

# Lectures on BSM and Dark Matter theory (2nd class)

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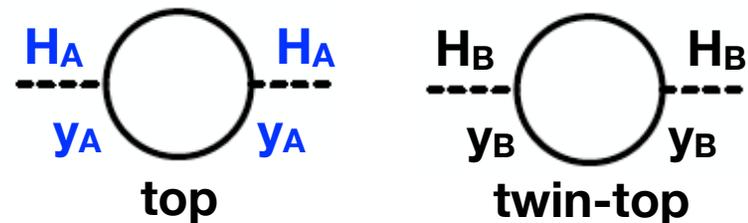
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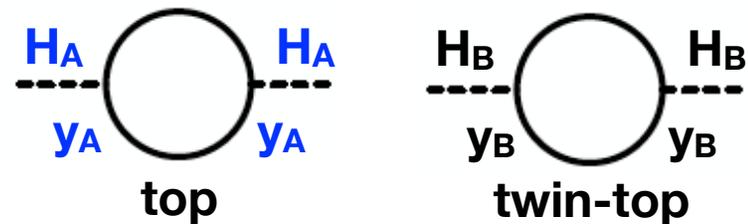
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SU(4) and Z<sub>2</sub> are (softly) broken:

$$v_A \neq v_B$$

$$(f^2 \equiv v_A^2 + v_B^2 \gg 246 \text{ GeV})$$



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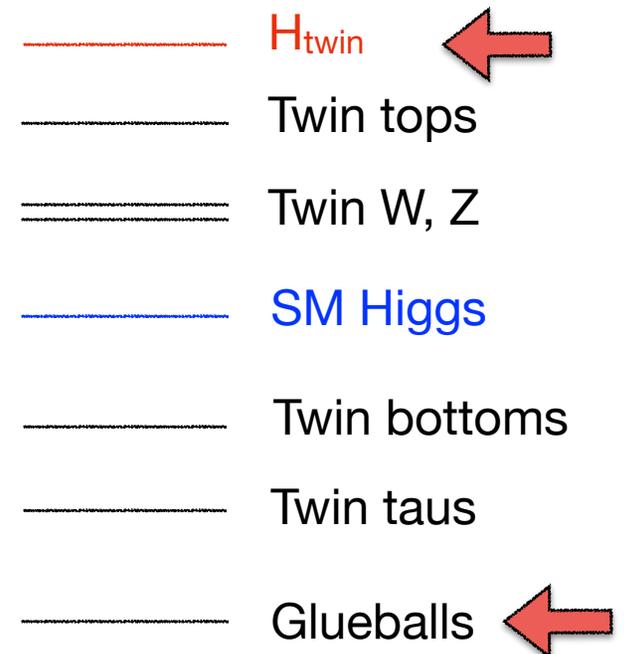
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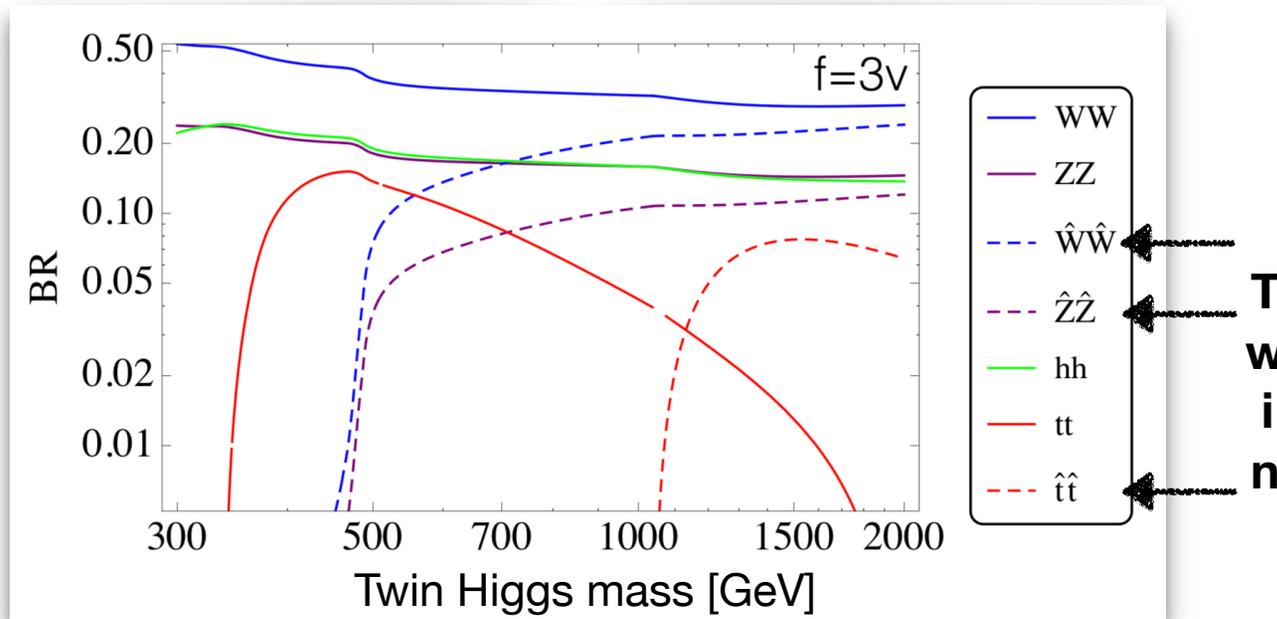
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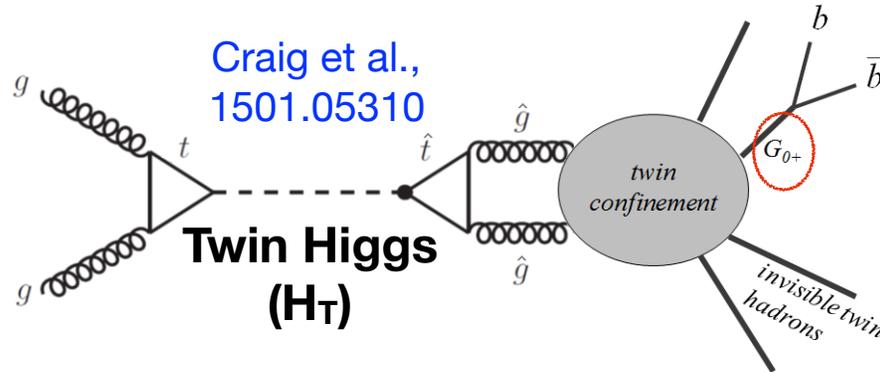
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**Twin particles** undertake cascade decays to (typically) long lived glue-balls

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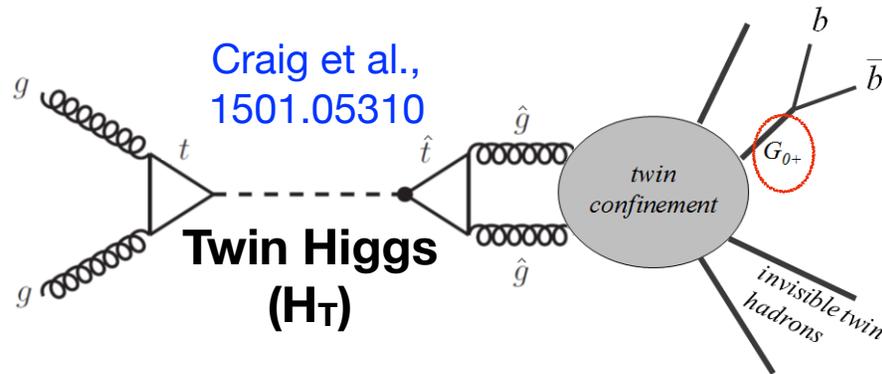


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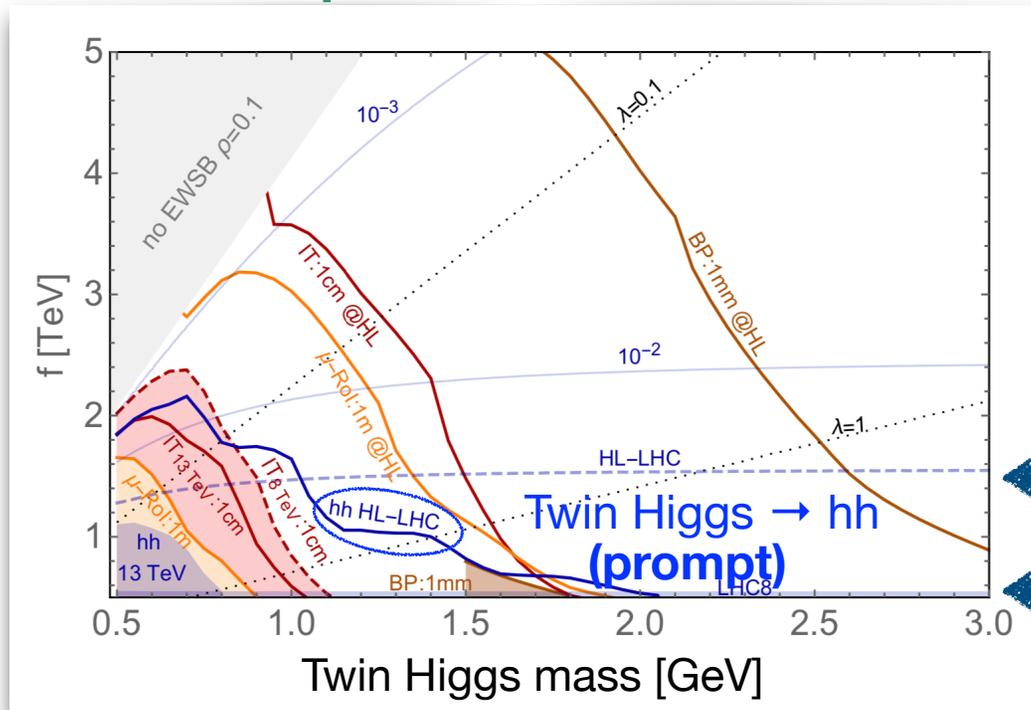


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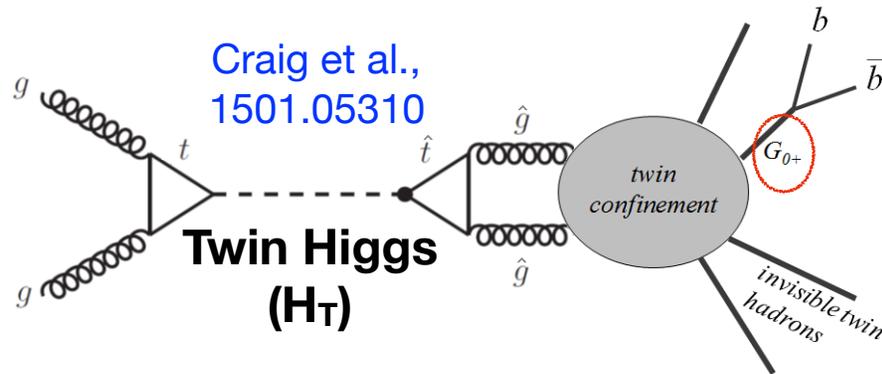
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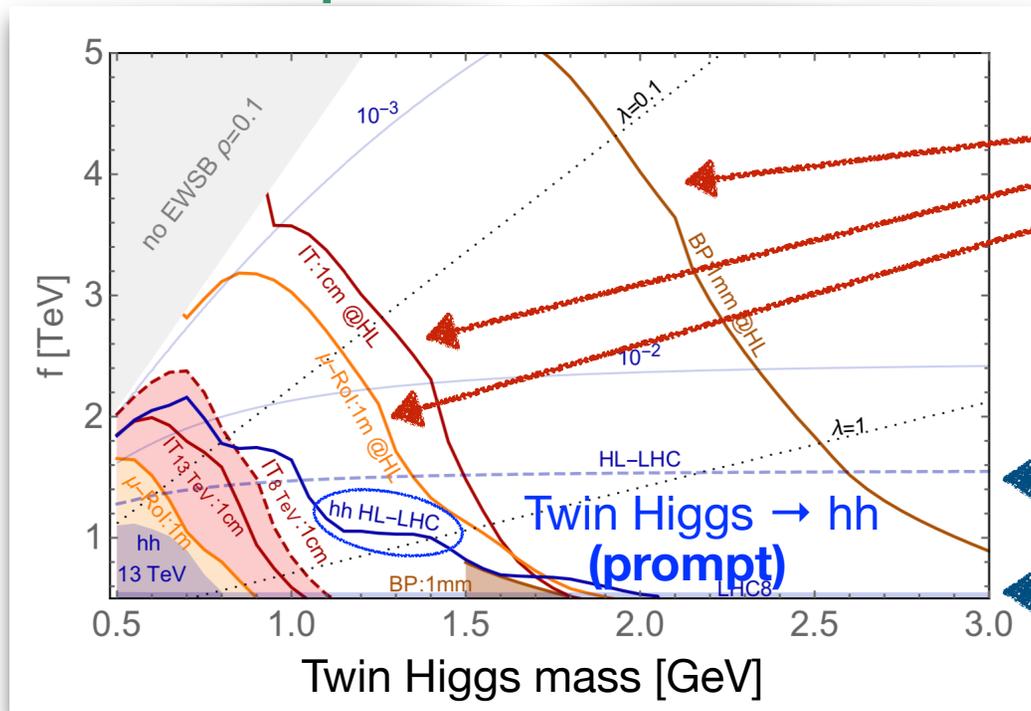


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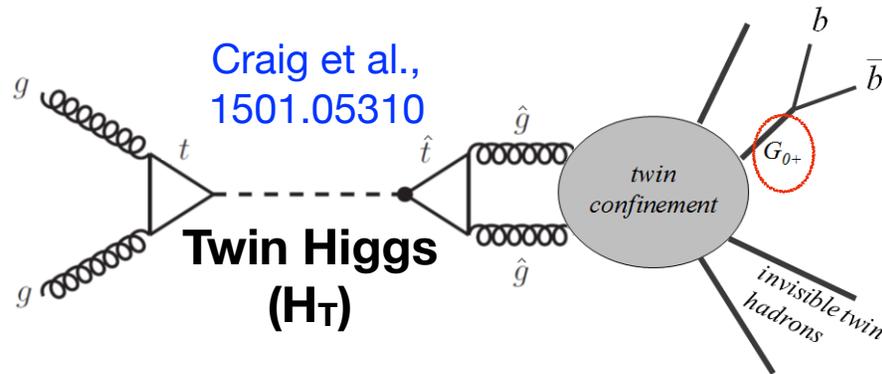
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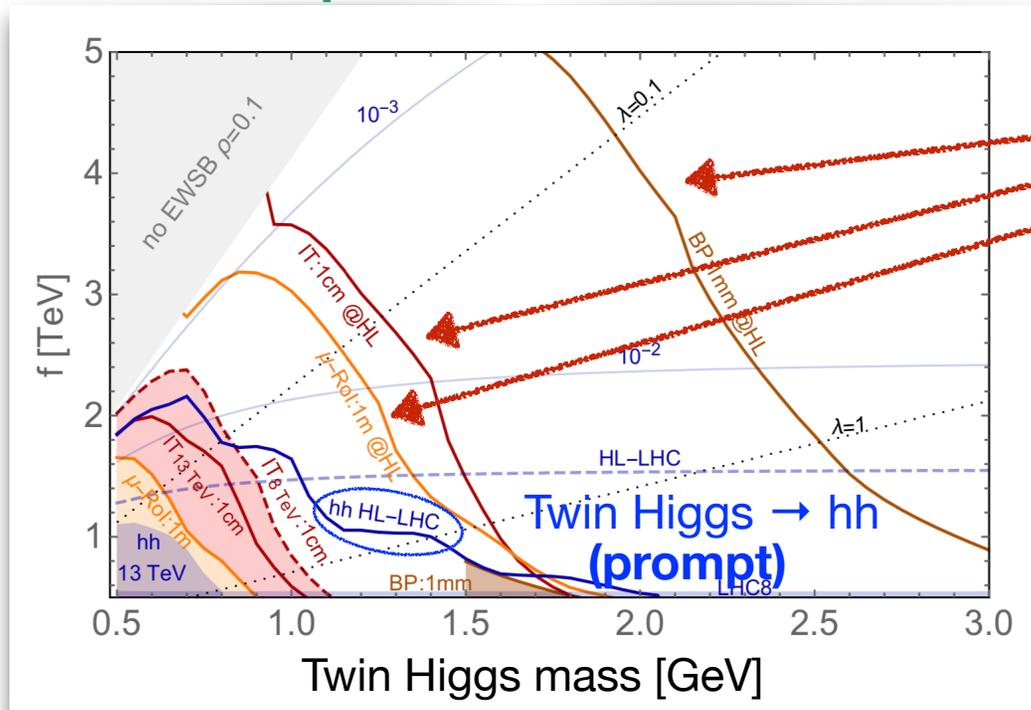


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**Note:**  
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Displaced signatures coming from Higgs exotic decays.

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# Overview

**Chapter 1:** Introduction:  
The Standard Model and its open problems

- \* SUSY theories.

**Chapter 2:** Direct & indirect searches of SUSY particles

- \* Twin Higgs theories.

