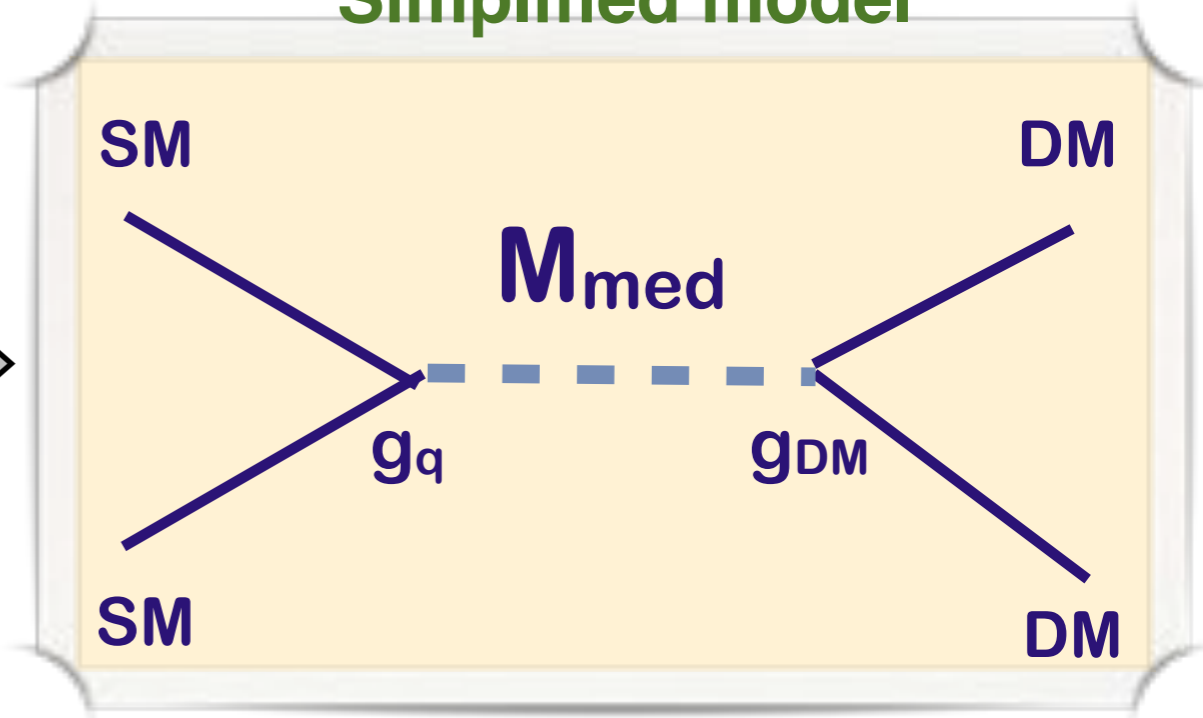
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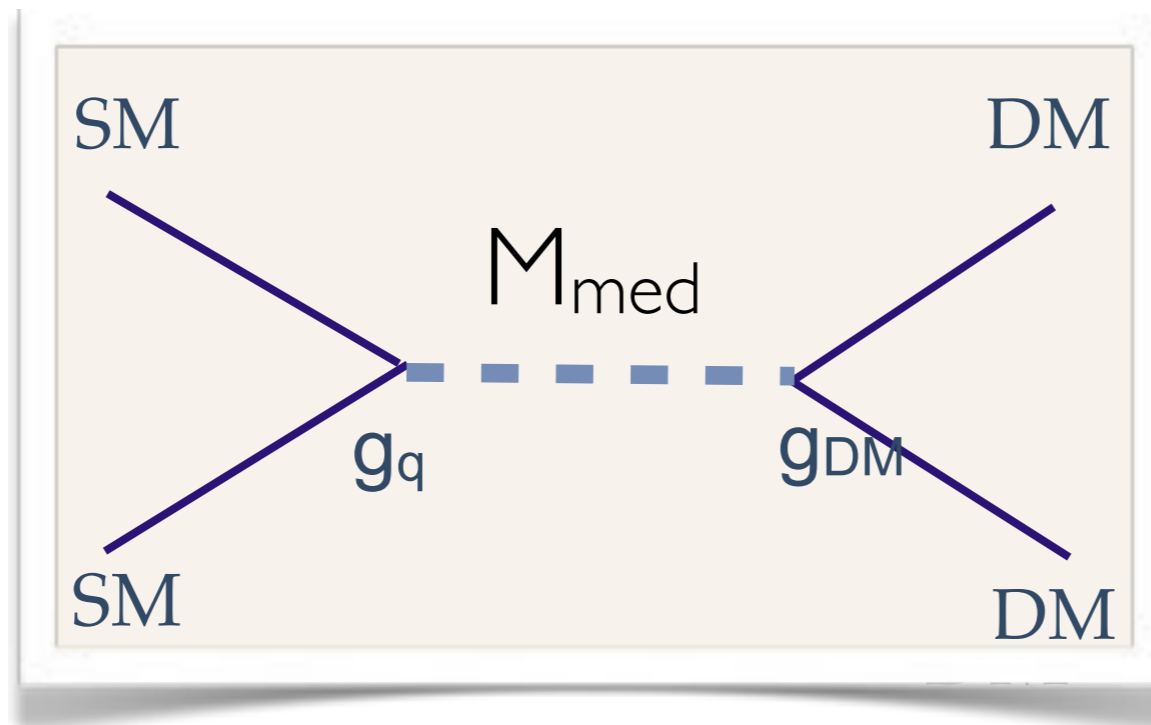
**Simplified model**



# Minimal Simplified model of dark matter

arXiv:1407.8257

O. Buchmuller, M. Dolan,  
S.A. Malik, C. McCabe



s-channel

Define simplified model with  
(minimum) 4 parameters

Mediator  
mass ( $M_{\text{med}}$ )

DM mass  
( $M_{\text{DM}}$ )

$g_q$

$g_{\text{DM}}$

DM

Dirac  
fermion

Scalar -  
real

Majorana  
fermion

Scalar -  
complex

Consider comprehensive set  
of diagrams for mediator

Vector

Axial-vector

Scalar

Pseudoscalar

## VECTOR

$$g_{\text{DM}} Z'_{\mu} \bar{\chi} \gamma^{\mu} \chi$$

DD competitive

## AXIAL-VECTOR

$$g_{\text{DM}} Z''_{\mu} \bar{\chi} \gamma^{\mu} \gamma^5 \chi$$

DD less sensitive

## SCALAR

$$g_{\text{DM}} S \bar{\chi} \chi$$

Yukawa style coupling  
(Mass based coupling)

complementarity with DD

## PSEUDOSCALAR

$$g_{\text{DM}} P \bar{\chi} \gamma^5 \chi$$

Yukawa style coupling  
(Mass based coupling)

No bounds from DD

Only Cosmic bounds exist

# Beyond EFT : Simplified models of dark matter

For Run-2 : focus shifted to simplified models

arXiv:1402.2285

arXiv:1401.0221

arXiv:1308.2679

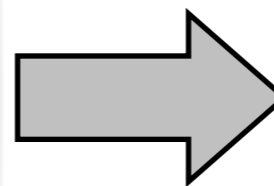
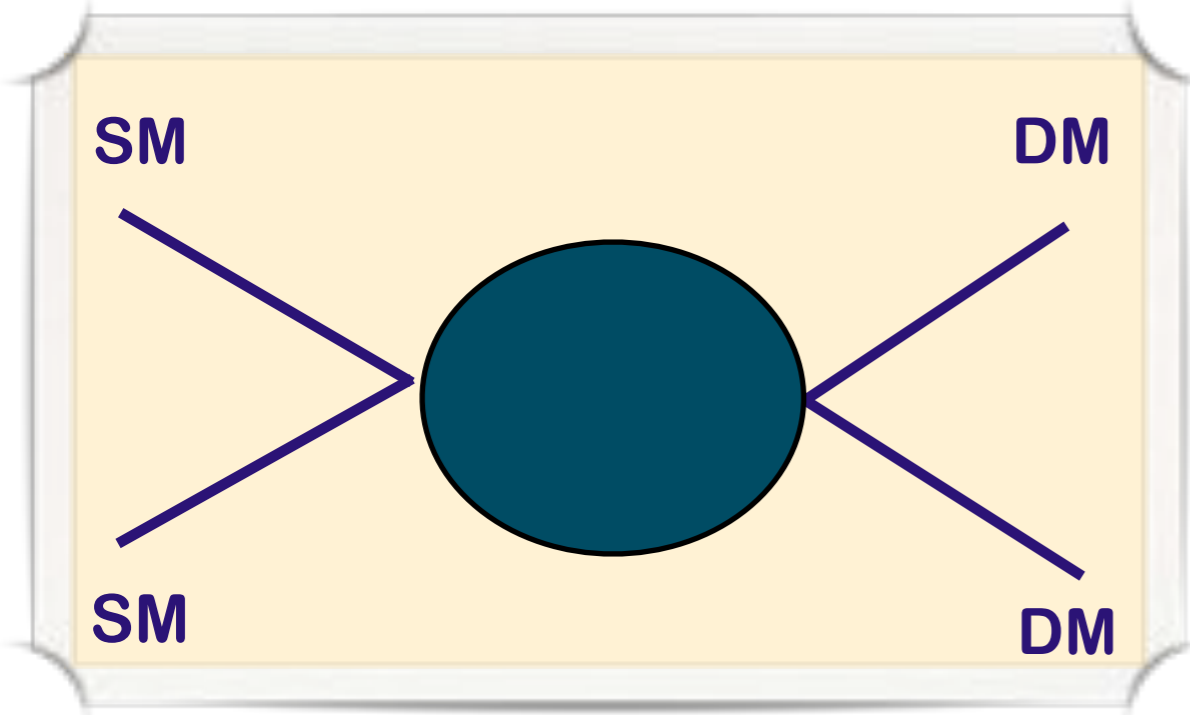
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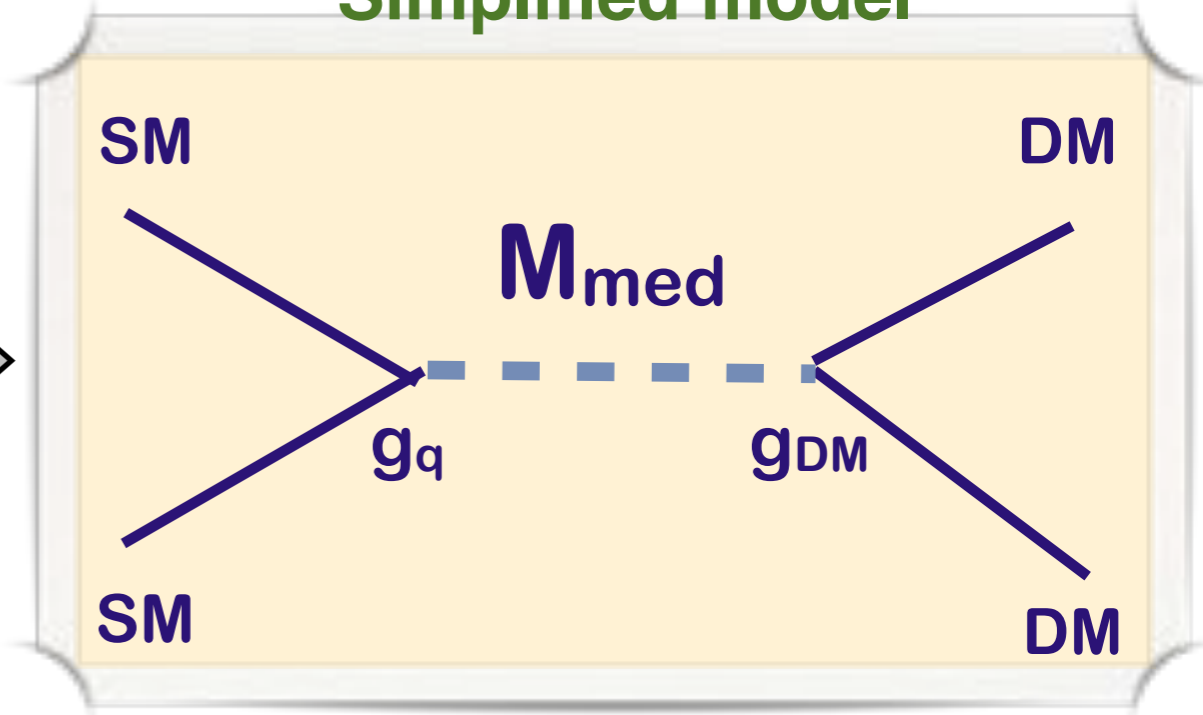
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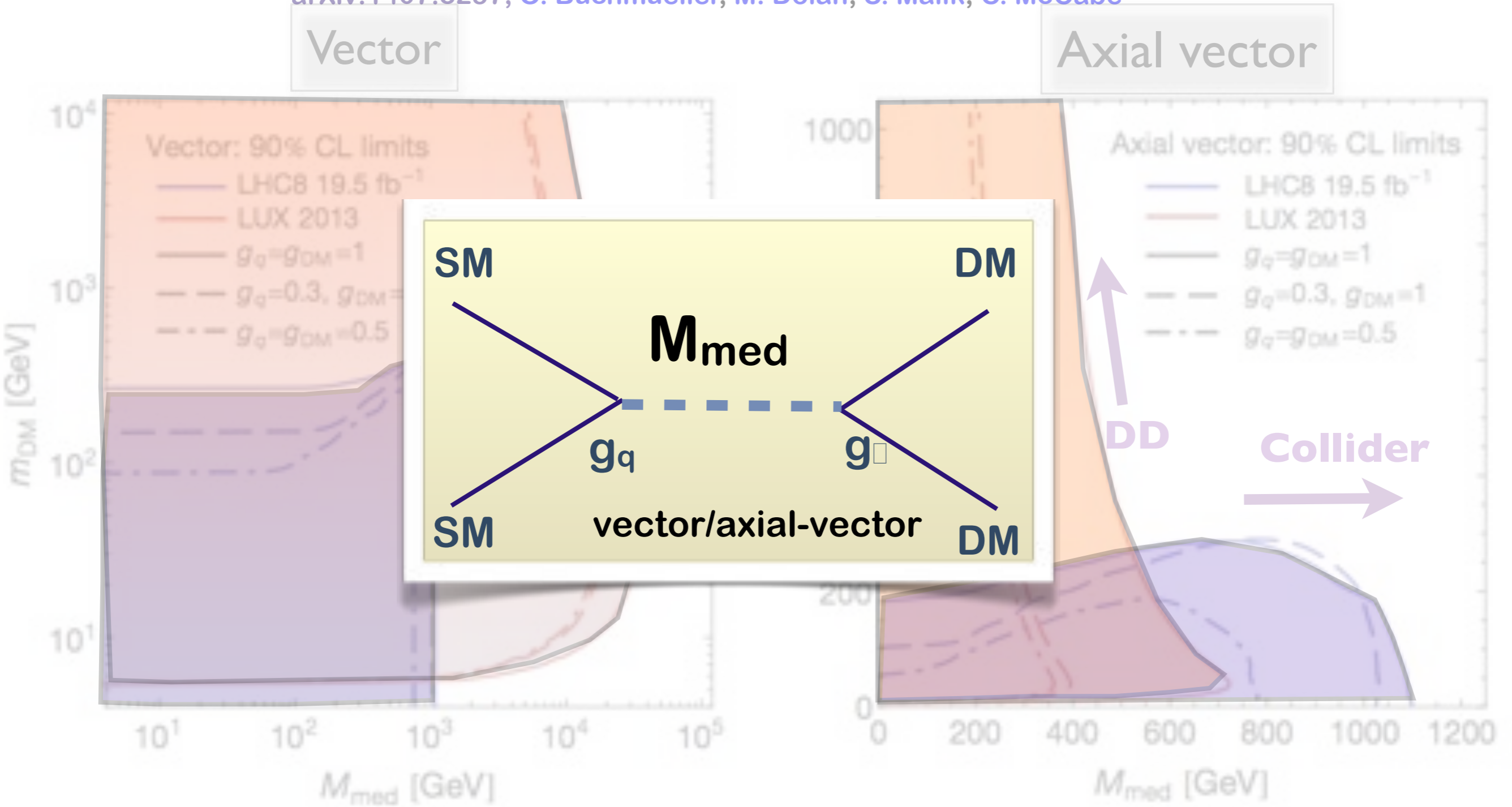
With simplified models, several additional things come into play:

- Searches for the mediator itself
- Additional search signatures
- Enables a more equal footing comparison with direct detection experiments.

