

# Flavoured Majorana dark matter

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from freeze-out scenarios to LHC signatures

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# The model

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + \frac{1}{2} (i\bar{\chi}\not{\partial}\chi - M_{\chi}\bar{\chi}\chi) - (\lambda_{ij}\bar{u}_{Ri}\chi_j\phi + \text{h.c.}) \\ + (D_{\mu}\phi)^{\dagger}(D^{\mu}\phi) - m_{\phi}^2\phi^{\dagger}\phi + \lambda_{H\phi}\phi^{\dagger}\phi H^{\dagger}H + \lambda_{\phi\phi}(\phi^{\dagger}\phi)^2$$

$\lambda_{ij}$ : Complex  $3 \times 3$  matrix

- 18 parameters reduced to 15 by  $O(3)_{\chi}$  symmetry (Dirac:  $U(3)_{\chi}$ )
- Parametrization:

$$\lambda = U D O d$$

where  $\theta_{23}, \theta_{13}, \theta_{12}, \phi_{23}, \phi_{13}, \phi_{12}$  are mixing angles,

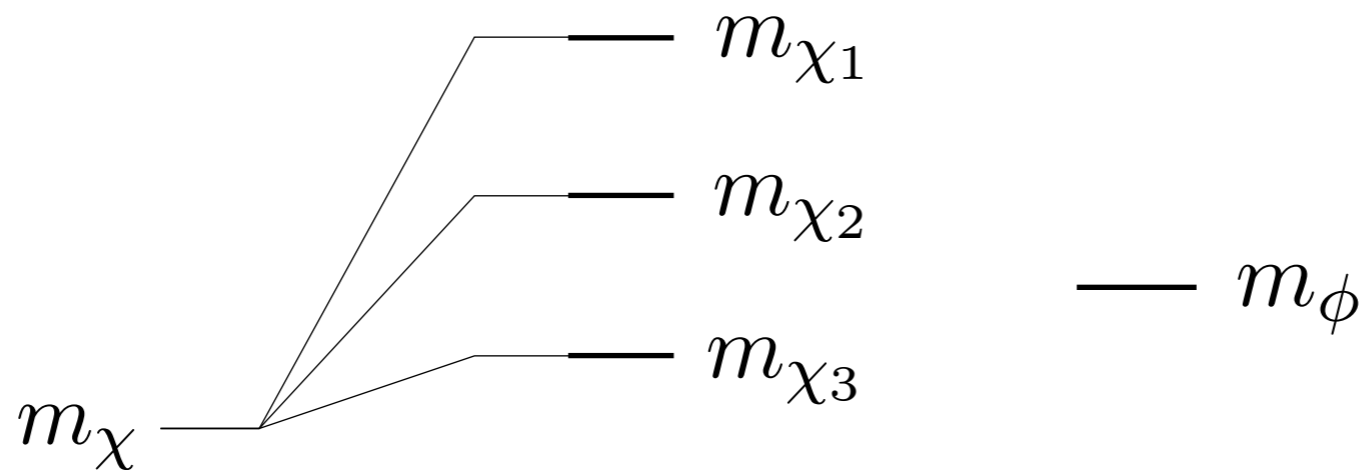
$\delta_{23}, \delta_{13}, \delta_{12}, \gamma_1, \gamma_2, \gamma_3$  are complex phases, and

$D = \text{diag}(D_1, D_2, D_3)$  parametrizes the coupling strengths

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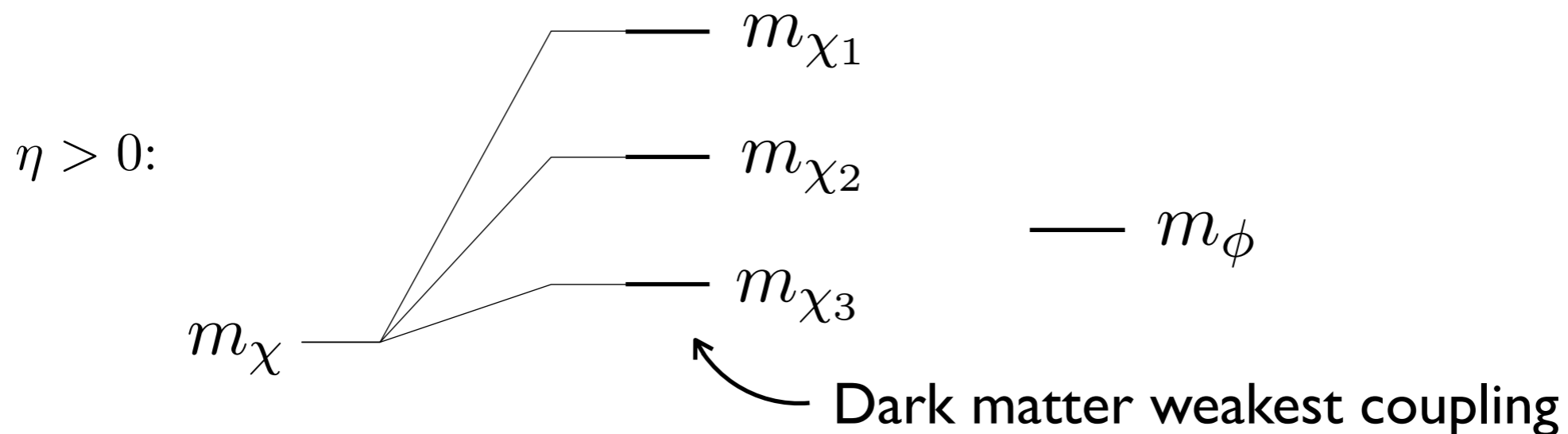
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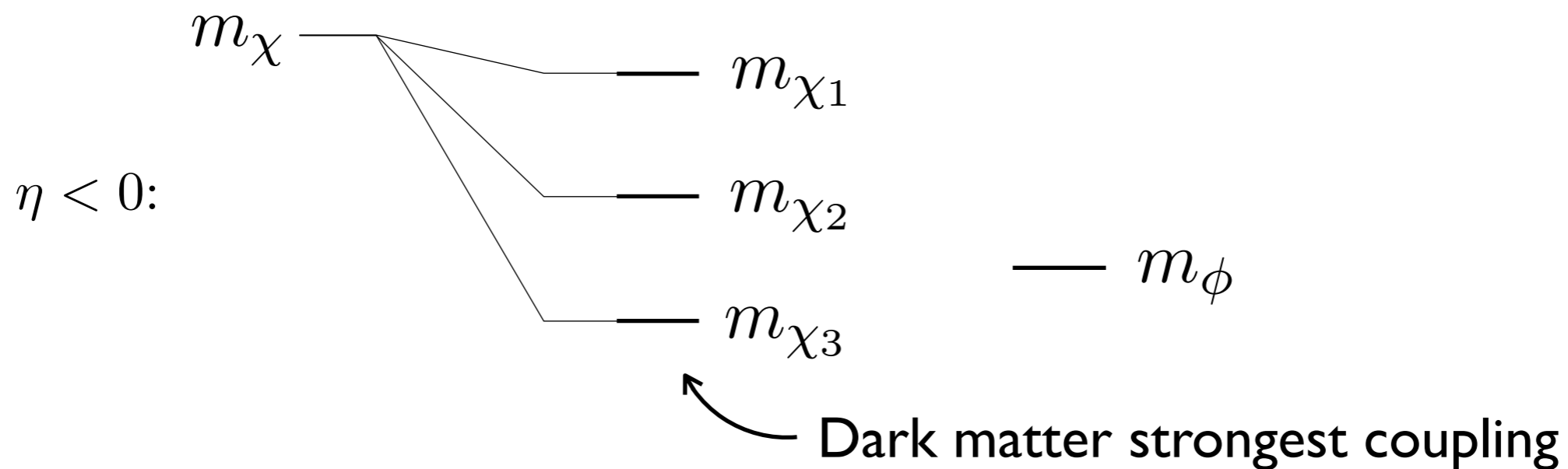
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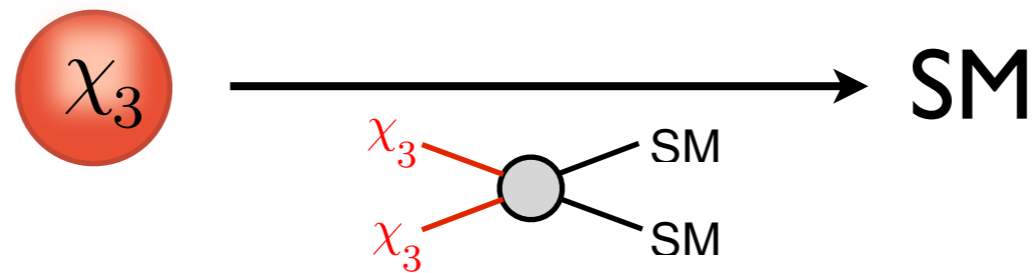
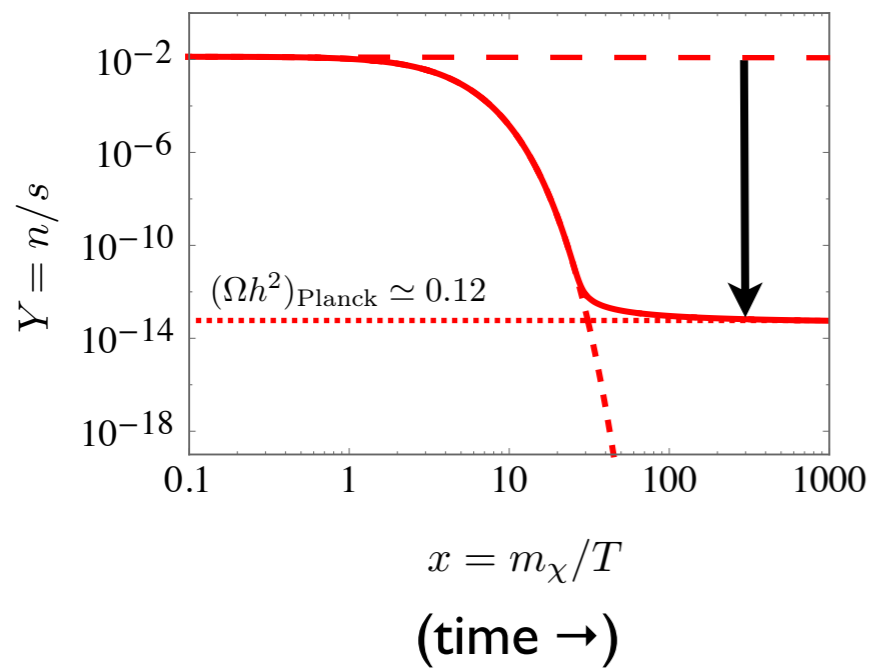
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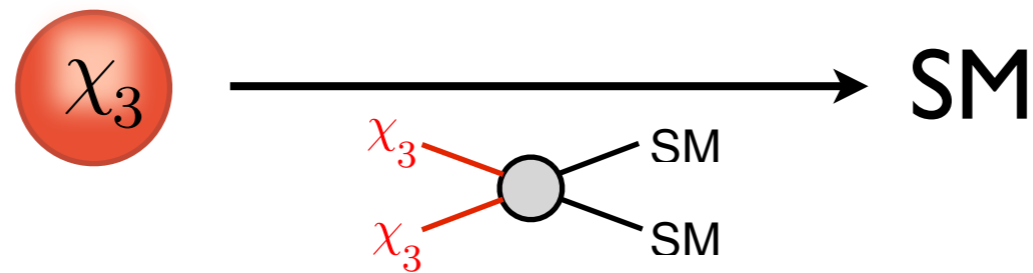
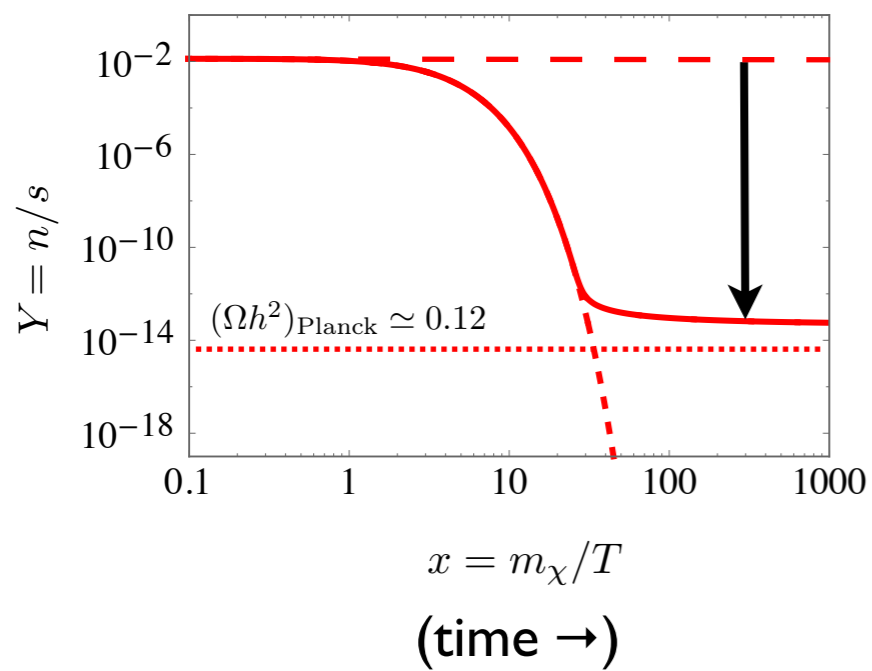


# Freeze-out scenarios

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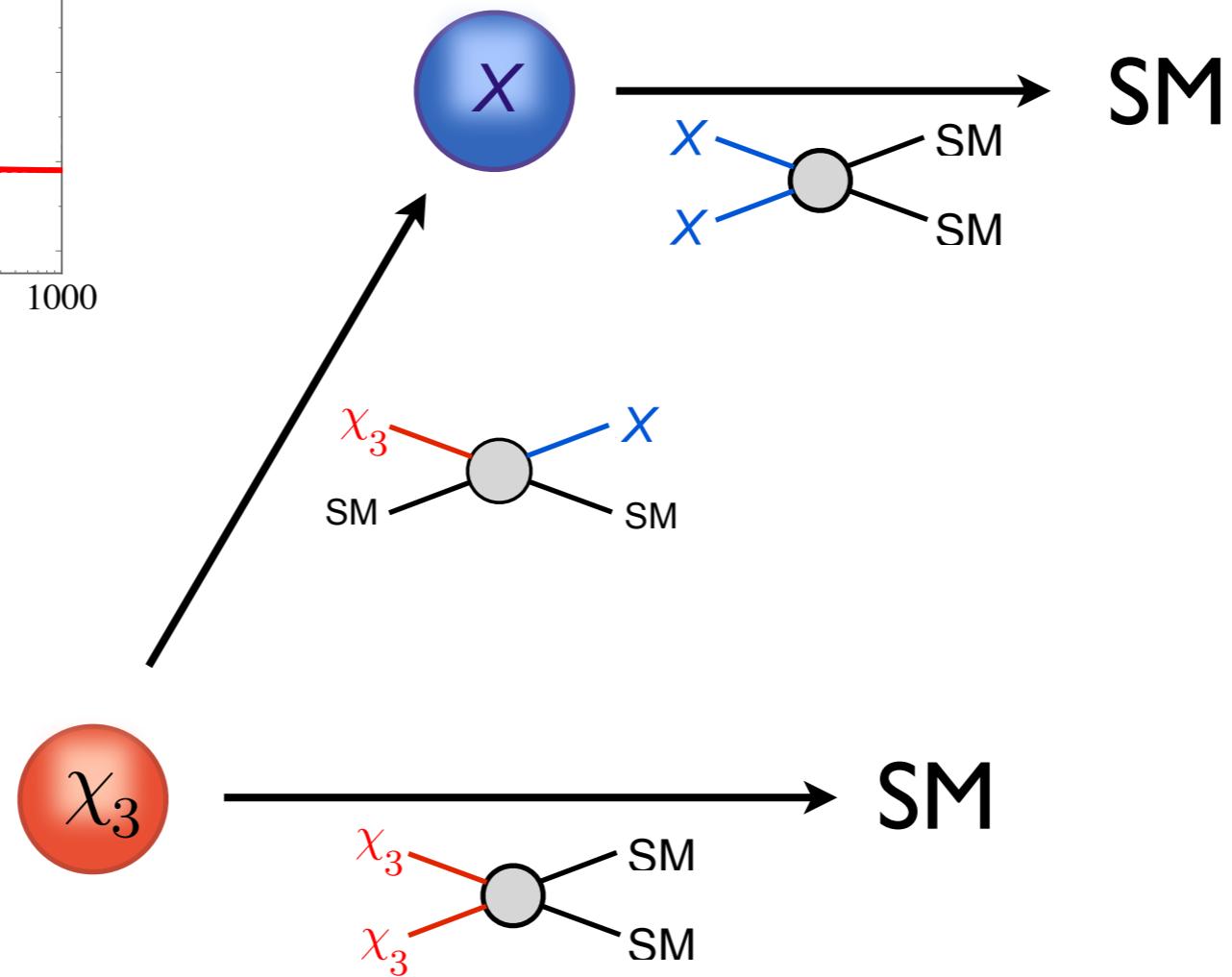
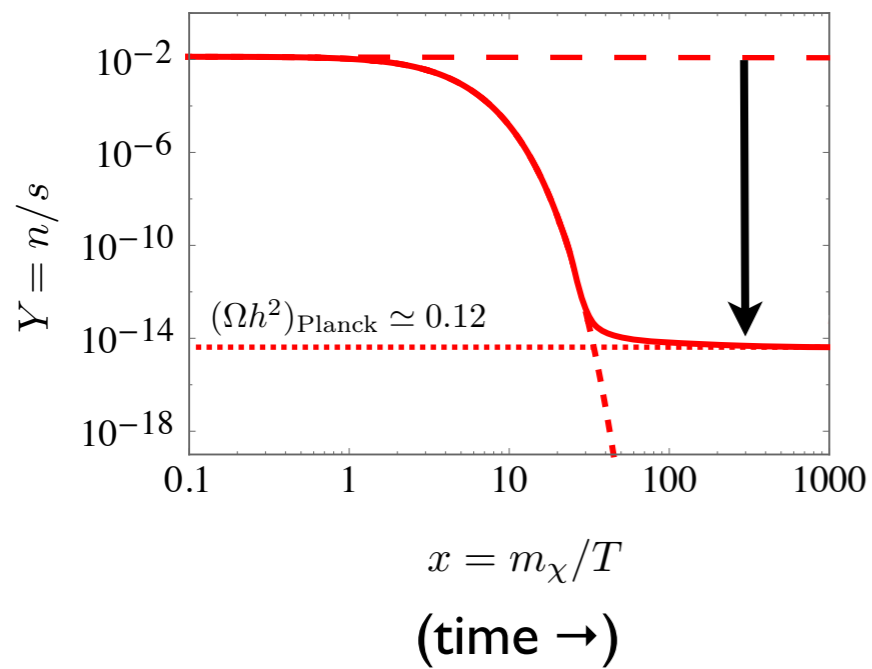


