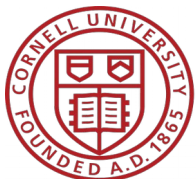


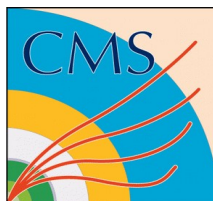
Chasing Dark Matter at the LHC

Part 1: Dark Matter at Collider and
Non-hadronic Signatures

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Cornell University



What`s Next for Particle Physicists, Post-Higgs?

- **Four years ago**, exactly as **today**,
we were all following an interesting seminar..



- **Today**, exactly as **four years ago**,
we are still trying to answer many questions !!

Dark Matter:

- 5x more prevalent than visible matter
- nature unknown but could be made of particles

SPOILER ALERT!

No discovery today (not yet)!

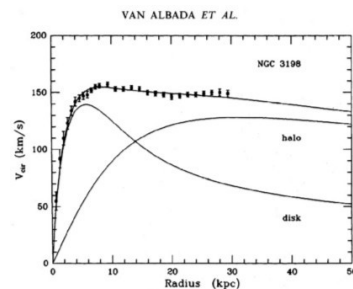


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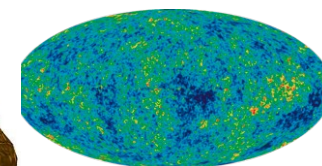
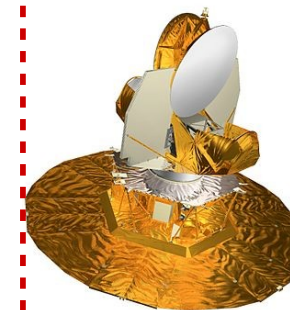
- F. Zwicky, **1933**:
→ **Masses of clusters of Galaxies**



- Hubble Telescope, **1990s**-Today:
→ **Gravitational Lensing**



- V. Rubin et al., **1970s**:
→ **Galaxies Rotation Curves**



- WMAP, **2000-2010**:
→ **CMB**

...And many others: Large-Scale Structure Formation, BBN, Baryonic acoustic oscillation..

A Natural DM Candidate

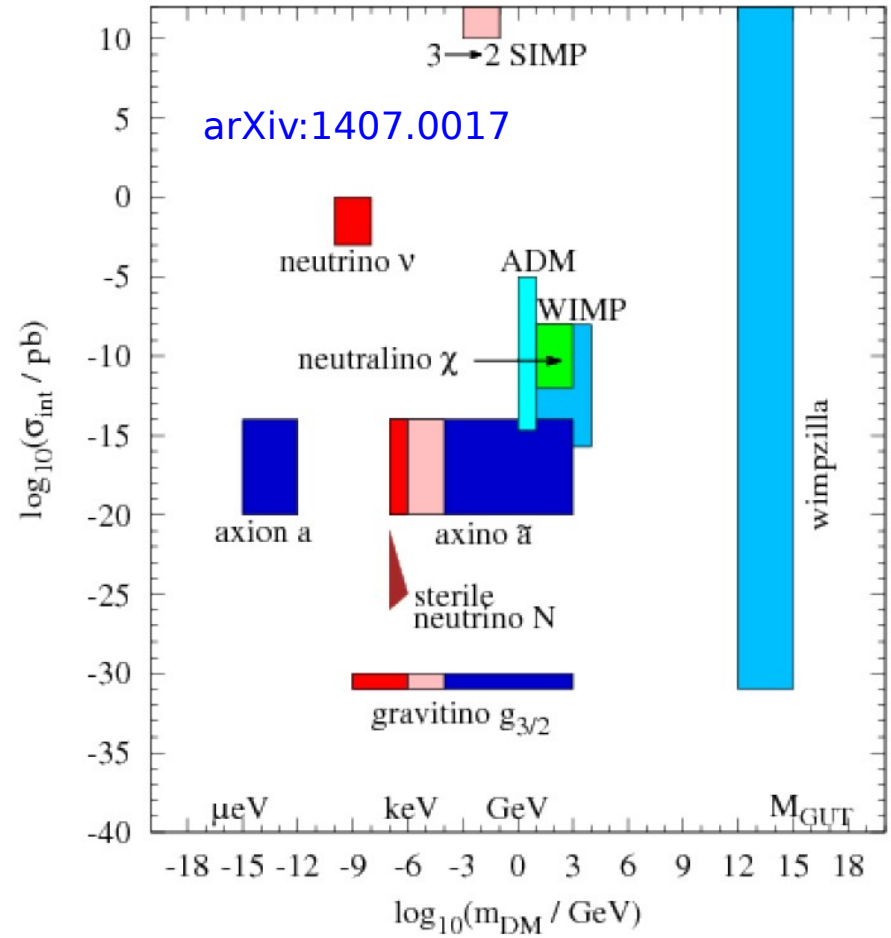
- All evidence for dark matter so far is gravitational
 - **Non-Baryonic** → no electromagnetic or strong interaction
 - **Cold/Non-Relativistic/Massive**

- Present day **DM density of 23%** explained assuming weak scale annihilation xsec

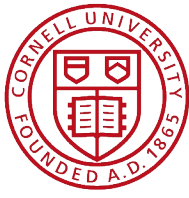
→ **DM as a thermal relic: WIMP**

- WIMPs arise 'naturally' in BSM-theories
- WIMP interactions with ordinary matter extremely rare

→ **Need sensitive detector**



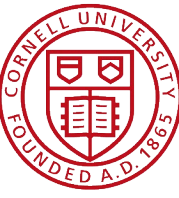
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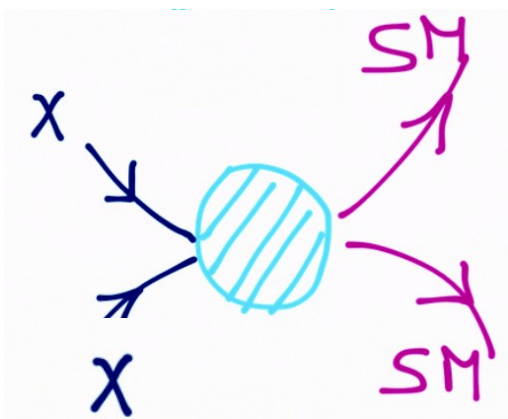
2. How do we interpret the results?

**Fit results into theoretical models, and compare
with other types of experimental evidence**

Three Popular Strategies

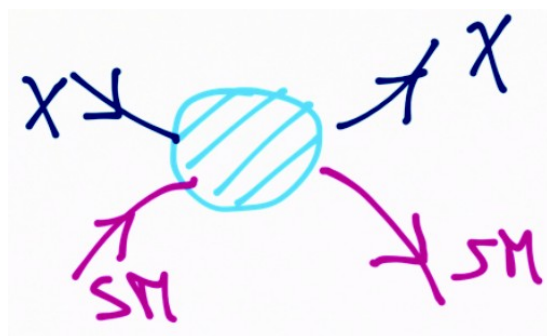
- Needs independent verification from non-astrophysical experiments

Indirect



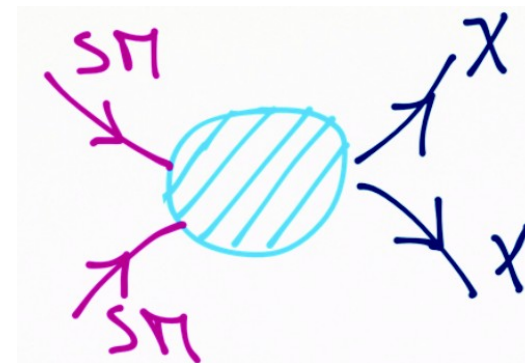
- AMS, IceCube

Direct



- XENON-100, DAMA, CoGeNT

Colliders

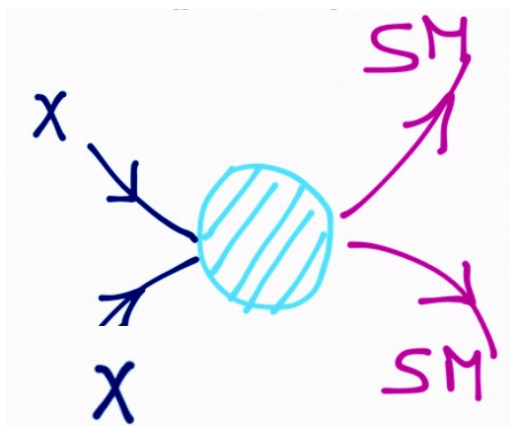


- Tevatron, LHC

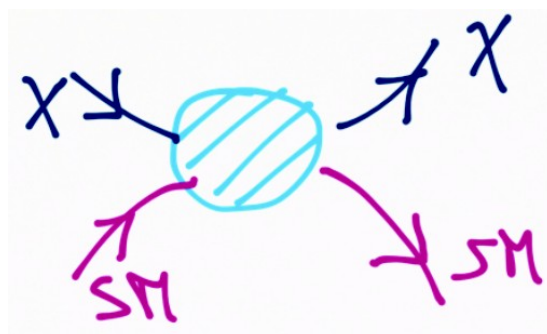
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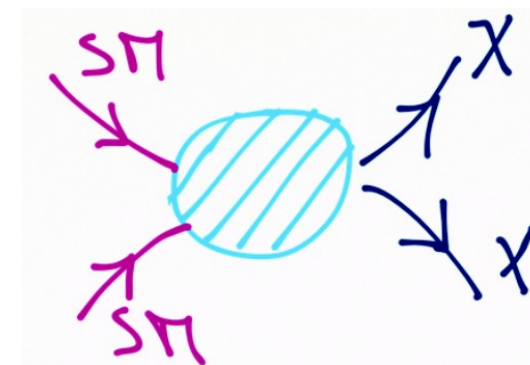
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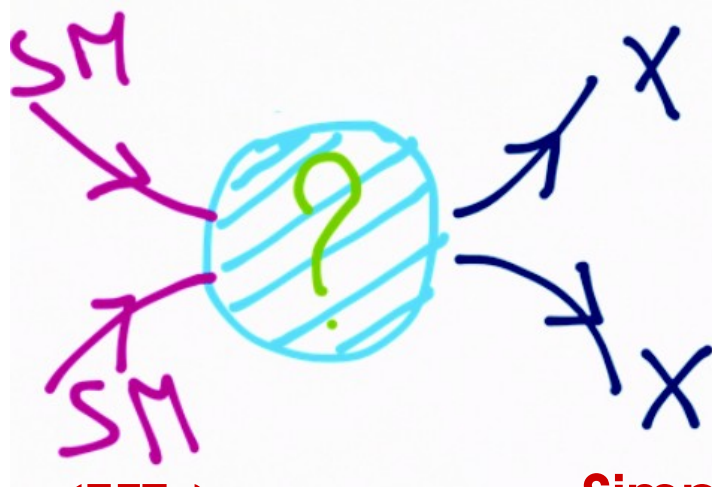


- Observe **annihilation products**
- **Low mass DM particles not accessible**
- Depends on DM density and annihilation model

- **Dark Matter-nucleus scattering**
- Low mass DM particles not probed yet.
- Need **large detector masses**

- Laboratory **production of DM particles**
- Sensitive to **huge mass range**
- **Both spin-dependent and spin-independent couplings**

Describing Nature with Math



Effective Field Theories (EFTs)

- Largely model-independent
- Easy to compare results with those from direct detection experiments
- Suffer from validity issues at LHC energies

Simplified models

- Using explicit mediators
- More model-dependent
- Valid at all energies

LHC-DM Forum: Use simplified models when possible - still some EFT results for certain benchmark models

[arXiv:1507.00966](https://arxiv.org/abs/1507.00966)

What Fermi has Taught Us: EFT

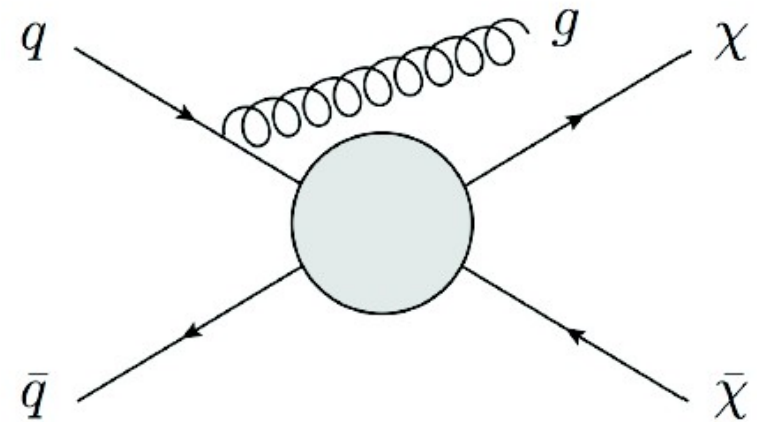
Assumptions:

- DM particle is only new state accessible to the collider
- **Mediator is heavy and can be integrated out**
→ contact interaction

$$\frac{g_q g_\chi}{q^2 - M^2} \xrightarrow{q^2 \ll M^2} \frac{1}{\Lambda^2} \quad \Lambda^2 = \frac{M^2}{g_q g_\chi}$$