**ATLAS-CMS Dark Matter Forum** formed; to reach consensus on prioritised, benchmark set of simplified models for early Run2 searches

# Complementarity between colliders and DD

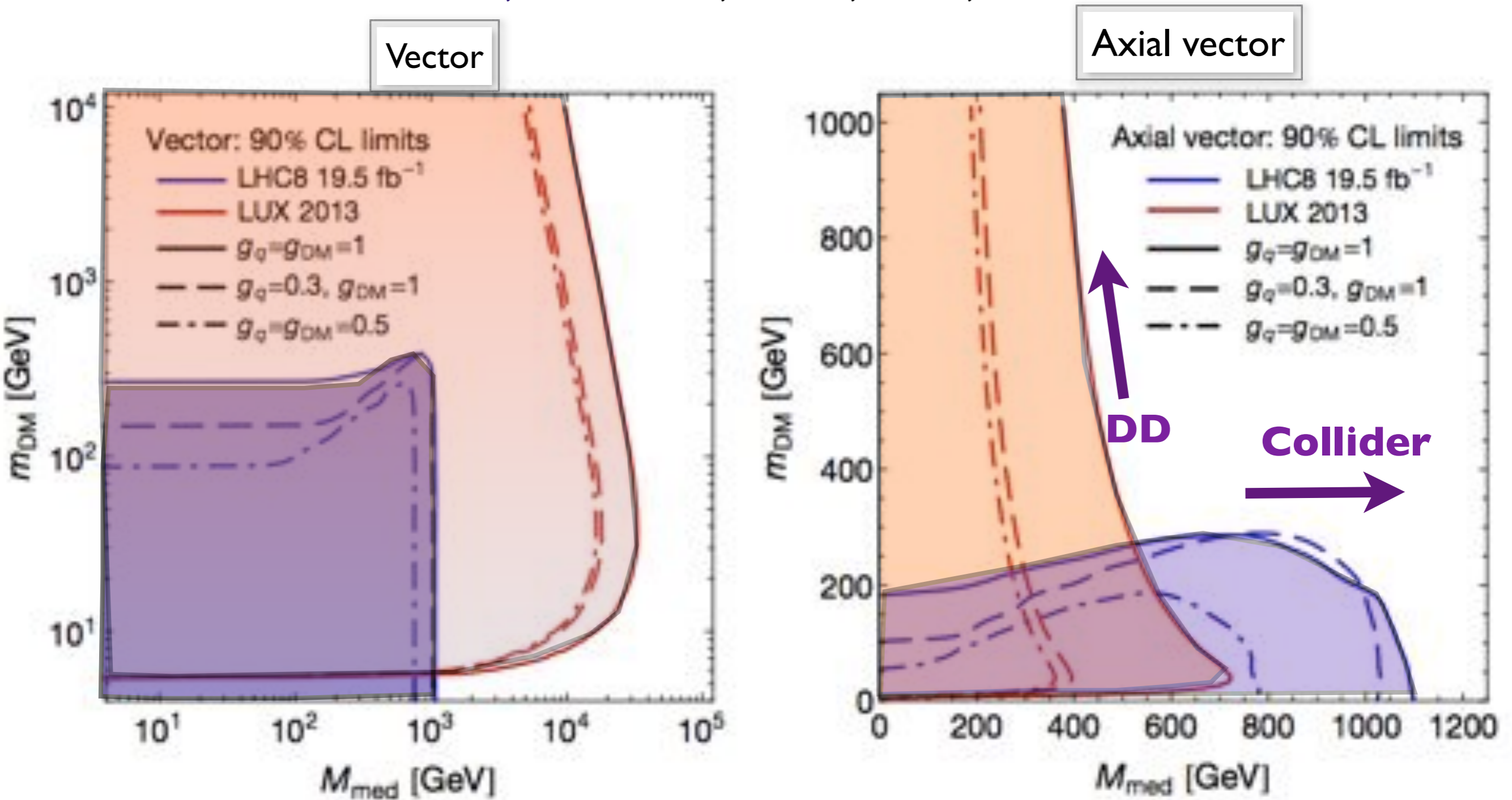
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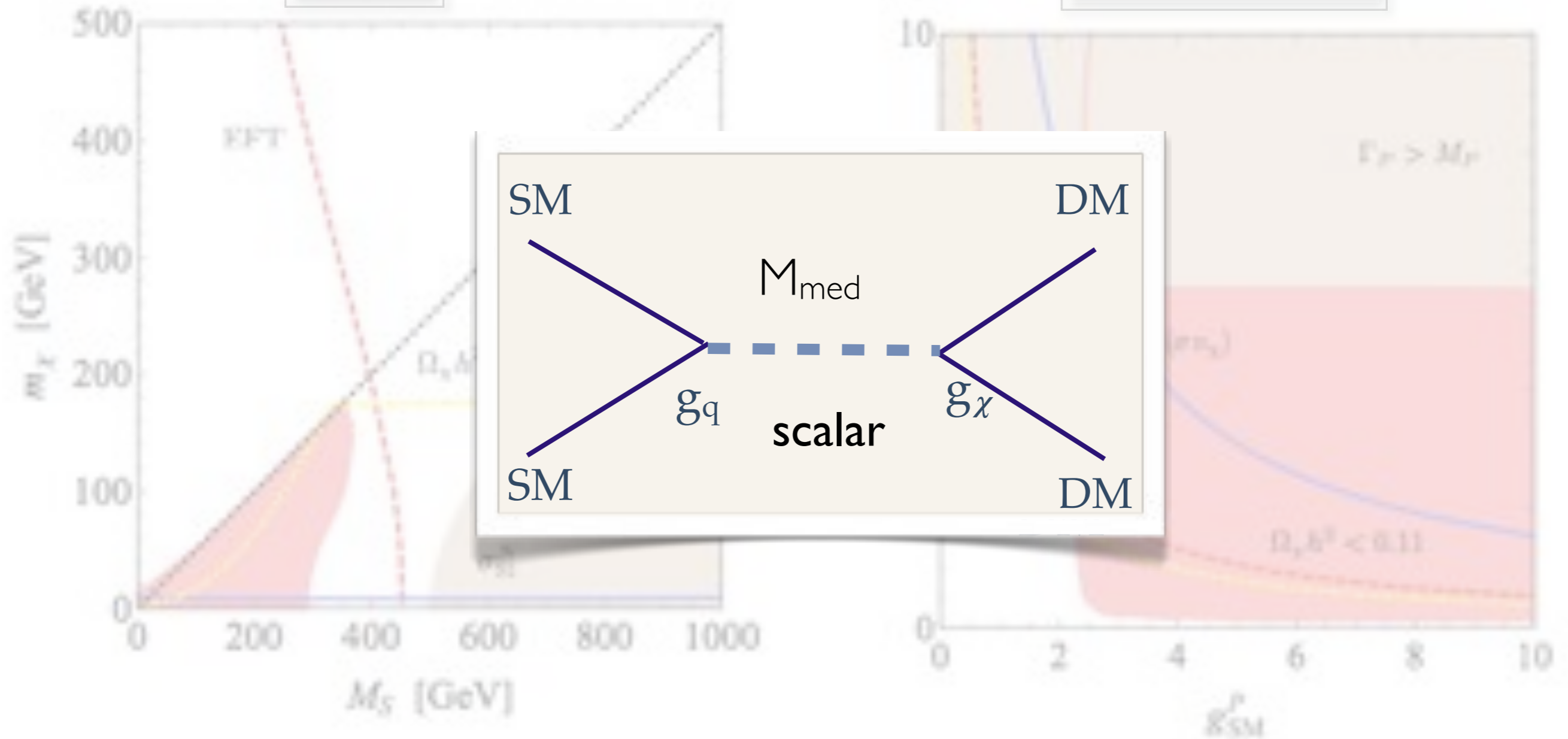
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# Complementarity between colliders and DD

[arXiv:1503.00691](https://arxiv.org/abs/1503.00691)

