

# Co-decaying Dark Matter in a Hidden Valley

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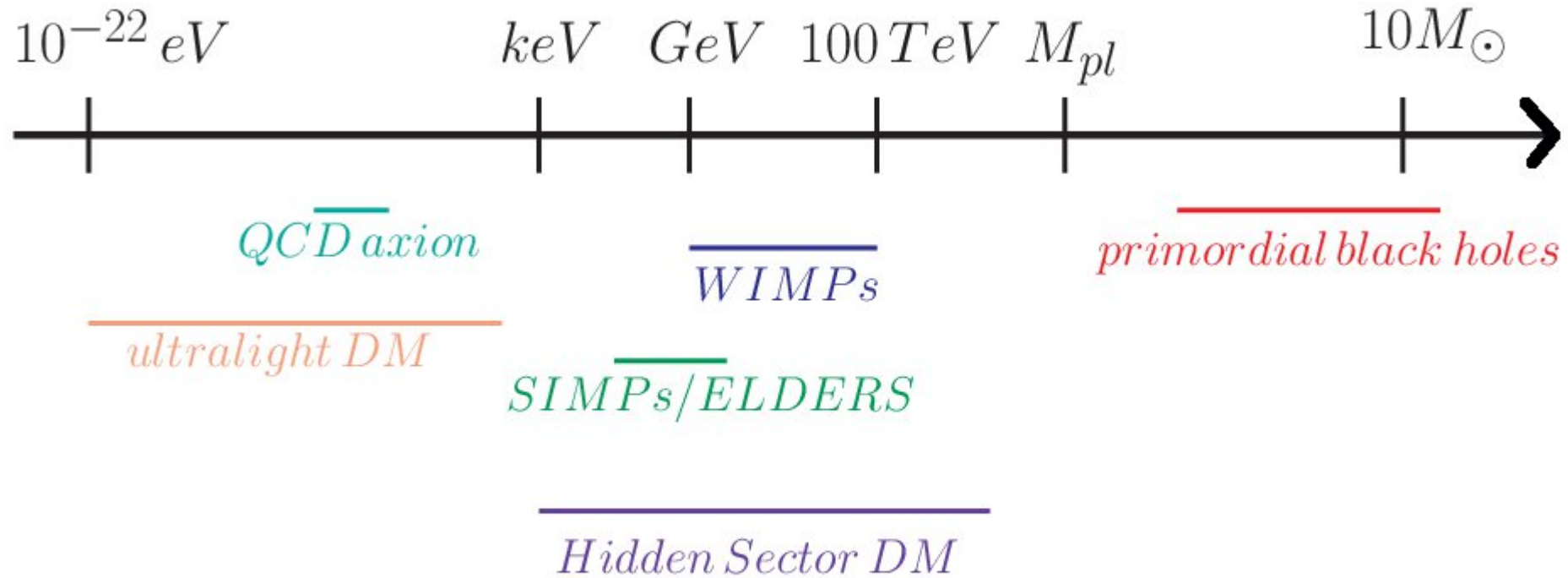
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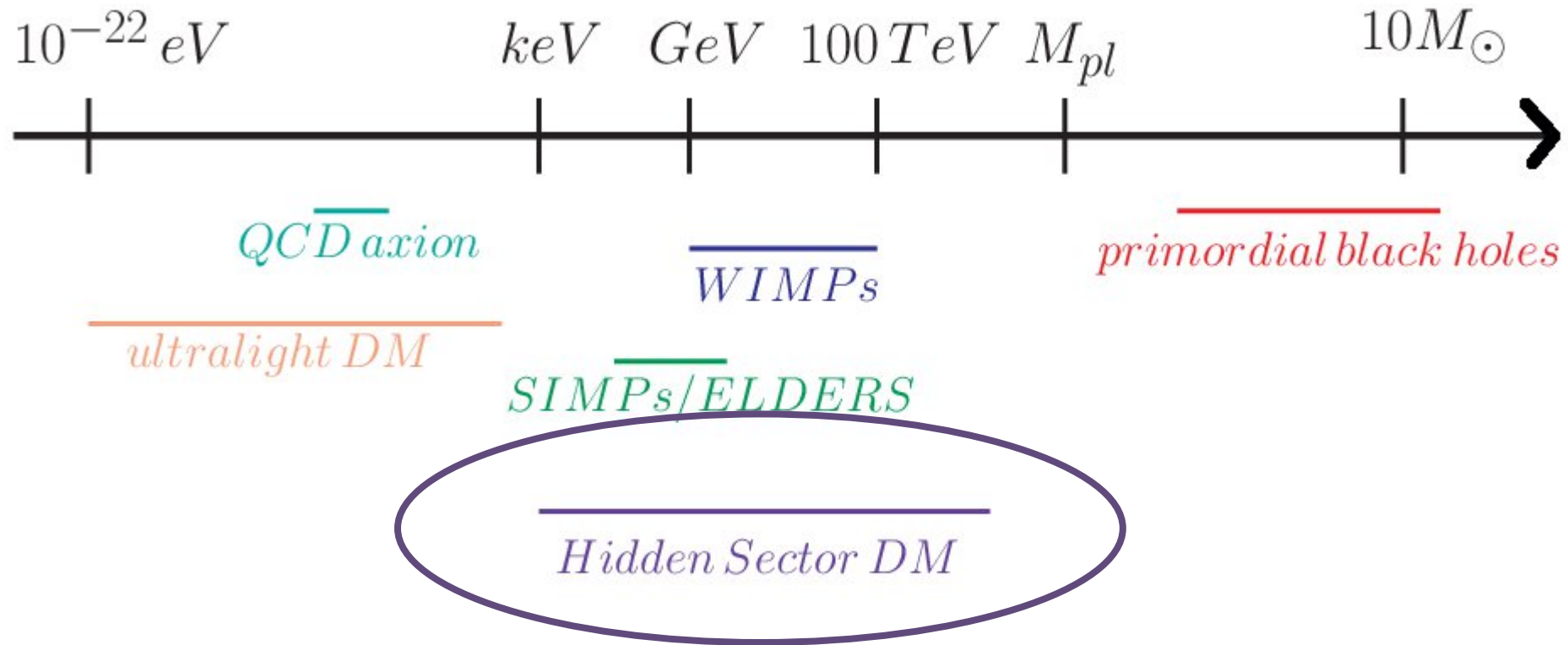
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QCD-like Dark Sector

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Portal



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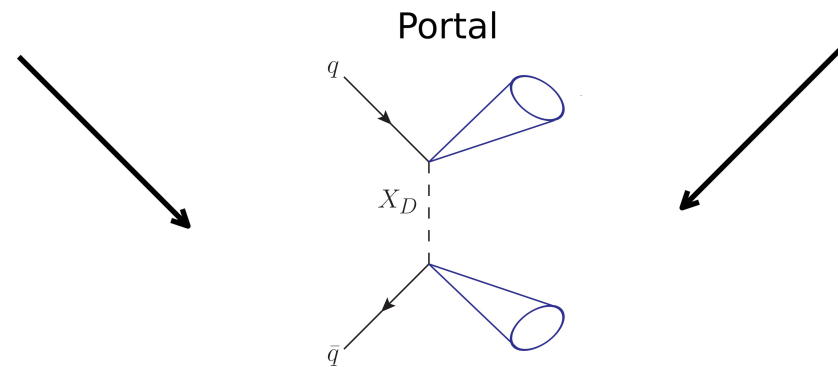
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Mediator  $X_D : (3, \bar{3}) \sim SU(3)_c \times SU(3)_D$

$$\mathcal{L}_D = -\frac{1}{4} G_{D,\mu\nu} G_D^{\mu\nu} + i\bar{Q}_D \not{D} Q_D - m_{Q_D} \bar{Q}_D Q_D + D_\mu X_D^\dagger D^\mu X_D + m_X |X_D|^2 - (\kappa_{\alpha i} \bar{q}_{Ri} Q_{DL\alpha} X_D + h.c.)$$

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$$\mathcal{L}_{dQCD} = \bar{Q}_\alpha (i\not{D} - m_{Q_D} \delta_{\alpha,\beta}) Q_\beta - \frac{1}{4} G_{D,\mu\nu}^A \tilde{G}_D^{\mu\nu A}$$

for small  $m_Q$ : approximate  $SU(3)_{d_L} \times SU(3)_{d_R}$

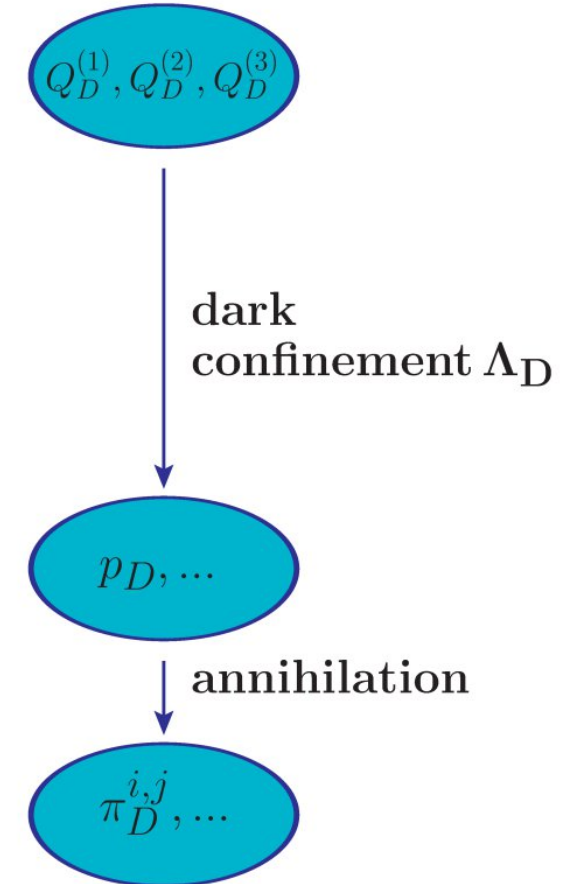
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broken by dark quark condensate to  $SU(3)_V$

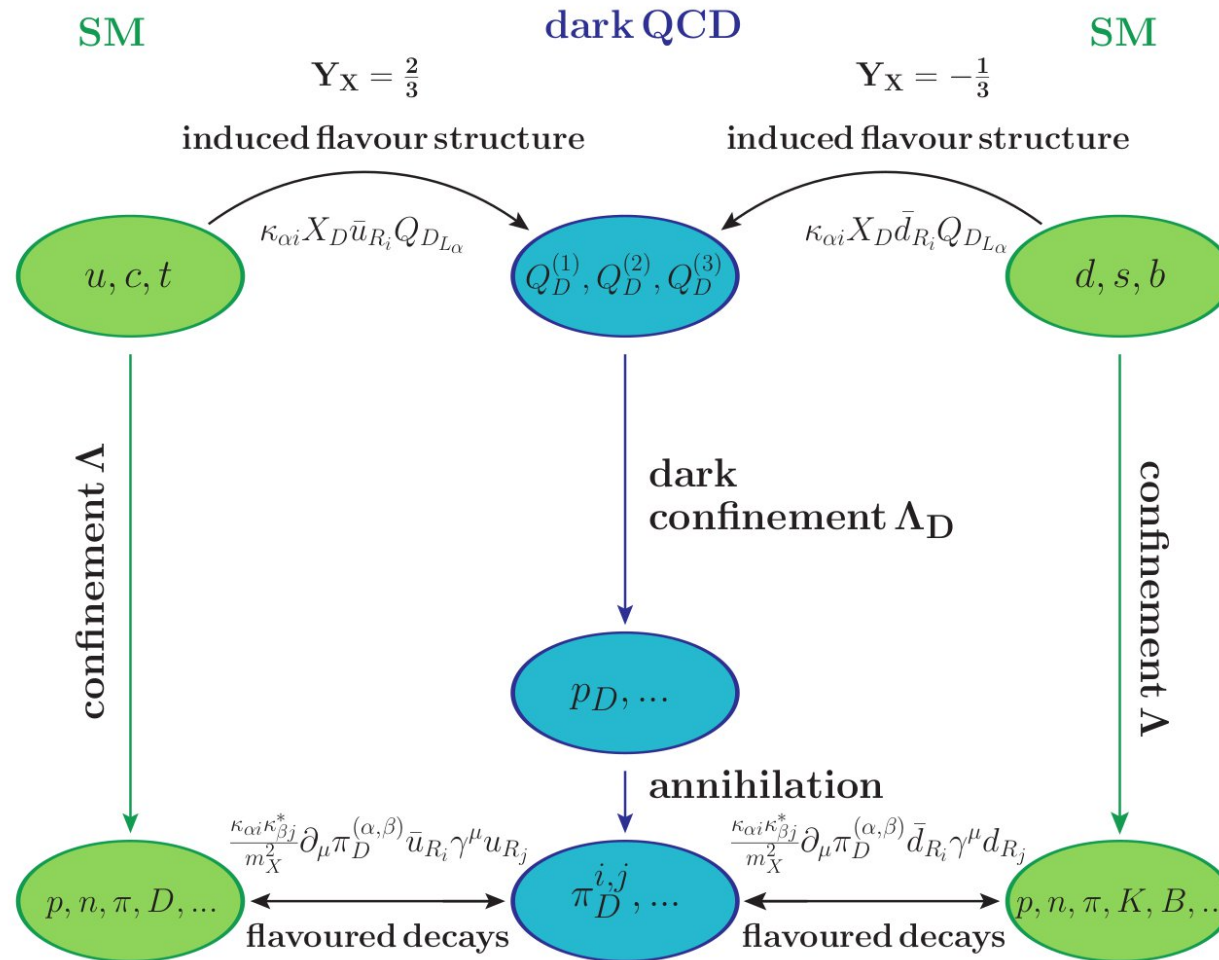
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8 pseudo-Nambu-Goldstone bosons

