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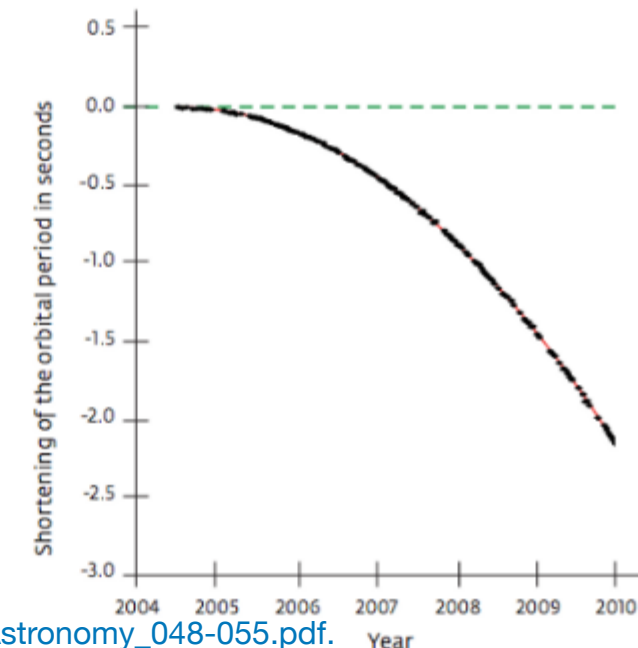
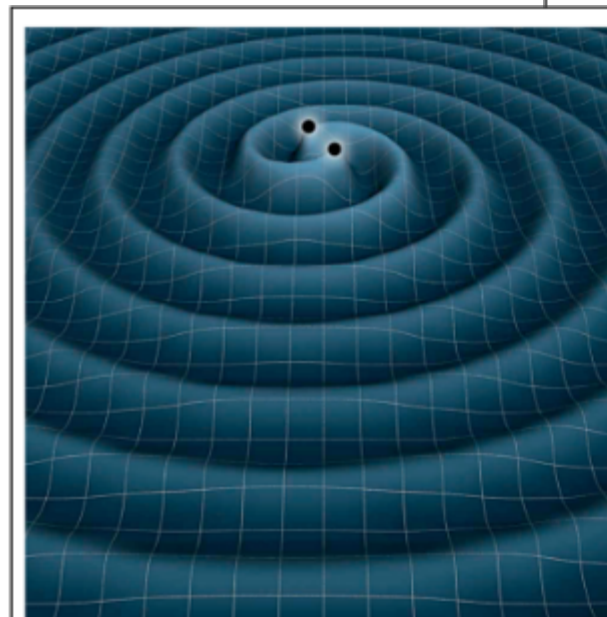
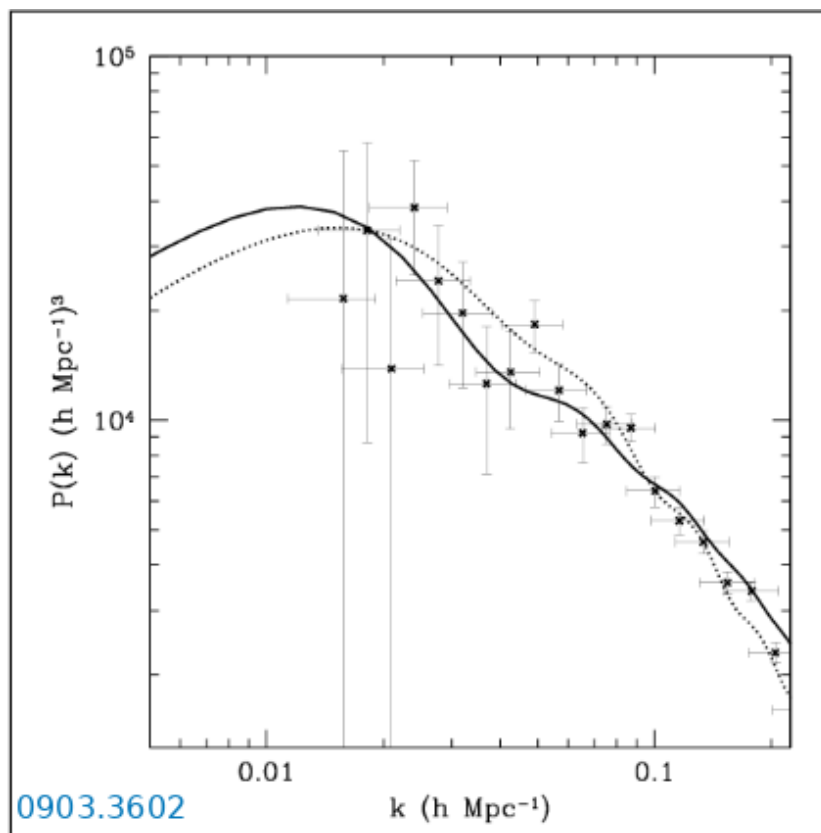
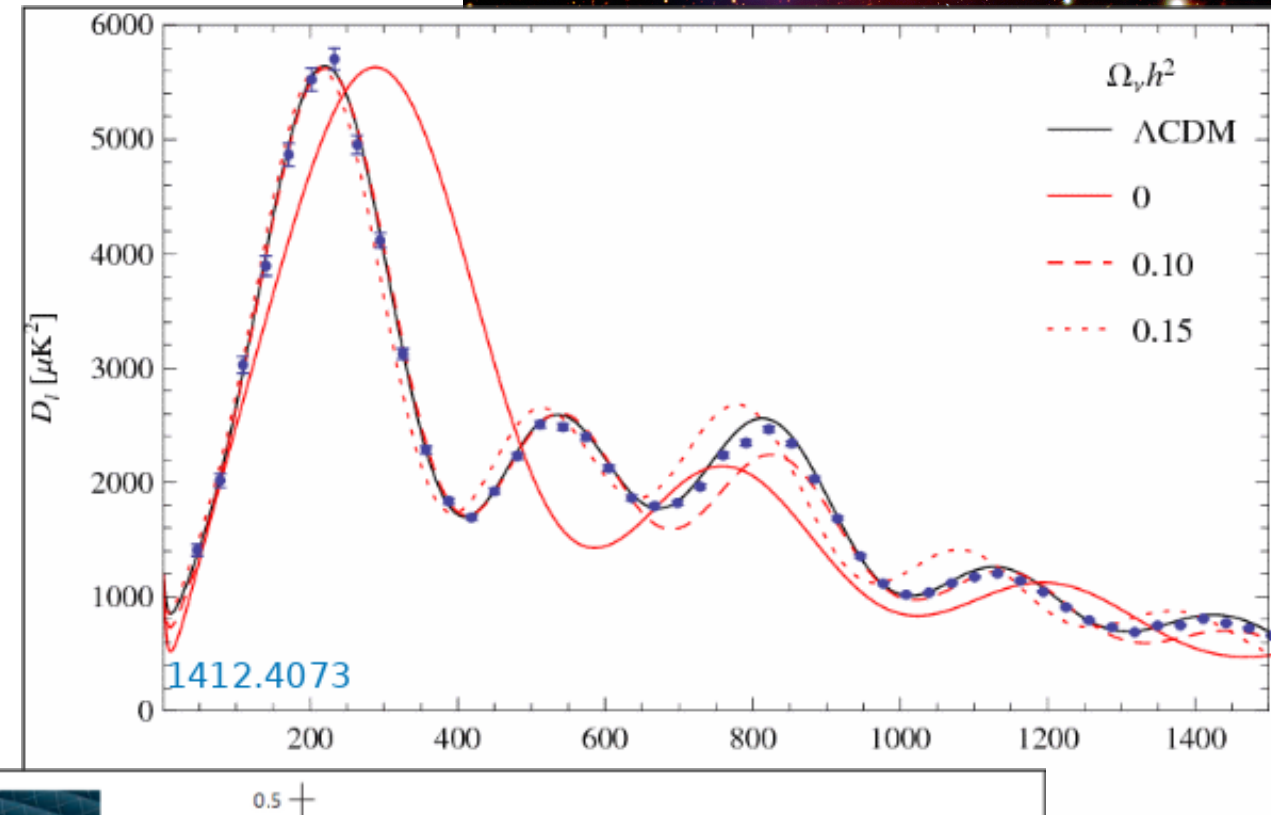
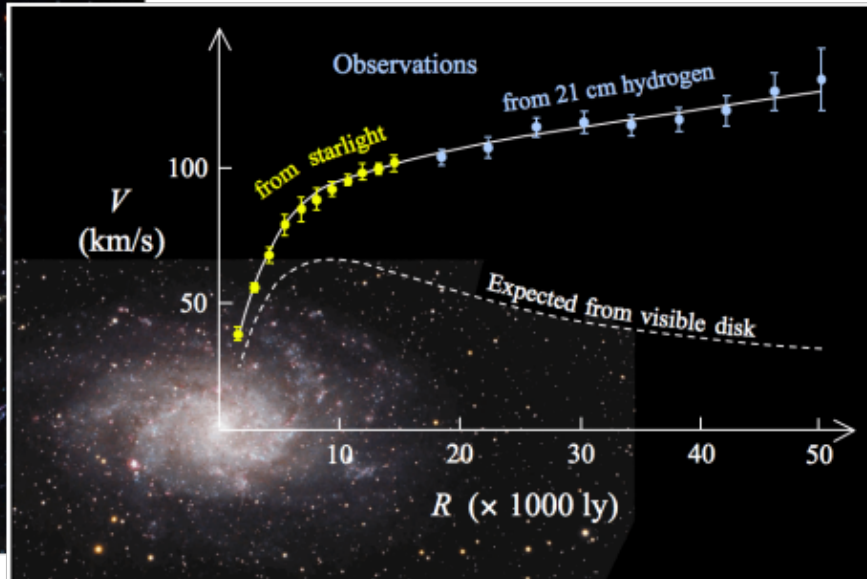
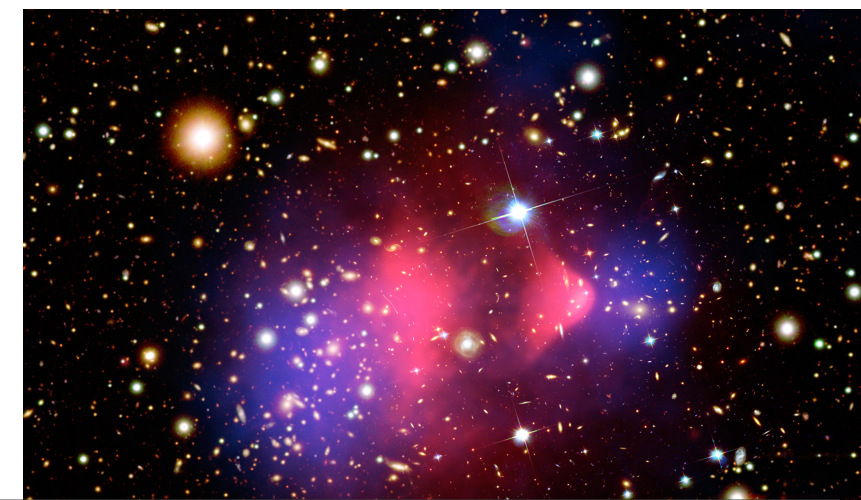
# Long-lived particles

## Connecting early universe dynamics to collider signatures

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UIO, 13.11.2019

# Why we believe it's a particle?



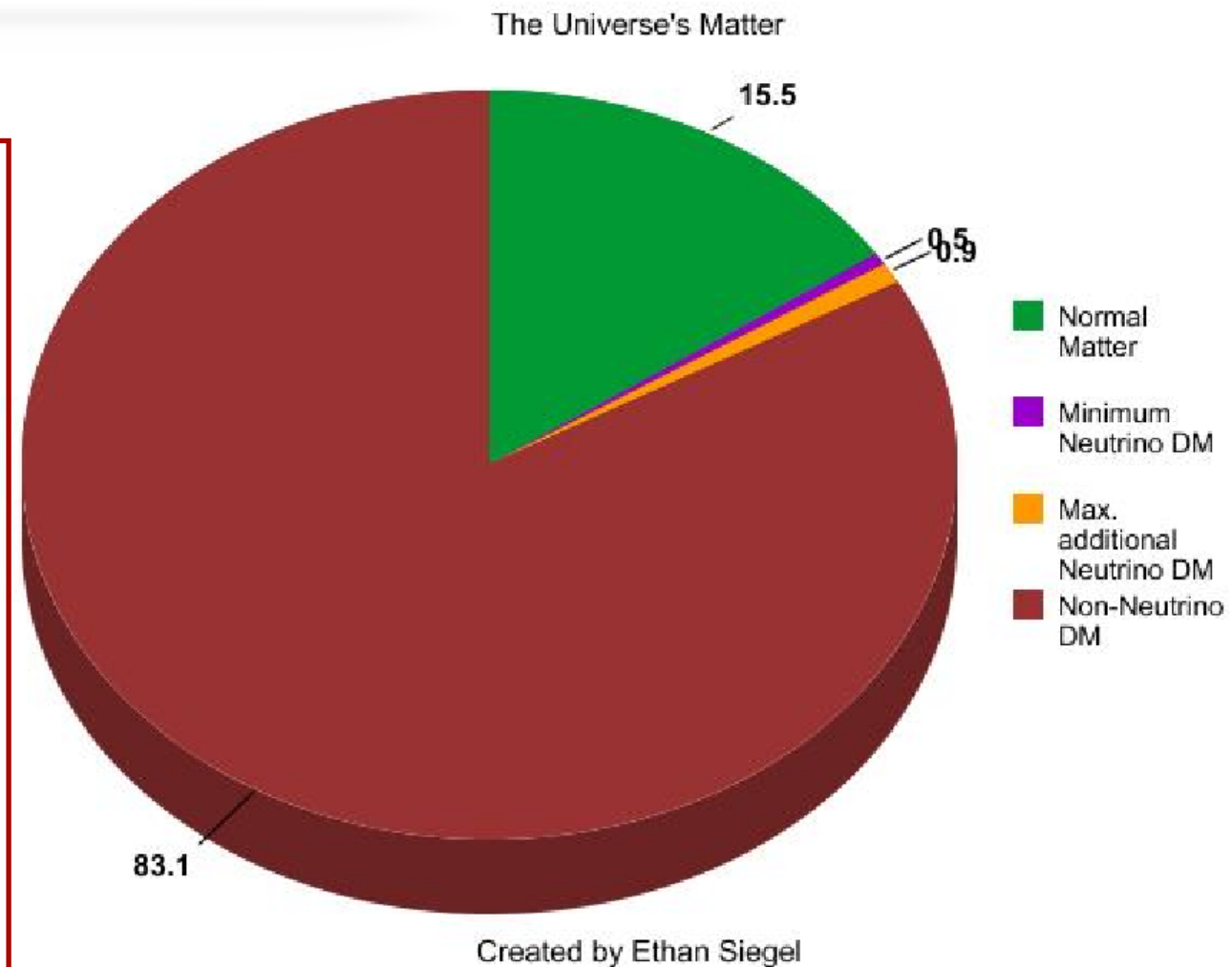
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# DM particles: general properties

## What we do know:

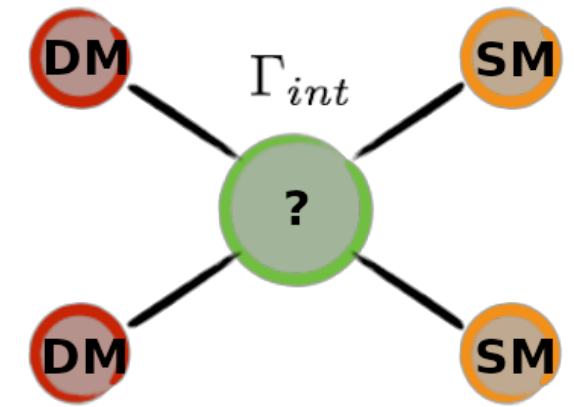
- Interact through gravity
- **Massive** (to cluster)
- If DM particles ever were relativistic – they should have **slowed down early** in the history of the Universe
- **Electrically neutral** (do not interact with photons)
- **Stable** on cosmological scales



## What we don't know:

- Other interactions?
- Mass, spin....?
- Several species?

