

# Sommerfeld Effect and Bound State Formation in Simplified Dark Matter Models

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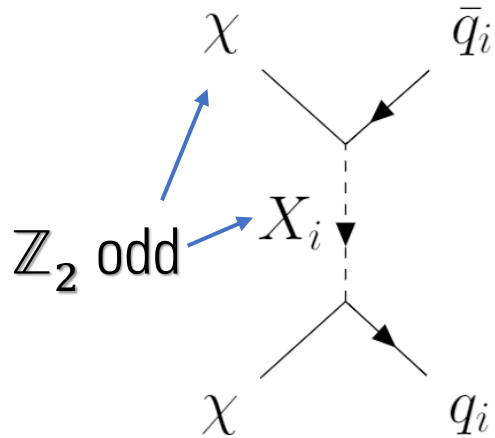


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# Simplified $t$ -channel models for DM



$\chi \sim (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{0}, 0)$   
Majorana and LSP  
 $\rightarrow$  DM

THIS  
TALK

$\tilde{X}_i \sim (\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{1}, +2/3)$   $\mathbf{u}_R$  model

$\tilde{X}_i \sim (\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{1}, -1/3)$   $\mathbf{d}_R$  model

$\tilde{X}_i \sim (\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{2}, -1/6)$   $\mathbf{q}_L$  model

Model parameters:  $\{m_\chi, \Delta = m_X - m_\chi, g_{\text{DM}}\}$

- ✓ Few new particles and parameters
- ✓ Yet, rich phenomenology on vast parameter space

See also  
[ Mohan et al. (2019) ]  
[ Arina et al. (2020) ]  
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# DM abundance and coannihilations

If dark sector particles are in chemical and kinetic equilibrium:

$$\Delta_i = m_{X_i} - m_\chi$$

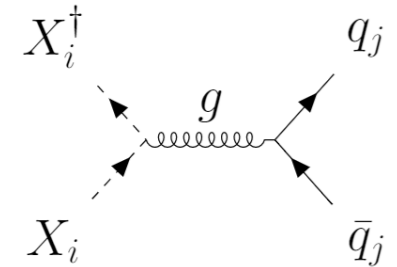
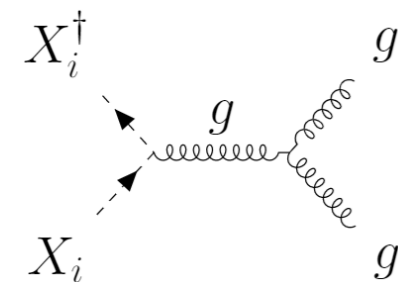
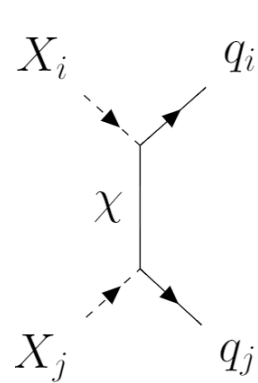
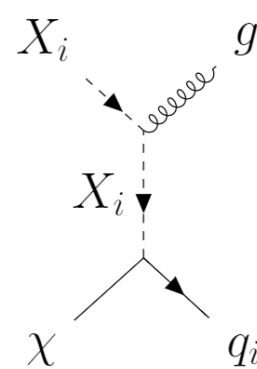
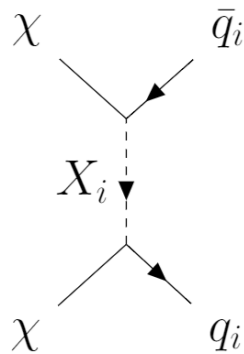
$$\frac{d\tilde{Y}}{dx} = -\frac{s}{Hx} \langle \sigma_{\text{eff}} v_{\text{rel}} \rangle (\tilde{Y} - \tilde{Y}^{\text{eq}})$$

$$\langle \sigma_{\text{eff}} v_{\text{rel}} \rangle \sim \sum_{ij} \langle \sigma_{ij} v_{ij} \rangle \frac{e^{-\Delta_i/T} e^{-\Delta_j/T}}{(1 + \sum_n e^{-\Delta_n/T})^2}$$

$$\Omega_{\text{DM}} h^2 \propto \frac{1}{\langle \sigma_{\text{eff}} v_{\text{rel}} \rangle}$$

$$\tilde{Y} = \sum_i \frac{n_i}{s}$$

Selection of relevant processes...



$$\langle \sigma_{\text{eff}} v_{\text{rel}} \rangle \sim g_{\text{DM}}^4$$

$$g_{\text{DM}}^2 g_s^2 e^{-\Delta m/T}$$

$$g_{\text{DM}}^4 e^{-2\Delta m/T}$$

$$(\alpha g_{\text{DM}}^2 + \beta g_s^2)^2 e^{-2\Delta m/T}$$

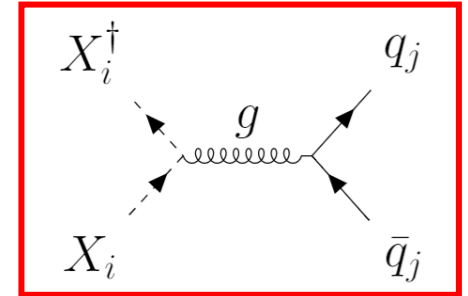
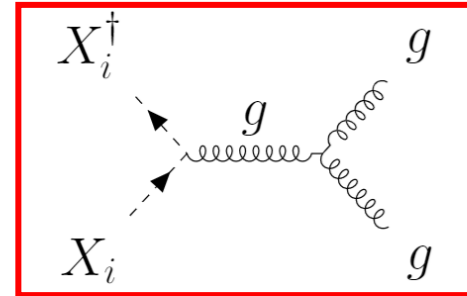
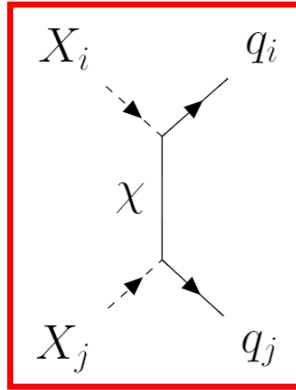
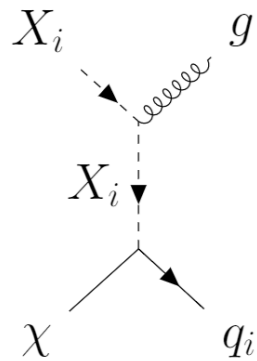
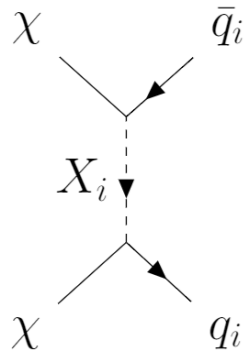
$$g_s^4 e^{-2\Delta m/T}$$

Relevant when mass splitting  $\Delta m$  small

# DM abundance and coannihilations

! Incoming colored states experience gluonic long-range force!

!! Non-perturbative effects relevant  $\Rightarrow$  Sommerfeld effect + Bound state formation



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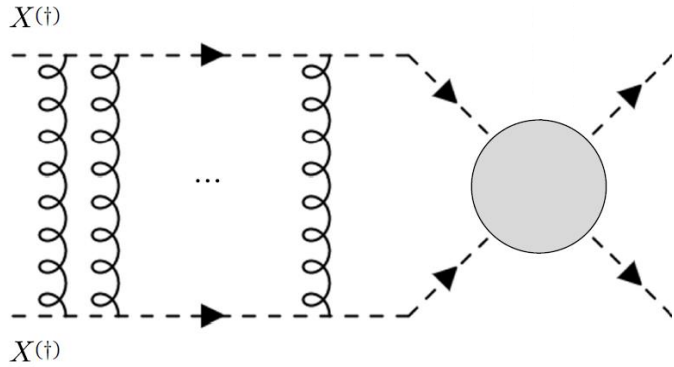
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# Long-range colored interactions: Sommerfeld effect [Sommerfeld (1931)]



Each rung insertion  $\sim \alpha/v_{\text{rel}} \sim \mathcal{O}(1)$   
 for freeze-out ( $\alpha_s \sim 0.1, v_{\text{rel}} \sim 0.1$ )

$$\langle \sigma_0^S v_{\text{rel}} \rangle = \langle S_0 \sigma_0^{\text{pert}} \rangle$$

Resummation

$$V(r)_{\mathbf{R}_1 \otimes \mathbf{R}_2 \rightarrow \hat{\mathbf{R}}} = -\frac{\alpha_s}{2r} \left( C_2(\mathbf{R}_1) + C_2(\mathbf{R}_2) - C_2(\hat{\mathbf{R}}) \right)$$

At small  $v_{\text{rel}}$

$$S_0 \sim \frac{\alpha}{v_{\text{rel}}} \quad \alpha > 0 \quad \text{enhancement}$$

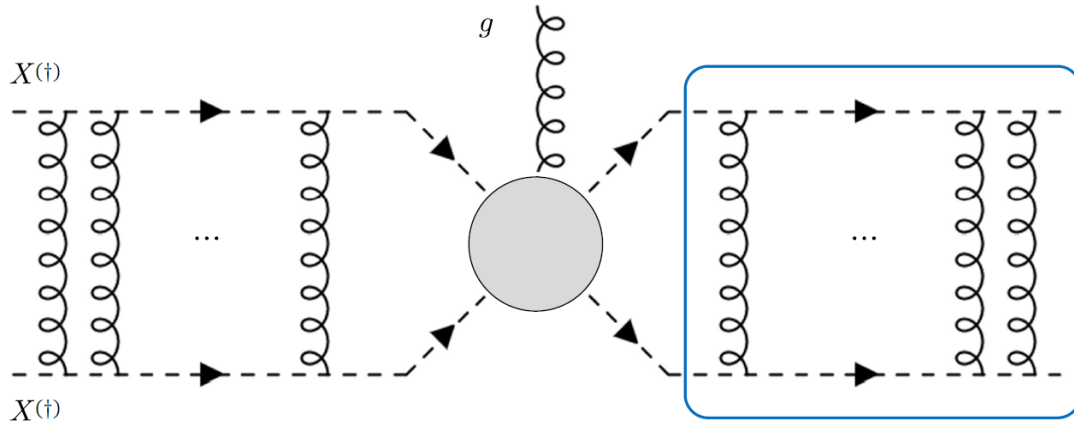
$$S_0 \sim \frac{|\alpha|}{v_{\text{rel}}} \exp(-2\pi|\alpha|/v_{\text{rel}}) \quad \alpha < 0 \quad \text{suppression}$$

$$V(r)_{\mathbf{3} \otimes \bar{\mathbf{3}}} = \begin{cases} -\frac{4}{3} \frac{\alpha_s}{r} & [\mathbf{1}] & S_{0, [\mathbf{1}]} = S_0 \left( \frac{4\alpha_s^S}{3v_{\text{rel}}} \right) \\ +\frac{1}{6} \frac{\alpha_s}{r} & [\mathbf{8}] & S_{0, [\mathbf{8}]} = S_0 \left( \frac{-\alpha_s^S}{6v_{\text{rel}}} \right) \end{cases}$$

