

Recent progress in precision dark matter calculation

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$$\frac{dn}{dt} = -3Hn - \langle \sigma_{\text{ann}} v \rangle (n^2 - n_{\text{eq}}^2)$$

$$\Omega_{\chi} h^2 = \frac{m_{\chi} n_{\chi}}{\rho_{\text{crit}}} \sim \frac{1}{\langle \sigma_{\text{ann}} v \rangle}$$

(dis)favoured parameter regions...?

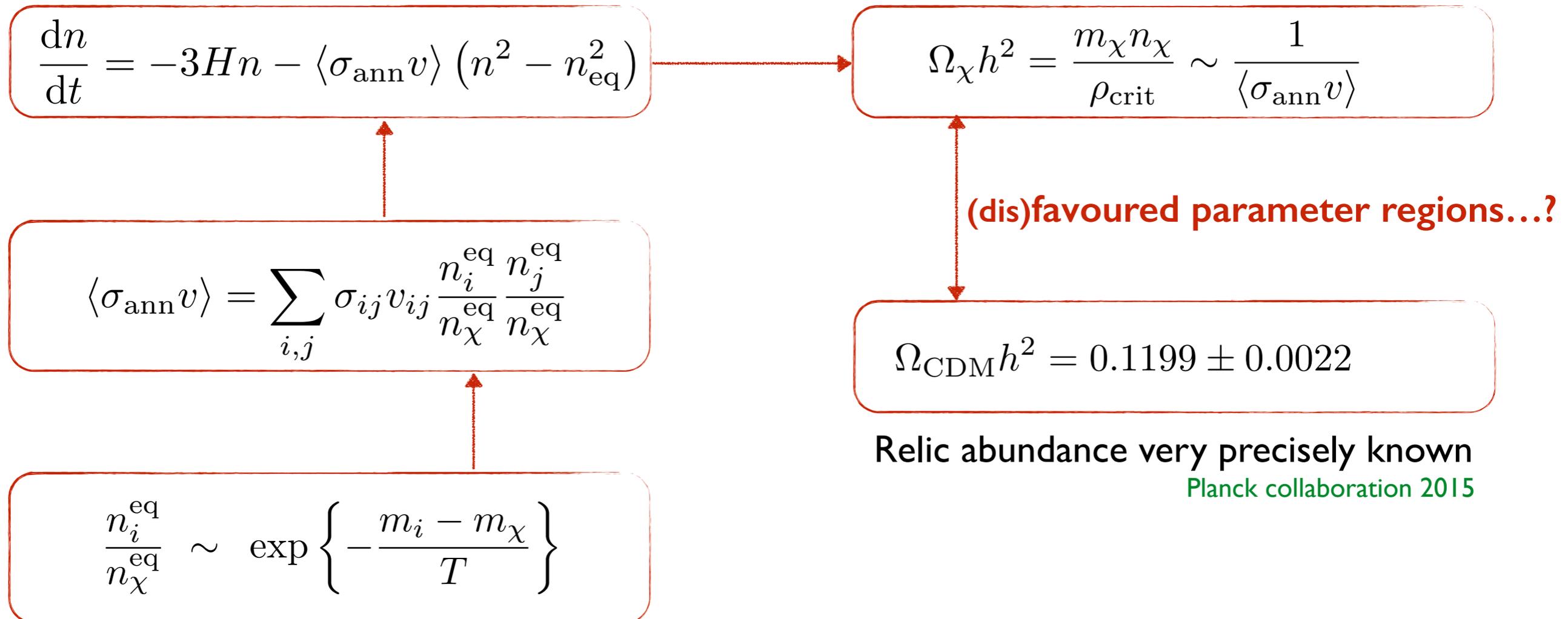
$$\Omega_{\text{CDM}} h^2 = 0.1199 \pm 0.0022$$

Relic abundance very precisely known

Planck collaboration 2015

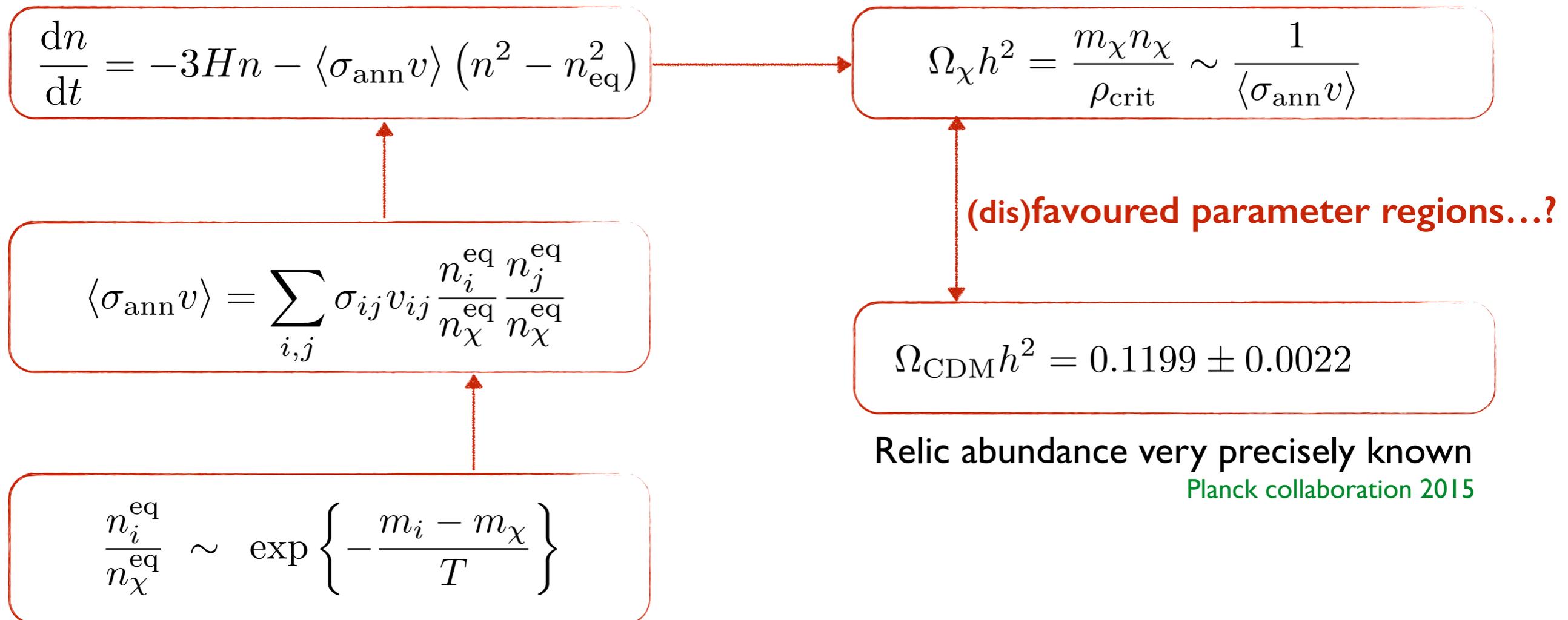
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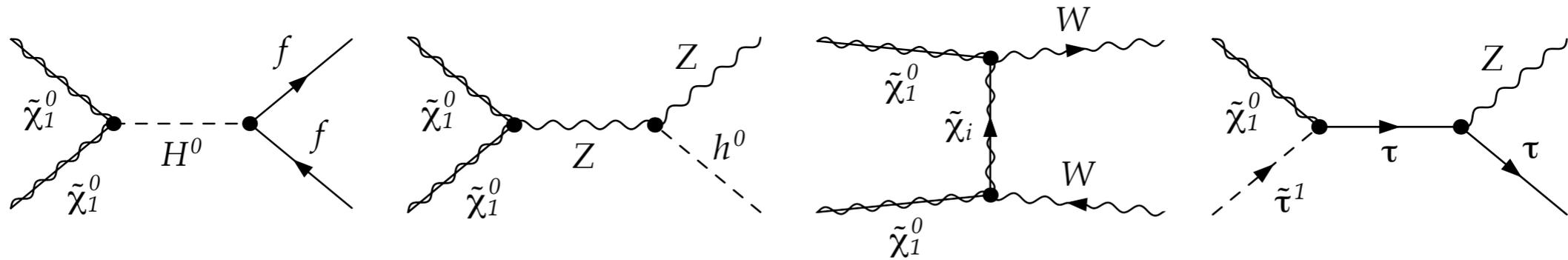
Computational tools allow an efficient calculation of the (neutralino) relic density:

DarkSUSY Bergström, Edsjö, Gondolo *et al.* 2004-2017, **micrOMEGAs** Bélanger, Boudjema, Pukhov *et al.* 2003-2017,

SuperIsoRelic Arbey, Mahmoudi 2008, ...

