

# Probing tau-philic dark matter coannihilation at LHC and CLIC

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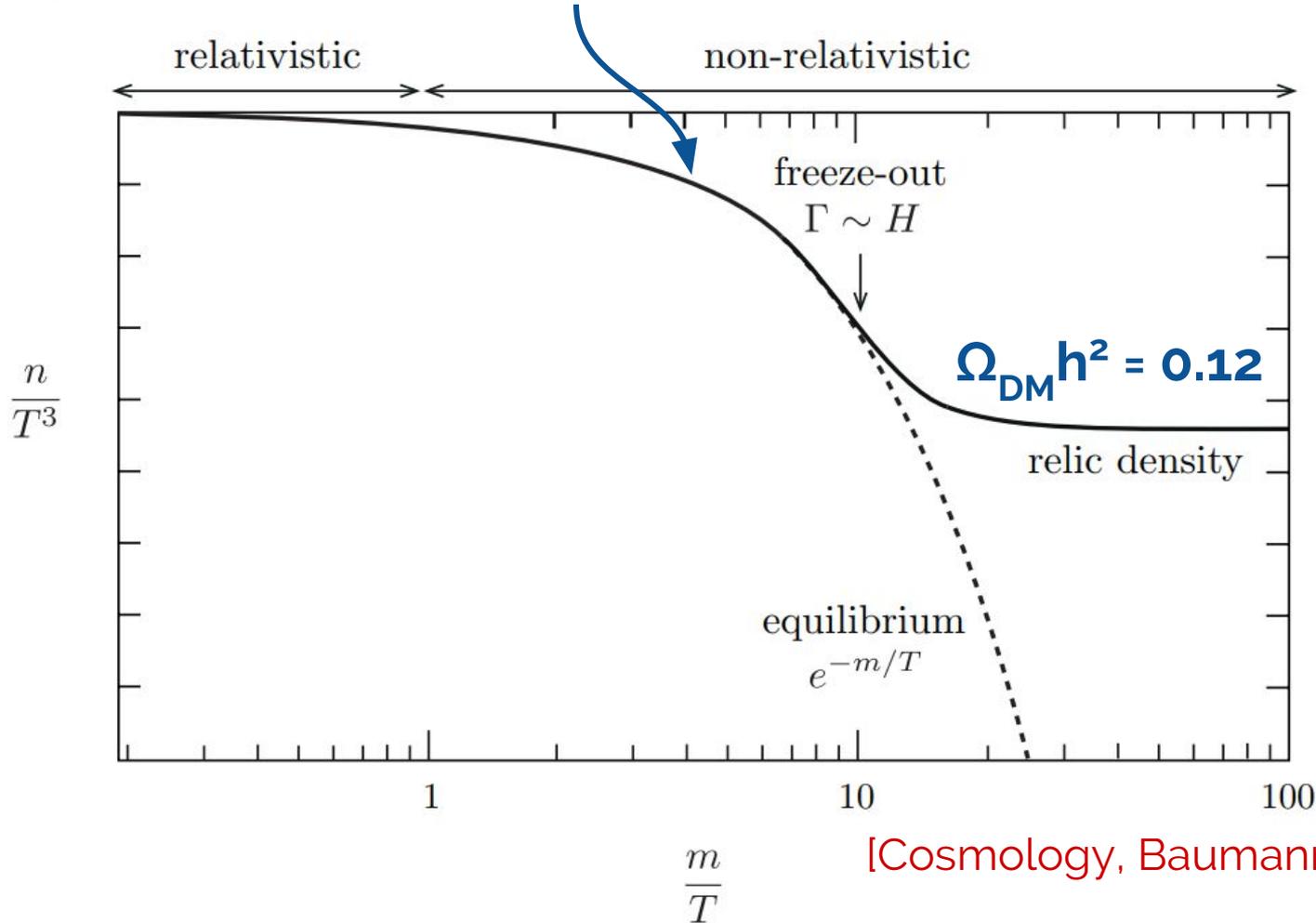
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# Outline of the talk

1. Models with tau-philic dark matter coannihilation
2. Searches for long-lived charged particles at the LHC
3. Prospects for electron-positron linear colliders
4. Conclusions

# WIMP paradigm

Initially, dark matter is in thermal equilibrium with the Standard Model



[Cosmology, Baumann 2015]

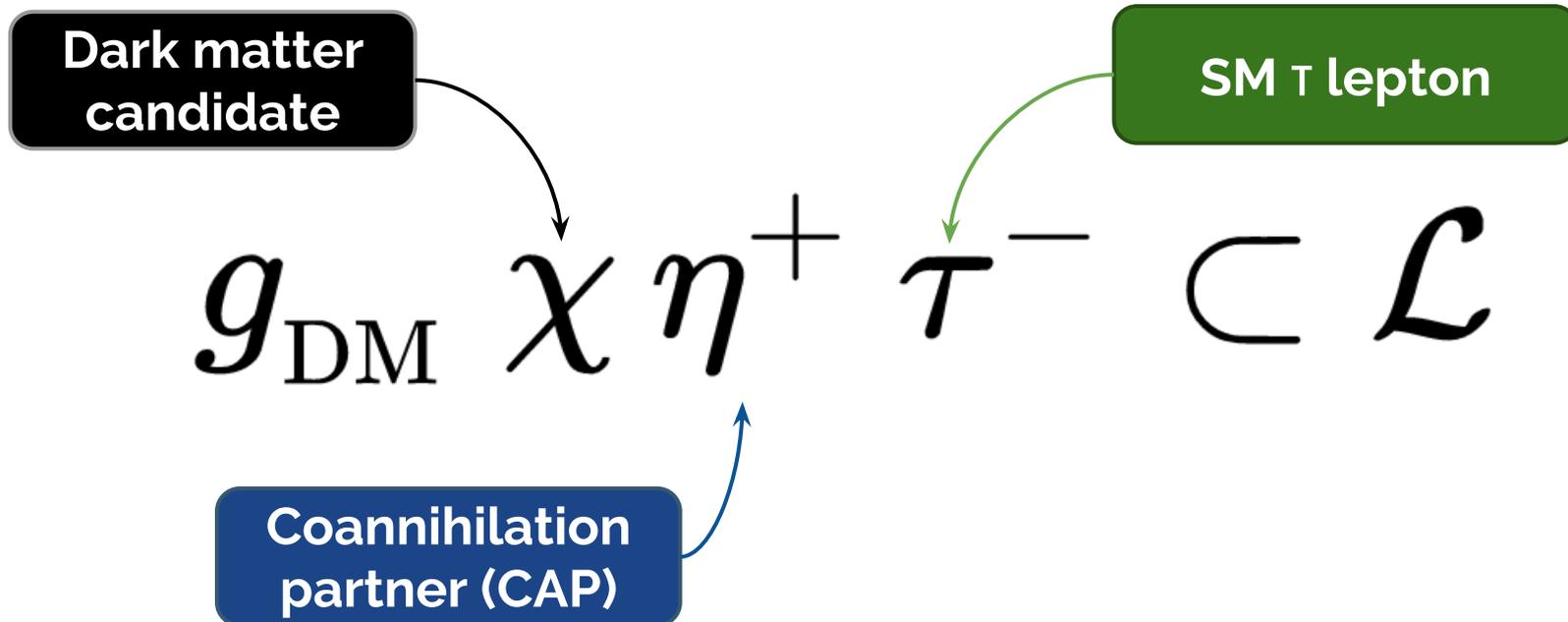
Later on, due to the weak interactions DM freezes out

# WIMP paradigm

- Current experiments already impose strong constraints on the simplest WIMPs scenarios, where dark matter is coupled to Standard Model gauge bosons or the Higgs
- In lack of a signal from DM experiments, we need to explore as much as we can of the WIMP's parameter space
- An alternative and complementary search to Direct and Indirect detection experiments is the production of dark matter at colliders, such as the LHC and CLIC
- There is a plethora of theories of Dark Matter, nevertheless in finding experimental constraints we would like to be as model independent as possible

# Tau-philic Yukawa interaction

Introduce a charged co-annihilation partner as the next-to-lightest BSM particle, instead of a mediator.



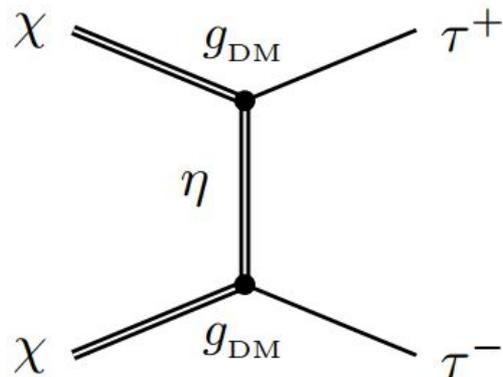
$$Z_2 : \begin{aligned} \chi &\rightarrow -\chi \\ \eta &\rightarrow -\eta \end{aligned}$$

Simplified models with only 3 free parameters:

$$g_{\text{DM}} \quad m_{\text{DM}} \quad M_{\text{CAP}}$$

# Coannihilation

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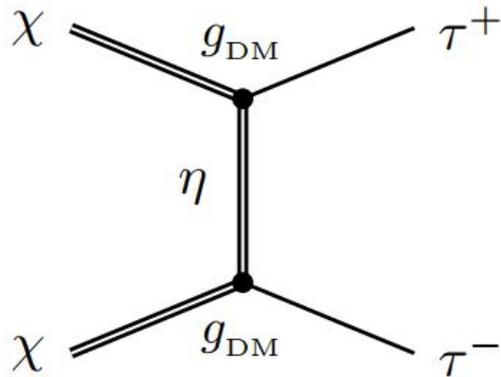
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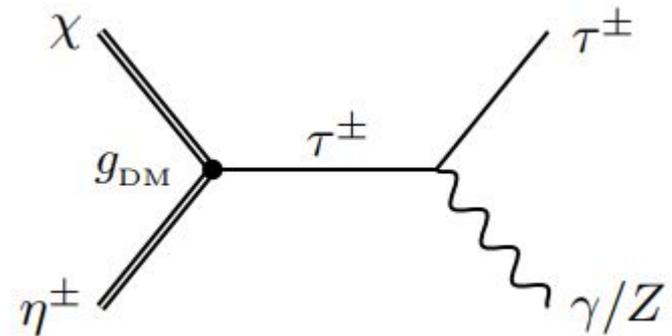
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Freeze-out temperature  $T_F \sim m_{\text{DM}}/25$

Boltzmann factor  $\exp(-\Delta M/T) \longrightarrow \Delta M \lesssim m_{\text{DM}}/25$

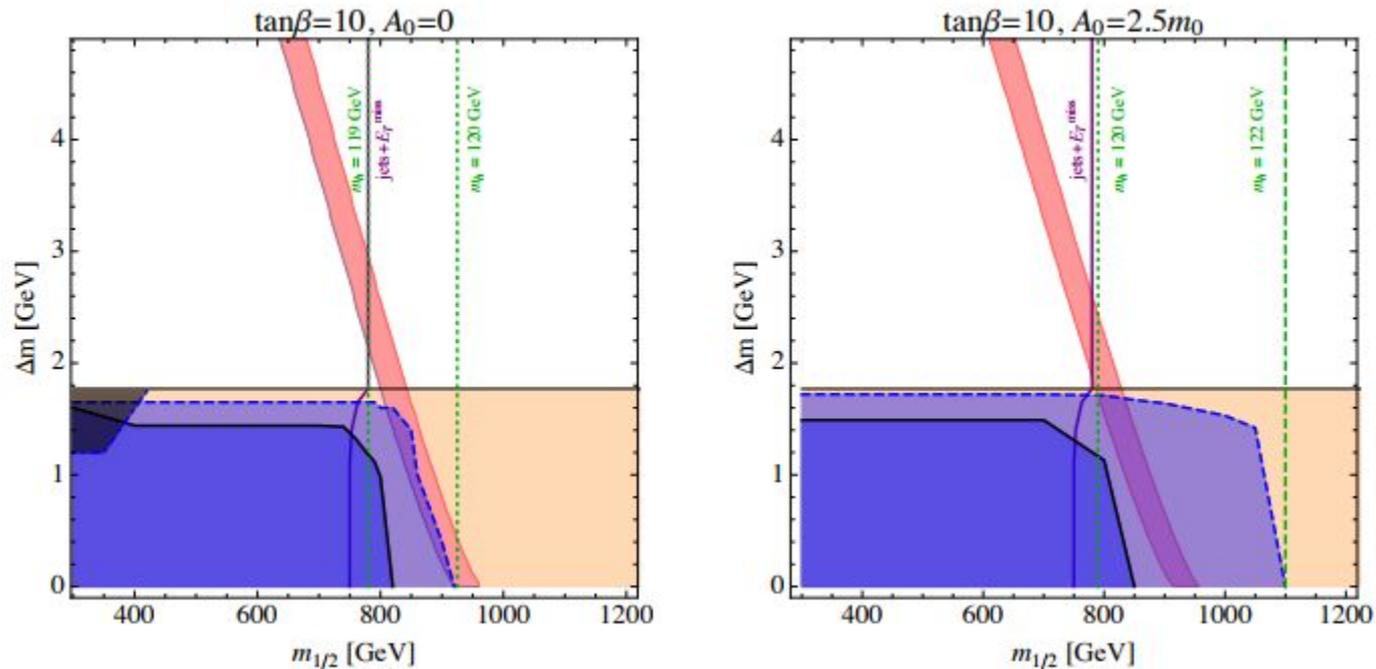
We need **mass splitting**  $< 4\% m_{\text{DM}}$

Coannihilation:



# Stau coannihilation strip

Inspired by the stau coannihilation strip in the CMSSM:  
(stau and neutralino have very similar masses)

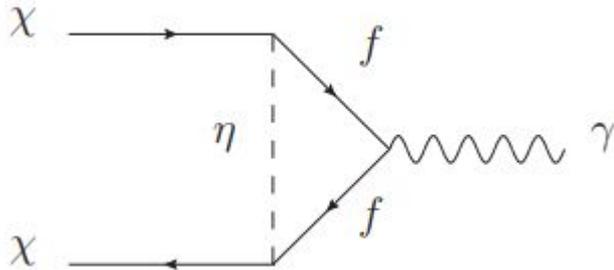


**We want to generalize this.**

[Citron, Ellis, Luo, Marrouche, Olive, Vries 2012]  
[Desai, Ellis, Luo, Marrouche 2014]

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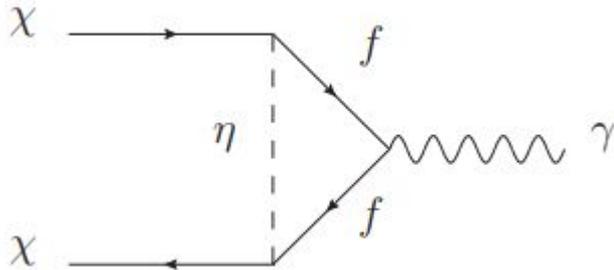
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- Indirect Detection: Due to chiral suppression, DM annihilation is velocity-suppressed

In today's Universe, DM non-relativistic  $v/c \ll 1$

In the limit  $m_{\text{DM}} \gg m_\tau$  :

$$\sigma v \propto v^2$$

p-wave suppressed for Majorana DM

$$\sigma v \propto v^4$$

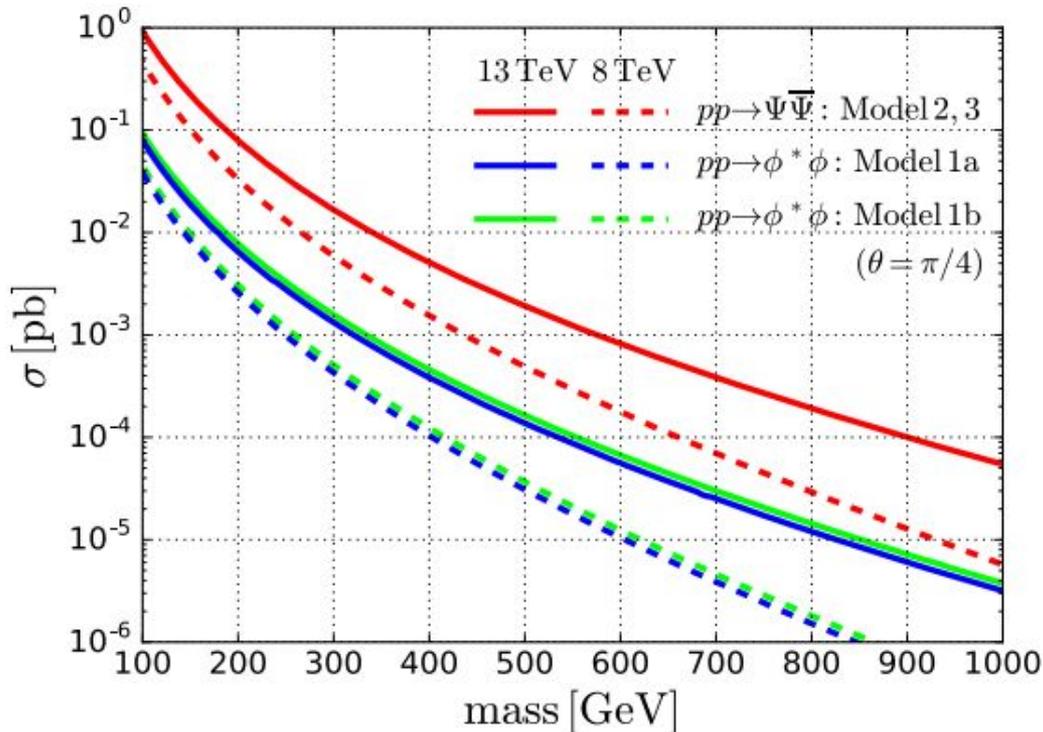
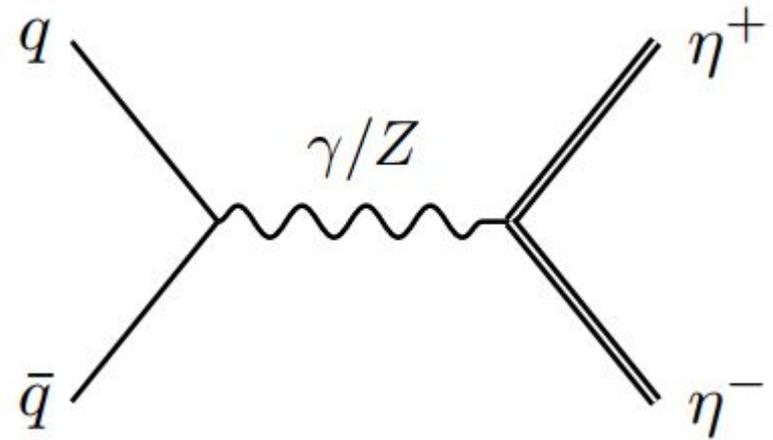
d-wave suppressed for scalar DM

Nevertheless, for  $\Delta M > m_{\text{DM}}/10$  the channel  $SS \rightarrow ll\gamma$  can be relevant for future telescopes for scalar DM

[Giacchino, Lopez-Honorez, Tytgat 2013]

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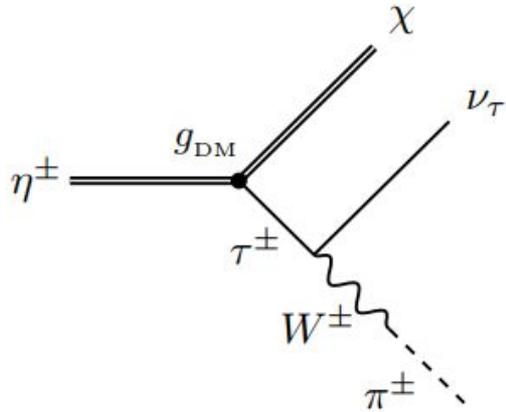
- Drell-Yan pair production of coannihilation partner



