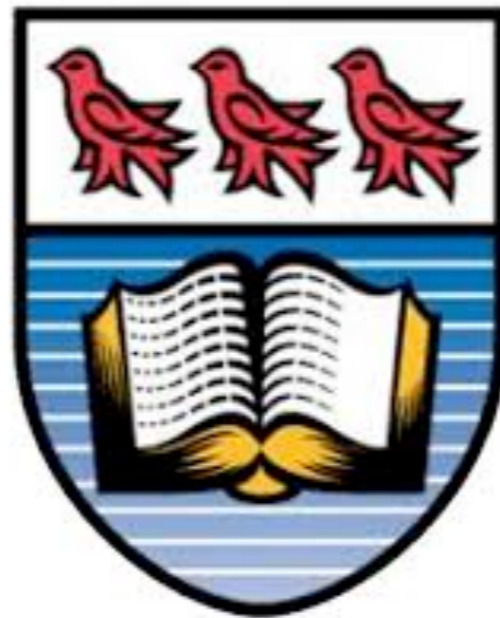


# Dark Matter Searches at the LHC

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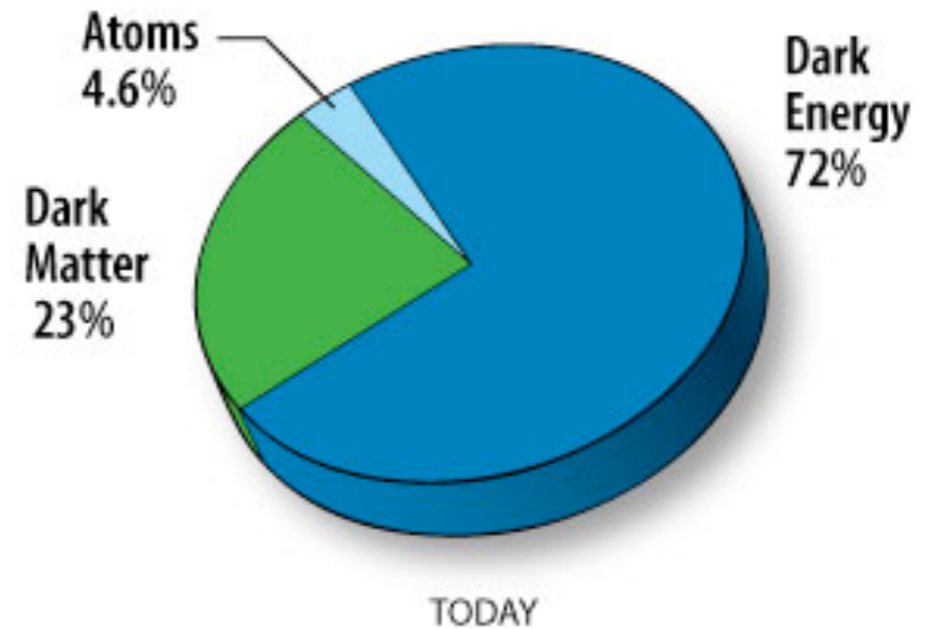


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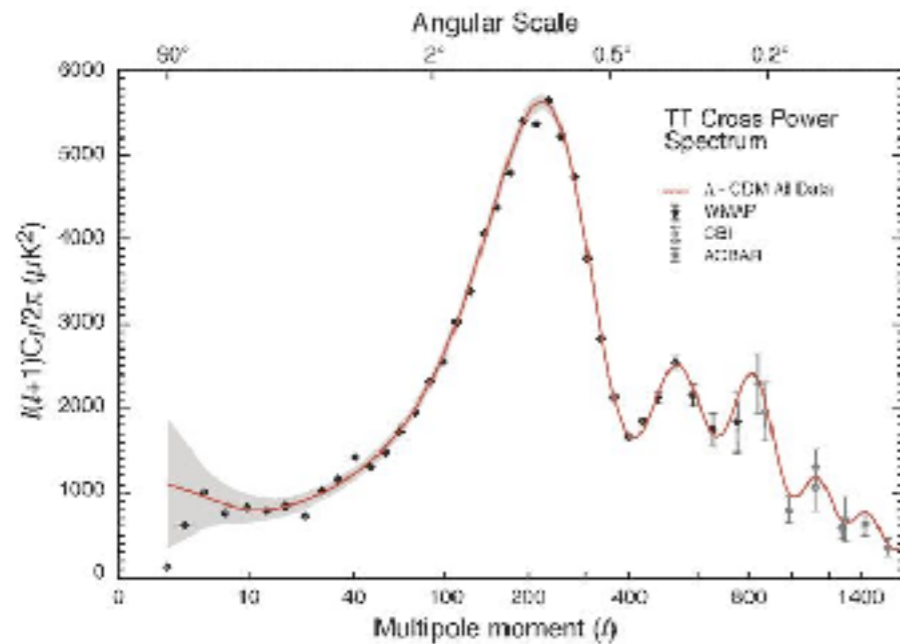
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Abundance of astrophysical evidence for the existence of cold, dark matter (DM).

## Galaxy Rotation Curves



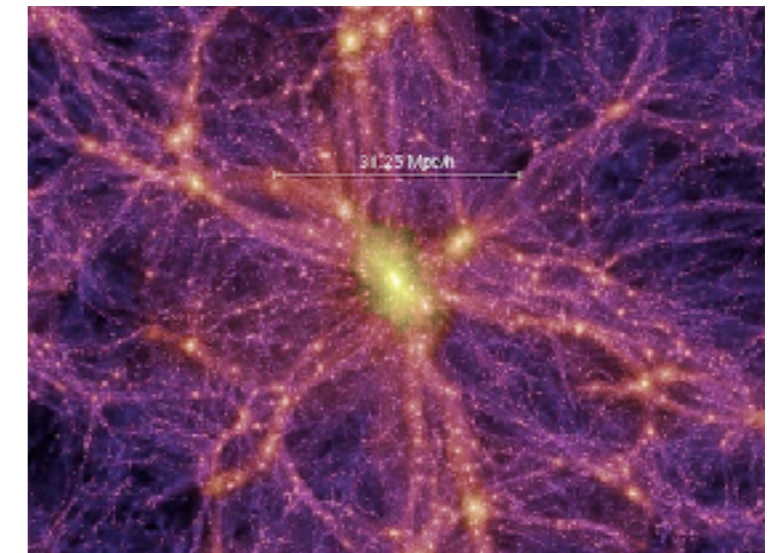
## CMB



## Gravitational Lensing

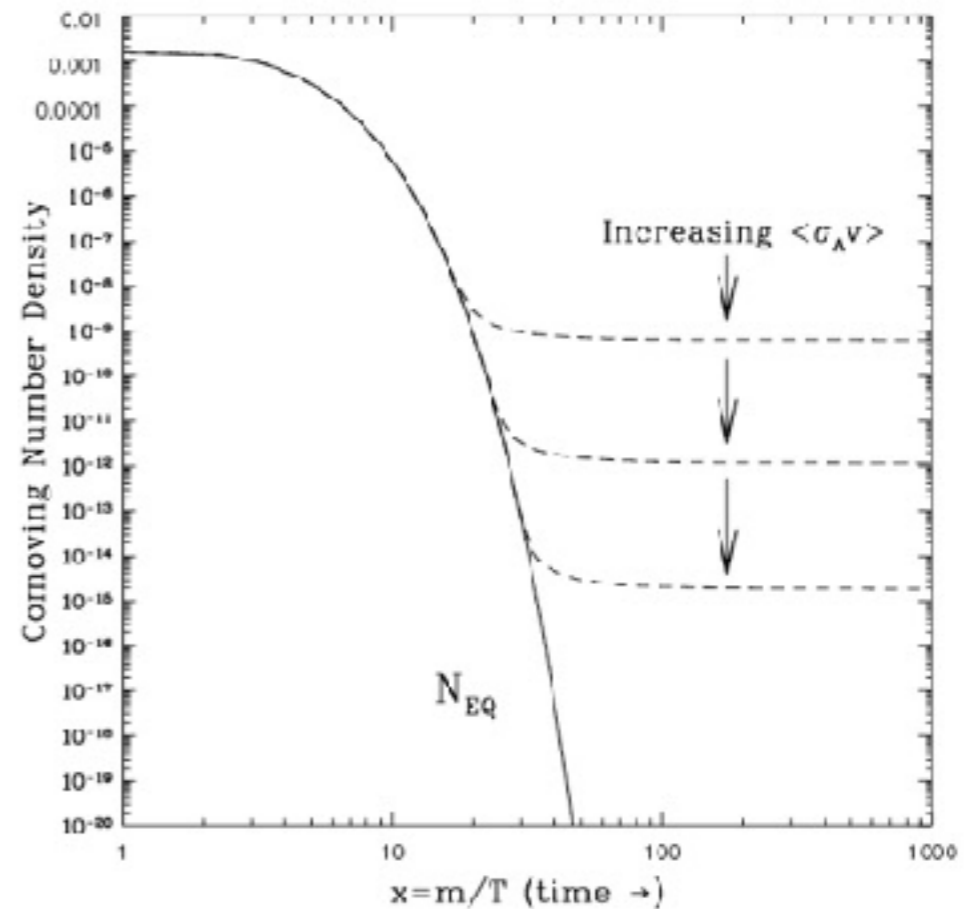
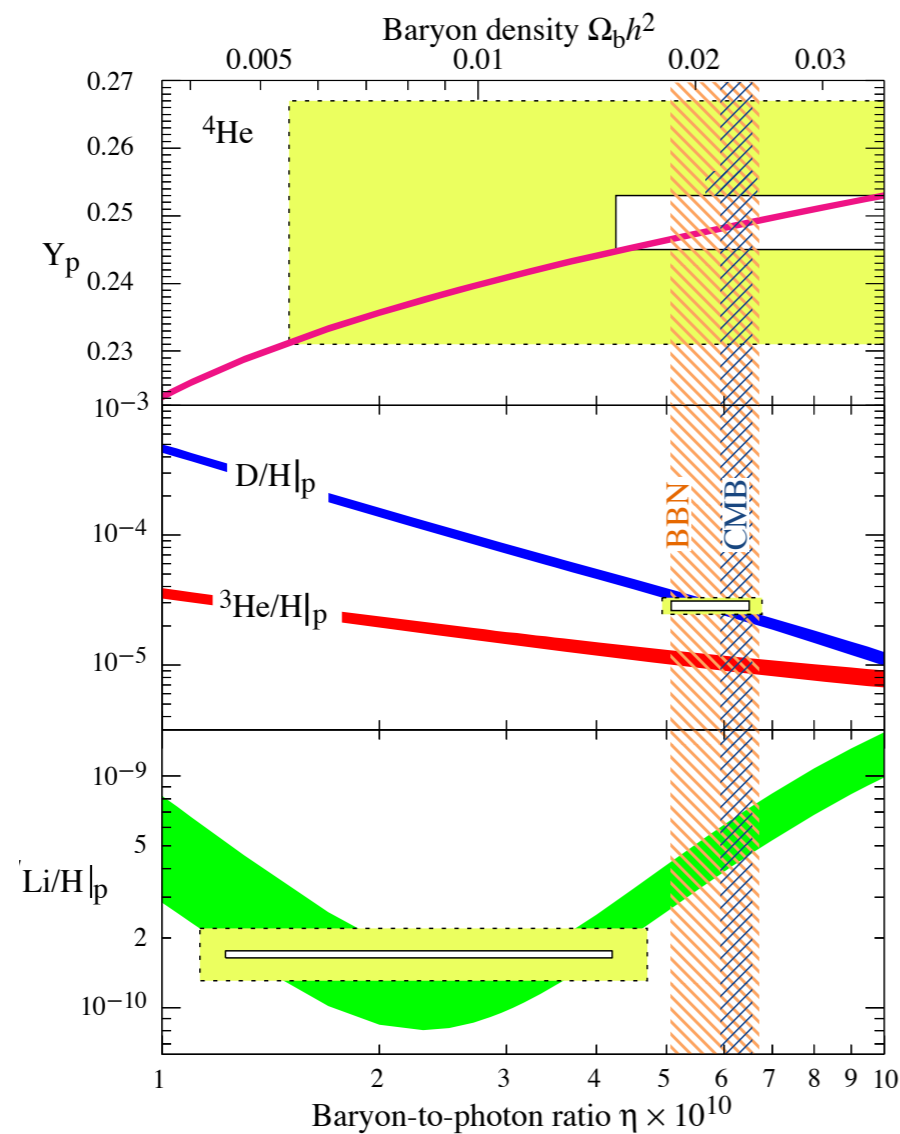


## Structure Formation



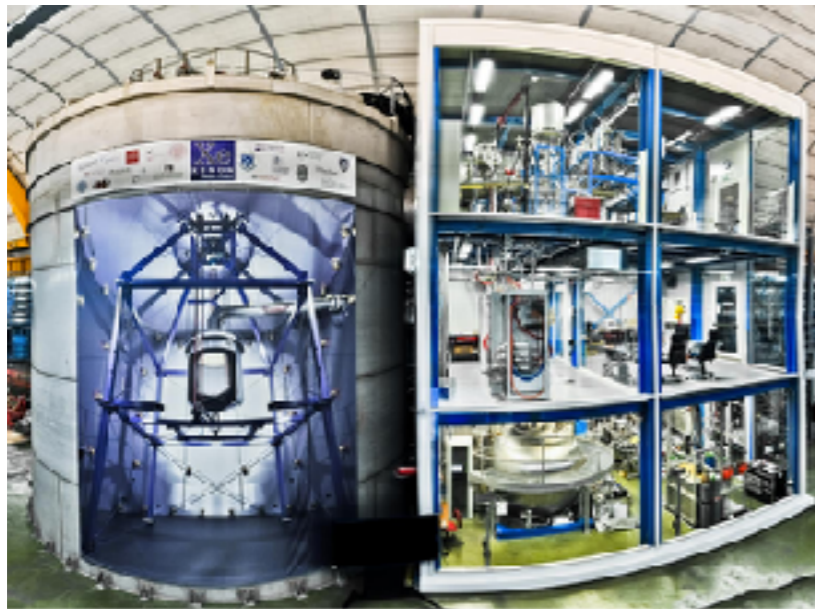
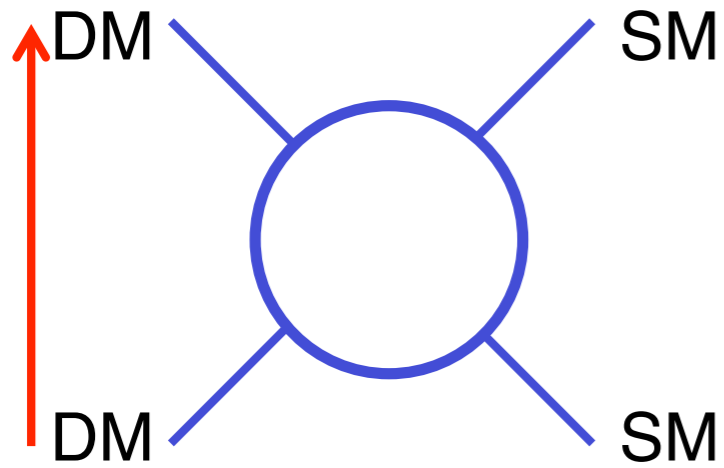
Dark matter cannot be explained by Standard Model (SM) particles.

- CMB and Big Bang Nucleosynthesis measure the baryon fraction and rule out ordinary dark baryons.
- Supporting a new, Beyond the Standard Model (BSM) particle, WIMP miracle predicts a weakly interacting particle will freeze out with correct relic abundance to account for current dark matter density.

