NLO predictions for Dark Matter production at the LHC

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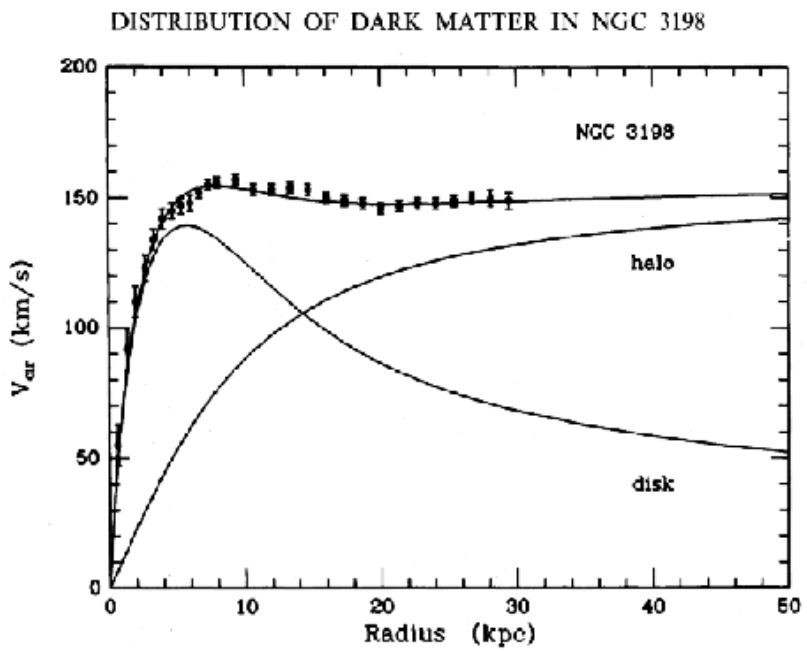
Standard
Model

Evidences for Dark Matter



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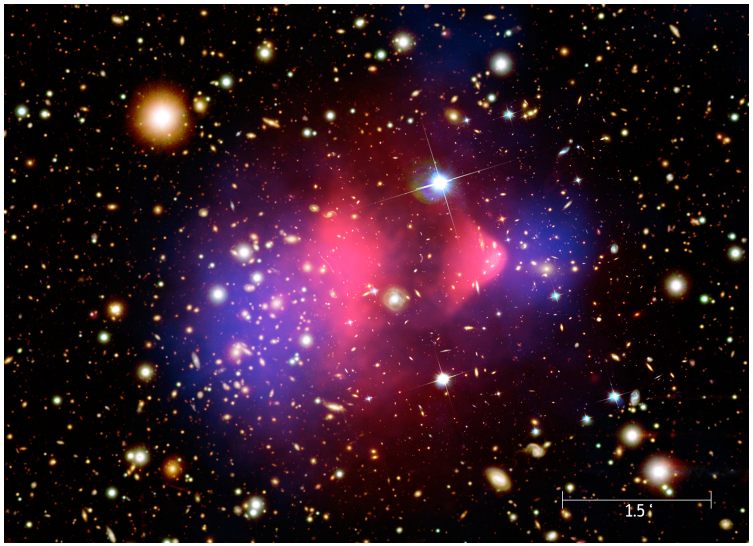

[Clowe, Gonzalez, Markevitch, astro-ph/0312273]

And more: CMB, weak lensing, large scale structure ...
$\rightarrow$ Weakly Interacting Massive Particles (WIMPs)

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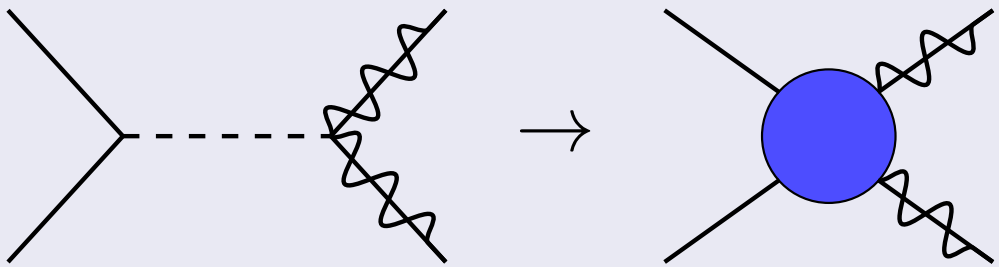

