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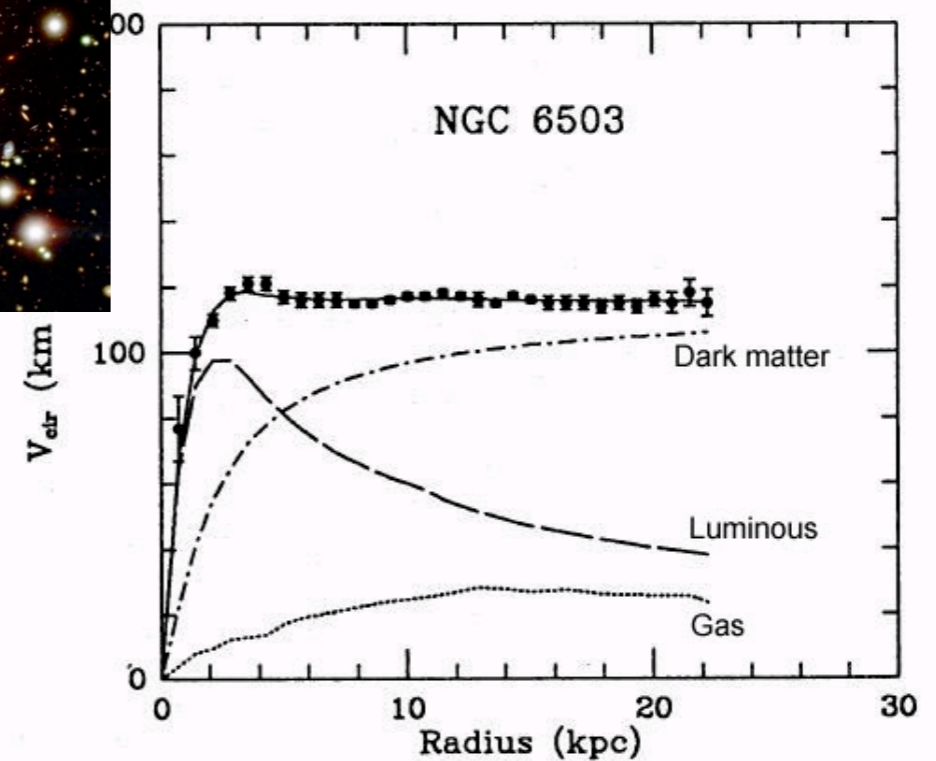
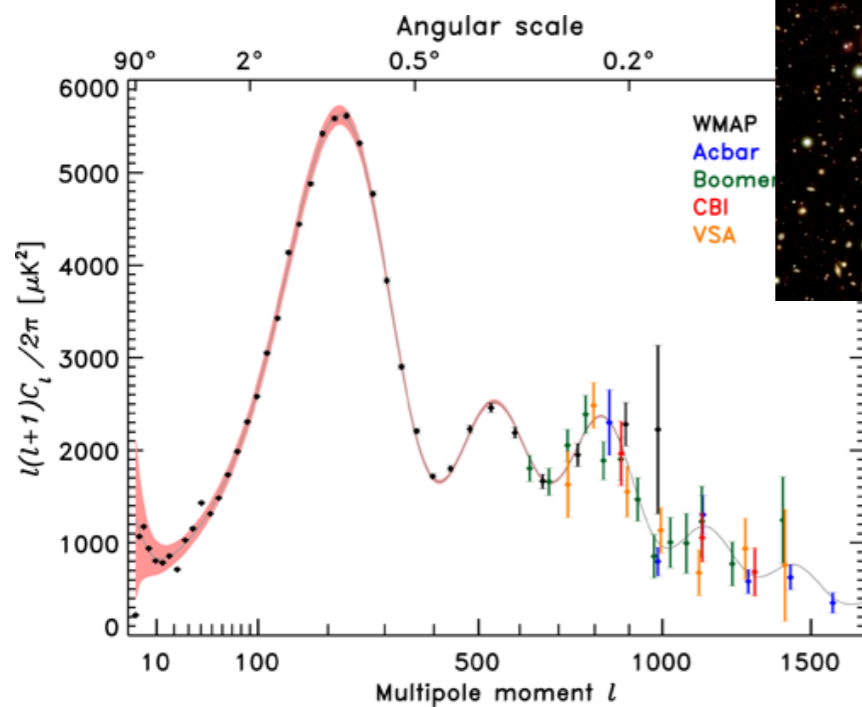
*Anteaters, please chime in.*

# Plan:

- \* A theorist's sales pitch for collider searches.
- \* Handles for signal vs background.  
Going beyond mono-jets and mono-photons.
- \* Effective theory and its validity (and invalidity).

**Sales Pitch.**

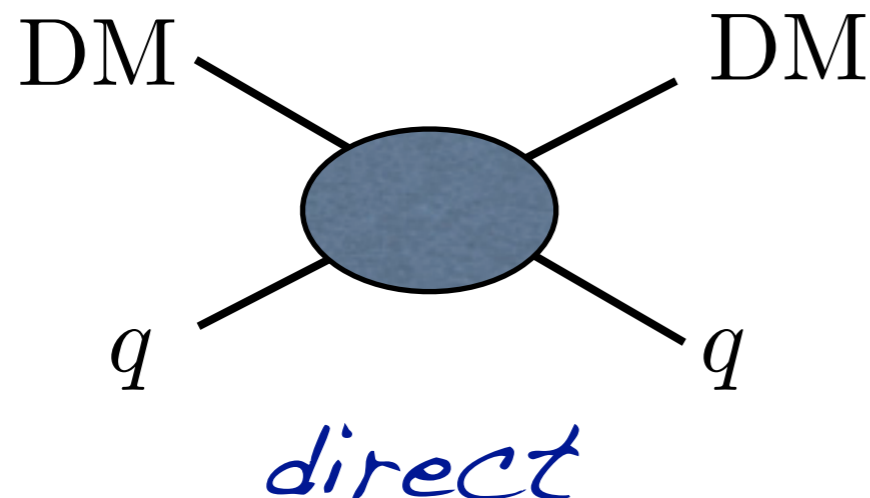
# Dark Matter needs no introduction.



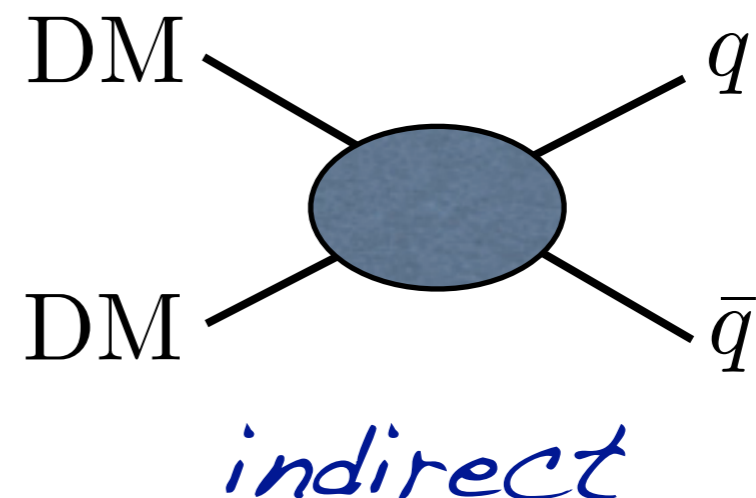
# Probes of DM Interactions

- \* “WIMP coincidence” hints that DM has an interaction w/ matter. picobarn-ish cross sections!?
- \* We hope to probe dark matter in several ways:

*DM-nucleus scattering*



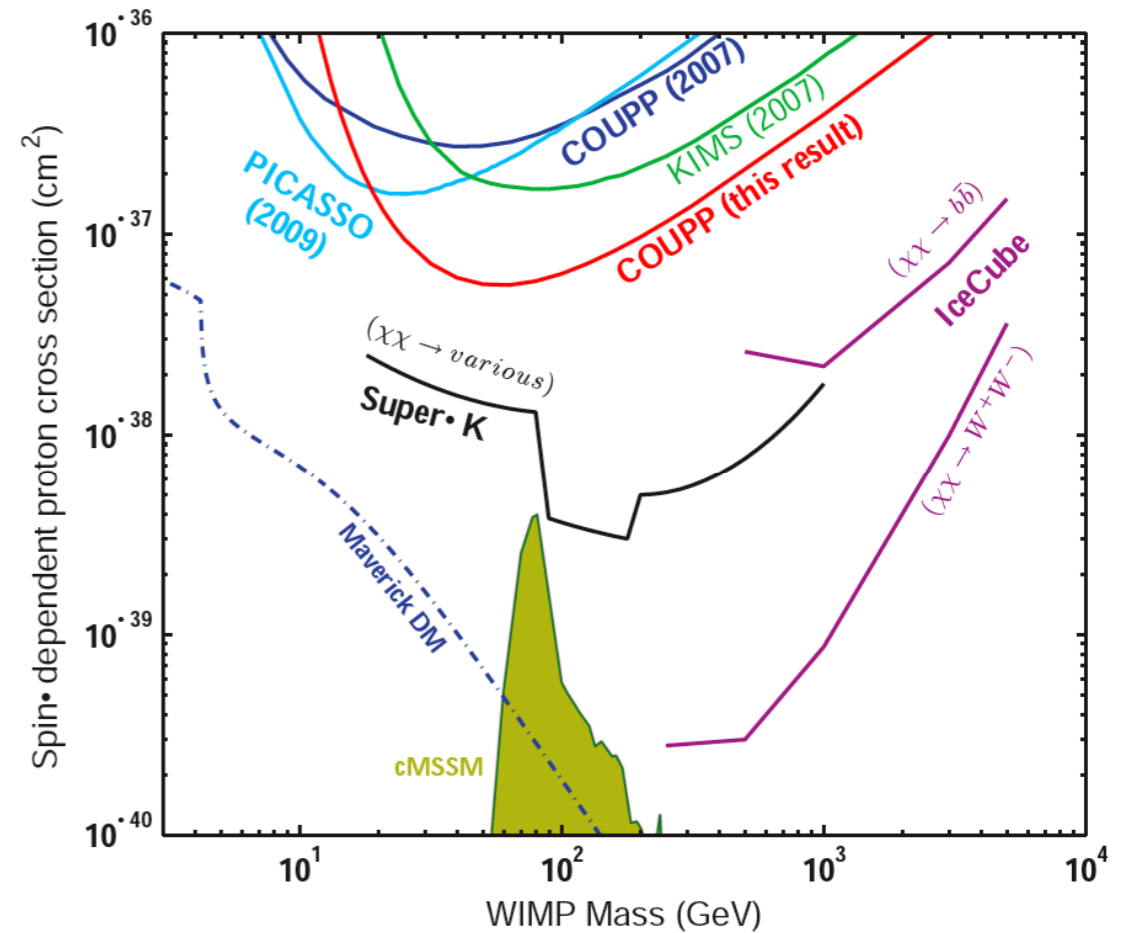
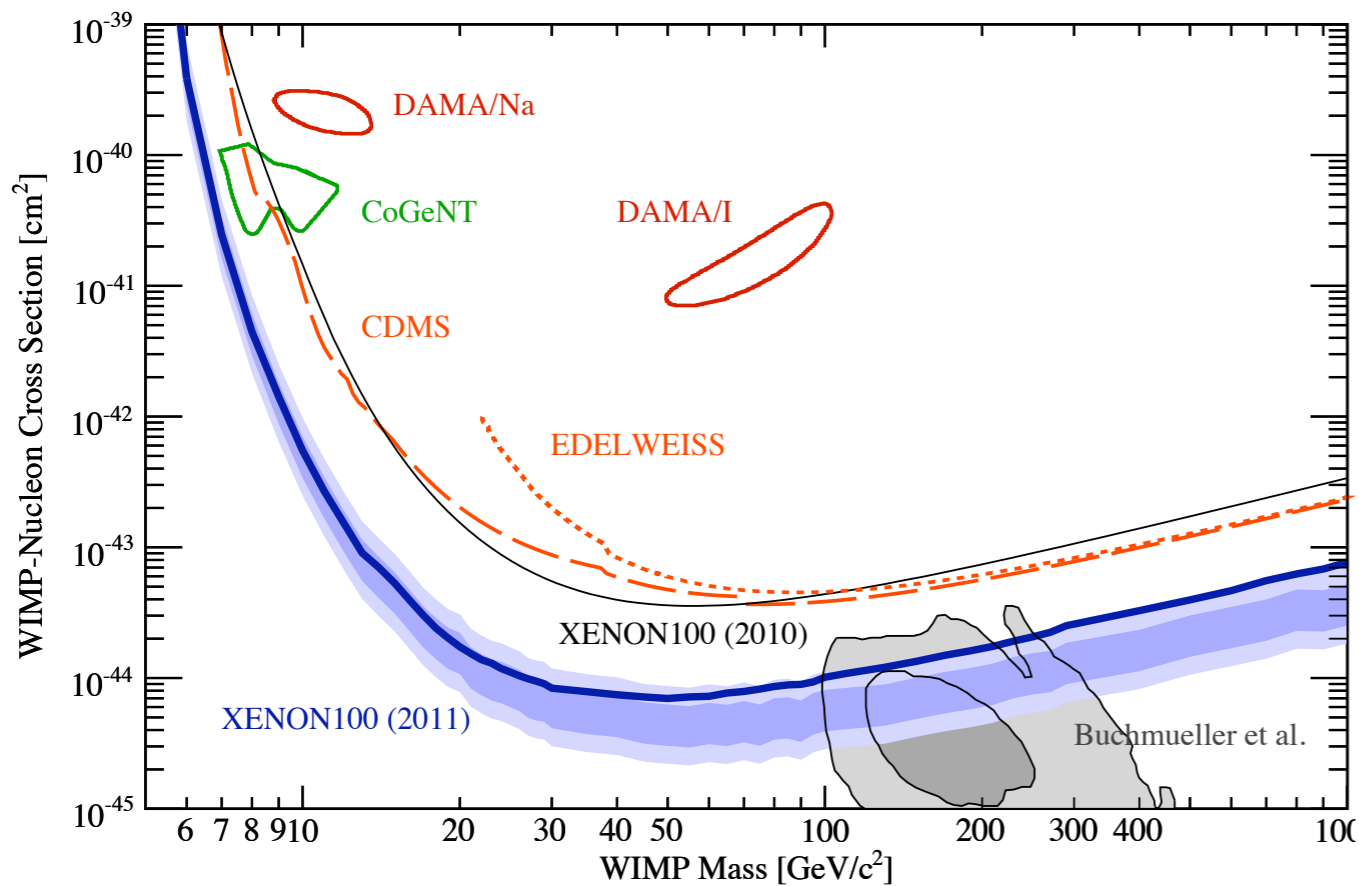
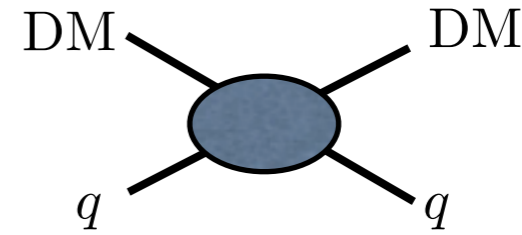
*DM annihilation*



Focus on direct detection in this talk.  
(a similar game can be played for indirect)

# Direct detection

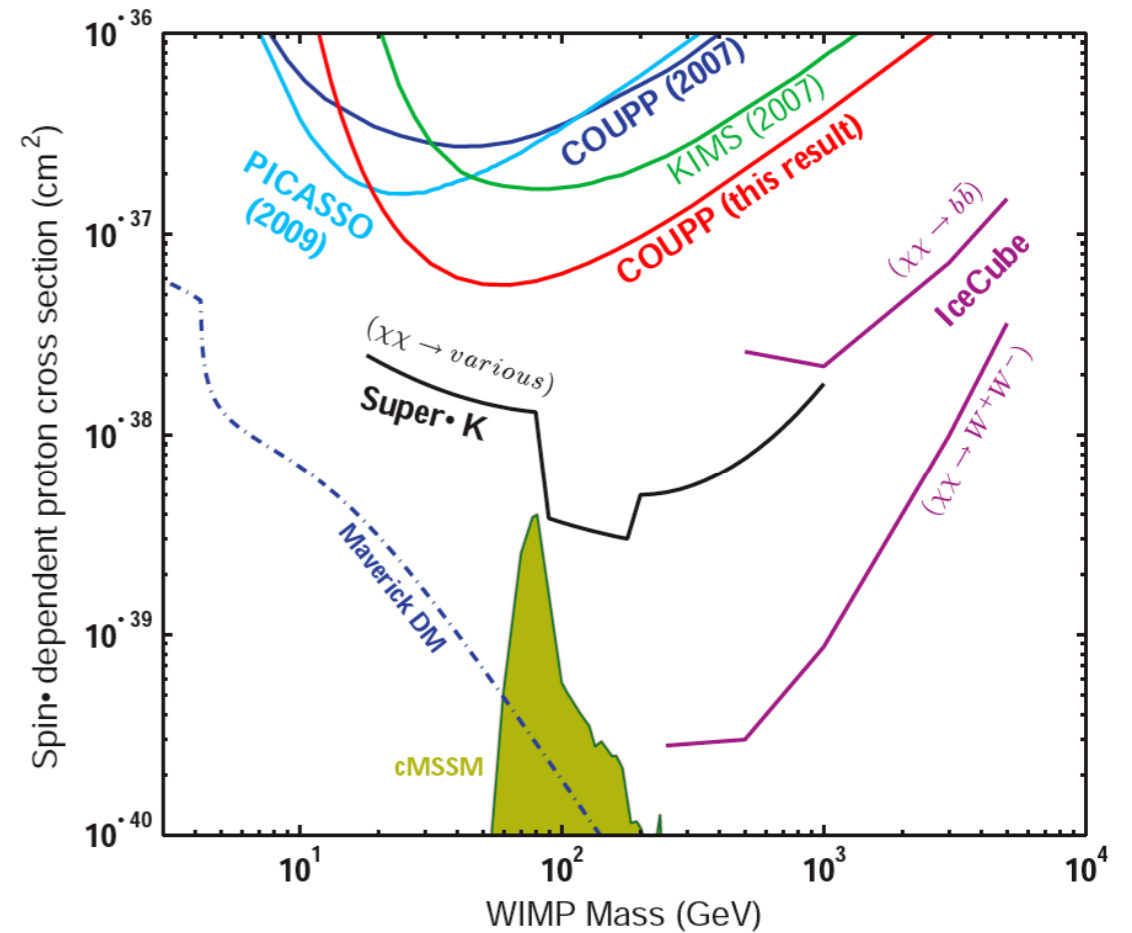
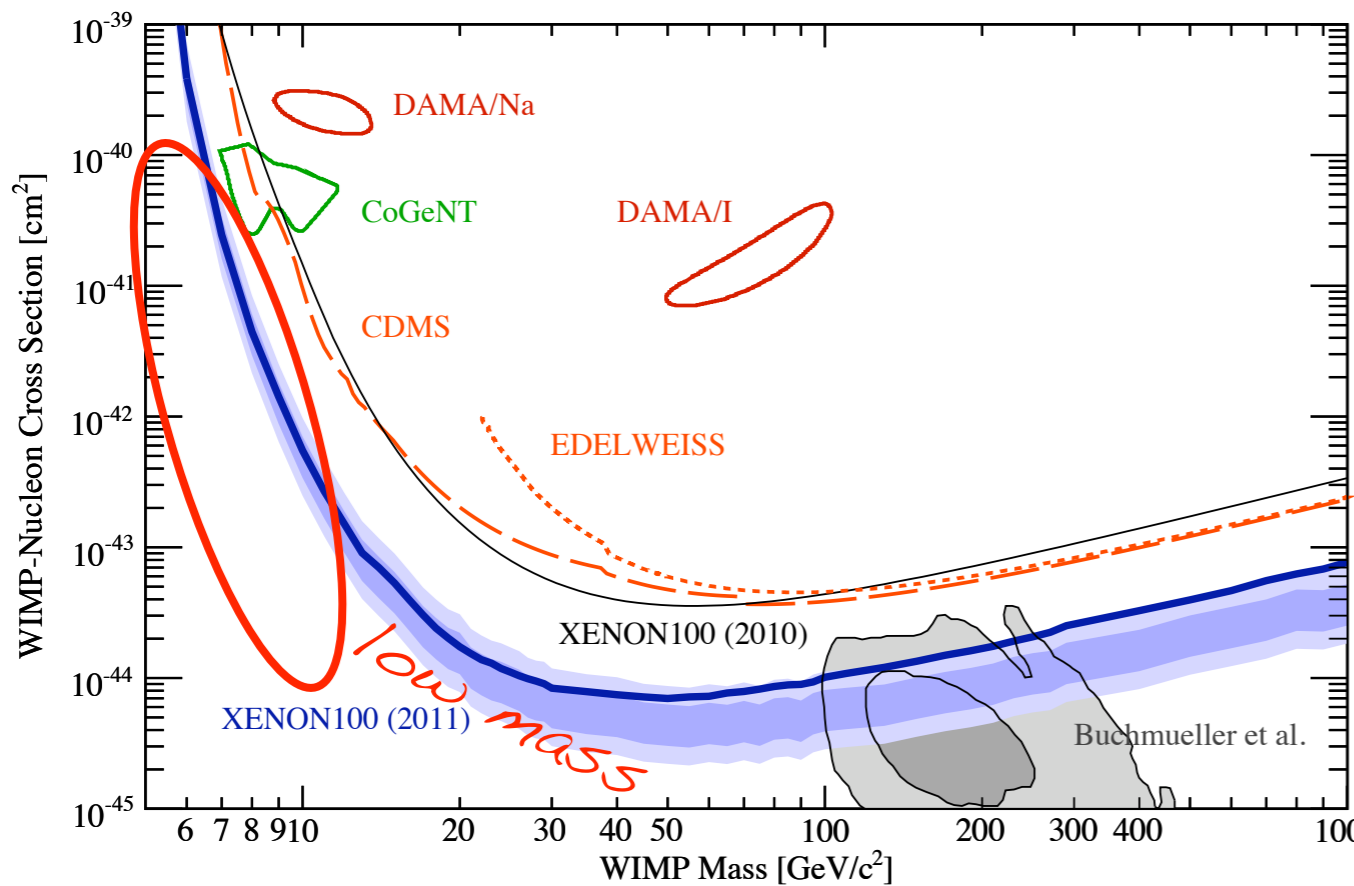
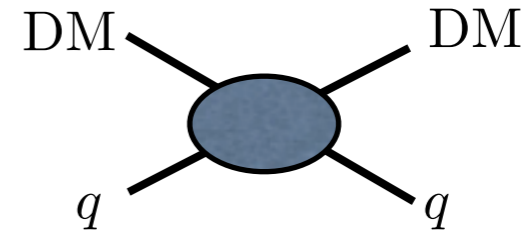
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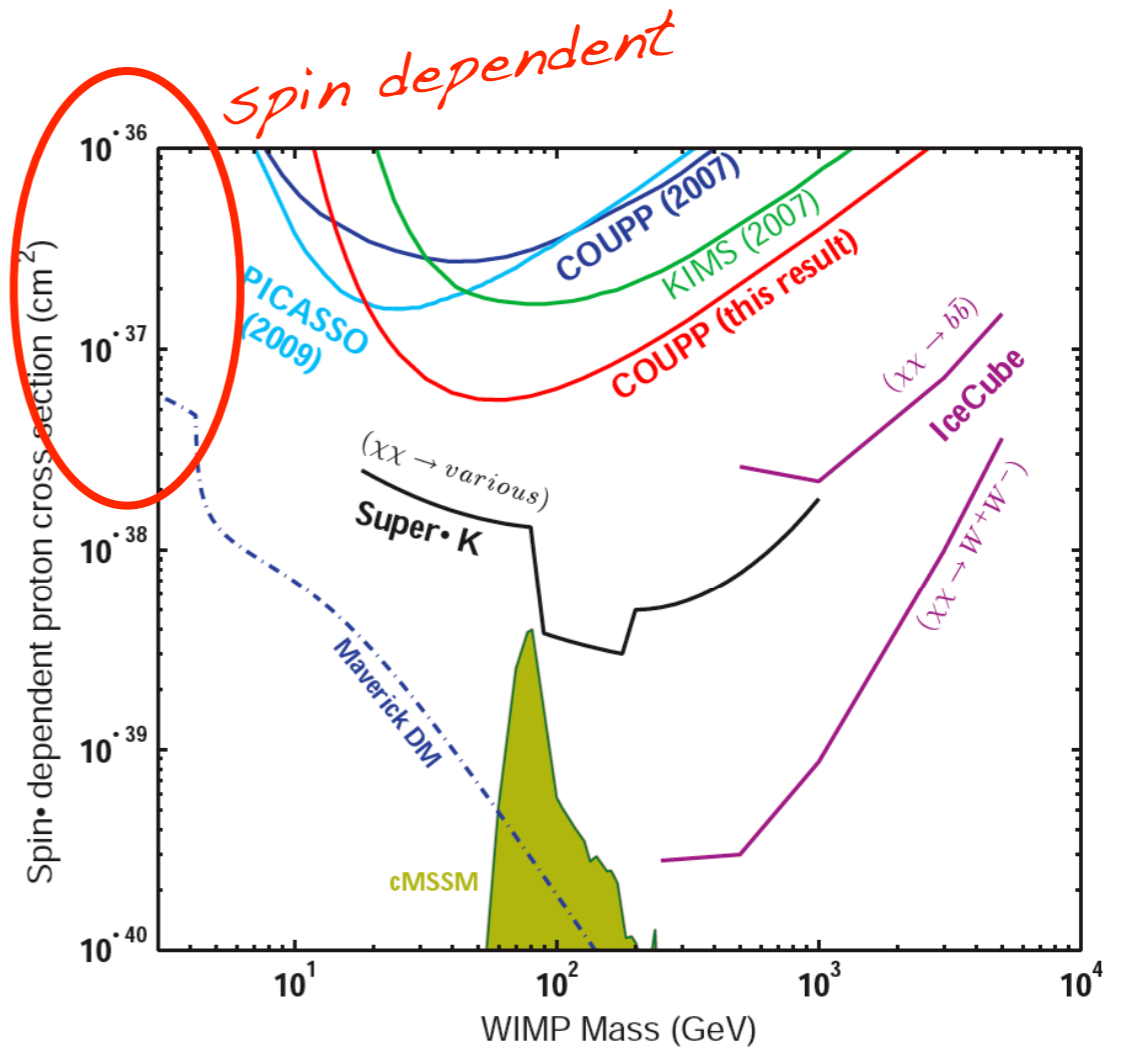
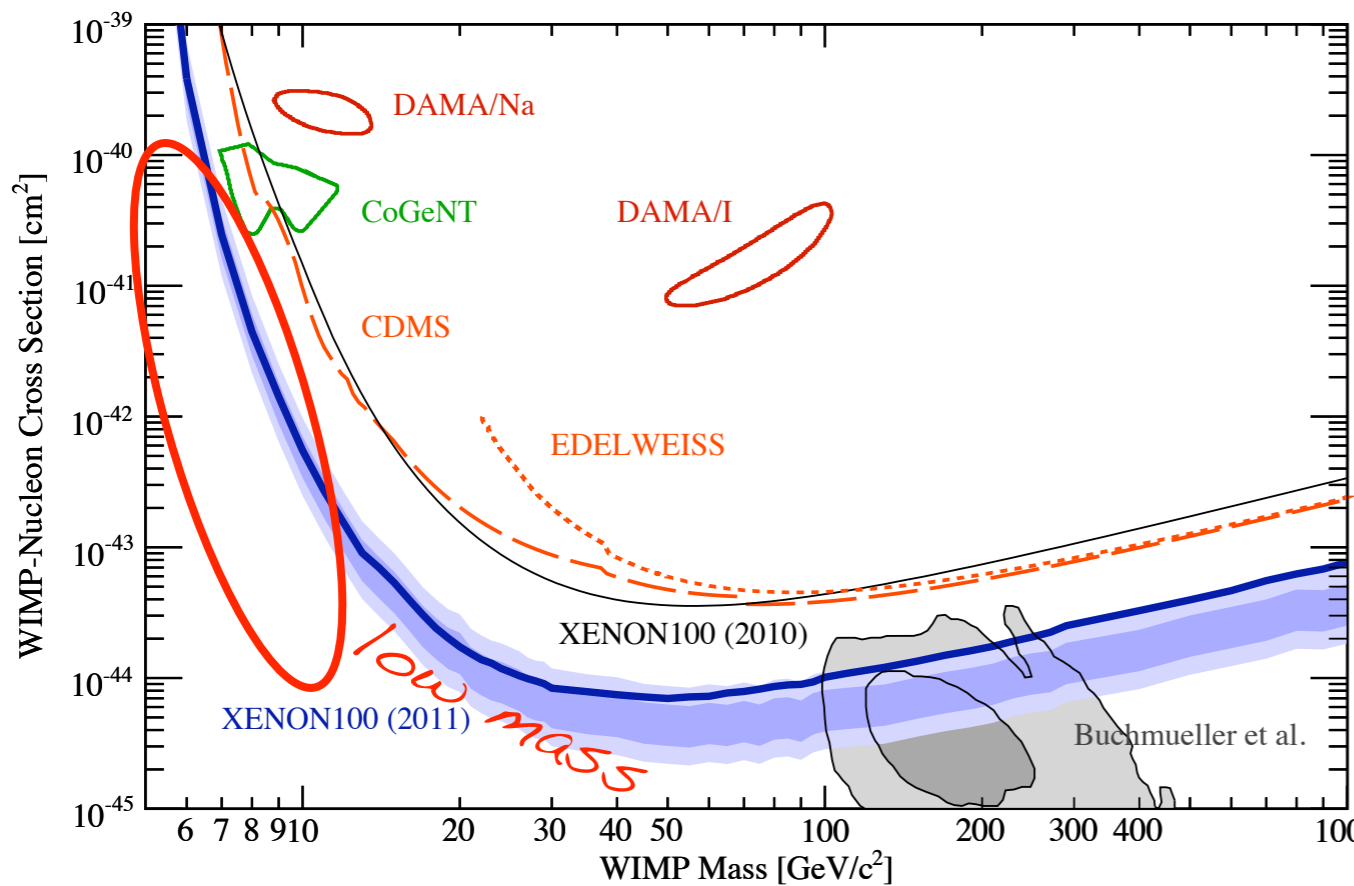
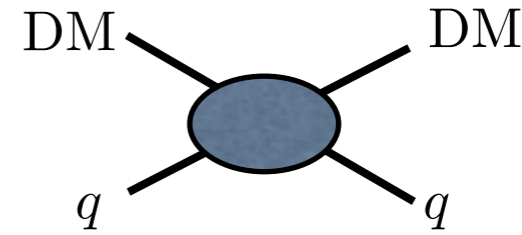


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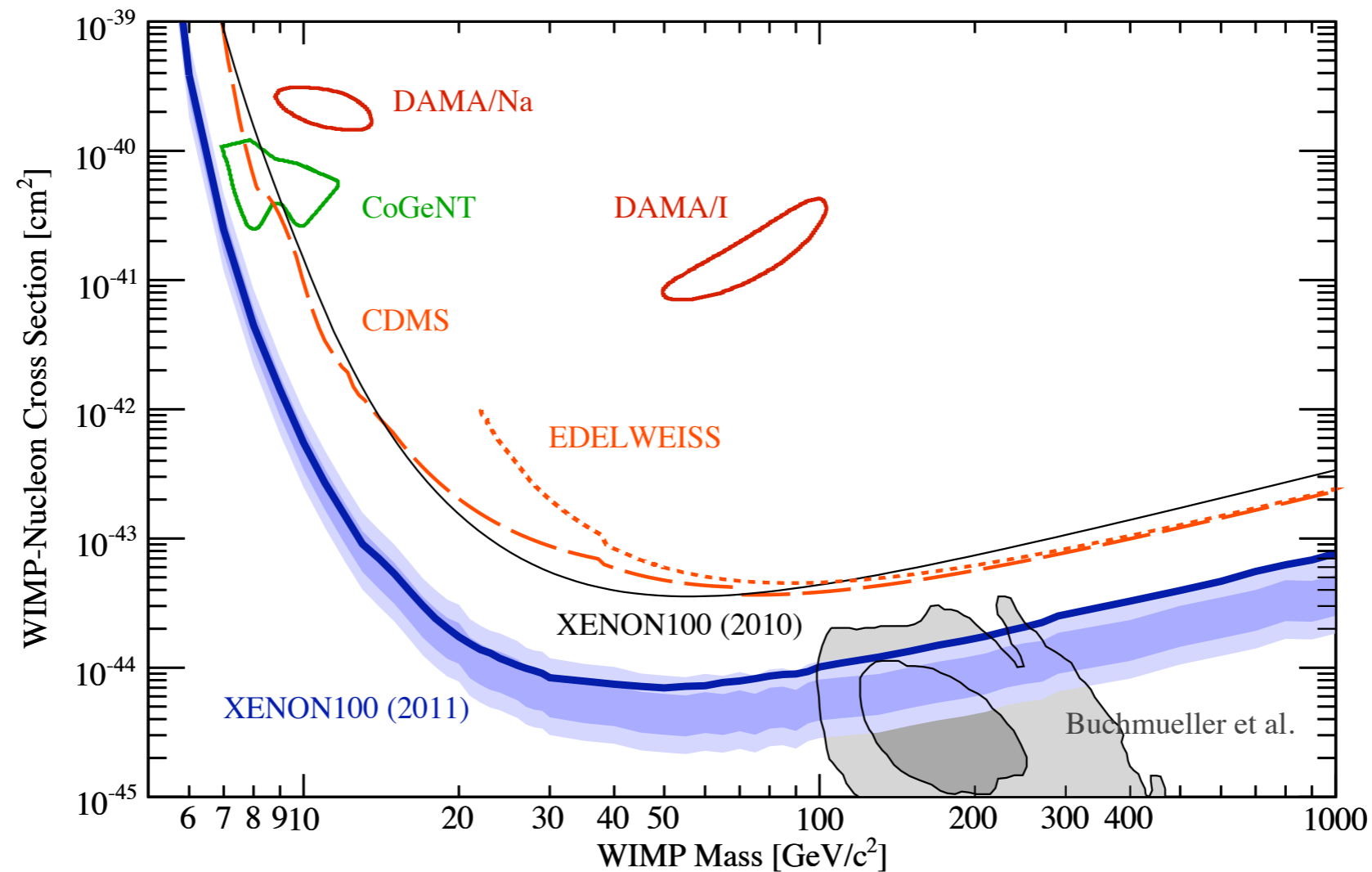
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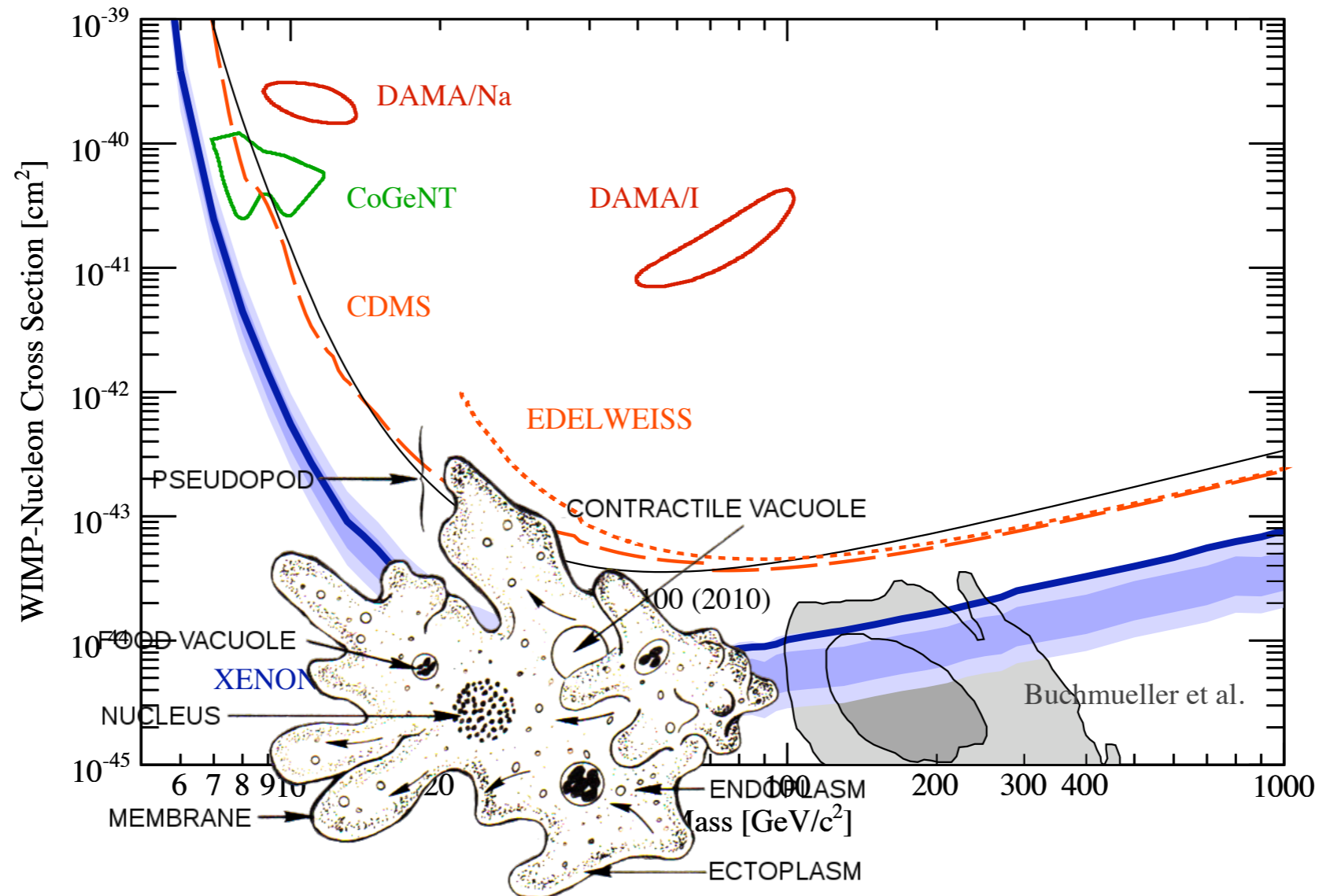
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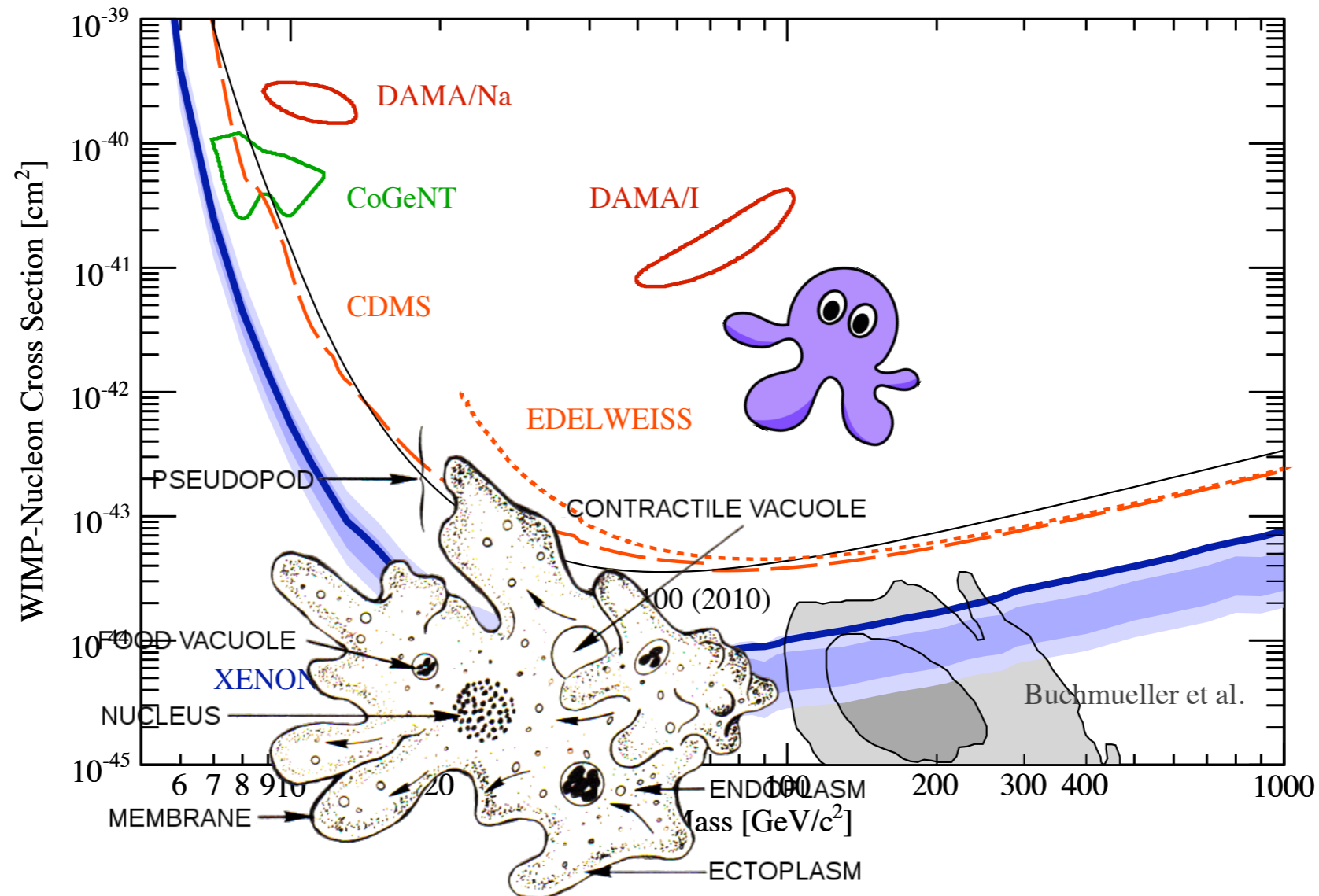
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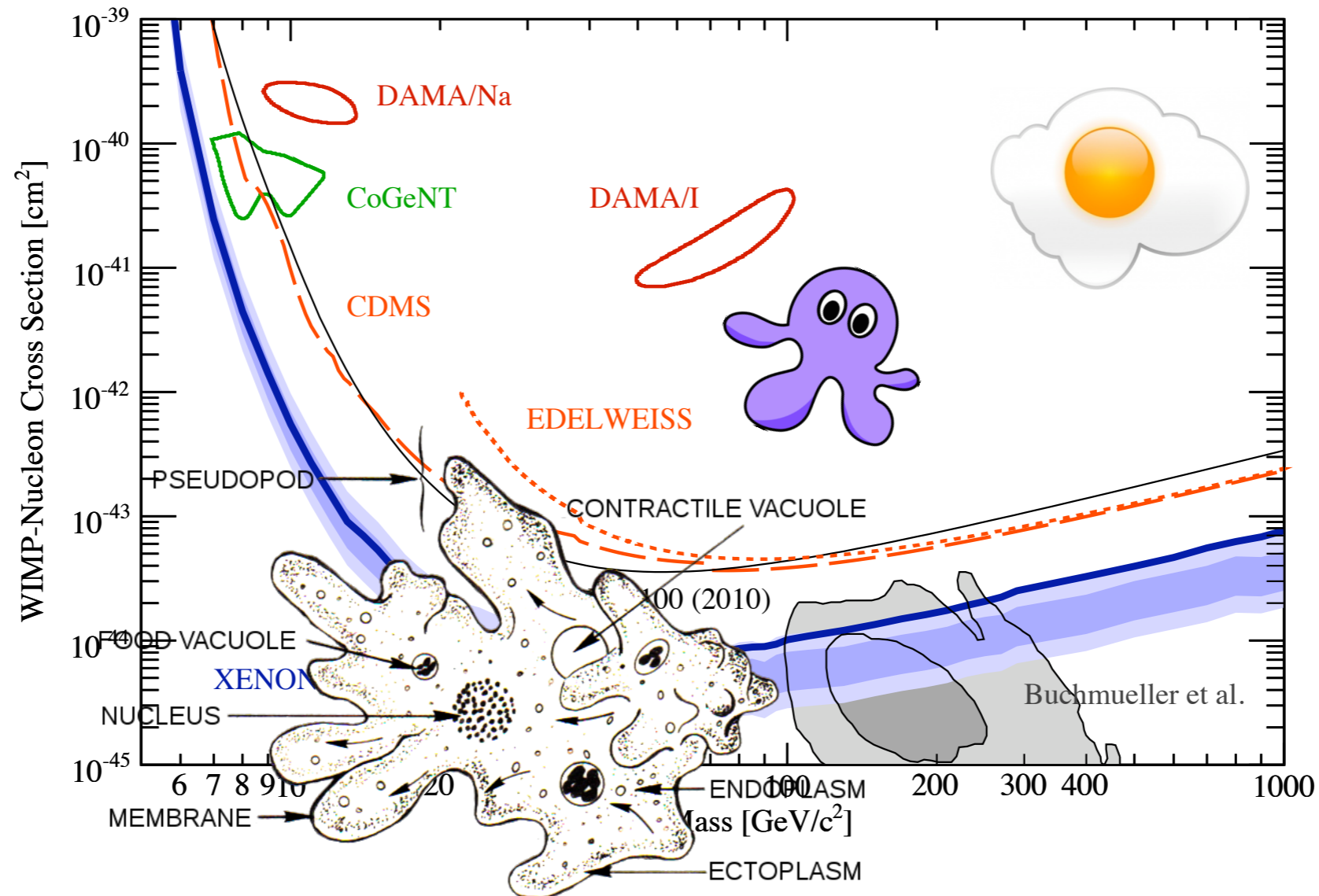
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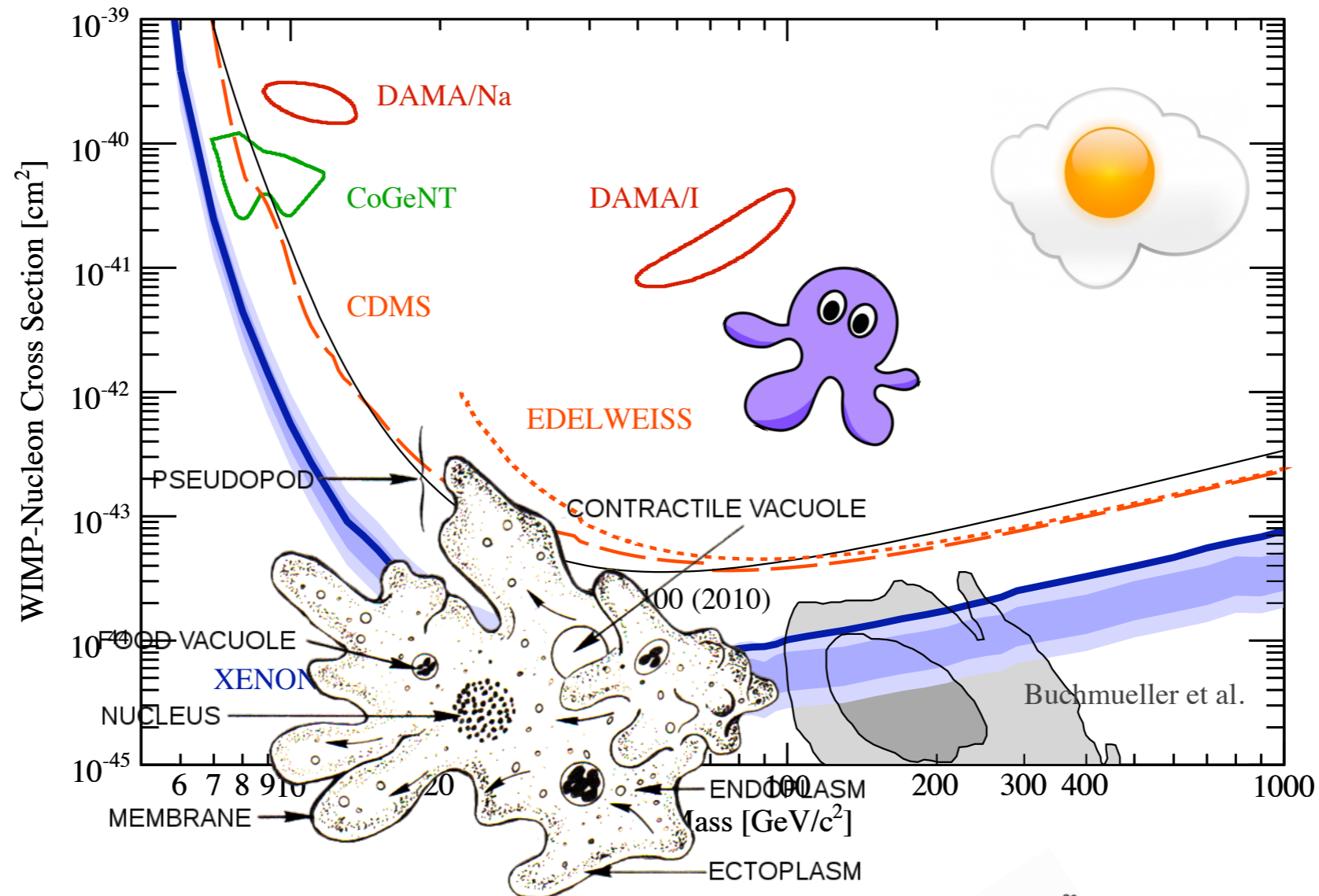
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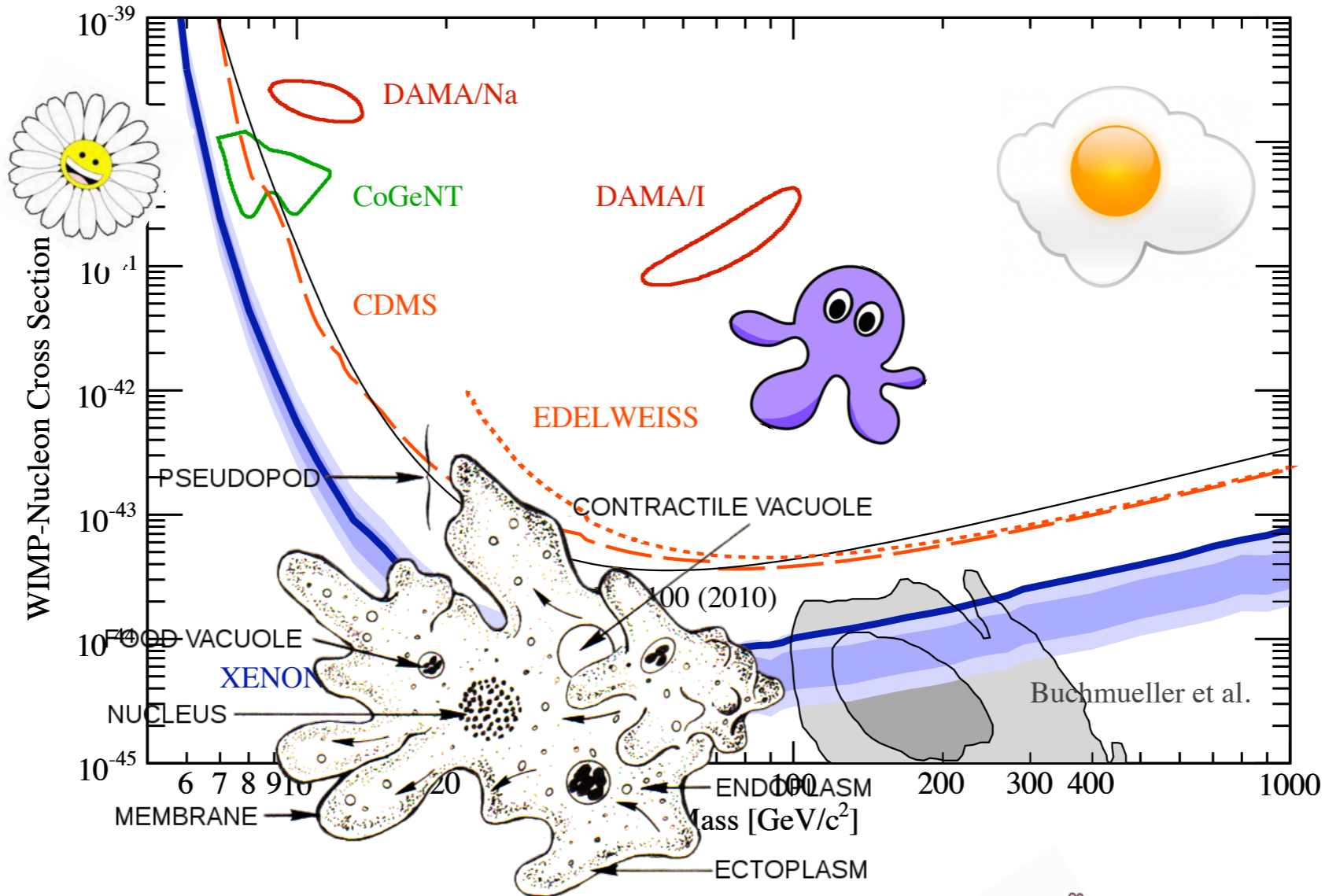
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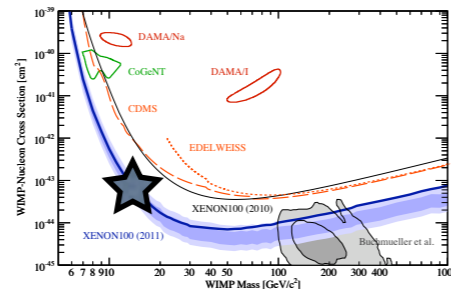
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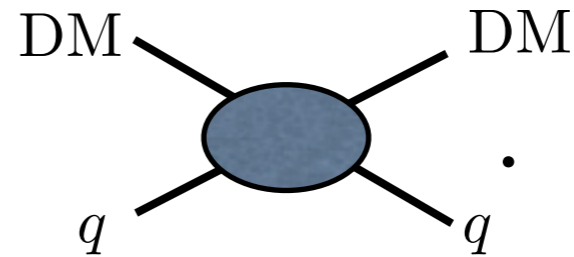
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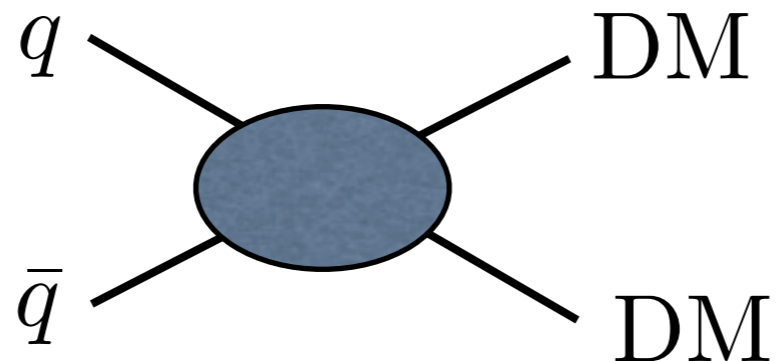


