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# Collider Searches for Dark Matter

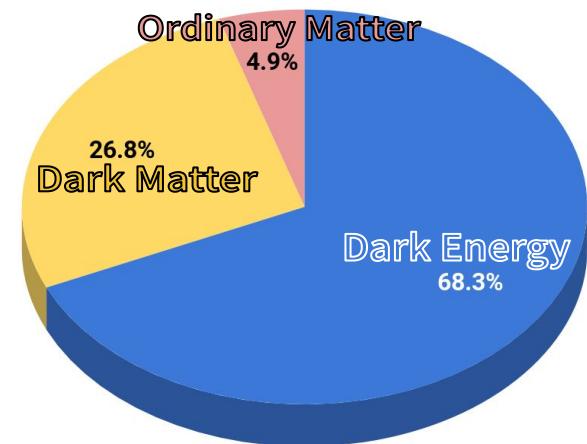
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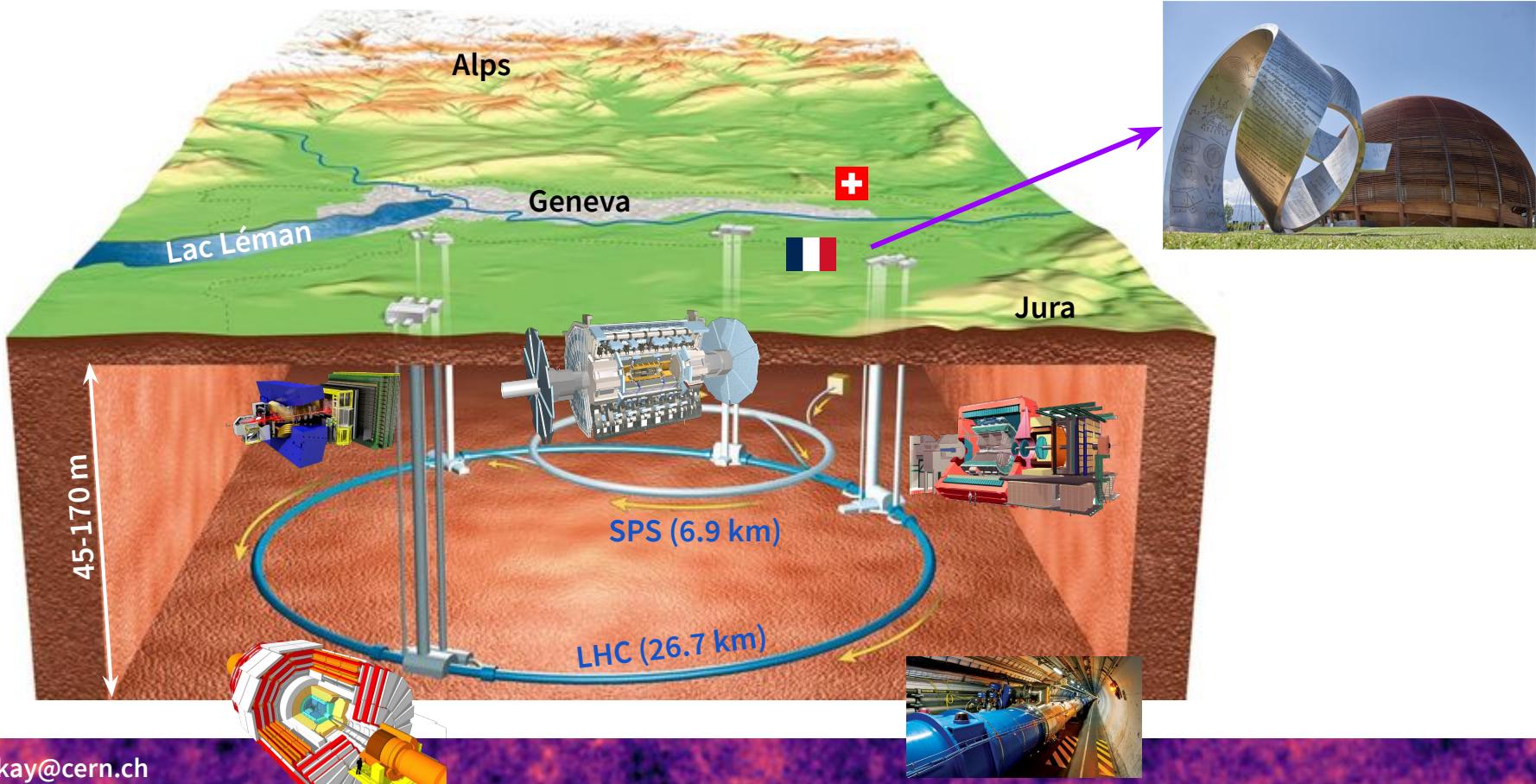
# Overview

- ◊ A number of astrophysical measurements indicate the existence of Dark Matter (DM)
- ◊ If DM can interact at all with the SM, we could produce it in colliders & measure its properties
- ◊ In this talk
  - ▶ A brief introduction to the Large Hadron Collider (LHC) & experiments
  - ▶ Description of some of this astrophysical evidence
  - ▶ Description of different methods used to search for DM
  - ▶ Examples of ATLAS searches for DM

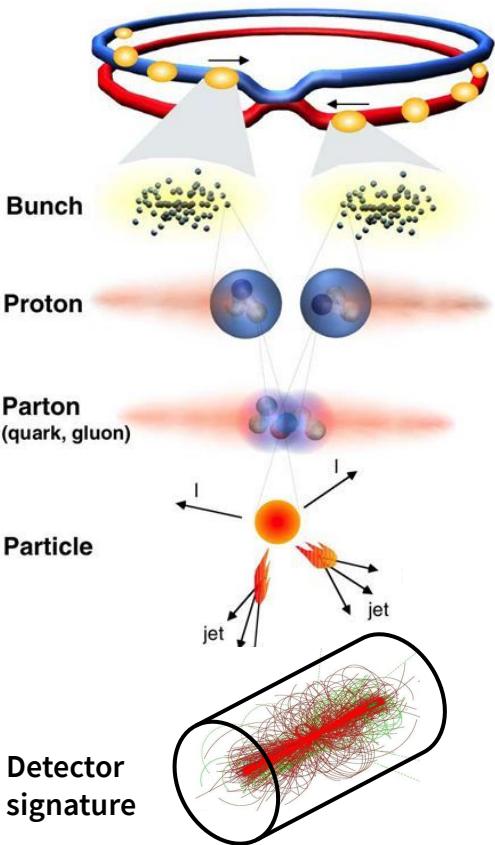




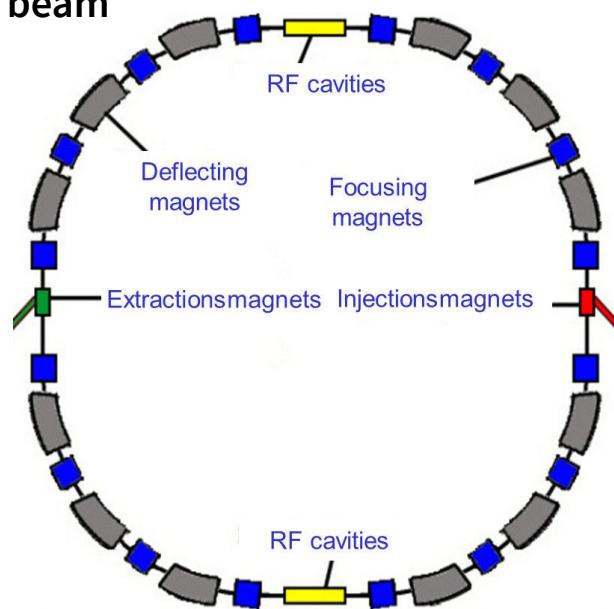
# The Large Hadron Collider



# LHC Proton Beams

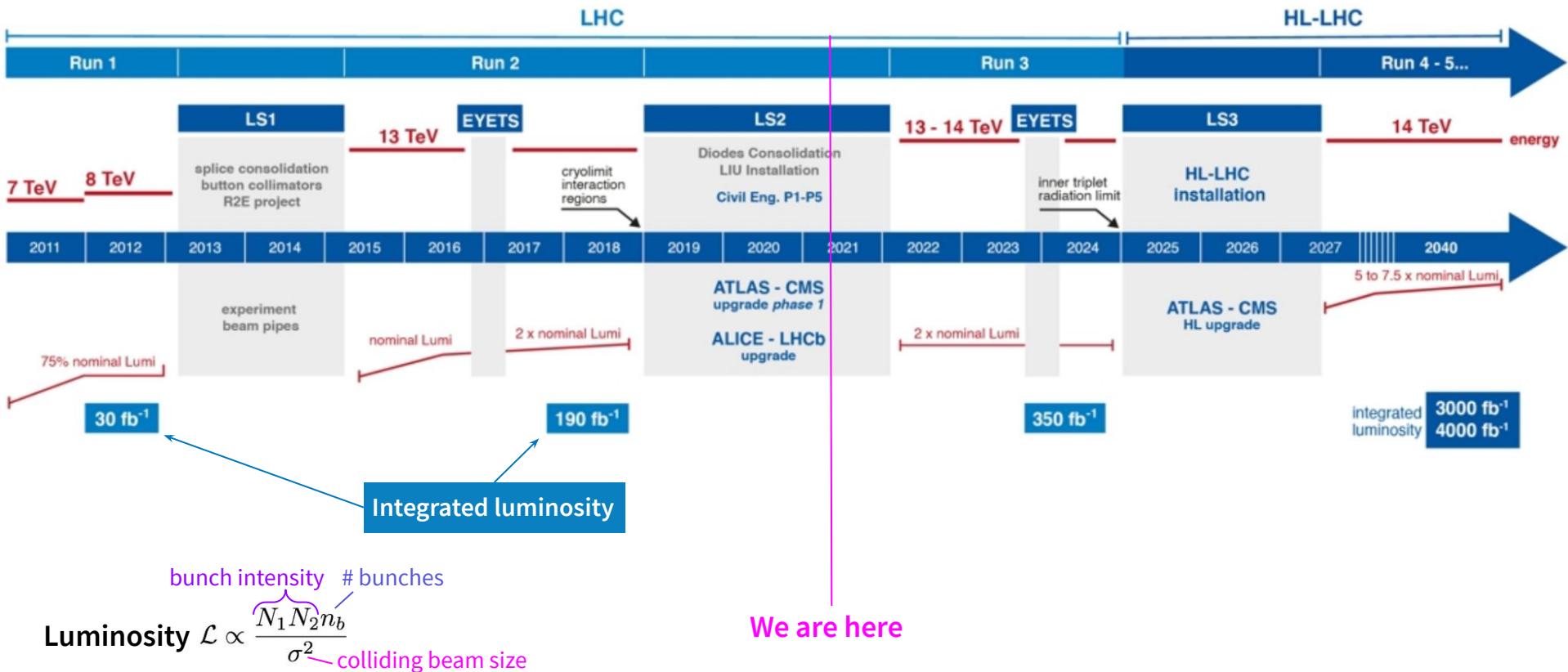


- ◊ > 50 kinds of magnets
- ◊ 1232 superconducting dipole magnets operating at -271.3°C
  - ➡ Sextupole, octupole & decapole magnets correct the beam
- ◊ 8 RadioFrequency (RF) cavities per beam
  
- ◊ Proton beam energy = 6.5 TeV
- ◊  $1.2 \times 10^{11}$  protons/bunch
- ◊ ~ 2800 bunches/beam
- ◊ 25ns bunch spacing
  - ➡ 40,000,000 collisions per second



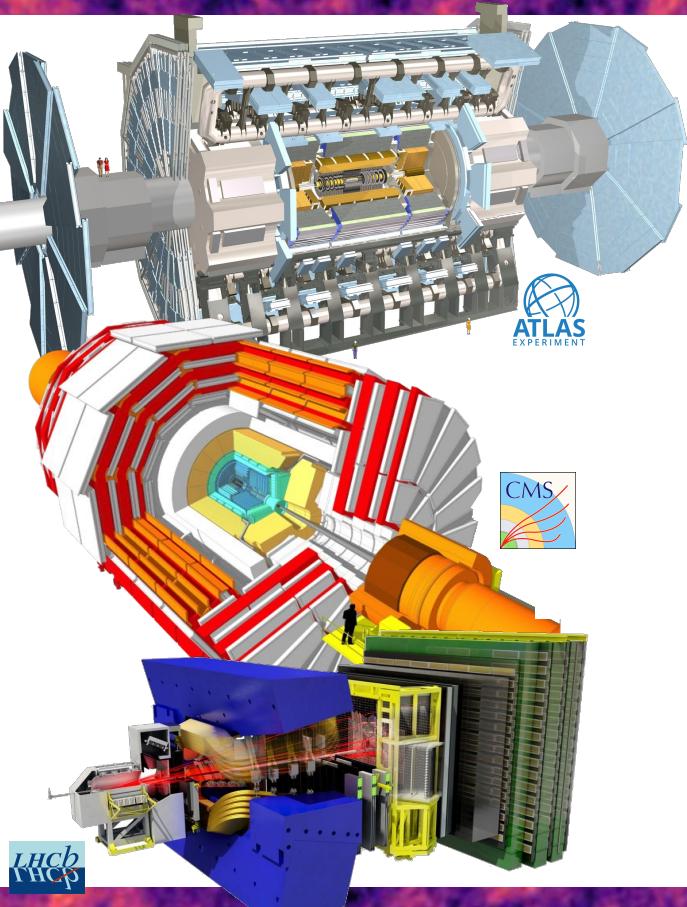


# LHC Schedule





# Dark Matter Detectors at the LHC



Three of the four main LHC experiments exploit distinct technologies to conduct complementary searches for DM

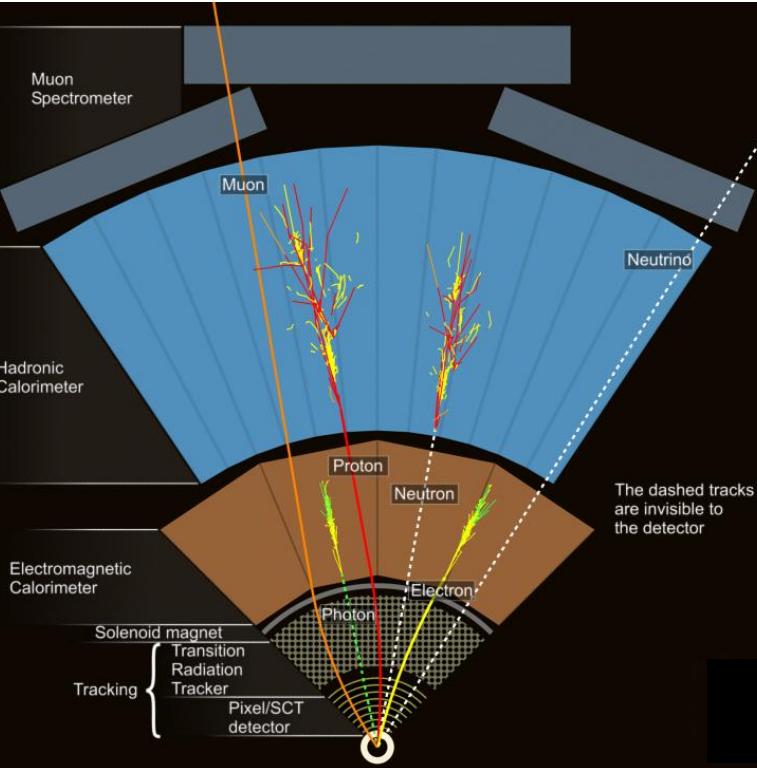
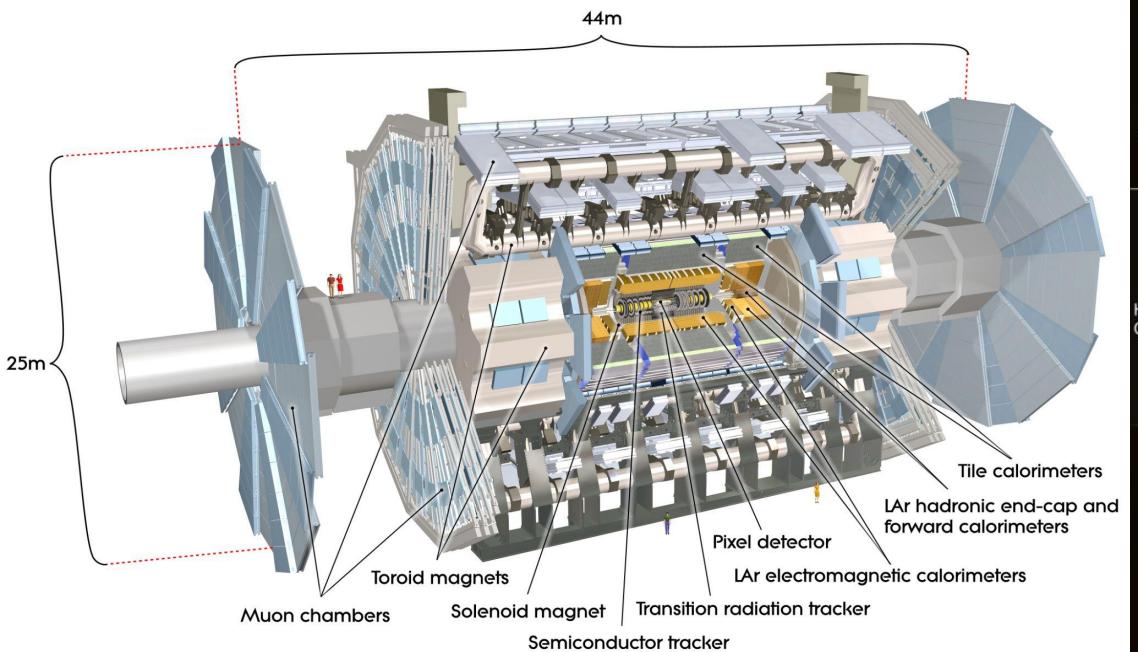
## ATLAS & CMS

- ◆ Independently designed hermetic general-purpose detectors
  - ▶ Investigate largest range of physics possible
  - ▶ Can reconstruct missing transverse momentum ( $E_T^{miss}$ ) using all measured decay products

## LHCb

- ◆ Single arm forward spectrometer
  - ▶ Probes the forward rapidity region & triggers on particles with low  $p_T$
  - ▶ Can explore relatively small boson masses

# The ATLAS Detector





- ◊ Not all events observed by ATLAS contain interesting information...