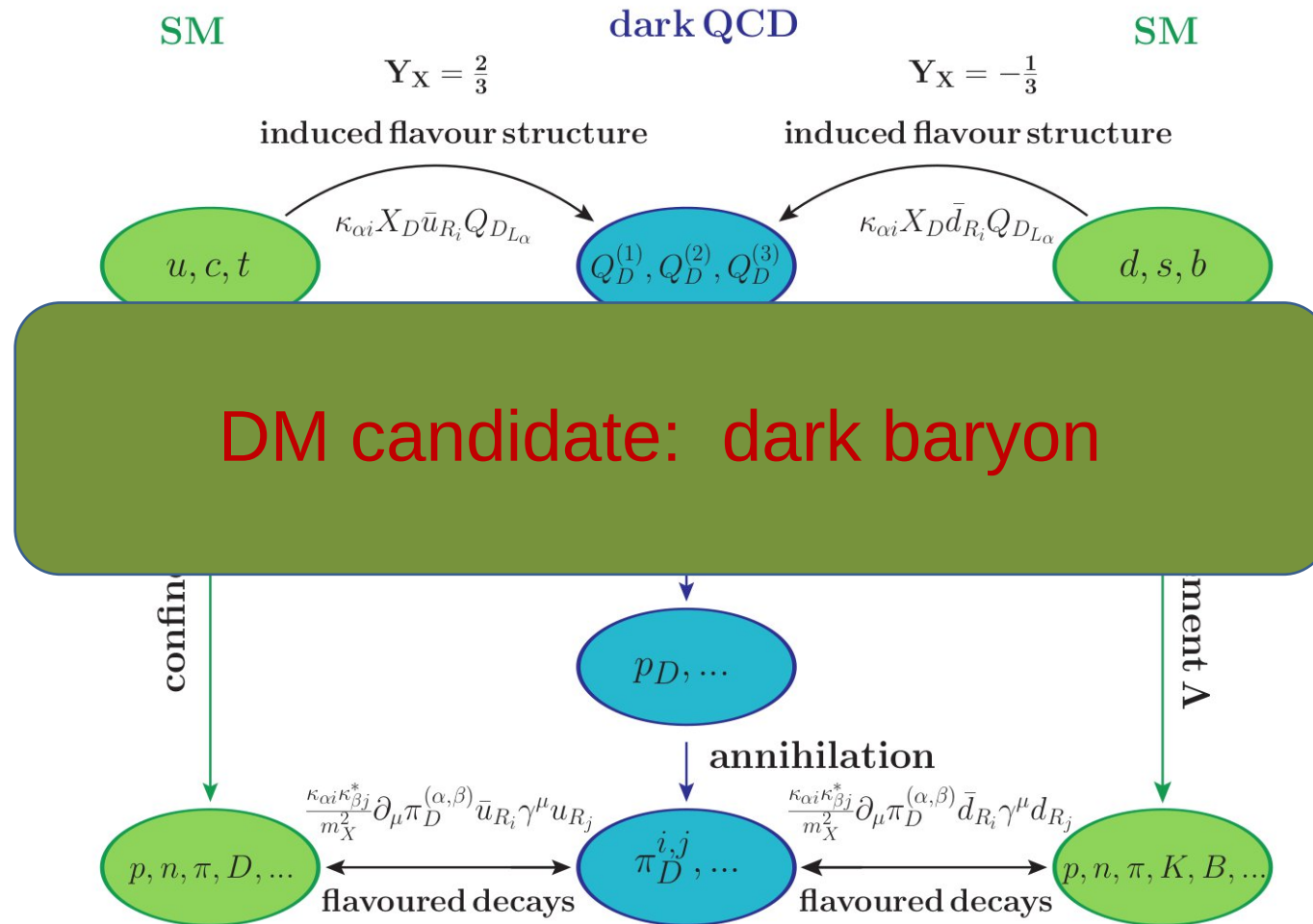
Dark Pion	Dark Quark Content
$\pi_D^{(1,2)}$	$\bar{Q}_{D2} Q_{D1}$
$\pi_D^{(1,3)}$	$\bar{Q}_{D3} Q_{D1}$
$\pi_D^{(2,3)}$	$\bar{Q}_{D3} Q_{D2}$
$\pi_D^3$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [\bar{Q}_{D1} Q_{D1} - \bar{Q}_{D2} Q_{D2}]$
$\pi_D^8$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} [\bar{Q}_{D1} Q_{D1} + \bar{Q}_{D2} Q_{D2} - 2\bar{Q}_{D3} Q_{D3}]$



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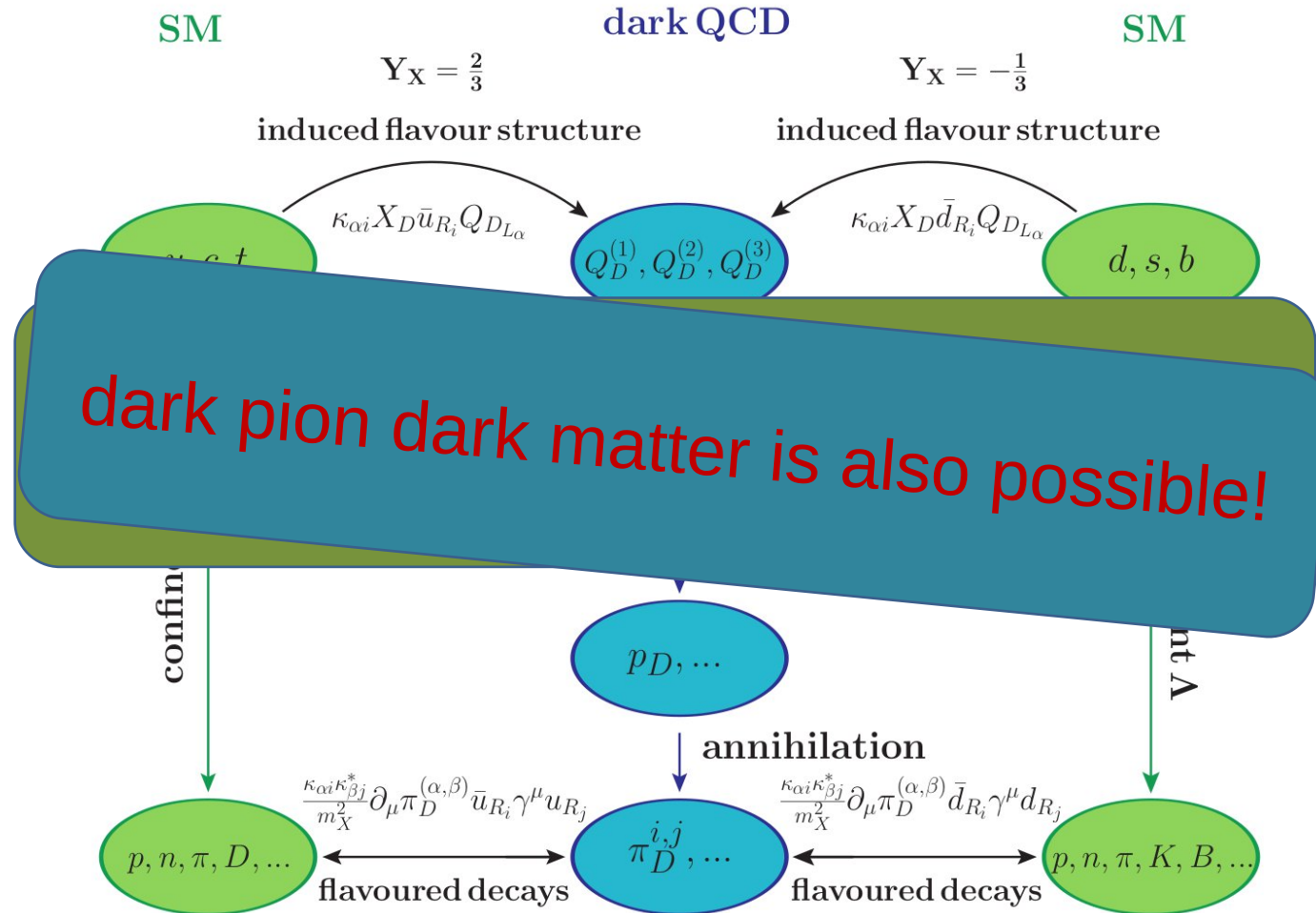


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# Dark pion dark matter in Hidden Valleys

**expand SM by:**

- $G_{\text{SM}} \times SU(3)_D$
  - $n_f > 3$  dark quarks charged under  $SU(3)_D$
- $\implies n_f^2 - 1$  dark pions

flavour symmetry breaking now:

$$SU(n_f) \times SU(3) \rightarrow U(1)^{n_f - 3}$$

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$\implies$

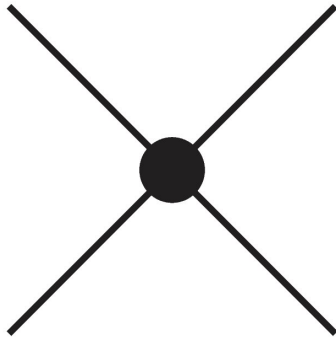
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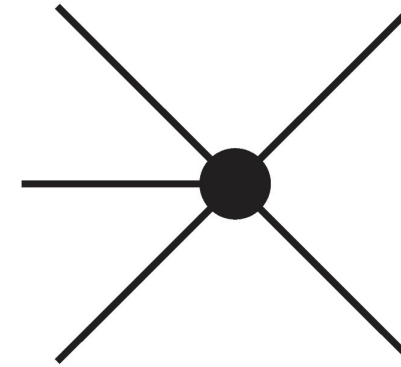
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- **3 decaying** diagonal dark pions
- **6 decaying** off-diagonal dark pions
- **6 stable** off-diagonal dark pions

# Dark pion interactions



$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{SI}}^{(4)} = -\frac{2}{3f_D^2} \pi_D^a \pi_D^b \partial_\mu \pi_D^c \partial^\mu \pi_D^d \left[ \frac{1}{4} f^{acm} f^{bdm} \right]$$



$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{SI}}^{(5)} = \frac{2N_d}{15\pi^2 f_D^5} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \pi^a \partial_\mu \pi^b \partial_\nu \pi^c \partial_\rho \pi^d \partial_\sigma \pi^e \left[ -\frac{1}{16} (f^{abf} f^{cdg} d^{efg}) \right]$$

# Boltzmann Equations

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# Boltzman equations

## Assumptions:

1. kinetic equilibrium:  $f_D^4 / m_{\pi_D}^3 < 10^{16} \text{ GeV}$

2. thermal equilibrium:  $C_q \equiv \frac{(\kappa_{\alpha q}^* \kappa_{\beta q}^* c_{\alpha\beta}) \text{Max}(f_D, m_{\pi_D})^2}{m_\chi^2} > 10^{-5}$

3. decaying dark pions decay instantly

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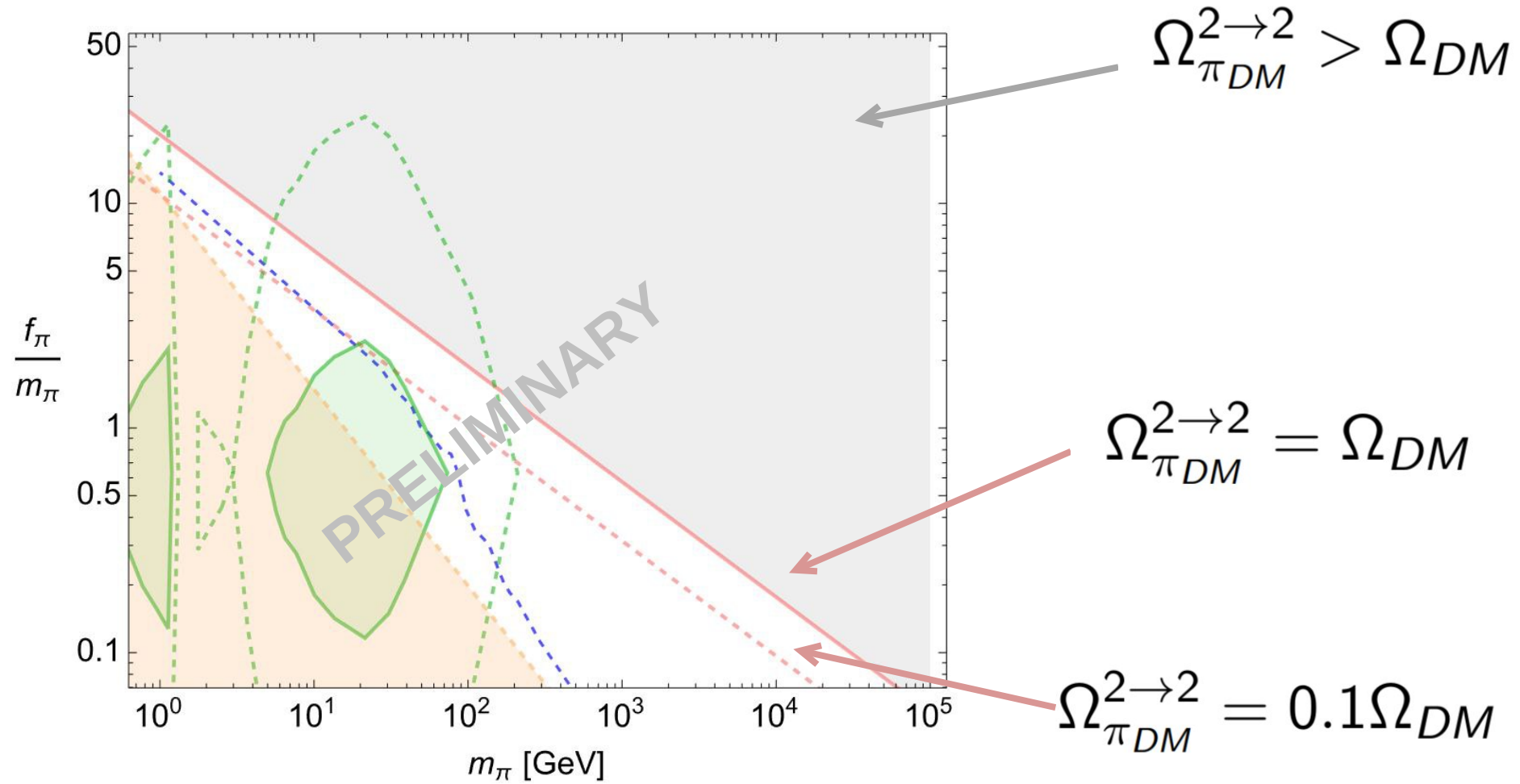
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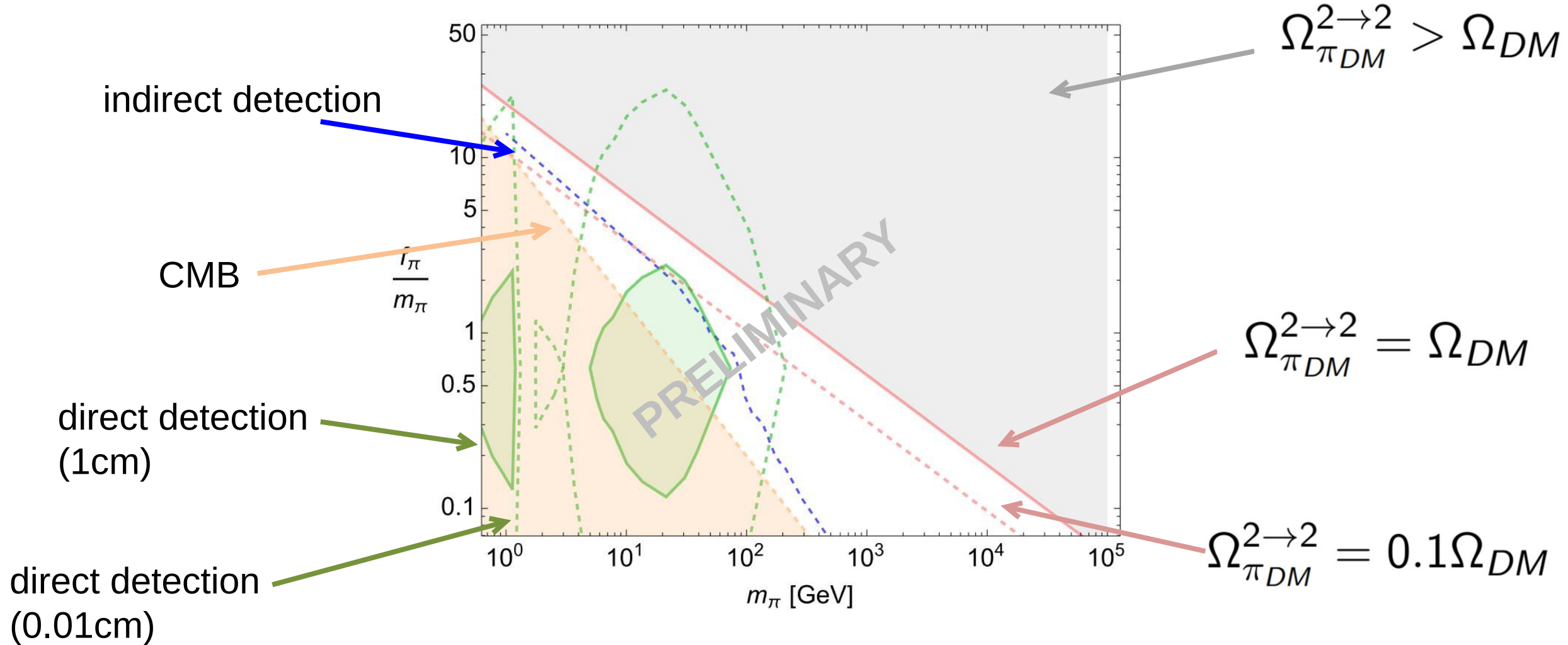
$$- \Gamma(\pi_{\text{dec}}) n_{\text{dec}}$$