# Why the electroweak scale?



**Assumption:**  
thermal production

$\Gamma_{int} > H$  In equilibrium with plasma

$\Gamma_{int} < H$  Not in equilibrium with plasma

Relic abundance

**Very simplified WIMPS**

One new "heavy" particle

$$\langle \sigma v \rangle \sim \frac{\alpha^2}{m_{DM}^2} + n_{DM} \langle \sigma v \rangle \sim H$$

at decoupling

$$\Omega_{DM} h^2 \sim \underbrace{0.12}_{\text{Planck}} \frac{10^{-26} \text{cm}^3 \text{s}^{-1} \text{ (or } 10^{-9} [\text{GeV}]^{-2})}{\langle \sigma v \rangle}$$

**"Natural" choice:**

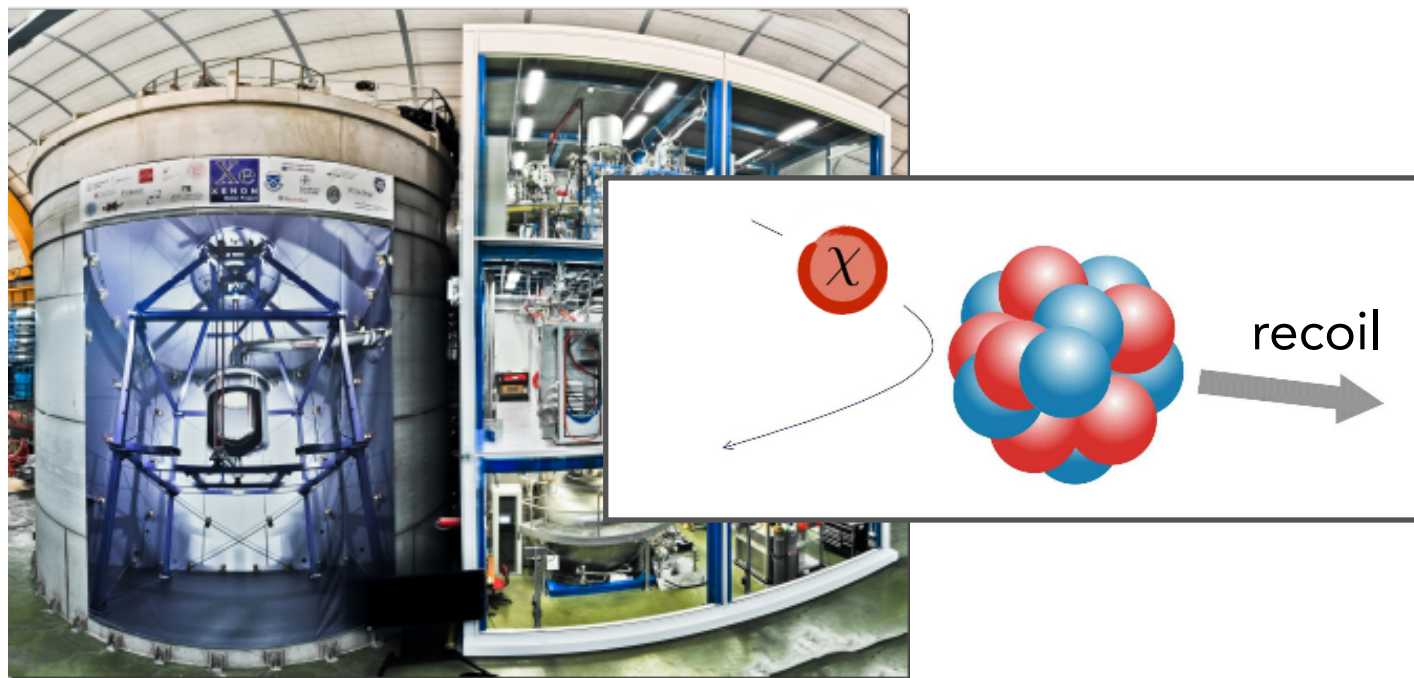
$$\alpha \sim \alpha_{EW}$$

$$m_{DM} \sim O(100 \text{GeV})$$



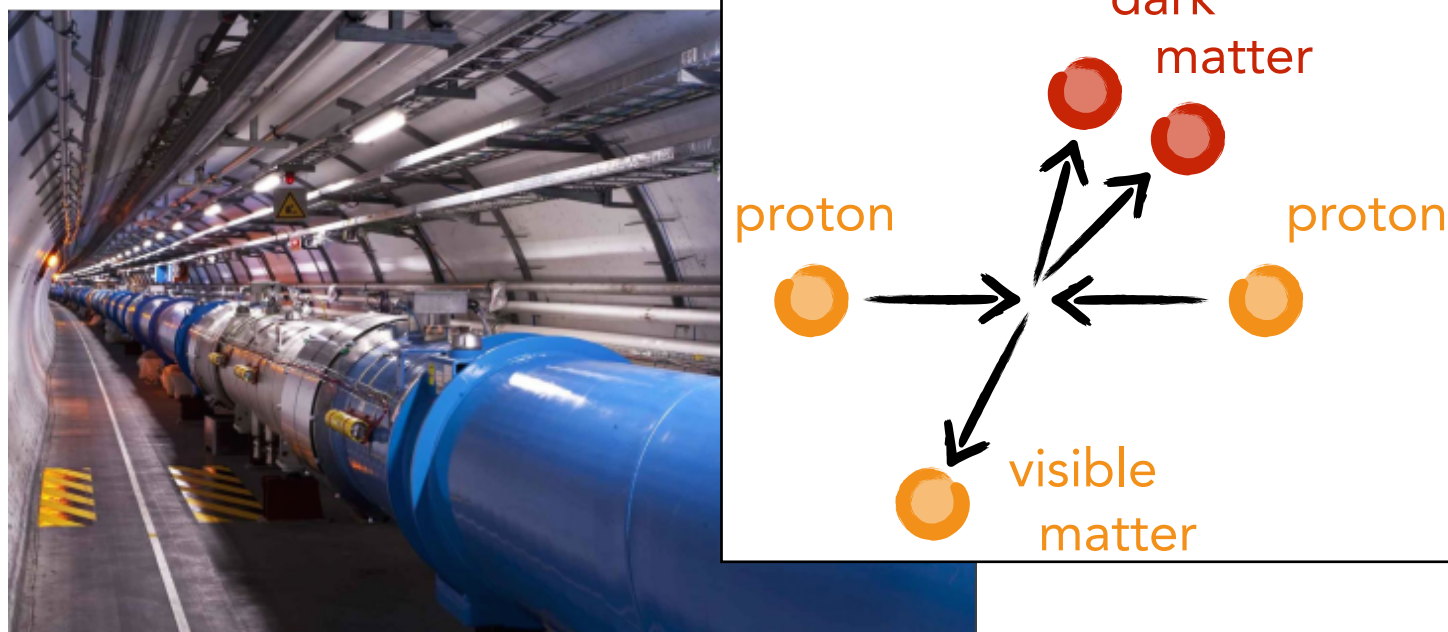
# Constraints

Scattering (direct detection)

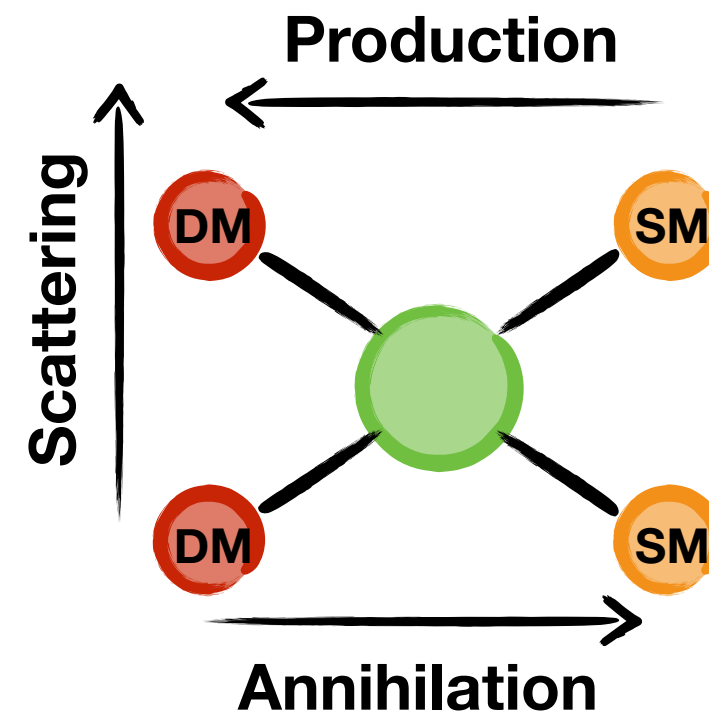


Xenon experiment

Production



Large Hadron Collider



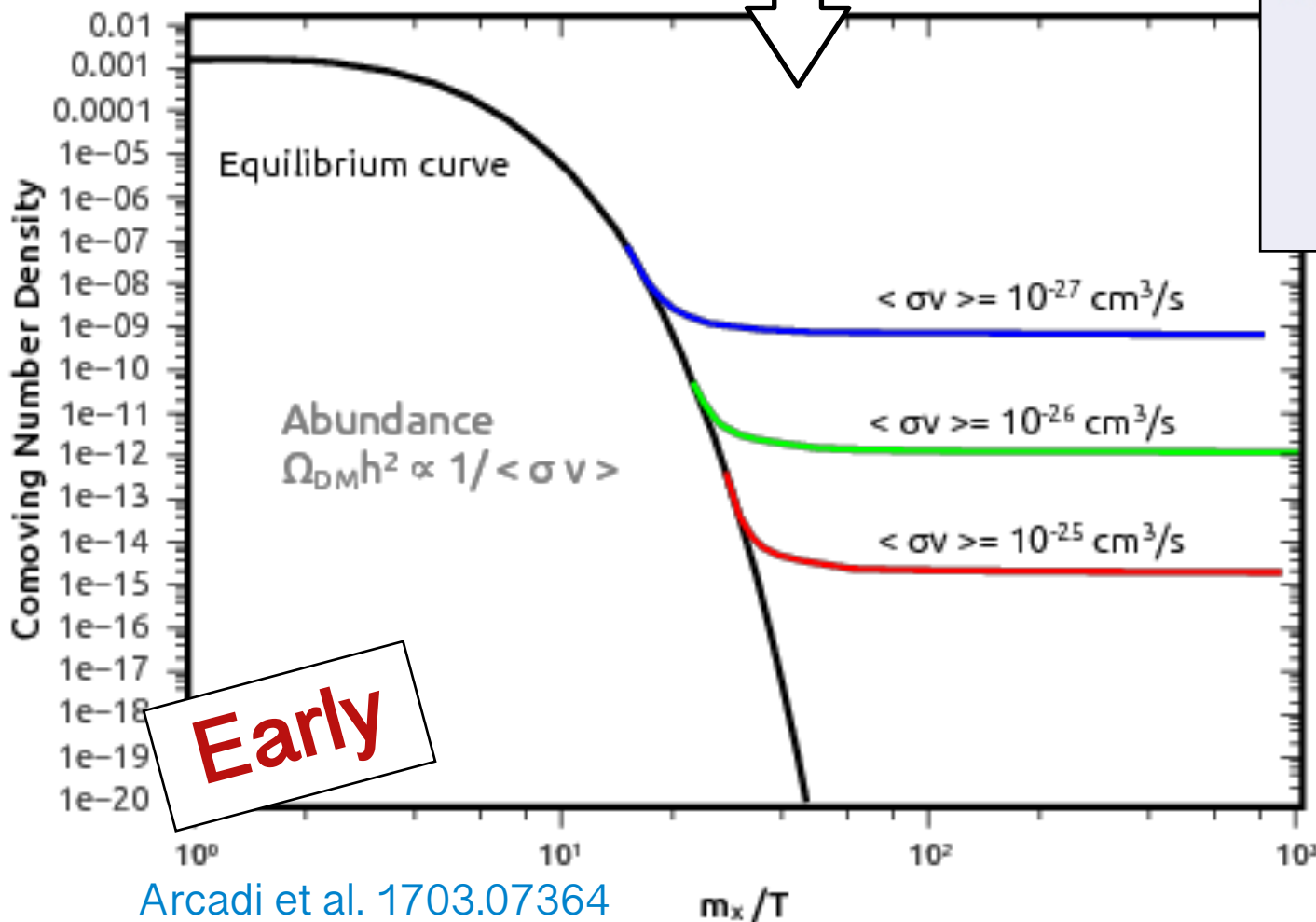
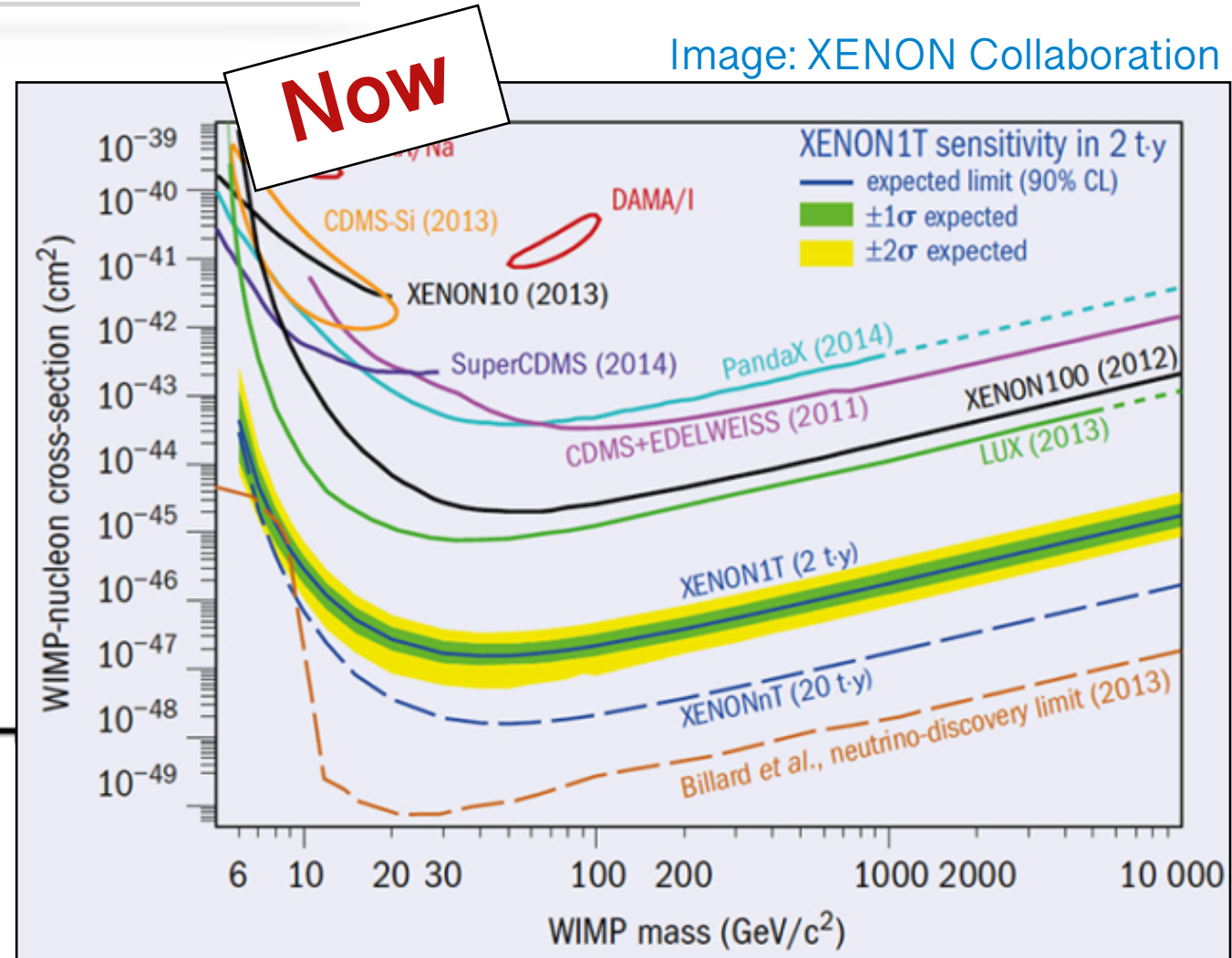
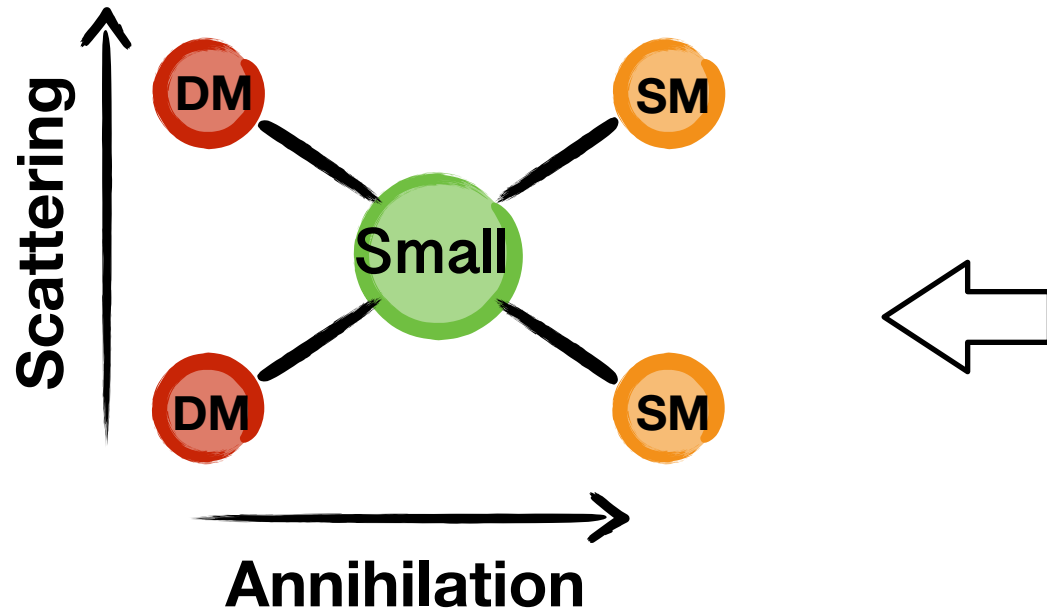
Annihilation (indirect detection)