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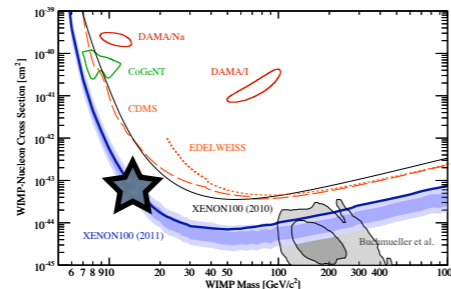
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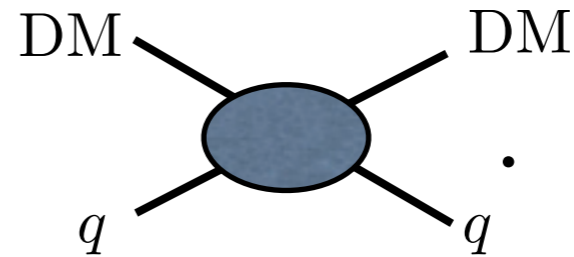
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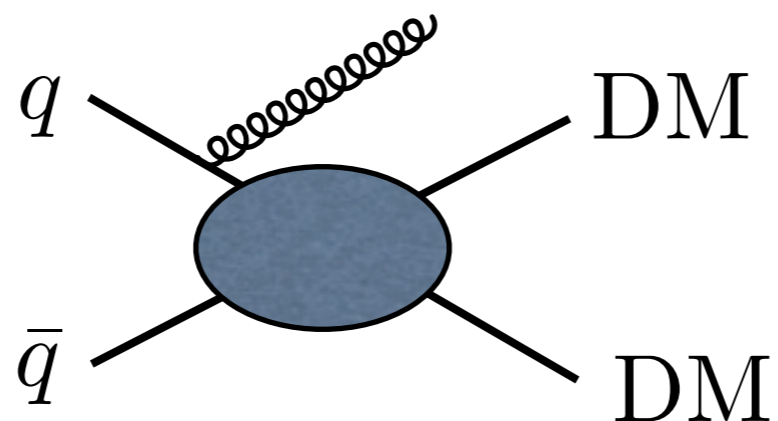


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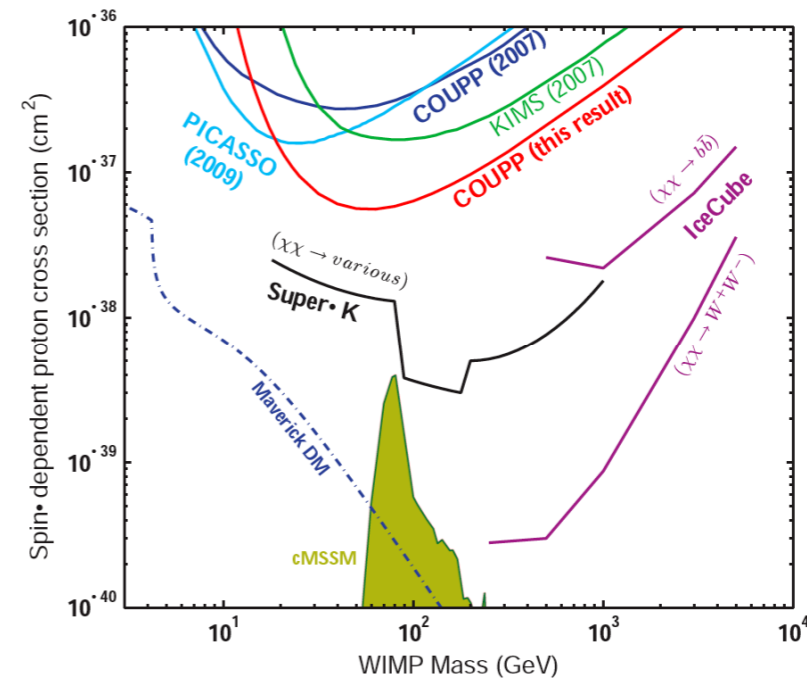
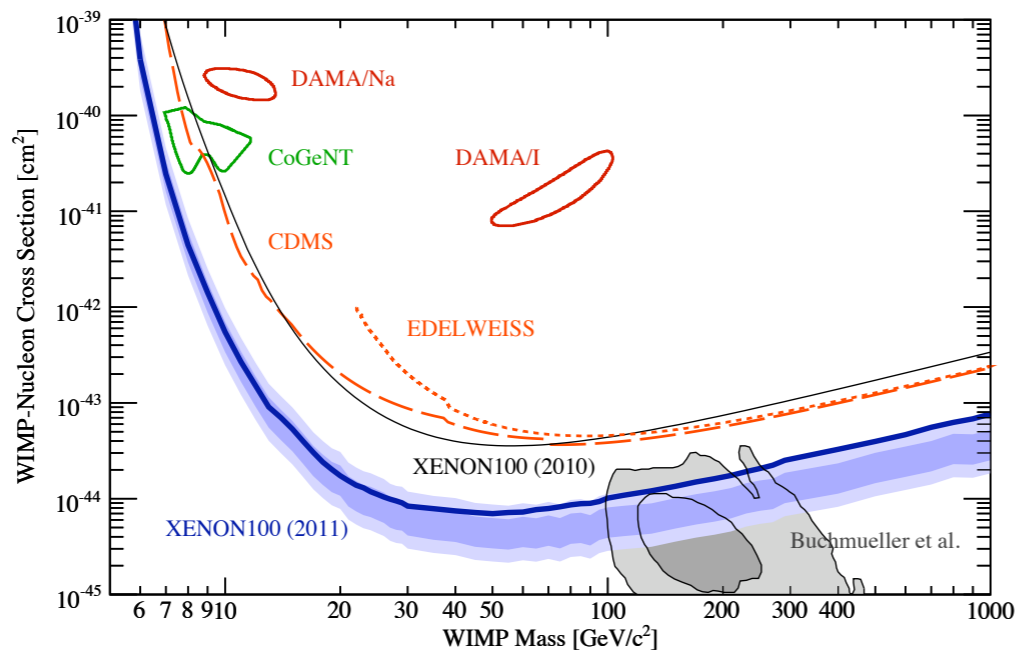
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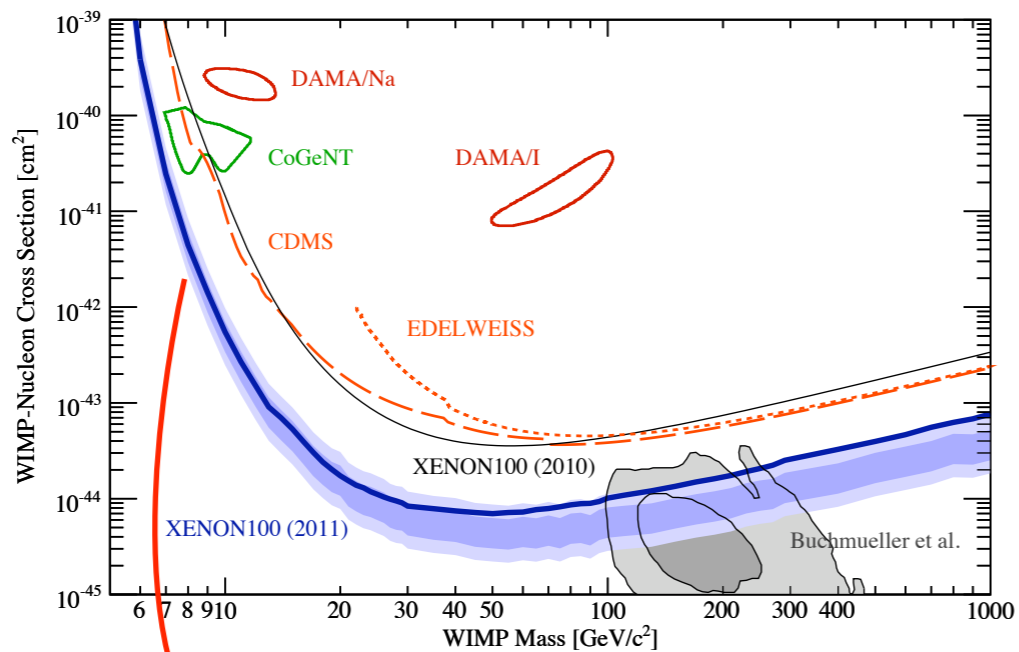


- \* These are **conservative** limits.  
In a specific model there may be other ways to produce DM, e.g. through cascades from heavy colored states.

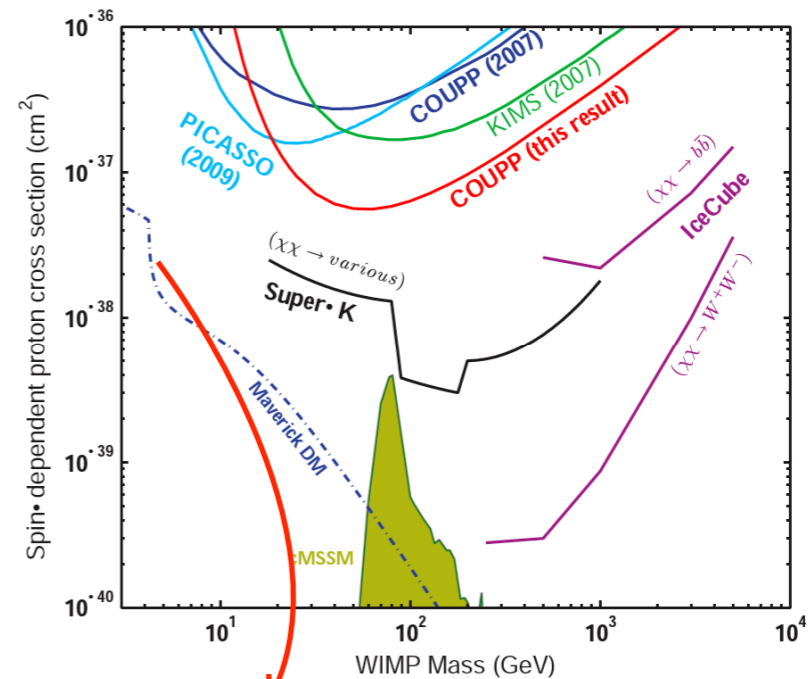
*But mono-jet are certainly good to set bounds.*

# A Simple Point

\* **Mono-jet searches can place limits on the plane.**



*The collider does not have a low energy threshold*



*The collider does not pay a price for spin dependence*

# Direct Detection - EFT

- \* The EFT that describes DM interaction in direct detection experiments:

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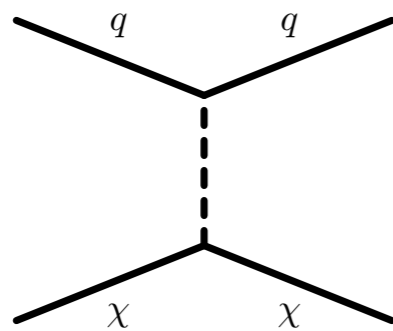
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**Two possibilities:**

- 1) EFT is valid at LHC.
- 2) It's not.

# EFT vs Light Mediator

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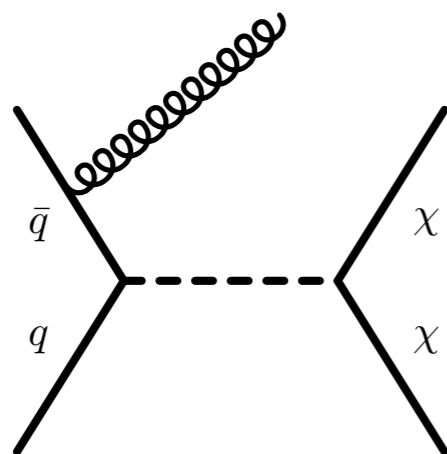


$$\sigma_{\text{DD}} \sim g_{\chi}^2 g_q^2 \frac{\mu^2}{M^4}$$

$$\mu = \frac{m_{\chi} m_N}{m_N + m_{\chi}}$$

$$\Lambda \equiv \frac{M}{\sqrt{g_q g_{\chi}}}$$

- \* At a collider consider two extreme limits:



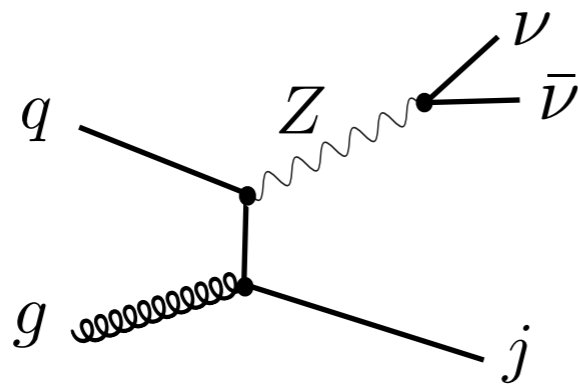
$$\sigma_{1j} \sim \begin{cases} \alpha_s g_{\chi}^2 g_q^2 \frac{1}{p_T^2} & M \ll \sqrt{s_*} \\ \alpha_s g_{\chi}^2 g_q^2 \frac{p_T^2}{M^4} & M > \sqrt{s_*} \end{cases}$$

**Handles for S vs B  
&  
Inclusive Jets plus MET**

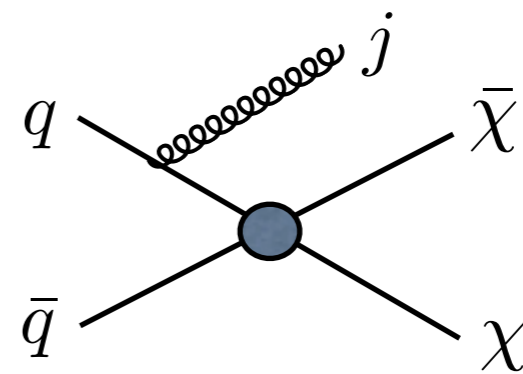
# Mono-Jet

- \* Assume the EFT is valid at the LHC.
- \* Consider contact operator involving u or d.
- \* The signal spectrum is harder than backgrounds.

dominant background:  
Z plus jet ( $qg$  initial state).



dominant signal:  
 $q\bar{q}$  initial state.



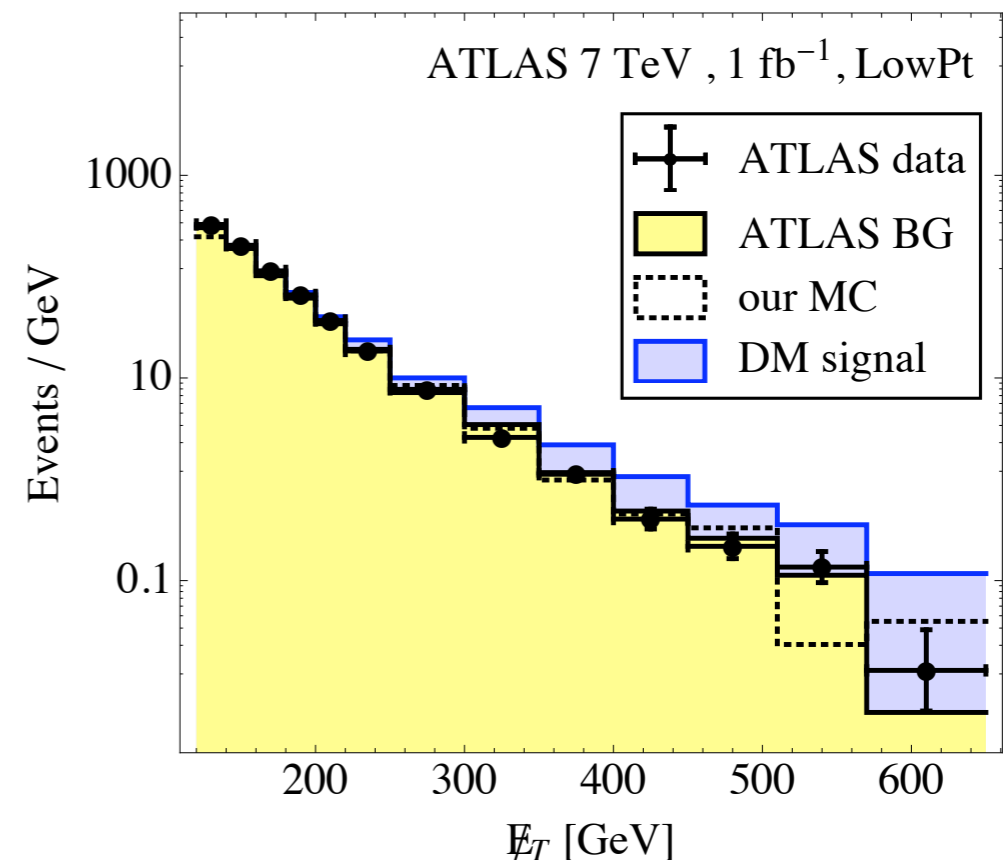
$Z$  is typically emitted forward,  
with low  $p_T$ .

DM system emitted isotropically.



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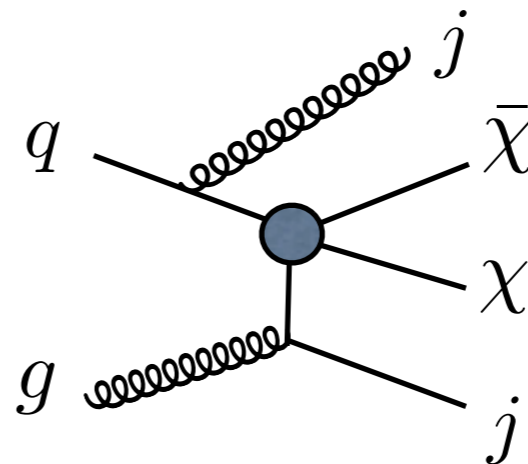
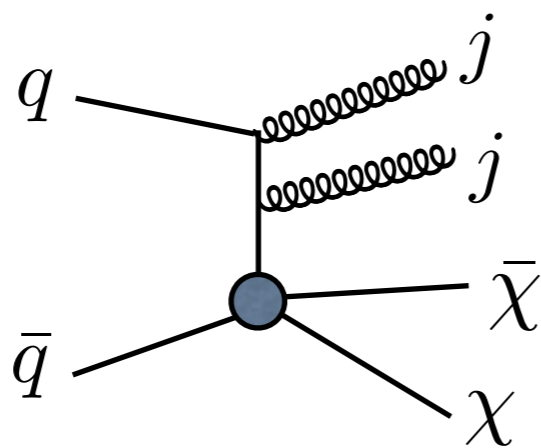
- \* Signal is **harder** and **more central** (unless DM couples to sea quarks).



- \* Add angular info to mono-jet analyses? (could improve ADD limits as well)

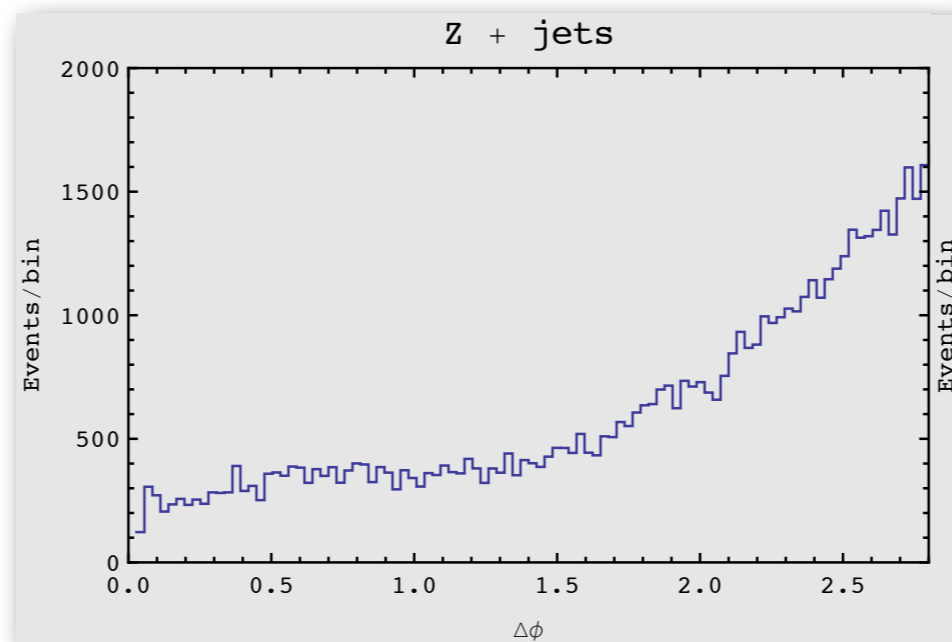
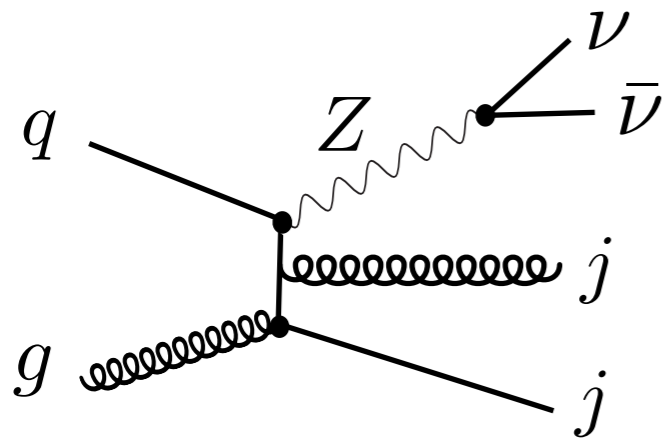
# More Jets

- \* Applying a veto on the second jet reduces signal efficiency, and increases theory uncertainty.
- \* Indeed, most recent CMS (and upcoming ATLAS) mono-jet searches allow for a **hard second jet**, so-long as its not back to back with first jet.
- \* Inclusive jets plus MET searches for SUSY exist. Can we use them as searches for dark matter?

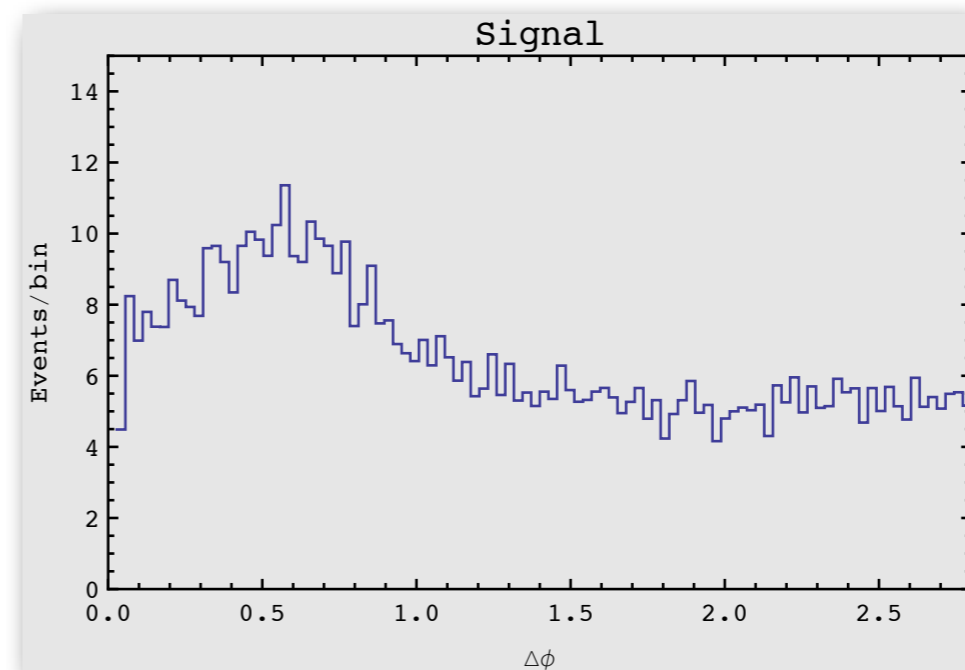
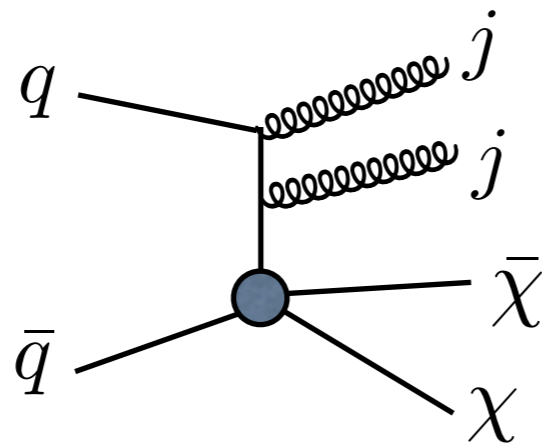


# More Jets

- \* Signal and Background have different dominant initial states, different angular distributions:



*Azimuthal angle  
b/w jets*



# Razor

- \* We would like an analysis that is also sensitive to the angular distribution of jets and to MET.
- \* CMS's Razor analysis limits SUSY by inspecting a 2D distribution of two kinematic variables.
- \* The Razor variables follow simple exponential distributions - a data driven analysis.

# Razor

\* Consider events

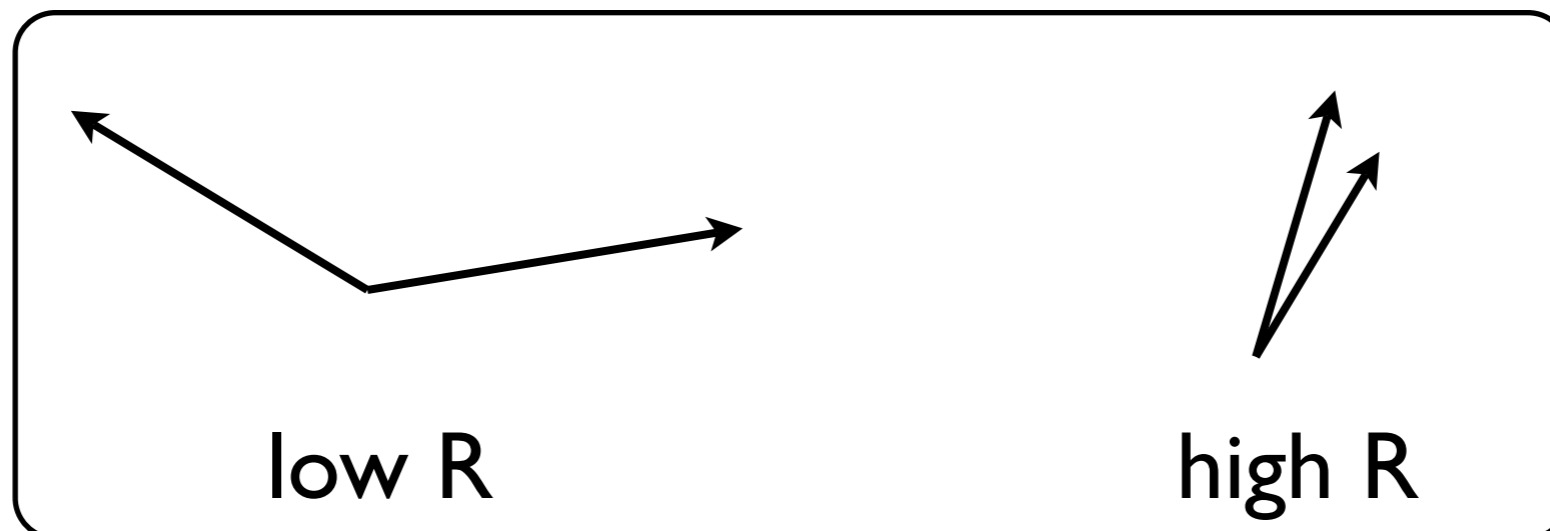
$$M_R = \sqrt{(E_{j_1} + E_{j_2})^2 - (p_z^{j_1} + p_z^{j_2})^2}$$

$$M_R^T = \sqrt{\frac{E_T(p_T^{j_1} + p_T^{j_2}) - \vec{E}_T \cdot (\vec{p}_T^{j_1} + \vec{p}_T^{j_2})}{2}}$$

$$R = \frac{M_R^T}{M_R}$$

*Estimators for  
characteristic  
scale in the event*

*roughly: R=ratio of  
MET to visible.*

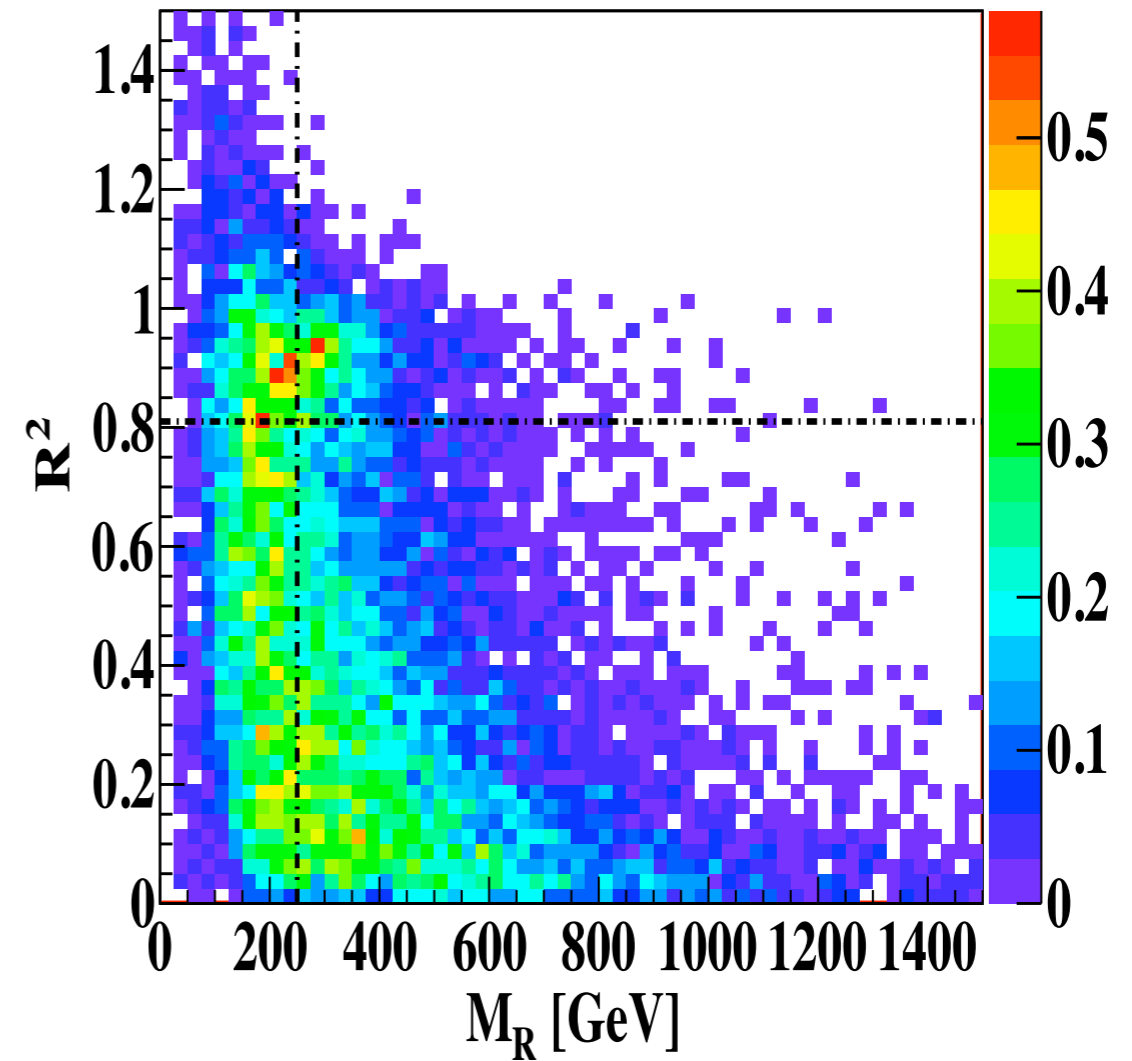
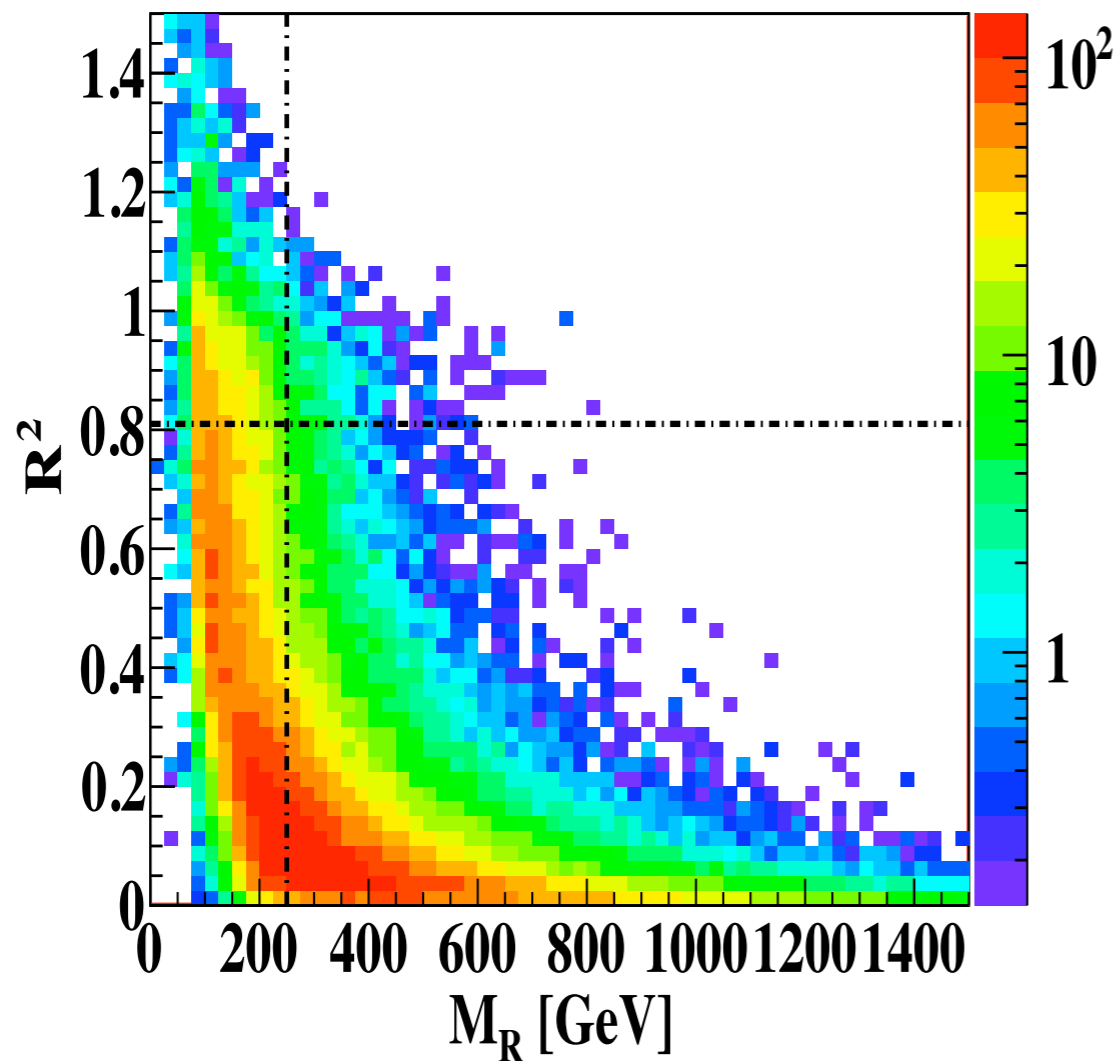


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\* Background and Signal shapes in  $M_R$  vs  $R$ :

Z+jets

Signal. 100 GeV DM.

