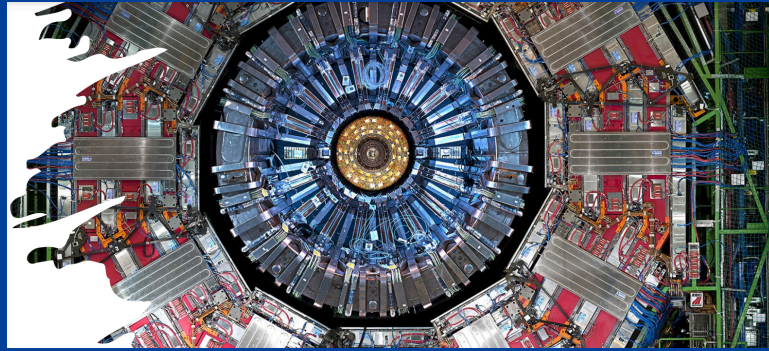
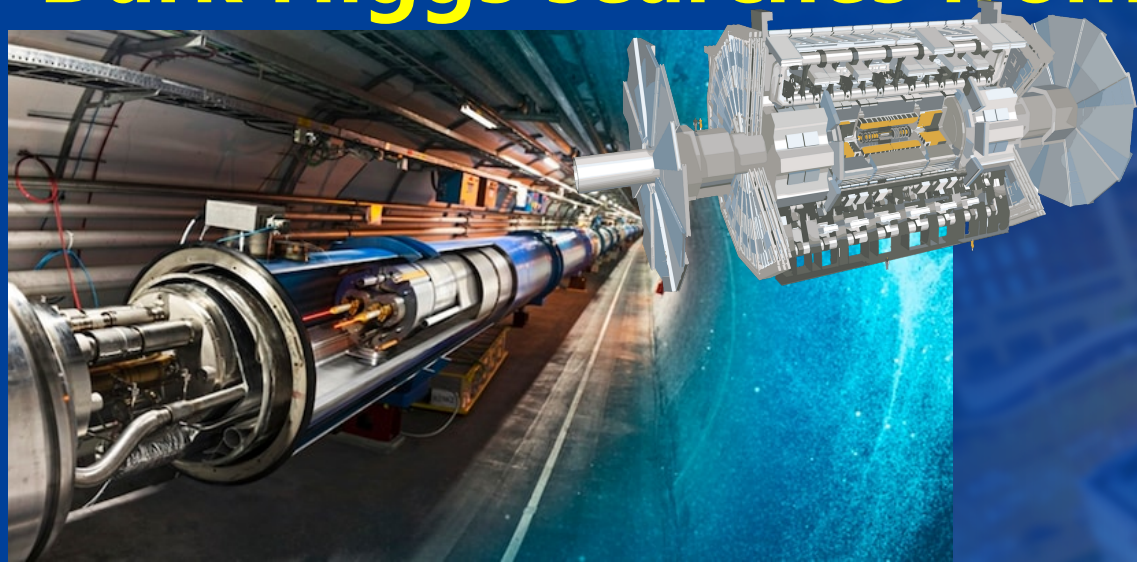


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Recent Dark Matter combination summary and Dark Higgs searches from ATLAS

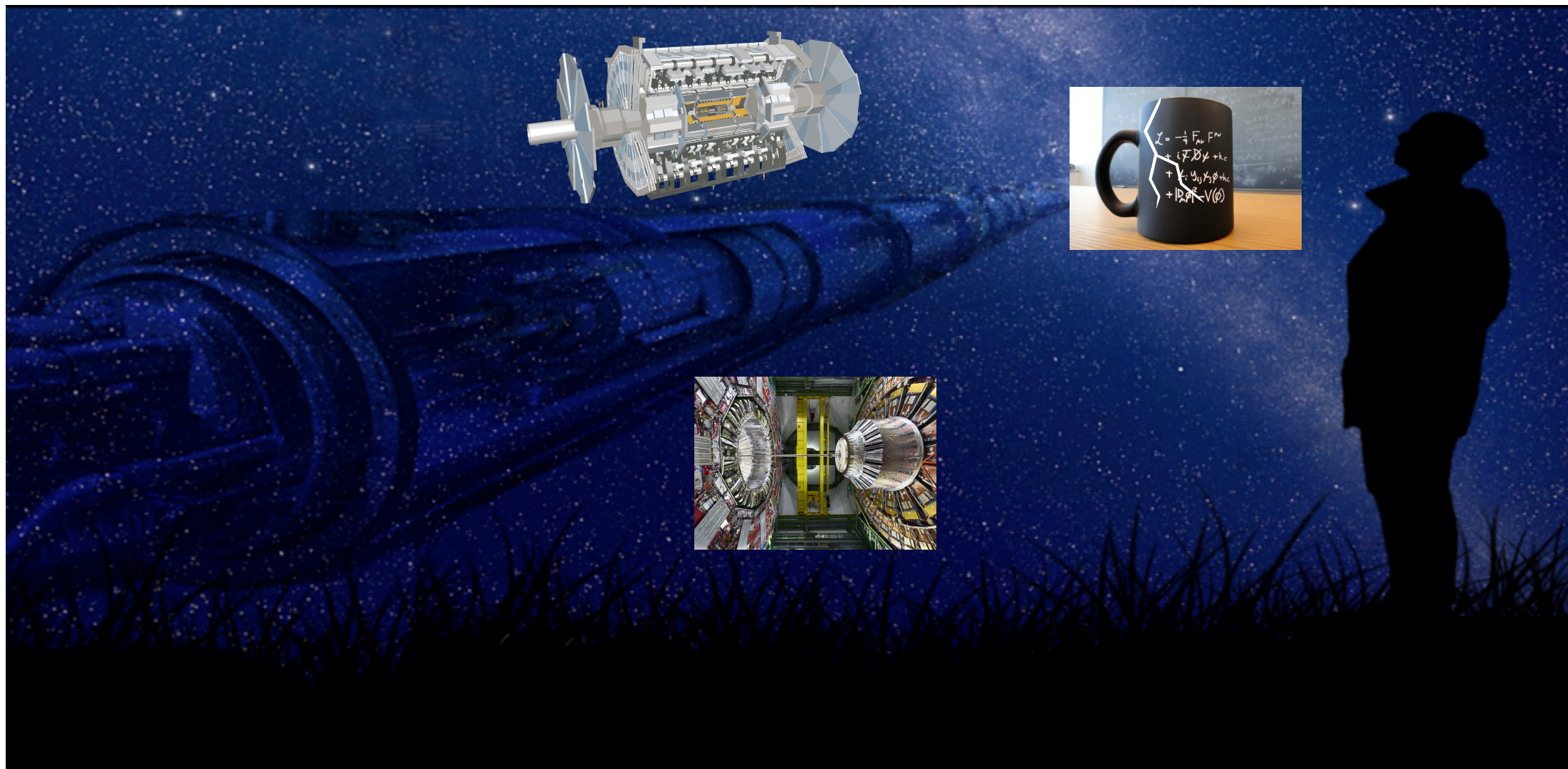


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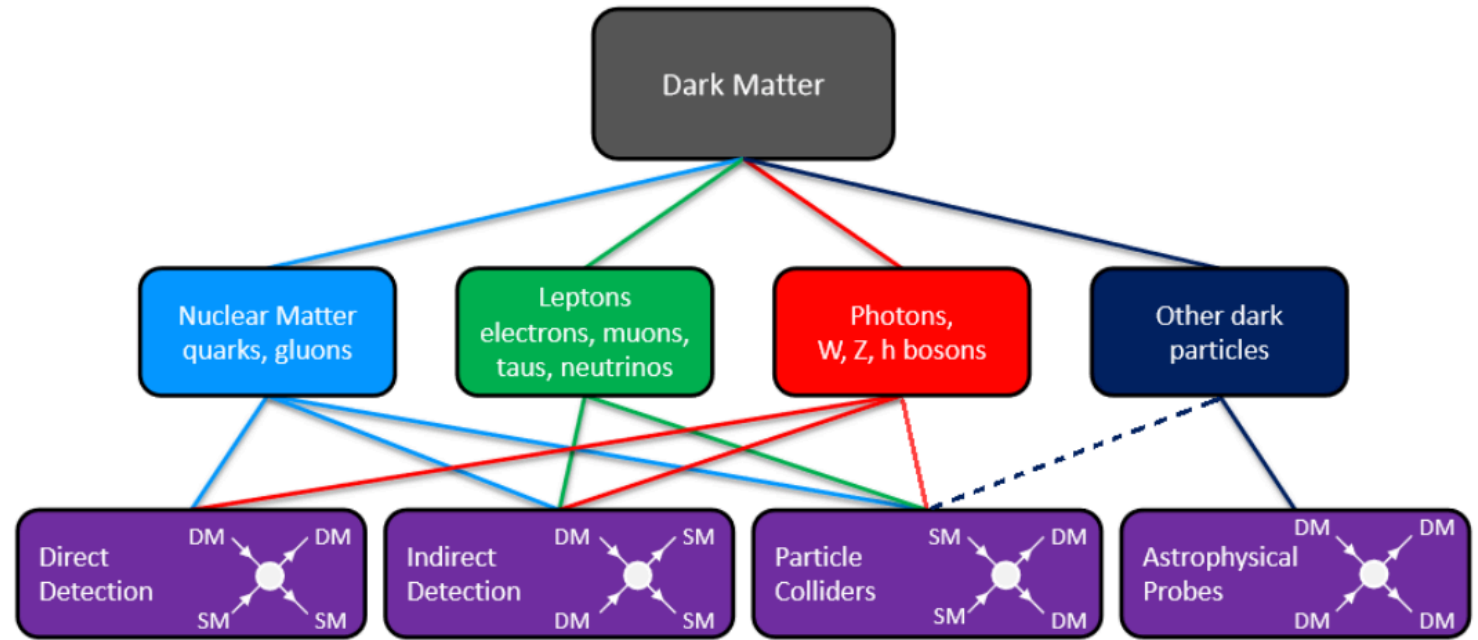
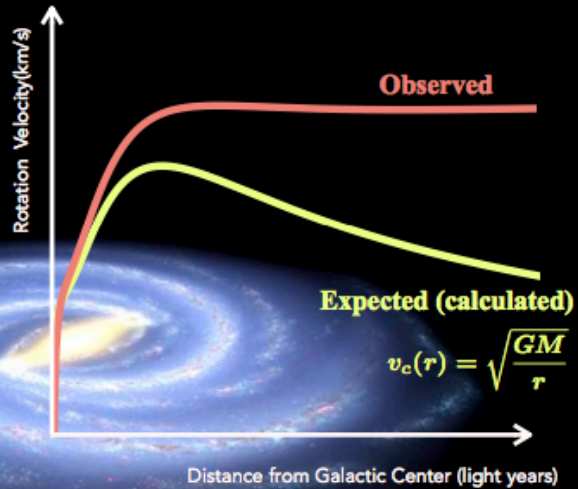
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● LHC primary goals: looking into the “unknowns”



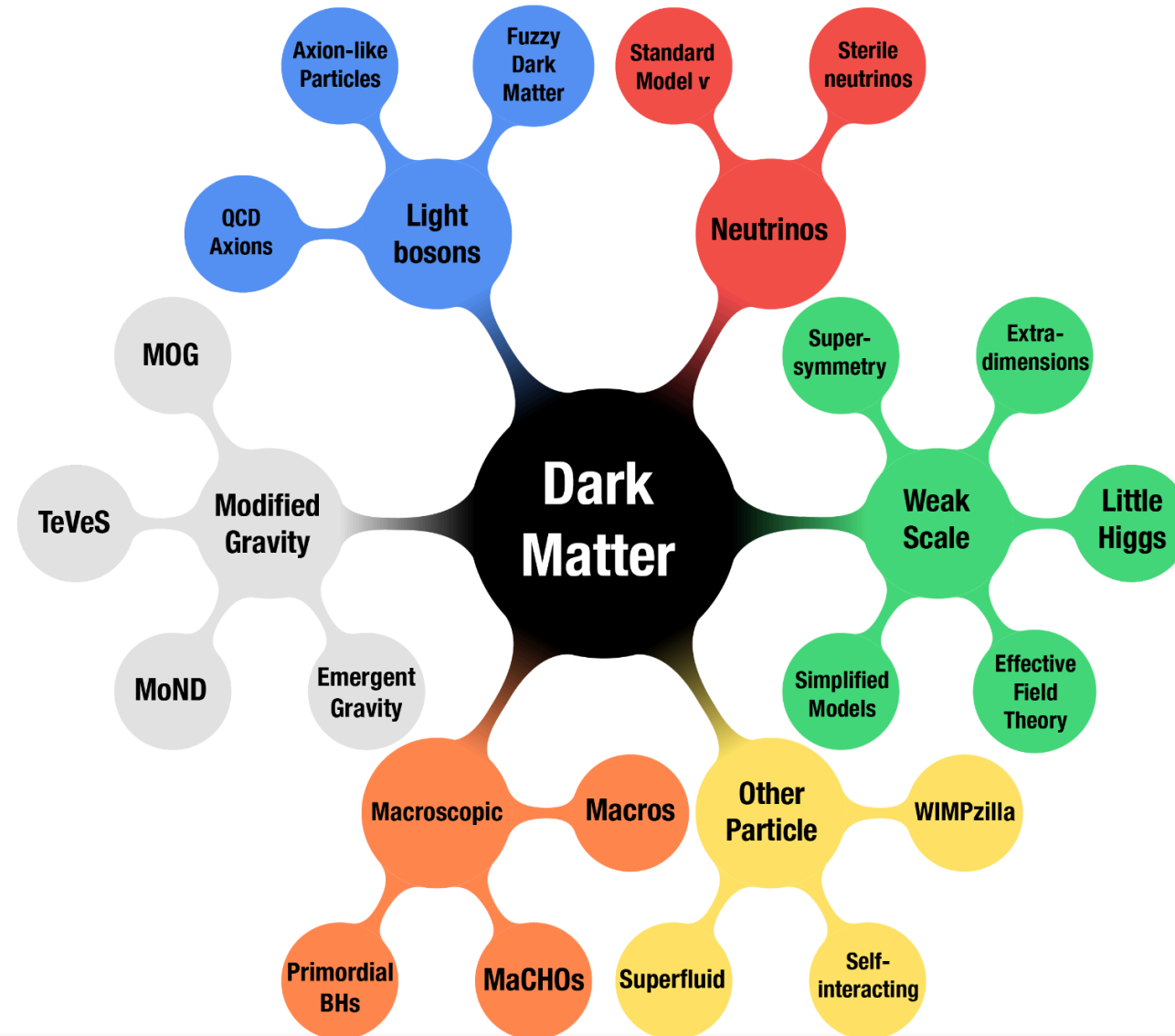
Dark Matter Evidence and Theory Context in a nutshell

