

Towards decoding the nature of Dark Matter

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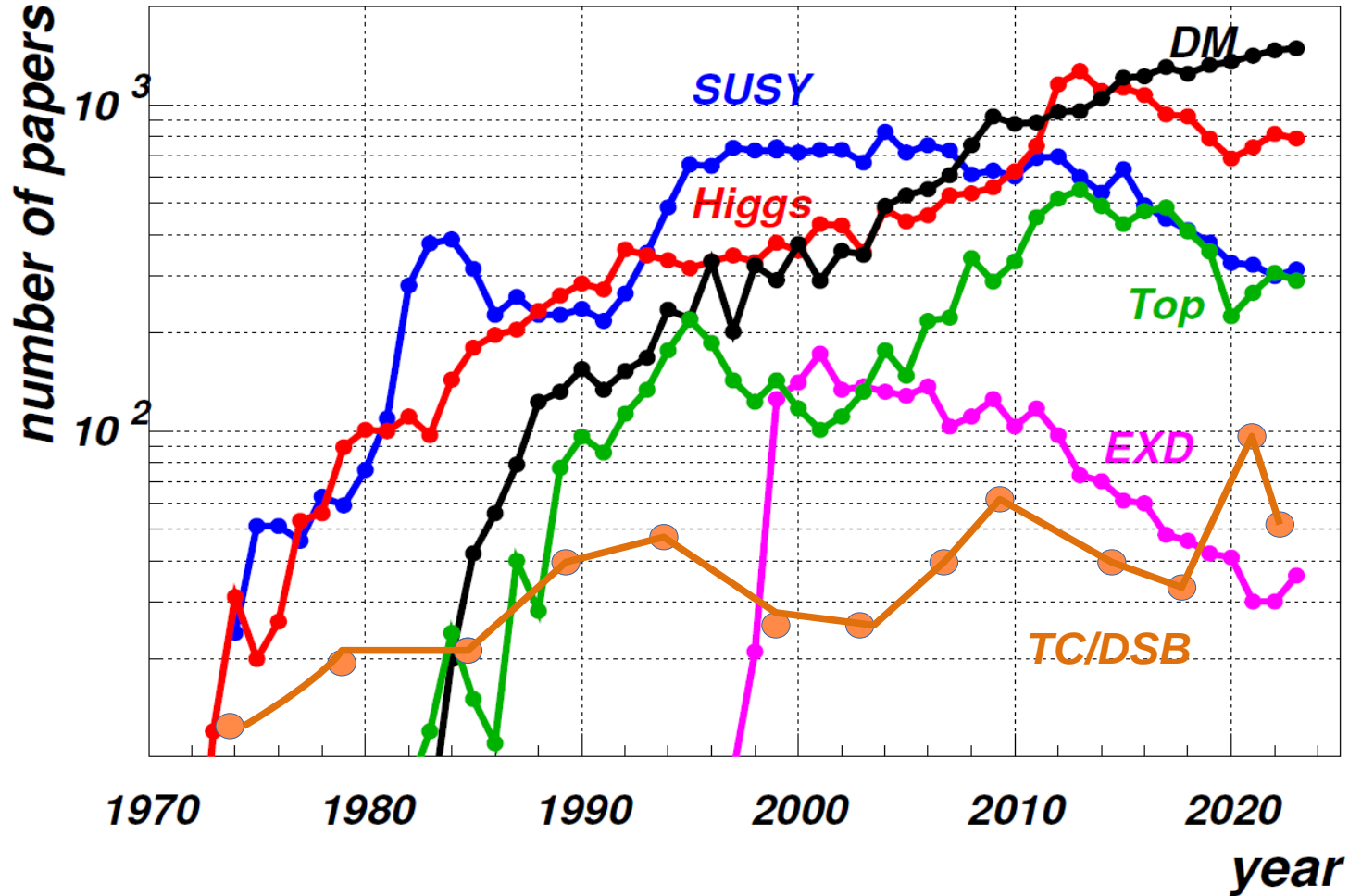


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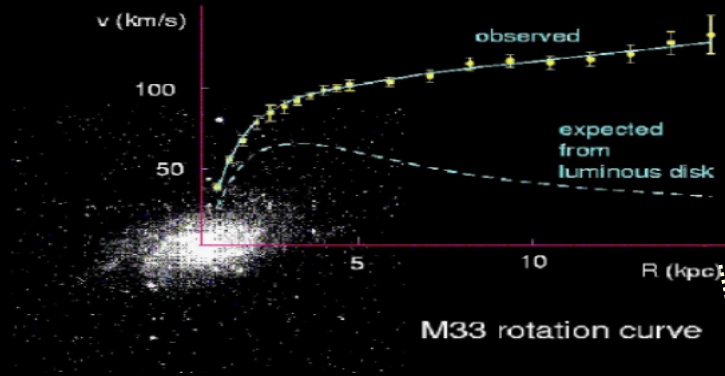
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Popular directions in Particle Physics

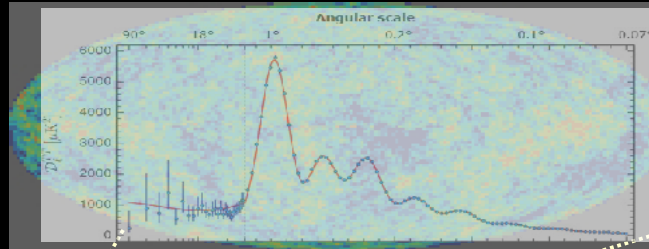


The existence of Dark Matter is confirmed by several independent observations at cosmological scale

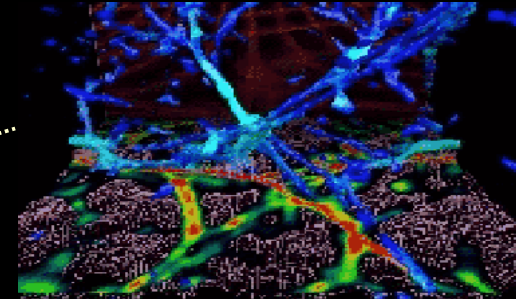
Galactic rotation curves



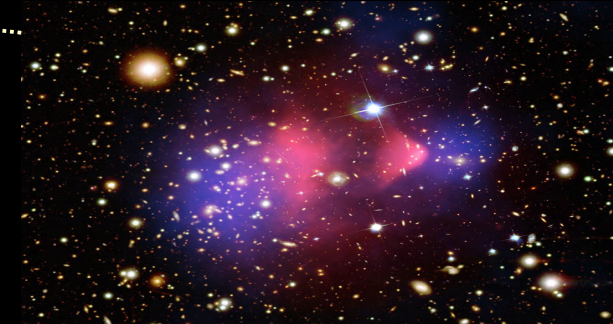
CMB: WMAP and PLANCK



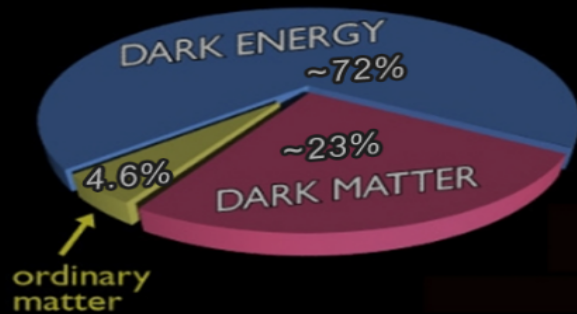
Large Scale Structures



Bullet cluster



Gravitational lensing



DM is very appealing even though we know almost nothing about it!

Spin ☐

Mass ☐

Stable

Yes ☐

No ☐

symmetry behind
stability ☐

Couplings

gravity

☐

weak

☐

higgs

☐

quarks/gluons

☐

leptons

☐

New mediators

☐

Thermal relic

Yes ☐

No ☐

How we can explore & decode the nature of Dark Matter?

We need a DM signal first!

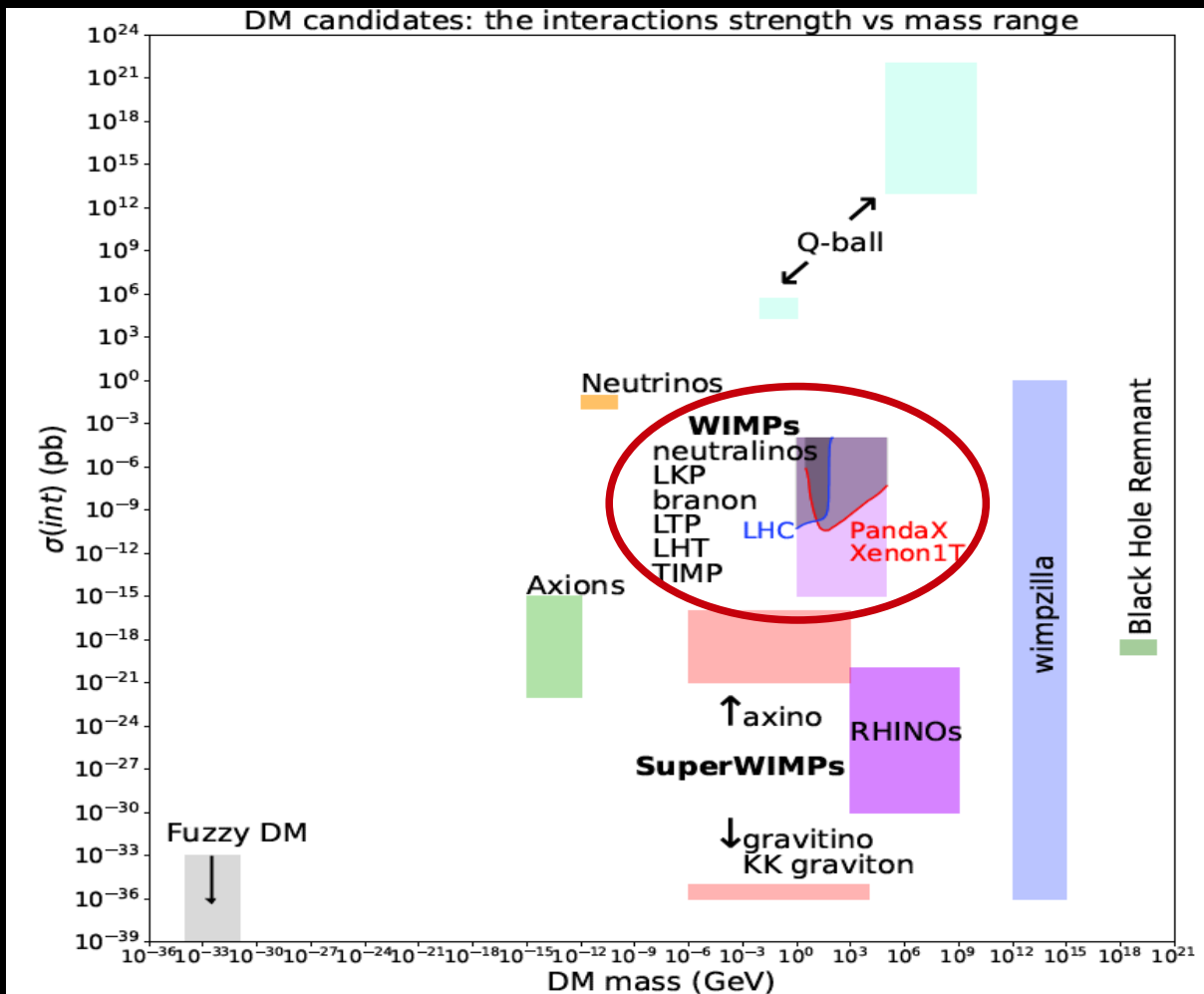
But at the moment we can:

- * understand what kind of DM is already excluded**
- * explore and systematise the DM theory space**
- * prepare ourselves to discovery and decoding of DM**

Collaborators & Projects

■ Yao, Chakraborti, AB	arXiv:25xx.xxxxxx
■ Bertenstam, Gonçalves, Morais, Pasechnik, Thongyoi, AB	arXiv:2504.xxxxxx
■ Panizzi, Thongyoi, AB	arXiv:2504.xxxxxx
■ Blumenschein, Freegard, Gupta, Moretti, AB	arXiv:2204.06411
■ Deandrea, Moretti, Panizzi, Ross, Thongyoi, AB	arXiv:2204.03510, 2203.04681
■ Cacciapaglia, Locke, Pukhov, AB	arXiv:2203.03660
■ Ginzburg, Locke, A. Freegard, Pukhov, AB	arXiv:2112.15090
■ Prestel, Rojas-Abate, Zurita, AB	arXiv:2008.08591
■ Cacciapaglia, McKay, Marin, Zerwekh, AB	arXiv:1808.10464
■ Cacciapaglia, Ivanov, Rojas, Thomas, AB	arXiv:1612.00511
■ Panizzi, Pukhov, M. Thomas, AB	arXiv:1610.07545
■ Barducci, Bharucha, Porod, Sanz, AB	arXiv:1504.02472

DM candidates: interaction vs mass



Planck mass BH remnants: tiny black holes protected by gravity effects [Chen '04] from decay via Hawking radiation

Wimpzillas: very massive non-thermal WIMPs [Kolb, Chung, Riotto '98]

Q-balls: topological solitons that occur in QFT [Coleman '86]

EW scale WIMPs, protected by parity – LSP, LKP, LTP particles

SuperWIMPs: electrically and color neutral DM interacting with much smaller strength (perhaps only gravitationally)

Neutrinos: usual neutrinos are too light-HDM, subdominant component only (to be consistent with large scale structures); but heavier gauge singlet neutrinos can be CDM

Axions:
$$\frac{\theta_{QCD}}{32\pi^2} F^{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}_{\mu\nu}$$

θ_{QCD} is replaced by a quantum field, the potential energy allows the field to relax to near zero strength, axion as a consequence

DM Observables: the power of WIMP

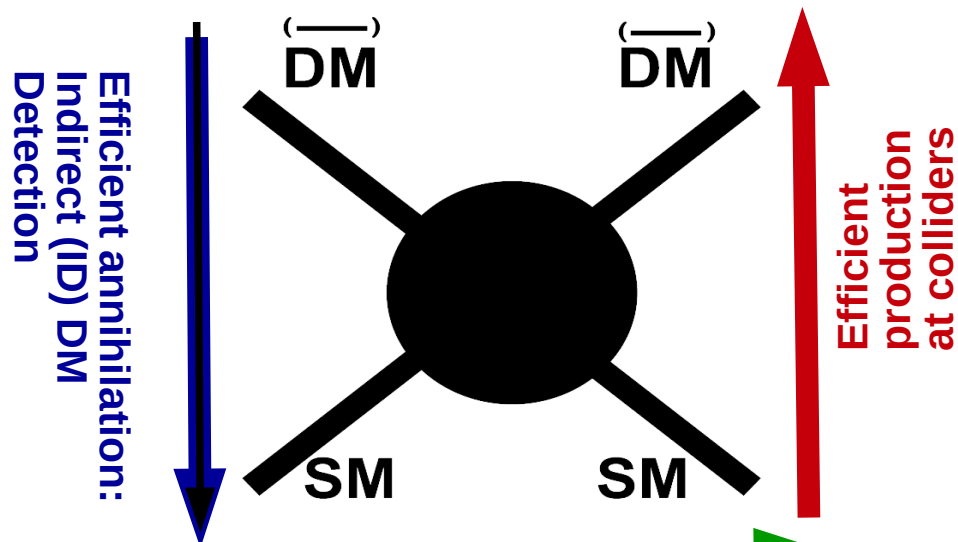
Correct Relic density: efficient (co) annihilation
WMAP, Planck ; annihilation to photons can affect CMB

Signatures from neutralino annihilation including halo, core of the Earth and Sun

- photons,
- Anti-protons
- positrons,
- Neutrinos

Neutrino telescopes:

- Amanda
- Icecube
- Antares



LHC signatures

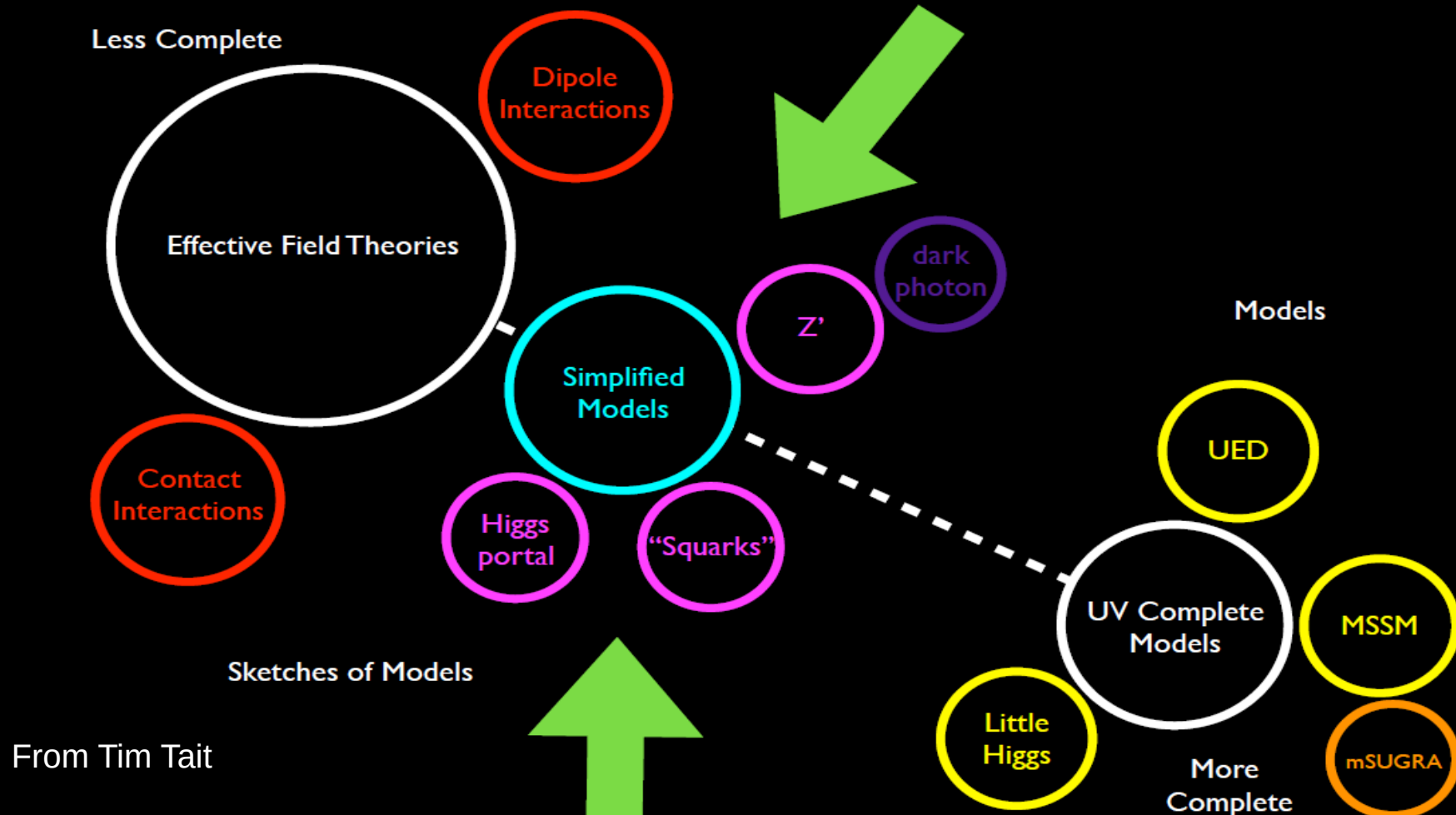
- mono-jet
- mono-photon
- mono-Z
- mono Higgs
- VBF+MET
- soft leptons+MET
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Note: there is no 100% correlation between signatures above. For example, the high rate of annihilation does not always guarantee high rate for DD!