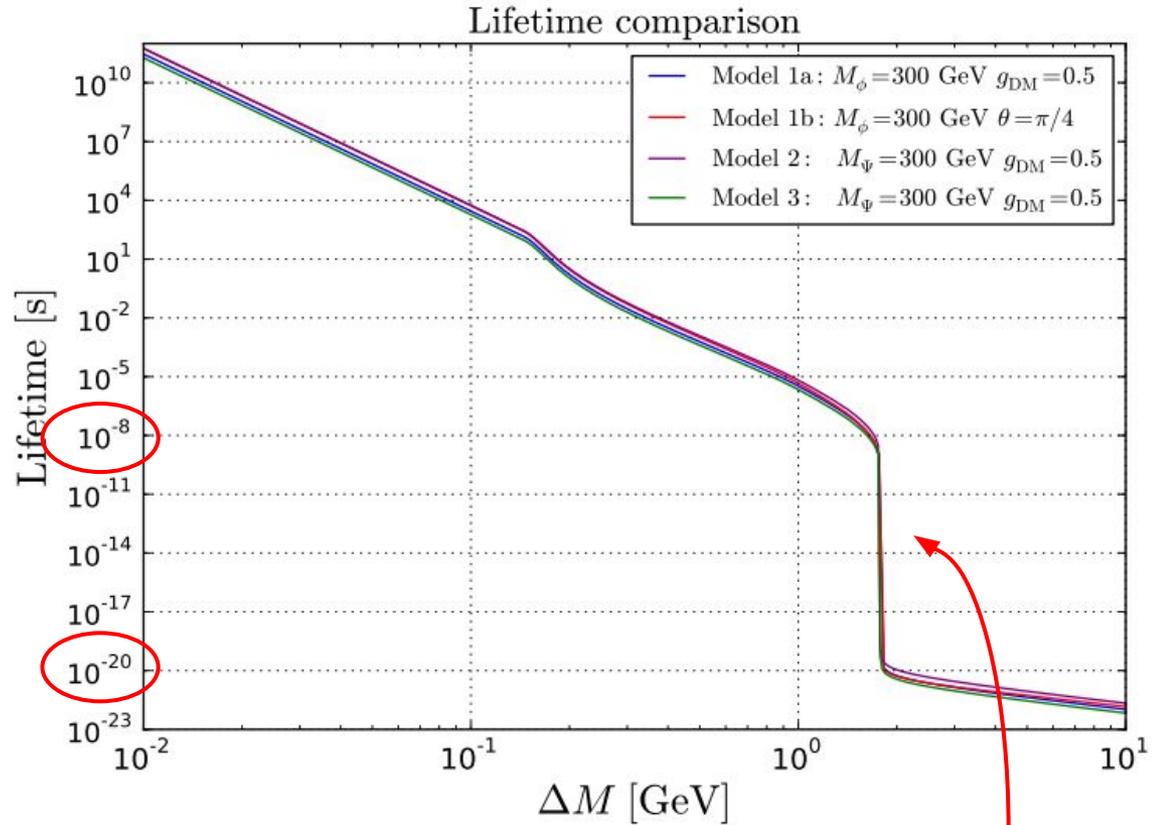
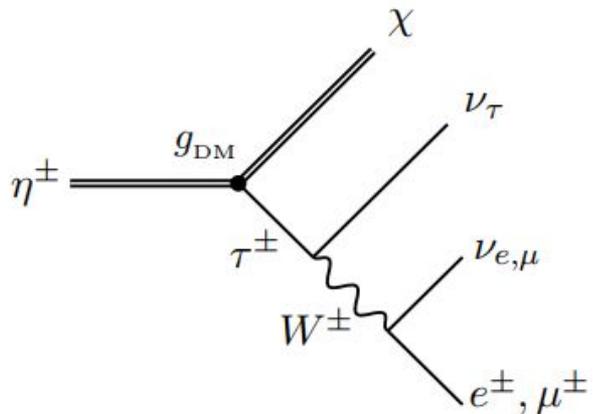
- We study Dirac fermion and complex scalar as coannihilation partners

# Long-lived charged particles

If  $\Delta M \lesssim m_\tau$  only 3-body and 4-body decays are open:



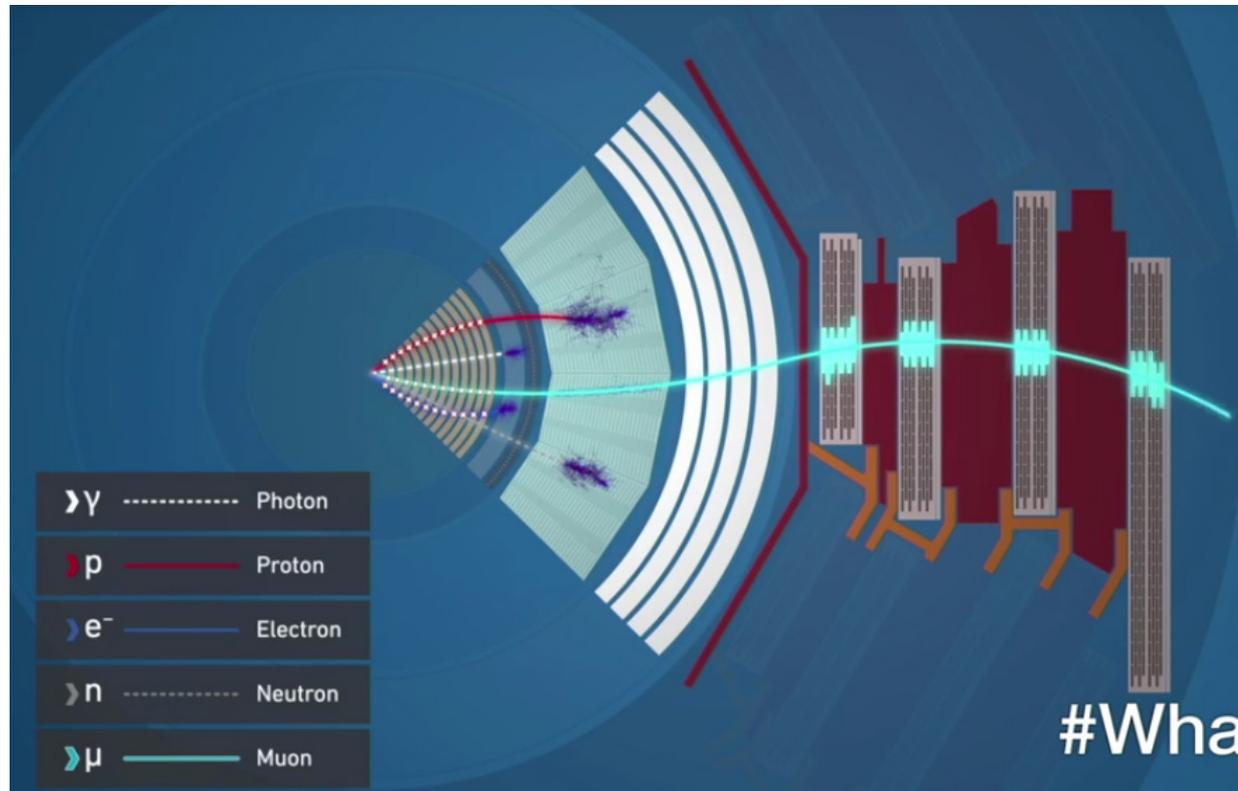
Also  $\rho$  and  $a_1$  mesons



$m_\tau = 1.777$  GeV

# Searching for long-lived charged particles

- To distinguish from muons experimentalists rely on energy loss and the time of flight (or bending from magnetic field to infer speed)
- **Anomalous charged tracks:** Heavier charged particles are slowly moving ( $m > 100 \text{ GeV} \Rightarrow \beta = v/c < 0.9$ ) and have large energy loss through ionization  $dE/dx$



