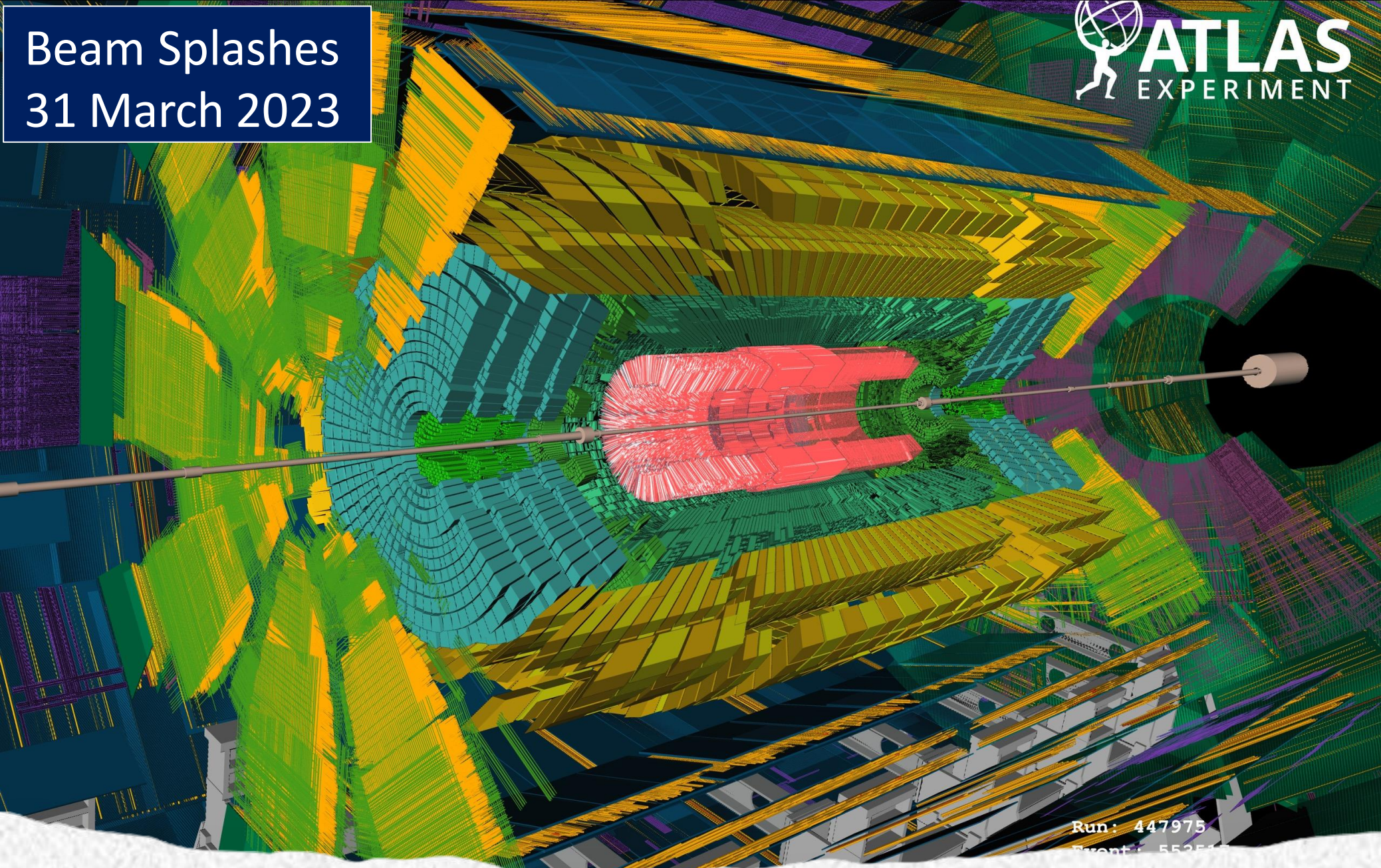
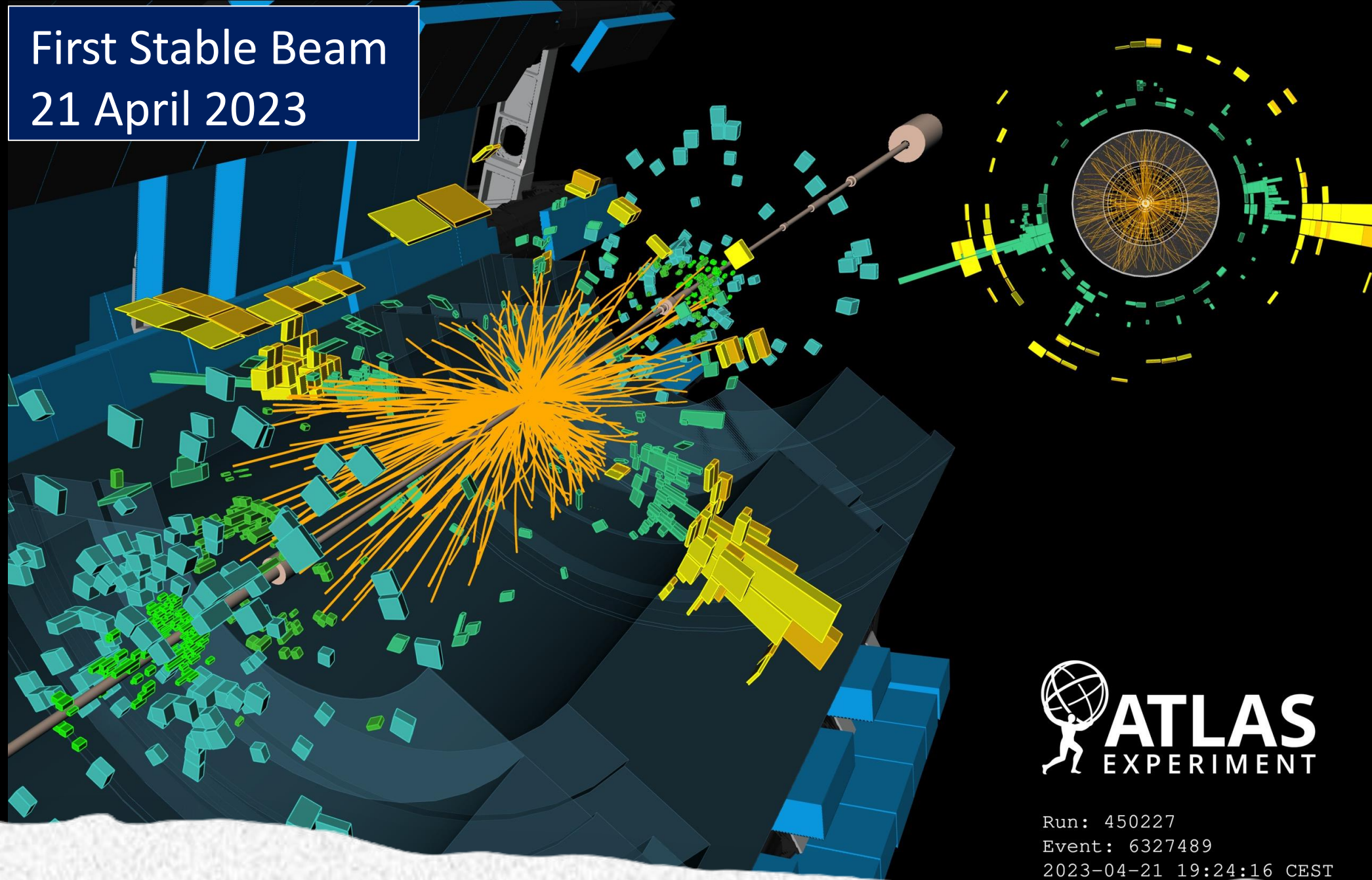


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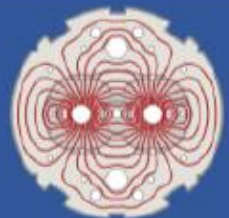


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# New ATLAS Results

*Marina Cobal, on behalf of the ATLAS Collaboration  
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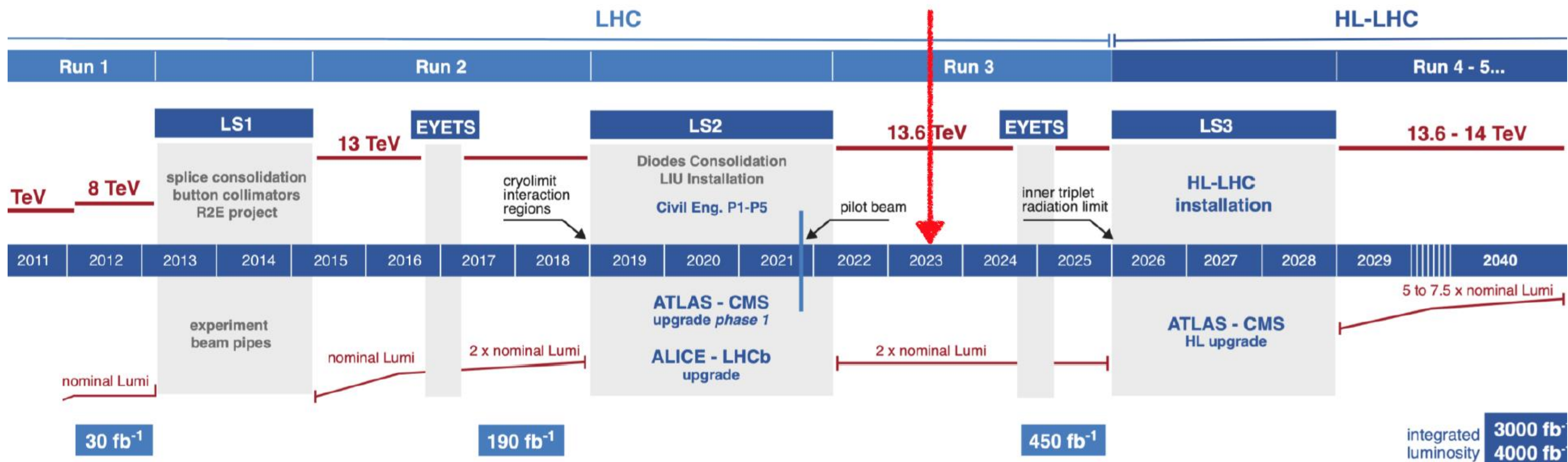




# LHC / HL-LHC Plan



we are here



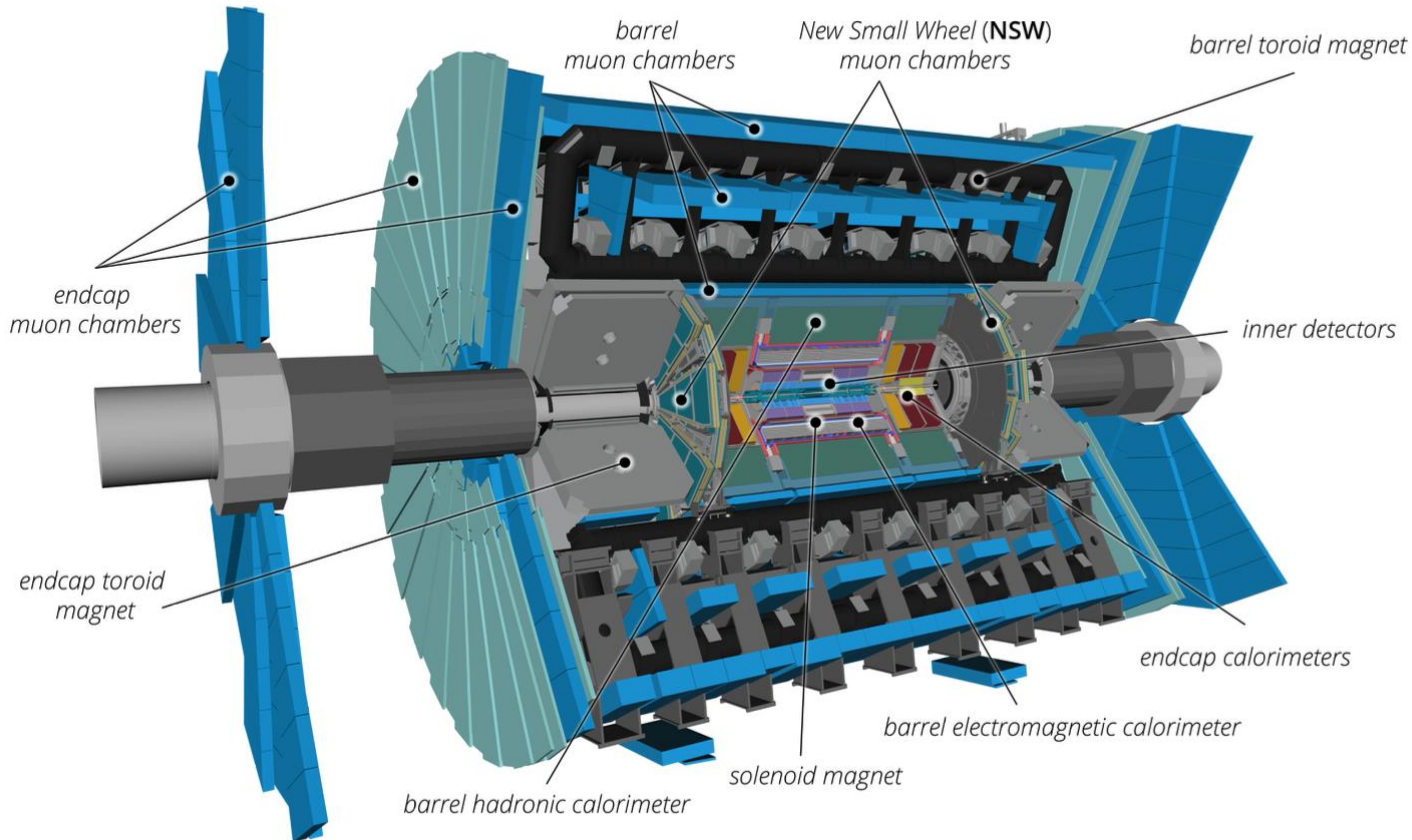
### TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT:



### HL-LHC CIVIL ENGINEERING:



# New ATLAS detector



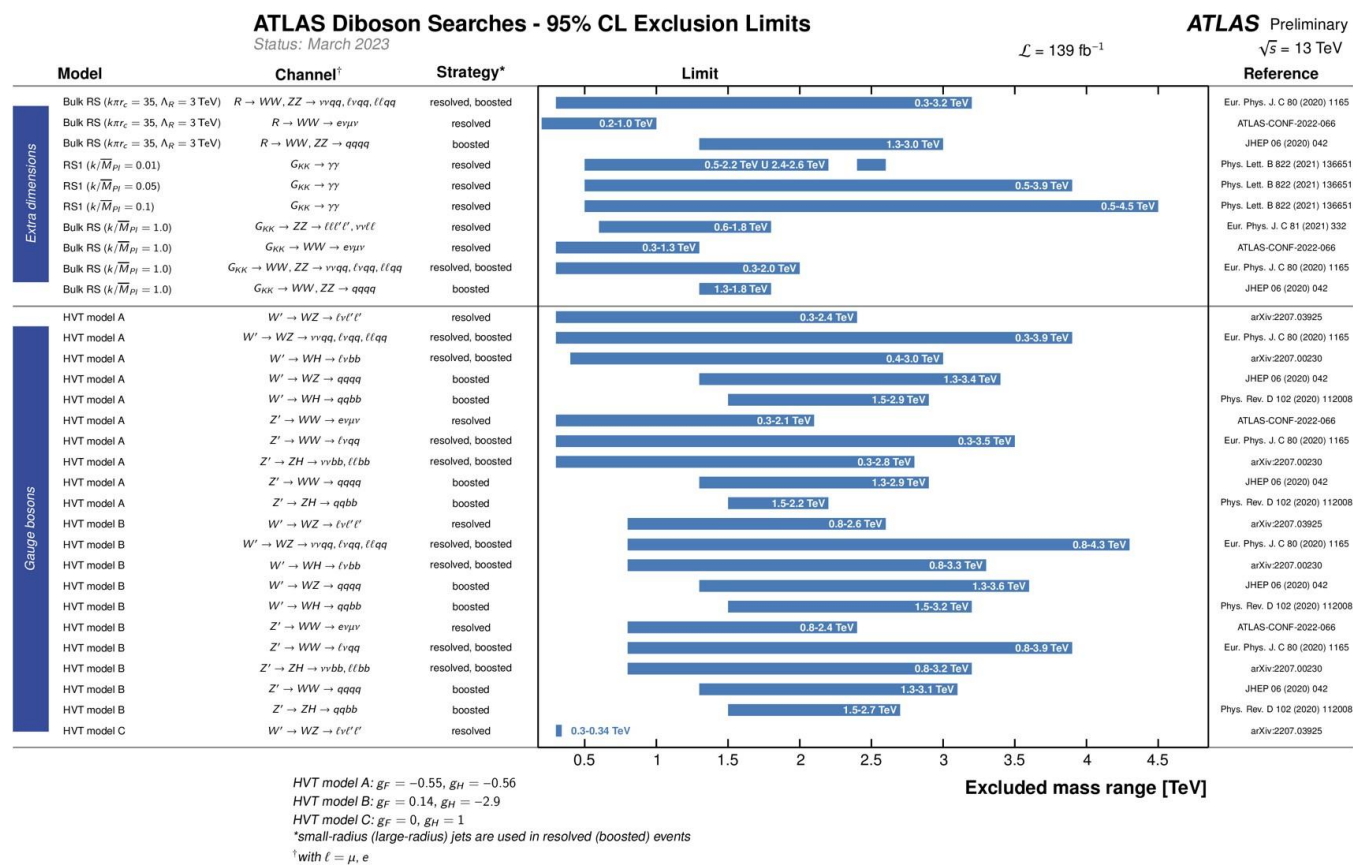
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Scientists: 6027  
Institutes: 264  
Countries: 47 t

- Extensive upgrades performed to prepare for Run 3
- Emphasis on making detectors & trigger as robust as possible
- First step to prepare ATLAS for HL-LHC

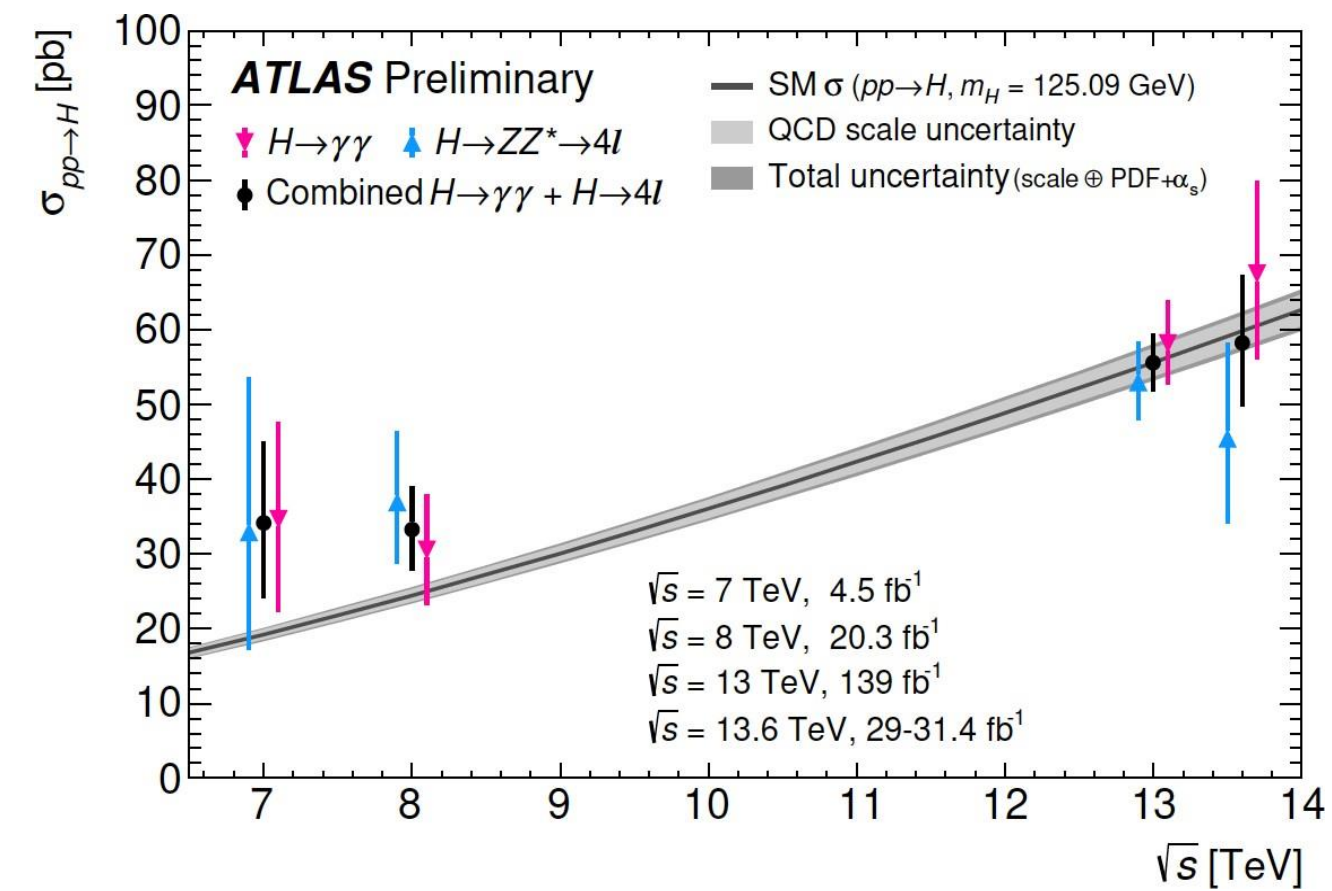
# Run 2 Analyses

139 fb<sup>-1</sup> collected  
261 papers

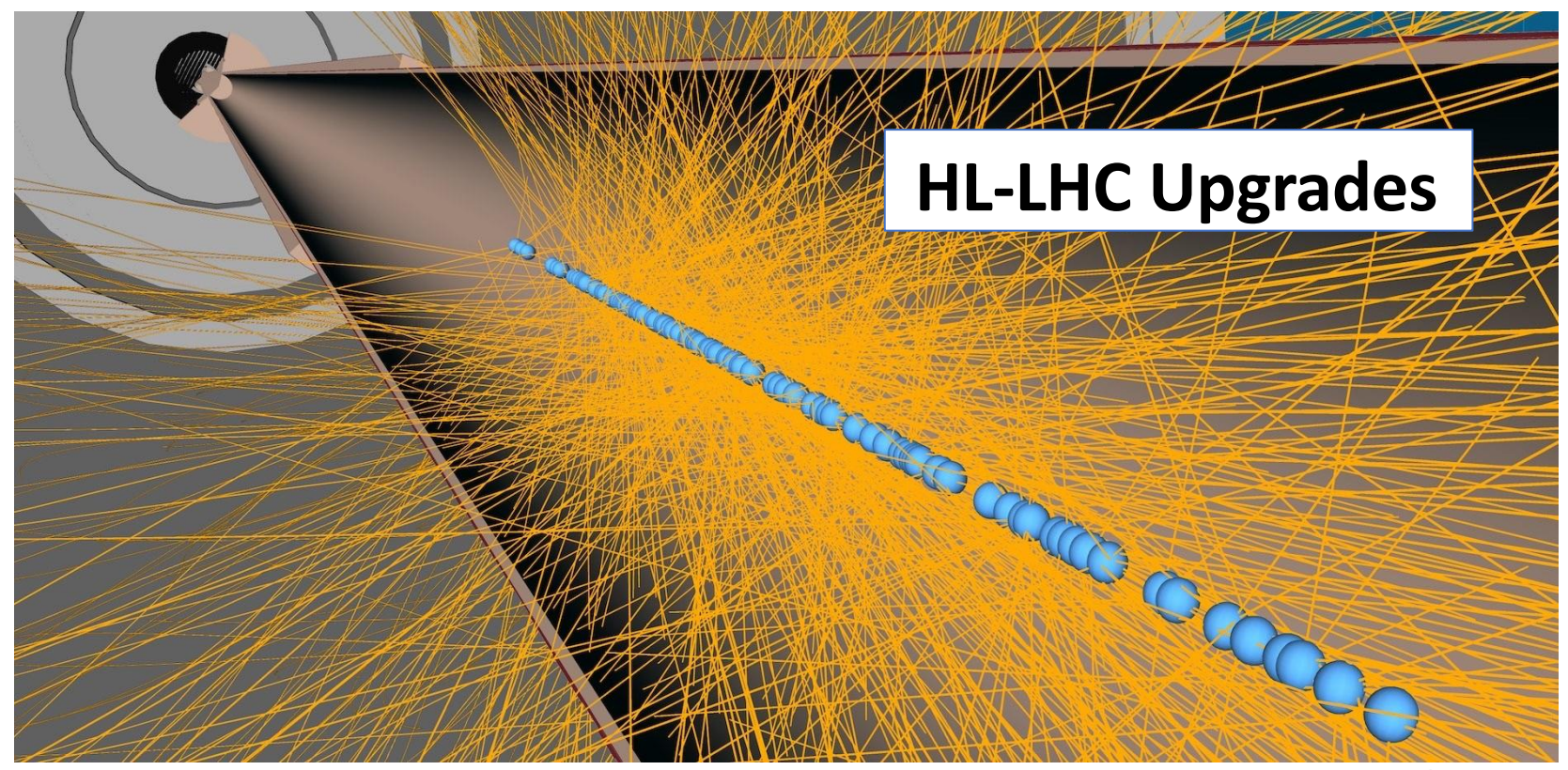
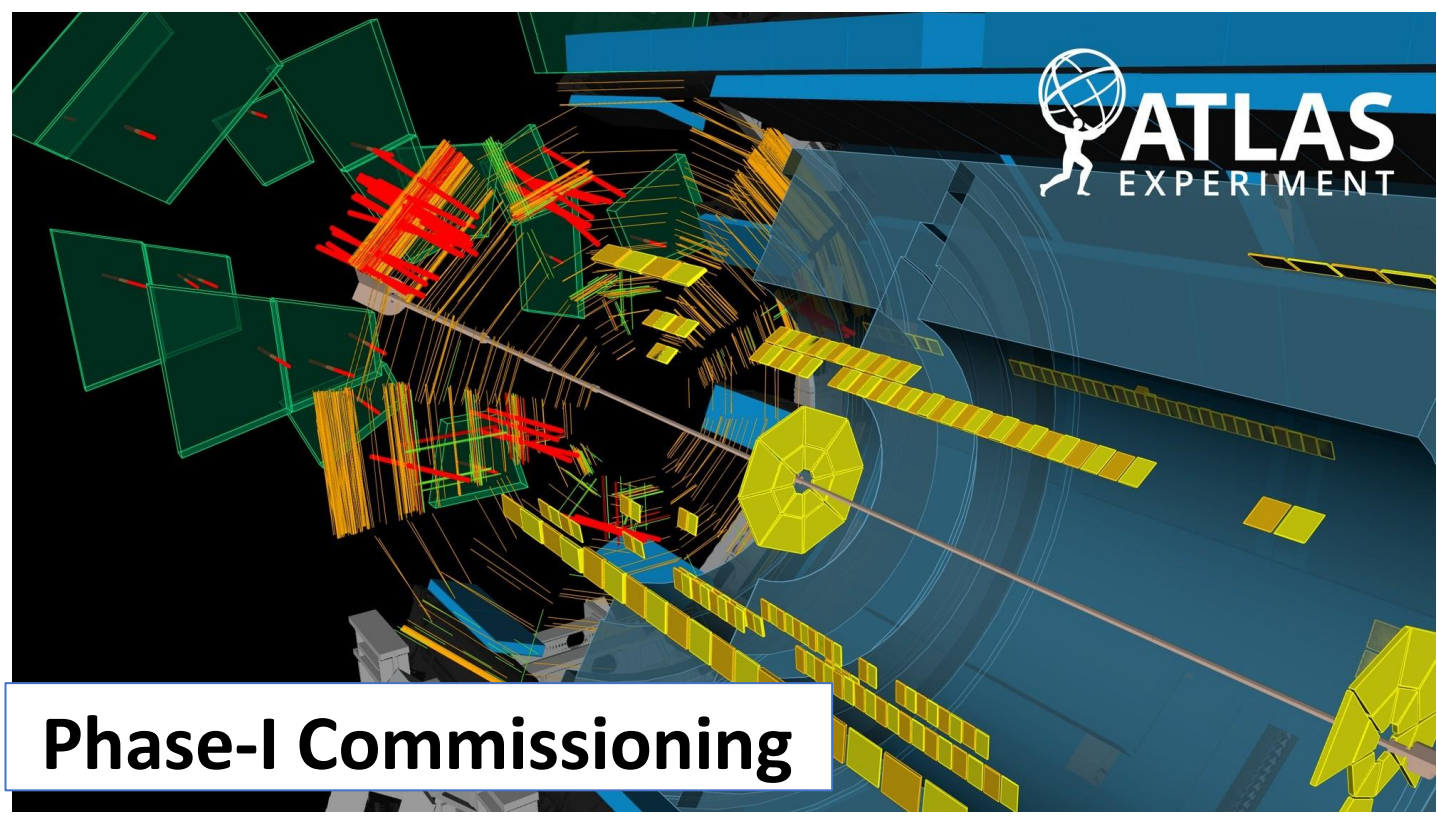