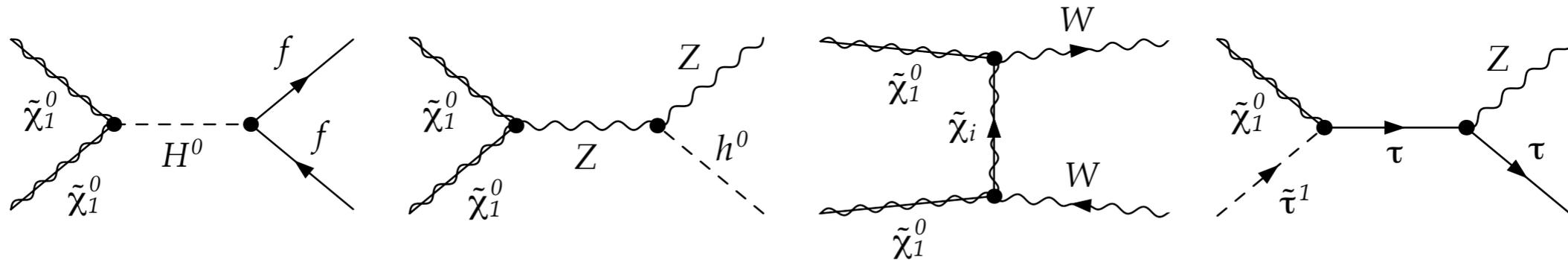
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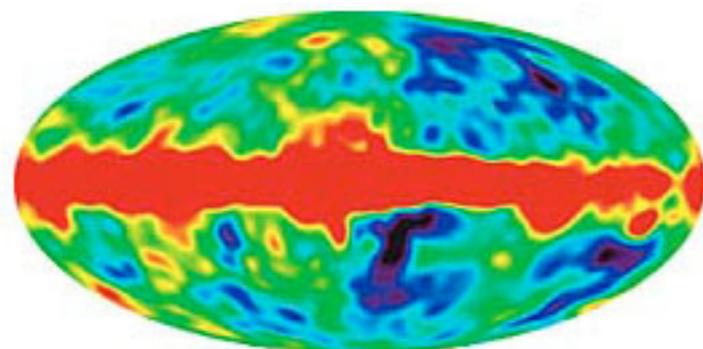
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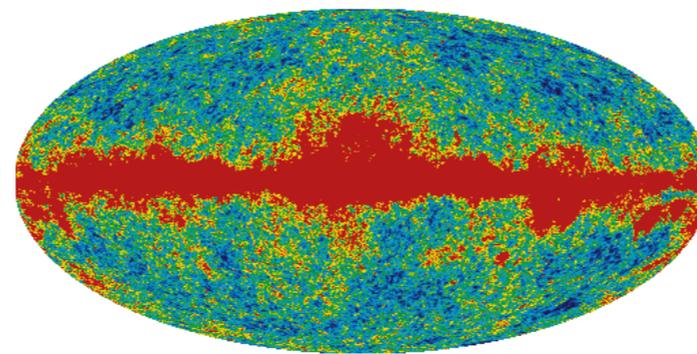
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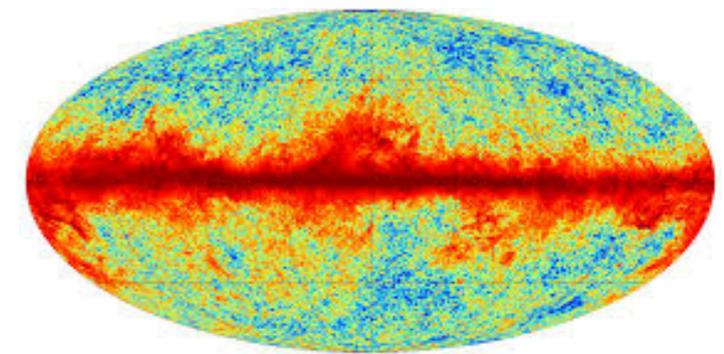
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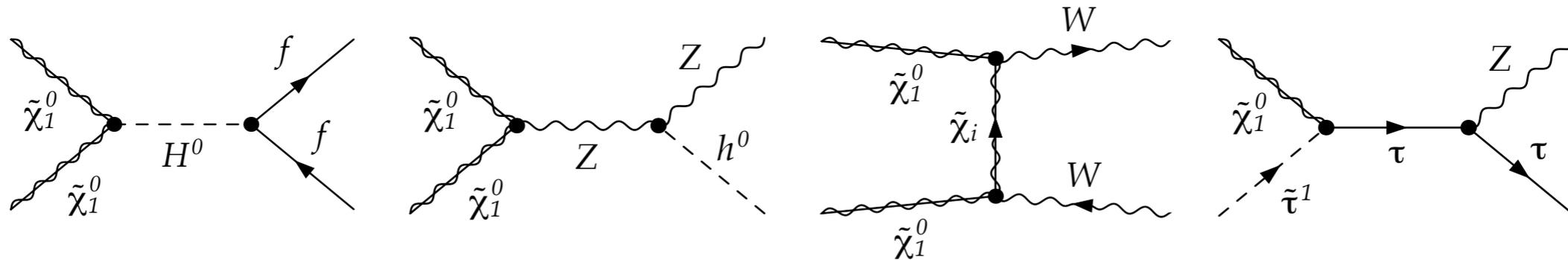
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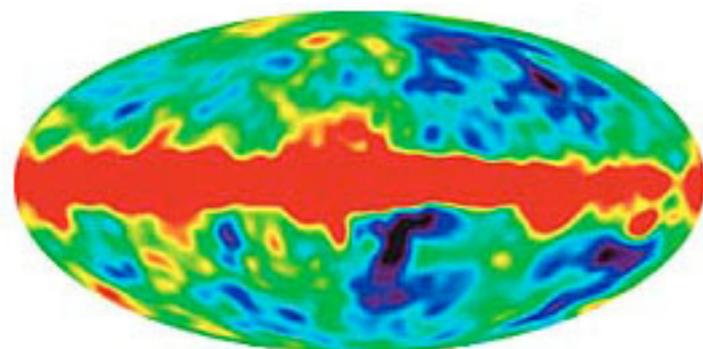
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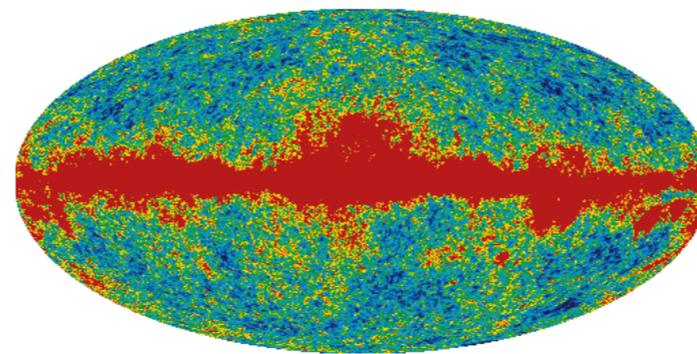
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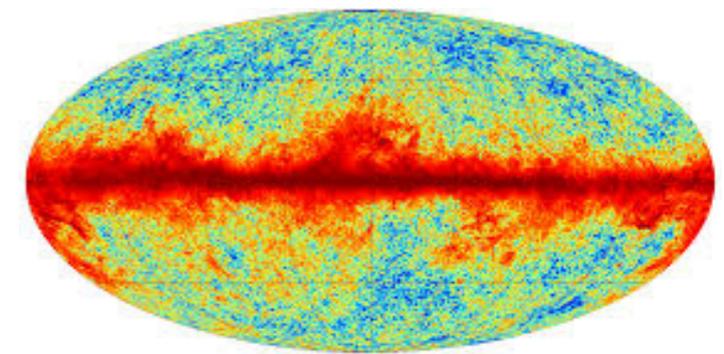
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DM@NL  project — **Provide calculation of σ_{ann} including QCD corrections**
— Extension to public codes (e.g. micrOMEGAs, DarkSUSY)...

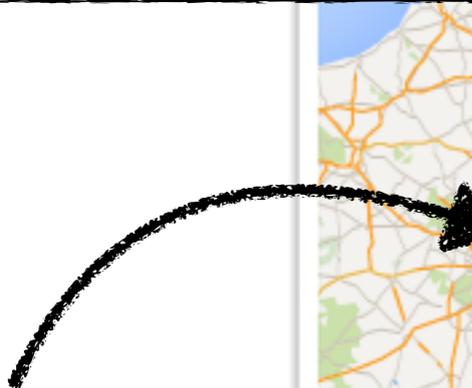
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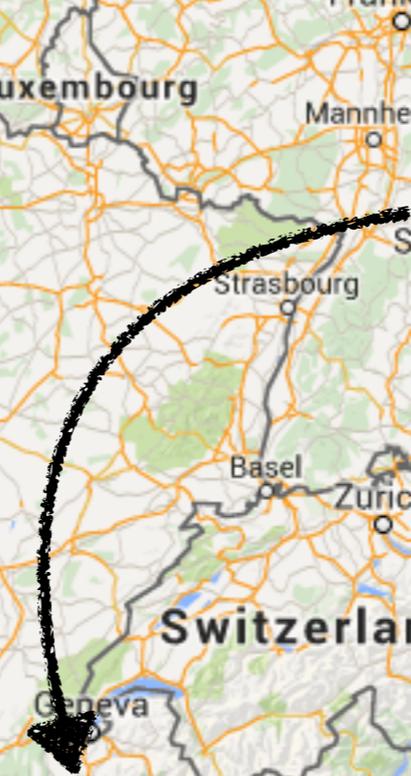
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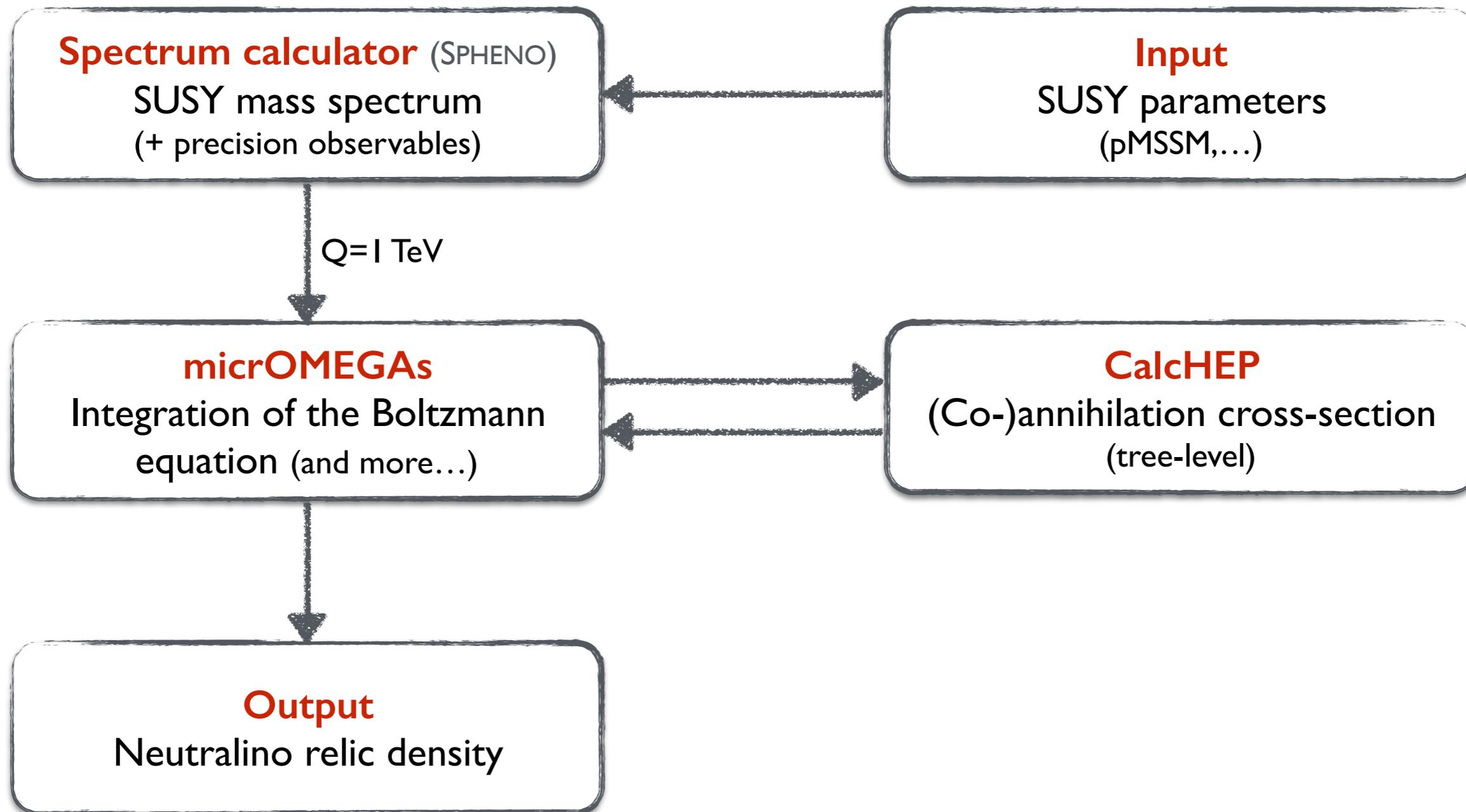
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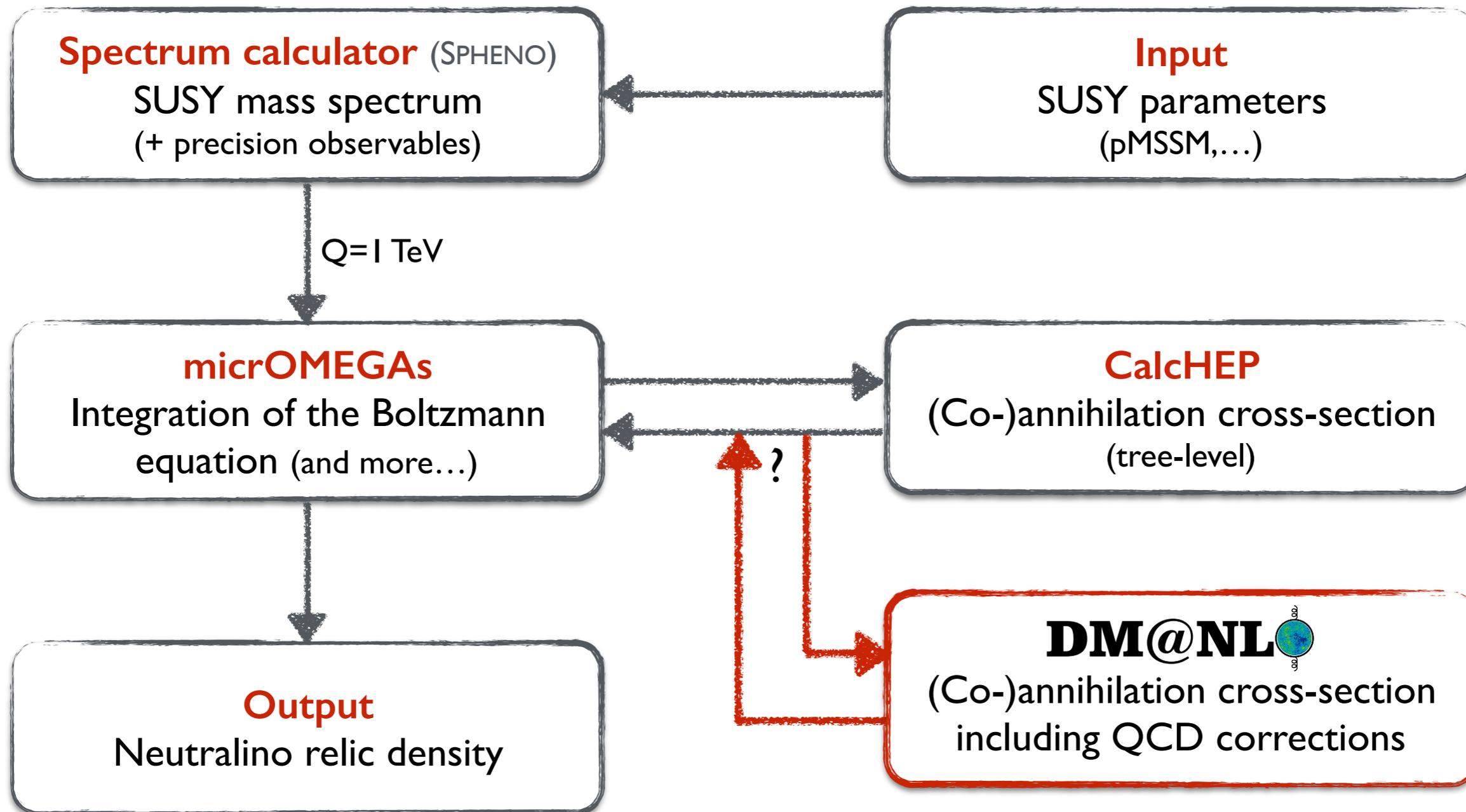