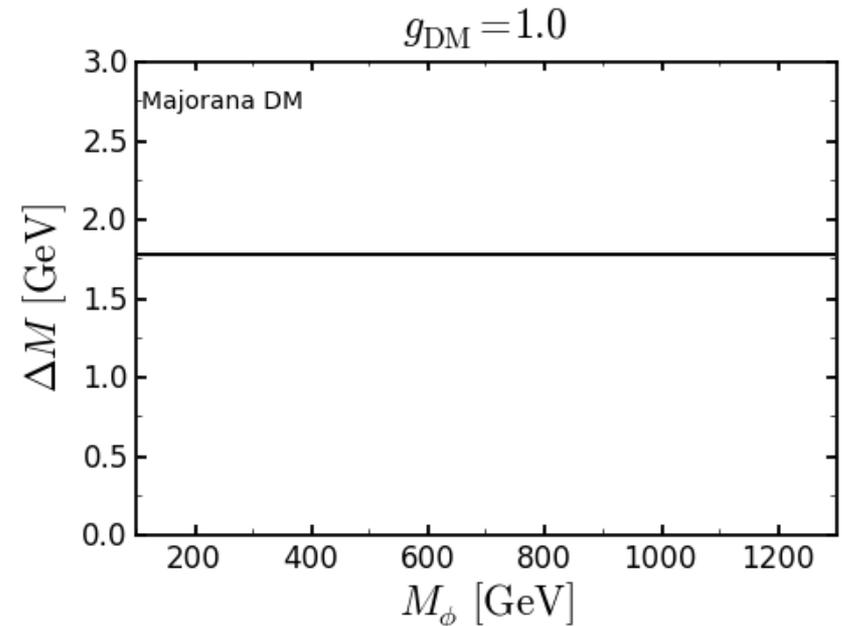
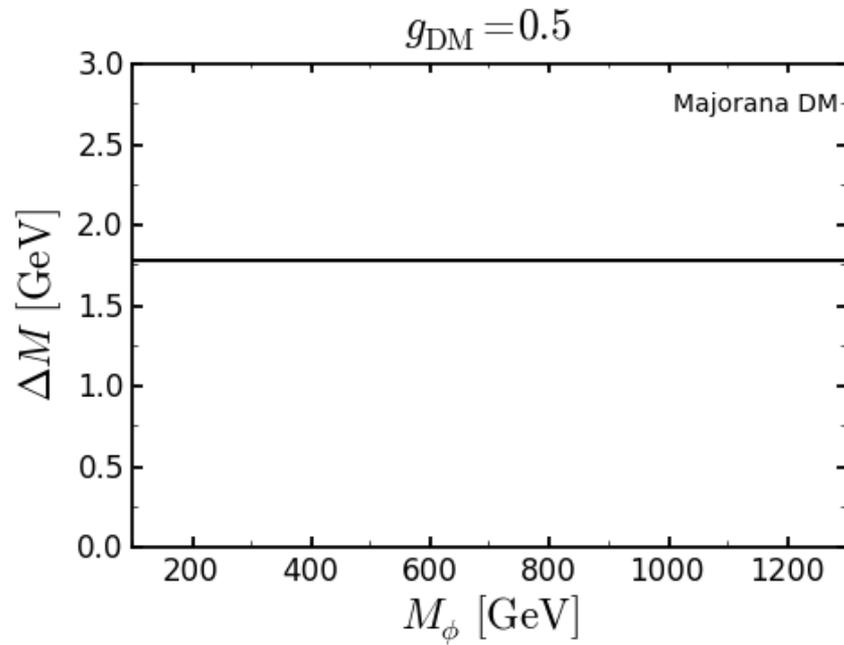
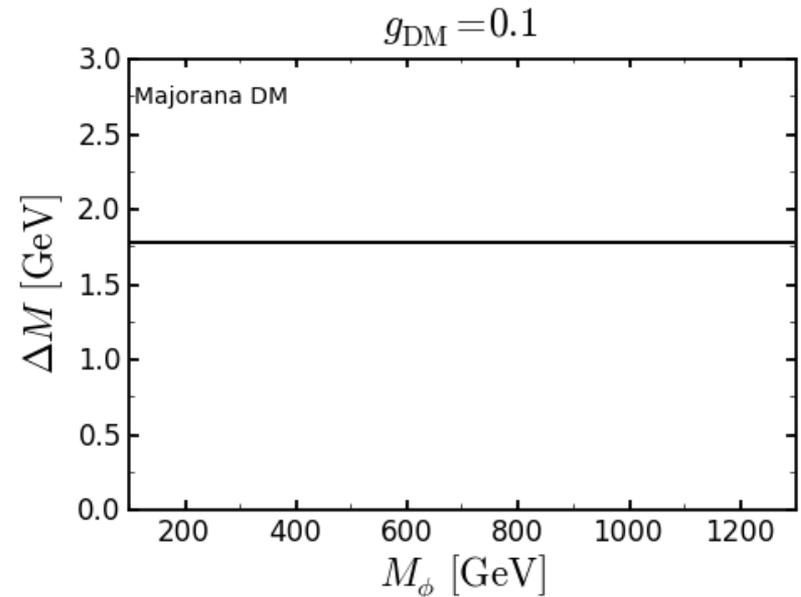
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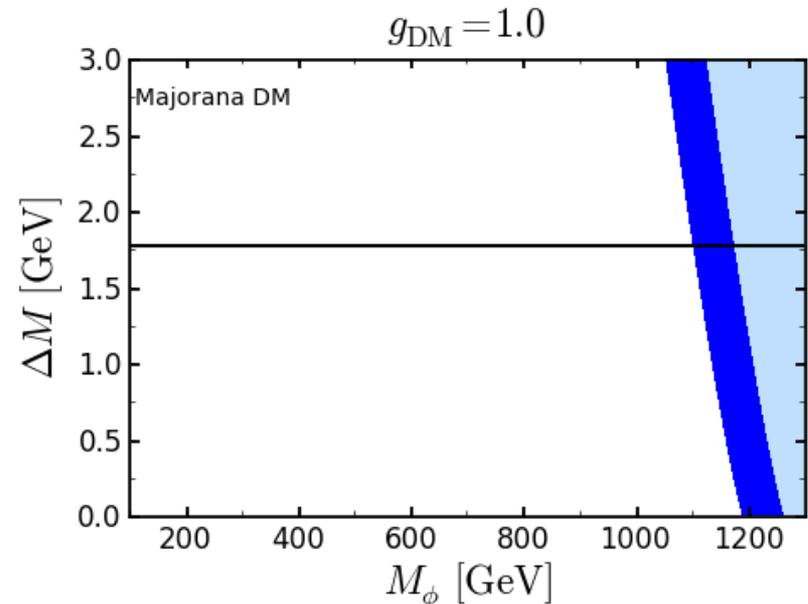
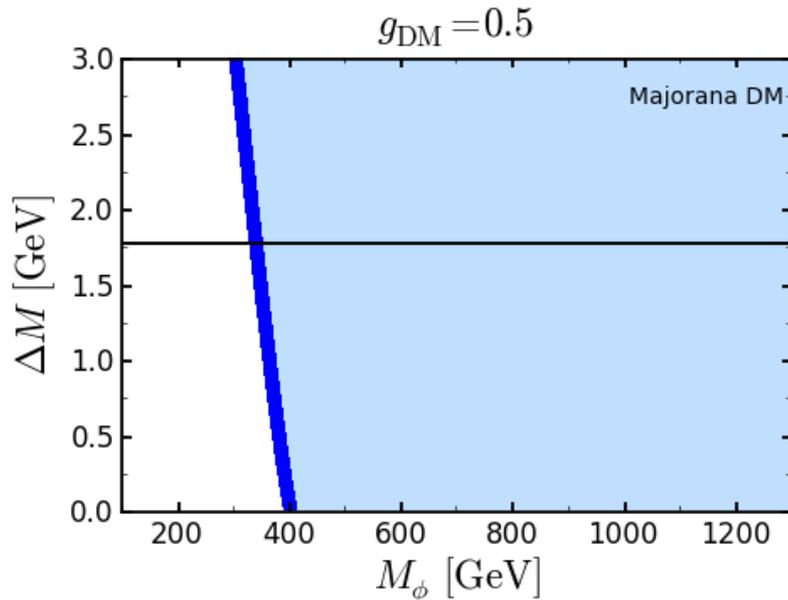
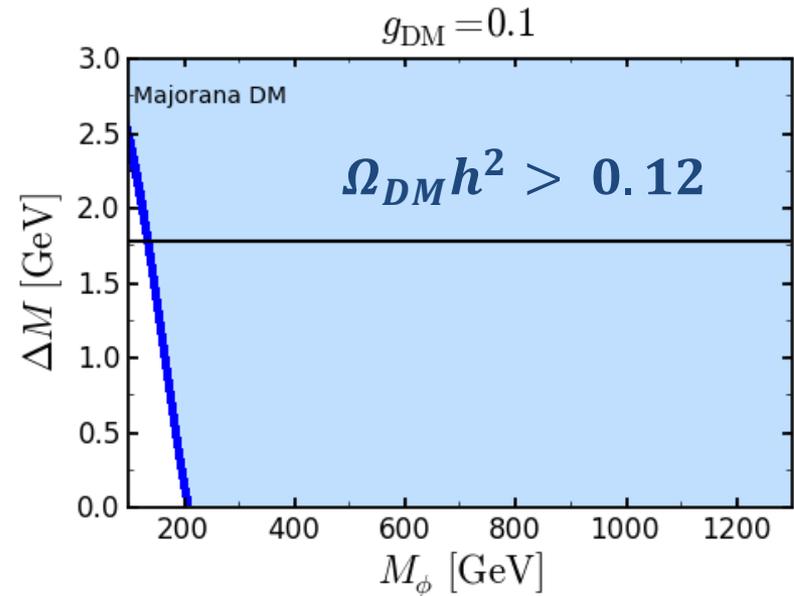
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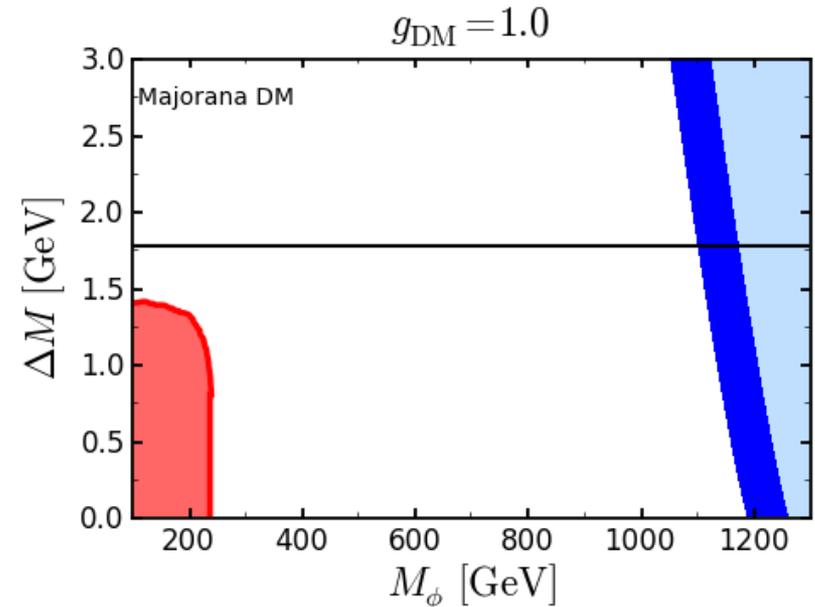
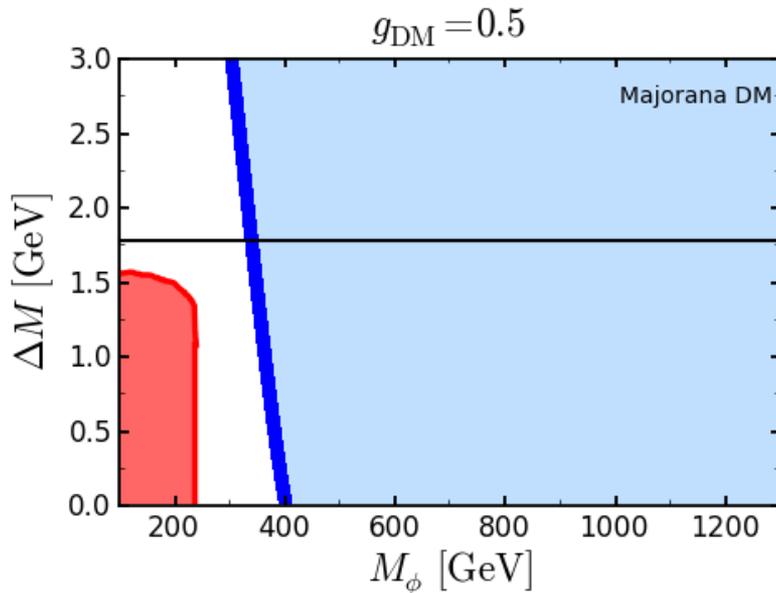
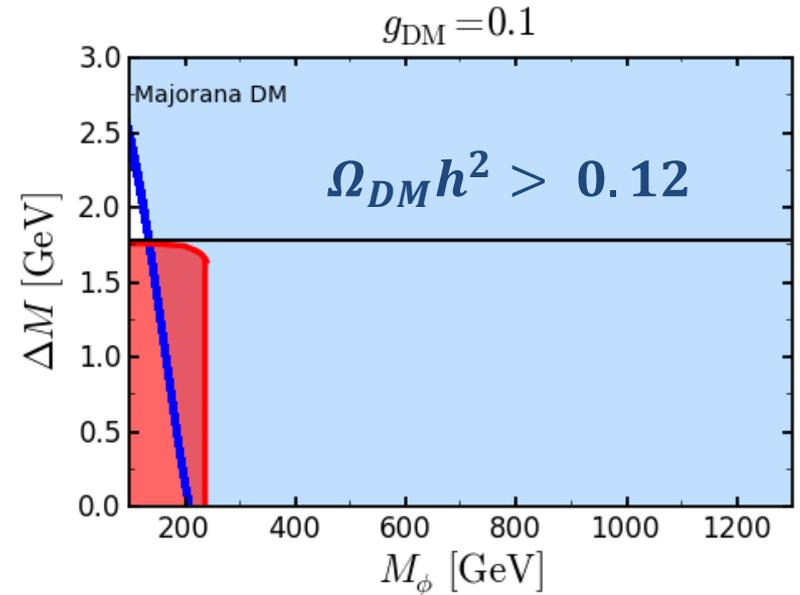
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**CMS & ATLAS**  
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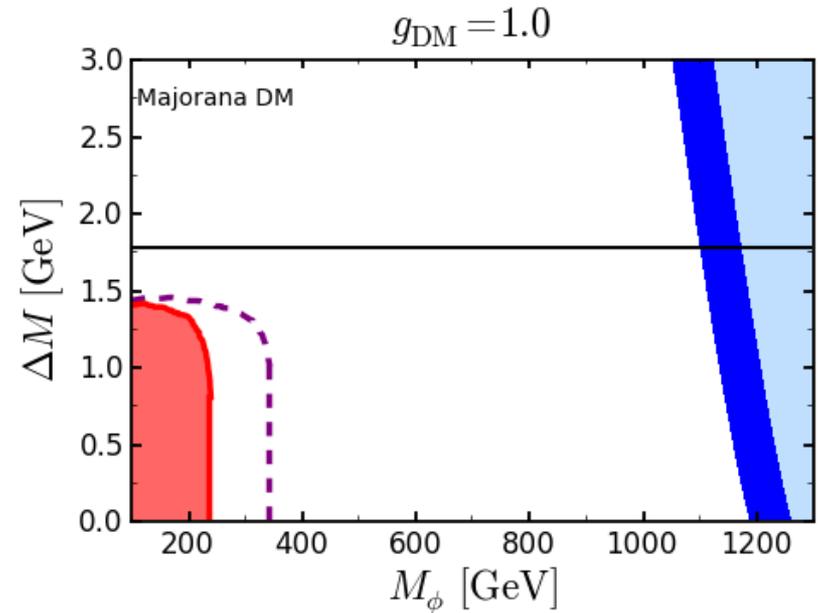
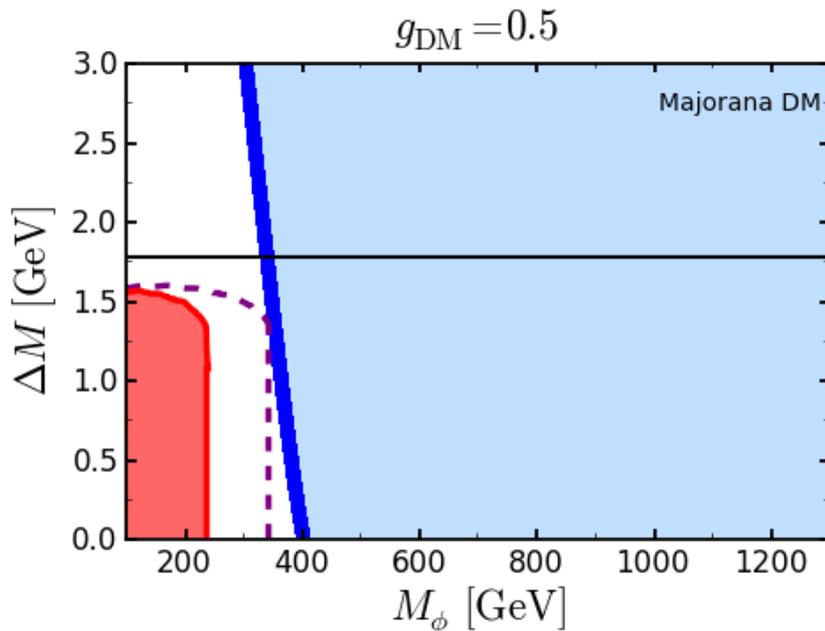
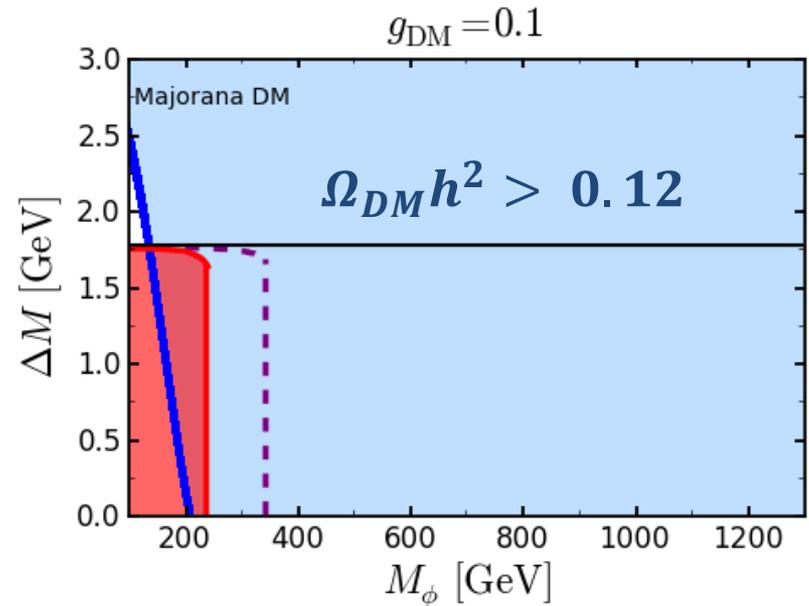
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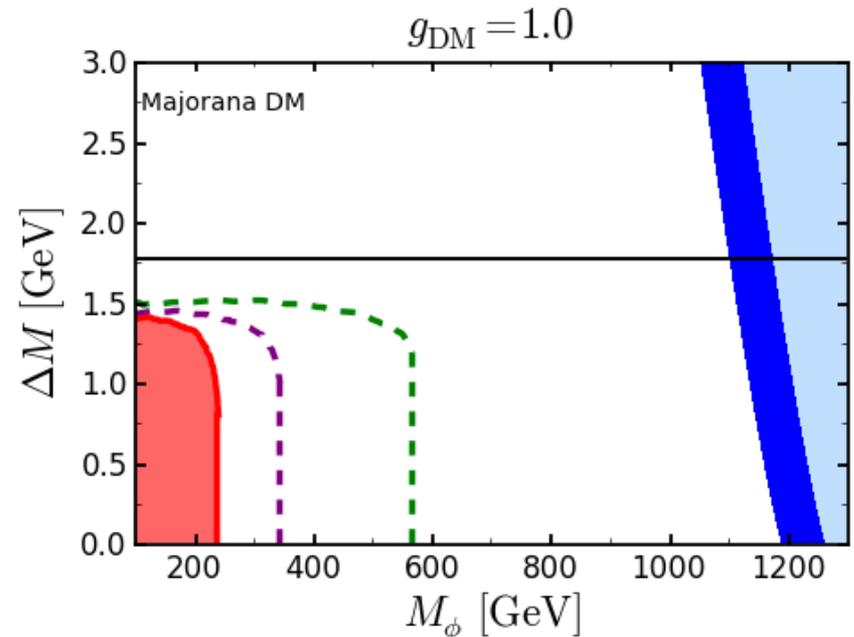
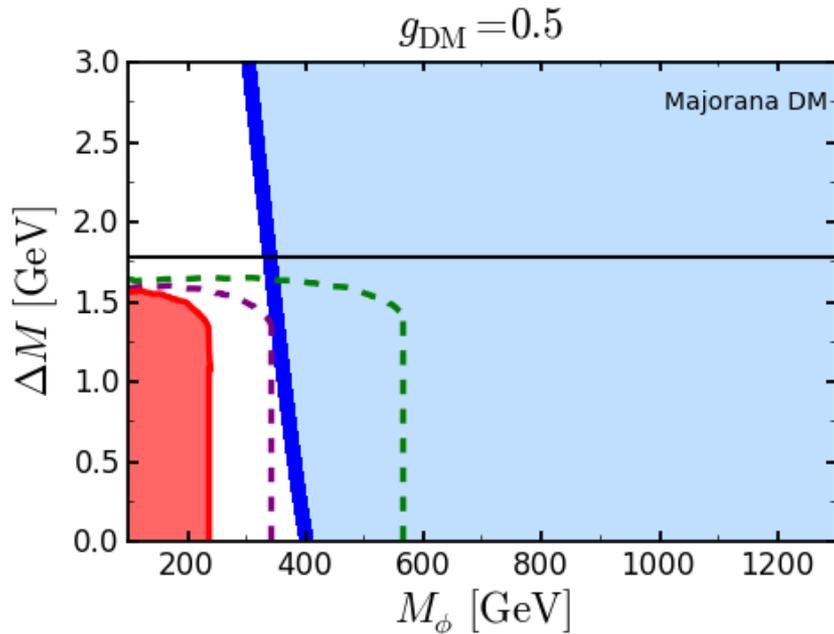
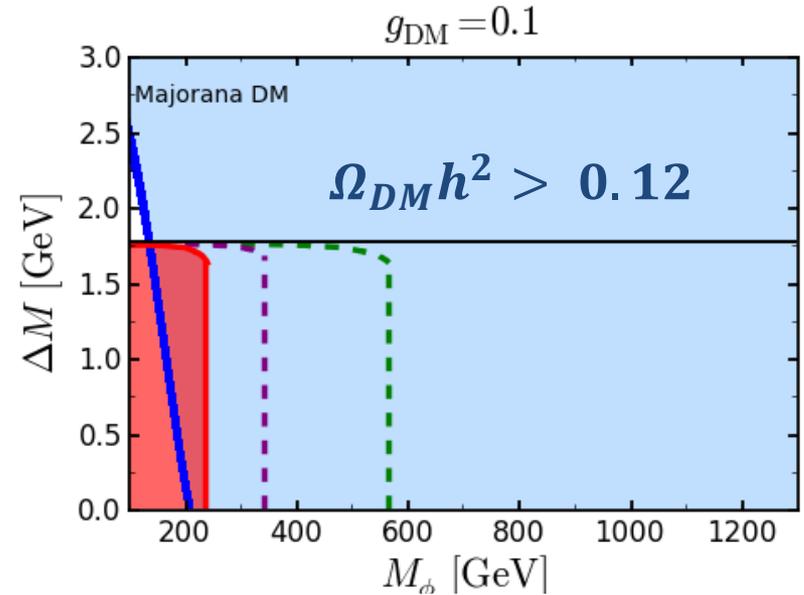
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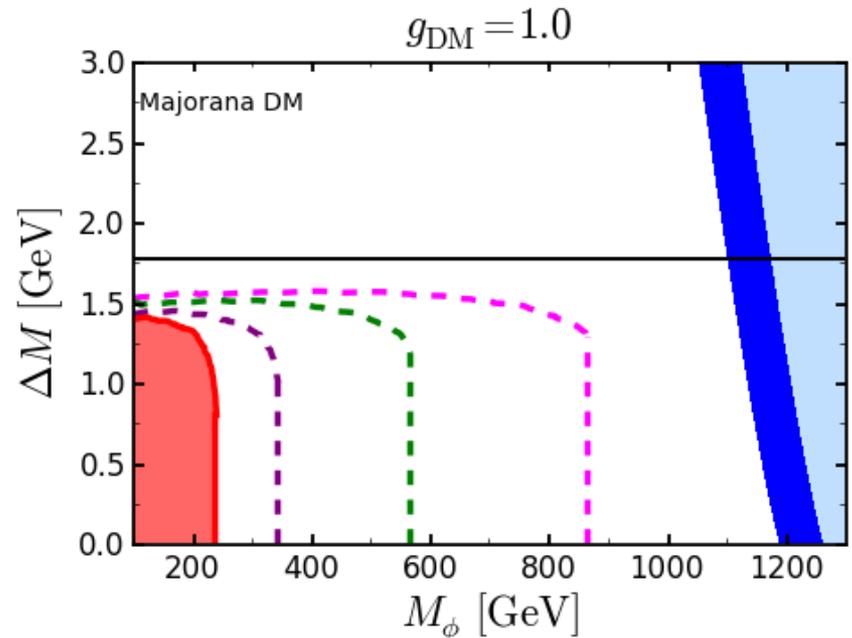
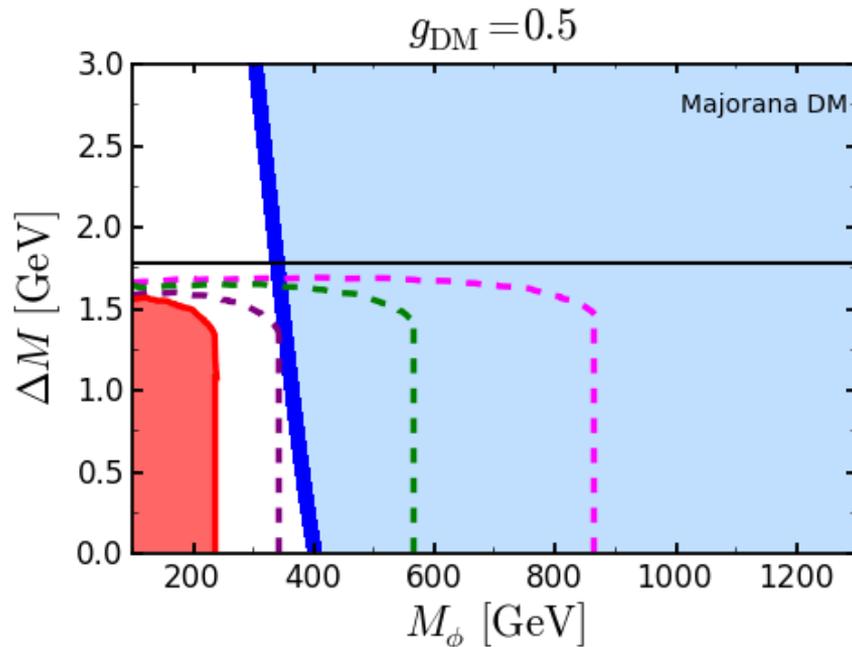
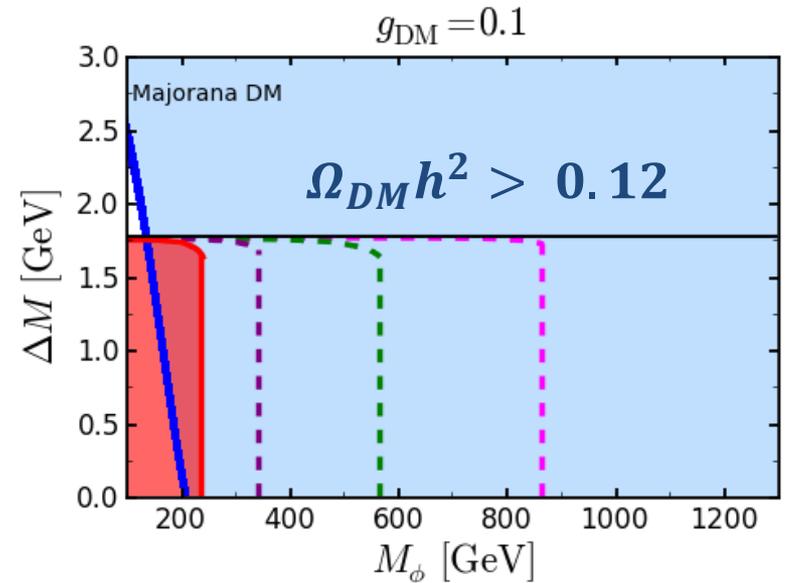
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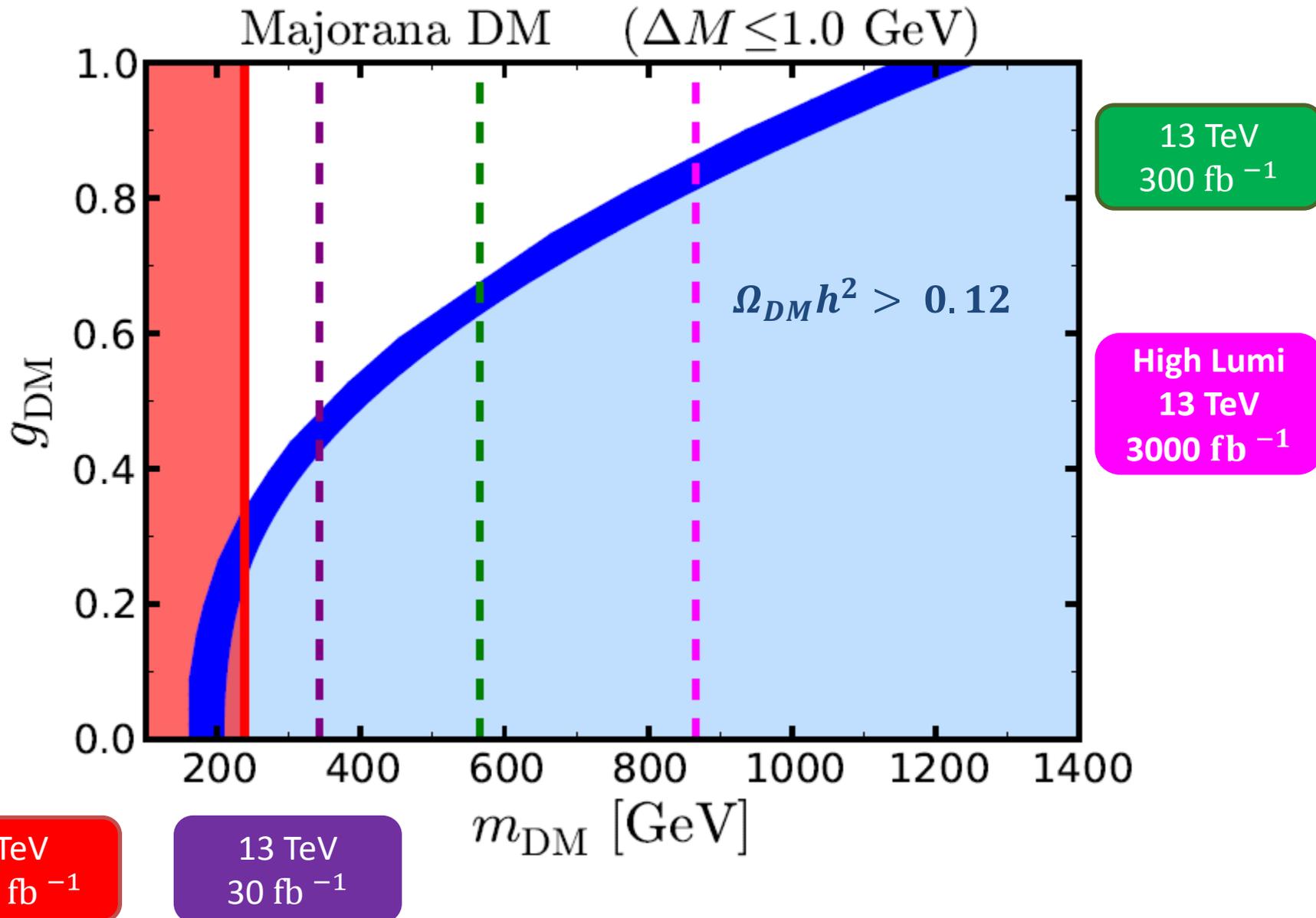
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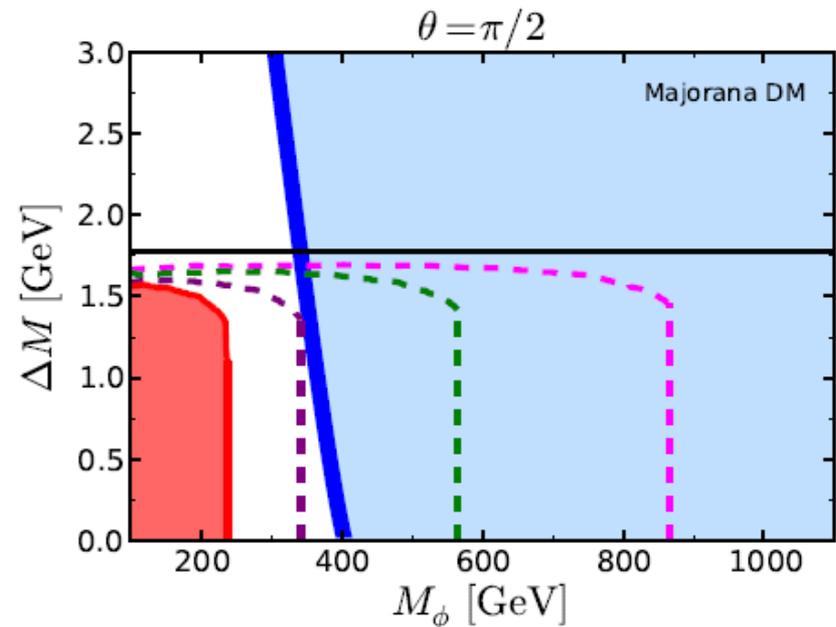
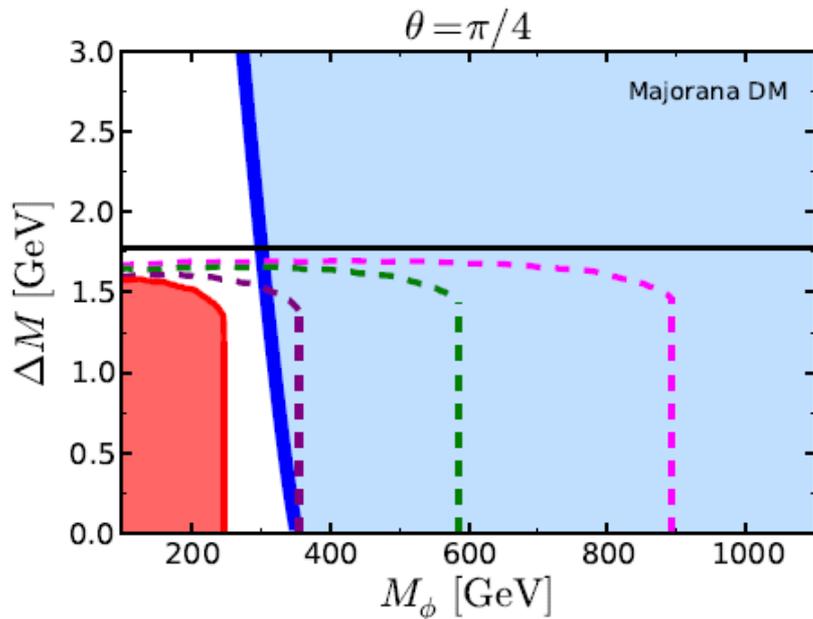
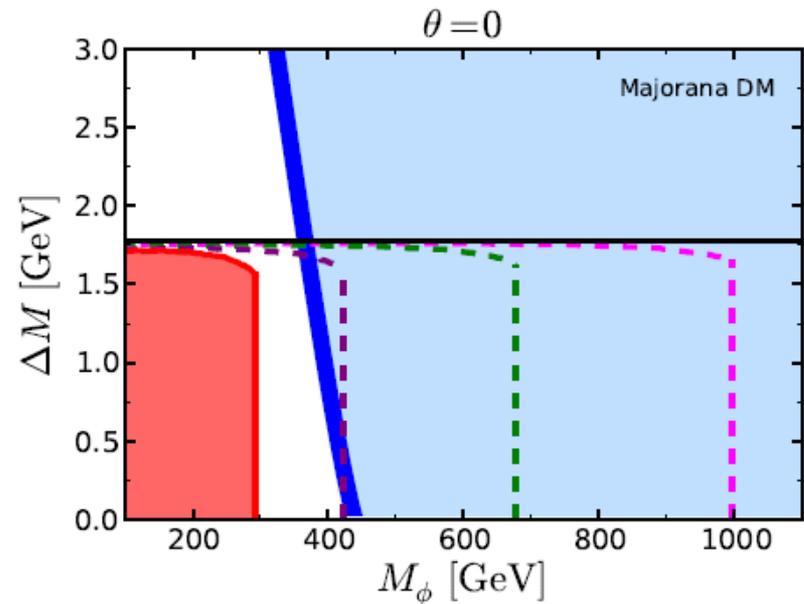
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$$\phi = \cos \theta \phi_L + \sin \theta \phi_R$$