Direct & indirect searches of the “twin Higgs”

**Chapter 3:** \* Introduction to Dark Matter  
\* WIMP Dark Matter; Complementarity of searches

**Chapter 4:** \* (Light) Dark Matter living in a dark sectors  
\* Complementarity of accelerator experiments  
(high energy vs. high intensity)

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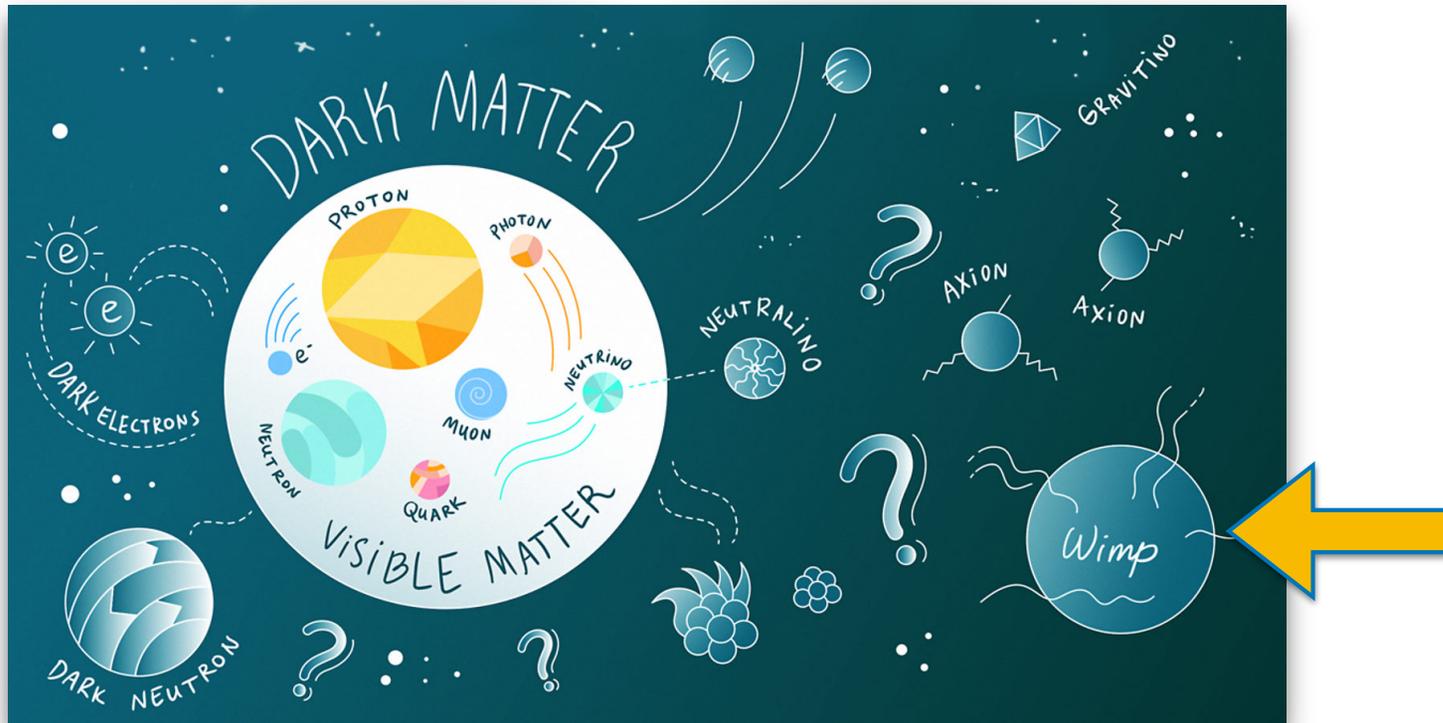
TOMORROW

**Goal:** Some basics + overview of what I find exciting about BSM theories + pheno

**Disclaimer:** not comprehensive!

**Please interrupt to ask questions! We do not have to go through all slides! :)**

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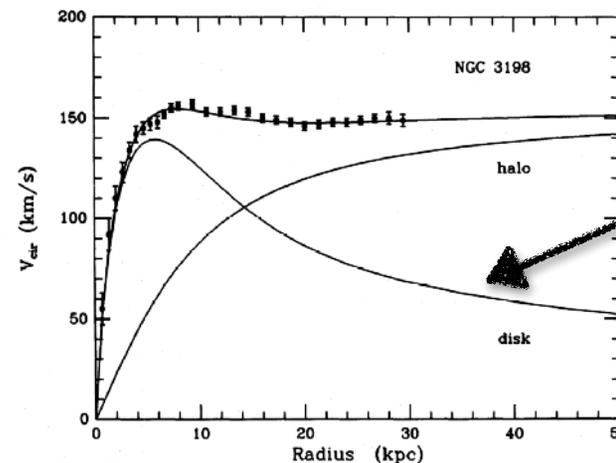
Virial theorem

$$2\langle K \rangle = -\langle V \rangle$$

$$M = \frac{v^2 R}{G_N}$$

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DISTRIBUTION OF DARK MATTER IN NGC 3198



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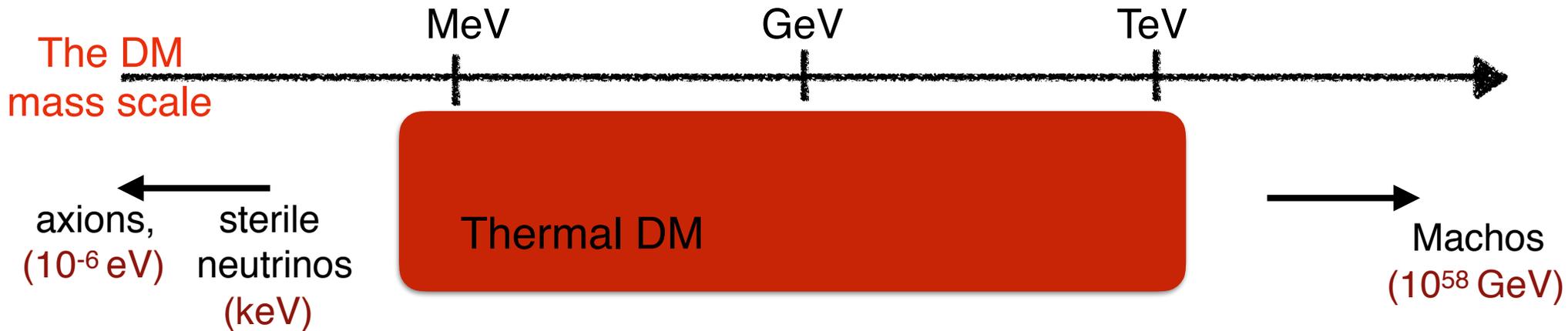
**Fun fact:** There is lots of DM in the Universe, but for DM particles weighing several hundred times the mass of the proton, there should be about **one DM particle per coffee-cup-sized volume of space.**

# “Weakly” interacting DM

Optical, X-ray gas (ordinary matter), dark matter



# The Dark Matter scale

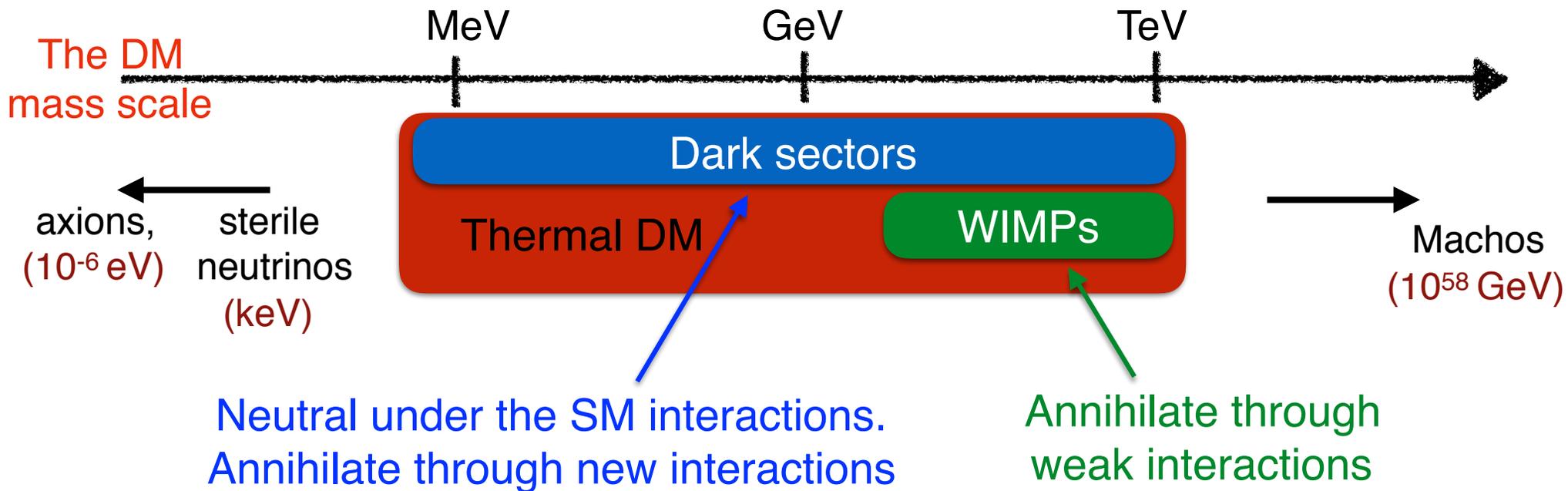


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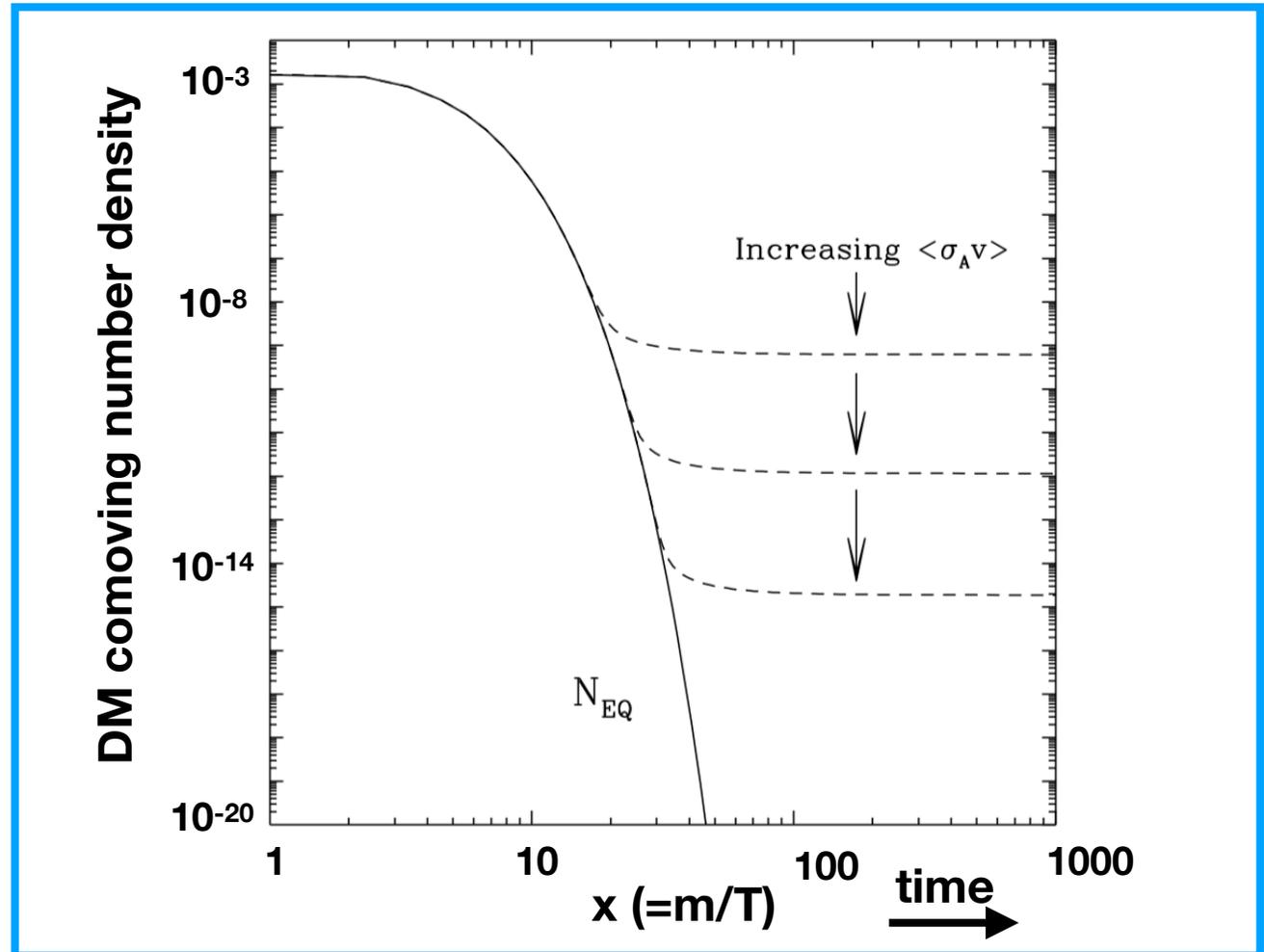
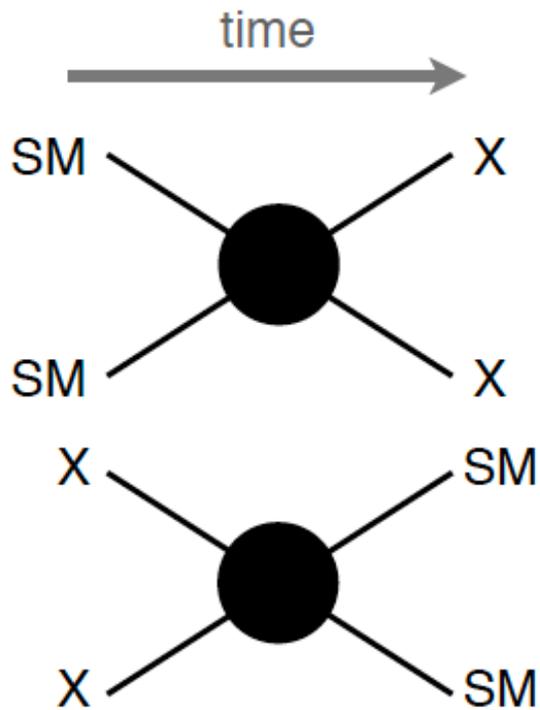
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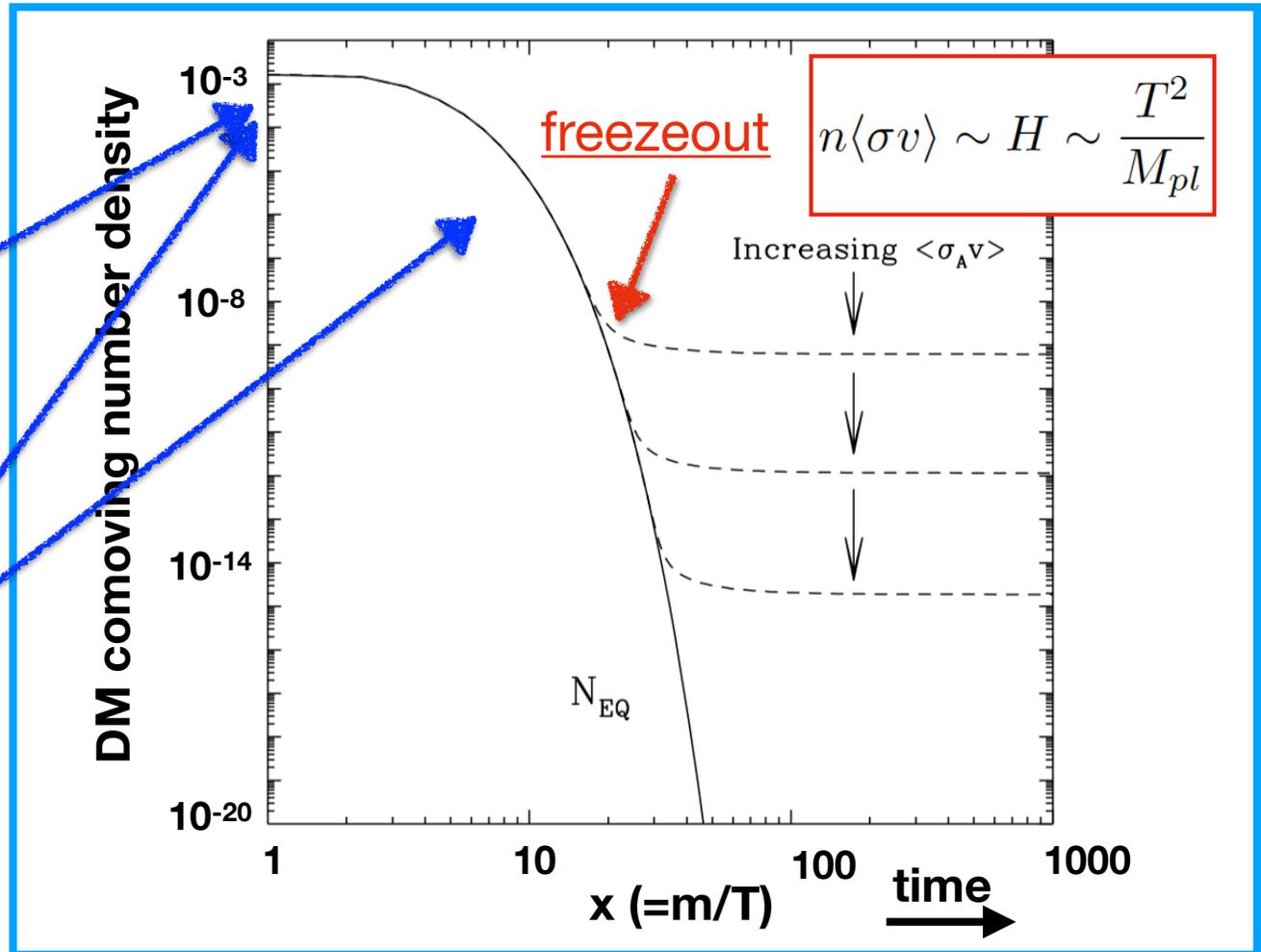
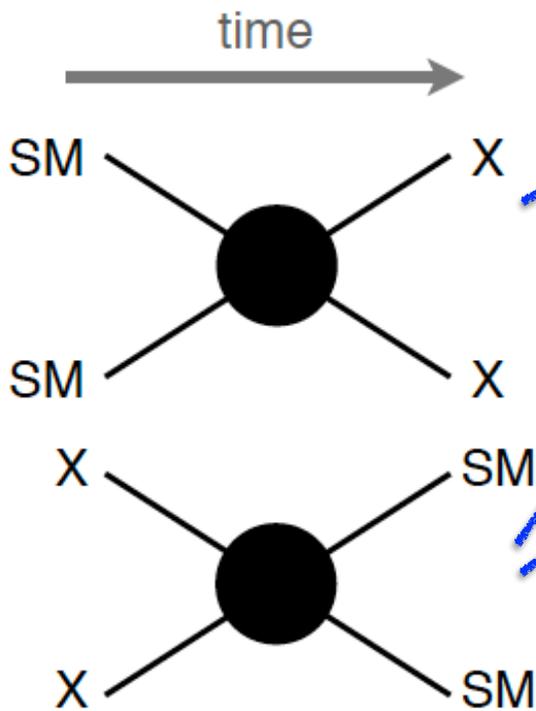
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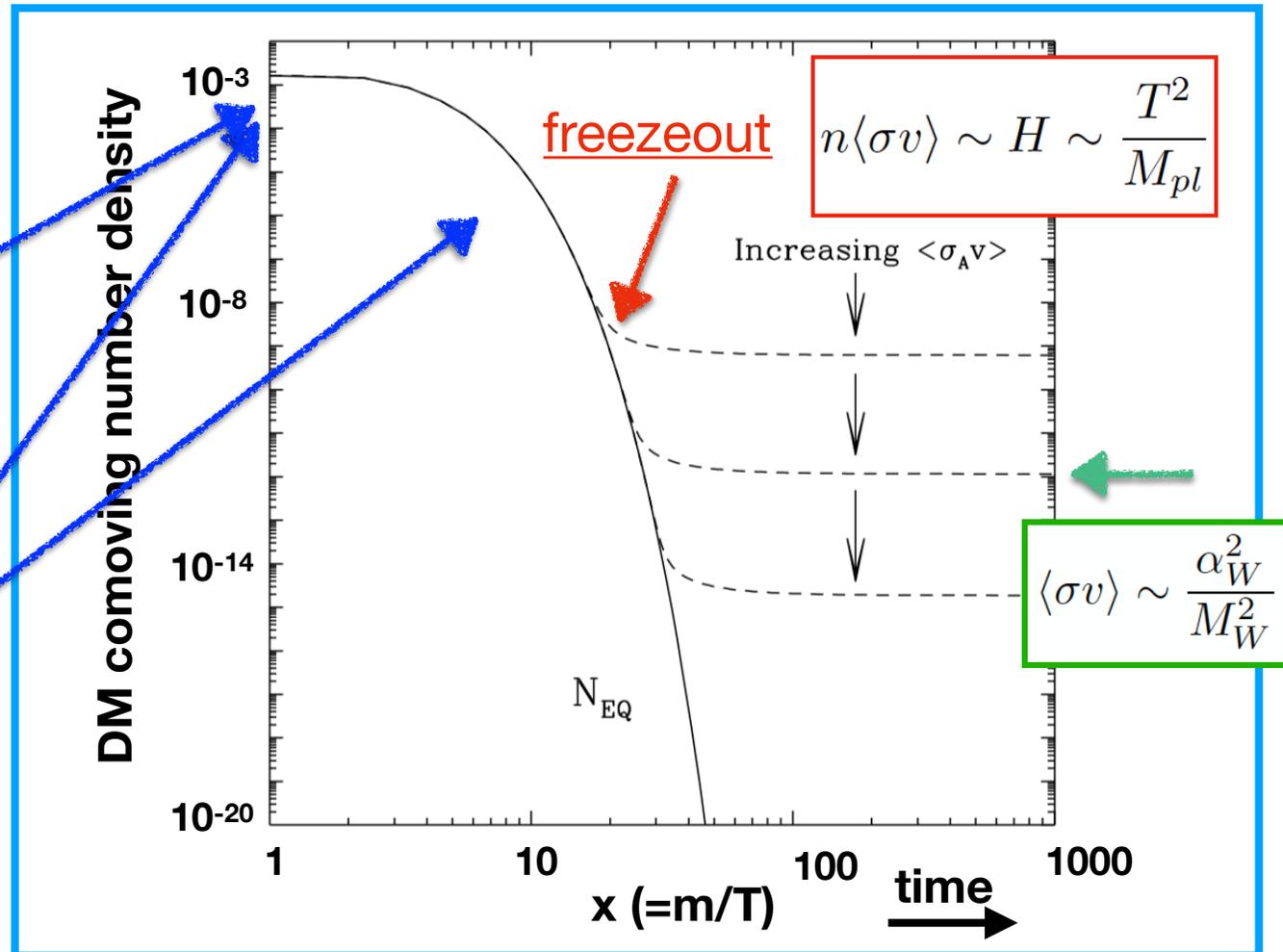
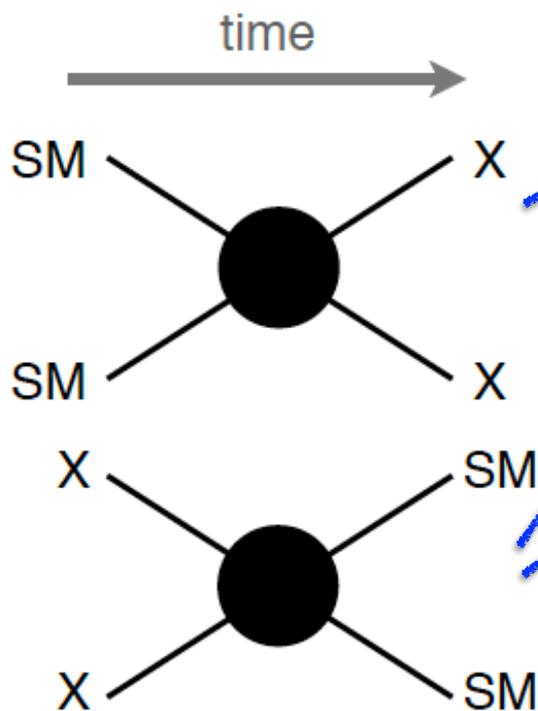
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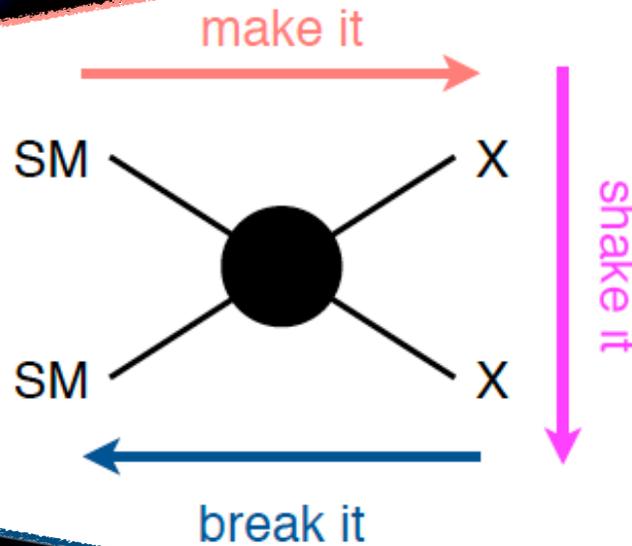