Great complementarity:

- In case of NO DM Signal – we can efficiently exclude DM models
- In case of DM signal – we can efficiently determine the nature of DM

Theory Space with Dark Matter

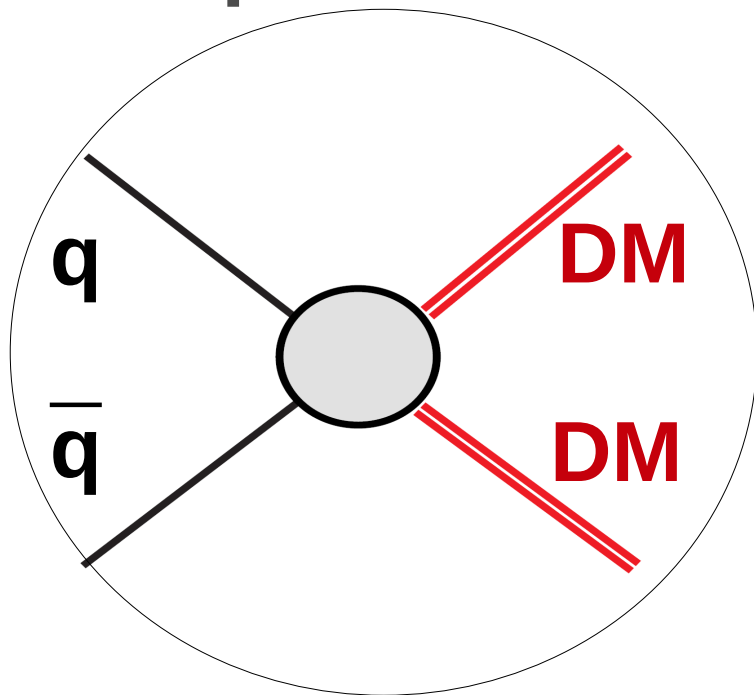


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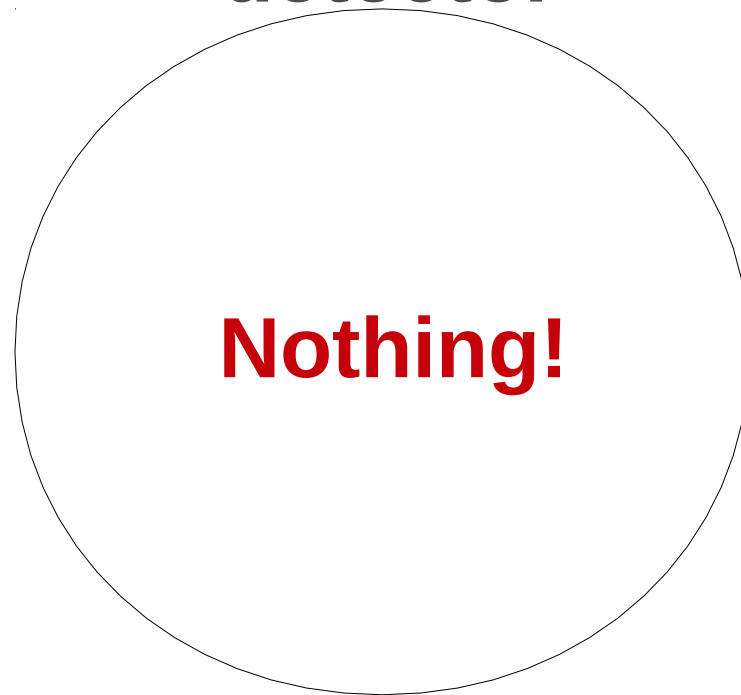
The LHC potential to probe DM

Hunting for DM at Colliders

process

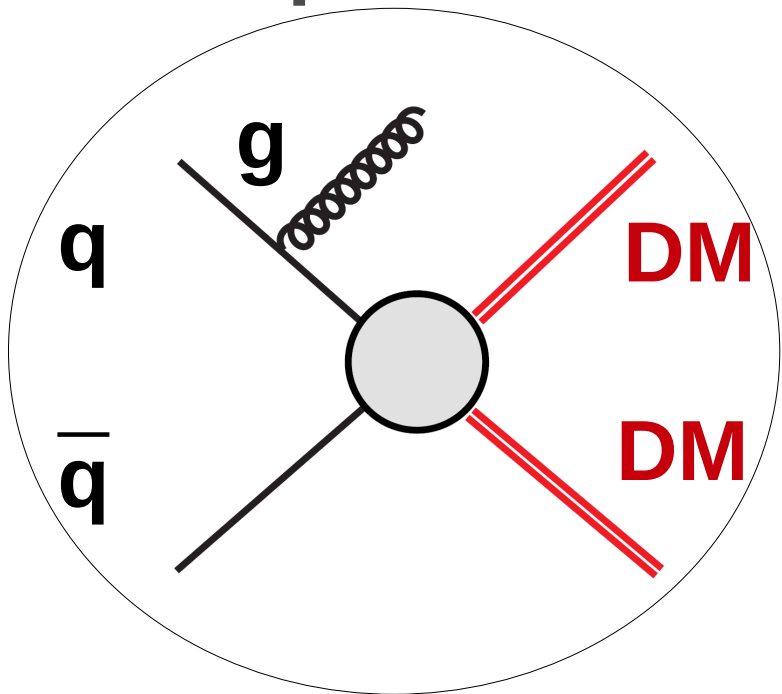


detector

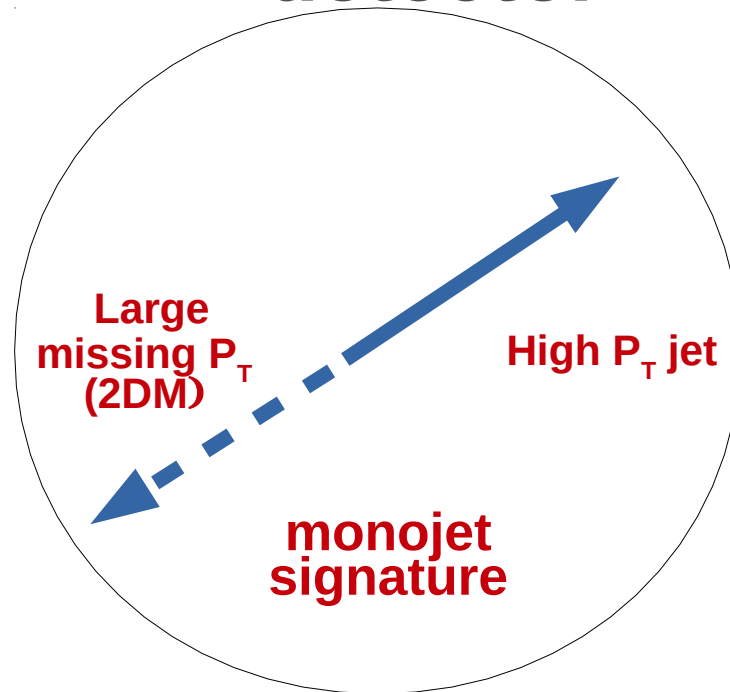


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Mono-jet diagrams from EFT operators

Can we test DM properties at the LHC?

$$\frac{\tilde{m}}{\Lambda^2} \phi^* \phi \bar{q} q \quad [\text{C1}]$$

$$\frac{1}{\Lambda^2} \bar{\chi} \chi \bar{q} q \quad [\text{D1}]$$

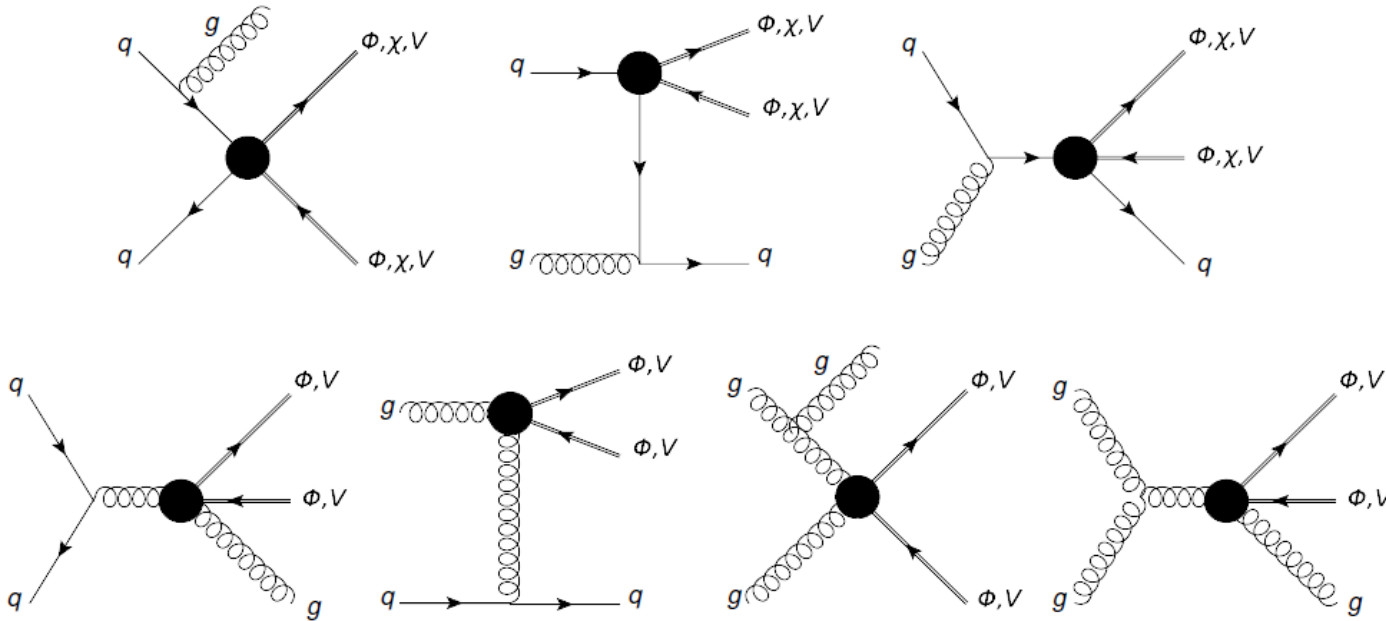
$$\frac{\tilde{m}}{\Lambda^2} V^{\dagger\mu} V_{\mu} \bar{q} q \quad [\text{V1}]$$

$$\frac{1}{\Lambda^2} \phi^{\dagger} i \overleftrightarrow{\partial}_{\mu} \phi \bar{q} \gamma^{\mu} q \quad [\text{C3}]$$

$$\frac{1}{\Lambda^2} \bar{\chi} \gamma^{\mu} \chi \bar{q} \gamma_{\mu} q \quad [\text{D5}]$$

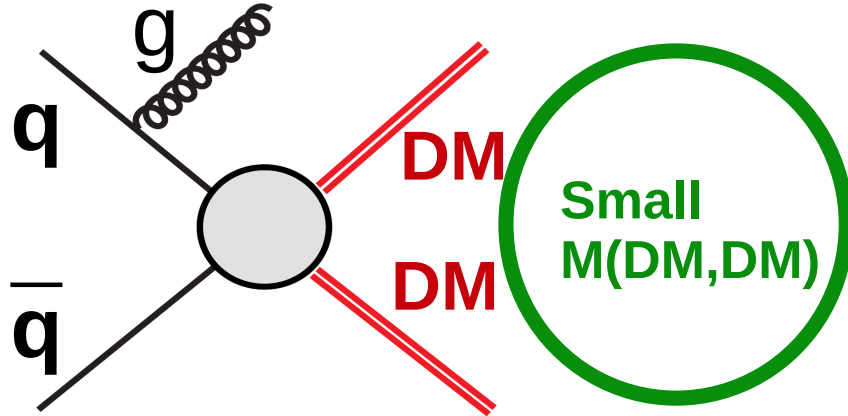
$$\frac{1}{\Lambda^2} \bar{\chi} \sigma^{\mu\nu} \chi \bar{q} \sigma_{\mu\nu} q \quad [\text{D9}]$$

$$\frac{\tilde{m}}{\Lambda^2} V_{\mu}^{\dagger} V_{\nu} \bar{q} i \sigma^{\mu\nu} q \quad [\text{V5}]$$



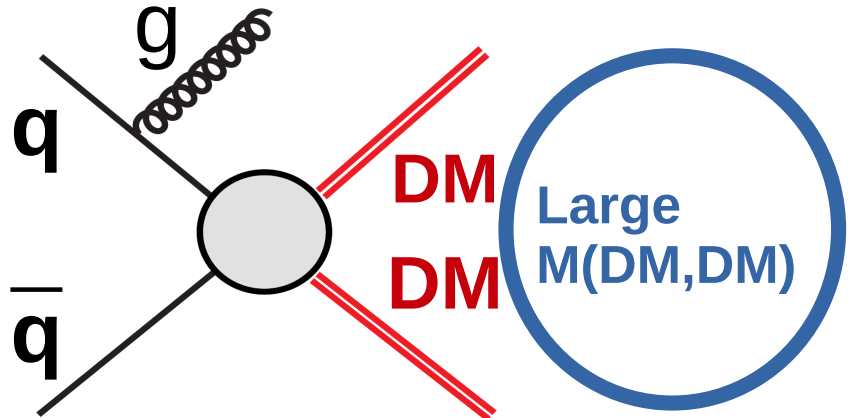
Properties of MET distributions:

- MET distributions are the same for the fixed mass of DM pair $[M(\text{DM}, \text{DM})]$ & fixed SM operator
- With the increase of $M(\text{DM}, \text{DM})$, MET slope decreases (PDF effect)



$P_T(g)$ small $\rightarrow P_T(g)$ large

$\Delta (x_1 x_2)/(x_1 x_2)$ is large
and MET slope is steep

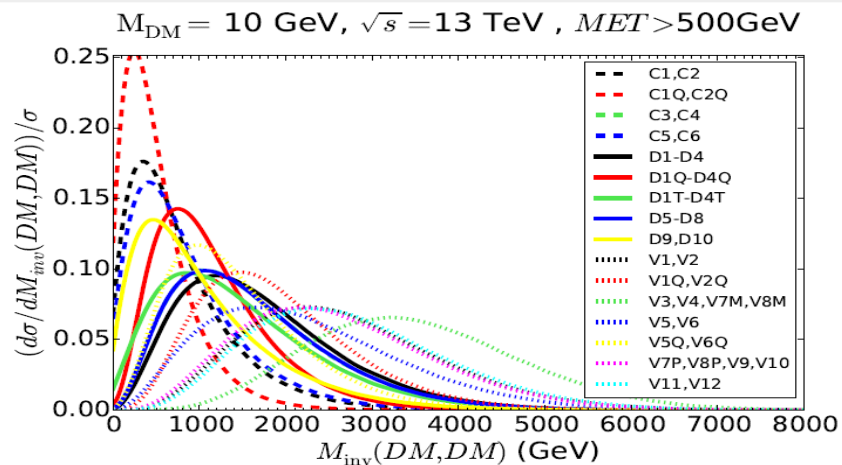


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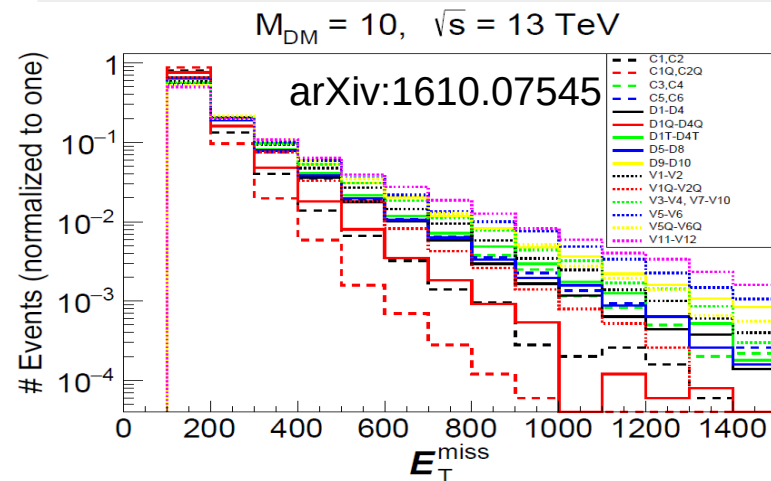
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Distinguishing DM operators/theories

The harder $M(\text{DM}, \text{DM})$ distributions



The flatter MET shapes



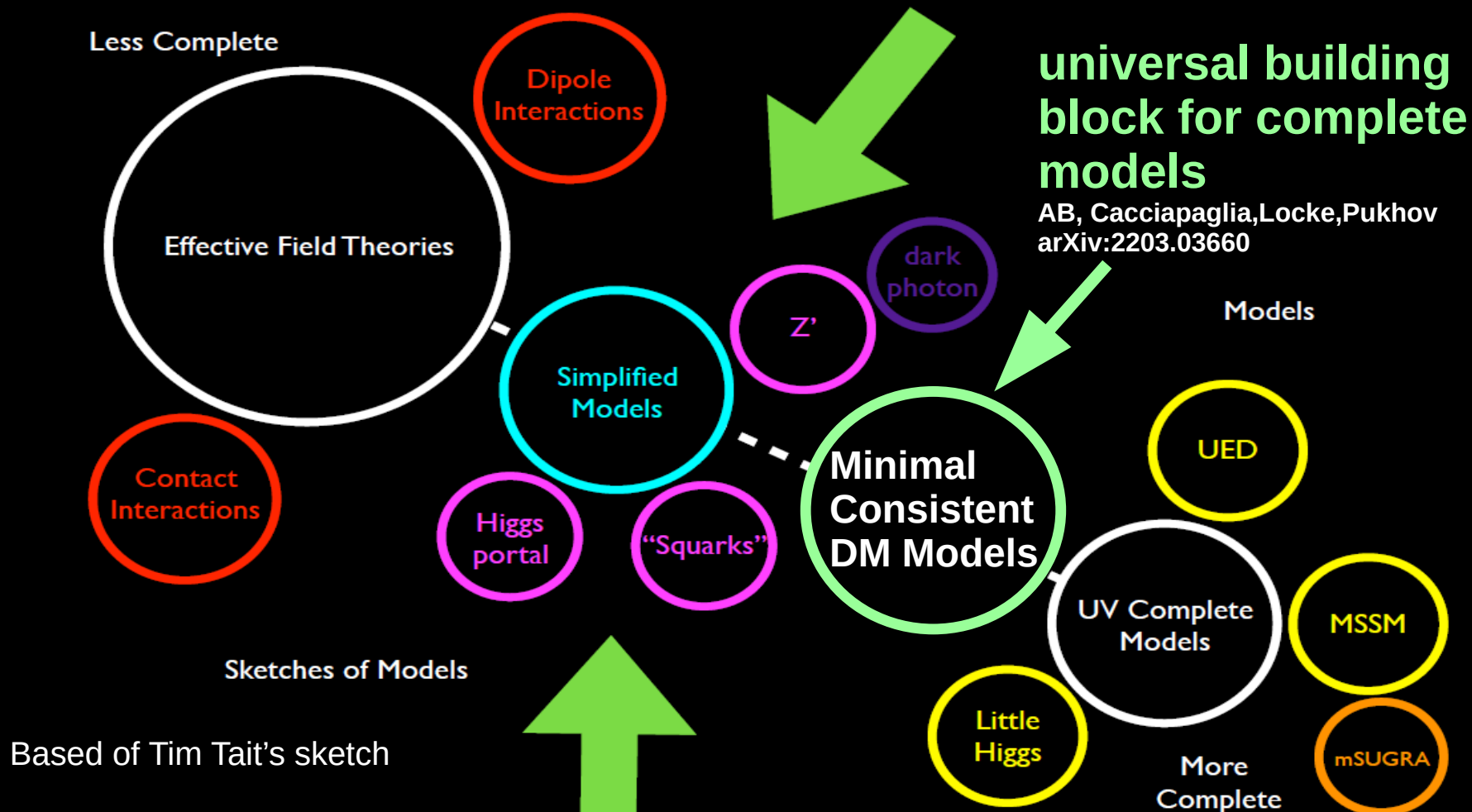
operator energy dependence $\rightarrow M_{\text{DMDM}}$ shape \rightarrow MET shape

\Rightarrow projection for 300 fb^{-1} : some operators C1-C2, C5-C6, D9-D10, V1-V2, V3-V4, V5-V6 and V11-12 can be distinguished from each other [Panizzi, Pukhov, M.Thomas, AB, arXiv:1610.07545]

\Rightarrow **Application beyond EFT**: when the DM mediator is not produced on-the-mass-shell and M_{DMDM} is not fixed: t-channel mediator or mediators with mass below $2M_{\text{DM}}$

DM classification: minimal consistent dark matter models (MCDMs)

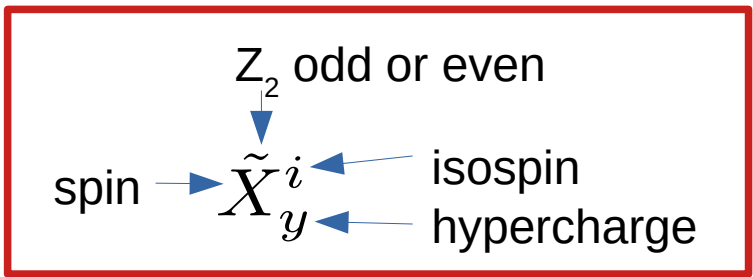
Theory Space with Dark Matter



Minimal Consistent DM (MCDM) Models

Properties

- gauge-invariant
- renormalisable
- anomaly-free
- can also be a building block of a bigger theory (e.g. SUSY)



Classification

- DM is a part of EW multiplet
 - Radiative mass split
 - Disappearing track (DT) signatures
- at most one mediator multiplet

Spin of Mediator \ Spin of Dark Matter	0	1/2	1
spin 0 even mediator	$\tilde{S}_Y^I S_{Y'}^{I'}$	$\tilde{F}_Y^I S_0^{I'}$	$\tilde{V}_Y^I S_{Y'}^{I'}$
spin 0 odd mediator	$\tilde{S}_Y^I \tilde{S}_{Y'}^{I'}$	$\tilde{F}_Y^I \tilde{S}_{Y'}^{I'}, \tilde{F}_Y^I \tilde{S}_{Y'}^{I'c}$ MSSM!	$\tilde{V}_Y^I \tilde{S}_{Y'}^{I'}$
spin 1/2 even mediator			
spin 1/2 odd mediator	$\tilde{S}_Y^I \tilde{F}_{Y'}^{I'}, \tilde{S}_Y^I \tilde{F}_{Y'}^{I'c}$	$\tilde{F}_Y^I \tilde{F}_{Y\pm 1/2}^{I\pm 1/2}$	$\tilde{V}_Y^I \tilde{F}_{Y'}^{I'}, \tilde{V}_Y^I \tilde{F}_{Y'}^{I'c}$
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an important step for consistent exploration of DM theory space

G.Cacciapaglia, D.Locke, A.Pukhov, AB 2203.03660

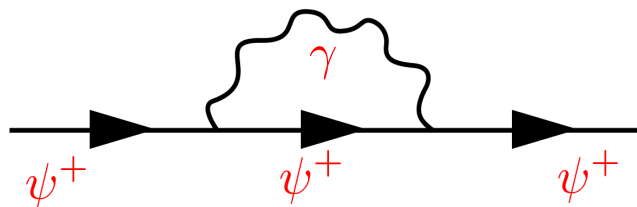
DM multiplet only

$$\mathcal{L} = i\bar{\psi}\gamma^\mu D_\mu\psi - m_D\bar{\psi}\psi$$

Cirelli, Fornengo, Strumia hep-ph/0512090 (Minimal Dark Matter)

