



Scalar Rayleigh Dark Matter

Collider and Cosmological Probes, Present and Future

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Motivation

- Even if DM is neutral under EM \Rightarrow interactions with EW gauge bosons via higher dimensional operators
- From the DM-photon EFT classification in [1] we analyze effective interactions involving a real scalar EW singlet dark matter particle with SM EW gauge bosons

$$\mathcal{L}_\phi = \tilde{\mathcal{C}}_B \phi^2 B_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu} + \tilde{\mathcal{C}}_W \phi^2 W_{\mu\nu}^a W^{a,\mu\nu}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_\phi = \phi^2 \left(\tilde{\mathcal{C}}_{\gamma\gamma} A_{\mu\nu} A^{\mu\nu} + \tilde{\mathcal{C}}_{ZZ} Z_{\mu\nu} Z^{\mu\nu} + \tilde{\mathcal{C}}_{\gamma Z} Z_{\mu\nu} A^{\mu\nu} + \tilde{\mathcal{C}}_{WW} W_{\mu\nu}^+ W^{-,\mu\nu} \right)$$

First operators that appear
in the EFT expansion

Real scalar case

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How do we test this scenario at colliders?

FCee - FCChh - μC

Could provide additional information about the model in the coming years.

Experiments

1 LHC @ $\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}, L = 139/fb$ \rightarrow HL-LHC $\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}, L = 3 \text{ ab}^{-1}$

2 FCC-hh @ $\sqrt{s} = 80,100 \text{ TeV}, L = 30/ab$

3 Z-factory at FCC-ee ($L = 120/ab$)

4 μC @ $\sqrt{s} = 10 \text{ TeV}$

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5 LZ-2022 and XLZD

DD

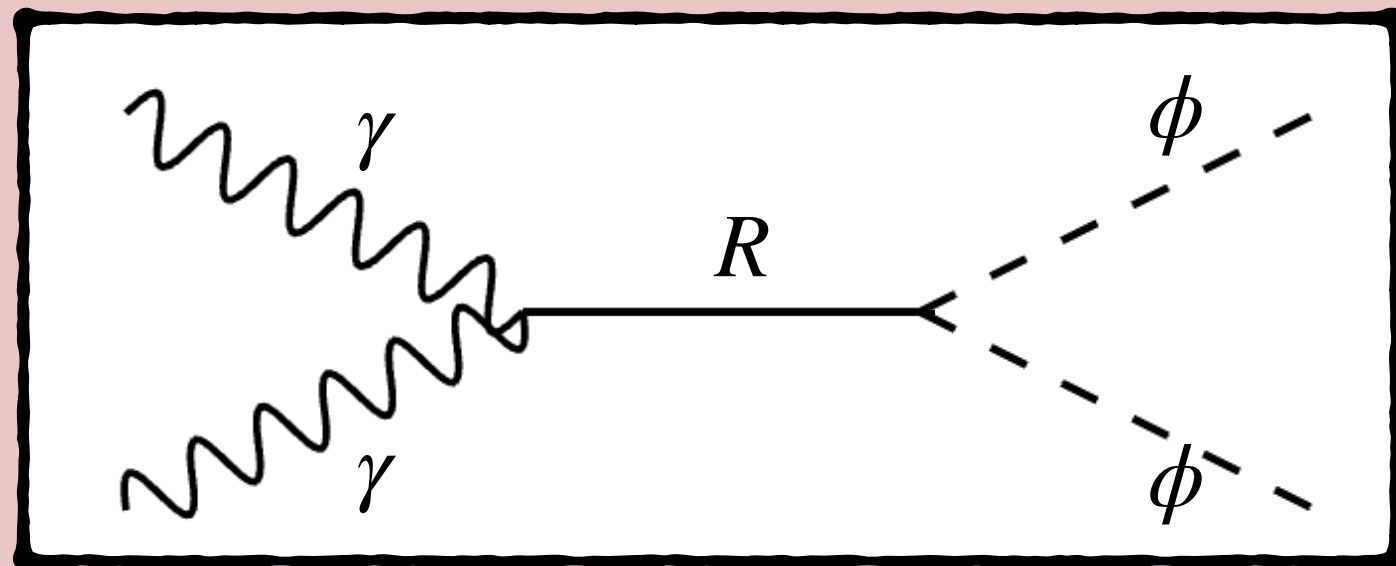
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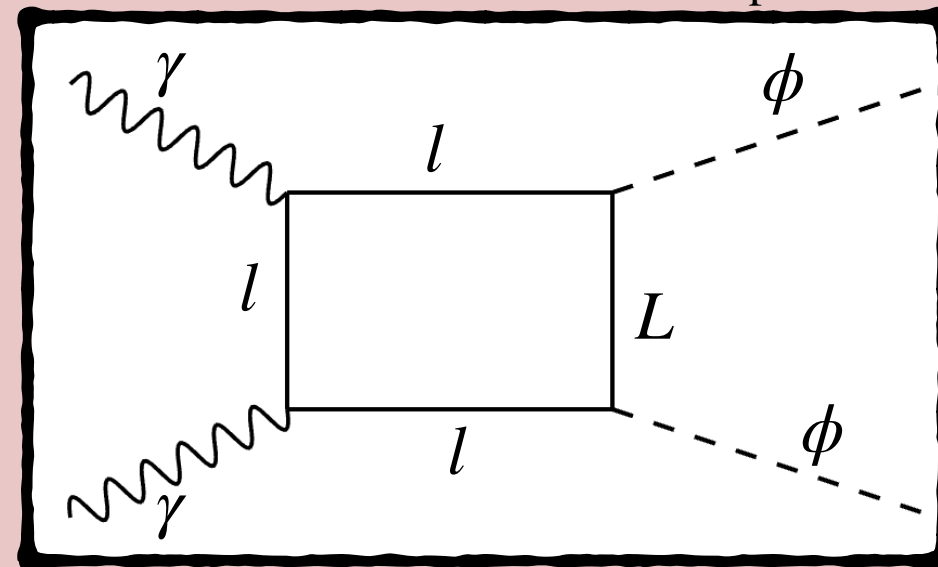
UV completion?

- Wilson coefficients are related to the scale where these operators are generated as $\tilde{C}_{B,W} = \frac{g_{Y,W} g_{\text{tree}}}{\Lambda_{B,W}^2}$
- UV completion can be achieved through:

Tree level: $\Lambda_{B,W} = \Lambda_{B,W}^{\text{tree}}$



Loop level: $\frac{\Lambda_{B,W}^{\text{tree}}}{g_{\text{tree}}} = \frac{4\pi\sqrt{2}}{g_{\text{loop}}} \Lambda_{B,W}^{\text{loop}}$

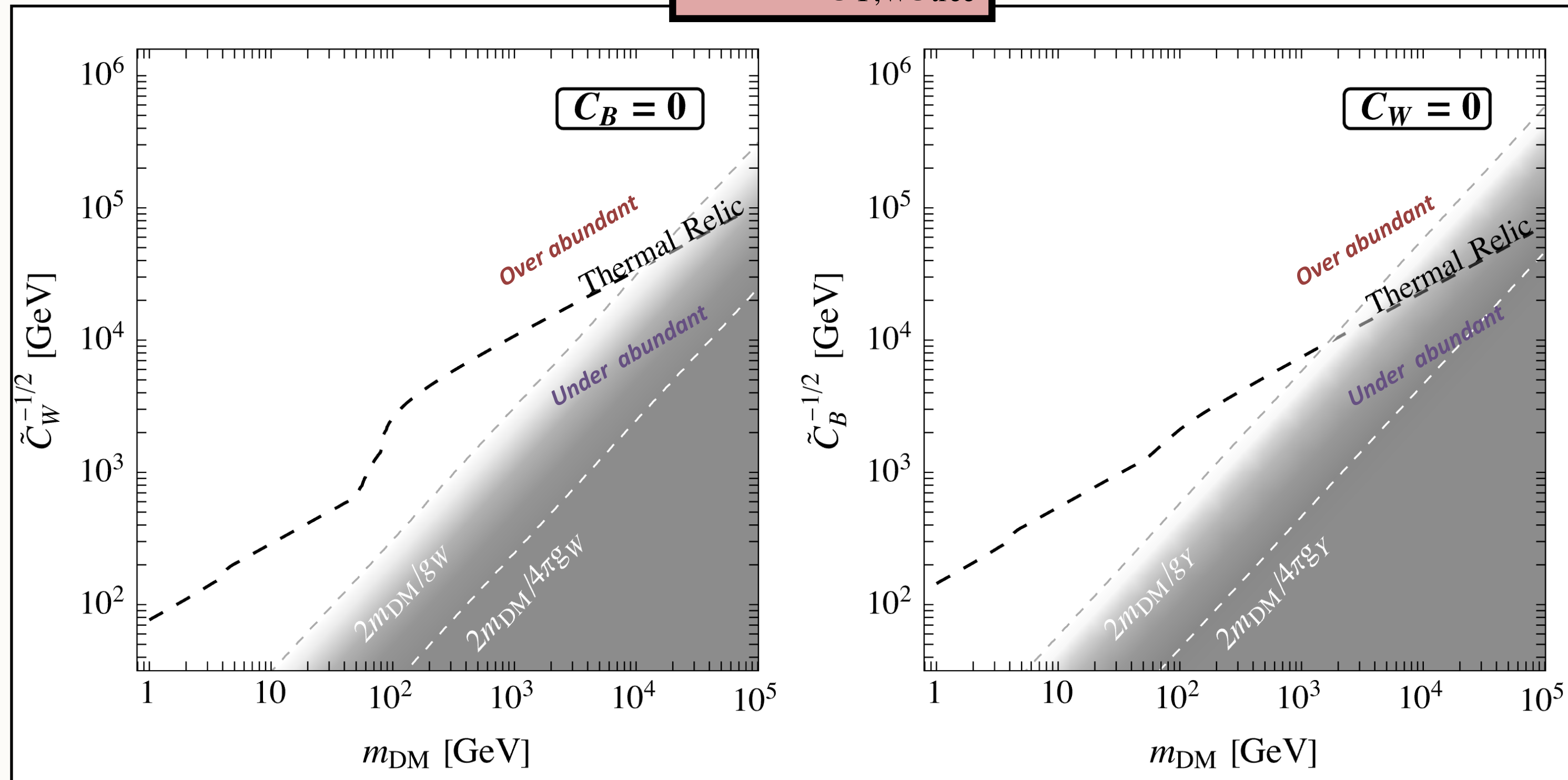


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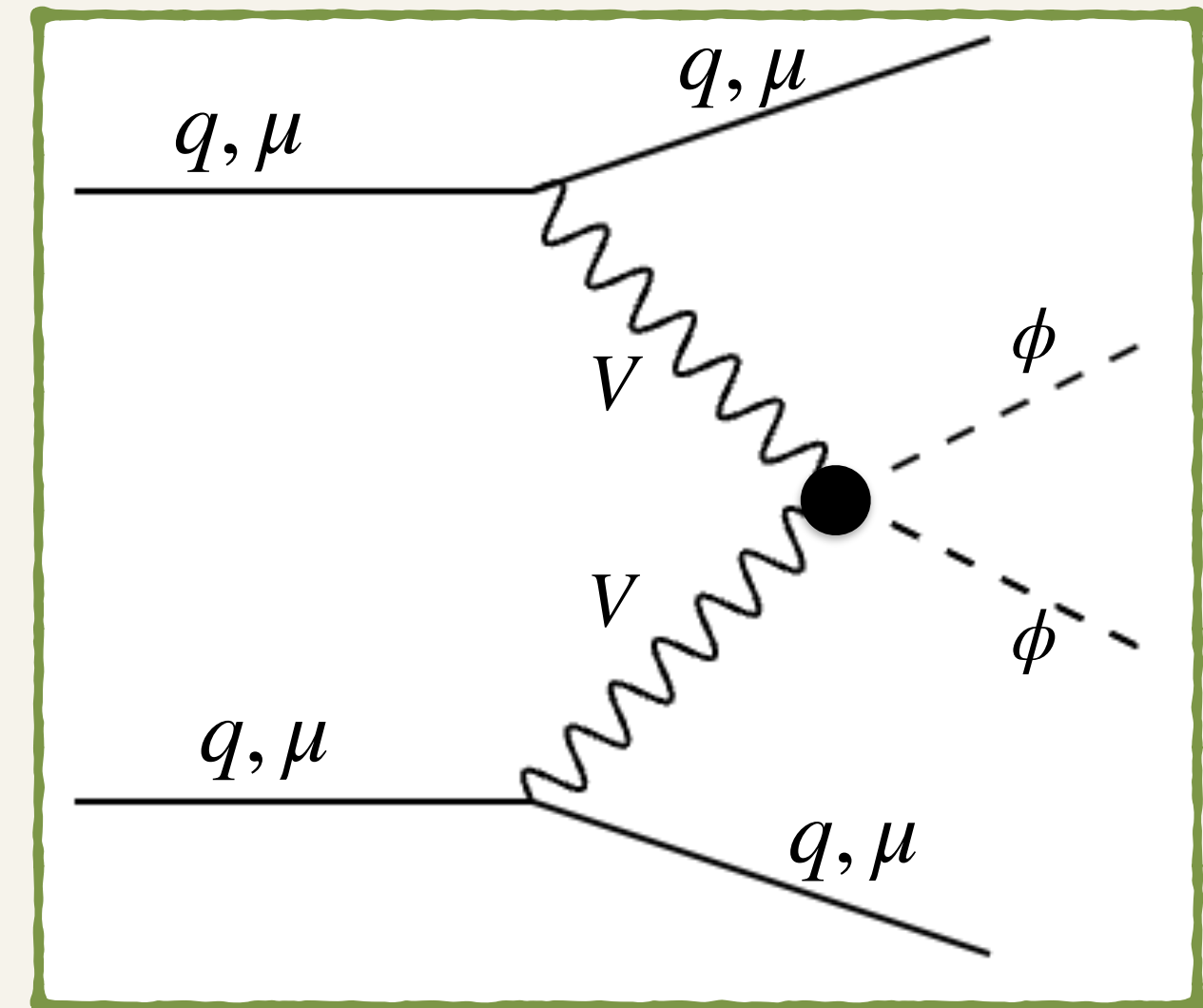
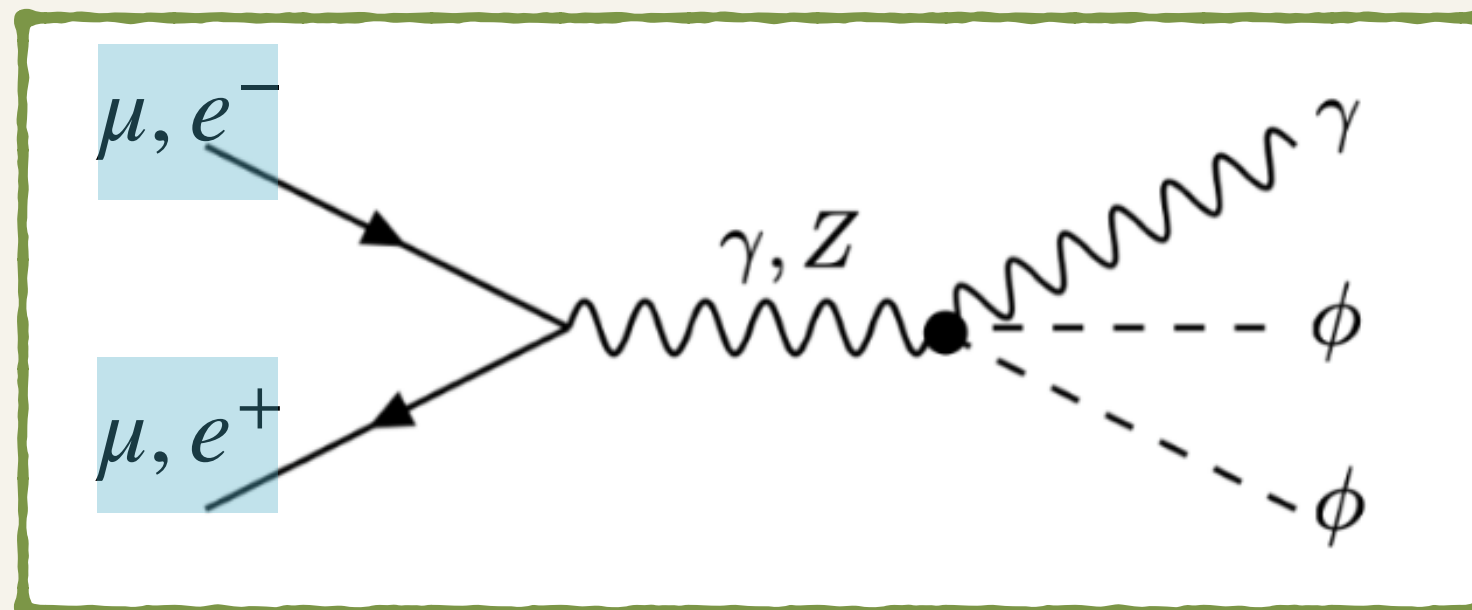
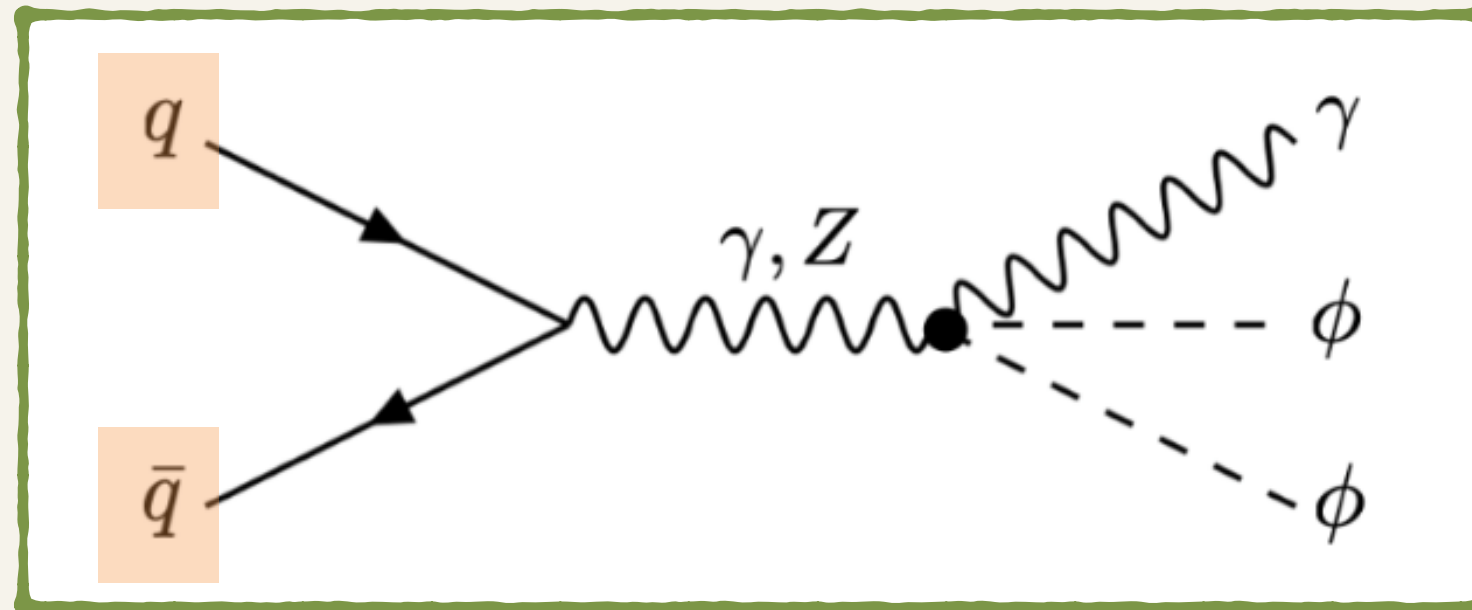
For all the probes we require that

