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# **Freeze-in Dark Matter and displaced vertices at the LHC**

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mainly based on arXiv:1805.04423 with L. Lopez-Honorez, S. Lowette, A. Mariotti  
+ work in progress with F. D'Eramo, L. Lopez-Honorez, S. Junius, A. Mariotti

# Motivation

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About 27% of the energy of the universe is due to some Dark Matter

A possibility is that DM is made of WIMPs that are thermal relics produced in the early universe through the freeze-out mechanism

Direct detection searches (the latest: XENON1T) and LHC searches are giving increasingly tight constraints on WIMP models

It is time to consider *also* alternative paradigms,  
*e.g.* axion DM or different DM production mechanisms

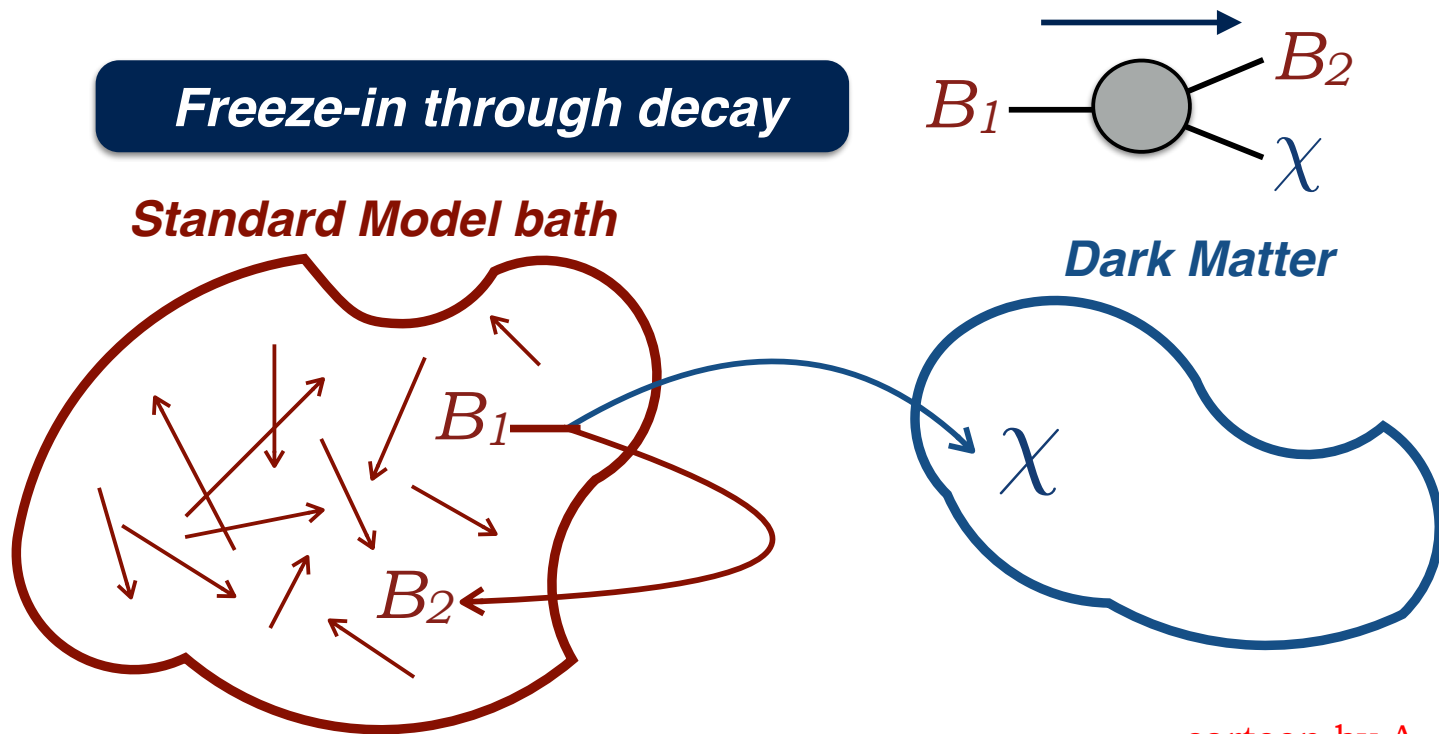
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DM never in thermal equilibrium with the SM bath, produced via scattering or decays of bath particles (the 'mediators')

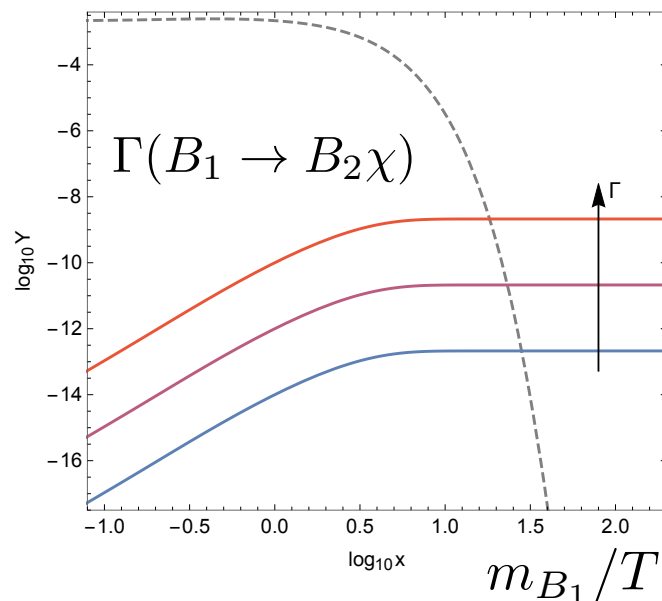
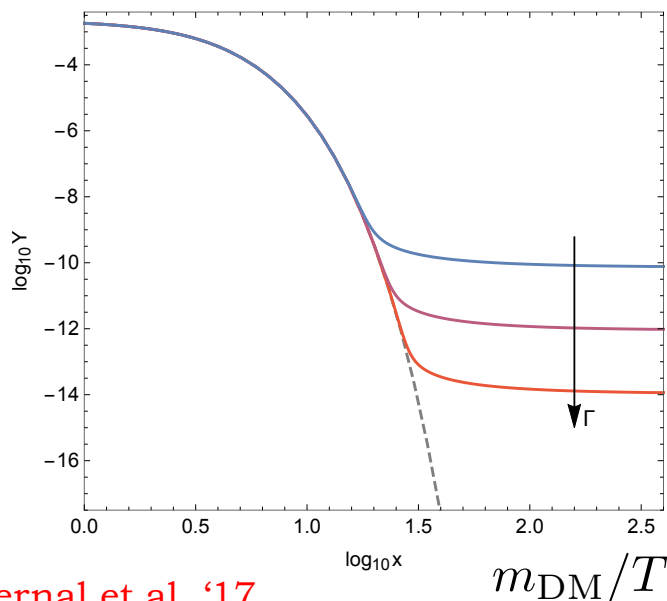
**Freeze-in through decay**



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Resulting relic density  
from  $B_1 \rightarrow B_2 \chi_{\text{DM}}$

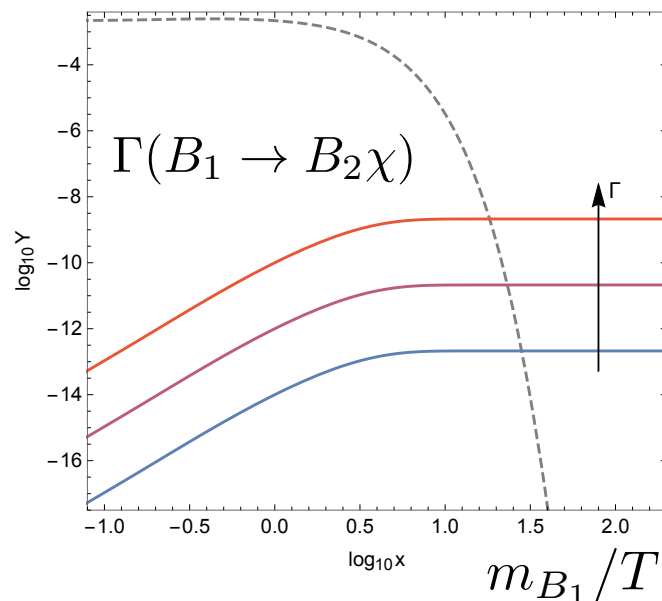
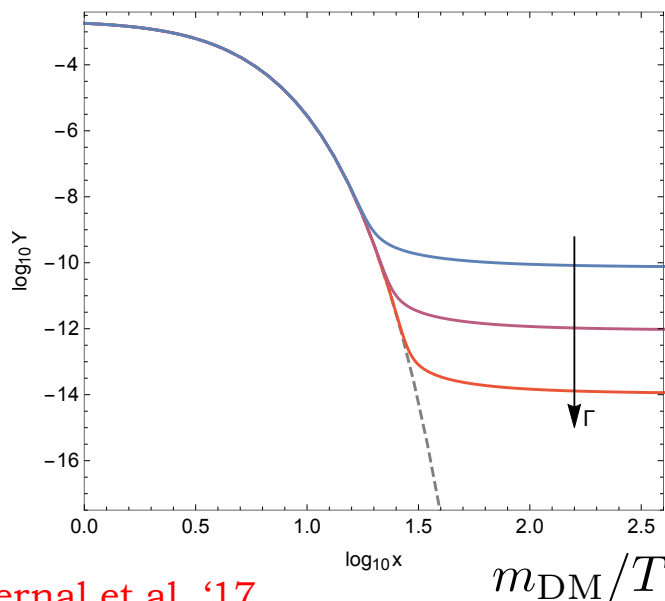
$$\Omega_{\text{DM}} h^2 \simeq 0.1 \left( \frac{5 \text{ cm}}{c\tau_{B_1}} \right) \left( \frac{600 \text{ GeV}}{m_{B_1}} \right)^2 \left( \frac{m_{\text{DM}}}{10 \text{ keV}} \right)$$

