

**What is Dark Matter made of ?**

*L*DM ?

# Disclaimer

Particle	mass	charge	spin
u (up)	$\approx 2.3 \text{ MeV}/c^2$	$\frac{2}{3}$	$\frac{1}{2}$
d (down)	$\approx 4.8 \text{ MeV}/c^2$	$-\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{1}{2}$
$\nu_e$ (electron neutrino)	$< 2.2 \text{ eV}/c^2$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$
c (charm)	$\approx 1.275 \text{ GeV}/c^2$	$\frac{2}{3}$	$\frac{1}{2}$
s (strange)	$\approx 95 \text{ MeV}/c^2$	$-\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{1}{2}$
$\nu_\mu$ (muon neutrino)	$< 0.17 \text{ MeV}/c^2$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$
t (top)	$\approx 173.07 \text{ GeV}/c^2$	$\frac{2}{3}$	$\frac{1}{2}$
b (bottom)	$\approx 4.18 \text{ GeV}/c^2$	$-\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{1}{2}$
$\nu_\tau$ (tau neutrino)	$< 15.5 \text{ MeV}/c^2$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$
g (gluon)	0	0	1
H (Higgs boson)	$\approx 126 \text{ GeV}/c^2$	0	0
$\gamma$ (photon)	0	0	1
Z (Z boson)	$91.2 \text{ GeV}/c^2$	0	1
W (W boson)	$80.4 \text{ GeV}/c^2$	$\pm 1$	1

$$h_{\mu\nu}$$

$\mathcal{L}_{\text{DM}} ?$

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	top (t)	~173.07 GeV/c <sup>2</sup>	2/3	1/2
	down (d)	~4.8 MeV/c <sup>2</sup>	-1/3	1/2
	strange (s)	~95 MeV/c <sup>2</sup>	-1/3	1/2
	bottom (b)	~4.18 GeV/c <sup>2</sup>	-1/3	1/2
LEPTONS	electron (e)	0.511 MeV/c <sup>2</sup>	-1	1/2
	muon (μ)	105.7 MeV/c <sup>2</sup>	-1	1/2
	tau (τ)	1.777 GeV/c <sup>2</sup>	-1	1/2
	electron neutrino (ν <sub>e</sub> )	<2.2 eV/c <sup>2</sup>	0	1/2
	muon neutrino (ν <sub>μ</sub> )	<0.17 MeV/c <sup>2</sup>	0	1/2
	tau neutrino (ν <sub>τ</sub> )	<15.5 MeV/c <sup>2</sup>	0	1/2
GAUGE BOSONS	gluon (g)	0	0	1
	photon (γ)	0	0	1
	Z boson (Z)	91.2 GeV/c <sup>2</sup>	0	1
	W boson (W)	80.4 GeV/c <sup>2</sup>	±1	1
	Higgs boson (H)	~126 GeV/c <sup>2</sup>	0	0

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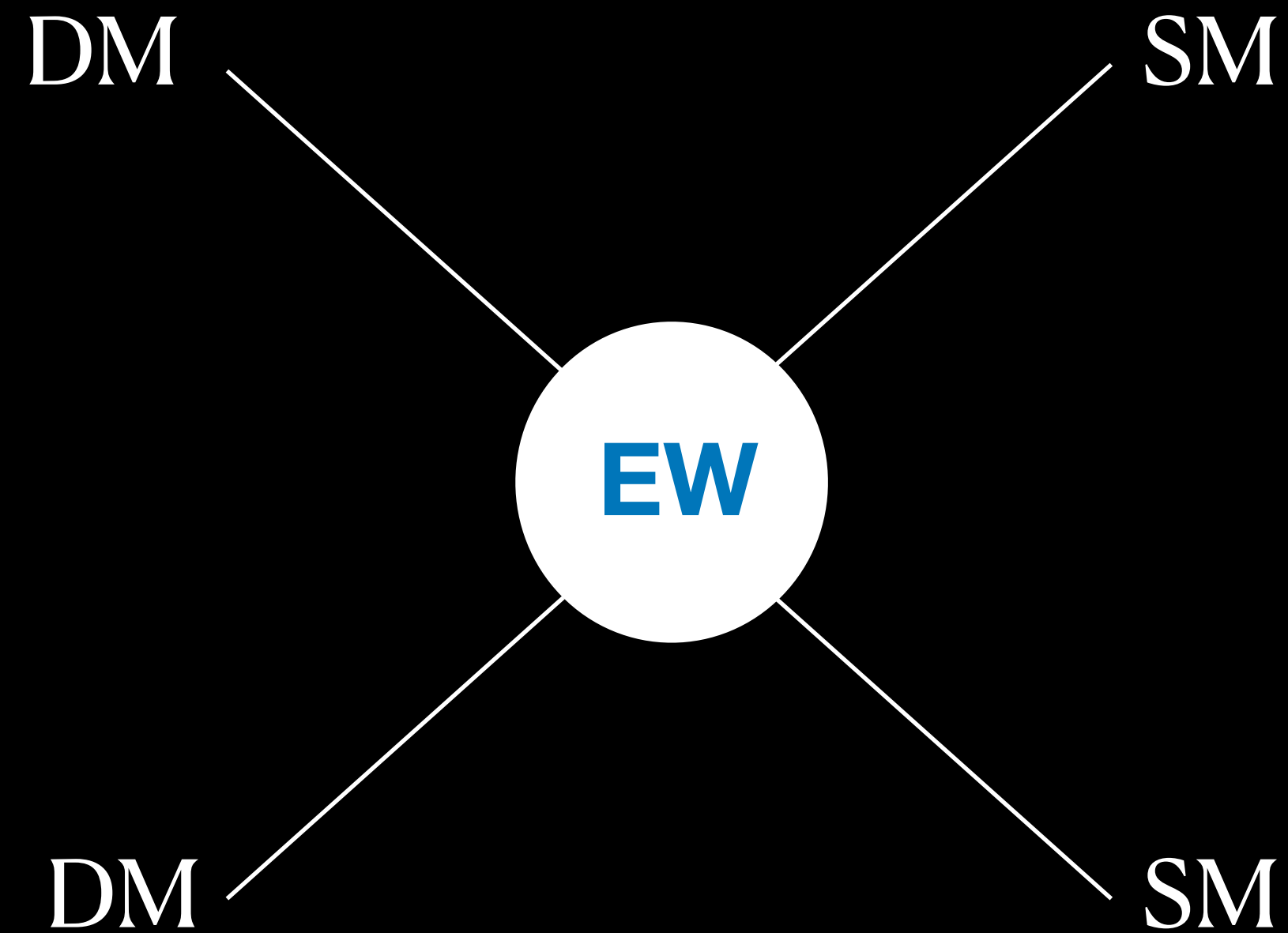
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Conversely the **DM might be charged** under the SM gauge group...

# Is Dark Matter Electroweak?



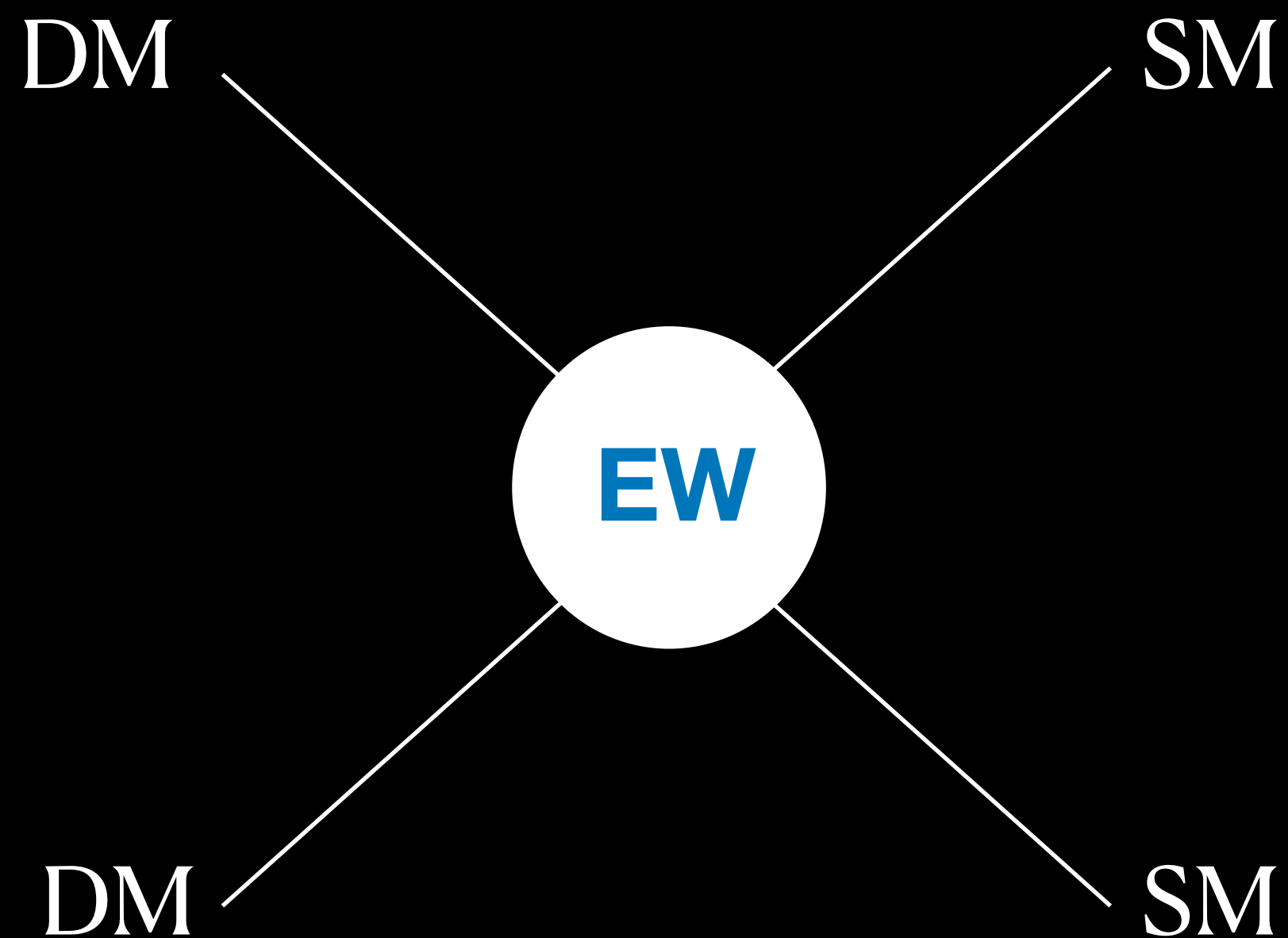
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\* 1)+2) make higher dimensional operators controlled by  $\mathcal{O}(v/\Lambda_{UV})$

\* I will focus on fermions but the same analysis was done for scalars

# Plan

1) Classification of electroweak  
Dark matter

based on work with

S. Bottaro, D. Buttazzo, M. Costa, R. Franceschini, P. Panci, L. Vittorio

2107.09688 + 2205.04486

2) Uncertainty in the theory  
Prediction

computed with

S. Bottaro

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3) Prospect for  
larg volume Xenon detectors

derived with

I. Bloch, S. Bottaro, D.R. and L. Vittorio

2410.02723

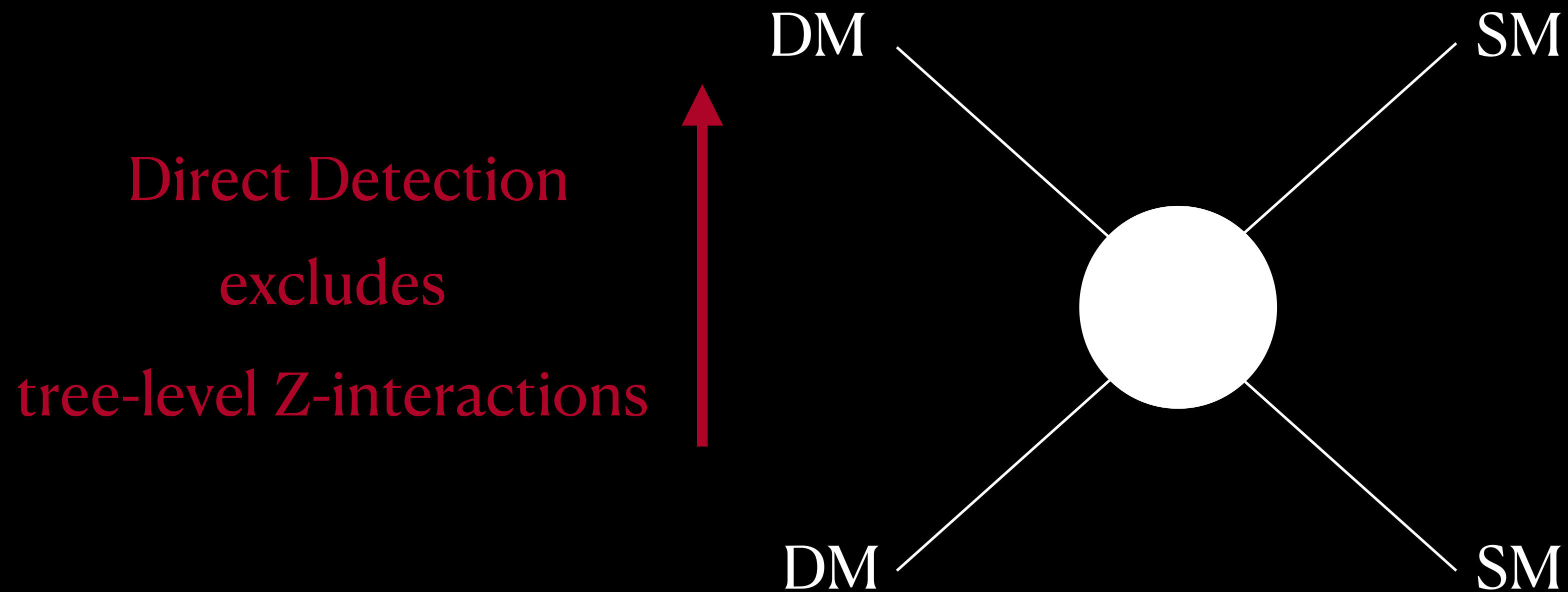
4) Prospects for  
gamma ray telescopes

to appear with

M. Baumgart, S. Bottaro, N. Rodd, T. Slatyer

# Classification of EW Dark Matter

DM in a single representation of SU(2)



Elastic cross section

$$\sigma = \frac{G_F^2}{2\pi} \times m_N^2 \times Y_\chi^2 \times Y_{Xe}^2 \sim 7 \times 10^{-31} \times \left(\frac{A}{132}\right)^2 \times \left(\frac{Y_{Xe}}{70}\right)^2 \text{ cm}^2$$

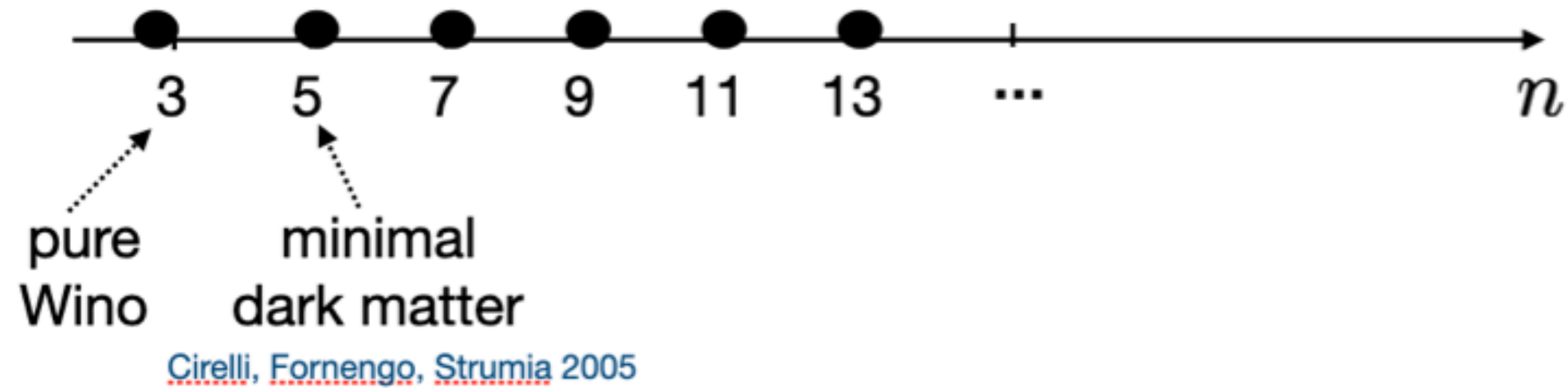
Goodman and Witten 1985



# The full list of EW survivors

## \* real representations with $Y = 0$

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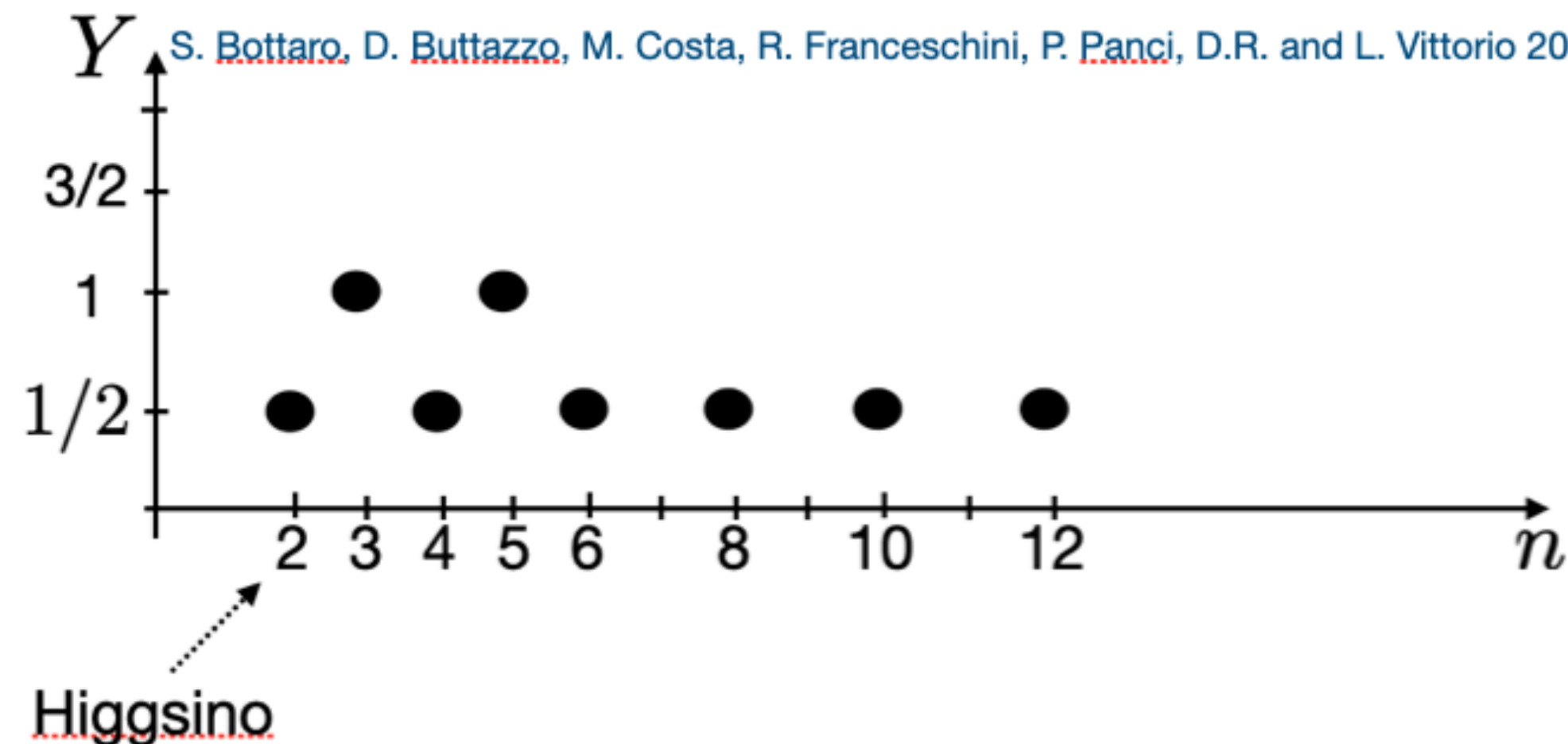