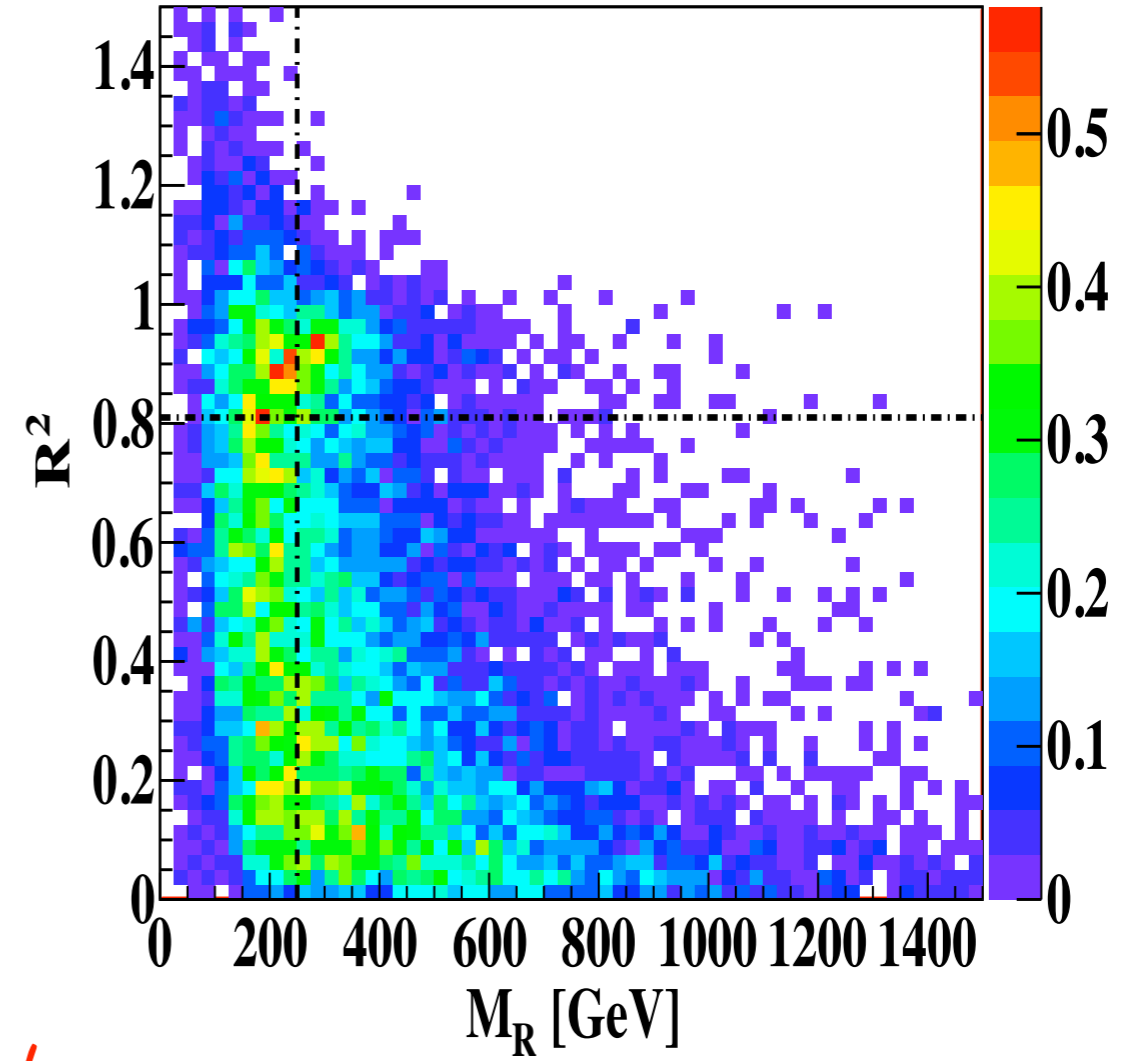
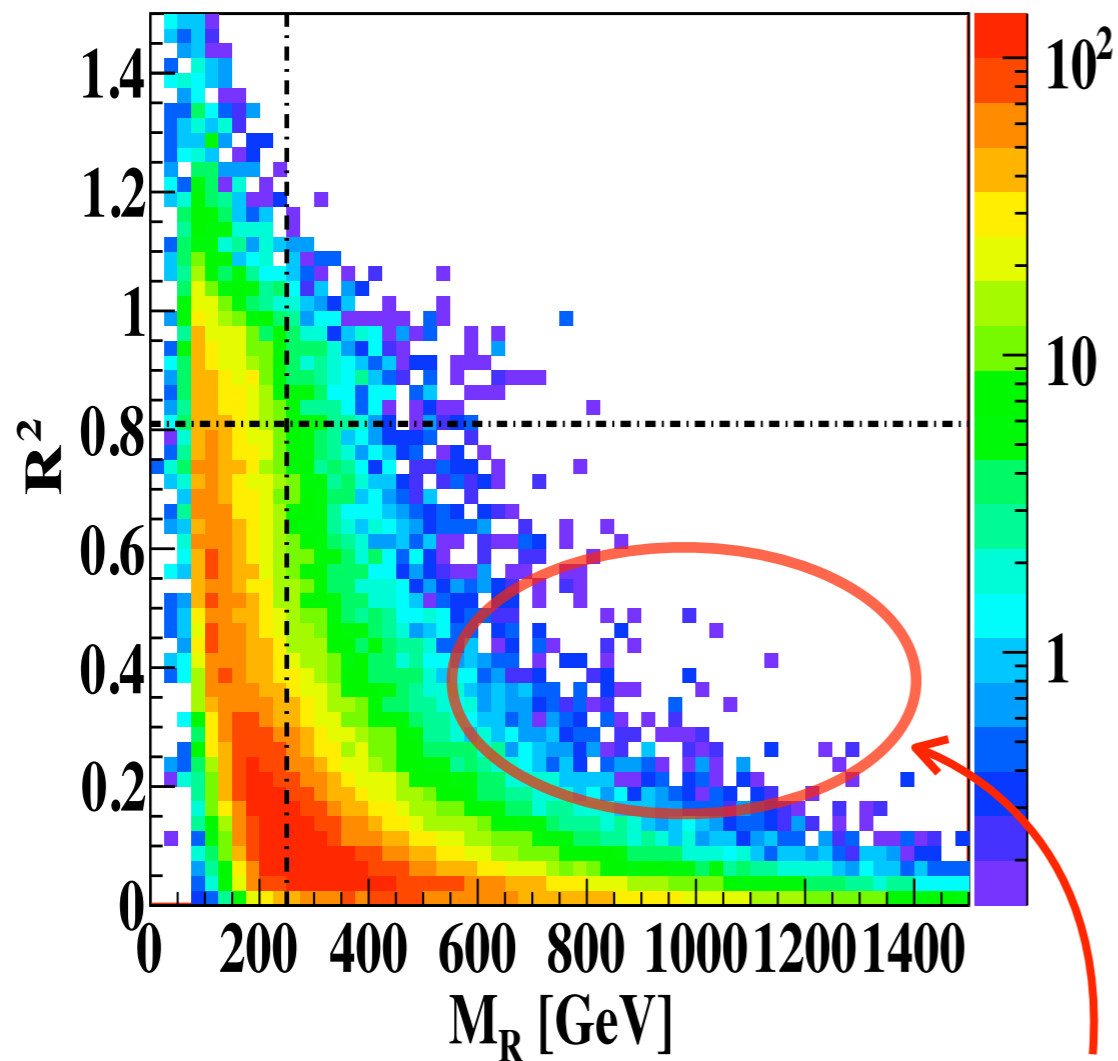


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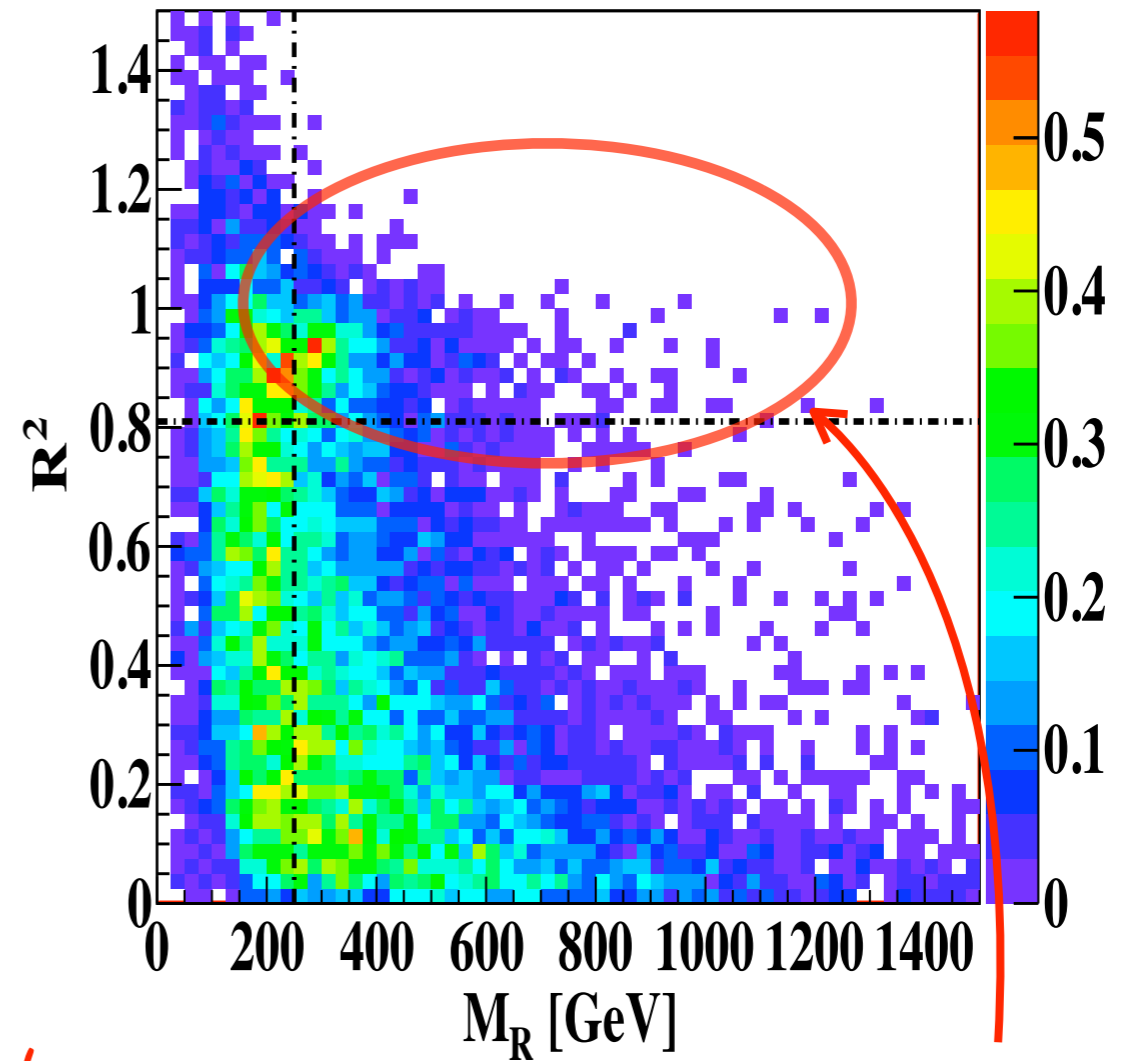
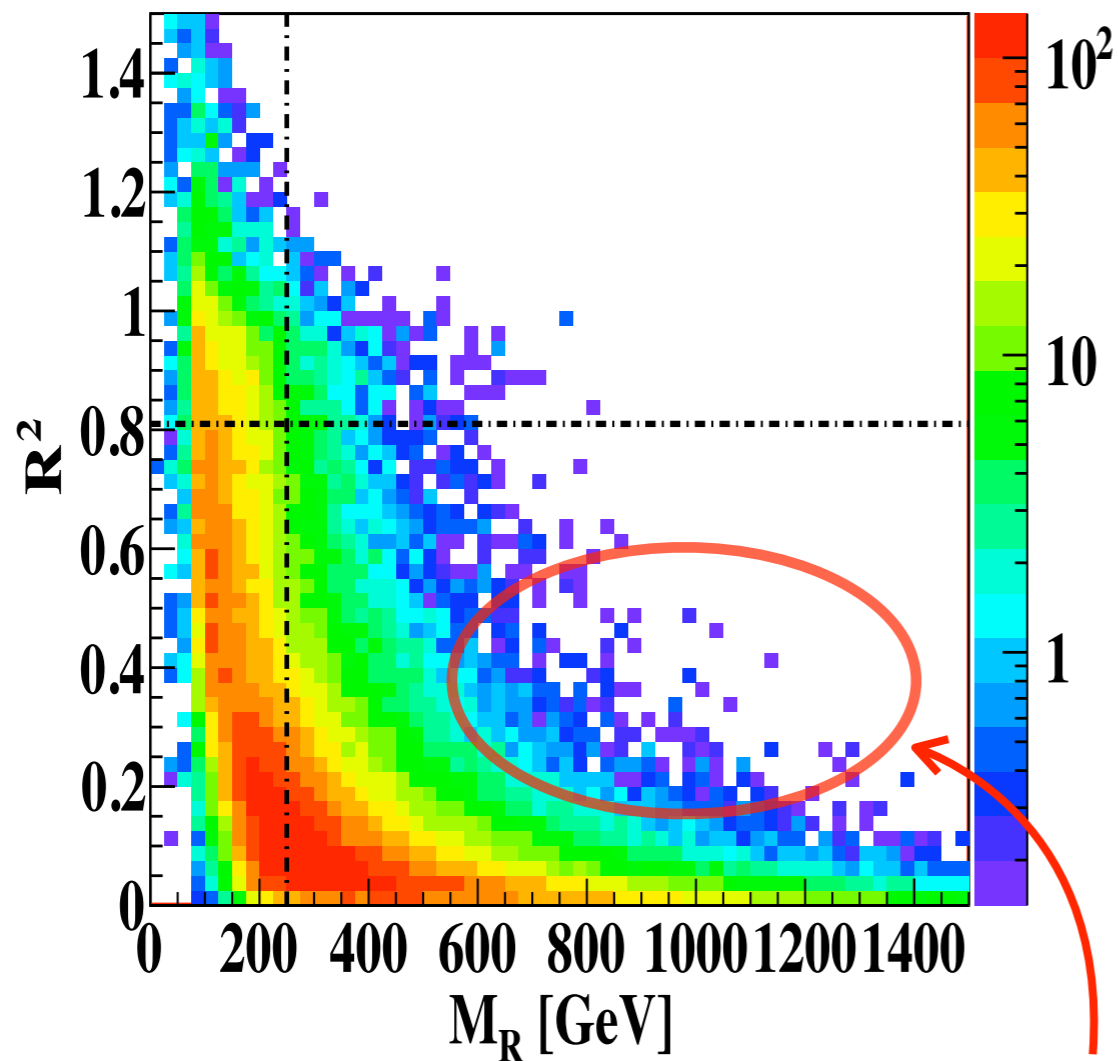
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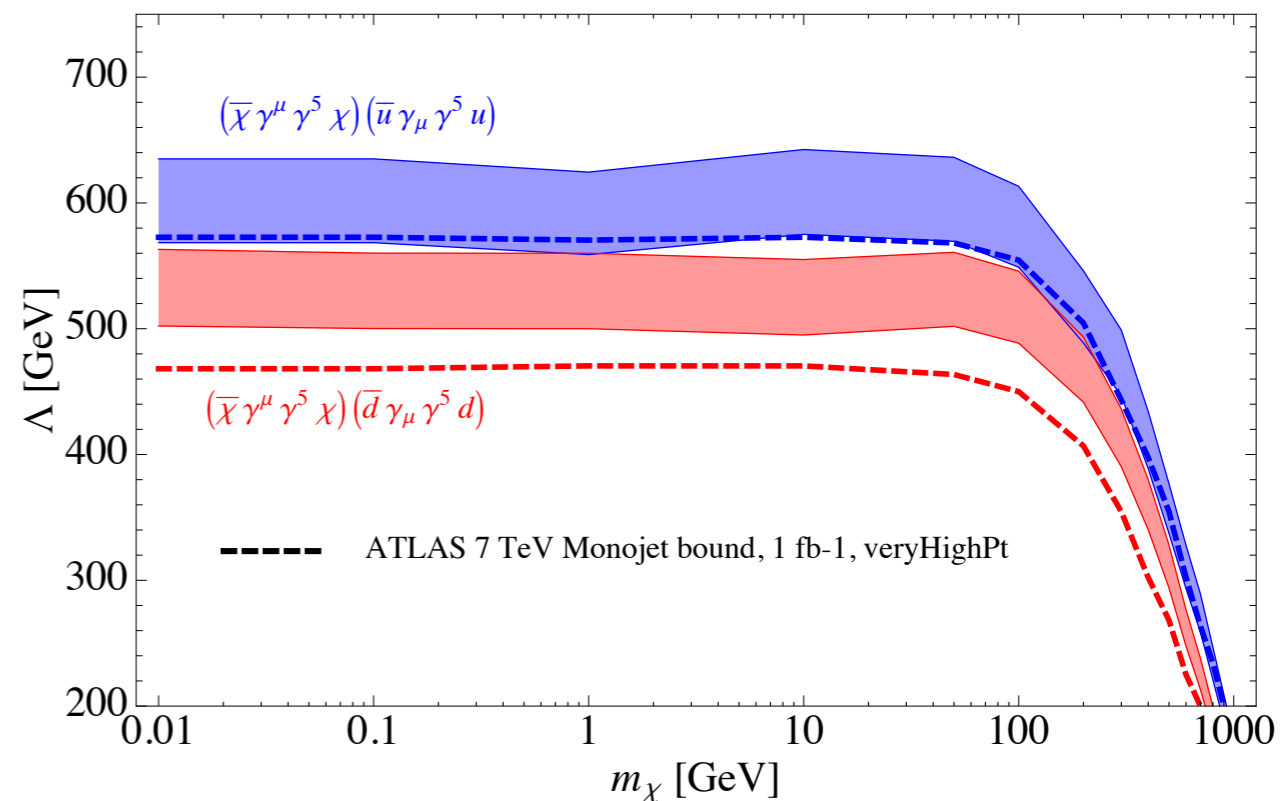
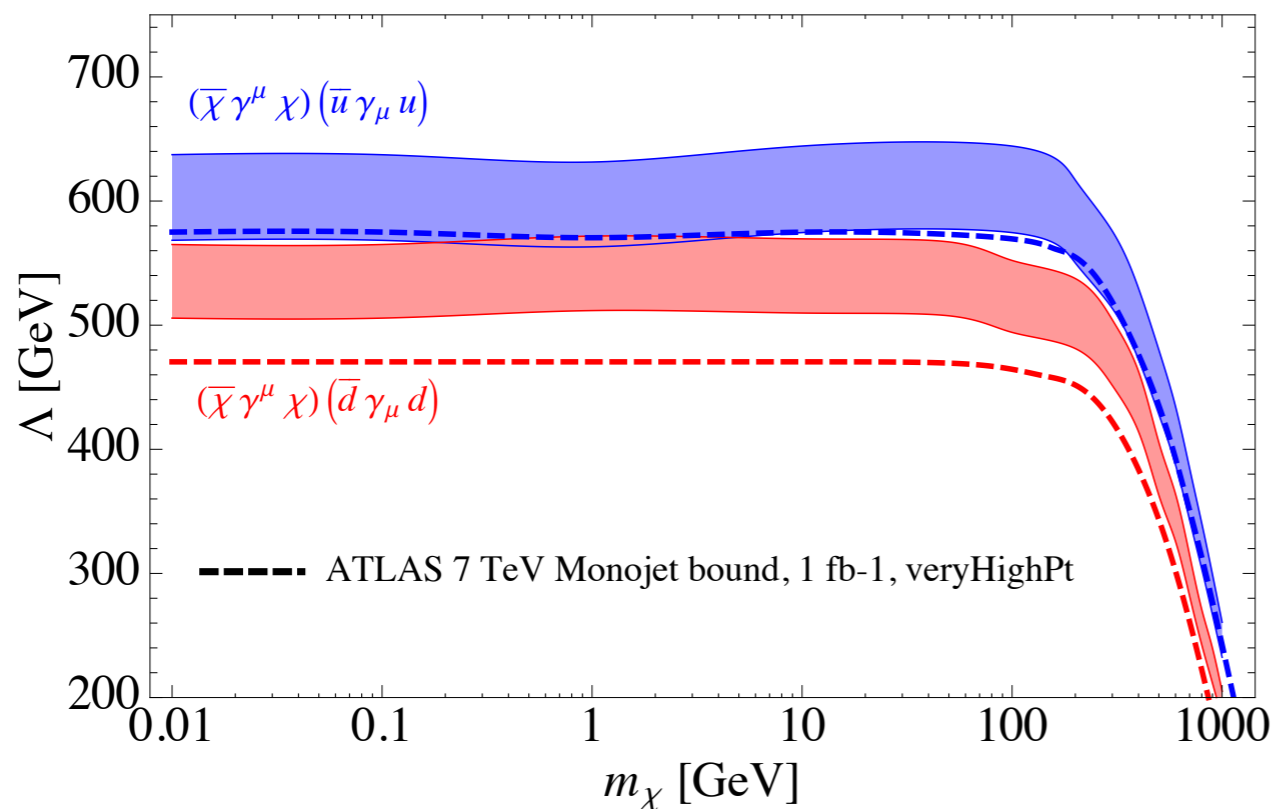
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*our search*



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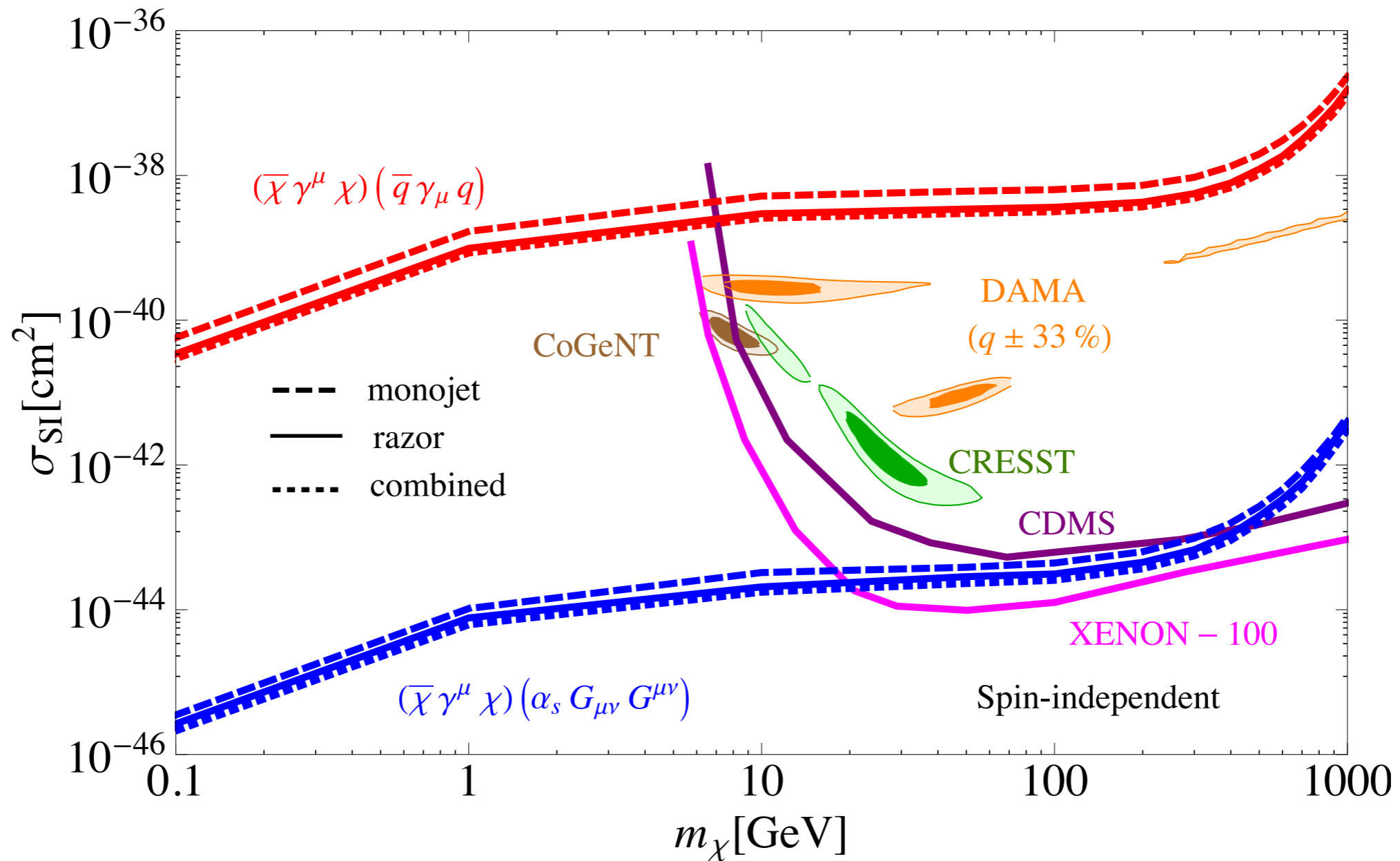
\* With 800 fb<sup>-1</sup>:



\* The band represents two assumption about uncertainties:  
 (1) statistics only, and (2) systematic=statistic.  
 truth is probably closer to (1).

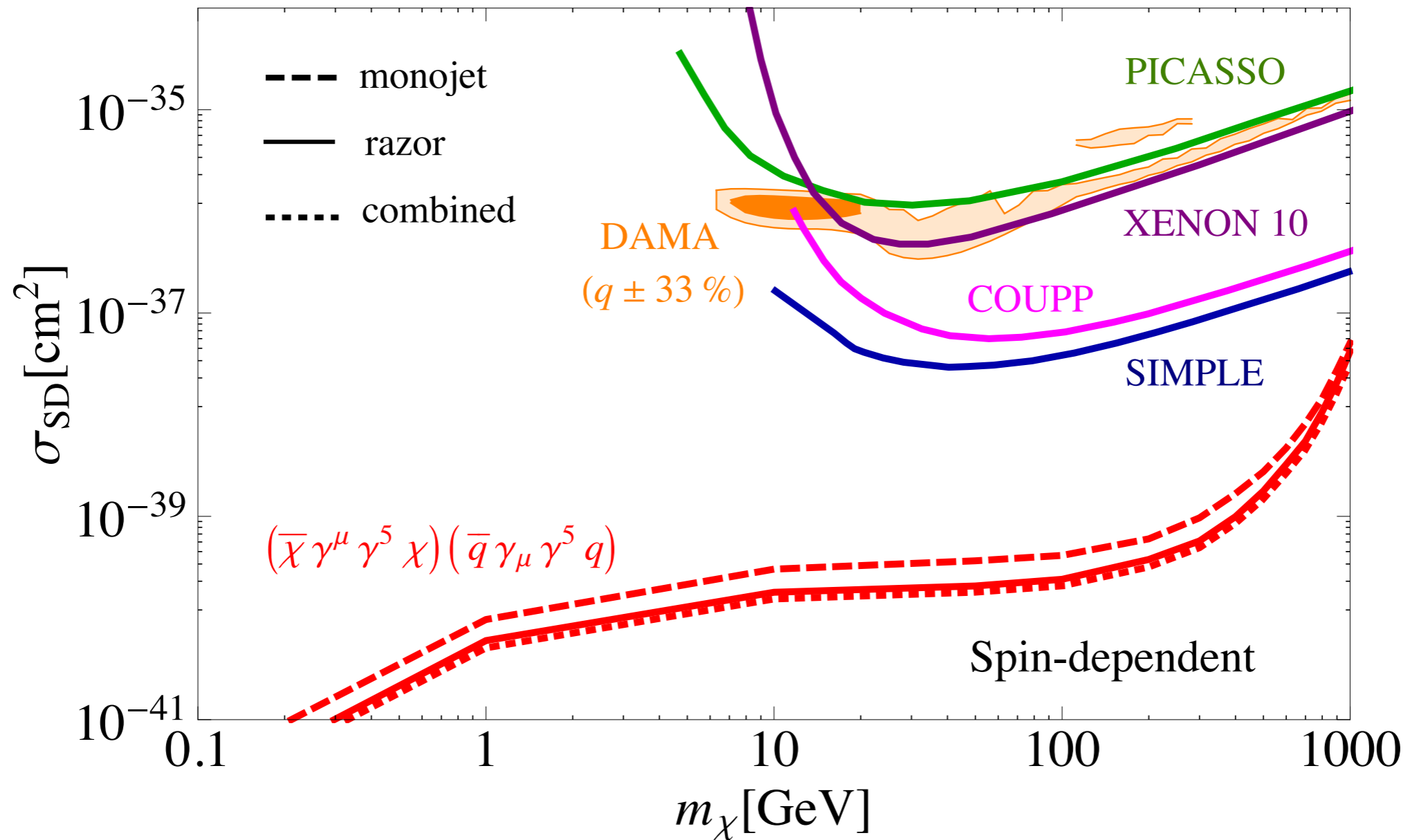
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\* Spin-Independent (with  $800 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ ):



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\* Spin-Dependent:



# EFT

Is it *always* valid?  
“Model independent”?  
Certainly not.

Is it useful?  
Yes.

- \* EFT is a simple benchmark to search for and interpret.
- \* Note:  $O(1)$  uncertainties are acceptable, (because they exist on the direct detection side too).

# Light Mediators

\* Lets fix  $\sigma_{\text{DD}} \sim g_{\chi}^2 g_q^2 \frac{\mu^2}{M^4}$  and lower  $M$ .

The couplings must be decreased to compensate.

\* Then for very small  $M$  we get to the regime where

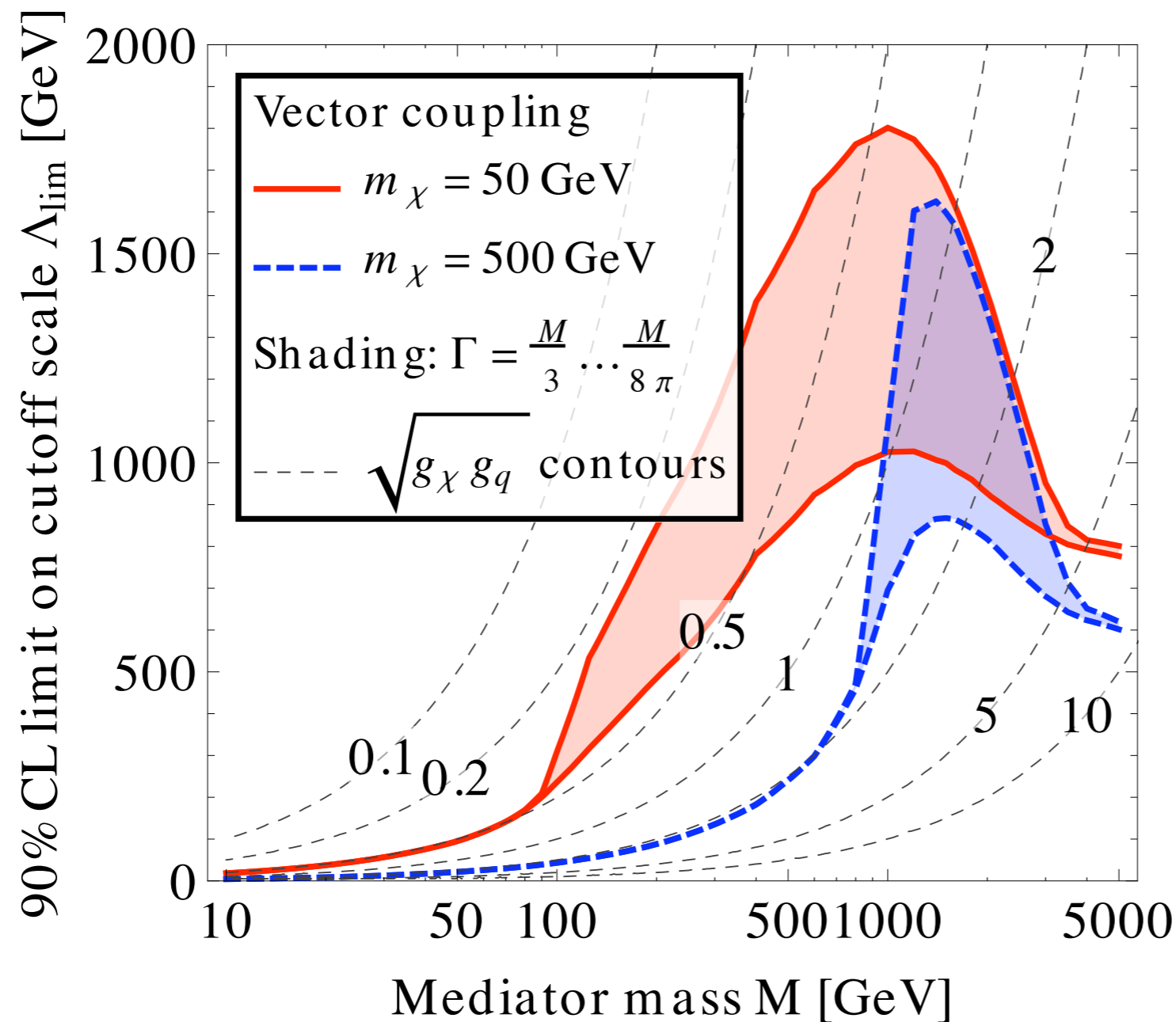
$$\sigma_{1j} \sim \alpha_s g_{\chi}^2 g_q^2 \frac{1}{p_T^2}$$

\* The cross section drops as  $M^4$ .