If dark matter is entirely made up of a single particle X with a mass at the electroweak scale that interacts via the W and Z bosons, **the predicted relic density agrees with what we observe in the universe today.**

# Complementary probes of WIMPs

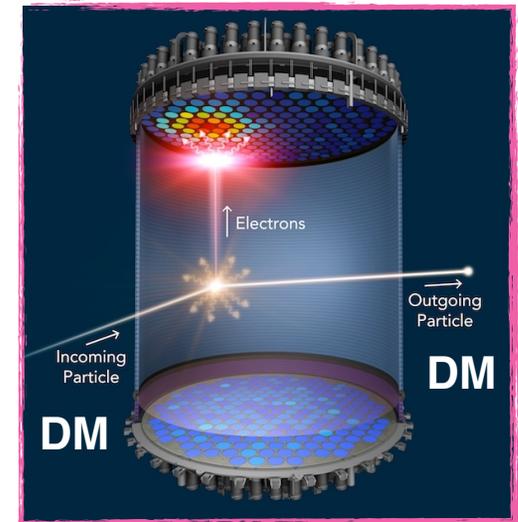
Collider searches

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Direct detection



Astrophysical probes

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**Famous example of WIMPs:**  
lightest neutralino in SUSY models  
with R-Parity conservation

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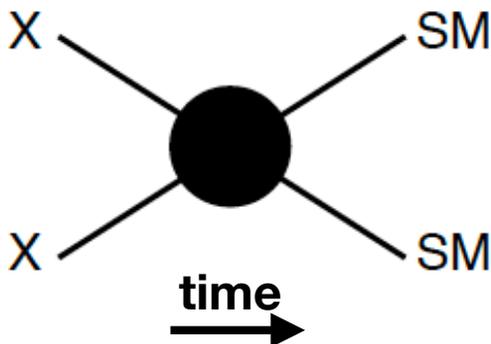
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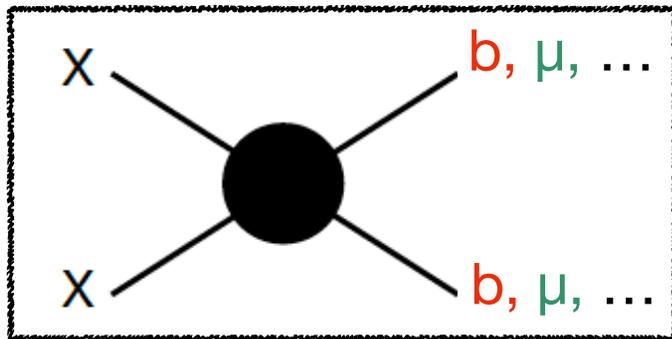
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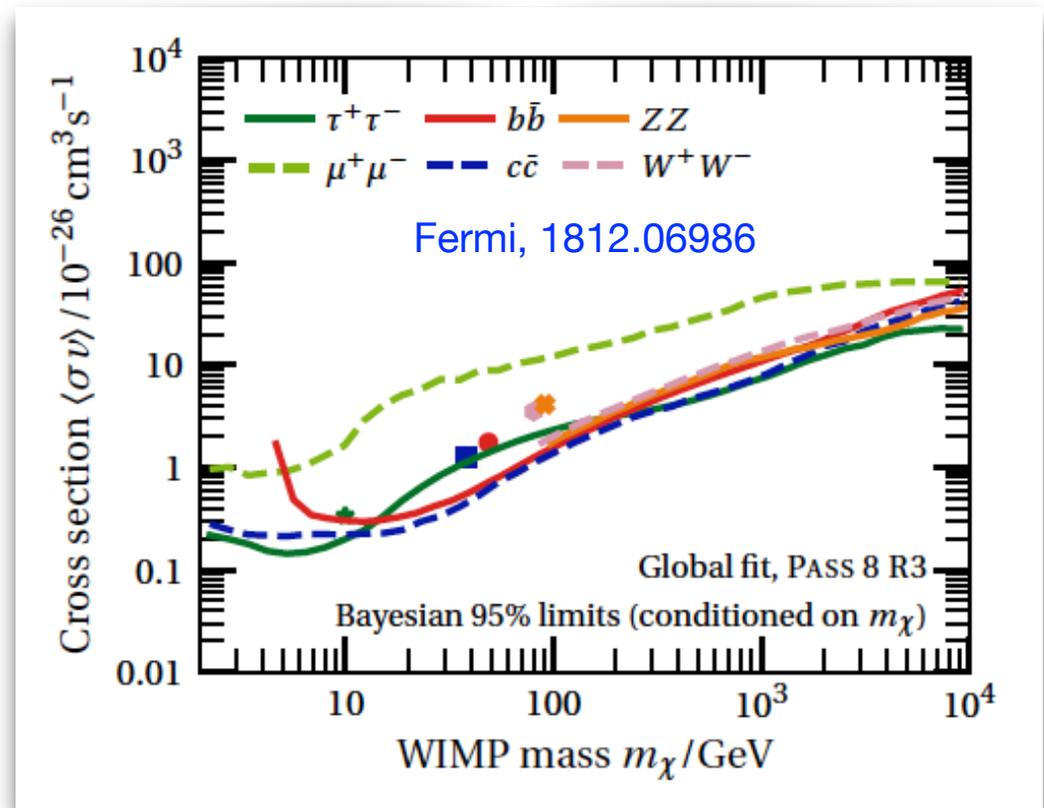
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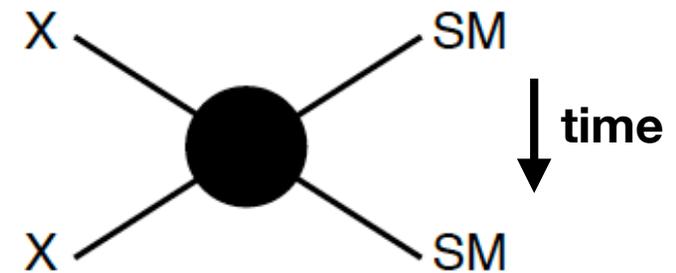
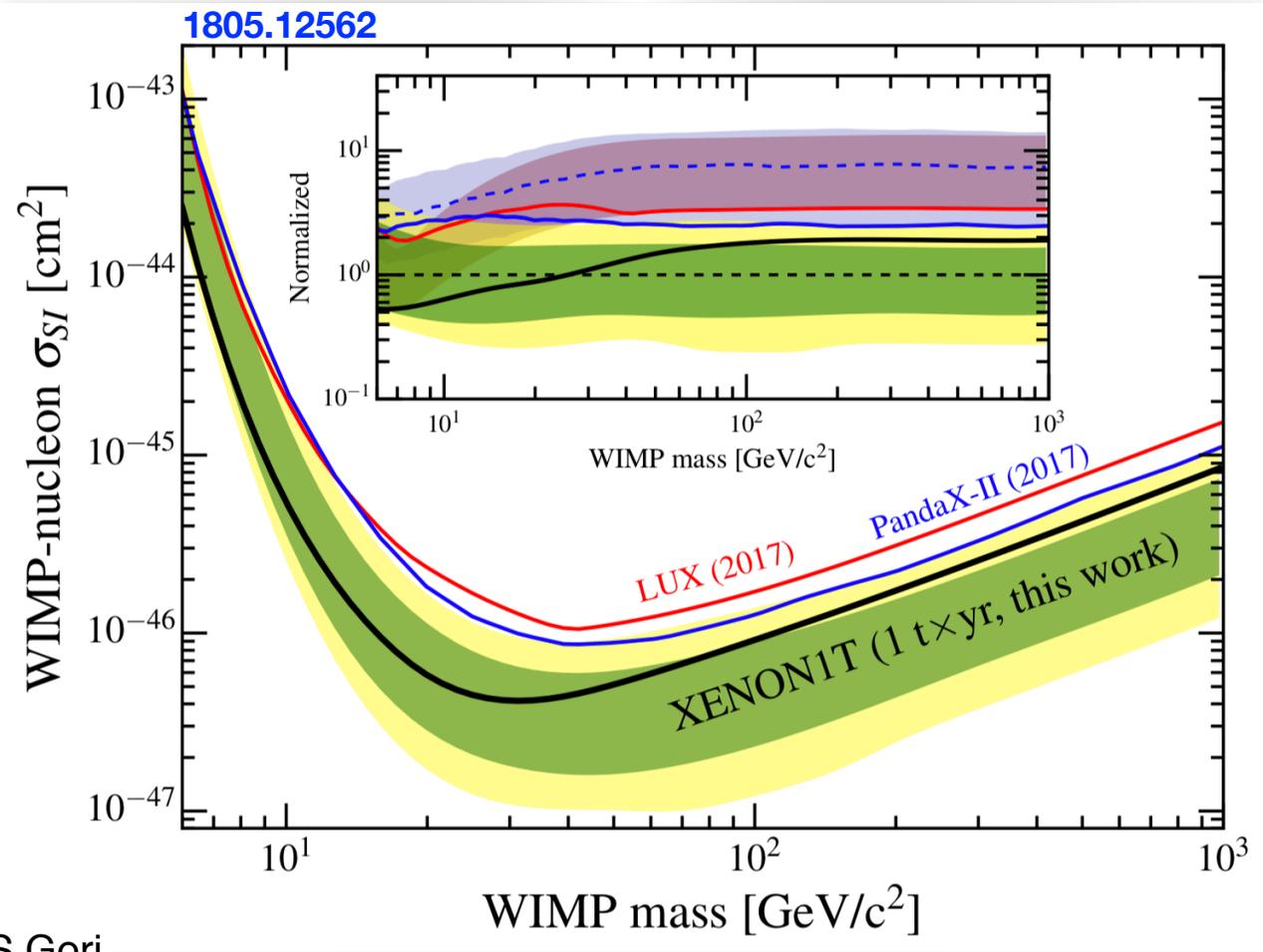
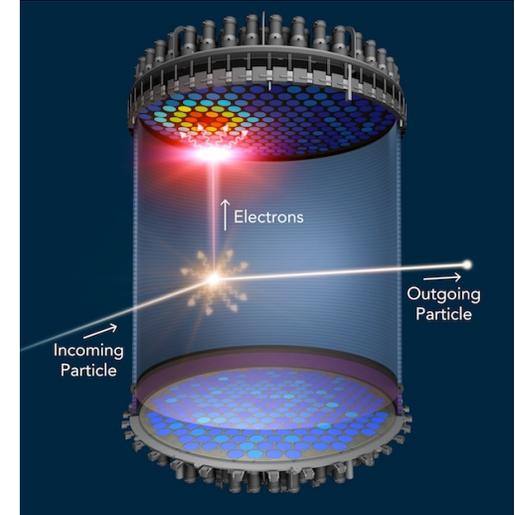
### Milky Way Dwarf Spheroidal Galaxies