$$\Lambda > q > 2m_{\text{DM}}$$

$$\tilde{C}_{B,W}^{-1/2} = \frac{\Lambda_{B,W}}{g_{Y,W} g_{\text{tree}}}$$



Drell-Yan processes + Fusion



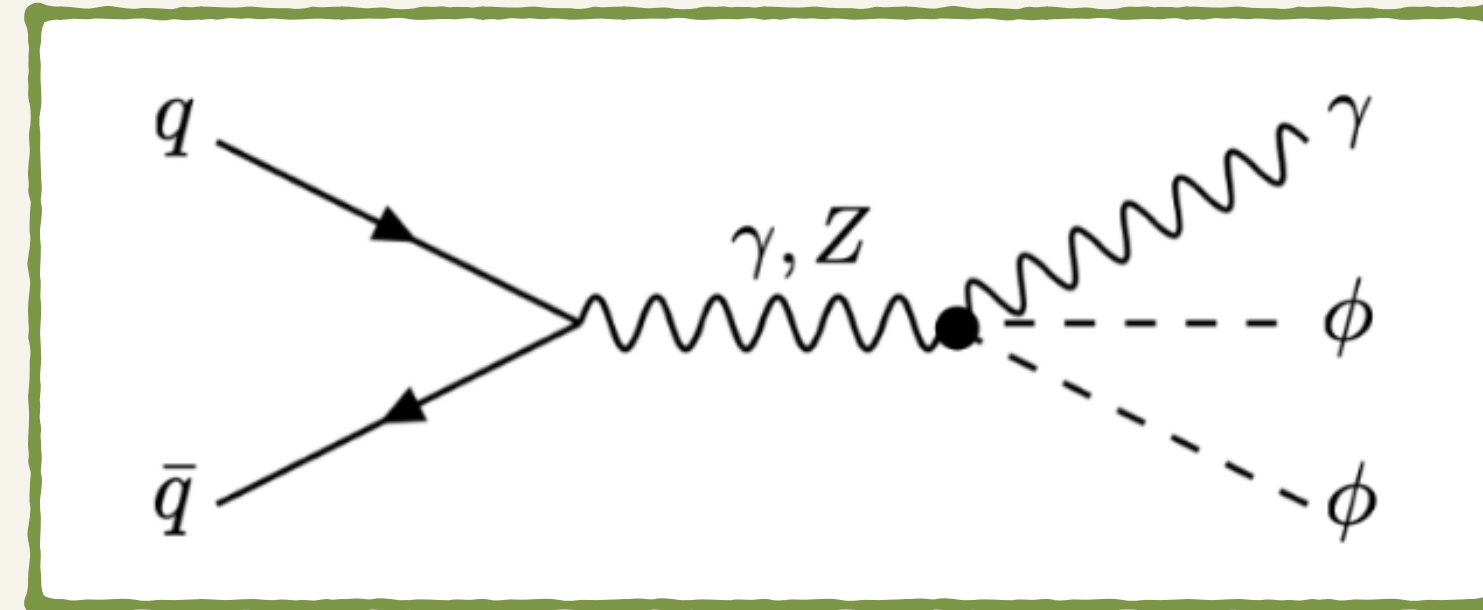
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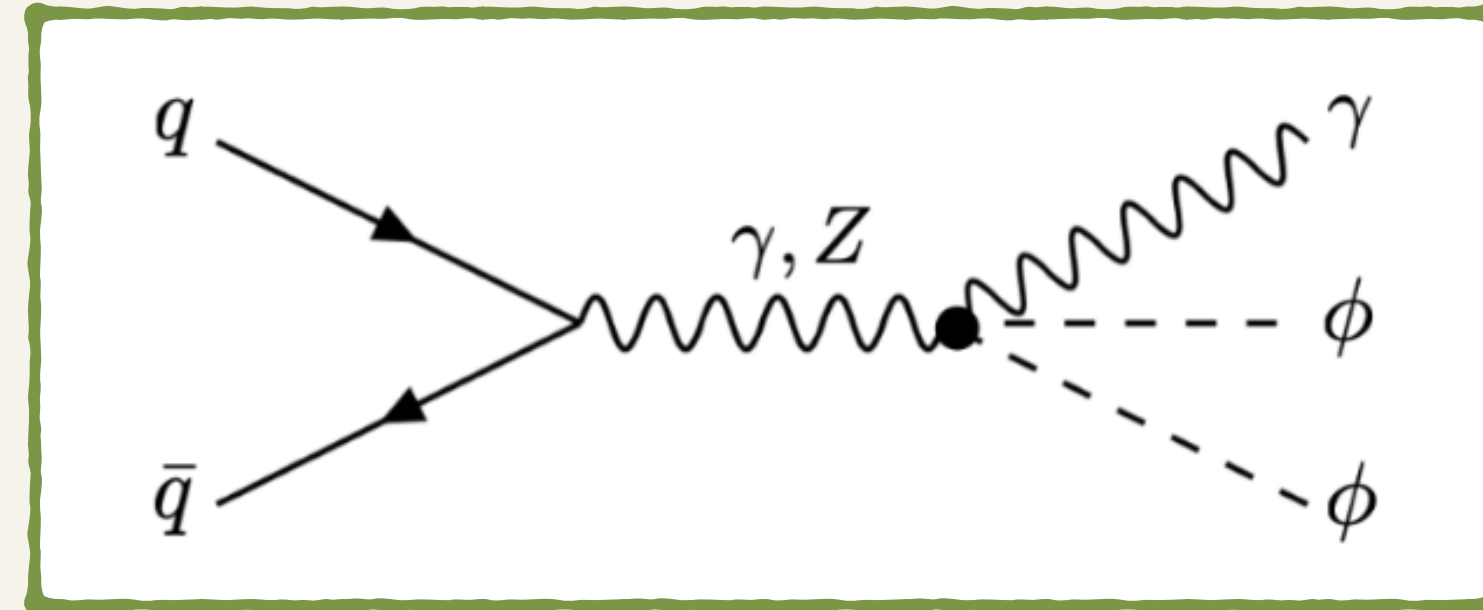
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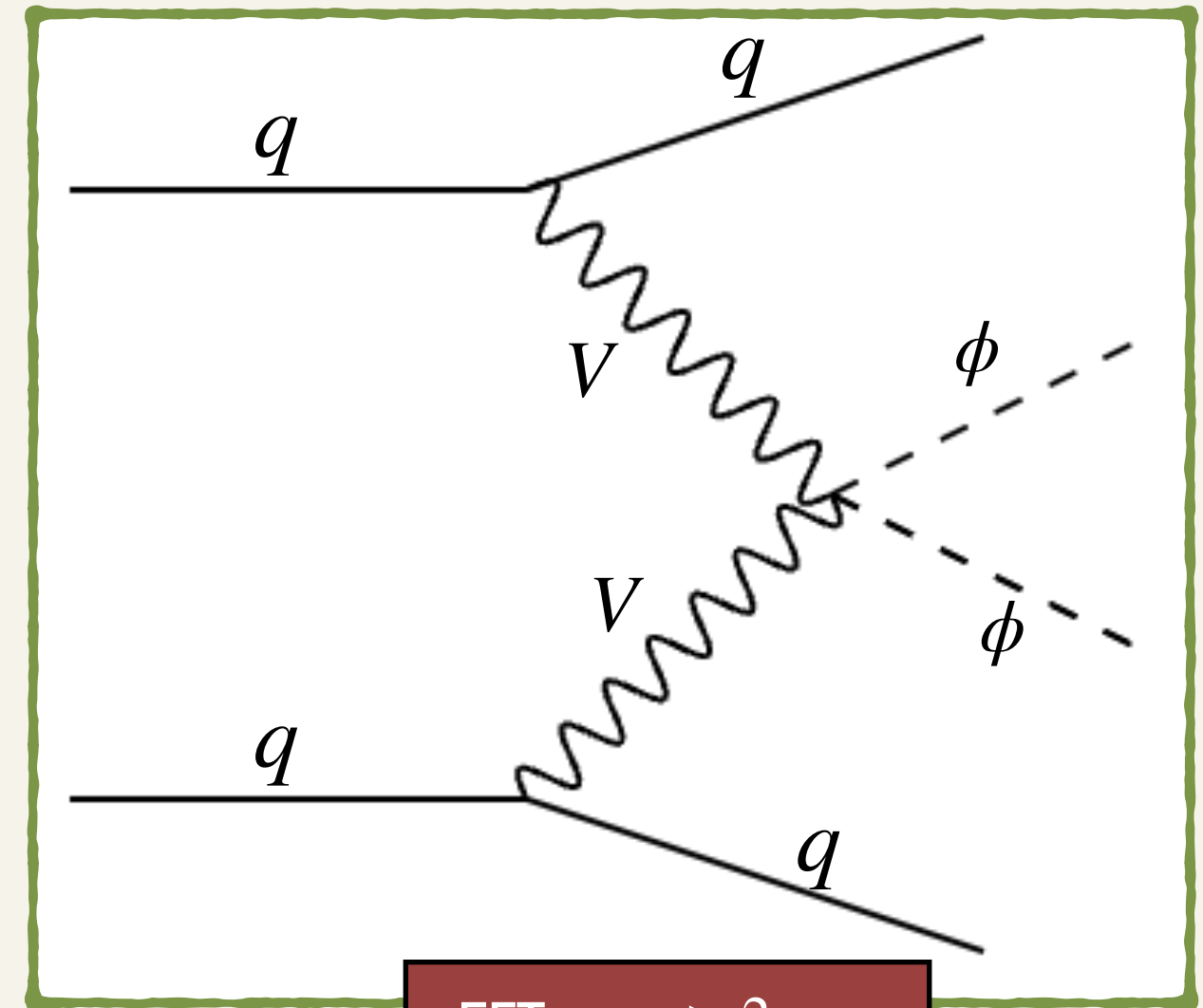
- $pp \rightarrow jj\phi\phi$
- Unlike the DY process, W boson contributes to the signal rate
- Selection of ATLAS search ATLAS: 2011.05259

$$p_T^{j_1, j_2} > 80 \text{ GeV and } |\eta_j| < 4.5, \eta_{j_1} \eta_{j_2} < 0, \Delta\eta_{j_1, j_2} > 3.8$$

$$\text{To kill the QCD bkg: } \Delta\phi_{j_1 j_2} < 2, E_T^{\text{miss}} > 160 \text{ GeV}$$

- Most stringent signal region:

$$E_T^{\text{miss}} > 200 \text{ GeV}, \Delta\phi_{jj} < 1, m_{jj} \in [2, 3.5] \text{ TeV}$$



$$\text{EFT: } m_{\phi, \phi} > 2m_{\text{DM}}$$

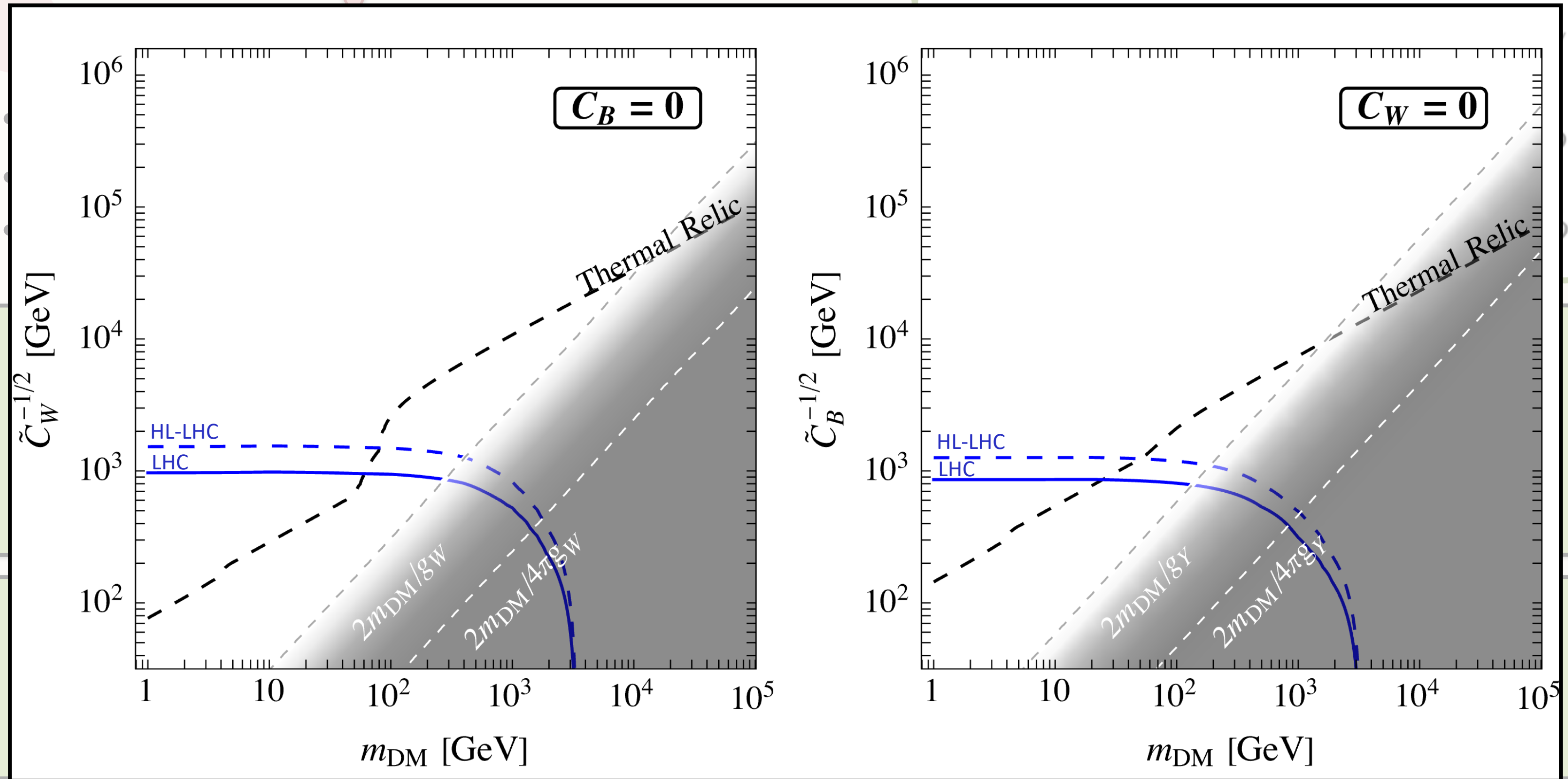
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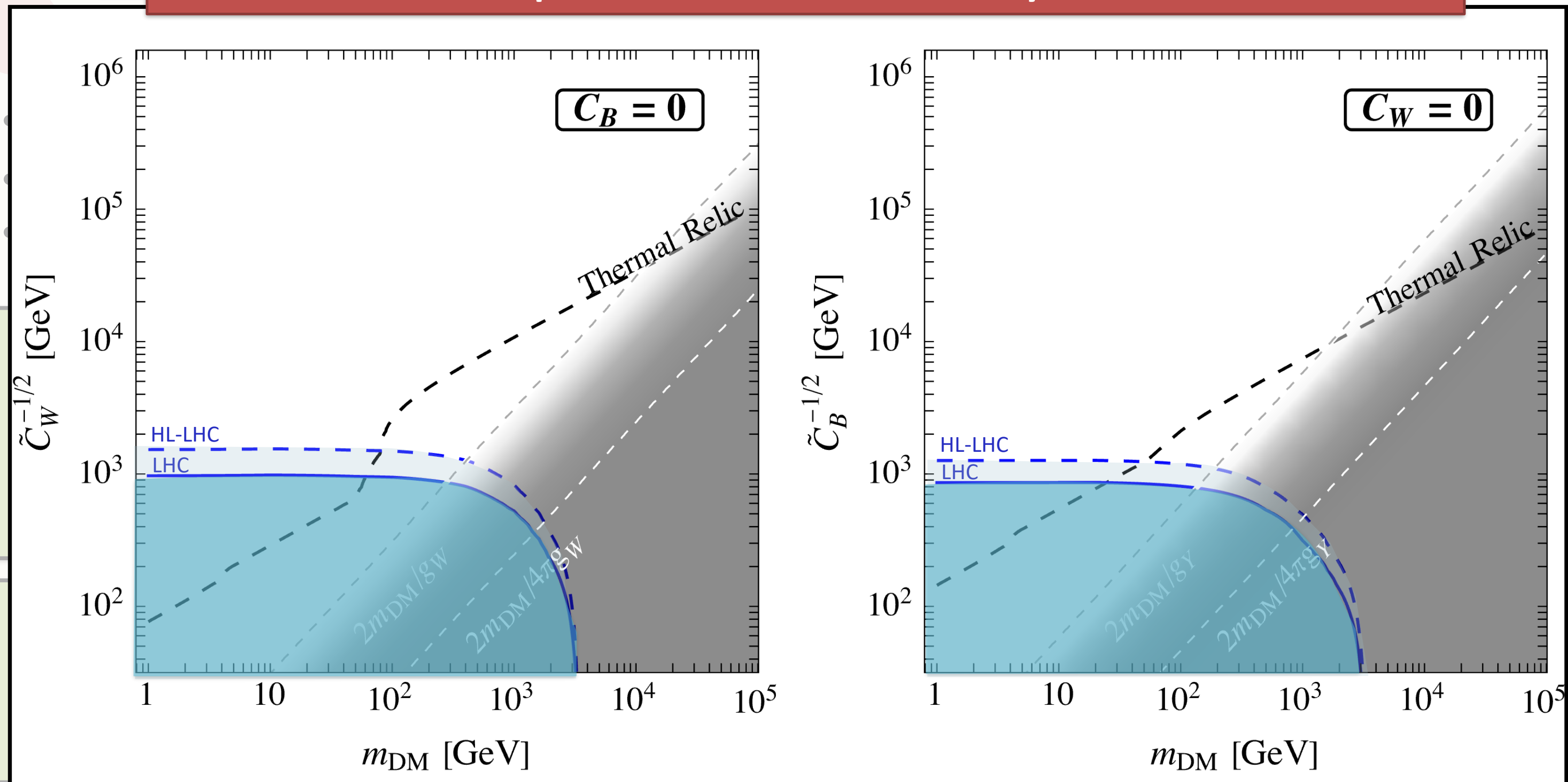
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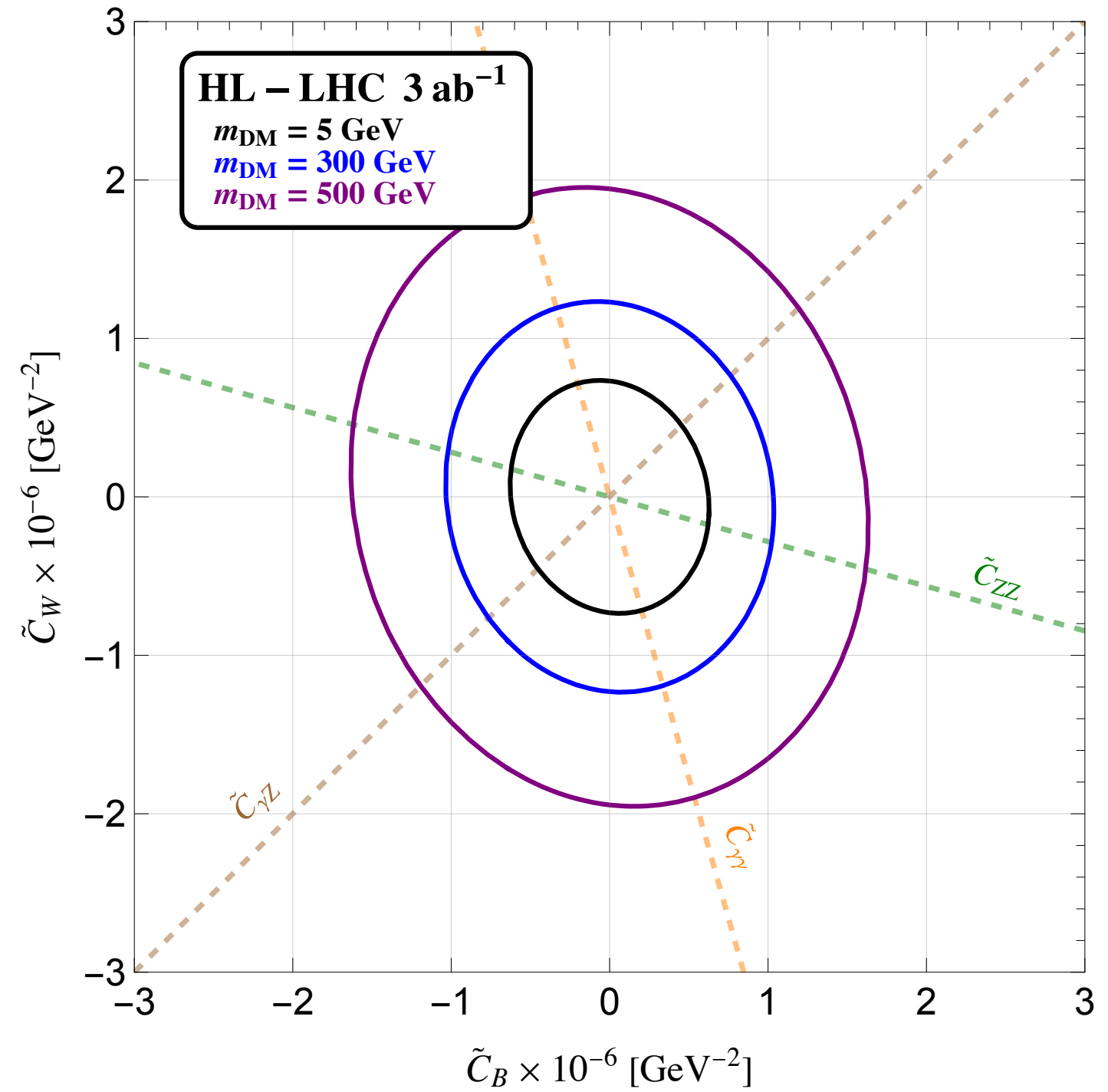
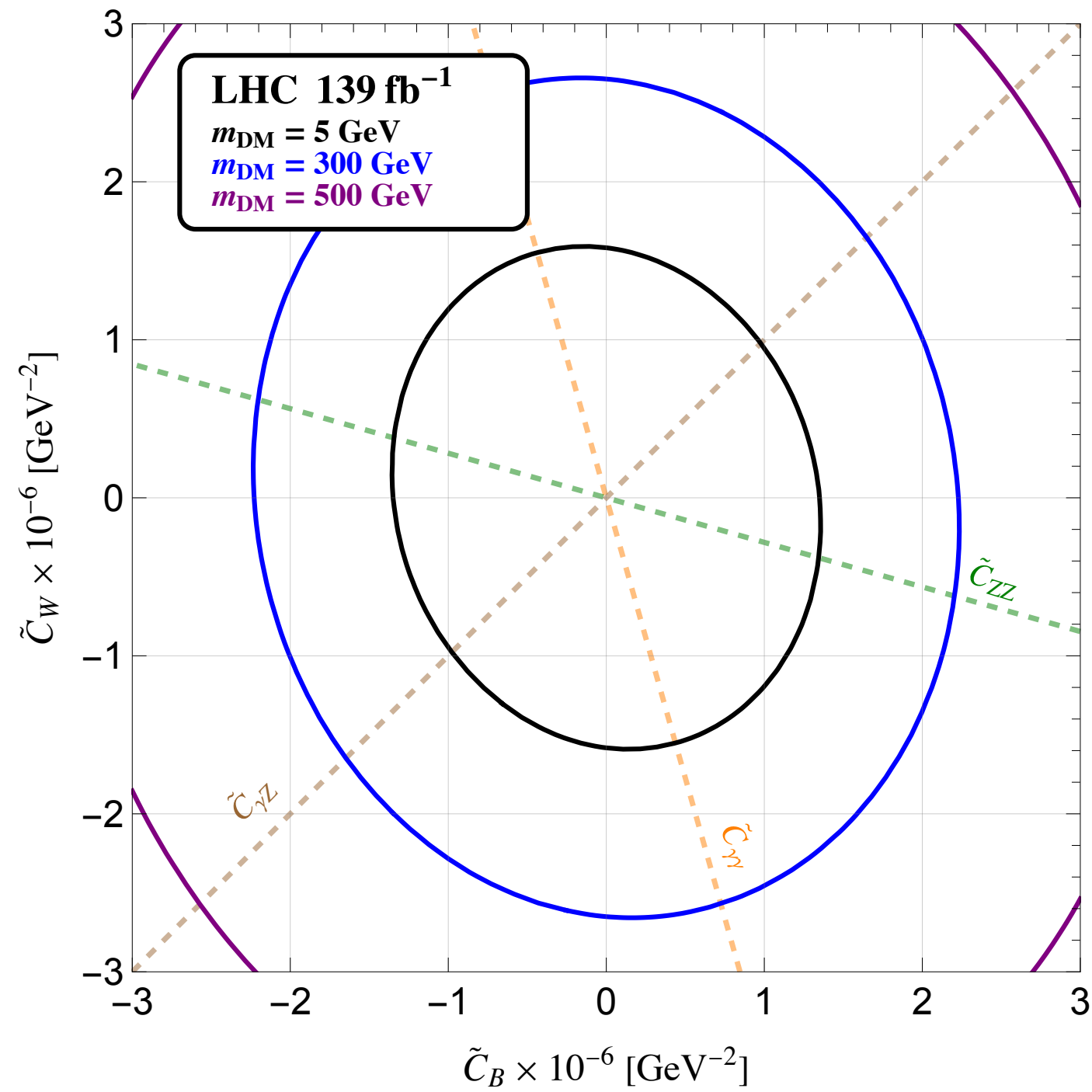
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HL-LHC will improve the bound by a factor ~ 2.5