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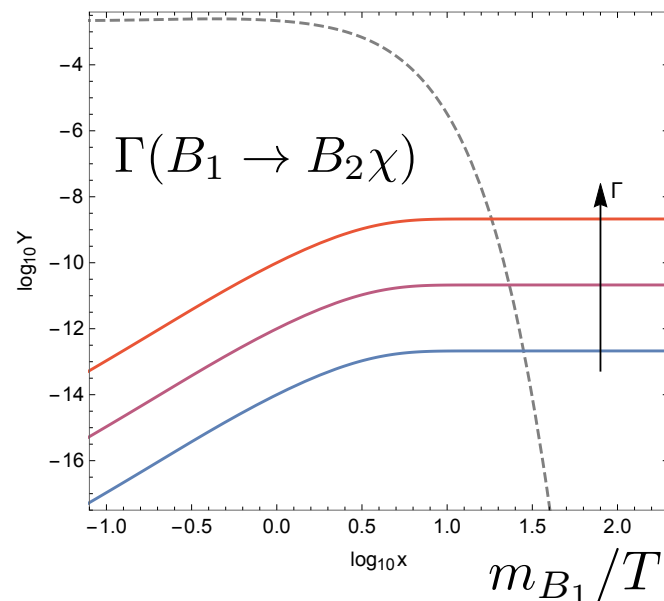
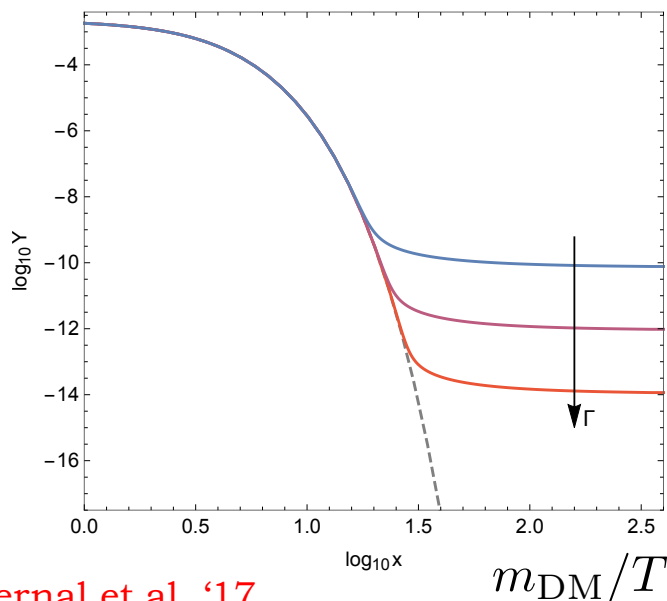
Light DM  $\longleftrightarrow$  TeV-scale mediator  $\longleftrightarrow$  Displaced decays at the LHC

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Other recent examples of this interplay  
(in models with scalar DM and VL fermions 'mother particles'):

Belanger et al. arXiv:1811.05478

# Freeze-in Singlet Double Dark Matter

Singlet-Doublet model: minimal extension of the Standard Model introducing Higgs- and Z-portal interactions between fermion DM and the SM

New ( $Z_2$ -odd) fields: a fermion singlet, a vectorlike pair of SU(2) doublets: Mahbubani Senatore '05

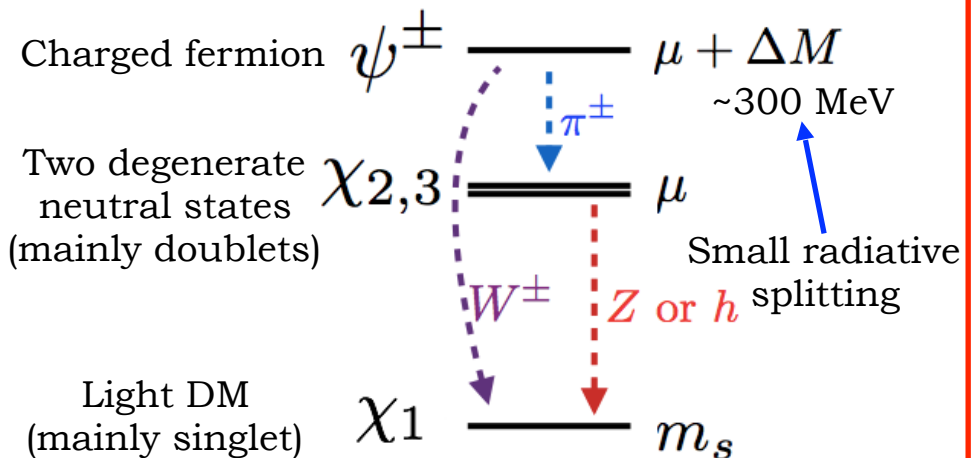
$$(\psi_u)_{2, \frac{1}{2}} = \begin{pmatrix} \psi^+ \\ \psi_u^0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (\psi_d)_{2, -\frac{1}{2}} = \begin{pmatrix} \psi_d^0 \\ \psi^- \end{pmatrix}, \quad (\psi_s)_{1, 0}$$

$$-\mathcal{L} \supset \mu \psi_d \cdot \psi_u + y_d \psi_d \cdot H \psi_s + y_u H^\dagger \psi_u \psi_s + \frac{1}{2} m_s \psi_s \psi_s + h.c.$$

Generalisation of the Bino-Higgsino system of the MSSM:

$$\mathcal{M} = \begin{pmatrix} m_s & \frac{y_d v}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{y_u v}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{y_d v}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 & \mu \\ \frac{y_u v}{\sqrt{2}} & \mu & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Freeze-in limit:  $|y_{u,d}| \ll 1, \quad |m_s| \ll |\mu|$

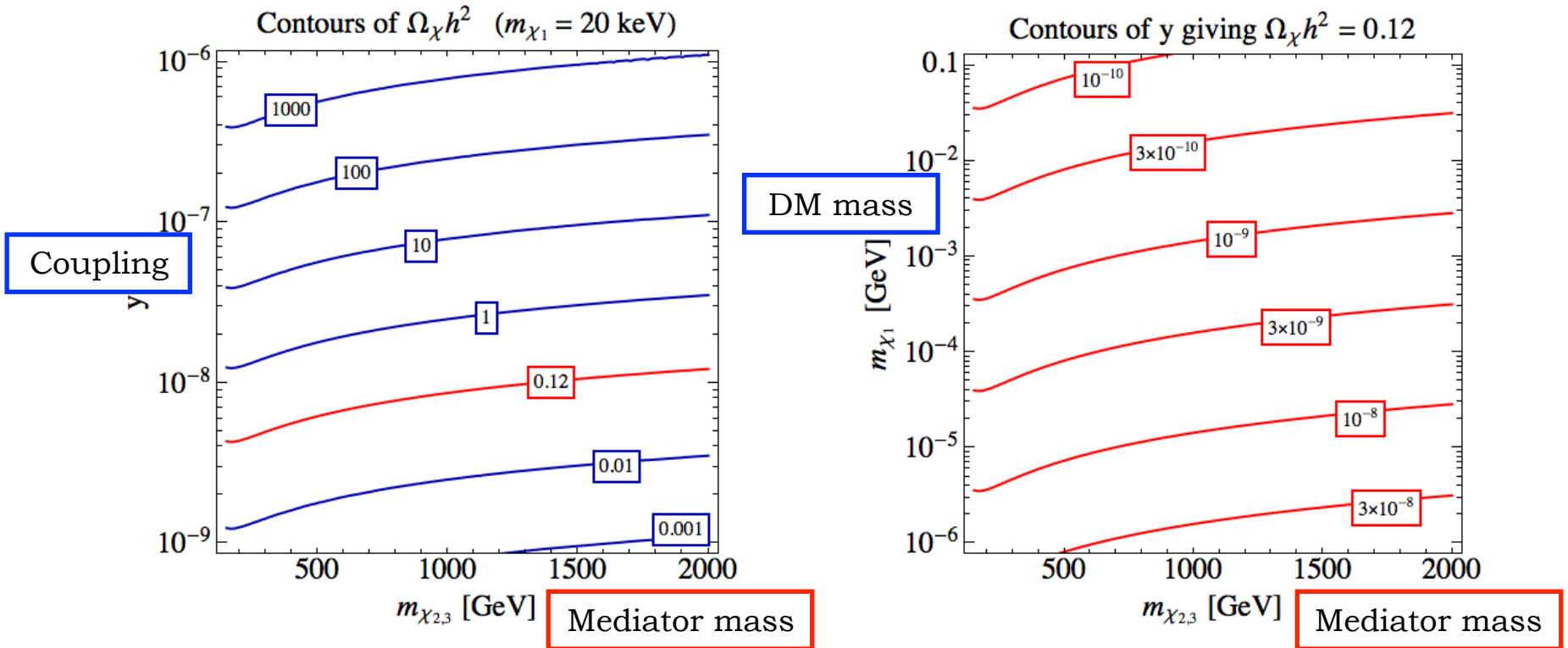


# Dark Matter abundance

Dark Matter produced by decays of the doublet states (the freeze-in ‘mediators’):

$$Y_{\chi_1} = \frac{270 M_{Pl}}{(1.66) 8\pi^3 g_*^{3/2}} \left( \sum_{B=Z,h} \frac{\Gamma[\chi_3 \rightarrow B\chi_1]}{m_{\chi_3}^2} + \sum_{B=Z,h} \frac{\Gamma[\chi_2 \rightarrow B\chi_1]}{m_{\chi_2}^2} + g_\psi \frac{\Gamma[\psi^+ \rightarrow W^+\chi_1]}{m_\psi^2} \right)$$

$$\Omega_{\chi_1} h^2 \simeq 0.11 \left( \frac{105}{g_*} \right)^{3/2} \left( \frac{y}{10^{-8}} \right)^2 \left( \frac{m_{\chi_1}}{10 \text{ keV}} \right) \left( \frac{700 \text{ GeV}}{\mu} \right)$$



