

# LHC Searches for Exotic Phenomena



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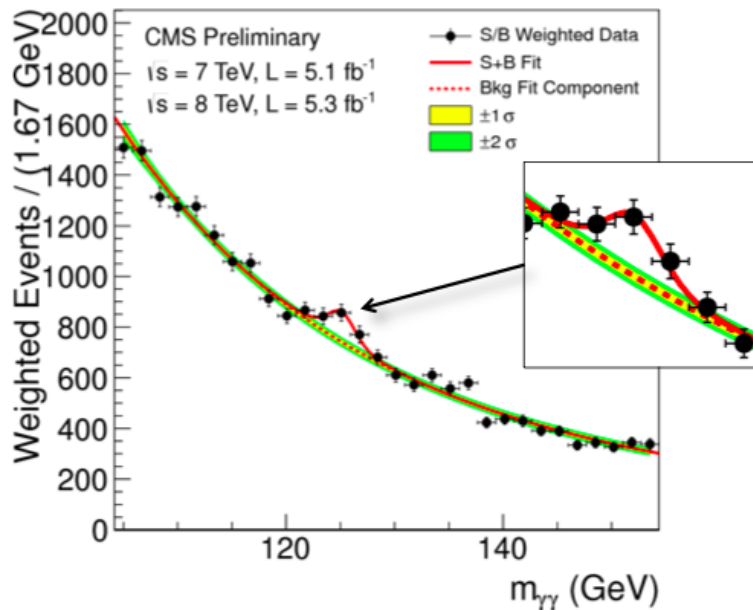
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# What Characterizes Exotics Searches?

No precise model to guide us

Standard Model:  
Predicted Higgs boson

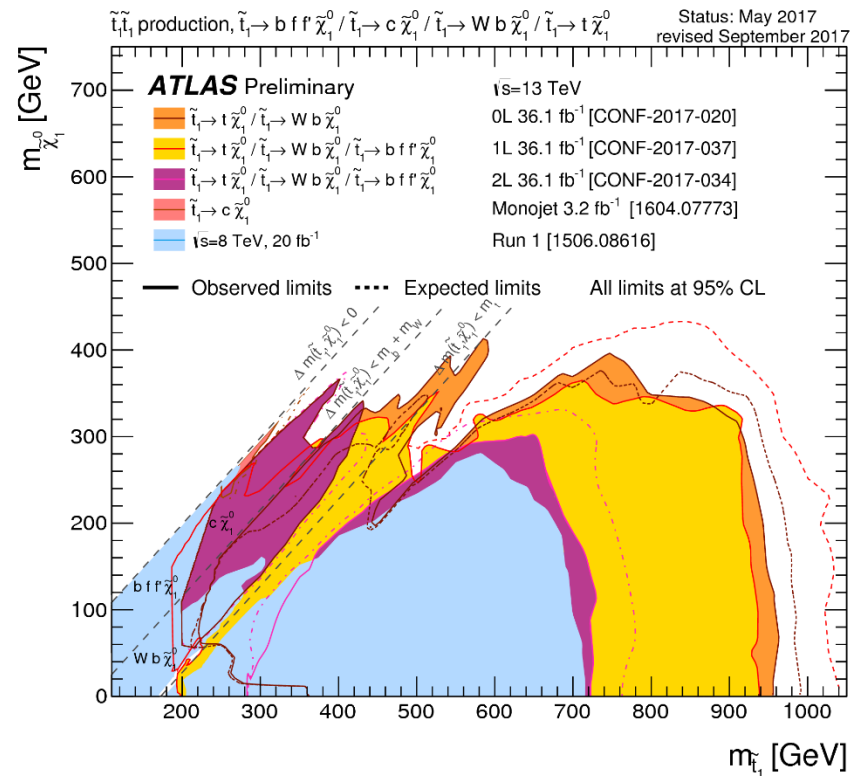


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No unified parameter phase space

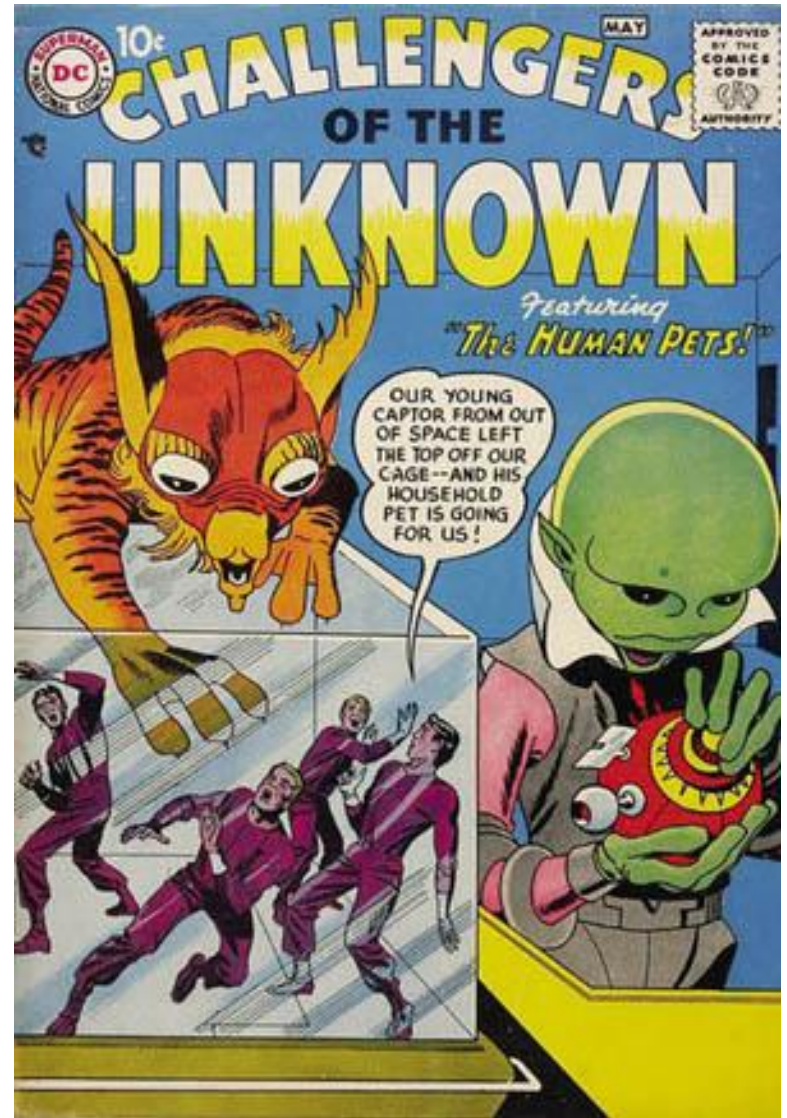
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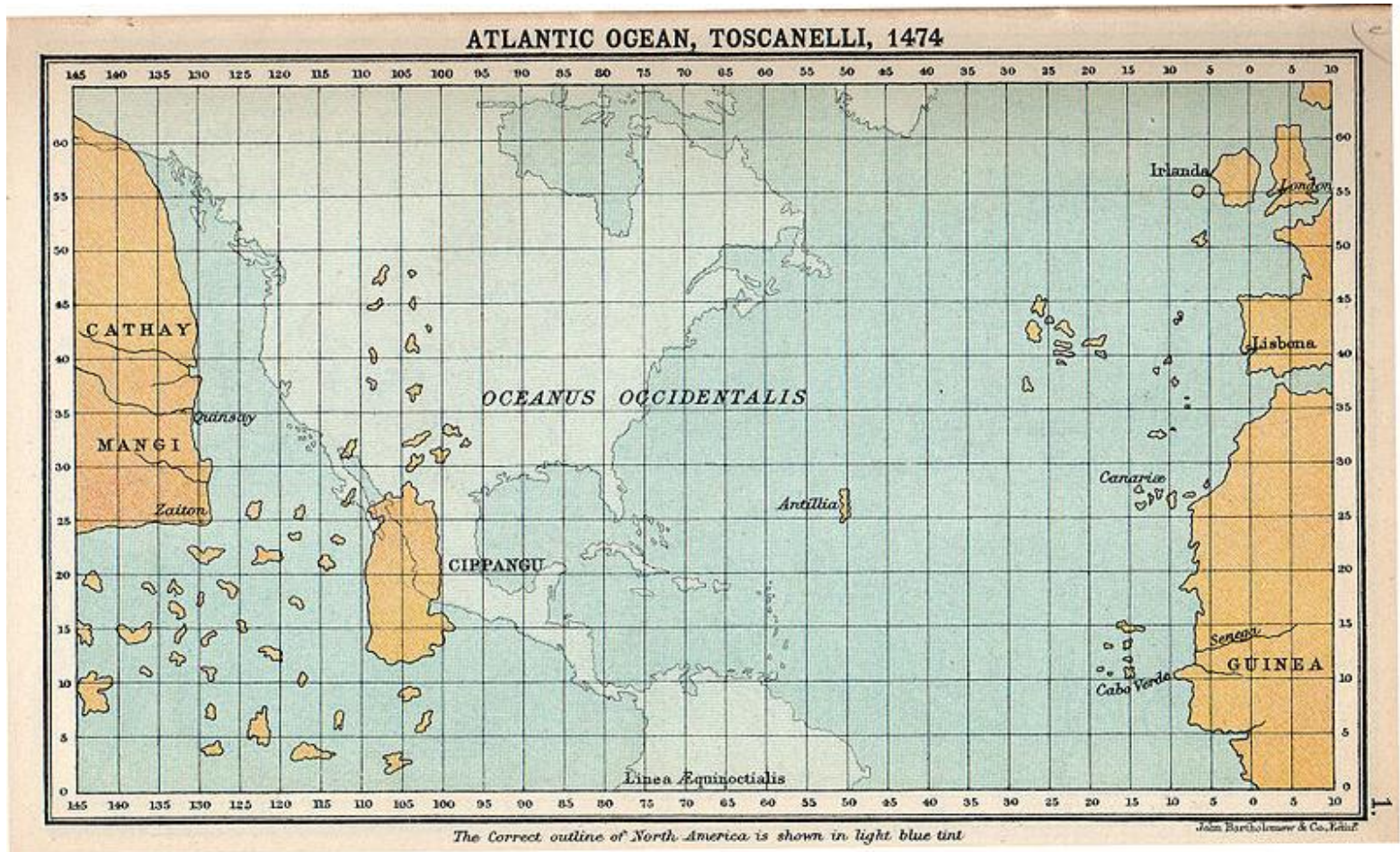
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# Exotics Searches

- Cover wide range of final states
- Cover vast range of models
- Largely model independent
  - Look for resonances
  - Look for any disagreement

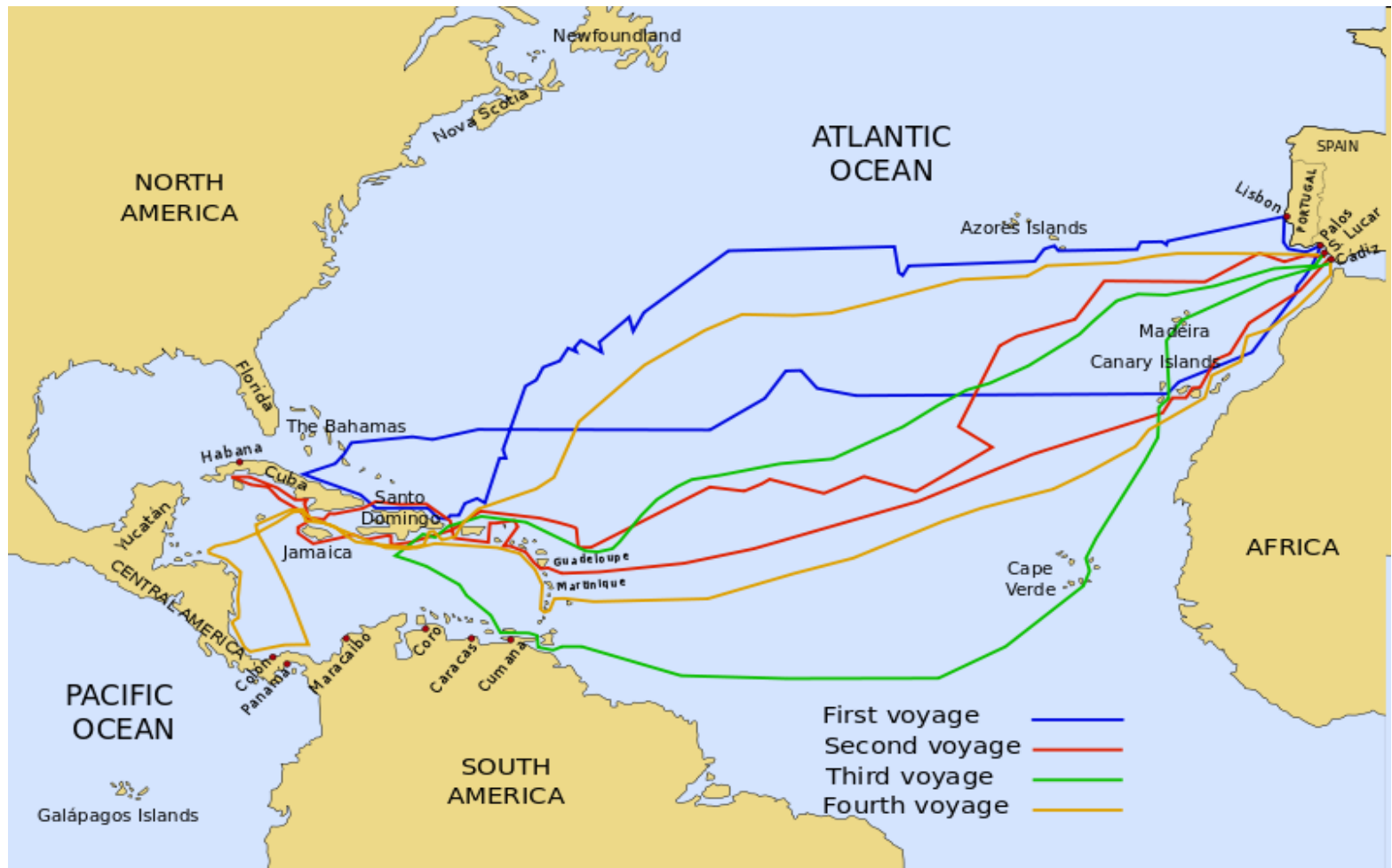


# The Role of Models in “most” Exotics Searches



Toscanelli's model of the geography of the Atlantic Ocean, which directly influenced Columbus's plans

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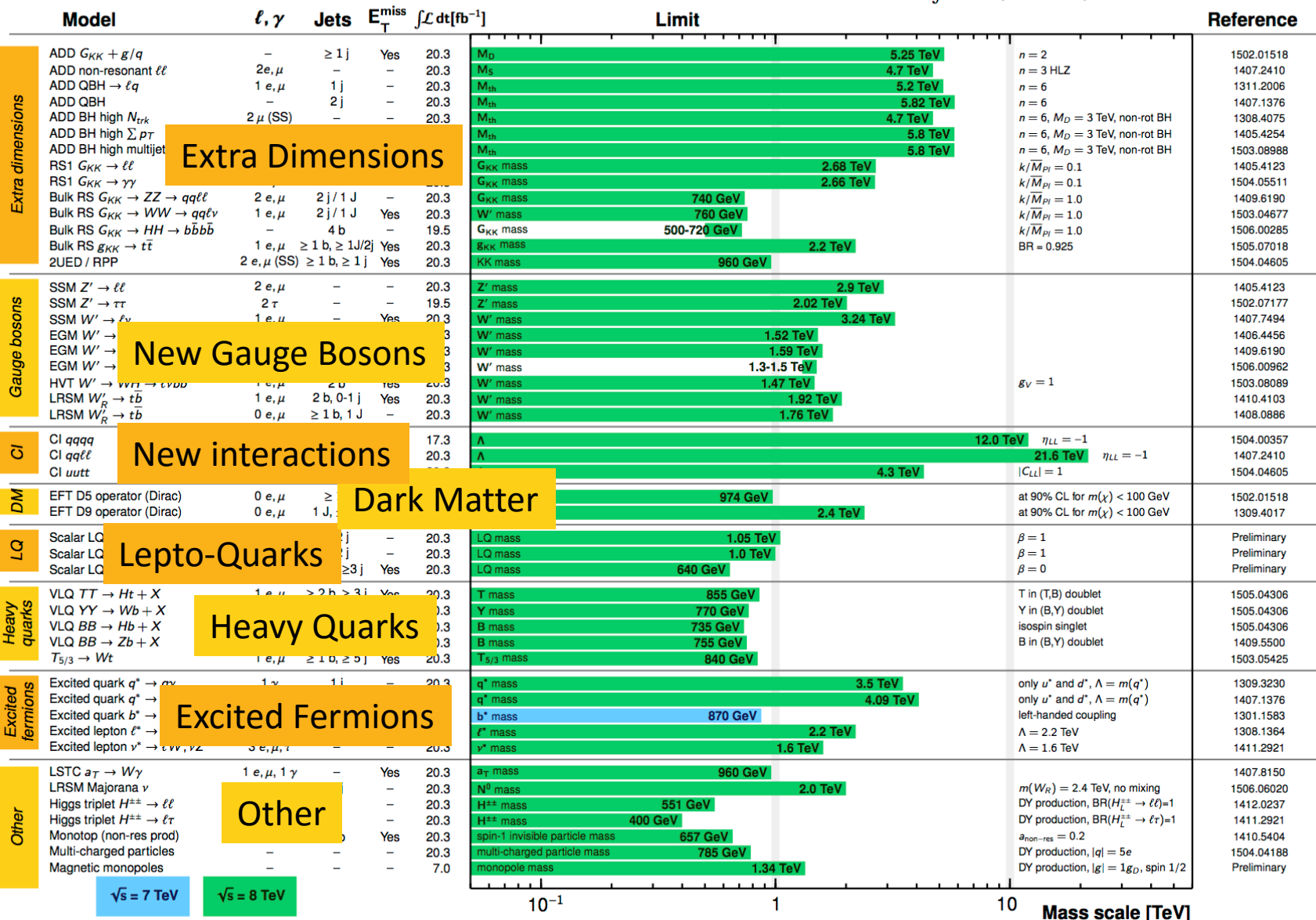
## Columbus' Voyages

# Exploration range of LHC by mid 2015

ATLAS Exotics Searches\* - 95% CL Exclusion  
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$\int \mathcal{L} dt = (4.7 - 20.3) \text{ fb}^{-1}$



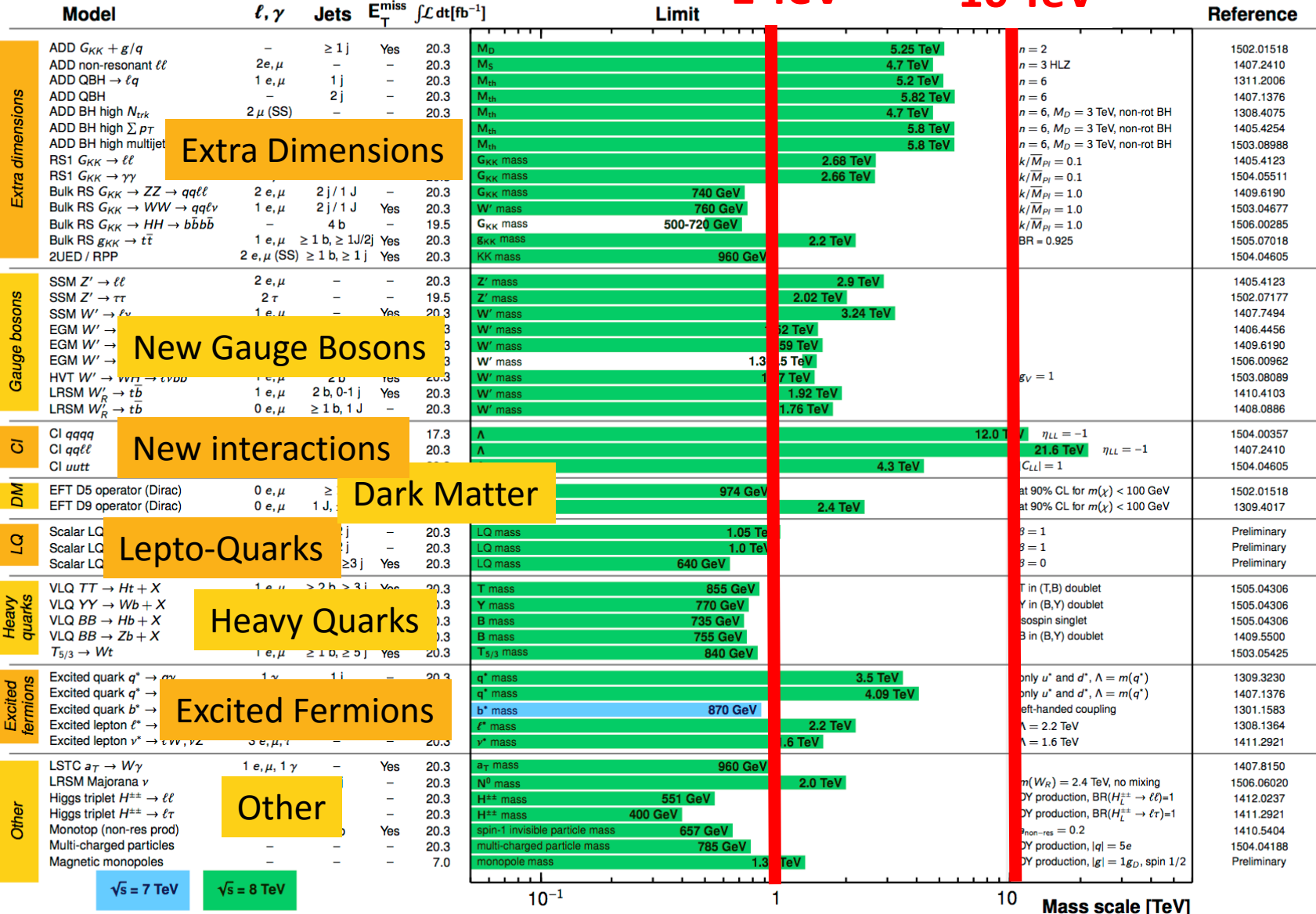
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1 TeV  $\int$  10 TeV<sup>-1</sup>