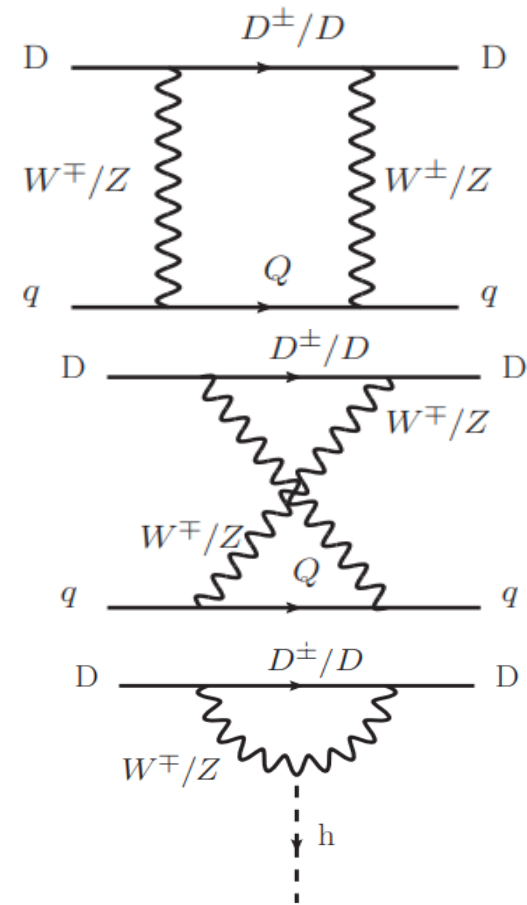
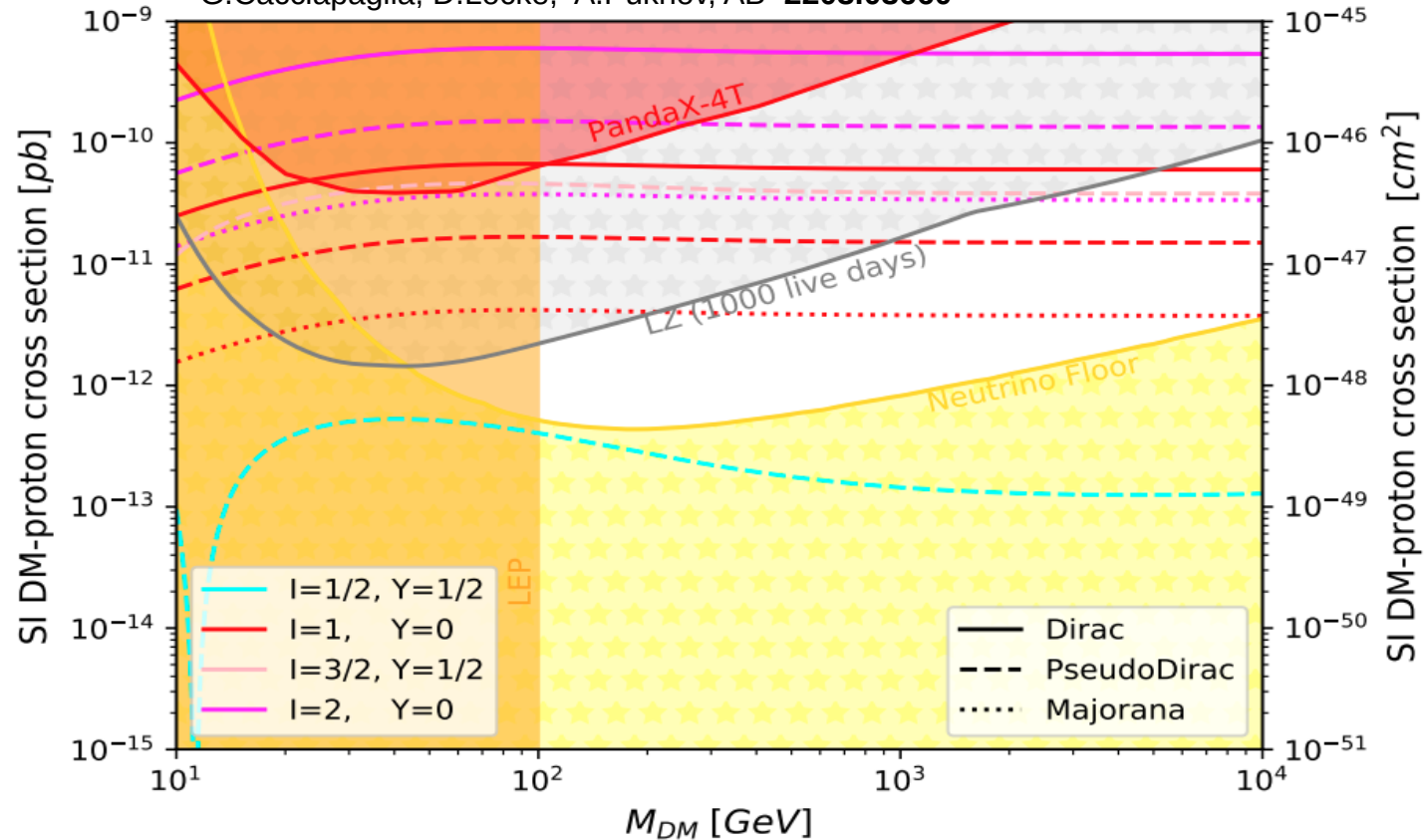
- $\{I, Y\} = \{0, 0\}, \{\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\}, \{1, 0\}$
- $\{0, 0\}$ – no gauge-interactions – invisible to direct detection and collider but over(under) abundant if thermal (non-thermal)
- $Y \neq 0$ (Dirac DM) Is excluded by direct detection or requires additional sector – which splits the mass of ψ
- Radiative mass split – very important for the phenomenology

$$\psi = \begin{pmatrix} \psi^{n+} \\ \vdots \\ \psi^+ \\ \psi_0 \\ \psi^- \\ \vdots \\ \psi^{m-} \end{pmatrix}$$



The role of loops in DM DD

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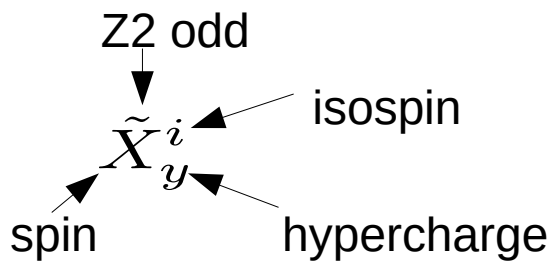


Y=0 minimal candidates may be discovered or ruled out at next generation of DD experiments.

But there is a cancellation in amplitudes and some models could be accessible only at colliders!

[Initially noted by Hisano, Ishiwata, Nagata arXiv:1004.4090]

$$\tilde{F}_0^0 S_0^0 (CP - odd)$$



$$\mathcal{L} \supset iY_\psi a \bar{\psi} \gamma^5 \psi - \frac{\lambda_{aH}}{4} |a|^2 \phi_H^\dagger \phi_H$$

Fermion DM Singlet
pseudoscalar
SM Higgs doublet

- a does not acquire VEV \rightarrow no linear coupling to Higgs
- $m_a < 2m_\psi \rightarrow$ “secluded DM”
- Model implemented in **LanHEP**, and numerical scan performed using **micrOMEGAs**.

4 relevant parameters:

$$m_\psi, Y_\psi, m_a, \lambda_{aH}$$

G.Cacciapaglia, D.Locke, A.Pukhov, AB arXiv:**2203.03660**
 B.Diaz, P. Escalona, S.Norrero, A. Zerwekh arXiv:**2105.04255**

Minimal fermion DM model with pseudo-scalar mediator

new model, has not been explored previously

two-component DM model (pseudoscalar is accidentally stable)

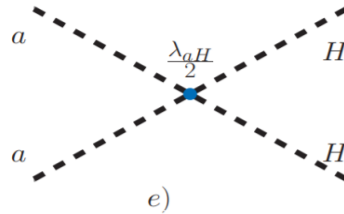
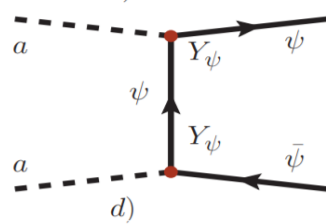
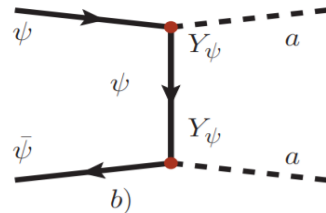
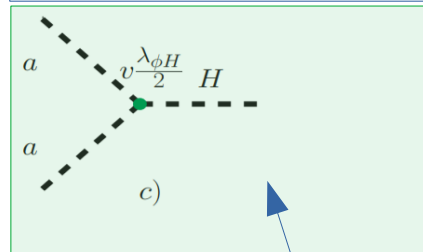
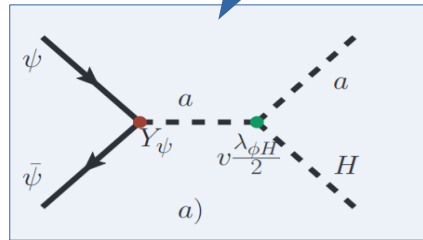
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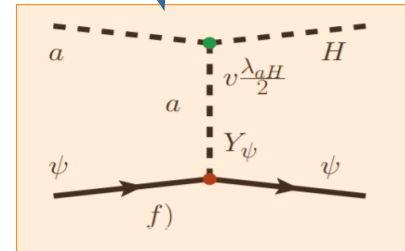
rich phenomenology: relic density, DD, colliders

(co)Annihilation channels

$$m_\psi \gtrsim \frac{m_a + m_h}{2} \gtrsim \frac{3m_H}{4} \sim 90\text{GeV}$$



$$m_a \sim m_\psi \gtrsim m_H$$

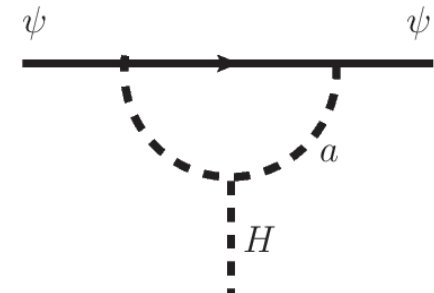
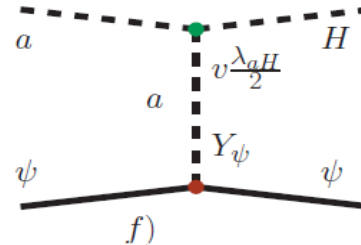
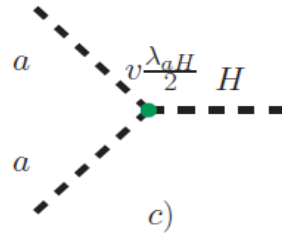
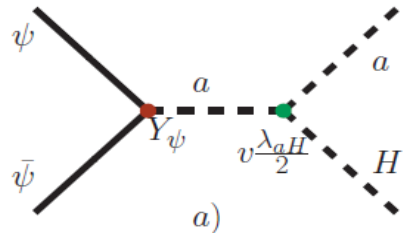
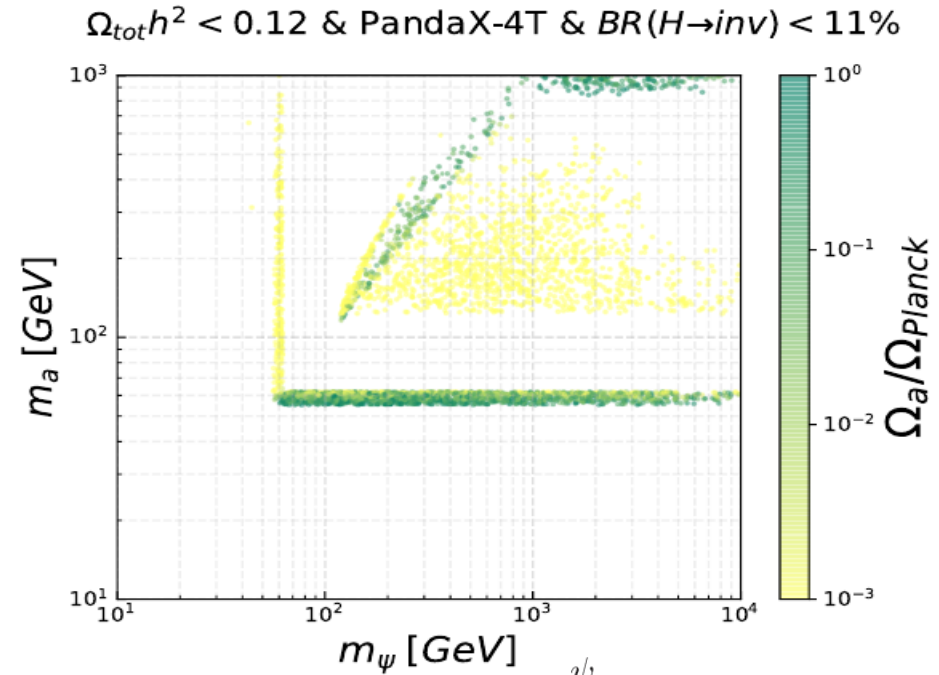
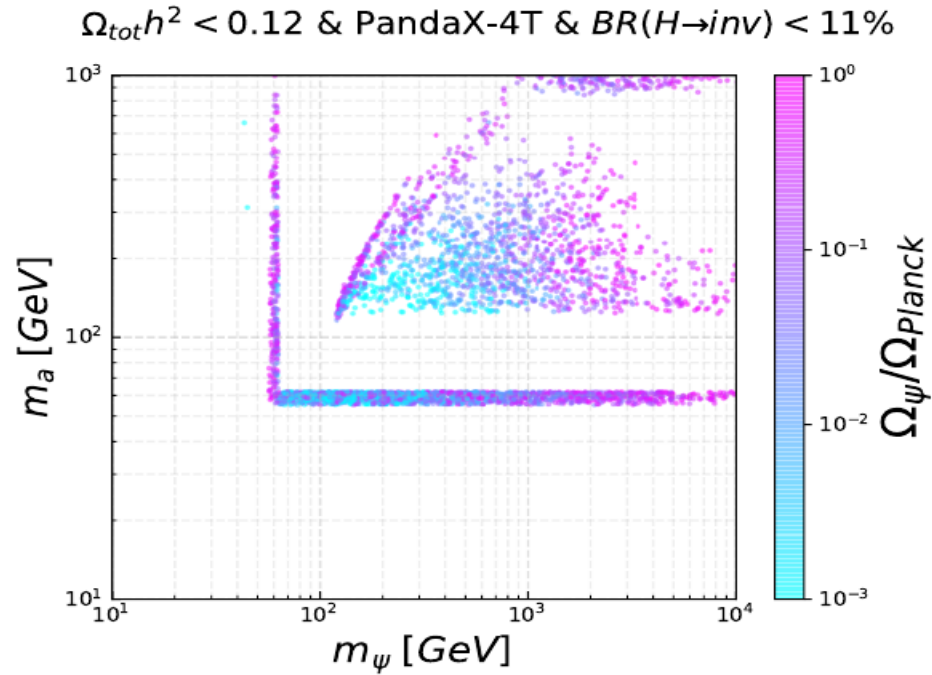


$aa \rightarrow WW$ $m_a > 80\text{GeV}$
 $aa \rightarrow ZZ$
 $m_a > 90\text{GeV}$
 $aa \rightarrow tt$
 $m_a > 173\text{GeV}$

$$\sigma_{aa \rightarrow ff}^{ann} v \sim \frac{\lambda^2 m_f^2}{(4m_a^2 - m_H^2)^2 + m_H^2 \Gamma_H^2}$$

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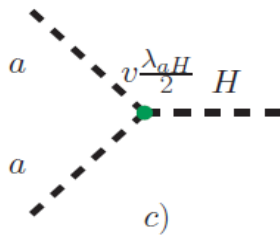
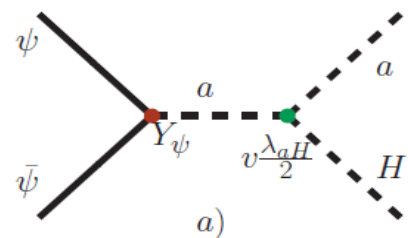
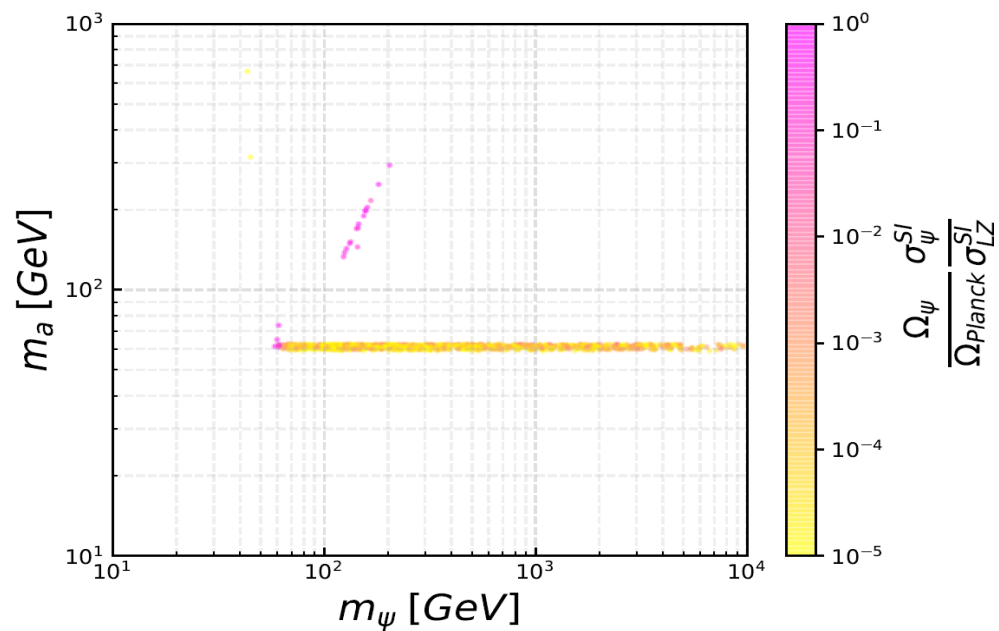
PandaX-4T exclusion



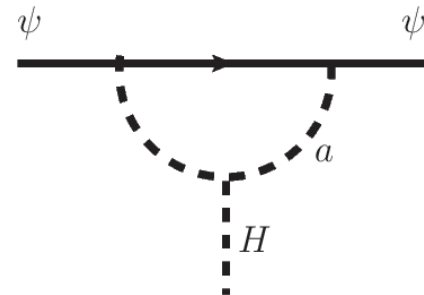
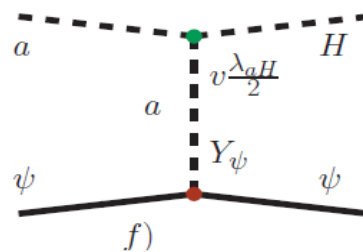
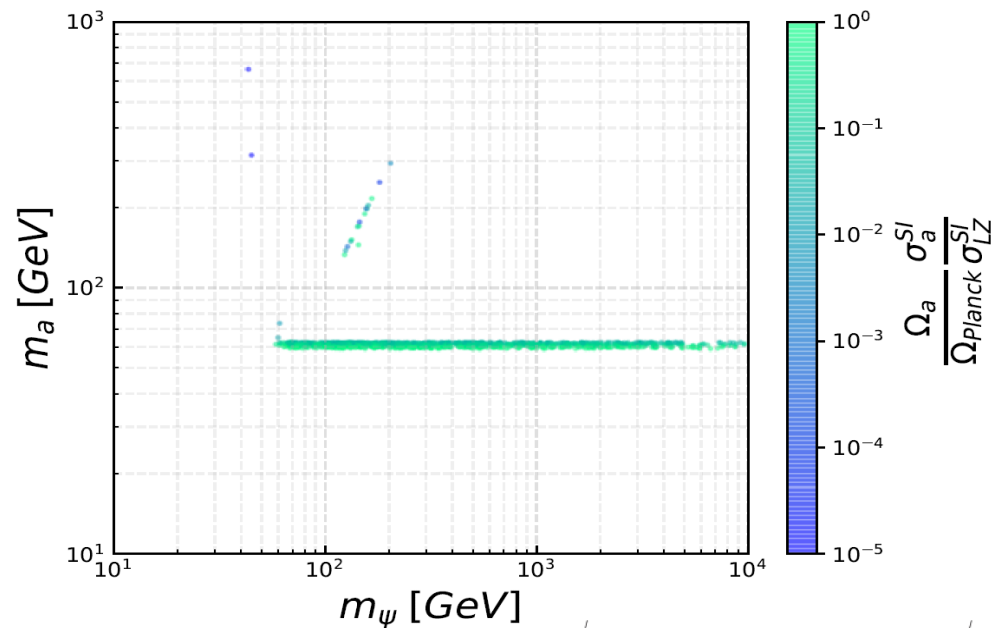
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LZ exclusion