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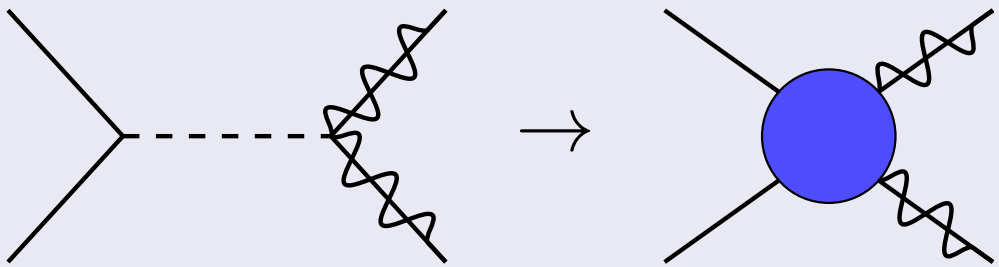

- Problematic at energies probed by the LHC [Busoni et al., 1402.1275]

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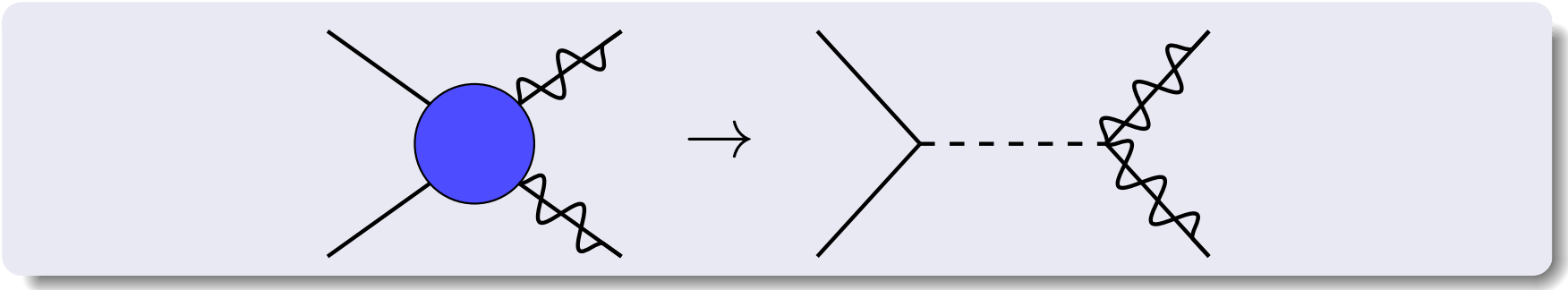

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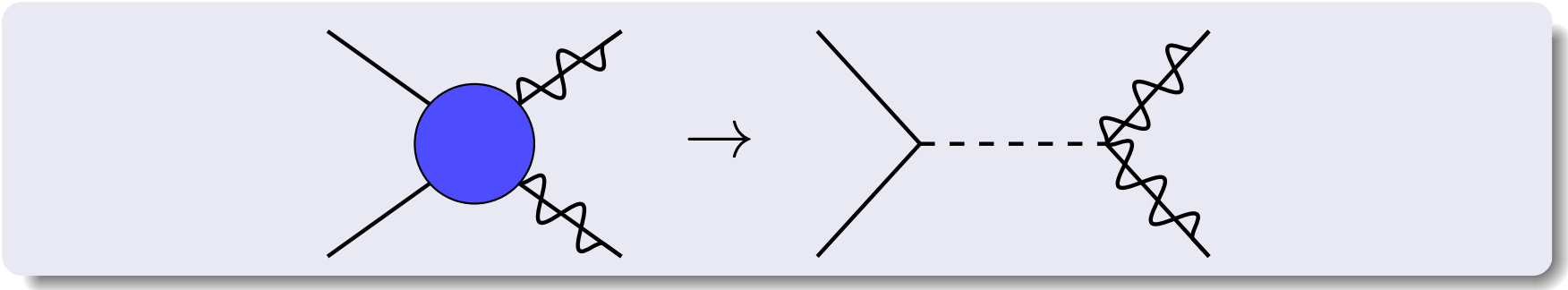