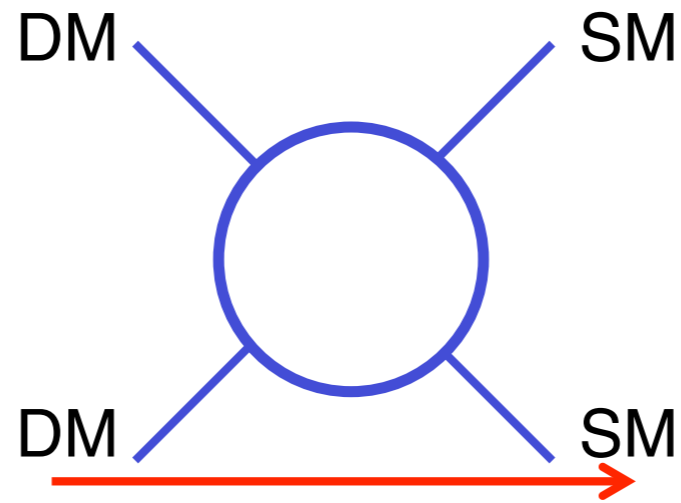


$$\langle \sigma v \rangle \simeq 3 \cdot 10^{-26} \text{cm}^3 \text{s}^{-1}$$

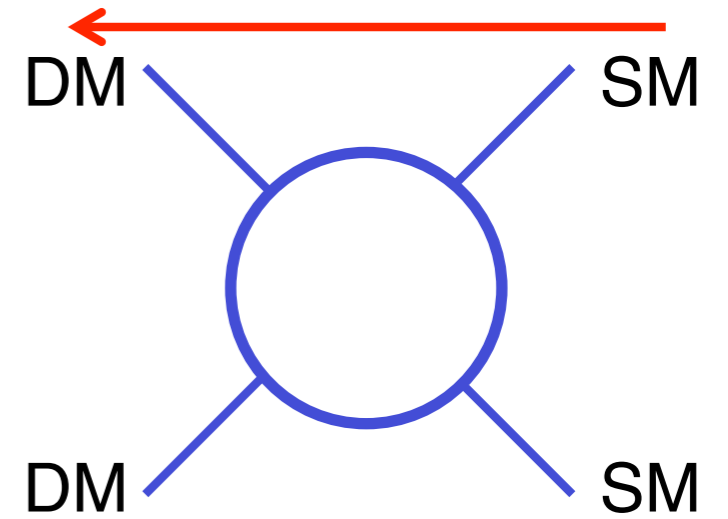
## Direct Detection



## Indirect Detection



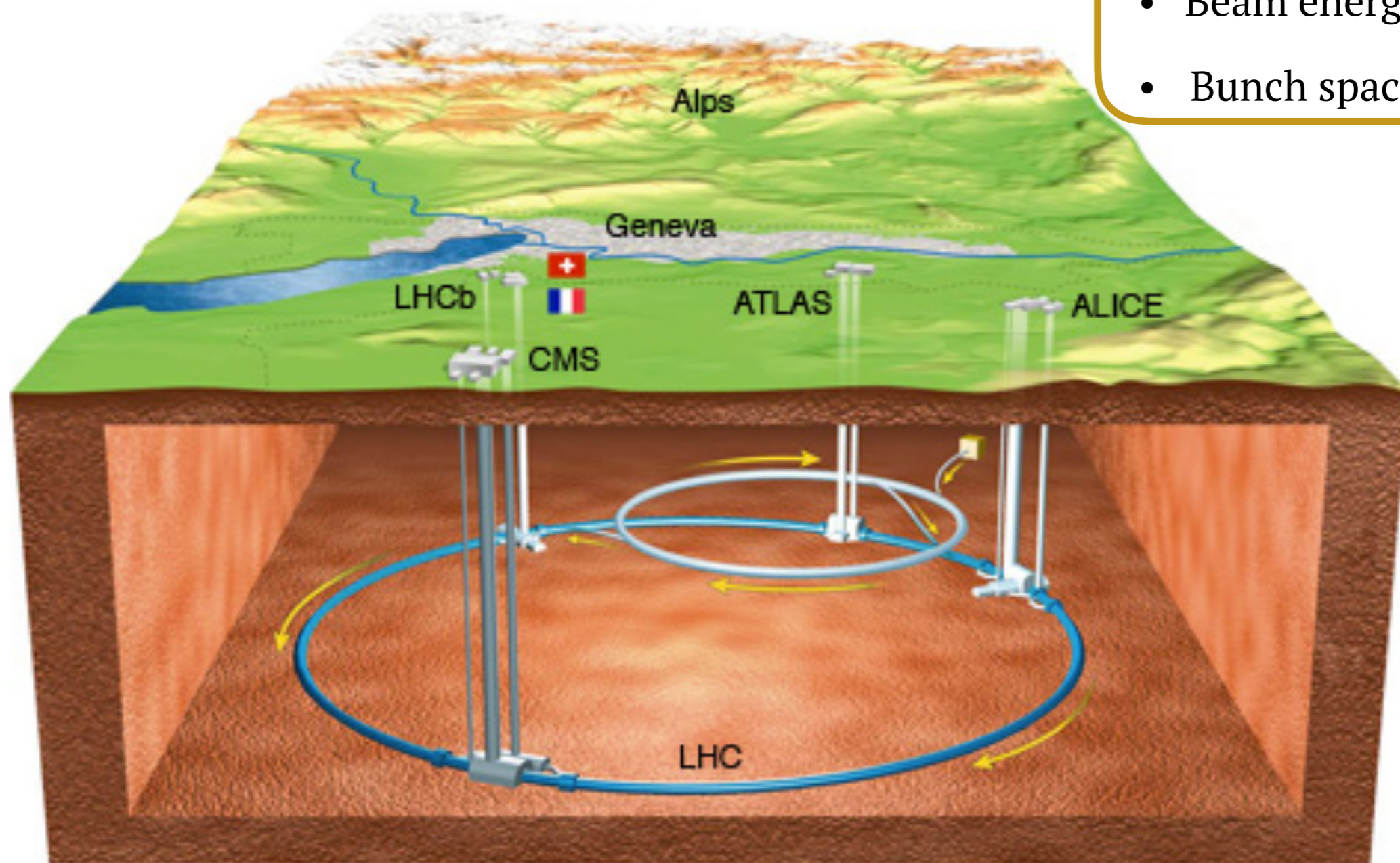
## Collider Production



Located along the French-Swiss border, the Large Hadron Collider is a proton-proton accelerator. Collisions occur at center of mass energies of 13 TeV.

Since 2015

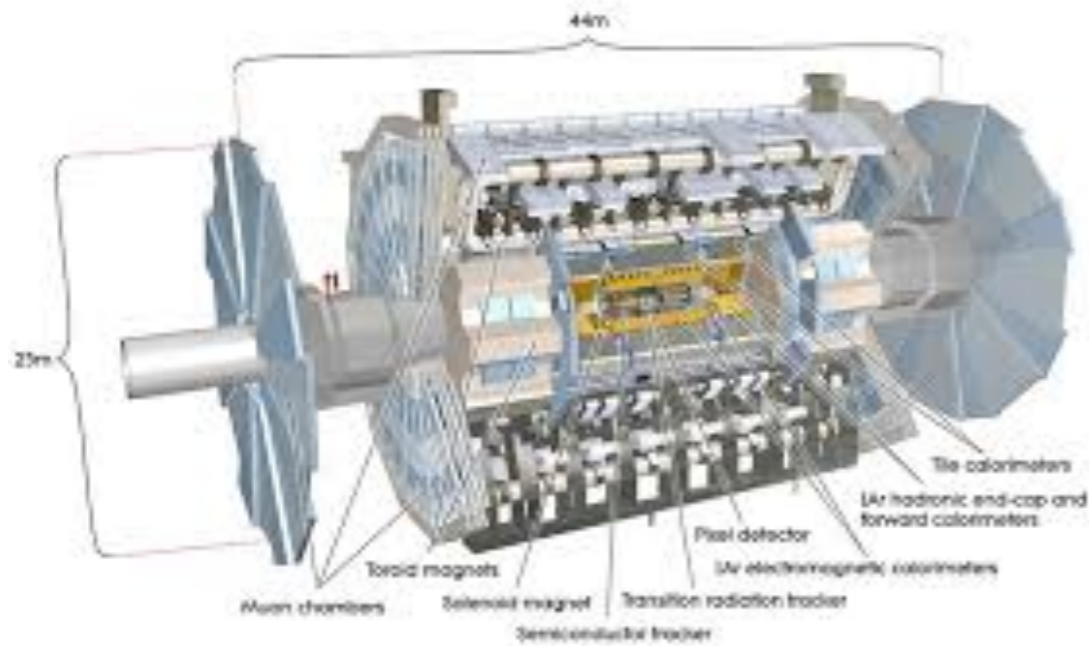
- Beam energy: 6.5 TeV
- Bunch spacing: 25 ns





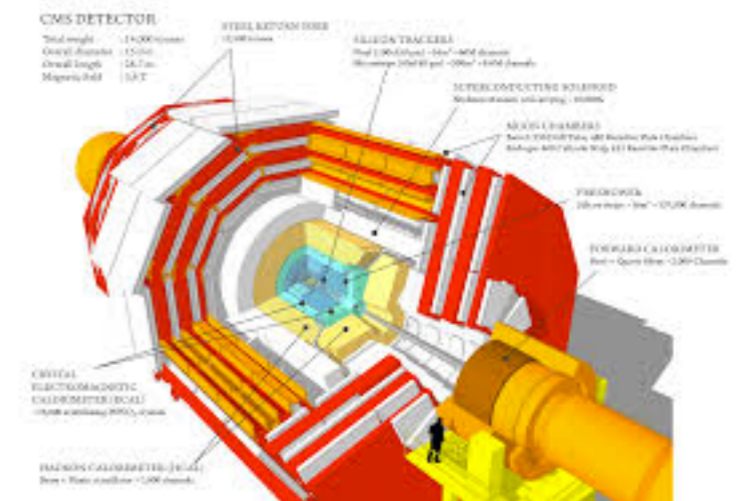
There are four main detectors located along the LHC ring:

## ATLAS

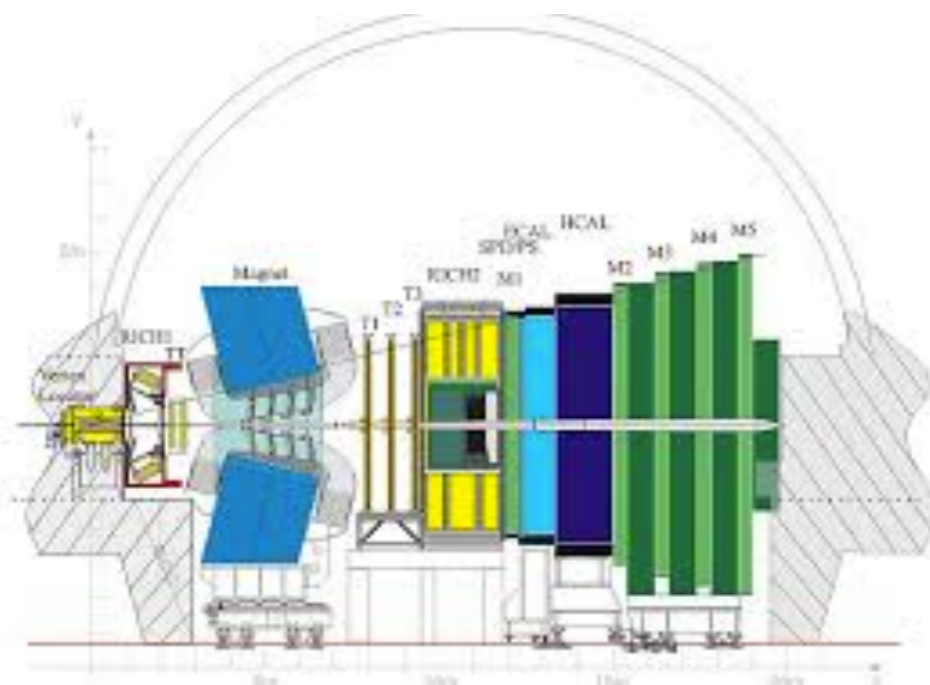


General Discovery

## CMS

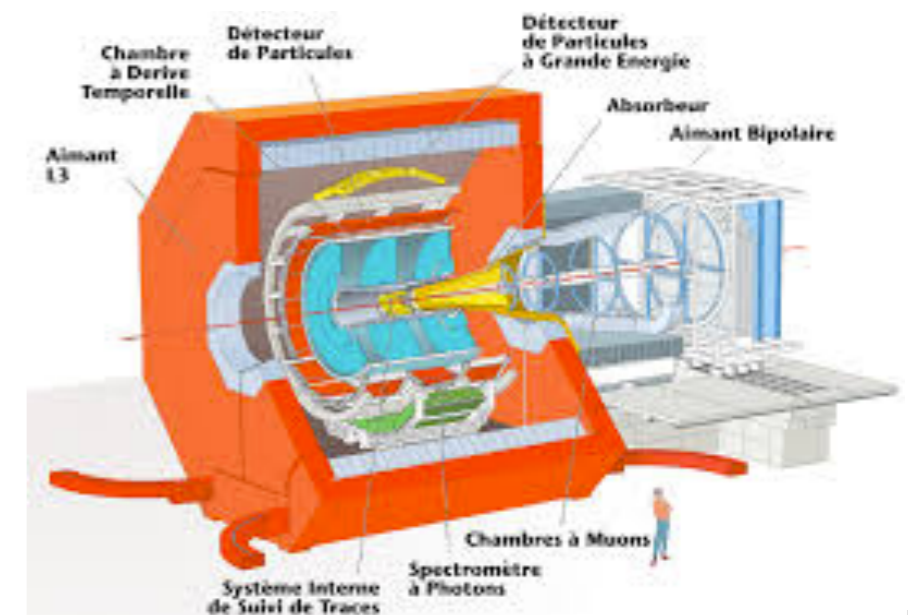


## LHCb

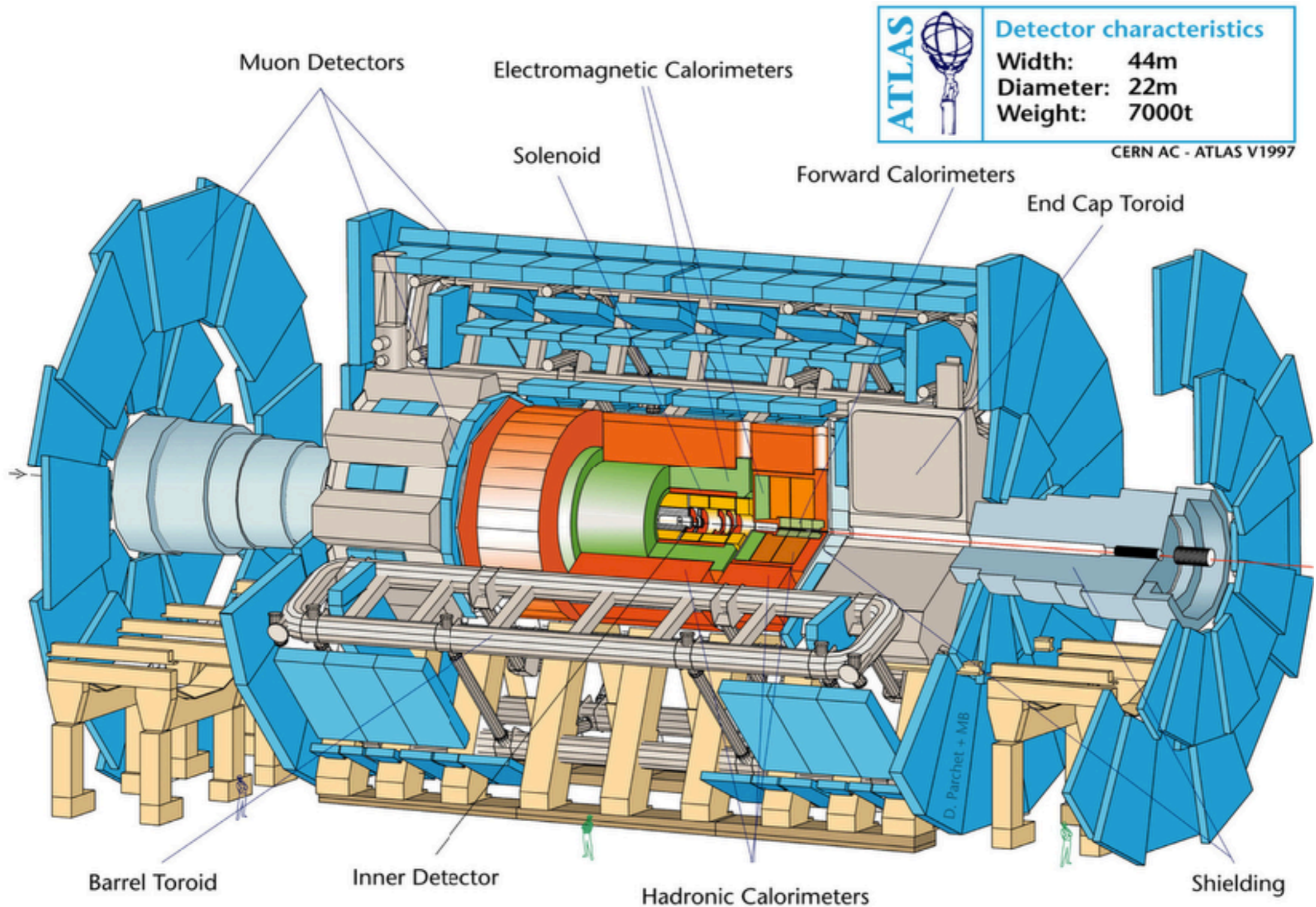


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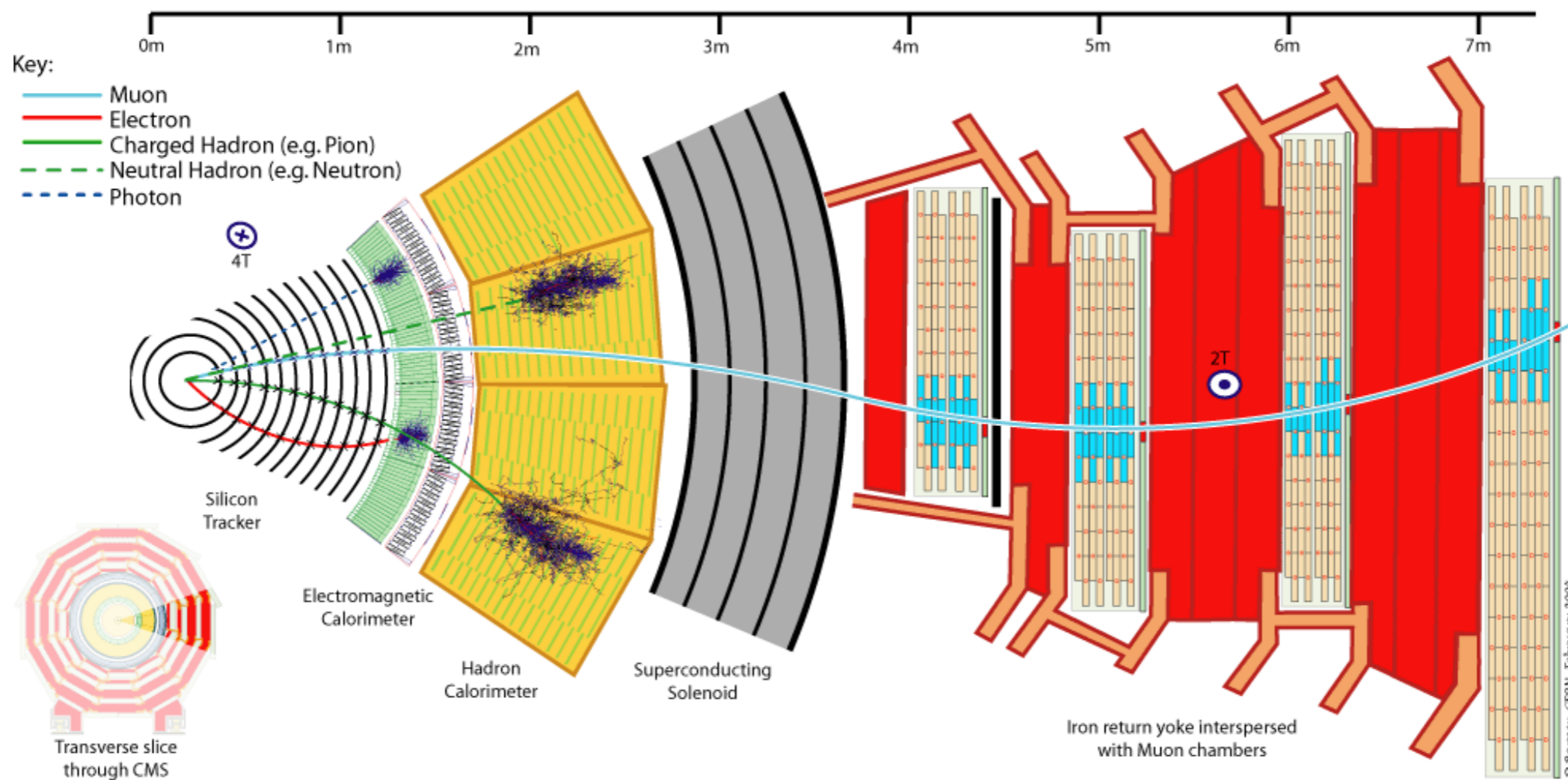
## ALICE



ATLAS and CMS detectors consist of an Inner Tracker, Electromagnetic Calorimeter (ECAL), Hadronic Calorimeter (HCAL), Muon System, and Magnetic Field.