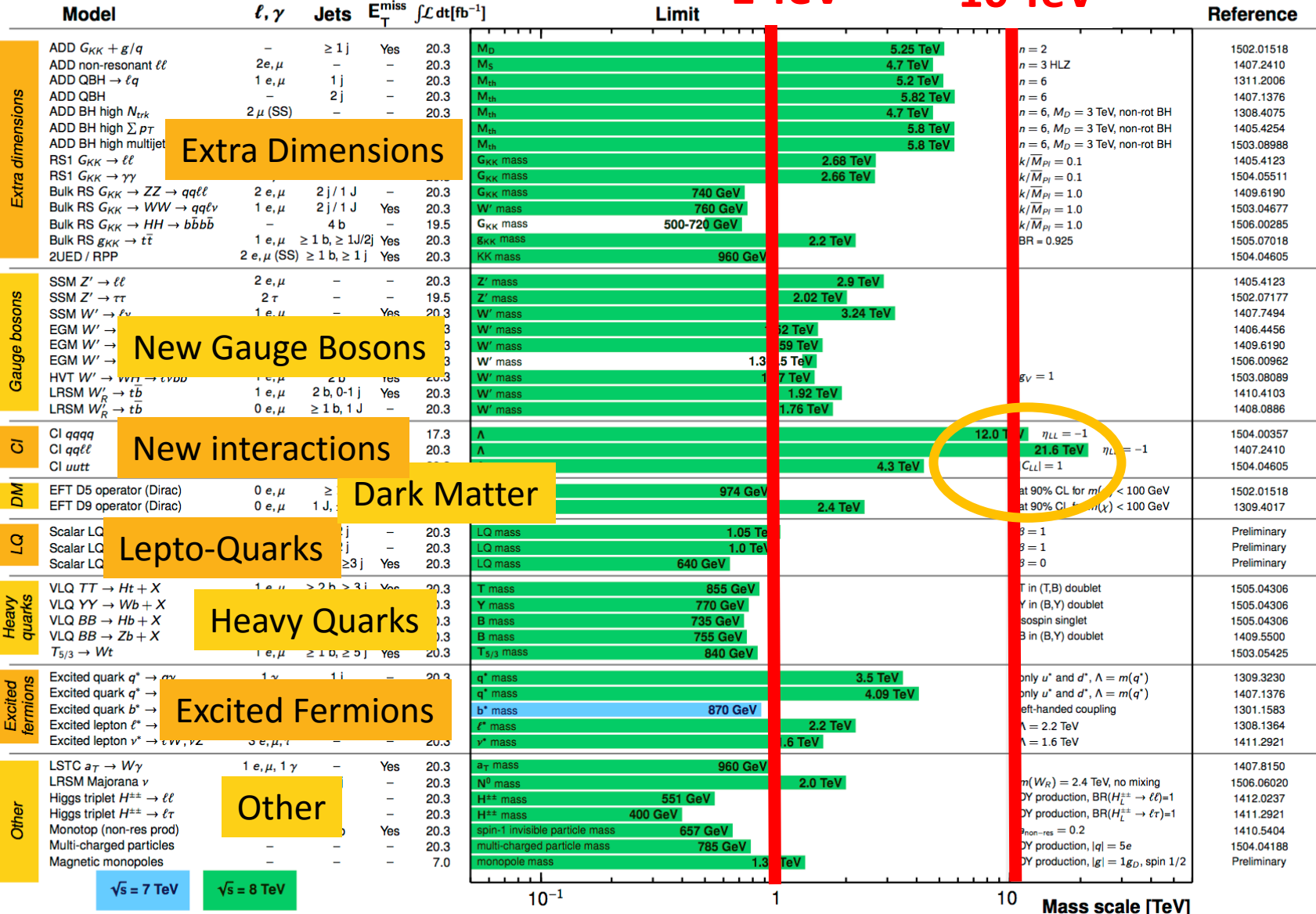
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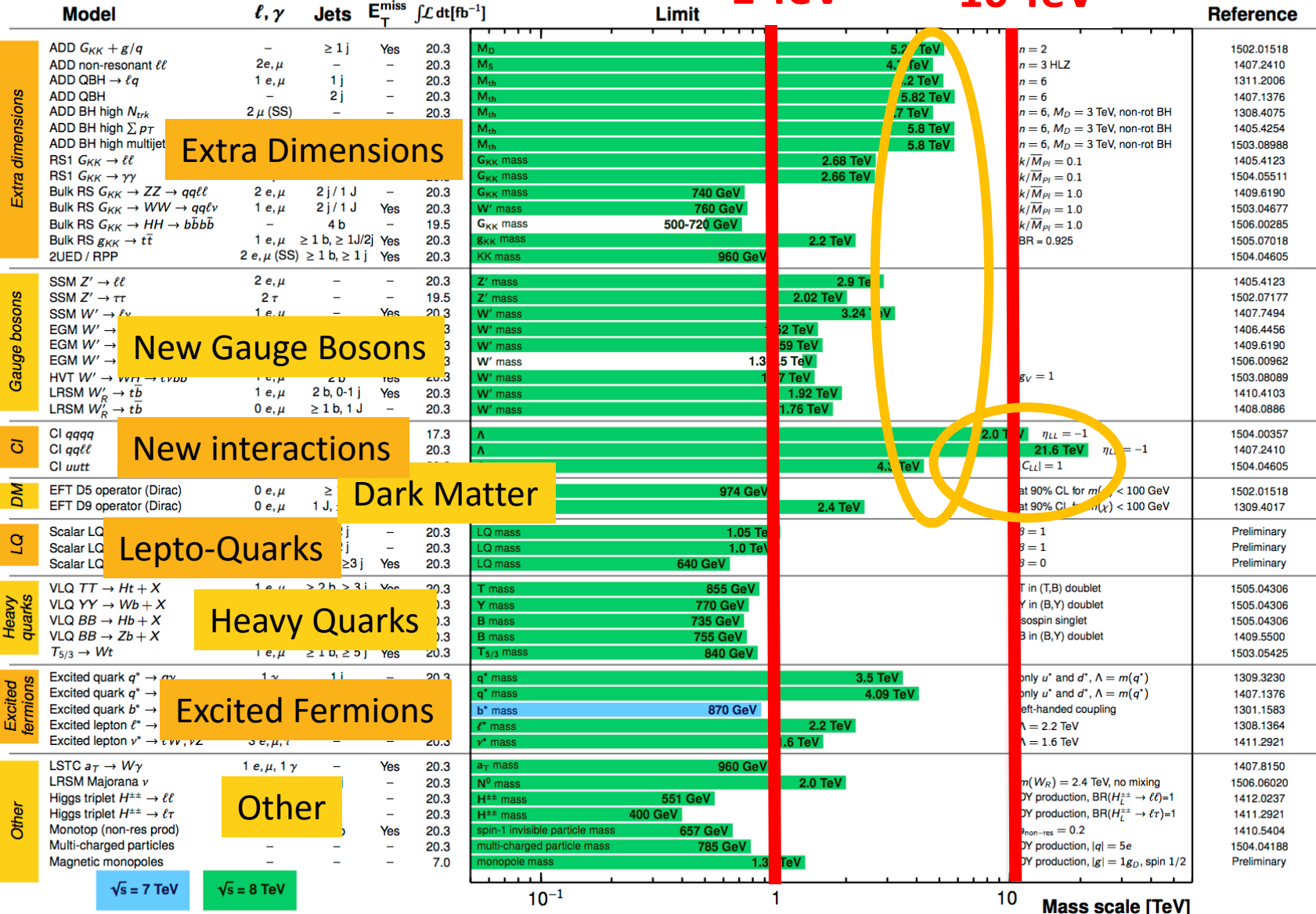


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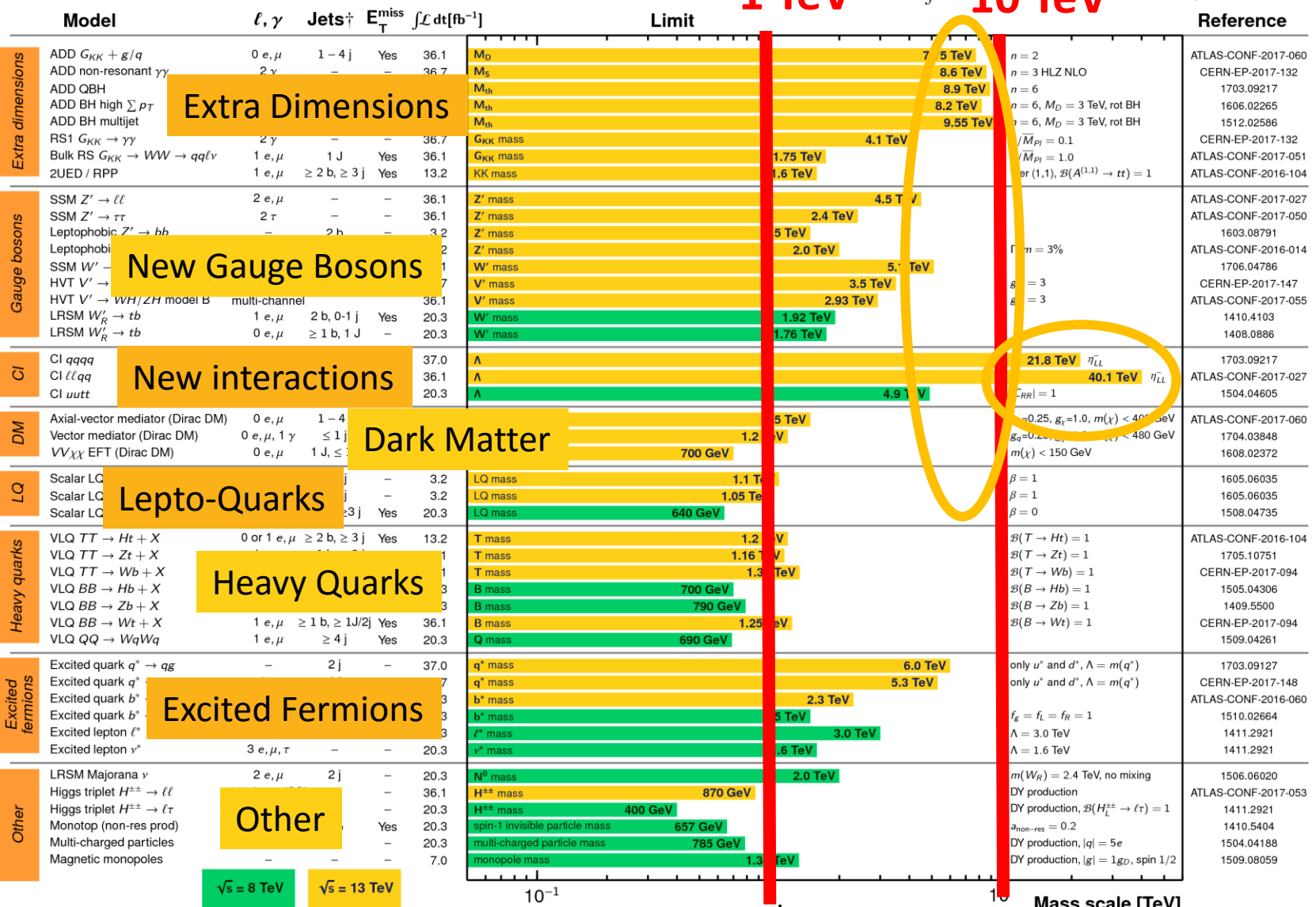


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# Exploration Range of the LHC by mid 2017

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 Status: July 2017

ATLAS Preliminary  
 $\sqrt{s} = 8, 13 \text{ TeV}$



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†Small-radius (large-radius) jets are denoted by the letter j (J).

# At the beginning of our journey

**~ 35 fb<sup>-1</sup> data analysed**

**1% of what LHC + HL-LHC will deliver**

# Two new windows to probe nature...

**Top-quark (1995, Tevatron)**

**Higgs boson (2012, LHC)**

**Our “gravitational waves” ....**

# Comment about the selection of results



Focus on one topic

ATLAS Public Exotics Results are [HERE](#)

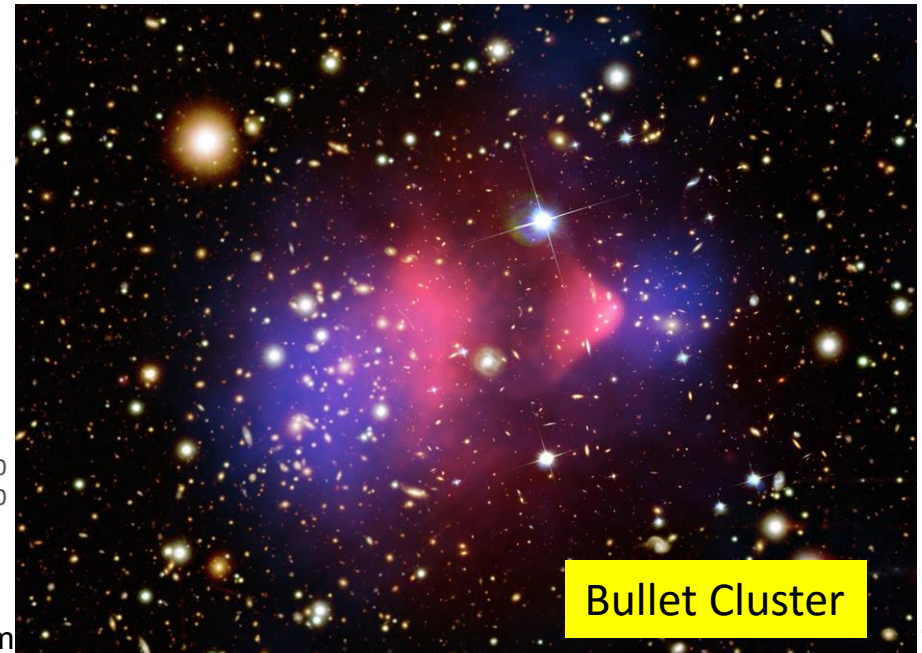
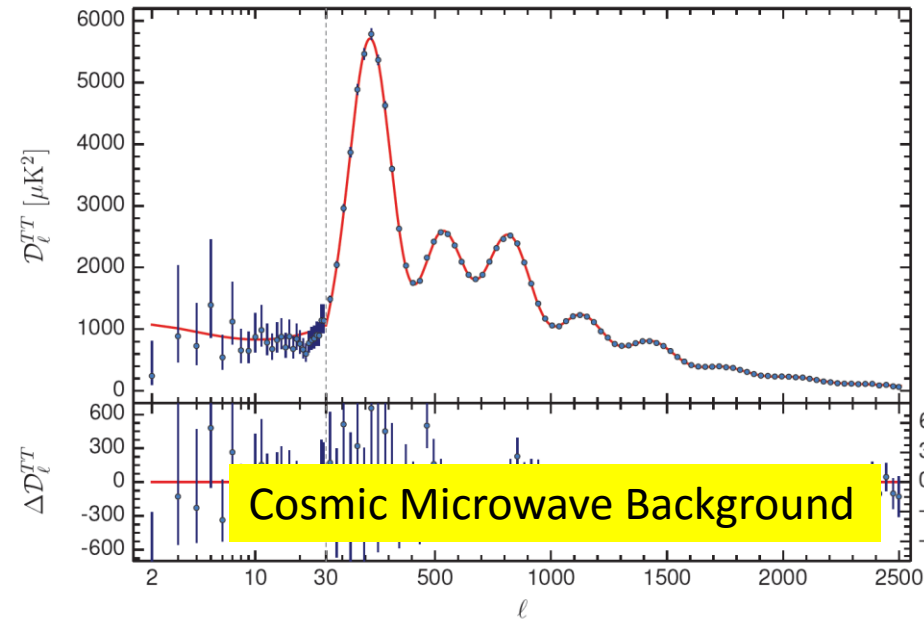
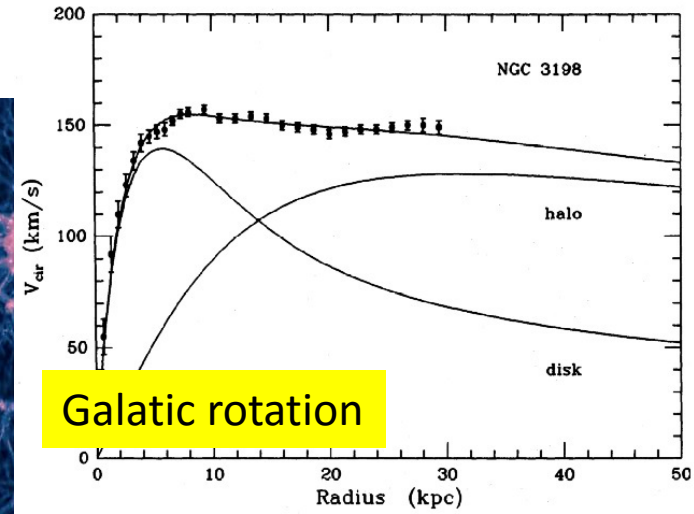
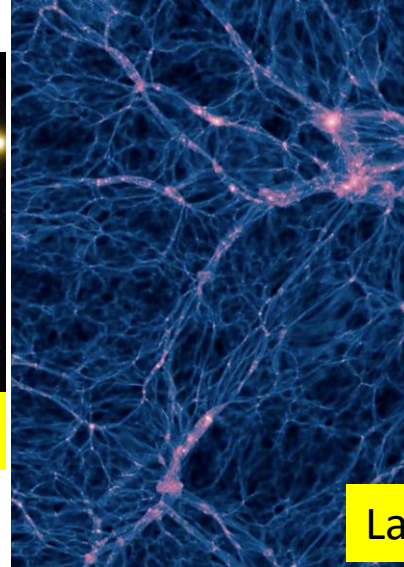
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LHCb Public Exotics Results are [HERE](#)

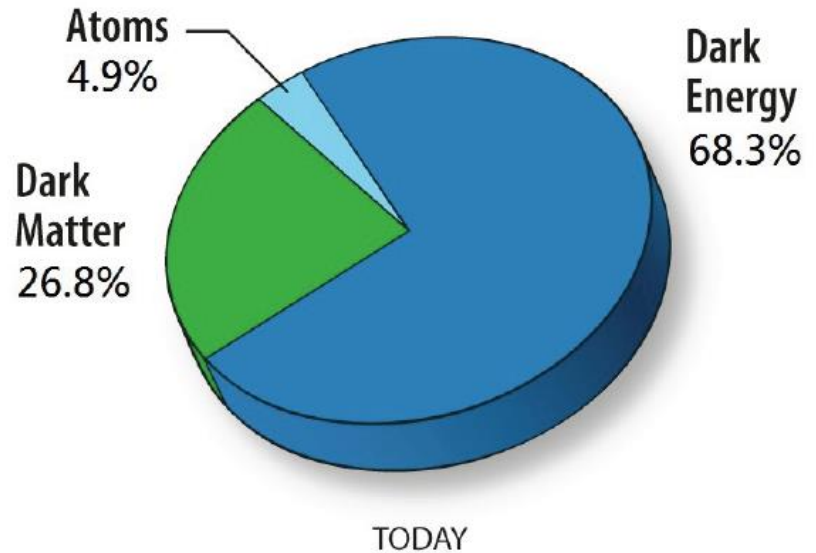
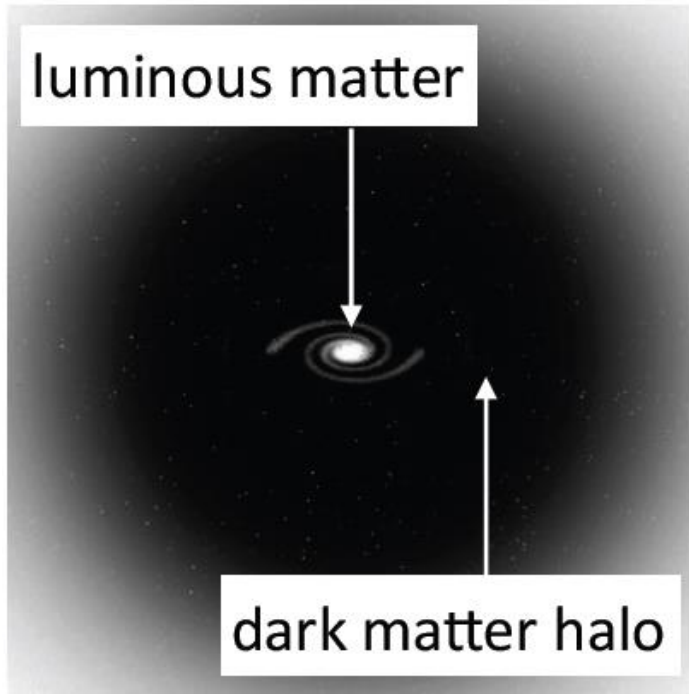
A visualization of the cosmic web, showing a dense network of blue filaments and nodes. The nodes are highlighted in a reddish-orange color, representing galaxy clusters and superclusters. The filaments are thin and interconnected, forming a complex, web-like structure.