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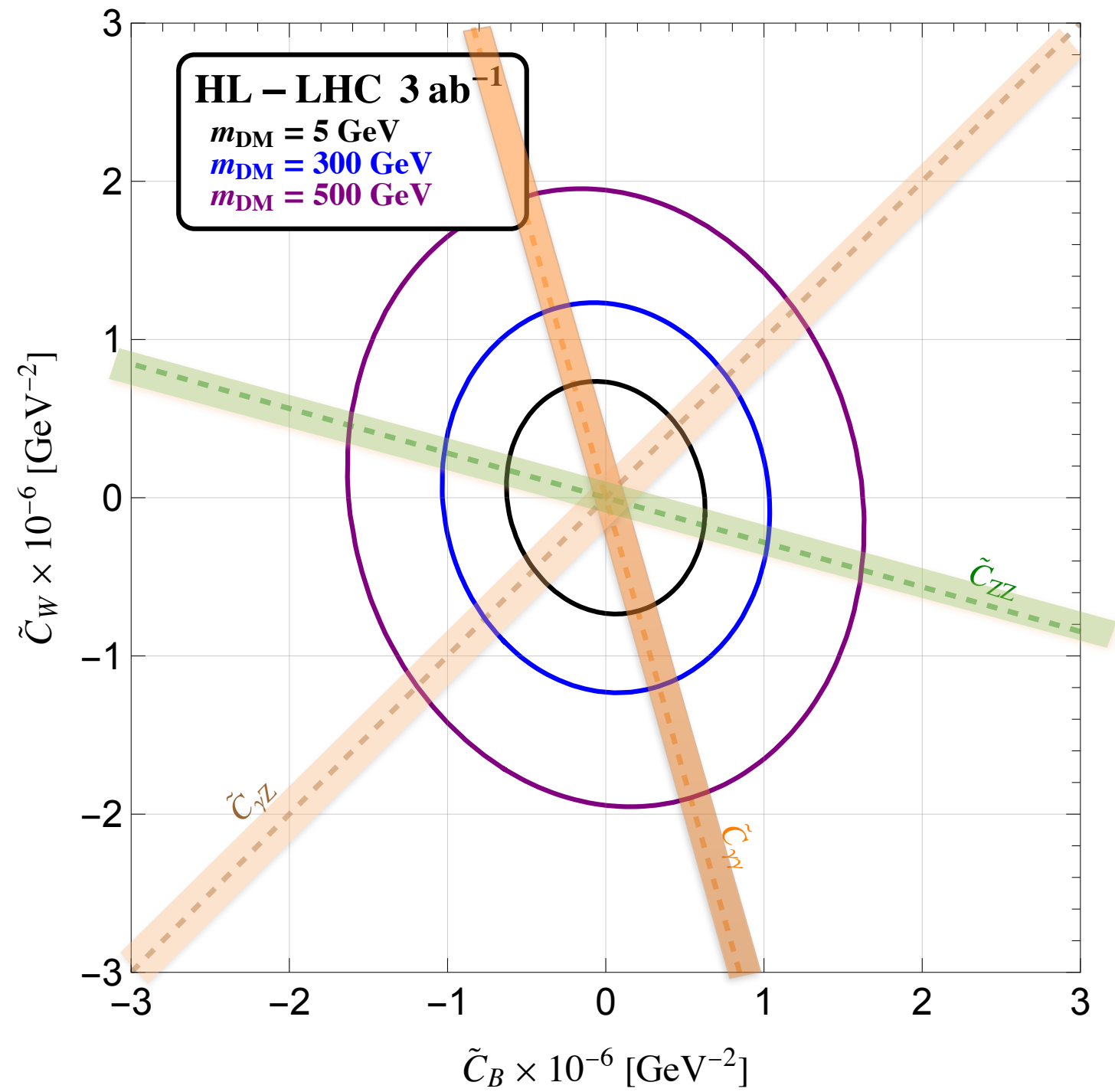
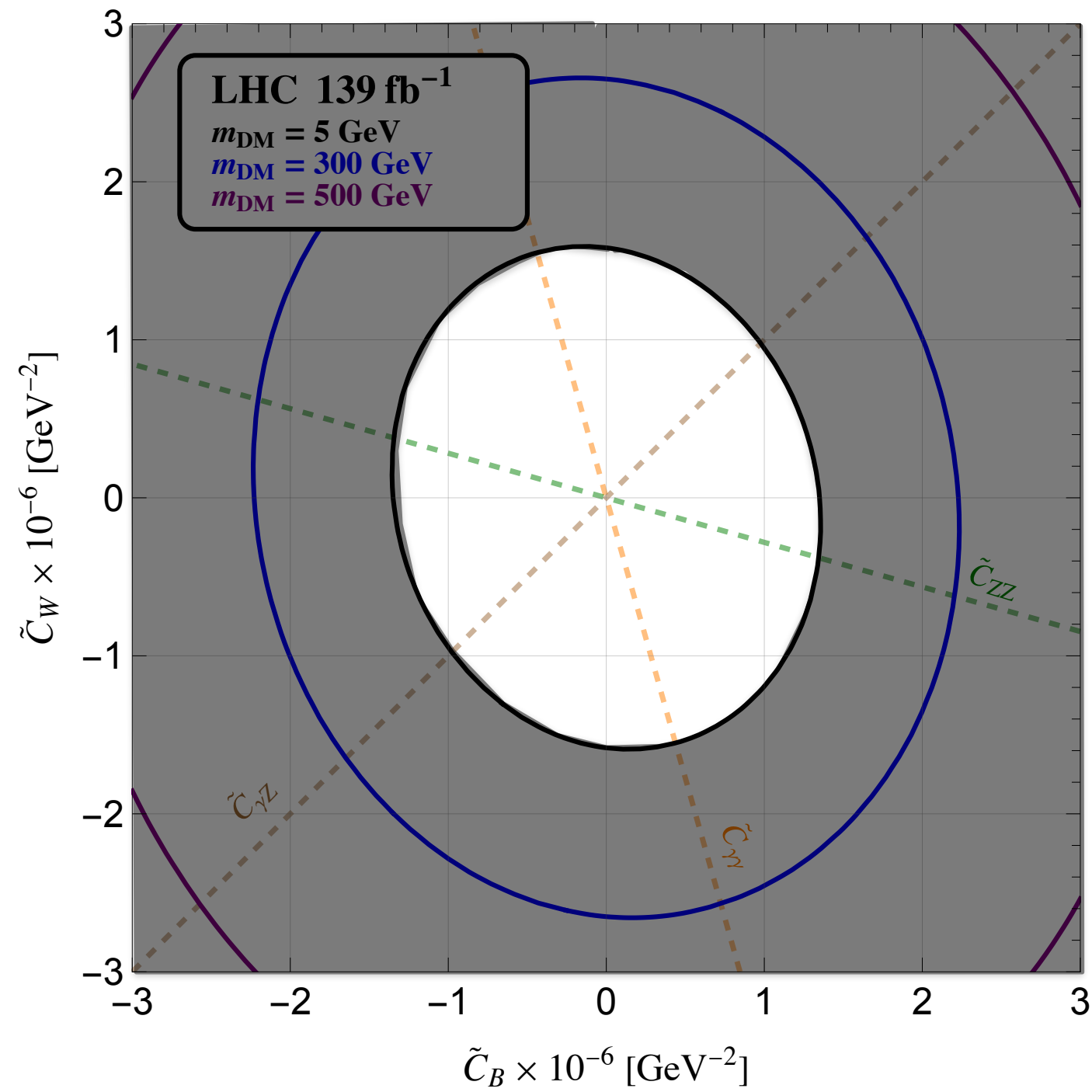


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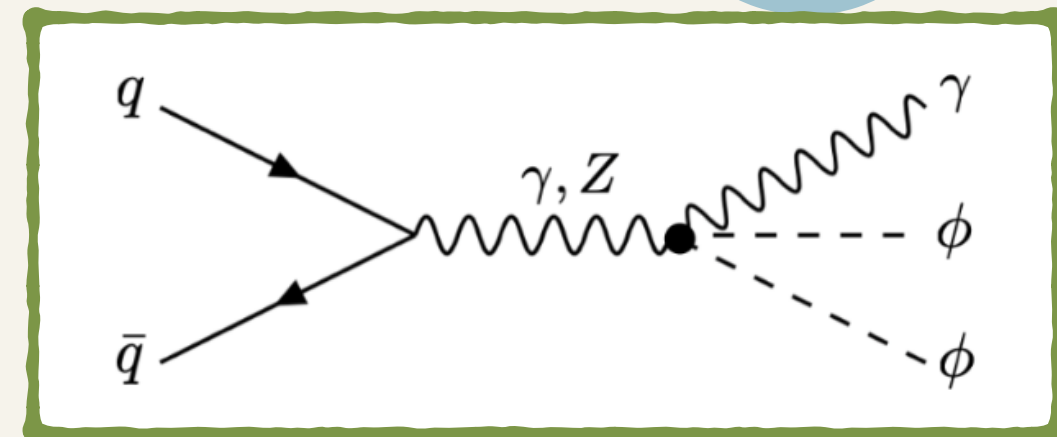
After LHC era

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FCC-hh: DY process - @ 80/100 TeV with $L = 30 \text{ ab}^{-1}$

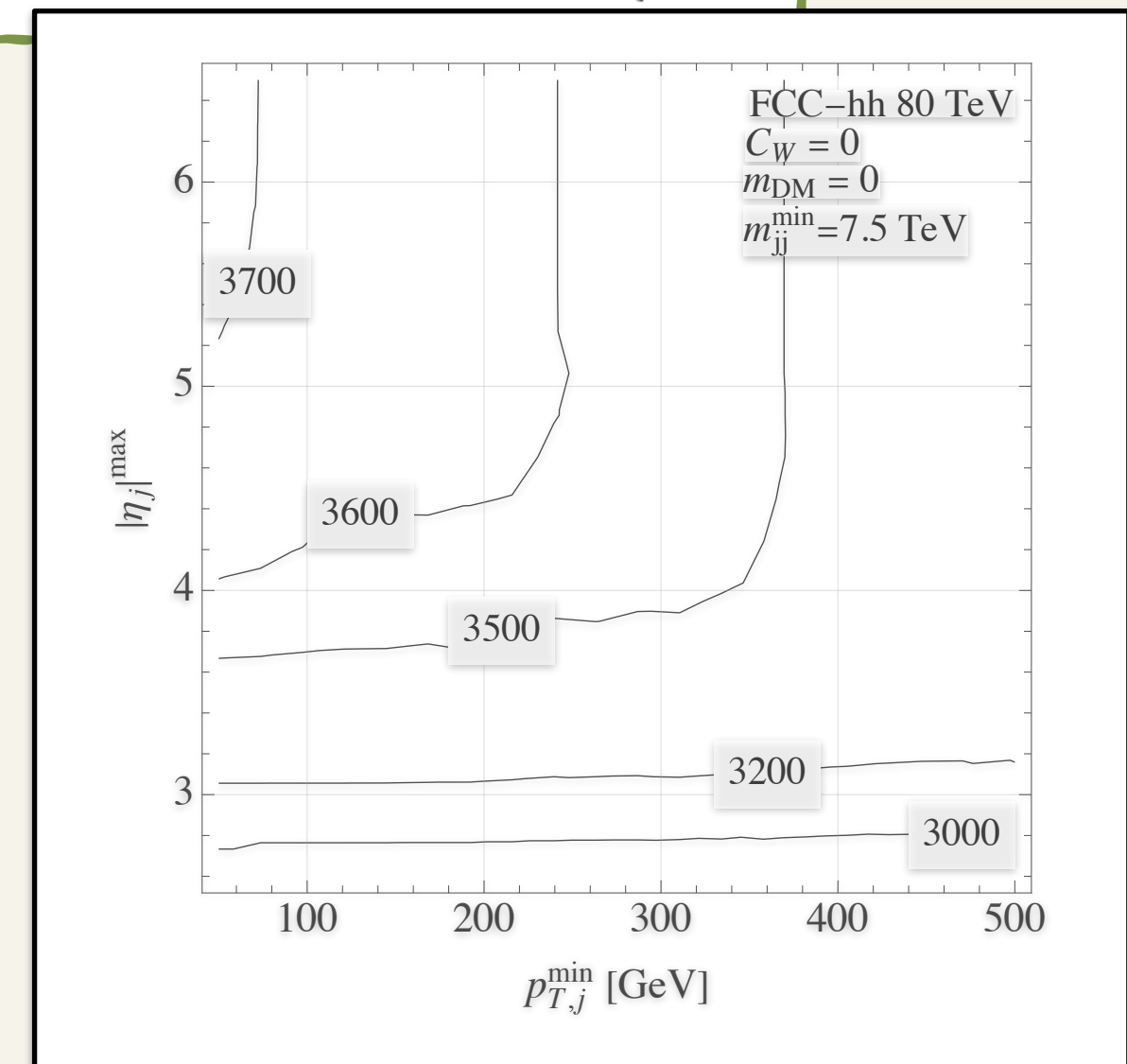
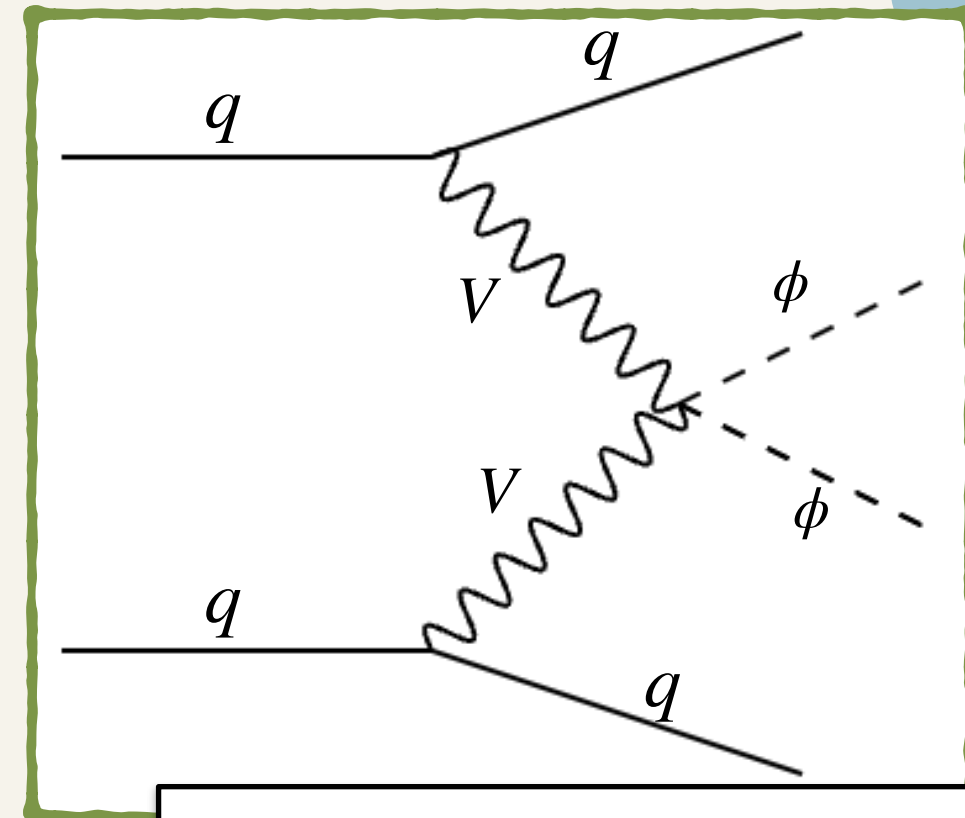
- Process assumed to be qualitatively the same as ATLAS mono- γ
- Hard photon \Rightarrow different analysis wrt the soft photon analysis already done
- The $pp \rightarrow Z\gamma, Z \rightarrow \nu\bar{\nu}$ channel is the dominant bkg
 $\Rightarrow \sim 60\%$ of the total yield $(bkg)_{\nu}^{ATLAS} / (bkg)_{tot}^{ATLAS}$
- LO simulation with MadGraph for ν channel in the fiducial regions given by ATLAS
 - We find that the LO $Z\gamma$ simulation accounts for $\sim 80\%$ of the experimental $Z\gamma$ ATLAS background and hence $\sim 50\%$ of the total experimental background
 \Rightarrow this is constant in all the ATLAS signal regions;
 - We estimate the total SM bkg multiplying by a factor 2 the dominant $Z\gamma$ bkg computed using MadGraph;
- Signal selection: $|\eta| < 2.37$ and we optimize on the MET requirement