$\Omega_{tot}h^2 < 0.12$ & LZ & $BR(H \rightarrow inv) < 11\%$

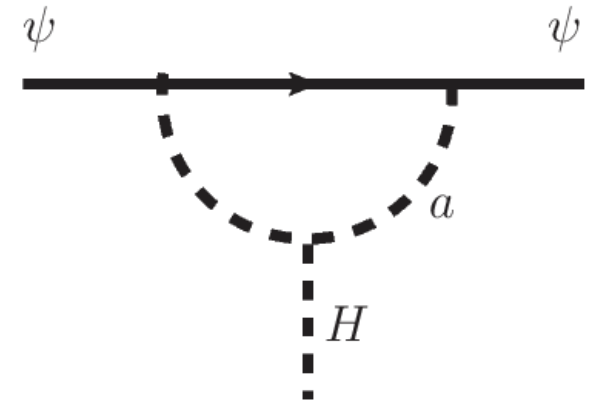
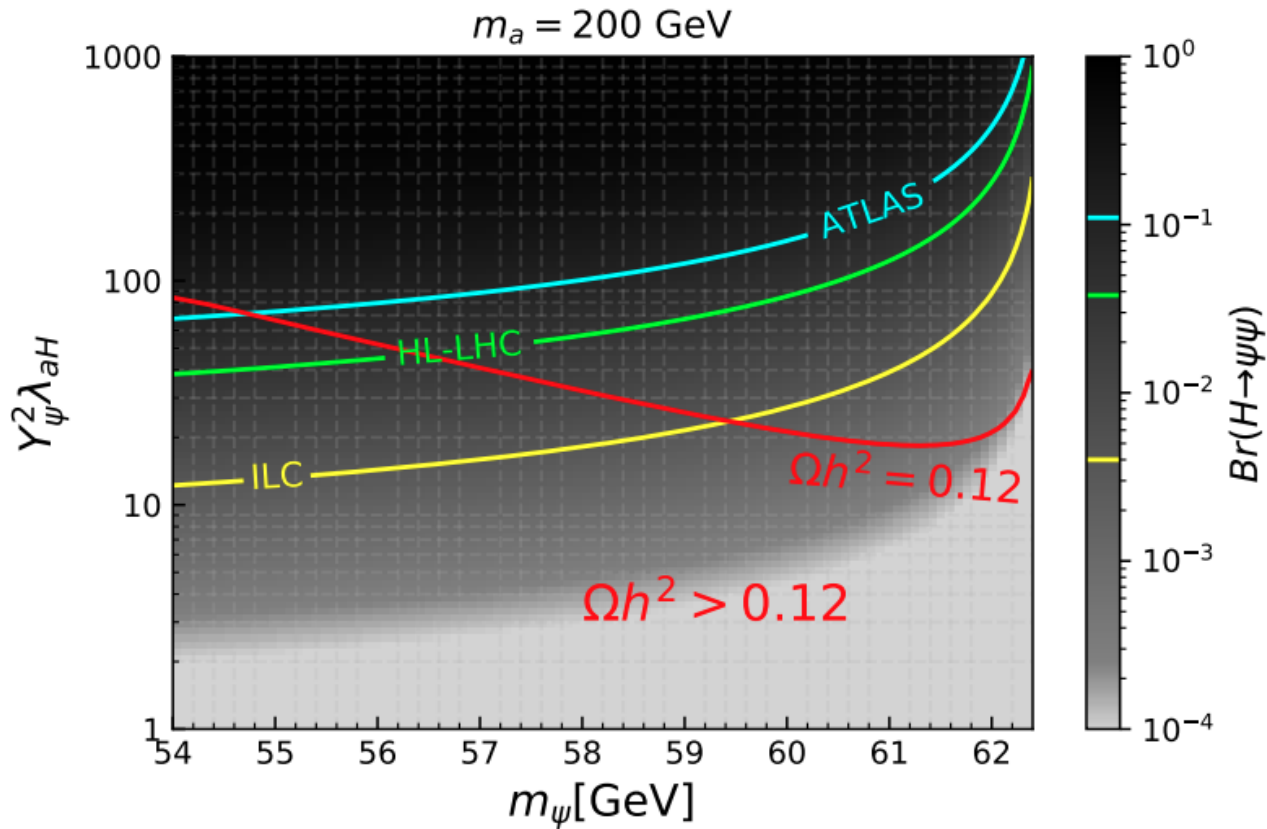


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Minimal fermion DM model with pseudo-scalar mediator

relic density, DD, invisible H decay @colliders



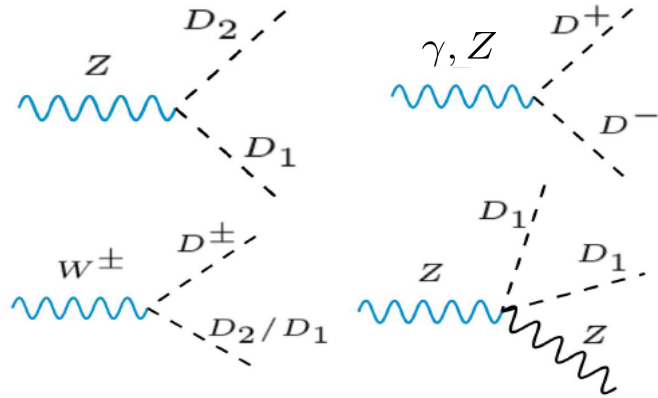
Decoding Dark Matter at future e^+e^- colliders

Inert 2 Higgs Doublet model (i2HDM)

$$\tilde{S}_{1/2}^{1/2}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_\phi = |D_\mu \phi_1|^2 + |D_\mu \phi_2|^2 - V(\phi_1, \phi_2)$$

$$\phi_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ v + H \end{pmatrix}, \quad \phi_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{2} D^+ \\ D_1 + i D_2 \end{pmatrix}$$



$$(M_{D_1}, \Delta M^+ = M_{D^+} - M_{D_1}, \Delta M^0 = M_{D_2} - M_{D^+})$$

Minimal fermion DM model (MFDM)

$$\tilde{F}_{1/2}^{1/2} \tilde{M}_0^0$$

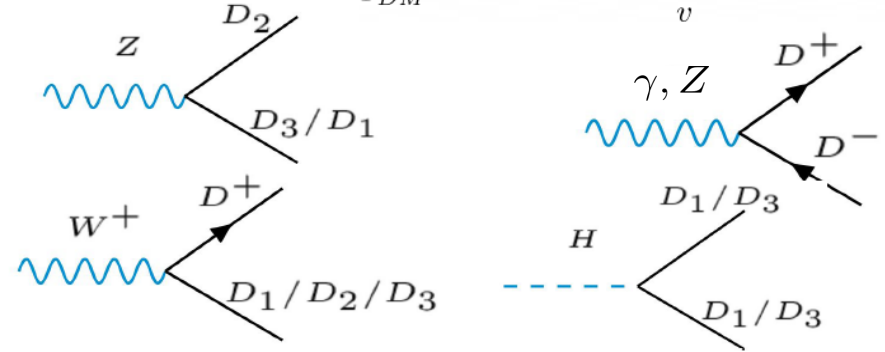
(MFDM)

$$\mathcal{L}_{FDM} = \mathcal{L}_{SM} + \bar{\psi}(i\not{D} - m_\psi)\psi + \frac{1}{2}\bar{\chi}_s^0(i\not{D} - m_s)\chi_s^0 - (Y_{DM}(\bar{\psi}\Phi\chi_s^0) + h.c.)$$

$$\psi = \begin{pmatrix} \chi^+ \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\chi_1^0 + i\chi_2^0) \end{pmatrix}$$

Majorana singlet χ_s^0

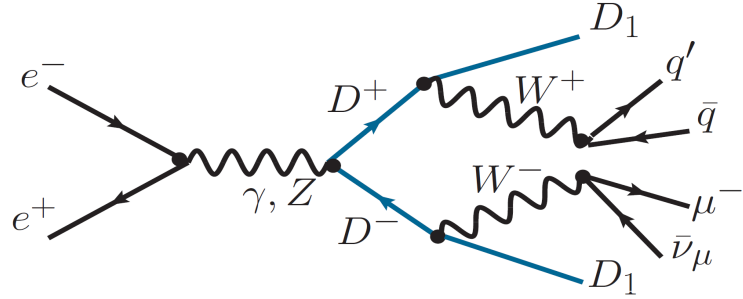
$$Y_{DM} = \frac{\sqrt{(m_{D3} - m_{D^+})(m_{D^+} - m_{D1})}}{v}$$



$$(M_{D_1}, \Delta M^+ = M_{D^+} - M_{D_1}, \Delta M^0 = M_{D_3} - M_{D^+})$$

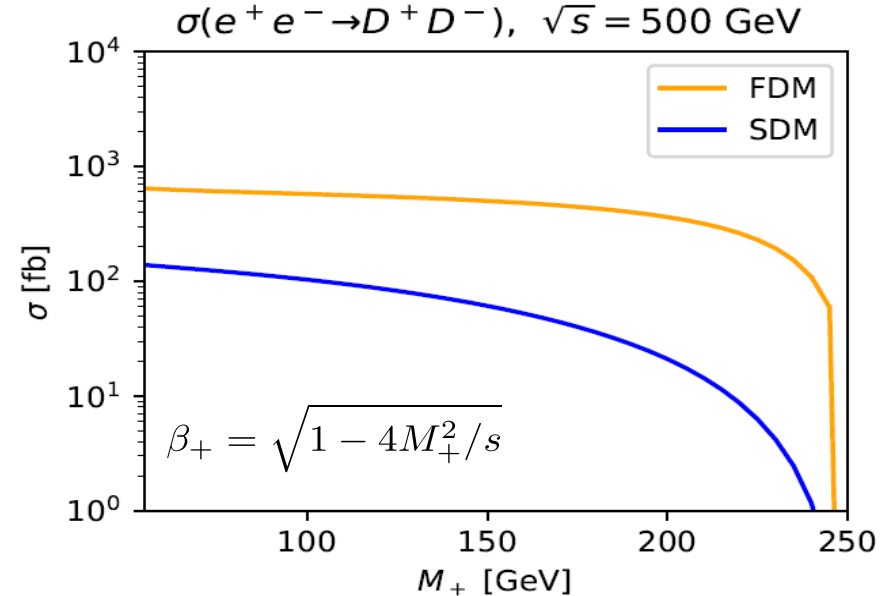
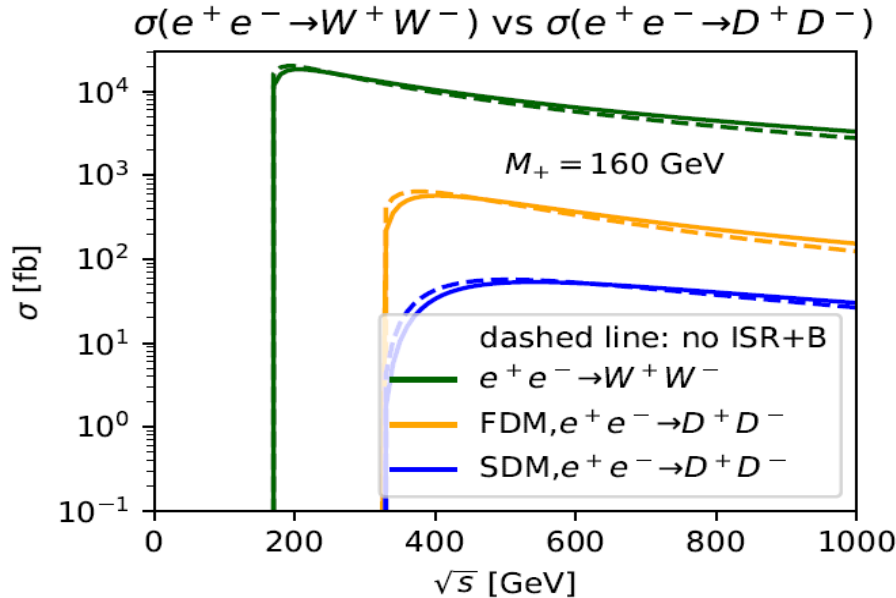
The process under study

$$e^+e^- \rightarrow D^+D^- \rightarrow D_1D_1W^+W^- \rightarrow D_1D_1q'\bar{q}\mu\bar{\nu}$$



■ Di-jet + muon + MET signature

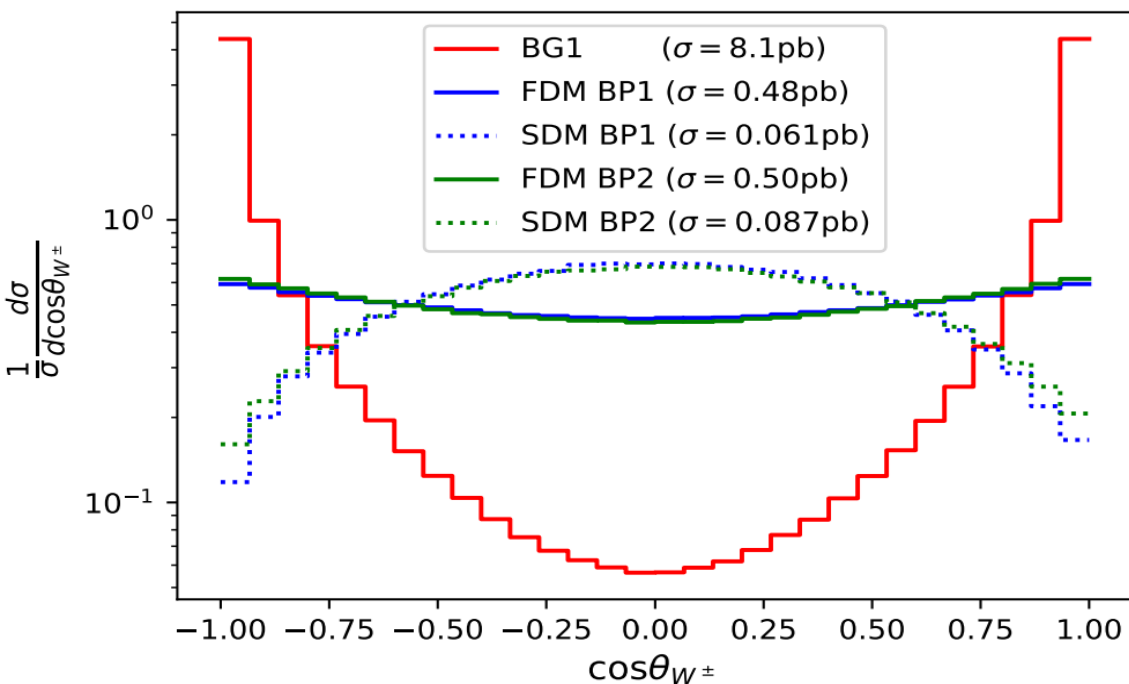
$$\sigma_{\gamma\gamma} = \begin{cases} \sigma_0 \beta_+ \left[1 + \frac{2M_+^2}{s} \right] & \text{if } s_D = \frac{1}{2} \\ \sigma_0 \frac{\beta_+^3}{4} & \text{if } s_D = 0 \end{cases}$$



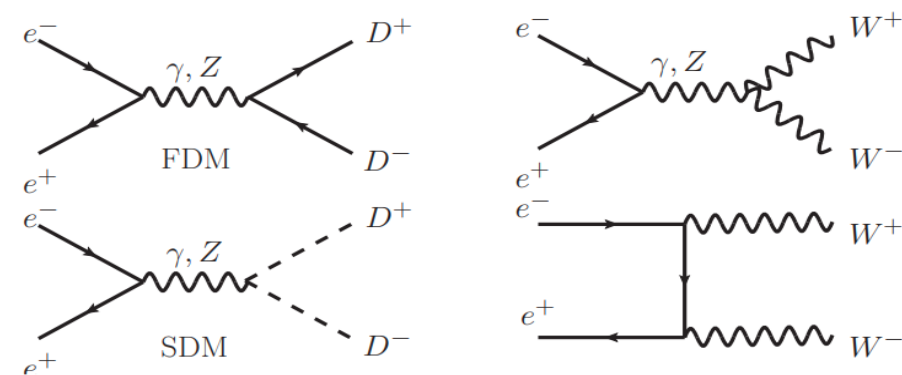
The role of the ILC in decoding the spin of DM

$$e^+e^- \rightarrow D^+ D^- \rightarrow \text{DM DM } W^+ W^- \rightarrow \text{DM DM } jj \mu \nu$$

SIG: $e^+e^- \rightarrow D^+ D^- \rightarrow W^+ D W^- D$ // BG: $e^+e^- \rightarrow W^+ W^-$



$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\cos\theta_{D^\pm}} \propto \begin{cases} 1 - \cos^2\theta_{D^\pm}, & \text{for SDM} \\ 1 + \frac{s - 4M_+^2}{s + 4M_+^2} \cos^2\theta_{D^\pm}, & \text{for FDM} \end{cases}$$



■ The angular W-boson distribution (either for real or virtual W) is found to be very important discriminator between DM spin as well as the main BG

■ The shape of angular W-boson distribution is the same for different benchmarks for DM of the same spin

AB, Ginzburg, Locke, Freegard, Pukhov arXiv:2112.15090

Beyond the weak interactions: Vector Dark Matter (VDM) from dark SU(2)

Deandrea, Moretti, Panizzi, Ross, Thongyoi, AB

arXiv:2204.03510, 2203.04681

The abelian/non-abelian Vector DM was realised via Higgs portal

- $U(1)_D$ Group
- $V_D^\mu \leftrightarrow -V_D^\mu$ Explicit Z_2 symmetry plus a Higgs portal to provide the stability and the mass for VDM and connect it to the SM

$$\mathcal{L} \supset -\frac{1}{4}V_{\mu\nu}V^{\mu\nu} + (D_\mu\Phi)^\dagger (D^\mu\Phi) - V(\Phi) + \lambda_P |H|^2|\Phi|^2$$

with $D_\mu\Phi \equiv \partial_\mu\Phi - gQ_\Phi V_\mu\Phi$, after SSB $\rightarrow \Phi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(v_\Phi + \varphi(x))$
so one has $m_V^2 = g^2 Q_\Phi^2 v_\phi^2$

- Quite a few papers:

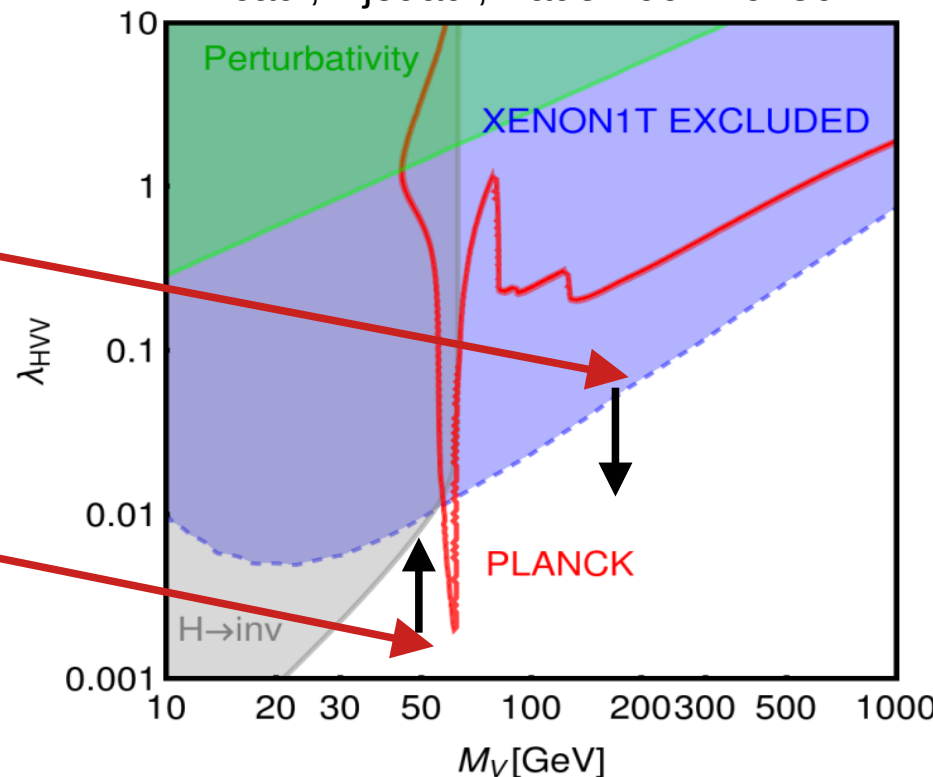
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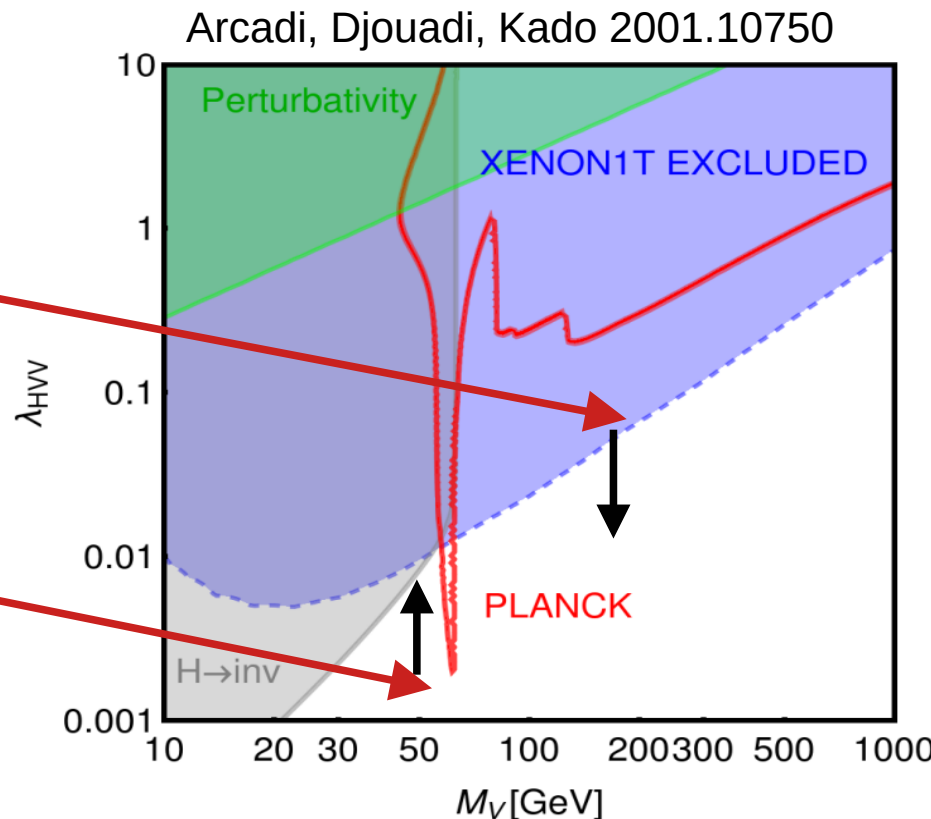
Arcadi, Djouadi, Kado 2001.10750

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- The Higgs portal VDM parameter space is very limited by interplay of collider, DD and DM relic density



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 - we assign the “dark charge” to the components of the doublets, e.g. $Q_D = T_D^3 + Y_D$ and require its conservation
 - we have $SU(2)_D \times U(1)_{\text{glob}} \rightarrow U(1)_{\text{glob}}^d$ pattern of dark sector breaking
 - \mathbb{Z}_2 subgroup can be defined as : $(-1)^{Q_D}$
 - The portal is driven by Yukawa interactions: $y' \bar{\Psi}_L \Phi_D f_R^{\text{SM}} + y'' \bar{\Psi}_L \Phi_D^c f_R^{\text{SM}} + h.c$
 - **Choosing e.g. $Y_D = +1/2$ for Φ_D and Ψ , make the second term above (y'') to disappear under the requirement of Q_D conservation: DM is established!**