$$g_L = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} g' \cos \theta, \quad g_R = -\sqrt{2} g' \sin \theta.$$



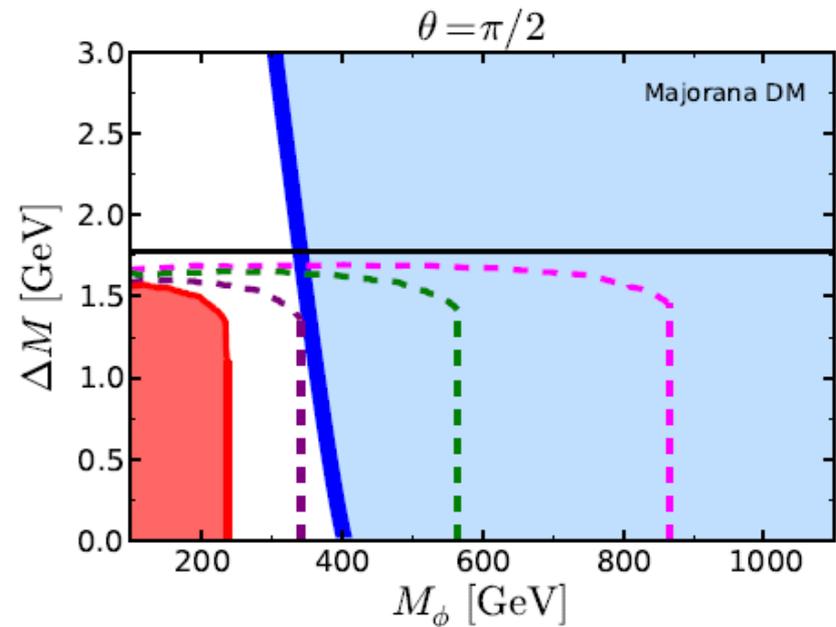
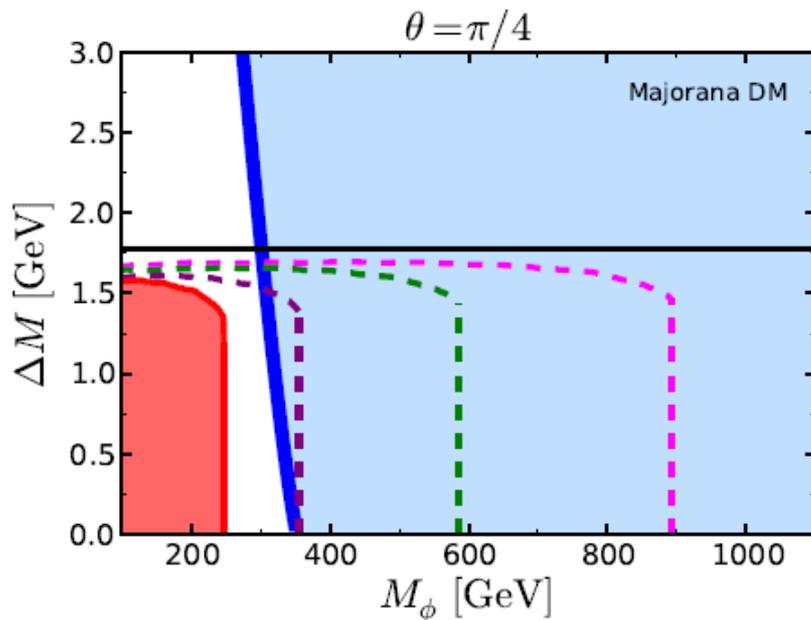
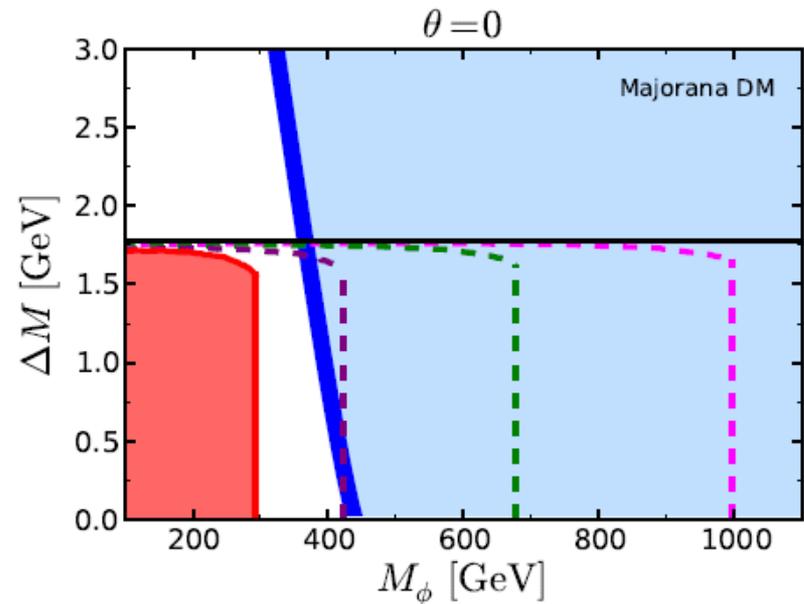
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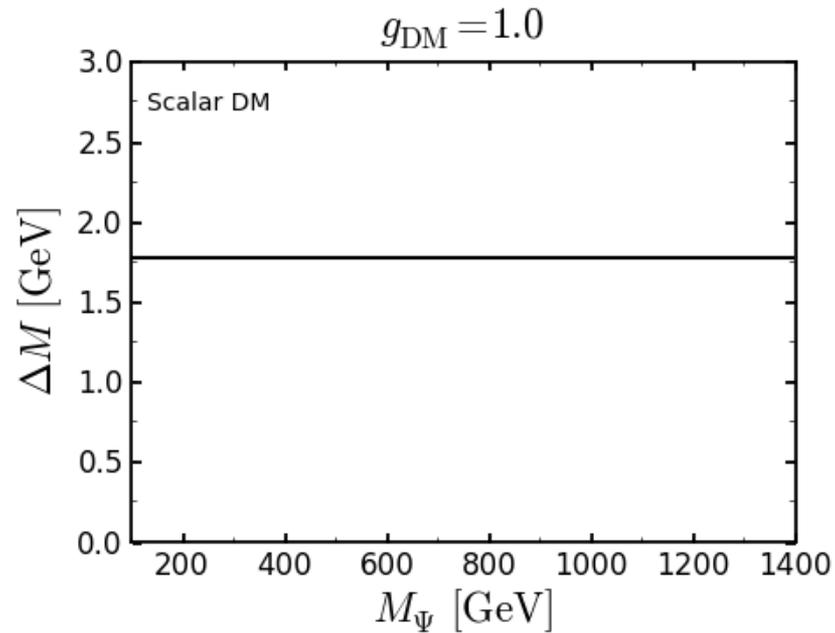
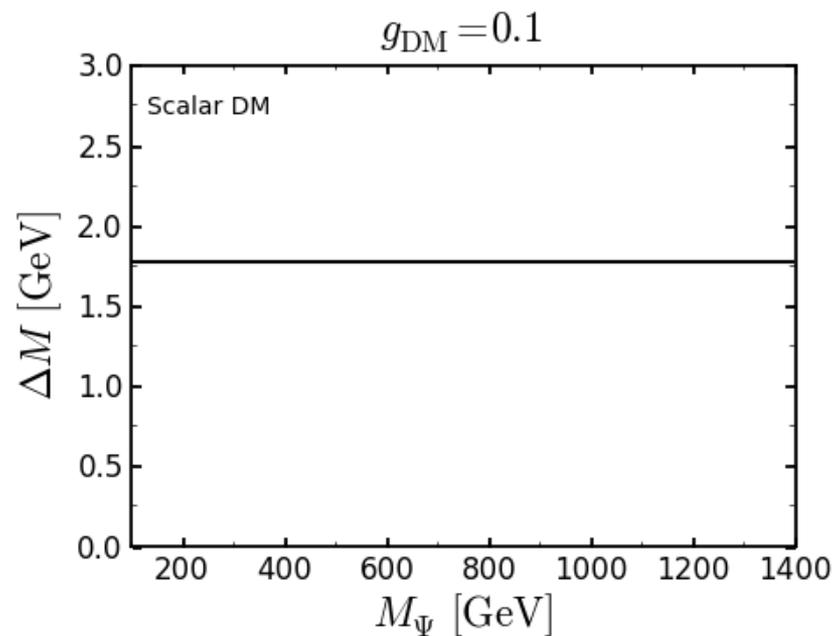
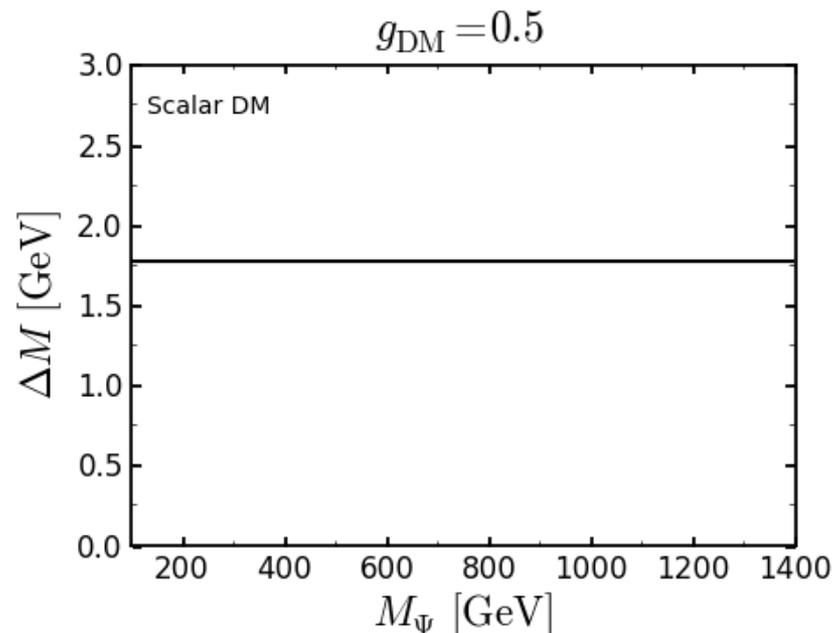
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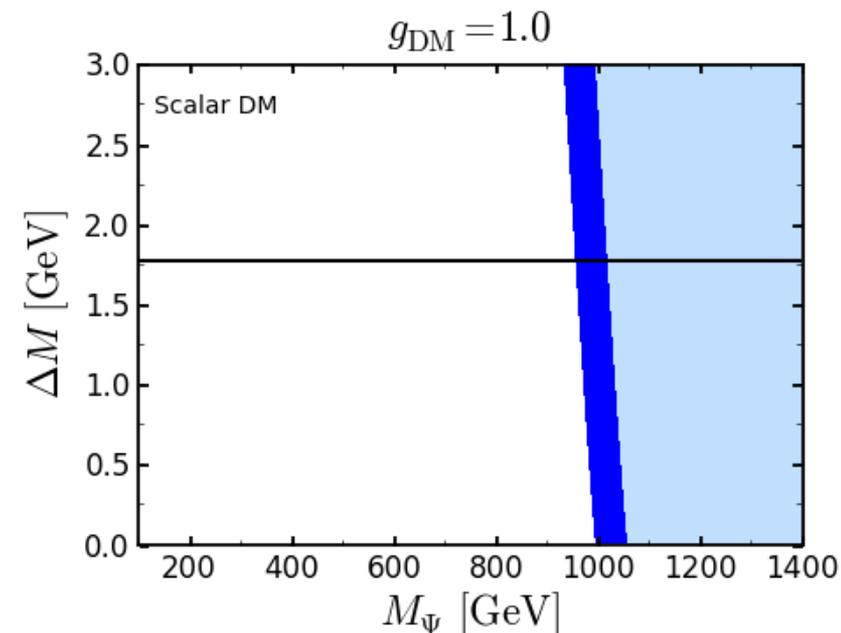
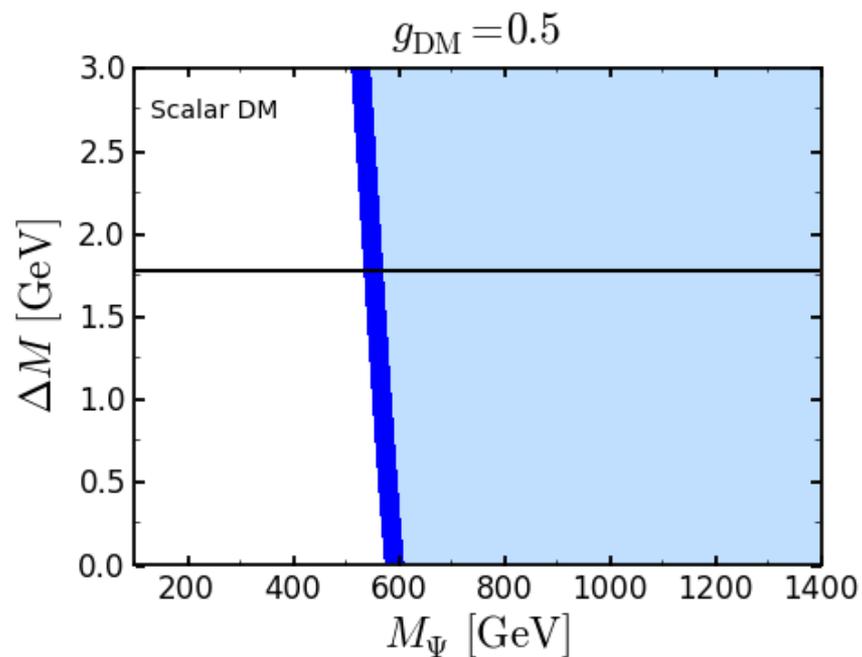
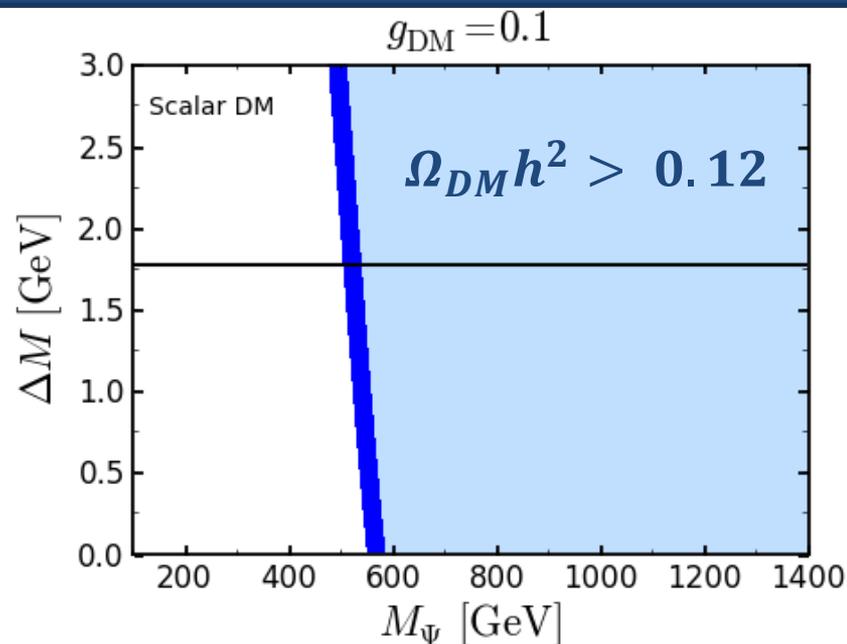
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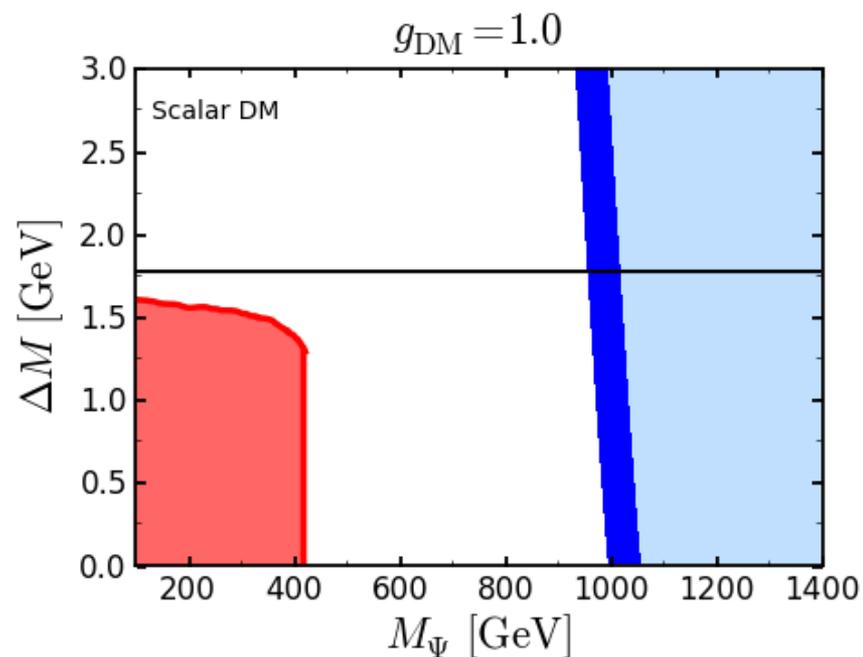
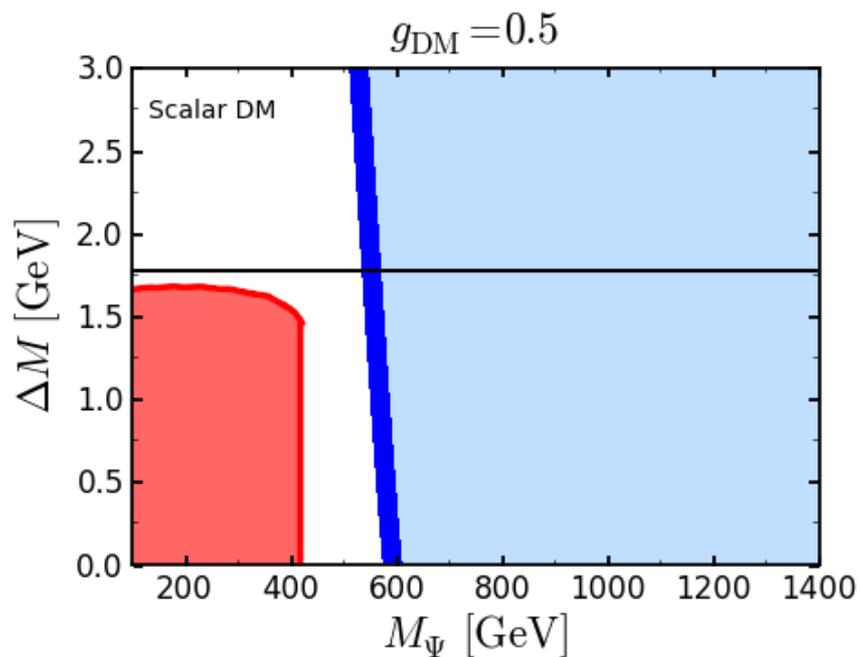
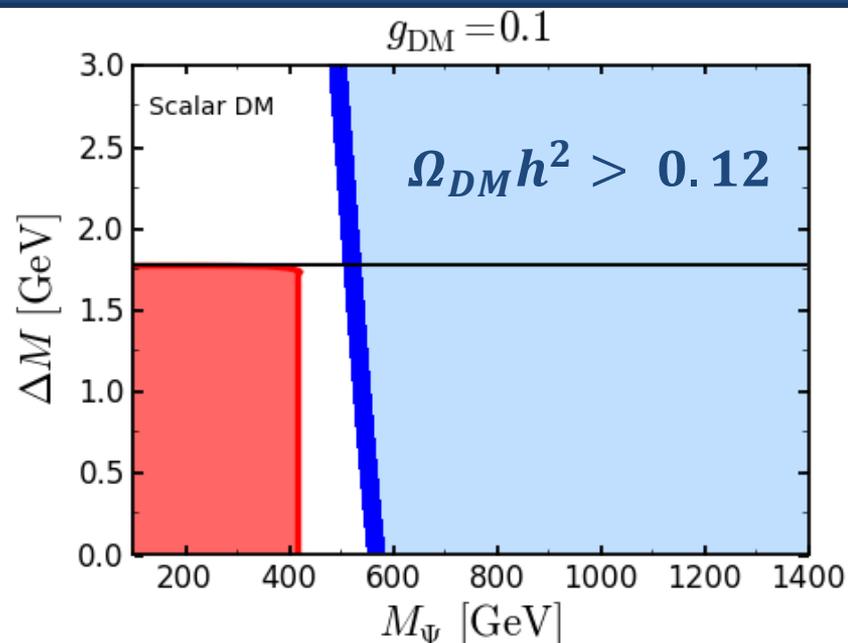