DM is Majorana

*no tree level* scattering with the SM

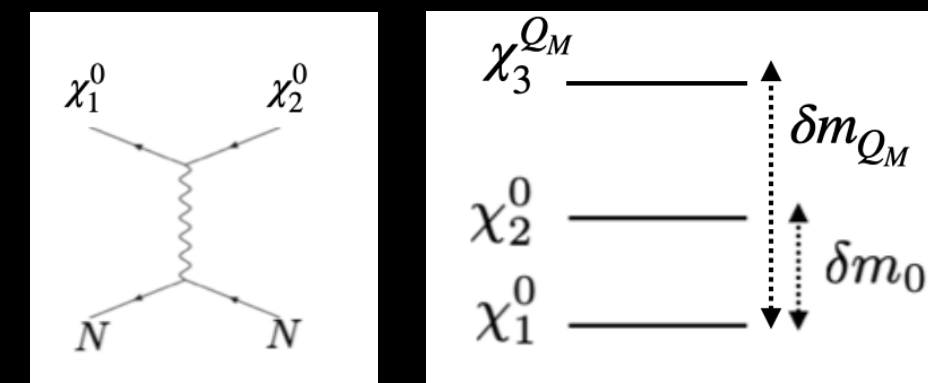
## \* complex representations $Y \neq 0$

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DM is pseudo-Dirac

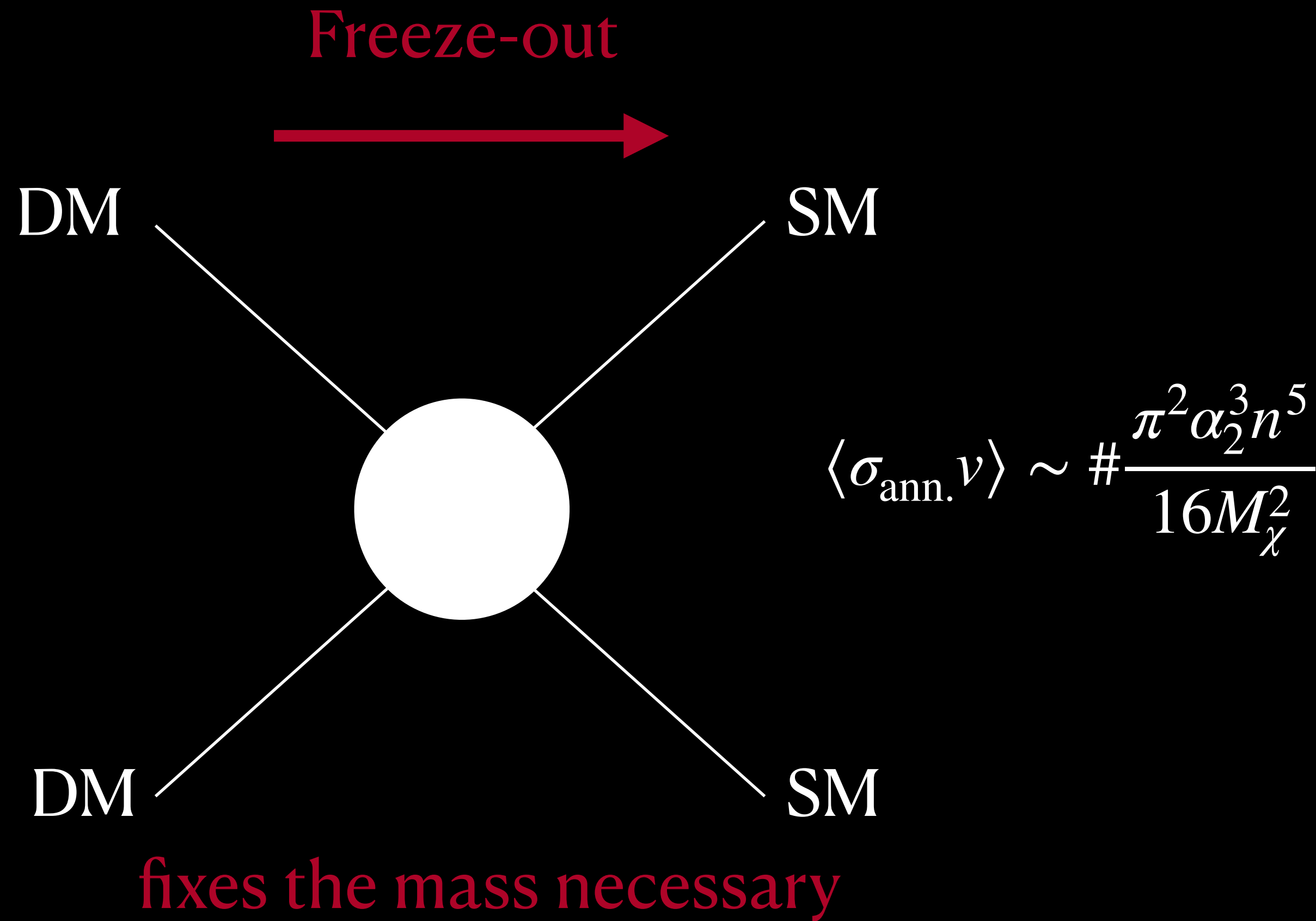
*Inelastic* scattering with the SM



splittings bounded from *above* by direct detection (h-exc.)  
*below* by direct detection ( $\delta m_0$ ) and BBN ( $\delta m_{Q_M}$ )



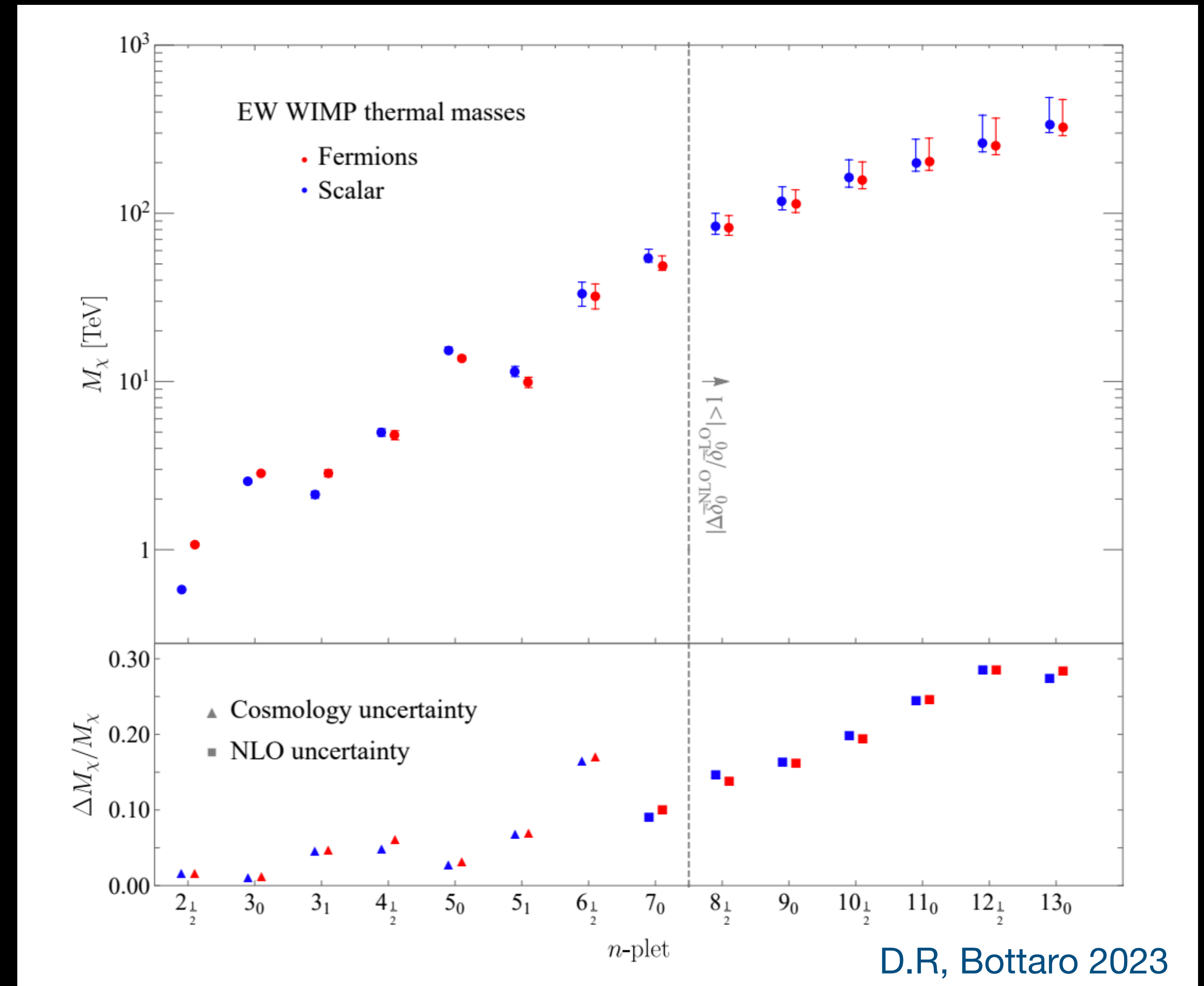
# Freeze-out masses



$$\langle \sigma_{\text{ann.} \nu} \rangle \sim \# \frac{\pi^2 \alpha_2^3 n^5}{16 M_\chi^2}$$

to get the observed DM abundance today

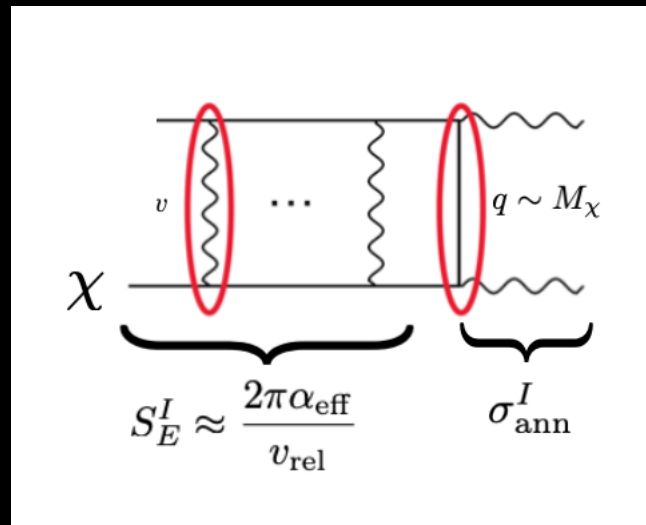
$$\Omega h^2 = 0.12 \leftrightarrow \langle \sigma_{\text{ann.} \nu} \rangle = 2.2 \cdot 10^{-26} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ sec}^{-1}$$



# Freeze-out uncertainties

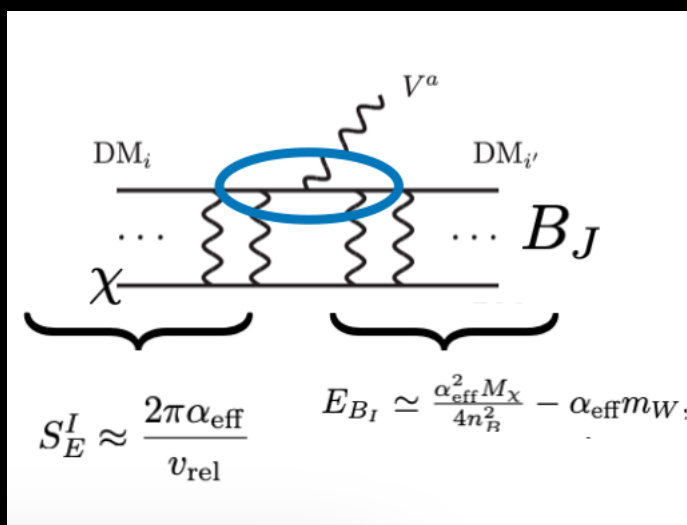
$$\langle \sigma_{\text{ann.}} v \rangle \sim \# \frac{\pi^2 \alpha_2^3 n^5}{16 M_\chi^2}$$

# depends on Sommerfeld enhancement (SE)

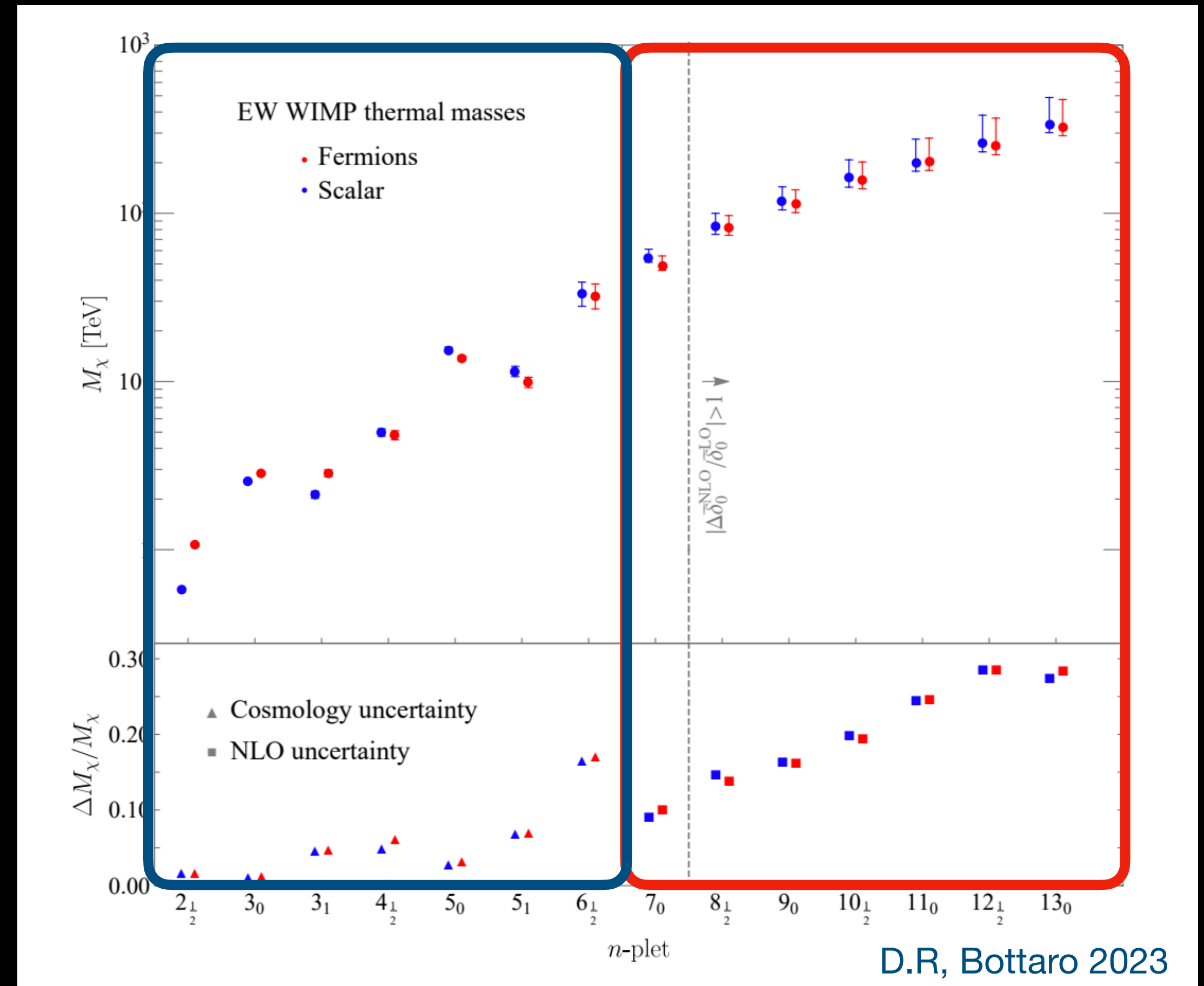


for  $n \geq 7$  the uncertainty is dominated by UV NLO contribution to SE

+ bound state formation (BSF)