# Run 3 Analyses

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# Many ongoing activities



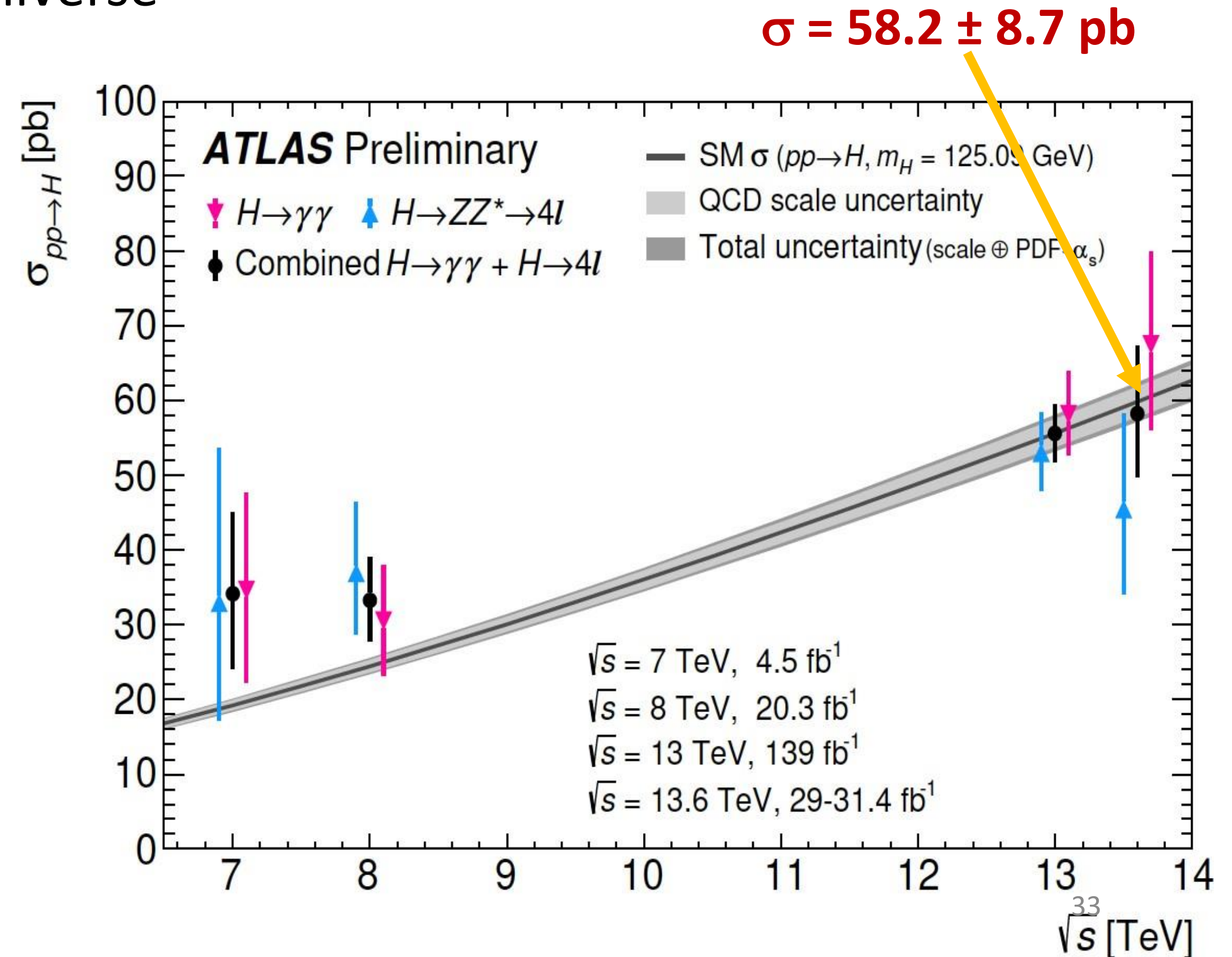
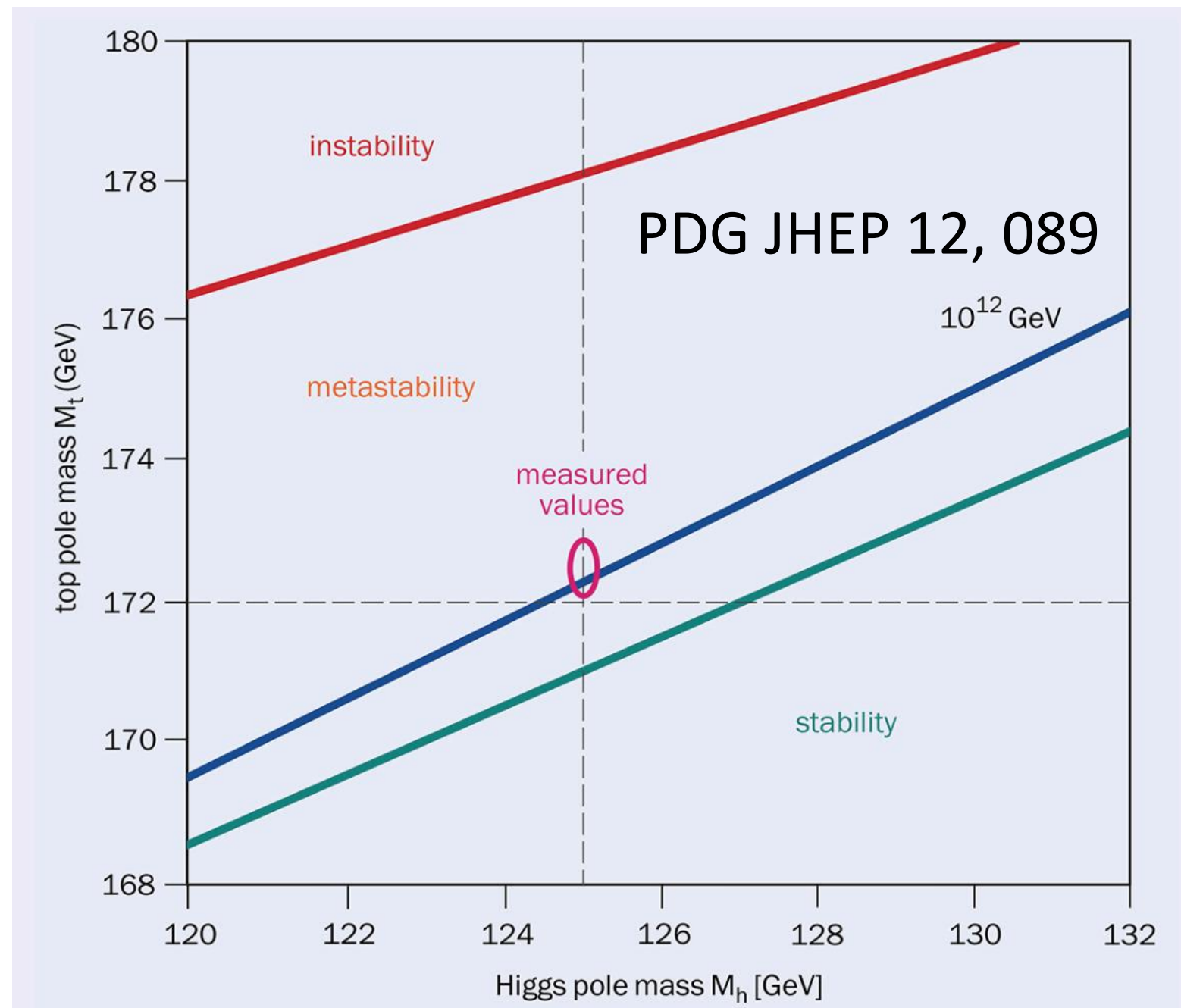


We continue to improve our tools, developing techniques that let us extract more physics from our data, including getting a better handle on the amount of data we have taken. The LHC, a high-energy discovery machine, is also becoming a **precision EW machine**.

# Re-observation of the Higgs boson

- In the Standard Model: 15\* unpredictable parameters out of 19\* related to Higgs sector
- Crucial to understand Higgs boson's properties in various measurements
- Connect to unresolved questions in the Universe

(\* )not including neutrino mass



# Higgs boson measurements

Typically divided in:

- **Coupling measurements** (event count in various phase space regions)
- **Property measurements** (quantum numbers and other properties using dedicated analyses)

→ both sectors influence each other:  $m_H$  determine the SM expectation for couplings

$$\mathcal{L}_{EW} = \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu H \partial^\mu H + \frac{g^2}{4} (v + H)^2 (W_\mu^+ W^{-\mu} + \frac{1}{2 \cos^2 \Theta_W} Z_\mu Z^\mu) + \frac{1}{2} (-2\mu^2) H^2 - \lambda v H^3 - \frac{1}{4} \lambda H^4 + \dots$$

$m_W = gv/2$                        $m_W/m_Z = \cos \theta_W$                        $m_H$

**HVV and HHVV vertices**                      **HHH and HHHH self-interaction vertices**  
 $\sim g^2 v$  ( $\sim m^2/v$ )                       $\sim g^2$  ( $\sim m^2/v^2$ )

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{Yuk, u.-gauge}} = -\frac{\lambda_f v}{\sqrt{2}} \bar{\Psi}_{fL} \Psi_{fR} - \frac{\lambda_f}{\sqrt{2}} \bar{\Psi}_{fL} \Psi_{fR} H + \dots$$

$m_f \sim \lambda_f v$                       **Hff vertices**     $\sim m_f/v$

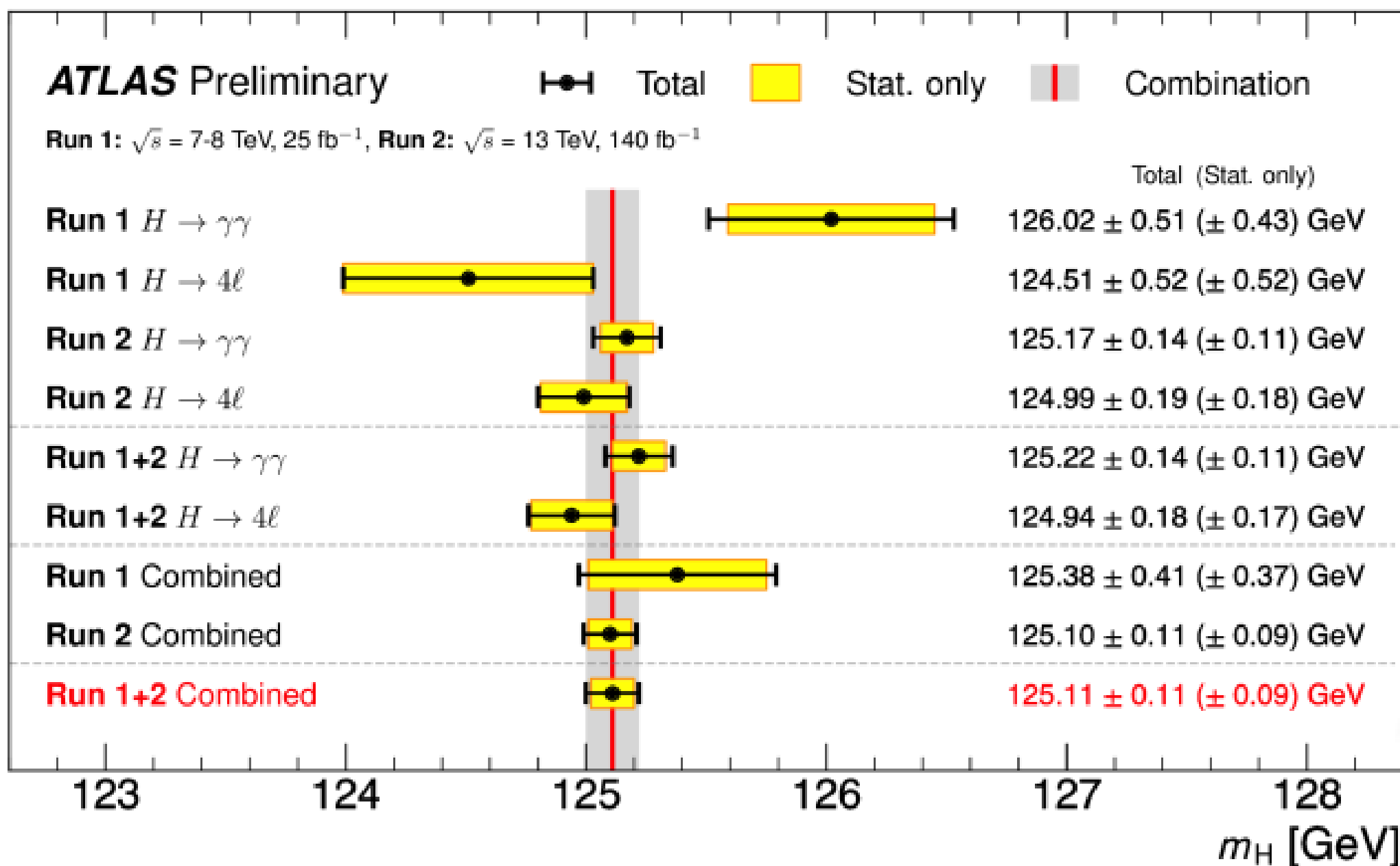


# Higgs mass

Run 1+2 combined

- Mass not from SM -> determined experimentally
- Interaction/coupling strengths of H with SM particles depends on  $M_H$
- Value of  $M_H$  related to properties of H potential (→ to stability of EW vacuum)

- Huge efforts on  $\gamma$  calibration in Run2
  - Reduced  $\gamma$  energy scale/resolution uncertainties
  - 320 MeV (previous Run 2 results) -> 80 MeV



- Measured  $M_H$  with  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  (Run 1+2)
  - 125.22 ± 0.11(stat) ± 0.09(syst) GeV  
**(0.11% precision!)**
- Combine  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  and  $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4\ell$  (Run1+Run2)
  - 125.11 ± 0.09(stat) ± 0.06(syst) GeV  
**(0.09% precision!)**





# Run2 achievements and Run 3 status

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Run 2  
13 TeV

Partial data  
~80fb<sup>-1</sup>

Full data  
~140fb<sup>-1</sup>

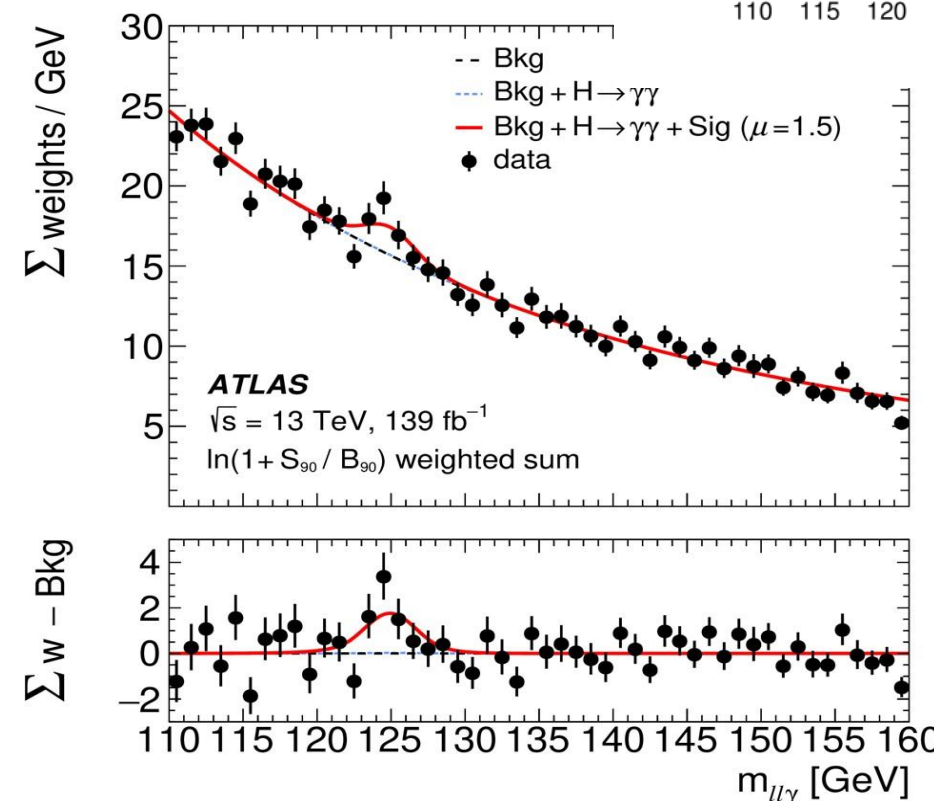
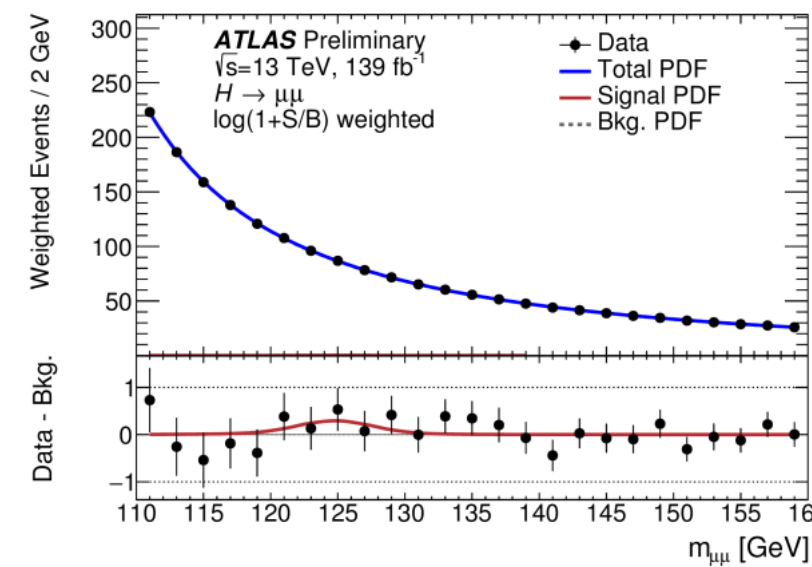
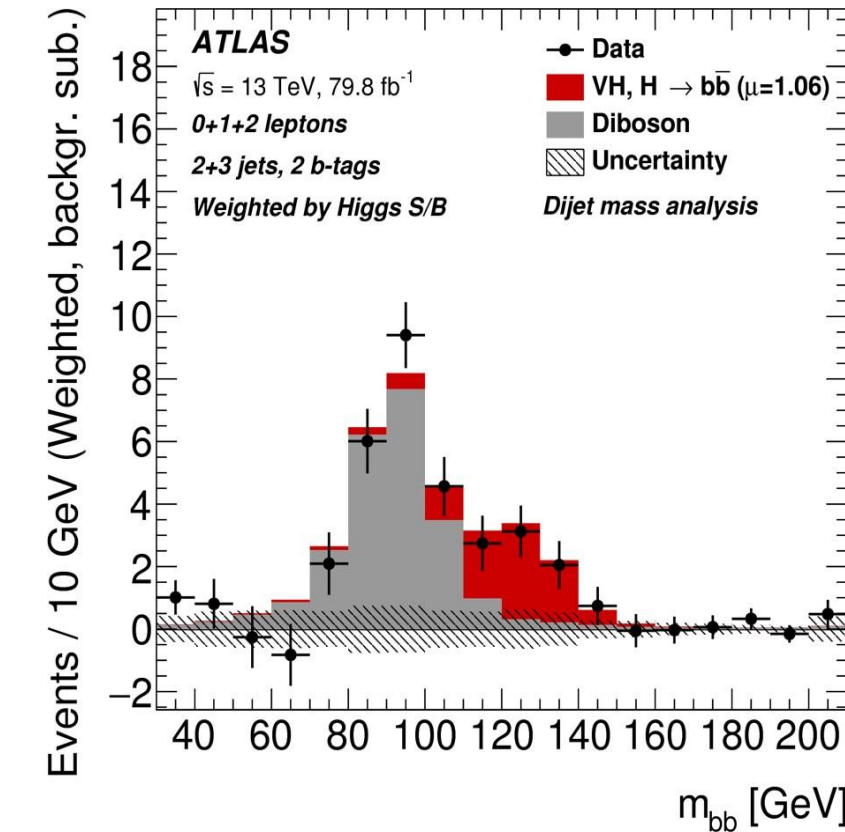
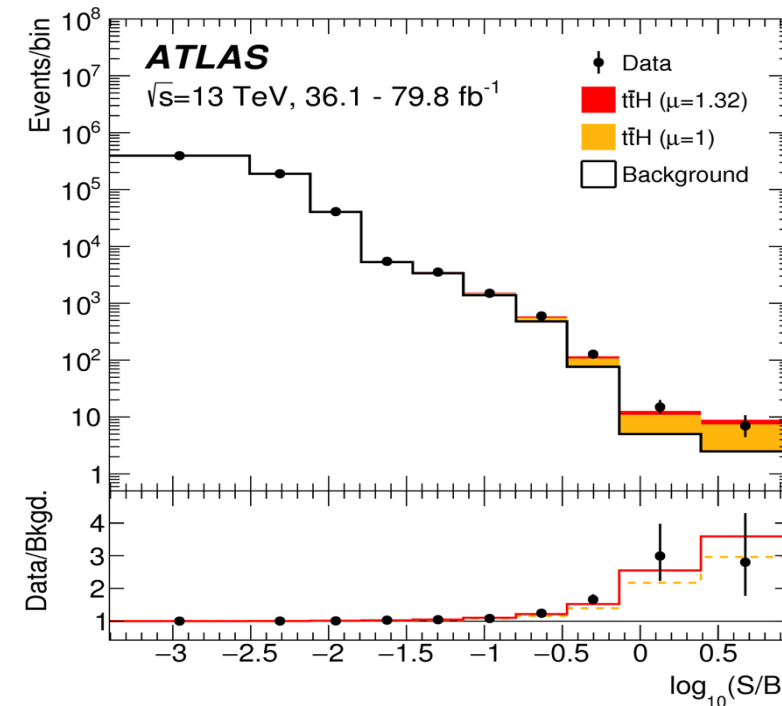
~60fb<sup>-1</sup>

ttH observation

VH, H->bb observation

H->μμ evidence

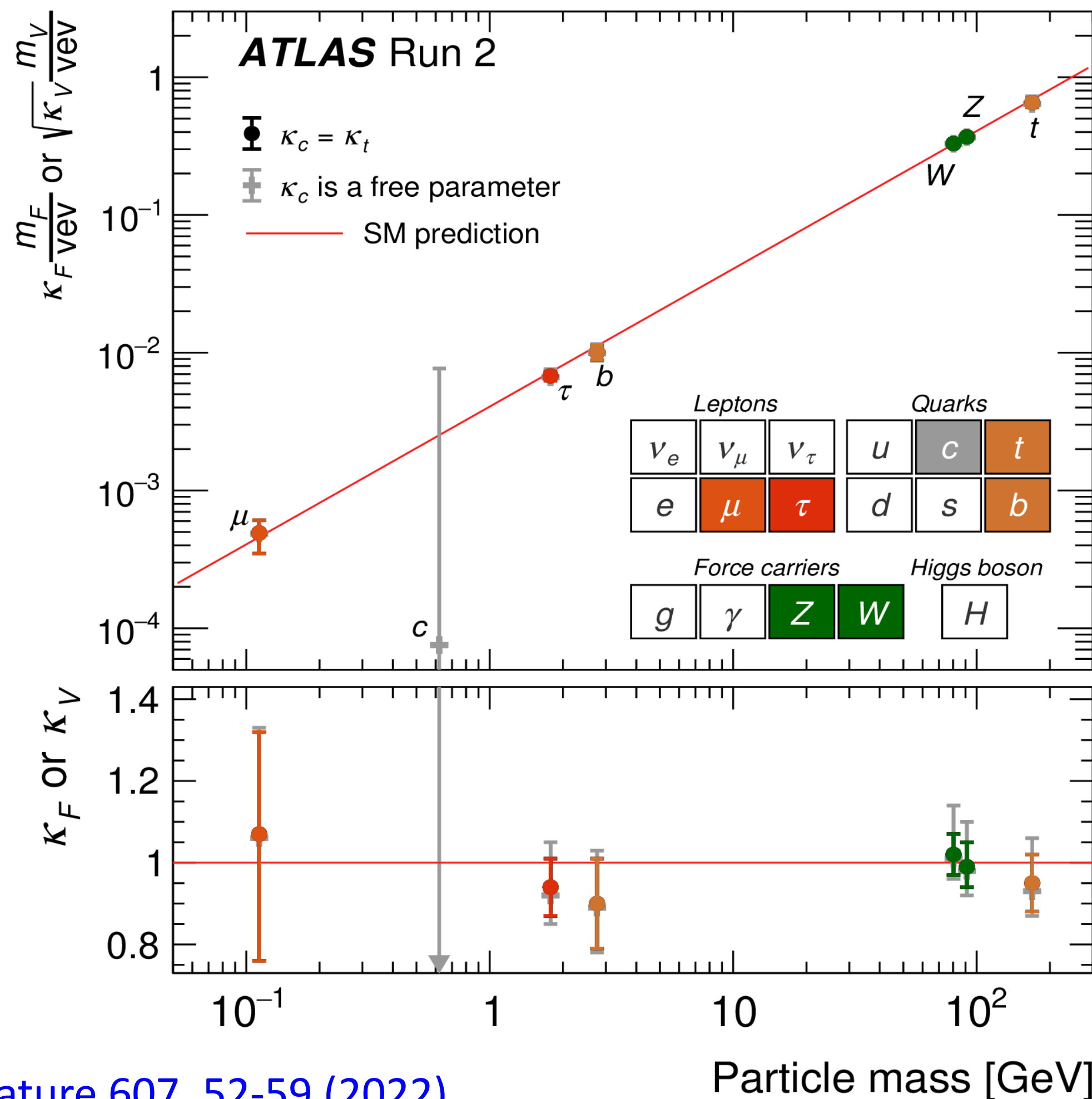
H->lly evidence



- Observed major production/decay processes in Run1 and Run2
- Large LHC data opens the door to access **rare Higgs processes** and **difficult corners of phase spaces**



# Higgs couplings



Higgs couplings agree with SM over 3 order of magnitude in mass!!