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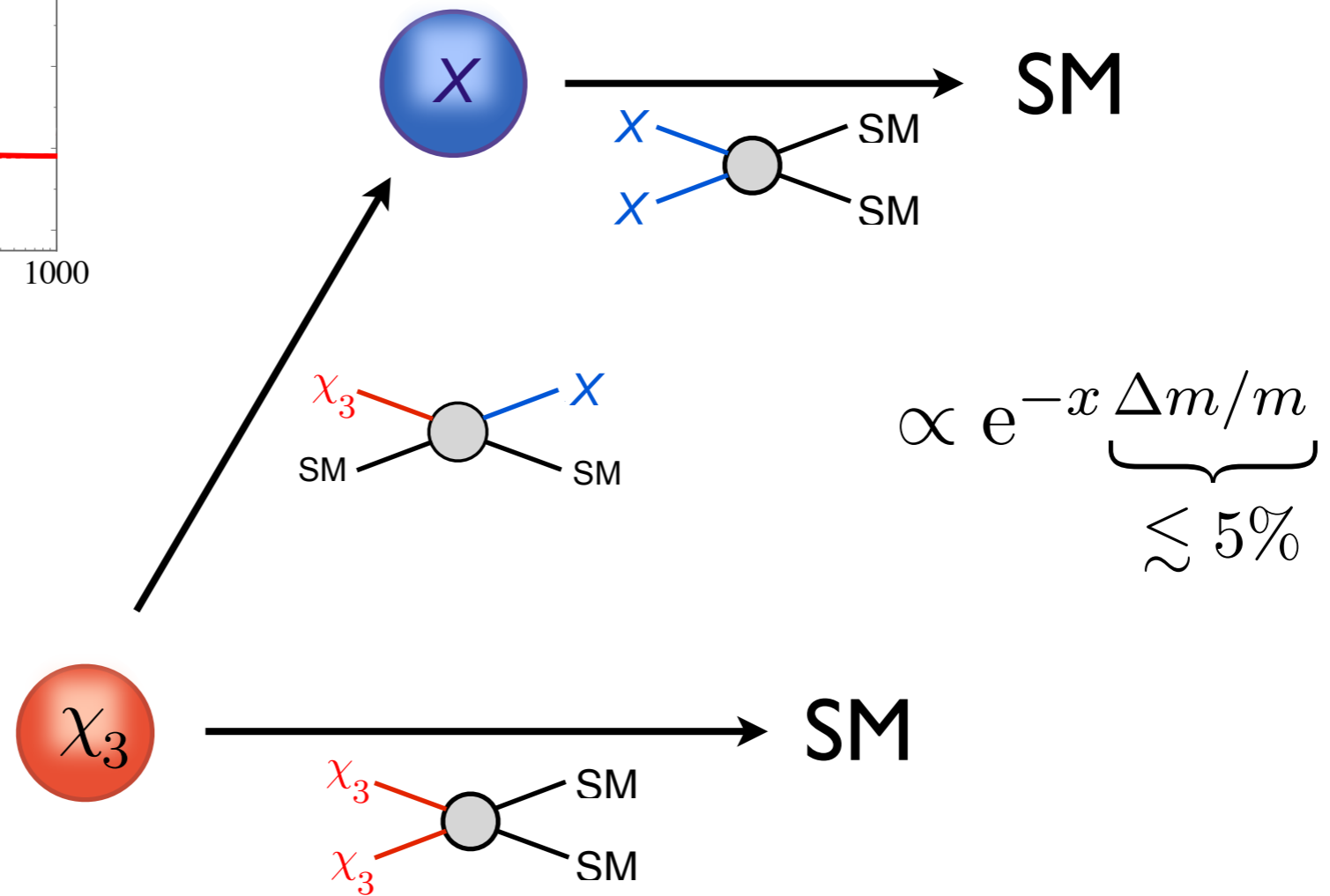
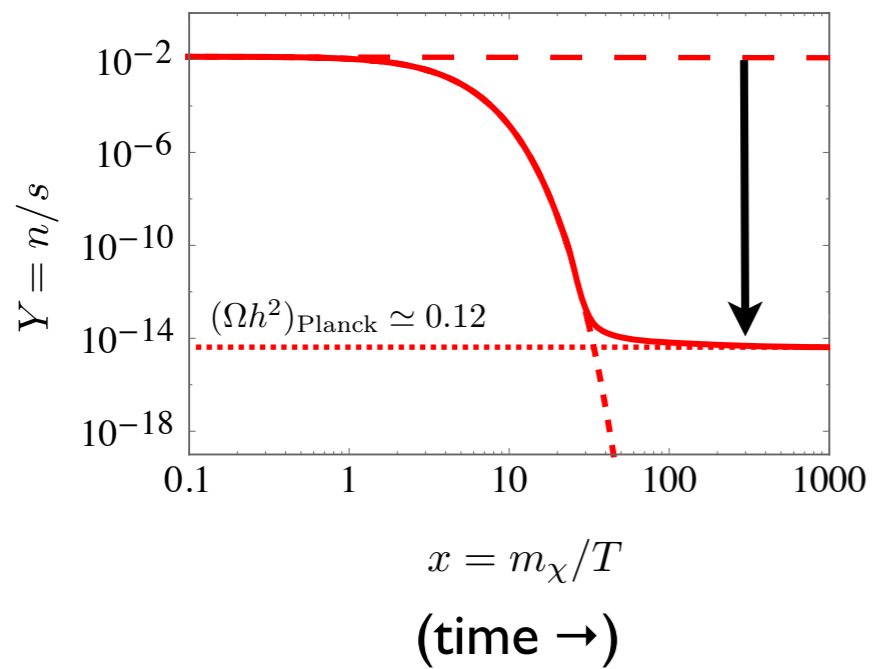




