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DARK MATTER SEARCHES AT ATLAS: RUN 1 RESULTS AND RUN 2 PLANS

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ATLAS Collaboration

25/03/2015 – MITP “Effective Theories for Dark Matter”

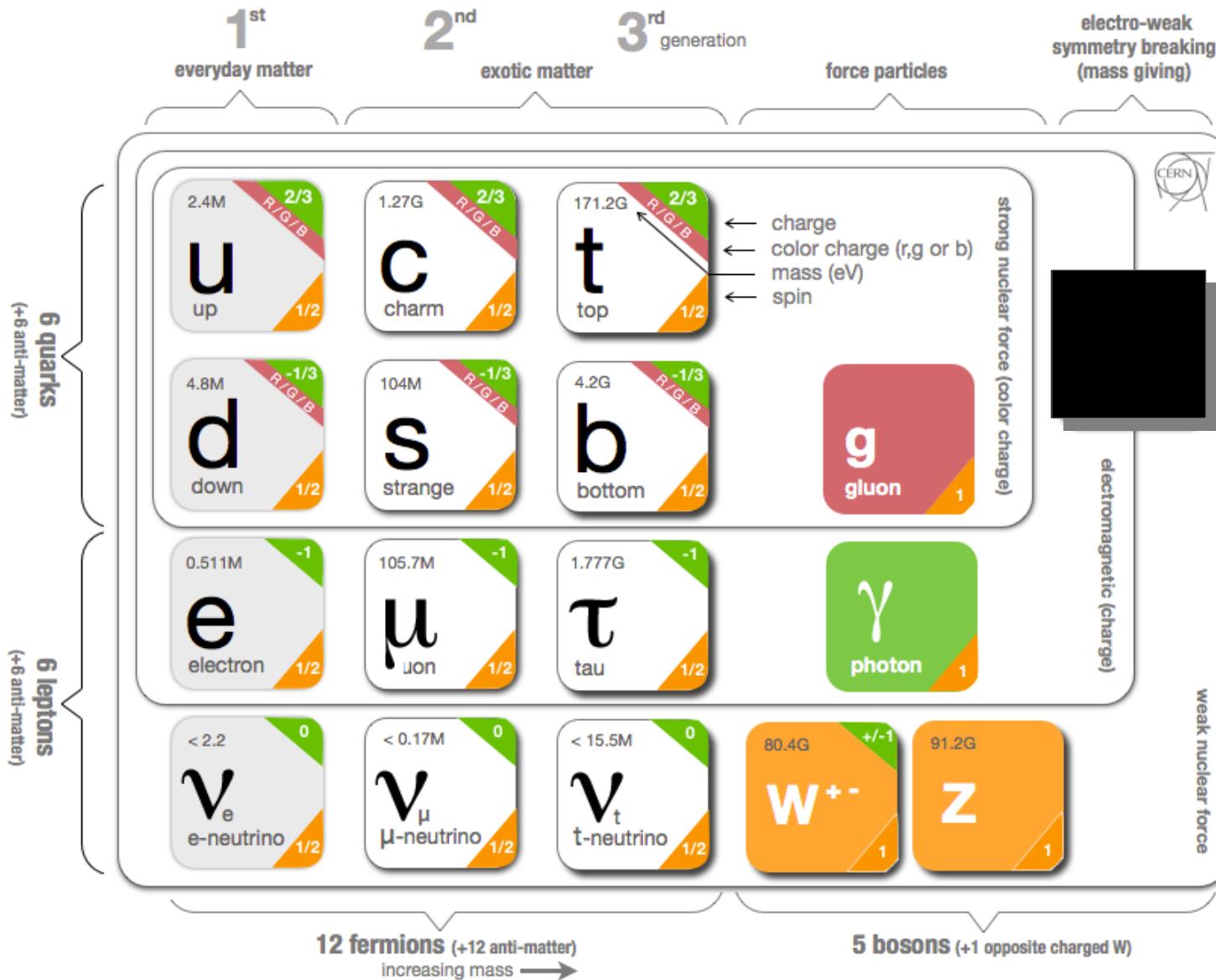
Dark Matter at ATLAS past and **near** future searches

1. The heart of the (dark) matter: WIMPs
2. MET+X searches and Effective Field Theories:
(jet+MET, W+MET, heavy flavors+MET, dijet CI search)
3. The case for simplified models and specific examples
(photon+MET, Z+MET,t+MET, Higgs \rightarrow MET, dijet/dilepton)

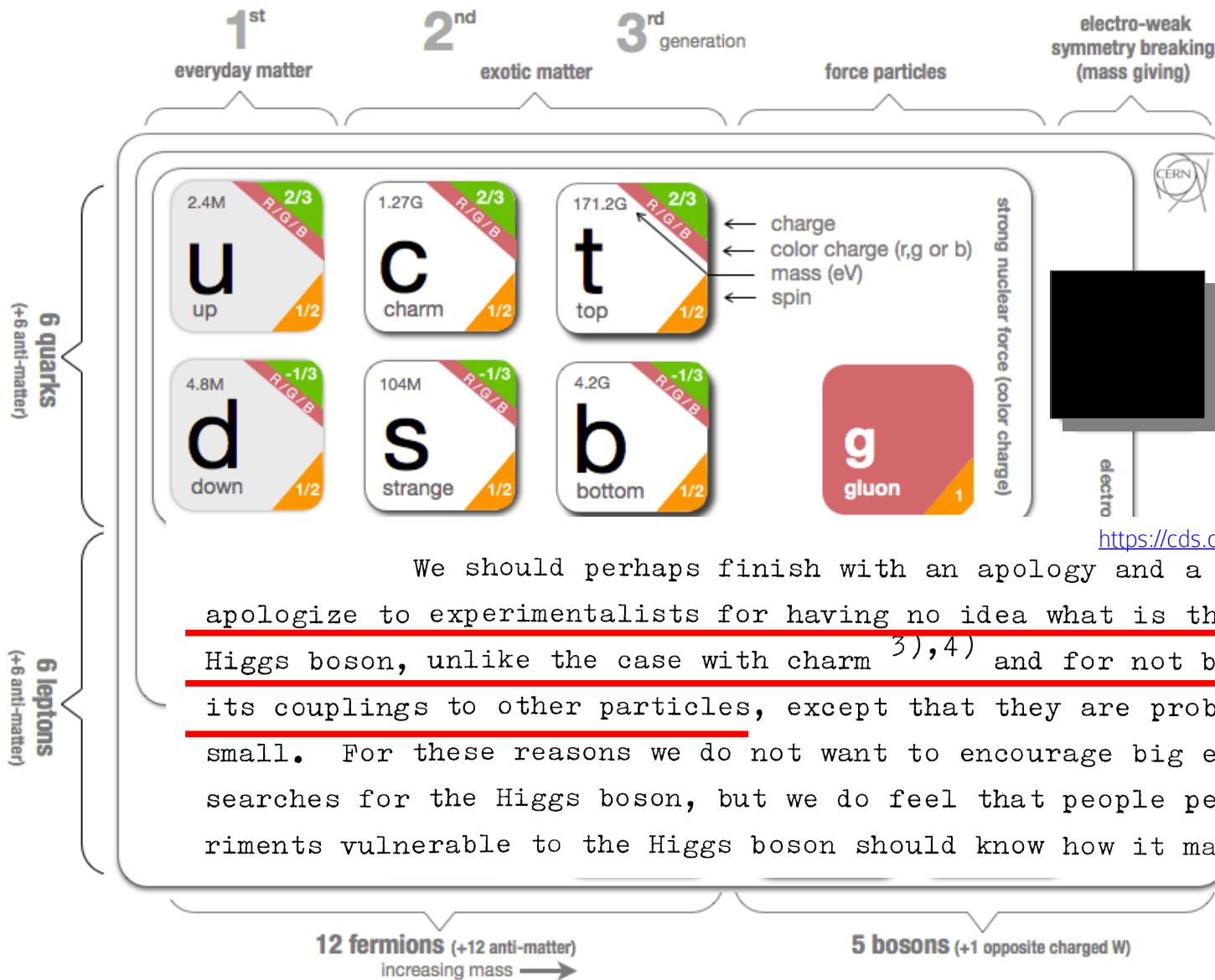
More ATLAS results:

- <https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/AtlasPublic/ExoticsPublicResults>
- <https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/AtlasPublic/HiggsPublicResults>
- <https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/AtlasPublic/SupersymmetryPublicResults>

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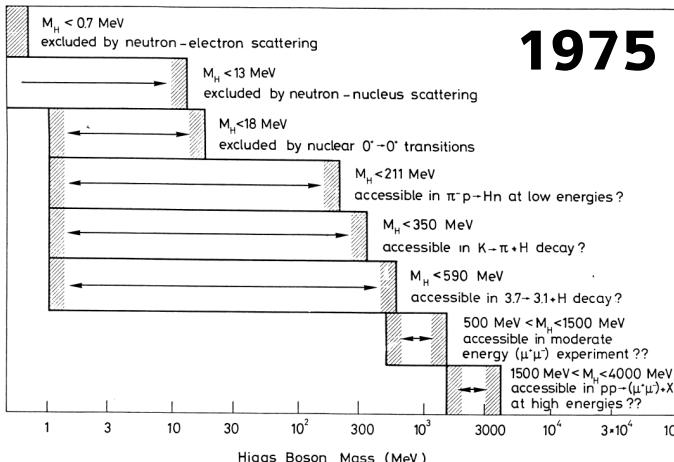
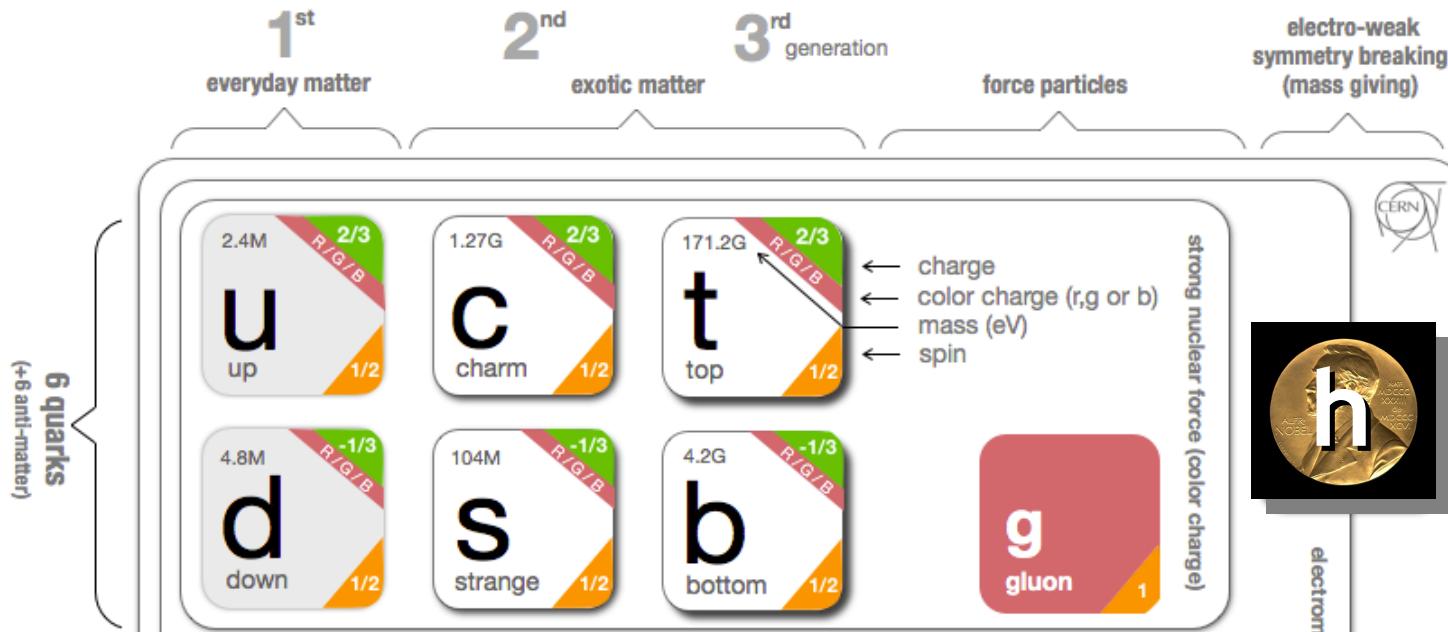


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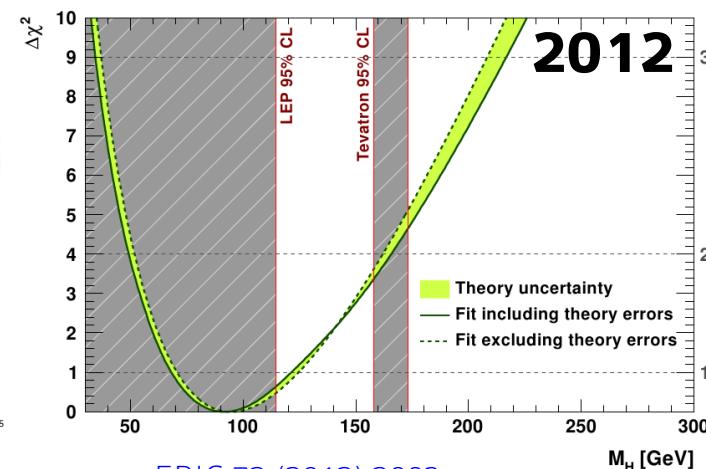


We should perhaps finish with an apology and a caution. We apologize to experimentalists for having no idea what is the mass of the Higgs boson, unlike the case with charm ^{3),4)} and for not being sure of its couplings to other particles, except that they are probably all very small. For these reasons we do not want to encourage big experimental searches for the Higgs boson, but we do feel that people performing experiments vulnerable to the Higgs boson should know how it may turn up.

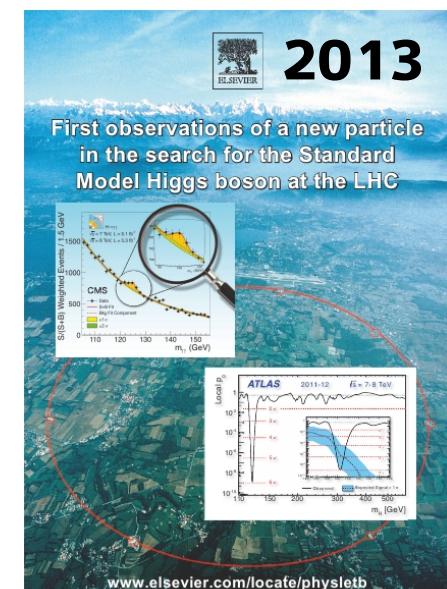
THE HEART OF THE MATTER, POST LHC RUN-1



<https://cds.cern.ch/record/874049>



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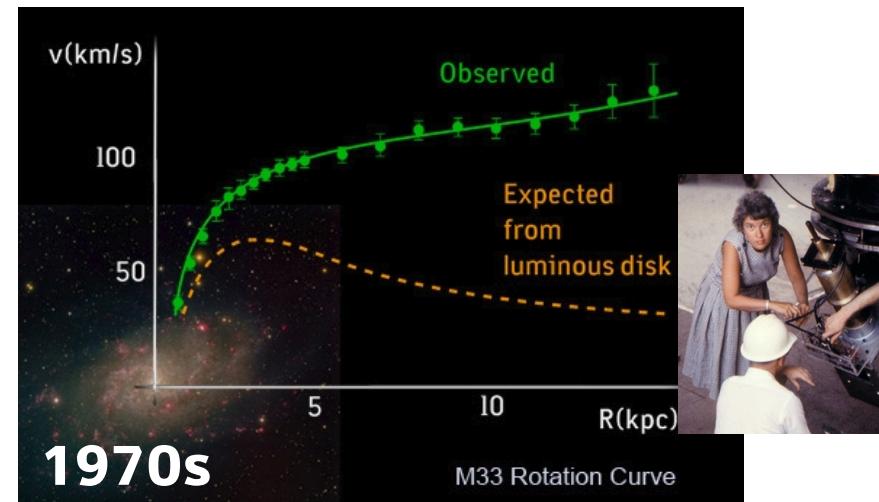


AN EMPIRICAL PROBLEM OF THE SM: DARK MATTER

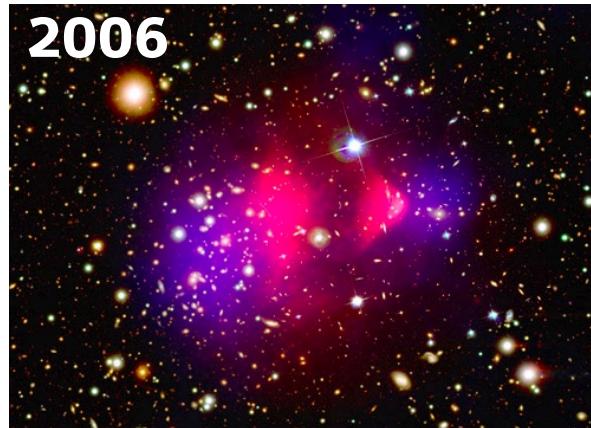
F. Zwicky – Coma cluster: mass vs light output



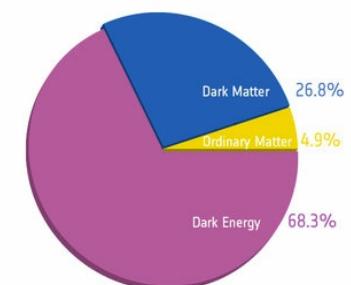
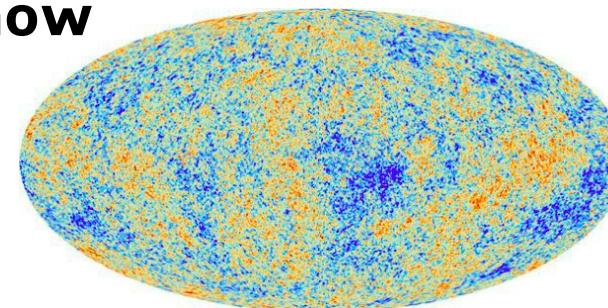
V. Rubin – Velocity of gas near Andromeda galaxy



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Planck – Dark matter vs standard matter composition using CMB (temperature) fluctuations
2013
-now