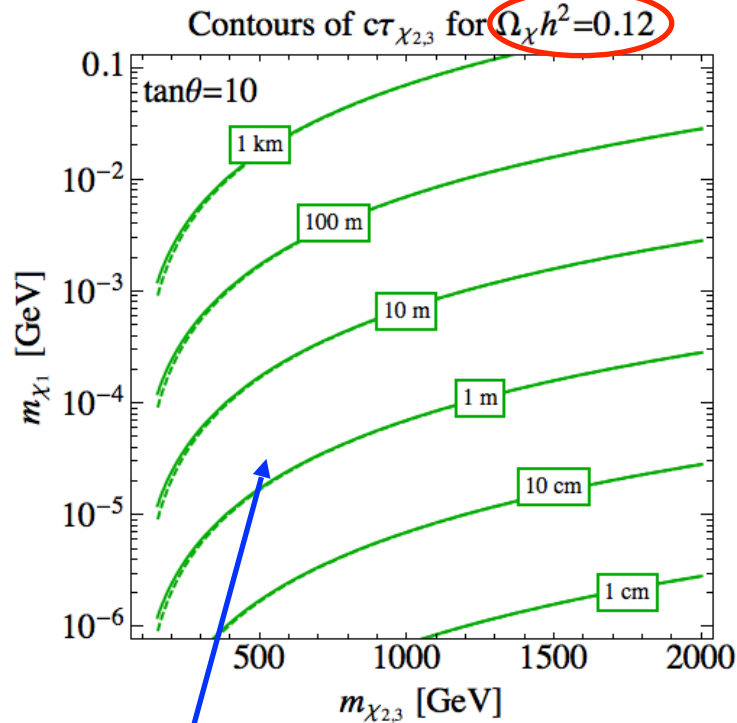
# LHC phenomenology

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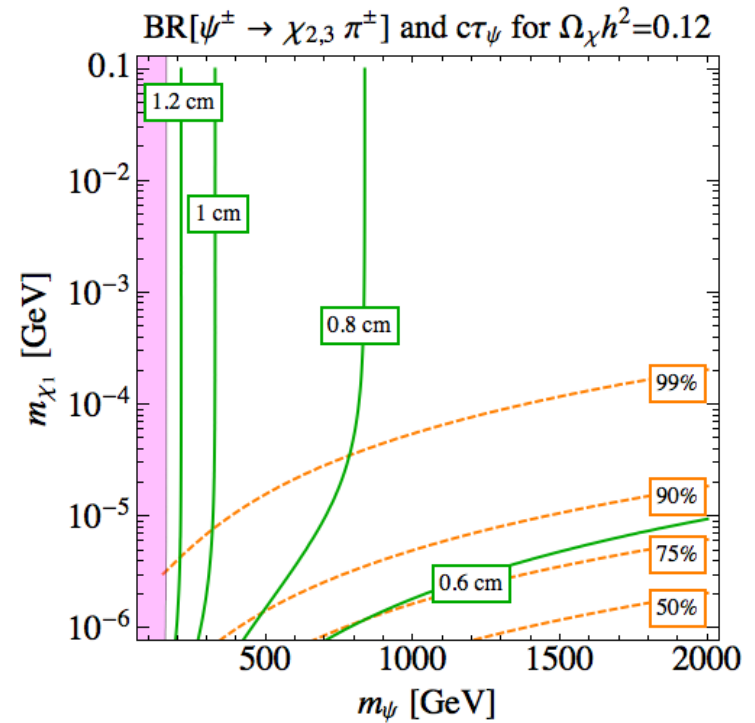
Decays give Higgs/Z + MET:  $\psi^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm + \chi_{2,3}$ ,  $\chi_{2,3} \rightarrow h/Z + \chi_1$

Neutral states decay length:



Displaced vertices!

Charged states decay length:



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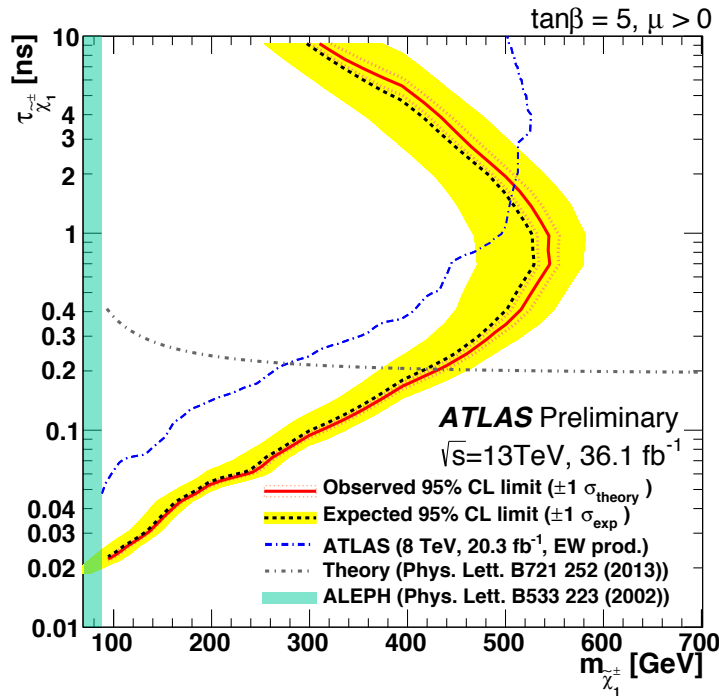
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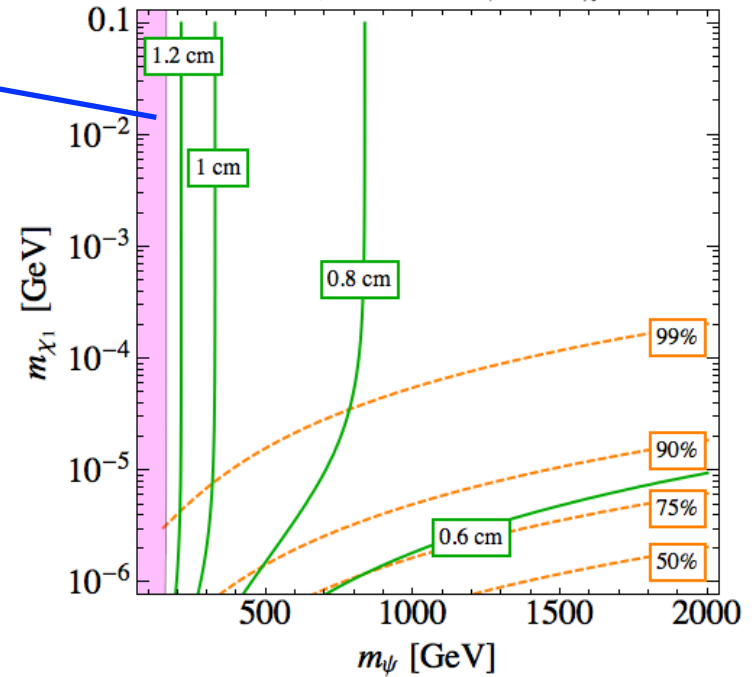
Disappearing tracks

ATLAS 1712.02118



Charged states decay length:

BR[ $\psi^\pm \rightarrow \chi_{2,3} \pi^\pm$ ] and  $c\tau_\psi$  for  $\Omega_\chi h^2=0.12$



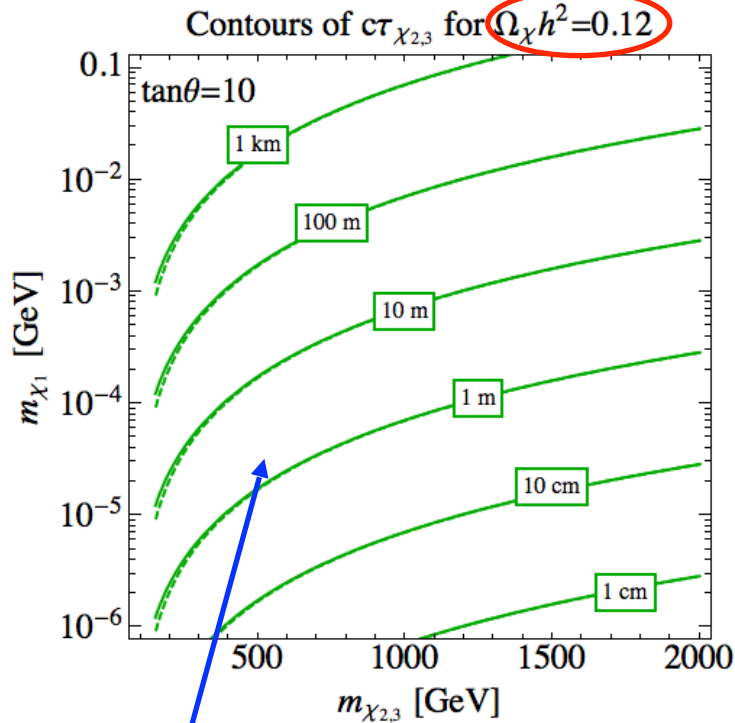
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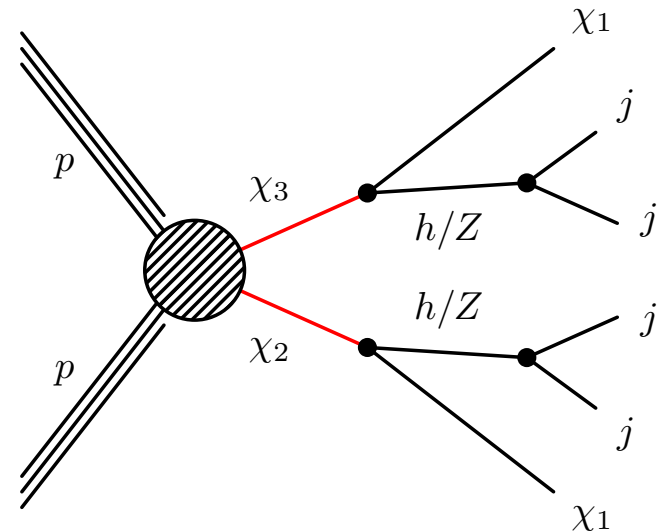
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LHC signature: displaced vertices with jets and MET ( $\sim 0$  SM background)