- Theory valid only if:

$$Q_{\text{transfer}} < M = \sqrt{g_\chi g_q} \Lambda < 4\pi \Lambda$$

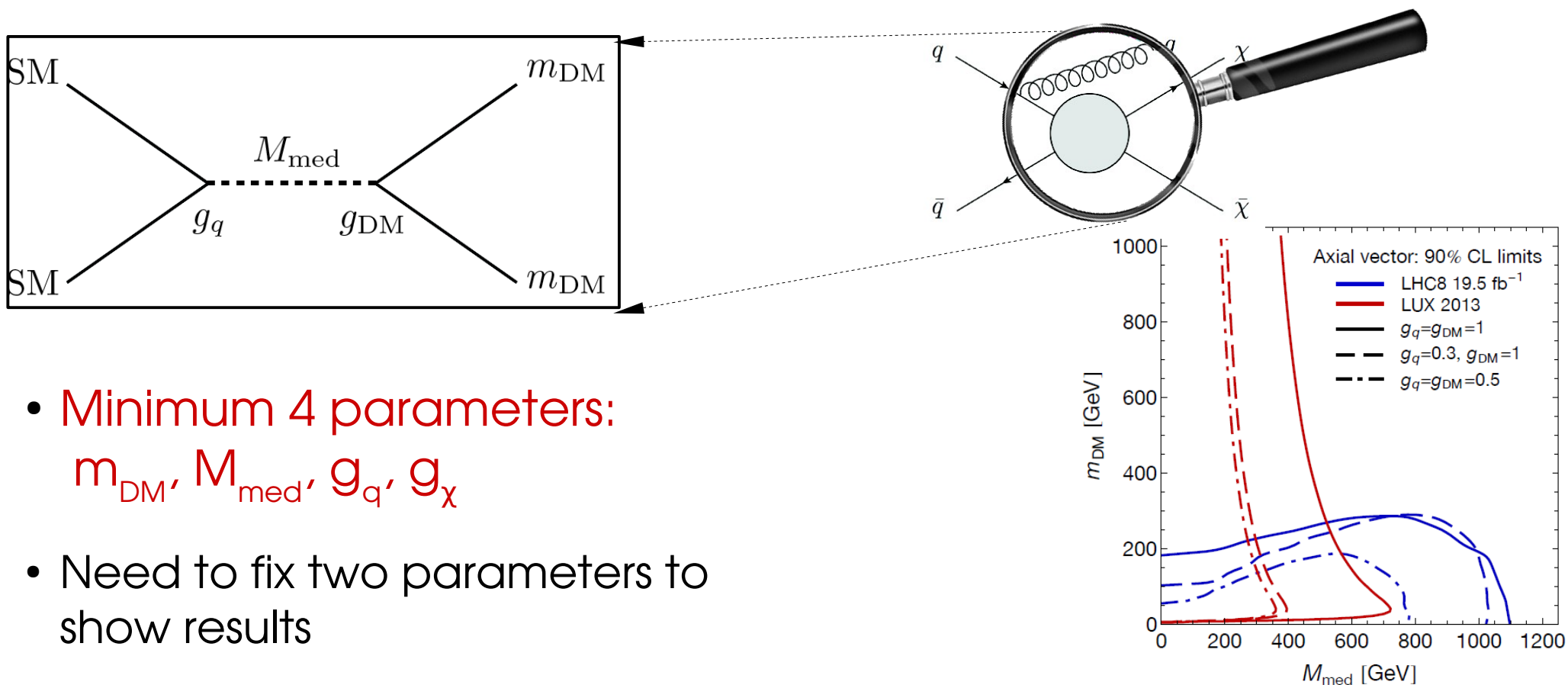


→ Parameter of interest is the contact interaction scale Λ

- **Vary Lorentz structure, spin assignments** to describe scalar, pseudoscalar, vector, axial vector and tensor interactions

Looking into the Details: Simplified Models

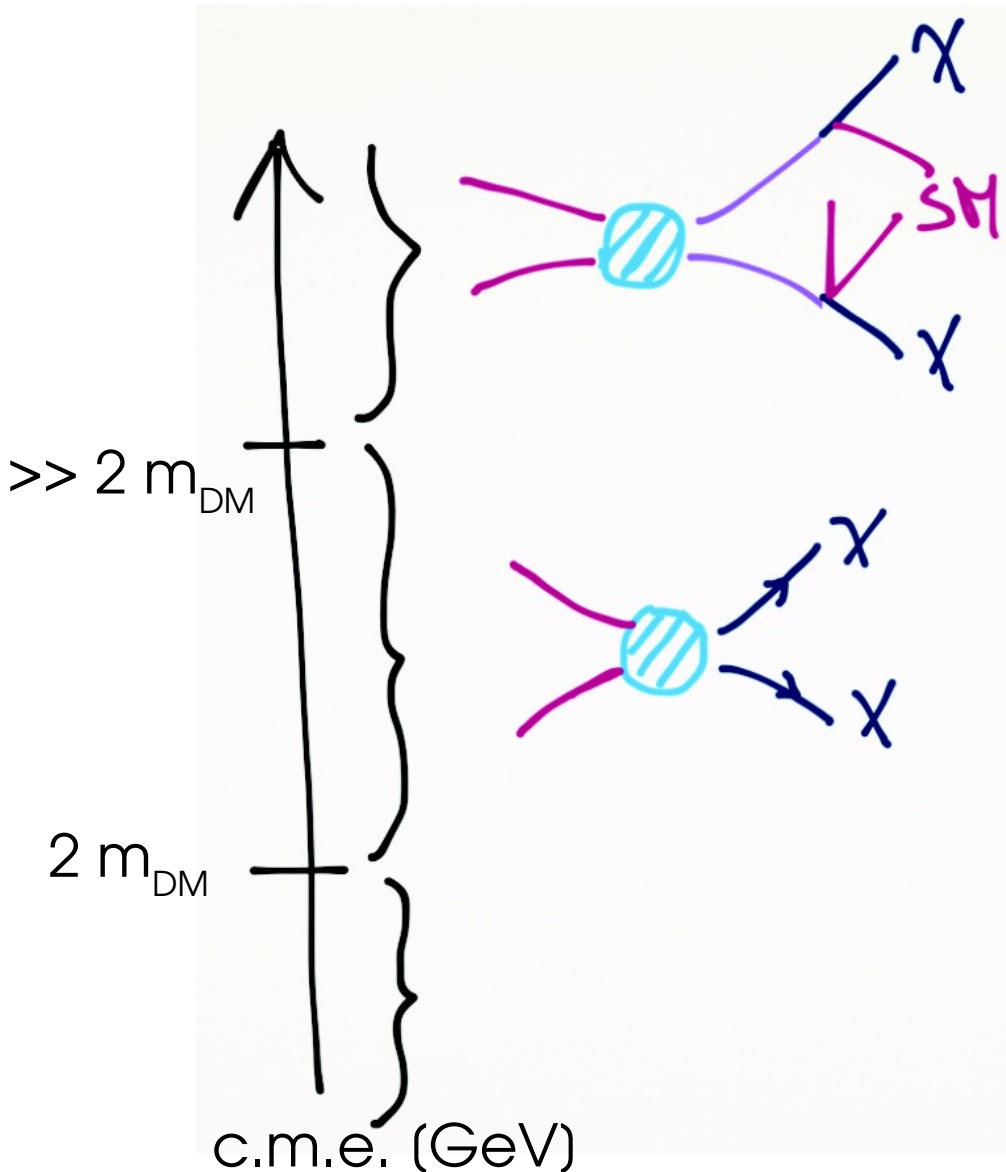
- Can truncate the EFT production when $Q_{\text{transfer}} > M$
- This requires knowing the masses/couplings
- Turn a 1-D problem into a multi-dimensional one:



- **Minimum 4 parameters:**
 $m_{\text{DM}}, M_{\text{med}}, g_q, g_\chi$
- Need to fix two parameters to show results

Probing Dark Matter at the LHC

- Can probe a wide range of DM/SM interaction types in a wide energy range



- Both direct and cascade production depending on the **partonic energy**

- DM particles **stable and weakly interacting** → escape detection

- How to “see” DM particles? → looking for “**missing energy**” and **additional SM radiation**

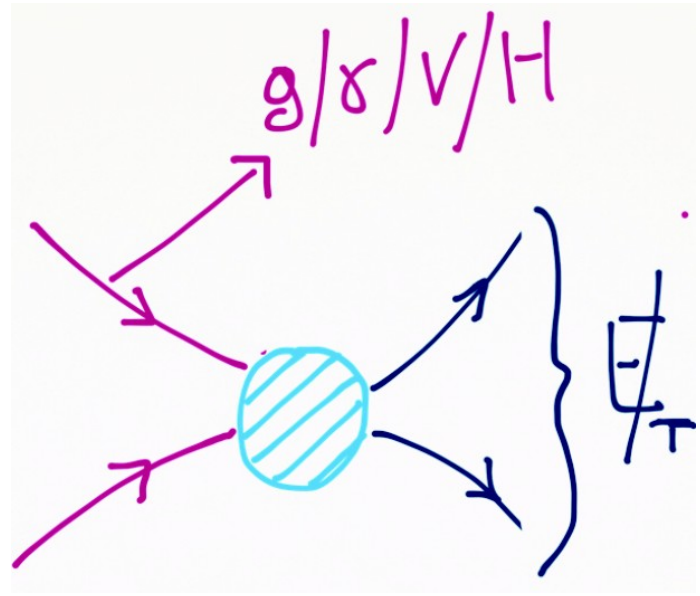
- **Generic signature:**

$$pp \rightarrow \cancel{E}_T + X$$

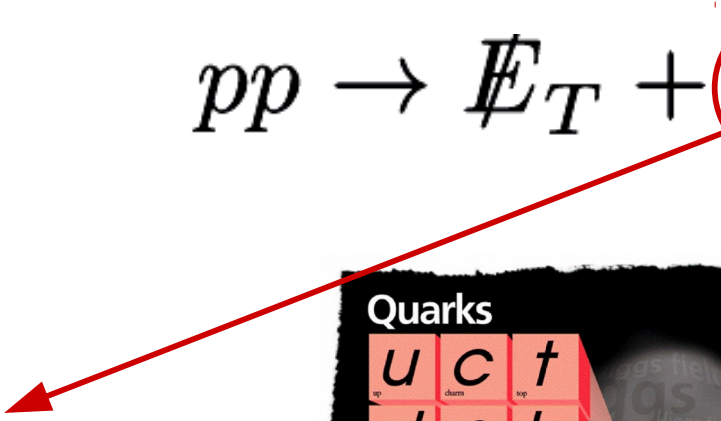
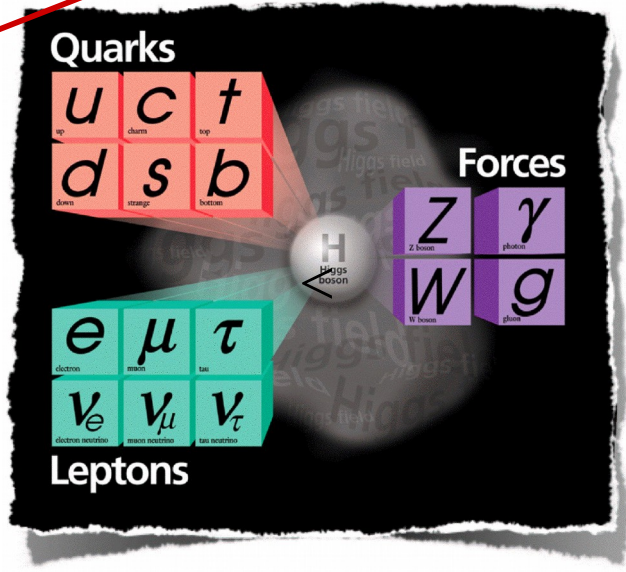
LHC Mono-X Searches