(Visible) Branching Ratios:

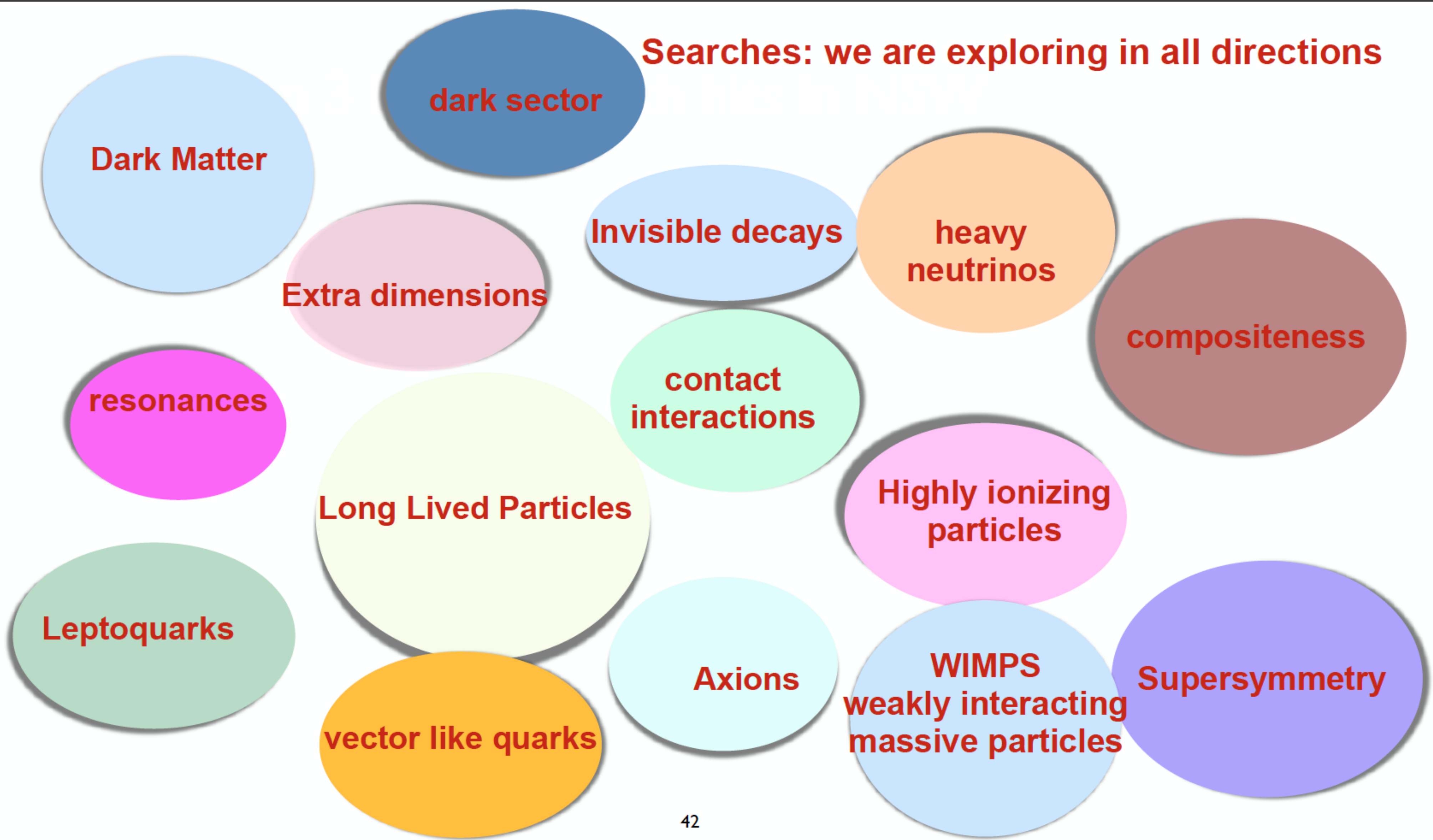
$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ : 0.23%

$H \rightarrow \mu\mu$ : 0.022%

$H \rightarrow 4l$ : 0.012% (4e + 4μ + 2e2μ)

$H \rightarrow Z\gamma$ : 0.010% (for  $Z \rightarrow ee, \mu\mu$ )

**Searches: we are exploring in all directions**



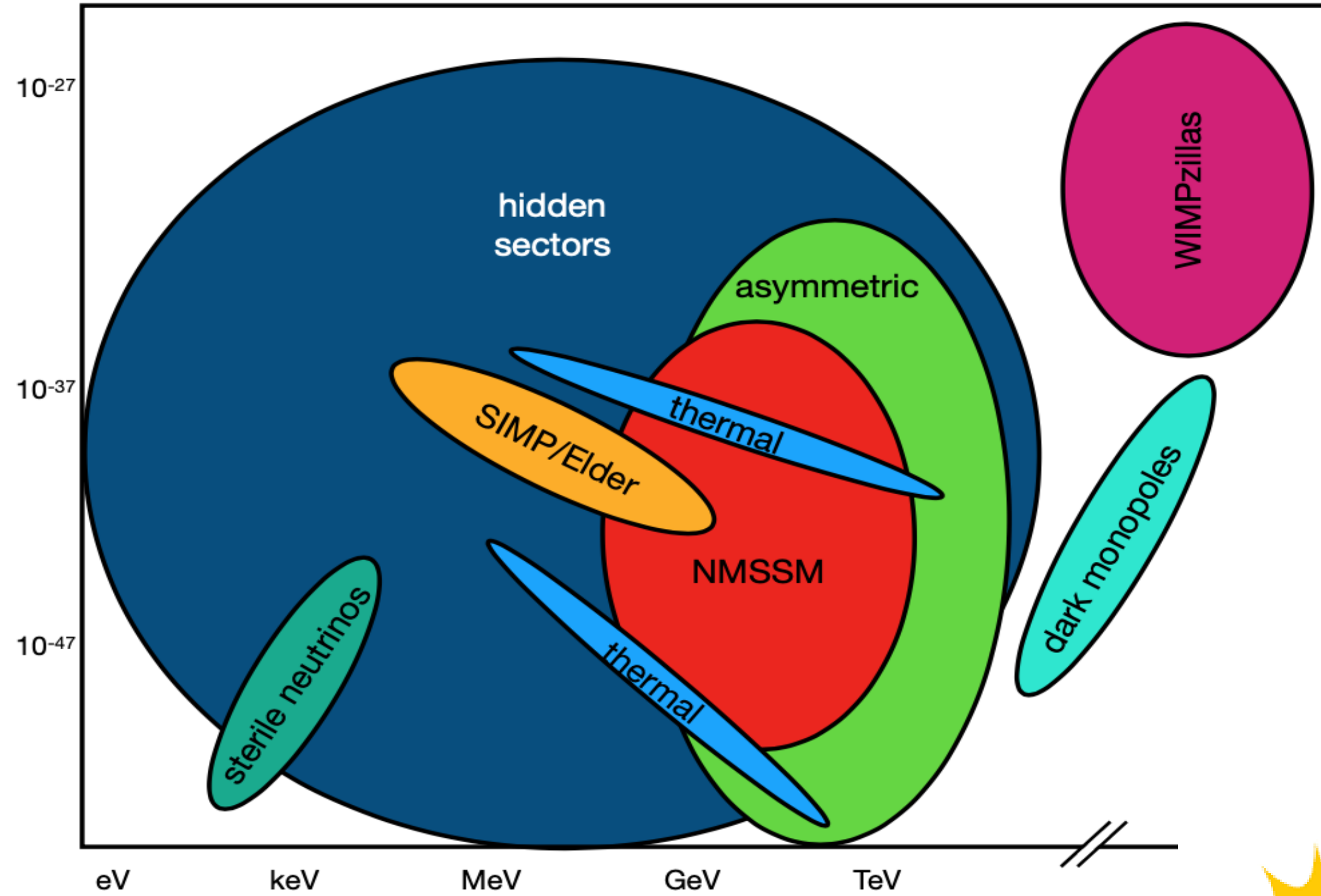
# Delve deep, Search wild..

Snowmass Dark Matter report, [2209.07426](#)

30 orders  
of magnitude  
in interaction  
strength



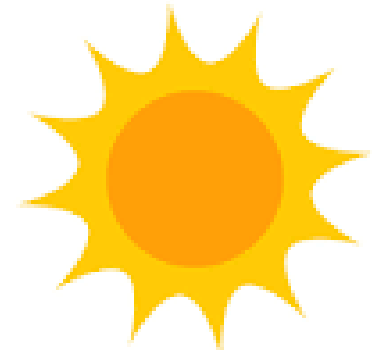
Dark Matter-SM Interaction Strength [cm<sup>2</sup>]



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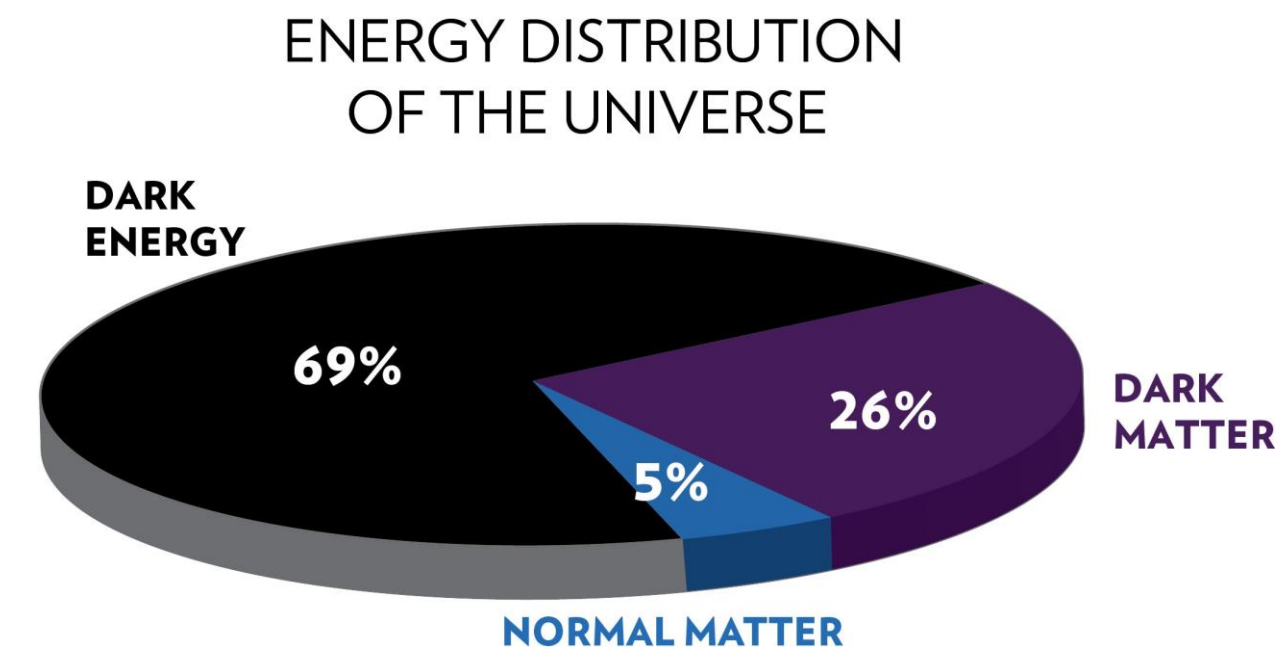


30 orders of  
magnitude in mass



# Dark Matter

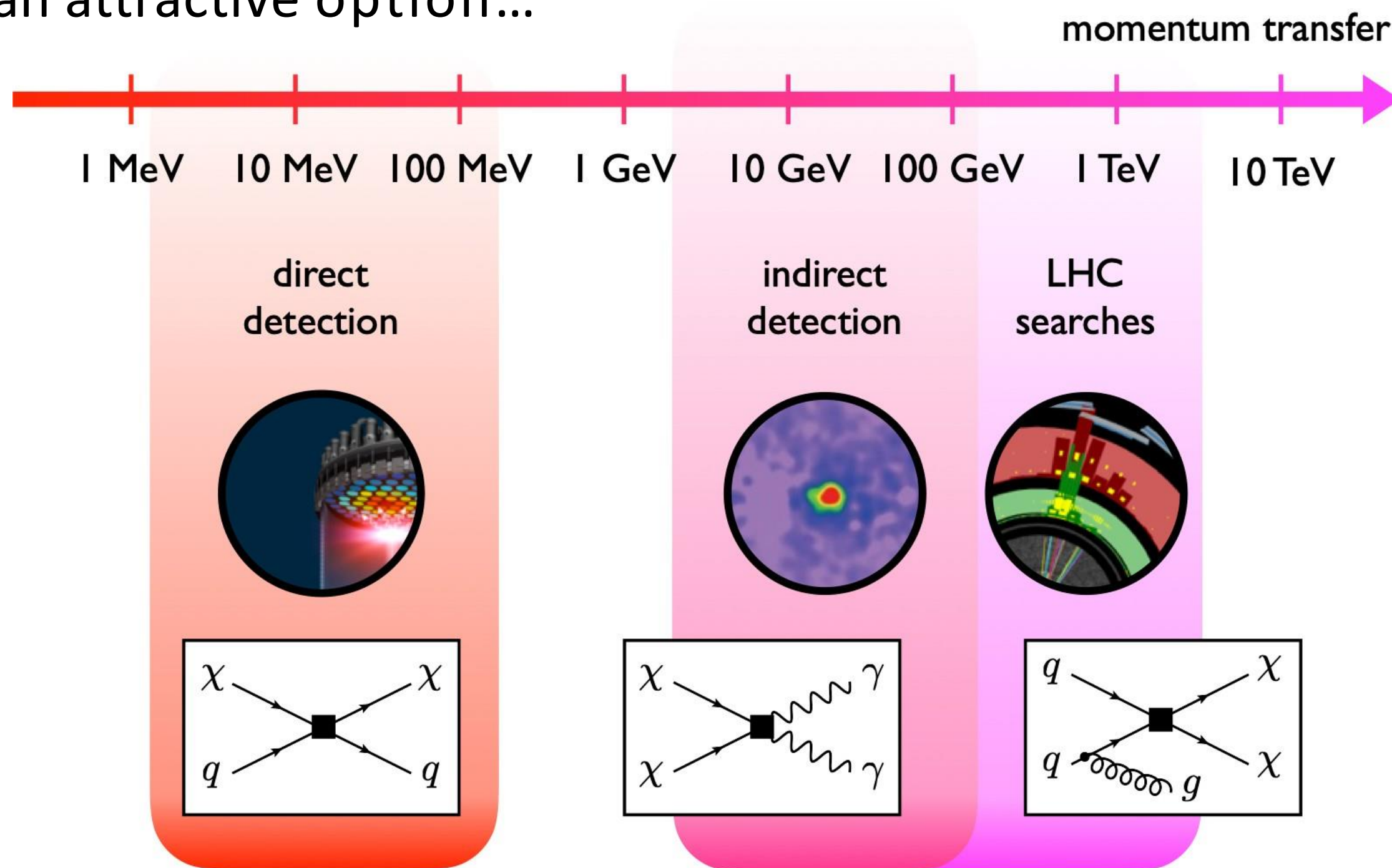
Presence of Dark Matter (DM) well established.  
Its nature is an open question



- Weakly Interacting Massive Particle (WIMP): an attractive option...

Heavy, stable, & couples to SM

Naturally accounts for observed relic density (WIMP Miracle)



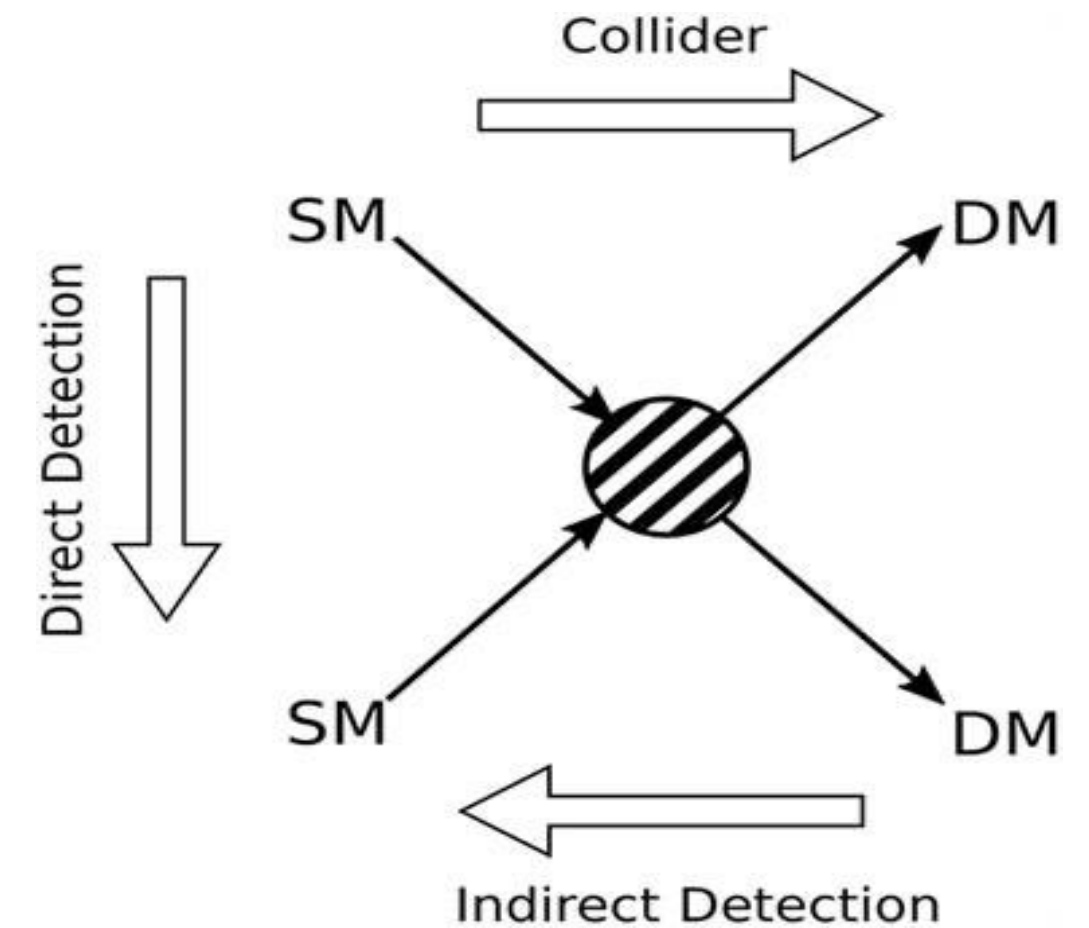
- But many other hypotheses and models, e.g:

Axion-like-particle (ALP)

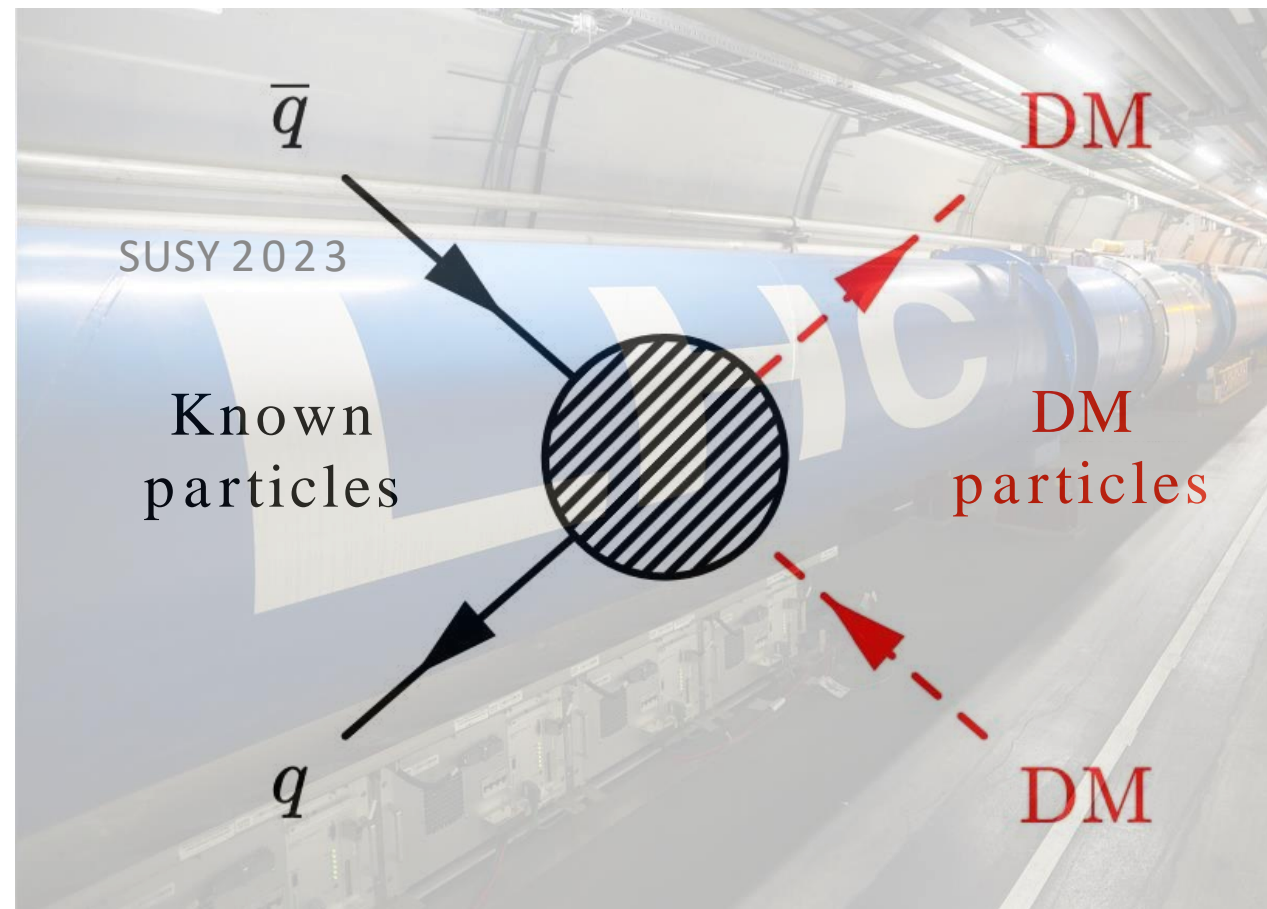
Dark sectors consisting of many DM particles

# Dark Matter

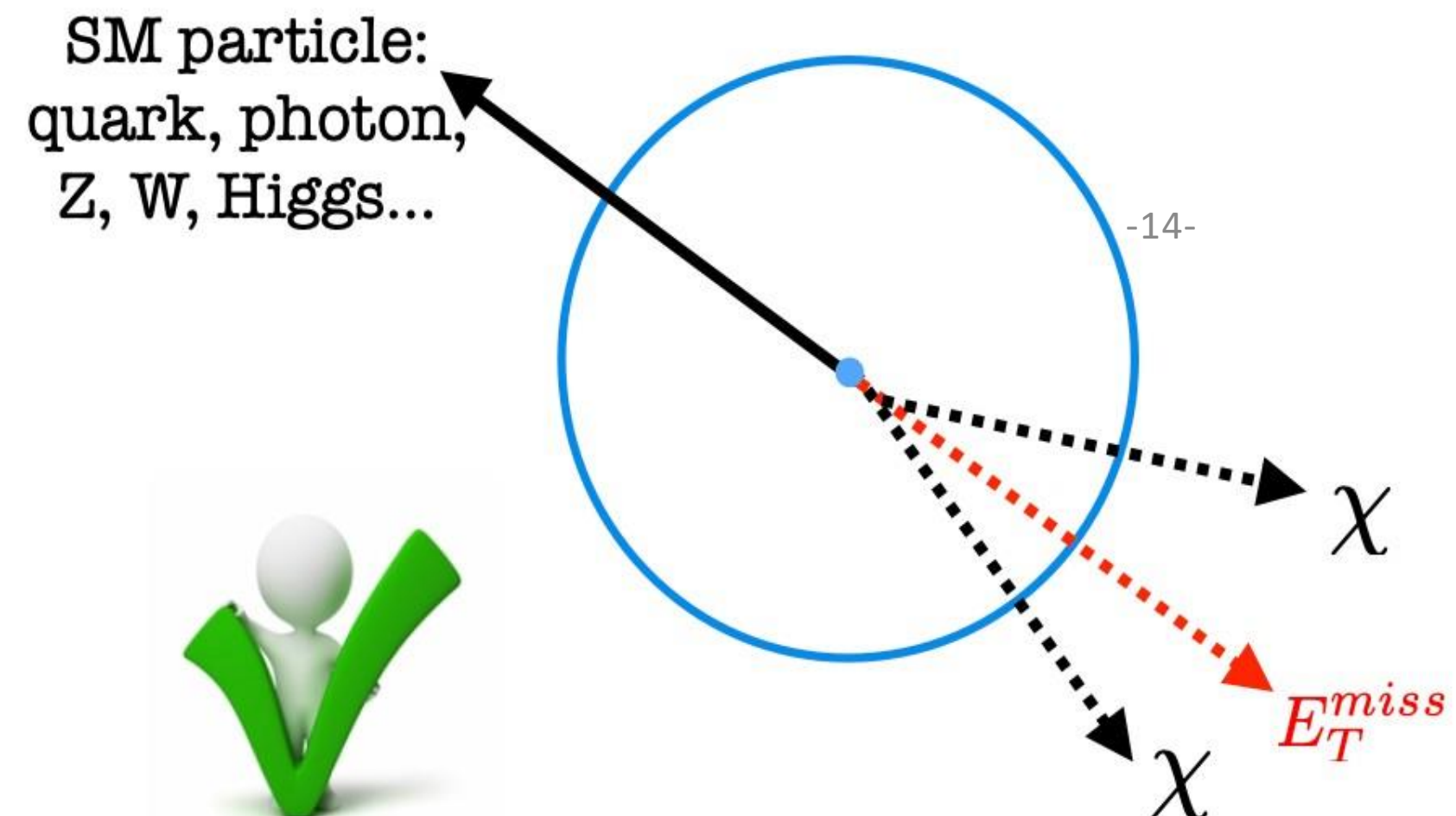
- DM candidates can be produced at the LHC but cannot be observed directly  $\Rightarrow$
- A **SM particle** is needed to recoil against **DM candidates**
  - Inferred through **momentum imbalance (MET)** in plane transverse to beam
  - Visible particles from initial state radiation (ISR) or associated production can tag DM pair production