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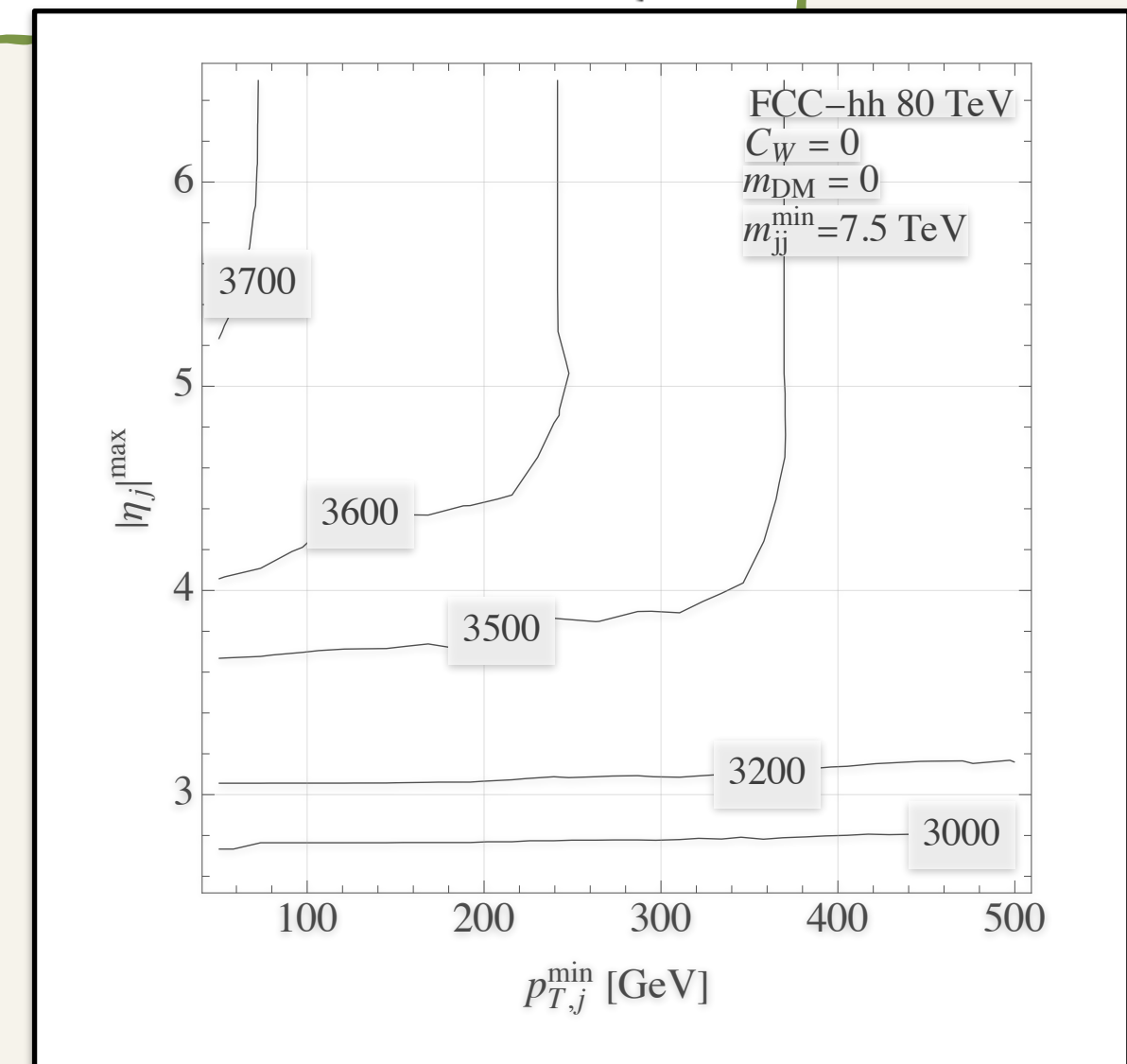
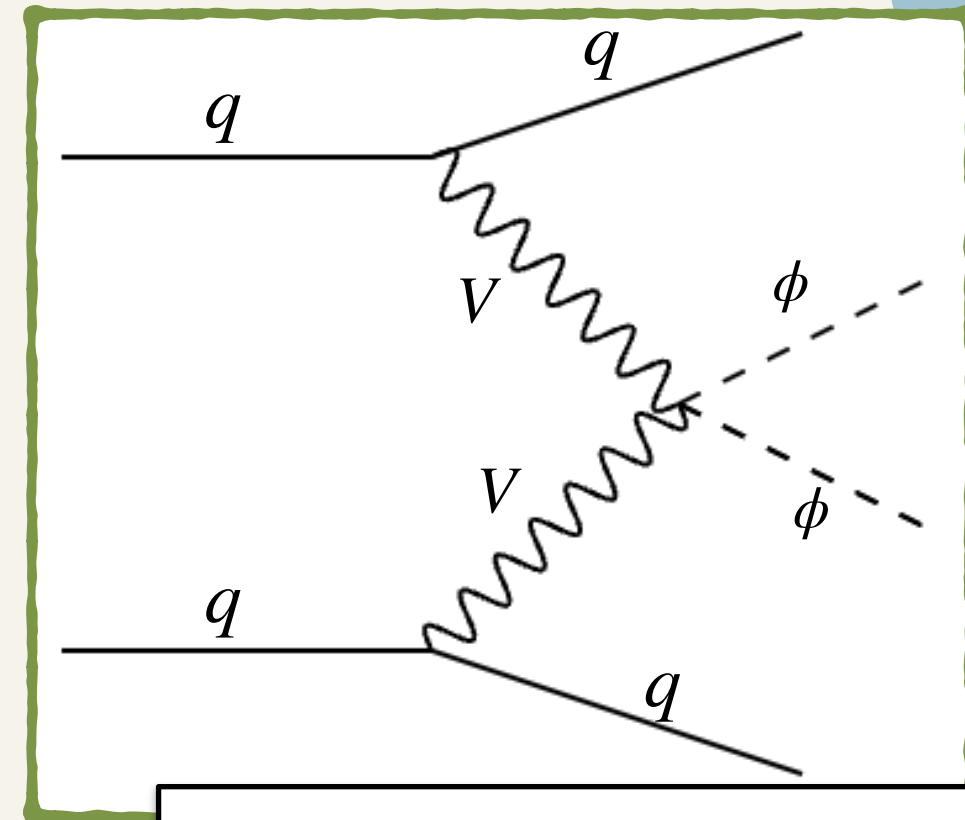
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- We compute EW Z production at LO (Madgraph)
 - overestimates the ATLAS results by approximately a factor 2.
 - Probably due to the lack of additional jet radiations in our calculation, which would be vetoed in the fiducial regions defined by ATLAS.
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- m_{jj} is a key variable for selection criteria and maximize the sensitivity
- As expected by the topology of the VBS process the best sensitivity is achieved:
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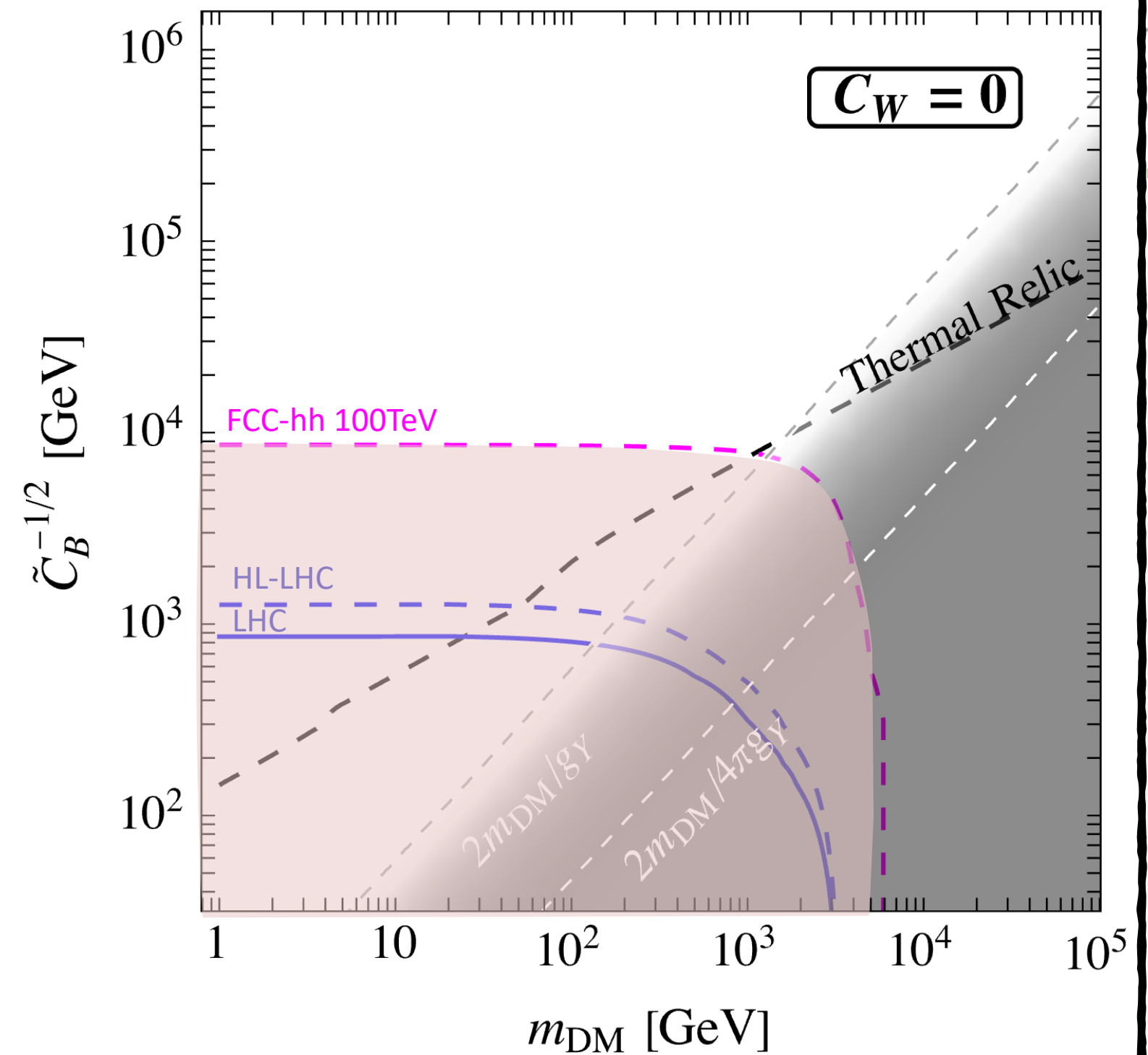
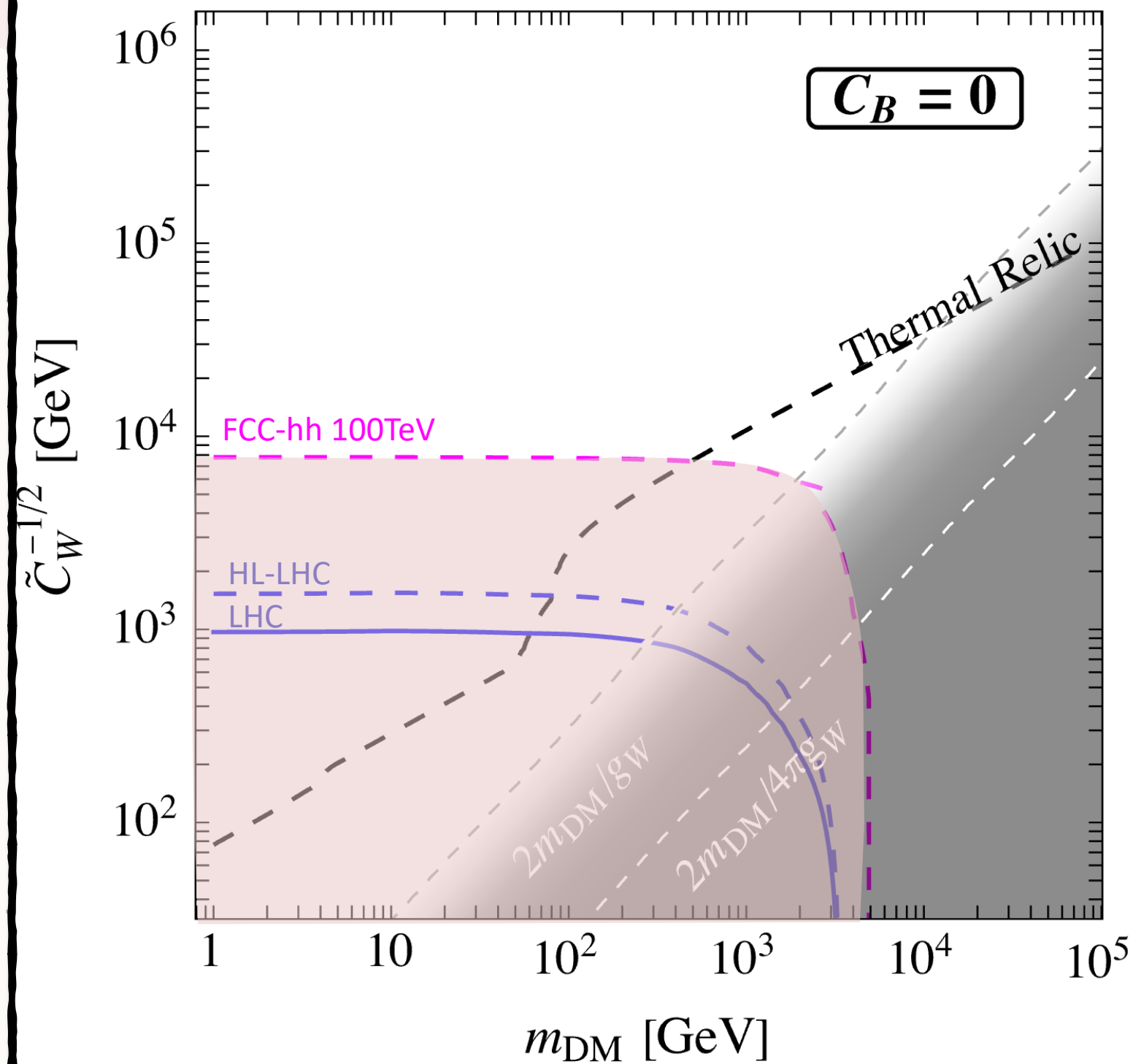
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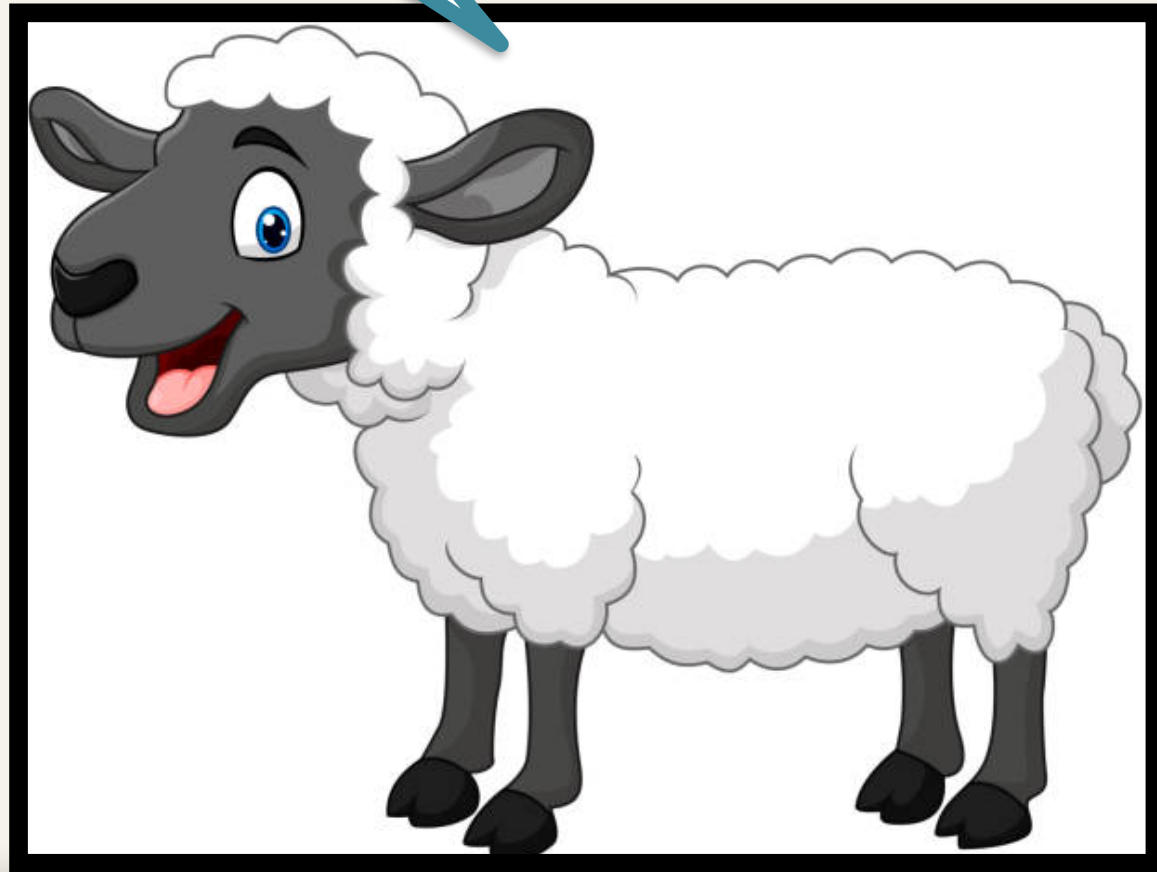