# Recasting a DV+MET search by ATLAS

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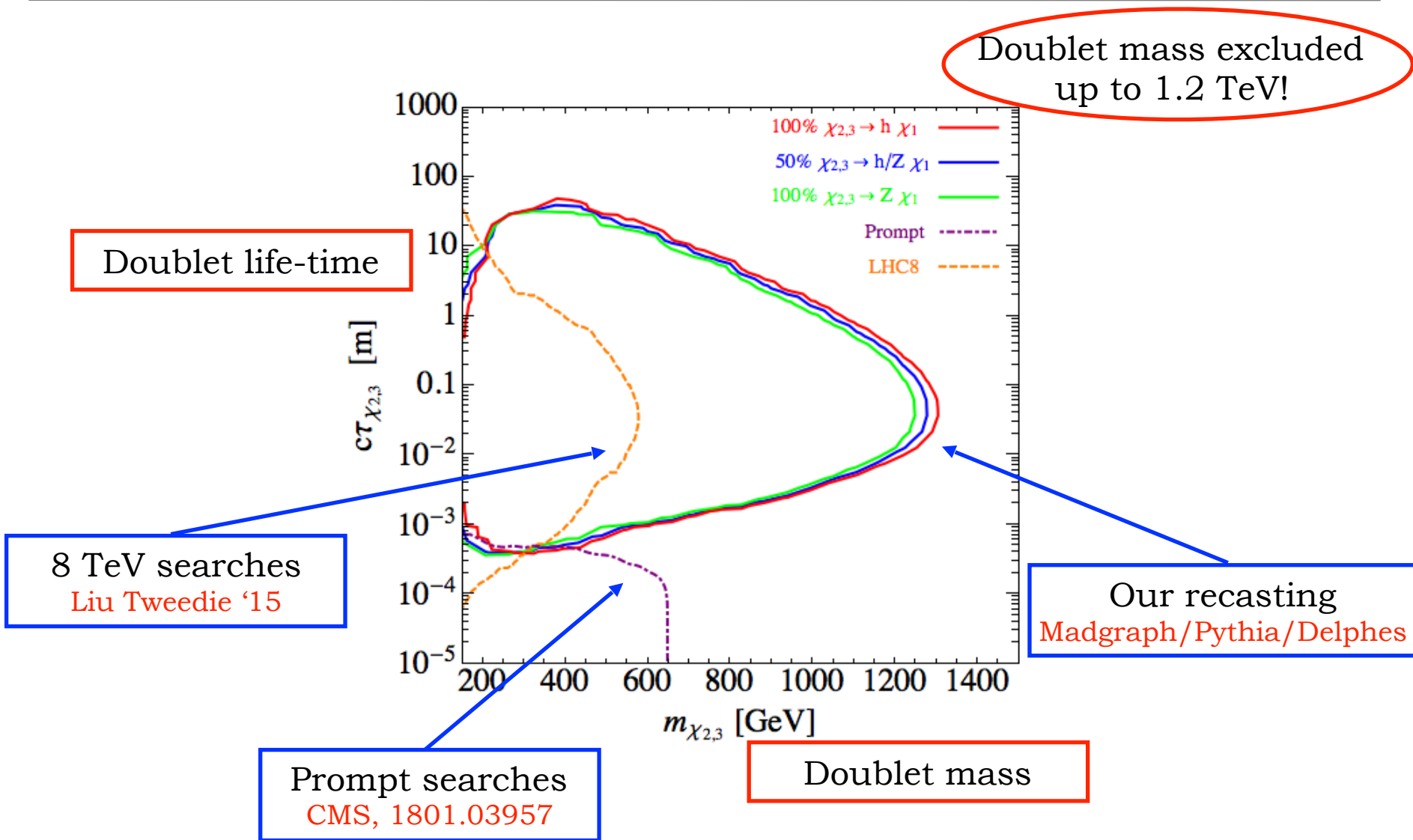
## **Search for long-lived, massive particles in events with displaced vertices and missing transverse momentum in $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV $pp$ collisions with the ATLAS detector**

The ATLAS Collaboration

A search for long-lived, massive particles predicted by many theories beyond the Standard Model is presented. The search targets final states with large missing transverse momentum and at least one high-mass displaced vertex with five or more tracks, and uses  $32.8 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  of  $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV  $pp$  collision data collected by the ATLAS detector at the LHC. The observed yield is consistent with the expected background. The results are used to extract 95% CL exclusion limits on the production of long-lived gluinos with masses up to 2.37 TeV and lifetimes of  $\mathcal{O}(10^{-2})$ – $\mathcal{O}(10)$  ns in a simplified model inspired by Split Supersymmetry.

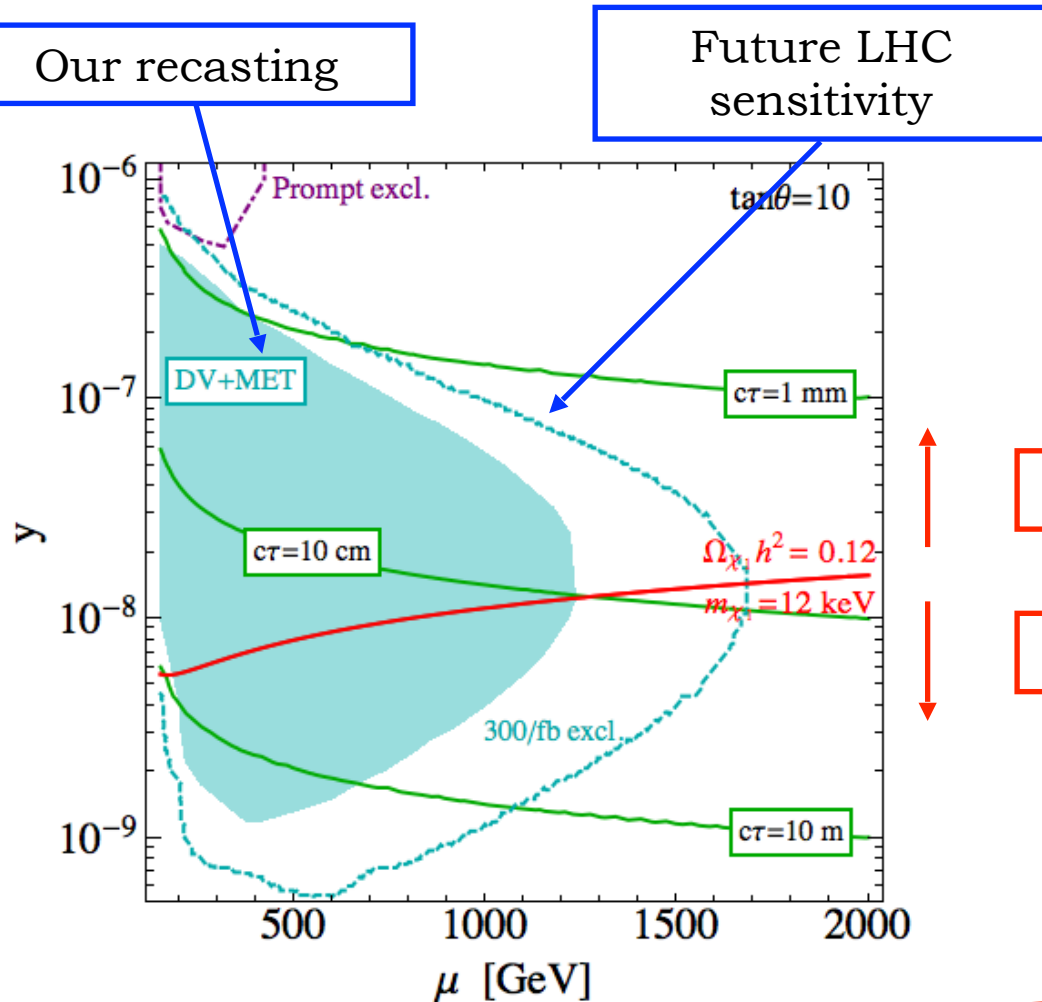
[arXiv:1710.04901](https://arxiv.org/abs/1710.04901)

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Rather general result: it also applies e.g. to Higgsino decaying to gravitino