Scalar

Pseudoscalar



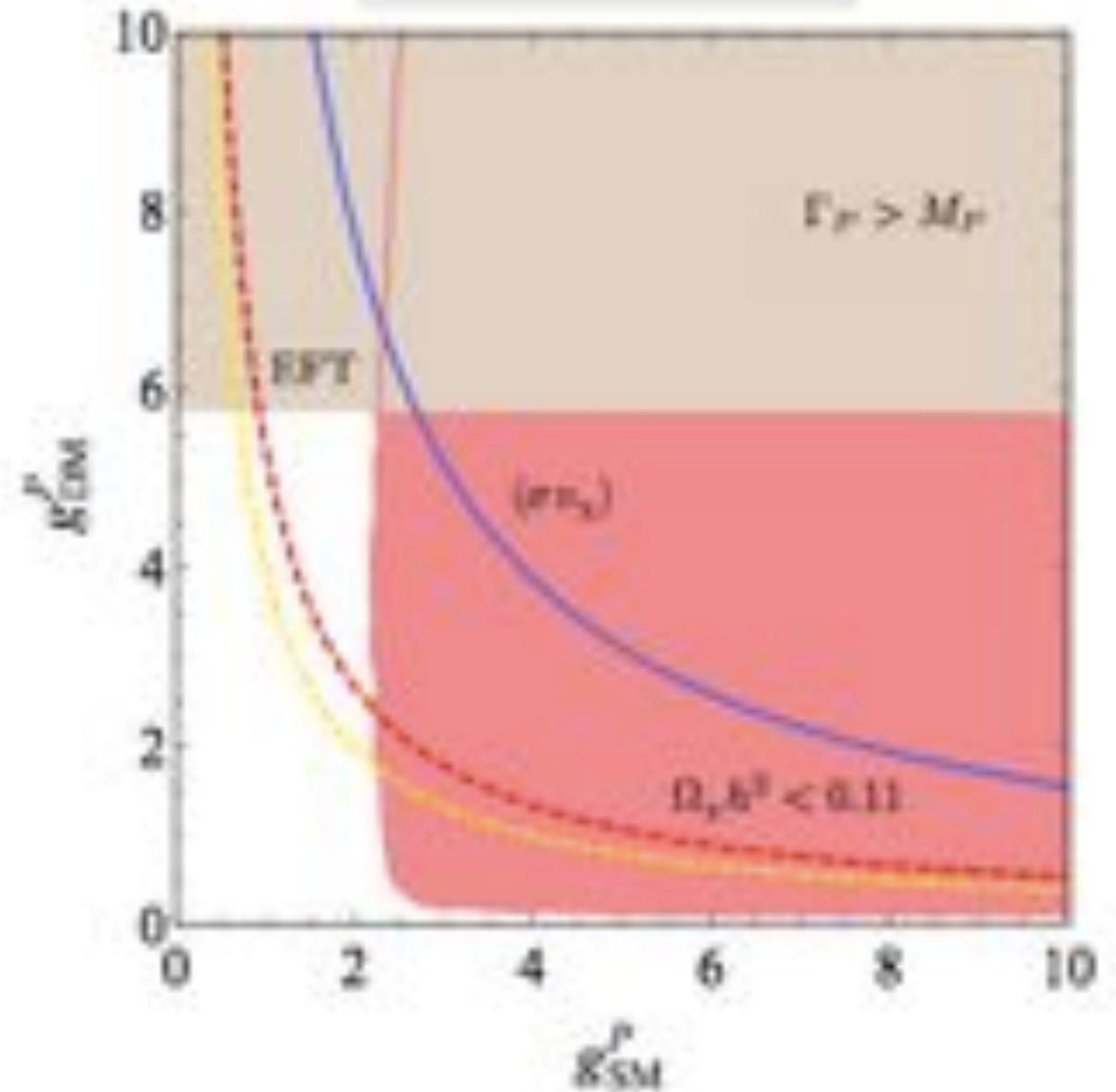
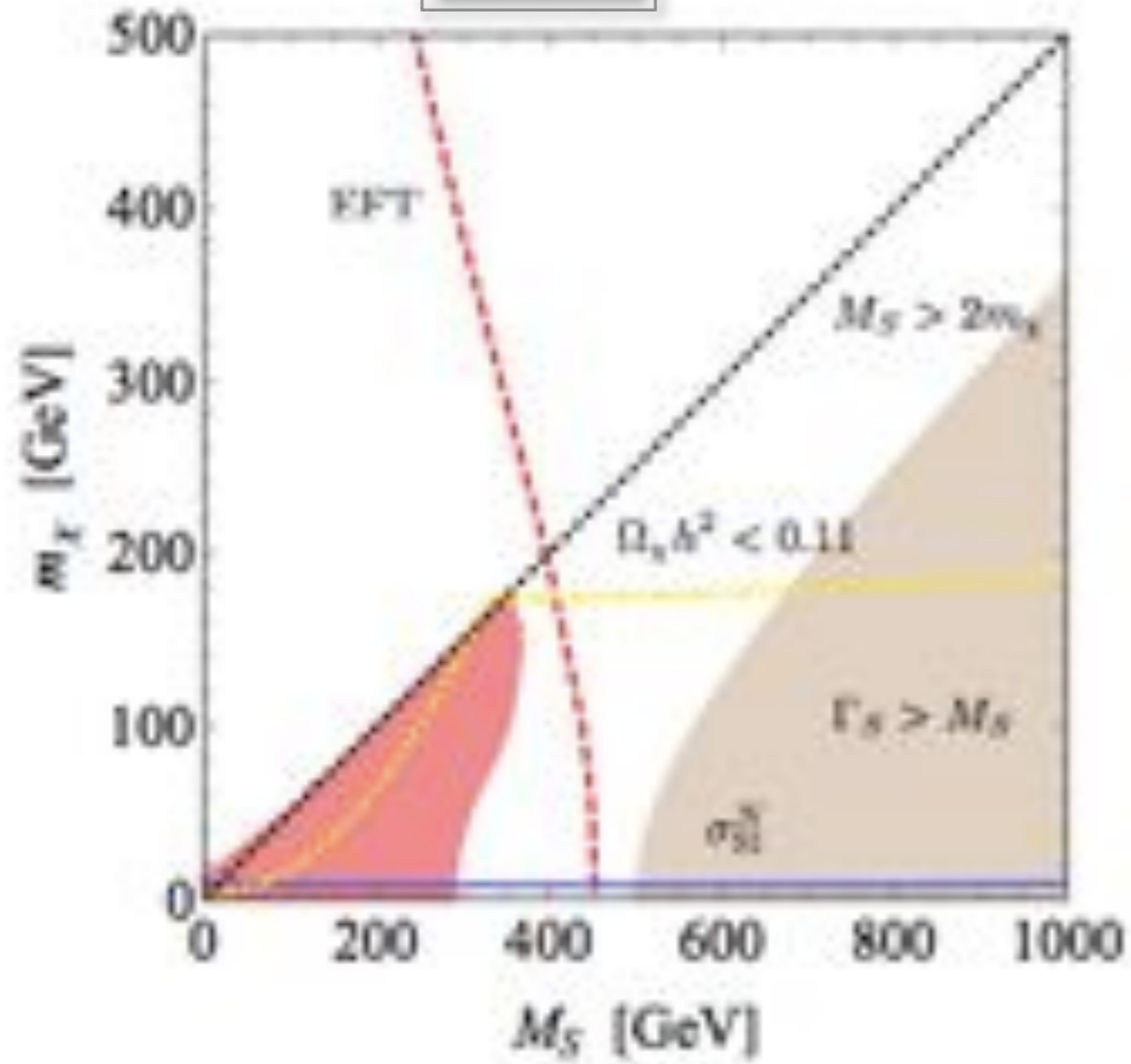
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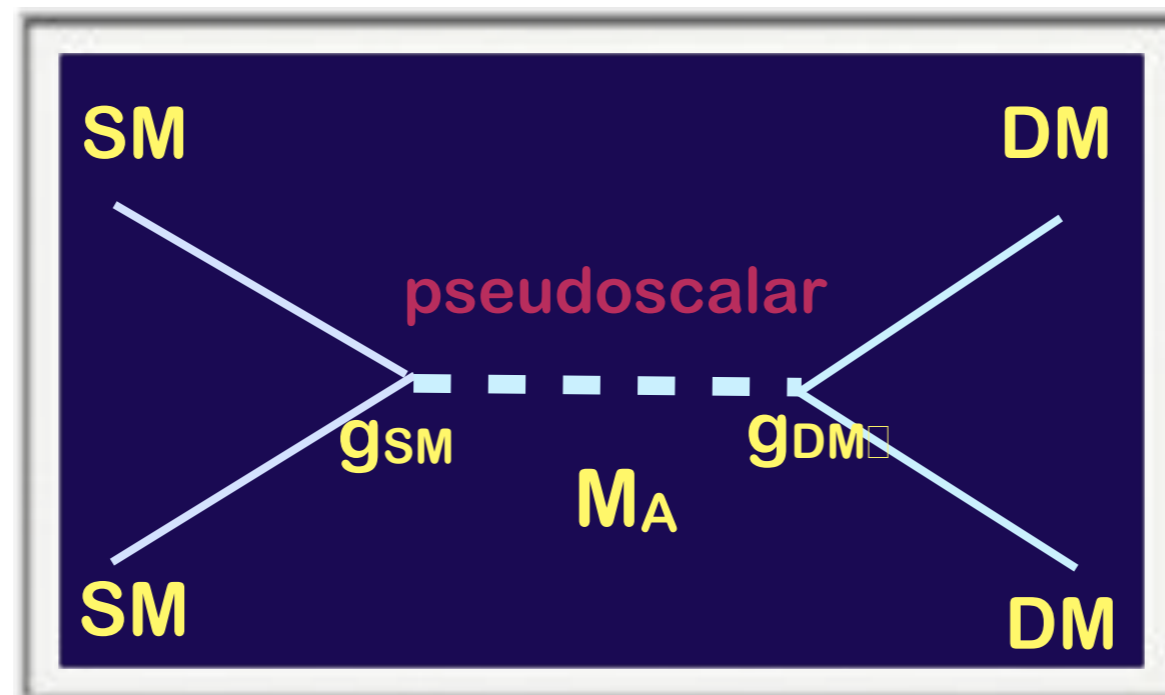
# Complementarity between collider and direct/indirect searches

➡ Fermi Large Area Telescope (Fermi-LAT) see a **gamma-ray excess** around the galactic center - generated much interest

➡ Mass and annihilation cross section required to explain excess **consistent with WIMPs**

➡ Large astrophysical uncertainties - need corroborative **evidence from colliders or direct detection experiments**

➡ Many models proposed to explain excess, common feature is **pseudoscalar mediator** (inaccessible to direct detection expts, gives suppressed spin-dependent interactions)

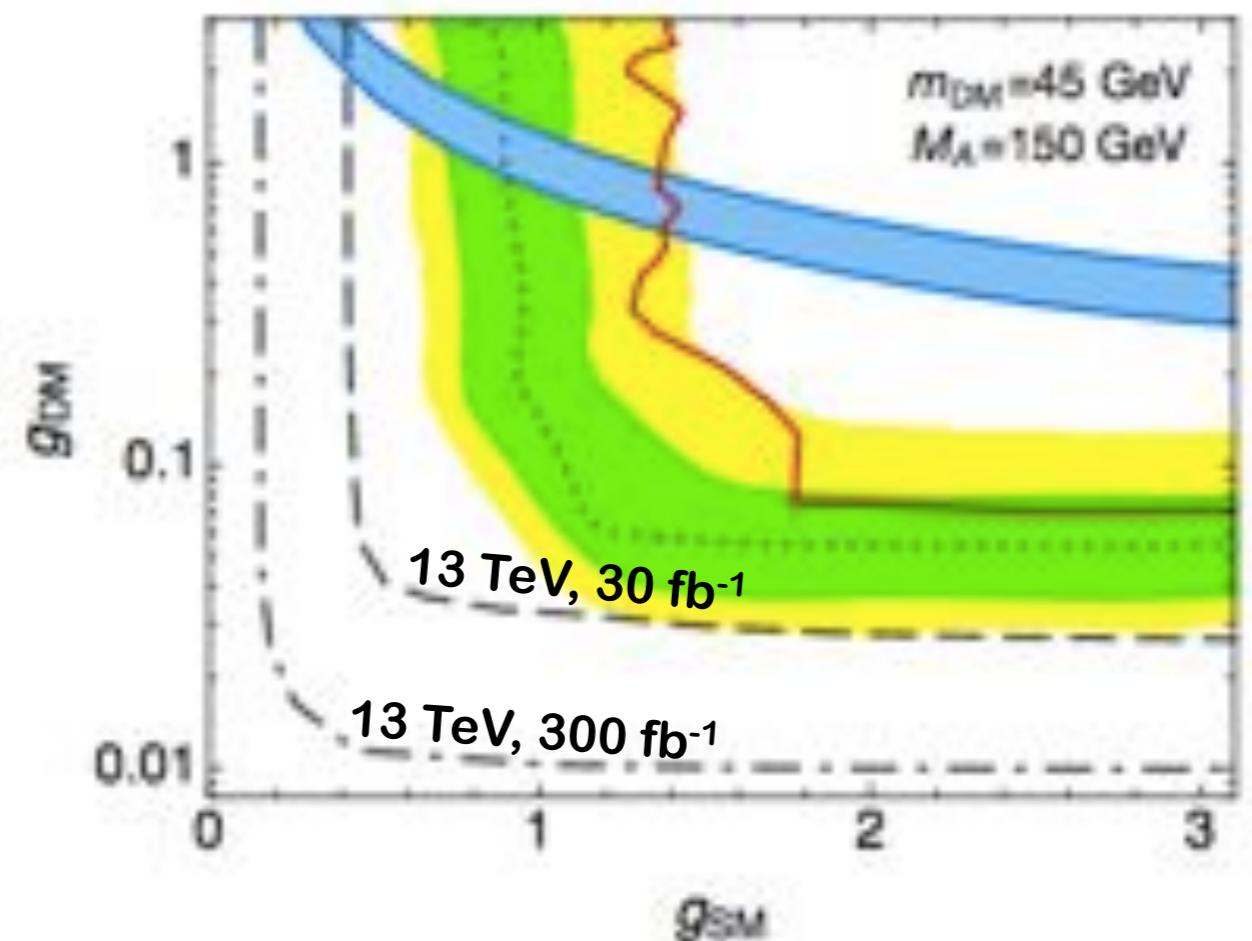
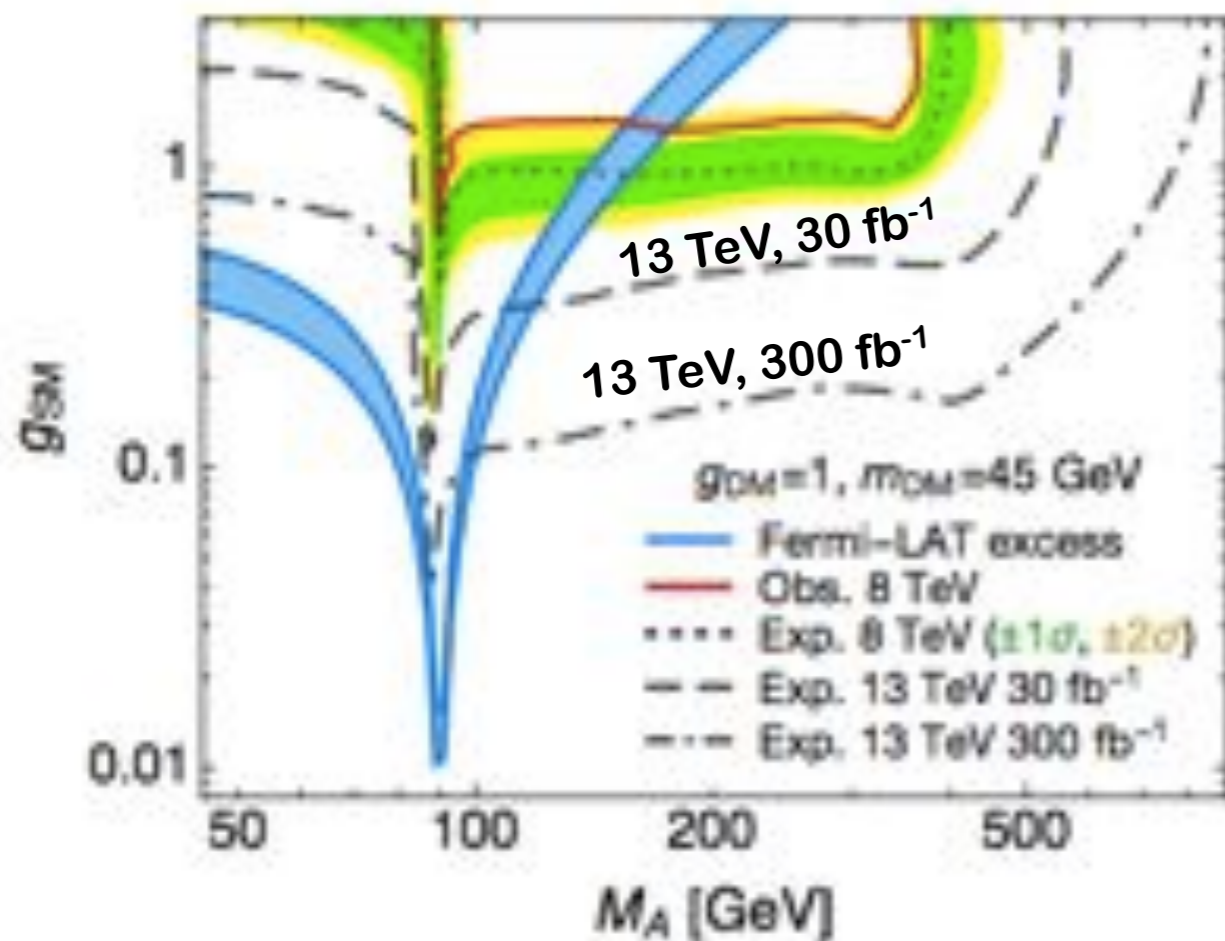


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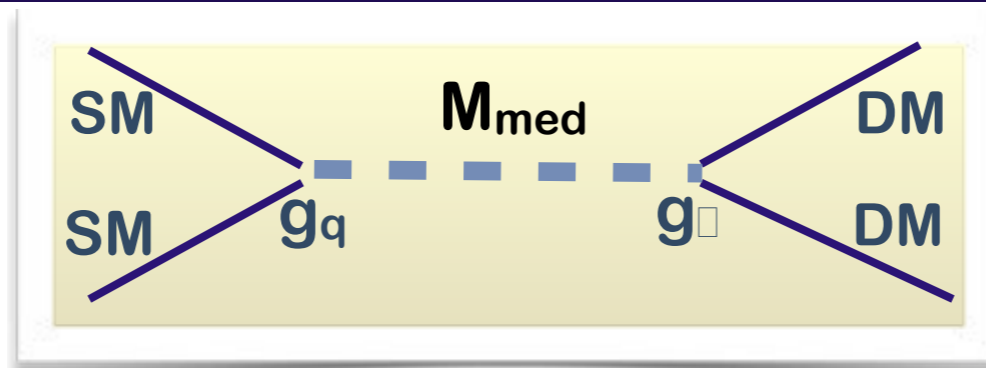
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	2012	2015-2016	~2020
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# Searches for mediator - constraints from dijet searches

