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HOW DARK IS DARK?

the Dark Matter quest at ATLAS

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what we know
(ordinary matter)

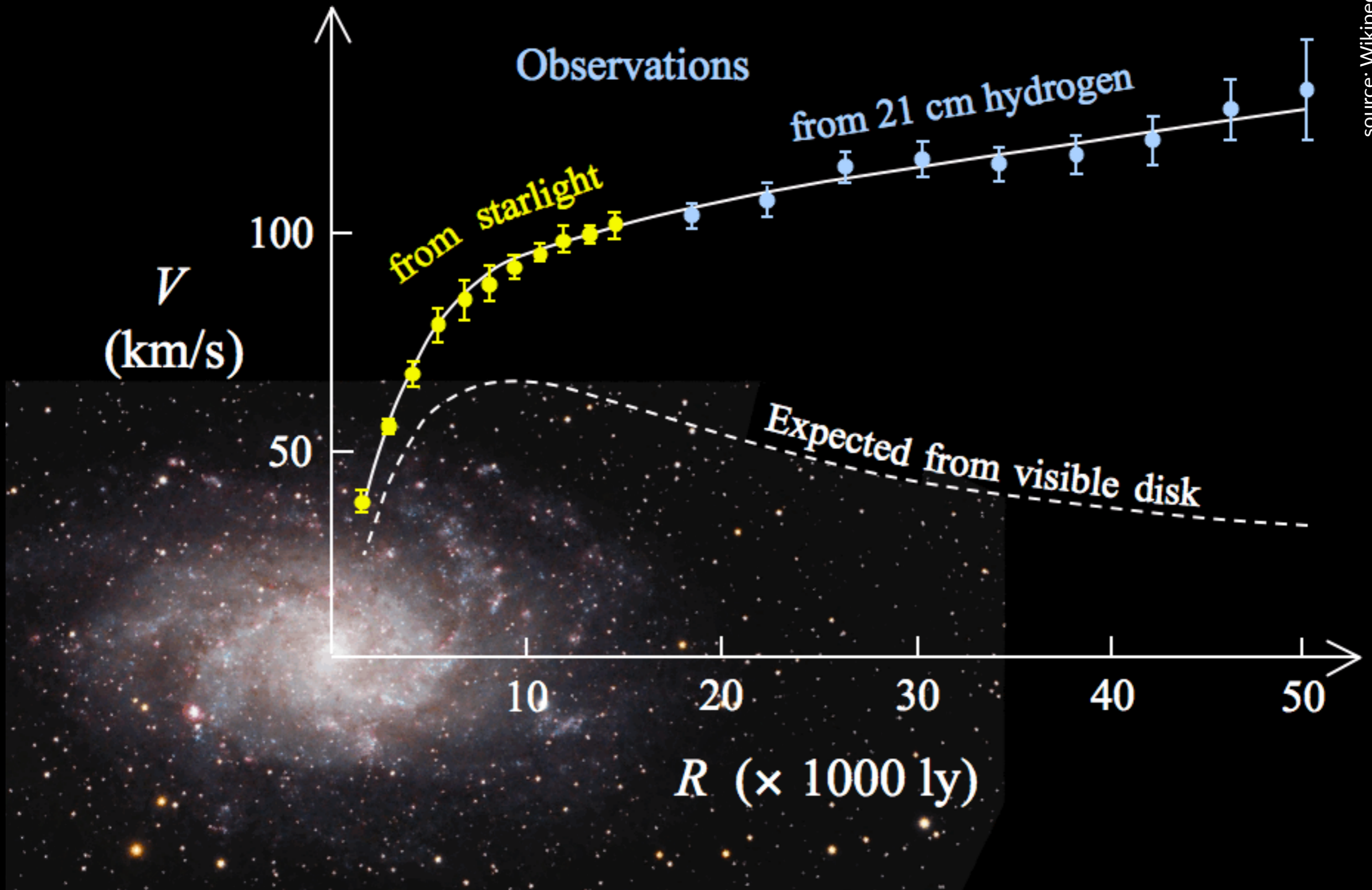


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Dark Matter (DM)

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Dark Energy

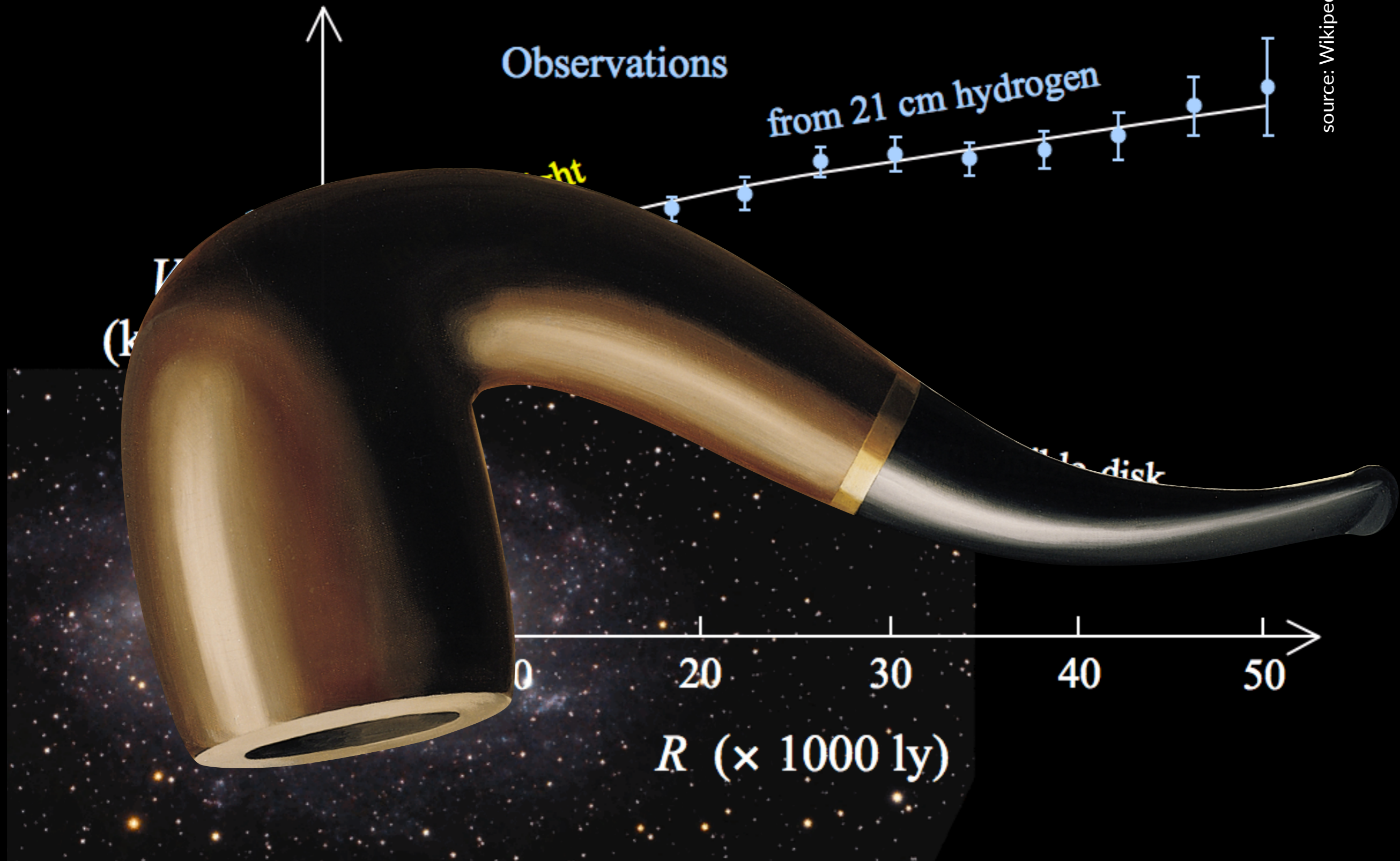
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what we miss

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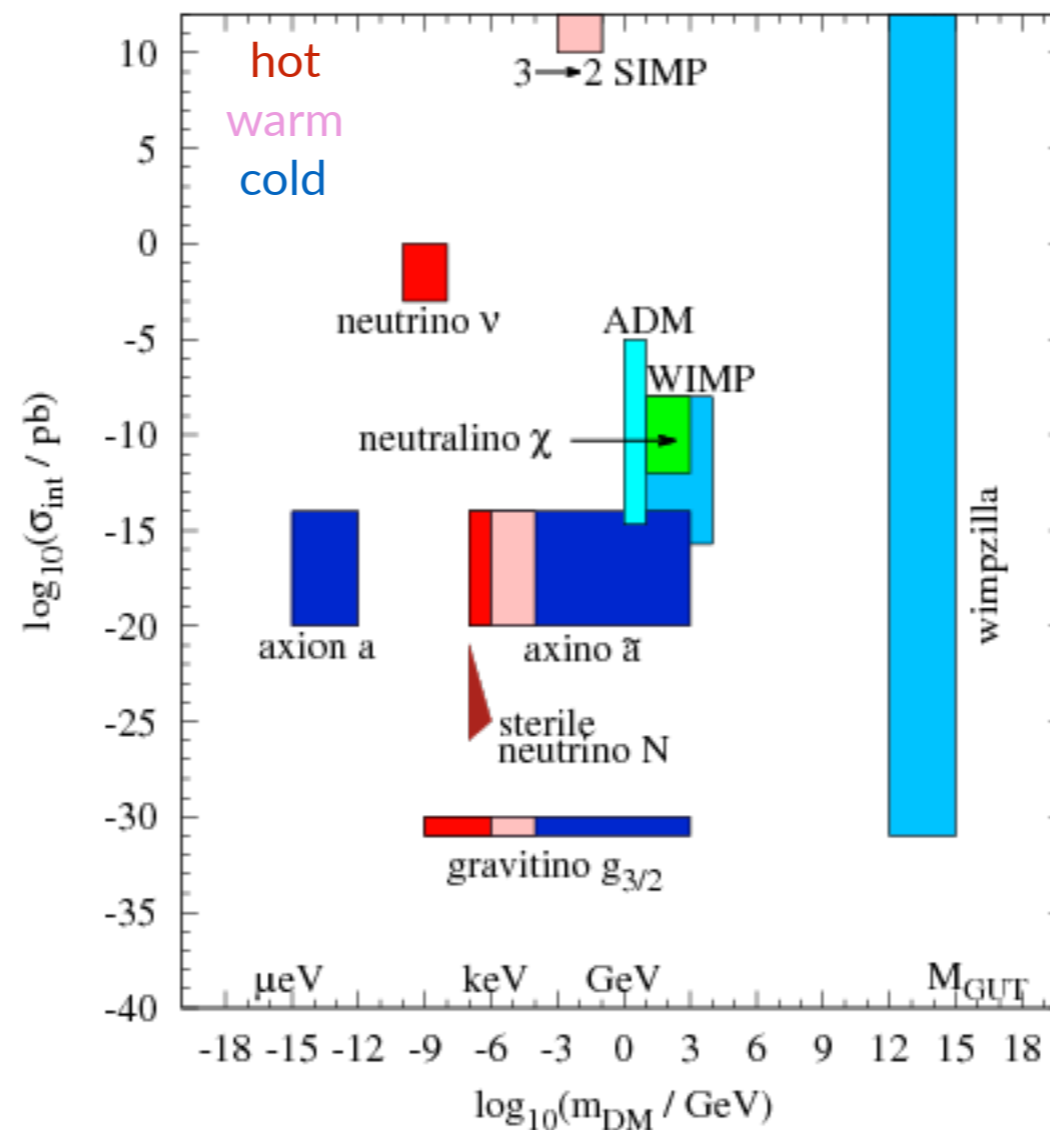
Ceci n'est pas de la matière sombre

Weakly interacting massive particles

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typical
interaction
cross-section



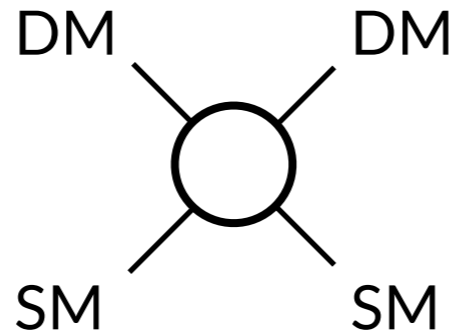
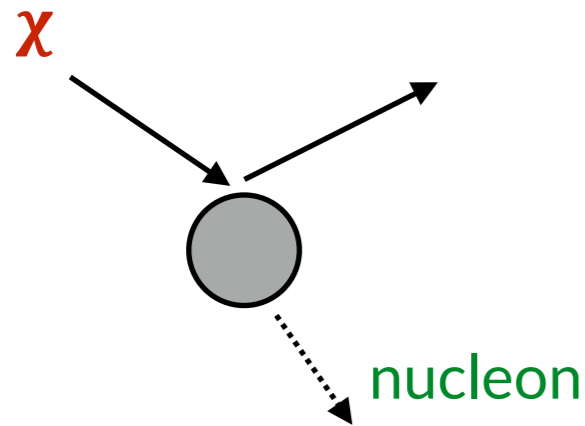
DM mass

WIMPs: an attractive
solution to the DM
problem

(new physics around
the corner?)

Using the available Dark Matter

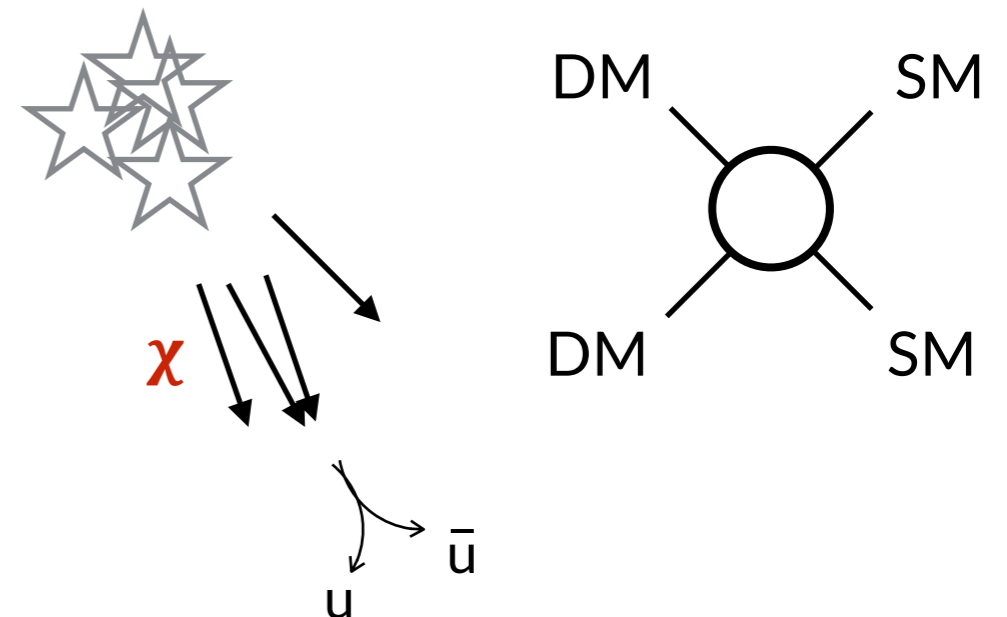
direct detection



must know: nucleon form factors, DM local density, background levels...

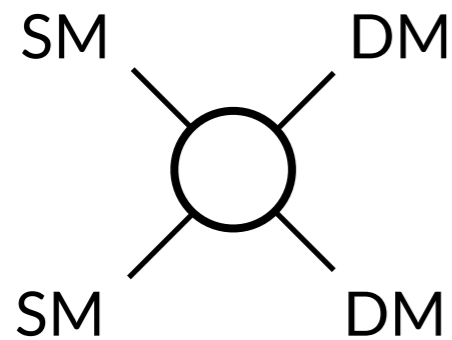
- build detectors which may detect the existing Dark Matter (DM)
- hope they do
 - experimental challenge set by DM mass and nature of DM-SM interaction

indirect detection



What about producing it?

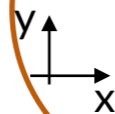
- build a collider which might produce DM
- build detectors which can detect everything else
- hope they do
 - experimental challenge set by needed precision and nature of DM-SM interaction



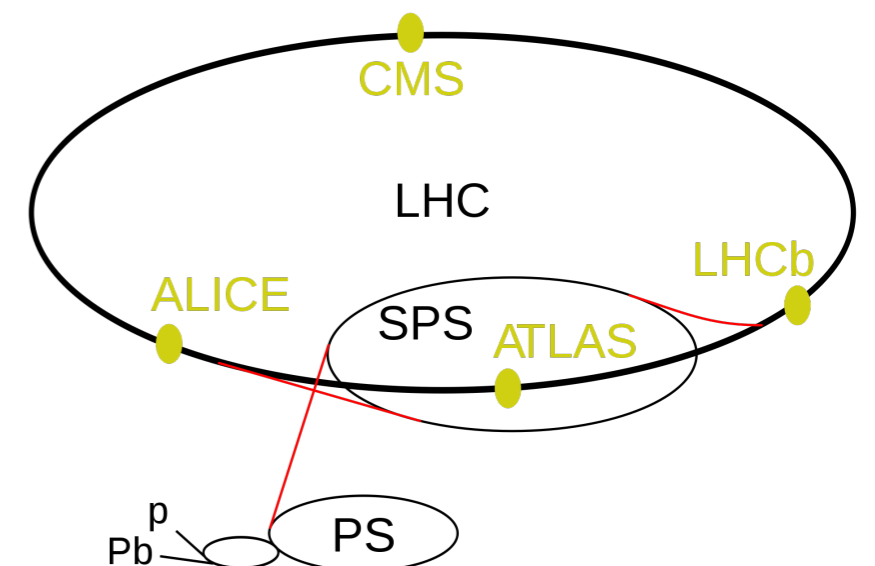
must know: detector, reconstruction, SM backgrounds...



SM

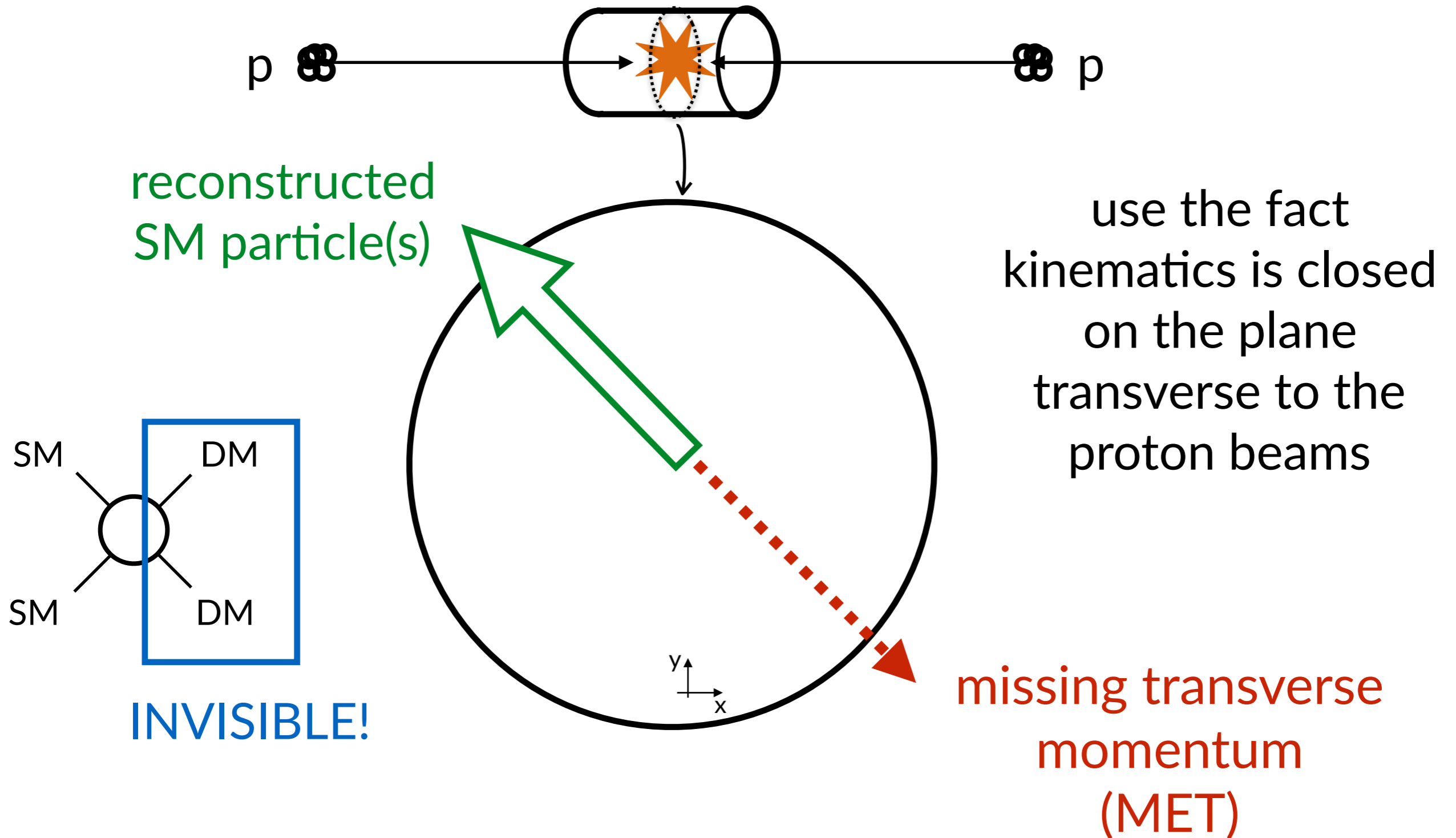


missing transverse momentum (MET)



The invisible, through the visible

pp collisions @ 13 TeV

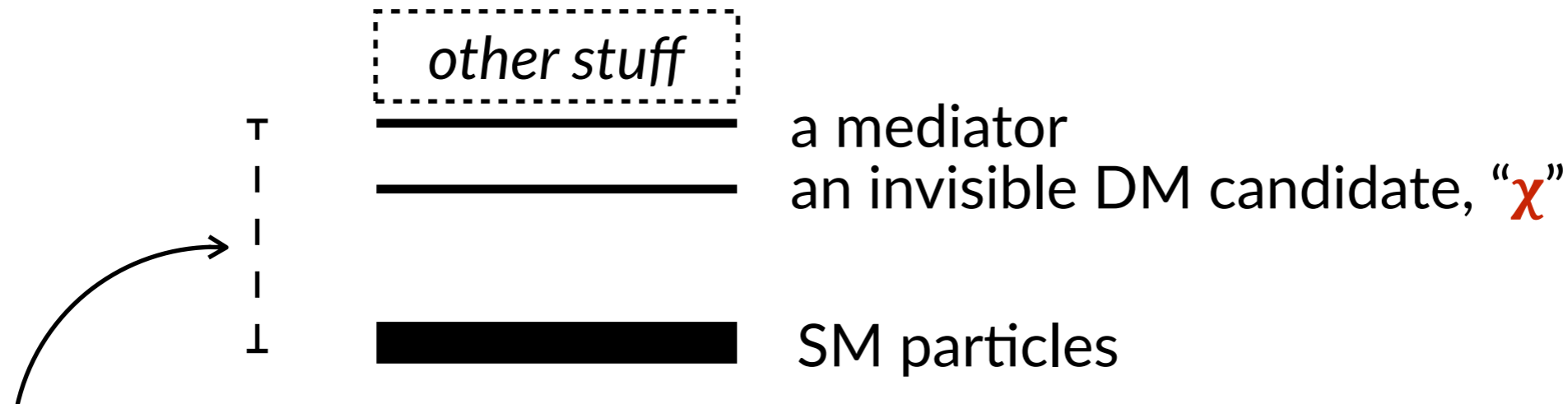


Who's missing?



Extending the Standard Model

or: what are we all looking for?



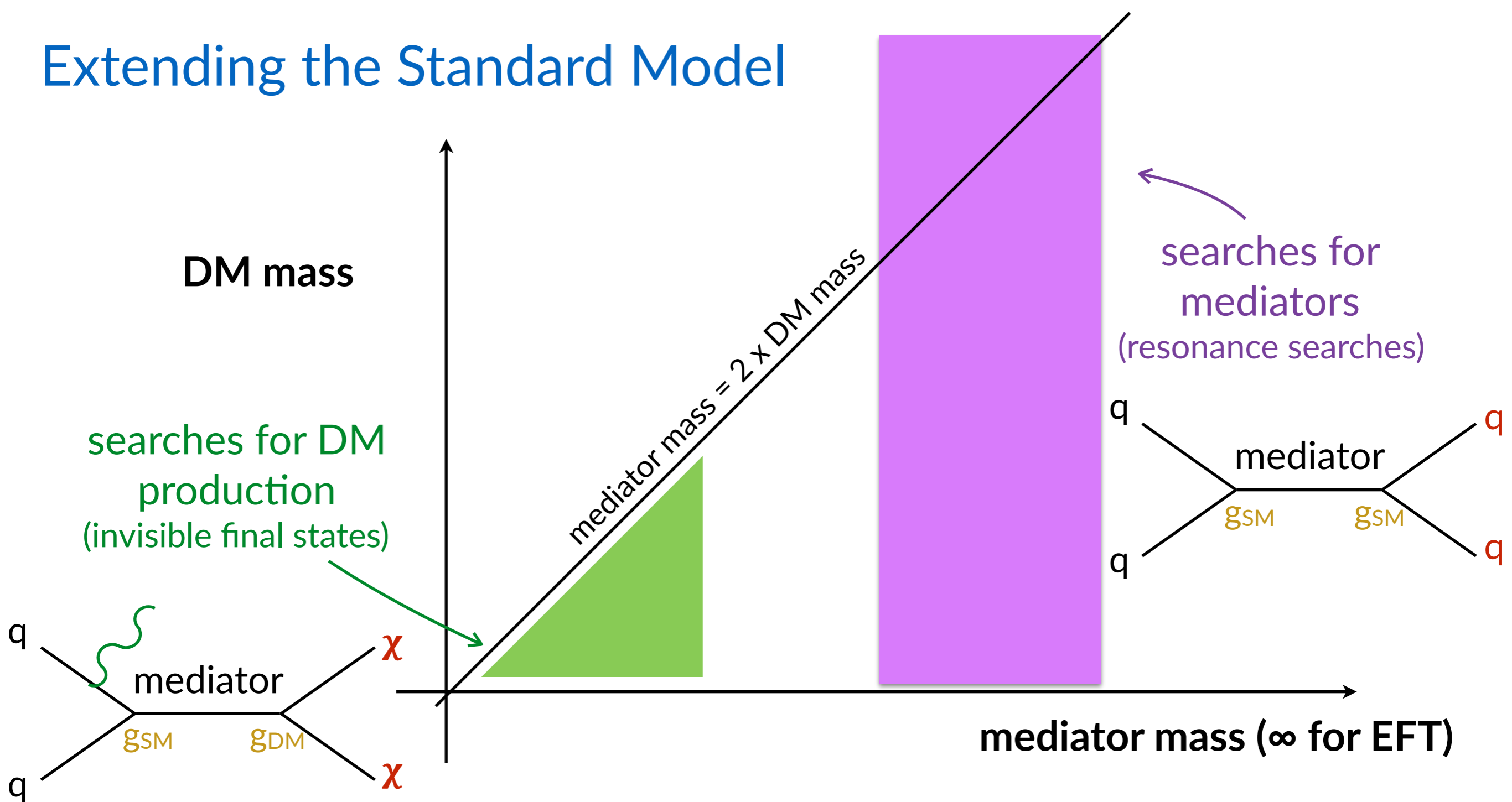
$\Delta m \gg q^2$: **effective field theory** (like in the case of direct detection)

$\Delta m < \sim q^2$: use **simplified models**

(simplified Lagrangian w.r.t. UV-complete models like SUSY)

	mediator	DM	coupling strength
direct detection	choice of the target	choice of the technology	reach neutrino bkg
LHC	choice of the final state	almost irrelevant if $< O(100 \text{ GeV})$	background estimation, luminosity

Extending the Standard Model



- once interaction is fixed (e.g. vector), parameter space is (at least) 4-dimensional
 - mediator mass, DM mass, mediator-SM coupling strength, mediator-DM coupling strength
- results often expressed in terms of 2D slices at **fixed couplings**

Complementarity

- LHC may produce DM, and hence characterise a possible discovery

- strength: synergy of (often non-trivial) final states
- limitation: “invisible” requires trigger and MET

can use bb/tt + MET and multiple signatures
(mediator couples à la Yukawa with quark masses)

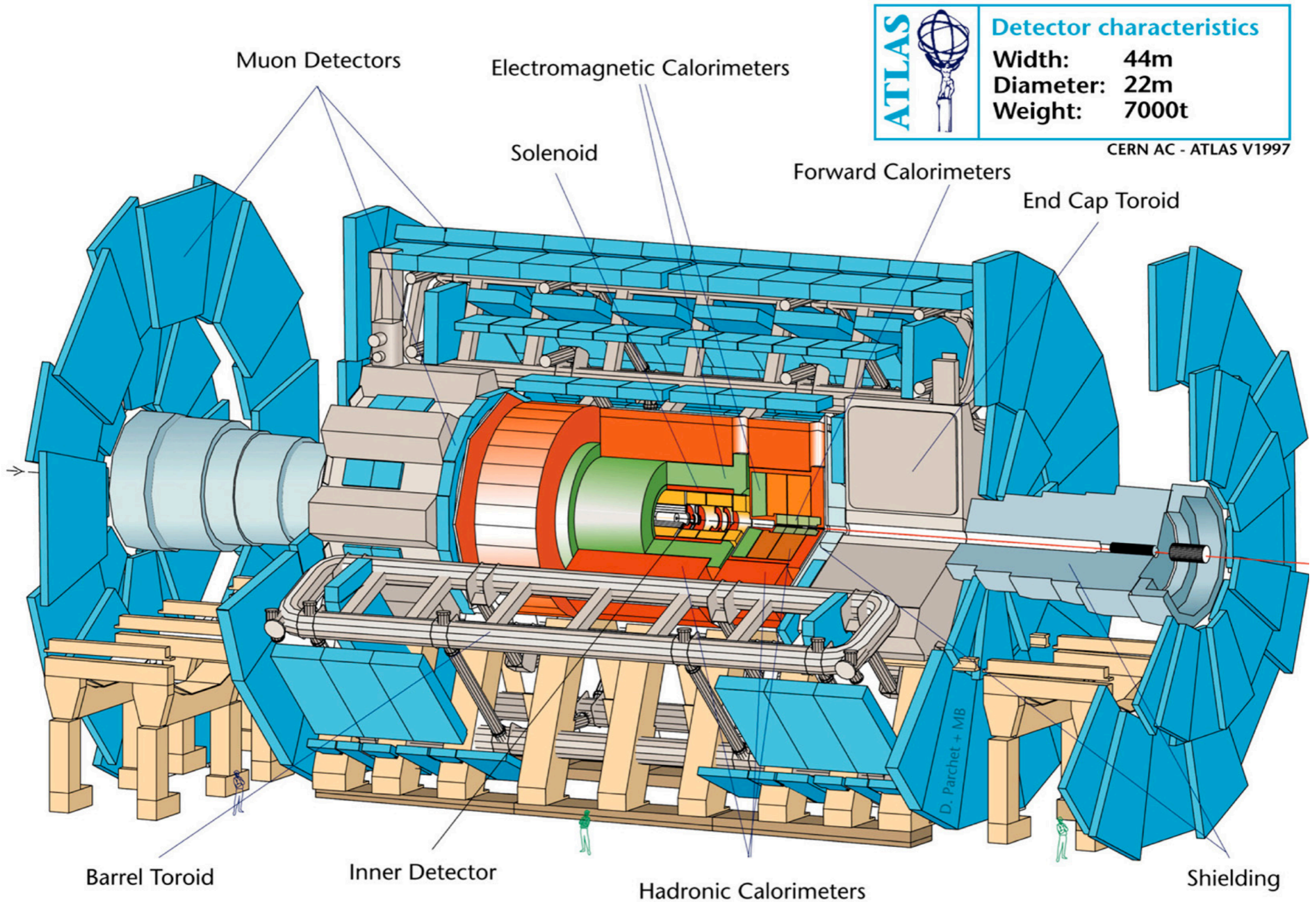
can use jets + MET and confirm with mediator searches
& ancillary channels (MET+gamma, MET+W/Z...)