## PRODUCTION

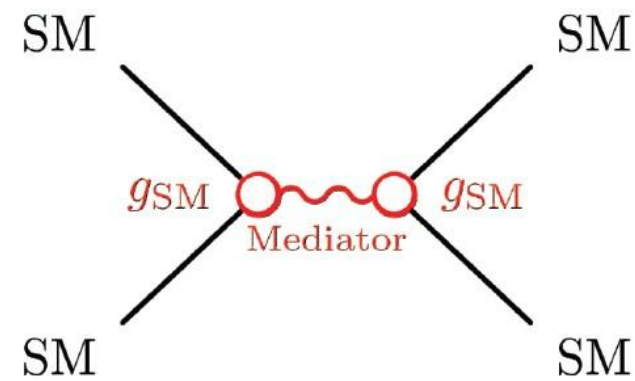
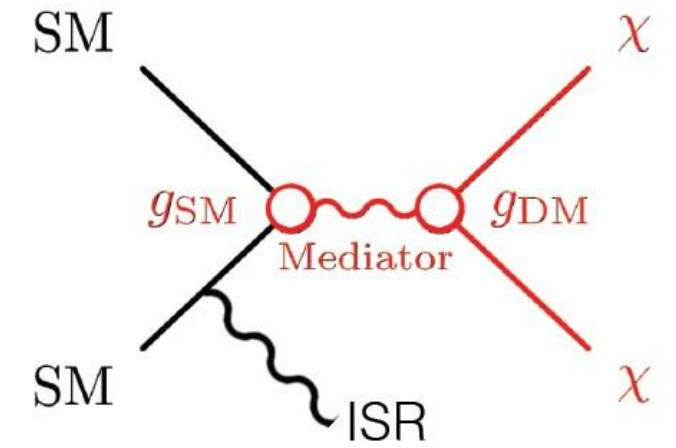


## DETECTION



# Overview of collider searches

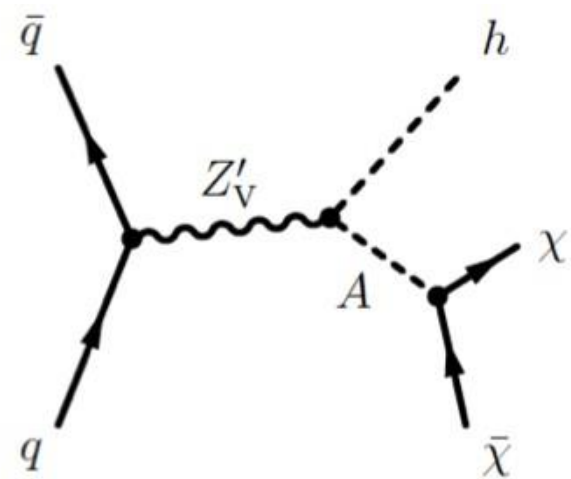
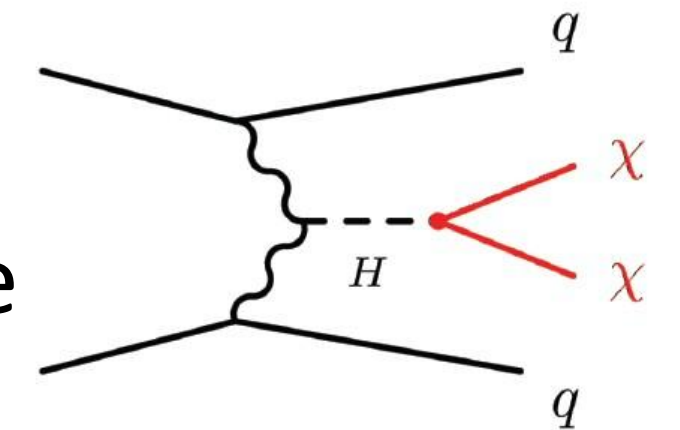
**“Direct” searches:**  $X + \text{ETmiss}$  using ISR or associated production  
 $\Rightarrow$  Look for deviation from SM backgrounds



**Mediator searches:** bump hunt for mediator decays to fermions  
 $\Rightarrow$  Look for mass peak above background continuum

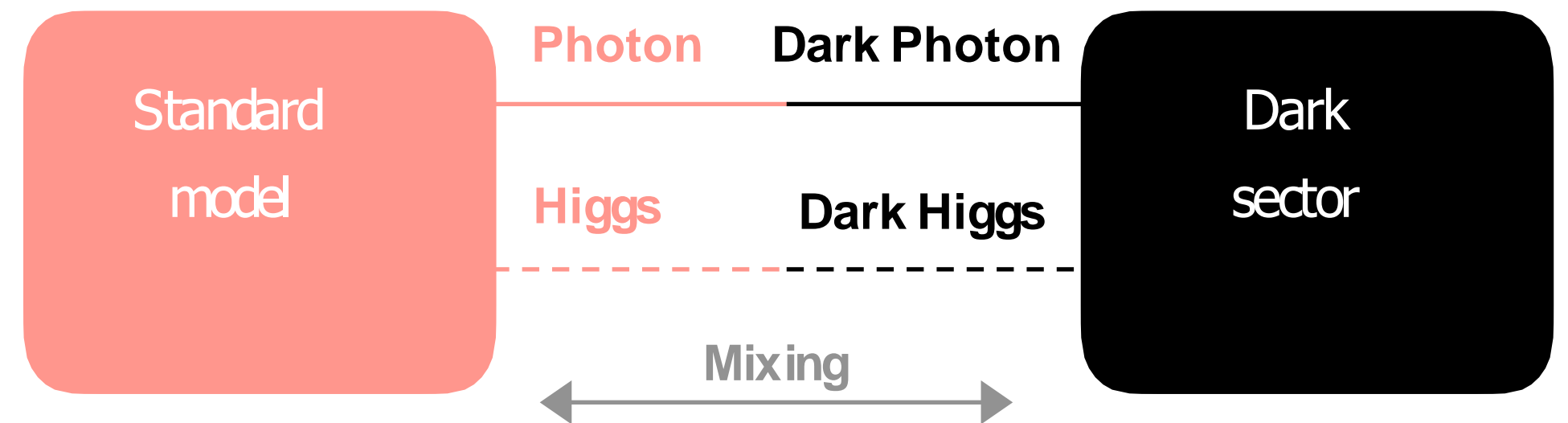
**Searches with a Higgs boson mediator**

$\Rightarrow$  Look for enhancement of Higgs boson decays to invisible



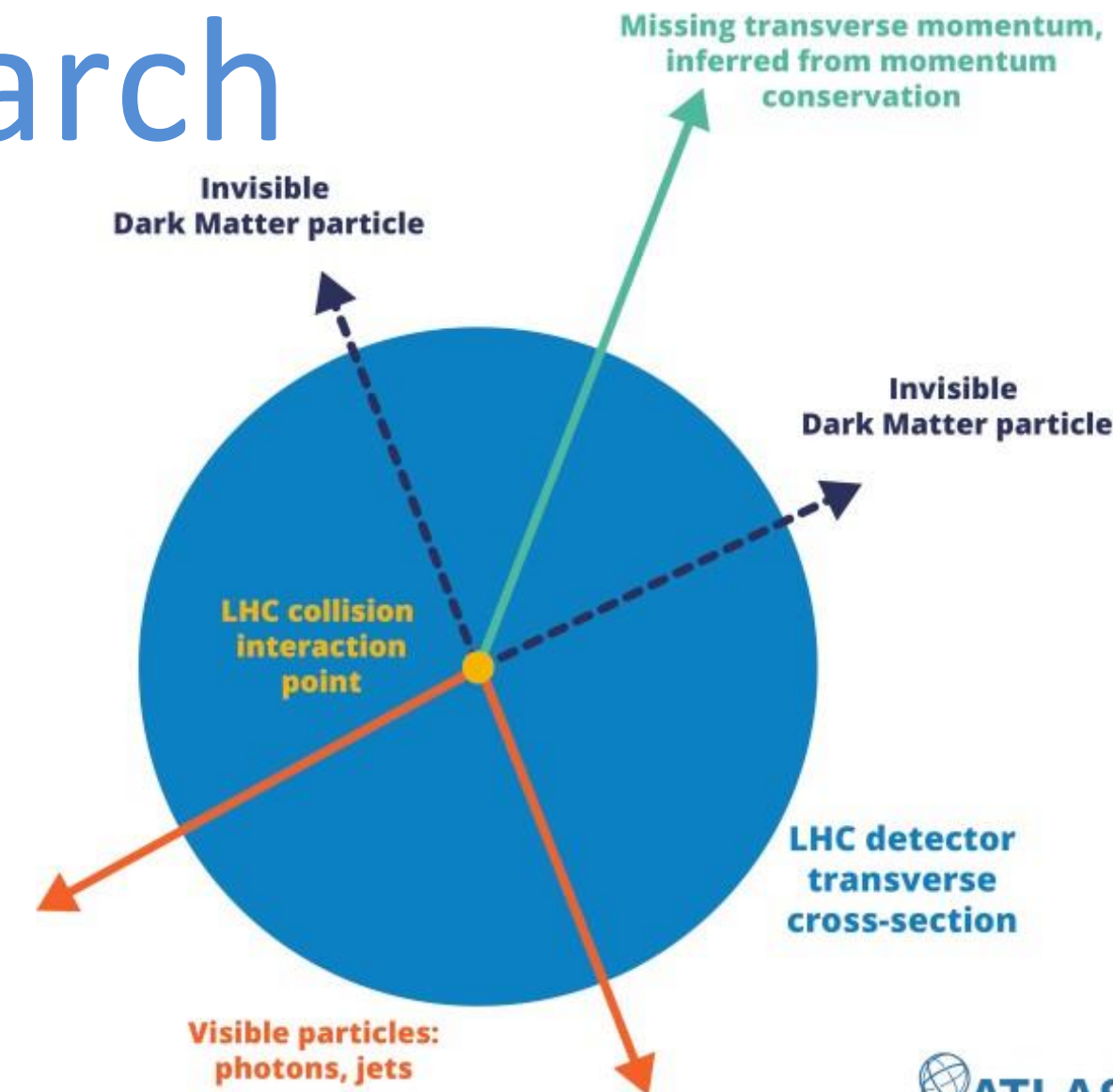
**Searches in the extended Higgs sector:** Two Higgs doublet model extended with a pseudoscalar  $A$  mediating the SM-DM interaction

**Searches in Dark sectors:** particles from a shadowy sector that interact with particles from SM through subtle mixing

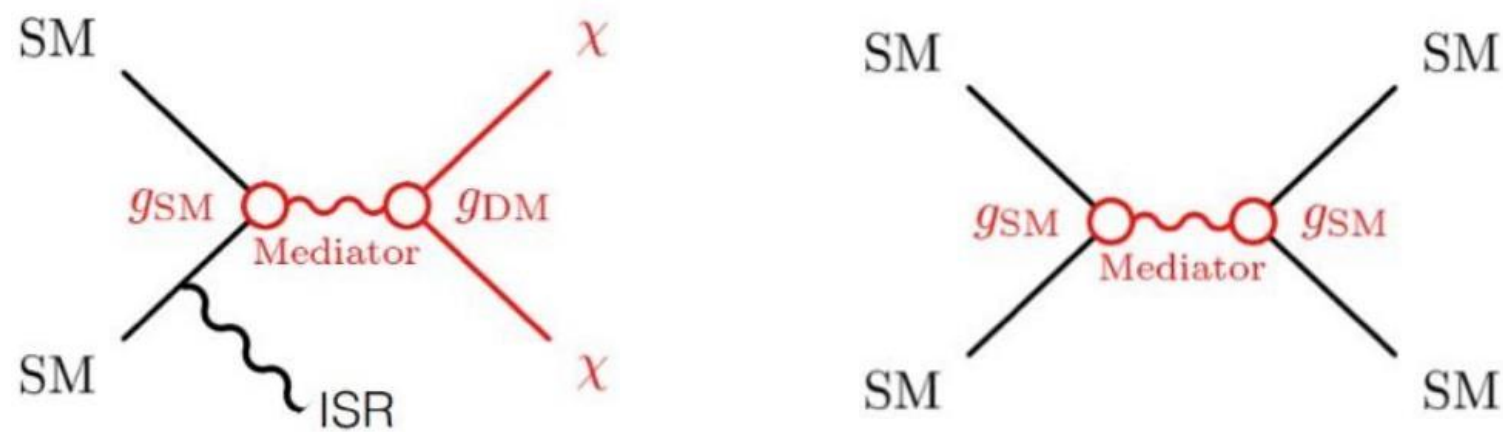


# The typical ATLAS WIMP search

- Any WIMP DM produced at collider experiments will interact weakly and pass invisibly through the detector
- Theoretical models to optimize searches and characterize a possible discovery, e.g:

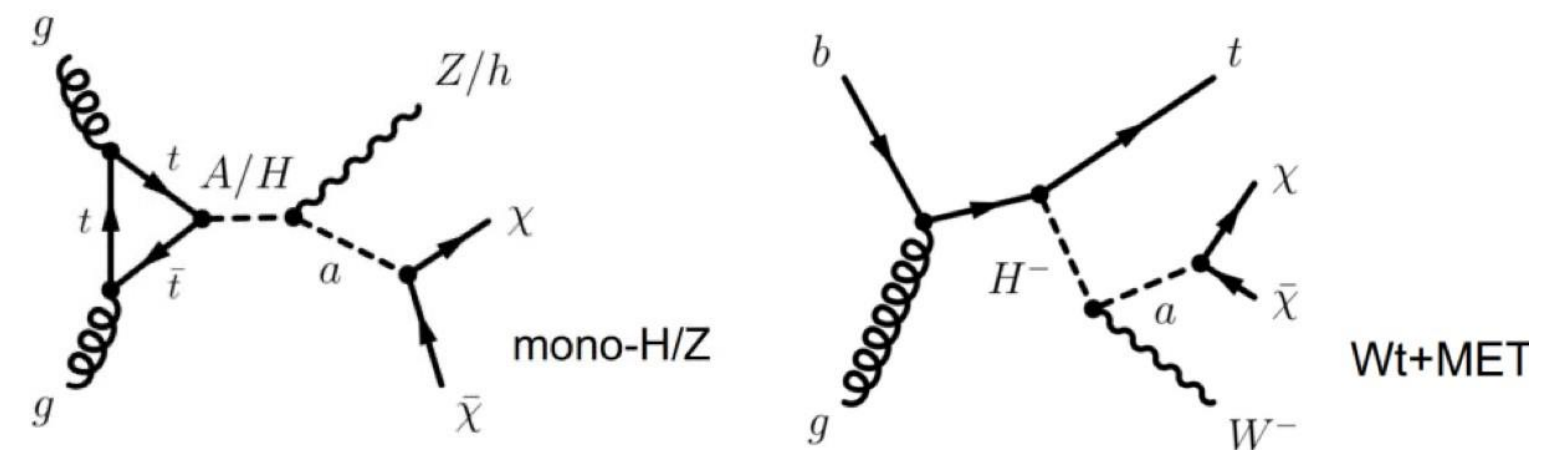


## Simplified s-channel model



Small set of free parameters:  $M_\chi$ ,  $M_{med}$ ,  $g_\chi$ ,  $g_q$ ,  $g_l$  Complementarity between Mono-X (X+MET) and resonance searches

## 2HDM+a model



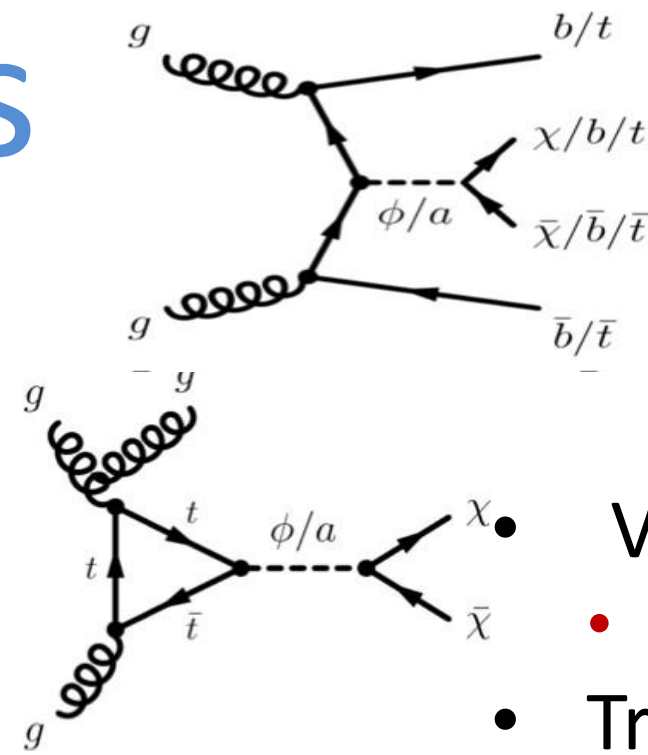
Two Higgs doublet extensions with an extra pseudoscalar. Gauge-invariant. Richer kinematics + phenomenology



# Spin-0 Mediators

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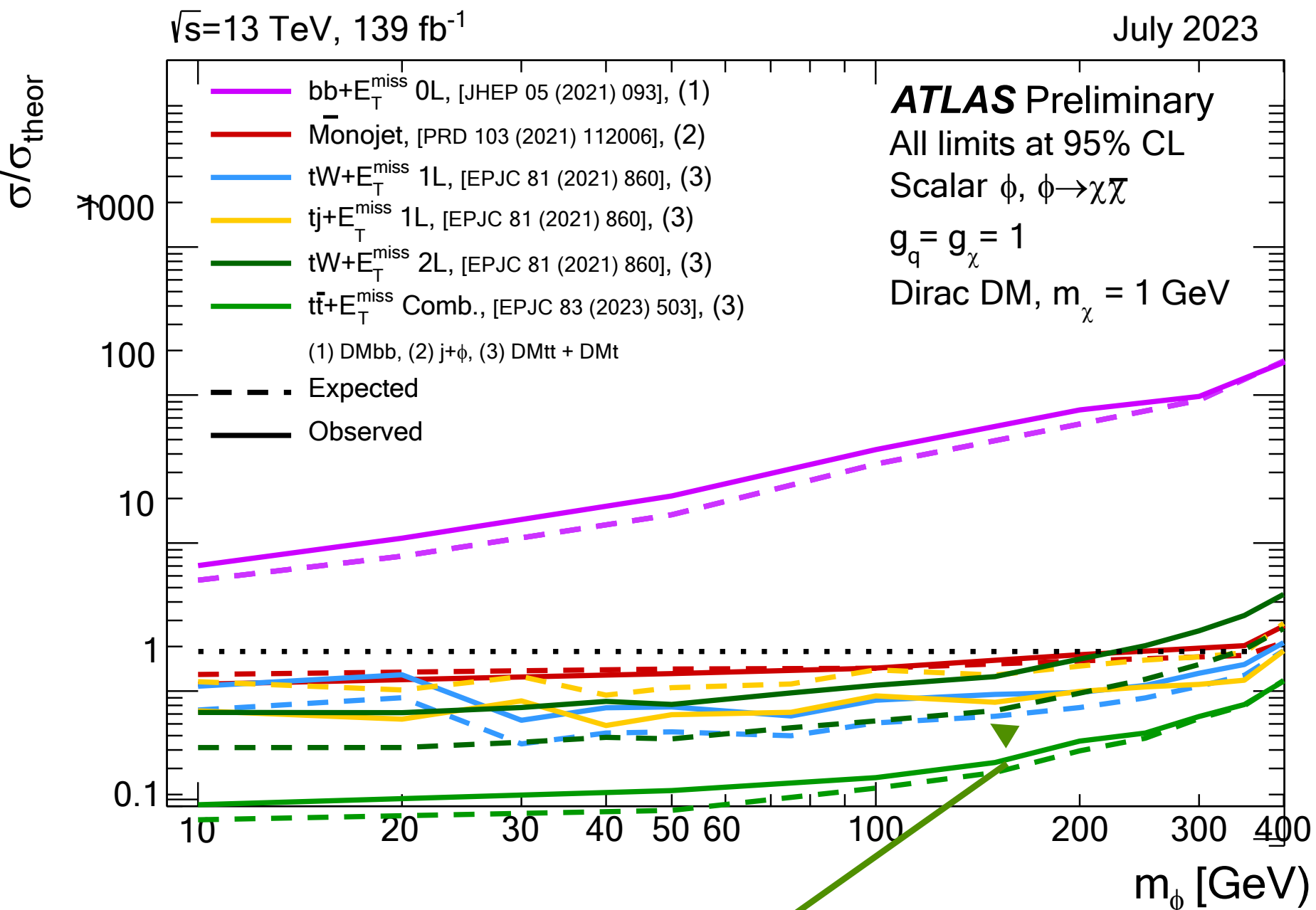
- Scalar ( $\phi$ ) or pseudoscalar ( $a$ ) mediator
- Yukawa-type couplings  $\rightarrow$ 
  - heavy quark (b/t)-associated searches
  - Dominate: **tt+MET** comb, **tW+MET**, **bb+MET**, **mono-jet**



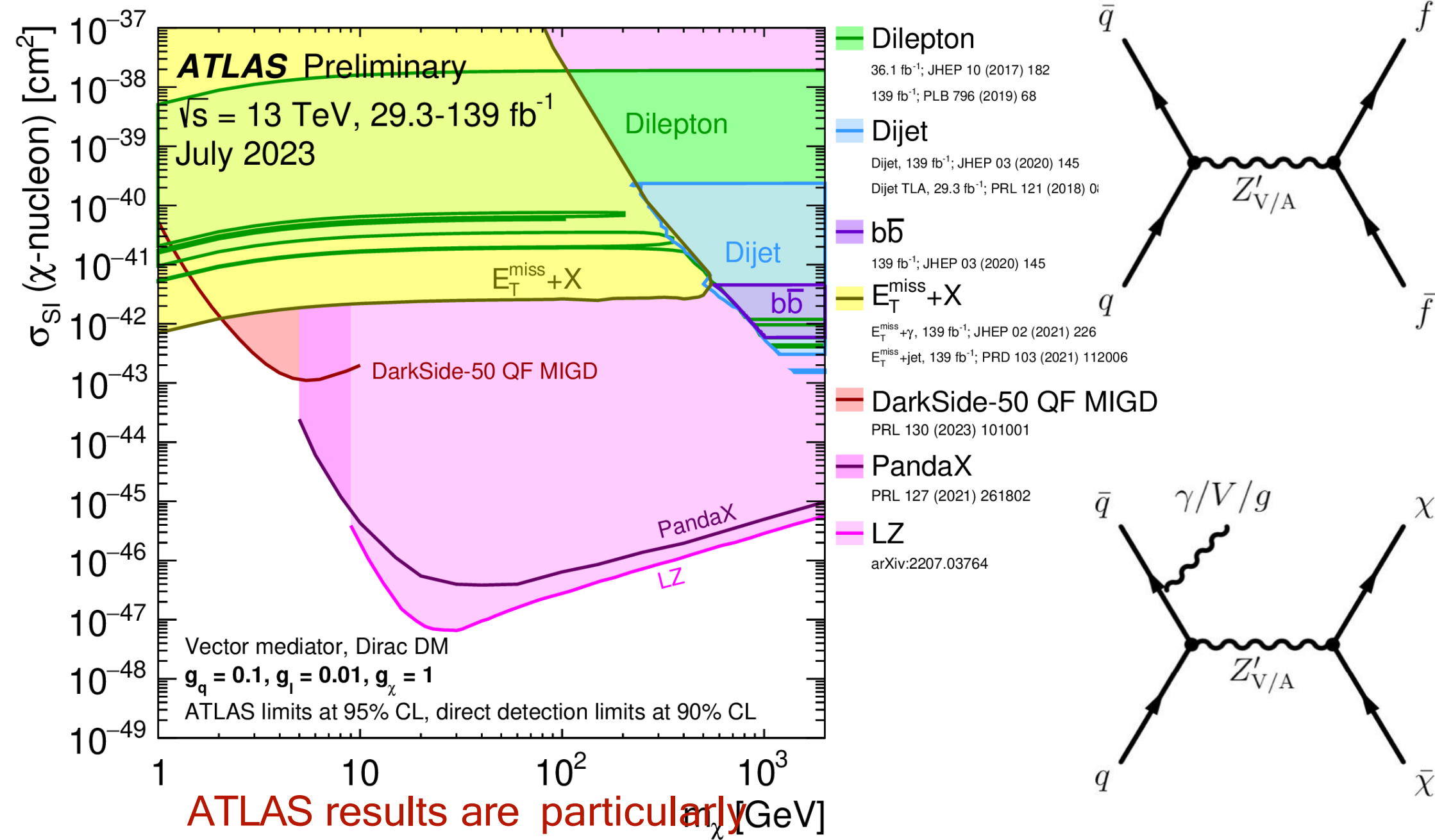
# Spin-1 Mediators

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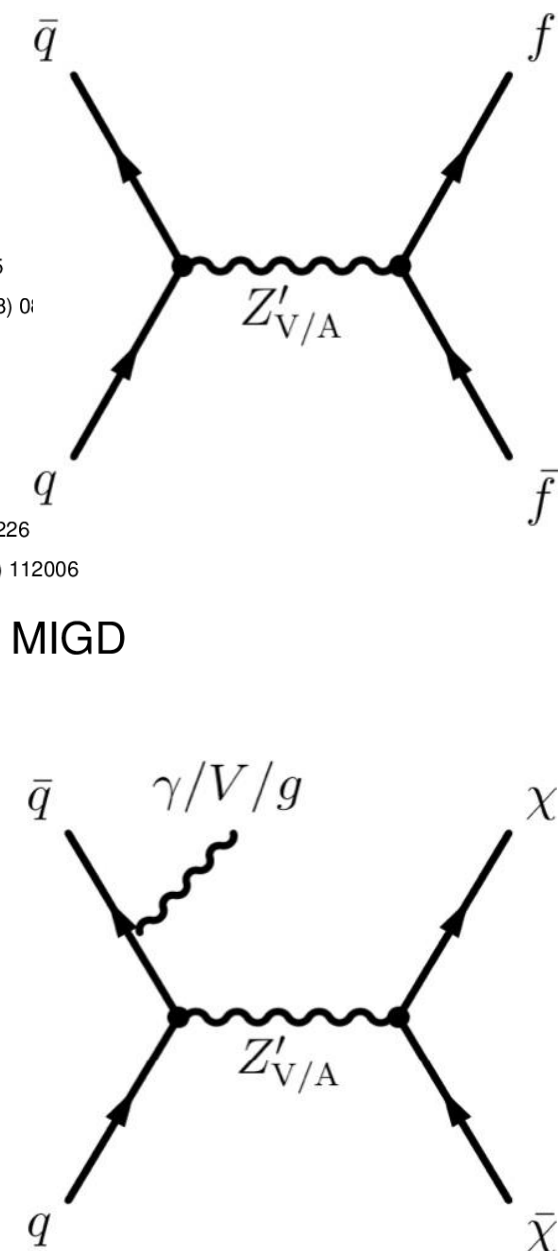
- Vector or Axial-vector mediator
  - **mono-jet/photon, di(b)-jet, TLA di-jet, dilepton**
  - Translated into spin-independent DM-nucleon elastic scattering cross-section limits  $\rightarrow$  compared to direct searches