\* **But what happens in the intermediate regime?**

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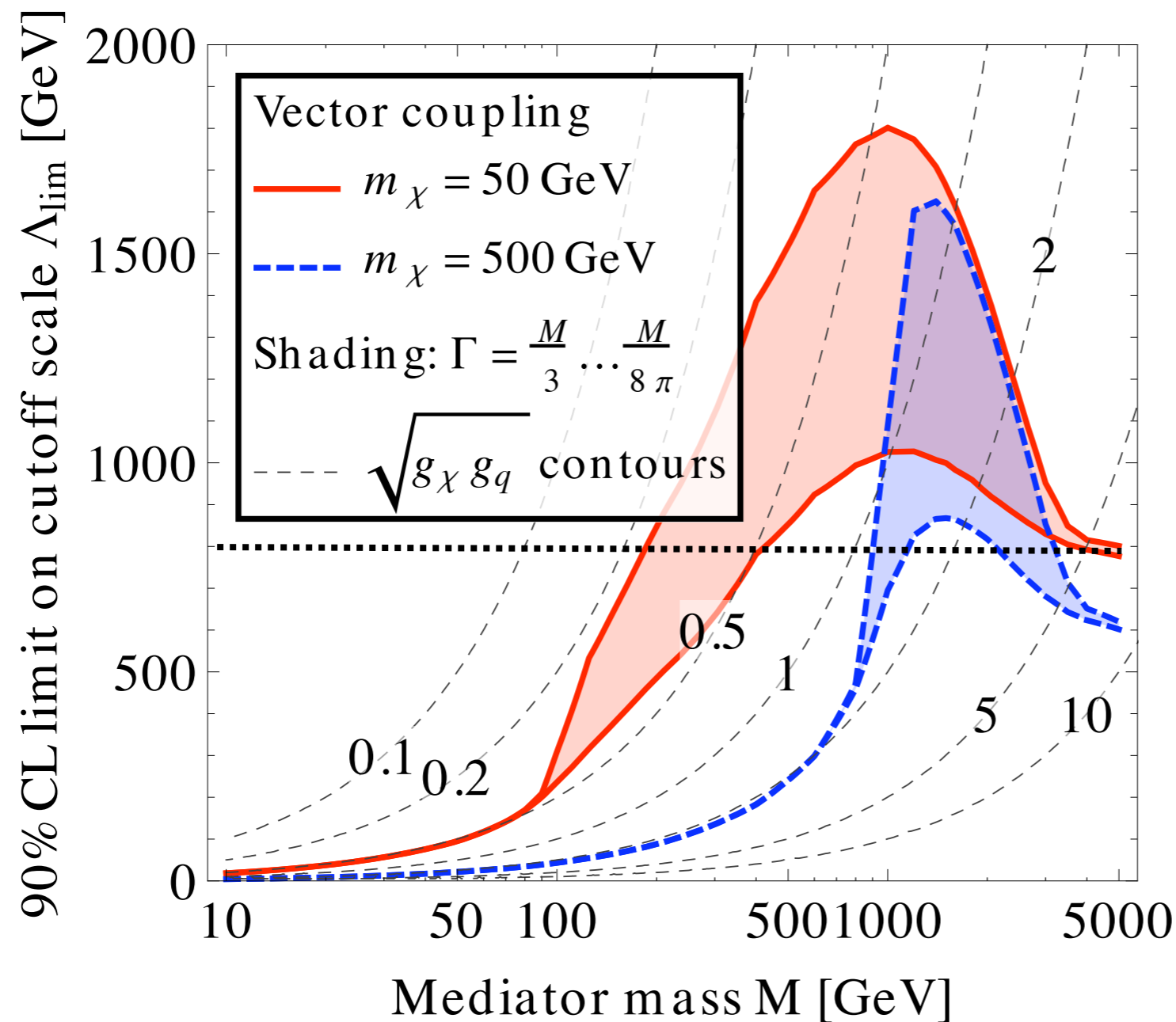
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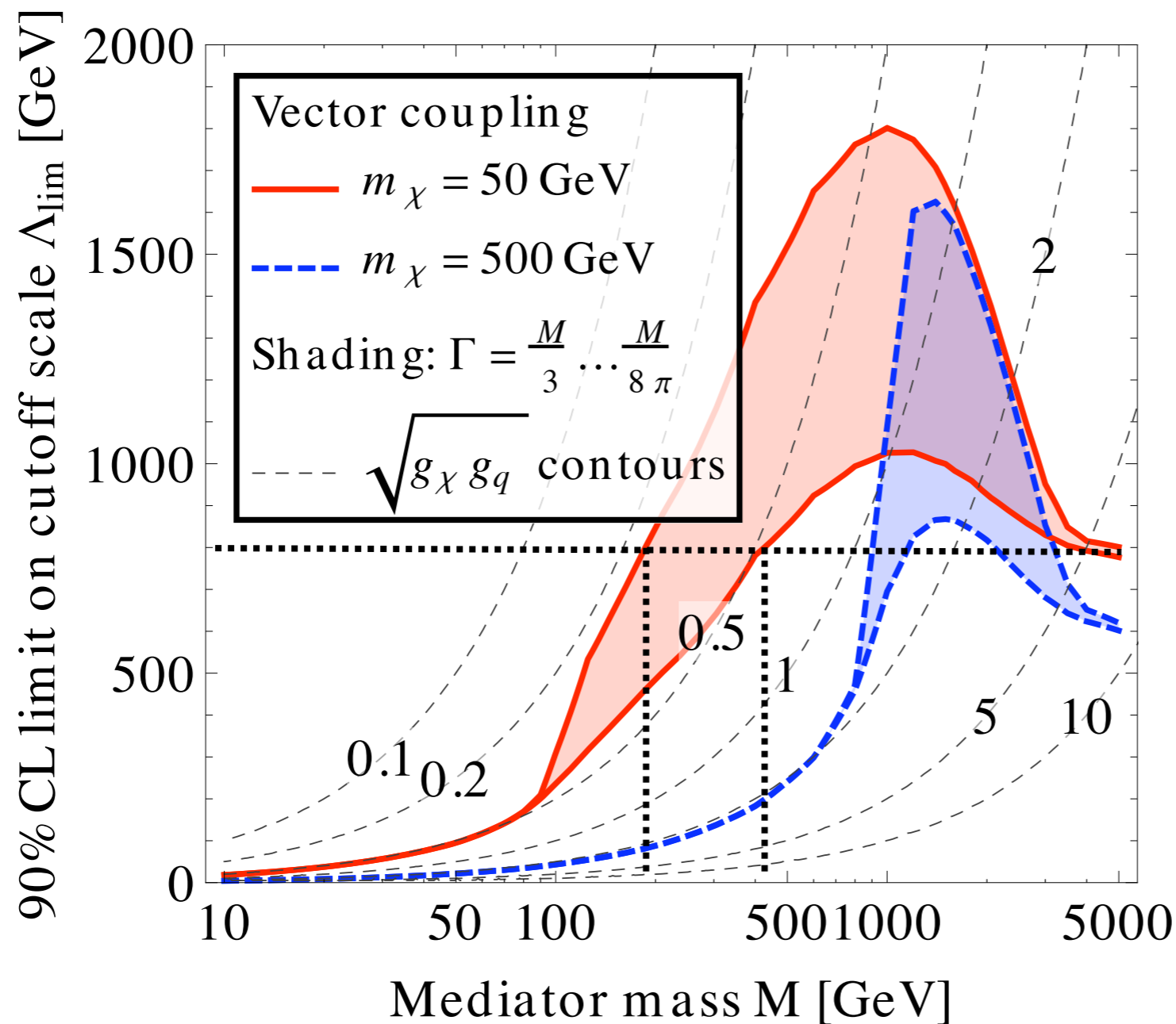
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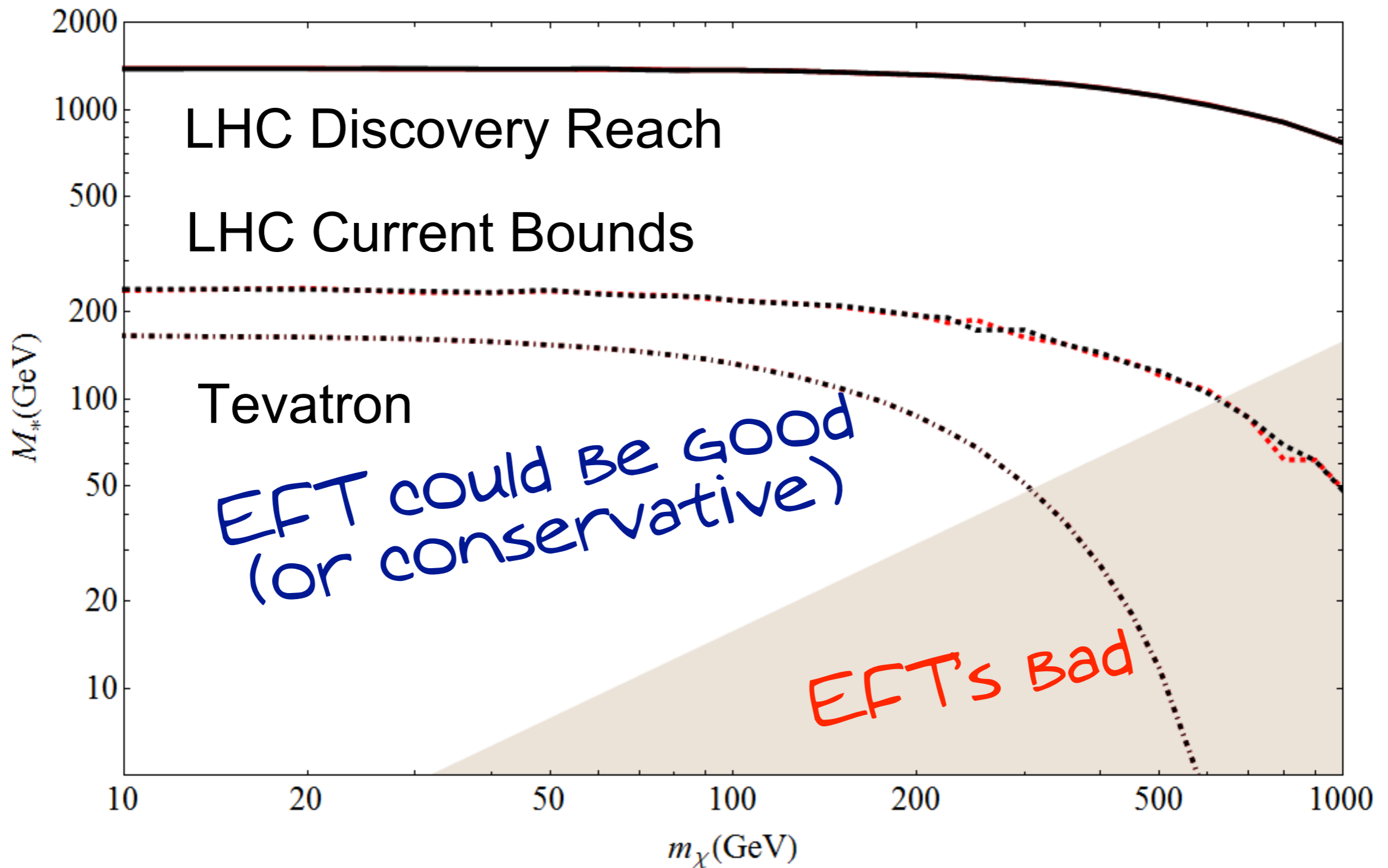
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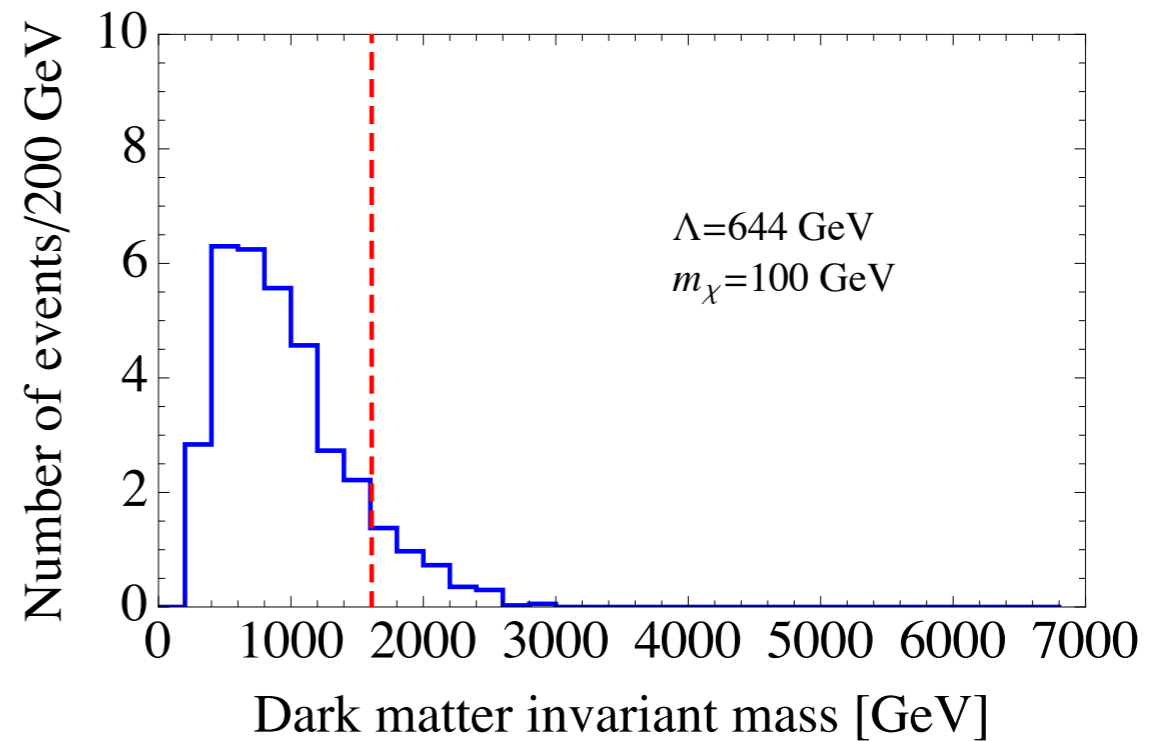
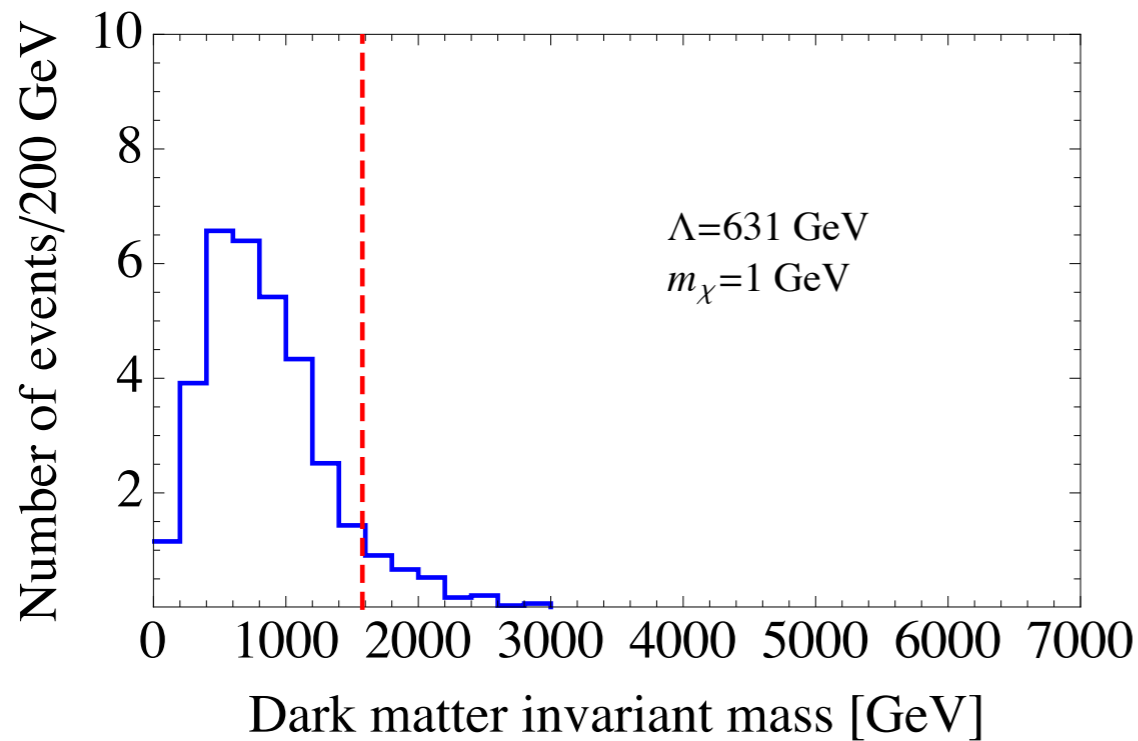
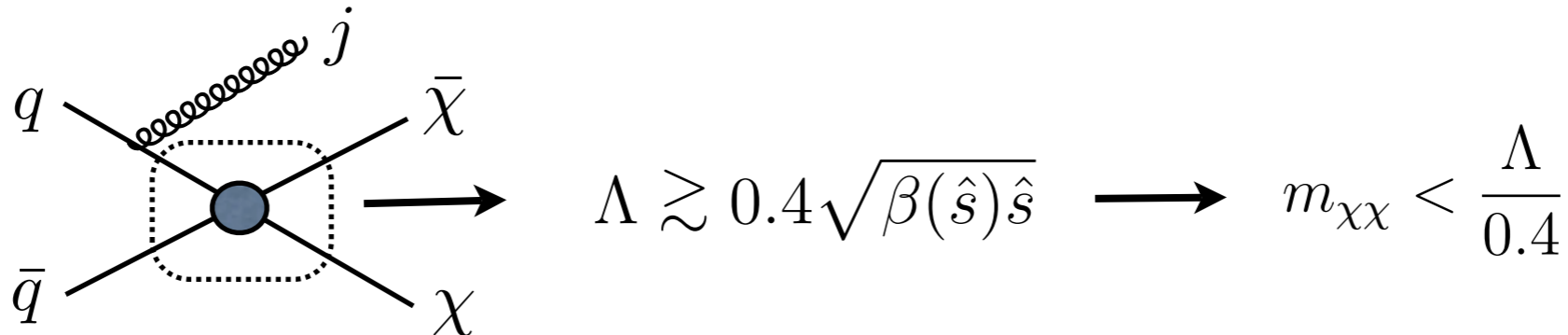


# EFT Map



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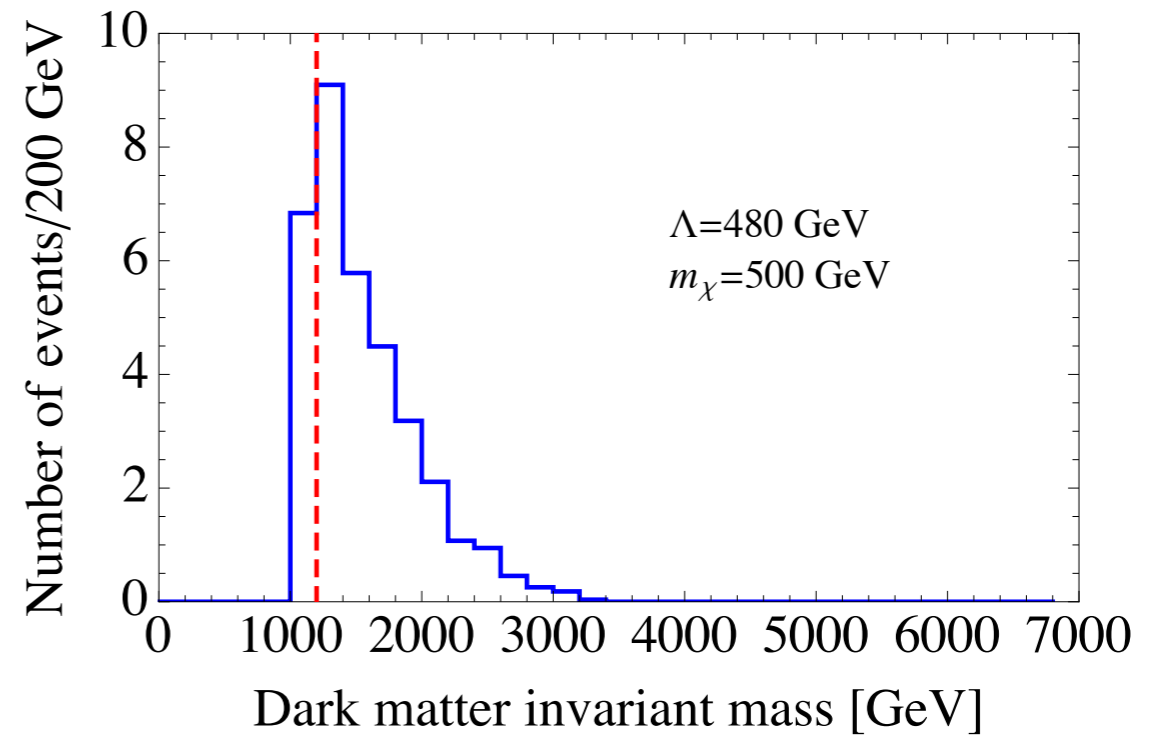
\* Vechi and Shoemaker point to a unitarity limit:



The EFT may be accurate to  $\sim 10\%$  for light DM.

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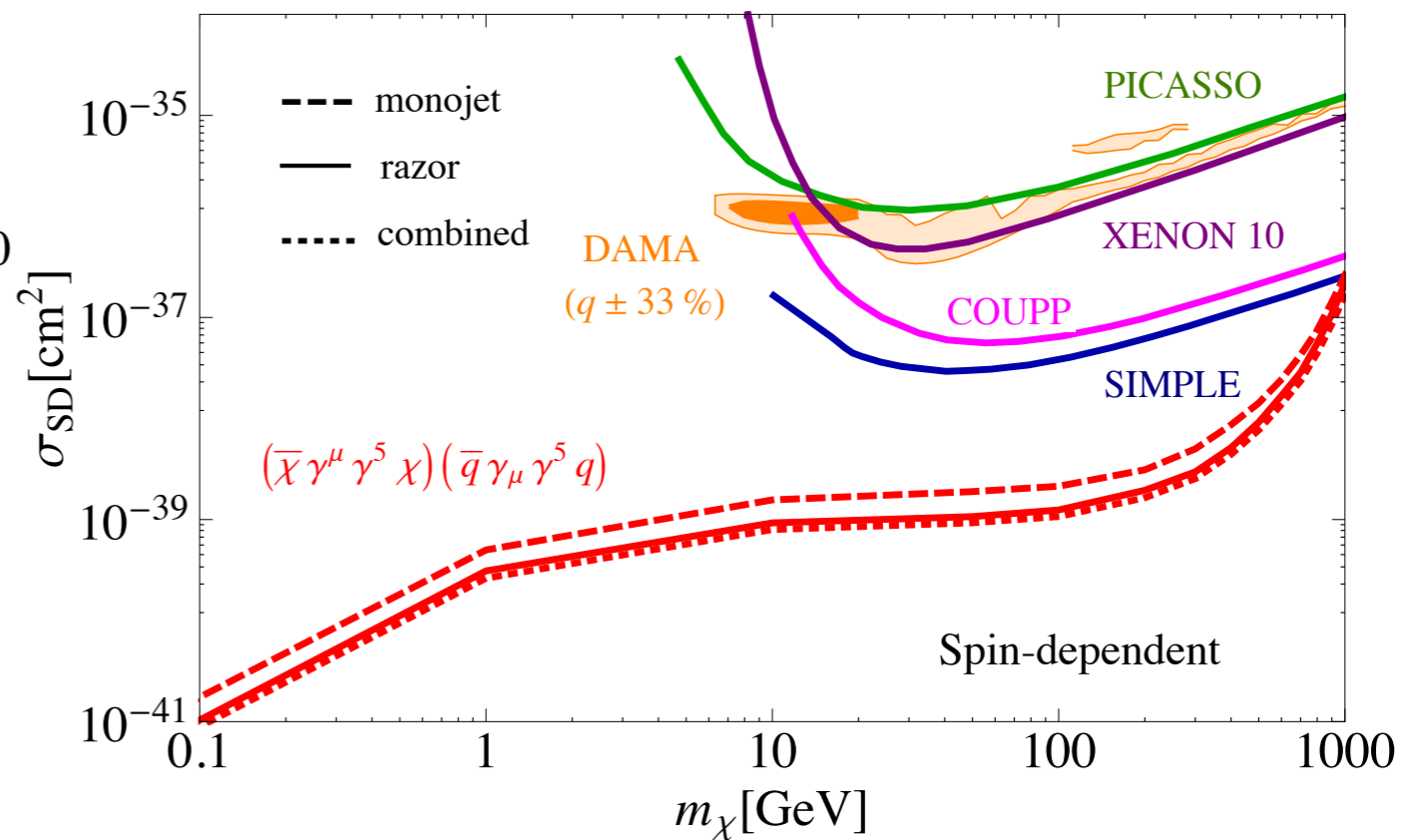
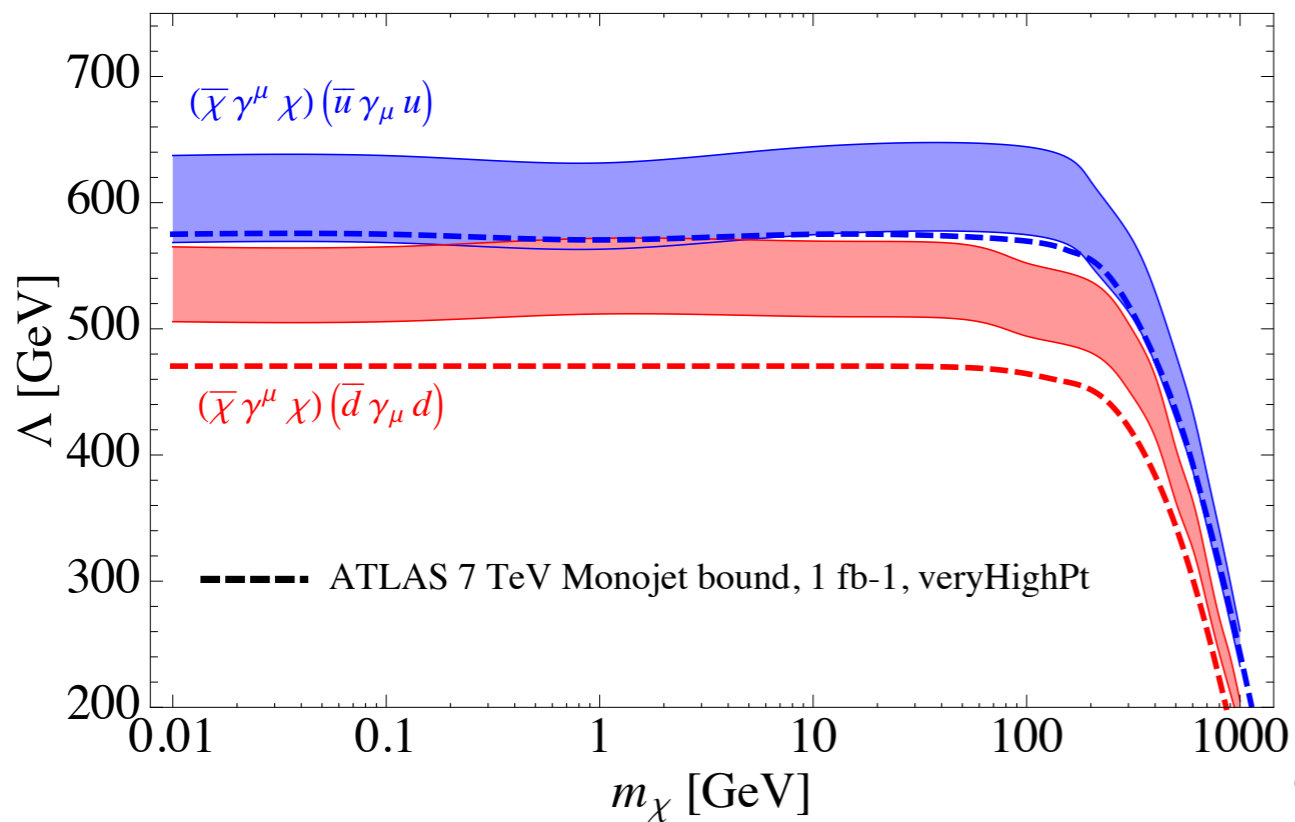


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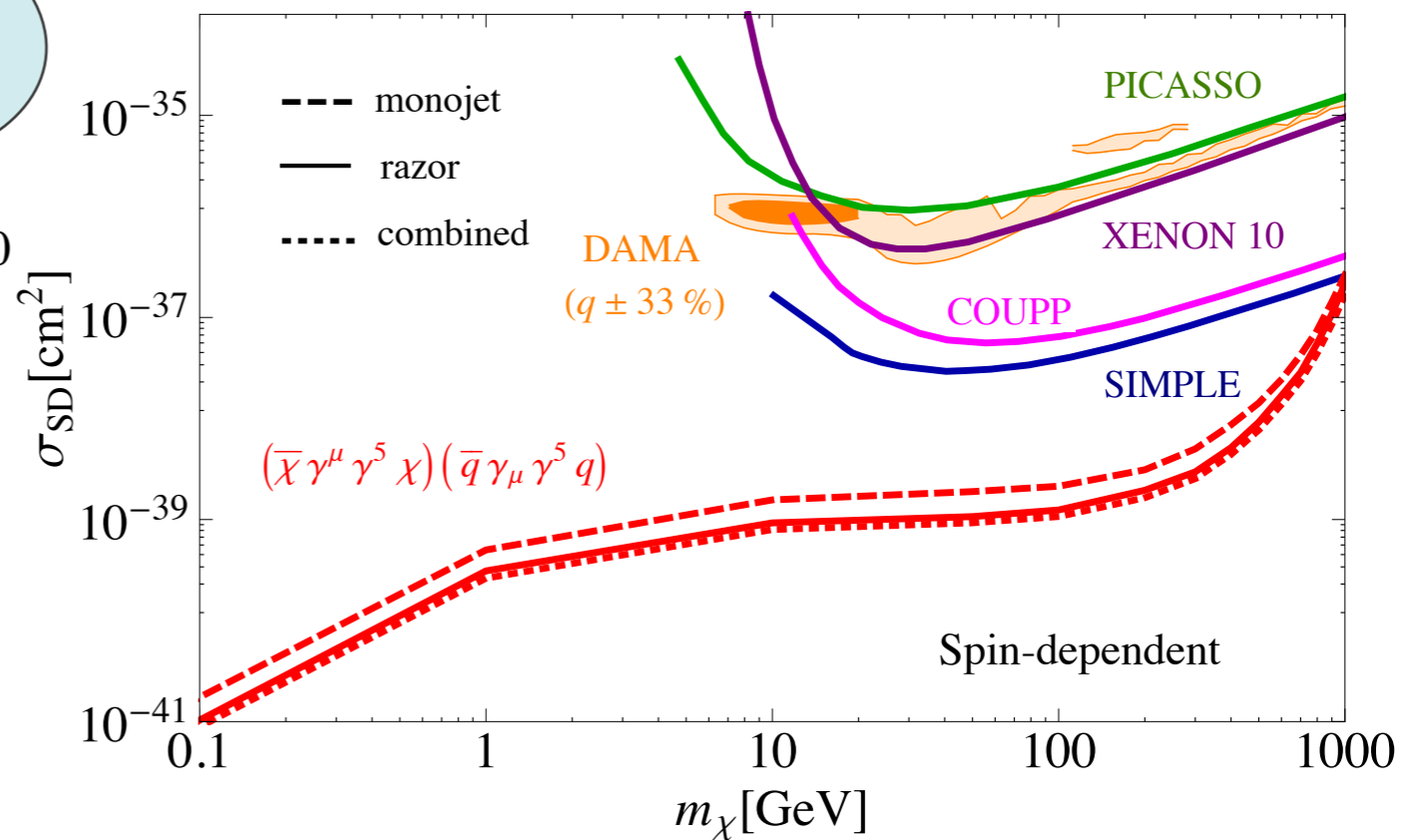
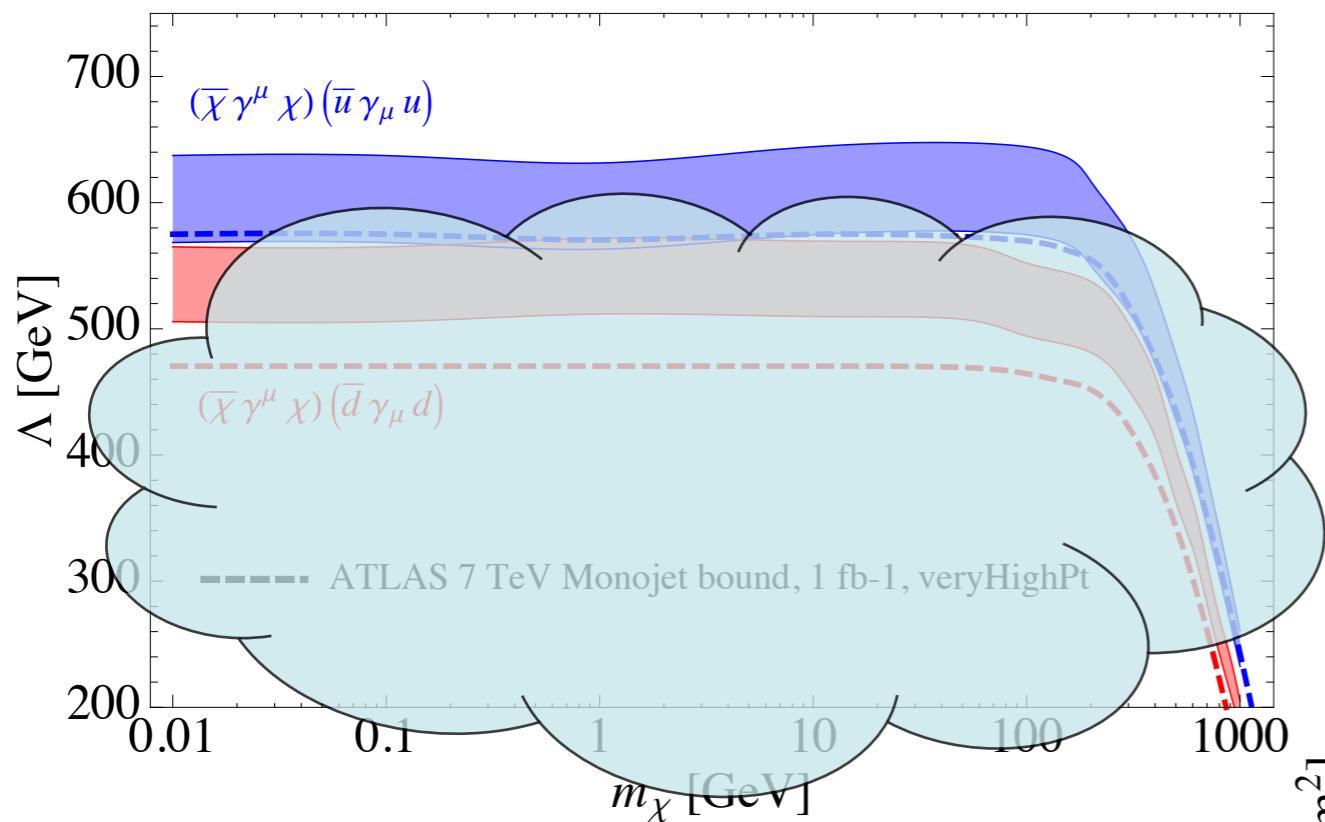
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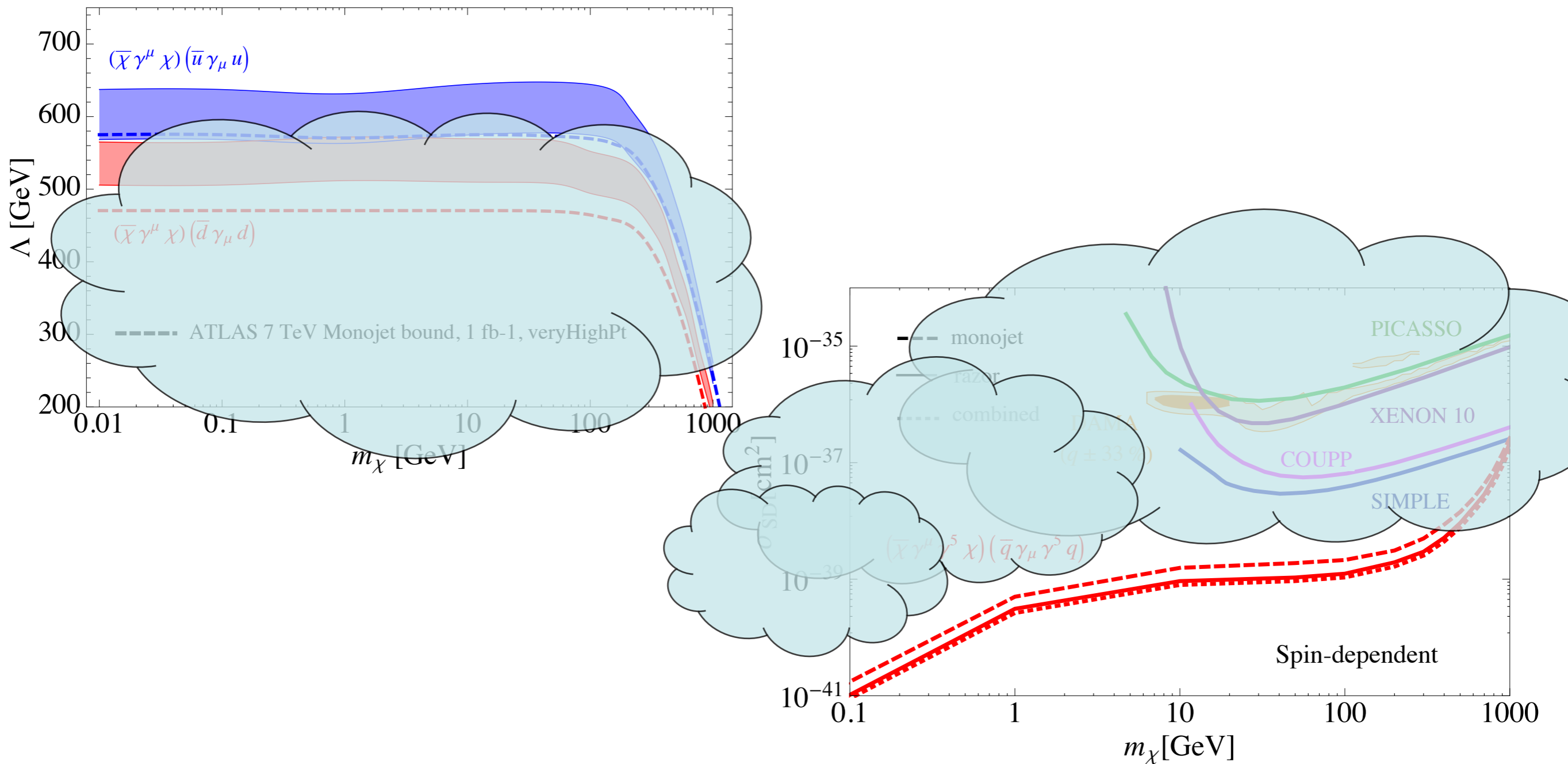
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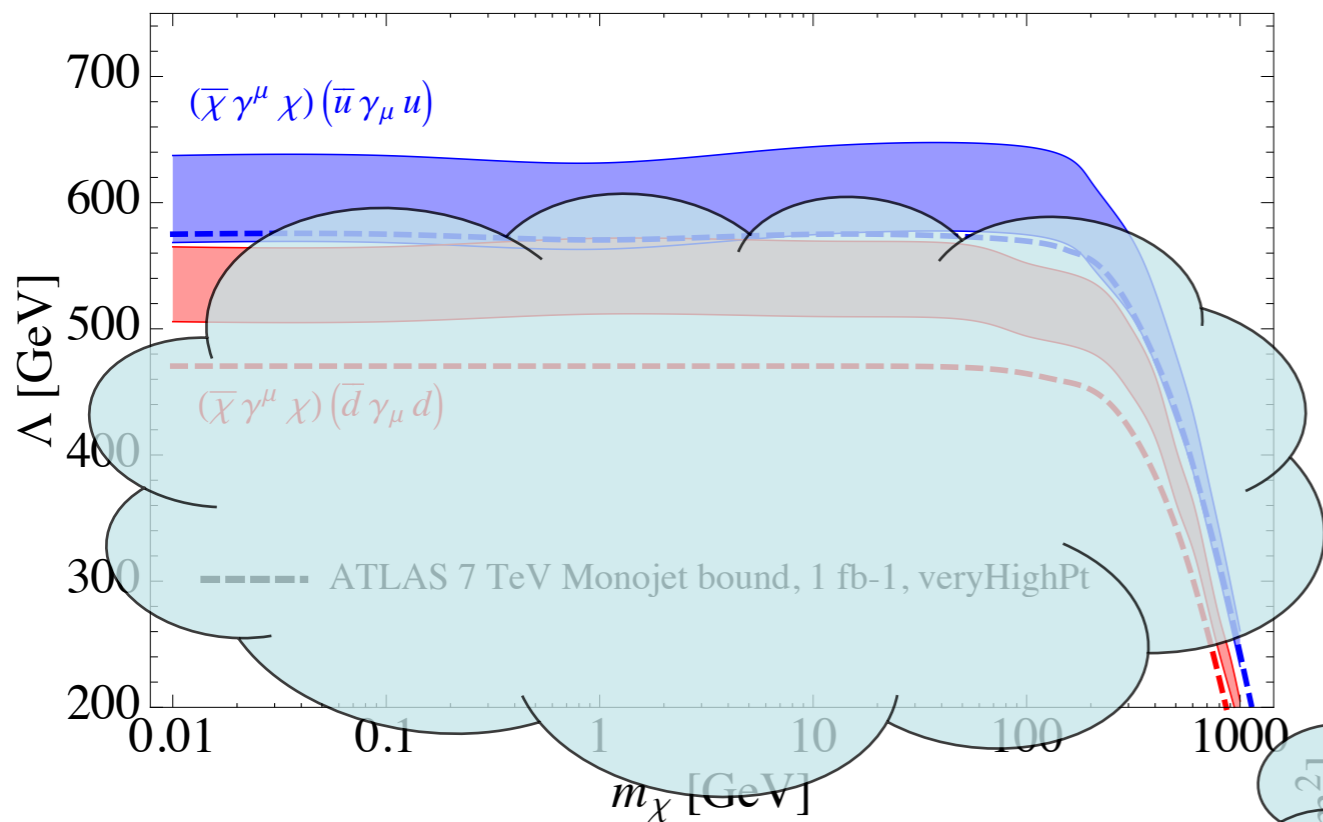
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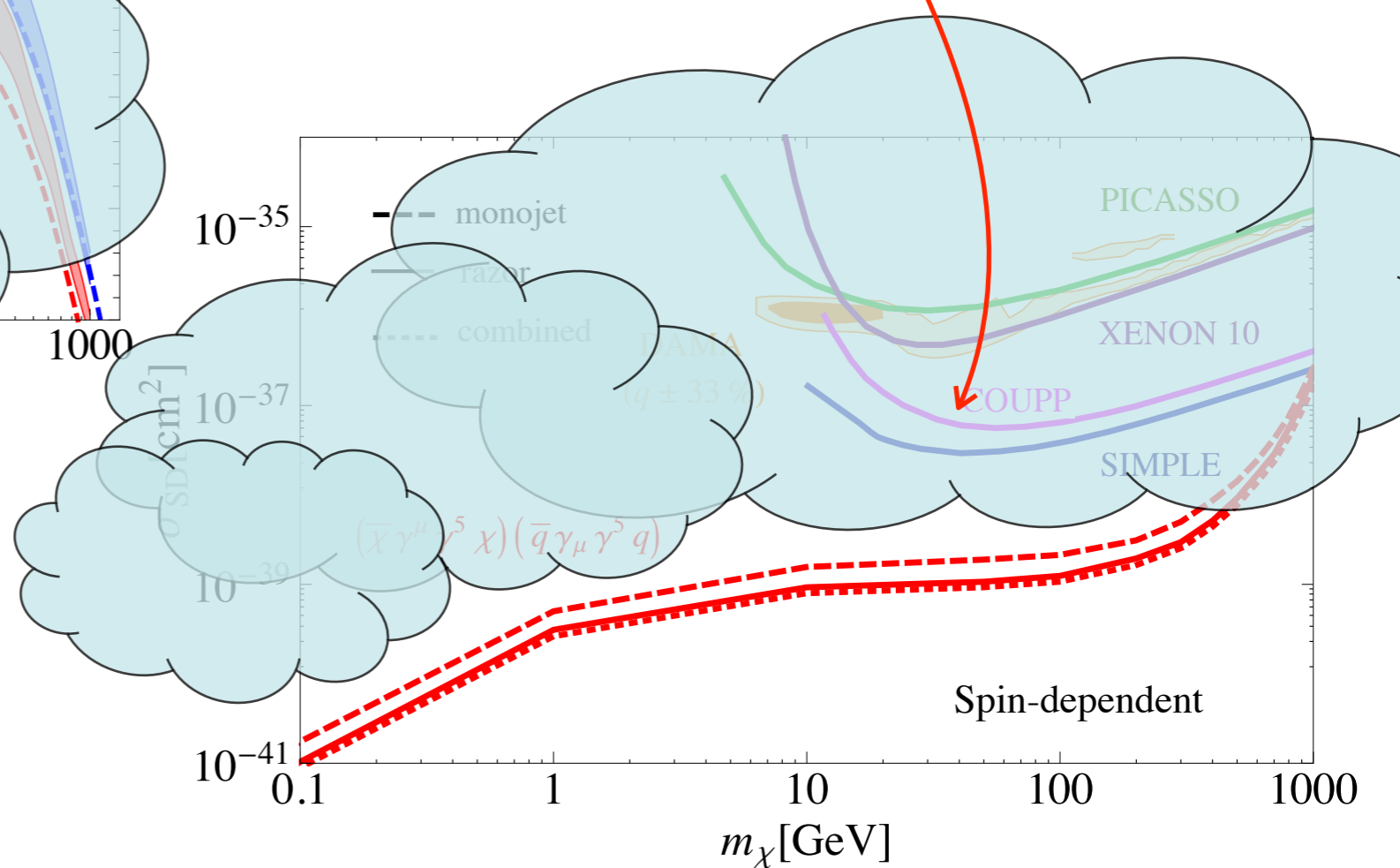


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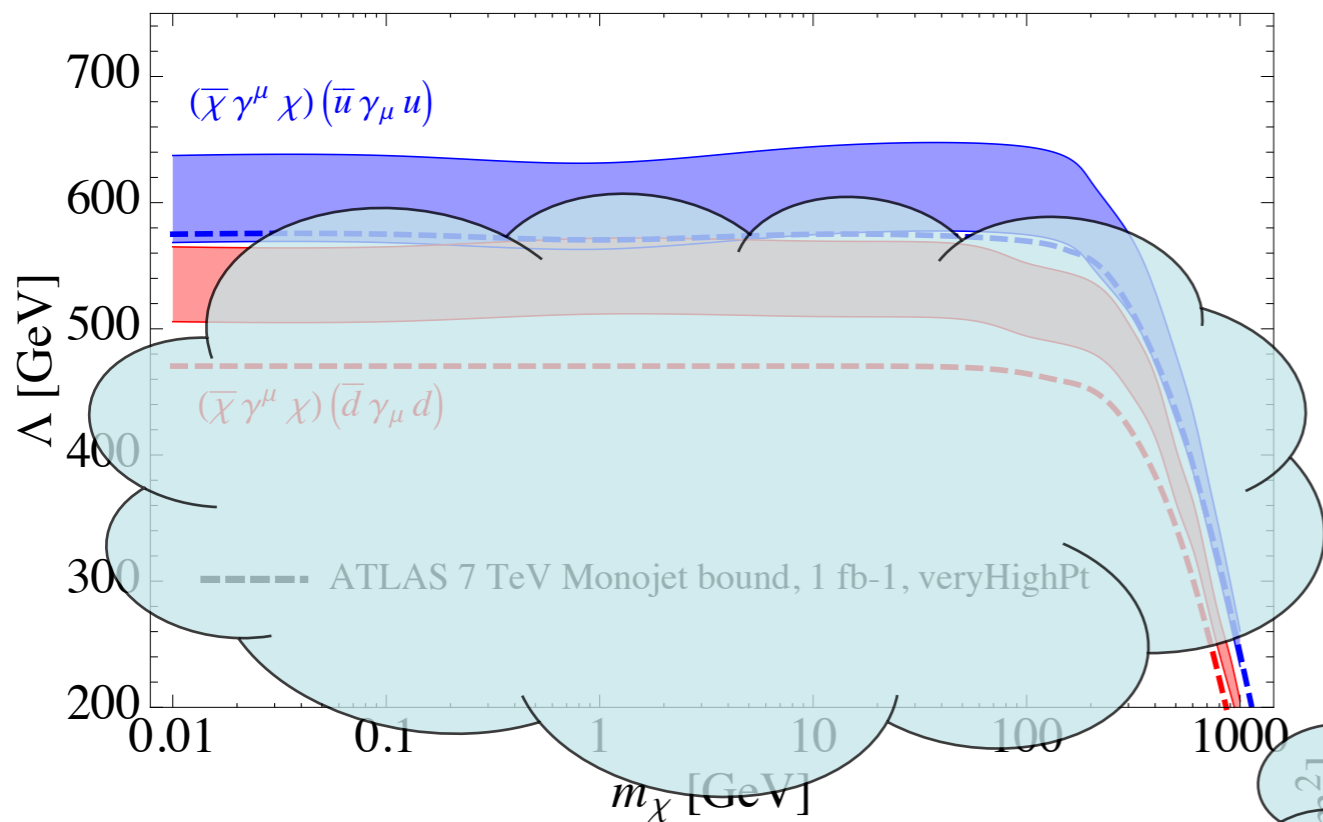