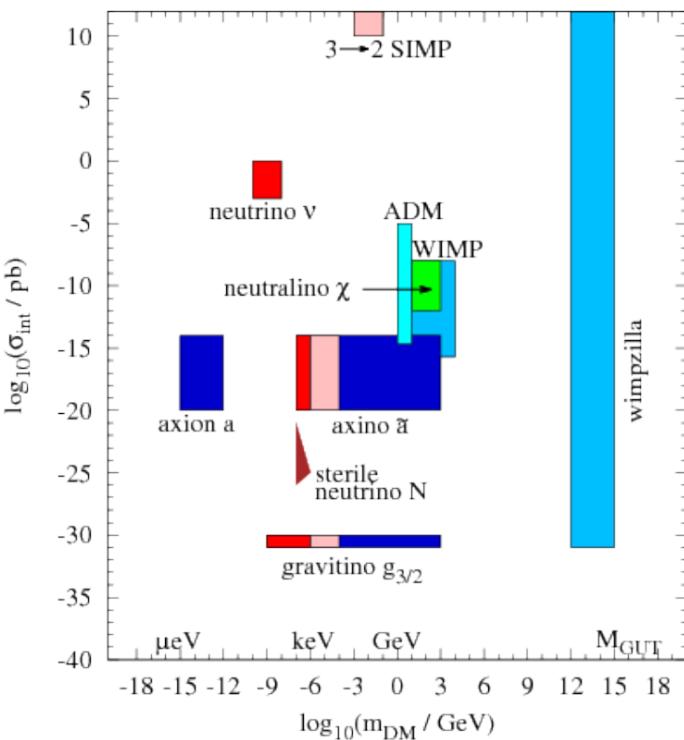
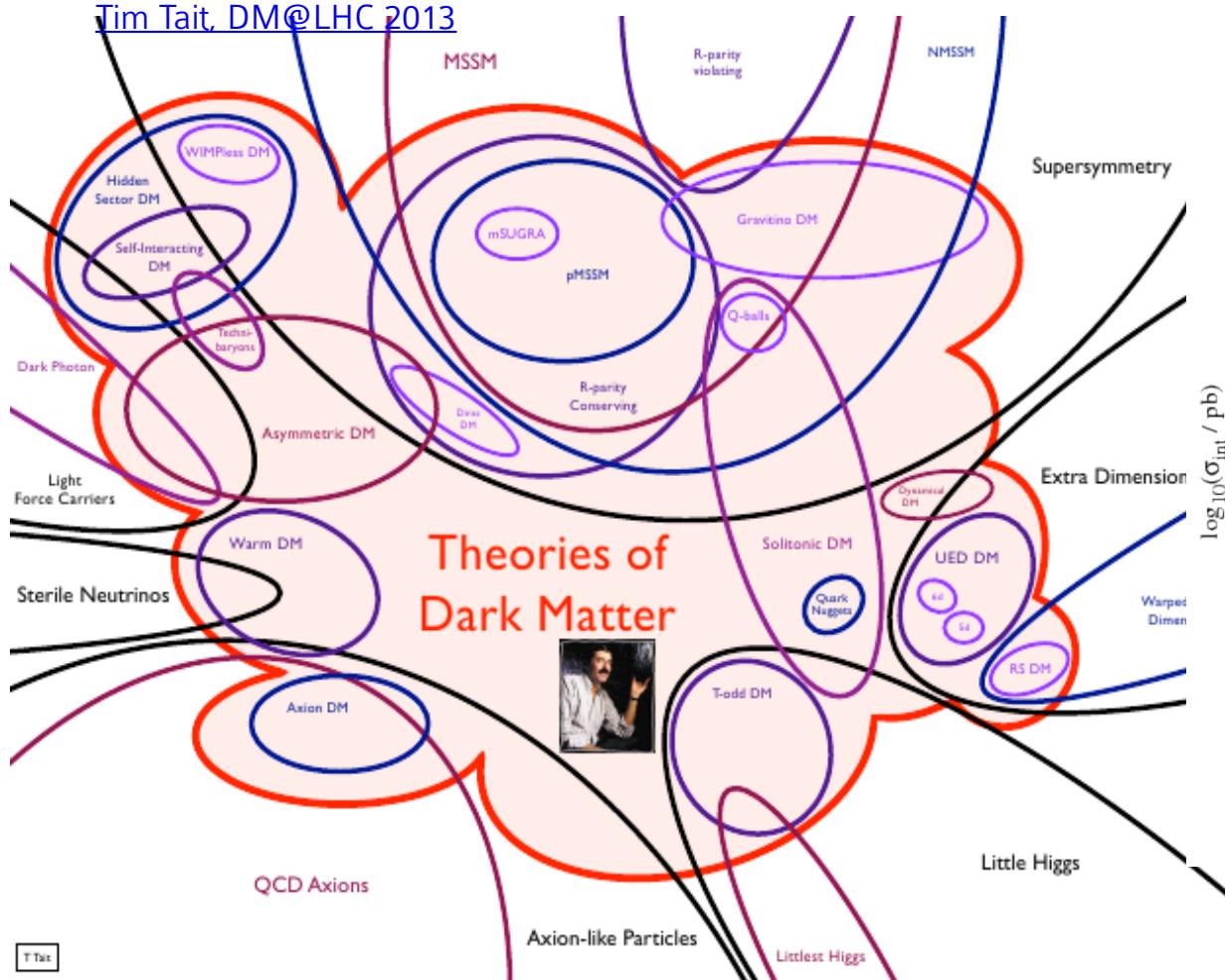


Chandra/Hubble (NASA) – Visible mass of bullet cluster
vs dark mass inferred from gravitational lensing

After Planck

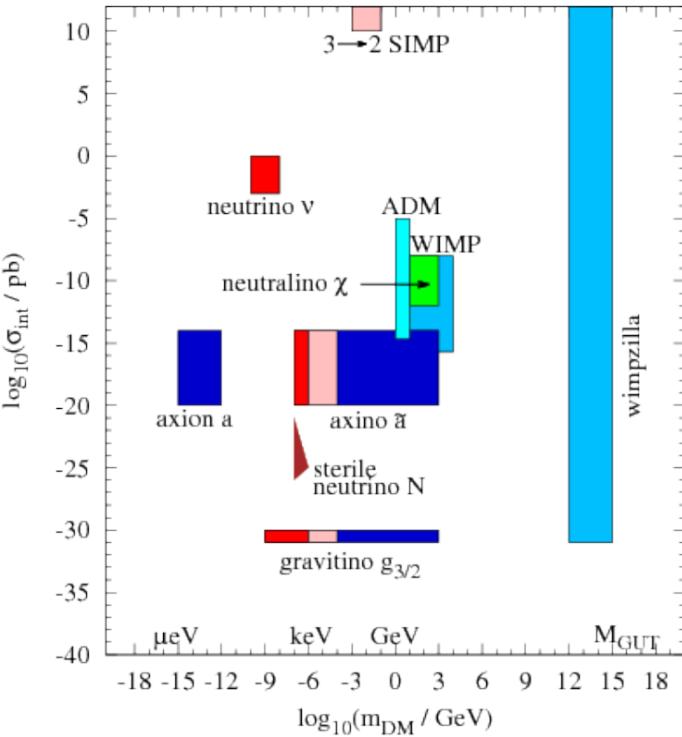
DARK MATTER IS THERE, BUT WHERE?

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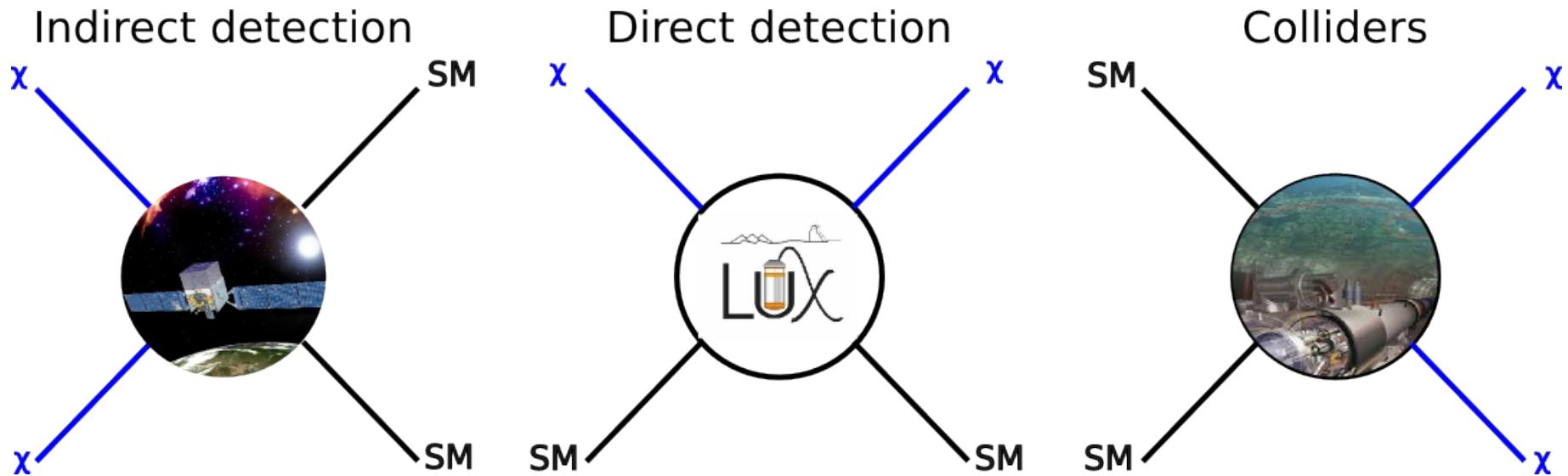
This talk: mostly focus on “model-independent” (i.e. non-SUSY) searches, but still searches for WIMPs

PREJUDICE: WIMP DARK MATTER

(Our) **preferred DM candidate**

matches cosmological observations (e.g. thermal relic density):
dark, stable, cold, weakly interacting with SM particles,
mass of up to a few TeV → a **WIMP**

Good News! **Complementary** Dark Matter experiments



COLLIDER EXPERIMENTS: ATLAS AND CMS

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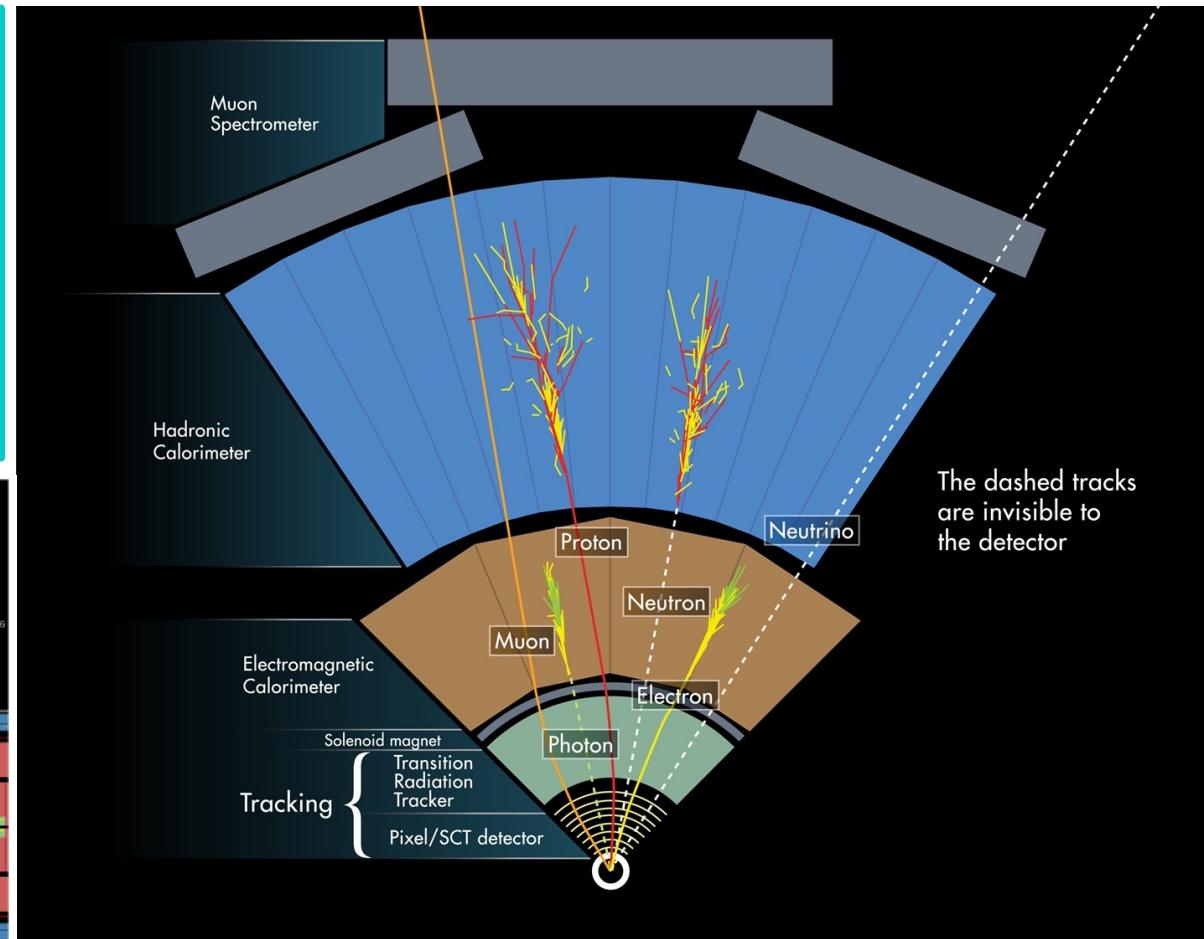
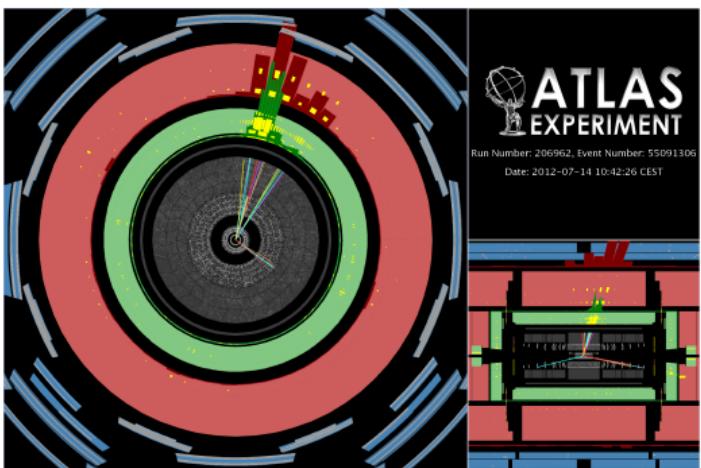
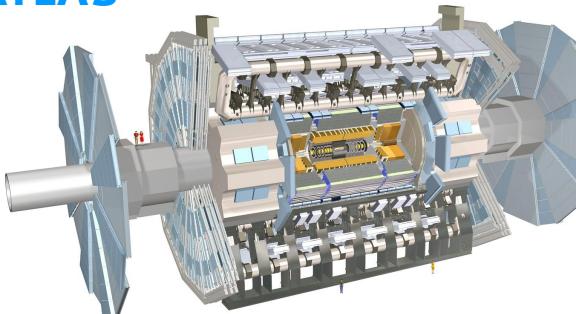


- **ATLAS** and **CMS** → physics with jets, leptons, photons
 - General-purpose experiments, covering ~ full solid angle
 - Excellent tracking, calorimetry, muon spectrometer

THE ATLAS EXPERIMENT IN A NUTSHELL

Key point in searches for invisible particles: **hermetic detector**

ATLAS

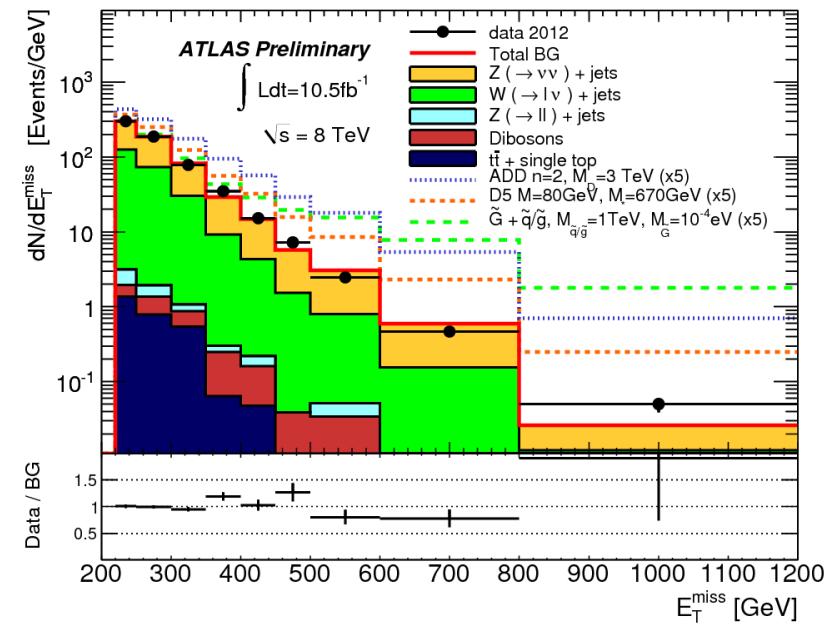
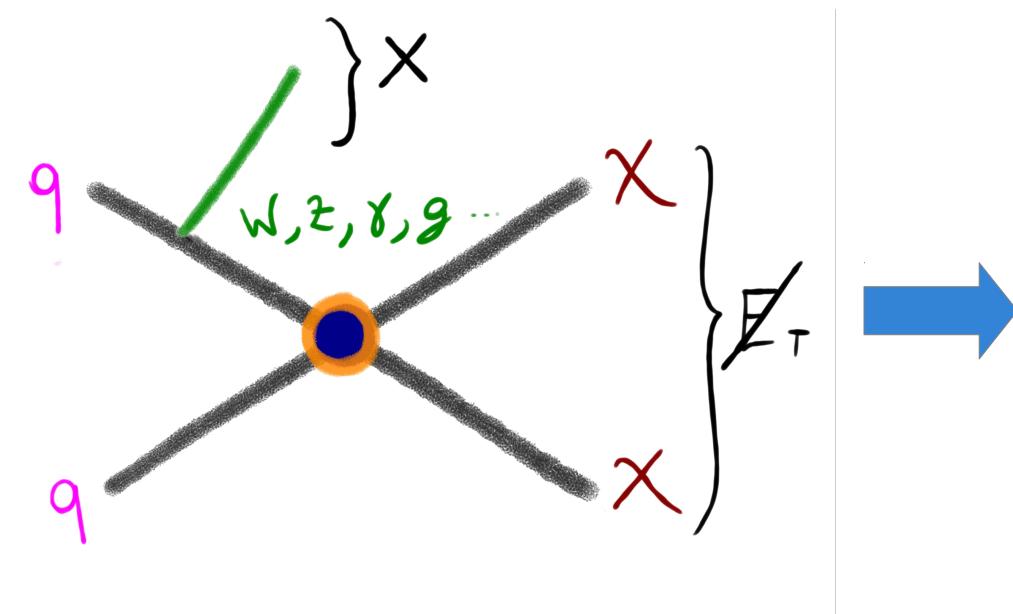


How a WIMP event (but also: $Z \rightarrow vv + \text{jet}$) would look like in ATLAS

MET+X SEARCHES FOR WIMP DM AT COLLIDERS

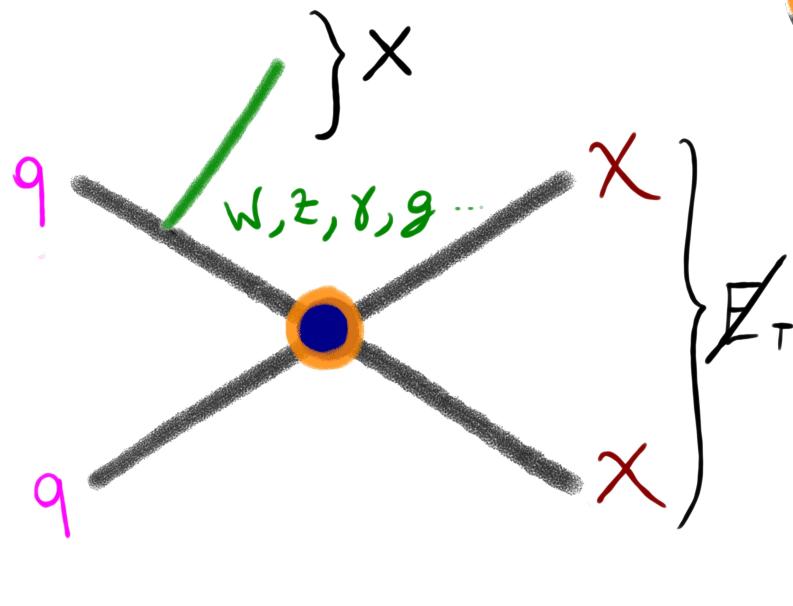
Invisible DM particles **escape detection**:

LHC experiment strategy: tag events using recoiling object(s),
measure missing transverse momentum (**Missing E_T**)



WIMP signature: excess in tails of MET distribution
 (searches for also sensitive to other models)

Commonly used benchmark at colliders:
Contact Interaction (Effective Field Theories)



[arxiv:1008.1783](https://arxiv.org/abs/1008.1783)

= EFT Operators representing types of DM-SM interactions with DM particles

Advantages:

Limited number of degrees of freedom: scale of interaction (M^* or Λ), DM mass

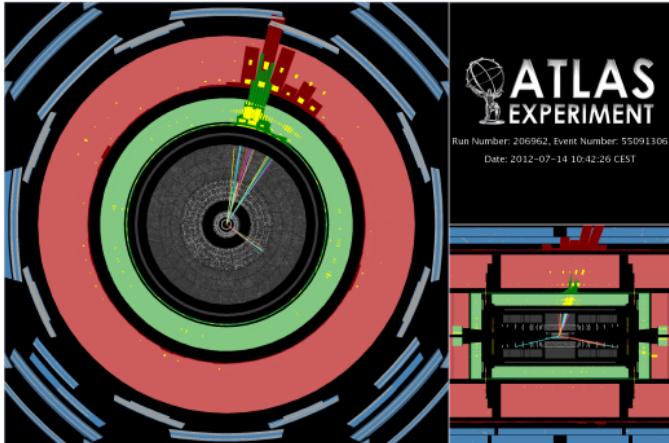
Disadvantages:

Only applicable
at low momentum transfer

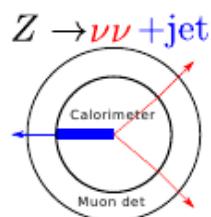
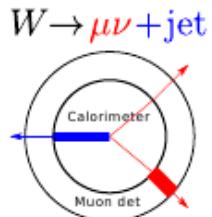
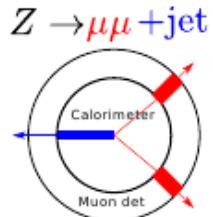
Question for later discussion:

Is this EFT/CI still a **viable/useful benchmark** for colliders?
Can/should we do something about its **validity**?

Jet+MET: look for excess of events
with high pT jet(s),
high missing transverse momentum



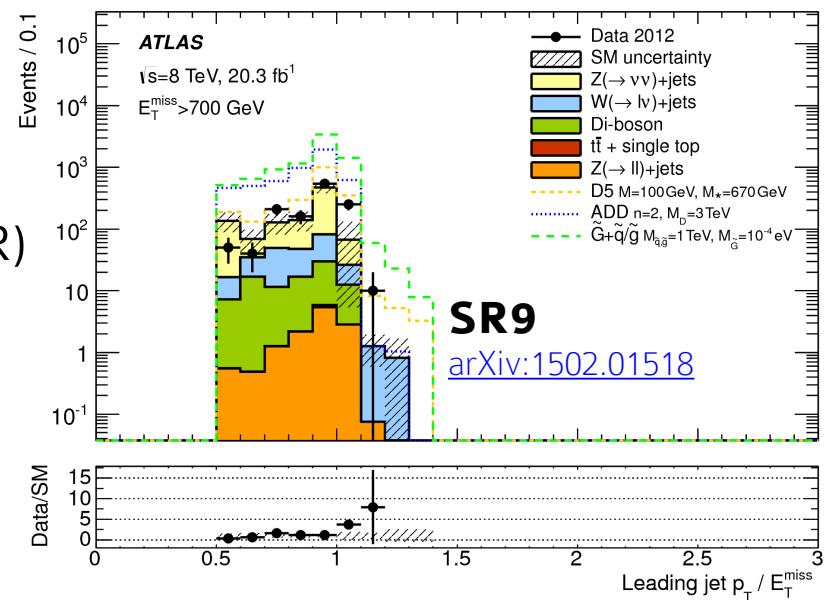
Background estimation (main: Zvv+jets):
use transfer factors from W/Z control regions (CR)



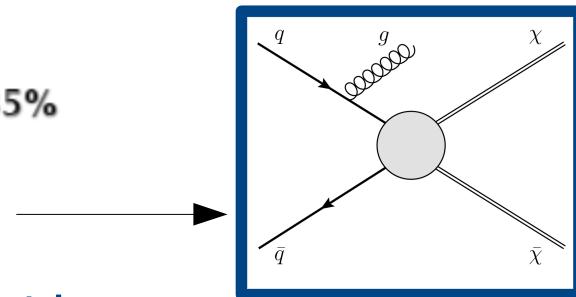
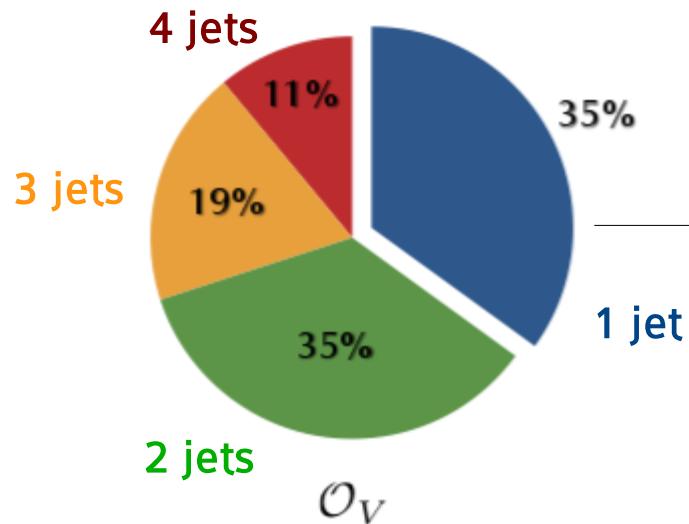
Graphics by S. Schramm

Signal regions (SR):
Cut and count analysis,
varying jet pT and MET thresholds

Dominant background uncertainties:
W/Z backgrounds (theory, CR stat.)
Object reconstruction (jet/MET)
e.g. SR9: $pT > 700 \text{ GeV}$, $\text{MET} > 700 \text{ GeV}$:
total background uncertainties: 14%

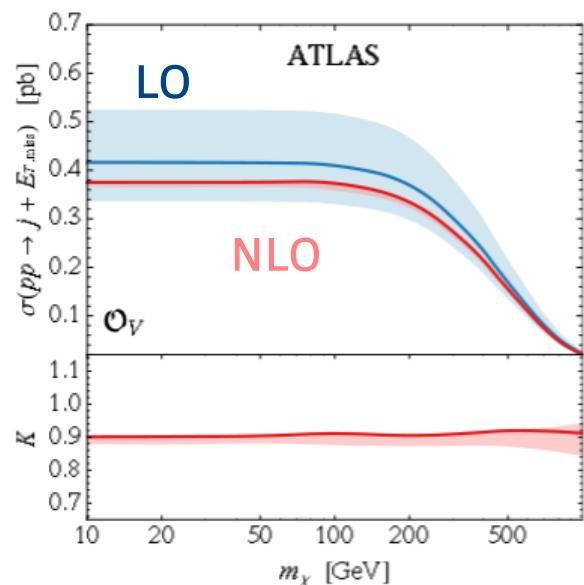


arXiv:1310.4491, Emanuele Re's talk



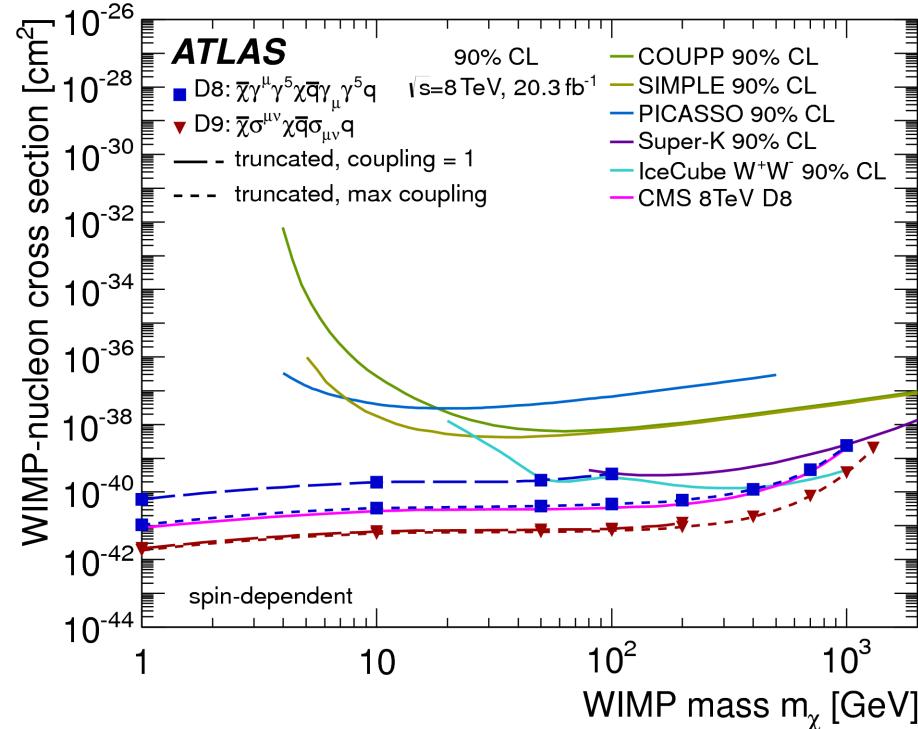
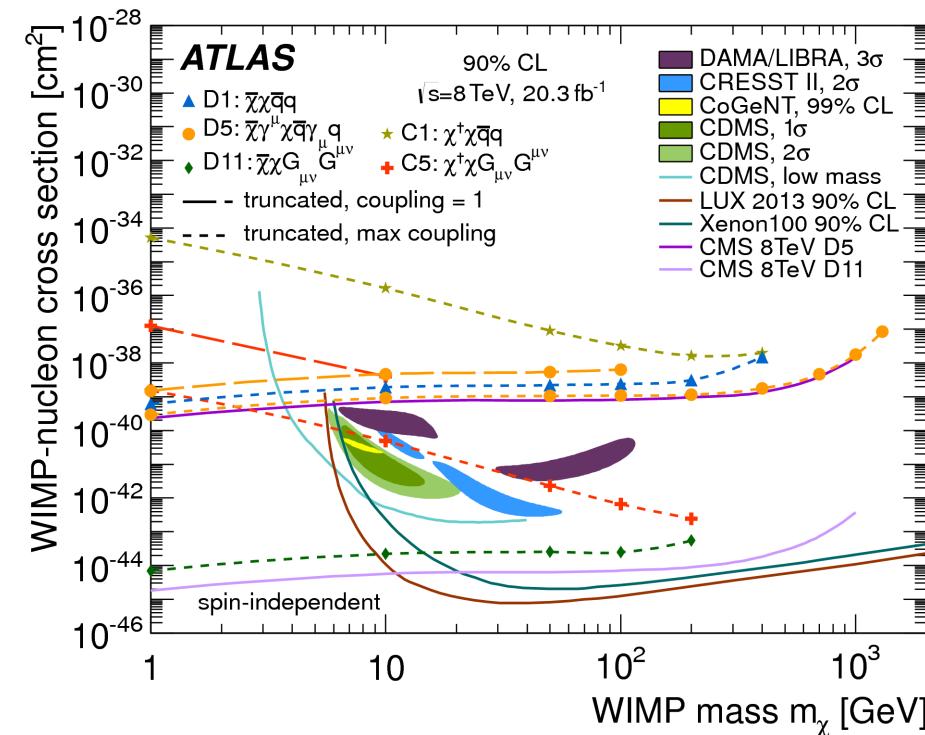
Naive monojet
doesn't quite capture
all QCD effects

NLO reduces uncertainties



ATLAS 8 TeV analysis: [ATLAS: arXiv:1502.01518](https://arxiv.org/abs/1502.01518)

use NLO signals, release jet veto (but keep monojet-like topology)
 → improvements in EFT limits

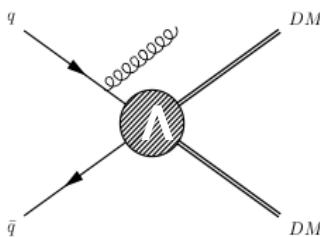


Model-dependent comparison

Needs **agreement** on benchmarks and assumptions
 → e.g. **truncation** procedure to ensure **EFT validity**

Complementarity of DD/ID and colliders:
 outlines strengths of each of the experiments

Question for later discussion:
 is a comparison on this plane reasonable?

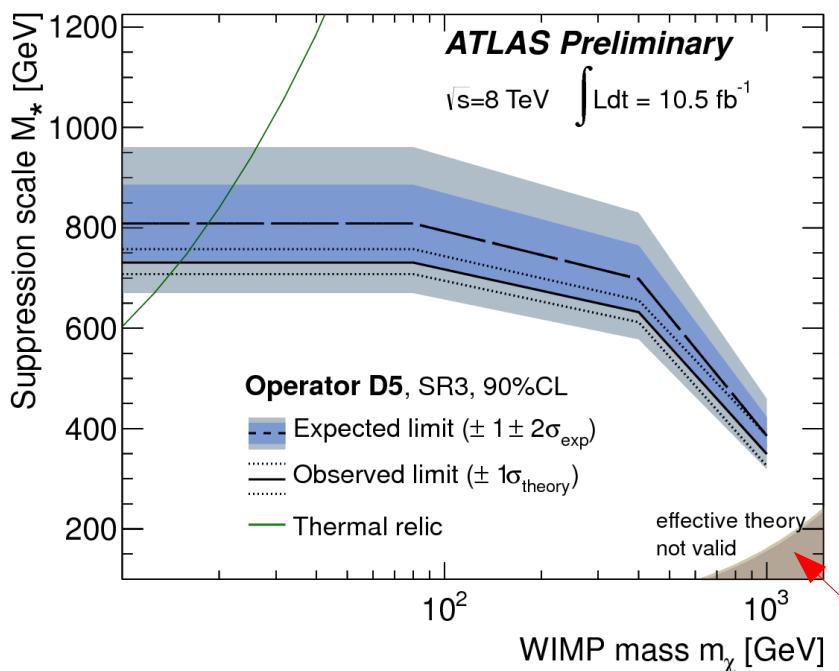


CI approximation valid if

$$Q_{\text{tr}} < M_{\text{med}}$$

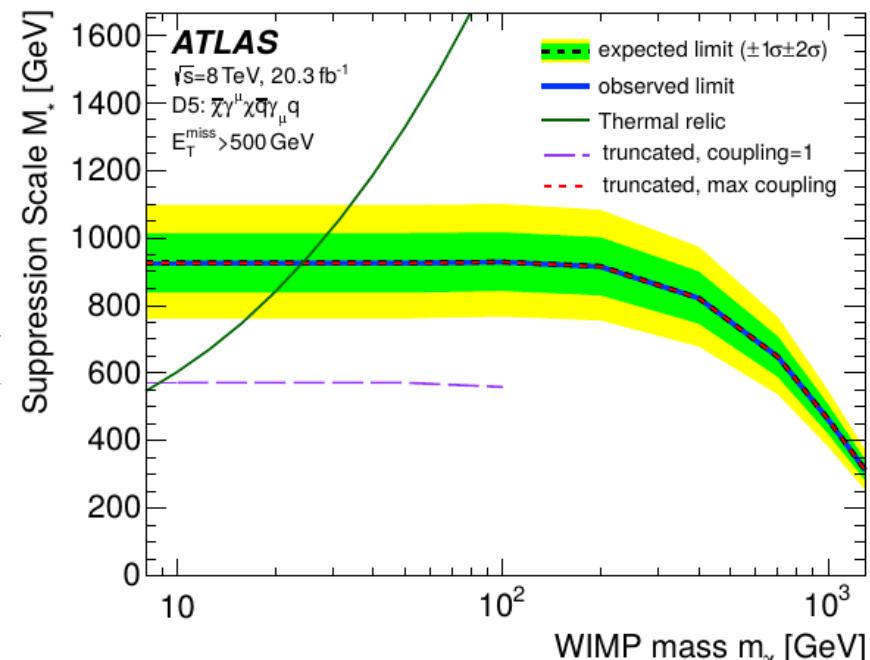
(minimal constraint)

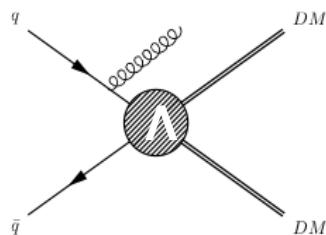
Can we simply remove invalid events
and have **conservative** limits at all times?



Coupling perturbativity + s-channel mediator

Antonio Boveia, Caterina Doglioni – ATLAS/CMS DM Forum – Exotics Plenary





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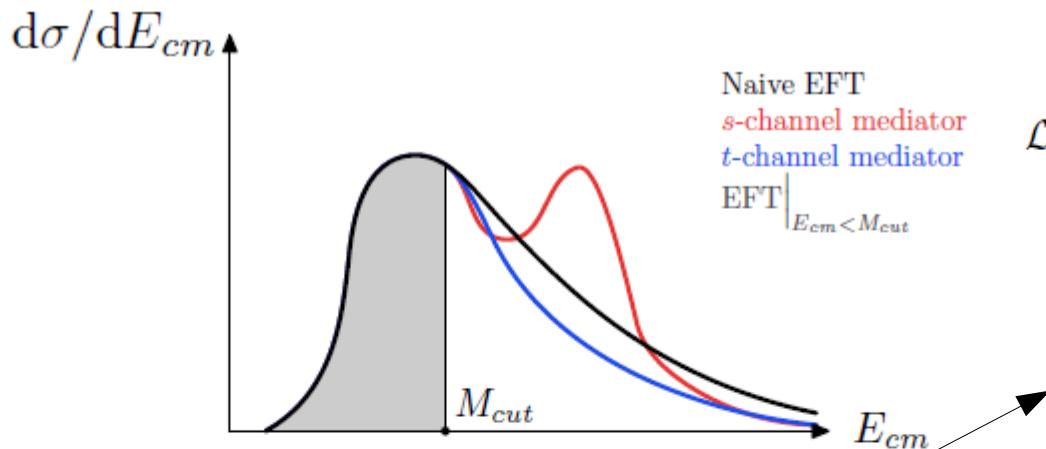
Connect mediator mass and EFT scale Λ :
 need information on **theory completion**
 → coupling-dependent condition,
precise and well-defined within choices

Operator(s)	Relation between M_{med} and M_*	Coupling term range
D1	$M_{\text{med}} = \sqrt{y_q g_\chi} \sqrt{M_*^3 / m_q}$	$0 < \sqrt{y_q g_\chi} < 4\pi$
C1	$M_{\text{med}} = y_q \lambda_\chi \zeta_\lambda M_*^2 / m_q$	$0 < y_q \lambda_\chi \zeta_\lambda < (4\pi)^2 \zeta_\lambda$
D5, D8, D9	$M_{\text{med}} = \sqrt{g_q g_\chi} M_*$	$0 < \sqrt{g_q g_\chi} < 4\pi$
D11	$M_{\text{med}} = \sqrt[3]{a g_\chi} M_*$	$0 < \sqrt[3]{a g_\chi} < \sqrt[3]{16\pi}$
C5	$M_{\text{med}} = \sqrt{a \lambda_\chi \zeta_\lambda} M_*$	$0 < \sqrt{a \lambda_\chi \zeta_\lambda} < 4\sqrt{\pi \zeta_\lambda}$

Key parameter for truncation: $R_{M_{\text{med}}}^{\text{tot}}$ = fraction of events passing $Q_{\text{tr}} < M_{\text{med}}$

Two equivalent procedures:

cross-section truncation, corresponding only to valid events (used in 8 TeV papers)
 iterative rescaling of M^* limits after determining R (used in 14 TeV studies)



- We restrict the signal to the events for which

$$E_{cm} < M_{cut},$$

where E_{cm} is the total invariant mass of the hard final states of the reaction:

$$E_{cm} = \sqrt{\hat{s}} = \sqrt{\left(p^\mu(\text{DM}_1) + p^\mu(\text{DM}_2) + p^\mu(\text{jet}) \right)^2}.$$

- Indeed, the following *always* holds:

$$\sigma_{\text{true model}}^{\text{signal}} > \sigma_{\text{corresp. EFT}}^{\text{signal}} \Big|_{E_{cm} < M_{cut}}.$$

Thus we obtain conservative but reliable limits.