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$\bar{\mathbf{3}} \otimes \bar{\mathbf{3}}$  is the same

# Long-range colored interactions: bound state formation



$$(X + X^\dagger)_{[8]} \rightarrow \{\mathcal{B}(XX^\dagger)_{[1]} + g\}_{[8]}$$

$$\sigma_{\text{BSF}}^{[8] \rightarrow [1]} v_{\text{rel}} \propto \left| \langle \psi_{100}^{[1]} | \mathbf{r} | \varphi_{\mathbf{k}_{\text{rel}}}^{[8]} \rangle \right|^2 \sim \sigma_0^{\text{pert}} S_{\text{BSF}}(\zeta_S, \zeta_B)$$

$$\sim (1 \div 10^2) \times \sigma_0^{\text{pert}} \text{ if } v_{\text{rel}} \sim \alpha, \text{ suppressed if } v_{\text{rel}} \gg \alpha$$

$$v_{\text{rel}} \ll \alpha$$

$$\mathcal{B}(XX^\dagger) \rightarrow g + g \quad \text{DECAY: } \Gamma_{\text{Dec}}$$

$$\mathcal{B}(XX^\dagger) + g \rightarrow X + X^\dagger \quad \text{IONISATION: } \Gamma_{\text{Ion}}$$

$$\text{If } \Gamma_{\text{Dec}}, \Gamma_{\text{Ion}} \gg H \implies \frac{dY_{\text{BS}}}{dM} \simeq 0$$

→ one-Boltzmann eq. effective description!

$$\langle \sigma_{\text{eff}} v_{\text{rel}} \rangle = \sum_{i,j=\{\chi, X\}} \langle \sigma_{ij} v_{ij} \rangle \frac{Y_i^{\text{eq}} Y_j^{\text{eq}}}{(\tilde{Y}^{\text{eq}})^2} + \langle \sigma_{\text{BSF}} v_{\text{rel}} \rangle_{\text{eff}} \frac{(Y_X^{\text{eq}})^2}{(\tilde{Y}^{\text{eq}})^2}$$

$$\langle \sigma_{\text{BSF}} v_{\text{rel}} \rangle_{\text{eff}} \equiv \langle \sigma_{\text{BSF}}^{[8] \rightarrow [1]} v_{\text{rel}} \rangle \frac{\Gamma_{\text{dec}[1]}}{\Gamma_{\text{dec}[1]} + \Gamma_{\text{ion},[1]}}$$

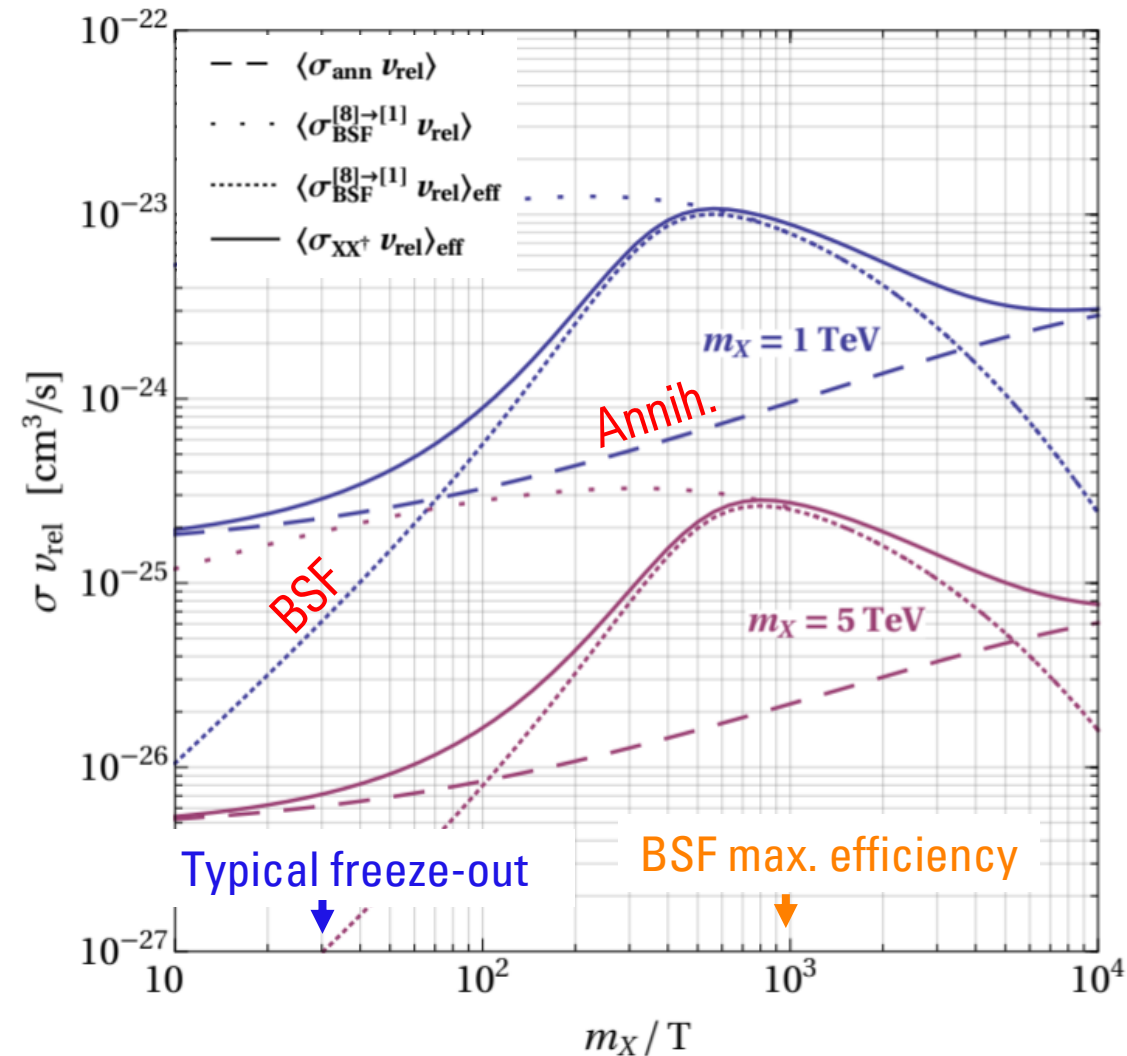
$$T \gg \mathcal{E}_{100} \quad \Gamma_{\text{Ion}} \gg \Gamma_{\text{Dec}} \implies \langle \sigma_{\text{BSF}} v_{\text{rel}} \rangle_{\text{eff}} \rightarrow 0$$

$$T \ll \mathcal{E}_{100} \quad \Gamma_{\text{Ion}} \ll \Gamma_{\text{Dec}} \implies \langle \sigma_{\text{BSF}} v_{\text{rel}} \rangle_{\text{eff}} \rightarrow \langle \sigma_{\text{BSF}} v_{\text{rel}} \rangle$$

[ Ellis et al. (2015) ], [ Petraki et al. (2015) ],  
[ Mitridate et al. (2017) ], [ Harz and Petraki (2018) ]

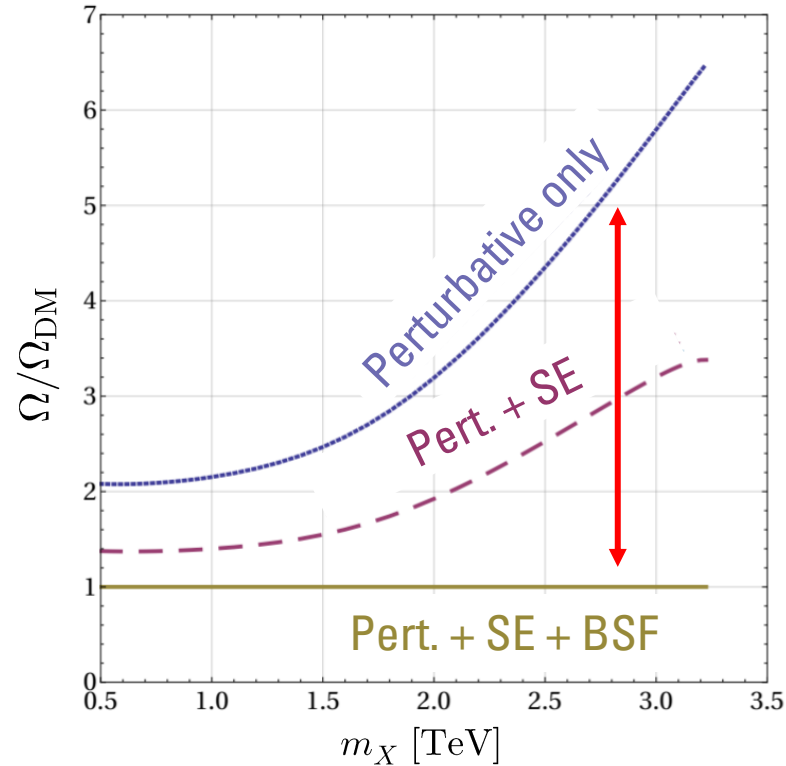
# Impact on DM relic abundance: calculation

Adapted from [ Harz and Petraki (2018) ]



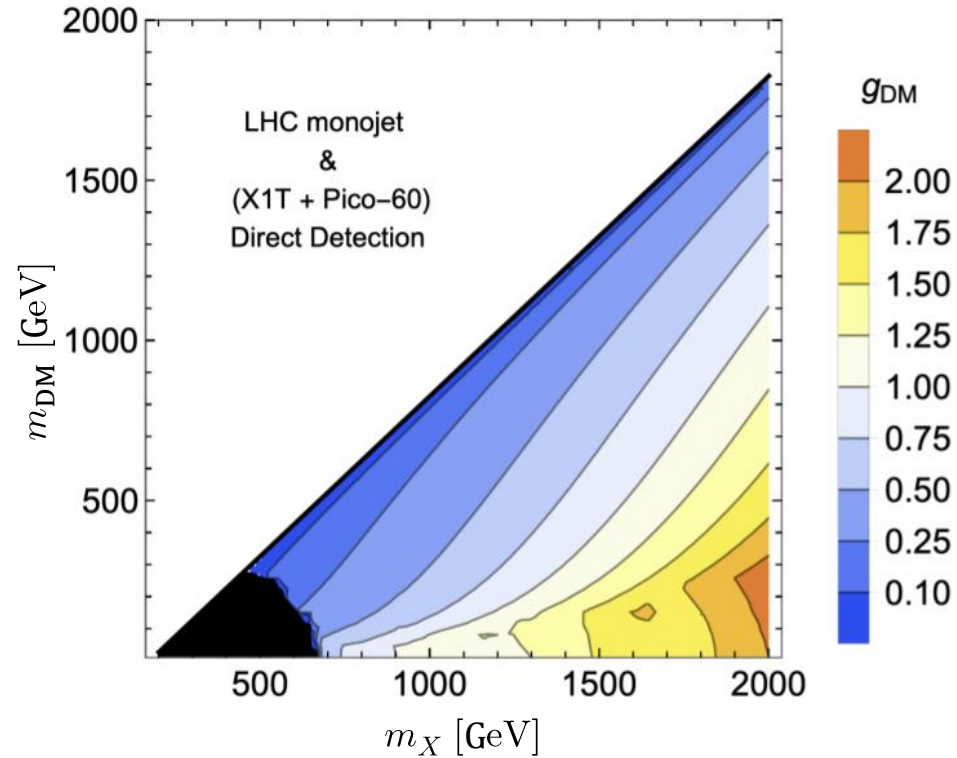
# State-of-the-art...