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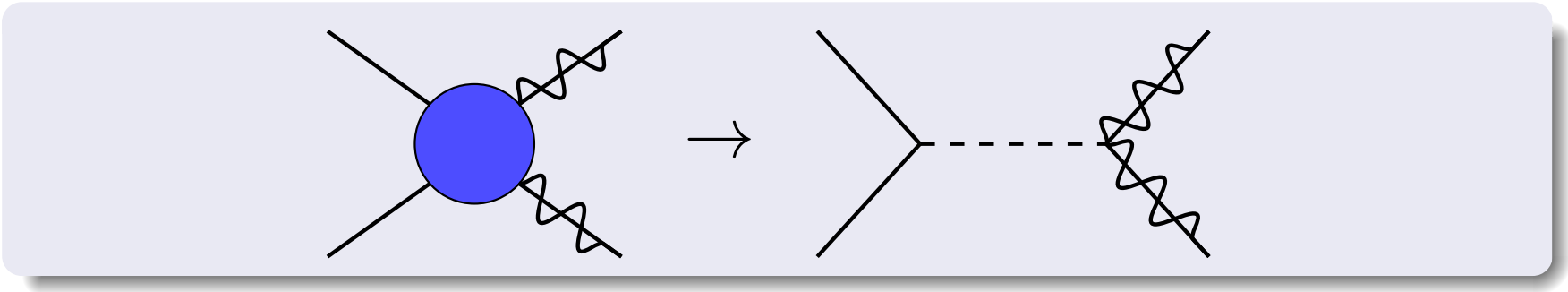

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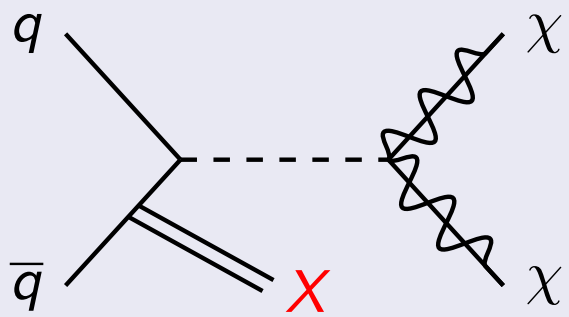

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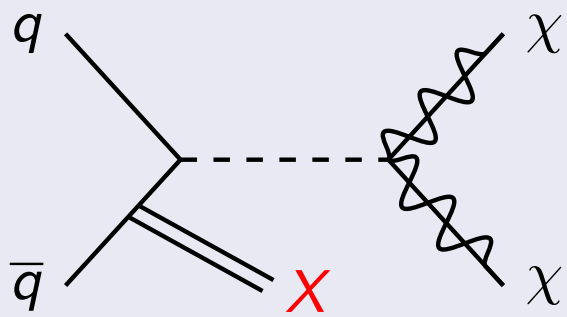

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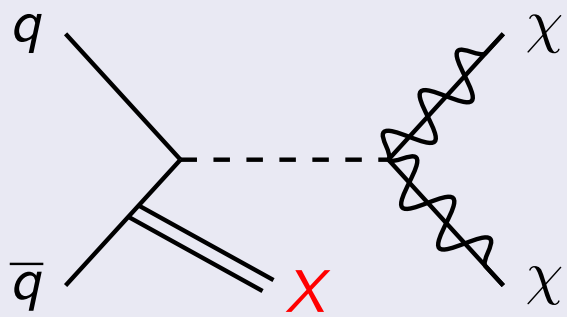

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$\rightarrow$ Our work: [Backović, Krämer, Maltoni, Martini, Mawatari, MP; 1508.05327]

Fully automatised simplified model at NLO accuracy ...
... for arbitrary processes (also loop induced) ...
... matched to parton shower