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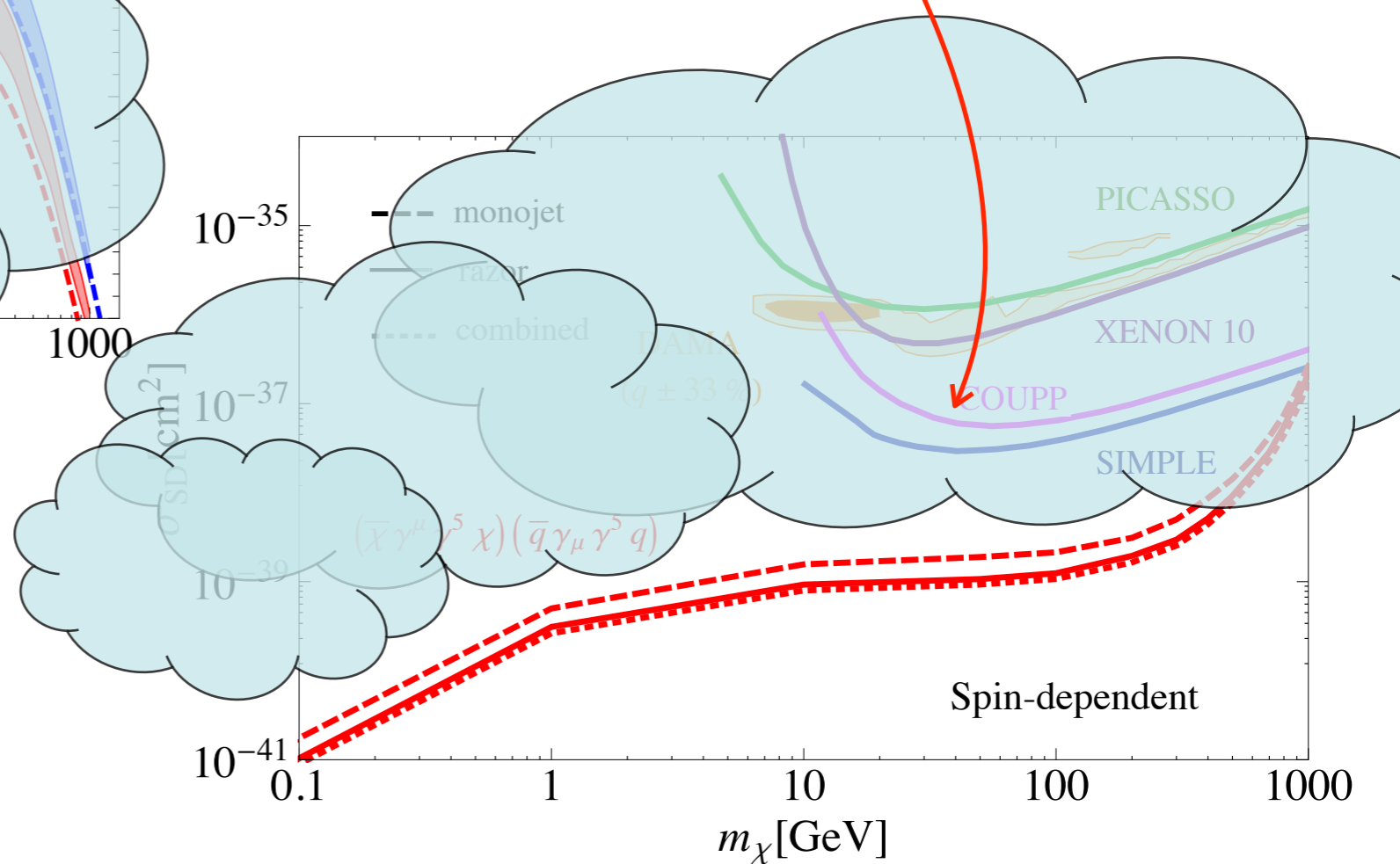


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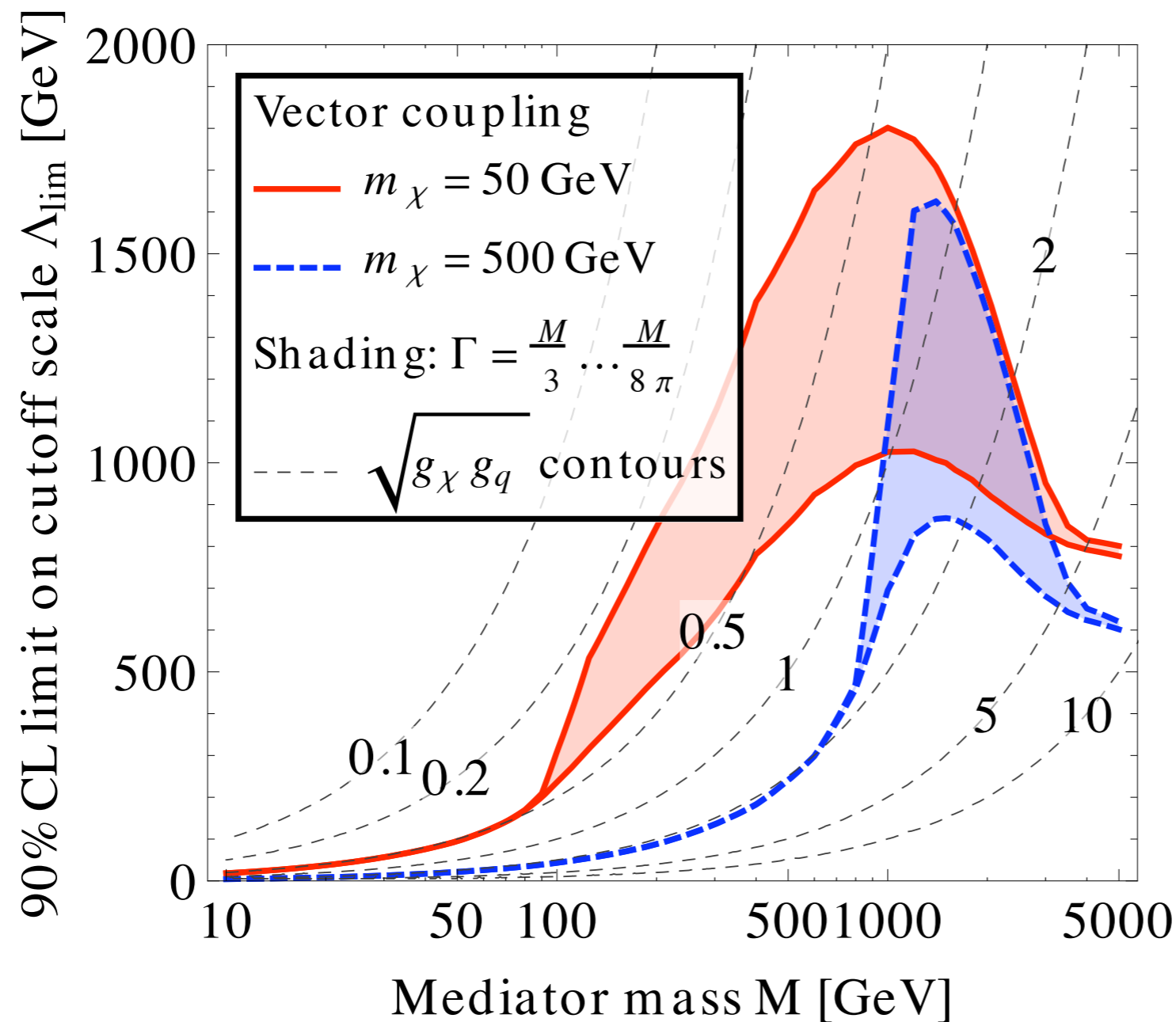


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In fact it may be even more dead.



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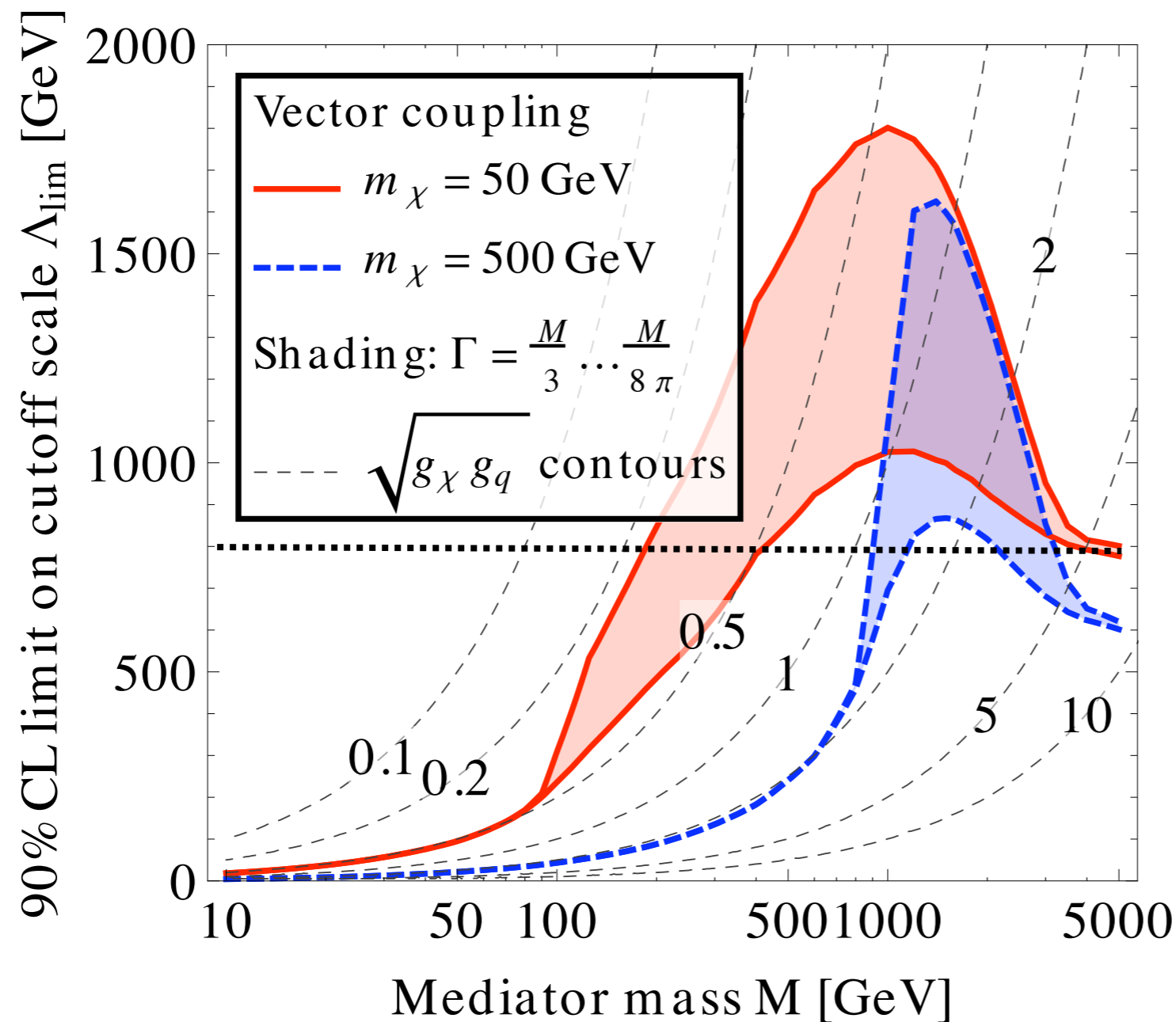
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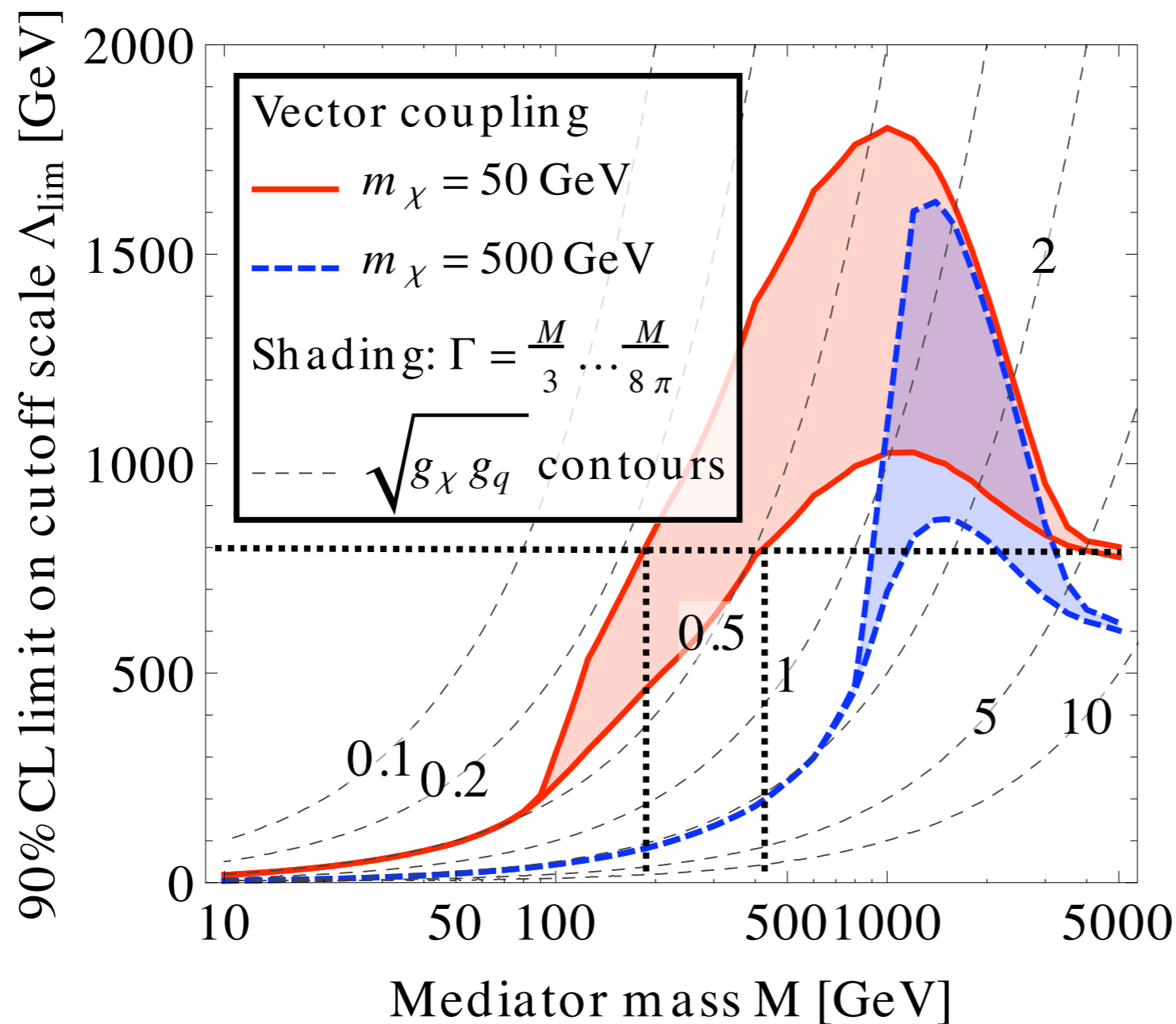
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**Colliders are placing competitive and complementary bounds to direct and to indirect detection.**

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- \* Angular information between jets may provide new handles for direct detection.
- \* Like all collider searches, there is some model dependence. But EFT bounds are useful and simple.

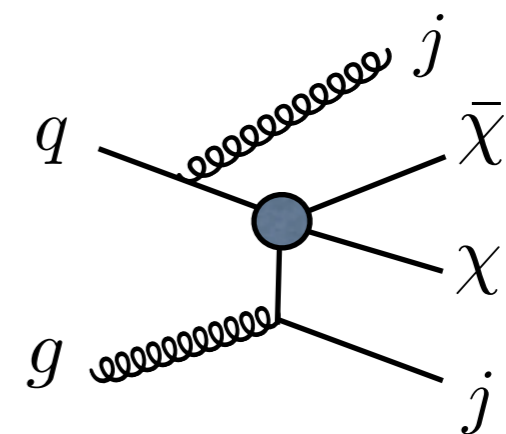
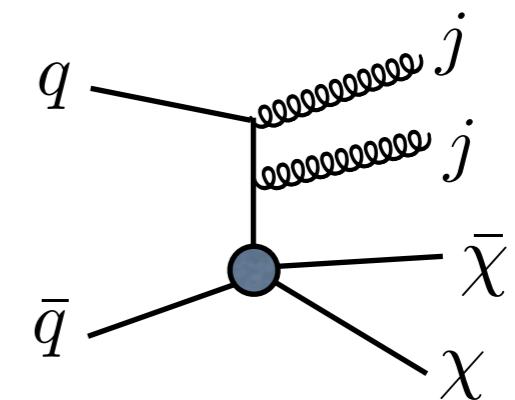
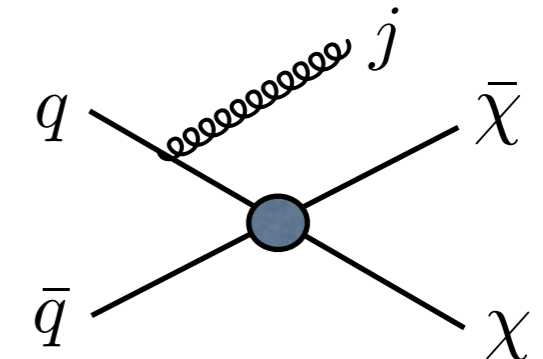


# Questions

- \* How can we improve these bounds?
- \* Are there other LHC searches that are relevant?
- \* What theoretical assumptions go into the bounds?
- \* How can collider bounds be evaded?

# Outline

- \* Setup - operators and mediators
- \* Mono-Jets & Mono-photons.
- \* Multi-jets plus MET.
  - o Handles on S vs B.
  - o Razor analysis.
- \* Note on validity of EFT.
- \* DM Higgs interplay?

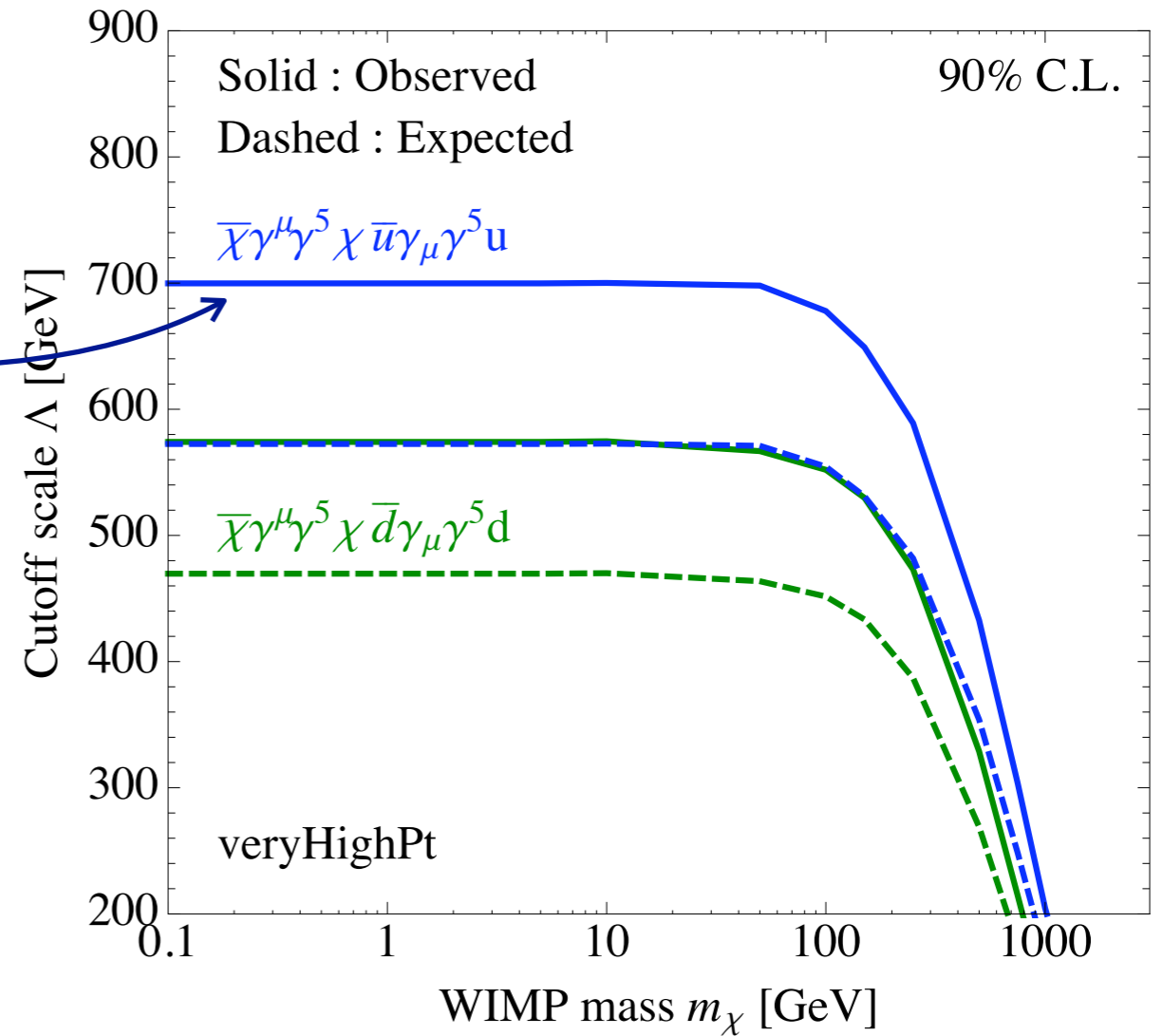
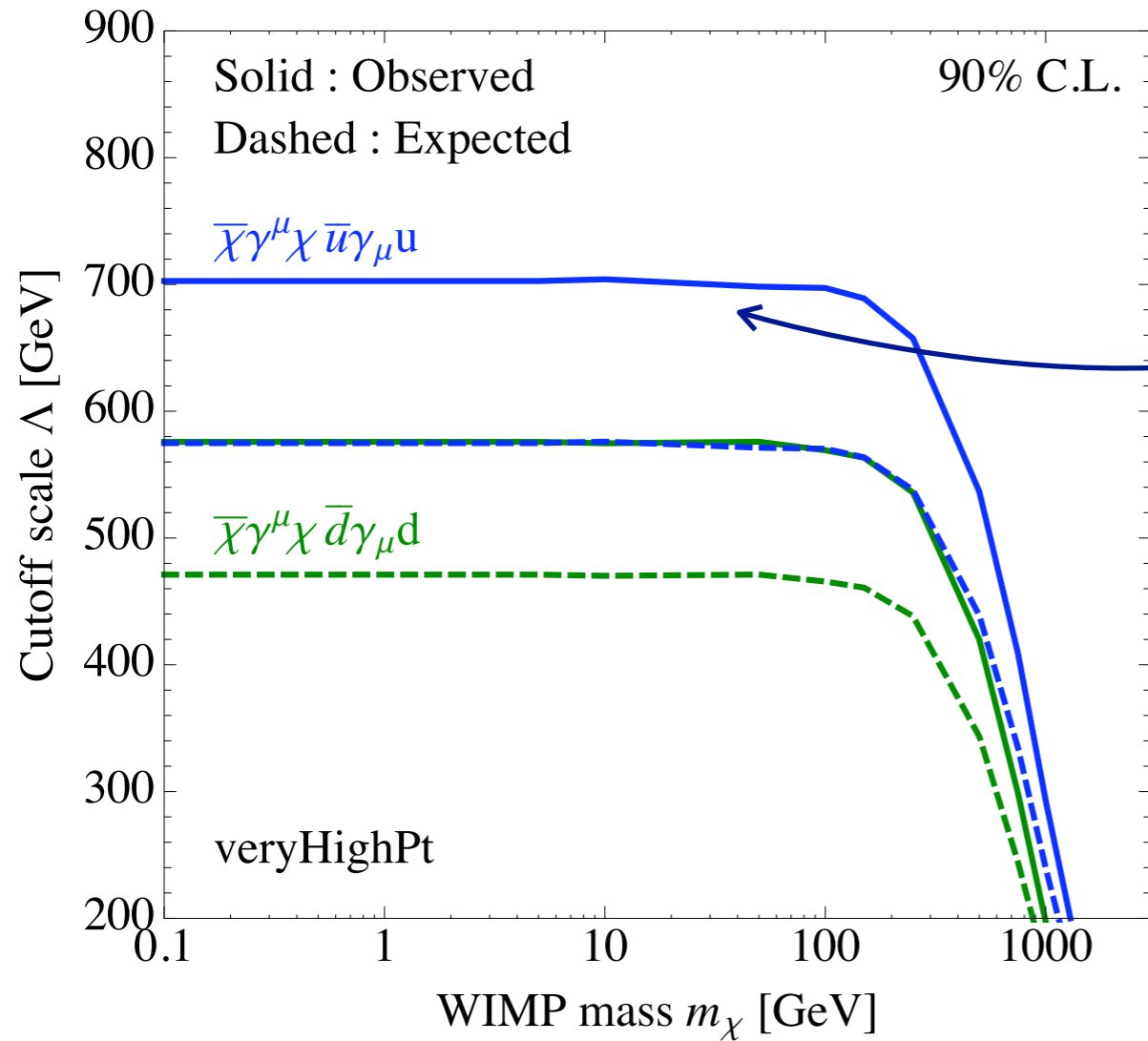


**Mono-Jet**



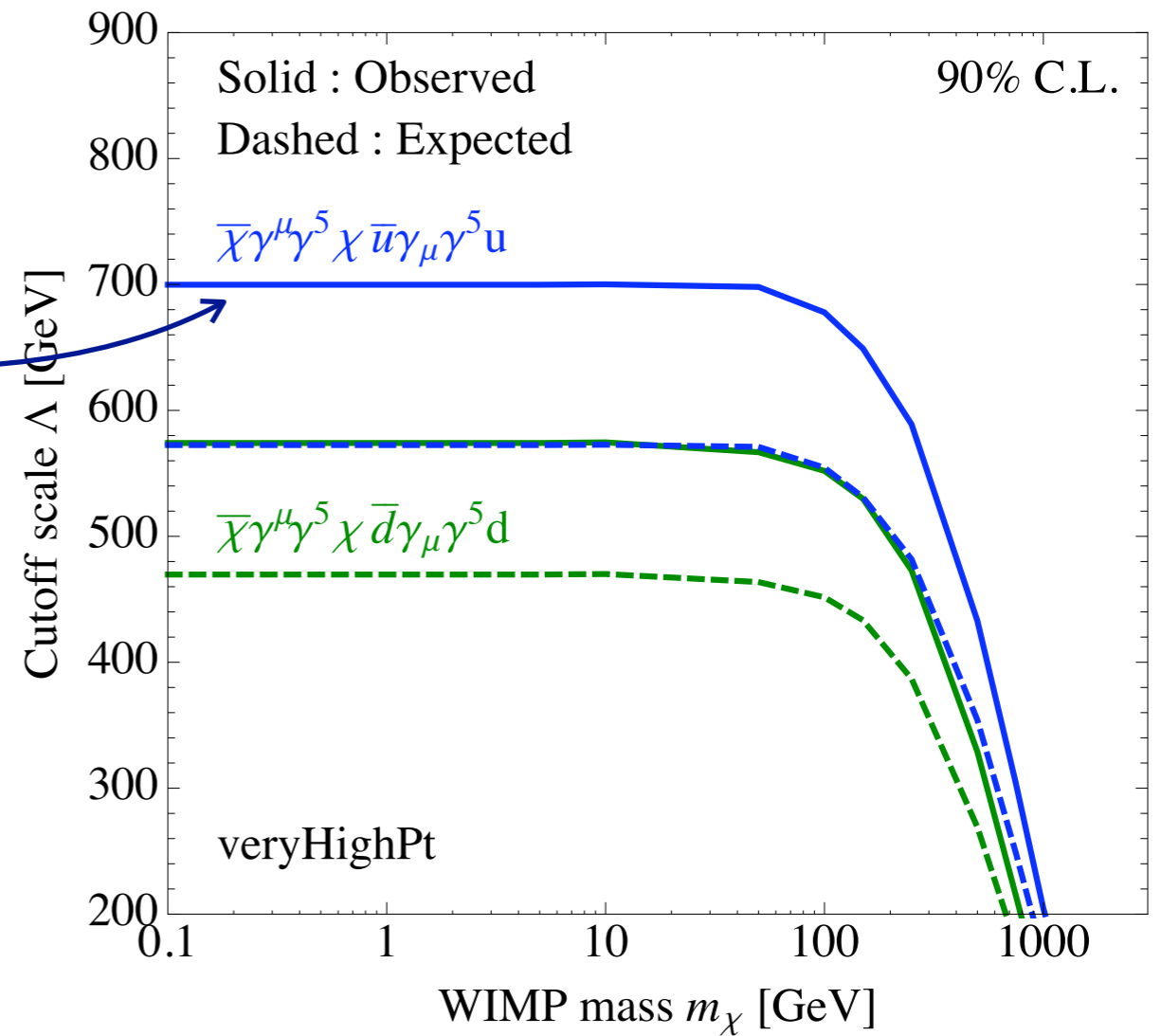
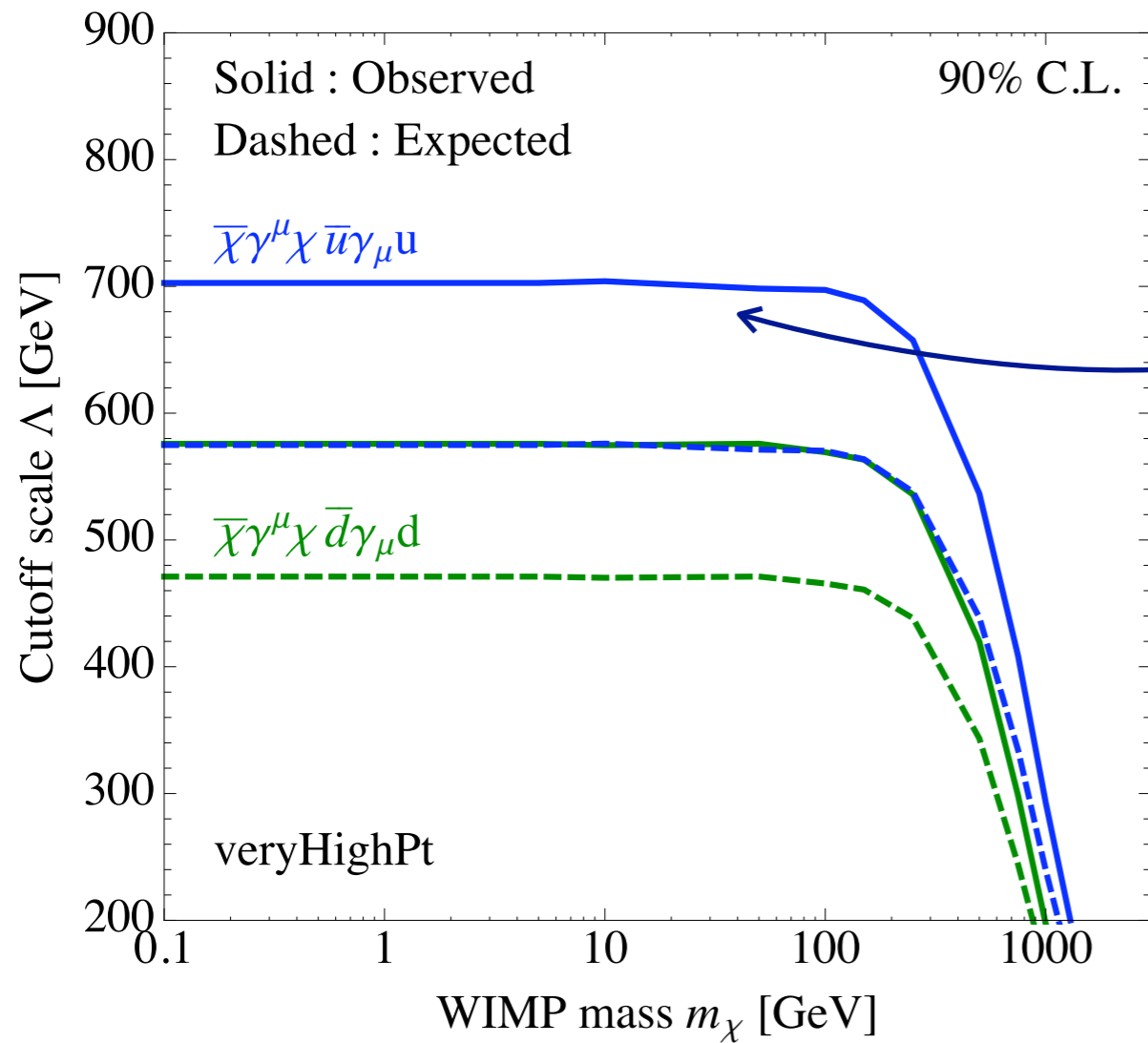
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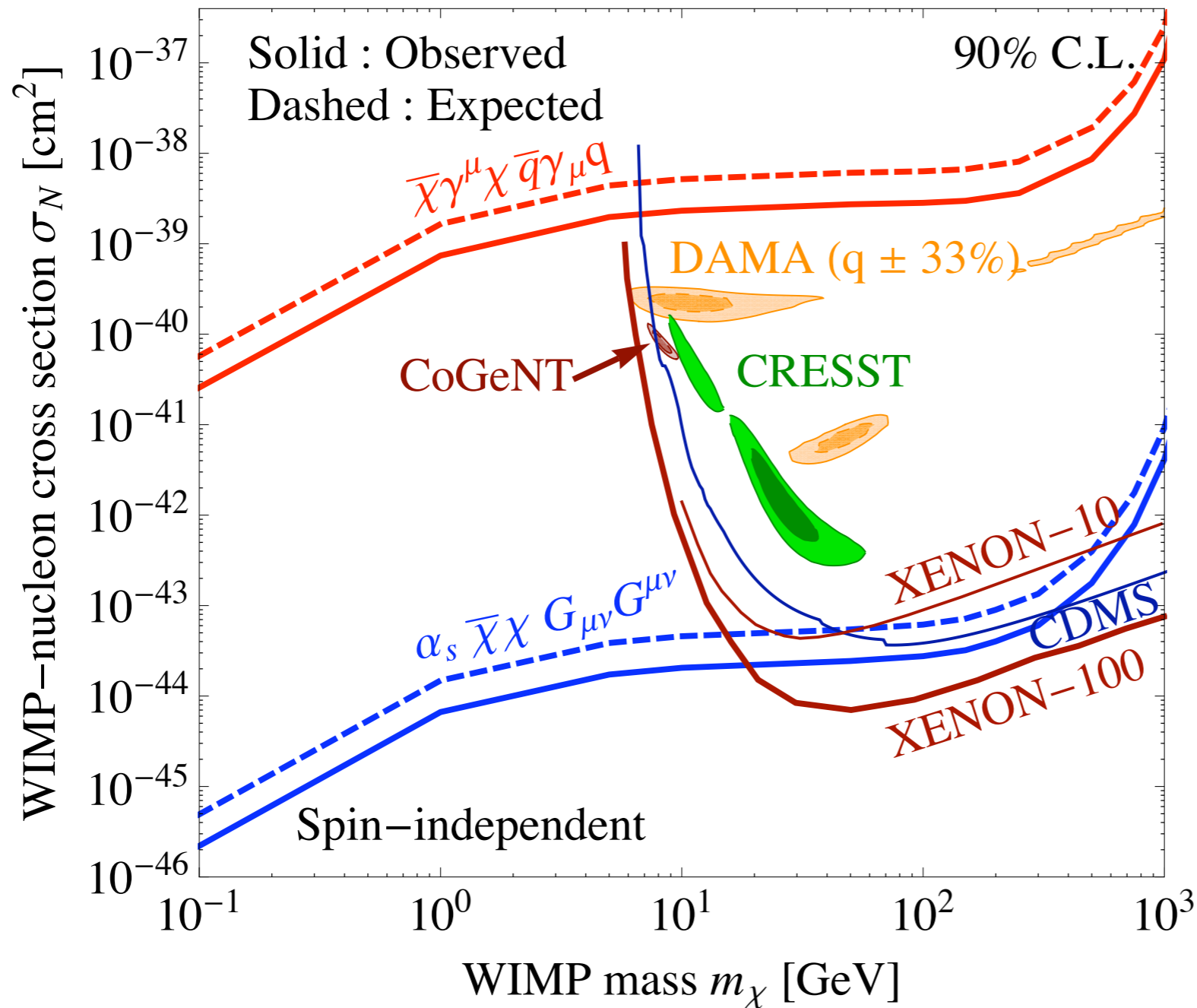
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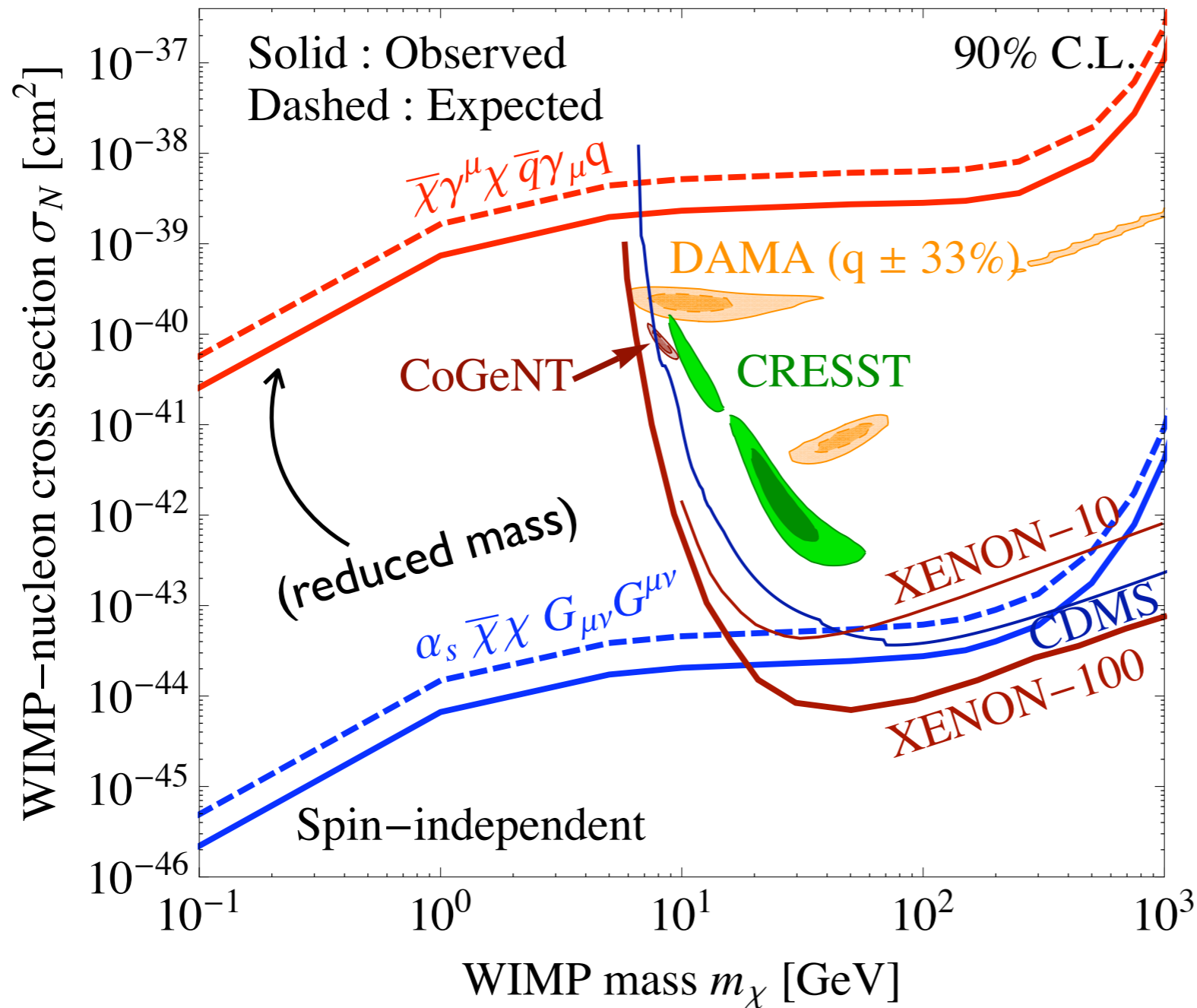
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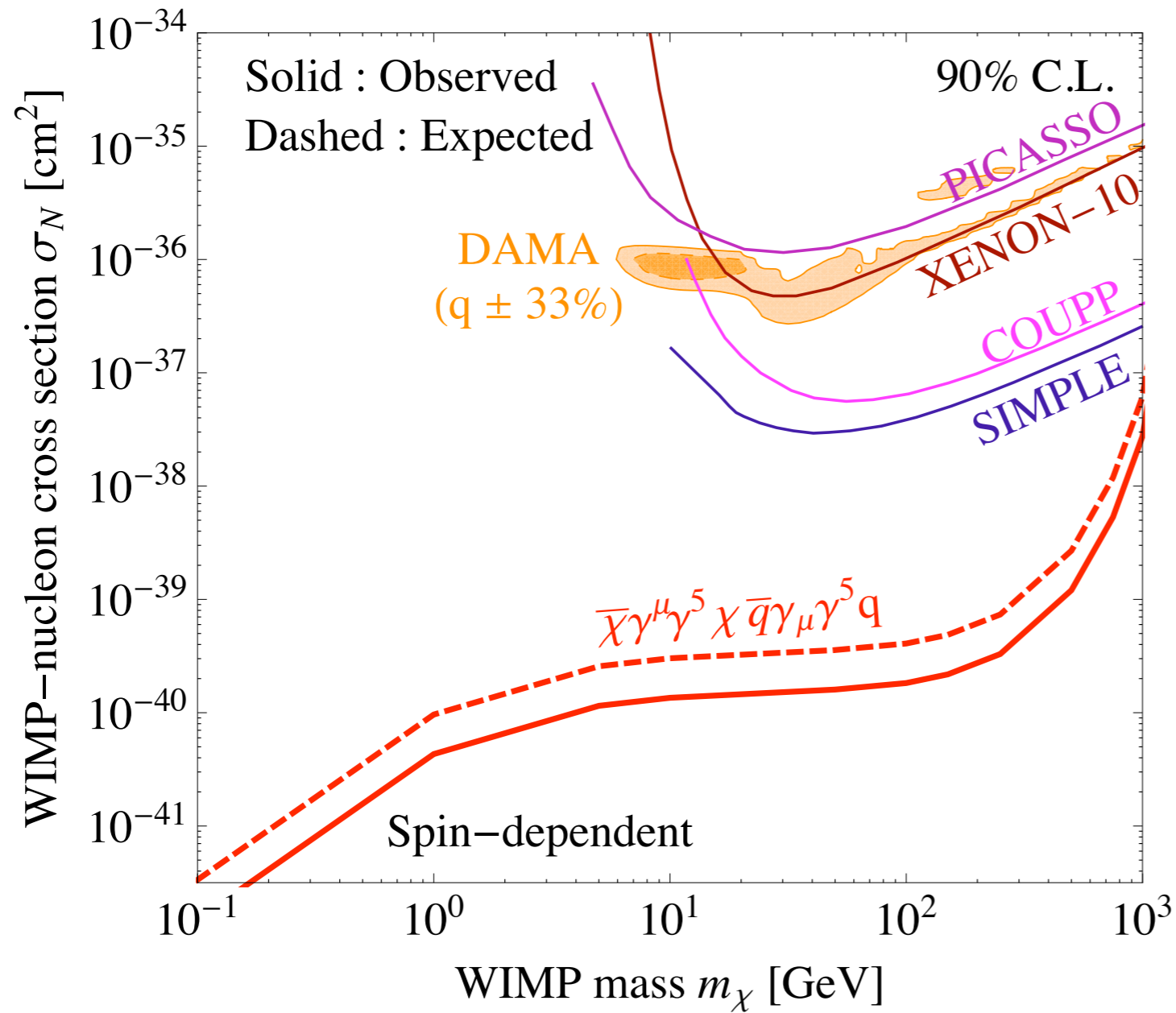
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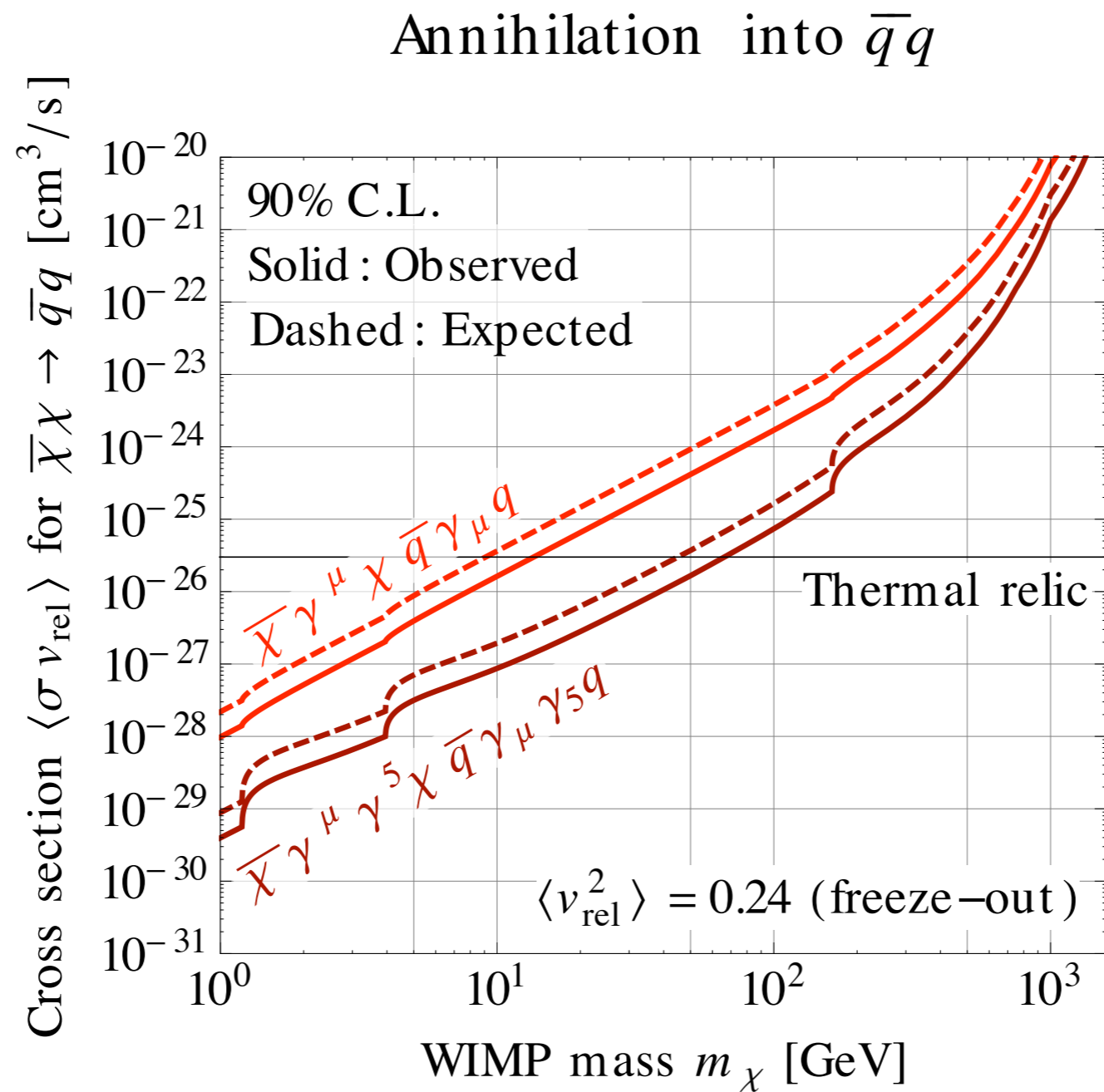
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**Best spin  
dependent  
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# Annihilation

- \* A minimal light thermal relic is ruled out:



# Can we evade bounds?

\* Lets fix  $\sigma_{\text{DD}} \sim g_{\chi}^2 g_q^2 \frac{\mu^2}{M^4}$  and lower  $M$ .