FCC-hh will improve the bound by a factor ~ 10 wrt LHC



Lepton Colliders

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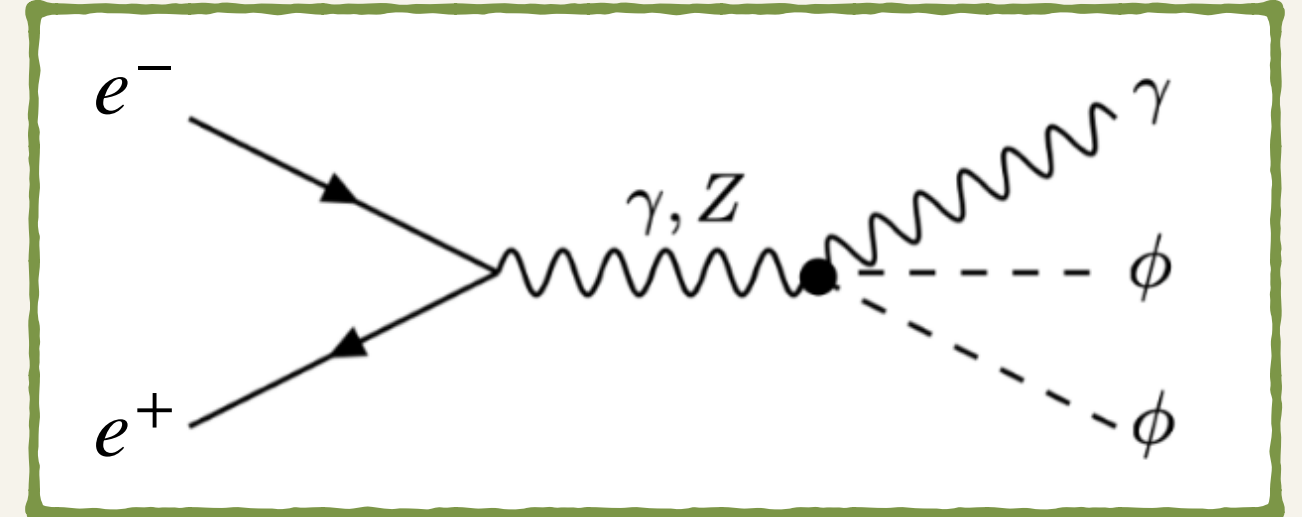
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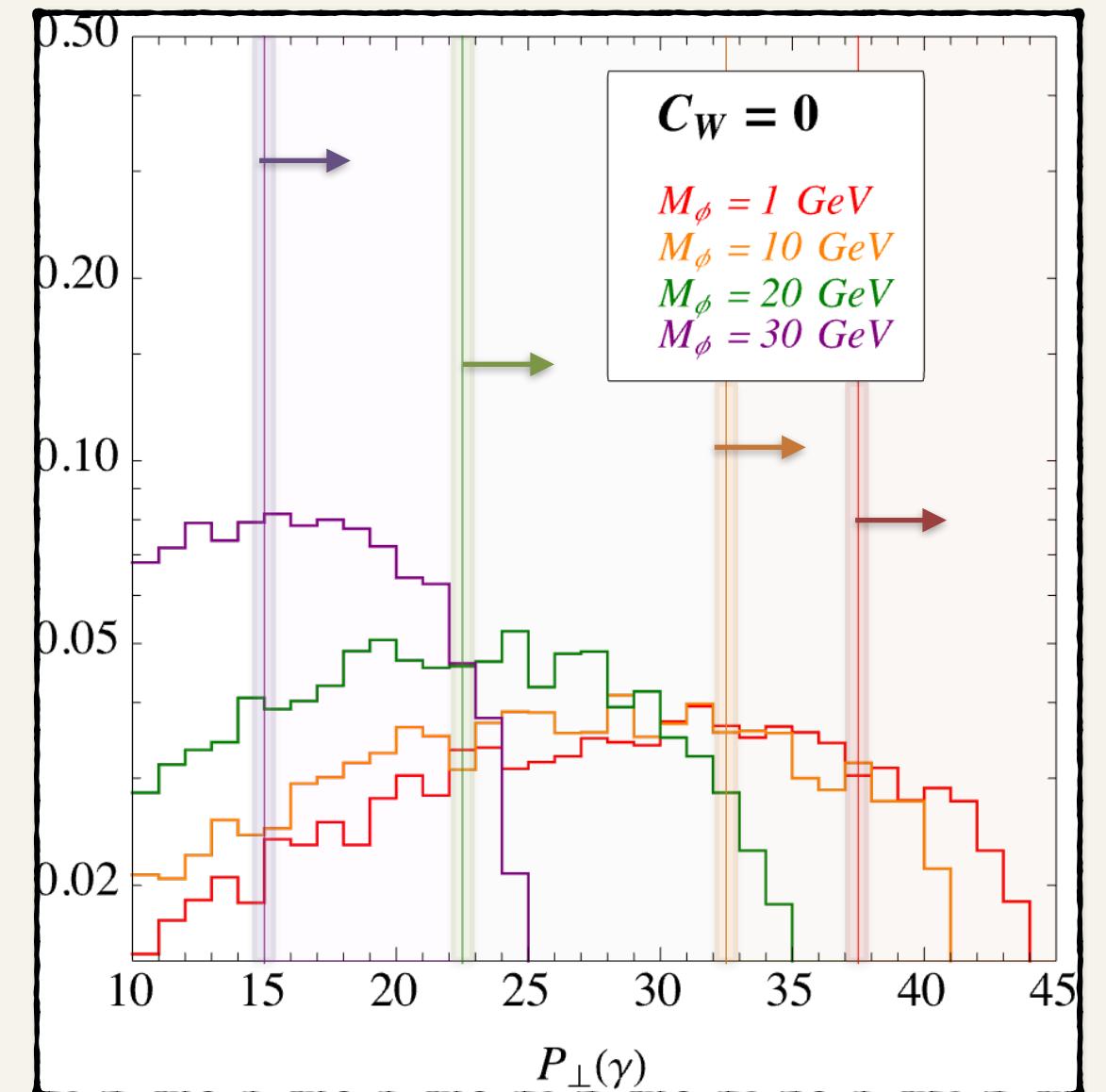
$$L = 120 \text{ ab}^{-1}$$

3 FCC-ee: DY process

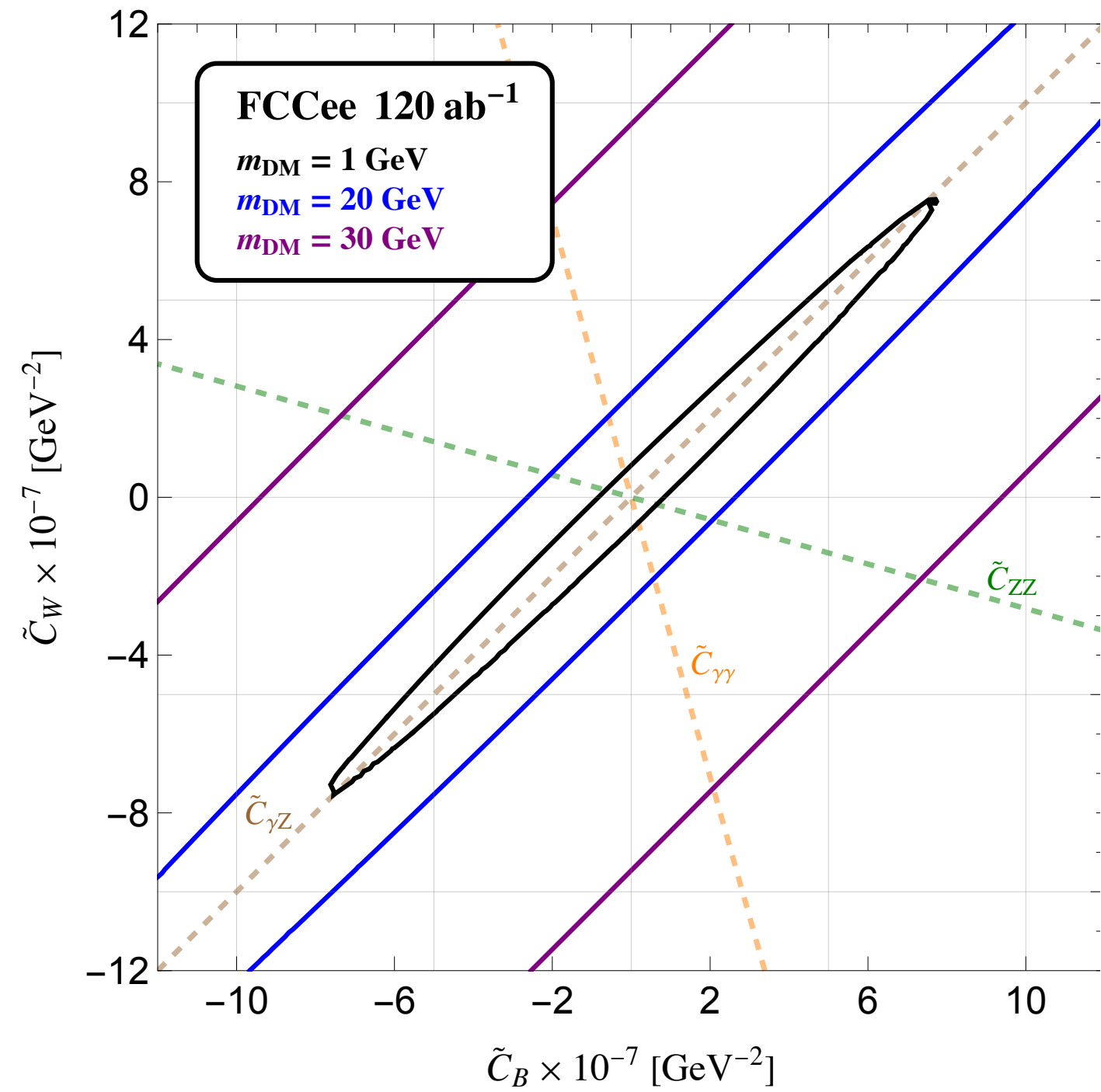
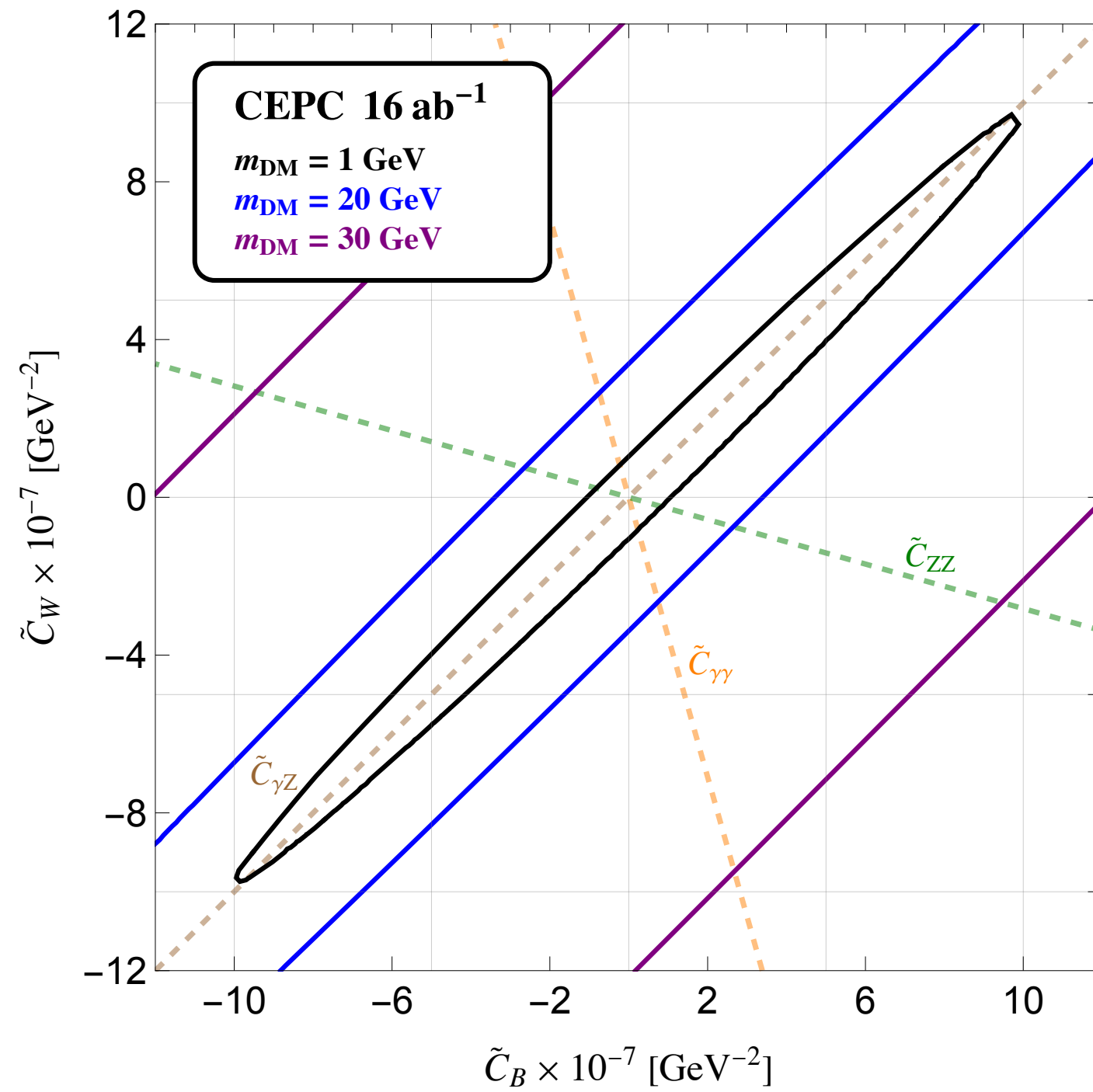
- Z-pole running in Tera-Z mode to probe the scale Λ
- DM produced in association with an energetic photon
- Strongest sensitivity from on-shell Z
- The dominant bkg is $e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma\nu\bar{\nu}$
- Baseline cuts: $|\eta| < 2.5$ and $p_T^\gamma > 5 \text{ GeV}$.
- We maximize the sensitivity $\frac{N_S}{\sqrt{N_B}}$ adding a cut on P_T^γ



DY at e^+e^- $\sqrt{s} = m_Z$ $\tilde{C}_W = 0$			
$m_{\text{DM}} [\text{GeV}]$	$\mathcal{L} = 16 \text{ ab}^{-1}$		$\mathcal{L} = 120 \text{ ab}^{-1}$
	$p_{T,\text{min}}^\gamma [\text{GeV}]$	$\tilde{C}_B^{-1/2} [\text{GeV}]$	$\tilde{C}_B^{-1/2} [\text{GeV}]$
1	37.5	3043	5036
10	32.5	2524	4176
20	22.5	1715	2839
30	15	910	1505
40	5	225	373



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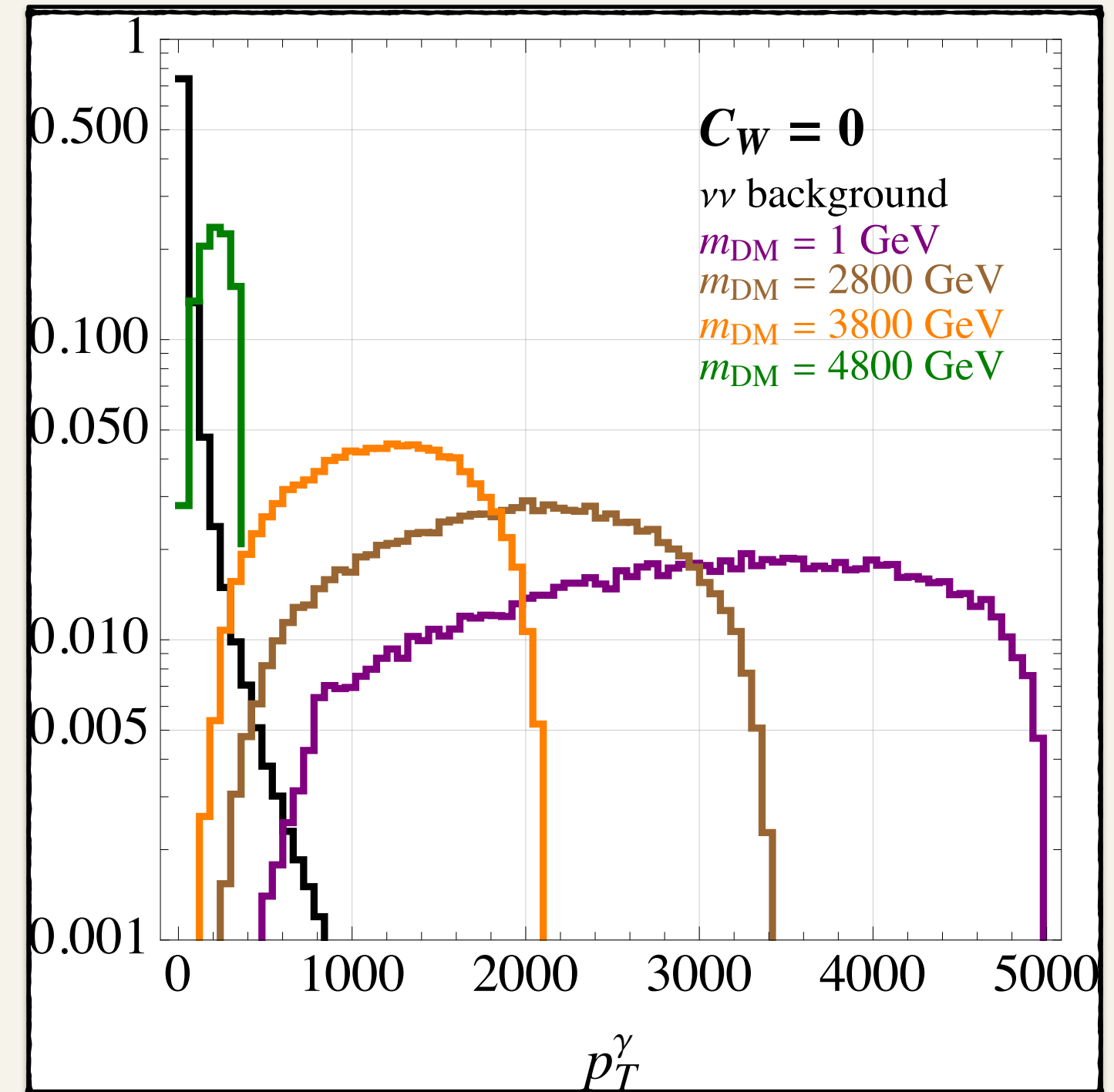
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Muon Collider: DY and VBS

DY: $\mu\mu \rightarrow \phi\phi\gamma$

- Mono- γ search with $|\eta^\gamma| < 2.5$
- $\nu\nu\gamma$ dominant bkg $\sigma_{\text{bkg}}^{\nu\nu} \sim 4.2 \text{ pb}$
- For $\tilde{C}_{W,B} \sim \text{TeV}^{-2}$ $\sigma_{\text{sig}} \sim 0.1 \text{ pb}$
- Cuts over p_T^γ and maximize the reach

mono- γ DY, $\sqrt{s} = 10 \text{ TeV}$ $\tilde{C}_W = 0$ μC ($\mathcal{L} = 10 \text{ ab}^{-1}$)		
m_{DM} [GeV]	$p_{T,\text{min}}^\gamma$ [GeV]	$\tilde{C}_B^{-1/2}$ [GeV]
200	3000	10541
1000	2800	9440
2000	2300	7177
4000	900	1841