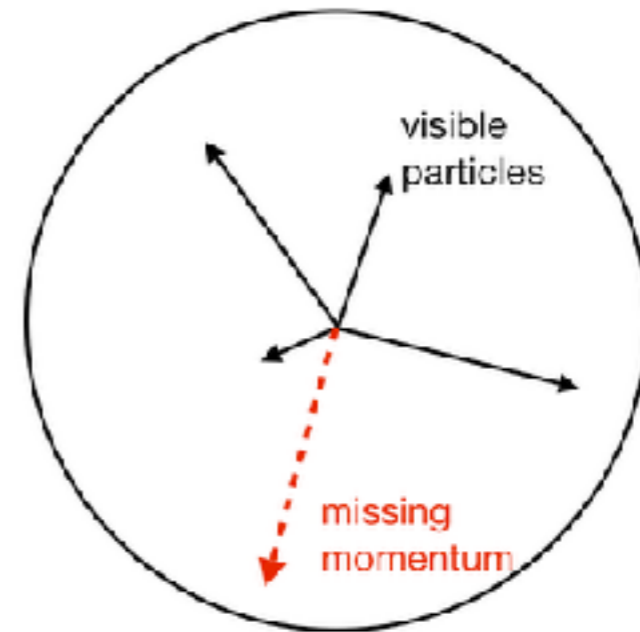


- Basic reconstruction elements: **charged tracks** in the Inner Tracker, **energy clusters** in the ECAL and HCAL, and **muon tracks** in the Muon System.
- Elements are grouped together to identify **muons**, **electrons**, **photons**, **charged hadrons**, and **neutral hadrons**.

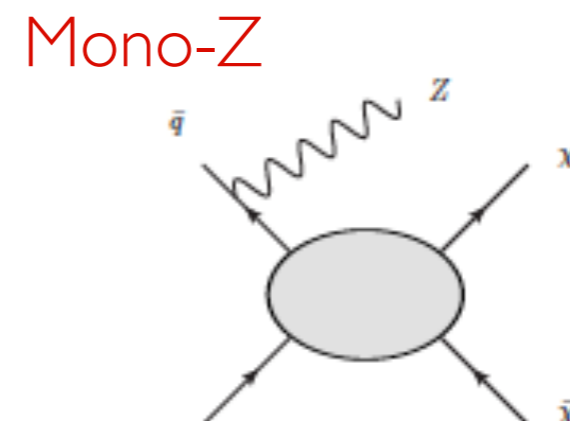
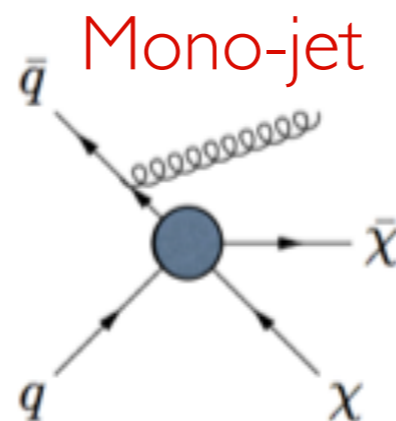
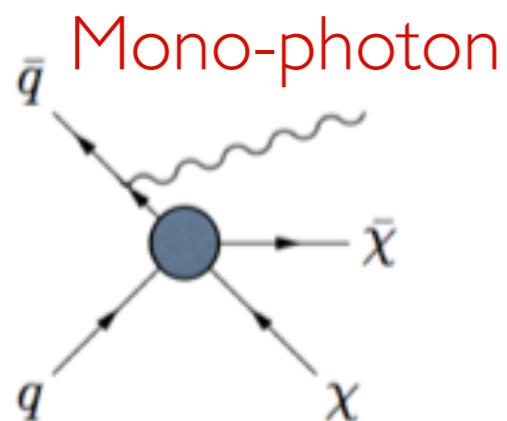
Look for DM through the presence of missing transverse energy (MET) in the detector:

$$\mathbf{E}_T^{\text{miss}} = -\sum \vec{p}_T \text{ All Reconstructed Objects}$$

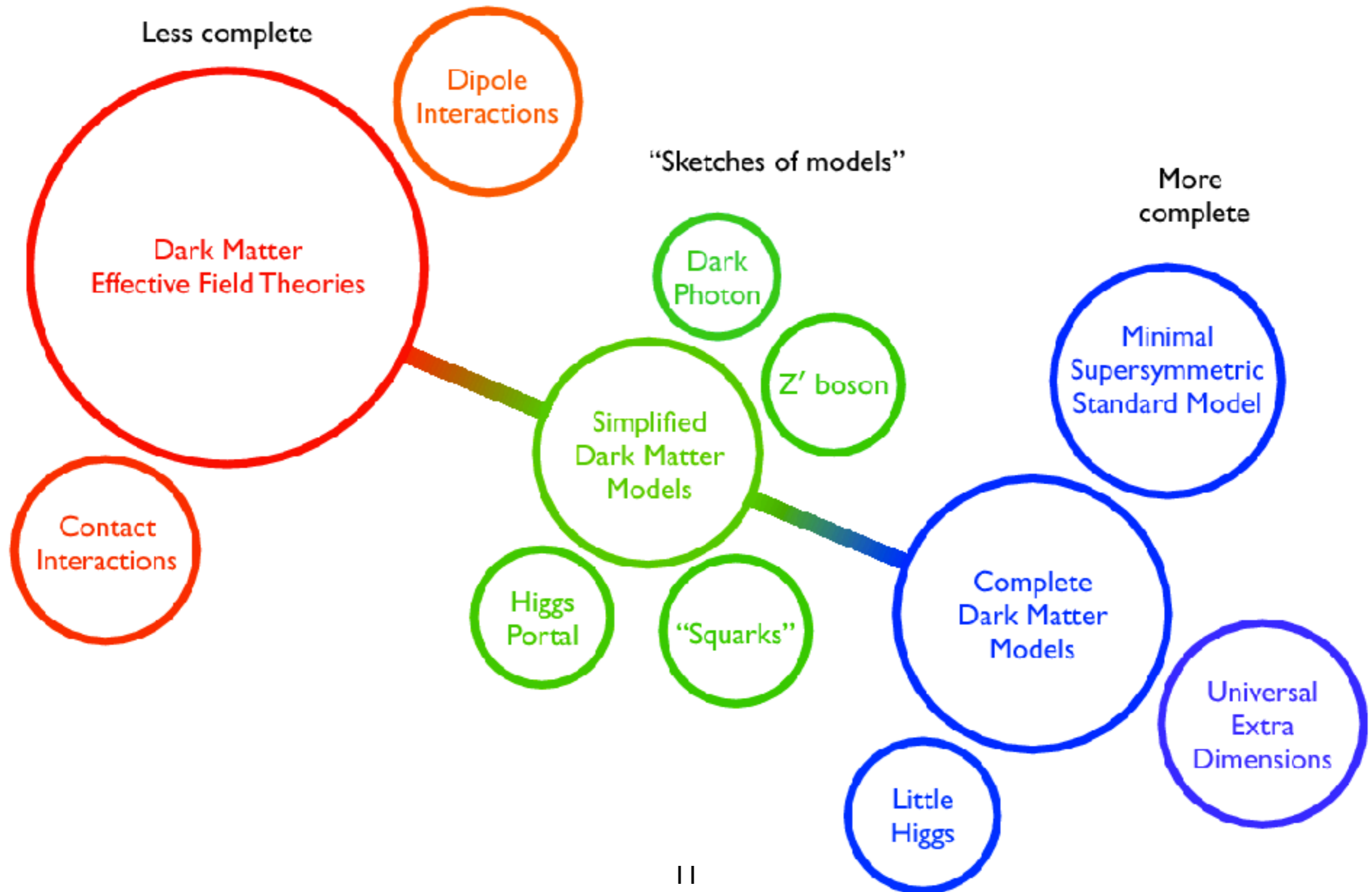
Neutrinos also produce  $\mathbf{E}_T^{\text{miss}}$ , and are one of the main source of background.



$P_T$  imbalance requires the DM production to be recoiled against something. For recoil off of Initial State Radiation (ISR), there are the **Mono-Jet**, **Mono-Photon**, and **Mono-Z** signatures.



# Dark Matter Models



Collider searches use simplified models of DM.

Mediator types:

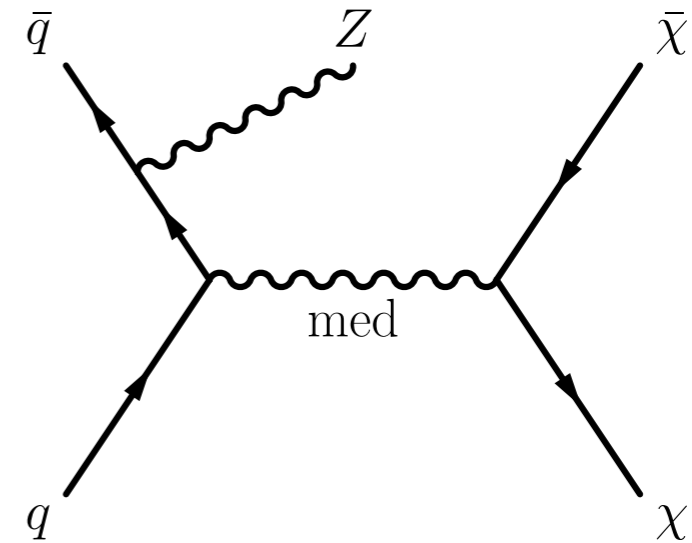
- **Vector**
- **Axial-vector**
- Scalar
- Pseudoscalar

DM simplified models have 6 free parameters:

- $g_q$  - mediator coupling to quarks
- $g_\ell$  - mediator coupling to leptons
- $g_\chi$  - mediator coupling to DM
- $M_{DM}$  - DM mass
- $M_{med}$  - Mediator mass
- $\Gamma_{med}$  - Mediator width

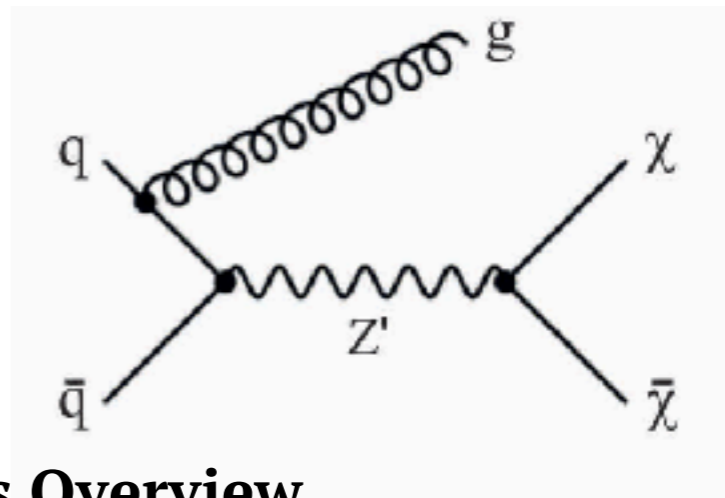
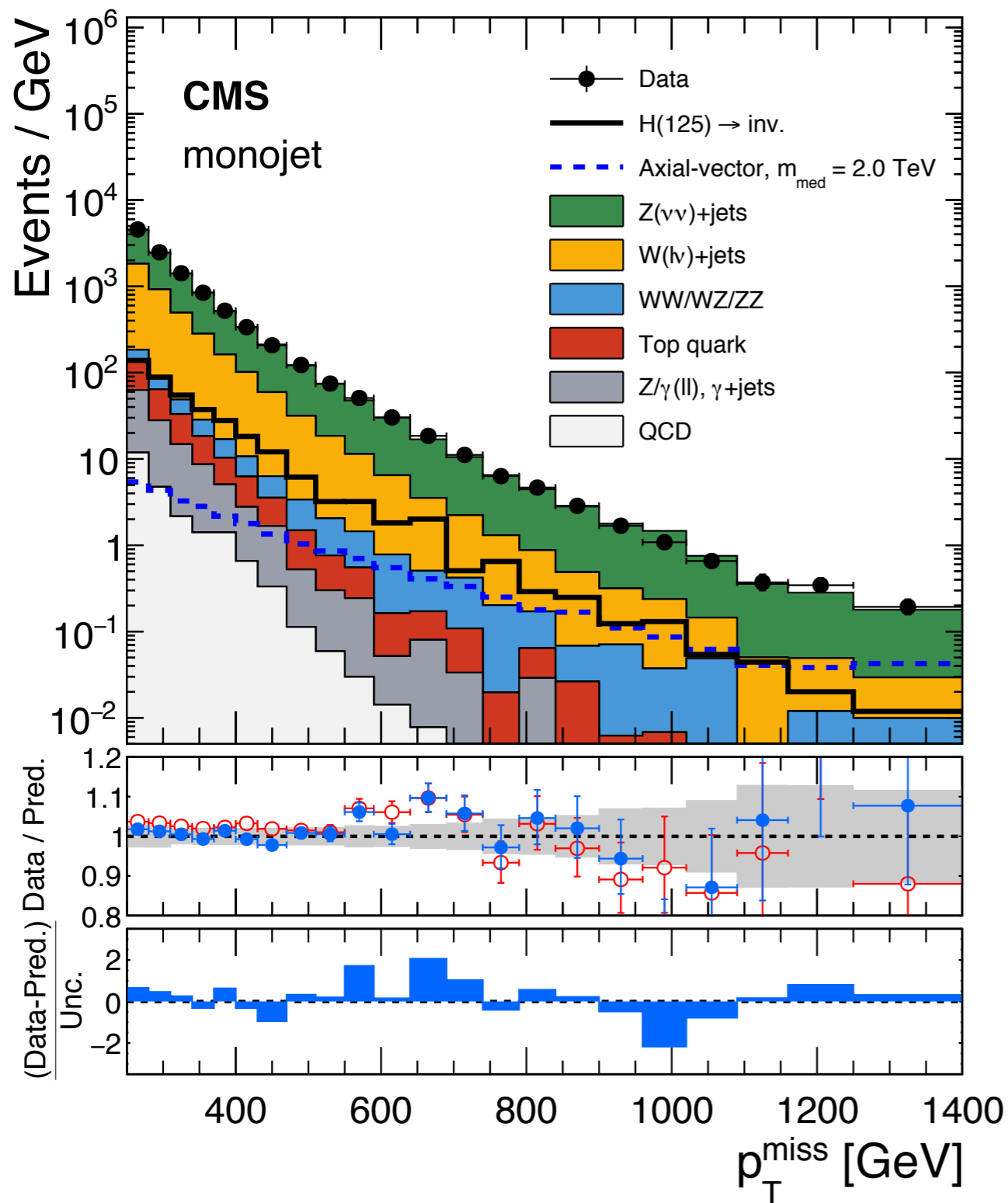
Following the recommendations of the DM Working Group, ATLAS and CMS have agreed to study a common set of couplings values:

- For Vector and Axial-vector models  $g_q=0.25$  ,  $g_\ell=0$  ,  $g_\chi=1$
- $\Gamma_{med}$  is set using the minimal width formula.
- Results are shown as 2D exclusion plots in  $M_{med} : M_{DM}$ .



arXiv:1712.02345

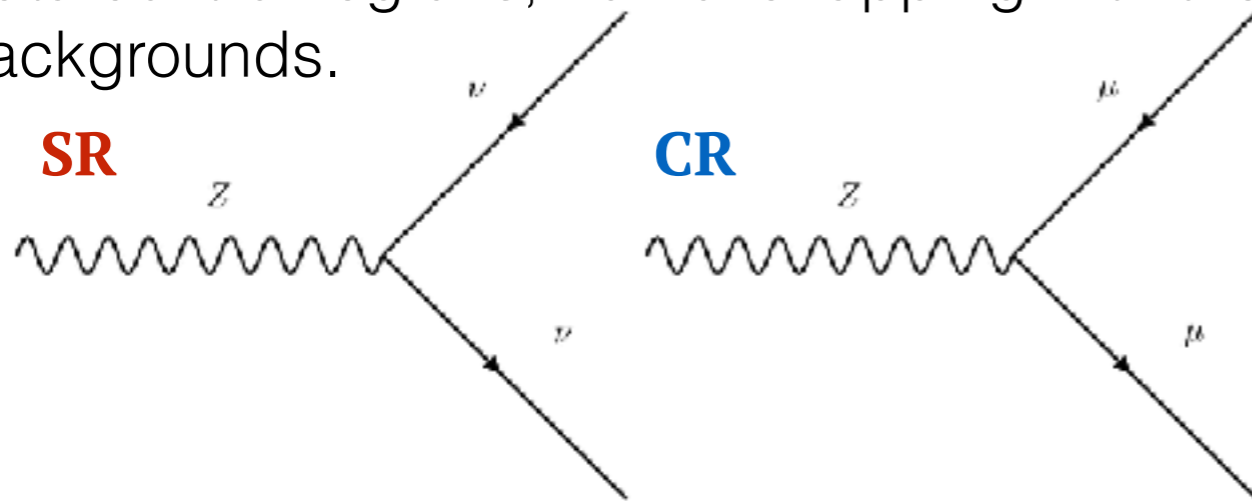
35.9 fb<sup>-1</sup> (13 TeV)