Fermi satellite

# Main problem: direct detection

Image: XENON Collaboration



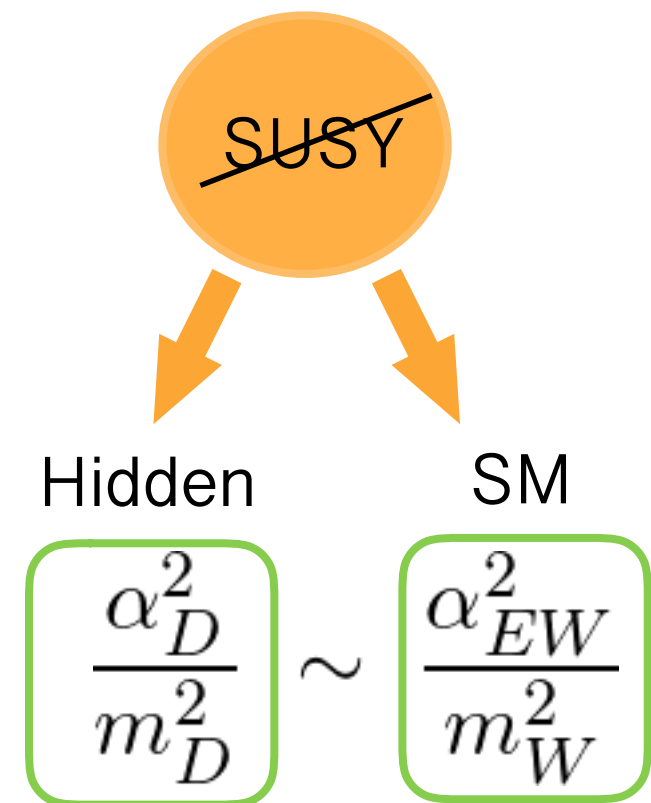
Overabundance

# "Exceptions"

## "WIMPless miracle"

Feng & Kumar [0905.3039]

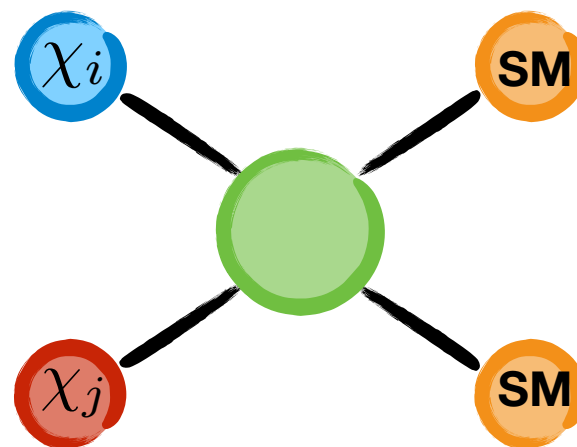
$$\langle \sigma v \rangle \sim \frac{\alpha^2}{m_{DM}^2}$$



## Co-annihilation

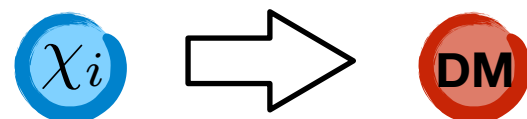
Griest & Seckel 1991

$$\sum_{ij}$$



$\langle \sigma v \rangle_{eff}$  ↑  
at decoupling

But eventually



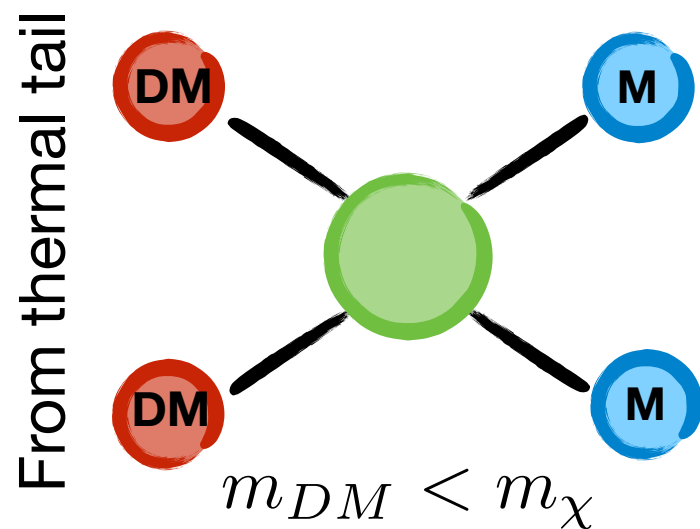
No Direct detection signal



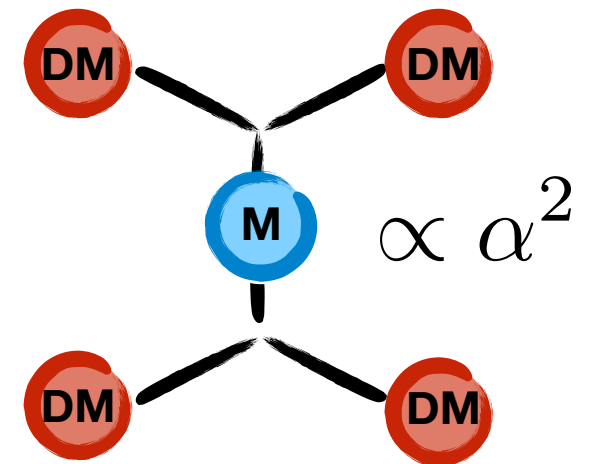
# "Exceptions"

## "Forbidden" DM D'Agnolo & Ruderman [1505.07107]

Exponentially suppressed by  $\frac{m_M - m_{DM}}{T}$

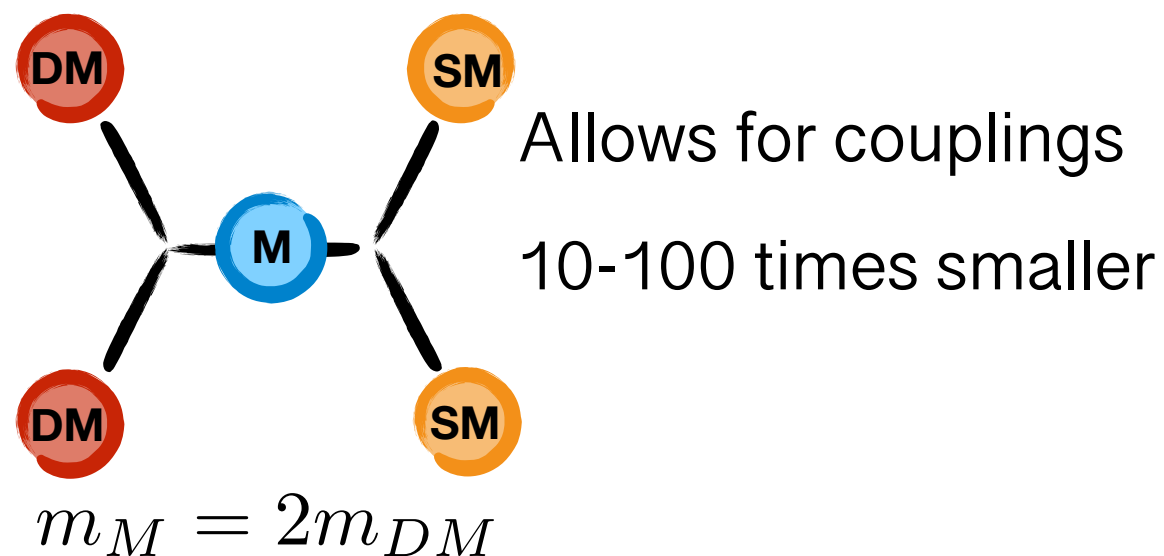


⇒ Allows for large  $\alpha$  and light DM

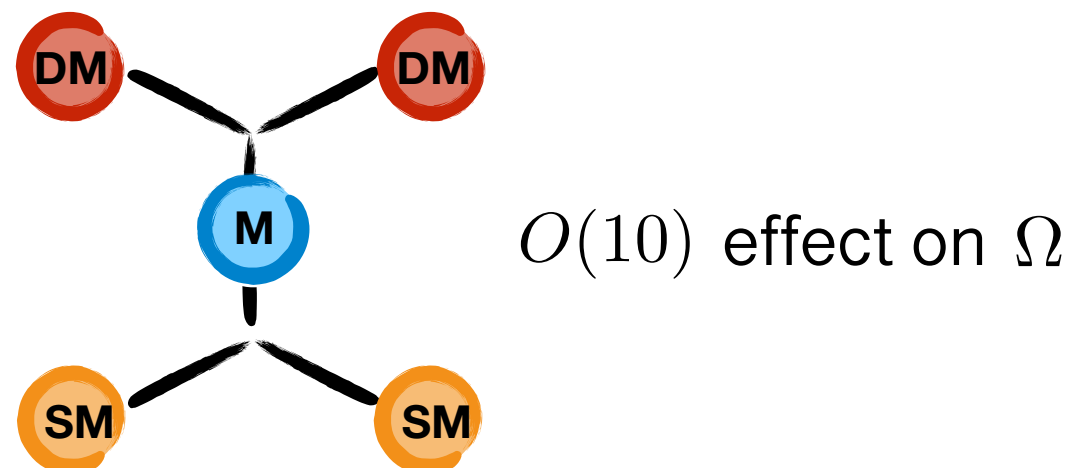


Induces self-interactions

## Resonant production Fena & Smolinsky [1707.03835]

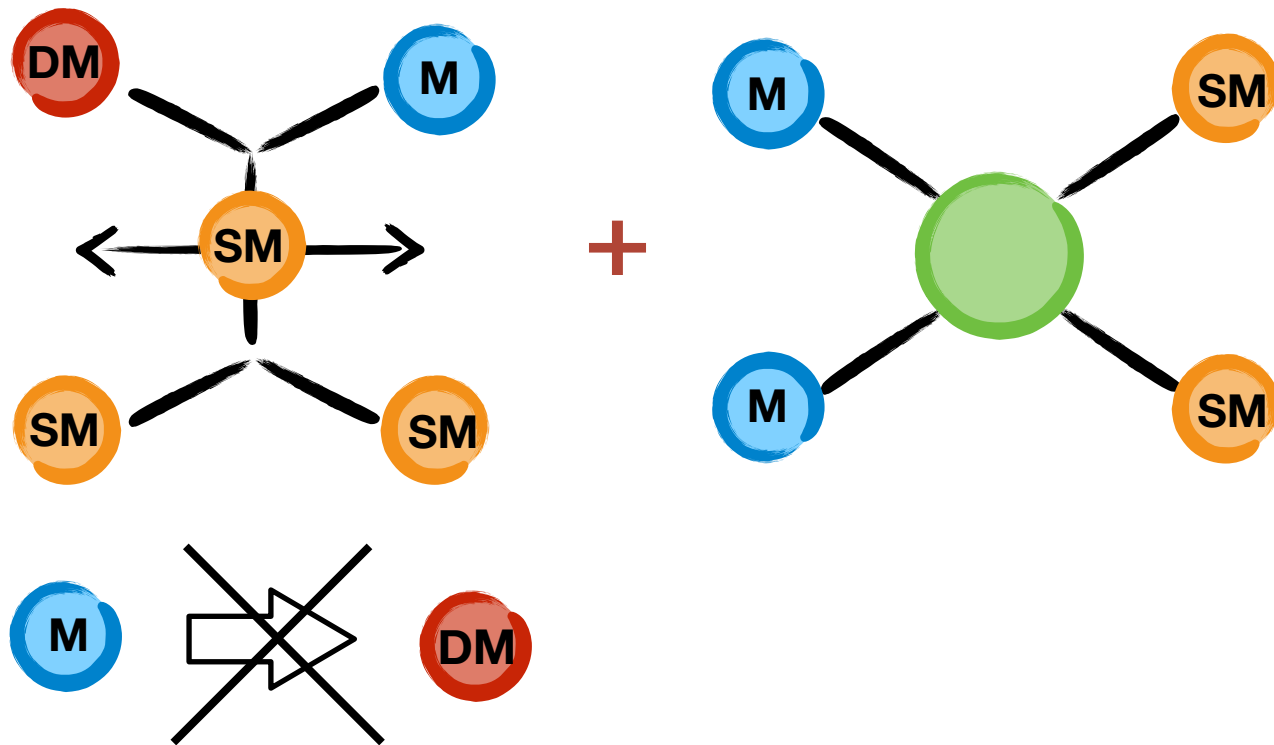


Can happen when



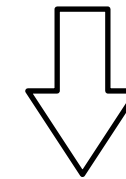
is out of equilibrium

# “4th” exception: co-scattering



$$n_{SM} \langle \sigma v \rangle_{DM \rightarrow M} \sim H$$

Very high

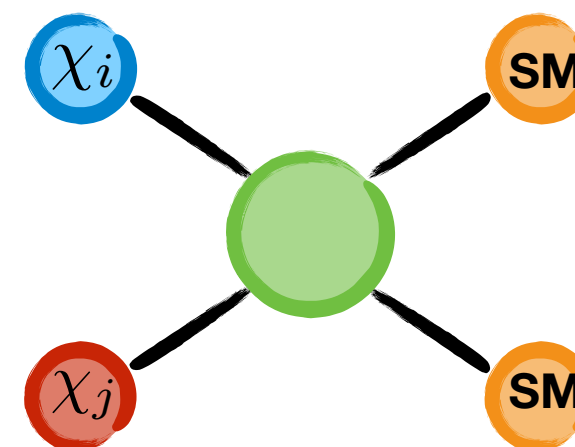


**Correct relic abundance  
for much smaller couplings**

Compare to (co-)annihilation:

$$n_{dark} \langle \sigma v \rangle_{eff} \sim H$$

Boltzmann suppressed



# Example: singlet-triplet model

2 majorana fields:  $SU(2)$  singlet  $\chi_S$  and triplet  $\chi_T$  **Naturally small**

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} \supset -\frac{m_S}{2} \bar{\chi}_S \chi_S - \frac{m_T}{2} \text{Tr}[\bar{\chi}_T \chi_T] + \frac{\kappa_{ST}}{\Lambda} [(H^\dagger \bar{\chi}_T H) \chi_S + h.c.]$$

$$\text{with } \chi_S = \chi_S^0, \quad \chi_T = \begin{pmatrix} \chi_T^0/\sqrt{2} & \chi^+ \\ \chi^- & -\chi_T^0/\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