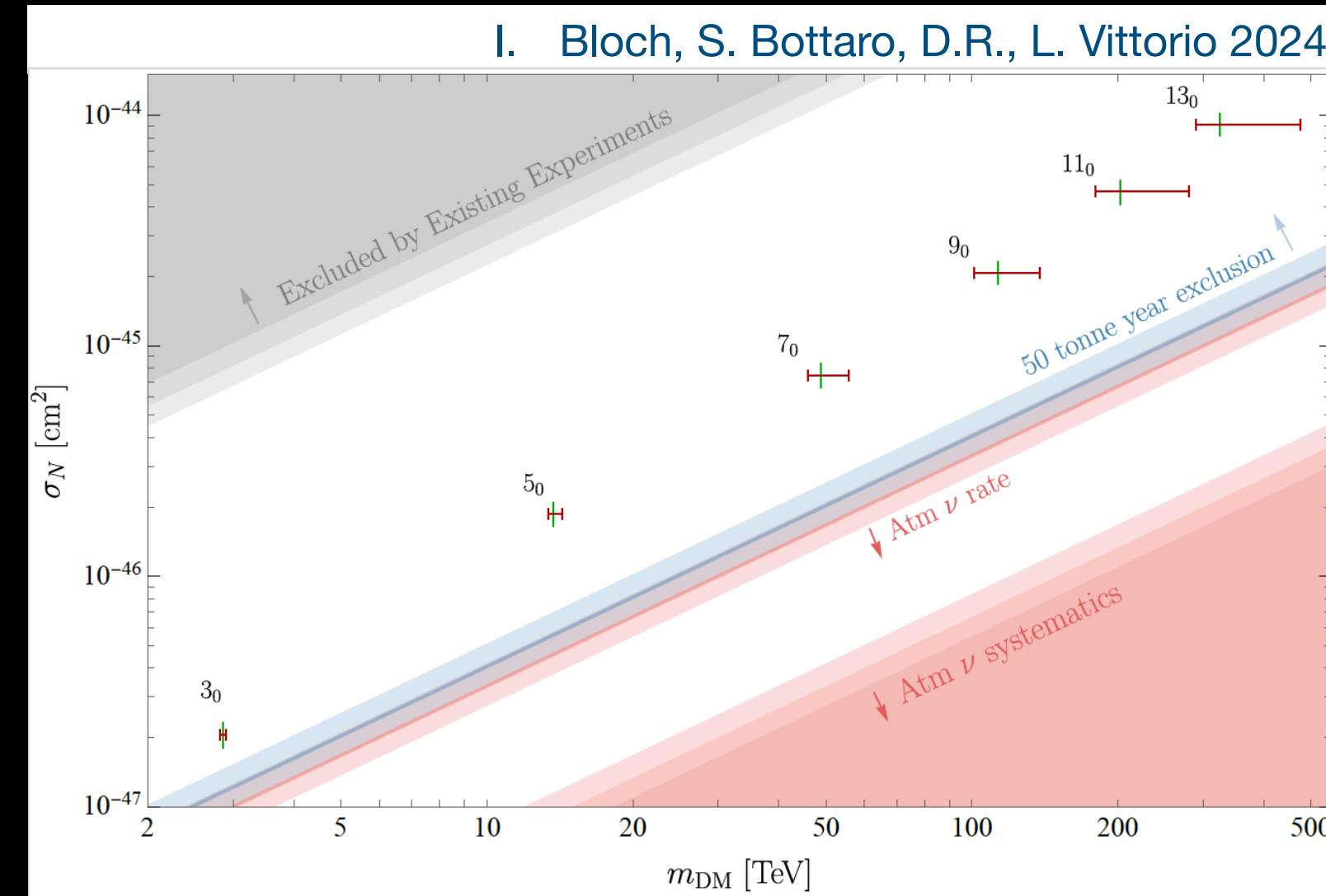
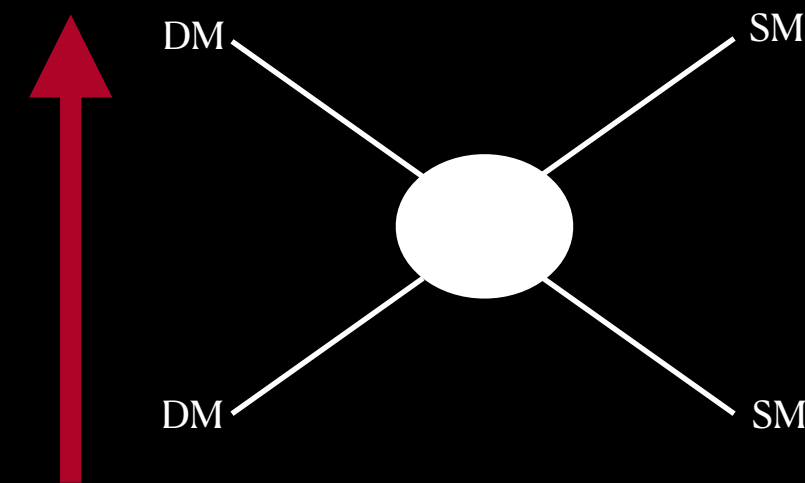
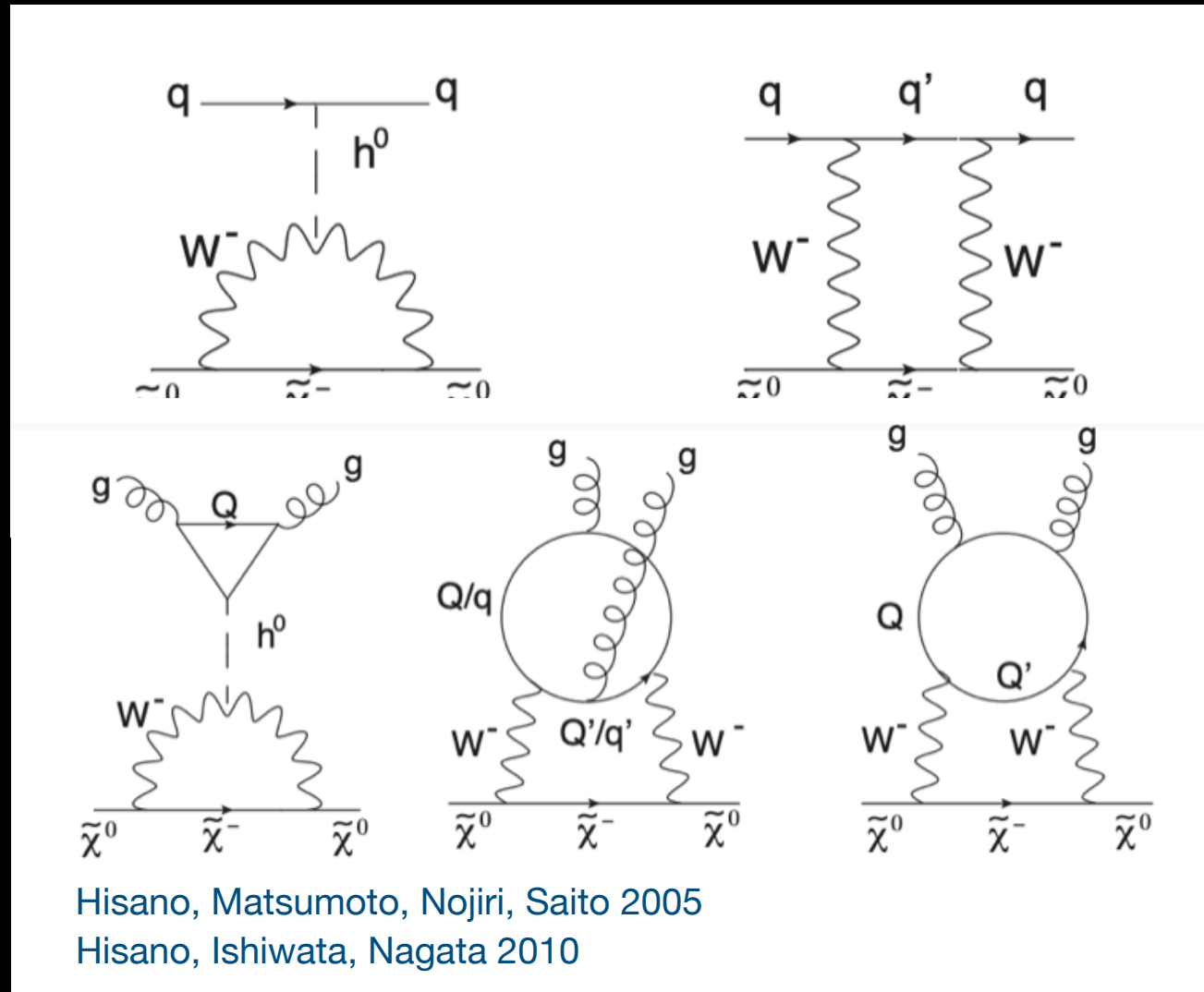


for  $n < 7$  by the approximate treatment of BSF cosmology



# The real multiplets

1-loop +2 loop scattering with nucleons

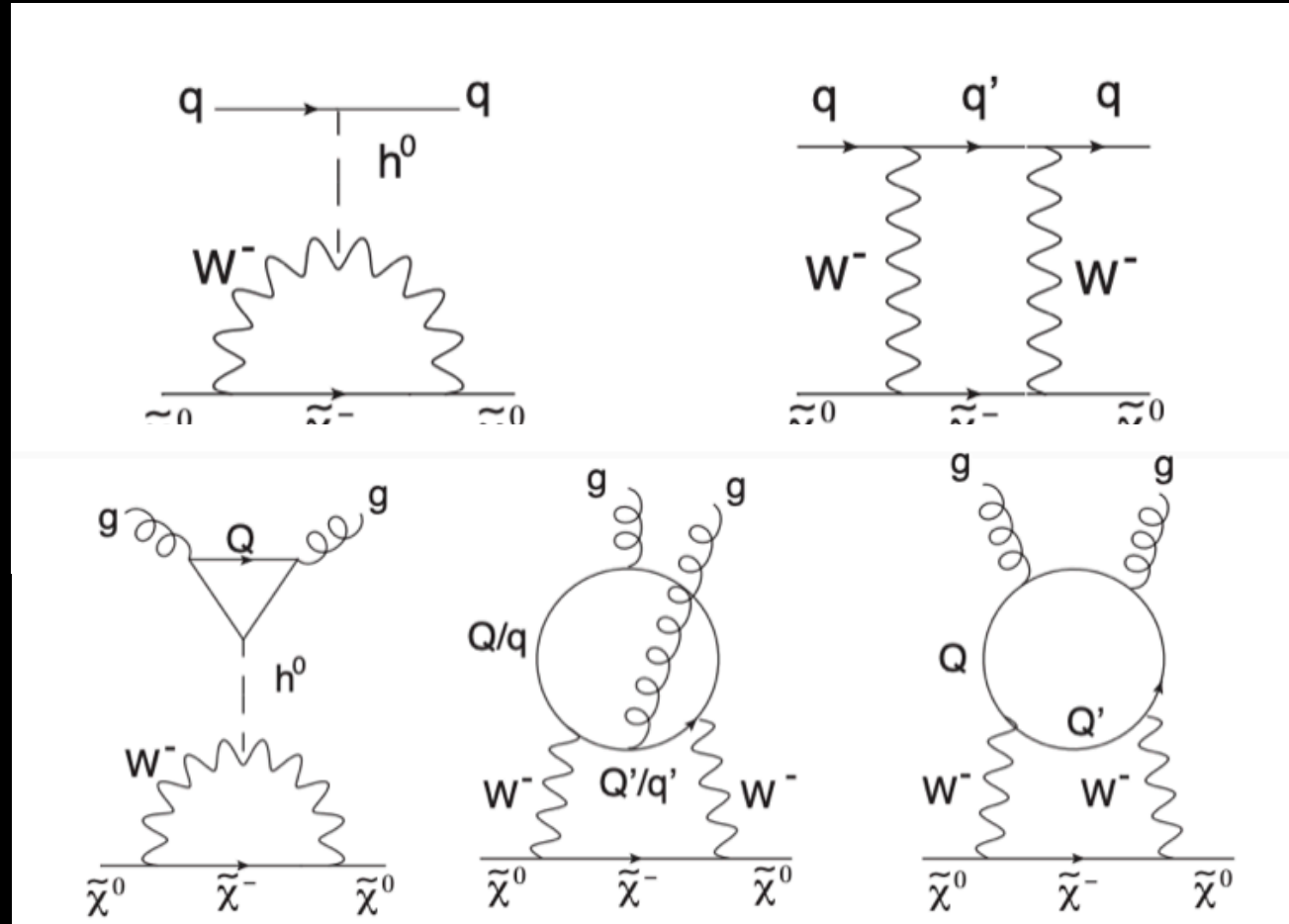


Heavy real WIMPs  
can be tested  
with 50 tonne of Xenon

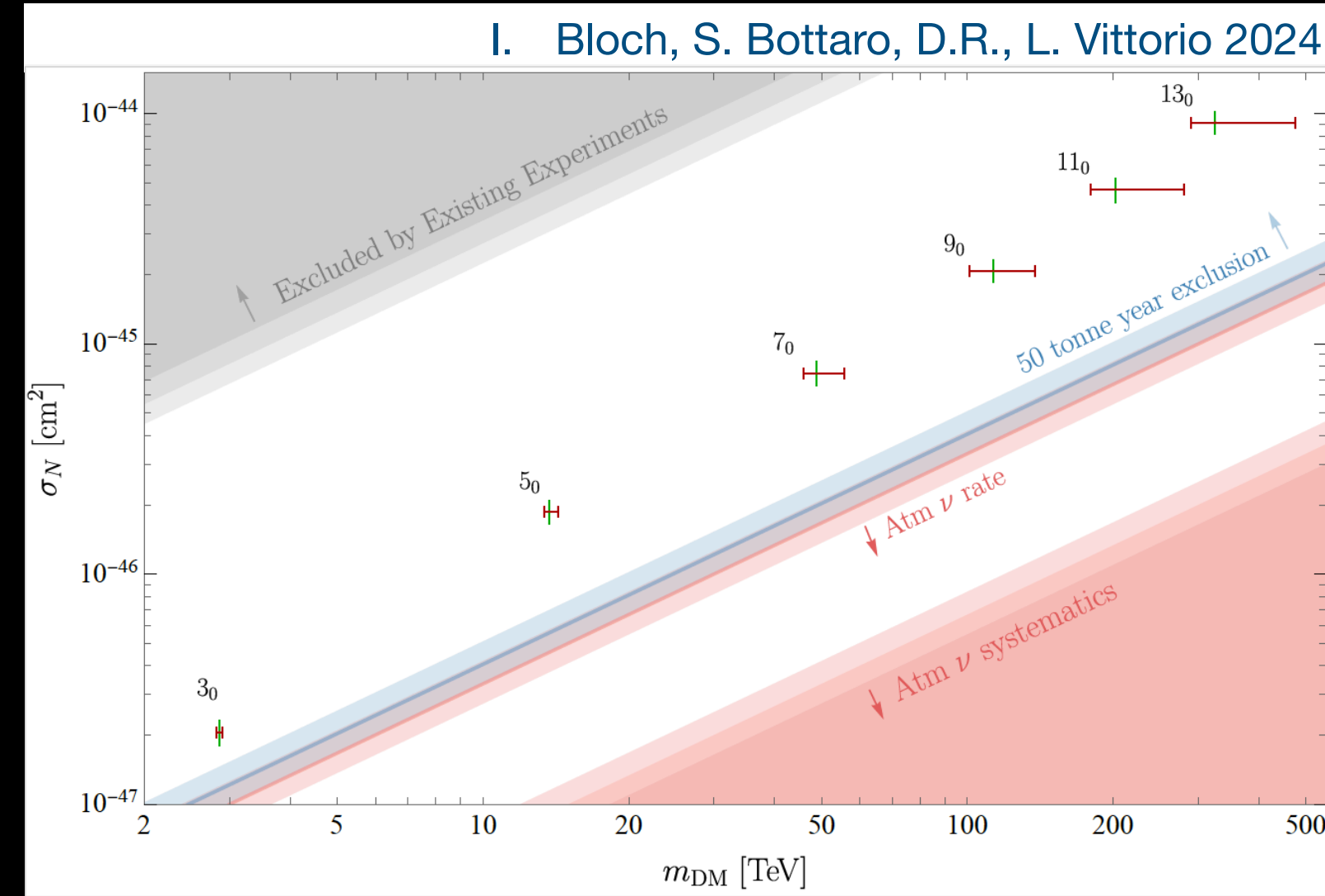
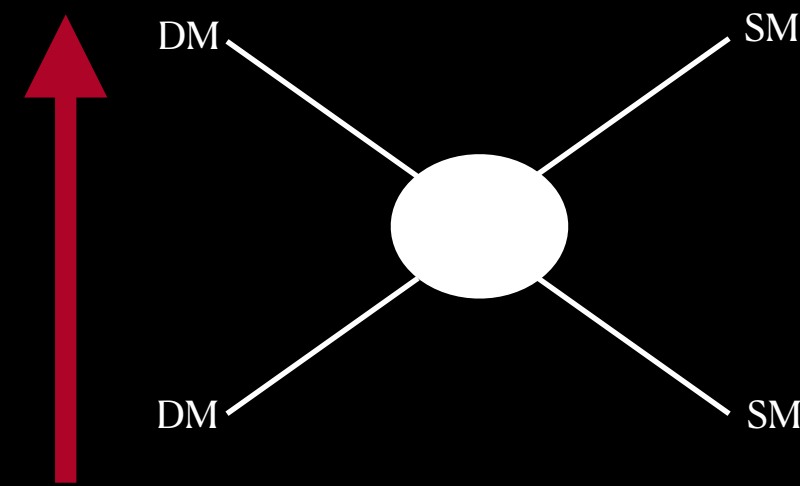
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Hisano, Ishiwata, Nagata 2010