	LHC	direct detection	indirect detection
scalar	low xsec, soft MET	:	
pseudo-scalar	low xsec, soft MET	: '((velocity suppressed)	:)
vector	large xsec	:) (spin independent)	
axial-vector	large xsec	: ((spin-dependent: experimental issue)	

CHALLENGES

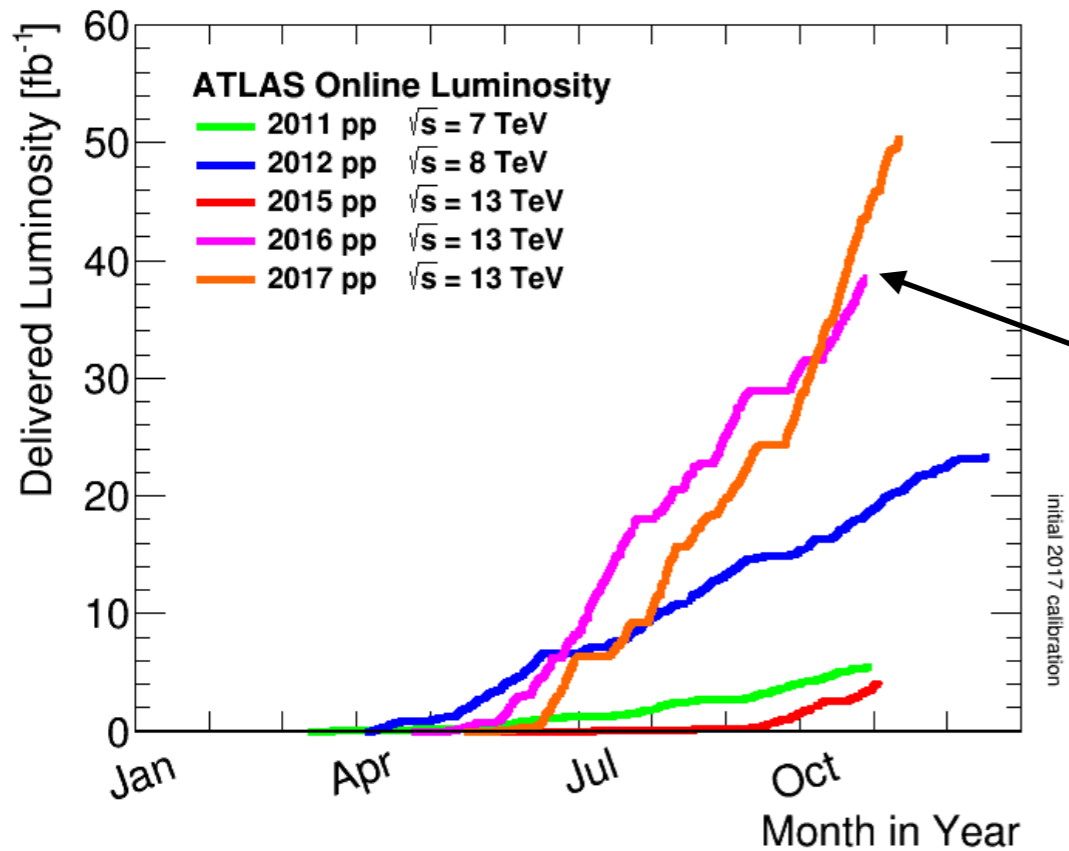


The ATLAS detector



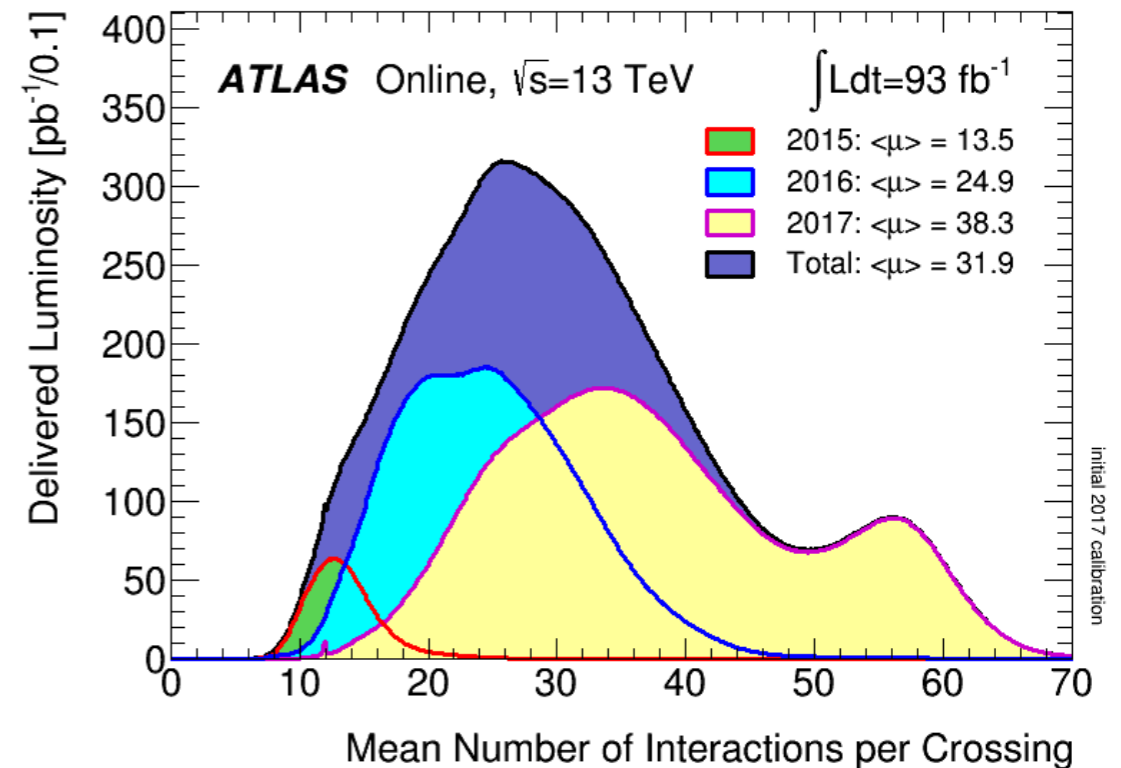
How the LHC collects data

current luminosity goal: 120
 fb^{-1} at 13 TeV by end of 2018



- collision rate: 40 MHz
- after hardware trigger (“L1”): 100 kHz
- after software trigger (“HLT”, ~40k CPUs): 1 kHz

how much does it cost in terms of event pile-up?

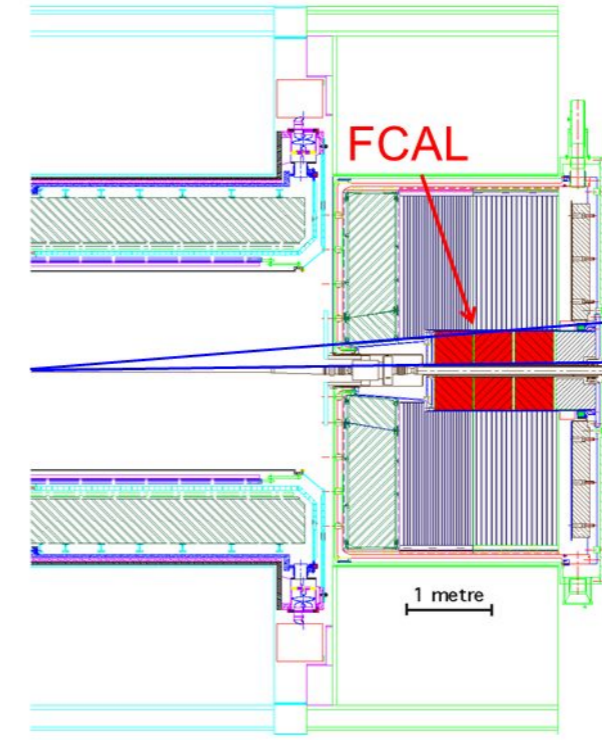


Triggering the invisible

- MET trigger rate naturally dominated by event pile-up, especially in forward region
- must cope with L1 and HLT rate budget



ATLAS Forward Calorimeter



~10 int. lengths
LAr + Cu/W rods

- Tag forward jets
- Measure missing E_T

$$\frac{\sigma(E_T)}{E_T} \leq 10\%$$

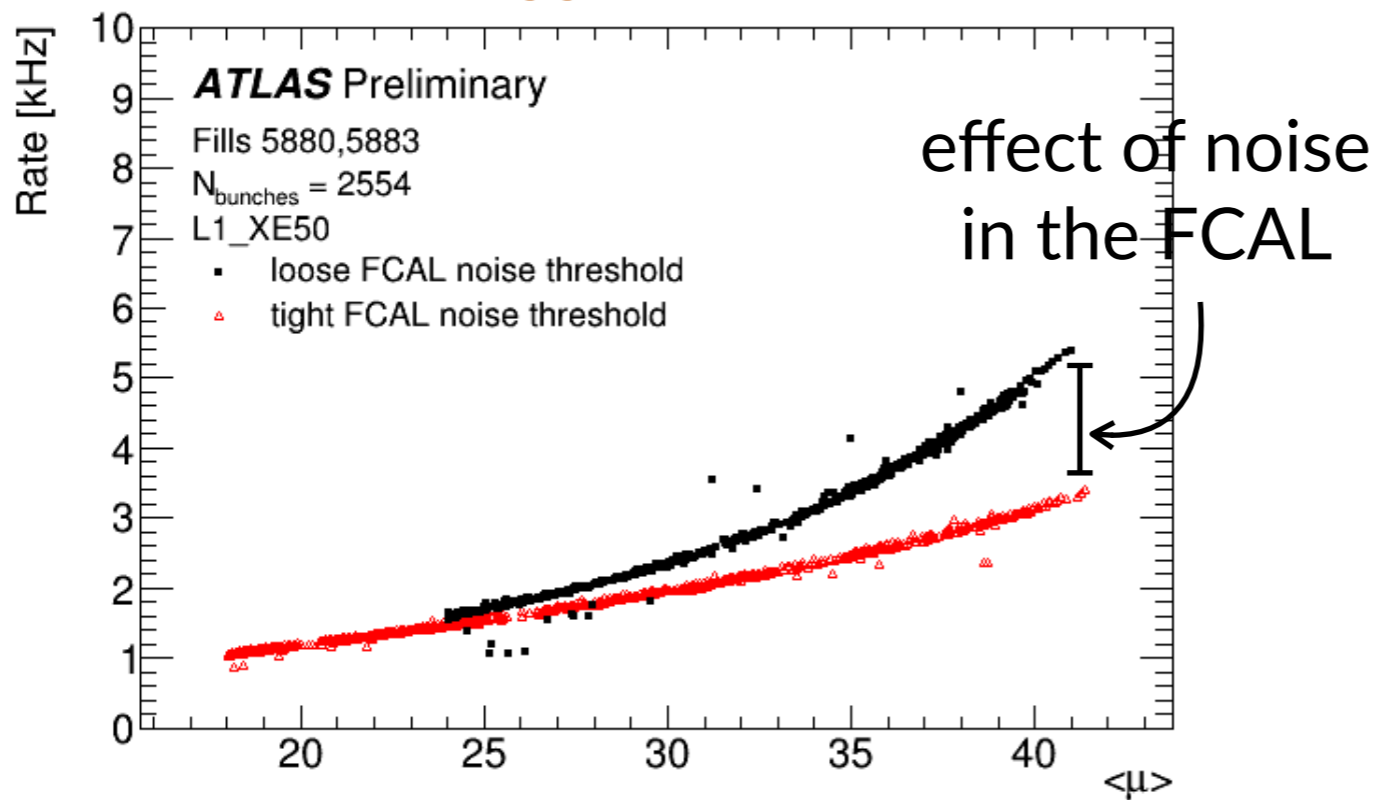
- ~ 40Mh \square z
- ~ 10^8 GeV/cm²/s at $\eta=4.5$
- ~ 10^6 Gy/year
- ~ 100 Watts absorbed

Calor2000 - 11 October 2000

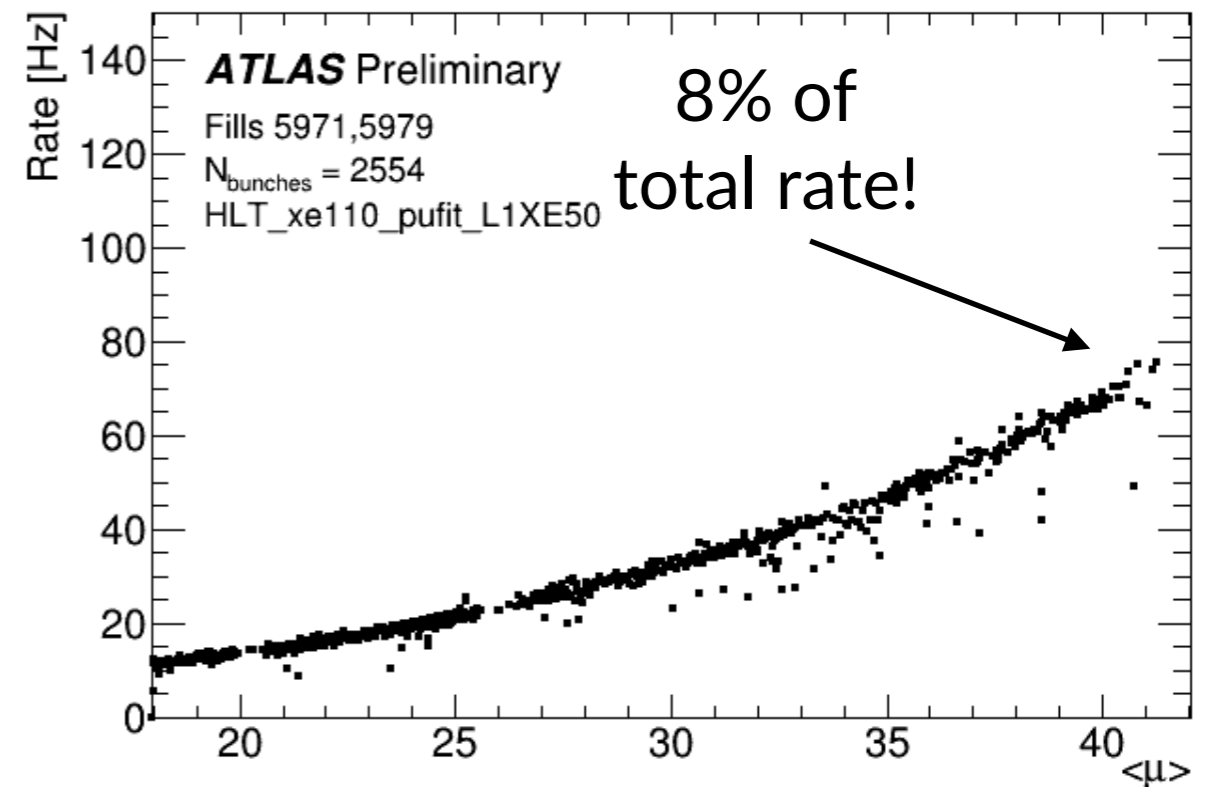
Atlas FCAL - David Bailey

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L1 MET trigger rate vs pile-up



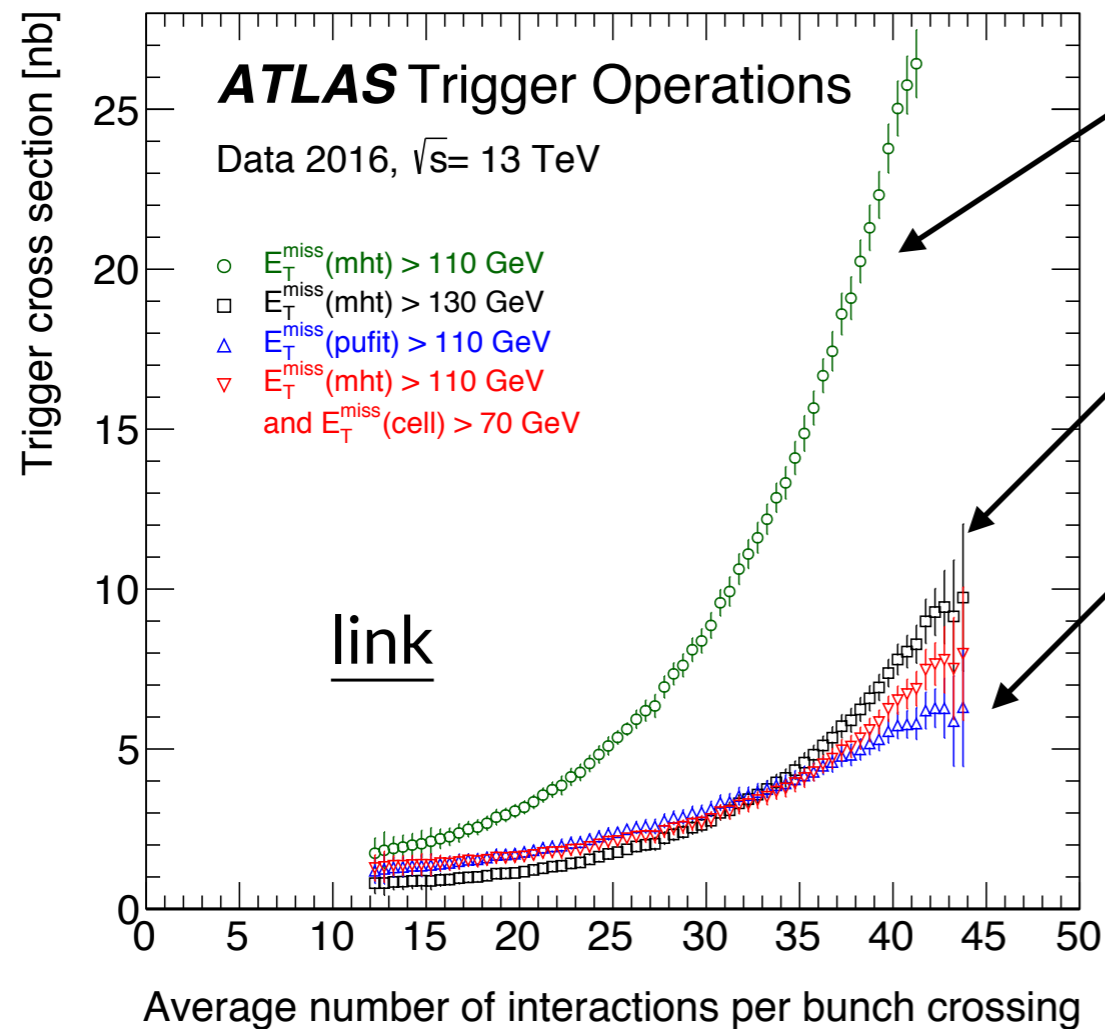
HLT MET trigger rate vs pile-up



Pile-up: the LHC stone guest

a crucial issue both at trigger and reco level

MET trigger cross-section vs pile-up



MET from sum of calorimeter jets calibrated at EM+JES scale
110 GeV threshold

same but **130 GeV** threshold

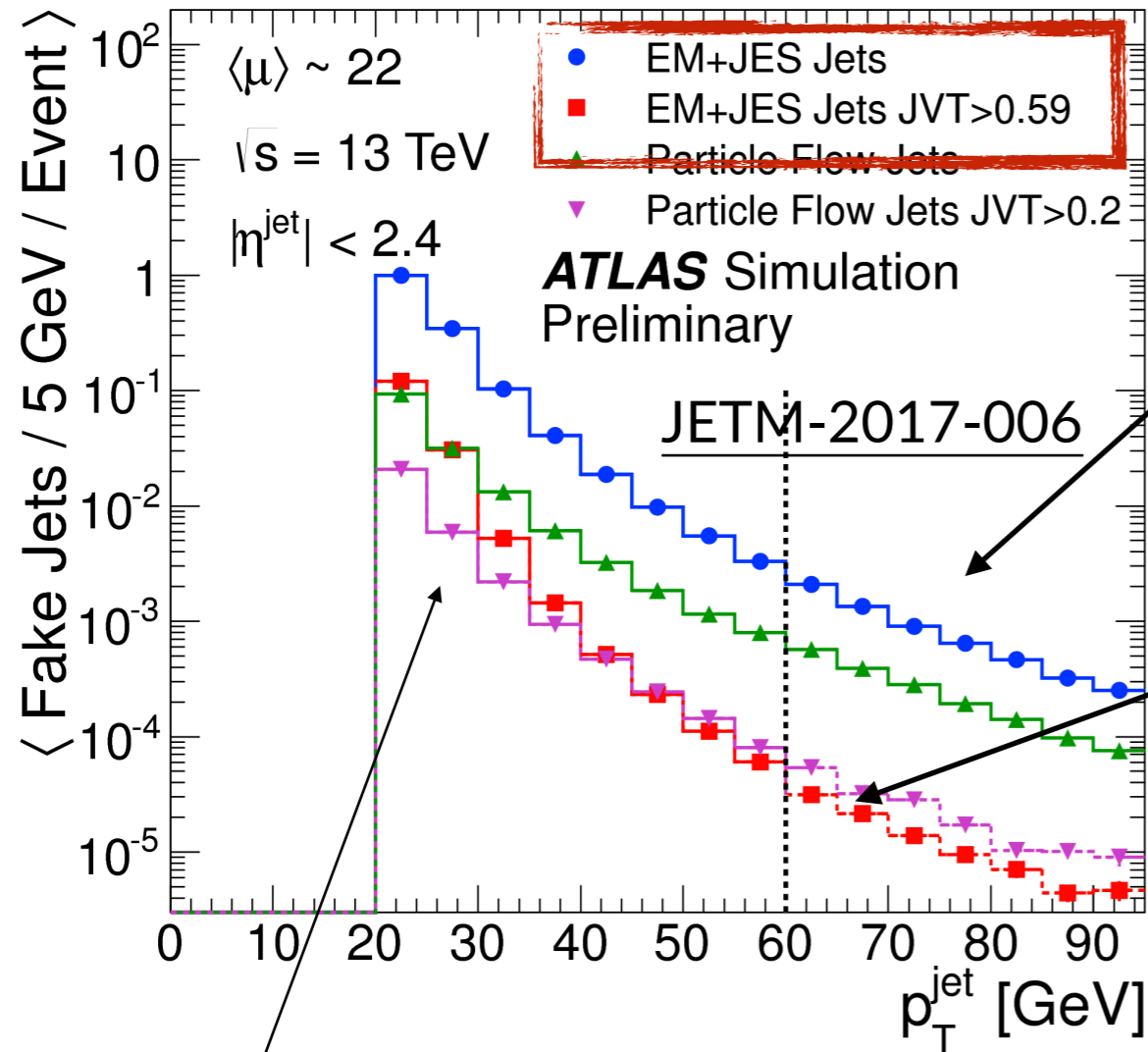
110 GeV threshold, but MET from clusters corrected for pile-up

- fit pile-up transverse energy density on “towers” of calorimeter clusters
- subtract it from clusters-above-threshold

Pile-up: the LHC stone guest

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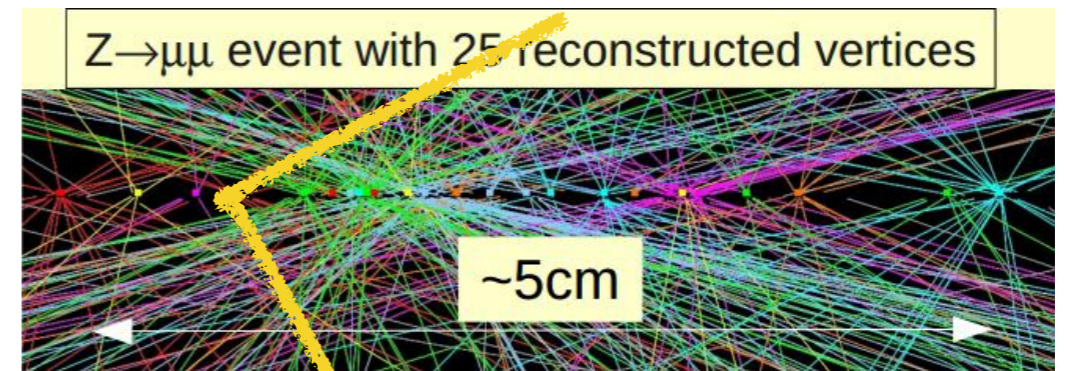
number of pile-up jets rate vs jet p_T



particle flow jets
(under commissioning)

calorimeter jets
calibrated to
EM+JES scale

same after using jet-
to-vertex association

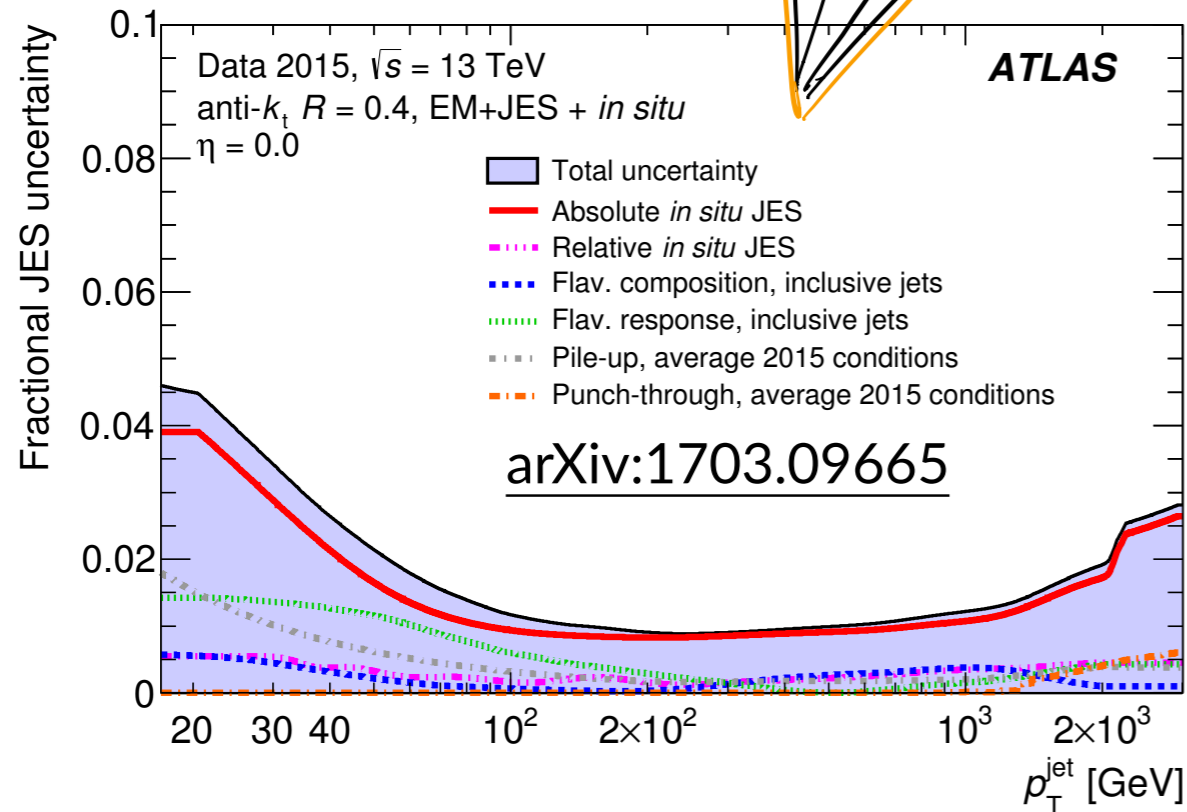
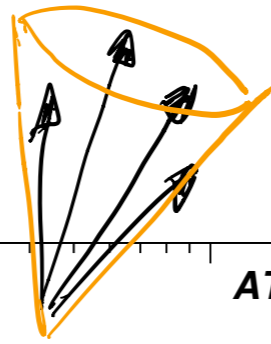


- need sophisticated algorithms to retain sensitivity to softer signals (e.g. spin-0 interactions)
- key issue for beyond-Run-2 performance

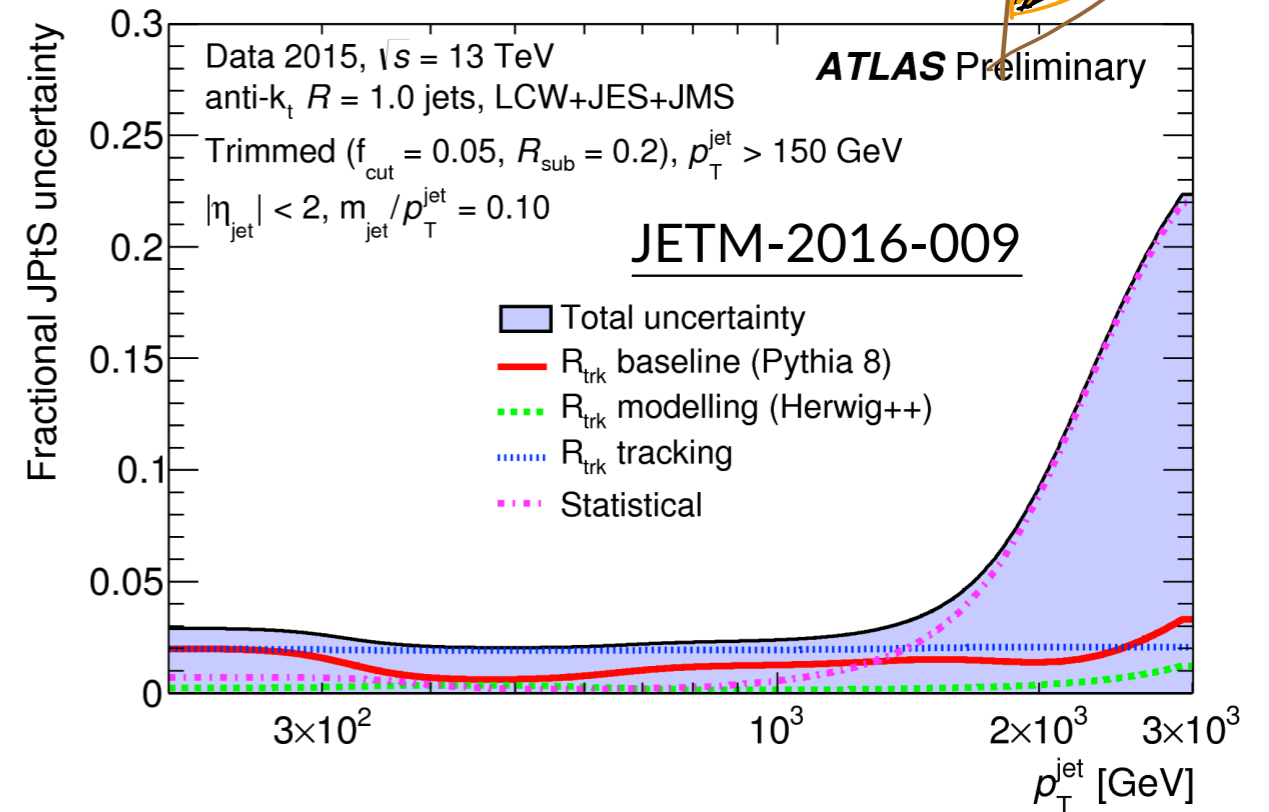
You must know your jets...