- ▶ Select events with trigger

Bunch crossing:  
40 MHz

## ◊ Level-1

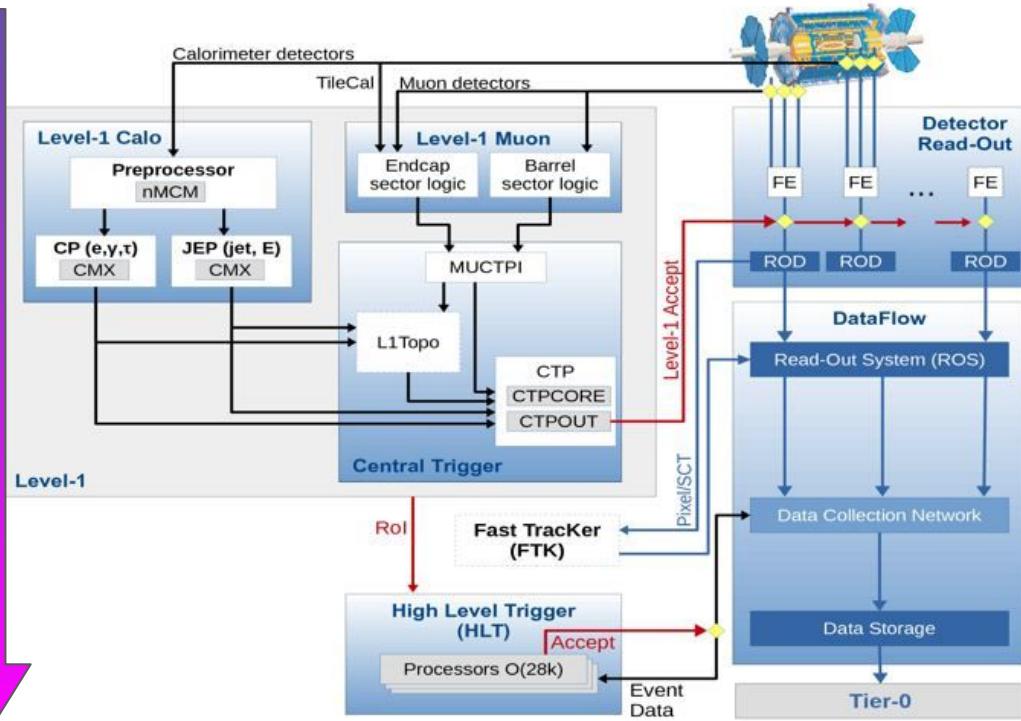
- ▶ Hardware based
- ▶ Use subset of information from calorimeters & muon detectors
- ▶ Decision made in  $< 2.5 \mu\text{s}$
- ▶ Defines Regions Of Interest (ROIs)

L1 accept:  
100 kHz

## ◊ High-Level Trigger (HLT)

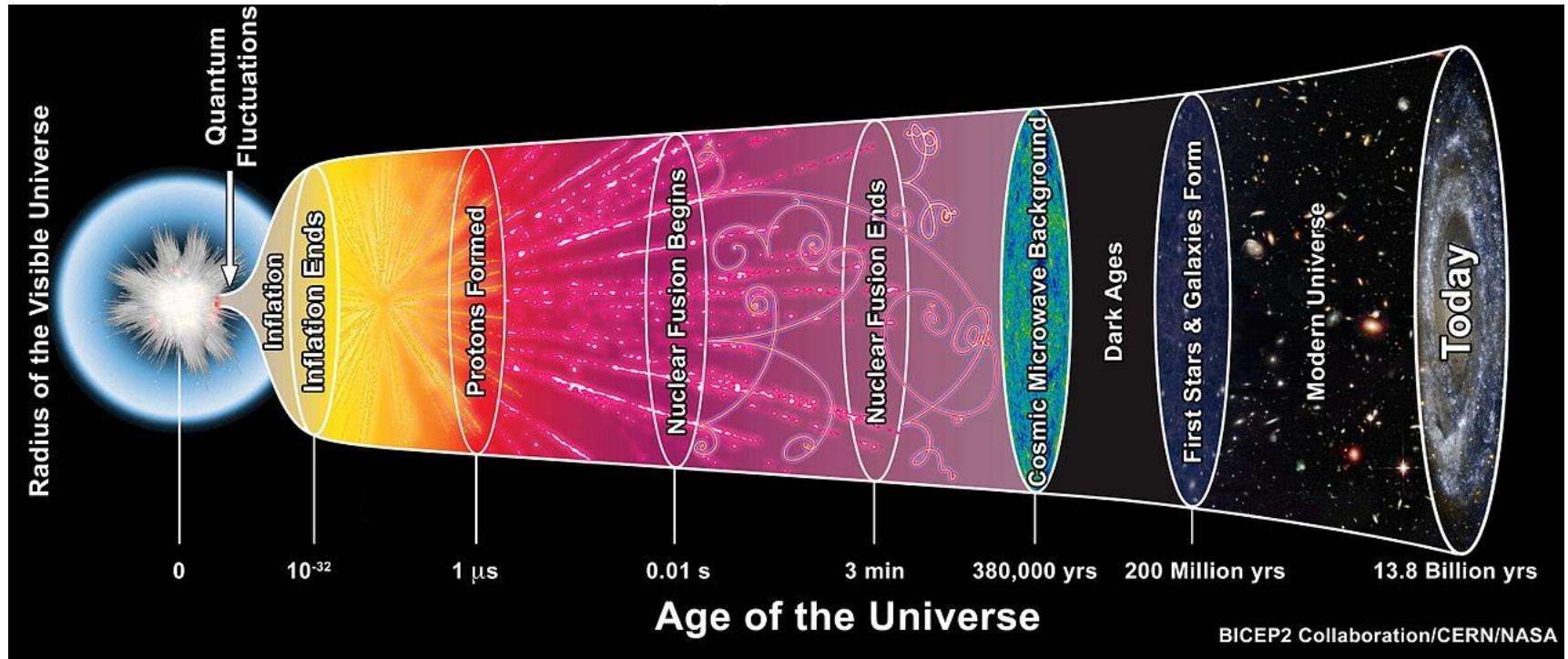
- ▶ Software based
- ▶ Detailed analysis of L1 events in ROIs

Recording:  
1 kHz

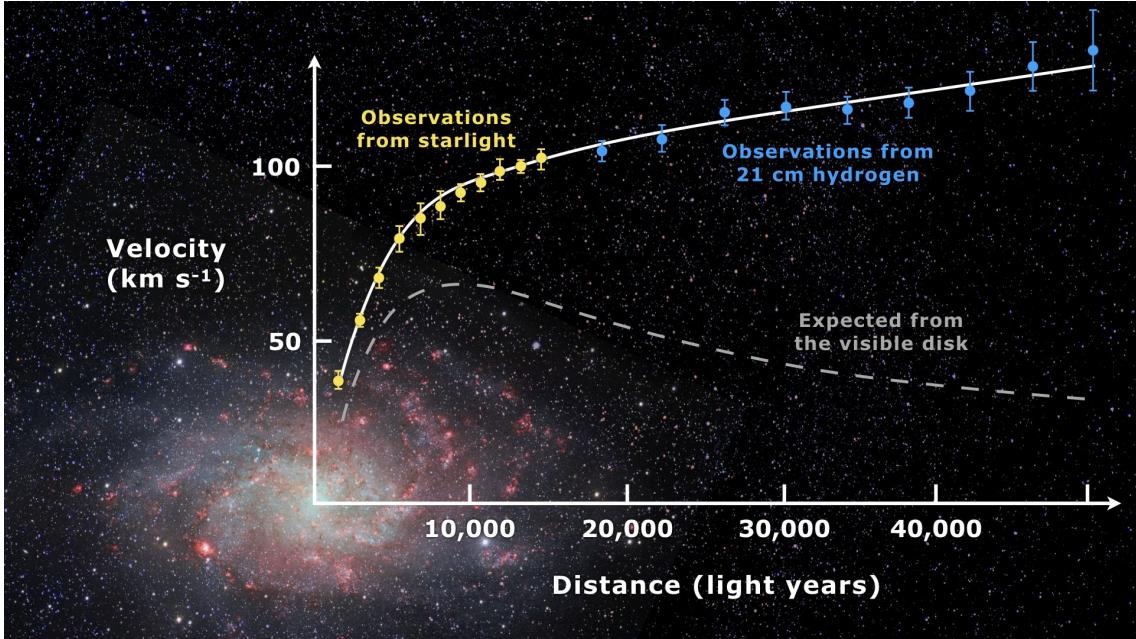




# The History of the Universe



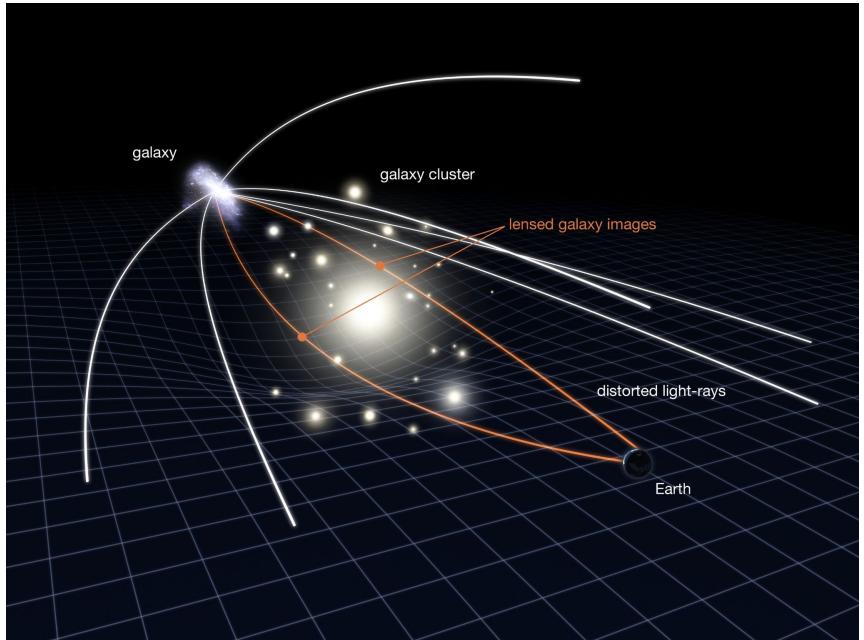
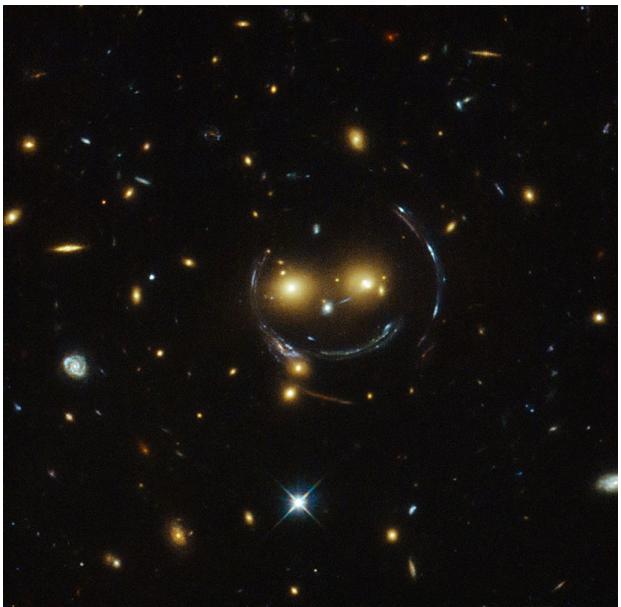
# Galaxy Rotation Curves



- ◊ Luminous mass density of spiral galaxy decreases with distance from the centre
- ◊ Expect rotation velocities of objects to decrease as well
- ◊ Flat rotation curves indicate the present of more non-luminous mass

# Gravitational Lensing

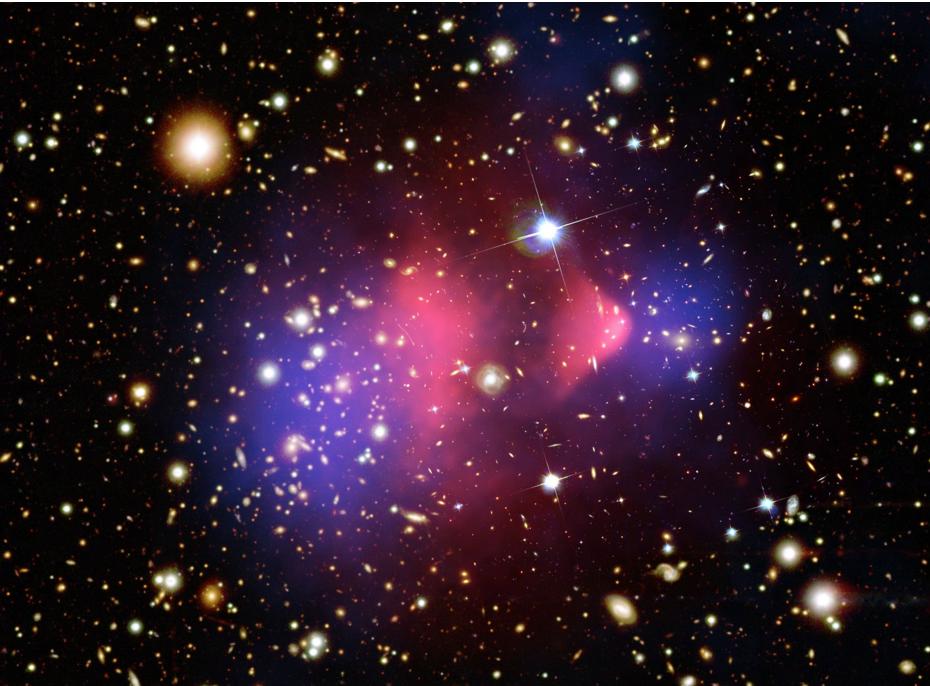
- ◊ Massive objects between a distant light source and observer distort the space around them (general relativity)
- ◊ Measure the object's mass through extent of 'lensing' - look at mass/light ratio





# Colliding Galaxies (the Bullet Cluster)

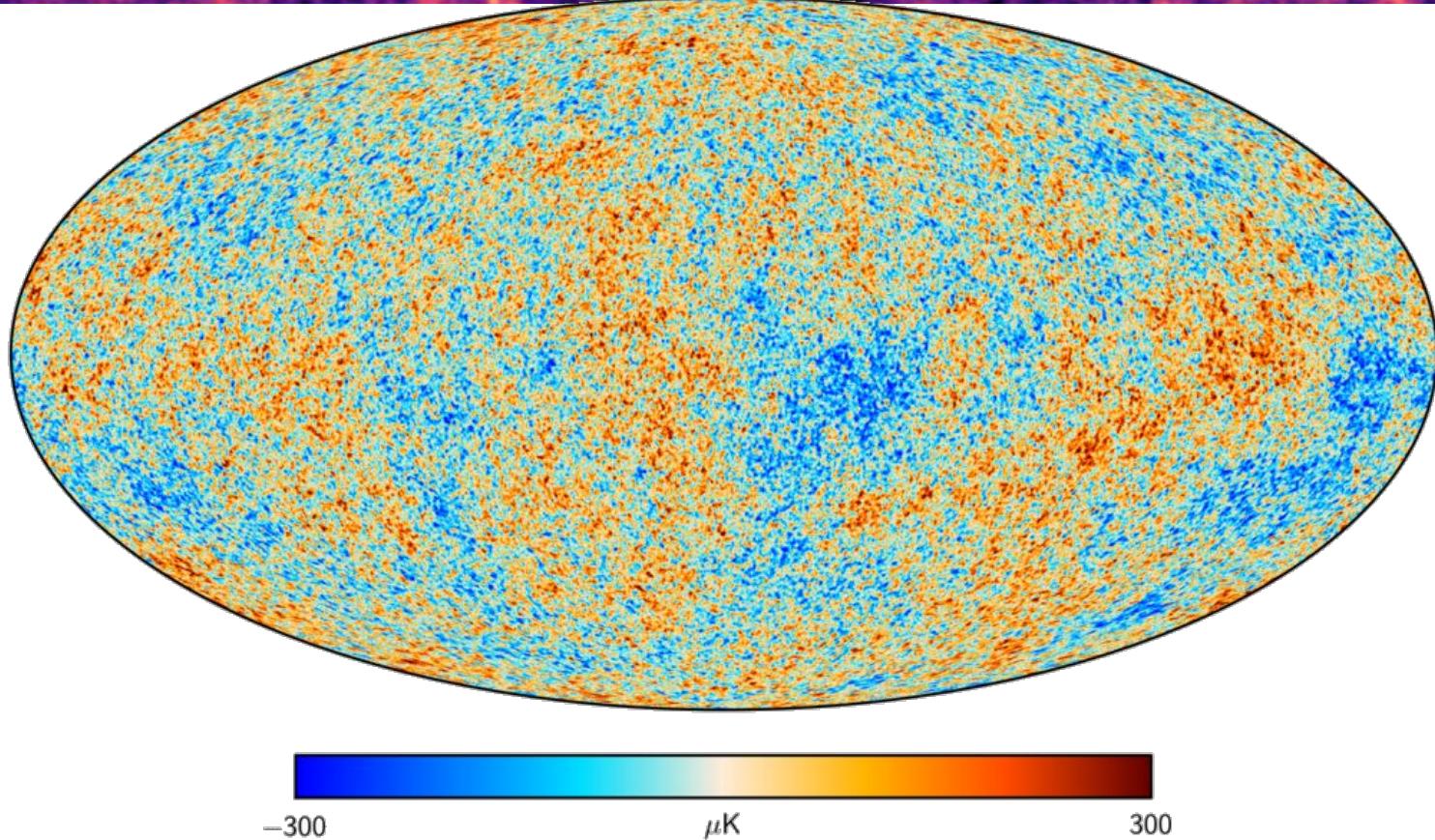
- ◊ Two galaxy clusters colliding ~ 4 billion light years away
  - ▶ X-ray image (pink) shows where most of ordinary mass is
  - ▶ Matter distribution calculated from gravitational lensing (blue)