see also Kopp et al '16

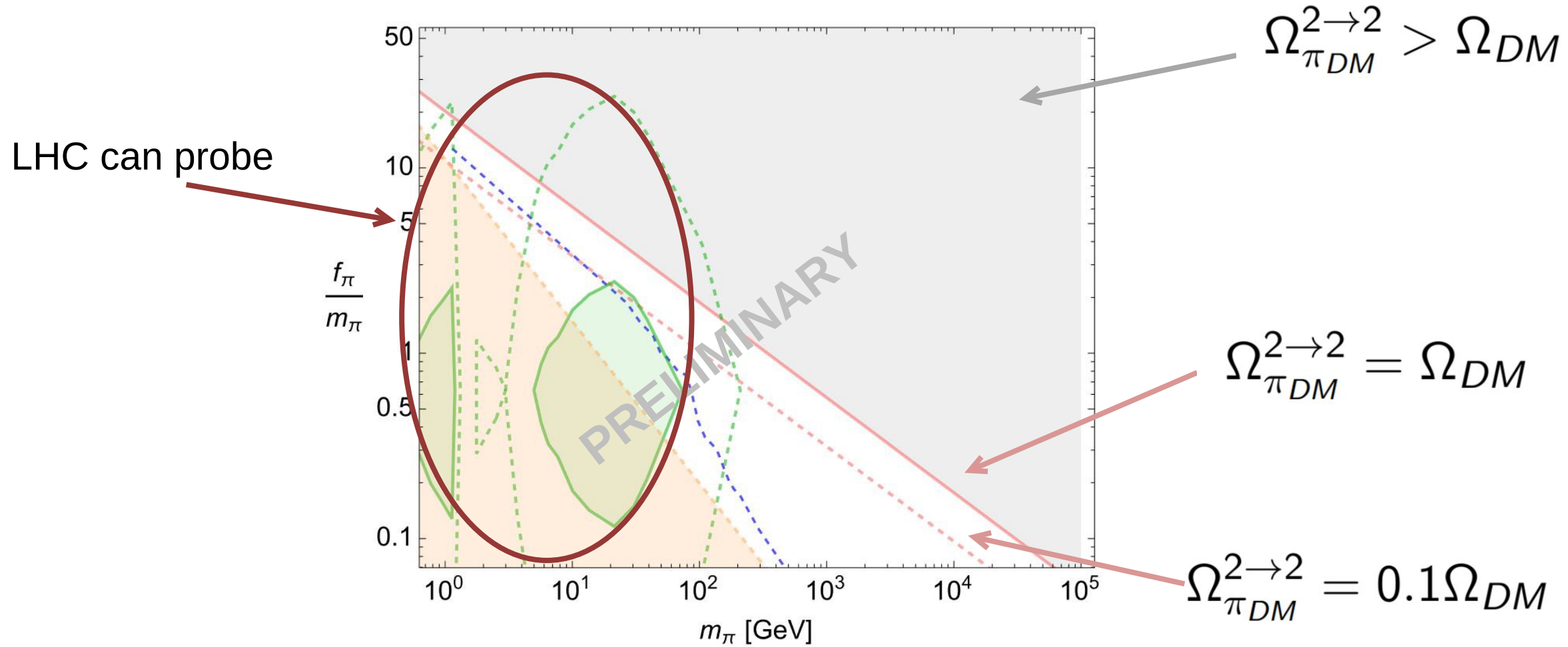
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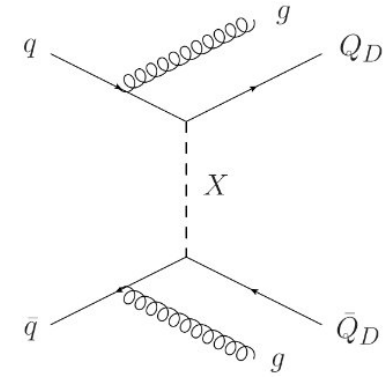
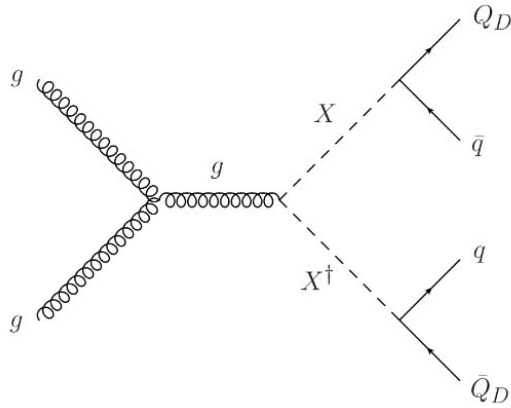
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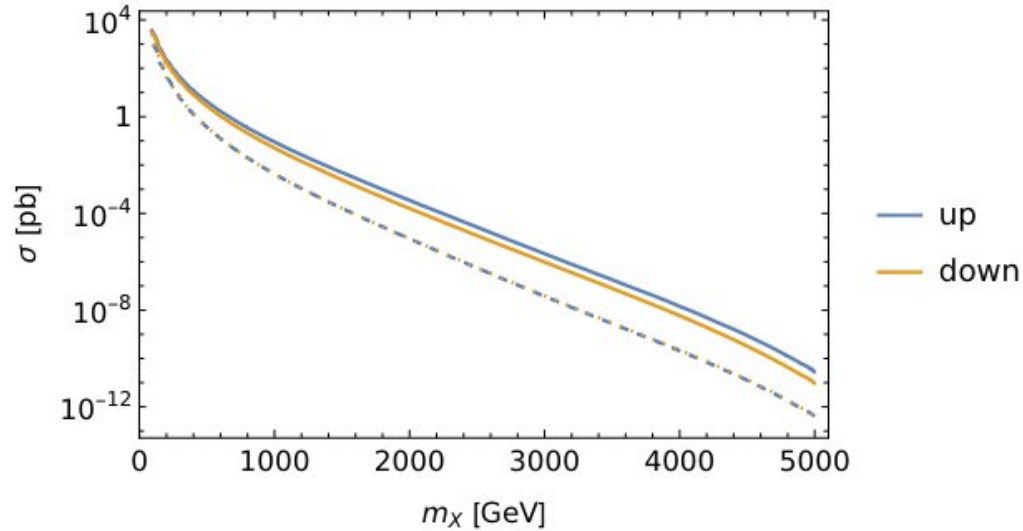
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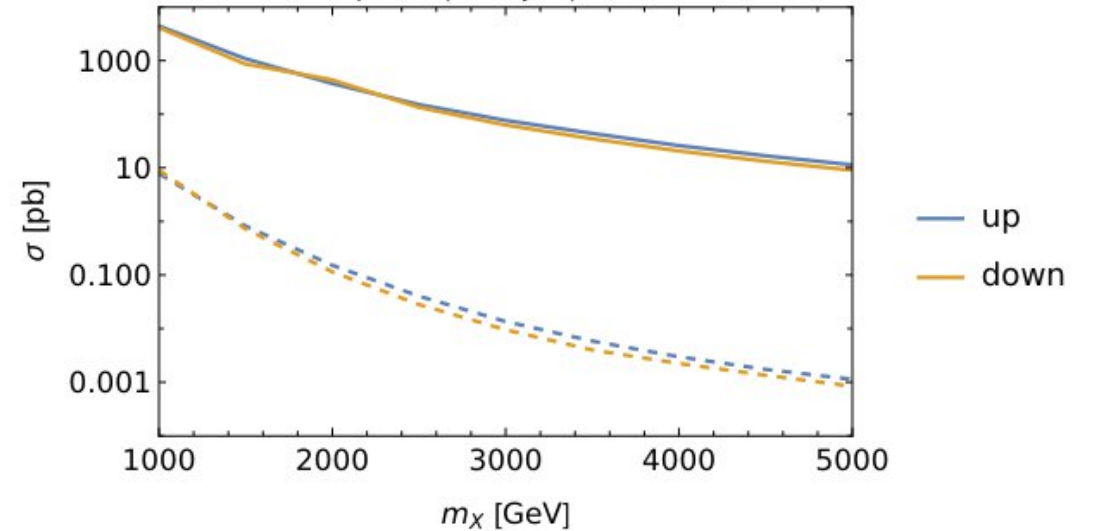
# Dark pion production at LHC



pair production cross section

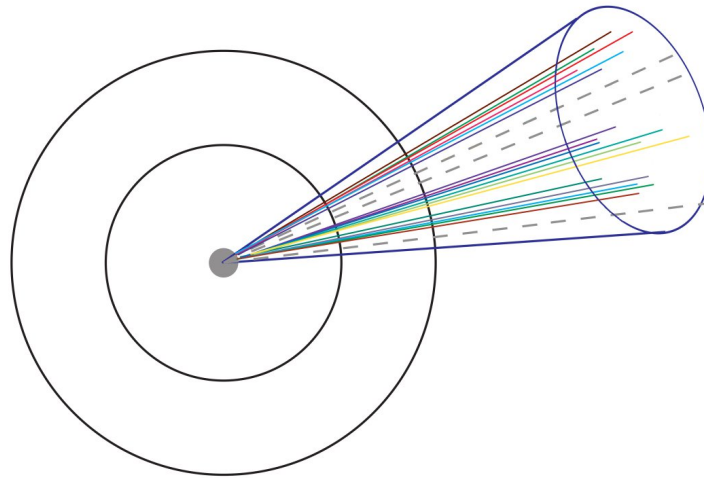


2 dark quarks (+ 1/2 jets) cross section



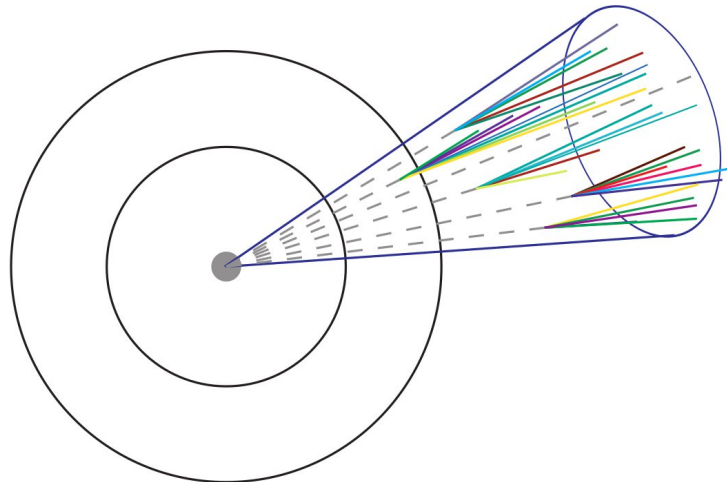
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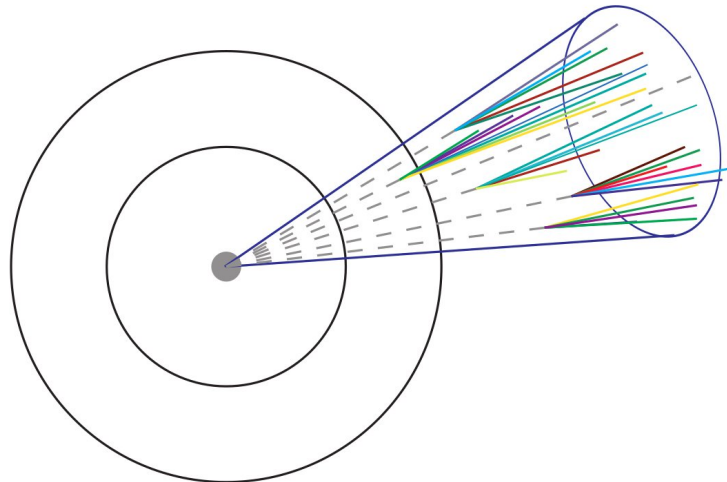
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1. decaying dark matter

Search for non-resonant production of semi-visible jets using Run 2 data in ATLAS