# Dark Matter Searches at the LHC

# Strong Evidence...



# What we know about Dark Matter



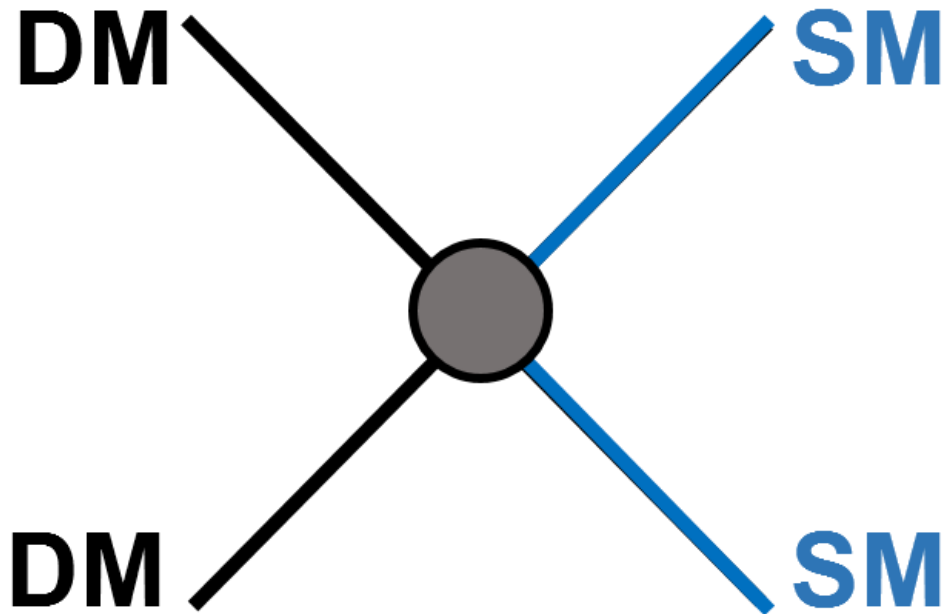
**Strong astrophysical evidence for the existence of dark matter**



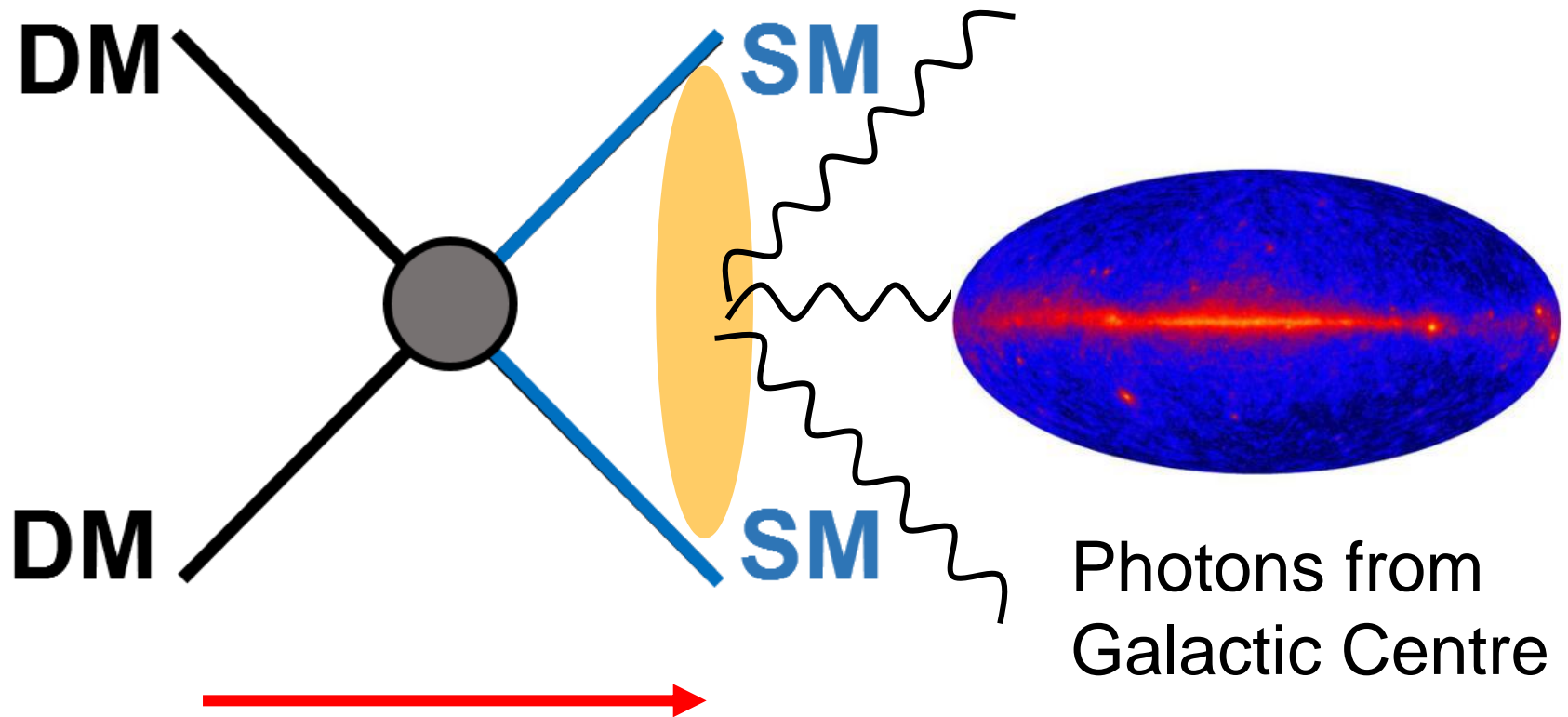
# What we know about Dark Matter

- **Massive**
- **Non-relativistic (slow)**
- **Long lived (old)**
- **No electric or colour charge**
- **Very weakly interacting with ordinary matter**
- **Subject to gravity interactions**

# Dark Matter (DM) interaction with ordinary matter (SM)

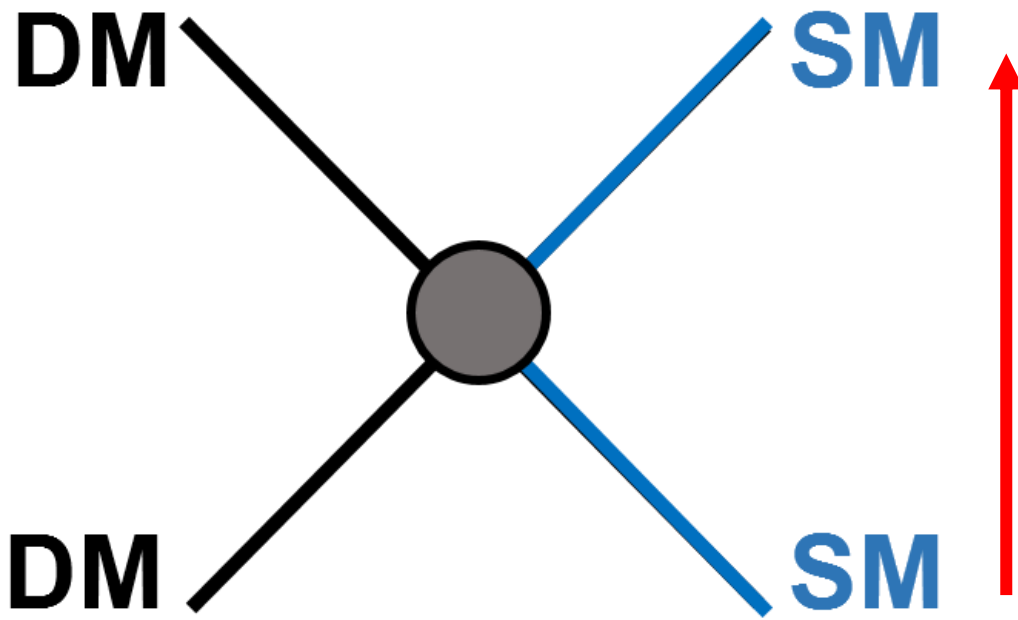


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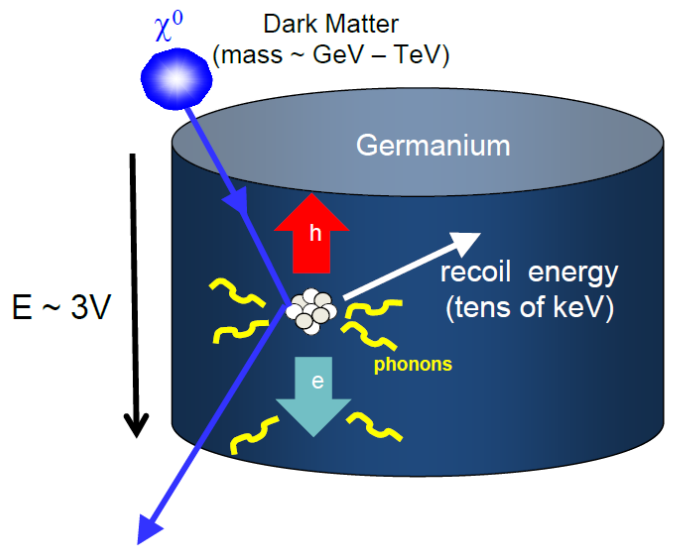


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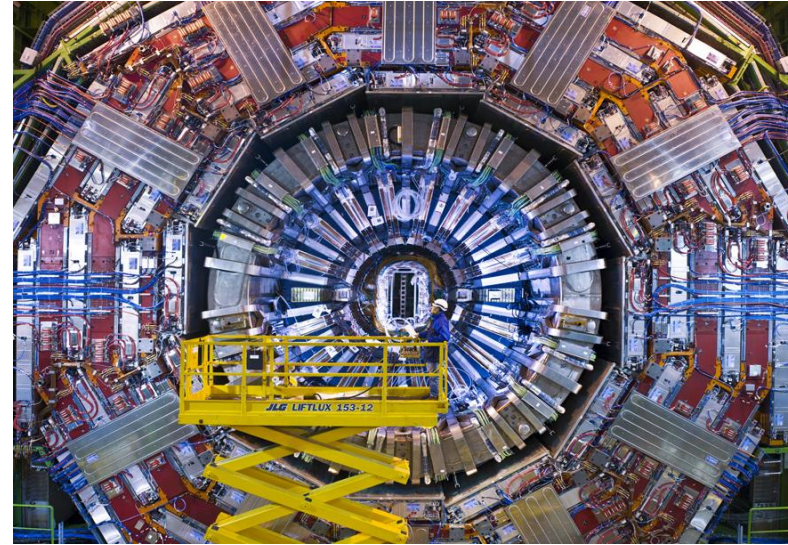
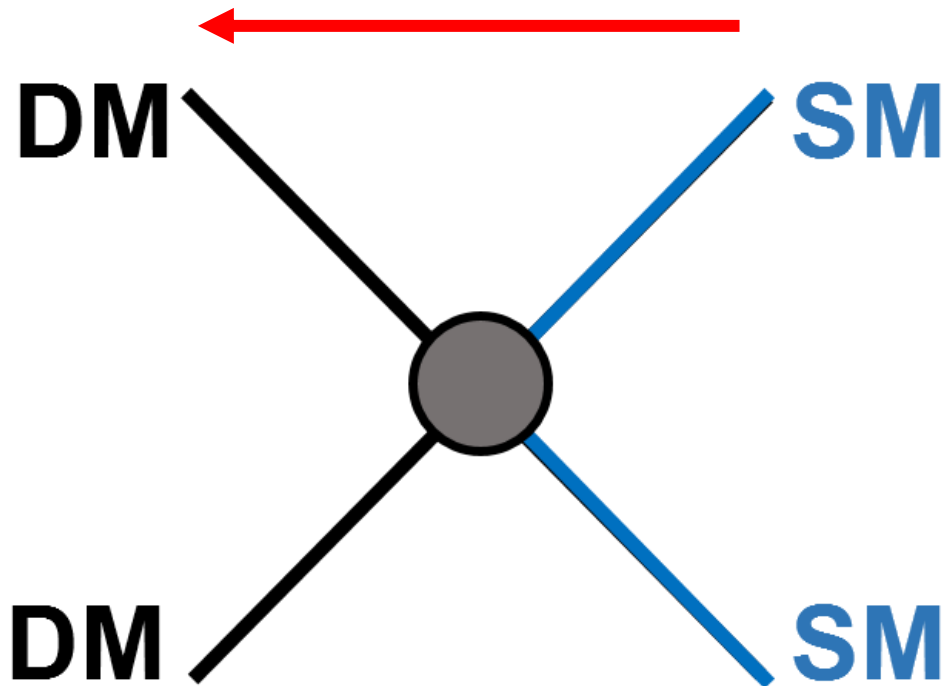


“shake it”  
direct detection



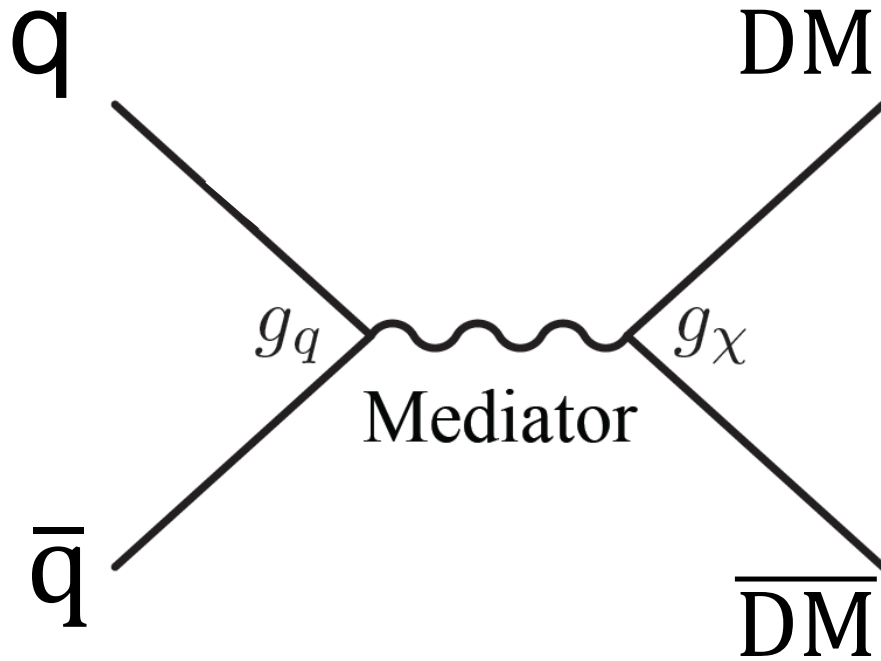
# Experimental detection of Dark Matter

“make it”: Collider Production



# Dark Matter at Collider: Simplified Model

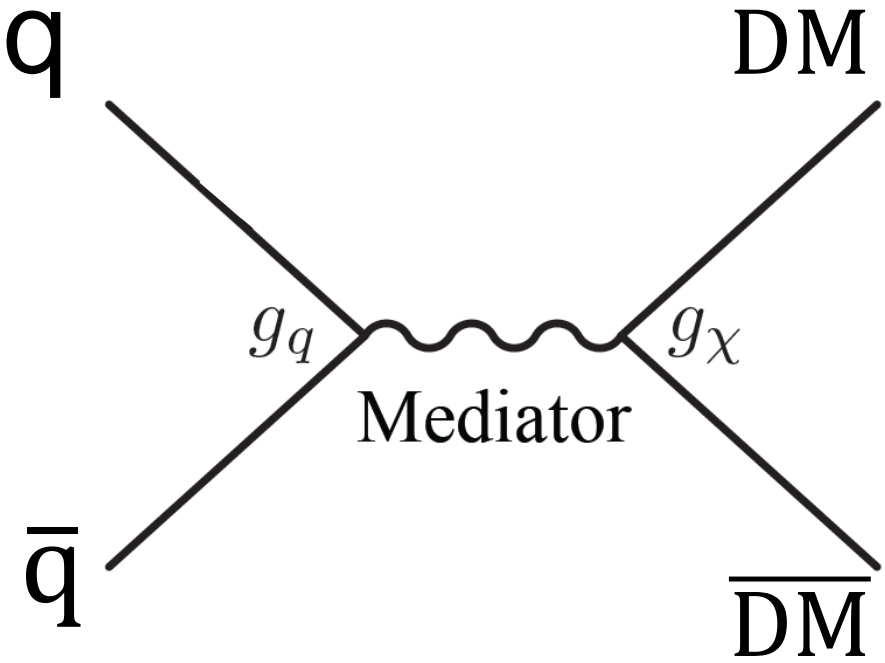
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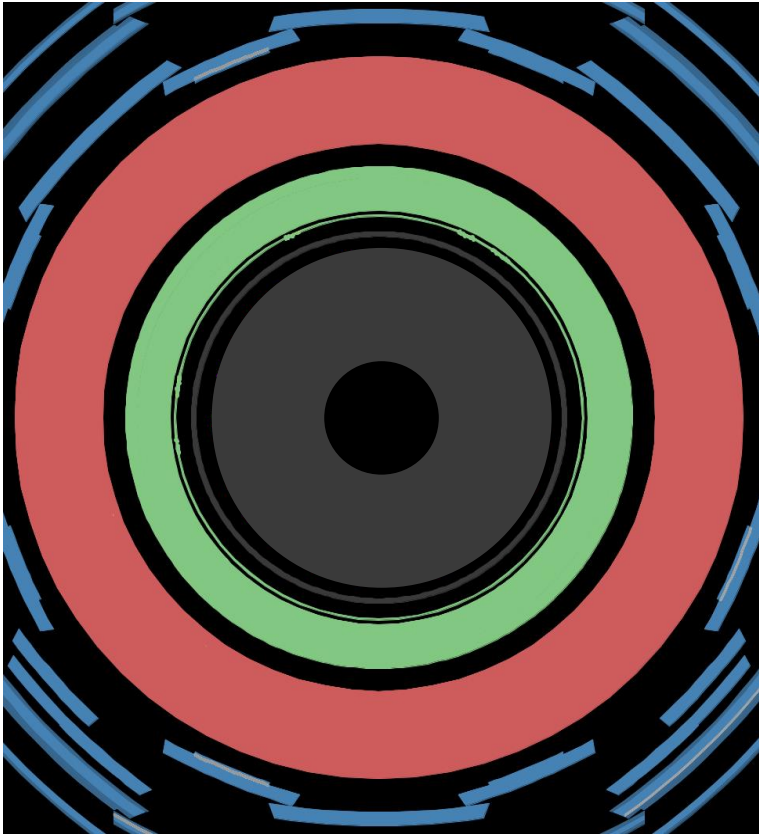
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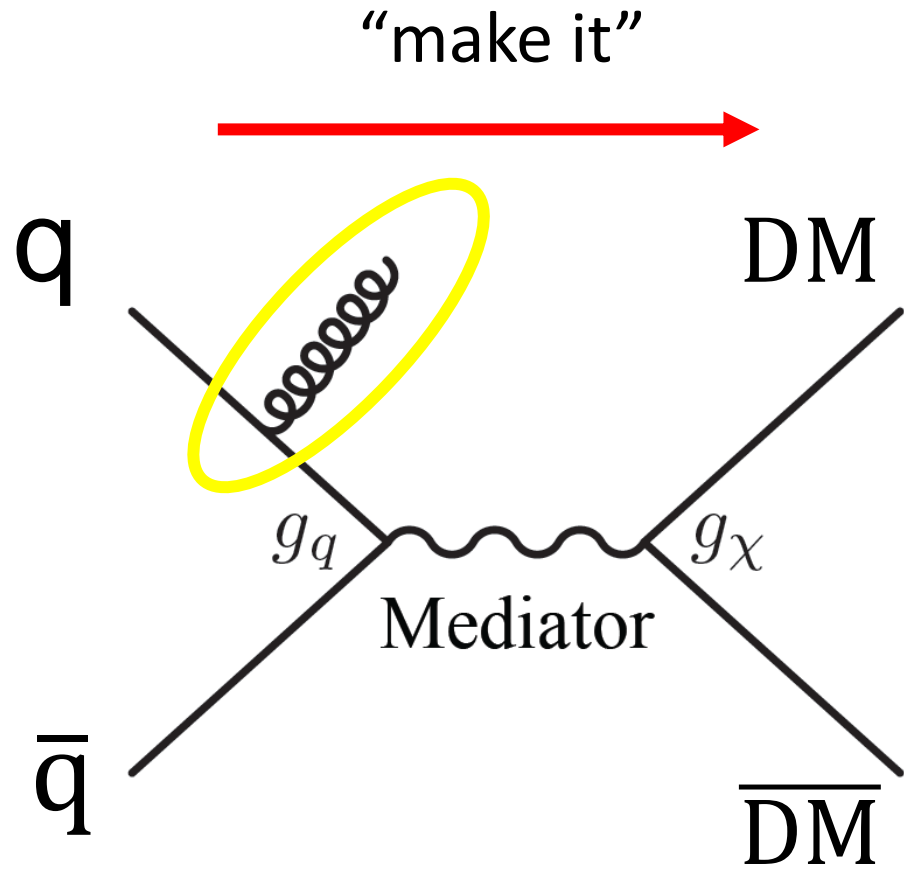


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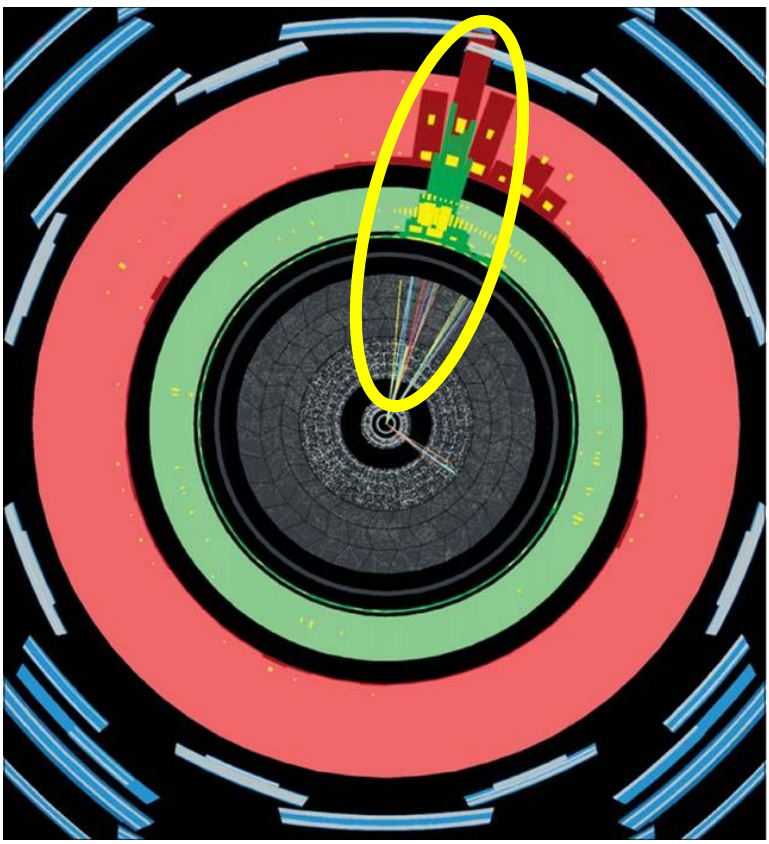