# Impact on Singlet-Doublet Dark Matter



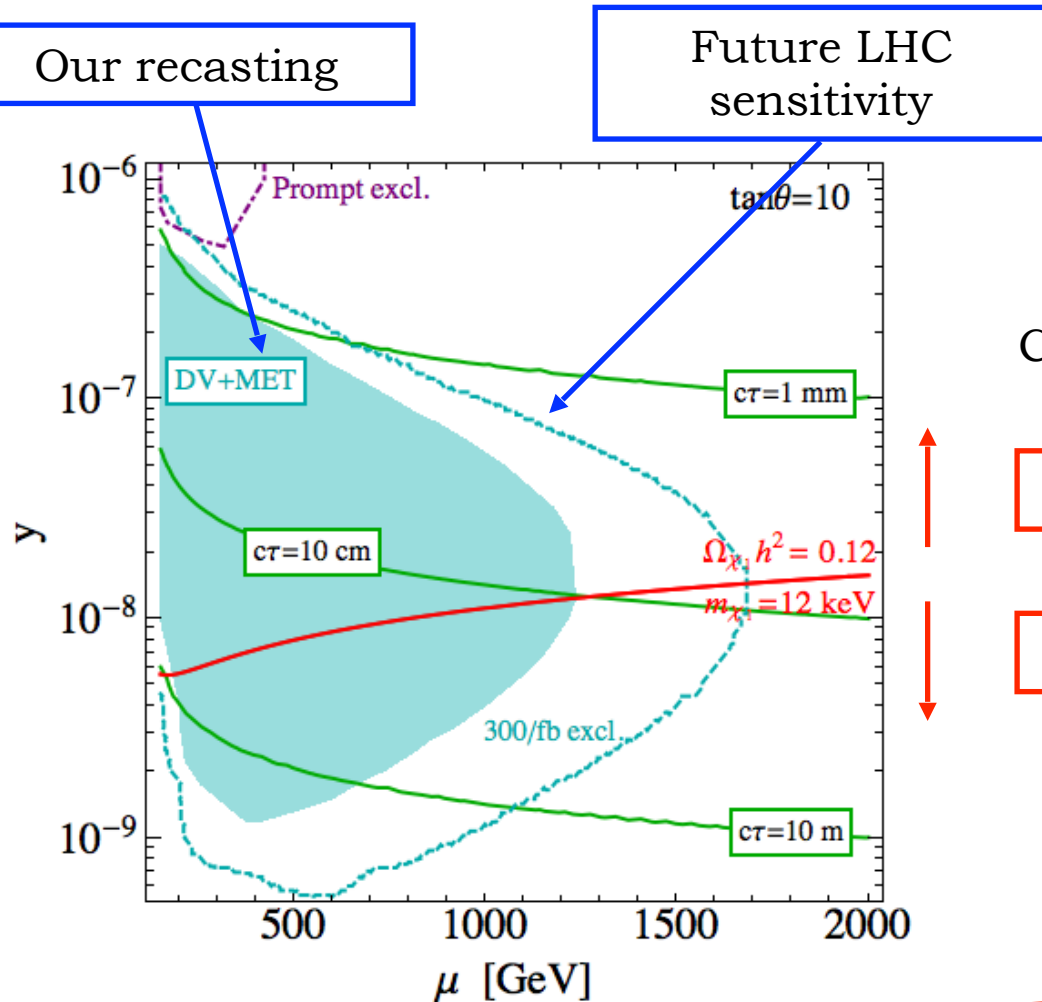
For a fixed DM mass:

DM overabundance

DM underabundance

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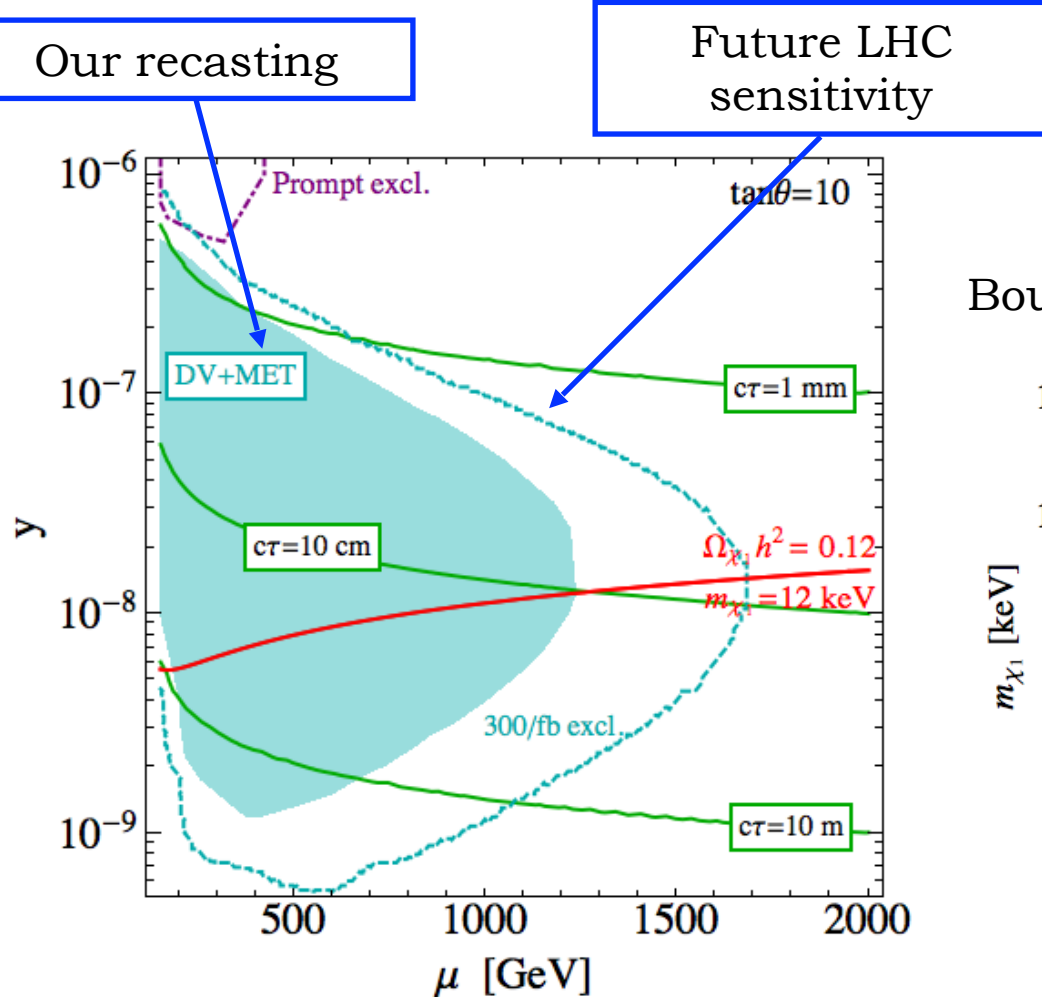
Correct relic density achieved by:

Lowering  $m_{DM}$

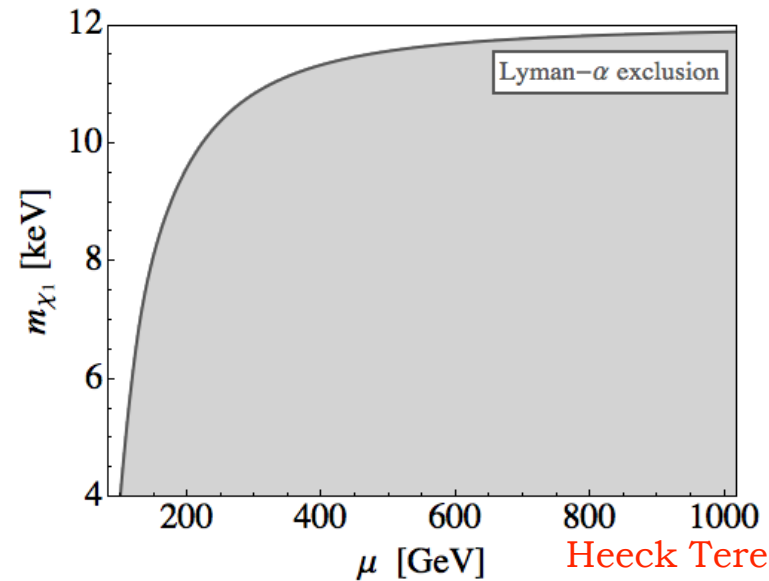
Raising  $m_{DM}$

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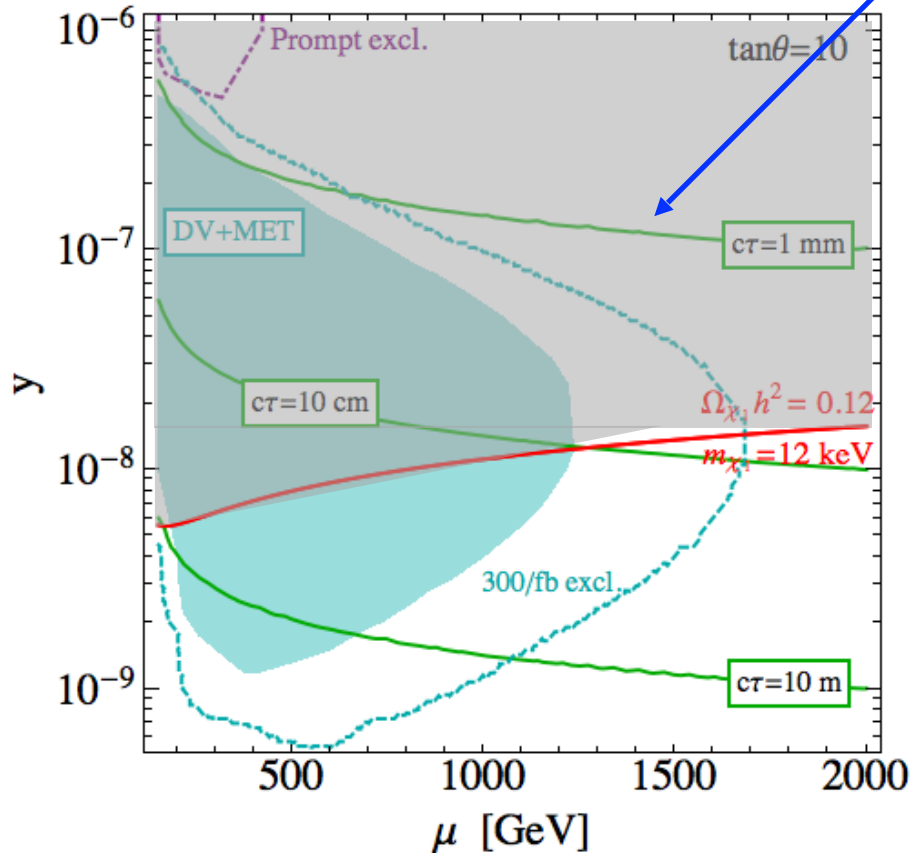