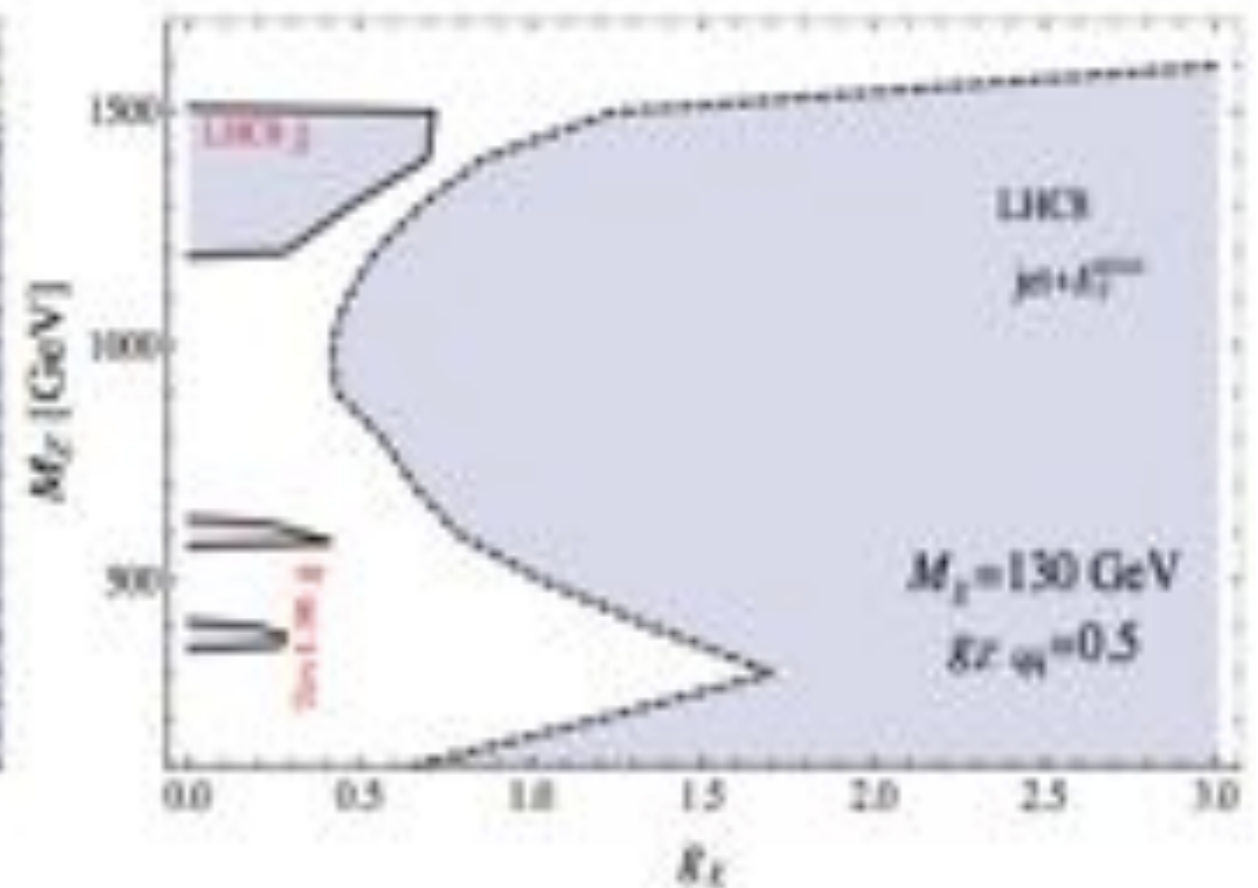
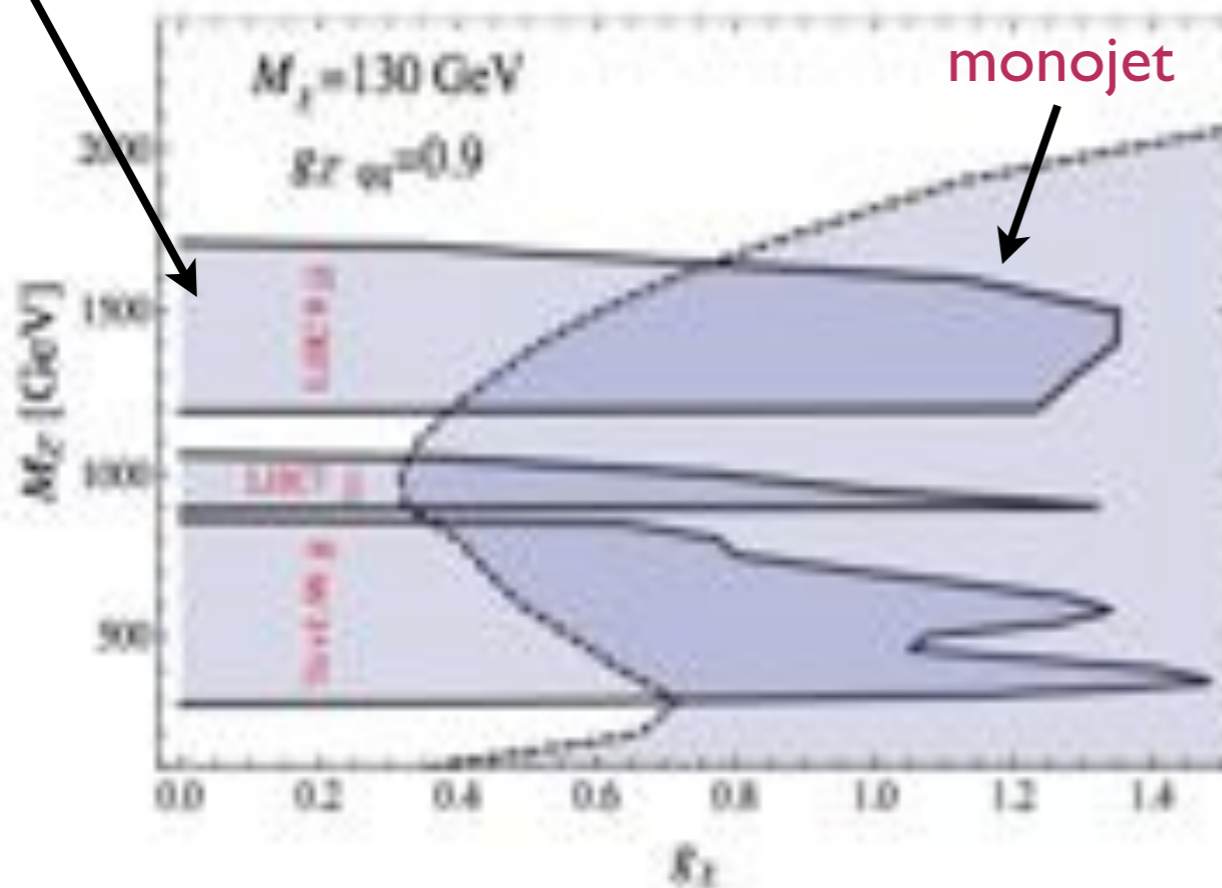
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dijet searches

$g_q = 0.9$

$g_q = 0.5$



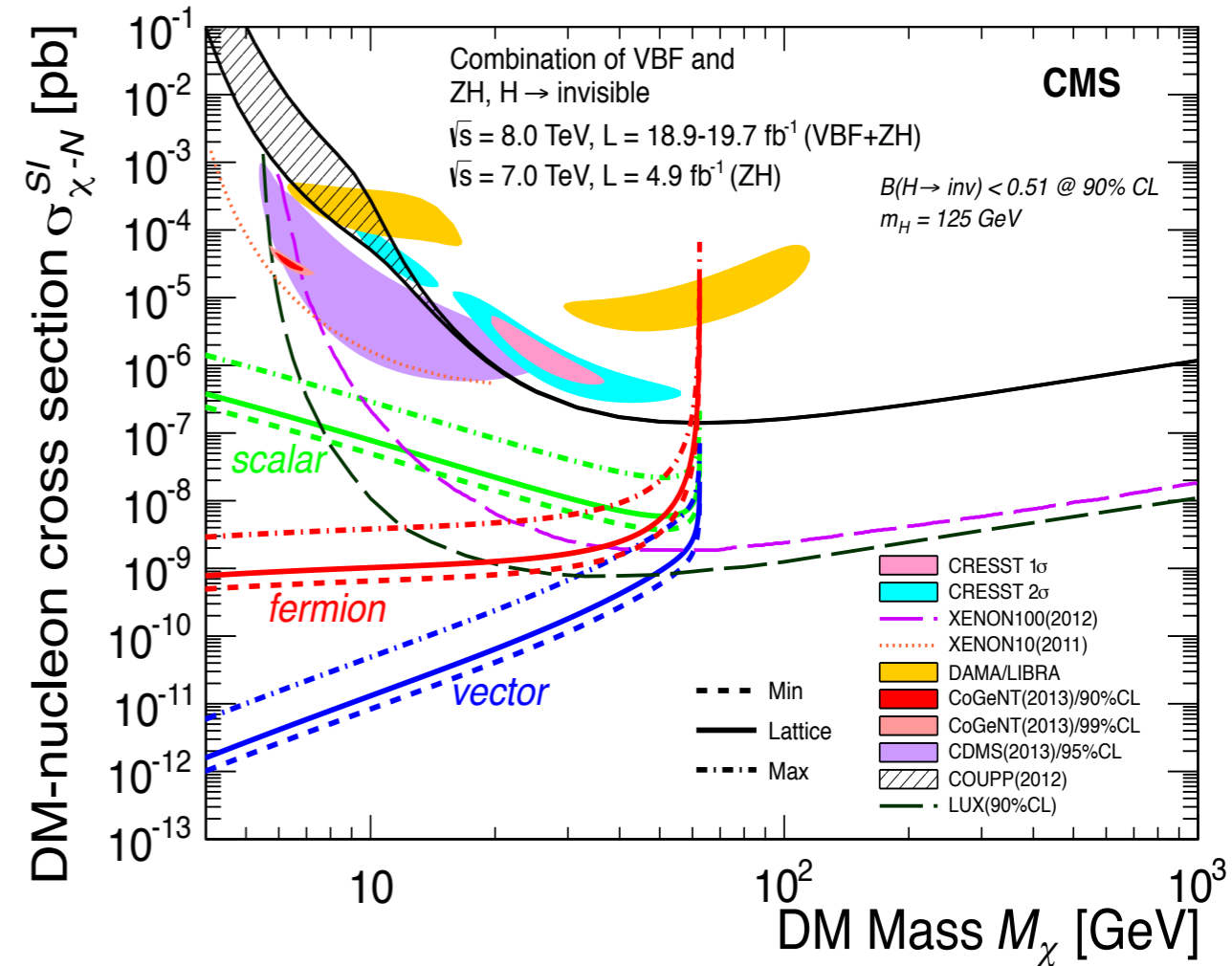
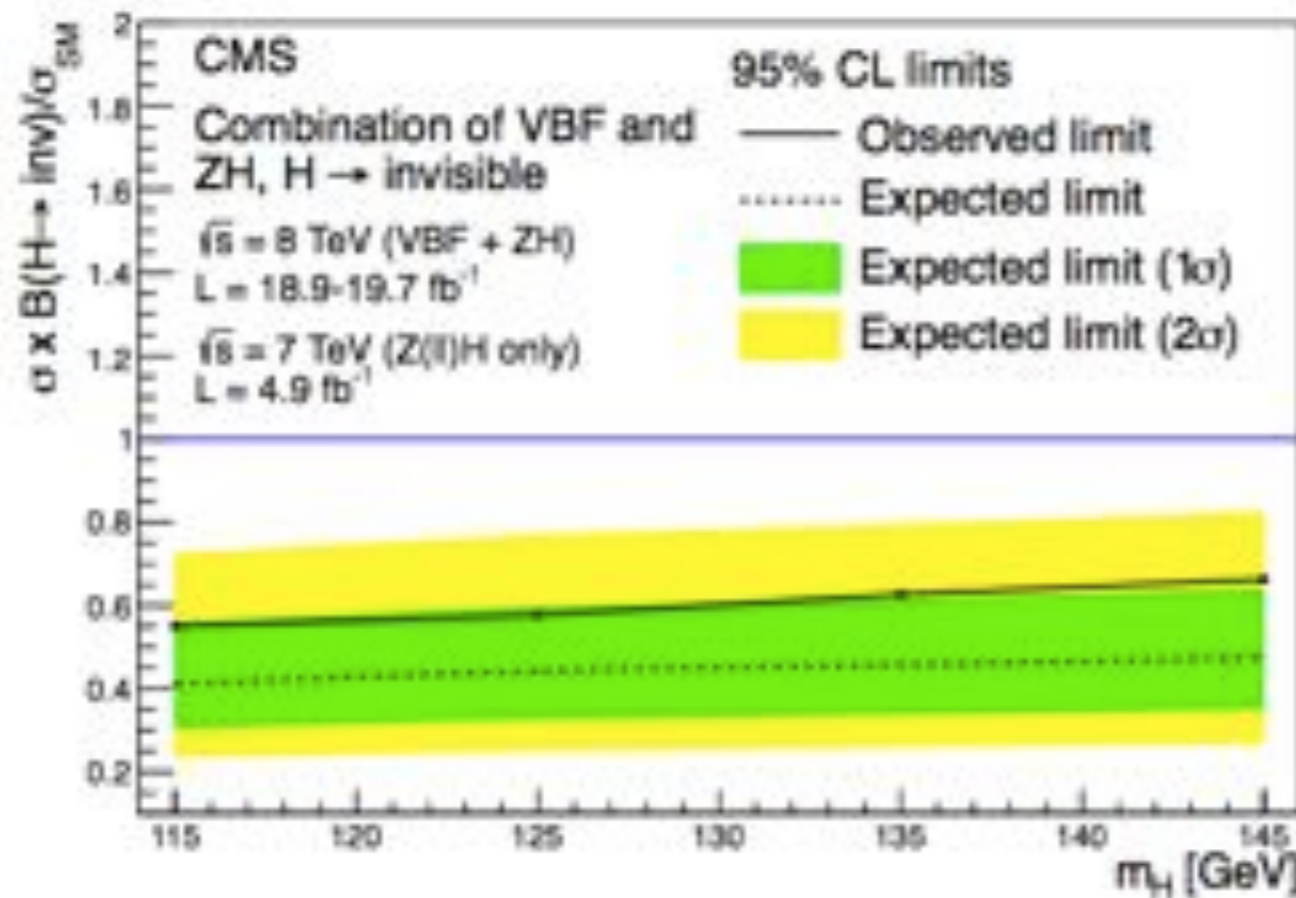
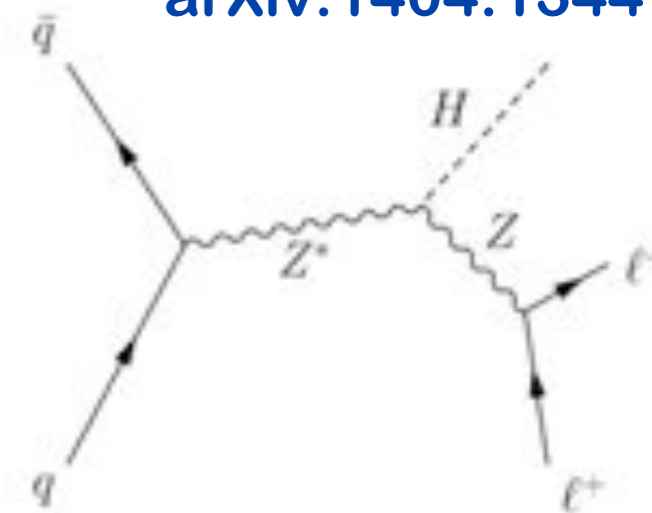
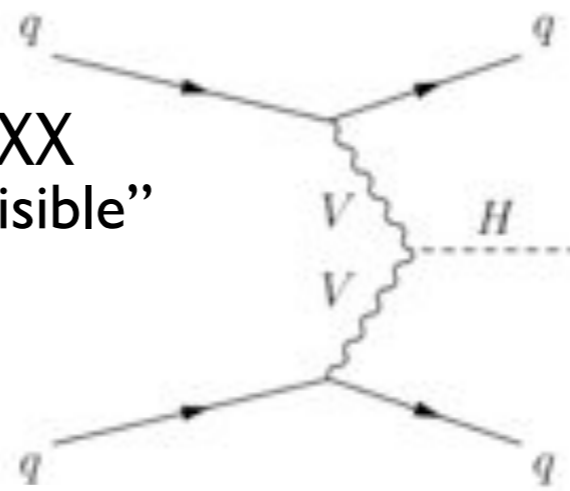
- Dijet searches take out sizeable region of parameter space for low coupling
- If we open up decay channels of mediator to leptons etc, then dilepton searches also become relevant