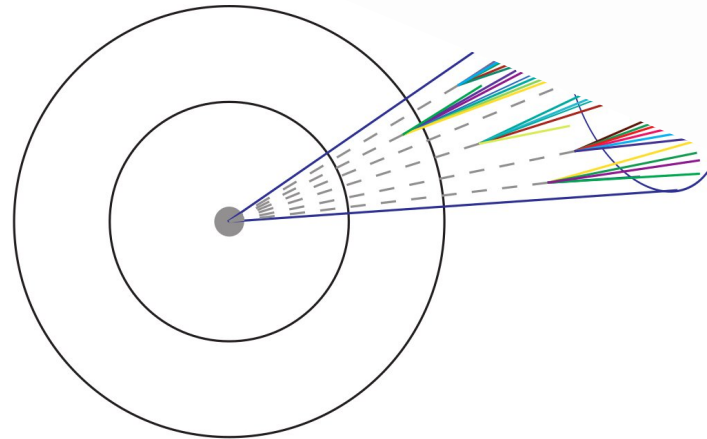
The ATLAS Collaboration

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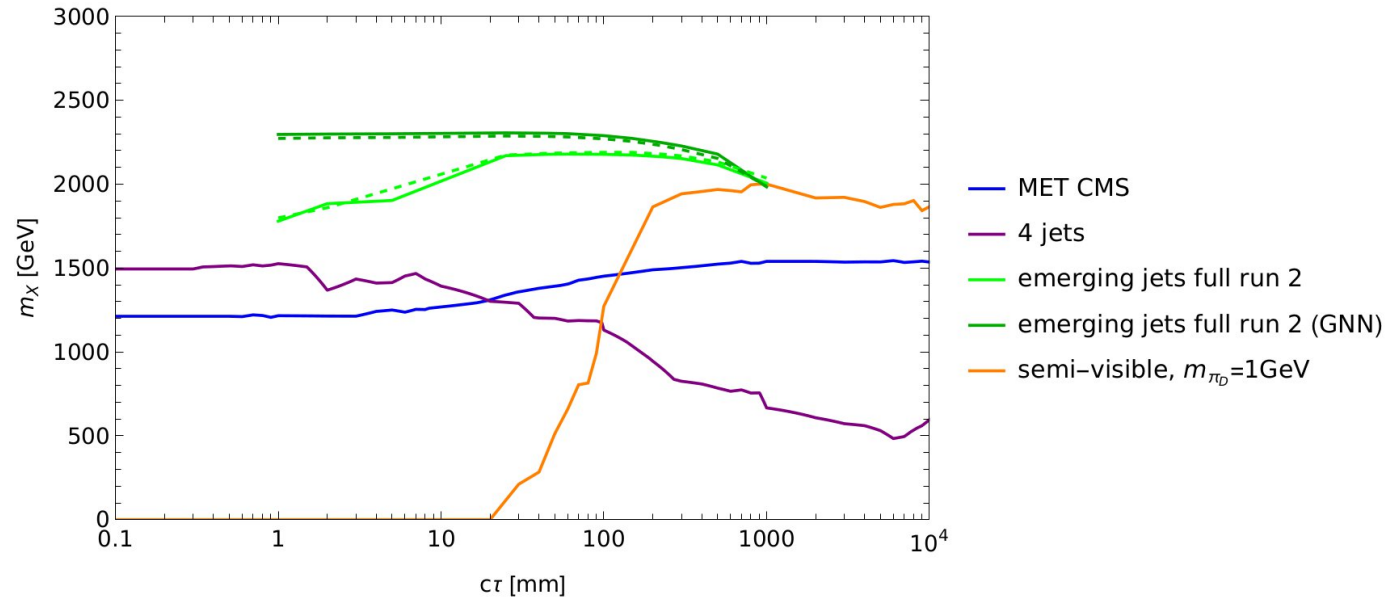
jets/jets plus

Search for new physics with emerging jets in proton-proton collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV

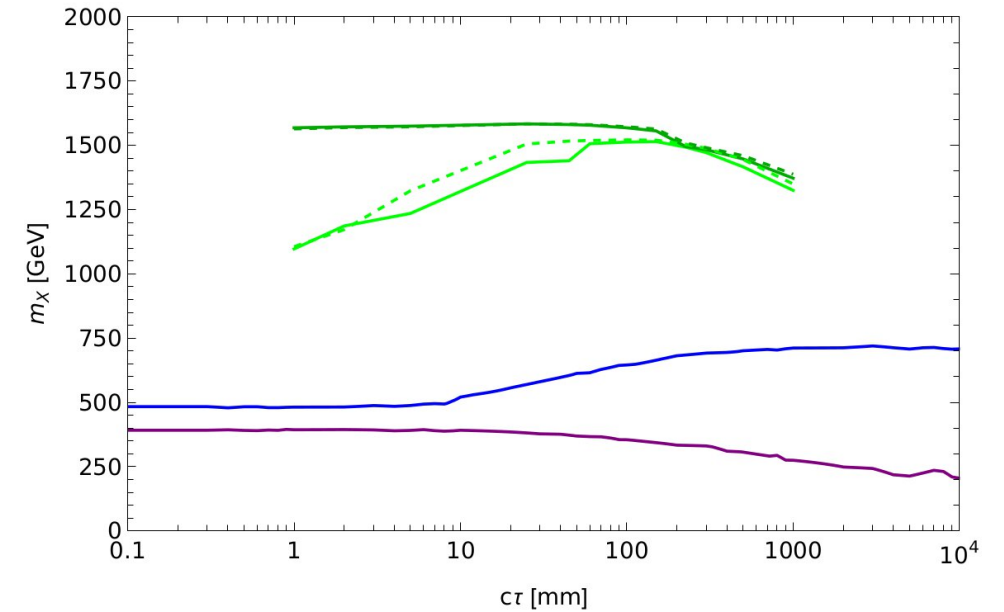
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# Couplings to up-type quarks

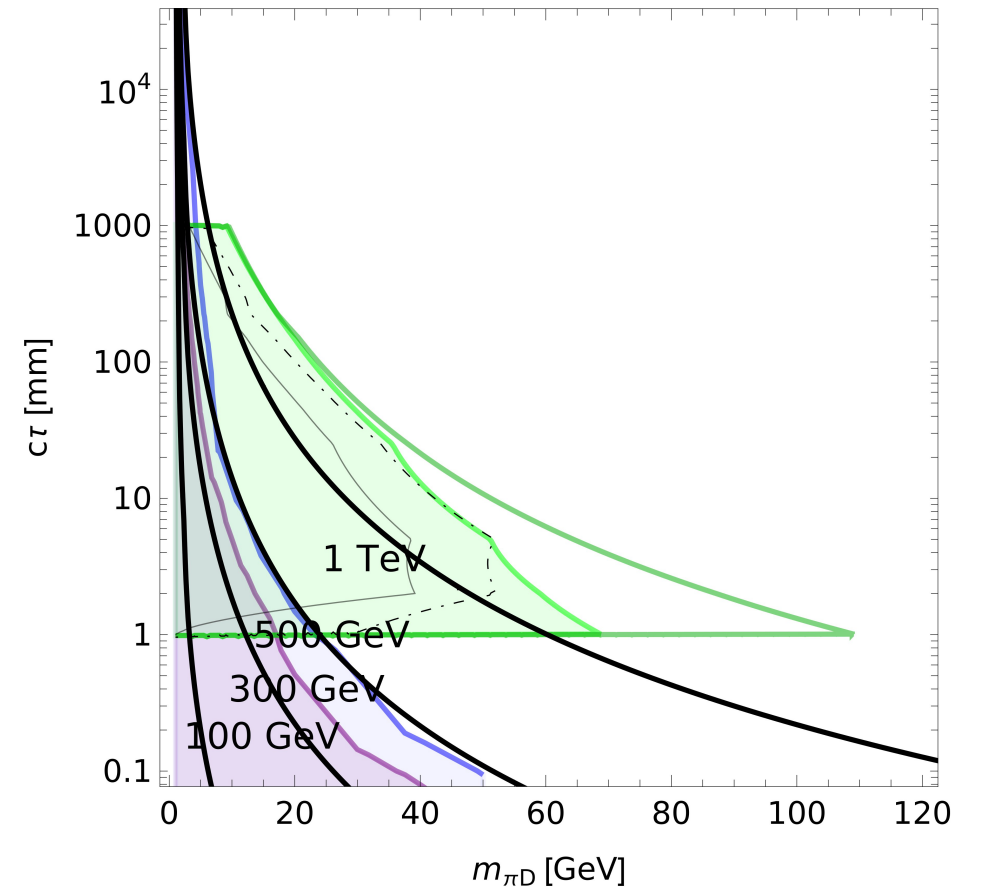
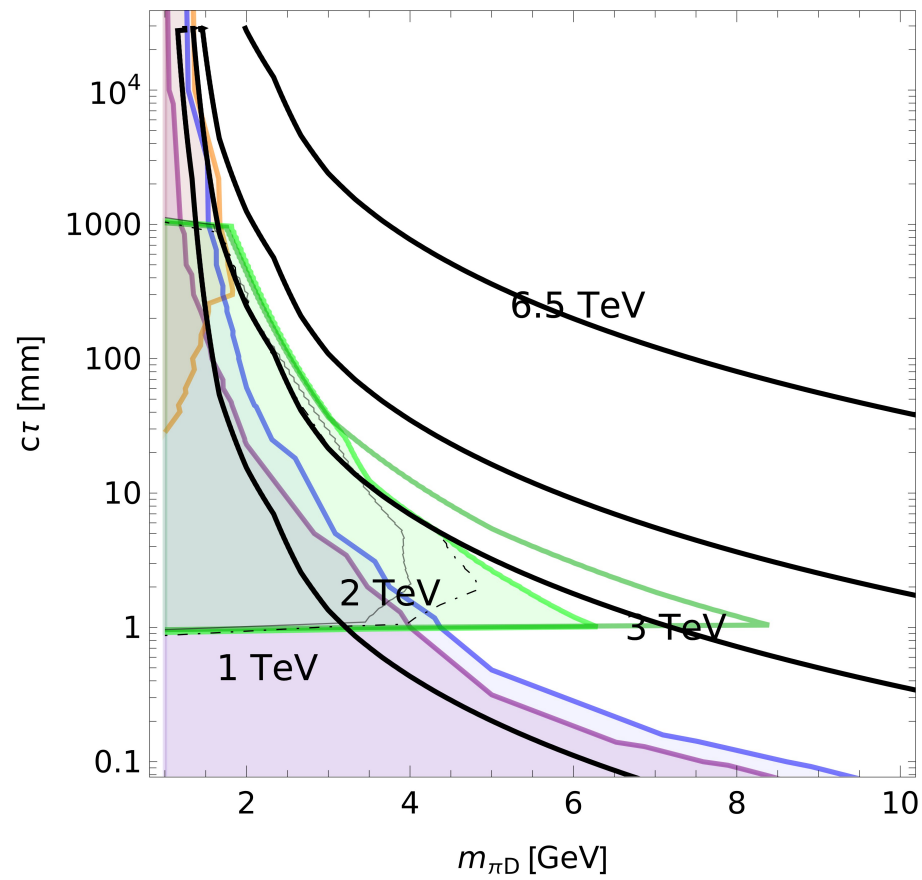


$\kappa = 1$

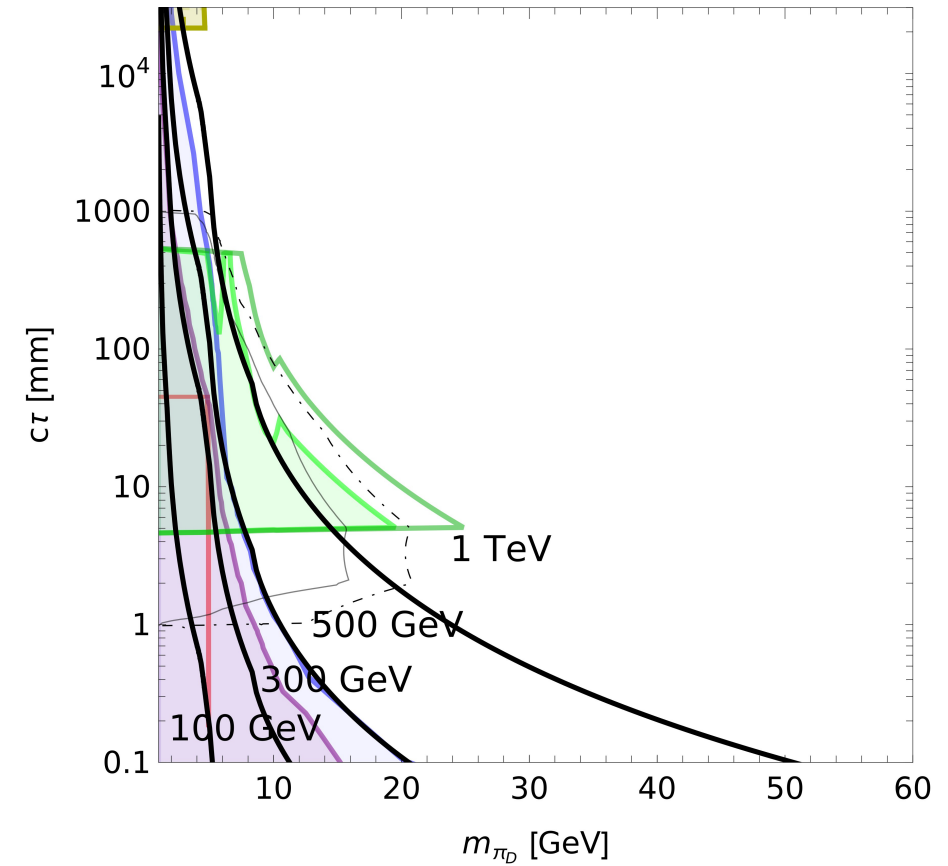
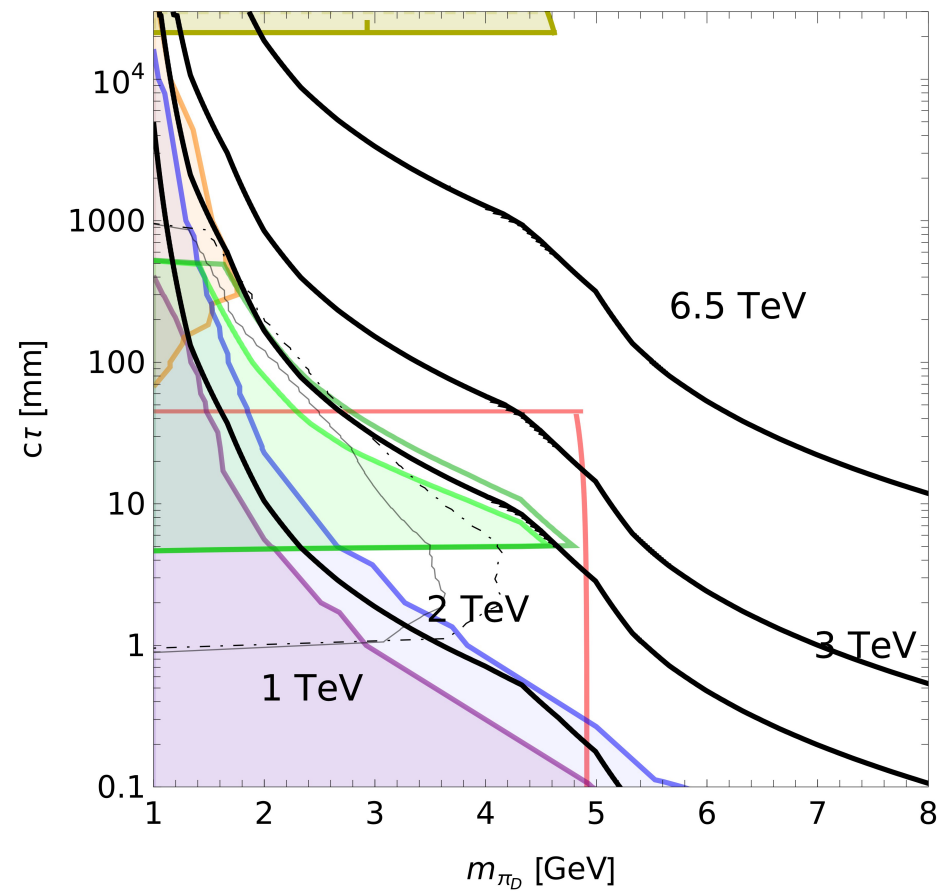