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$\Phi_D = \begin{pmatrix} \varphi_{D+\frac{1}{2}} \\ \varphi_{D-\frac{1}{2}} \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ H_D^+ v_D \end{pmatrix}$	1	0	2	+1 0	- +
$\Psi = \begin{pmatrix} \psi_D \\ \psi \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{F} \\ F \end{pmatrix}$	1	Q_{EM}	2	+1 0	- +
$V_\mu^D = \begin{pmatrix} V_\mu^{D+} \\ V_\mu^{D0} \\ V_\mu^{D-} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{V}_D^+ \\ v' \\ \tilde{V}_D^- \end{pmatrix}$	1		3	+1 0 -1	- + -

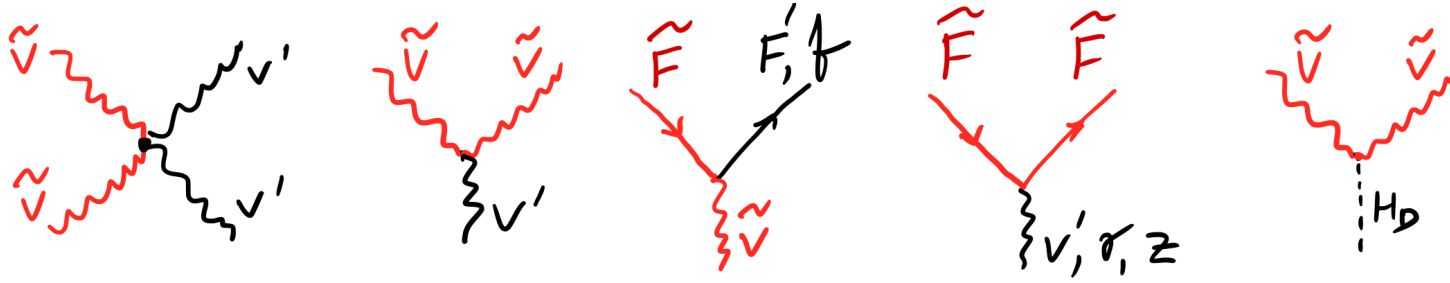
Fermionic Portal for Vector Dark Matter (FPVDM)

- It is the framework, representing the class of models
[Deandrea, Moretti, Panizzi, Ross, Thongyoi, AB – arXiv:2204.03510,2203.04681]
- Various realisations are possible, including one or several VL fermions

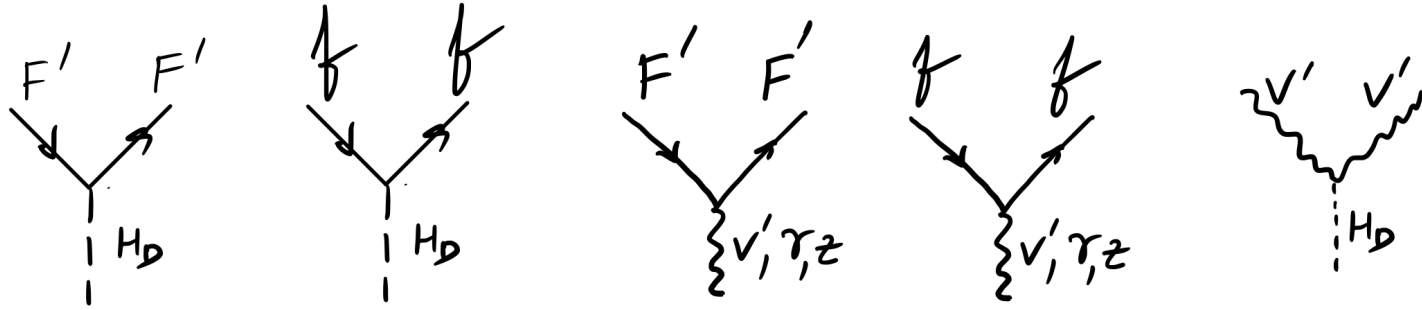
$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}_{FPVDM} &= -\frac{1}{4}(V_{D\mu\nu}^i)^2 + \bar{\Psi}iD\Psi + |D_\mu\Phi_D|^2 - V(\Phi_H, \Phi_D) \\ &\quad - \underline{(y'_{\alpha\beta}\bar{\Psi}_L^{i\alpha}\Phi_D f_R^{\text{SM}\beta} + h.c)} - M_\Psi^{ij}\bar{\Psi}^i\Psi^j \\ V(\Phi_H, \Phi_D) &= -\mu_H^2\Phi_H^\dagger\Phi_H - \mu_D^2\Phi_D^\dagger\Phi_D + \lambda_H(\Phi_H^\dagger\Phi_H)^2 \\ &\quad + \lambda_D(\Phi_D^\dagger\Phi_D)^2 + \lambda_{HD}(\Phi_H^\dagger\Phi_H)(\Phi_D^\dagger\Phi_D)\end{aligned}$$

- $y'_{\alpha\beta}$ can have a flavour structure – to explain flavour anomalies
- λ_{HD} can be negligible at tree-level, DM can be well-generated via FP
- the model with $\Psi = \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{T} \\ T \end{pmatrix}$ and $\lambda_{HD} = 0$ was explored

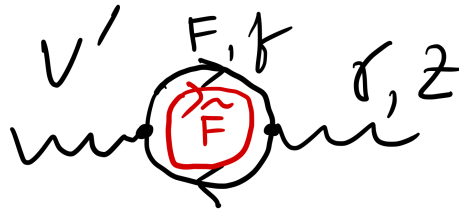
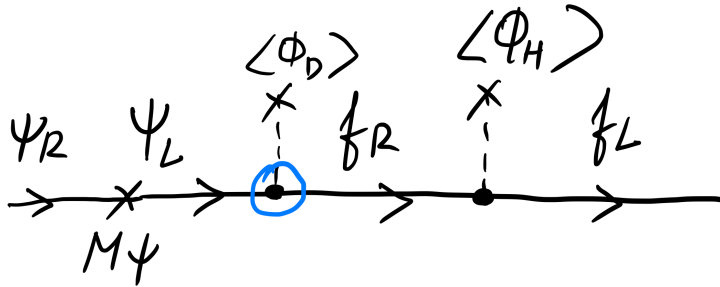
FPVDM Interactions and loop-induced kinetic mixing



$$\Psi = \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{e} \\ e \end{pmatrix}$$



$$V_{\tilde{e}}^D = \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{e}_D^+ \\ e \\ \tilde{e}_D^- \end{pmatrix}$$



Minimal VL top portal VDM: **collider signatures**

Process	Representative diagrams
mono-jet (only loop)	
$t\bar{t} + E_T^{\text{miss}}$	
$t\bar{t}t\bar{t}$	
hV' and $V'V'$ (only loop)	

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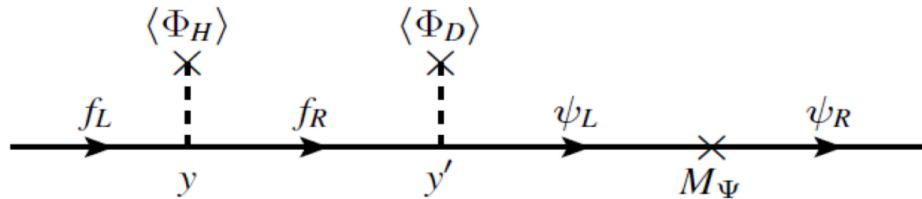
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The status of $(g-2)_\mu$ and our approach here

- The combined experimental value from BNL +FNAL(from August 2023):

$$a_\mu^{\text{EXP}} = 116592059(22) \times 10^{-11}$$

- The SM Theory Initiative 2020 prediction [arXiv:2006.04822] provides

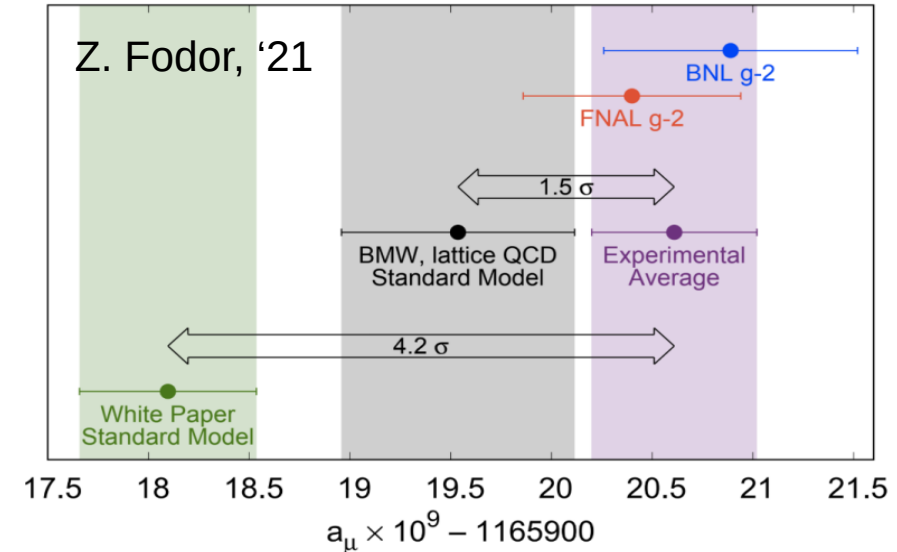
$$a_\mu^{\text{SM}} = 116591810(43) \times 10^{-11}$$

- Combining above numbers, one concludes one finds **5.1 σ SM vs EXP discrepancy**

$$\Delta a_\mu = a_\mu^{\text{EXP}} - a_\mu^{\text{SM}} = 249(48) \times 10^{-11}$$

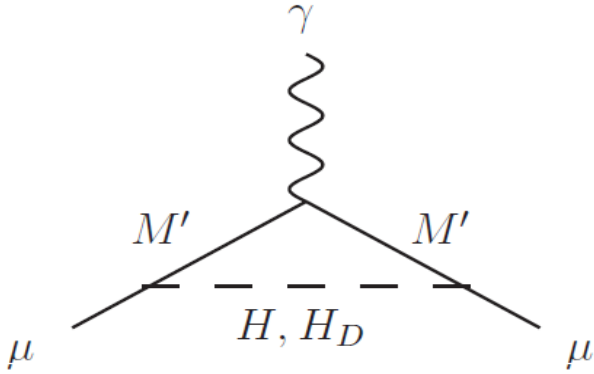
- Theory: for three contributions to $(g-2)_\mu$ – QED, EW and Hadronic – the Hadronic Vacuum Polarisation (HVP) is taken from the experimental data and it has the biggest contribution to the uncertainty
- Recent CMD3 results [arXiv:2302.08834] adds and additional intrigue here

- Of course recent Lattice results from BMW [Nature 593, 51 (2021)] must be add here

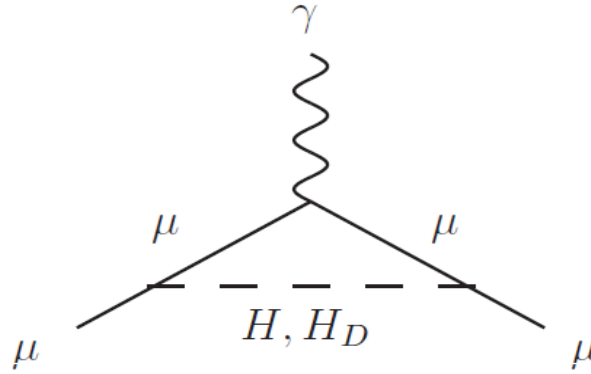


- $(g-2)_\mu$ is an important puzzle to be solved including discrepancy between HVP from e+e- data and Lattice
- In our study we take Δa_μ as a real effect to be explained within our μ FPVDM model

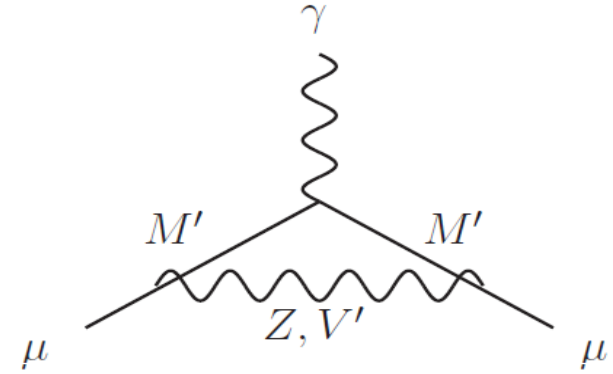
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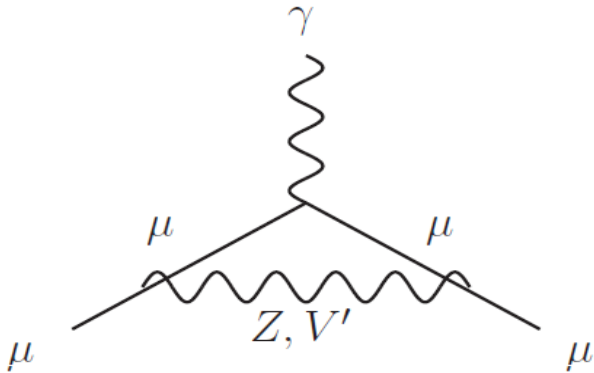
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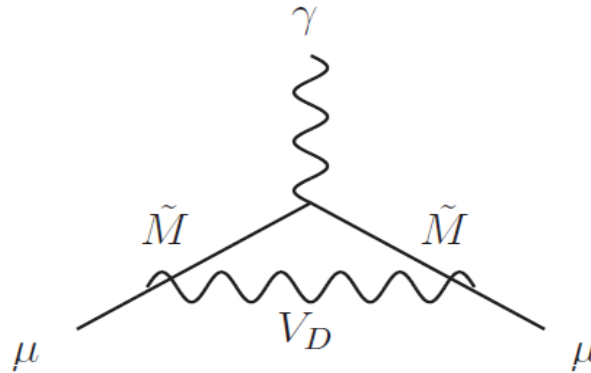
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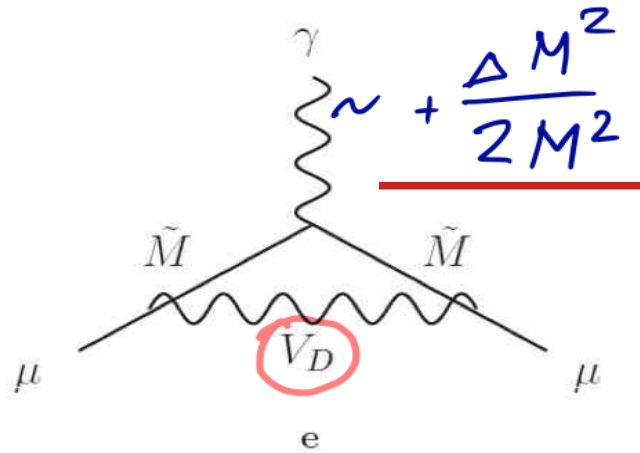
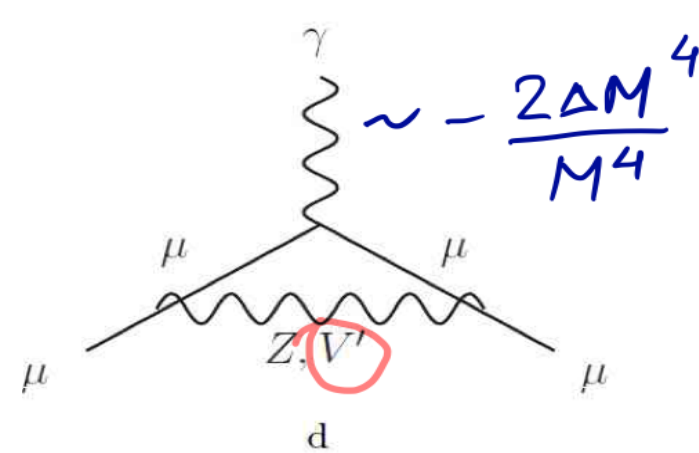
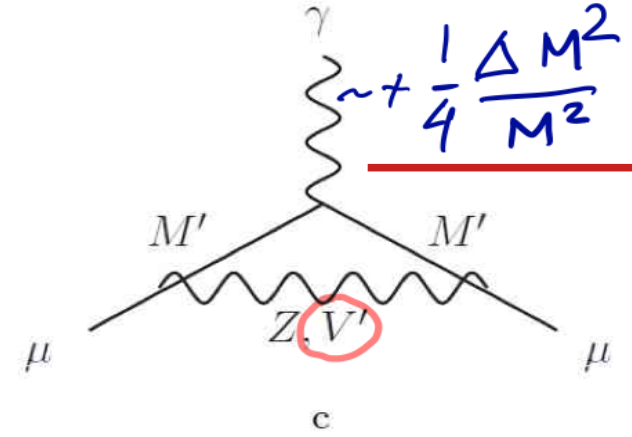
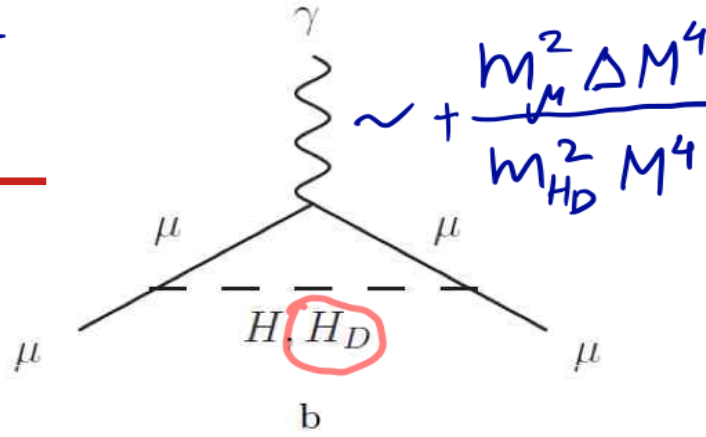
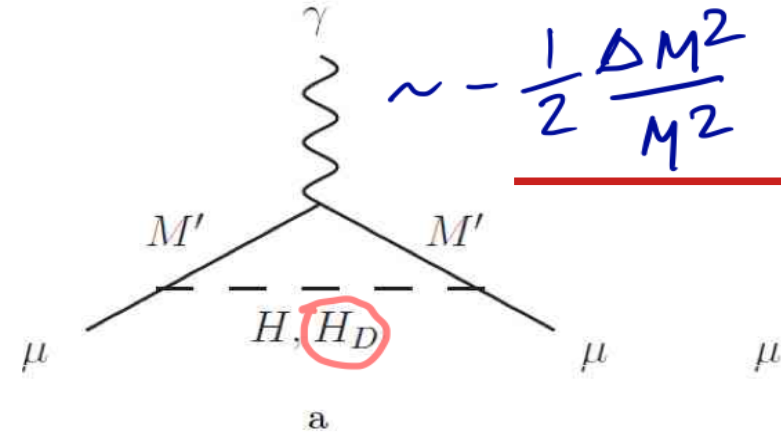


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$$\frac{g_D^2}{96\pi^2} \frac{m_\mu^2}{m_{V_D}^2}$$



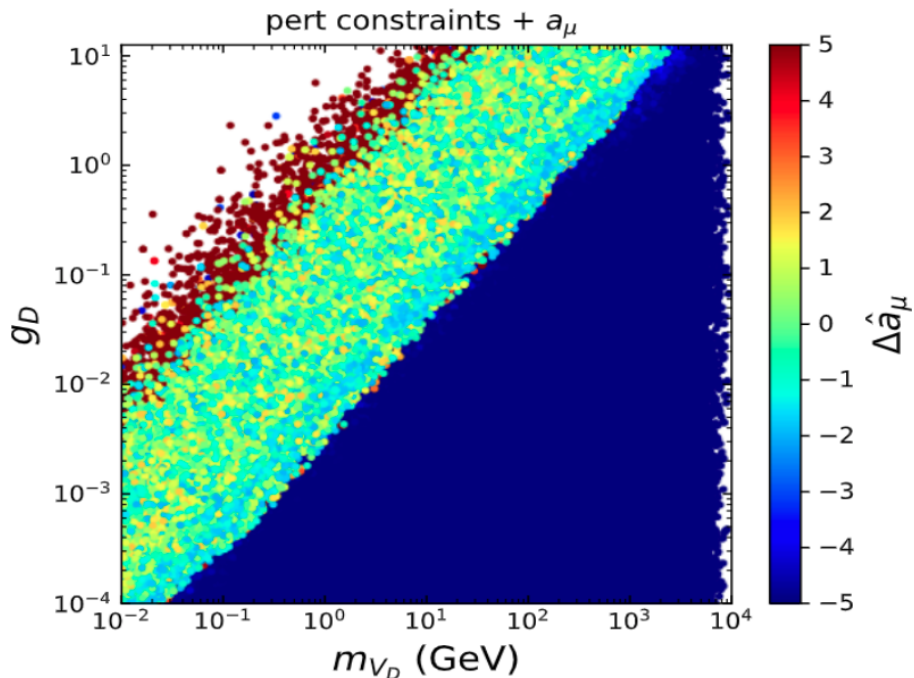
$$\Delta M^2 = m_{M'}^2 - m_{\tilde{M}}^2$$

$$M = m_{M'}$$

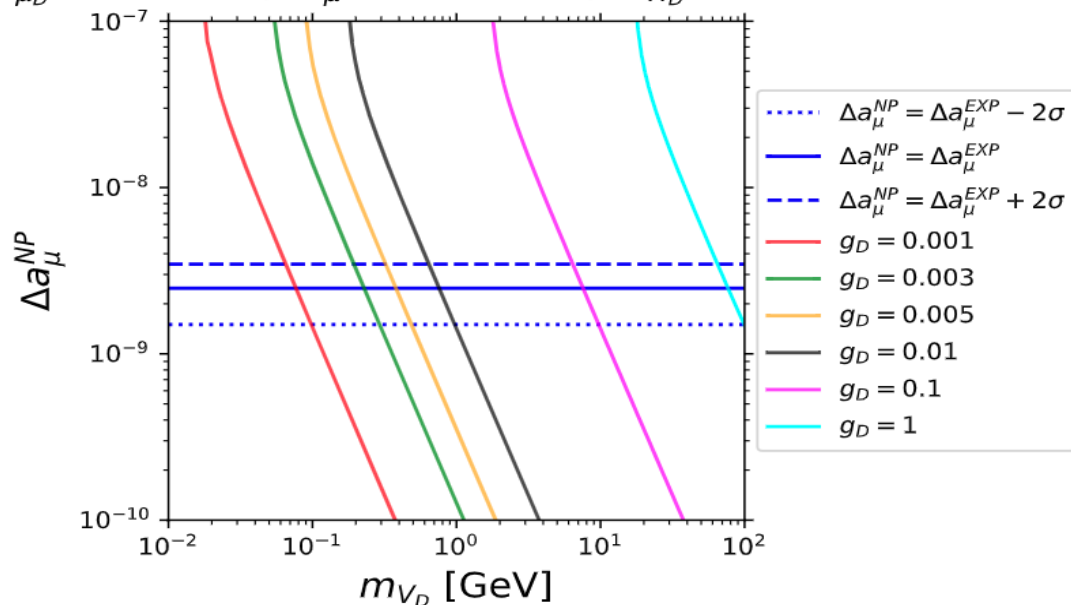
$M \gg m_{V_D}$ was used

$(g-2)_\mu$ results from scan of $g_D, m_{V_D}, m_{H_D}, m_{M'}, m_{\tilde{M}}$ space

$$\Delta \hat{a}_\mu = (\Delta a_\mu^{\mu PVDM} - \Delta a_\mu) / \sigma_{a_\mu} \equiv \frac{\Delta a_\mu^{\mu PVDM} - 249}{48} \times 10^{-11}$$