# Invisible Higgs searches

arXiv:1404.1344

DM can couple to the Higgs sector;  $H \rightarrow \chi\chi$

- Limits on branching fraction of Higgs to “invisible” particles used for limits on DM
- Limits only up to DM mass  $M_\chi < M_H/2$



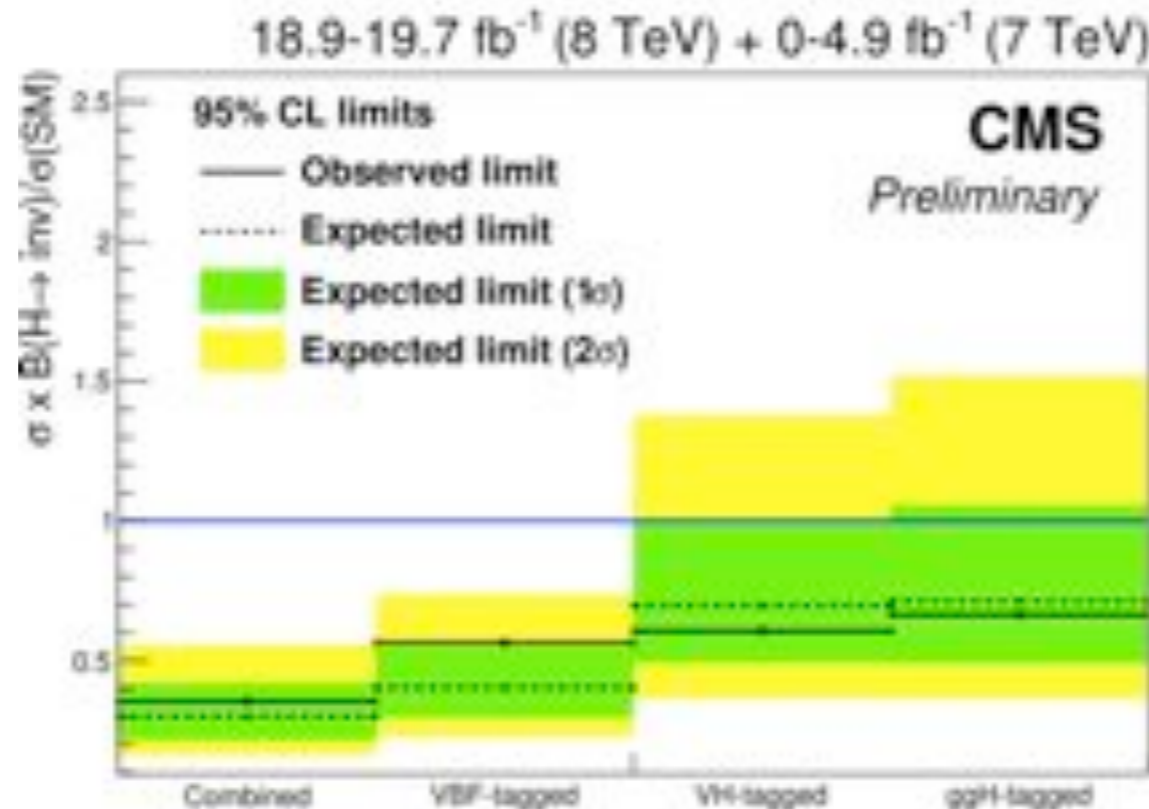
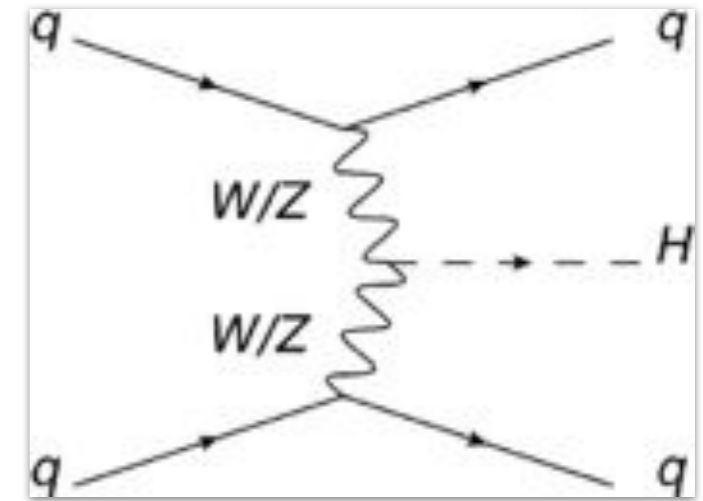
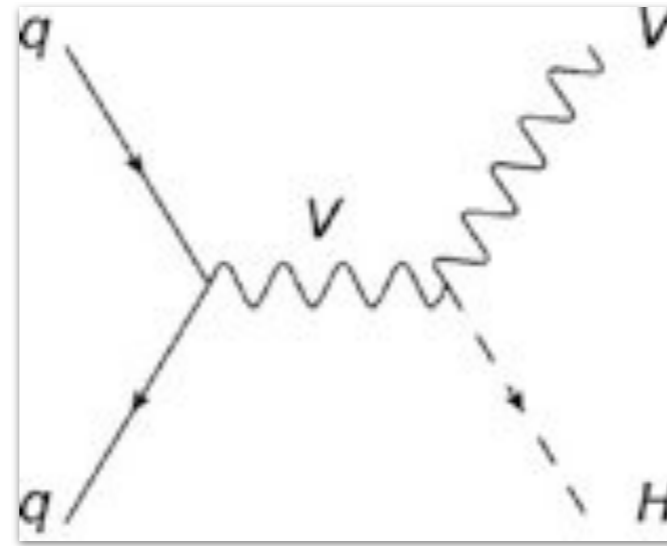
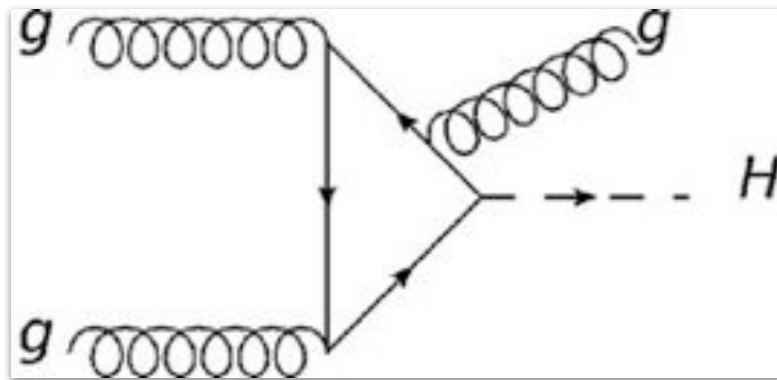
**$BF(H \rightarrow invisible) < 0.58$  @ 95%CL**

assuming SM production cross section and kinematics

# Invisible Higgs searches

[CMS-PAS-HIG-15-012](#)

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# Future projections

# LHC scenarios

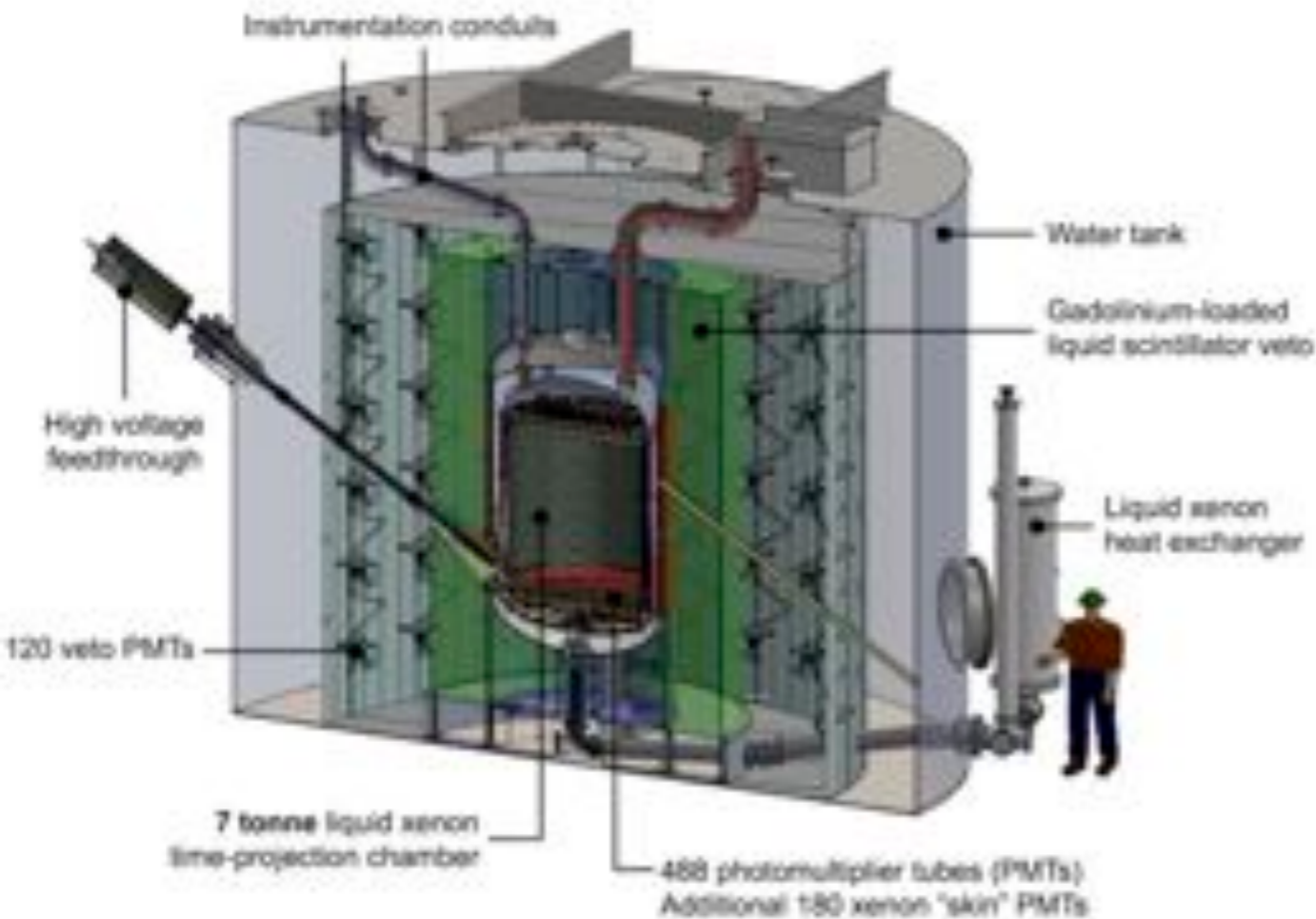
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# Future projections : direct detection experiments

## XENONIT

### LZ : LUX-ZEPLIN



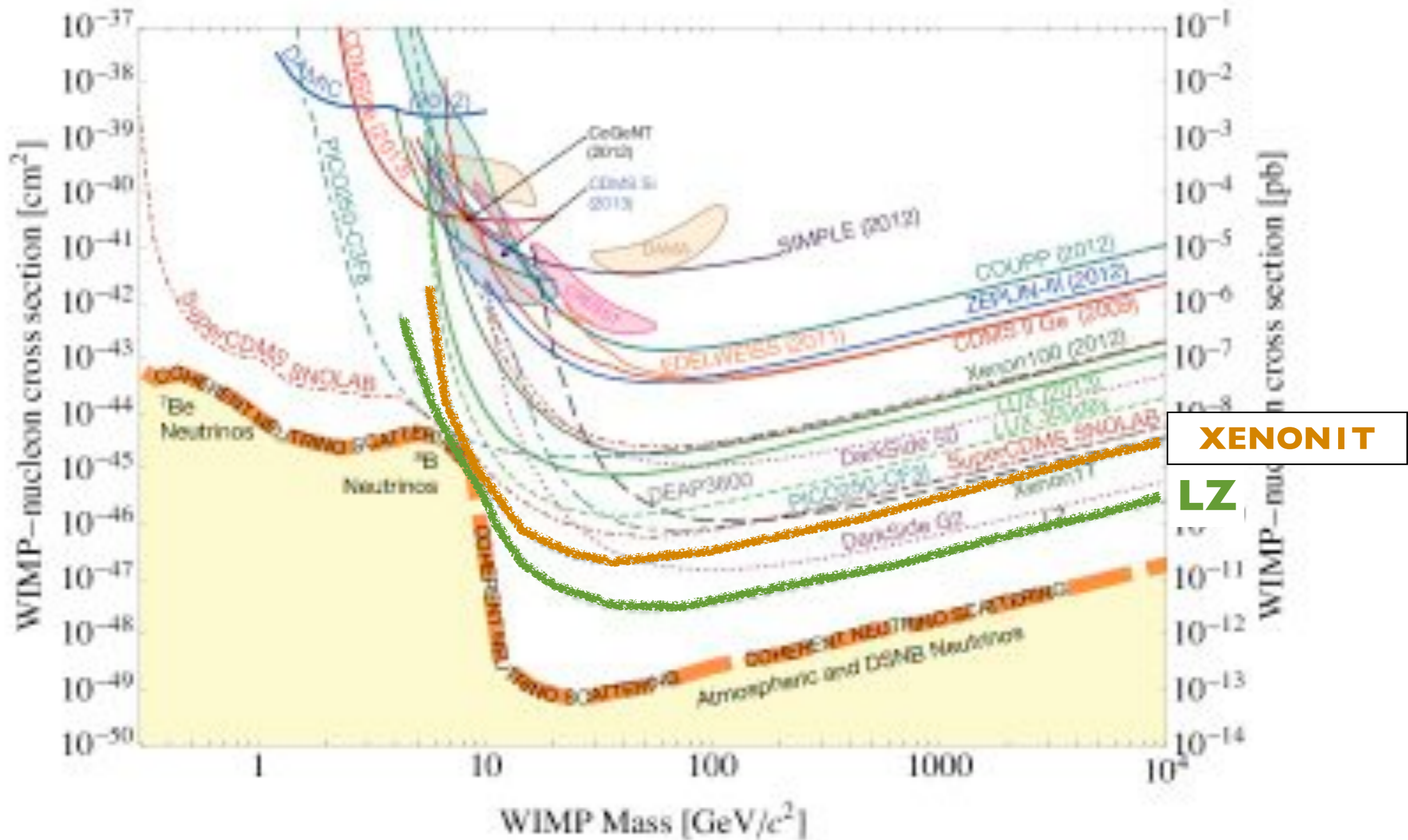
increase sensitivity by factor of 100  
compared to LUX  
- expected online 2019