Adapted from [ Harz & Petraki (2018) ]



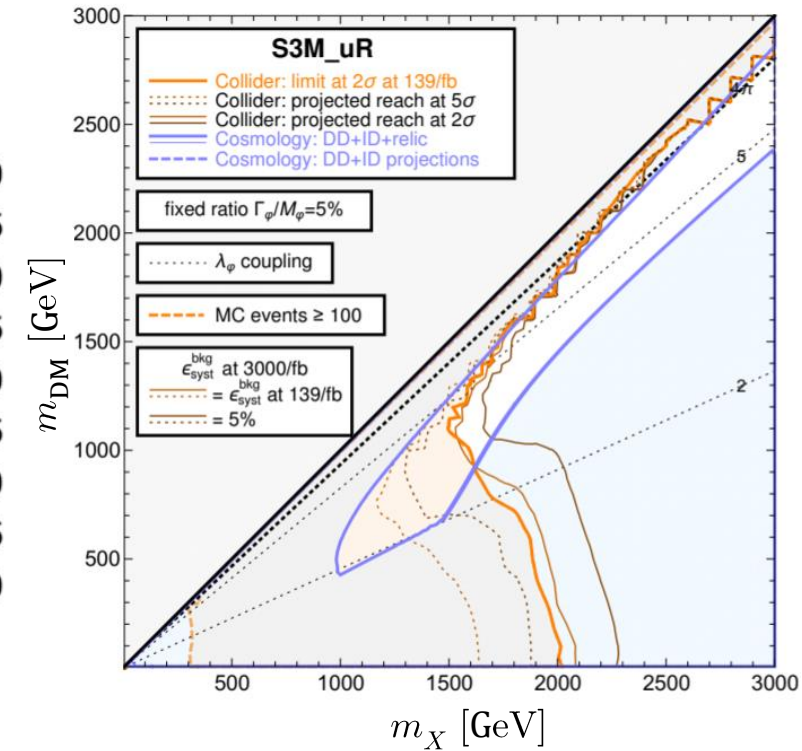
- Non-perturbative effects ✓
- Co-annihilations ✓
- Simplified DM model ✗
- Experimental limits ✗

Adapted from [ Mohan et al. (2019) ]



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- Co-annihilations (✓)
- Simplified DM model ✓
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Adapted from [ Arina et al. (2020) ]





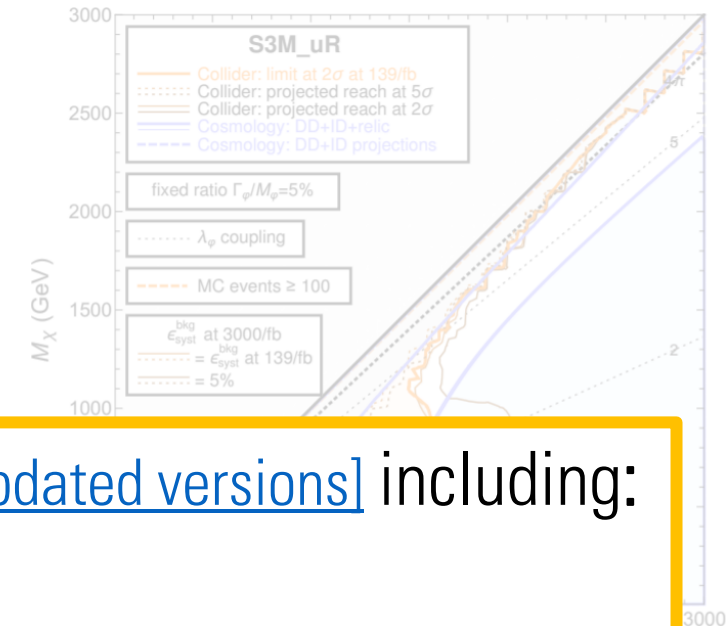
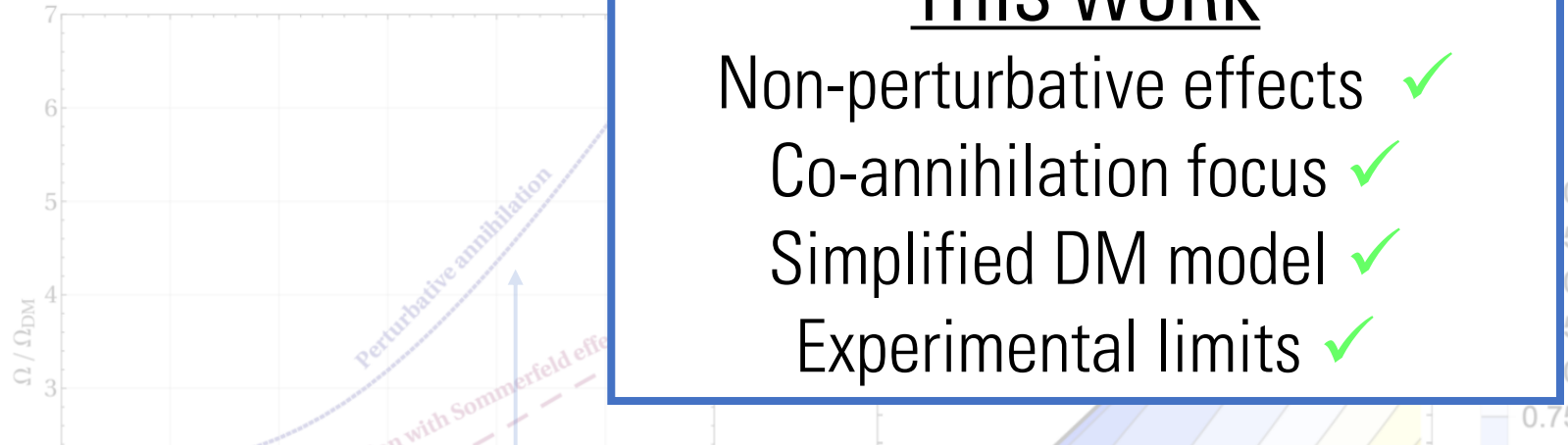
# ... and our improvement

[ Harz & Petraki (2018) ]

## THIS WORK

- Non-perturbative effects ✓
- Co-annihilation focus ✓
- Simplified DM model ✓
- Experimental limits ✓

[ Arina et al. (2020) ]



We modified **micrOMEGAs v.5.2.7** [Belanger et al. (2001) and [updated versions](#)] including:

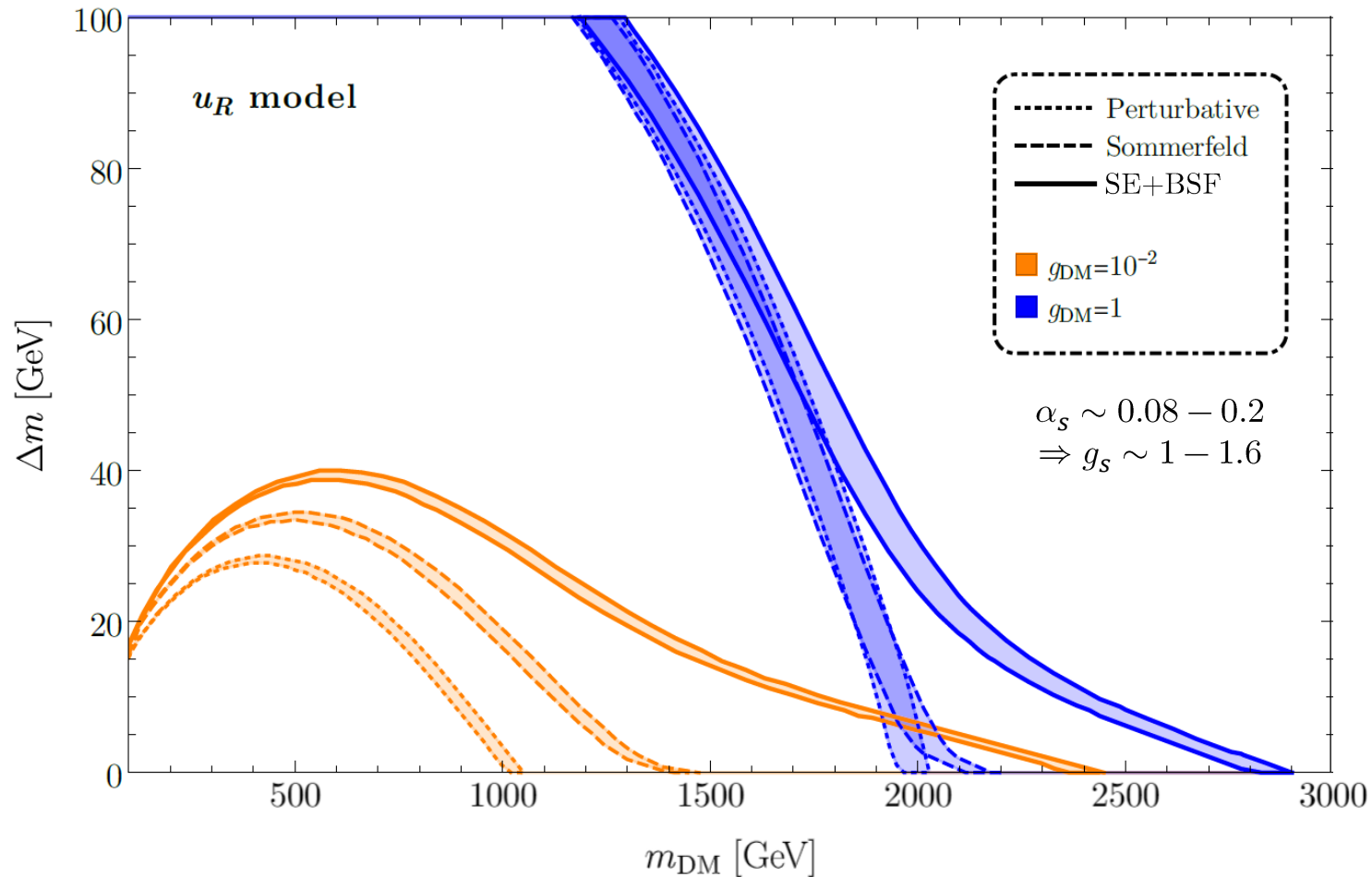
1. Sommerfeld effect ( $3 \otimes \bar{3}$  and  $3 \otimes 3$ )
2. BSF (singlet ground state) for gluon emission.
3. Exploitation of CalcHEP calculations + long-time integration ( $z \lesssim 10^4$ )

⇒ Automatic + efficient RD computation ⇒ parameter space scan faster and easier

Simplified DM model ✓  
Experimental limits ✗

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# Impact on DM relic abundance: parameter space