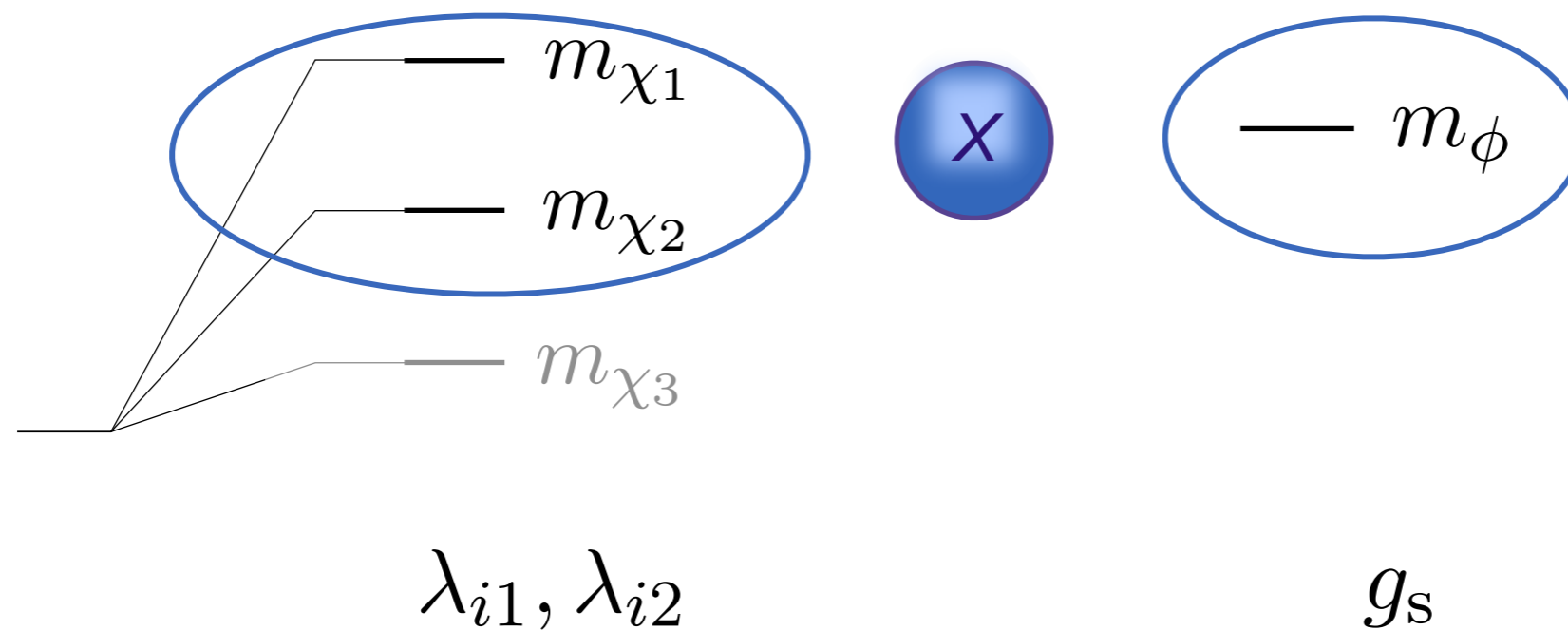
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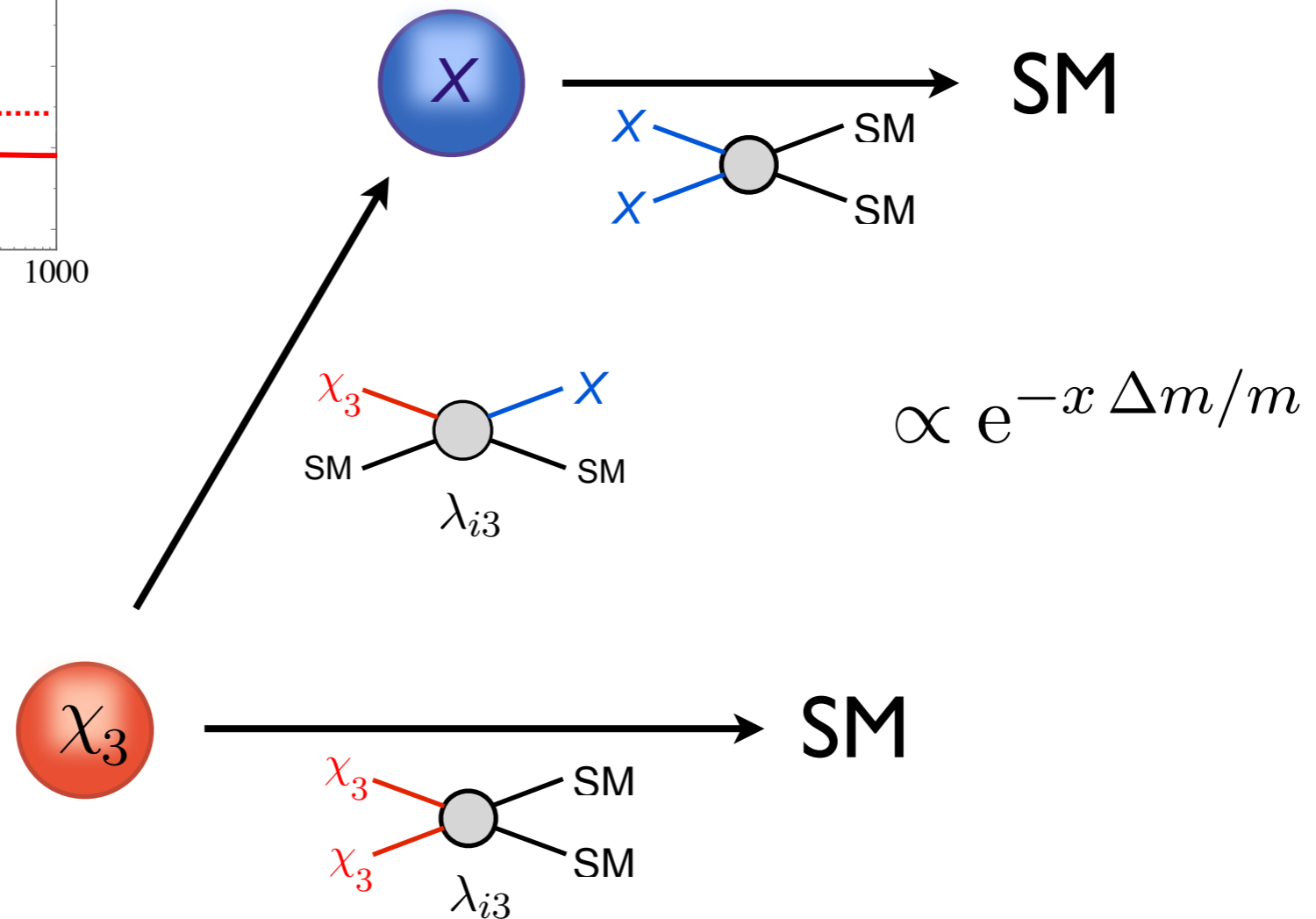
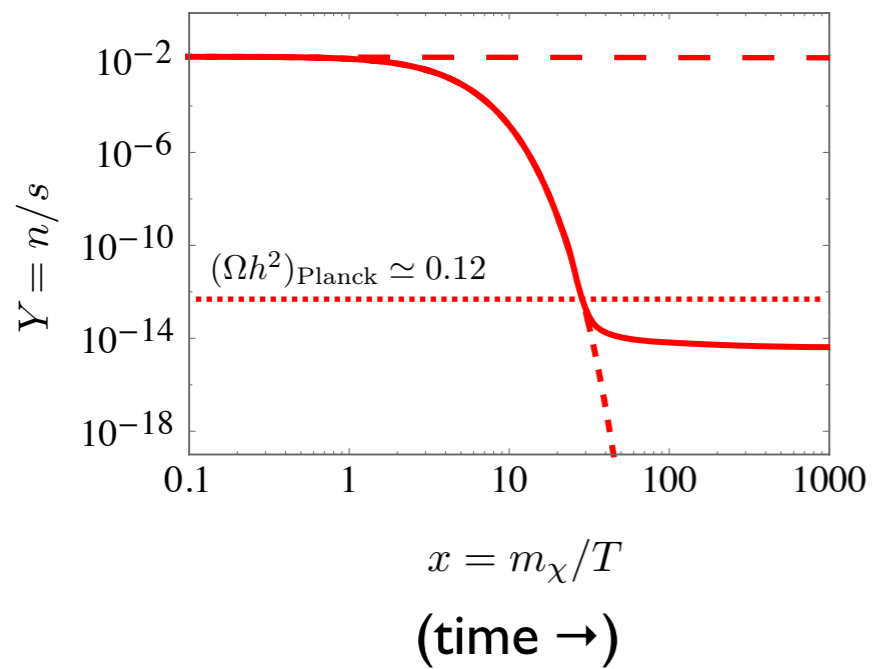
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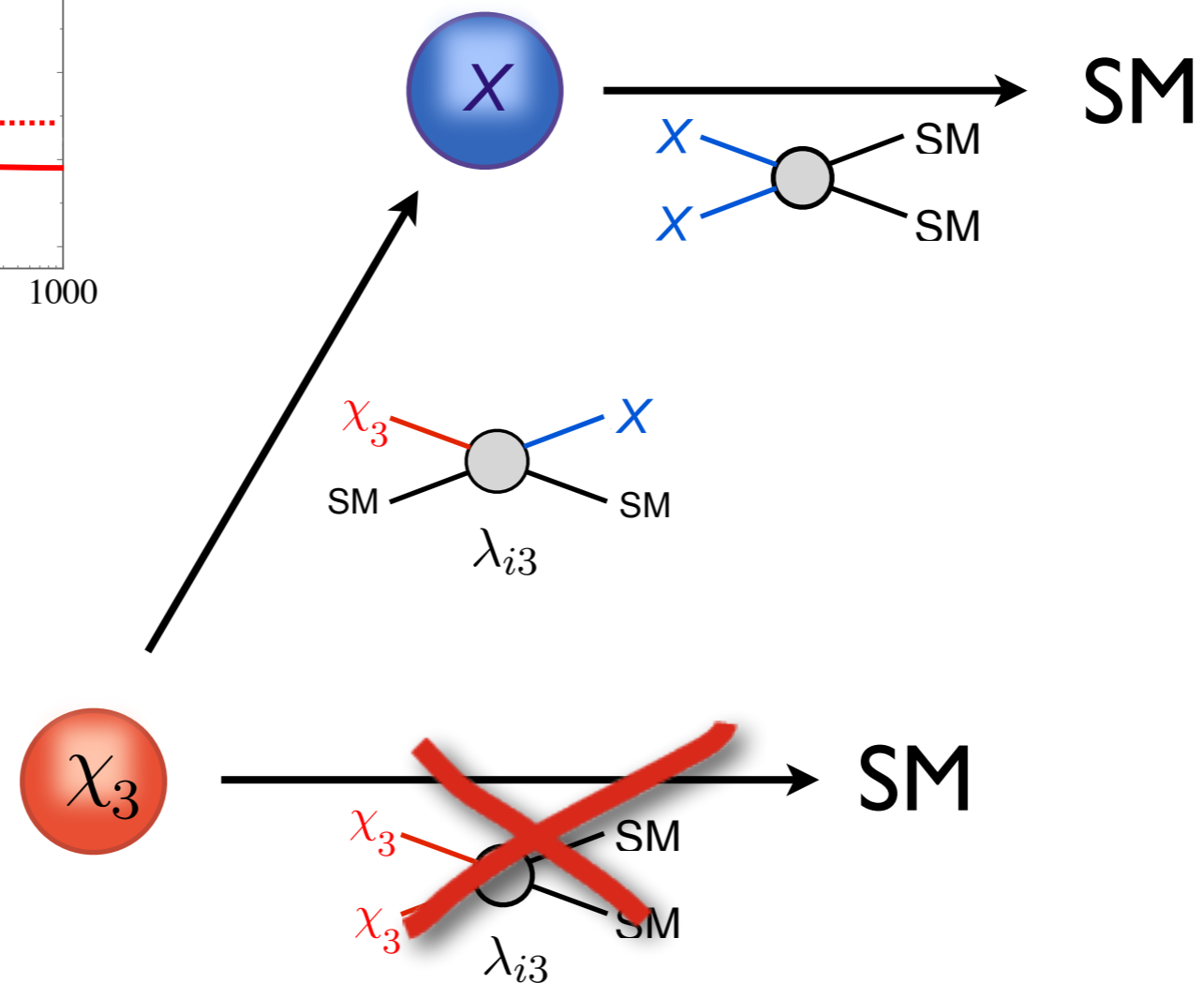
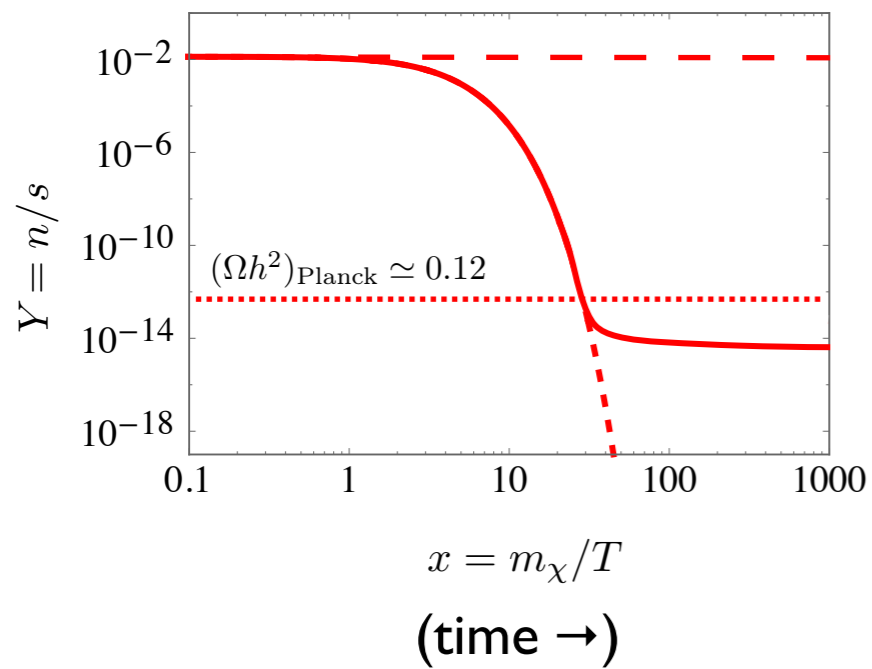
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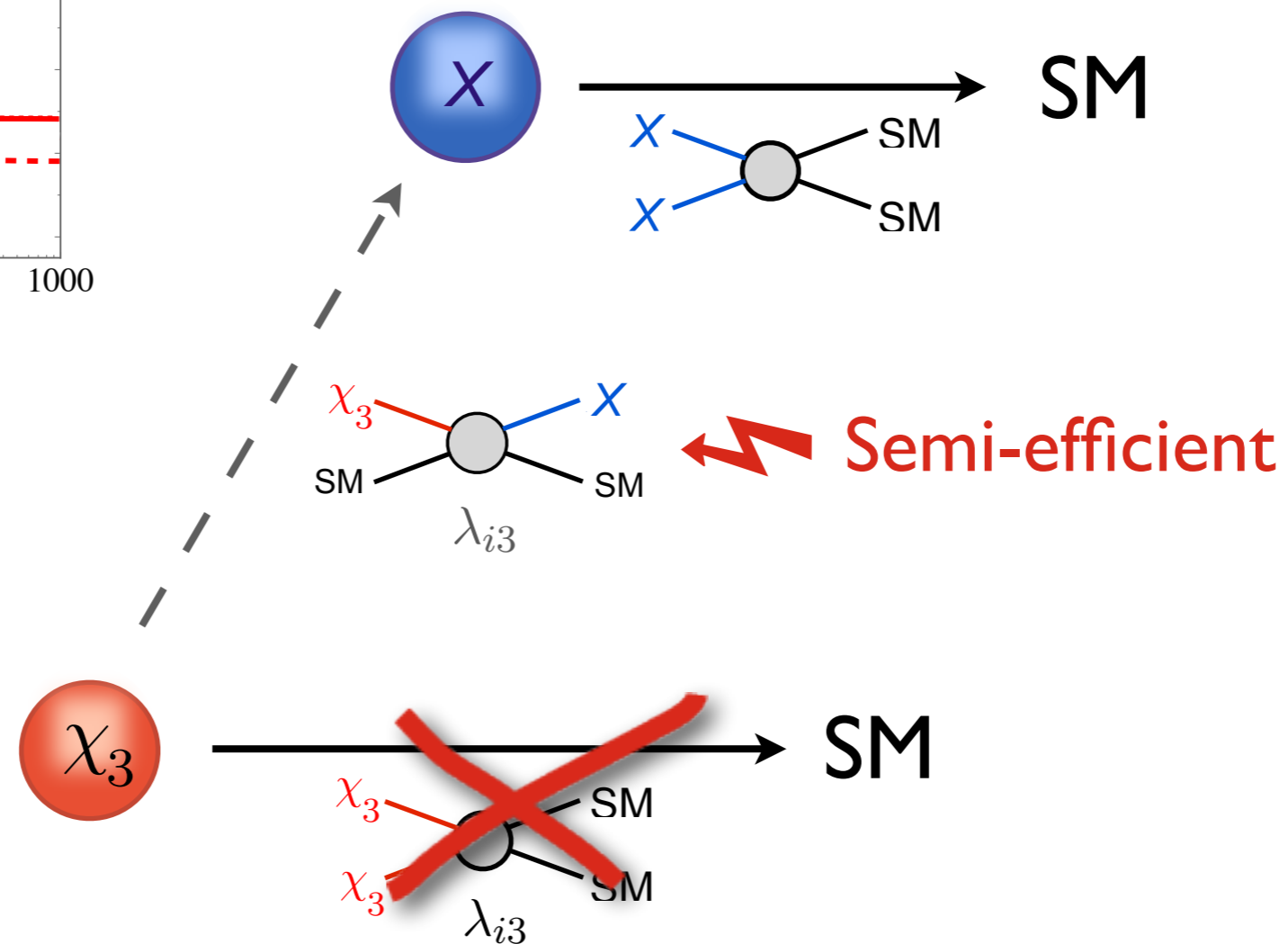
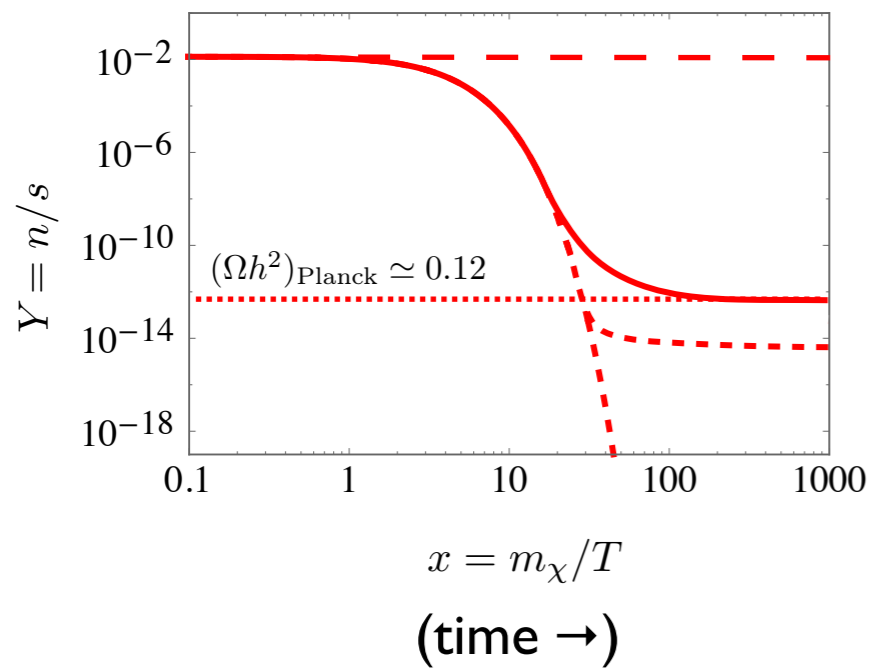
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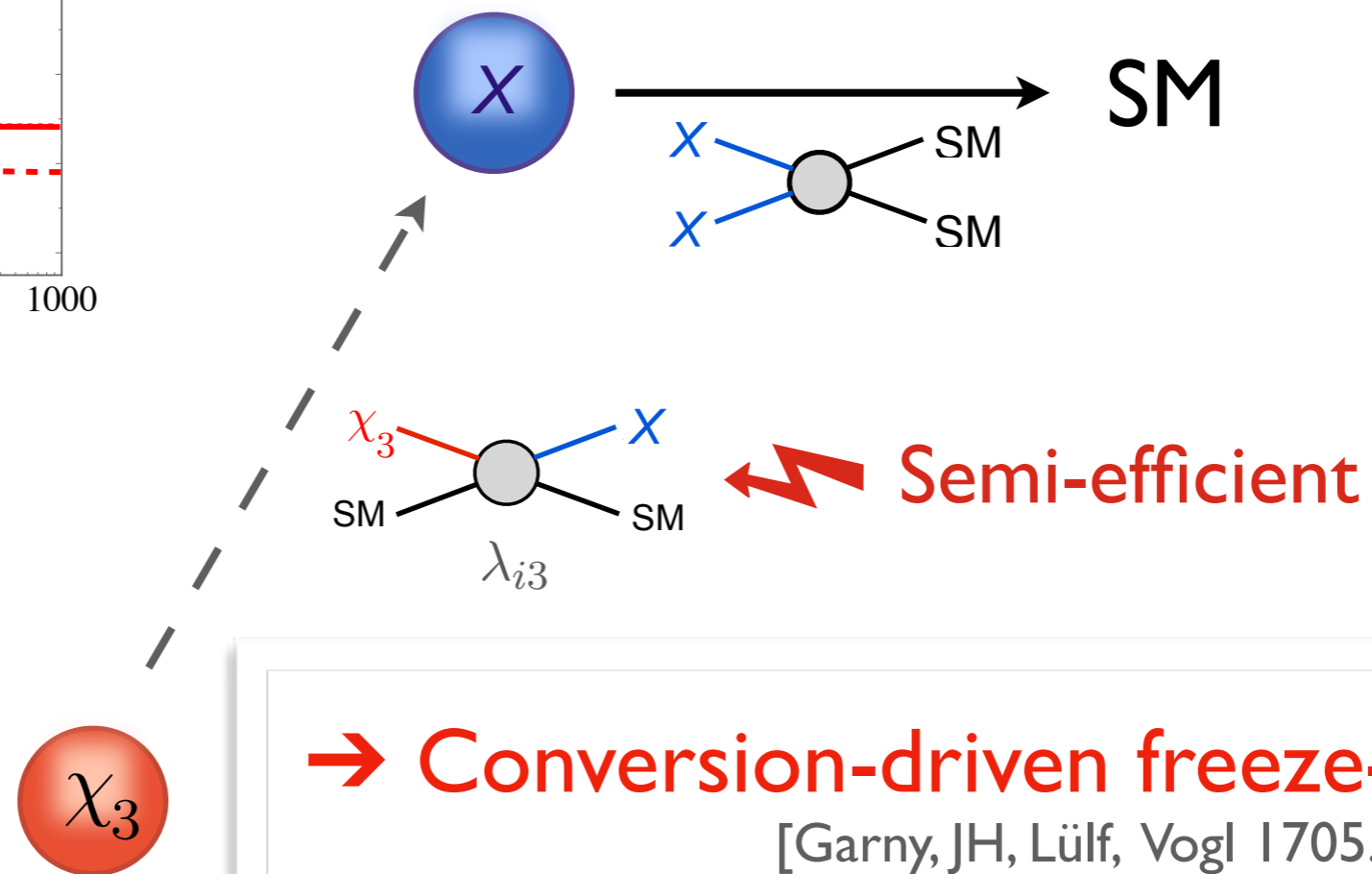
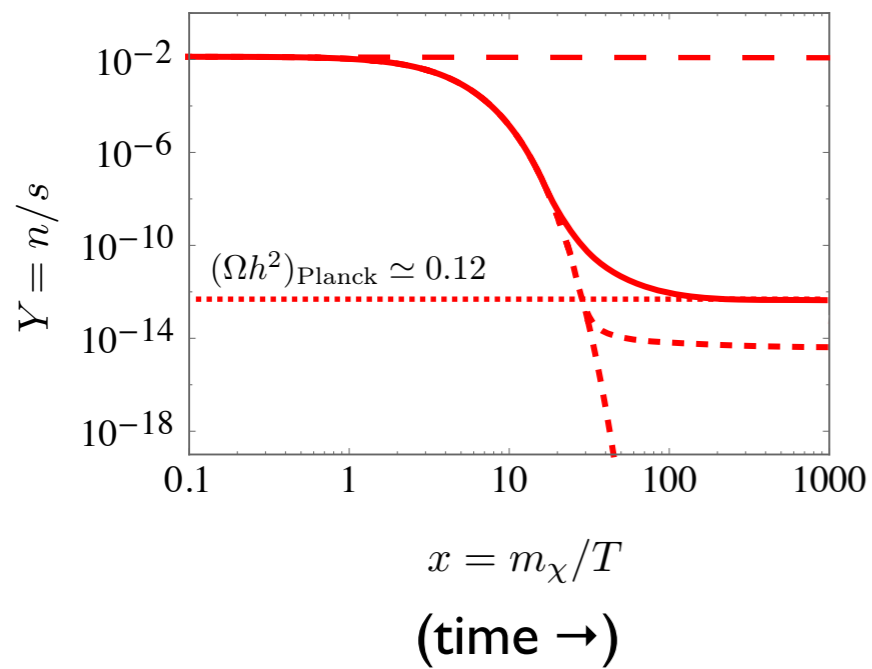
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**→ Conversion-driven freeze-out**