Bound from small structure formation  
(based on Lyman-alpha data):

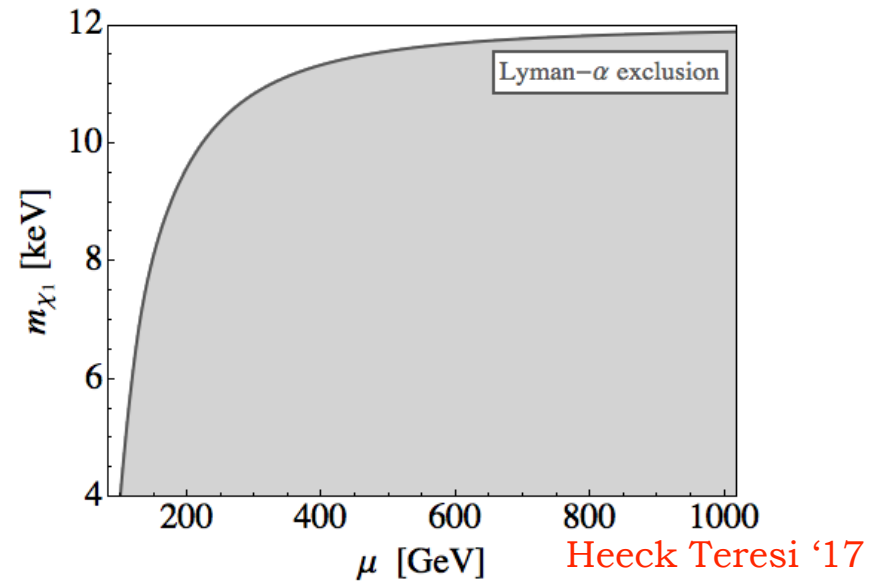


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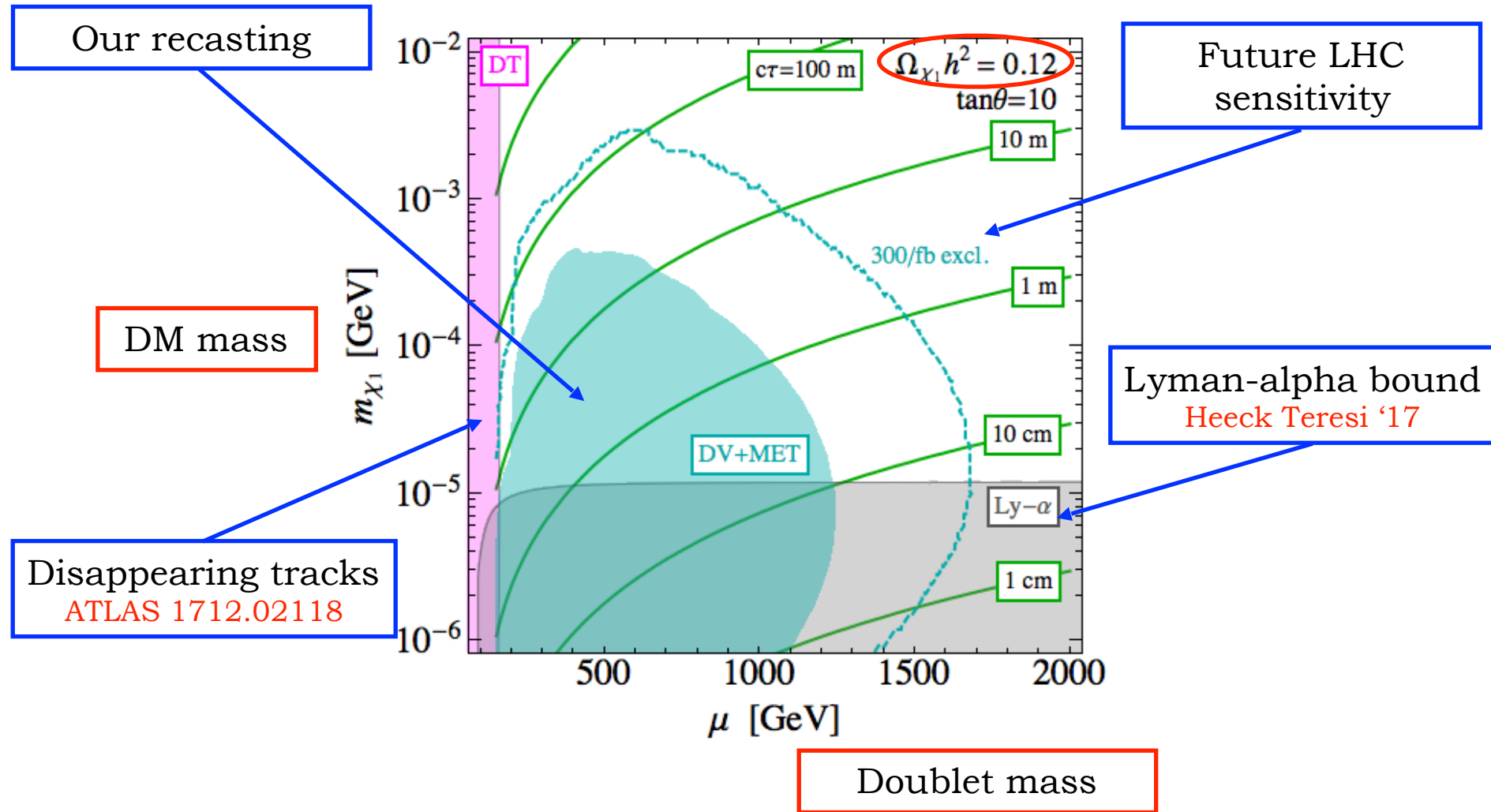
Combined Lyman-alpha and relic density bound (assuming standard cosmology)



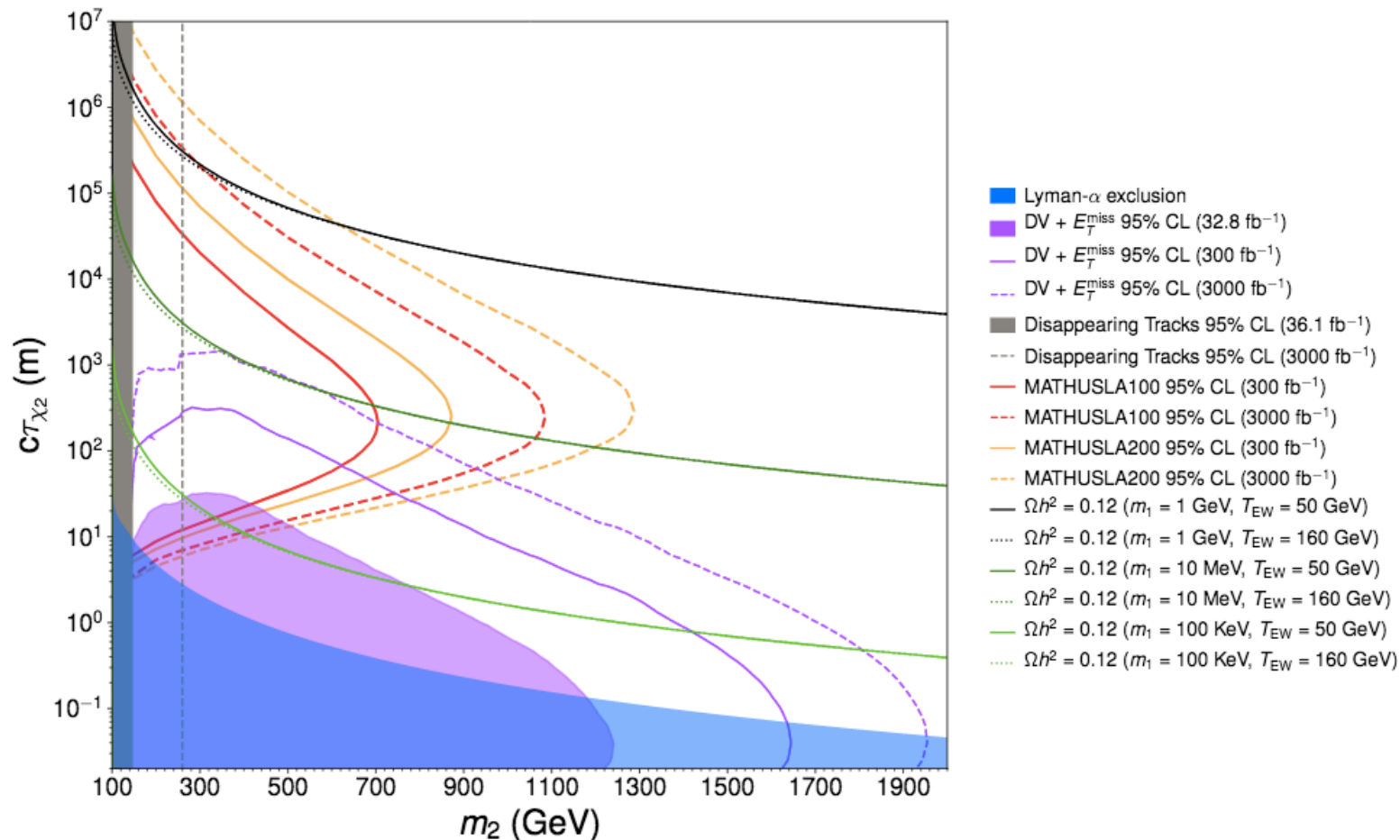
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# Combined LHC and cosmology constraints