- backgrounds 2 orders of magnitude lower than XENON100
- increase sensitivity by factor of 100
- expected come online 2016

Next generation of direct detection experiments also expected to come online



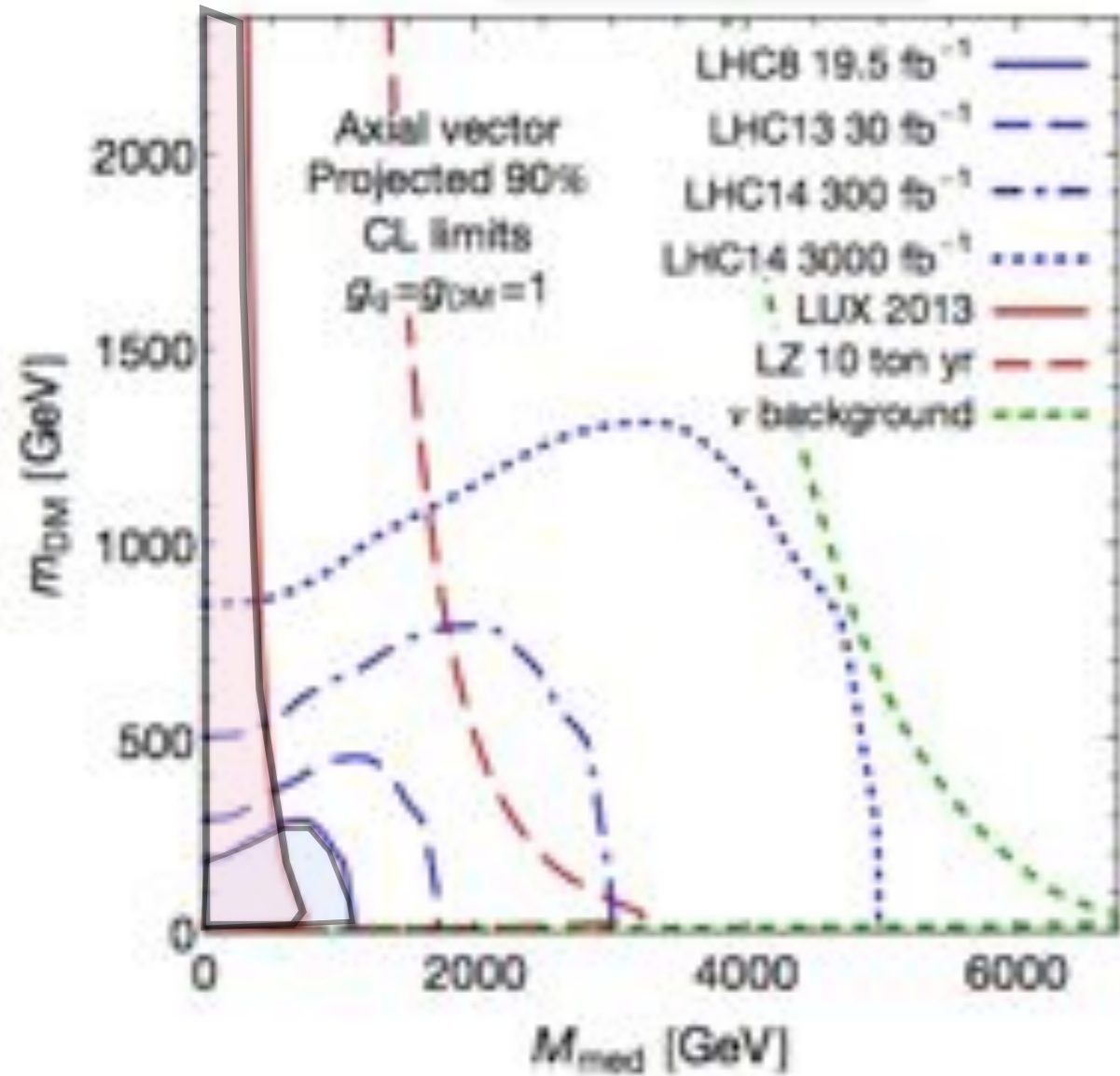
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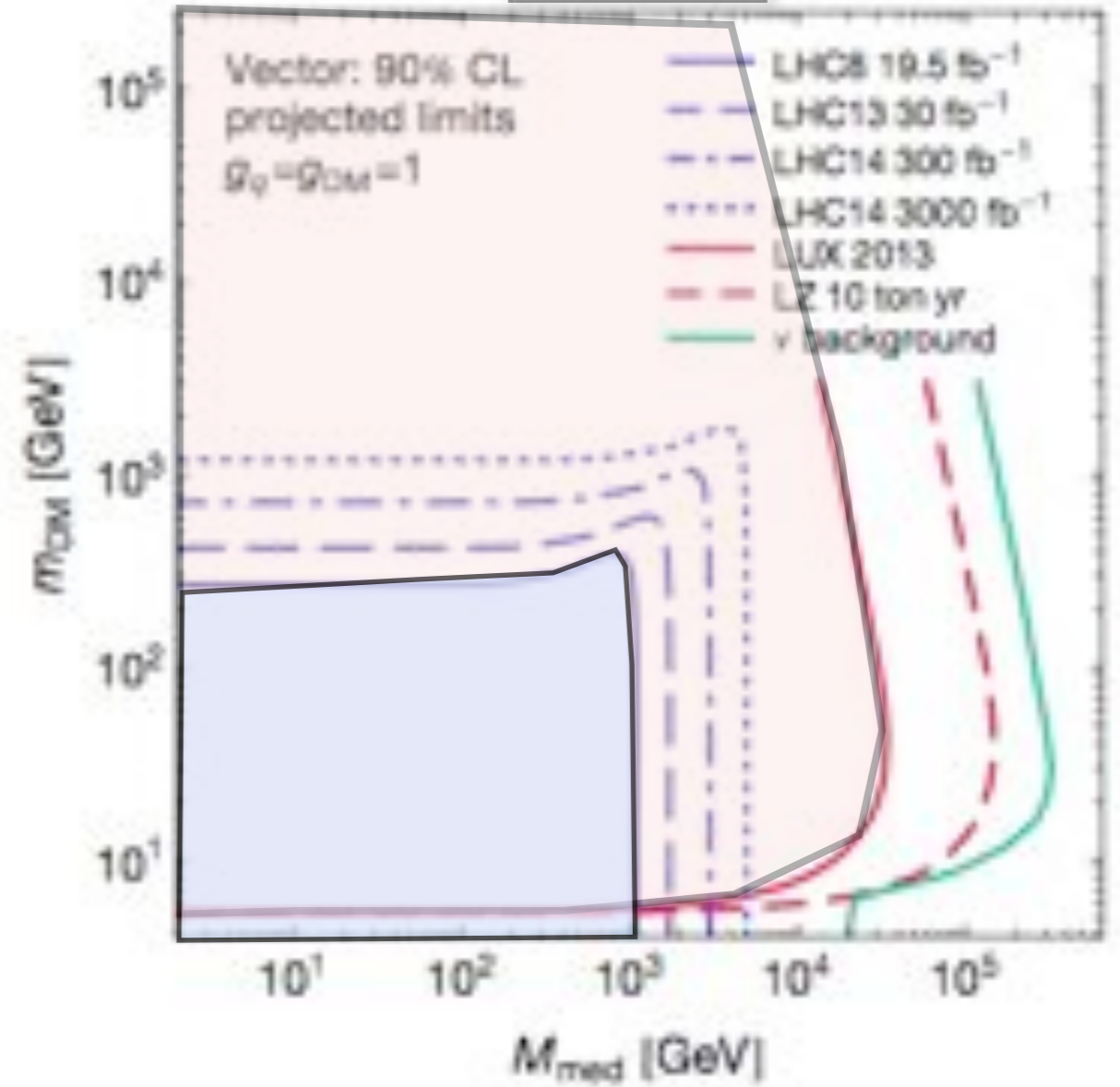
# LHC - Run I

S.Malik et. al.  
arXiv:1409.4075

Axial vector



Vector

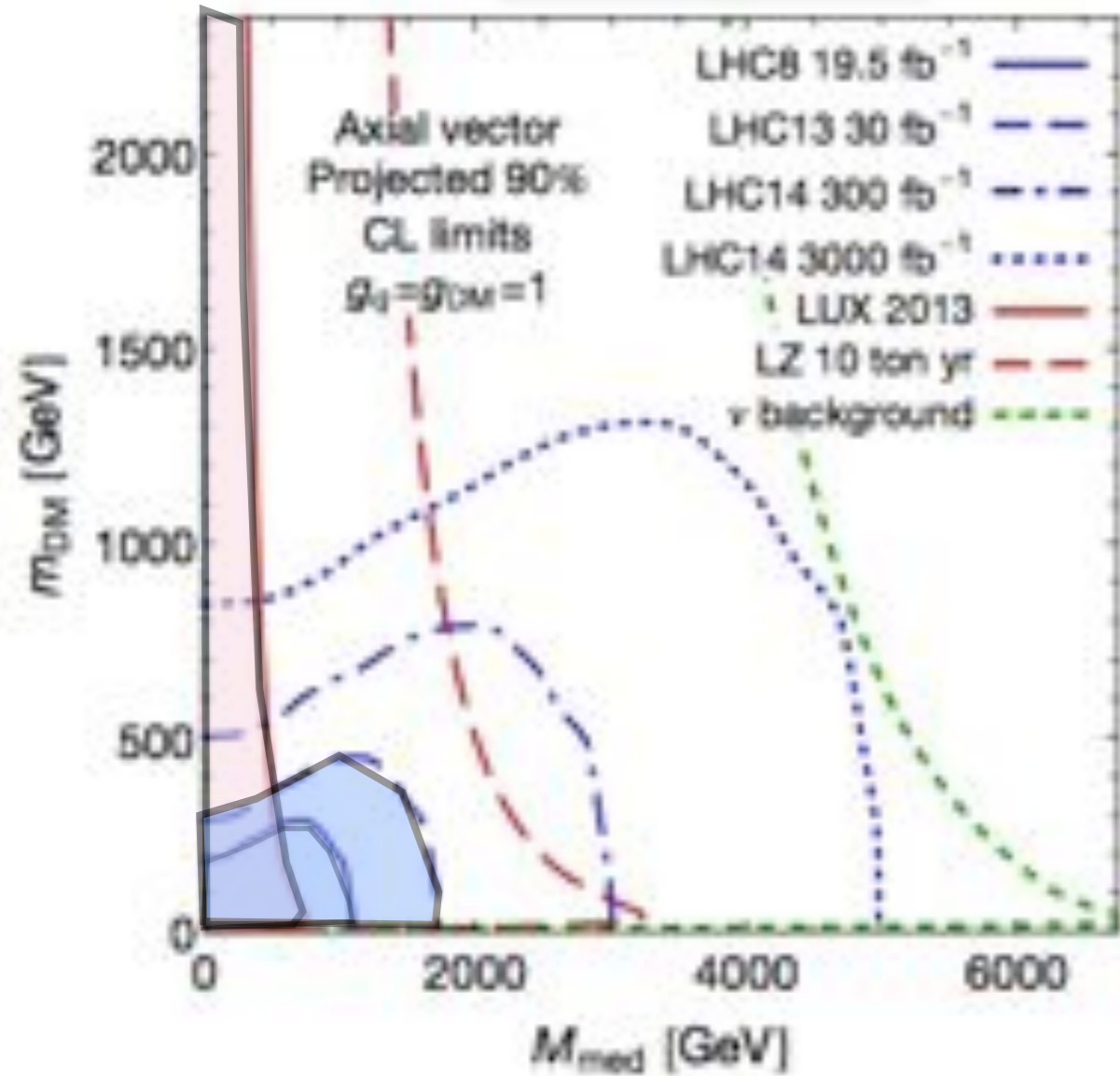


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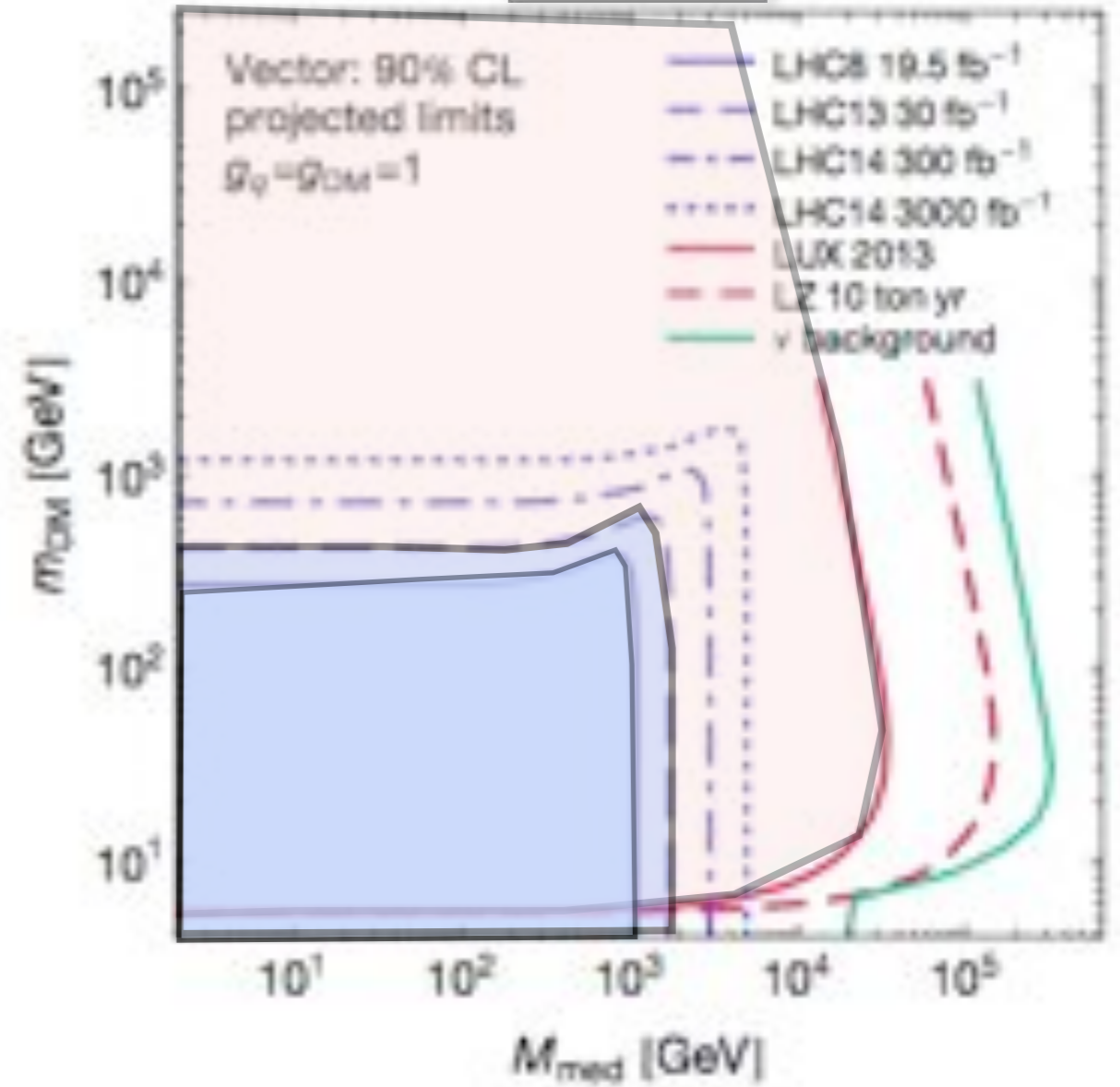
# LHC - Run 2