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{EFT}} = -\frac{1}{M_*^2} (\bar{X} \gamma^\mu \gamma^5 X) \left(\sum_{\text{flavours}} \bar{q} \gamma_\mu \gamma^5 q \right)$$

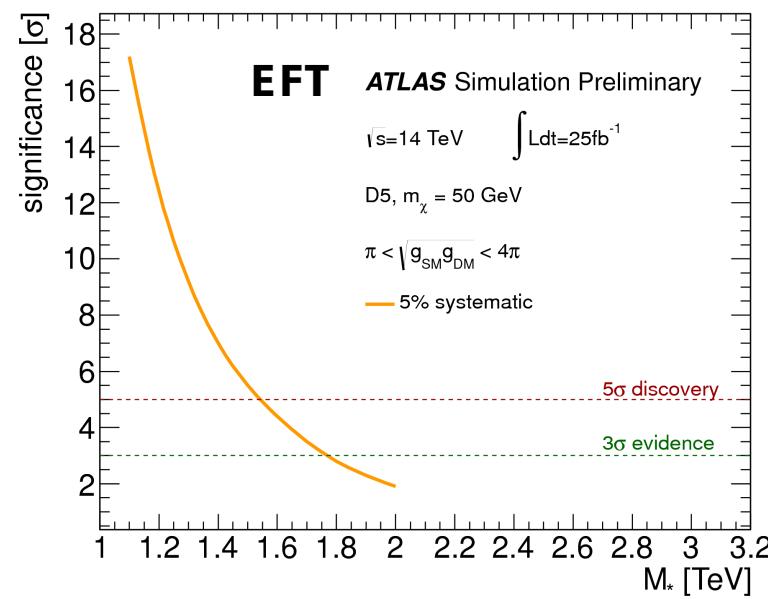
$$M_{cut} = g^* M^*$$

- only depends on parameters of the EFT as opposed to needing information on UV completion (still, physical interpretation requires assumptions)

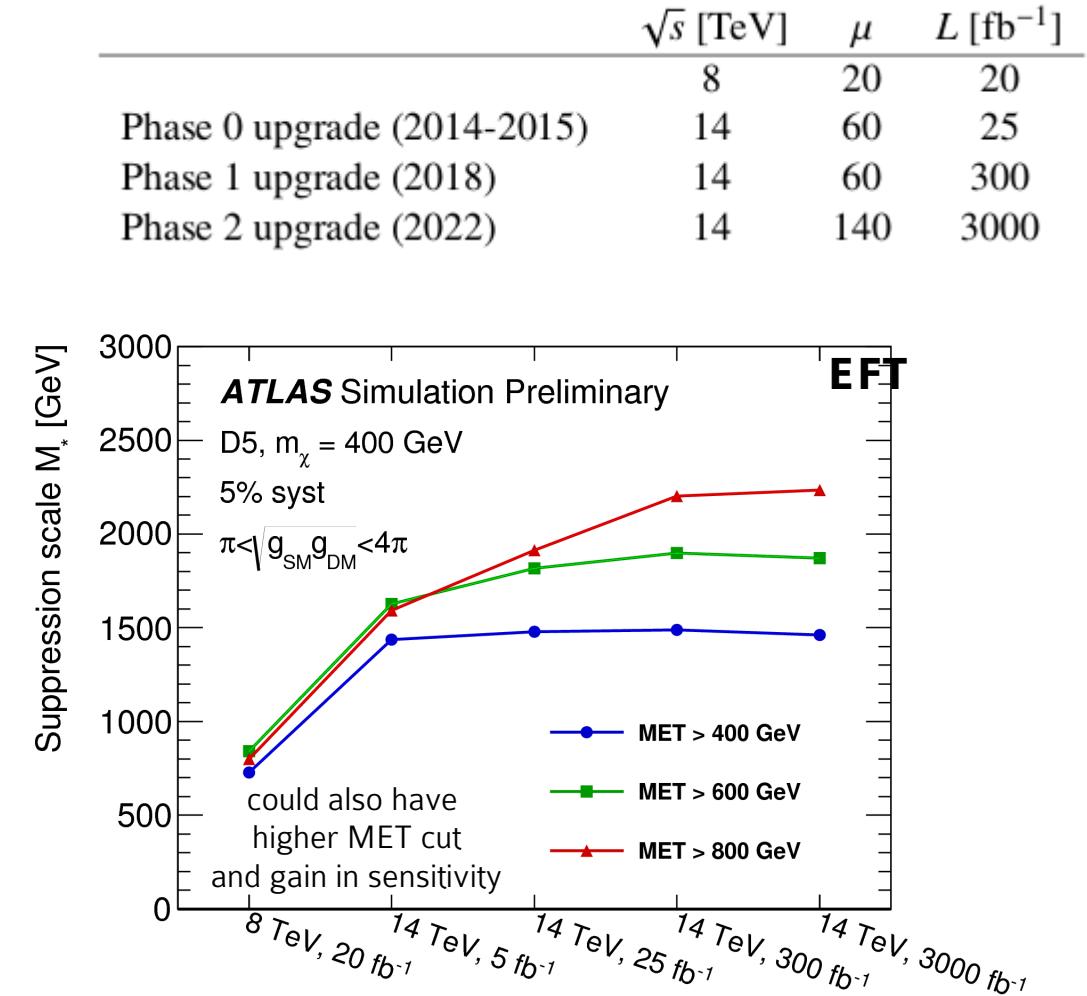
- can be scanned

Adopting similar **search strategy** as 8 TeV

Generator-level backgrounds + smearing for pile-up and detector conditions



Surpassing previous limits within
1st year of data taking

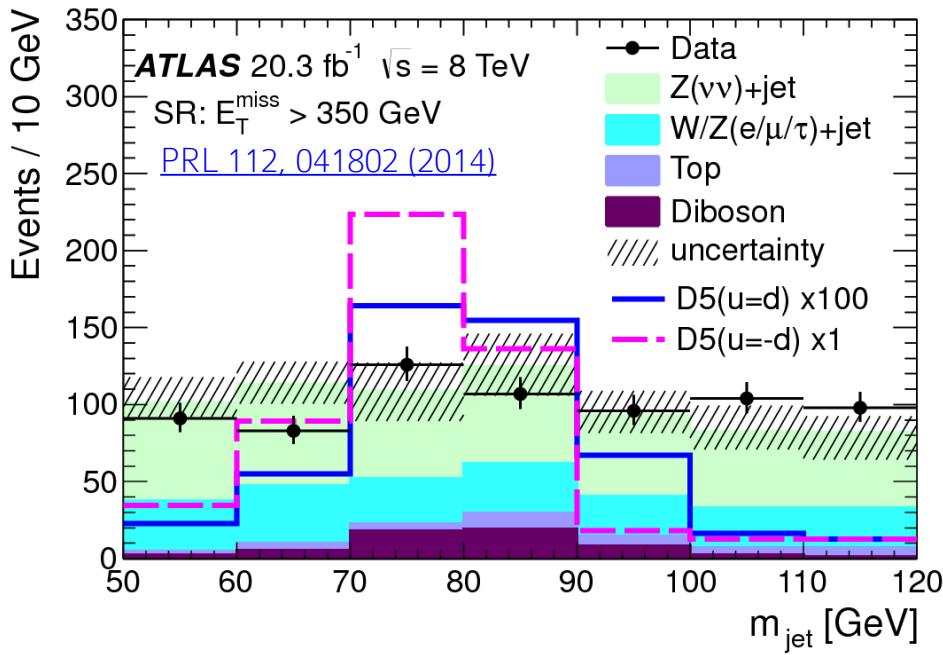


DARK MATTER WITH GAUGE BOSONS

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MET+W/Z/ γ : look for excess of events with high pT boson (decay products), high missing transverse momentum

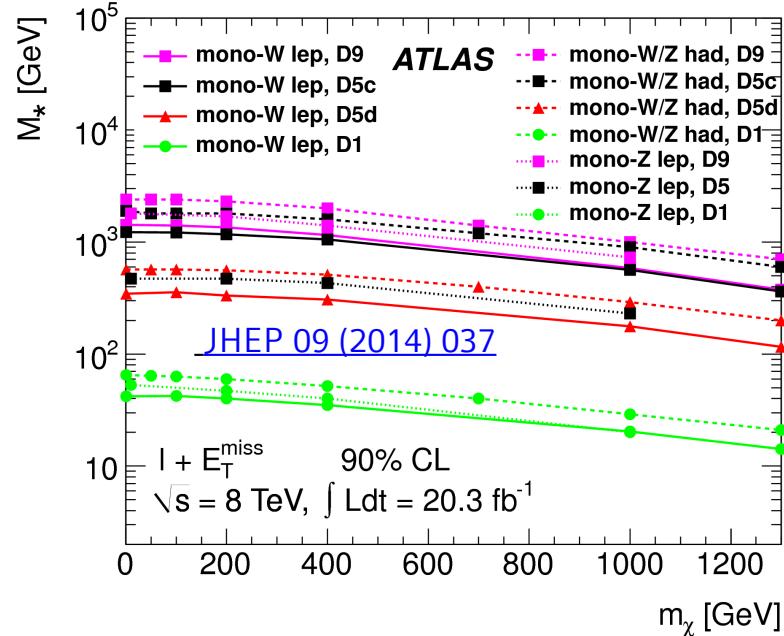
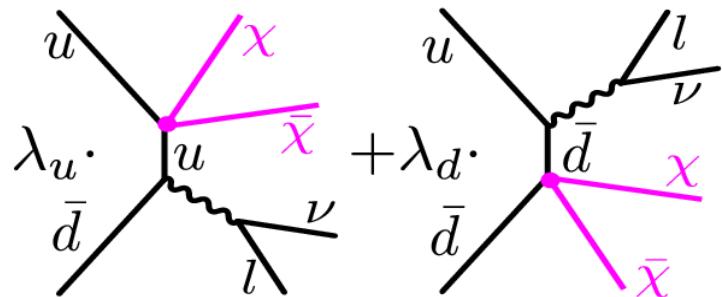
W/Z \rightarrow jj: use of single fat jet mass for W/Z tagging



ATLAS: CMS:
W/Z \rightarrow jj: PRL 112, 041802 (2014)
Z \rightarrow ll: PRD 90, 012004 (2014)
W \rightarrow lnu: arXiv:1408.2745
photon: arXiv:1410.8812

W \rightarrow lv: JHEP 09 (2014) 037
photon: PRD 91, 012008 (2015)

Advantage for W: interference

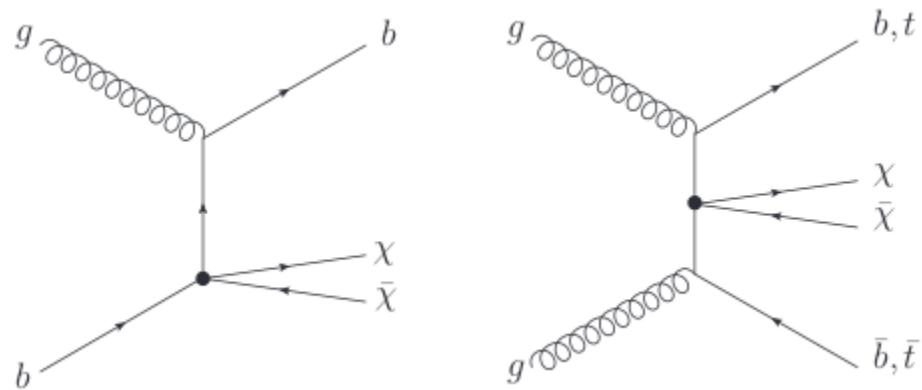


DARK MATTER WITH HEAVY QUARKS

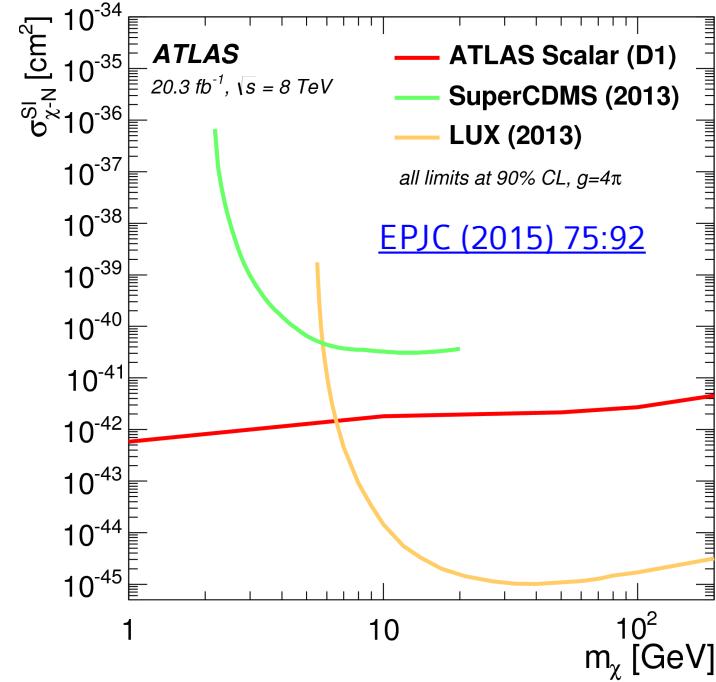
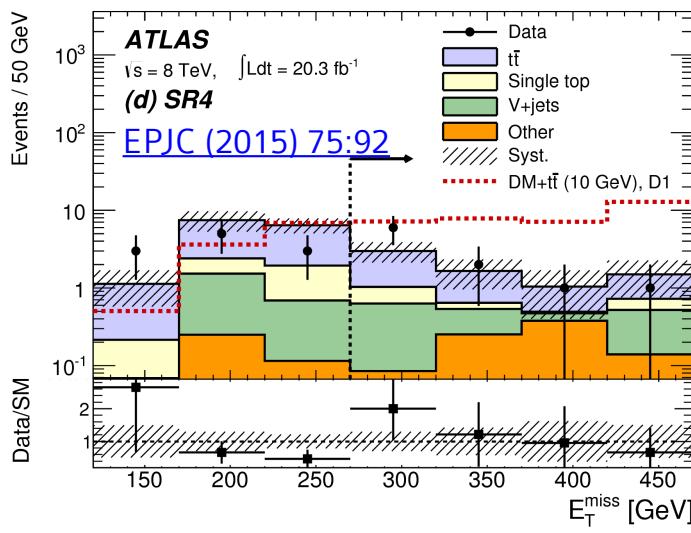
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DM with heavy flavors:
favoured for some EFT operators

$$\mathcal{O} = \sum_q \frac{m_q}{M_*^3} \bar{q} q \bar{\chi} \chi,$$

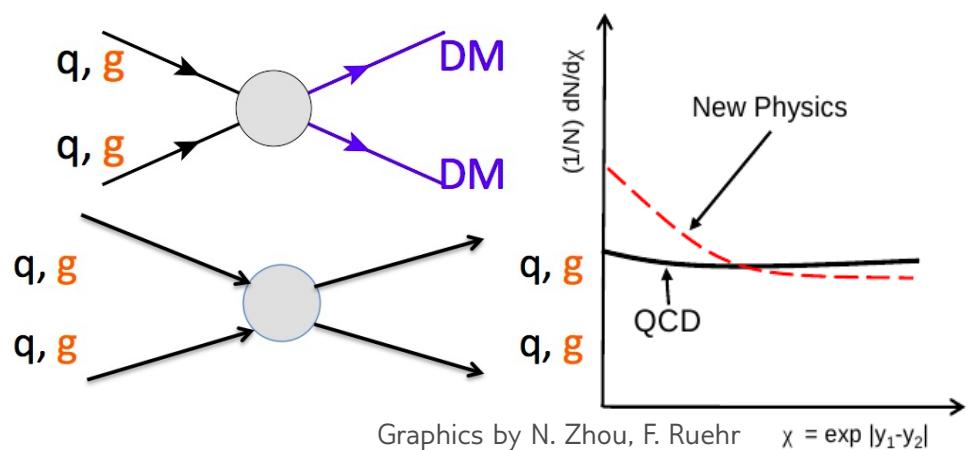
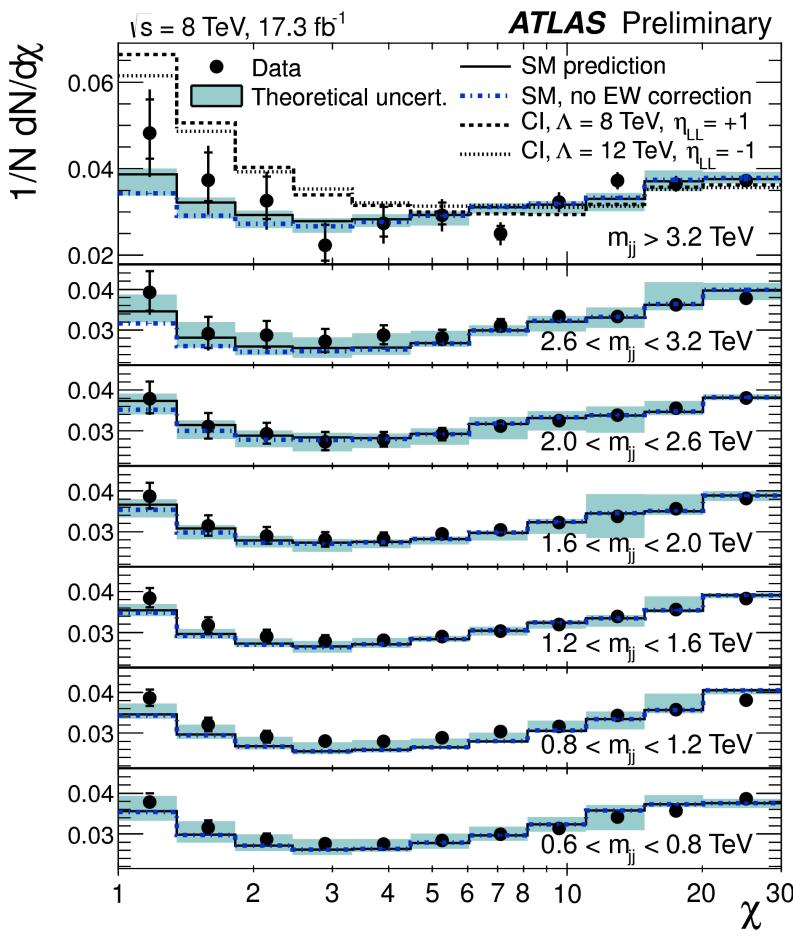