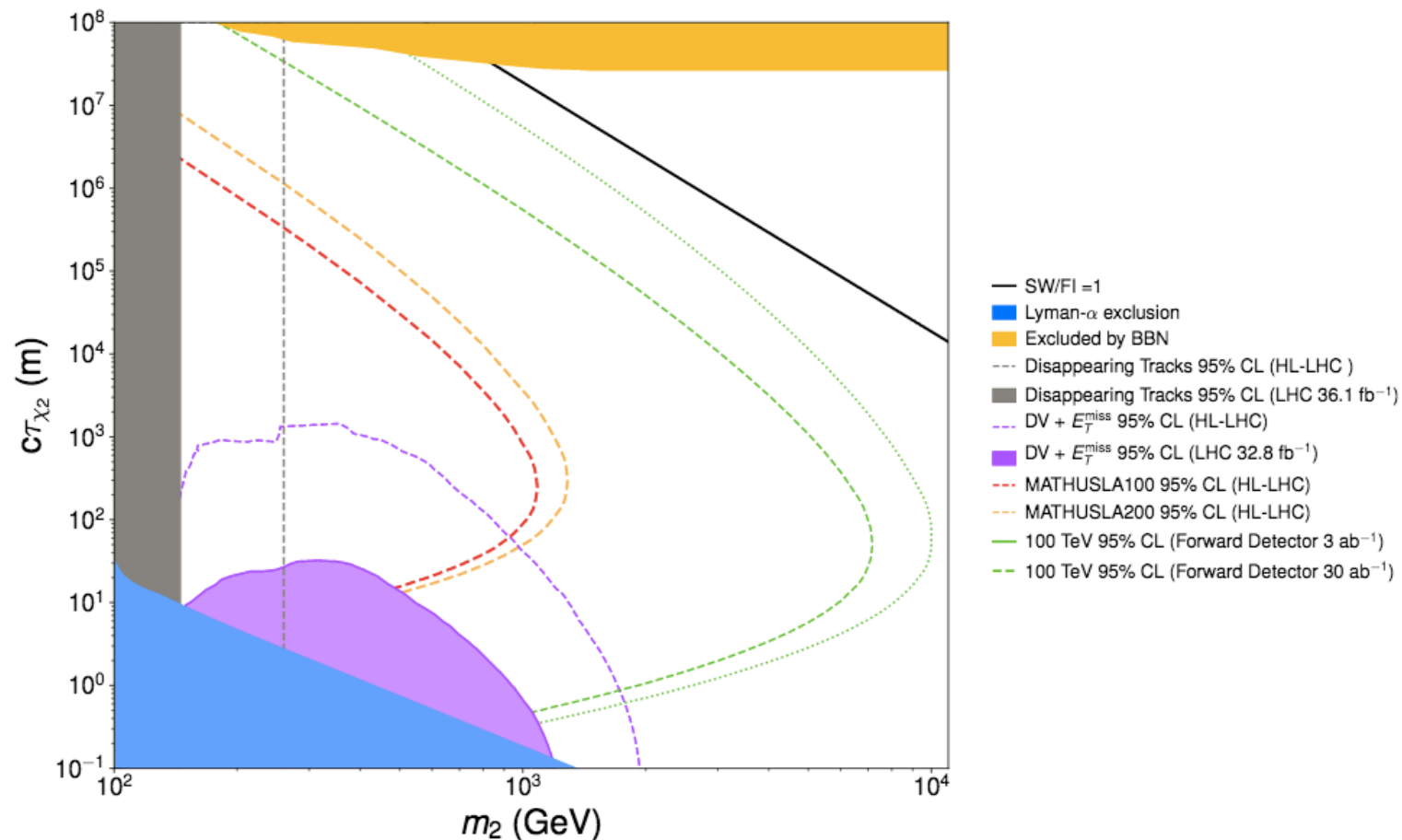


# Prospects at future experiments



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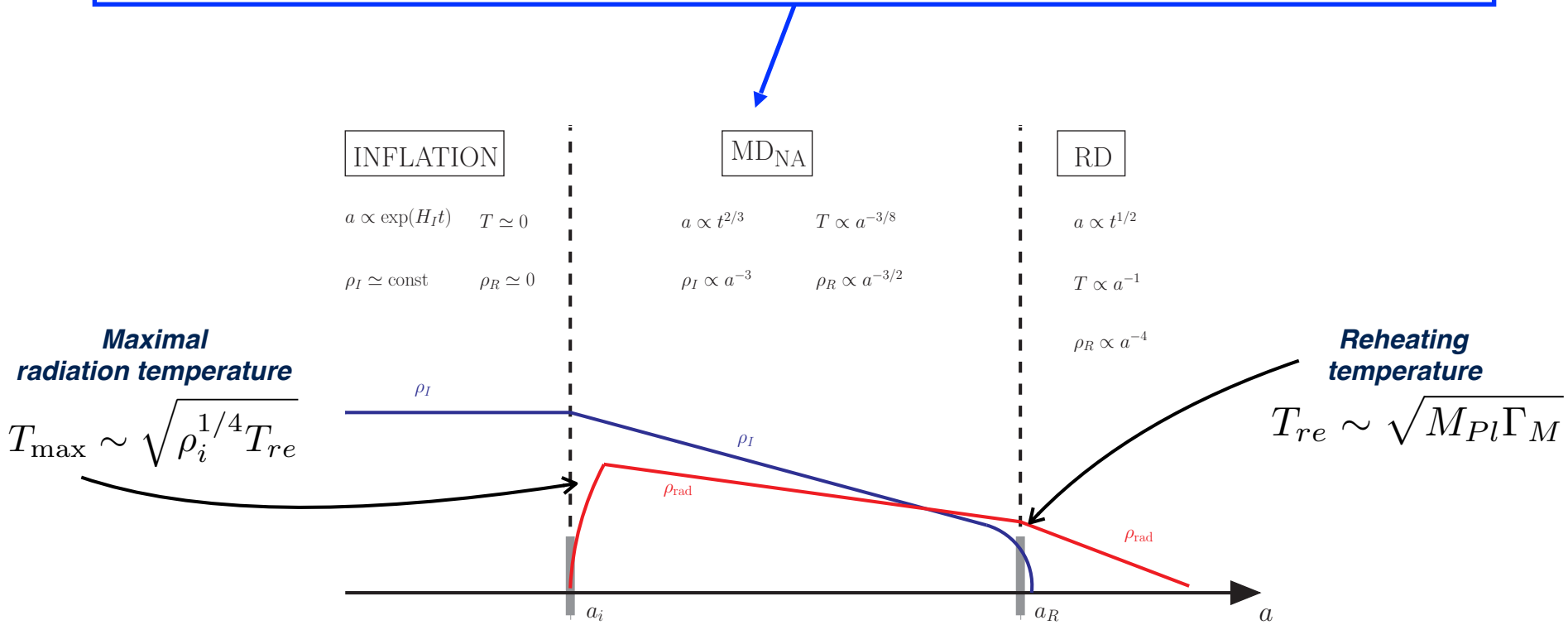
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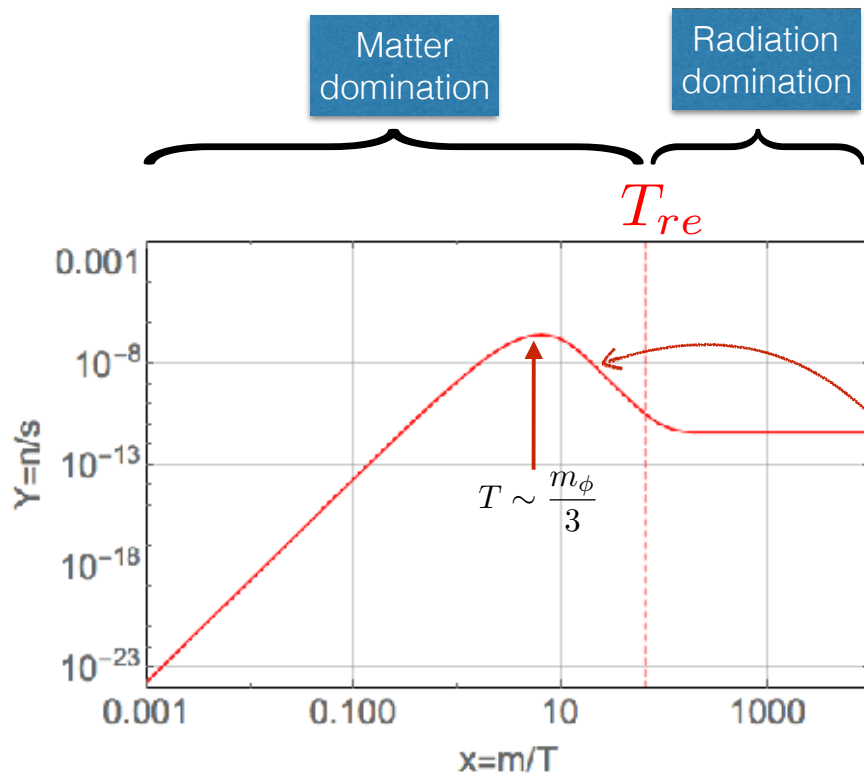
# Early matter domination

