

# Searches for New Physics at the LHC

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# The Standard Model of Particle Physics

*... and beyond ?*

## No gravity!

No verified theory of quantum gravity

## No dark matter!

But needed to explain astrophysical observations

## Not enough matter-antimatter asymmetry!

To explain dominance of matter today

## No neutrino masses!

Are they Dirac or Majorana particles?

## No dark energy!

The universe is in accelerated expansion  
invisible source of energy?

## Why 3 fermion generations?

Underlying symmetry connecting quark and lepton sectors?

## No naturalness!

Higgs field parameters seem highly fine-tuned

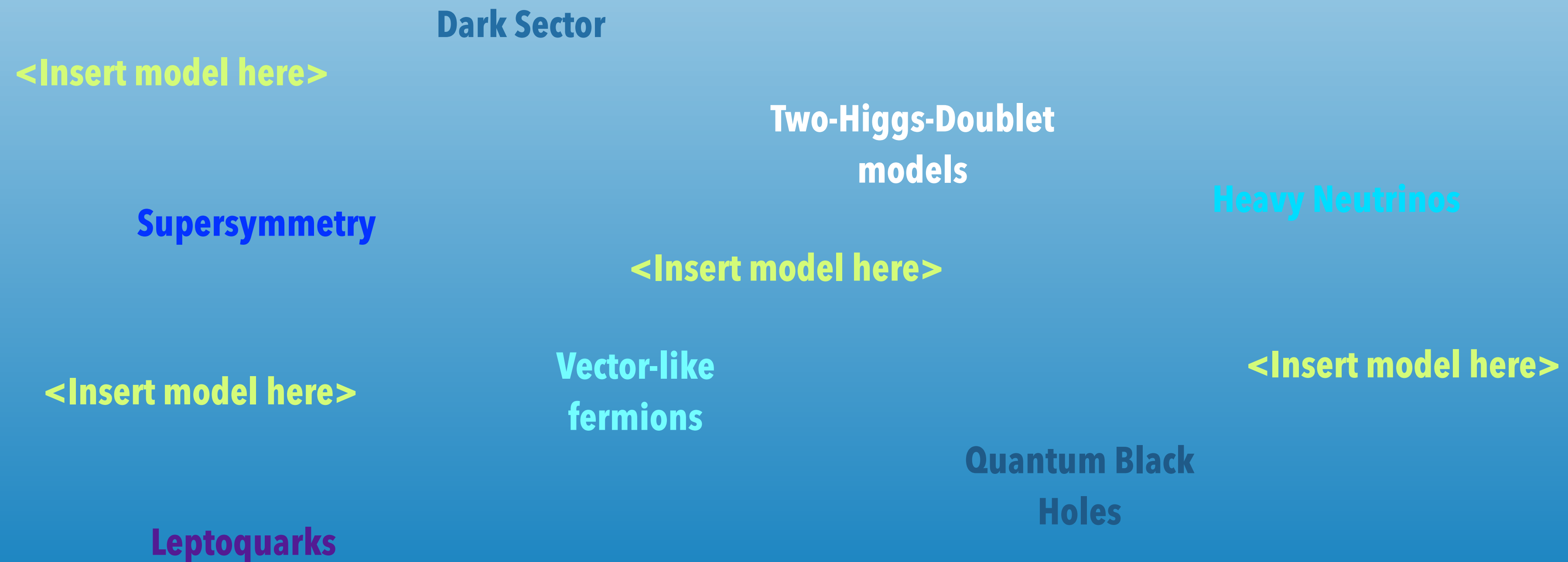
## Why hierarchical Yukawa coupling?

Why is the top quark so heavy?



# Exploring all extensions of the SM

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# Exploring all extensions of the SM



special edition

- The sea of beyond the SM theories is vast and difficult to cover in 30 min
- Focus only on **brand-new results** released for this conference
- New **Run-3 results**, accessing new corners of the **phase-space**, improving **tagger performances**, explore **new models** and **signatures** in the detector



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Dark Sector



Two-Higgs-Doublet  
models

Heavy Neutrinos

Supersymmetry

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Vector-like  
fermions

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Quantum Black  
Holes

Leptoquarks

**more than just a laundry list**

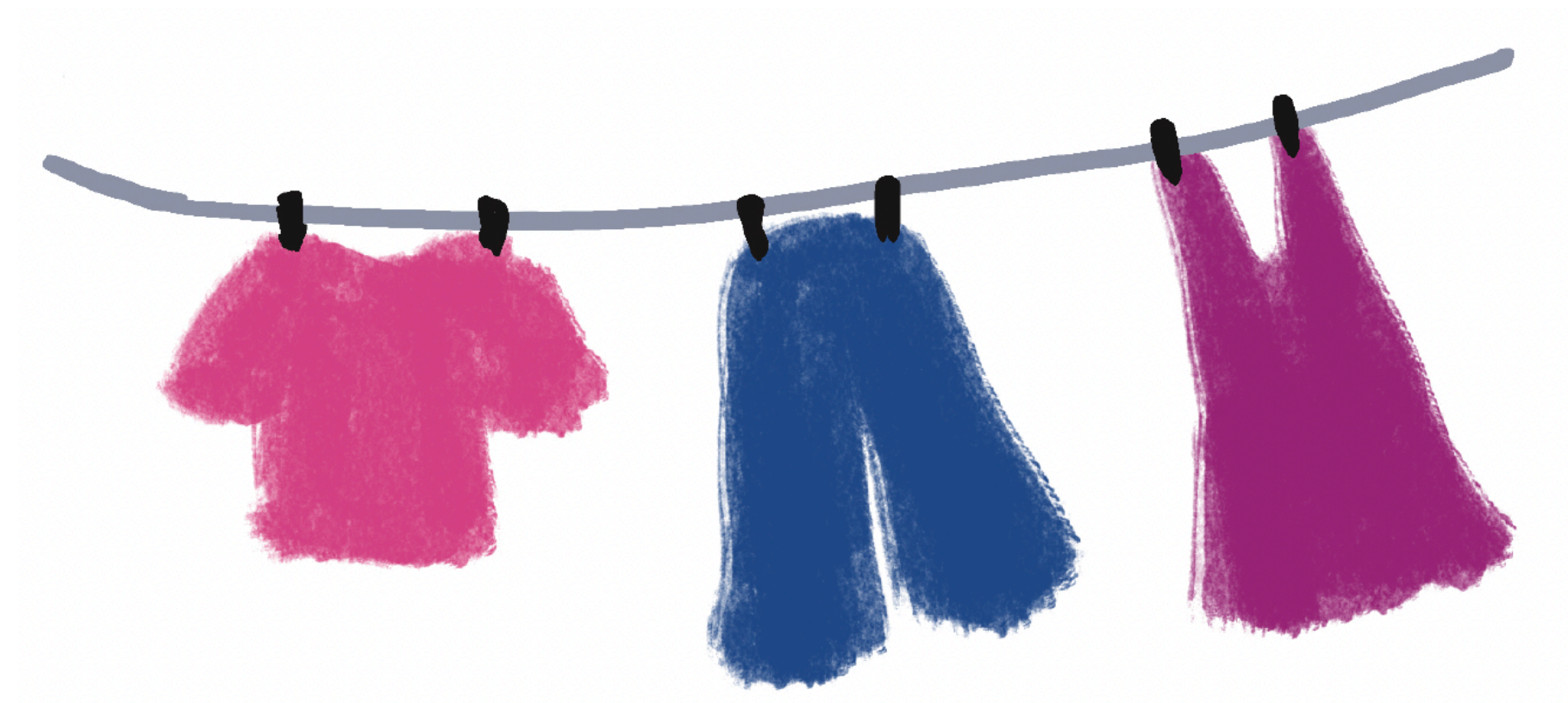


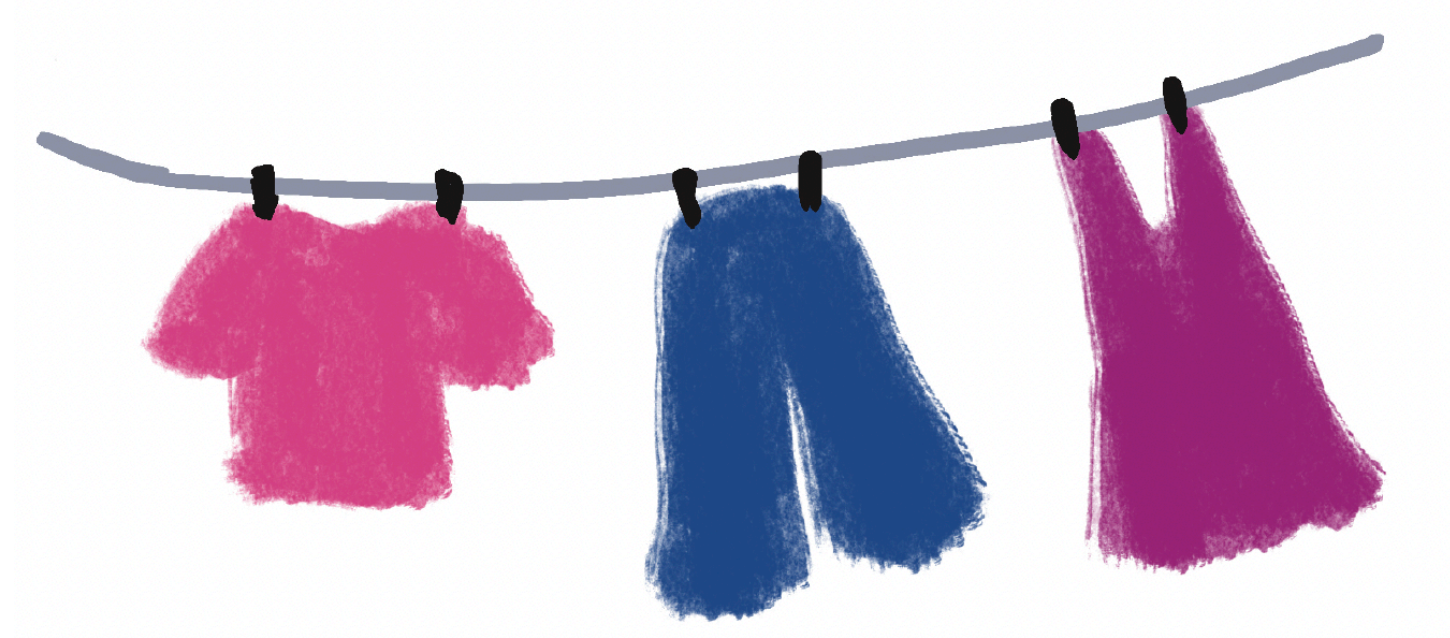


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**display the latest searches  
to unveil BSM physics**





# Heavy fermions & $\ell q$ -coupled bosons

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## Vector-like quarks

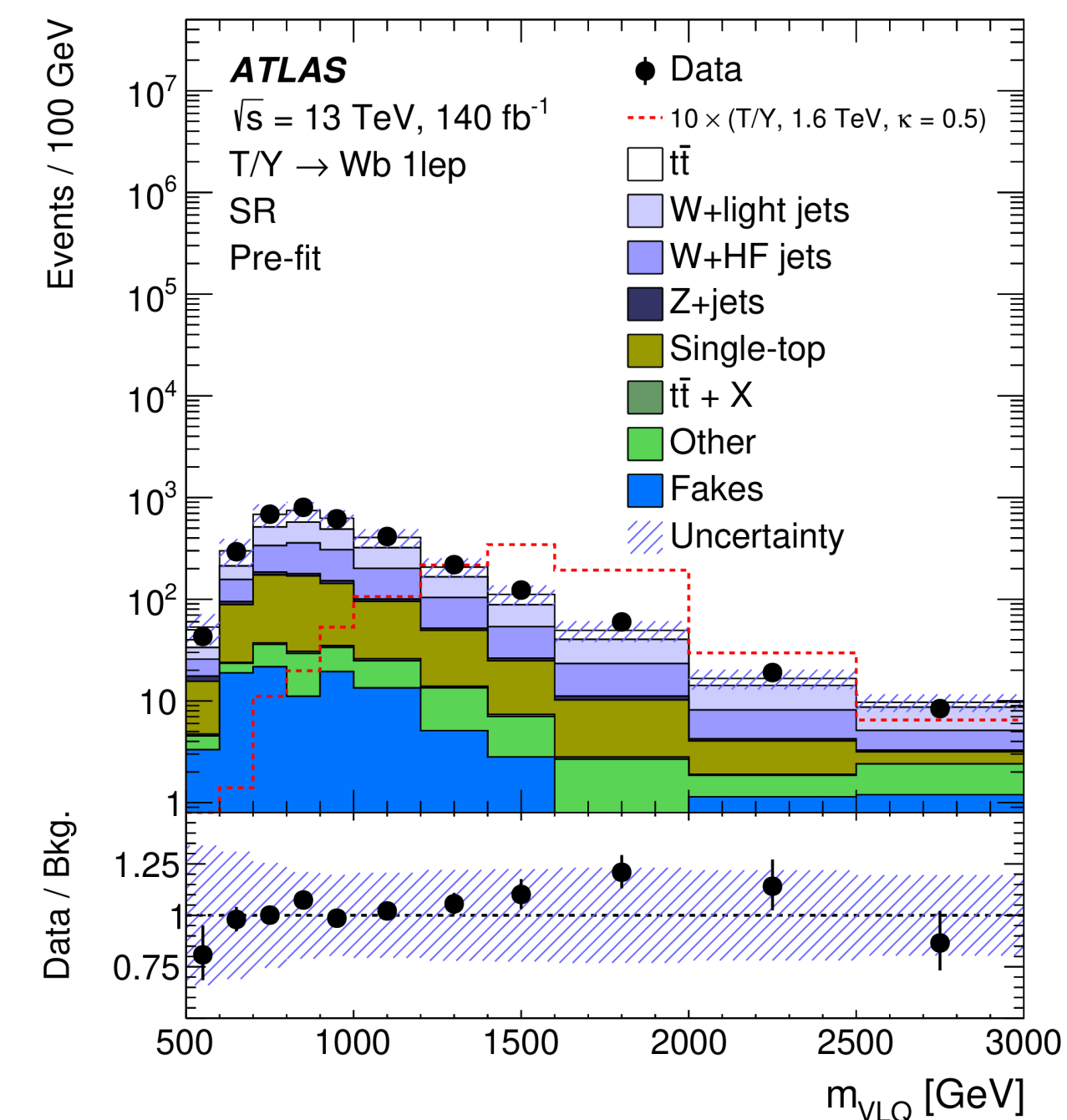
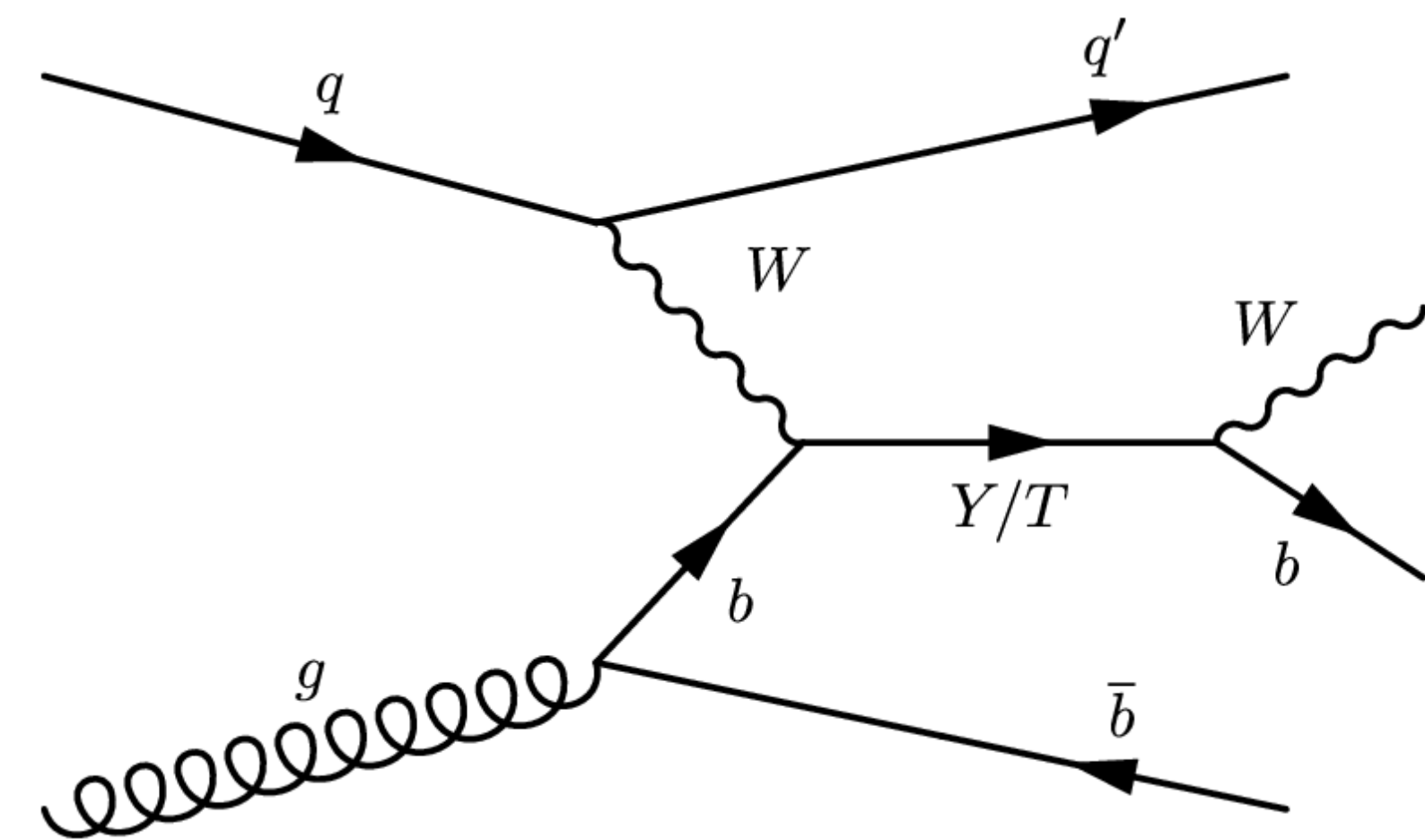
- Hypothetical spin- $\frac{1}{2}$  coloured particles
- LH and RH components transform the same way under SM gauge group
- Mass not from Yukawas, evade Higgs constraints on 4th gen quarks

## Leptoquarks

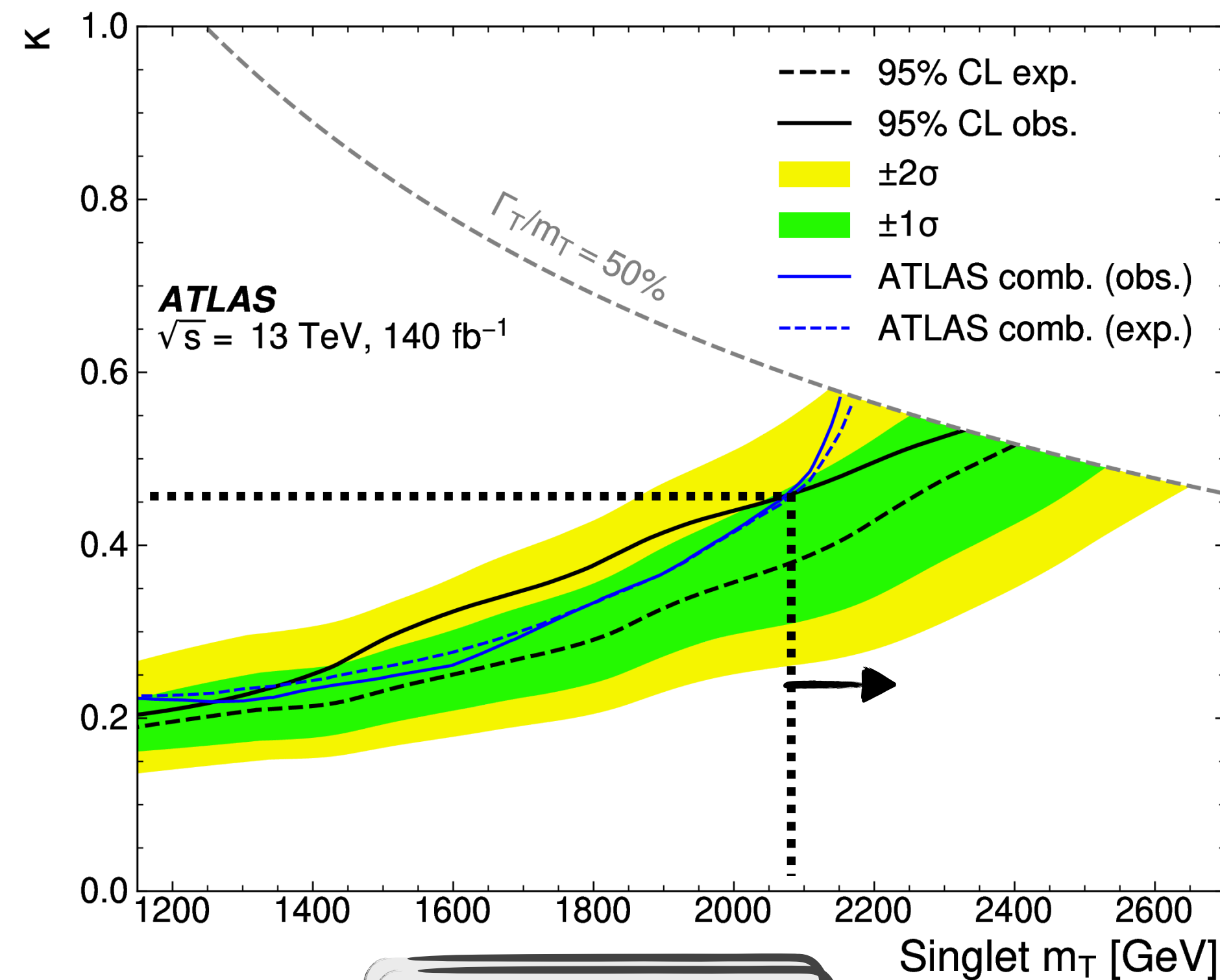
- Colour triplet bosons with fractional electric charge
- Carry both lepton and baryon number
- Can enable violation of lepton flavour universality



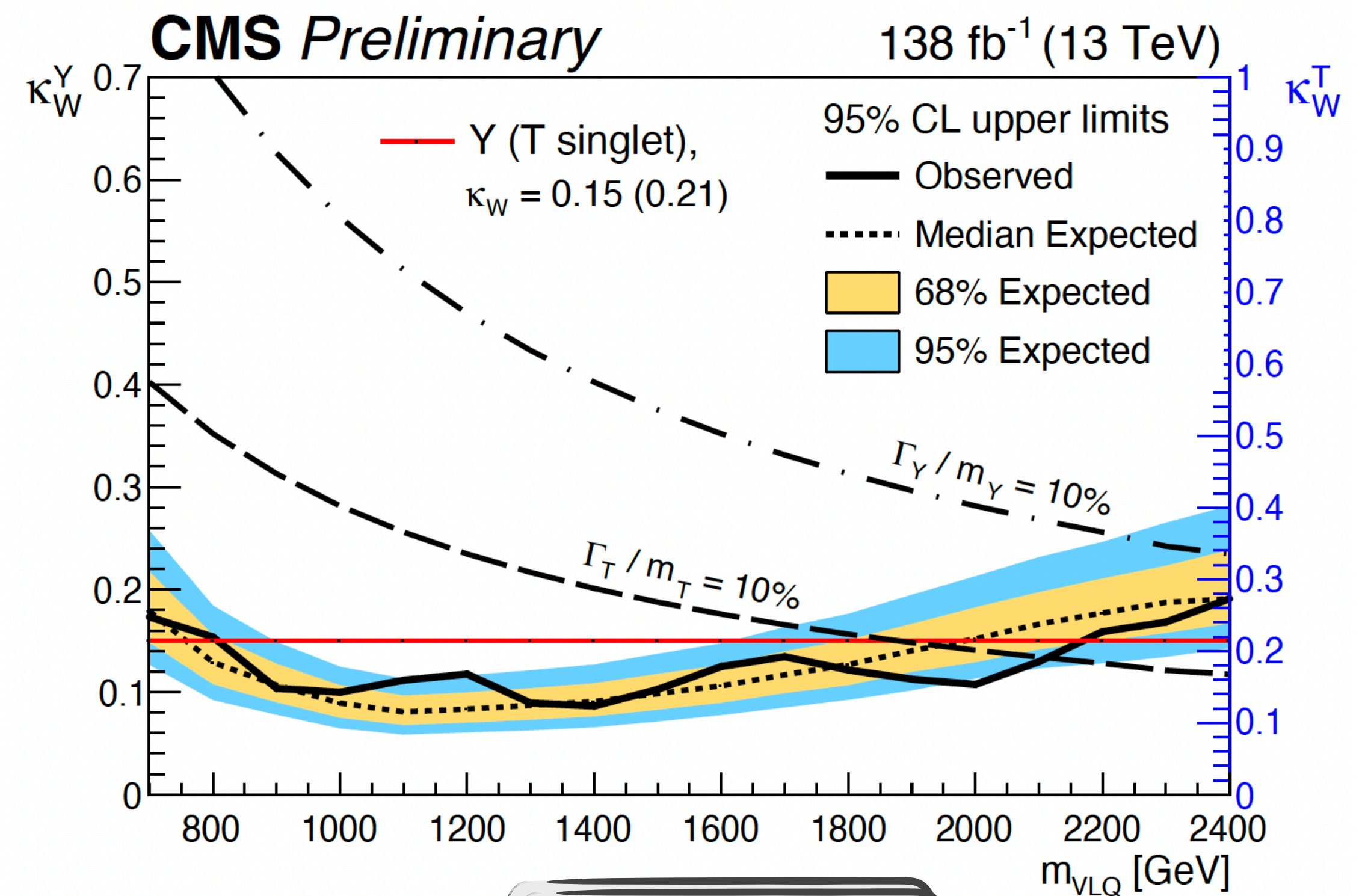
- Search for singlet-**T** with BR ( $Wb:Zt:Ht$ ) = ( $1/2:1/4:1/4$ ) and **Y** in a (T, B, Y) triplet (100% decay to  $Wb$ )
  - Focus on **Wb** decay mode, with coupling-strength parameter  $\kappa$
- Single lepton channel (from W leptonic decay)
- Main backgrounds:  $t\bar{t}$  + single top, W+jets
- **Single top SM diagrams can interfere with signal** (singlet-T, triplet-Y)
  - Dealt with by matrix-element level reweighting
  - Statistical model:  $\mu \times S + \sqrt{\mu} \times I + B$
- SR,  $t\bar{t}$  CR and W+jets CR each split in 3 bins of  $p_T^W$ 
  - Better control on some systematics (e.g. W+jets modelling) and overall better sensitivity than merged
  - **Fit  $m_{VLQ}$  discriminant**



- This search extends the limit above  $m_T \sim 2100$  GeV wrt. previous ATLAS combination ([PRD 111 \(2025\) 012012](#)), whereas ATLAS search in the fully-hadronic channel remains with more stringent limits on  $Y$  in most of the phase space ([JHEP 02 \(2025\) 075](#))

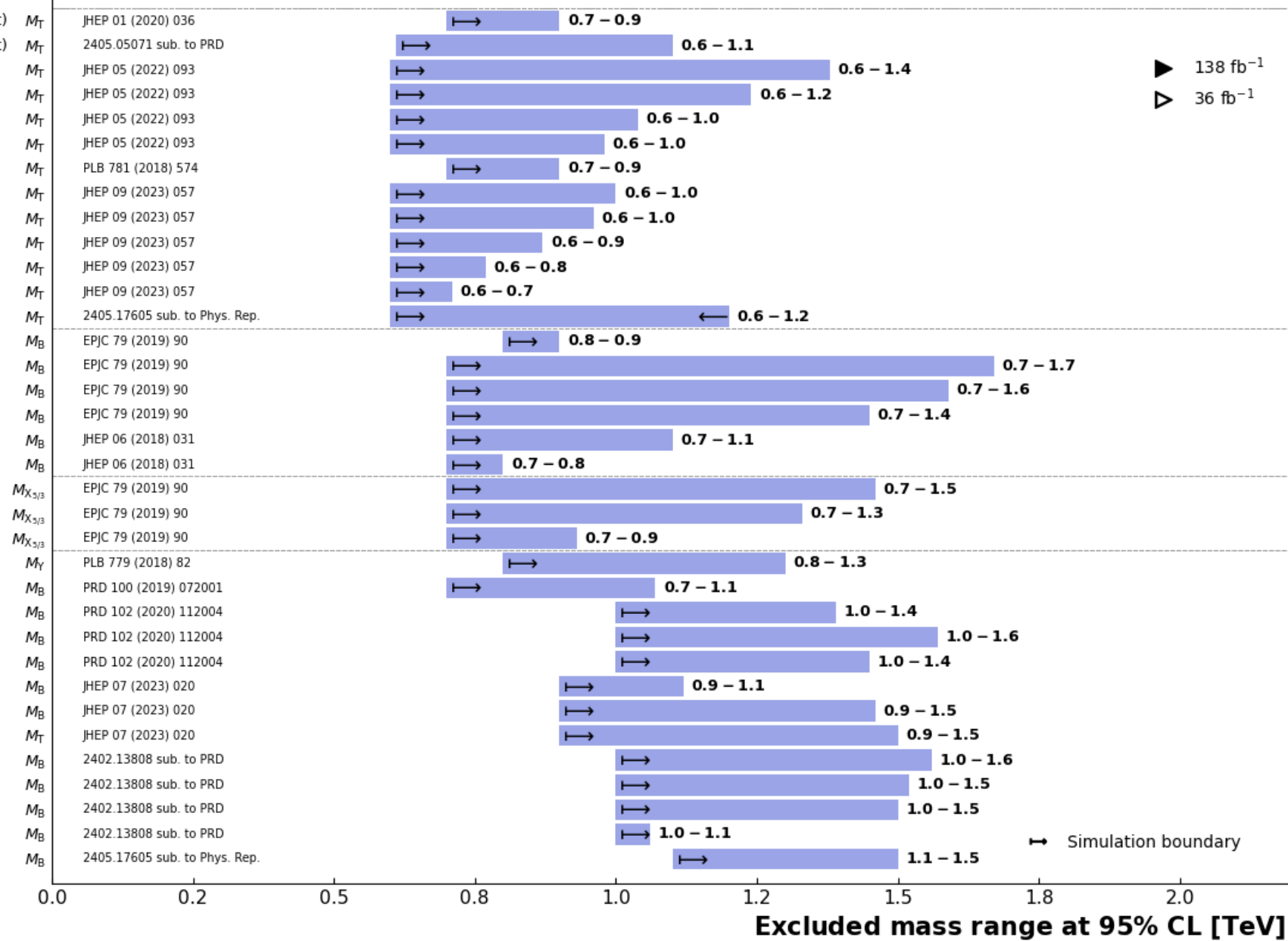


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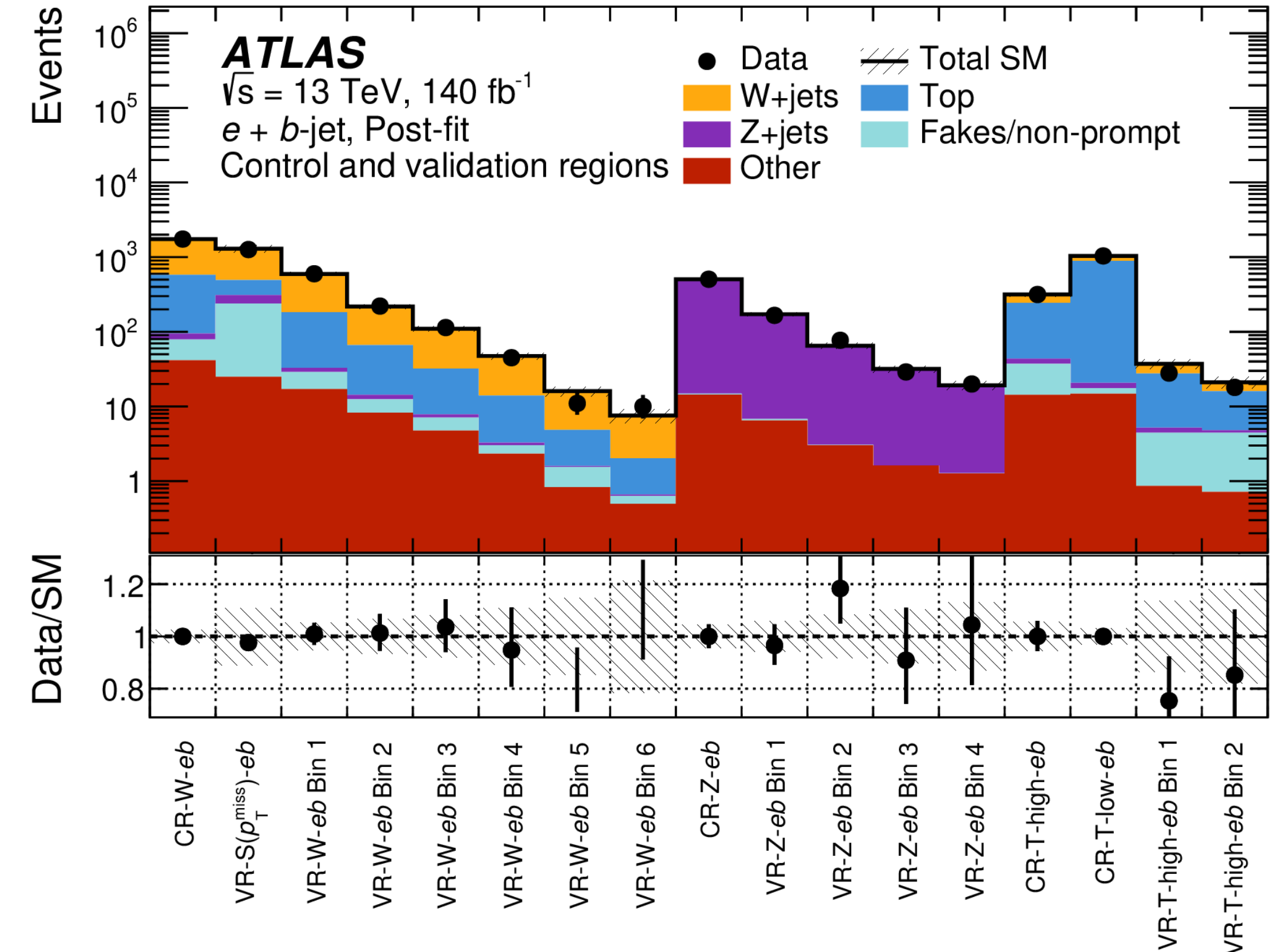
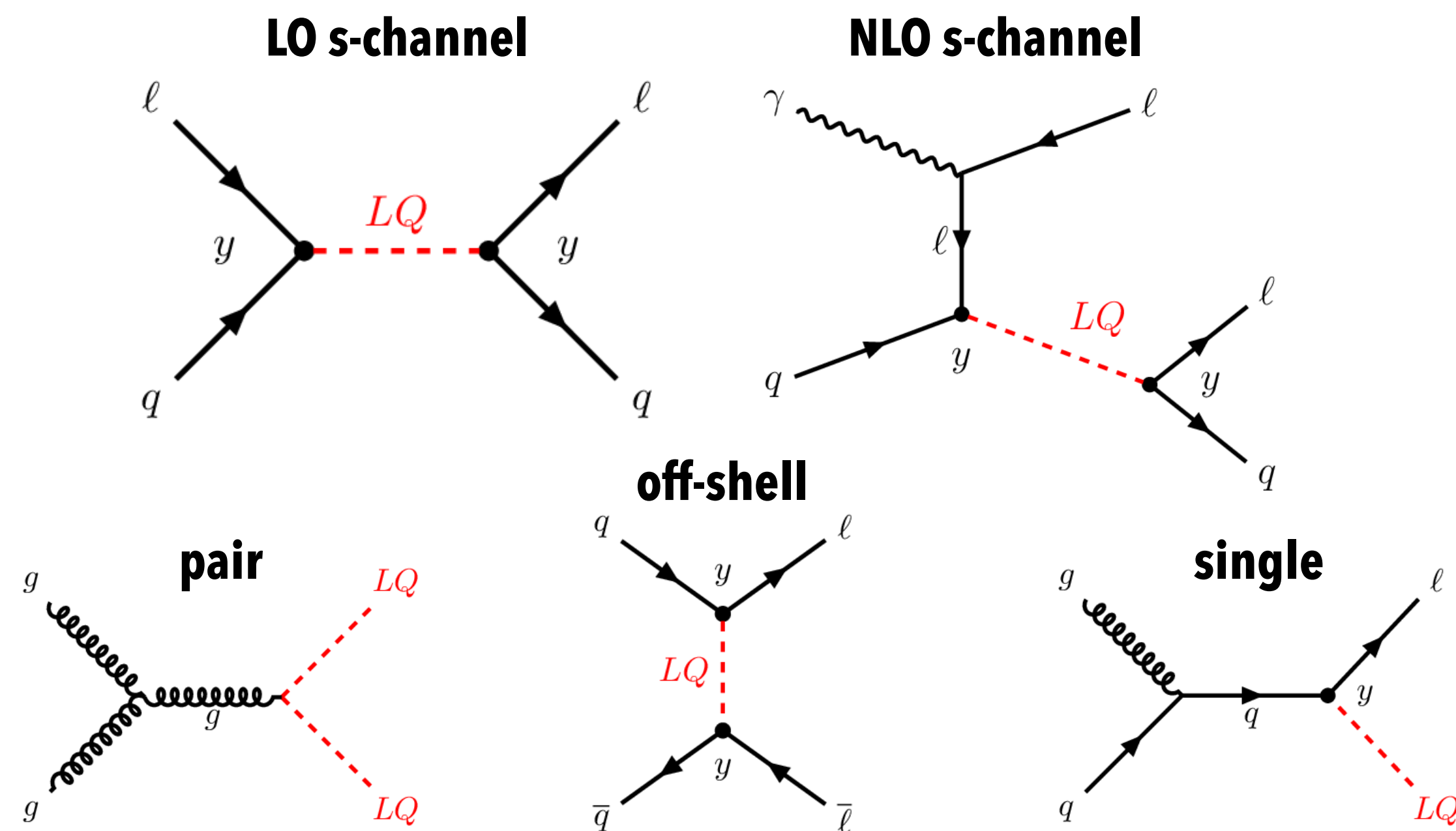
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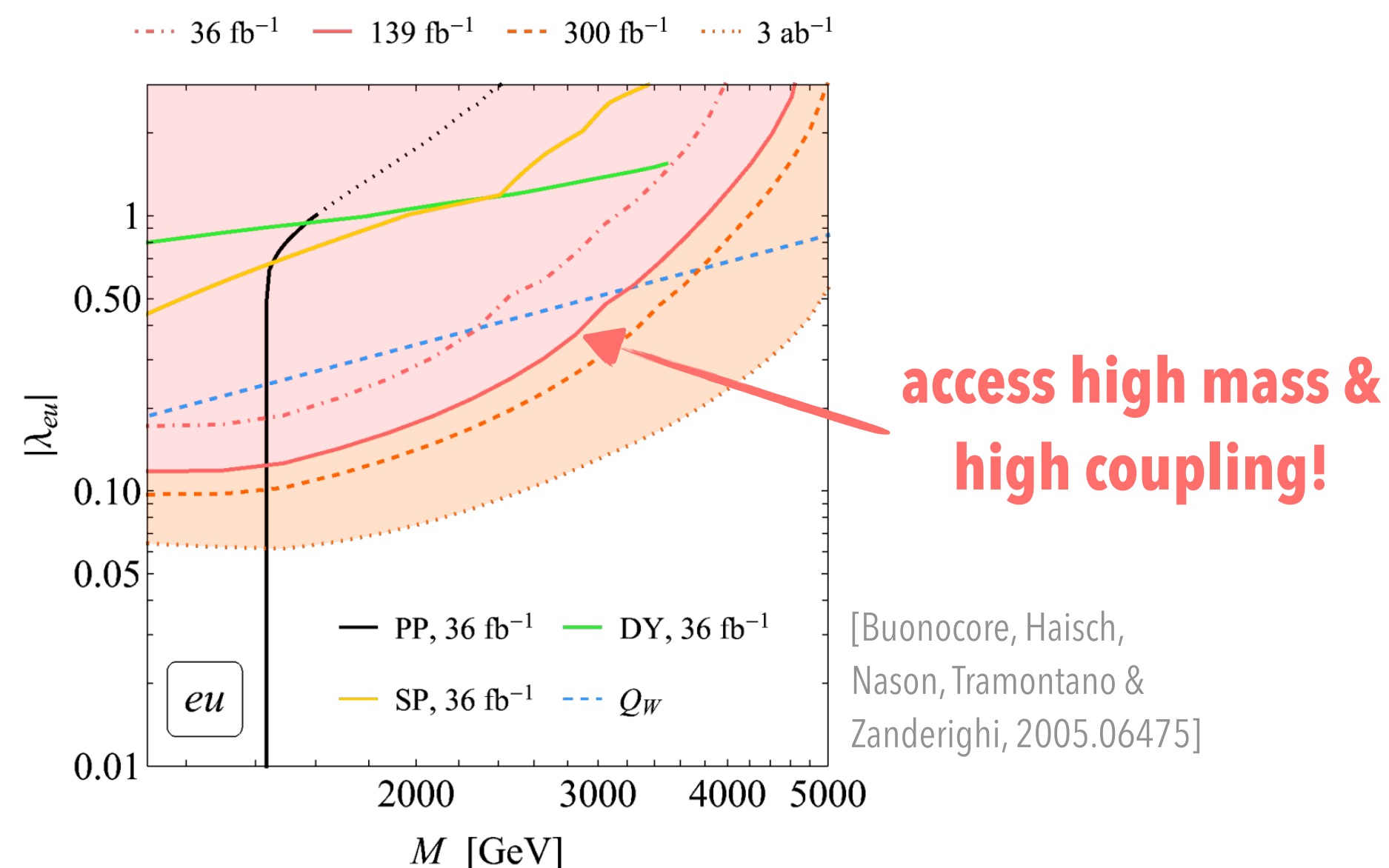
- First ATLAS search for resonant, s-channel prod. of LQs via lepton PDFs, LQ decay to 1 lepton + 1 jet
- **"NLO" contributions** via **photon PDF** motivate also targeting 2-lepton (+jet) final states
  - Common to t-channel and single LQ production as well