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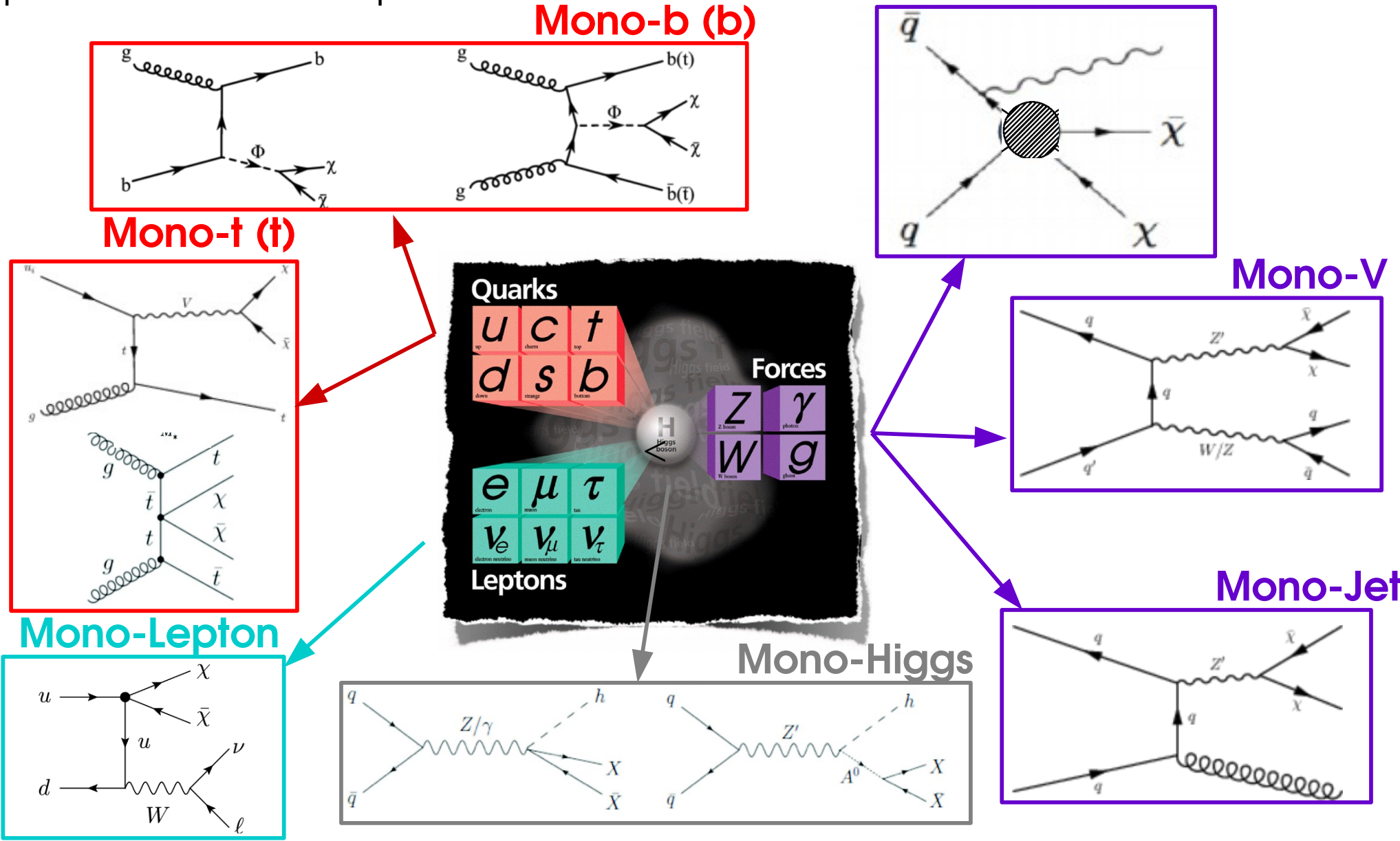


- Any SM particle!!!



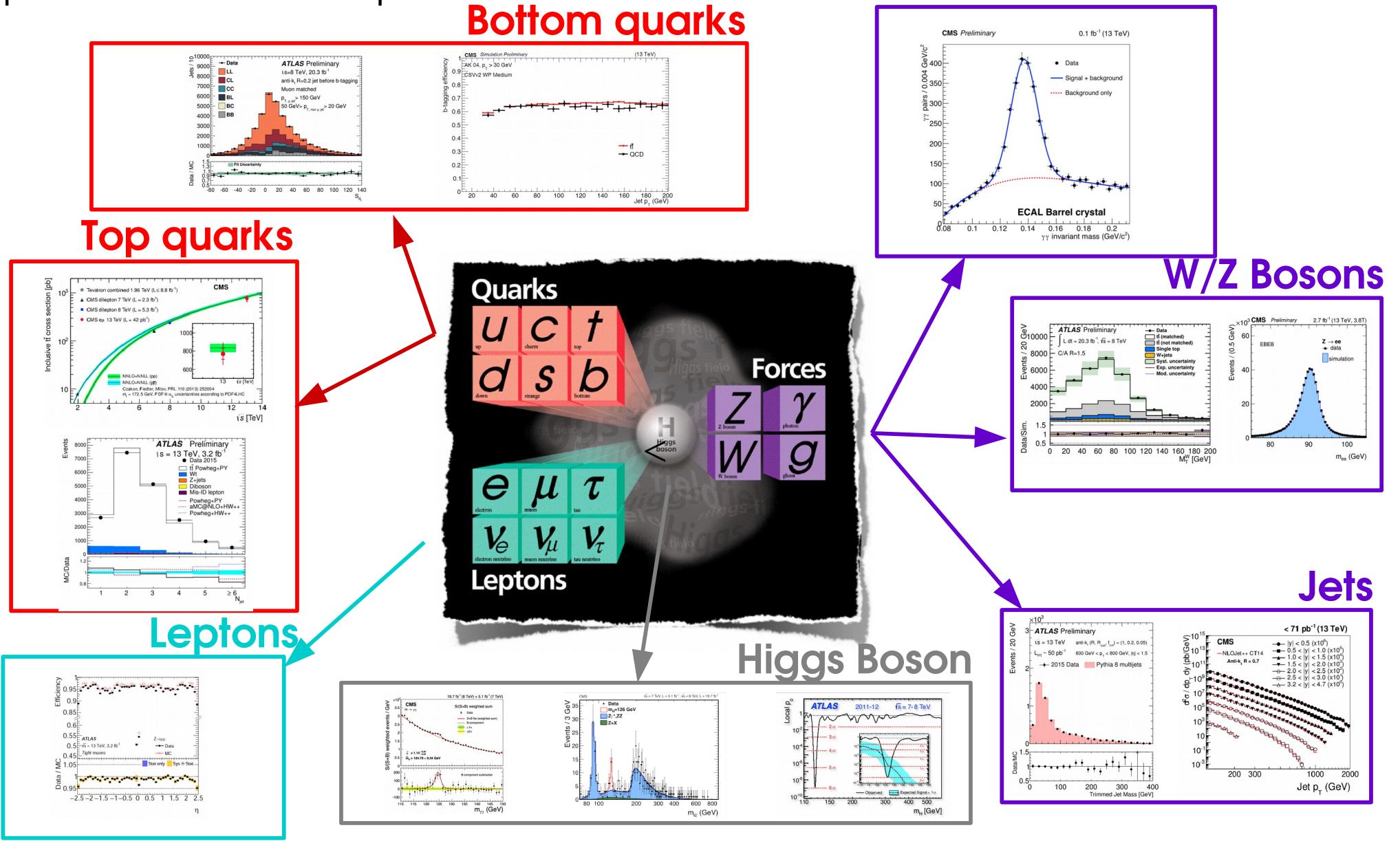
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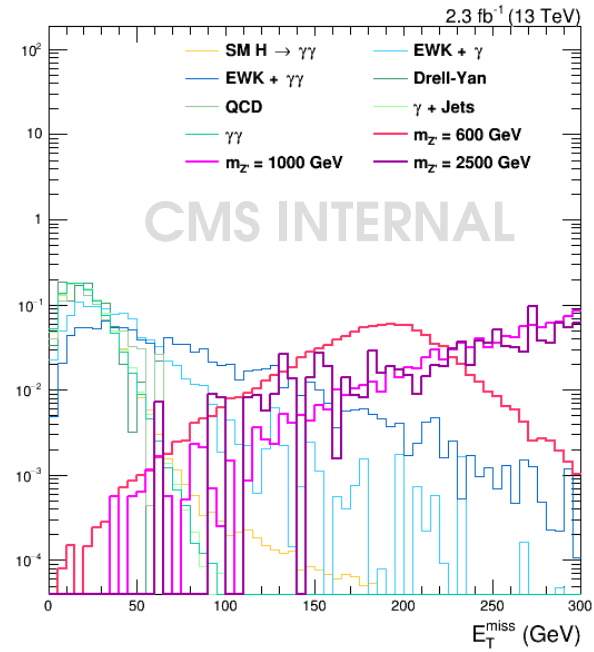
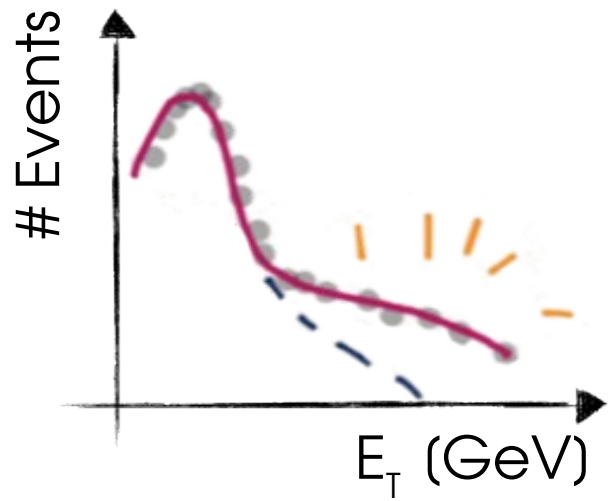
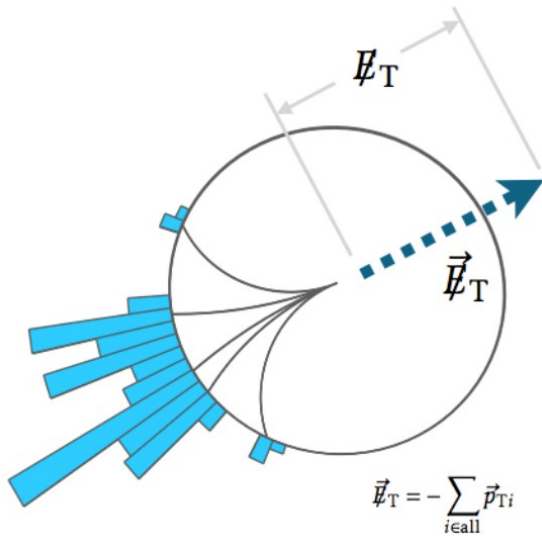
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Measuring the Invisible

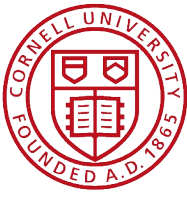
- MET caused by **particles escaping detection** and detector effects: noise, dead/hot cells
- MET → energy **imbalance in the plane transverse** to the colliding beams

$$\text{MET} = \sqrt{(\sum_n E_x)^2 + (\sum_n E_y)^2}$$



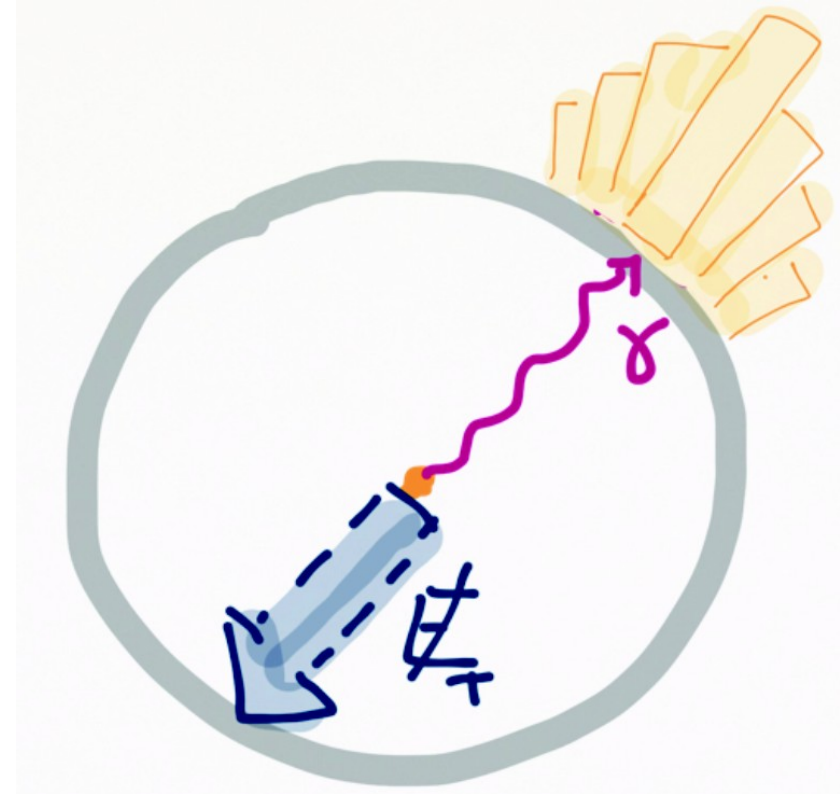
- SM process have no MET →
- MET tail excess as hint of new -physics

Mono-Photon Search



Signature:

One high- P_T photon and large missing energy balanced in the transversal plan



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arXiv:1604.01306

Photon Reconstruction and ID

- Reconstruction from **clusters of energy deposits** in the electromagnetic calorimeter
- Data/MC **energy correction** obtained calibrating the detector w/ **$Z \rightarrow ee$ events**

Identification based on:

Isolation

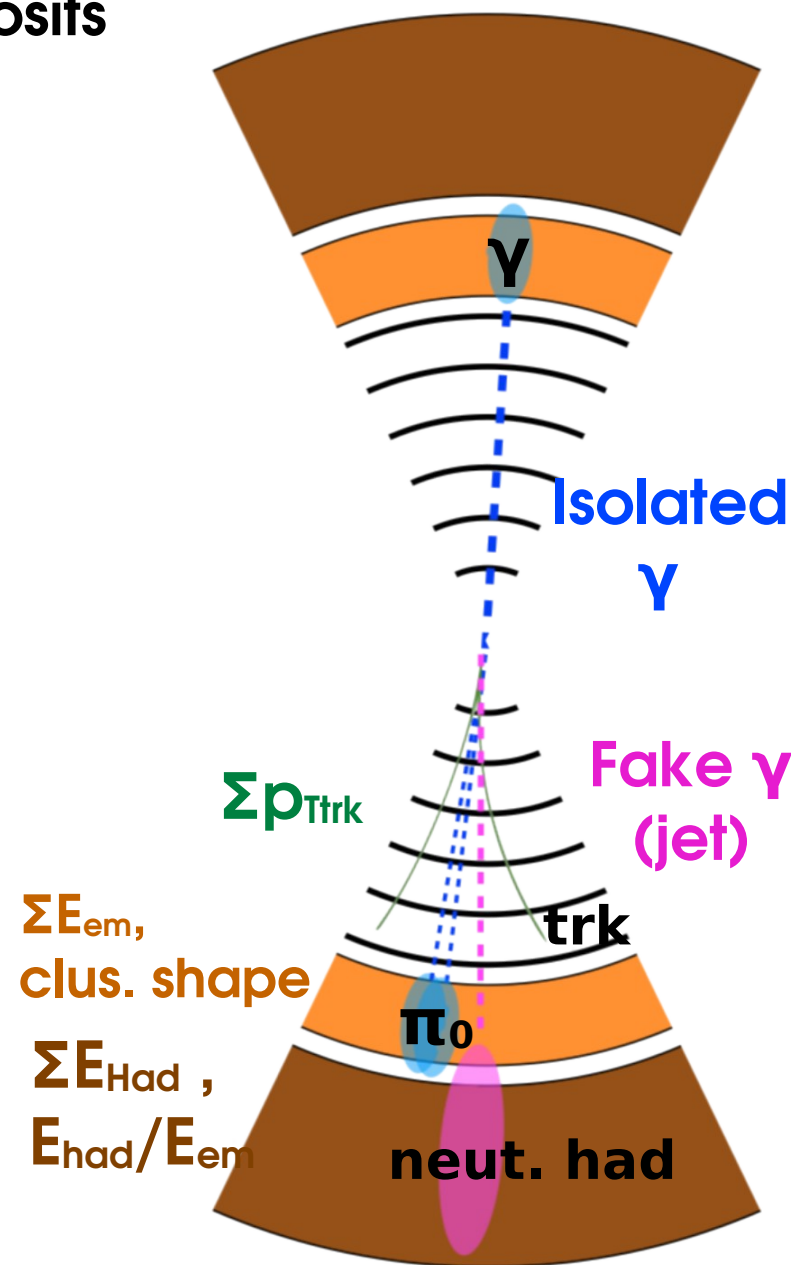
Isolated deposit with no track associated in the tracker

ATLAS LAr: :Longitudinal segmentation
 → Good Photon **Trajectory** Measurement

CMS ECAL: Homogenous Calorimeter
 → Good **Energy Resolution**

Shape

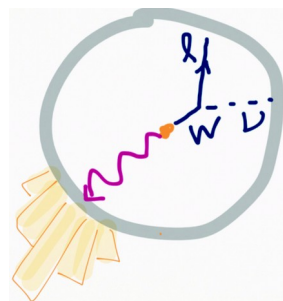
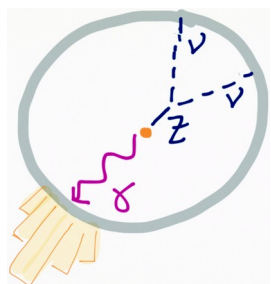
Narrow circular energy deposit



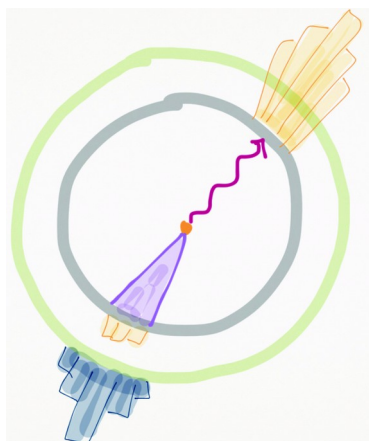
Background Contributions

- All backgrounds extrapolated from orthogonal data samples.
- Normalization obtained via a simultaneous likelihood fit to the observed Yields

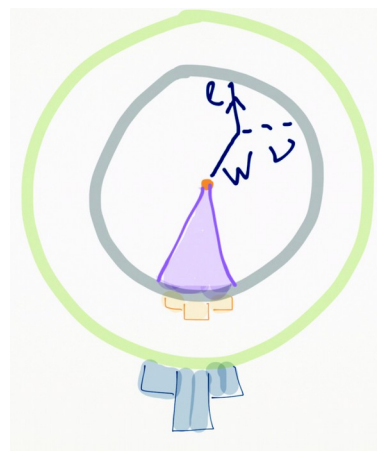
- **Z($\nu\nu$)/W($l\nu$) + $\gamma \rightarrow \sim 75\%$**



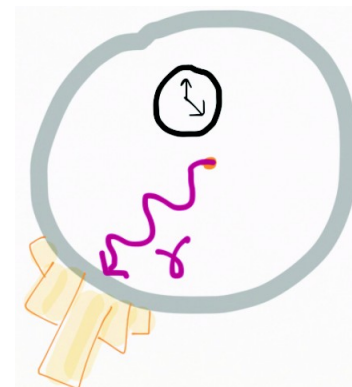
- **γ + jets/ Multi-jet**



- **Z/W+ jets**



- **Non-collision background**



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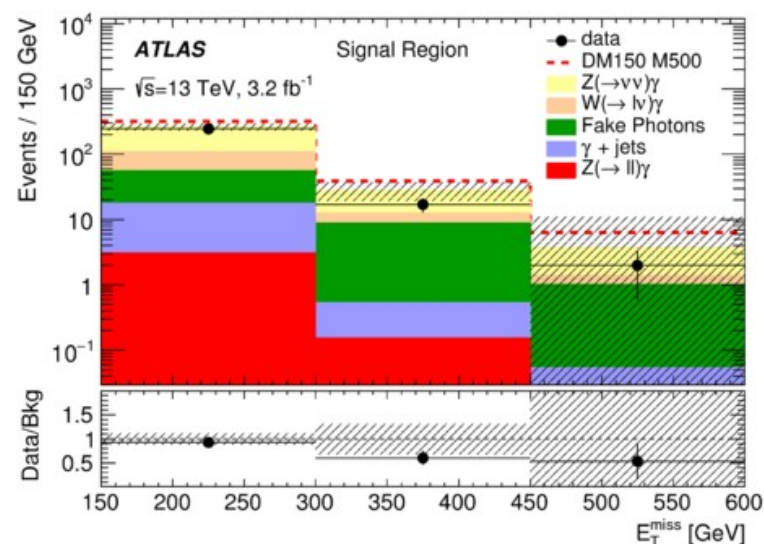
$\rightarrow \Delta\Phi(\text{MET}, \text{jet})$
&& MET cut

\rightarrow Lepton Veto
&& Photon ID

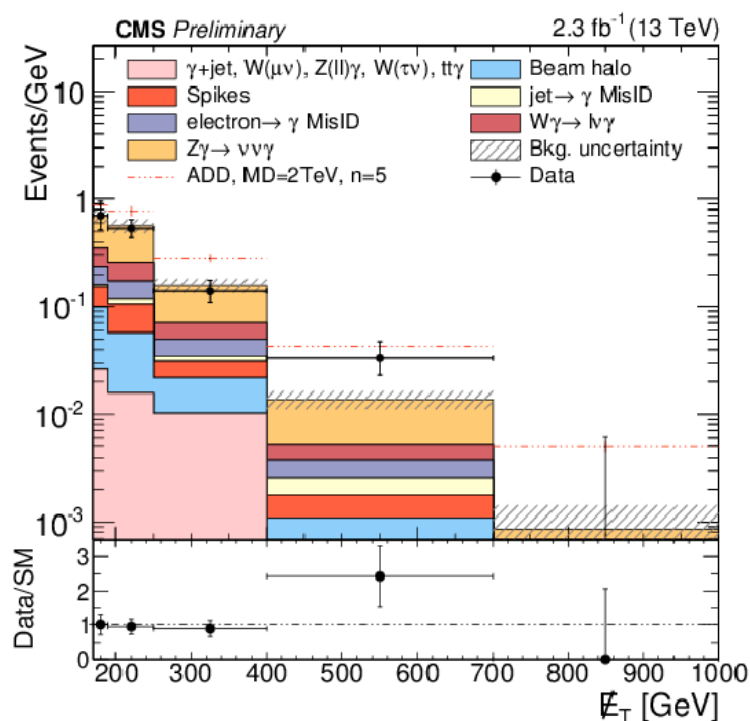
\rightarrow time of cluster
/trajectory

Mono-Photon Energy Spectra

- Cut and count analysis in one SR bin: 264 events observed vs 295+/- 34 background events expected

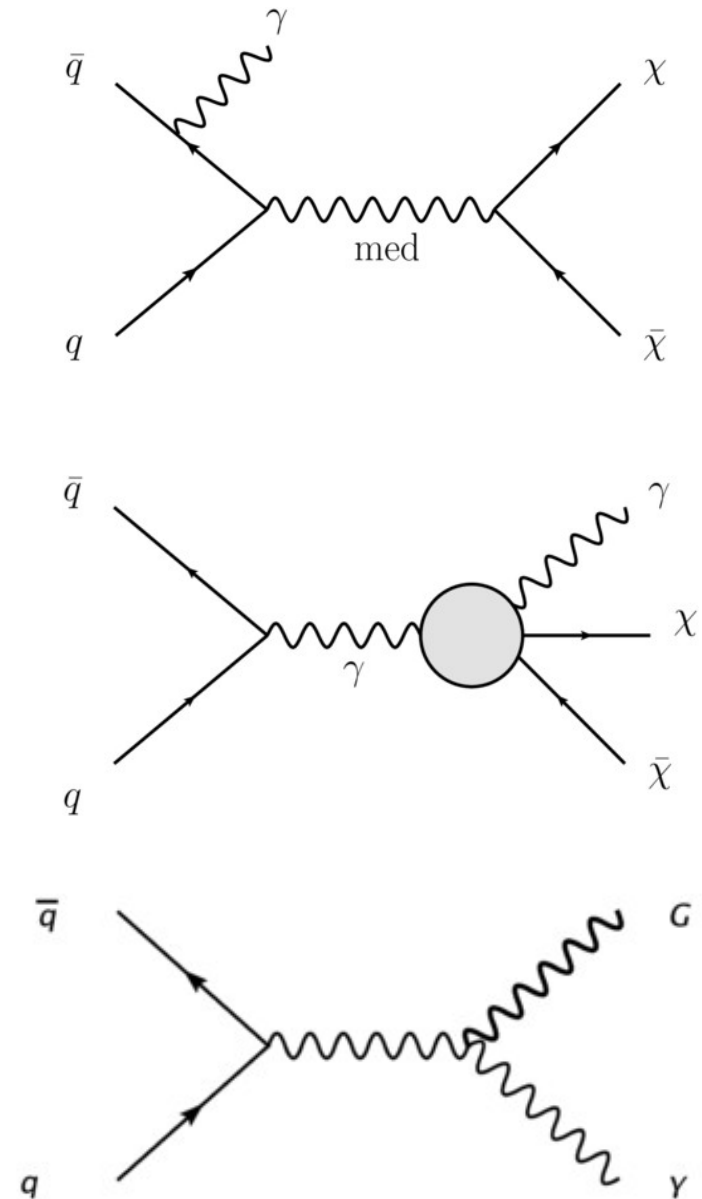


- Shape analysis in multi bin SR: 77 events observed vs 76+/- 8 background events expected