What if DM freeze-in during the inflaton decay (matter-dominated) epoch



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# Early matter domination



$$T_{re} \lesssim \frac{m_\phi}{3}$$

★ Abundance grows up to  $T \sim \frac{m_\phi}{3}$

★ Then diluted by inflaton up to  $T_{re}$

★ Dilution scales approximately as

$$Y_\chi \sim T^5 \quad \text{for} \quad \frac{m_\phi}{3} > T > T_{re}$$

**Low reheating temperature reduces DM abundance**

slide by A. Mariotti

## Classification of all possible operators mediating the decay

$$B \rightarrow \text{SM} + X$$

For each choice of the SM particle, we know the quantum numbers of B (X must be a gauge singlet)

We consider:  
spin 0 and 1/2 DM  
spin 0, 1/2 and 1 for B

$A_{\text{SM}}$	Spin $X$	Spin $B$	Interaction	Label
$\psi_{\text{SM}}$	0	1/2	$\overline{\psi_{\text{SM}}} \Psi_B \phi$	$\mathcal{F}_{\psi_{\text{SM}} \phi}$
	1/2	0	$\overline{\psi_{\text{SM}}} \chi \Phi_B$	$\mathcal{S}_{\psi_{\text{SM}} \chi}$
	1/2	1	$\overline{\psi_{\text{SM}}} \Gamma^\mu \chi V_B^\mu$	$\mathcal{V}_{\psi_{\text{SM}} \chi}$
$F_{\mu\nu}$	0	1	$V_B^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu} \phi$	$\mathcal{V}_{F \phi}$
	1/2	1/2	$\overline{\psi_{\text{SM}}} \sigma_{\mu\nu} \chi F^{\mu\nu}$	$\mathcal{F}_{F \chi}$
$H$	0	0	$\Phi_B^\dagger H \phi$	$\mathcal{S}_{H \phi}$
	0	1	$V_B^\mu (c_\phi H \partial_\mu \phi + c_H \phi D_\mu H)$	$\mathcal{V}_{H \phi}$
	1/2	1/2	$\overline{\Psi_B} \chi H$	$\mathcal{F}_{H \chi}$

Example:

Fermion dark matter with a scalar partner coupled to leptons

$$\bar{l} \chi \Phi_B$$

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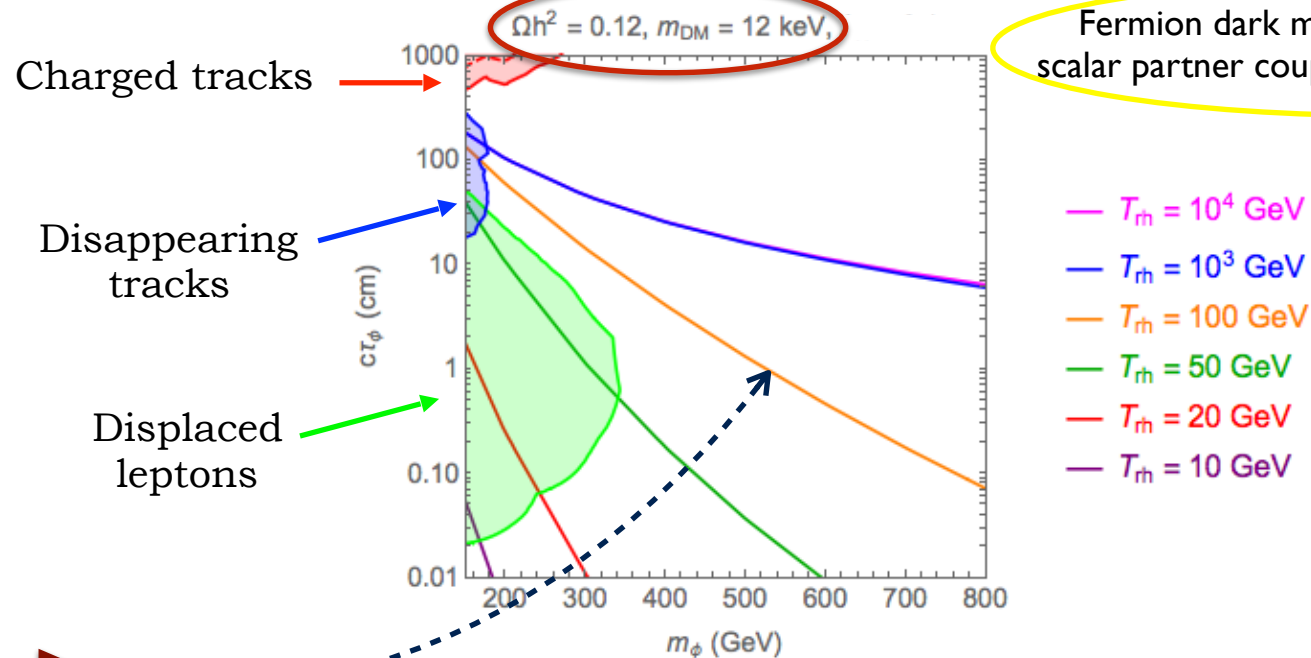
# Constraining reheating at the LHC

**We fix Dark Matter mass and impose correct DM relic abundance**



**Reheating temperature is predicted**

**★ Fix Dark Matter mass at the lowest allowed value**



Fermion dark matter with a scalar partner coupled to leptons

$$\bar{l} \chi \Phi_B$$

**★ Contours of Maximal  $T$  reheating compatible with DM hypothesis**

**!!! Indirect LHC probe of  $T$  reheating !!!**

slide by A. Mariotti

# Summary

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Freeze-in Dark Matter is naturally feebly coupled.  
This implies long-lived mediators so that LHC can test FI scenarios  
via exotic (and virtually background-free) signatures

LHC searches for displaced vertices set non-trivial constraints  
on the FI regime of our model. Nice interplay with cosmology/astrophysics!

Long-lived particles are a general consequence of the freeze-in mechanism  
Similar results are found within other FI models (with LHC/future exps)

Searches for long-lived particles (decaying into missing energy) can give us  
information on the thermal history of the universe



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Happy Chinese new year

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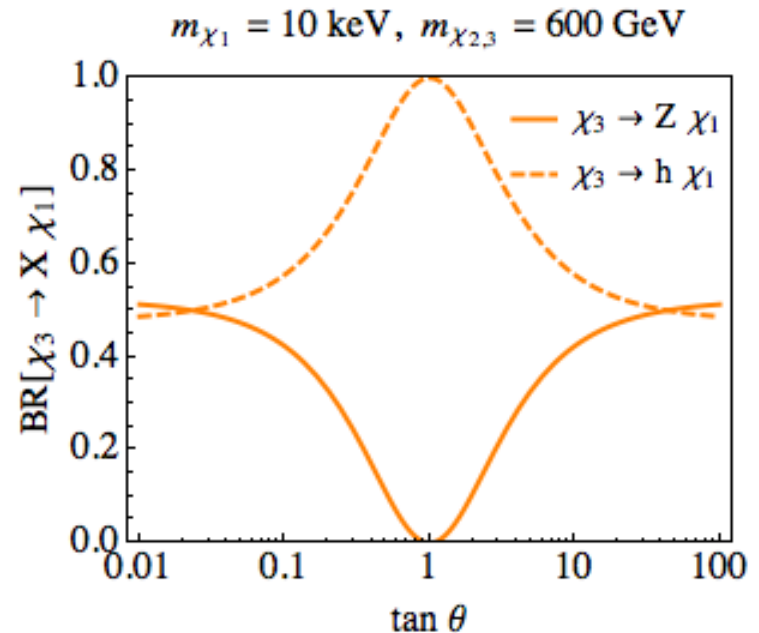
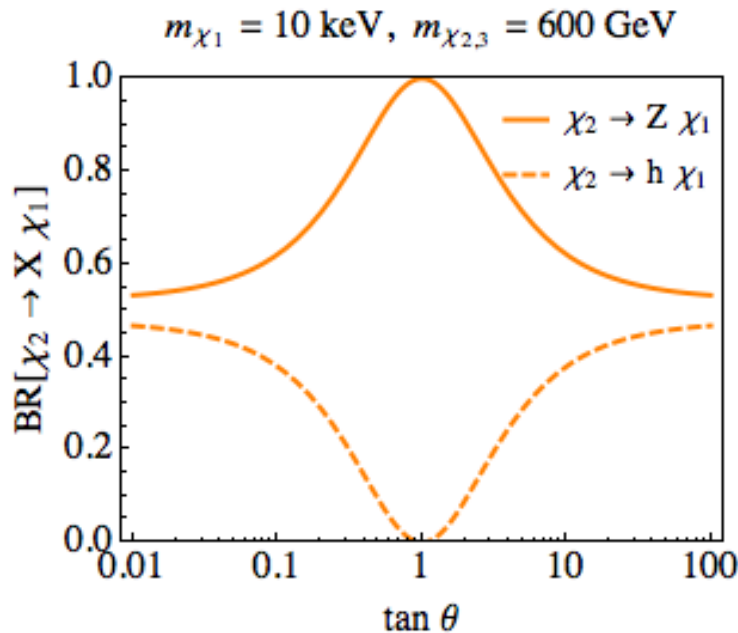
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Neutral states BRs:



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Our recasting  
Madgraph/Pythia/Delphes