Galactic Rotation



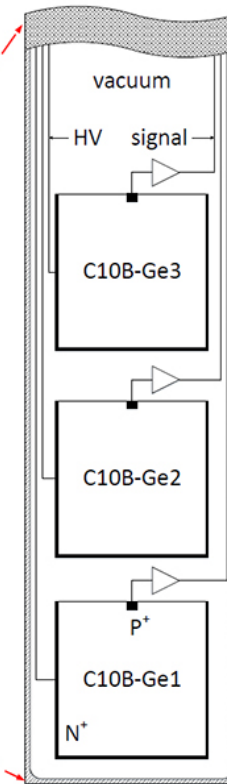
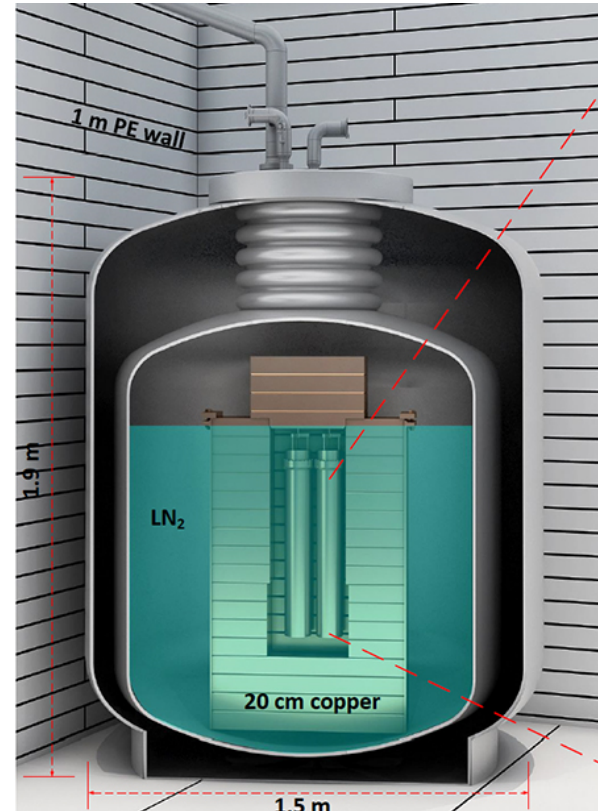
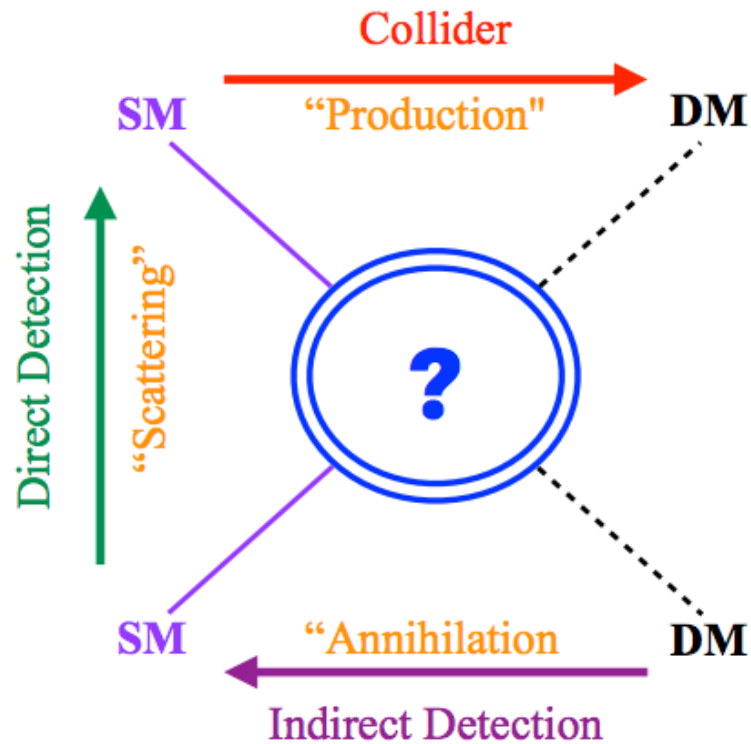
- DM evidence from astronomical observations and gravitational effects:
 - Galactic rotation curves, Gravitational lensing, Cosmic Microwave Background anisotropies, ...
- Characteristics: Non-baryonic, massive, electrically neutral, gravitational, stable → WIMP context
- BSM models predict weakly interacting massive particle (WIMP) -> Dark Matter Candidate. In SUSY models, the lightest SUSY particle LSP is a candidate for dark matter. Being LSP stable in most Models.
- Any WIMP DM produced at collider experiments will interact weakly and pass invisibly through detectors. Inferred through 'Missing E_T ' when event does not balance in plane transverse to beam.

● Frontiers that DM can reach out



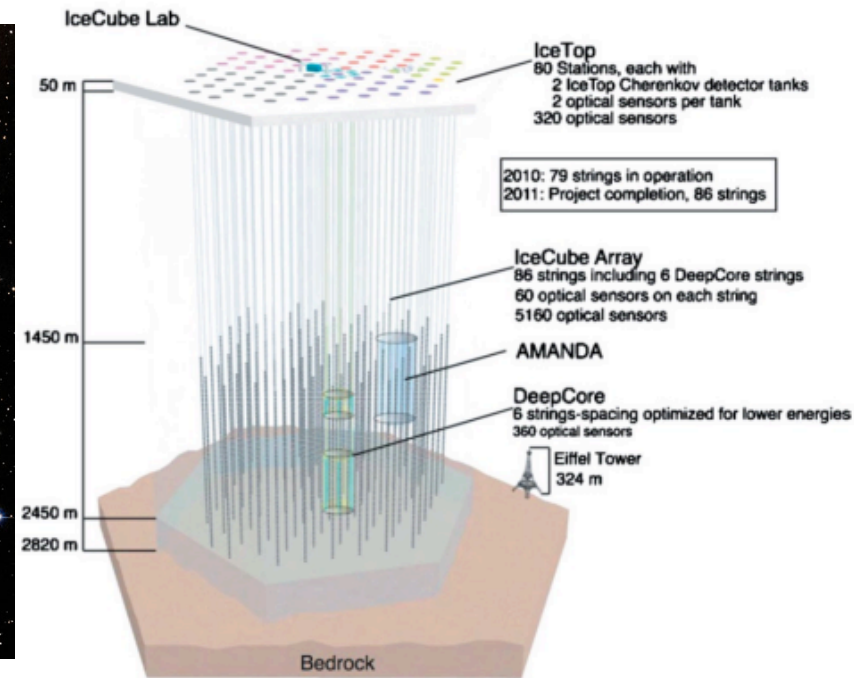
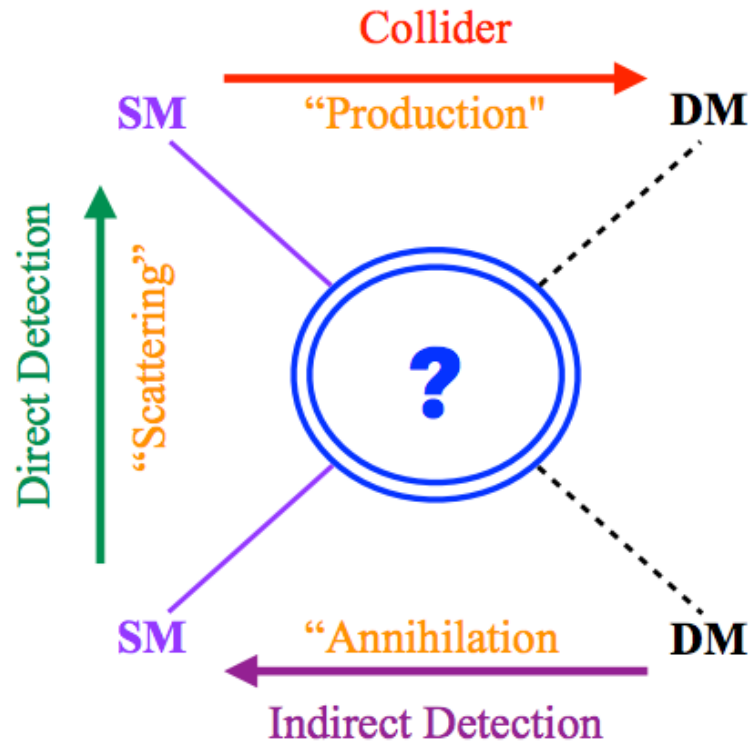
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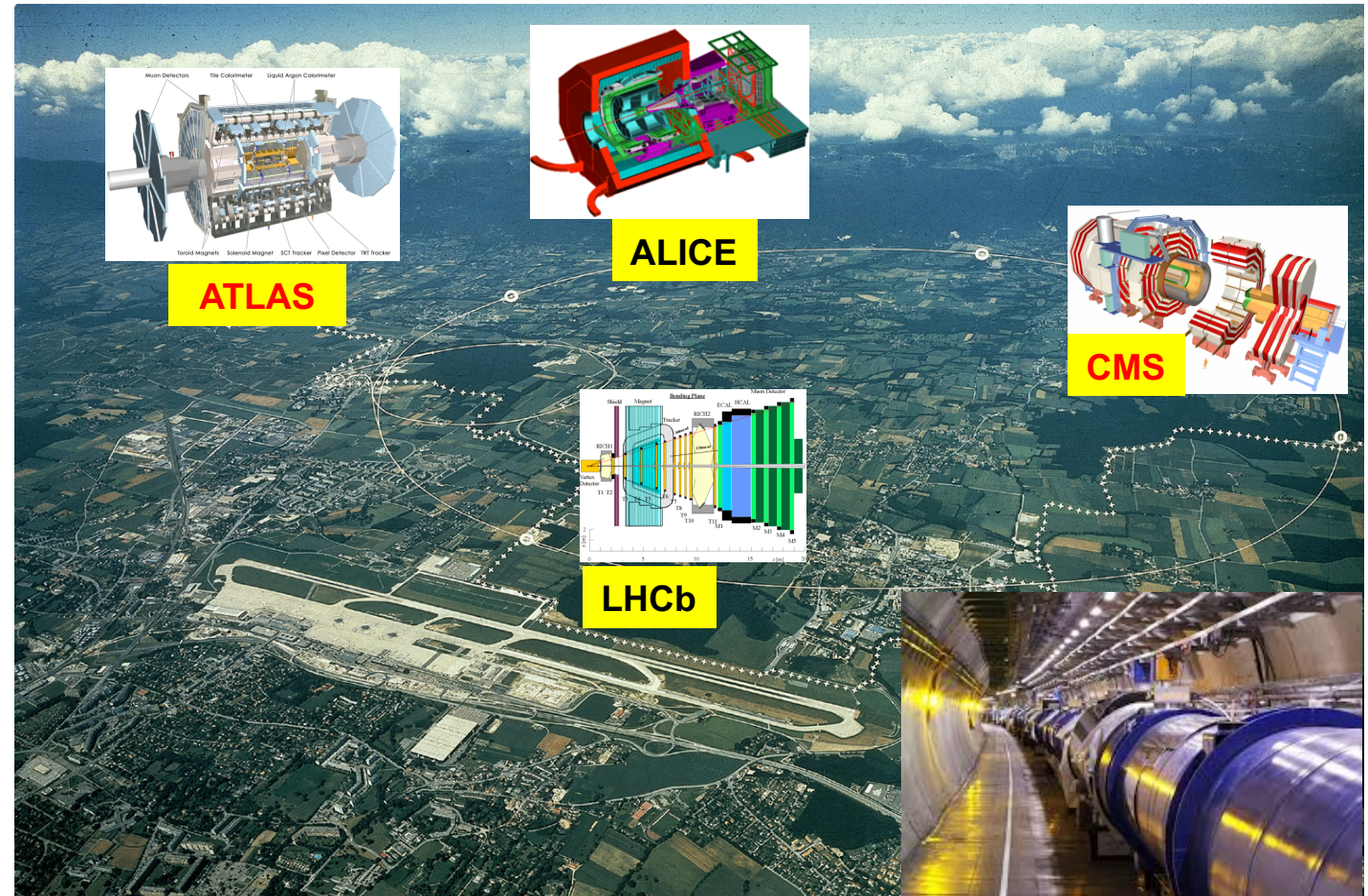
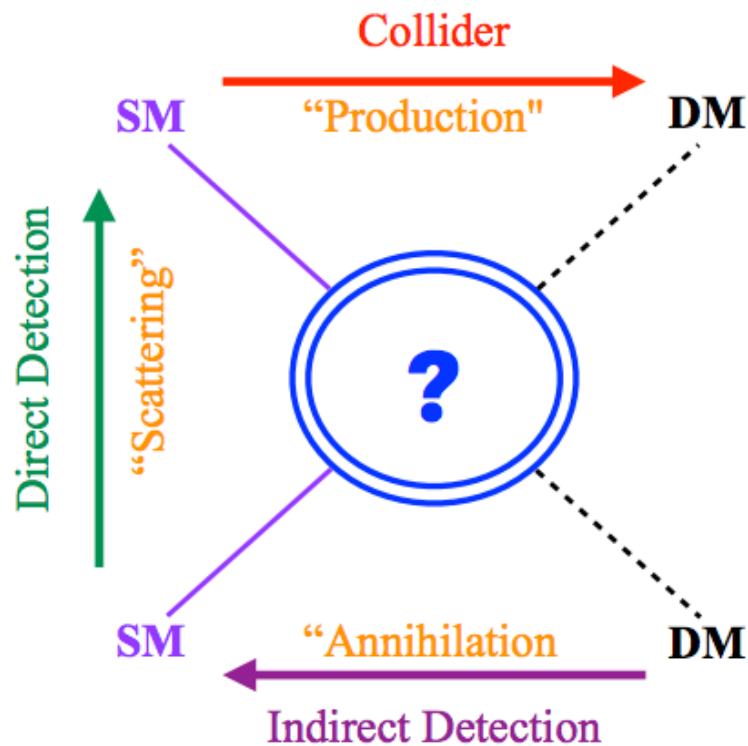
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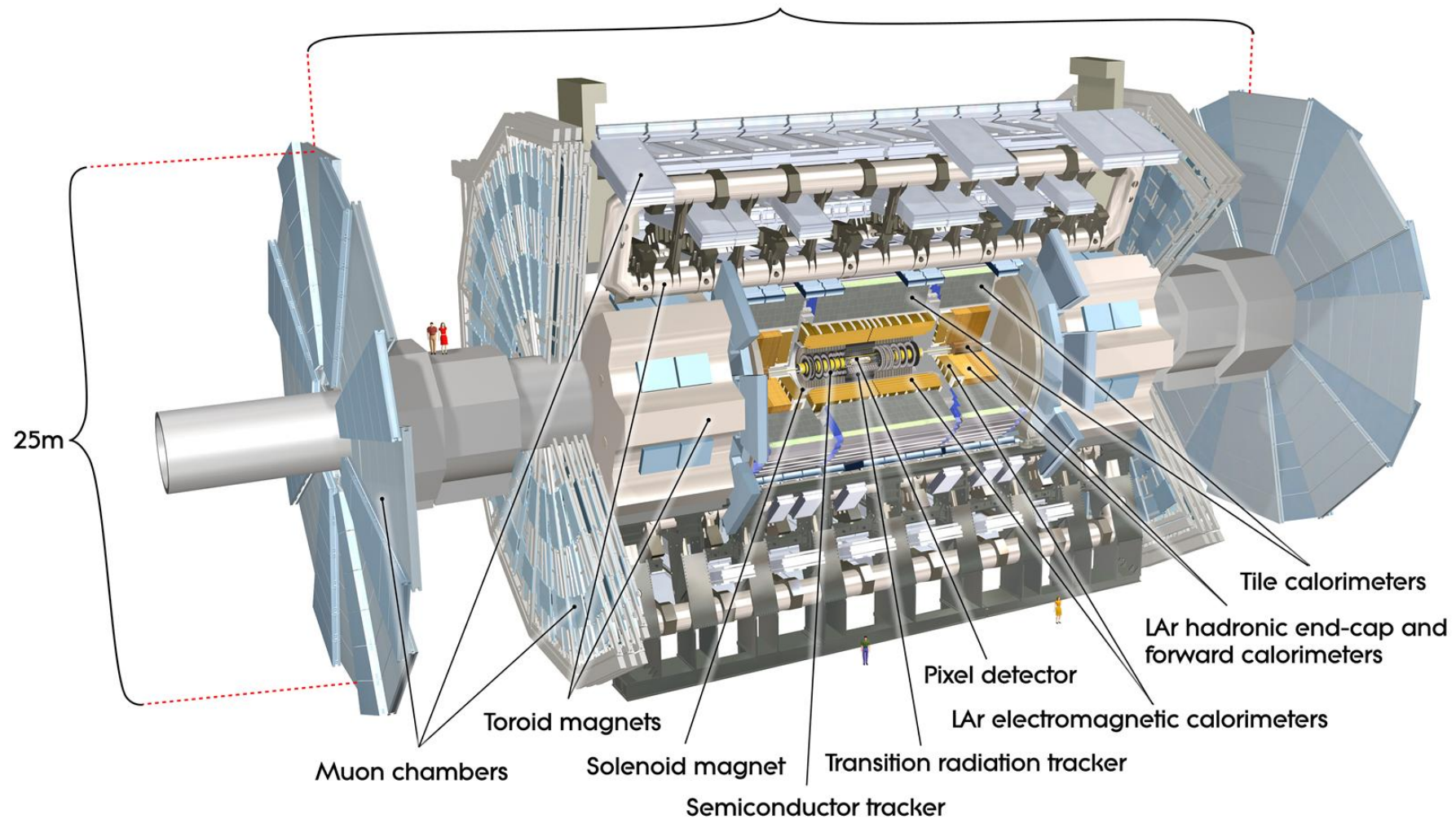
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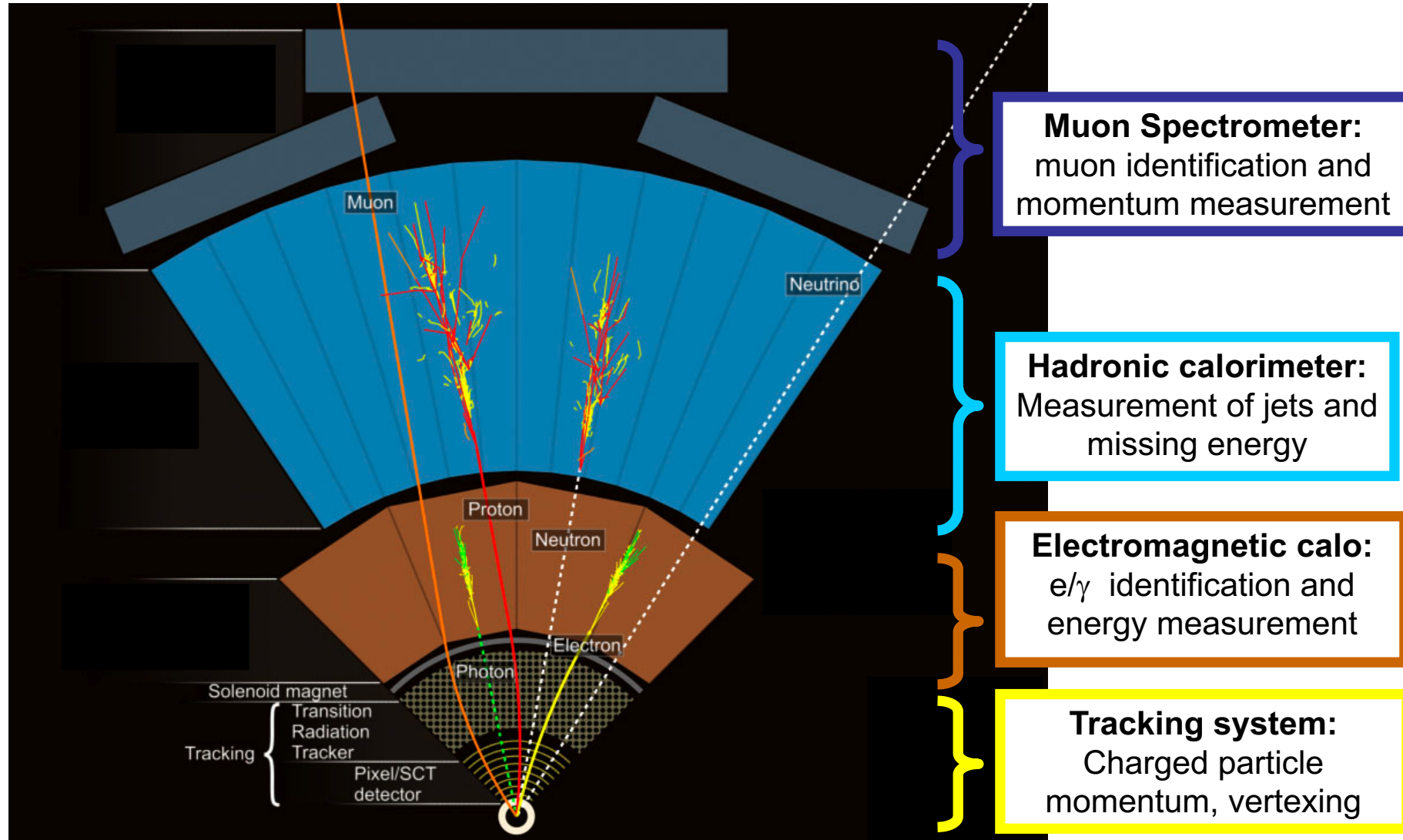