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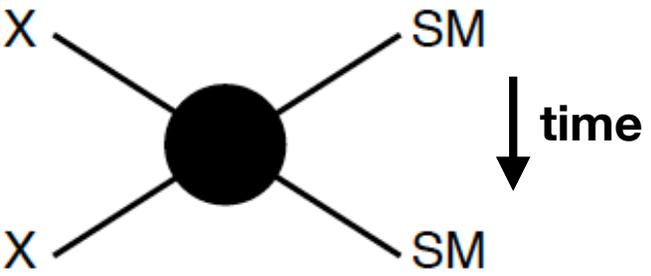
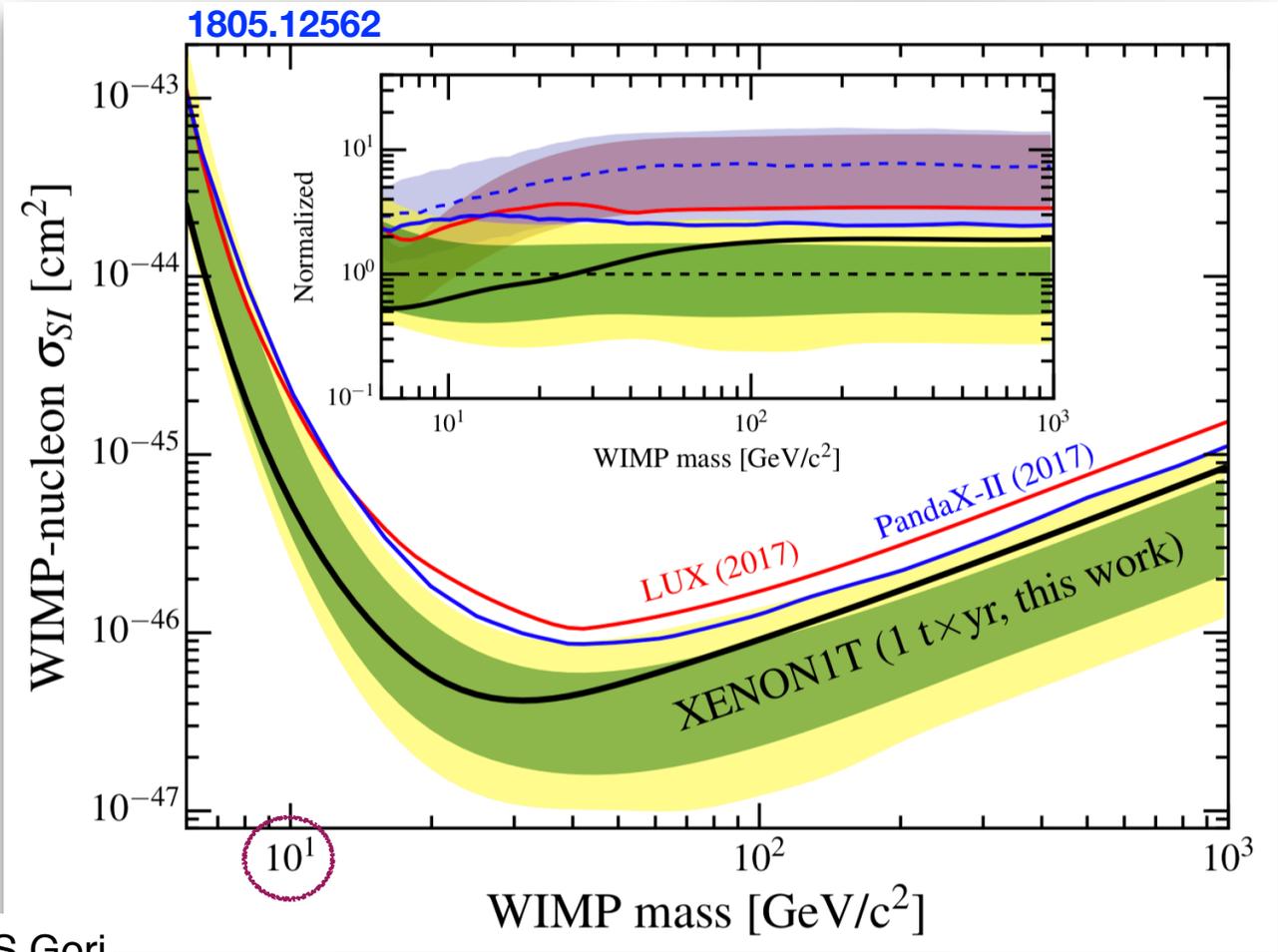
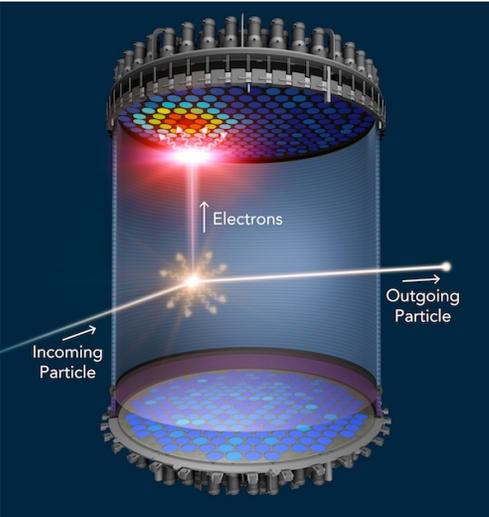
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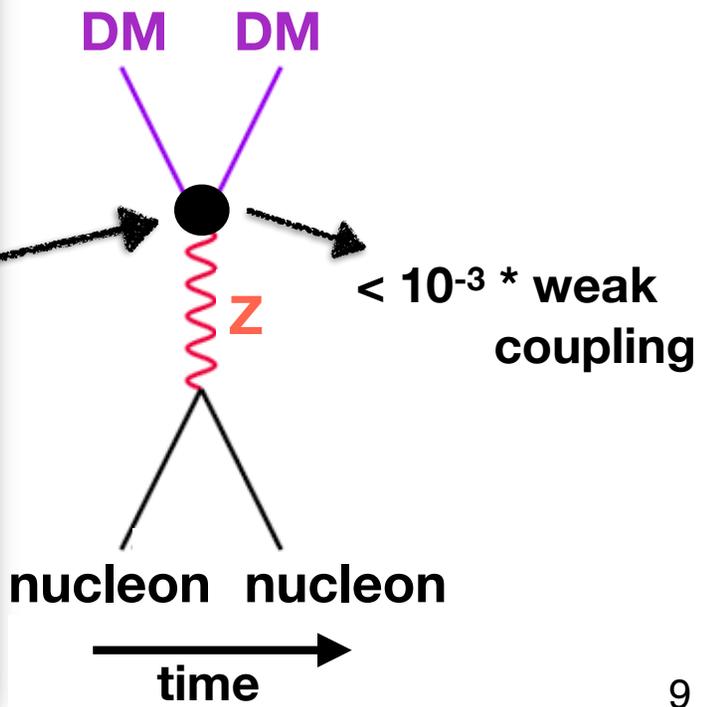
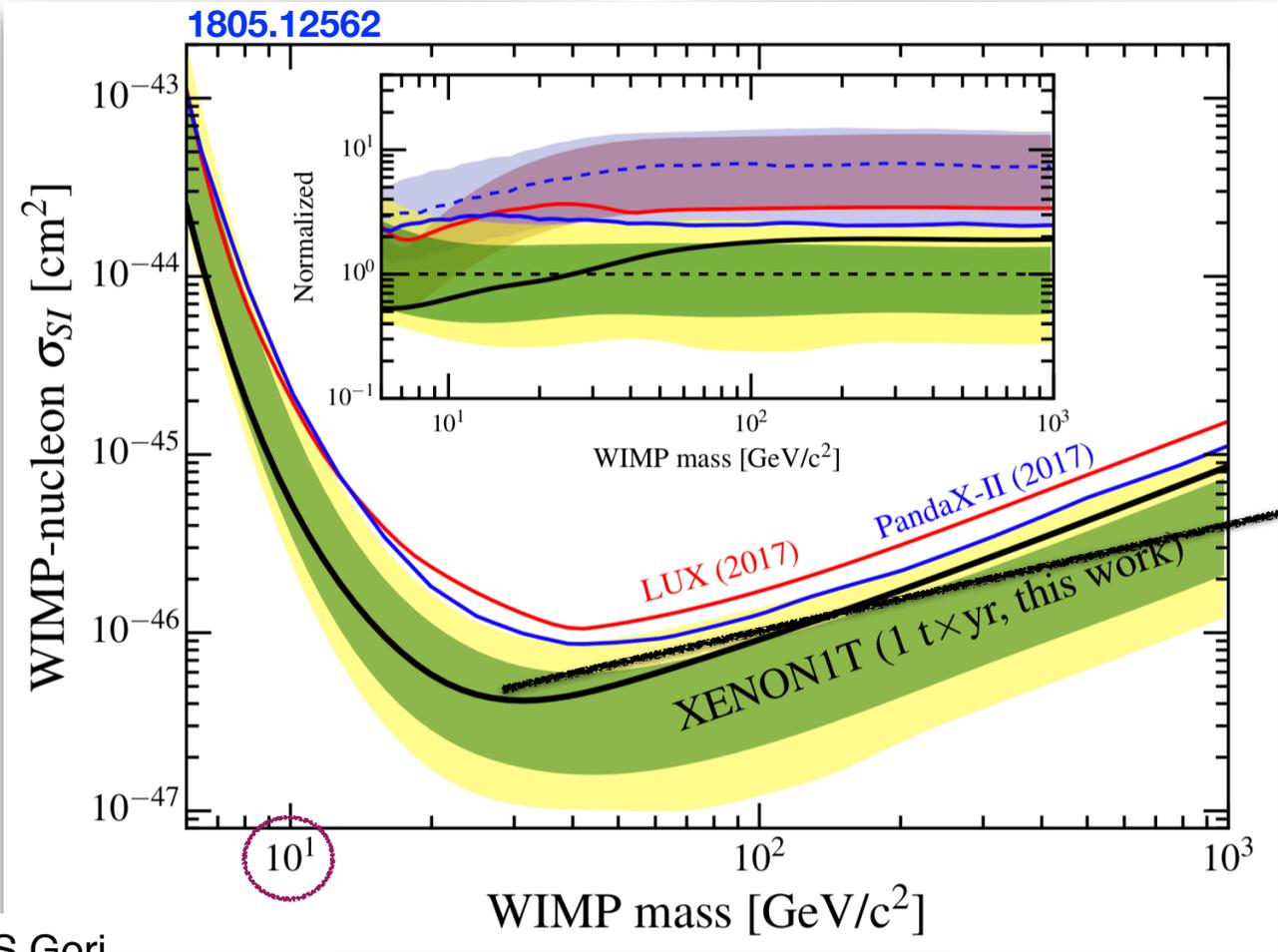
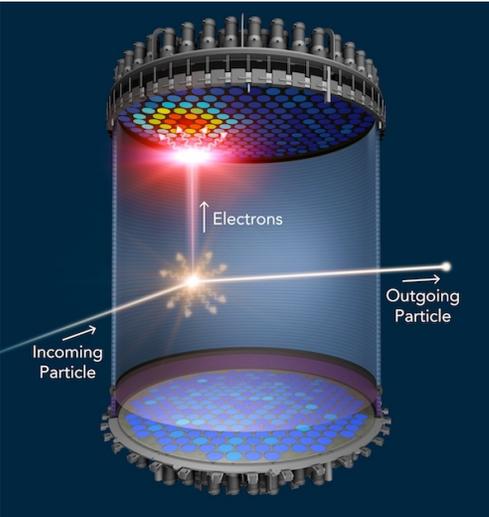
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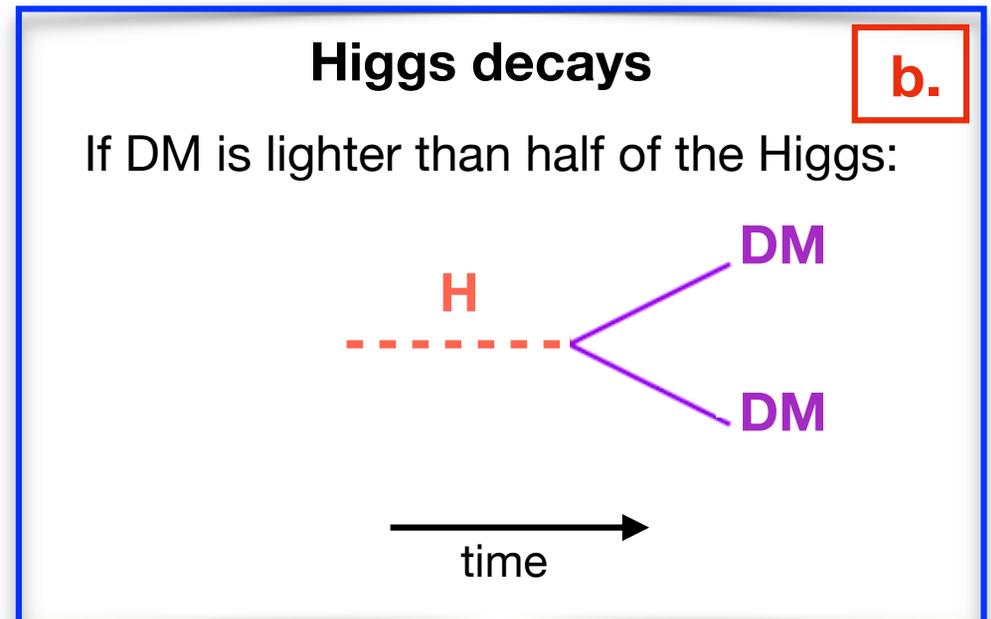
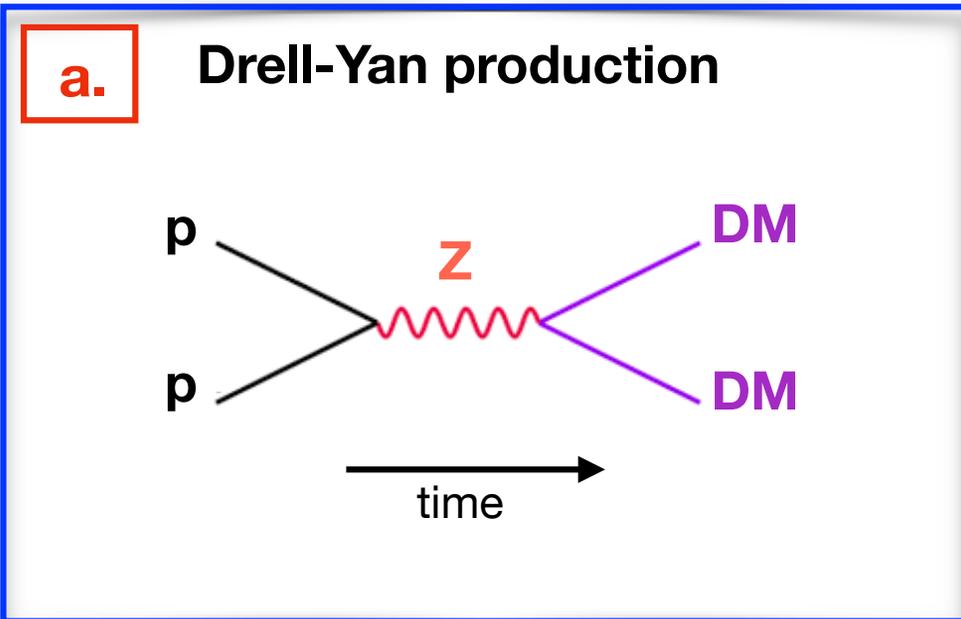
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**a.** **Drell-Yan production**

**Mono-X searches**  
(mono-photon, mono-Z, mono-jet, ...)

**b.** **Higgs decays**

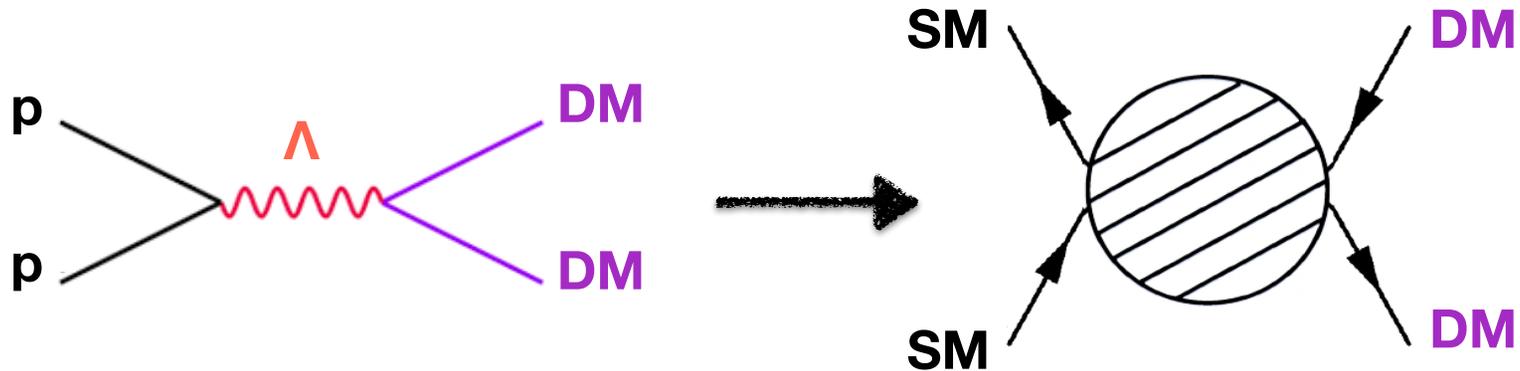
If DM is lighter than half of the Higgs:

**Searches for Higgs invisible decays,**  
**with the Higgs produced in association with something**  
(vector boson fusion, Zh, ...)

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## EFTs for the mono-X searches

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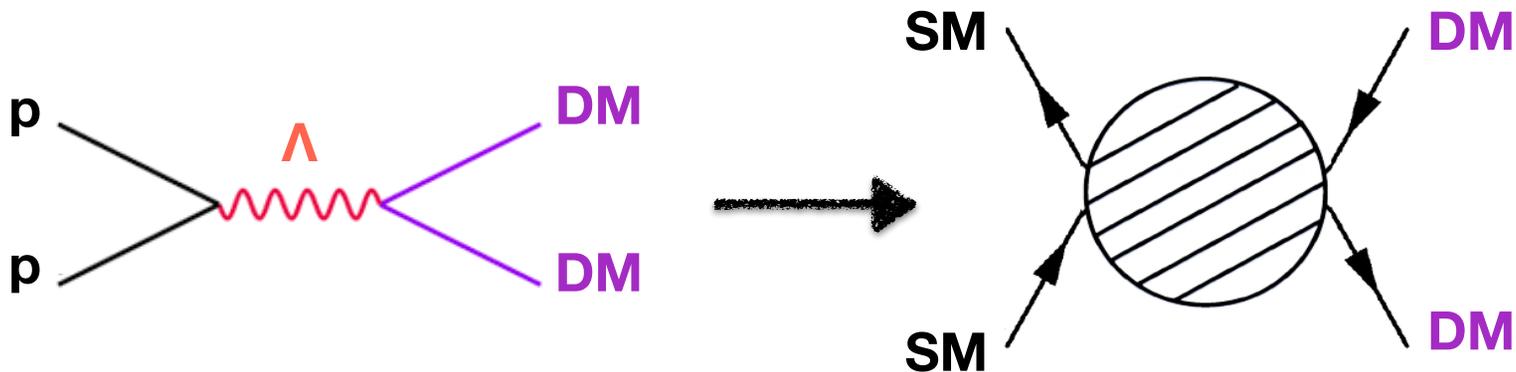


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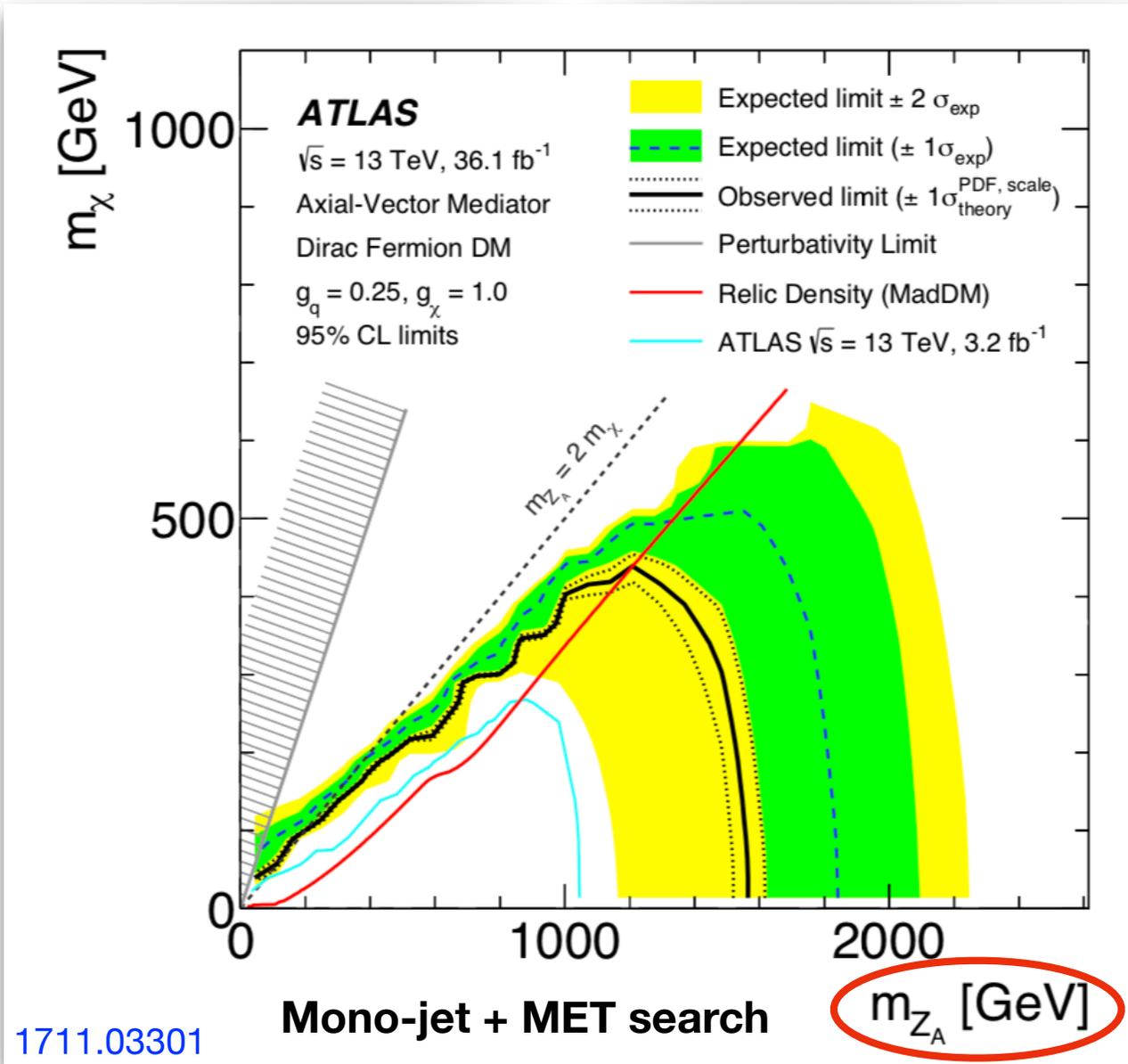
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$$\mathcal{O}_t = \frac{(\bar{\chi}P_R q)(\bar{q}P_L\chi)}{\Lambda^2} + (L \leftrightarrow R)$$

The bound on the cross section for mono-X can be interpreted as **a bound on the scale  $\Lambda$  as a function of the DM mass**. The bound will depend on the particular operator chosen.