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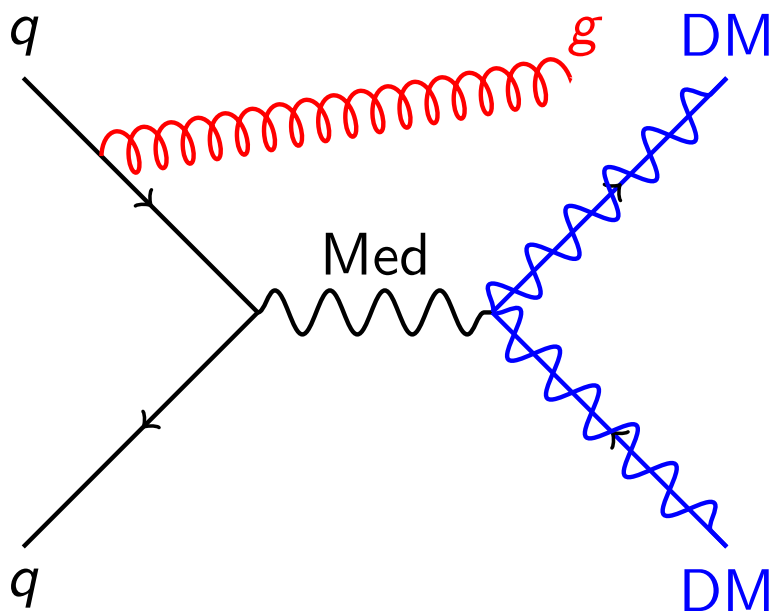

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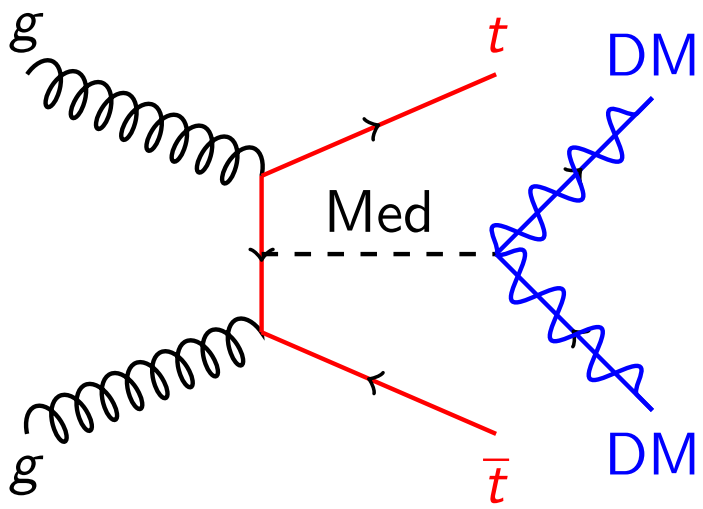

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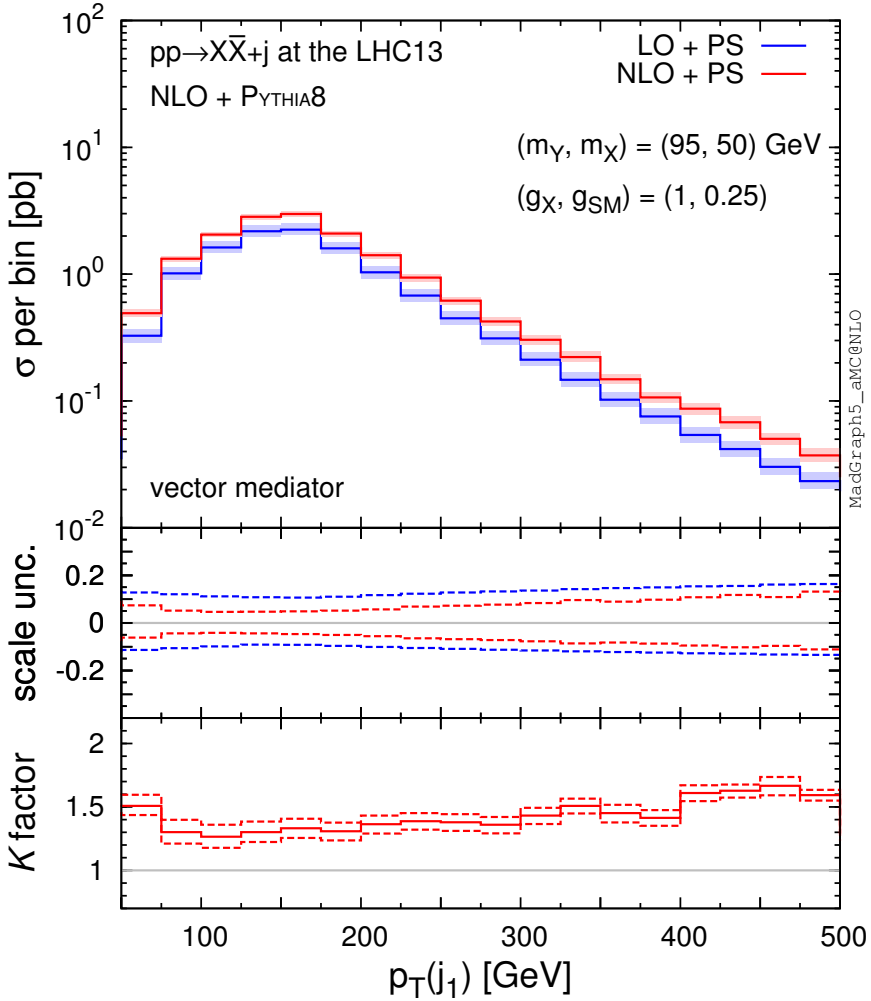