- Three new parameters:  $m_S$ ,  $m_T$ ,  $\mu = \frac{\kappa_{ST} v^2}{\sqrt{2} \Lambda}$
- Freedom in the field definitions: can choose  $m_T, \kappa_{ST} > 0$

Tree-level structure + electroweak corrections:

$$(\Delta m_{hc})^{\text{ew}} \begin{pmatrix} \chi_h \\ \chi^+ \\ \chi_l \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} (\Delta m_{hc})^{\text{mix}} \\ \Delta m_{cl} \end{matrix}$$

Small  $\mu$ :

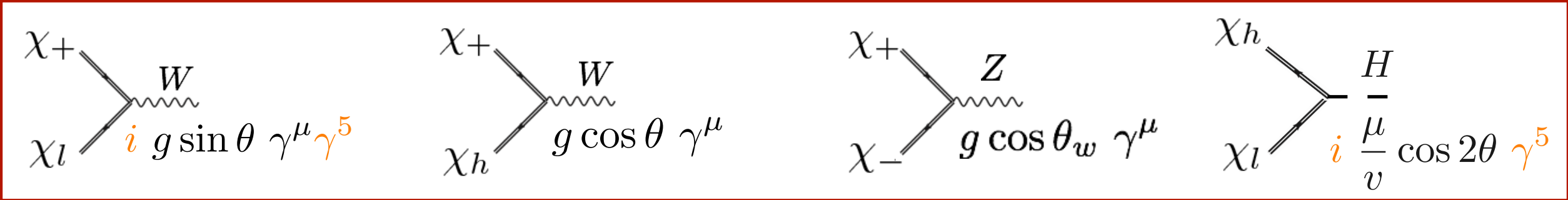
$$\begin{pmatrix} \chi^+ \\ \chi_h \\ \chi_l \end{pmatrix} \lesssim (\Delta m_{hc})^{\text{ew}}$$

**Dark matter candidate**

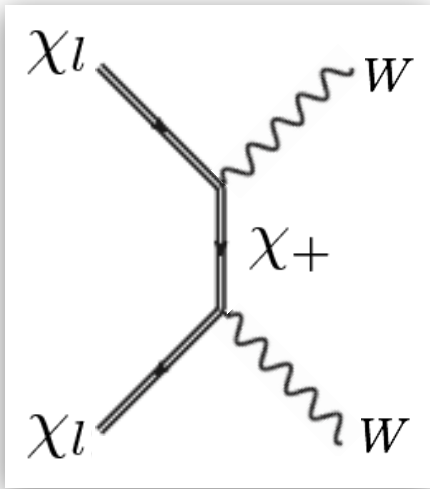


# Conventional processes

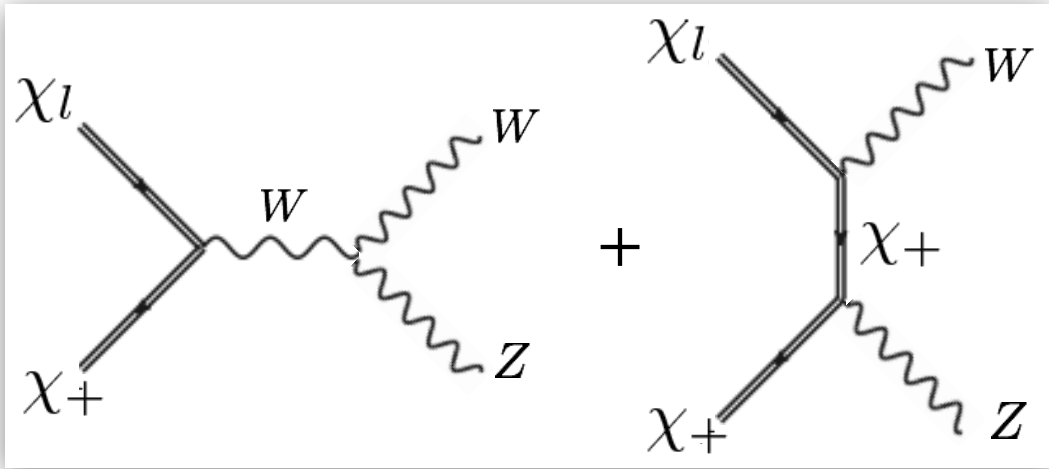
## Gauge and Higgs couplings



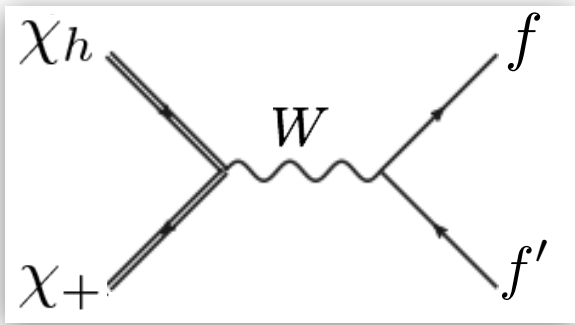
## Main contributions from:



Annihilation

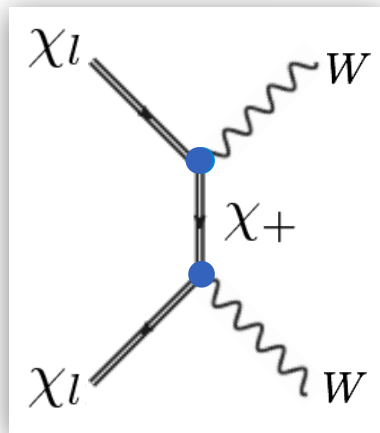


Co-annihilation



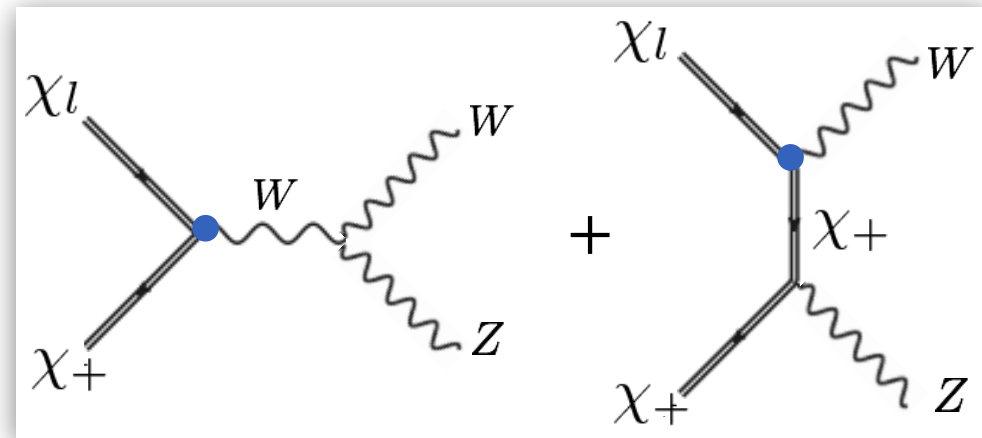
Mediator annihilation  
+ further decay to  $\chi_l$

# Naive picture



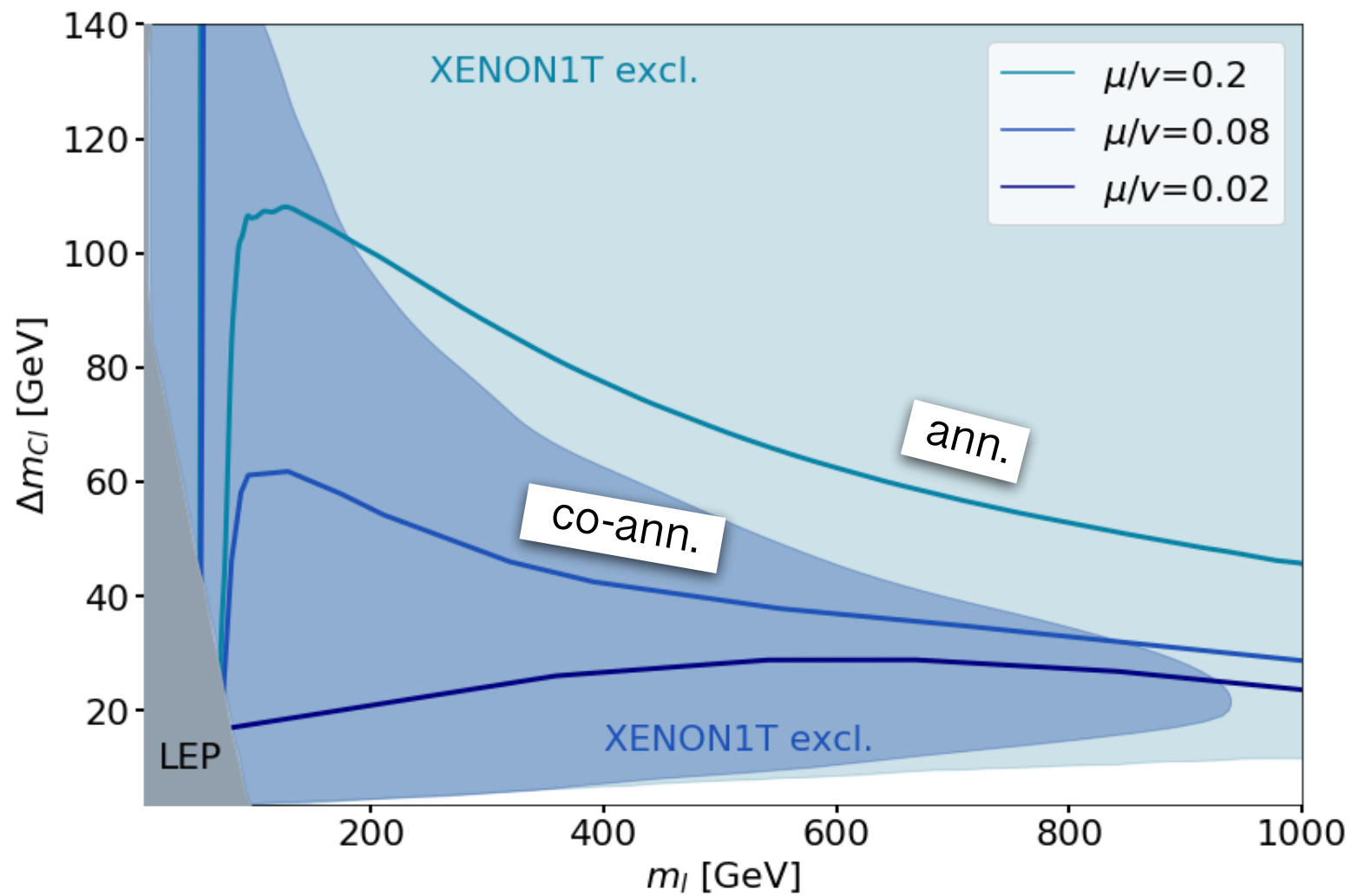
$$(g \sin \theta)^4$$

Annihilation



$$(g \sin \theta)^2$$

Co-annihilation



$$\begin{array}{l} \chi^+ \\ \chi_l \end{array} \quad \overline{\underline{15 - 30 \text{ GeV}}}$$

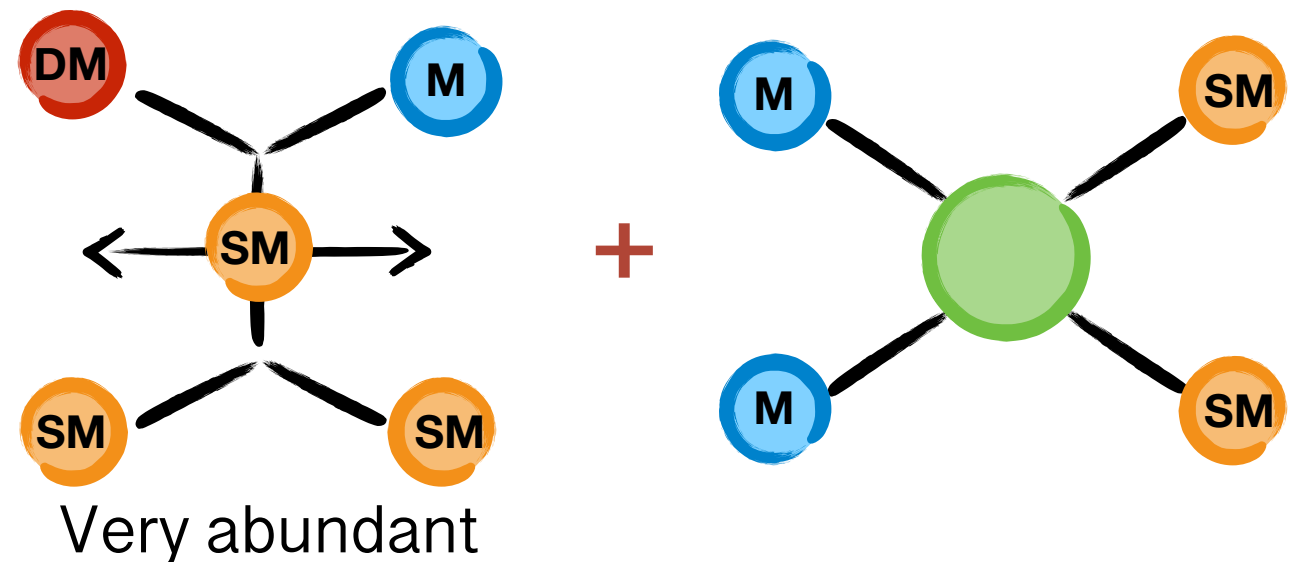
# Co-scattering

## Small portal coupling

	process	scaling		process	scaling
pair annihilation	$\chi_e \chi_e \rightarrow W^+ W^-$ $\chi_e \chi_e \rightarrow h^* \rightarrow f \bar{f}, VV$ $\chi_e \chi_e \rightarrow hh$	$(g \sin \theta)^4$ $(\mu \sin(2\theta)/v)^2$ $(\mu \cos(2\theta)/v)^4$	mediator annihilation	$\chi_h \chi_h \rightarrow W^+ W^-$ $\chi_h \chi^+ \rightarrow f \bar{f}', VV$ $\chi^+ \chi^- \rightarrow f \bar{f}, VV$	$(g \cos \theta)^2$ $(g \cos \theta)^2$ $g^2$
co-annihilation	$\chi_e \chi^+ \rightarrow f f', VV$ $\chi_e \chi_h \rightarrow W^+ W^-$ $\chi_e \chi_h \rightarrow h^* \rightarrow f \bar{f}, VV$	$(g \sin \theta)^2$ $(g \sin \theta)^2$ $(\mu/v)^2$	mediator decays	$\chi^+ \rightarrow \chi_e f f'$ $\chi_h \rightarrow \chi_e f \bar{f}$	$(g \sin \theta)^2$ $(\mu/v)^2$
co-scattering	$\chi_e f \rightarrow \chi^+ f'$ $\chi_e f \rightarrow \chi_h f$	$(g \sin \theta)^2$ $(\mu/v)^2$	scattering	$\chi_e f \rightarrow \chi_e f$	$(\mu \sin \theta/v)^2$

- Mediator annihilations are still in chemical equilibrium
- Decays become very slow
- Equilibrium is lost for dark matter

**Relic abundance:  
co-scattering + mediator annihilation**

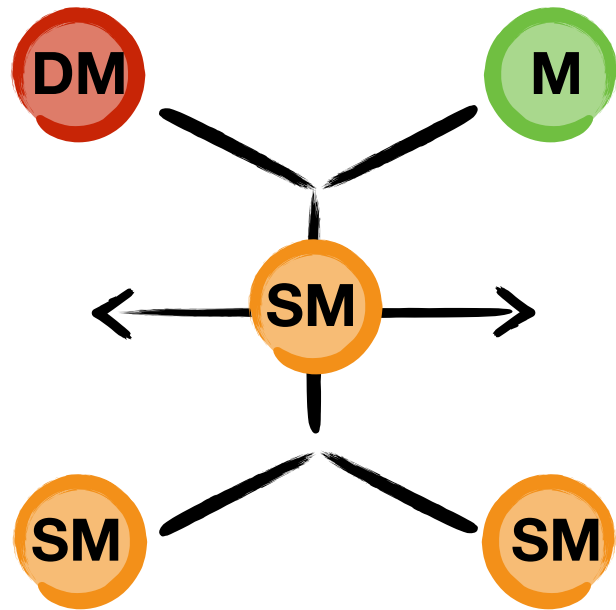


Is a common feature of theories with nontrivial dark sector in a small-coupling regime

See also Garny et. al [1705.09292] and D'Agnolo et al. [1705.08450], [1803.02901], [1906.09269]



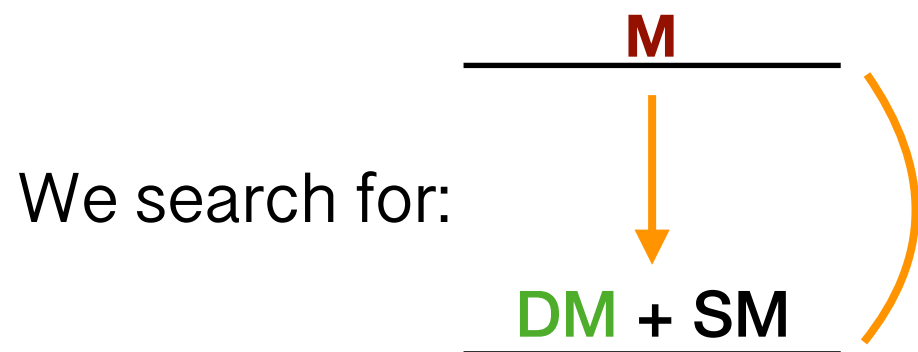
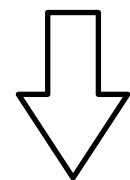
# So just continue searching?