Strongest limits from new tt+MET combination EPJC83(2023)553

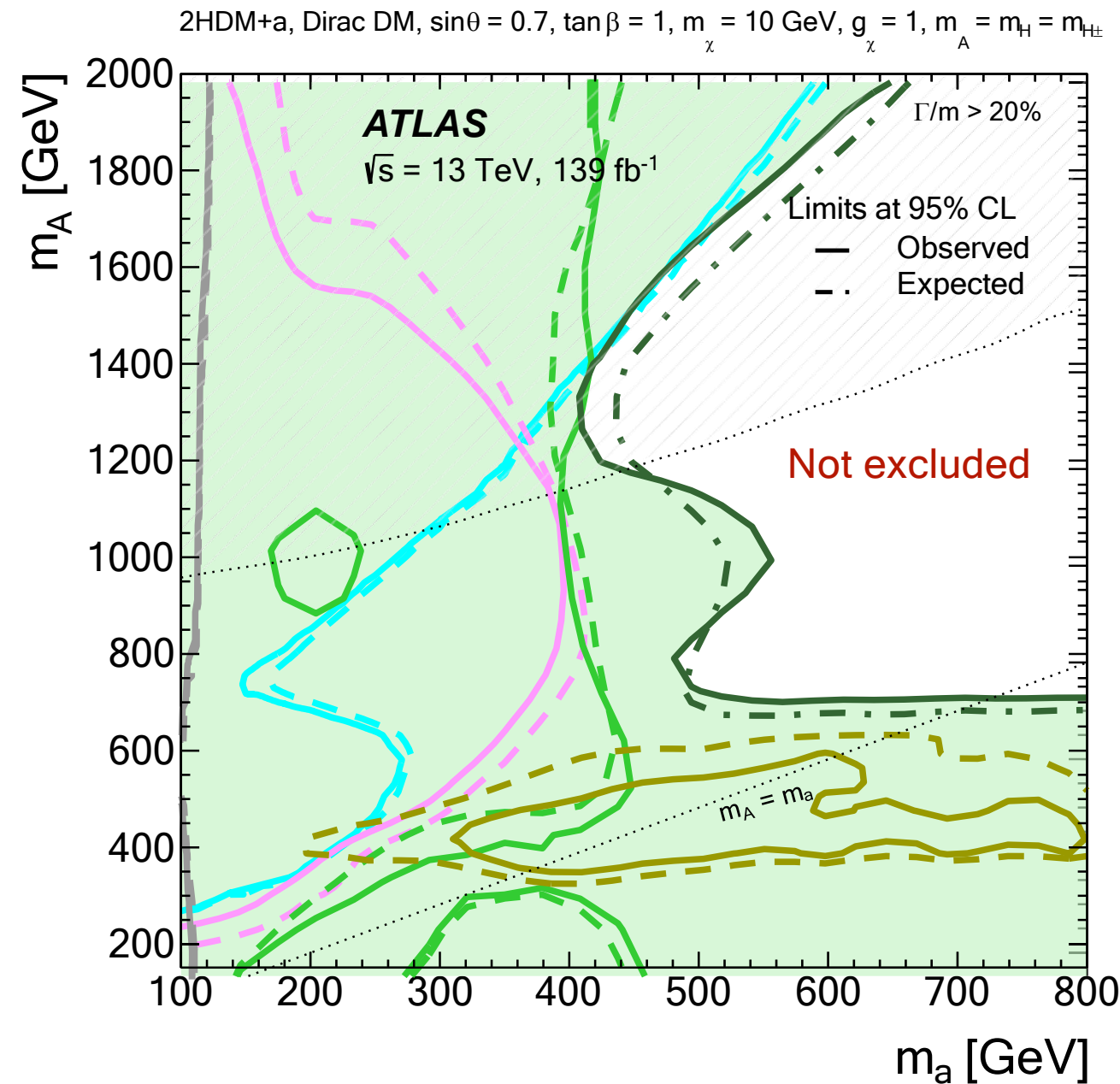
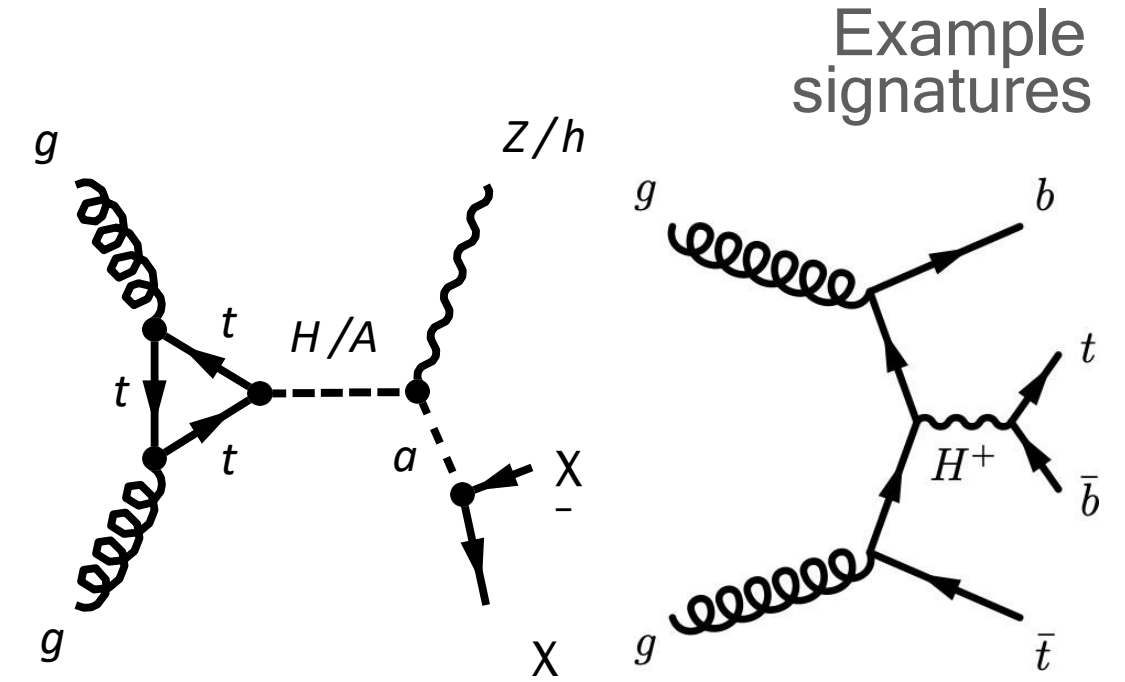


ATLAS results are particularly competitive for low DM masses



# Combination and summary: 2HDM+a model

- Add complex doublet + pseudoscalar mediator + fermionic DM candidate
- 3 of most sensitive searches combined statistically: **mono-H( $\rightarrow$ bb), Mono-Z( $\rightarrow$ ll), tbH( $\rightarrow$ tb)**
- Complementarity with lower-mass searches for pseudoscalars (2202.12631)

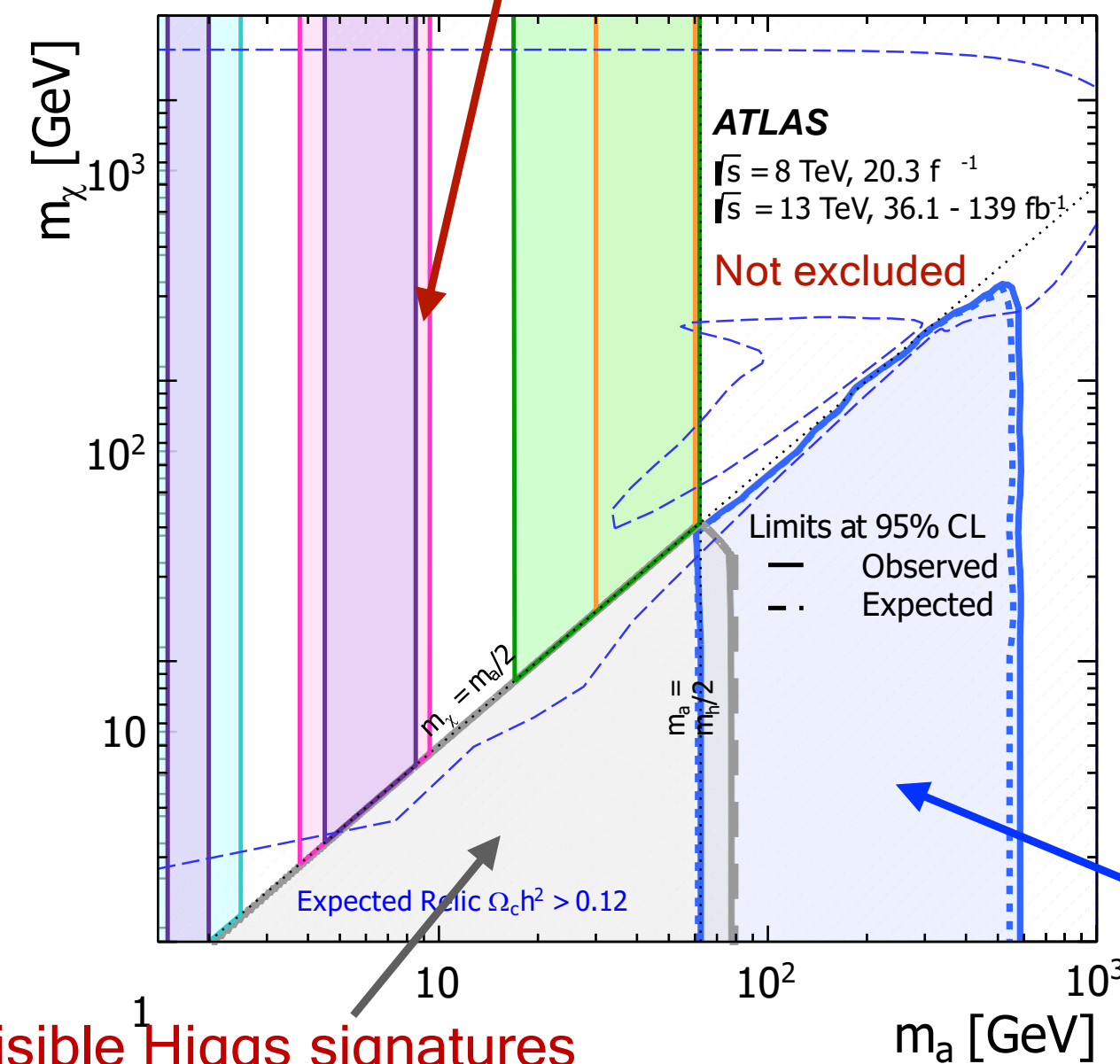


- $E_T^{\text{miss}} + h(\gamma\gamma)$ ,  $139 \text{ fb}^{-1}$   
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- $E_T^{\text{miss}} + tW$ ,  $139 \text{ fb}^{-1}$   
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- $E_T^{\text{miss}} + j$ ,  $139 \text{ fb}^{-1}$   
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- $t\bar{t}t$ ,  $139 \text{ fb}^{-1}$   
arXiv:2211.01136
- $h \rightarrow \text{invisible}$ ,  $139 \text{ fb}^{-1}$   
arxiv:2301.10731
- **Combination**  
 $E_T^{\text{miss}} + h(b\bar{b})$ ,  $E_T^{\text{miss}} + Z(\ell\ell)$ ,  $tbH^\pm(tb)$

Wide range of masses are excluded

## $h \rightarrow aa \rightarrow$ SM resonance searches

2HDM+a, Dirac DM,  $\sin\theta = 0.35$ ,  $\tan\beta = 1$ ,  $g_\chi = 1$ ,  $m_A = m_H = m_{H^\pm} = 1.2$  TeV



Invisible Higgs signatures kick in for lower DM masses

- $E_T^{\text{miss}} + h(b\bar{b})$ ,  $139 \text{ fb}^{-1}$   
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- $h \rightarrow \text{invisible}$ ,  $139 \text{ fb}^{-1}$   
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- $h \rightarrow aa \rightarrow \mu\mu\tau\tau$ ,  $20.3 \text{ fb}^{-1}$   
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- $h \rightarrow aa \rightarrow \mu\mu\mu\mu$ ,  $36.1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$   
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- $h \rightarrow aa \rightarrow \mu\mu\mu\mu$ ,  $139 \text{ fb}^{-1}$   
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- $h \rightarrow aa \rightarrow bbbb$ ,  $36.1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$   
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- $h \rightarrow aa \rightarrow bb\mu\mu$ ,  $139 \text{ fb}^{-1}$   
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- Observed Relic  $\Omega_c h^2 = 0.12$

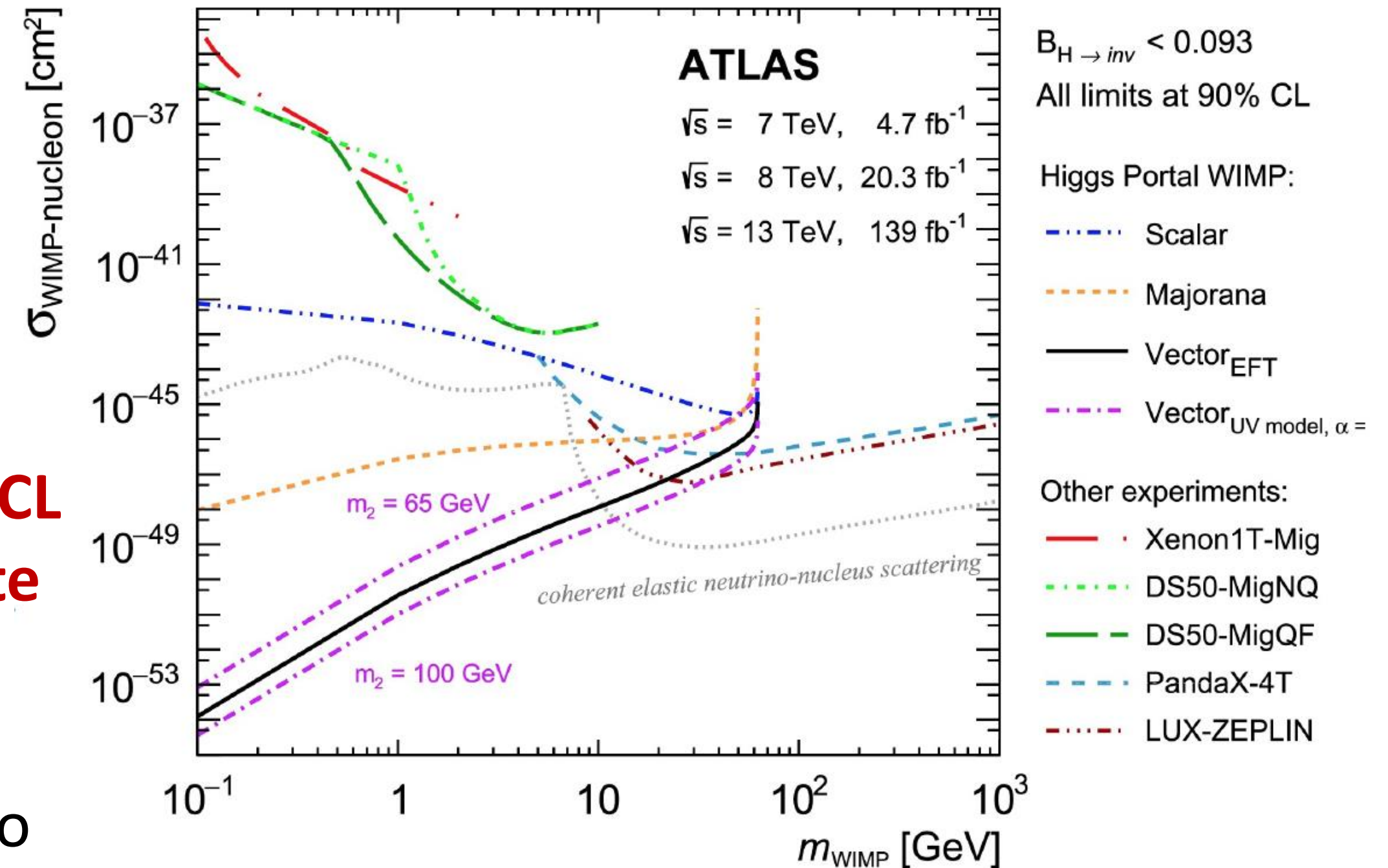
Mono-H( $\rightarrow$ bb)

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# Combination and summary: Higgs portal

90% CL on the spin-independent WIMP-nucleon scattering cross-section

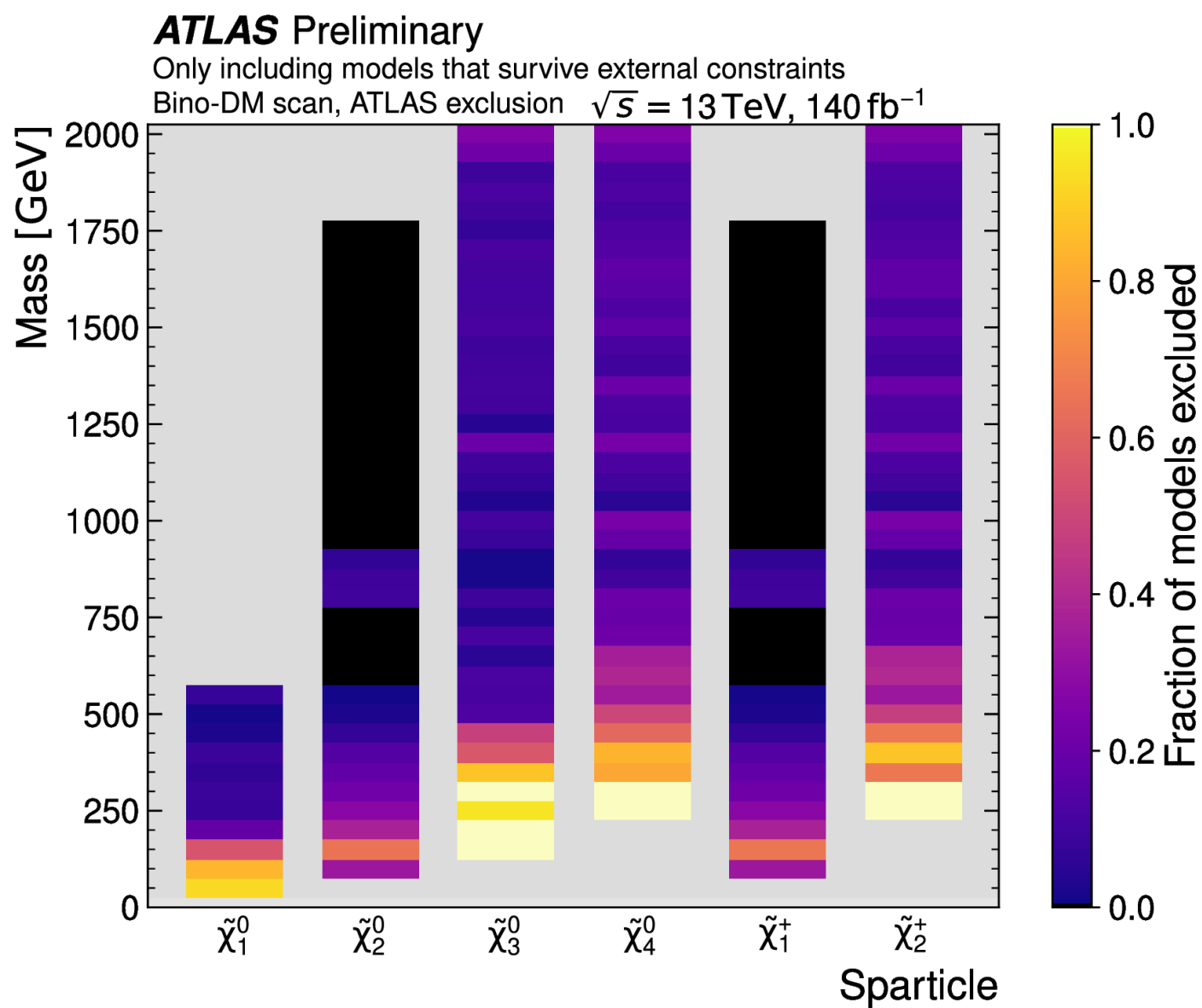
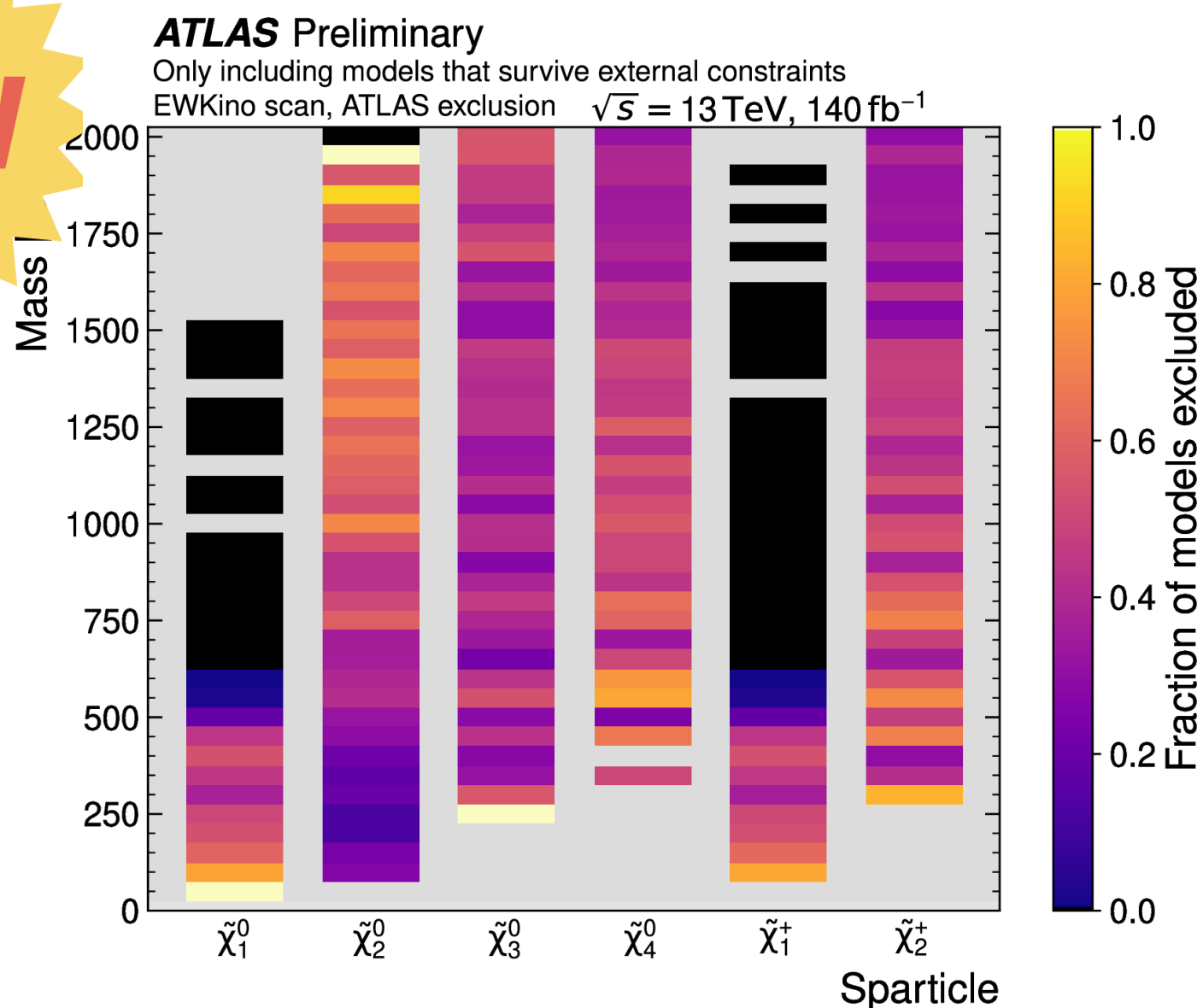
- SM particles get mass through the Higgs  $\rightarrow$  DM could also be produced in Higgs decays
- SM Higgs invisible decays are  $<0.1\%$
- **The analysis:  $B(H \rightarrow \text{inv})_{\text{obs}} < 10.7\% @95\% \text{CL}$   
 $B(H \rightarrow \text{inv})_{\text{exp}} < (7.7\%) @95\% \text{CL best to date}$**
- Results also interpreted in the context of models with SM Higgs boson is portal to dark matter
- Exclusion regions extend to very low DM mass