crucial for selection efficiency and systematic uncertainties

antikt R=0.4 jets



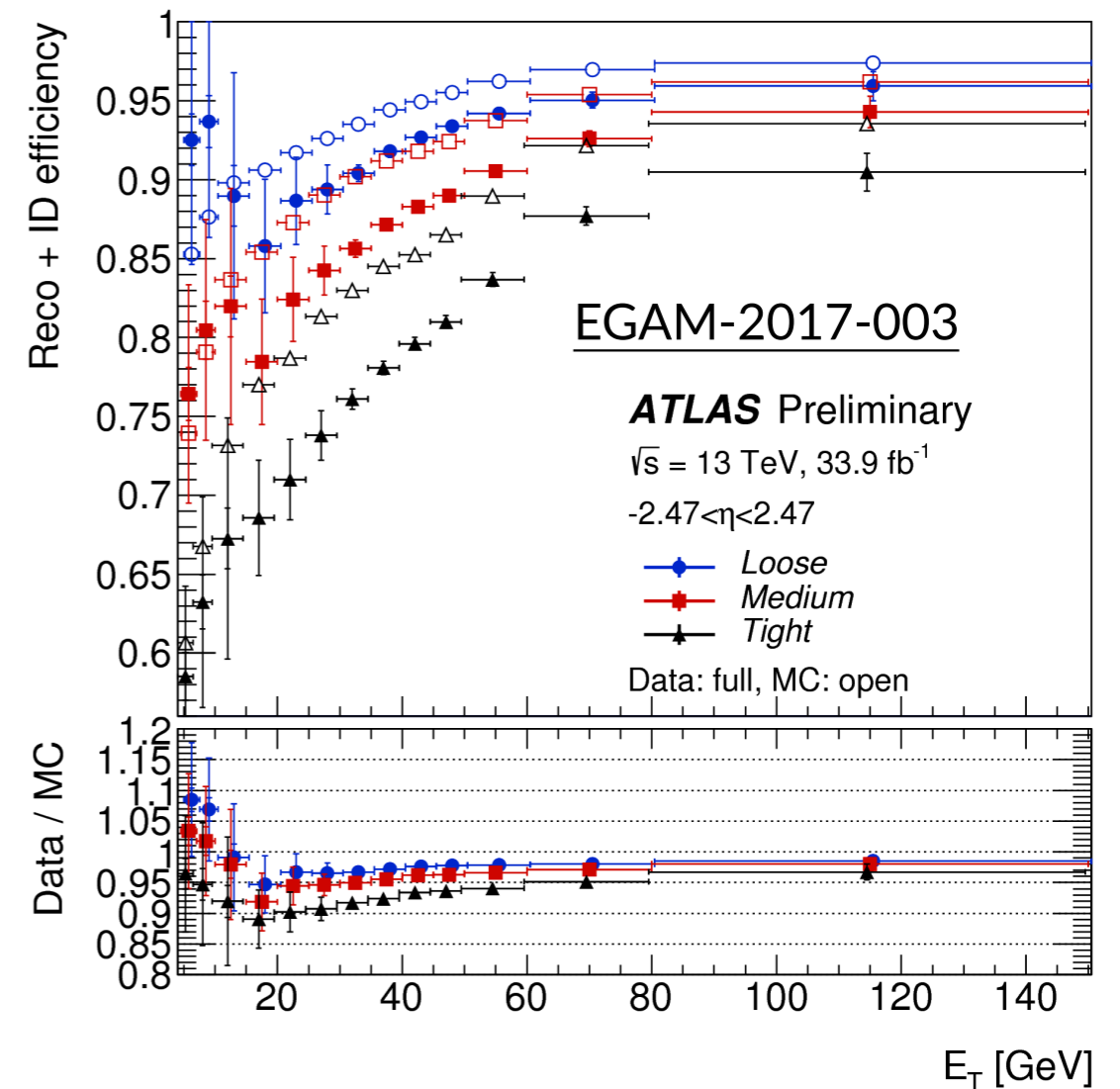
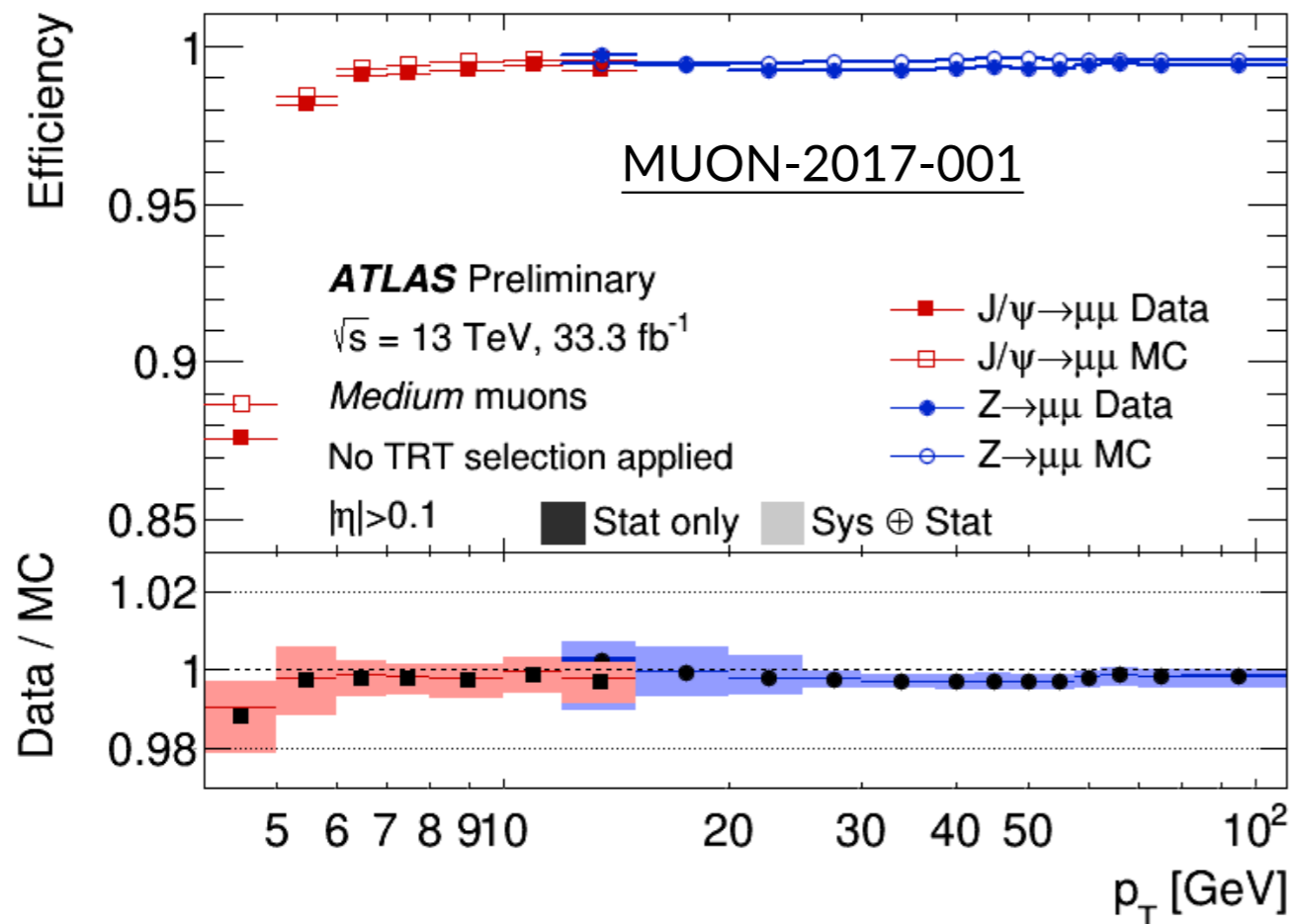
antikt R=1.0 trimmed jets



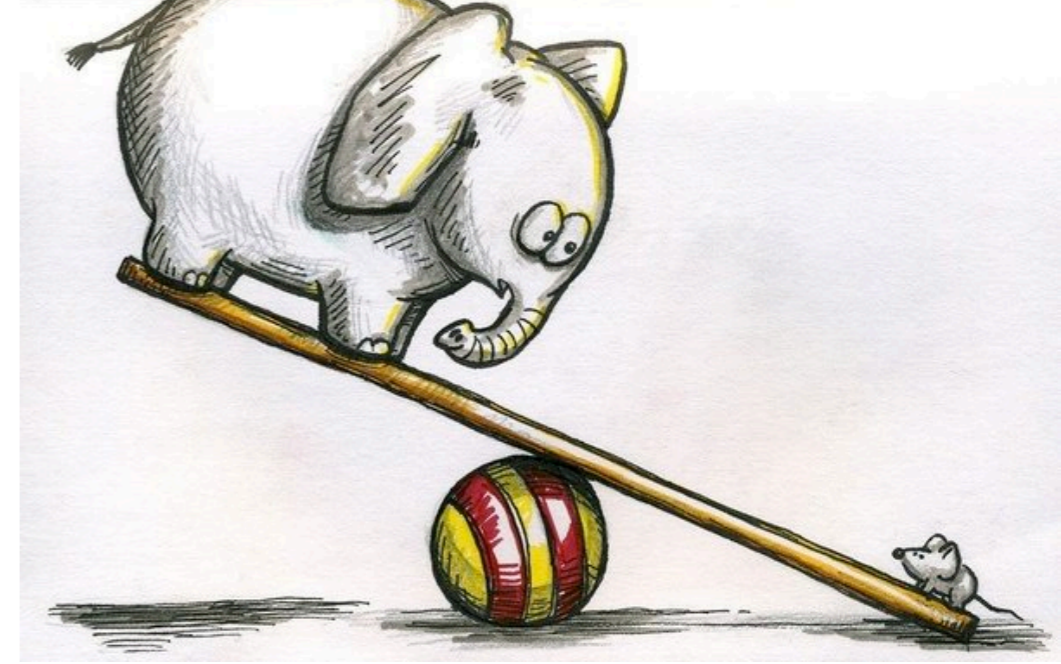
- made of topological energy clusters in calorimeters
 - calibration: MC simulation + data-driven techniques (e.g. dijet, Z+jet, gamma+jet, multi-jet events)
 - inner tracker information for identification and calibration
- very-high- p_T searches demand robust modeling of large-radius jets

... and master your leptons

excellent lepton reconstruction performance

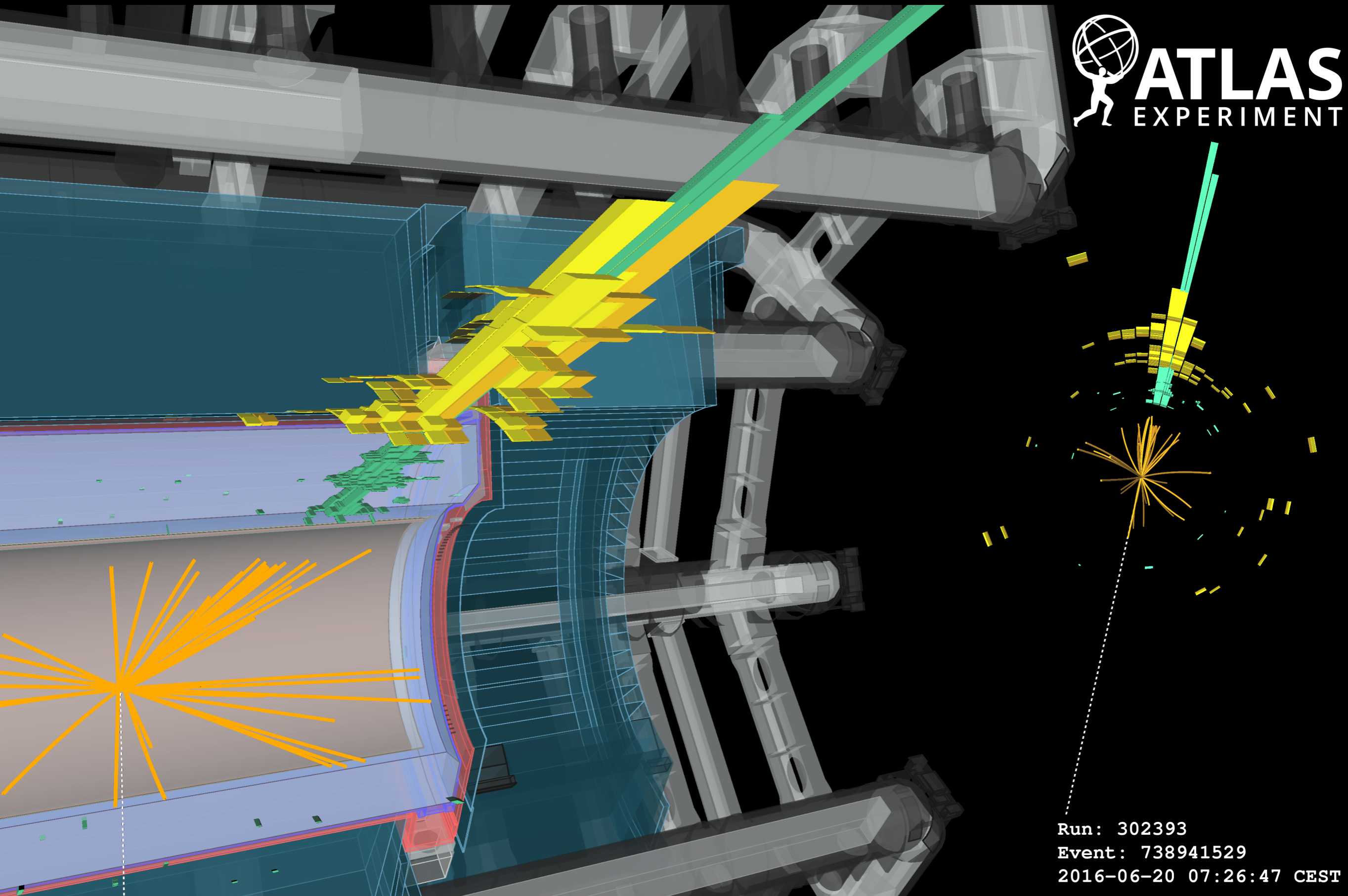


- crucial to exploit W/Z physics at the TeV scale
- you need to trust your lepton reco/ID uncertainty to be able to constrain SM backgrounds from the data (notably $Z\nu\nu$ +jets!)



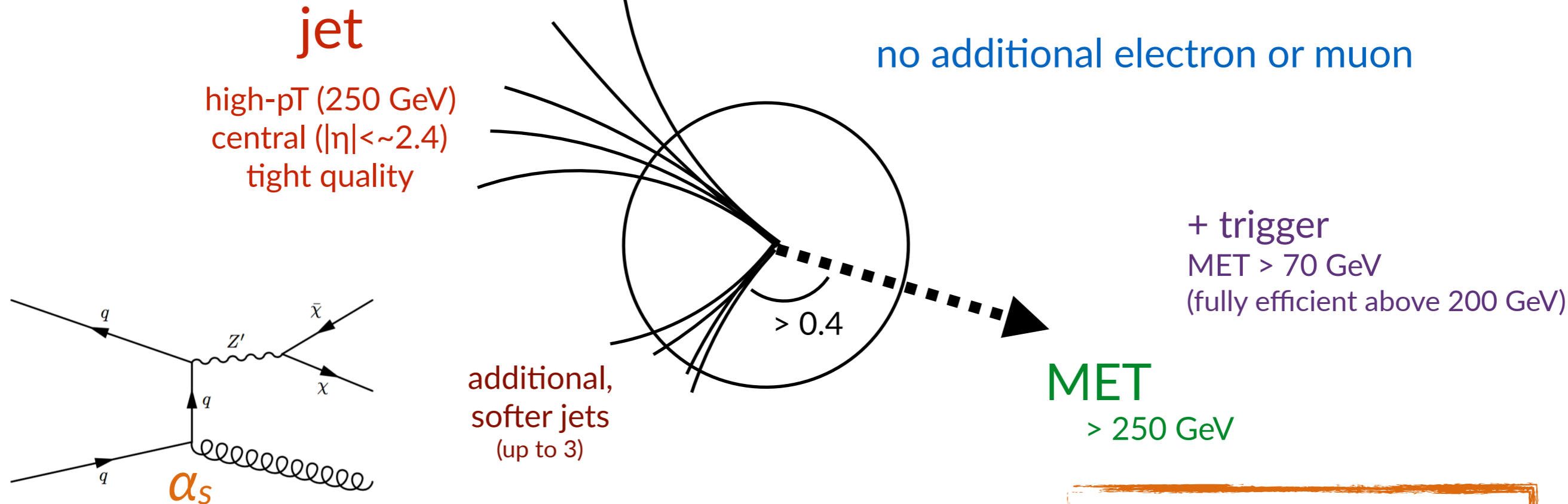
THE INVISIBLE

mono-jet, mono-W/Z, mono-photon...



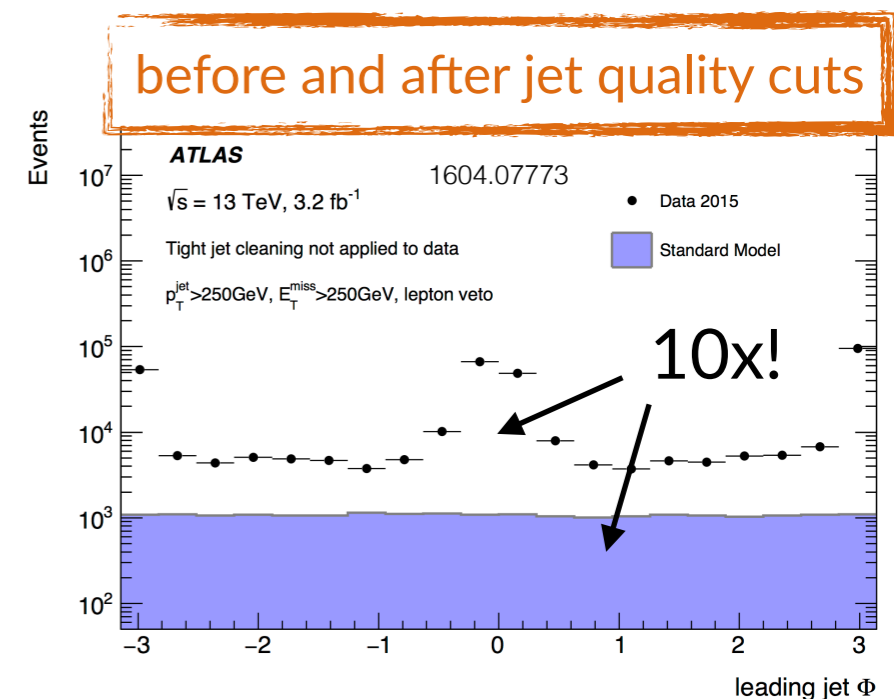
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best channel if tagging object comes from ISR! (pay only α_s)



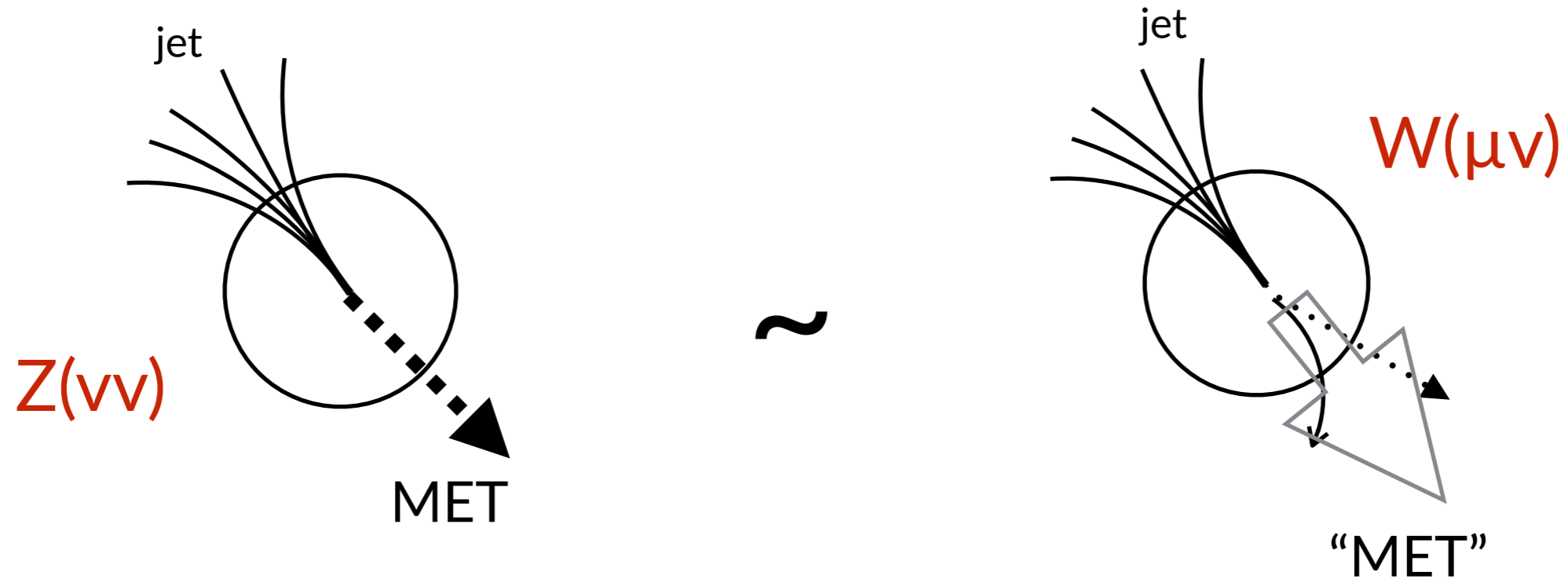
same signature as

- $Z(\nu\nu) + \text{jets}, W(\tau[qq']\nu) + \text{jets}...$
 - normalisation from simultaneous fit to $p_T(W/Z)$ distributions in lepton control regions
- use calorimeter segmentation to reject beam & instrumental background



Reducing the irreducible: estimating V+jets (V=W or Z)

if we pretend leptons are invisible:



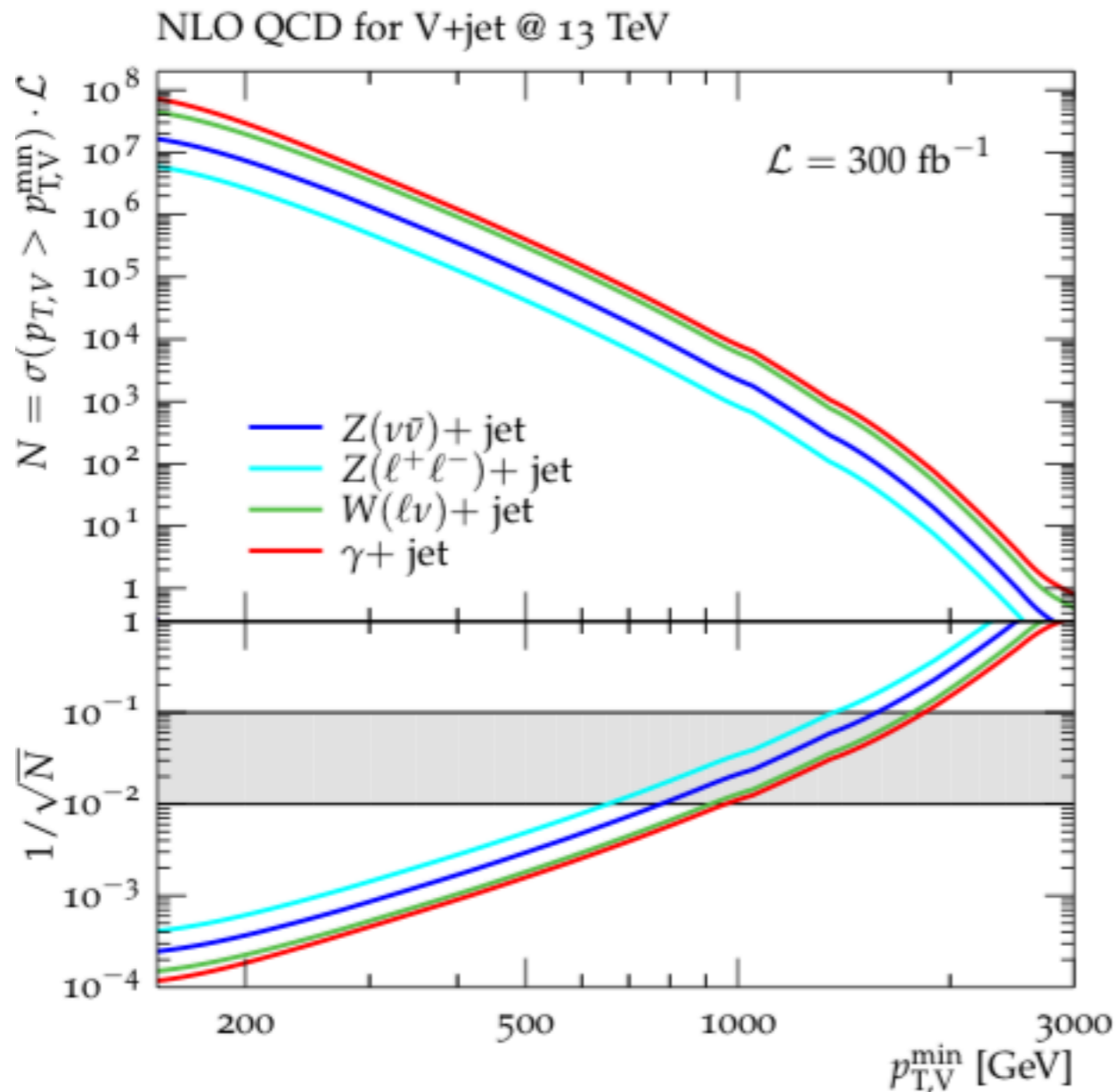
- fully link the $Z(\nu\nu)$ +jets cross-section to the $W(\mu\nu)$ +jets one

$$N_{\text{meas}}(Z\nu\nu) = \mathbf{k} * N_{\text{meas}}(W\mu\nu/ev) = \mathbf{k} * N_{\text{meas}}(Z\mu\mu)$$

↳ from a fit to data enriched in W/Z+jets

- background uncertainty from residual differences between $Z(\nu\nu)$ and the rest (e.g. muon uncertainties)
- do this differentially, as a function of $p_T(V)$ -> why?

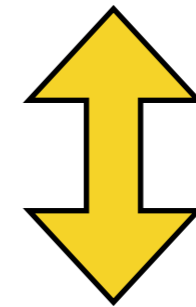
V+jets xsec x BR, as a function of p_T



produce more W+jets than Z(l l)+jets: use both to reduce statistical uncertainties

$$\mathcal{L}(K) = \prod_{\text{region } i} \text{Pois}(N_{\text{OBS}}^{(i)} | K \times N_{\text{MC}}^{(i)})$$

- fit from data a common, global scale factor to W and Z normalisation



- assume the W/Z cross-section ratio is known to a given precision

(ATLAS MC accuracy: Sherpa NLO up to 2 partons, LO up to 4 partons)

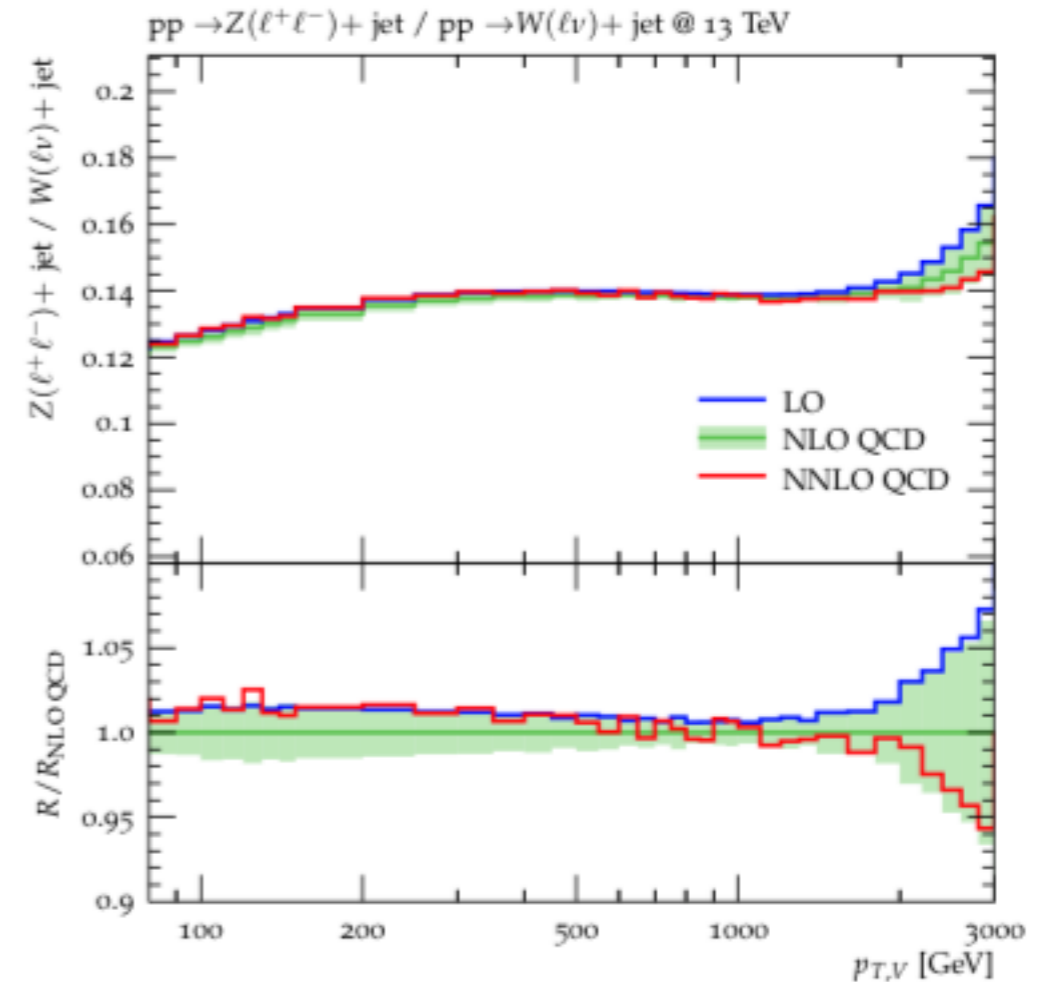
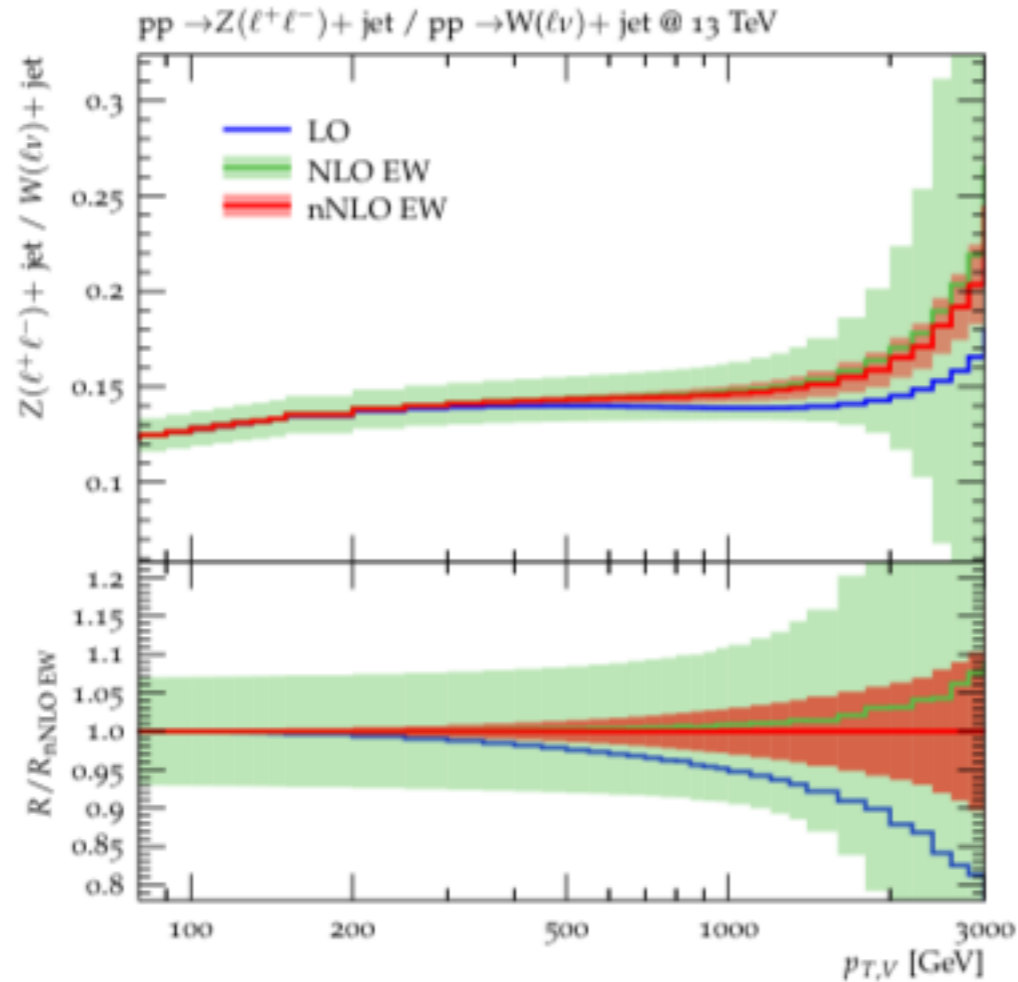
Z(II)/W(II) cross-section ratio at higher order