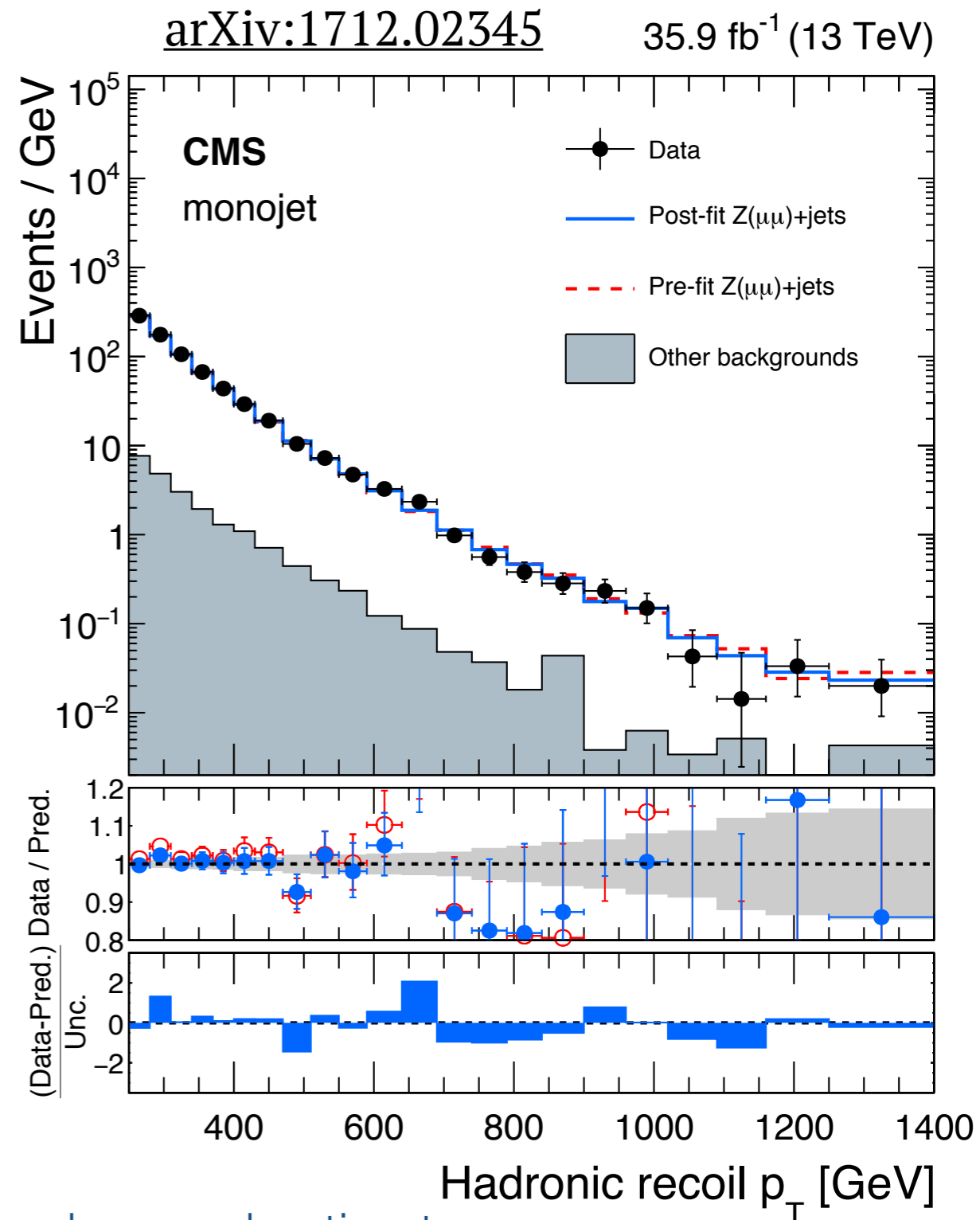
## Analysis Overview

- Estimate signal through Monte Carlo simulation. (including detector response)
- Estimate Background through Monte Carlo and Data Driven Estimates.
- Optimize Selection Cuts for maximum Signal over Background
- Bin Events by Discriminating Variable
- Unblind Data
- Calculate Likelihoods for discovery significances and 95% CL exclusion limits.

Data control regions, non-overlapping with the signal region, are leveraged to estimate backgrounds.



- One of the main backgrounds for Mono-Jet is  $Z(\nu\nu) + \text{jets}$ .
- Dimuon control region is same as signal region, but with inverted lepton veto and requirement of muon pair consistent with Z-boson decay.
- Simulated transfer factors account for branching fractions and different selection efficiencies, multiply control region  $Z(\mu\mu)$  to estimate  $Z(\nu\nu)$  background in the signal region.
- Five control regions used for final estimate of  $Z(\nu\nu) + \text{jets}$  and  $W(\ell\nu) + \text{jets}$  backgrounds, fit to maximum likelihood.



Control regions also used to validate simulated background estimates.

Likelihood for observed number of events following a Poisson distribution. Product over nbins.

$$\mathcal{L}(\mu) = \prod_{i=1}^{nbins} \text{Pois}(x_i | \mu \cdot s_i(\theta) + b_i(\theta)) \times P_n(\theta)$$

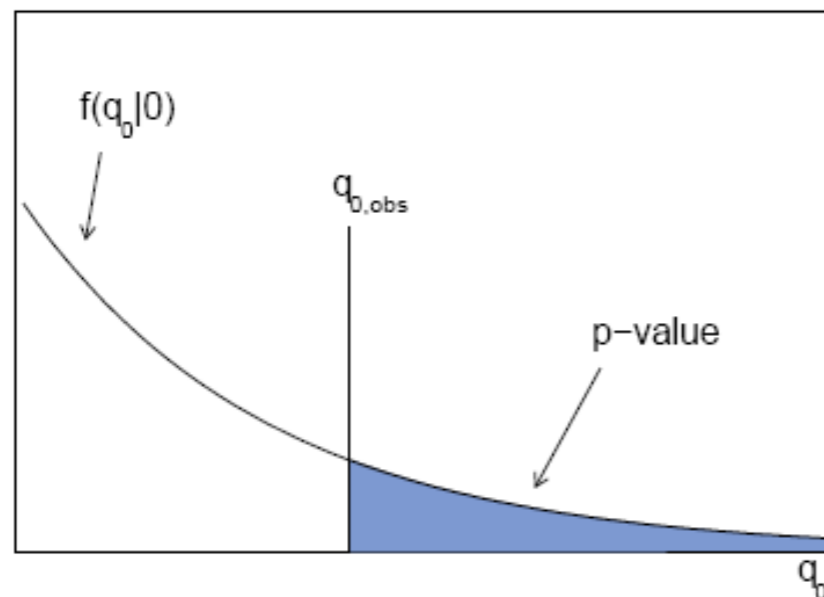
**Signal**
**Estimated Background**

**Observed Events**
**Strength Parameter**
**Nuisance Parameters**

Significances and limits are calculated using a likelihood profile test statistic,  $q_\mu$ . From Wilk's theorem, test statistic behaves asymptotically as a  $\chi^2$  distribution.

$$q_\mu = -2 \ln \frac{\mathcal{L}(\mu, \hat{\hat{\theta}})}{\mathcal{L}(\hat{\mu}, \hat{\theta})}$$

← maximizes likelihood for specific  $\mu$   
 ← global maximum likelihood

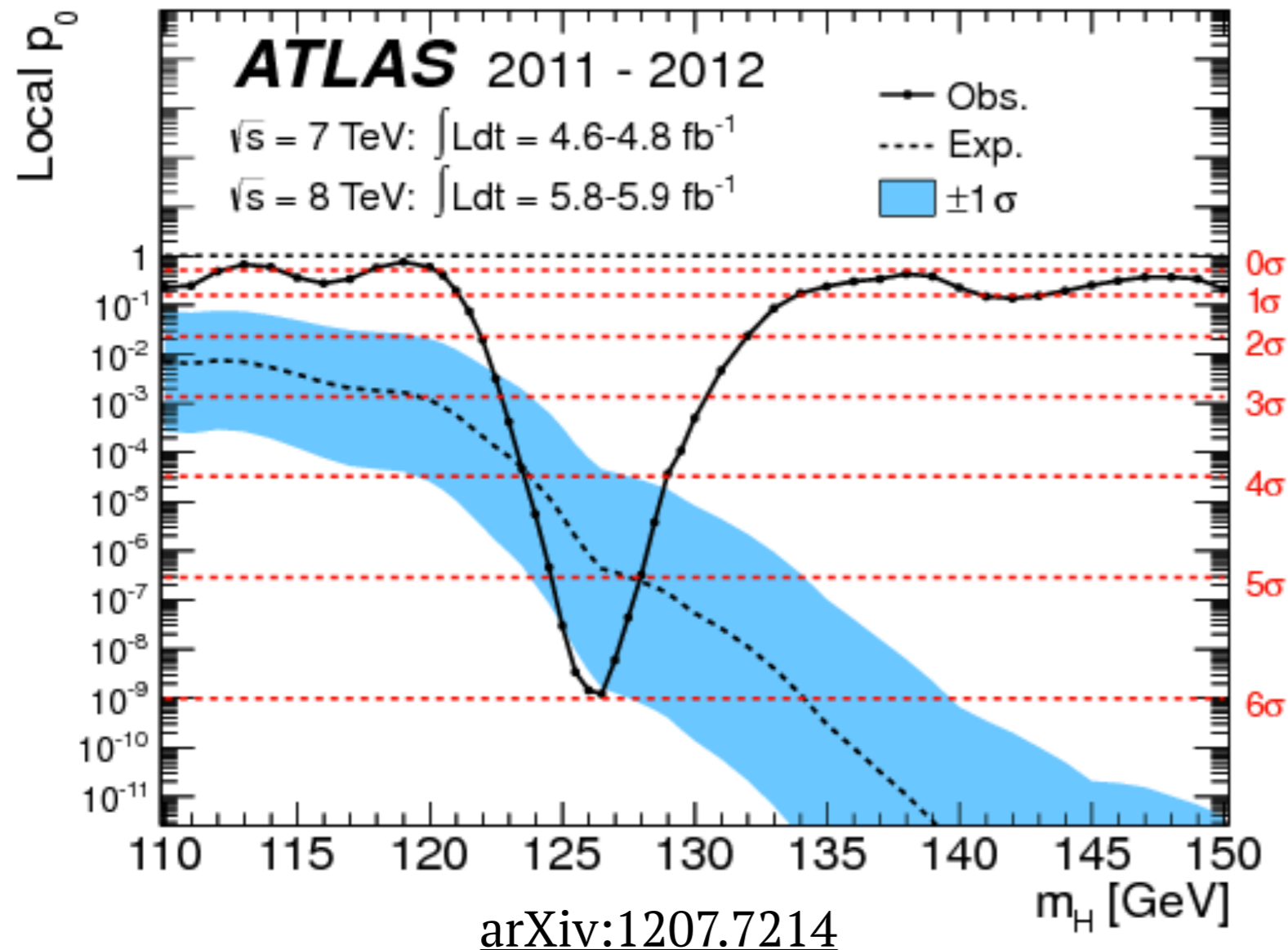


From the distribution,  $\chi^2$ , get p-value for specific  $q$ . Can convert p-value into equivalent significance.

$$Z = \Phi^{-1}(1 - p)$$

← Inverse Gaussian CDF

For discovery significance is calculated over the background only hypothesis,  $\mu = 0$ .



Definition of test-statistic:

$$q_0 = \begin{cases} -2 \ln \lambda(0) & \hat{\mu} \geq 0 \\ 0 & \hat{\mu} < 0 \end{cases}$$

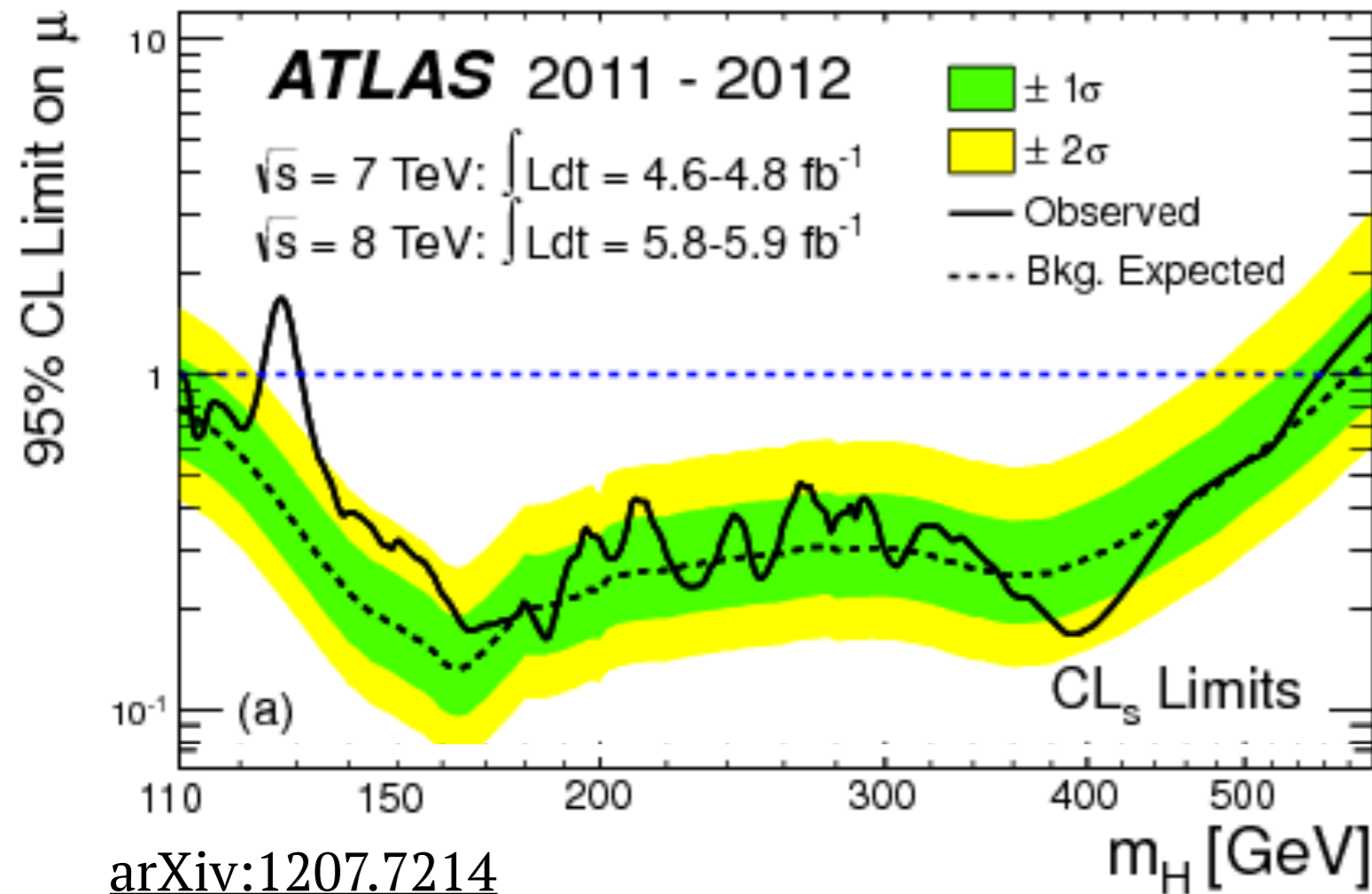
(One sided profile likelihood) with:

$$\lambda(0) = \frac{\mathcal{L}(0, \hat{\hat{\theta}})}{\mathcal{L}(\hat{\mu}, \hat{\theta})}$$

Dashed line shows expected significance for the  $\mu = 1$  (SM Higgs boson) case.



For exclusion limits, scan signal models and hypothesis test to find 95% confidence level.