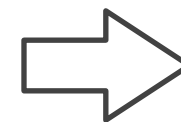
- Mediator decays are slow during decoupling.
- **But they are also long-lived at colliders!**

- Both dark states present at decoupling—**compressed spectrum.**

$$\begin{array}{l} \mathbf{M} \\ \mathbf{DM} \end{array} \begin{array}{l} \text{—————} \\ \text{—————} \end{array} \quad \frac{\Delta m}{m} \simeq 10\%$$



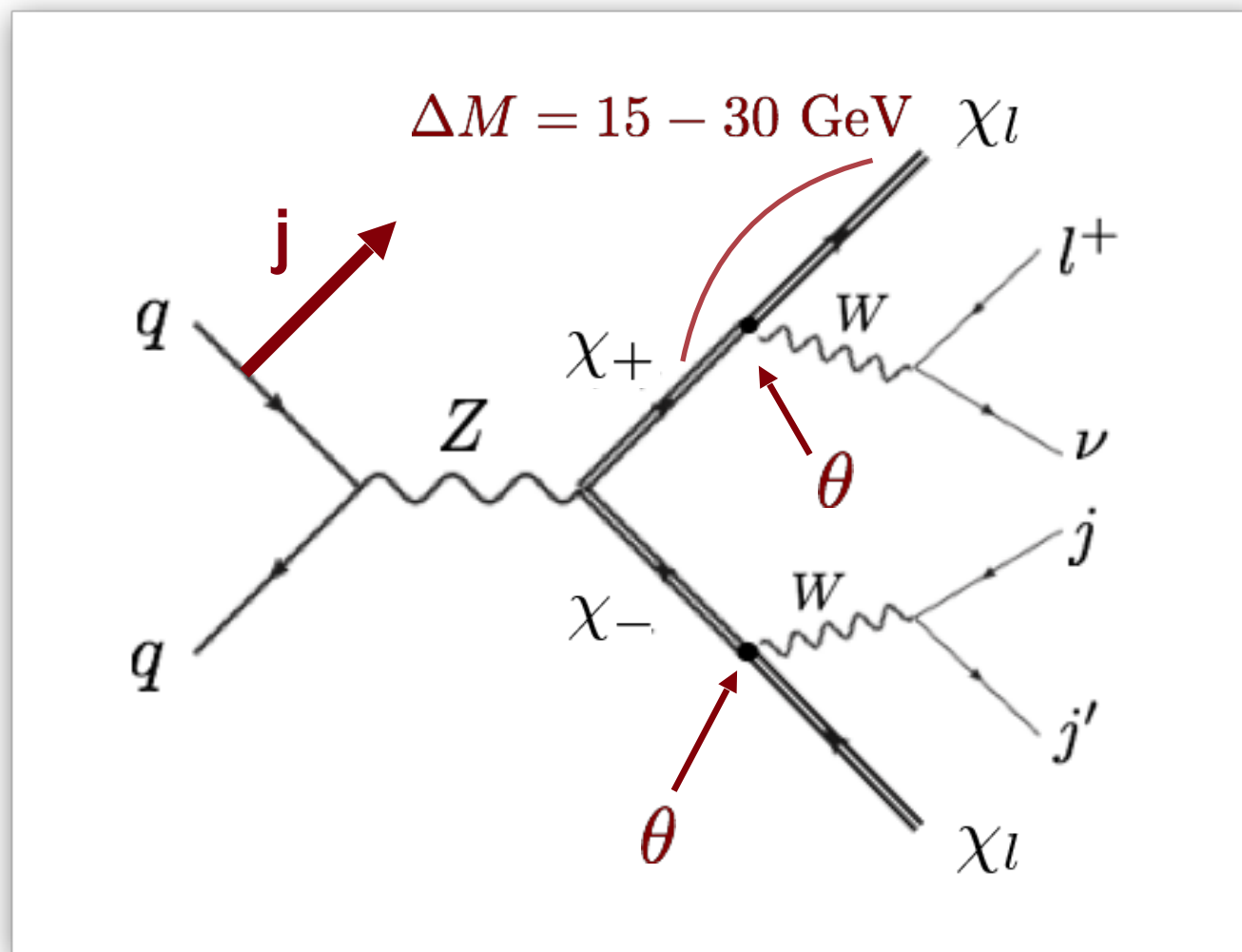
Defines  $p_T$  of SM



**Particles are soft**

# Prompt searches are having a hard time

Example: soft leptons



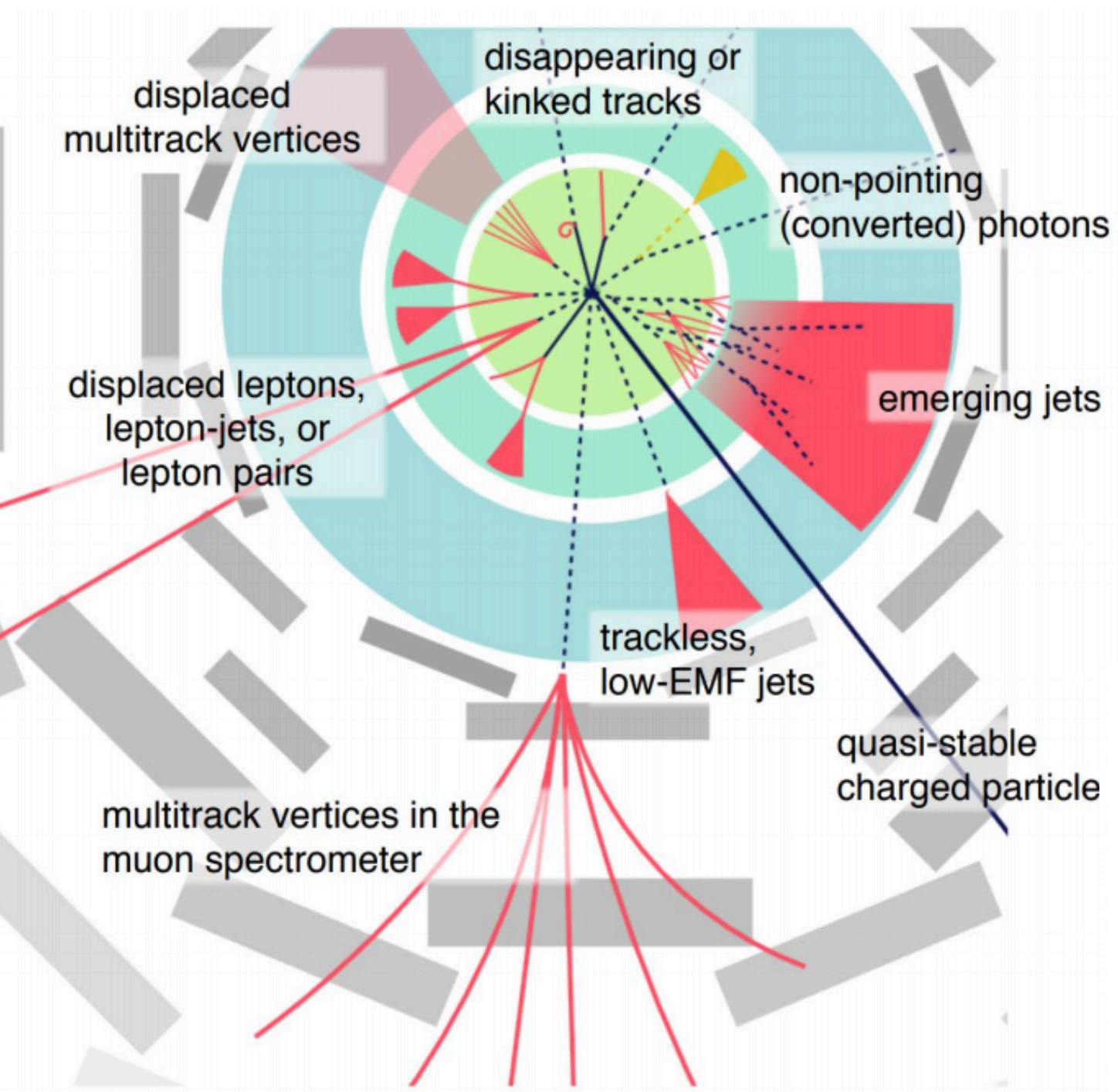
$\sigma_{prod}$  ↓

**Only light masses are probed**

Bharuchaa, Brümmer, Desai [1804.02357]  
CMS [1206.3949]

# LLP analyses at ATLAS & CMS since October 2018

[R. Rosten's talk at 5th LLP Workshop]



## CMS

Search	arXiv
Delayed Jets	EXO-19-001
Disappearing Tracks	SUS-19-005
Displaced Jets	1811.07991

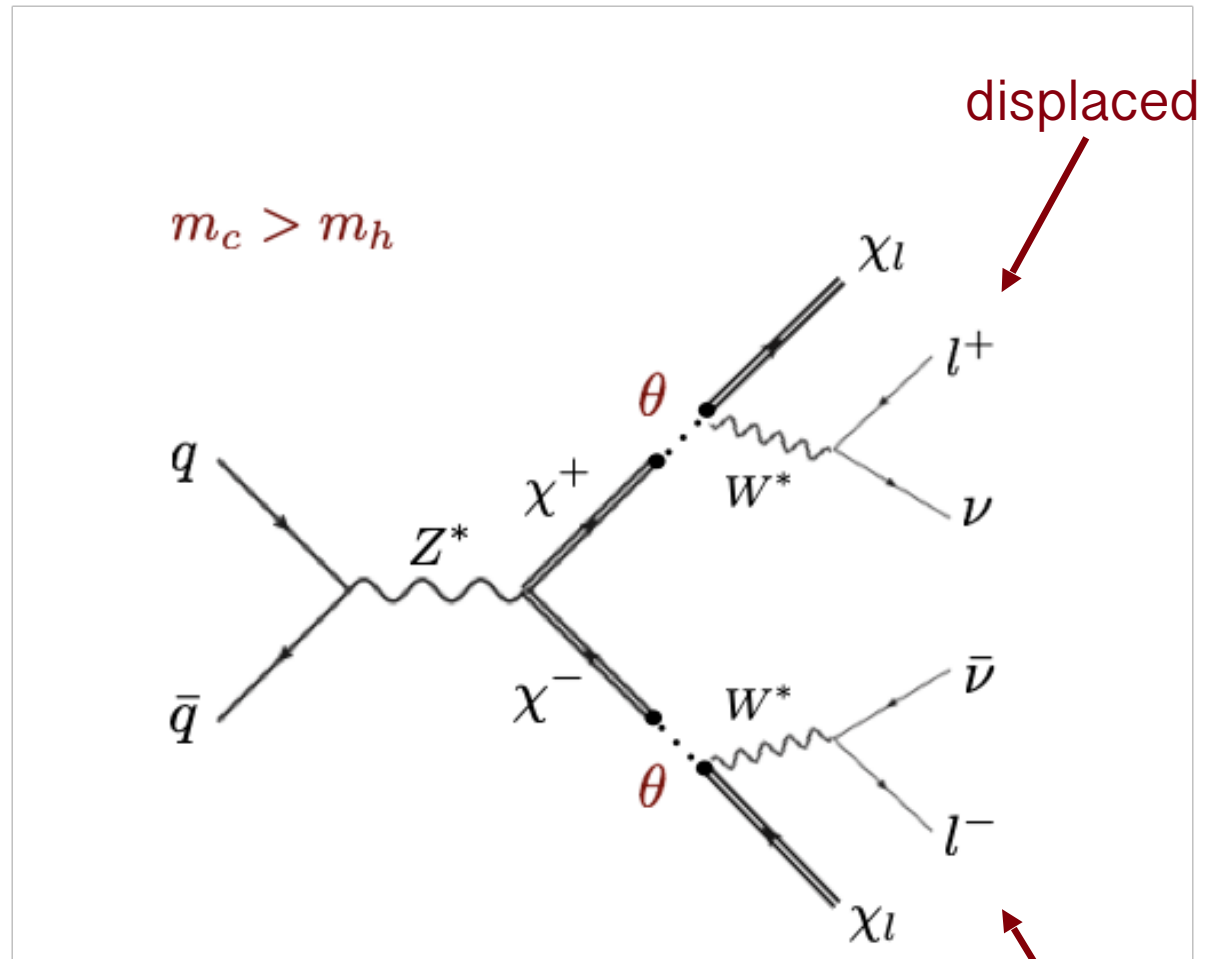
## ATLAS

Search	arXiv
Highly ionizing particles/monopoles	1905.10130
Disp (& prompt) heavy neutral leptons	1905.09787
Displaced hadronic (CalRatio) jets	1902.03094
Heavy charged LLPs	1902.01636
Displaced vertex + displaced muon	CONF-2019-006
Multi-charged LLPs	1812.03673
Muon vertex	1811.07370
Z + Displaced hadronic (CalRatio) jet	1811.02542