[Garny, JH, Lulf, Vogl | 705.09292;  
D'Agnolo, Pappadopulo, Ruderman | 705.08450]

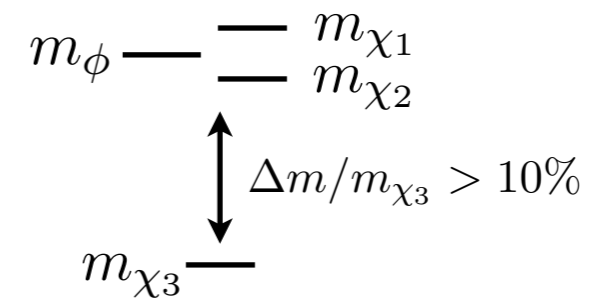
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- `Canonical' freeze-out (with or w/o coannihilation)
- Conversion-driven freeze-out

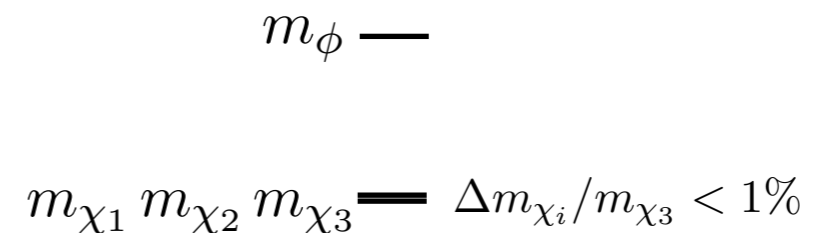


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- 'Canonical' freeze-out
  - Single Flavour Freeze-Out (SFF):



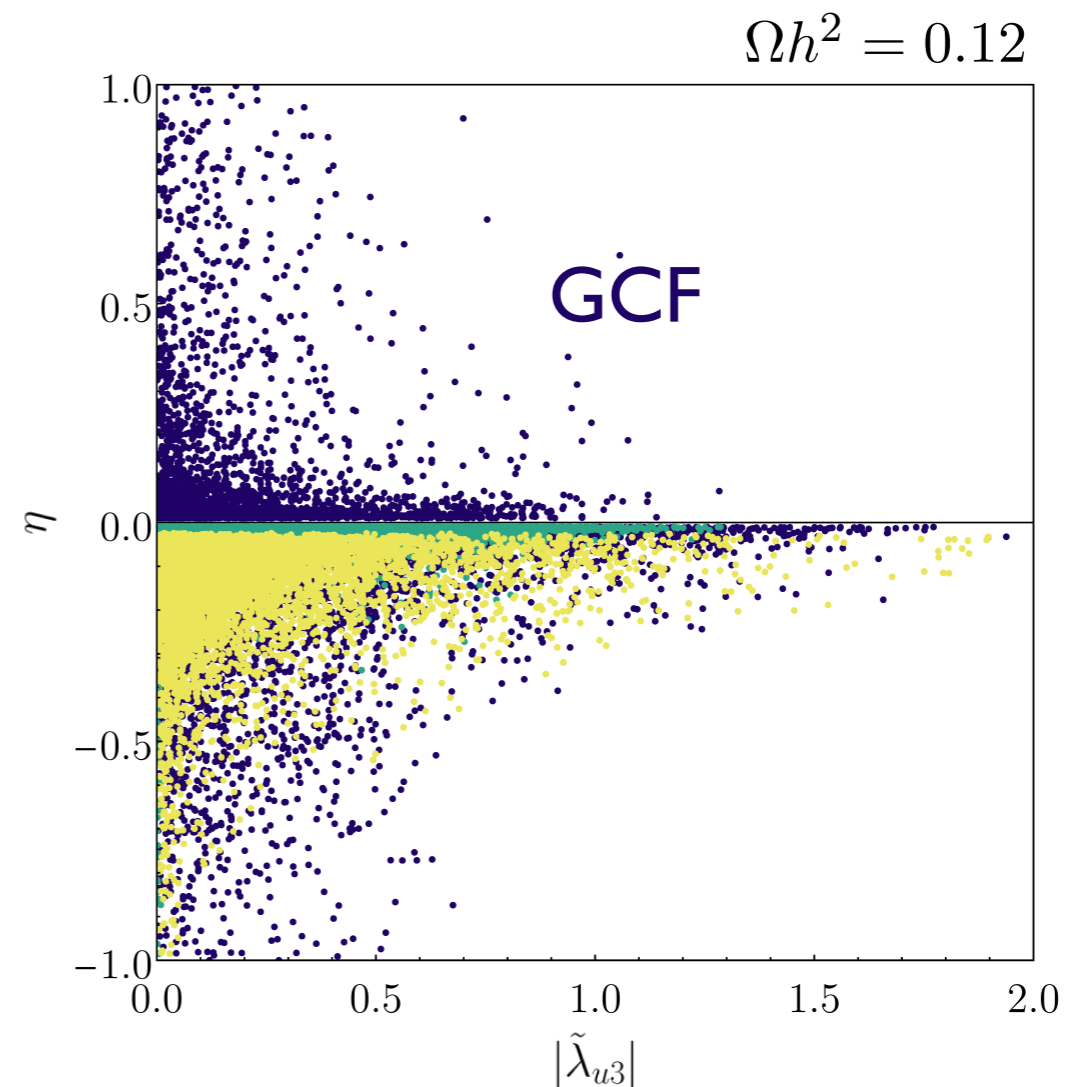
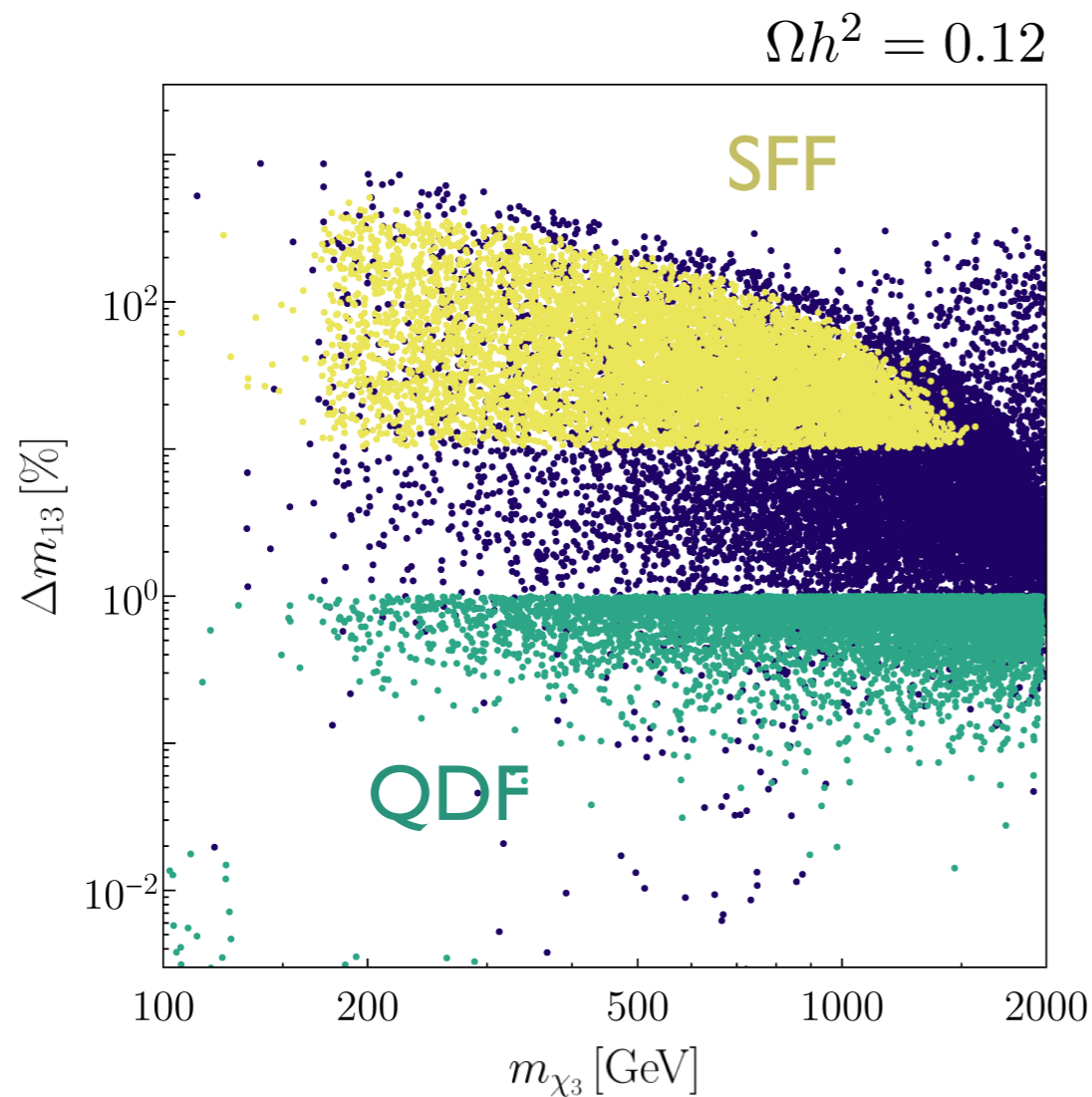
- Quasi-Degenerate Freeze-Out (QDF):



- Generic Canonical Freeze-Out (GCF)

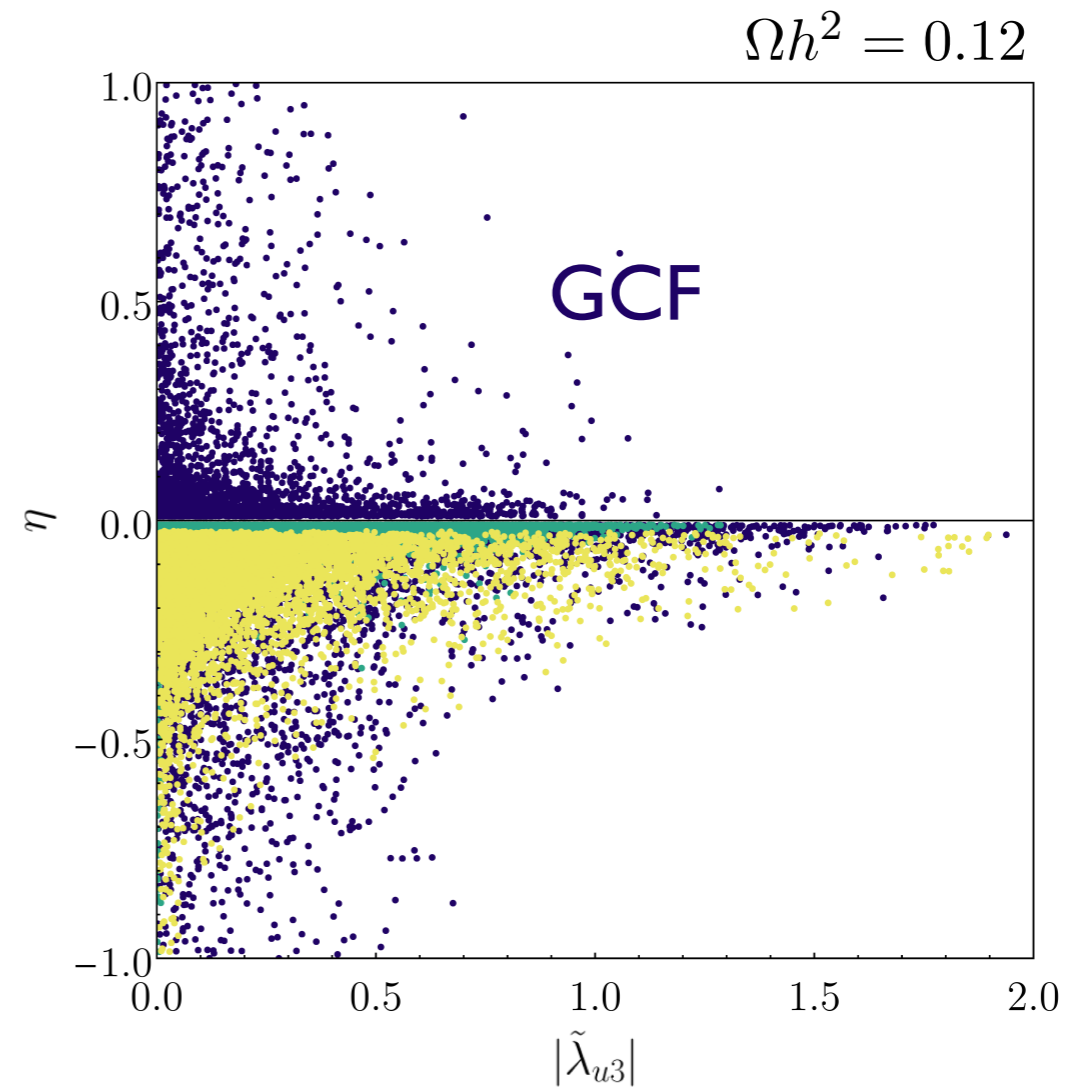
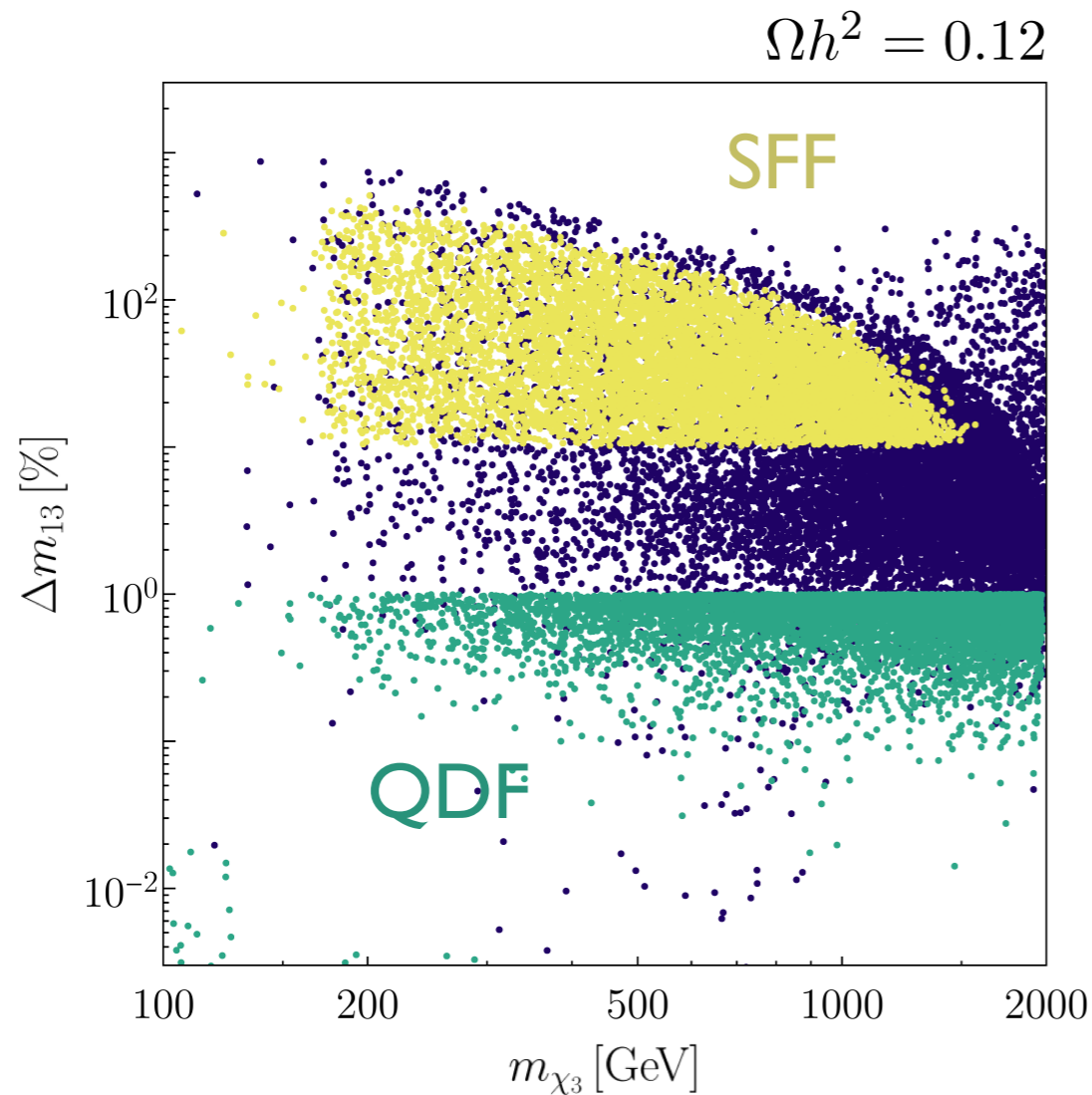
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- Direct detection constraints from LZ
- Indirect detection from cosmic-ray antiprotons