- Final states:  $e$ +light-jet,  $\mu$ +light-jet,  $e$ +b-jet,  $\mu$ +b-jet
- Using Run 2 (140 fb<sup>-1</sup>) + partial Run 3 (55 fb<sup>-1</sup>) datasets
- Fit  $m_{lj}$  distributions
- $t\bar{t}$ , W+jets and Z+jets normalisation factors free-floating

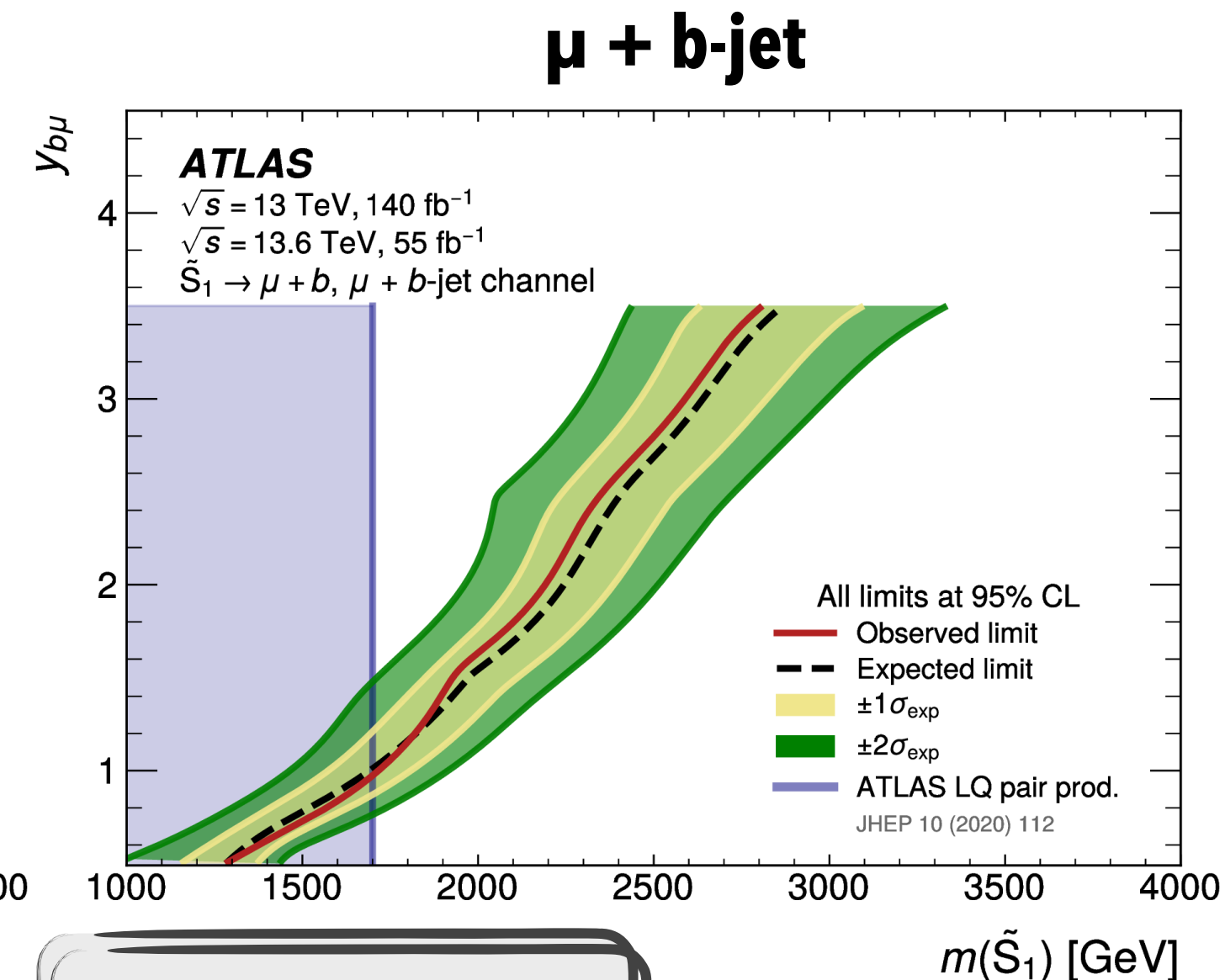
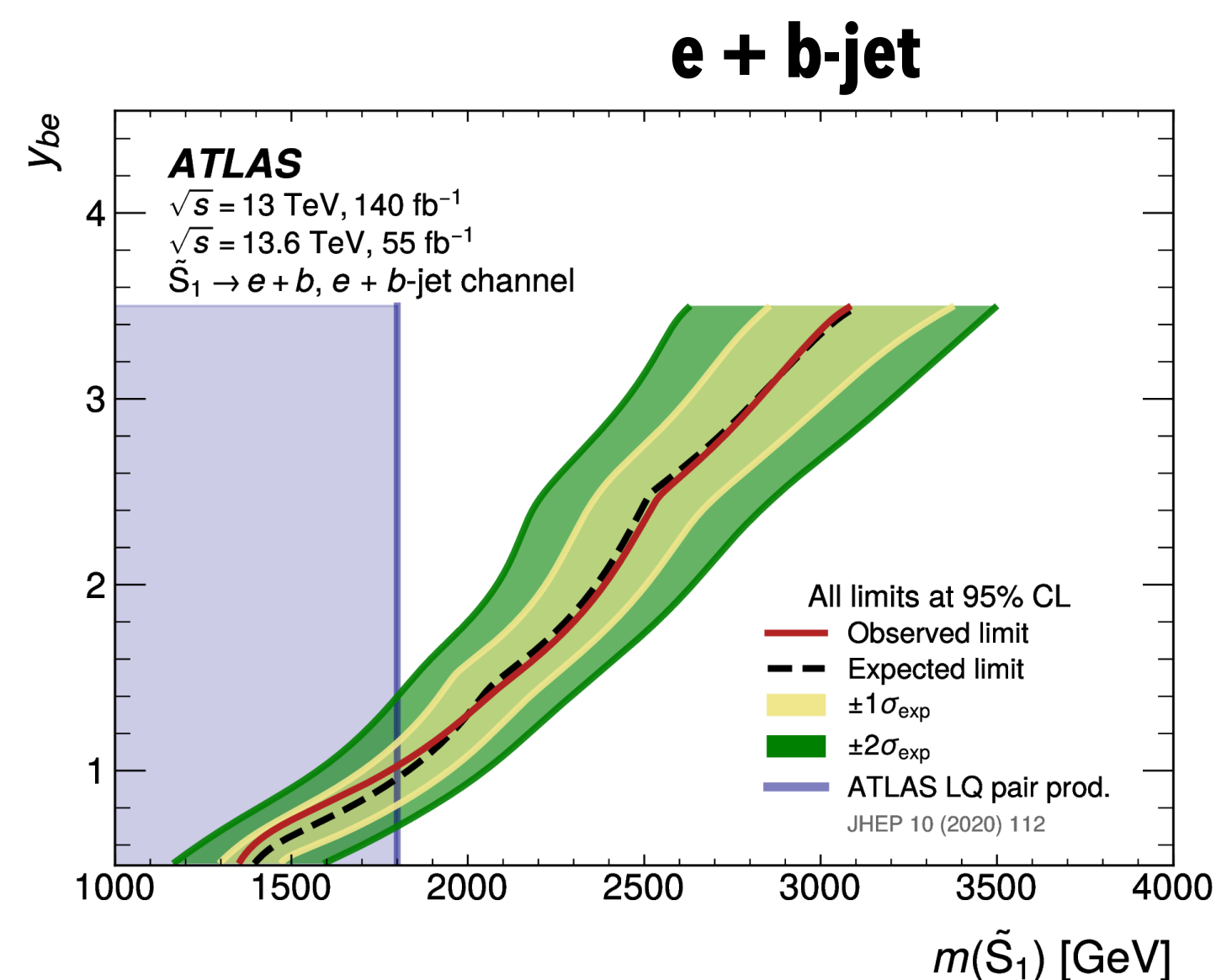
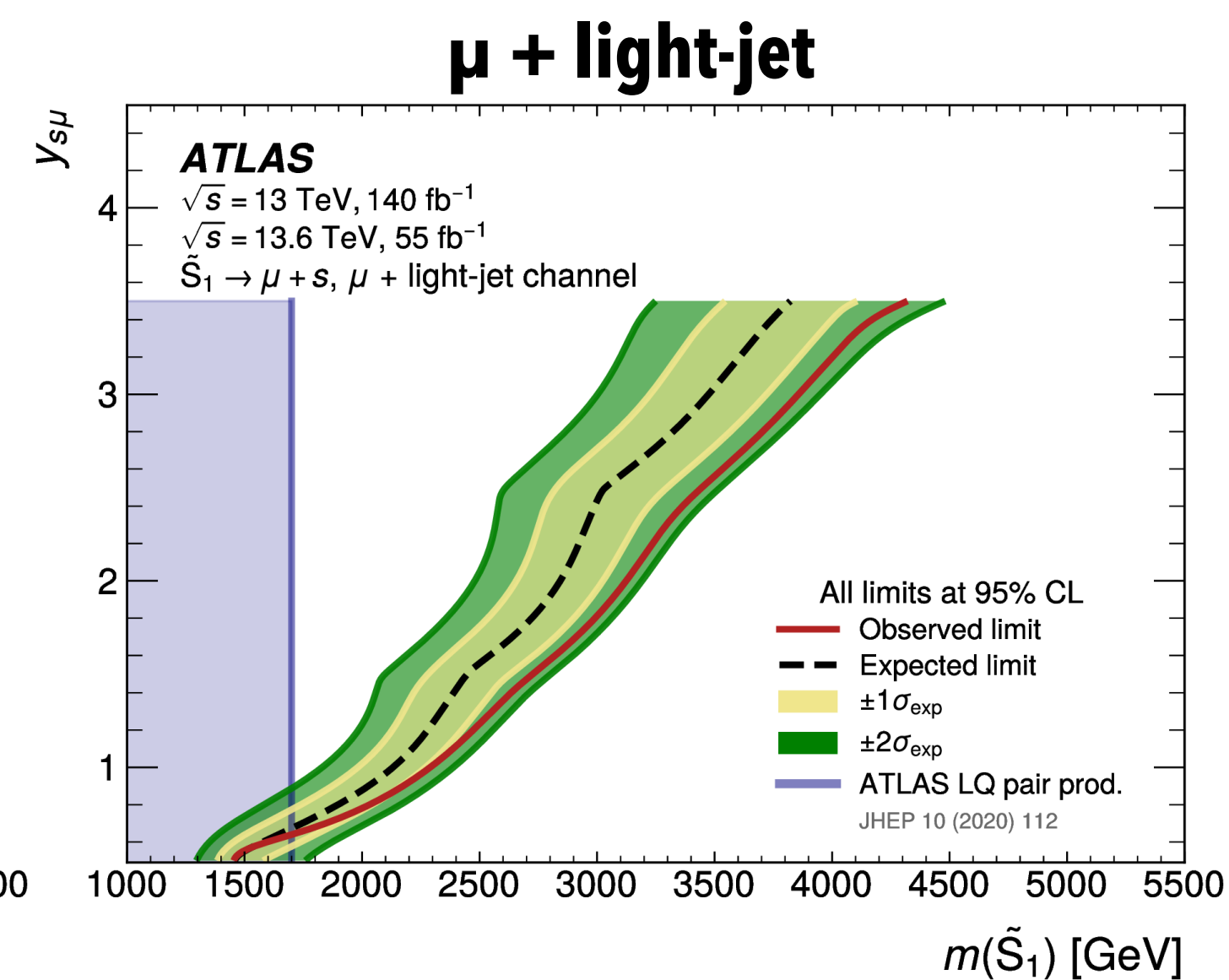
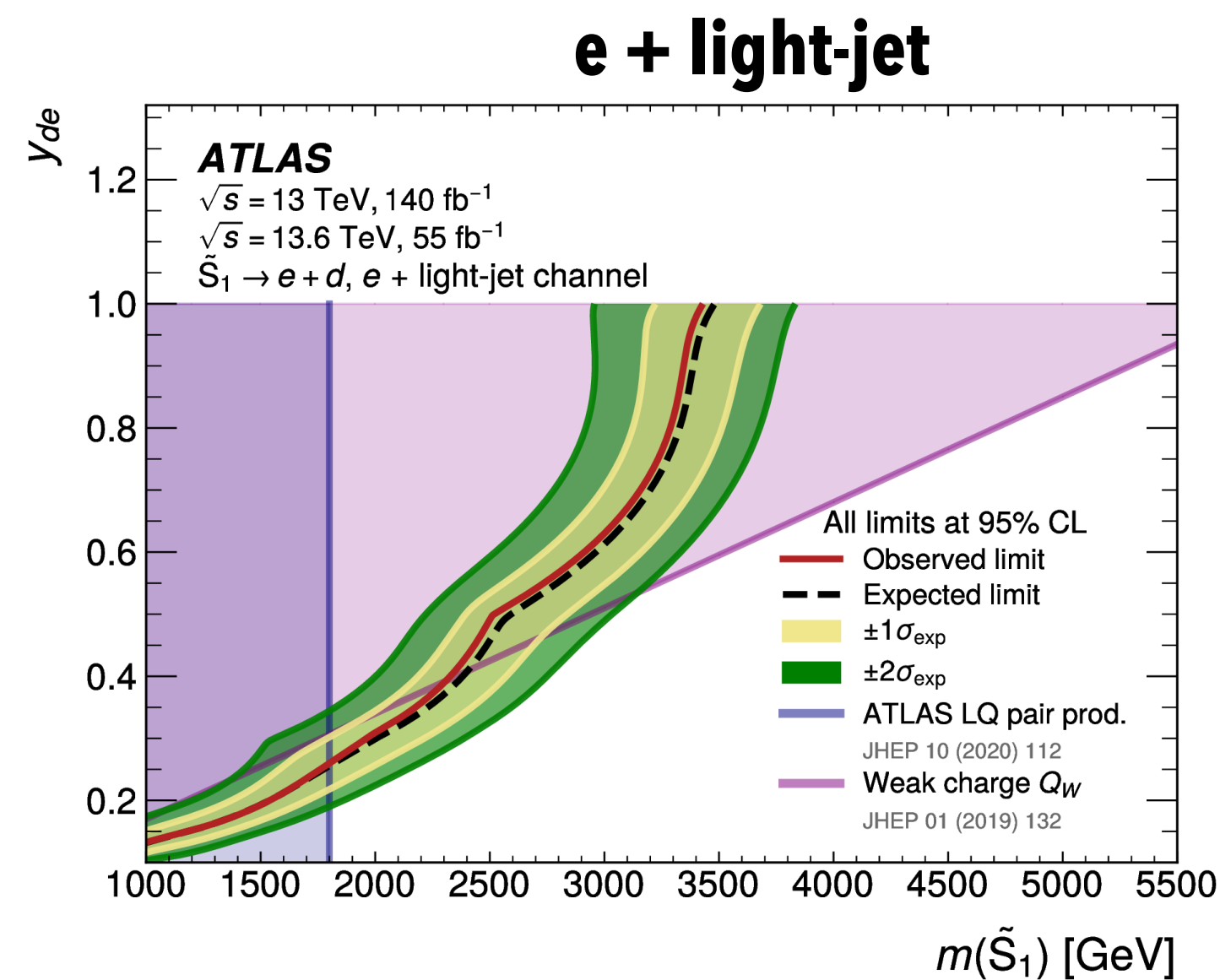




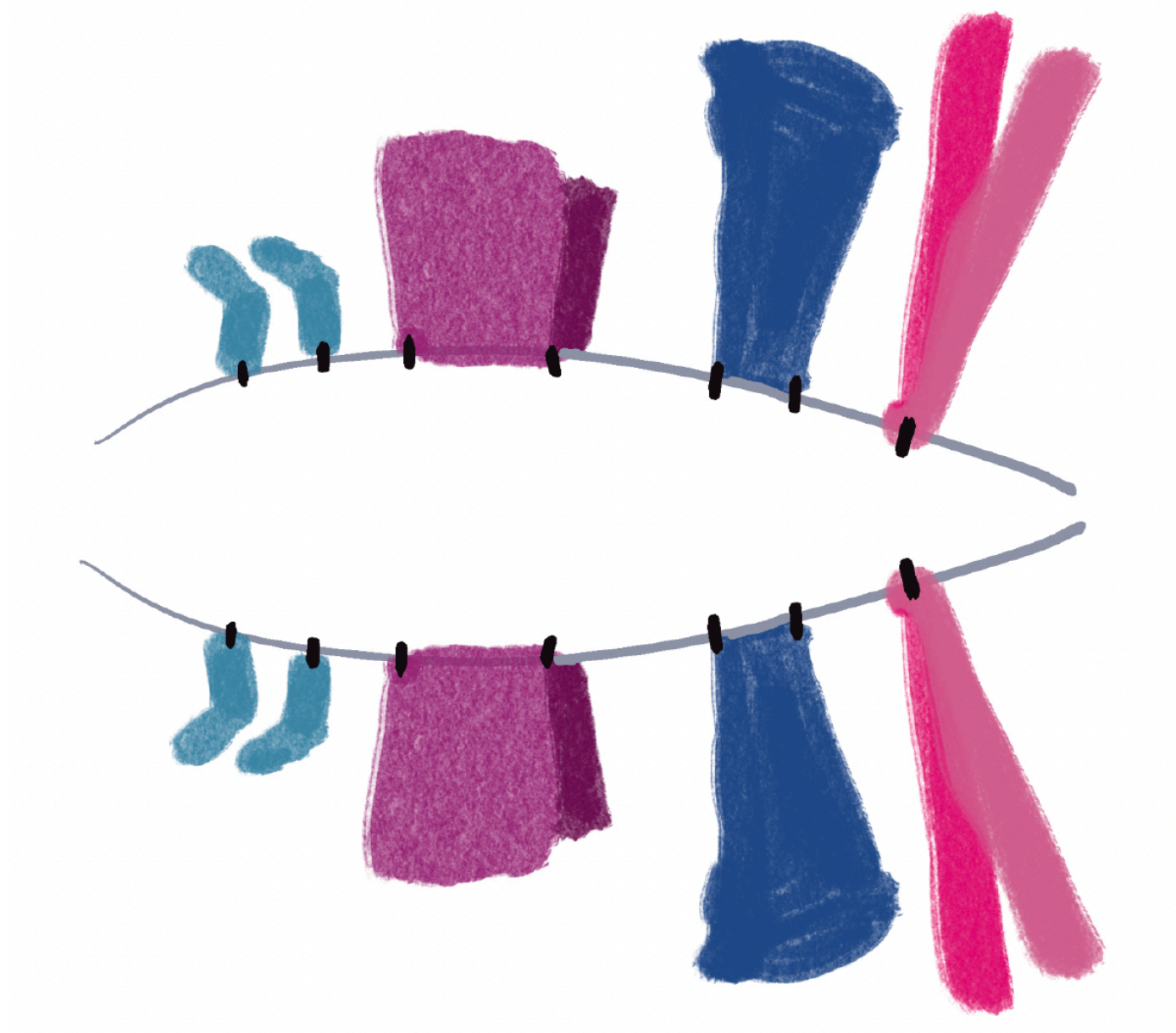
- Results interpreted within minimal  $\tilde{S}$ -model framework, where only a single LQ coupling is non-zero



- Stringent exclusion limits on LQ masses when combining Run 2 and partial Run 3 data:
  - $m(\tilde{S}_1)$  below **3.4 TeV** ( $y = 1.0$ ) and **3.1 TeV** ( $y = 3.5$ ) excluded for  $e + \text{light-jet}$  and  $e + \text{b-jet}$ , respectively
  - $m(\tilde{S}_1)$  below **4.3 TeV** ( $y = 3.5$ ) and **2.8 TeV** ( $y = 3.5$ ) excluded for  $\mu + \text{light-jet}$  and  $\mu + \text{b-jet}$ , respectively







# Supersymmetry

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**squarks & sgluinos**

**RPV SUSY  $1\ell$  + multi-(b)jets**

**stop / bino-wino annihilation LLP**

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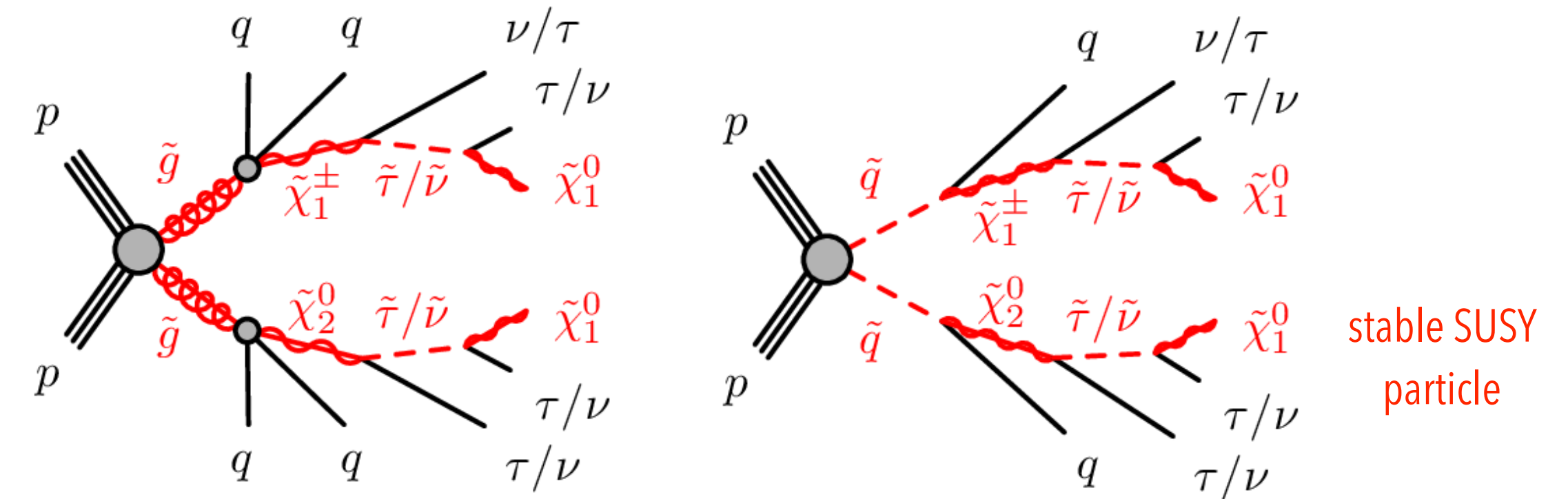
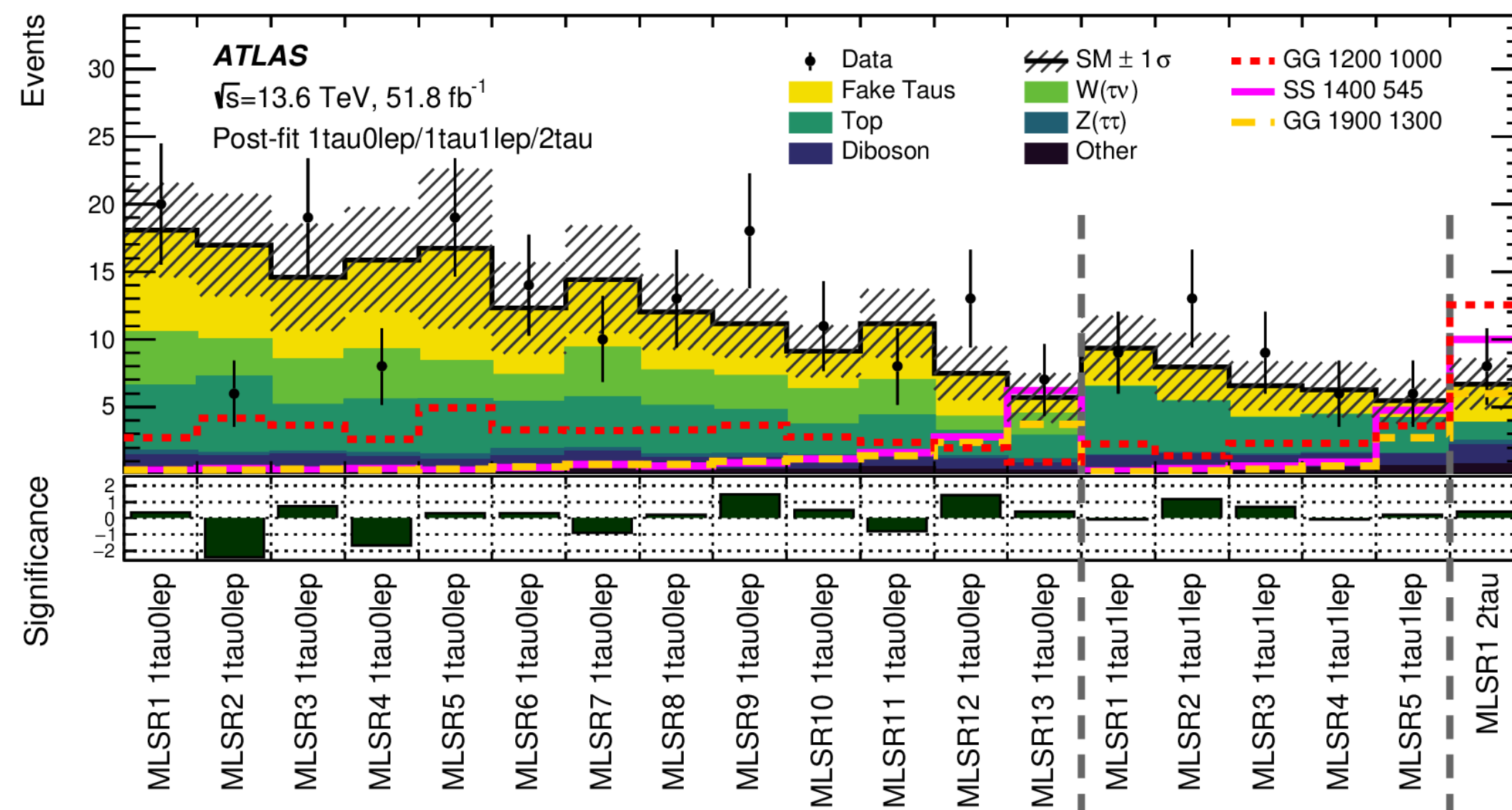
- A superpartner for every SM particle
- Fermion superpartners of the Higgs and weak gauge bosons can be WIMP dark matter
- Gauge couplings unify at a single GUT scale
- Elegant solution to the hierarchy problem

- R-parity-conserving (RPC): superpartners are pair-produced and Lightest Supersymmetric Particle (LSP) is stable  $\rightarrow E_T^{\text{miss}}$  in the final state
- R-parity-violating (RPV): the LSP is allowed to decay into SM particles, voiding the  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$  signature

- Search for strongly pair produced squarks and gluinos decaying to  $\tau$ , jets and  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$
- Common cascade decay in MSSM
- Using Run 2 (140 fb<sup>-1</sup>) + partial Run 3 (51.8 fb<sup>-1</sup>) datasets
- Event selected with  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$  triggers

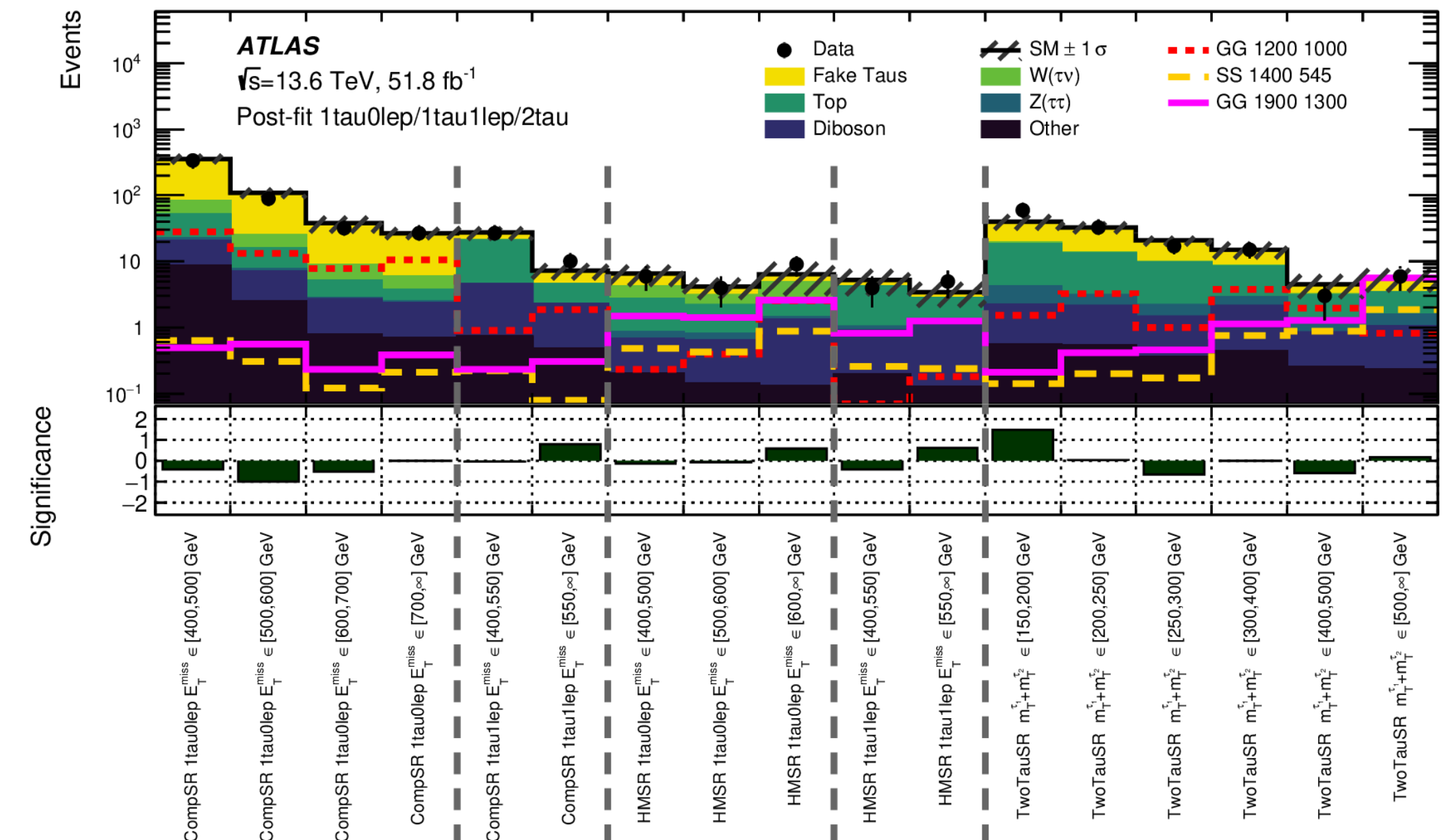
## • Machine-Learning based:

- Regions defined with **multiclass-classifier**
- Channels: 1 $\tau$ 0 $\ell$ , 1 $\tau$ 1 $\ell$ , 2 $\tau$ 0 $\ell$