The regions above the limit contours are excluded



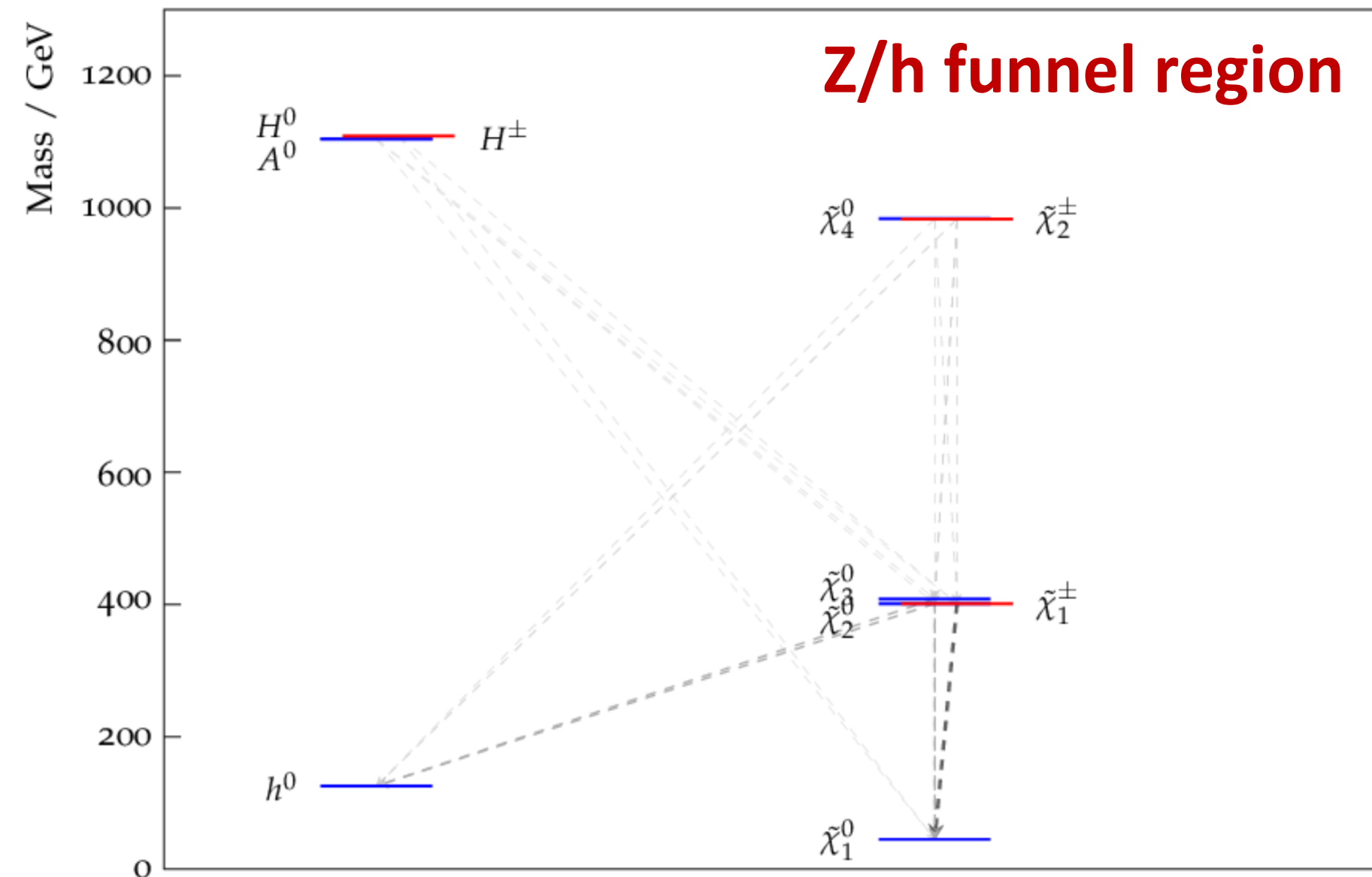
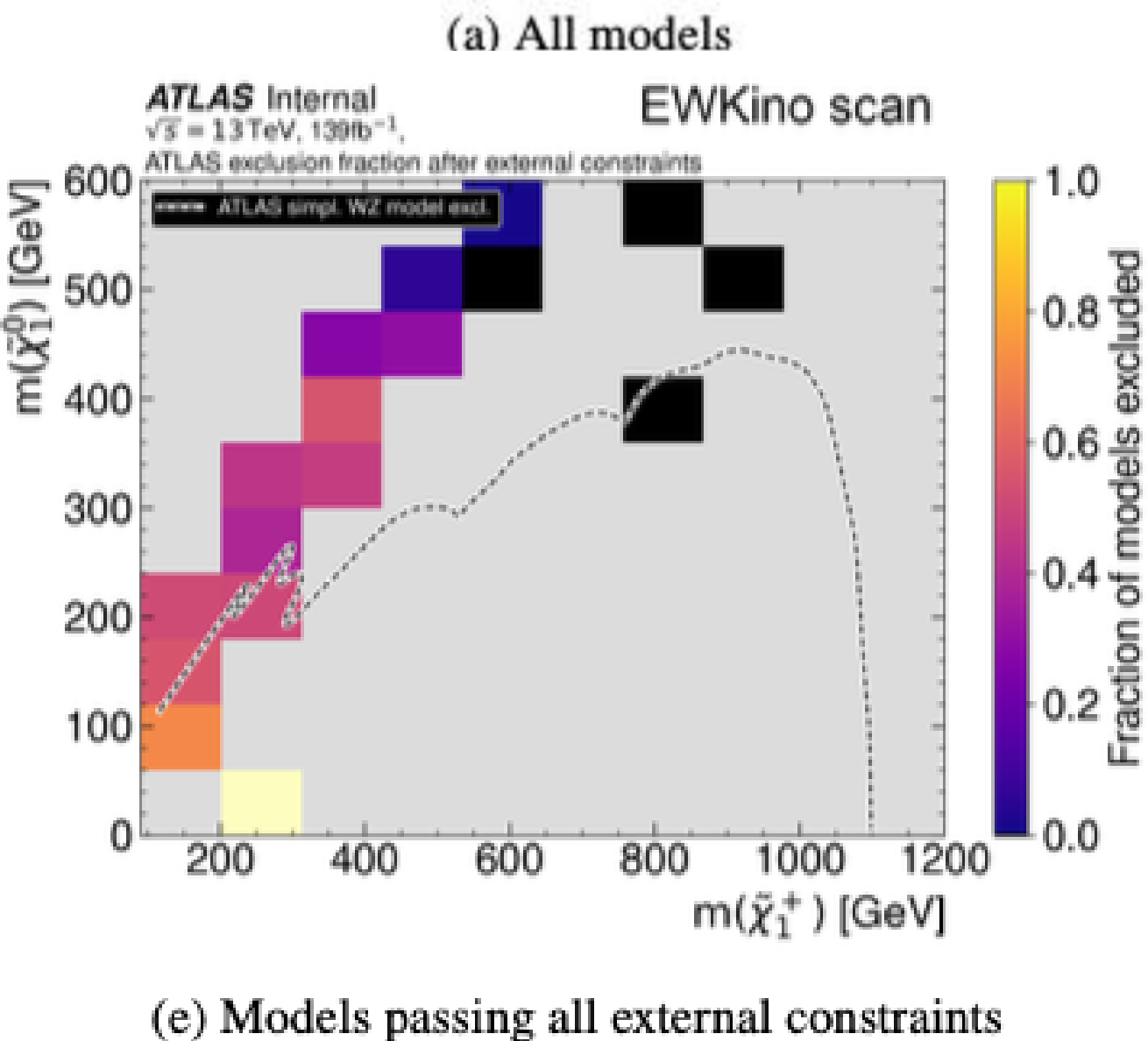
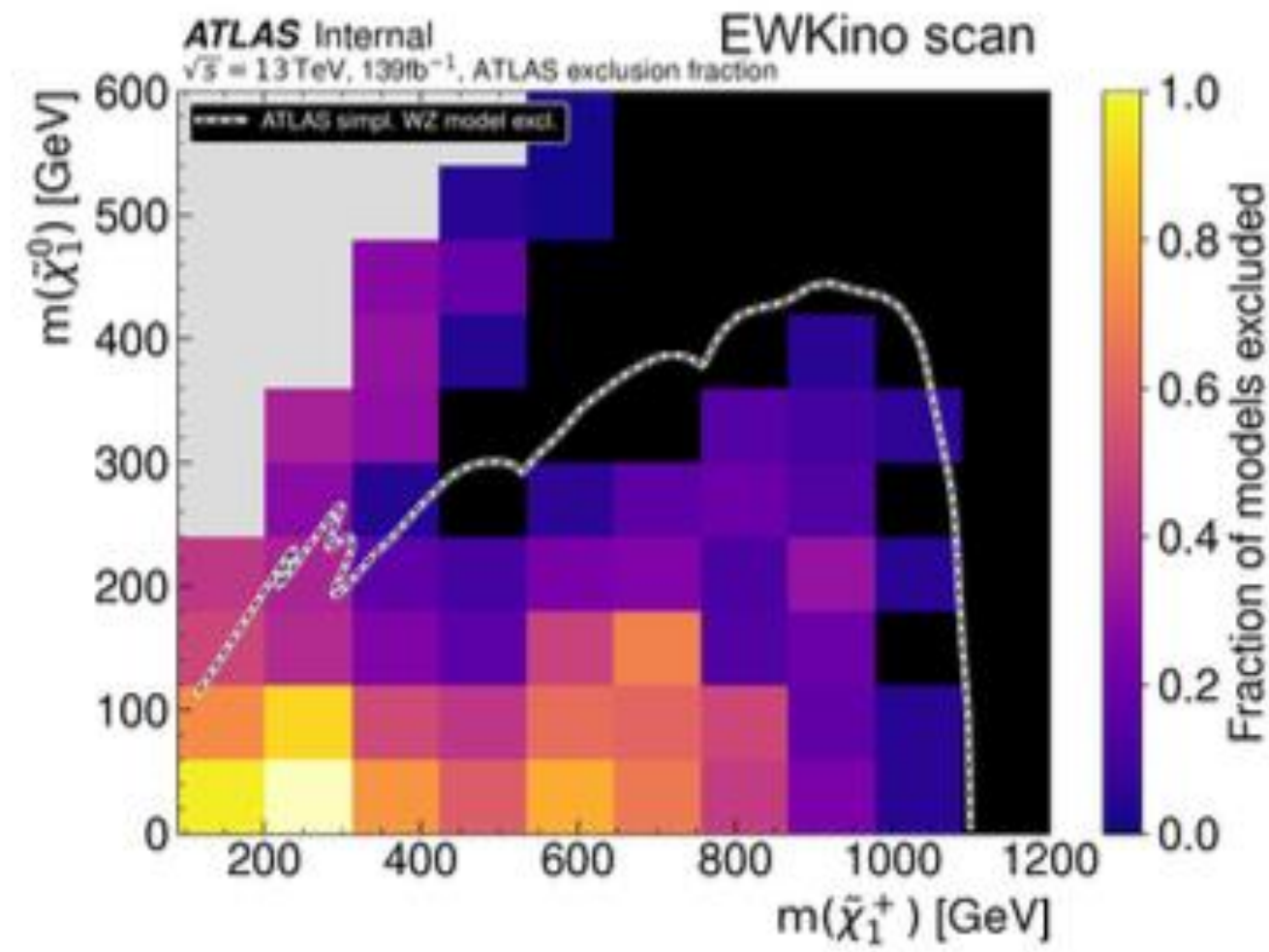
# Review of SUSY Dark Matter



- Scan exploring Phenomenological Minimal Supersymmetry (**pMSSM**: UV complete Model, normally simplified models are used)
- Tens of thousands of different models, with different masses predictions tested
- Impose LHC + external constraints **LEP, flavor, precision EWK, DM direct**

# Review of SUSY Dark Matter

- Almost full exclusion of low-mass  $\chi_{01}$  in regions where it would not oversaturate DM relic abundance
- Surviving SUSY model: **not excluded** but with mass-spectrum within published simplified model contours.



# Dark sector searches

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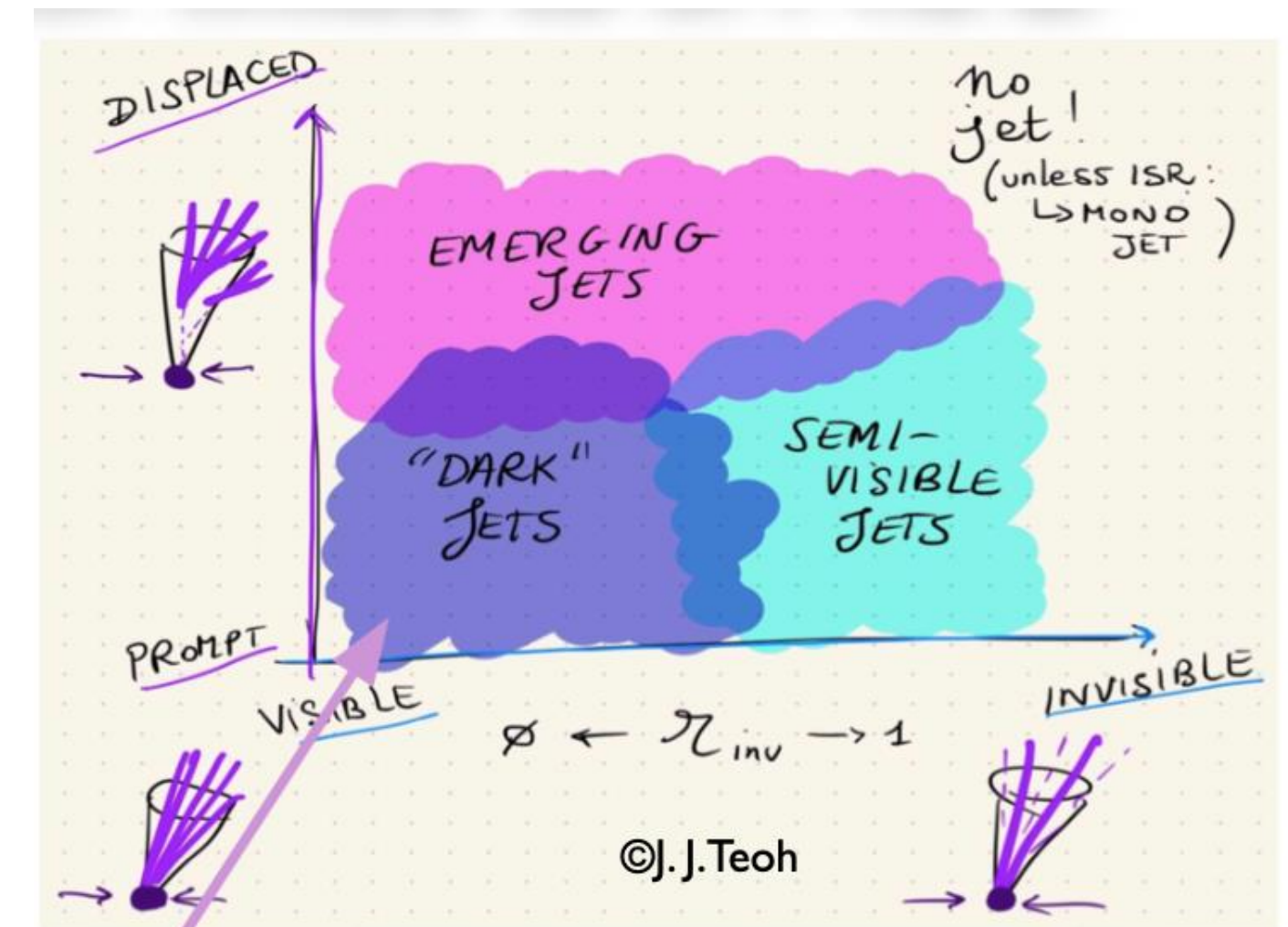
- DM in a hidden sector, with particles which don't undergo SM gauge interactions
  - May communicate with SM via mediators, which could be DM candidates OR provide portals to them
  - Coupling to SM encoded in a mixing term in the Lagrangian

Portal	Coupling
Dark Photon, $A_\mu$	$-\frac{\epsilon}{2 \cos \theta_W} F'_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu}$
Dark Higgs, $S$	$(\mu S + \lambda S^2) H^\dagger H$
Axion, $a$	$\frac{a}{f_a} F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu}, \frac{a}{f_a} G_{i,\mu\nu} \tilde{G}_i^{\mu\nu}, \frac{\partial_\mu a}{f_a} \bar{\psi} \gamma^\mu \gamma^5 \psi$
Sterile Neutrino, $N$	$y_N L H N$

- Can also have strongly interacting dark sectors with new SU(N)

Very wide range of signatures to search for!

- Dark quarks form bound dark hadron states
- Unstable dark hadrons can decay to SM quarks, others traverse the detector  $\rightarrow$  dark or semi-visible jets



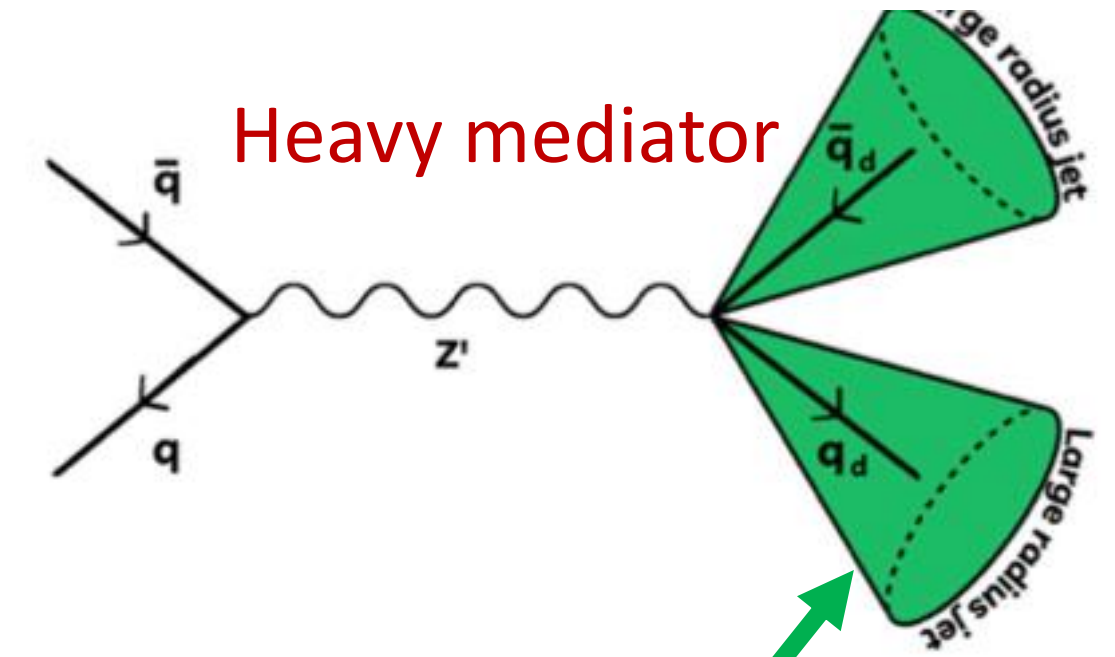
uncovered phase space!

**NEW**

# Dark Jet Resonance

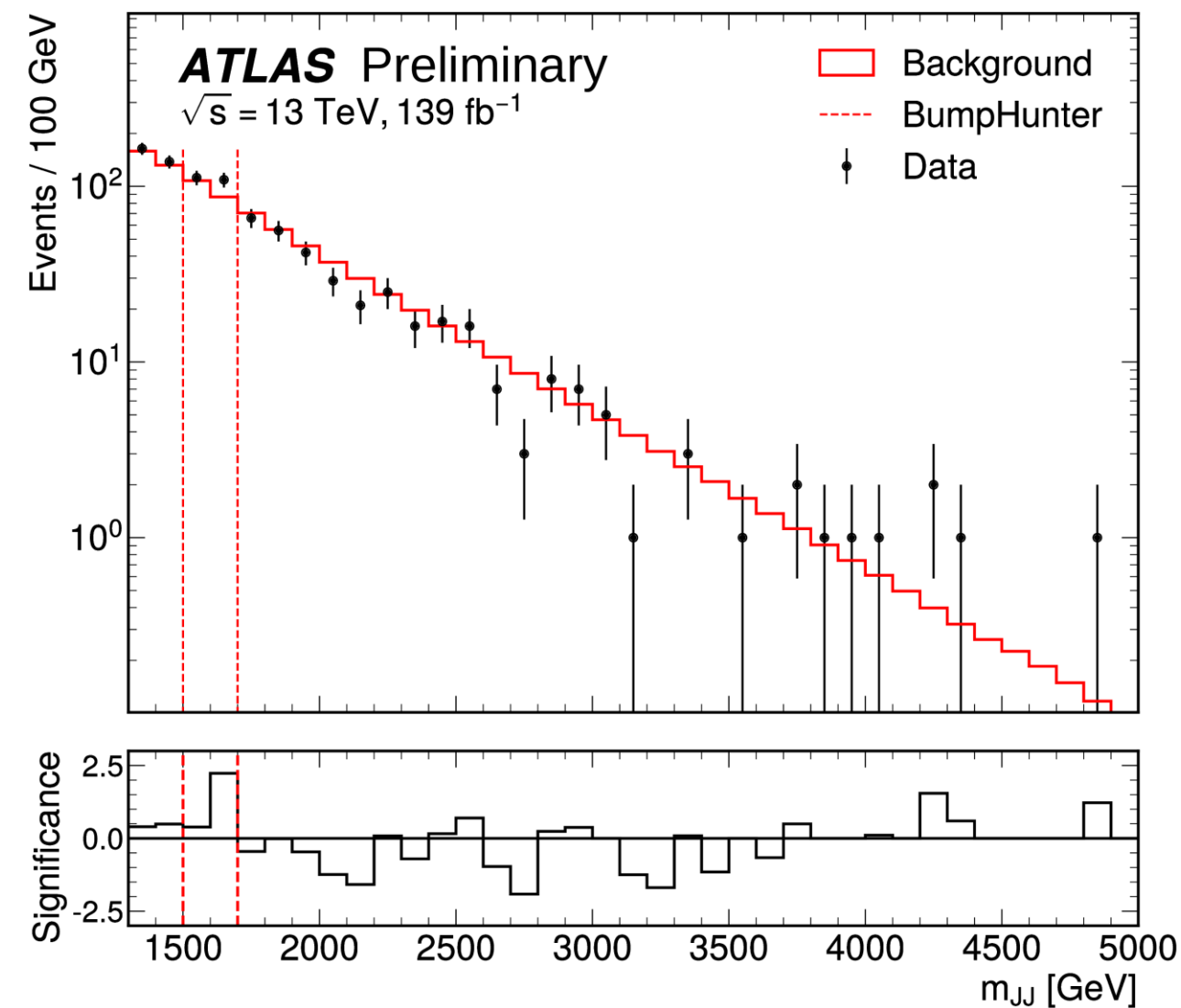
Model: QCD-like dark sector linked to SM through  $Z'$

- Stable dark hadrons with unusual dijet signatures (higher charged-particle multiplicity)
- Search for dark jets bump in mass spectrum of two large-R jets

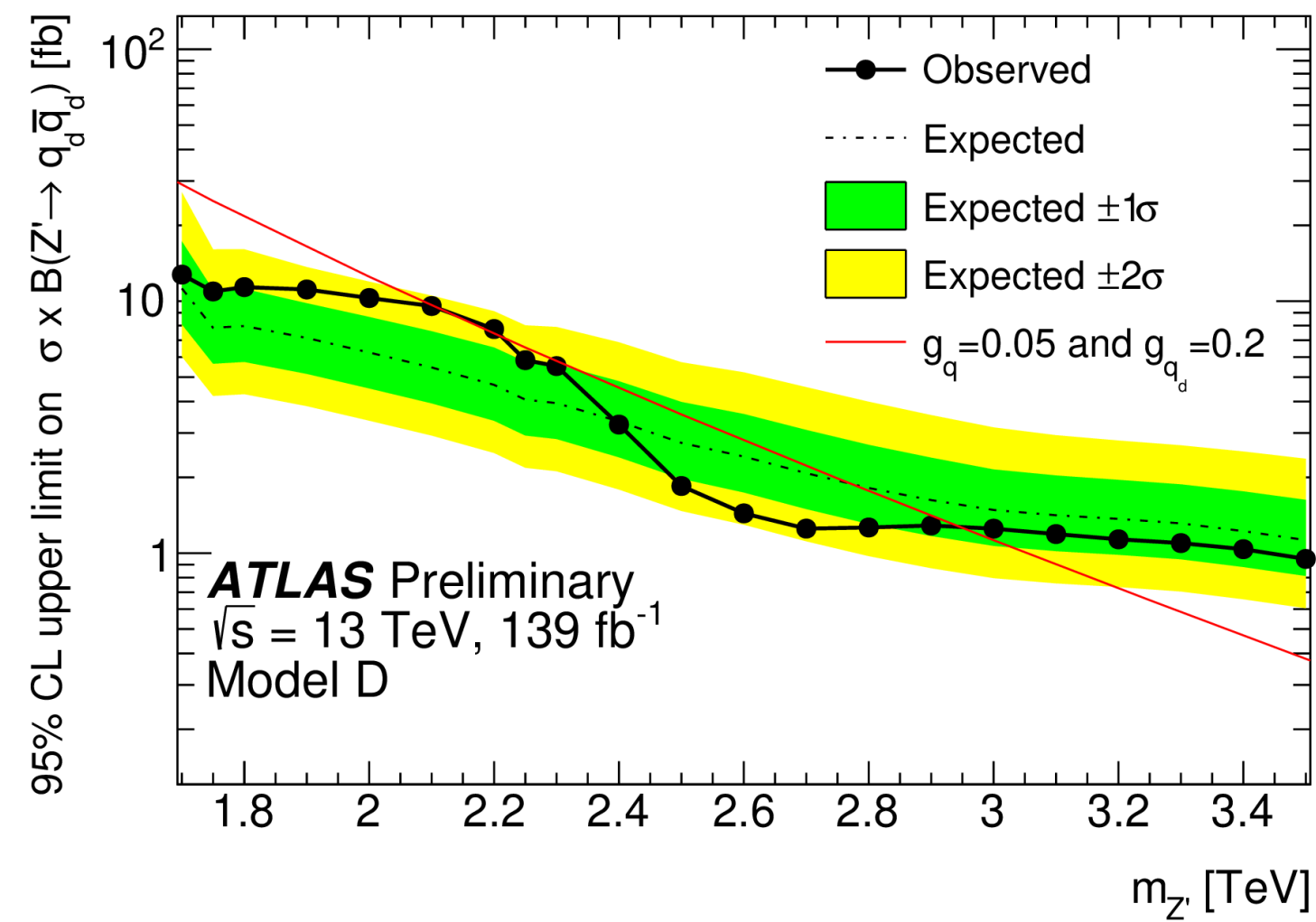


Jets **wider** and with higher **multiplicity**

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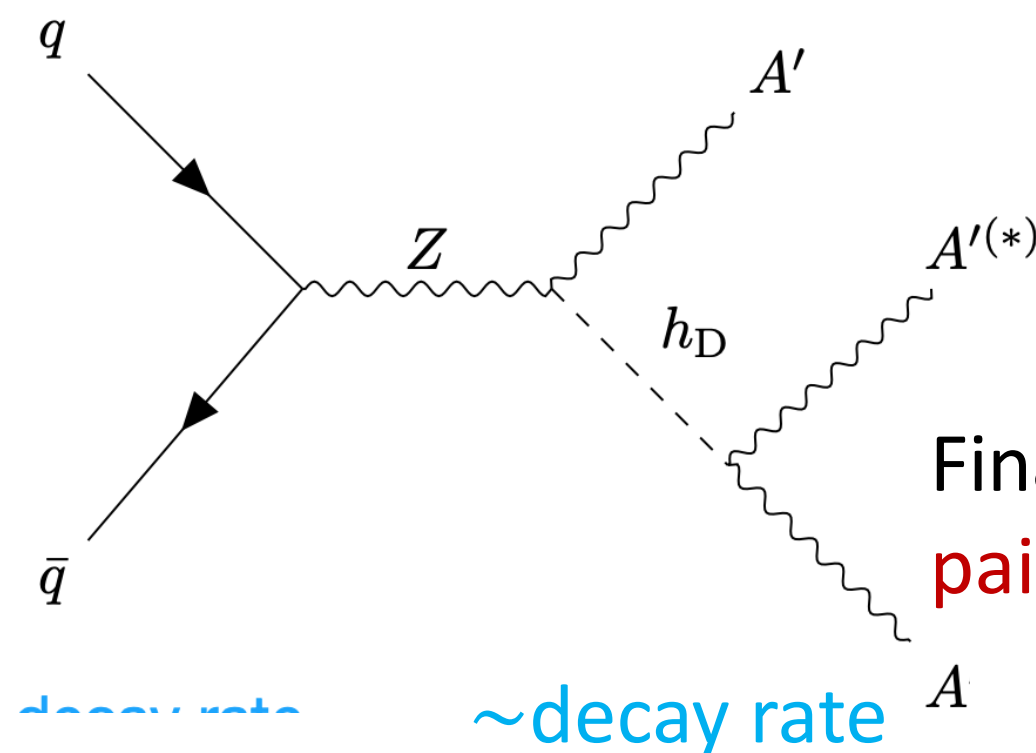
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**NEW**