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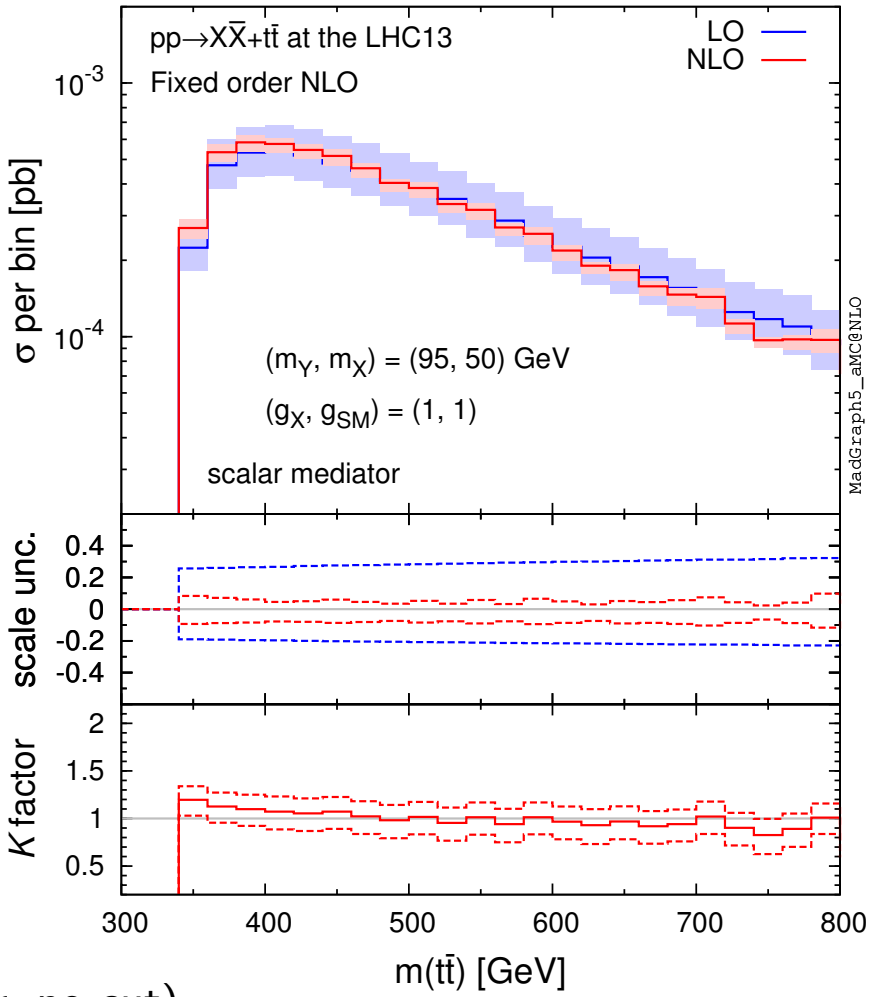

(pure scalar mediator, no cut)

→ No significant shape distortion ...