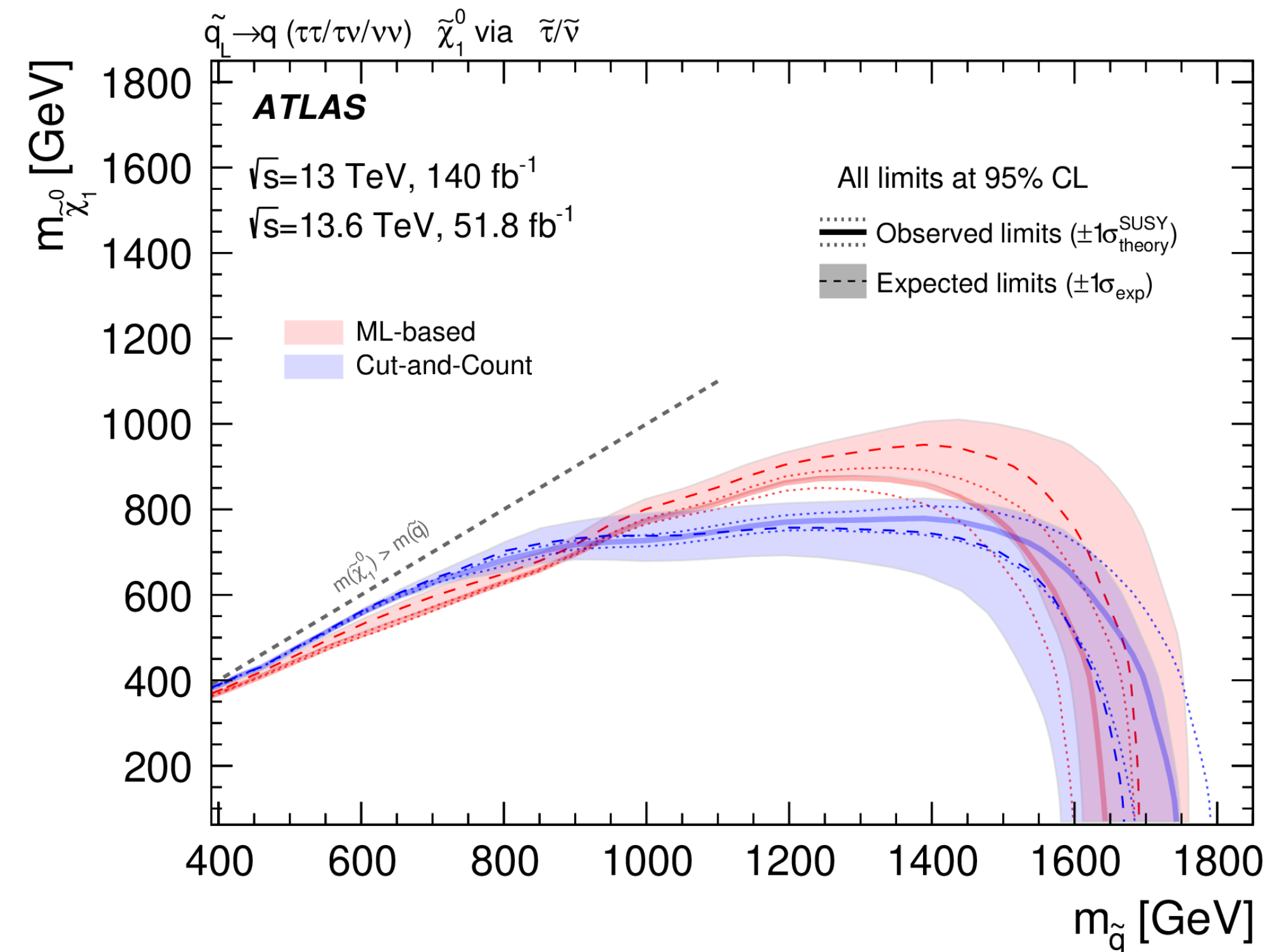
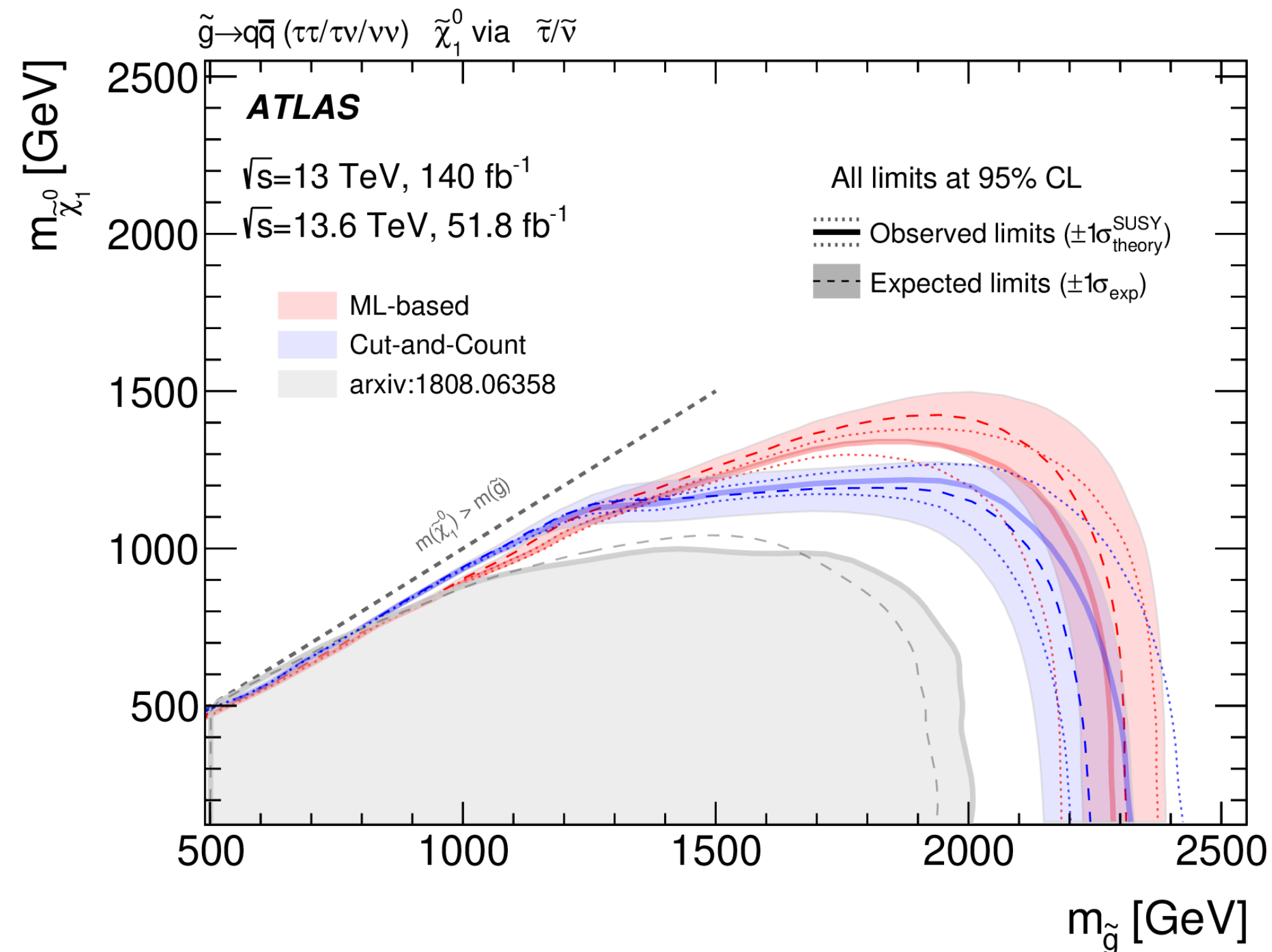
## • Cut-and-count based:

- 1 $\tau$  compressed, 1 $\tau$  high mass, 2 $\tau$  high-mass
- $E_T^{\text{miss}}$  fitted in 1 $\tau$  SRs and  $m_{T^{\tau 1}} + m_{T^{\tau 2}}$  in 2 $\tau$  SRs

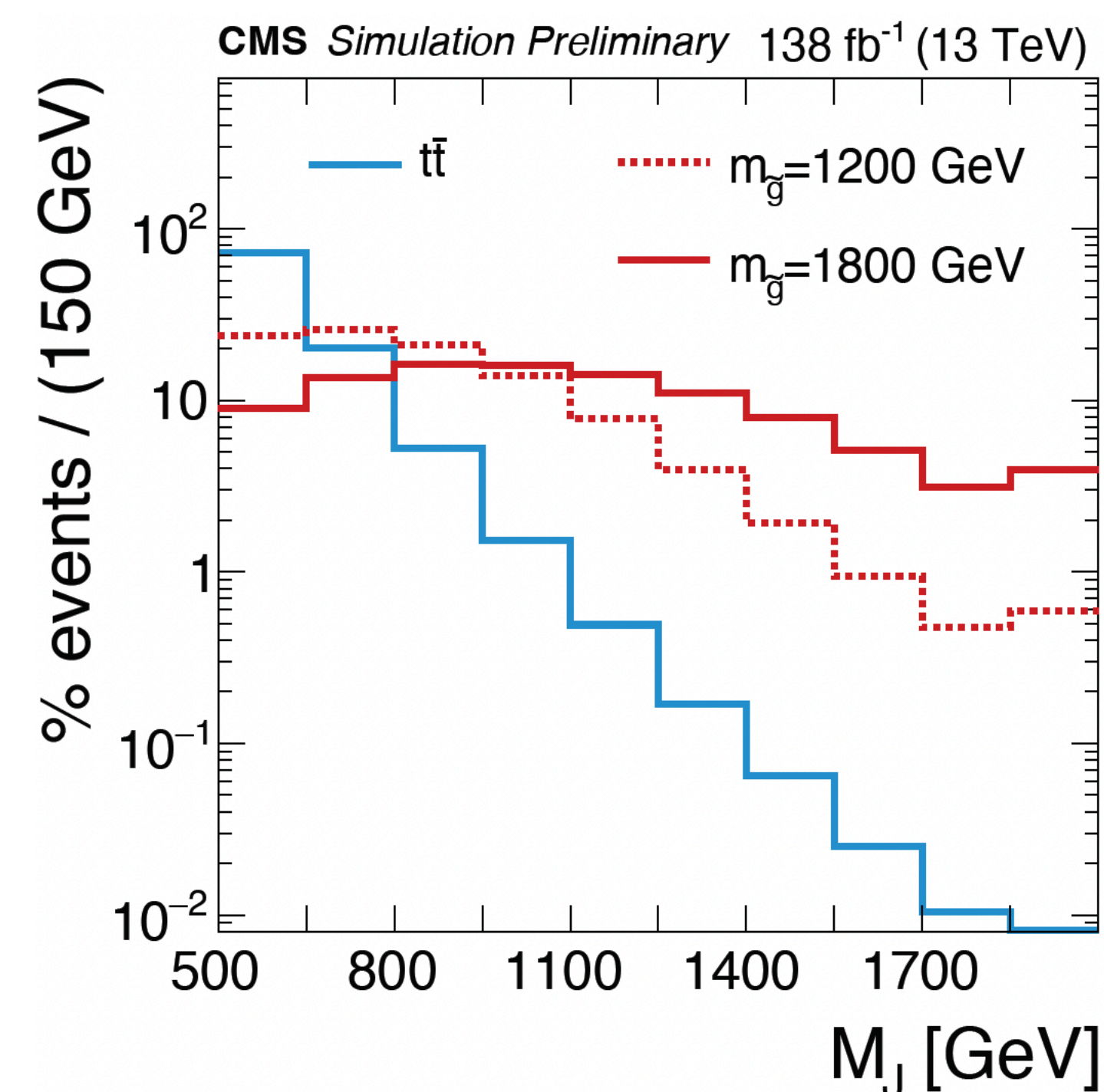
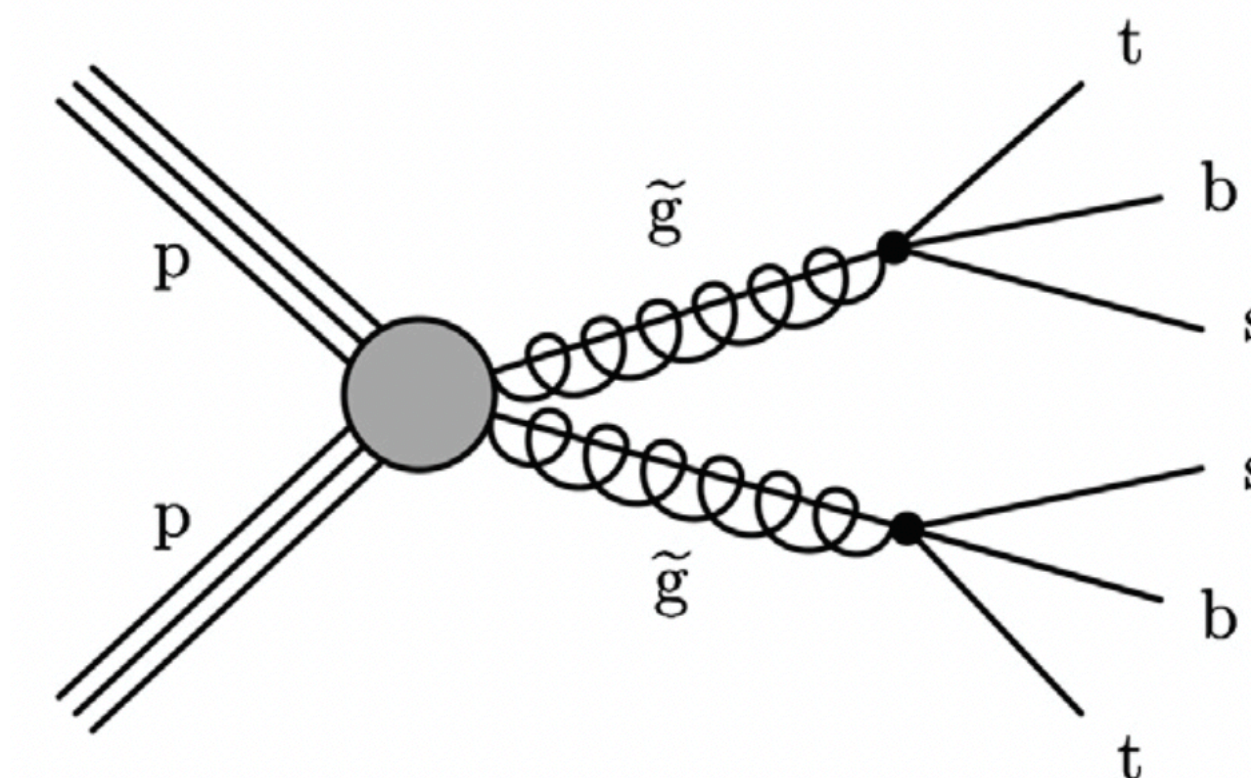




- For **gluino** pair production models, gluino masses excluded below 2.25 GeV, and LSP masses excluded below 1.35 TeV for gluino masses around 2 TeV
- For **squark** pair production models, squark masses excluded up to 1.7 TeV, and LSP masses up to 0.85 TeV
- The cut-and-count-based approach slightly better in **compressed** region thanks to dedicated optimised region



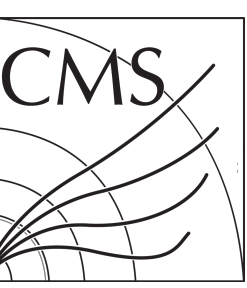
- Search for BSM with **high jet and b-jet multiplicities** in the single-lepton final state, without a requirement on  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$
- Focus on **gluino pair production**, where each gluino decays to a top, a bottom, and a strange quark via the  $\lambda''_{332}$  coupling (RPV)
- The **scalar sum of the large-radius jet masses ( $M_J$ )** templates are fitted to data in bins of  $N_{\text{jet}}$  and  $N_{\text{bjet}}$ 
  - Determine the normalisation of the main backgrounds (QCD, W+jets, and  $t\bar{t}$ ) in each ( $N_{\text{jet}}$  and  $N_{\text{bjet}}$ ) bin
- **Data-driven correction factors** are derived in 3  $M_J$  regions (500-800, 800-1100,  $\geq 1100$ ) GeV



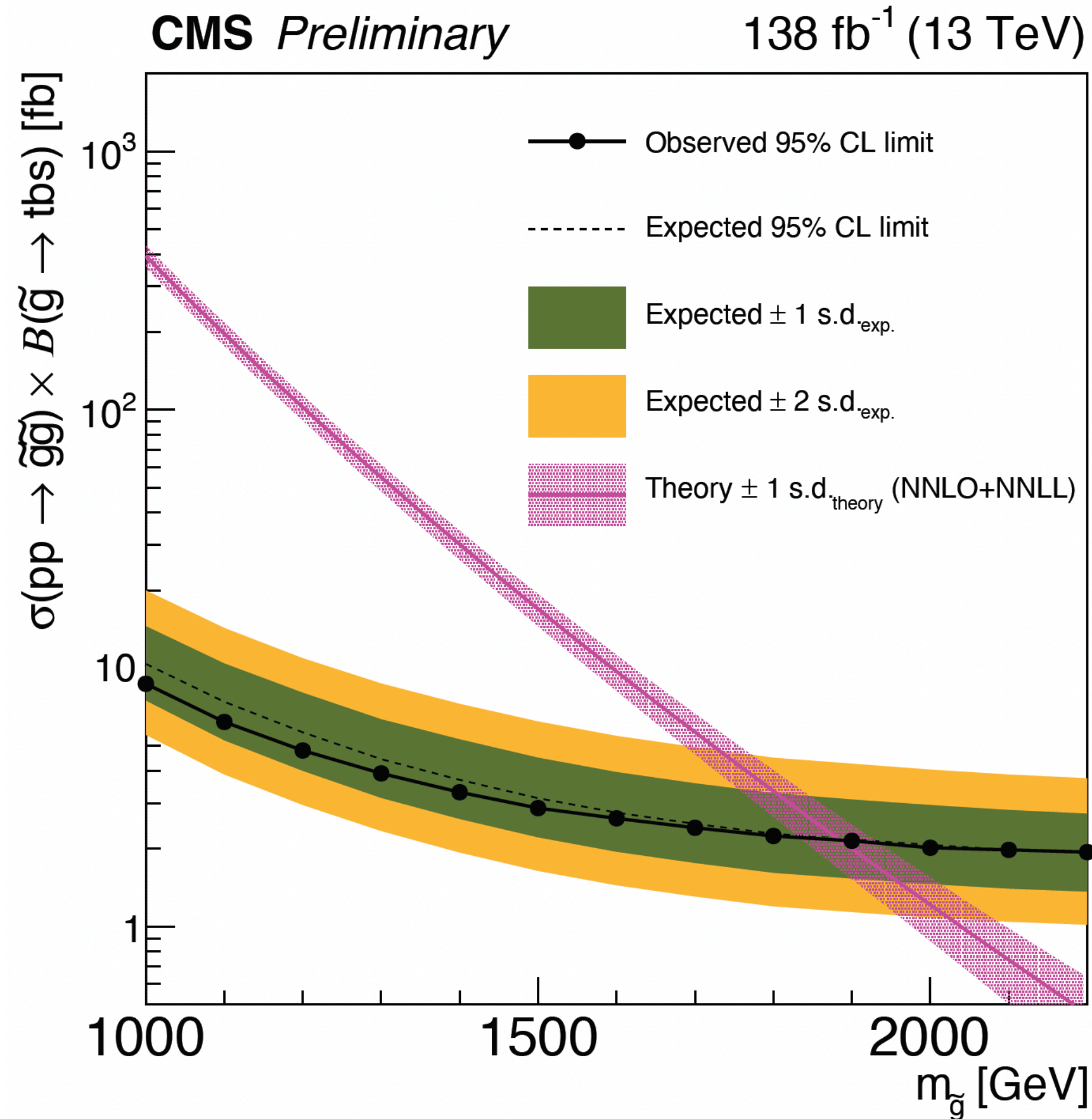


# RPV SUSY $1\ell + \text{multi-(b)jets}$

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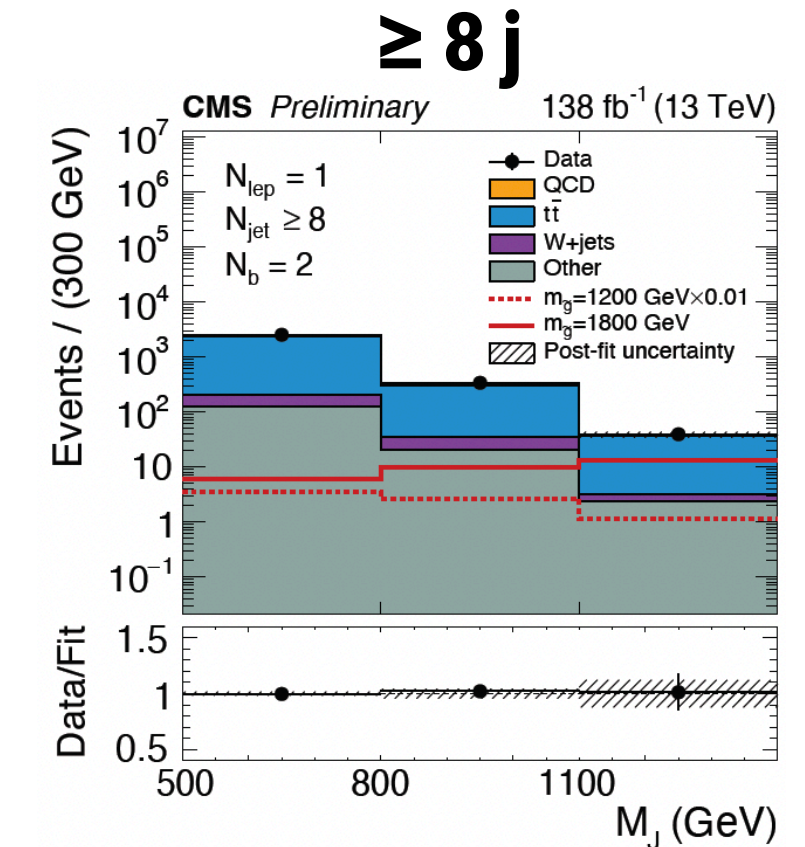


- Gluinos are excluded up to a mass of 1890 GeV at the 95% confidence level



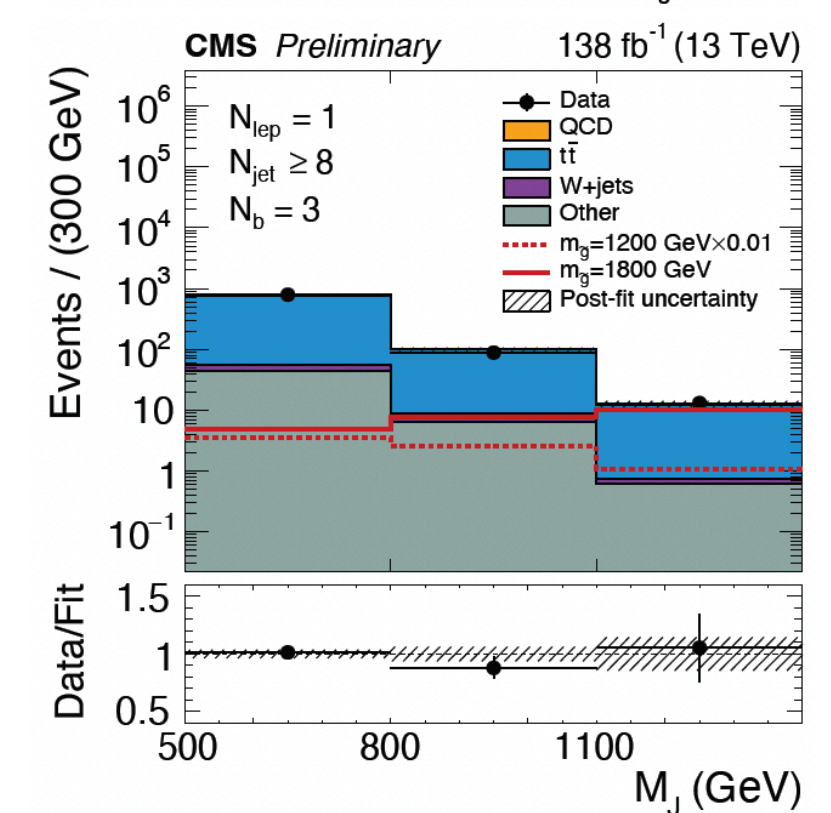
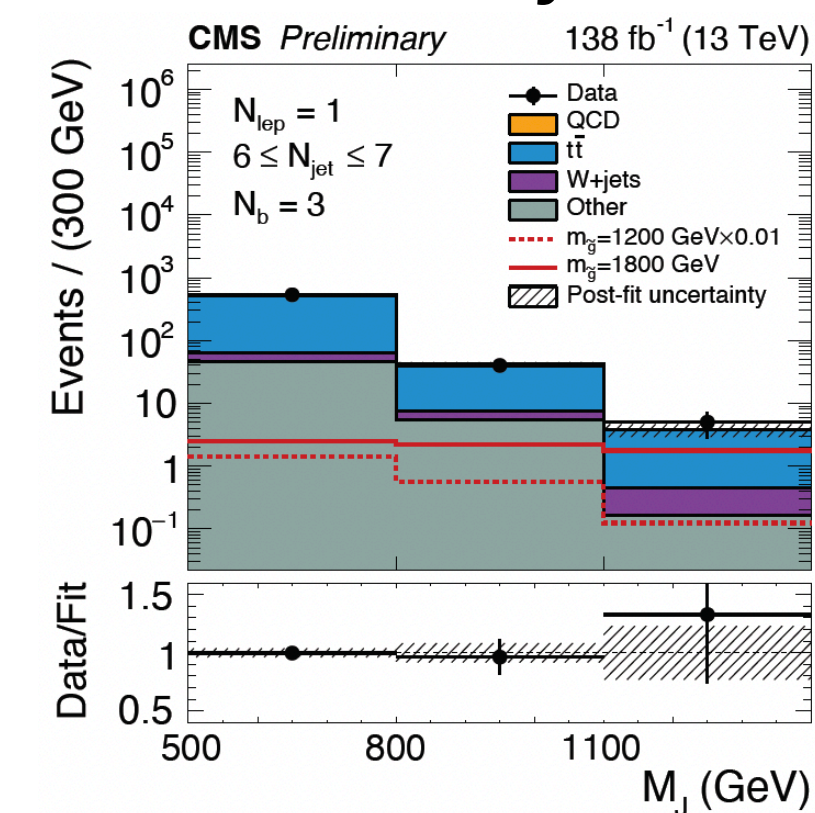
$N_b$	$N_{jet}$		
	4 – 5	6 – 7	$\geq 8$
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1	CR	CR	CR
2	CR	CR	SR
3		SR	SR
$\geq 4$	CR	SR	SR

2 bj

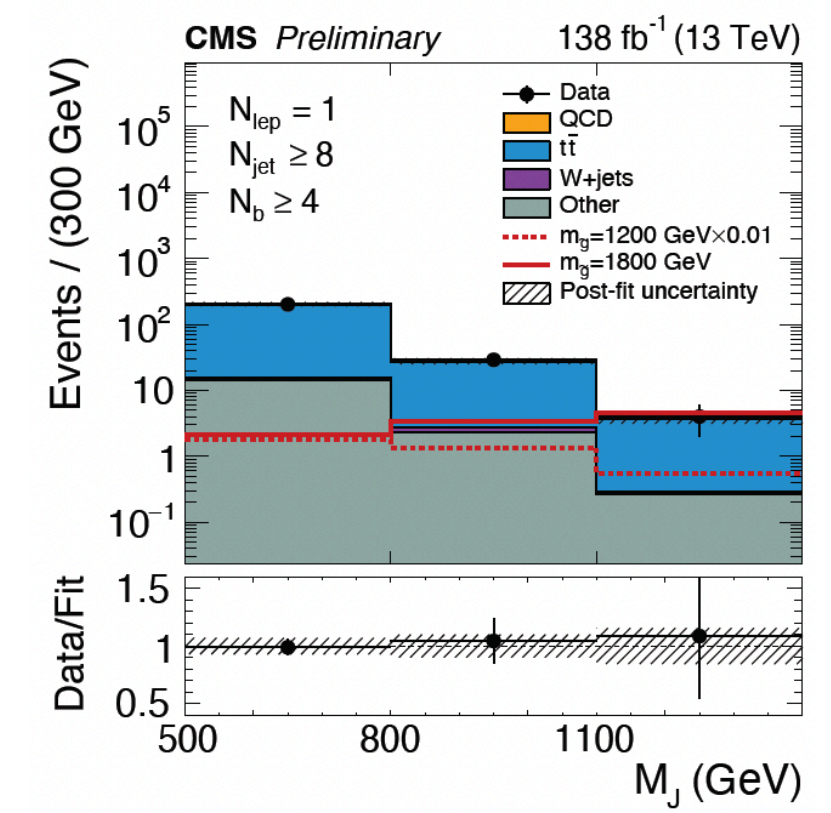
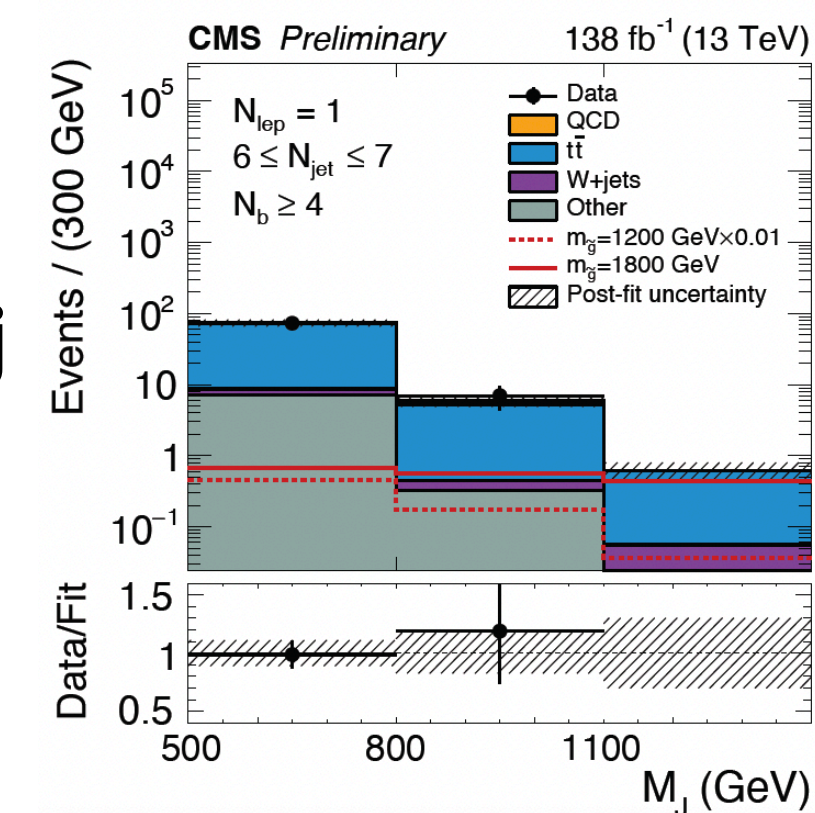


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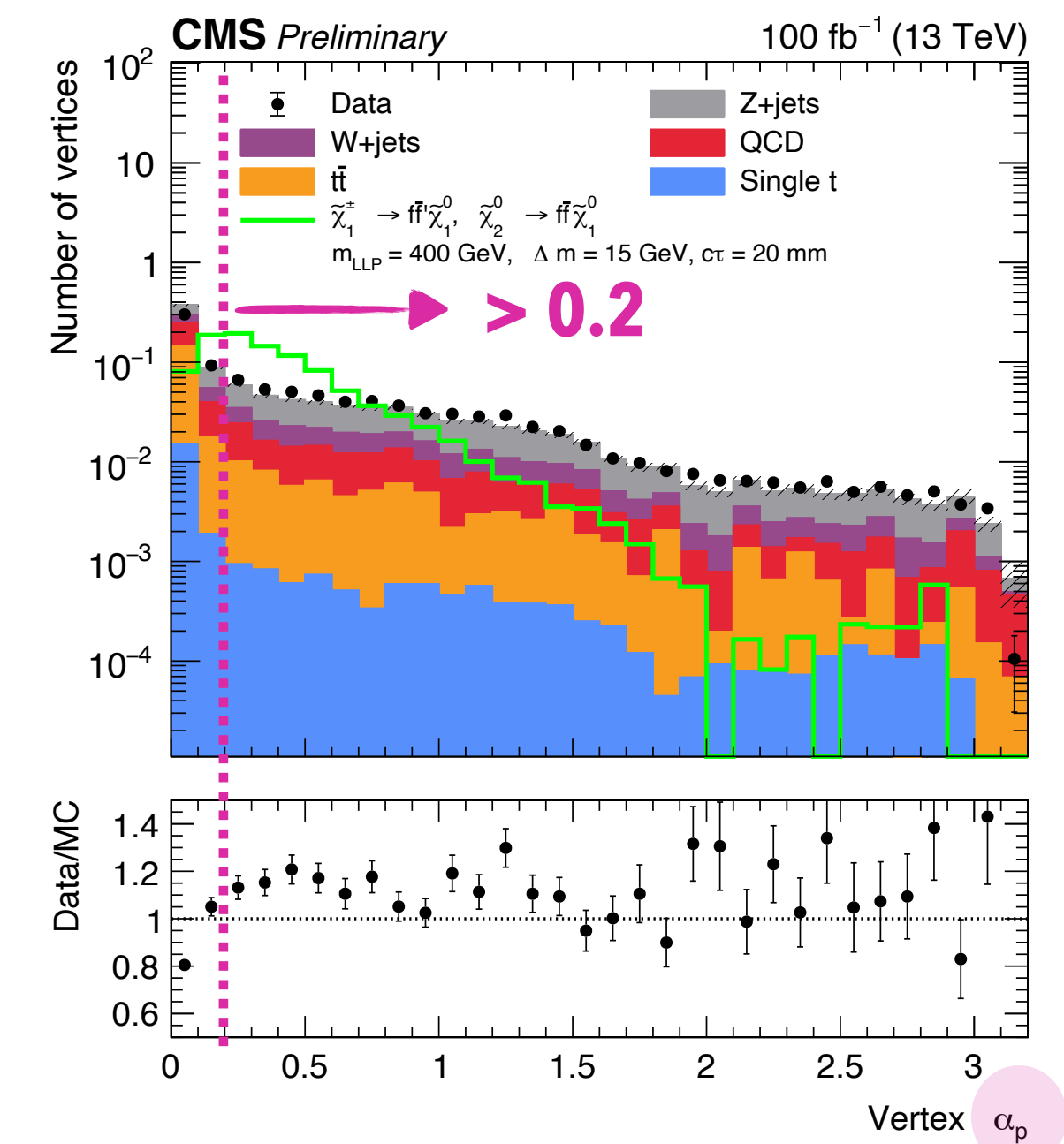
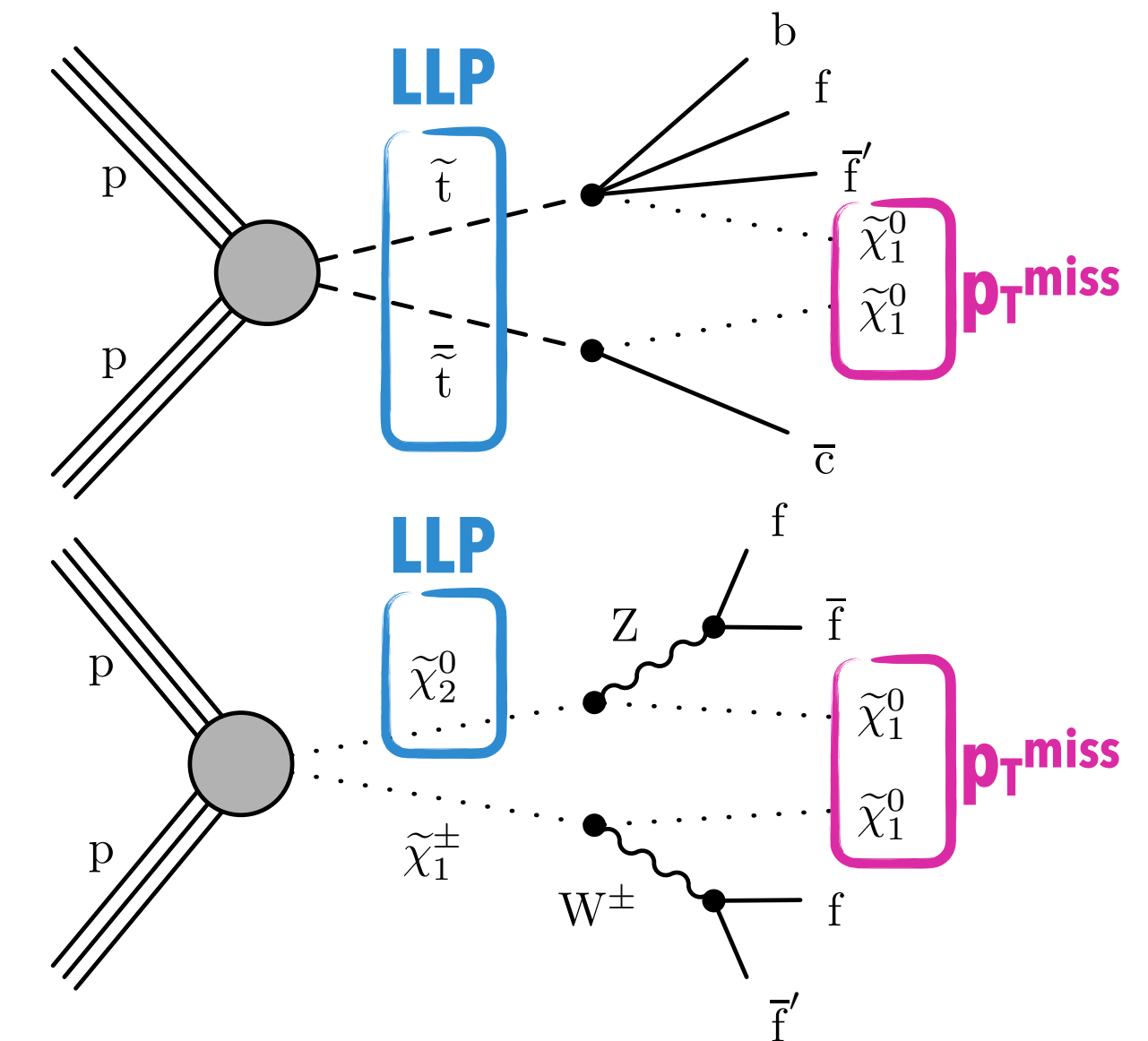
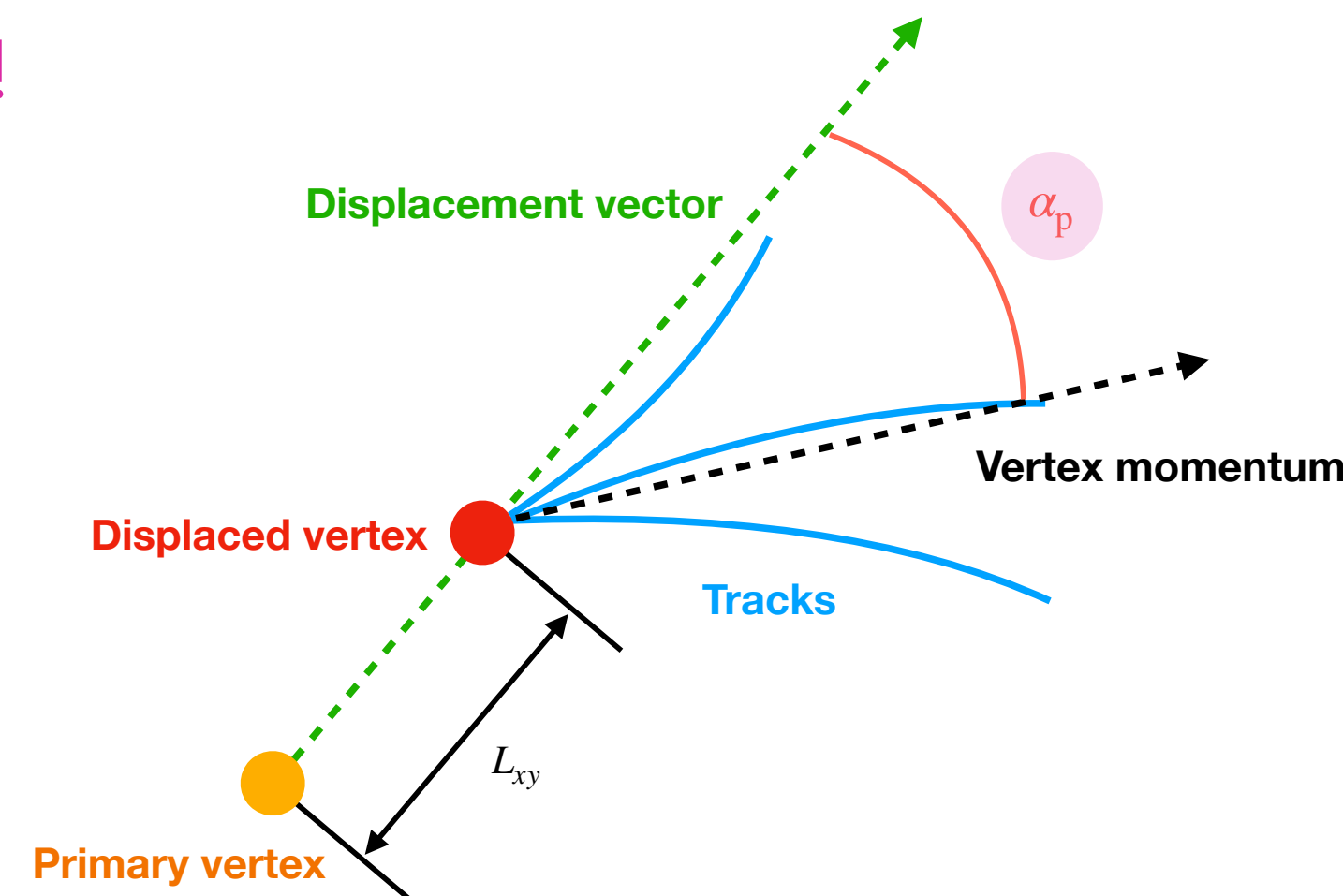