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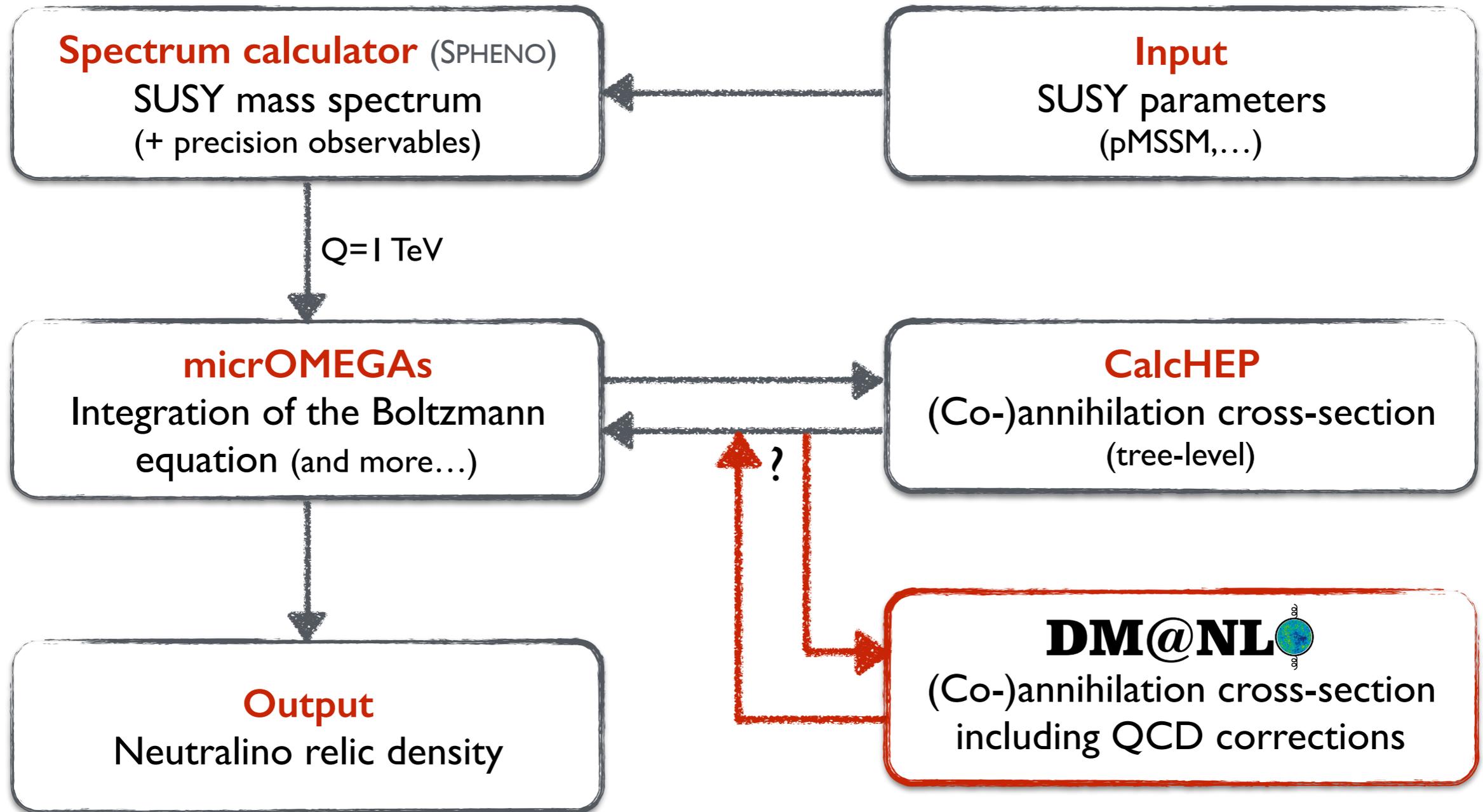
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Similar setup for use with DarkSUSY in development...

J. Edsjö, J. Harz, B. Herrmann, C. Niblaeus — *in progress...*

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Definition and implementation of a dedicated **renormalization scheme**

Infrared treatment — phase space slicing and dipole subtraction à la Catani-Seymour

Resummation of **Coulomb corrections** for stop-stop annihilation

Application of the results to **direct detection**

Interfaces to **micrOMEGAs** (since 2008) and **DarkSUSY** (*work in progress*)

Outline

Motivation

Corrections to the **neutralino (co)annihilation** cross-section and **impact on relic density**