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# Example of a LHC bound



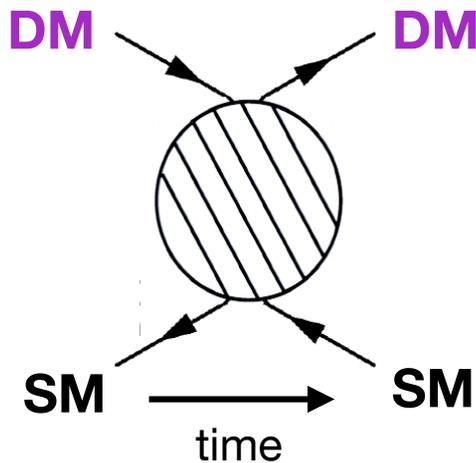
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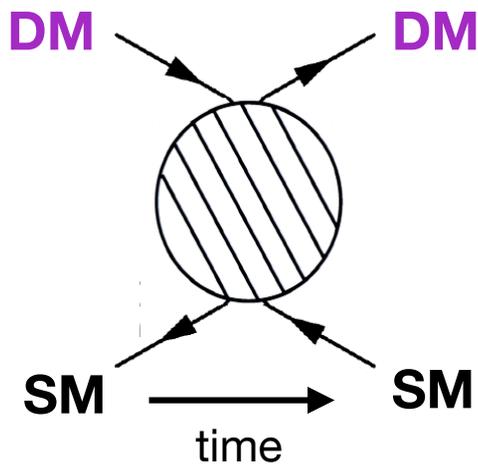


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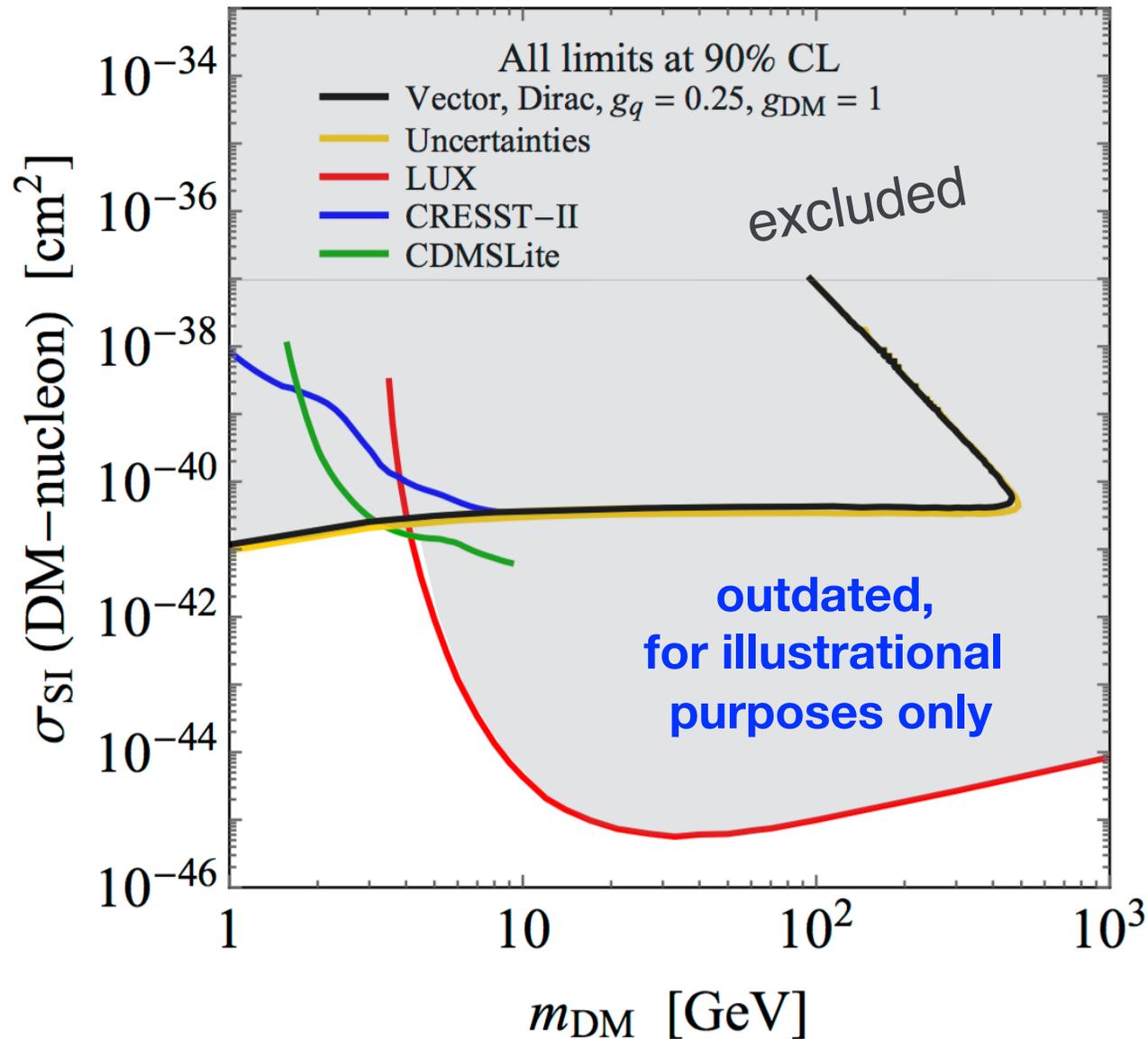
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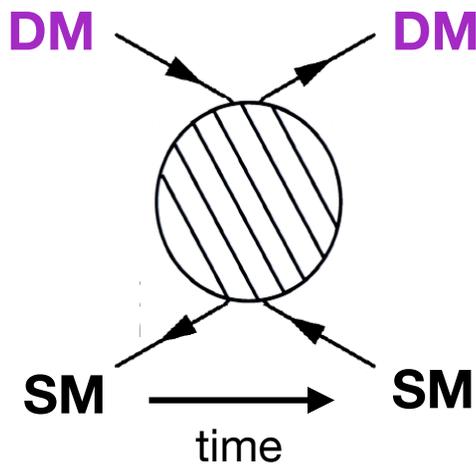
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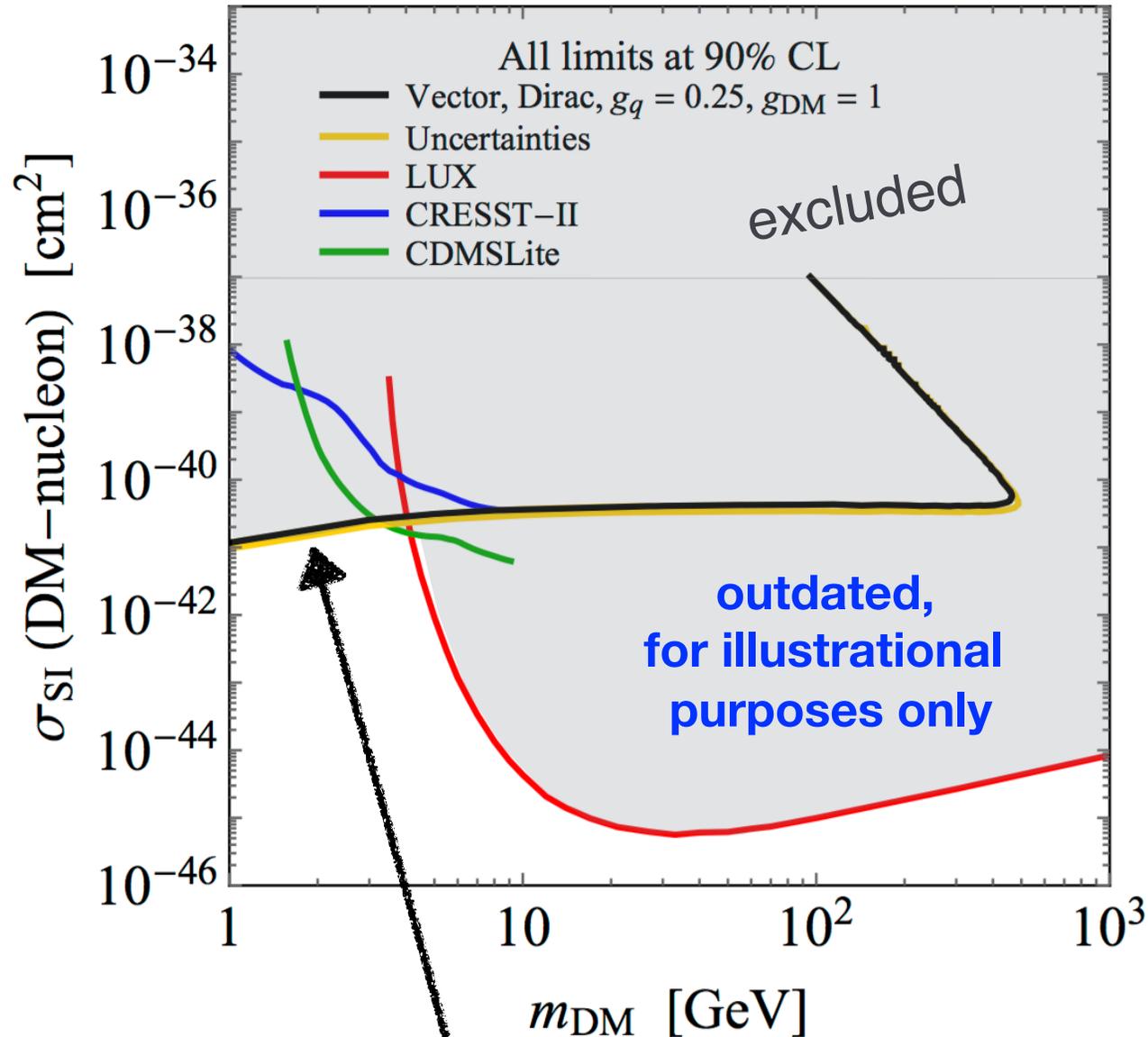
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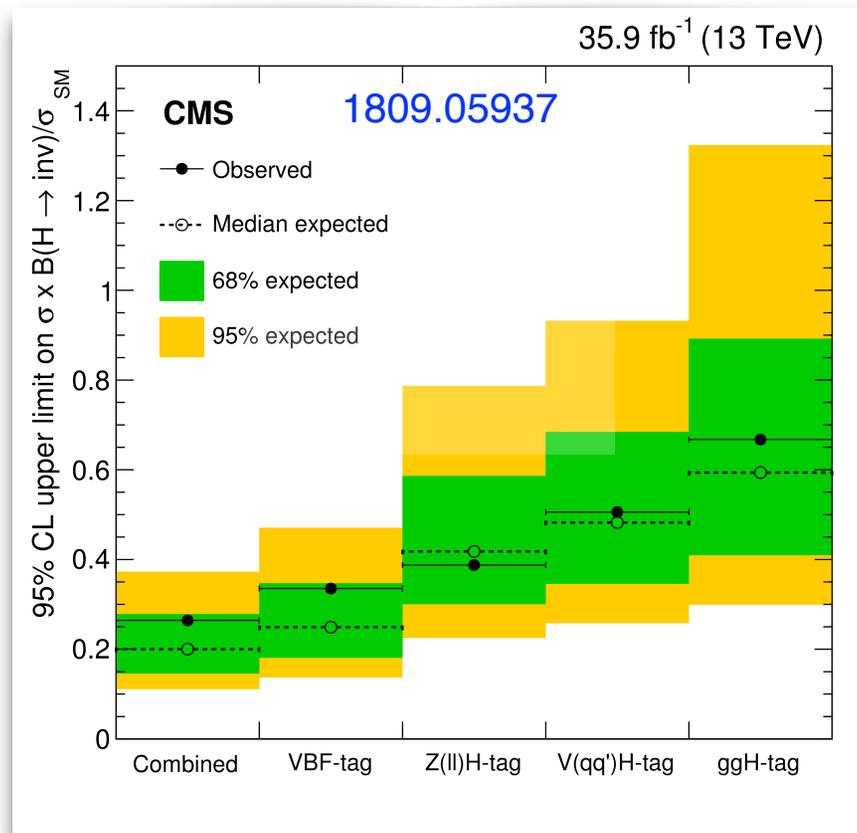


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The Higgs can decay to Dark Matter.

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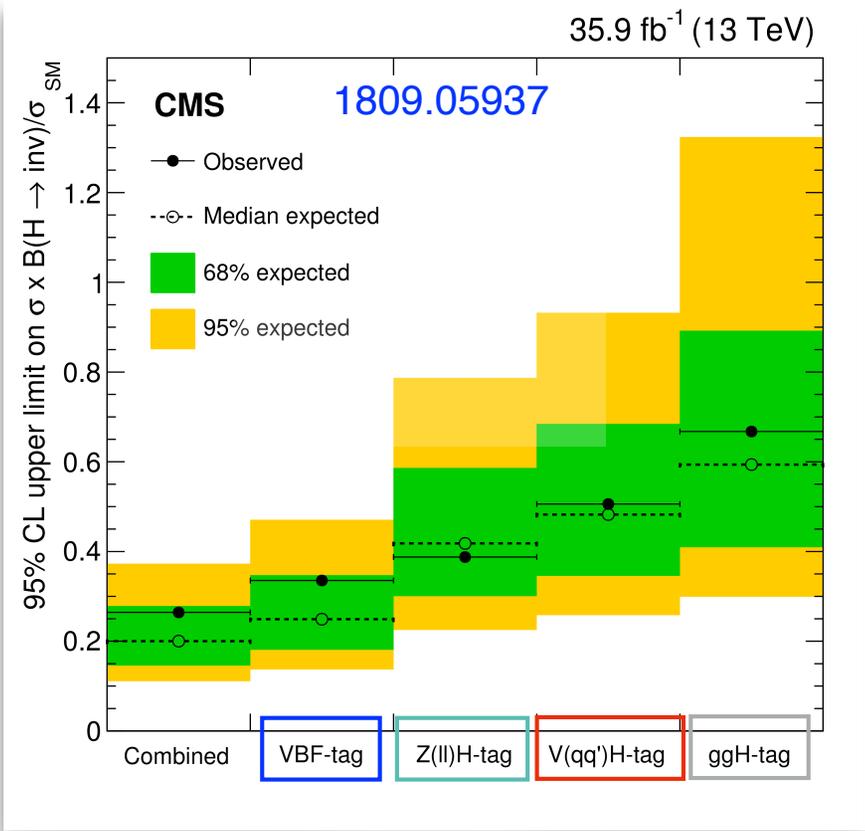
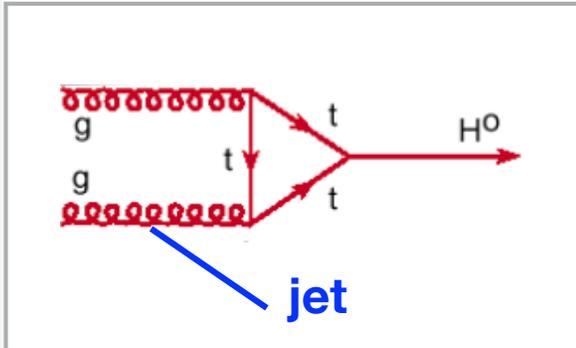
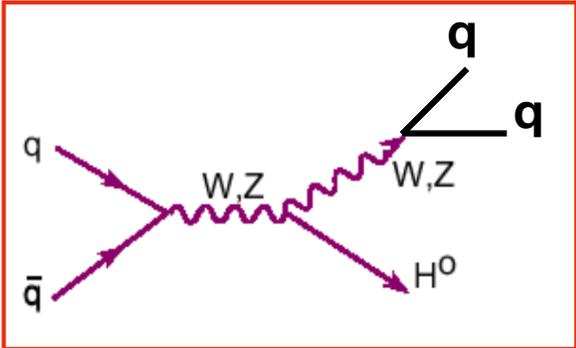
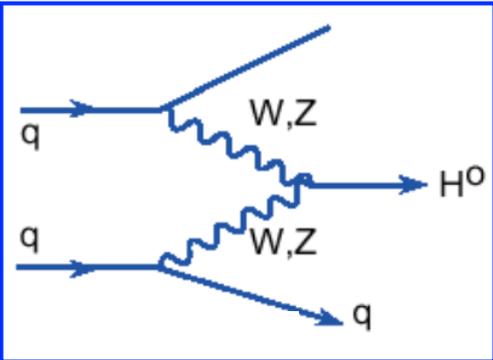