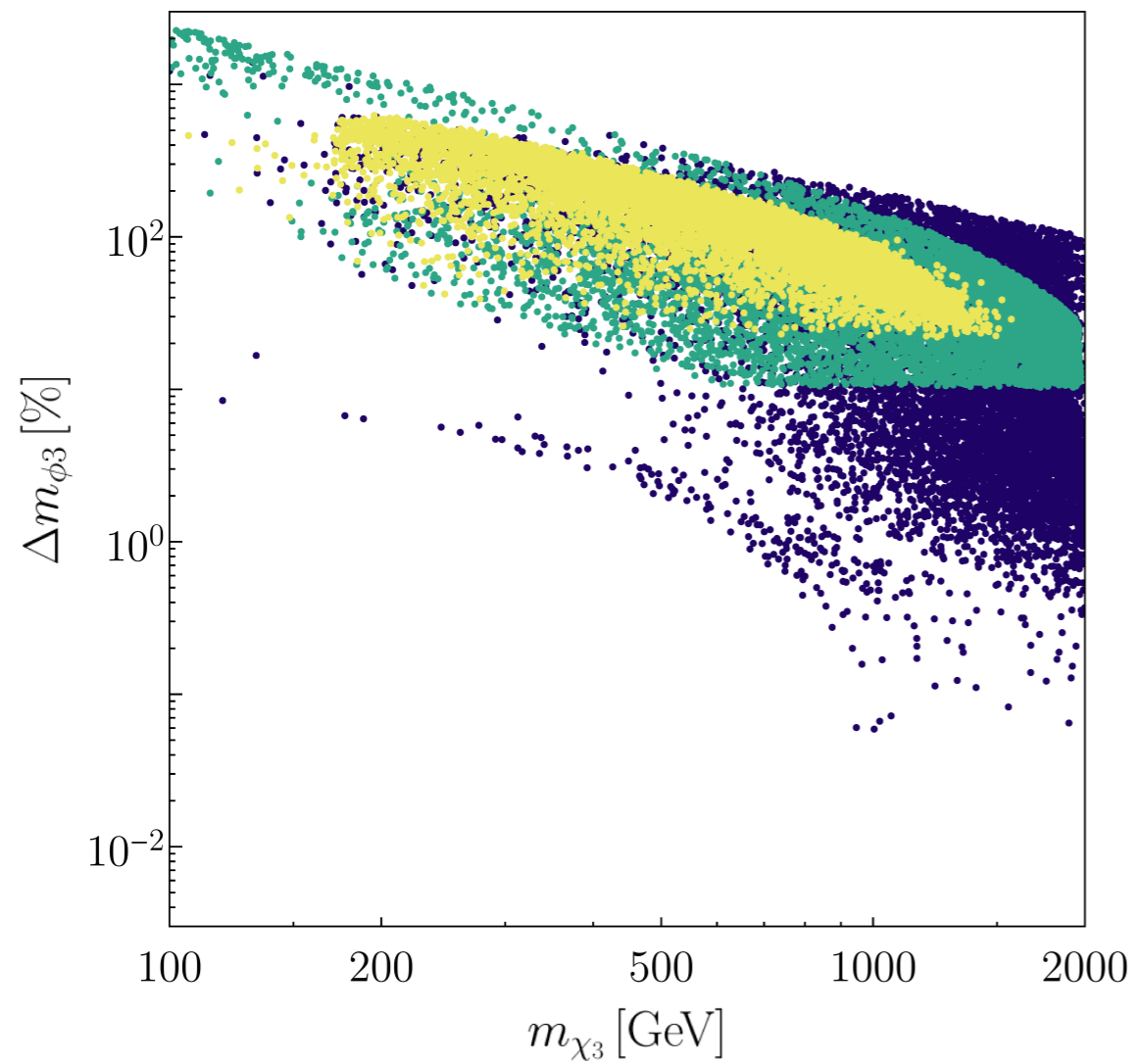


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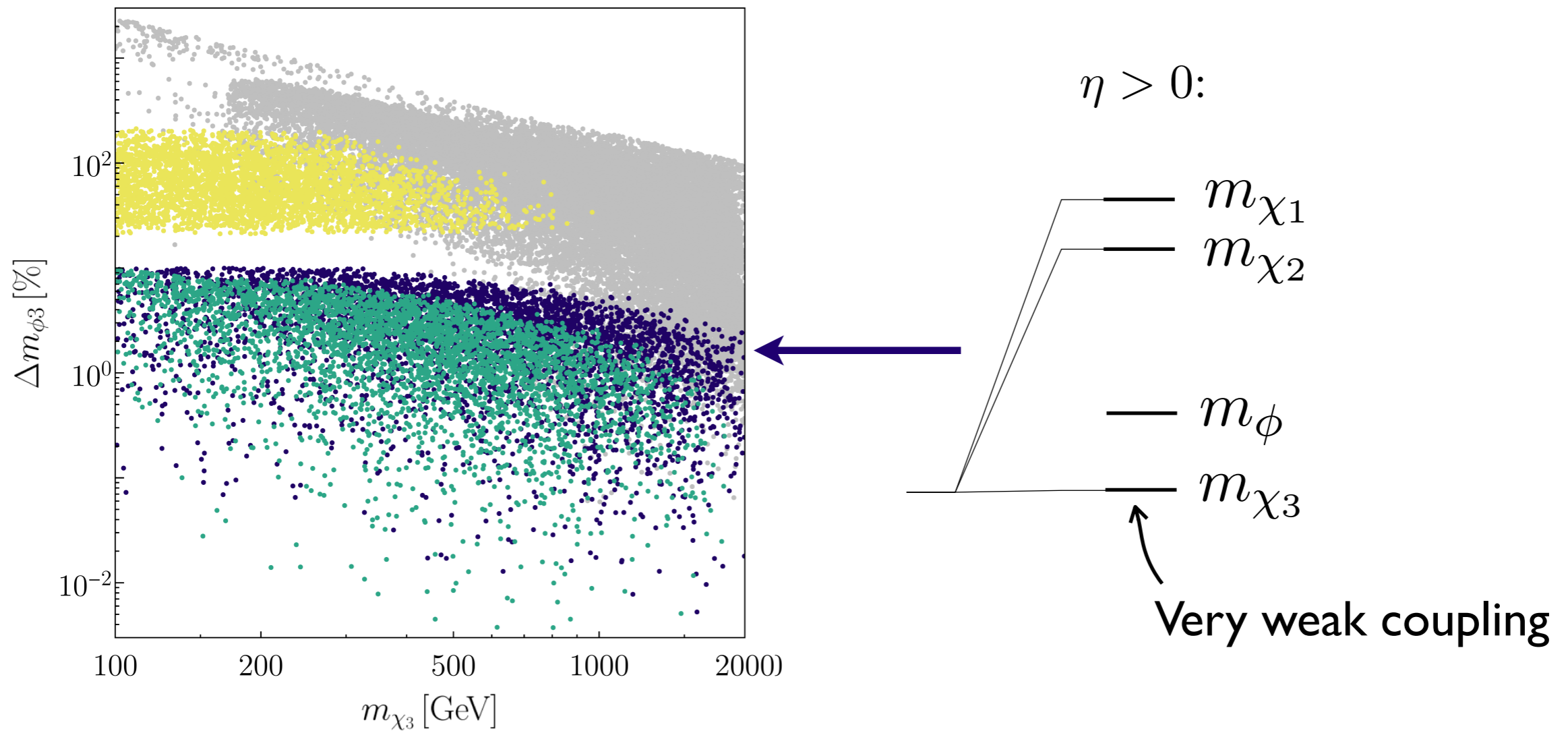
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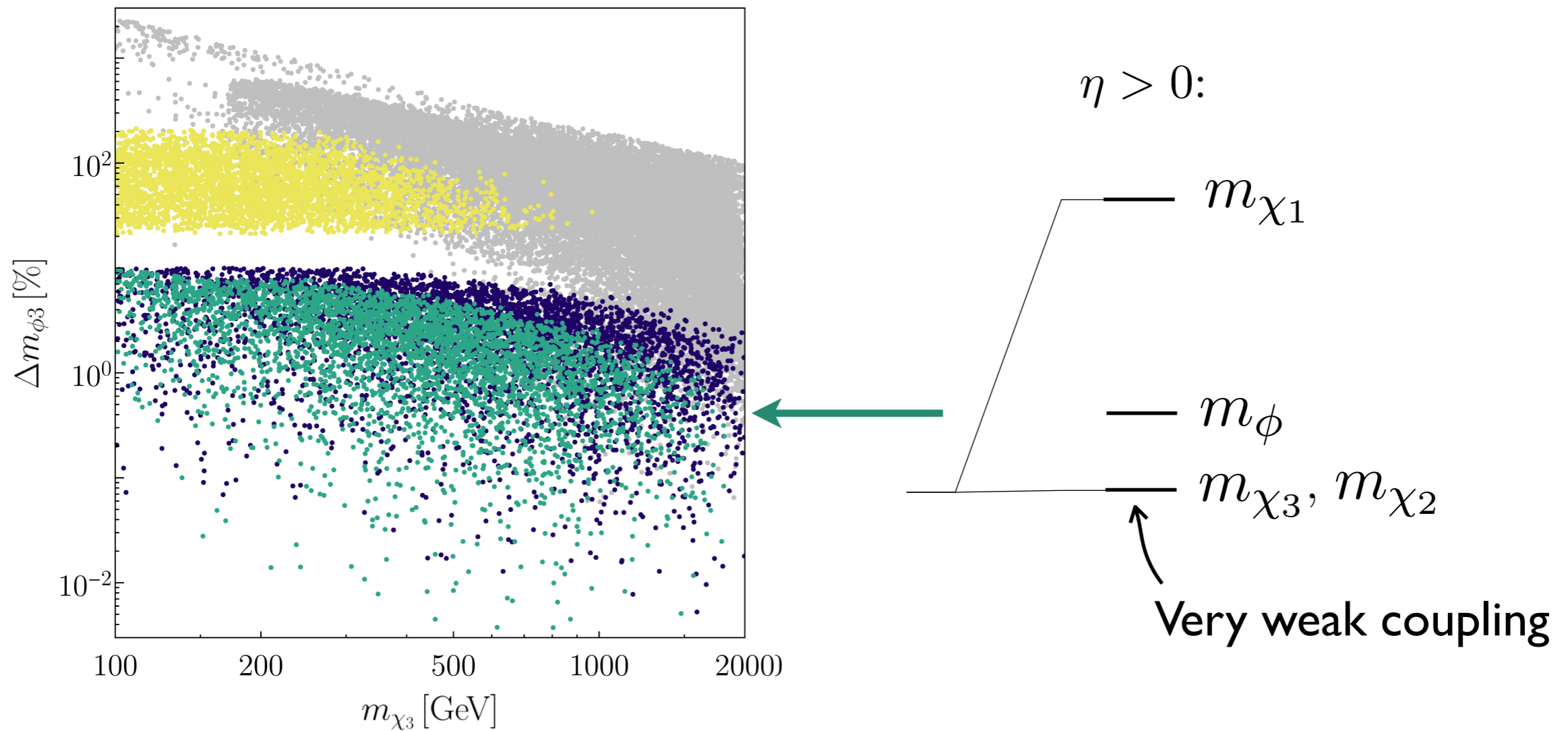
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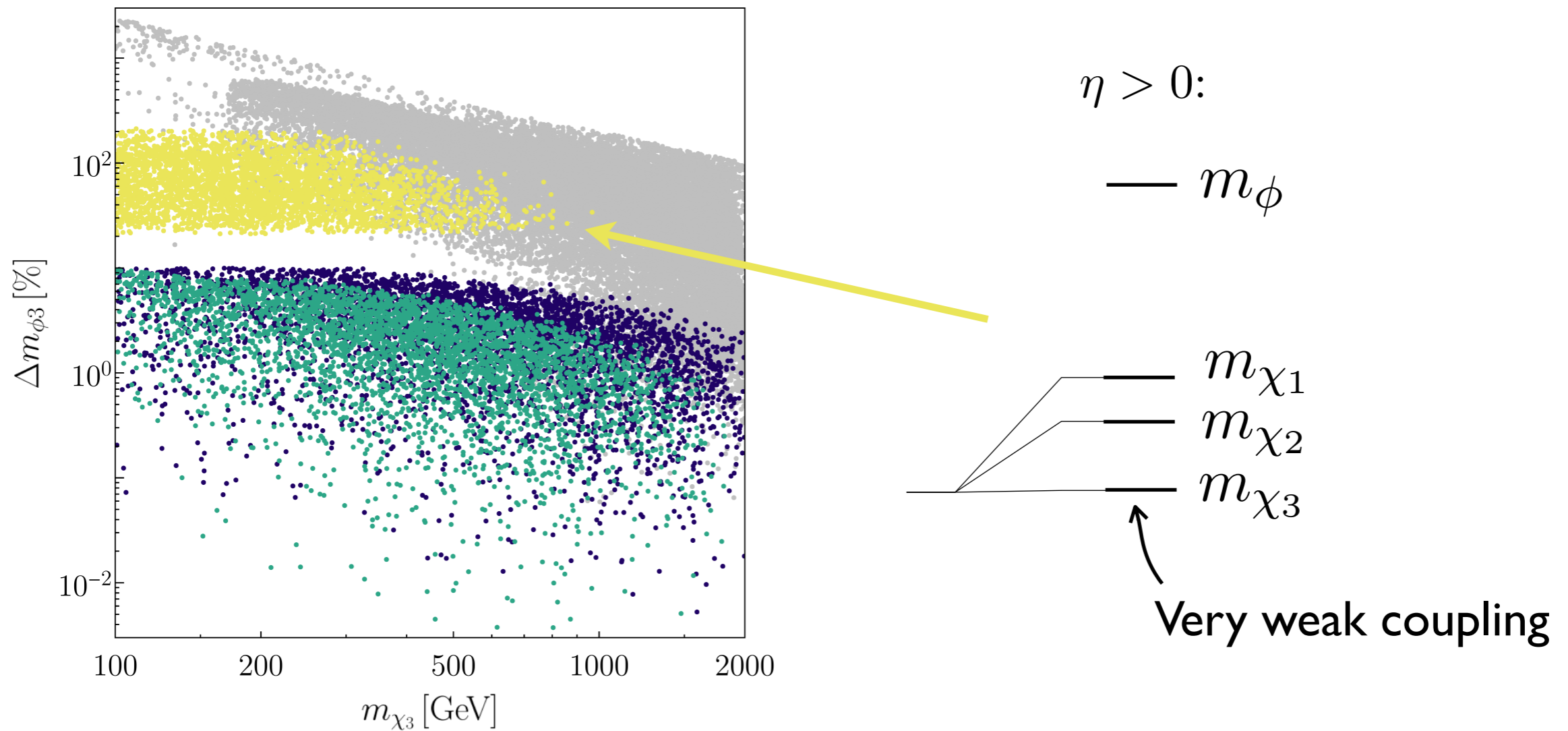
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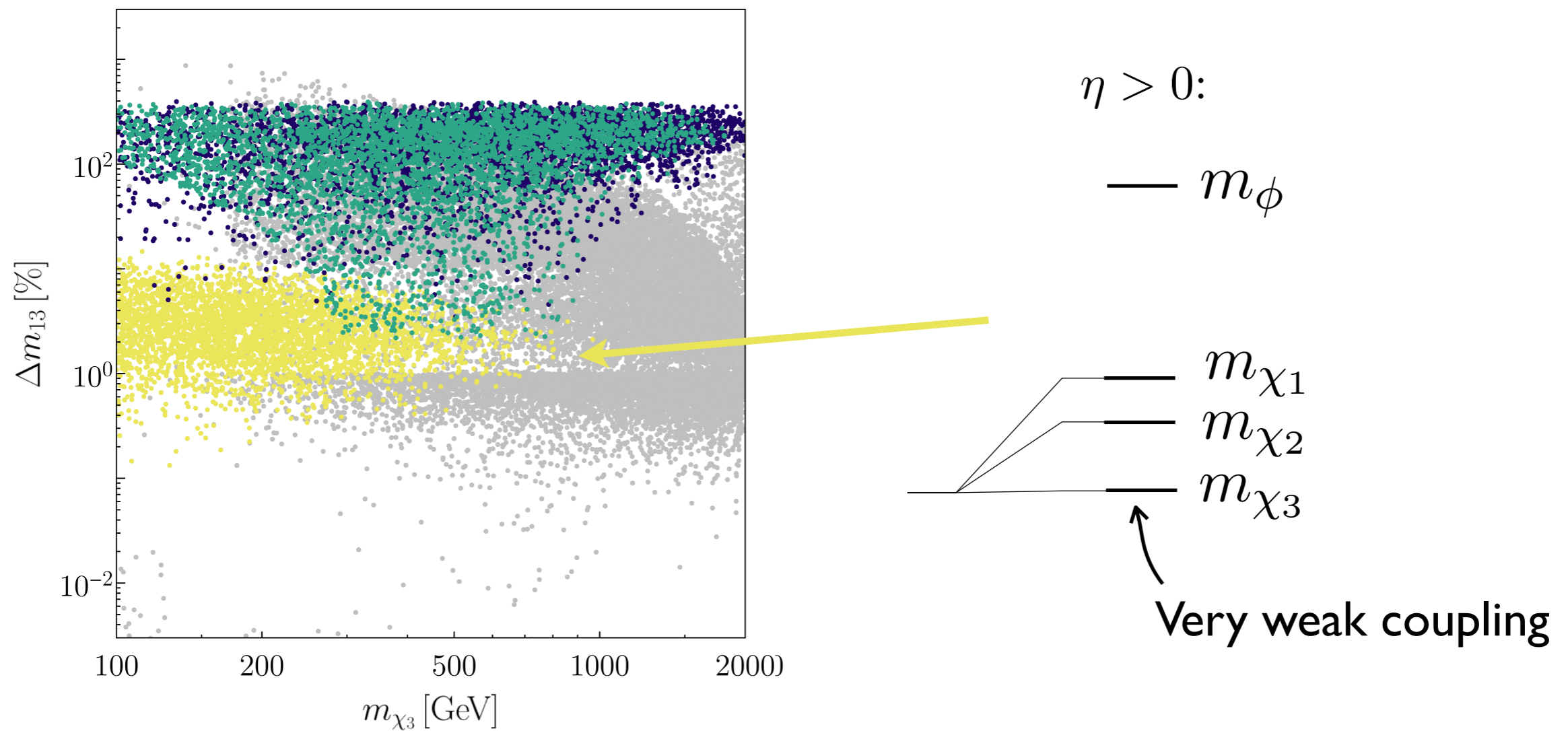
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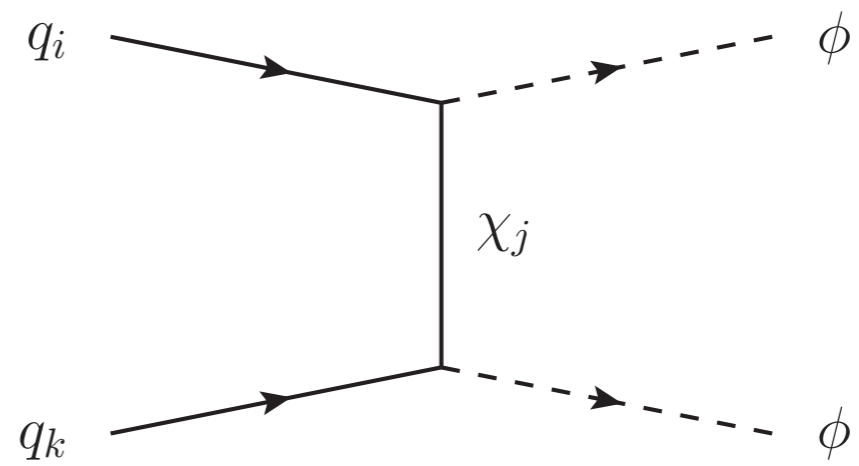
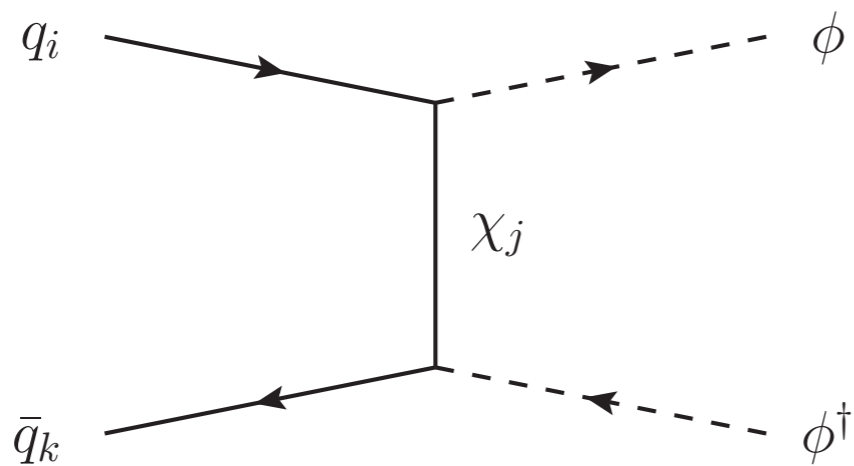