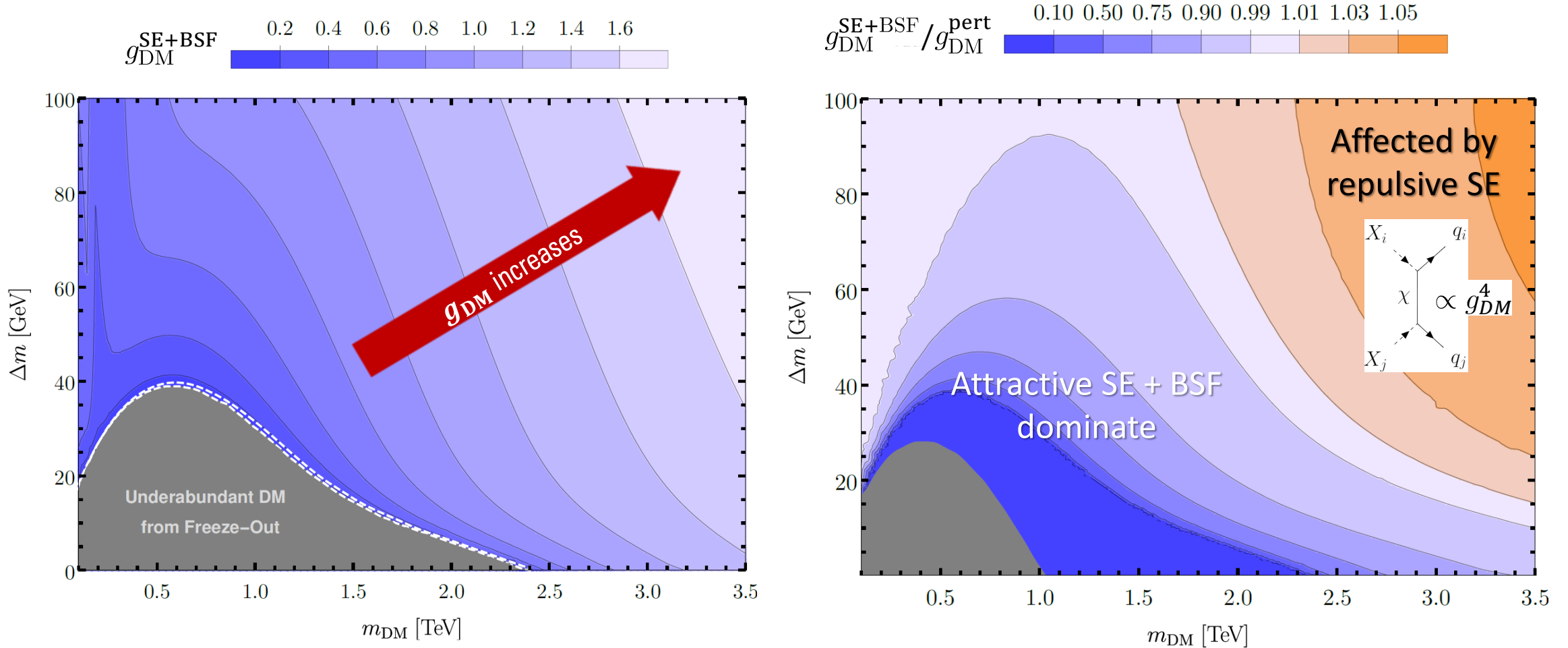


[Becker, EC, Harz, Mohan, Sengupta \(2022\)](#)

- Bands  $\leftrightarrow \Omega_{\text{DM}} h^2 = 0.120 \pm 0.005$
- Dramatic change in DM density with SE and SE+BSF for **small**  $g_{\text{DM}}$  when  $\Delta m \ll m_{\text{DM}}$ .
- For  $g_{\text{DM}} \sim \sigma(1)$  mild effects
- Stronger effective annihilations
  - $\Rightarrow$  larger DM masses needed
  - $\Rightarrow$  larger mass splittings  $\Delta m$

# Impact on DM relic abundance: parameter space

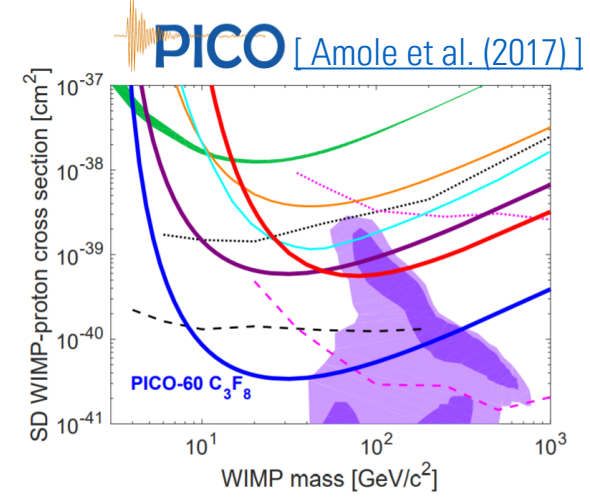
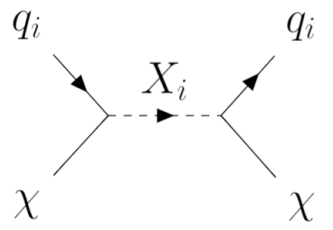
Fixed at maximum (+5 $\sigma$ ) observable value:  $\Omega_{DM}h^2 = 0.125$



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# Direct detection constraints

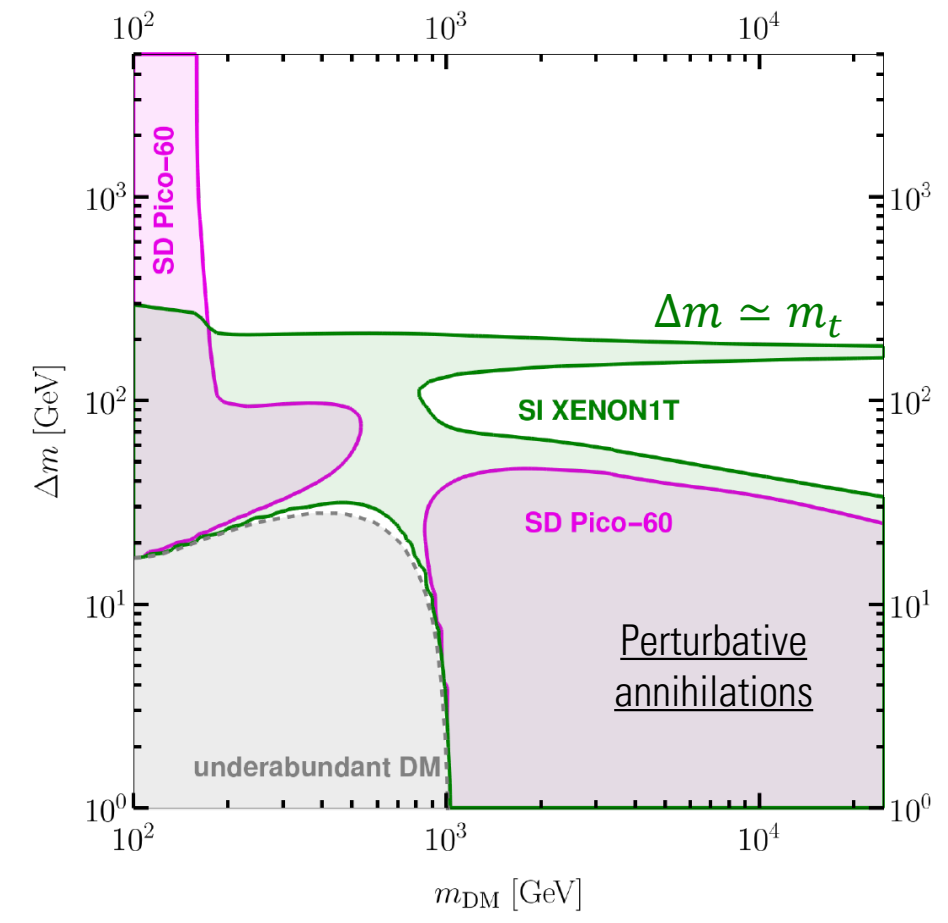
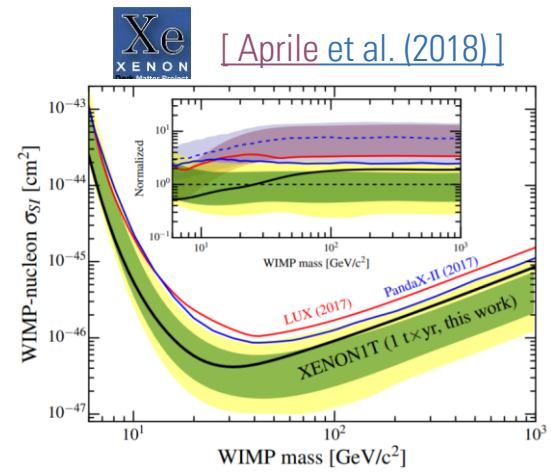
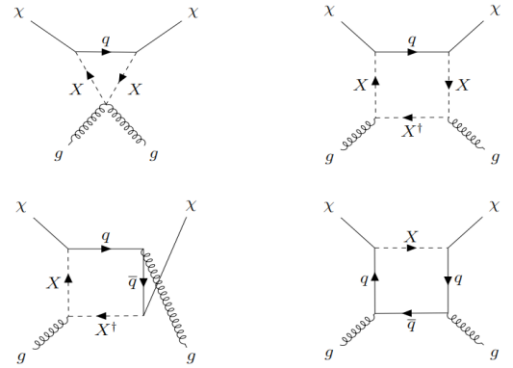
## Spin-dependent (SD): tree



## Spin-independent (SI) limits: 1 Loop+RGE (Majorana DM)

See also [Mohan et al. (2018)]

$$\mathcal{L}_{SI}^{\text{eff}} = \sum_{q=u,d,s} \mathcal{L}_q^{\text{eff}} + \mathcal{L}_g^{\text{eff}}$$



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# Prompt searches: mono- and multi-jet + MET