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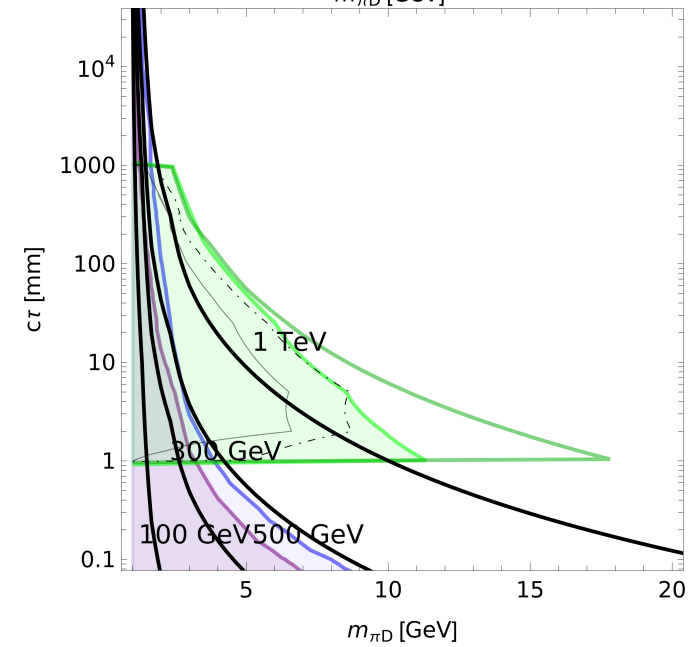
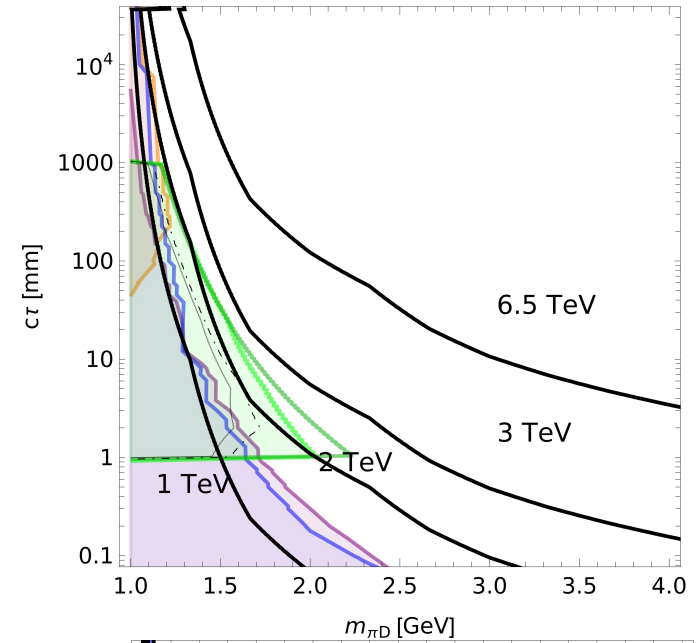
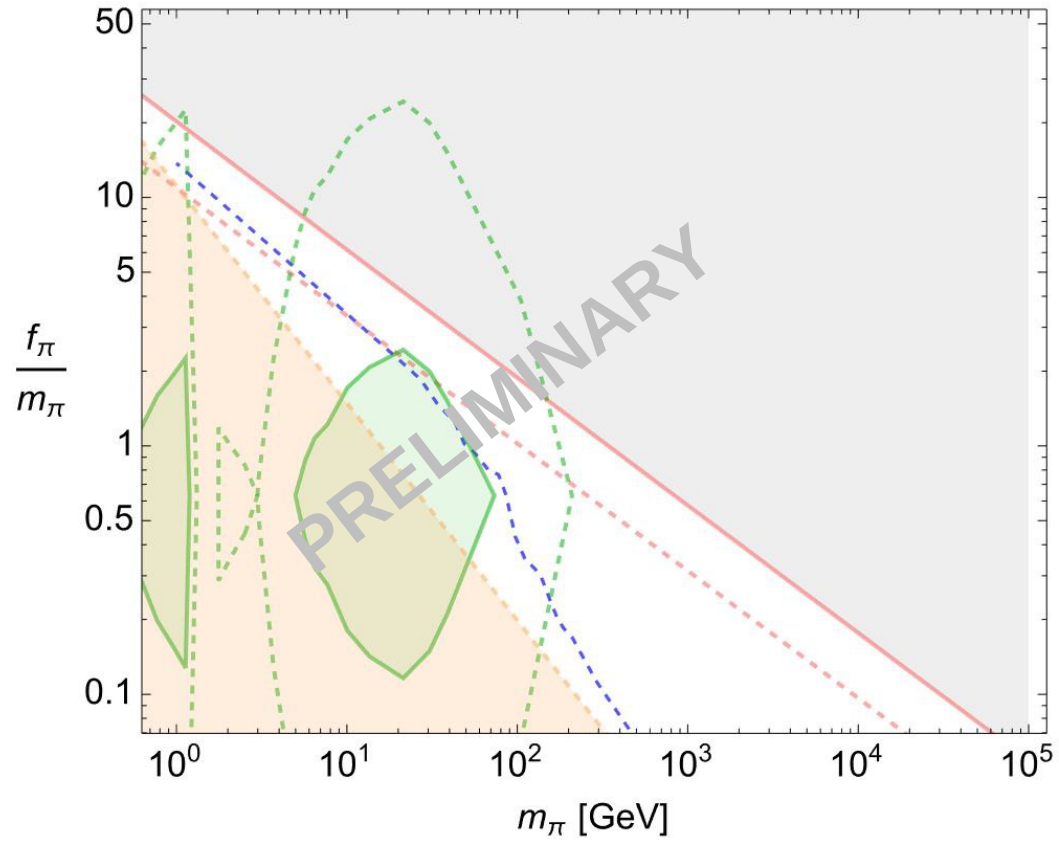
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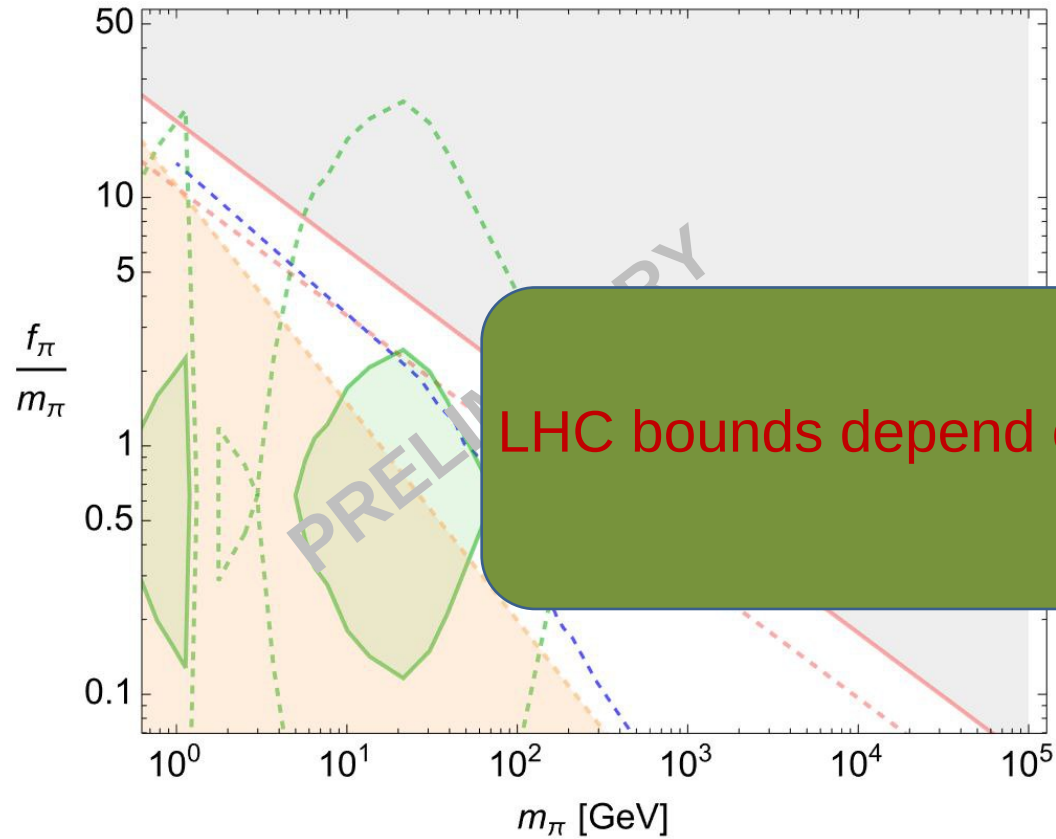
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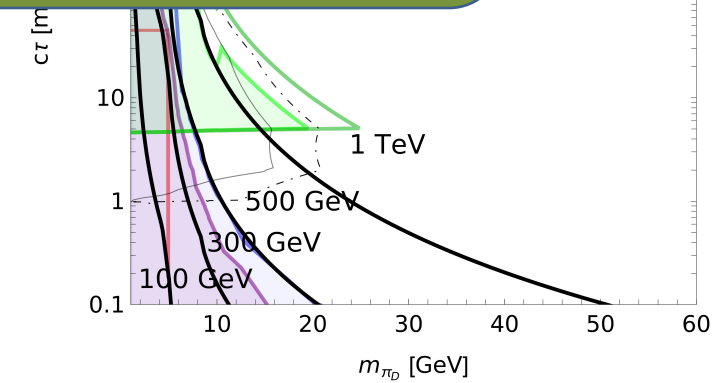
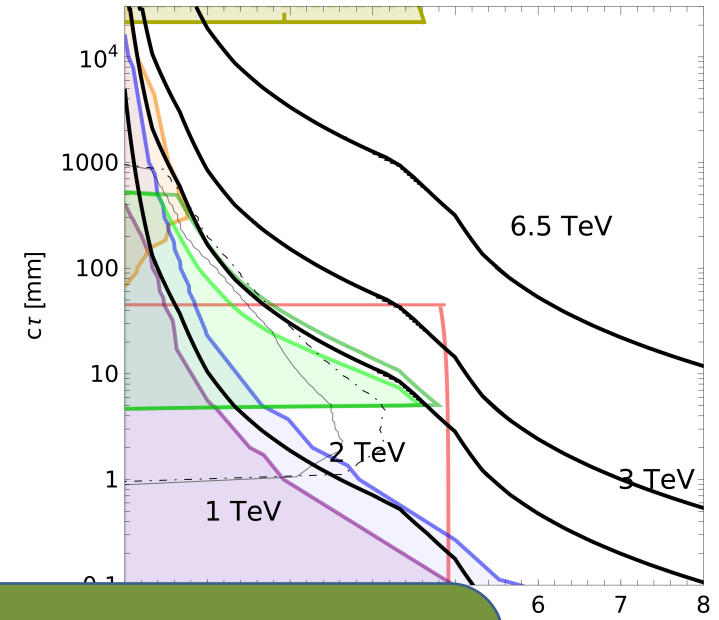
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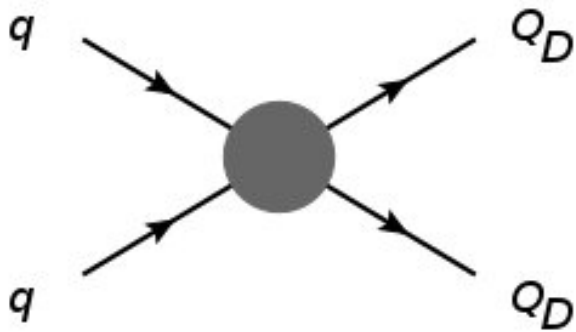
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LHC bounds depend on dark hadronization modeling

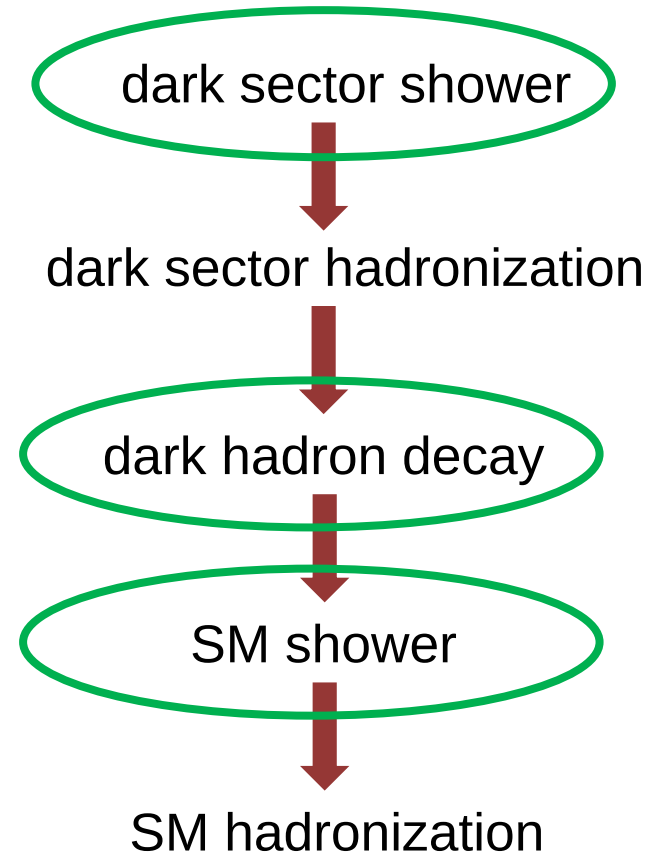
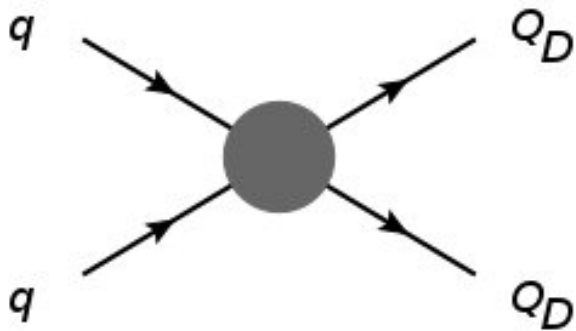


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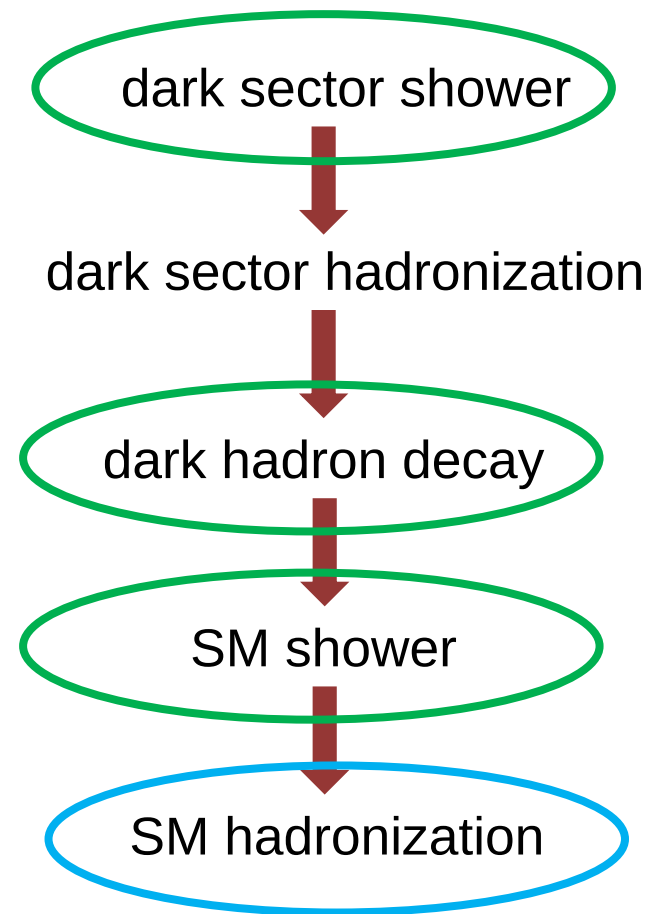
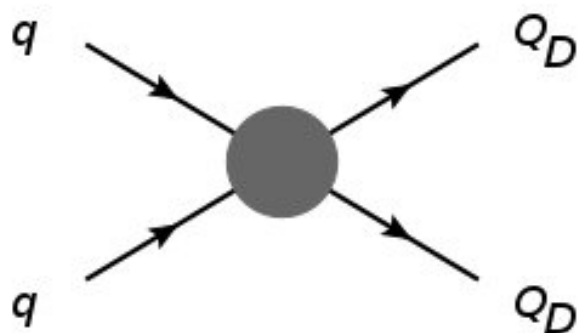




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# Dark jets



# Lund String Fragmentation

In [particle physics](#), the **Lund string model** is a [phenomenological model](#) of [hadronization](#). It treats all but the highest-energy [gluons](#) as field lines, which are attracted to each other due to the gluon [self-interaction](#) and so form a narrow tube (or string) of [strong color field](#). Compared to electric or [magnetic field lines](#), which are spread out because the carrier of the [electromagnetic force](#), the [photon](#), does not interact with itself.