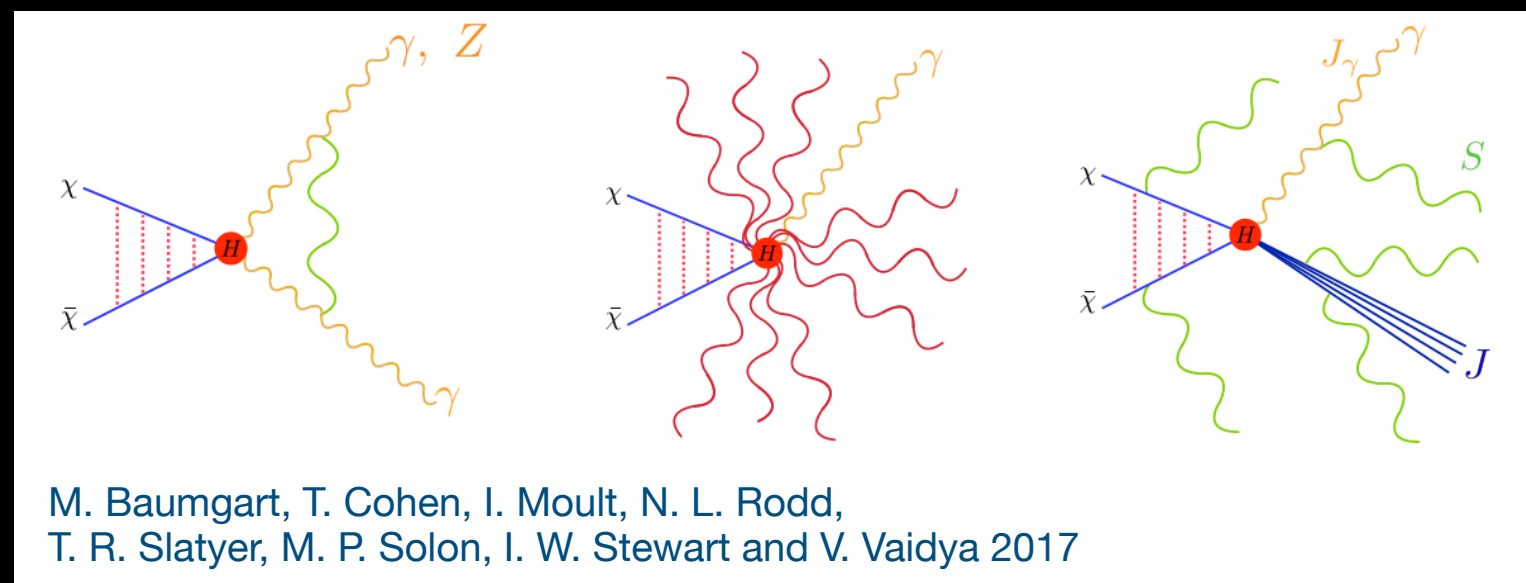


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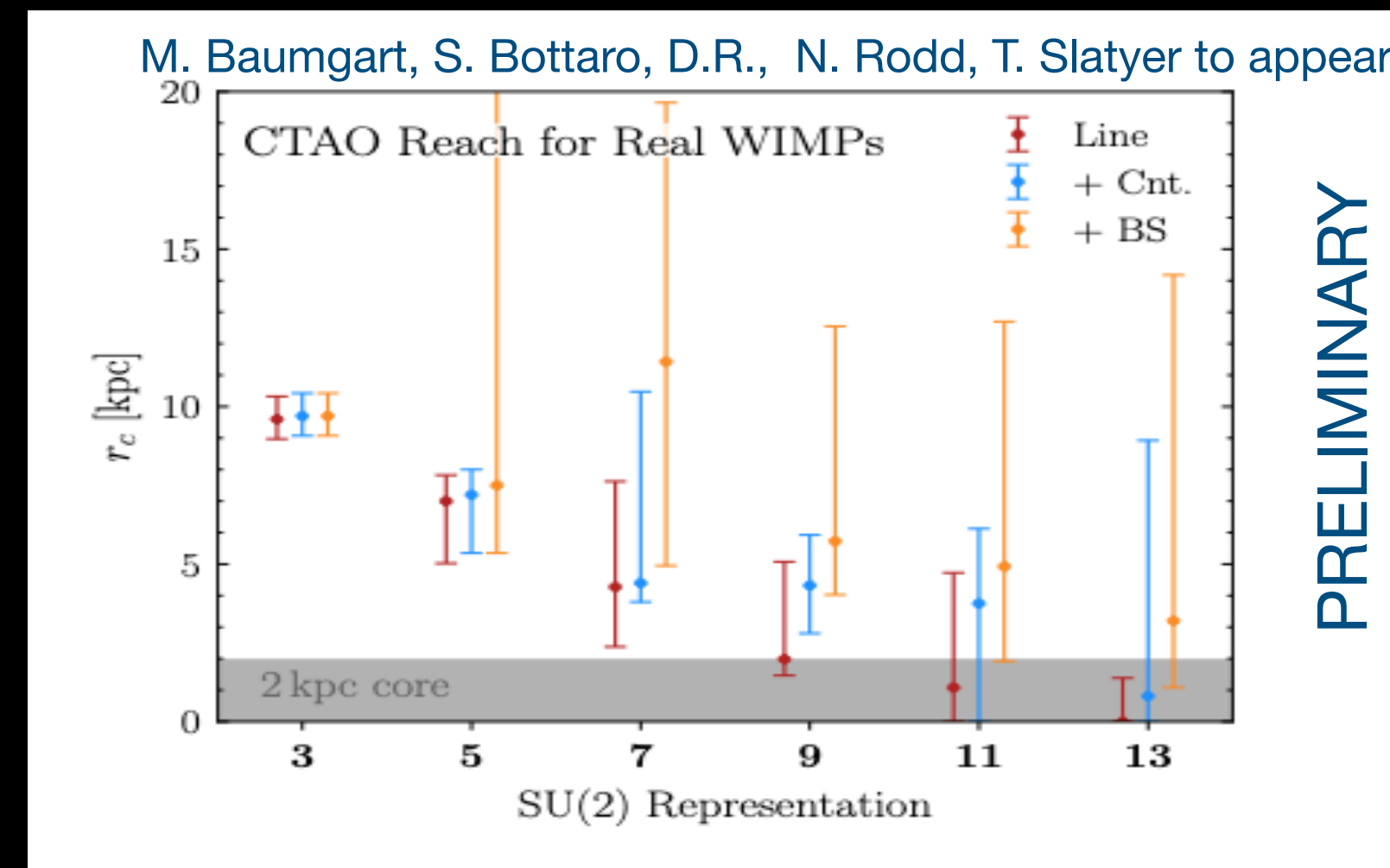
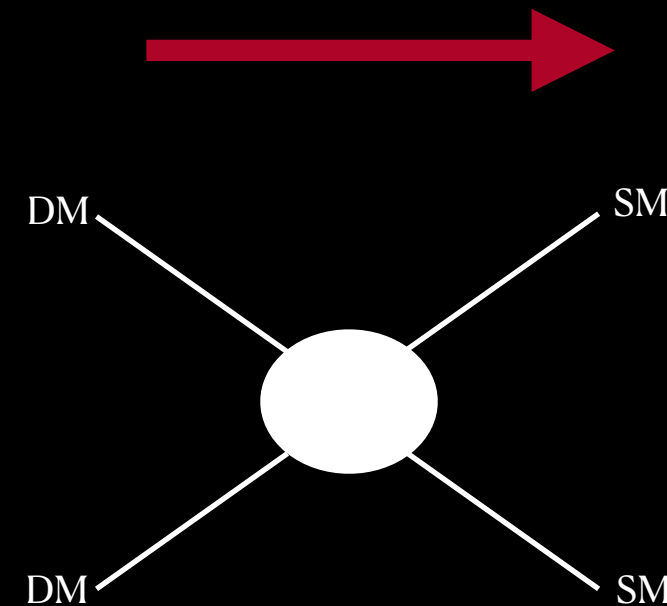
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Annihilation into photons:  $\chi\chi \rightarrow \gamma + X$



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T. R. Slatyer, M. P. Solon, I. W. Stewart and V. Vaidya 2017



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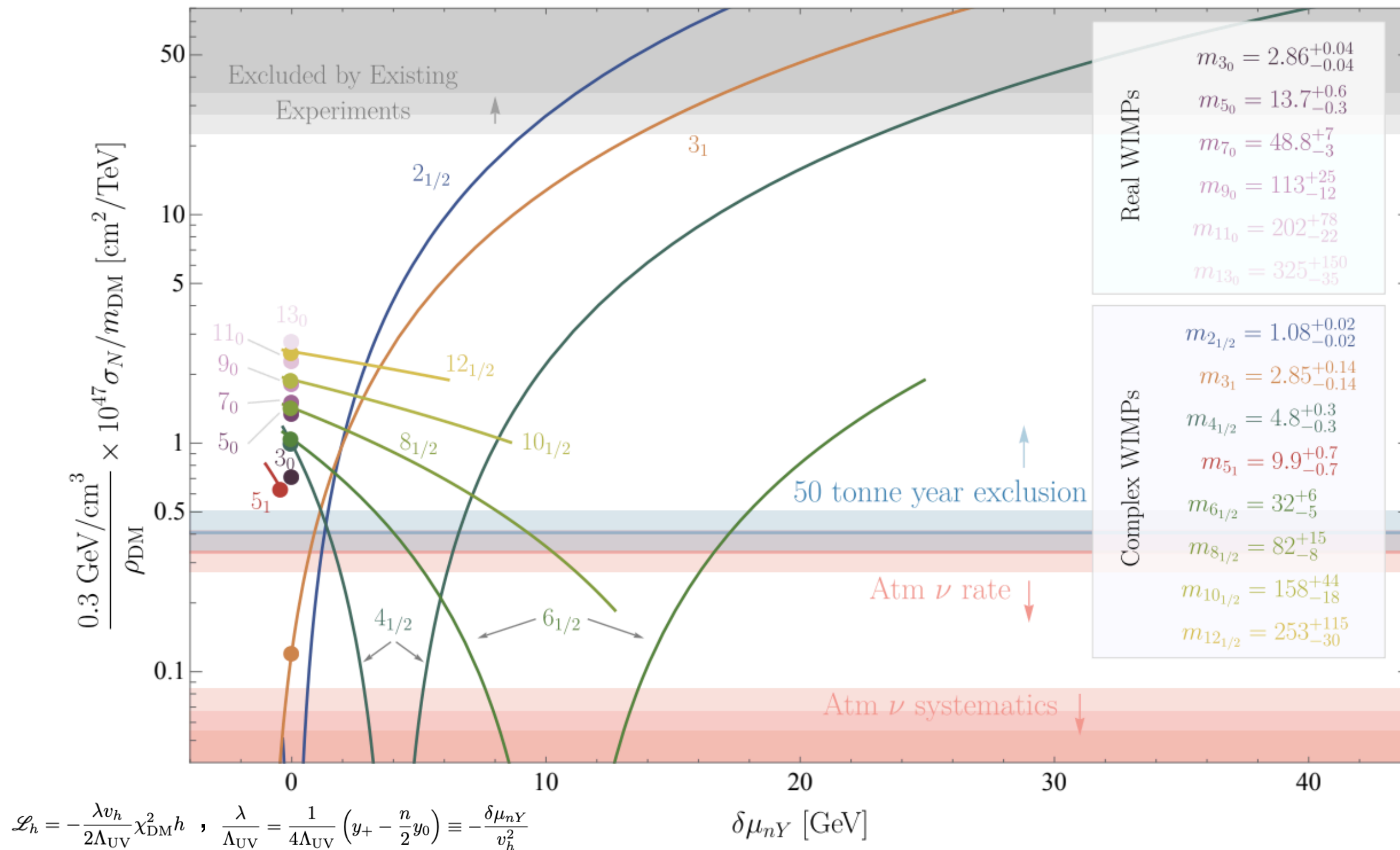
Light real WIMPs  
can be tested  
@ CTA (line reach is robust)

Heavy real WIMPs  
are affected by large  
background systematics



# The complex multiplets

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The  $2_{1/2}$  and the  $3_1$  have a EW xsec in direct detection which is below the neutrino floor

For the  $4_{1/2}, 6_{1/2}, 8_{1/2}$  the EW contribution can cancel against the Higgs contribution.

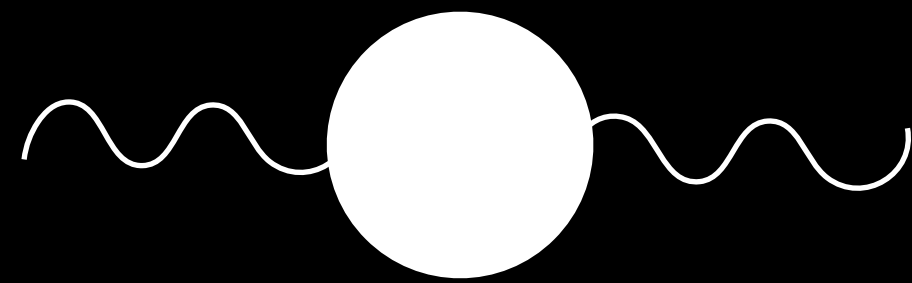
For the  $5_1, 10_{1/2}, 12_{1/2}$  can be tested by direct detection with less than 50 tonne-year

# Complex WIMPs are a target for future colliders

## Indirect effects:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + \frac{c_{WW}}{2g^2v^2}(DW)^2 + \frac{c_{BB}}{2g'^2v^2}(DB)^2$$

Barbieri, Pomarol, Rattazzi Strumia 2004



Future muon collider reach on deviation in

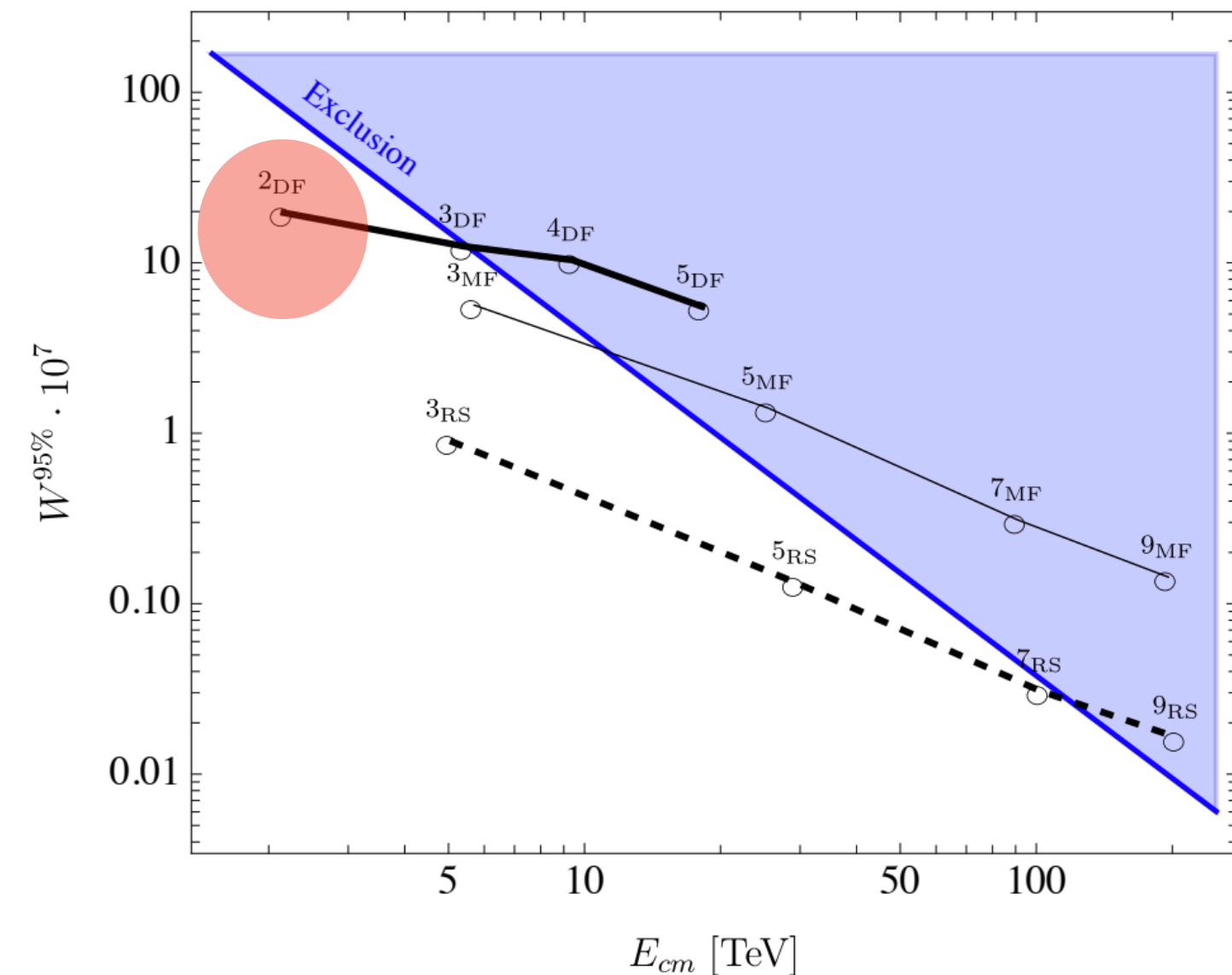
$$\mu^+\mu^- \rightarrow f\bar{f} + X, \mu^+\mu^- \rightarrow ff' + X, \mu^+\mu^- \rightarrow Zh/W^+W^- + X$$

$$\hat{W} = \frac{\alpha_{\text{em}}}{180\pi} \frac{m_Z^2}{M_{\text{DM}}^2} \kappa n(n^2 - 1) \simeq 8\kappa \times 10^{-7} \left(\frac{1 \text{ TeV}}{M_{\text{DM}}}\right)^2 \left(\frac{n}{2}\right)^3$$

$$\hat{Y} = \frac{\alpha_{\text{em}}}{15\pi} \frac{m_Z^2}{M_{\text{DM}}^2} \kappa n Y^2 \simeq 5\kappa \times 10^{-7} \left(\frac{Y}{1/2}\right)^2 \left(\frac{1 \text{ TeV}}{M_{\text{DM}}}\right)^2 \left(\frac{n}{2}\right)$$