Empty detector

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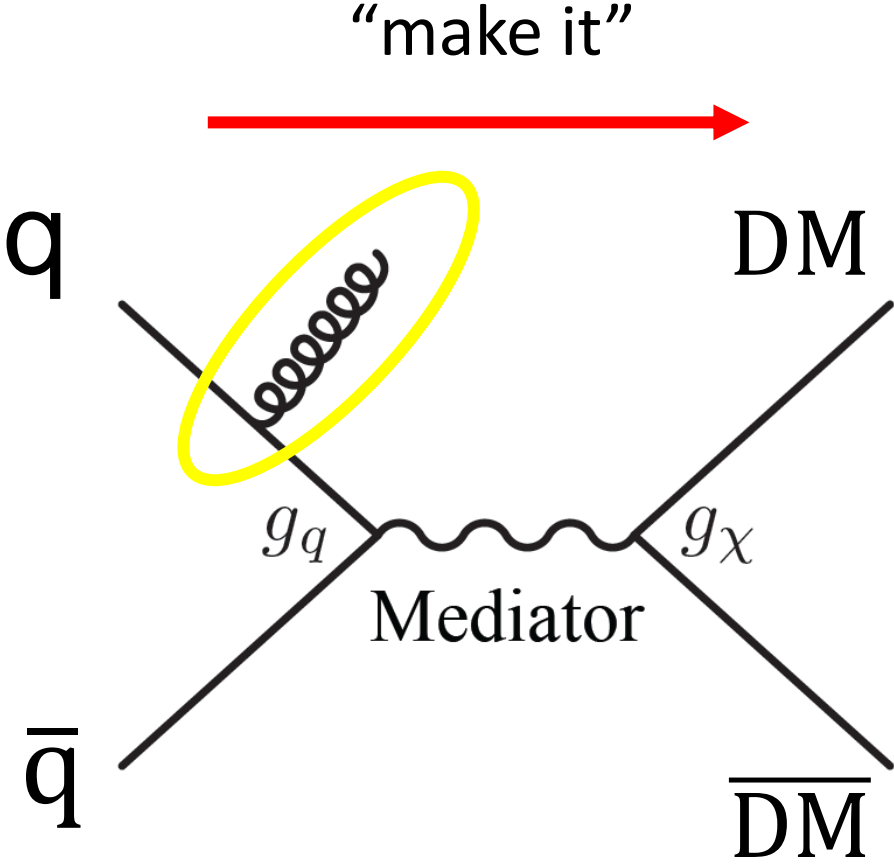
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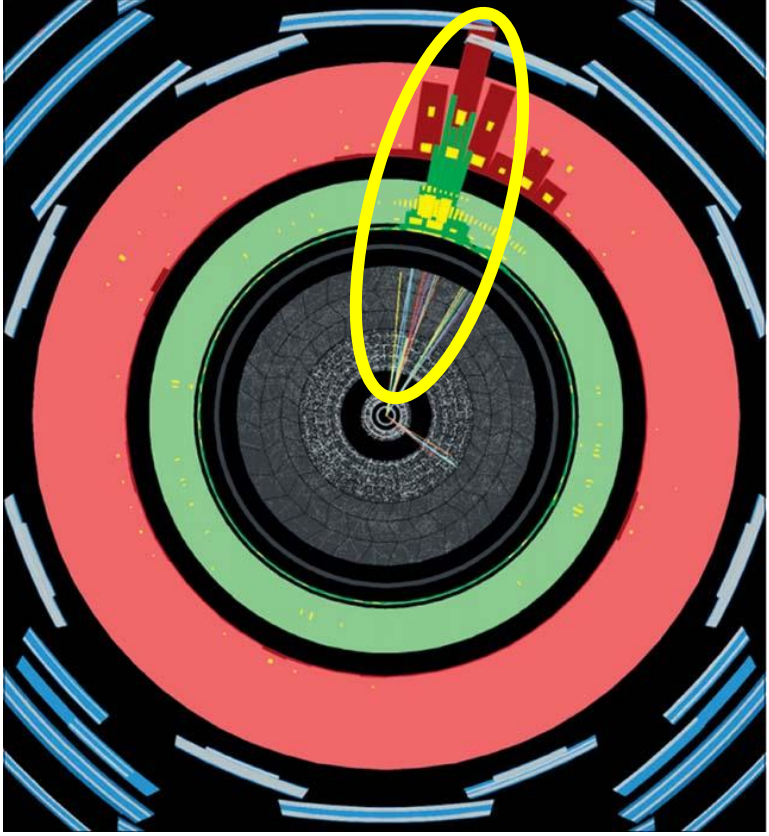
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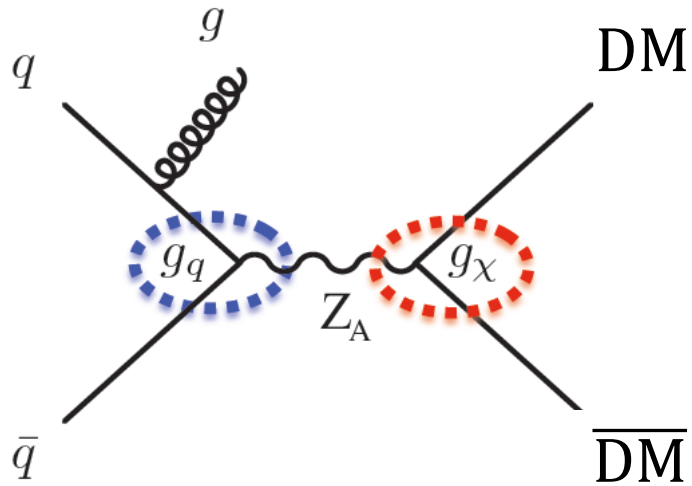


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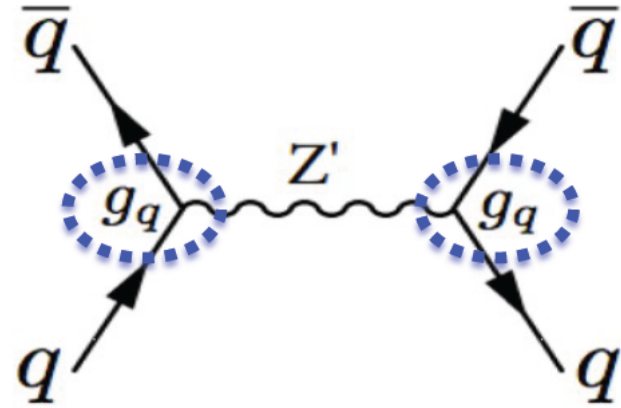
$$E_T^{\text{miss}} + X$$

# Simplified Model

$SM \rightarrow \text{mediator} \rightarrow DM$

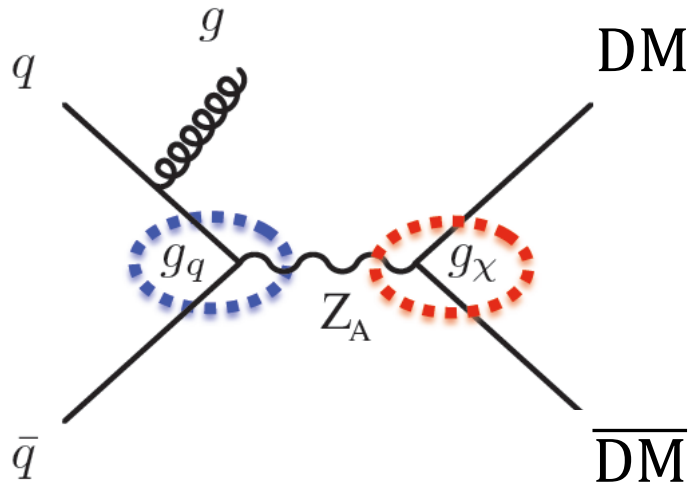


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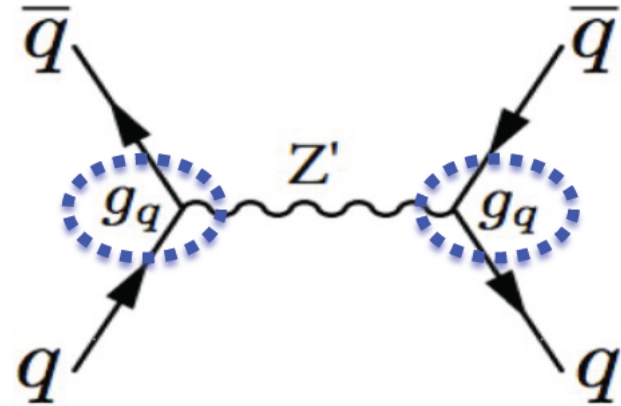
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→ Mono-X signature

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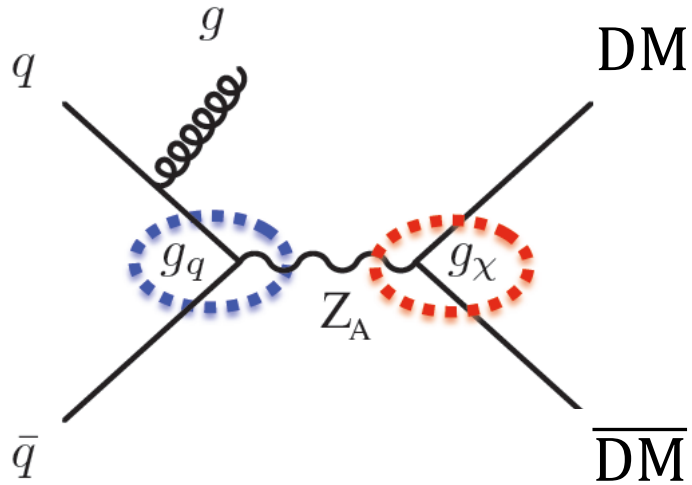


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Dijet, ditop, dilepton.....

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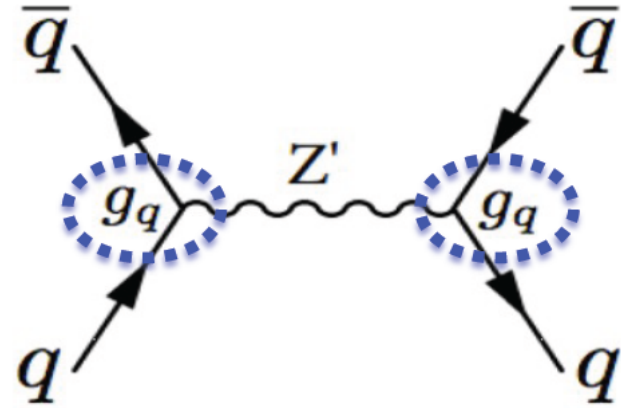
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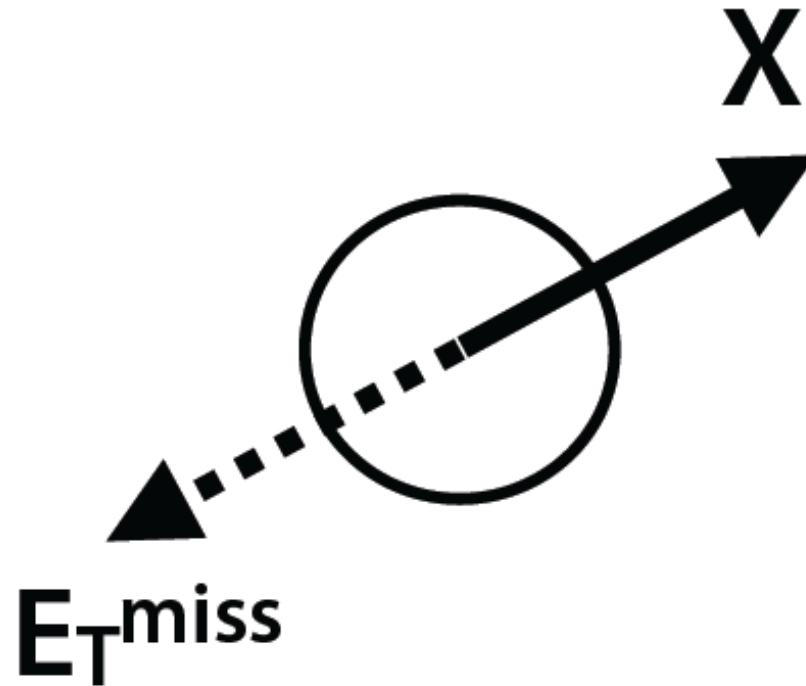


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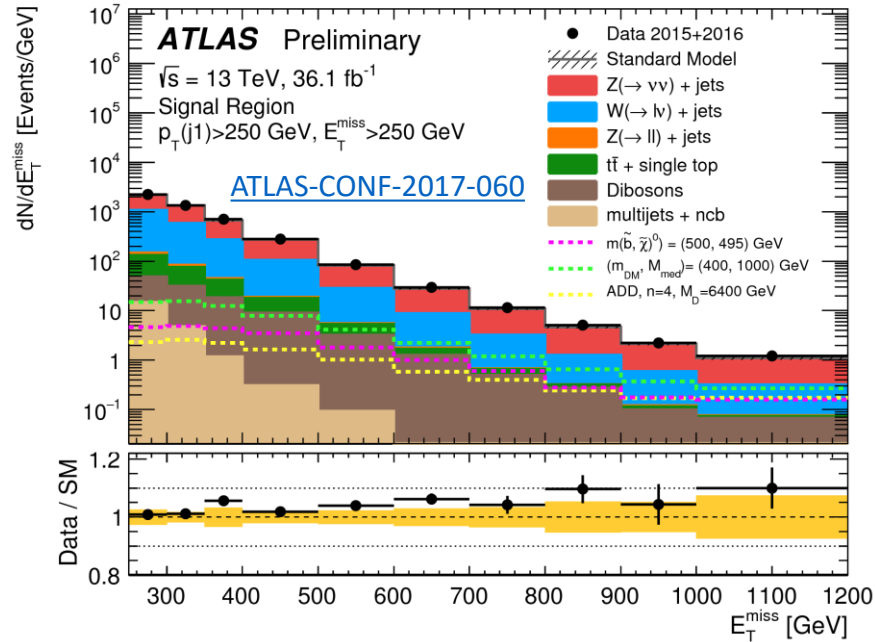
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	spin 0	spin 1
<b>Charge</b>	Q=0 for s-channel	
<b>Lorentz structure</b>	Scalar $g_q \frac{\phi}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_f y_f \bar{f} f$ Pseudoscalar $g_q \frac{iA}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_f y_f \bar{f} \gamma^5 f$	Vector $g_q \sum_q V_\mu \bar{q} \gamma^\mu q$ Axial-vector $g_q \sum_q A_\mu \bar{q} \gamma^\mu \gamma^5 q$
<b>Coupling</b>	$\propto \text{mass}$	$\propto \text{charge}$

# Mono-X Searches

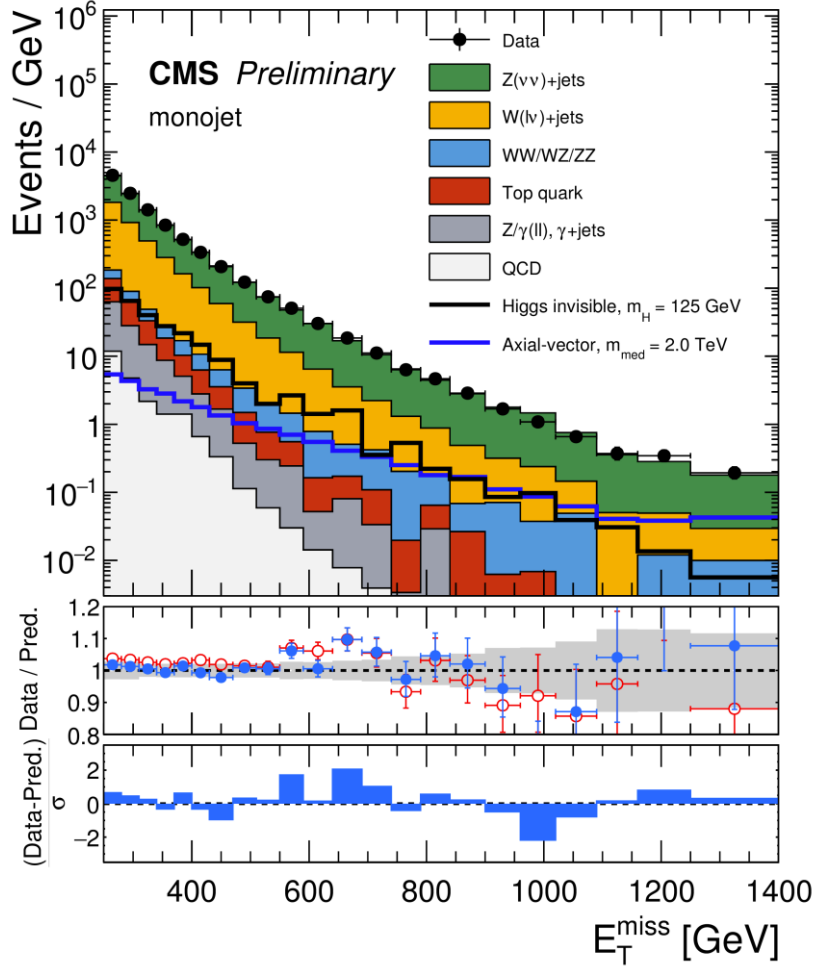


# Mono-jet



## ATLAS

- $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 250 \text{ GeV}, \Delta\phi(\text{jet}, p_T^{\text{miss}}) > 0.4$
- Jet  $p_T > 250 \text{ GeV}, |\eta| < 2.4$
- $N_{\text{jets}} \leq 4$

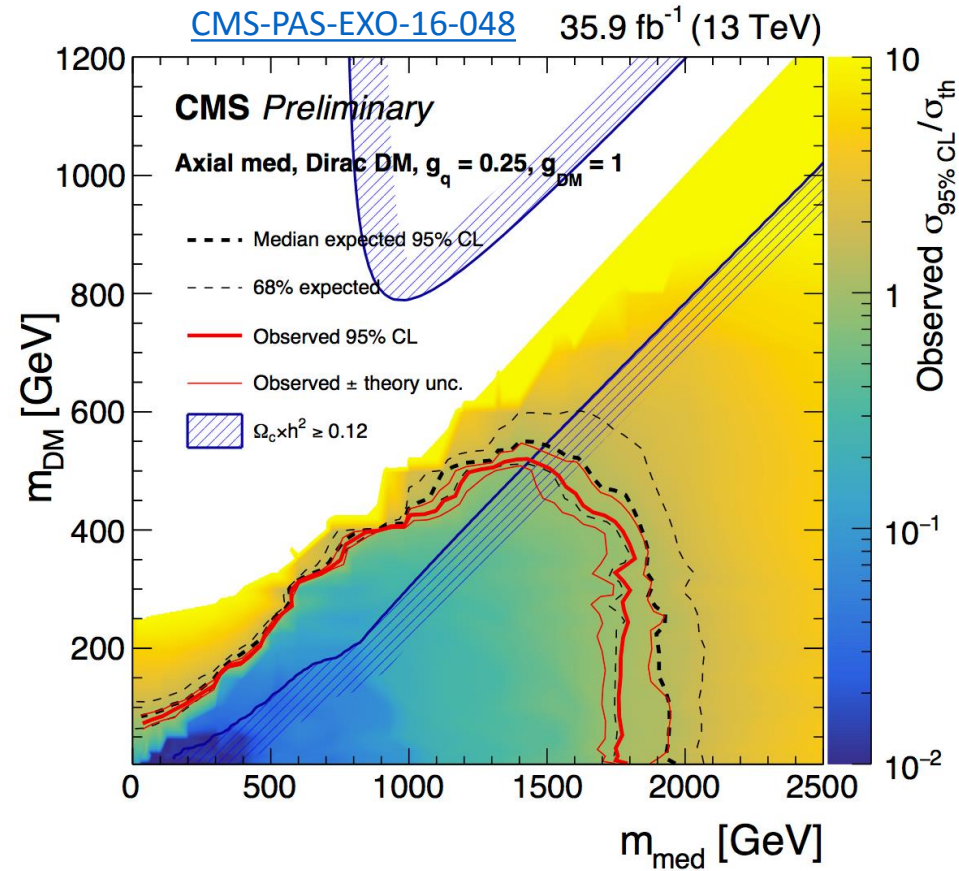
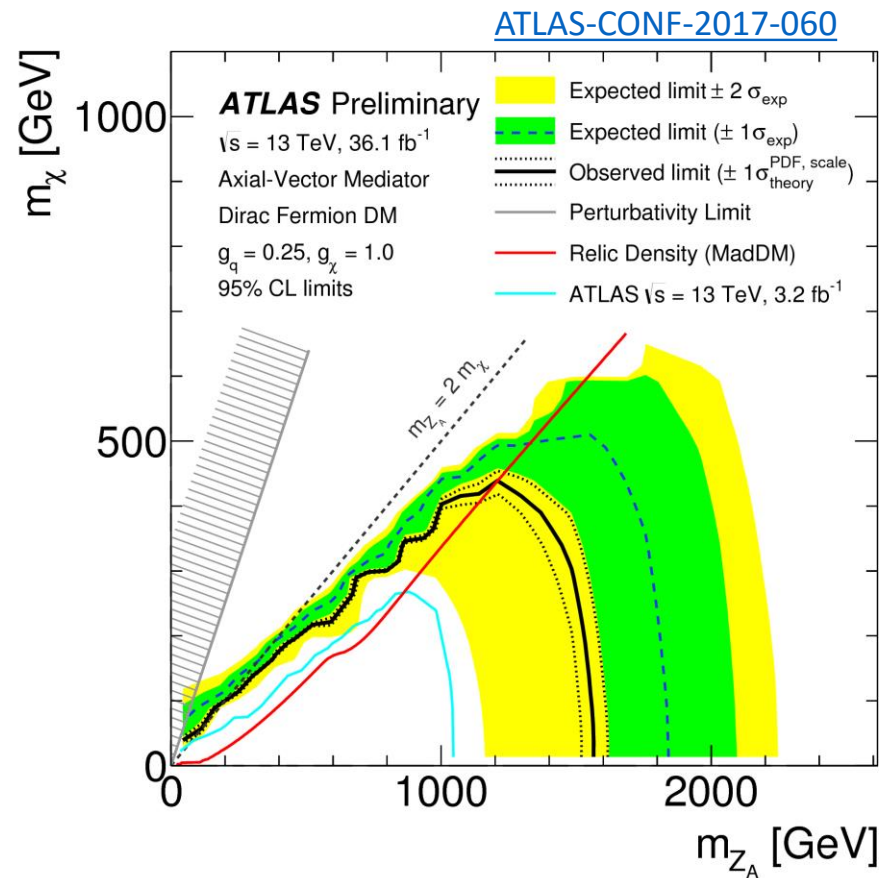


## CMS

- $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 250 \text{ GeV}$
- Jet  $p_T > 100 \text{ GeV}, |\eta| < 2.5$

# Mono-jet

## Axial-vector mediator



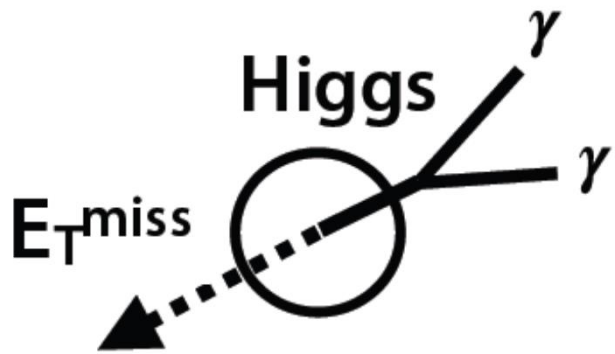
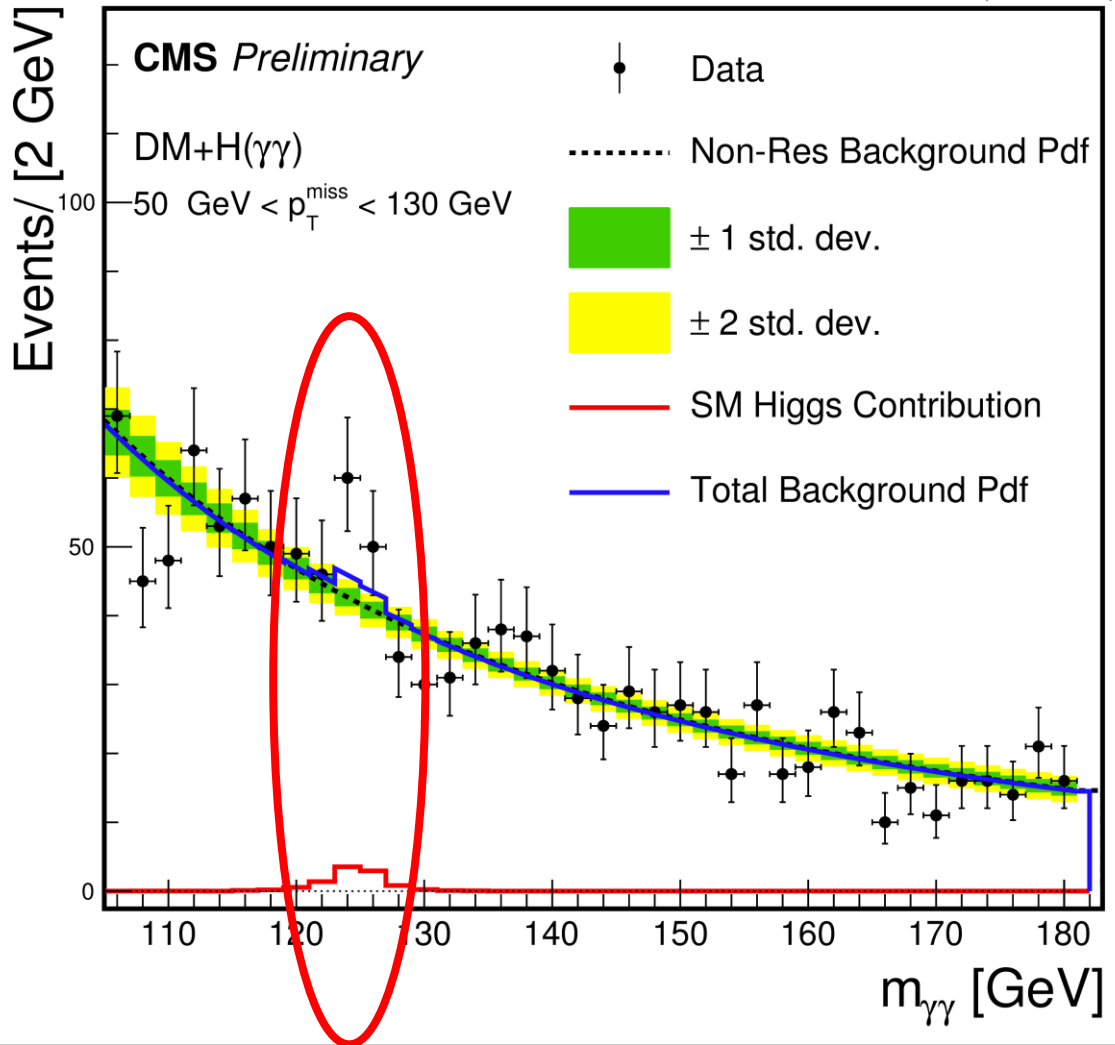
For vector and axial-vector interactions:

- Mediator mass excluded up to 1.6 – 1.8 TeV
- DM mass excluded up to 400 – 700 GeV

# Mono-Higgs

[CMS-PAS-EXO-16-054](#)

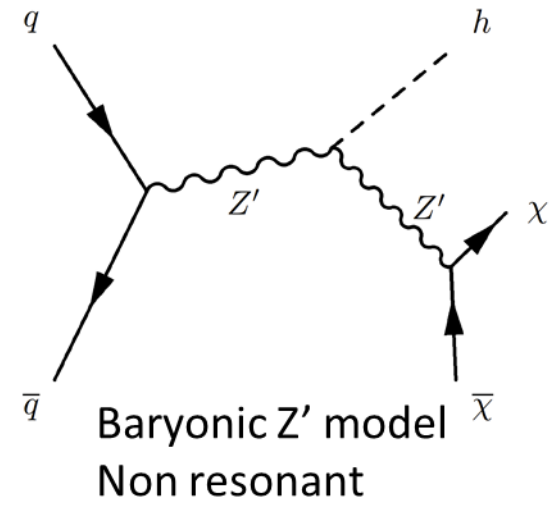
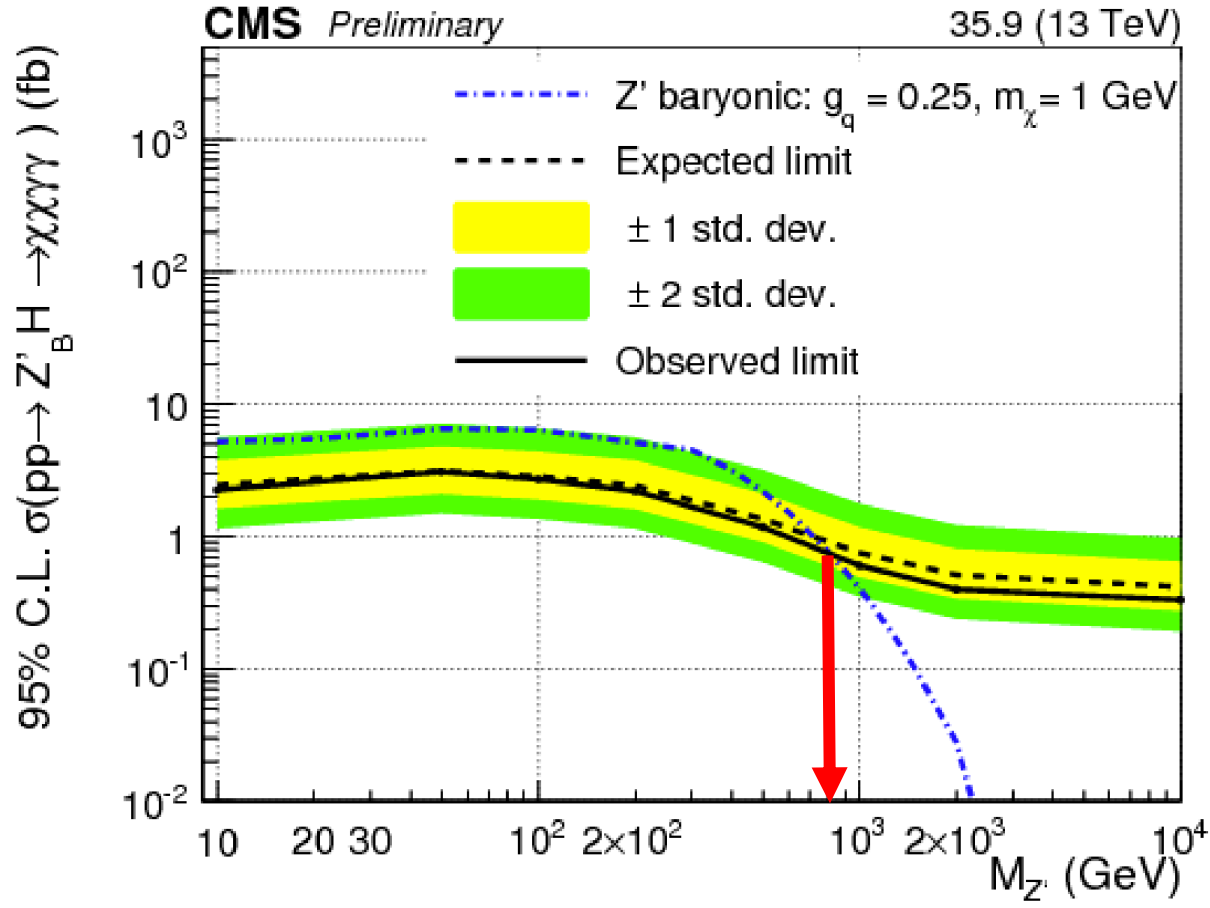
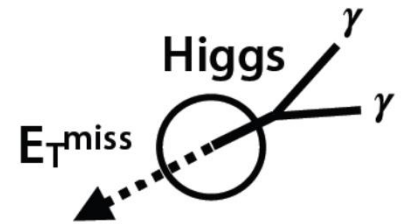
35.9 fb<sup>-1</sup> (13 TeV)





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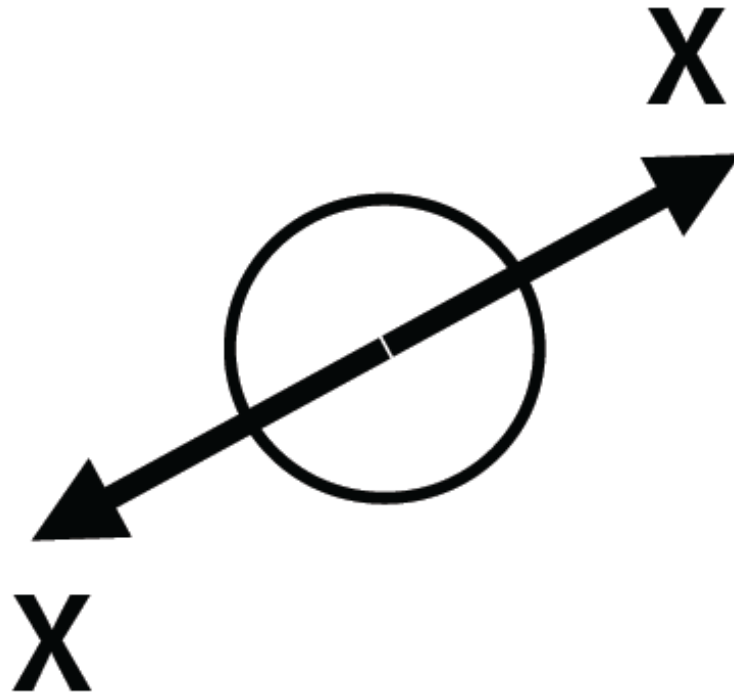
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Mediator masses excluded up to 0.8 TeV for  $m(\text{DM}) = 1$  GeV for baryonic  $Z'$  model

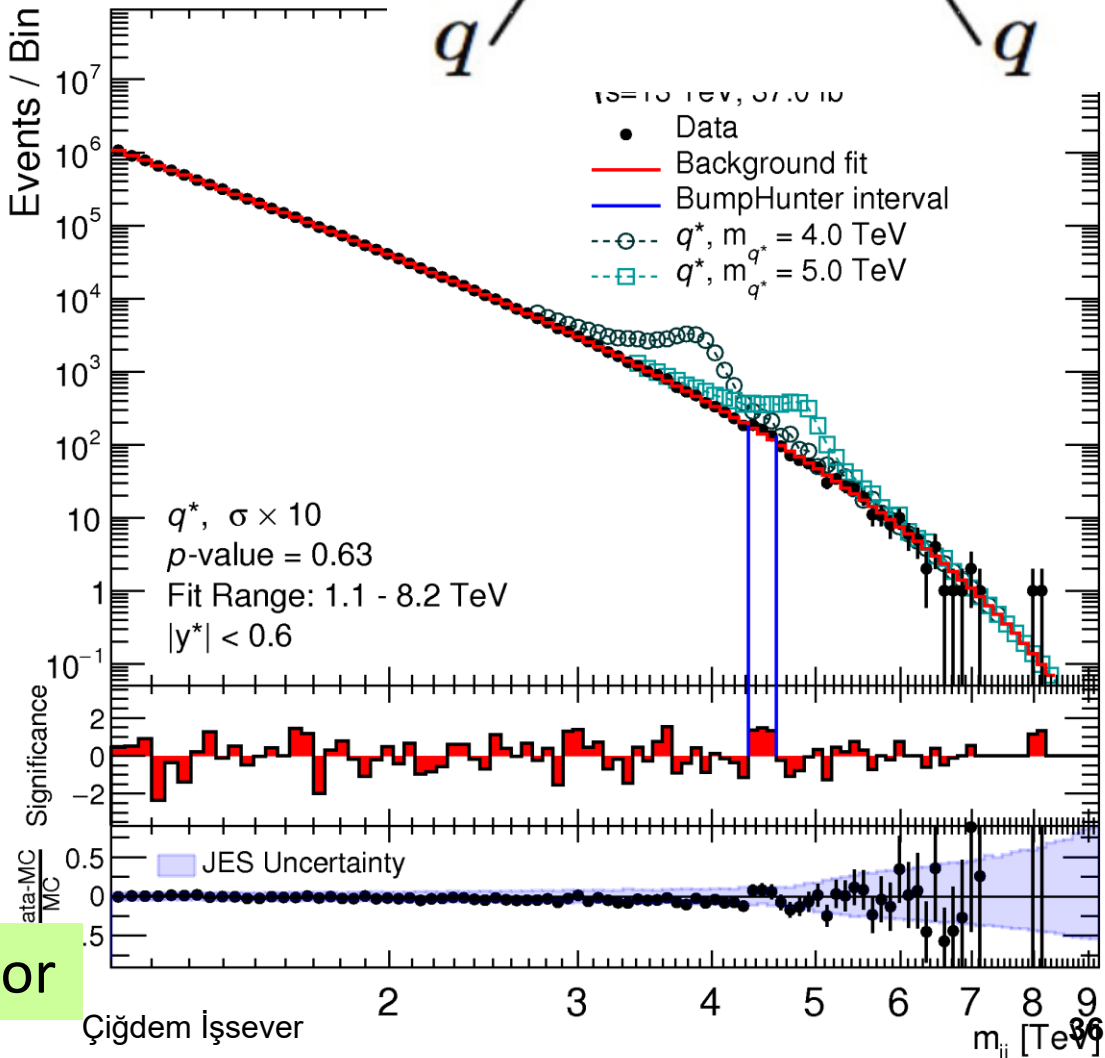
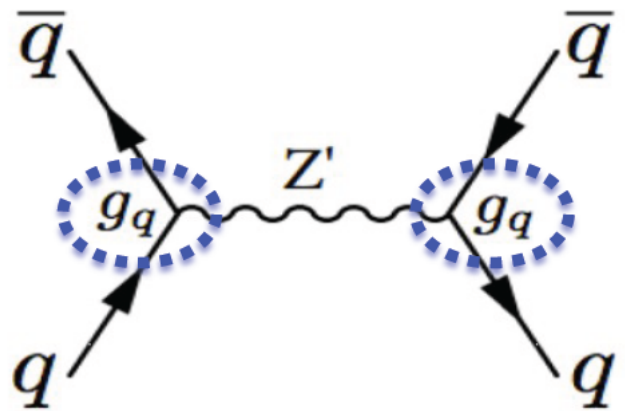


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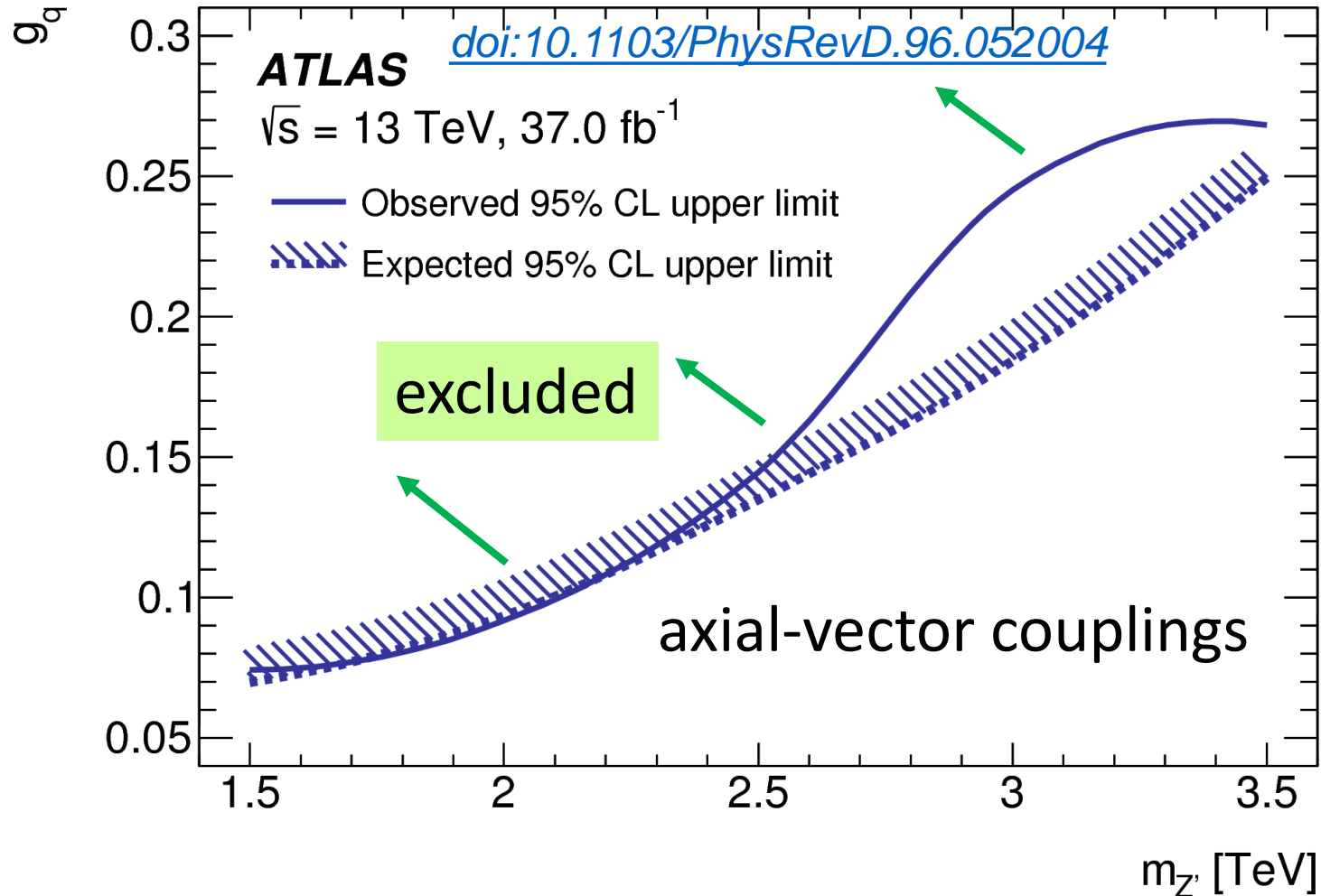
# Di-jet searches

- Look for resonance above fit
- Analysis limited by trigger
  - 1-jet trigger  $E_T \sim 380$  GeV
  - Implies  $m(jj) > 1.1$  TeV
- Dedicated analysis used for lower-mass searches



Strong limits on DM mediator

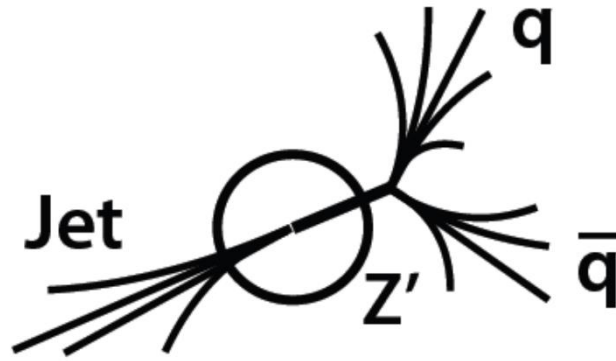
# High-mass dijet searches



Mediator masses excluded between 1.5 TeV and 3.5 TeV  
Couplings excluded between 0.07 and 0.28

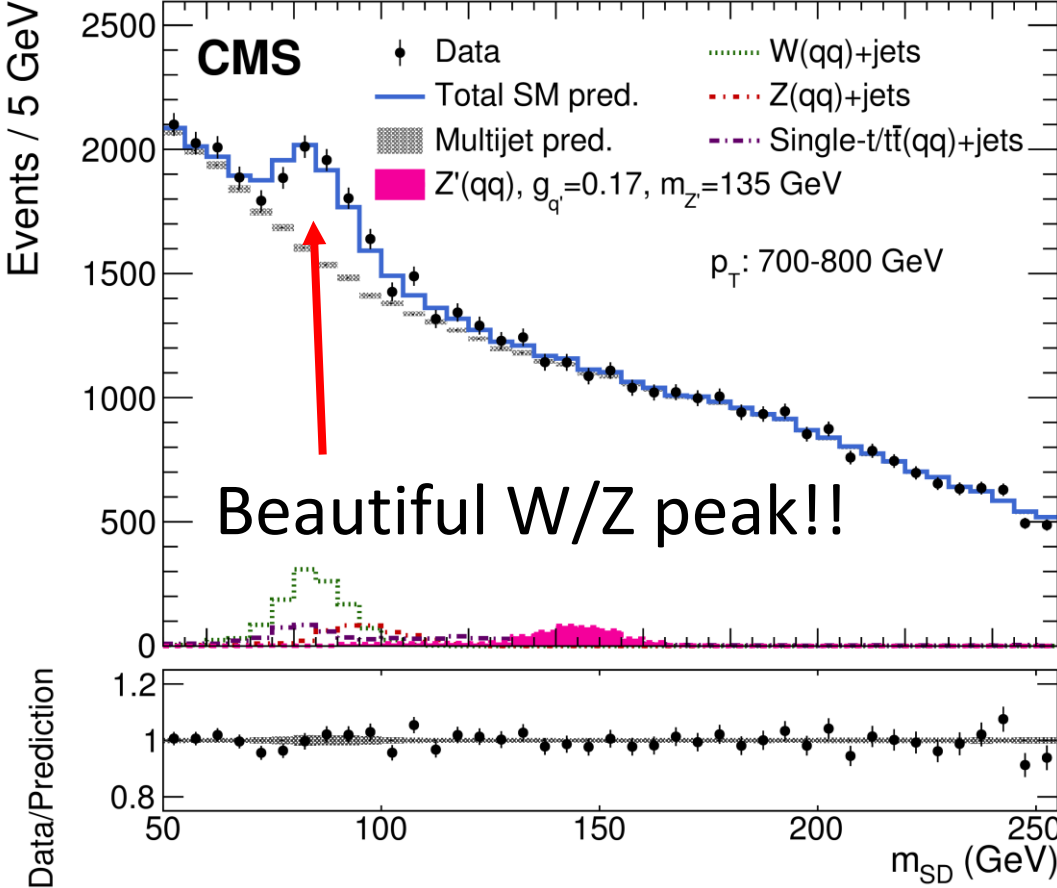
# Low-mass di-jet searches

Search for low-mass particles using ISR boost



CMS-EXO-17-001

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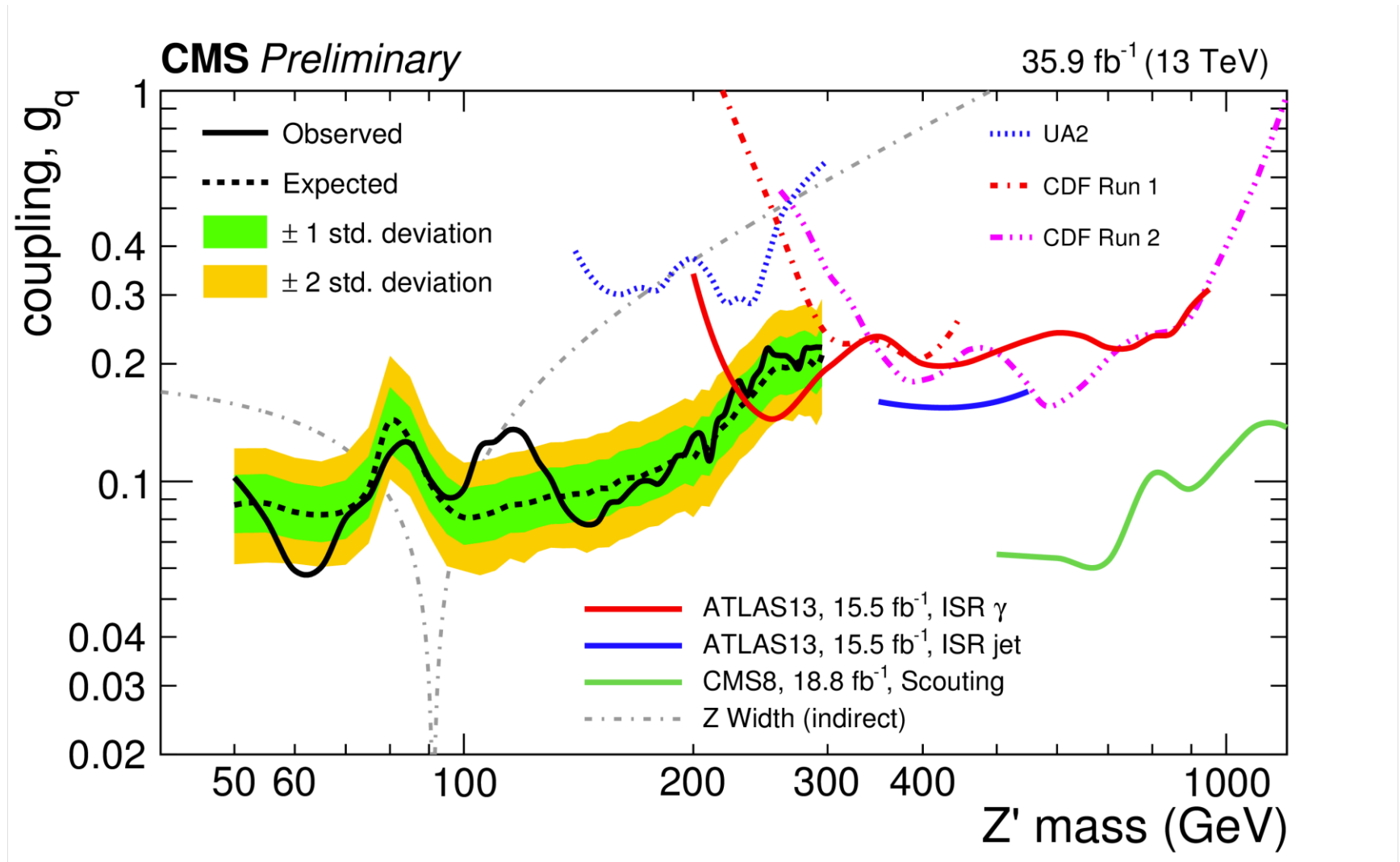