String fragmentation is one of the [parton](#) fragmentation models used in the [PYTHIA/Jetset](#) and [UCLA event generators](#), and explains many features of hadronization quite well. In particular, the model predicts that in addition to the [particle jets](#) formed along the original paths of two separating [quarks](#), there will be a spray of [hadrons](#) produced between the jets by the string itself—which is precisely what is observed.

This use of "string" is not the same as in [string theory](#), in which strings are the fundamental objects of nature rather than collections of field lines.

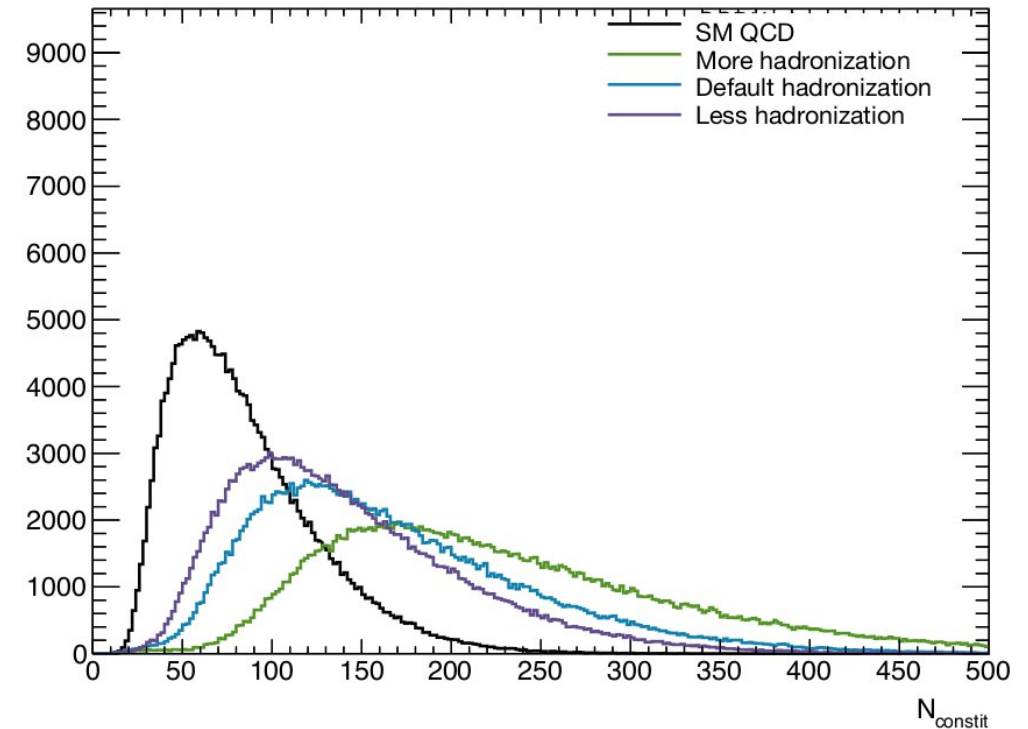
# Lund String Fragmentation

- when quarks separate force between them increases forming string-like potential
- for large enough potential energy string breaks  
→ creates new quark-antiquark pair  
→ continues until only hadrons remain
- fragmentation function gives probability of hadron with momentum  $z$  being created

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{z^{1+r_{QD}} b_{m_{QD}^2}} (1-z)^{a_L} \exp\left(\frac{-b^2 m_{QD}^2}{z}\right)$$

# Thoughts on hadronization

- number of constituents in jet is very susceptible to hadronization model
  - analyses with cuts on that hard to interpret
- QCD fewer constituents than dark jets
  - makes sense since they have secondary shower and hadronization
  - even that is model dependent!



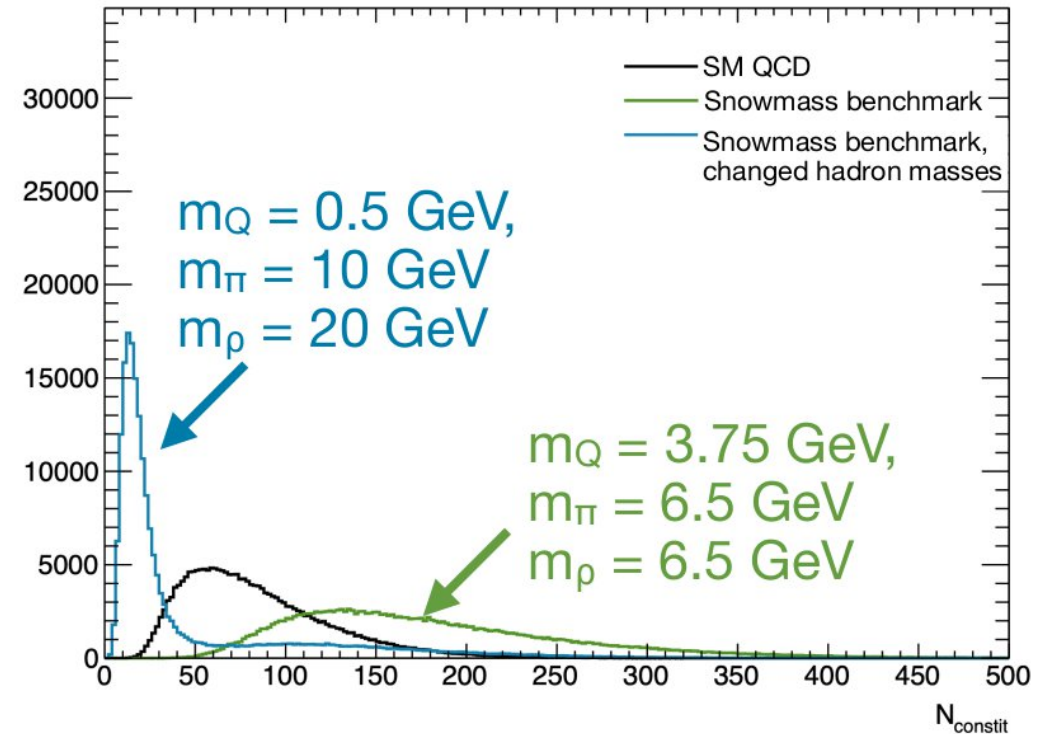
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depending on parameters to scan over, the behavior can become very problematic

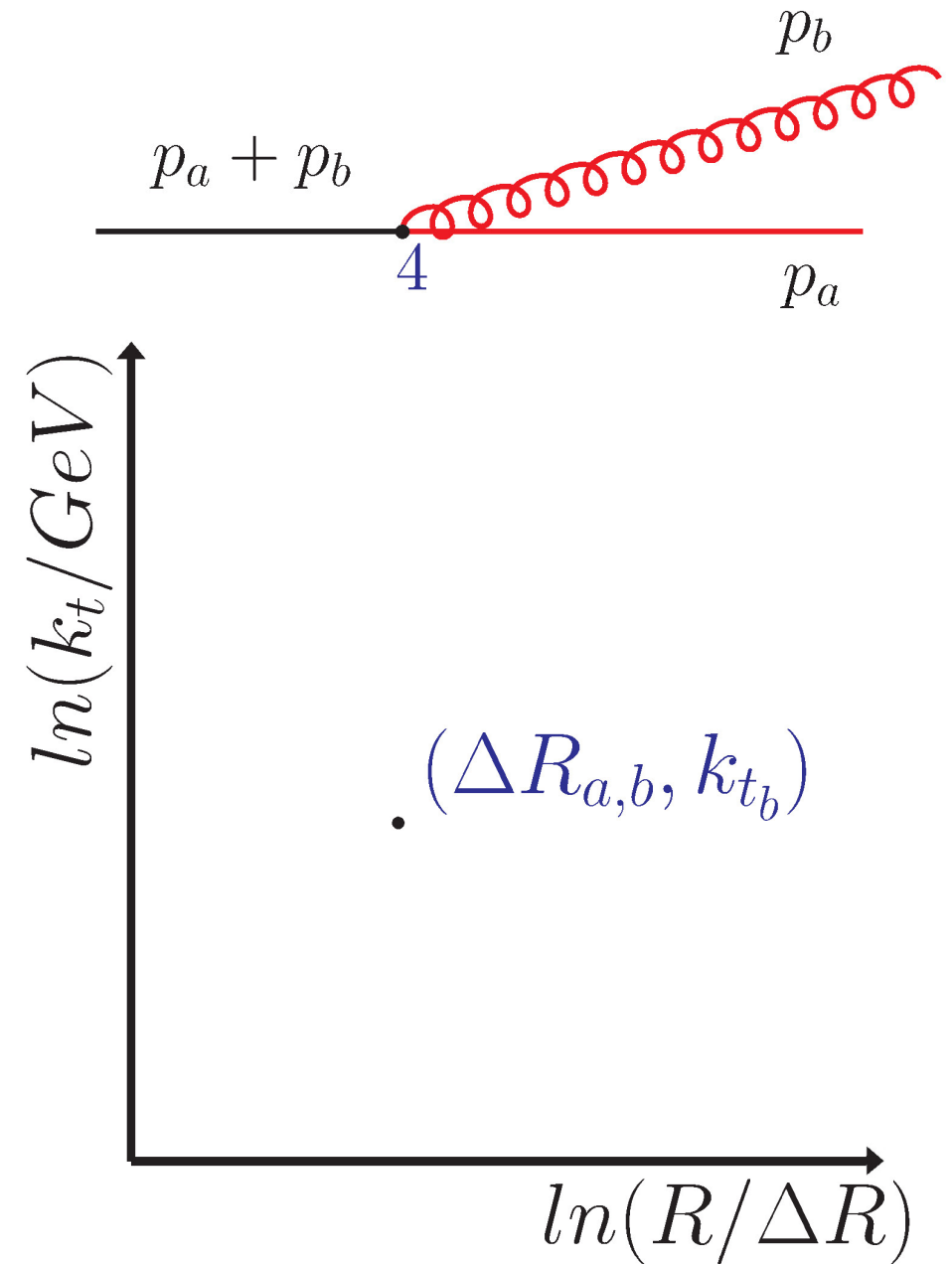
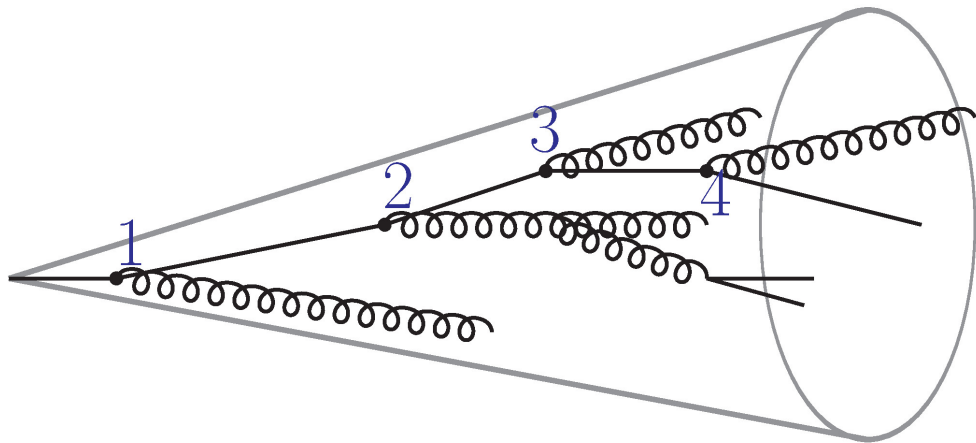
→ e.g. just changing the dark hadron masses can result in major changes to the jet substructure