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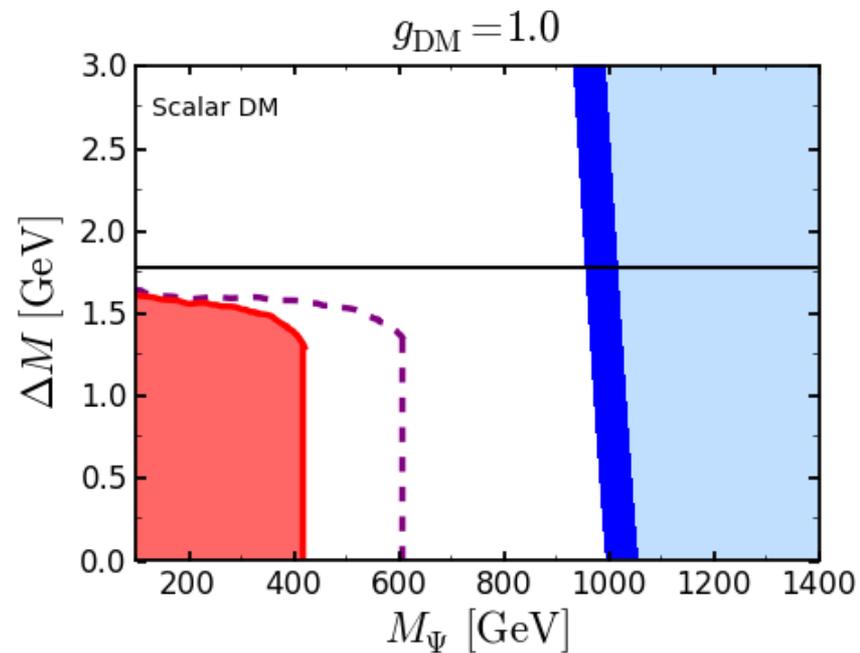
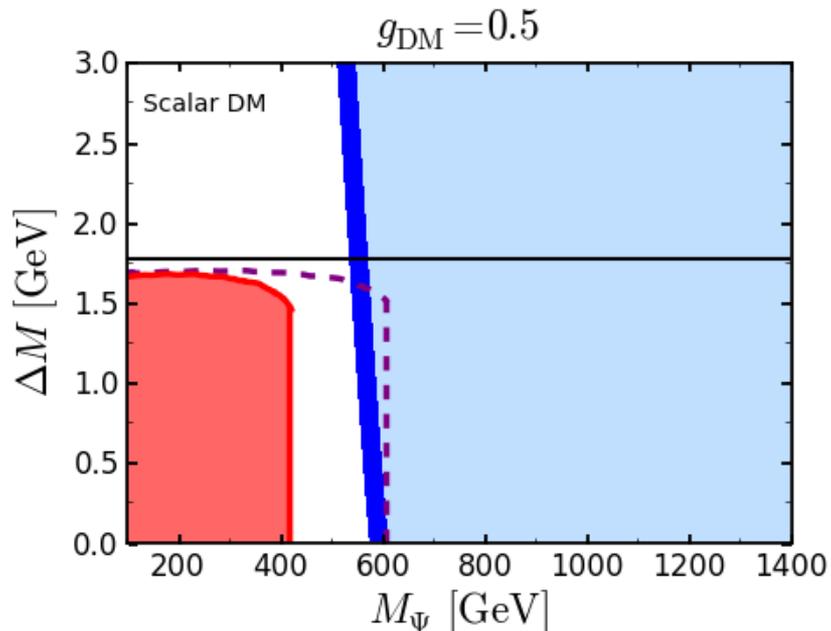
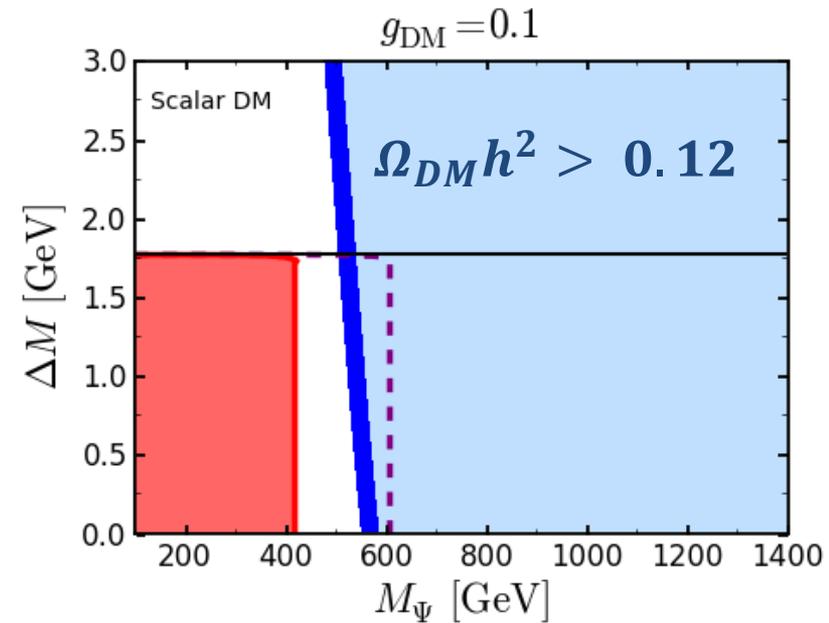
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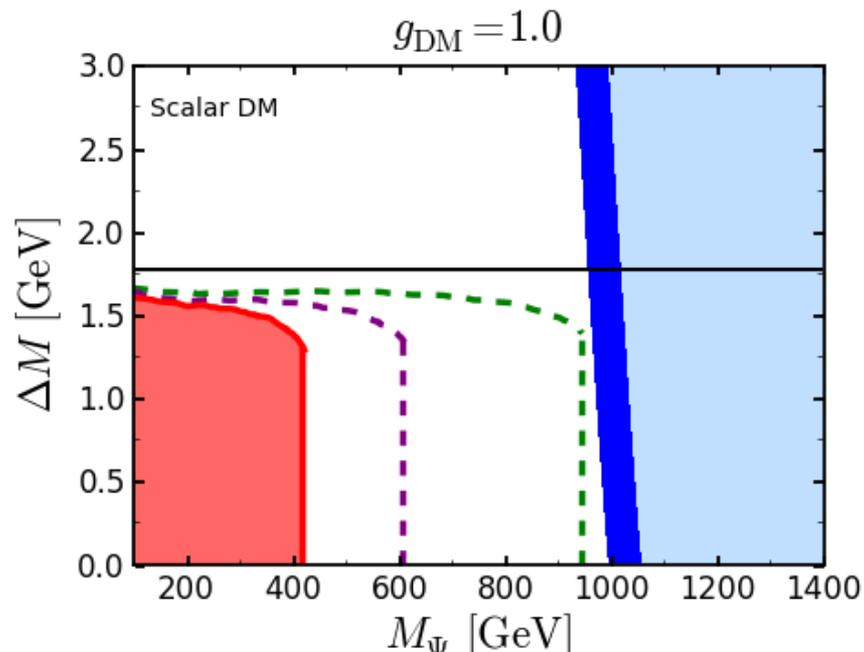
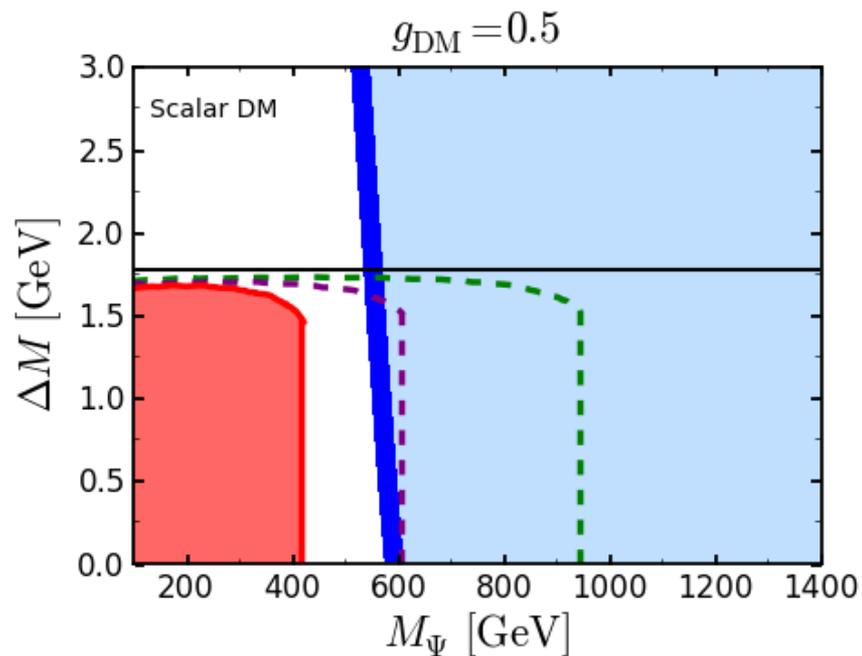
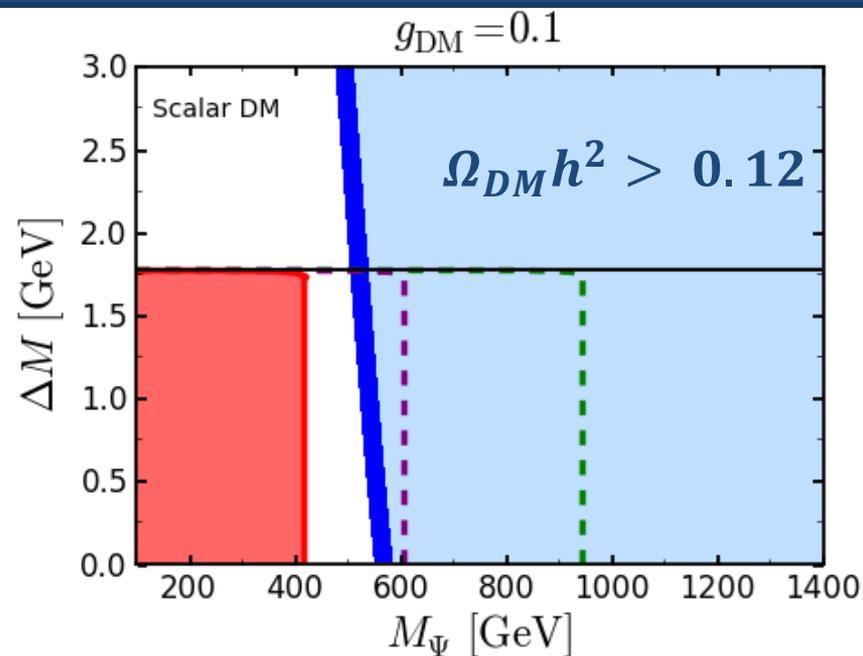
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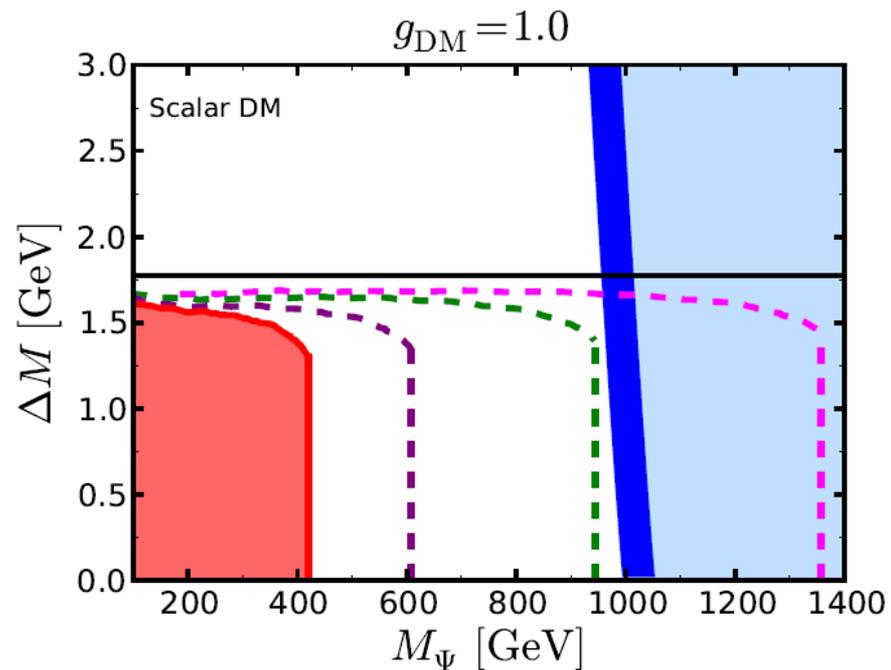
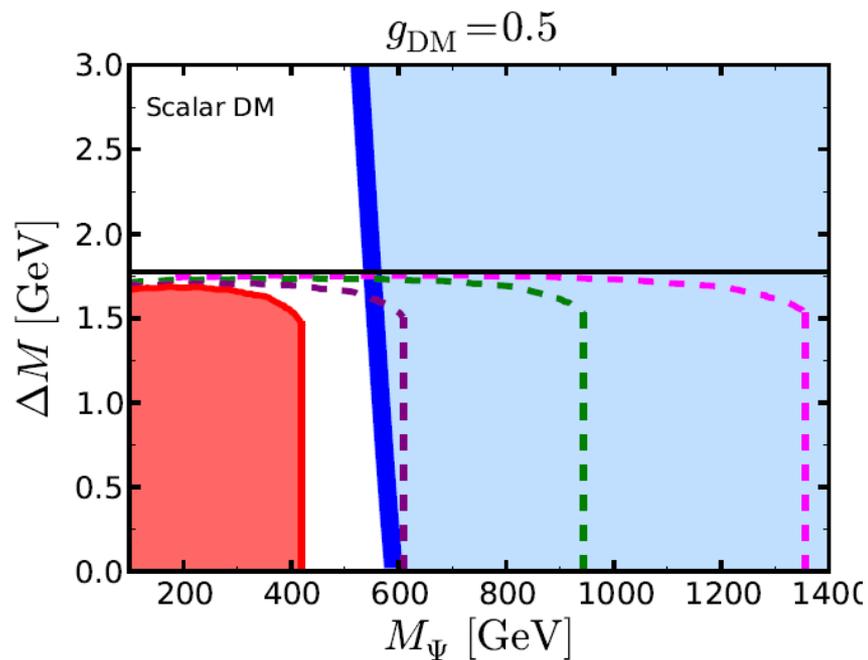
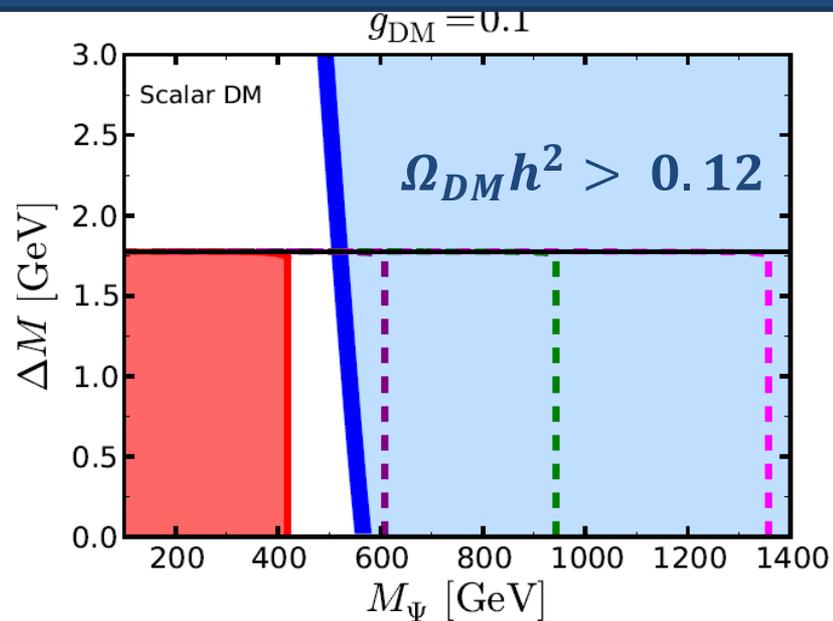
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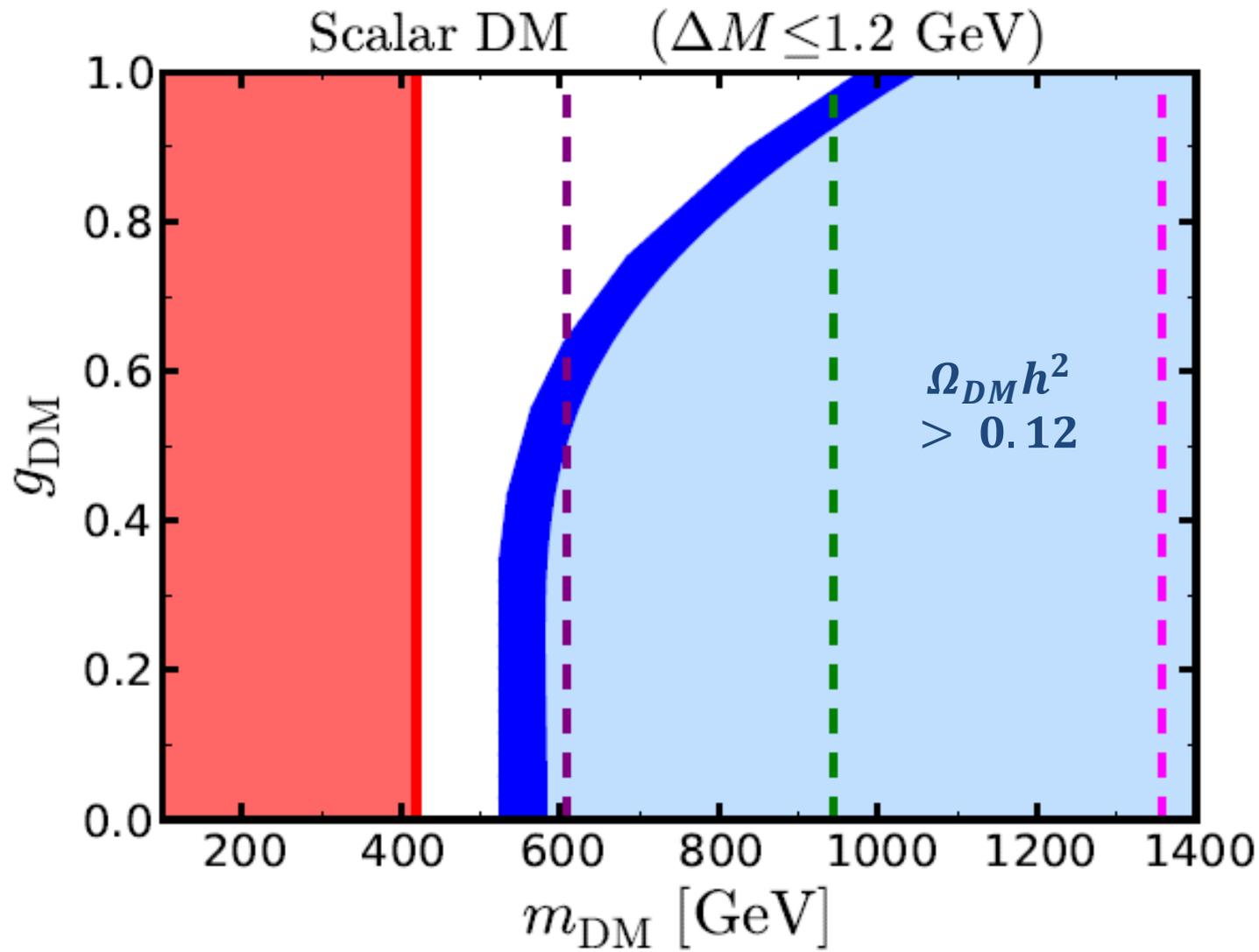
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13 TeV  
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NOT gauge-invariant, requires UV-completion, e.g. Extra-Dimensions