# Promising soft displaced signatures

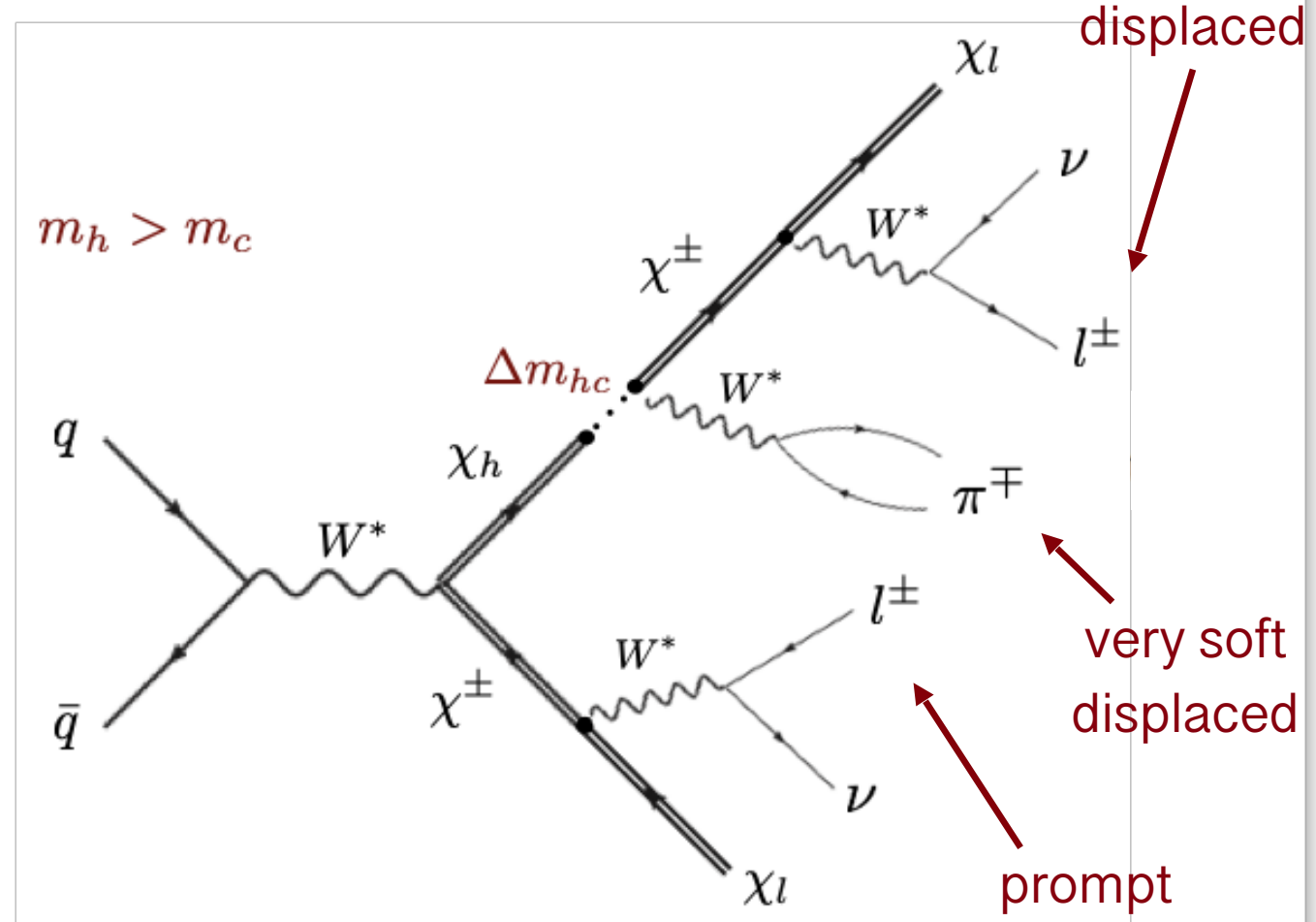
## Soft displaced lepton pair



$\Delta M_{+,l} = 15 - 30 \text{ GeV}$

displaced

## Displaced soft leptons + prompt jets

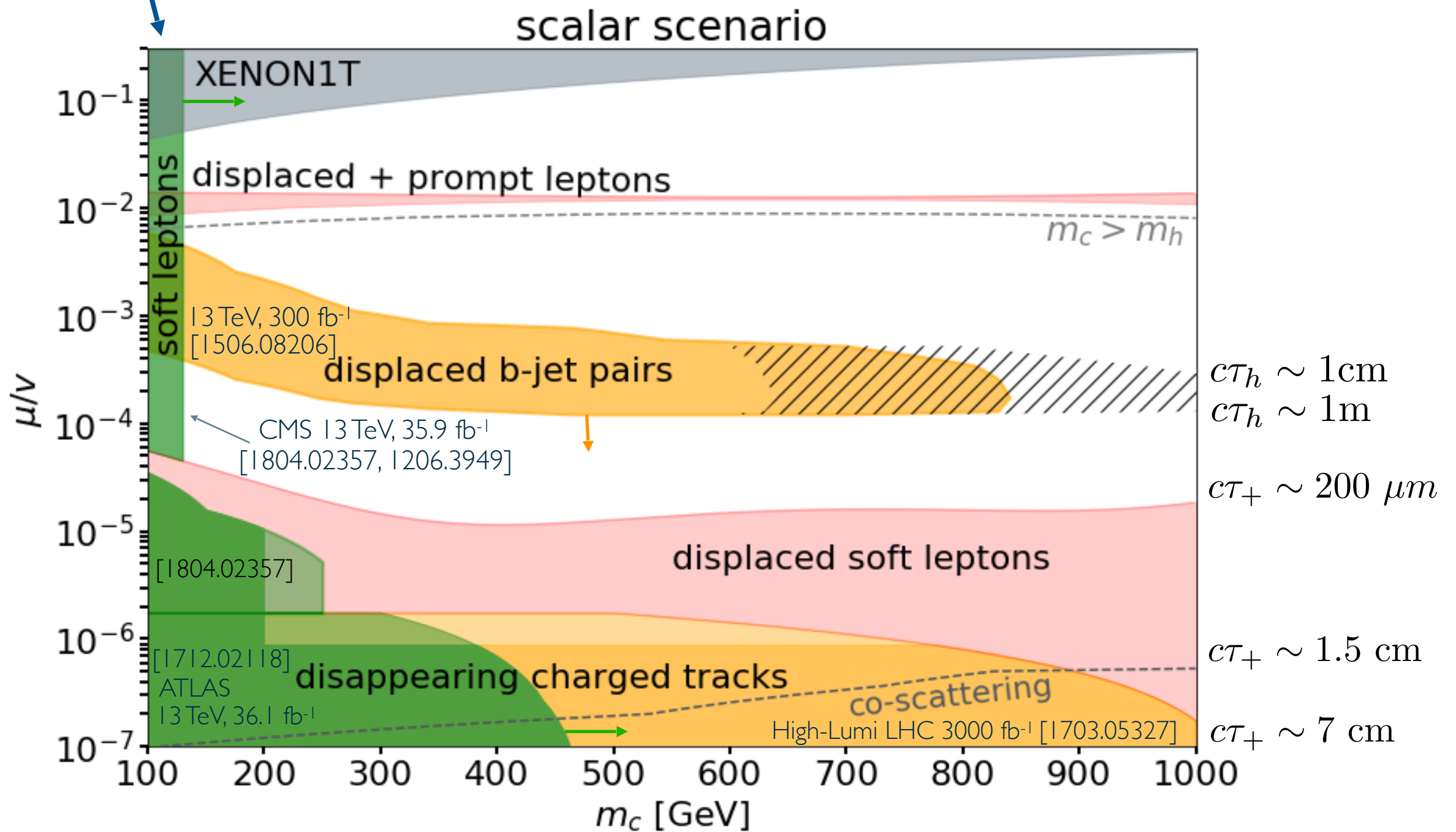


$\Delta M_{+,l} = 15 - 30 \text{ GeV}$

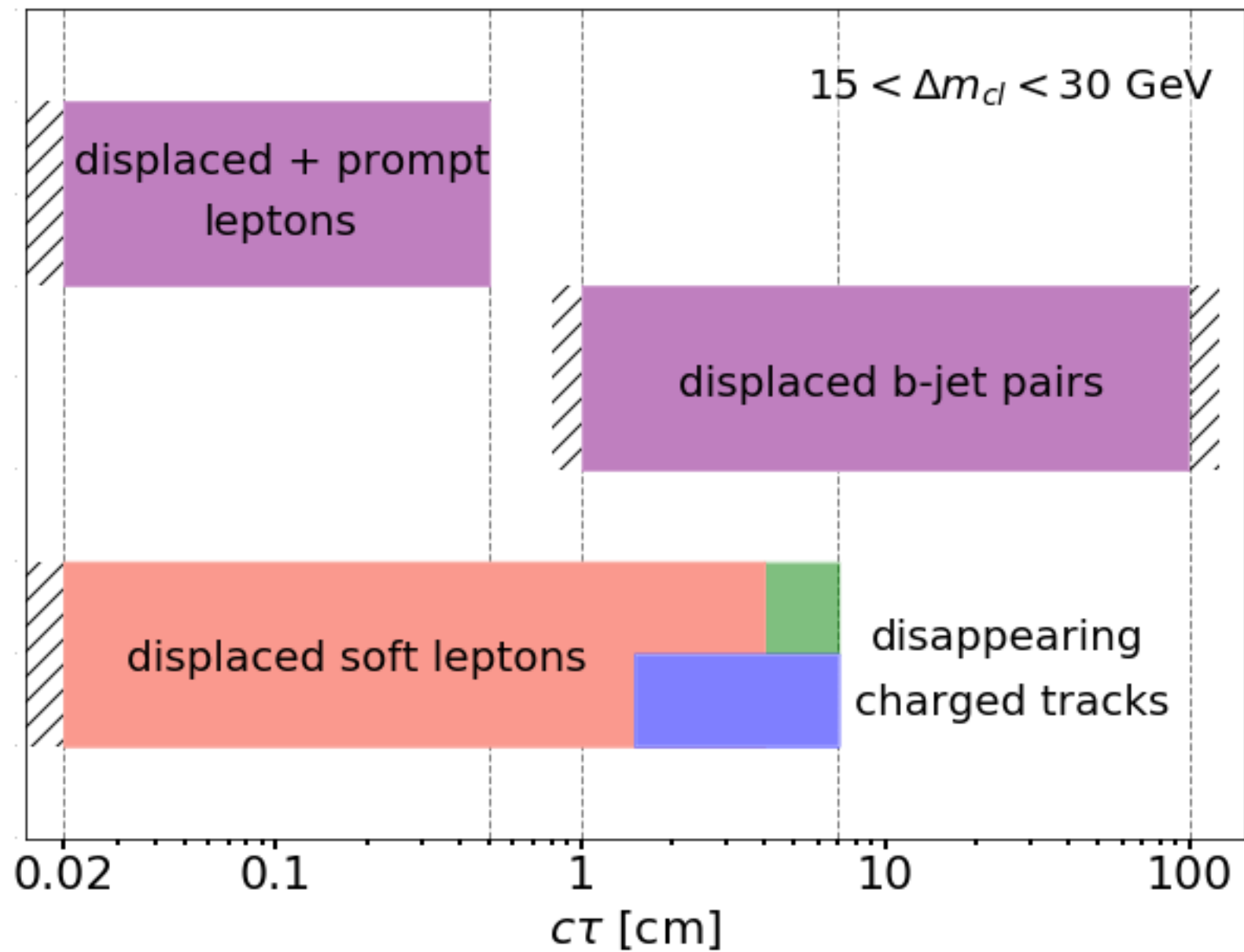
$\Delta M_{+,h}$  arbitrarily small

# Collider searches

Prompt searches can not help



# Lifetimes accessible @ LHC

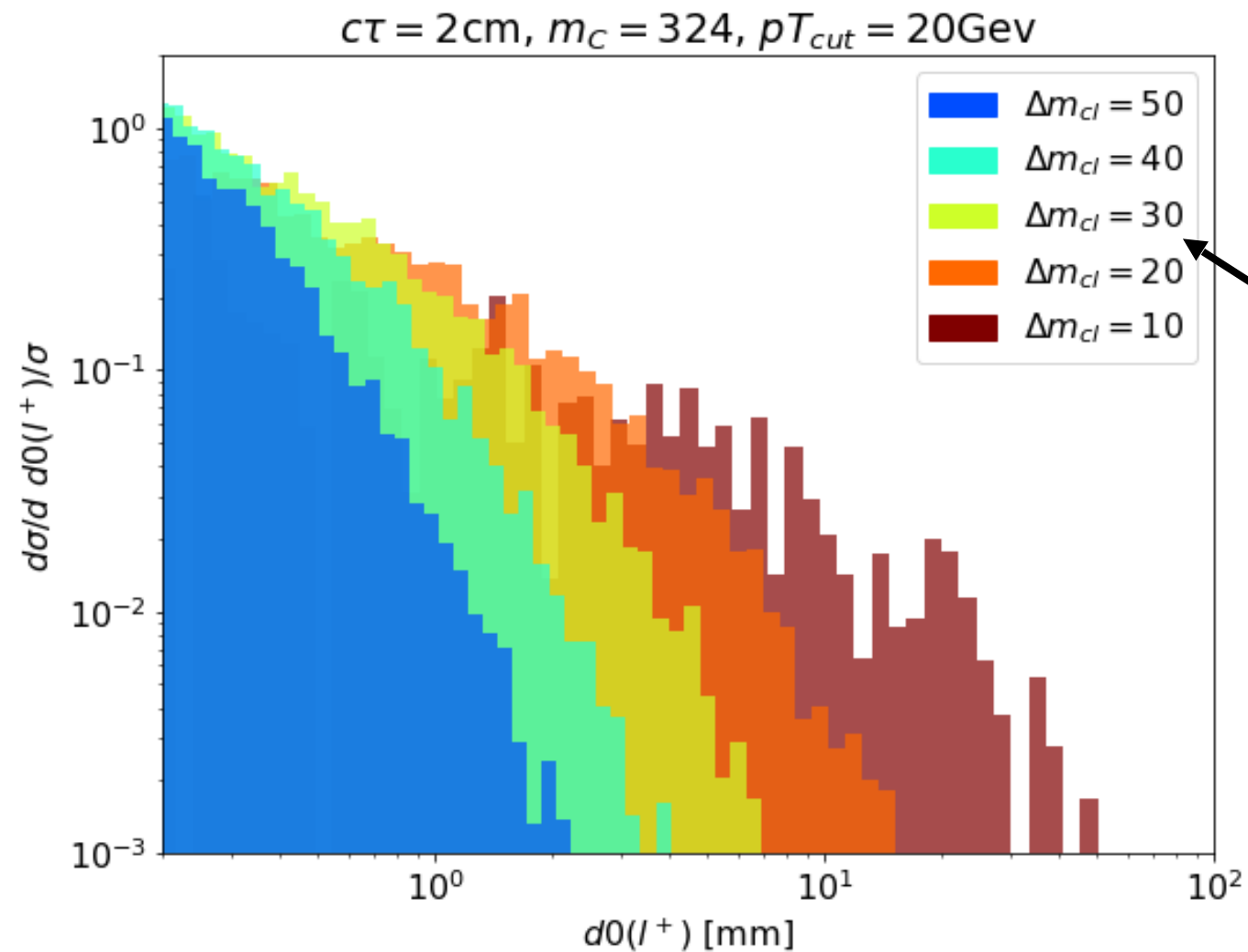
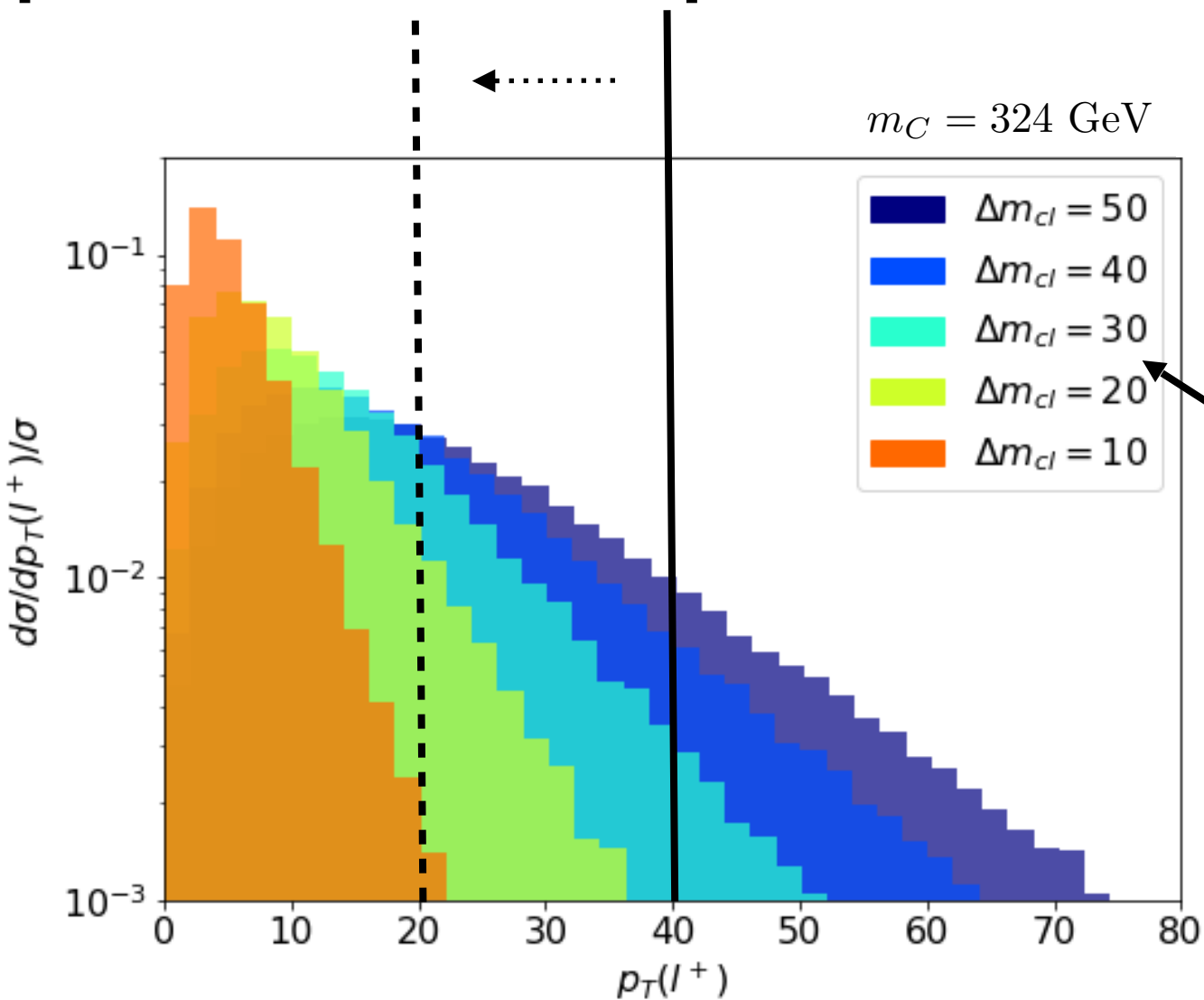