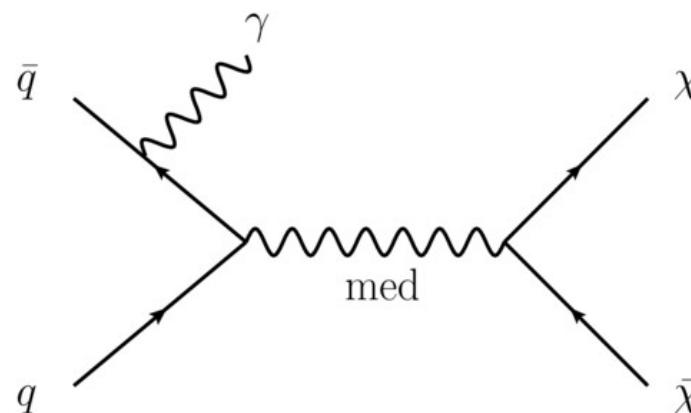
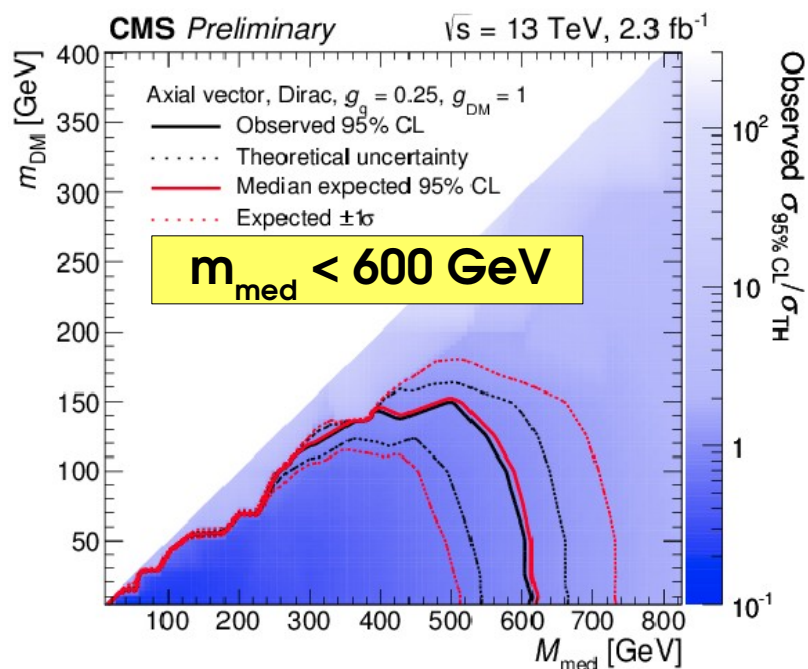


Models Interpretation for Mono-Photon Search

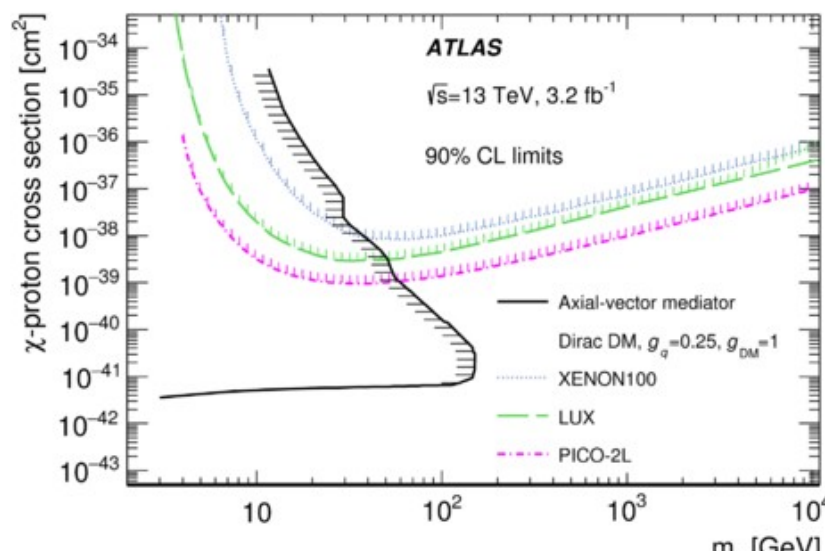
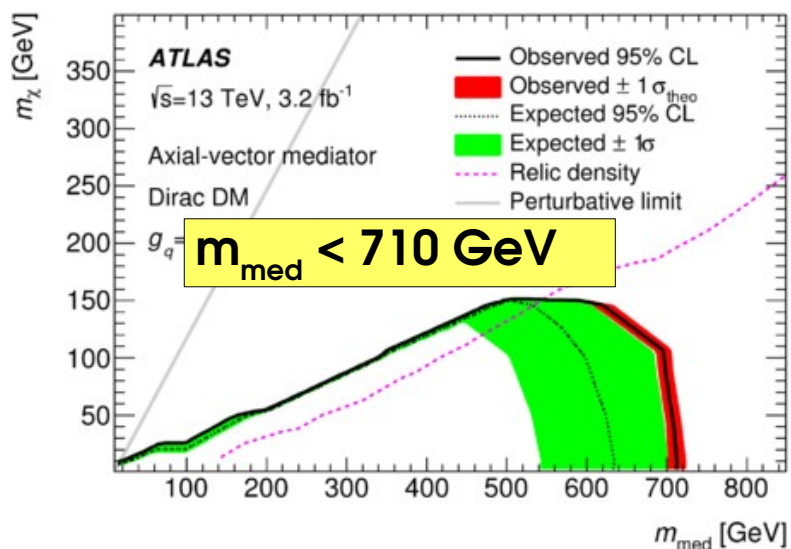
- **Simplified model** w/ fermion DM produced via s-channel mediator
 $\rightarrow m_{\text{DM}}, m_{\text{med}}, g_q$ and g_{DM}
- A dimension-7 **EFT benchmark** with direct couplings between DM and electroweak bosons
- **ADD model of LED**; stable gravitons would be invisible to the detector and could be produced in association with a photon



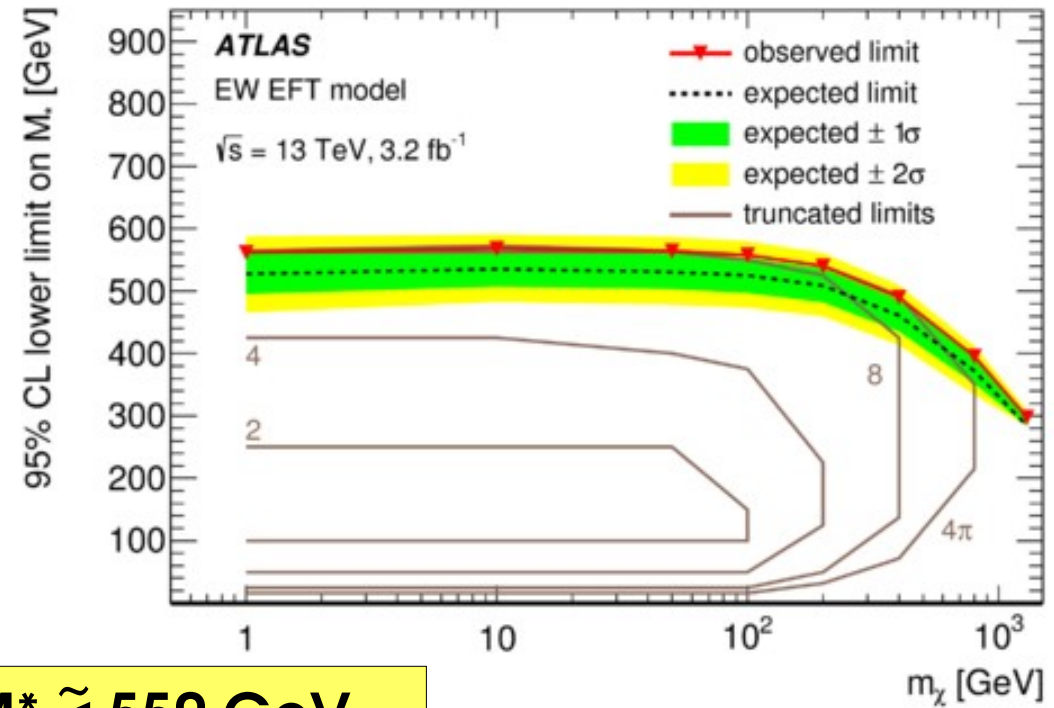
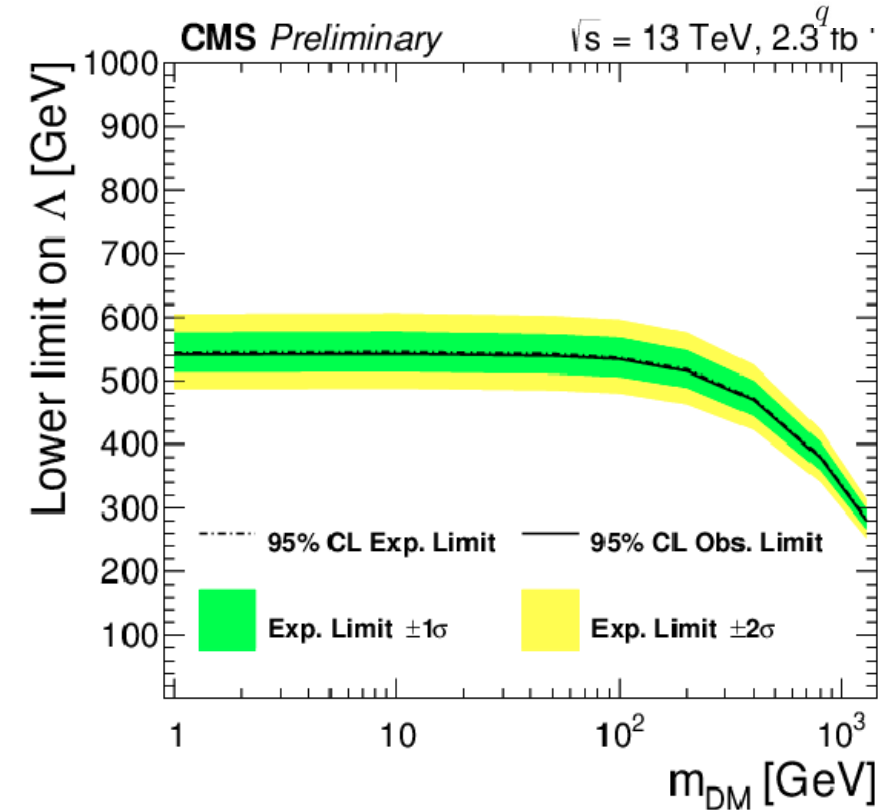
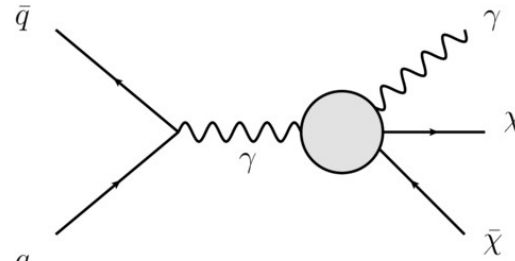
Mono-Photon Search – Simplified Model