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{DM} & \text{CAP } (Y = 1 \ L_\tau = 1) \\ A_\mu & \Psi \end{array}$$

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- Theories with extra-dimensions, lightest KK excitation is usually the 1<sup>st</sup> excitation of the photon
- Stueckelberg mechanism and mixing between  $\Psi$  and  $\tau_R$
- Strong dynamics, composite spin-1 state
- DM spin=1 , so there is no chiral suppression

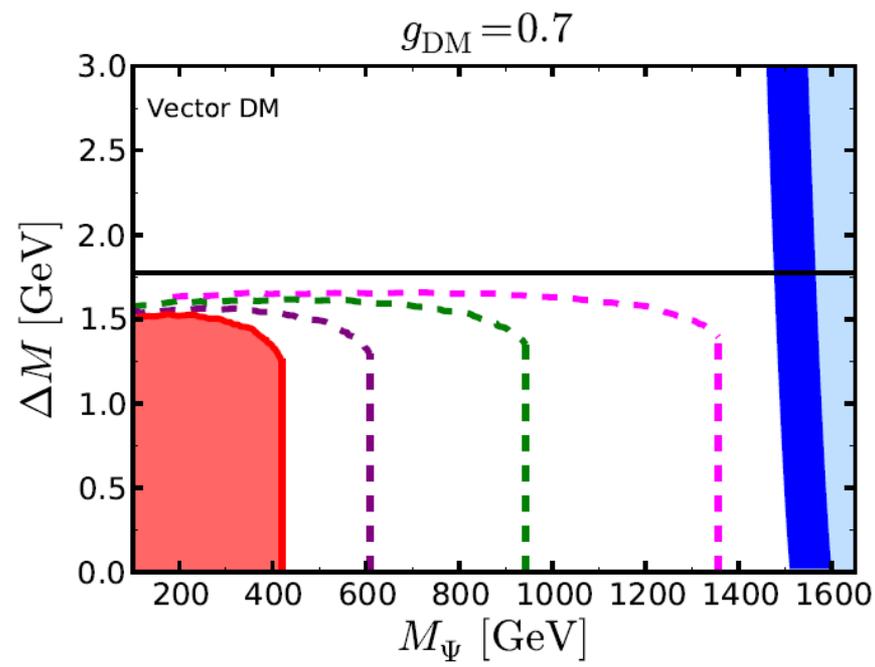
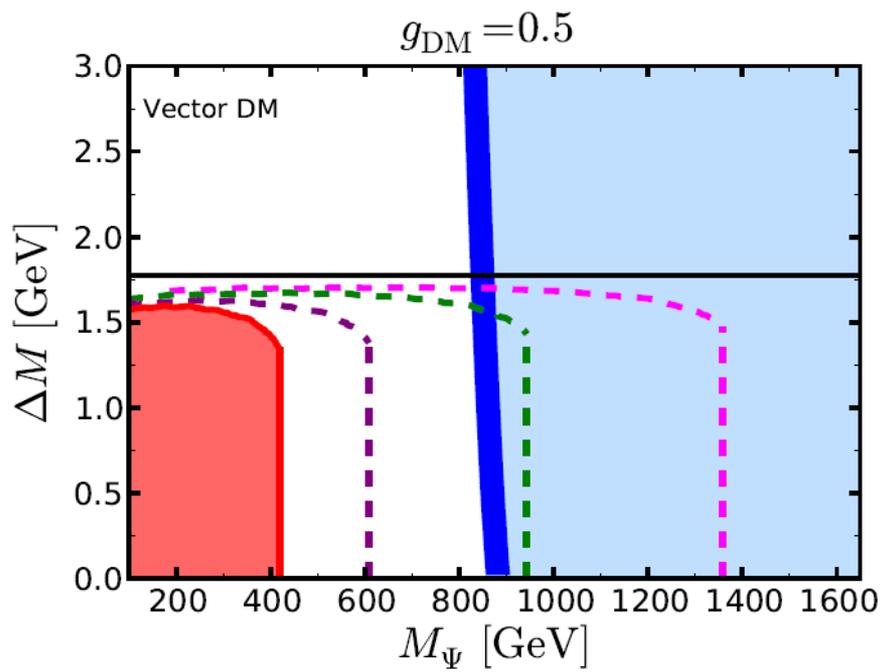
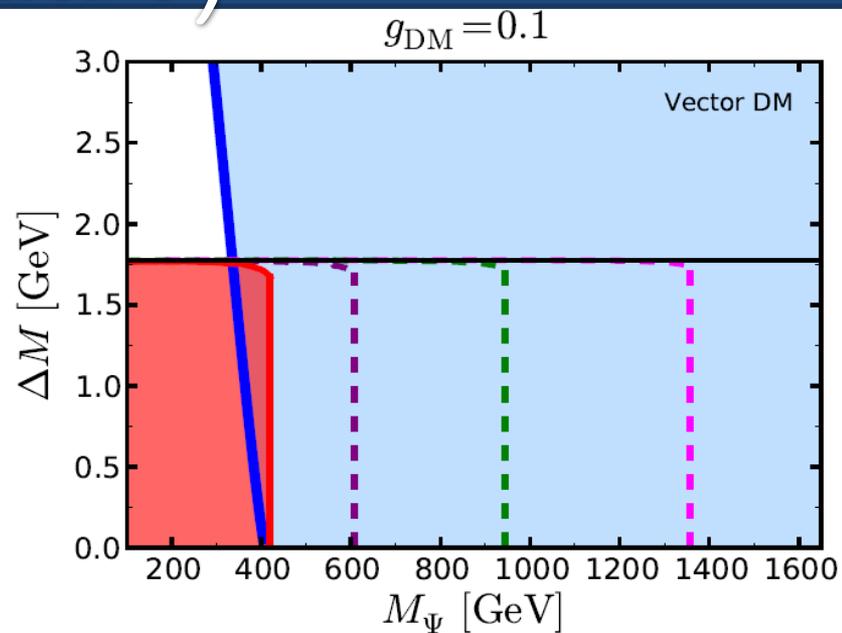
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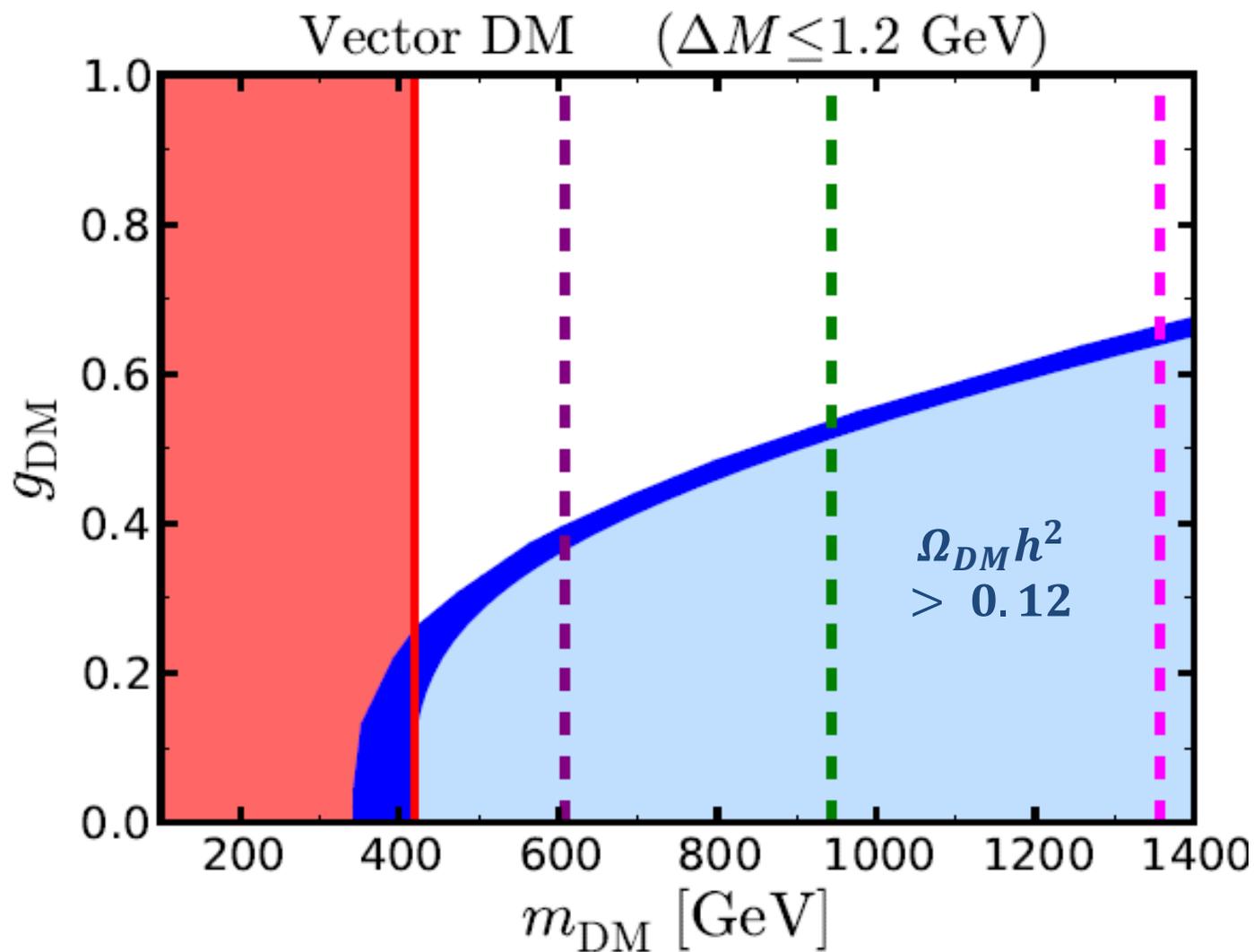
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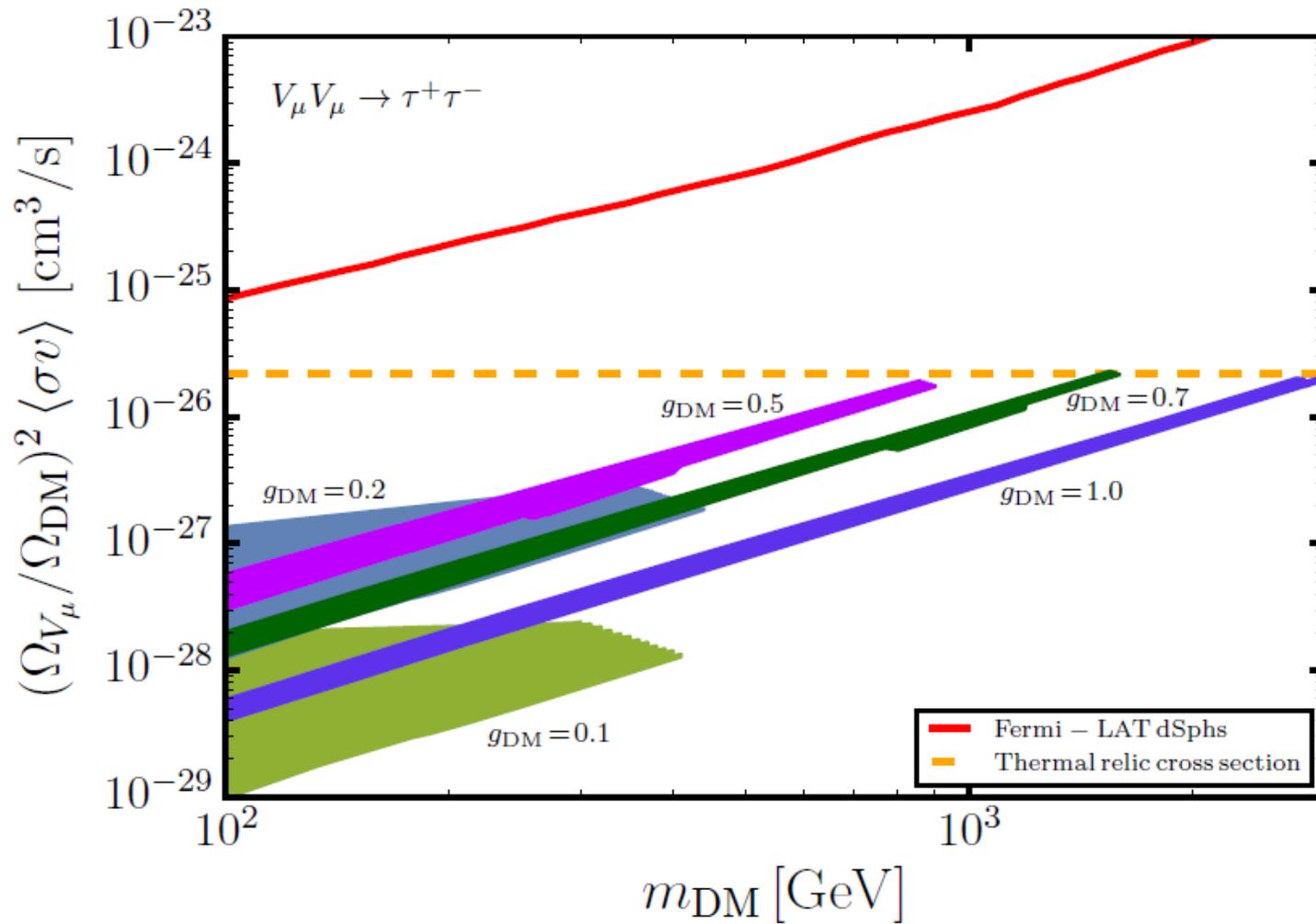
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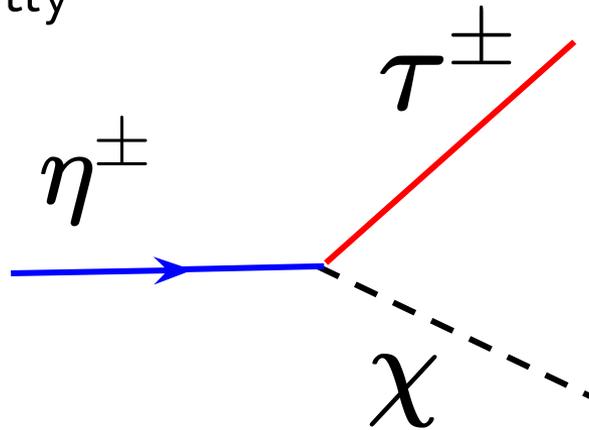
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# Vector dark matter