- ◊ Seems that most of the mass passed through, unhindered by the collision

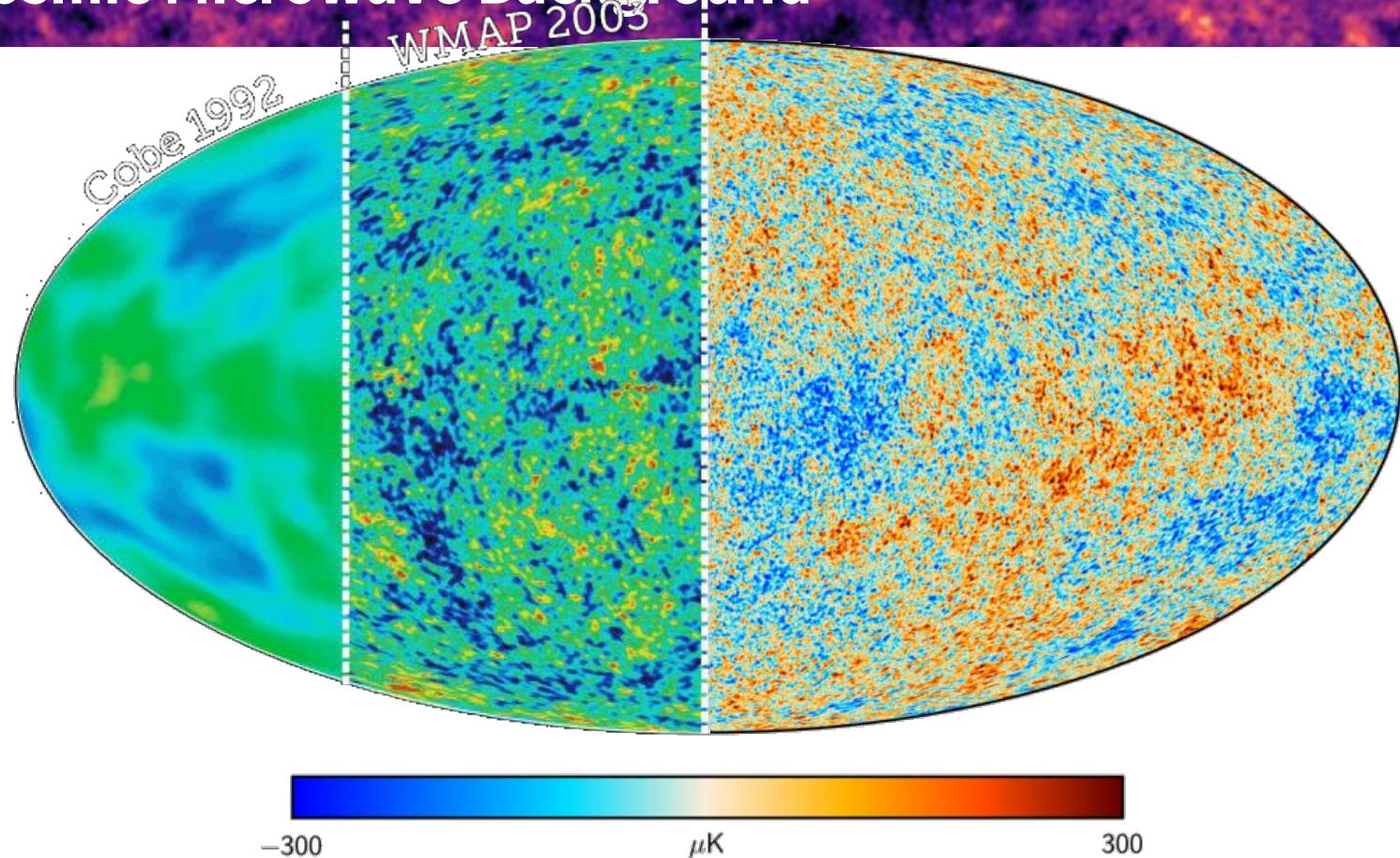


# The Cosmic Microwave Background



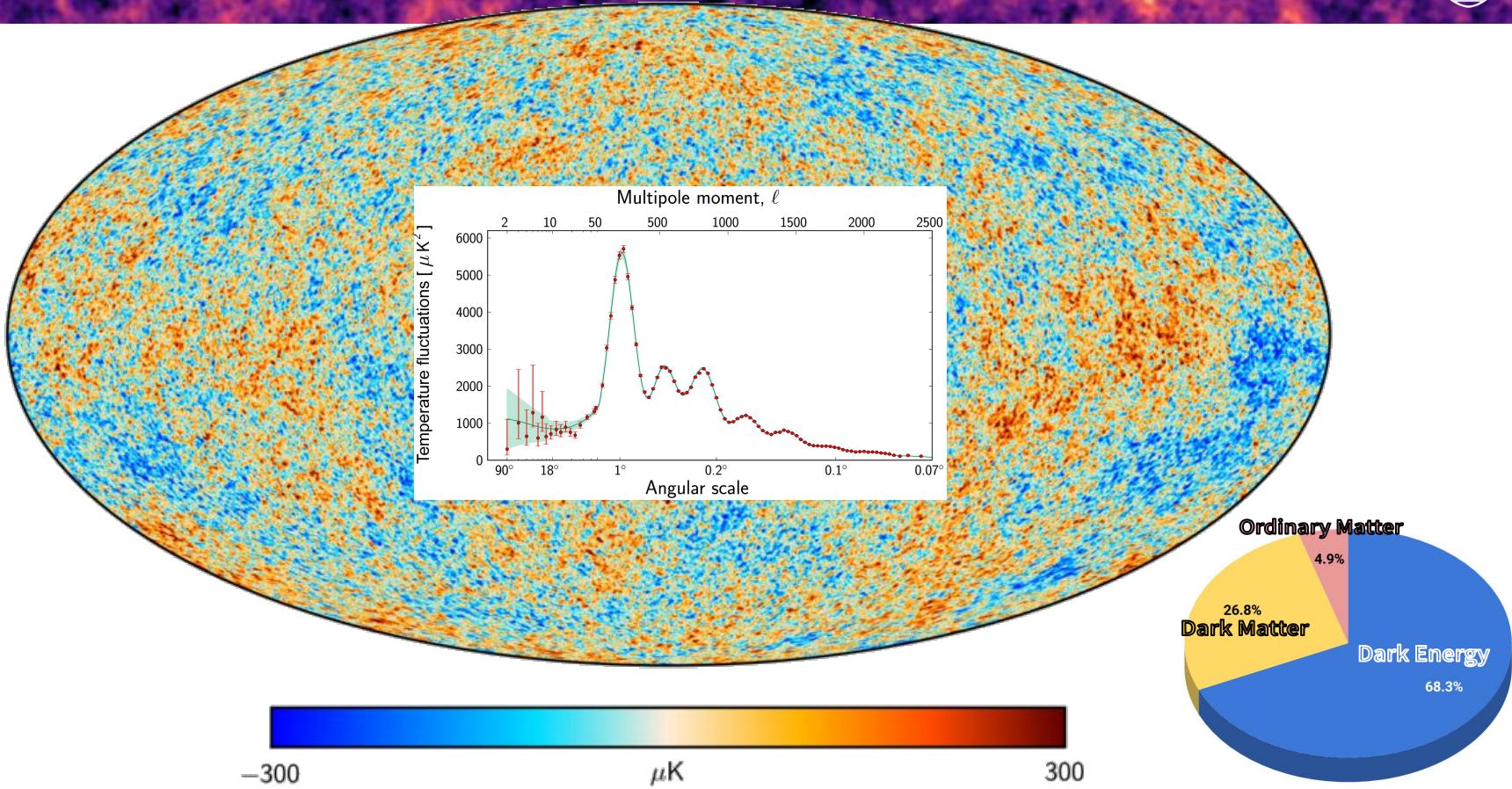


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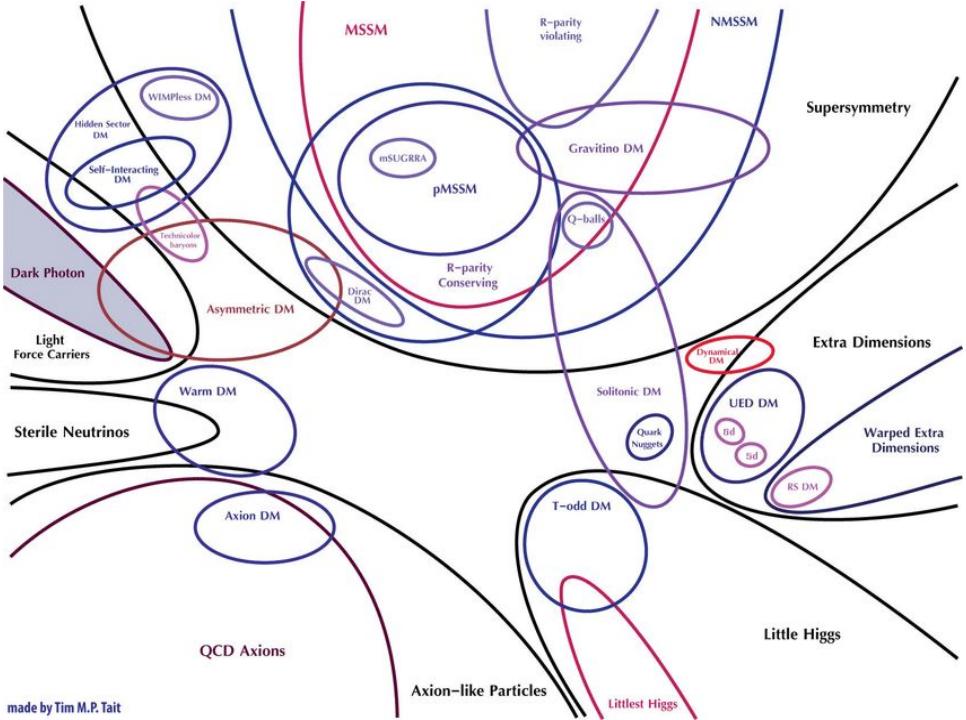


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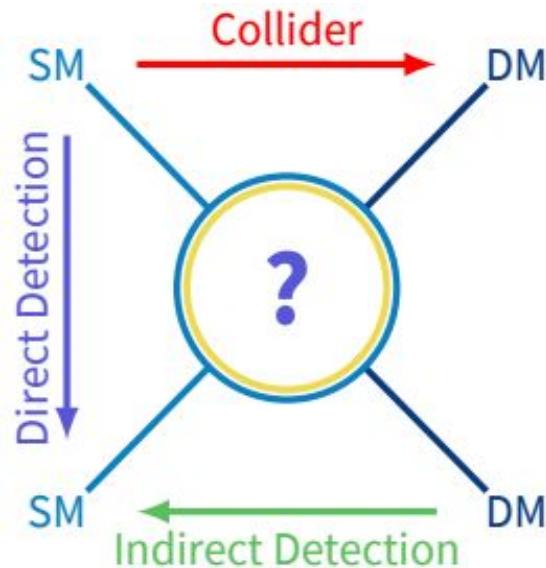
# The Nature of Dark Matter

- ◊ What could DM be made of?
  - ▶ Only observed to have gravitational interactions
  - ▶ Has mass
  - ▶ Could be a particle
  
- ◊ Non-baryonic?
  - ▶ Weakly Interacting Massive Particle (WIMP)
  - ▶ Axion-like-particle (ALP)
  - ▶ New neutrino (e.g. Majorana)
  
- ◊ Maybe not just one particle, but a whole dark sector consisting of many DM particles!



# Seeking to Detect Dark Matter

- ◊ Various methods exist for detecting DM, covering different ranges of DM mass,  $m_\chi$



**Direct Detection (DD):** see [1509.08767](#)

- Nuclear recoil from elastic scattering

**Indirect Detection (ID):** see [1604.00014](#)

- DM annihilation

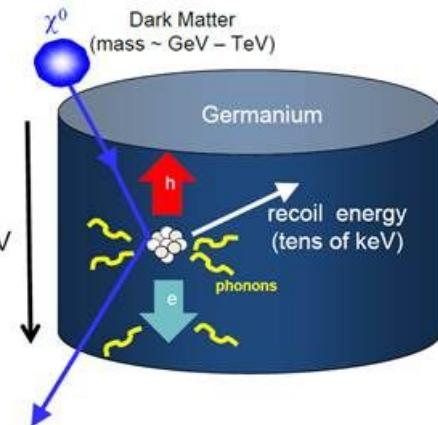
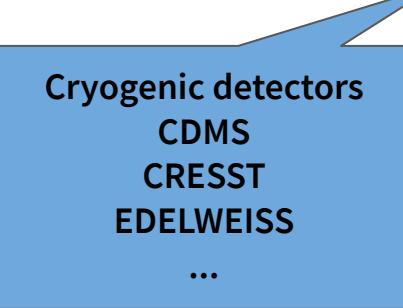
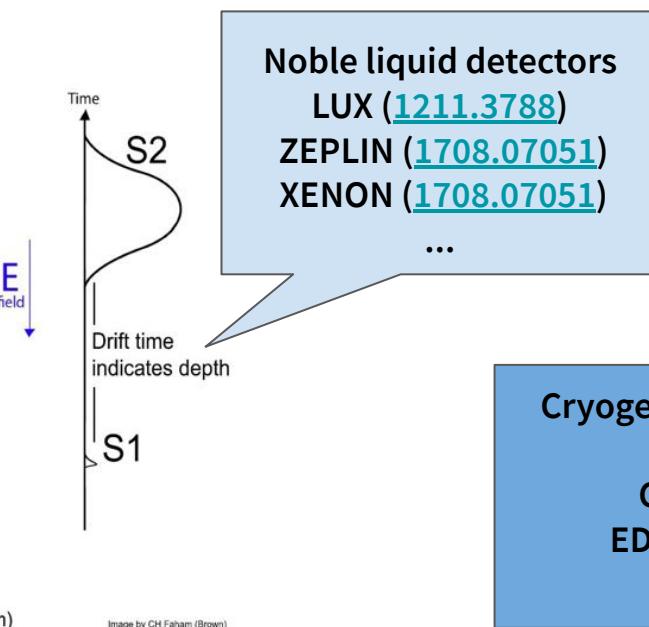
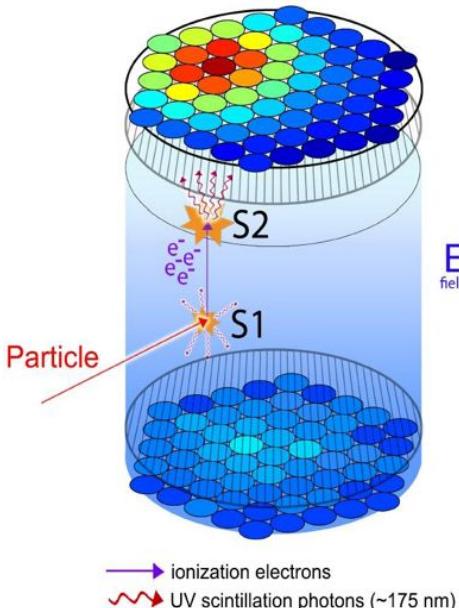
**Collider Searches:**

- DM production in high energy particle interactions

- ◊ All three complementary methods continue to put mounting pressure on the WIMP hypothesis...

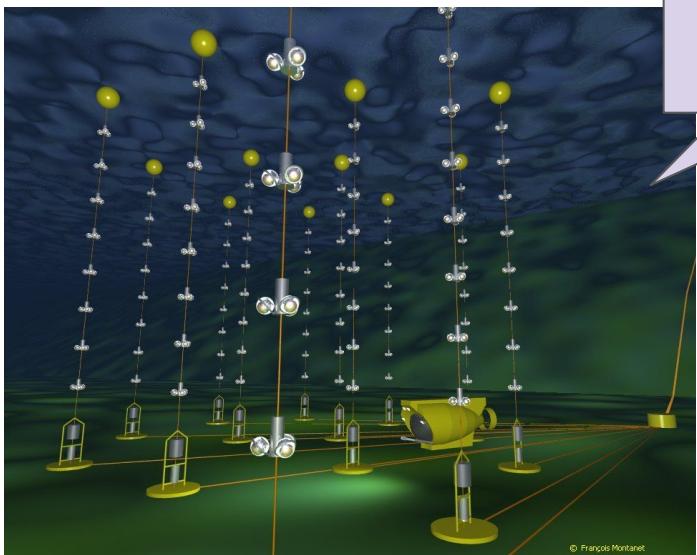
# Dark Matter Detection: Direct

- ◊ Observe low-energy recoils of nuclei following interactions with DM
  - ▶ Scintillation photons or phonons
- ◊ Operate detectors deep underground to keep cosmic backgrounds low

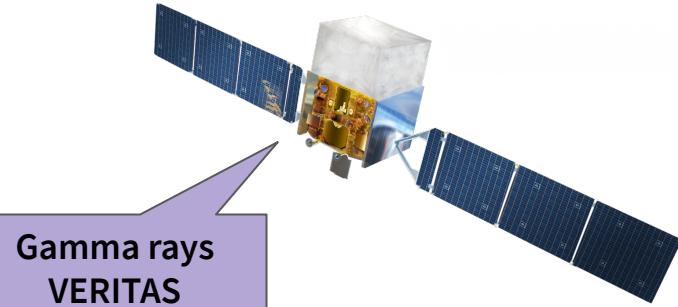


# Dark Matter Detection: Indirect

- ◊ Observe products of DM annihilation or decay
  - ▶ Gamma rays, SM particles/antiparticles

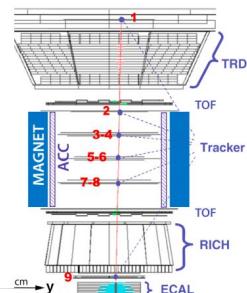


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IceCube  
ANTARES  
AMANDA  
...



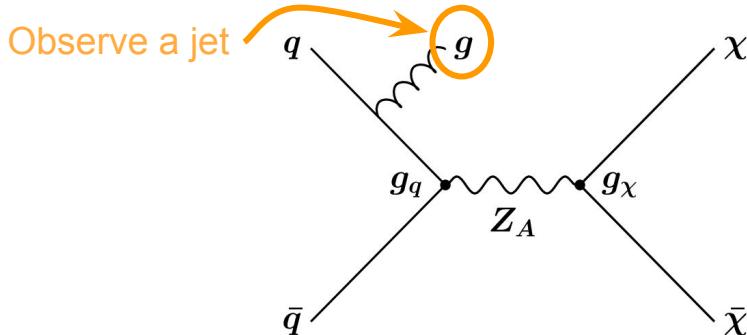
Gamma rays  
VERITAS  
Fermi  
MAGIC  
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Positrons  
PAMELA  
AMS  
...



# Dark Matter Detection: Colliders

- ◊ Produce DM ( $\chi$ ), imitating big-bang conditions

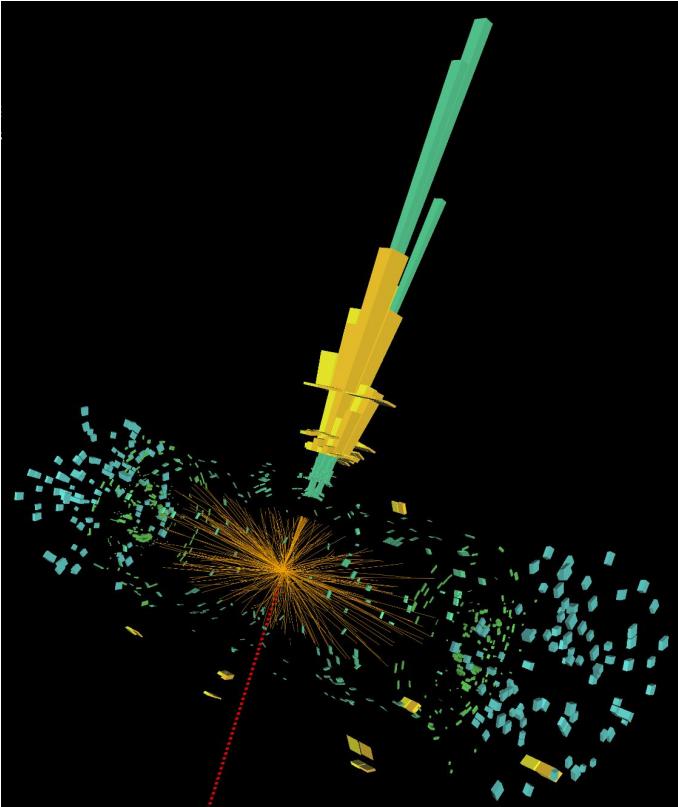


- ◊ If DM only interacts through gravity... how do we detect it?

→ Momentum is conserved  $\therefore$  can infer missing momentum by measuring all detected particles

$$E_T^{\text{miss}} = \left| - \sum_{\text{reconstructed}} \vec{p}_T \right| = - \sum_{\text{calo}} \vec{E}_T^{\text{calo}} - \sum_{\text{MS}} \vec{E}_T^{\text{MS}}$$

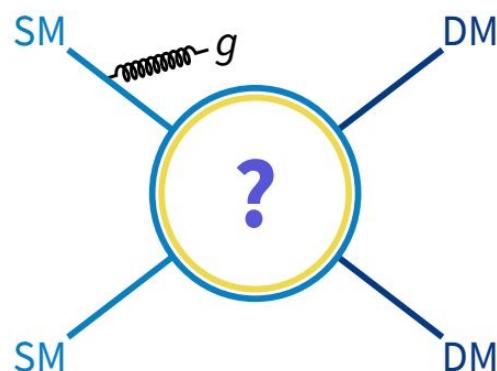
**Missing transverse energy (MET/ $E_T^{\text{miss}}$ )**



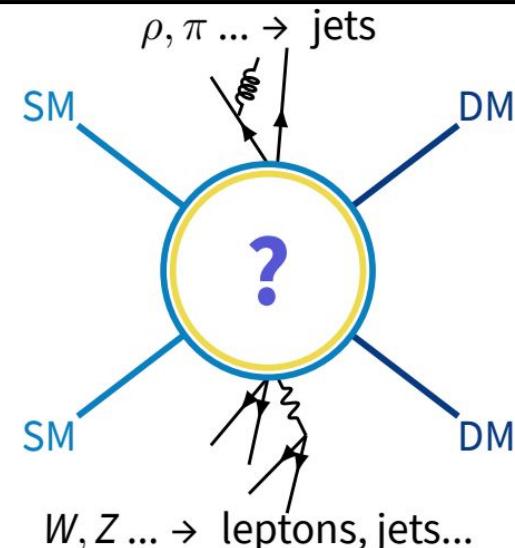
# Types of LHC DM Searches

See [Phys. Dark Univ. 26 \(2019\) 100371](#)  
 & [LHC DM Working Group](#)

Dark matter is invisible to our detectors → look for associated production of visible (SM) particles



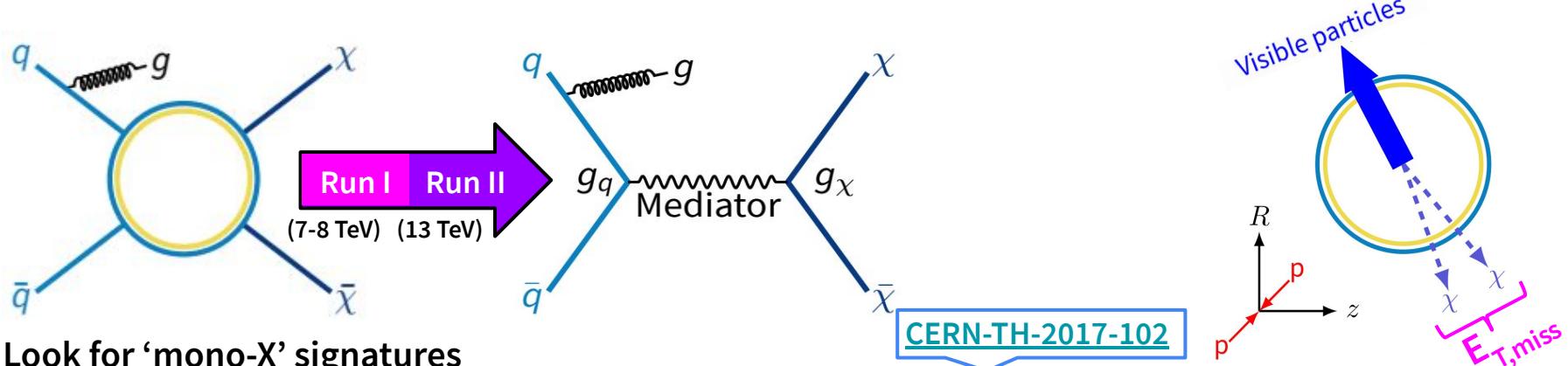
- ◊ Simple signals e.g. a single mediator
- ◊ Sizeable cross-sections
- ◊ Fewer assumptions on specific model parameters



- ◊ More reliant on model assumptions
- ◊ E.g. supersymmetry, UV complete models

# Simplified Models - ‘Mono-X’

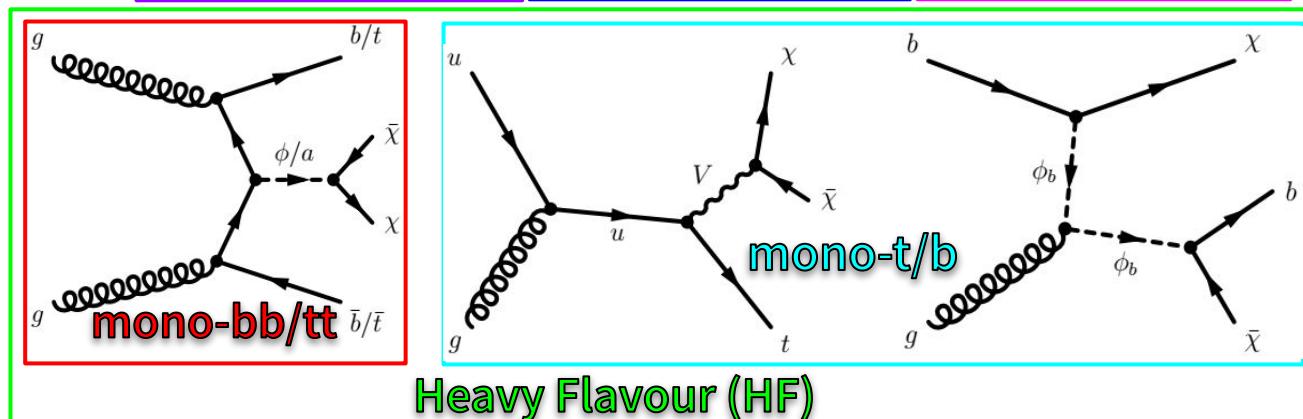
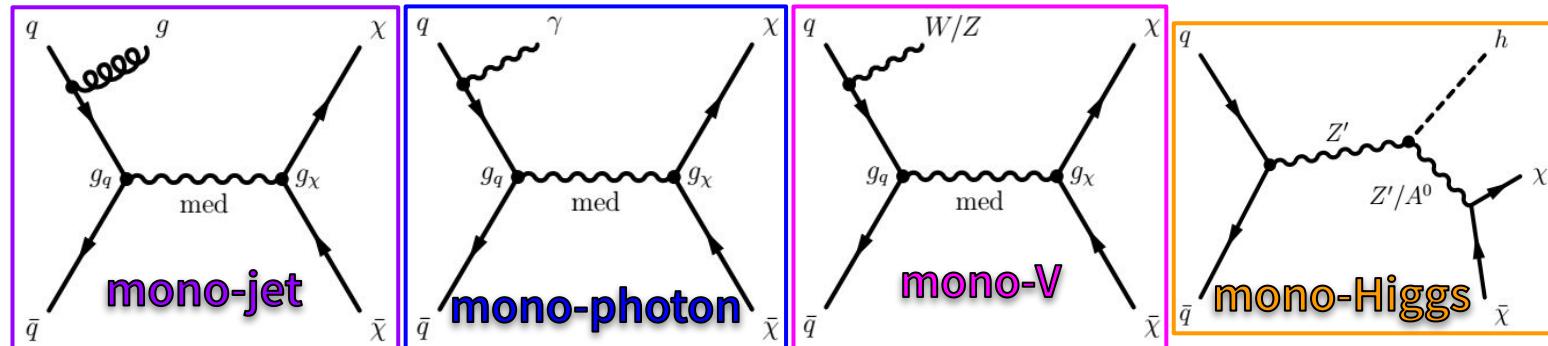
- ◊ The most general models involve contact interaction operators in Effective Field Theories (EFTs)
- ◊ These become invalid at large momentum transfer,  $Q^2$ , which is problematic for Run-II
  - ▶ Favour ‘simplified’ models with a mediator, introducing  $m_\chi$ ,  $m_{\text{med}}$ ,  $g_q$  and  $g_\chi$



- ◊ Look for ‘mono-X’ signatures
  - ▶ Select events with ‘X’ (jet/ $\gamma$ /W/Z/t/H), veto other objects, precisely model backgrounds, check  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$
  - ▶ Fix  $g_q$ ,  $g_\chi$  and exclude  $m_\chi$ ,  $m_{\text{med}}$  → [CERN-LPCC-2016-001](#)
- ◊ Also look for visible decays of the mediator to complement these searches → [CERN-LPCC-2017-01](#)
  - ▶ Re-interpret other analyses as mediator searches

# Mono-X Signatures

There is a wealth of mono-X final states to be investigated at the LHC...