Different signal regions,
backgrounds normalized from control regions

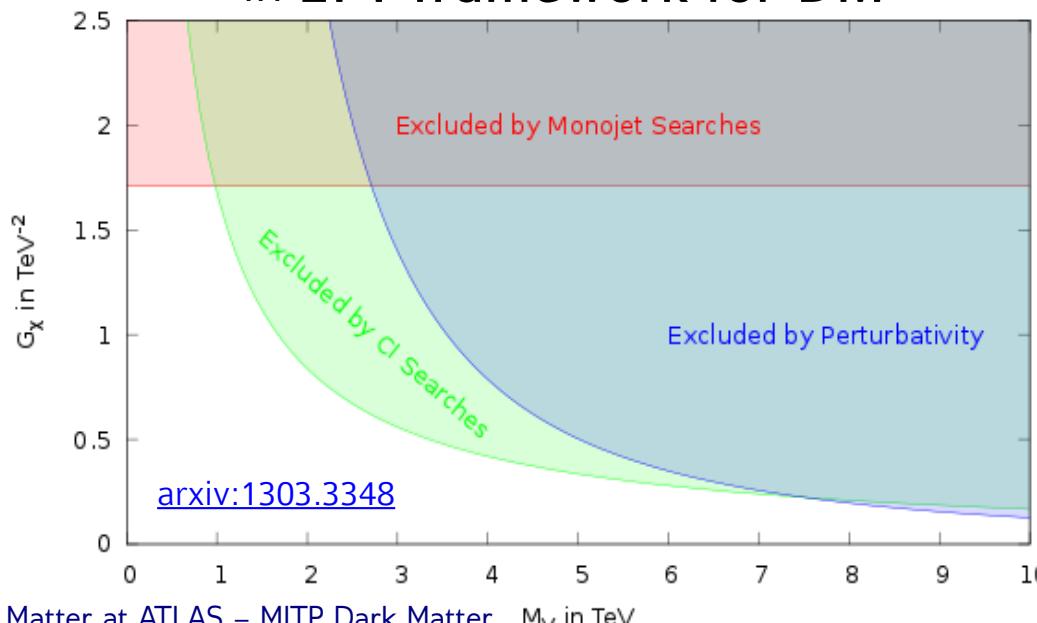


ATLAS: CMS:
 ttbar->all-hadronic: [EPJC \(2015\) 75:92](#)
 single lepton stop search: [JHEP 11 \(2014\) 118](#)
 ttbar->semileptonic: [CMS-PAS-B2G-14-004](#)
 ttbar->dilepton: [CMS-PAS-B2G-13-004](#)

Dijet angular distributions probe contact interactions



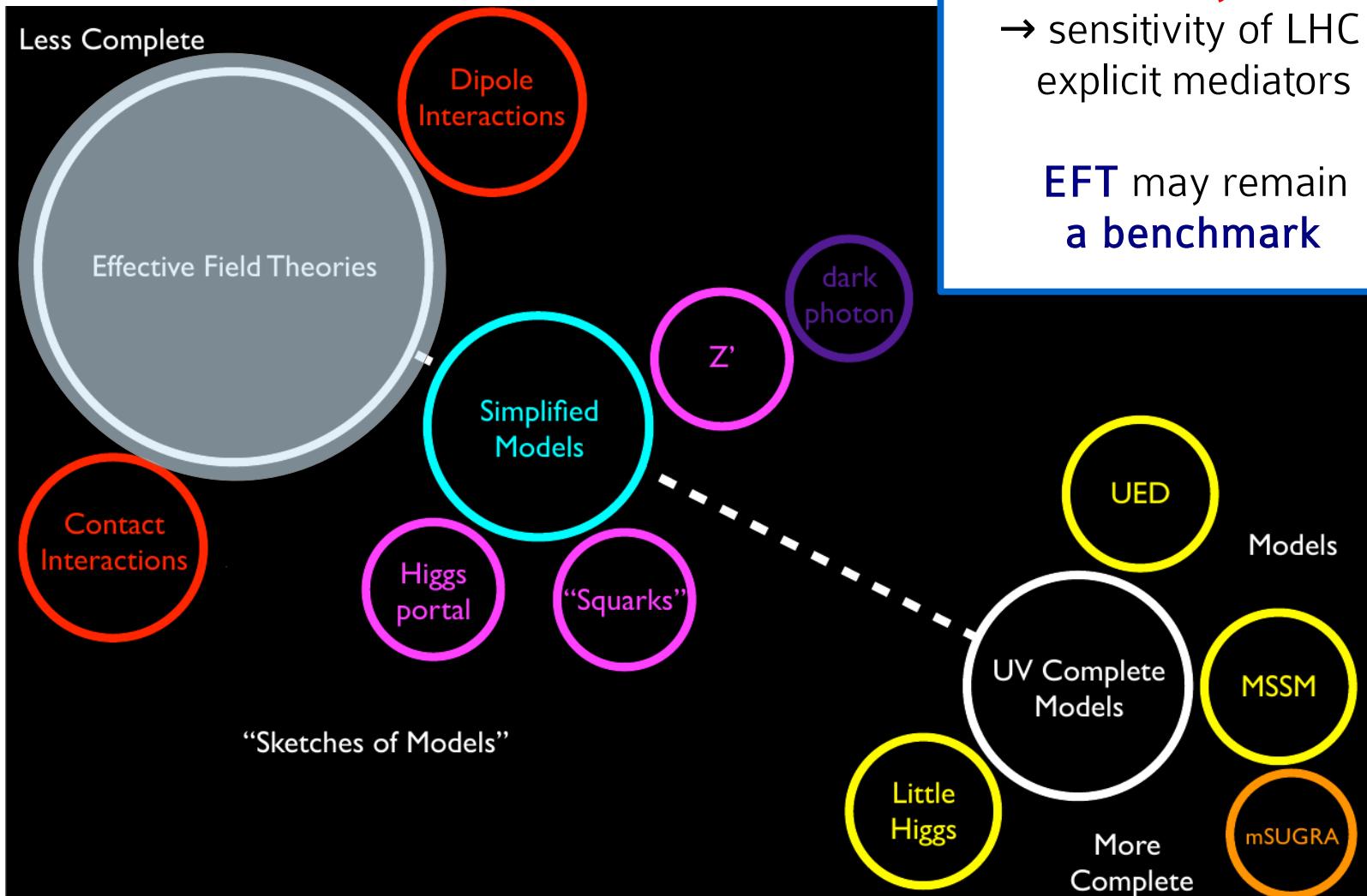
→ can reinterpret constraints
in EFT framework for DM



RUN-1/RUN-2: MOVING TO SIMPLIFIED MODELS

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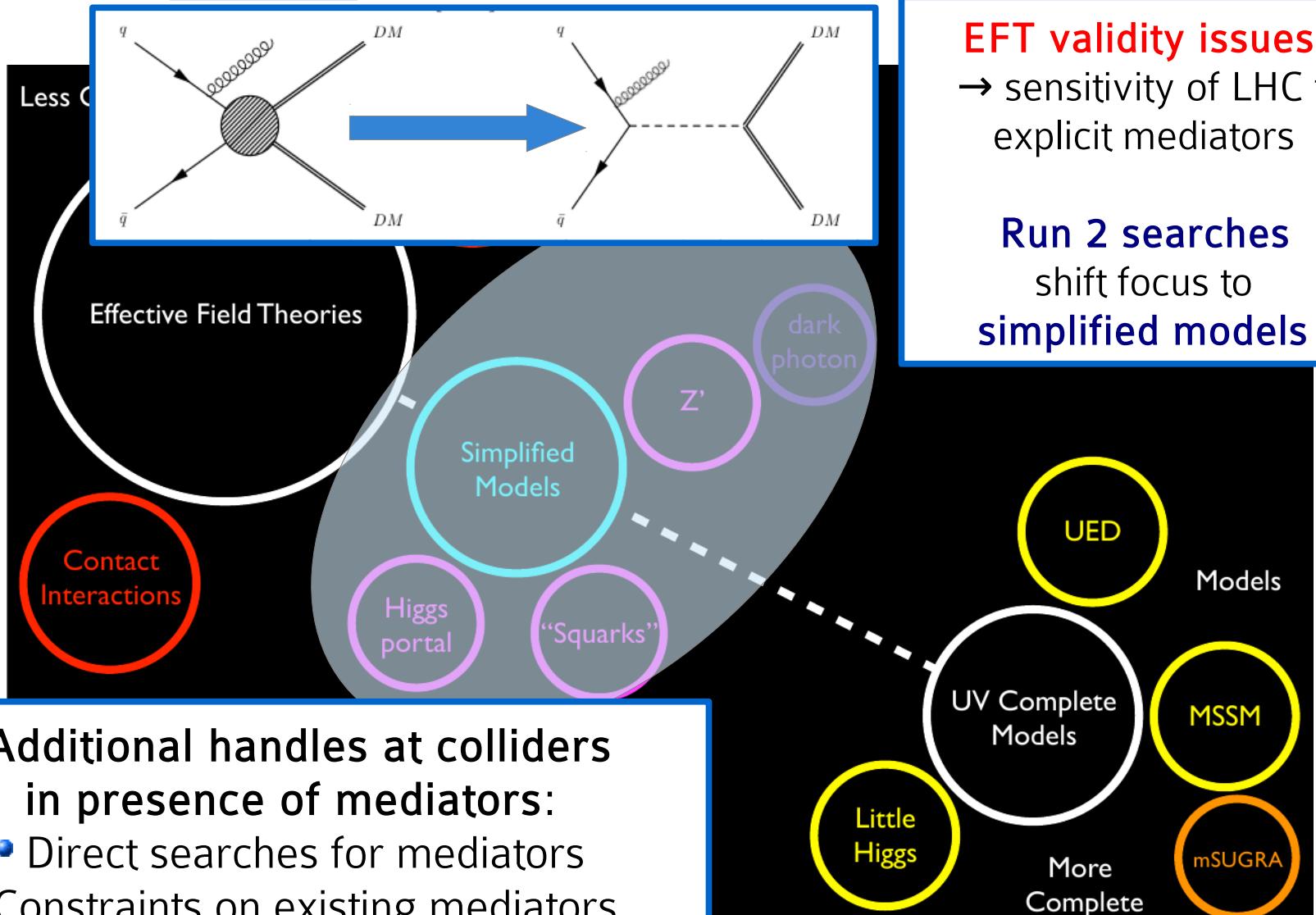
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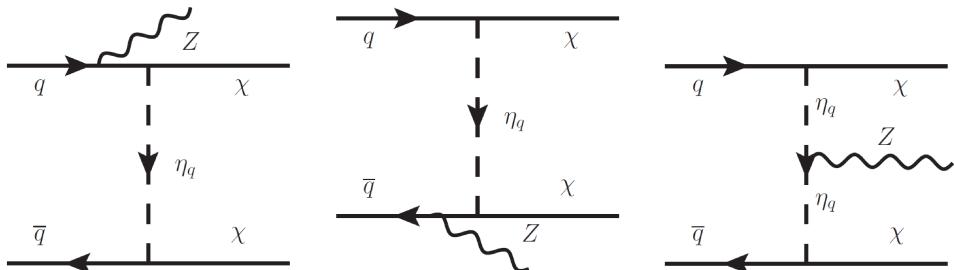
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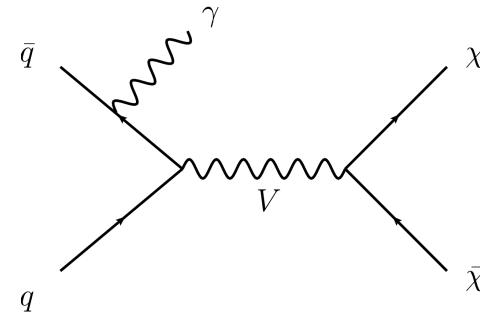
SELECTED SIMPLIFIED MODEL RESULTS: 8 TeV MET+X

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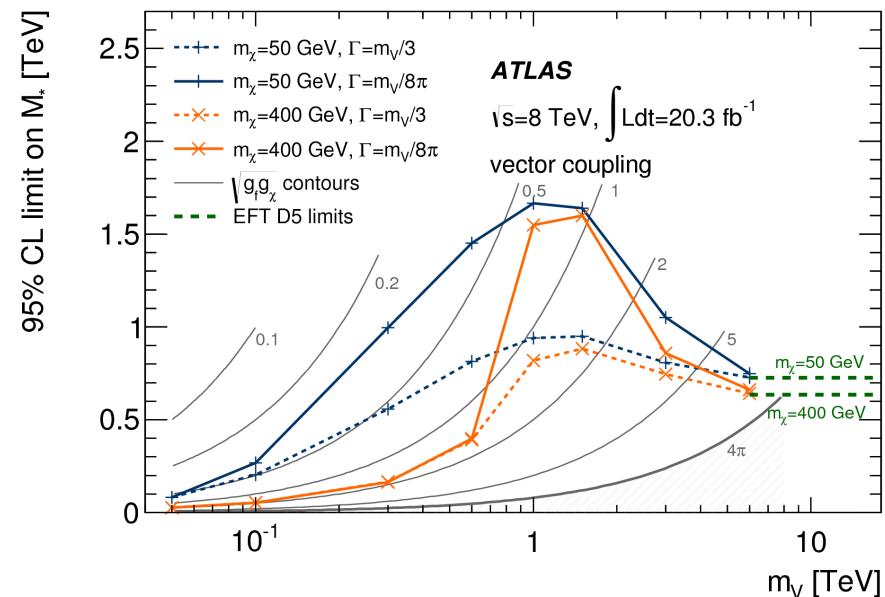
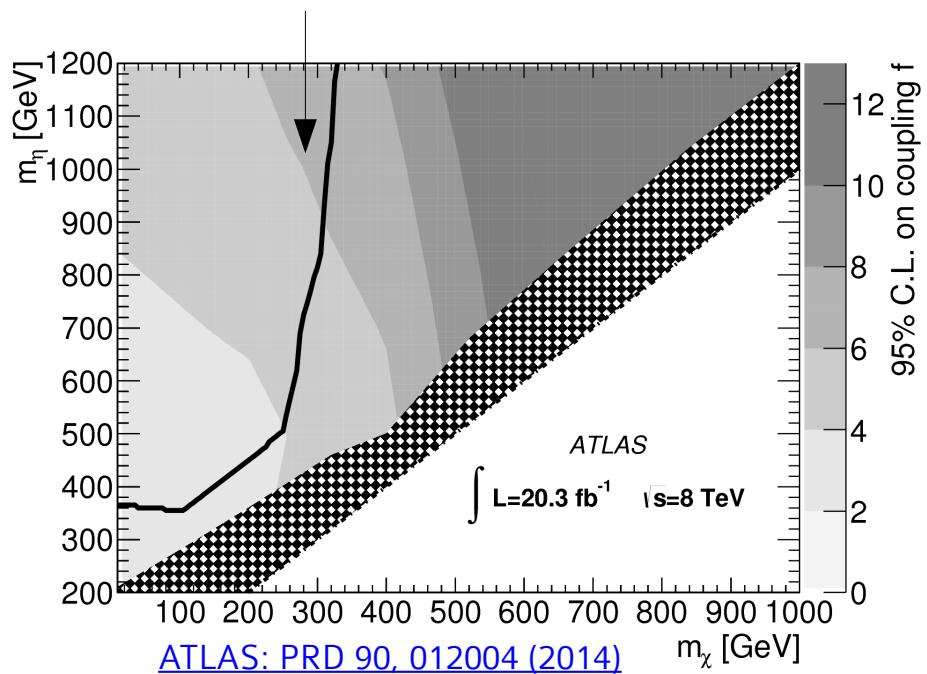
$Z \rightarrow l\bar{l} + \text{MET}$



Photon + MET

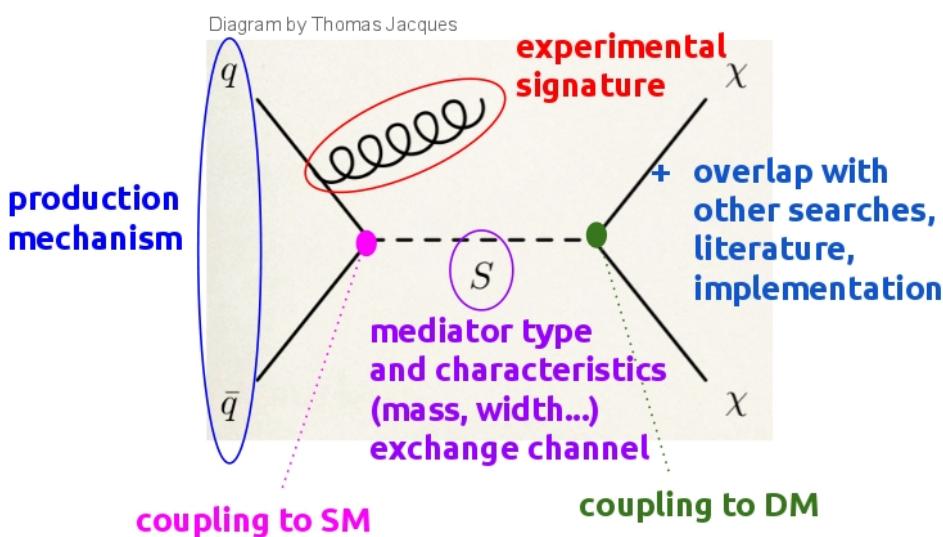


Region excluded wrt thermal relic



ATLAS/CMS Dark Matter Forum: experiment/theory discussion towards Run-2 DM searches

Many possibilities
to be used as building blocks:



This Forum will agree upon:

- Prioritized set of simplified models
- Common model implementation and details (e.g. matching, scales) towards MC generation of benchmarks
- EFT validity assessment procedure