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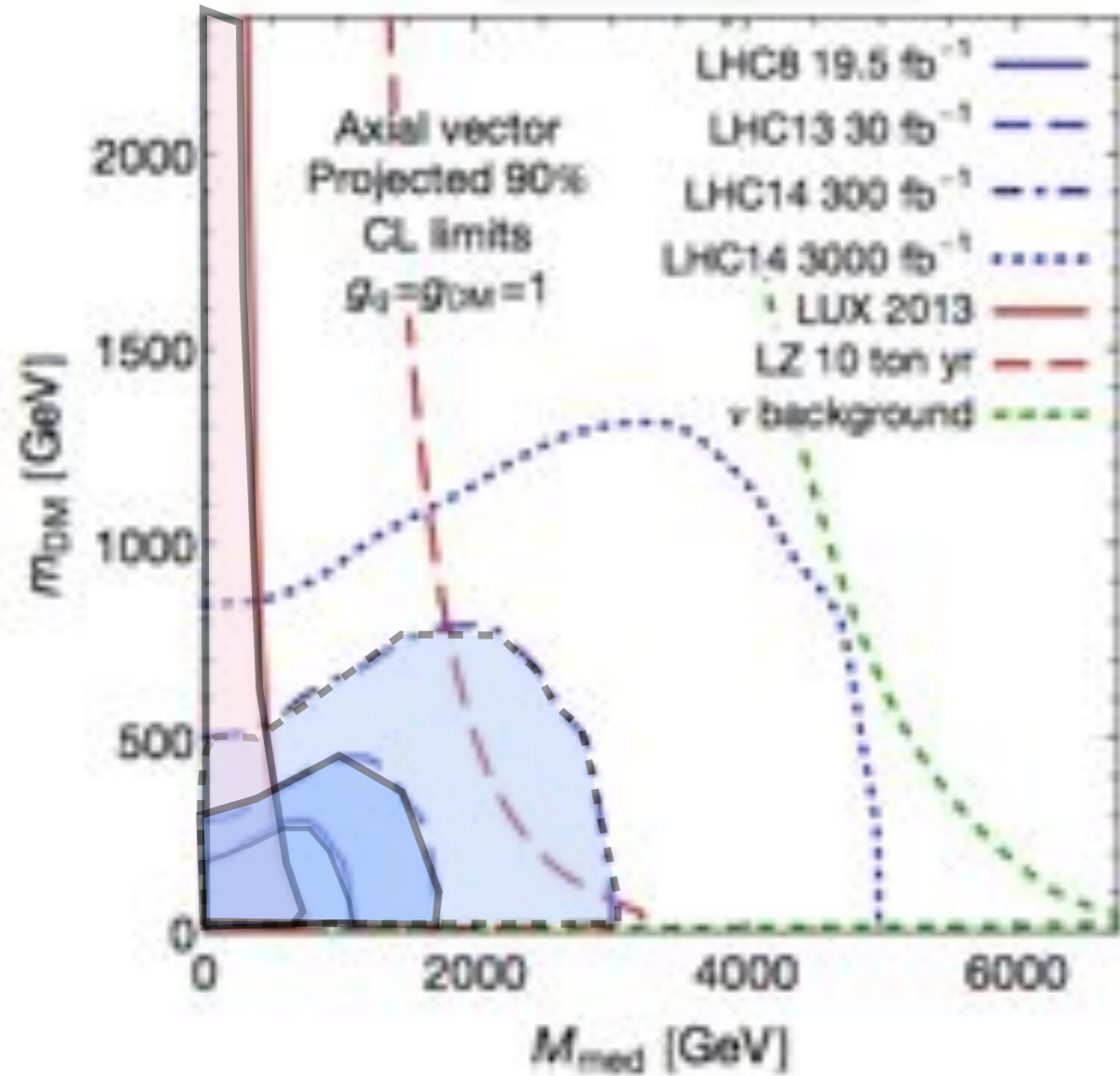


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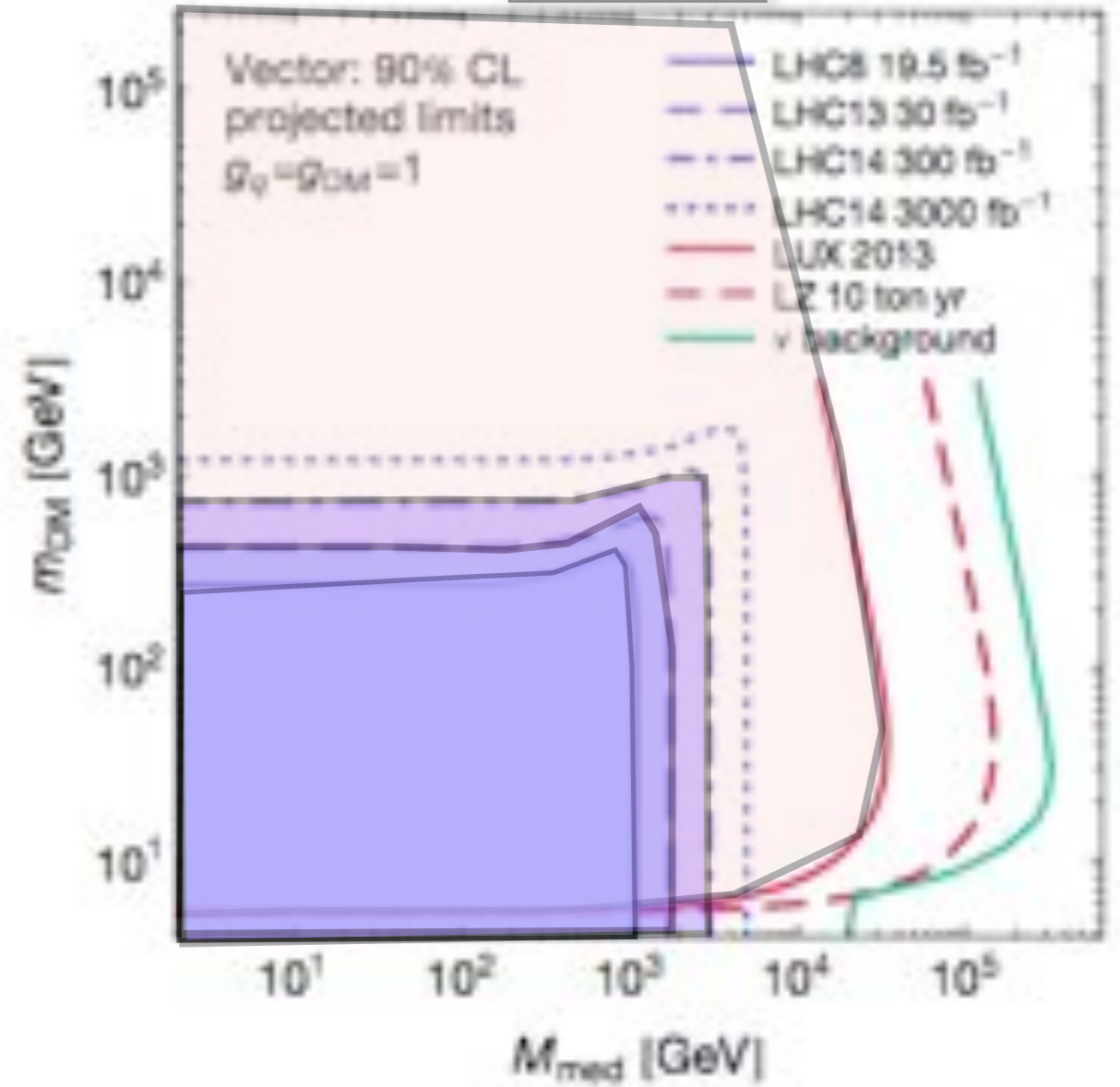
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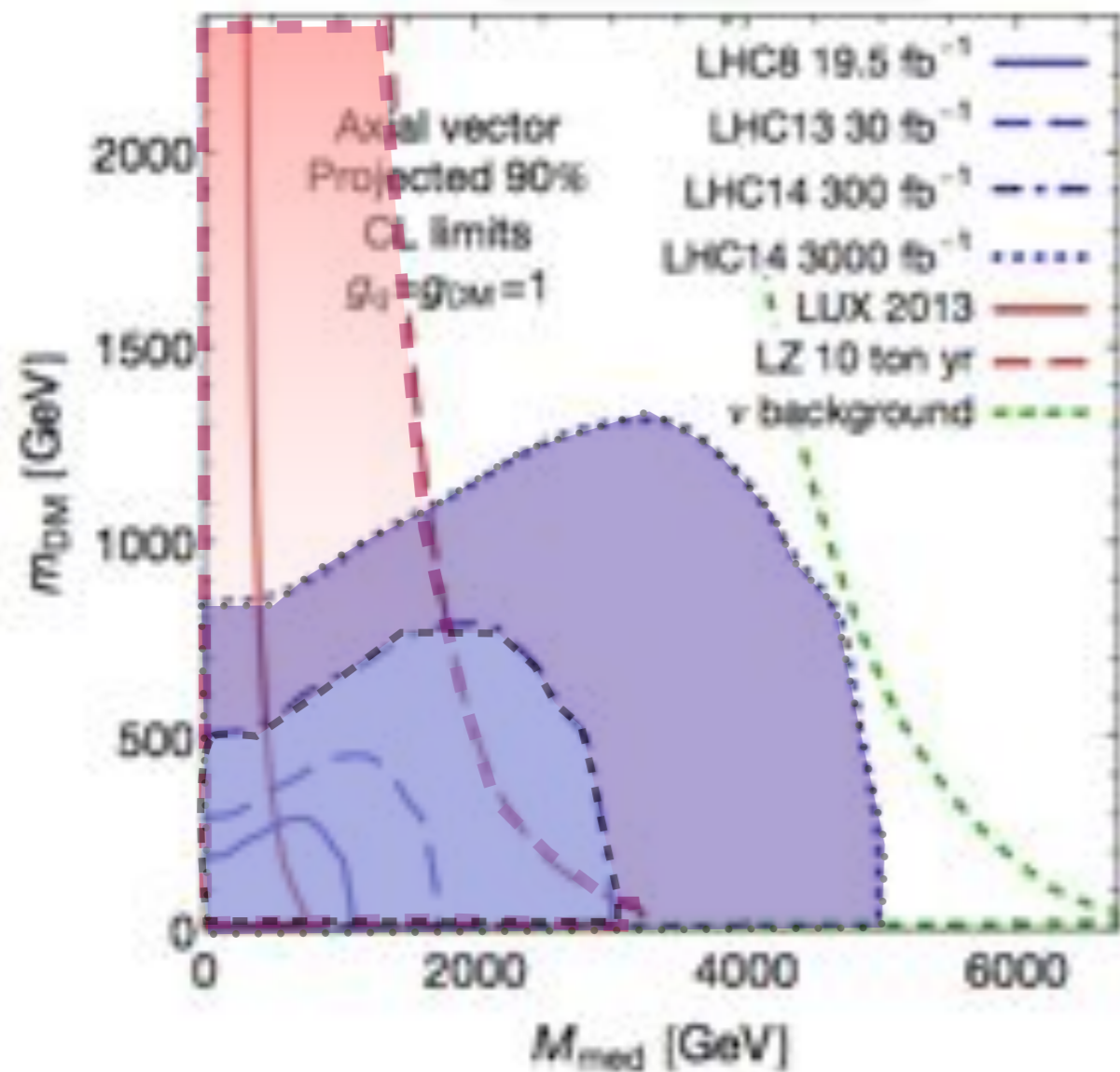