# How displaced/soft?

Displacement for proposed cut →

Current cut

[CMS-PAS-EXO-16-022]

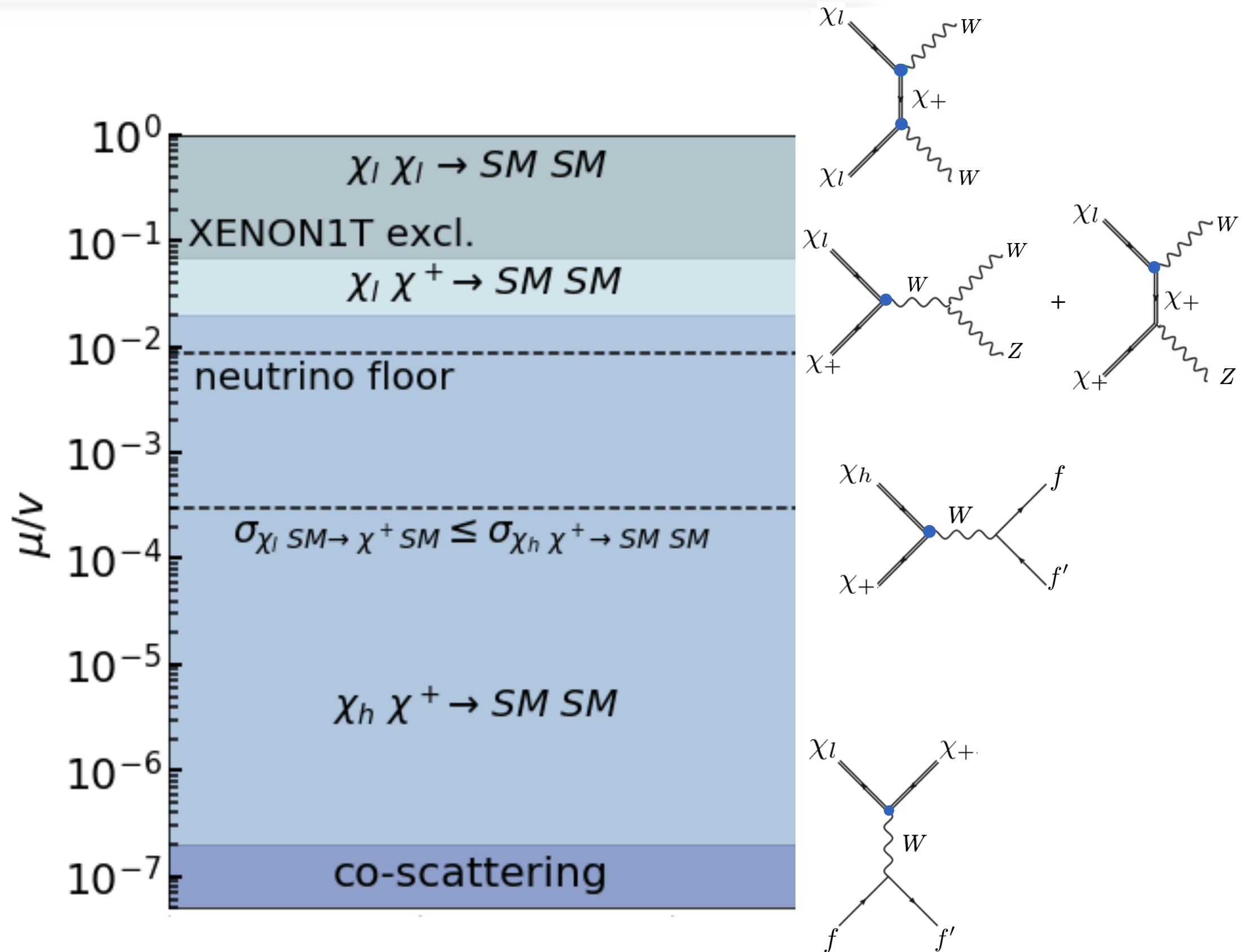


thermal relic

**PRELIMINARY**



# Higgs portal again: freeze-out phases



# Back to relic density: implementation

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Co-scattering processes are important for accurate prediction of dark matter relic density.

**Not included in public codes e.g. MicrOMEGAs, MadDM, DarkSUSY**

Complication:  
the DM particles are frequently not in thermal equilibrium

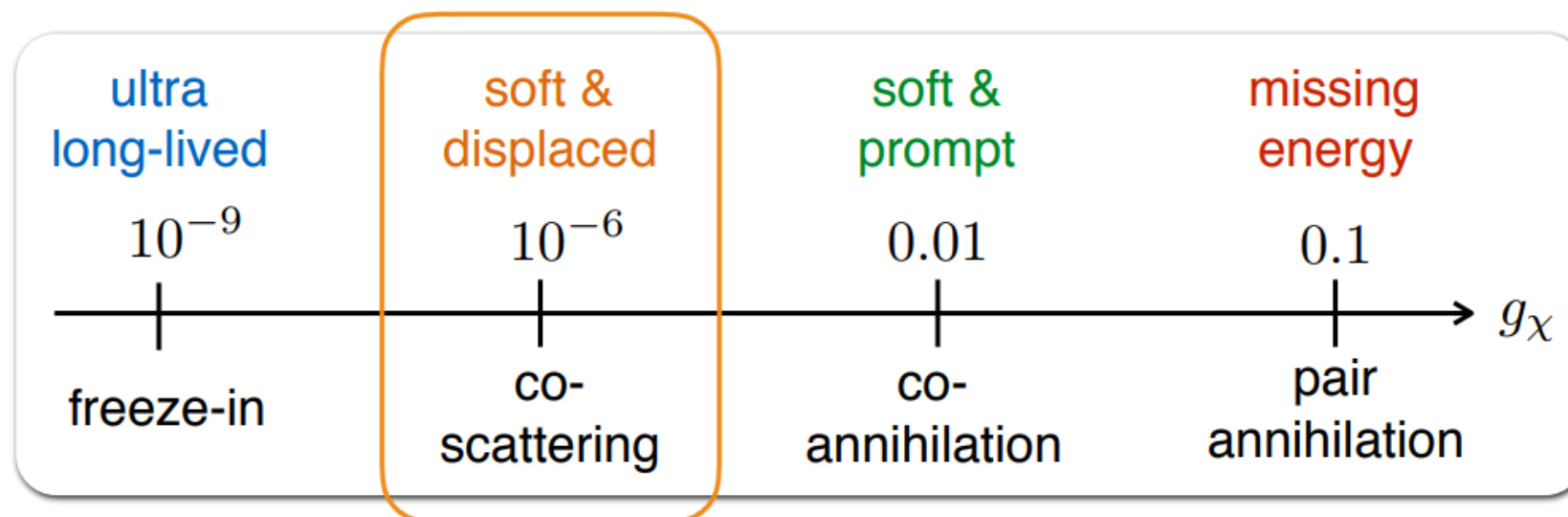
## **In principle**

the coupled system non-integrated Boltzmann equations for all dark states must be solved

**However, in many cases simplified approaches are possible  
(see Binder et al. 1805.00526, D'Agnolo et al. 1906.09269 )**

# Summary

- Strong direct detection constraints point us to a very weakly coupled dark sectors.
- Consequently, the “non-conventional” processes set the DM relic abundance.
- This also leads to a natural appearance of the long-lived states at collider scales. The most promising collider signatures involve displaced particles.
- New searches are needed to conclusively test this scenario: displaced soft leptons, appearing tracks, etc.



# Open questions

- How powerful are displaced searches?
- Which experiments can probe the co-scattering regime (are the lifetimes at the scale of ATLAS/CMS or beyond i.e. FAZER/MATHUSLA/ShiP...)?
- What happens for even weaker couplings? At which point we switch to the freeze-in scenario?
- Are there any hints from cosmological observations about the properties of the non-thermal dark matter momentum distribution?

Thank you!



# Singlet-triplet model: mass basis

## Scalar scenario

$$m_S > \mu^2/m_T$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \chi_\ell \\ \chi_h \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta \chi_S^0 - \sin \theta \chi_T^0 \\ \sin \theta \chi_S^0 + \cos \theta \chi_T^0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$m_{h,\ell} = \frac{1}{2} \left( m_T + m_S \pm \Delta m_{h\ell} \right)$$

$$m_c = m_T$$

## Pseudo-scalar scenario

$$m_S < \mu^2/m_T$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \chi_\ell \\ \chi_h \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta \chi_S^0 + \sin \theta i\gamma_5 \chi_T^0 \\ \sin \theta i\gamma_5 \chi_S^0 + \cos \theta \chi_T^0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$m'_{h,\ell} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \Delta m_{h\ell} \pm (m_T + m_S) \right) = \pm m_{h,\ell}$$

$$m_c = m_T$$

$$\text{with } \Delta m_{h\ell} = \sqrt{(m_T - m_S)^2 + 4\mu^2} \quad \theta \simeq \frac{\mu}{m_T - m_S}$$

In both scenarios  $m_\ell/m'_\ell > 0$

# Couplings of dark fermions

Two physical scenarios, depending on parameters of the theory:

**Scalar case:**

Couplings  $\propto 1, \gamma_\mu$

**Pseudo-scalar case:**

Couplings  $\propto \gamma_5, \gamma_\mu \gamma_5$

Connected through  
chiral rotation:

$$\chi_l \rightarrow i\gamma_5 \chi_l$$

- Changes the sign of the mass term:

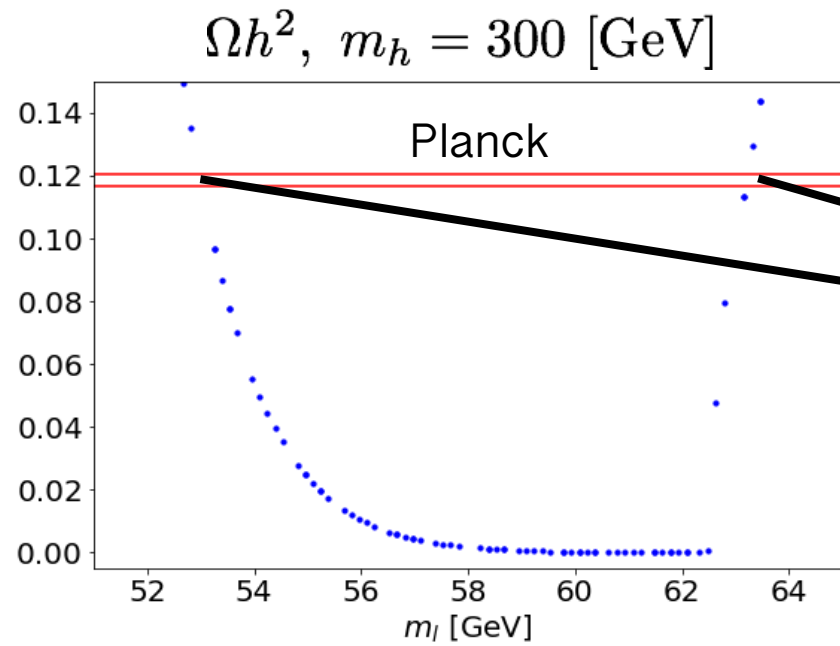
$$-m_l \bar{\chi}_l \chi_l \rightarrow m_l \bar{\chi}_l \chi_l$$

- Leads to pseudo-scalar (axial-vector) interactions:

$$\bar{\chi}_h \chi_l \rightarrow i\bar{\chi}_h \gamma_5 \chi_l$$

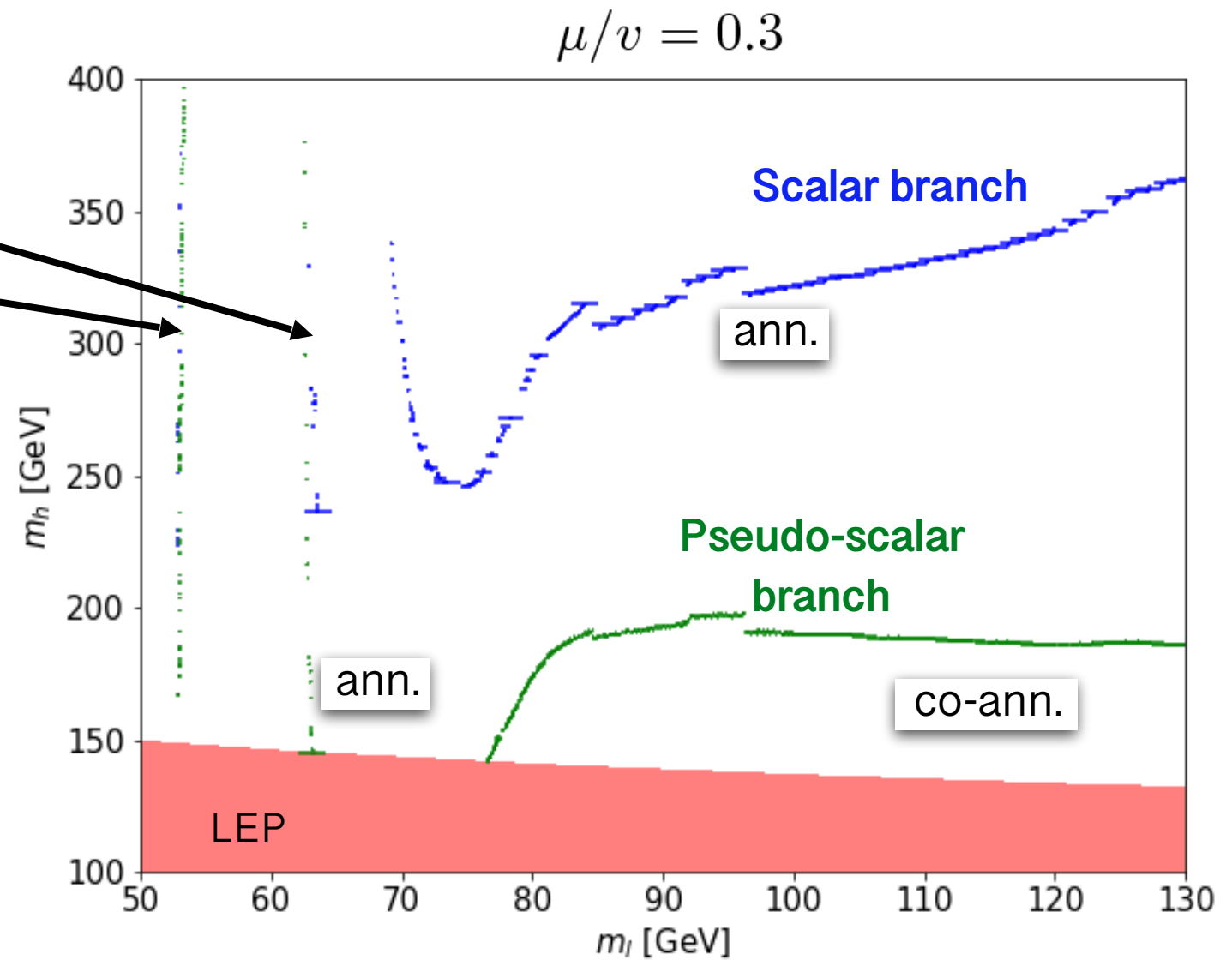
$$\bar{\chi}_+ \gamma^\mu \chi_l \rightarrow i\bar{\chi}_+ \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 \chi_l$$