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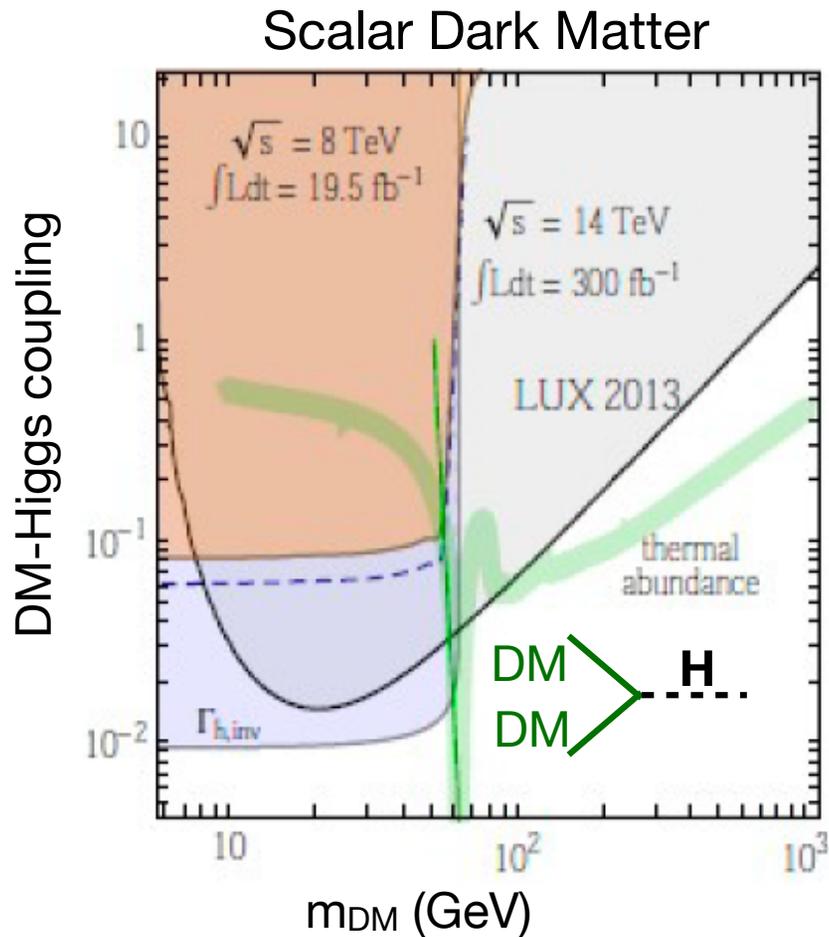
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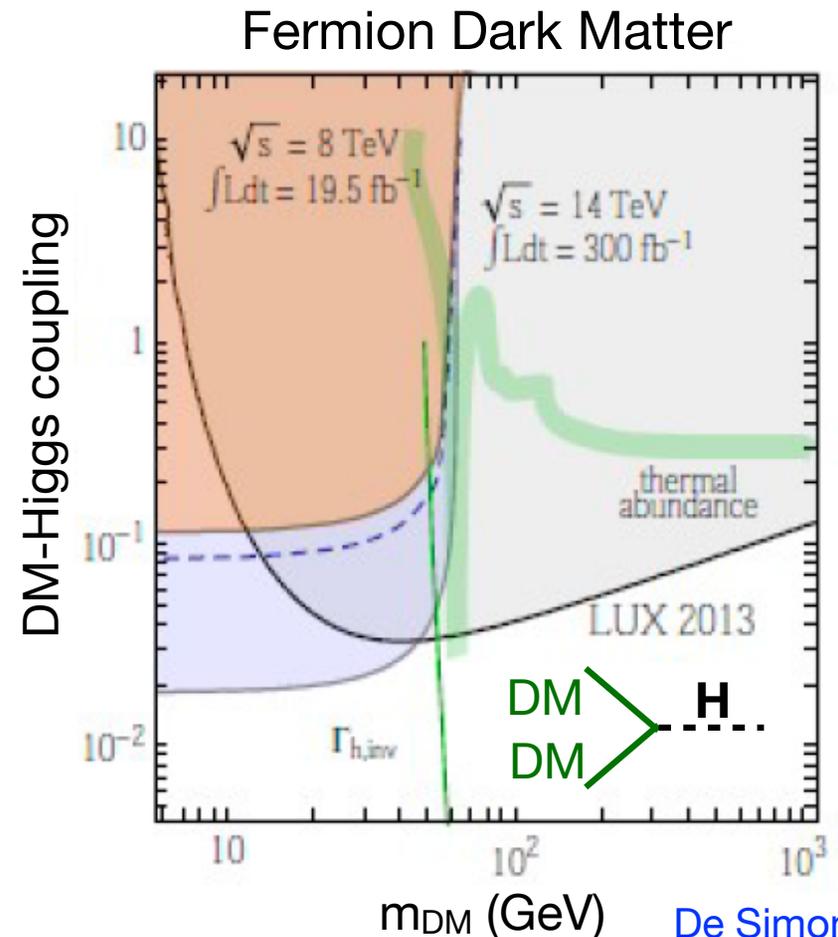
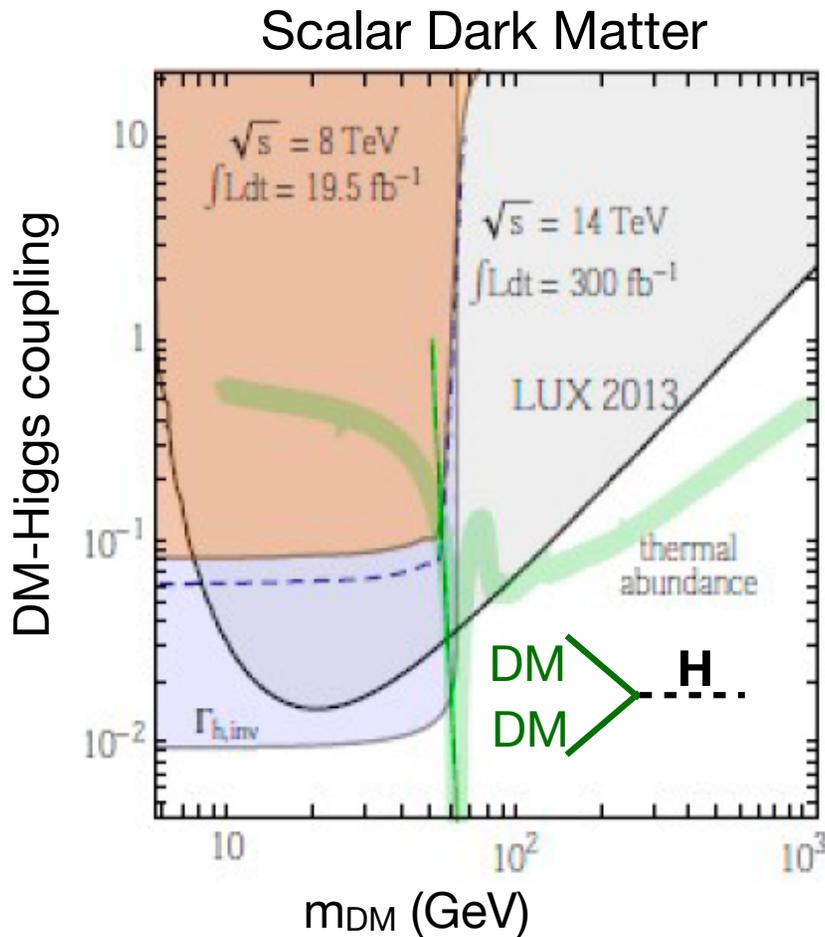
The bounds are **more stringent** than the indirect bound from Higgs coupling measurements (~ 35%)

# A full picture for Higgs-mediated DM?



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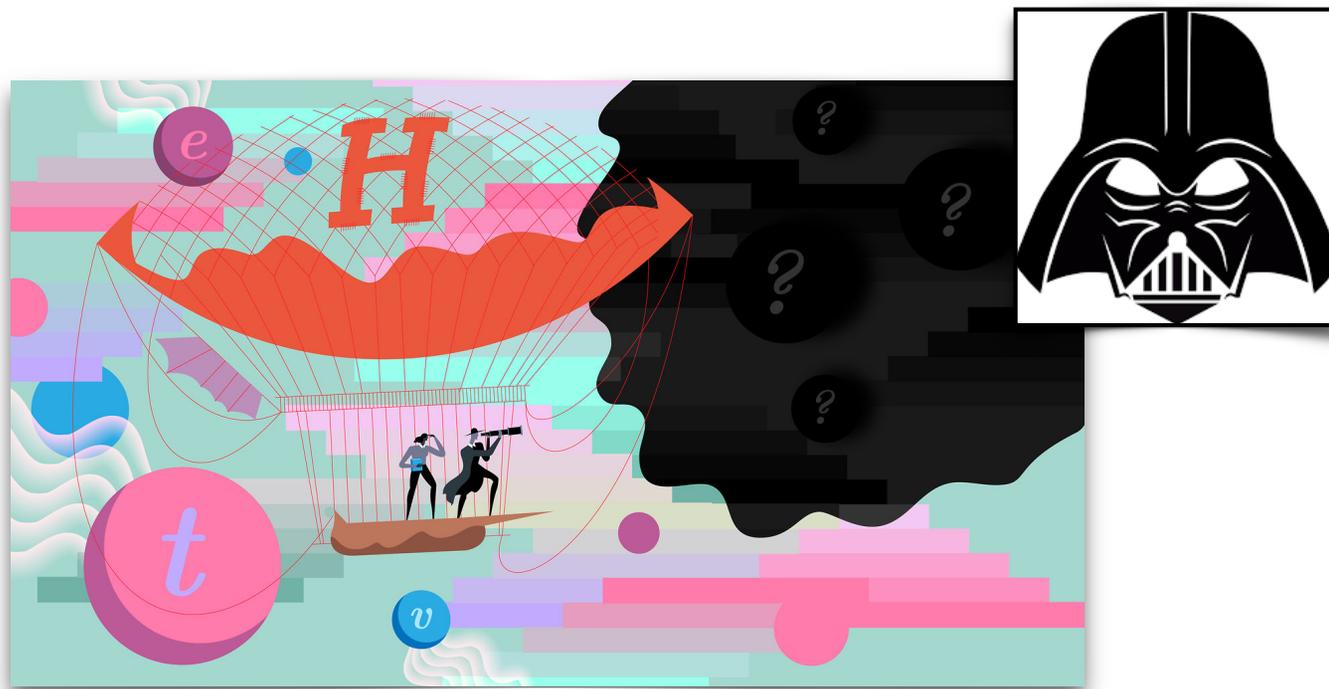
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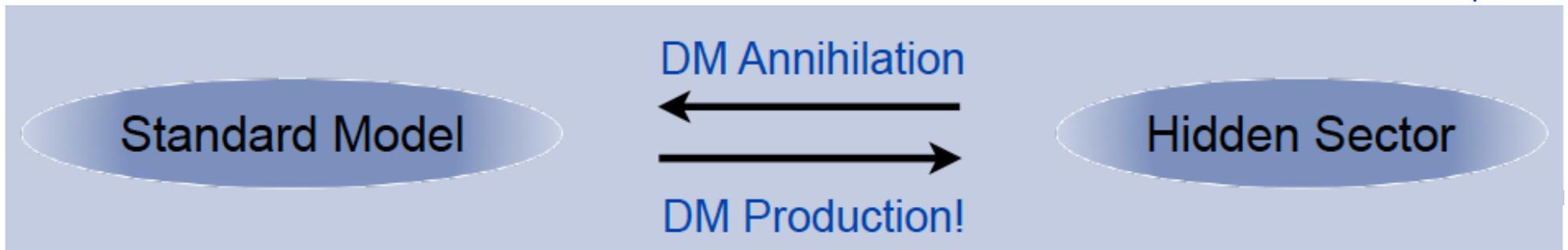
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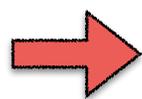
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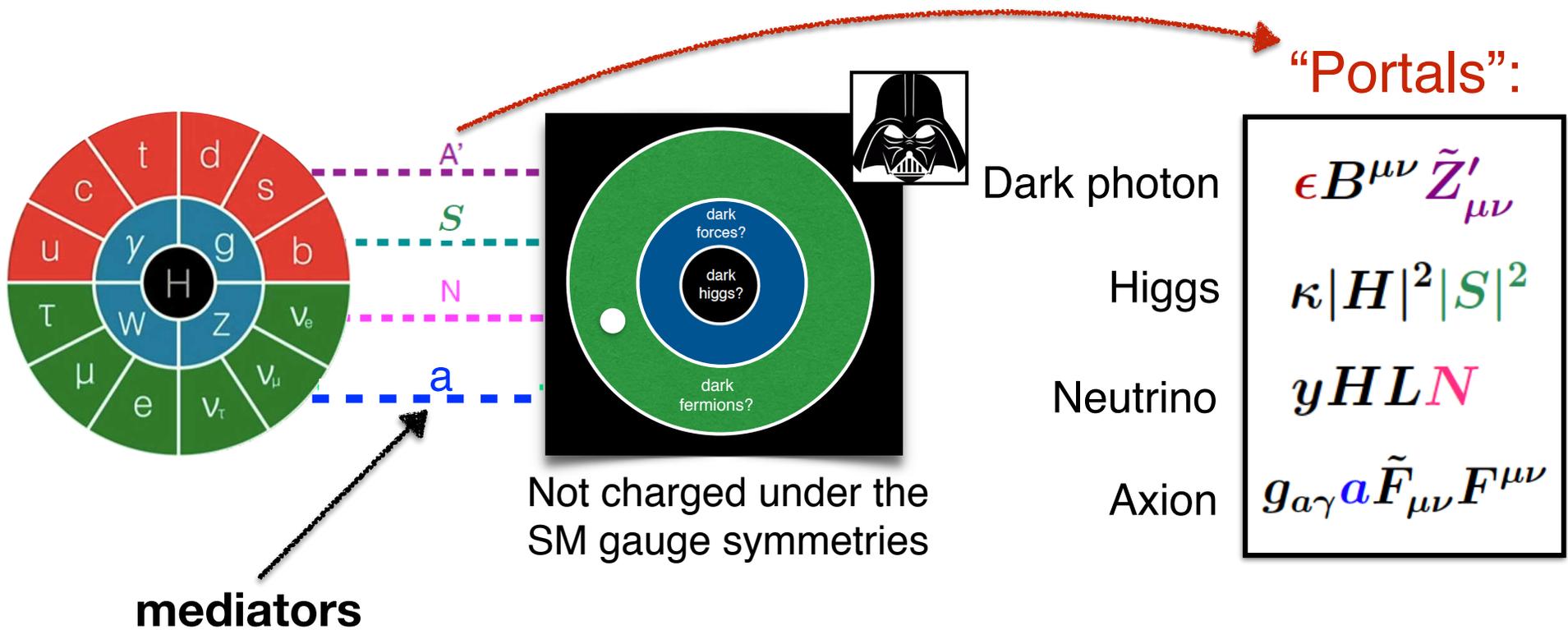
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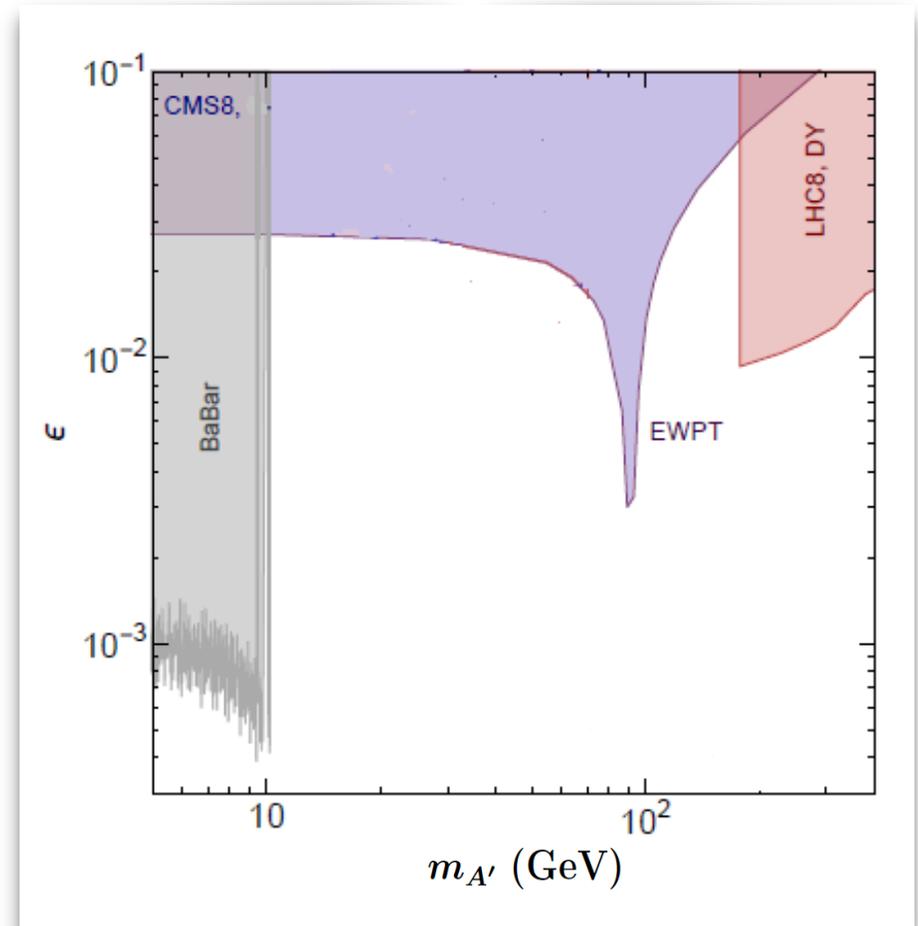
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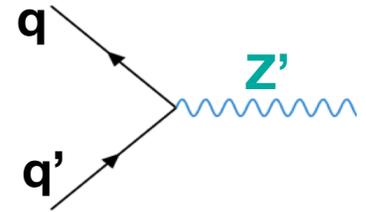
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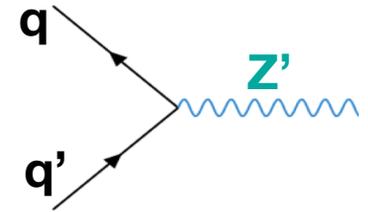