Application to **direct dark matter detection**

Scale dependence and **theoretical uncertainty**

Conclusion

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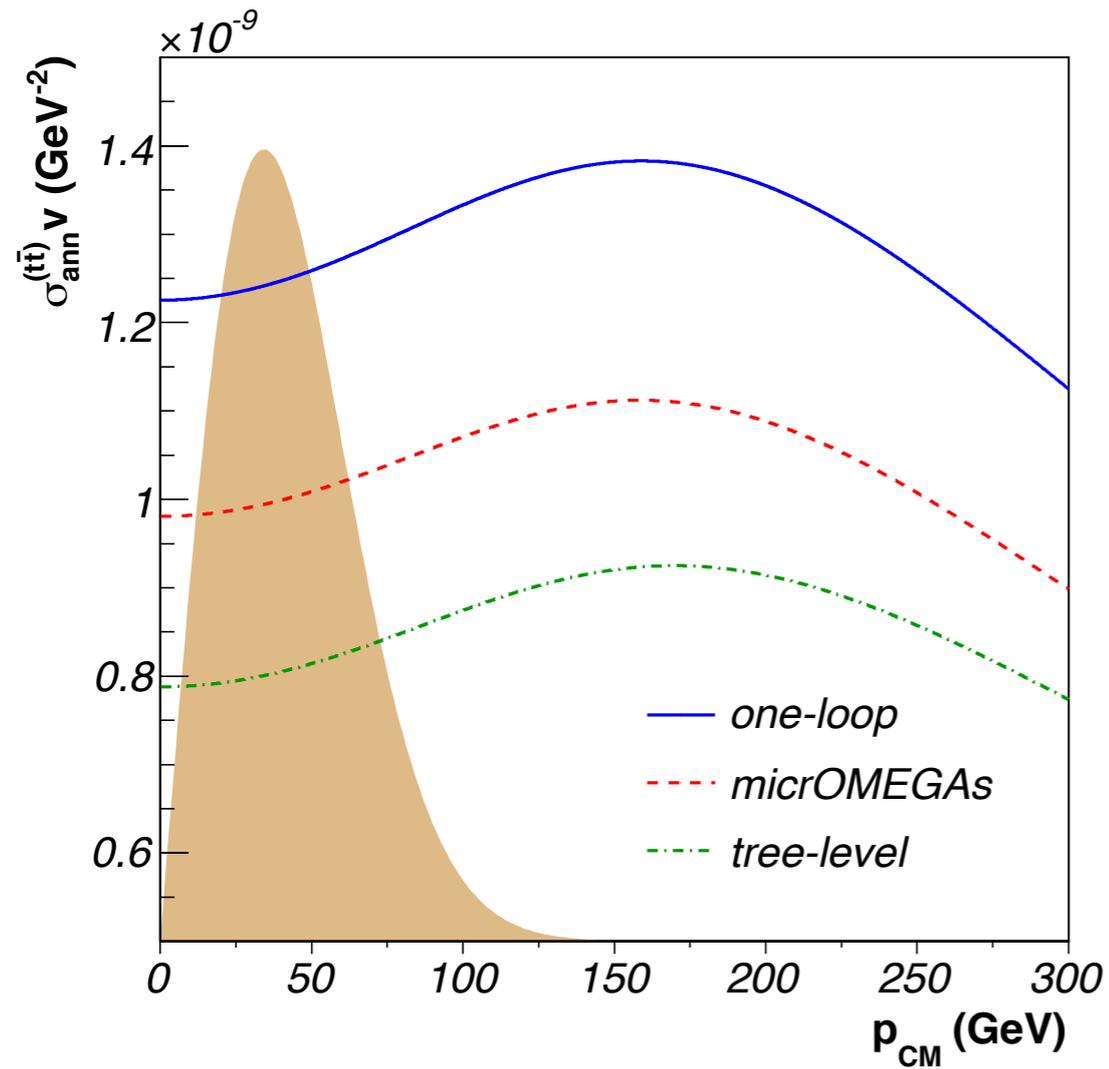
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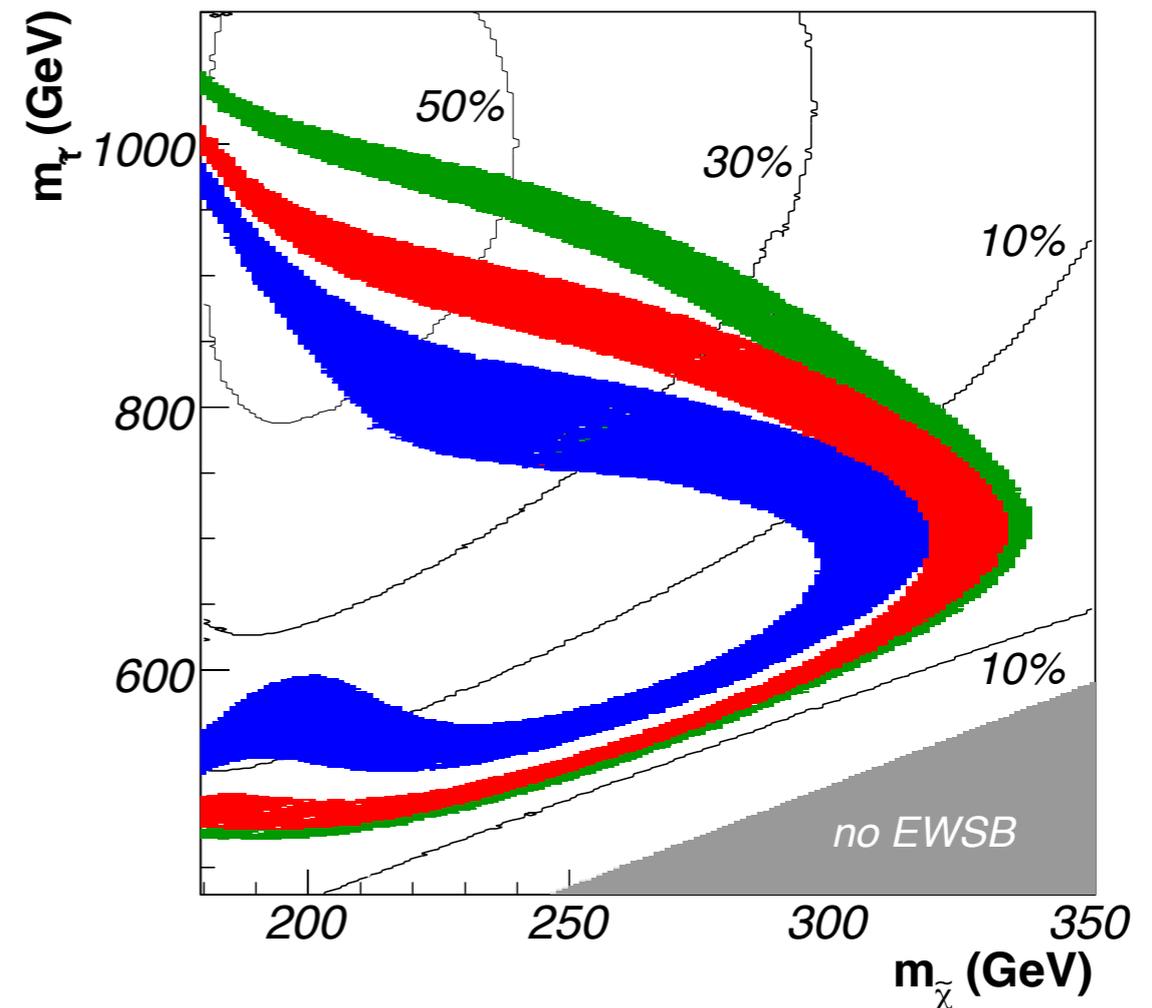
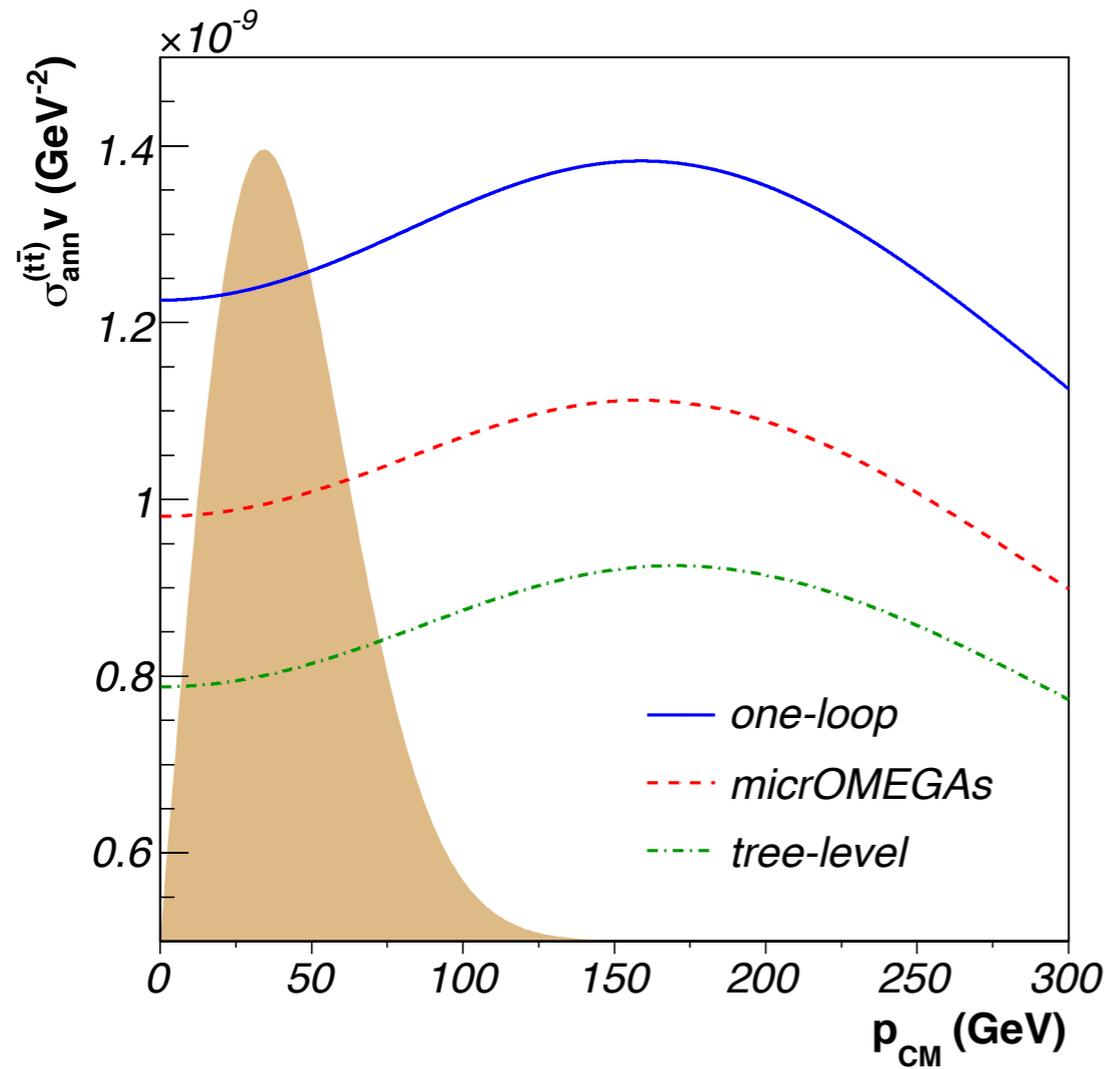
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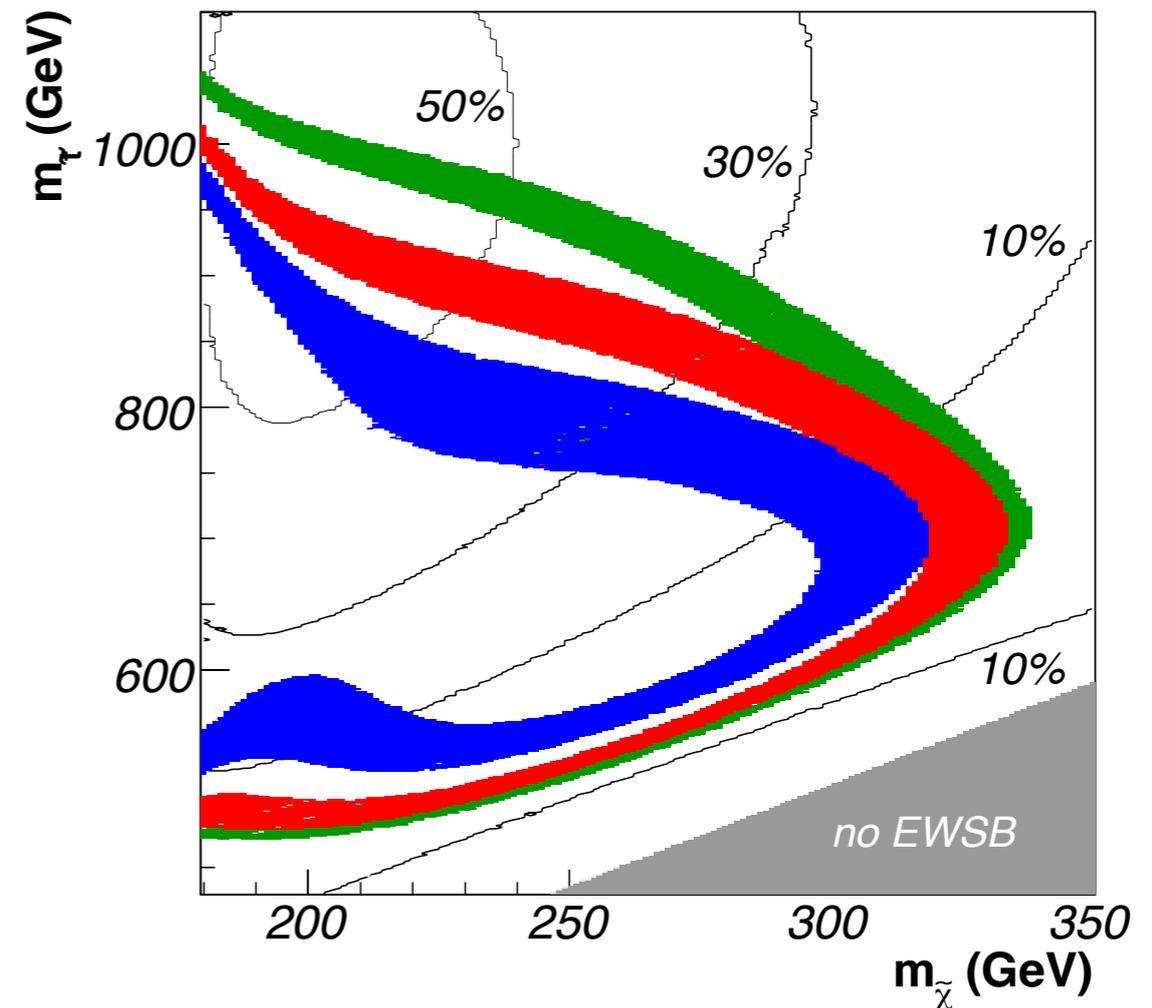
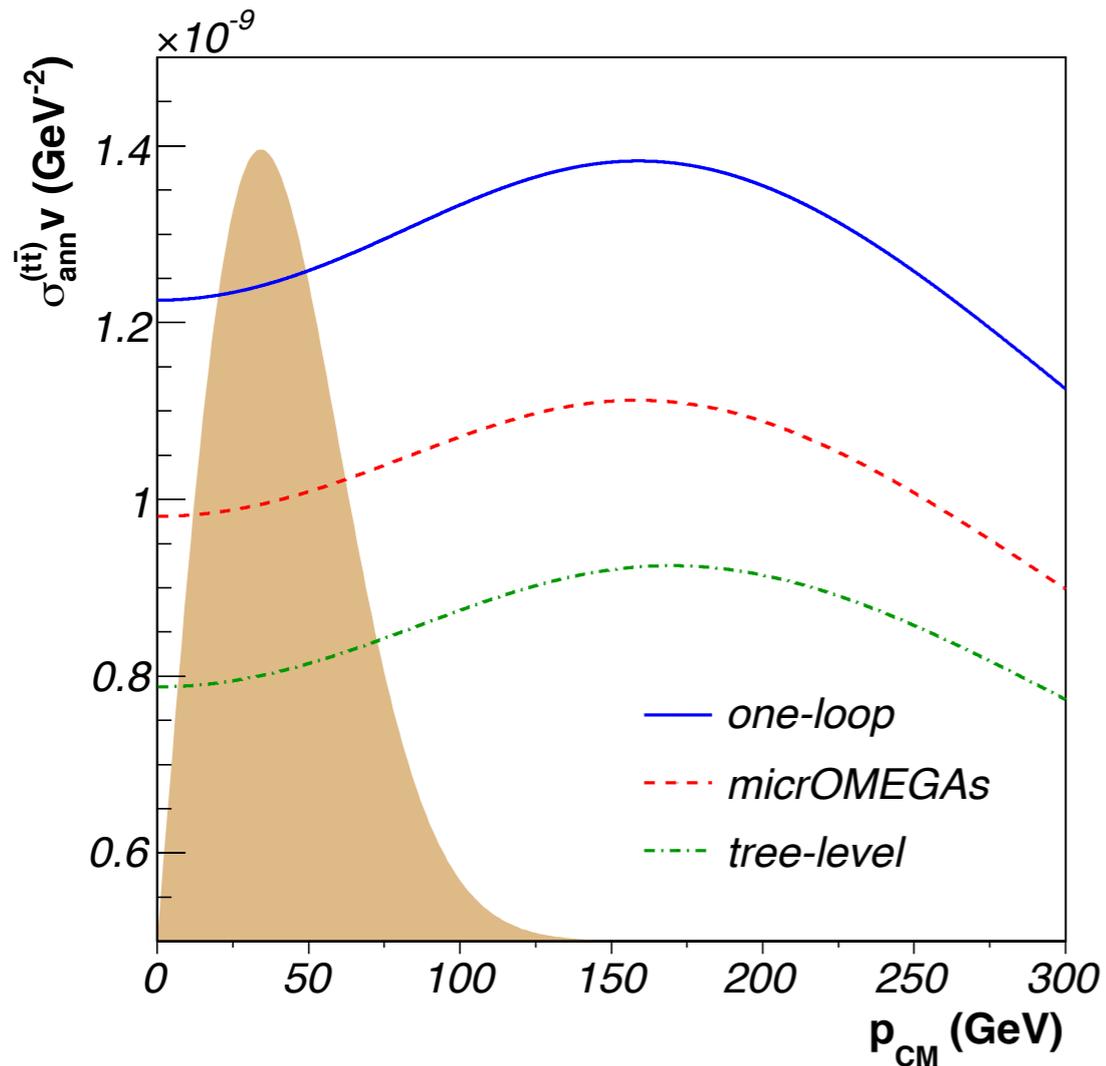
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Annihilation cross-section enhanced by up to 50% by radiative corrections