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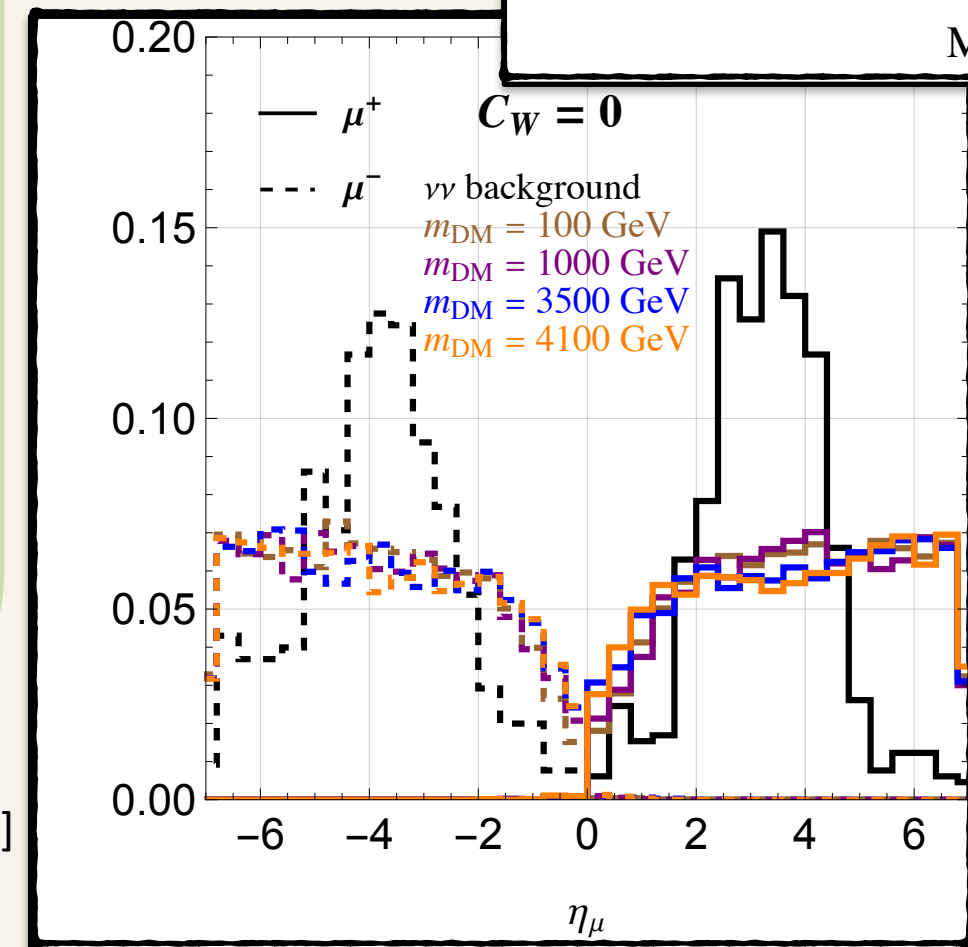
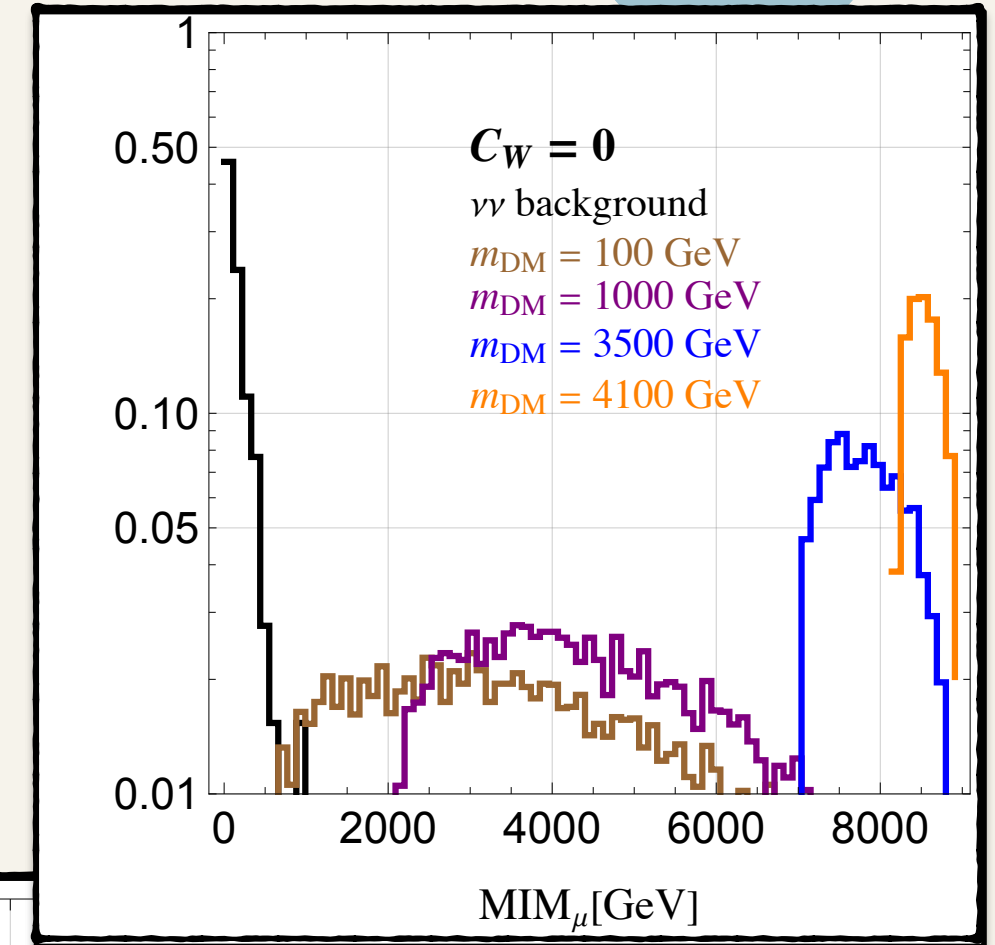
VBS: $\mu\mu \rightarrow \mu\mu\phi\phi$

- Two forward muons, with a small polar angle wrt beam direction ^{1,2}
- $|\eta_{\mu^\pm}| < 7, \Delta R(\mu^+\mu^-) > 0.4, p_T^{\mu\mu} > 50 \text{ GeV}, \text{sign}(\eta_{\mu^+}\eta_{\mu^-}) < 0, E_{\mu^\pm} > 500 \text{ GeV}$
- Main bkg from $\nu\nu\mu\mu$?

- **No! Also $\mu\mu\gamma, \mu\mu f\bar{f}, \mu\mu WW$, but for $\text{MIM} > 1.5 \text{ TeV}$**

$$\text{MIM} = \sqrt{\Delta p_\mu \Delta p^\mu}, \Delta p^\mu = (\sqrt{s}, \vec{0}) - p_{\mu^+} - p_{\mu^-}$$

The $\nu\nu$ channel is about the 15% of the total bkg.



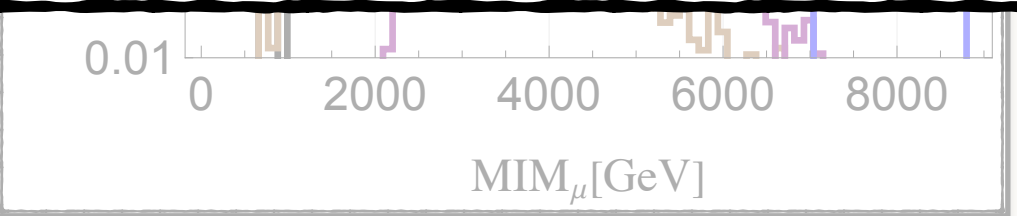
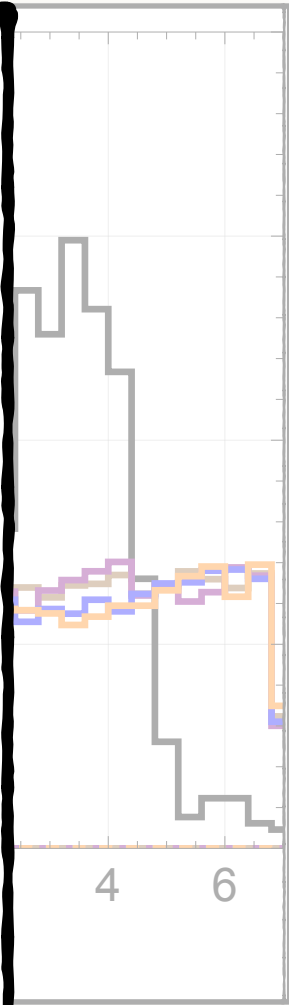
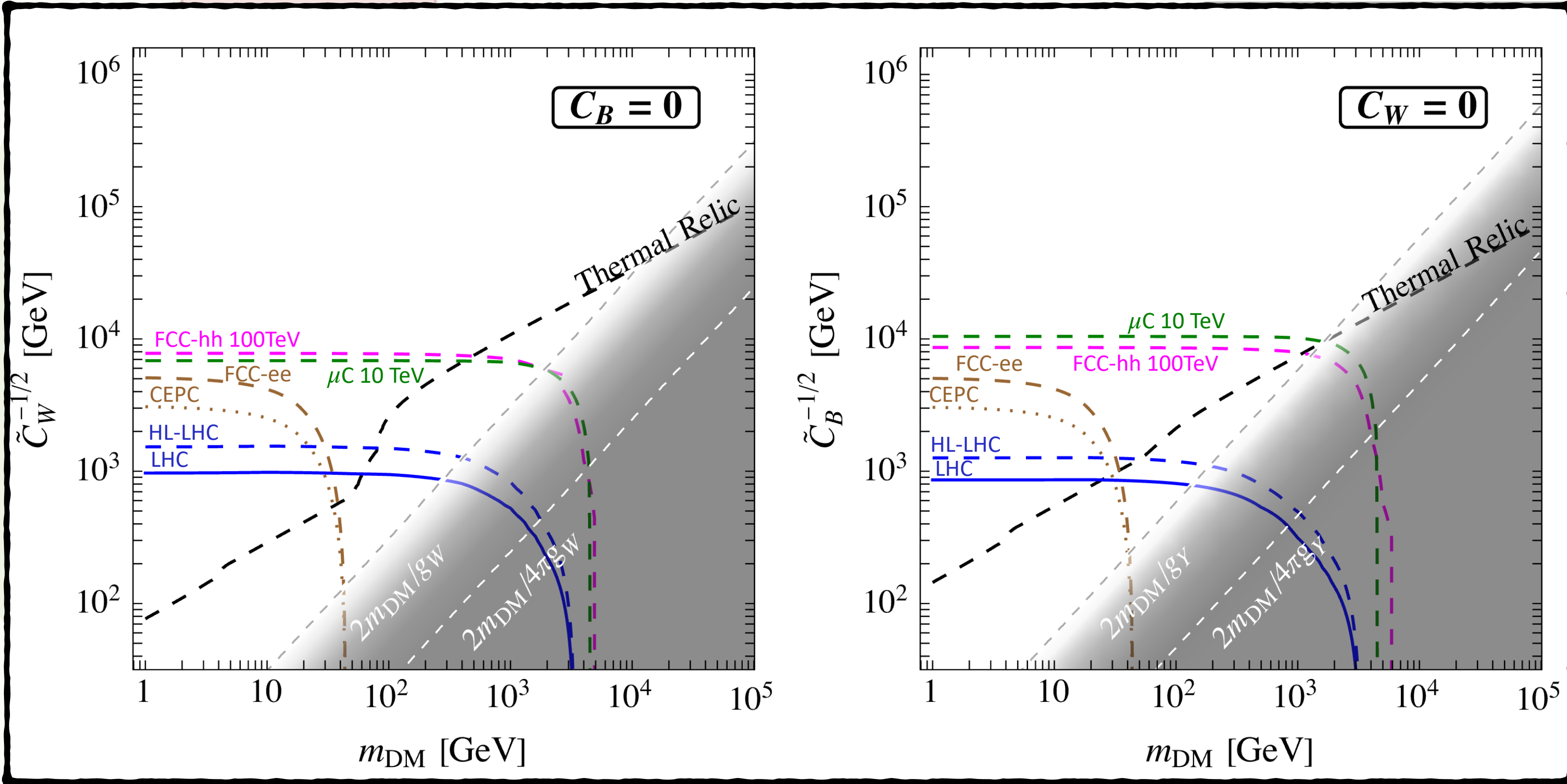
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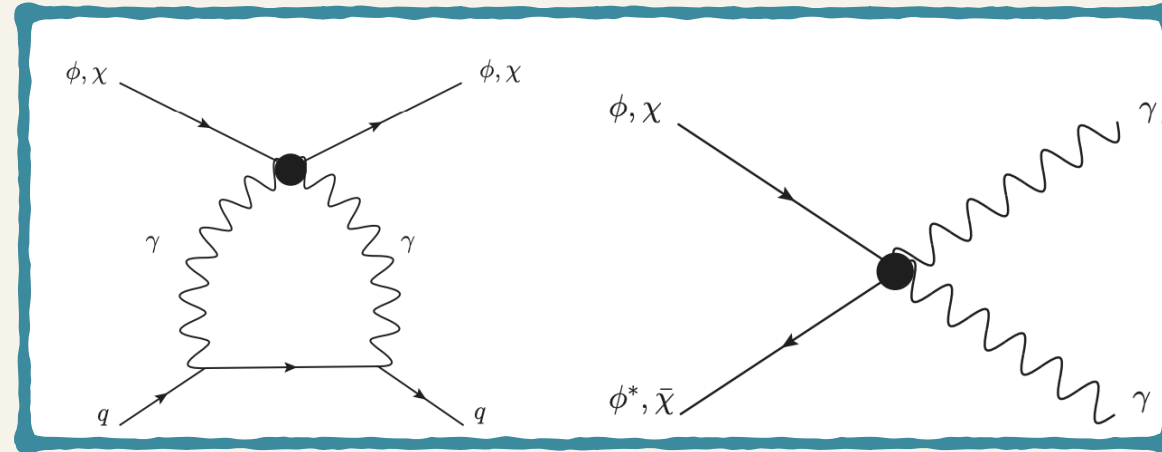
5 **LZ and XLZD**

DD and ID

$$(\tilde{C}_W, \tilde{C}_B)|_{\mu=v} \xrightarrow{\text{RGE}} (\tilde{C}_q, \tilde{C}_G, \tilde{C}_{\gamma\gamma})|_{\mu=m_N}$$

$$\frac{d\sigma^{\text{Ray}}}{dq^2} \simeq \frac{2\alpha_{\text{em}}^2}{\pi^2 b^2 m_{\text{DM}}^2 v_{\text{DM}}^2} \tilde{C}_{\gamma\gamma}^2 Z_T^4 F_{\text{ray}}^2(y),$$

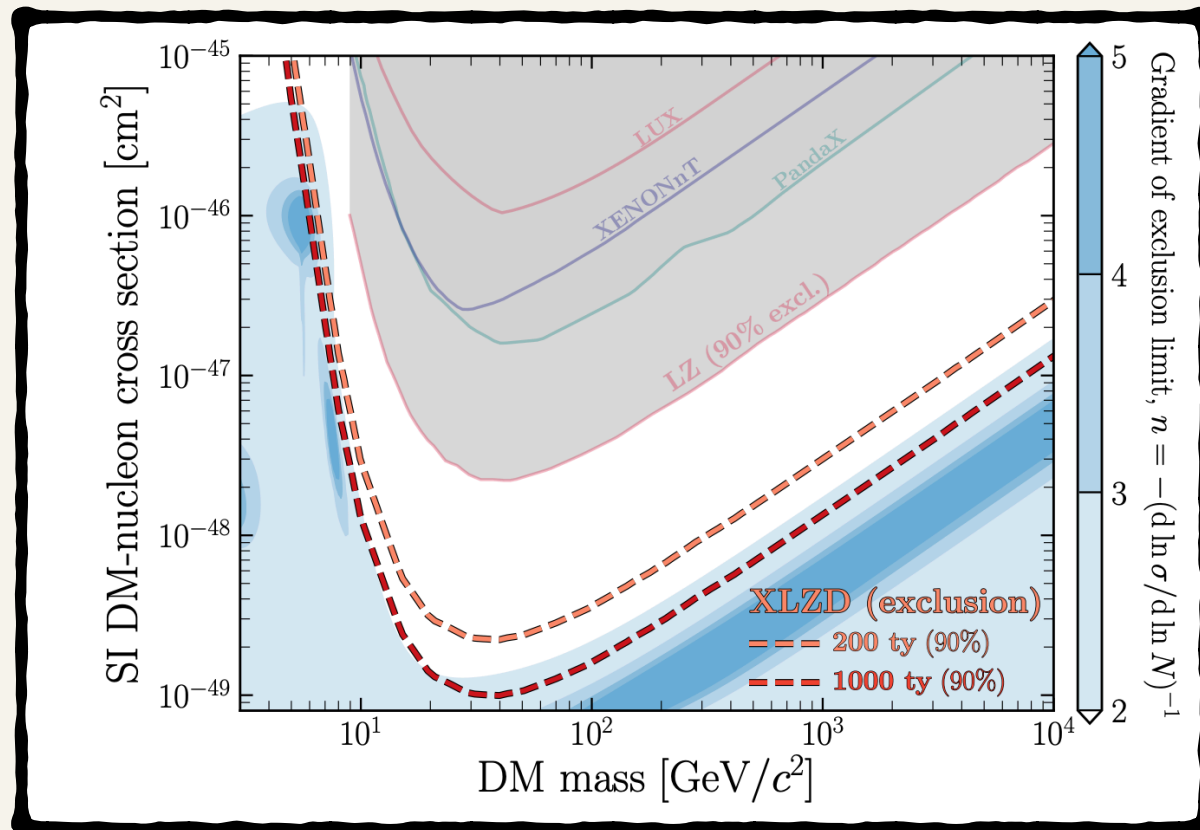
$$\frac{d\sigma^{\text{SI}}}{dq^2} = \frac{1}{4\mu_{\text{DM},n}^2 v_{\text{DM}}^2} \sigma_n^{\text{SI}} A_T^2 F_H^2(y)$$



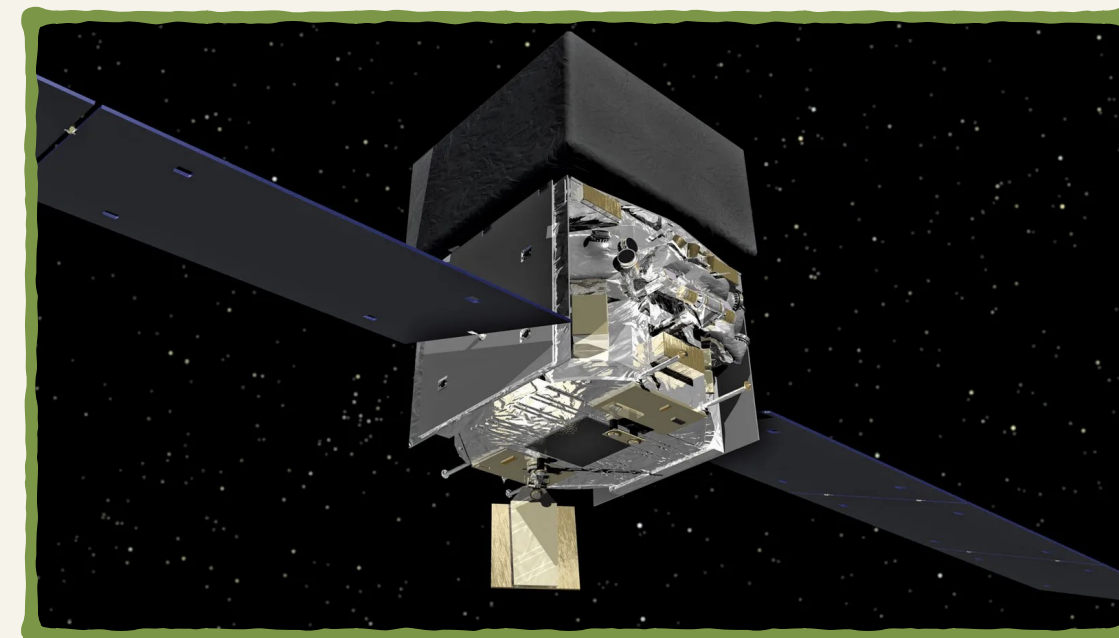
6 **FERMI and CTA**

- FERMI 15 yrs of data
- RoI41 region: Most profile independent
- DM annihilation into $\gamma\gamma, \gamma Z$

- Line search:
 - single line $\langle\sigma v\rangle_{\gamma\gamma}$ only
 - Double line $\langle\sigma v\rangle_{\gamma\gamma, \gamma Z}$
- CTA projections $\langle\sigma v\rangle_{\gamma\gamma}$



XLZD Collaboration, J. Aalbers et al. arXiv:2410.17137.