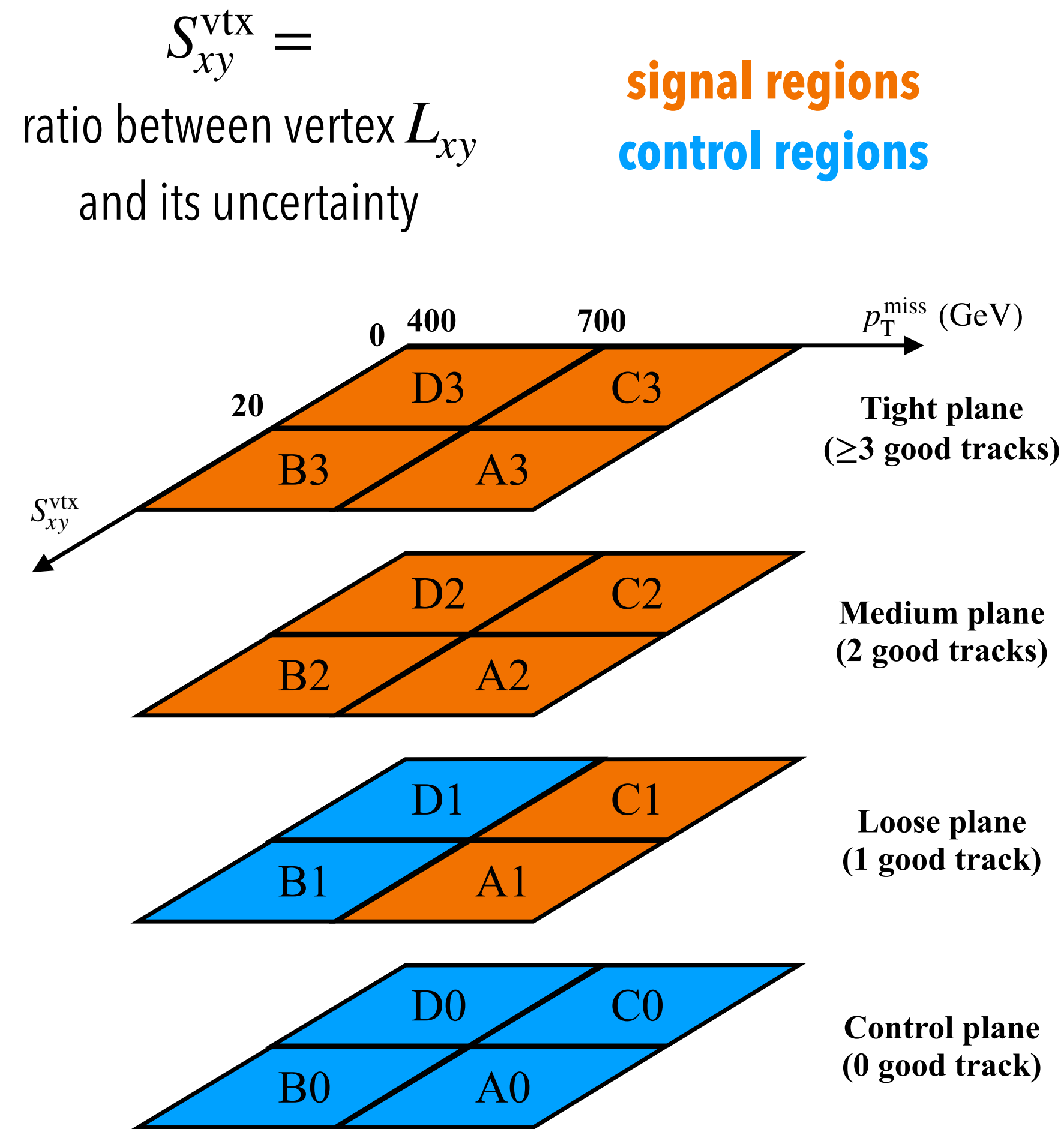
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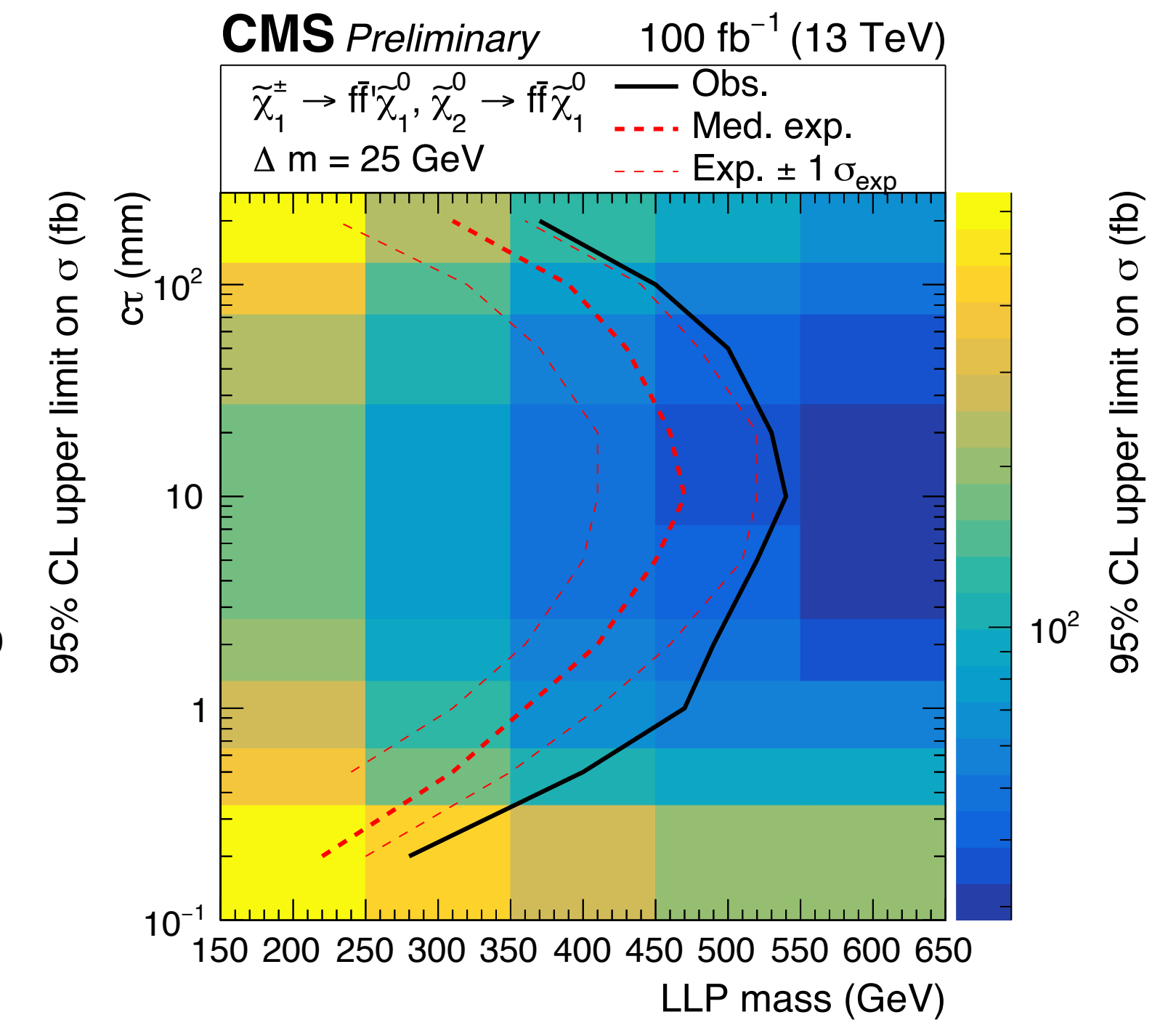
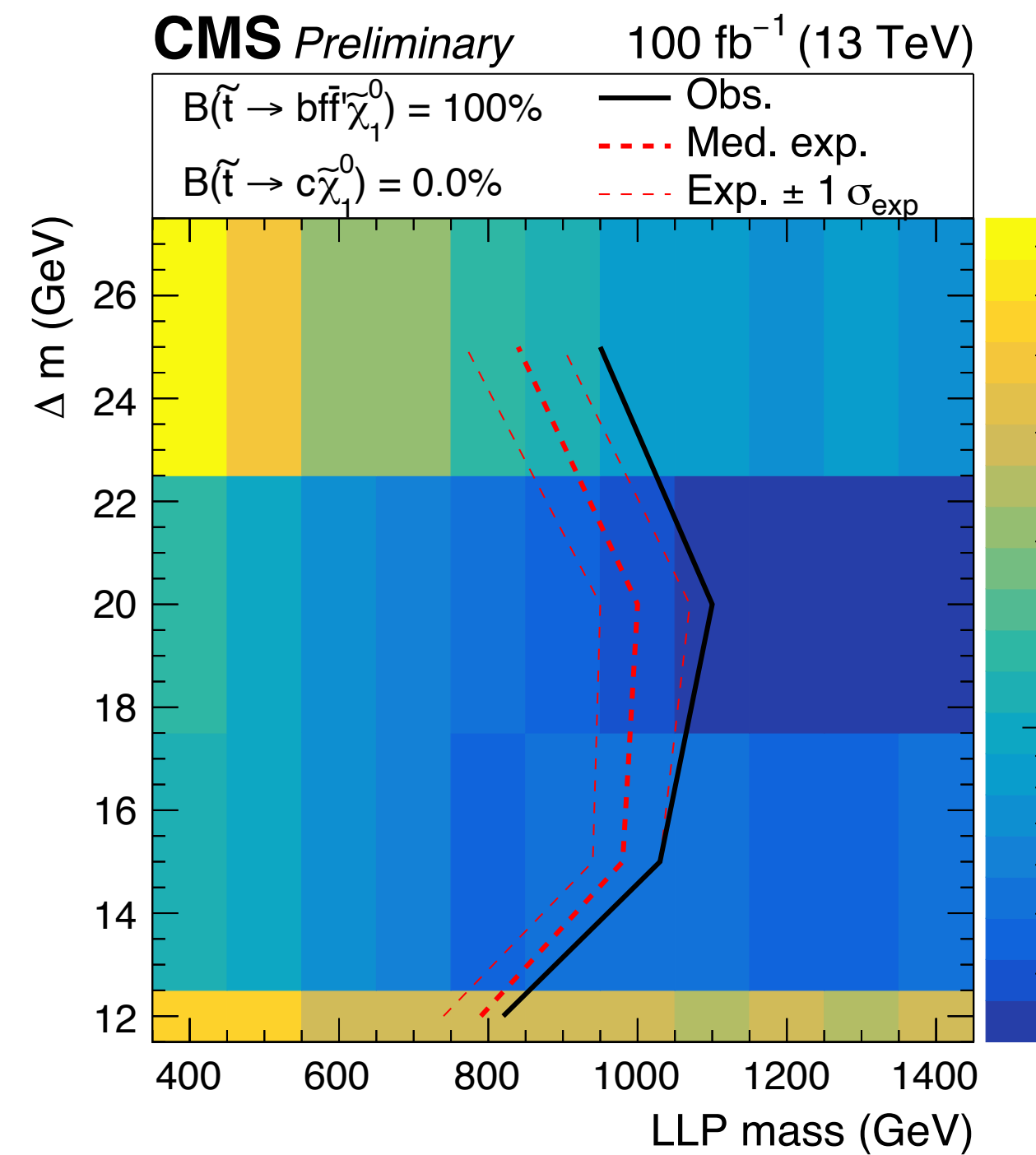
- Search for LLPs in signatures of **low- $p_T$  displaced vertices**,  $p_T^{\text{miss}}$ , and an ISR jet
- Co-annihilation scenarios characterised by a **long-lived** next-to-lightest SUSY particle (NLSP) with a **mass difference of less than 25 GeV** relative to the lightest SUSY particle (LSP)
- **Top squark scenario:** the **NLSP** is a **top squark**, while the LSP is a bino-like neutralino
- **Bino-wino scenario:** the **NLSPs** are **long-lived wino** like neutralino and **prompt wino-like** chargino, and the LSP remains a bino-like neutralino
- First LHC search sensitive to this regime!
- Reconstruct displaced vertices using a customised reconstruction algorithm





- It excludes top squark masses less than 400-1100 GeV and wino-like neutralinos with masses less than 220-550 GeV, depending on signal parameters

- Most stringent limits to date





# BSM (in) Higgs

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exotics H decays

$X \rightarrow SH \rightarrow bb\gamma\gamma$

$X \rightarrow YH \rightarrow VV(4q)bb$

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## Two-Higgs-doublet-model (2HDM)

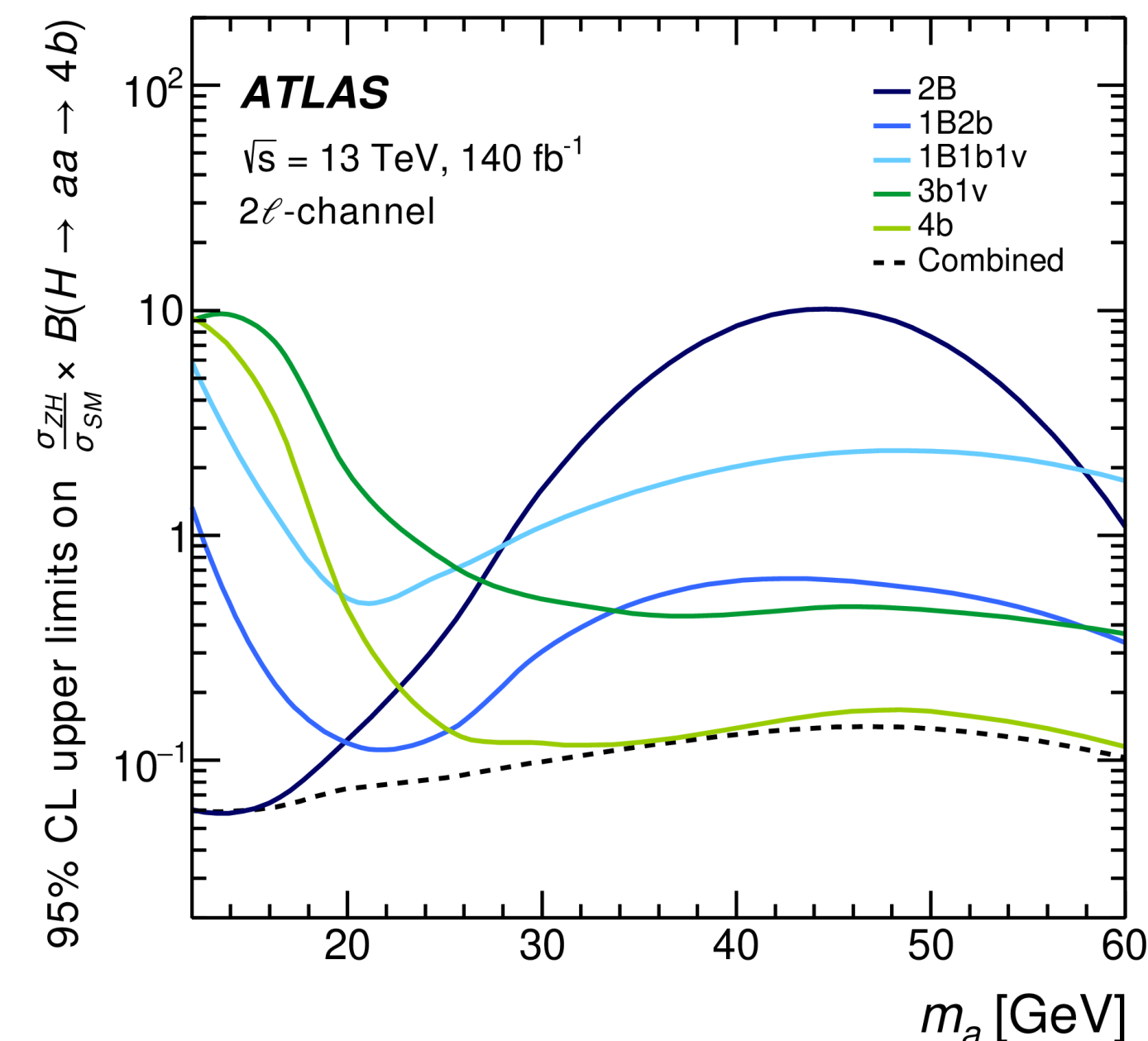
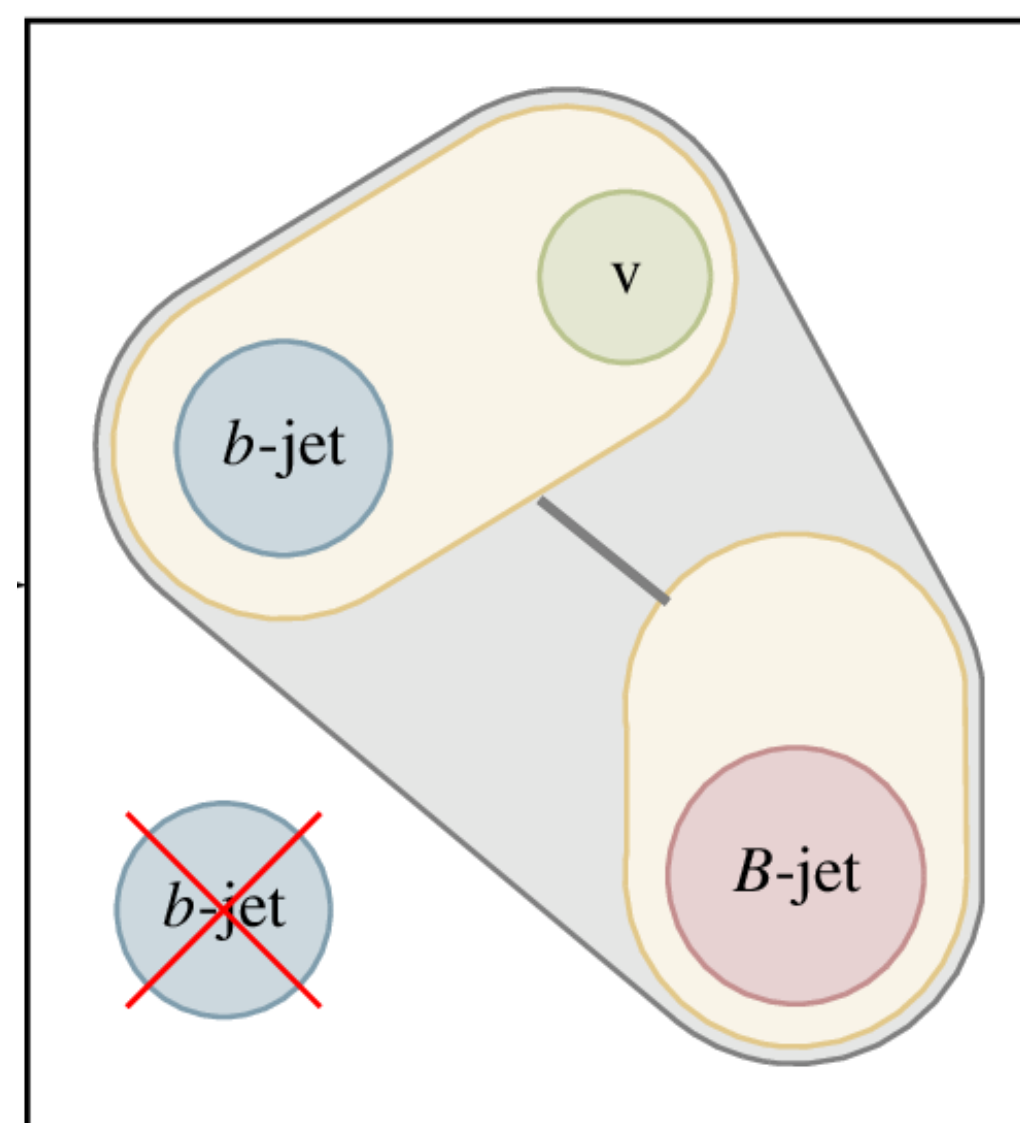
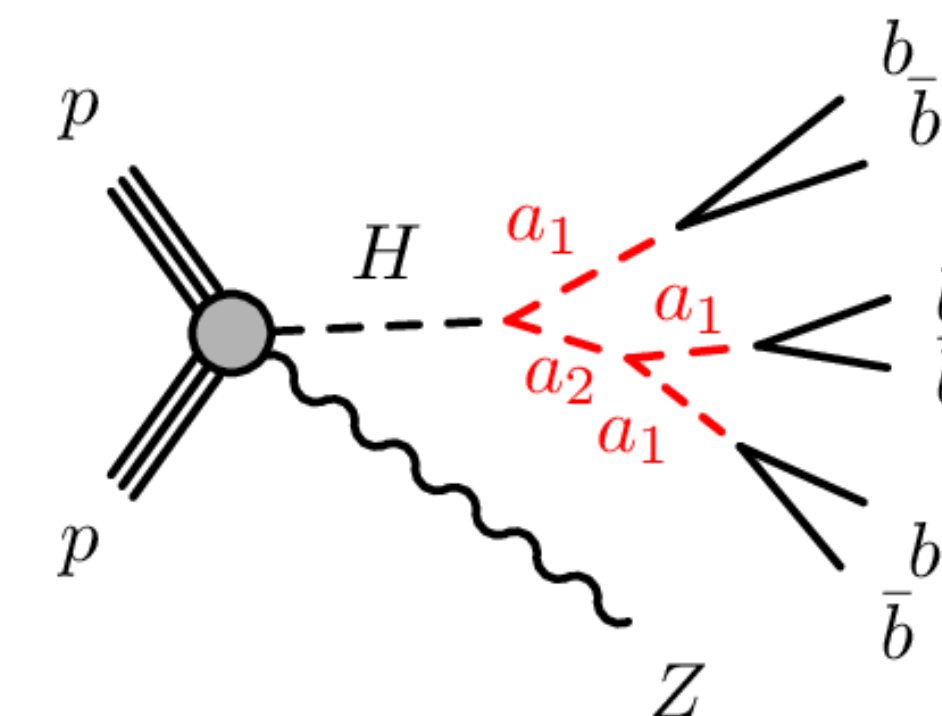
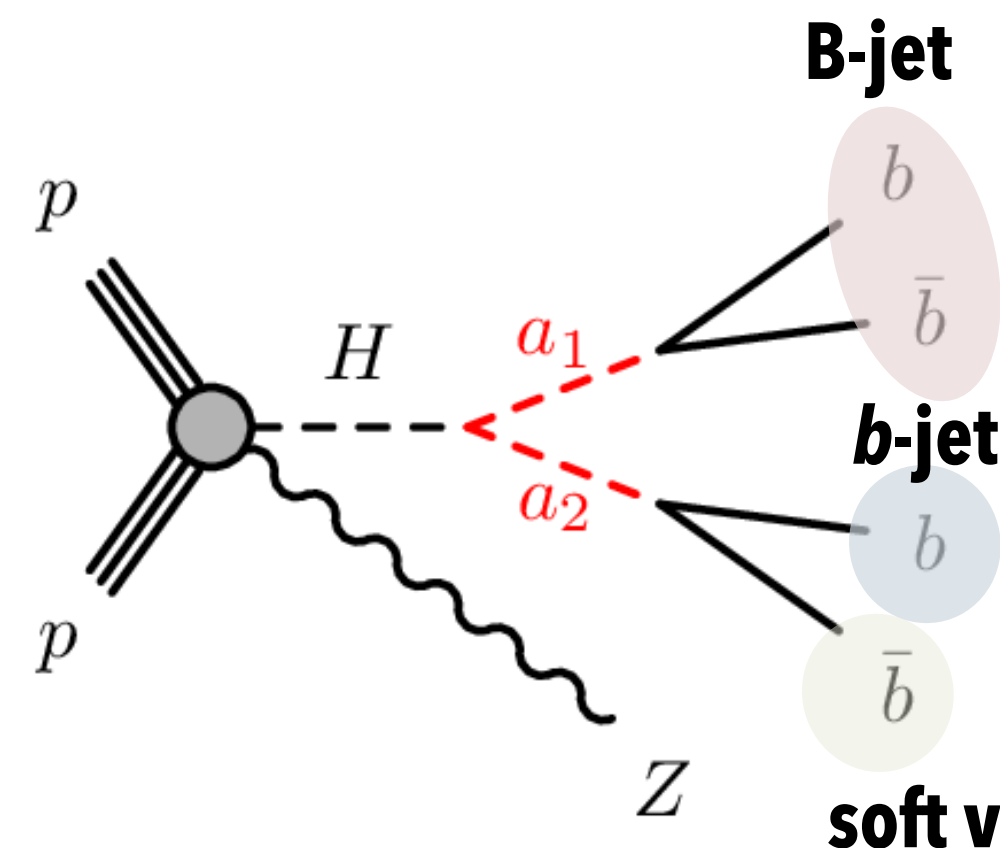
- Extension of the electroweak Higgs sector by another scalar doublet
- Pheno contains a charged Higgs, a pseudoscalar and two neutral scalars, flavour-changing neutral currents, and more possibilities for CP violation and baryogenesis

## Exotic Higgs decays

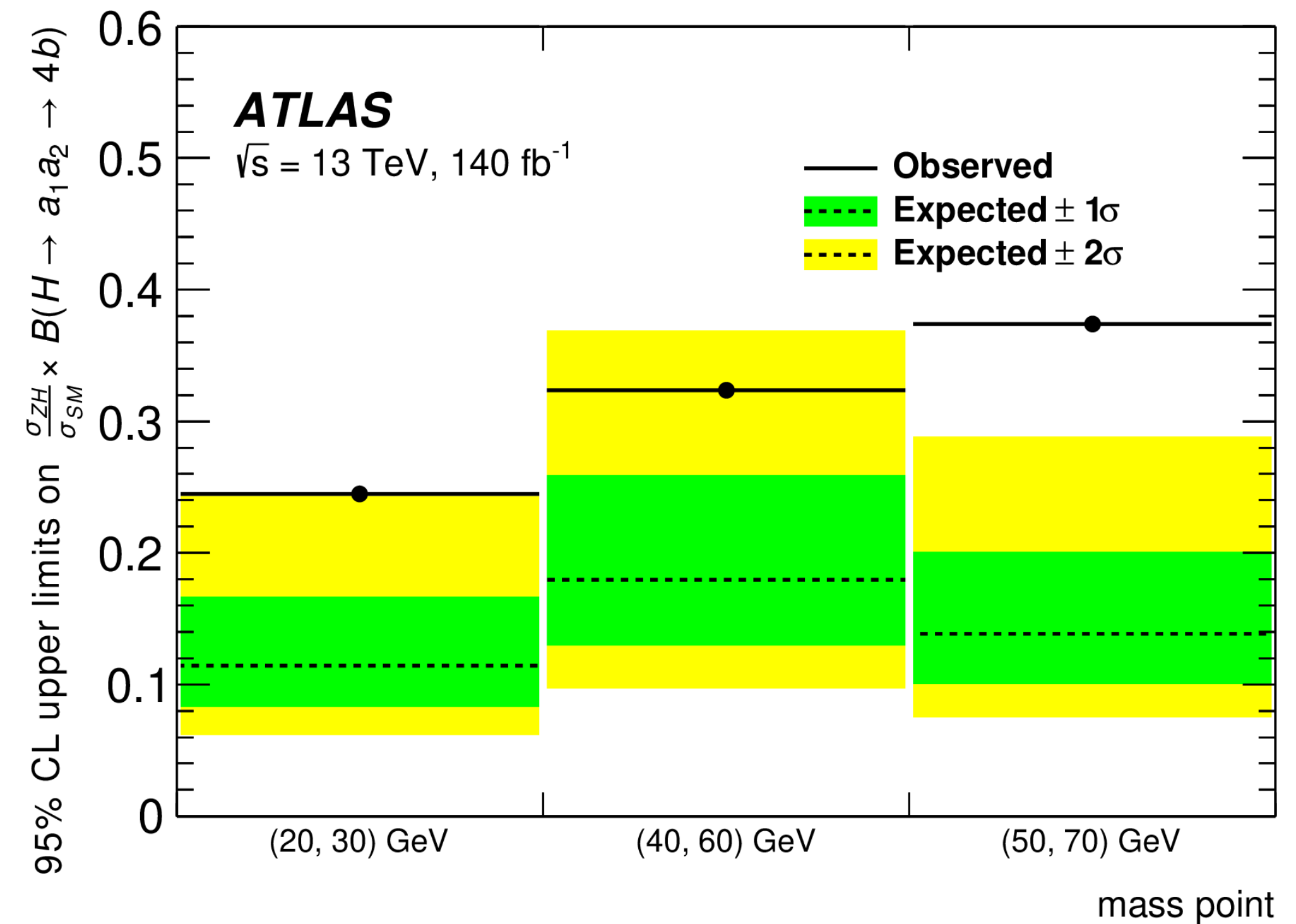
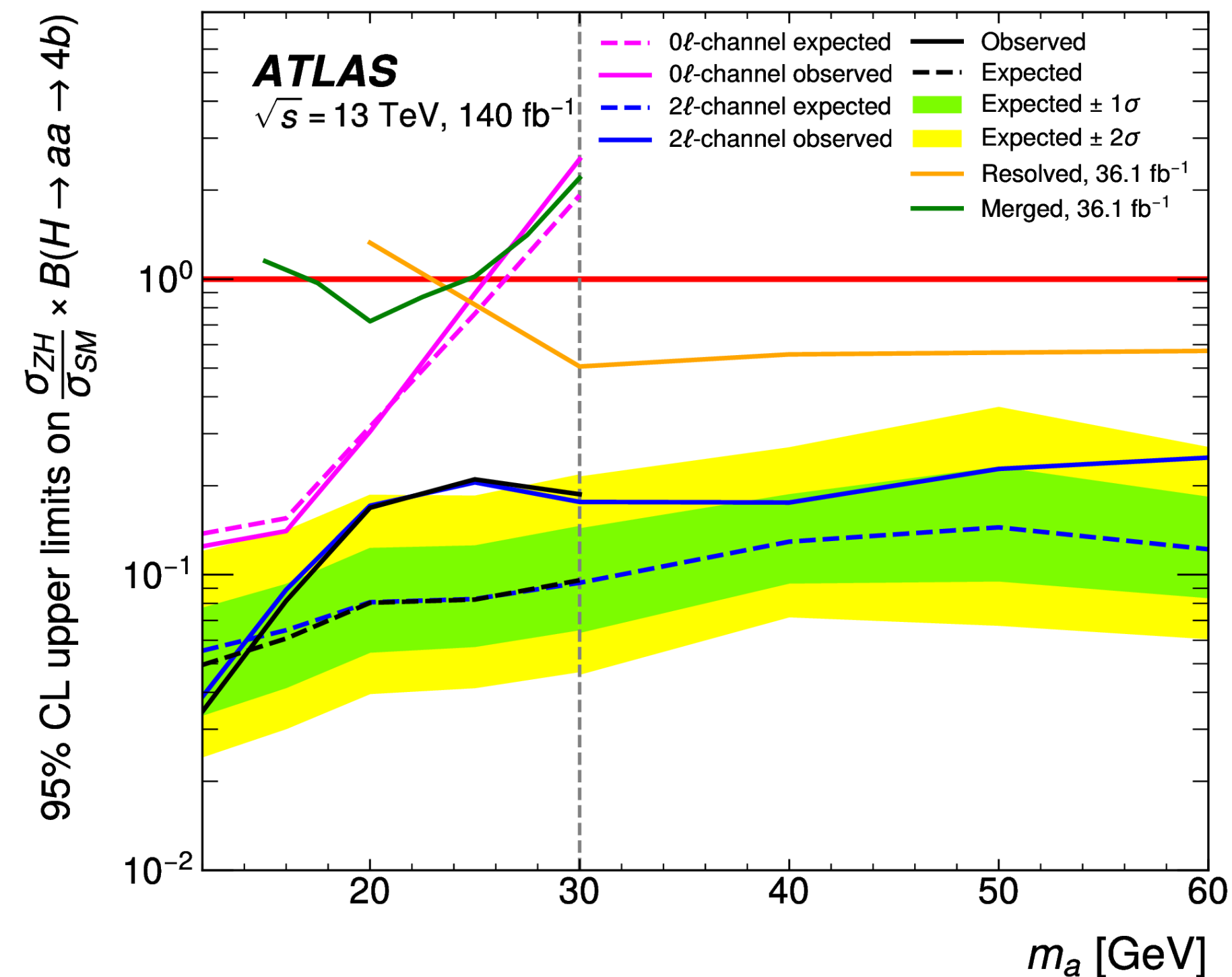
- Higgs boson decays are particularly sensitive to new physics due to the small total width
- Models predicting new light scalar(s) can lead to exotic Higgs decays, e.g.:  $H \rightarrow a_1 a_2 \rightarrow 4b$  **or**  $H \rightarrow a_1 a_2 \rightarrow a_1 a_1 a_1 \rightarrow 6b$



- Searches for exotic Higgs decays to new light pseudoscalar “a”
  - $b\bar{b}$  dominant decay mode
- Target ZH production, with:
  - **$Z \rightarrow \ell\ell$**  (2 $\ell$ , leptonic triggered)
    - **2 $\ell$ 4b** and **2 $\ell$ 6b**: BDT for S-vs-B in each SR
  - **$Z \rightarrow \nu\nu$**  (0 $\ell$ ,  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$  triggered)
- Using **two ATLAS b-taggers**: covers merged (B), intermediate, and resolved (b) regimes
- Additionally, use of **soft secondary vertices** reconstructed outside of jets (v)