The couplings must be decreased to compensate.

\* Then for very small  $M$  we get to the regime where

$$\sigma_{1j} \sim \alpha_s g_{\chi}^2 g_q^2 \frac{1}{p_T^2}$$

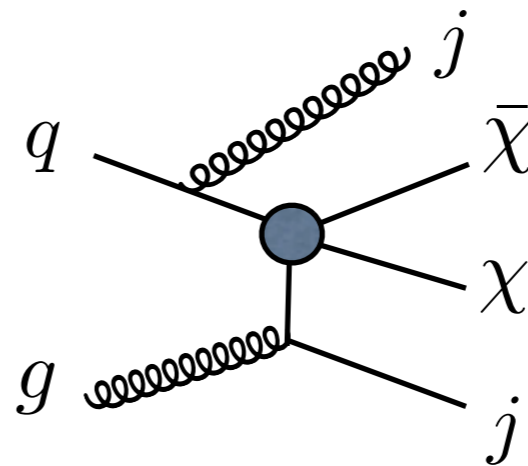
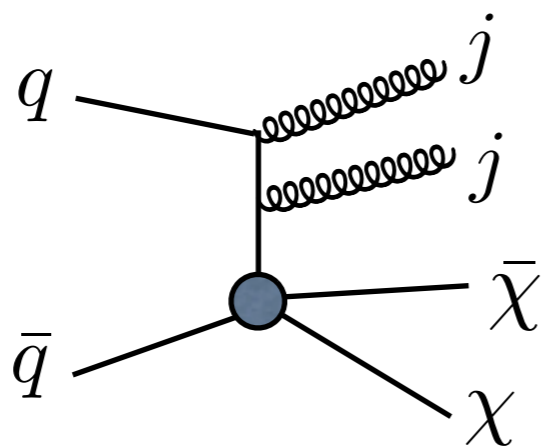
\* The cross section drops as  $M^4$ .

\* **Theories with light mediators always evade the collider bound.**

(**But...**more on the intermediate regime later)

# Jets plus MET

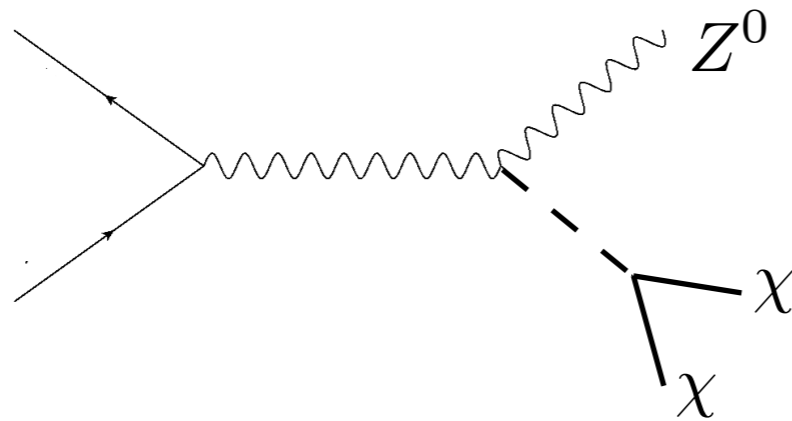
(with Fox, Primulando and Yu, 1203.1662 )





# Higgs Portal DM

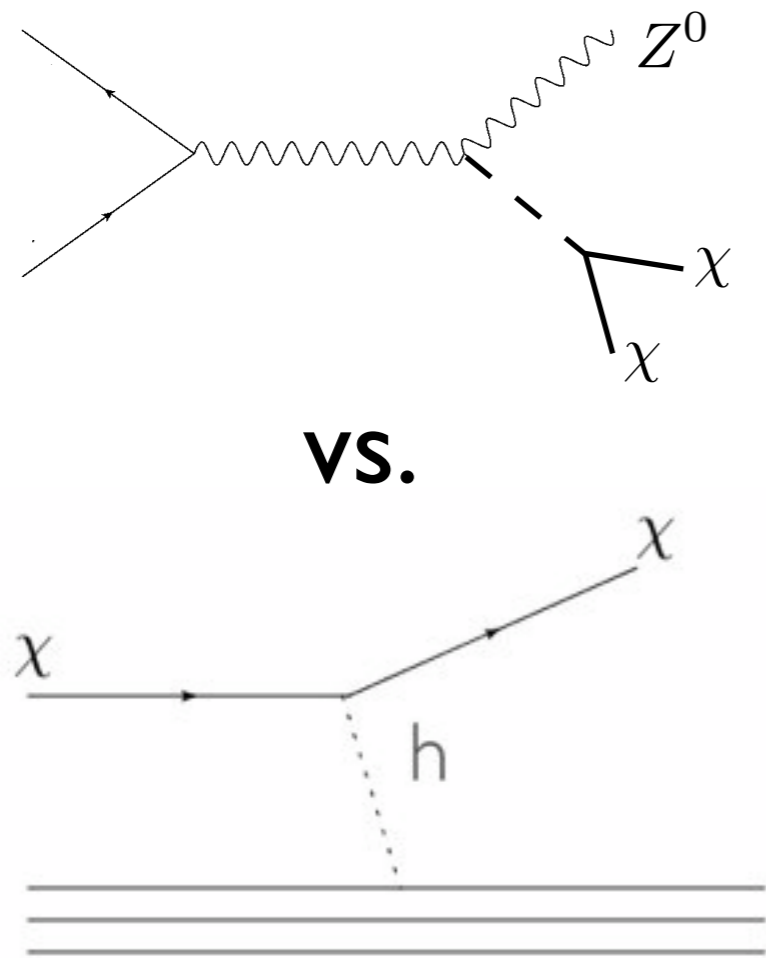
- \* For specific models, we can probe the identity of the mediator with other mono-somthings.
- \* In many models DM couples via the **Higgs**. **Mono-Z** (and **VBF**) may be sensitive to this.



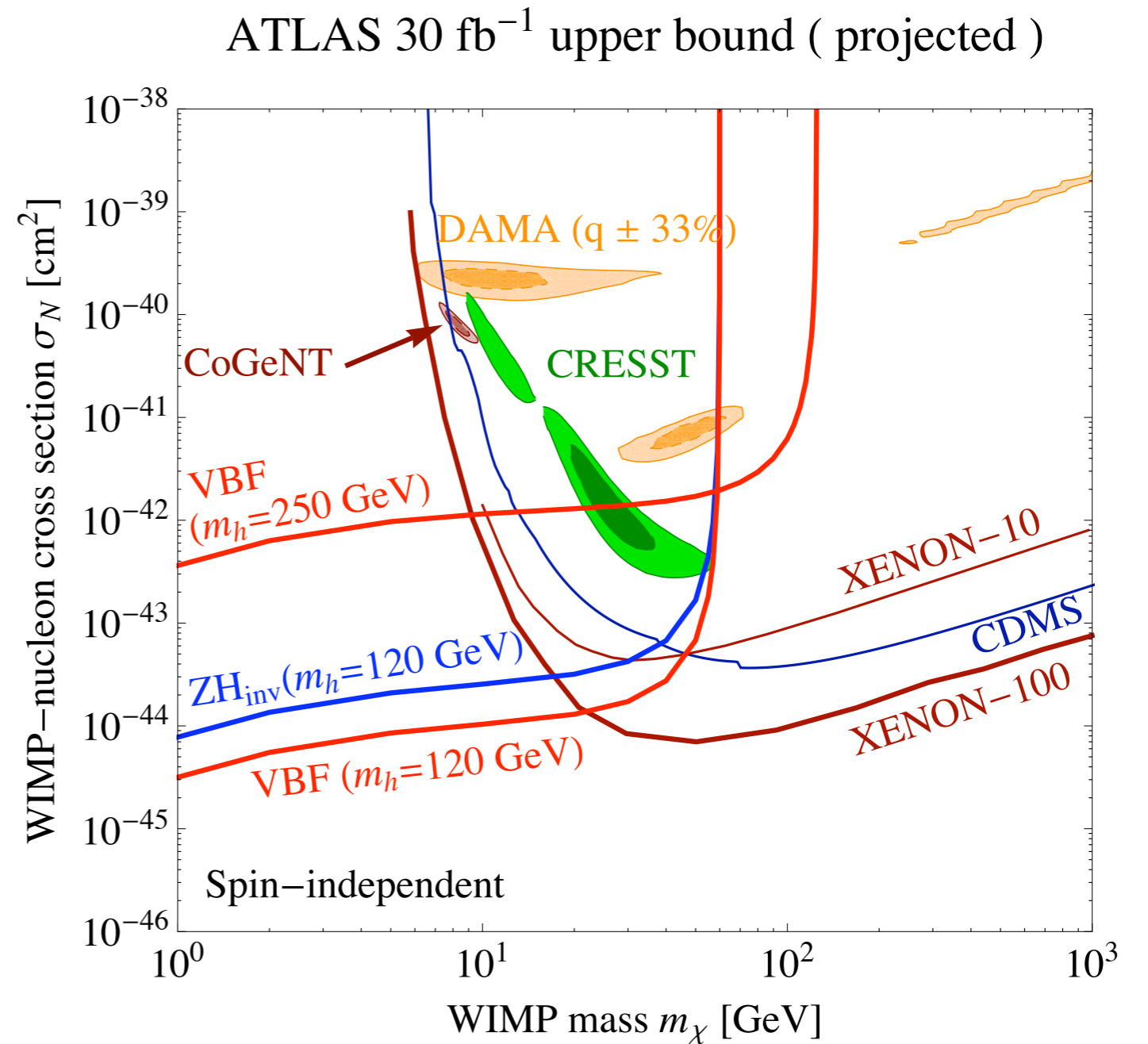
Invisible Higgs searches can be interpreted as “direct detection” experiments!

*A Characteristic Higgs Channel can confirm Higgs mediation!*

# Higgs Mediator



**Direct detection is parametrically smaller!**



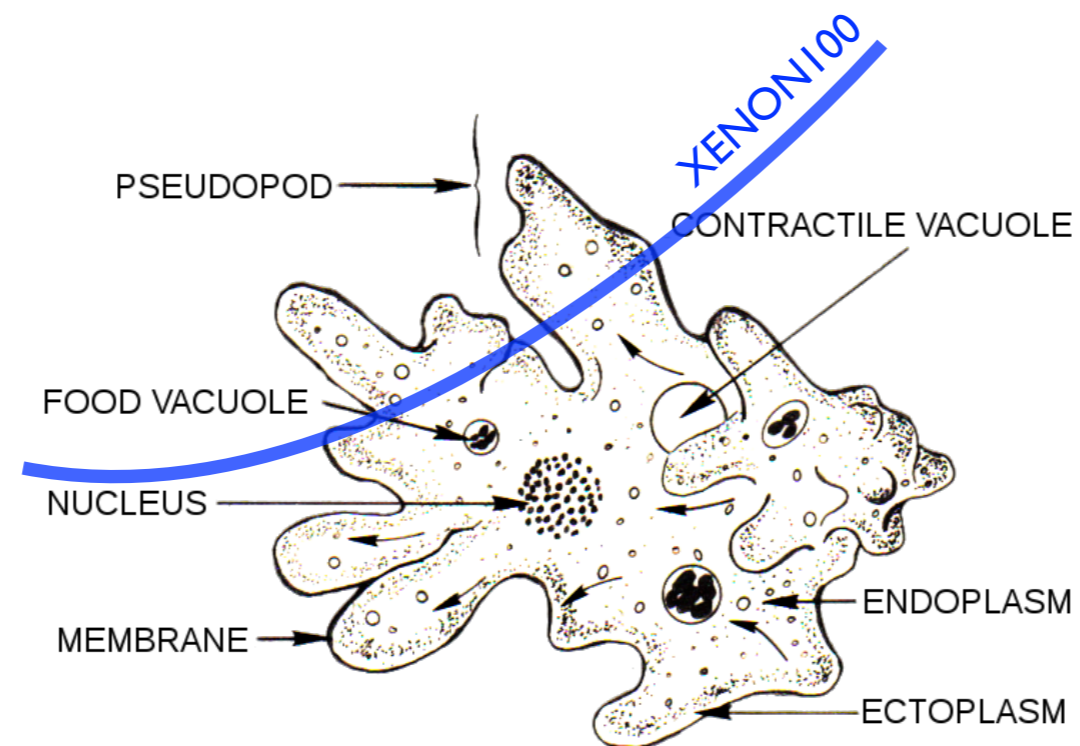
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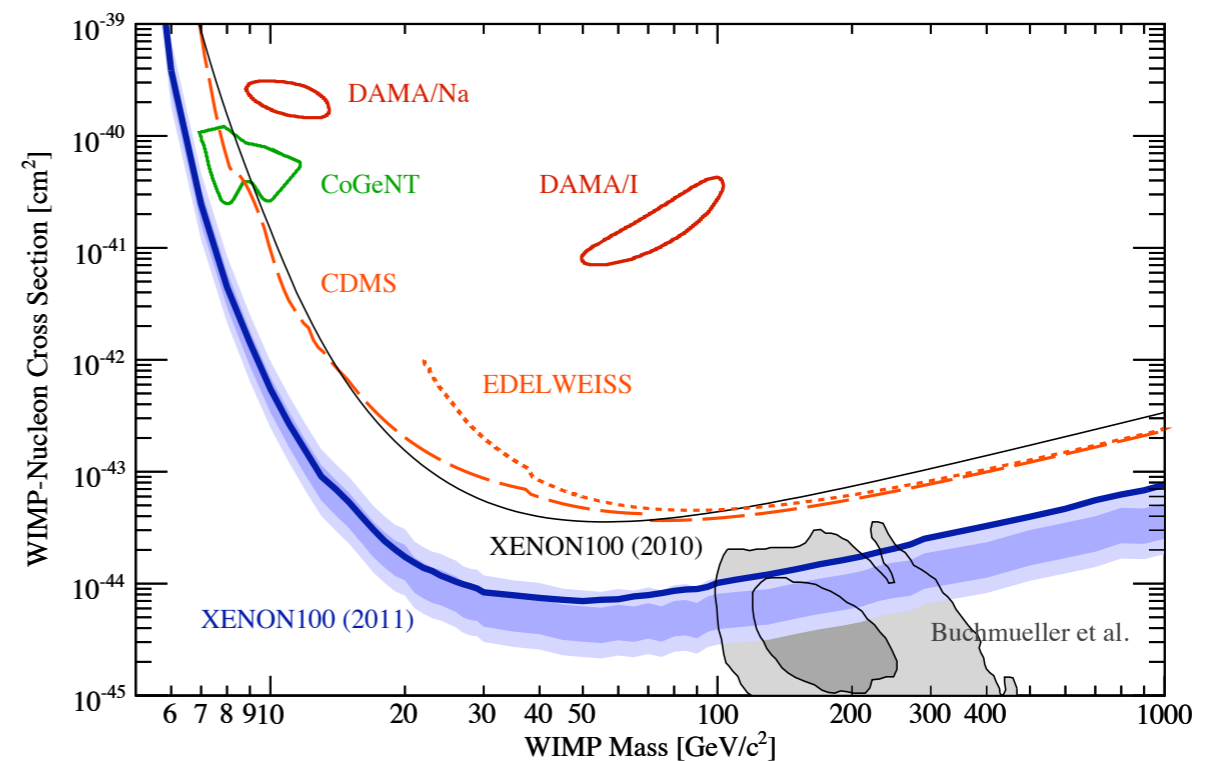
- \* The ~~Tevatron~~<sup>LHC</sup> is the world record holder for light dark matter and for spin dependent.
- \* Dedicated CDF, CMS, and ATLAS **mono-jet** studies are out (or underway). CMS **mono-photon** too.
- \* Inclusive Jets plus MET studies may have additional discriminating power (Razor).
- \* **Higgs** and **DM** play nicely together.

# Deleted Scenes



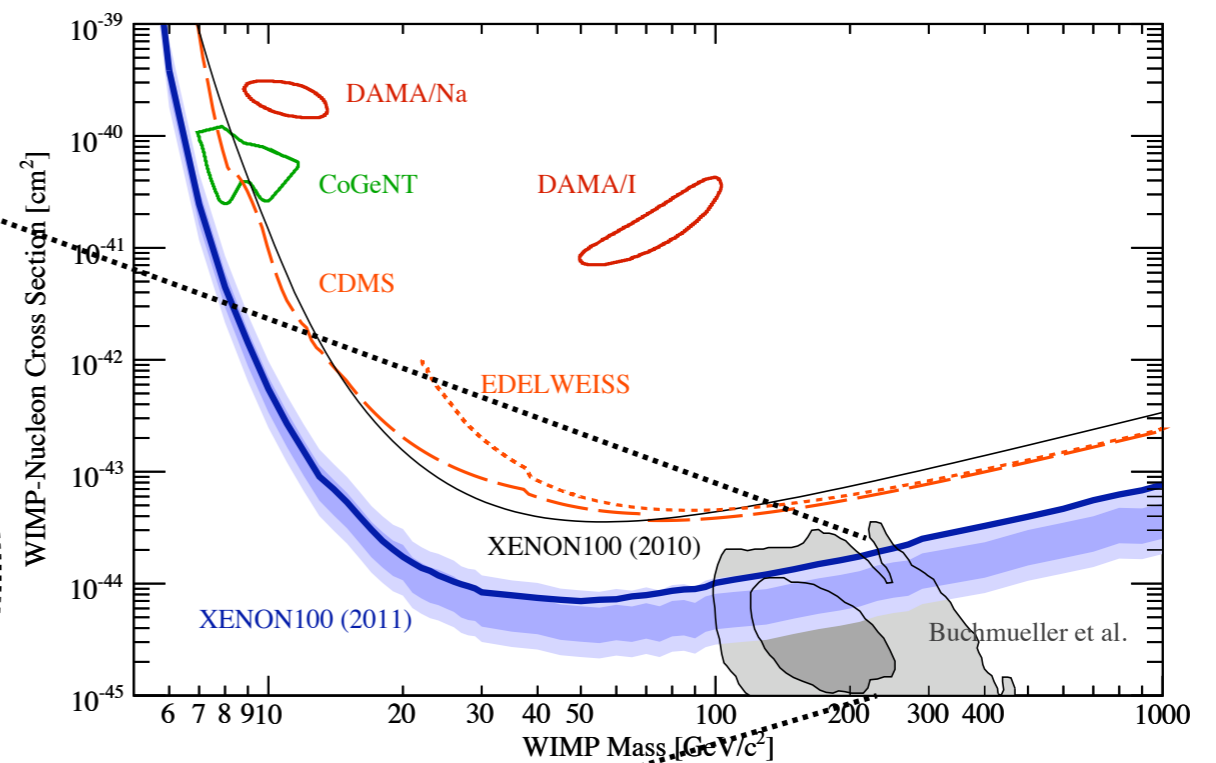
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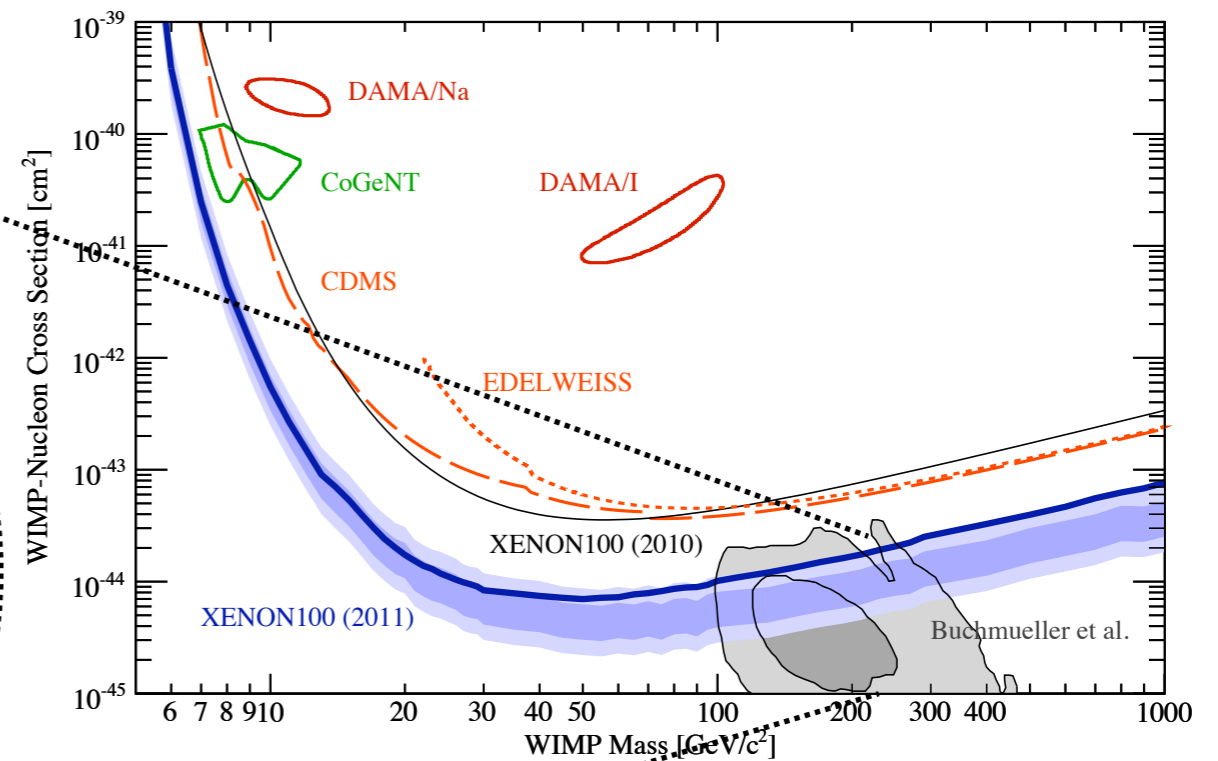
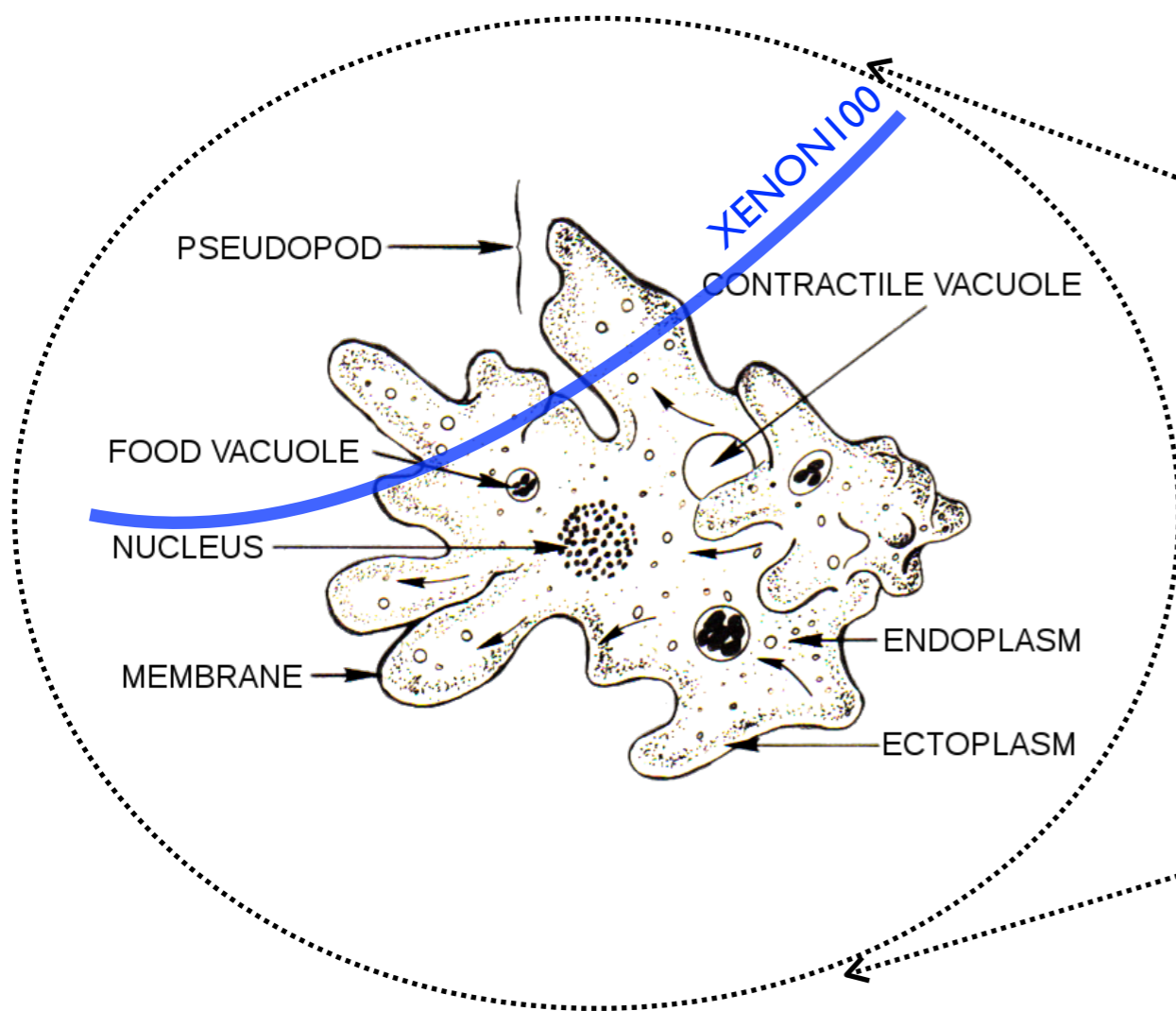
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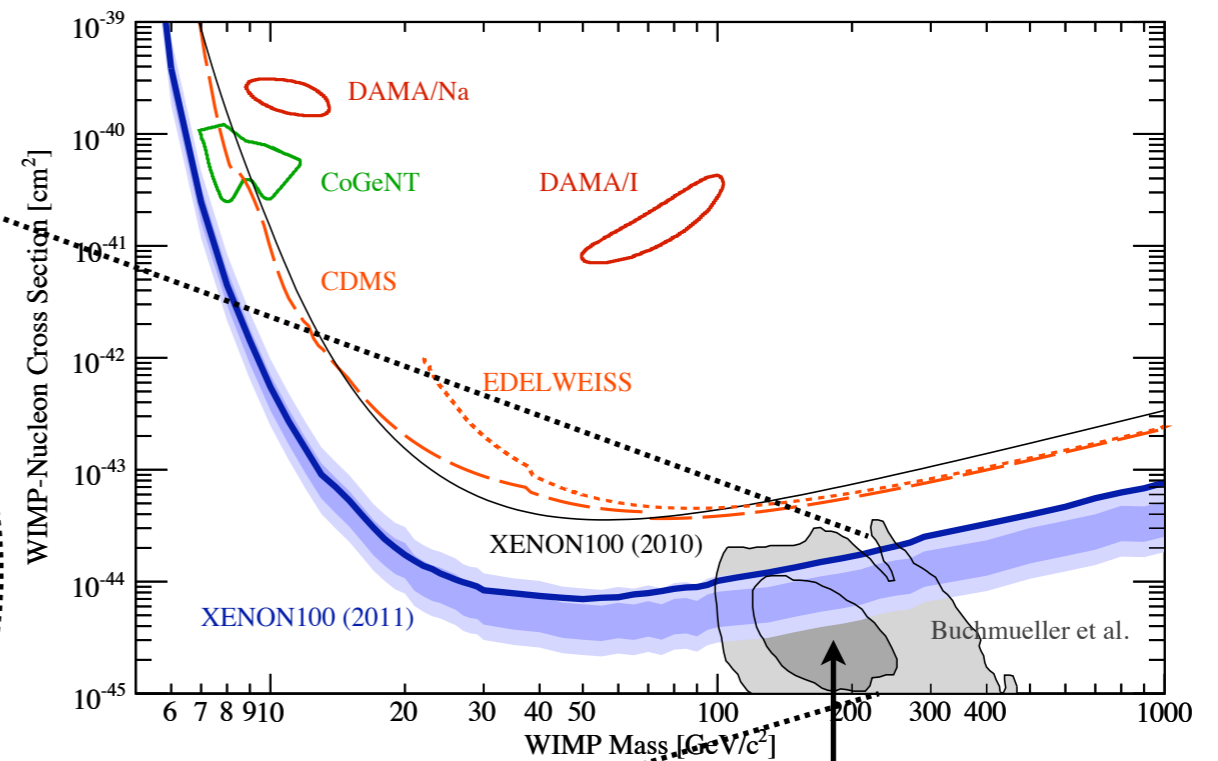
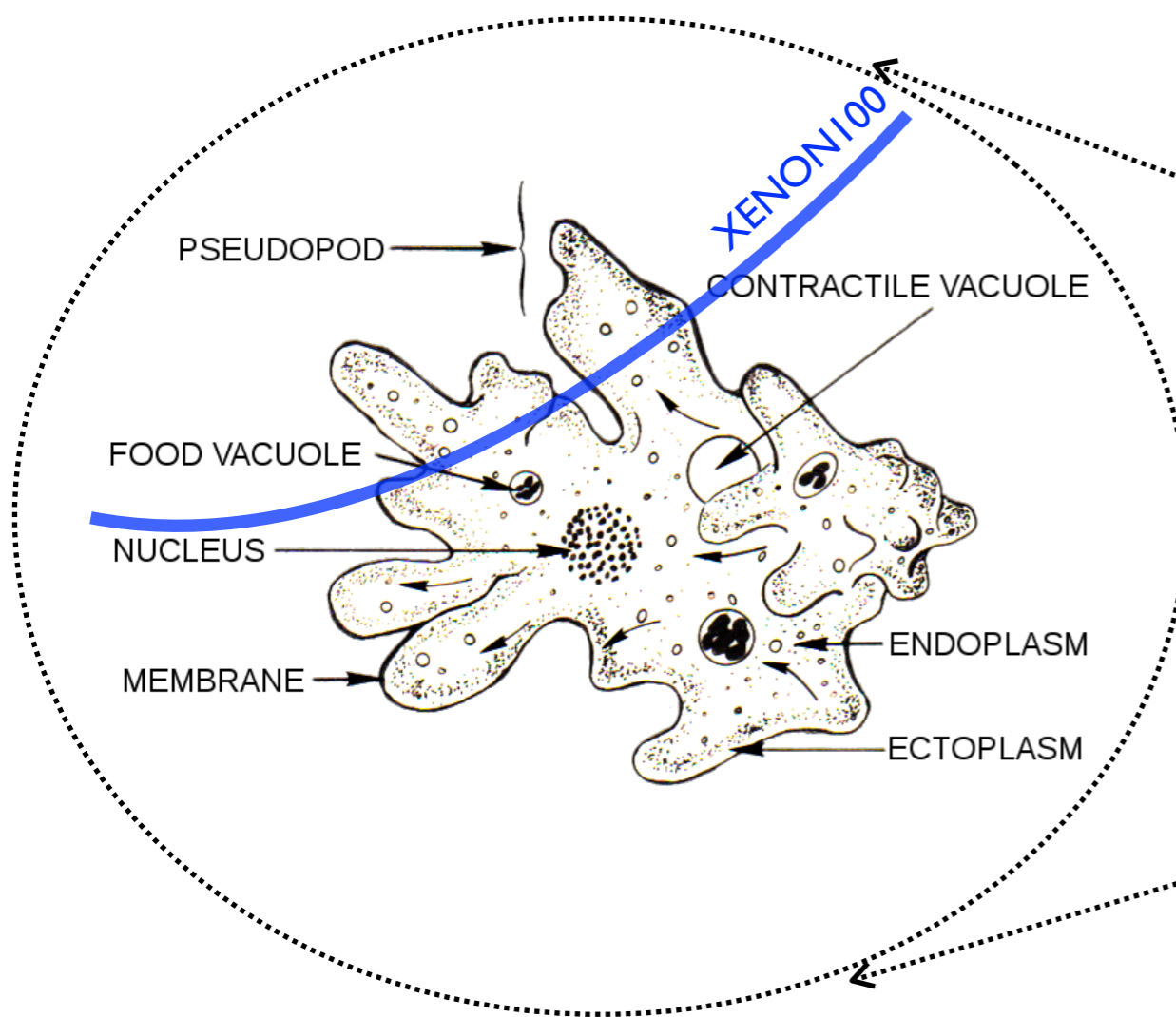
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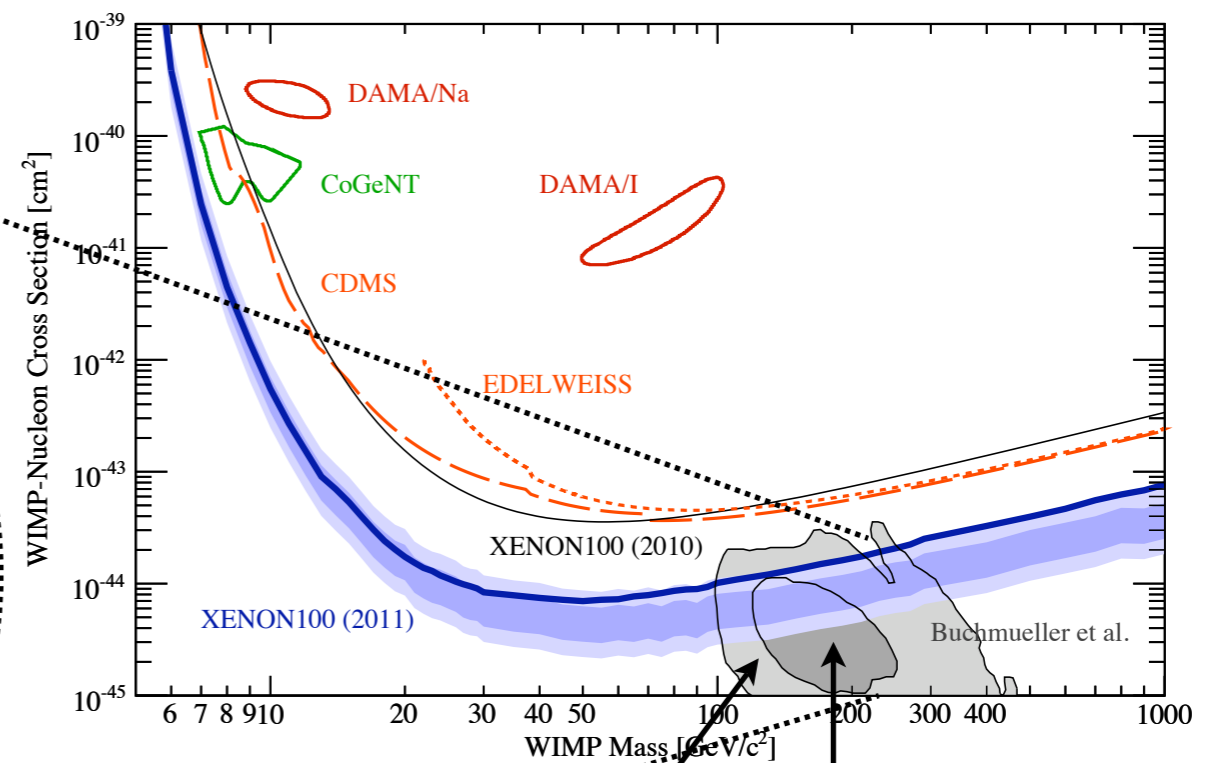
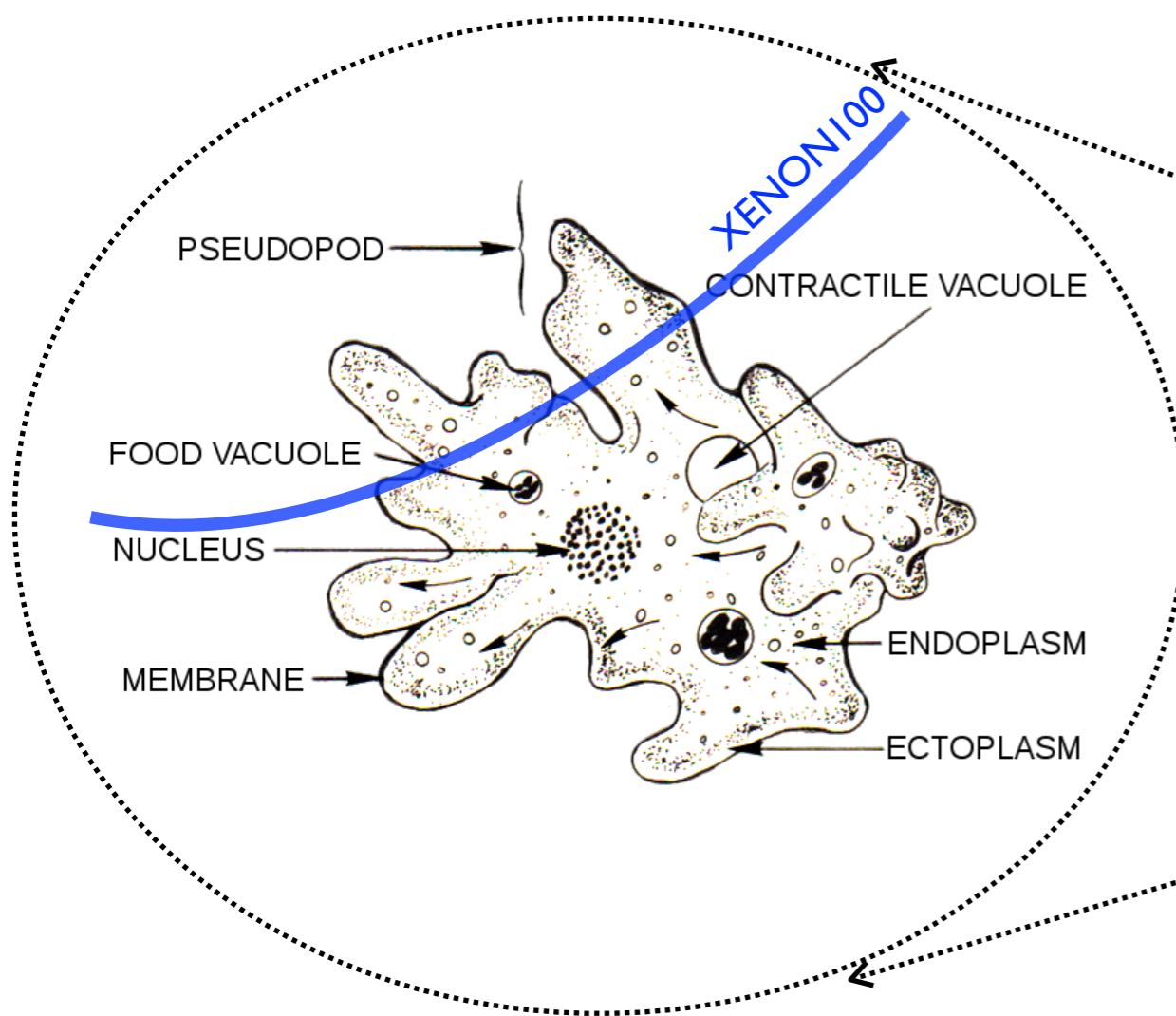