EW uncertainties

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QCD uncertainties



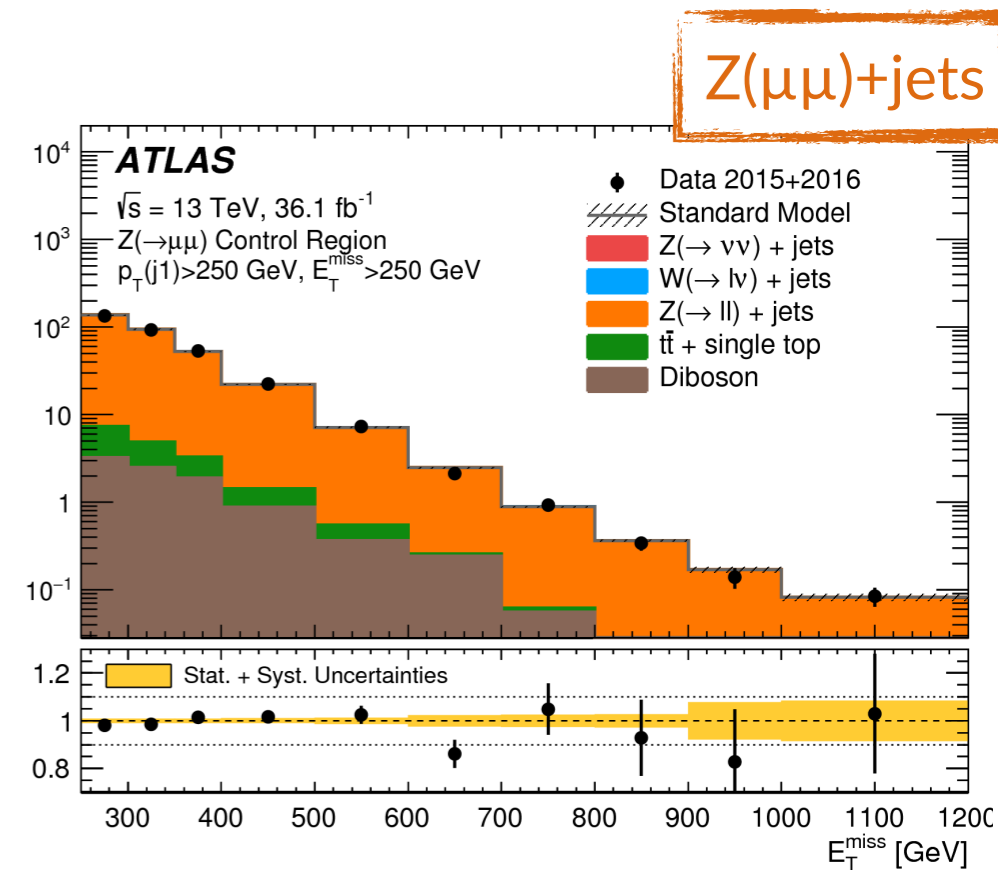
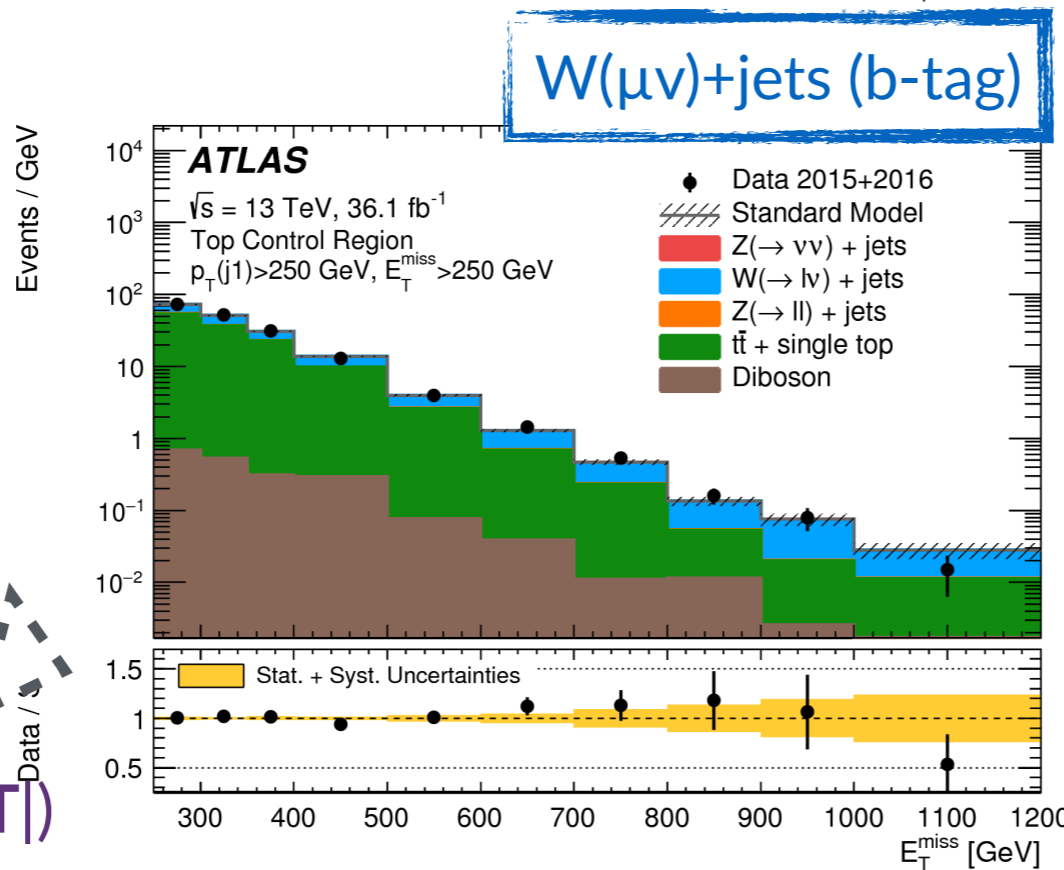
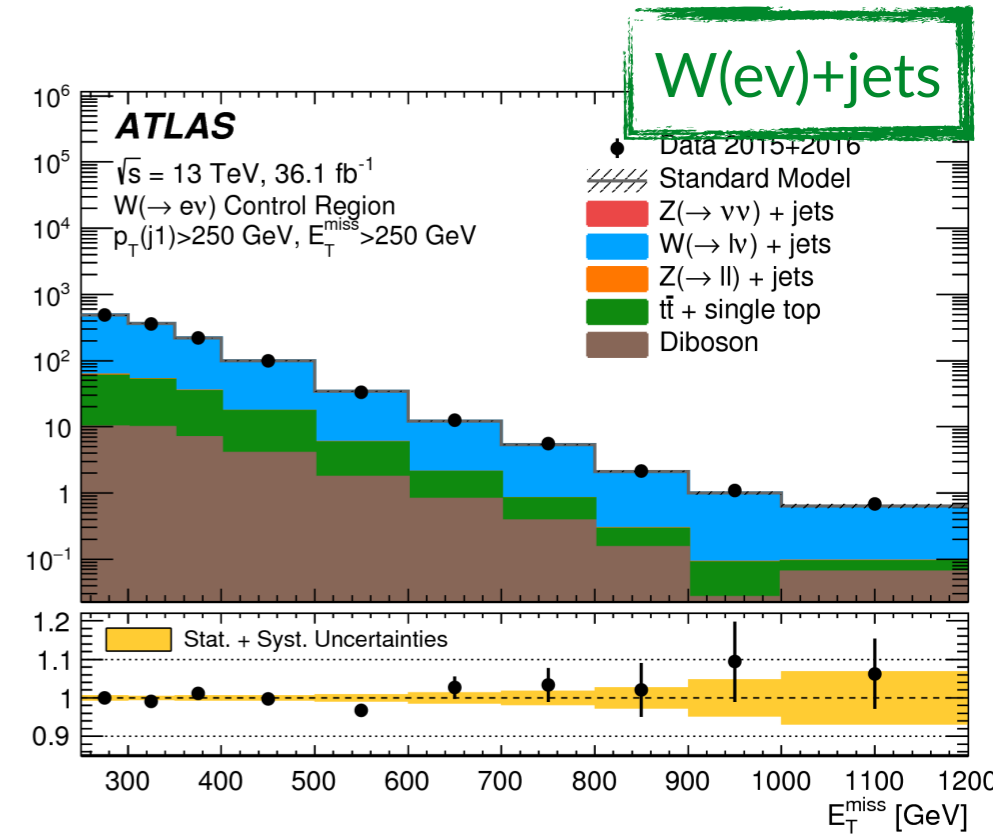
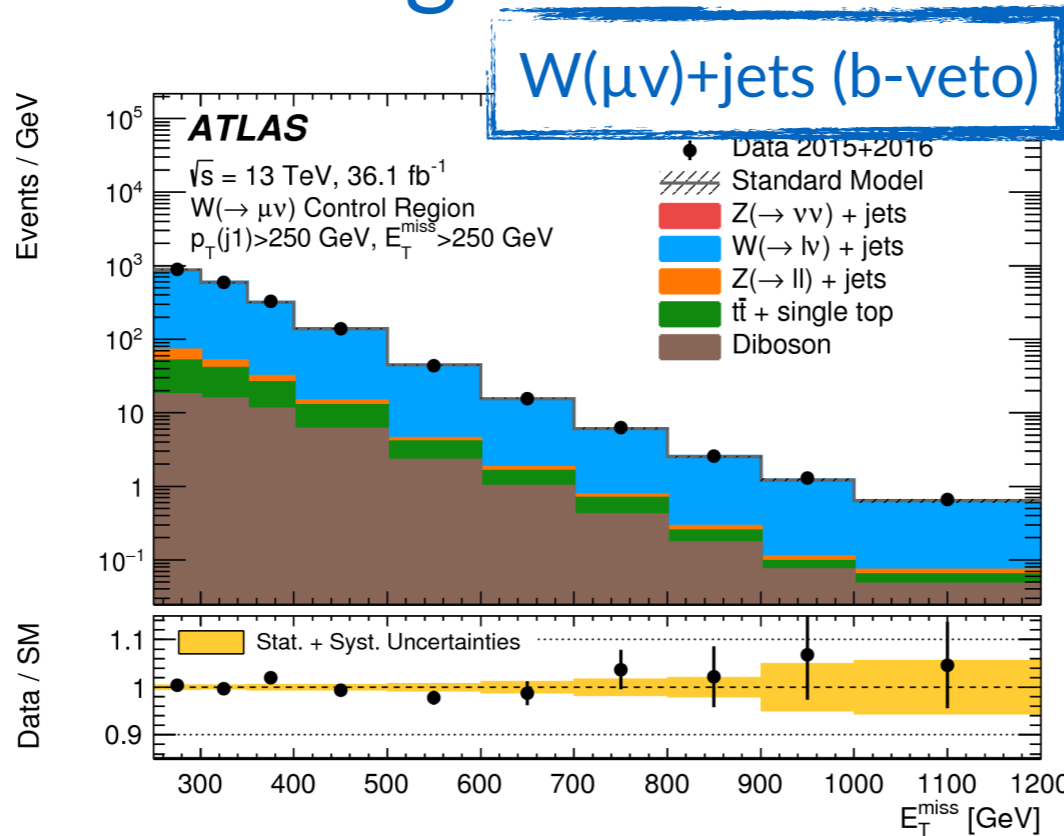
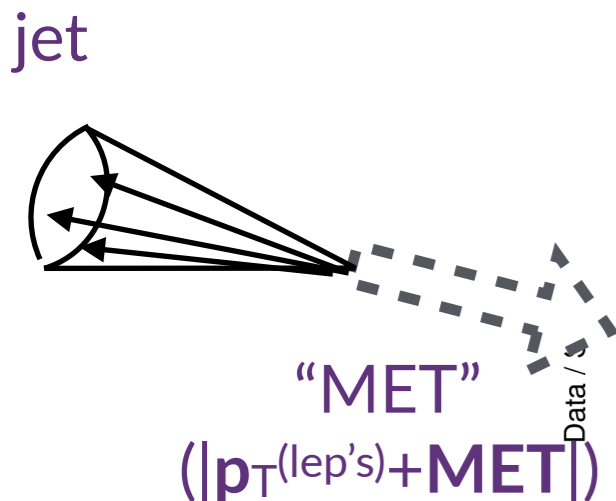
key points:

- shape and normalisation uncertainties on the W/Z cross-section ratio
 - correlation scheme from state-of-the-art theory calculations
- fit an overall correction factor common to W and Z

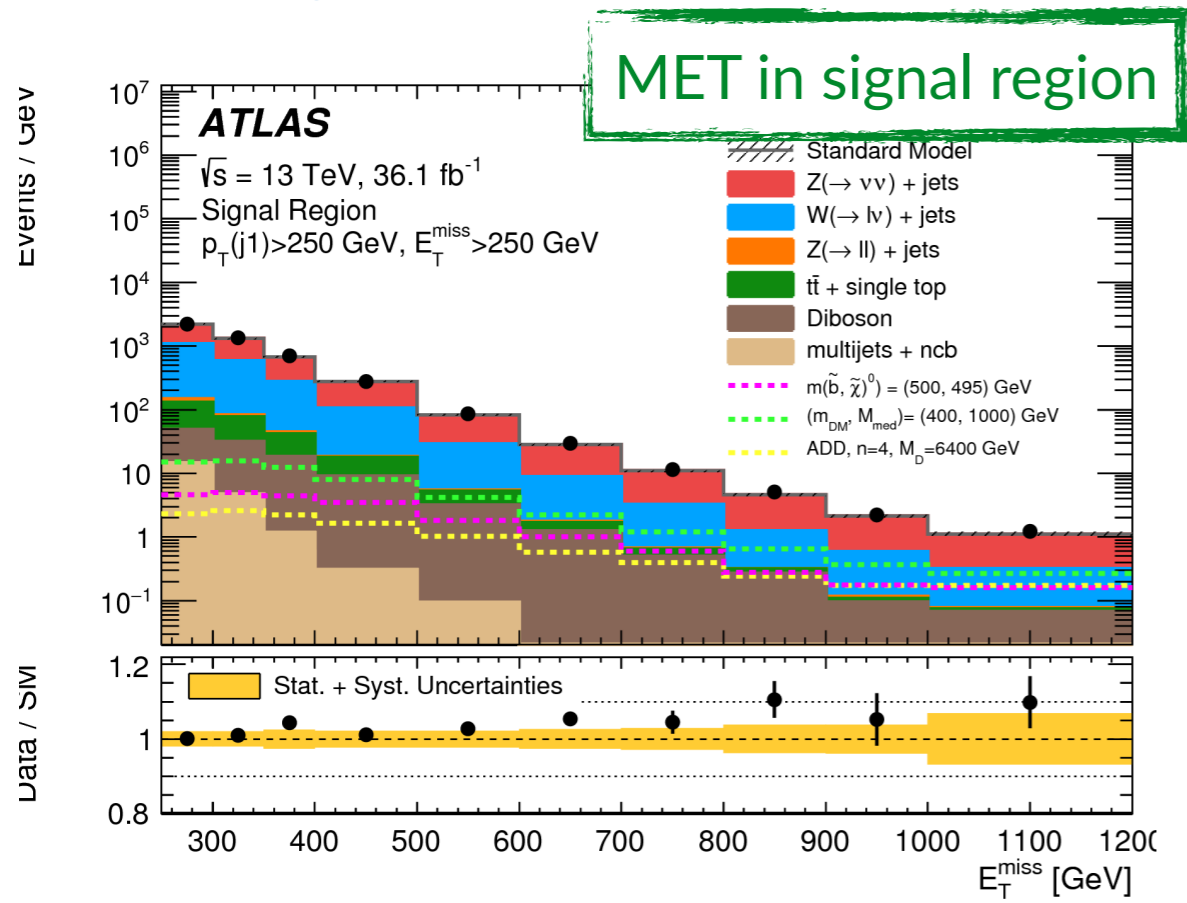
$p_T(W/Z)$ in control regions

fit parameters:

- W/Z normalisation (free, common also to $Z(\nu\nu)+jets$)
- $t\bar{t}$ /single- t normalisation
- shape/normalisation uncertainties (constrained)



MET+jets: results



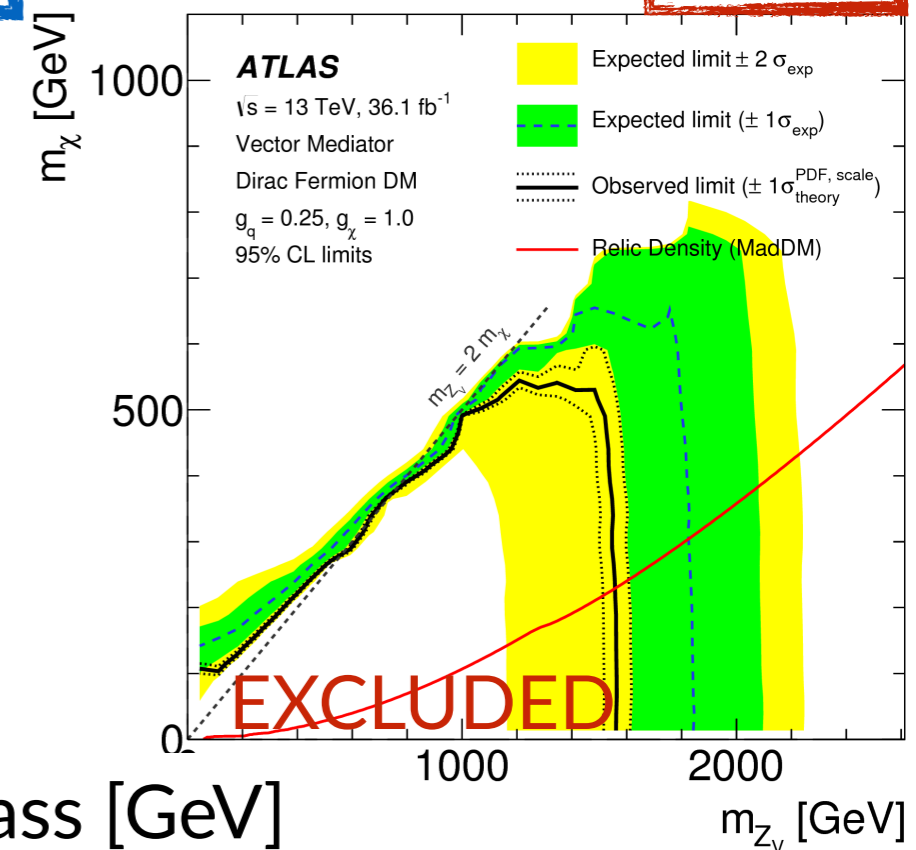
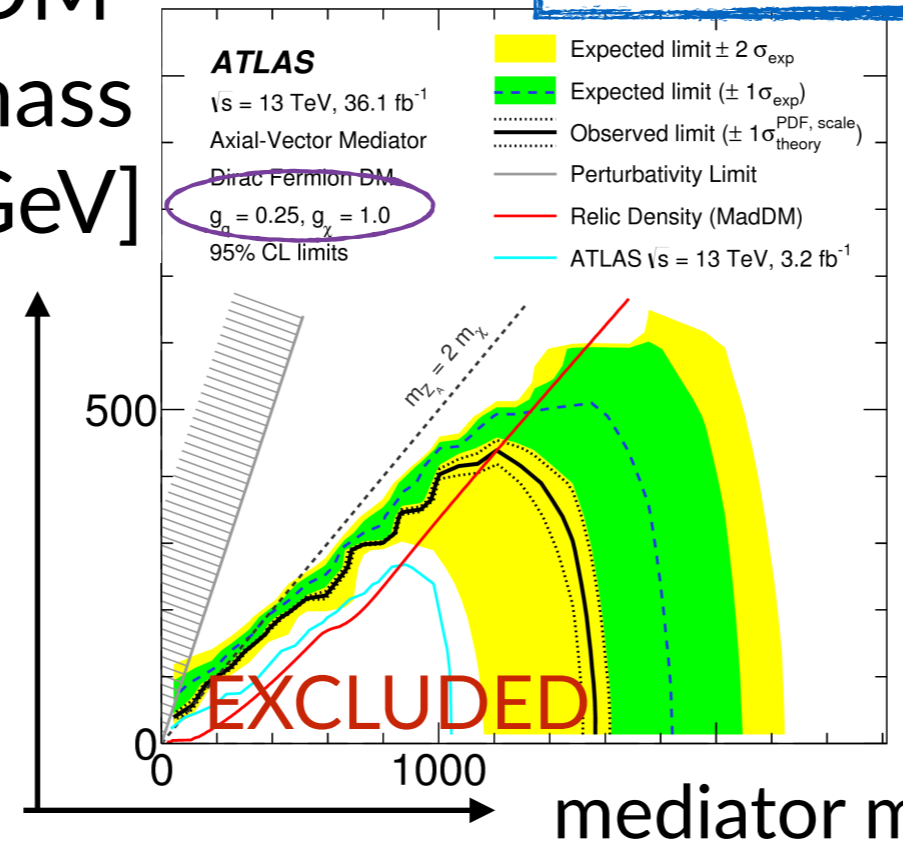
- 2-7% uncertainty on signal region background
 - theo: 0.7-1% for the W(lv)/Z(ll)->Z(vv) extrapolation
 - exp: electron/muon efficiency, jet energy scale/reso
- probing s-channel ($J^P=0^-, 1^+, 1^-$) and t-channel DM-SM interactions
 - pseudoscalar: cannot yet exclude model with $g=1$

axial-vector

vector

discovery potential depends on assumed interaction and couplings!

DM mass [GeV]

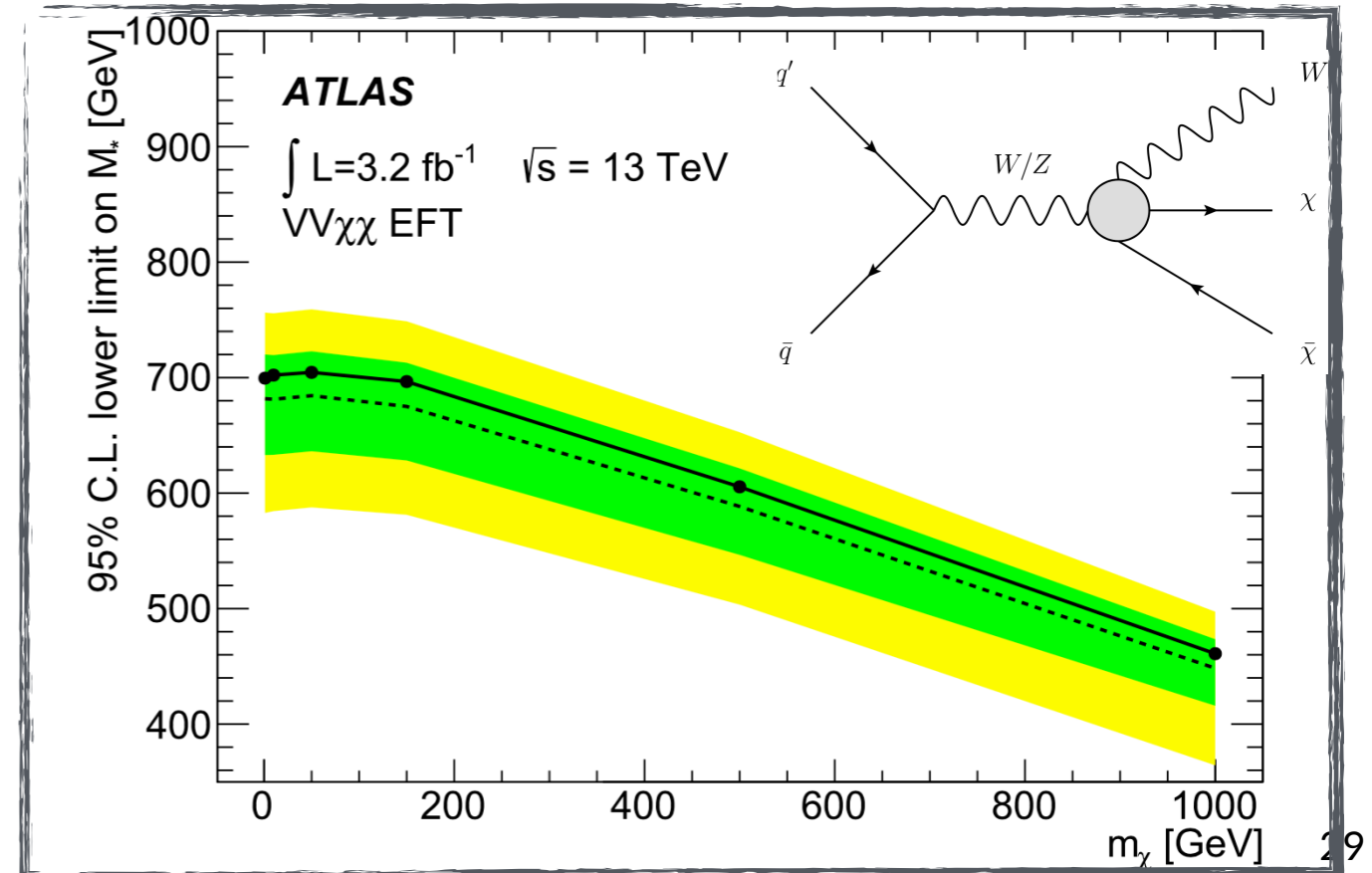
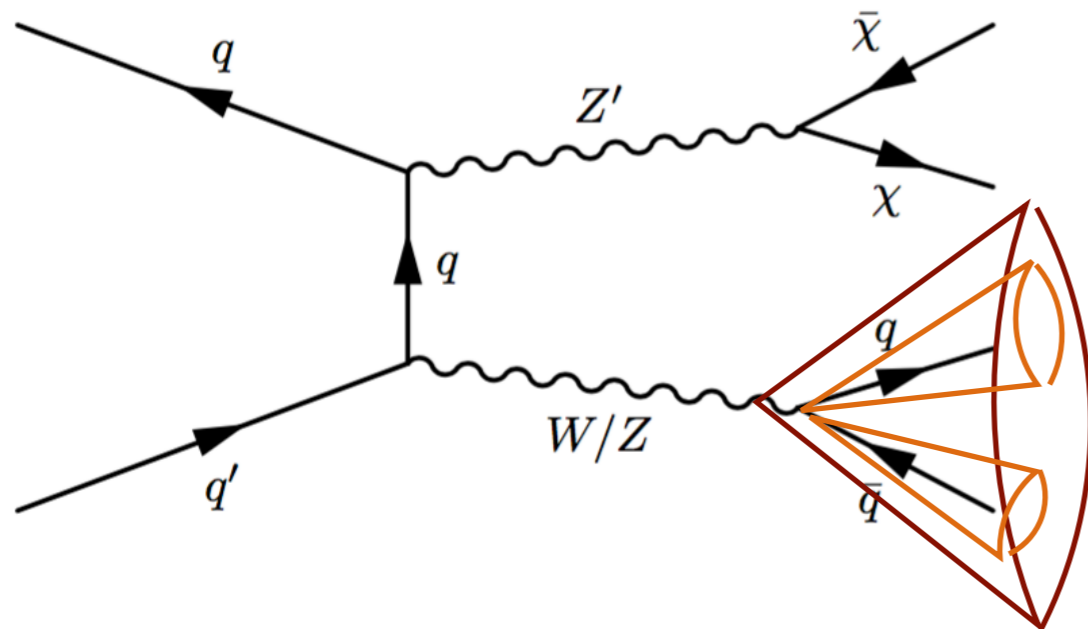
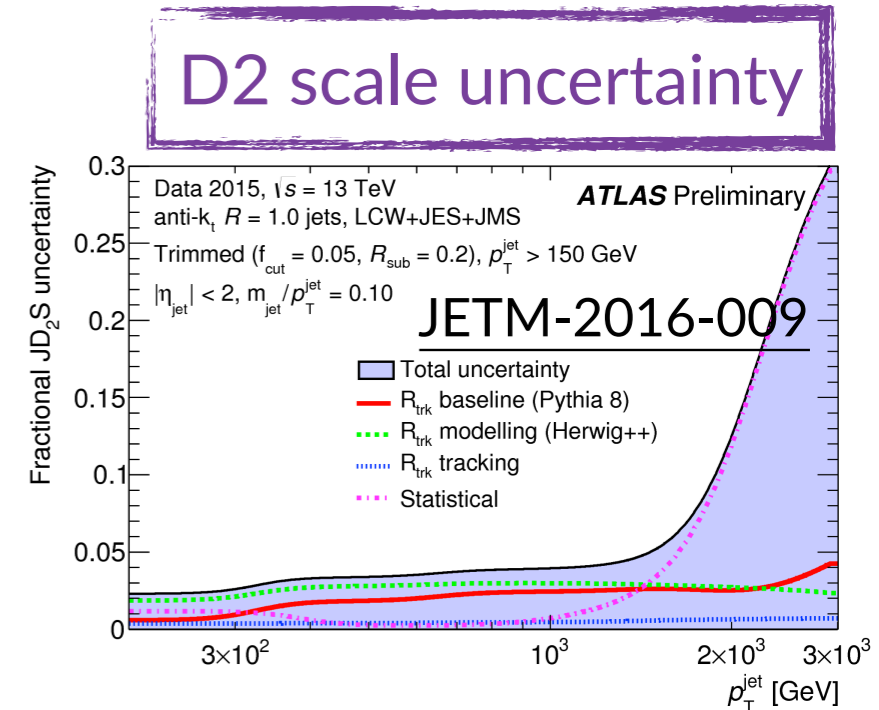
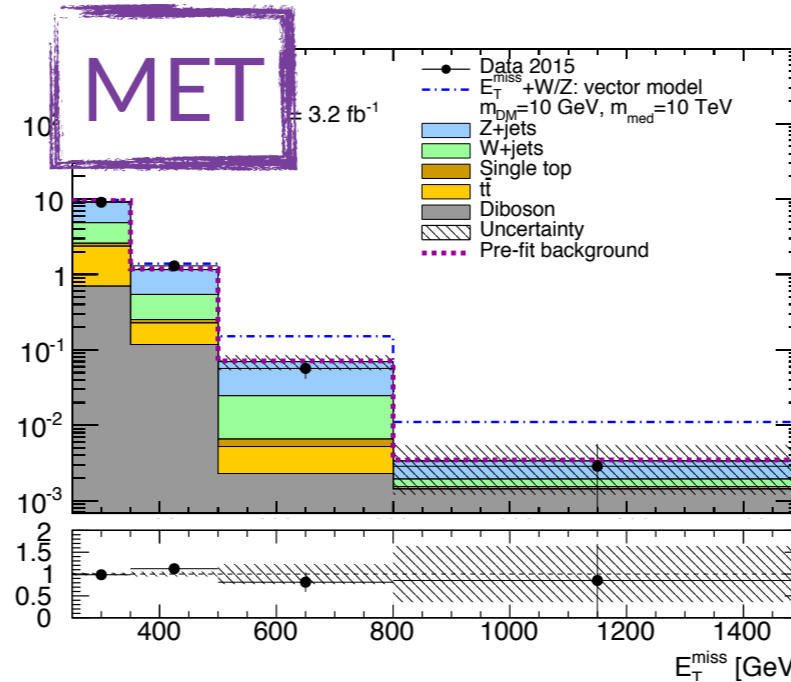