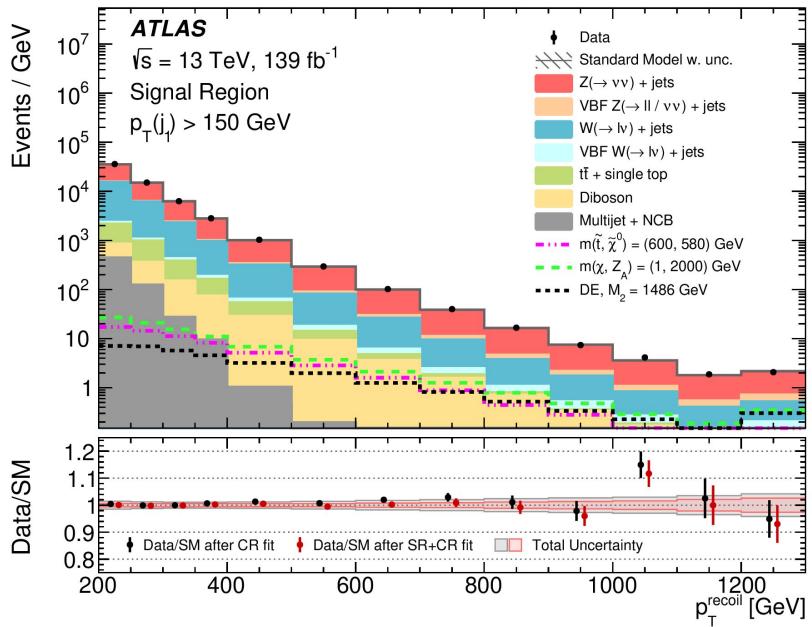
With various production mechanisms ( $q\bar{q}$ ,  $gg$  etc.) ...

Via (axial-)vector or (pseudo-)scalar mediators...

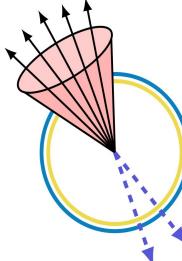
And with different couplings, depending on the benchmark



- ◊ Gluon ISR is by far the most prevalent at the LHC!

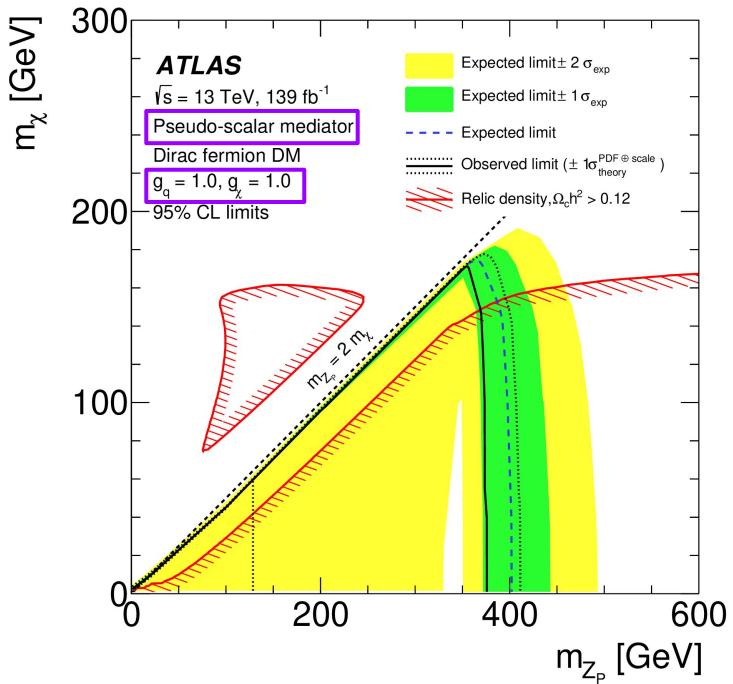
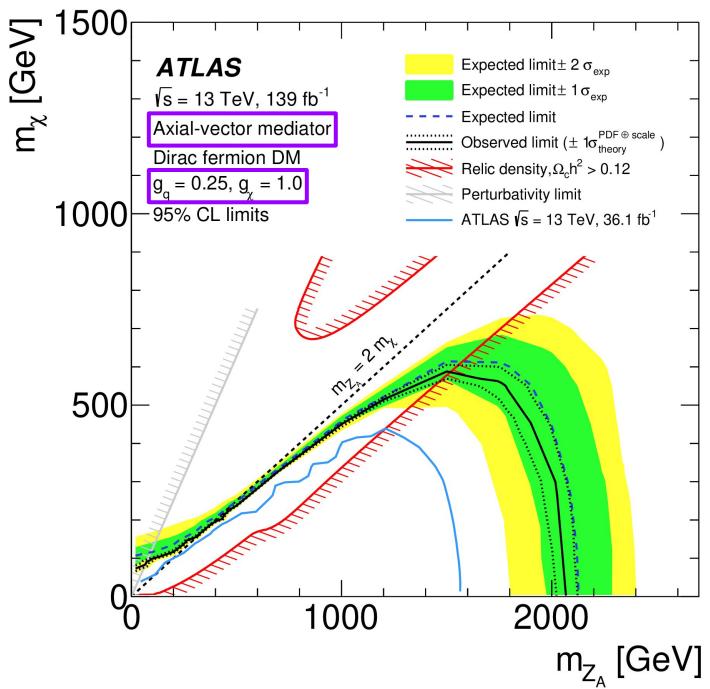


- ◊ Signal Selections
  - ⇒ >1 jet with  $p_T > 150 \text{ GeV}$
  - ⇒  $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 200 \text{ GeV}$
  - ⇒ Define signal regions (SRs) in bins of  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$
- ◊ Define control regions (CRs) to constrain SM BGs
  - ⇒  $W \rightarrow \mu\nu, W \rightarrow e\nu, Z \rightarrow \mu\mu, Z \rightarrow ee, \text{top}$
- ◊ Perform simultaneous binned bg-only likelihood fit
  - ⇒ Apply normalisation factors extracted from this fit to SM predictions





- ◊ No observed excess . . . set limits on signal cross section



# Visibly Decaying Mediator Searches

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- ◊ DM cannot be produced on-shell if  $2m_{DM} > m_{med}$

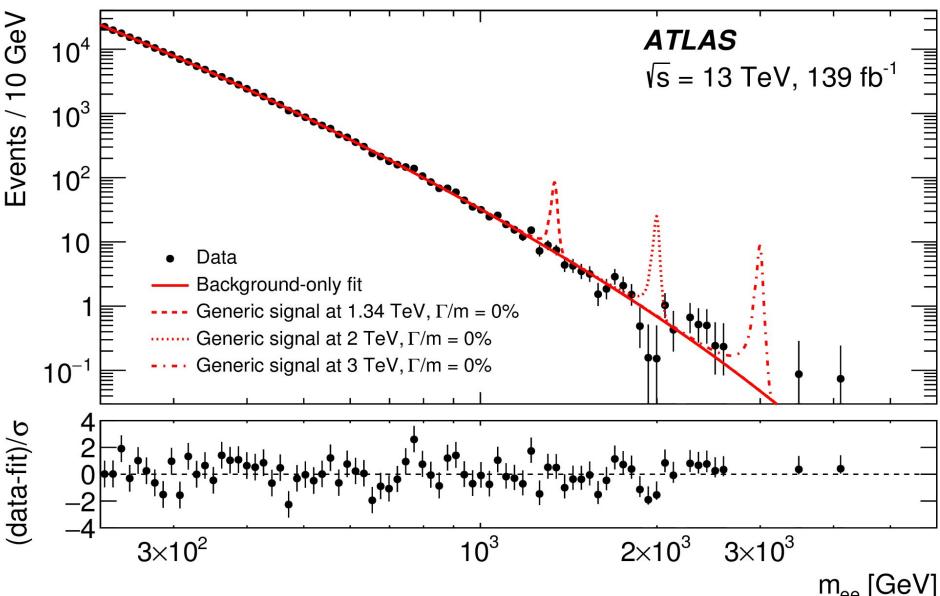
- ➡ Mediator decays back to SM
- ➡ Need to probe visible signatures to see DM interactions off-shell

- ◊ The LHC is a “mediator machine”!

- ◊ Probe high masses in search of BSM mediators.

- ◊ Look for bumps on the smoothly falling di-object distribution, which is modeled by a parameterized function.

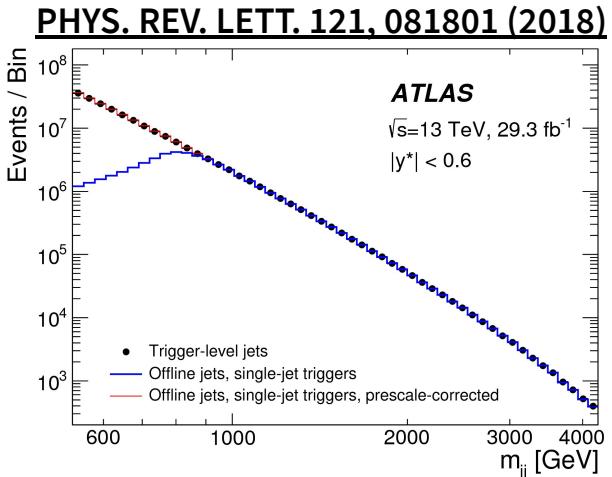
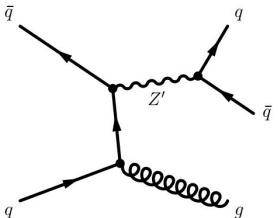
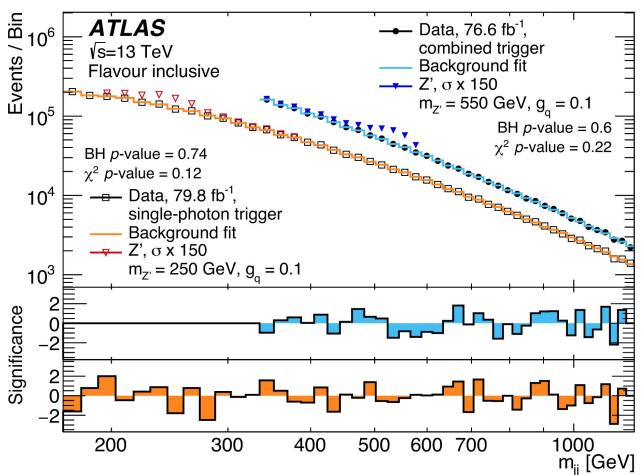
- ◊ In absence of bump, set limits for different physics scenarios.



# Low Mass Di-jet Searches

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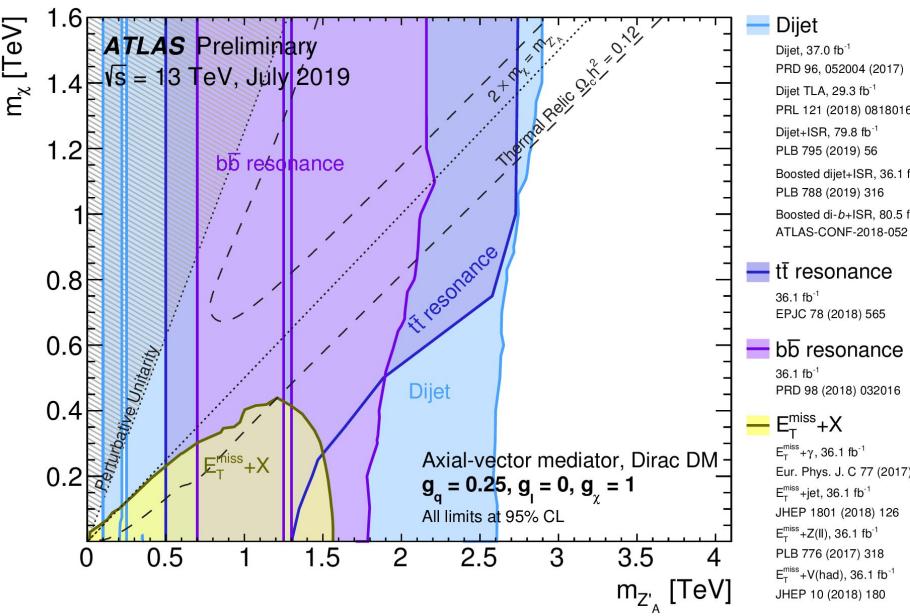
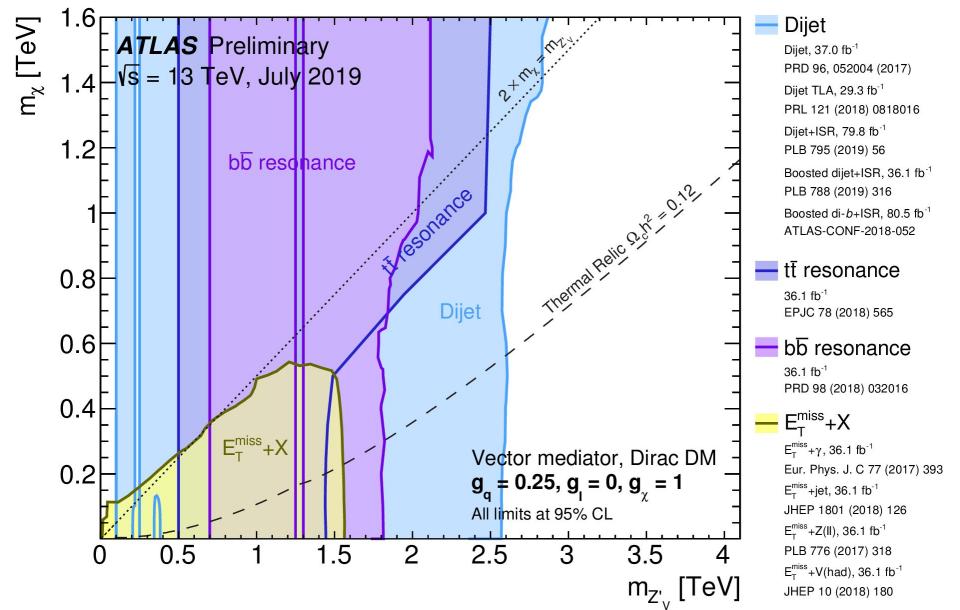
- ◊ Sensitivity at low ( $< 1$  TeV)  $m_{jj}$  is limited by jet triggers
  - ▶ Data collection rates for inclusive single-jet triggers  $\ll$  SM multijet production rate
- ◊ “Data-scouting” / “Trigger-object Level Analysis” (TLA)
  - ▶ Use reduced data format to allow high trigger rate with low bandwidth



- Introduce hard Initial-State Radiation (ISR) requirement
  - ▶ Require  $\geq 1$  high  $p_T$  ISR jet in association with the  $qq$  resonance
  - ▶ Provides enough energy to satisfy trigger
  - ▶ Min  $p_T$  high enough that hadroisation from  $qq$  gives a large-R jet
  - ▶ Achieve sensitivity to even lower mediator masses
  - ▶ ATLAS: 225 - 1100 GeV

# Combined Results

◊ Vector/Axial-vector mediator, Dirac DM,  $g_\chi = 1$ ,  $g_q = 0.25$ ,  $g_l = 0$

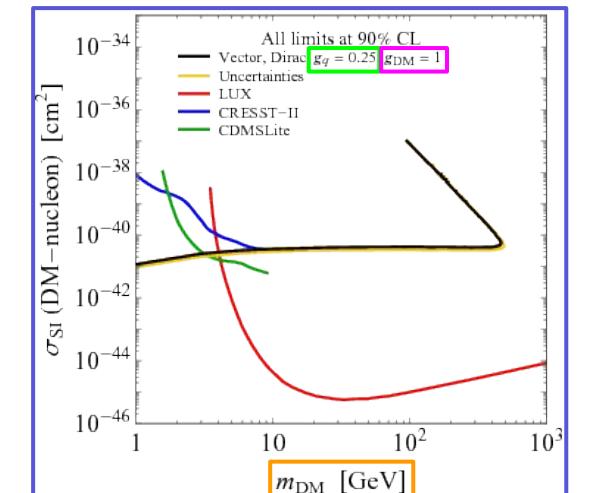
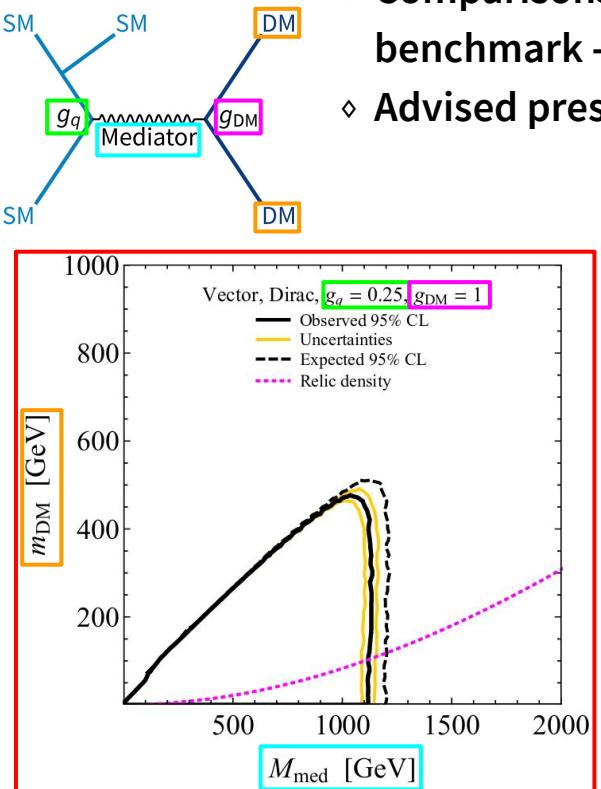


$m_{med} \sim 2.5 \text{ TeV}$  reach from mediator searches

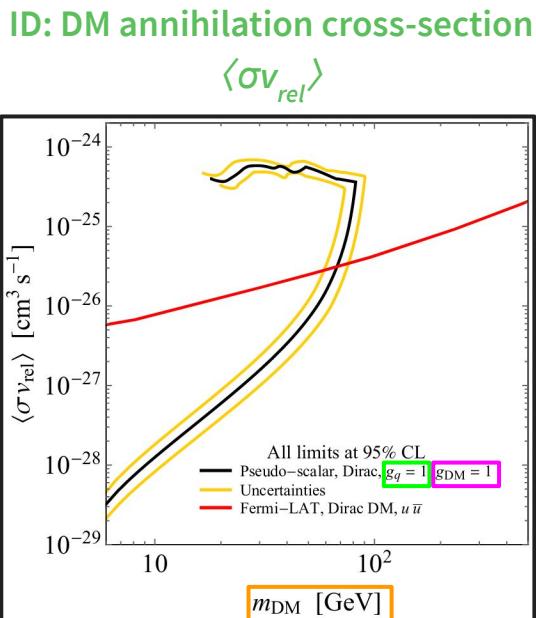
# Comparing Results to DD/ID

CERN-LPCC-2016-001

- ◊ Comparisons to other experiments / channels are possible only in the context of a benchmark - need to fully specify model/parameters and be aware of any limitations
- ◊ Advised prescriptions exist for translating LHC limits ( $m_{DM}$  vs.  $m_{med}$ ) to ID/DD limits.