# Large mass splitting?

- How can we probe the mass with large mass splitting?
- Two-body decay is open. Hence, coannihilation partner decays promptly



- At the LHC it is hard to reconstruct soft taus, coannihilation region  $\Delta M > m_\tau$  is out of reach. Could work for muons and electrons

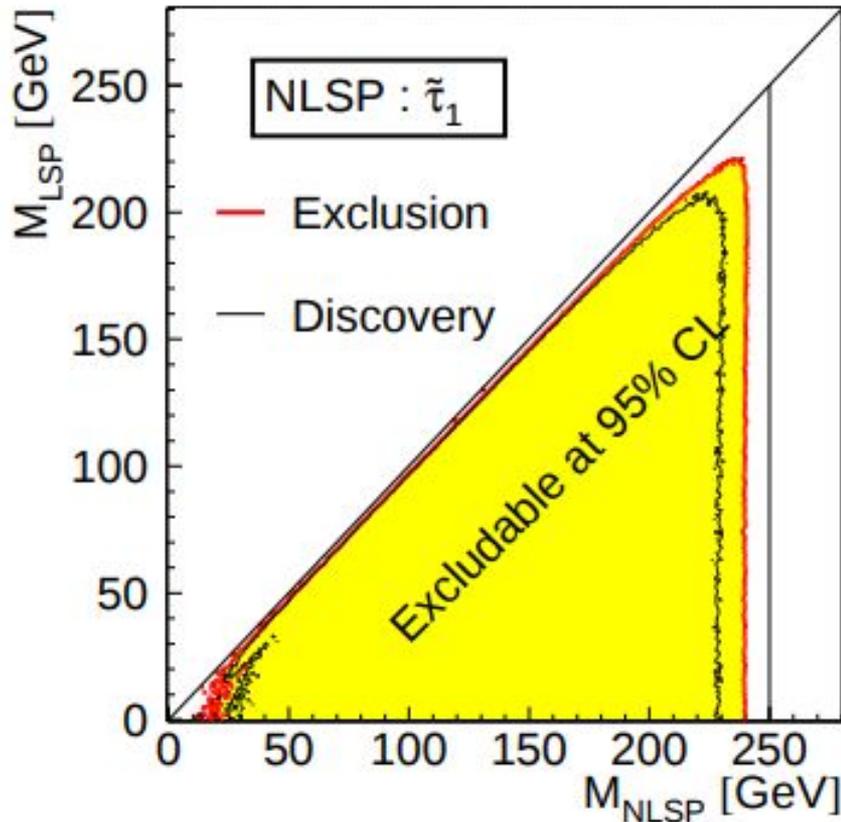
# Future proposed linear colliders

- Clean experimental environment and hence we can fully reconstruct the missing energy
- **ILC**: International Linear Collider concept in Japan. 20 km in length. First stage planned to have  **$\sqrt{s} = 250 \text{ GeV}$** .
- **CLIC**: Compact Linear Collider concept at CERN. Between 11 - 50 km in length. First stage planned at  **$\sqrt{s} = 380 \text{ GeV}$**  (top quark factory), future stages will go up to **3 TeV**.
- We focus our study on CLIC, since it is planned to reach higher centre-of-mass energies



Neither collider has been approved yet

# $e^+ e^-$ linear colliders



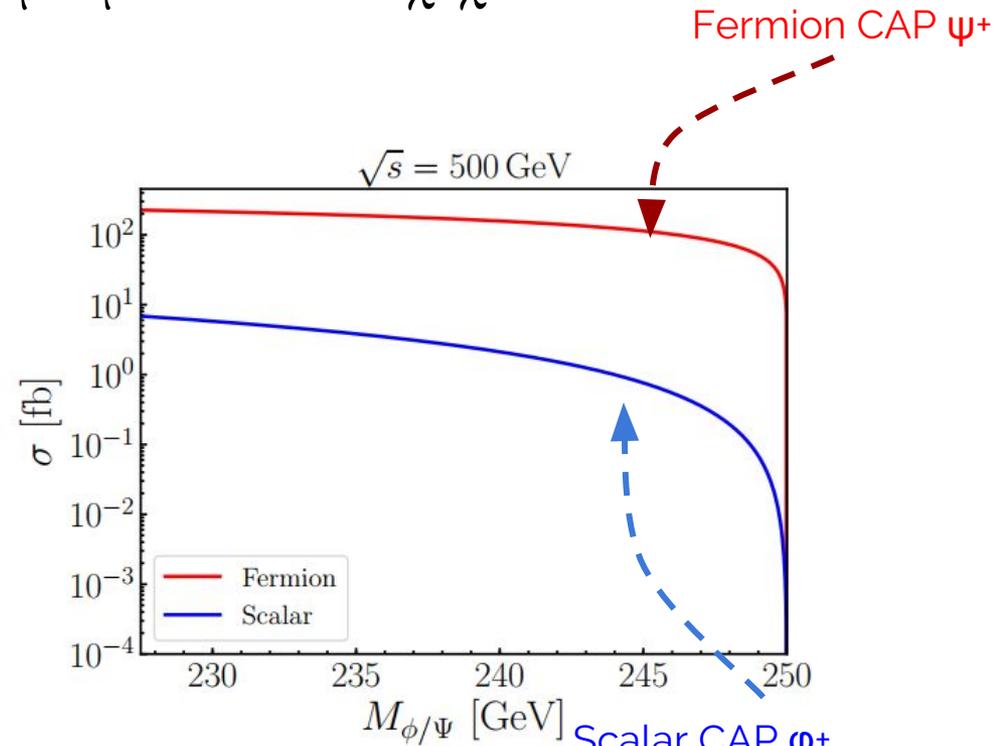
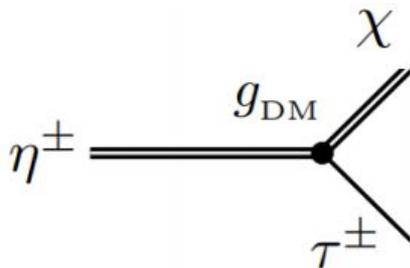
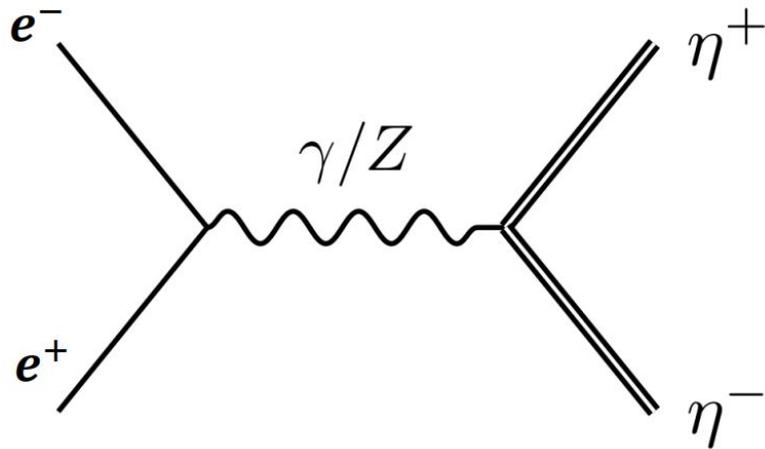
[Berggren 2013]

- Example: linear colliders can study compressed spectrum in SUSY
- Soft tau background from bremsstrahlung photon collisions,  $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \tau^+\tau^-$  can be large

# $e^+ e^-$ linear colliders

- Drell-Yan pair production of CAPs

$$e^+ e^- \rightarrow \psi^+ \psi^- \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^- \chi \chi$$

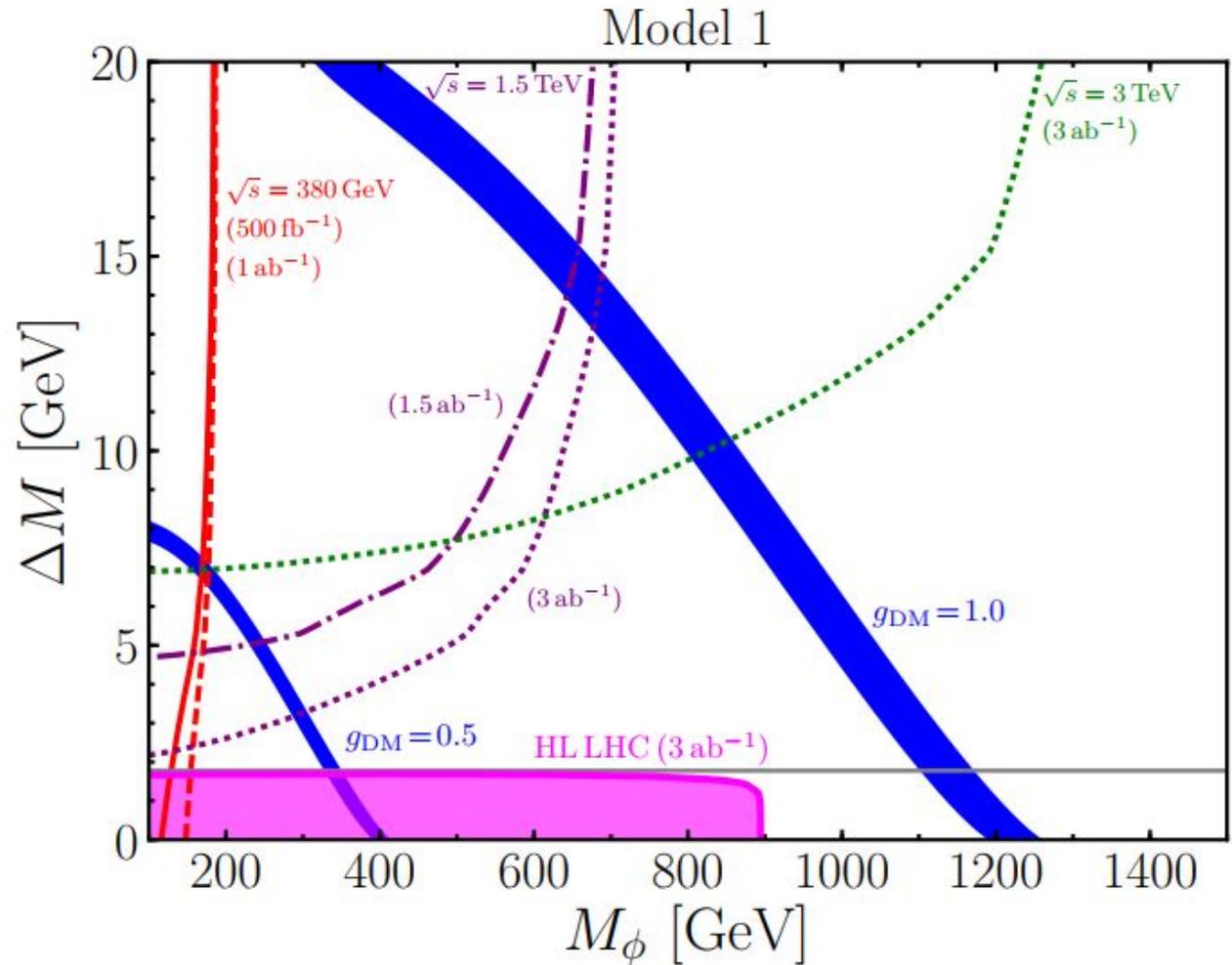


Scalar CAP  $\phi^+$   
Cross-section  
decrease faster  
due to factor  $\beta^3$  in  
cross-section.

# Majorana DM

$$g_{\text{DM}} \phi^* \chi \tau_R \subset \mathcal{L}$$

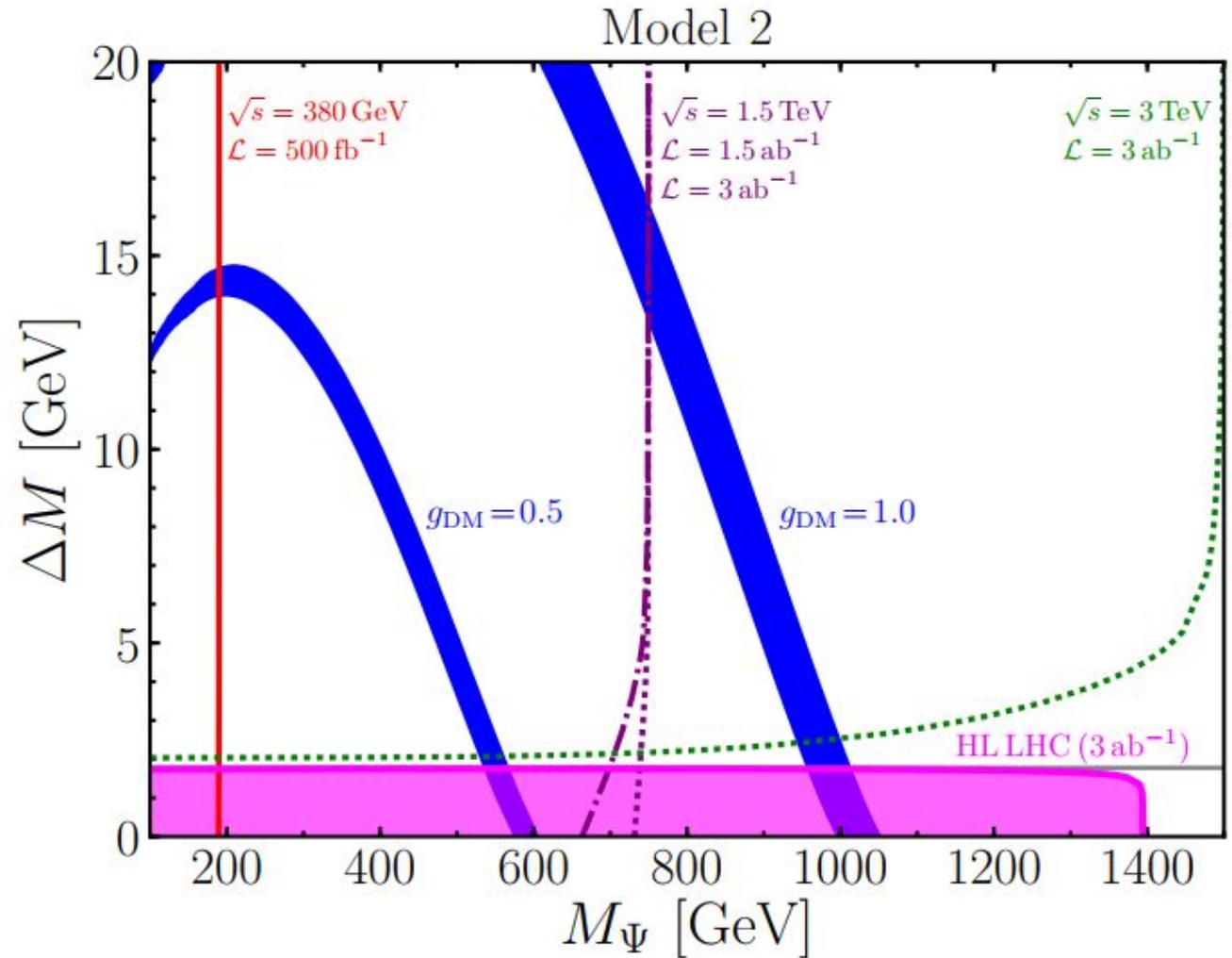
Blue bands correspond to correct relic abundance within  $3\sigma$  for different couplings