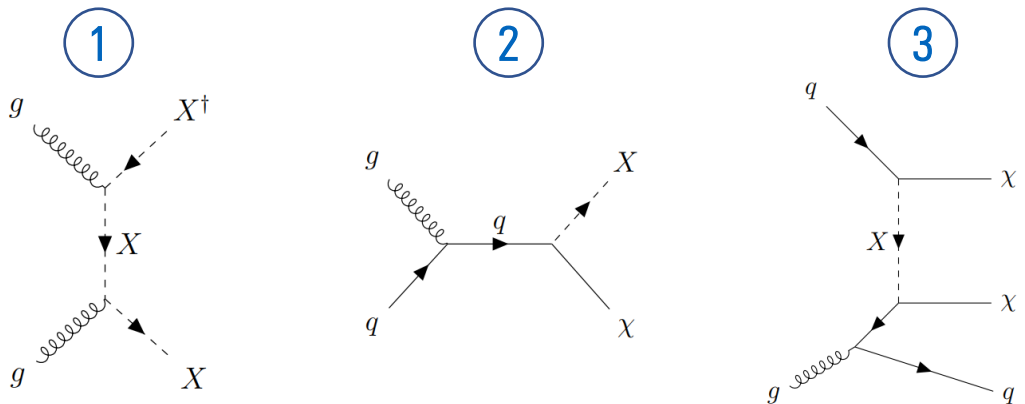
Prompt searches @ LHC



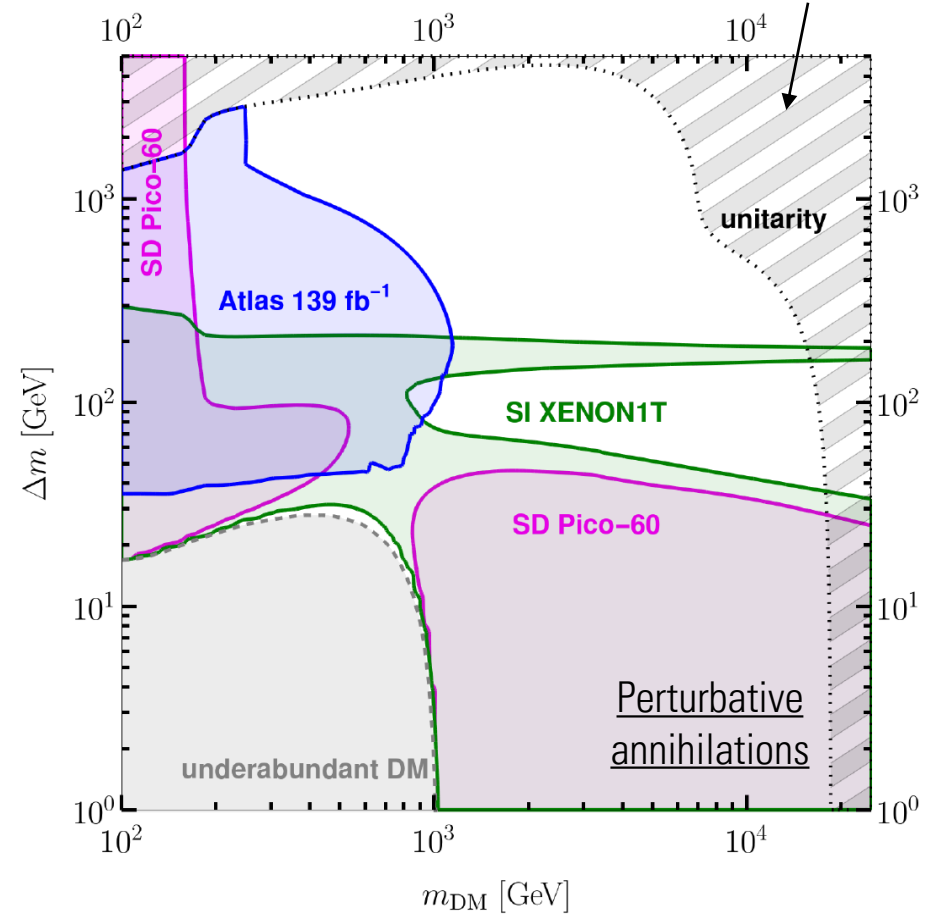
Recasting ATLAS [mono-jet](#) and [multi-jet](#) + MET analyses with  $139 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  @  $\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}$ :

1. Pair-production of mediators followed by decay to quark + DM
2. Associated production of DM + mediator
3. Pair-production of DM + initial-state-radiated (ISR) jet

Mono- and multi-jet comparable at small  $\Delta m$ , multi-jet stronger at large  $\Delta m$



[Cahill-Rowley et al. (2015)]:  $g_{\text{DM}} \leq \sqrt{4\pi}$



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# Prompt searches: bound state resonances

## Prompt searches @ LHC

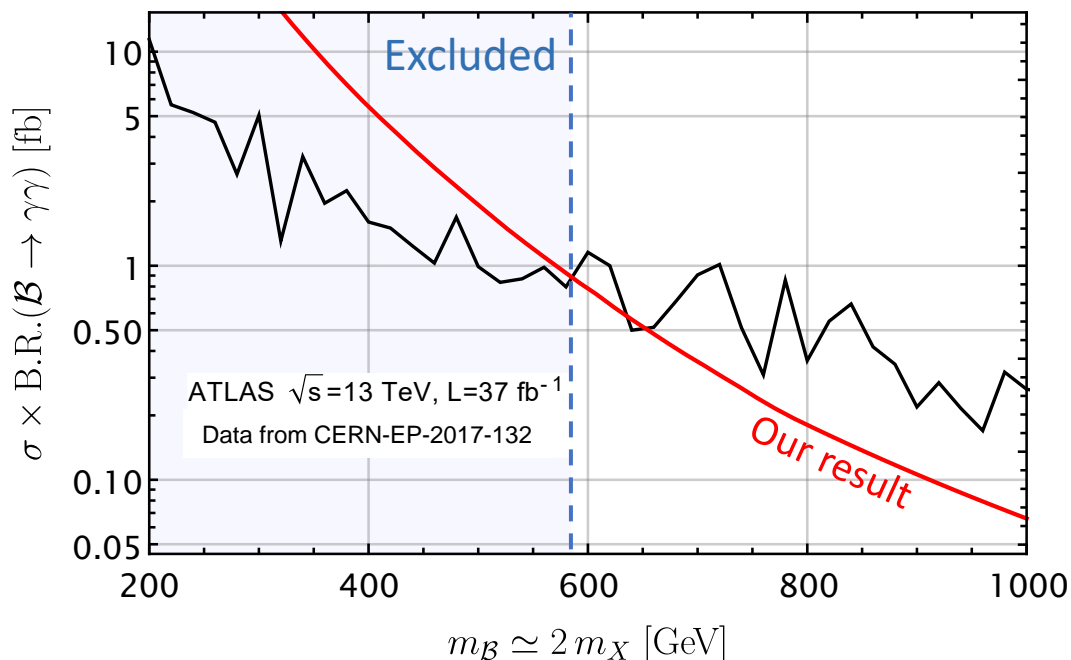


Squarkonium-like bound state resonances could form at the LHC

$$\sigma(pp \rightarrow \mathcal{B}(XX^\dagger)) = \frac{\pi^2}{8m_{\mathcal{B}}^3} \Gamma(\mathcal{B}(XX^\dagger) \rightarrow gg) \mathcal{P}_{gg} \left( \frac{m_{\mathcal{B}}}{13 \text{ TeV}} \right)$$

[Batell&Jung (2015)]  
 [Younkin&Martin (2009)]  
 [Martin (2008)]

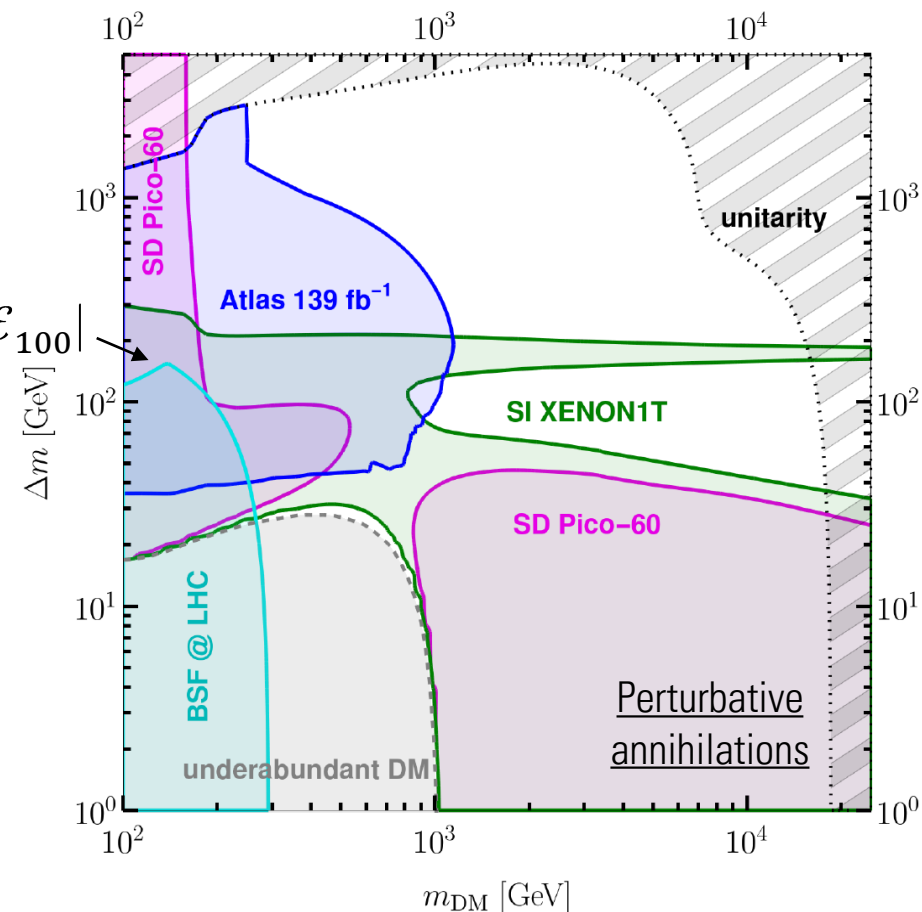
Resonances can be detected via, e.g., diphoton signal:



$$\Gamma_X > |\mathcal{E}_{100}|$$

Notice that:

- B.R. to  $gg$  is 99%, but signal not clean
- B.R. to  $\gamma\gamma$  is 0.5%, but signal much cleaner



Becker, EC, Harz, Mohan, Sengupta (2022)

# Potential of LLP searches

To address the parameter space where freeze-out DM is underabundant, we estimate  $\tilde{g}_{DM}$  below which DM proceeds non-thermally.