$< 10^{-41} \text{ cm}^2$ for $m_{\text{DM}} \sim 150 \text{ GeV}$



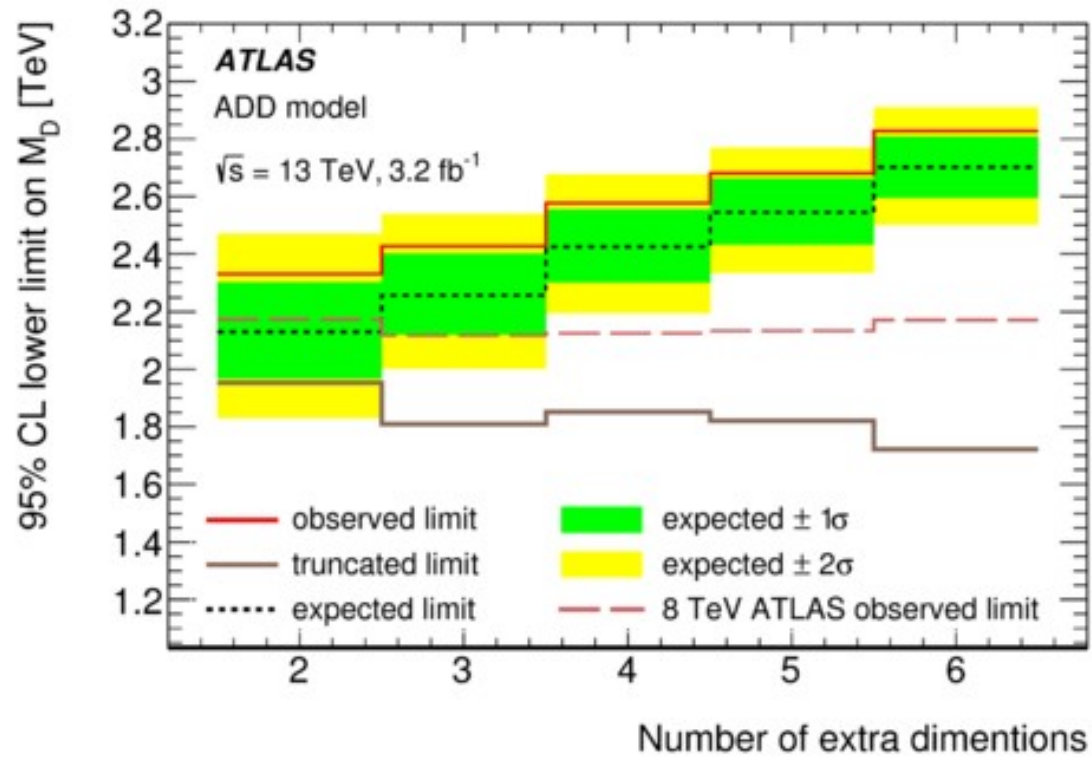
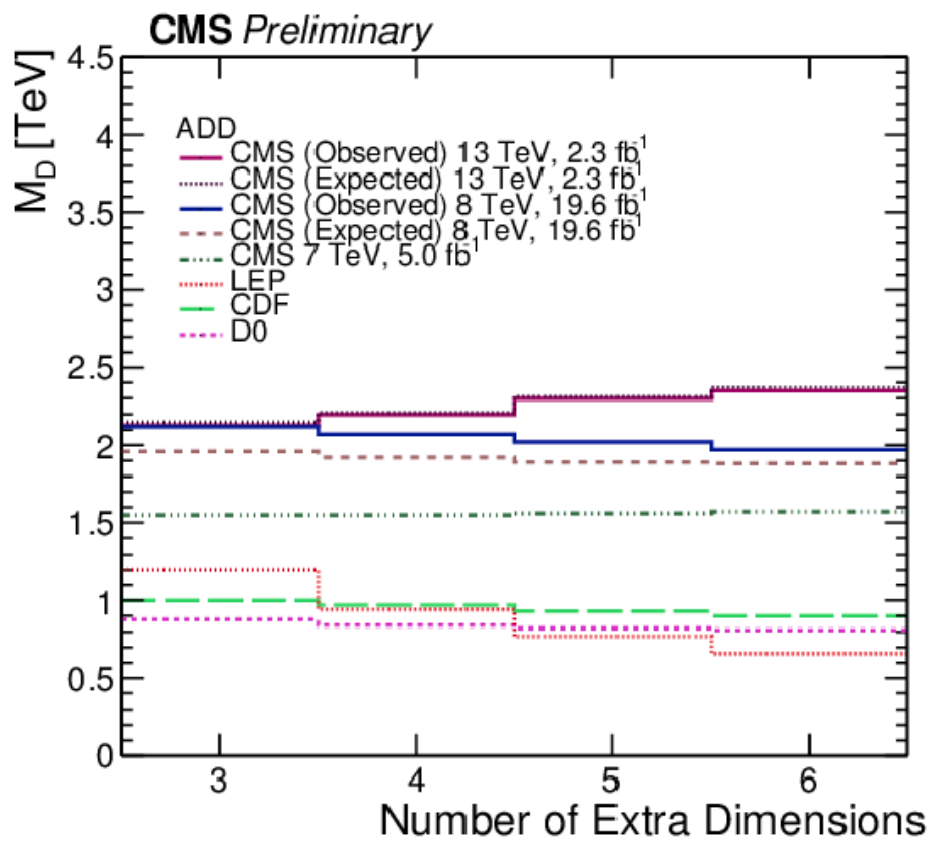
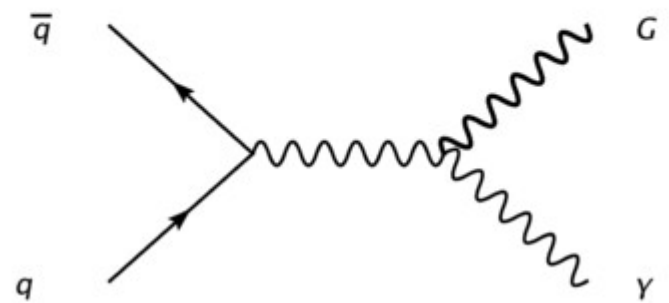
Mono-Photon Search- EFT



$M^* \gtrsim 550 \text{ GeV}$

- Upper limits placed on the production cross section, then translated into the lower limits on the suppression mass scale

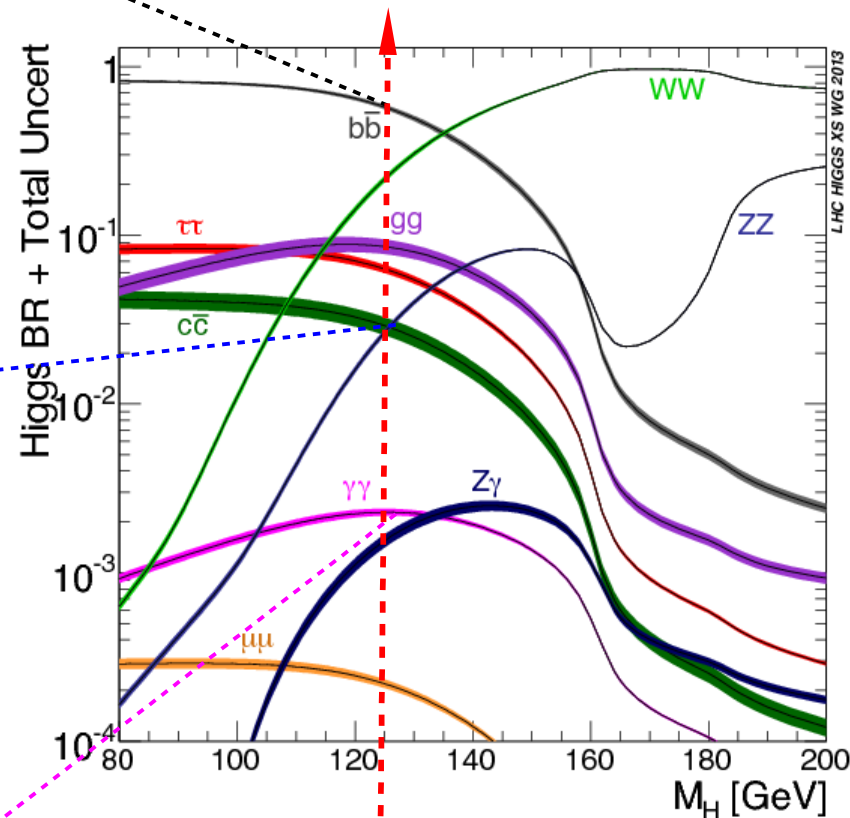
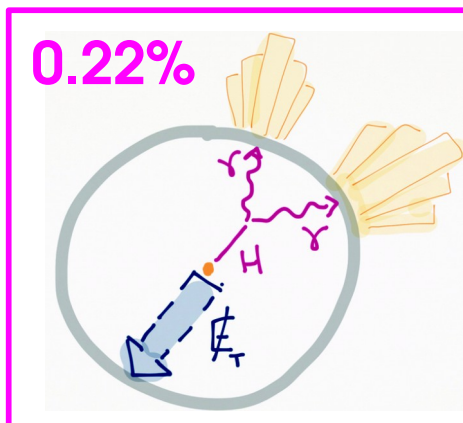
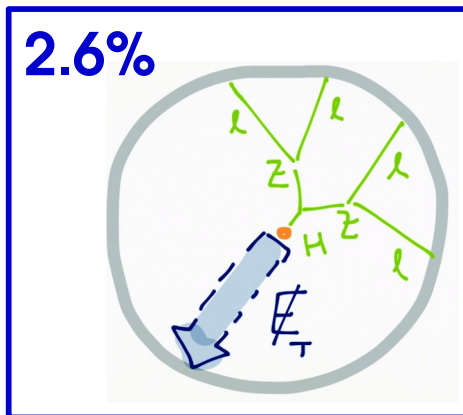
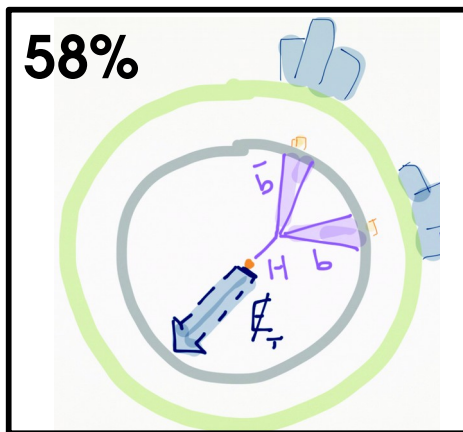
Mono-Photon Search - ADD



$M_D < 2-3 \text{ TeV}$ for $n=2-6$

Higgs Portal to Dark Matter

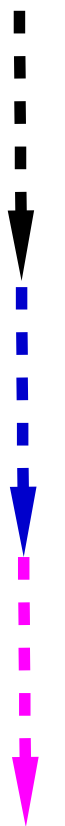
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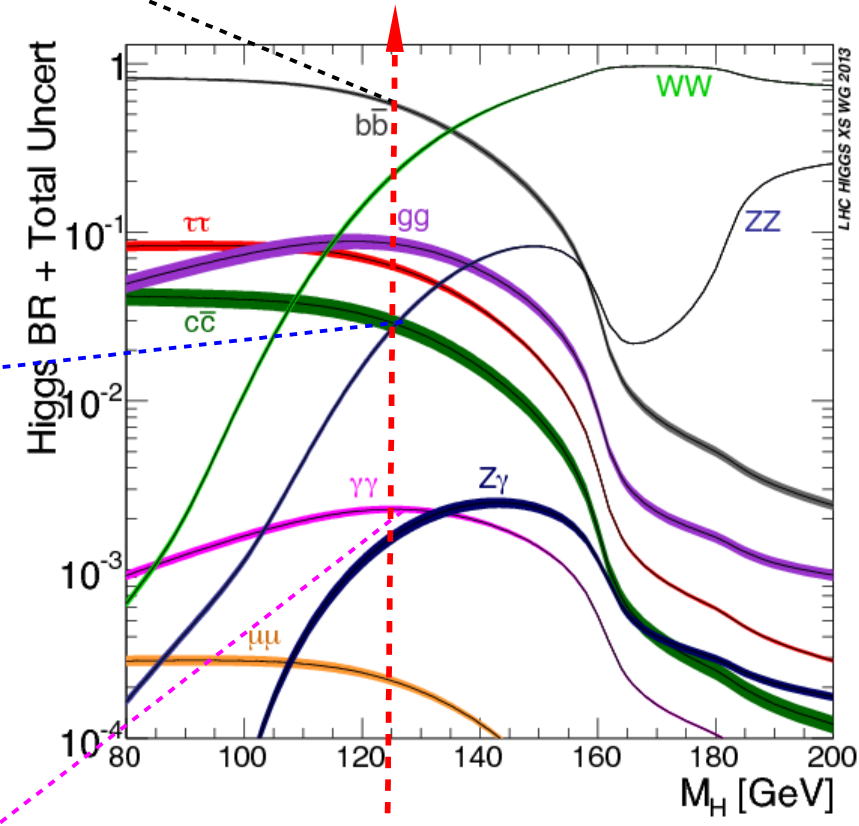
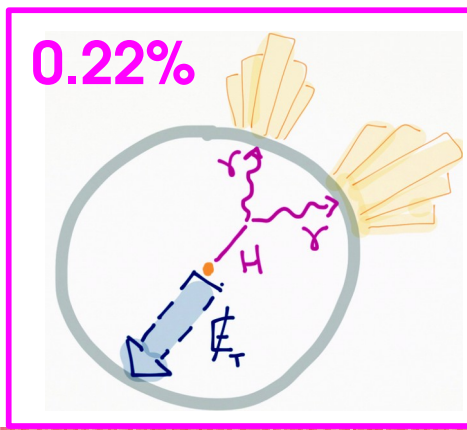
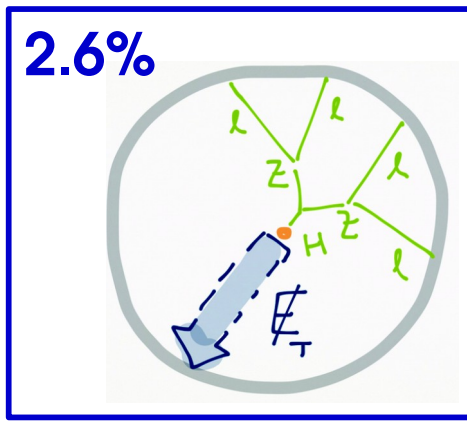
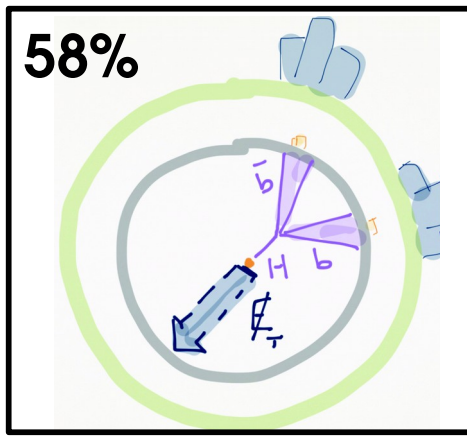
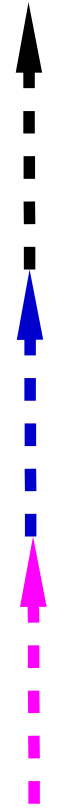
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Higgs Portal to Dark Matter