# Dark photons in rare Z decays

- Dark Abelian Higgs model adds dark Higgs  $h_D$  for massive dark photon  $A'$
- $Z \rightarrow h_D A'$  for light  $A'$  masses
- $A'$  decays into lepton pairs (or hadrons)



Final state: at least **two lepton pairs with similar masses**

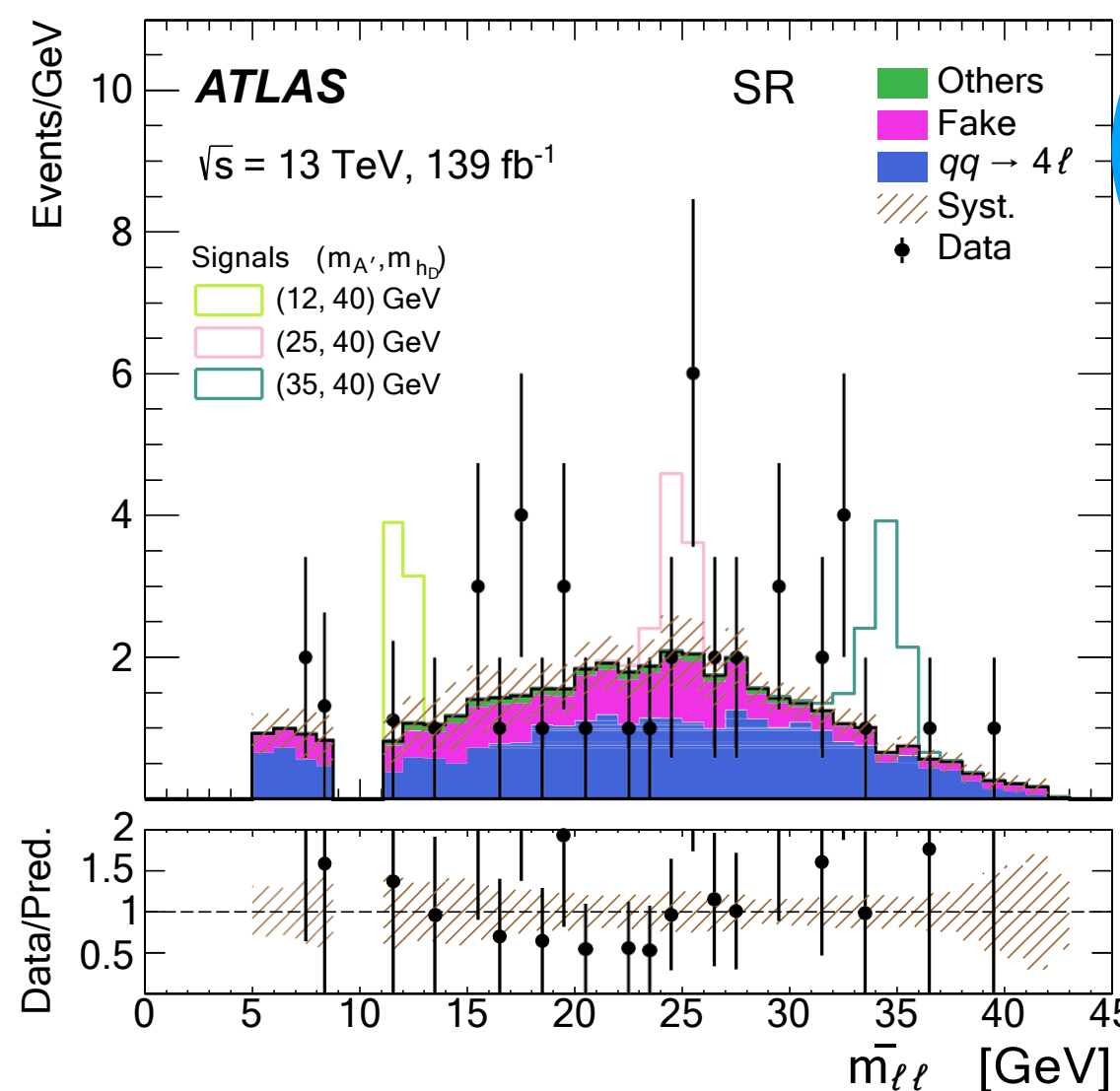
## Parameters:

$m_{h_D}, m_{A'}$

coupling of  $A$  with SM ( $\epsilon$ ),

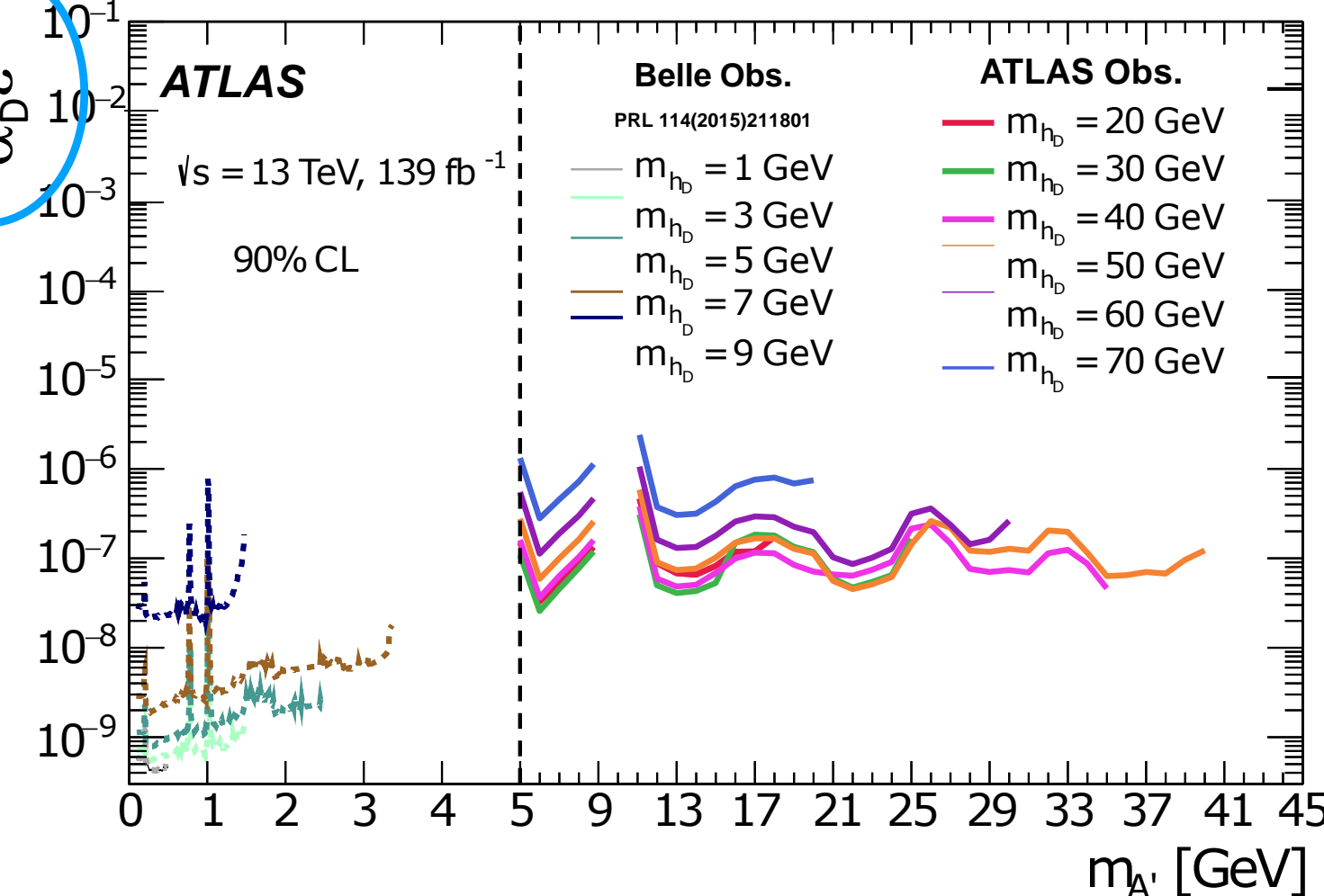
coupling of  $A'$  with DM ( $\alpha_D$ )

coupling of  $h_D$  with H



$\sim$  decay rate

$\alpha_D \epsilon^2$



Complementary to Belle searches

[2306.07413](#) submitted to PRL



# ALP search with AFP

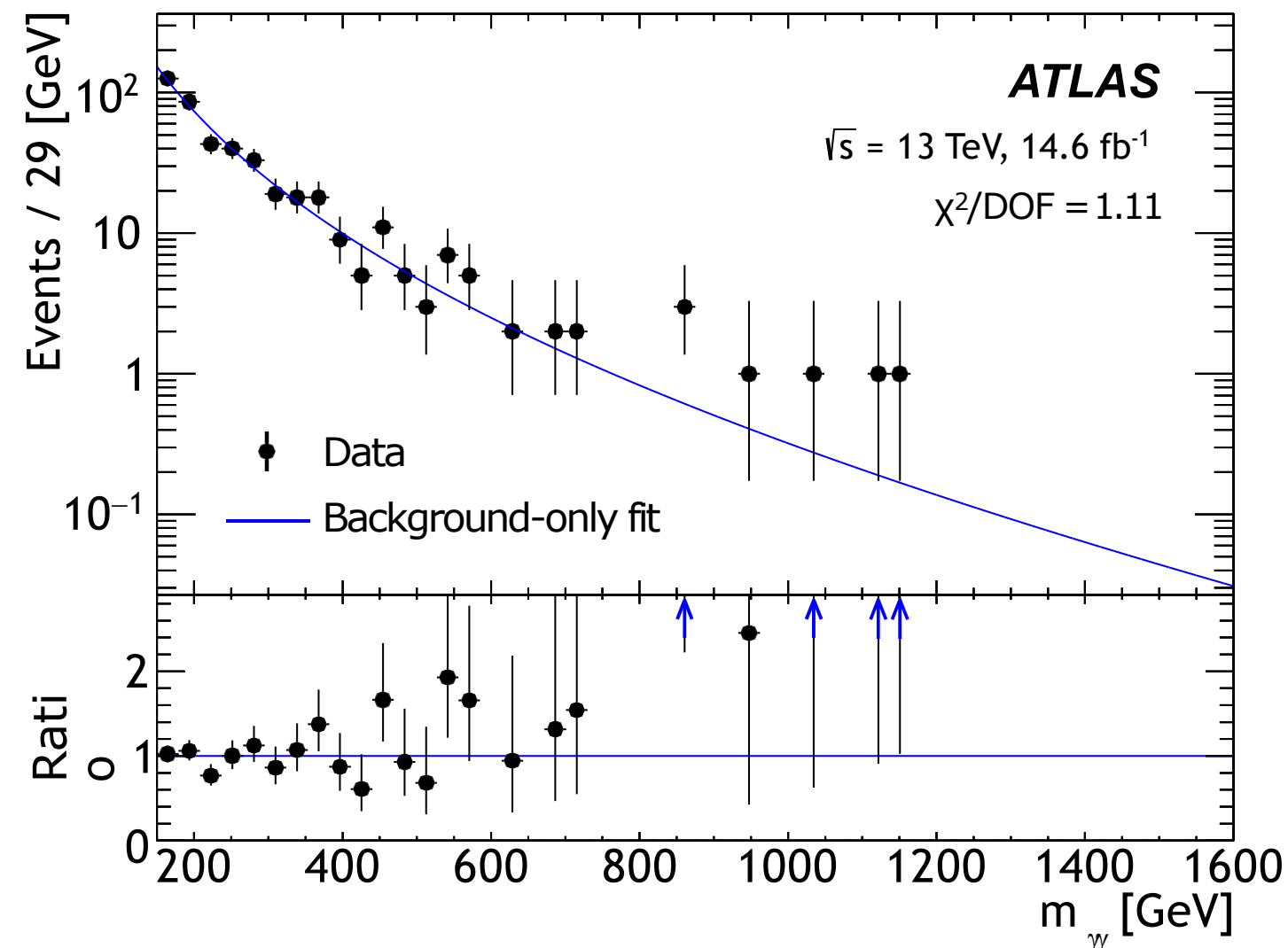
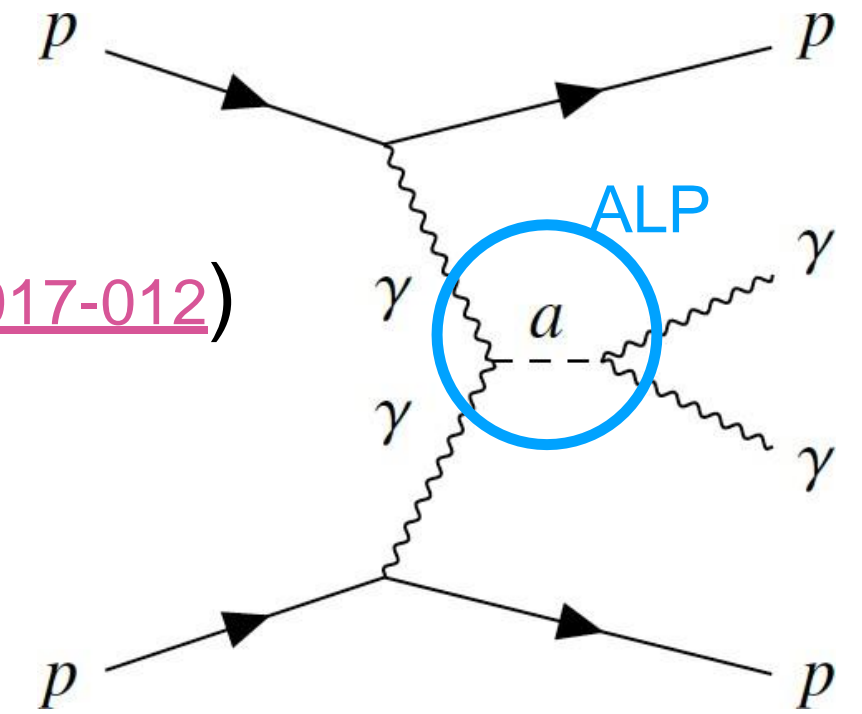
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## ALPs with forward proton scattering in association with photon pairs

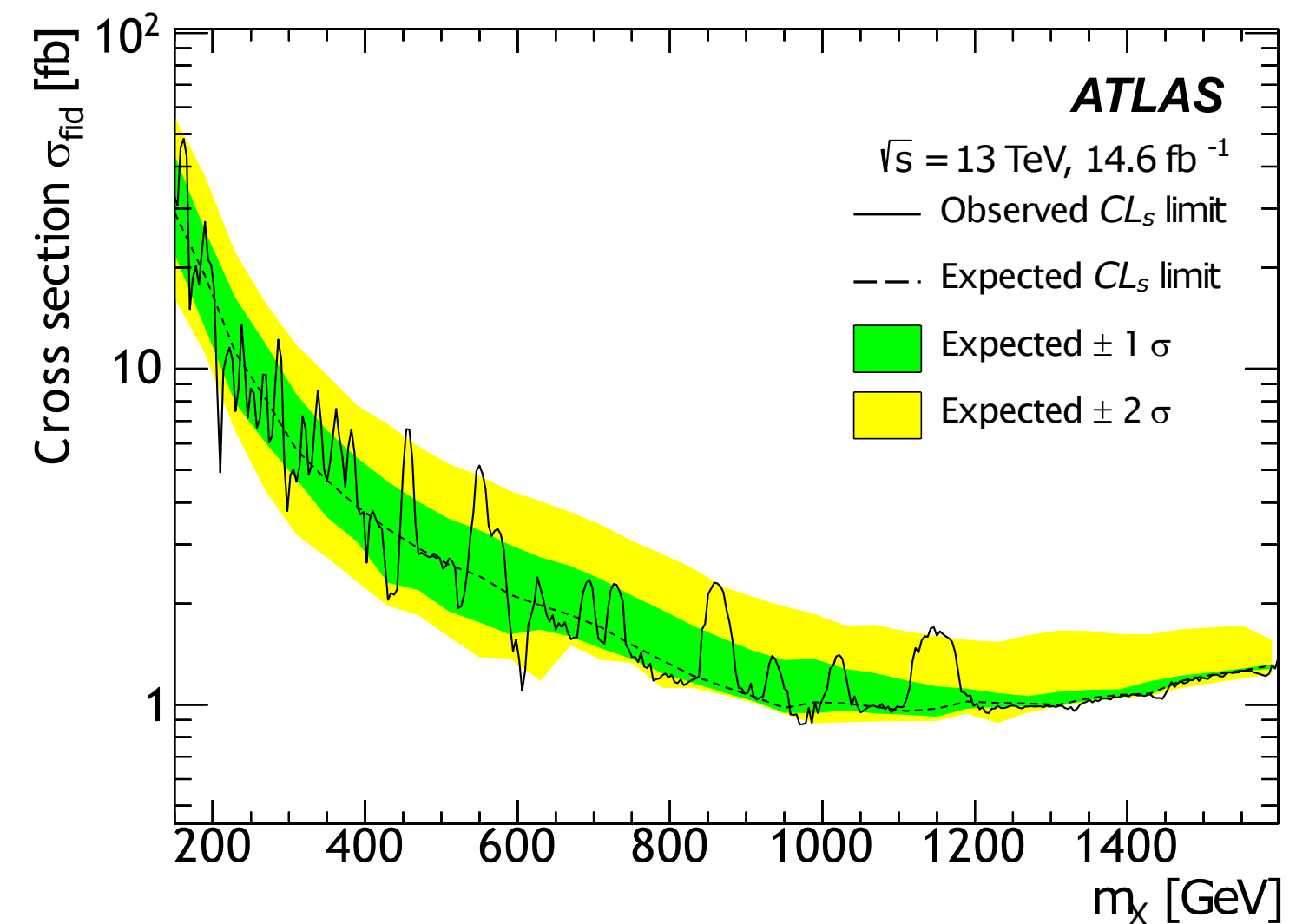
First BSM search using ATLAS Forward Proton (AFP) ([ATLAS-TDR-024](#), [ATL-PHYS-PUB-2017-012](#))

4 tracking units located at  $z = \pm 205$  m and  $\pm 217$  m

- Diphoton resonance search in events with at least one proton tagged in AFP
- Data-driven estimate of combinatorial background from photon pairs w/ protons from another collision



Unbinned maximum likelihood fit to the  $m_\gamma$  distribution

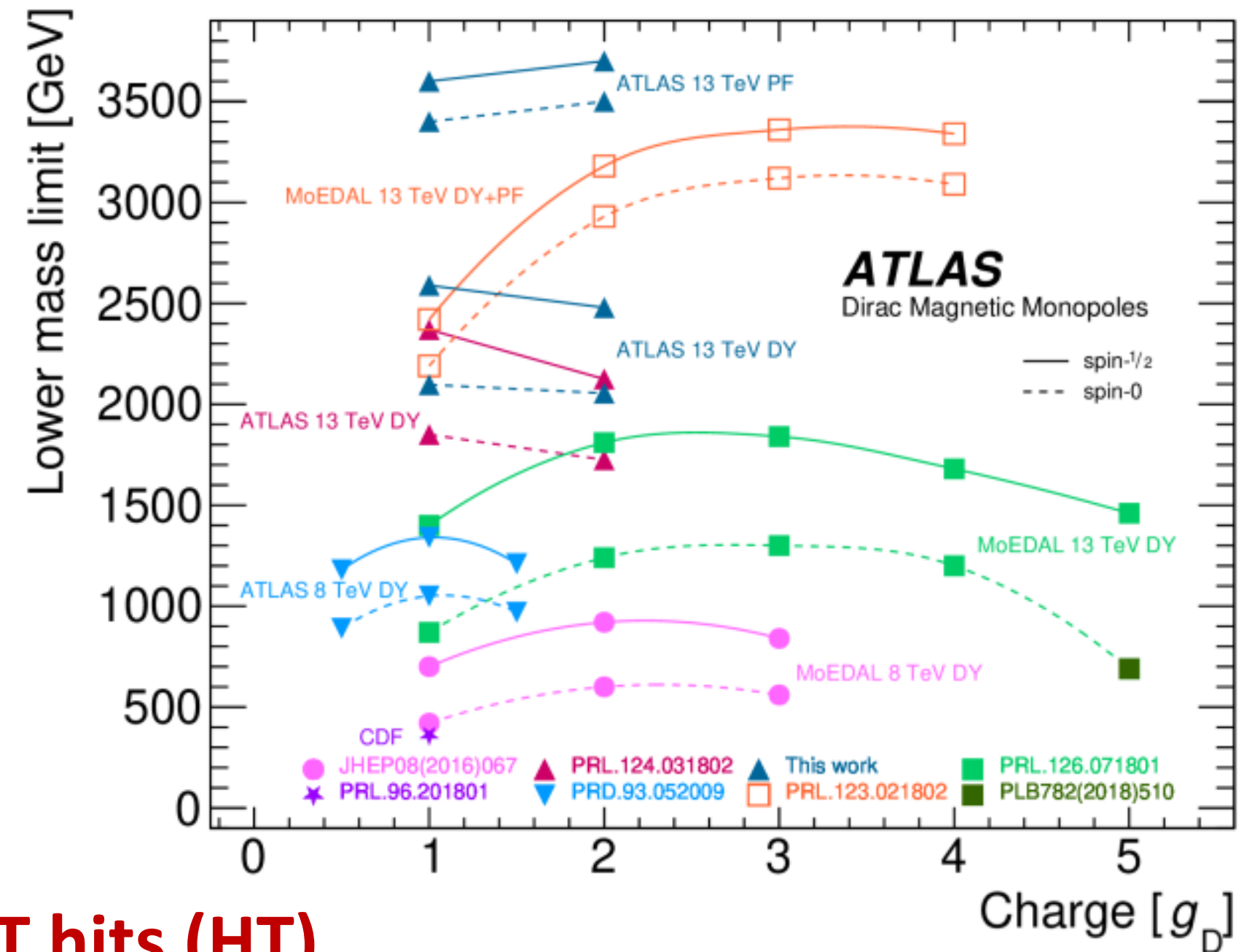
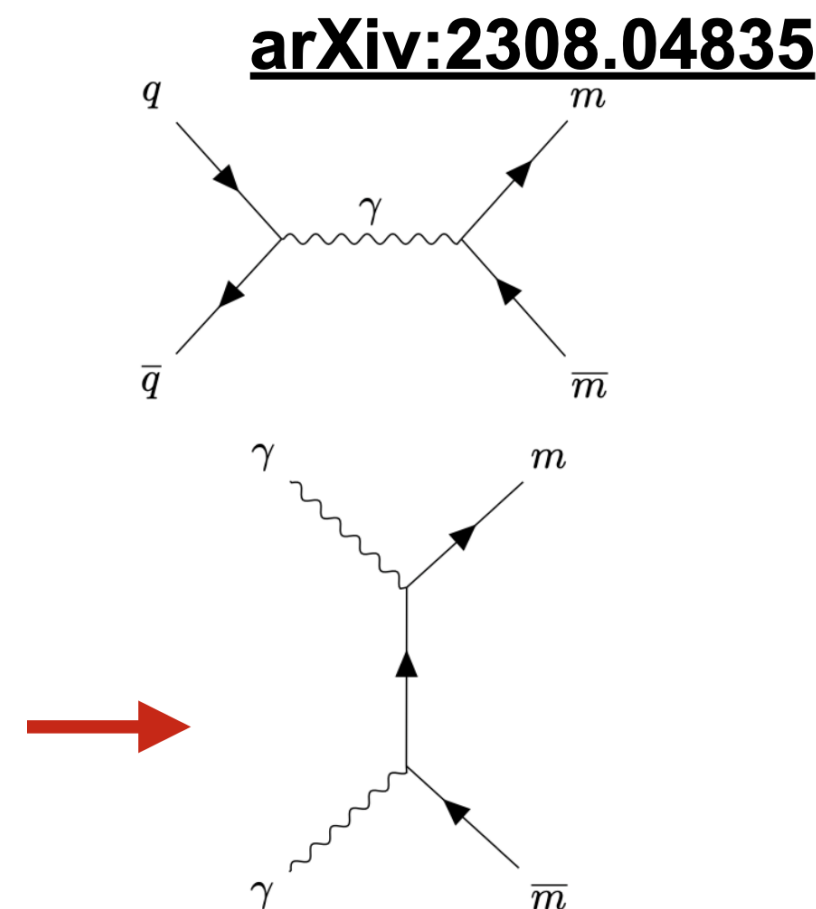
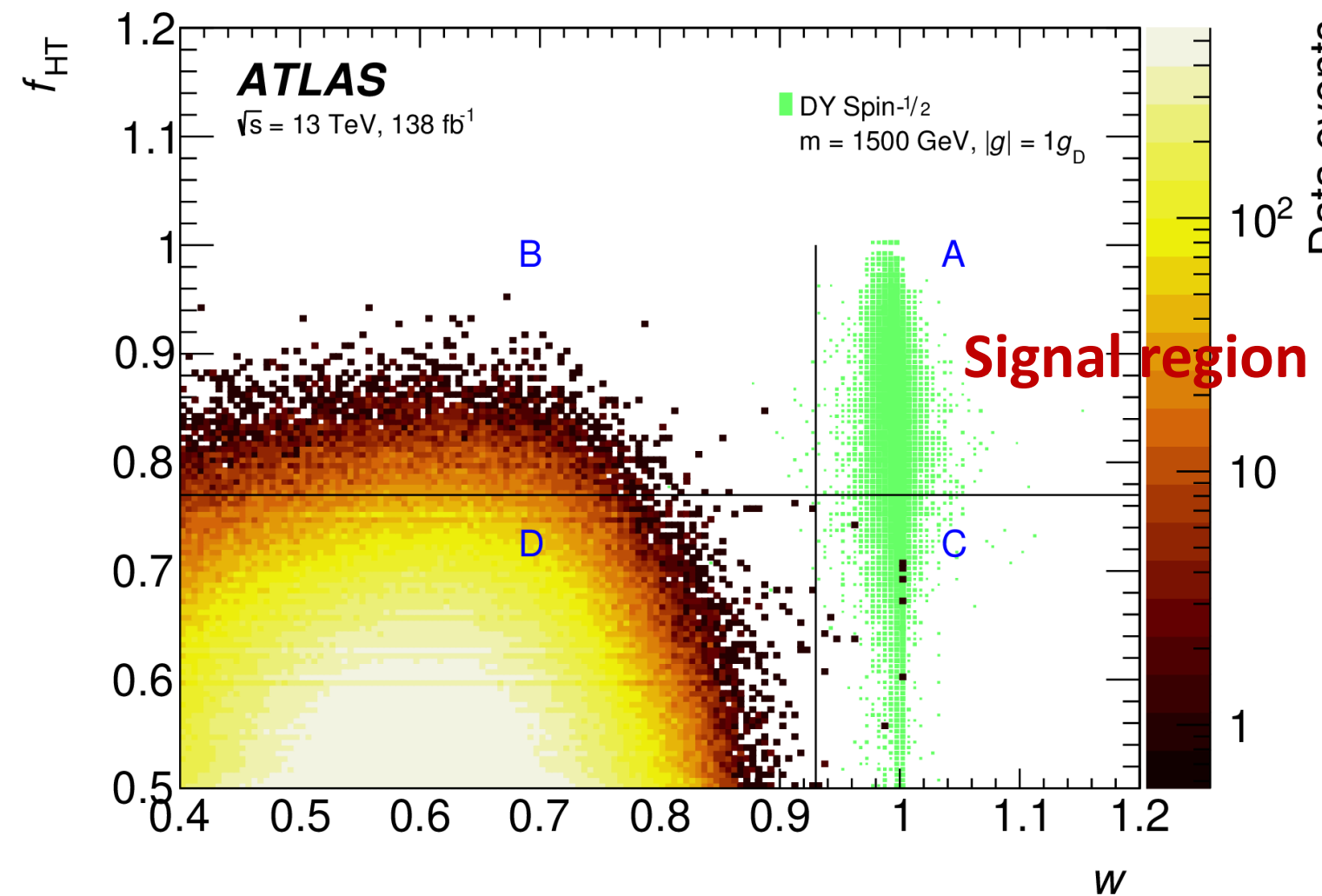


No excess  $\rightarrow$  Cross section exclusion limits

**NEW**

# Highly ionizing particles

- Search for pair of magnetic monopoles and stable particles with high electric charges
- **Factor 3 better than previous x-section limits** by ATLAS, with  $36 \text{ fb}^{-1}$
- First ATLAS limits on photon-fusion pair production mechanism.