This roughly happens when (inverse) decays  $X \leftrightarrow \chi q$  decouple:

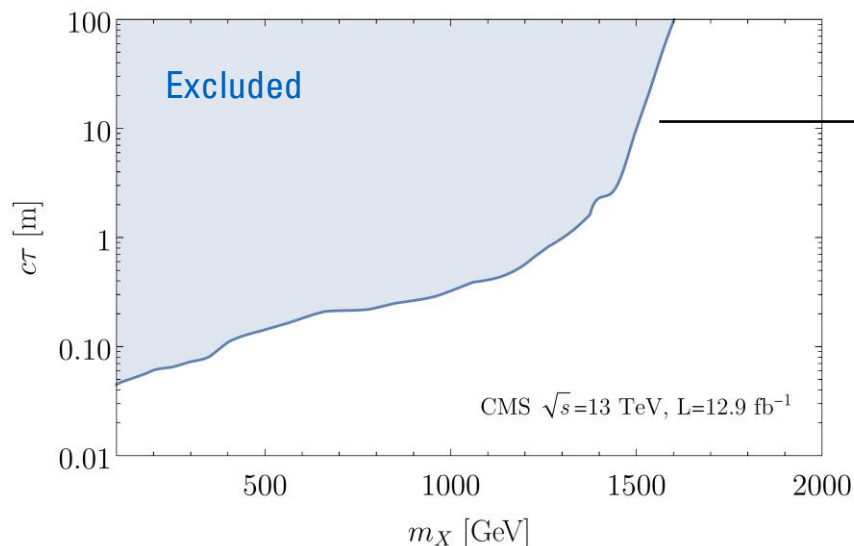
$$\Gamma_X \frac{Y_X^{eq}}{Y_\chi^{eq}} \sim H \longrightarrow$$

Estimate of  $g_{DM}$  in CDFO  
Upper bound on  $g_{DM}$  in FI

Long-lived particle searches @ LHC



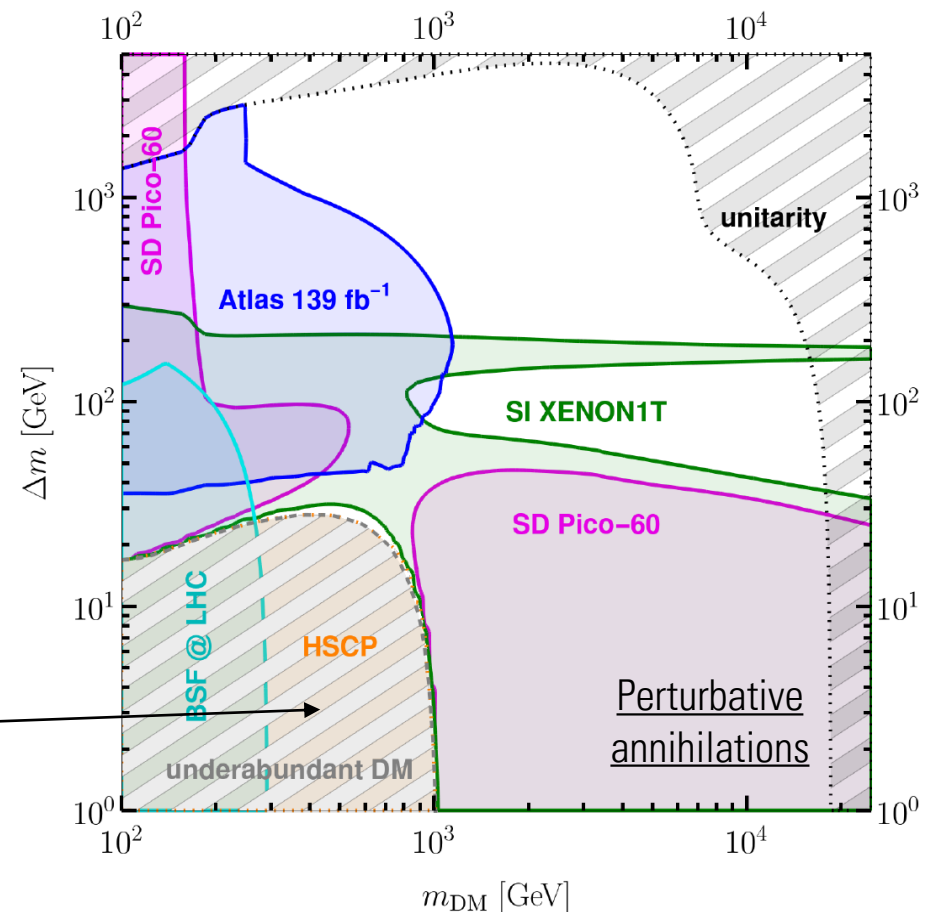
Recast CMS [Heavy Stable Charged Particles \(HSCP\)](#) @  $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV,  $L=12.9$  fb<sup>-1</sup>



Lower bound on  $g_{DM} \equiv g_{DM}^{LLP}$

$$\tilde{g}_{DM} < g_{DM}^{LLP}$$

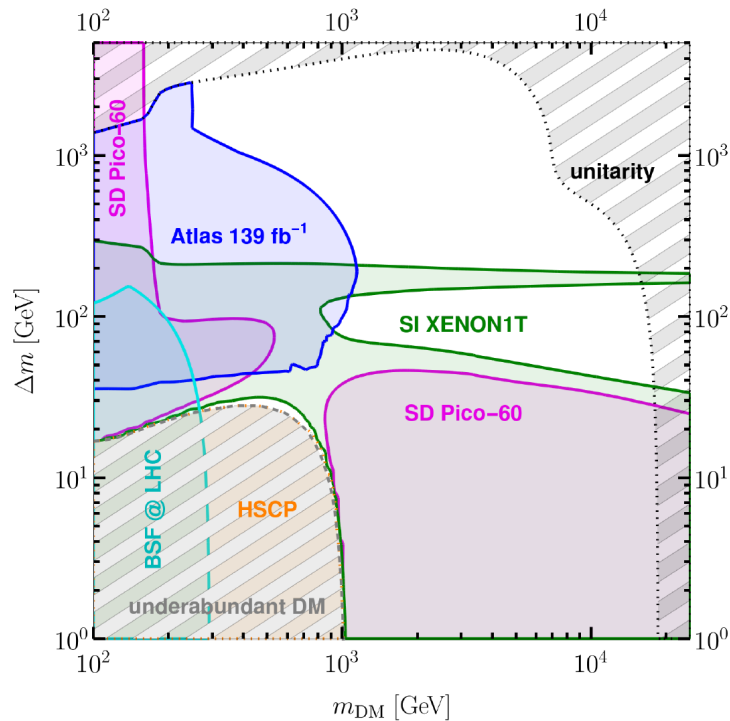
See, e.g.,  
Garny et al. (2018), Quentin et al. (2021),  
Bollig&Vogl (2021), Garny&Heisig (2021)



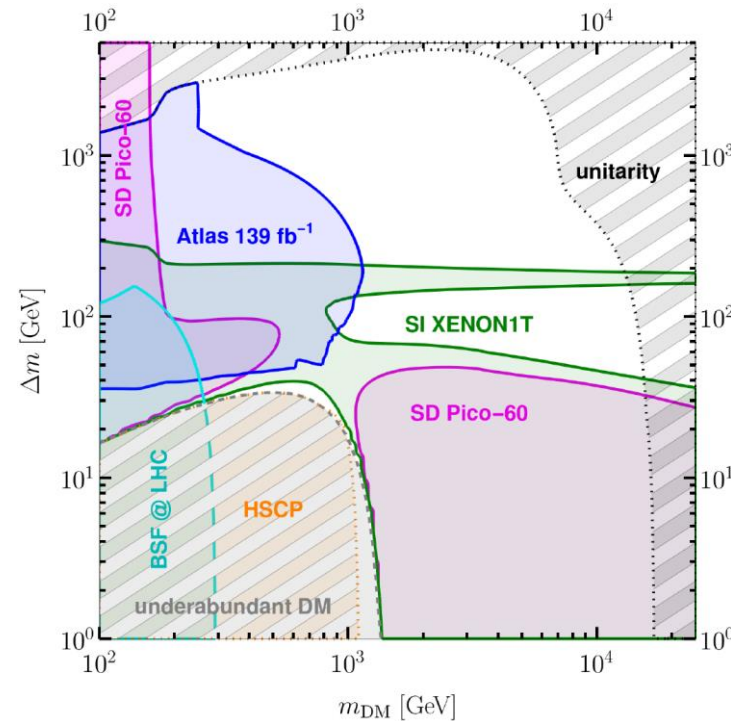
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# Combined constraints... with SE and SE+BSF

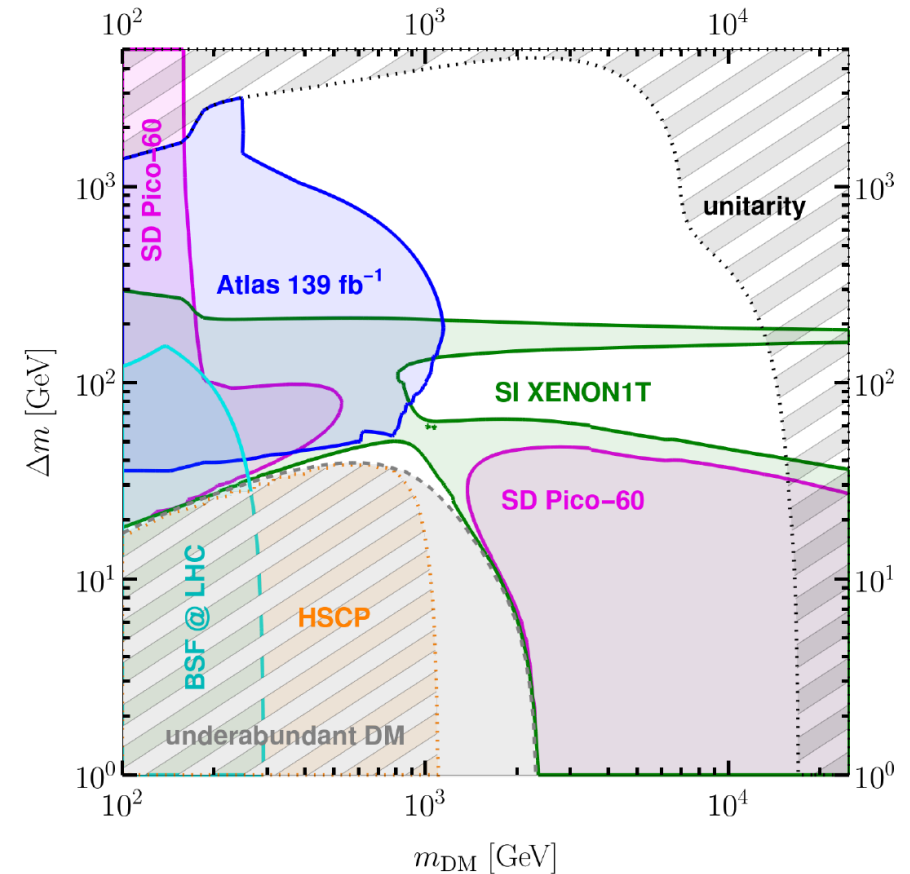
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Perturbative annihilations