## New Techniques

- Large-R jet
- Jet substructure
- Data-driven bkg

# ATLAS and CMS Low-mass di-jet searches

[CMS-PAS-EXO-17-001](#)

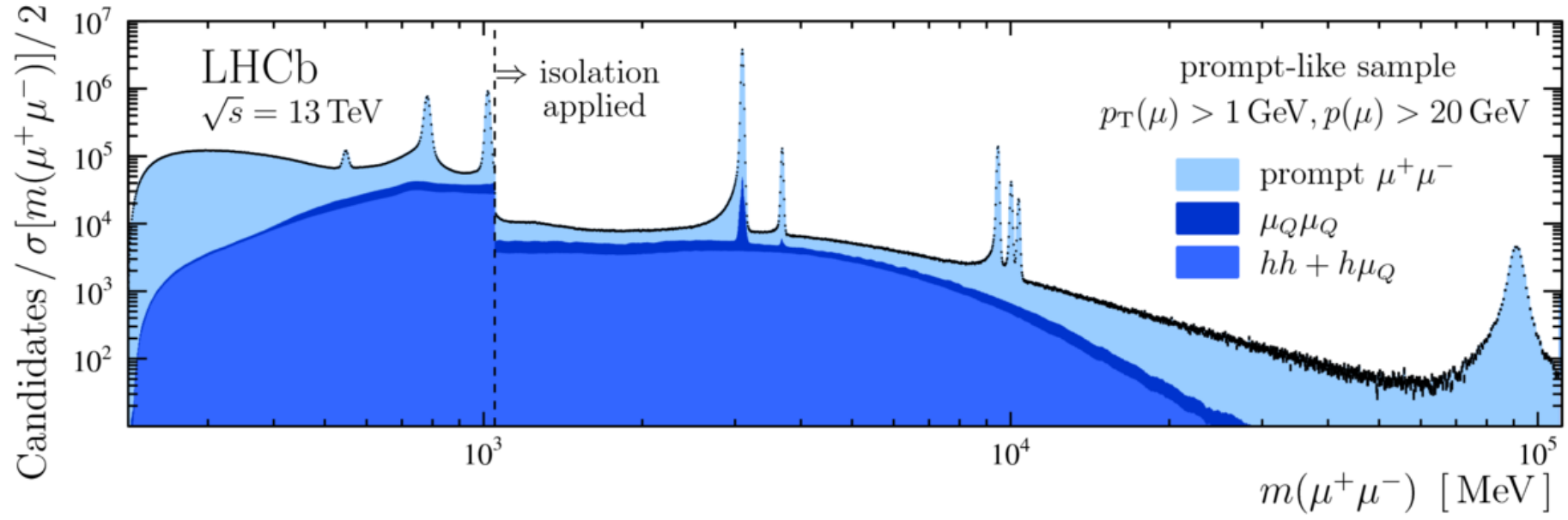
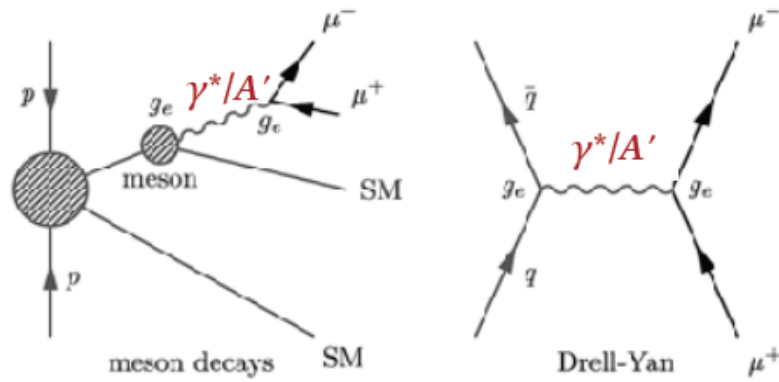


Mediator masses down to 50 GeV explored!

# DM Mediator Search @ LHCb

[arXiv:1710.02867](https://arxiv.org/abs/1710.02867)

- Dark Photon Searches:  $A'$

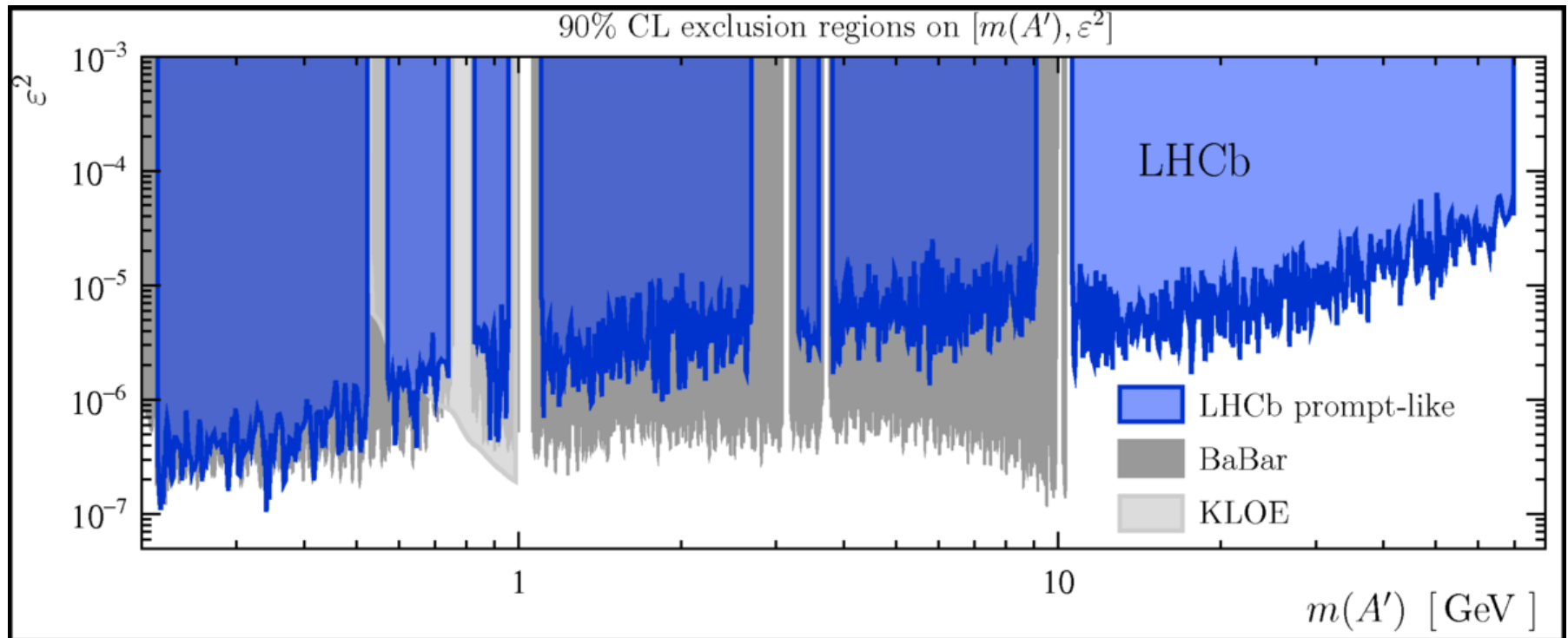




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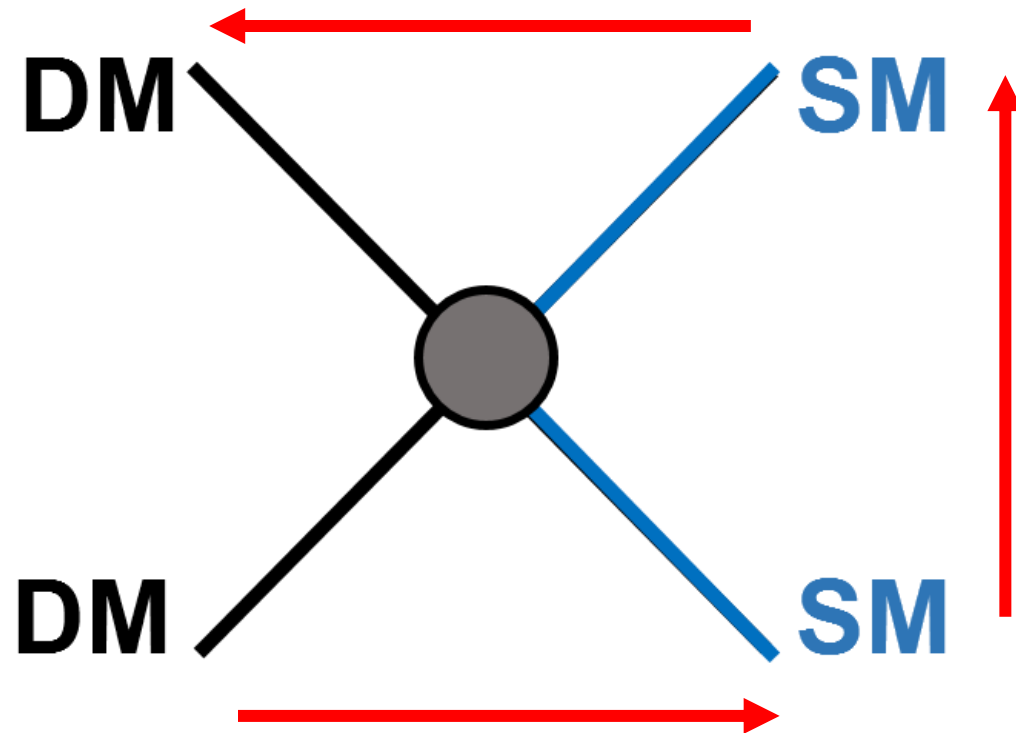
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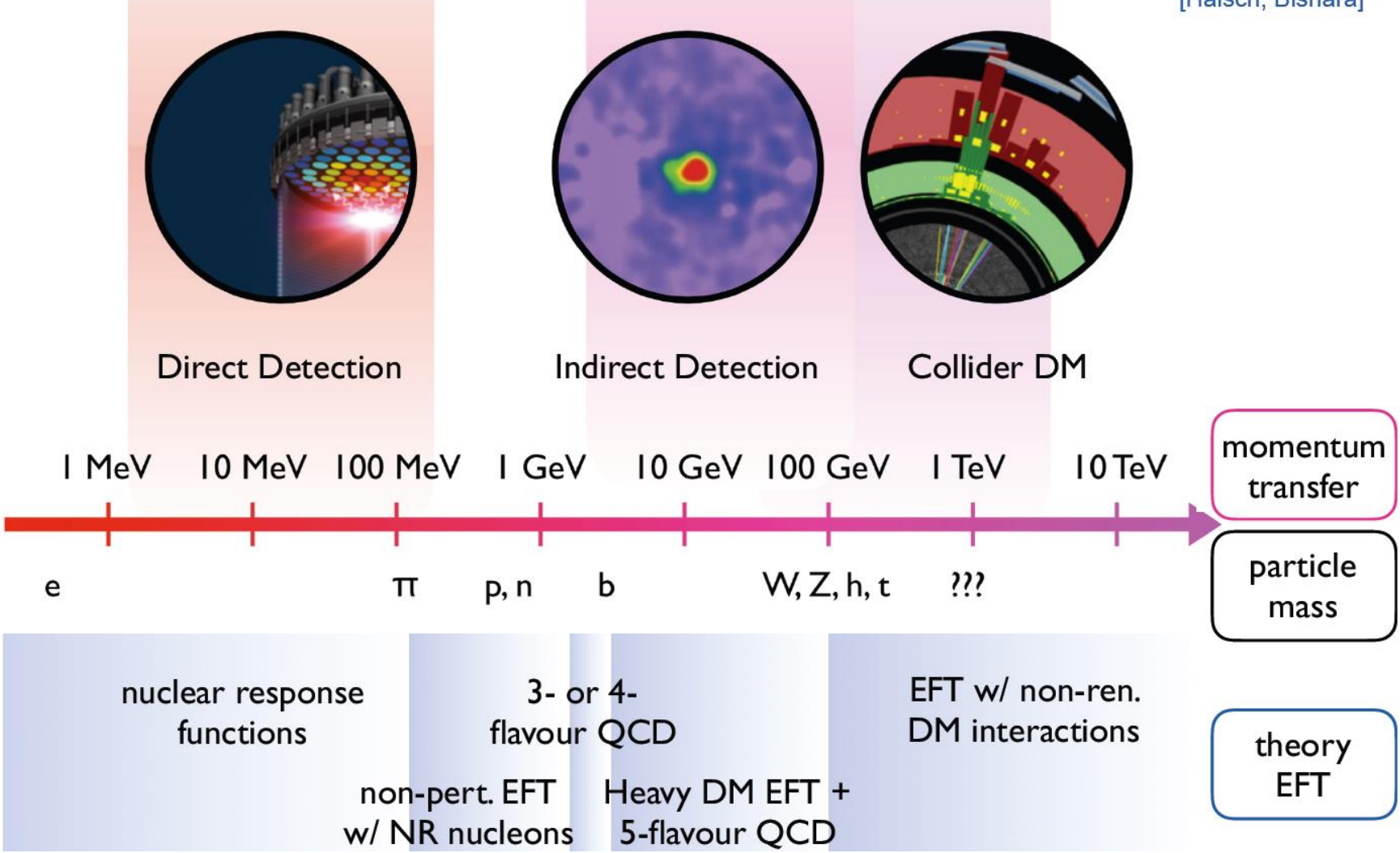
No significant excess found  
First limit on dark photons for  $m(A') > 10$  GeV  
Already competitive for  $m(A') < 0.5$  GeV

# Comparison with Non-Collider Searches



# Relevant Scales for DM Searches

[Haisch, Bishara]



Comparisons across scales not straight forward!!

# LHC DM Working Group

Cornell University Library

arXiv.org > hep-ex > arXiv:1507.00966

**arXiv:1507.00966**

High Energy Physics - Experiment

**Dark Matter Benchmark Models for Early LHC Run-2 Searches: Report of the ATLAS/CMS Dark Matter Forum**

Collection of DM models (simplified models, EFT), Model implementation

arXiv.org > hep-ex > arXiv:1603.04156

**arXiv:1603.04156**

High Energy Physics - Experiment

**Recommendations on presenting LHC searches for missing transverse energy signals using simplified  $s$ -channel models of dark matter**

Guidelines to compare LHC results with DD/ID experiments

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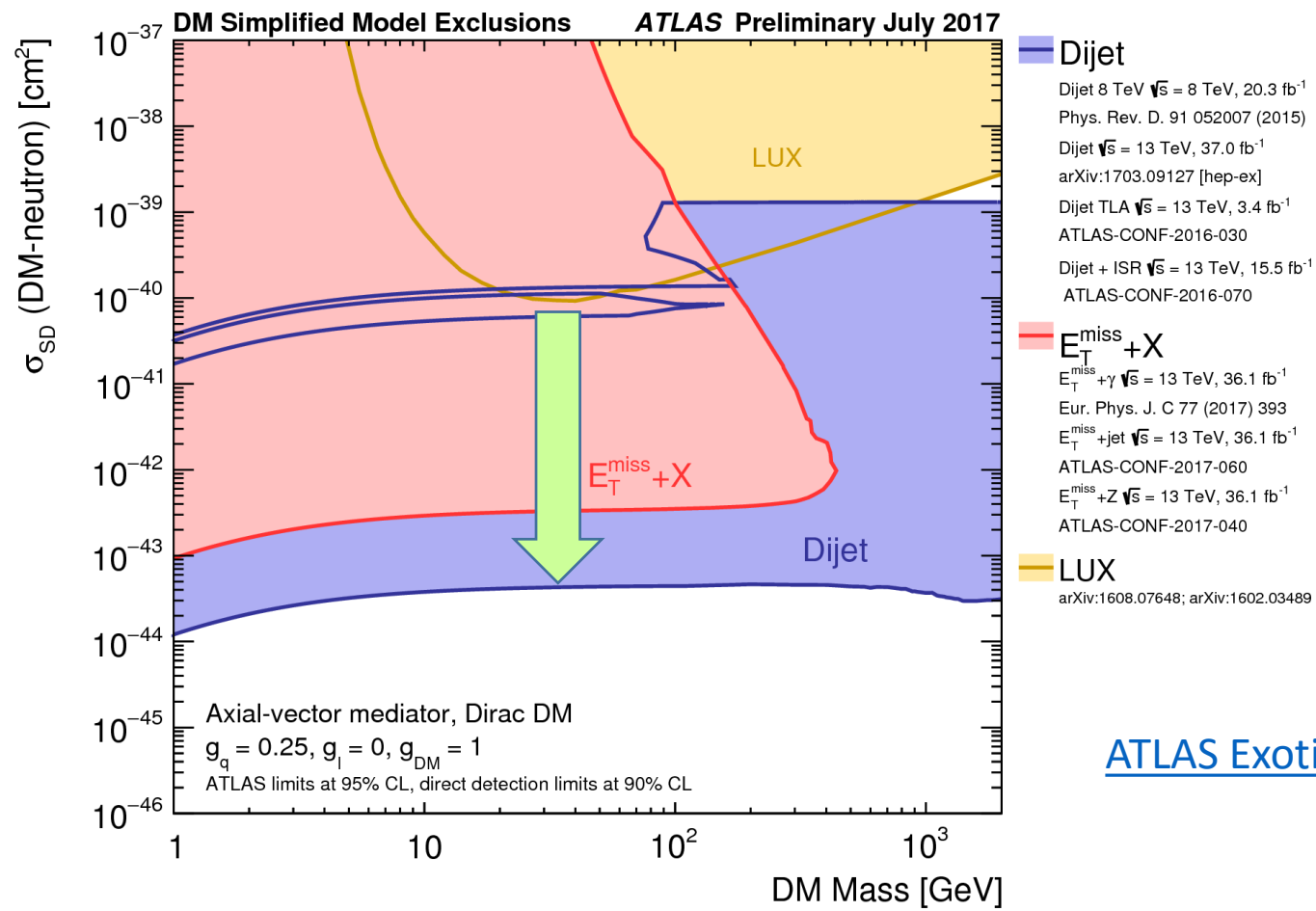
High Energy Physics - Experiment

**Recommendations of the LHC Dark Matter Working Group: Comparing LHC searches for heavy mediators of dark matter production in visible and invisible decay channels**

Guidelines to present Mono-X and visible signatures for heavy mediators

# Comparison with Direct Detection

Spin-dependent DM-neutron cross section vs  $m_{DM}$

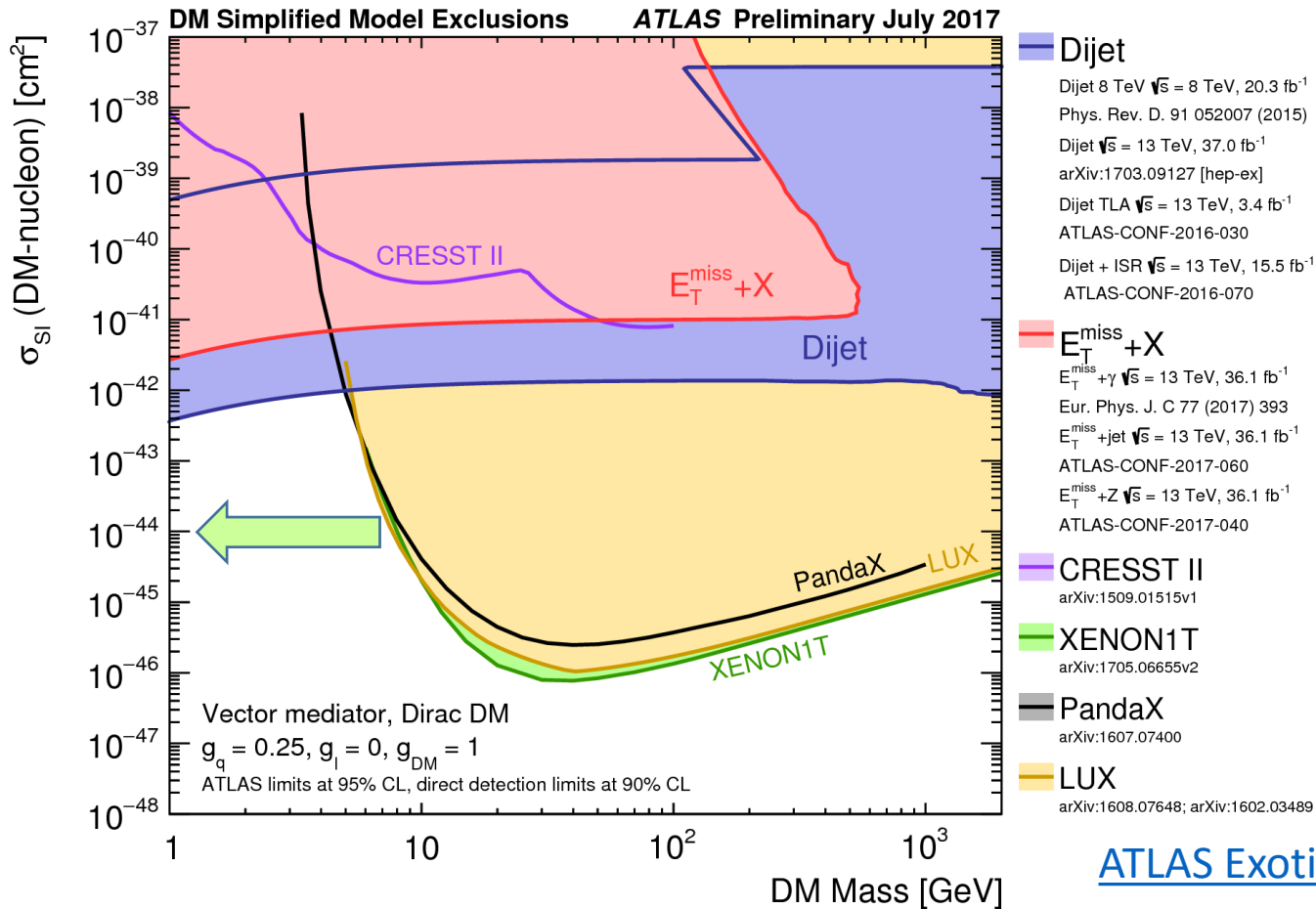


[ATLAS Exotics Summary](#)