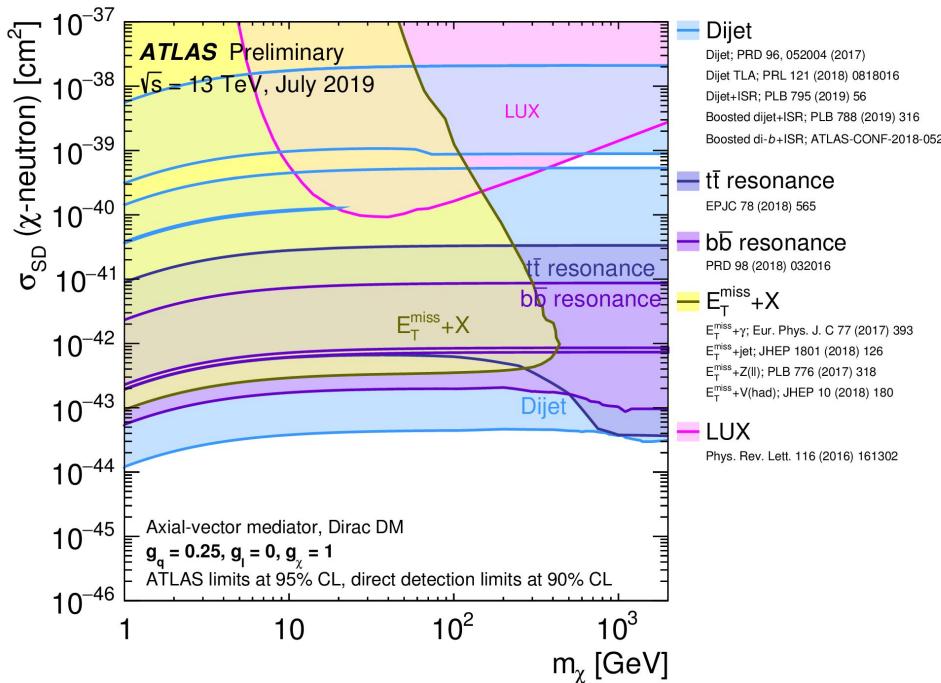
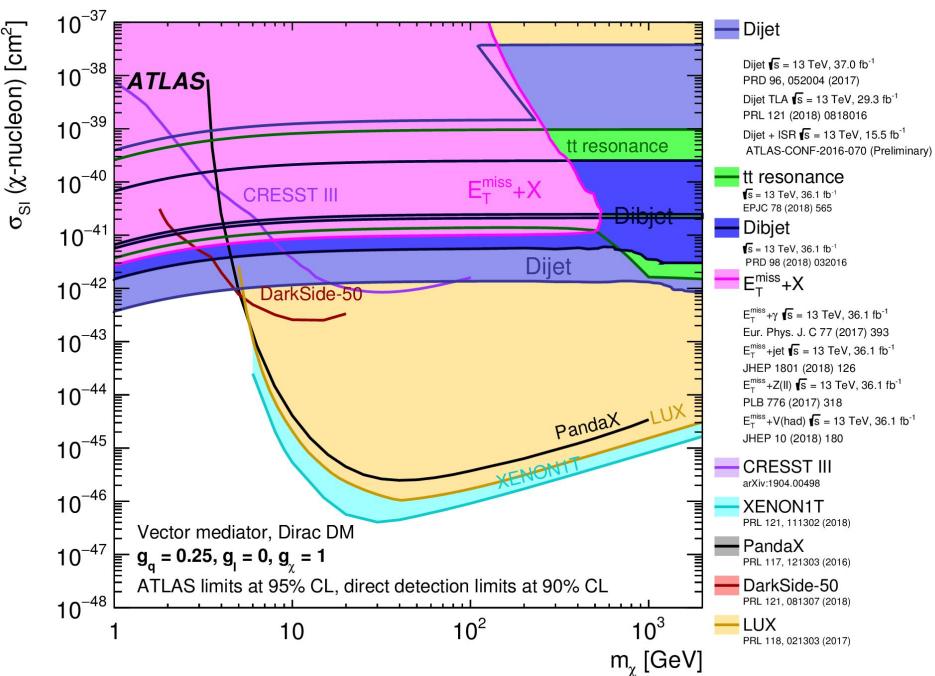
DD: spin (in)dependent DM-nucleon cross-section  
 $\sigma_{SI} / \sigma_{SD}$



# Combined Results

ATLAS: JHEP 05 (2019) 142  
 CMS: ICHEP 2018

- ◊ SI & SD WIMP-nucleon scattering cross-section, Dirac DM,  $g_\chi = 1$ ,  $g_q = 0.25$ ,  $g_l = 0$
- Strong SD limits compared to DD for these couplings in this model!

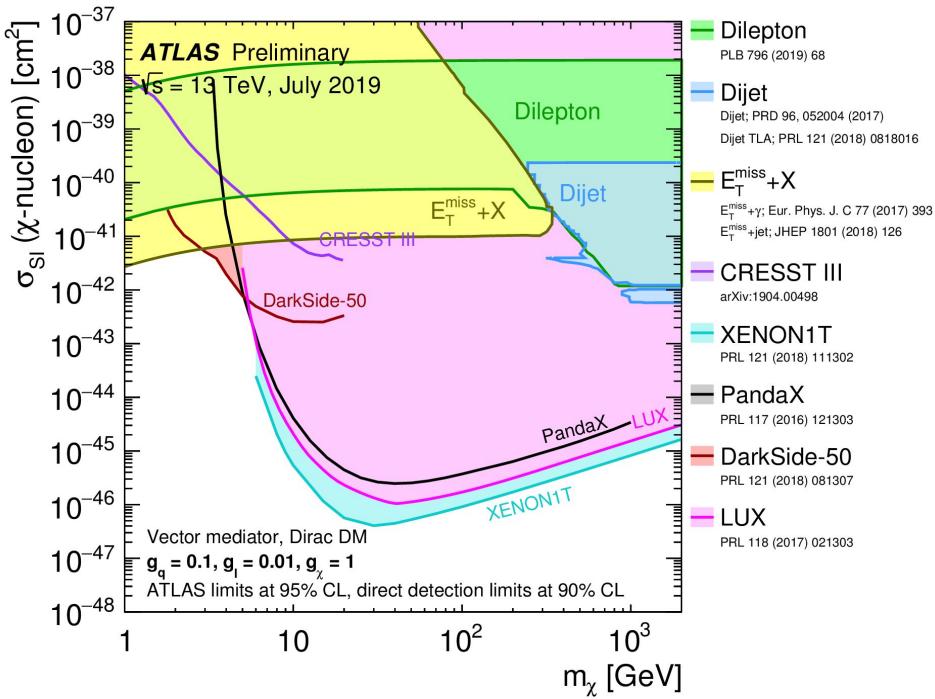
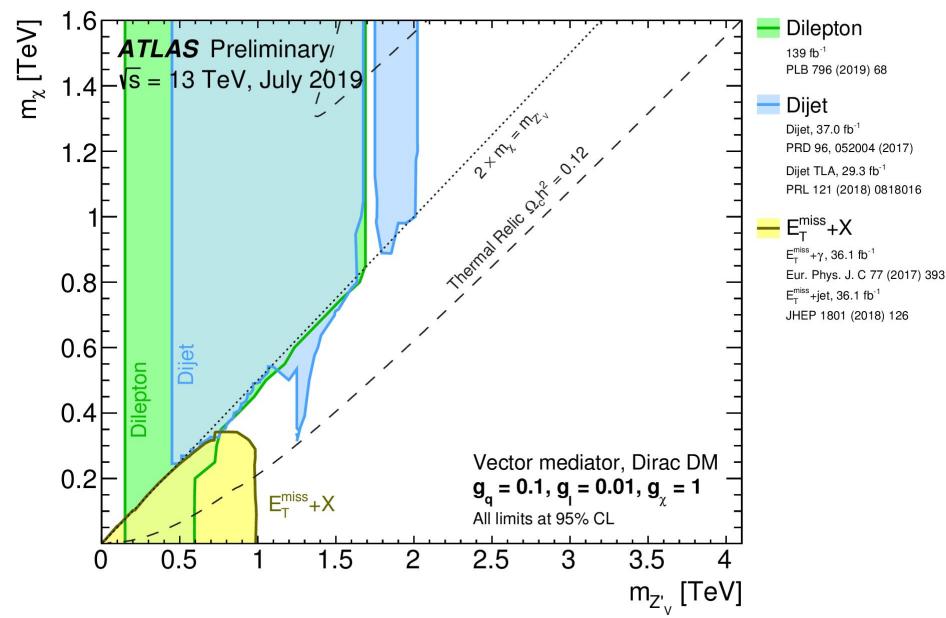


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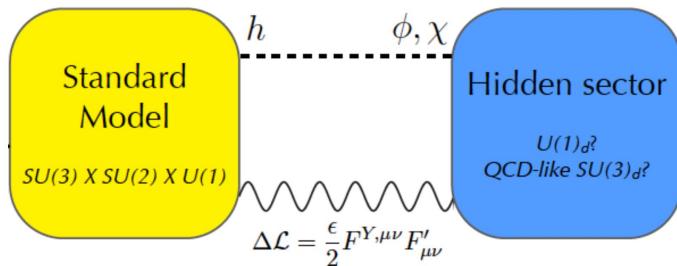
◊ SI WIMP-nucleon scattering cross-section, Dirac DM,  $g_\chi = 1$ ,  $g_q = 0.1$ ,  $g_l = 0.01$

► For these couplings in this model, the mono-jet search has higher sensitivity than DD at low  $m_\chi$ !



# 'Hidden Sectors'

- ◊ What if new physics, such as DM, exists in a hidden sector, composed of particles which don't undergo SM gauge interactions?
  - ▶ Coupling to SM encoded in a mixing term in the Lagrangian
  - ▶ May communicate with the SM via mediators, which could be DM candidates OR provide 'portals' to them



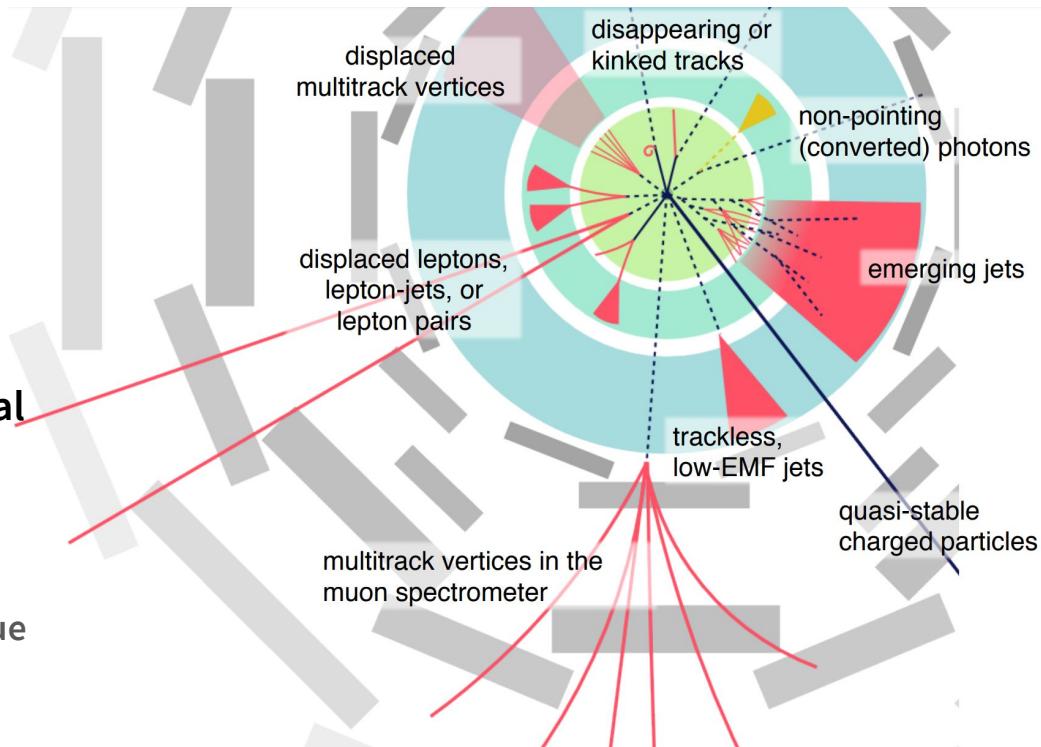
[1608.08632](https://arxiv.org/abs/1608.08632)

$$\mathcal{L} \supset \begin{cases} -\frac{\epsilon}{2 \cos \theta_W} B_{\mu\nu} F'^{\mu\nu}, & \text{vector portal} \rightarrow \text{vector } A' \rightarrow \text{dark } Z, \text{ dark } Y \\ (\mu\phi + \lambda\phi^2) H^\dagger H, & \text{Higgs portal} \rightarrow \text{scalar } \phi \rightarrow \text{dark } H \\ y_n L H N, & \text{neutrino portal} \rightarrow \text{fermion, } N \rightarrow \text{sterile neutrino} \\ \frac{a}{f_a} F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu}, & \text{axion portal. } a \rightarrow \text{pseudo-scalar, } a \rightarrow \text{axion} \end{cases}$$

- ◊ Limited ways in which the hidden sector and SM can communicate, many leading to unconventional signatures at the LHC

# Unconventional Signatures

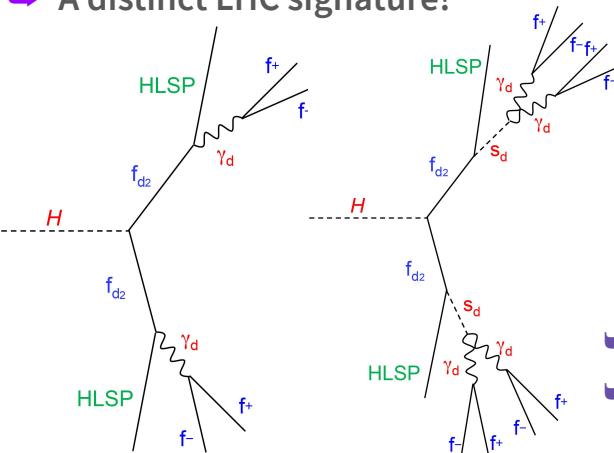
- ◊ Weak coupling to the SM leads to long-lived-particles (LLPs)
- ◊ Many possible unconventional signatures
- ◊ Detecting these can come with experimental challenges
  - Non-standard trigger requirements
  - Decays far from the primary vertex (PV), requiring special tracking
  - Unusual shower shapes in calorimeters, unique fractions of ECal/HCal energy
  - Need for timing information, which is not available in all subdetectors...



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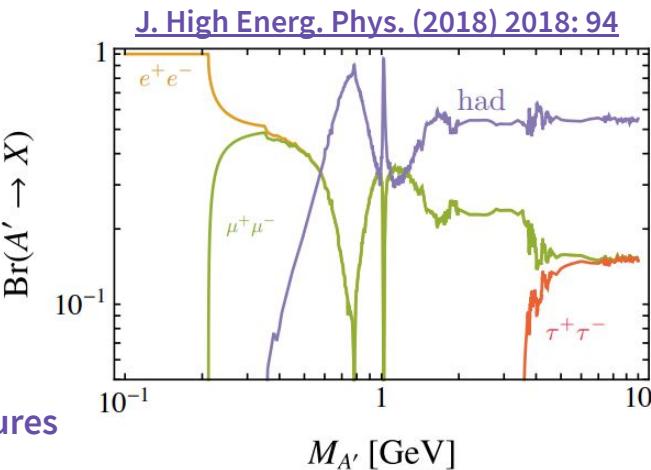
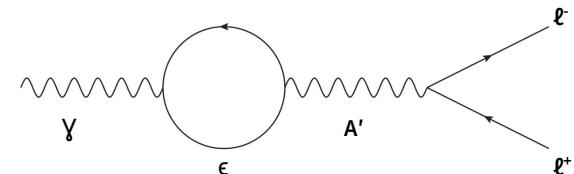
# Dark Photons, A'

- ◊ U(1) extension of the SM, introducing a hidden gauge boson  $\gamma_d/A'$  with kinetic mixing ( $\epsilon$ ) with SM
  - ▶ Benchmark FRVZ model, with Higgs boson decaying to dark fermion pair
  
- ◊ Low mass A' could be produced via cascade decays of heavier states
  - ▶ Leptonic decays of A' are prominent in the low-mass range
  - ▶ Decay to highly collimated groups of leptons, or ‘lepton-jets’ (LJ)
  - ▶ A distinct LHC signature!



HLSP = Hidden Lightest Stable Particle  
 $f_d$  = dark fermion  
 $\gamma_d$  = dark photon  
 $s_d$  = dark scalar

- ▶ Small mixing → long lifetime
- ▶ Prompt or displaced LJ signatures

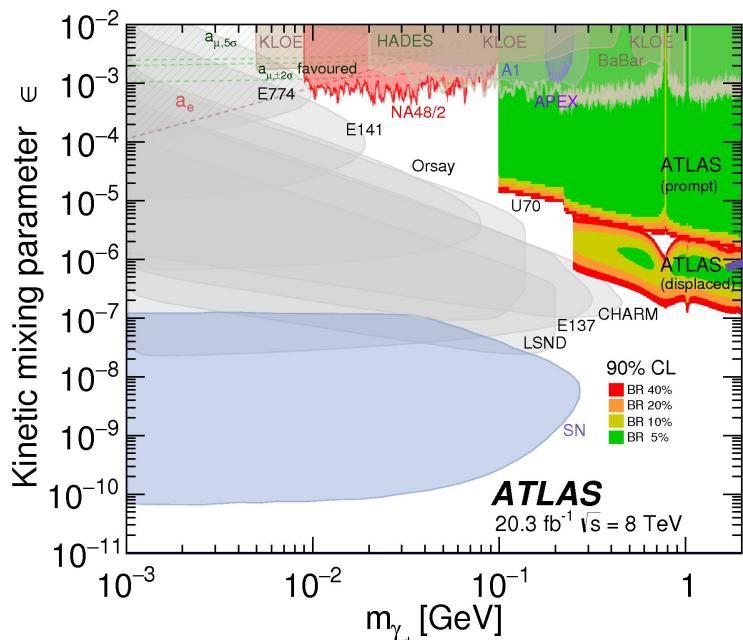




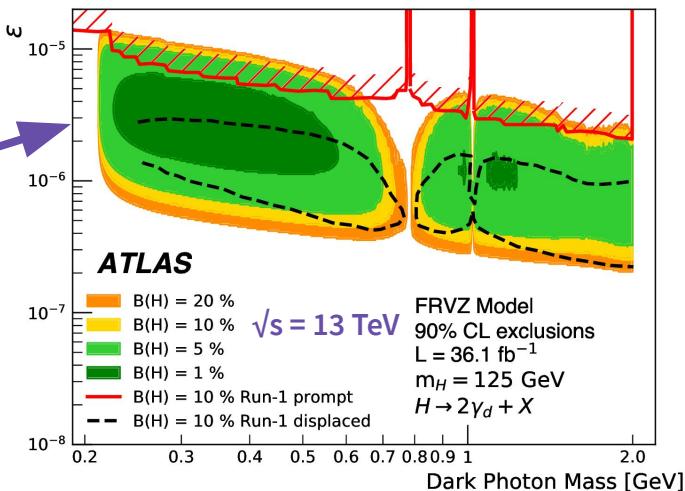
# Prompt & Displaced Lepton Jets

◊ Produce limits on the kinetic mixing parameter and  $m_{A'}$

→ Limits shown for  $10\% \leq B(H \rightarrow 2\gamma_d + X) \leq 20\%$



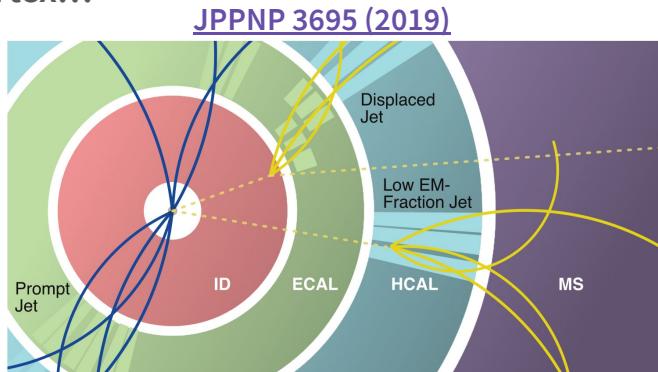
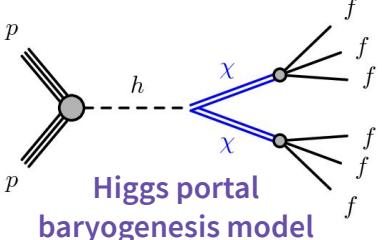
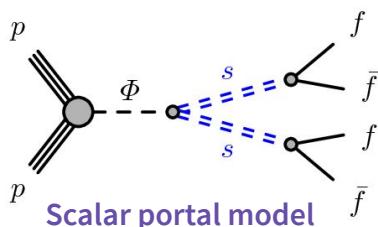
Complementary to fixed target/beam-dump experiments





# Displaced Vertices / Hadronic Jets

- ◊ Long-lived particles (LLP) may decay to jets far from the interaction point (IP)
  - ▶ Standard jet reconstruction assumes ID tracks, common primary vertex...