# Relic density: threshold effects



Higgs resonance region

$$\theta \simeq \frac{\mu}{m_T - m_S}$$

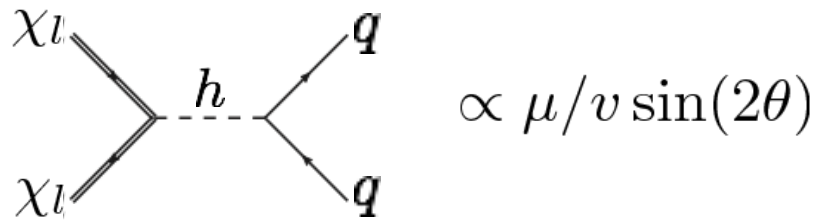


Blue/green:  $\Omega_\psi h^2 = 0.1199 \pm 0.0022$

[Planck coll., 1502.01589]

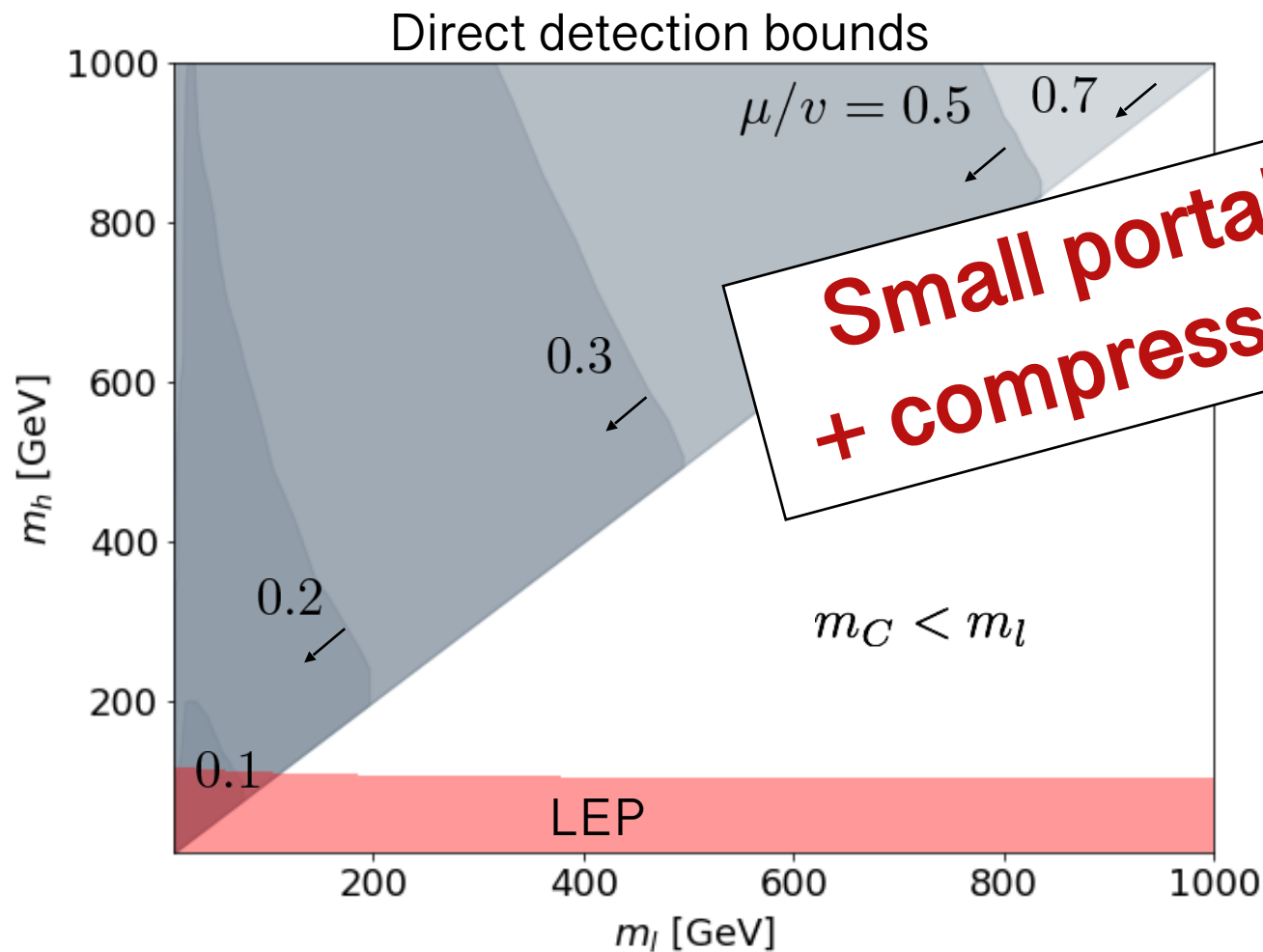
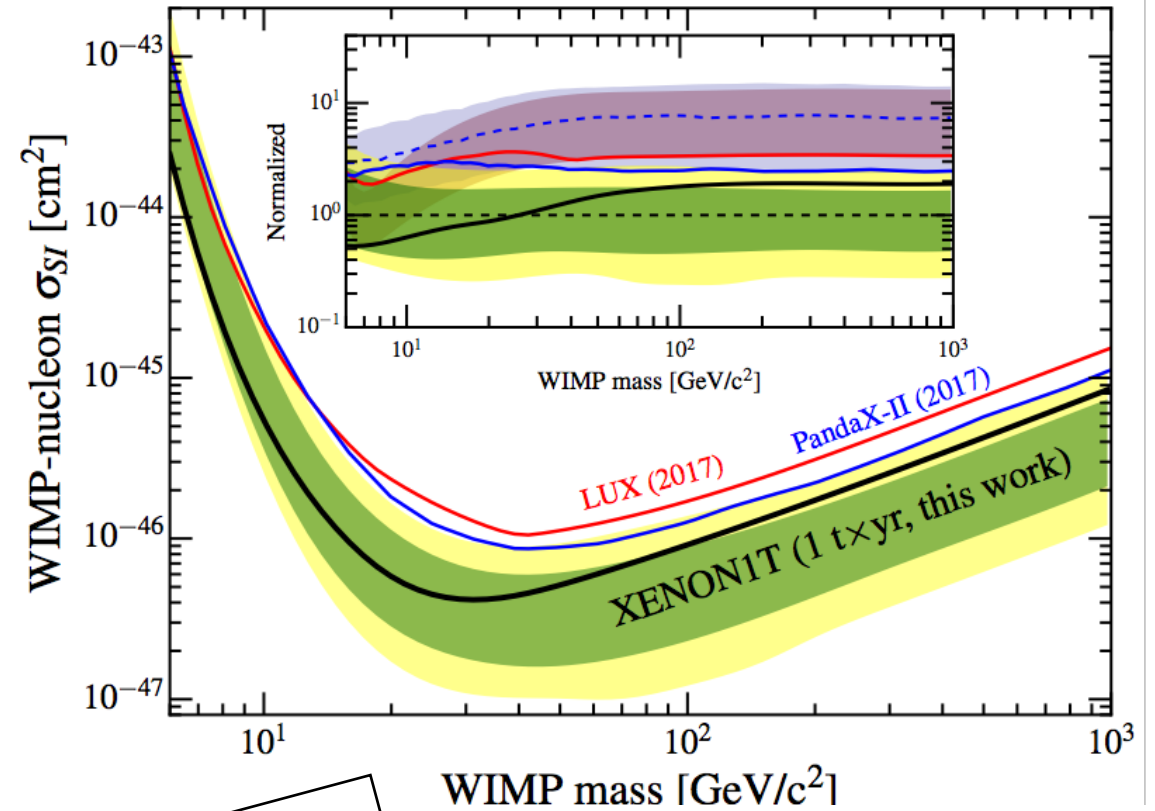
# Direct detection

[1805.12562]

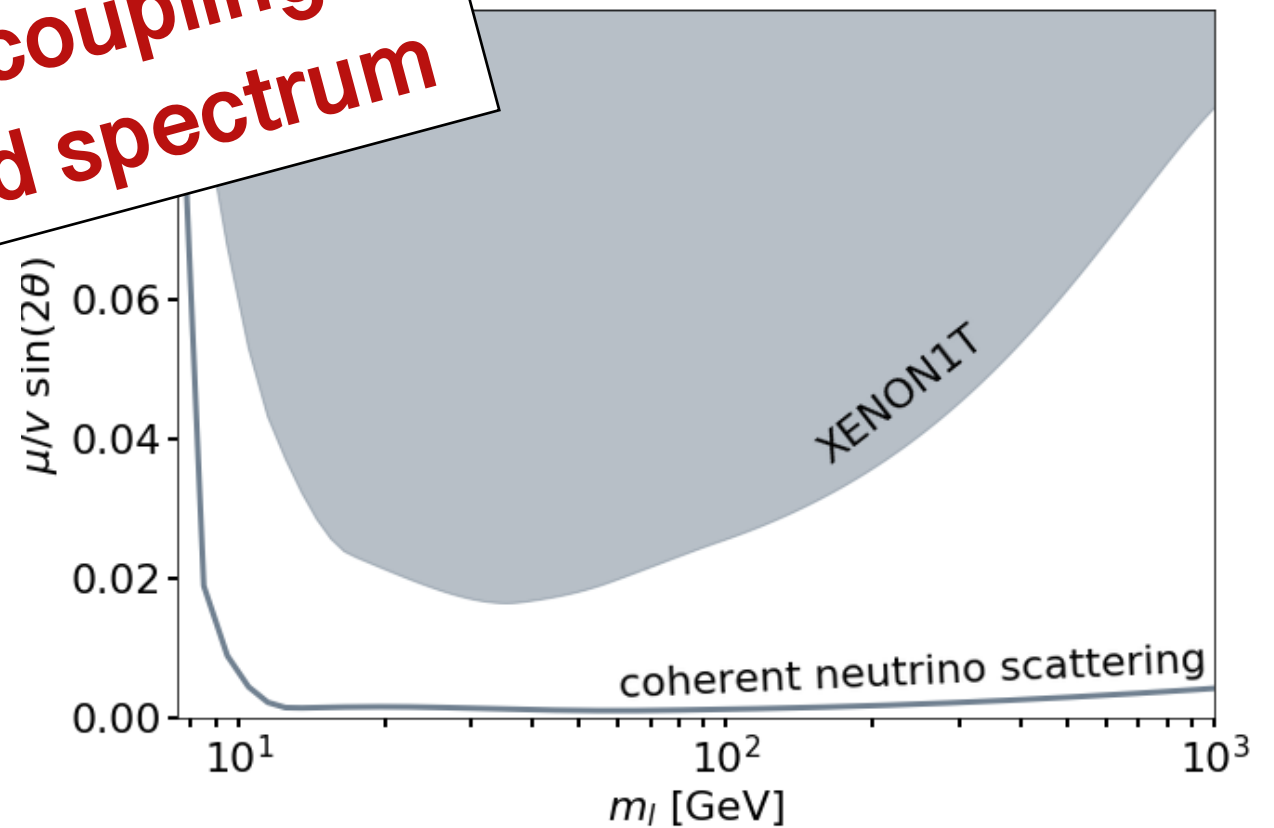


$\chi_h$   
 $\chi^+$

$(\Delta m_{hc})^{\text{mix}} \simeq \mu \sin(2\theta)/2$



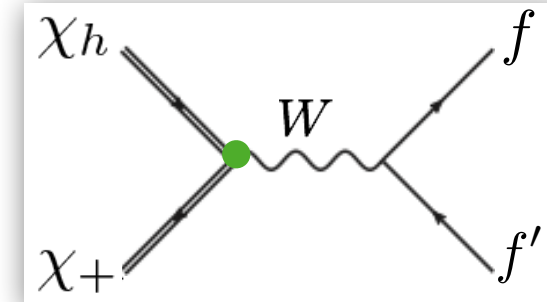
**Small portal couplings  
 + compressed spectrum**



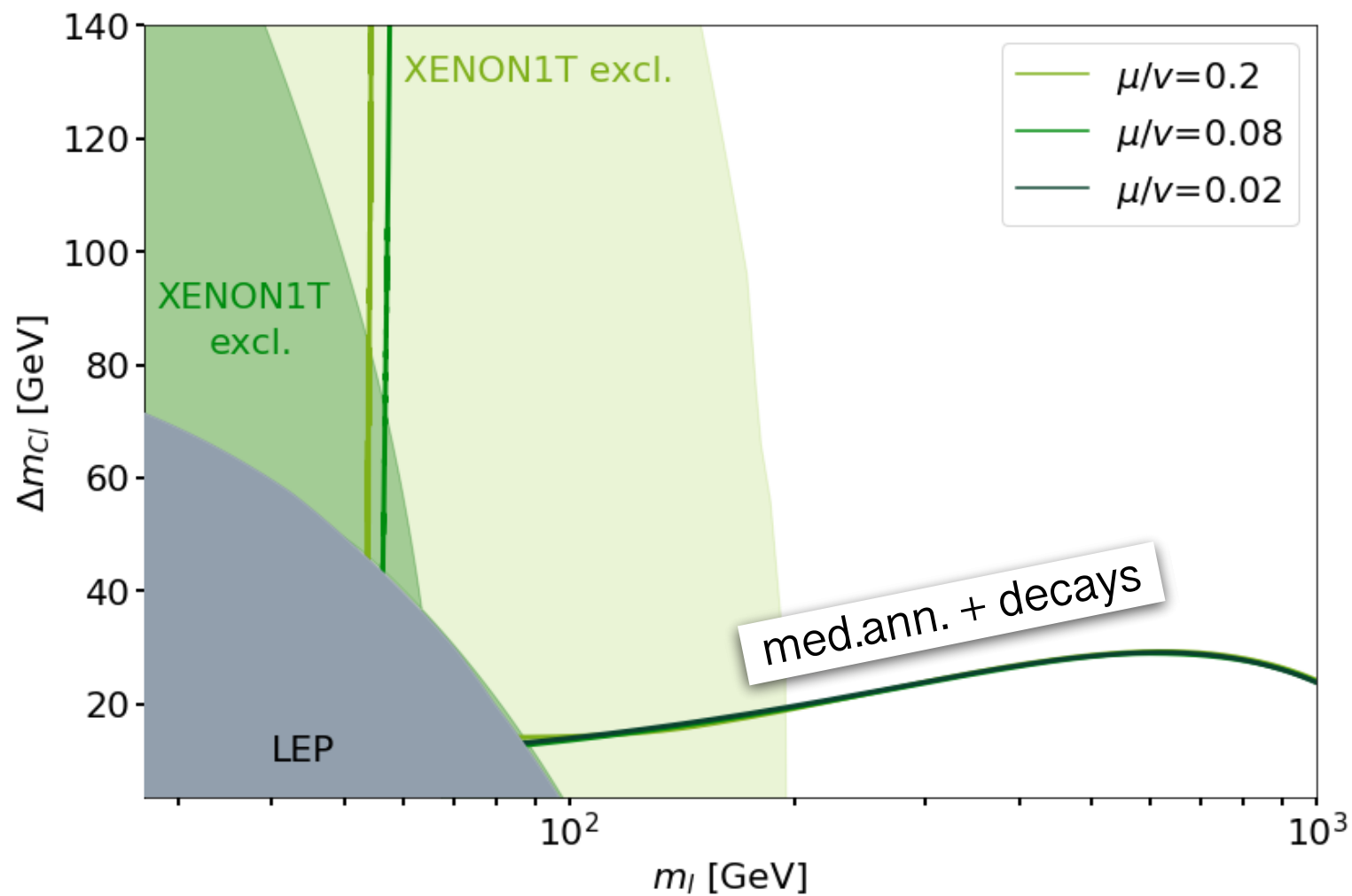


# Surviving regions: pseudoscalar case

Mediator annihilation + further decays to  $\chi l$



$$(g \cos \theta)^2$$



$$\begin{array}{l} \chi^+ \\ \chi l \end{array} \quad \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \quad 15 - 30 \text{ GeV} \quad \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

Lines:  $\Omega_\psi h^2 = 0.1199 \pm 0.0022$  [Planck coll., 1502.01589]

# Collider searches: details