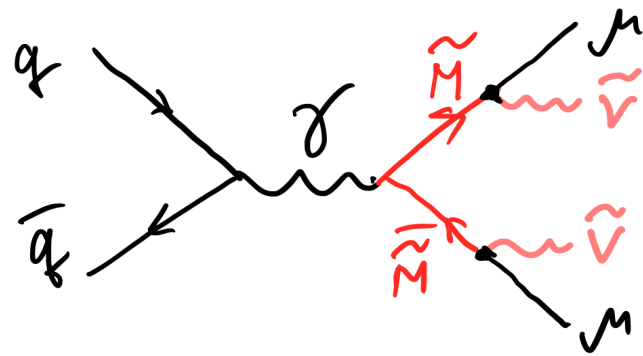
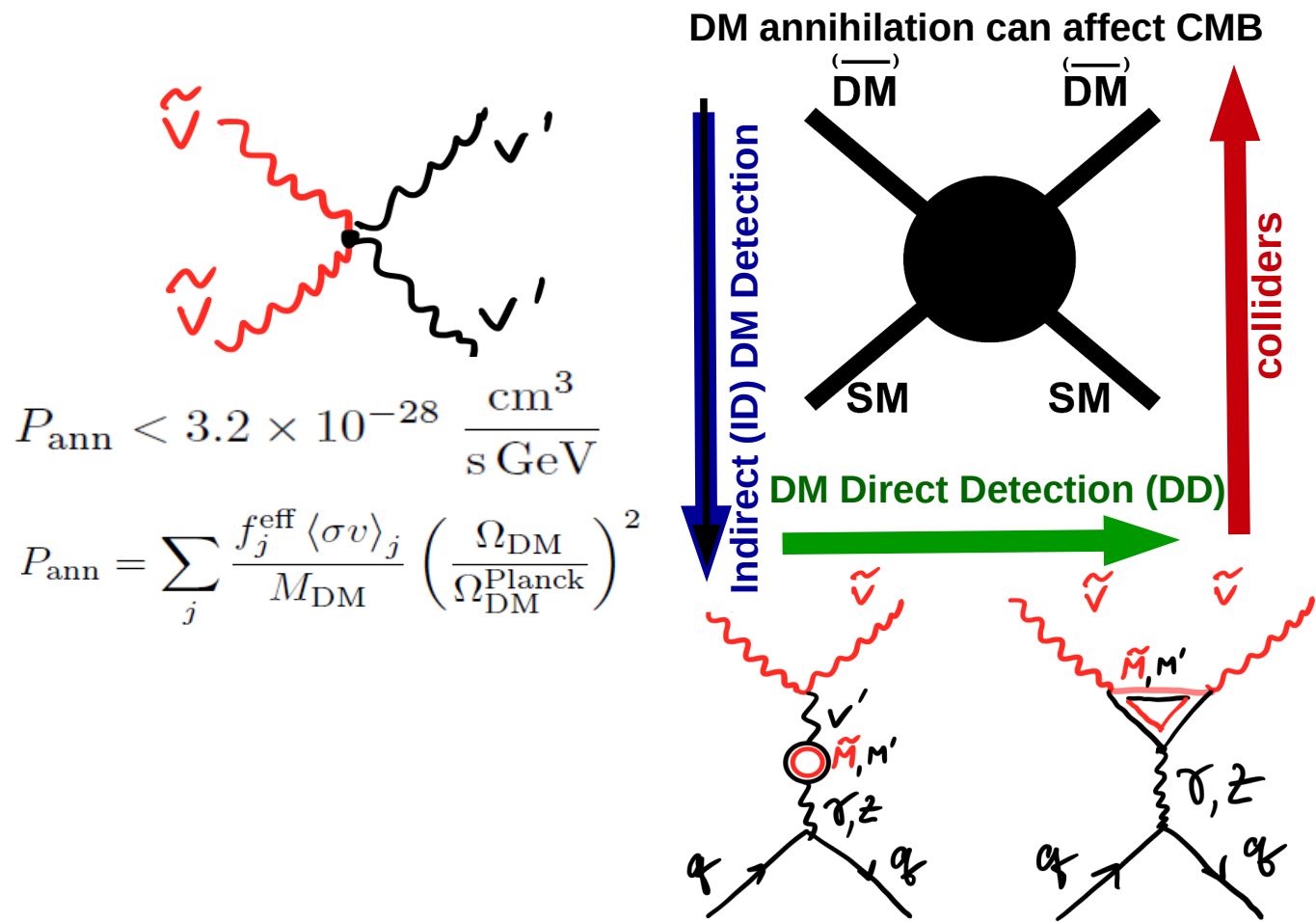
$m_{\mu_D} = 800 \text{ GeV}, m_{\mu'} = 1000 \text{ GeV}, m_{H_D} = 0.677 \text{ GeV}$



- Δa_μ can be explained within μ FPVDM model ($g_D/m_{V_D} \sim 0.1$)
- $g_D - m_{V_D}$ correlation can be clearly observed as predicted by analytical calculations
- For $m_{M'} > 1 \text{ TeV}$ it is hard (but possible) to explain Δa_μ because of $1/m_{M'}^2$ suppression

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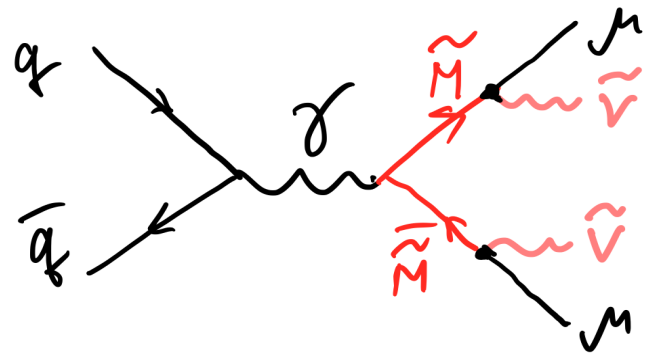
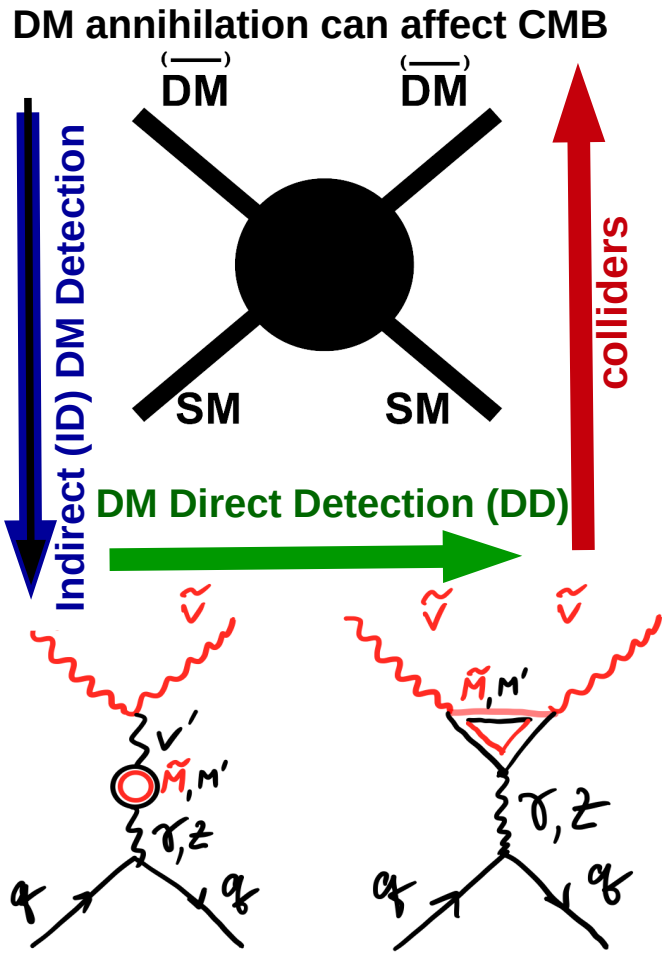


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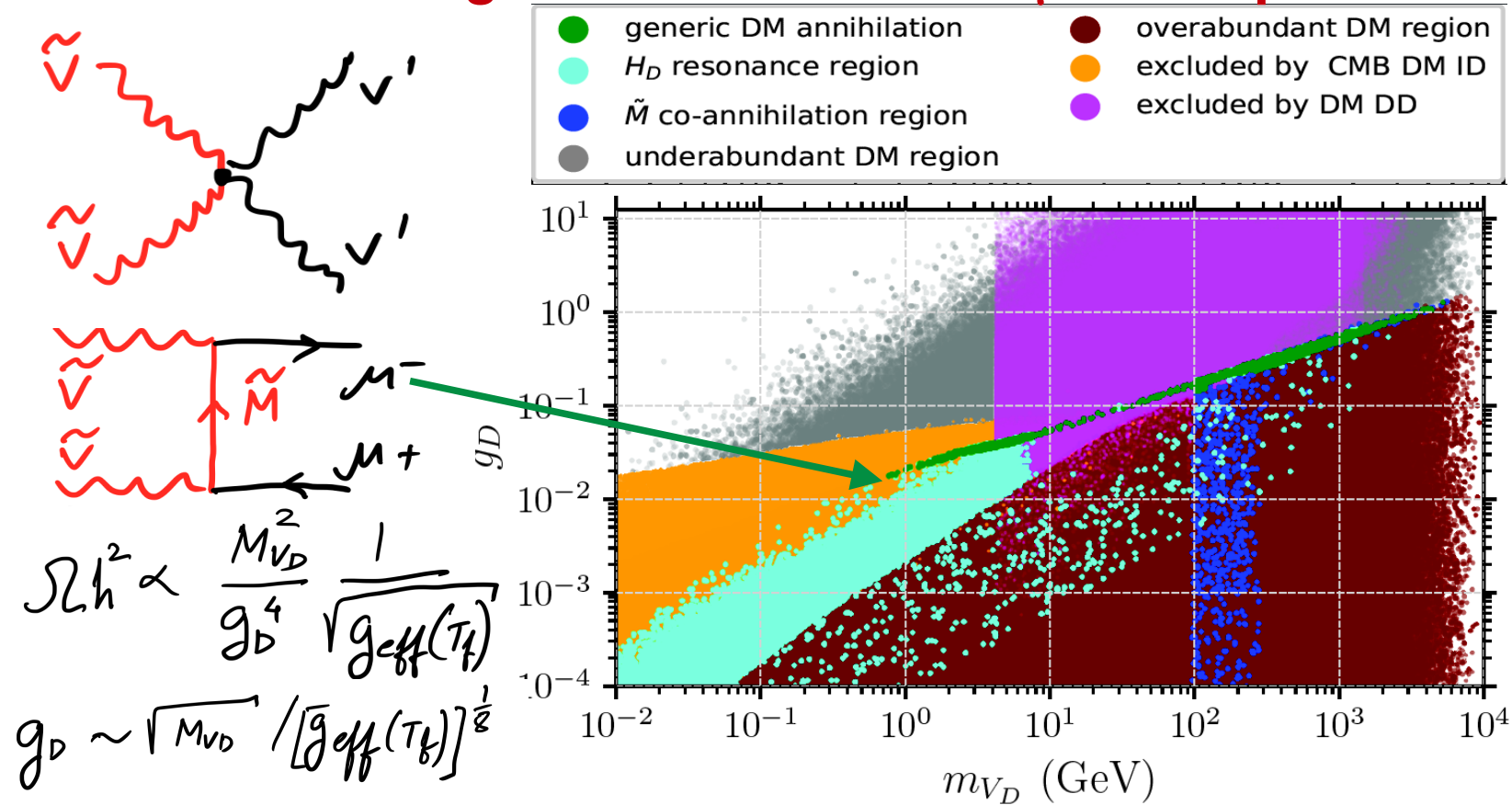
$$P_{\text{ann}} = \sum_j \frac{f_j^{\text{eff}} \langle \sigma v \rangle_j}{M_{\text{DM}}} \left(\frac{\Omega_{\text{DM}}}{\Omega_{\text{DM}}^{\text{Planck}}} \right)^2$$



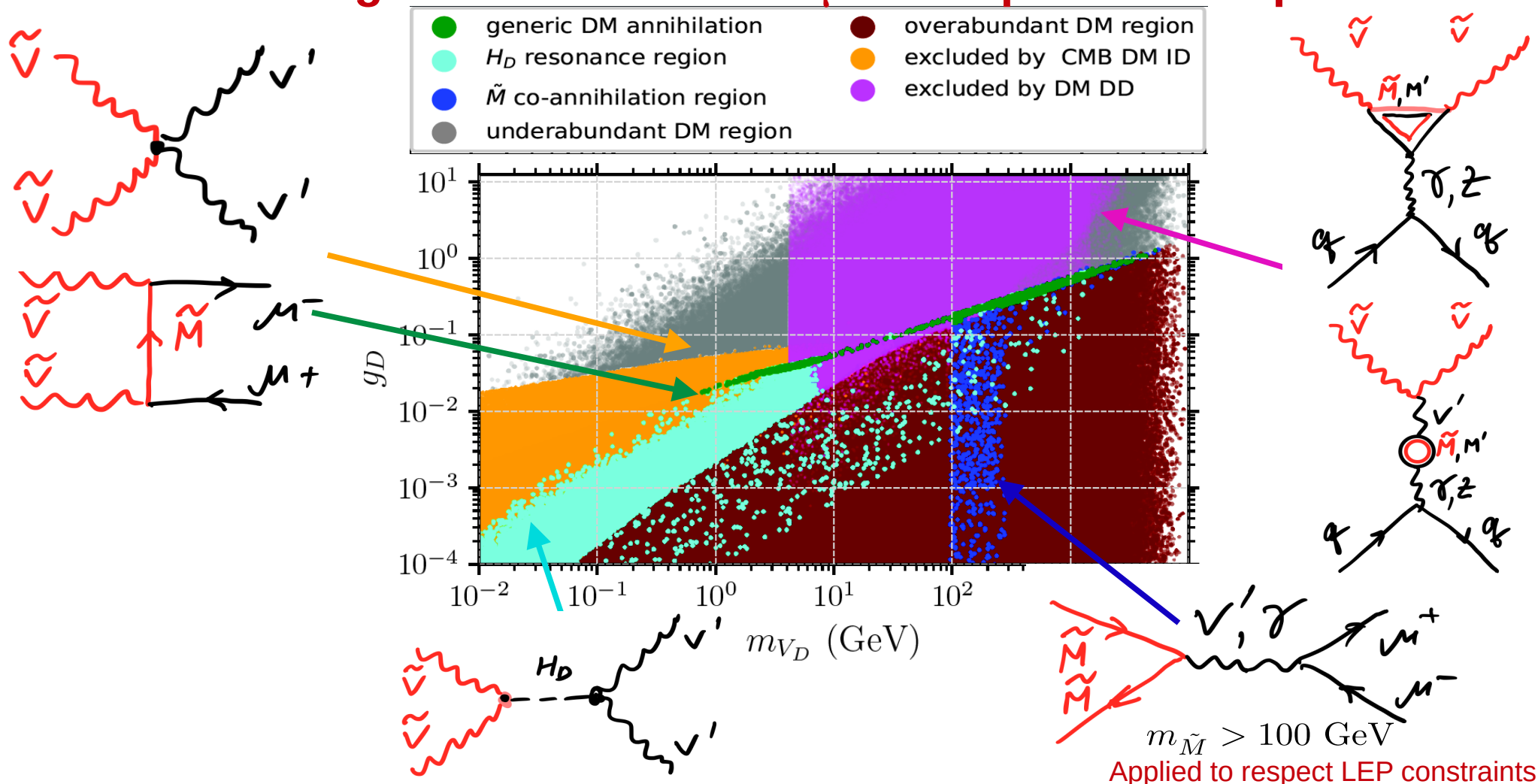
Tools used

- **DM DD, ID, Relic density**
LanHEP, CalcHEP,
micrOMEGAs
- **Collider searches**
CalcHEP, MC@NLO,
PYTHIA, DELPHES,
MadAnalysis, CHECKMATE

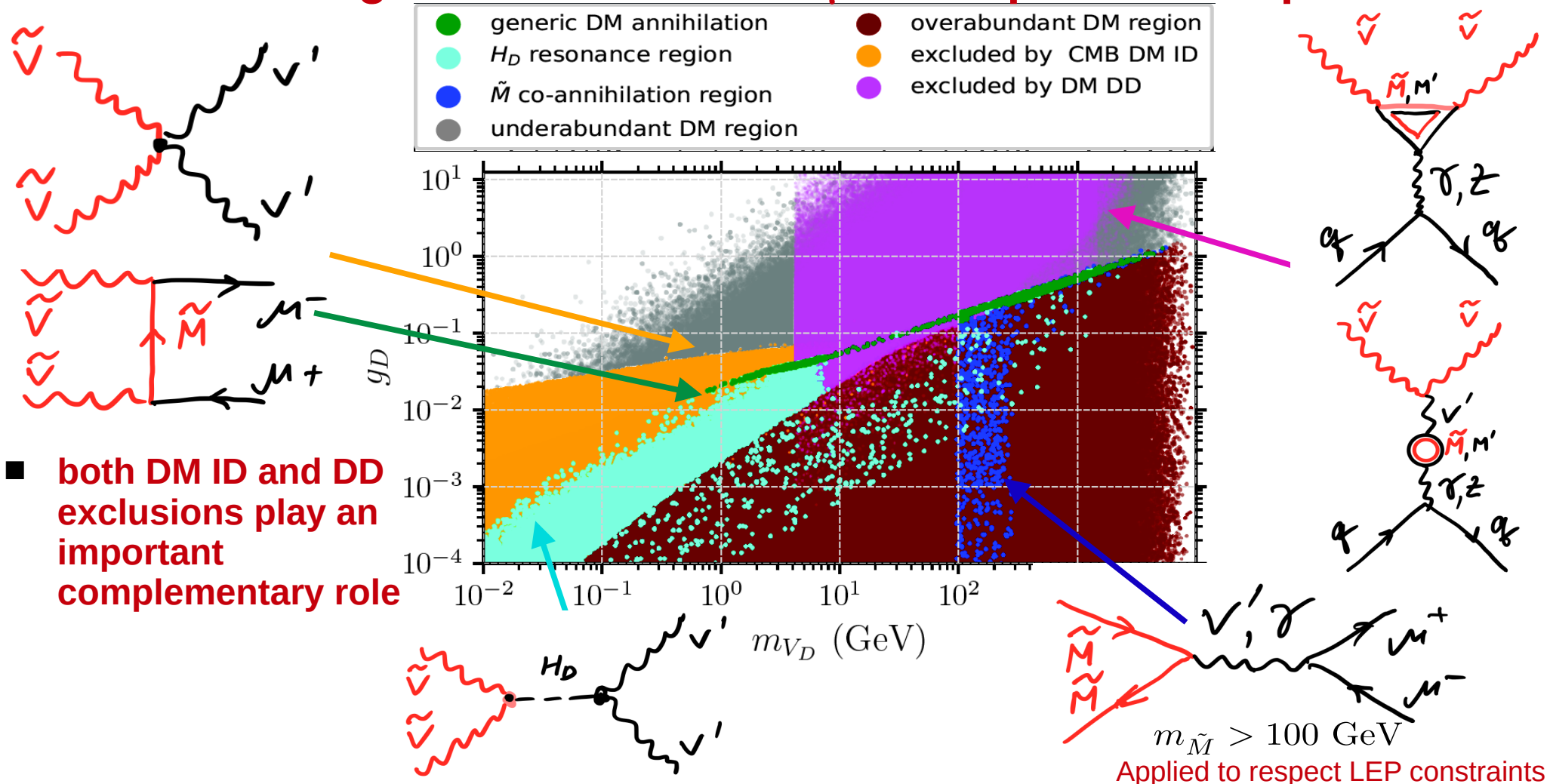
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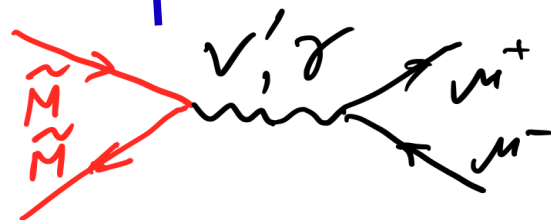
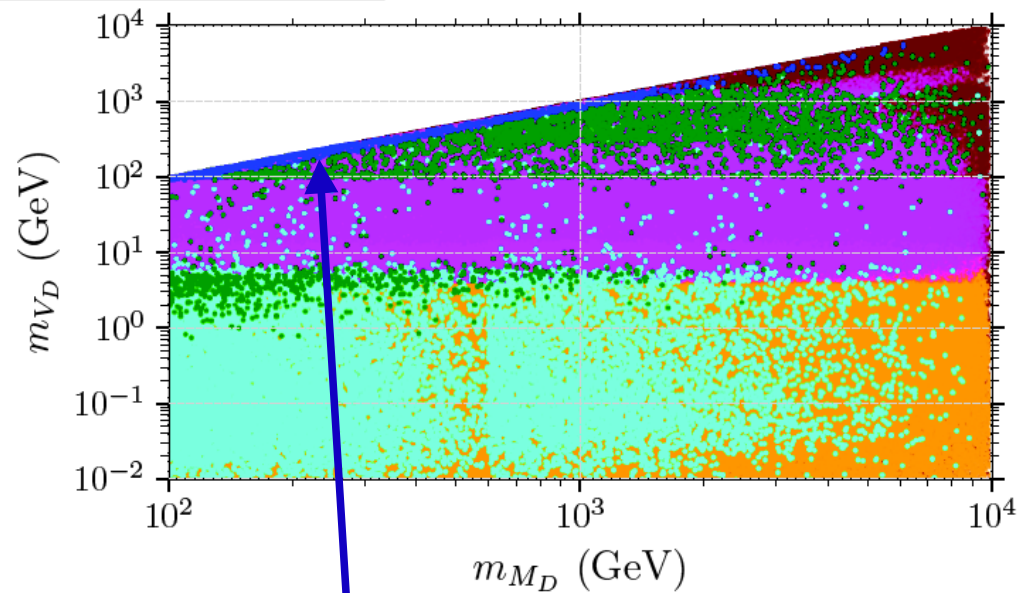
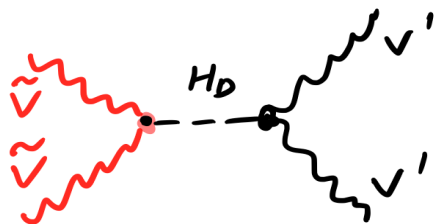
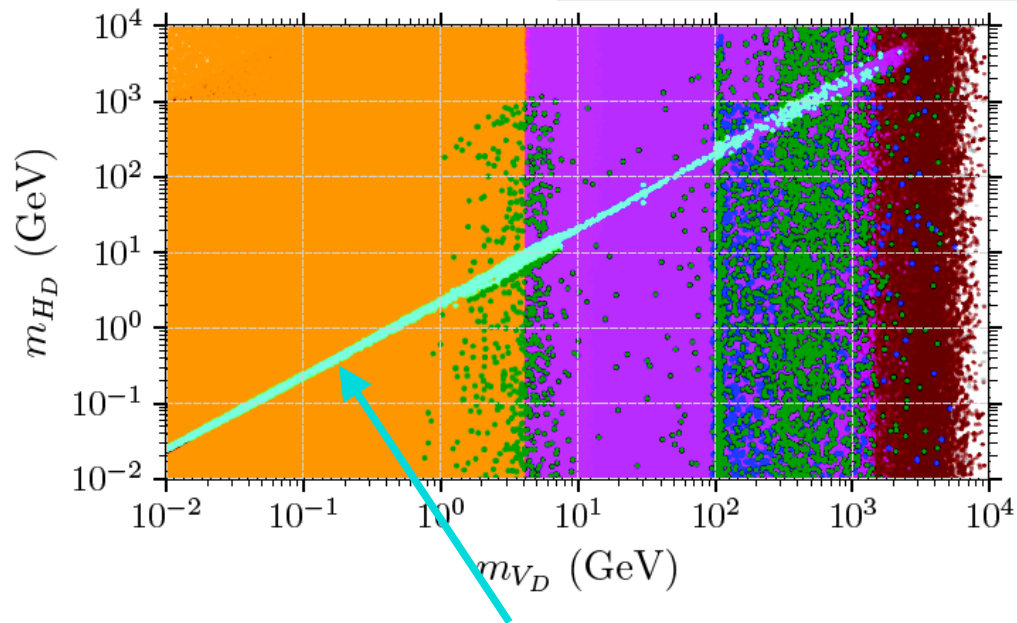