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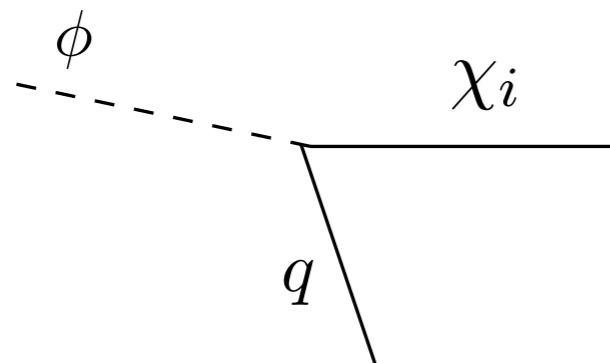
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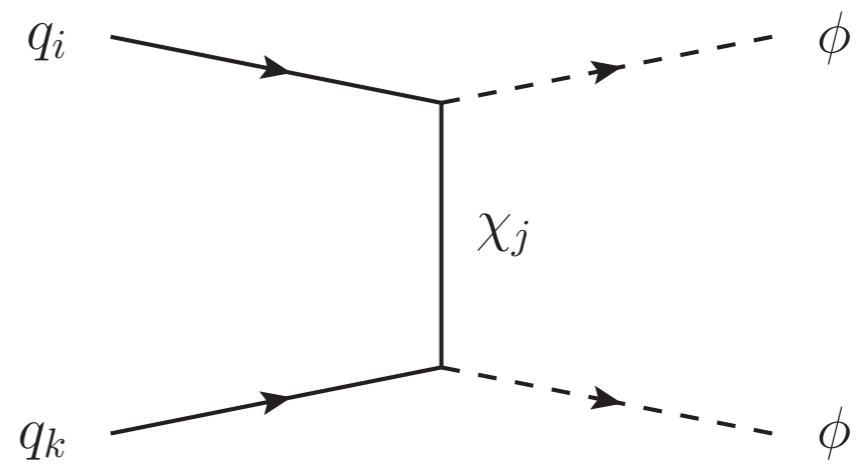
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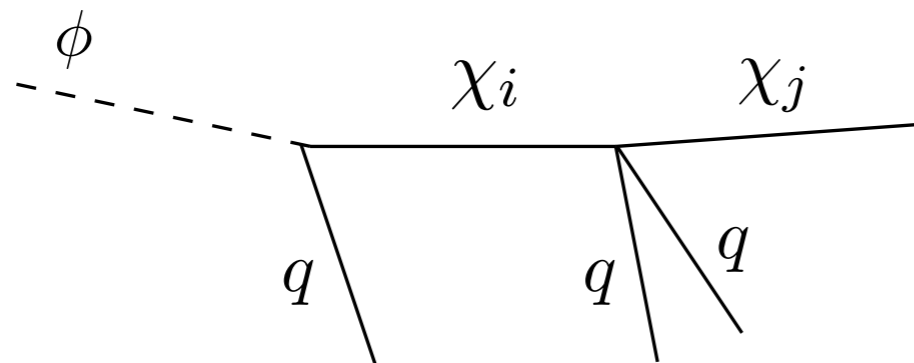
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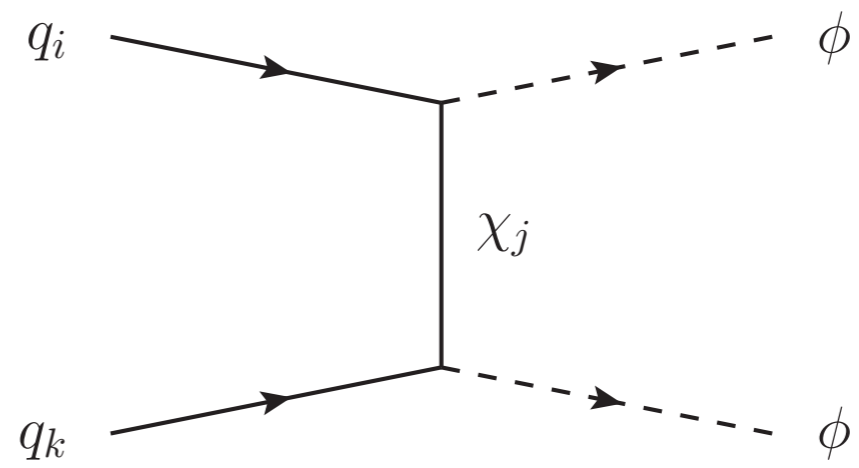
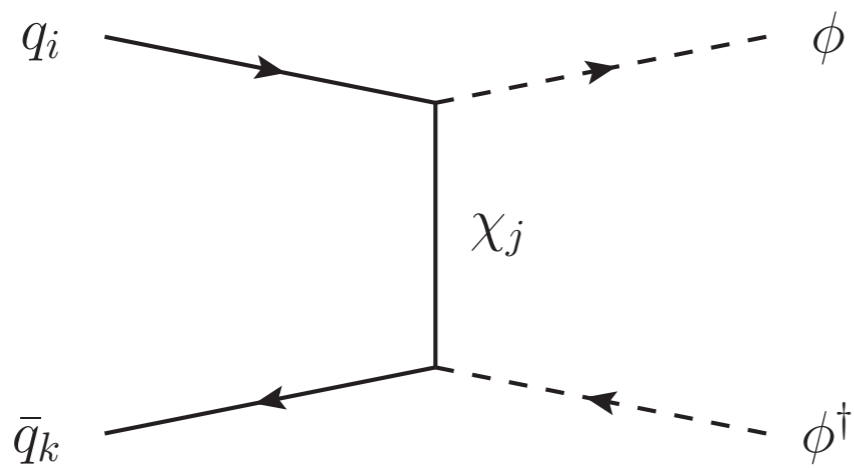
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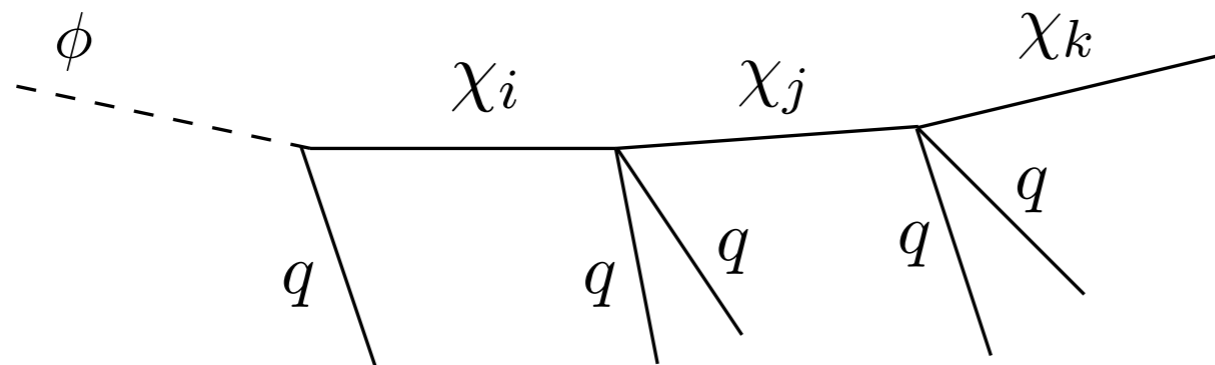
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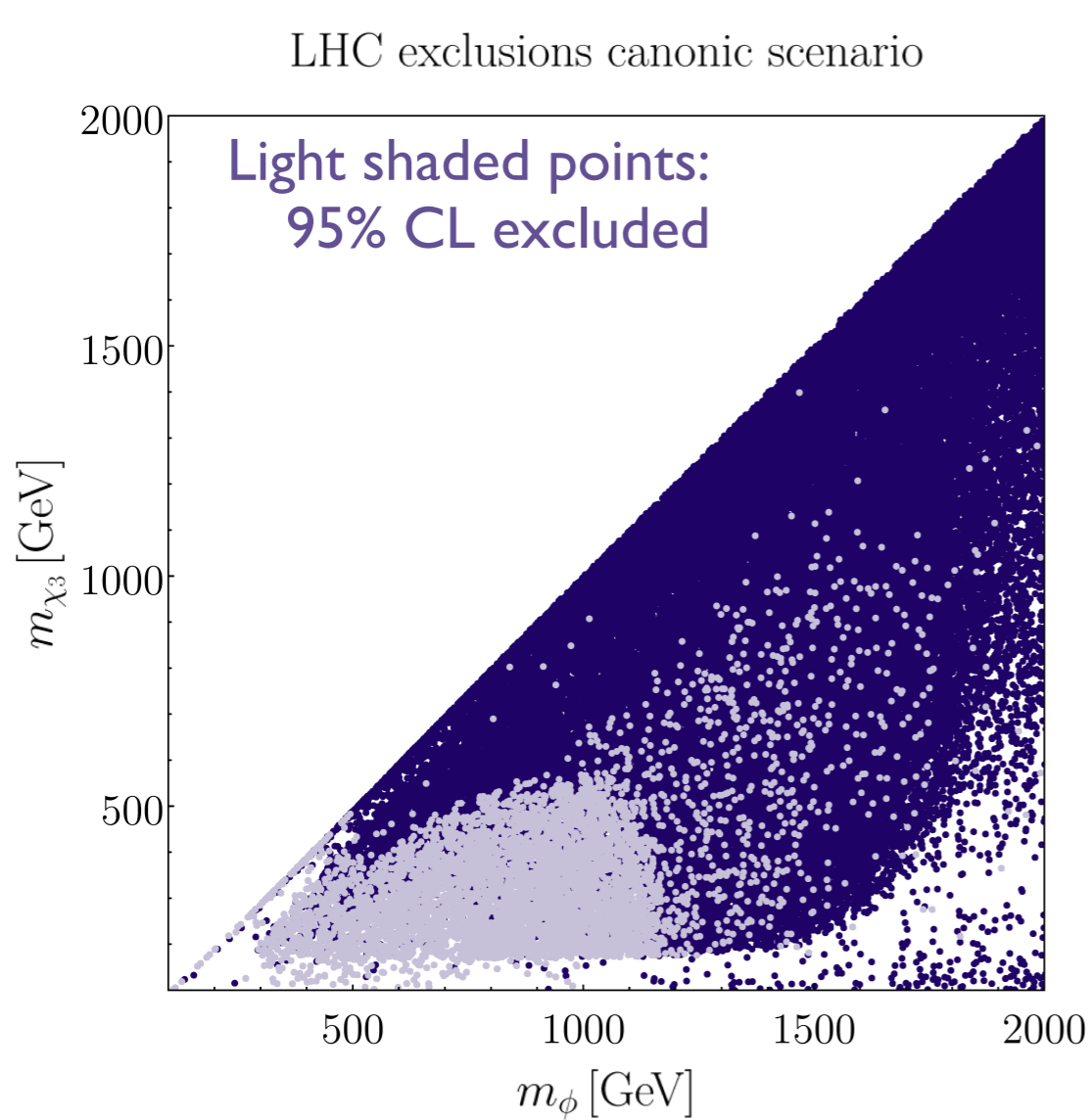