MET+W/Z(had)

trimmed large-R jet (anti-kT R=1.0), MET > 250 GeV

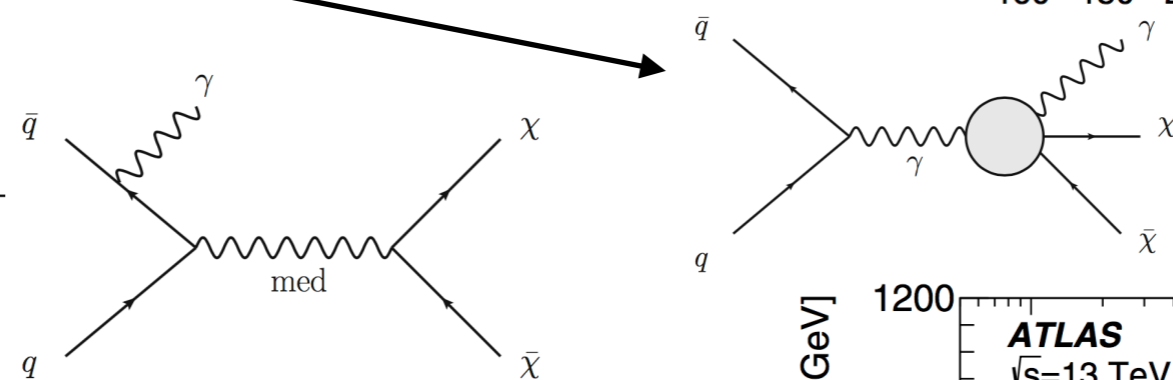
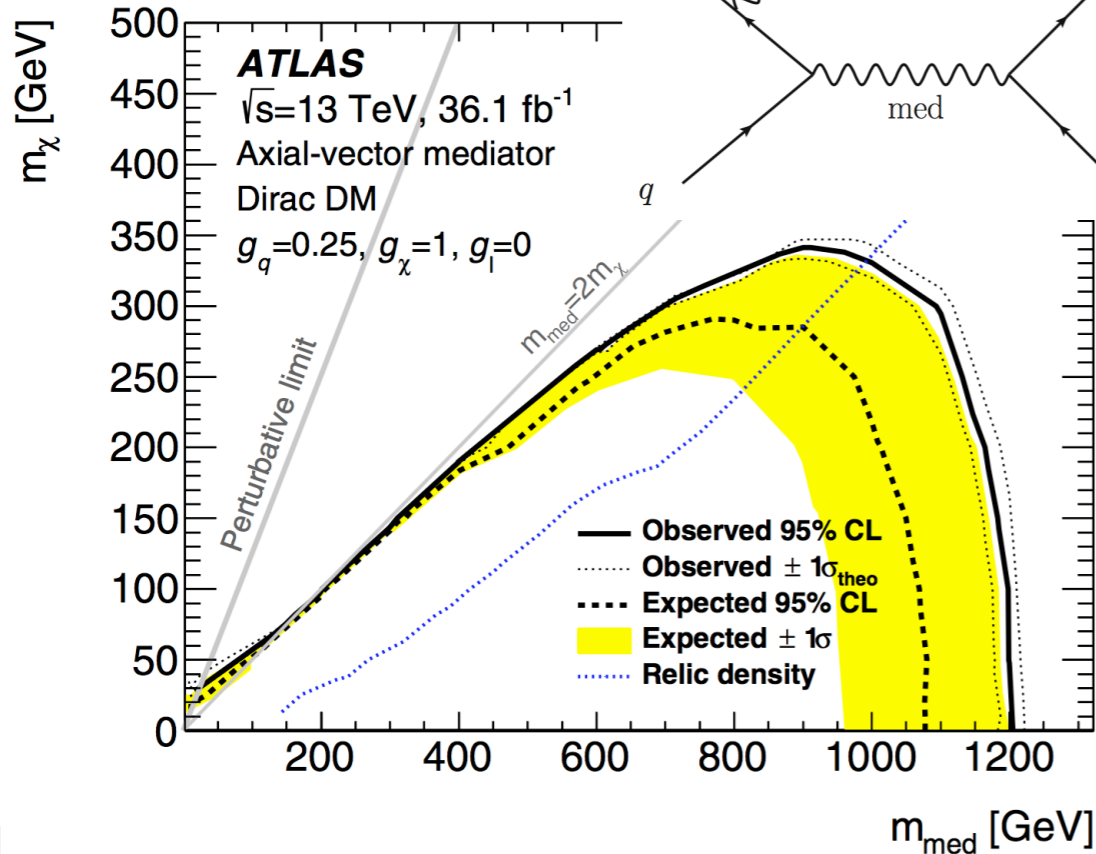
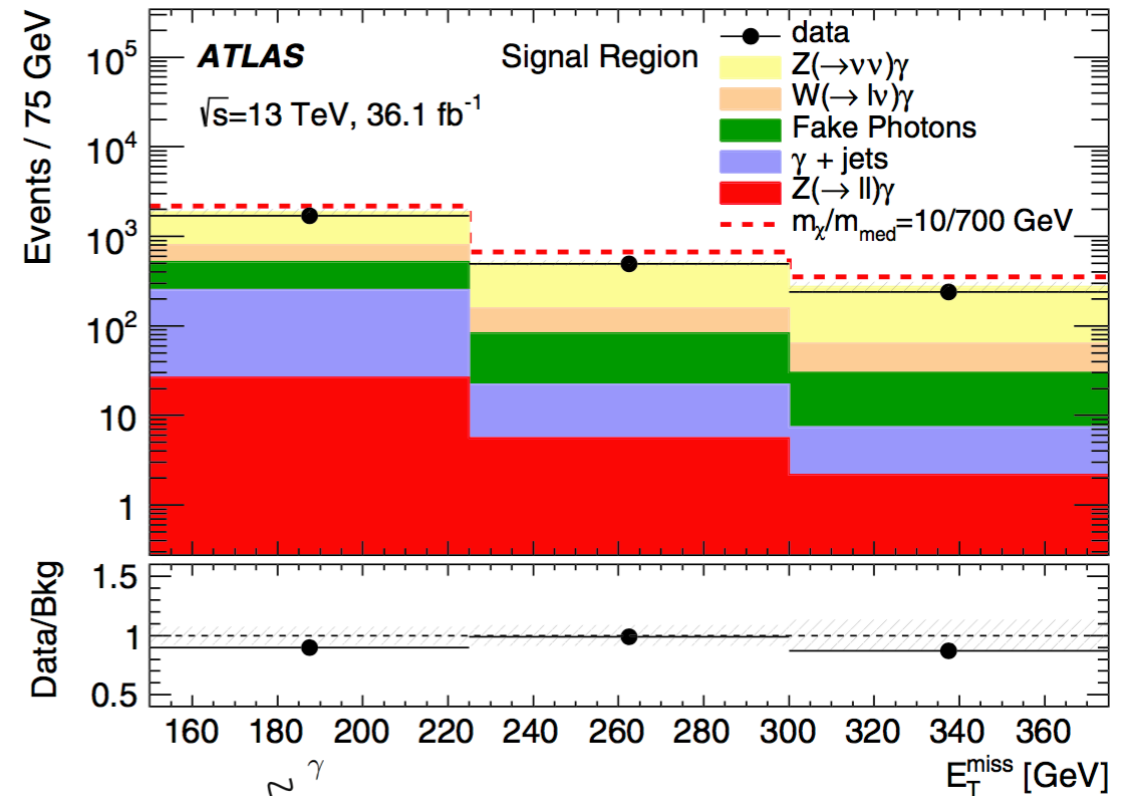
- with 1μ1b CR for reducing ttbar uncertainties

boson tagging based on jet mass and p_T -dependent cut on 2-prongness ("D₂", $\epsilon \sim 50\%$), main uncertainty on total bkg (5-13%)

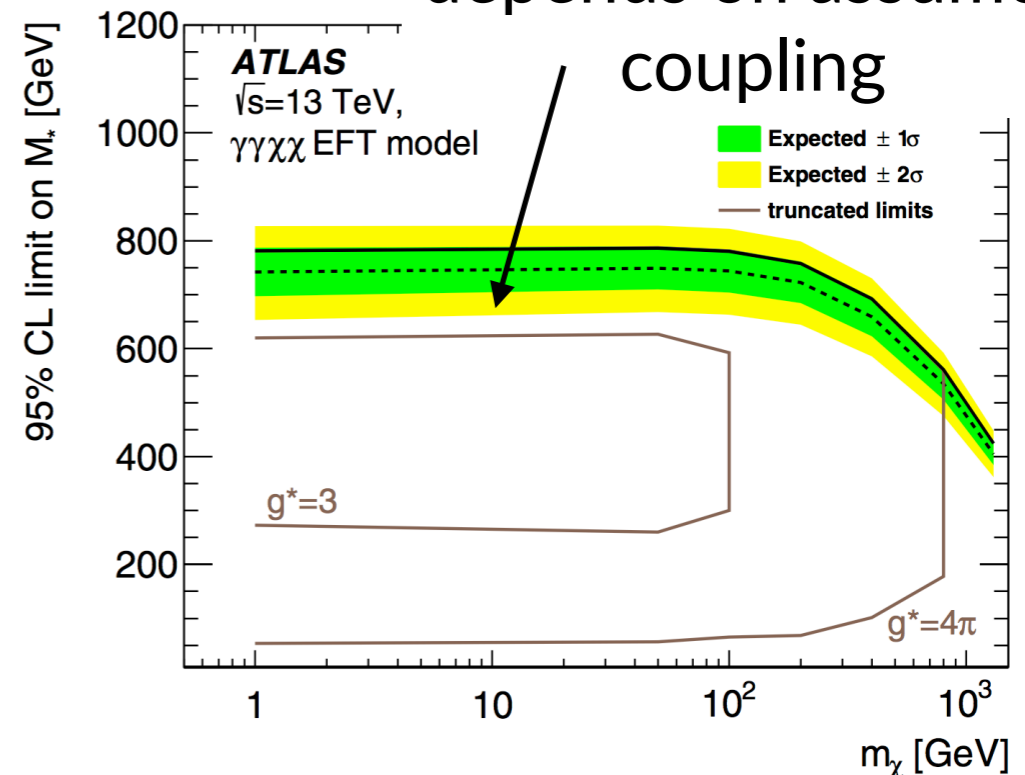


similar strategy as monojet

- statistical uncertainties still dominant
- main systematics from jet- $\rightarrow\gamma$ fake factor (ABCD method, 1-5%)
- e- $\rightarrow\gamma$ fake factor applied to MET+e events (1.5%)
- jet energy scale (6-1%)
- also sensitive to $\gamma\gamma\chi\chi$ EFT



EFT validity (& result) depends on assumed coupling



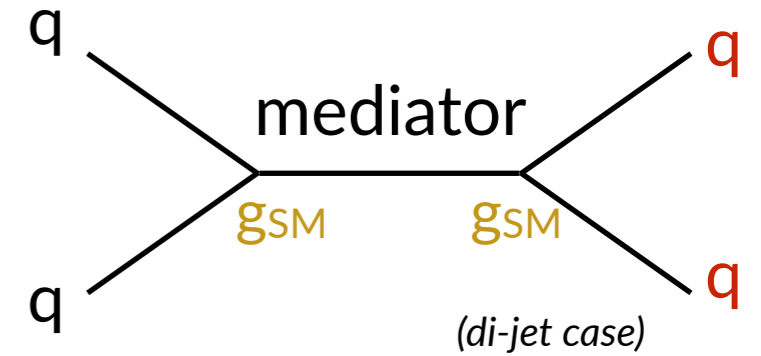
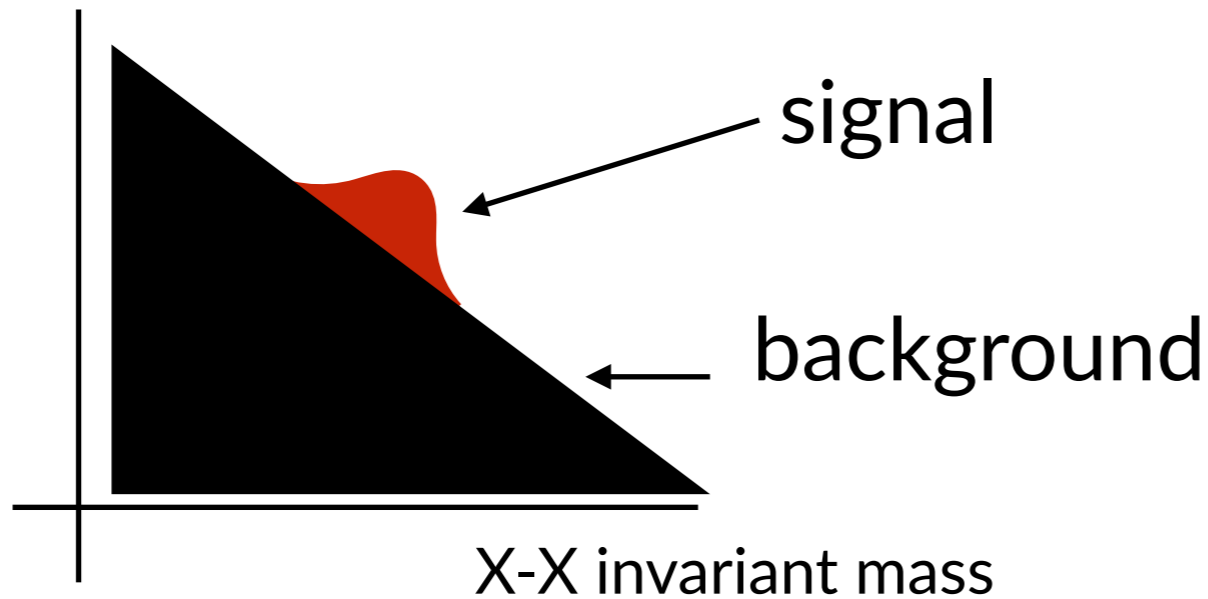


THE VISIBLE

di-jet, di-lepton, di-top...

Di-X: resonance searches

look for the mediator



Ye Olde Resonance Discovery Algorithm

1. collect the events
2. discriminate signal from background

Let's take di-jet as an example

Challenge #1: collect the events

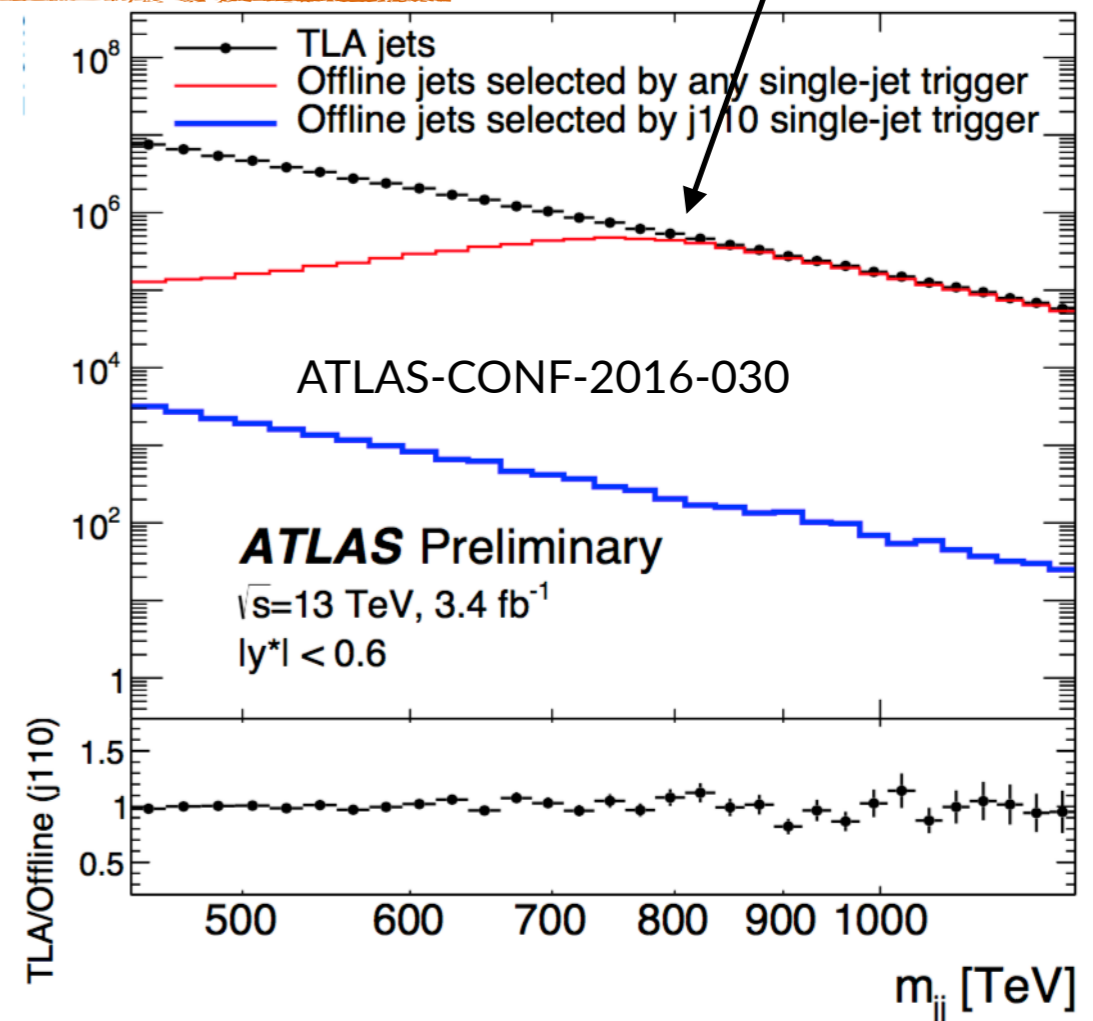
L1 trigger rate limited to 100 kHz
-> high p_T threshold for single jet triggers bounds mediator mass reach from below

solution #1: store only minimal jet information (“data scouting”)

- start with 75 GeV L1 trigger (+2 kHz; EM scale)
- save all HLT jets above 4 GeV (~5% of total event size)
- calibrate them using offline jets
 - no tracking info -> 3.5-5% systematics (mostly due to flavour uncertainties)

dijet mass spectrum

first unprescaled single jet trigger at $p_T > 400$ GeV



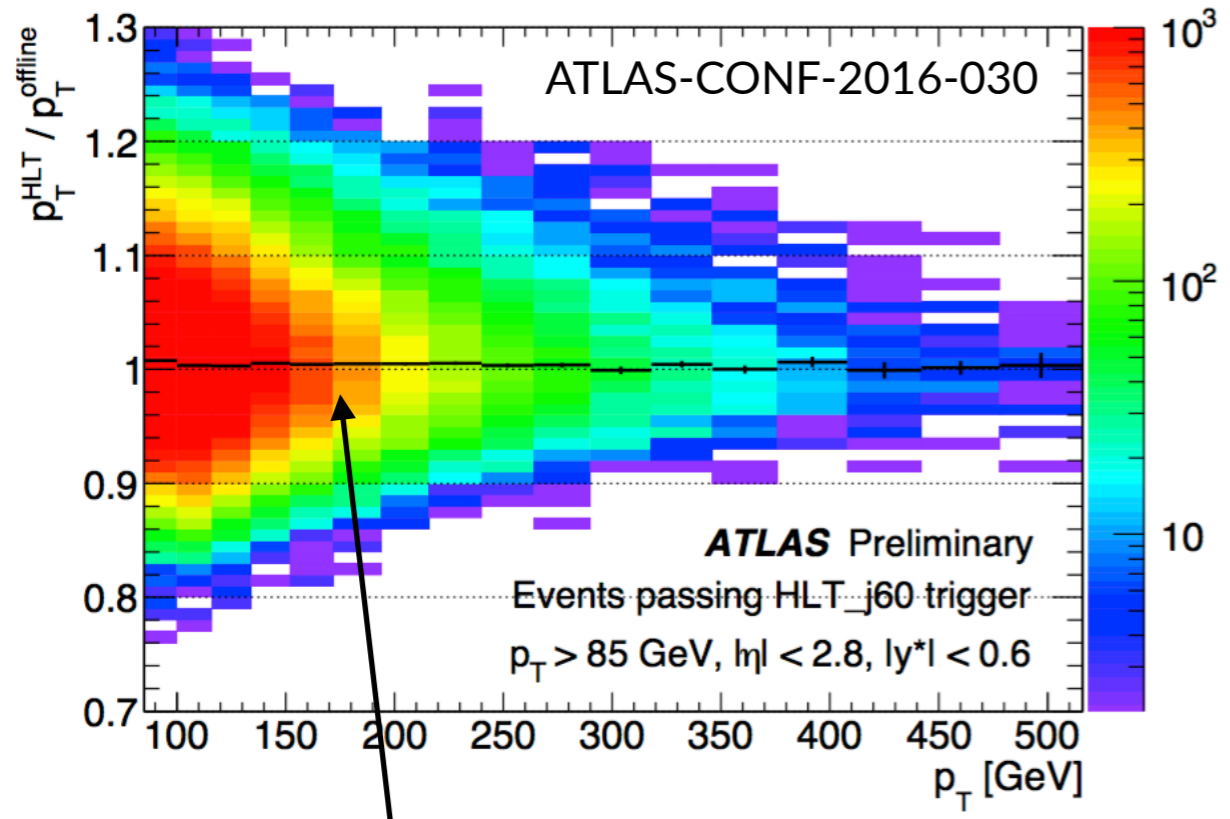
“offline” dijet search

solution #2: trigger on an ISR object

solution #3: use boosted boson tagging

Trigger-level vs offline jets

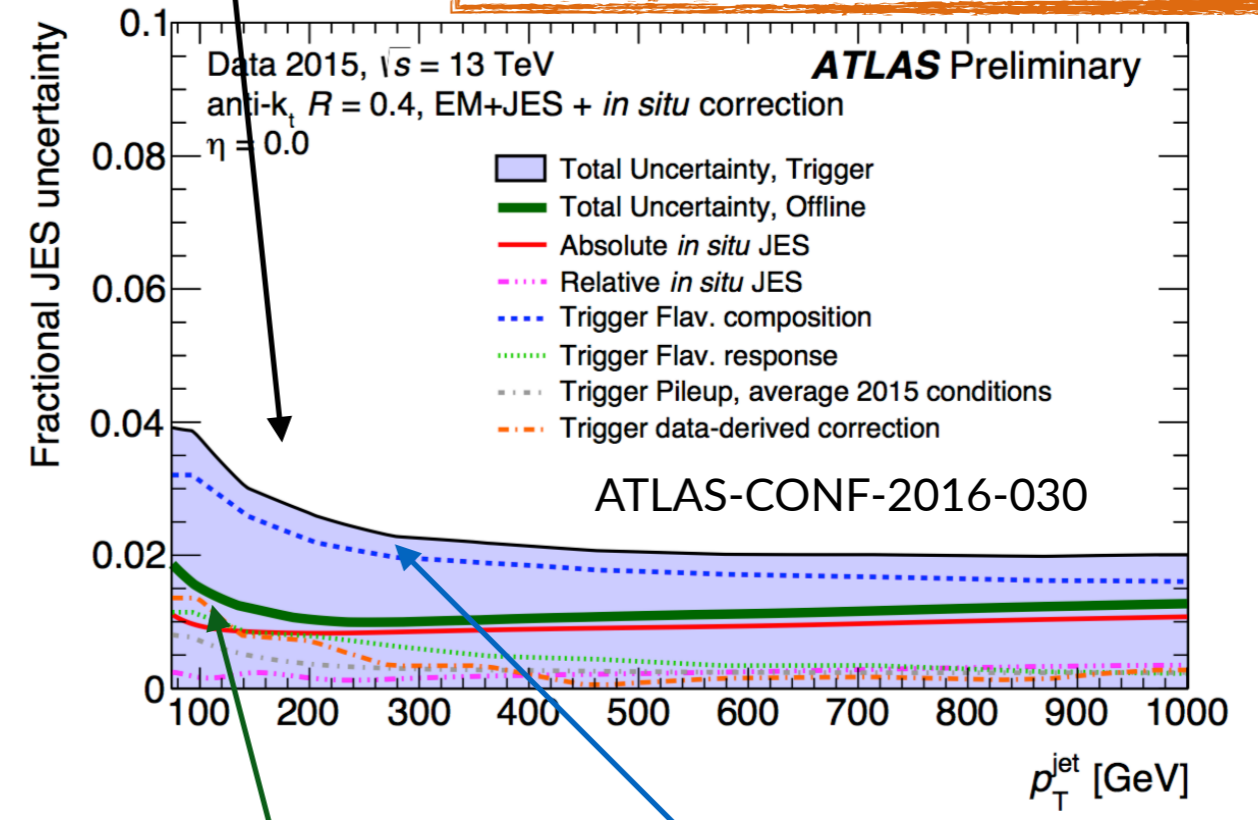
$p_T(\text{trigger})/p_T(\text{offline})$ vs p_T



trigger/offline p_T response within $\sim 1\%$

trigger jet total

energy scale uncertainty



offline jet total

flavour composition (q vs g)

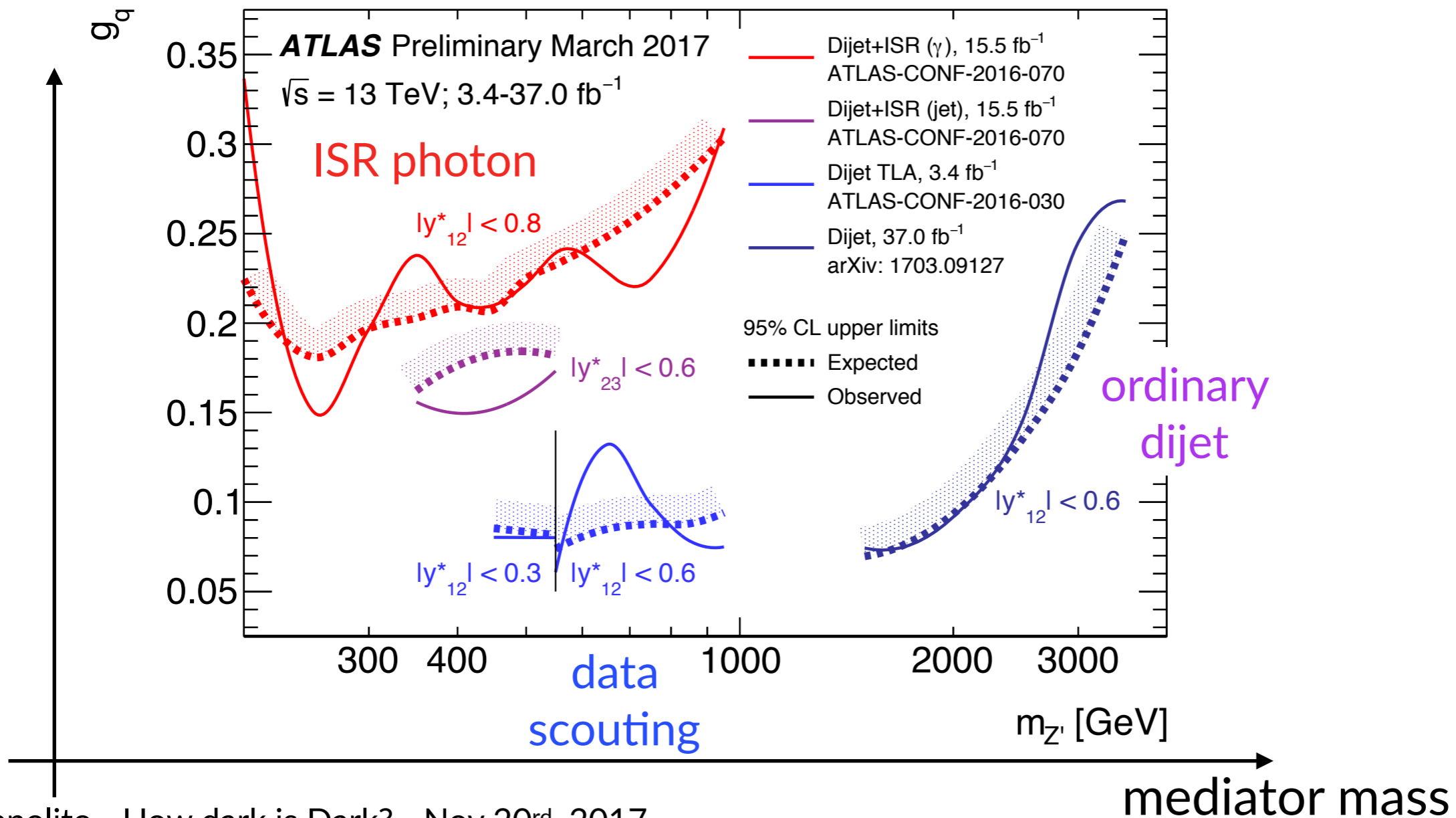
trigger-level tracking information would help...

Di-jet search strategies, compared

- ISR photon
 - one photon with $p_T > 150$ GeV
 - 2 jets with $p_T > 25$ GeV, $|y^*| < 0.8$
- ISR jet
 - one jet with $p_T > 430$ GeV
 - 2 jets with $p_T > 25$ GeV, $|y^*| < 0.6$
- extend range to lower masses

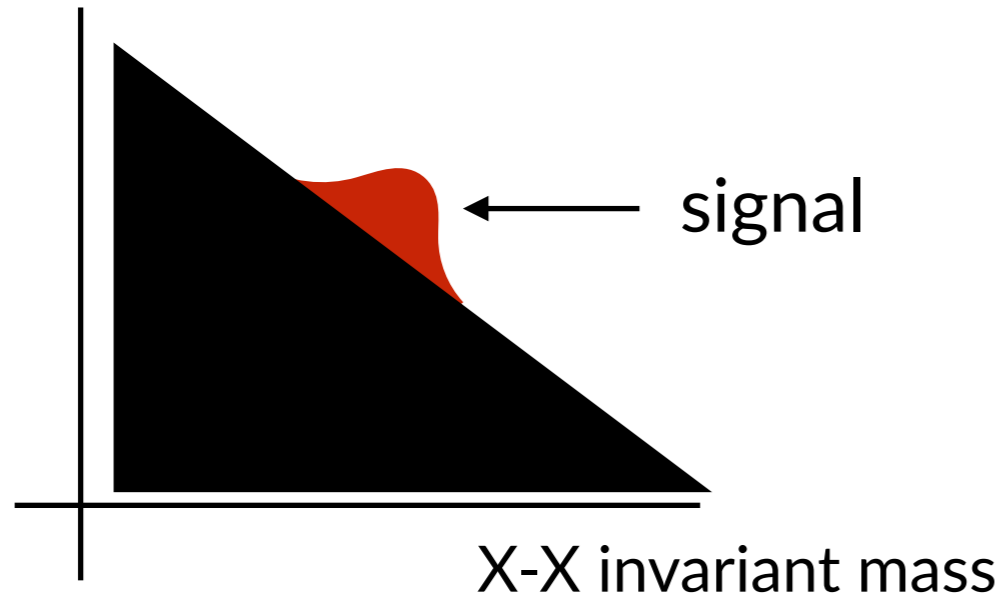
coupling strength

the overall picture



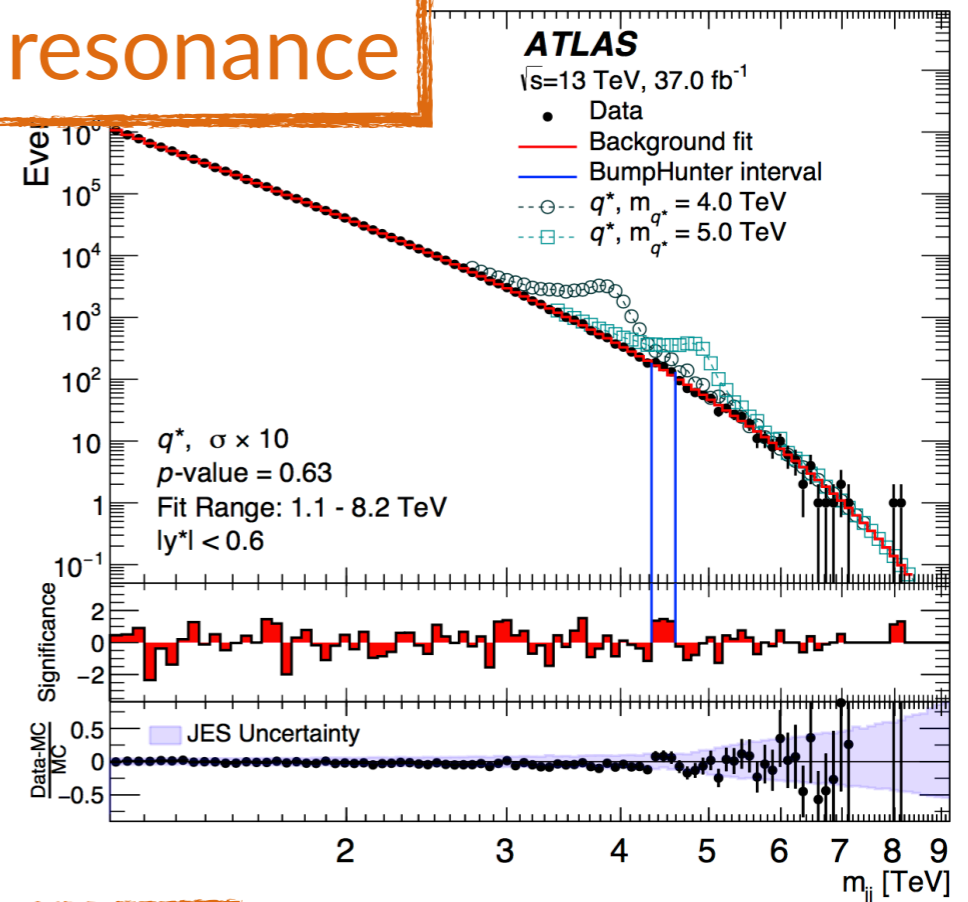
Challenge #2: signal-to-background discrimination

small width/mass

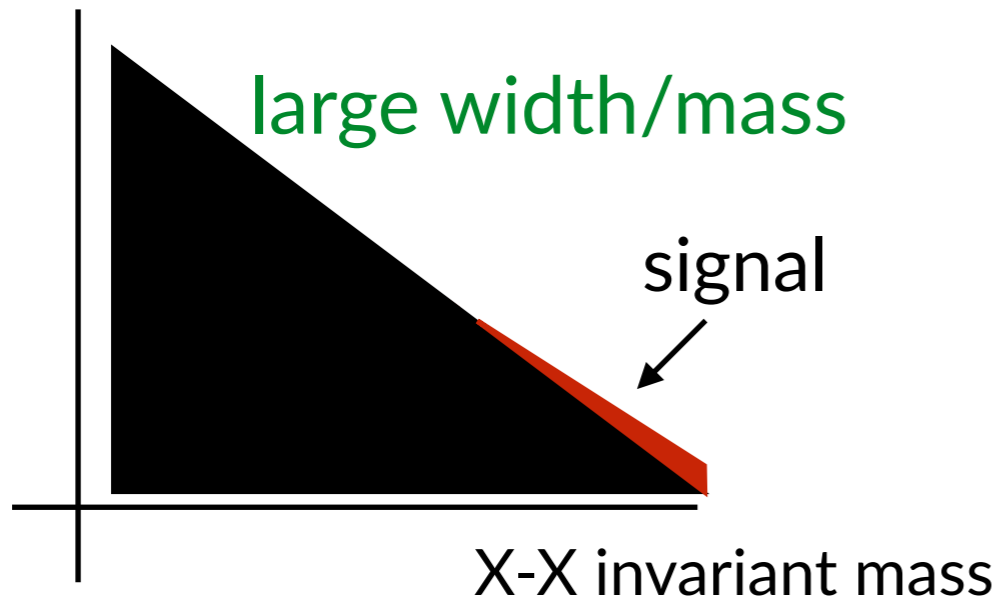


mediator-SM/DM coupling sets event rate and peak width

di-jet resonance



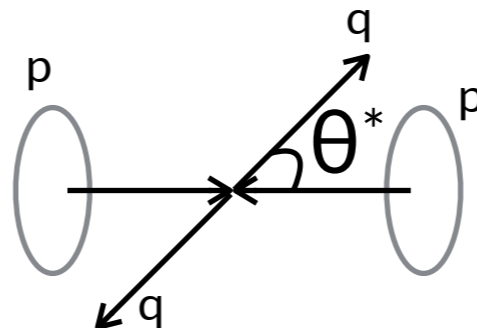
large width/mass



di-jet angular

use instead:

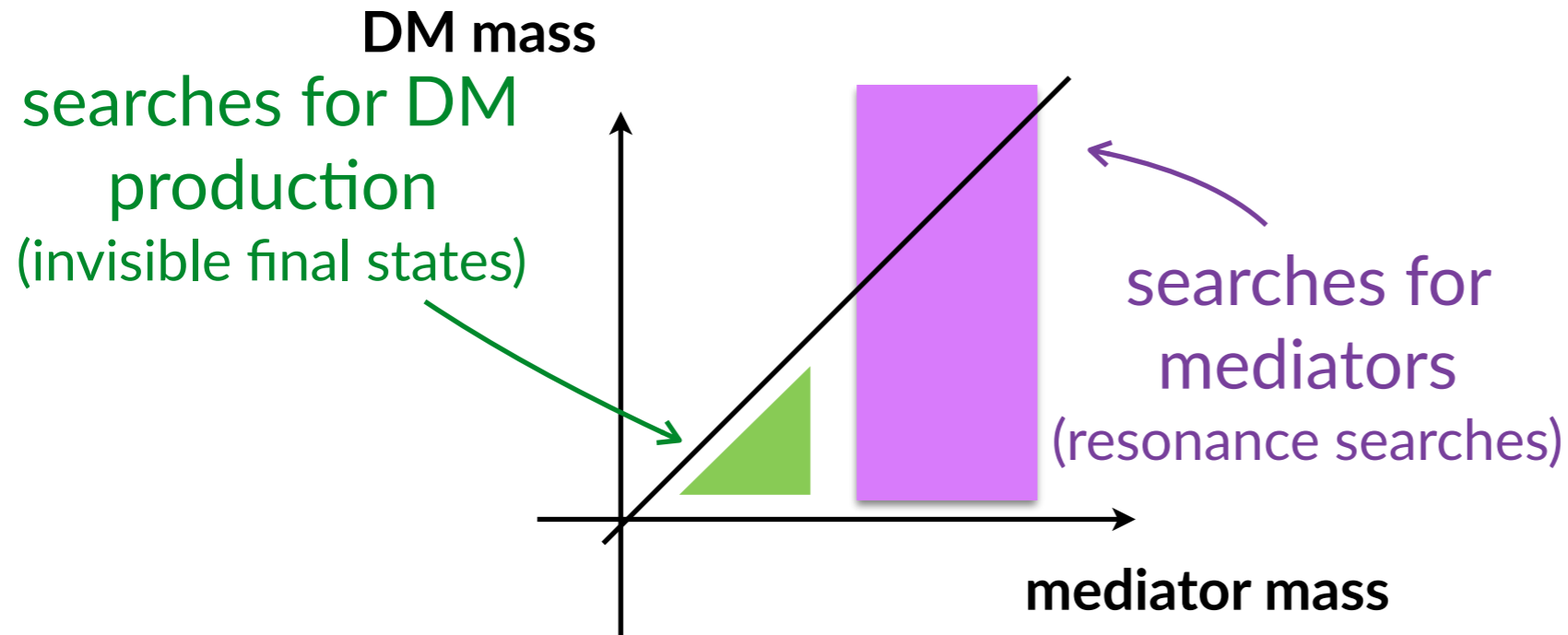
$$\chi_{\text{dijet}} = e^{|y_1 - y_2|} \sim \frac{1 + |\cos \theta^*|}{1 - |\cos \theta^*|}$$



extends searches at higher masses (~3-4 TeV) and couplings

Implications for direct detection

1. take LHC results (high Q^2) at fixed values of the couplings



focus on spin-1 due to available luminosity

2. extrapolate to low Q^2 of direct detection (EFT) caveat: [1605.04917](#)

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

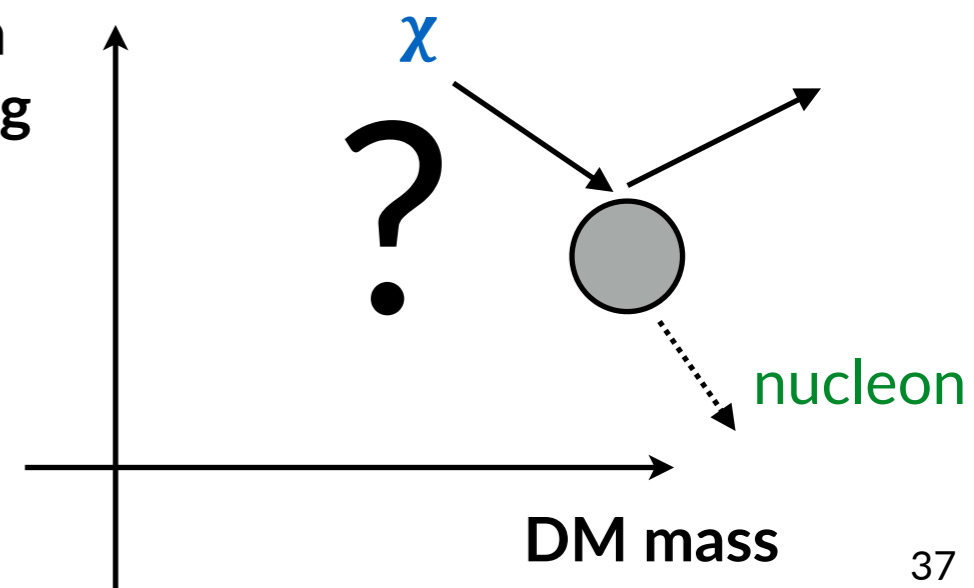
$$0^- \quad \sigma_{\text{SI}} \approx 0 \quad (\text{suppressed by velocity dependent terms})$$

$$1^+ \quad \sigma_{\text{SI}} \approx 6.9 \times 10^{-43} \text{ cm}^2 \cdot \left(\frac{g_{\text{DM}} g_q}{1}\right)^2 \left(\frac{125 \text{ GeV}}{M_{\text{med}}}\right)^4 \left(\frac{\mu_{n\chi}}{1 \text{ GeV}}\right)^2$$

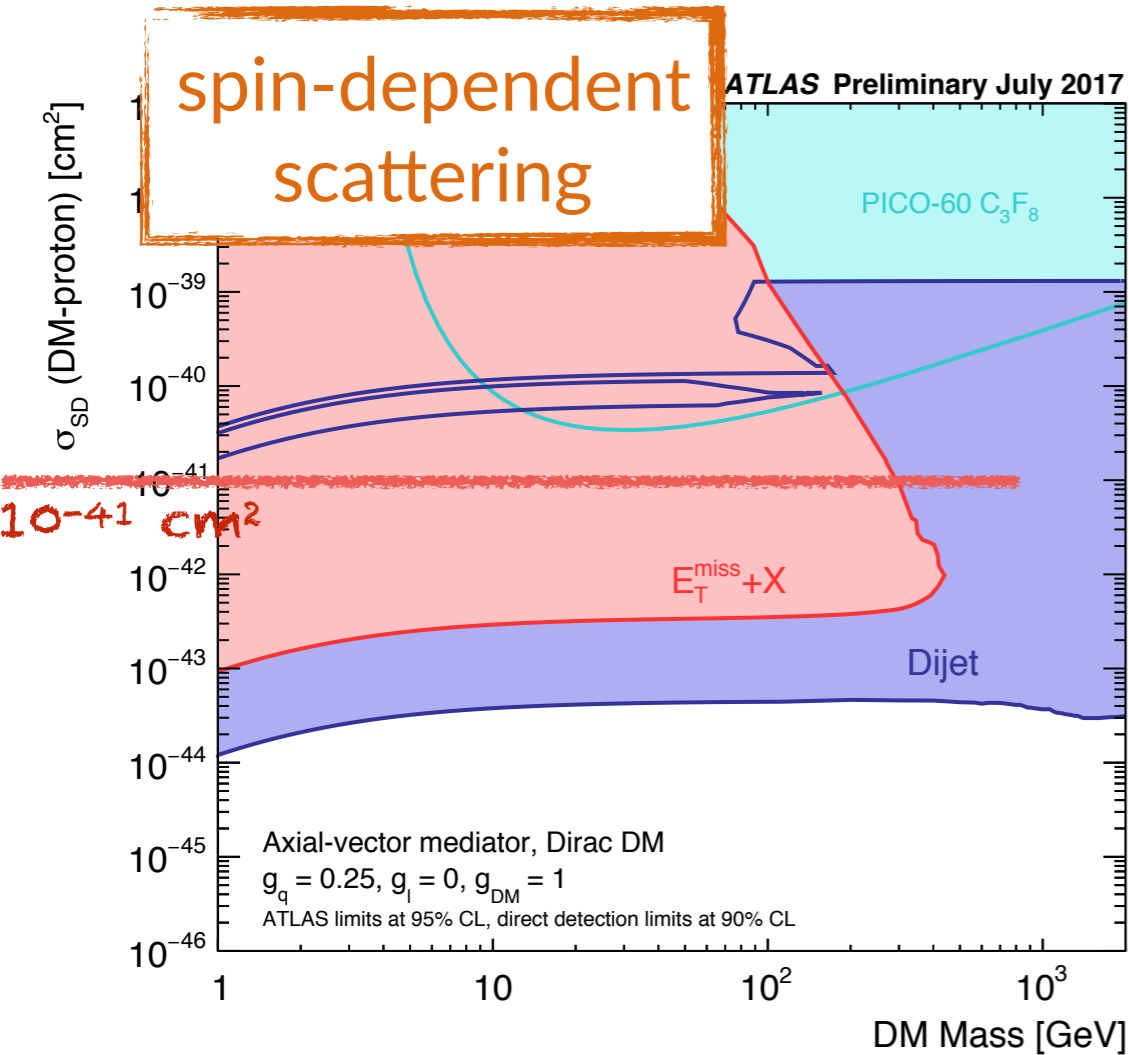
$$1^- \quad \sigma^{\text{SD}} \approx 3.8 \times 10^{-41} \text{ cm}^2 \cdot \left(\frac{g_{\text{DM}} g_q}{1}\right)^2 \left(\frac{1 \text{ TeV}}{M_{\text{med}}}\right)^4 \left(\frac{\mu_{n\chi}}{1 \text{ GeV}}\right)^2$$

3. compare

DM-nucleon scattering cross-section



MET+X vs di-X

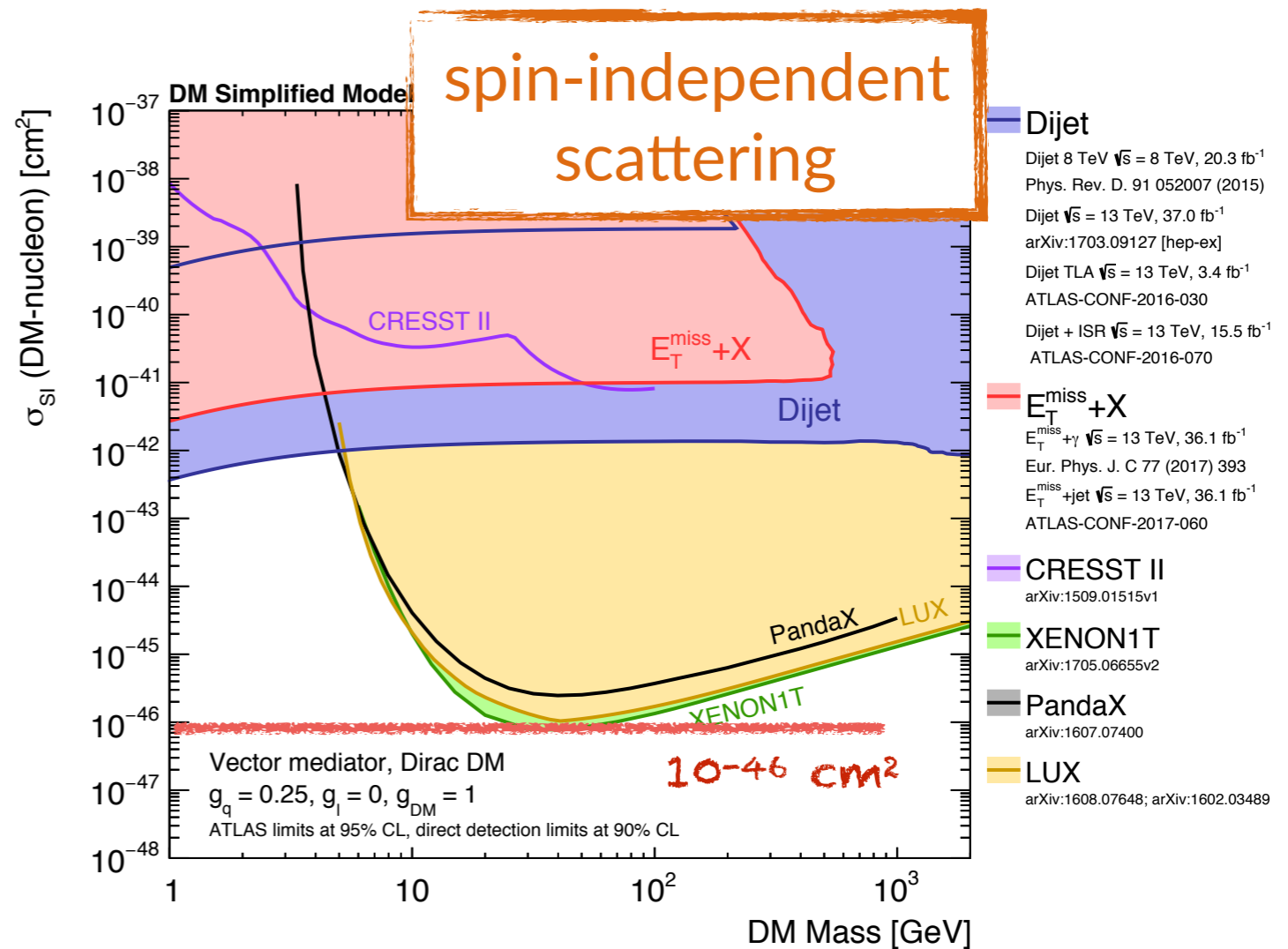


DM-nucleon scattering cross-section

complementary: if you change couplings, impact of MET+X and di-X searches changes

DM mass

- :-) need to explore the parameter space
- :-) multi-signature: could characterise a discovery

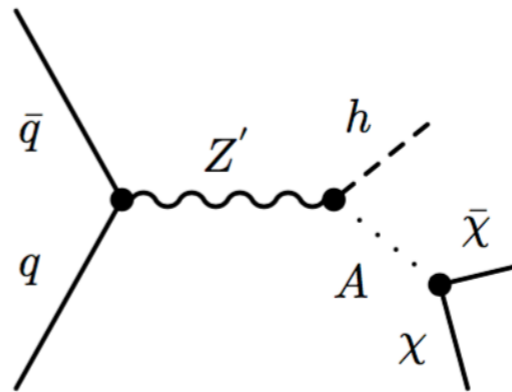
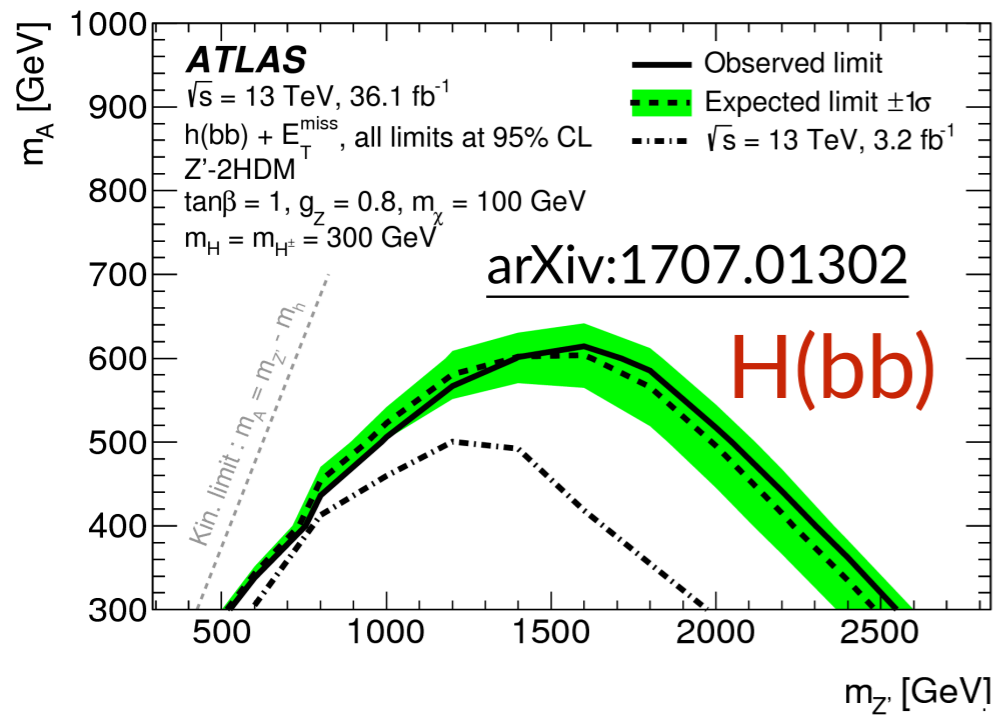


THE NON-TRIVIAL



spin-zero interactions, SUSY and beyond

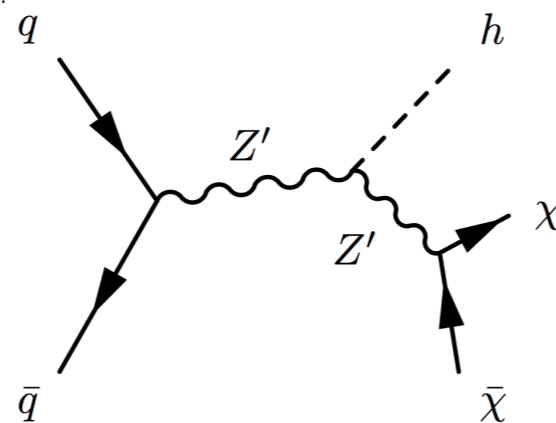
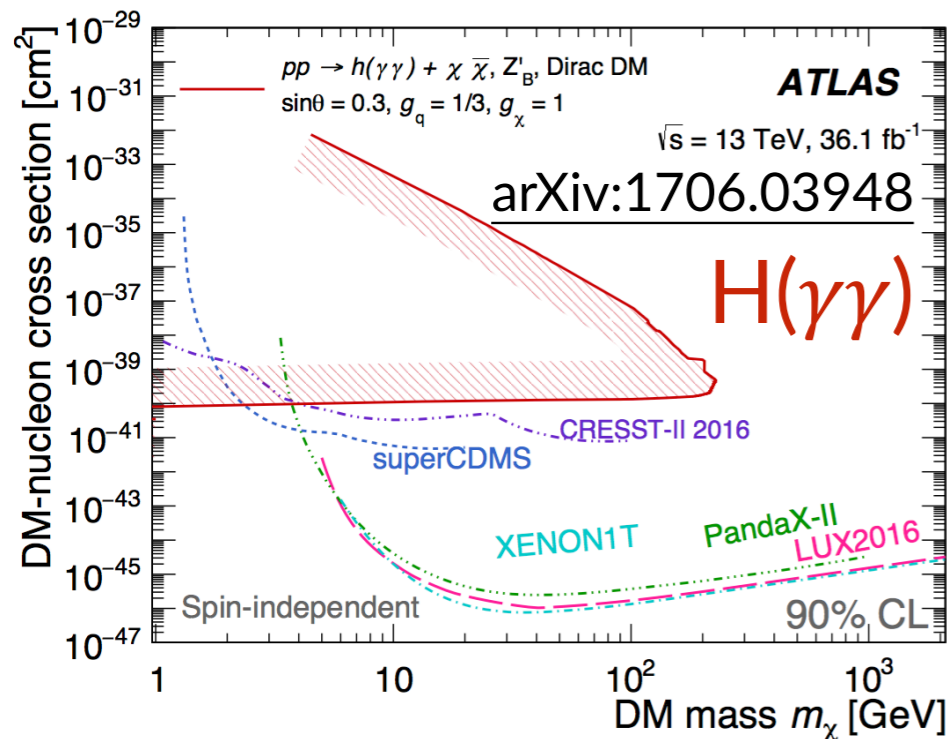
MET+H



Higgs boson as a discovery tool!

- probe couplings between a new mediator and Higgs sector
- most sensitive channel is H(bb)+MET
 - use $m(bb)$ as discriminant in resolved and boosted regimes ($MET \neq 500 \text{ GeV}$)
 - bkg from $Z(\nu\nu)+jet$, $W+jet$ and $t\bar{t}$, 1μ and $2\mu/2e$ CRs

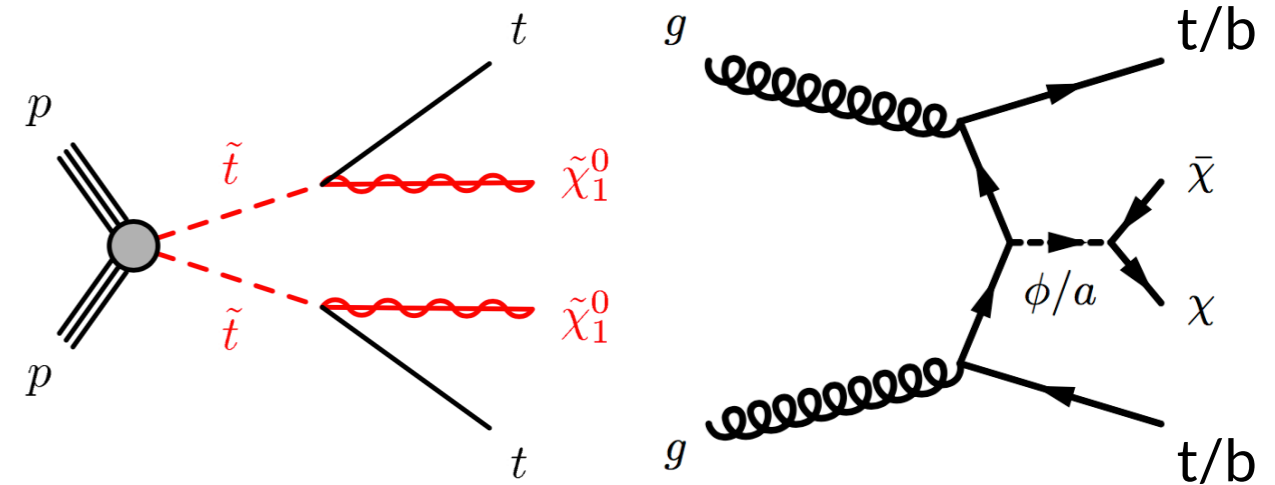
also MET+H(4l) (ATLAS-CONF-2015-059)



theory work ongoing to highlight contribution to spin-0 scenarios (e.g. <https://arxiv.org/abs/1701.07427>)

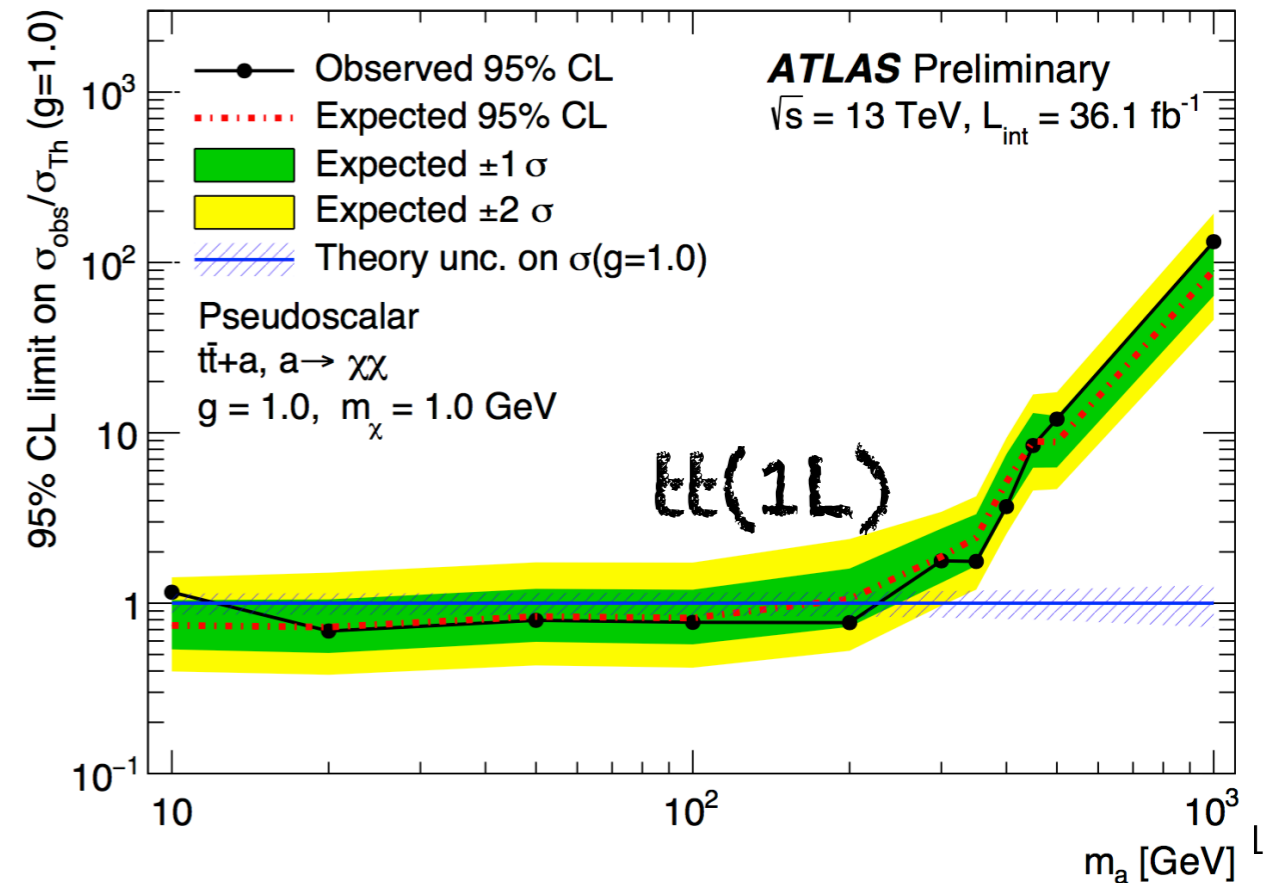
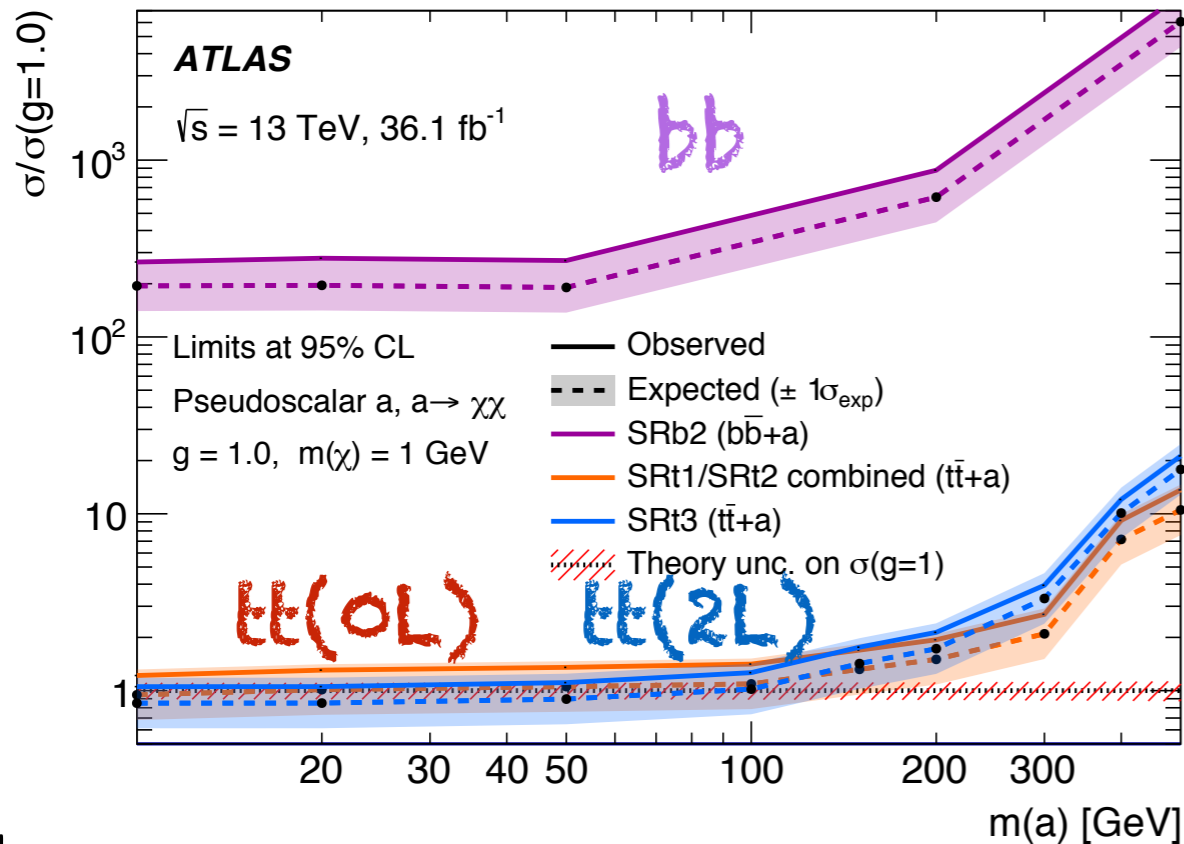
Spin-0: MET+HF

- ▶ scalar mediator would couple preferentially to heavy quarks
 - ❖ tt +MET (had, 1L, 2L), bb +MET
- ▶ same final state as SUSY searches
- ▶ sensitivity still limited by low statistics