+ Sommerfeld



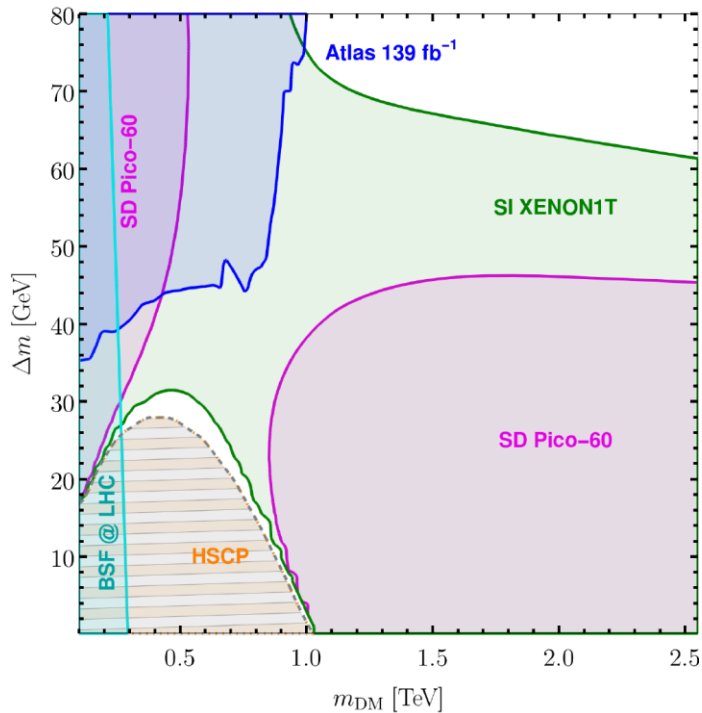
+ Sommerfeld + BSF



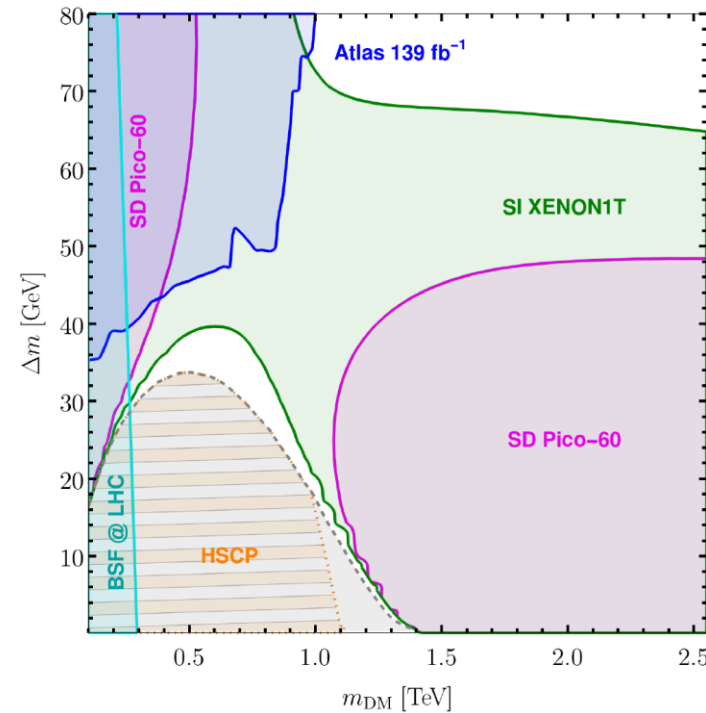
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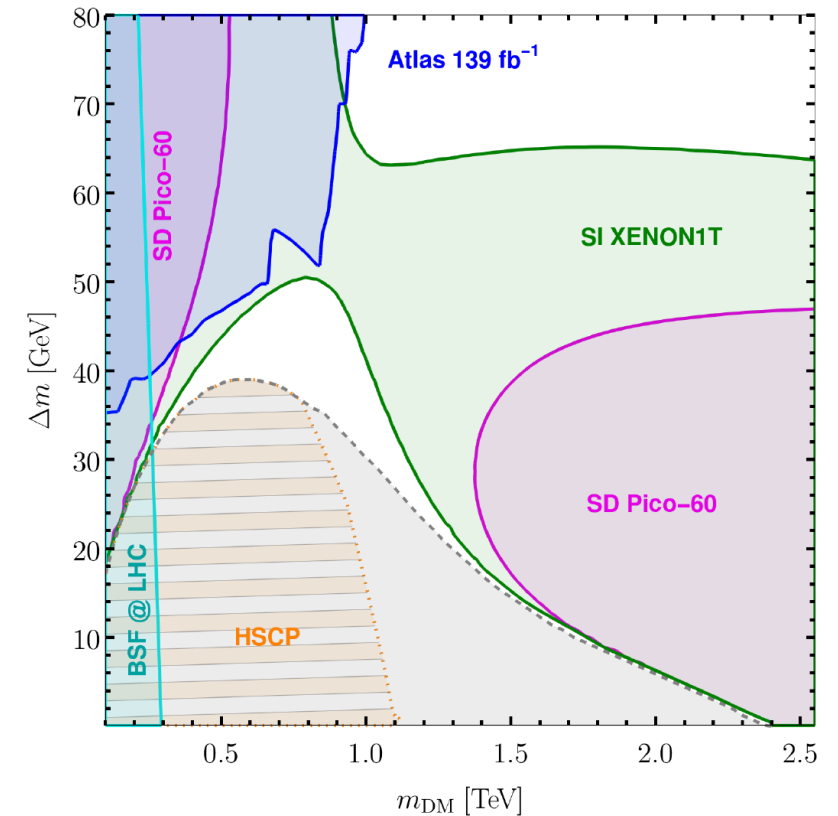
Zoomed in the strongly coannihilating region



Perturbative annihilations



+ Sommerfeld

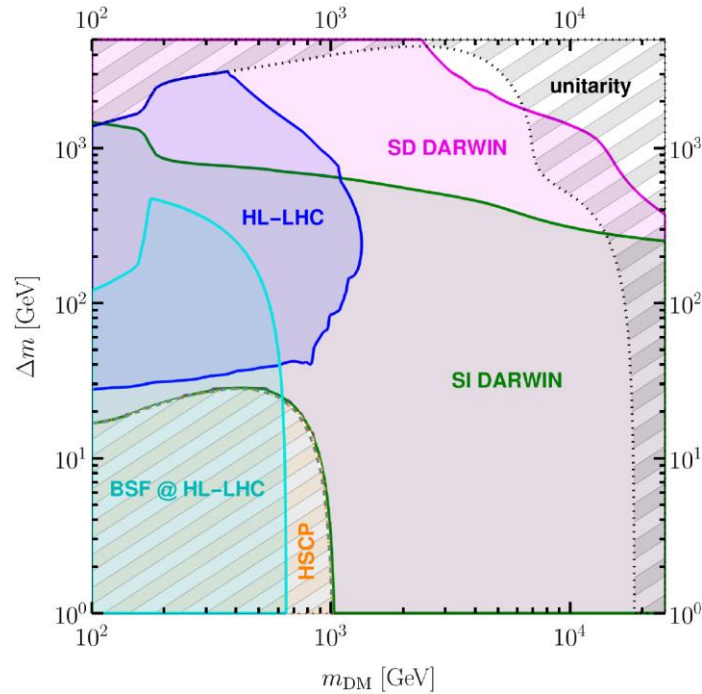


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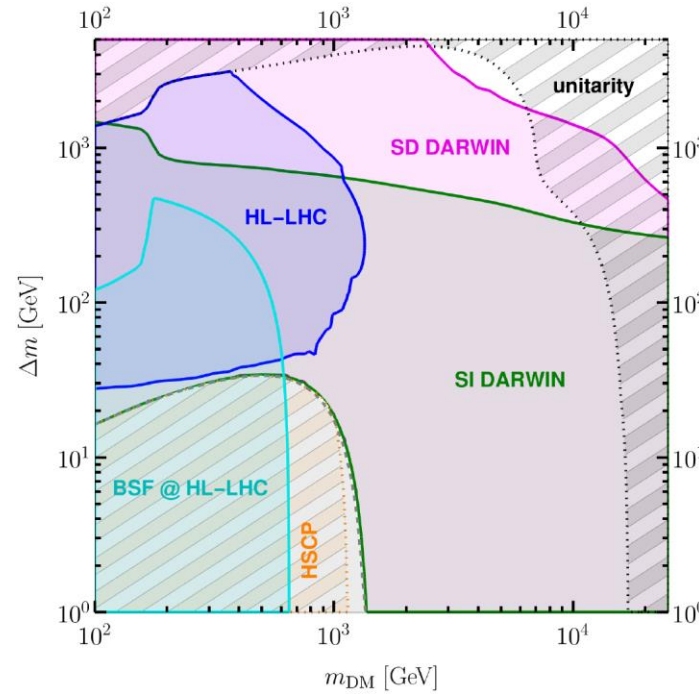
# Future projections

Direct detection → Darwin project  
Colliders → High-Lumi LHC

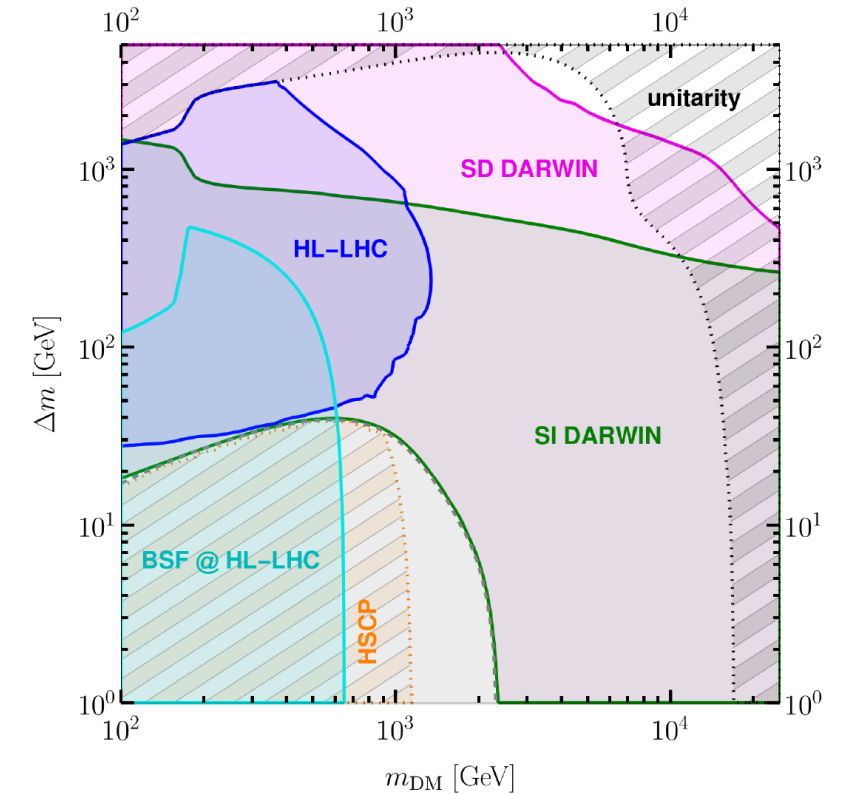
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Perturbative annihilations