Cirelli, Fornengo, Strumia 2005

Franceschini, Zhao 2022



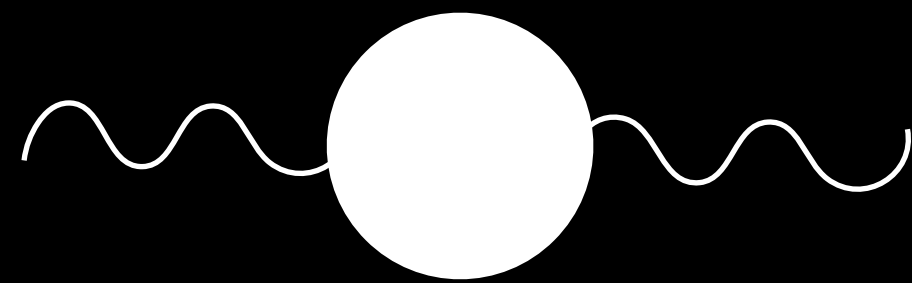
$$\mathcal{L} = 10 \text{ ab}^{-1} \left(\frac{E_{\text{cm}}}{10 \text{ TeV}}\right)^2$$

the  $2_{1/2}$  can't be tested indirectly

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$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + \frac{c_H}{v^2} |H^\dagger D H|^2 + \frac{c_{WB}}{gg'v^2} (H^\dagger T^a H) W^a B$$



No sensitivity on S

Sensitivity @ FCC-ee on T because of the enhancement for large n

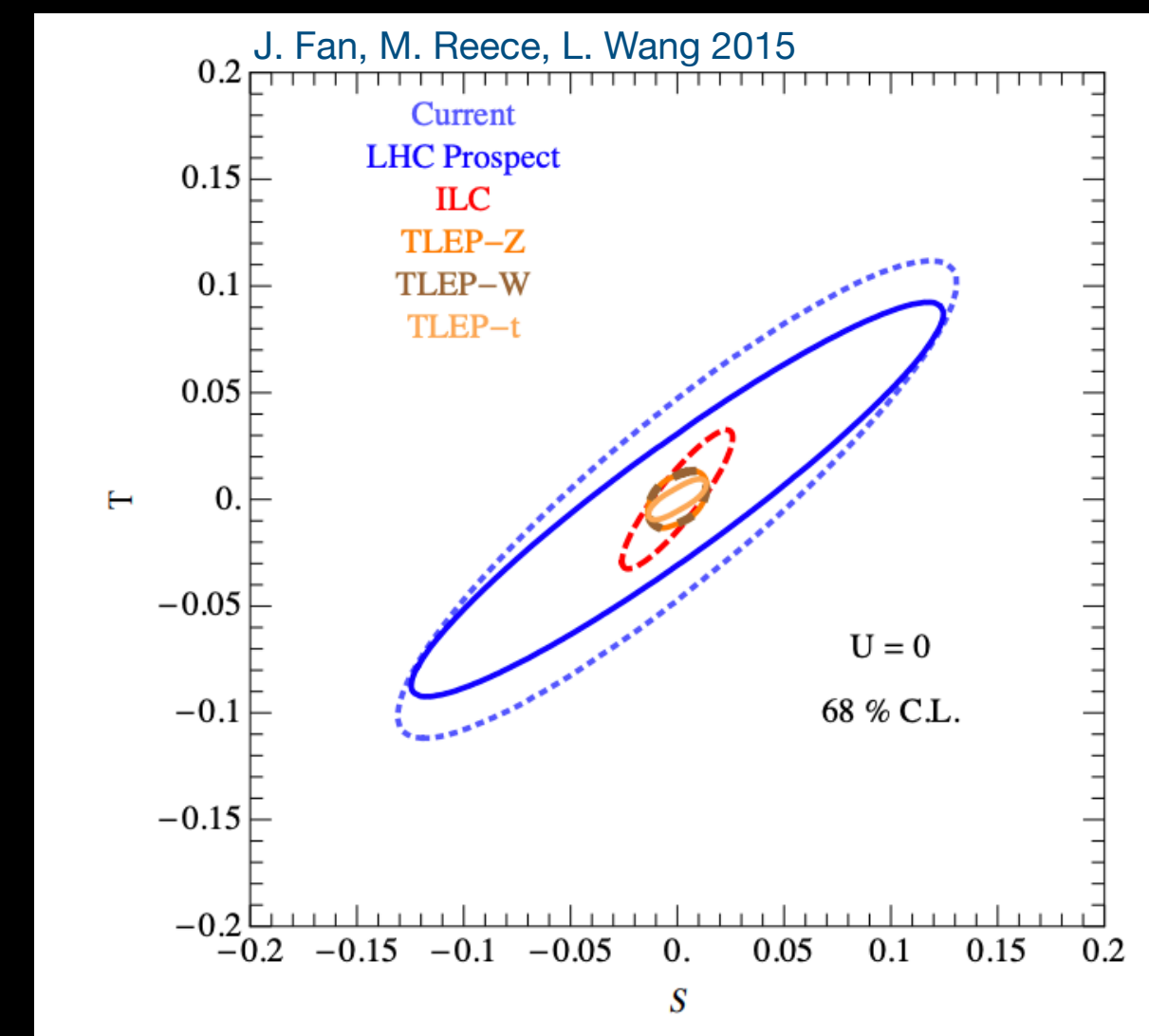
This seems something one can do with ~Tera-Z (systematics?)

Lavoura, Li 1994

$$\hat{S}_F = -\frac{\alpha_{\text{em}} Y n^3}{9\pi s_{2W} M_{\text{DM}}} \delta\mu_{Q_M} \simeq 1.2 \times 10^{-5} \left(\frac{n}{2}\right)^3 \left(\frac{1 \text{ TeV}}{M_{\text{DM}}}\right) \left(\frac{\delta\mu_{Q_M}}{10 \text{ GeV}}\right),$$

$$\hat{T}_F = -\frac{\alpha_{\text{em}}}{18\pi s_{2W}^2} n^3 \frac{\delta\mu_{Q_M}^2 + \delta\mu_0^2}{m_Z^2} \simeq 1.6 \times 10^{-5} \left(\frac{n}{2}\right)^3 \frac{\delta\mu_{Q_M}^2 + \delta\mu_0^2}{100 \text{ GeV}^2},$$

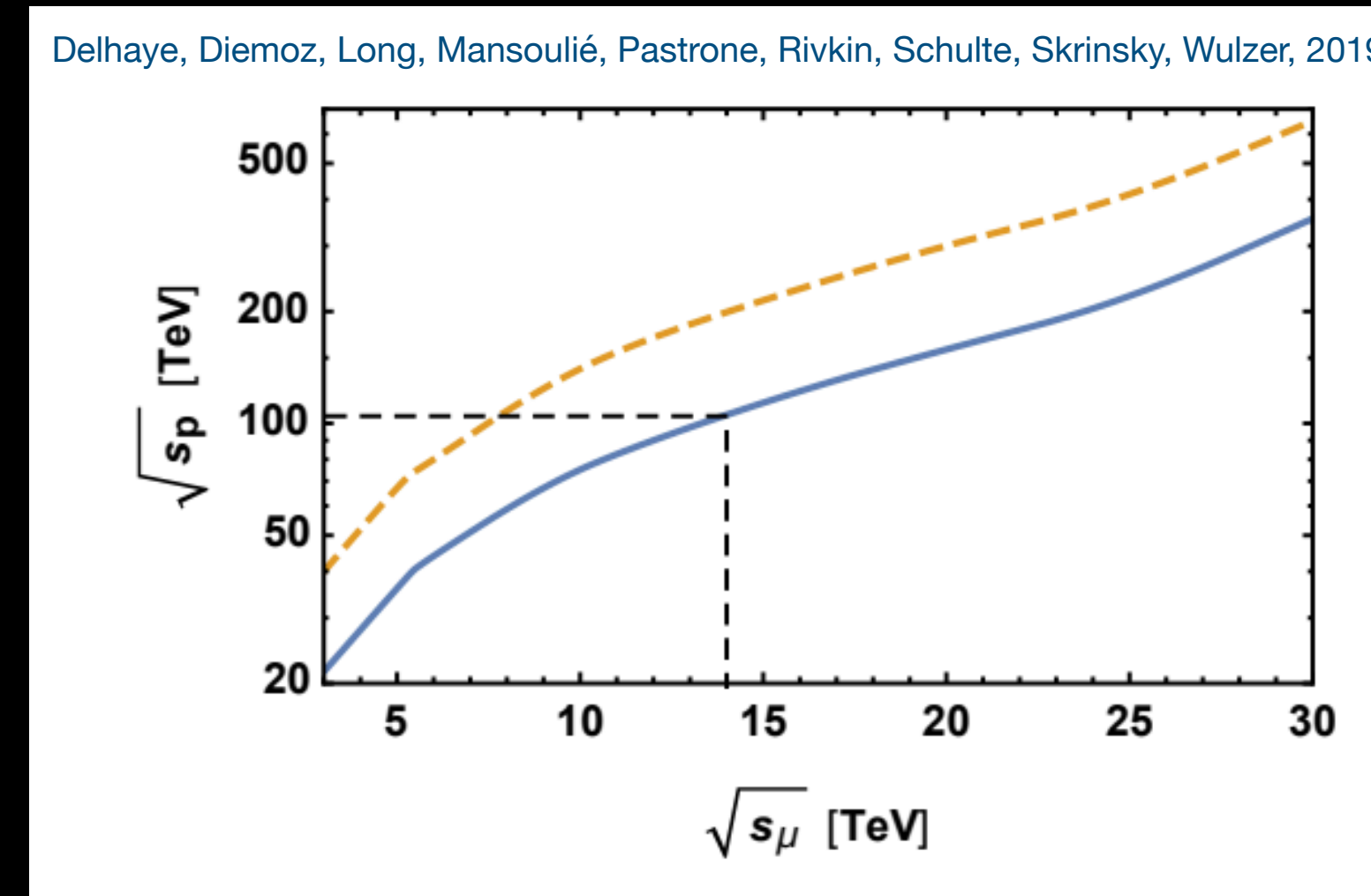
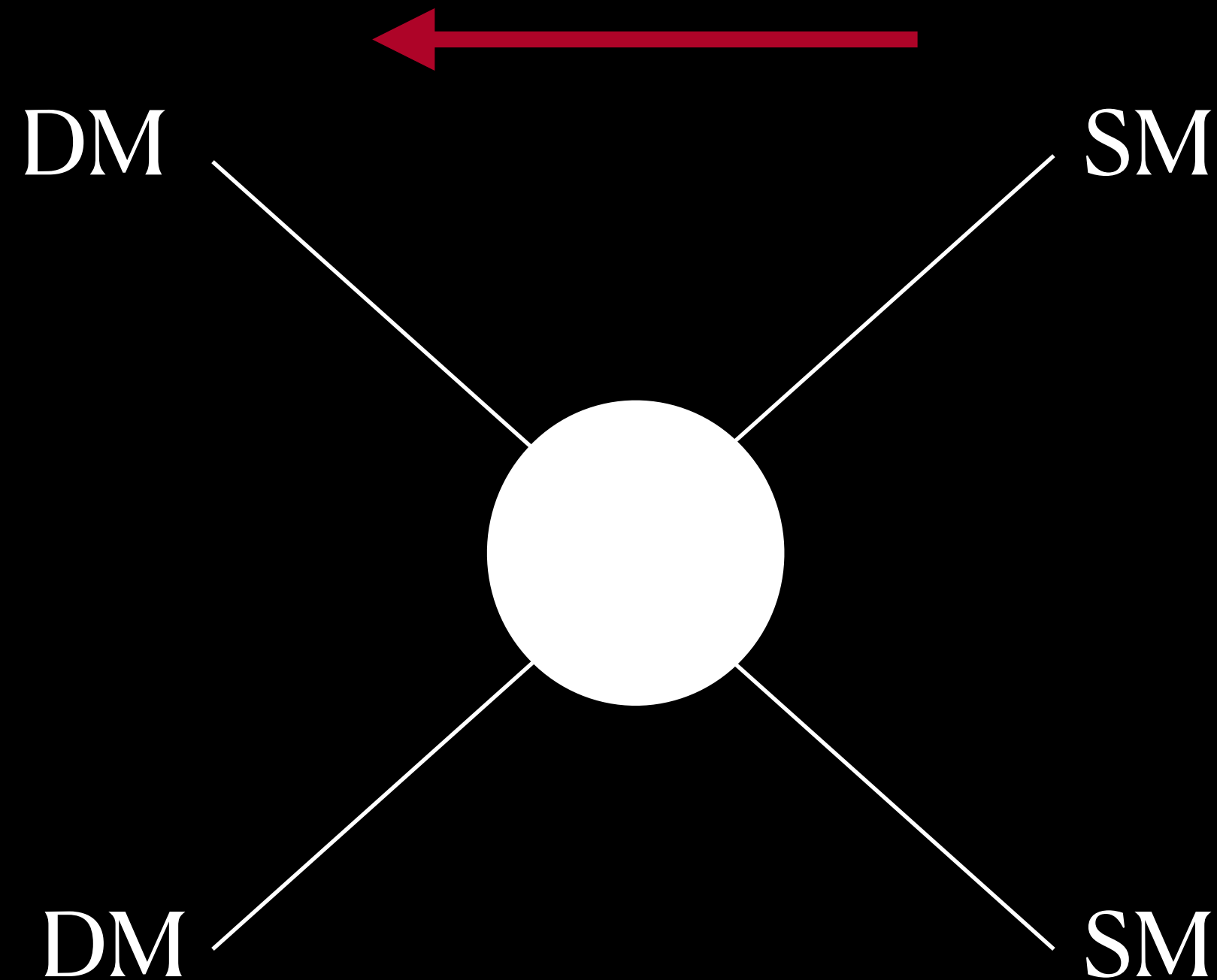
Breaking of  
Custodial symmetry





# Light complex WIMPs can be produced directly

## Direct production



A hypothetical muon collider is the best machine to pair produce heavy new states  
The muons are elementary so all the energy is available for hard scattering