Many possible scenarios:

- ◊ Particle decays in the ID, but far from the IP / decays in the MS
  - ▶ MS-ID:  $\geq 2$  jets in the ID and/or MS
  - ▶ Dedicated tracking algorithms for MS-only vertexing available ([JINST 9 \(2014\) P02001](#))
- ◊ Particle decays in the middle of the calorimeters
  - ▶ CalRatio (CR): jet pair decaying in the HCAL with no associated ID tracks
  - ▶ Large energy deposit in the HCAL, small deposit in the ECal
  - ▶ Dedicated CalRatio triggers available ([JINST 8 \(2013\) P07015](#))

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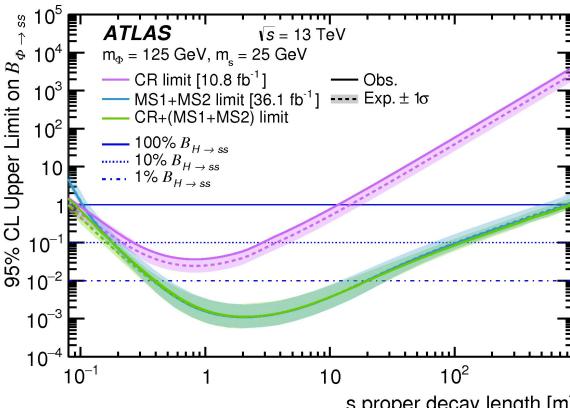
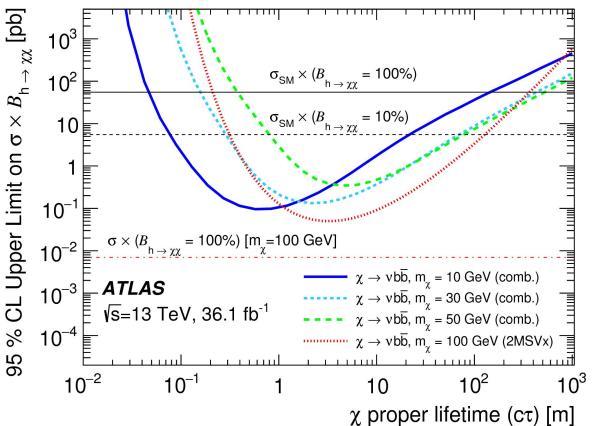
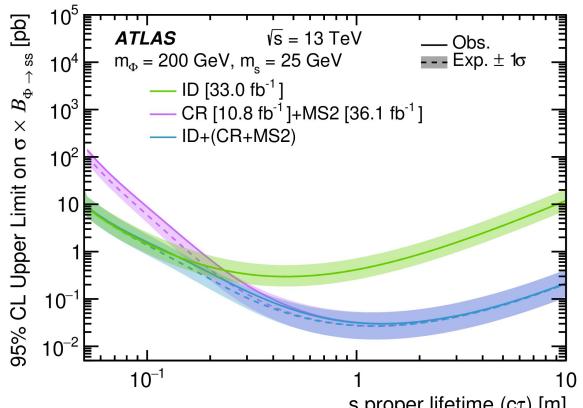
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- ◊ Search for pair-produced long-lived particles (LLP) produced by a Higgs boson / heavy scalar
  - ▶ Set limits on  $\sigma \times B$  vs lifetime ( $c\tau$ )



Phys. Rev. D 101, 052013 (2020)

- ▶ One LLP decays in ID, the other in MS
- ▶ Green = this search (ID)
- ▶ MS = [Phys. Rev. D 99, 052005 \(2019\)](#)
- ▶ CR = [Eur. Phys. J. C 79 \(2019\) 481](#)

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- ▶ Two displaced vertices in the MS / one displaced vertex in the MS & some additional detector activity

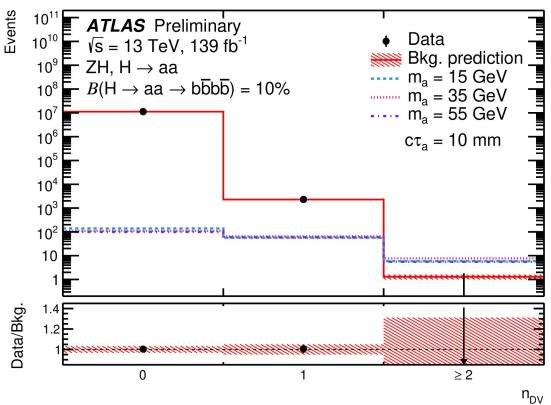
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- ▶ LLPs decaying mainly in the HCal or at the outer edge of the ECal
- ▶ Use CalRatio

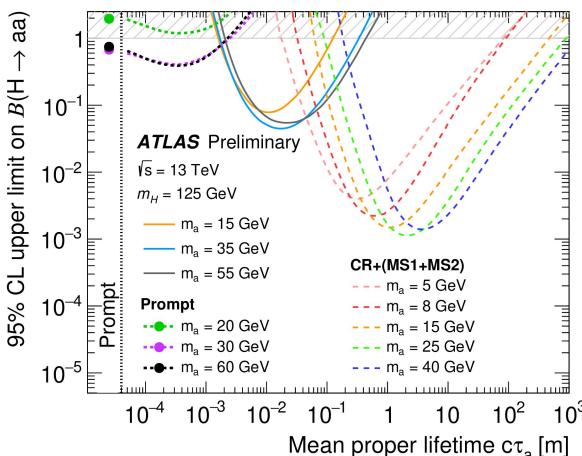
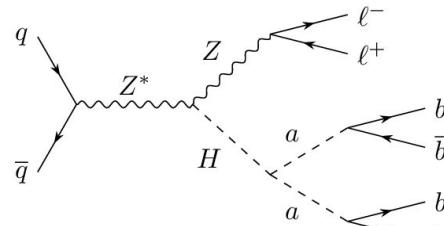


# Displaced Vertices/Hadronic Jets

- ◊ Many BSM models predict exotic Higgs decays
- ◊ Can be difficult to trigger on decay products ∴ helps to look at associated production e.g. ZH mode
- ◊ Benchmark model: pseudoscalar with  $15 < m_a < 55$  GeV &  $10 \text{ mm} < c\tau_a < 1 \text{ m}$
- ◊ Signature: 2 leptons & 2 displaced vertices (DV) in the ID
- ◊ Dedicated Large Radius Tracking (LRT) [ATL-PHYS-PUB-2017-014](#) & secondary vertex reconstruction optimised for LLPs [ATL-PHYS-PUB-2019-013](#)



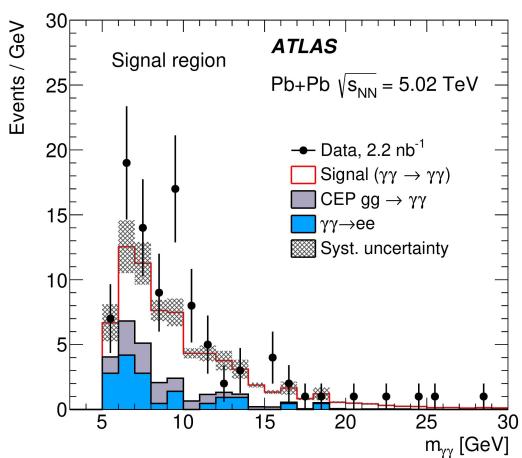
- ◊ Zero events observed in signal region
- ◊ Limits set on  $\text{BR}(H \rightarrow aa \rightarrow bbbb)$ 
  - ➔ Most stringent limits in this lifetime regime for  $m_a < 40$  GeV





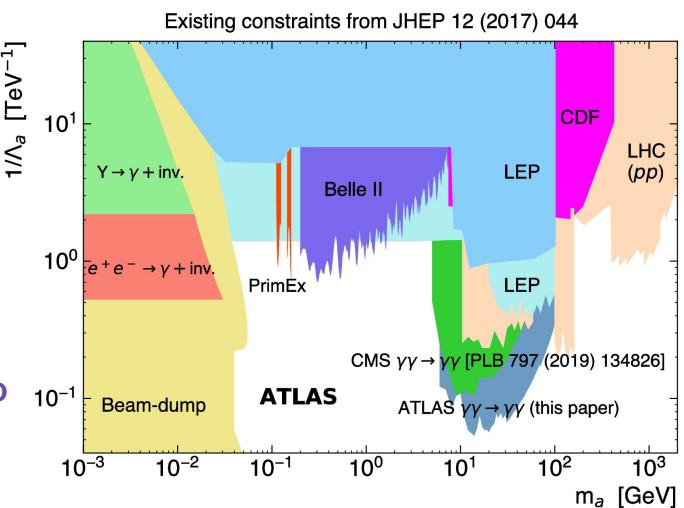
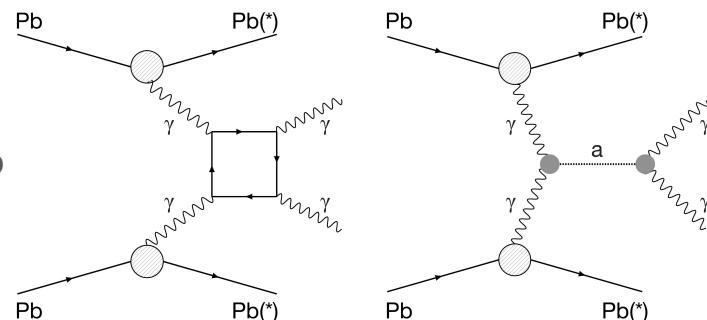
# Axion-Like-Particles

- ◊ Relativistic Pb nuclei can be treated as a beam of quasi-real photons
- ◊ Photon flux associated with each nucleus scales with  $Z^2$ 
  - Light-by-light scattering cross-section strongly enhanced w.r.t pp collisions
  - This scattering may arise from SM QED box diagram OR an ALP
  - Look for narrow diphoton resonances in EM calo, little ID activity



Measured mass spectrum used to set limits on ALP mass

Exclusion limits in ALP-photon coupling vs ALP mass compared to other experiments





# Conclusion

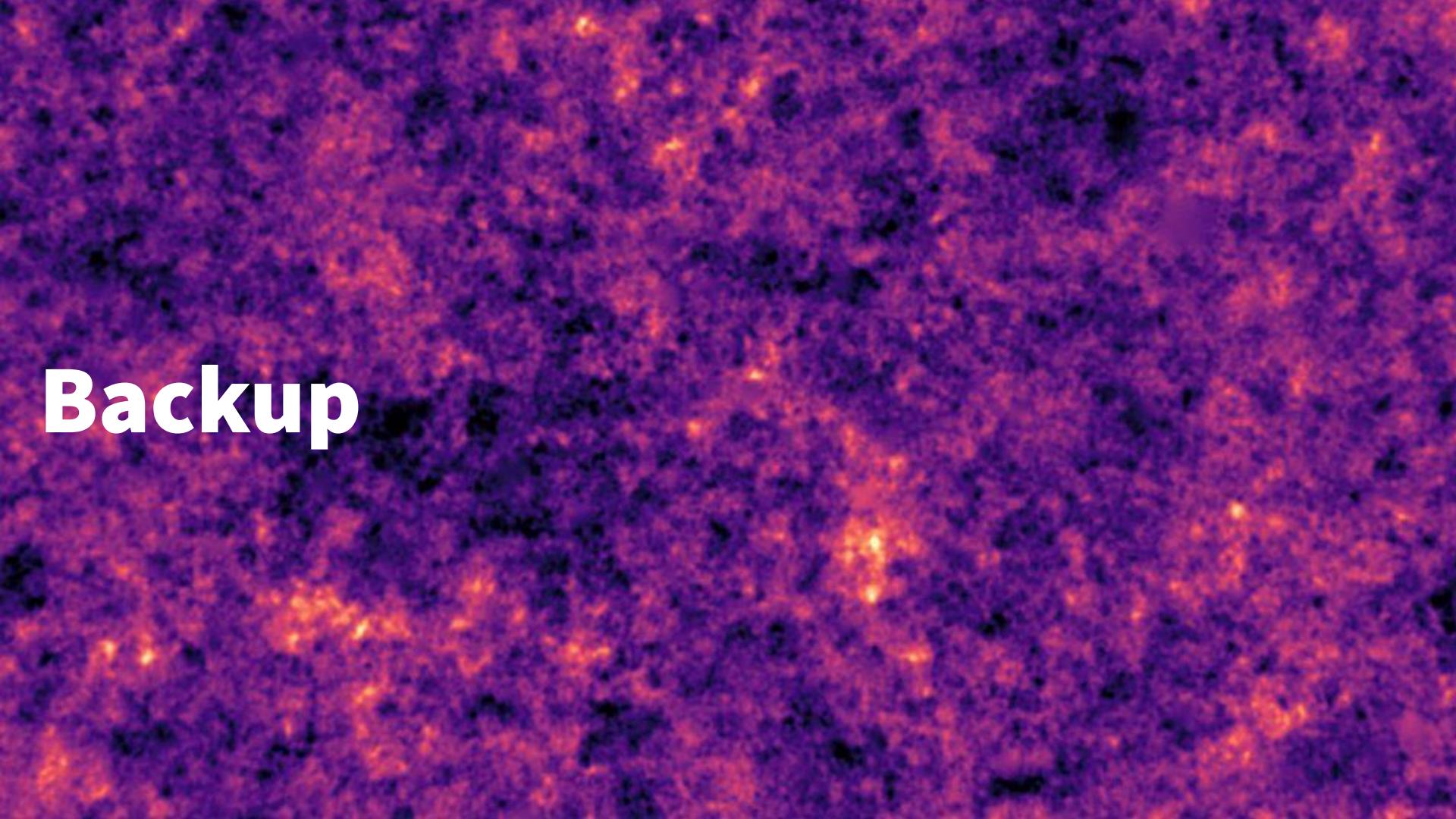
- ◊ Dark matter exists and dominates our universe, yet we do not know what it is comprised of
- ◊ There are multiple approaches currently used to detect DM, including producing it at colliders
- ◊ So far none of these experiments have found DM, but we continue to exclude parameter space in multiple theoretical frameworks
- ◊ The LHC will continue with its ever-growing DM search programme, with a new data taking period starting next year
  - ▶ Including many upgrades and increased luminosity!

Some further reading:

<https://lpcc.web.cern.ch/content/lhc-dm-wg-dark-matter-searches-lhc>

<https://arxiv.org/pdf/1810.12238.pdf>

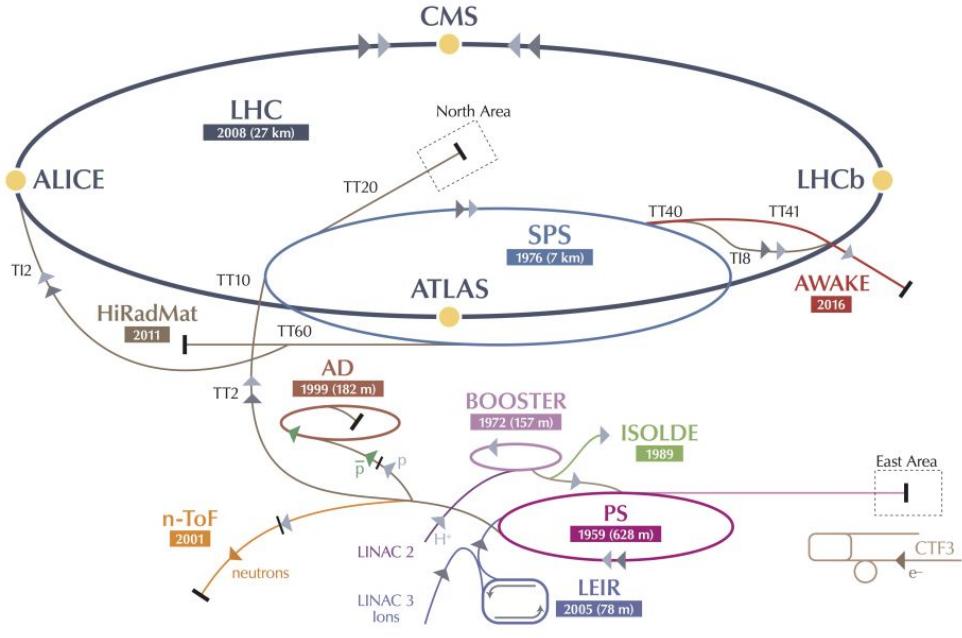
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**Backup**



# LHC Accelerator Complex

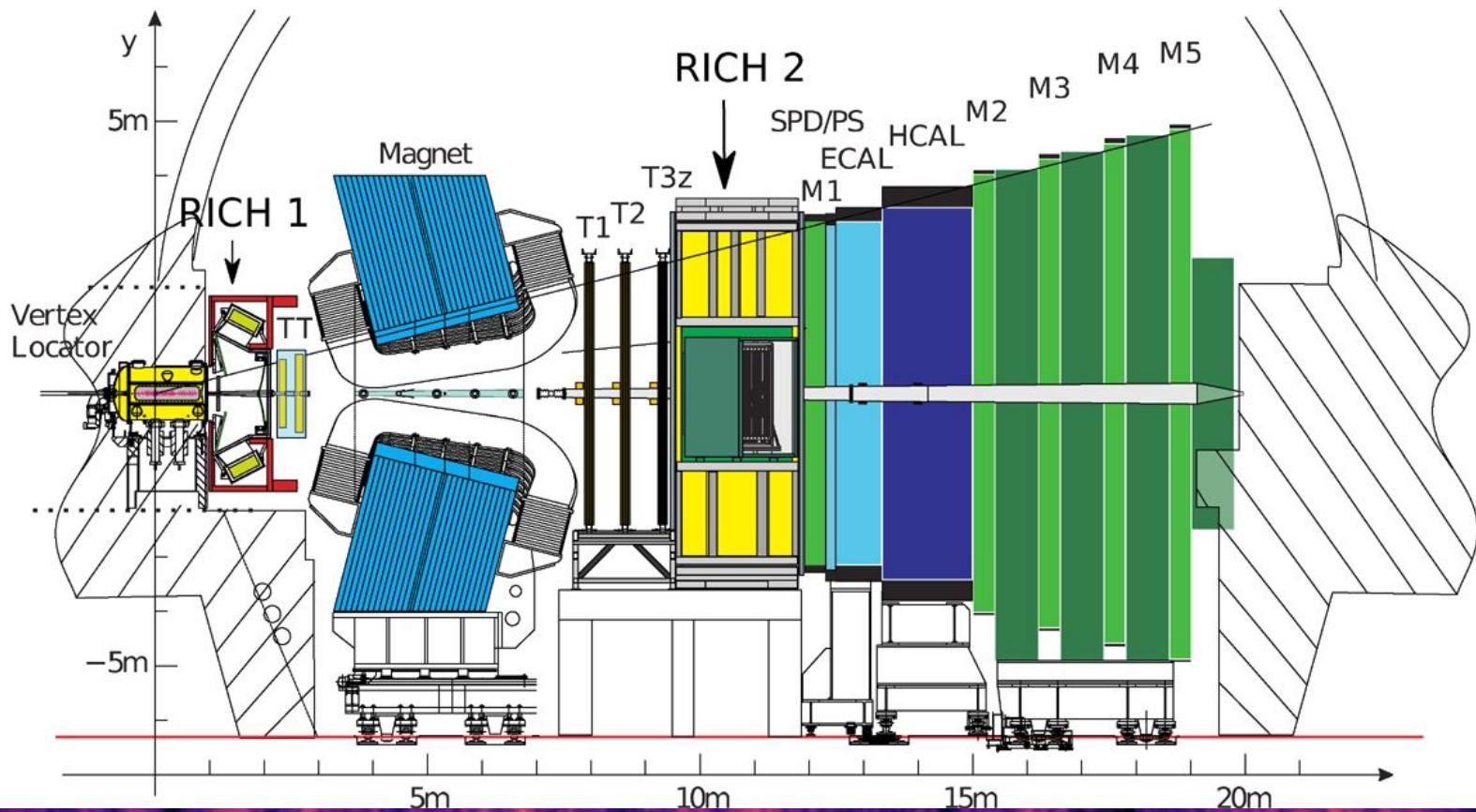


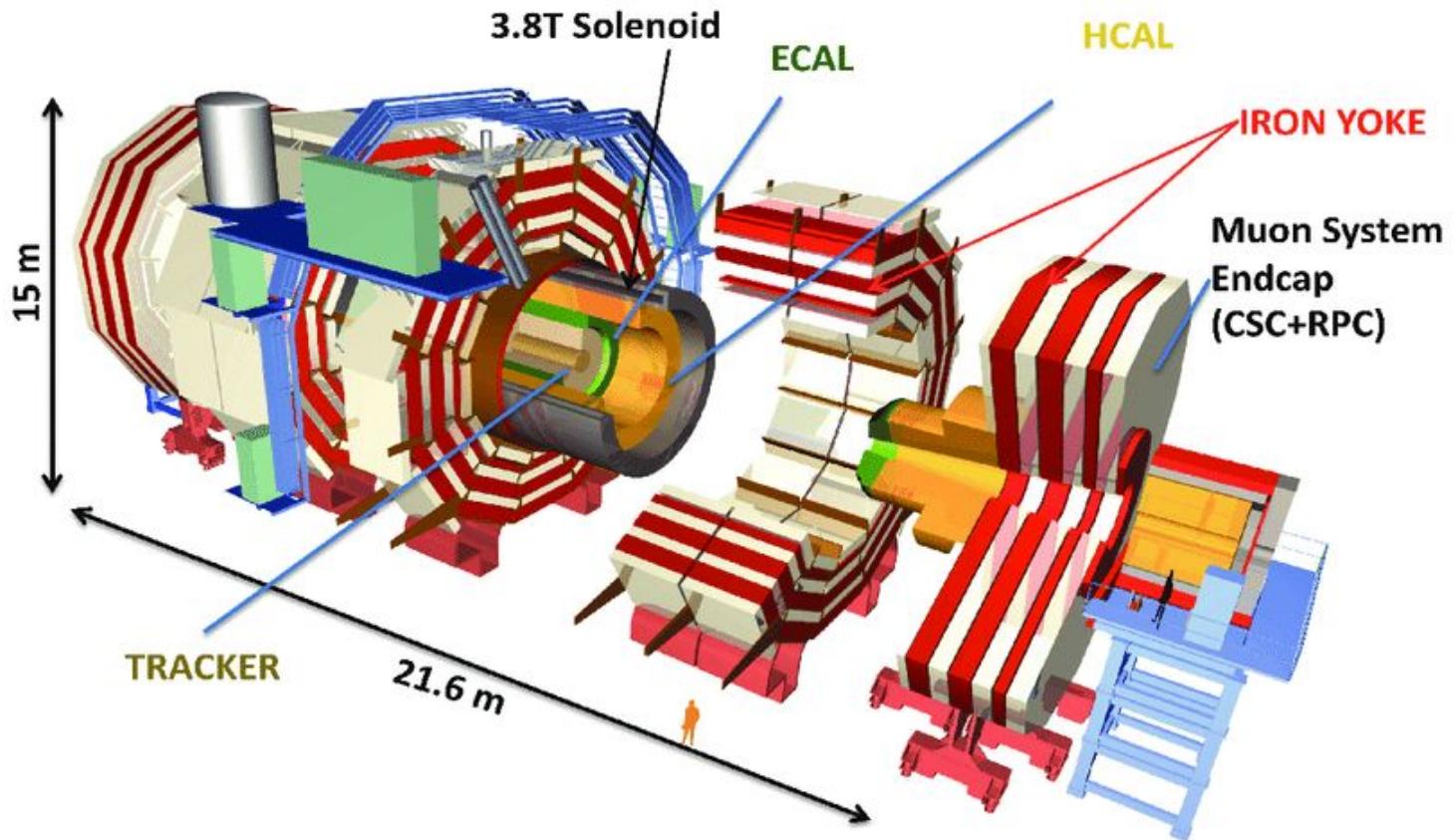
► p (proton)   ► ion   ► neutrons   ►  $\bar{p}$  (antiproton)   ► electron   ►↔ proton/antiproton conversion