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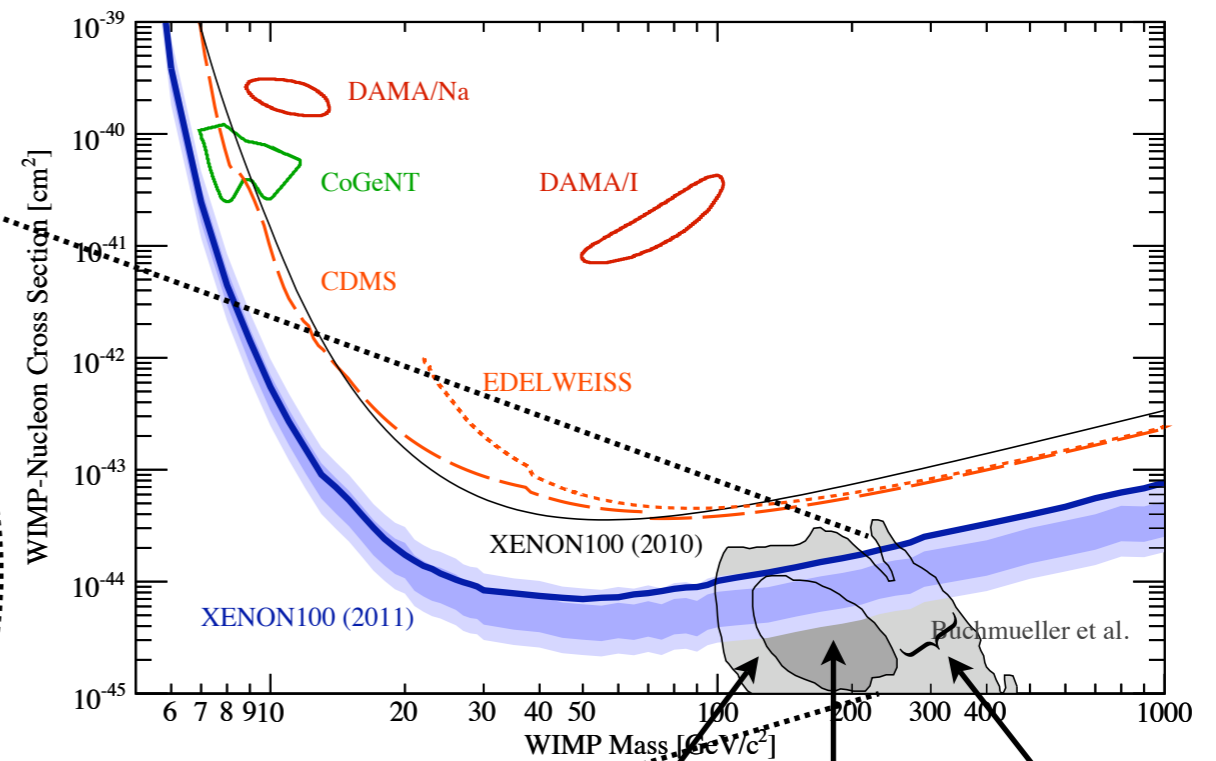
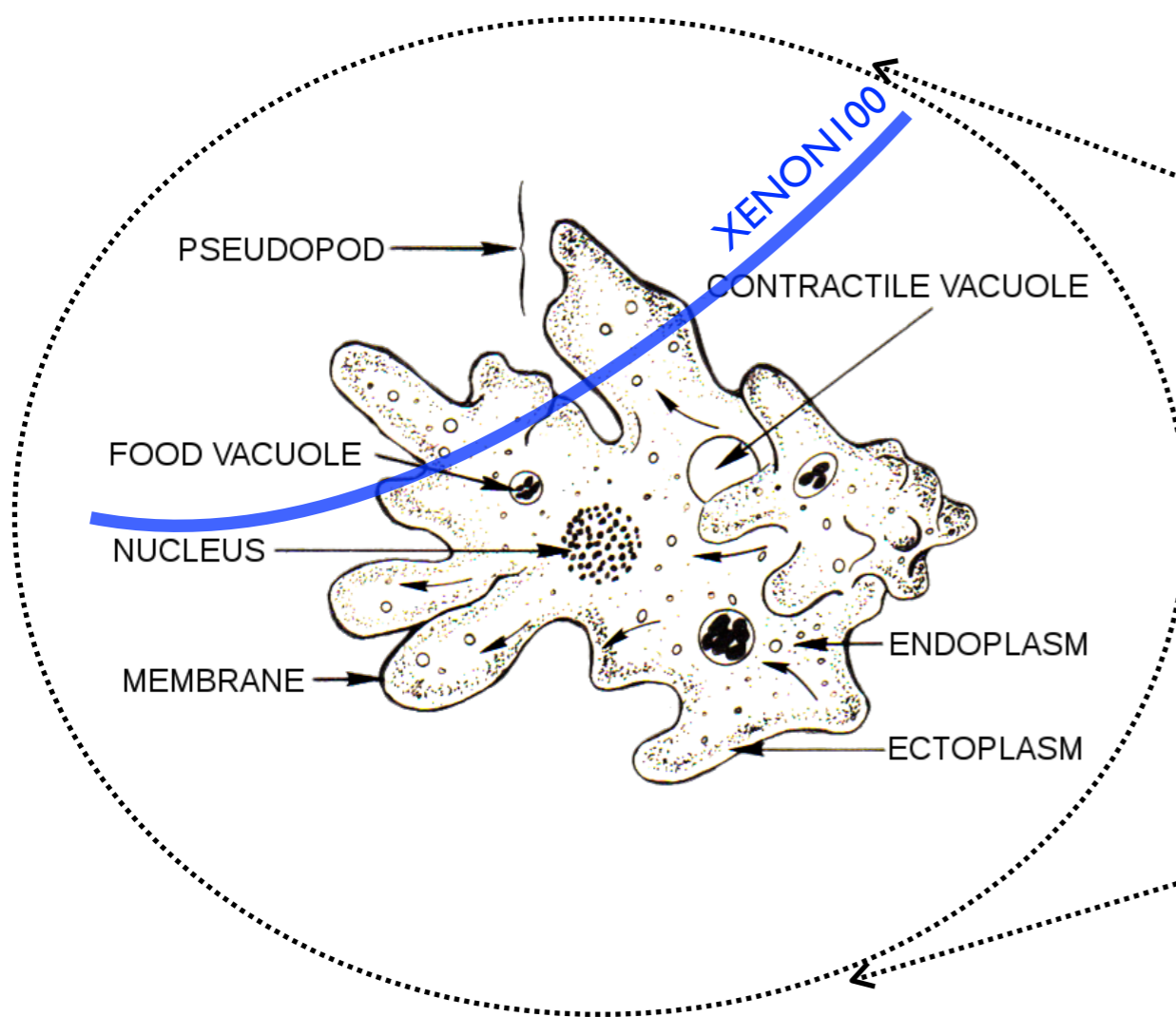
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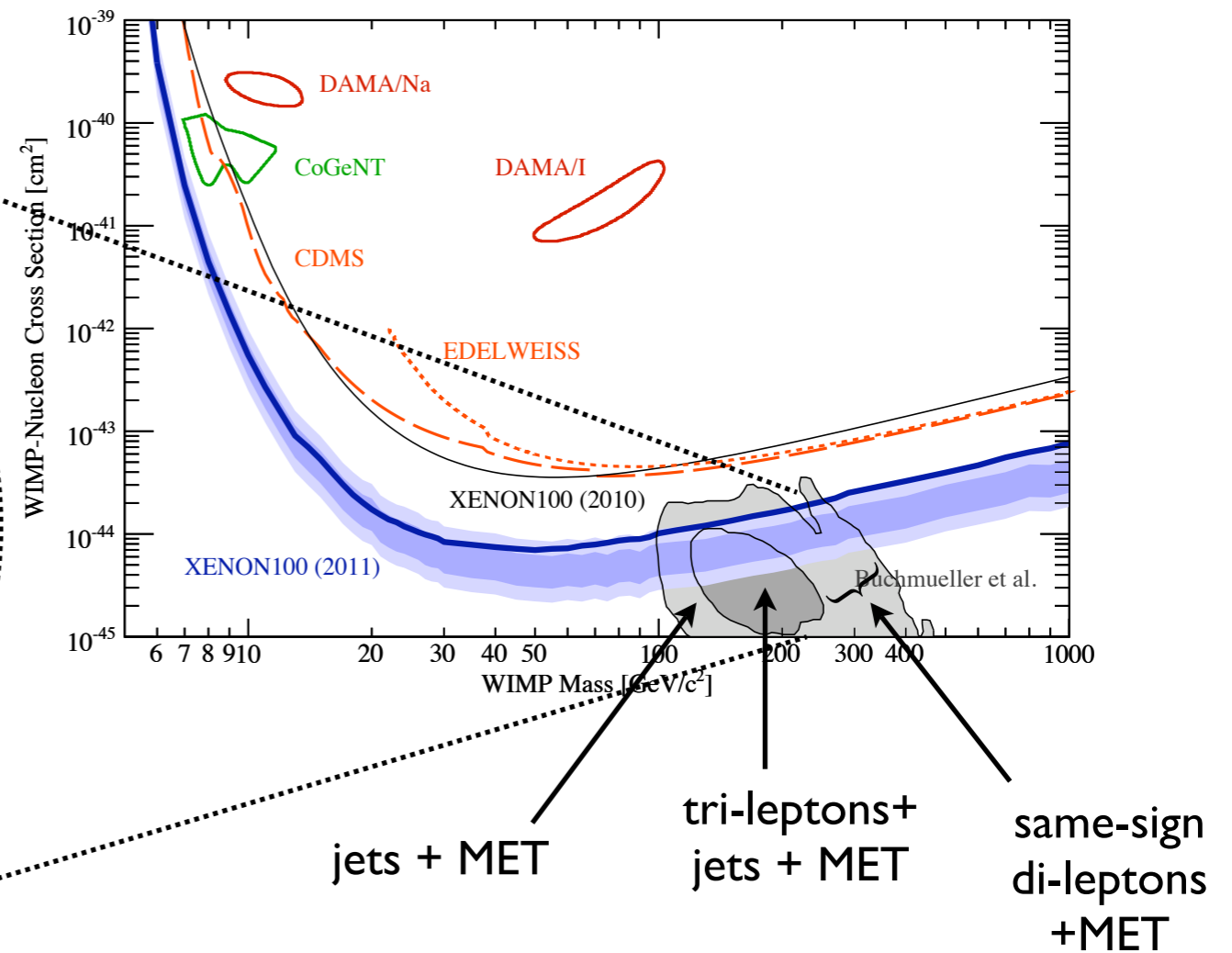
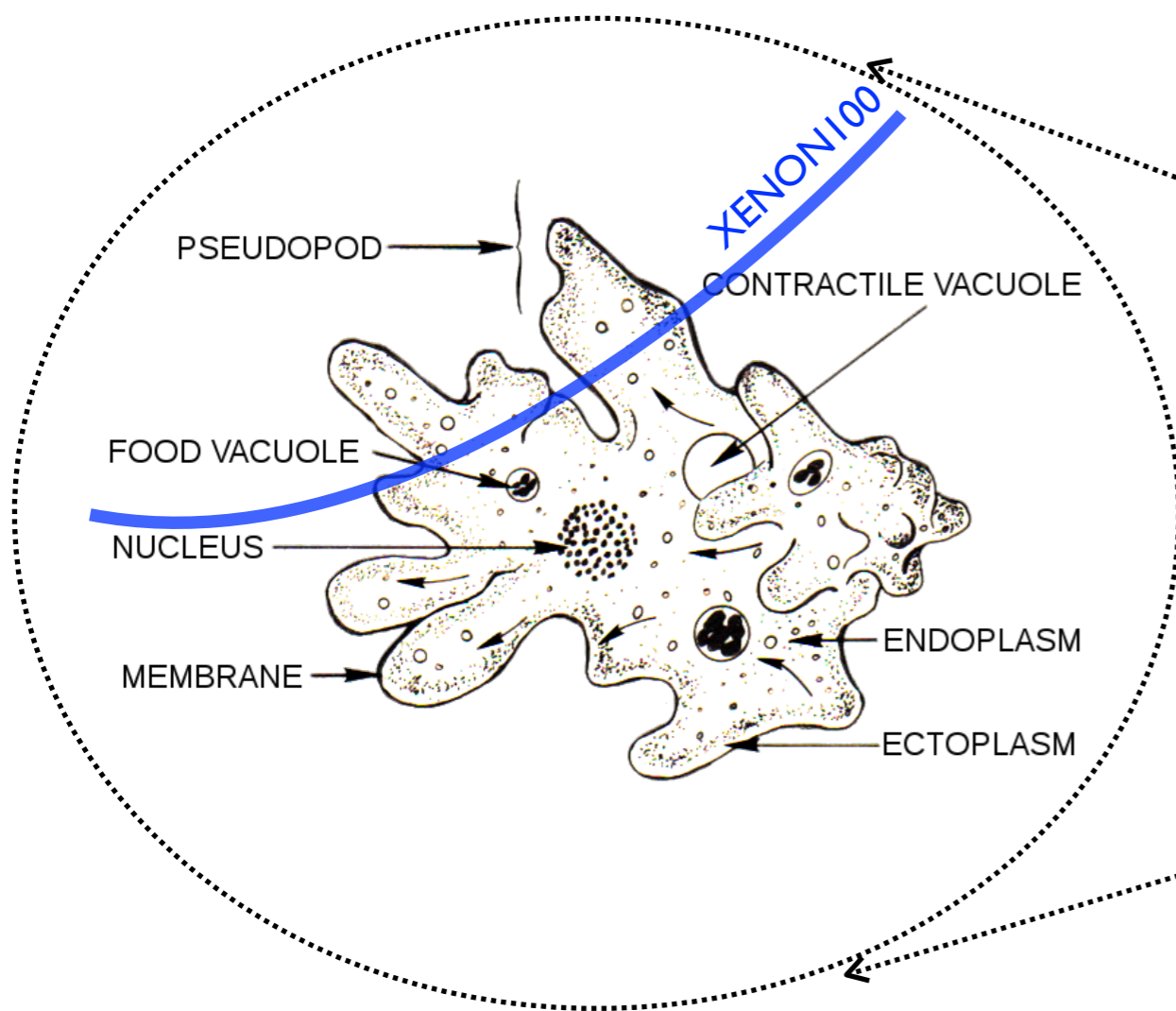
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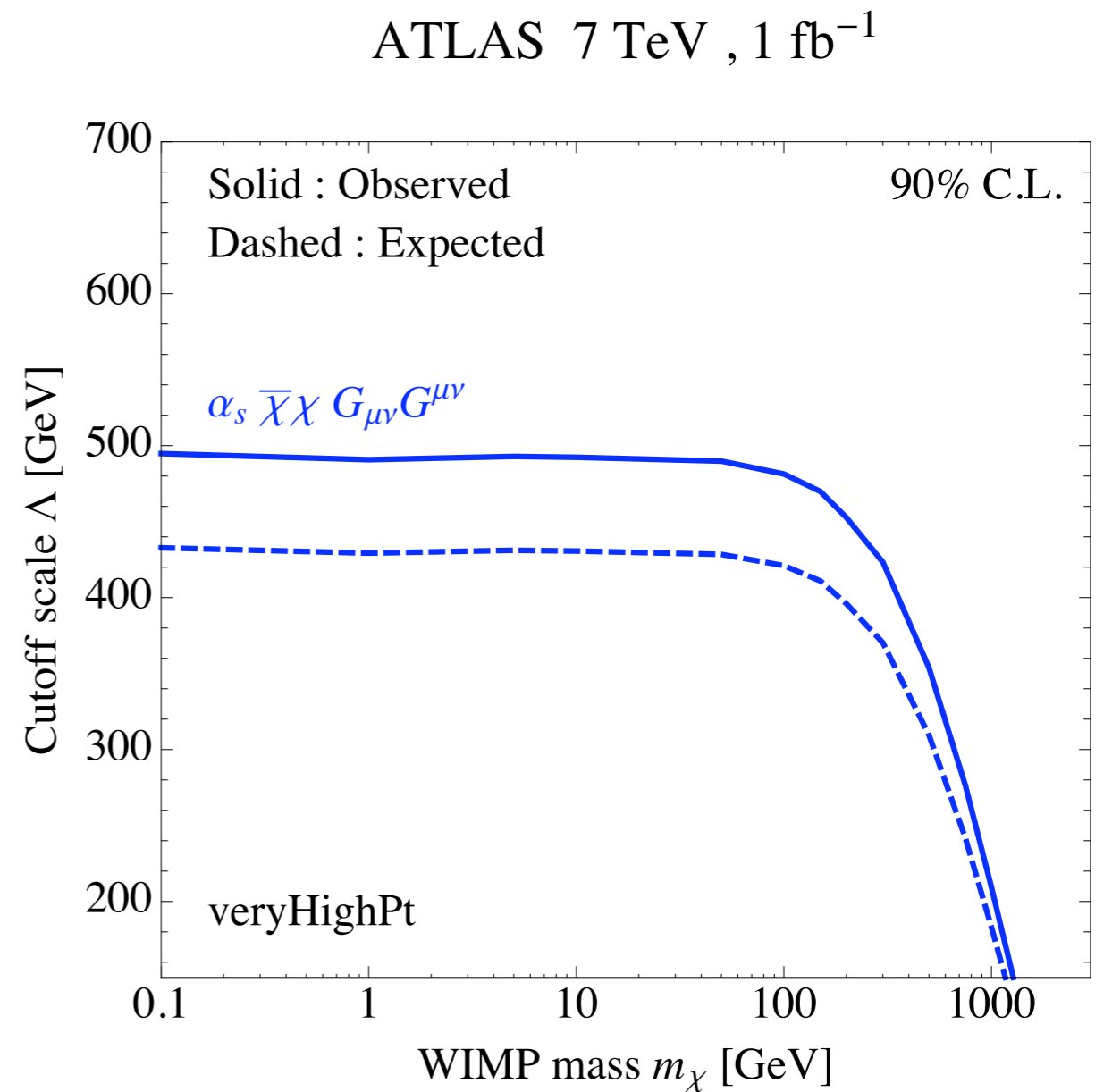
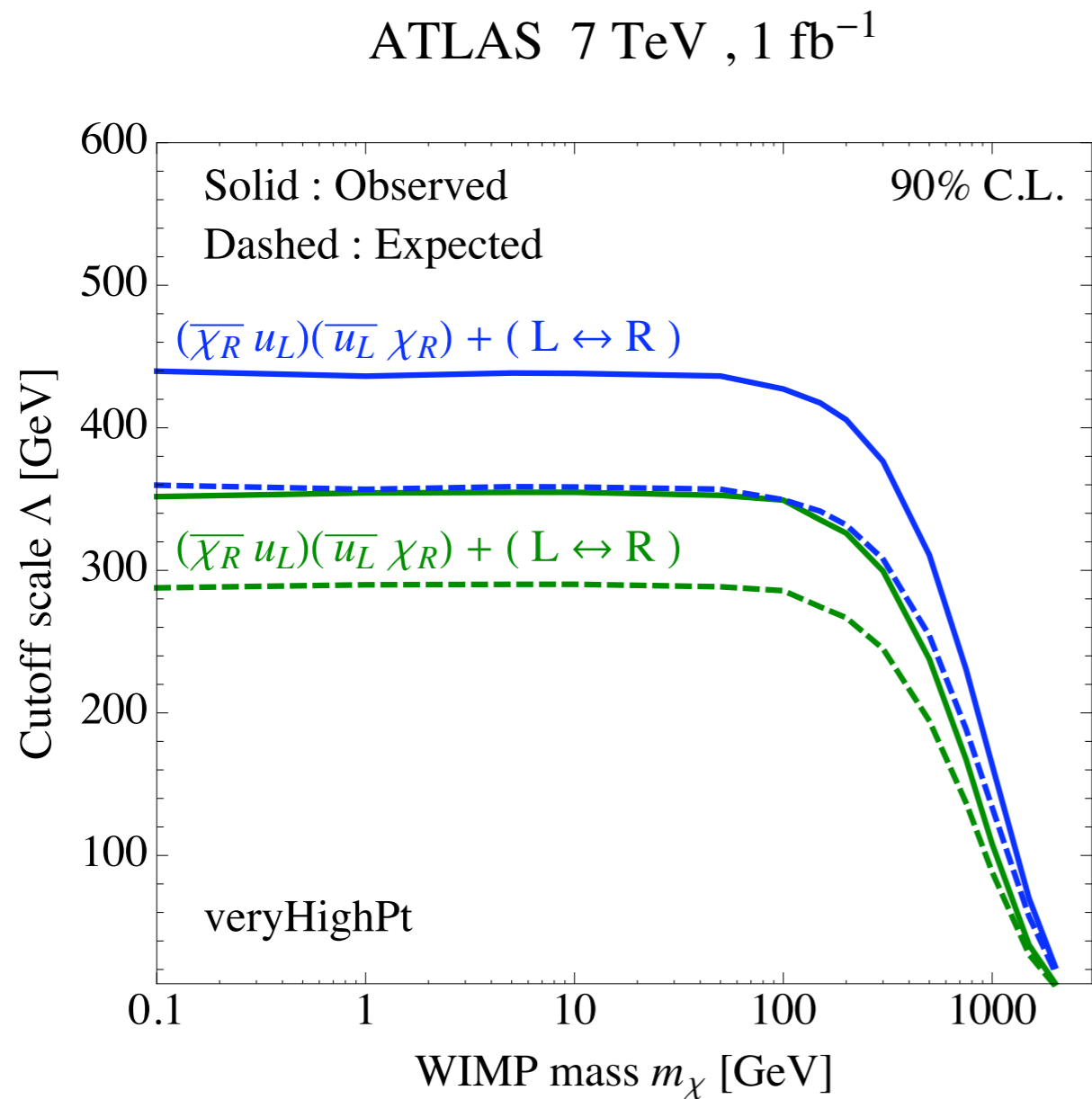


“XENON100 is starting to probe the MSSM’s pseudopod, LHC killed the Membrane, but the ectoplasm is still safe.” [submitted to nature]

# Games: Higgs searches & DM

- \* *Assume* the Higgs hint is real w/ SM production.
- \* The fact that it was seen in di-photon with the rate that it has, places limits on competing modes, e.g. Higgs to invisible.
- \* Places **upper** limit on higgs mediated direct detection.
- \* *Assume* a Higgs mass that is already excluded for SM.
- \* *Assume* the reason it was excluded is an invisible branching fraction.
- \* This places a lower limit on the invisible BR.  
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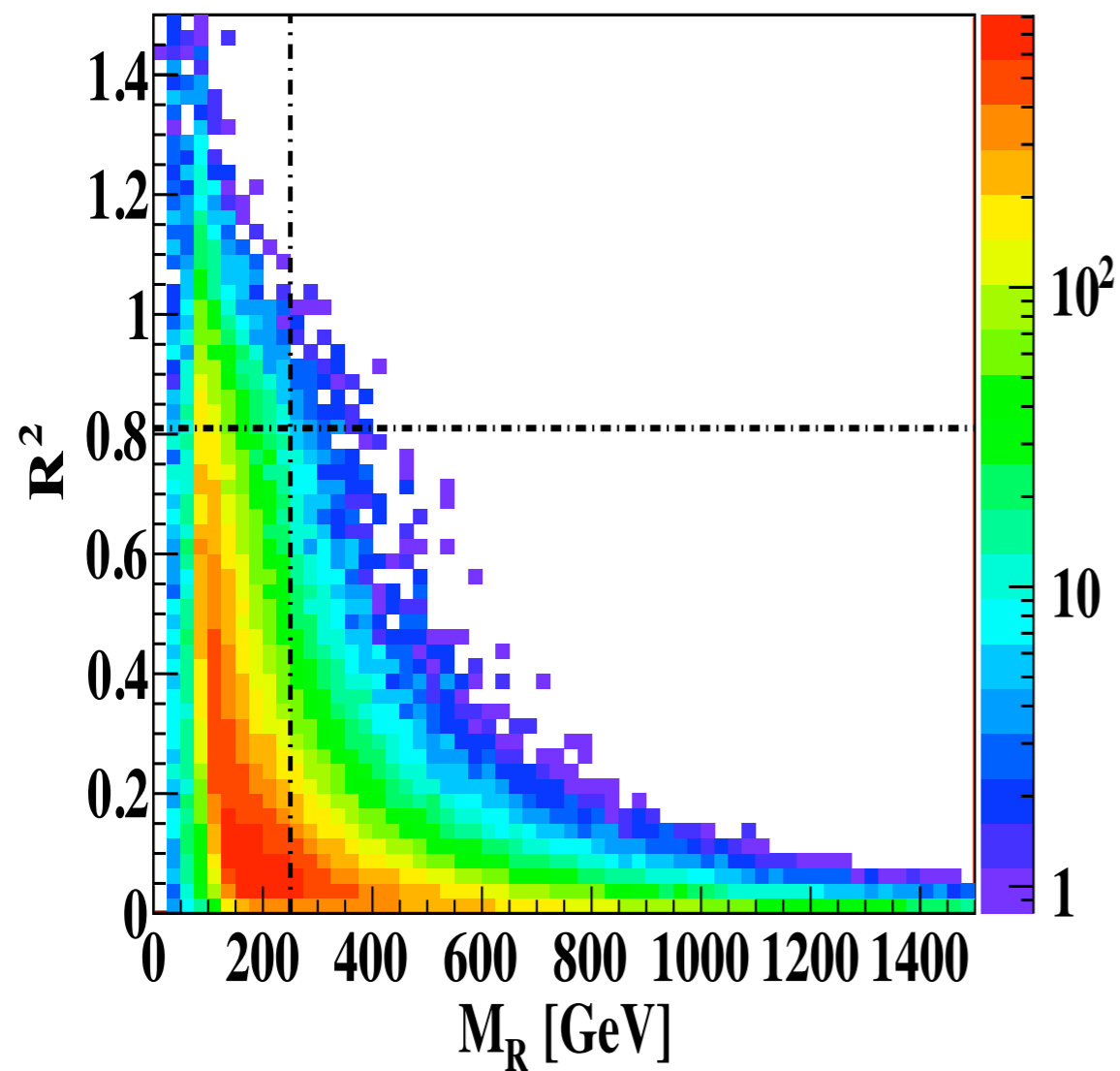
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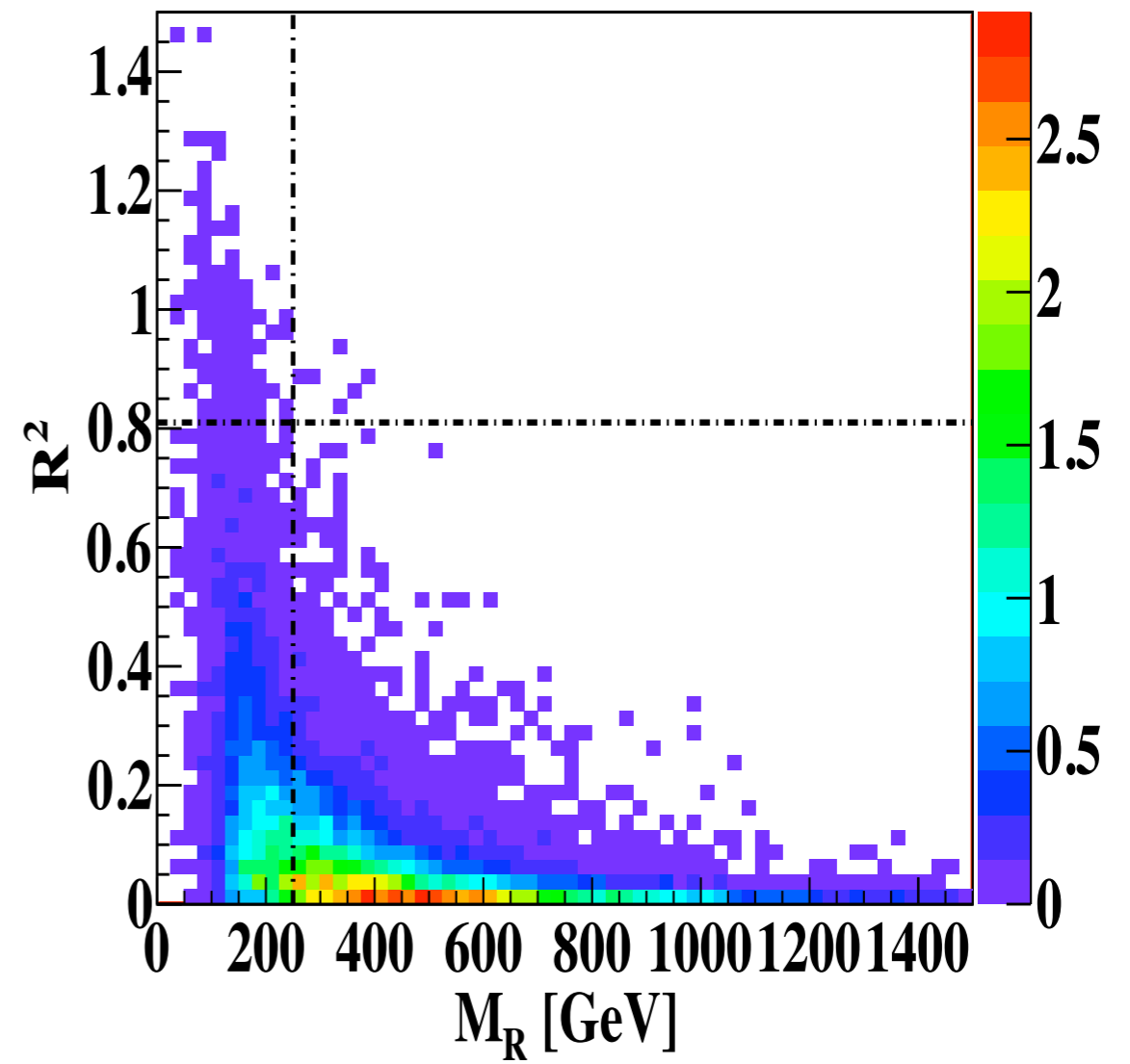
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# Razor Shapes

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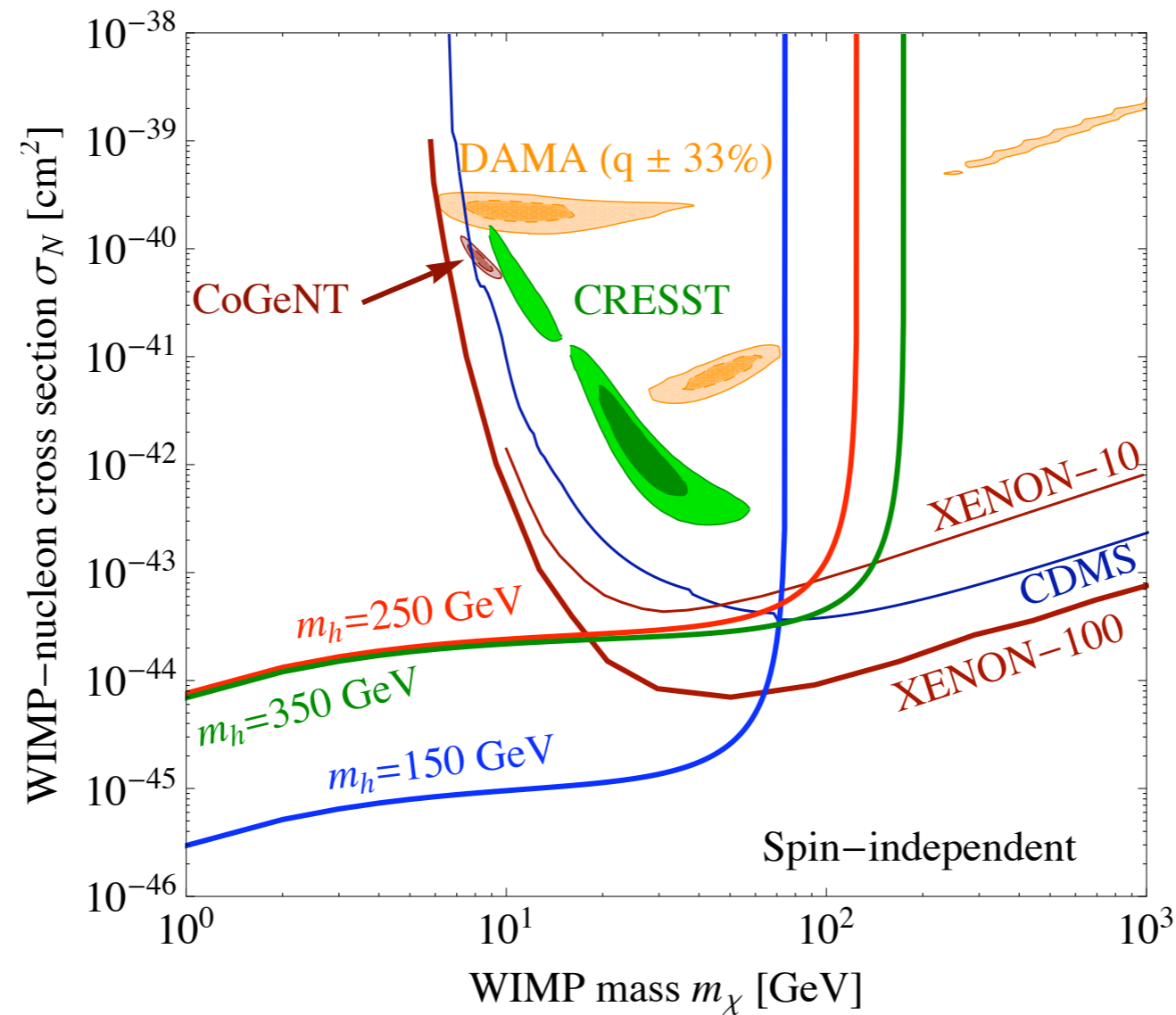
(b)  $W$ +jets.



(c)  $t\bar{t}$ .

# Current Higgs limits vs DM

CMS Higgs combined lower bound



*Also, if a light SM Higgs is discovered, an upper limit on DD can be extracted.*

# CDF: jet + MET (1 fb<sup>-1</sup>)

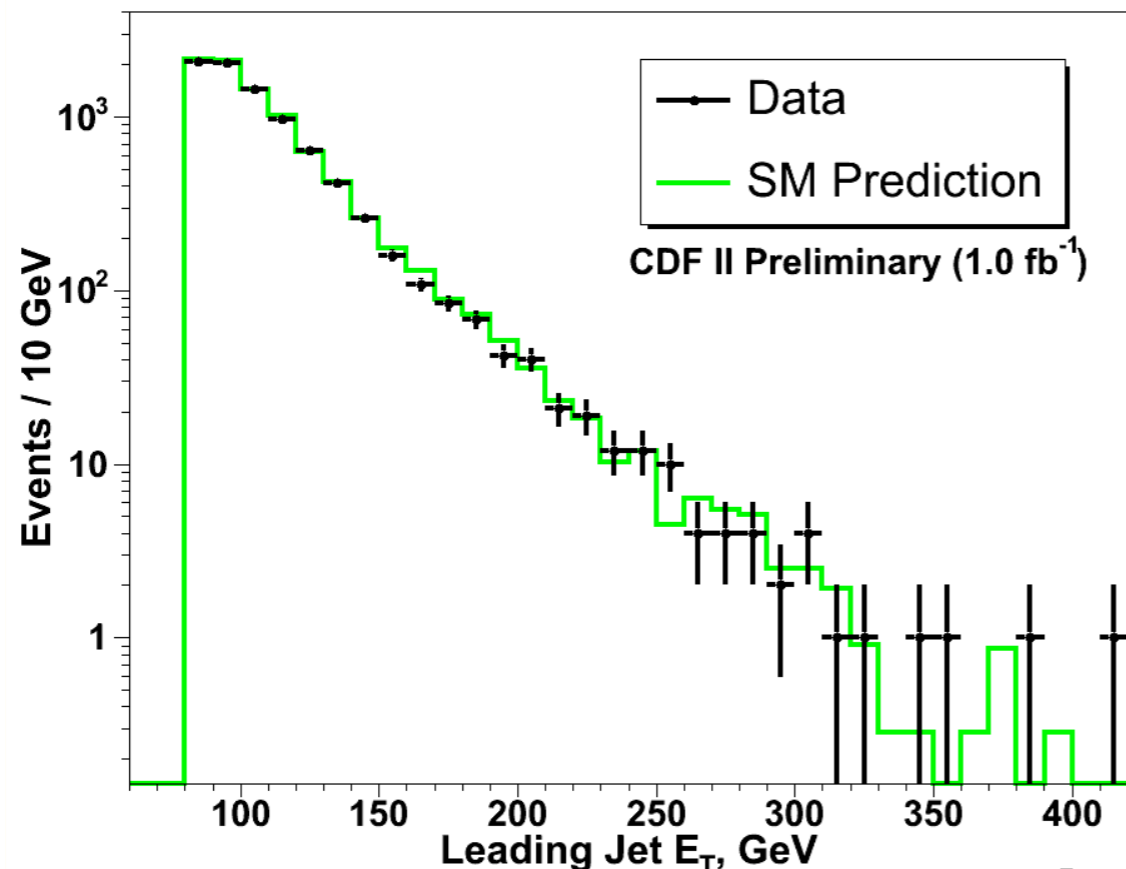
counting experiment:

$$\cancel{E}_T > 80 \text{ GeV}$$

$$p_T(j1) > 80 \text{ GeV}$$

$$p_T(j2) < 30 \text{ GeV}$$

$$p_T(j3) < 20 \text{ GeV}$$



Background	Number of Events
Z -> nu nu	3203 +/- 137
W -> tau nu	2010 +/- 69
W -> mu nu	1570 +/- 54
W -> e nu	824 +/- 28
Z -> ll	87 +/- 3
QCD	708 +/- 146
Gamma plus Jet	209 +/- 41
Non-Collision	52 +/- 52
Total Predicted	8663 +/- 332
Data Observed	8449

**Observed: 8449 events**



# ATLAS Analysis

## \* ATLAS's 1fb analysis employs 3 sets of cuts

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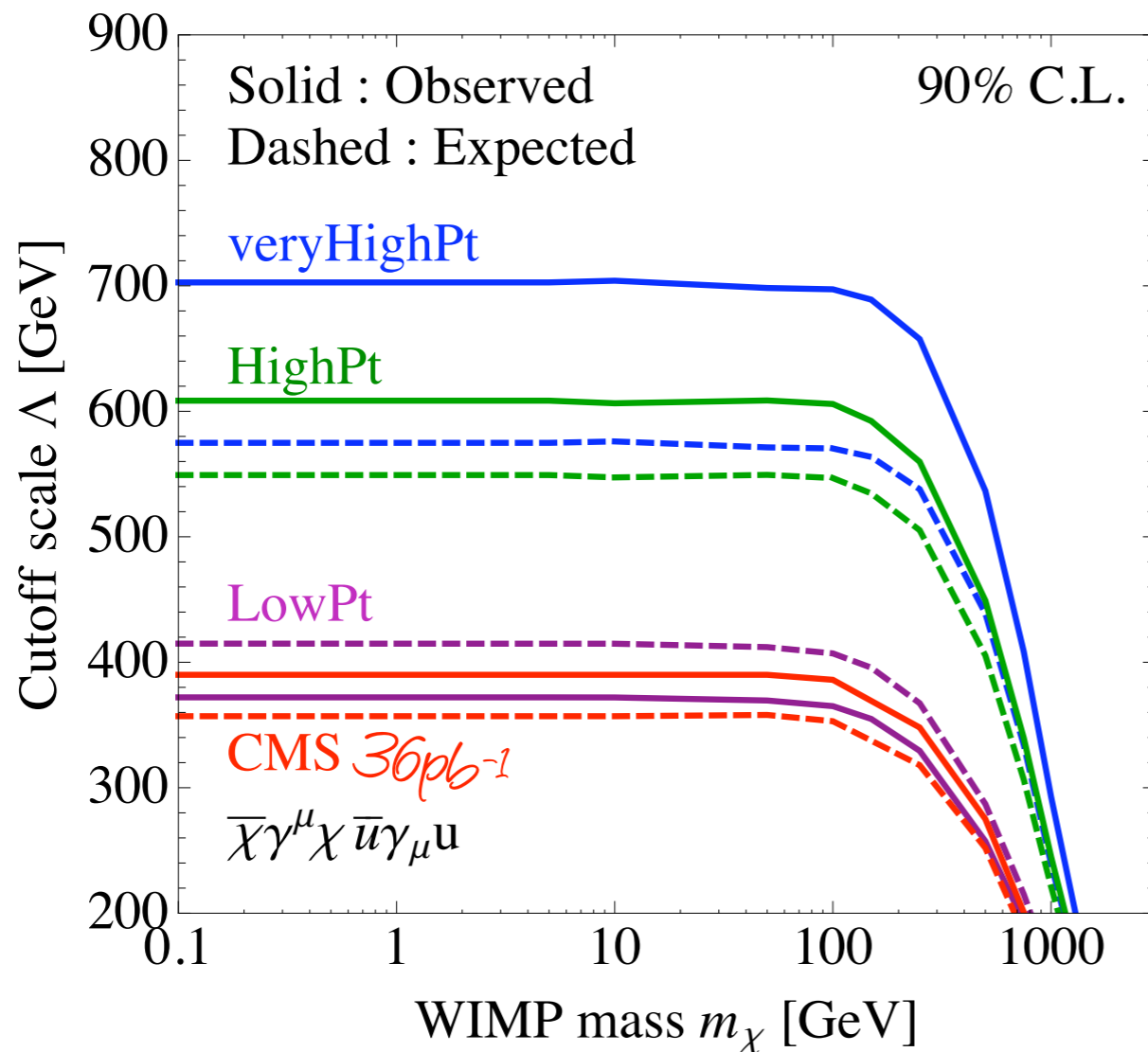
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Expected	$15100 \pm 700$	$1010 \pm 75$	$193 \pm 25$
Observed	15740	965	167