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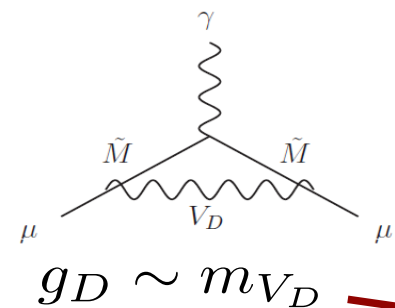


m_{HD} VS m_{VD} and m_{VD} VS m_M planes

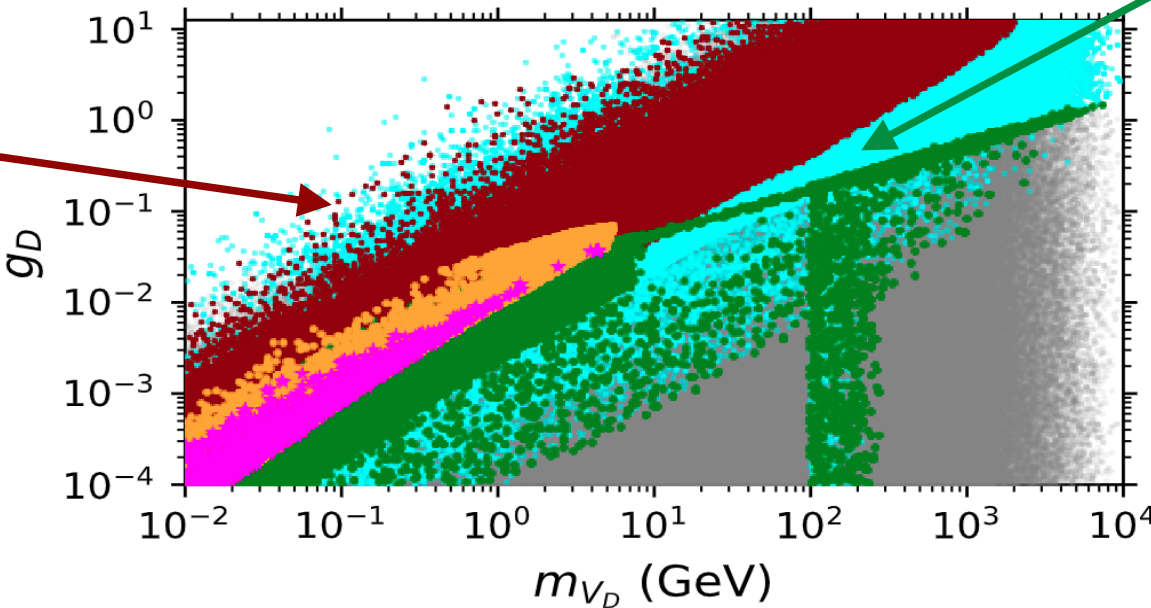
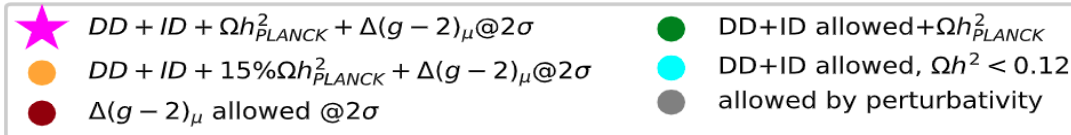
- generic DM annihilation
- H resonance region
- M_D co-annihilation region
- underabundant DM region
- overabundant DM region
- excluded by CMB DM ID
- excluded by DM DD



Combining $(g-2)_\mu$ and DM constraints



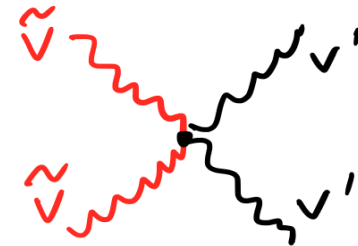
“trajectory” to explain Δa_μ



$$\Omega h^2 \propto \frac{M_{V_D}^2}{g_D^4} \frac{1}{\sqrt{g_{eff}(T_f)}}$$

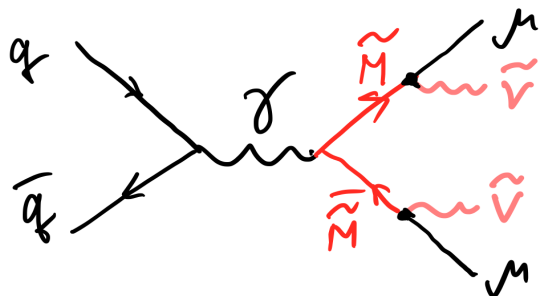
$$g_D \sim \sqrt{M_{V_D}} / [g_{eff}(T_f)]^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

Ωh_{PLANCK}^2
“trajectory” to explain
DM relic density



- $(g-2)$ and DM relic density allowed bands have different slopes crossing at **0.1 – 1 GeV**
 - “dark photon”(V) kind of region
 - New collider signatures (see below)
 - very intriguing to explore further for GW effects and explaining NANOGrav results

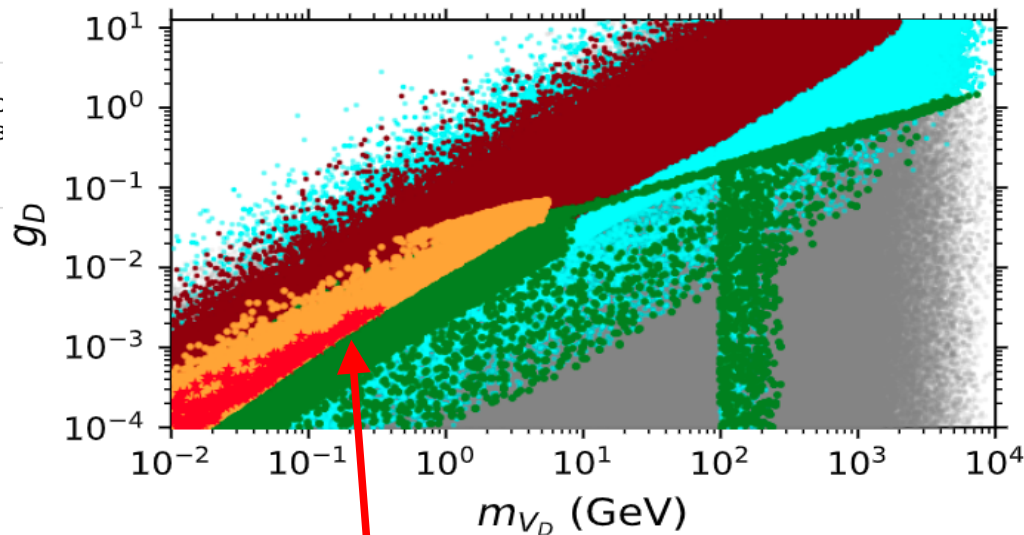
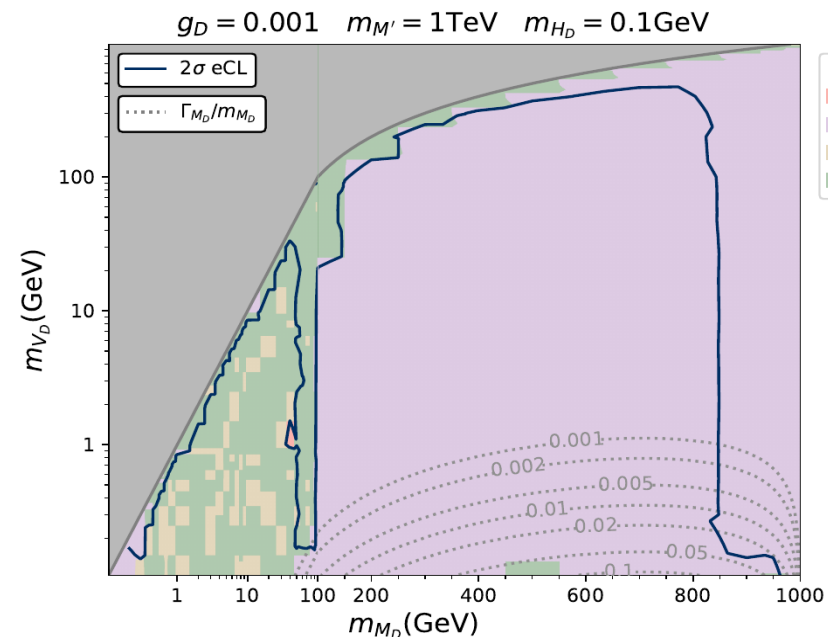
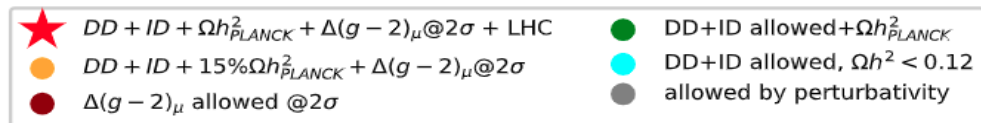
Final set of very important constraints: colliders



$$pp \rightarrow \tilde{M}^- \tilde{M}^+ \rightarrow \tilde{V}_D \tilde{V}_D \mu^+ \mu^-$$

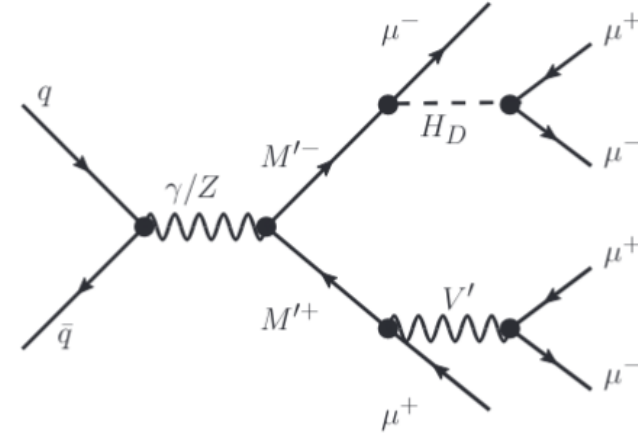
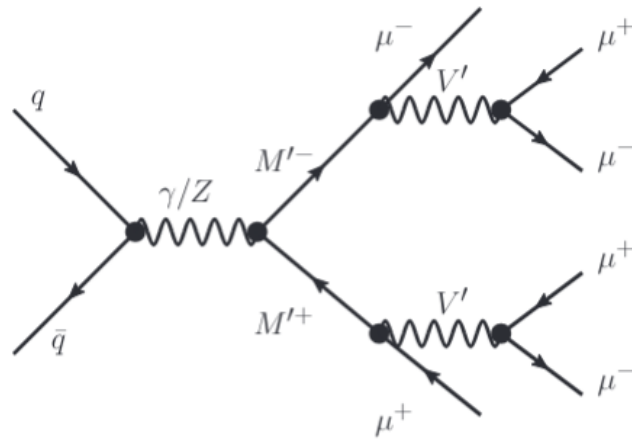
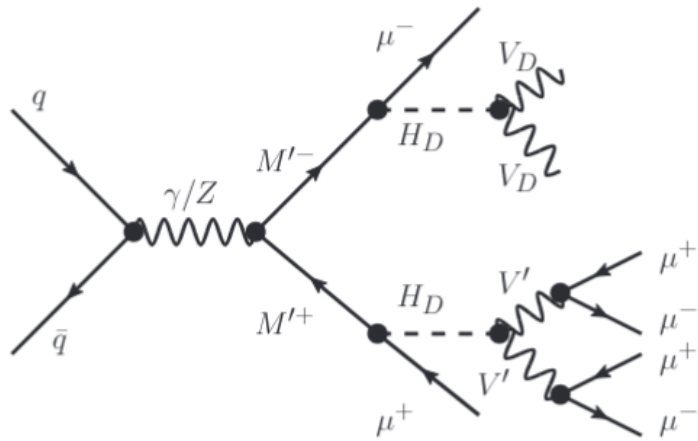
- Madgraph + PTHIA+Delphes + Madanalysis
- $\tilde{M} > 600$ GeV comes from the main $\mu^+ \mu^- + MET$

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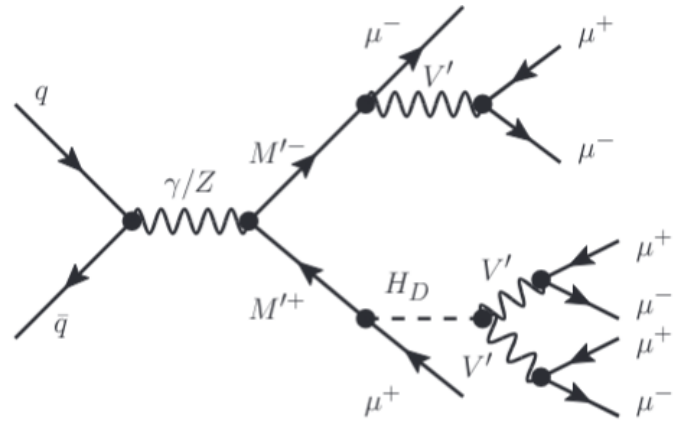


- combined constraints require M_{DM} below 1 GeV
[to appear] Panizzi, Thongyoi, AB

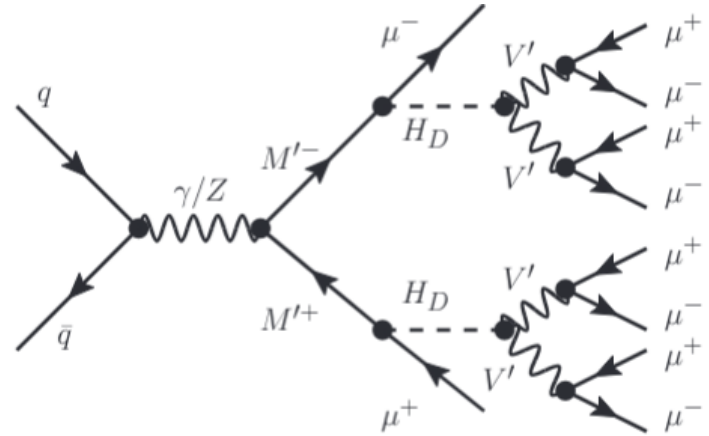
Novel multilepton (multi-fermion) signatures



6μ(+MET): hi-PT two boosted pairs of muons (from V' decay) + two single high-pT muons



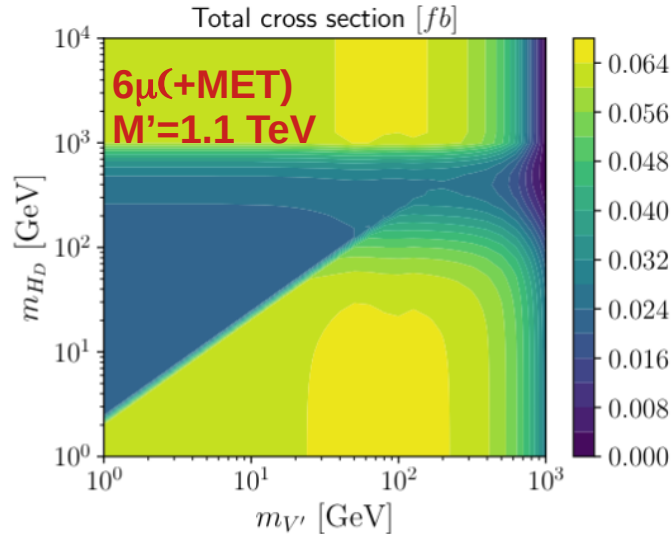
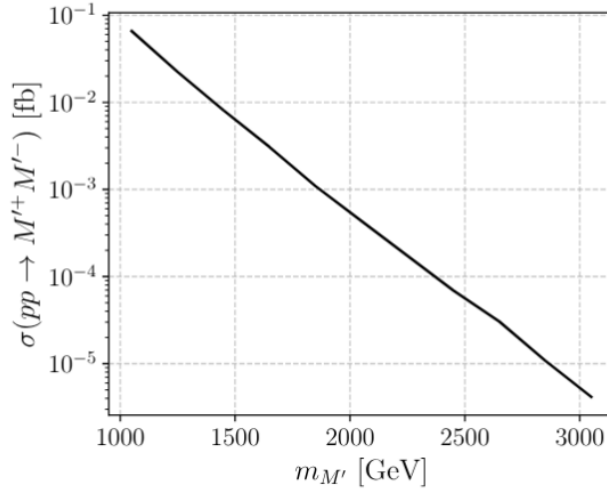
Note:
depending on the portal,
there will be analogous
multi-fermion signatures,
e.g.
multi-tops, multi-bquarks
etc.