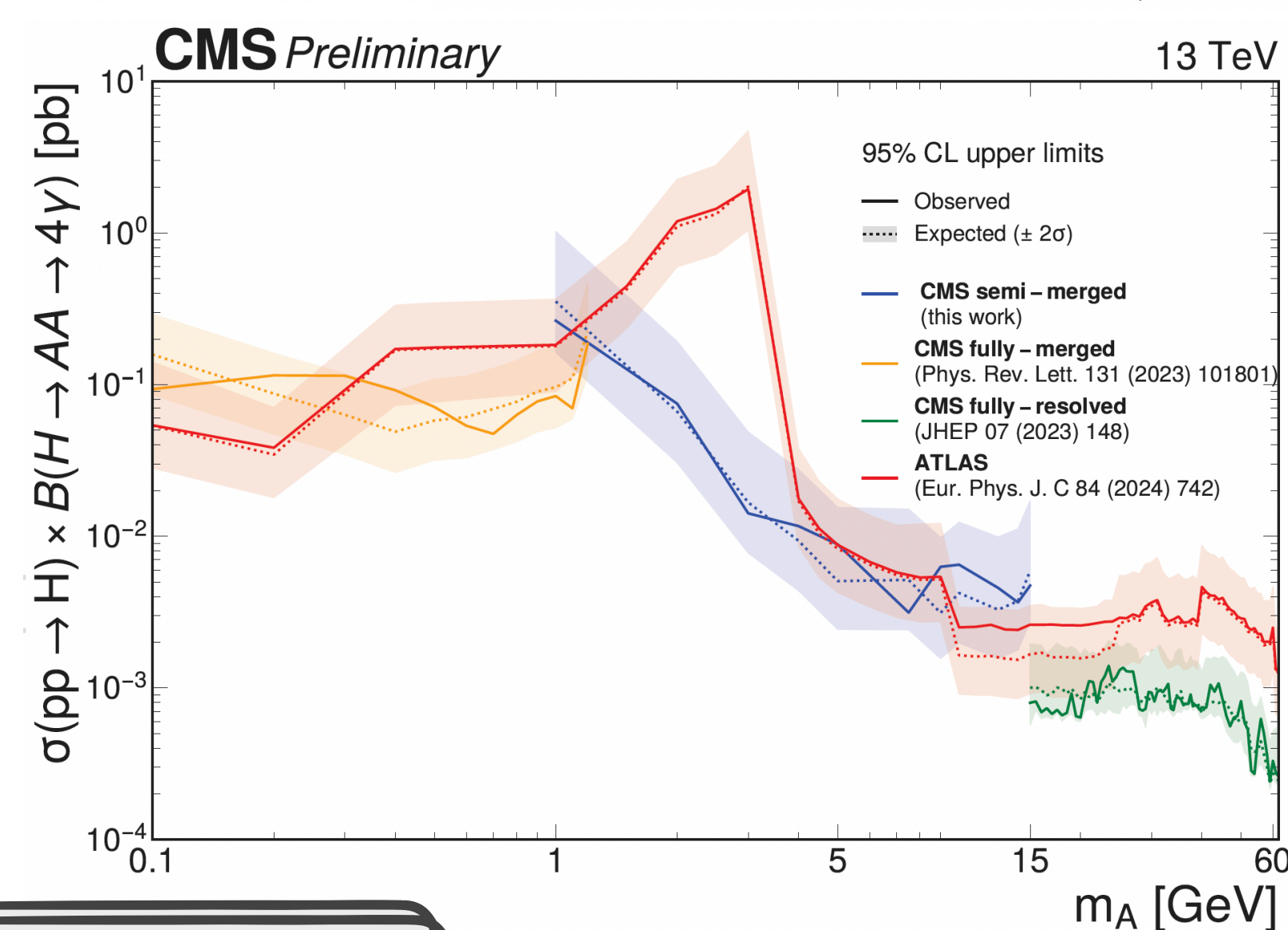
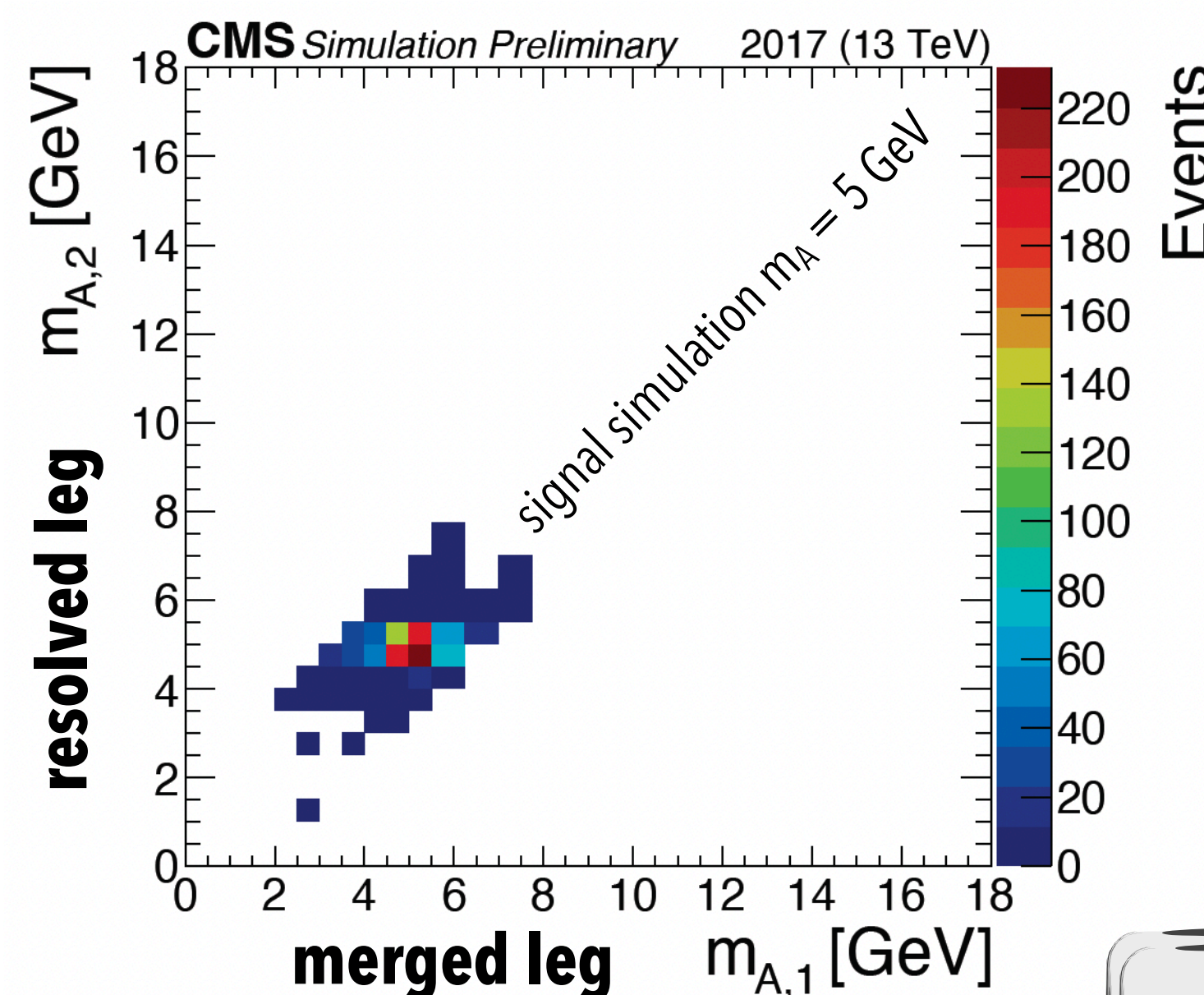
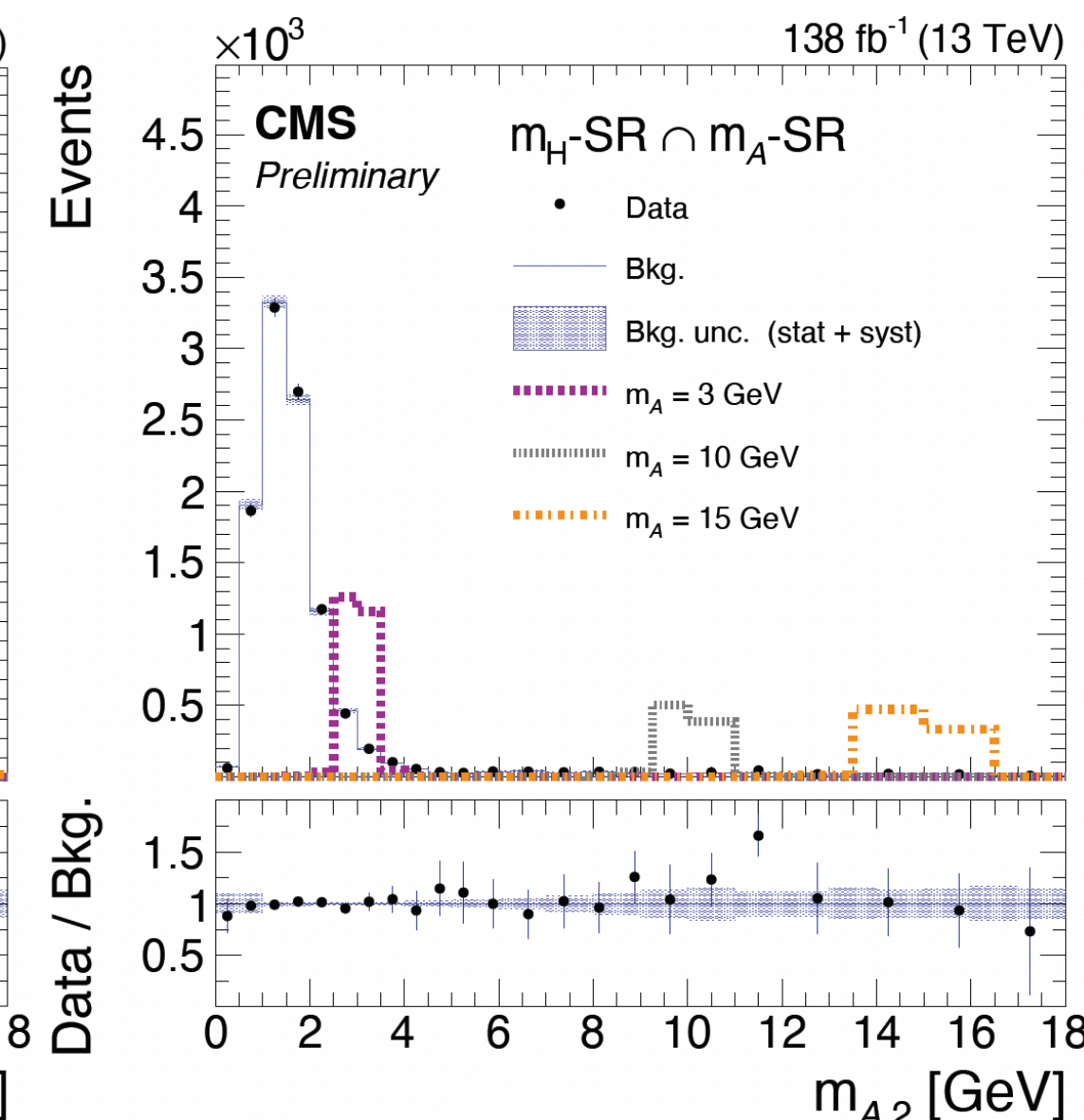
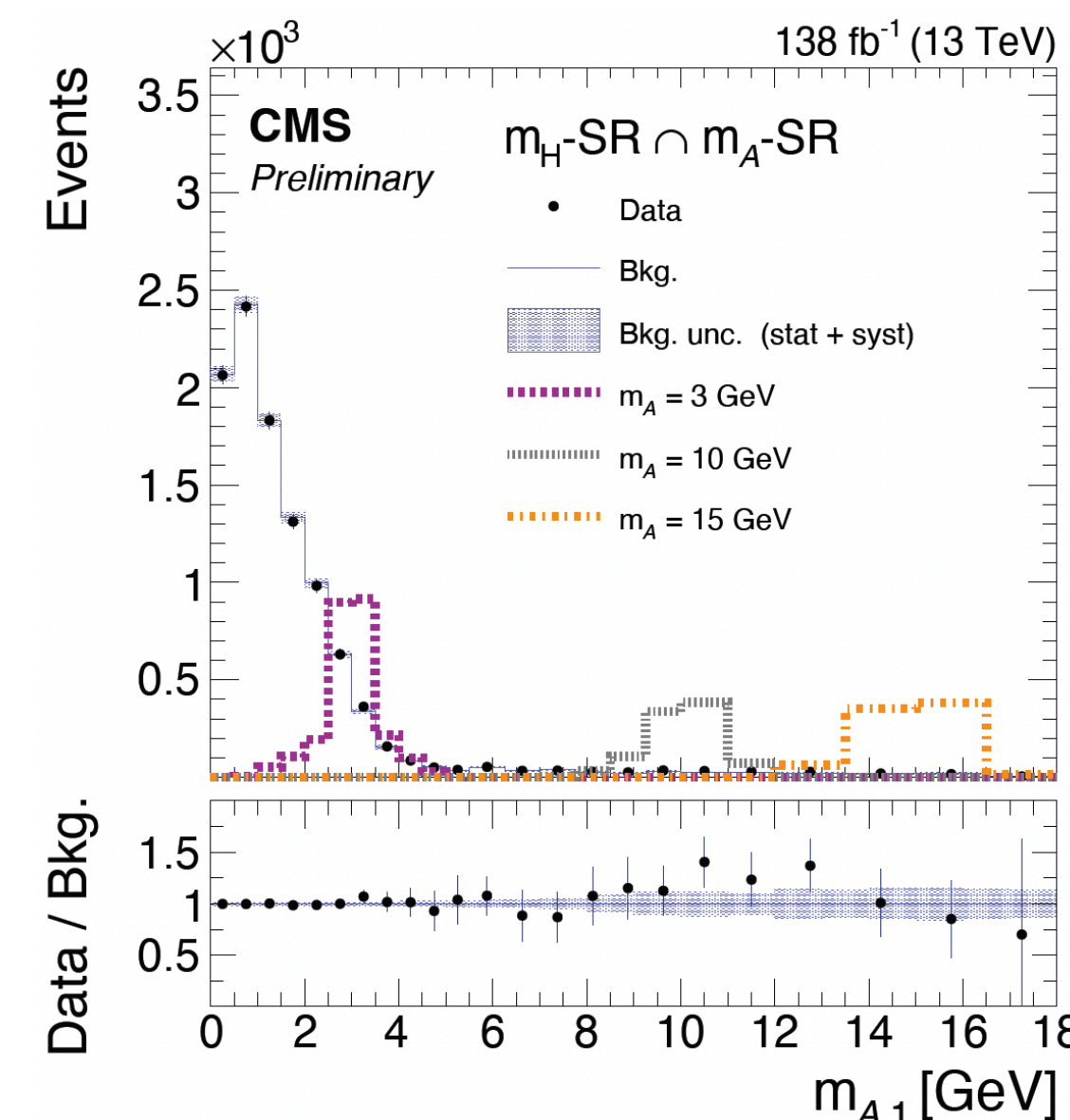
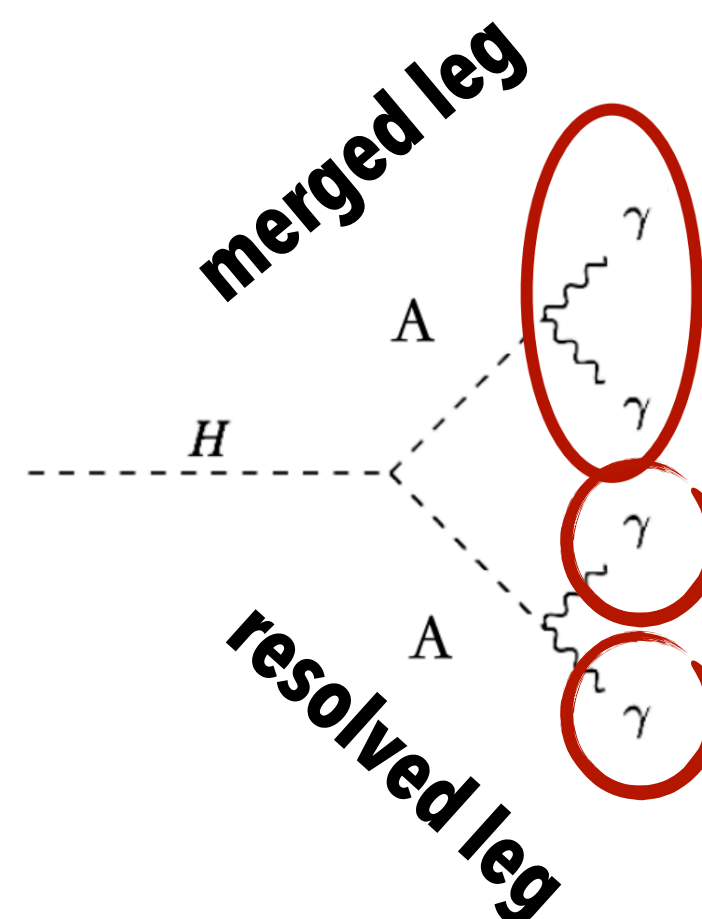


- Most stringent limits of this model to date
- First search to consider two additional scalars with different masses, including a cascade decay to  $6b$ , and to consider the  $Z \rightarrow \nu\nu$  channel
- Largest deviations in  $4b$  regions in the  $2\ell$  channel, with local (global) significance of **2.83 (2.04)  $\sigma$**  for  $m_a = 25$  GeV and **3.28 (2.57)  $\sigma$**  for  $(m_{a1}, m_{a2}) = (50, 70)$  GeV



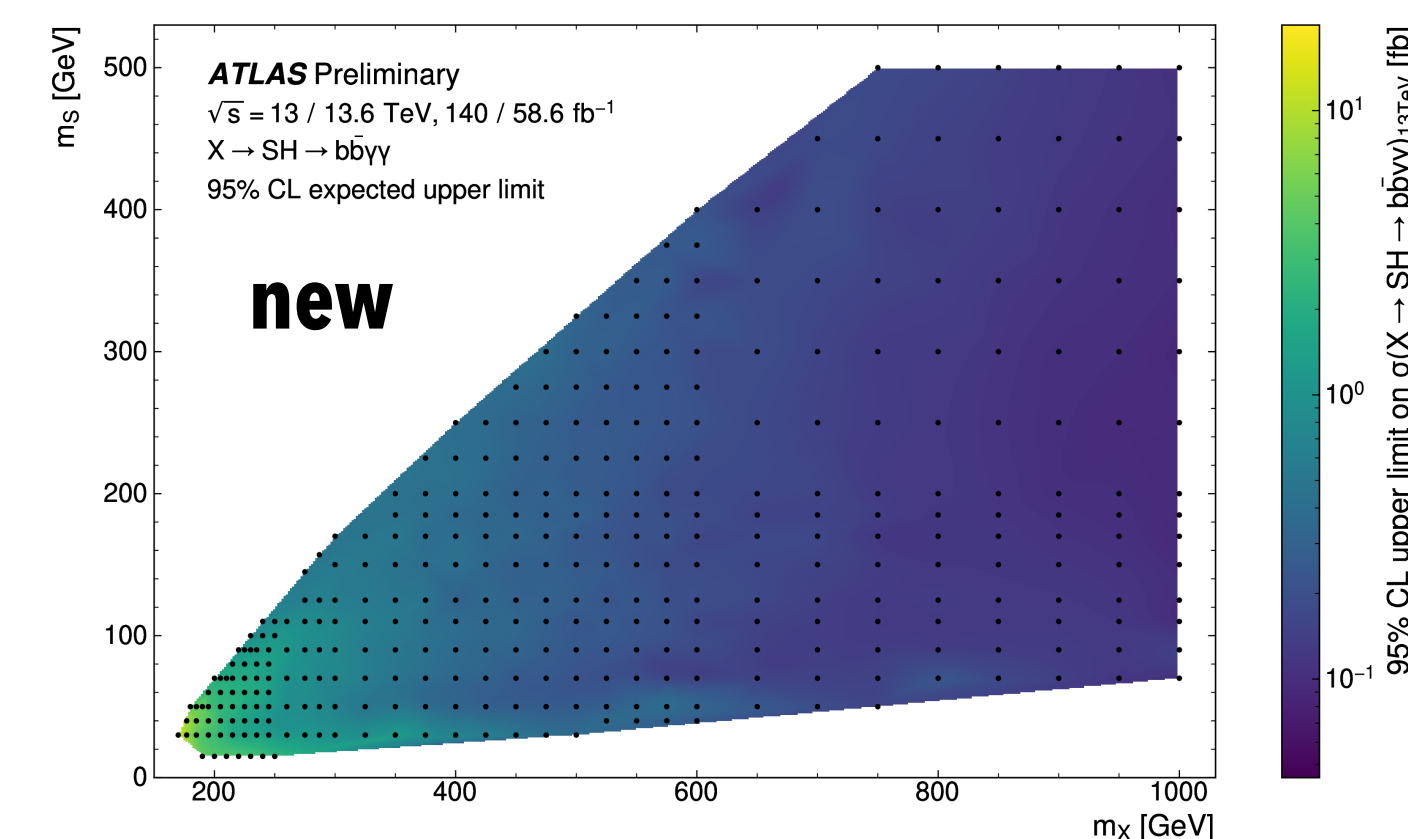
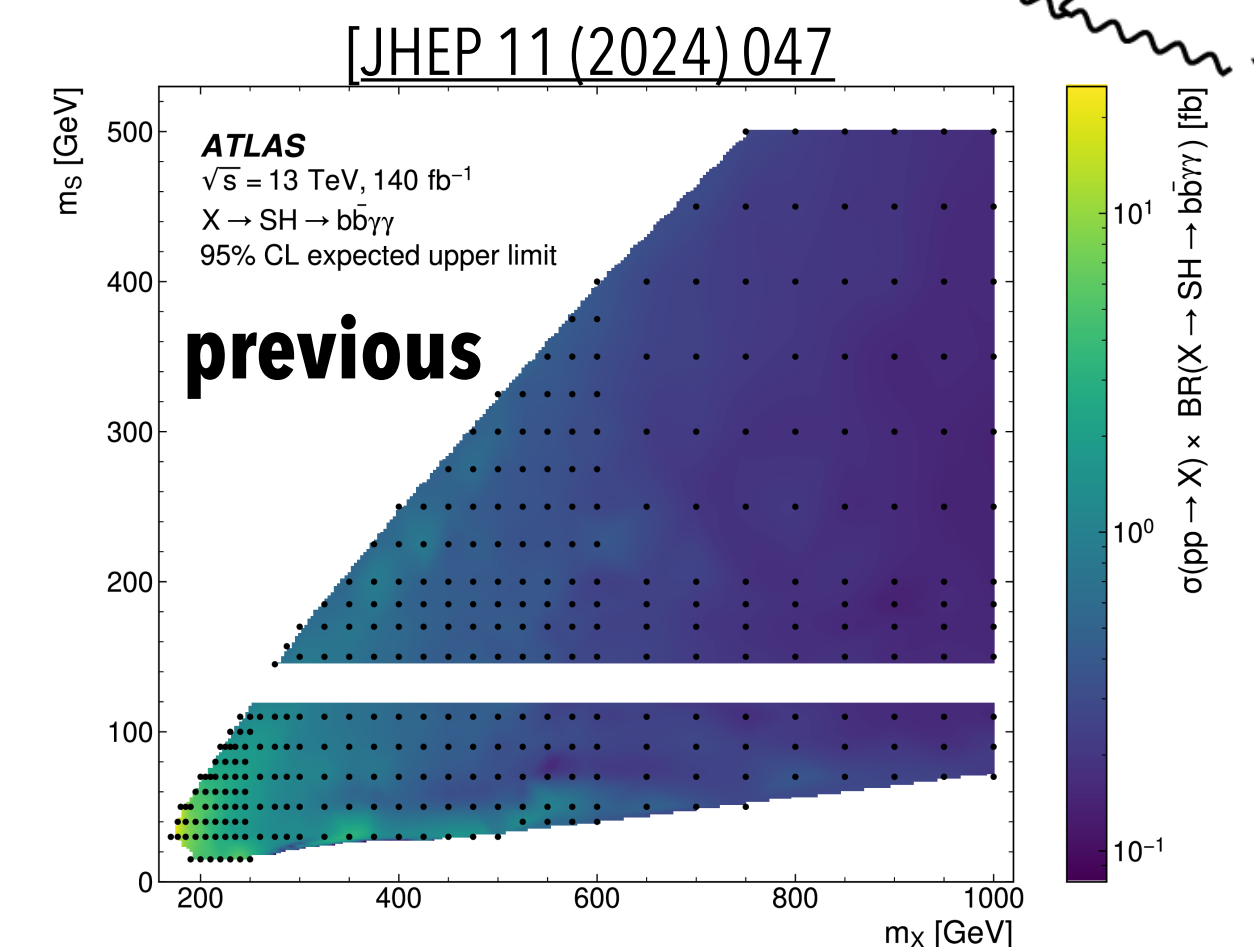
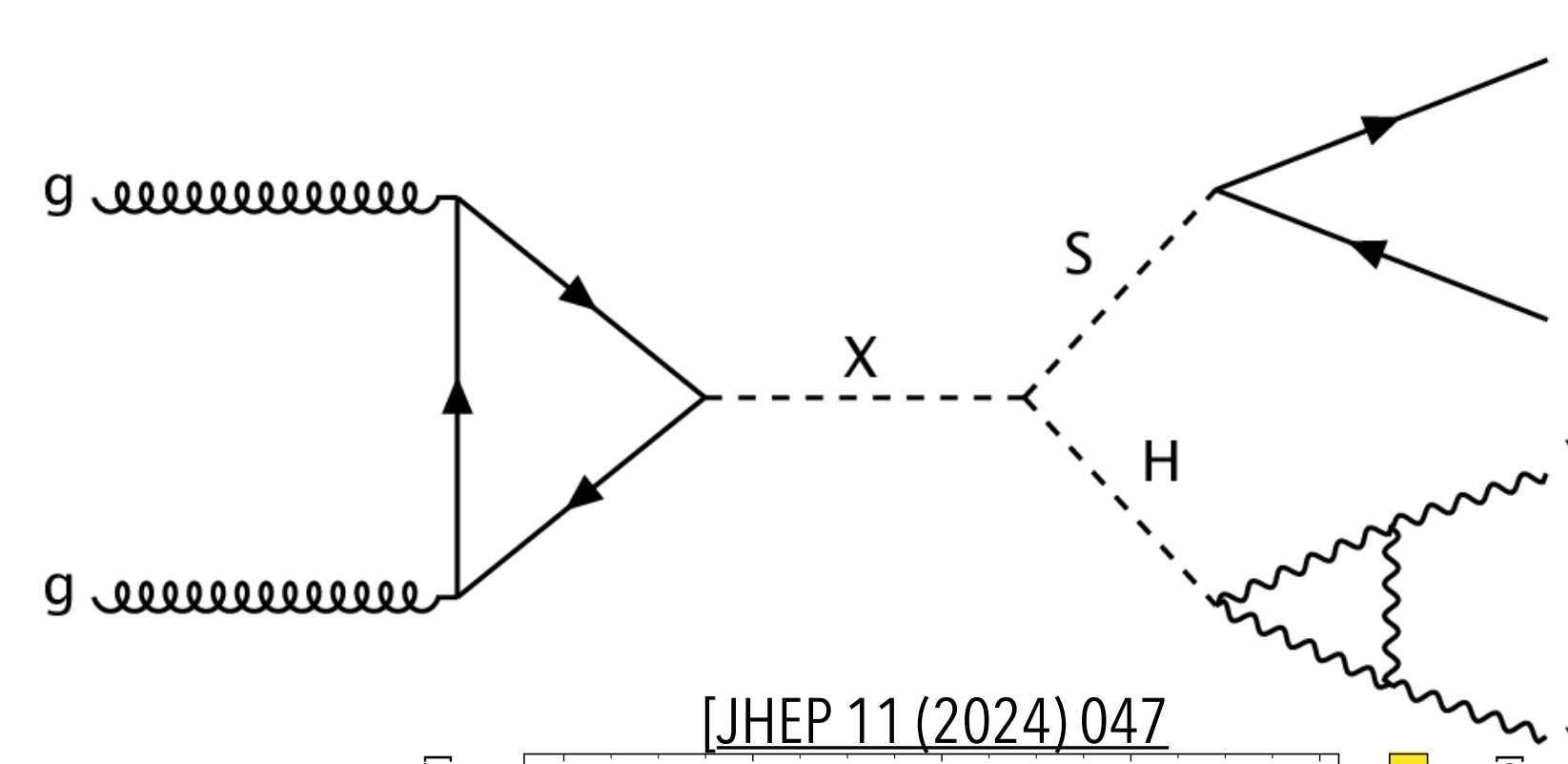


- Search for exotic Higgs decay to a pair of light pseudo-scalars  $H \rightarrow AA$  with  $A \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$
- Focus on **three photon-like** objects in the final state, to bridge the gap in the  **$1 < m_A < 15$  GeV** mass range
- Novel deep-learning-based **mass reconstruction technique** developed: reconstructs  $m_A$  from pattern of energy deposits in ECAL crystals
- Signal and sideband regions defined along two axes:
  - Tri-photon mass  $m_{\gamma\gamma\gamma}$  axis
  - 2D- $m_A$  template axis
- Most stringent limits to date in the majority of the mass range explored



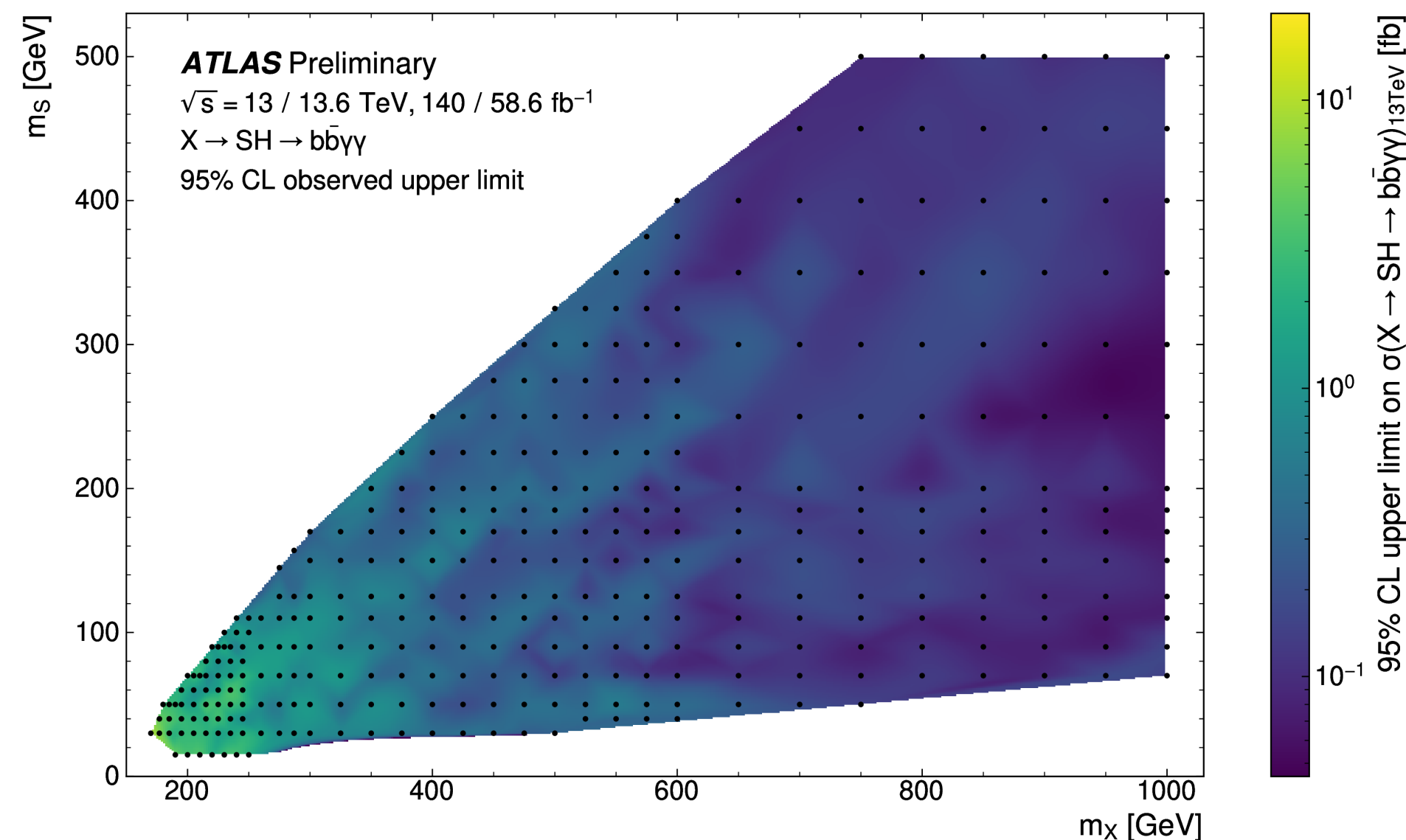


- Search for the resonant production of a heavy scalar  $X$  decaying into a SM Higgs boson and a lighter scalar  $S$  through  $X \rightarrow SH \rightarrow bb\gamma\gamma$
- Using Run 2 (140 fb<sup>-1</sup>) + partial Run 3 (58.6 fb<sup>-1</sup>) datasets
- Main backgrounds: continuum di- $\gamma$  non-resonant production and Higgs processes with  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$
- Main updates wrt. previous results:
  - Changing from DL1r to **GN2 b-tagger**
  - **$m_{\gamma\gamma}$  requirement** changed from 120-130 GeV to 122.5-127.5 GeV
- Two SRs based on the number of b-tagged jets, using PNNs
- Expected limits on  $\sigma_{13\text{ TeV}}$  are 15% to 73% lower than previous result (largest improvements on low-mass region)
- Inclusion of early Run 3 dataset improves sensitivity by 9-30%



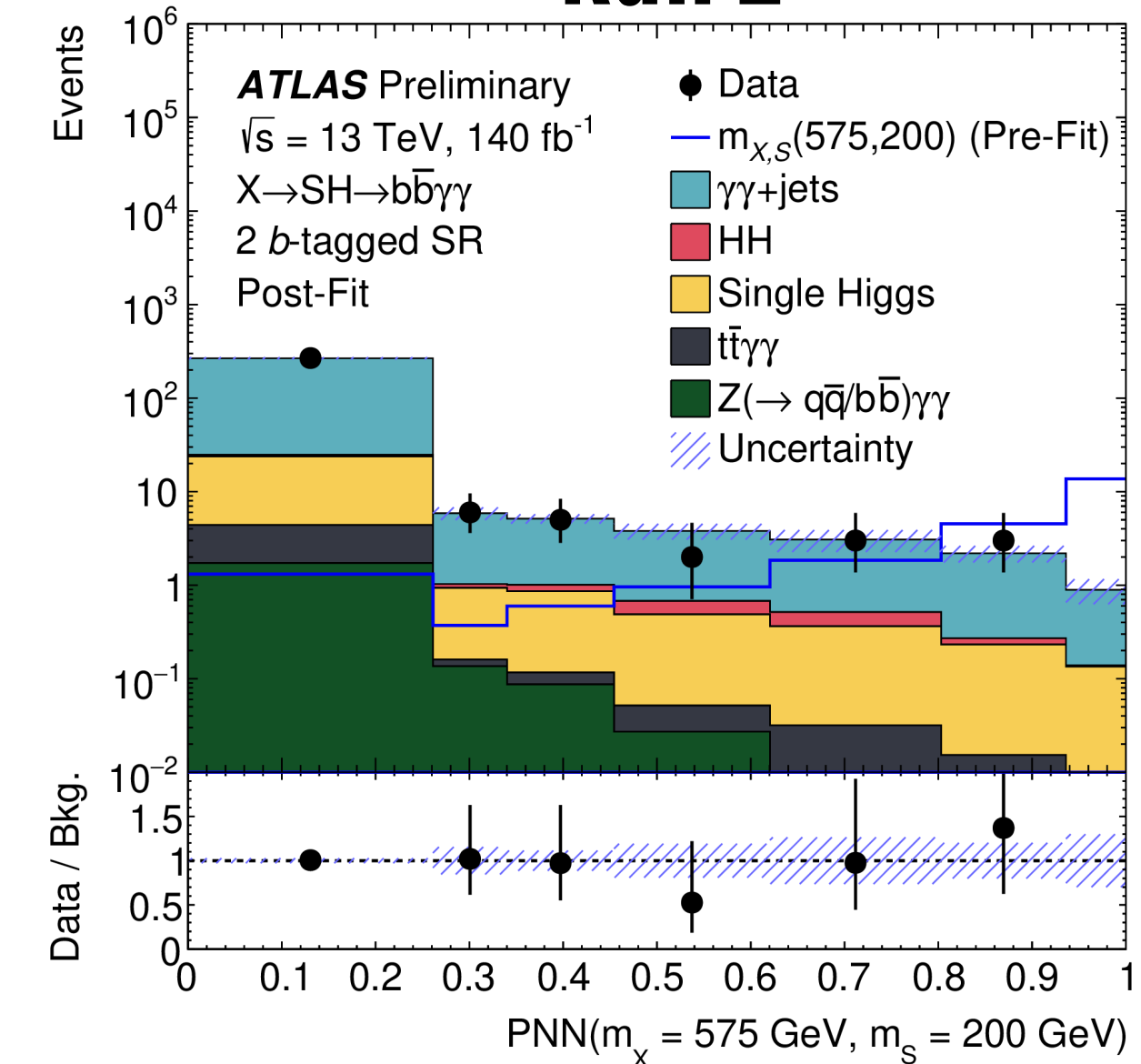


- Largest deviation from the B-only hypothesis from previous results:
  - ATLAS [JHEP 11 (2024) 047]:  $(m_X, m_S) = (575, 200)$  GeV with a local (global) significance of 3.5 (2.0)  $\sigma$
  - CMS [JHEP 05 (2024) 316]:  $(m_X, m_S) = (650, 90)$  GeV with a local (global) significance of 3.8 (2.8)  $\sigma$
- No similar deviation as previous ATLAS result, neither in Run 2 nor Run 2 + Run 3