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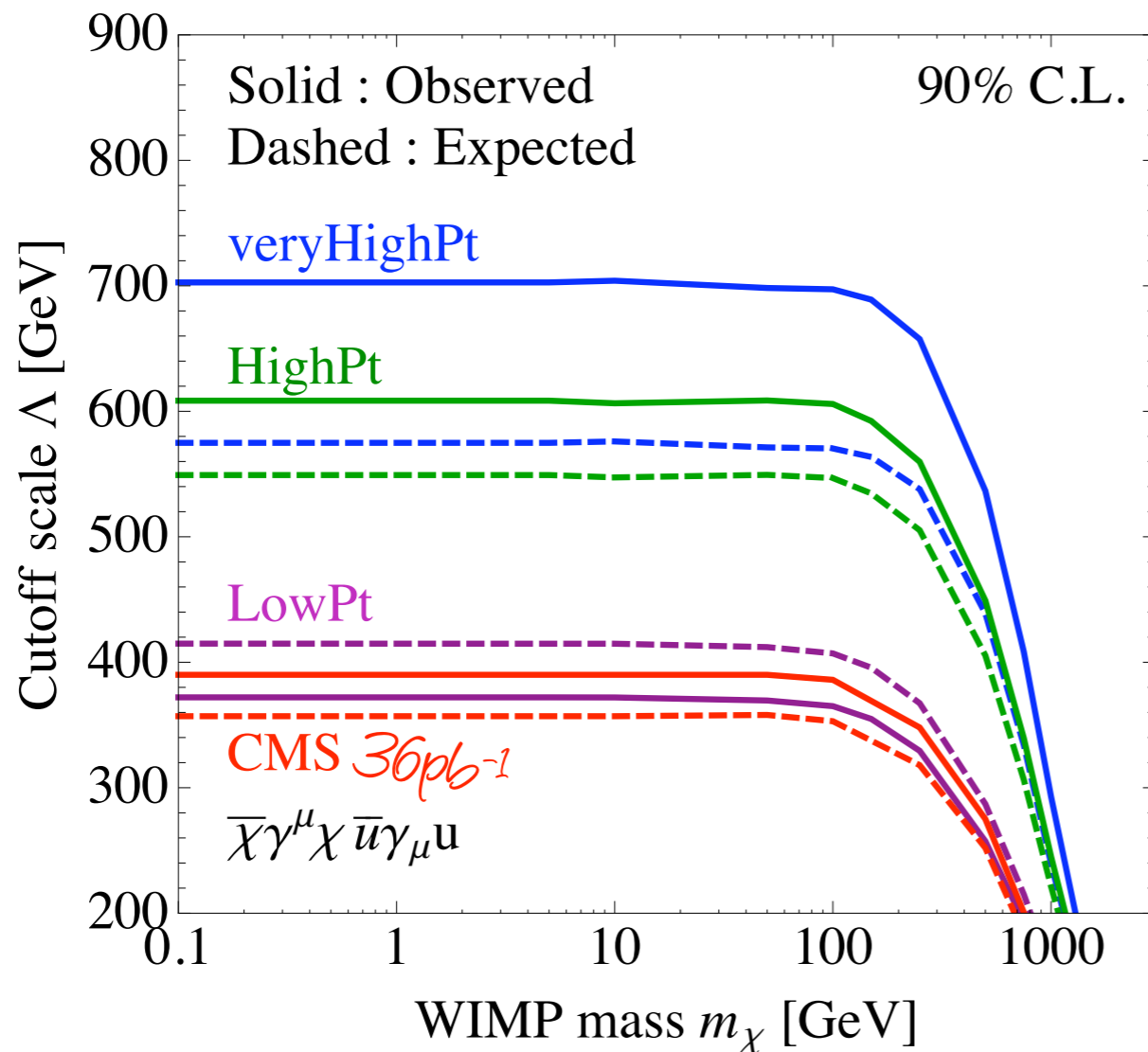
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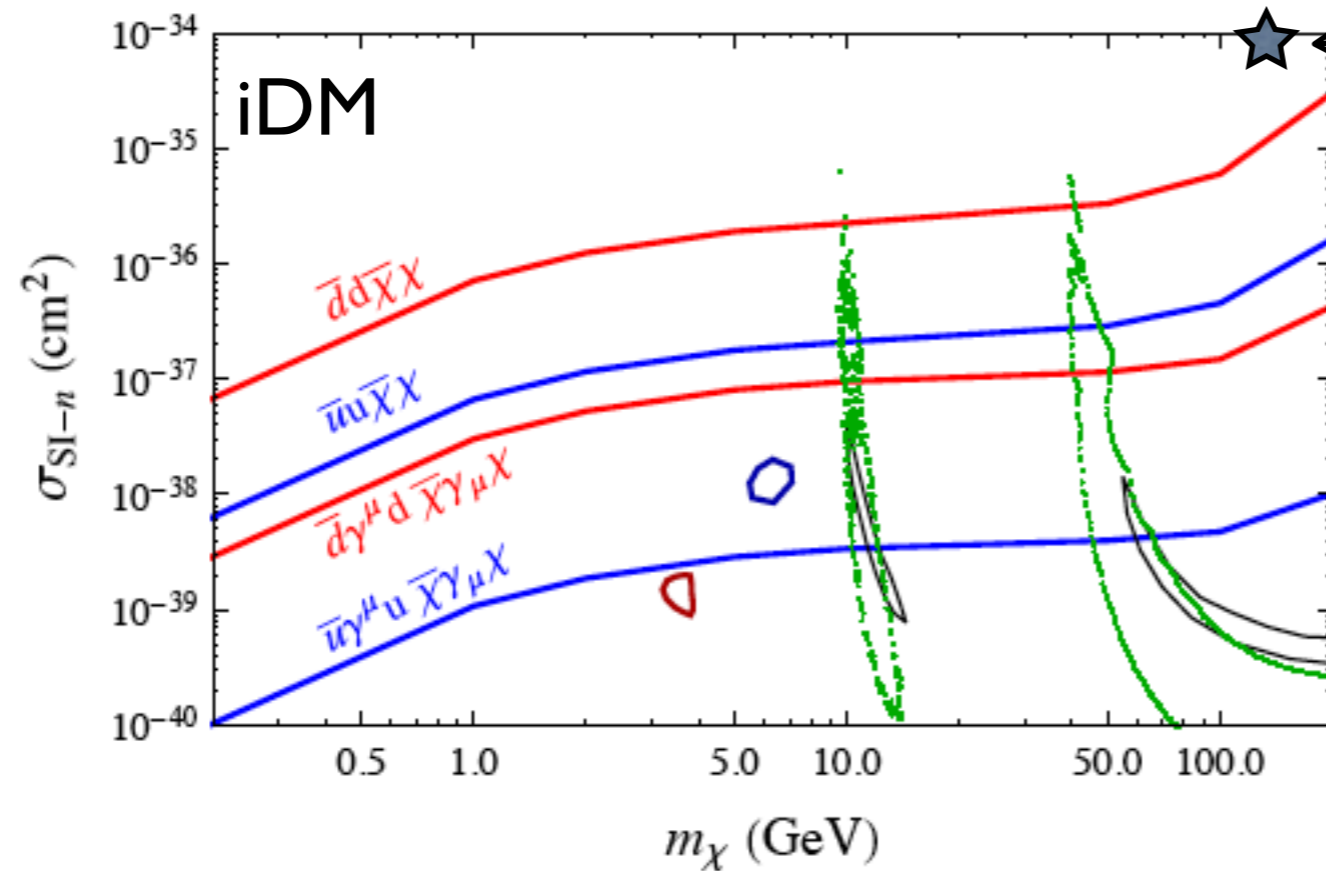


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Harder is better.  
in the future:  
populate the tail  
and keep cutting harder

# iDM, MDDDM, ...

- \* There are other scenarios in which DD is suppressed, but colliders don't care:



impure thoughts...  
can survive with light  
mediator.

# LEP mono-photon

w/ Fox, Kopp and Tsai  
arXiv:1103.0240

# LEP

- \* Directly constrain DM coupling to electrons.
- \* **But**, in many models quark and lepton coupling are related (consider 2 benchmarks).
- \* LEP is a clean environment. Ability to measure missing mass.
- \* Places non-trivial limits also on indirect searches in lepton channels (e.g. the Hooperon).

# Operators

\* Same story w/ leptons (assume universality)

$$\mathcal{O}_V = \frac{(\bar{\chi}\gamma_\mu\chi)(\bar{\ell}\gamma^\mu\ell)}{\Lambda^2}, \quad (\text{vector, } s\text{-channel})$$

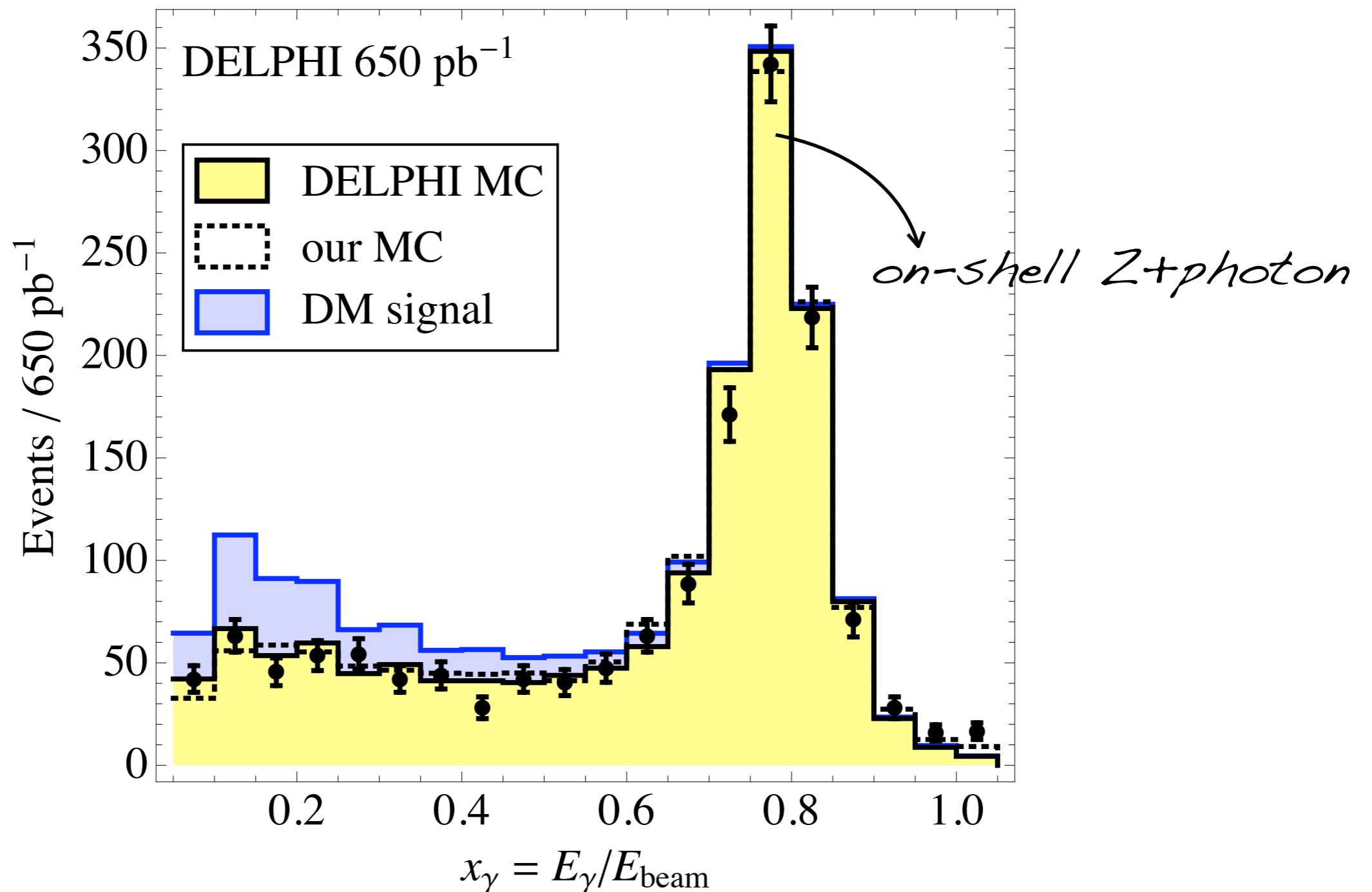
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$$\mathcal{O}_t = \frac{(\bar{\chi}\ell)(\bar{\ell}\chi)}{\Lambda^2}, \quad (\text{scalar, } t\text{-channel})$$

# Mono-photon

- \* Use spectrum shape to reject background peak.



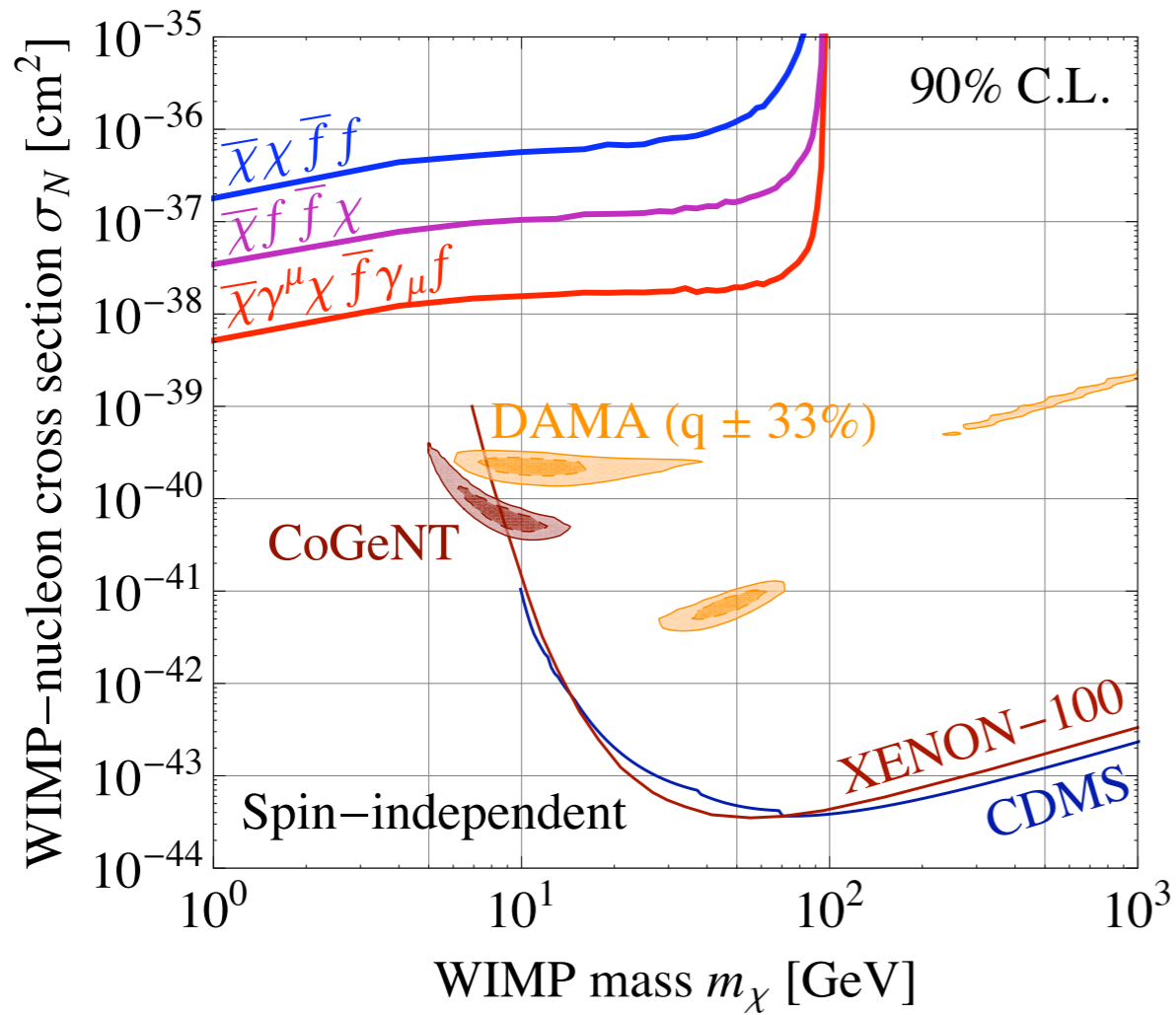


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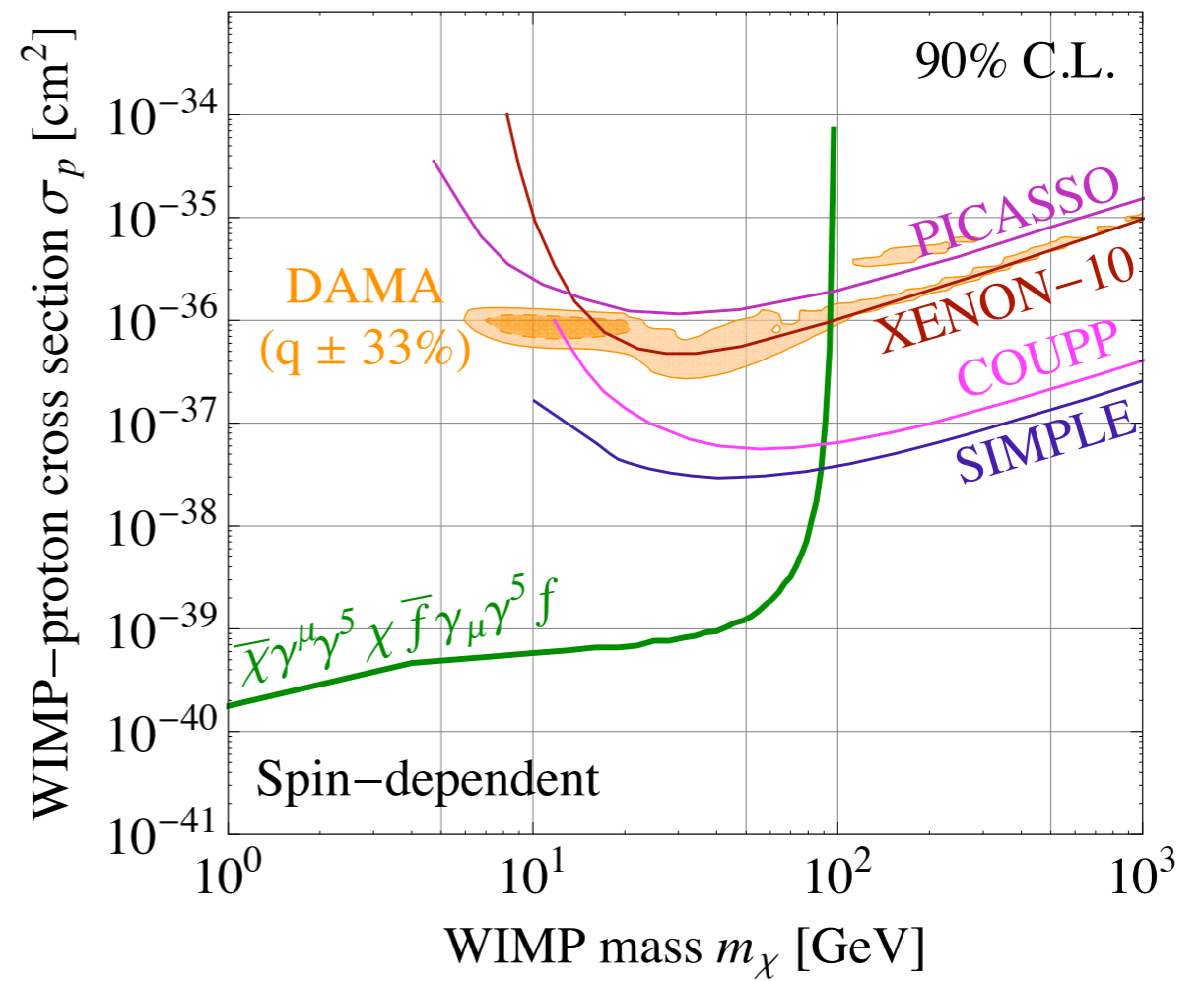
- \* We limit lepton couplings.
- \* But how does DM couple to quarks?
- \* Consider 2 extreme cases:
  - Couplings to **quarks are same as leptons.**
  - Couplings to quarks are **zero.**
- \* *Any other case can be derived from these two.*

# DD Limits

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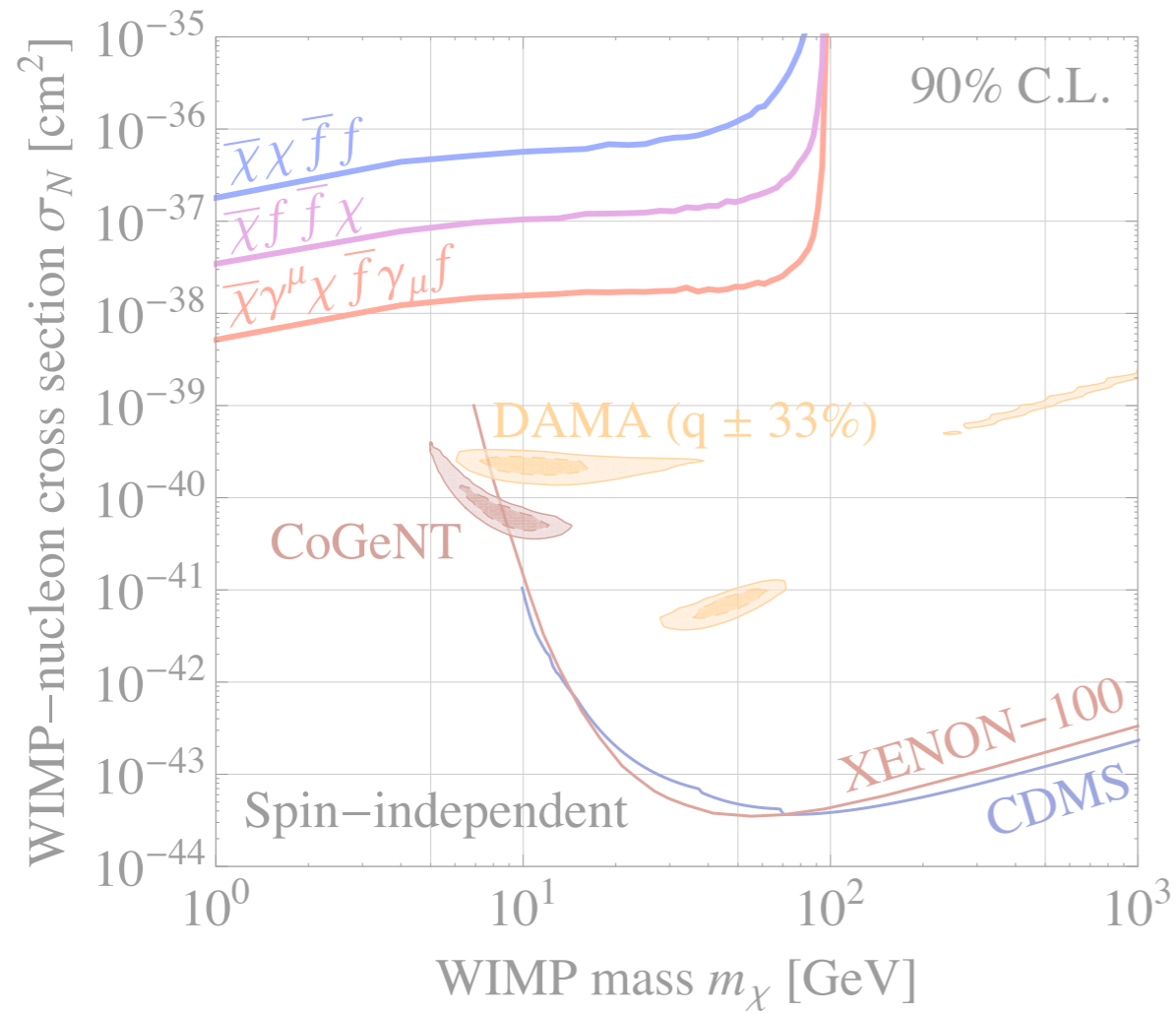


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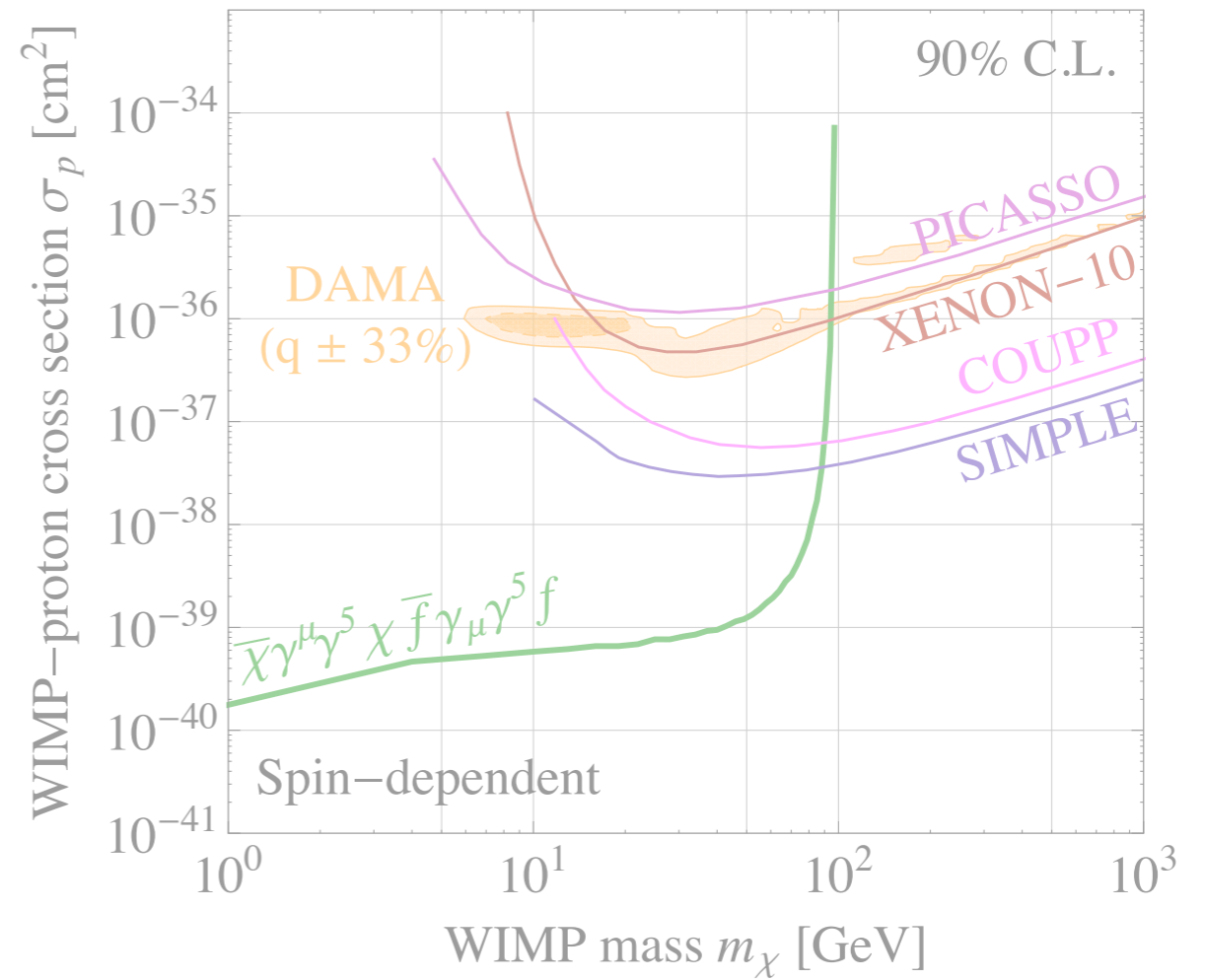


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Equal couplings to all SM fermions

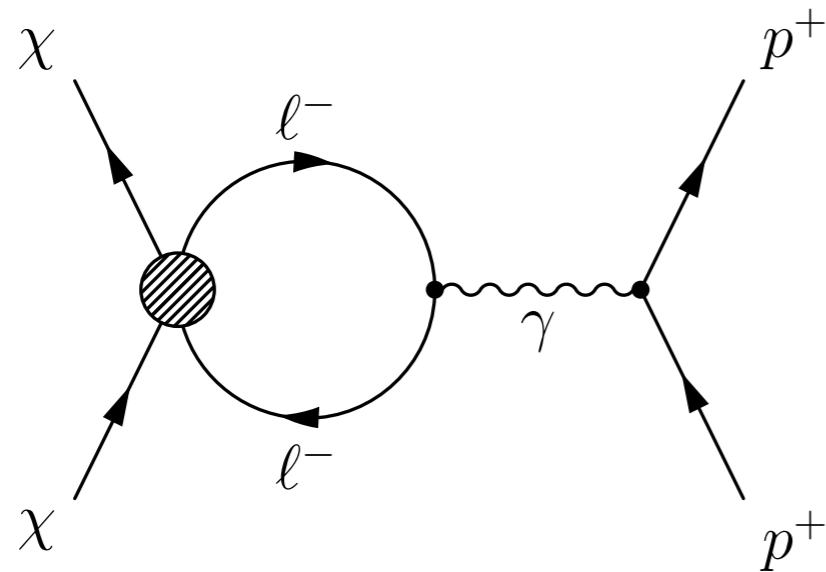


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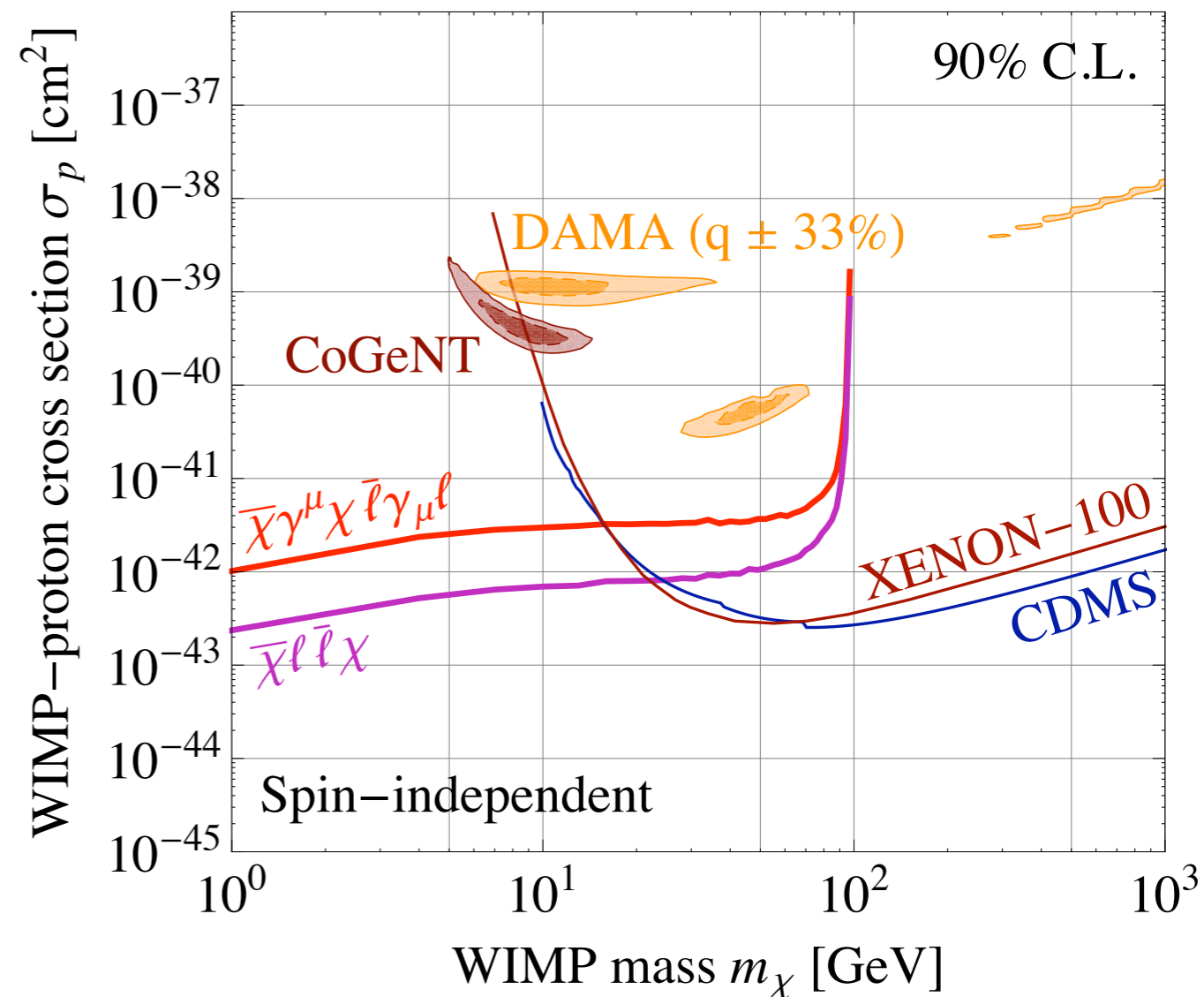
# Leptophilic DM

\* Consider zero couplings to quarks.



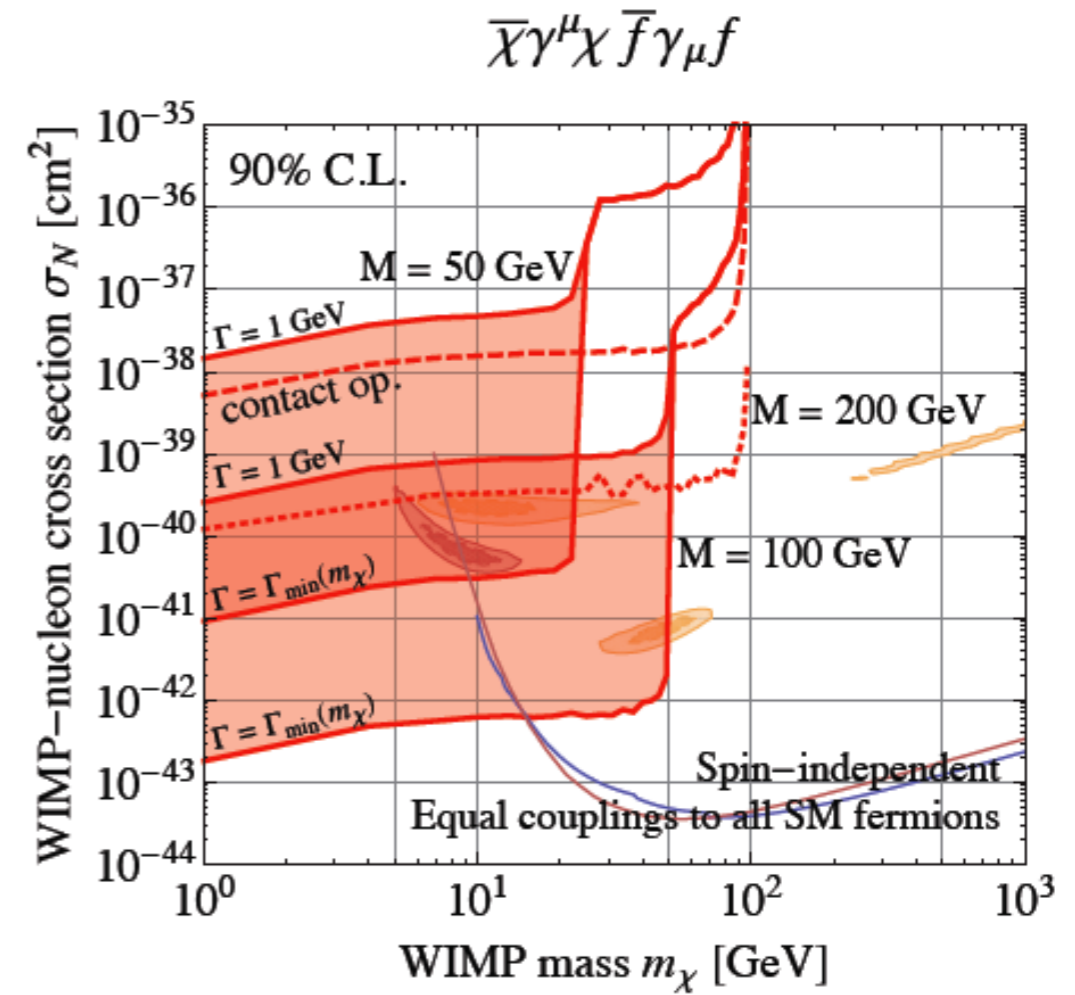
Direct detection  
pays a big price.  
Collider limits are strong.

Couplings to leptons only

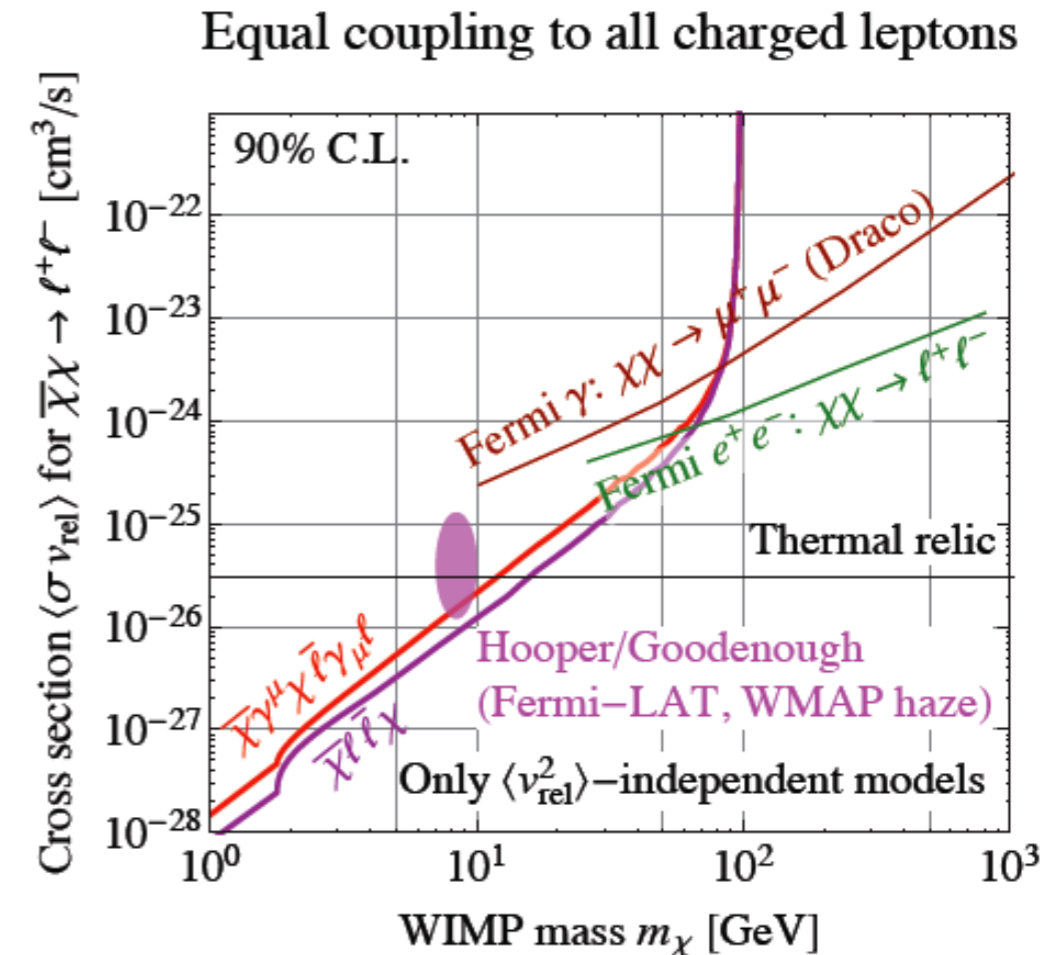


# Many more..

\* Light mediators:

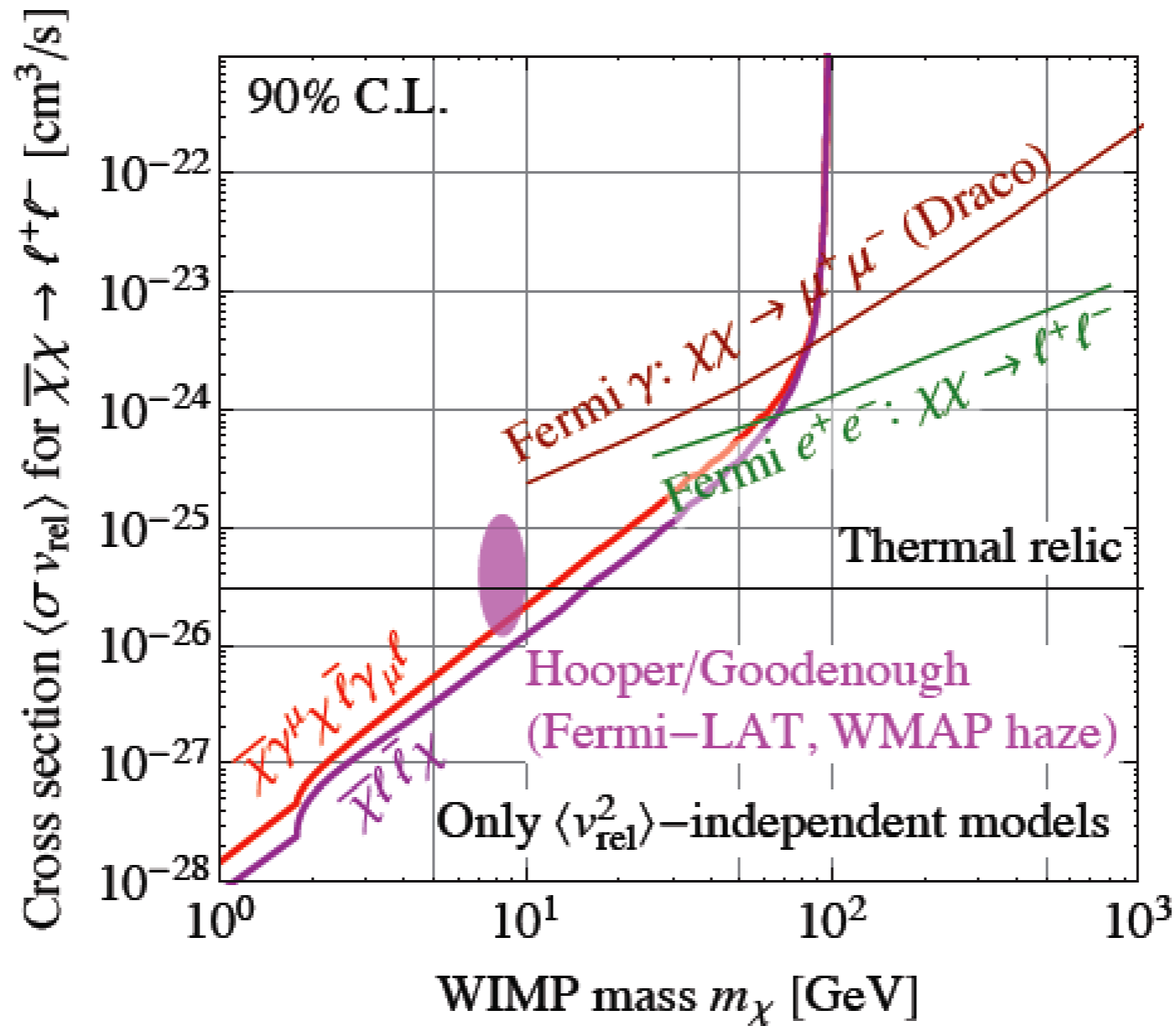


\* Indirect detection:



# Indirect Detection

Equal coupling to all charged leptons



Tension with the “Hooperon”. Light thermal relic ruled out.

# Light Mediators

\* Lets fix  $\sigma_{\text{DD}} \sim g_{\chi}^2 g_q^2 \frac{\mu^2}{M^4}$  and lower  $M$ .

The couplings must be decreased to compensate.

\* Then for very small  $M$  we get to the regime where

$$\sigma_{1j} \sim \alpha_s g_{\chi}^2 g_q^2 \frac{1}{p_T^2}$$

\* The cross section drops as  $M^4$ .

\* **But what happens in the intermediate regime?**

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A neural net with our name on it ?! :-0