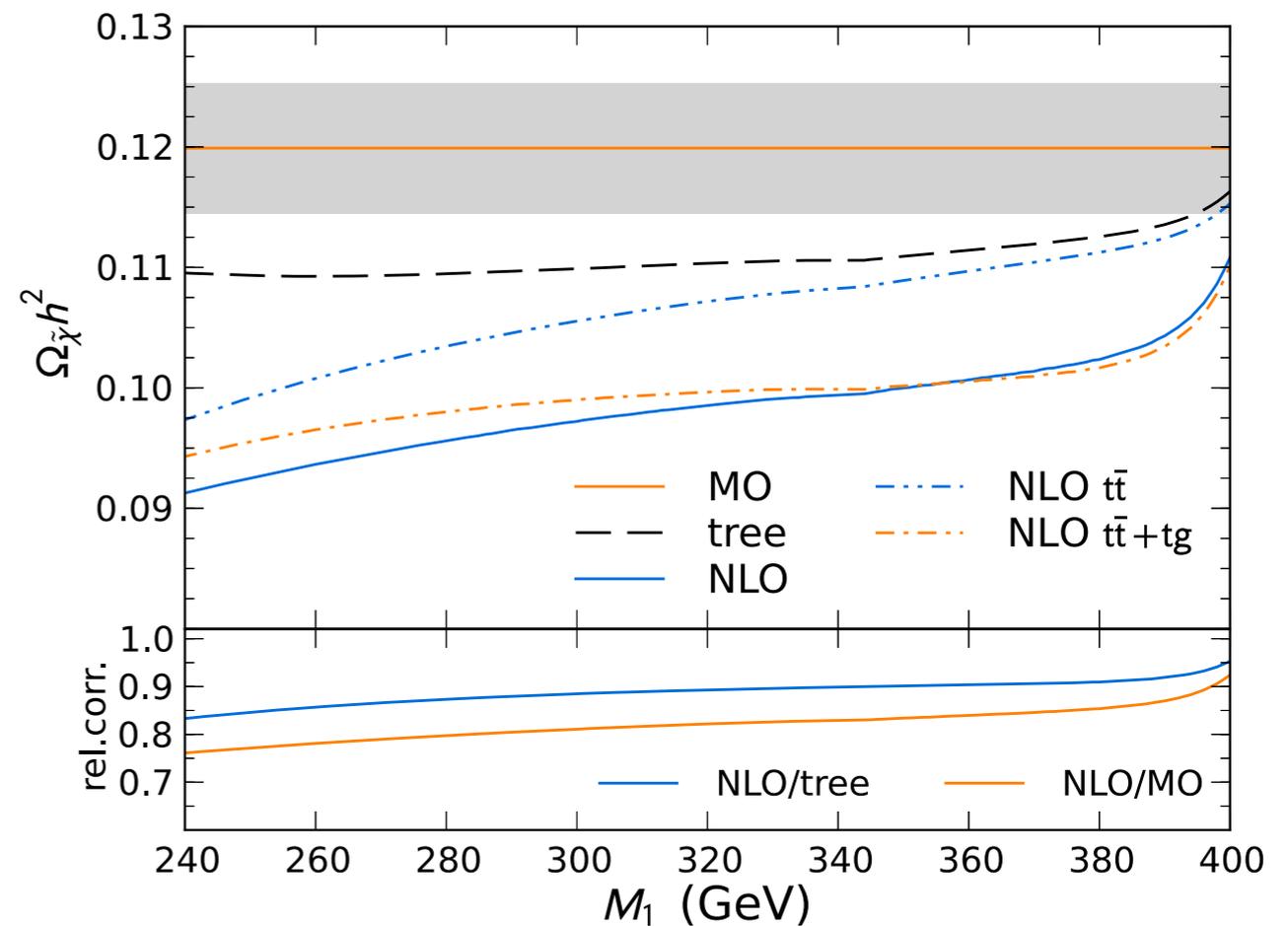
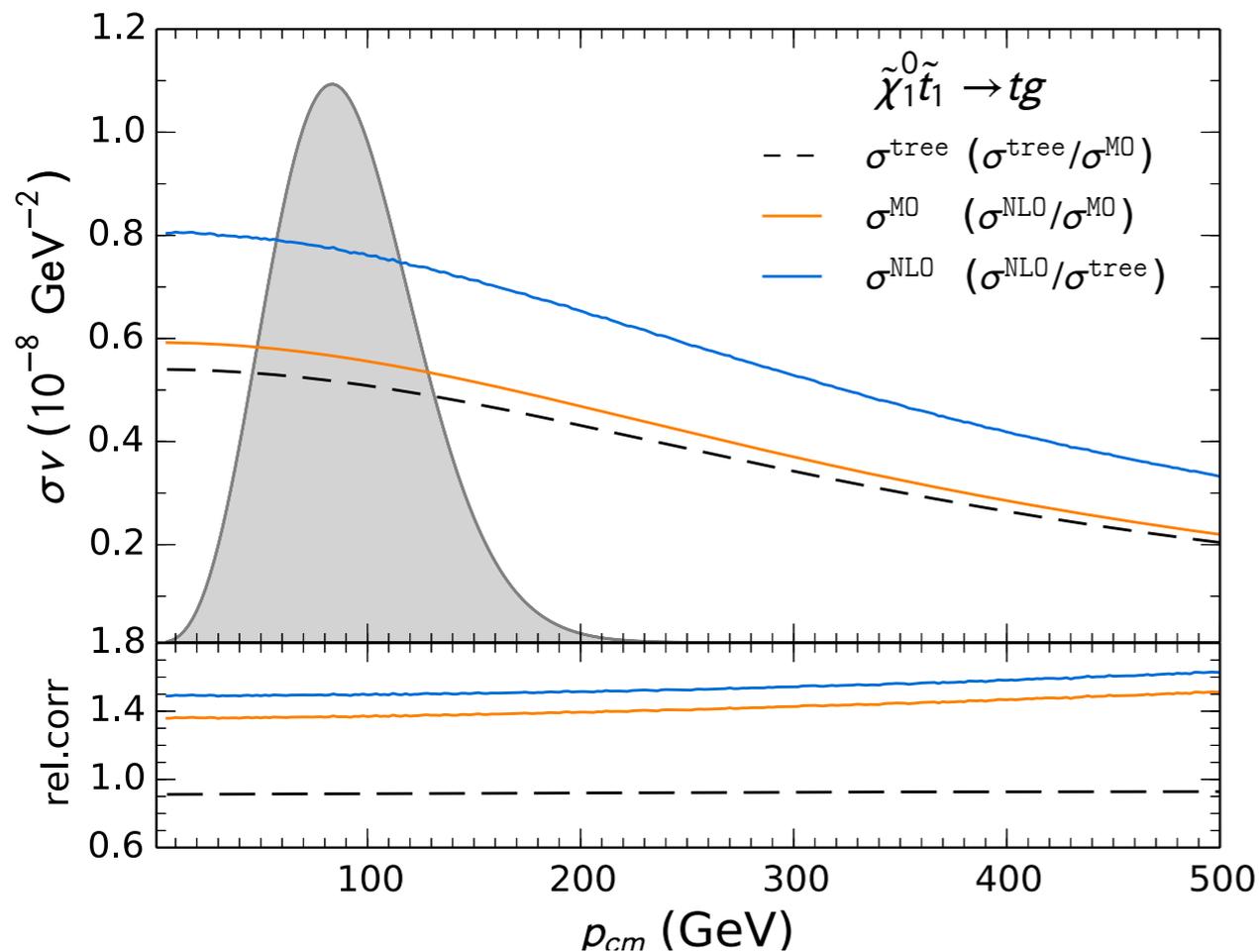
Corrections can lead to **important shifts for preferred regions** (e.g. $\sim 200 \text{ GeV}$ for m_{stop})

Effective Yukawa couplings (as e.g. in micrOMEGAs) very good approximation around Higgs-resonances, **but other sub-channels can be dominant** (here: Z^0 /squark-exchange)

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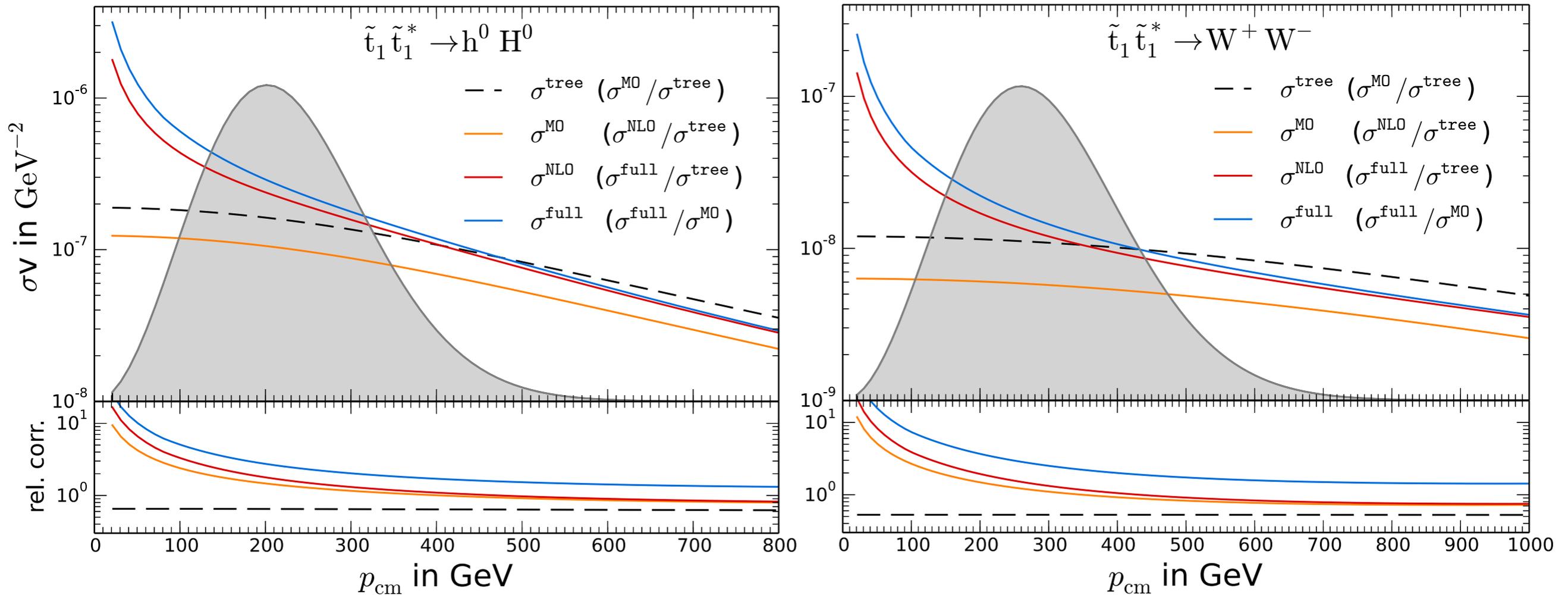
Neutralino-stop co-annihilation



Relative corrections of up to 40-50% observed for the co-annihilation cross-section, leading to a **numerically important shift** for the predicted **neutralino relic density** (up to about 25% — more than Planck uncertainty!)