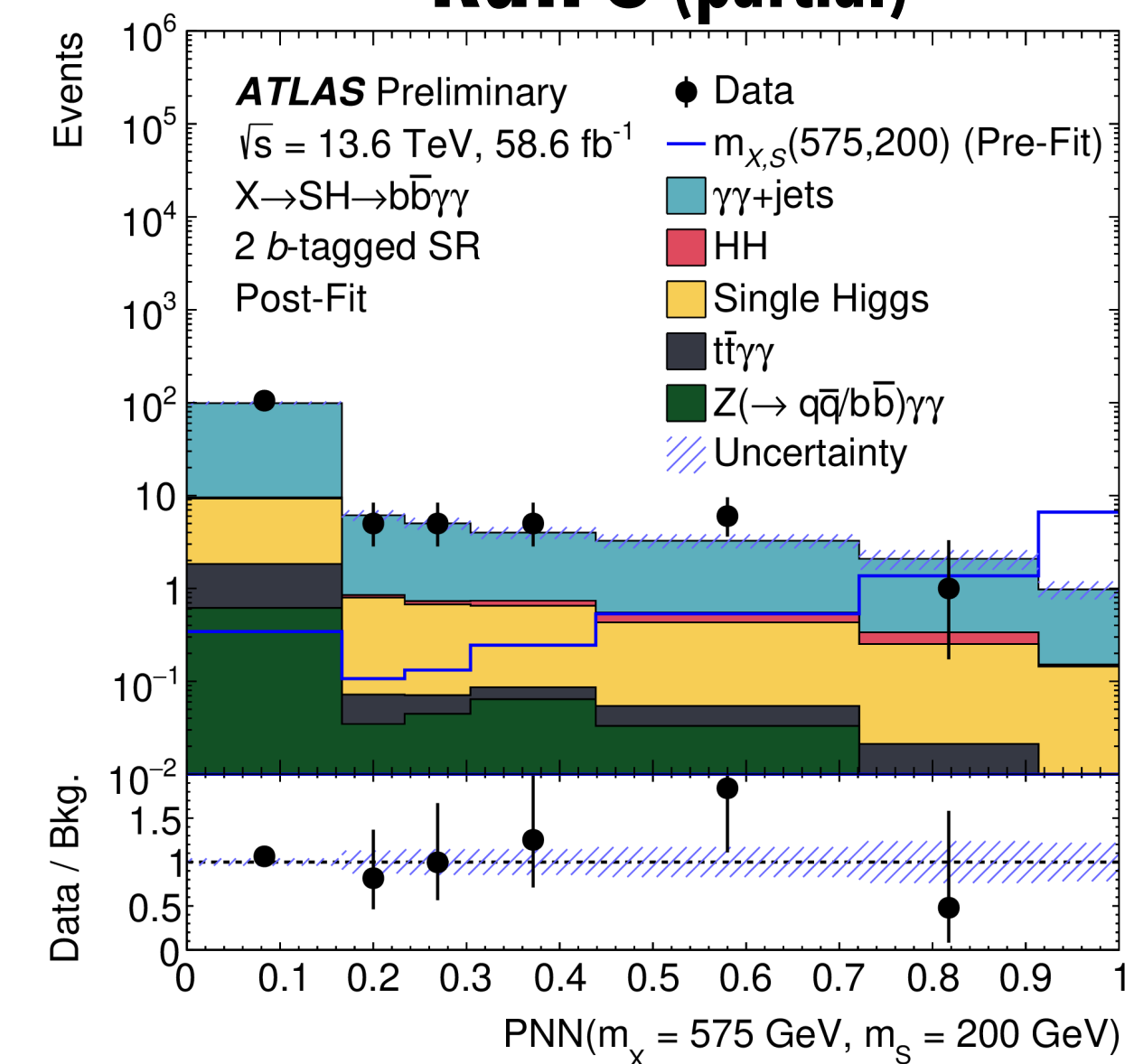


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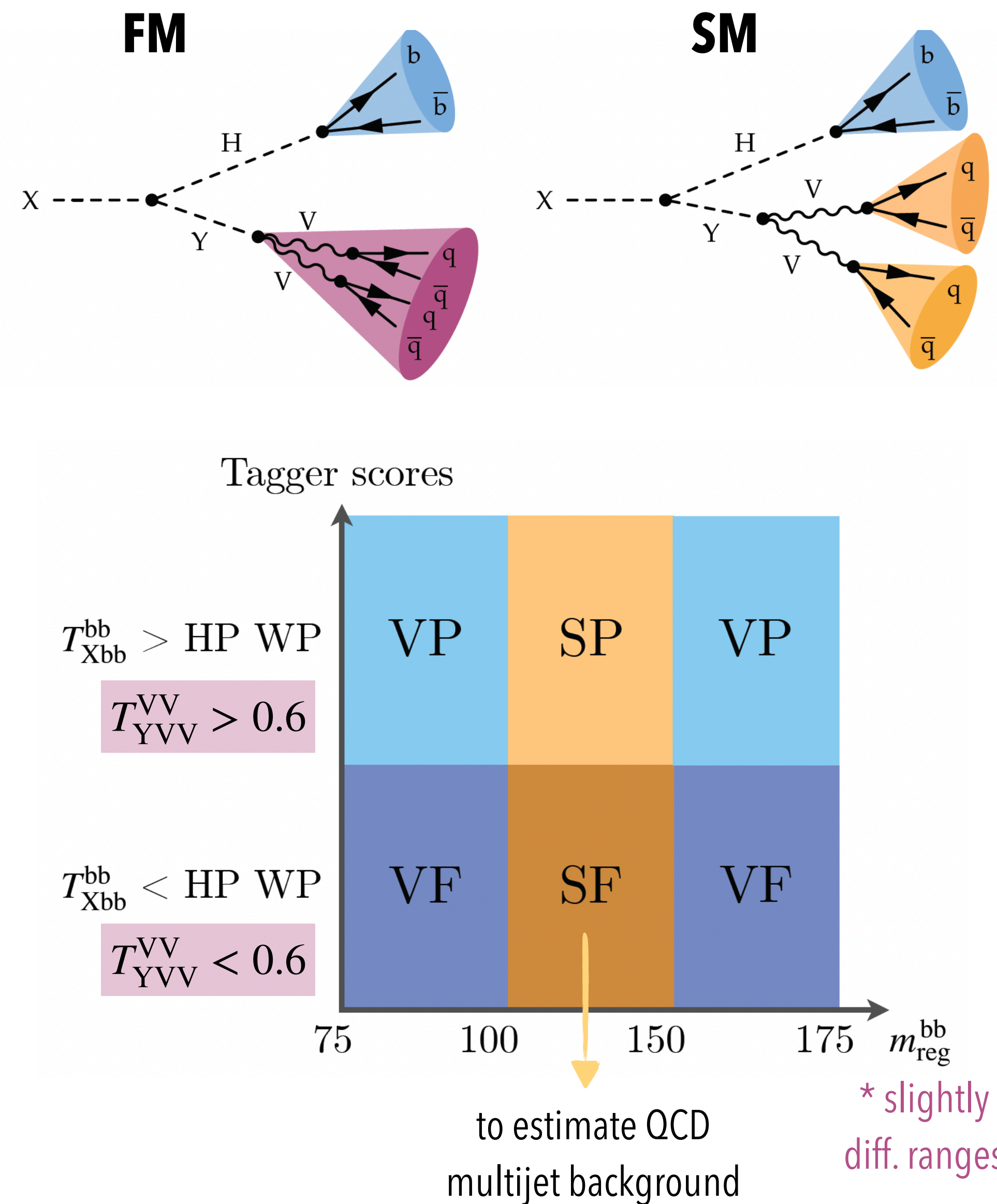
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## Run 3 (partial)

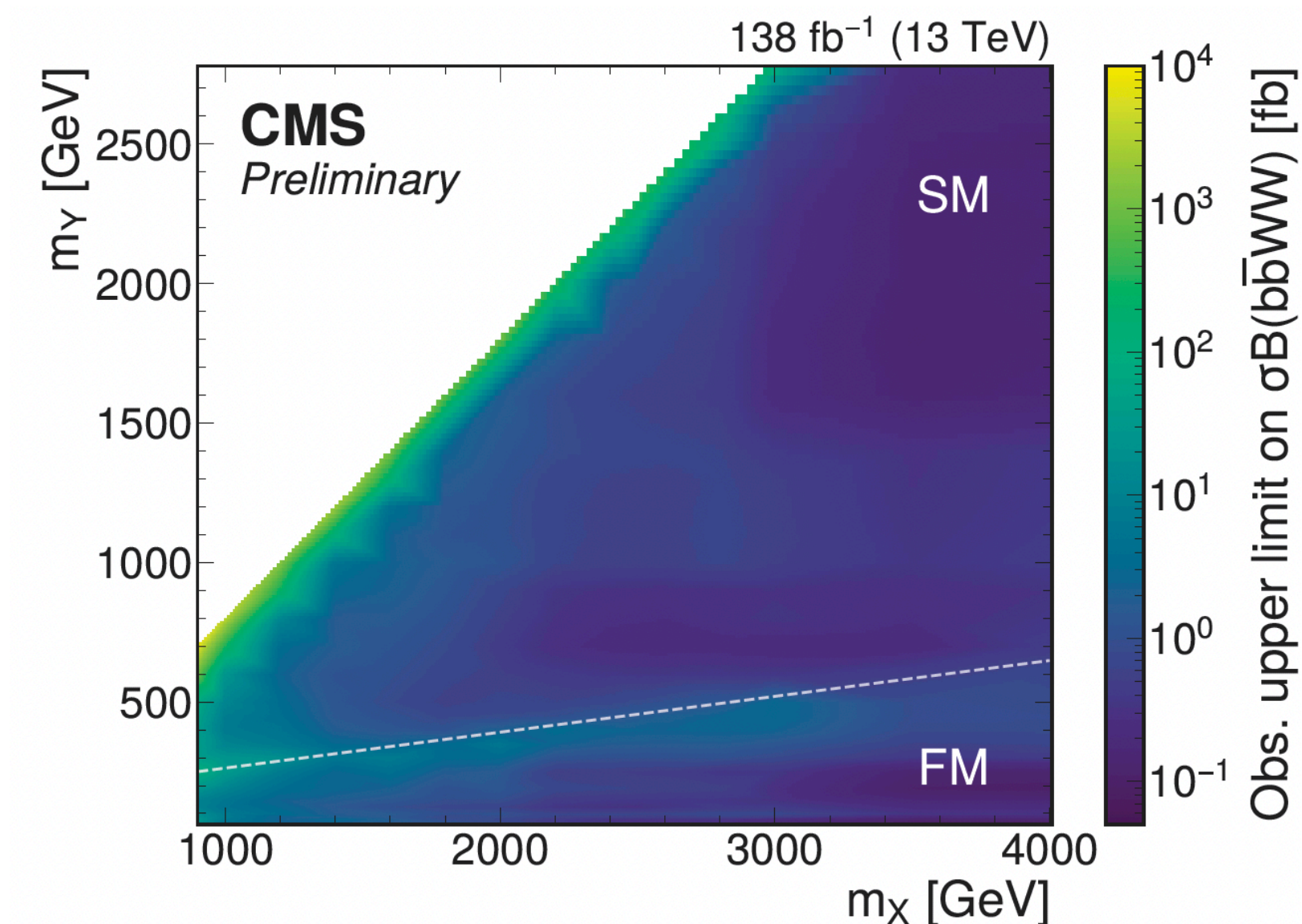
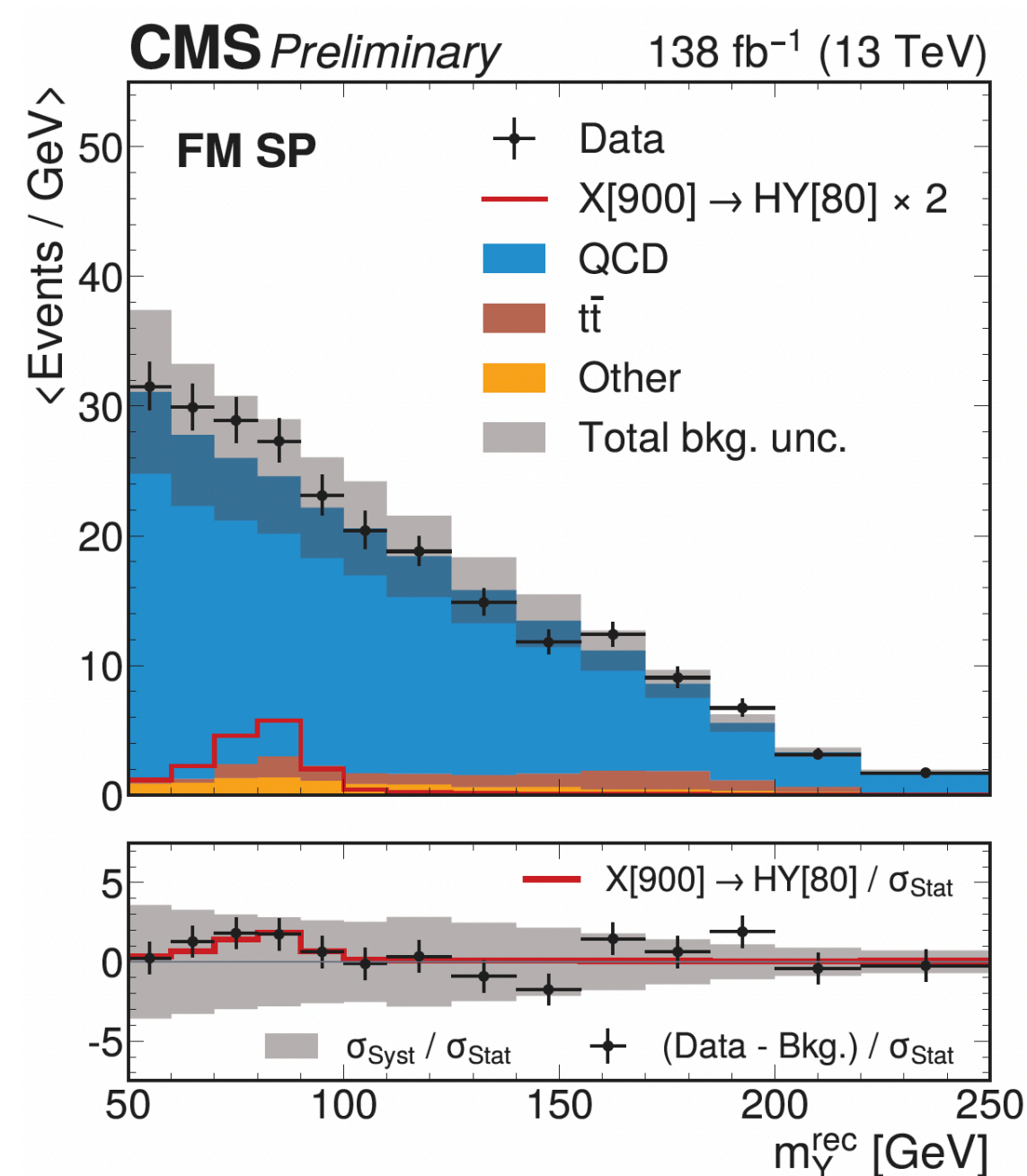
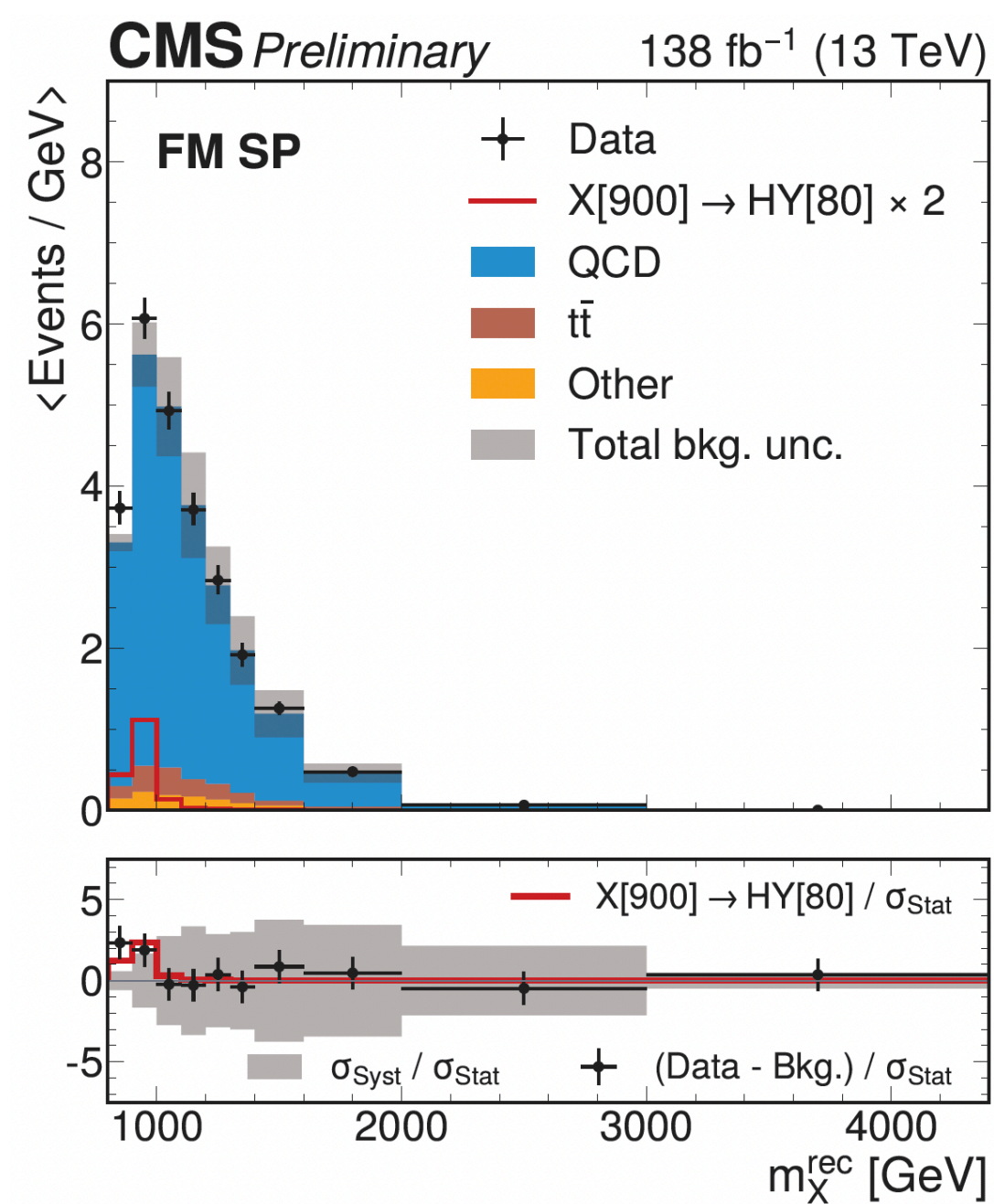


- First search at the LHC for scalar resonances in all-hadronic  $bbVV$  final state and asymmetric cascade decays in the  $bbVV$  final state
- Lorentz-boosted regime:  $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$  decay can be reconstructed as a single large-area jet, and  $Y \rightarrow VV \rightarrow 4q$  as one  $Y \rightarrow 4q$  (**"fully-merged", or FM**) or two  $V \rightarrow q\bar{q}$  jets (**"semi-merged", or SM**)
- Events selected with  $H_T$  and large-area jet triggers
- Machine-learning-based **jet identification** and **mass reconstruction** algorithms:
  - Novel attention-based **"particle transformer"** for  $Y \rightarrow 4q$  discrimination
- 2D binned maximum likelihood fit performed to the observed  $m_X^{rec}$  and  $m_Y^{rec}$  distributions, simultaneously in fail (**F**) and pass (**P**) regions





- Largest deviation from the background-only hypothesis is observed for  $m_X = 900$  GeV and  $m_Y = 80$  GeV with a local (global) significance of **3.3 ( $< 1.0$ )  $\sigma$**
- Upper limits as low as 0.1 fb are derived at the 95% confidence level for various mass points







# Dark Sector

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dark H multi-b

dark  $\gamma$  and H (LLP to  $\mu$ )

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## Dark Higgs model

- Naturally satisfies observed relic density
- Massive DM and  $Z'$  from dark sector Higgs mechanism

## Dark Photon

- $Z_D$ , mediator of a broken dark  $U(1)$  gauge theory that kinetically mixes with SM hypercharge
- If the dark  $U(1)$  is broken by hidden-sector Higgs mechanism, then mixing between dark and SM Higgs bosons also allows exotic decay  $h \rightarrow Z_D Z_D$



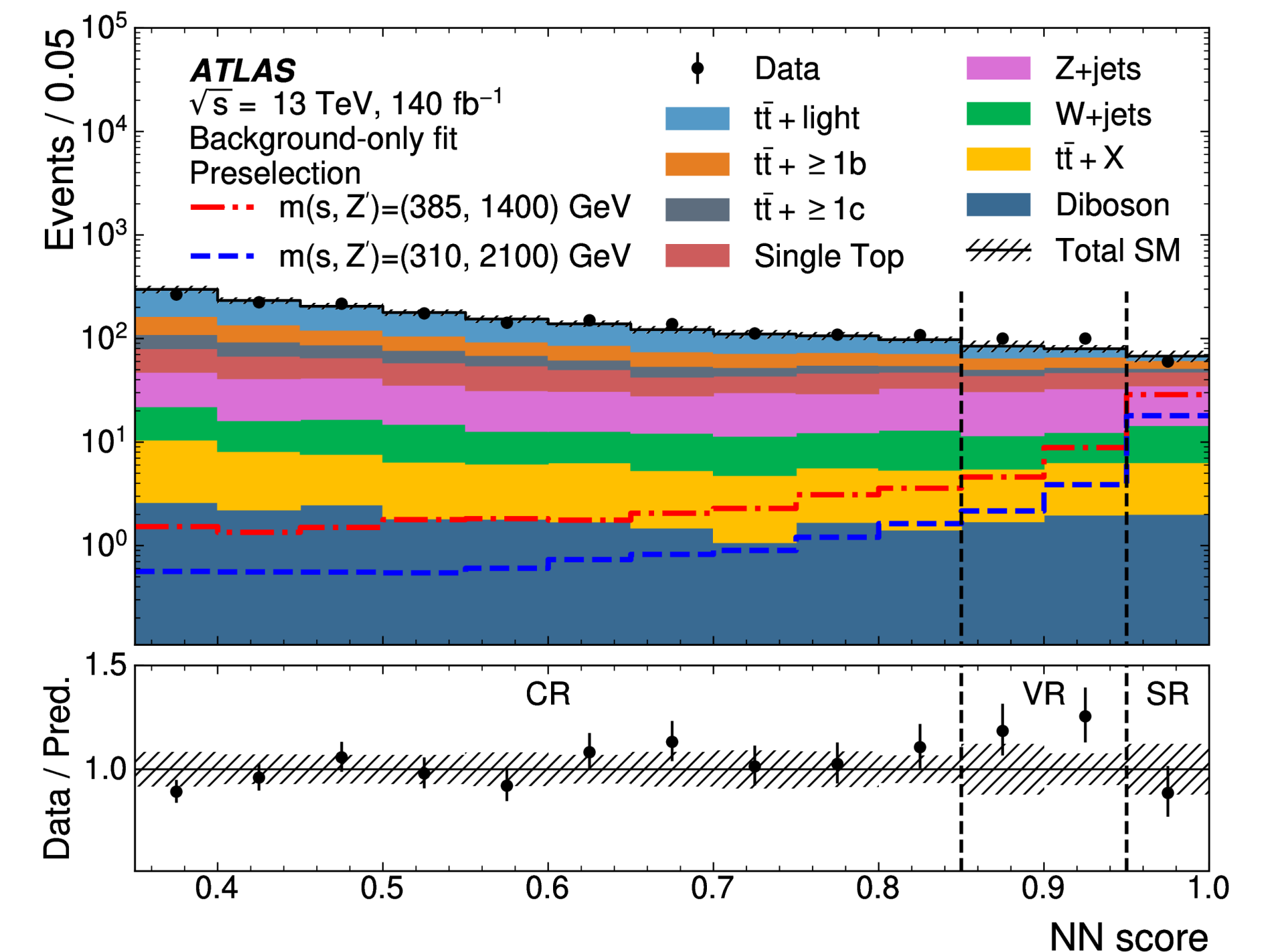
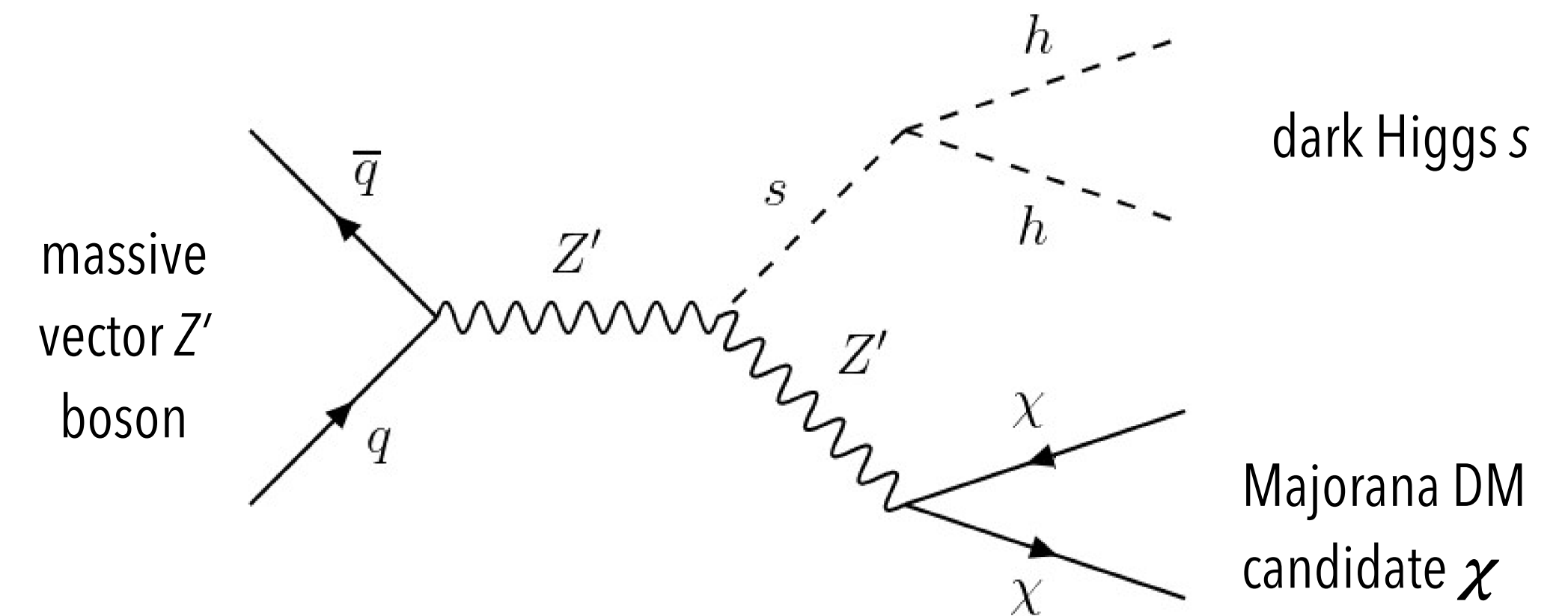


# Dark Higgs, multi-b + $p_T^{\text{miss}}$

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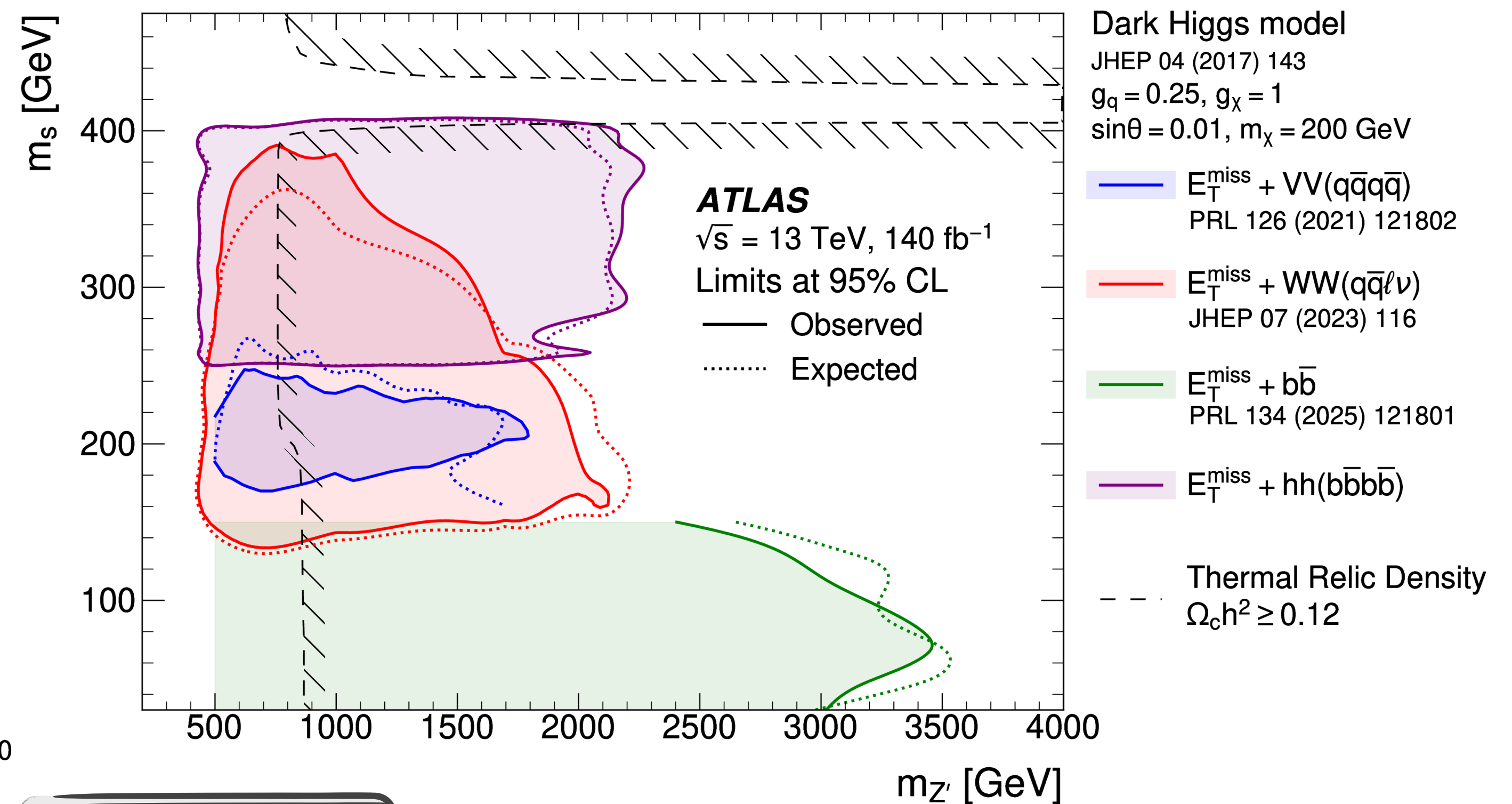
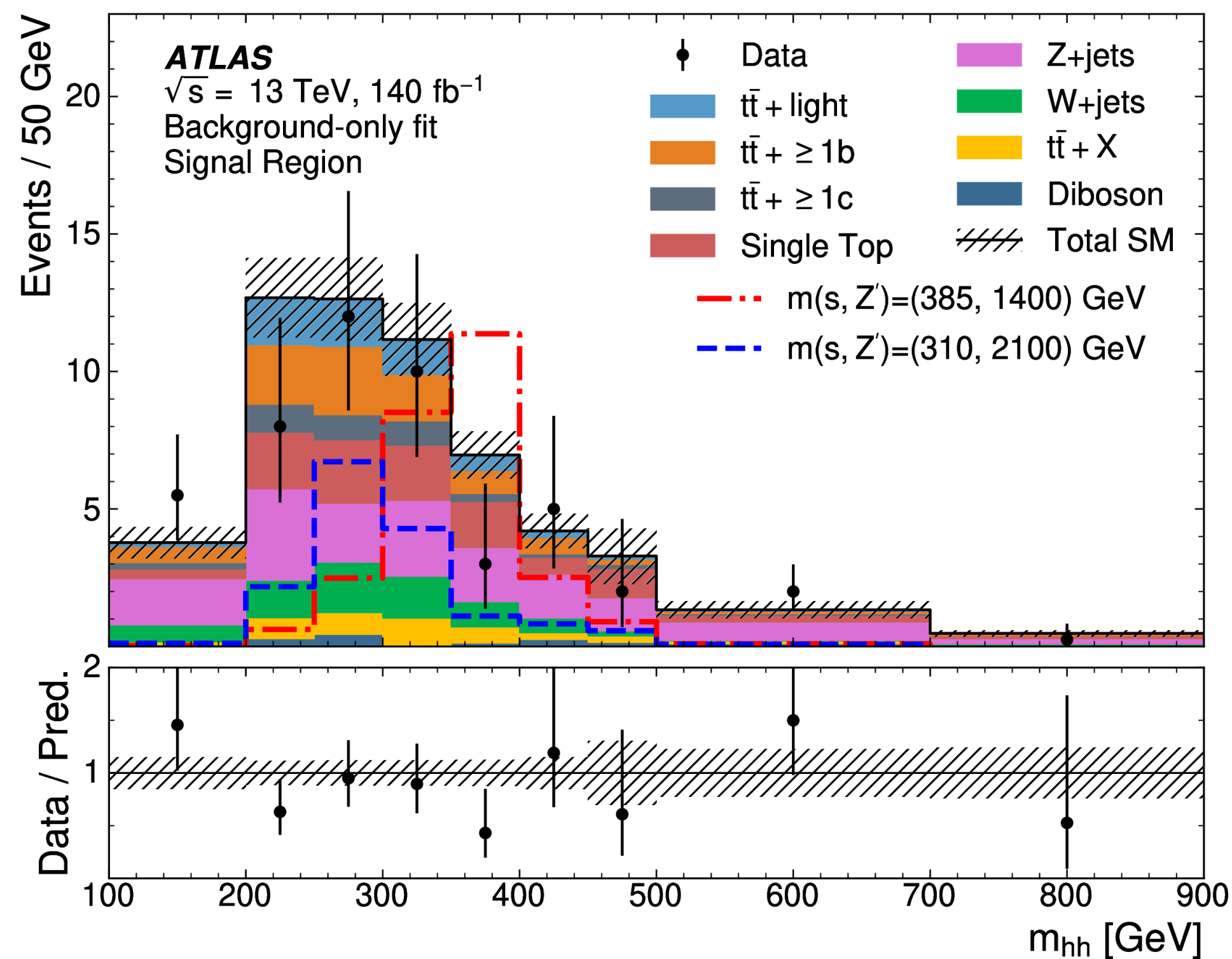


- First search for resonant  $hh + E_T^{\text{miss}}$  at the LHC
- Resonant topology, 4b back-to-back with  $p_T^{\text{miss}}$ 
  - Selections made on  $p_T^{\text{miss}}$ -based variables
  - Pair b-jets to form Higgs candidates
  - Define control, validation and signal regions with NN score
- Perform fit and statistical interpretation on fully reconstructable dark Higgs mass ( **$m_{hh}$  distribution**)
- Normalisation factors for  $t\bar{t} + \geq 1b$ ,  $t\bar{t} + \text{light}$  and  $Z + \text{jets}$  are free-floating