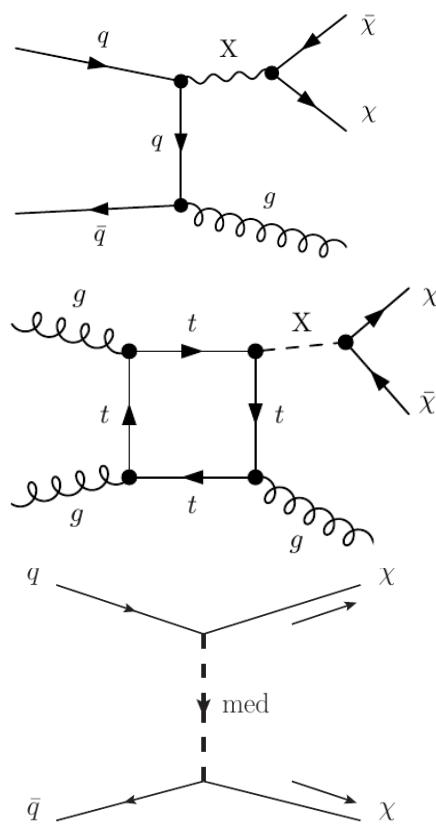
This Forum will document:

models and choices
(arXiv write-up + SVN repository)

<https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/LHCDMF/WebHome>
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Run-2 benchmark choices being finalized – examples:

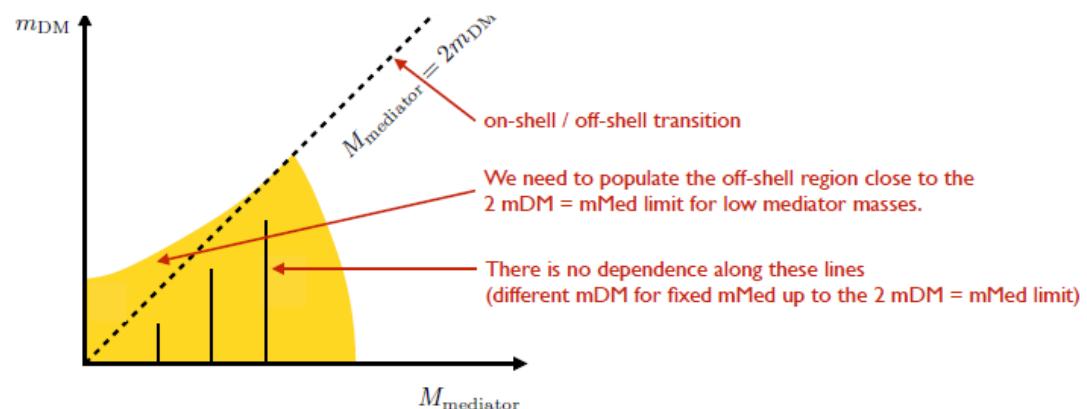
Prioritized list of models for jet+MET search



Idea:

Only simulate models/points
with distinct kinematics

leave rescaling/reinterpretation to theorists

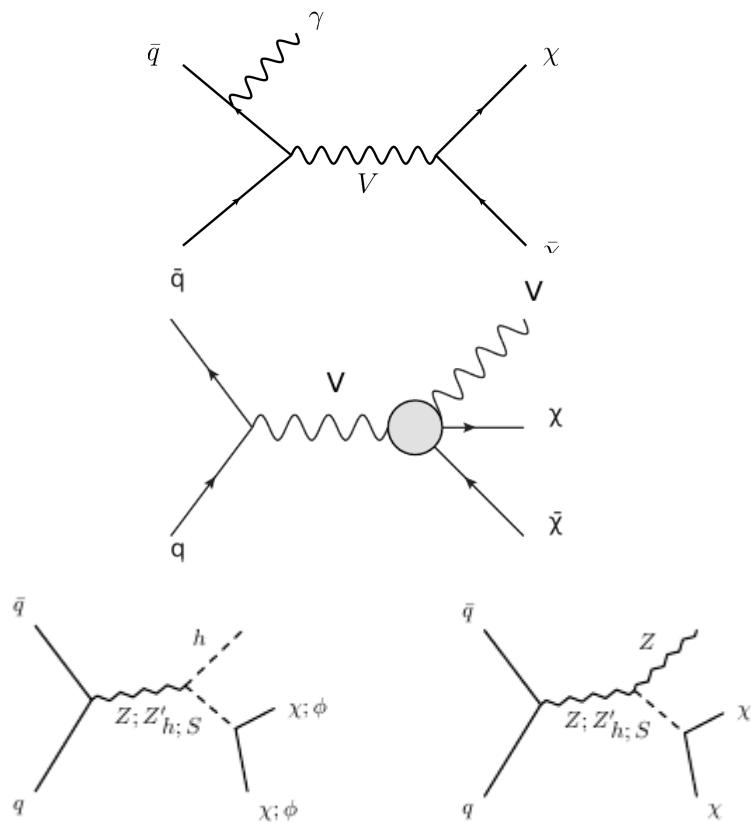


Plan for monojet parameter scan (D. Salek's talk at DM Forum 12/03/2015)

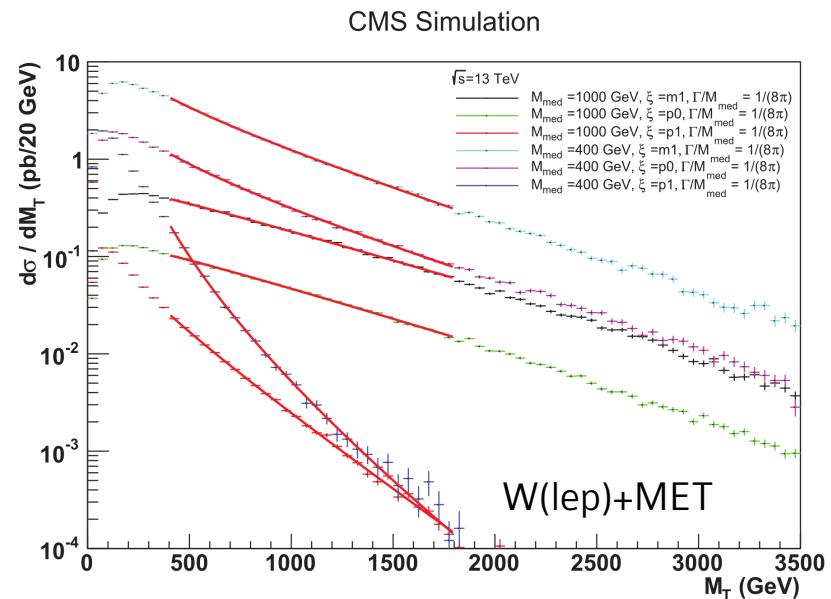
Study of choice of benchmark points
for vector operator

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Prioritized list of models
for W/Z/ γ +MET searches



see [this talk](#) for literature

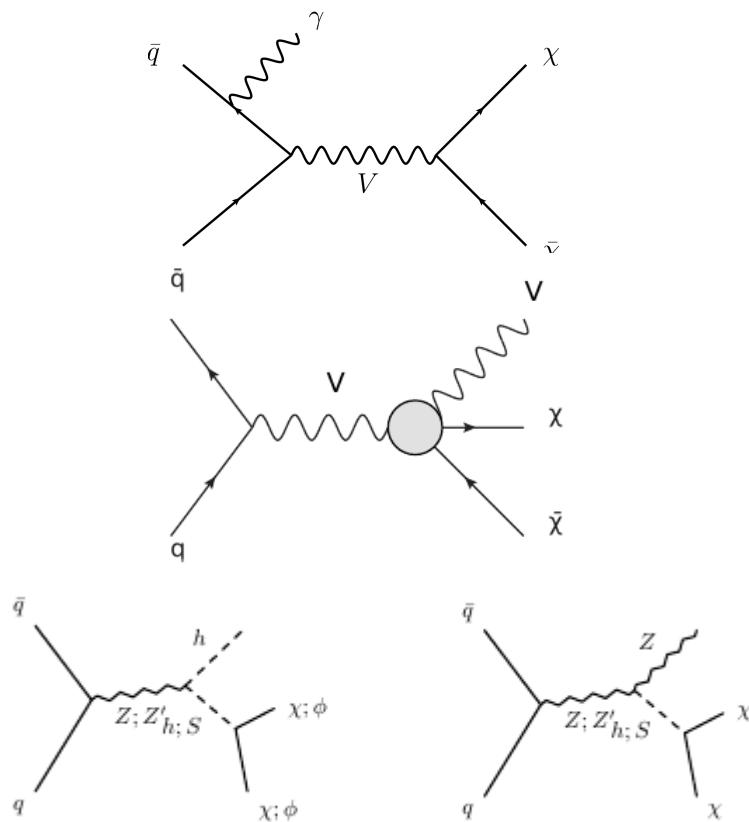


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Study of choice of benchmark points
for searches with W/Z/gamma

Run-2 benchmark choices being finalized – examples:

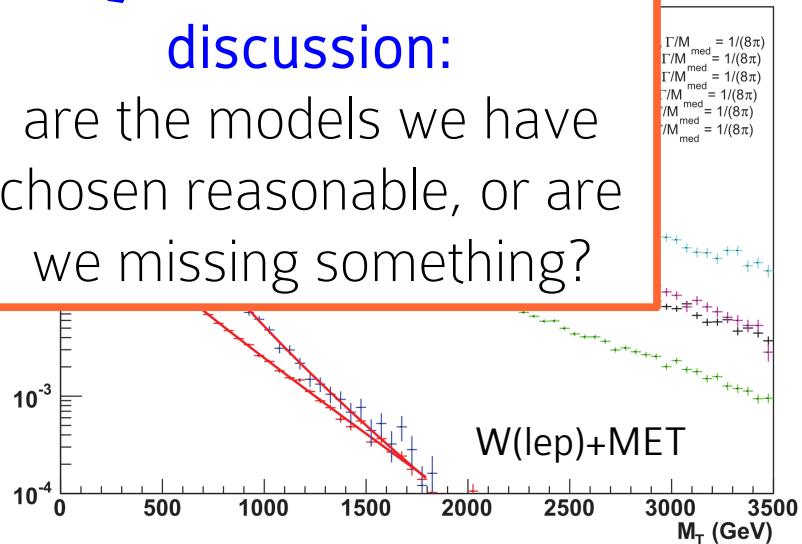
Prioritized list of models
for W/Z/ γ +MET searches



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Question for later
discussion:

are the models we have
chosen reasonable, or are
we missing something?



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Study of choice of benchmark points
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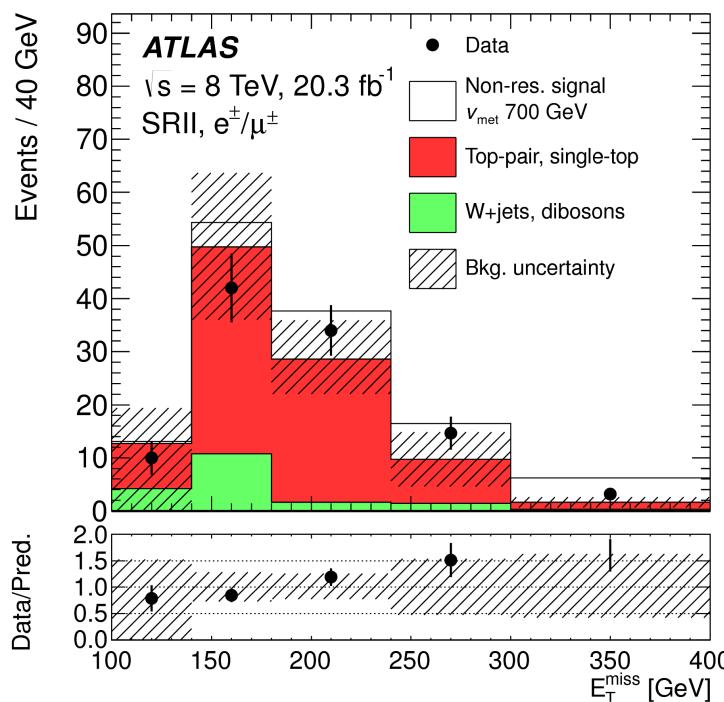
SPECIFIC SIMPLIFIED MODELS: SINGLE-TOP DARK MATTER

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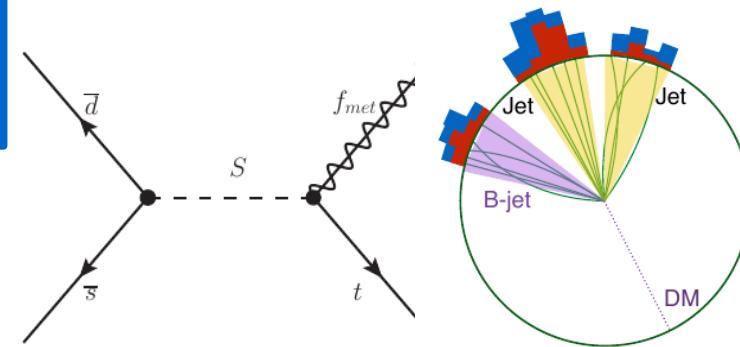
Many BSM models predict single top+MET

→ group main characteristics
in simplified models (resonant/non resonant)

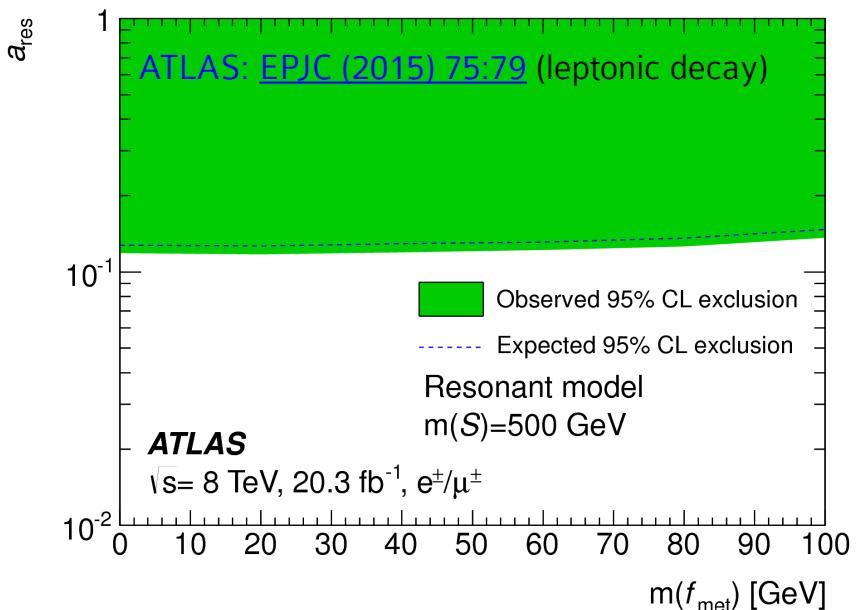
Background estimation (main: ttbar,t,V+jets):
use transfer factors from data control regions



Example: resonant model, all-had



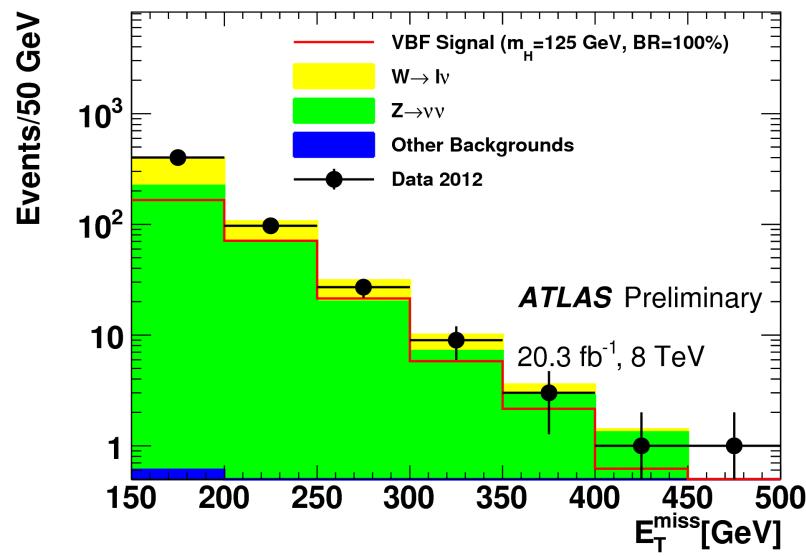
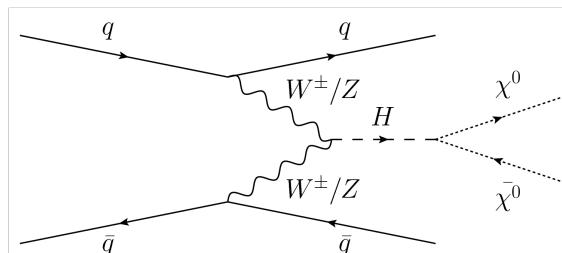
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Higgs boson could mediate DM/SM interactions

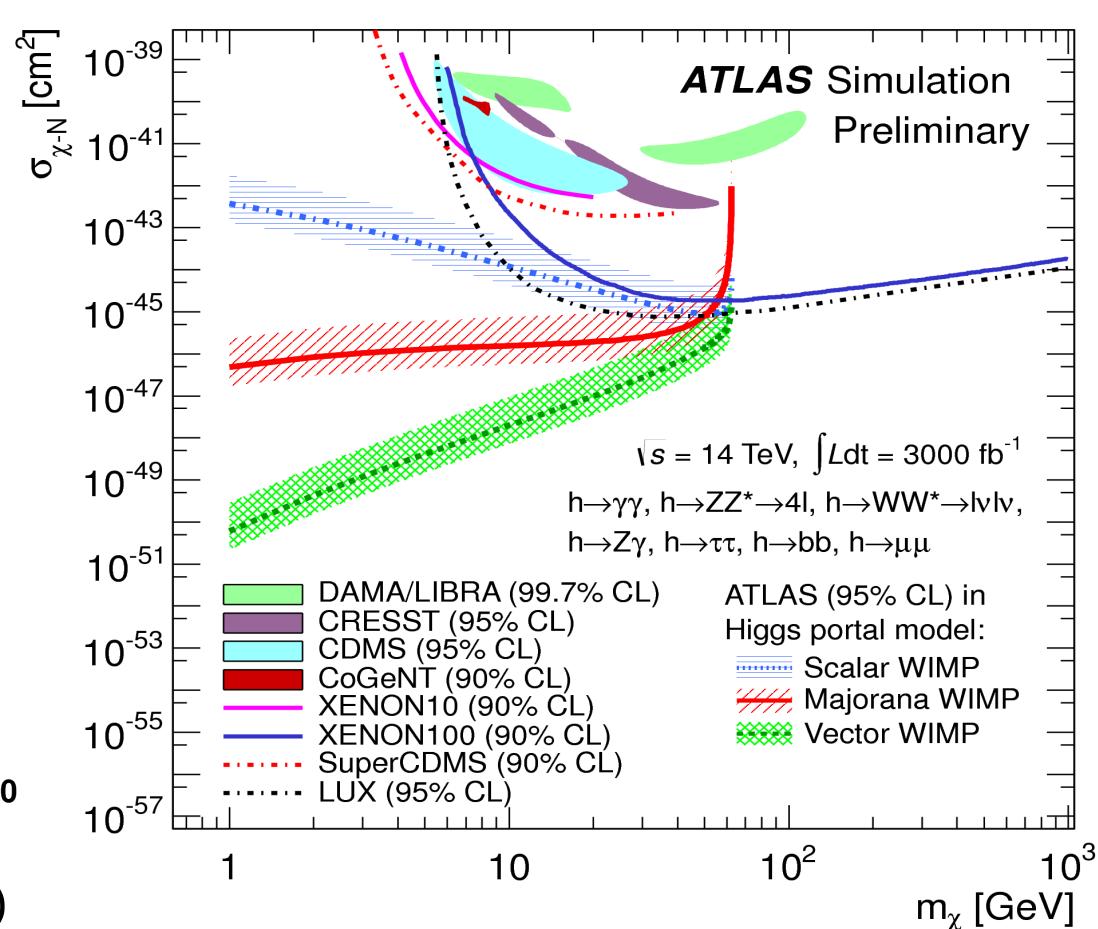
→ search for enhancements of invisible decays / coupling modifications