● The ATLAS Experiment

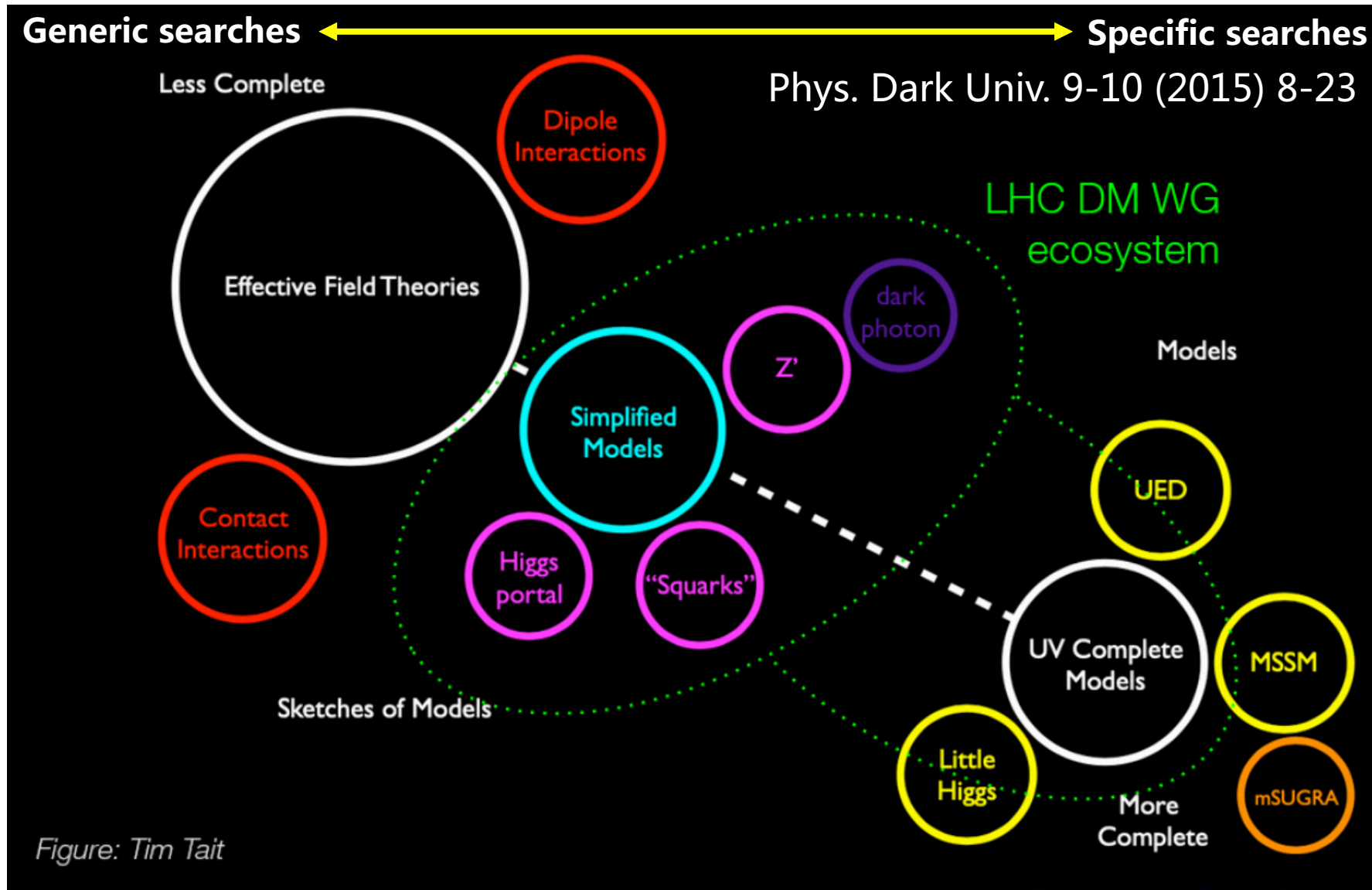
45x25m, 7k tons, ~6000 members (~3000 authors)
44m



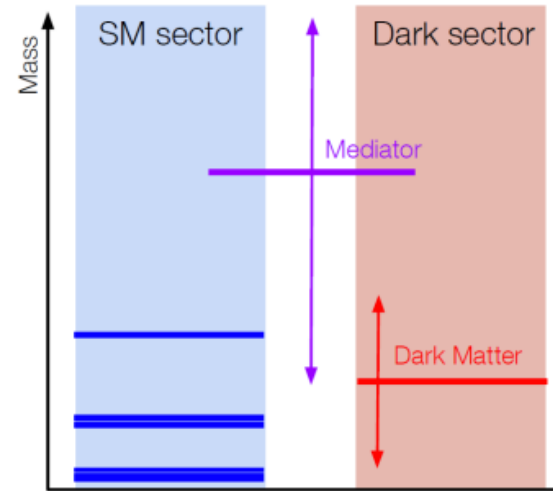
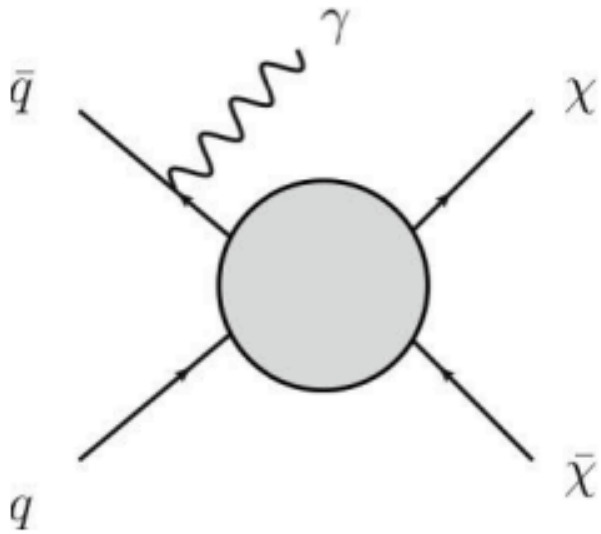
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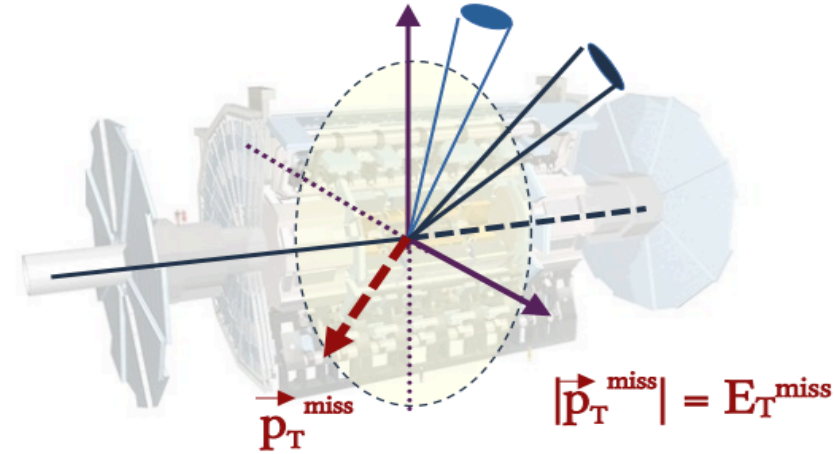
Dark Matter Models for LHC



S-channel Mediator Simplified Models



DM produced together with a visible object
e.g. γ , jet, Z-boson, W-boson, Higgs-boson



Escape
Detection

Missing transverse momentum inferred from momentum conservation

Simplified model:

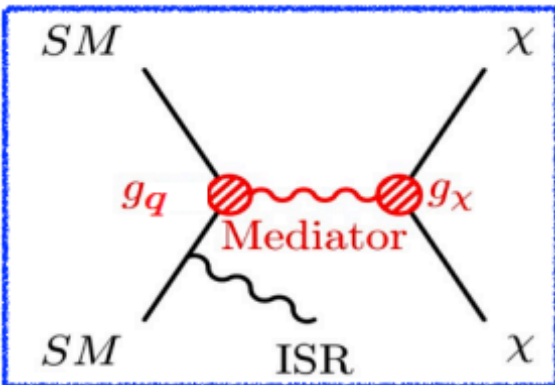
- Starting point to build complete theories
- Colliders can search for the mediator directly
- Benchmark model @ Run II

Two complementary approaches:

- Look for DM - mono-X signature
- Look for mediator - resonance search

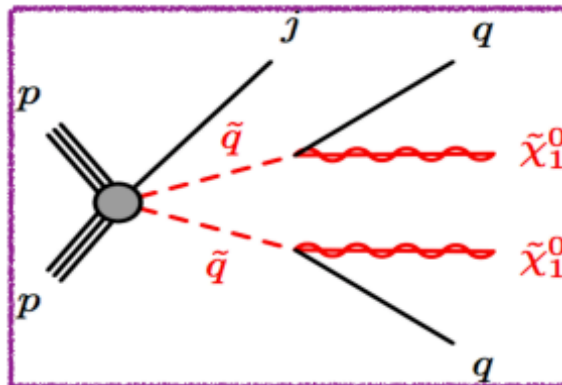
Dark Matter Search programs at LHC

Simplified models



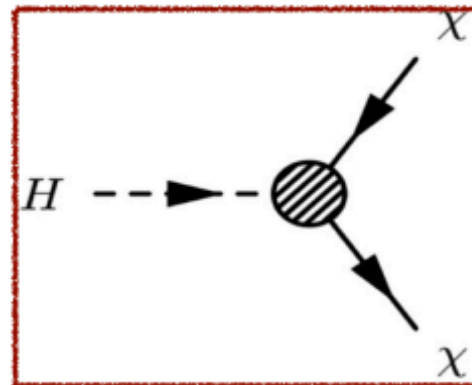
- SM-DM boson mediator:
- Spin-0: Scalar (S) or pseudo-scalar (a)
 - Spin-1: Vector (V/Z') or axial-vector (A)
 - Minimal set of parameters: $M_\chi, M_{mediator}, g_\chi, g_q, g_\ell$

SUSY



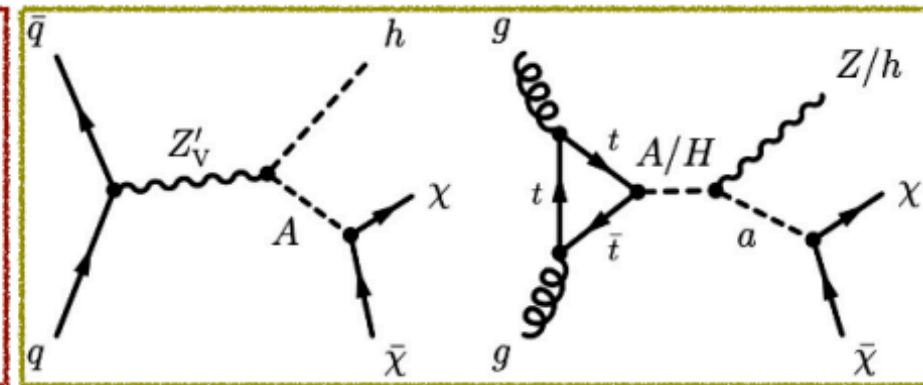
- Provides good candidate for DM
- R-parity conservation
- Lightest supersymmetric Particle (LSP)
- Model-dependent limit on DM candidate

Higgs portal



- Higgs boson mediates DM-SM interaction: $H \rightarrow invisible$
- Parameters: m_χ, χ spin

Extended Higgs sector



- More complete models (more free parameters and better sensitivity) involving several Higgs-like (or scalar) bosons: 2HDMa, Dark Higgs, ..