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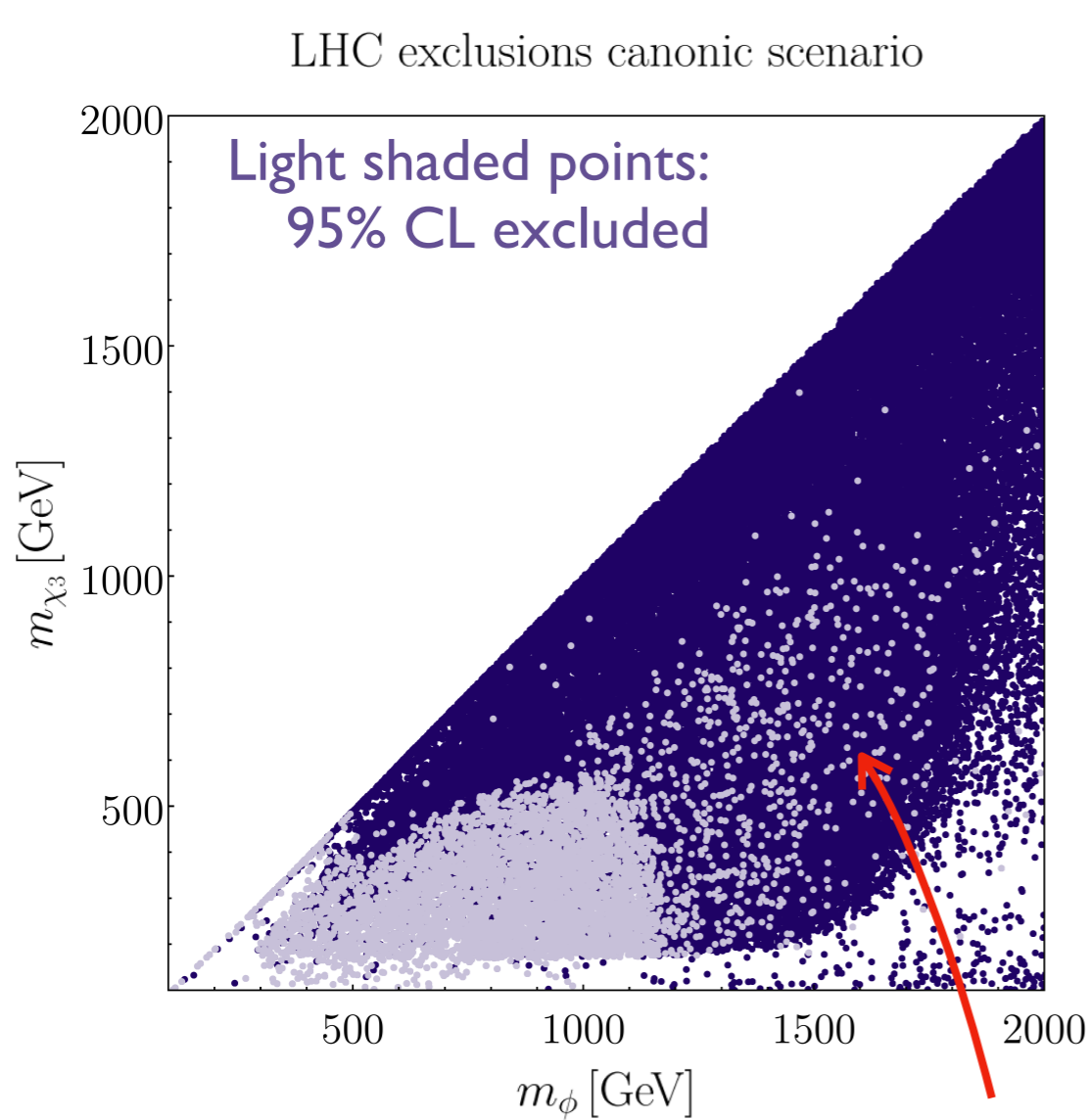


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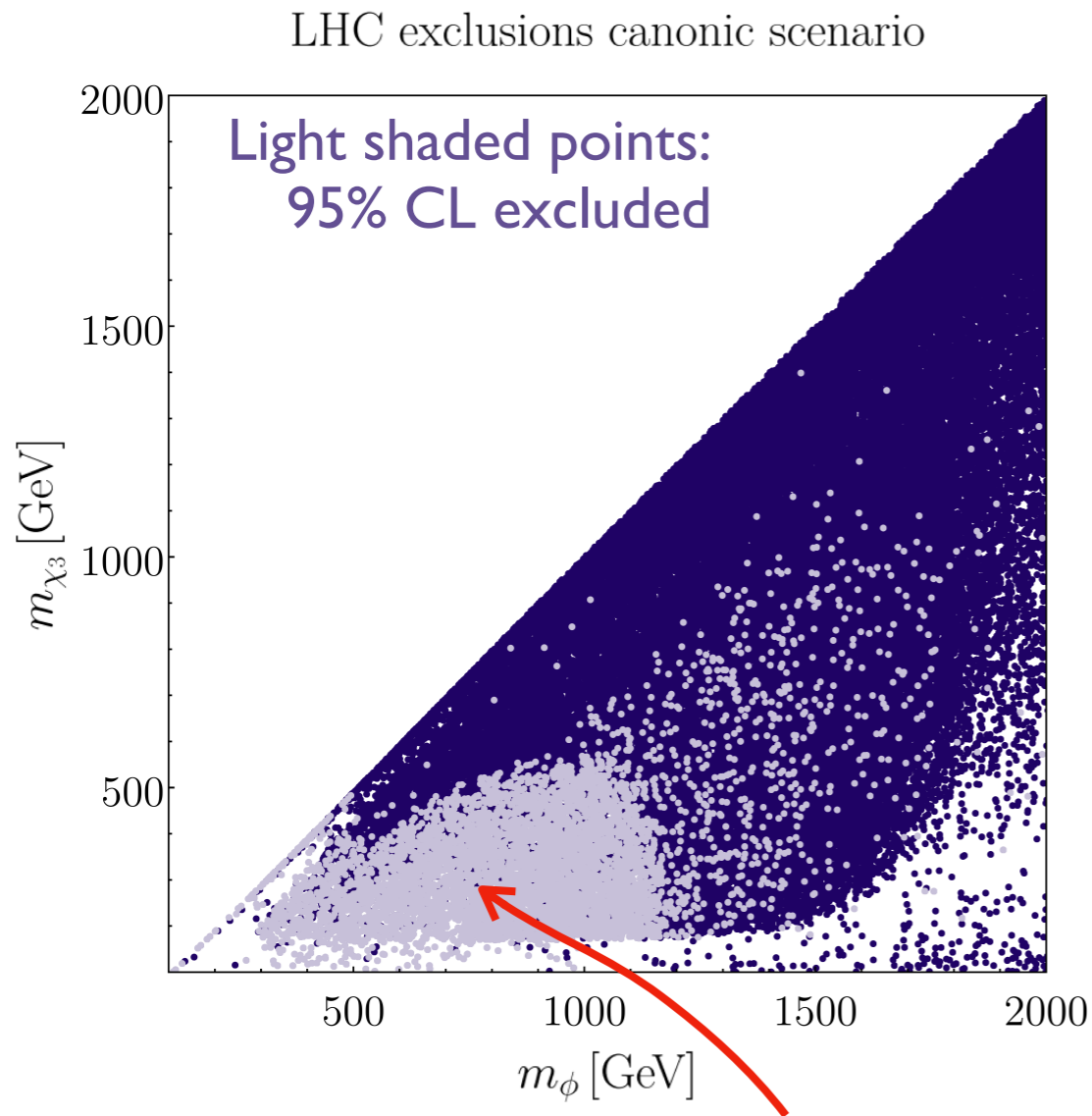
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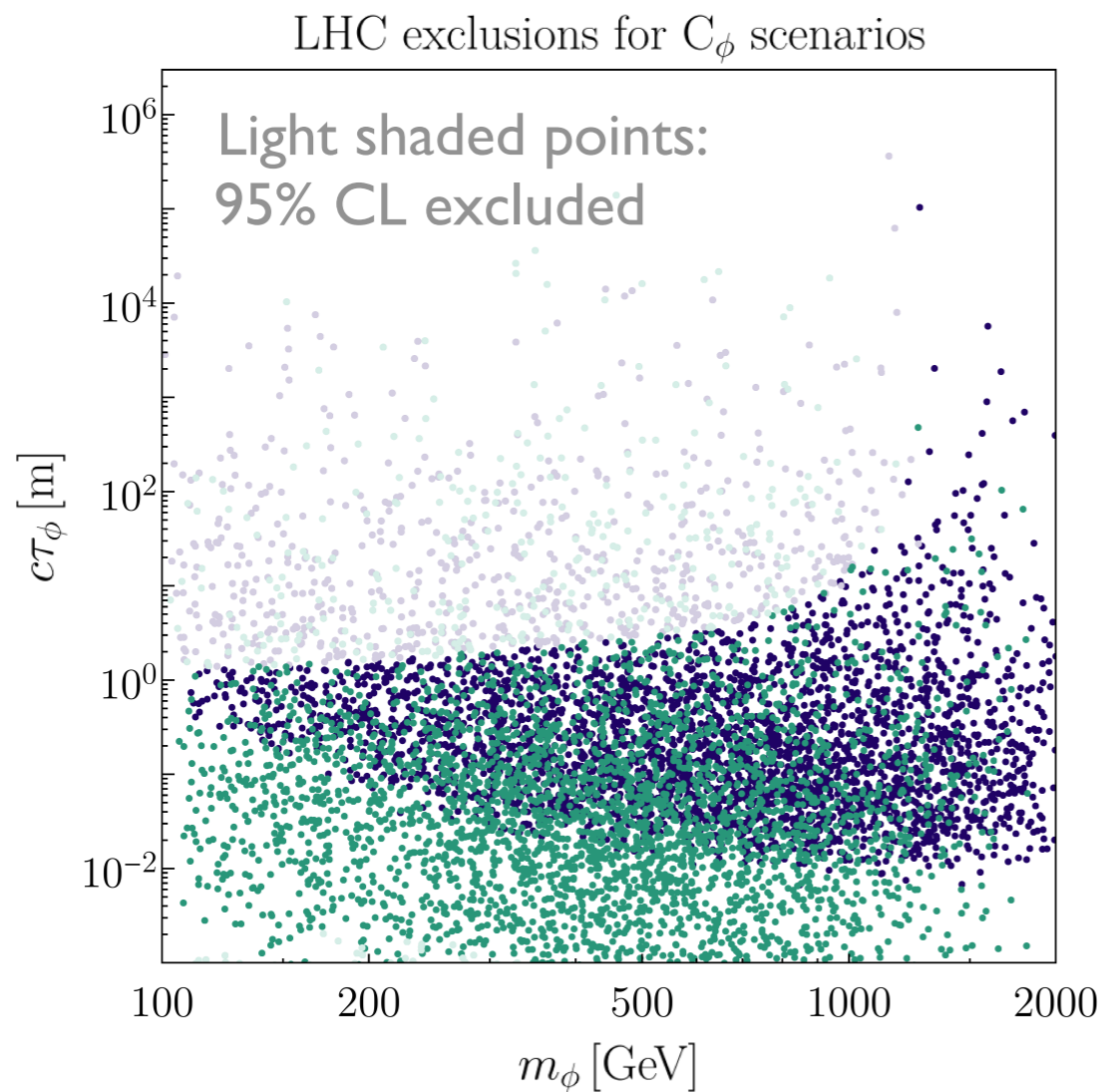
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Allowed points: complex decay patterns/non-prompt decays

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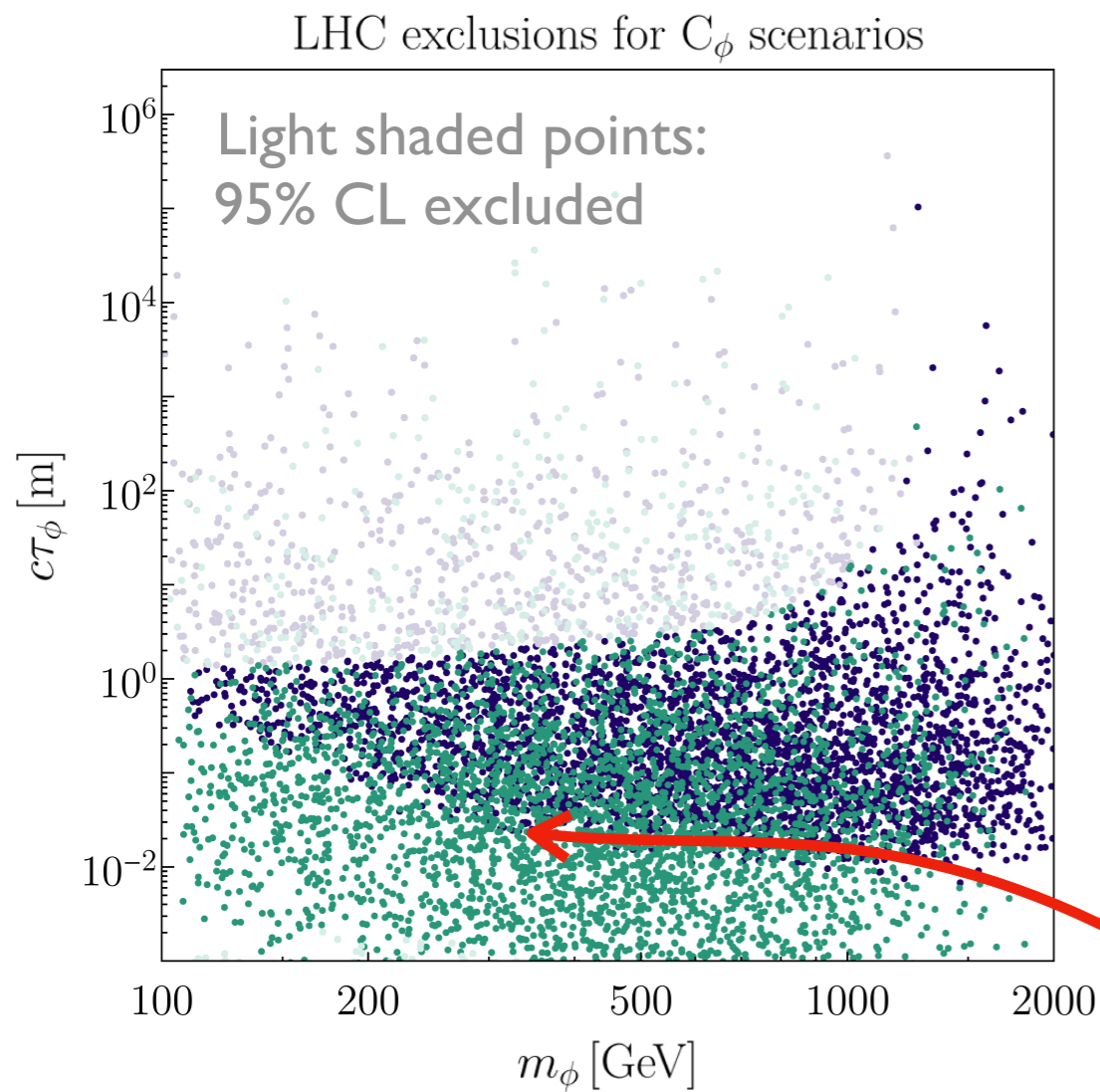
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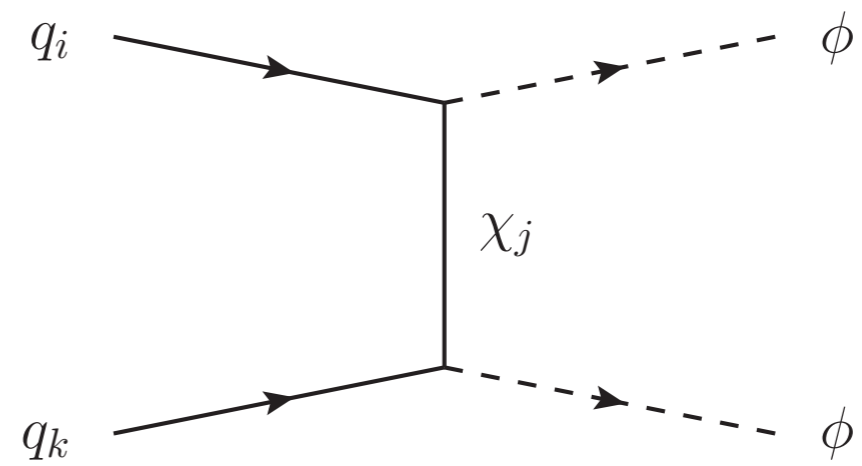
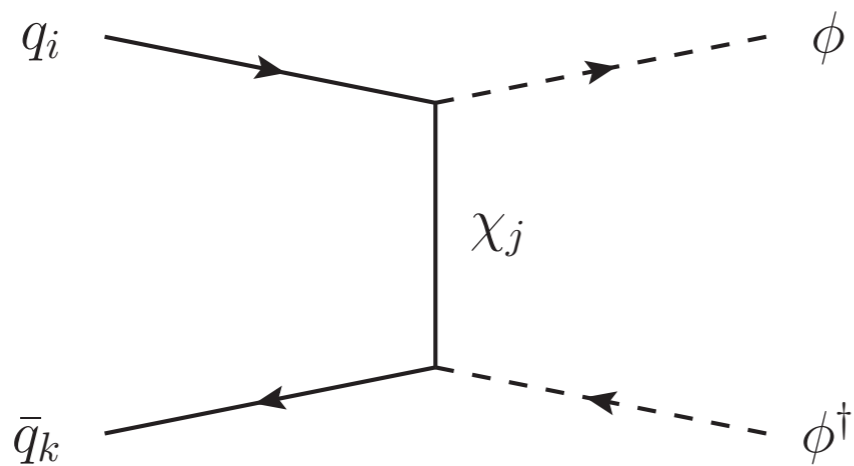
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Intermediate lifetimes (mm–m):  
great potential, current searches  
do not apply