... but huge reduction of the theoretical uncertainty

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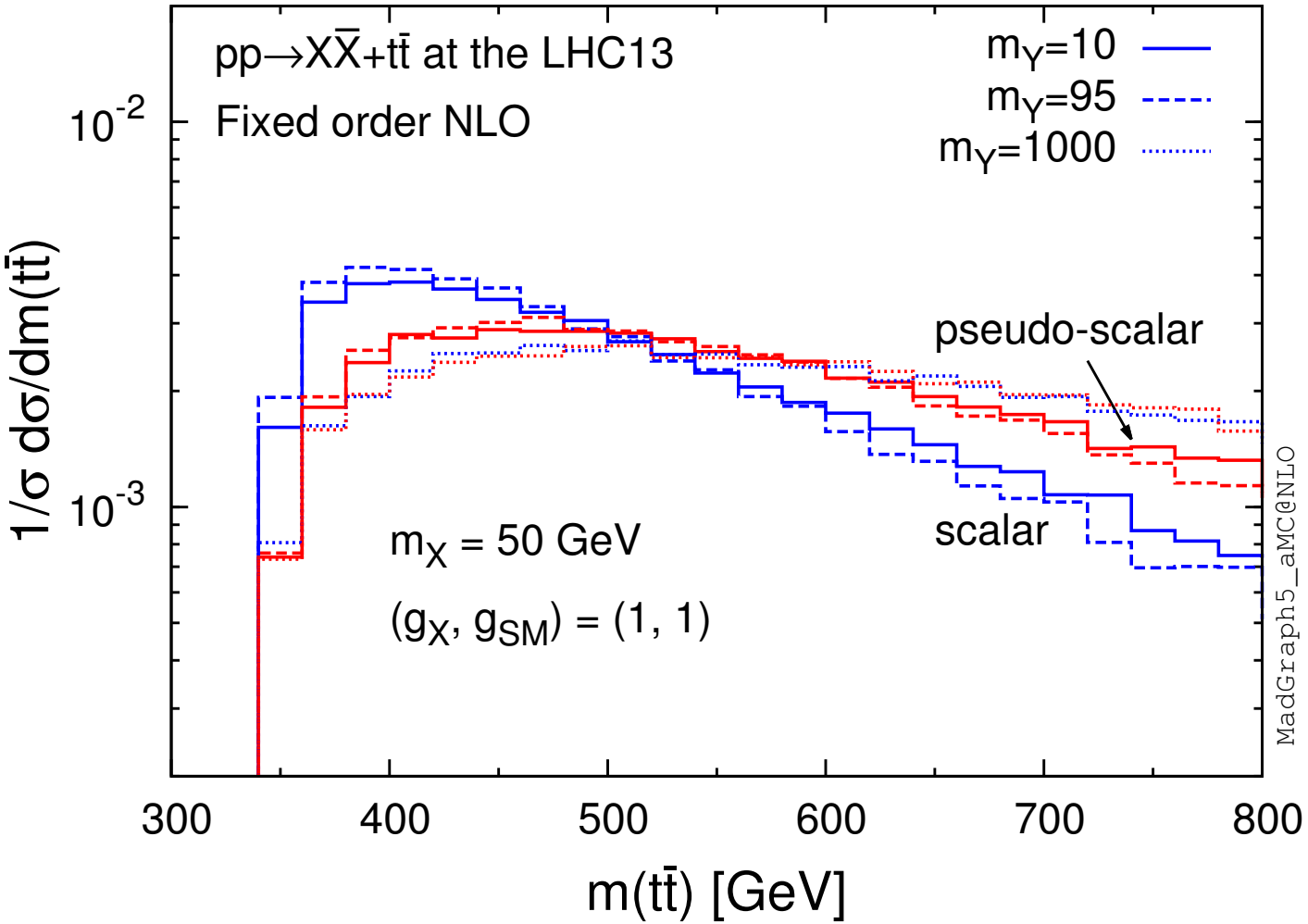

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→ Different shape for different coupling structure

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Summary

- Simplified models are key at the LHC
- NLO QCD effects are important
- Possibility of systematic studies in an uniform framework