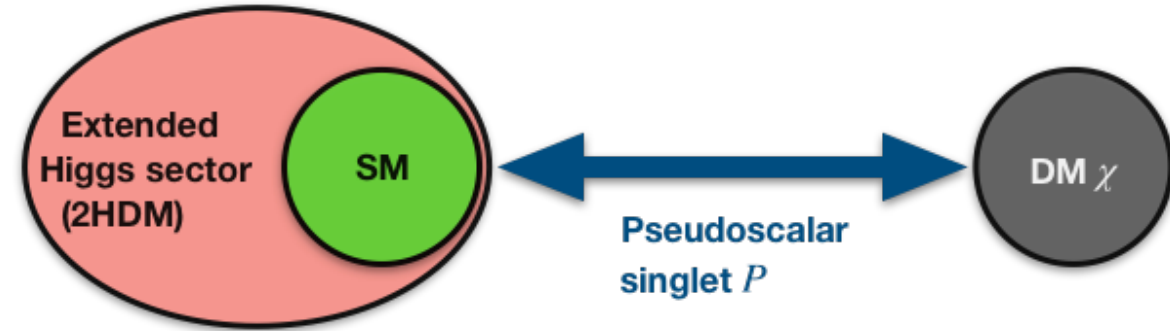
PART 01

Recent Dark Matter Combination Summary from ATLAS in the context of 2HDM+a

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● 2HDM+a context

- One of the popular ATLAS DM benchmark context
 - Searches interpreted in Two-Higgs-Doublet Model plus a pseudo-scalar mediator (2HDM+a):
 - Minimal, UV-complete extension.
 - EWK Symmetry Breaking:
 - 5 Higgs: h, H, H^\pm, A
 - 1 light pseudo-scalar: a



2HDM+a fully defined by 14 parameters

$$v, M_h, M_A, M_H, M_{H^\pm}, M_a, m_\chi$$

$$\cos(\beta - \alpha), \tan \beta, \sin \theta,$$

$$y_\chi, \lambda_3, \lambda_{P1}, \lambda_{P2}$$

EWK, flavour constraints and to simplify parameter space

5 unconstrained parameters

$$m_A = m_H = m_{H^\pm}$$

masses of heavy Higgs

$$m_a$$

mass of pseudo-scalar mediator

$$m_\chi$$

DM mass

$$\sin \theta$$

mixing angle between CP-odd states a and A

$$\tan \beta$$

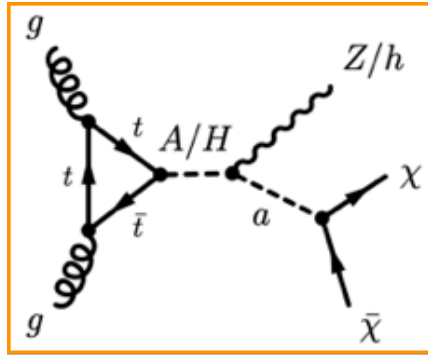
ratio of 2 Higgs doublet VEVs

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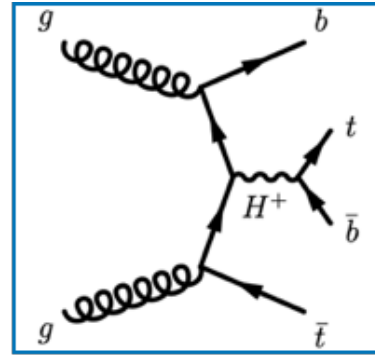
* h : SM-like CP-even Higgs with mass of 125 GeV

2HDM+a Experimental Signatures at ATLAS

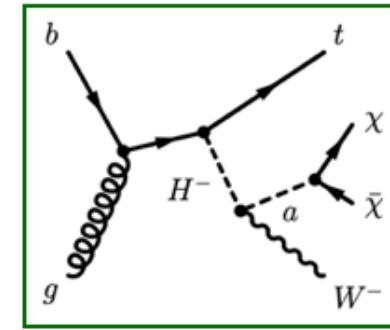
- 2HDM+a has rich phenomenology predicting wide range of signatures with both visible and invisible decays
 - resonant production of $E_T^{\text{miss}} + Z/h$
 - additional (pseudo-)scalar bosons, e.g. $tbH^\pm(tb)$
 - new signatures, e.g. $E_T^{\text{miss}} + tW$



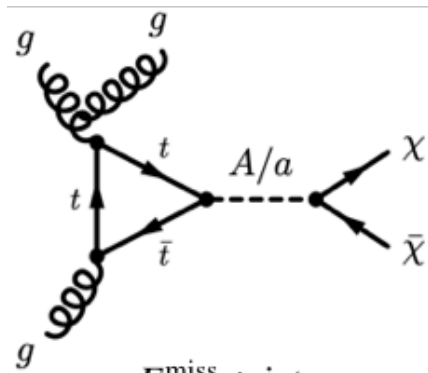
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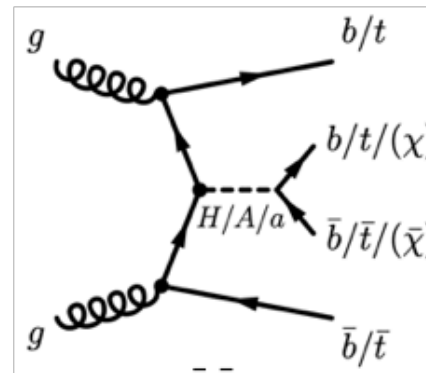
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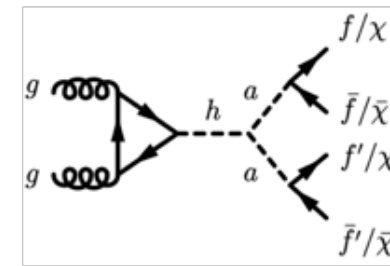
$E_T^{\text{miss}} + tW$



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



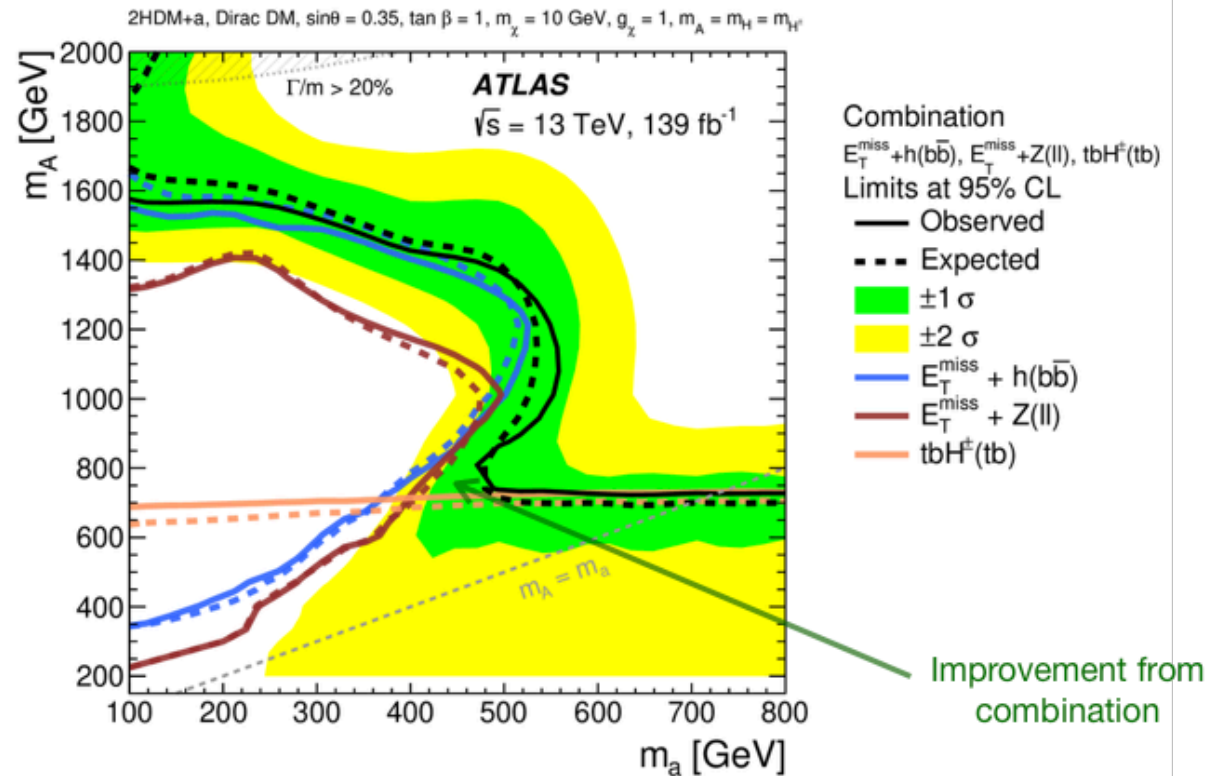
$t\bar{t}\bar{t}$



$h \rightarrow aa \rightarrow 4f/h \rightarrow \text{invisible}$

Statistical Combination

- $E_T^{\text{miss}} + h(bb)$, $E_T^{\text{miss}} + Z(\ell\ell)$ and $tbH^\pm(tb)$: Most constraining signatures of 2HDM+a.
 - $tbH^\pm(tb)$ gives significant complementarity to sensitivities of $E_T^{\text{miss}} + X$
 - stat. combination of 3 channels to maximize 2HDM+a constraints in parameter space.
- Combined exclusion limits obtained from **profile likelihood ratio** corresponding to **3-channel-combined likelihood**.
- Decorrelate over-constrained/pulled uncertainties to avoid any phase-space-specific biases across channels.



Summary of constraints on 2HDM+a

- constraints on 2HDM+a interpreted in 6 benchmark scenarios.
 - highlight diverse phenomenology of 2HDM+a.
 - study the interplay and complementarities between different signatures.

Scenario	Fixed parameter values				Varied parameters
	$\sin \theta$	m_A [GeV]	m_a [GeV]	$\tan \beta$	
1	a	0.35	–	–	(m_a, m_A)
	b	0.70	–	–	
2	a	0.35	–	250	$(m_A, \tan \beta)$
	b	0.70	–	250	
3	a	0.35	600	–	$(m_a, \tan \beta)$
	b	0.70	600	–	
4	a	–	600	200	$\sin \theta$
	b	–	1000	350	
5		0.35	1000	400	m_χ
6		0.35	1200	–	(m_a, m_χ)

shows interplay due to mass hierarchies

motivated by similar scans done for general 2HDMs

illustration a - A mixing parameter effect

connection with cosmological constraints and direct/indirect searches

showed for the 1st time

m_χ set to 10 GeV in all scenarios, except 5 and 6

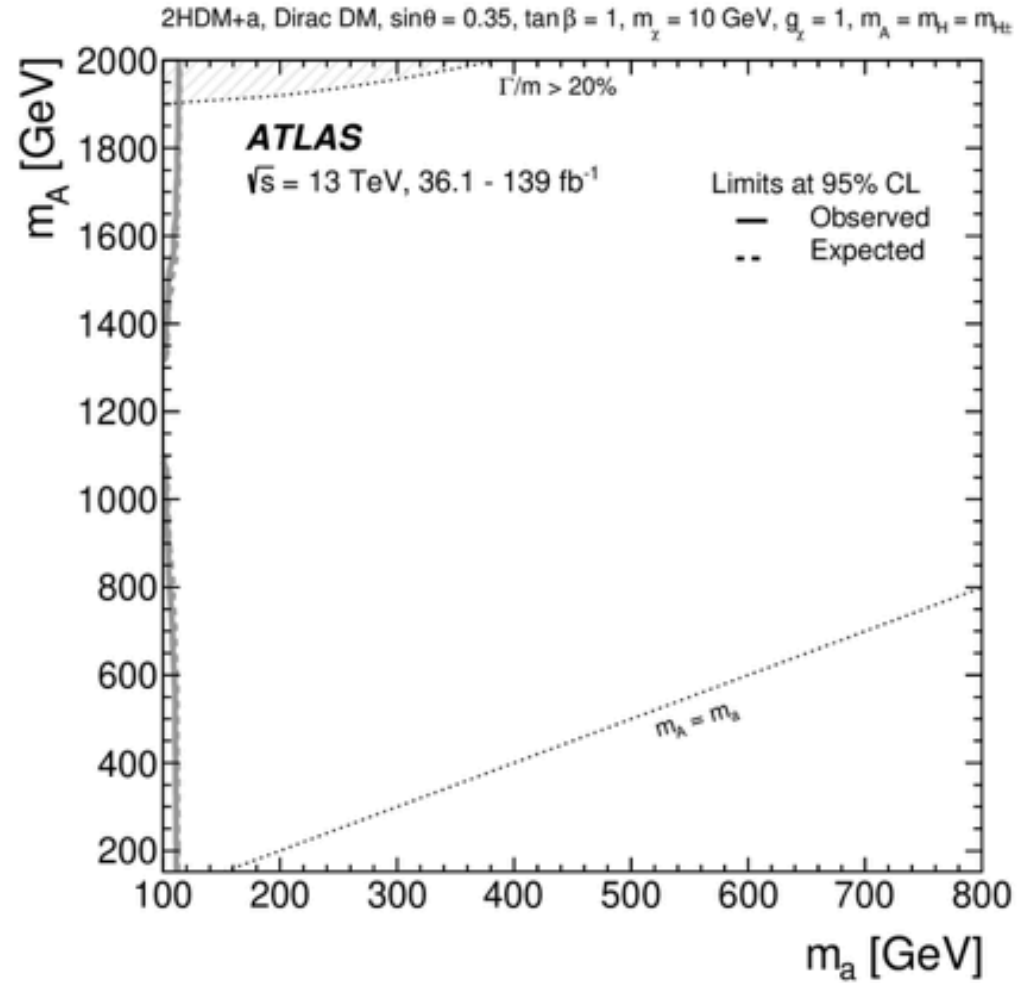
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Variety of searches interpreted in the context of different 2HDM+a benchmark scenarios

Analysis/Scenario	1a	1b	2a	2b	3a	3b	4a	4b	5	6
$E_T^{\text{miss}} + Z(\ell\ell)$ [74]	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
$E_T^{\text{miss}} + h(b\bar{b})$ [75]	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
$E_T^{\text{miss}} + h(\gamma\gamma)$ [84]	x	x			x	x	x	x		
$E_T^{\text{miss}} + h(\tau\tau)$ [78]	x			x						
$E_T^{\text{miss}} + tW$ [77]	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		
$E_T^{\text{miss}} + j$ [45]	x	x			x	x	x	x		
$h \rightarrow \text{invisible}$ [86]	x	x			x					x
$E_T^{\text{miss}} + Z(q\bar{q})$ [127]	x						x	x		
$E_T^{\text{miss}} + b\bar{b}$ [128]							x	x		
$E_T^{\text{miss}} + t\bar{t}$ [128,129]							x	x		
$t\bar{t}\bar{t}\bar{t}$ [85]	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
$tbH^\pm(tb)$ [76]	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
$h \rightarrow aa \rightarrow f\bar{f}f'f'$ [79,80,81,82,83]										x