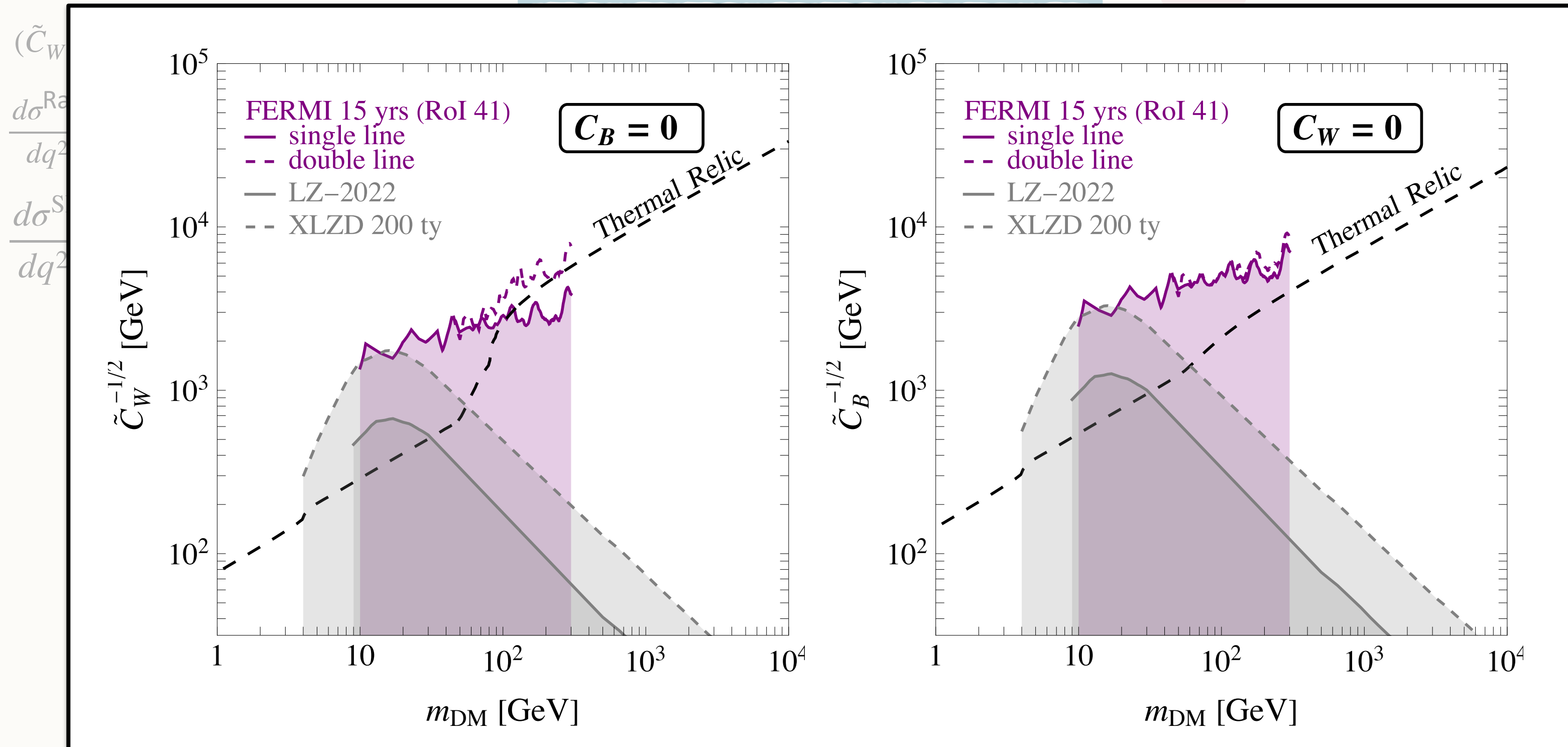
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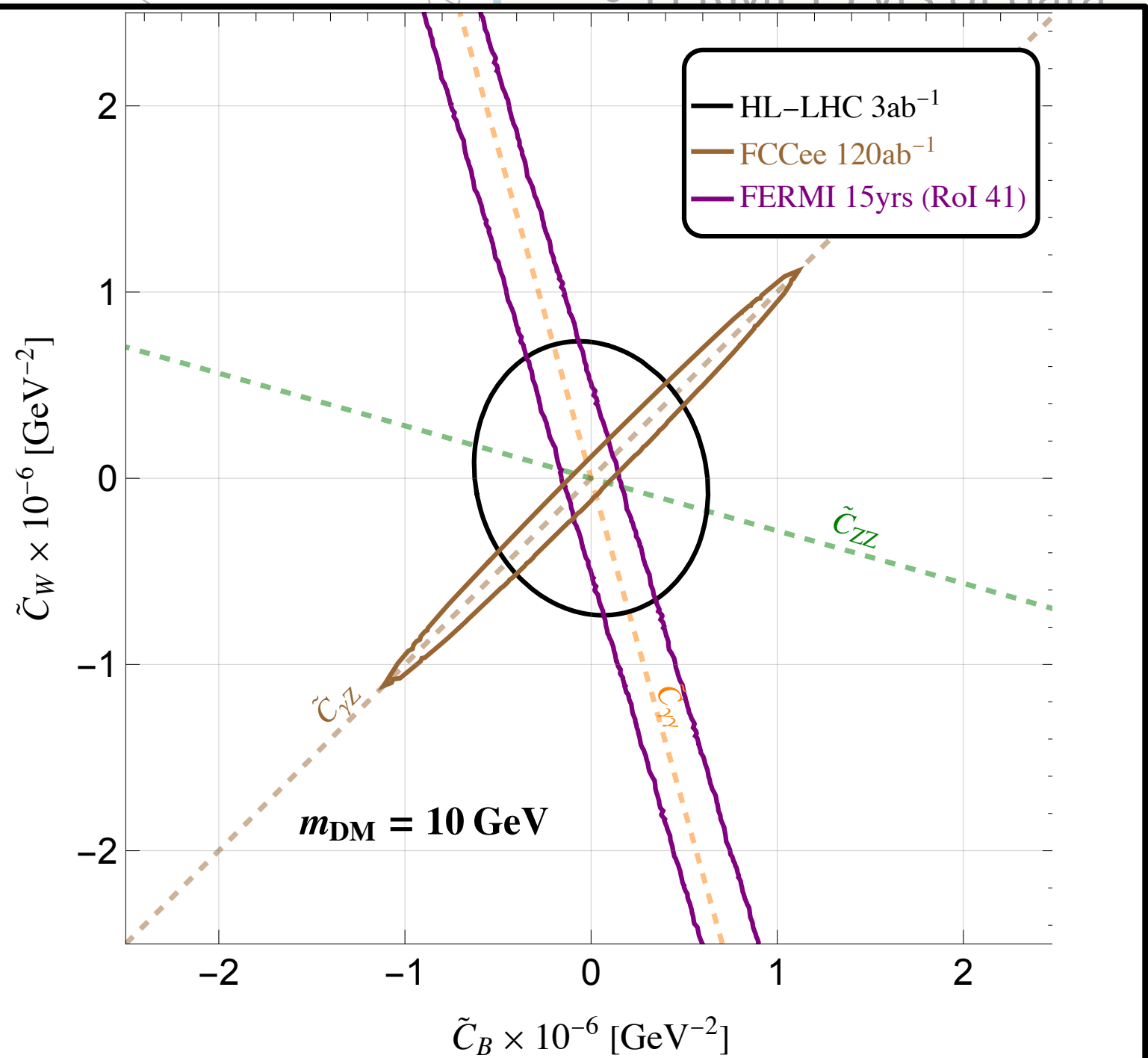
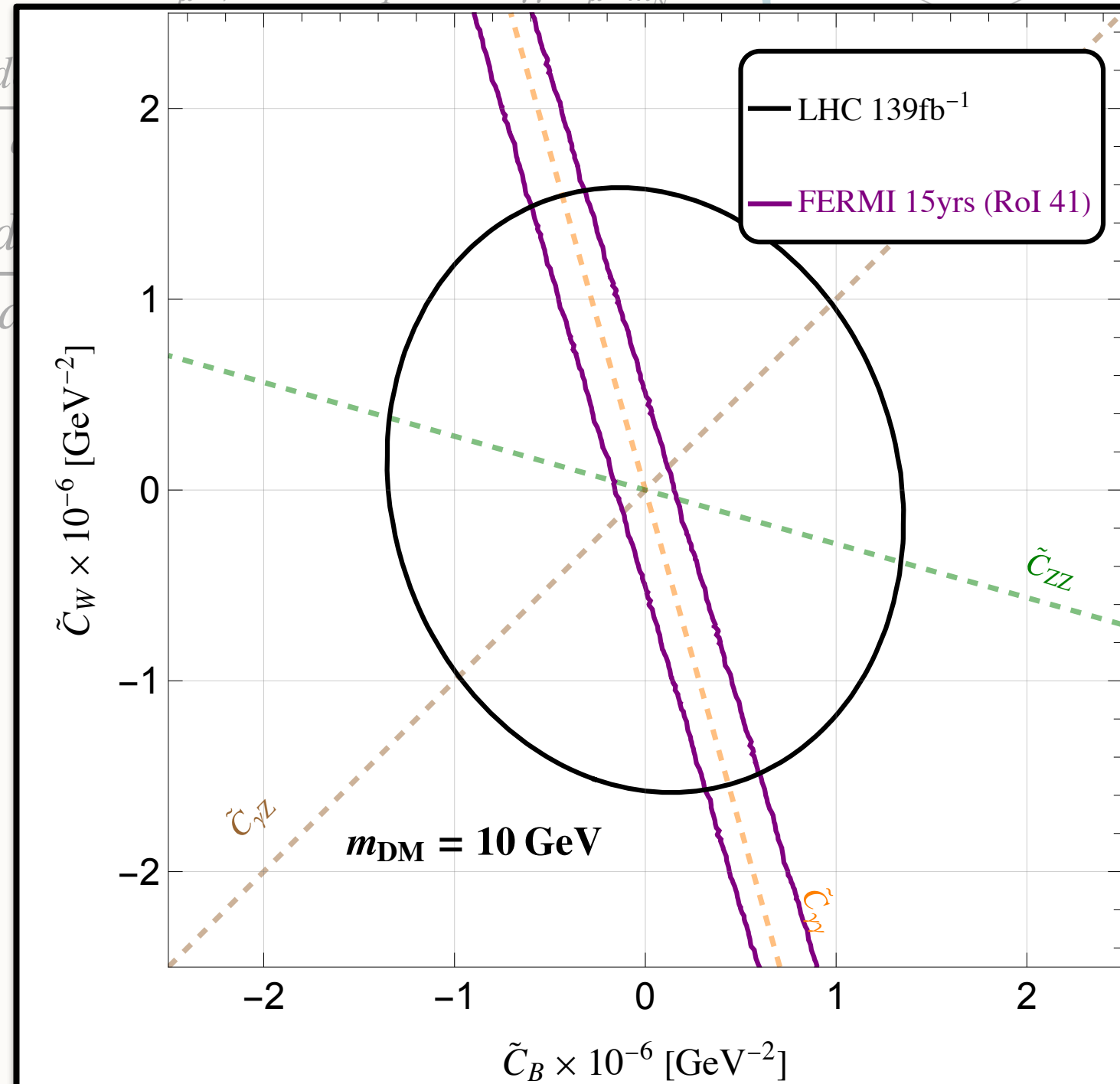
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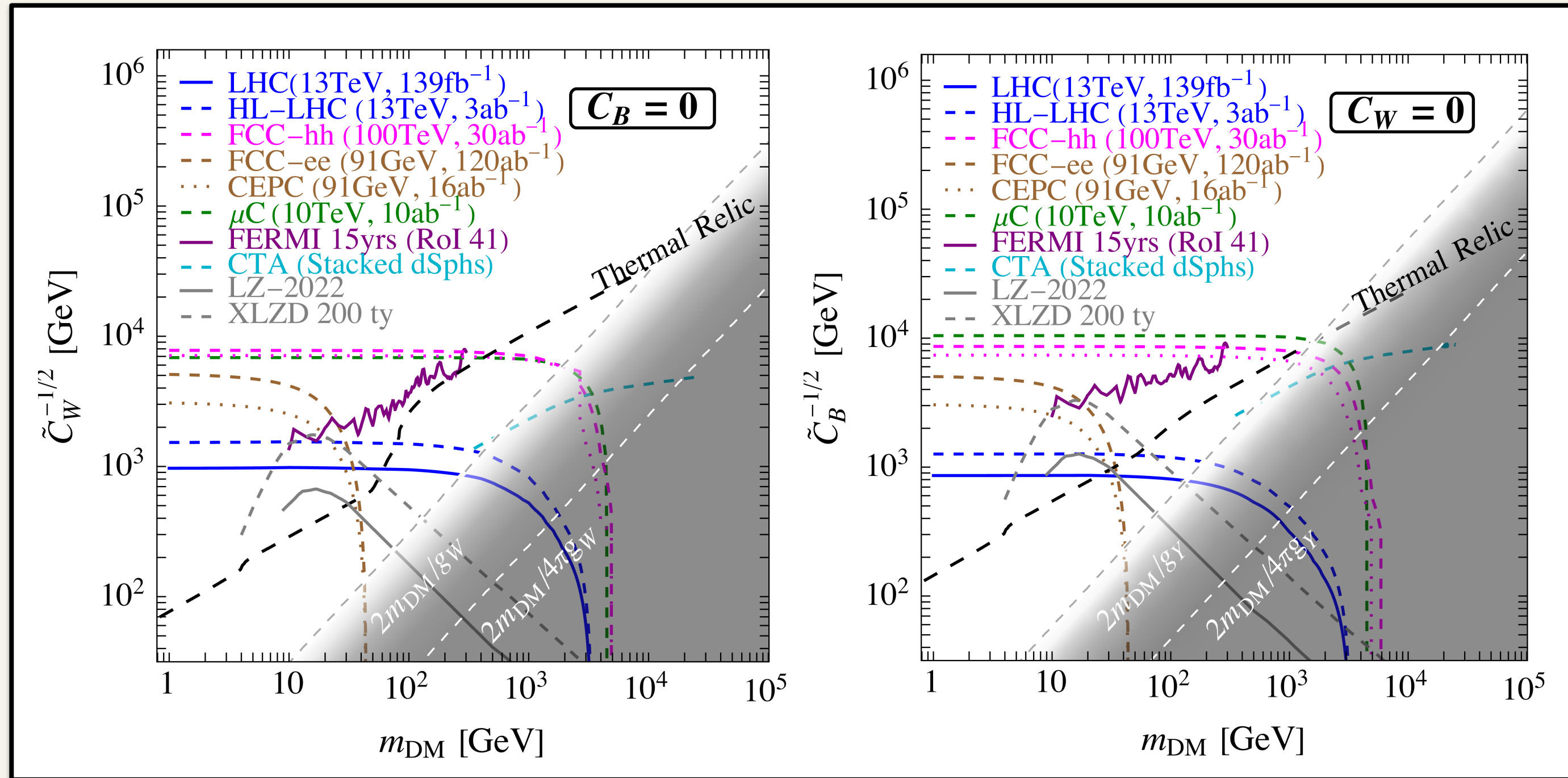
FERMI > LHC in the \perp direction of $\tilde{C}_{\gamma\gamma} = 0$

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Conclusion

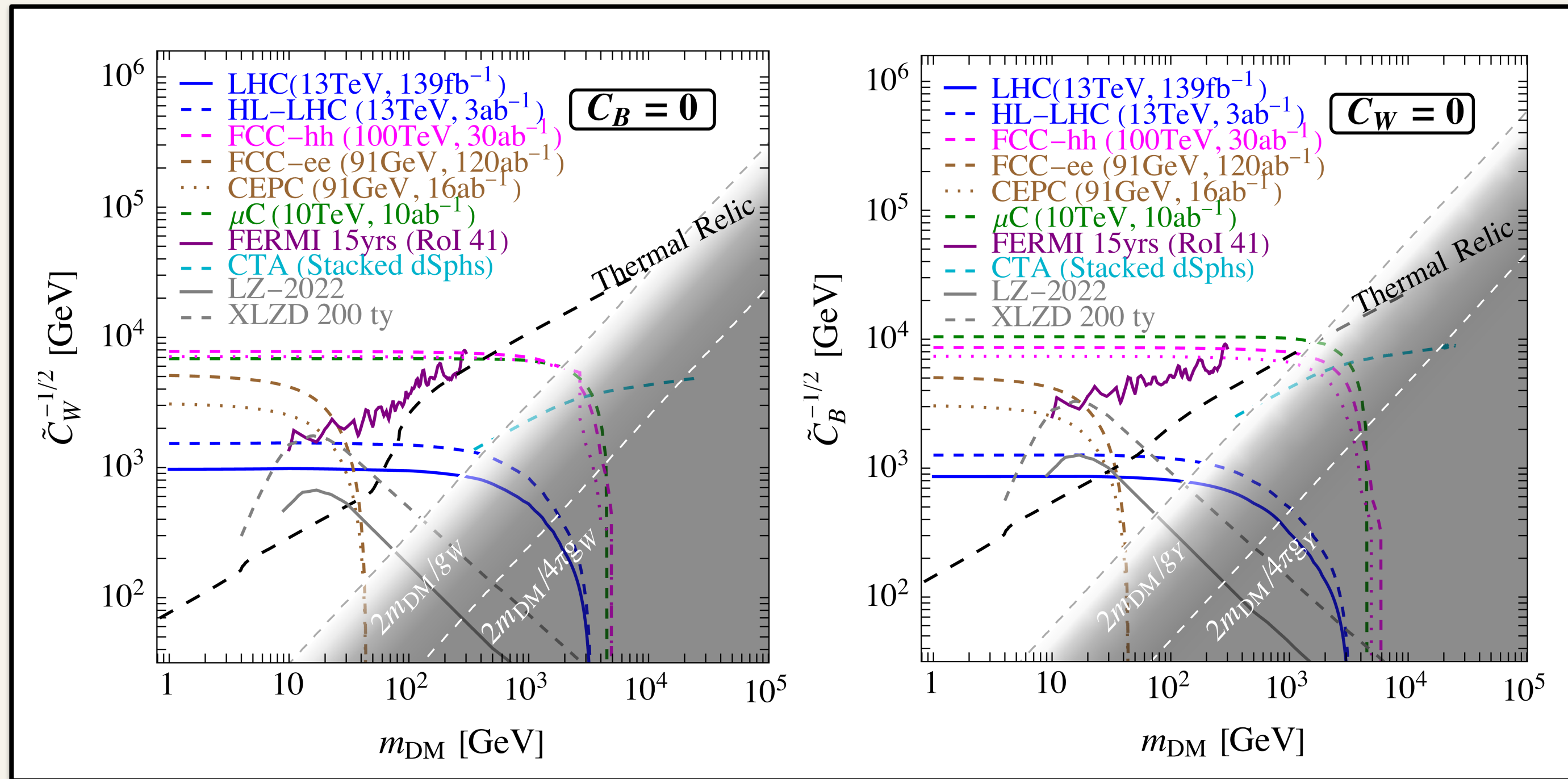
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“Near” Future Colliders (FCCee, HL-LHC):

- Will place more stringent bounds on this dark matter scenario;
- FCCee gives one of the most stringent bound, but only for small DM mass;
- HL-LHC bounds will not be significantly greater than current LHC ones .