$tt(1L)$: [ATL-CONF-2017-037](#)
 $tt(0L/2L)$, bb : [arXiv:1710.11412](#)

signal strength limit vs mediator mass, for $m_{DM} = 1$ GeV



Supersymmetry

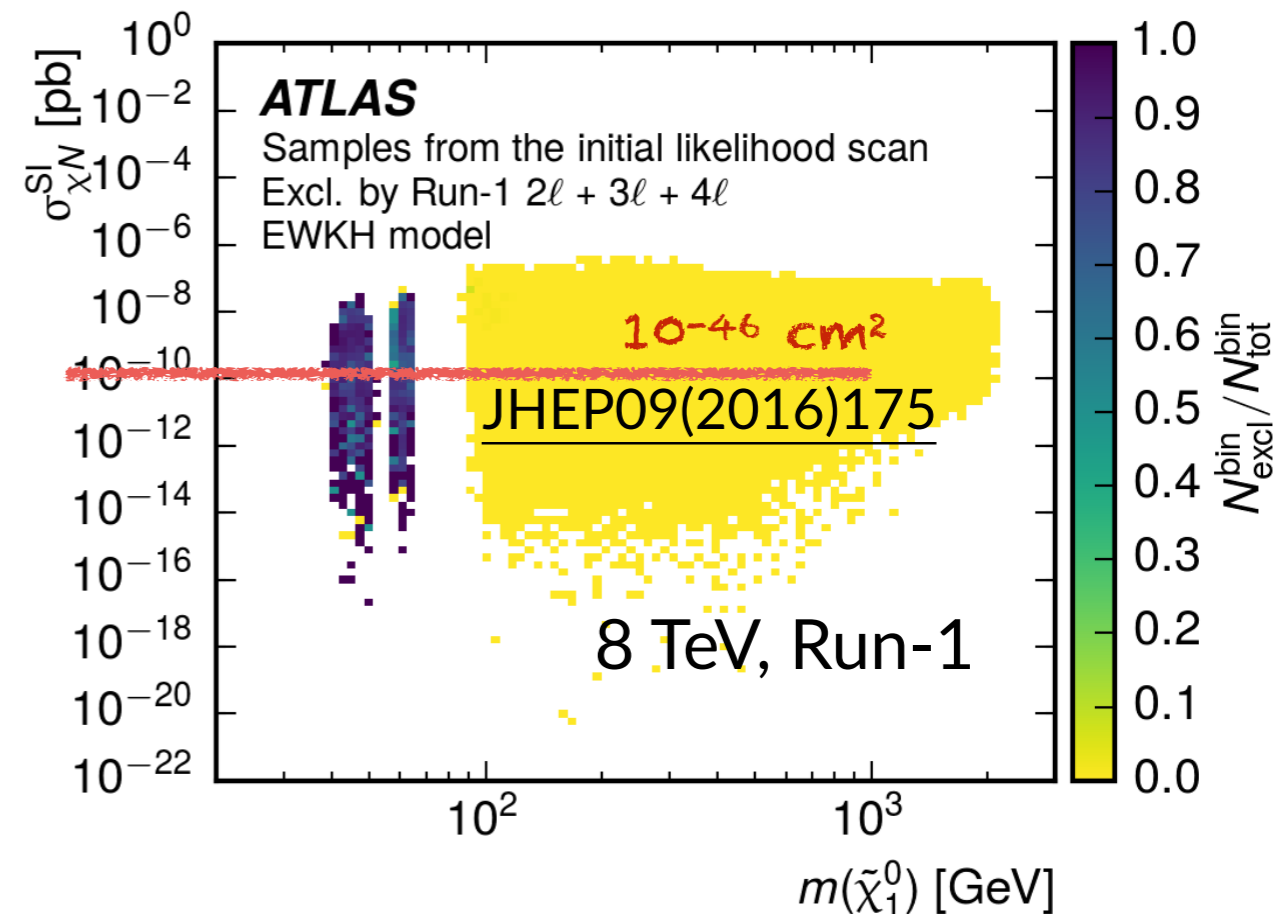
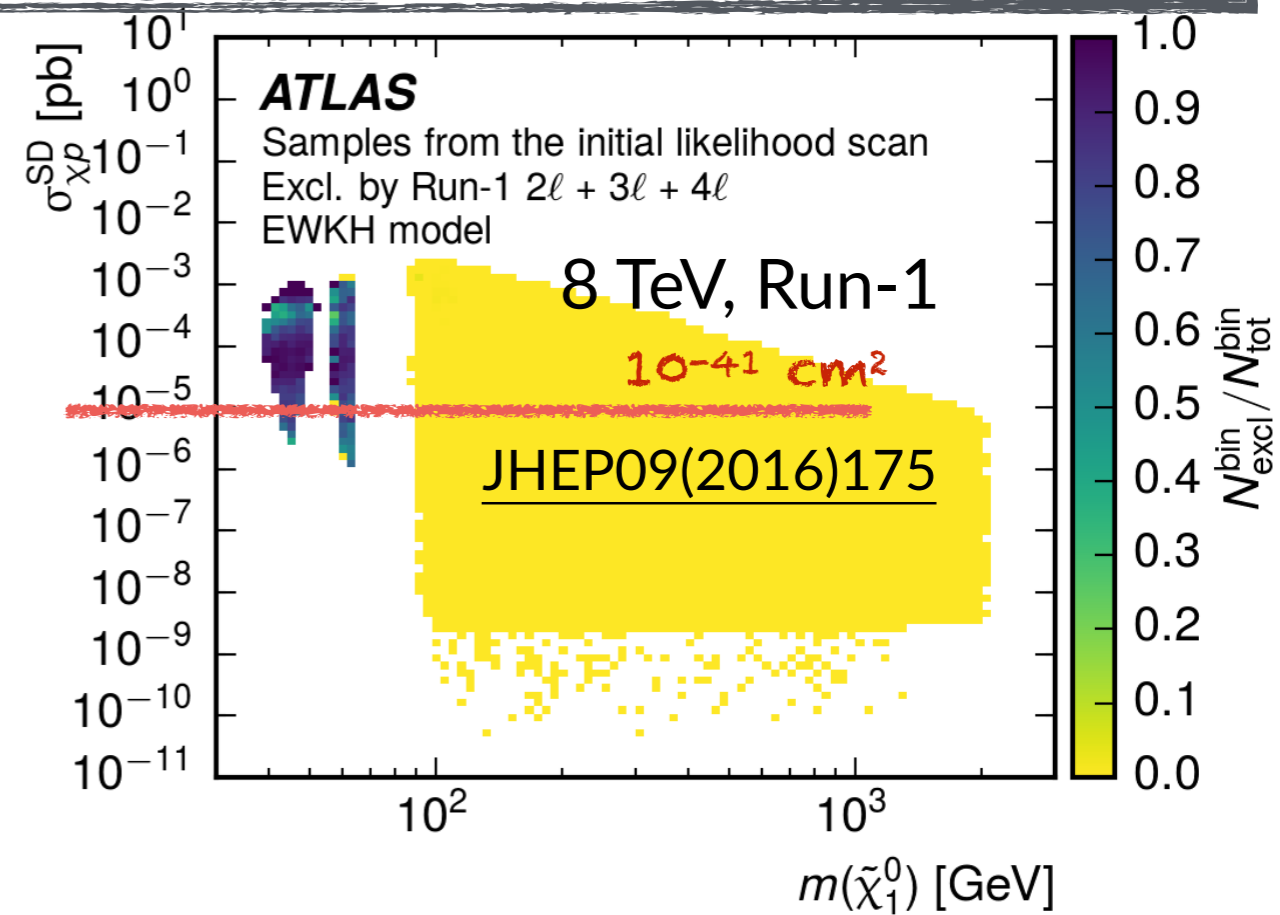
a UV-complete approach to the DM problem

- can investigate impact of EW search results on DM constraints
 - example on the right: 8 TeV results of 2-3-4L with DD, relic density and flavour constraints
 - 13 TeV searches: [ATLAS-CONF-2017-035](#), [ATLAS-CONF-2017-039](#)

naturally extends searches to richer signatures

- broader experimental challenges in long-lived scenarios
 - see e.g. [ATLAS-CONF-2017-017](#)

scattering cross-section vs DM mass

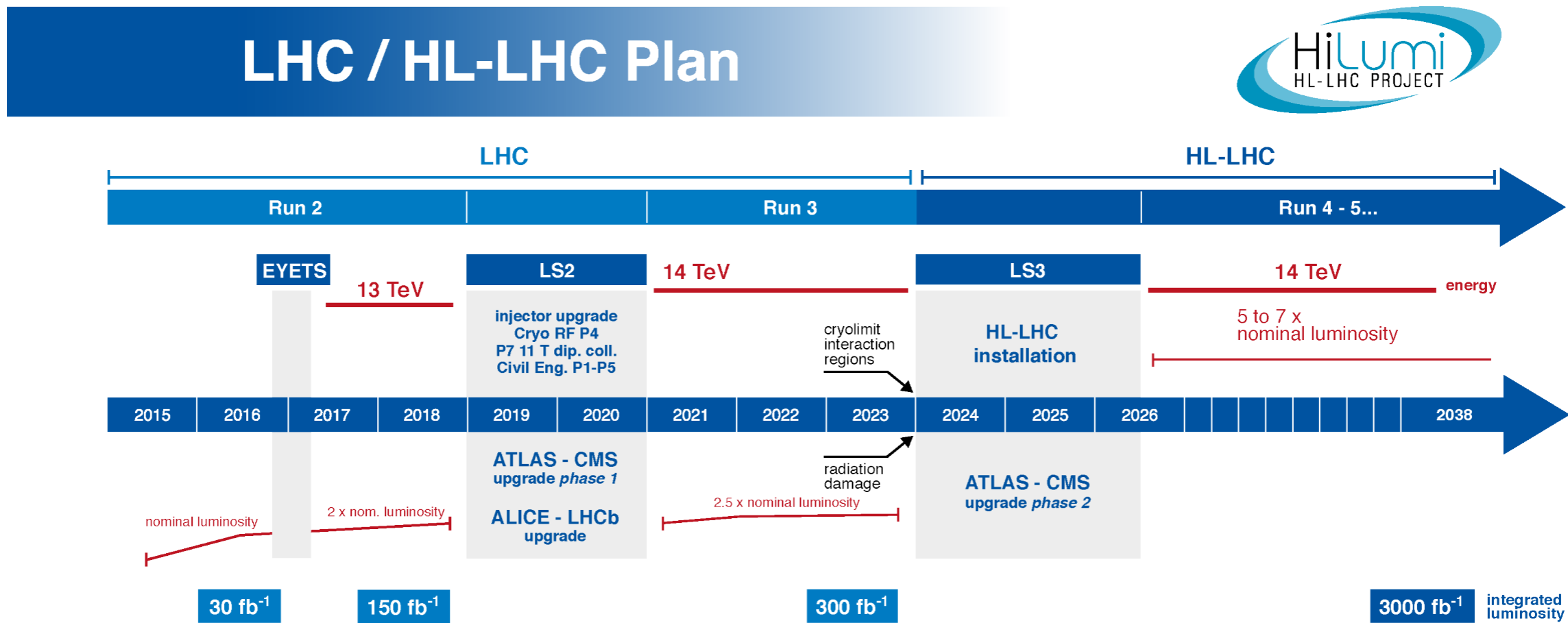


WHAT'S NEXT?

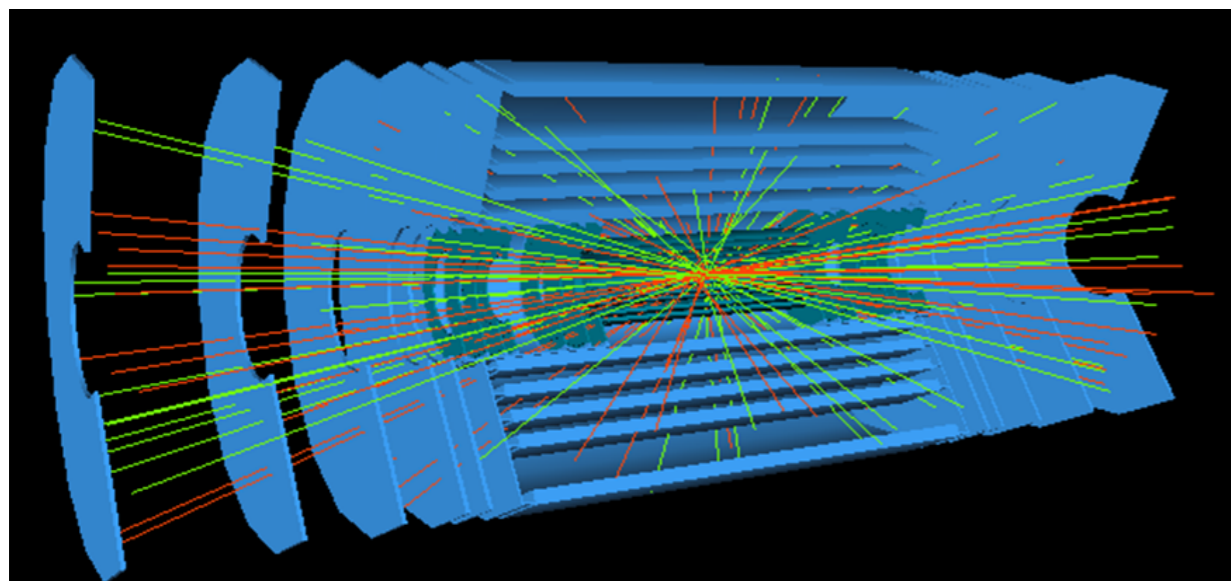


Towards High Luminosity

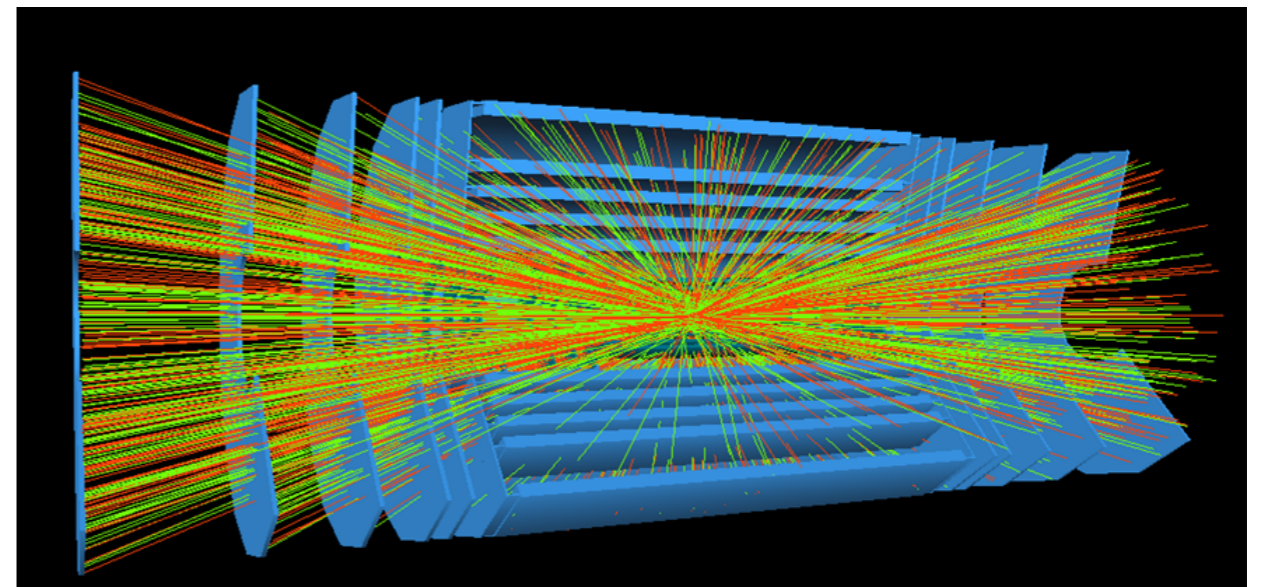
design luminosity: $1 \times 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$



23 pile-up vertices



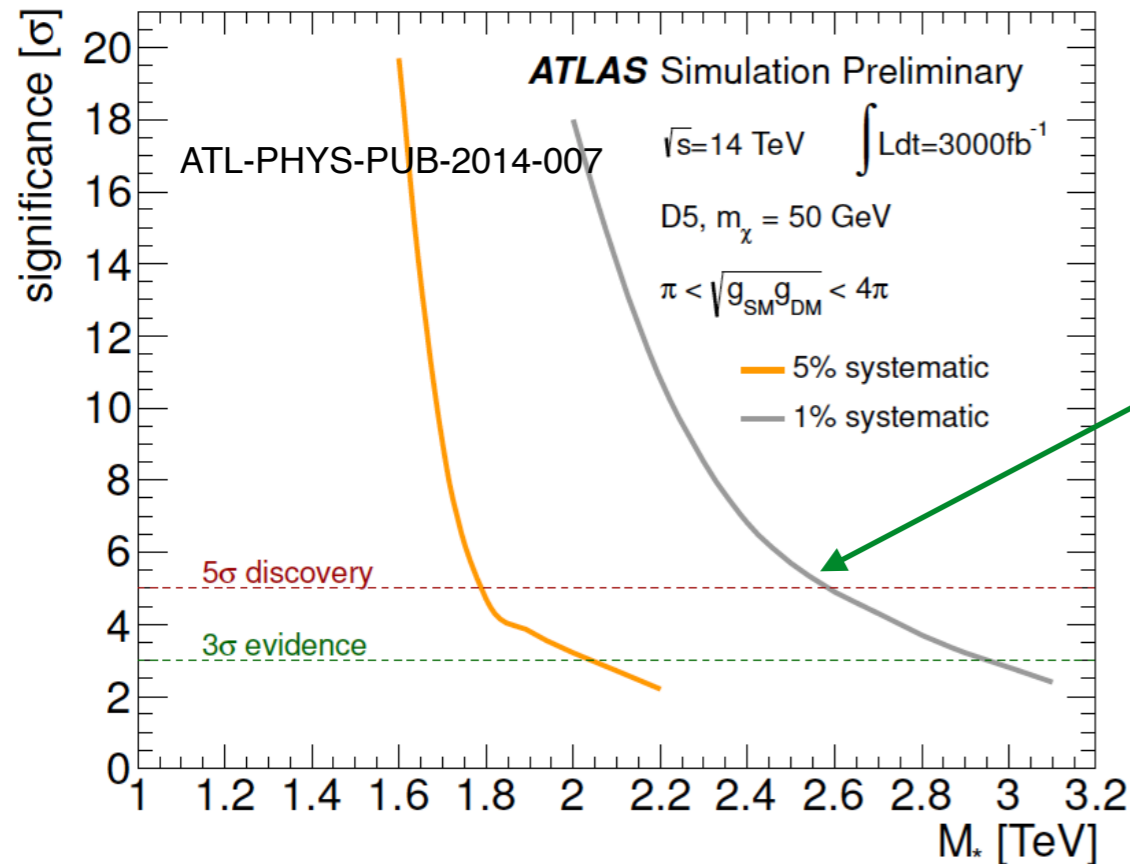
230 pile-up vertices



The % challenge

see also <https://indico.cern.ch/event/539266>

jet+MET: reach in scale of new physics (EFT) for 3 ab^{-1}



you need this level of precision...

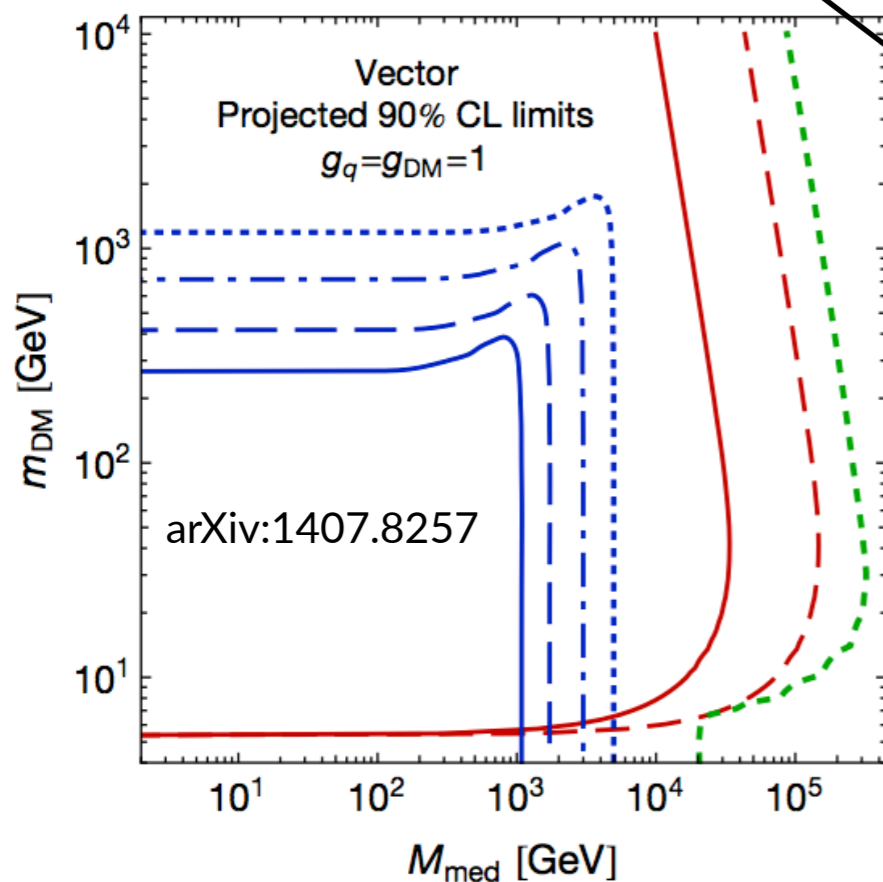
- higher pileup, less room for MET triggers
 - spin-0 becomes more and more challenging
 - must exploit trigger tracking info also at L1
 - ➔ data scouting?
- “precision search”: need %-level systematics
 - lepton and jet uncertainties
 - theory work needed!
 - ➔ use SM V+jets measurements?

The complementarity challenge

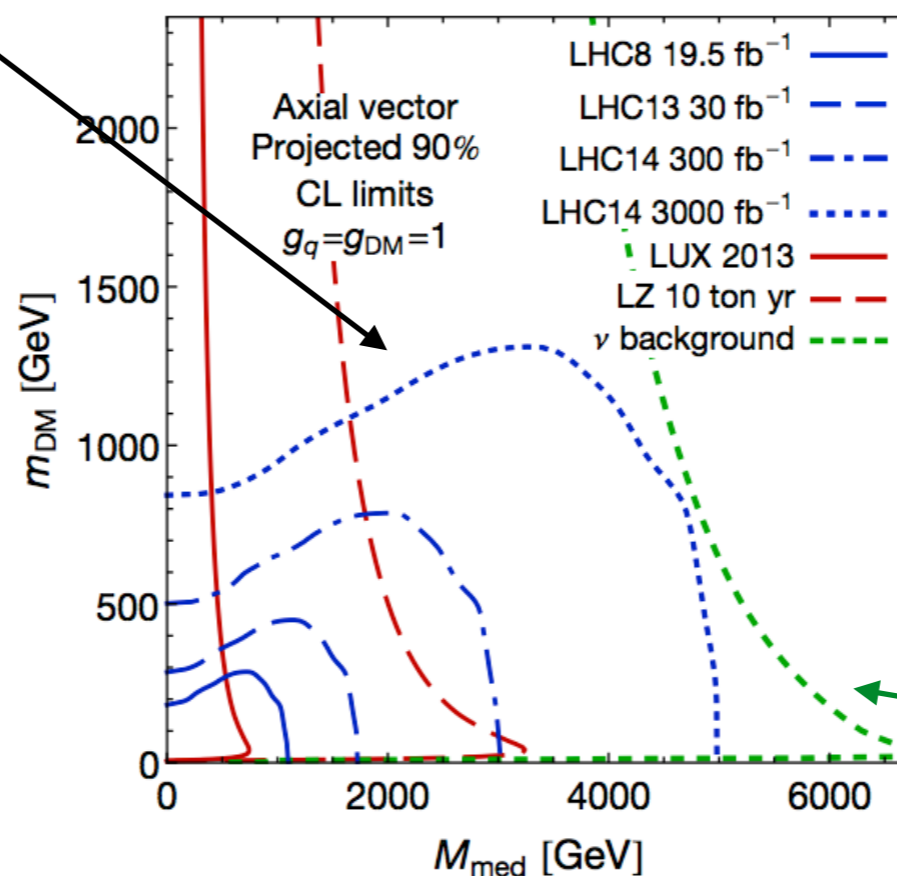
- high-lumi LHC can beat direct detection up to neutrino background
- explore lower-cross-section extensions of the SM (SUSY, long-lived particles (e.g. 1707.05326)...)

region to the left of each curve is expected exclusion; LHC := "mono-jet"

vector



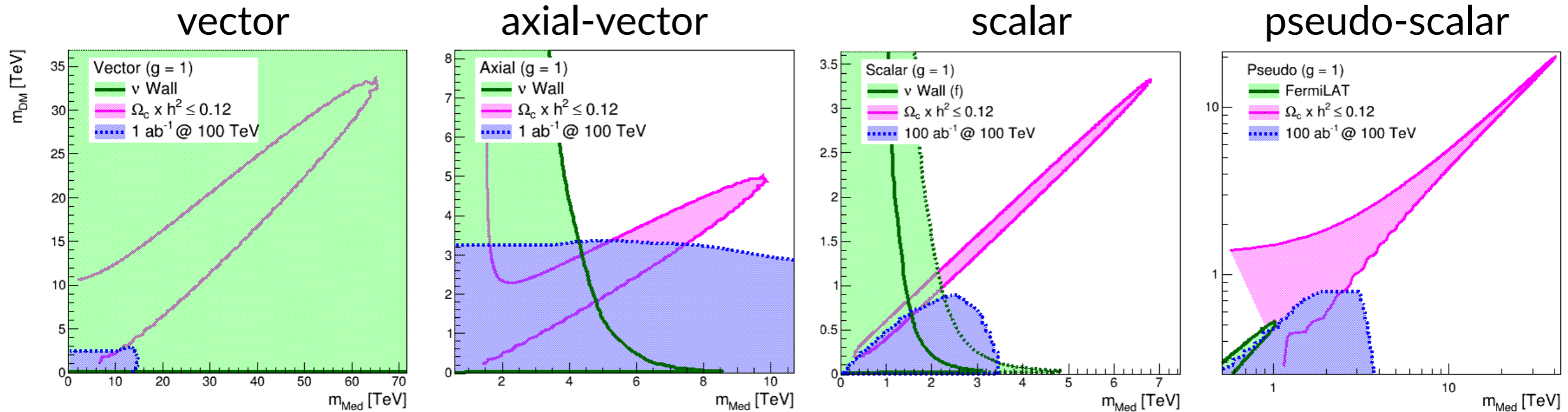
axial-vector



could extend the m_{DM} sensitivity up to 0.5 TeV in ~ 6 years (mind the couplings!)

neutrino "wall"

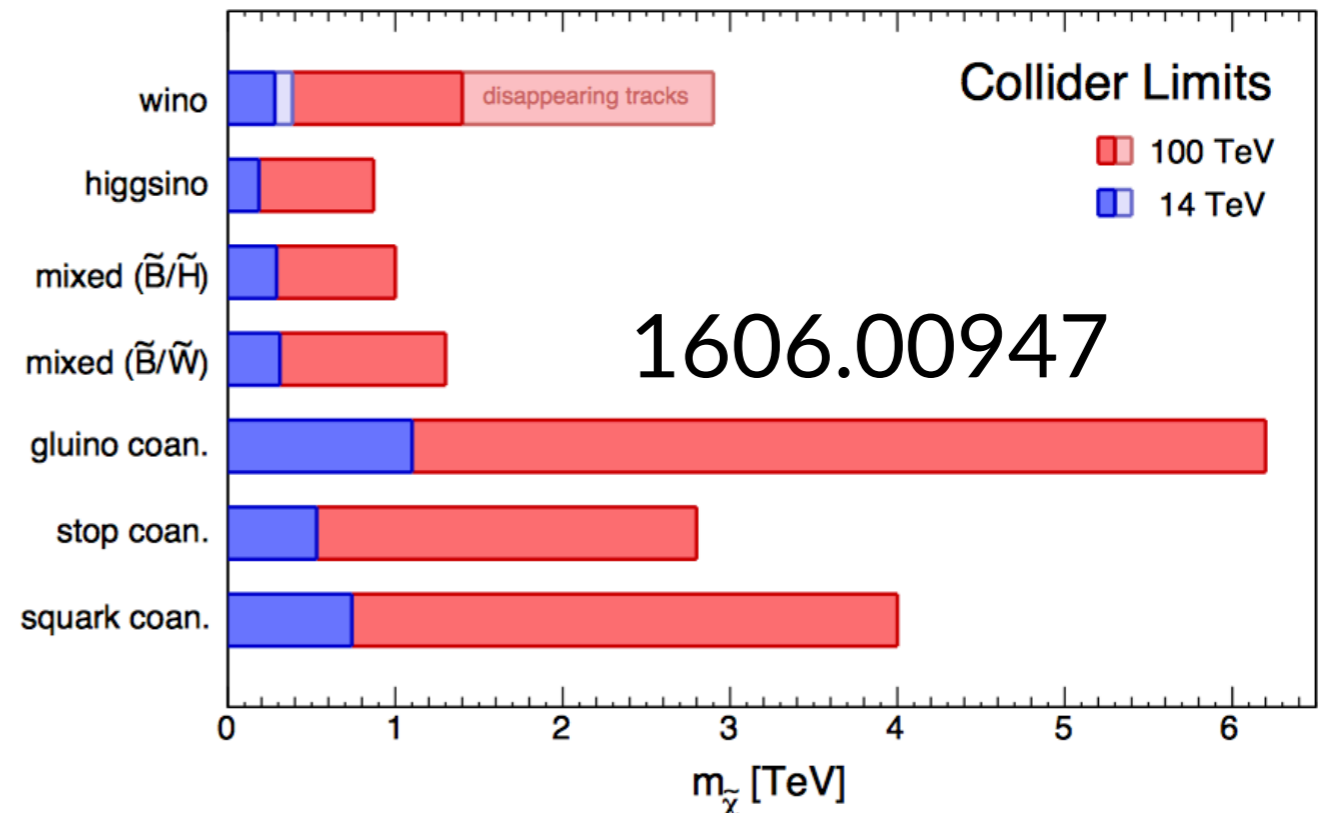
What about higher energy?



green: $x_{sec} \leq \text{neutrino bkg}$
 blue: $1000 \text{ fb}^{-1} @ 100 \text{ TeV}$
 purple: compatible with measured relic density

(for some choice of the couplings)

a higher-energy circular collider may push sensitivity to the TeV scale



Conclusions

extensive DM search programme at ATLAS

- complementary to dedicated experiments for $m_{\text{DM}} < \sim 100$ GeV
- ATLAS is a telescope for new physics in multiple final states

expected luminosity

now:	36 fb ⁻¹
end of 2018:	120 fb ⁻¹
end of 2023:	300 fb ⁻¹
HL-LHC (~2038):	3000 fb ⁻¹

see also <https://indico.cern.ch/event/539266>

more data, new challenges

- balance between sensitivity to low-momentum signals (e.g. spin-zero) and robustness at very high energy
 - trigger & detector performance are crucial!
- explore lower-cross-section extensions of the SM (SUSY, long-lived particles...)
- may extend LHC reach to $m_{\text{DM}} \sim 500$ GeV in the next ~6 years...

stay finetuned!