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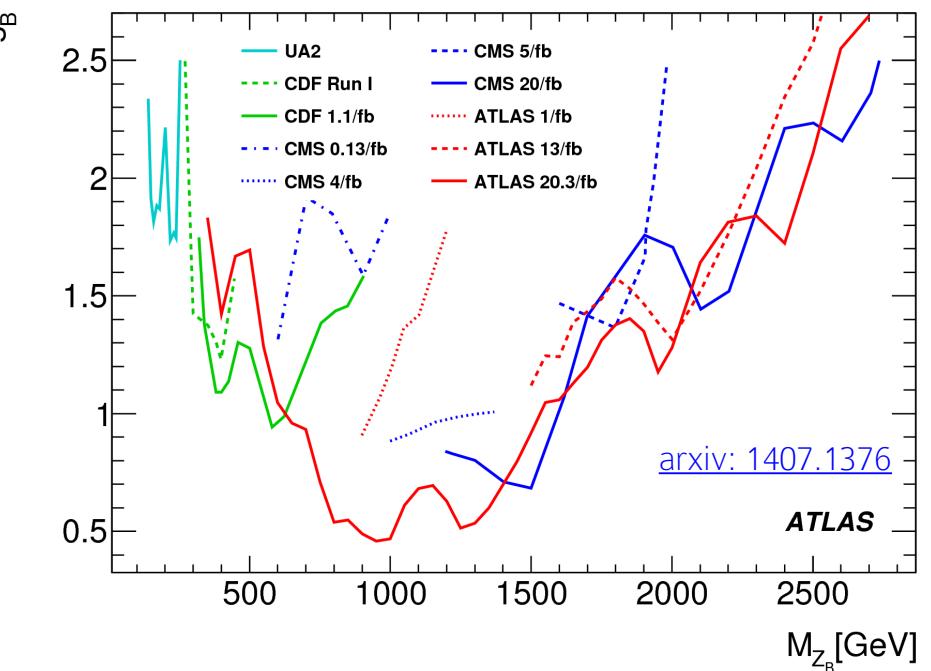
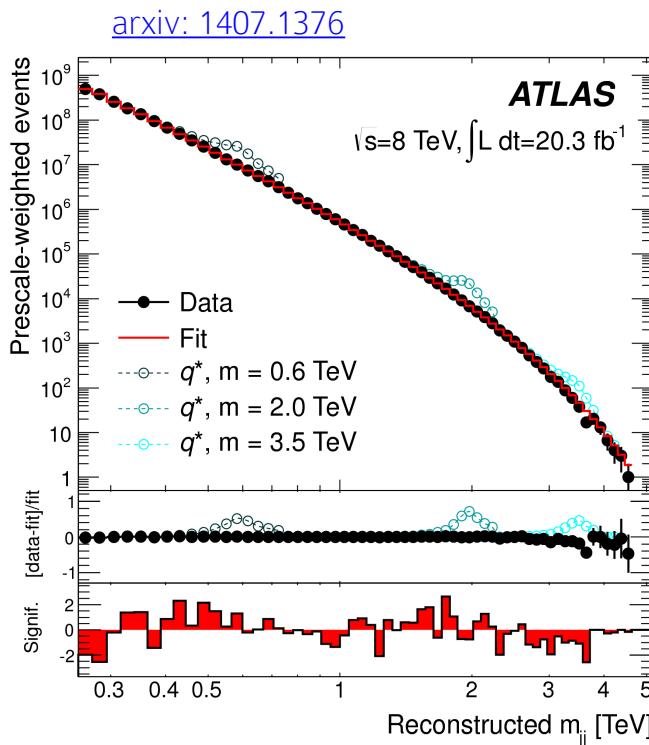
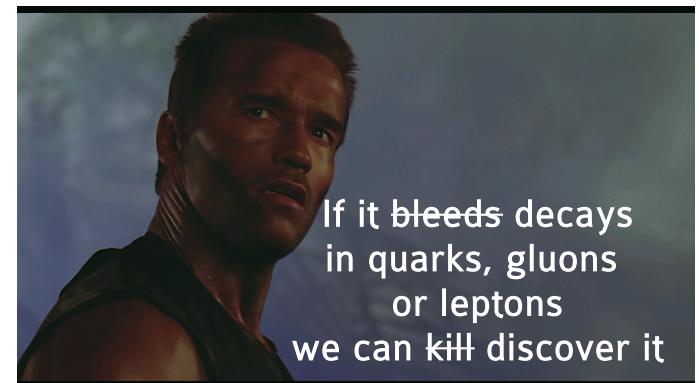
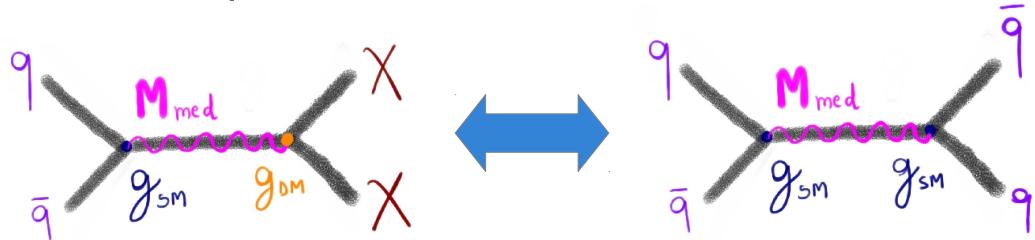


Limit on $H \rightarrow \text{invisible}$ BR: 0.29(0.35)

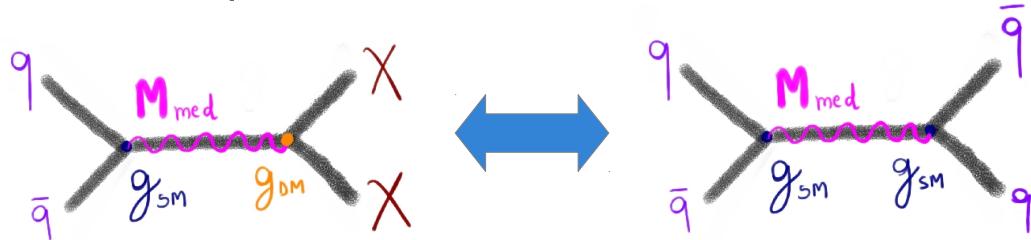
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Dijet and dilepton searches probe mediators directly

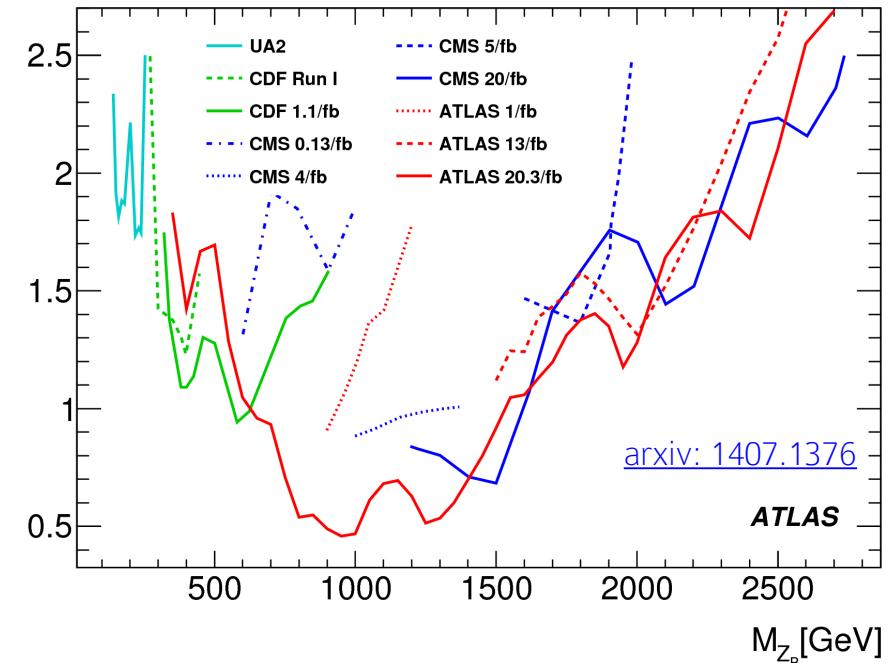
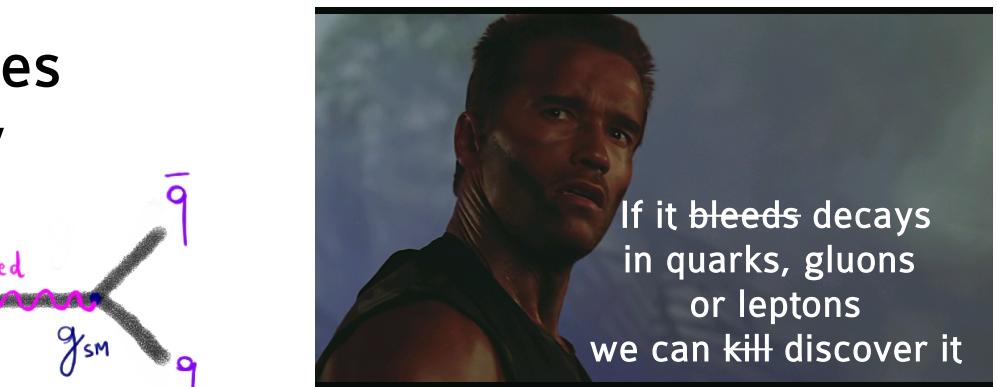
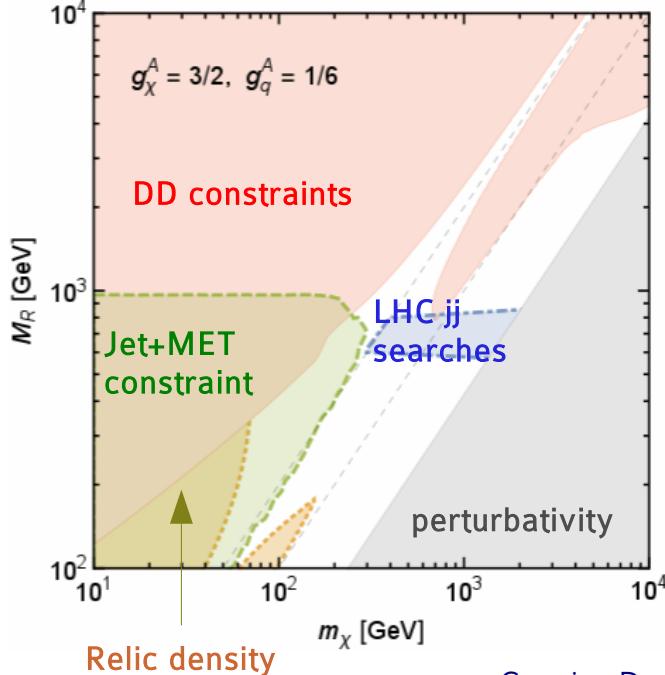


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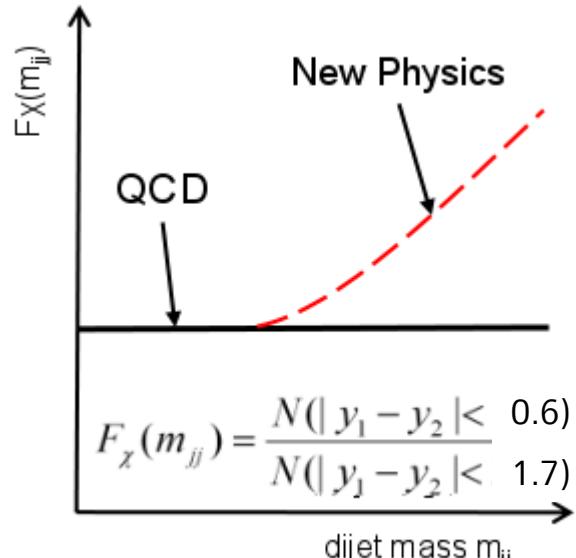
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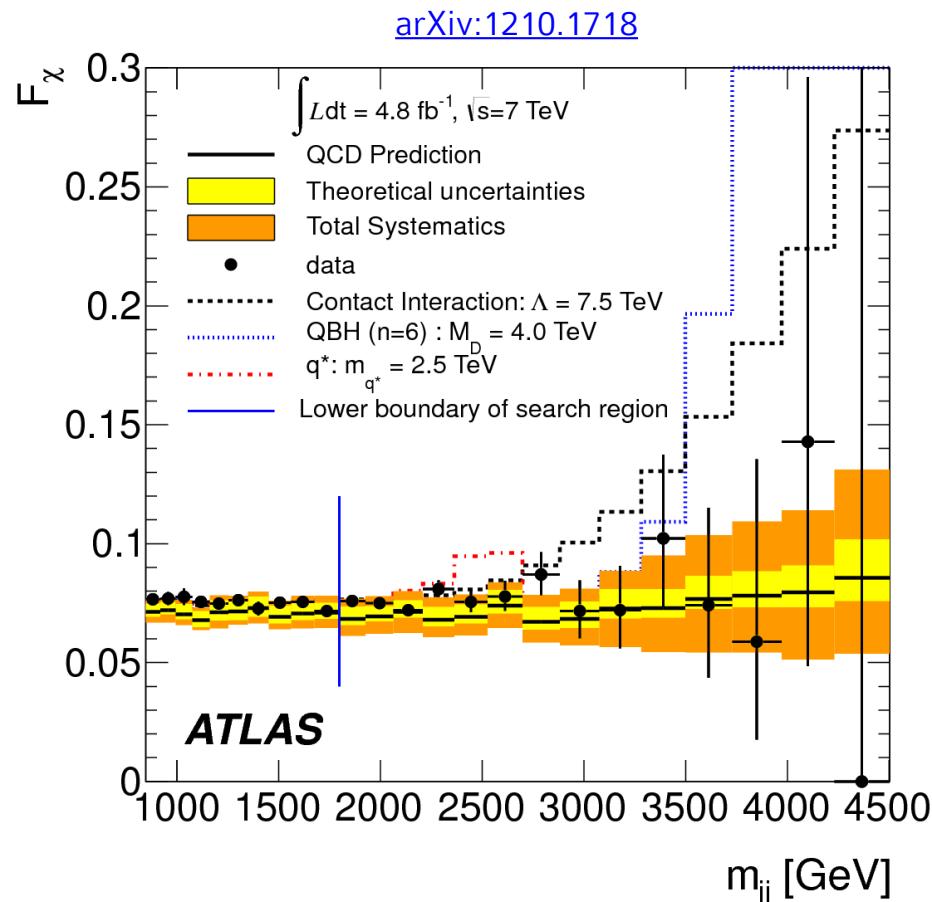
All but ATLAS 13/fb+20.3/fb extracted from arxiv:1306.2629

Problem: dijet search background estimation fitted to data
may not be sensitive to wide resonances

→ **Dijet angular searches** are good tools to look for **wide s-channel mediators**



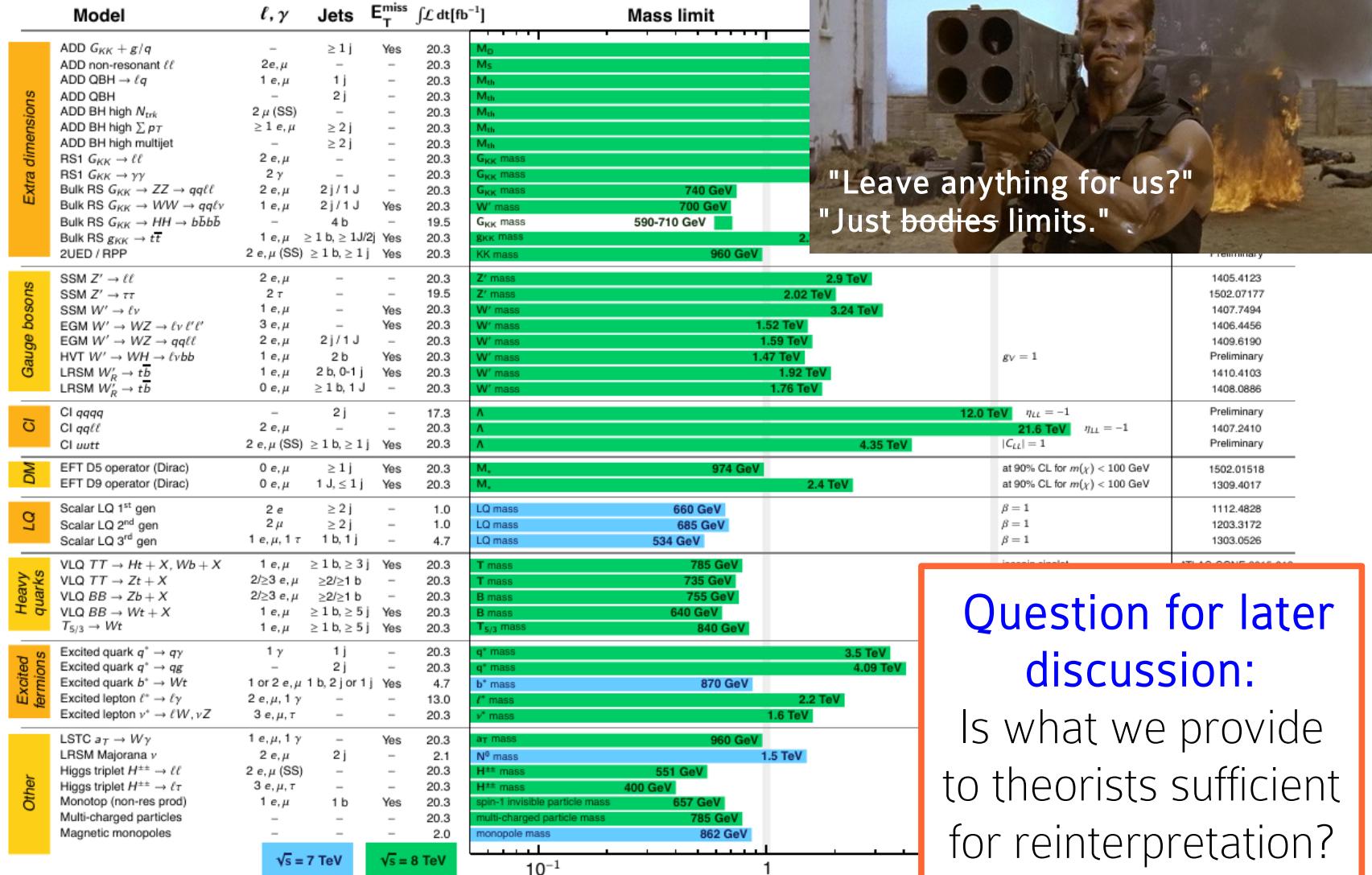
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RUN-1 CONCLUSIONS

ATLAS Exotics Searches* - 95% CL Exclusion

Status: March 2015



Question for later discussion:
Is what we provide to theorists sufficient for reinterpretation?