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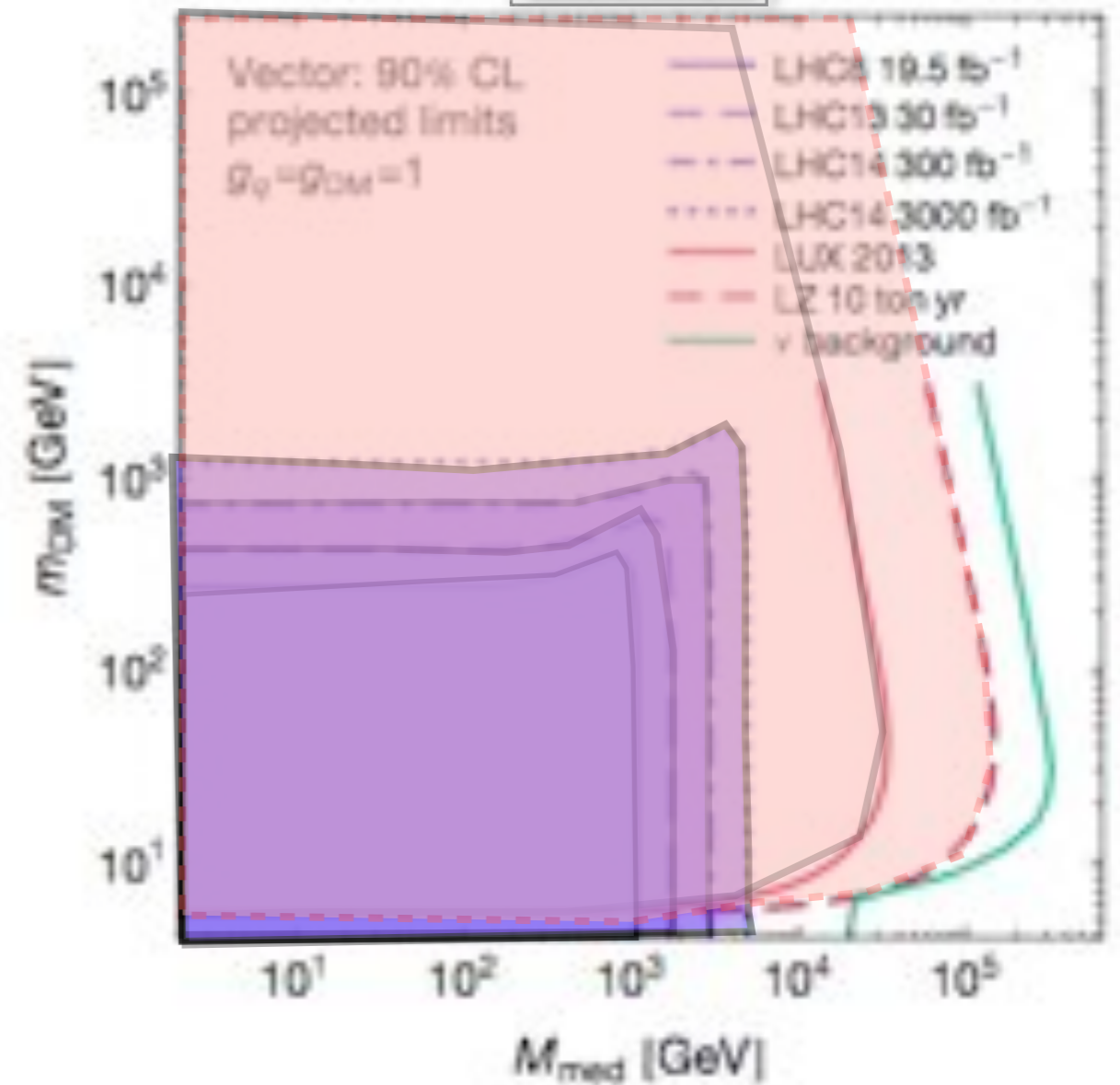
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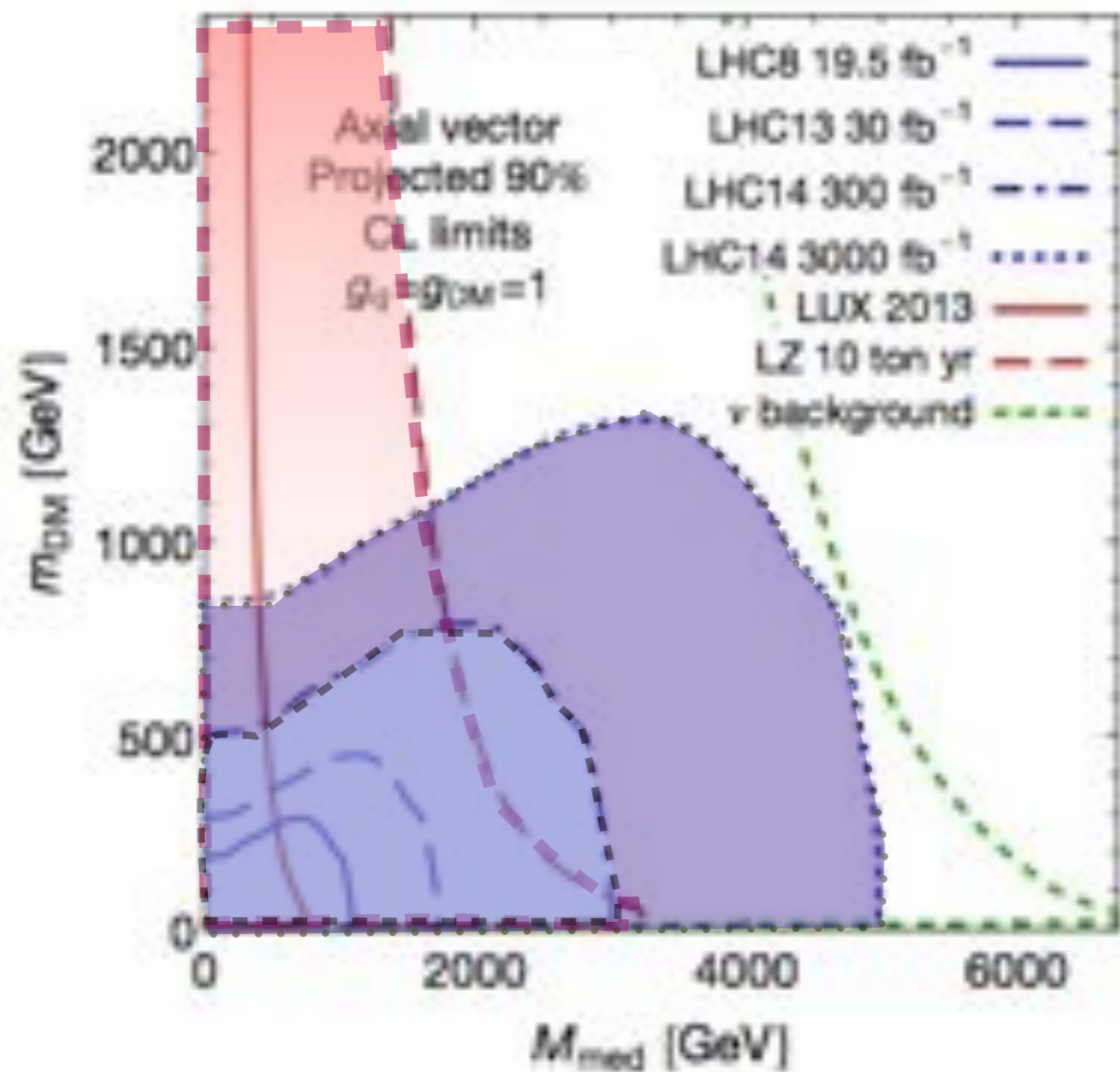


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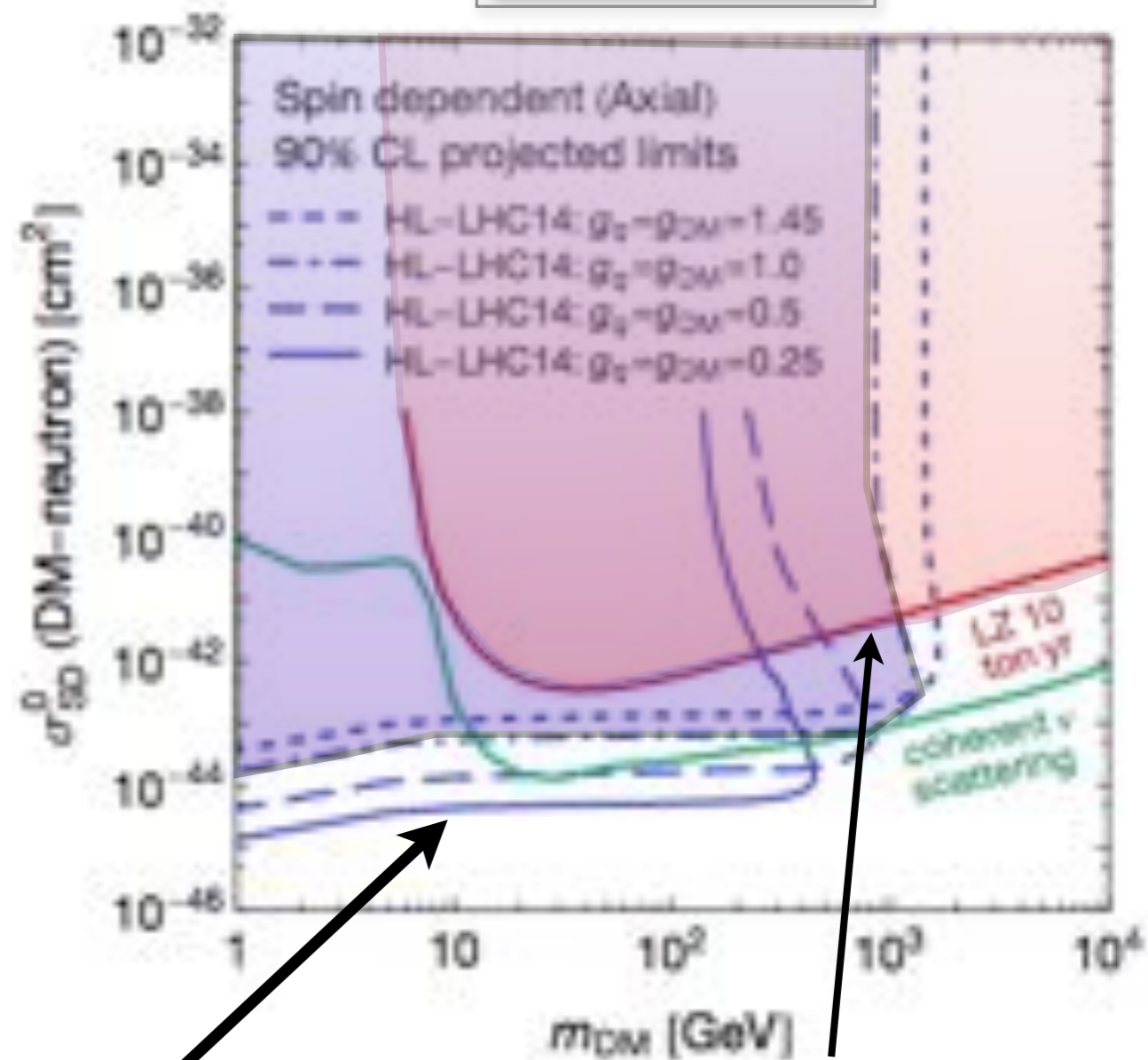
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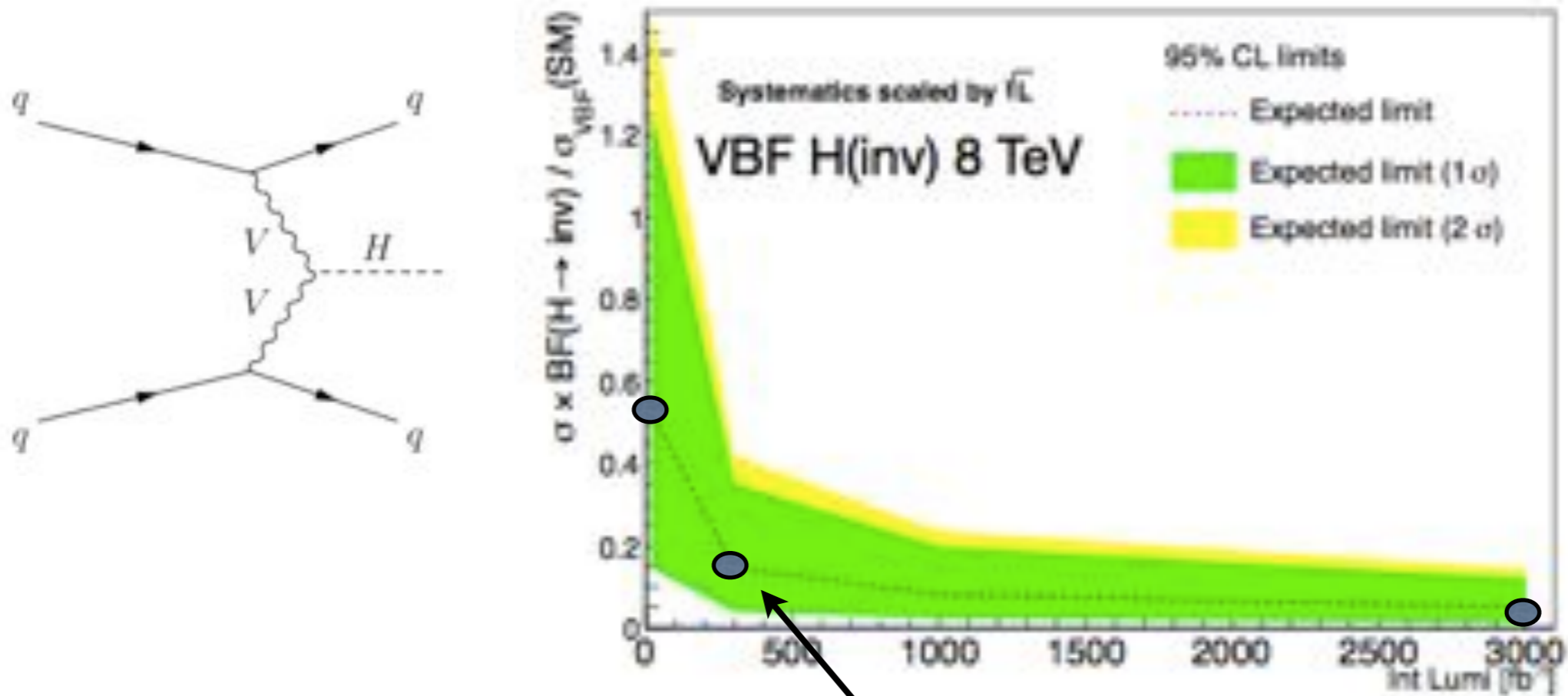
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Colliders able to probe all the way up to and beyond neutrino barrier with HL-LHC

reach of next generation of DD expt

# Projections for Higgs--> invisible



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Studies on future projections with 14 TeV, High Luminosity LHC 3000 fb<sup>-1</sup> show that we may be able to constrain  $\text{BF}(H_{125} \rightarrow \text{invisible})$  at few-% level

# Summary

## ➔ Searches for Dark matter at collider:

- via UV complete models like SUSY
- via generic mono-X signatures
- Higgs invisible decays

## ➔ Interpretation of searches:

- Shift from effective field theory approach which has several limitations to simplified models
- Mediator also accessible to collider, can be constrained from other collider searches

## ➔ Complementarity with direct detection experiments

- low mass DM
- spin-dependent interactions of DM

## ➔ Future projections, similar complementarity between collider and DD experiments

- Collider can probe all the way upto and beyond neutrino floor for some DM models
- Exclude/confirm an excess in the direct/indirect detection experiments