Co-annihilation into **SM-like Higgs** and gluon most important (other final states generally subdominant)

Stop pair annihilation — electroweak final states

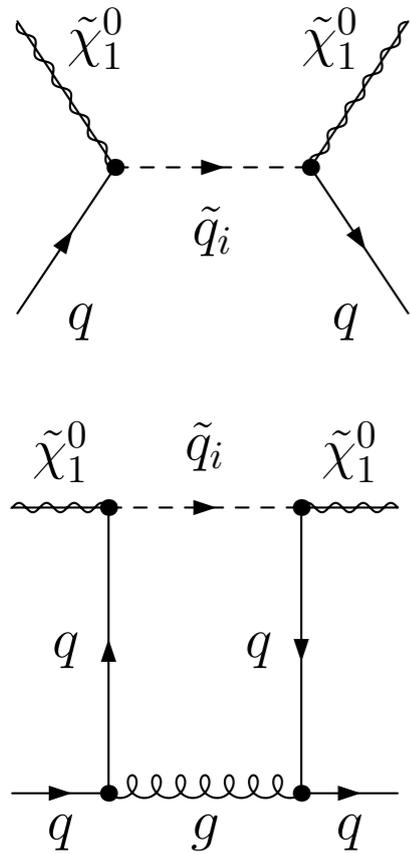


Coulomb corrections **dominant for small values of p_{cm}** (Coulomb singularity), while fixed-order corrections dominant for high-momentum region

Resulting relic density receives corrections of up to 40% (more important than Planck uncertainty!)

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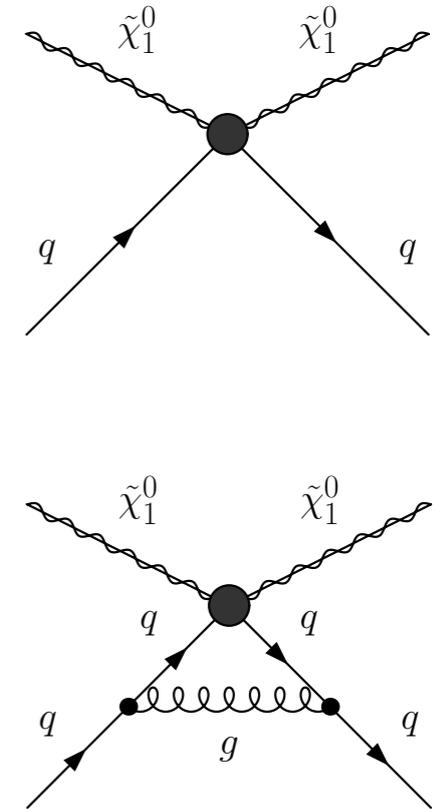
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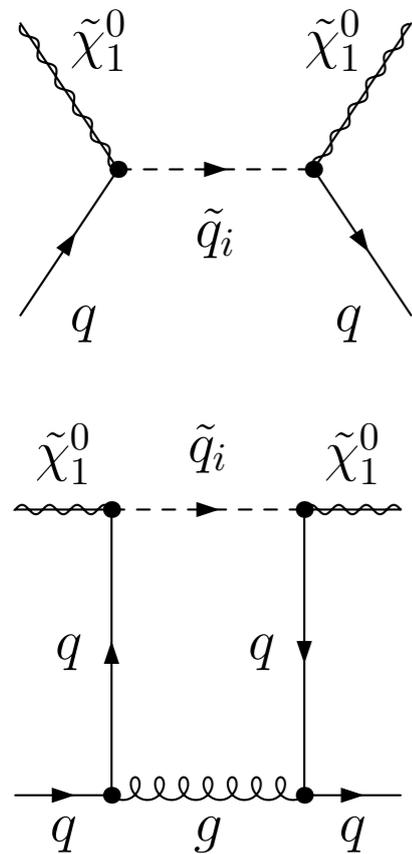
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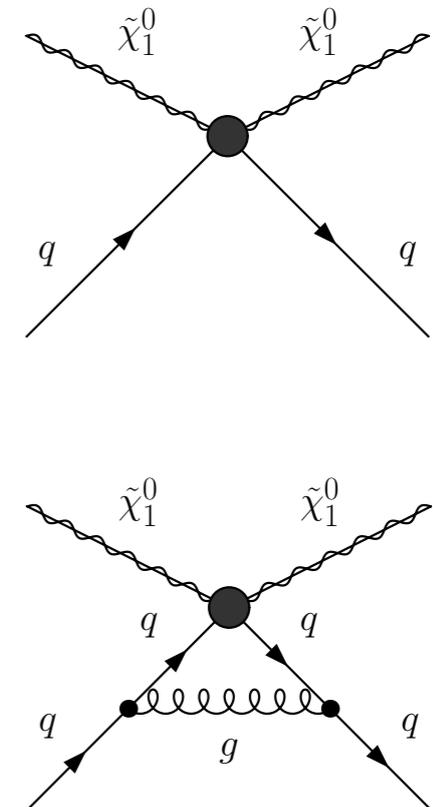
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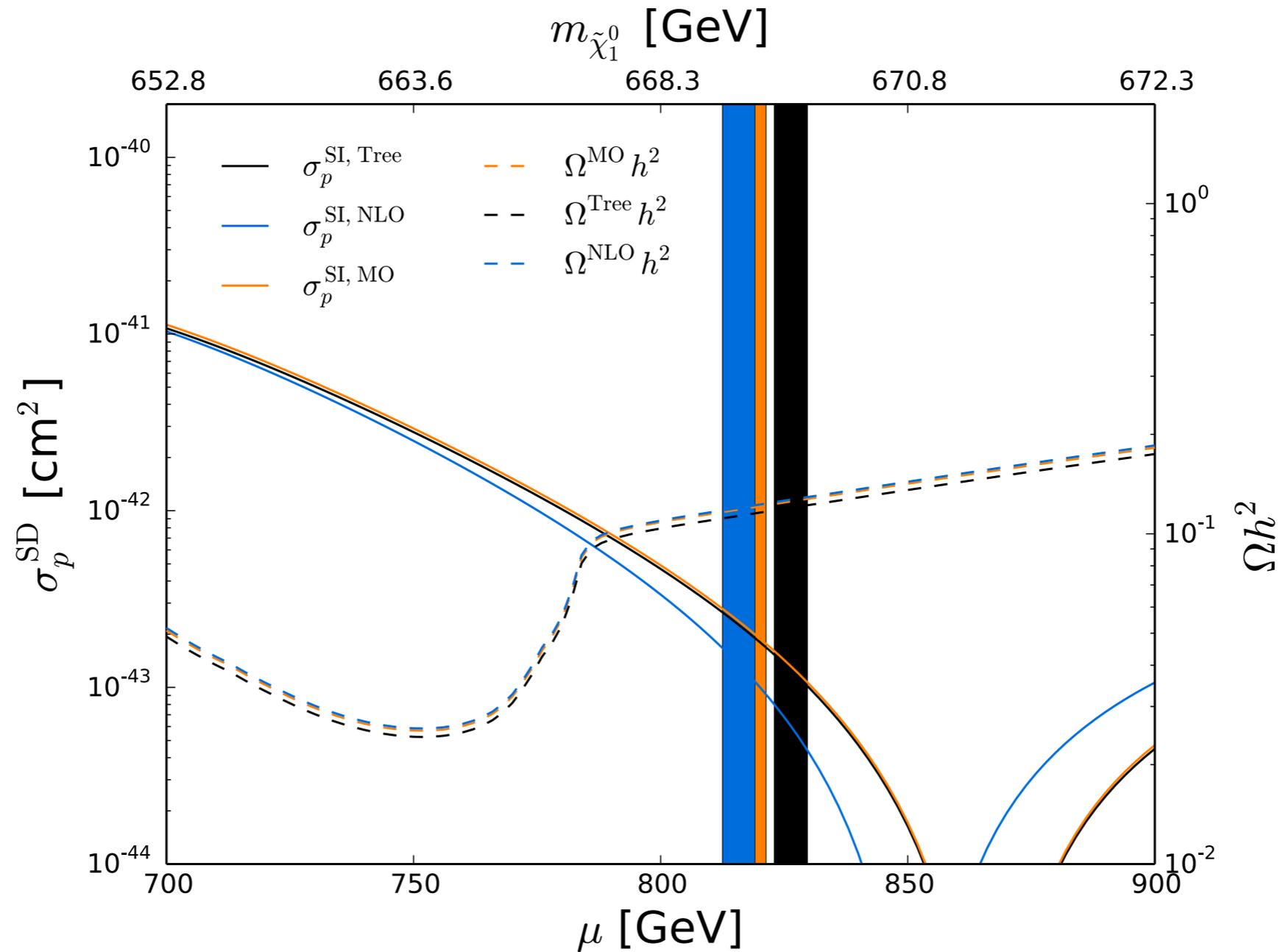
Renormalization (same scheme as before) in order to treat ultraviolet divergencies