LHC Large Hadron Collider   SPS Super Proton Synchrotron   PS Proton Synchrotron

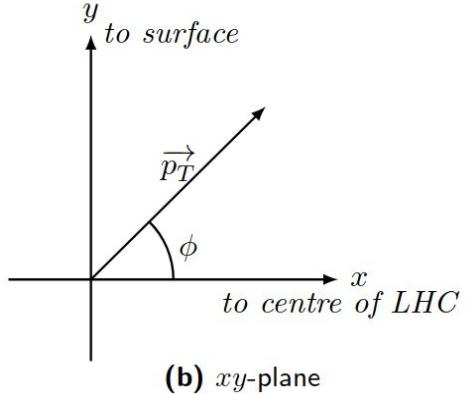
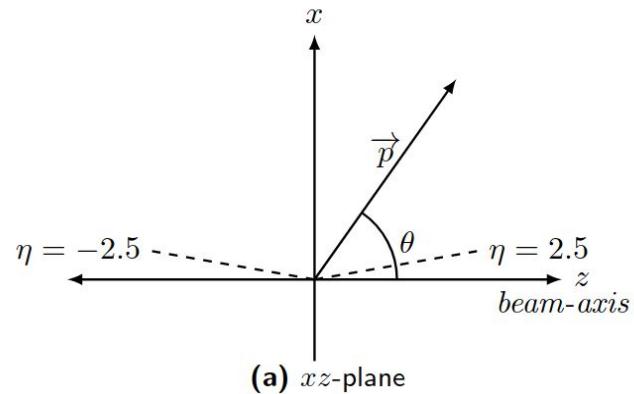
AD Antiproton Decelerator   CTF3 Clic Test Facility   AWAKE Advanced WAKEfield Experiment   ISOLDE Isotope Separator OnLine Dvice

LEIR Low Energy Ion Ring   LINAC LINear ACcelerator   n-ToF Neutrons Time Of Flight   HiRadMat High-Radiation to Materials



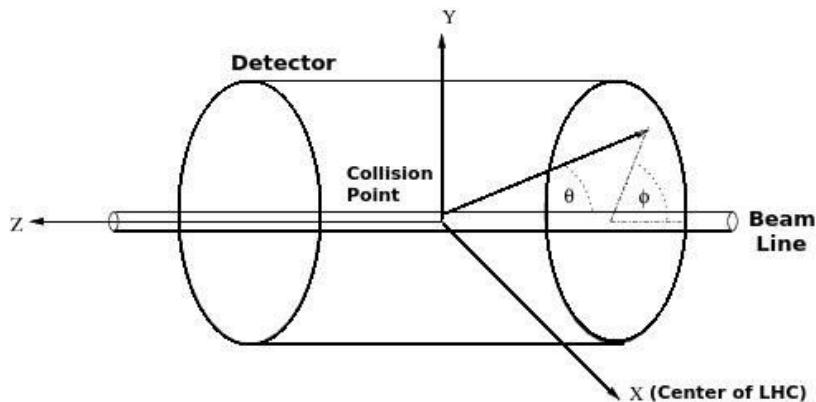


# The LHC Coordinate System

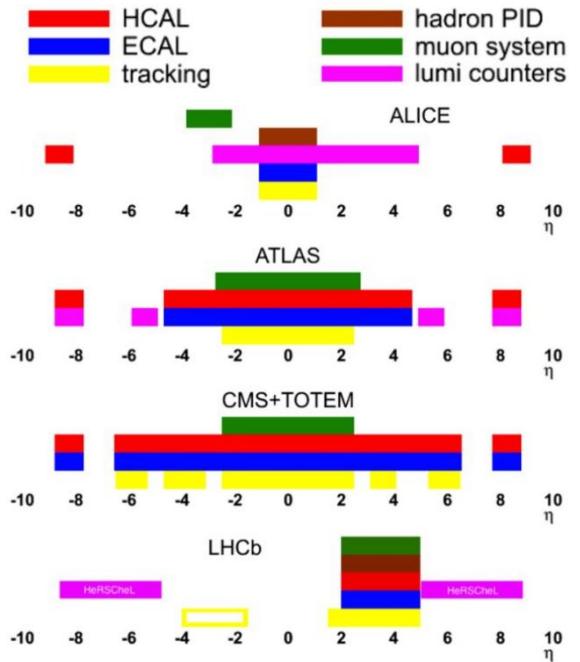


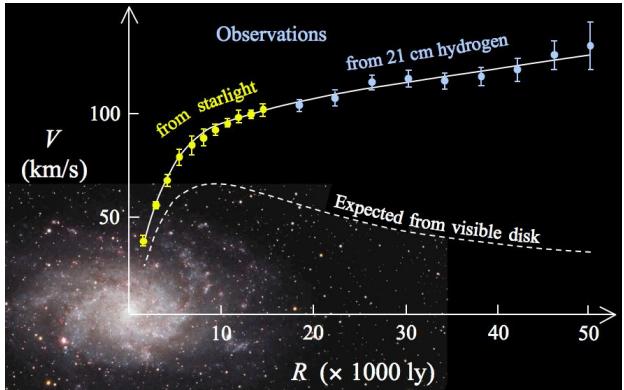
$$\eta = -\ln \tan\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)$$

$$\Delta R = \sqrt{(\Delta\phi)^2 + (\Delta\eta)^2}$$

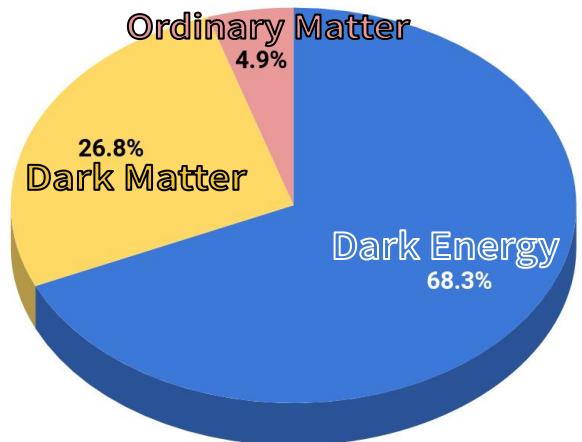


# Coverage of LHC Detectors



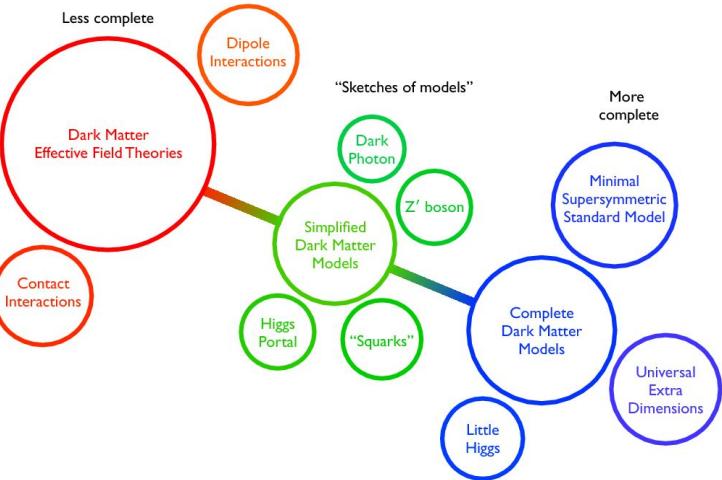
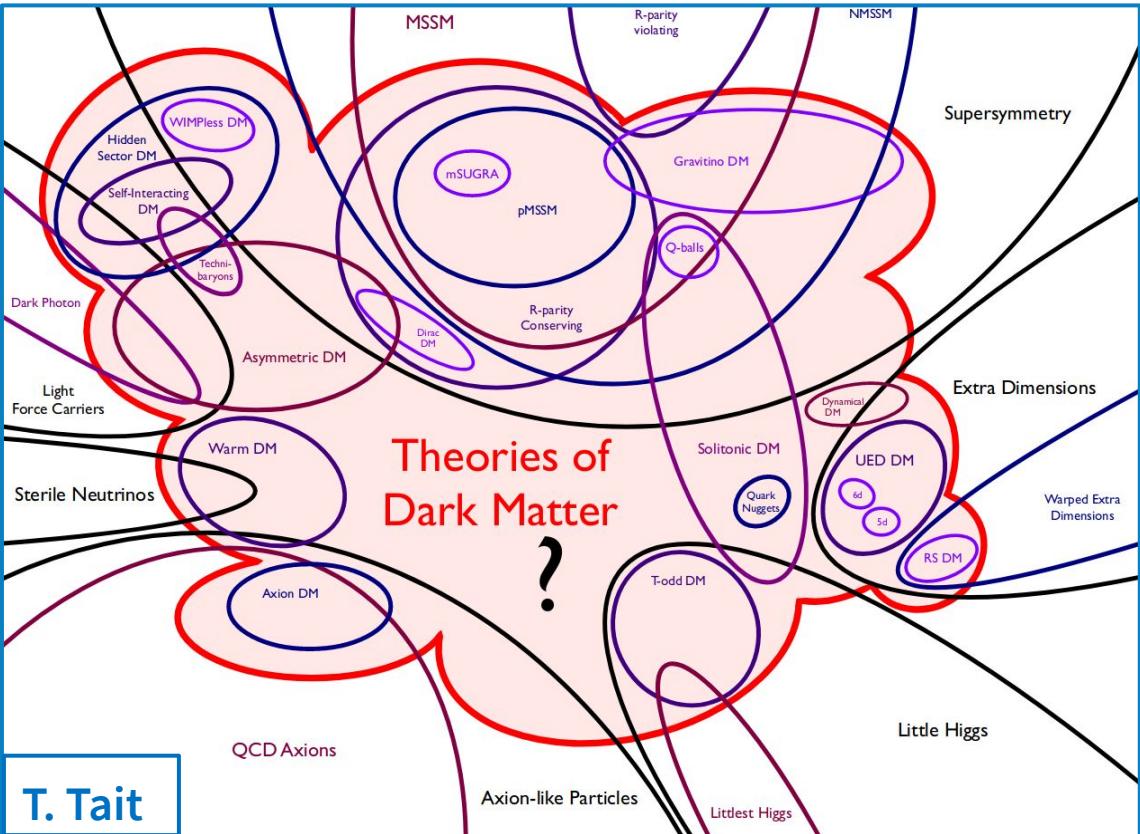


- A range of astrophysical measurements point to the existence of a non-baryonic form of matter ([Phys.Rept.405:279-390,2005](#))
  - ↳ Galaxy rotation curves, gravitational lensing, colliding galaxy clusters...
- Weakly Interacting Massive Particles ([WIMPs](#)) are an attractive Dark Matter (DM) candidate, especially for the LHC
  - ↳ Lead to the correct relic density of non-relativistic matter
  - ↳ Non-gravitational interactions with the SM ∴ could be seen at colliders!!





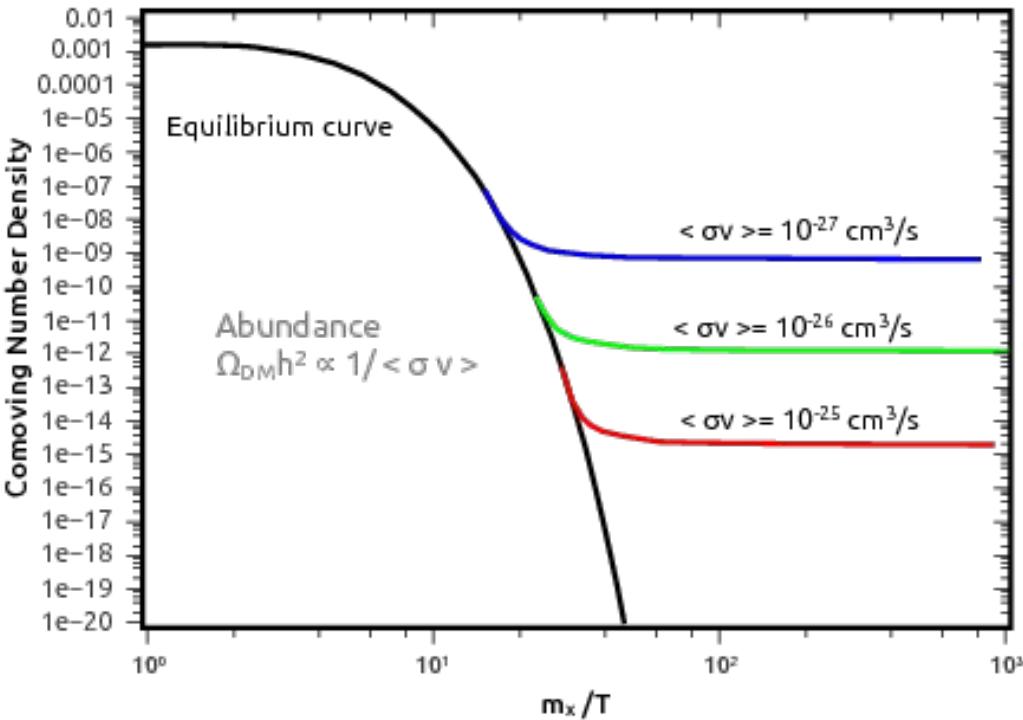
# Theoretical Landscape of Dark Matter



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# Why WIMPs?

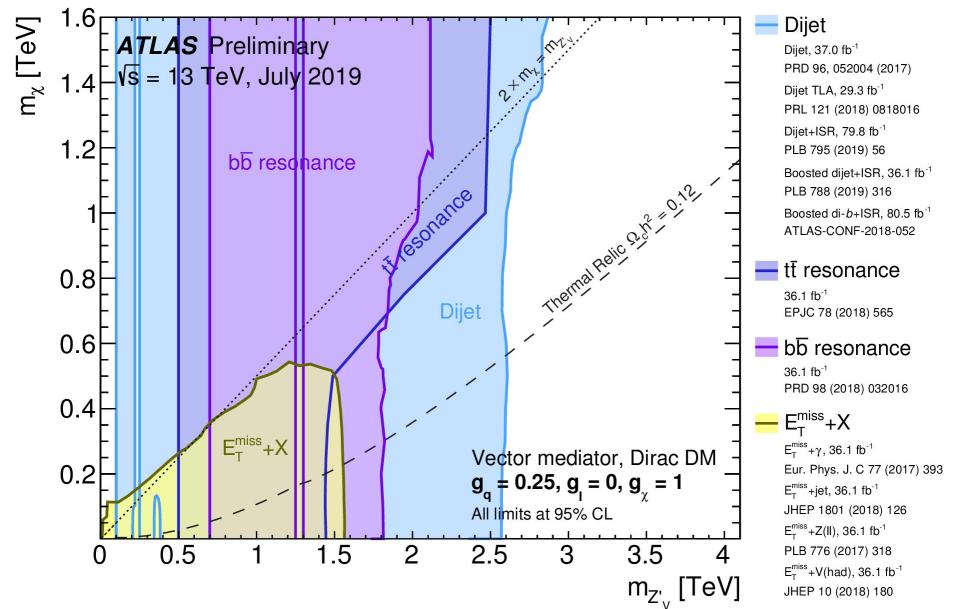
- For typical weak-scale self-annihilation cross sections,  $\sigma \sim G_F^{-2} T^2$  (with  $T \sim m_\chi / 20$ ), and EW mass scales,  $m_\chi \sim 200$  GeV, the thermal relic density matches the observed cosmological density.
- Independent theoretical reasons (e.g. the hierarchy problem) lead us to expect new physics at this scale.
  - ▶ “WIMP miracle”



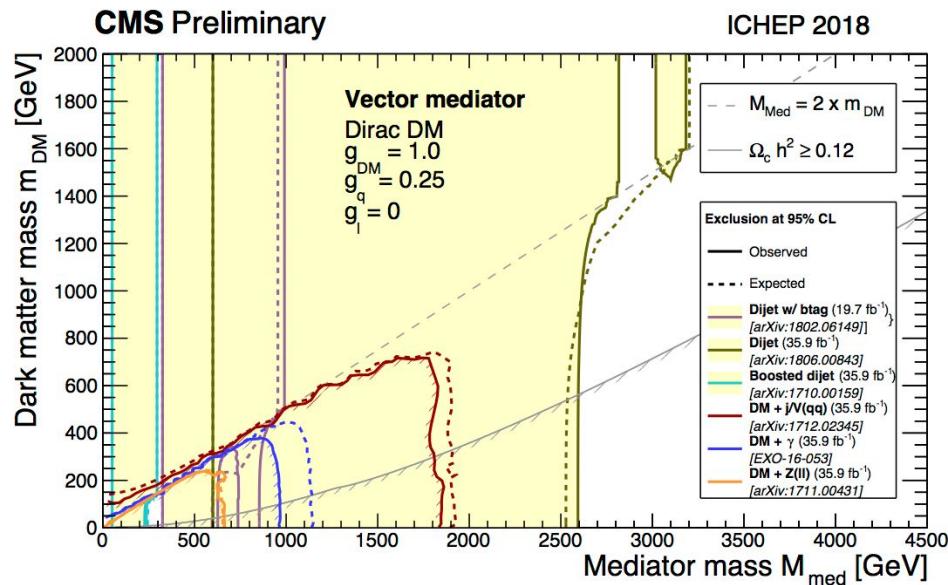
# Combined Results

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Vector mediator, Dirac DM,  $g_\chi = 1$ ,  $g_q = 0.25$ ,  $g_l = 0$