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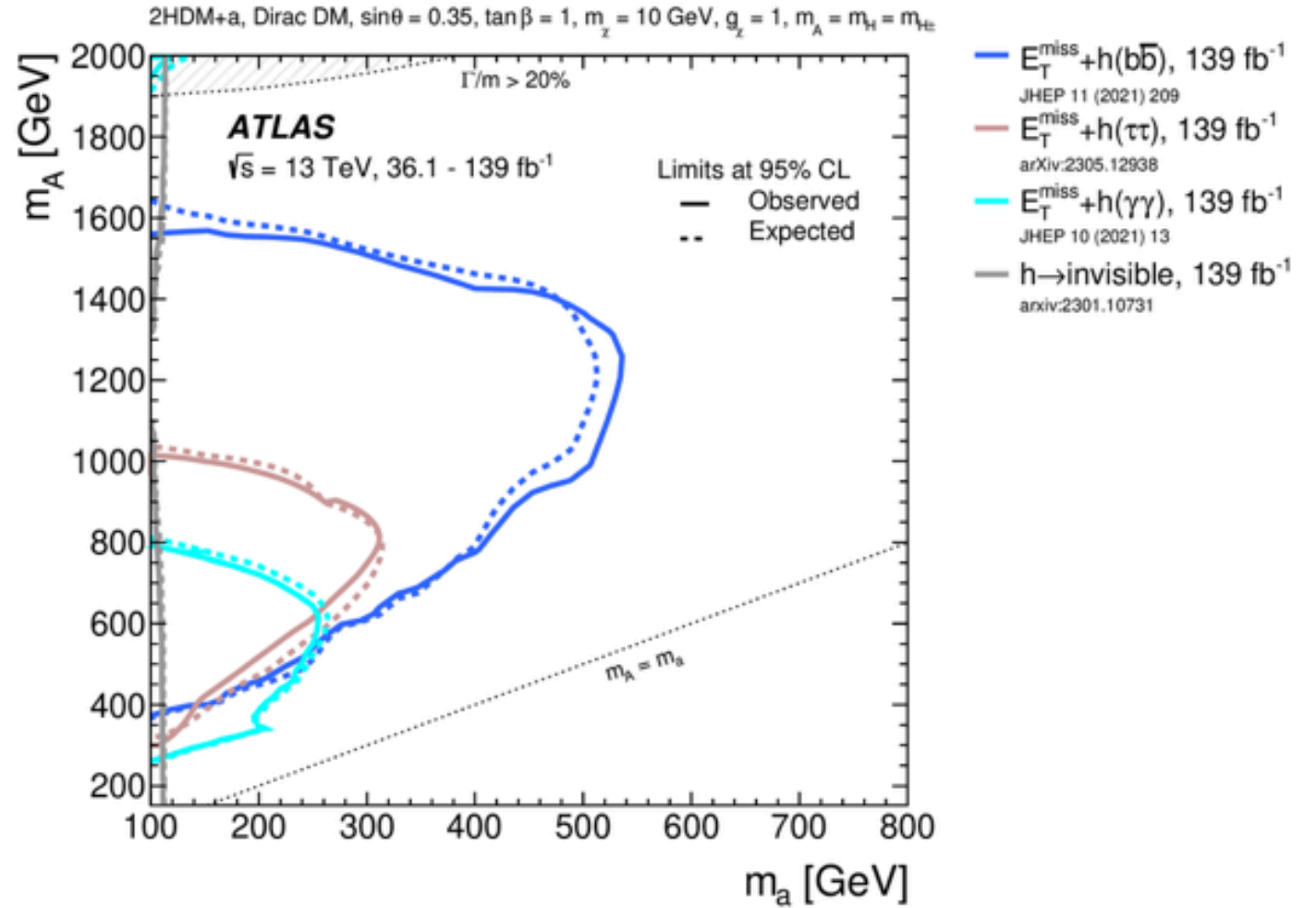
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— $h \rightarrow$ invisible, 139 fb⁻¹
arXiv:2301.10731

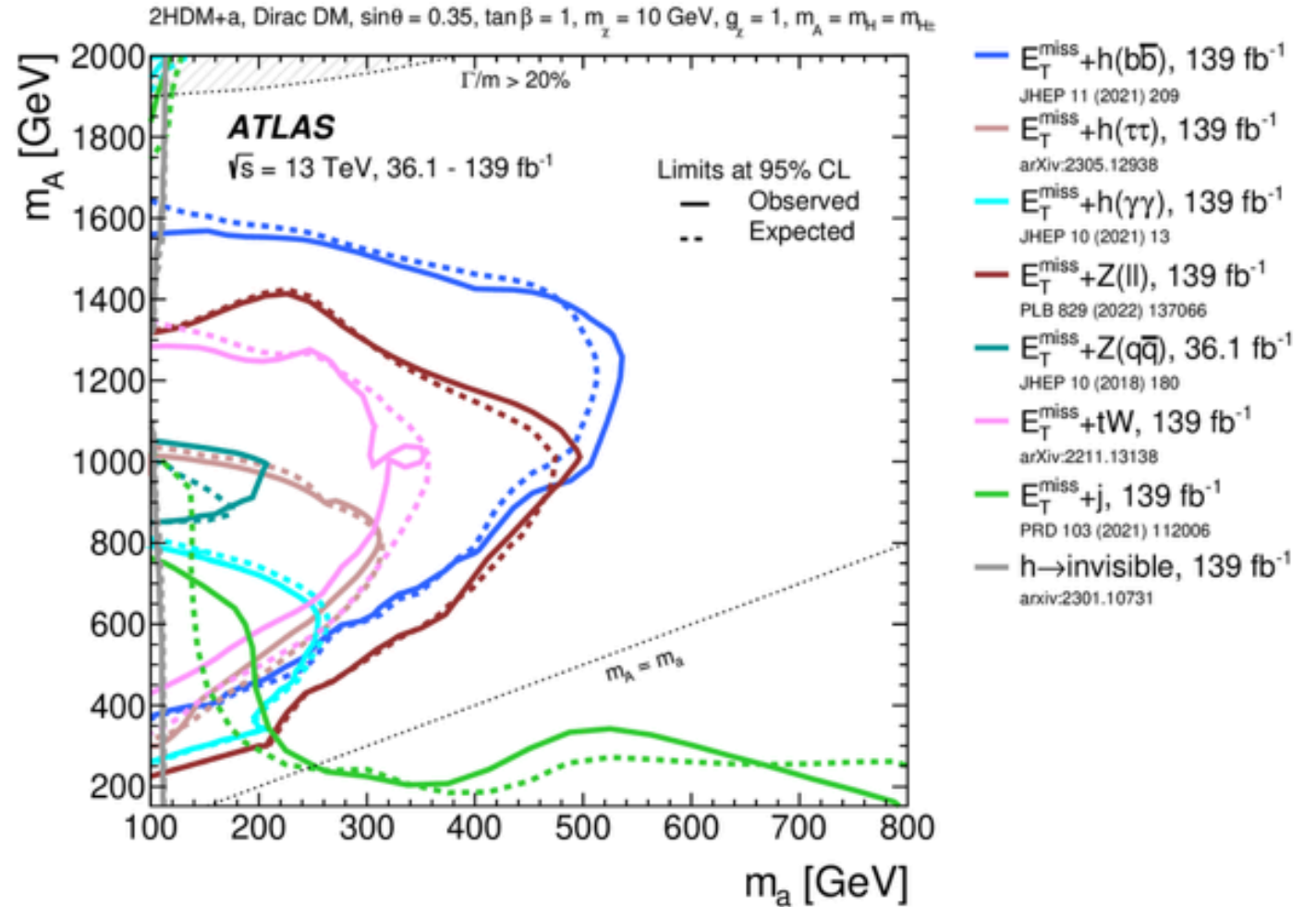
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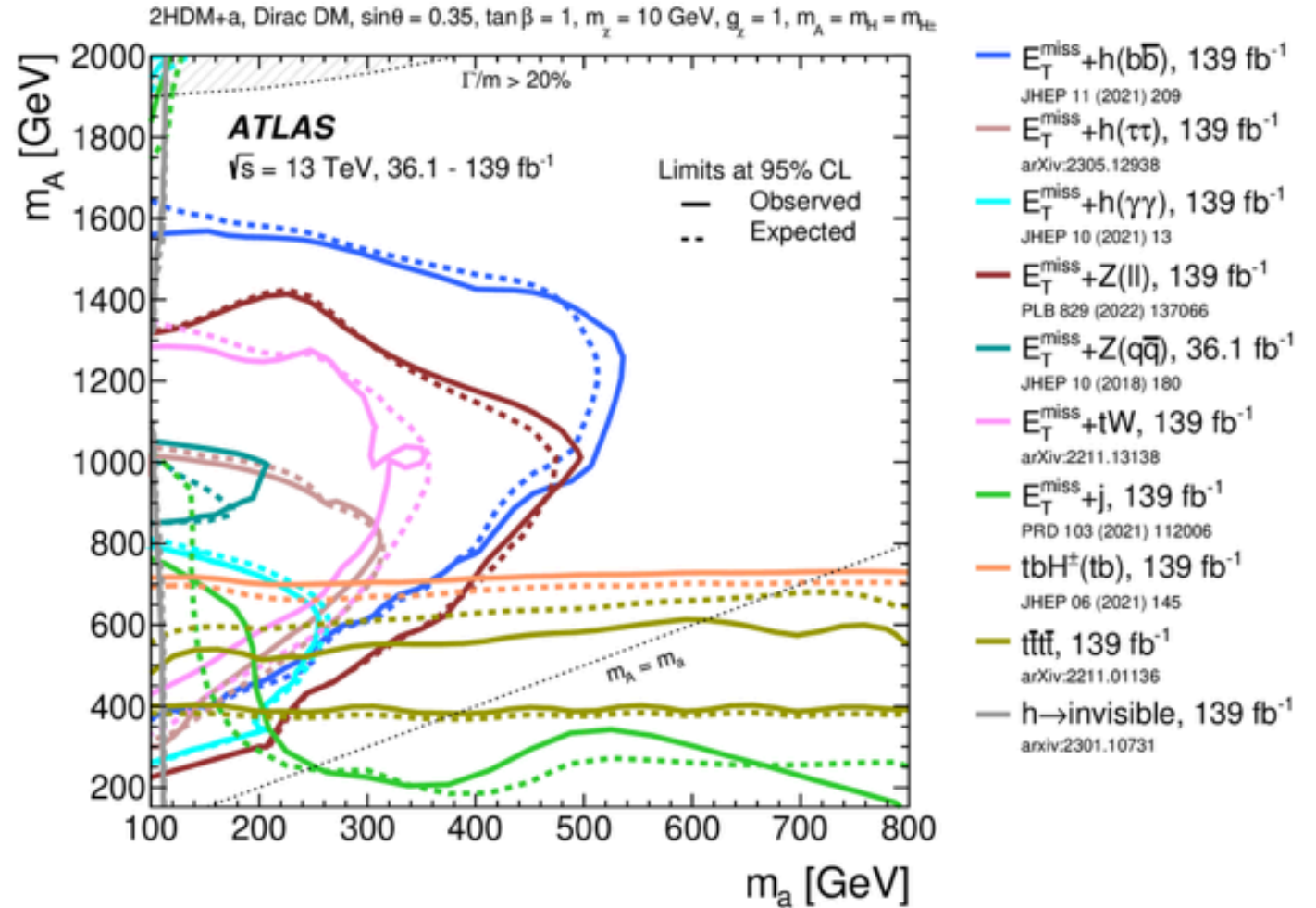
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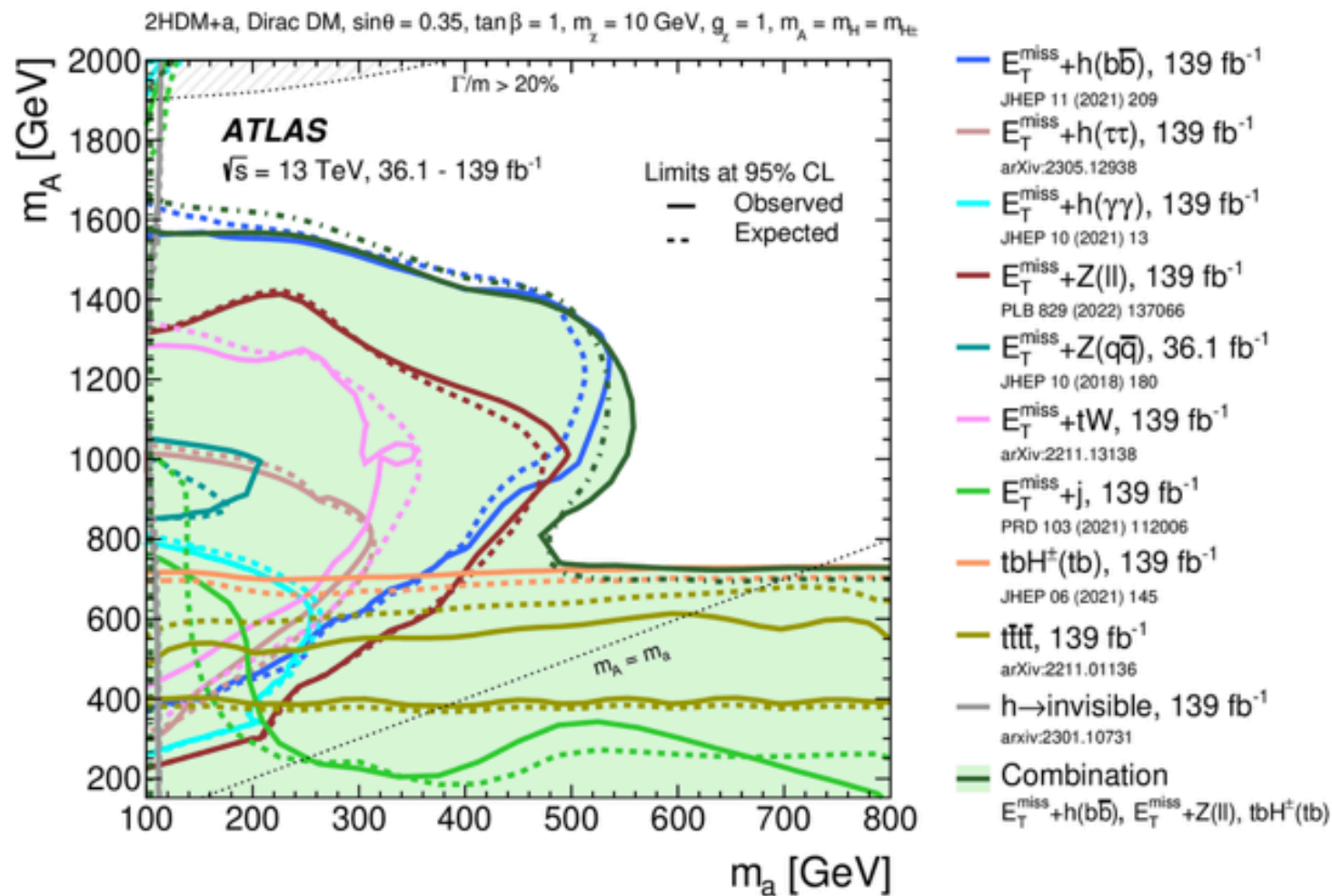
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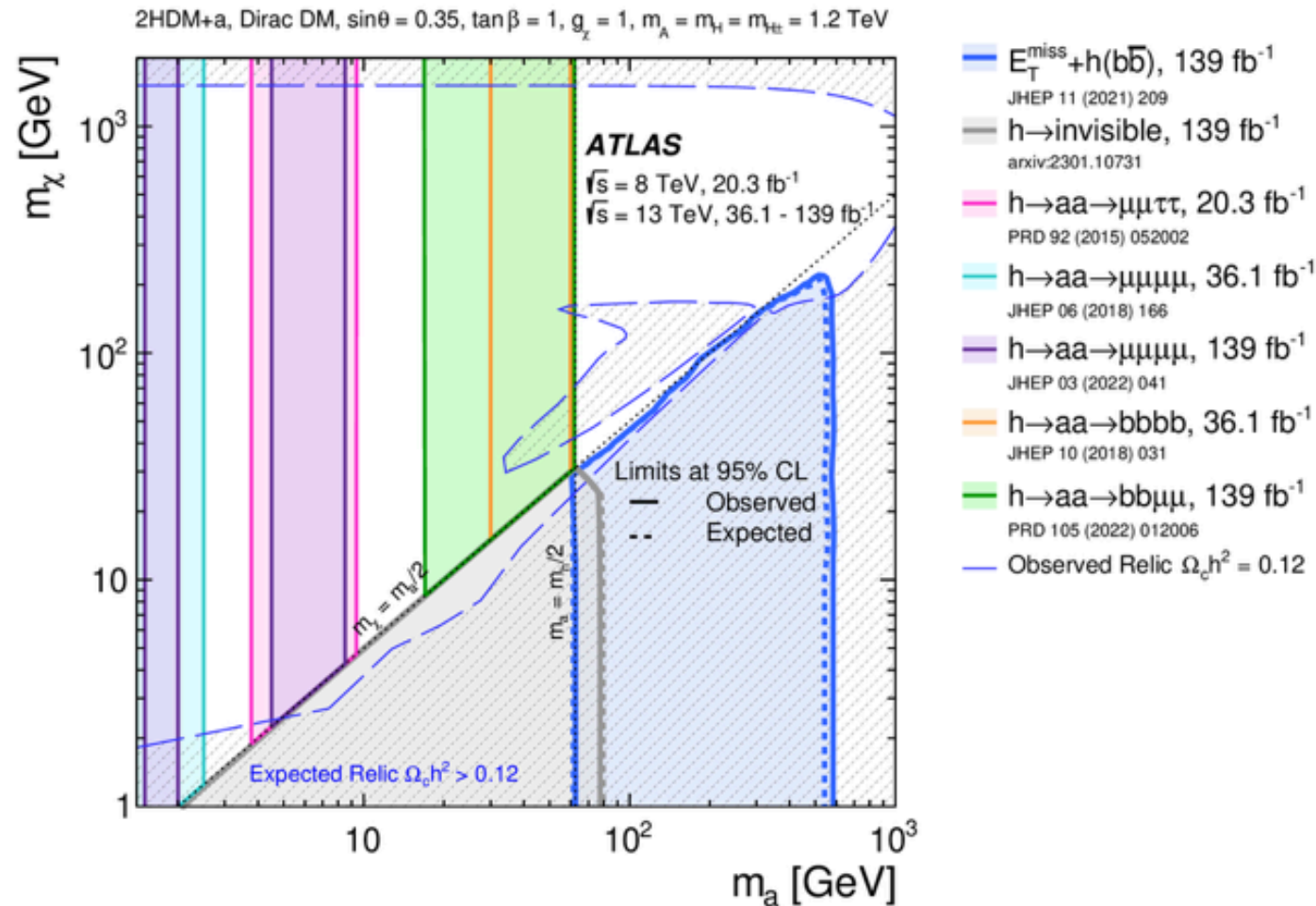
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- Sensitivity of 2HDM+a driven by the combination.