+ Sommerfeld



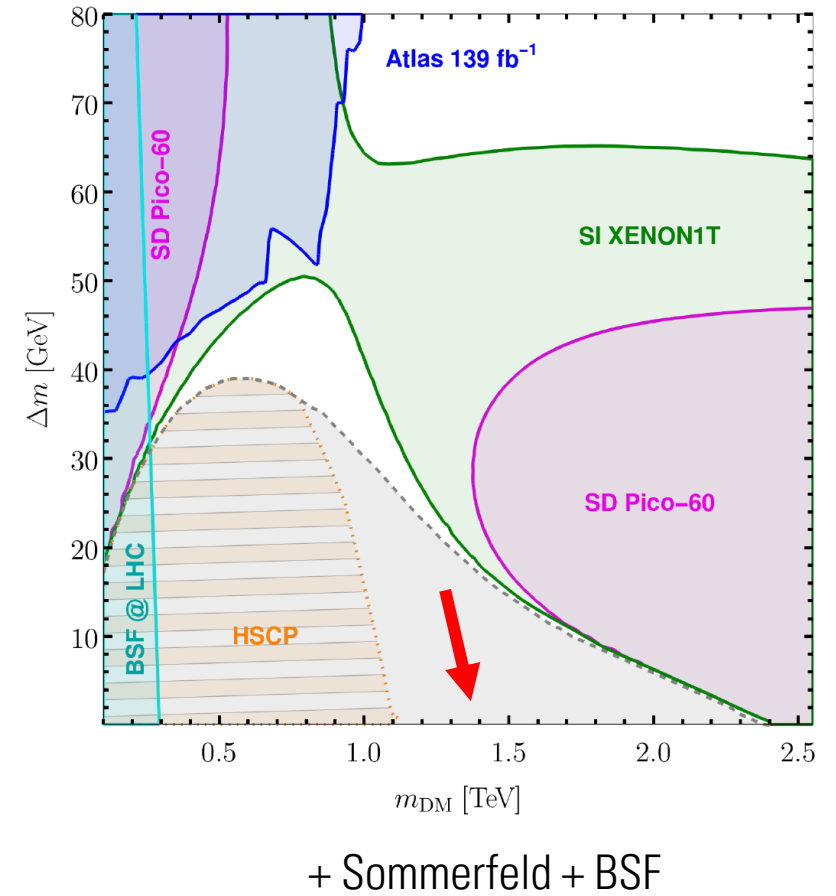
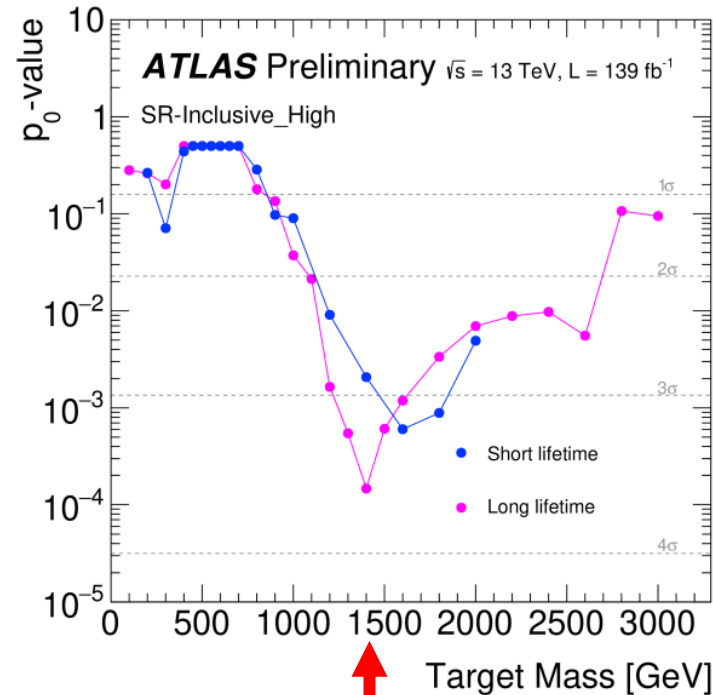
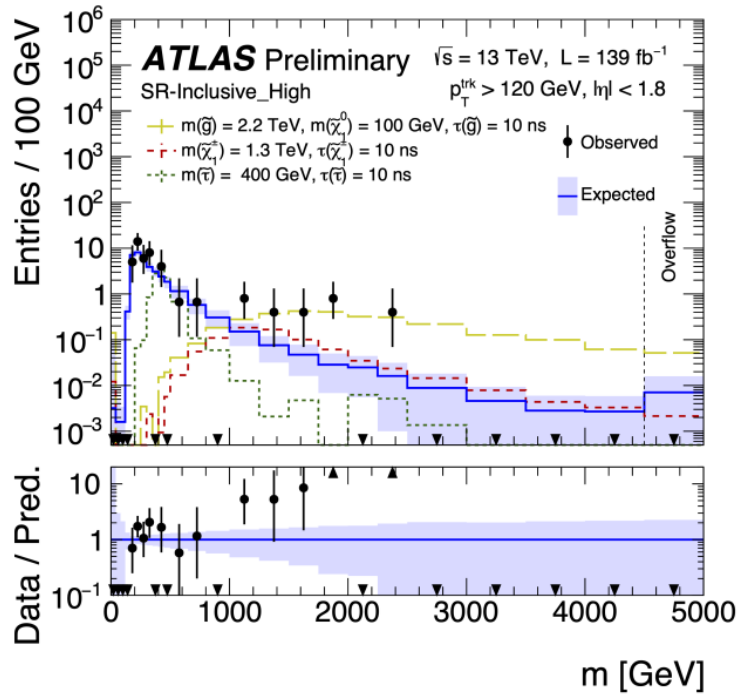
+ Sommerfeld + BSF

# Final remarks: interesting LLP excess

Interesting excess in LLP searches around 1.4 TeV

(see talk by J. Gonski at Moriond 2022)

[Becker, EC, Harz, Mohan, Sengupta \(2022\)](#)



# Final remarks: potential of bound state searches at LHC

BSF @ LHC

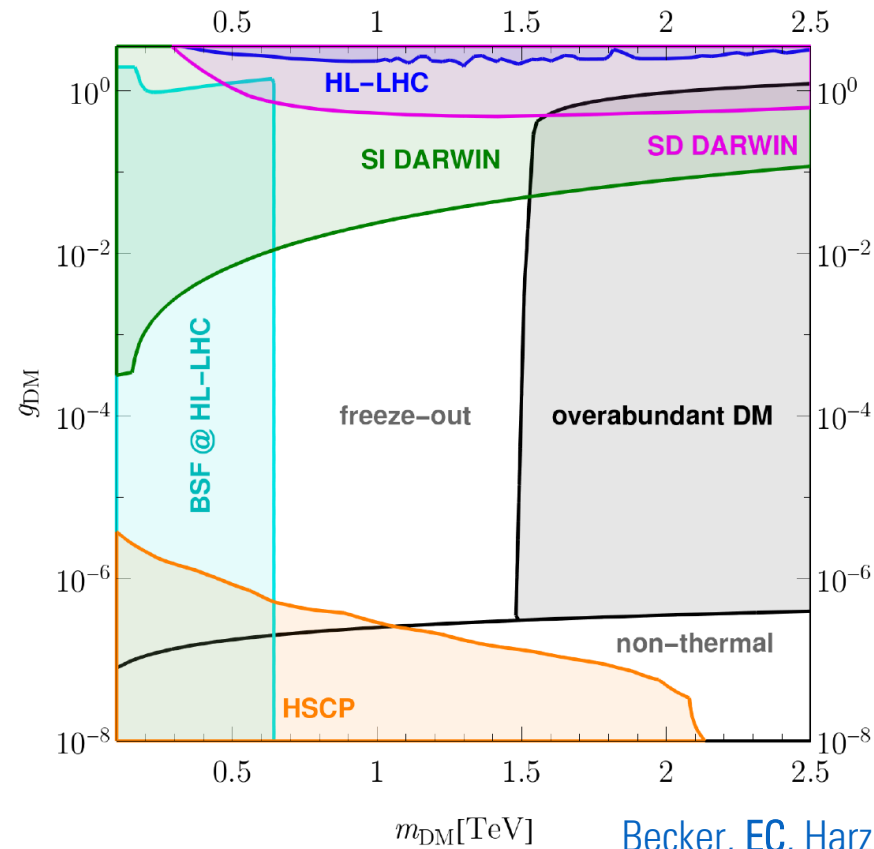
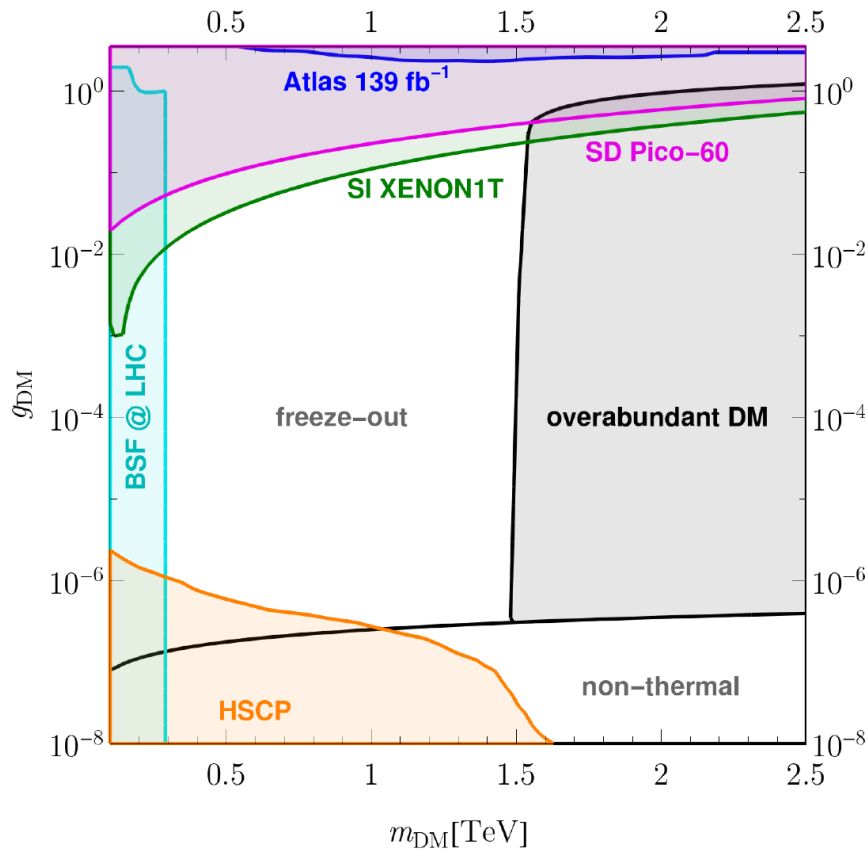
Prompt searches @ LHC

LLP @ LHC

Direct detection

→  $g_{DM}$

$$\delta \equiv \frac{\Delta m}{m_X} = 1\%$$



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# Conclusions

- Non-perturbative effects (SE and BSF) from long-range interactions have a **sizable impact** on the DM relic abundance in the coannihilating regime for colored dark sectors:  
smaller  $g_{DM}$ , larger  $m_{DM}$  and  $\Delta m$  wrt. the perturbative scenario.
- SE and BSF modify the effective annihilation cross-section in a non-trivial way, depending on the dominating processes (and the potential). **A simple flat factor is not sufficient.**
- SE and BSF **extend unconstrained parameter space** (small  $\Delta m$ ), increasing region where portal coupling is small  $\rightarrow$  non-thermal DM production (*see talk by J. Bollig tomorrow*).
- LLPs searches efficient for tiny couplings ( $< 10^{-6}$ ). **BS searches at colliders** independent of portal coupling  $\rightarrow$  **bridge prompt and LLPs regimes** ( $10^{-6} \lesssim g_{DM} \lesssim 10^{-2}$ ).
- Model (almost) fully probed by future experiments  $\rightarrow$  **highly testable**

# Thank you for your attention!



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