### Colored particles:

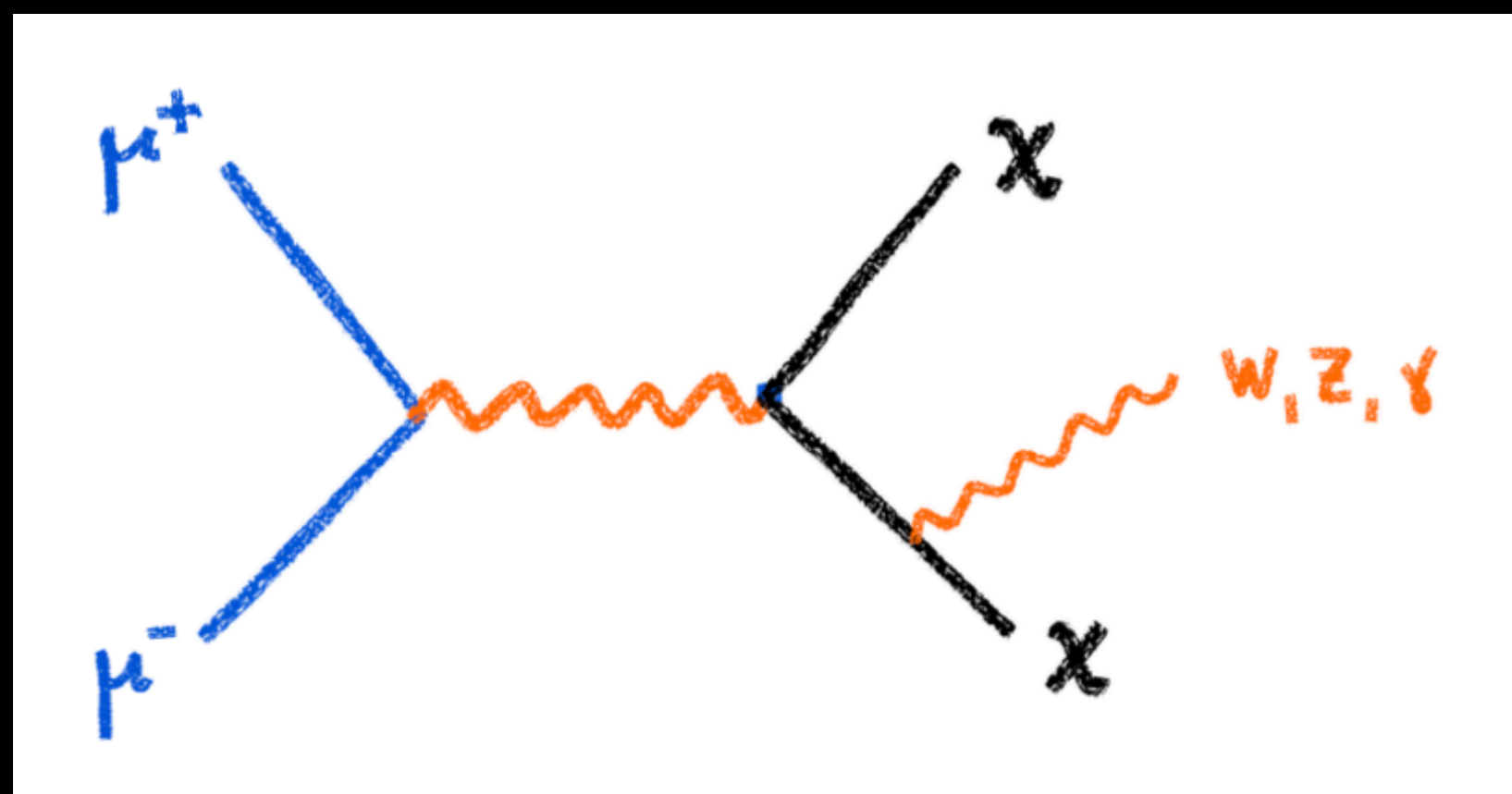
14 TeV  $\mu\mu$   $\sim$  100 TeV pp

### EW particles:

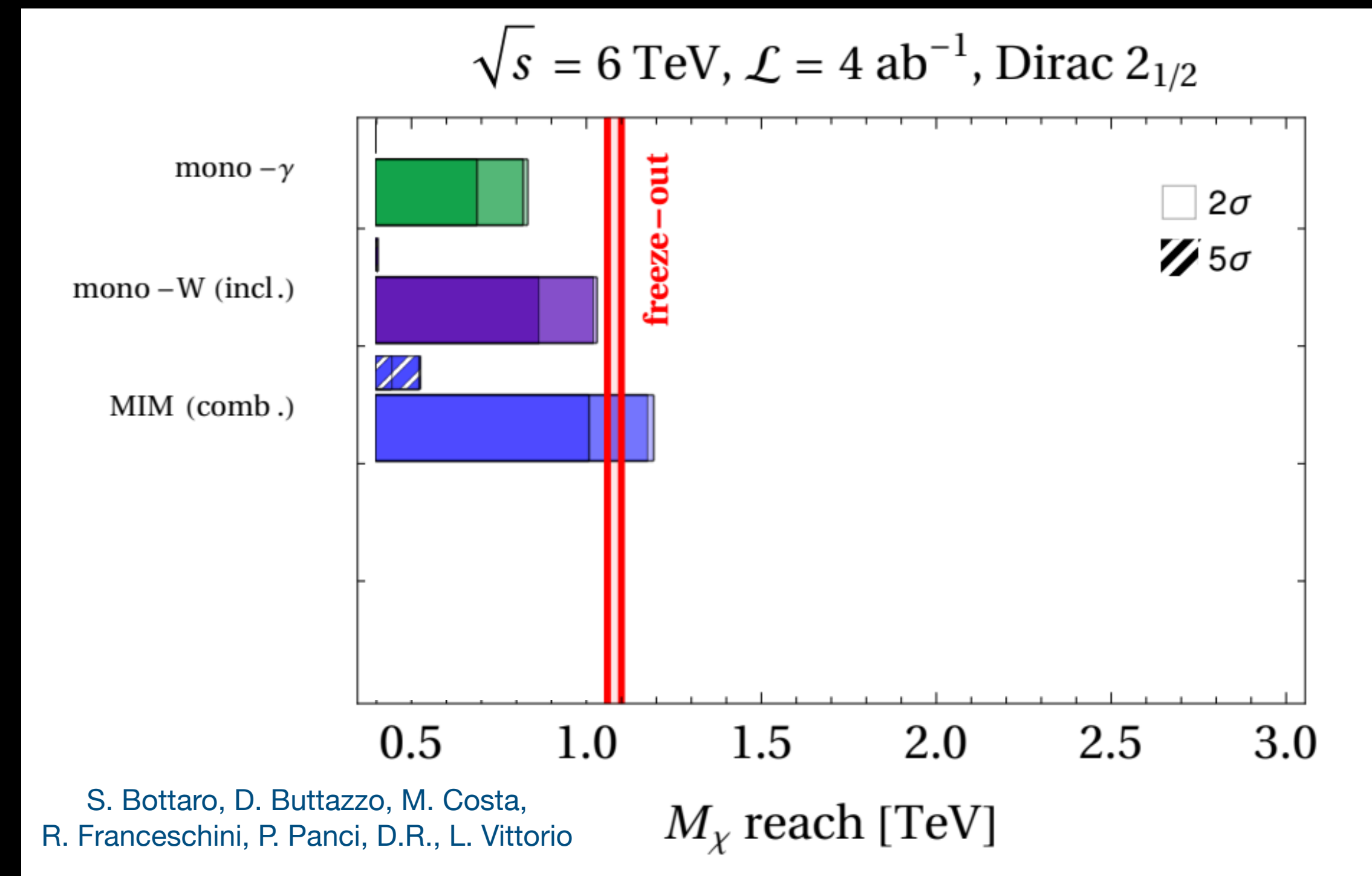
14 TeV  $\mu\mu$   $\sim$  200 TeV pp

# Light complex WIMPs can be produced @ colliders

## Direct production



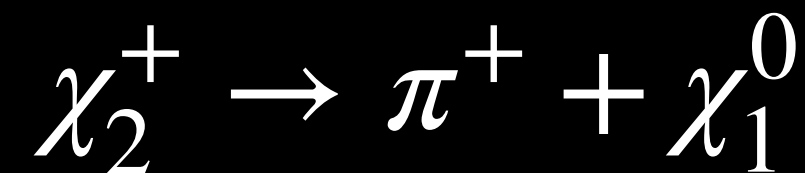
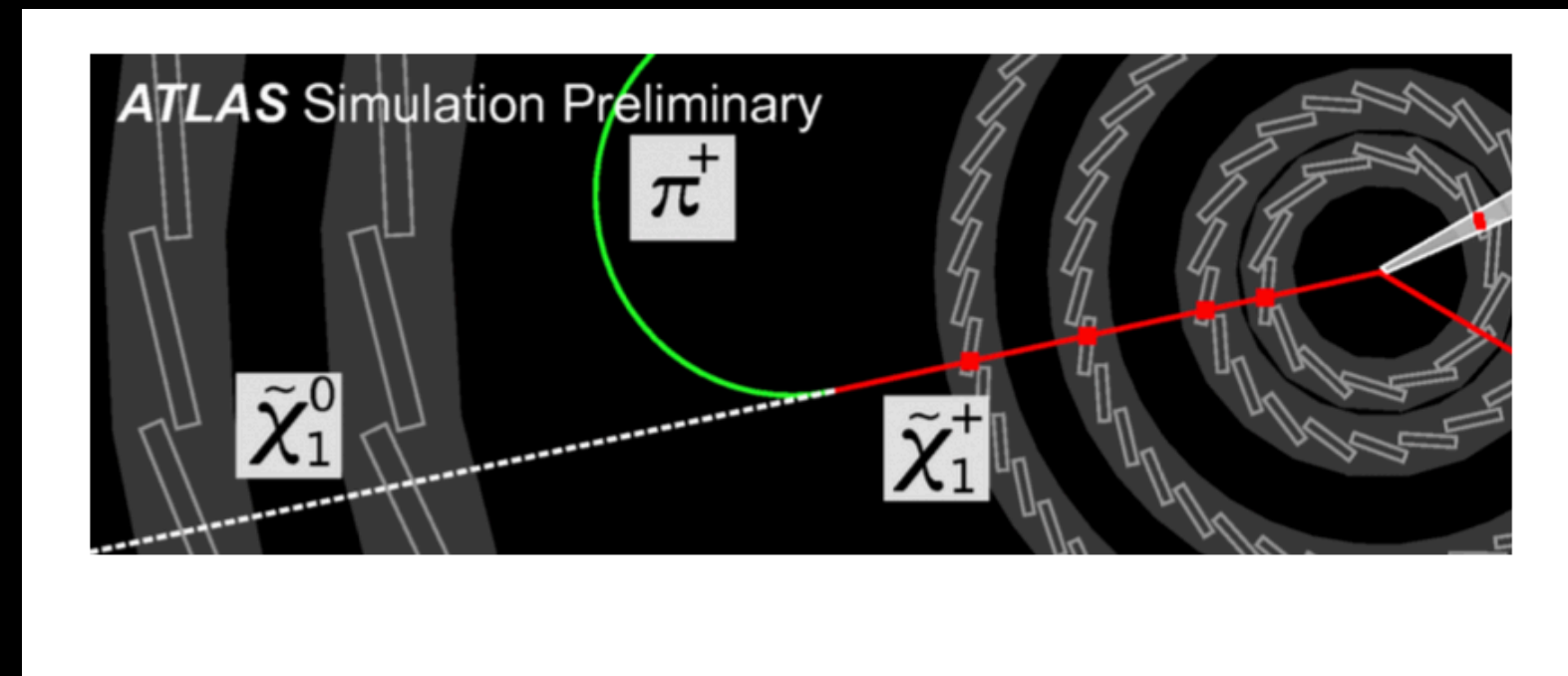
## MET searches



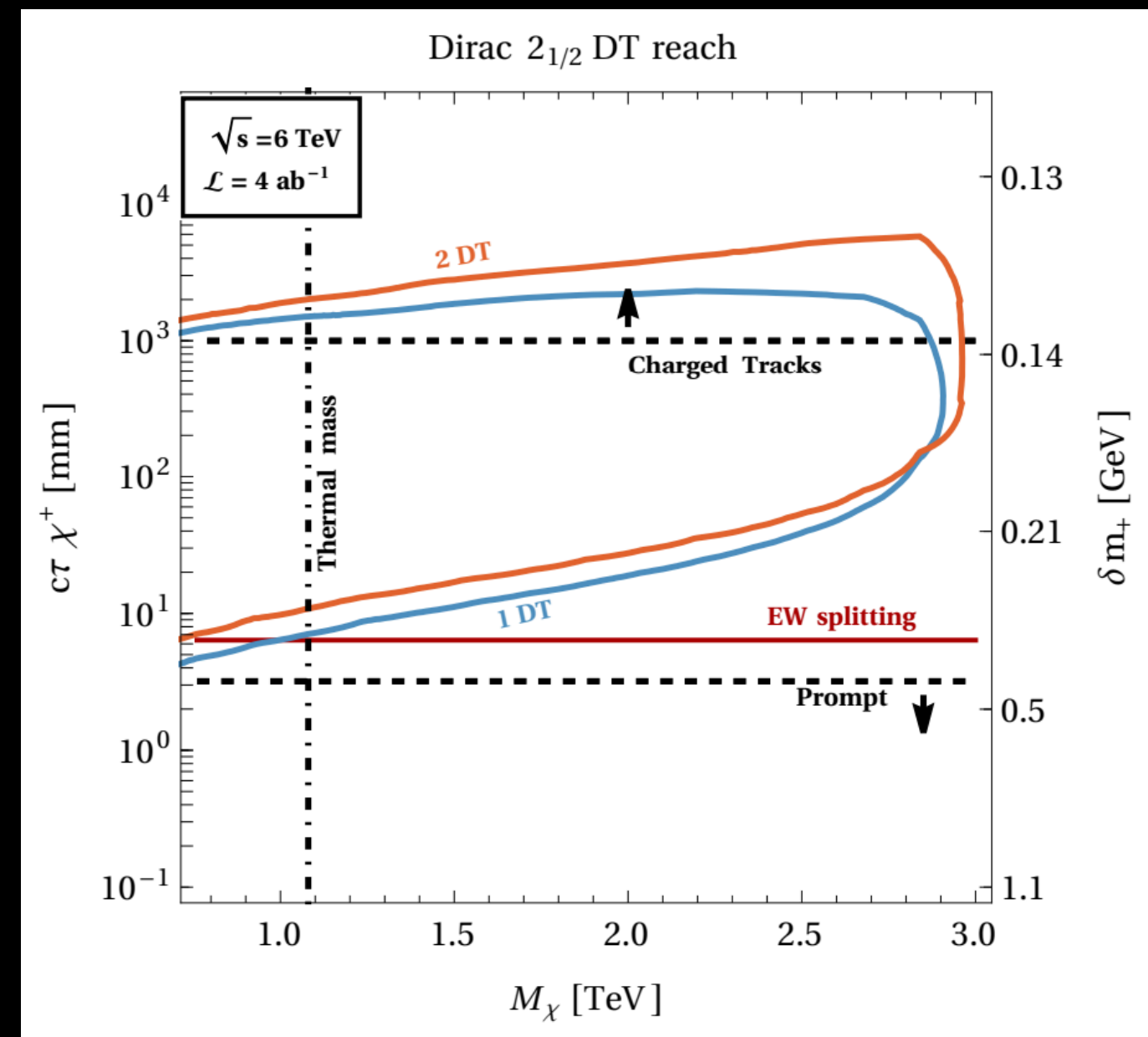
A 6 TeV muon collider can exclude Higgsino DM  
combining the MET channels

# Light complex WIMPs are a target for colliders

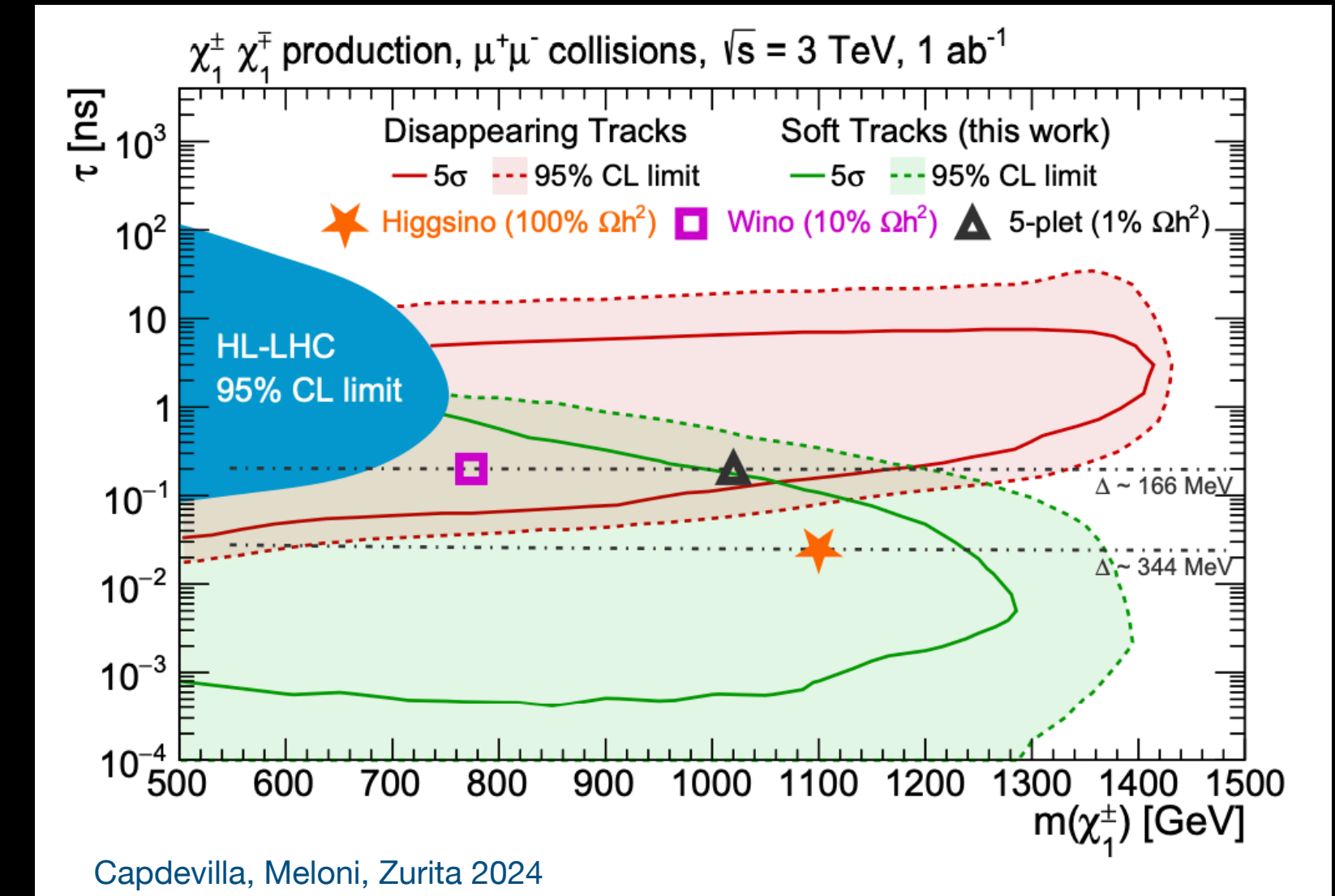
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## Disappearing Track



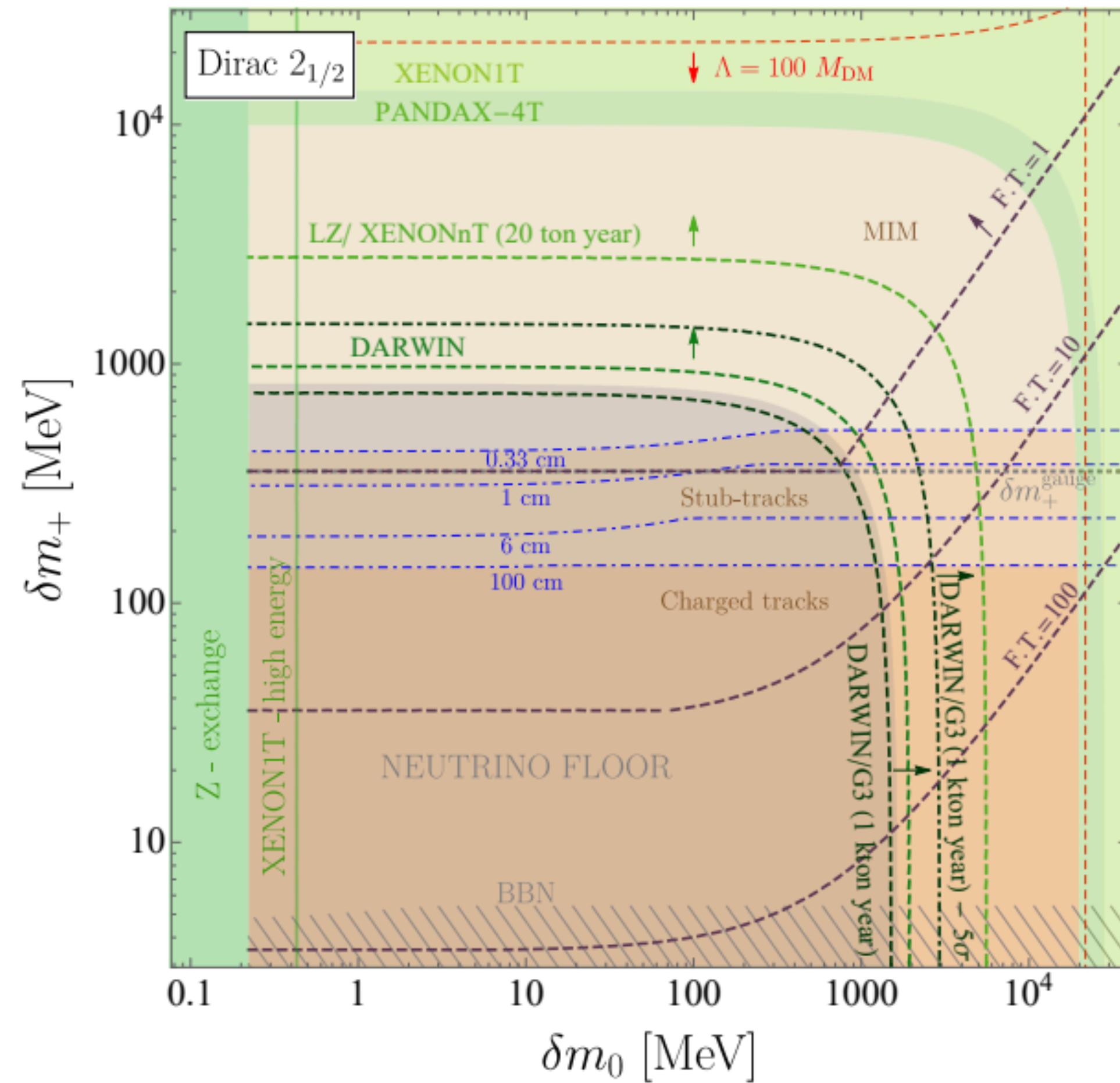
## Soft Tracks



Disappearing and soft track can test the full range of lifetimes for  $\chi^+$

# Higgsino parameter space

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Direct Detection + BBN

make the splitting parameter space compact

Charge tracks + disappearing track

+ missing energy (+soft tracks)