*Only a selection of the available mass limits on new states or phenomena is shown.

Higgs boson discovered, Dark Matter still at large
→ looking for DM particle candidates at the LHC

Preparing the ground for Run-2 searches:
LHC results complementary to other DM experiments



The LHC will be back

We should perhaps finish with an apology and a caution. We apologize to experimentalists for having no idea what is the mass of the DM particles unlike the case with the Higgs and for not being sure of its couplings to other particles, except that they are probably all very small. For these reasons we do not want to encourage big experimental searches for DM particles , but we do feel that people performing experiments vulnerable to DM particles should know how they may turn up.

BACKUP SLIDES

EFT OPERATORS FOR MET+X SEARCHES

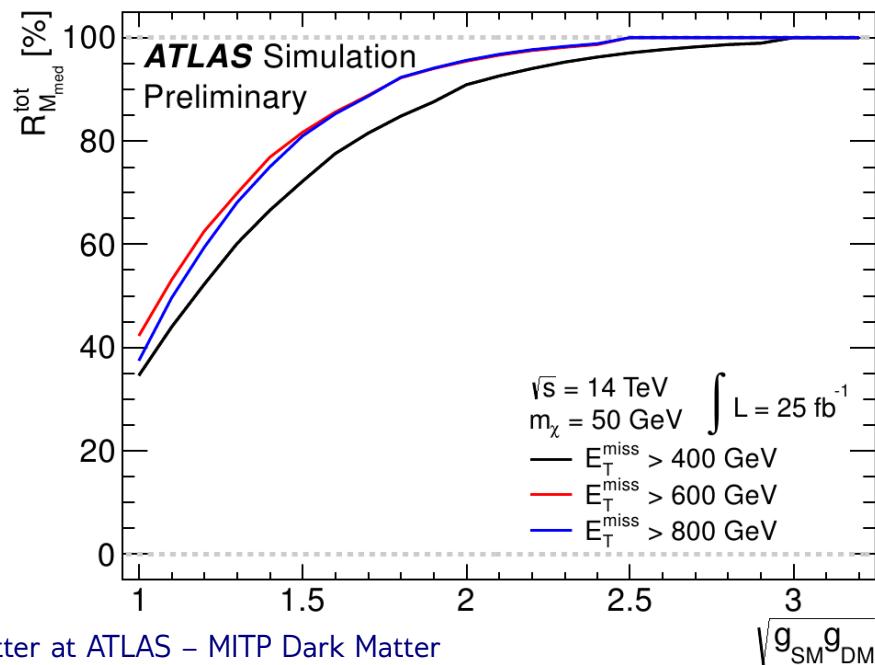
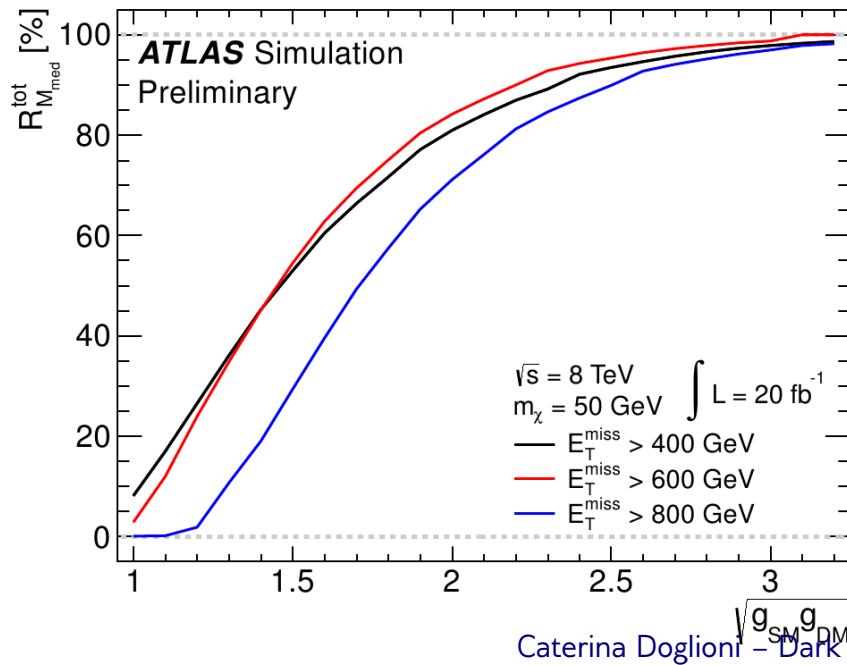
Name	Initial state	Type	Operator
C1	qq	scalar	$\frac{m_q}{M_\star^2} \chi^\dagger \chi \bar{q} q$
C5	gg	scalar	$\frac{1}{4M_\star^2} \chi^\dagger \chi \alpha_s (G_{\mu\nu}^a)^2$
D1	qq	scalar	$\frac{m_q}{M_\star^3} \bar{\chi} \chi \bar{q} q$
D5	qq	vector	$\frac{1}{M_\star^2} \bar{\chi} \gamma^\mu \chi \bar{q} \gamma_\mu q$
D8	qq	axial-vector	$\frac{1}{M_\star^2} \bar{\chi} \gamma^\mu \gamma^5 \chi \bar{q} \gamma_\mu \gamma^5 q$
D9	qq	tensor	$\frac{1}{M_\star^2} \bar{\chi} \sigma^{\mu\nu} \chi \bar{q} \sigma_{\mu\nu} q$
D11	gg	scalar	$\frac{1}{4M_\star^3} \bar{\chi} \chi \alpha_s (G_{\mu\nu}^a)^2$

Early DM searches: what do we gain/lose from CoM increase?

- Current monojet analysis: systematically limited at low MET, statistically limited at high MET → How high can we reach in M^* at 14 TeV?
- Will we have **problems with the EFT validity** at a higher CoM energy?

Somehow counterintuitive results! **Competing effects:** $Q_{\text{tr}} < \sqrt{g_{\text{SM}} g_{\text{DM}}} M^*$

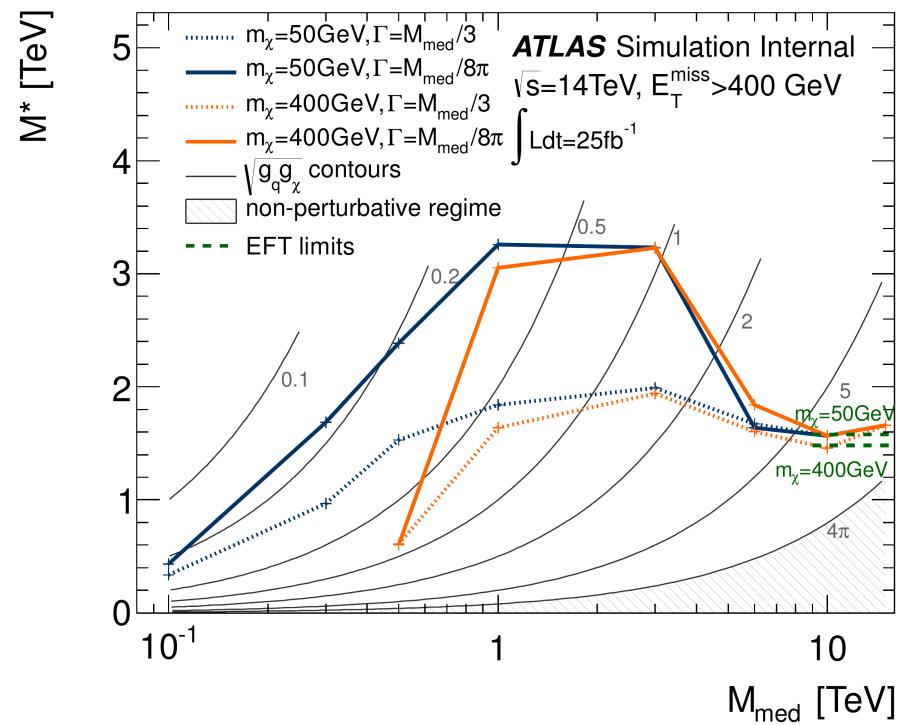
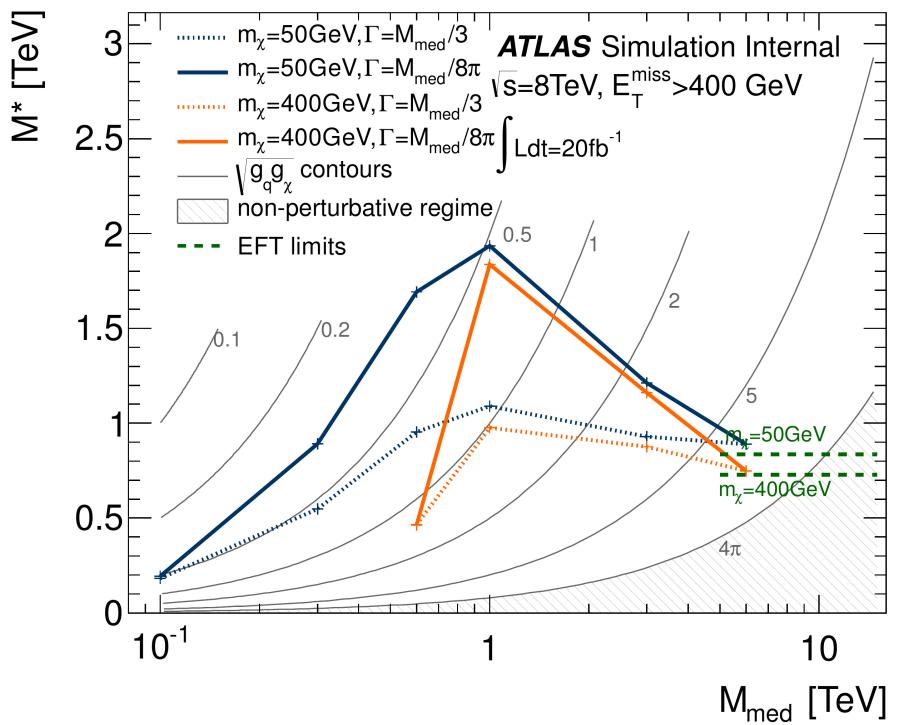
- Higher MET → higher Q_{tr} (weak correlation: MET smeared by detector)
- Increase of reach in M^* → higher limits to start with → increased validity



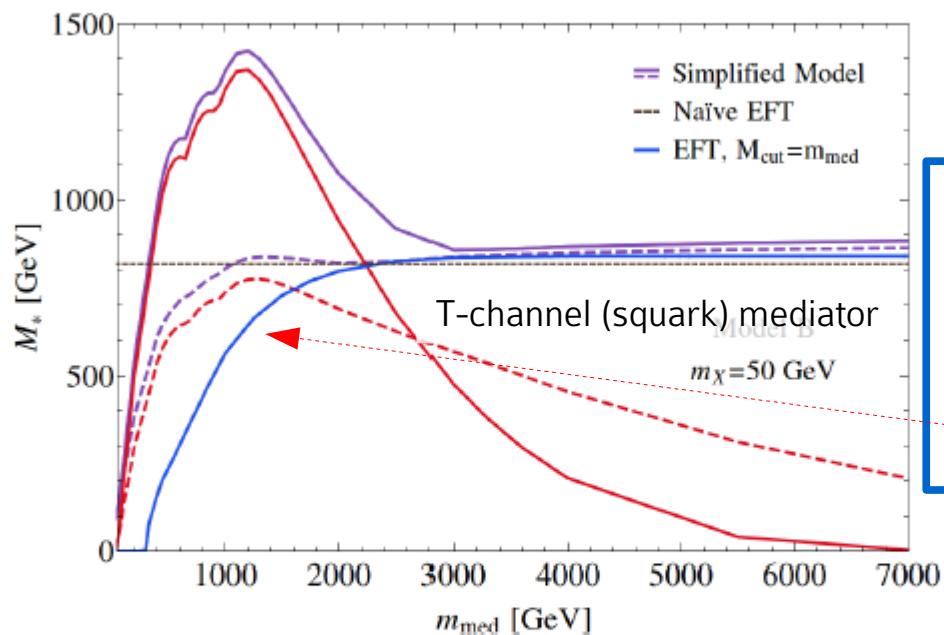
MONO-JET SIMPLIFIED MODEL PROSPECTS

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Comparison with the simplified model



Direct comparison with simplified model:
shows very (too?) conservative region after truncation

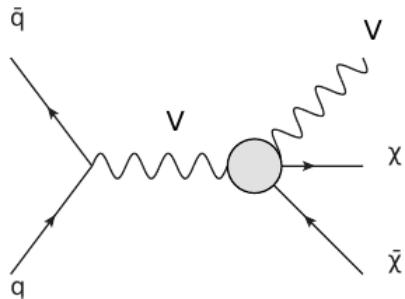
- **Blue line:** from model-independent limit, with the identification

$$M_* = \frac{2\tilde{m}}{g_{\text{DM}}} , \quad M_{\text{cut}} = \tilde{m} .$$

- **Red lines:** only from the resonant production of the mediator.

The EFT limit is complemented by the limit from the resonant production.

MODELS WITH DIRECT BOSON-DM COUPLING FOR DIRAC DM



Dimension-7 operators related by gauge invariance
 → choose benchmark points for k_1/k_2 that are easy to reinterpret

1. Dimension-5 model

$$\frac{m_W^2}{\Lambda_5^3} \bar{\chi}\chi W^{+\mu}W_\mu^- + \frac{m_Z^2}{2\Lambda_5^3} \bar{\chi}\chi Z^\mu Z_\mu$$

Possible choice of initial benchmark

2. Dimension-7 models

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{\Lambda_{C1,2}^3} \bar{\chi}\chi \sum_i k_i F_i^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu}^i + \frac{1}{\Lambda_{C3,4}^3} \bar{\chi}\chi \sum_i k_i F_i^{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}_{\mu\nu}^i$$

Possible choice of initial benchmark

scalar

pseudoscalar,
 (can be reweighted from scalar)

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{\Lambda_{C5,6}^3} \bar{\chi}\gamma^5\chi \sum_i k_i F_i^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu}^i + \frac{1}{\Lambda_{C7,8}^3} \bar{\chi}\gamma^5\chi \sum_i k_i F_i^{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}_{\mu\nu}^i$$

$$g_{gg} = \frac{k_3}{\Lambda_7^3}$$

$$g_{WW} = \frac{2k_2}{s_w^2 \Lambda_7^3}$$

$$g_{ZZ} = \frac{1}{4s_w^2 \Lambda_7^3} \left(\frac{k_1 s_w^2}{c_w^2} + \frac{k_2 c_w^2}{s_w^2} \right)$$

$$g_{\gamma\gamma} = \frac{1}{4c_w^2} \frac{k_1 + k_2}{\Lambda_7^3}$$

$$g_{Z\gamma} = \frac{1}{2s_w c_w \Lambda_7^3} \left(\frac{k_2}{s_w^2} - \frac{k_1}{c_w^2} \right)$$

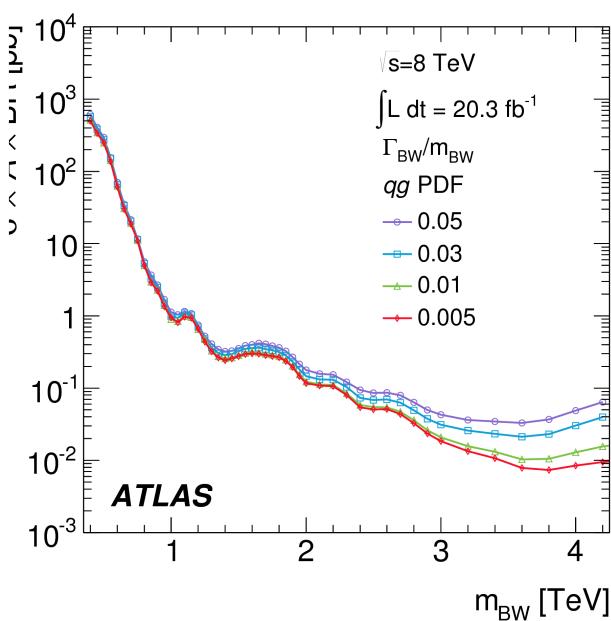
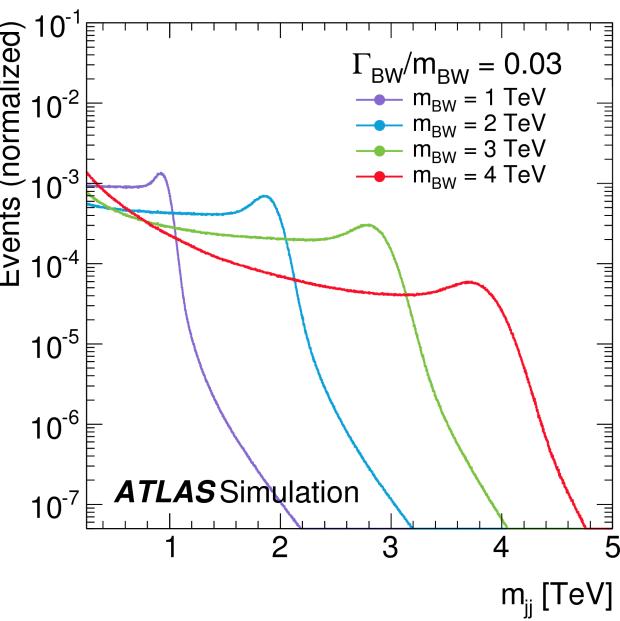
Monophoton/monoZ: no different in kinematics from choice of k_1, k_2 → choose favourable x-sec point

UV-completion is possible, but not covered in Forum
Validity criteria under discussion – input?

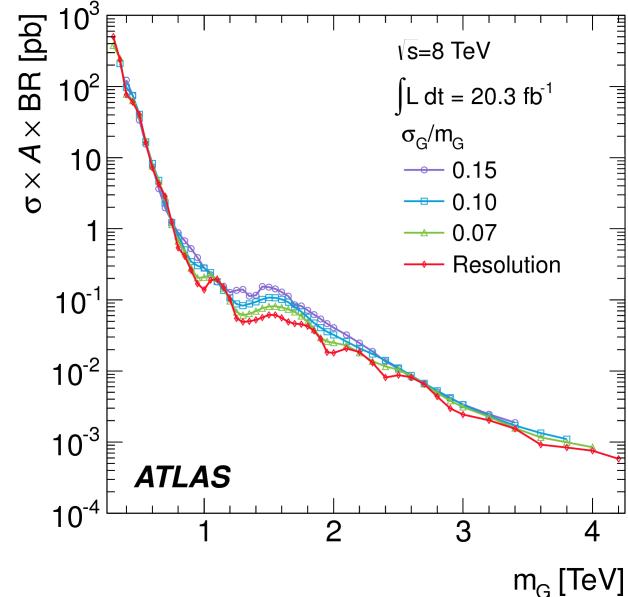
DIJET GENERIC RESONANCE LIMITS

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Breit-Wigner (+) PDF effects (+) parton shower
(+) detector resolution



Gaussian template



No discoveries yet → limits on many new resonant physics models
Reinterpretable results on generic resonances