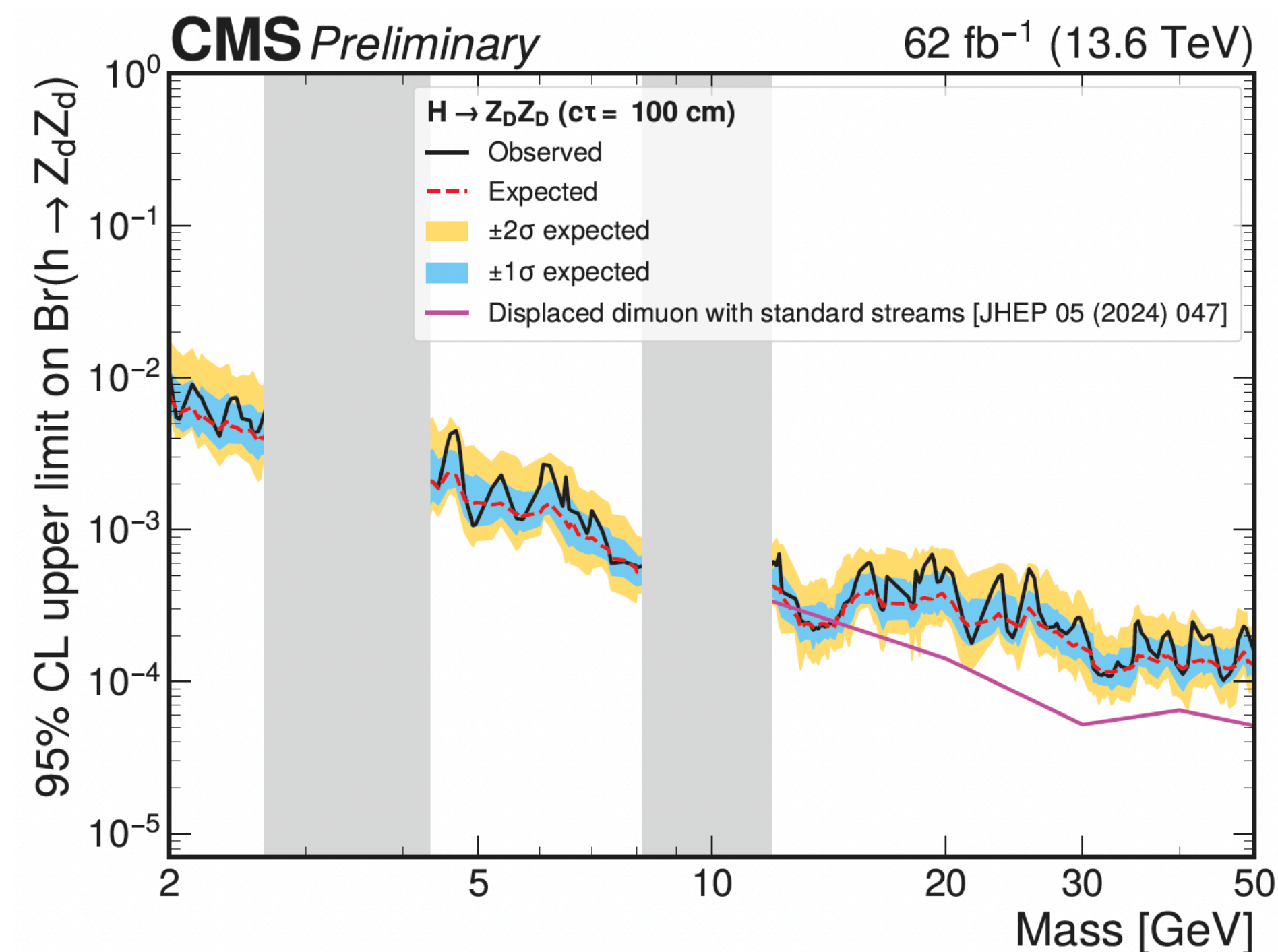
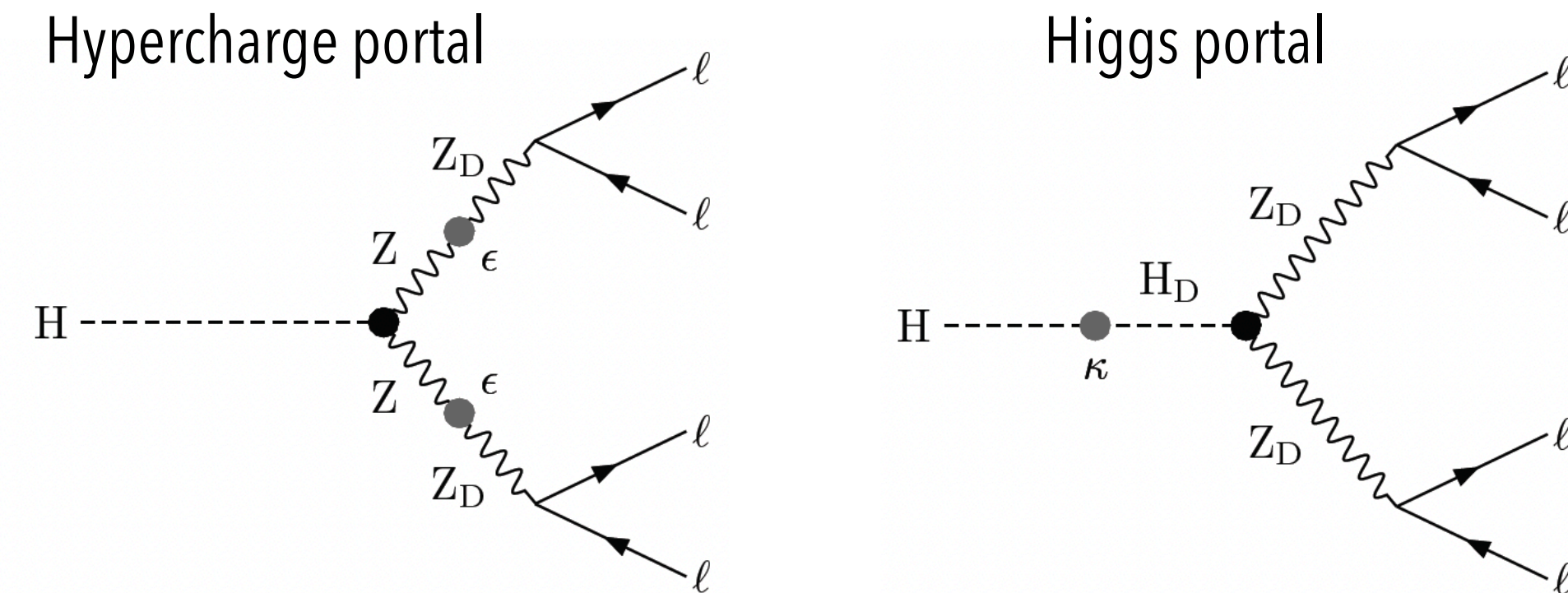


- Upper limits are derived on BSM particle masses for  $250 < m_s < 400$  GeV, excluding  $Z'$  masses up to 2.3 TeV
- Significantly extends existing constraints in this mass region from previous analyses
- Complement other lower-mass dark Higgs boson searches, searches for extended Higgs sectors and other collider DM searches



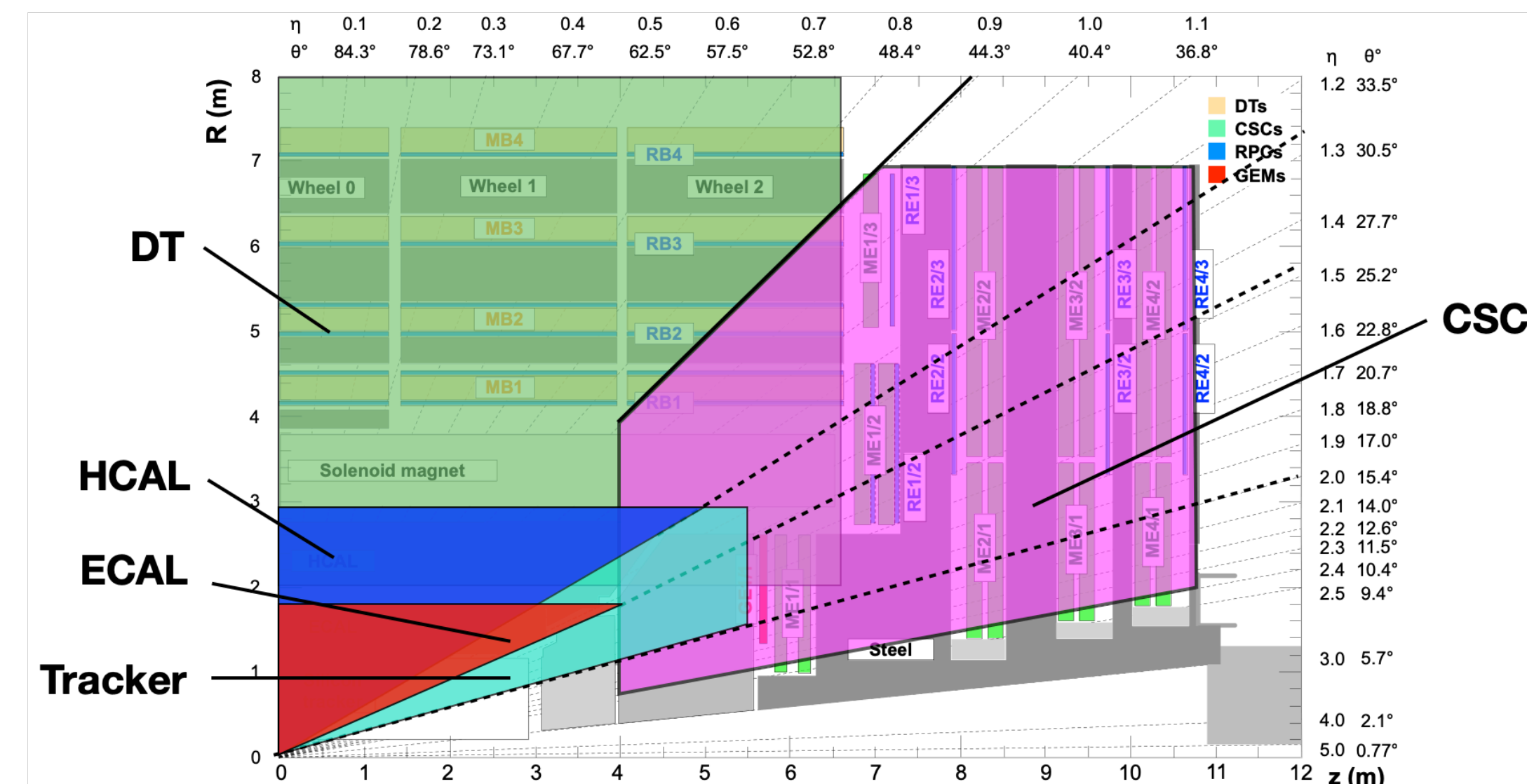


- Search for displaced multi-muon resonances
- BSM models where a Higgs boson decays to **long-lived dark particles**
  - The hidden sector may interact with SM either through **hypercharge portal**, or **Higgs portal** via a dark Higgs boson  $H_D$
- Analysed 2022+2023 Run 3 dataset (62.6 fb<sup>-1</sup>)
- Events classified in **four-muon** with *overlapping vertex* or *multivertex*, and **di-muon** with pointing or not pointing (to the secondary vertex) topologies
- **Dedicated di-muon trigger stream (scouting)** with low  $p_T$  thresholds, recorded at high rate by retaining reduced amount of information
  - Explore otherwise inaccessible phase space at **low di-muon mass** and **non-zero displacement** from the PV (masses below 10 GeV for the first time in a displaced muon analysis!)



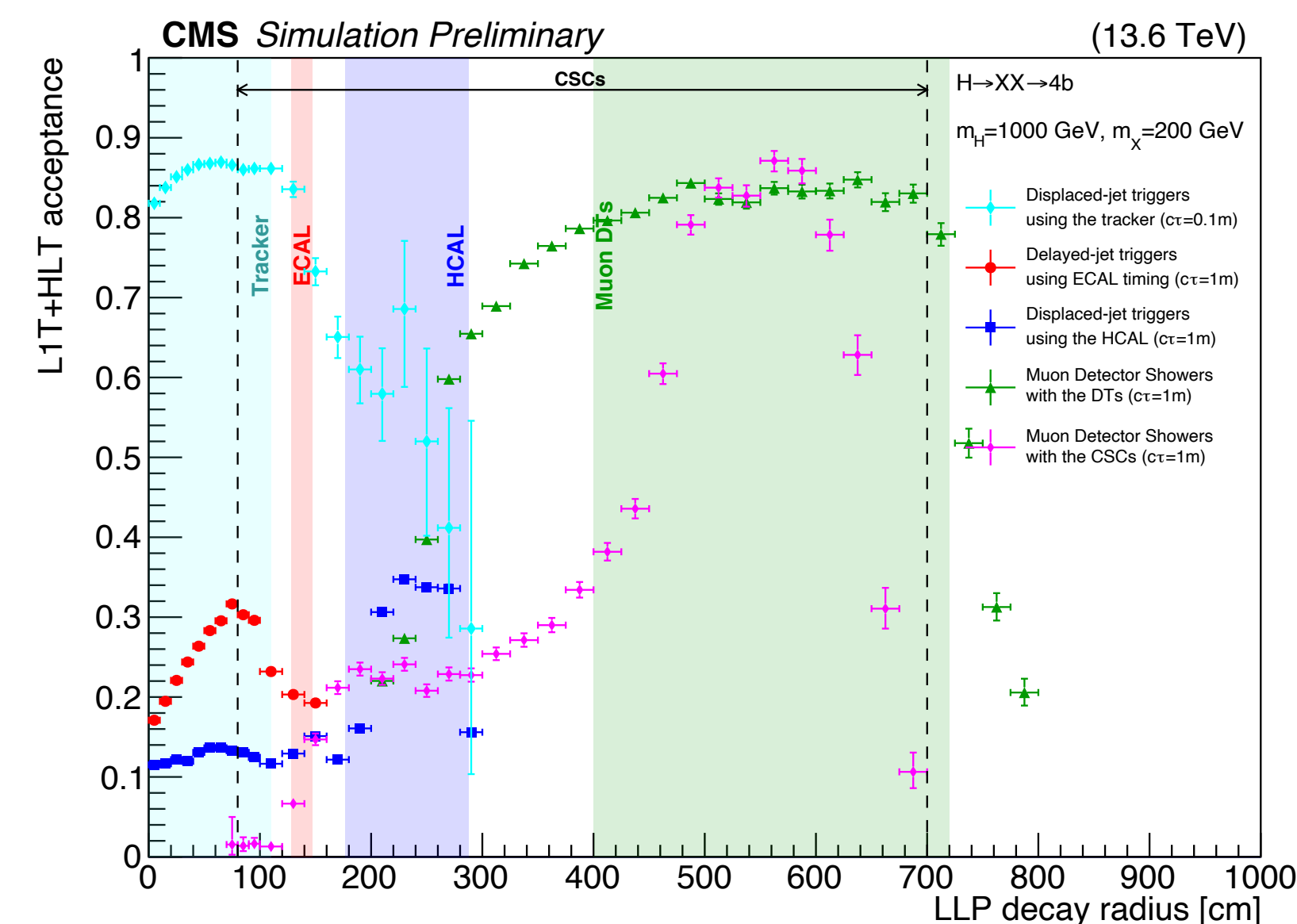


- Dedicated triggers targeting LLPs enable increased sensitivity to wide variety of signal models
- During Run 3, variety of such triggers were introduced and/or improved compared to Run 2
- Capitalise on different CMS subdetectors, hence can target different phase space in LLP searches
- The powerful complementarity of the program is shown using Twin Higgs model as a benchmark



Data	Total rate [Hz]	Pure rate [Hz]
Standard	393	311
Parking	234	182
Scouting	4200	3800
Full reconstruction: standard or parking	586	389

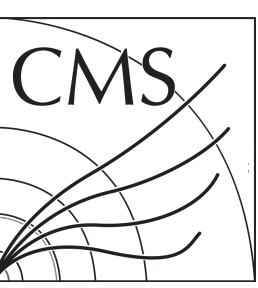
- Calculated from one run in 2024 data for pile-up 63.6 and instantaneous luminosity of  $2.1 \times 10^{34}$
- Total rate: **OR of LLP HLT trigger paths**, accounting for overlaps
- Pure rate: total rate not saved by any other HLT path



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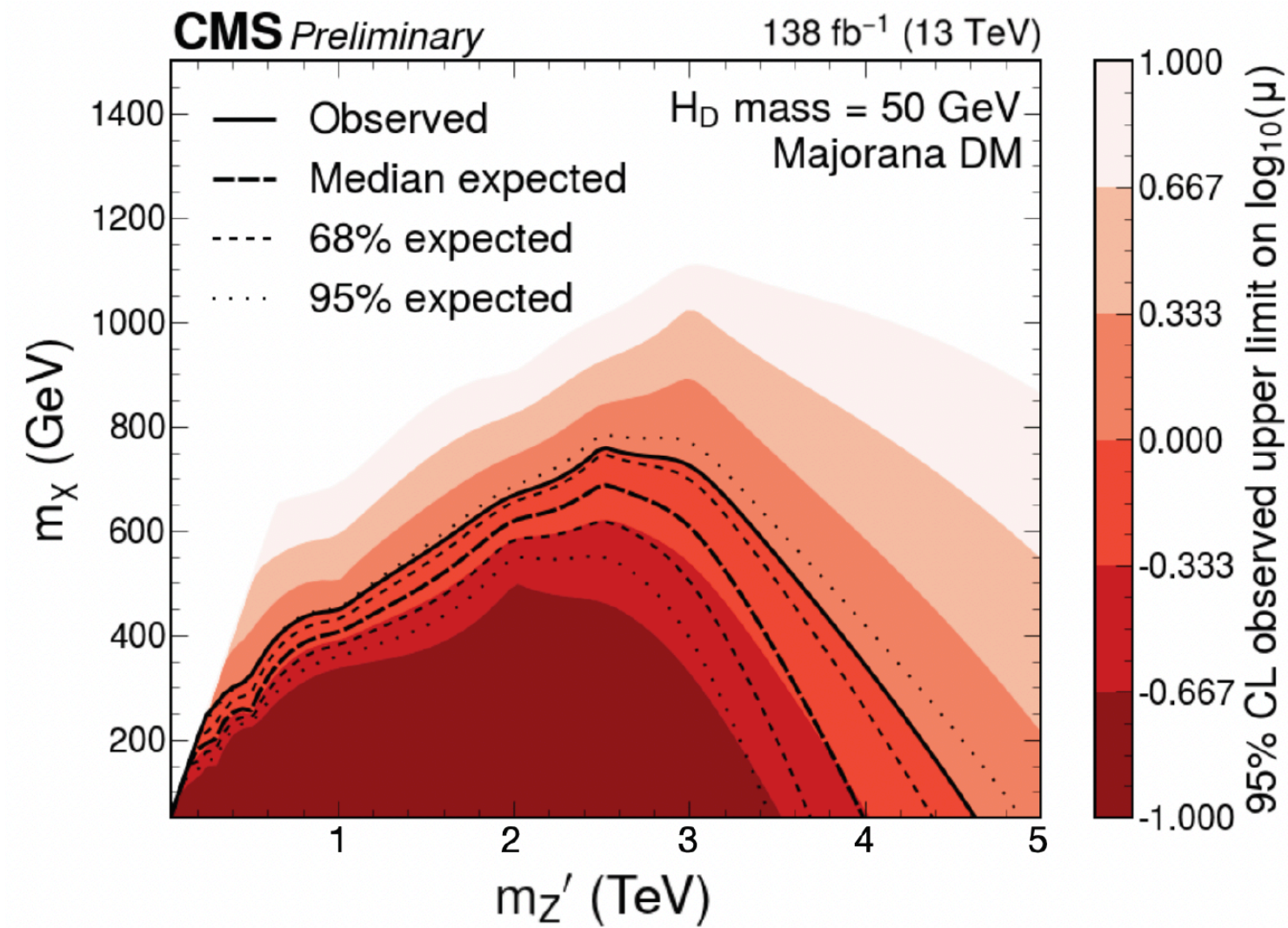
# Even more new results (but not enough time to cover them)



- **SUS-23-013: dark Higgs to  $b\bar{b}$**

- 95% CL limits on signal strength for dark Higgs boson masses below 160 GeV set for the first time with CMS data

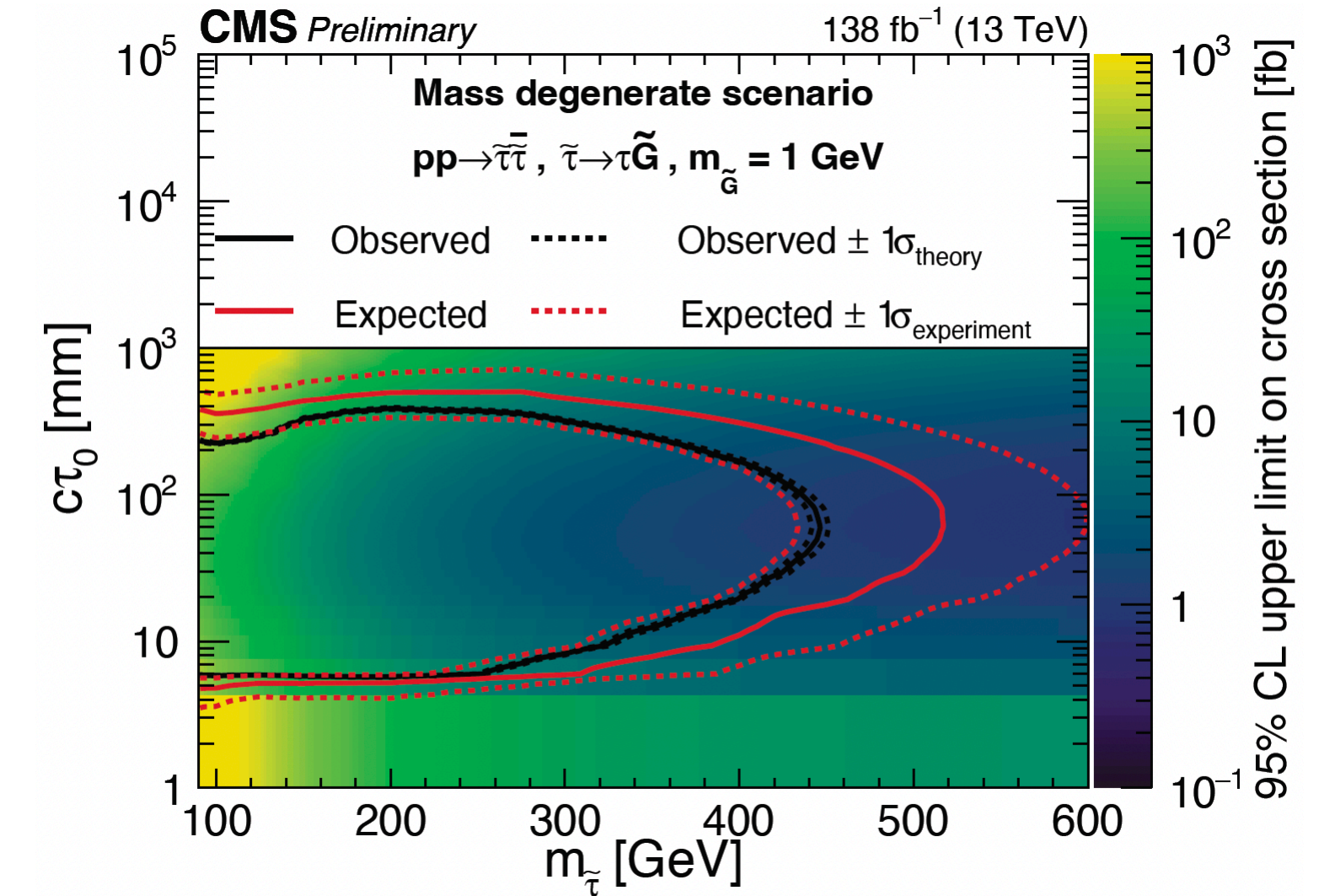
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- **EXO-24-020: long-lived  $\tilde{\tau}$  using a NN-based displaced  $\tau$  tagger**

- First search for direct production of long-lived  $\tilde{\tau}$  decaying within tracker volume

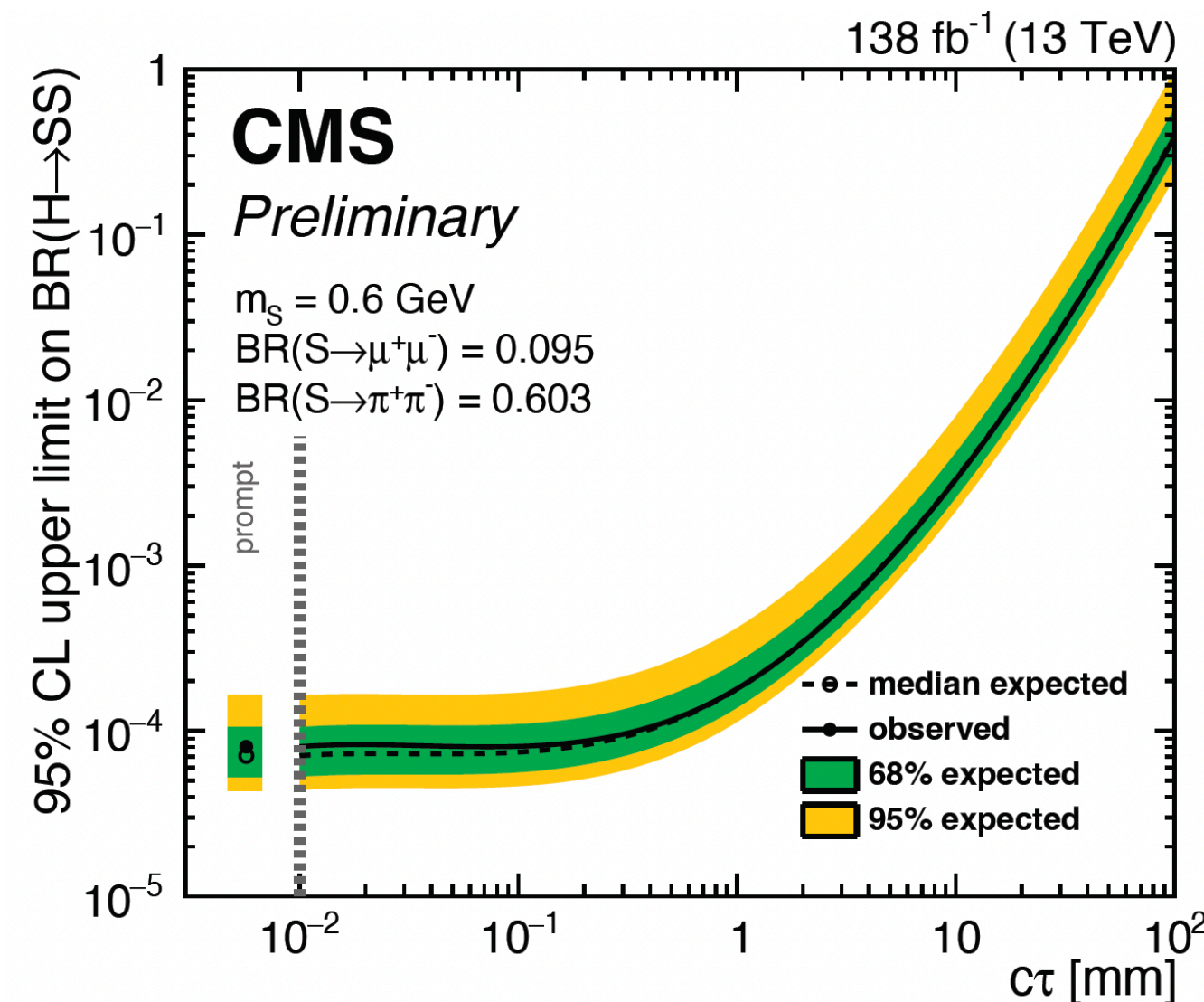
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- **EXO-24-034: light scalars via the Higgs portal decaying to  $\mu$  and hadron pairs**

- Improves sensitivity to very light scalar masses (0.4 - 2 GeV) and demonstrates novel approach to probe hadronic decay mode for light scalars

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# Conclusions

- **What** we search for has evolved

- Investigate **new models** (more complete, less vanilla)
- The **Dark Sector** is in the spotlight! Many interesting signatures to explore

- **How** we search for BSM has evolved

- Explore **uncovered phase spaces**
- **Improved object reconstruction**
- **LLPs** targeted, multiple signatures in detectors

- We continue in **discovery-mode**

- High priority to follow up with Run 3 dataset on **excesses** observed with Run 2 dataset (+ reanalysing Run 2)
- Without disregarding **legacy** searches with Run 3 dataset