can fully test the available Higgsino parameter space

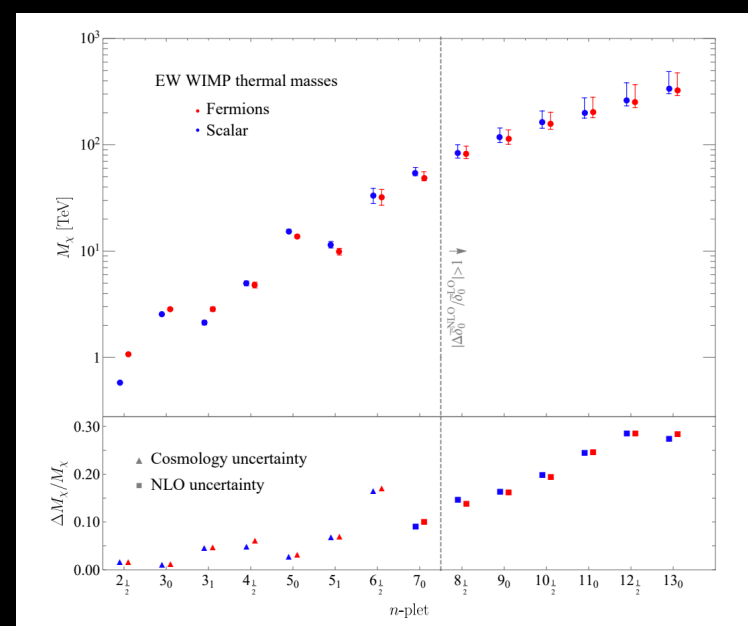


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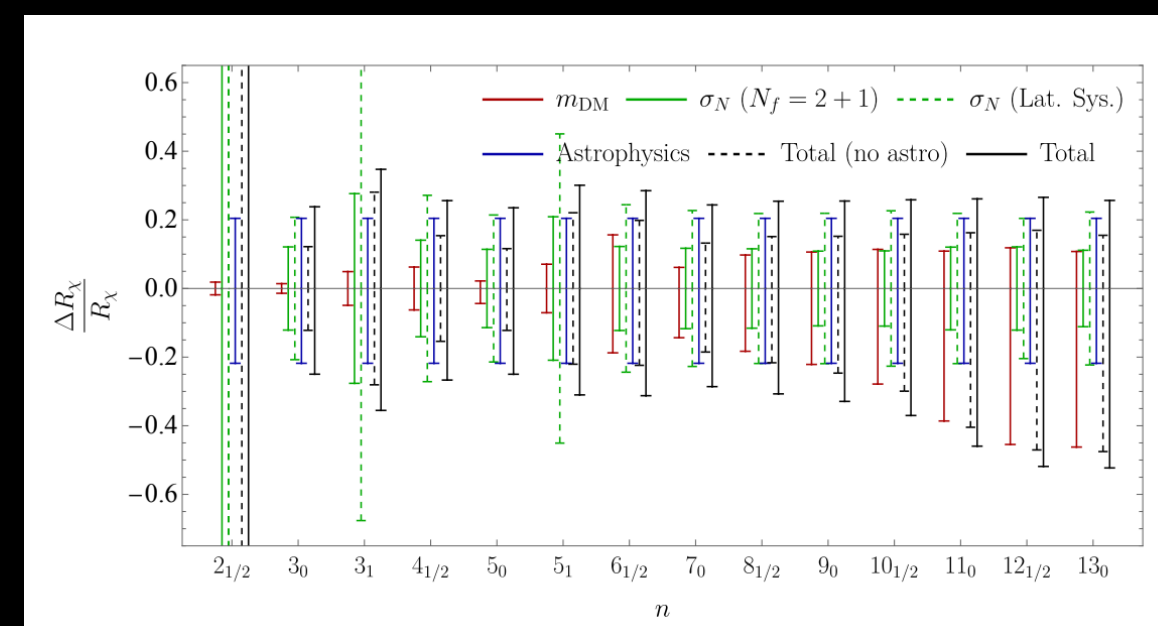
multi-ton Xenon + CTA + 6 TeV muon collider  
have the potential to test them *all* the EW WIMPs  
(big experimental challenge)

## Many theory computations to be improved:

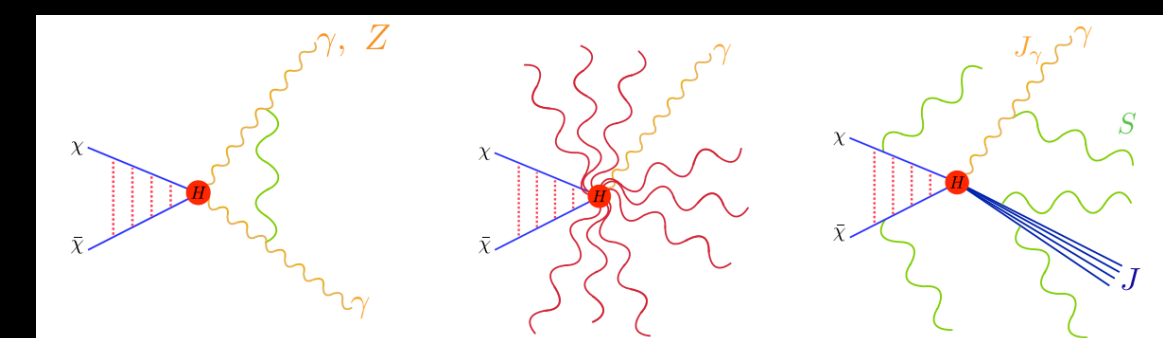
refining the freeze-out  
predictions



form factors  
in direct detection

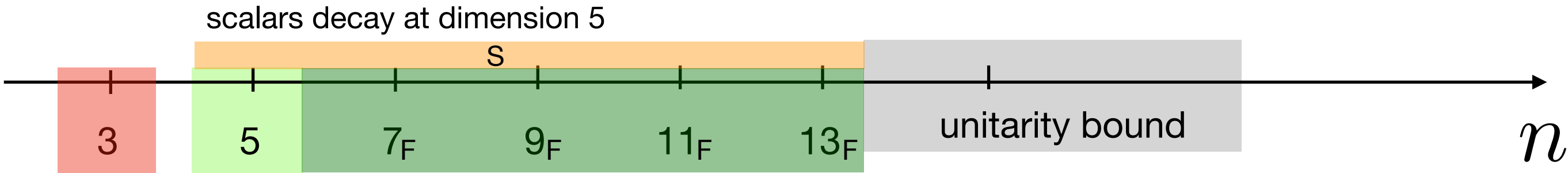


EW+Higgs  
radiation in ID



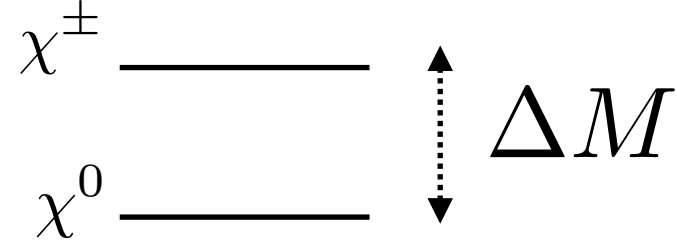
**BACKUP**

# More on real WIMPs



$$\mathcal{L}_f = \frac{1}{2} \chi (i \bar{\sigma}^\mu D_\mu - M_\chi) \chi$$

\*Neutral component naturally lighter



$$\Delta M_{\text{IR}} = (167 \pm 4) \text{ MeV}$$

1-loop  $\frac{\alpha_{\text{em}} m_W}{2(1 + c_w)}$

2-loops  $\sim \frac{\alpha_2^2}{16\pi^2} m_t$

$$\Delta M_{\text{UV}} \sim v^4 / \Lambda_{\text{UV}}^3$$

UV splitting heavily suppressed

\*Splitting UV independent

$$c\tau_{\chi^+} \simeq \frac{120 \text{ mm}}{T(T+1)} \quad 2T + 1 = n \quad \text{macroscopic lifetimes for } n \text{ small}$$

\*Accidental stability in field theory (for fermions  $n > 3$ )

$5_F$  decay at dimension 6  $(\chi H L W, \dots)$

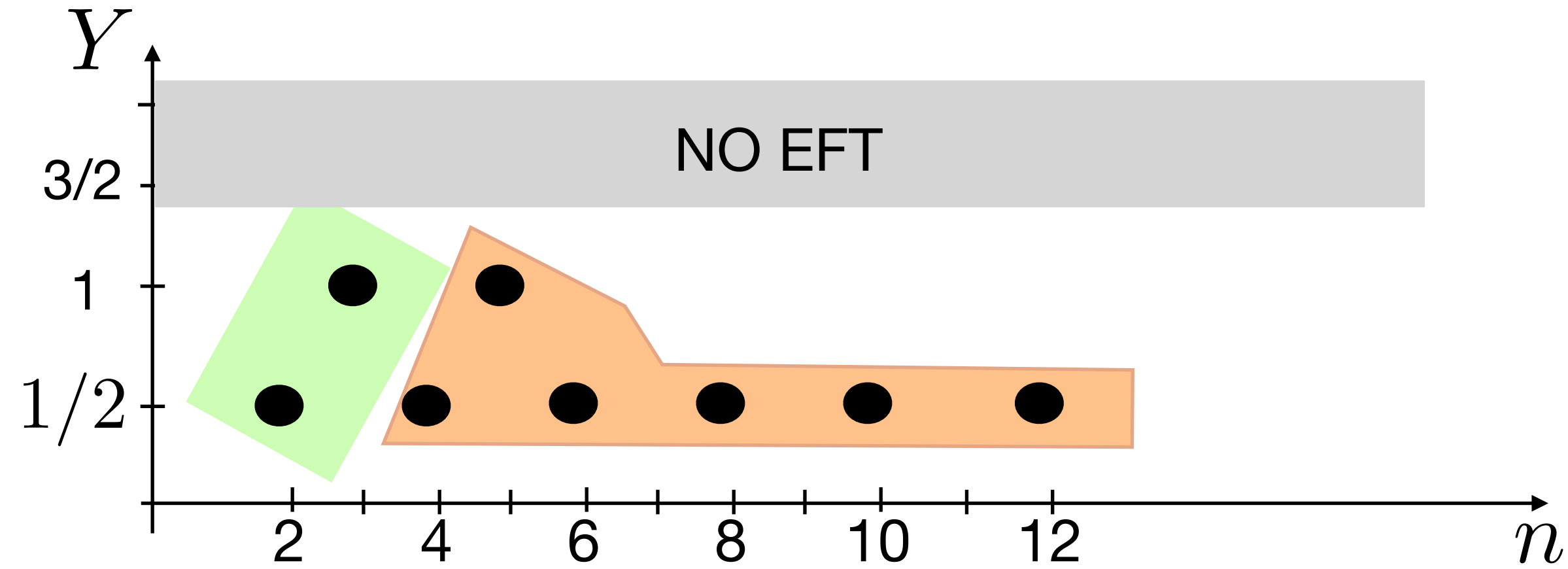
$n_F$  decay at dimension 7  $(\chi^3 H L, \dots)$

\*Perturbativity

- $5_F$  Landau pole > stability cut-off
- $n_F$  Landau pole < stability cut-off



# More on complex WIMPs



\*Neutral component naturally lighter in multiplets with maximal hypercharge:  $2_{1/2}, 3_1$

otherwise a UV splitting beyond EW corrections is required for stability  $-\frac{y_+}{2\Lambda} [\bar{\chi} T^a \chi] [H^\dagger \sigma^a H]$

$$\delta m_Q = 166 \text{ MeV} \left( Q^2 + \frac{2YQ}{\cos \theta_W} \right) - \frac{y_+ v^2 Q}{4\Lambda}$$

\*Splitting required to make the tree-level Z scattering inelastic

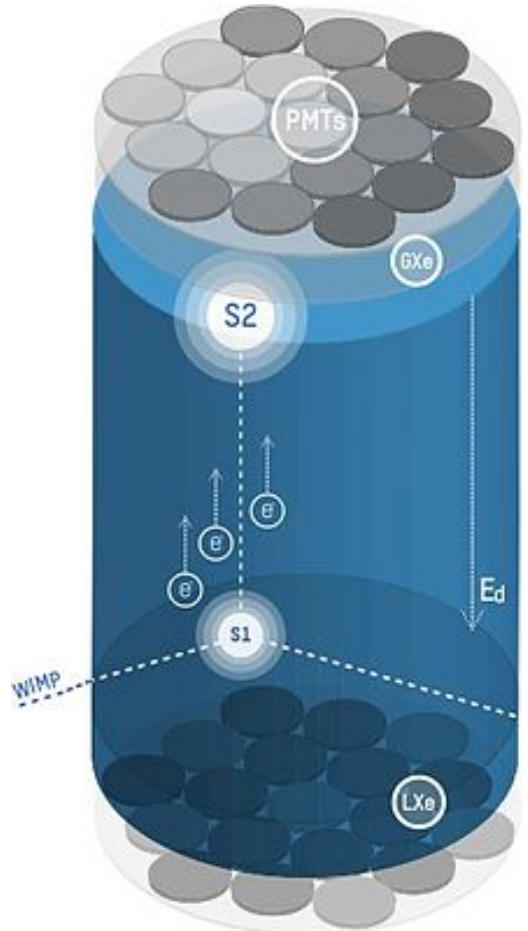
$$\frac{y}{2(4Y)! \Lambda^{4Y-2}} [\chi^\dagger (T^a)^{2Y} \chi^c] \left[ (H^{c\dagger}) \frac{\sigma^a}{2} H \right]^{2Y} + \text{h.c.} \longrightarrow \delta m_0 \simeq \frac{2yv^2}{\Lambda} \times \left( \frac{v}{\Lambda} \right)^{4Y-2}$$

$\delta m_0 > \text{BBN} + \text{direct detection}$

limits the allowed candidates

# Direct Detection reach

## Signal rate:



The scattering rate per energy per unit detector mass

$$\frac{dR}{dE_R} = N_T \frac{\rho_\chi}{m_\chi} \int_{v_{\min}}^{v_{\max}} d^3v \frac{d\sigma}{dE_R} v \tilde{f}(\vec{v}, t)$$

$N_T$ : # targets/unit mass  
 $\frac{\rho_\chi}{m_\chi}$ : DM number Density  
 $\int_{v_{\min}}^{v_{\max}} d^3v \frac{d\sigma}{dE_R} v \tilde{f}(\vec{v}, t)$ : xsec averaged on the velocity distr.