Scenario 6: $m_a - m_\chi$ plane

- New interpretation in $m_a - m_\chi$ plane:
- Searches for SM Higgs decaying to 4 fermions via constrain previously unprobed region of 2HDM+a.
- Complementarity to $h \rightarrow \text{inv.}$ and $E_T^{\text{miss}} + h(bb)$ searches.



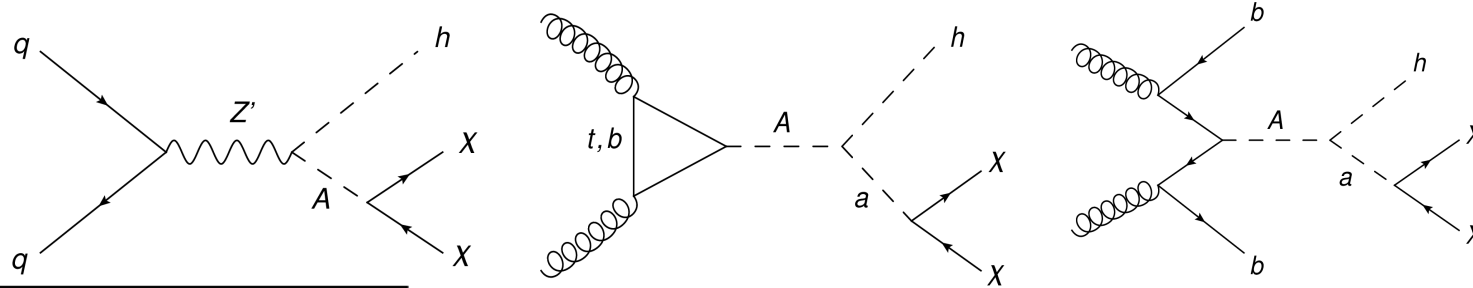


PART 02

(Recent) Dark Higgs Searches

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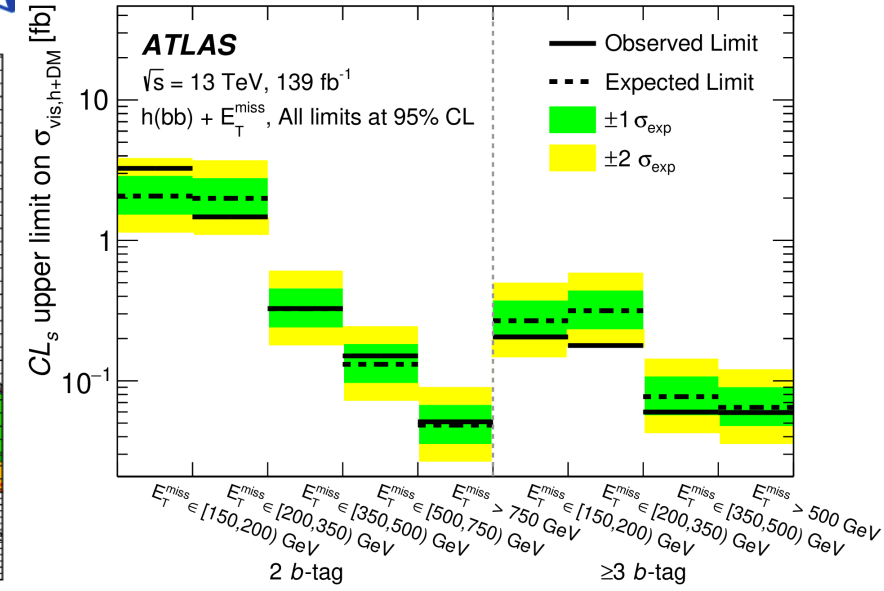
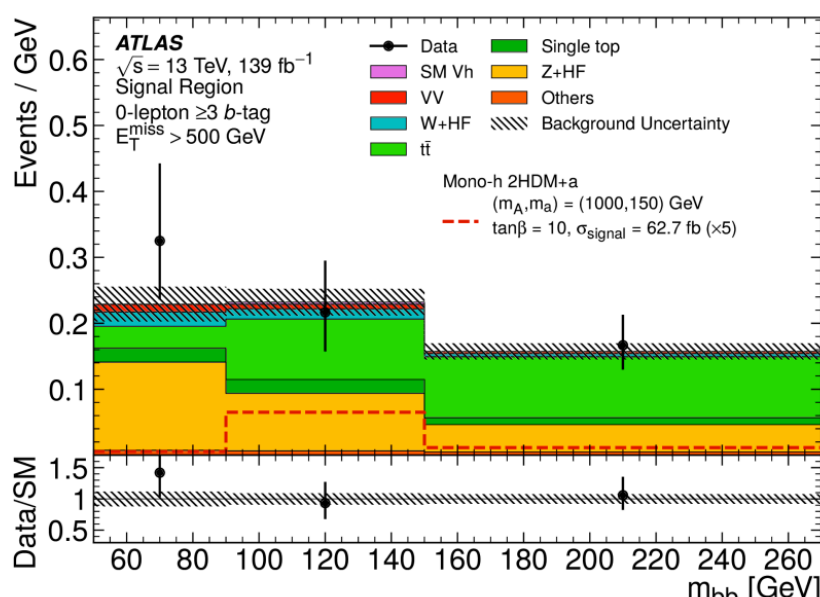
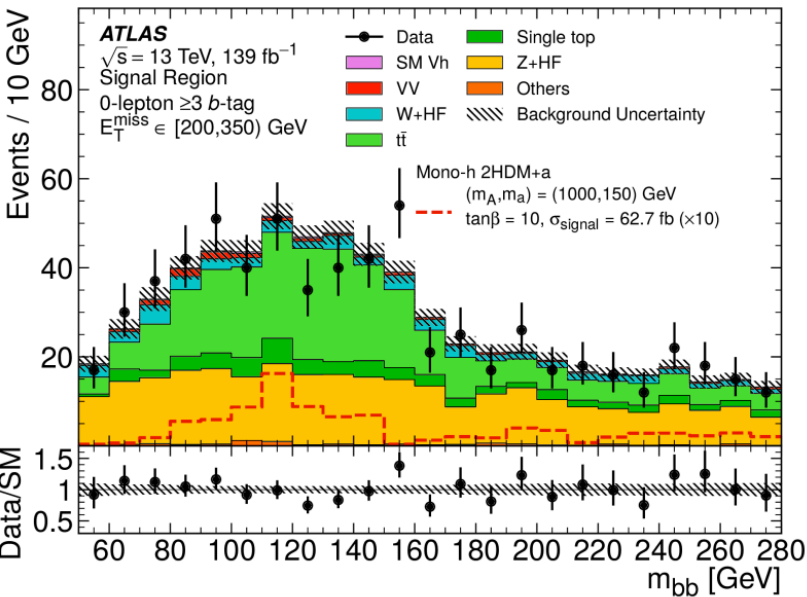
Higgs portal to DM: Mono-H(bb)



Resolved topology
 $150 < E_T^{miss} < 500 \text{ GeV}$
 $50 \text{ GeV} < m_h < 280 \text{ GeV}$
 At least 2 small-R jets

Merged topology
 $E_T^{miss} > 500 \text{ GeV}$
 $50 \text{ GeV} < m_h < 270 \text{ GeV}$
 At least 1 large-R jet

- Interpreted with 2HDM+Z' , 2HDM+a in both ggF and bbH.
- Also Model-independent upper limits on the visible cross-section



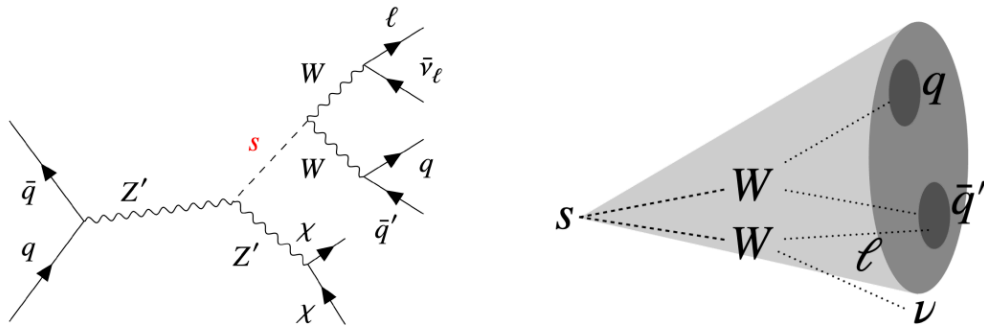
Dark Higgs Search: Mono-S(\rightarrow WW) semileptonic

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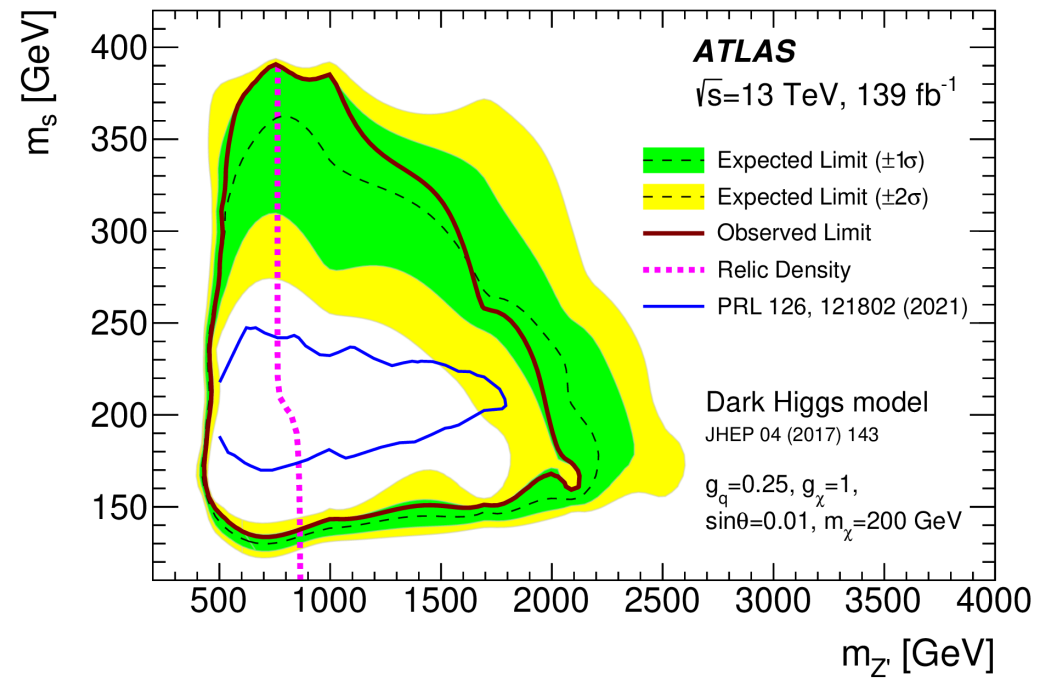
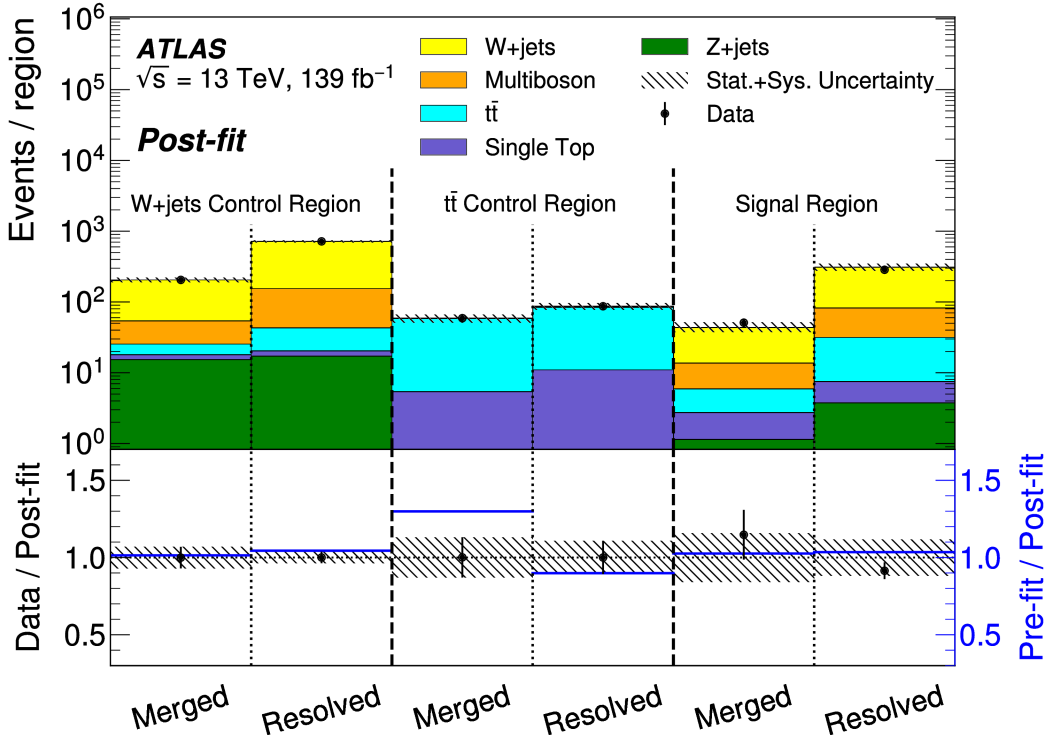
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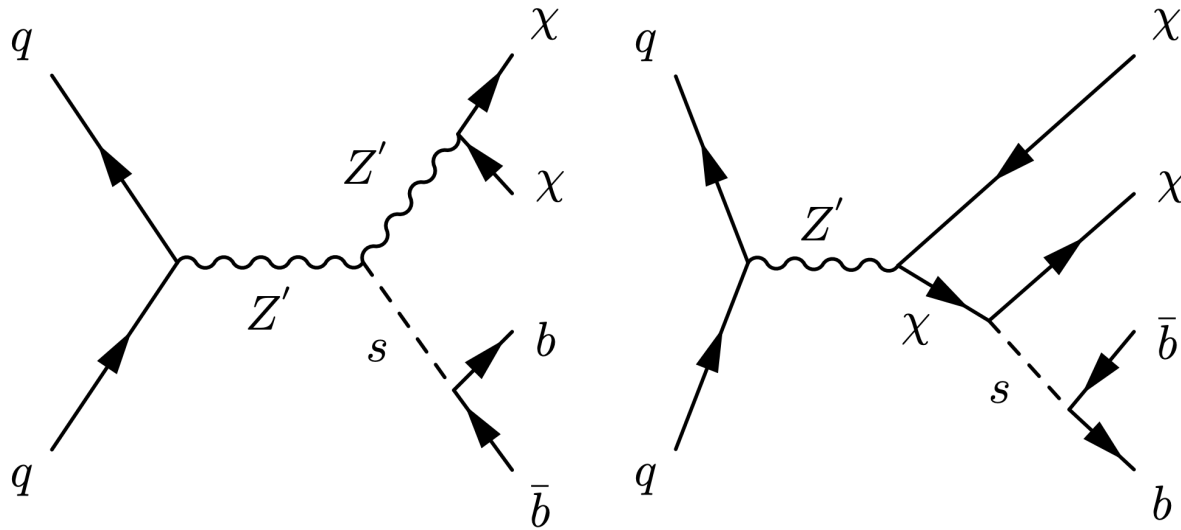
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- Two mediator model: Z' + Dark Higgs
- Utilize both resolved calorimeter-measured jet pair or merged from track-assisted reclustered jets
- Scenarios with dark Higgs boson masses ranging between 140 and 390 GeV are excluded.