[arXiv:1207.7214](https://arxiv.org/abs/1207.7214)

For small expected signal compared to background, use CLs method.

$$CL_s \equiv \frac{p_{s+b}}{1 - p_b} \rightarrow \begin{aligned} p_{s+b} &= P(q \geq q_{\text{obs}} | s + b) \\ p_b &= P(q \leq q_{\text{obs}} | b) \end{aligned}$$

Definition of test-statistic:

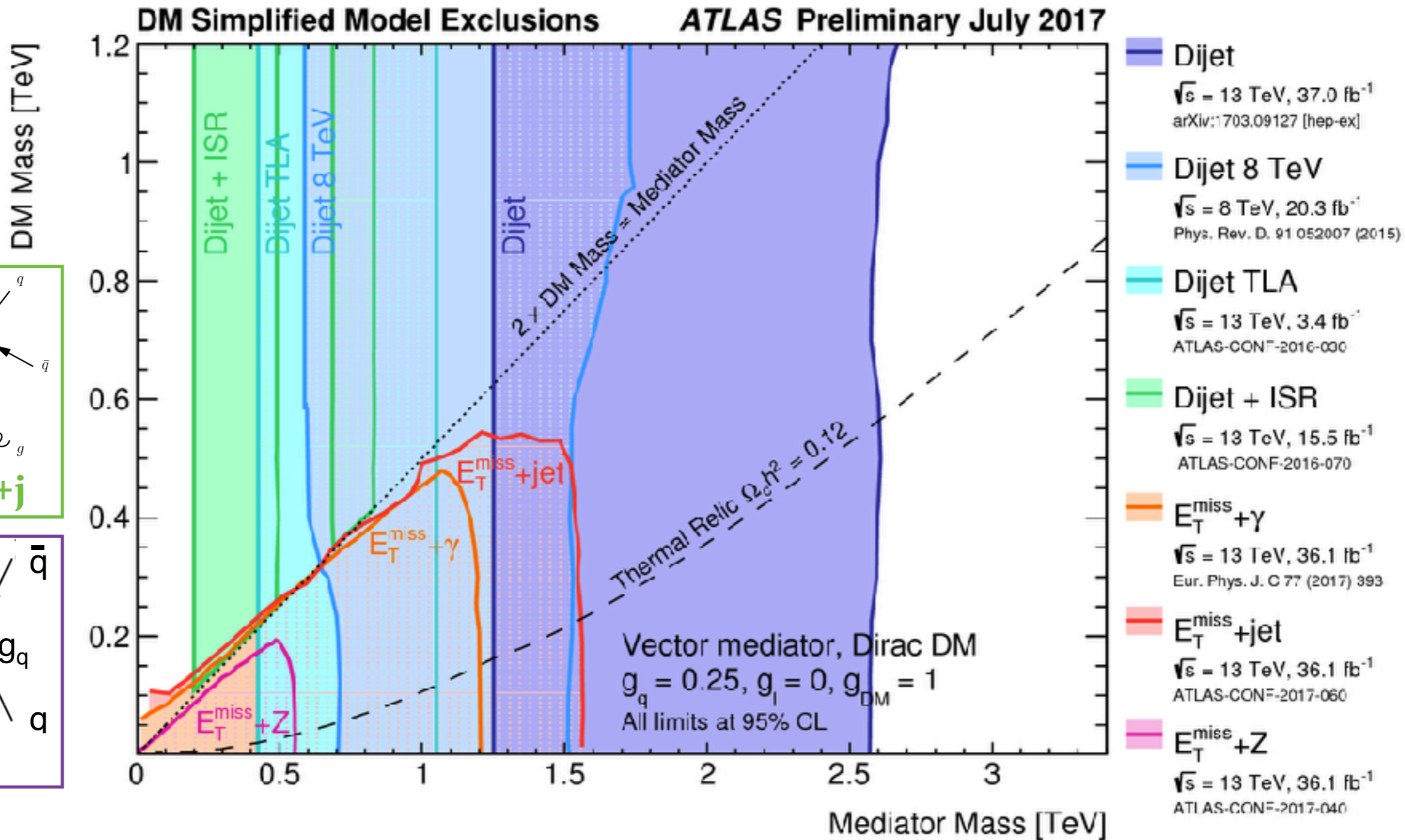
$$\tilde{q}_\mu = \begin{cases} -2 \ln \tilde{\lambda}(\mu) & \hat{\mu} \leq \mu \\ 0 & \hat{\mu} > \mu \end{cases}$$

Again one-sided profile likelihood:

$$\tilde{\lambda}(\mu) = \begin{cases} \frac{L(\mu, \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mu))}{L(\hat{\mu}, \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}})} & \hat{\mu} \geq 0 \\ \frac{L(\mu, \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mu))}{L(0, \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(0))} & \hat{\mu} < 0 \end{cases}$$

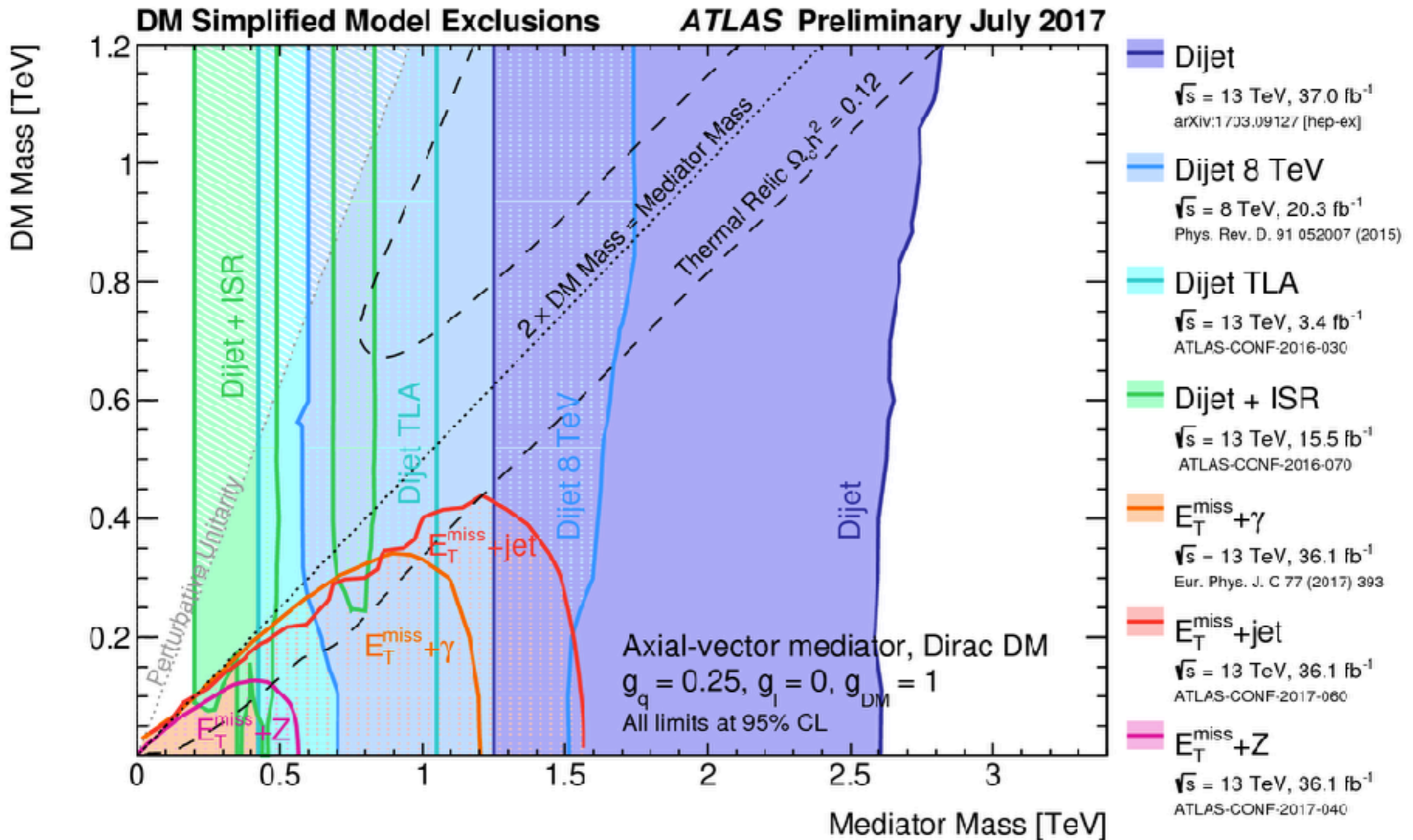
For 2D exclusion plots (Simplified Model), at each point ( $M_{\text{med}}, M_{\text{DM}}$ ) calculate CLs values for nominal signal,  $q_1$ . Draw contour along CLs = 0.05.

## Vector model:



Because mediators couple to quarks, they can also decay to dijet final states.

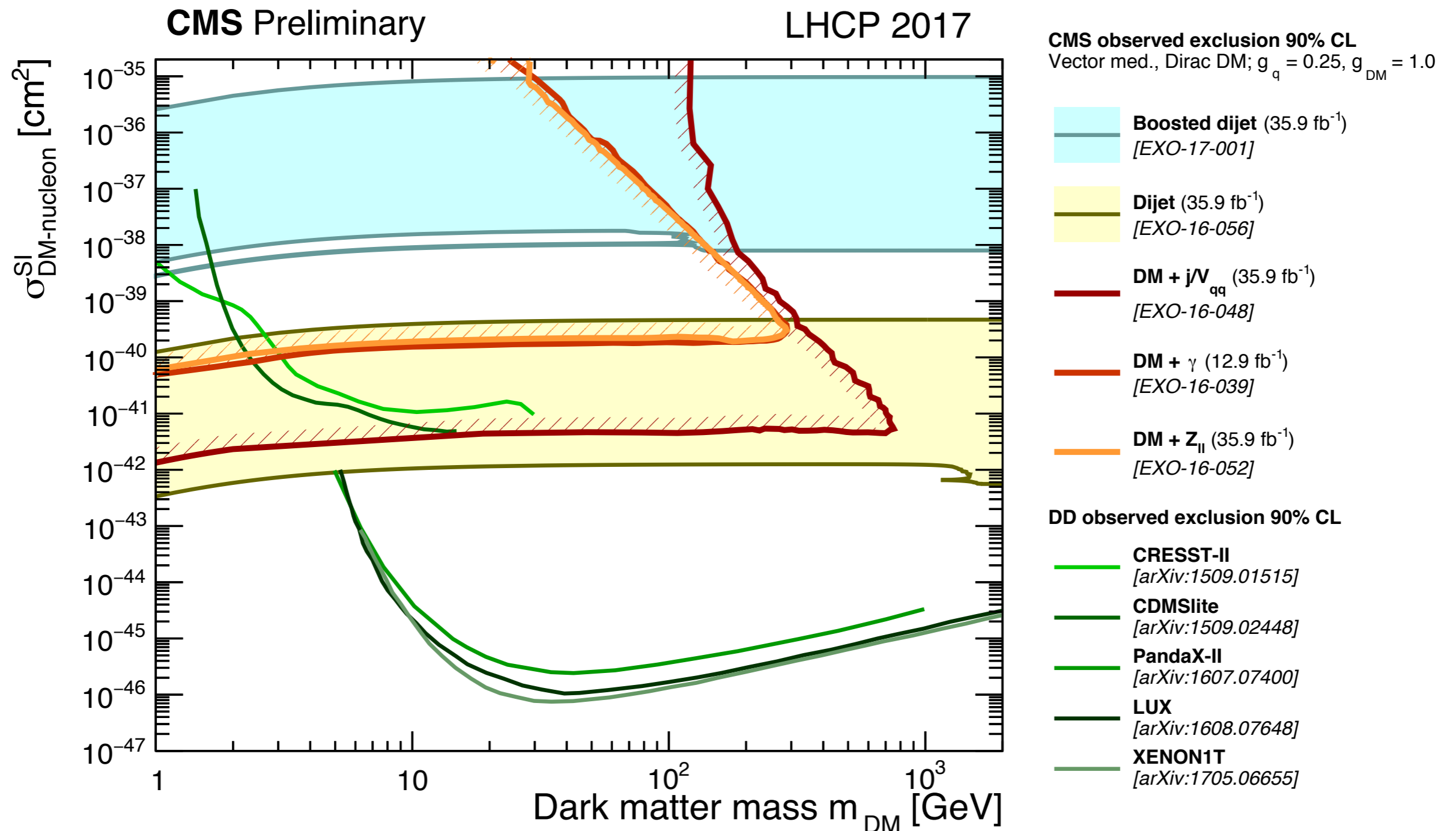
## Axial-vector model:



Simplified models allow for comparison between direct detection and collider results:

**Vector model:**

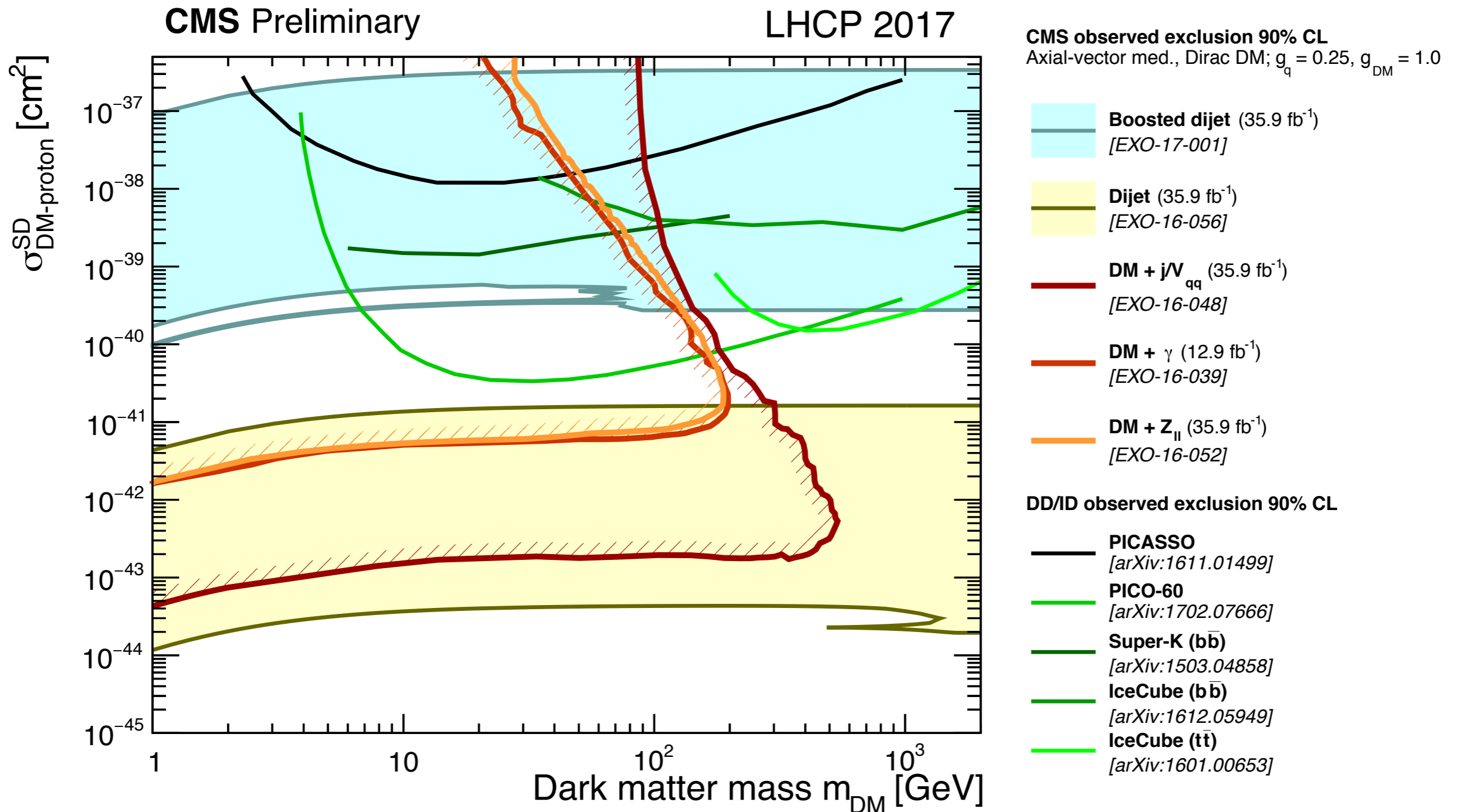
$$\sigma_{\text{SI}}^0 \approx 1.1 \times 10^{-39} \text{ cm}^2 \cdot \left(\frac{g_{\text{DM}} g_q}{1}\right)^2 \left(\frac{1 \text{ TeV}}{M_{\text{med}}}\right)^4 \left(\frac{\mu_{n\chi}}{1 \text{ GeV}}\right)^2$$



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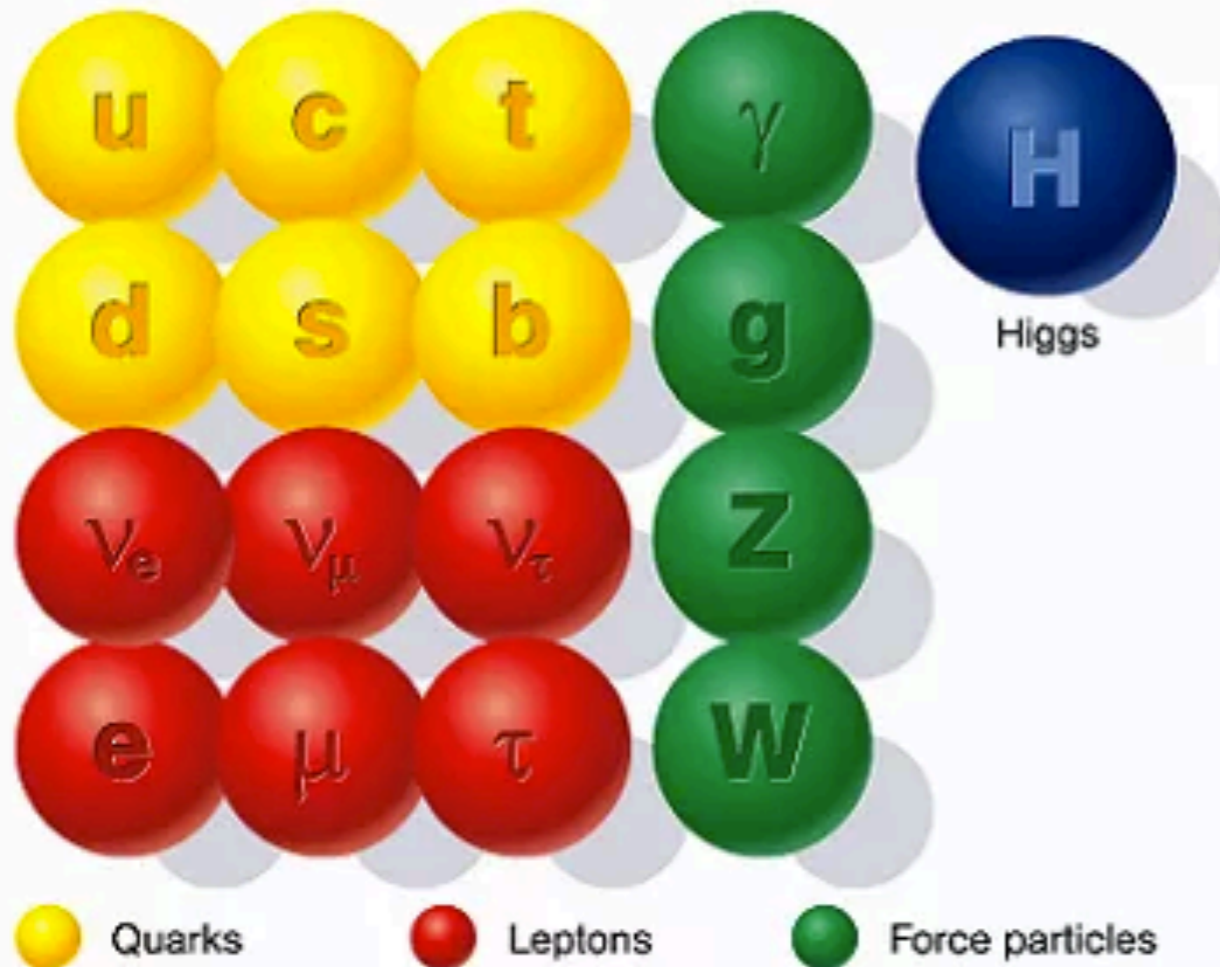
**Axial-vector model:**

$$\sigma_{\text{SD}}^0 \approx 4.6 \times 10^{-41} \text{ cm}^2 \cdot \left(\frac{g_{\text{DM}} g_q}{1}\right)^2 \left(\frac{1 \text{ TeV}}{M_{\text{med}}}\right)^4 \left(\frac{\mu_{n\chi}}{1 \text{ GeV}}\right)^2$$