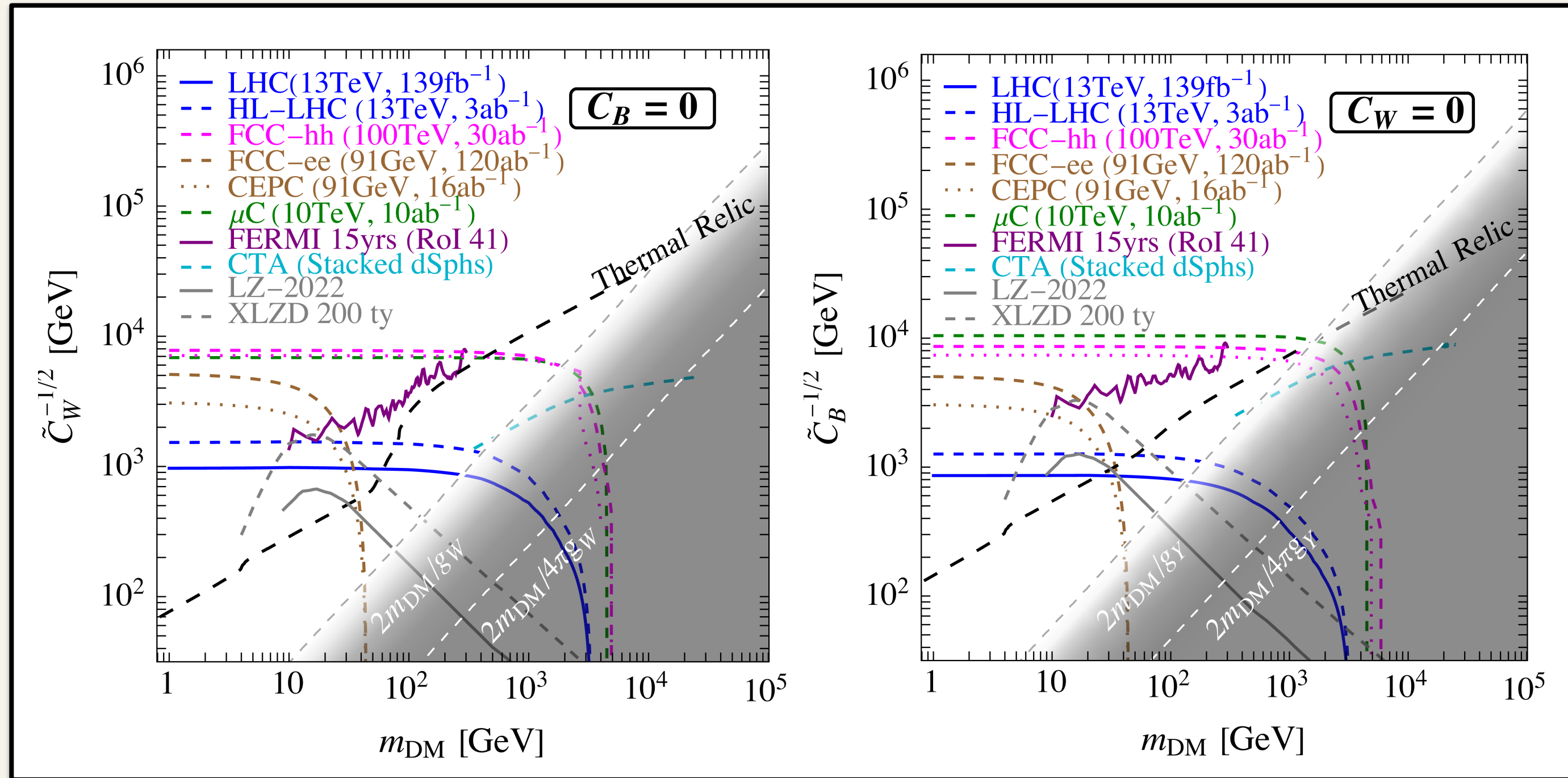
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Indirect and Direct Detection:


- Current bounds (e.g., FERMI) and future projections (e.g., XLZD) will remain competitive, if not stronger, than FCCee or HL-LHC.

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“Next” Future (FCChh and μC):

- Will be able to probe much higher energy scales;
- Could provide crucial insights into this dark matter benchmark.

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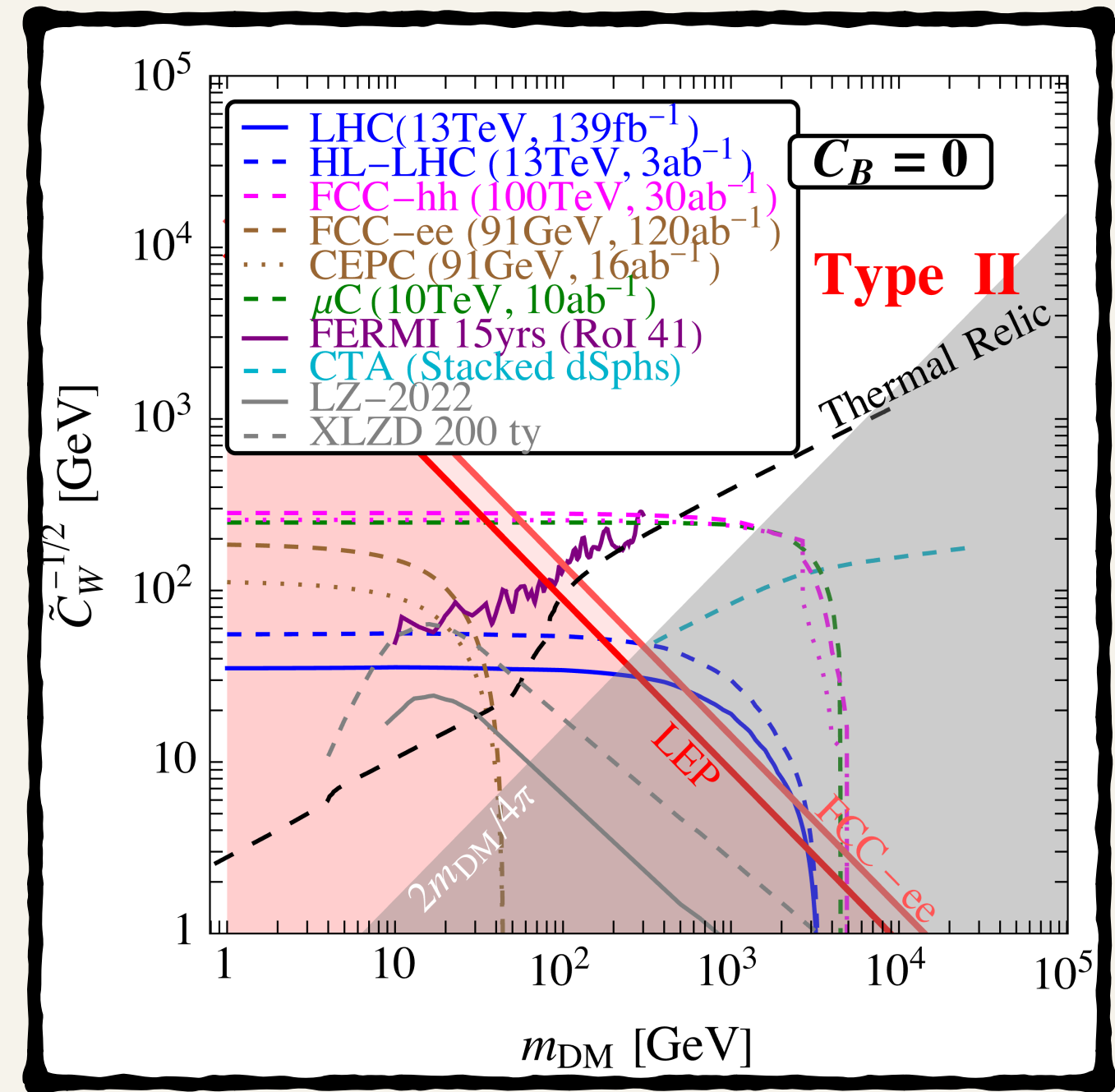
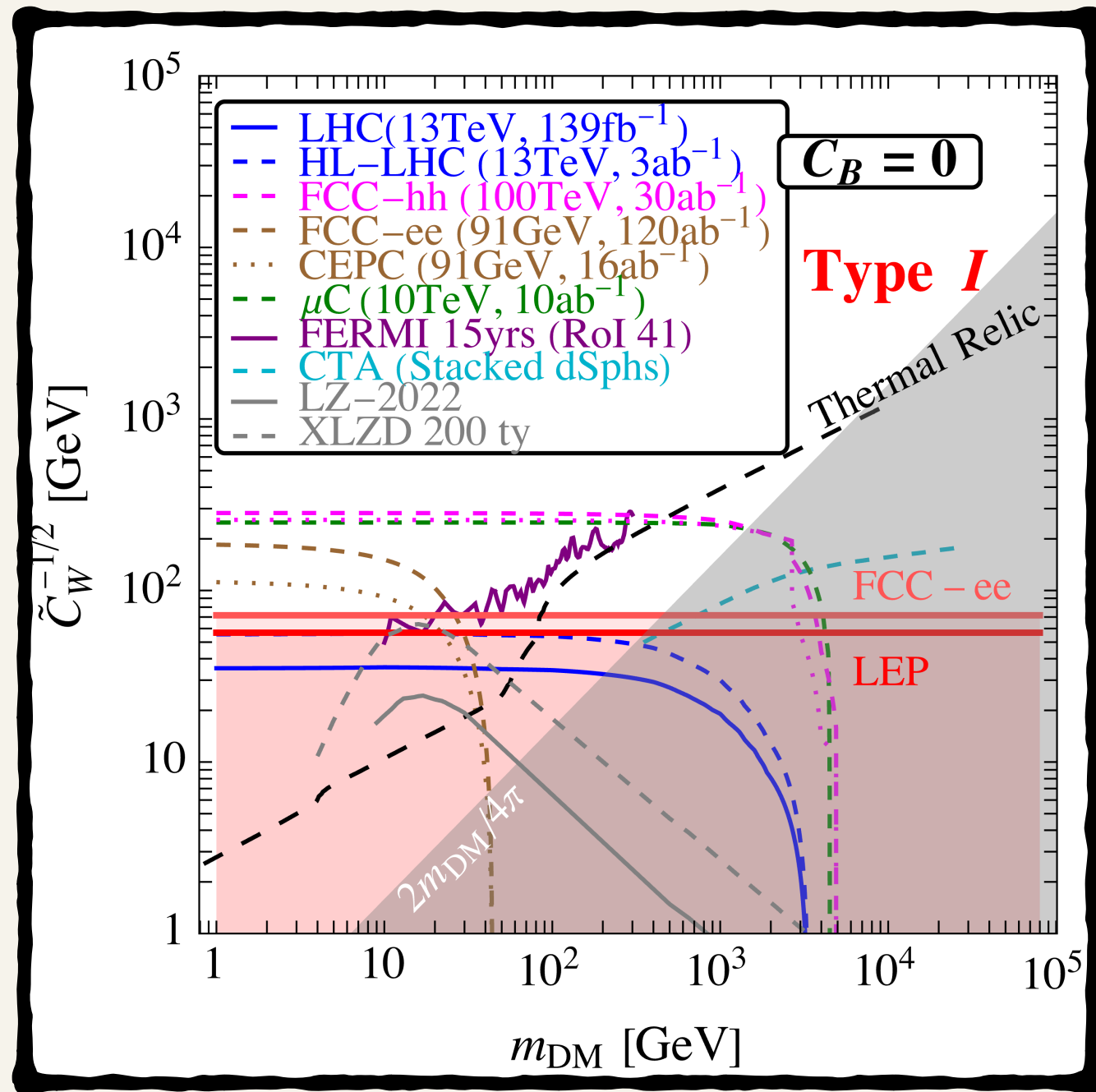
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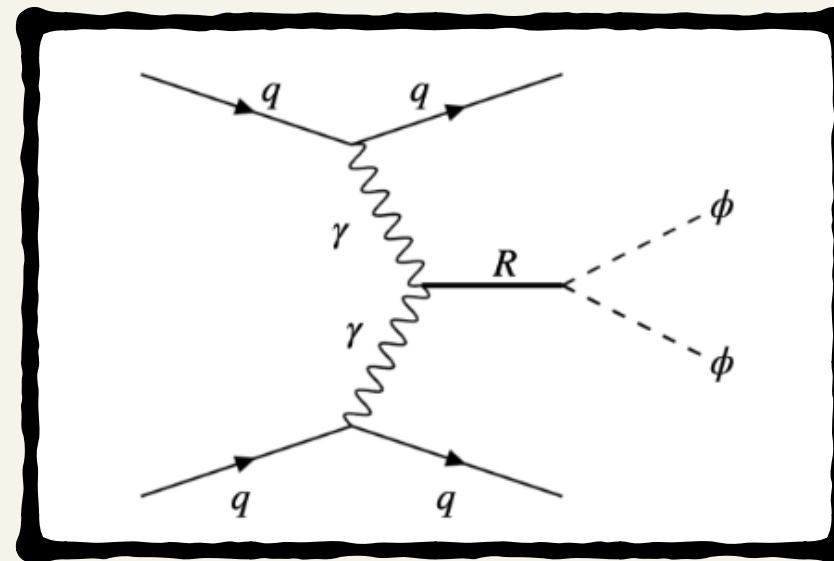
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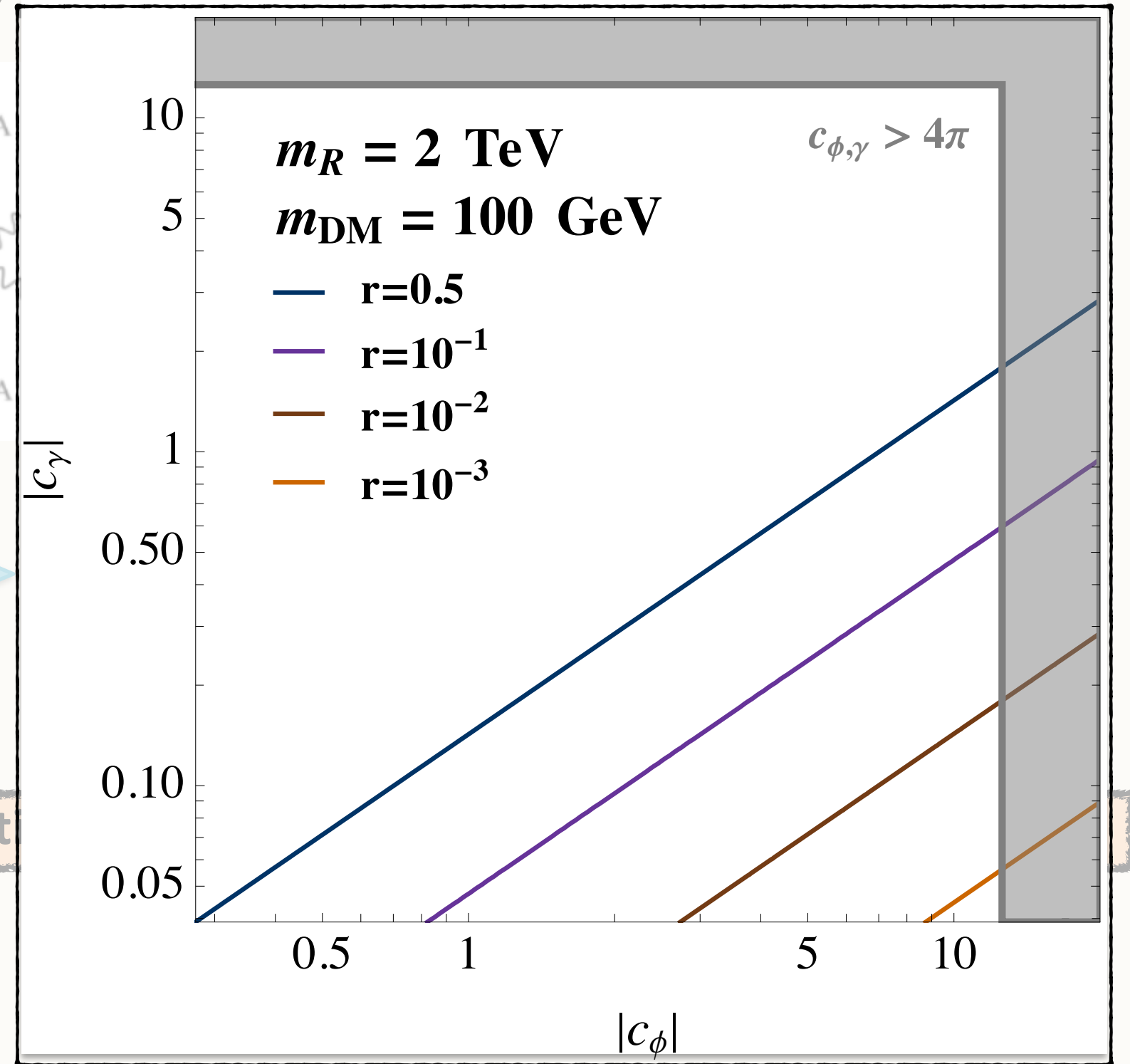
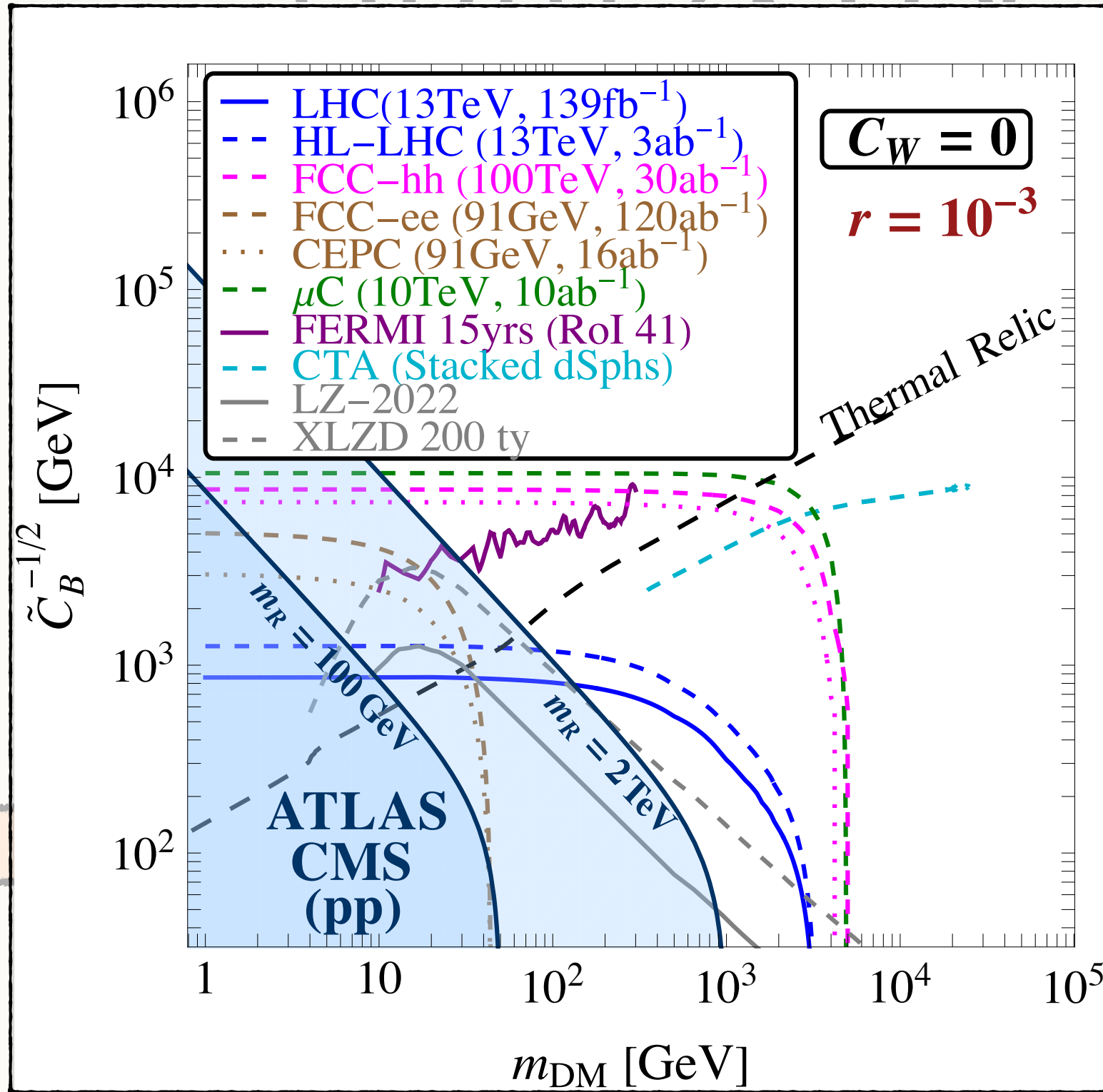
$$\mathcal{L} \supset \tilde{C}_{\gamma\gamma} \phi^2 F^2 \quad \longrightarrow \quad \mathcal{L} \supset -\frac{1}{2\Lambda_R} R_{\mu\nu} \left[c_1 T_{\mu\nu}^{(F)} + c_2 T_{\mu\nu}^{(\phi)} \right]$$



Bound for the production of the massive spin 2 particle¹ rescaling the branching ratio $R \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

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