- HIPs produce TRT tracks with  $\delta$ -rays  $\rightarrow$  **many high TRT hits (HT)**
- Too massive to produce shower in EM calo  $\rightarrow$  **low lateral dispersion (w)**

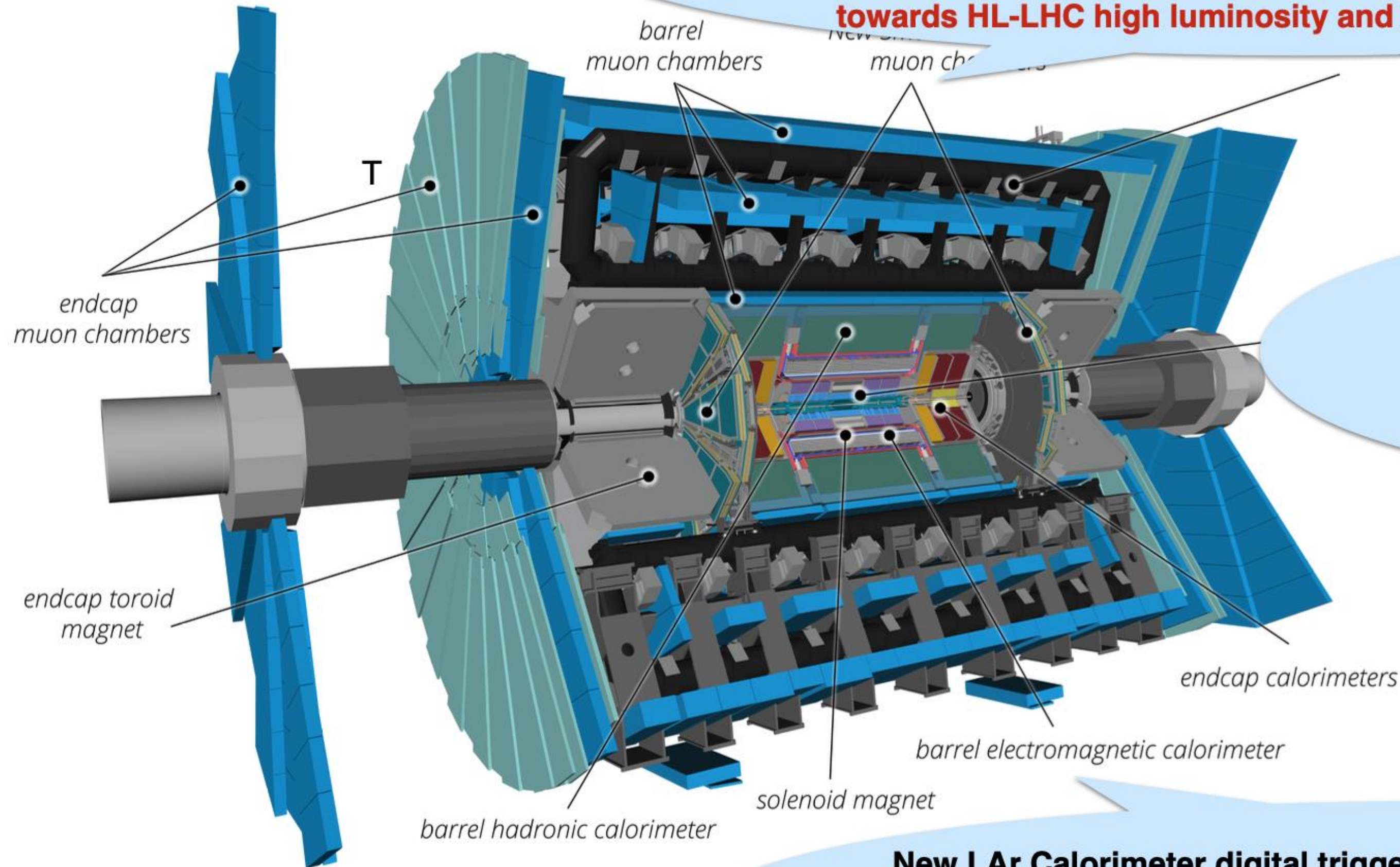
# Conclusions

- ATLAS: taking data, preparing for an ambitious HL-LHC upgrade, and analysing its fantastic Run-1, 2 and 3 data samples, with an extremely broad and diverse physics programme
- Search program is benefiting from ever more sophisticated analyses
- ~40 new results released this summer: most with well-understood Run-2 dataset, first cross-section measurements at 13.6 TeV, incl. Higgs boson re-observation
- Successful **DM search programme**
  - Probing a wide range of final states and models
    - Range of WIMP hypotheses - still many options
    - Many results on other options: dark sectors, ALPs
- LHC Run-2 results still coming and Run-3 dataset growing fast!
  - Many new ideas, improved techniques and new theoretical models

Thank you!

# New ATLAS detector

[arXiv:2305.16623](https://arxiv.org/abs/2305.16623)



Muon New Small Wheels to replace innermost forward Muon station to

1) improve Level 1 trigger

2) maintain good tracking in end-cap region

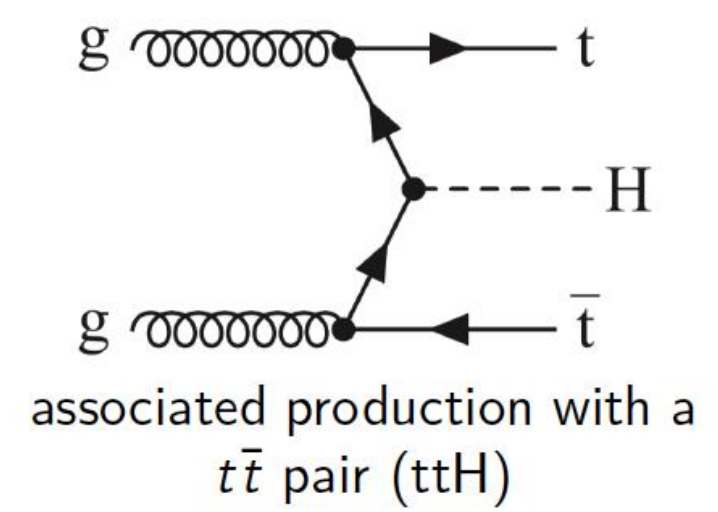
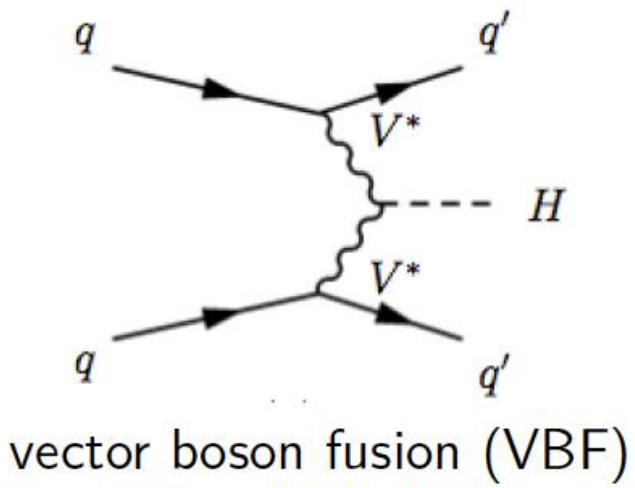
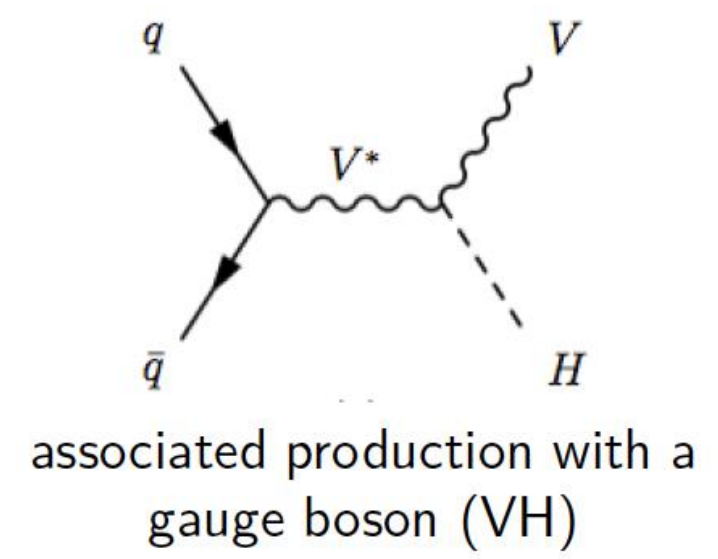
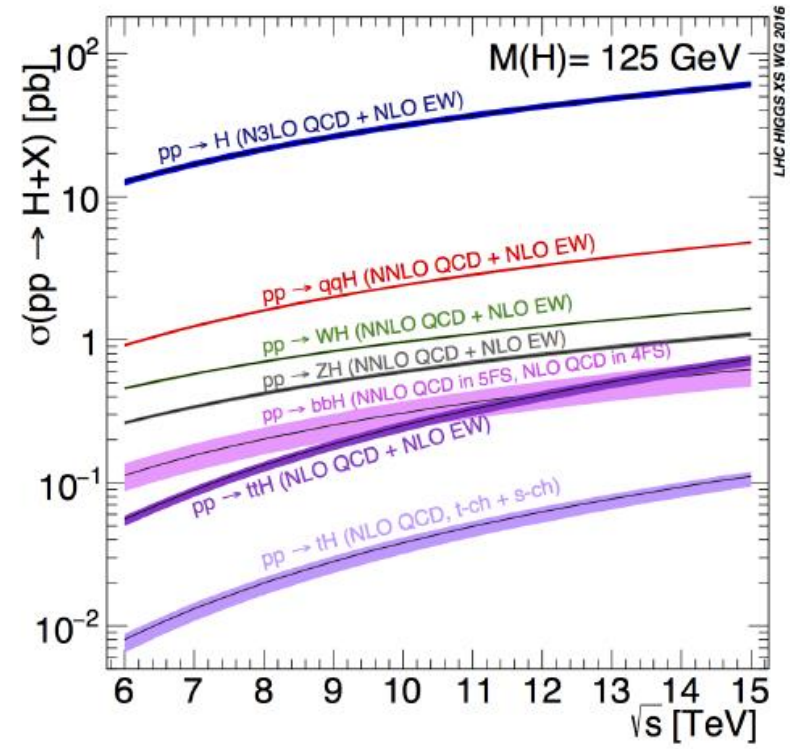
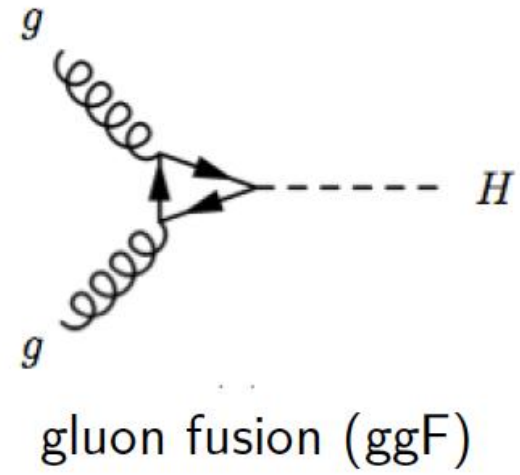
**towards HL-LHC high luminosity and high background rates**

**Trigger And data acquisition systems have upgraded hardware ad software allowing the trigger to spot a wide range of collision events (with same acceptance)**

**New LAr Calorimeter digital trigger electronic boards: improved trigger granularity!**

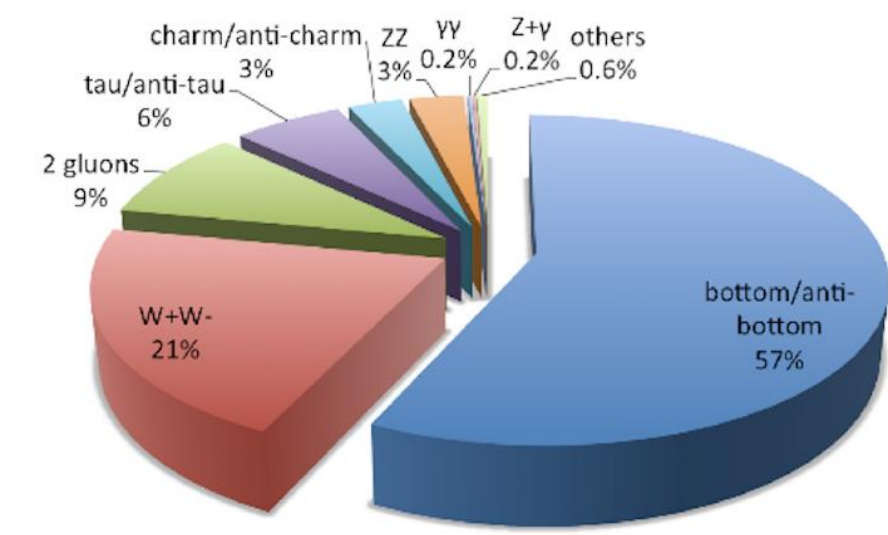
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# Higgs production



- Largest cross section for gluon fusion and vector boson fusion production modes

# Higgs decay



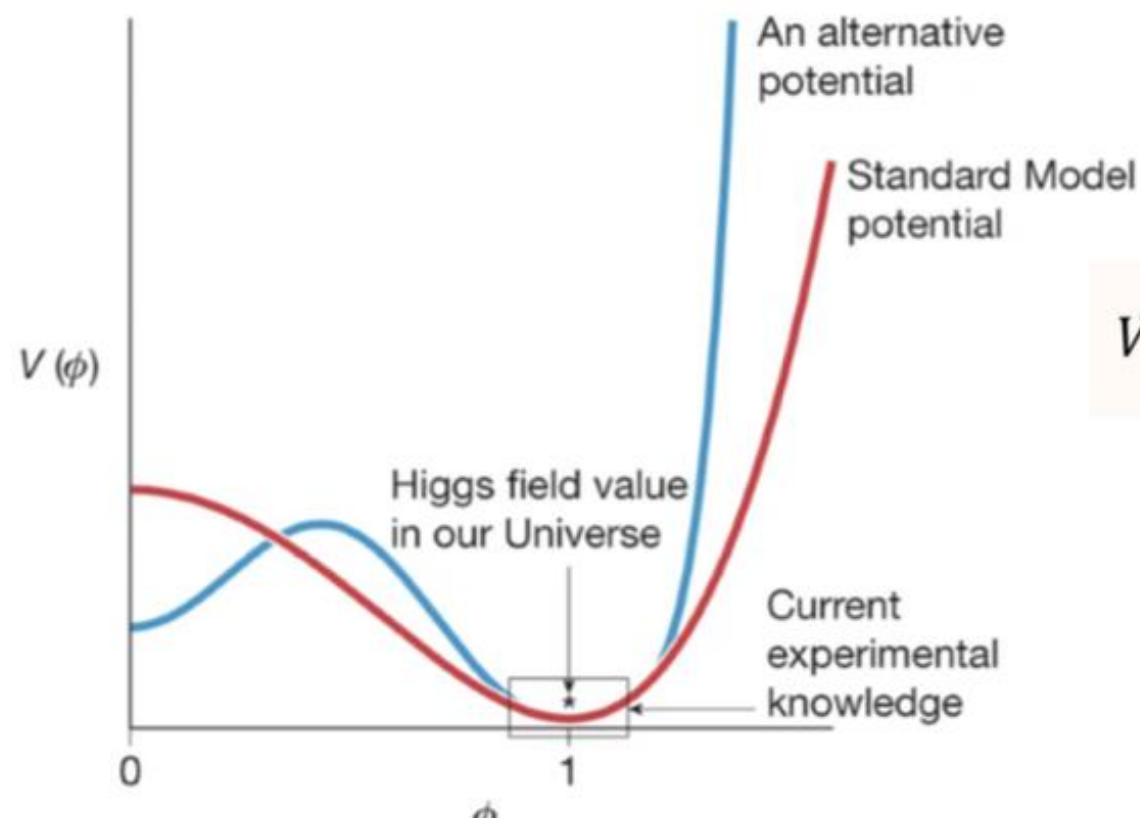
- Larger branching ratio (BR) for  $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ ,  $H \rightarrow WW^*$  and  $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$ , however poor mass resolution and large background contamination
- $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  and  $H \rightarrow ZZ^*(\rightarrow 4l)$  have lower BR, but high mass resolution; can be used for precision measurements

# Combination of di-Higgs searches

- To directly explore the electroweak symmetry breaking and the Higgs self coupling
- $HH \rightarrow 4b, bb\gamma\gamma, bb\tau\tau$  have been combined with single Higgs
- $\mu_{HH}: 2.4 \times \text{SM} (2.9 \times \text{SM exp.})$  at 95% CL
- $-0.4 < \kappa_\lambda < 6.3$  @95%CL (HH+H combination)

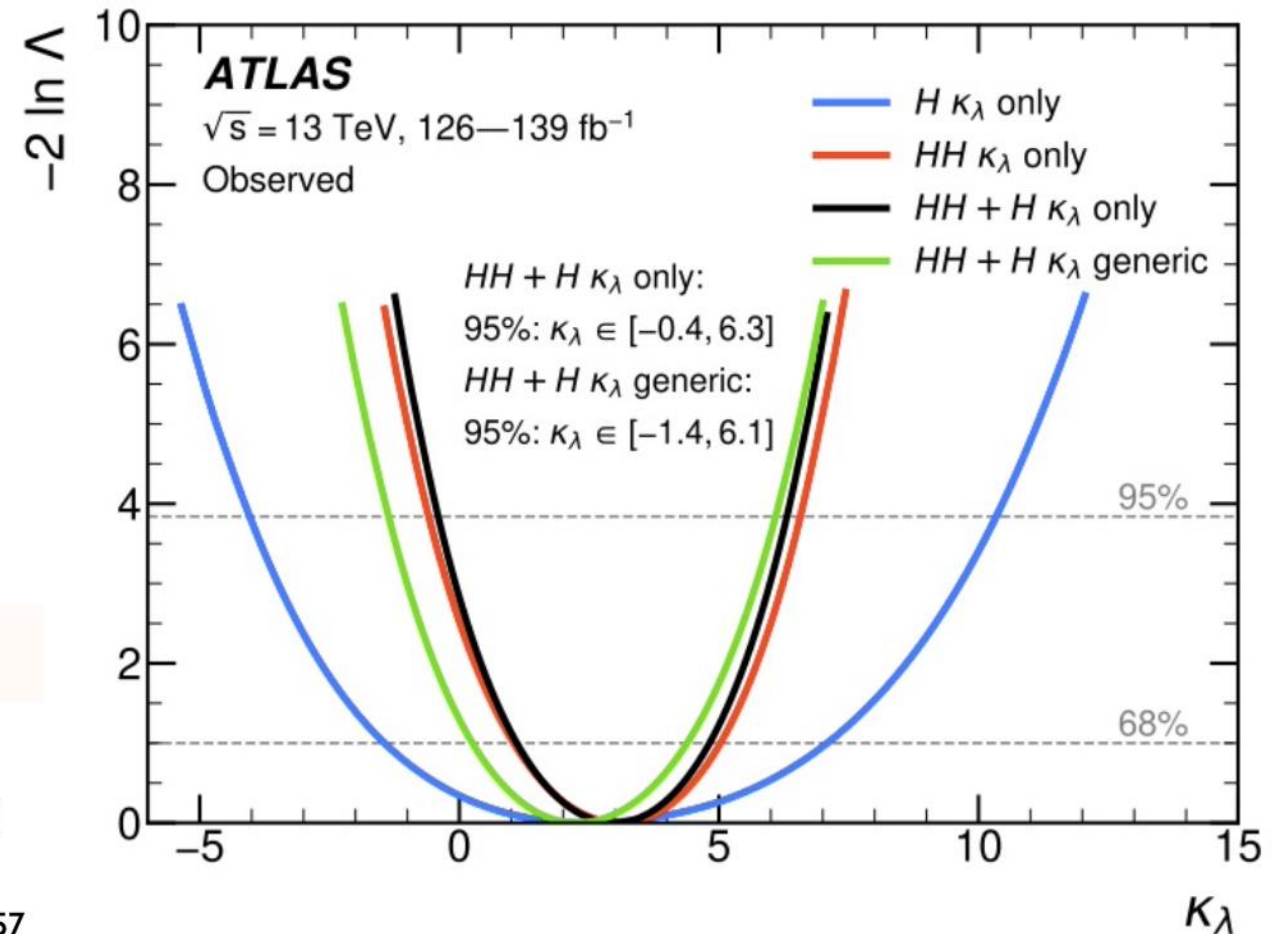
**Phys. Lett. B 843 (2023) 137745**

[G. Salam, Nature 607, 41–47 (2022)]



$$V(\phi) = -\frac{\mu^4}{4\lambda} - \mu^2 H^2 + \lambda v H^3 + \dots$$

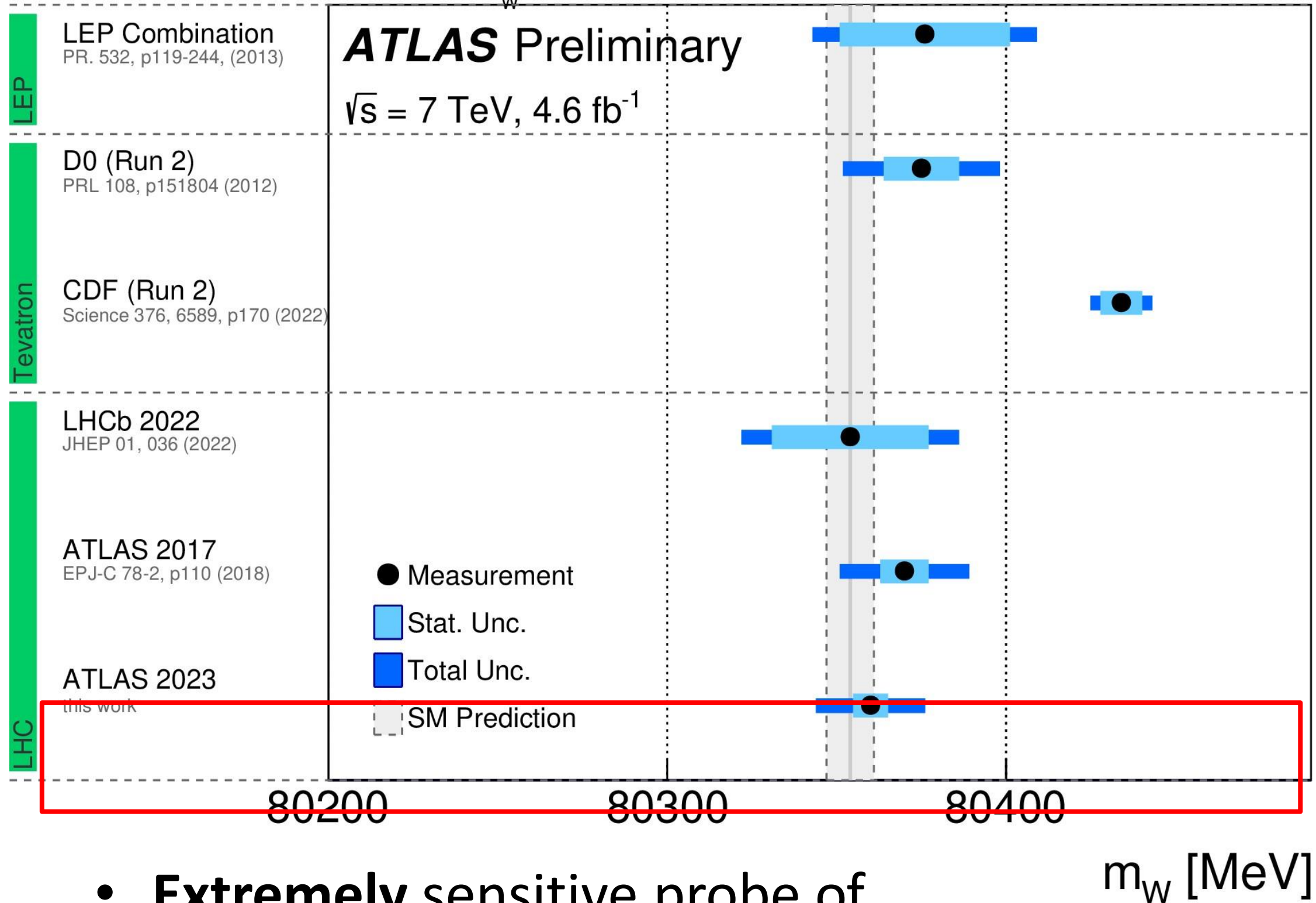
probing Higgs self-interaction  
and the shape of Higgs potential



# W boson mass with 7 TeV data

$$m_W = 80360 \pm 5 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 15 \text{ (syst.)} = 80360 \pm 16 \text{ MeV}$$

Overview of  $m_W$  Measurements



- **Extremely** sensitive probe of, and constraint on, new physics

- Re-analysis: new log-likelihood fit constrains systematic uncertainties with data, more modern PDFs!