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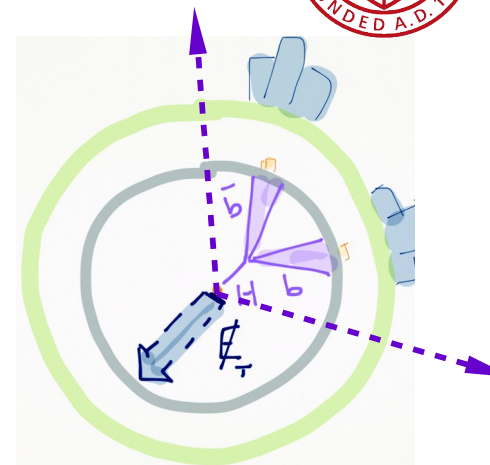


Branching Fraction



Mono-Higgs to bb

- High- p_T bb system with either **a pair of small radius jets**, or a **single large-radius jet with substructure**
- No identified, isolated muons or electrons
- Classification in terms of **# b-tagged jets**



- Signal Enhanced by:

$$\Delta\Phi(\text{MET}, H) > 120^\circ$$

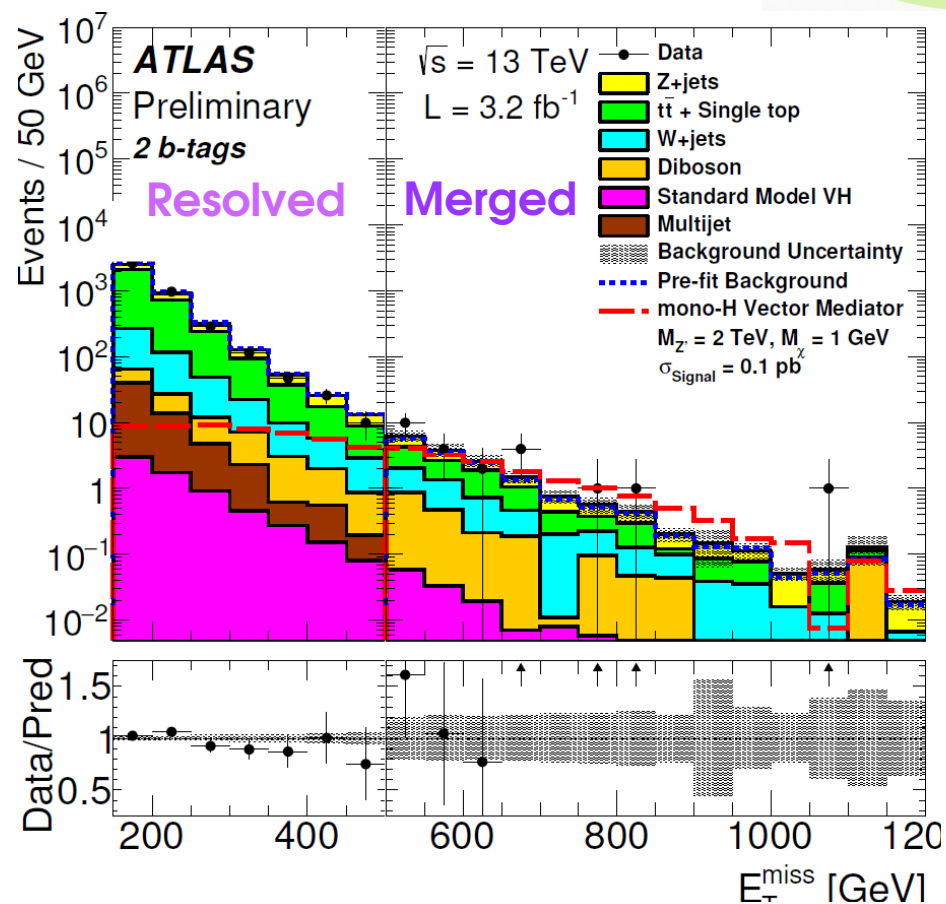
- Two kinematic regions:

MET < 500 GeV

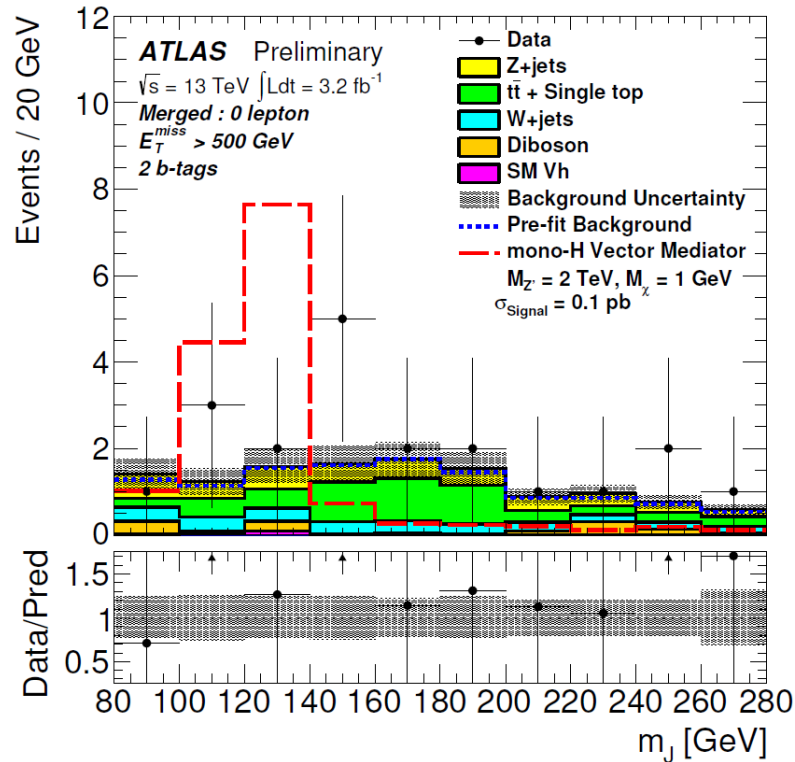
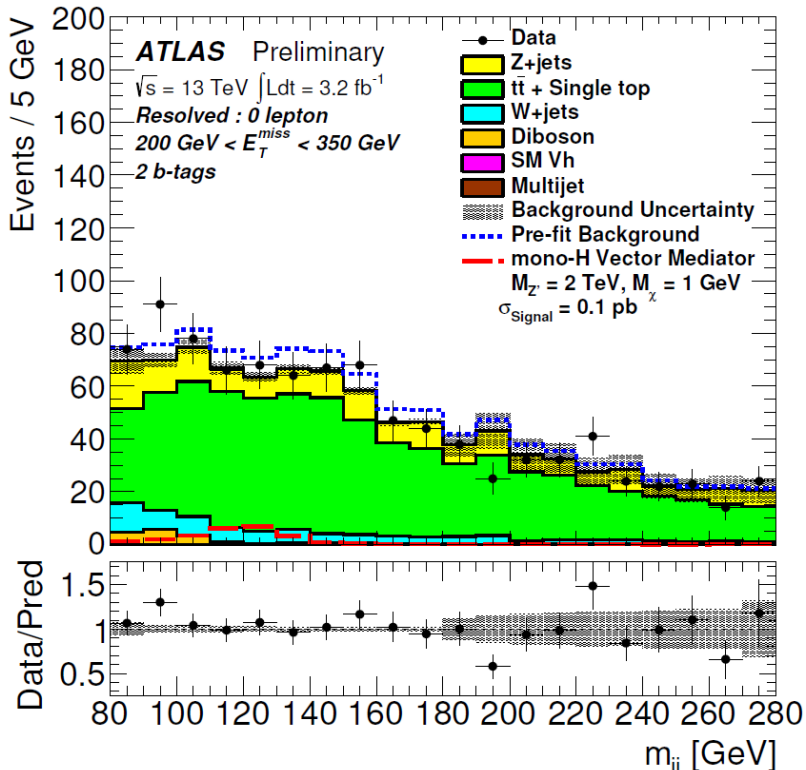
→ **Resolved: Two small jets**

MET > 500 GeV

→ **Merged: One “fat” jet**



Mono-Higgs to bb Mass Spectra



• Dominant backgrounds:

→ **SM W/Z + jets**: 15-65%

→ **tt**: 45-80%

=> CR in data w/ #1/#2 leptons

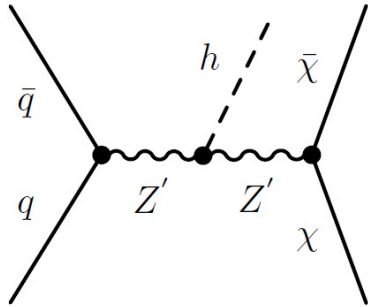
• Other backgrounds:

→ **VV, Vh, single-top**: < 15%
 => Simulation

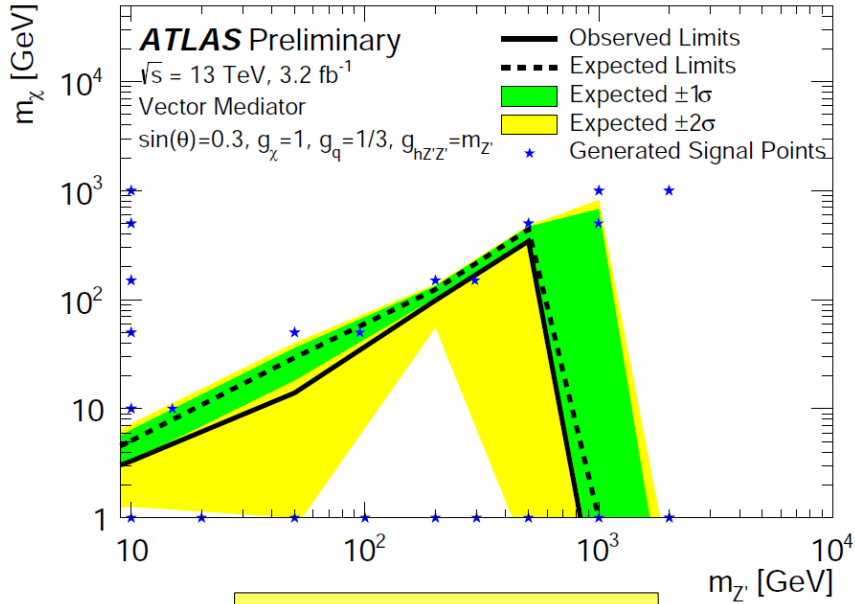
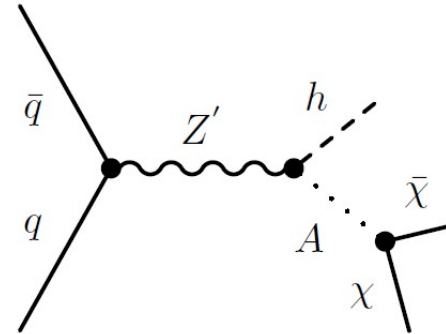
→ **Multi-jet**: < 2% (resolved)
 => CR in data inverting min
 $|\Delta\Phi(\text{MET}, \text{jet})|$ cut

Mono-Higgs to bb Results

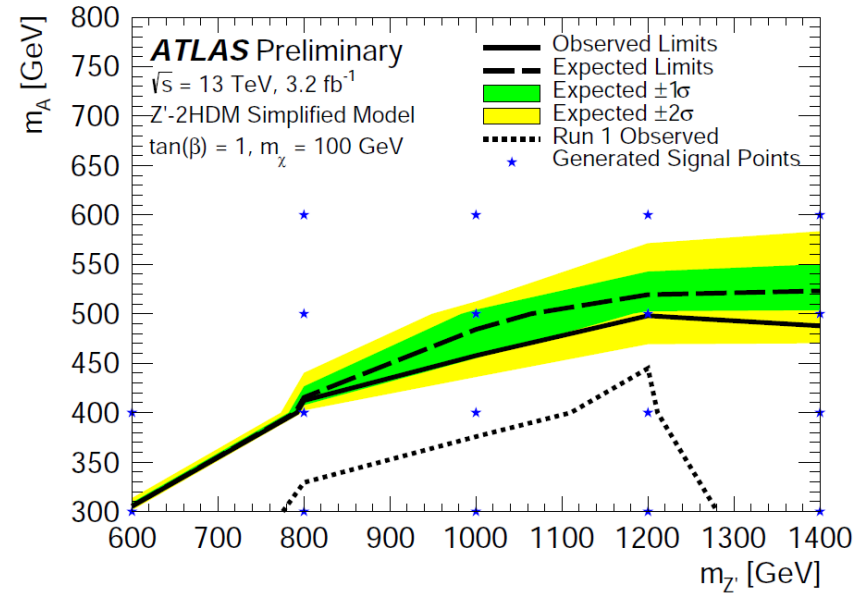
- Simplified model with a Z^0 gauge boson mediating the SM-DM interaction