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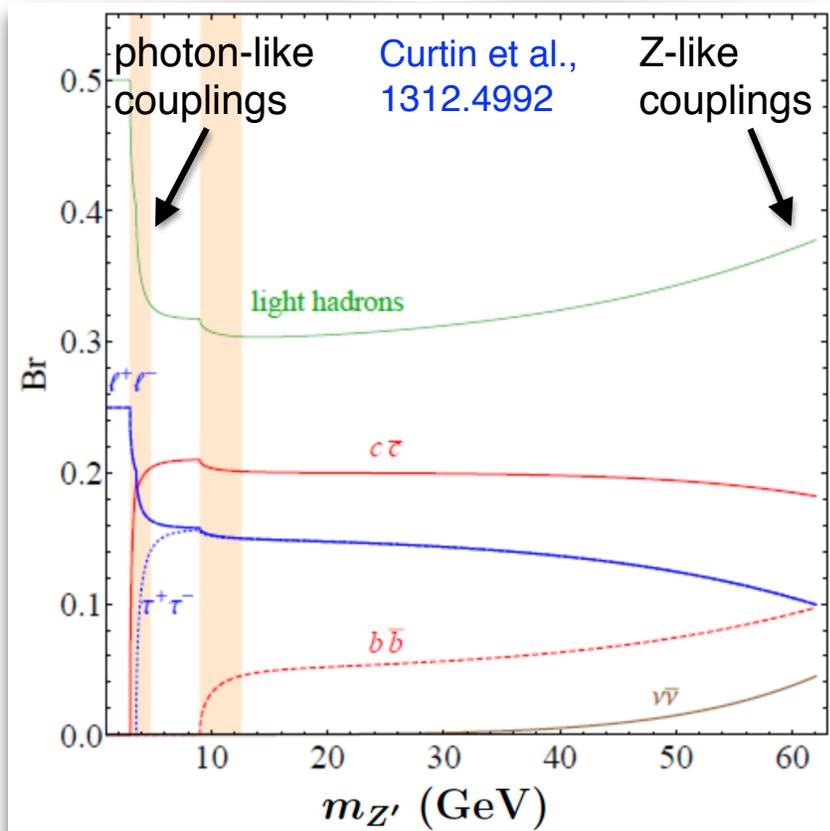
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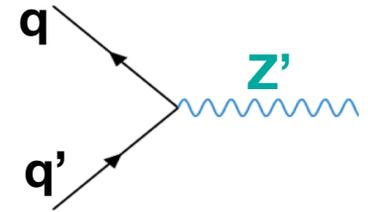
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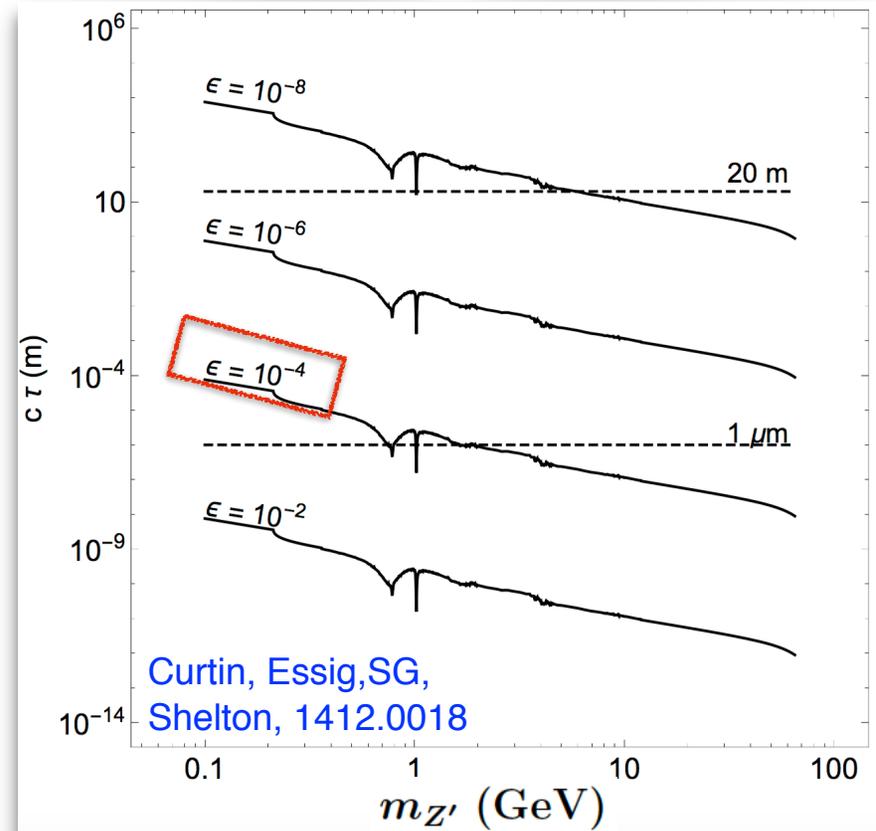
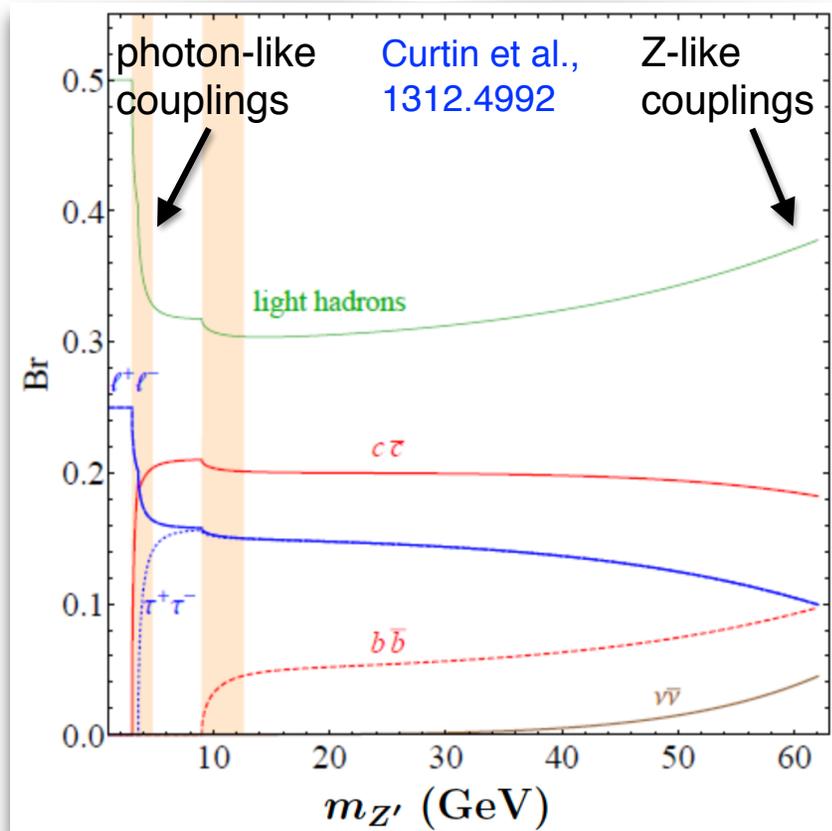
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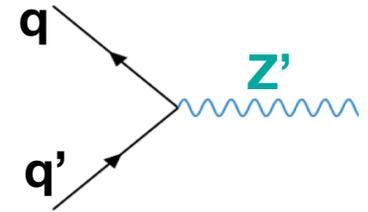
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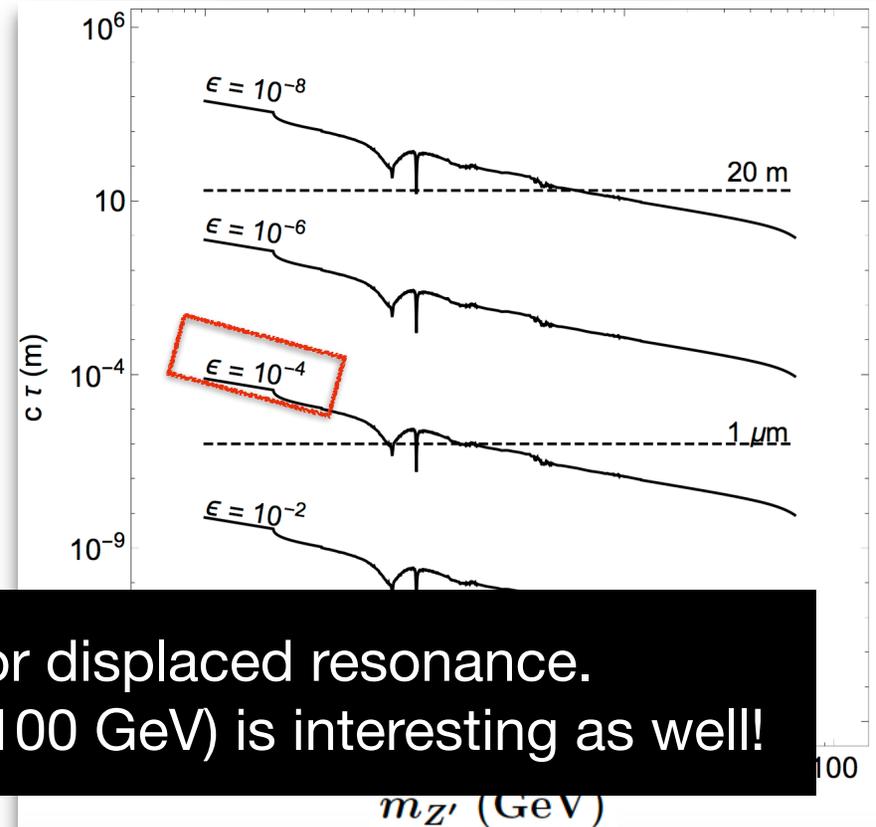
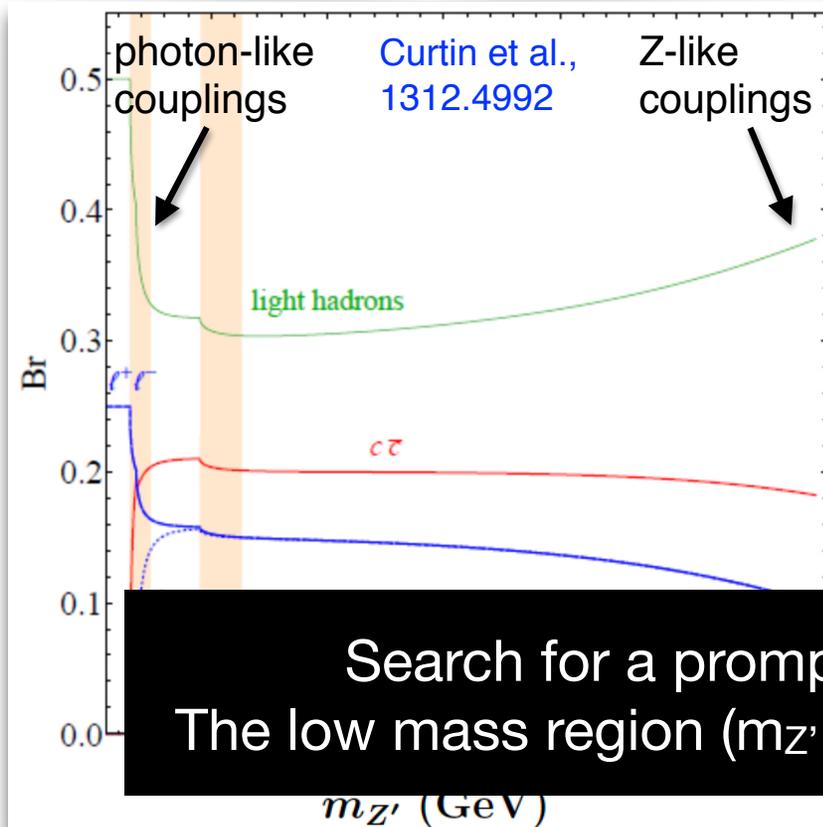
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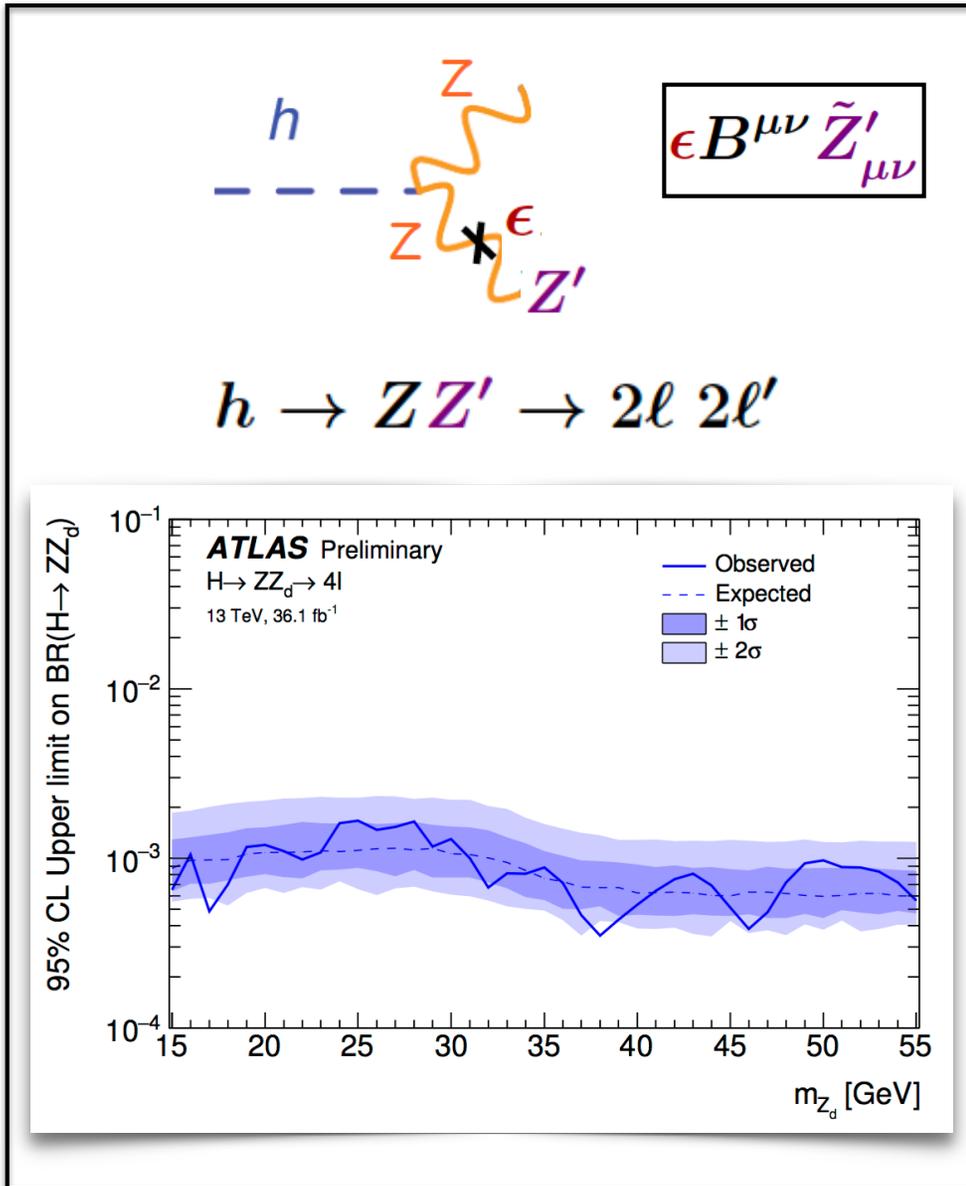
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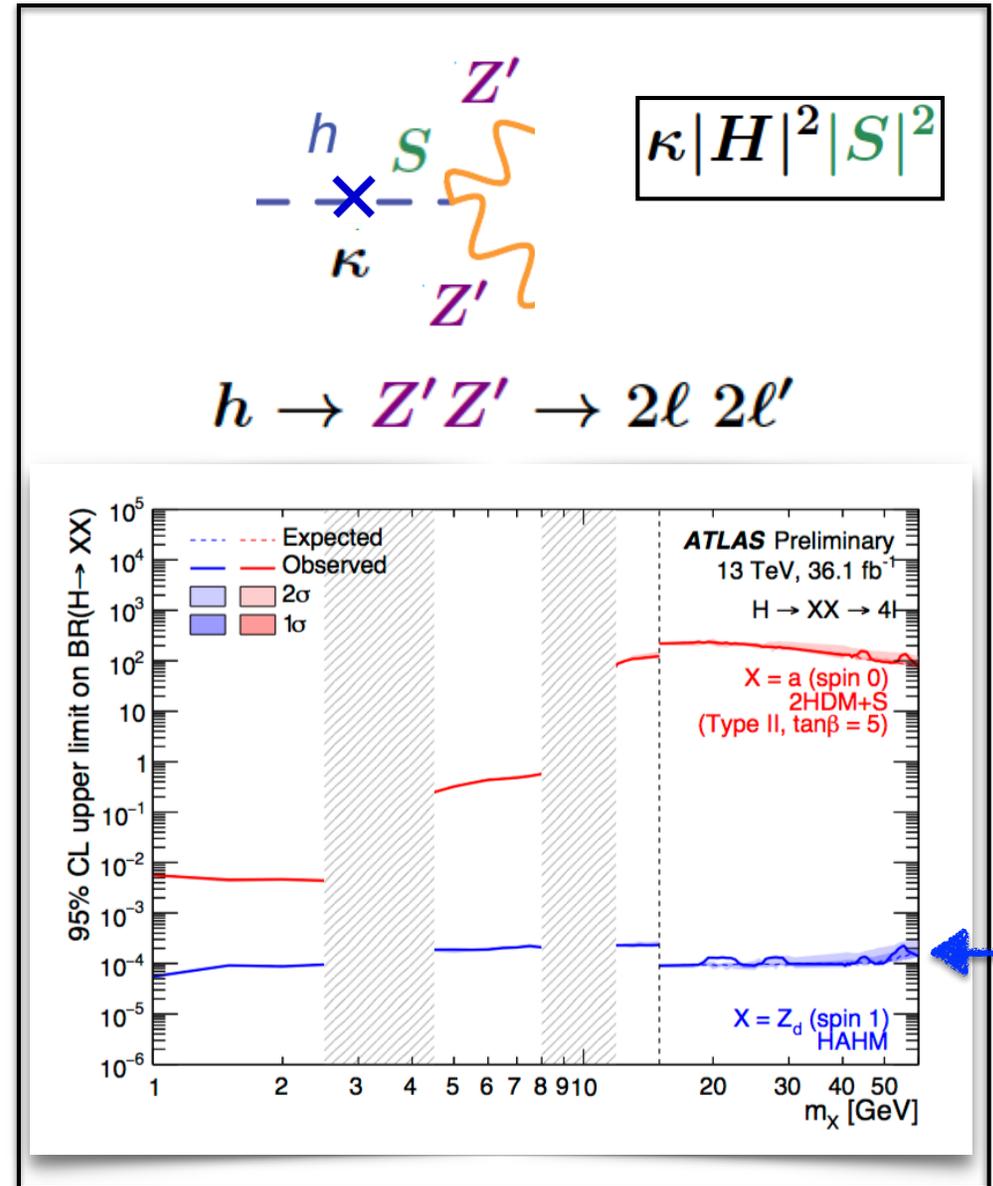
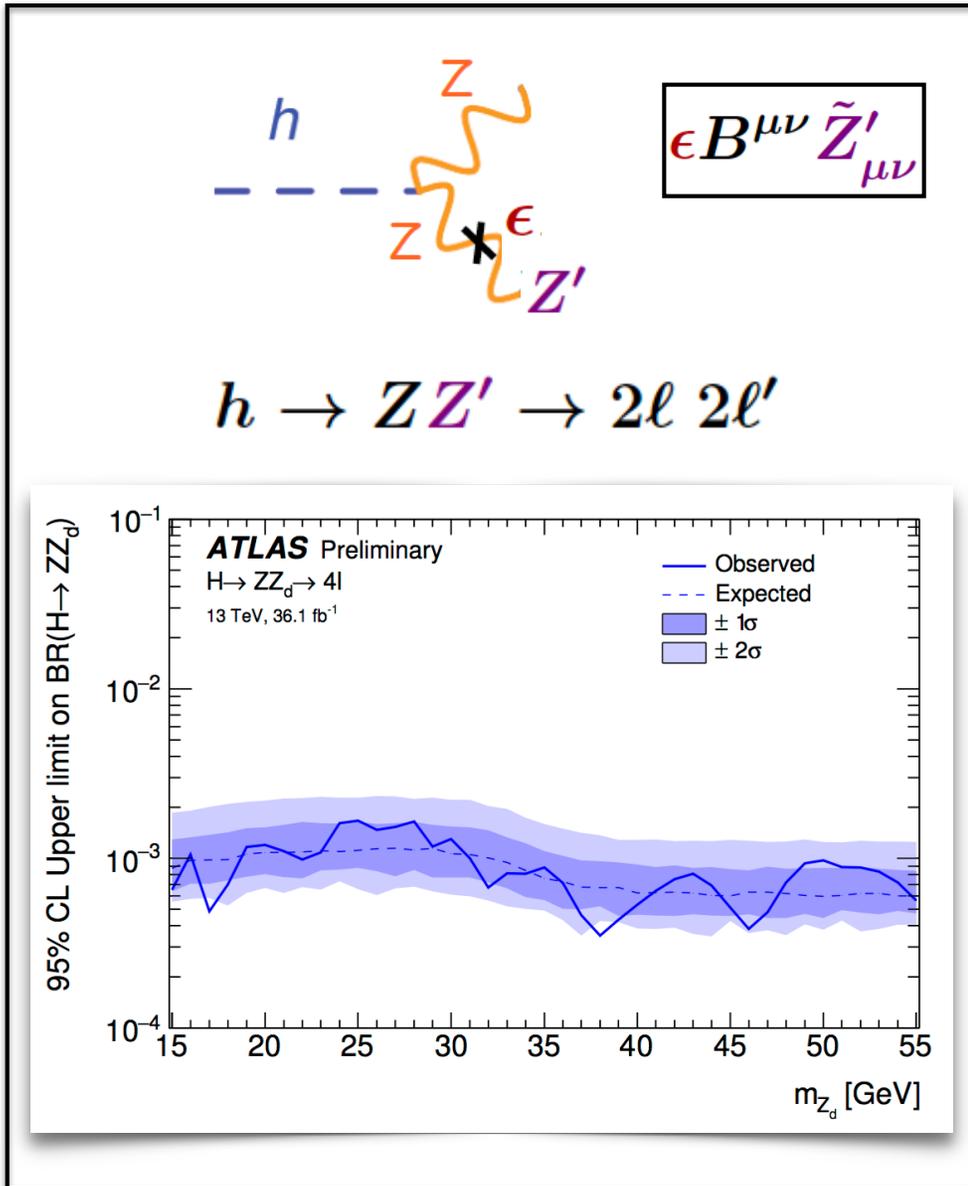
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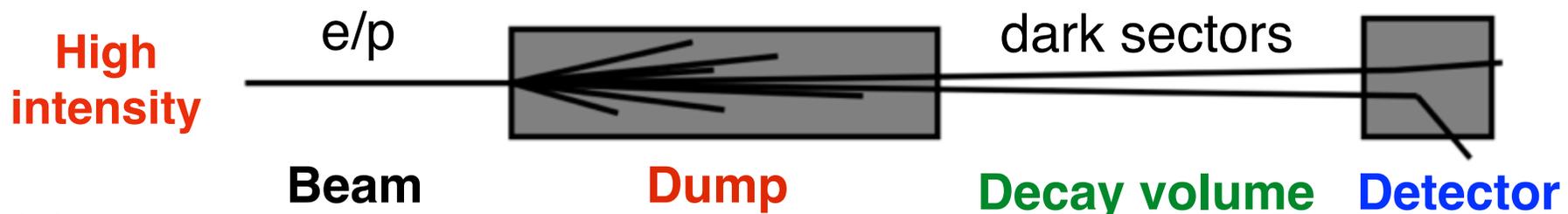
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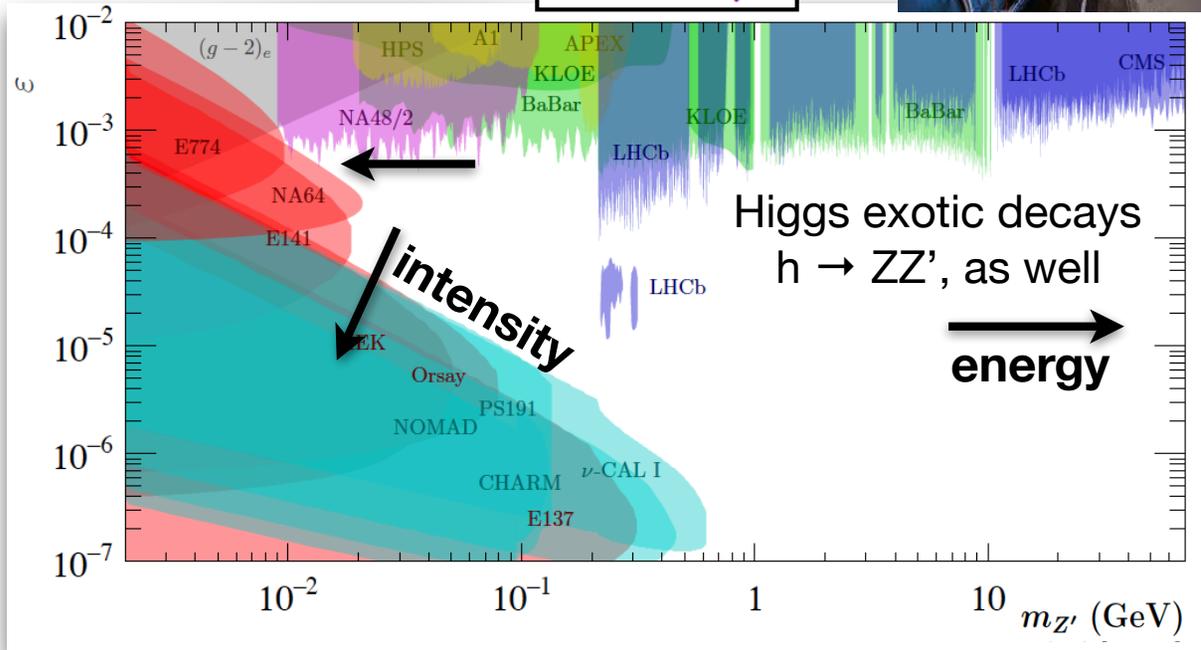
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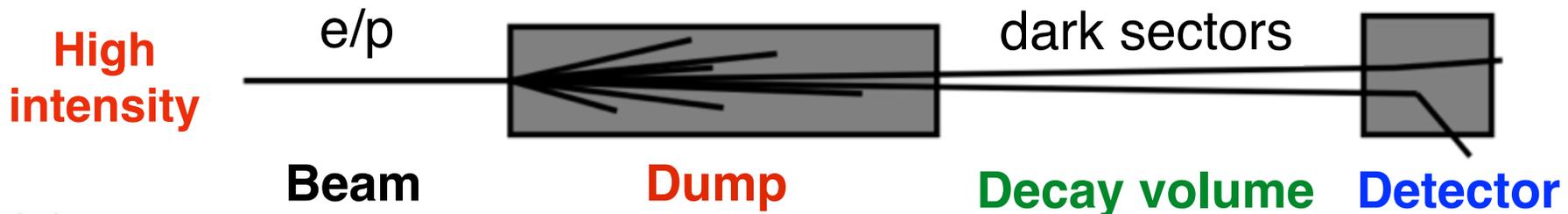
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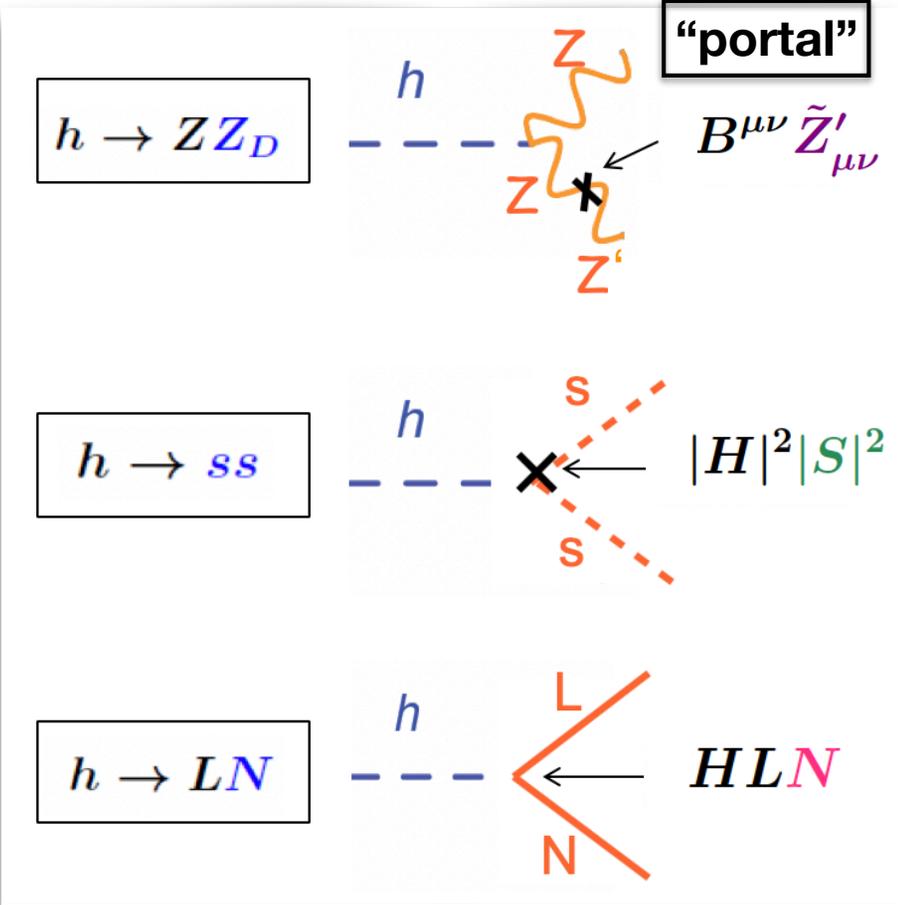
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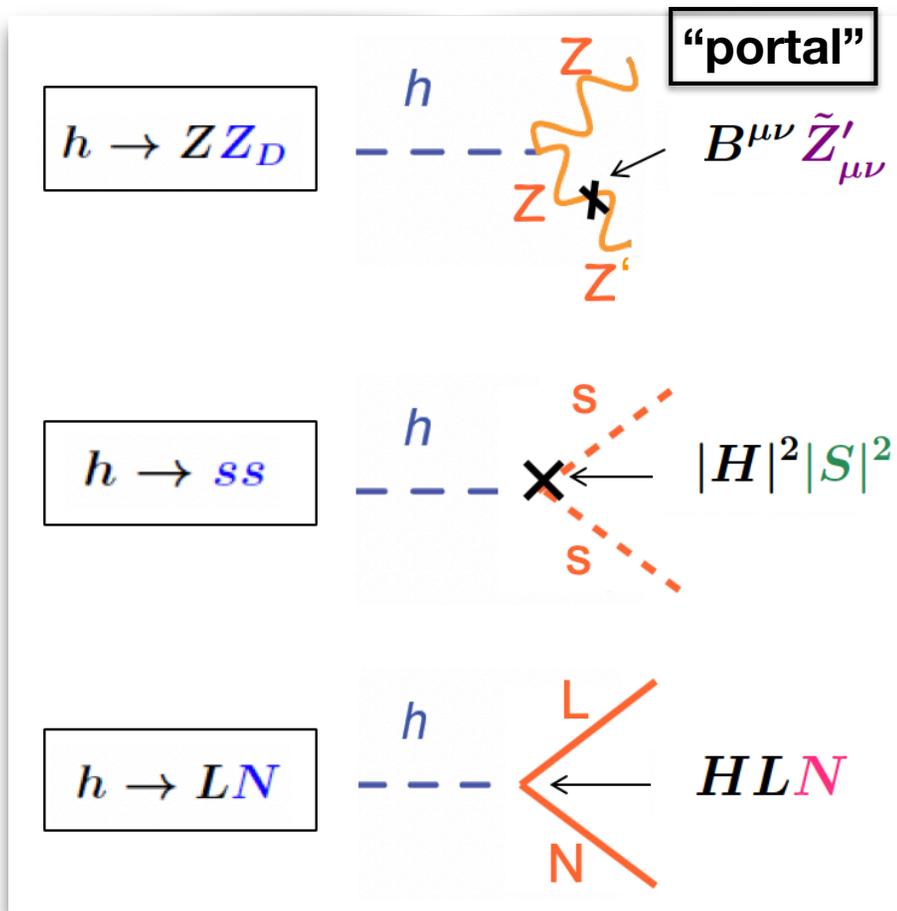
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The SM Higgs width is small ( $\sim 4$  MeV), so it is easy to get sizable branching ratios into dark sector particles