The total rate in the (S1,S2) channels in Xenon

$$\mathcal{R}(S_1, S_2) = \text{Exp} \cdot \int \frac{dR}{dE_R} \cdot \epsilon(E_R) \cdot \mathcal{P}(S_1, S_2 | E_R) dE_R$$

Exposure (ton · year)      Efficiency\*      Probability of S1,S2 events for given recoil energy\*

\* These are computed using NEST

## Backgrounds:

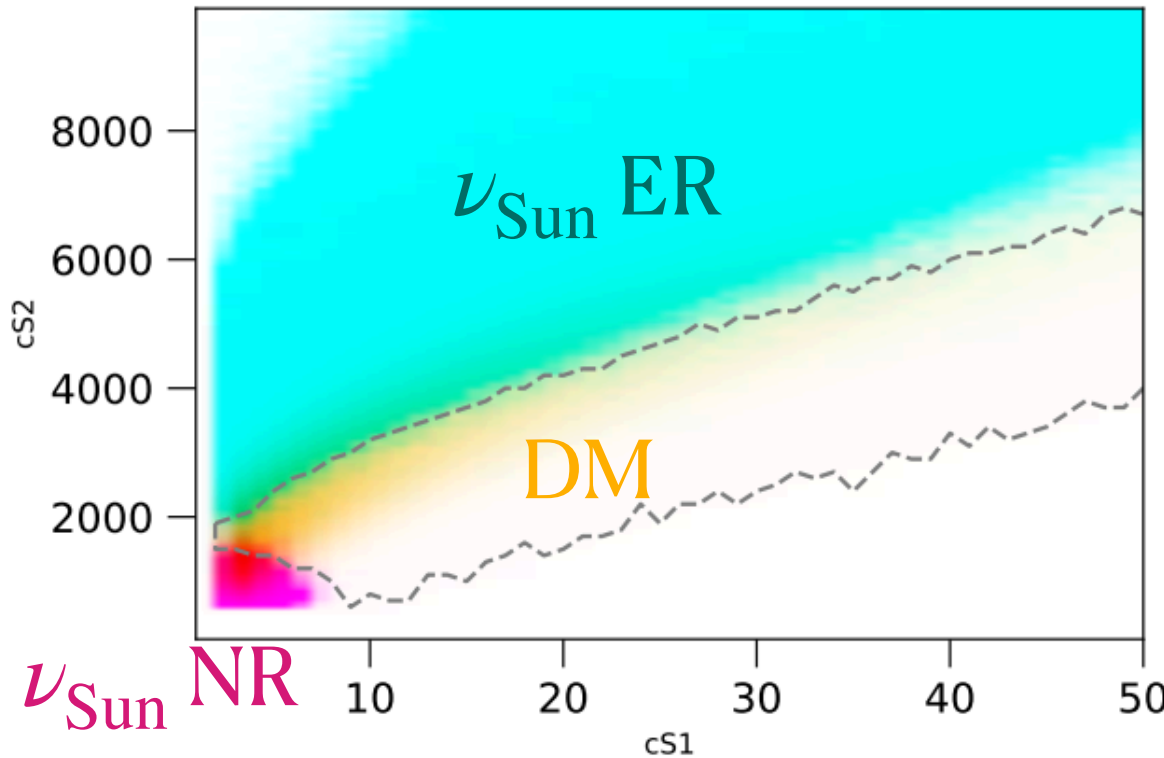
At present **noise sources** dominate the background (main problem is Radon contamination)

crystalline Xenon? S. Kravitz, H. Chen, R. Gibbons, S. J. Haselschwardt, Q. Xia, and P. Sorensen 2022

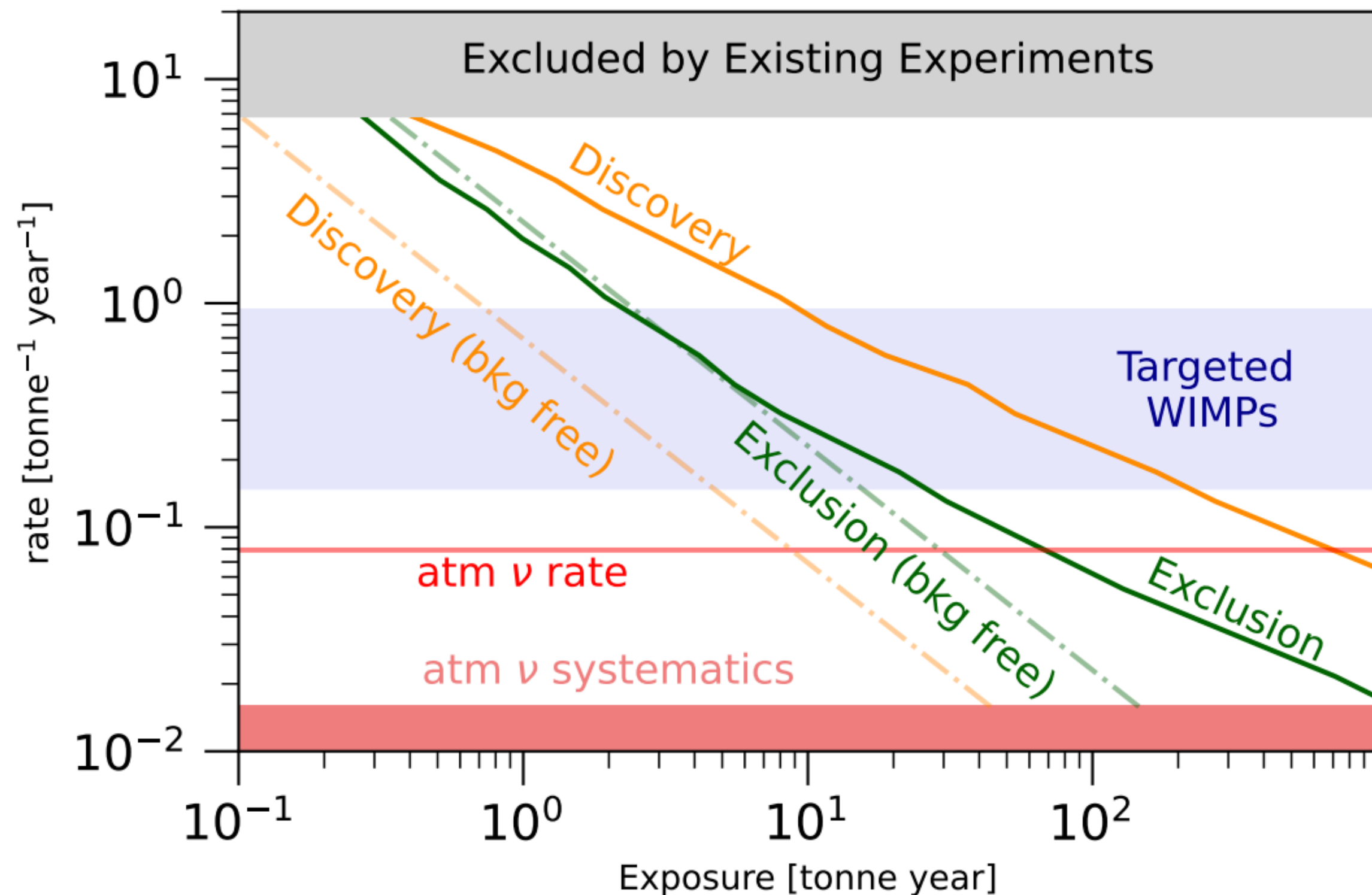
The **solar neutrino electron recoil events** leak into the signal region!

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Source	Expected Events	Fit Result
$\beta$ decays + Det. ER	$215 \pm 36$	$222 \pm 16$
$\nu$ ER	$27.1 \pm 1.6$	$27.2 \pm 1.6$



# Expected exclusion/discovery



The standard neutrino floor irreducible background from atmospheric and DSN neutrinos lies below the electron recoil fog from solar neutrinos

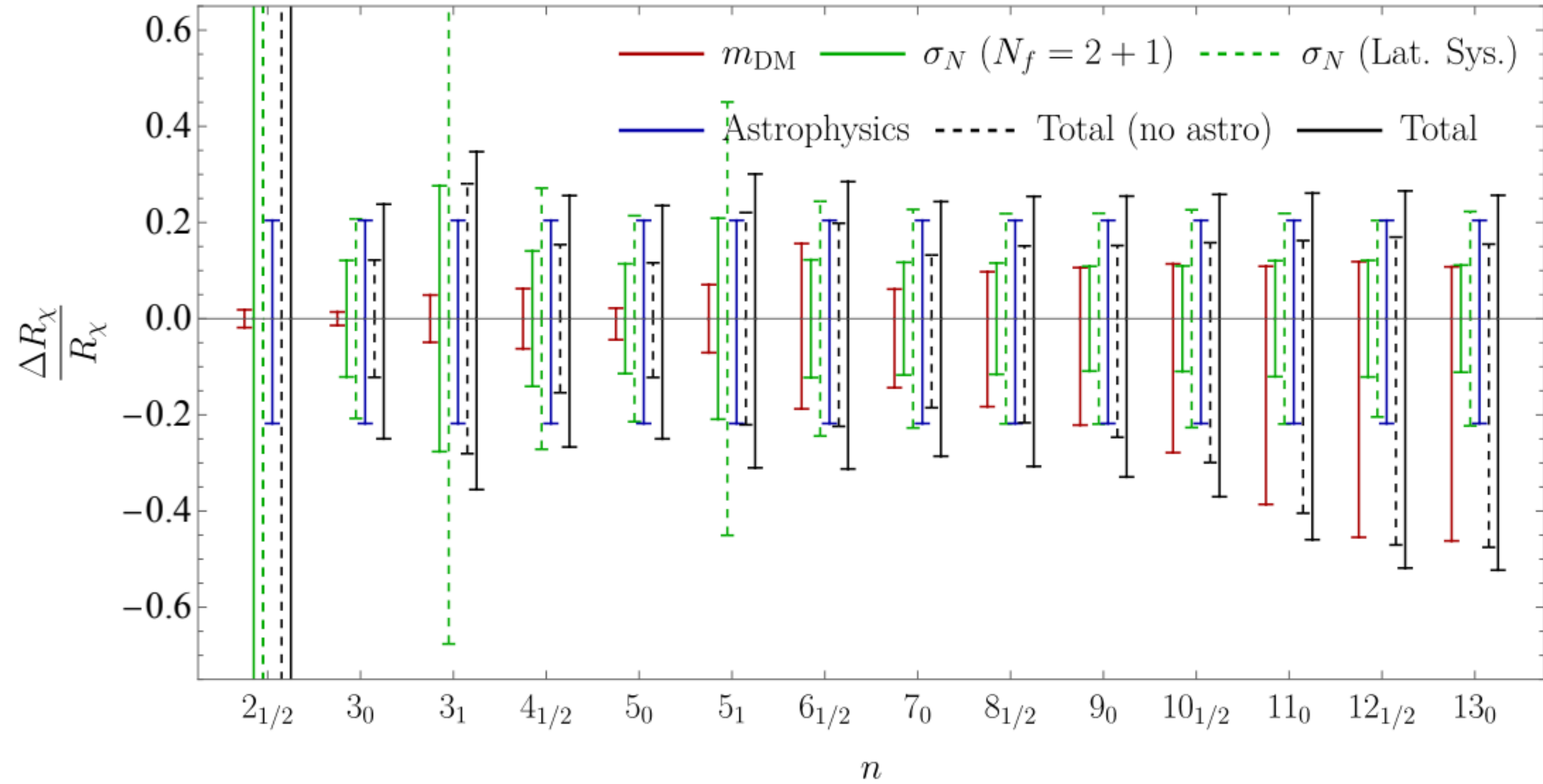
Accounting for the electron recoil fog for the **WIMPs** makes the required exposure for exclusion/discovery much larger\*

This effect is especially important for **discovery** and gives  $O(1)$  factor in exposure for **exclusion**

\* this effect is well known to Xenon experimentalists but somehow was never accounted for in the theory projections



# Direct Detection rates uncertainties

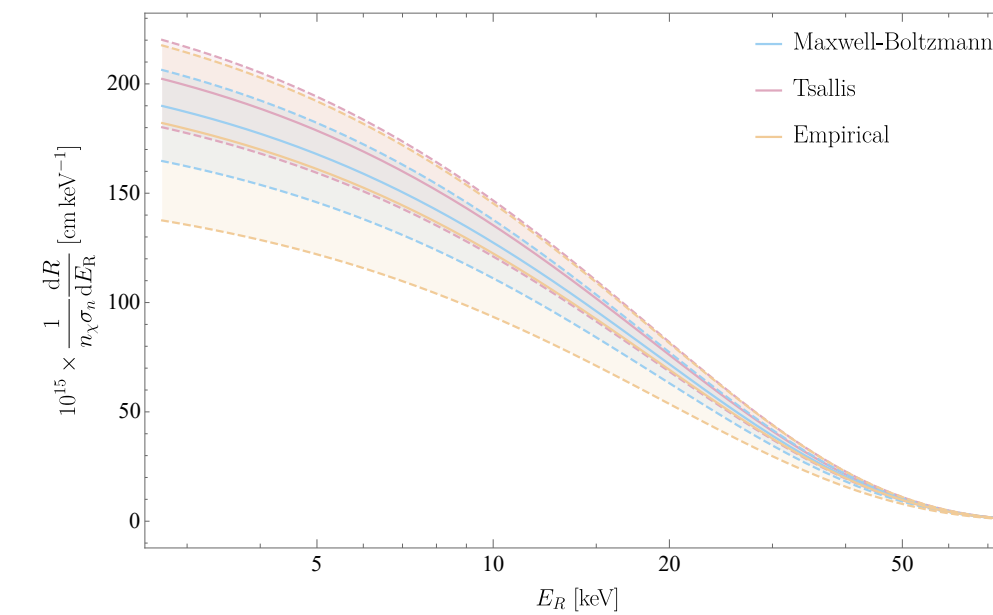


The uncertainty on the cross section coming from lattice

is of the same order of a generous

astrophysical uncertainty

obtained by marginalising over the parameters of three different velocity distributions



Large systematics (dashed line) originating from a tension in lattice data

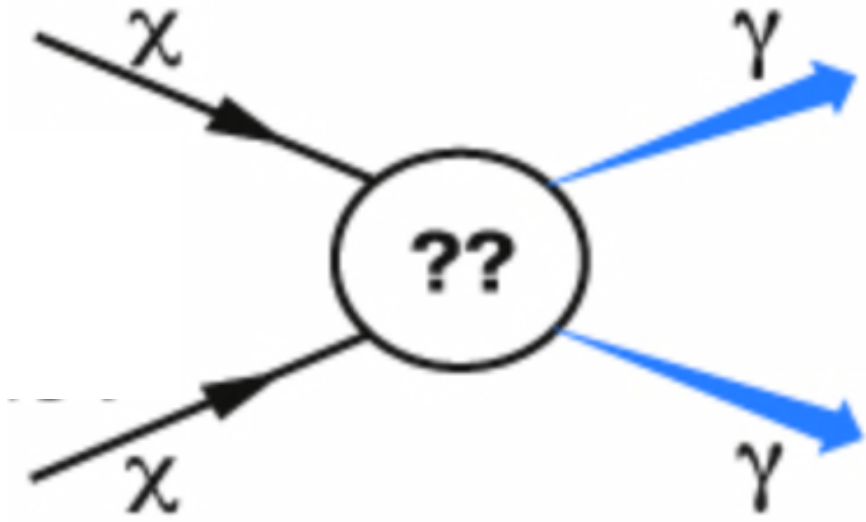
$$\frac{\sigma_{\pi N}}{m_N} \equiv (f_{Tu} + f_{Td}) \langle N | m_q \bar{q}q | N \rangle = m_N f_{Tq}$$

2 computation schemes: \* Direct computation of the matrix element (MEC)

$$* \sigma_{\pi N} \approx m_\pi^2 \frac{\partial m_N}{\partial m_\pi^2} \text{ this is sensitive to the functional shape of } m_N(m_\pi^2) \text{ extracted from baryonic chPT}$$

Method	Ref.	$N_f = 2 + 1 + 1$		$N_f = 2 + 1$		
		$\sigma_{\pi N}$	$\sigma_s$	Ref.	$\sigma_{\pi N}$	$\sigma_s$
MEC	[62]	—	$0.44(8)(5) \times m_s$	[61]	45.9(7.4)(2.8)	40.2(11.7)(3.5)
				[62]	—	$0.637(55)(74) \times m_s$
FHA	[64]	64.9(1.5)(13.2)	—	[60]	38(3)(3)	105(41)(37)
				[63]	—	48(10)(15)
				[59]	39(4)( $^{18}_7$ )	67(27)( $^{55}_{47}$ )

# Indirect Detection reach



EW Dark Matter annihilating in our surroundings generate a high energy photon flux

$$\frac{d\Phi}{dE} = \frac{J(r_c)}{8\pi M_\chi^2} \frac{d\langle\sigma v\rangle}{dE}$$

The annihilation cross section has three components

$$\frac{d\langle\sigma v\rangle}{dz} = \underbrace{2\langle\sigma v\rangle_{\text{line}}\delta(1-z)}_{\text{Line}} + \underbrace{\frac{d\langle\sigma v\rangle}{dz}\Big|_{\text{EP}}}_{\text{End-point}} + \underbrace{\frac{d\langle\sigma v\rangle}{dz}\Big|_{\text{cont}}}_{\text{Continuum}}$$

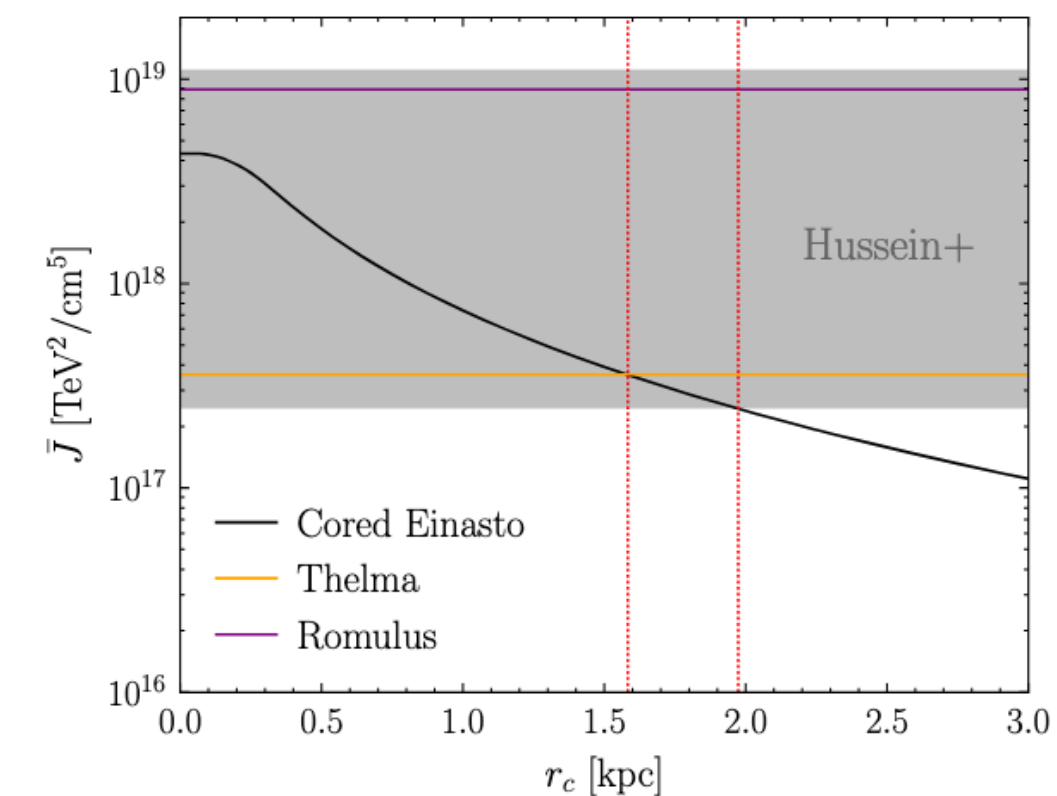
see previous papers by Baumgart Rodd, Statyer et al.

The final flux depends on the **DM distribution in the galaxy\***

\*focus on the Galactic Center

$$J(r_c) = \int_{\Omega_{\text{ROI}}} ds d\Omega \rho^2(r(s, \Omega), r_c)$$

$$\Omega_{\text{ROI}} \begin{cases} \theta < 5^\circ \\ |b| < 0.3^\circ \end{cases}$$



# Details of the Higgsino reach