# Scalar DM

$$g_{\text{DM}} S \bar{\Psi} \tau_R \subset \mathcal{L}$$

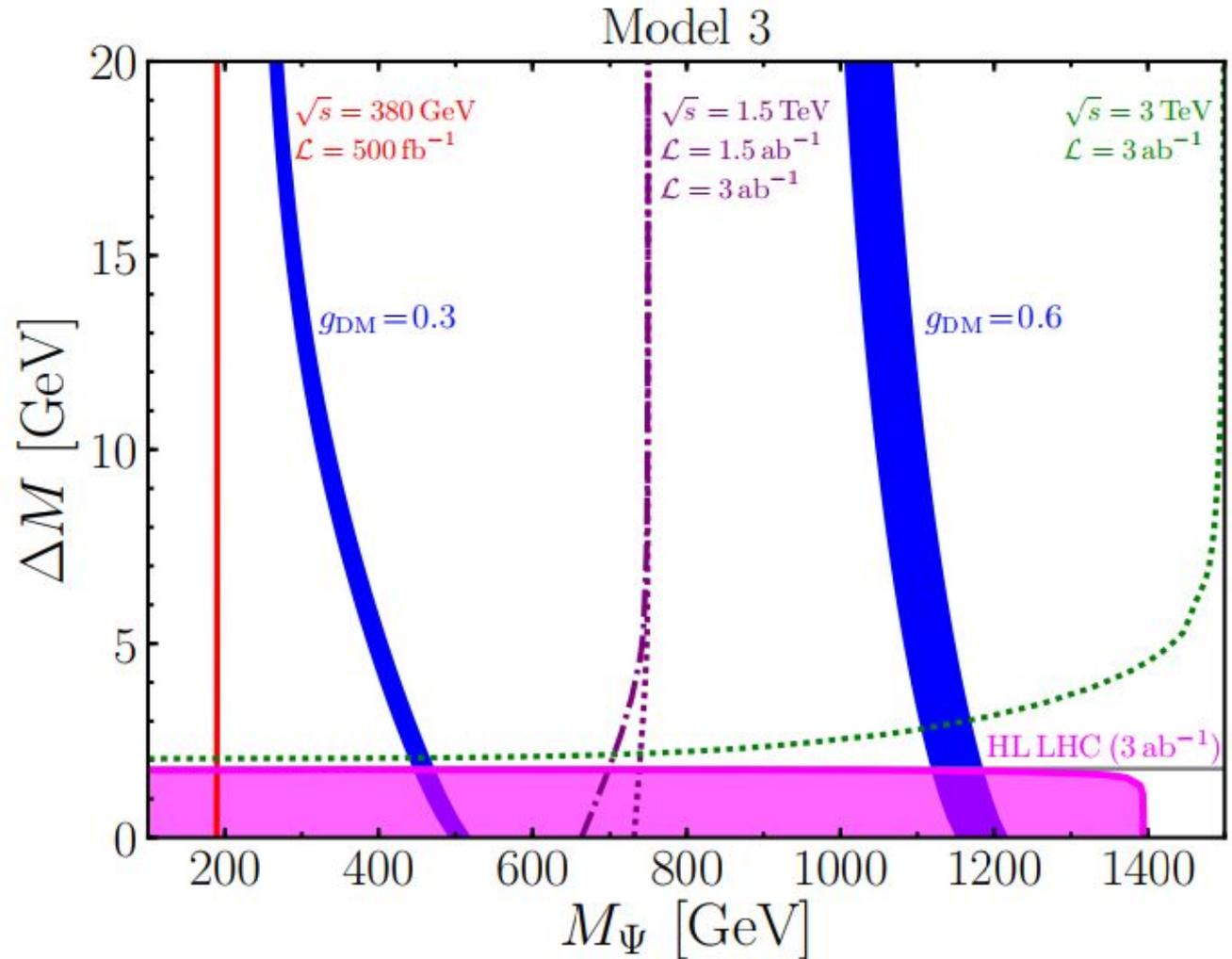
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# Vector DM

$$g_{\text{DM}} A_\mu \bar{\Psi} \gamma^\mu \tau_R \subset \mathcal{L}$$

Blue bands correspond to correct relic abundance within  $3\sigma$  for different couplings

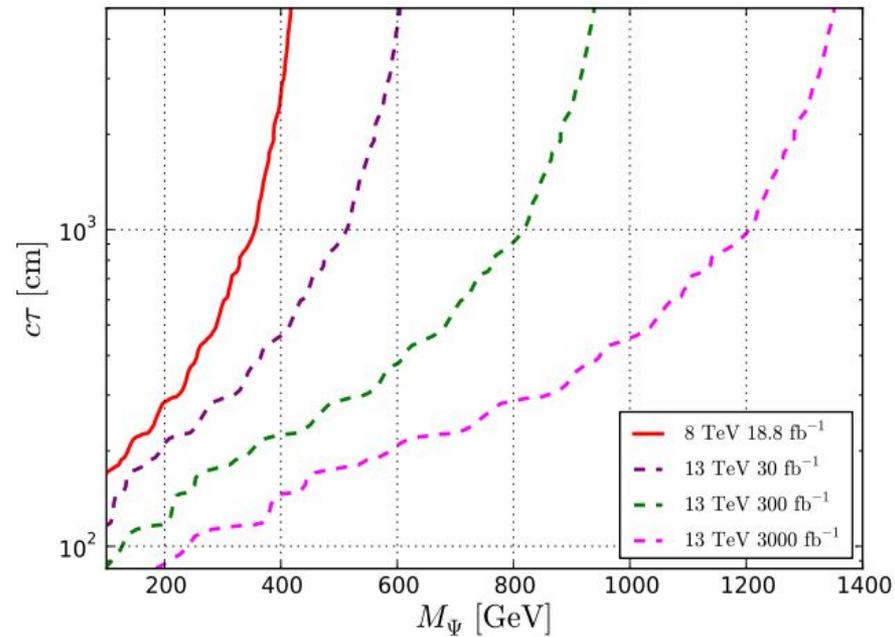
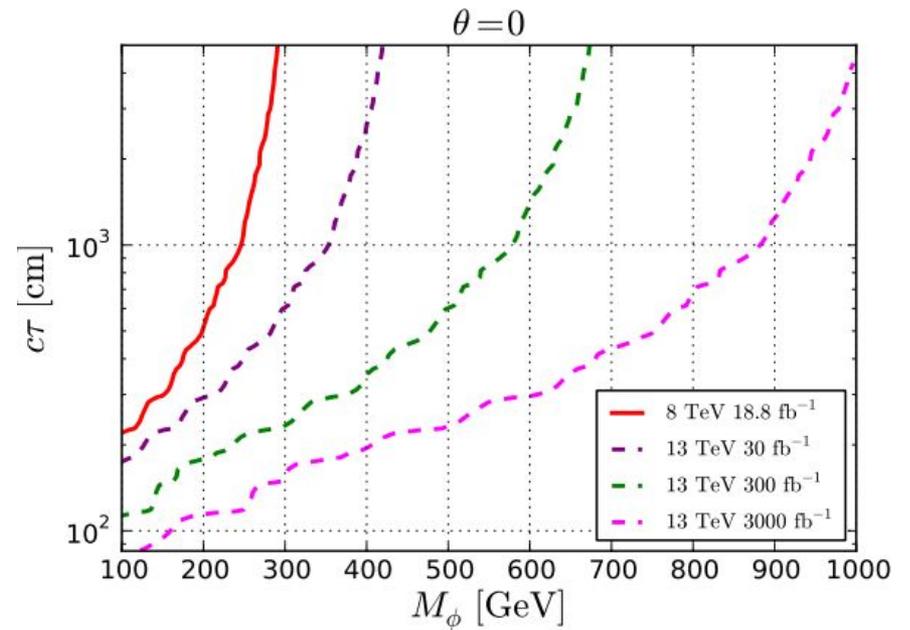
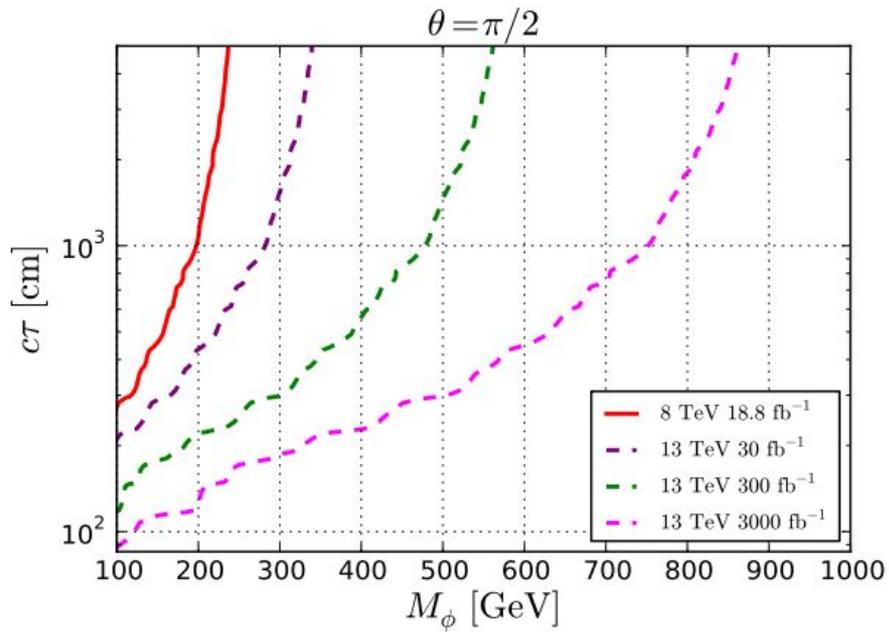


# Conclusions

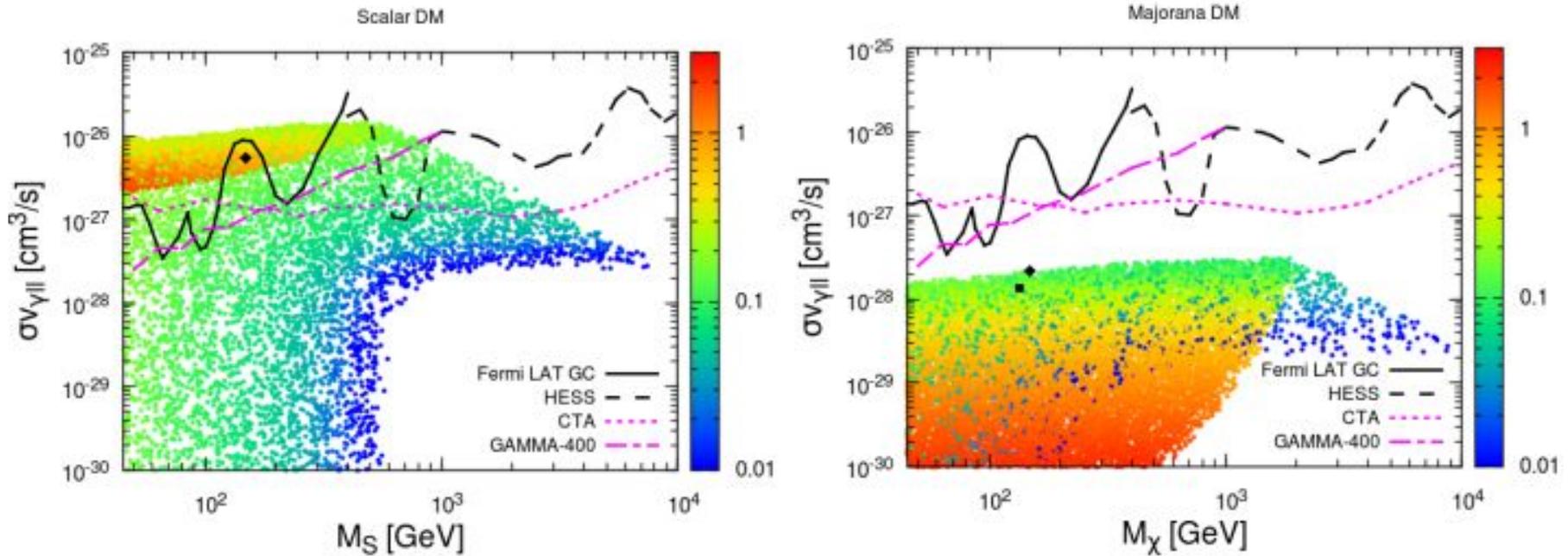
- We have studied 4-classes of simplified models of DM that have three-point interaction with  $\tau$ -lepton
- Instead of a mediator, these models have a coannihilation partner that has non-zero hypercharge
- These models can hide from direct and indirect detection
- LHC + CLIC will probe almost the entire allowed region for scalar and vector DM and a large region of parameter space for Majorana DM

**Thank you!**

# Back-up



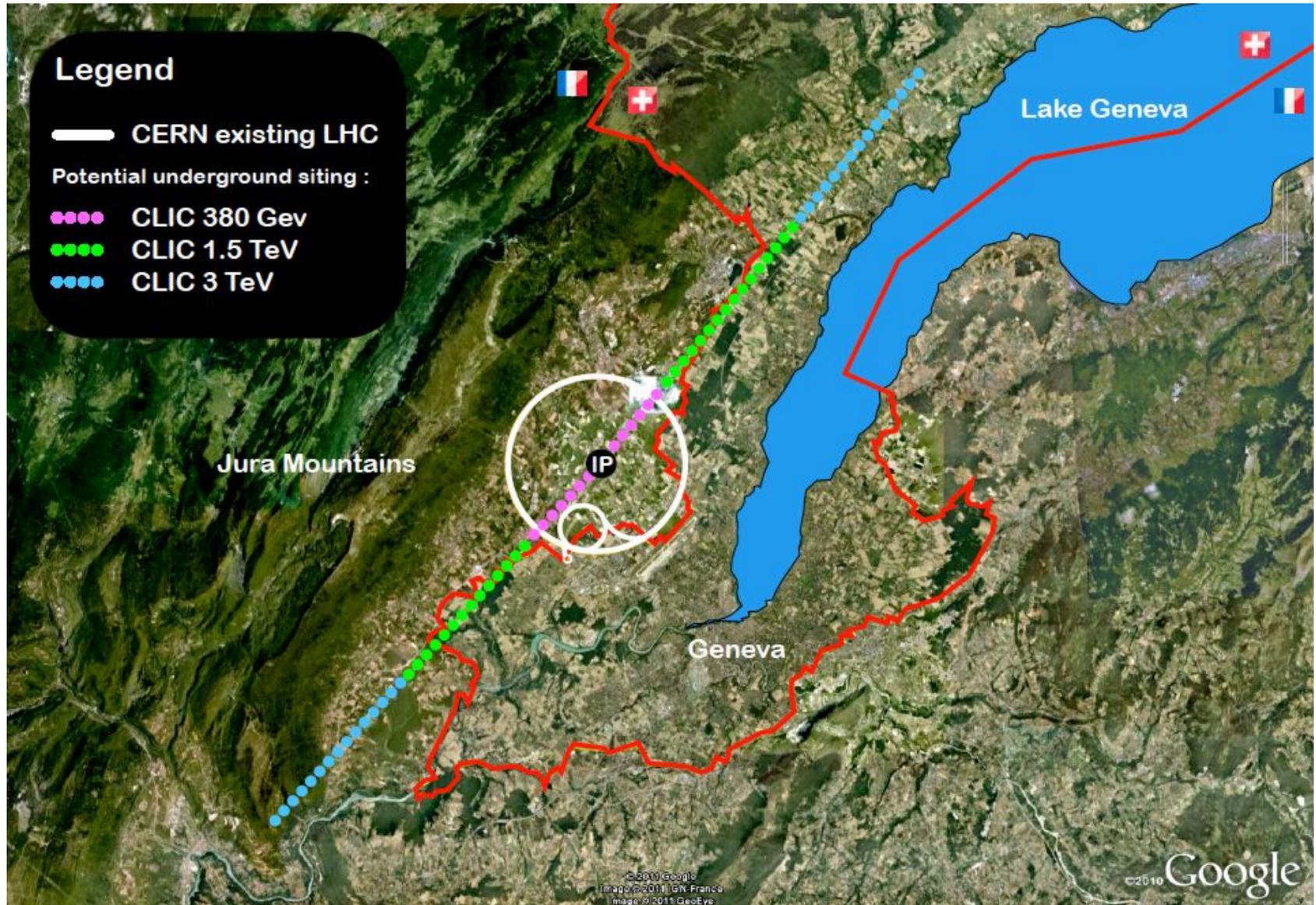
# Indirect detection



Color coding corresponds to parameter  $M_{\text{CAP}}/M_{\text{DM}} - 1$

Blue dots correspond to small mass splitting

# CLIC



# CLIC Timeline

## 2013 - 2019 Development Phase

Development of a Project Plan for a staged CLIC implementation in line with LHC results; technical developments with industry, performance studies for accelerator parts and systems, detector technology demonstrators

## 2020 - 2025 Preparation Phase

Finalisation of implementation parameters, preparation for industrial procurement, Drive Beam Facility and other system verifications, Technical Proposal of the experiment, site authorisation

## 2026 - 2034 Construction Phase

Construction of the first CLIC accelerator stage compatible with implementation of further stages; construction of the experiment; hardware commissioning

## 2019 - 2020 Decisions

Update of the European Strategy for Particle Physics; decision towards a next CERN project at the energy frontier (e.g. CLIC, FCC)

## 2025 Construction Start

Ready for construction; start of excavations

## 2035 First Beams

Getting ready for data taking by the time the LHC programme reaches completion

- 2019 - Physicists will present the case for the CLIC concept in the Update for the European Strategy for Particle Physics

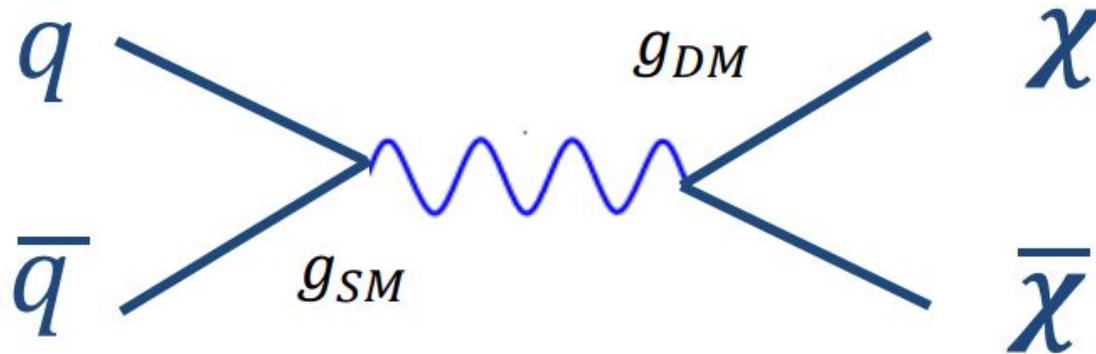
# ILC

- Proposed to be built in the Kitakami site
- December 2018. Did not receive support from the Japanese Science Council:

“The council says it recognizes the scientific significance of the project. But it says it has not reached the consensus that scientific achievements expected from the project will fully warrant its huge costs.” (US\$7-billion)

# Simplified models of dark matter

- EFT is a powerful and model-independent approach
- However, in the context of dark matter there is no reason to expect  $M_{\text{med}} \gg m_{\text{DM}}$
- Going beyond EFTs:



4 free parameters  $g_{SM}$   $g_{DM}$   $m_{DM}$   $M_{\text{med}}$

[Buchmuller, Dolan, McCabe 2013]

[Busoni, De Simone, Morgante, Riotto 2014]

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