Infrared divergencies cancel between the different contributions

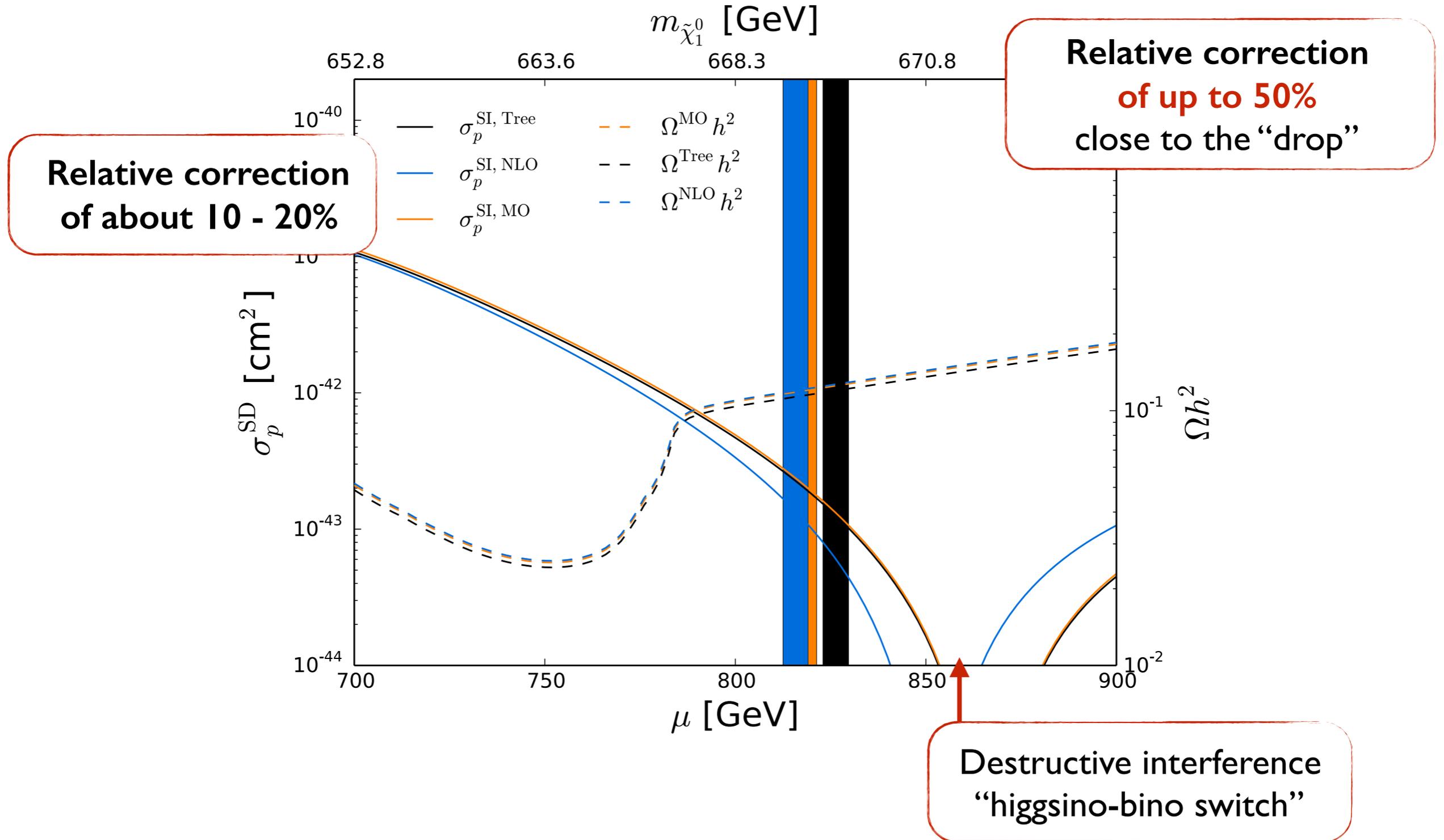
Dedicated **integral reduction procedure applicable to zero-velocity limit**

Renormalization group running of effective theory from $Q \sim 1$ TeV to $Q \sim 5$ GeV

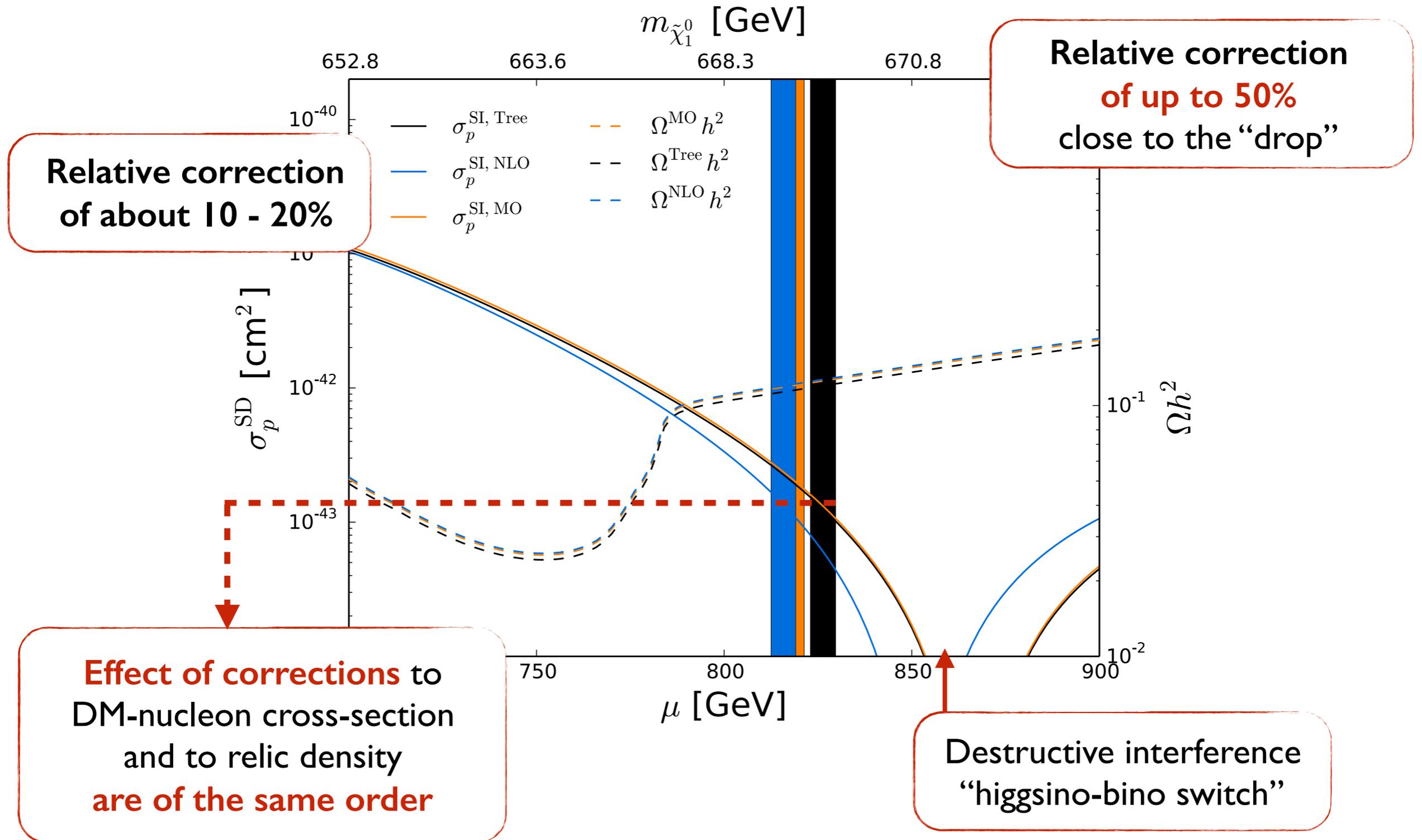
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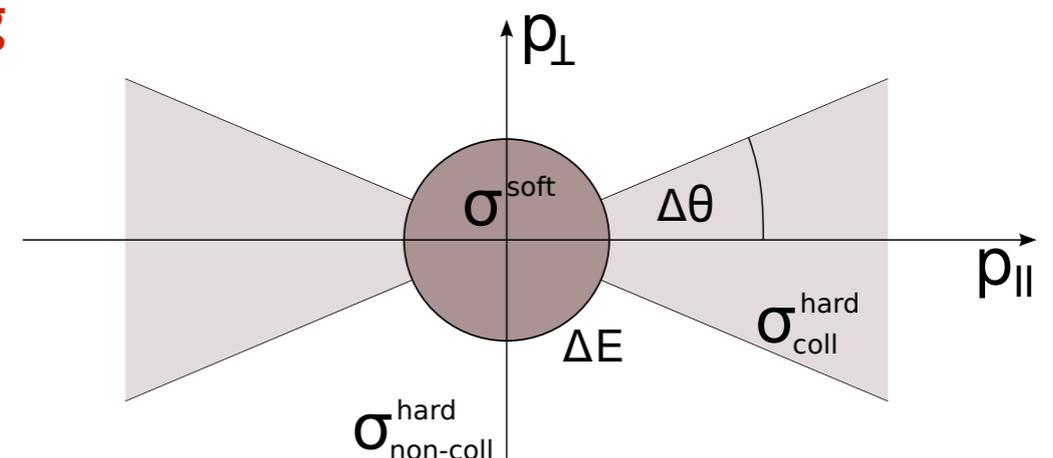


Loop diagrams contain **IR-divergencies** (soft and/or collinear), which vanish when taking into account the real emission of a gluon (2 → 3 processes)

Dipole Subtraction Method and Phase Space Slicing

Catani, Seymour (2001)

$$\sigma_{\text{NLO}} = \int_3 \left[d\sigma^{\text{R}} \Big|_{\epsilon=0} - d\sigma^{\text{A}} \Big|_{\epsilon=0} \right] + \int_2 \left[d\sigma^{\text{V}} + \int_1 d\sigma^{\text{A}} \right]_{\epsilon=0}$$