- Two-Higgs-doublet model



$M_{Z'} < 900 \text{ GeV}$

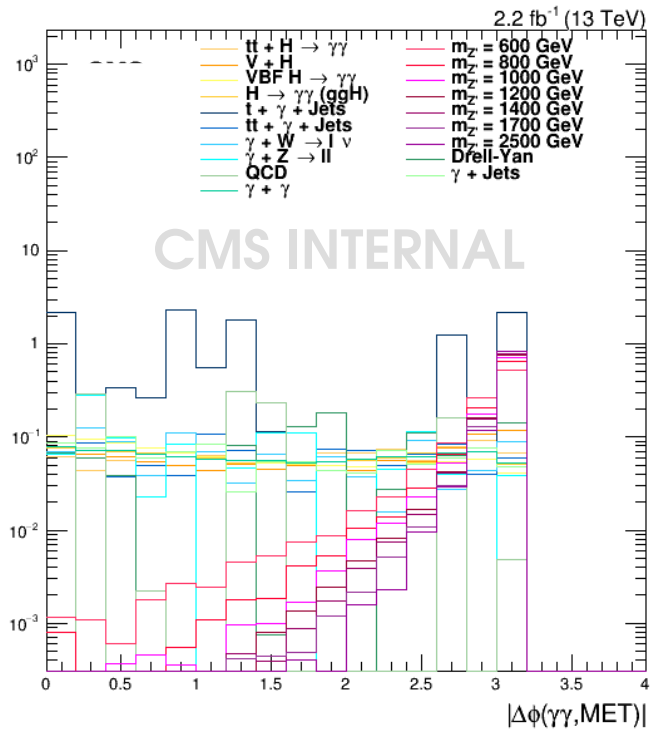
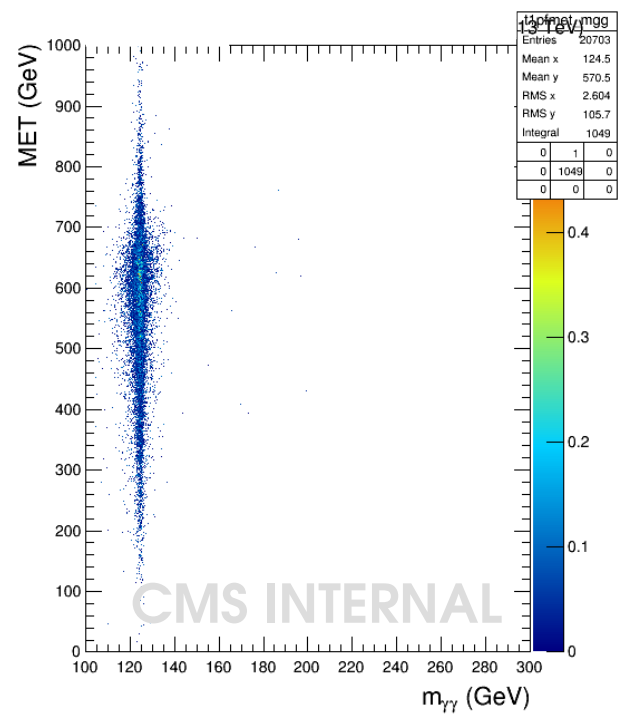
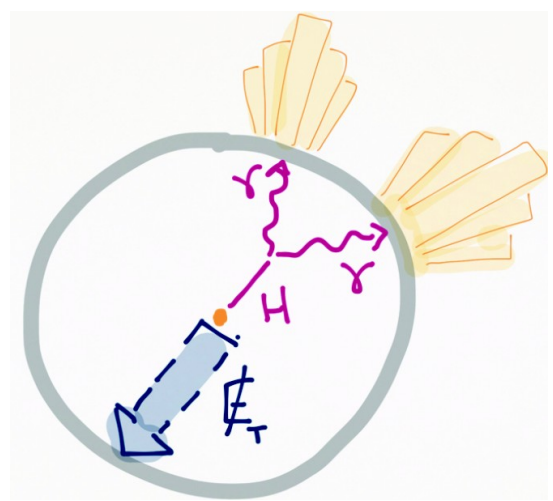


$M_{Z'} < 1400 \text{ GeV}$ $m_A < 500 \text{ GeV}$

- Results from CMS not yet public but similar analysis strategy and sensitivity

Mono-Higgs to $\gamma\gamma$

- Select the highest-pT diphoton pair in the event
- Signal Region defined as:
 → **High MET and $m_{\gamma\gamma}$ around 125 GeV**
- Signal Enhanced requiring Met and H to be b2b
 → **$\Delta\Phi(\text{MET}, H) > 2.7 \text{ rad}$**

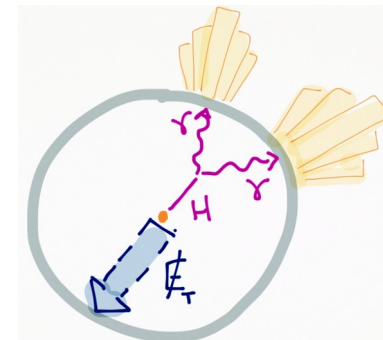
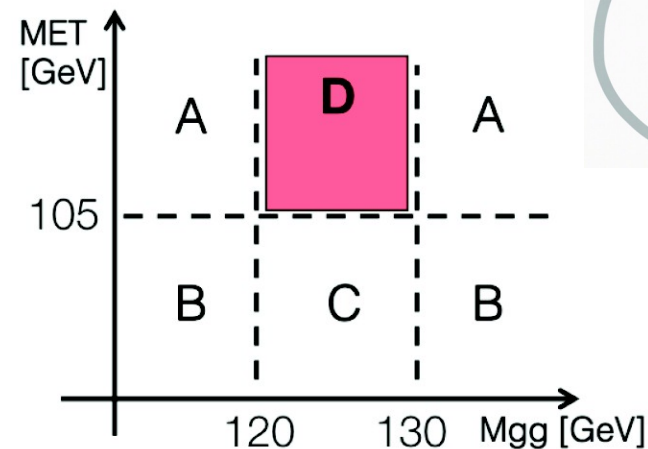


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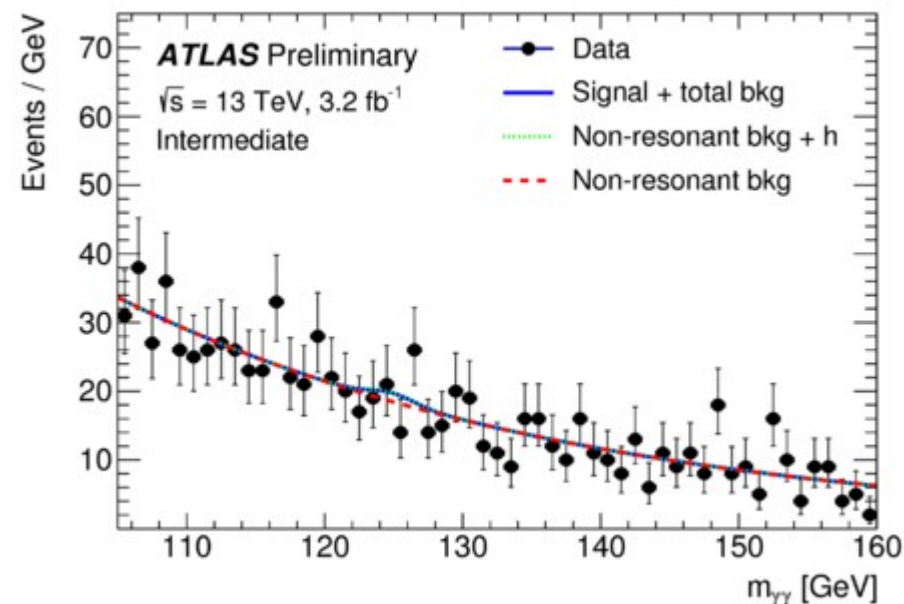
- ATLAS and CMS follow two different analysis strategies:

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approach using a 2-D ABCD method w/ MET and $m_{\gamma\gamma}$ (not yet public)

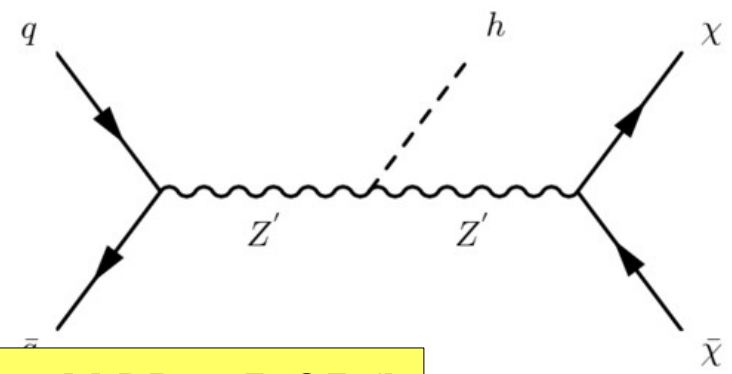
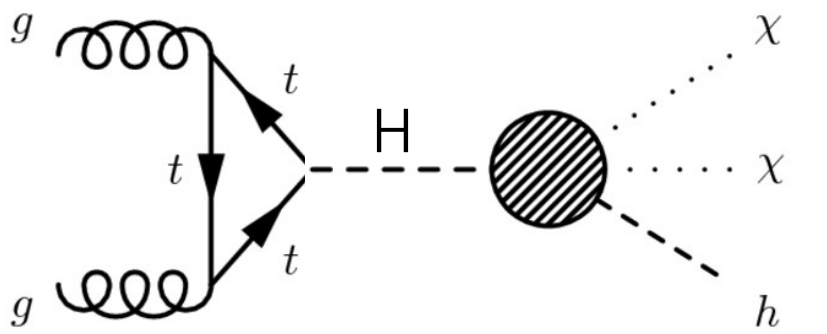


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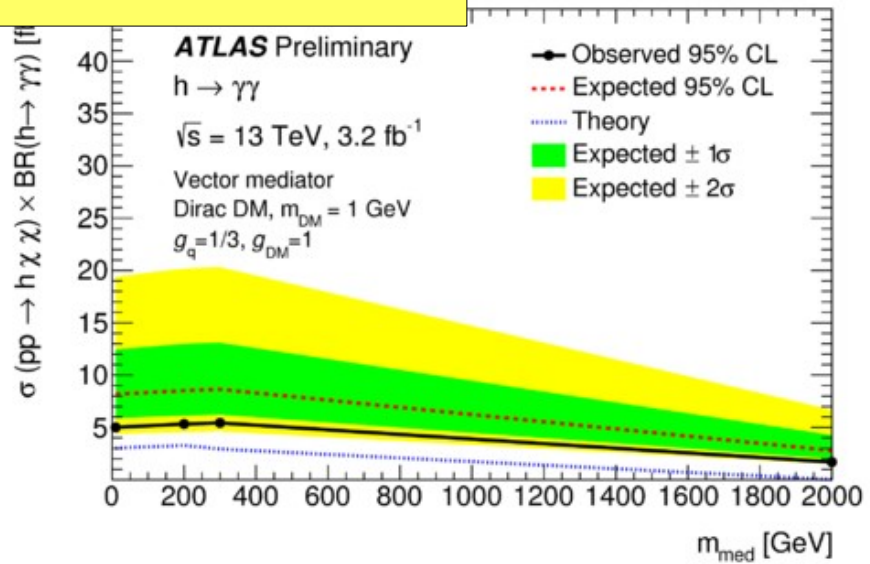
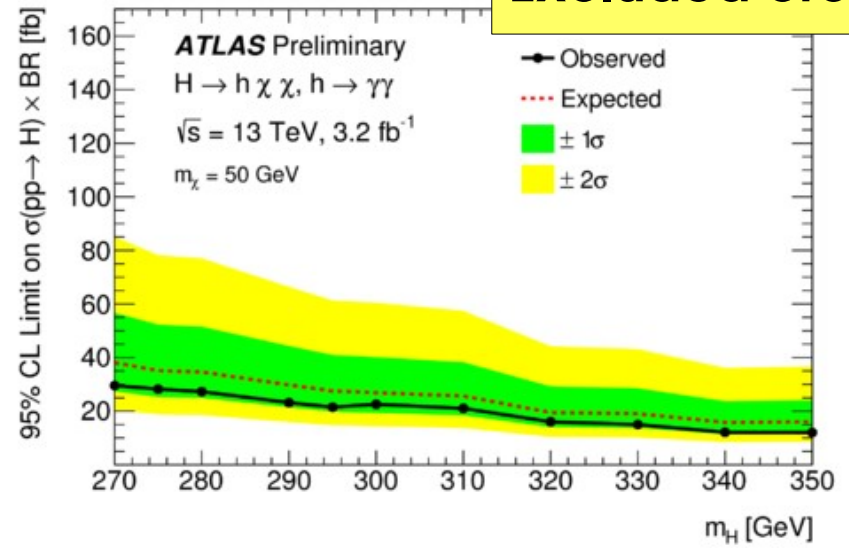


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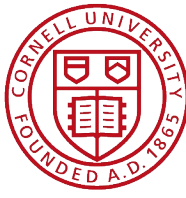
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Excluded cross-sections \times BR < 5-25 fb

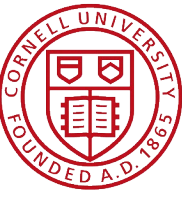


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