NEW Dark Higgs Search: Mono-S(\rightarrow bb)



$$\mathcal{L}_\chi = -\frac{1}{2}g_\chi Z'^{\mu\nu}\bar{\chi}\gamma^5\gamma_\mu\chi - g_\chi\frac{m_\chi}{m_{Z'}}s\bar{\chi}\chi + 2g_\chi Z'^{\mu\nu}Z'_\mu(g_\chi s^2 + m_{Z'}s)$$

- Dark Higgs boson (scalar particle s) introduced together with Z' and Majorana DM [Ref. JHEP 04 (2017) 143]
- New annihilation channel to SM opened up ($\chi\chi\rightarrow s\rightarrow\dots$): relax the constraint from cosmology \rightarrow Prevent DM Relic Density (Ωh^2) over-production issue of common WIMP model
- Scalar particle mixing with SM Higgs: detectable decay products depending on mass, $s\rightarrow VV$, $s\rightarrow bb$
- Done Searches for high mass dark Higgs in Mono-S(VV) analyses (previous slide)

First search aiming for a low-mass dark Higgs boson + new benchmark scenarios

NEW Dark Higgs Search: Mono-S(\rightarrow bb)

- Six parameters controlling the interaction with SM and DM
- Fixed- g_χ search as benchmark (scenario 1)
 - Scan m_S v.s. $m_{Z'}$ with fixed $m_\chi = 200$ GeV, $g_\chi = 1.0$
- Cosmological constraint: freeze-out relic density Ωh^2
 - Observation from PLANCK2018: $\Omega h^2 = 0.1200 \pm 0.0012$
- Introduce two new benchmark scenarios [**First time!**] satisfying the observed relic density (scenario 2, 3)
 - Scan m_S v.s. $m_{Z'}$ with fixed $m_\chi = 900$ GeV
 - Scan m_χ v.s. $m_{Z'}$ with fixed $m_S = 70$ GeV

Parameter	Explain
m_S	mass of dark higgs
m_χ	mass of DM to search
$m_{Z'}$	mass of heavy mediator
g_χ	coupling in dark sector between s, X, Z'
g_q	coupling with SM: $q \leftrightarrow Z'$ fixed 0.25 as benchmark
θ	mixing angle of SM Higgs \leftrightarrow dark Higgs fixed according to [1]

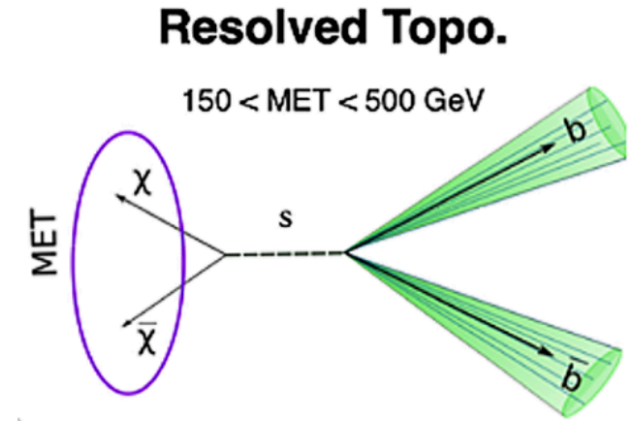
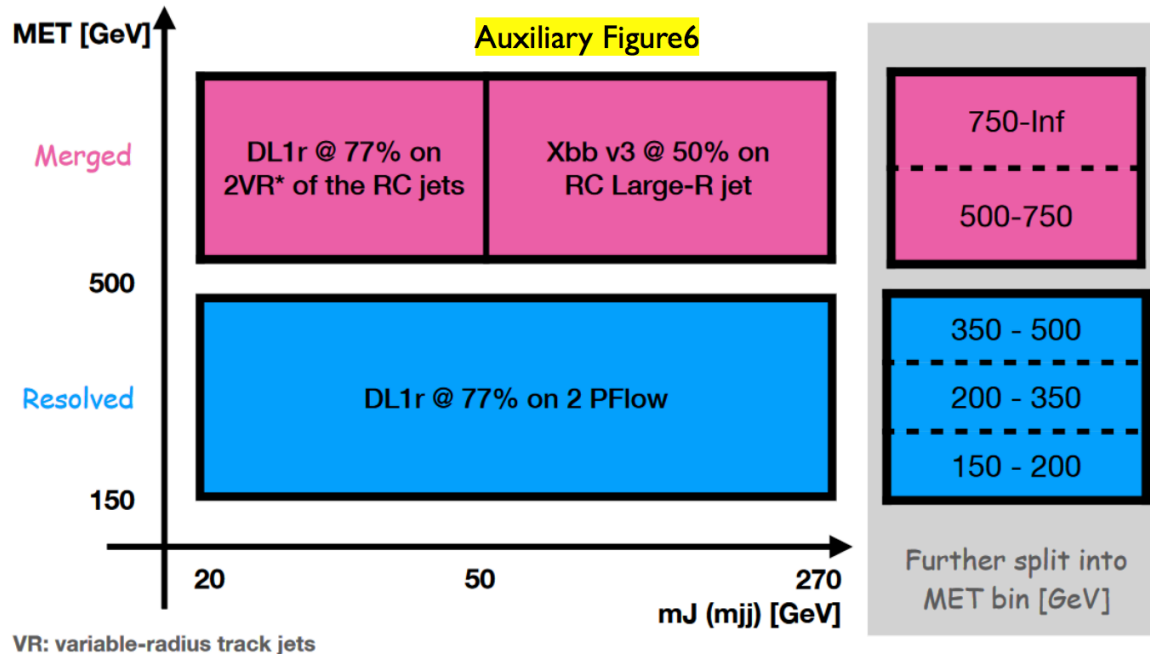
NEW Dark Higgs Search: Mono-S(\rightarrow bb)

Analysis Strategy overview

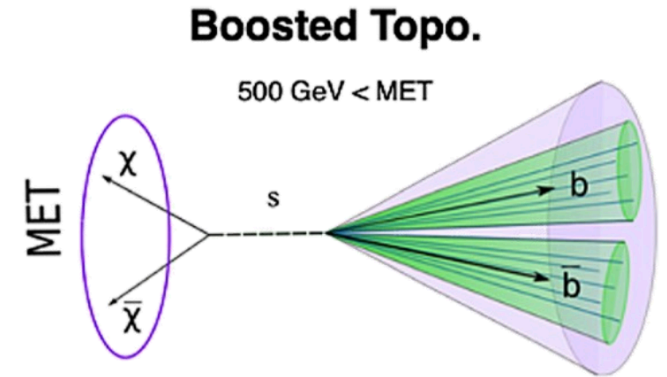
- Search for low mass dark Higgs with bb+MET signature
- Data triggered with MET and search starts from 150GeV
- Regions divided by MET: from resolved to merged topology to cover all the interesting phase space

Resolved regions: reconstructed by 2 small-R jets and tagged using DL1r 77%

Merged region: reclustering large-R jet and mixed tagging methods \rightarrow benefit from advanced techniques



Good statistics



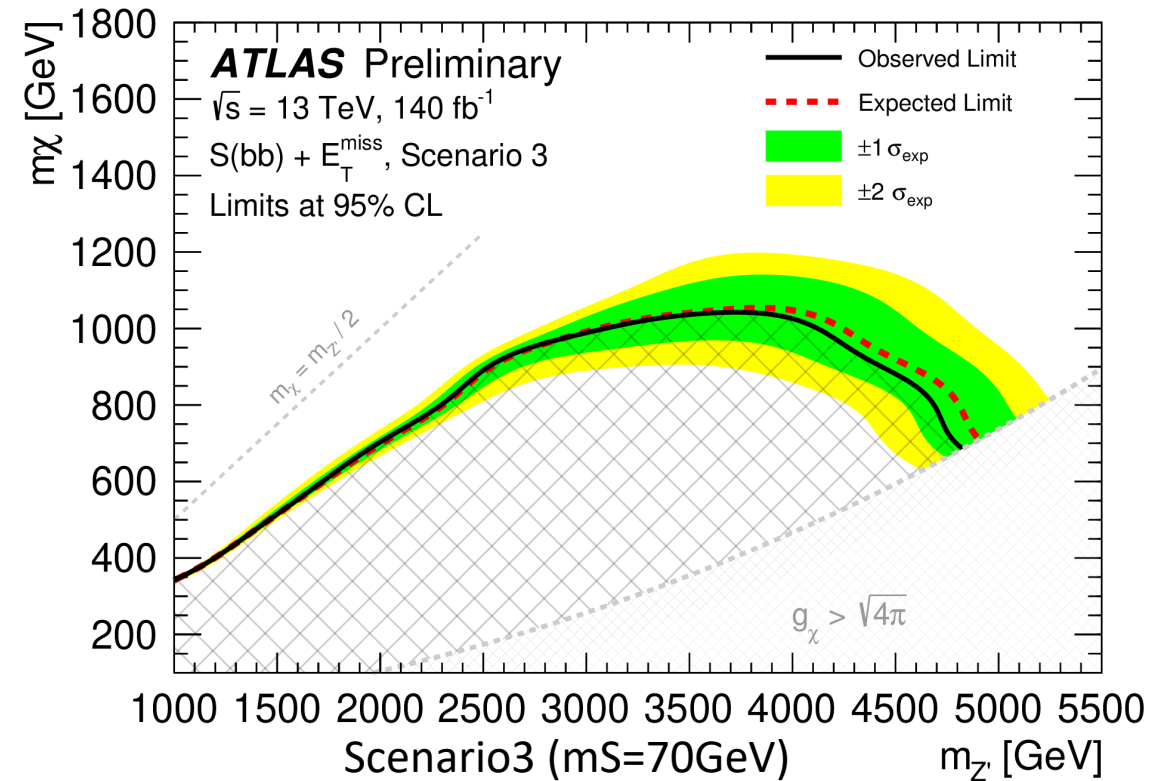
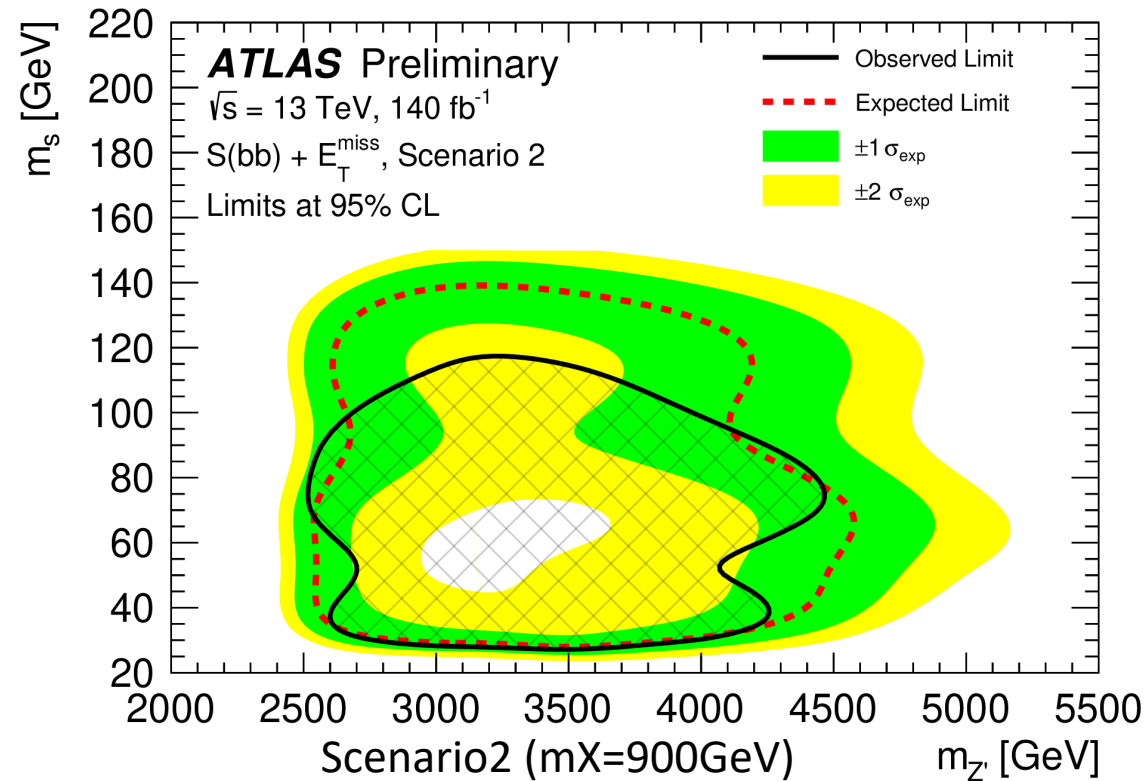
Sensitive to high $m_{Z'}$
dominates for $m_{Z'} > 2$ TeV

Reclustering(RC) jet extend searched scalar mass down to 20GeV
Large-R jet kin. and sub-jet info. combined for boosted Xbb tagging: DXbb