Precise predictions for the Standard Model background ...
... and the Dark Matter signal are required

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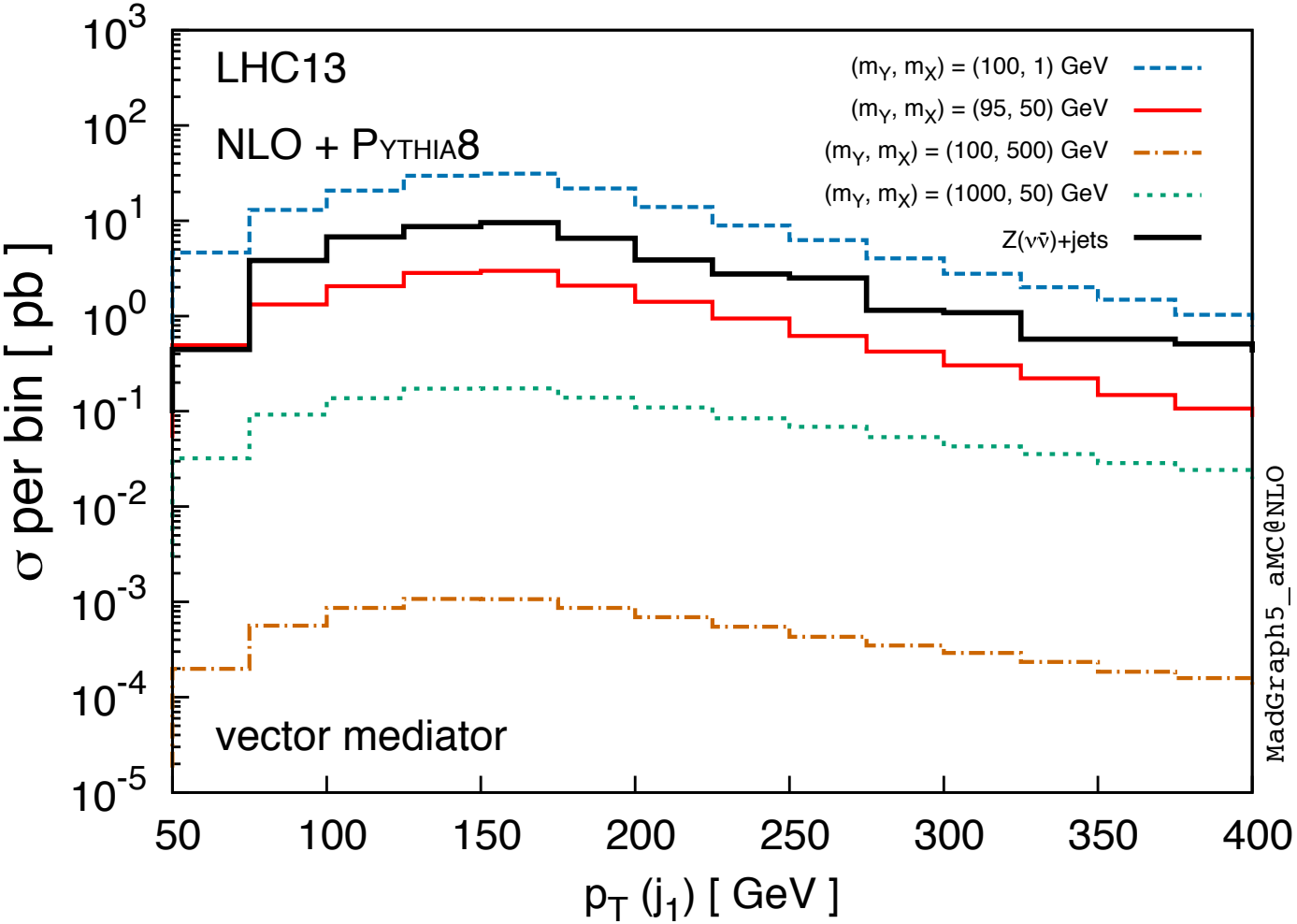

(pure vector mediator, MET > 150 GeV, $p_{T,j} > 30$ GeV and $|\eta_j| < 4.5$)

$\rightarrow$ Possibility to distinguish signal from background