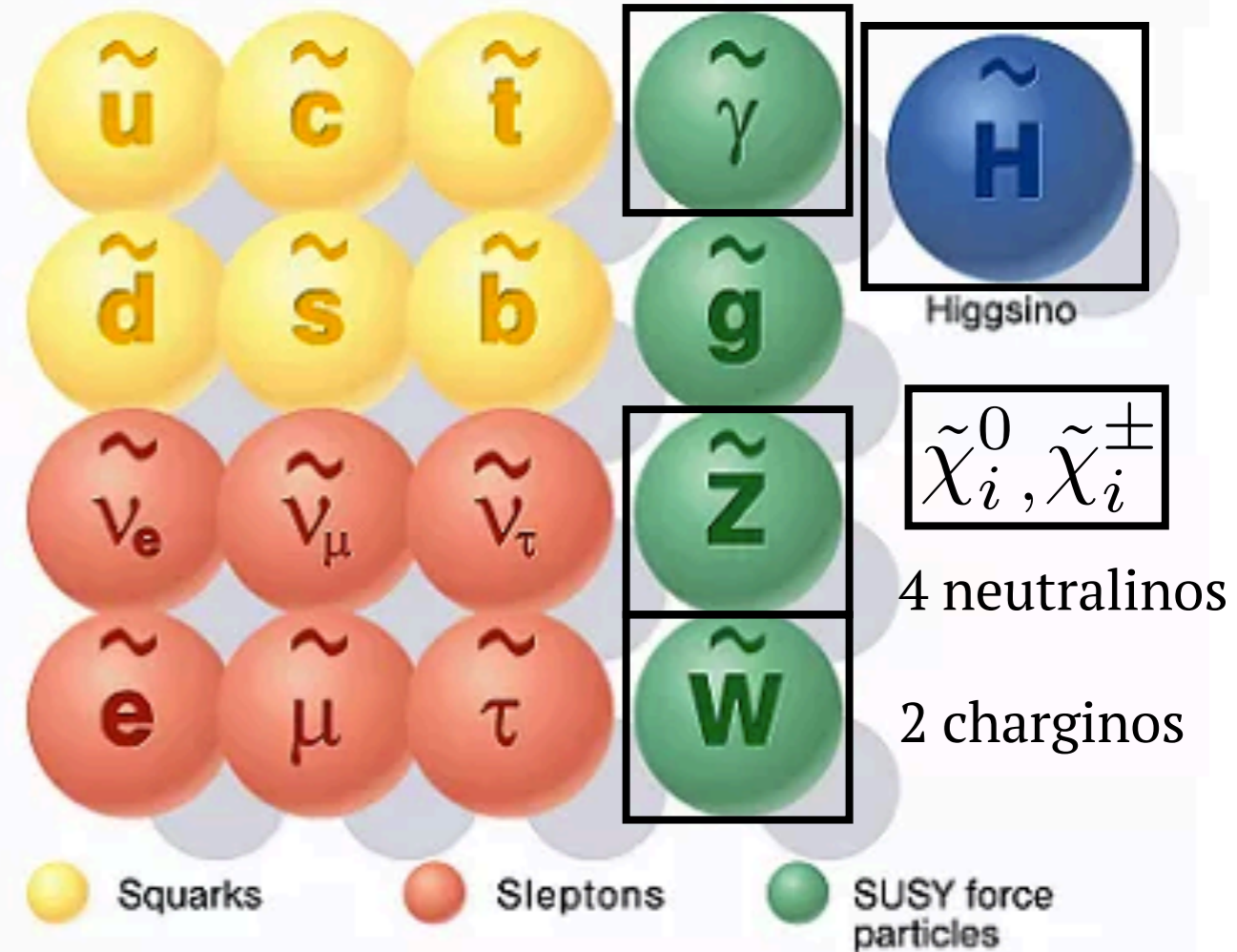


Supersymmetry (SUSY) is a well developed theory for solving the hierarchy problem in the SM. Each SM particle has a supersymmetric pair.

## Standard particles



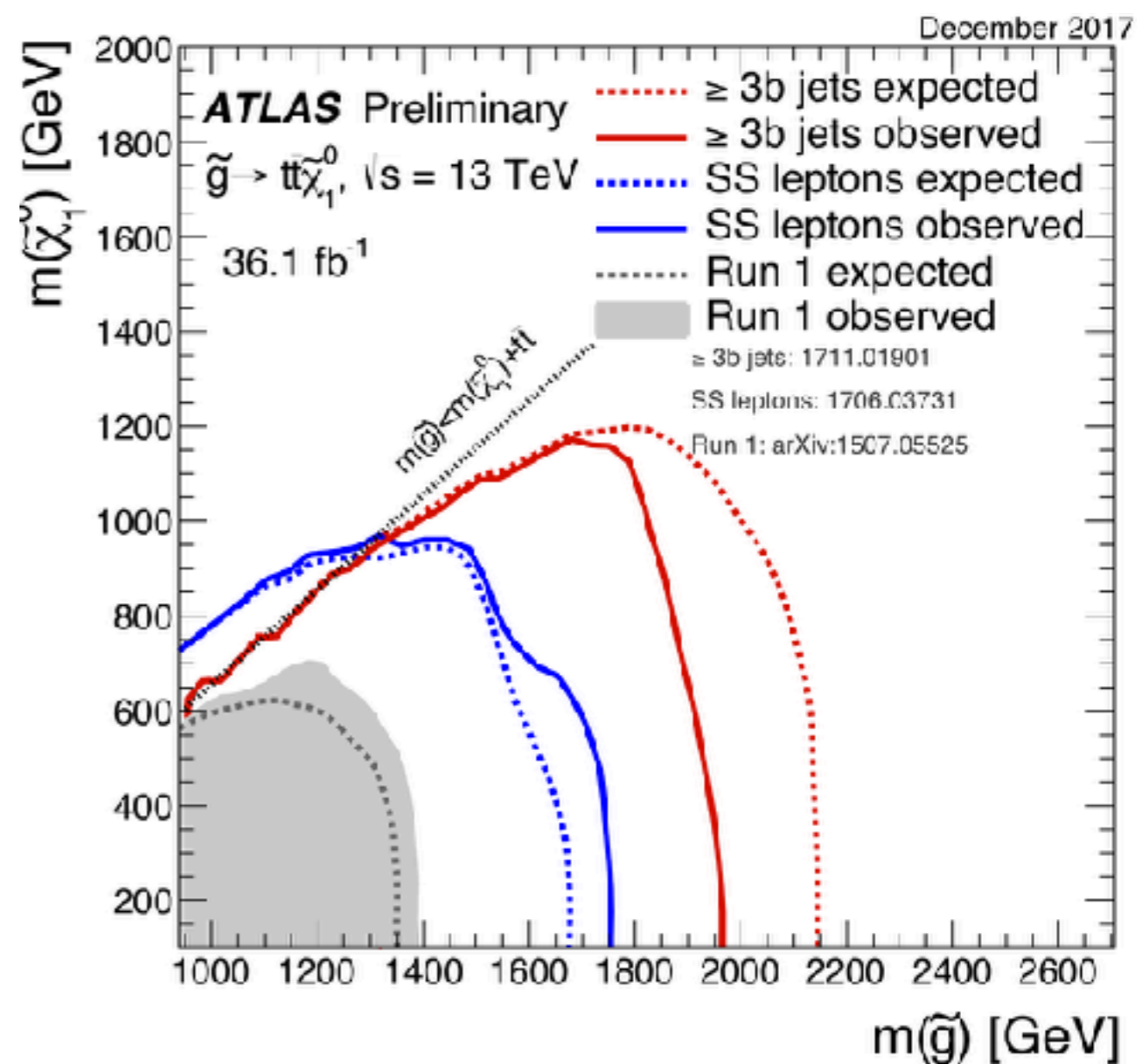
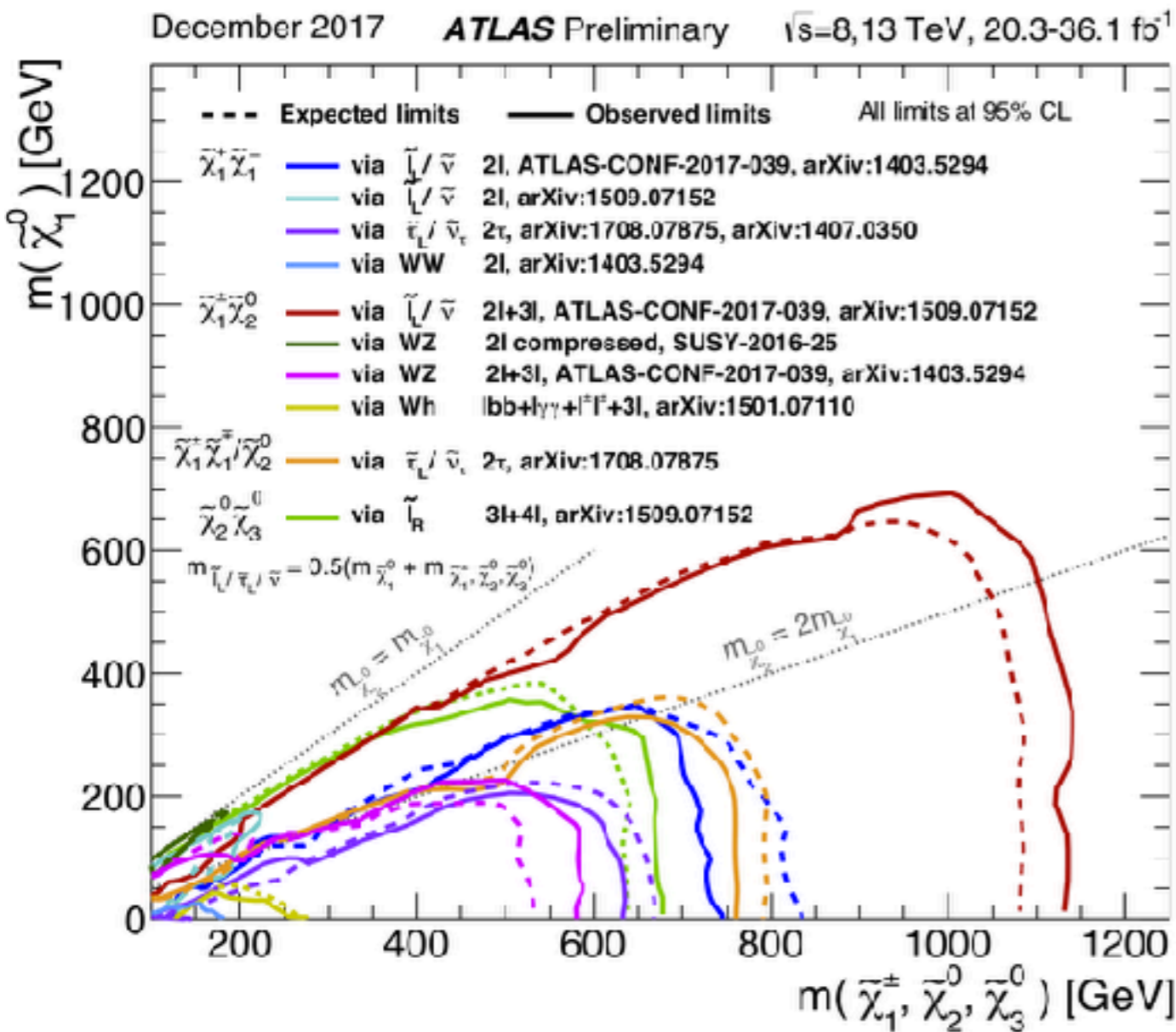
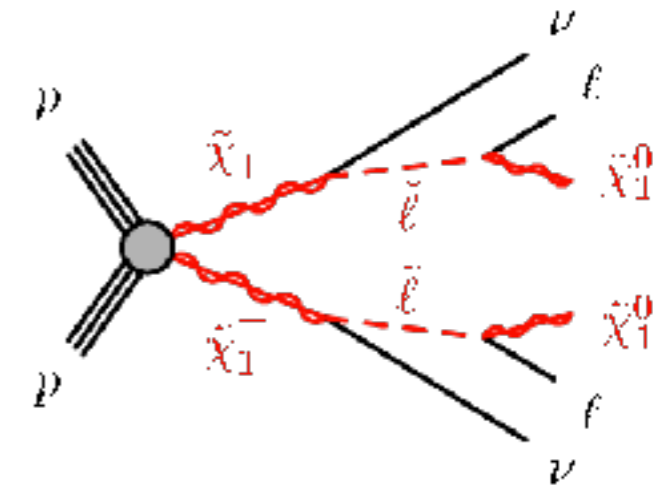
## SUSY particles



In many SUSY models, the lightest neutralino is stable and provides a natural DM particle candidate.

Left figure shows the limits for the lightest neutralino mass versus one of the heavier neutralino or charging masses.

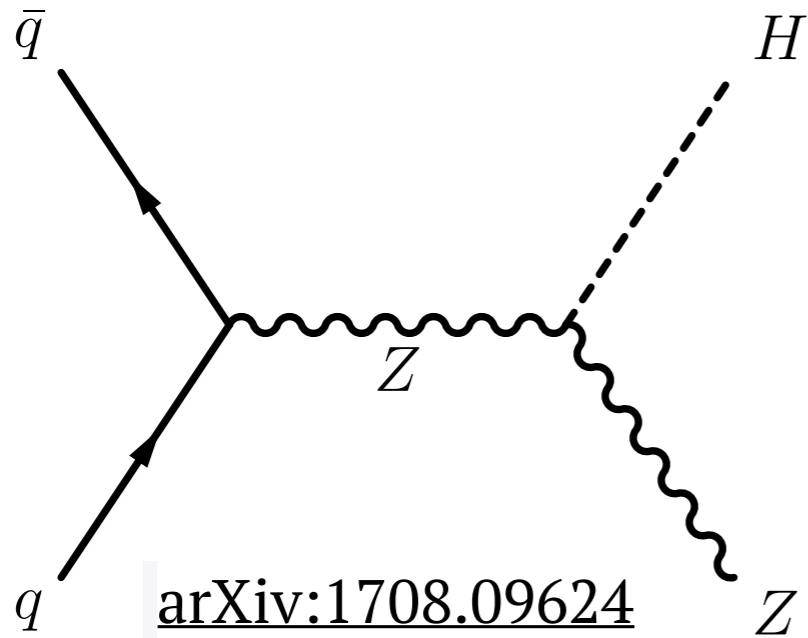
Right figure similarly shows limits for the lightest neutralino mass versus gluino mass.