● Mono-S(bb) Exclusion Limit: relic-density inspired scenario

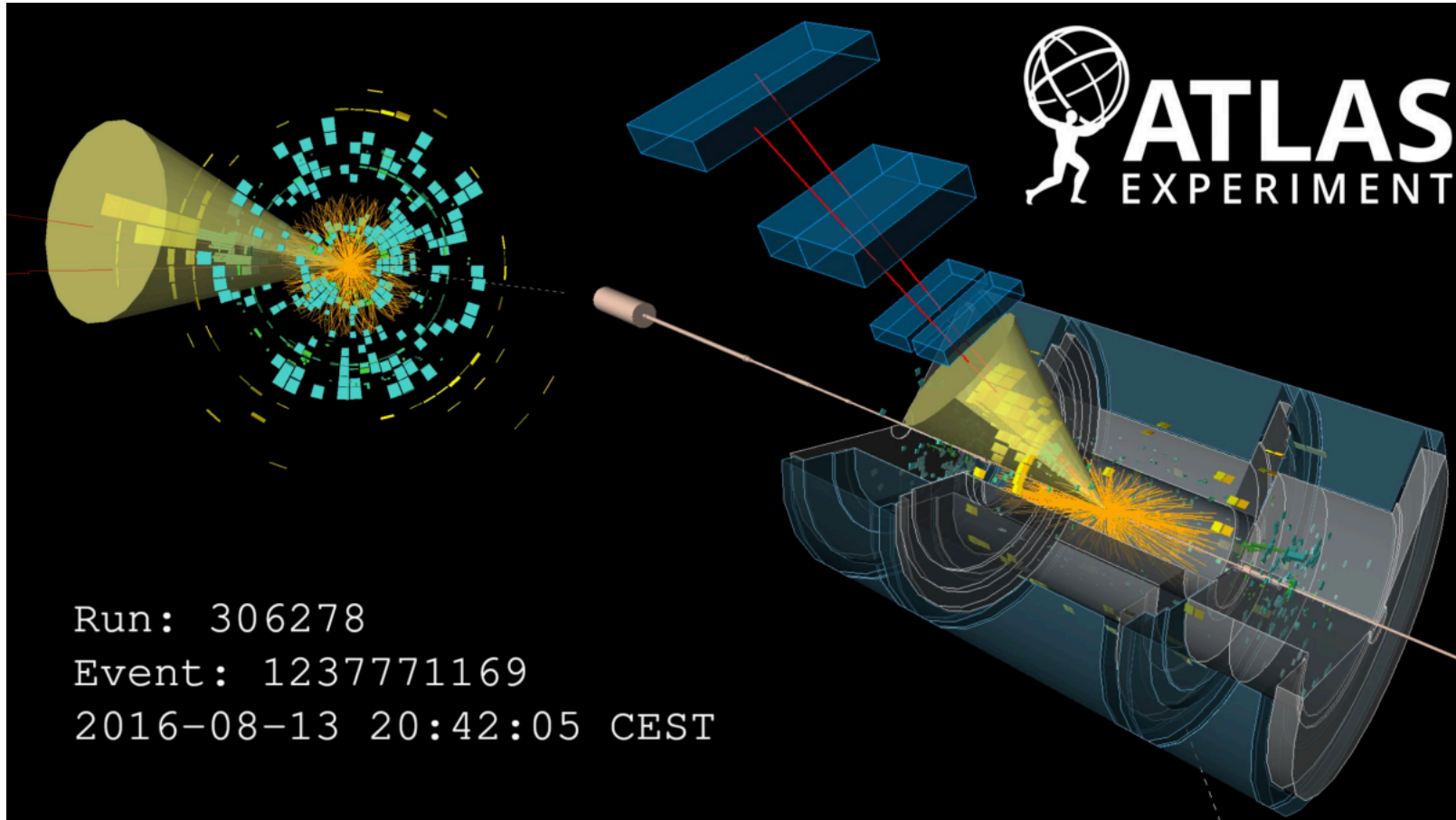
DM coupling varies to satisfy the observed relic density throughout

- $m_{Z'}$ excluded up to 4.1 TeV with fixed m_χ at 900GeV (scenario2)
- $m_{Z'}$ excluded up to the perturbative limit and m_χ excl. to 1TeV at $m_S=70\text{GeV}$ (scenario3)



First LHC dark Higgs search in cosmology coherent context

Event Display



Signal-like event in resolved region: $E_T^{\text{miss}} = 559.5\text{GeV}$, $m(J) = 53.8\text{GeV}$, $p_T(J) = 486.9\text{GeV}$

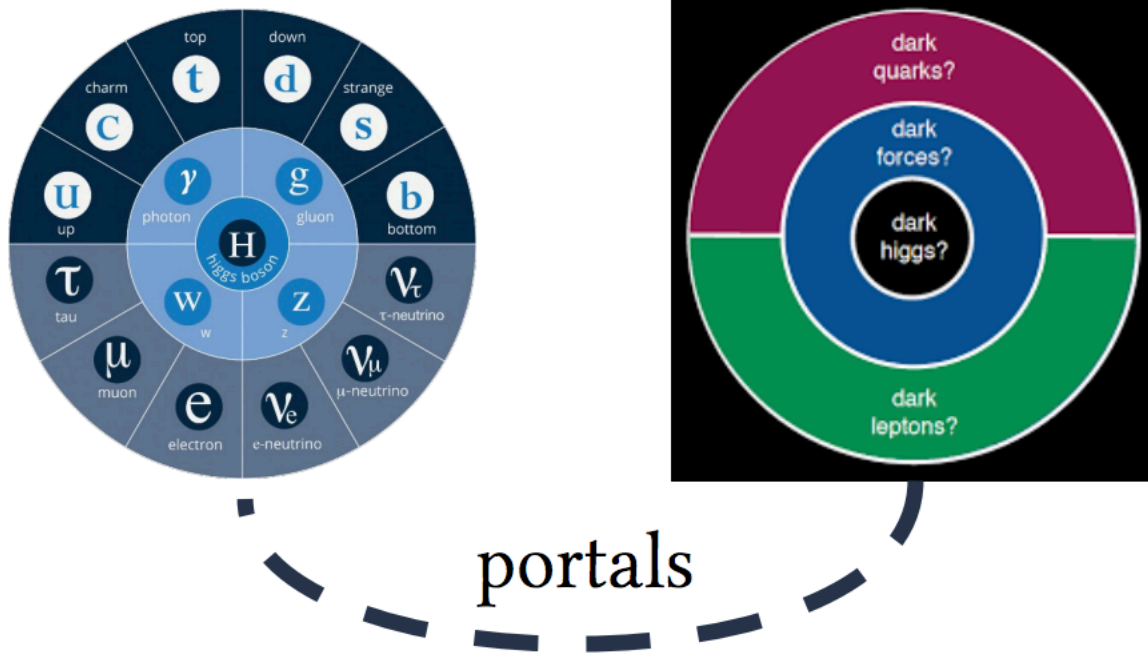


PART 03

Dark Photon Search and Combination Prospect at ATLAS

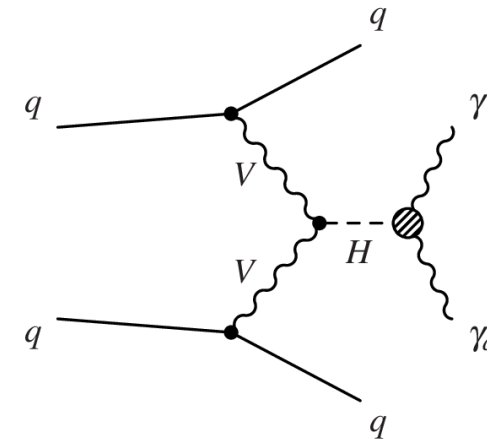
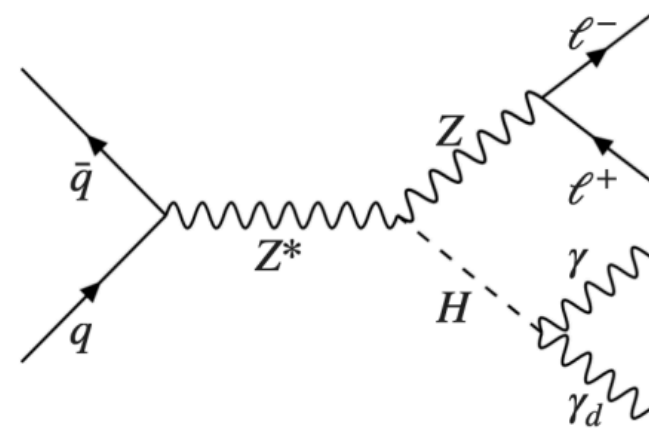
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Dark Higgs → more Dark Portals connecting hidden sectors

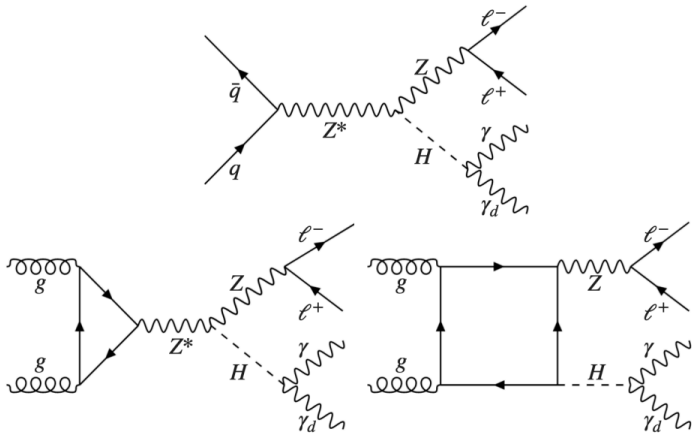


- **Dark Photon BSM extensions:**
 - U(1) extension of the SM
 - Hidden gauge boson A' → kinetic mixing (ϵ) with the SM photon
 - the magnitude of ϵ affects production rate and lifetime

- **Vector portal – dark photons**
- Scalar portals - dark Higgs
- Neutrino portal
- Axion portal

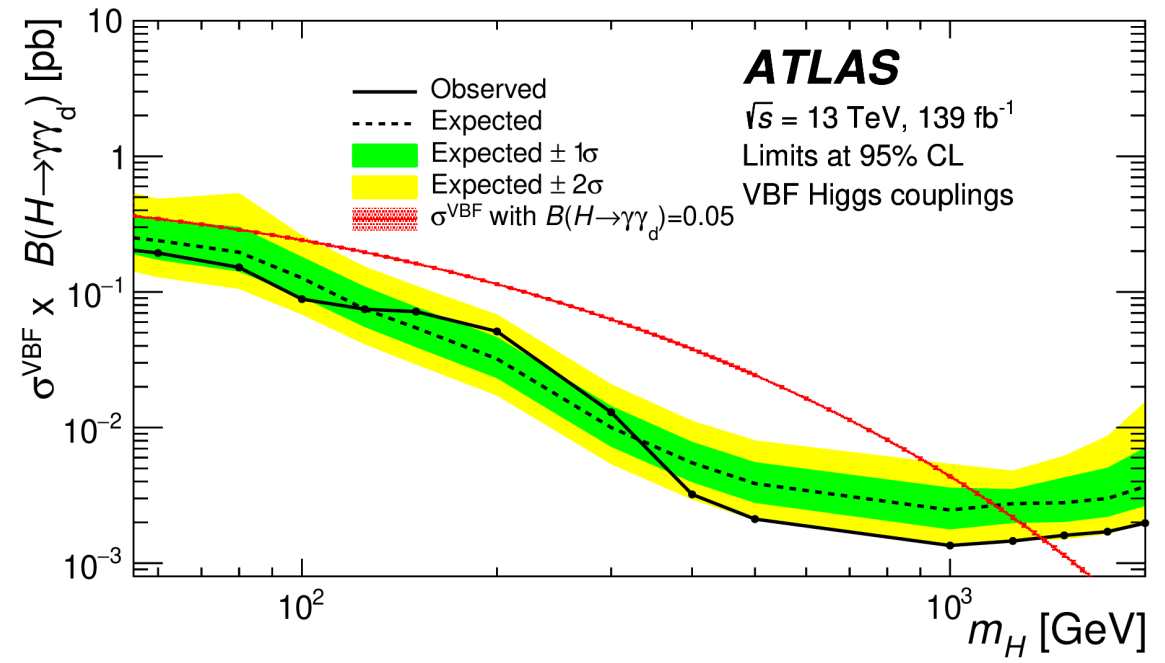
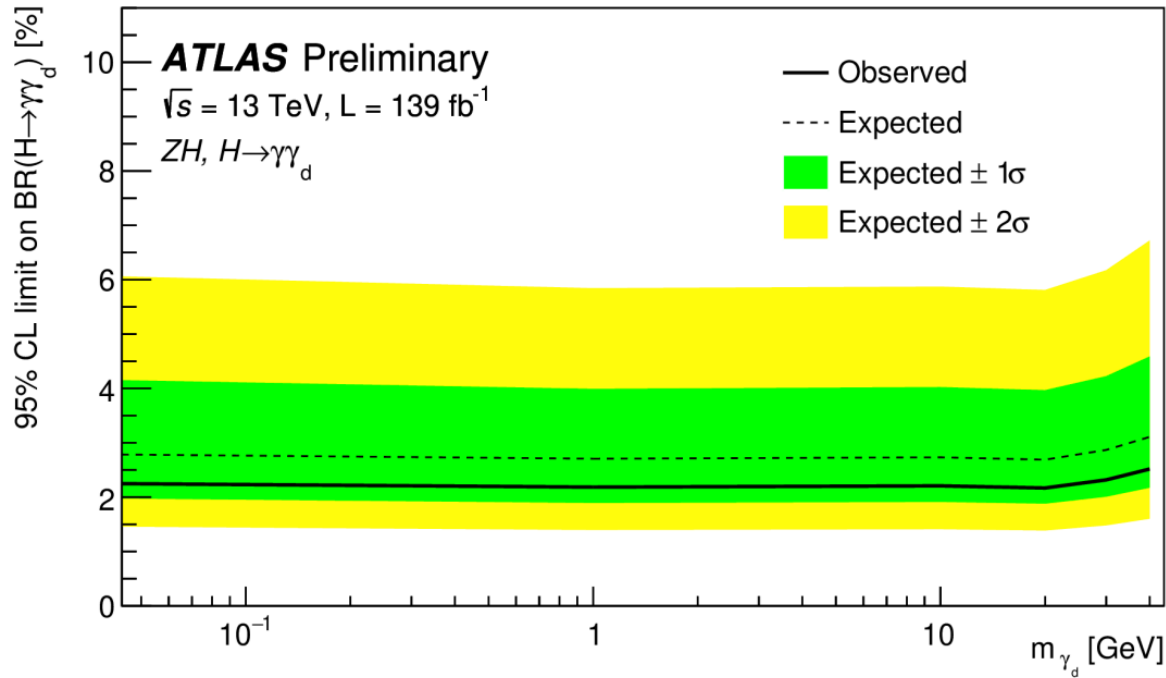
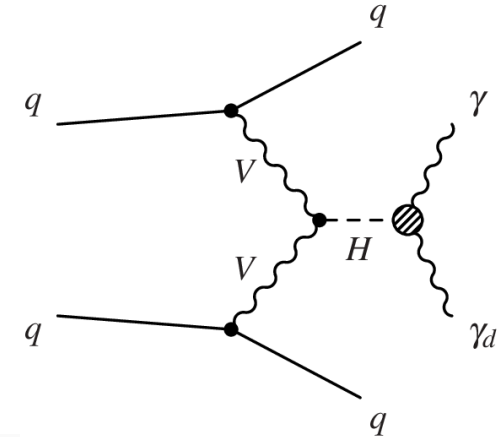


Dark Photon searches: ZH and VBF



For massless γ_d

		Obs.	Exp.	
CMS	VBF	3.5%	2.8%	JHEP03(2021)011
CMS	ZH	4.6%	3.6%	JHEP10(2019)139
ATLAS	VBF	1.8%	1.7%	CERN-EP-2021-137
ATLAS	ZH	2.3%	2.8%	ATLAS-CONF-2022-064



● ATLAS Dark Photon Combination Prospects

- Combination of VBF and ZH channels for SM Higgs (125 GeV) decaying into photon and massless dark photon
- Combination of VBF and ATLAS mono-photon re-interpretation for heavy Higgs decaying into photon and massless dark photon. (Our ongoing work)

Production	ZH	VBF	Combined
ATLAS	2.3(2.8)%	1.8(1.7)%	Our ongoing work
CMS	4.6(3.6)%	3.5(2.8)%	2.9(2.1)%

Summary

- LHC continues to deliver highly valuable physical results while Run-3 is started with new results in the pipeline
- Dark Matter mystery remains puzzling while collider searches provide sensitivity complementarity with non-collider DM searches
- Many hypotheses, diverse processes and signatures are broadly surveyed and searched for but by far no hints of Dark Matter
- Need to further diversify the data mining aspects in the collisions covering more unconventional signatures and untouched stones