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- some decay promptly to visible particles + MET;
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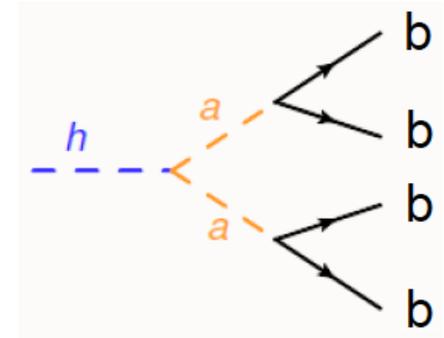
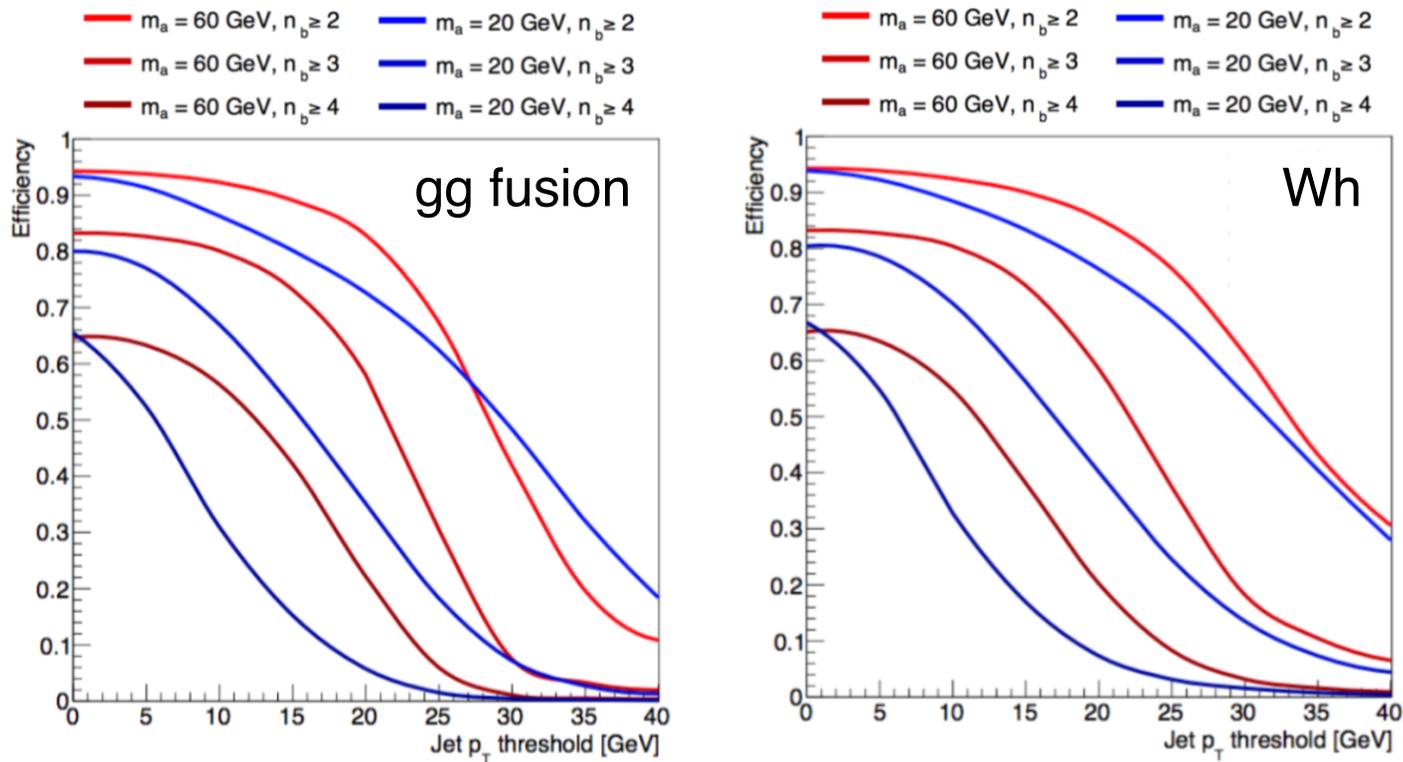
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Risk of loosing the signal already at the trigger level



From the LHC Higgs cross section working group, Yellow report 4, 1610.07922

# Outlook: What have we learned?

**Introduction to Dark Matter**  
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## **WIMP Dark Matter**

Interplay between

- indirect searches
- direct searches
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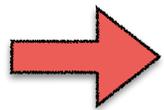
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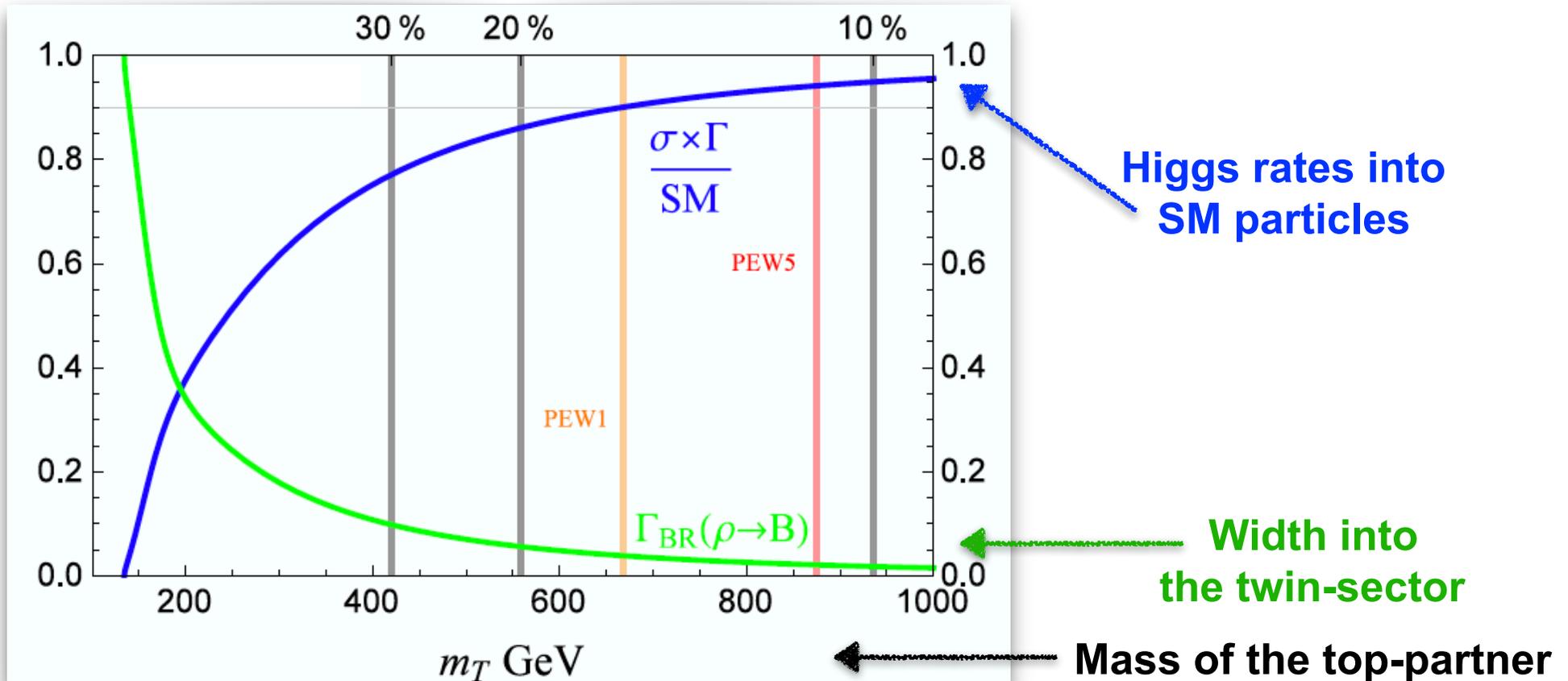
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Burdman et al, 1411.3310

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