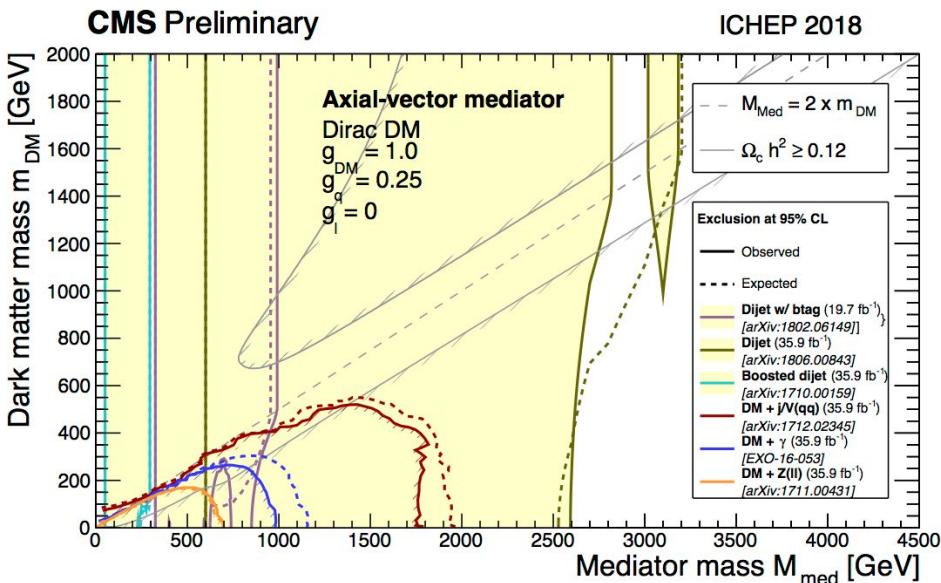
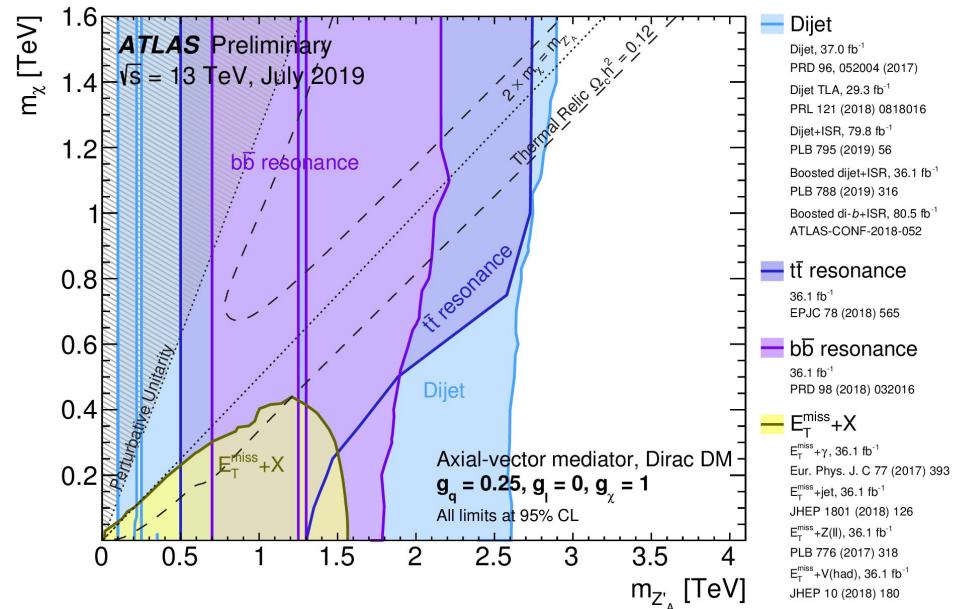
$m_{med} \sim 2.5 \text{ TeV}$  reach from mediator searches



# Combined Results

ATLAS: [JHEP 05 \(2019\) 142](#)  
 CMS: [ICHEP 2018](#)

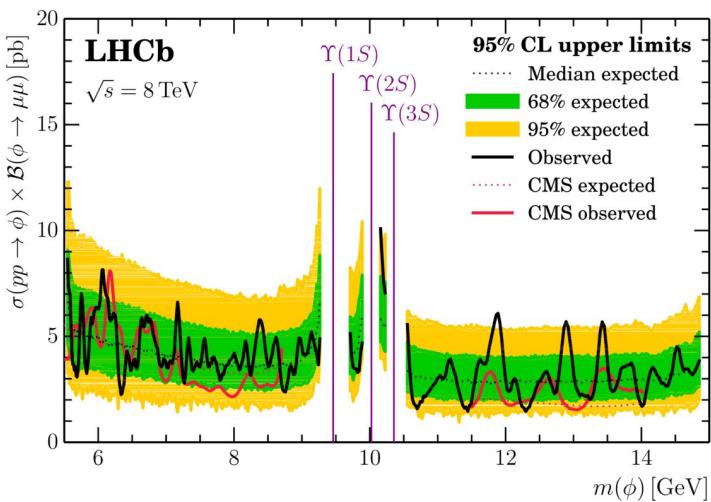
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# LHCb Dark Boson Searches

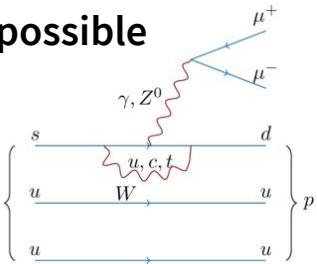
$pp \rightarrow \phi \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$  In gg fusion [JHEP 09 \(2018\) 147](#)

- Narrow resonance search in  $\Upsilon$  mass region
- Analysis designed is model-independent
  - ↳ Independent of production mech, spin
- First limits set in previously unexplored  
 $8.7 < m(\phi) < 11.5$  GeV

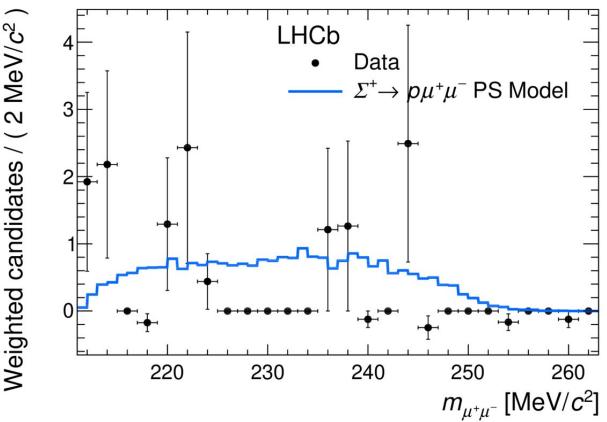


In  $\Sigma^+ \rightarrow p \mu^+ \mu^-$  [PRL 120, 221803 \(2018\)](#)

- Narrow range of  $\mu\mu$  masses from 3 candidates observed at HyperCP indicate possible intermediate particle  $X^0$

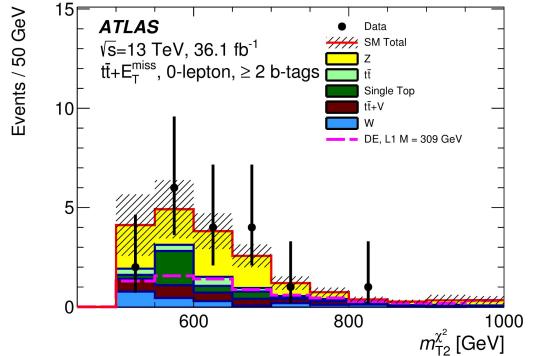


- LHCb observes the  $\Sigma^+$  decay
- BUT no significant  $m_{\mu\mu}$  peak!



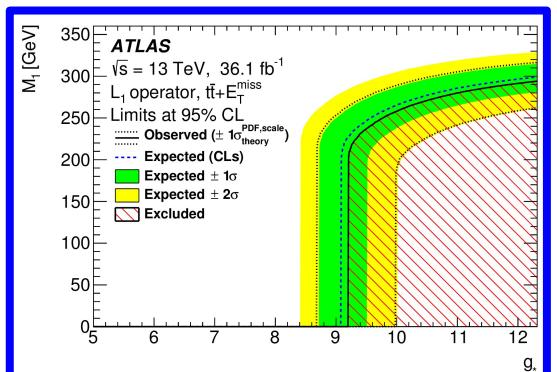
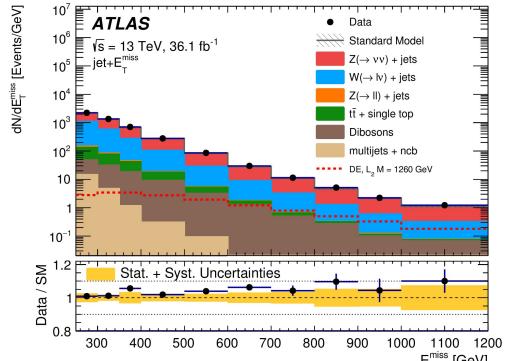
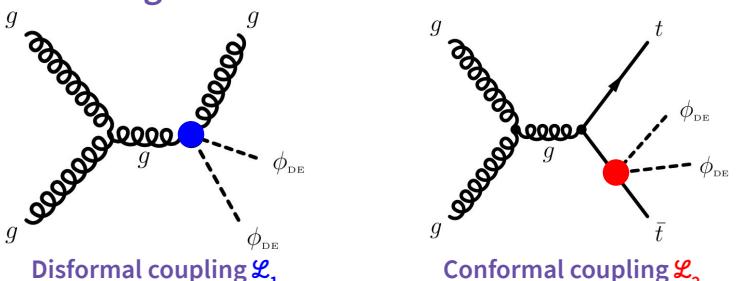


# Dark Energy



## → Horndeski model in EFT

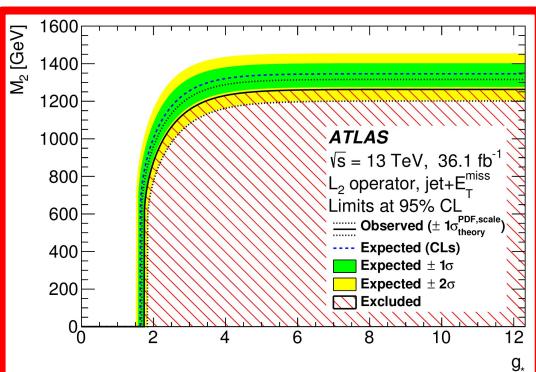
- Introduce DM scalar, creating MET signature in colliders



- Limits set on suppression scale (M) for least suppressed operators:

- $\mathcal{L}_1$ : coupling proportional to fermion mass,  $t\bar{t}$ +MET
- $\mathcal{L}_2$ : coupling scales with momentum transfer, jet+MET

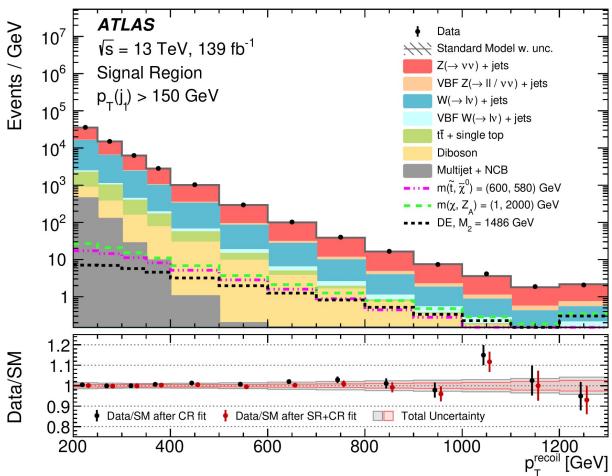
- $g_* = \text{effective coupling, UV completion}$





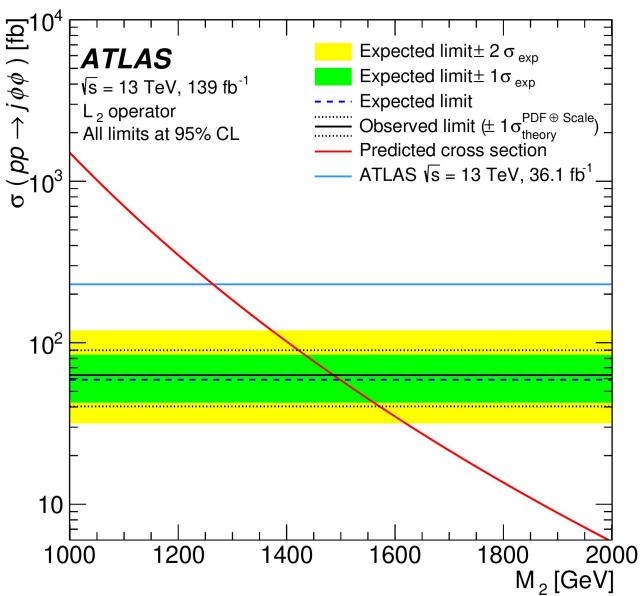
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- ◊ New mono-jet results with full run-2 data
- ◊ Set 95% CL limits on suppression scale
  - ▶ Horndeski DE with  $m_\phi = 0.1 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $c_i \neq 2 = 0$ ,  $c_2 = 1$
  - ▶ Suppression scales  $M_2 \lesssim 1.5 \text{ TeV}$  excluded



$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + \sum_{i=1}^9 c_i \mathcal{L}_i = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + \sum_{i=1}^9 \frac{c_i}{M_i^{d-4}} O_i^{(d)}, \quad \mathcal{L}_1 = \frac{\partial_\mu \phi_{\text{DE}} \partial^\mu \phi_{\text{DE}}}{M_1^4} T_\nu^\nu$$

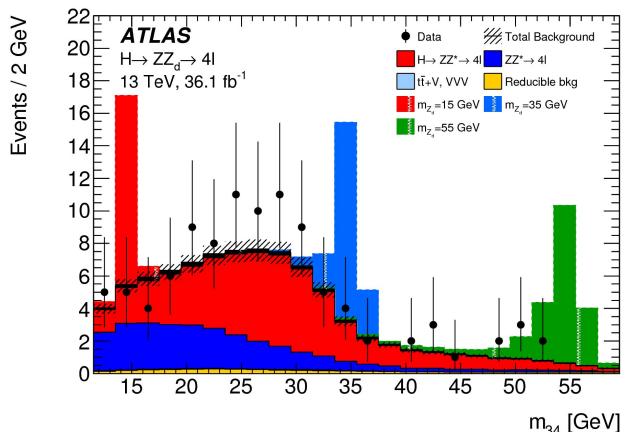
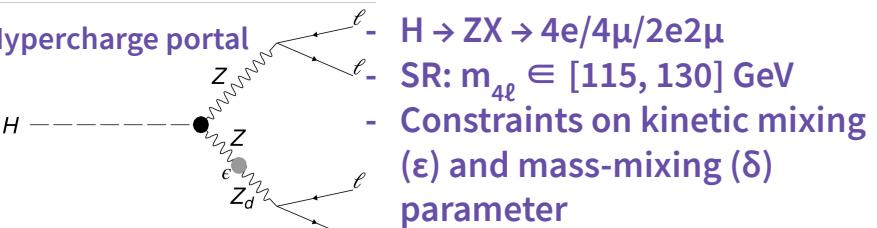
d = operator dimension,  $c_i$  = Wilson coefficients,  $\mathcal{L}_2 = \frac{\partial_\mu \phi_{\text{DE}} \partial_\nu \phi_{\text{DE}}}{M_2^4} T^{\mu\nu}$ ,  
M = energy scale



# Exotic Higgs Decays

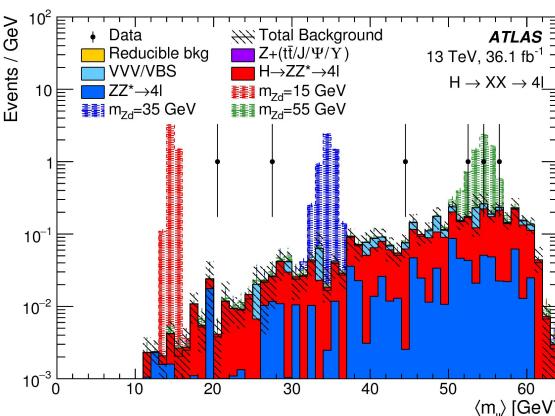
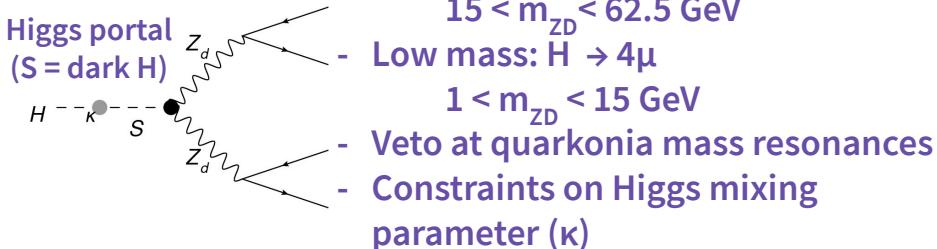
Higgs decays to 4 leptons via PROMPTLY decaying bosons

Hypercharge portal



$$\langle m_{\ell\ell} \rangle = \frac{1}{2}(m_{12} + m_{34}), \text{ where } m_{xy} = \text{invariant masses of dileptons in a quadruplet and } |m_{12} - m_z| < |m_{34} - m_z|$$

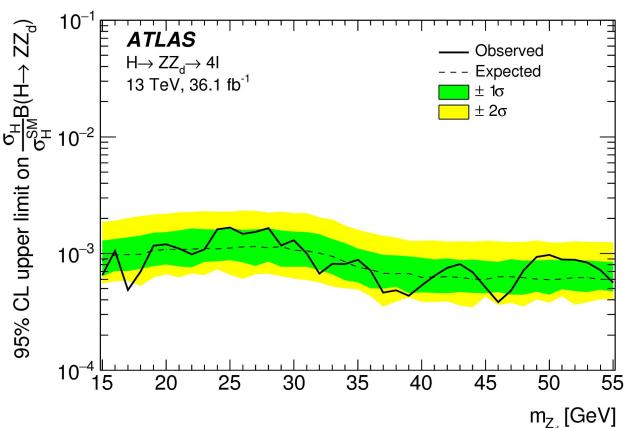
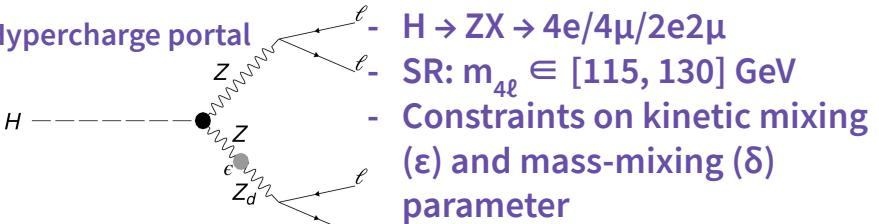
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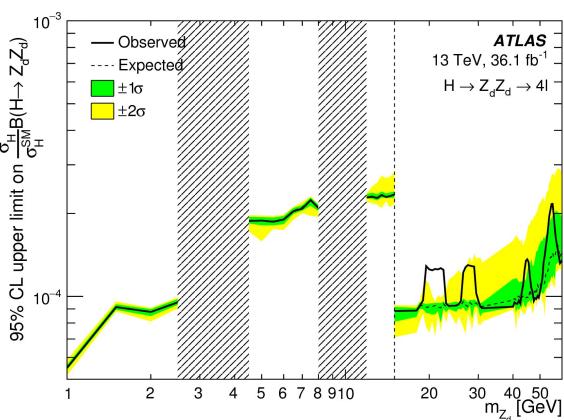
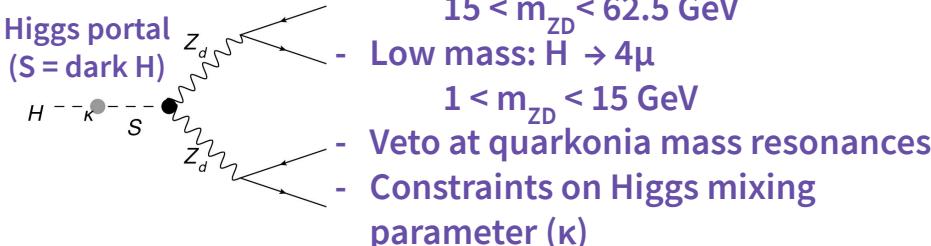
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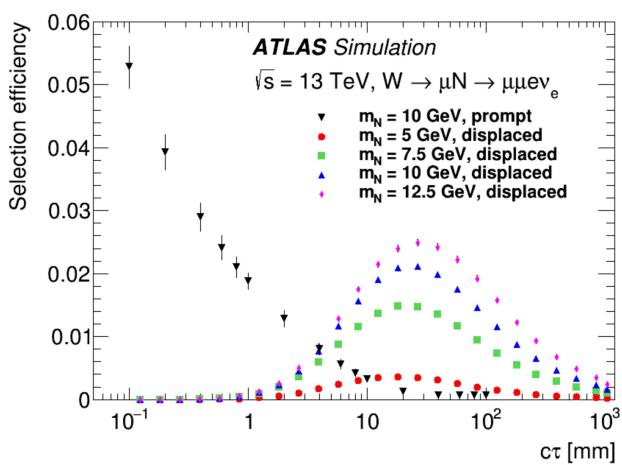
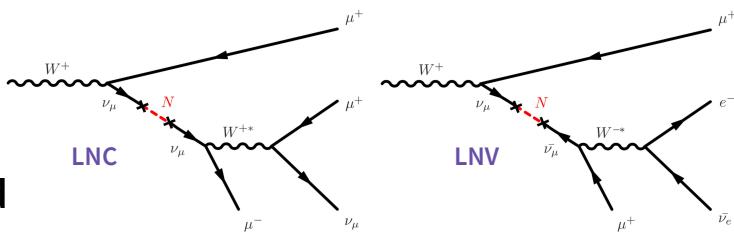
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# Heavy Neutral Leptons

- ◊ Postulate new right-handed neutrinos with Majorana masses below the EW scale
  - ↳ Explain neutrino masses, matter-antimatter asymmetry, DM...
  - ↳ Decays may be lepton number violating (LNV) or conserving (LNC), depending on nature of neutrinos
- ◊ Both prompt & displaced leptonic decay signatures studied
  - ↳ Displaced vertex reconstruction algorithm ([Phys. Rev. D 97 \(2018\) 052012](#))



- ↳ Set limits on mass and coupling strength for prompt & displaced
- ↳ Displaced limit contour oblique ellipse approximately corresponds to HNL proper decay lengths in the range 1-30 mm