Further reading

- MET+ γ : [Eur. Phys. J. C 77 , 6 \(2017\) 393](#)
- MET+tt(1-L): [ATL-CONF-2017-037](#)
- MET+Z(II): [ATL-CONF-2017-040](#)
- MET+W/Z(had): [Phys. Lett. B 763 \(2016\) 251](#)
- MET+jet: [ATLAS-CONF-2017-060](#)
- Z(vv)/Z(II) cross-section ratio: [arXiv:1707.03263](#)
- MET+H(bb): [arXiv:1707.01302](#)
- MET+H(gg): [arXiv:1706.03948](#)
- MET+H(4l): [ATLAS-CONF-2015-059](#)
- MET+tt(0-L, 2-L), MET+bb: [arXiv:1710.11412](#)
- di-jet: [http://arxiv.org/abs/arXiv:1703.09127](#)
- di-jet TLA: [ATLAS-CONF-2016-030](#)
- di-jet ISR: [ATLAS-CONF-2016-070](#)
- dilepton: [ATLAS-CONF-2017-027](#)
- ttbar resonance: [ATLAS-CONF-2016-014](#)
- summary plots: <https://atlas.web.cern.ch/Atlas/GROUPS/PHYSICS/CombinedSummaryPlots/EXOTICS/index.html>
- SUSY EW 2-3l: [ATLAS-CONF-2017-039](#)
- chargino/neutralino tau: [ATLAS-CONF-2017-035](#)
- chargino long-lived (disapp track): [ATLAS-CONF-2017-017](#)
- SUSY pMSSM scan: [JHEP09\(2016\)175](#)

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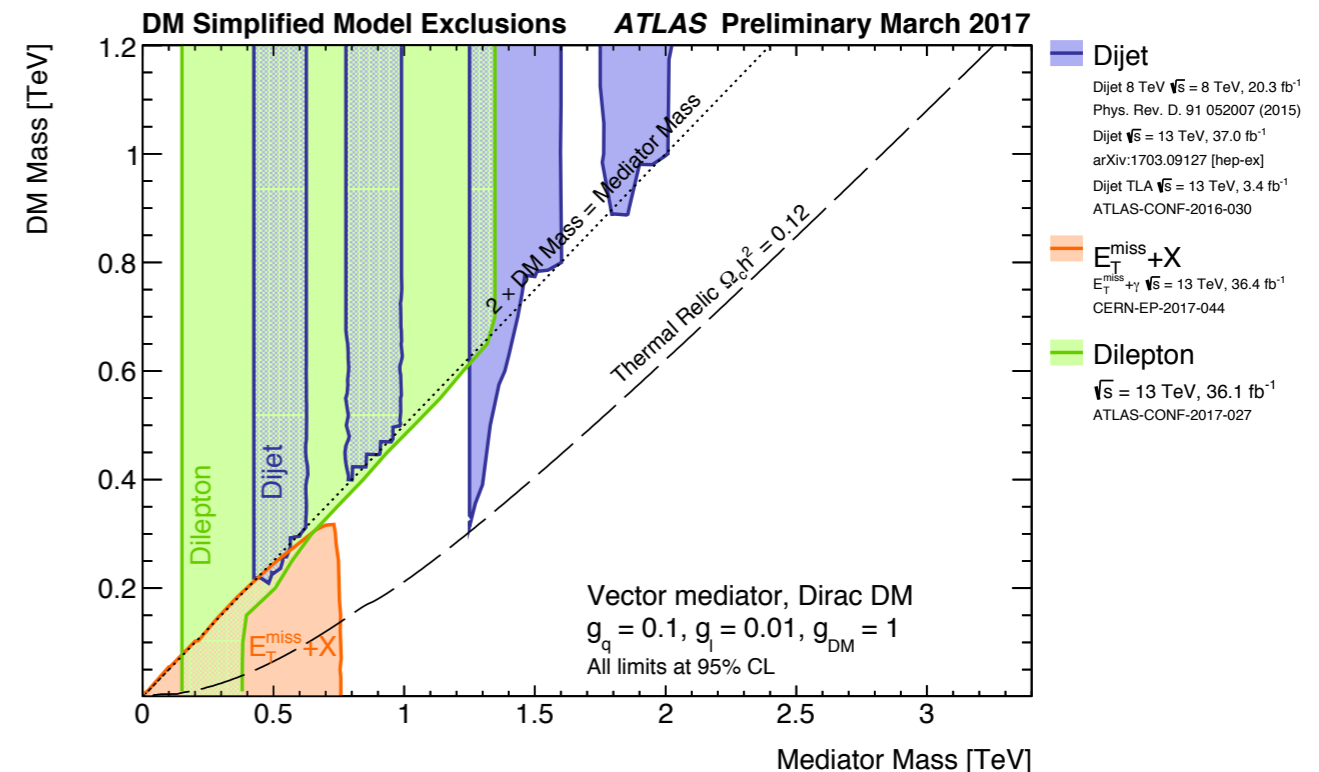
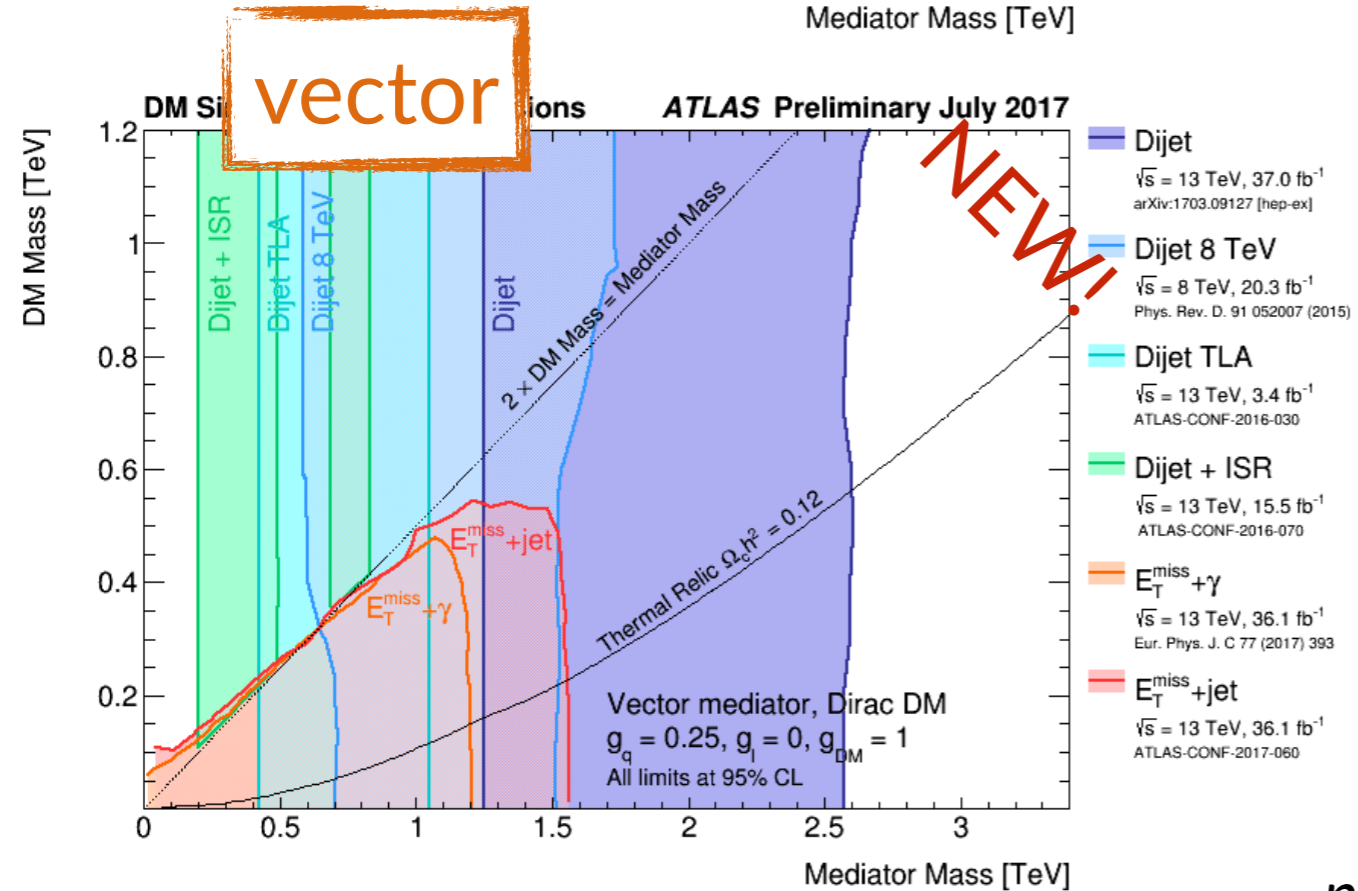
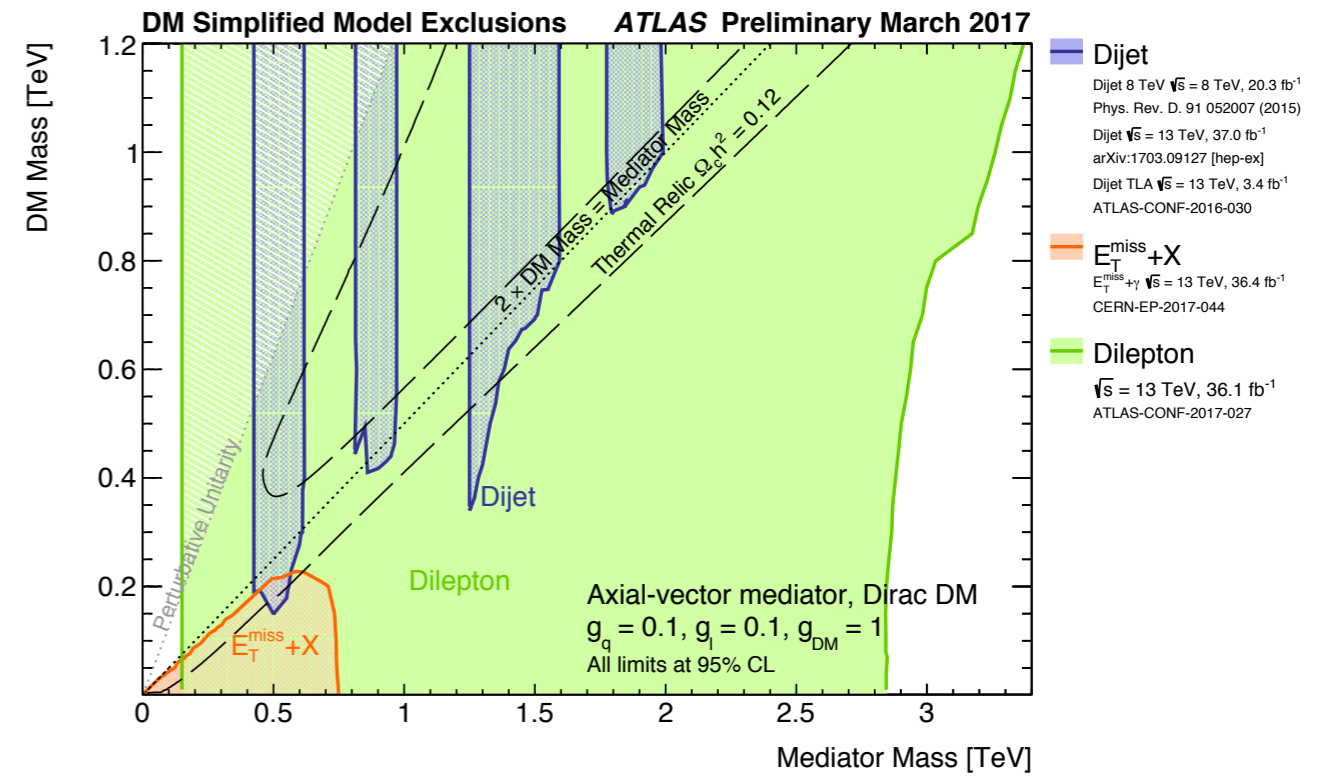
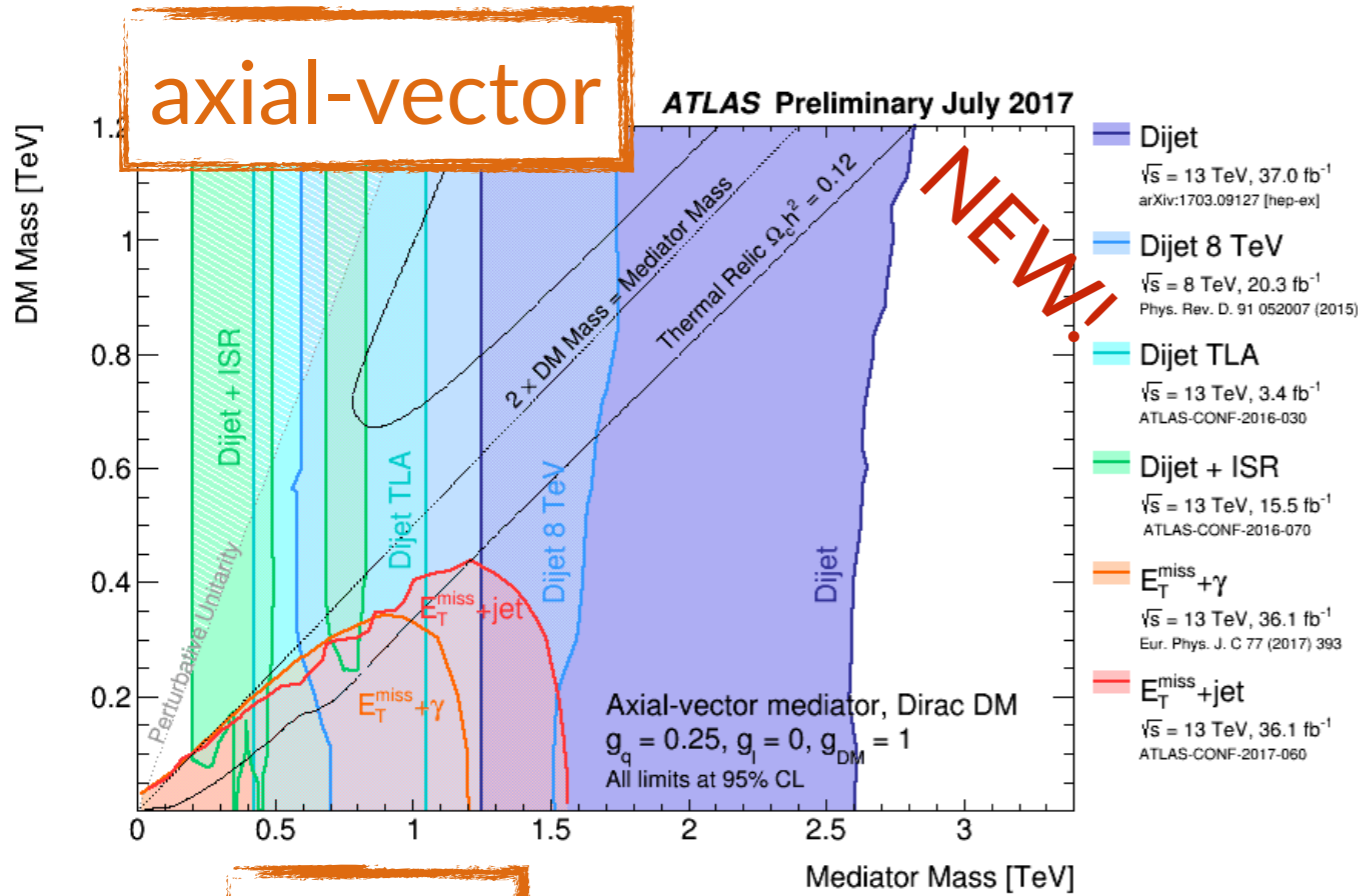
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Leptophobic vs leptophilic

$$\sigma_{\text{monojet}} \sim g_q g_{\text{DM}}$$

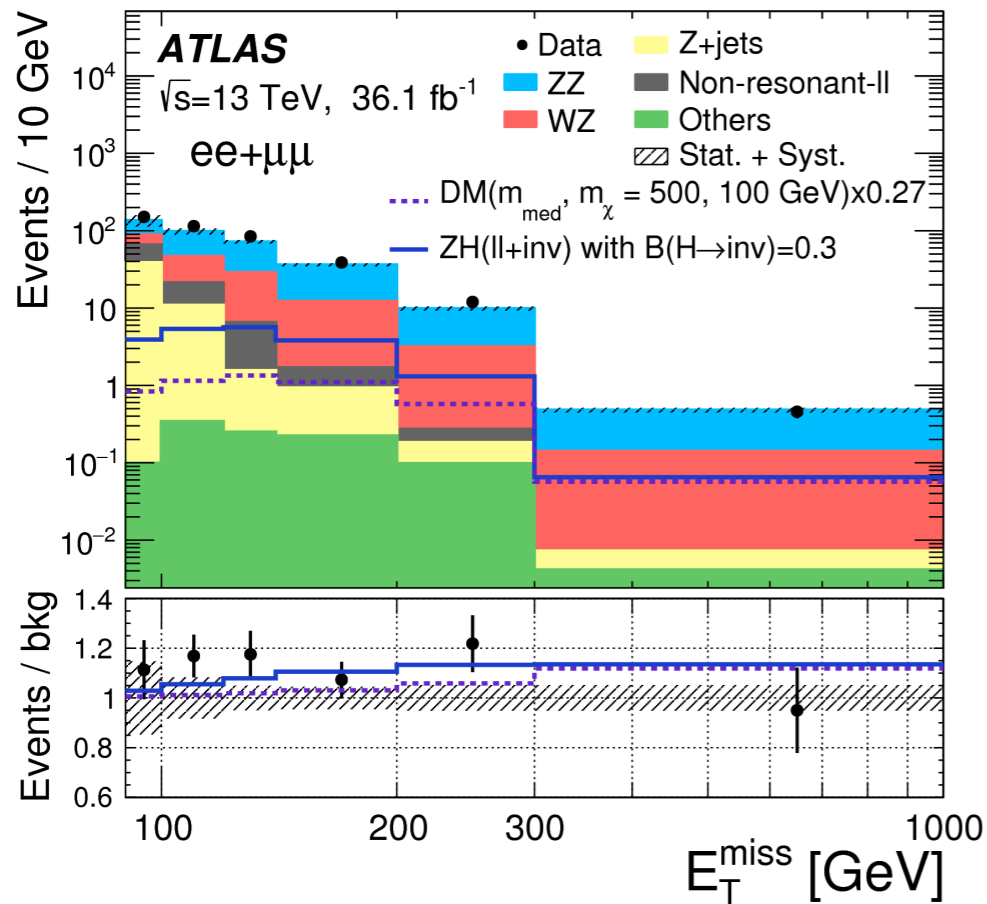
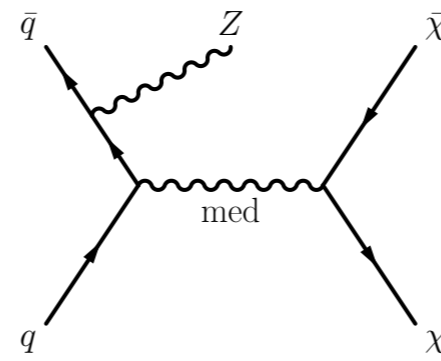
$$\sigma_{\text{dijet}} \sim g_q^2$$



note: results on the right don't have MET+jet

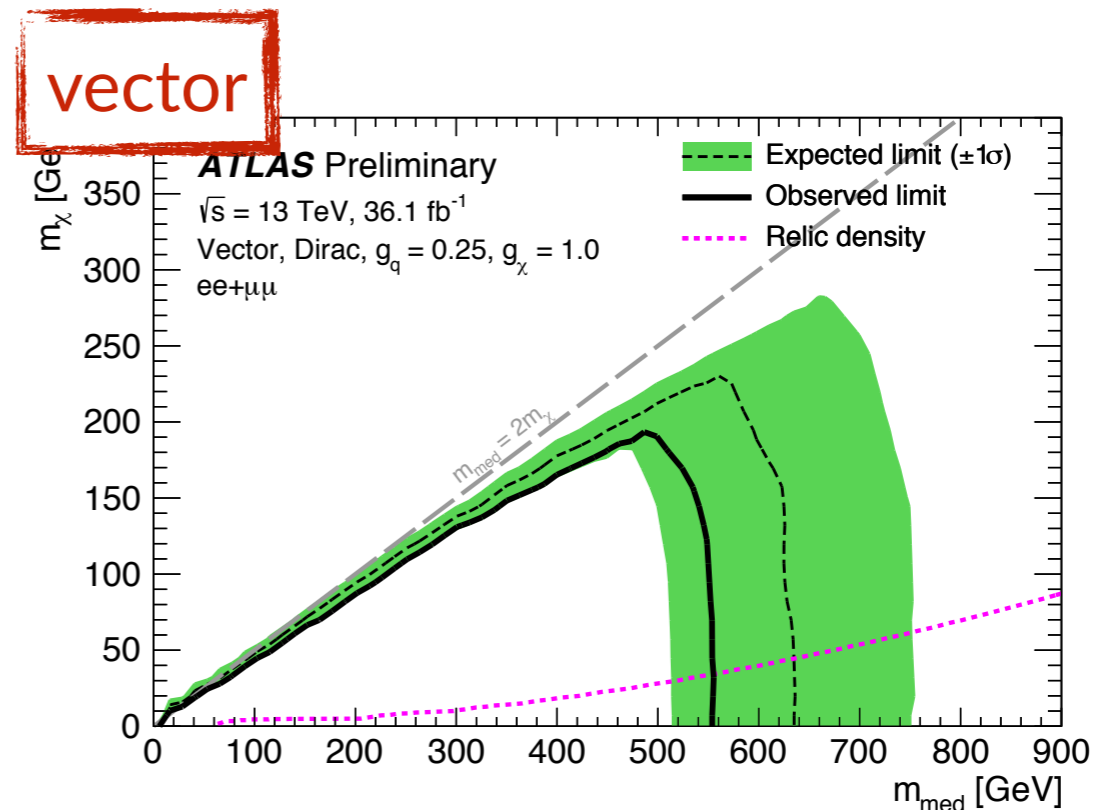
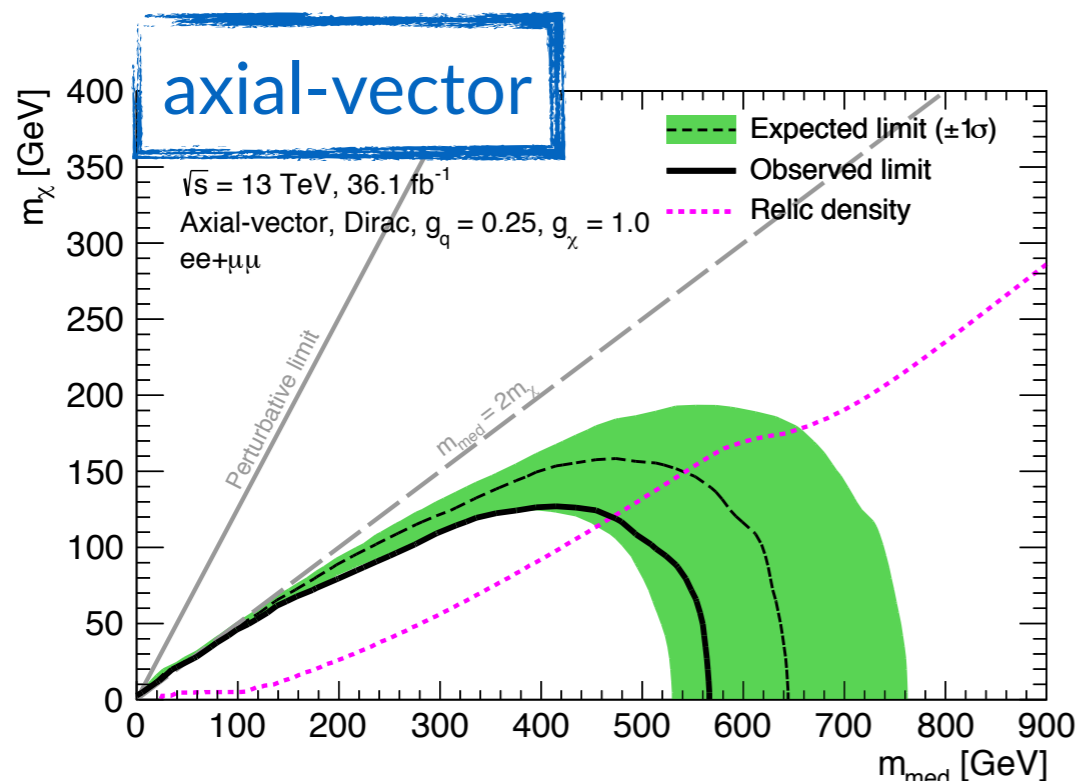
MET+Z(II)

arXiv:1708.09624



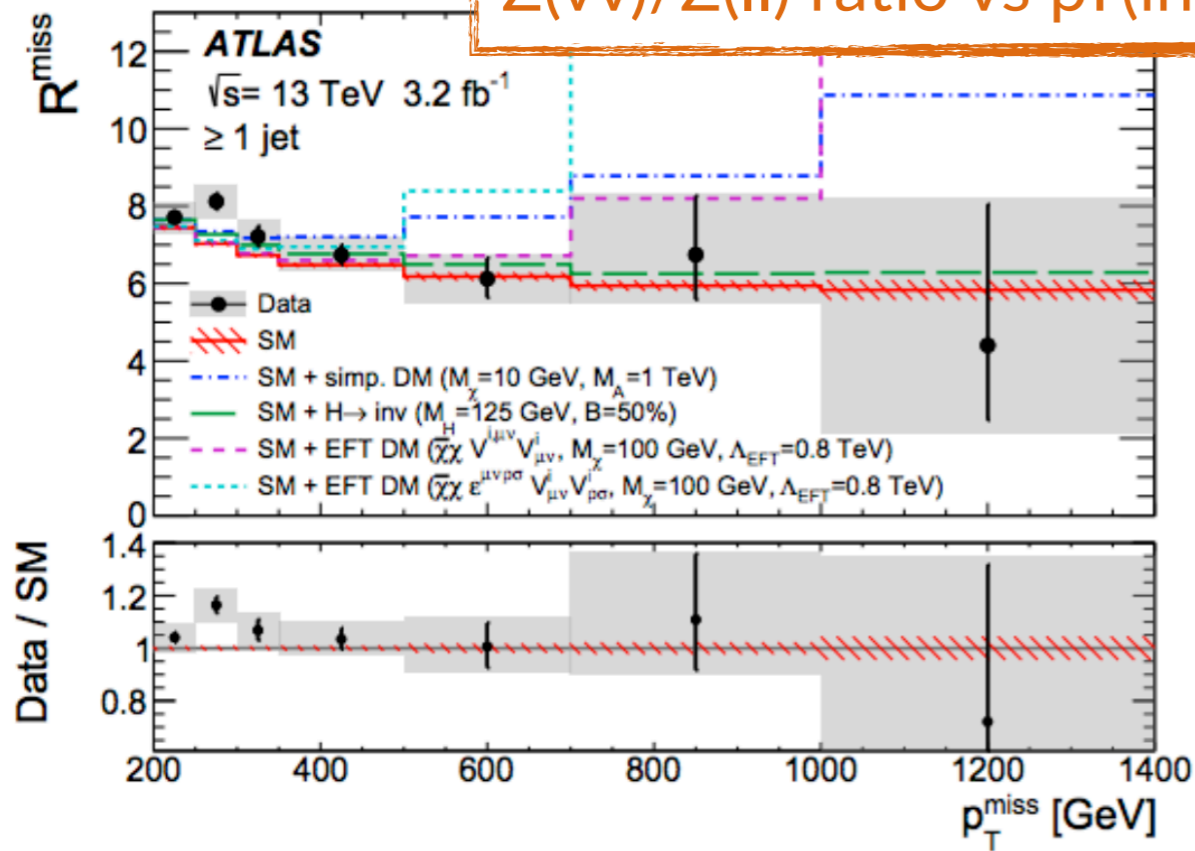
- $e^+e^-/\mu^+\mu^-$ pair compatible with a Z
- MET > 90 GeV, MET/ H_T > 0.6
- $\Delta\Phi(Z, MET) > 2.7$, $\Delta R(l, l) < 1.8$, b-veto
- ZZ from simulation, WZ from 3-lepton CR

main uncertainties from ZZ modelling, lepton momentum scale/reso and reco/ID efficiency uncertainties, JES



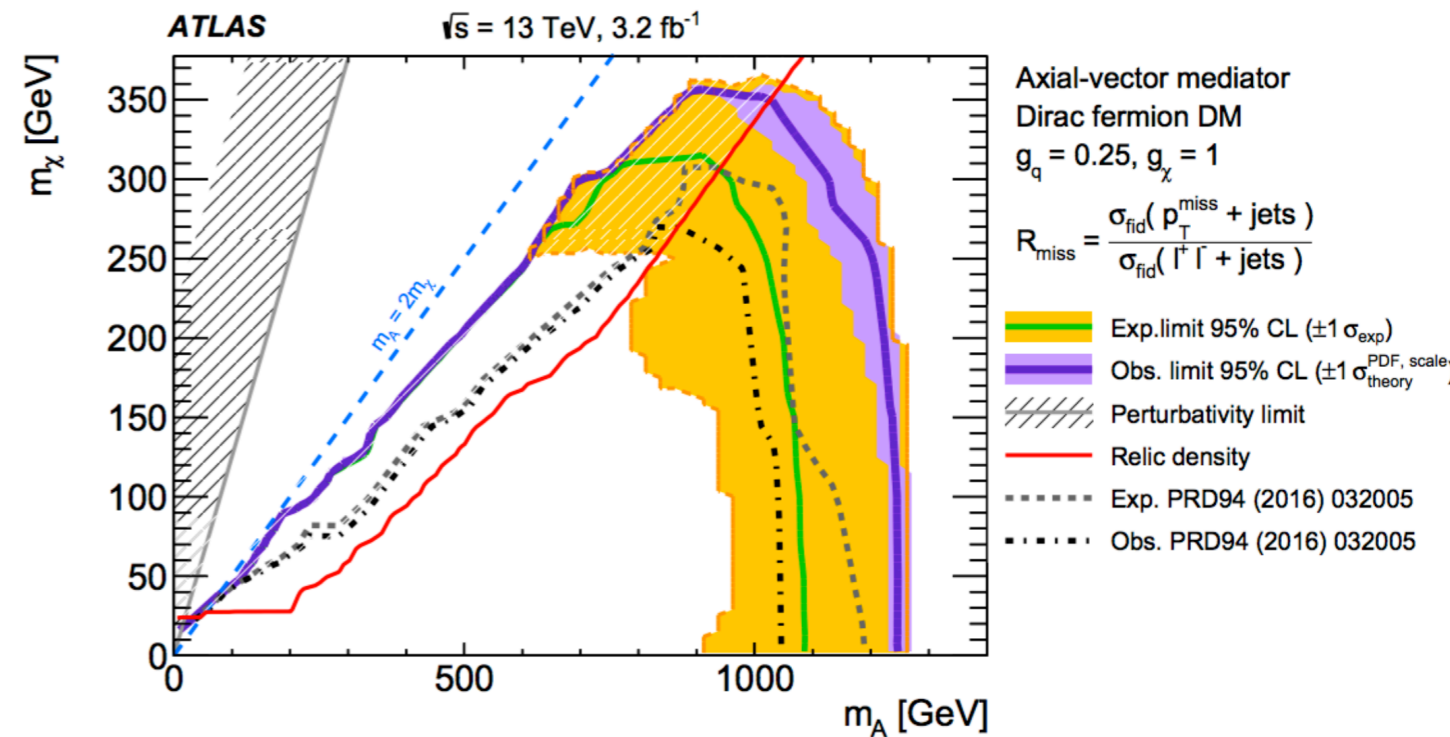
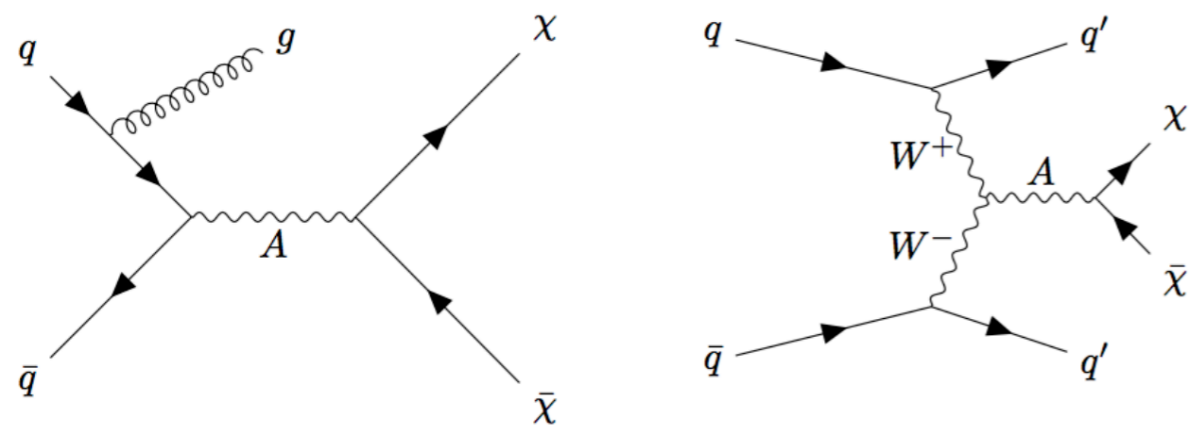
Measurement: the new search?

$Z(\nu\nu)/Z(\ell\ell)$ ratio vs $p_T(\text{inv})$

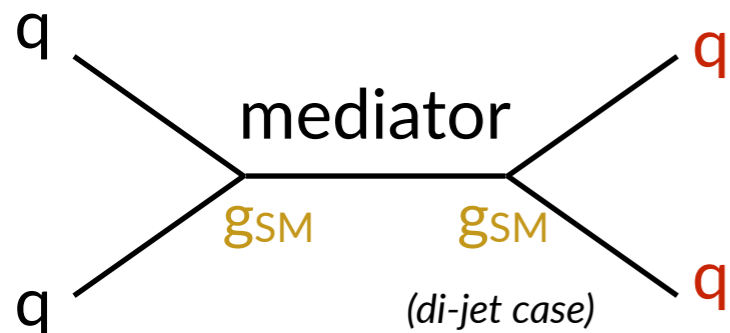


- measure unfolded **differential $Z(\nu\nu)/Z(\ell\ell)$ cross-section ratios**
 - “mono-jet” and VBF topologies
 - vs MET/ $m_{jj}/\Delta\Phi(jj)$
- may be **reinterpreted** to constrain BSM models
 - e.g. MET+jet simplified models, VBF EFT, H(inv)...
 - s-channel axial-vector: slightly better sensitivity than “standard” search with 3.2 fb^{-1}

[arXiv:1707.03263](https://arxiv.org/abs/1707.03263)



Di-X



- look directly for the mediator of the SM-DM interaction

- limited by trigger thresholds and calibration/identification performance

- if mediator couples to leptons, strong constraints from di-lepton searches

- $t\bar{t}$ resonance searches may also contribute in spin-0 scenarios