→ Lund Jet Plane separates different jet regions

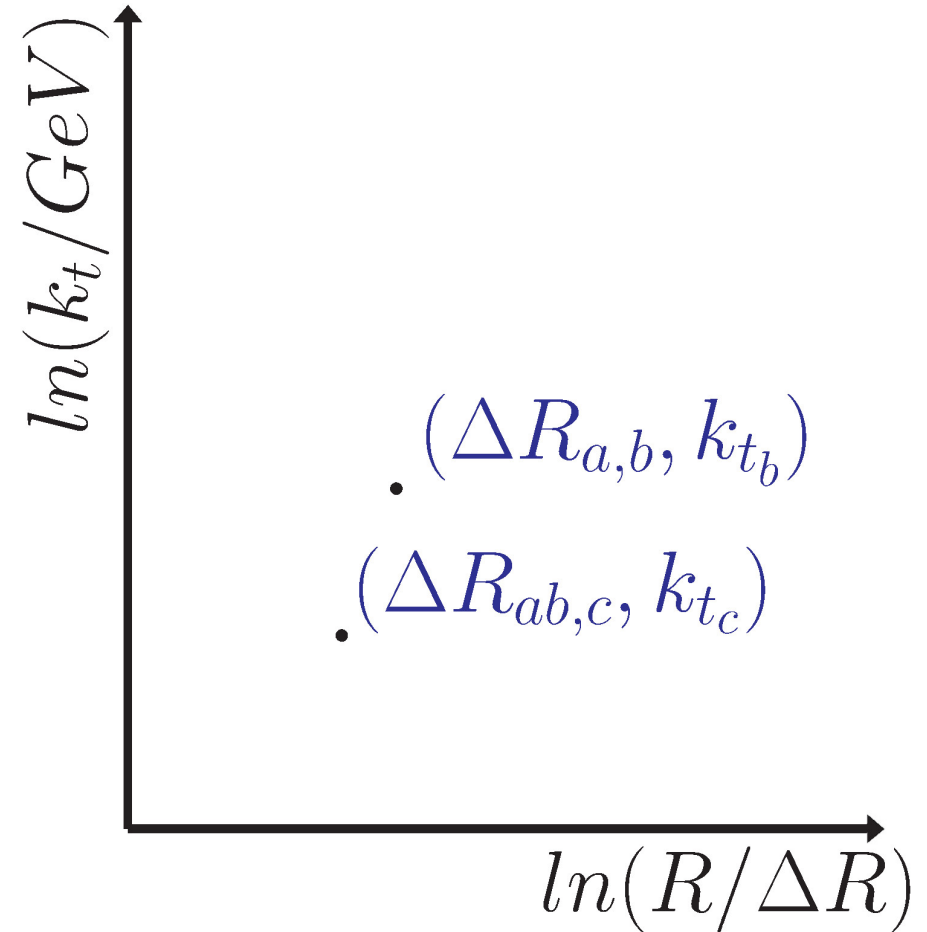
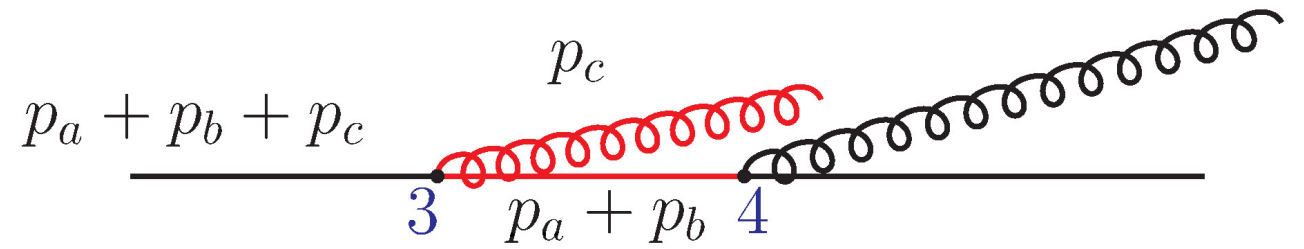
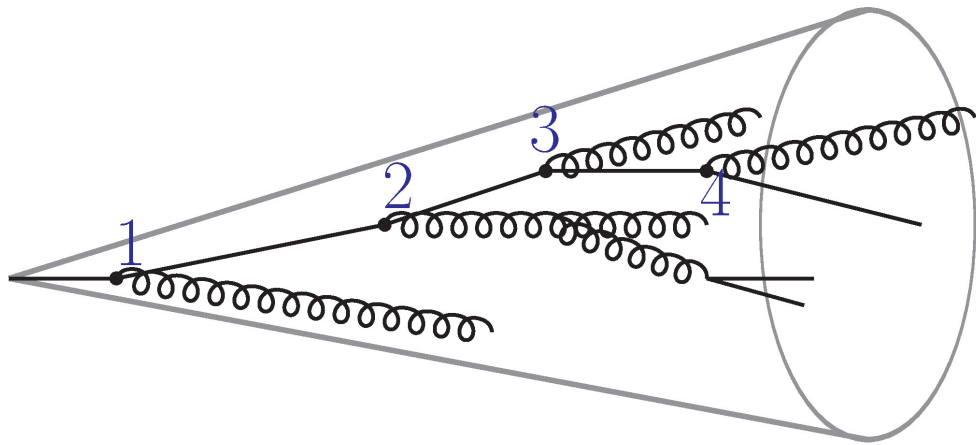
(Dreyer, Salam, Soyez '18)



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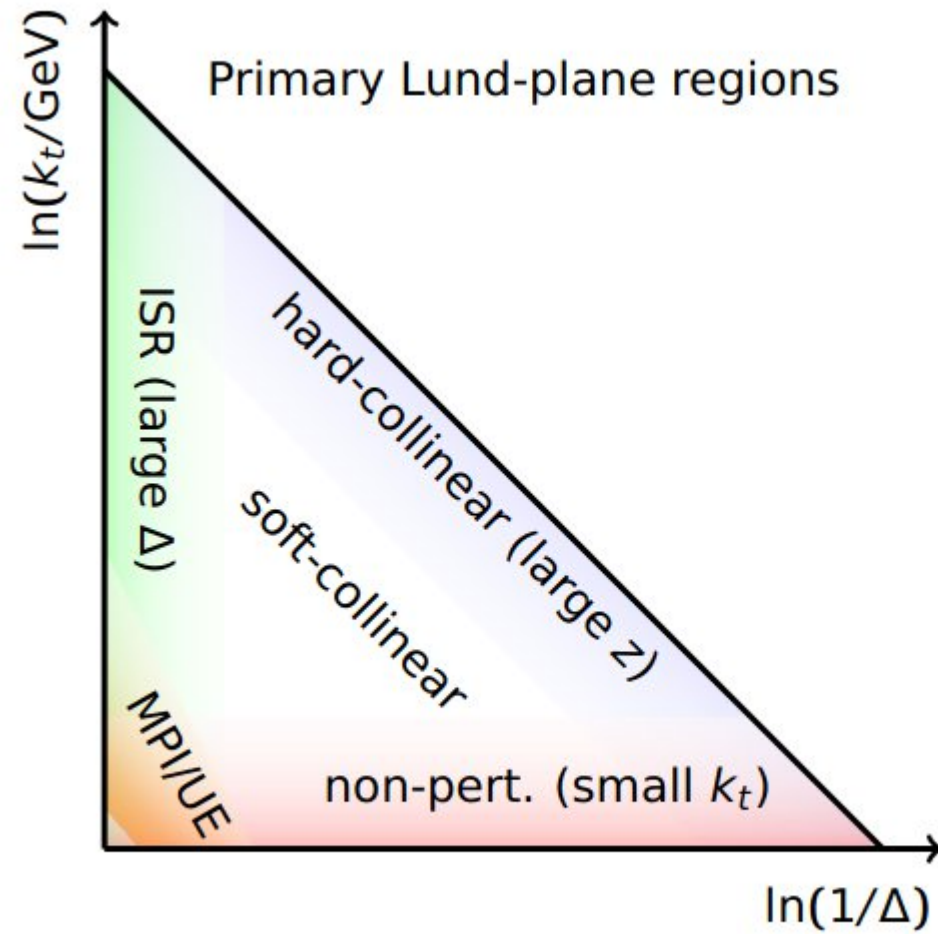
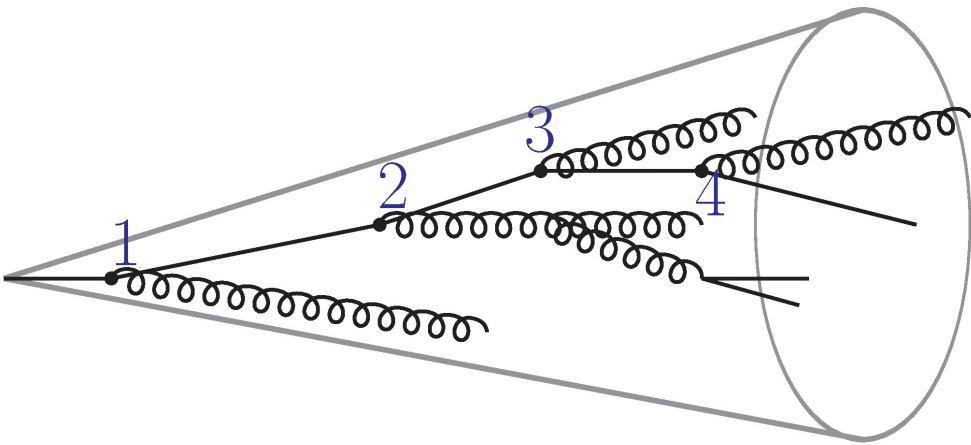


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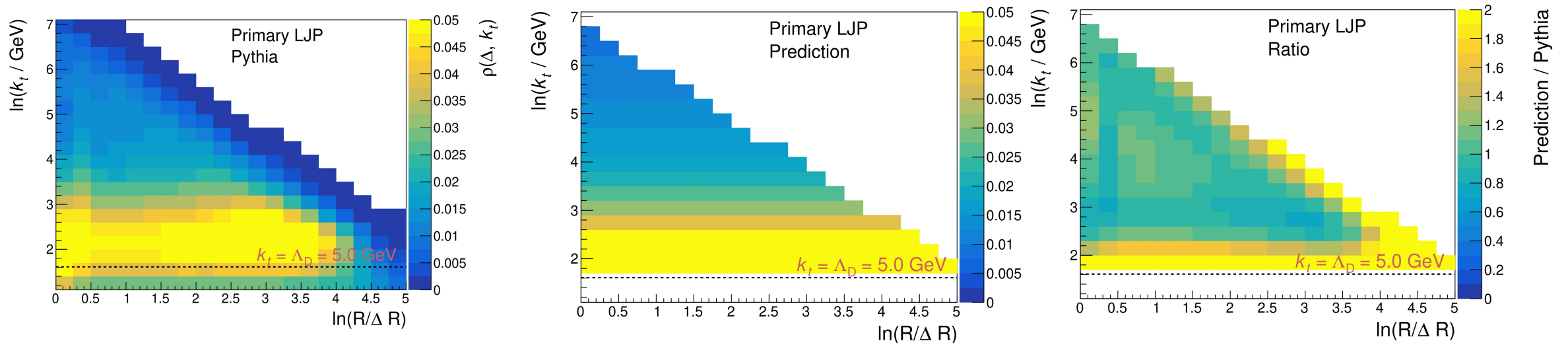
([1807.04758](#), [2007.06578](#))

# Dark sector jets in the Lund Jet Plane

first check that MC predictions reproduce expected behavior

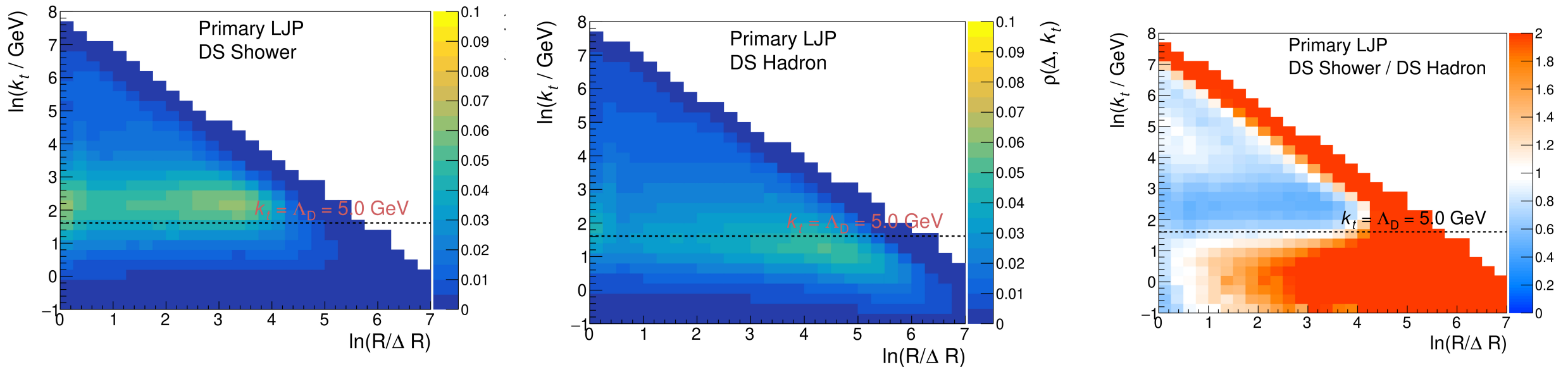
Expected density:

$$\frac{2\alpha_D(k_t) C_F}{\pi}$$



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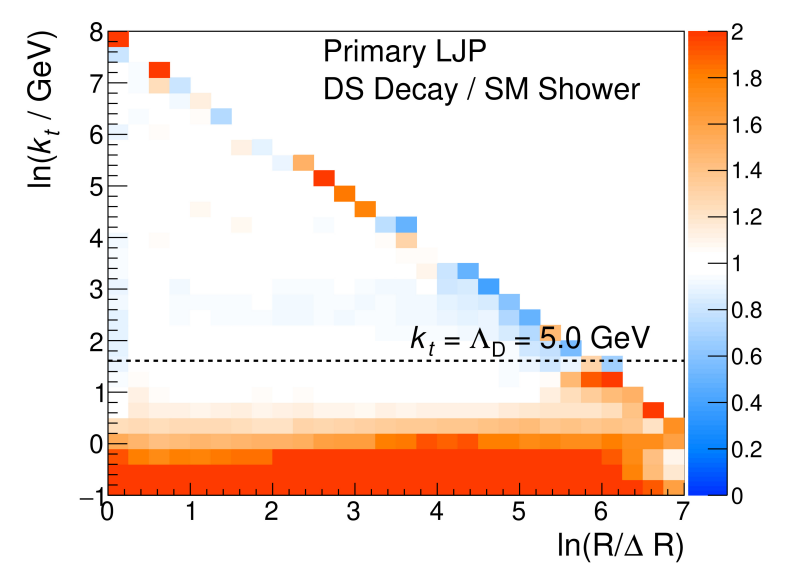
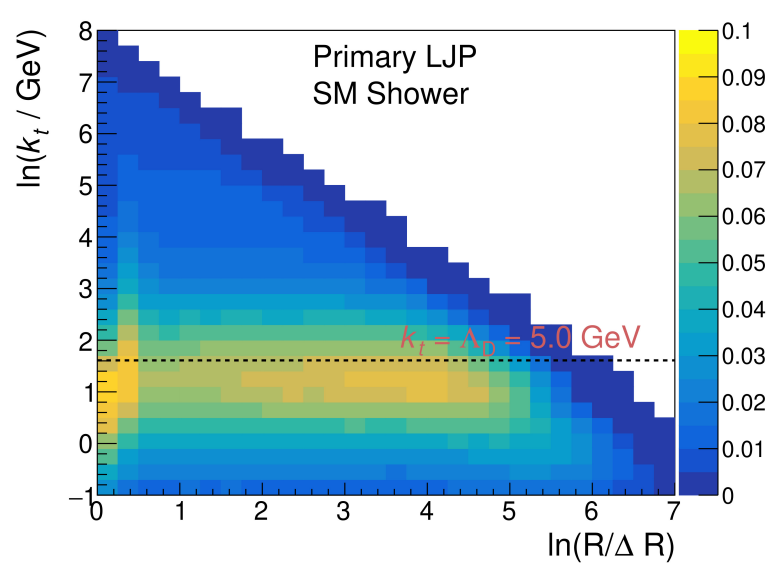
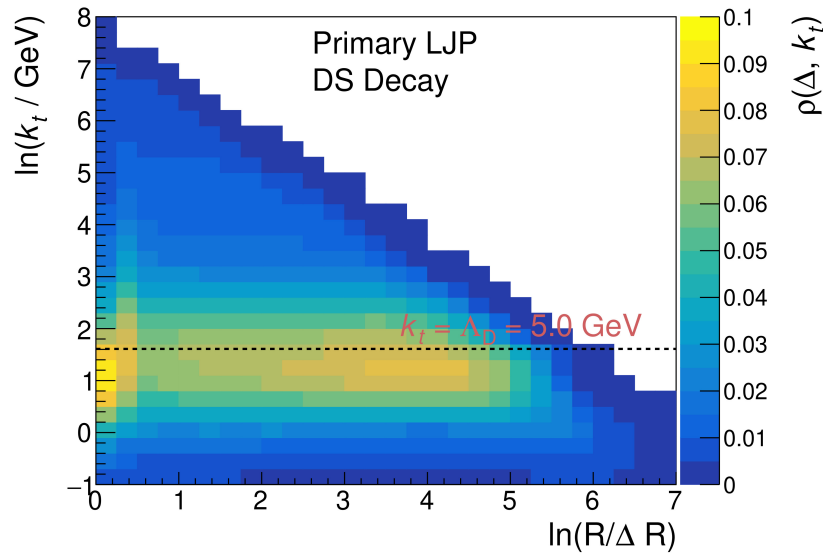
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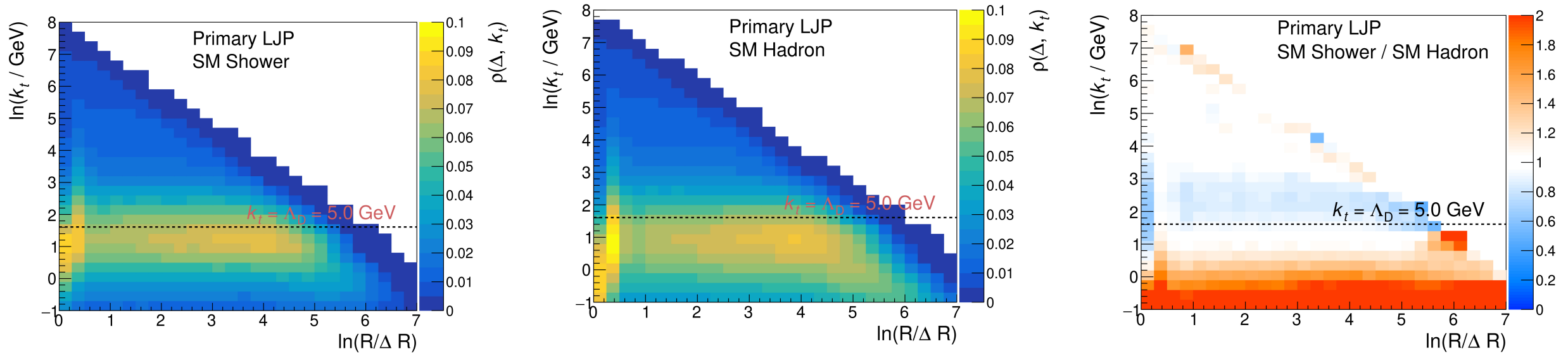
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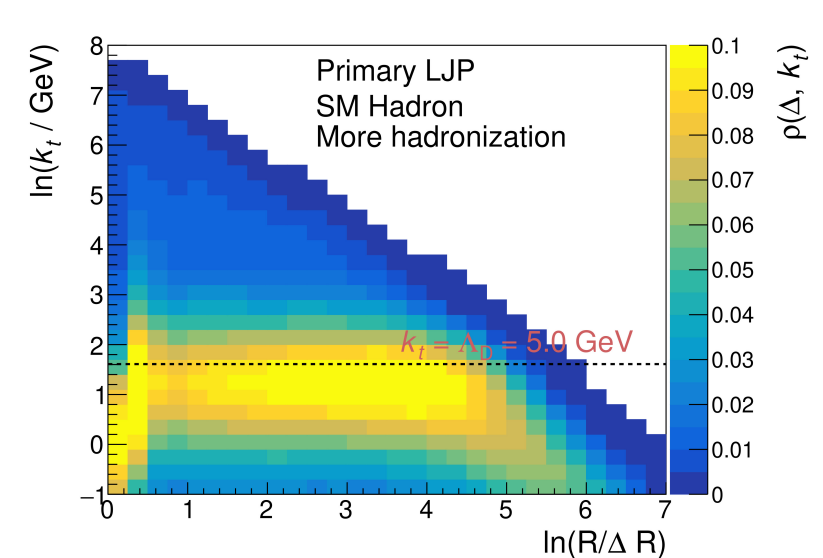
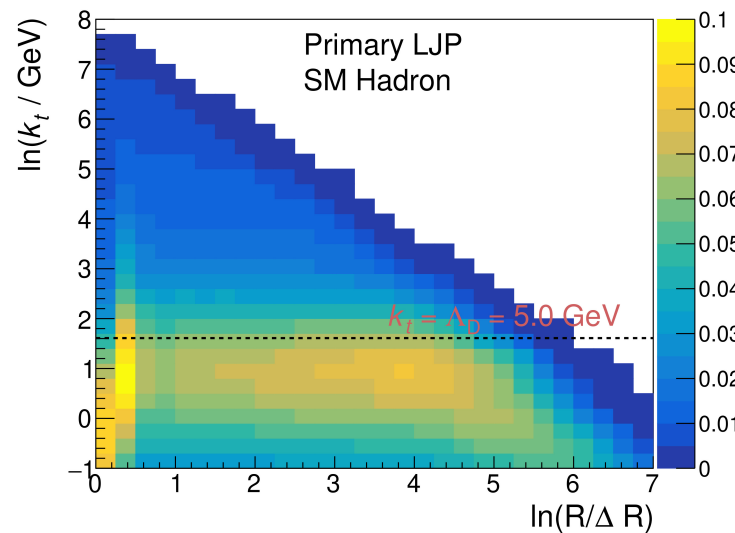
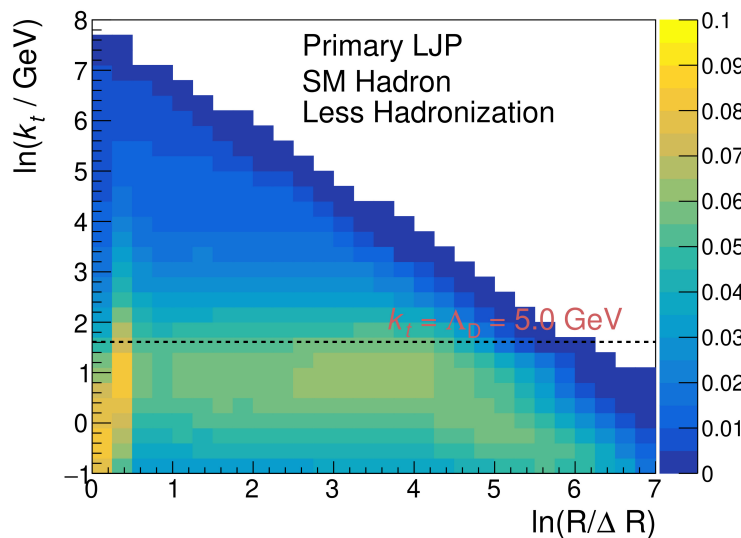


SM hadronization shows small changes in low- $k_t$  region

# Using Lund Jet Plane for searches

different hadronization parameter choices give very different Lund Jet Planes

→ can translate into large differences in variables, e.g. number of tracks



# Impact of Hadronization

define new observable:

**# emissions above  $k_t$  cut**

compare to

- jet energy sharing  $D_{p_t}$
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- jet mass

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- background rejection  $p = \frac{\epsilon_D}{\sqrt{\epsilon_{QCD}}}$
- resilience against hadronization

$$\zeta = \left( \frac{\Delta\epsilon_D}{\langle\epsilon_D\rangle} \right)^2$$

with

- $\Delta\epsilon = \epsilon - \epsilon'$ ,
- $\langle\epsilon\rangle = (\epsilon + \epsilon')/2$
- $\epsilon_D$  dark sector jet efficiency
- $\epsilon_{QCD}$  QCD jet efficiency
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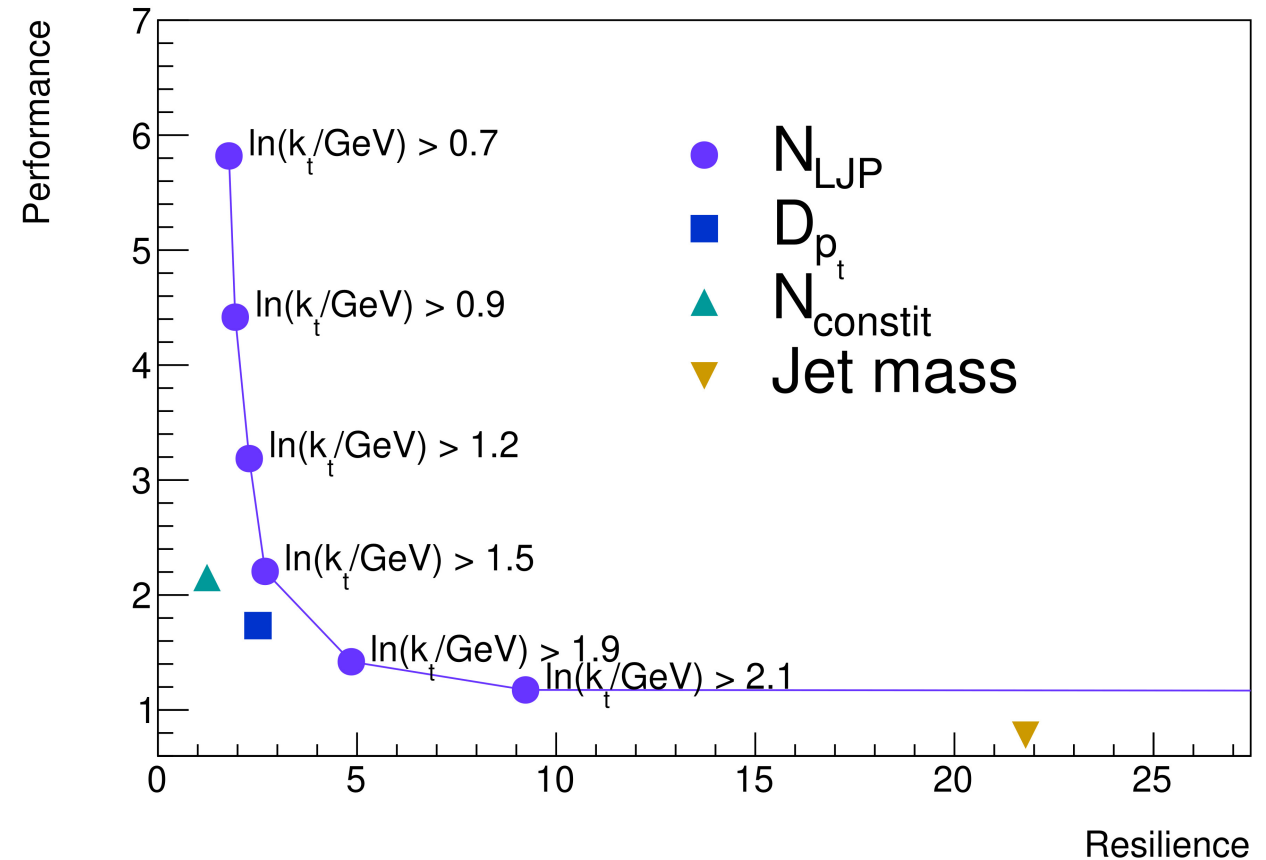
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# Summary & Outlook

- QCD-like dark sectors are an interesting dark matter scenario
- $n_f > 3$  allows dark pion dark matter
  - full Boltzmann equations need to be studied
- low mass dark matter region can be probed by LHC and flavor
- collider analysis can be dependent on hadronization model
- Lund Jet Plane can be used to construct hadronization independent variables
  - optimal transport might allow to decorrelate hadronization parameters

# Back-up

# Direct Detection

Scattering of dark pions on nuclei via

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{dChPT}}^{\text{portal}} = i \frac{f_D^2}{4m_X^2} \kappa_{\alpha i} \kappa_{\beta j}^* \text{Tr}(c_{\beta\alpha} U_D^\dagger \partial_\mu U_D) (\bar{\psi}_i \gamma^\mu \psi_j)$$

both  $(\bar{q}\gamma^\mu q)$  and  $(\bar{q}\gamma^\mu \gamma^5 q)$  interactions leading to

$$\frac{d\sigma_{DD}}{dE_R} \simeq \frac{m_A}{8\pi v^2 \text{Max}(f_D, m_{\pi_D})^4} [f(C_{ud}) + 2|v_T^\perp|^2 f(C_{ud})] (J_n(A-Z)^2 + J_p Z^2)$$

$$f(C_{ud}) = (13|C_u|^2 + 7|C_d|^2 + 4|C_u C_d|)$$

Anand, Fitzpatrick, Haxton '13  
Bishara, Brod, Grinstein, Zupan '17

# Indirect detection

DM self-annihilation to SM particles

→ in our case cascade via decaying dark pions

gamma-ray flux:

$$\frac{d\Phi_\gamma}{dE_\gamma} = \frac{1}{8\pi m_{\text{DM}}^2} \underbrace{\sum_f \langle \sigma_{\text{ann}} v \rangle_{DM DM \rightarrow ff} \frac{dN_\gamma^f}{dE_\gamma}}_{\text{DM model}} \times \underbrace{\int_{\Delta\Omega} d\Omega' \int_{\text{los}} \rho^2 dl(r, \theta')}_{\text{Astrophysics part}}$$

# LHC searches

four jets	two jets plus MET	semi-visible
$N_j \geq 4$ with $p_T > 80$ GeV, $ \eta  < 2.5$	$N_{jet} \geq 2$ with $p_T > 30$ GeV, $ \eta  < 2.4$	$N_{jet} \geq 2$ with $p_T > 30$ GeV, $ \eta  < 2.8$
$H_T < 1050$ GeV or $\geq 1$ jet with $p_T > 550$ GeV	$H_T > 300$ GeV in $ \eta  < 2.4$ and $H_T^{miss} > H_T$	$H_T > 600$ GeV and leading jet $p_T > 250$ GeV
	$H_T^{miss} > 300$ GeV in $ \eta  < 5$	$H_T^{miss} > 600$ GeV
	no isolated leptons with $p_T > 10$ GeV	no leptons with $p_T > 7$ GeV
		$\leq 1$ b-jet
	$\Delta\phi(\vec{H}_T^{miss}, j_{1,2}) > 0.5$ and $p_T$ jets $\Delta\phi(\vec{H}_T^{miss}, j_{>2}) > 0.3$	as least one jet with $\Delta\phi(\vec{H}_T^{miss}, j) = 2$
$\Delta R_{1,2} < 2$ , $\Delta\eta < 1.1$ and asymmetry $< 0.1$		