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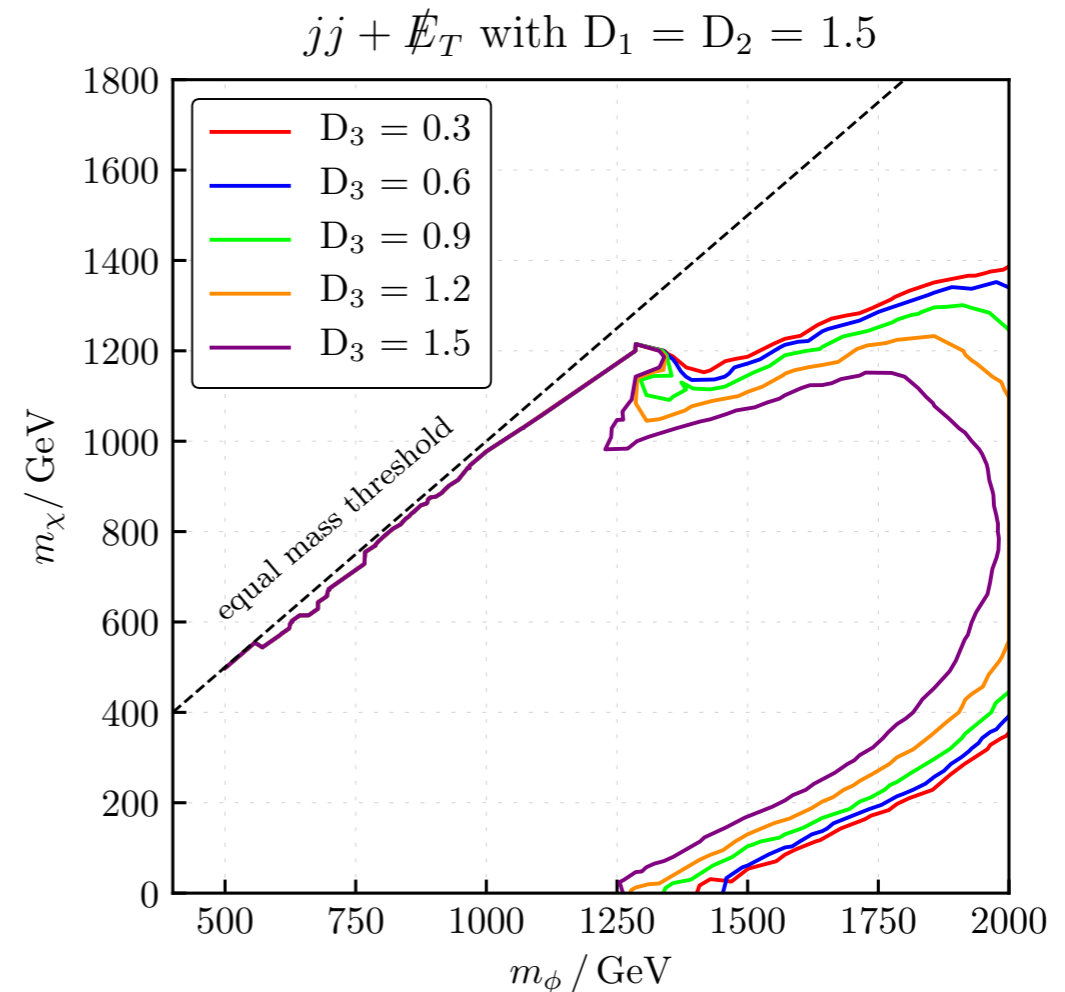
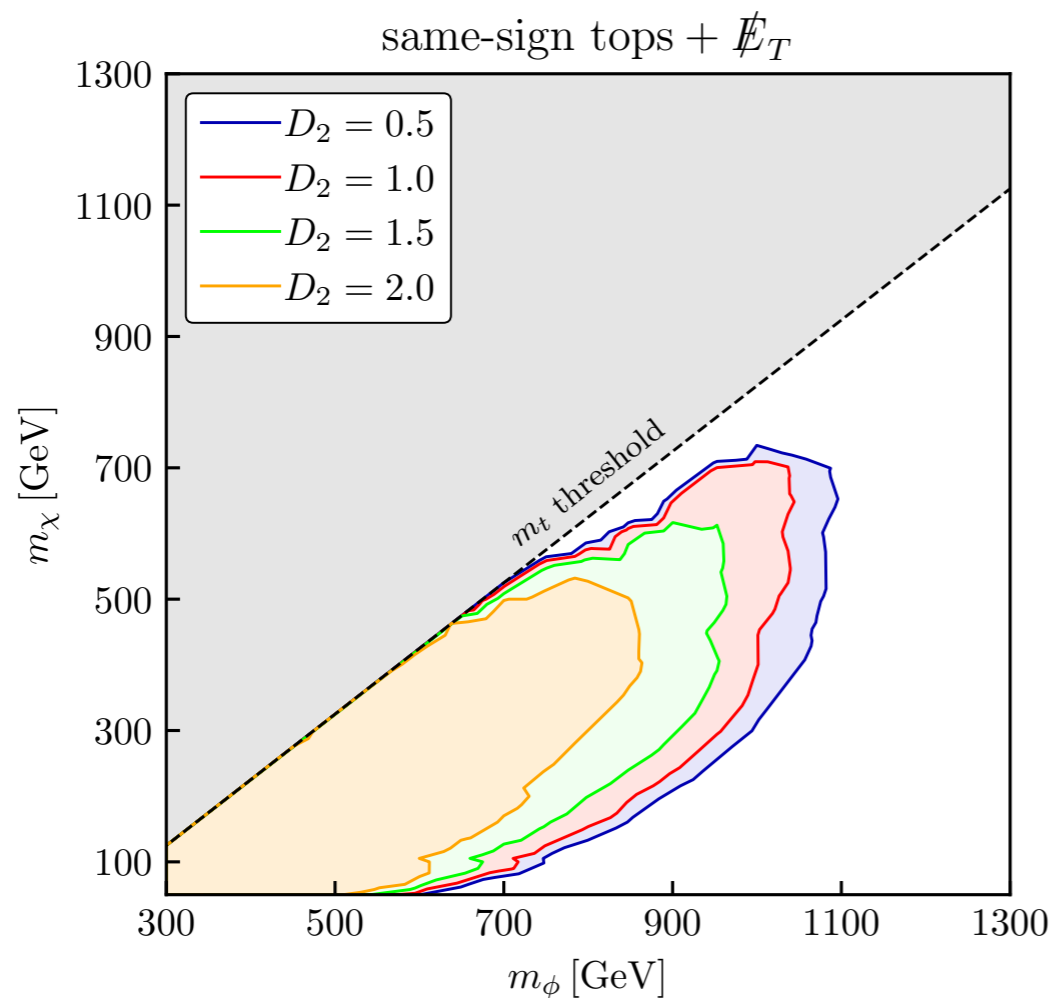
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→ Same-sign quark searches promising

# Majorana-specific signatures

Same-sign top searches in SUSY  $ttjj + \cancel{E}_T$  and  $\bar{t}\bar{t}jj + \cancel{E}_T$

CMS-SUS-19-008 [2001.10086]



[Acaroğlu, Blanke 2109.10357  
using CMS-SUS-19-006]

# Single-top charge asymmetry

$$\sigma_{\text{Dirac}}(tj + \cancel{E}_T) = \sigma_{\text{Dirac}}(\bar{t}j + \cancel{E}_T)$$

For Majorana,  $\phi\phi$  production present and enhanced compared to  $\phi^\dagger\phi^\dagger$   
(due to valence up-quark content in  $p$ )

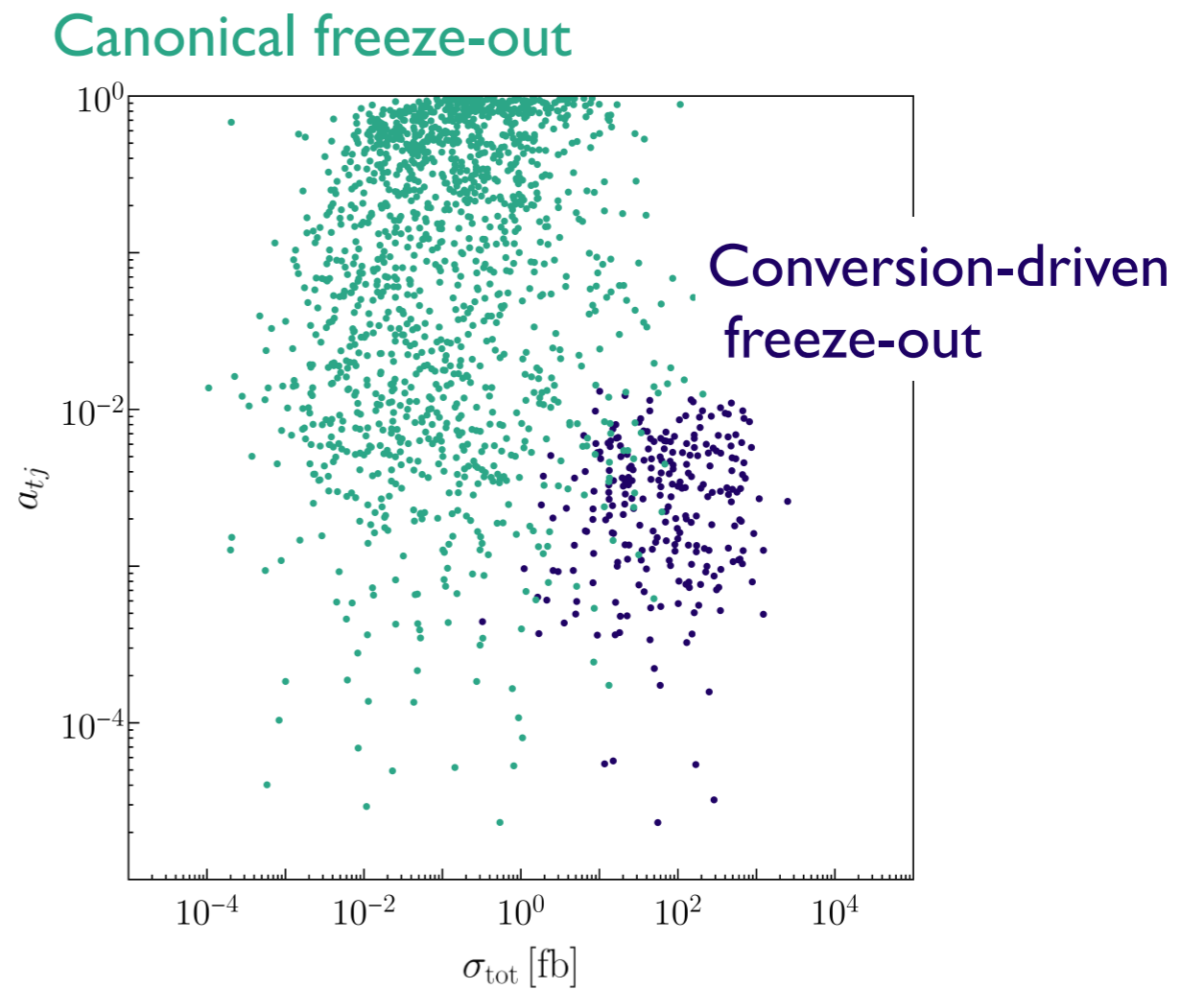
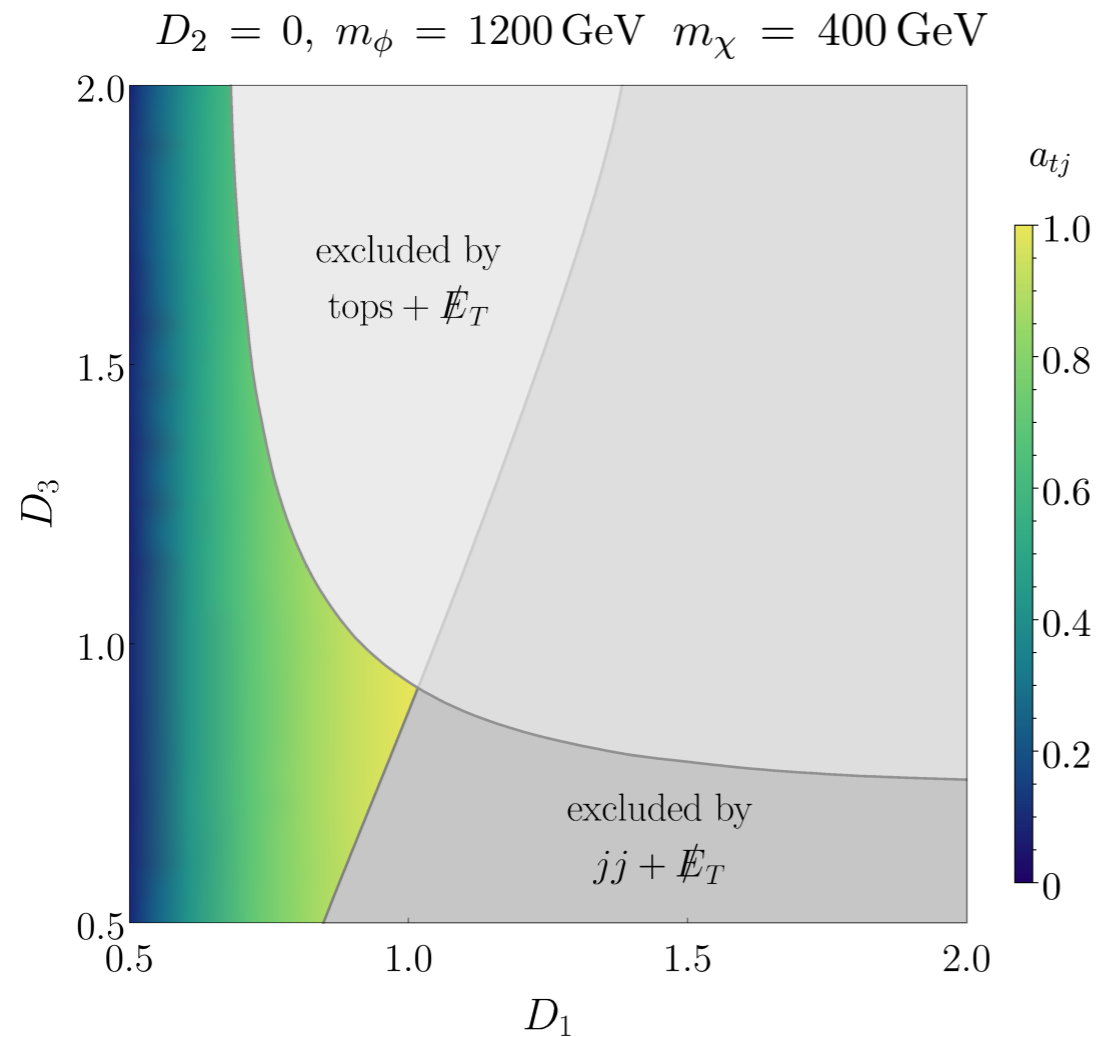
$$\sigma_{\text{Majorana}}(tj + \cancel{E}_T) > \sigma_{\text{Majorana}}(\bar{t}j + \cancel{E}_T)$$

Consider charge asymmetry:

$$a_{tj} = \frac{\sigma(tj + \cancel{E}_T) - \sigma(\bar{t}j + \cancel{E}_T)}{\sigma(tj + \cancel{E}_T) + \sigma(\bar{t}j + \cancel{E}_T)}$$

Dirac DM  $\Rightarrow a_{tj} \simeq 0$   
Majorana DM  $\Rightarrow a_{tj} > 0$

# Single-top charge asymmetry



# Summary

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- Flavored Majorana Dark Matter:  
Large regions of viable parameter space
- Canonical and conversion-driven freeze-out
- Current gaps in LHC searches:
  - Complex decay chains
  - Long-lived particles (intermediate lifetimes)
- Majorana-specific signatures
  - Same-sign tops suffer from extra jets required
  - Single-top charge asymmetry

**Backup**

# Flavored dark matter vs simple t-channel model

[Arina, Fuks, JH, Krämer *et al.* 2307.10367]