8μ: hi-PT three boosted pairs of μ 's + 2 isolated μ 's

10μ: hi-PT four boosted pairs of μ 's + 2 isolated μ 's

The rates for multi-lepton signatures



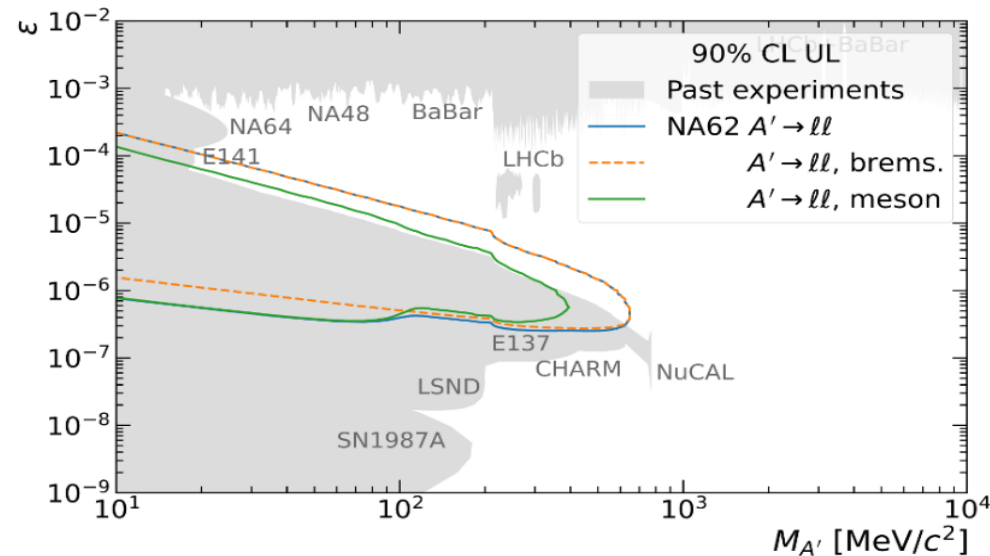
Inputs/Observables	BP1	BP2
g_D	0.003	0.003
m_{V_D} [GeV]	0.28	0.28
m_{μ_D} [GeV]	800	900
$m_{\mu'}$ [GeV]	1000	1200
m_{H_D} [GeV]	0.677	0.677
$m_{V'}$ [GeV]	0.2756	0.2706
$Br(\mu' \rightarrow V' \mu)$	0.383	0.342
$Br(\mu' \rightarrow H_D \mu)$	0.371	0.319
$Br(\mu' \rightarrow V_D \mu_D)$	0.246	0.339
$Br(H_D \rightarrow V_D V_D^*)$	0.639	0.612
$Br(H_D \rightarrow V' V')$	0.352	0.375
$Br(H_D \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)$	9.24×10^{-3}	1.31×10^{-2}
$Br(V' \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)$	~ 1	~ 1
$Br(\mu' \rightarrow V' \mu \rightarrow 3\mu)$	0.383	0.342
$Br(\mu' \rightarrow H_D \mu \rightarrow 5\mu)$	0.131	0.12
$\sigma_{\text{tot}}(pp \rightarrow \mu' \mu')$ [fb]	6.499×10^{-2}	1.867×10^{-2}
$N_{\text{event}}(pp \rightarrow 6\mu)$	2.86	0.655
$N_{\text{event}}(pp \rightarrow 8\mu)$	0.978	0.23
$N_{\text{event}}(pp \rightarrow 10\mu)$	0.335	0.08

of events for 300 fb⁻¹ integrated luminosity

Yao, Chakraborti, AB [work in progress]

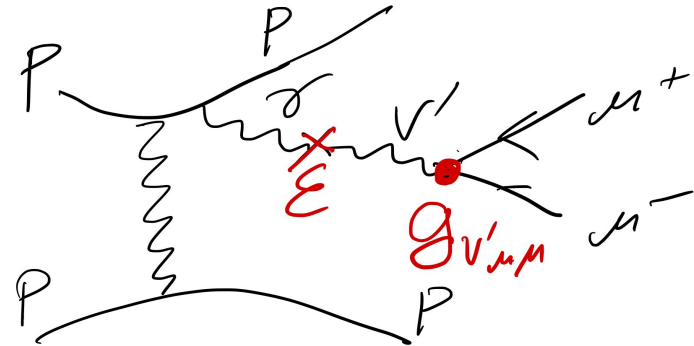
The model predicts sub-GeV V' bosons which look like dark-photons, but not quite...

- V' bosons **have kinetic mixing** with photons and Z-bosons similarly to dark-photons
- At the same time V' bosons have **significant coupling to SM fermion** which is the partner of VL dark fermion
- As a result, V' bosons will can promptly decay (if kinematically allowed) to SM fermions **leading to a relaxed/different bounds on dark-photons: requires dedicated analysis**



JHEP 09 (2023) 035, [2303.08666](https://arxiv.org/abs/2303.08666) [hep-ex]

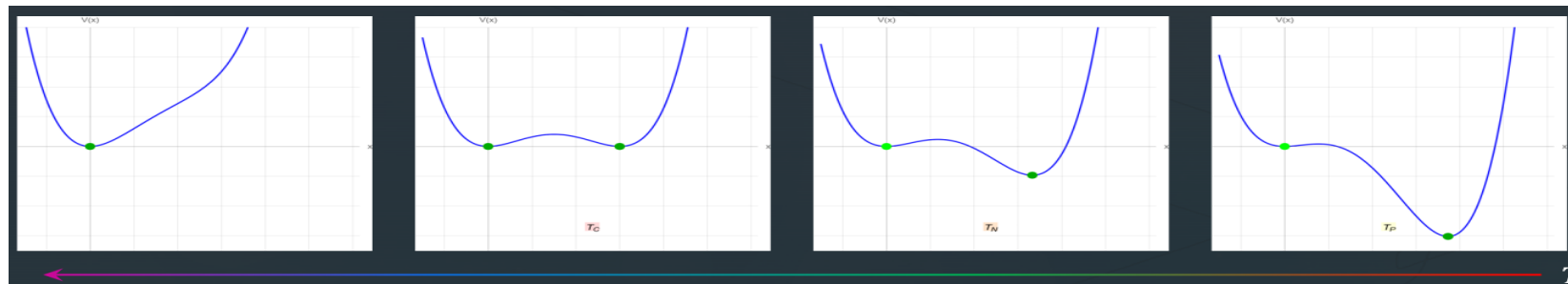
Inputs/Observables	BP1	BP2
$\tau_{V'}$ [ns]	1.10×10^{-6}	7.85×10^{-7}
$\ell_{V'}$ [μm]	0.33γ	0.24γ
$\epsilon_{AV'}$	1.13×10^{-5}	1.39×10^{-5}



Gravitational Waves from Dark sector

[to appear] Bertenstein, Gonçalves, Morais, Pasechnik, Thongyoi, AB

- $SU_b(2)$ symmetry breaking can induce Strong First Order Phase Transition (SFOPT)

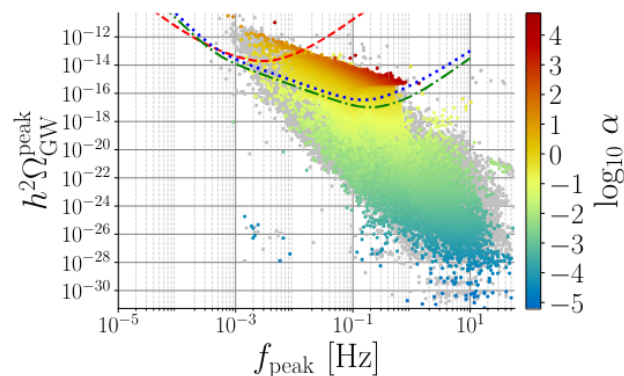
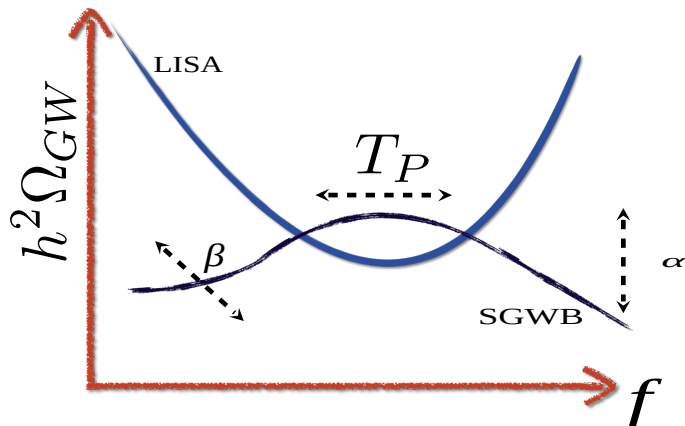


Strength: α

Inverse Duration β/H

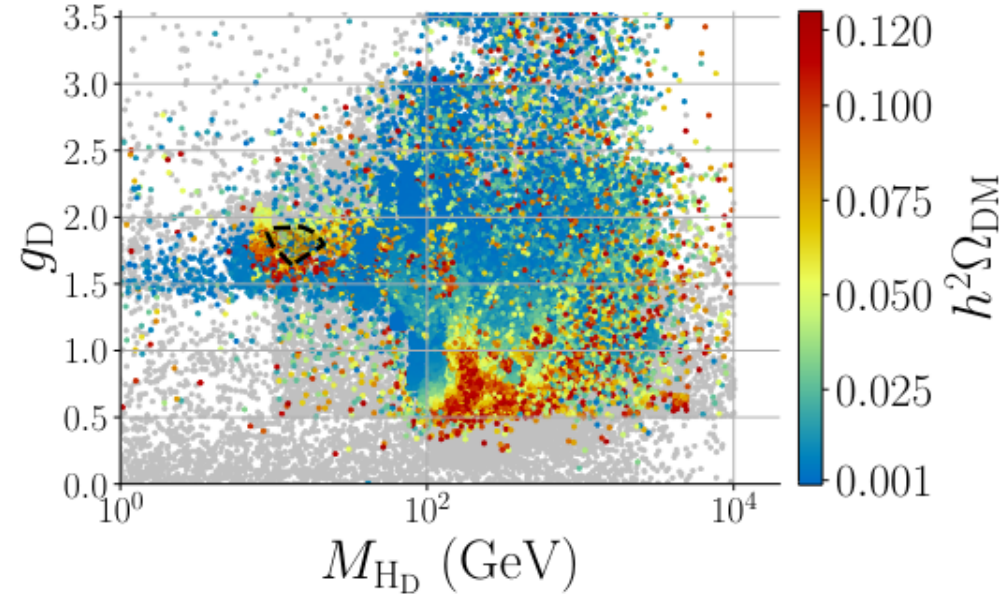
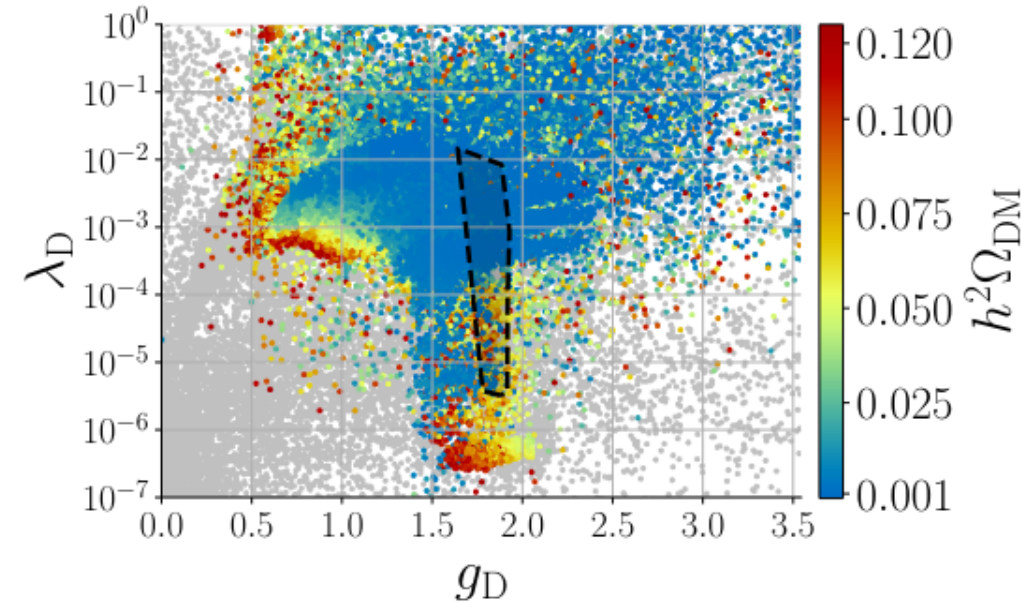
Percolation temperature T_P

- Tools: DRalgo+CosmoTransitions, “Dralgo to python interfacier”
 - correct implementation of dimensionally reduced effective potentials from DRalgo
 - the scale dependence of the numerical solution is greatly reduced



Gravitational Waves from Dark sector

specific parameter space can be tested by LISA and/or future facilities



- Typical mass of DM is few TeV since the g_D value required by SFOPT is of the order of one
- DM can be tested by DD experiments or from coloured fermions production at hadron colliders
- Dark Higgs production at colliders
- hhh coupling can be potentially probed at FCC's

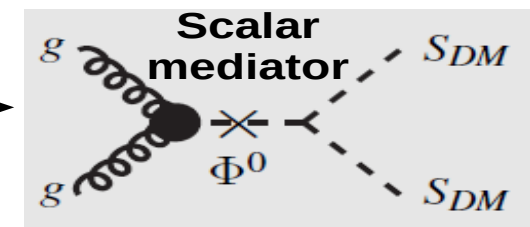
Conclusions and Outlook

- **To decode the nature of DM** we need a signal first! But at the moment we should **systematically explore theory/parameter space and prepare ourselves for DM decoding**
- **Systematic classification** is important – one should cover consistently the theory space
- **Probing DM space**
 - non-singlets can be probed via DT searches or multi-lepton signatures at colliders
 - DM DD is sensitive to the loop-induced diagrams but does not exclude all models
 - rich phenomenology, complementarity of DM DD, collider signals and relic density
- **FPVDM** (available at HEPMDB) – new class of models beyond weak group: an elegant solution of DM, $(g-2)_\mu$ and flavour problems via VL fermion portal, new multi-fermion signatures and promising projects
- **Decoding the underlying theory**: requires joint effort of theorists and experimentalists as well as ML approach, to find the **link between signatures and underlying theory**

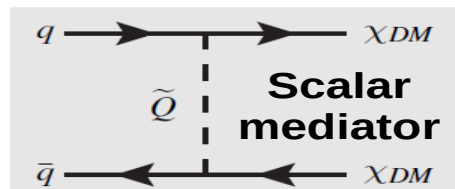
Backup slides

Mapping EFT operators to simplified models

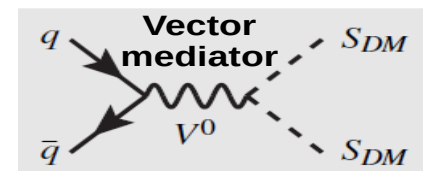
C5,C5A $\frac{1}{\Lambda^2} \phi^* \phi G^{\mu\nu} G_{\mu\nu}, \quad \frac{1}{\Lambda^2} \phi^* \phi \tilde{G}^{\mu\nu} G_{\mu\nu} \longrightarrow$



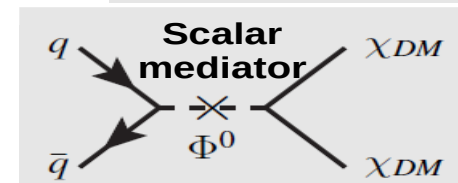
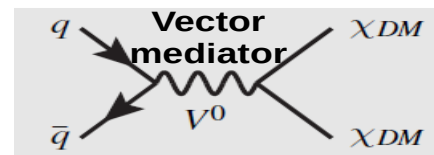
D1T-D4T $\frac{1}{\Lambda^2} \bar{\chi} q \bar{q} \chi \longrightarrow$



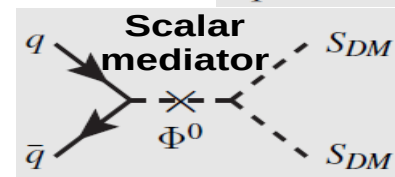
C3 $\frac{i}{\Lambda^2} [\phi^* (\partial_\mu \phi - (\partial_\mu \phi^*) \phi)] \bar{q} \gamma^\mu q \longrightarrow$



D1-D4, D5-D8 $\frac{1}{\Lambda^2} \bar{\chi} \gamma^\mu \chi \bar{q} \gamma_\mu q \quad \frac{1}{\Lambda^2} \bar{\chi} \chi \bar{q} q \longrightarrow$



C1 $\frac{1}{\Lambda^2} \phi^* \phi \bar{q} q \Phi \implies \frac{v}{\Lambda^2} \phi^* \phi \bar{q} q \longrightarrow$



D9,D10 $\frac{1}{\Lambda^2} \bar{\chi} \sigma^{\mu\nu} \chi \bar{q} \sigma_{\mu\nu} q \longrightarrow \frac{8}{\Lambda^2} [\bar{\chi} q \bar{q} \chi - \frac{1}{4} (\bar{\chi} \chi \bar{q} q + \bar{\chi} \gamma^5 \chi \bar{q} \gamma^5 q + \bar{\chi} \gamma^\mu \chi \bar{q} \gamma_\mu q - \bar{\chi} \gamma^\mu \gamma^5 \chi \bar{q} \gamma_\mu \gamma^5 q)]$

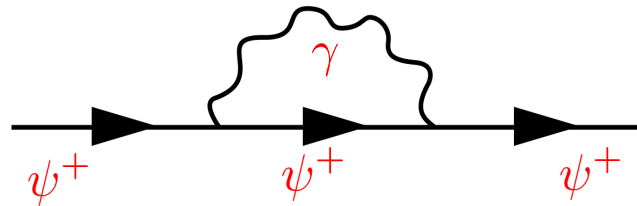
DM multiplet only

$$\mathcal{L} = i\bar{\psi}\gamma^\mu D_\mu\psi - m_D\bar{\psi}\psi$$

Cirelli,Fornengo,Strumia hep-ph/0512090 (Minimal Dark Matter)

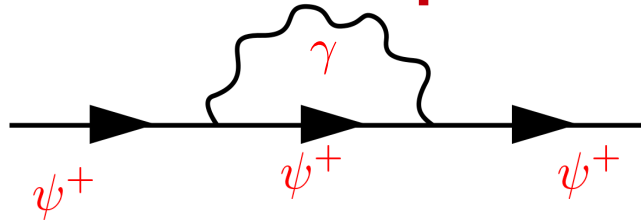
$$\psi = \begin{pmatrix} \psi^{n+} \\ \vdots \\ \psi^+ \\ \psi_0 \\ \psi^- \\ \vdots \\ \psi^{m-} \end{pmatrix}$$

- $\{I,Y\}=\{0,0\}, \{\frac{1}{2},\frac{1}{2}\}, \{1,0\}$
- $\{0,0\}$ – no gauge-interactions – invisible to direct detection and collider but over(under) abundant if thermal (non-thermal)
- $Y \neq 0$ (Dirac DM) Is excluded by direct detection or requires additional sector – which splits the mass of ψ
- Radiative mass split – very important for the phenomenology

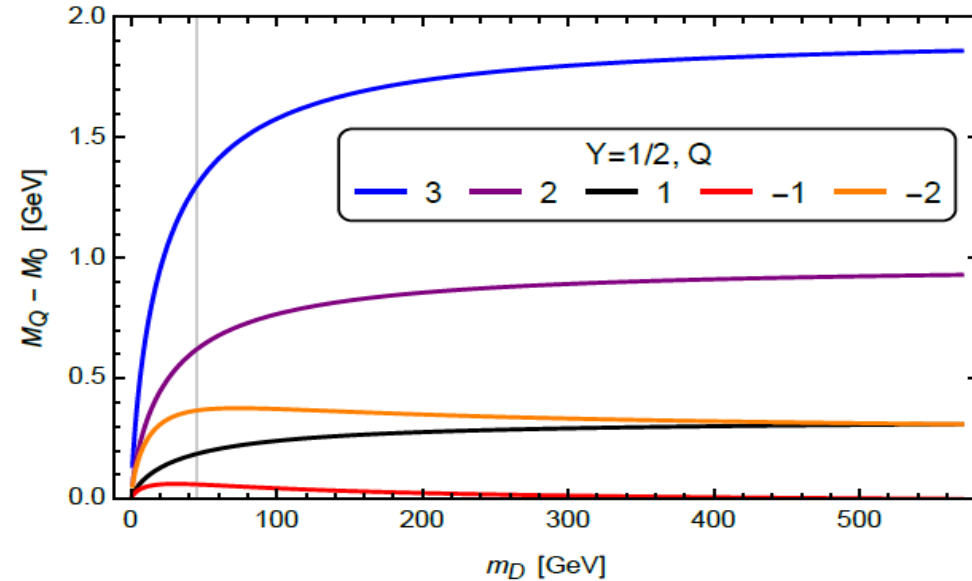
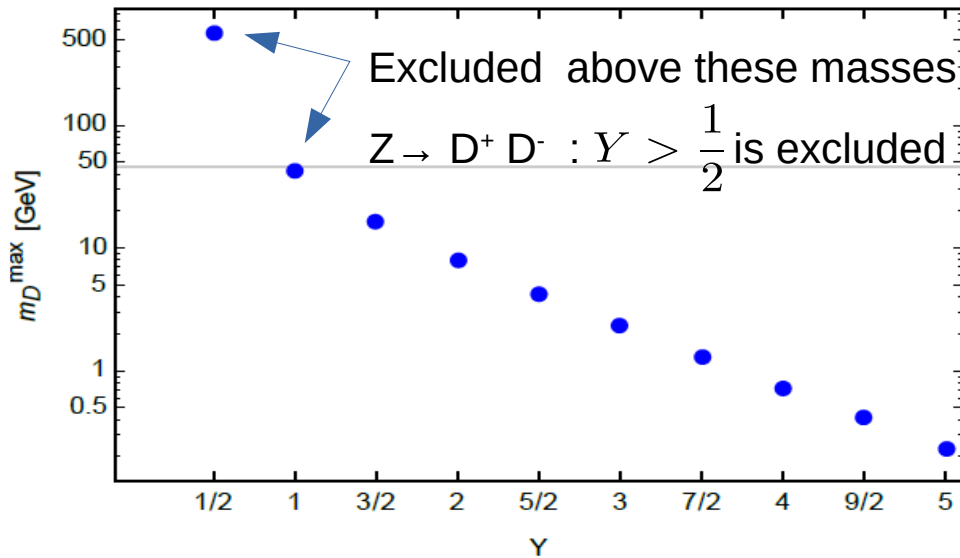


Radiative mass Split

simplest models with $Y > 1/2$ are excluded



$$M_Q - M_{Q'}|_{m_D \gg m_W} \approx \frac{\alpha m_W}{2(1 + c_W)} \left[(Q^2 - Q'^2) + \frac{2Y(Q - Q')}{c_W} \right]$$



Left: maximum value of m_D above which the lightest particle has charge $Q = -1$ for various values of Y

Right: spectrum for a generic multiplet with $Y = 1/2$, with $m_D < 570$ GeV.

The vertical line shows $m_D \sim m_Z/2$, below which the model is excluded by the Z decays

Sommerfeld effect

- non-relativistic effect changing the cross section due to the wave function distortion by a long range potential

- Conditions:

- slow incoming particles

$$m_\chi v^2 \lesssim \alpha^2 m_\chi$$

- long range force