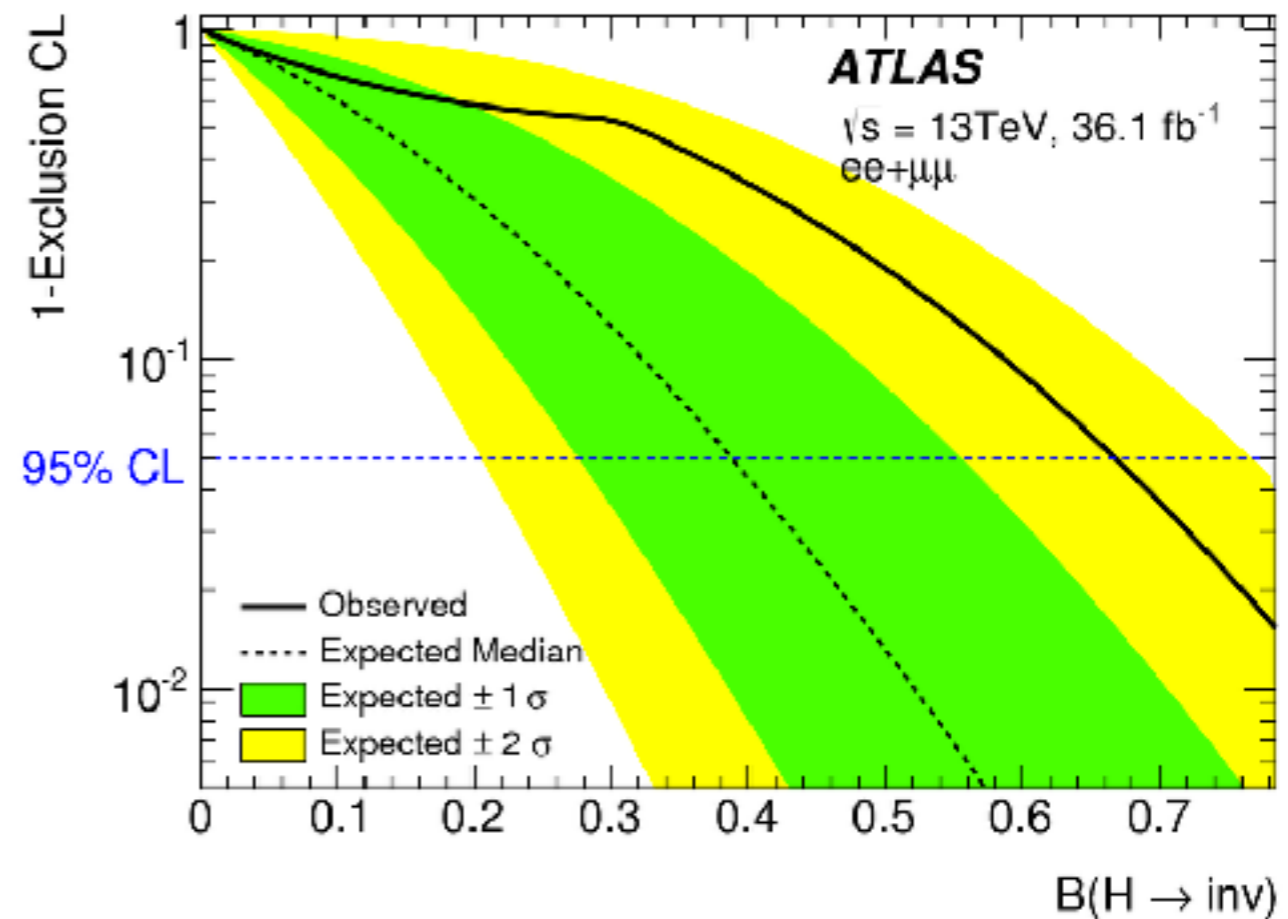
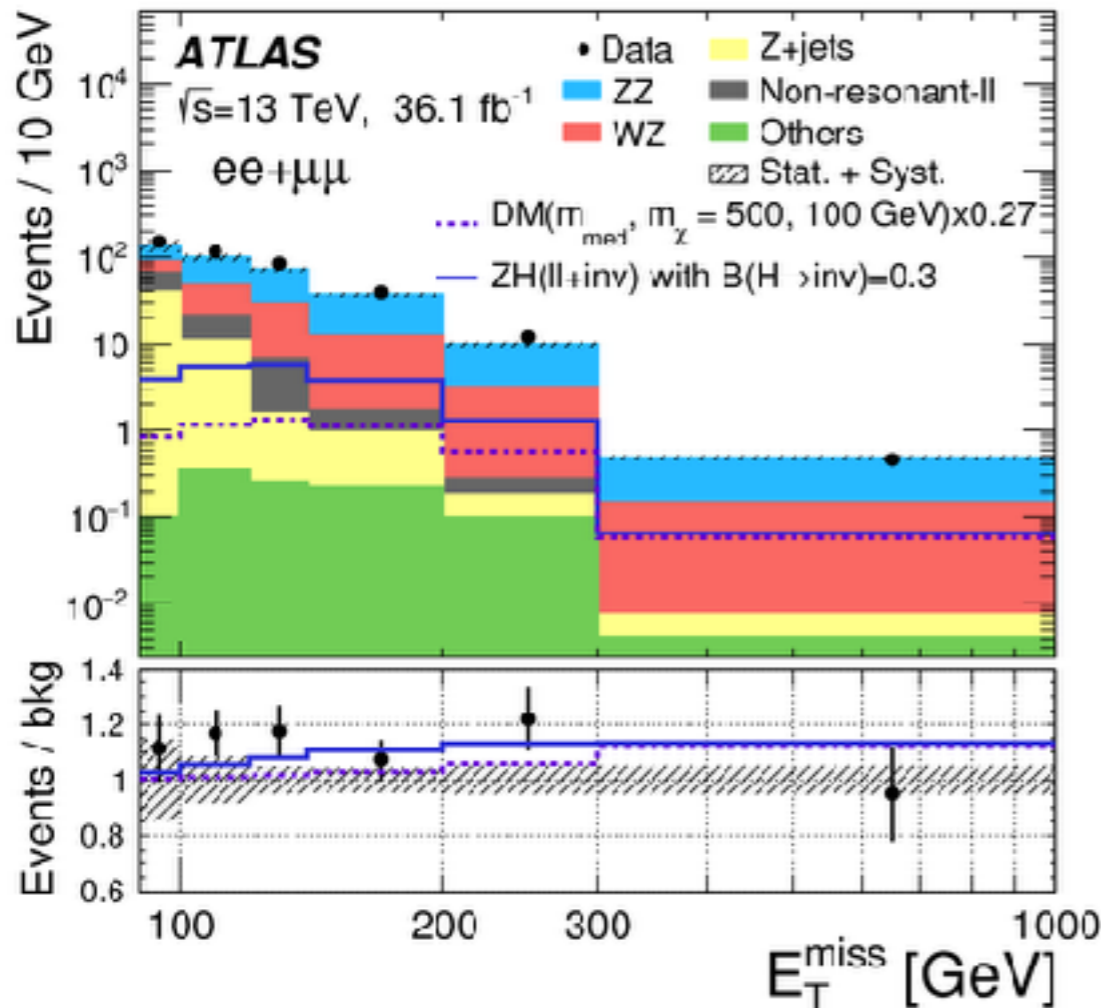




# Invisible Higgs Decay

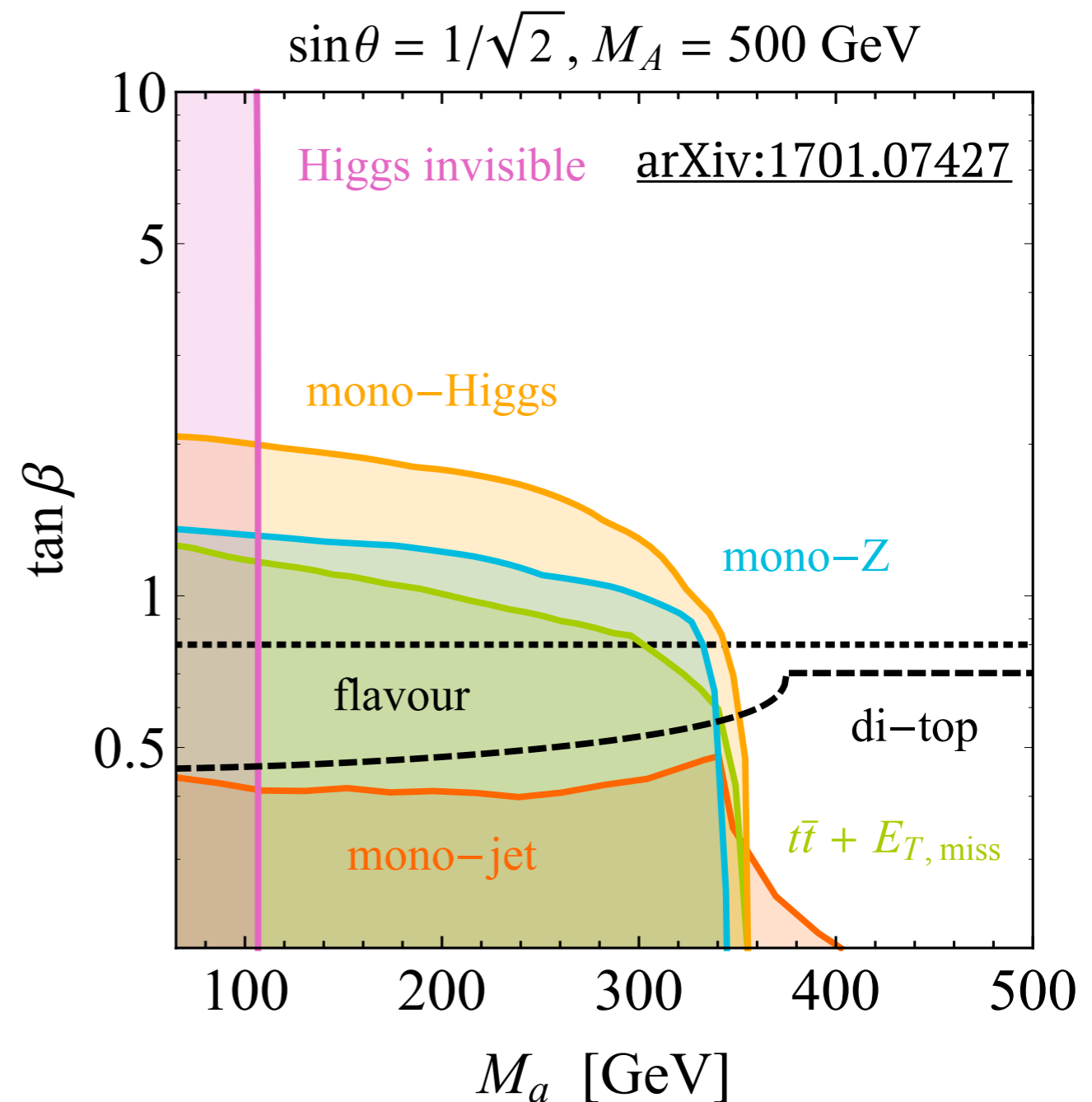
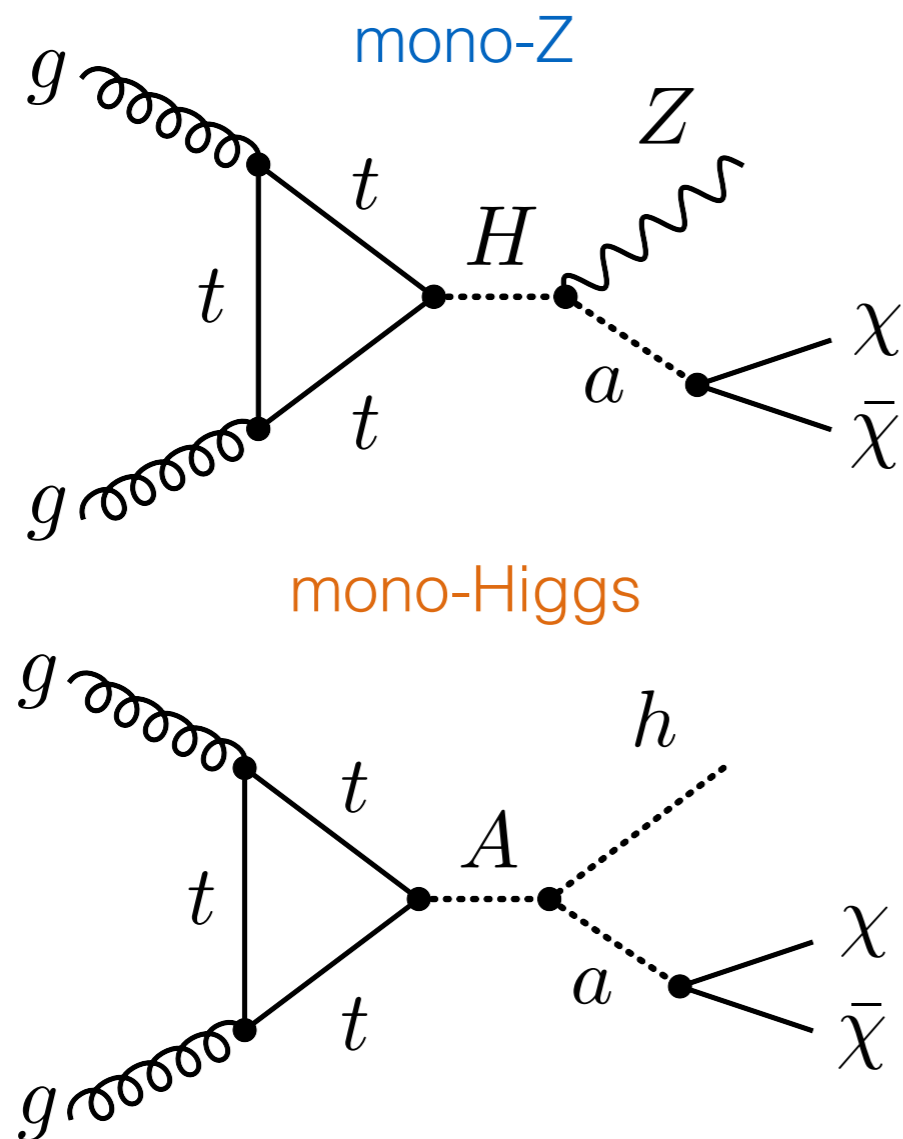


If DM couples to the Higgs boson, and  $m_\chi < 0.5 m_H$ , it should manifest as an invisible Branching Fraction for the Higgs.

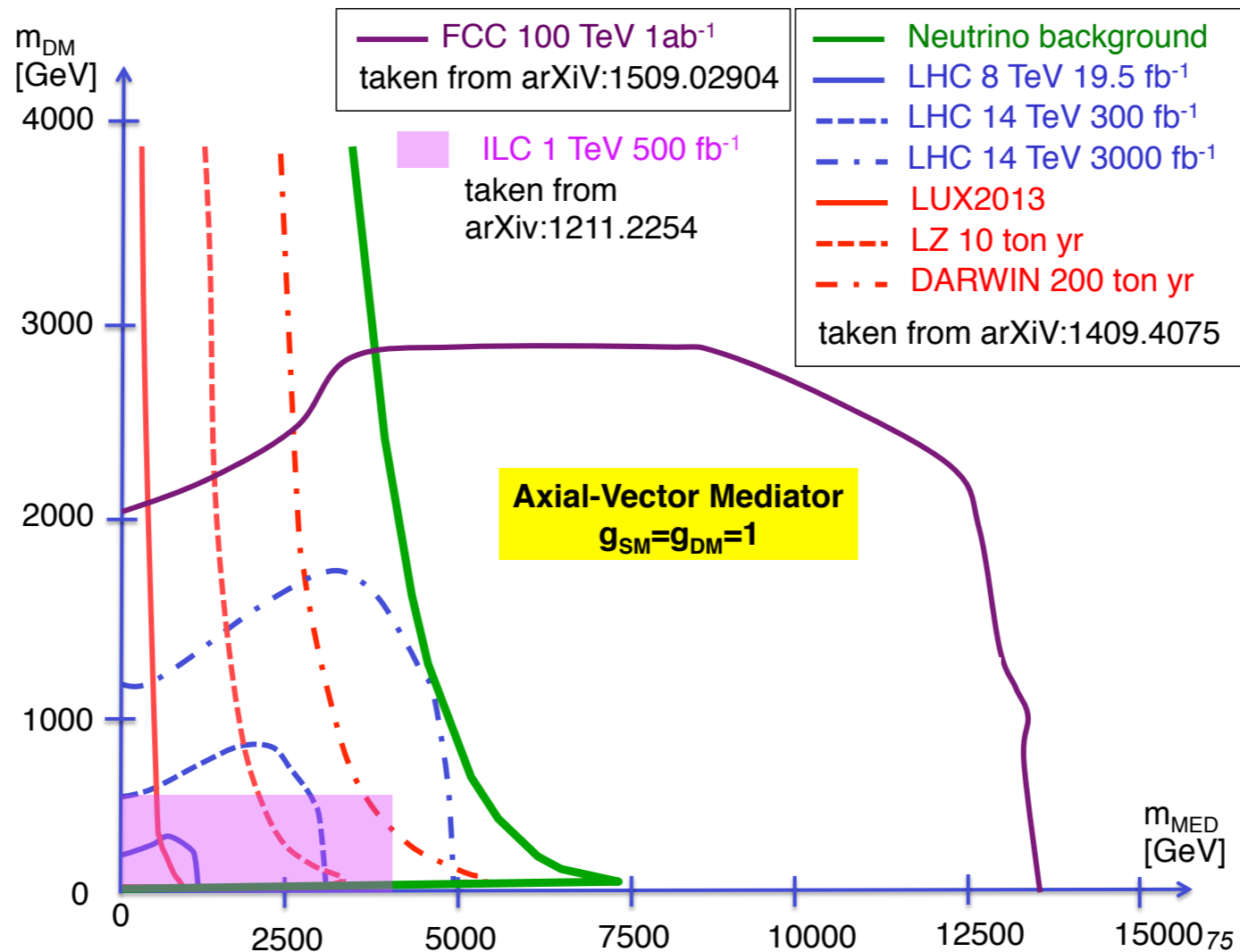
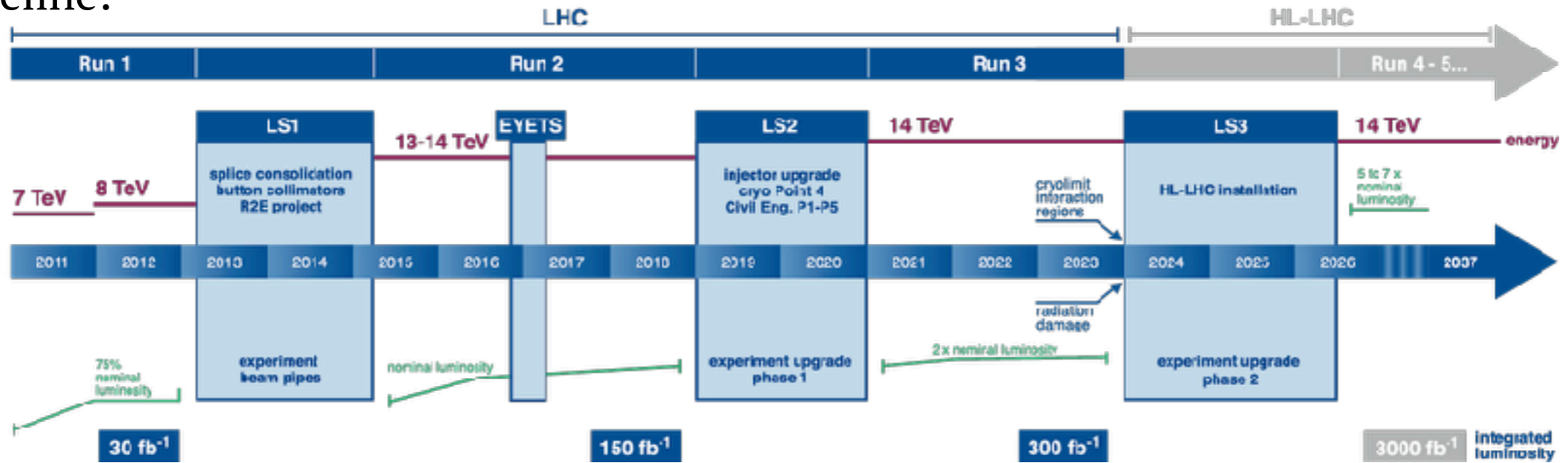


Two Higgs Doublet models with a light pseudoscalar (a) mediator to dark matter can produce enhanced signals in the mono-Z and mono-Higgs channels compared to Mono-Jet.