For these model assumptions:  
 Collider searches have  $\sim 3$  orders better sensitivity for  $\sigma_{SD}(\text{DM-nucleon})$

# Comparison with Direct Detection

Spin-independent DM-nucleon cross section vs  $m_{DM}$



For these model assumptions:  
 Collider searches are sensitive at low DM for  $\sigma_{SI}(\text{DM-nucleon})$

# Summary

- **Searches for Exotic searches in general**
  - We have explored  **$O(10 \text{ GeV})$  to  $10 \text{ TeV}$  mass/energy scales**
  - Only 1% of the LHC data analysed --- we are at the beginning
  - **New probes: Top quark and Higgs boson**
- **Dark Matter Searches are thriving at the LHC**
  - For vector and axial vector interactions
    - Dark Matter masses up to 400 GeV – 700 GeV (mono-jet) excluded
    - Mediator mass up to 1.6 – 1.8 TeV (mono-jet) excluded
    - Mediator mass up to 1.2 TeV (mono-photon) excluded
    - Mediator mass up to 0.7 TeV (mono-Z) excluded
    - LHCb Dark Photon limits  $m(A) > 10 \text{ GeV}$
- **LHC DM searches complement non-collider DM searches**
  - $m_{\text{DM}} < O(10 \text{ GeV})$

# Where to go from here?

- Direct searches → more and more systematic limited
  - **Better experimental techniques** will be developed
  - **Better theoretical** uncertainties needed
  - **Constrain backgrounds via measurements**
  - **Look at low mass AND high mass**
- Indirect searches (measurements) rising

## *My thoughts on colliders for the future:*

- **Precision Higgs and top collider (e-e+ collider)**
  - **Will give us direction where to look**
- **DM Collider**



# Backup Slides



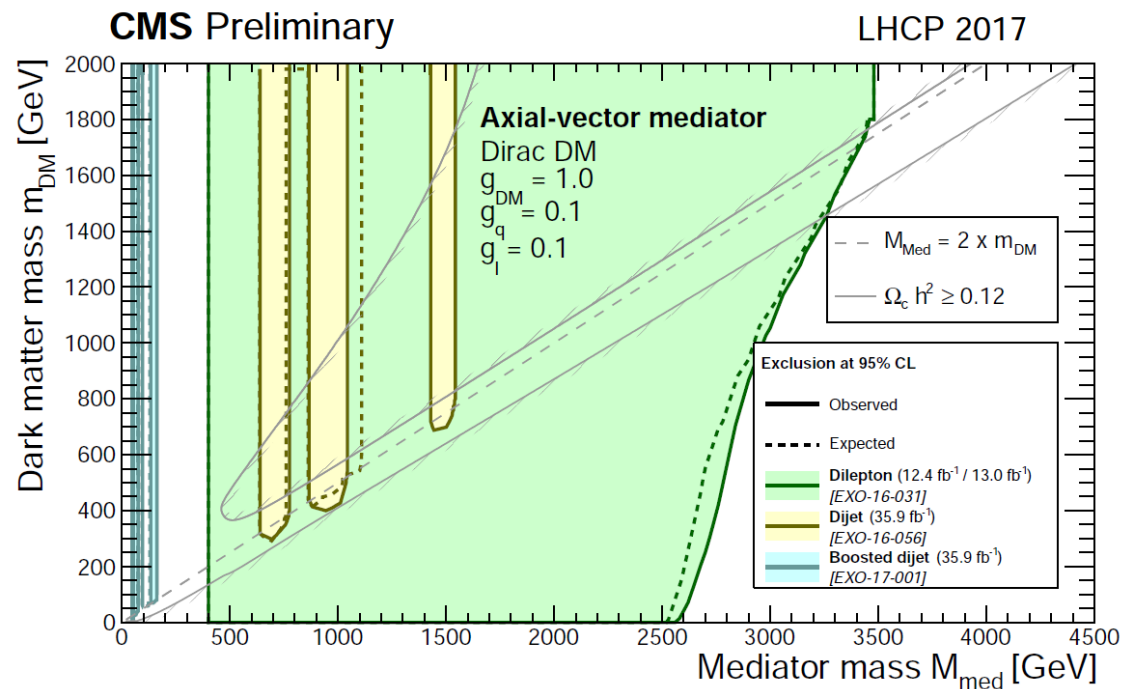
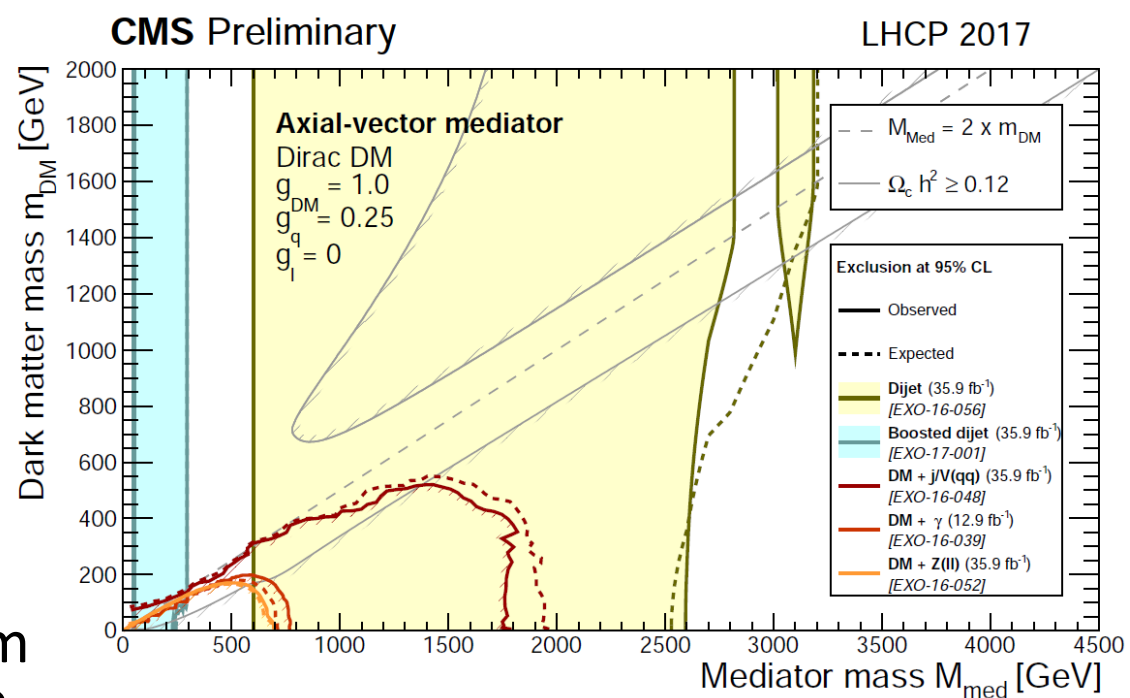
# Mono-X & Mediator Searches

- Picture changes with choice of couplings

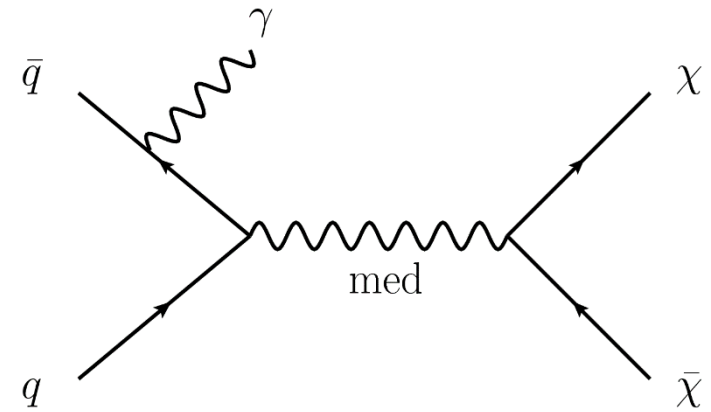
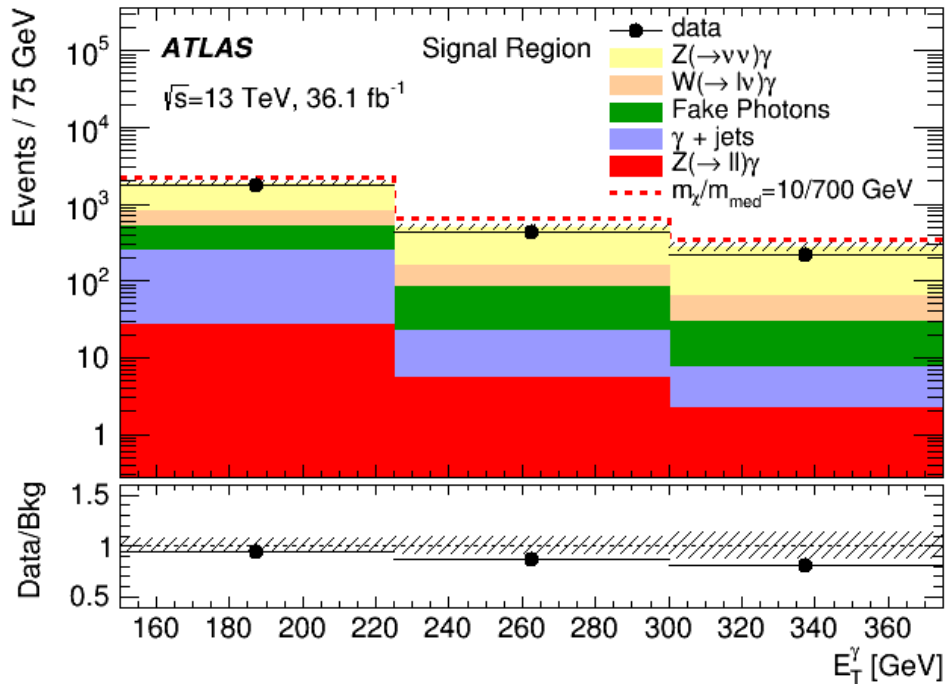
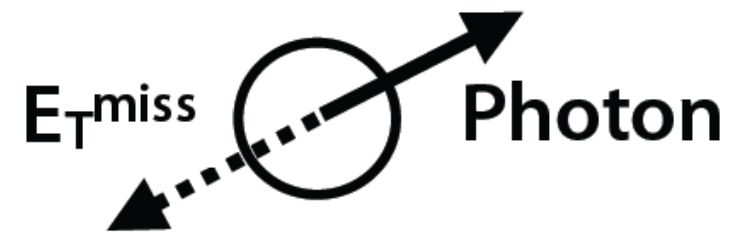
- Strong constraints from di-lepton search if  $g_l > 0$

- Dijet and mono-X constraints weakened when  $g_q = 0.25 \rightarrow 0.1$

[CMS DM Summary](#)

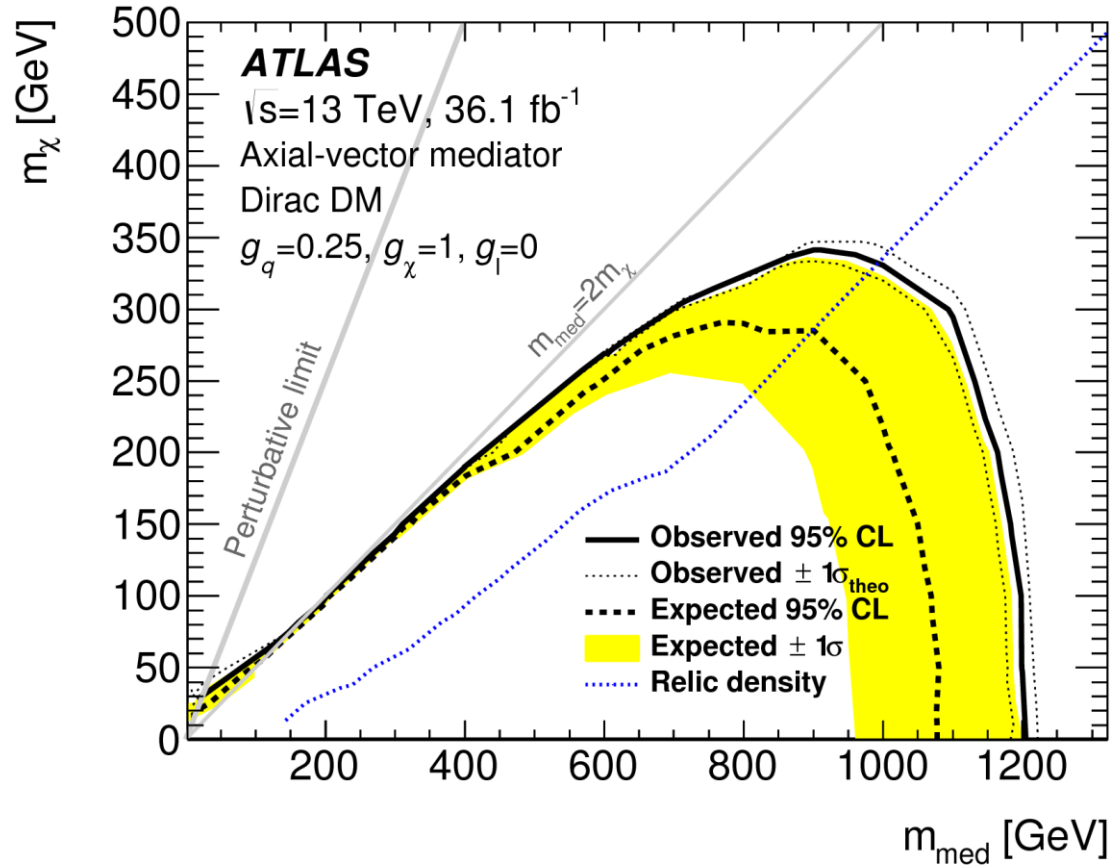
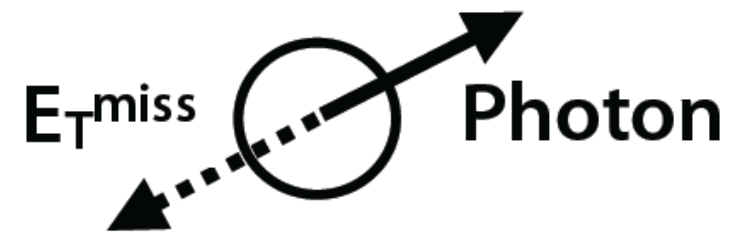


# Mono-photon



- Photon  $E_T > 150$  GeV,  $|\eta| < 2.37$
- $E_T^{\text{miss}} / \sqrt{\sum E_T} > 8.5 \text{ GeV}^{1/2}$
- $\Delta\varphi(\text{photon}, E_T^{\text{miss}}) > 0.4$
- $N_{\text{jets}}(p_T > 30 \text{ GeV}, |\eta| < 4.5) \leq 1$

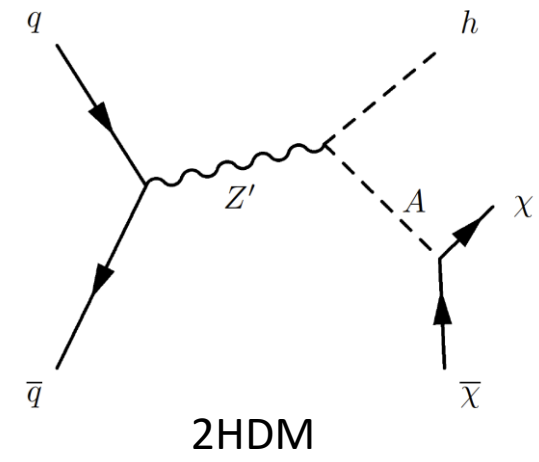
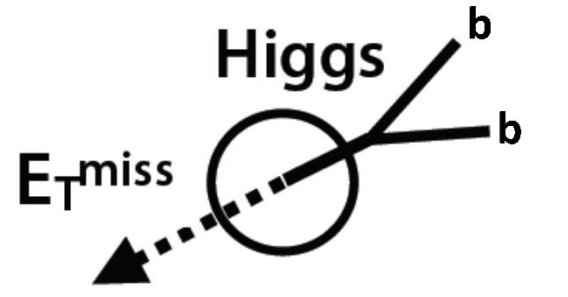
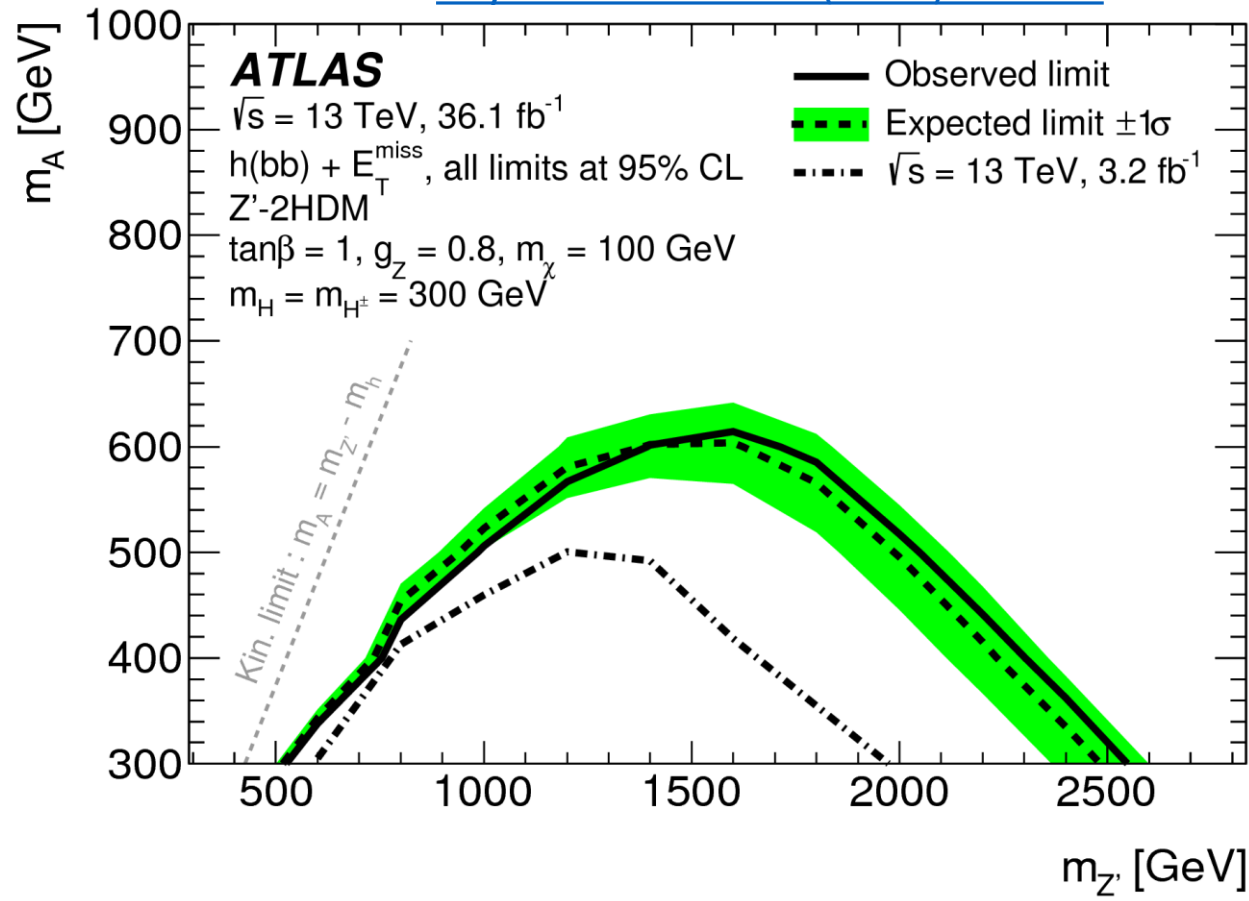
# Mono-photon



- For vector and axial-vector interactions:
- Mediator mass excluded up to 1.2 TeV
  - DM mass excluded up to 340 - 480 GeV

# Mono-Higgs

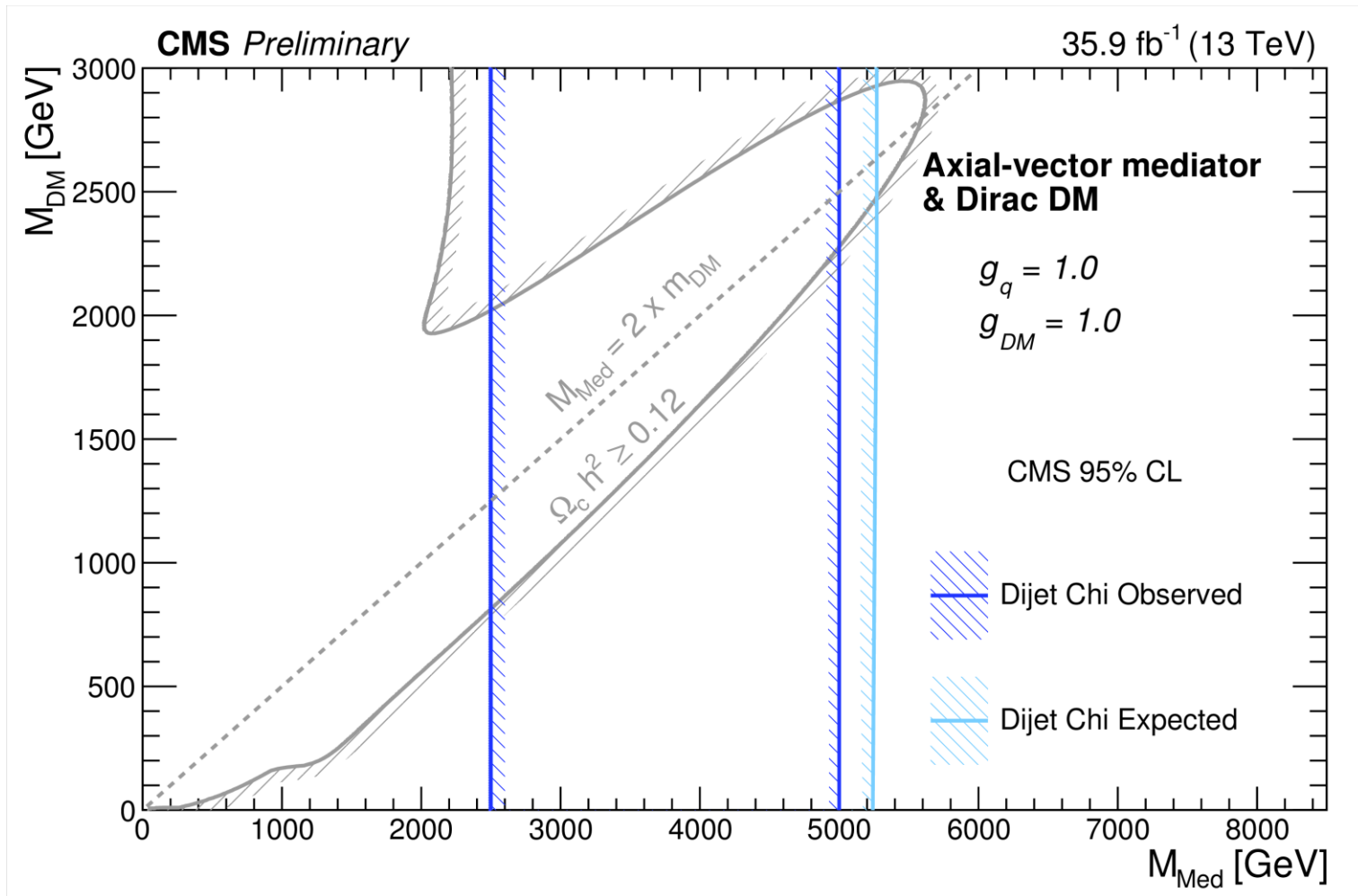
[Phys. Rev. Lett. 119 \(2017\) 181804](#)