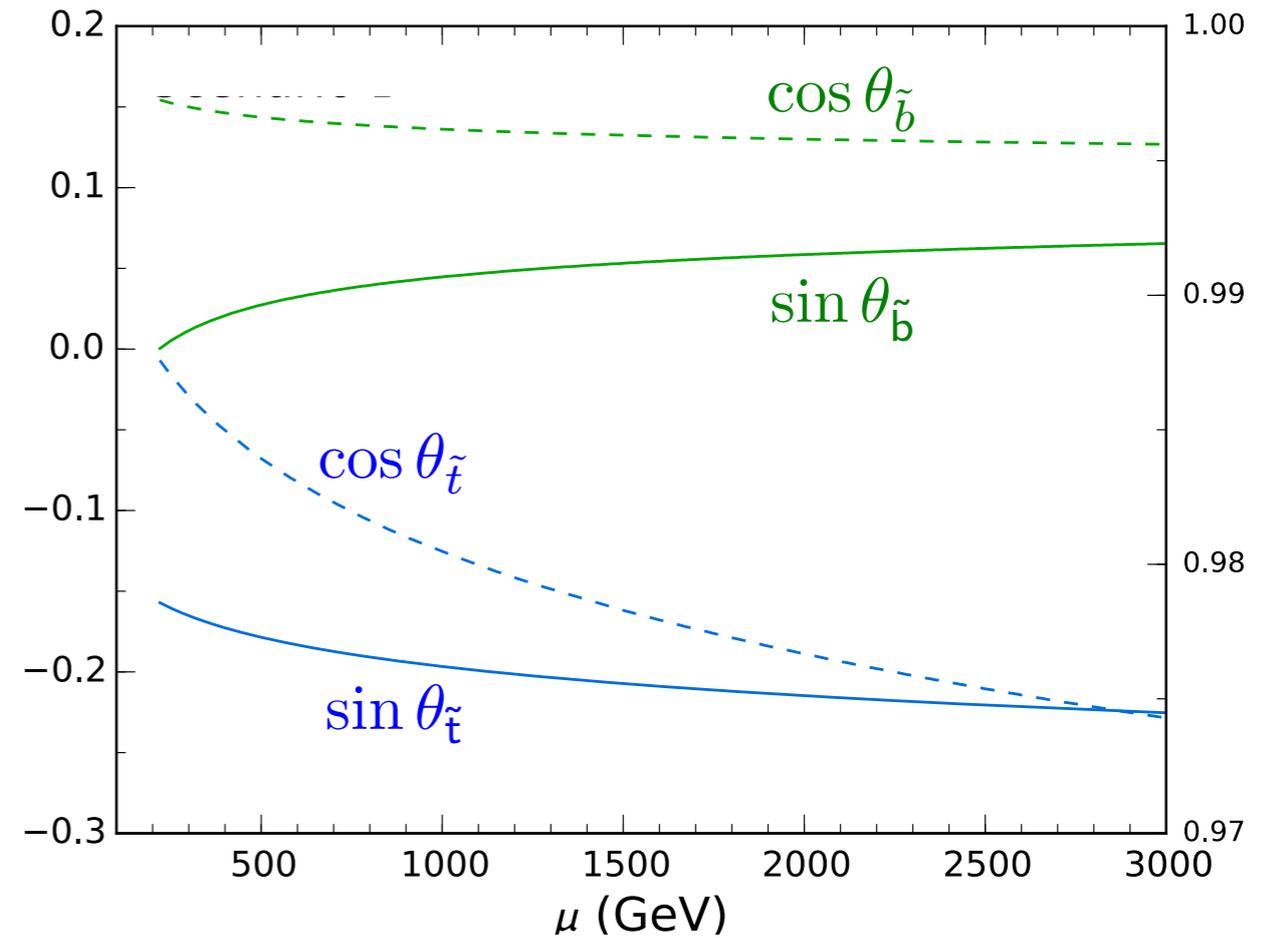
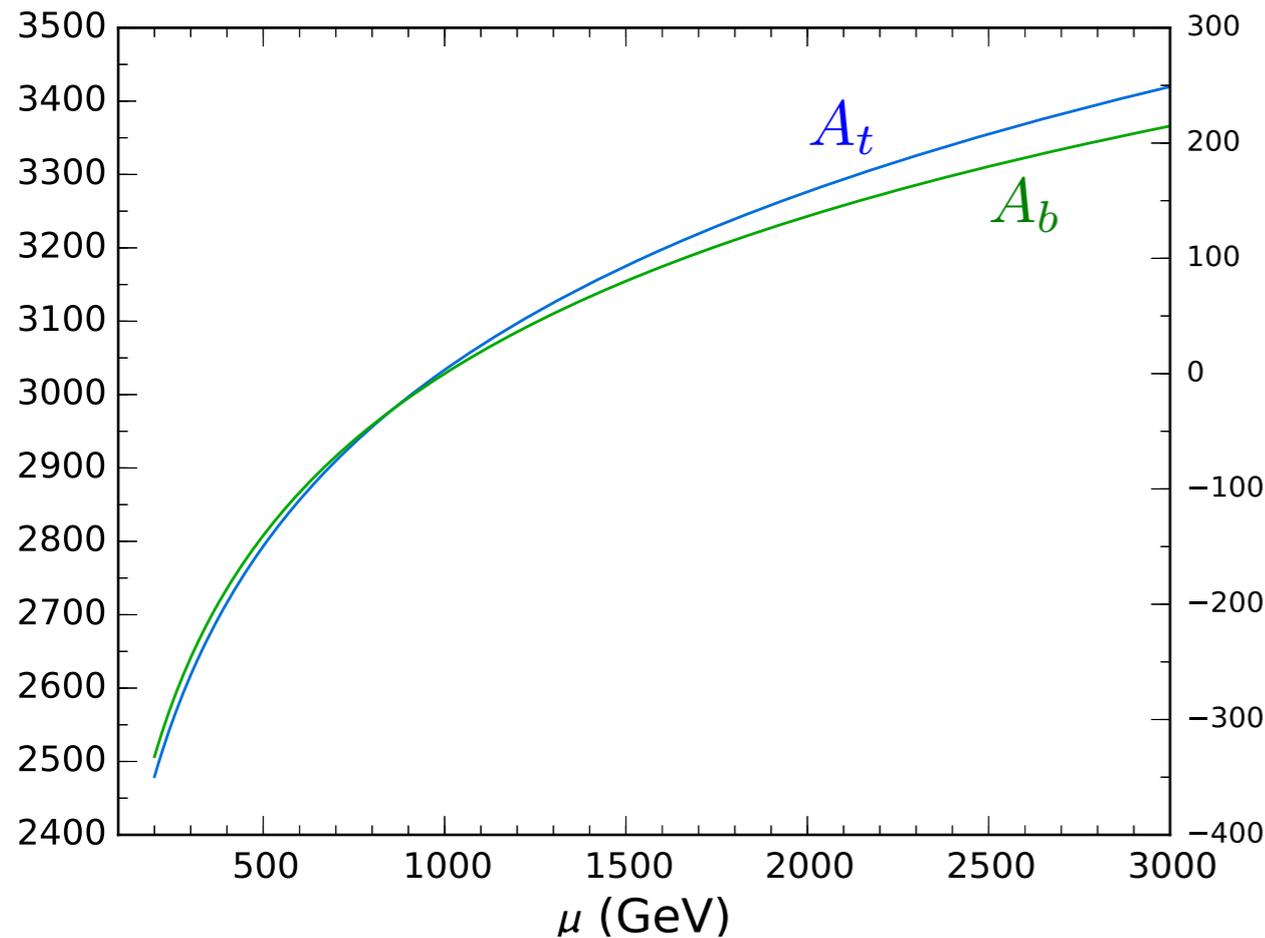
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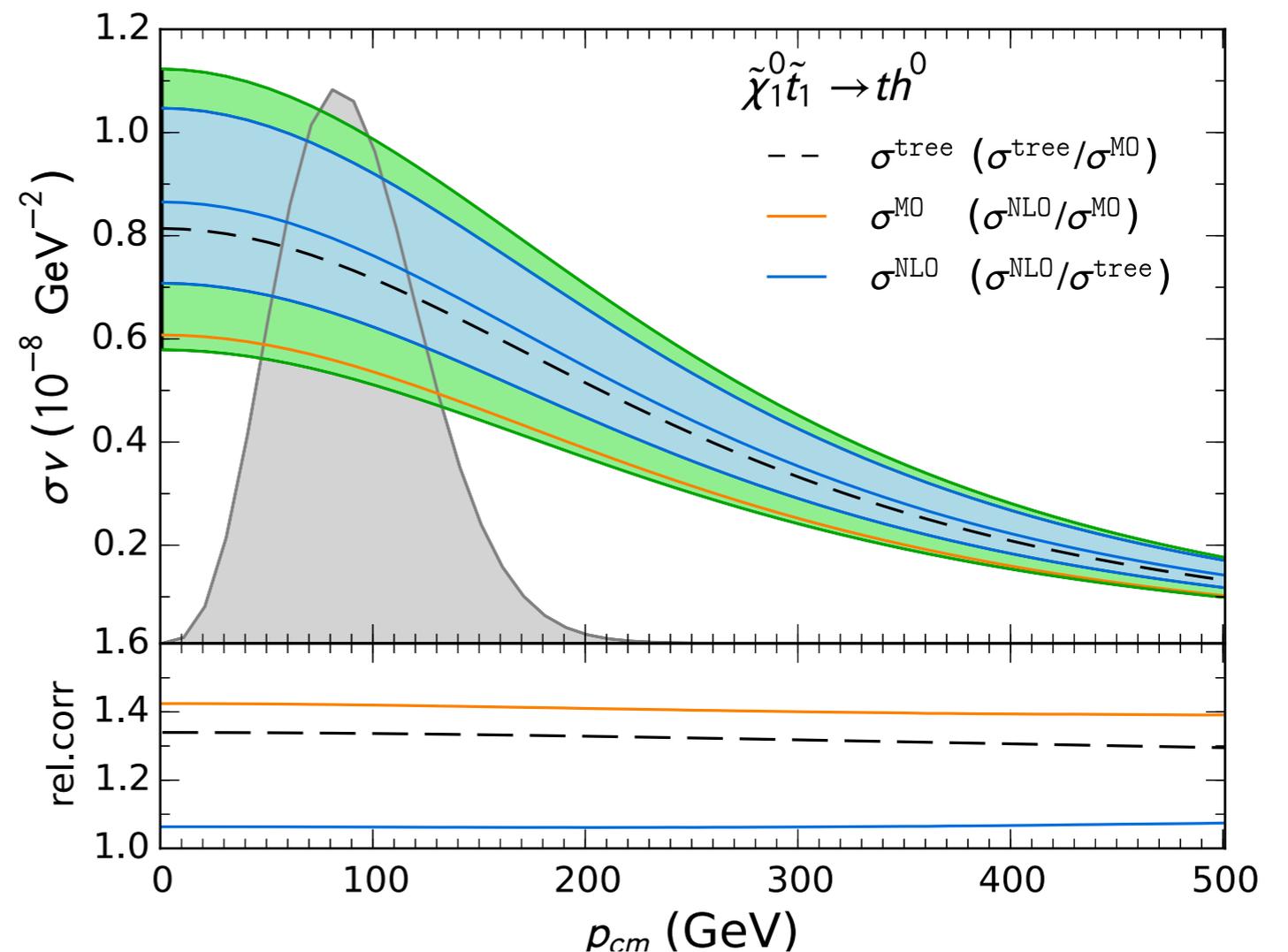
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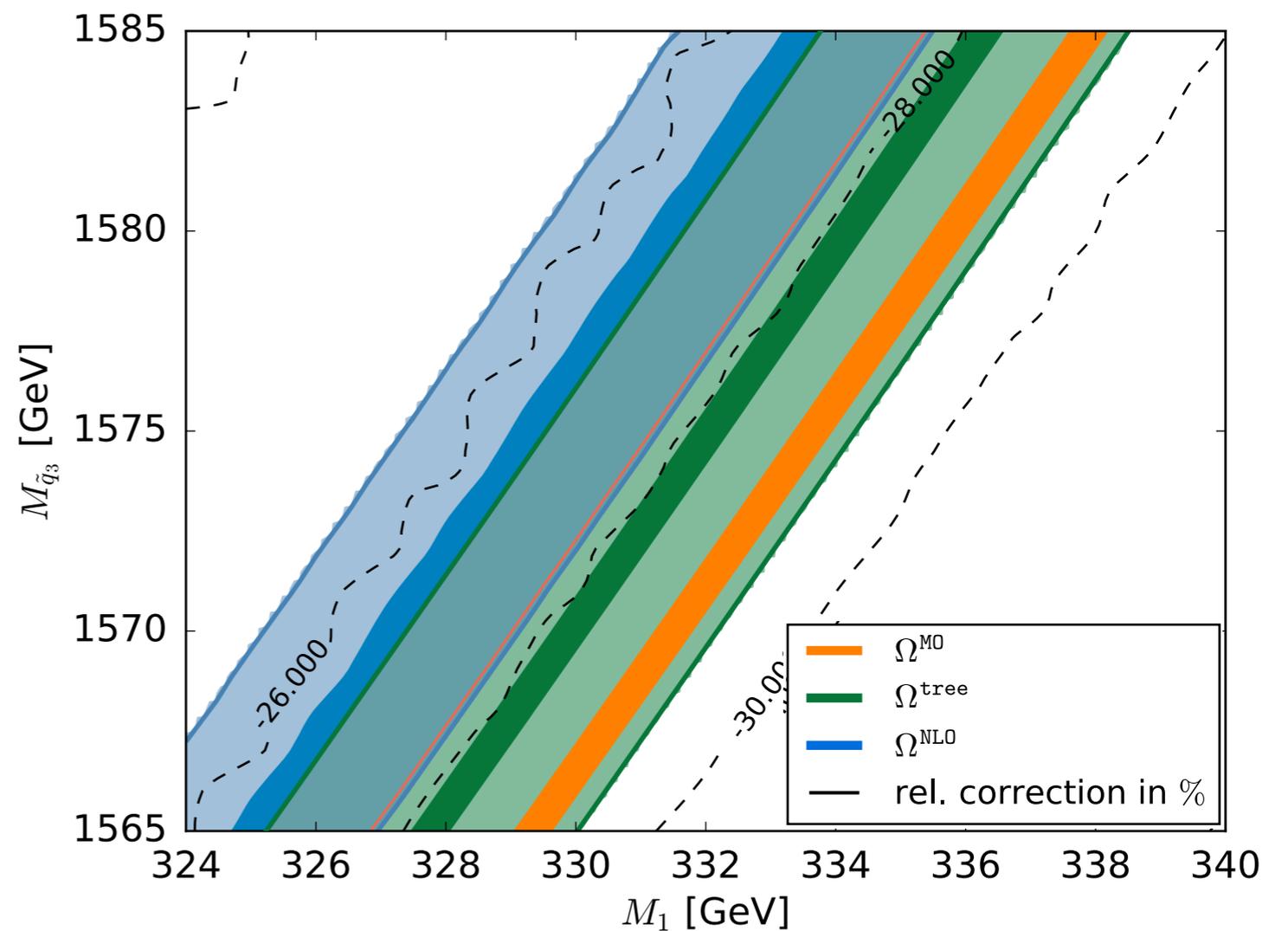
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Next steps...

- complete code with stop-stop annihilation processes
- include other new physics' models
- implement dipole subtraction scheme for all process classes
- provide some public form of the code
- **include calculation of the indirect detection cross-section...?**