Enhancement due to resonant production of two higgs doublet's heavy scalar (H) or heavy pseudoscalar (A) particles.



## LHC Timeline:

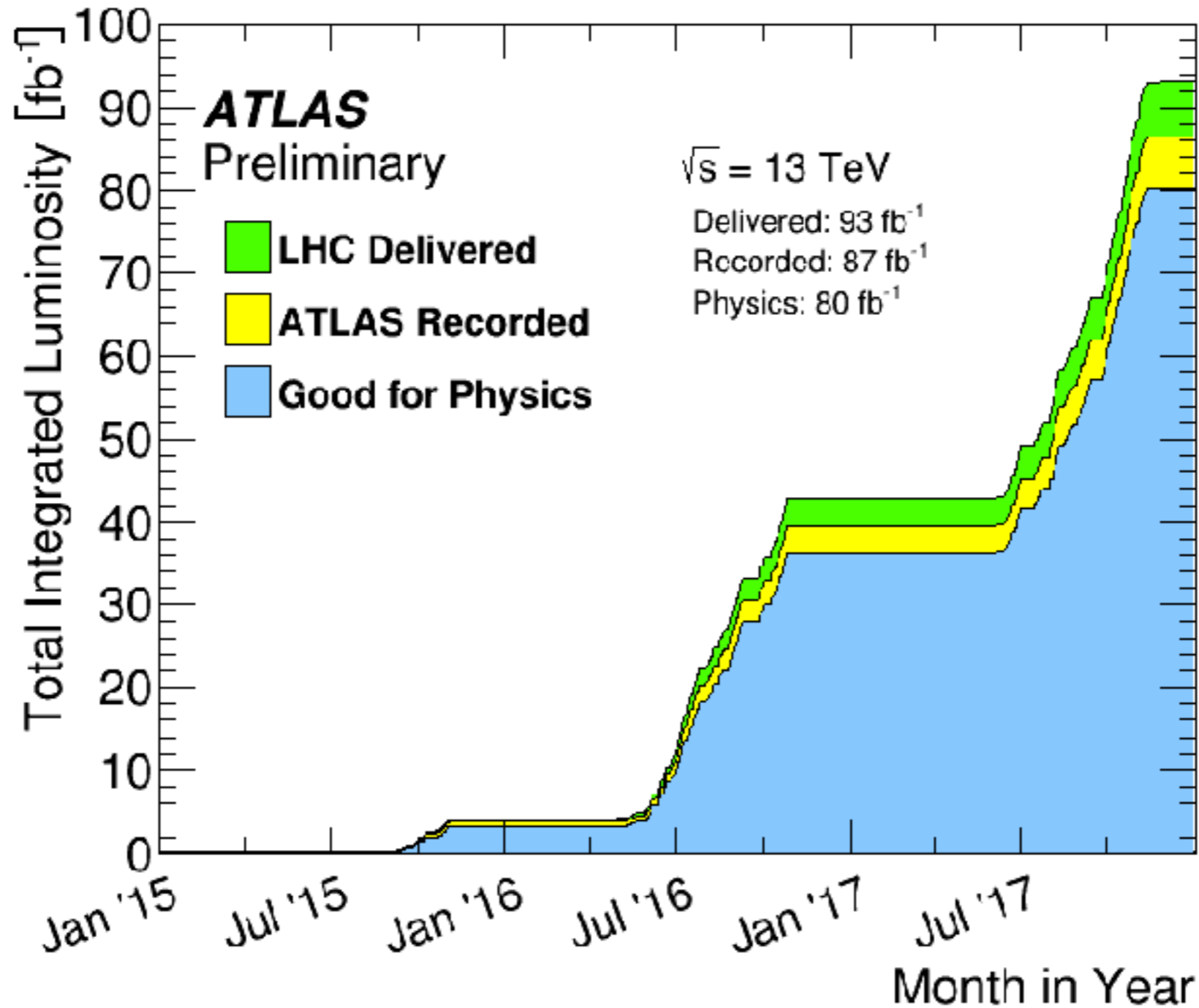


- Searches for DM at the LHC are ongoing and complement current direct and indirect searches.
- Collider searches look for Mono-X + MET signatures.
- Results are interpreted as limits on generic, simplified models of Dark Matter with minimal number of free parameters.
- In addition, optimized searches for specific, developed theories such as SUSY are also carried out.
- The DM hunt continues, with the completion of LHC Run-2 scheduled in 2018, and over the LHC lifetime a total of 3000 fb<sup>-1</sup> of data to be collected.

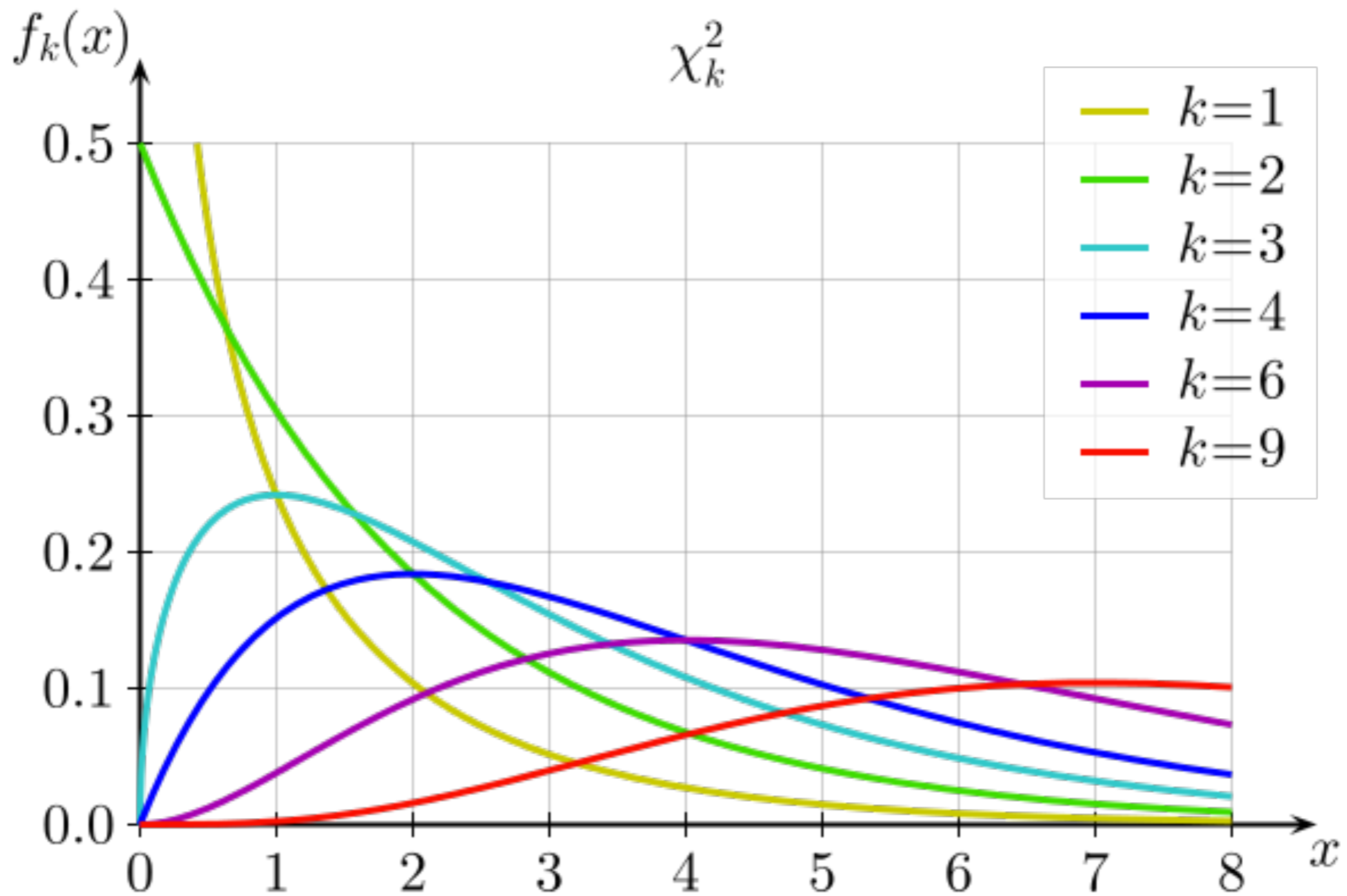
# Backup Slides

# Integrated Luminosity

$$L_{int} = \frac{N}{\sigma}$$



$\chi^2$  distribution for  $k$  degrees of freedom:



Distribution of  $q$  under the signal + background and signal only hypotheses.

$$CL_s \equiv \frac{p_{s+b}}{1 - p_b}$$

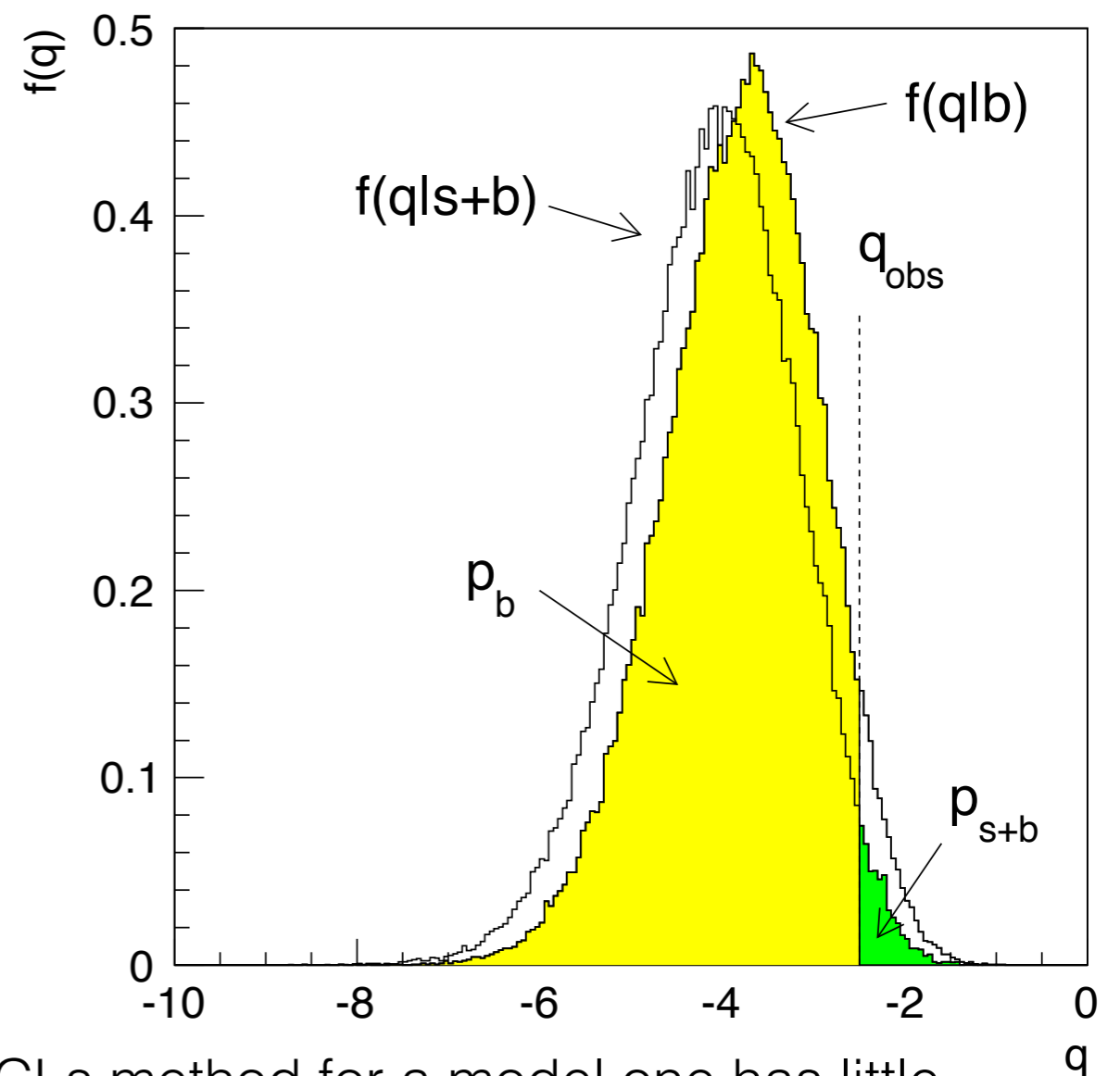
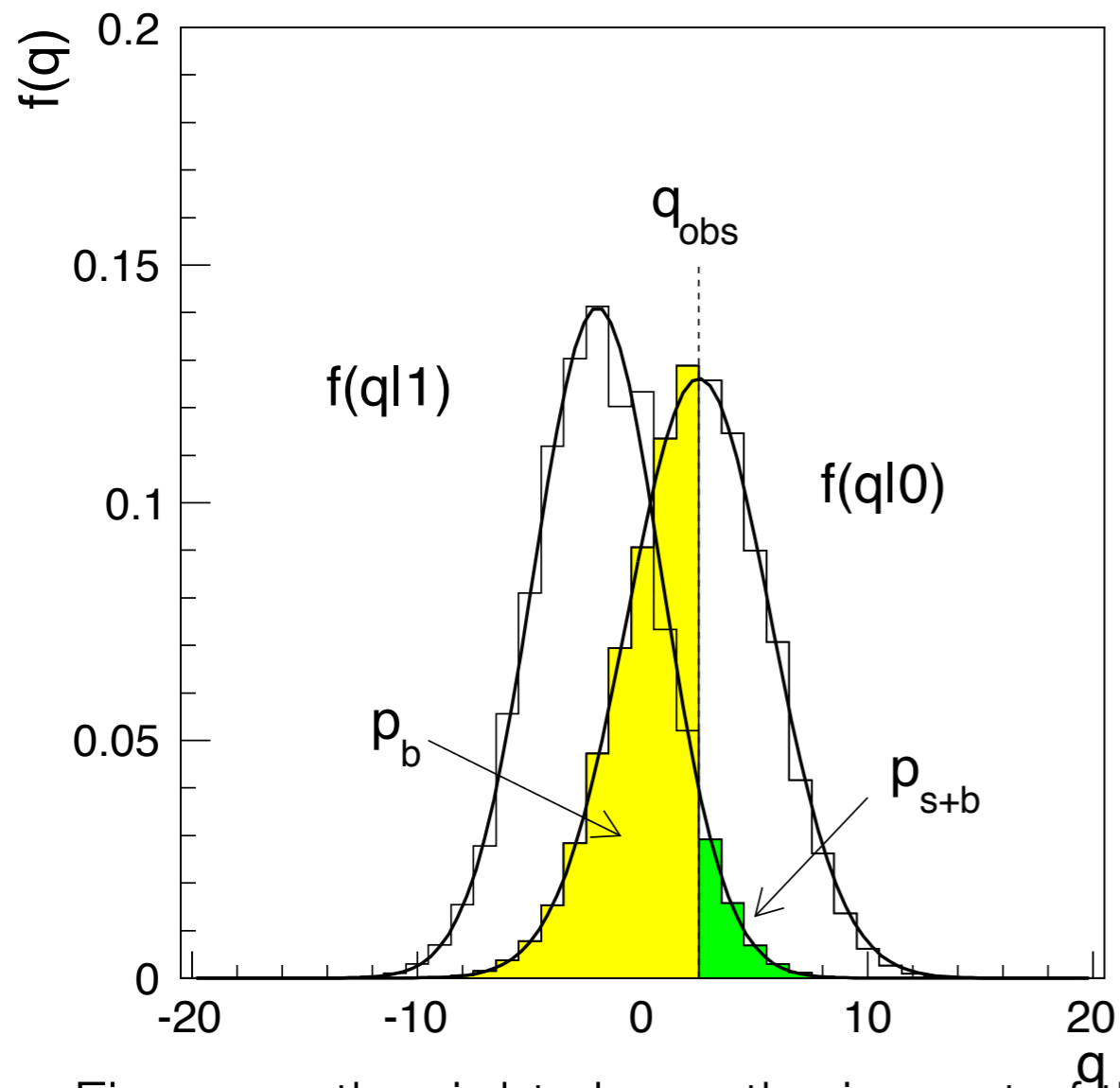


Figure on the right shows the impact of the CLs method for a model one has little sensitivity to.



Dark matter produced in association with top and and bottom quarks.

[arXiv 1710.11412](https://arxiv.org/abs/1710.11412)