$Z'$  ( $A$ ) mass excluded up to 2.6 (0.6) TeV for  $Z'$ -2HDM model

# CMS angular di-jet search

[CMS-PAS-EXO-16-046](#)



Mediator masses excluded between 2.5 TeV and 5.0 TeV

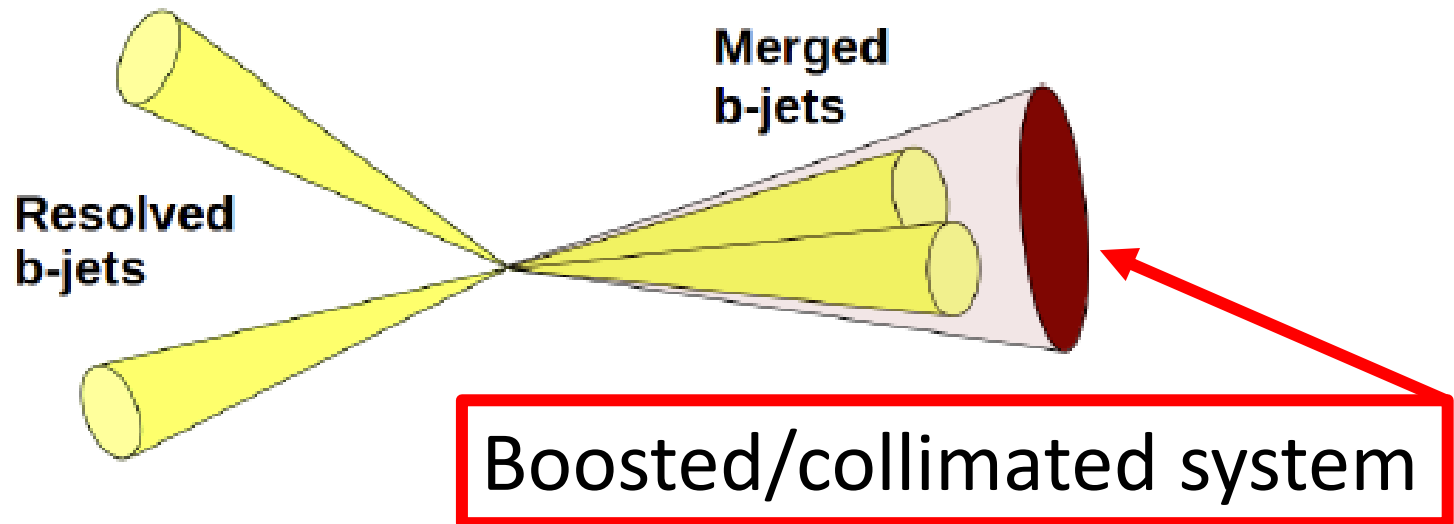
# Era of Boosted Techniques

- Search for heavy new particles  $m \gg 1\text{TeV}$
- Final state consist of particles of  $m \sim O(100\text{ GeV})$
  
- OR
  
- Search for light particles + something they recoil against
  
  
- ➔ Final state objects are heavily boosted!

For example  $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$

distance of decay products:  $\Delta R \sim \frac{2m}{p_T}$

$p_T > 250$  GeV b-quark pair within  $\Delta R < 1$



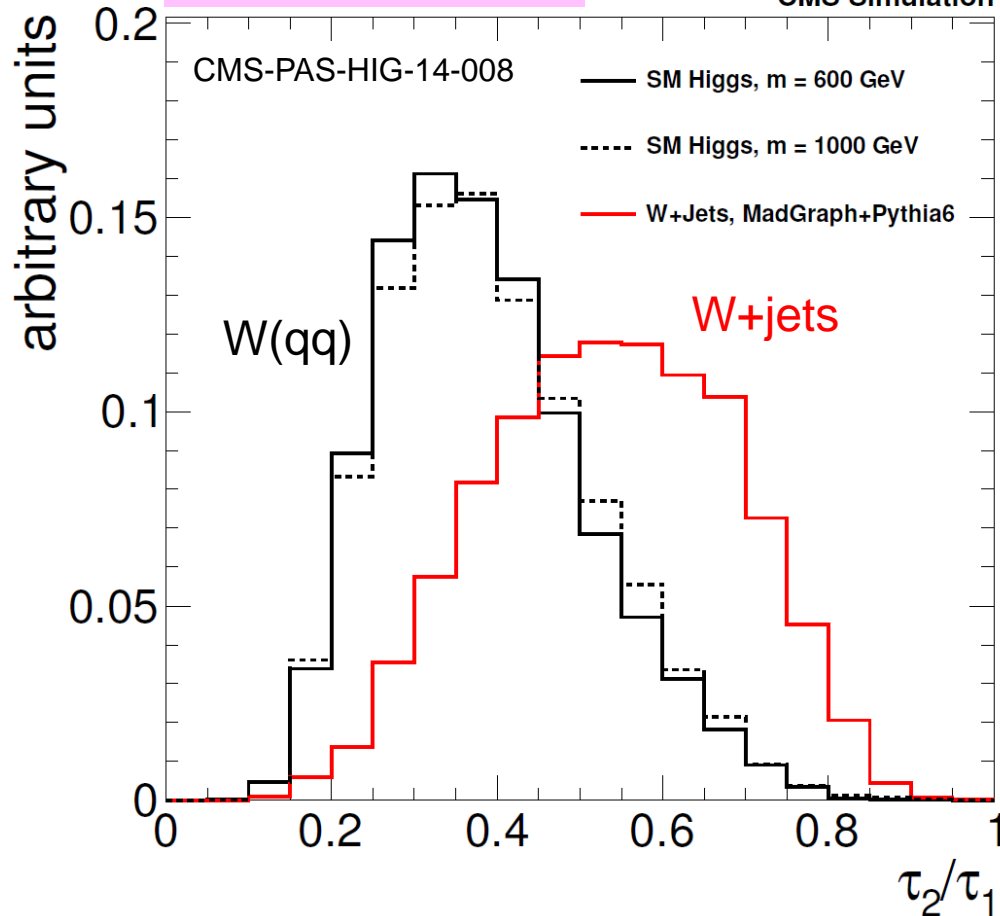


# Jet substructure: N-subjettiness $\tau_{21}$

arxiv:1011.2268

$H \rightarrow W(l\nu)W(q\bar{q})$

CMS Simulation

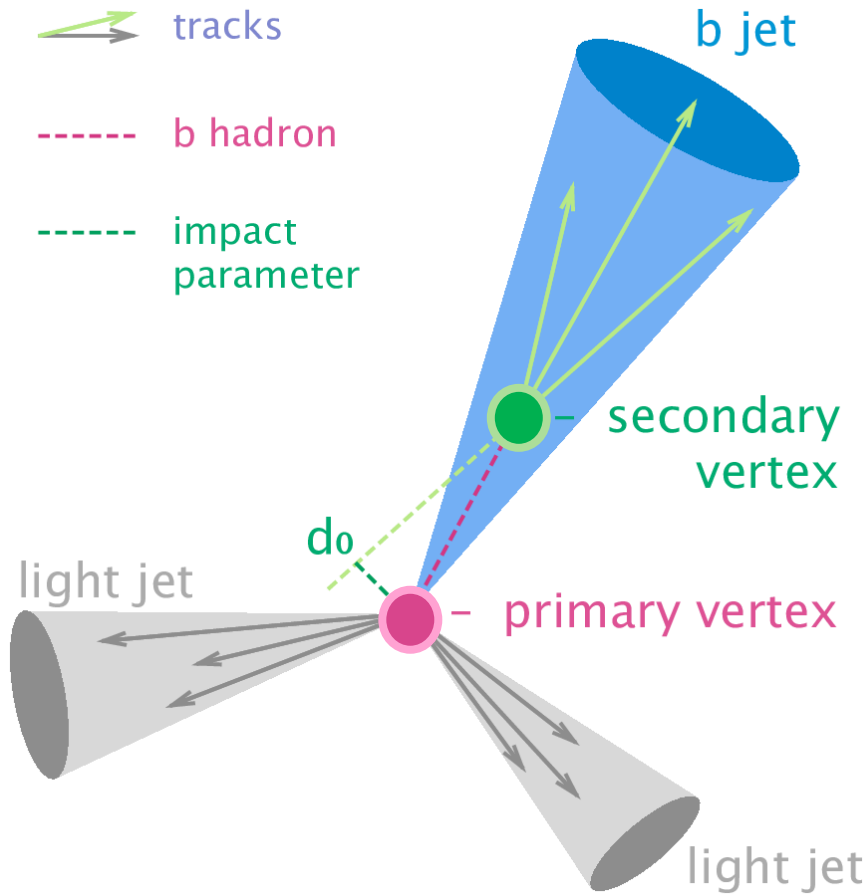


$\tau_N$  : pT-weighted distance between constituents and N axes

How compatible jet with having N axis

small  $\tau_2/\tau_1$ : more two- than one-prong like

# b-quark Identifikation (ID) – wichtig für 2H Prozesse



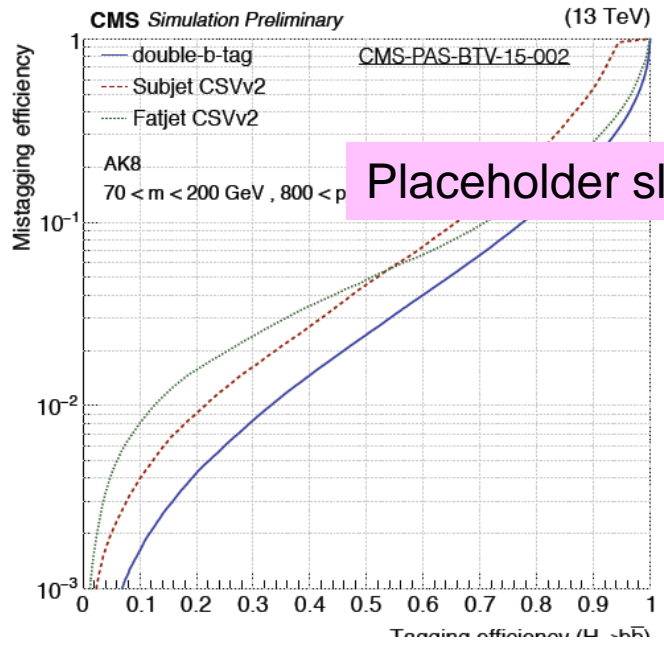
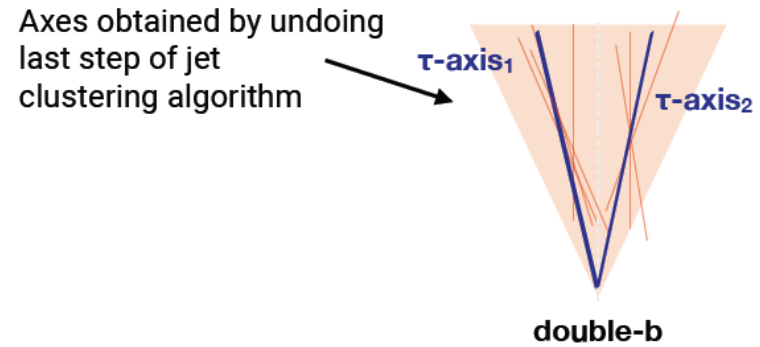
Standard b-quark ID: beeinträchtigt durch Kollimation bei hohen transversal Impulsen

# New advanced $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ taggers

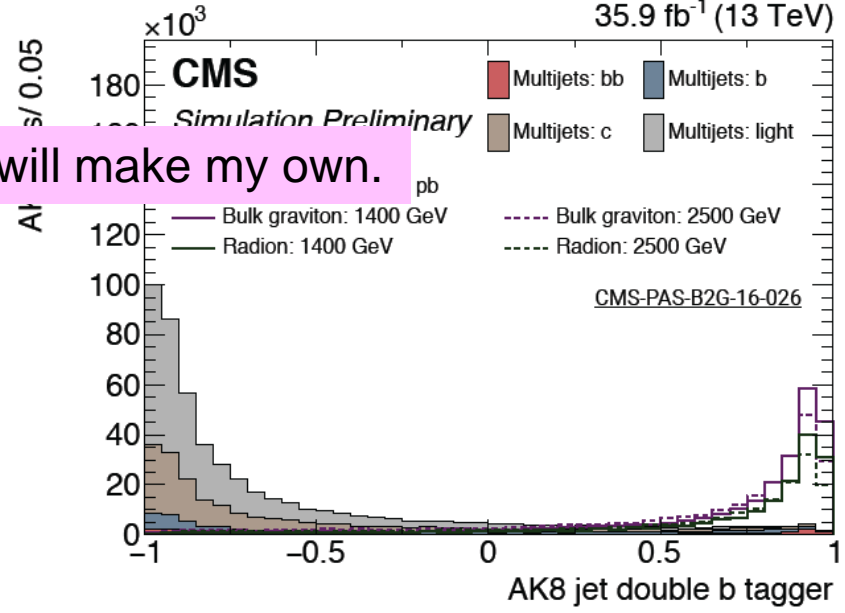
## Higgs-tagging



- Tag  $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$  jet with MVA based tagger
  - input related to observables from SV and tracks associated to each  $\tau$ -axis (27 total)
- Factor  $\sim 2$  higher rejecting rate compared to standard b-tag methods



Placeholder slide will make my own.

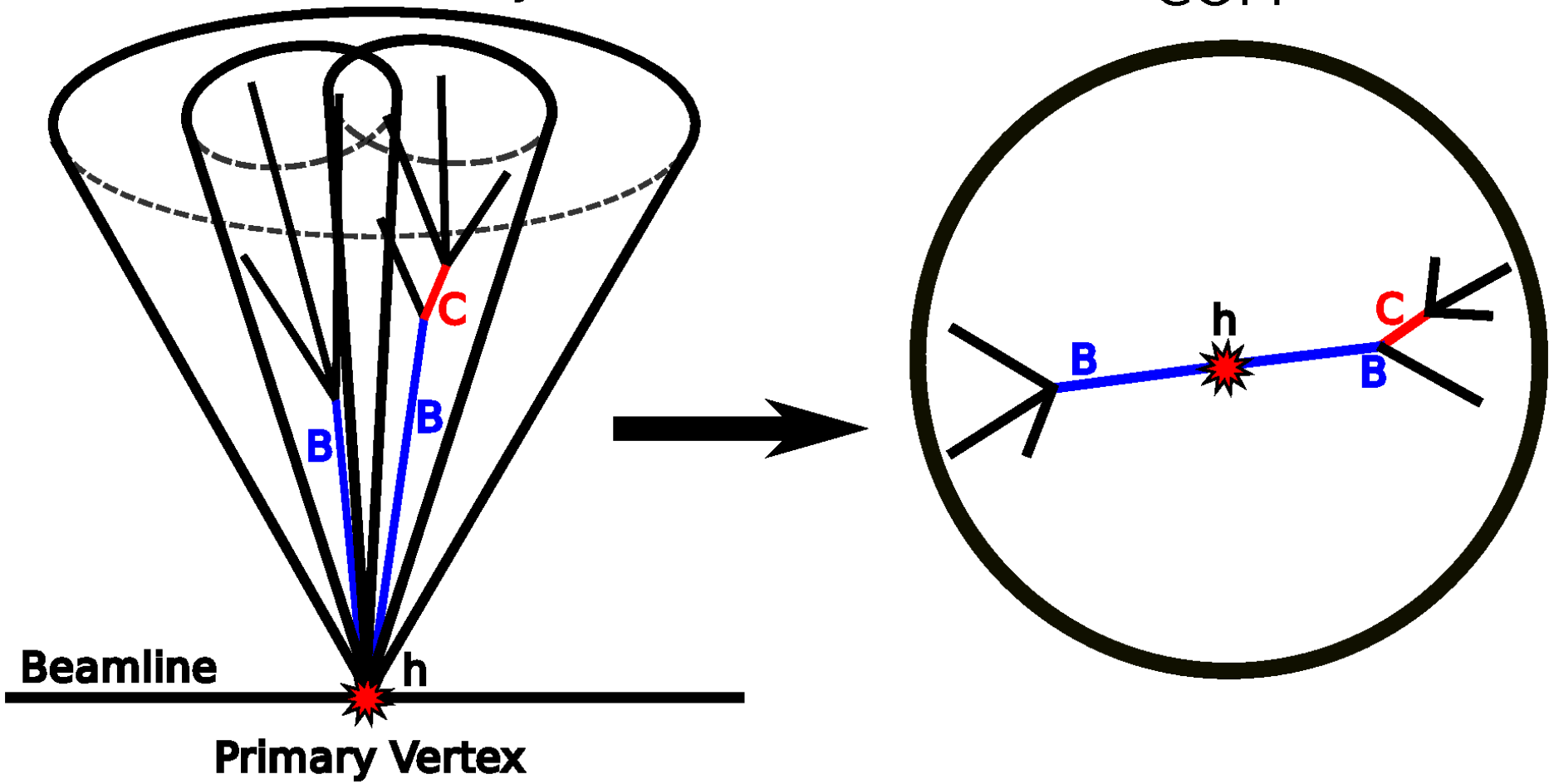


# Neue b-quark ID: Centre of Mass (COM)

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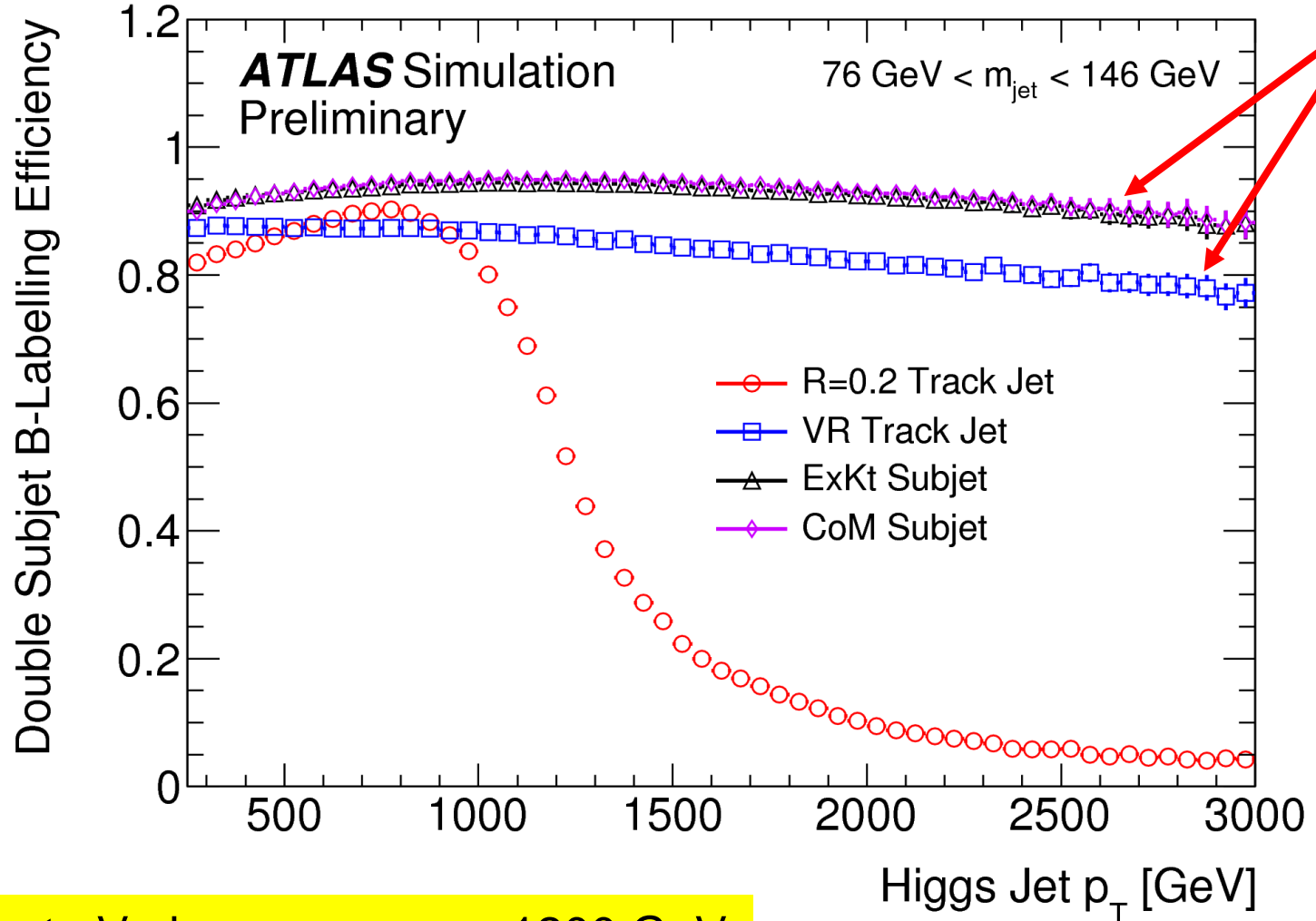
R=0.2 Track Jets

COM



# Neue b-quark ID Effizienzen

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Signifikante Verbesserung  $p_T > 1200 \text{ GeV}$

# Neue b-quark ID: Variable Radii

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R=0.2 Track Jets

VR Track Jets