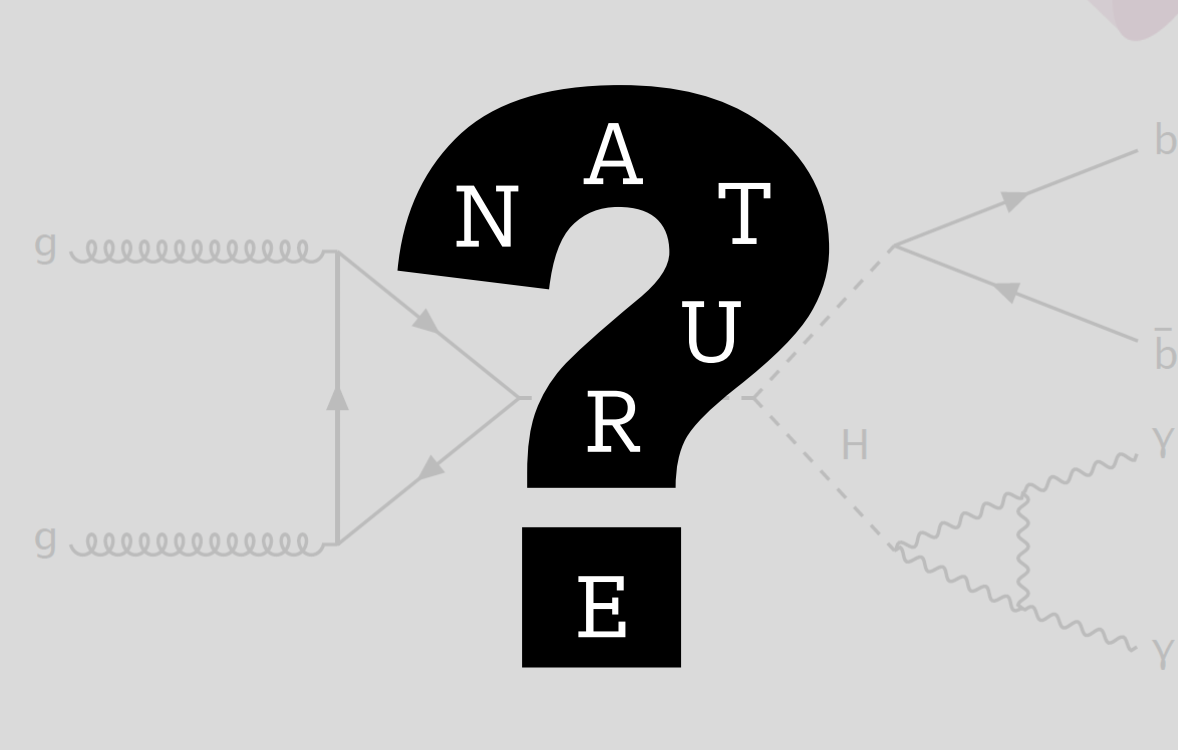
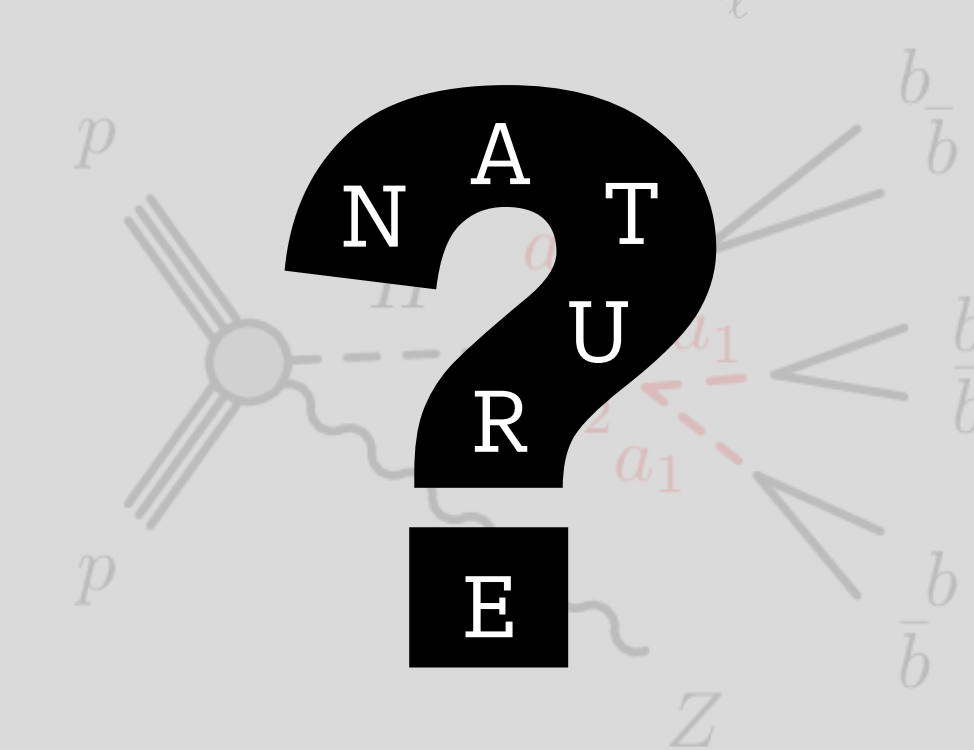
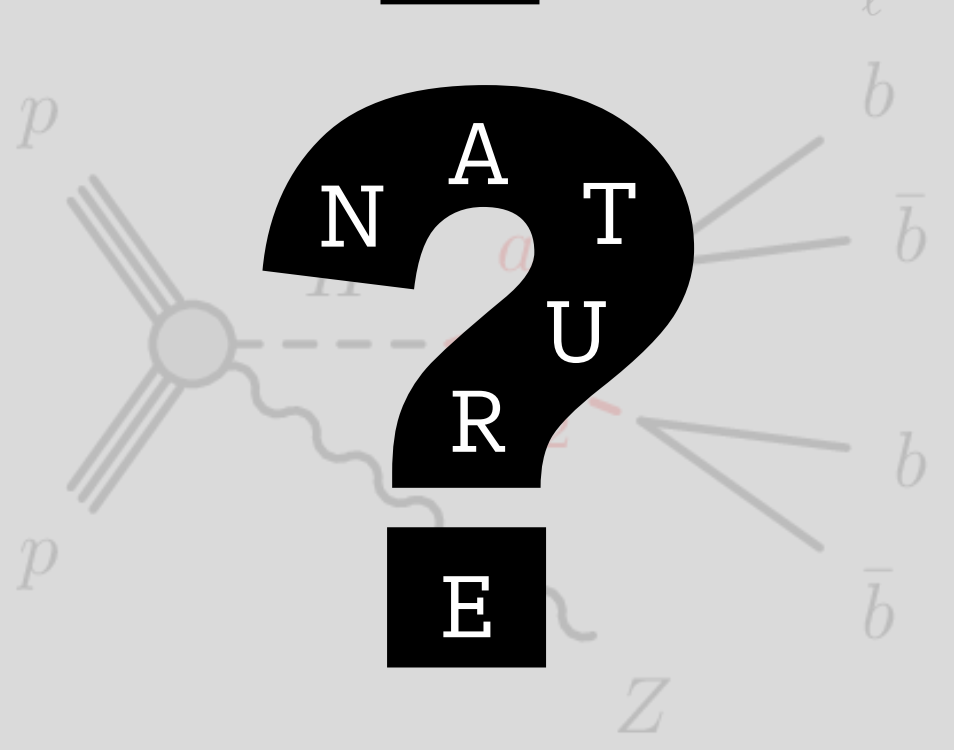
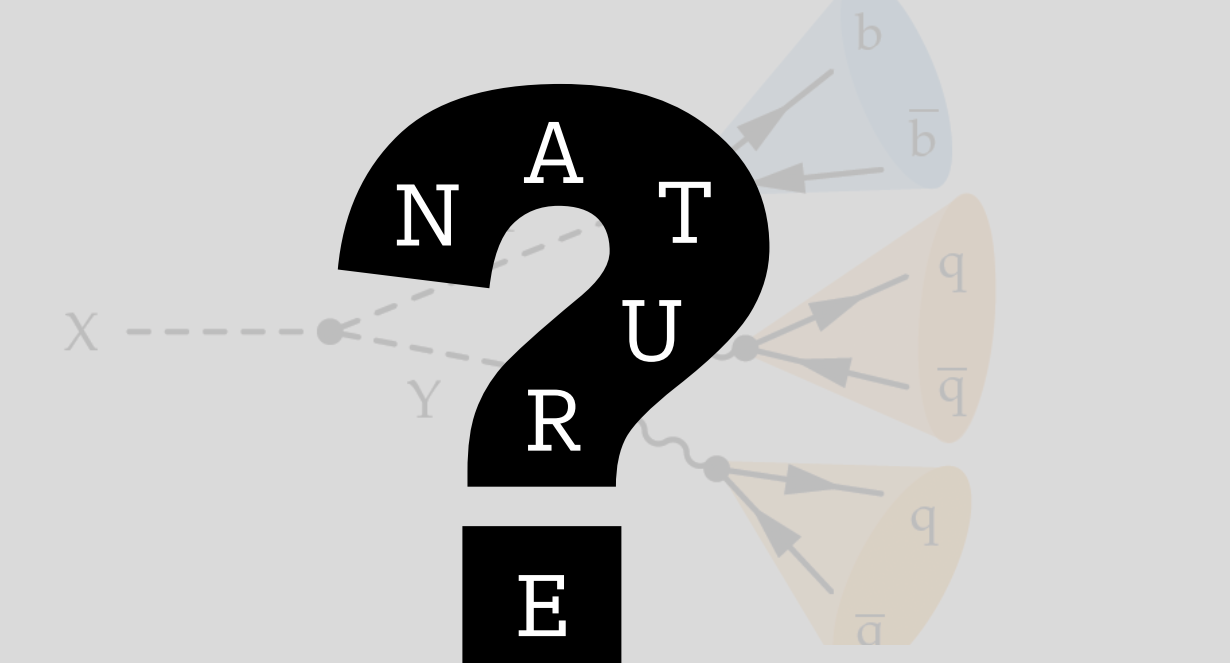
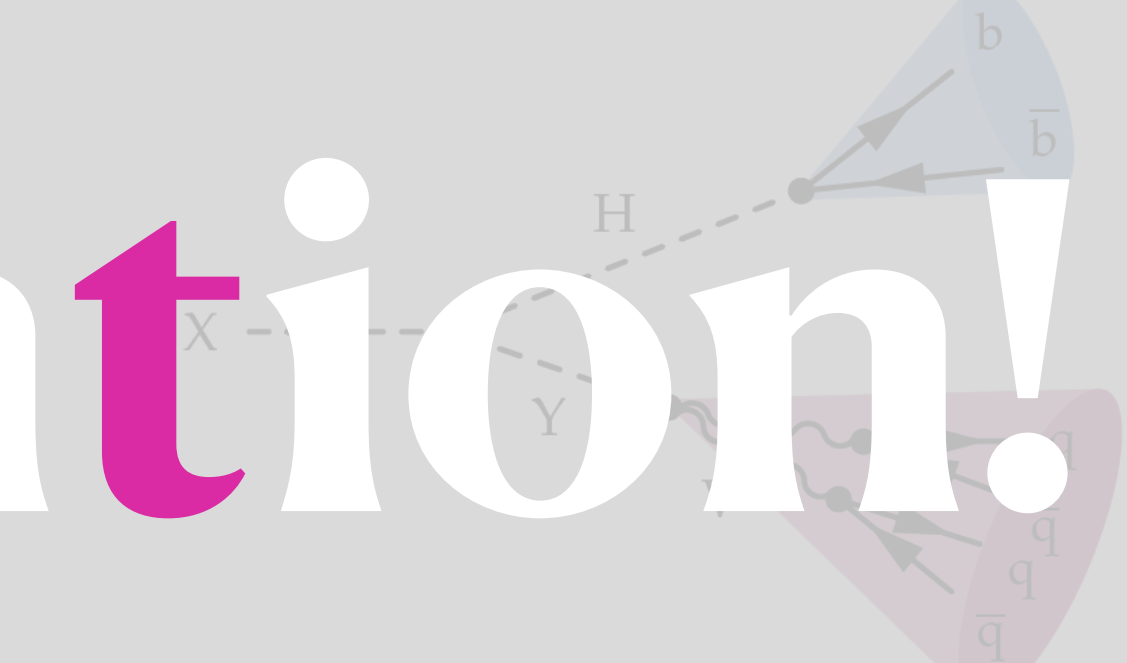
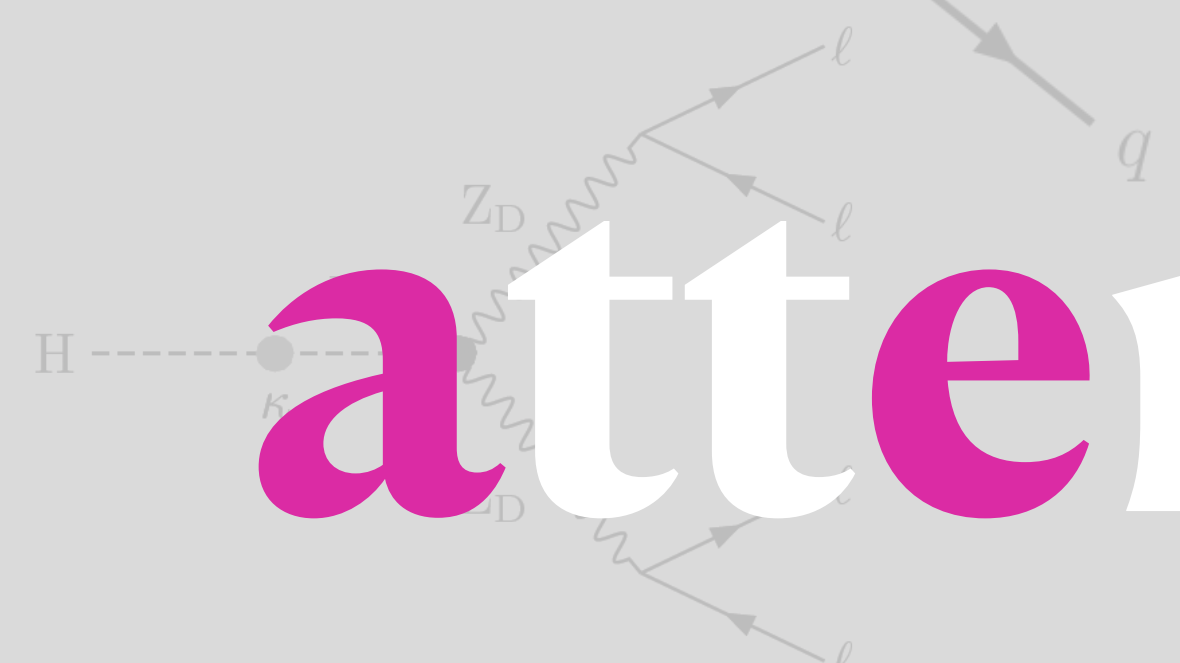
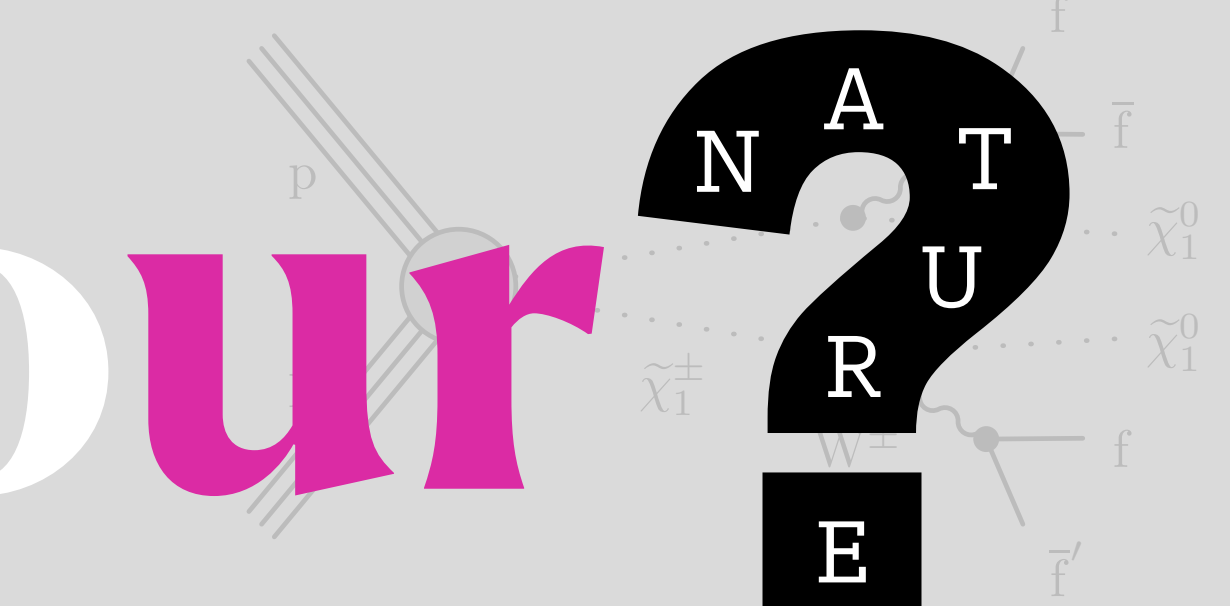
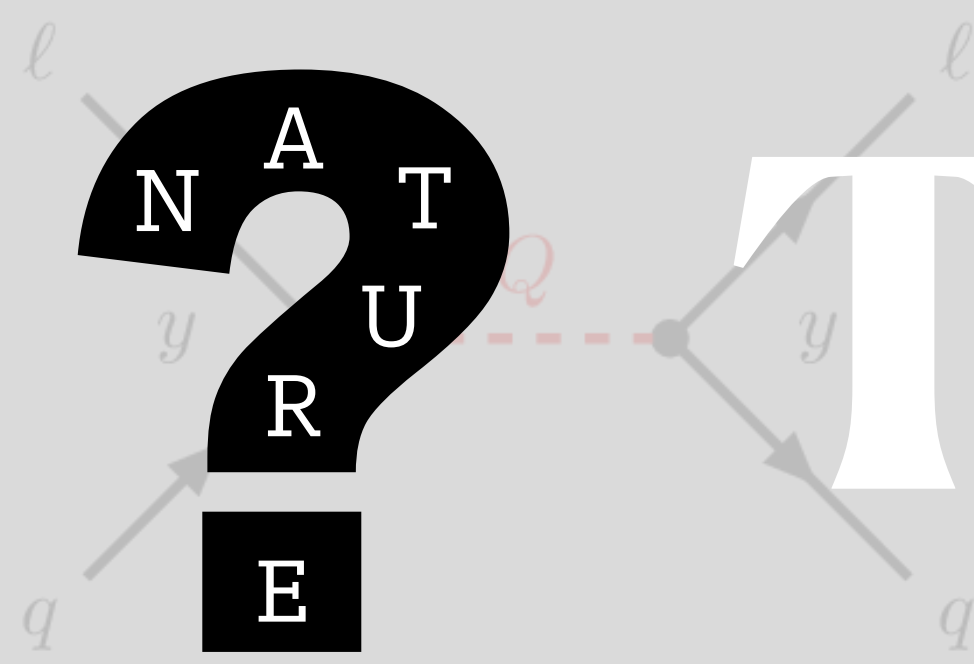
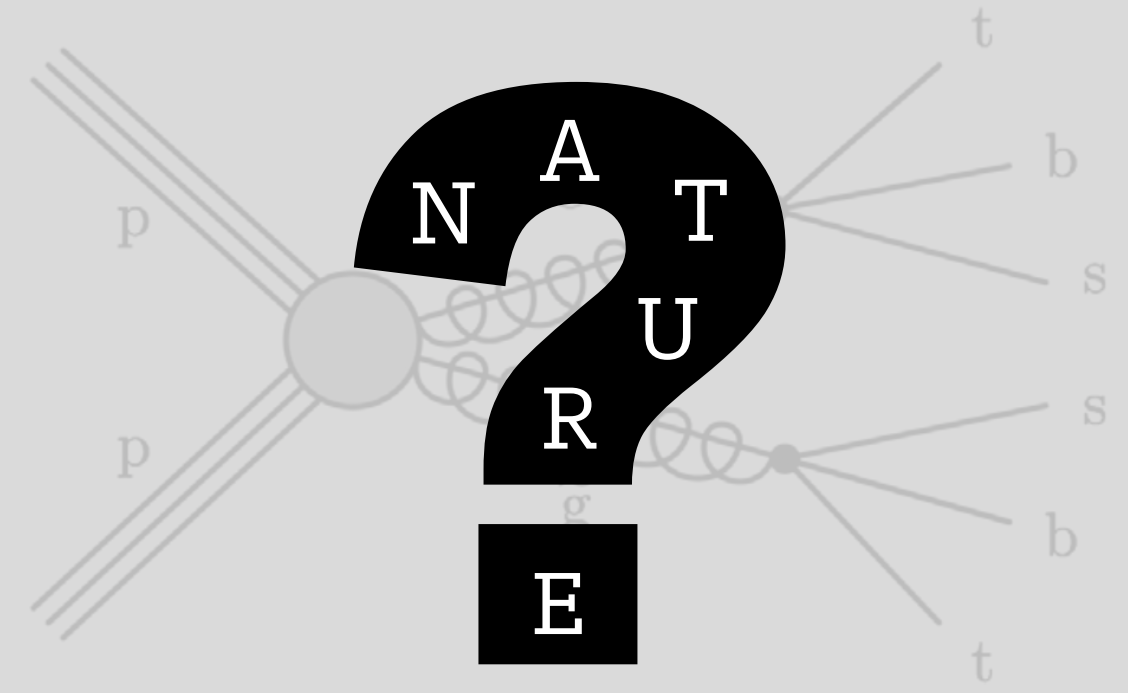
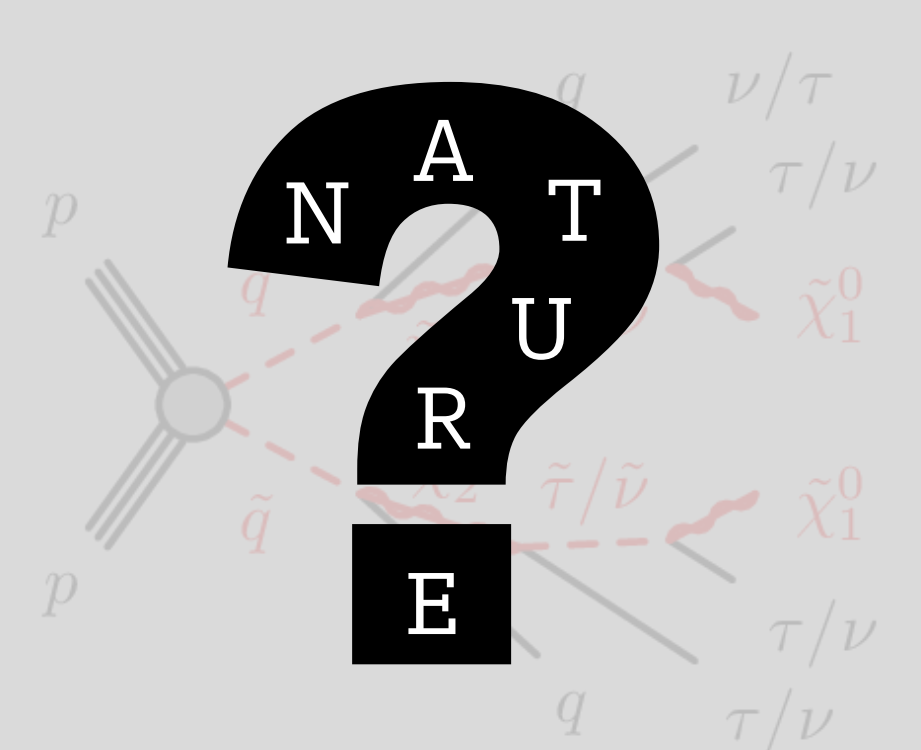
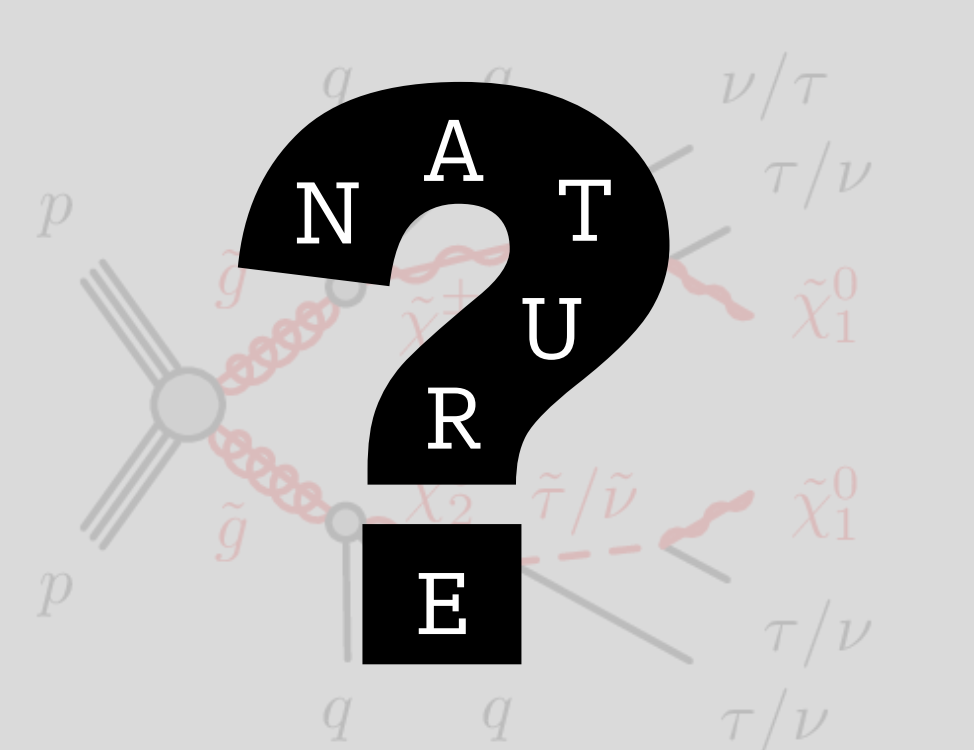
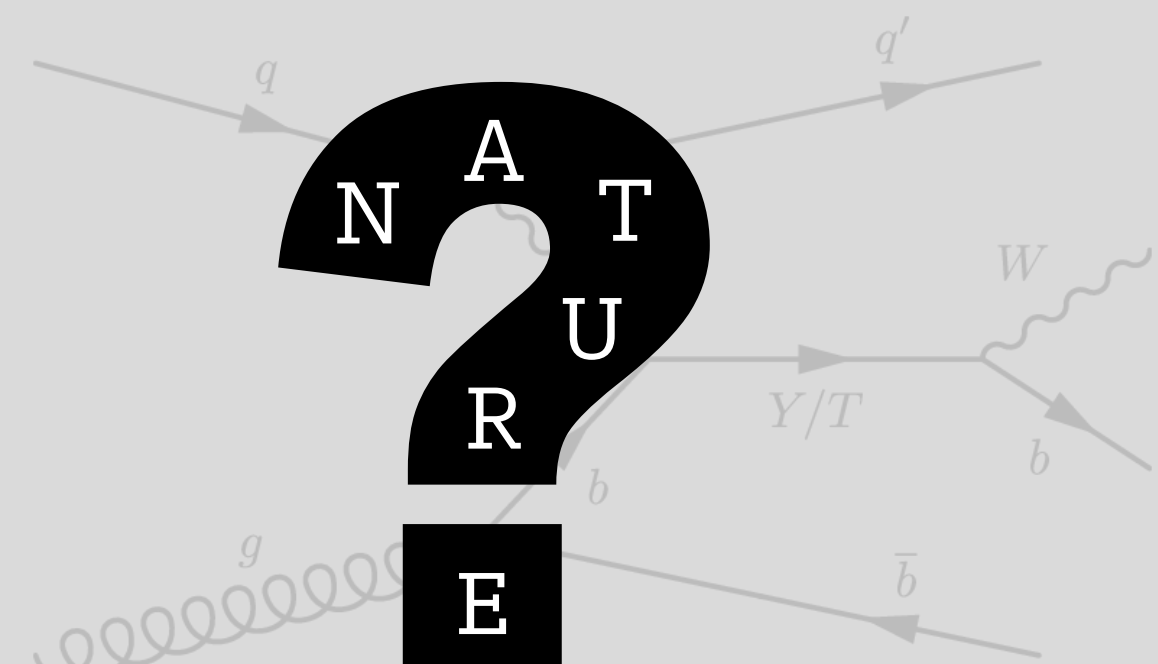
- Run 3 dataset only shyly used in recent searches

- It takes time to understand thoroughly new dataset
- **New results with partial Run 3 dataset gaining momentum!**

- Expect a total of Run 2 + Run 3 dataset of **500 fb<sup>-1</sup>**

- Continue being *creative* and lively discussing opportunities with theorists
  - **First edition of the new SEARCH conference series in October 2025**
  - **First LHC BSM WG assembly meeting in November 2025**





Thanks for your  
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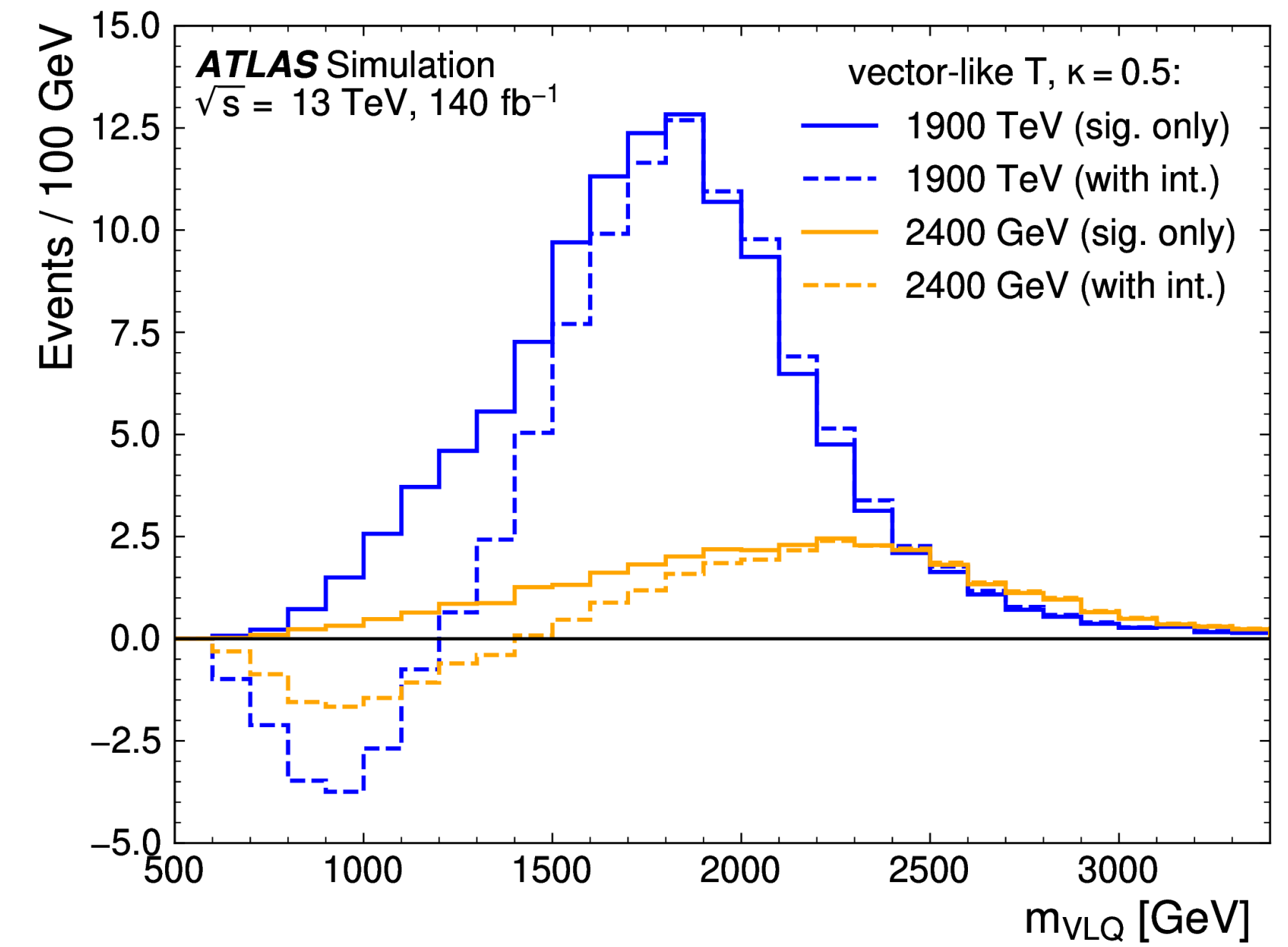
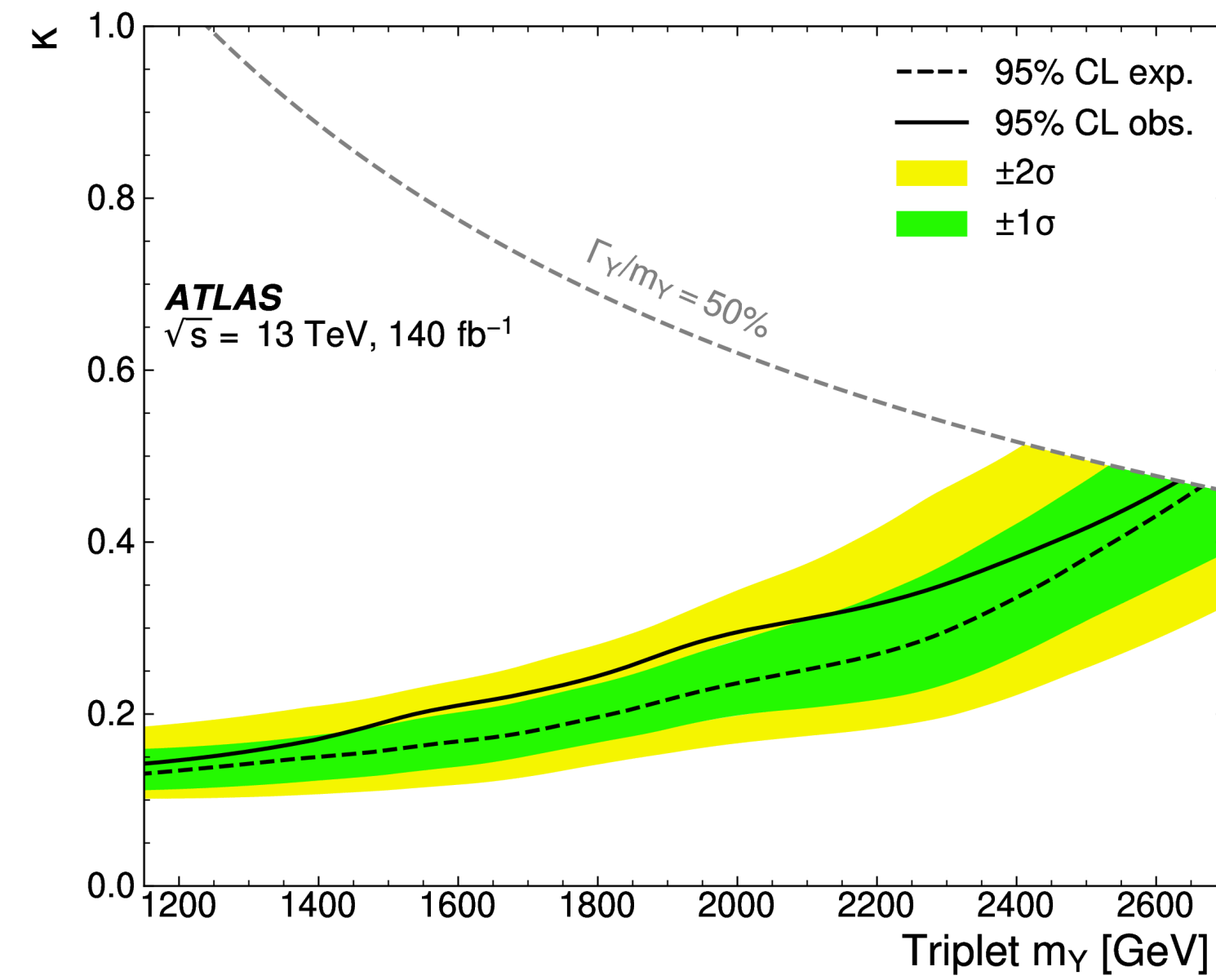
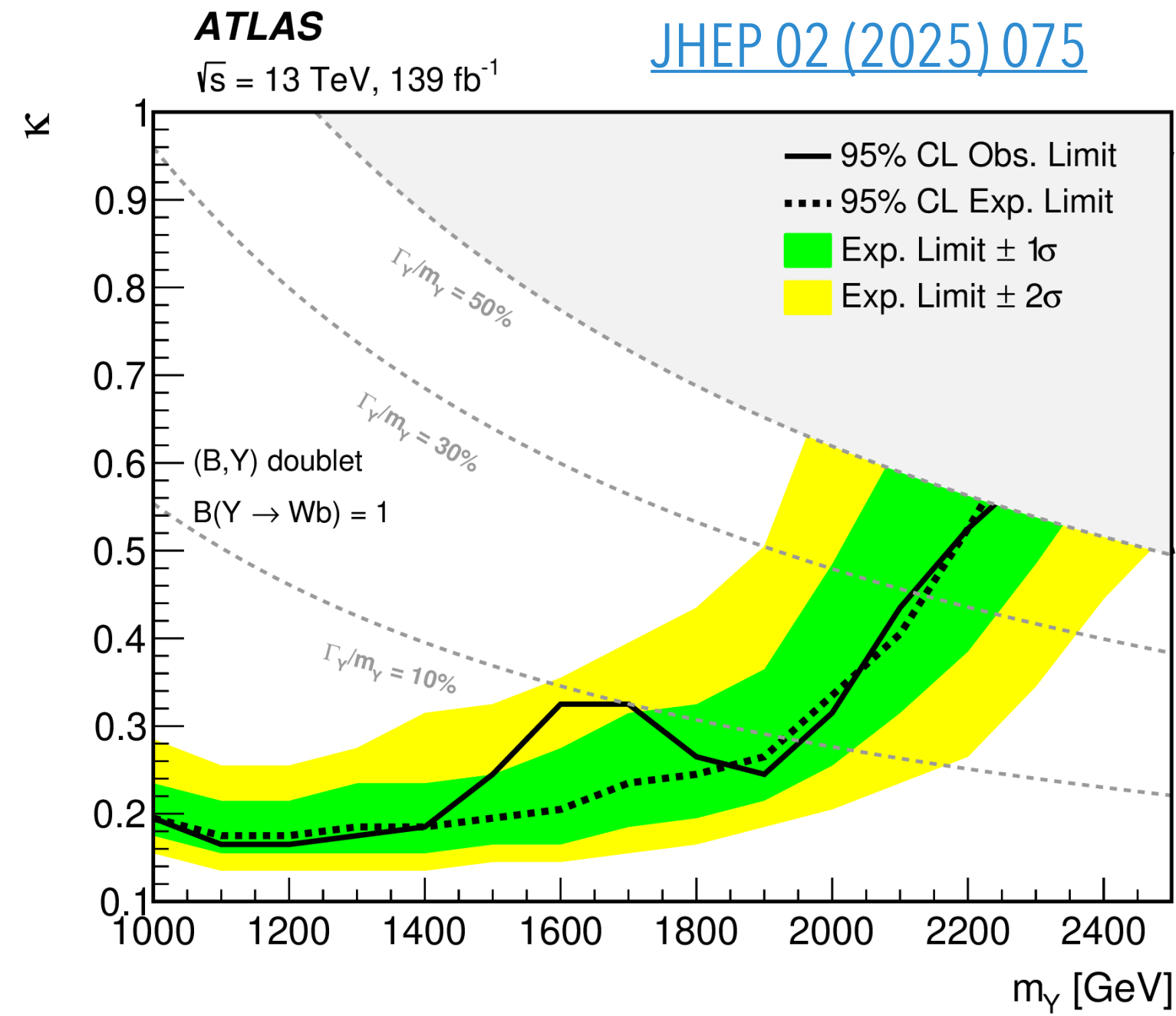


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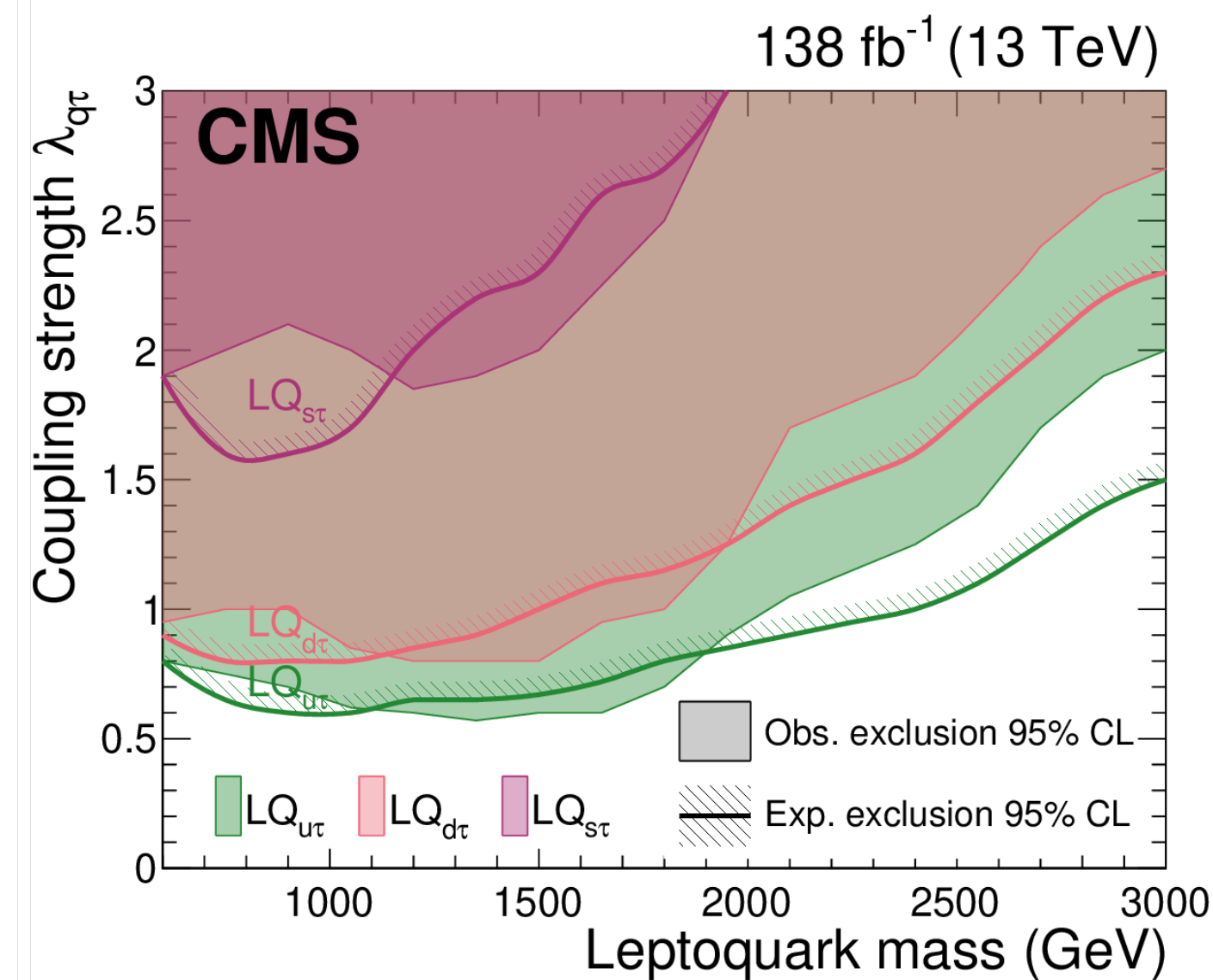
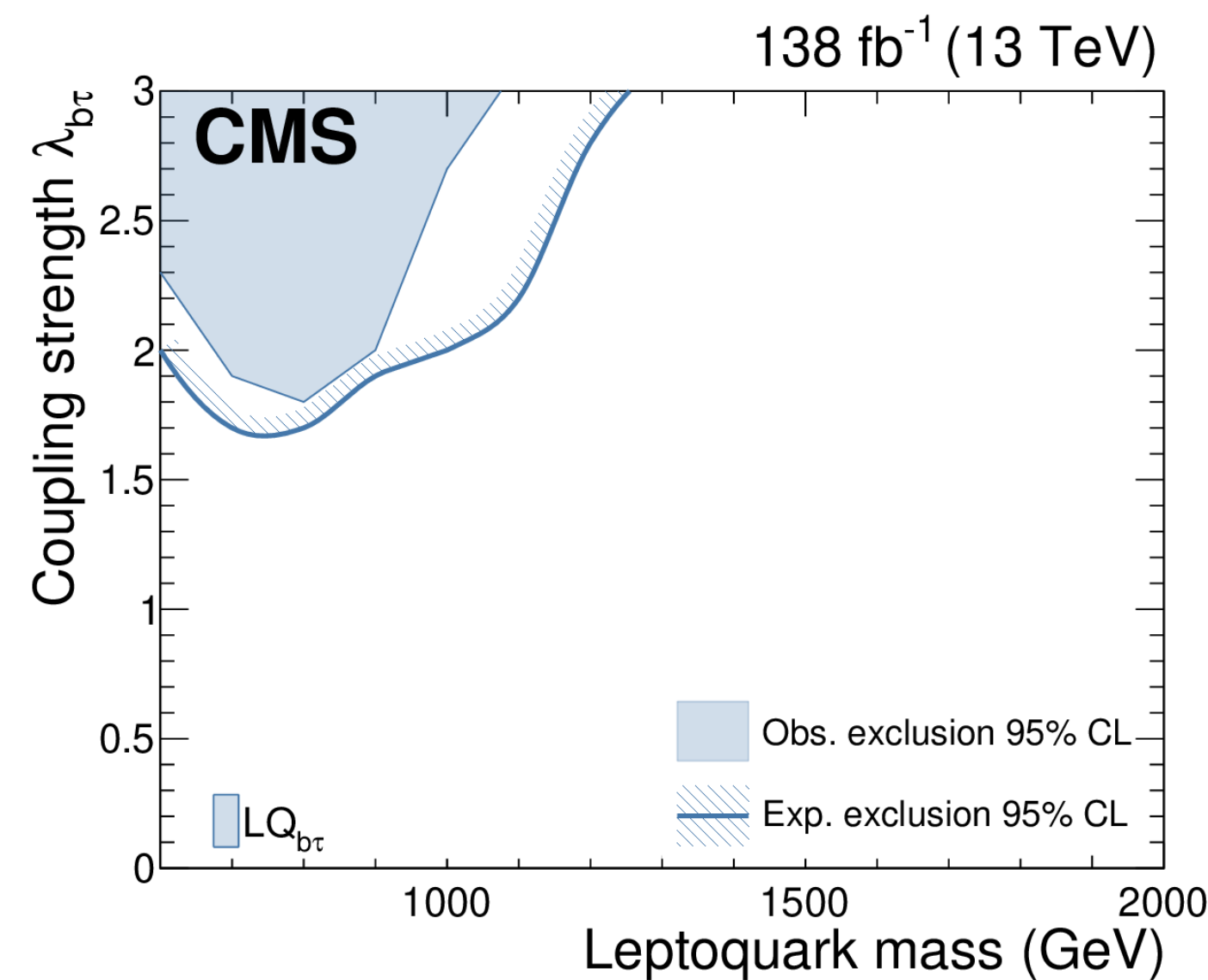
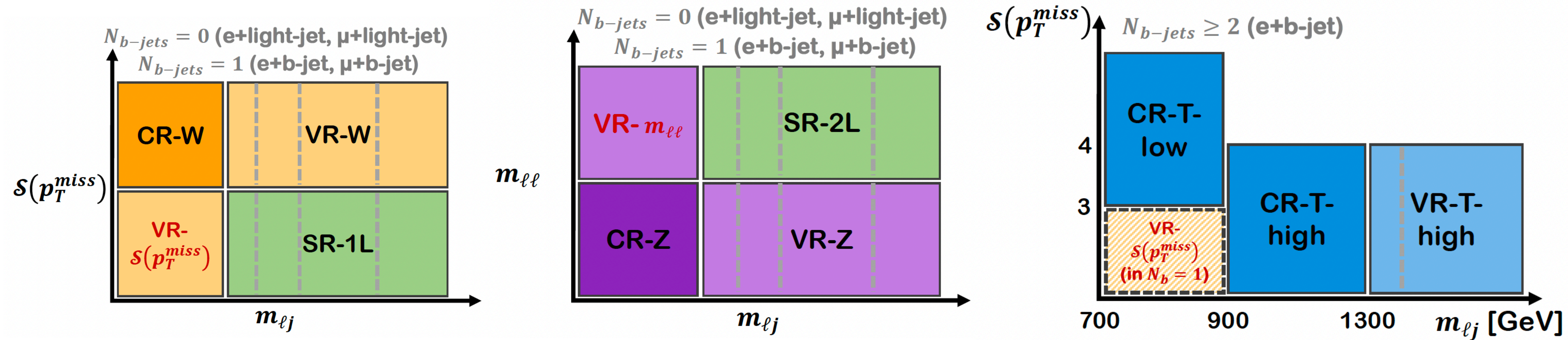




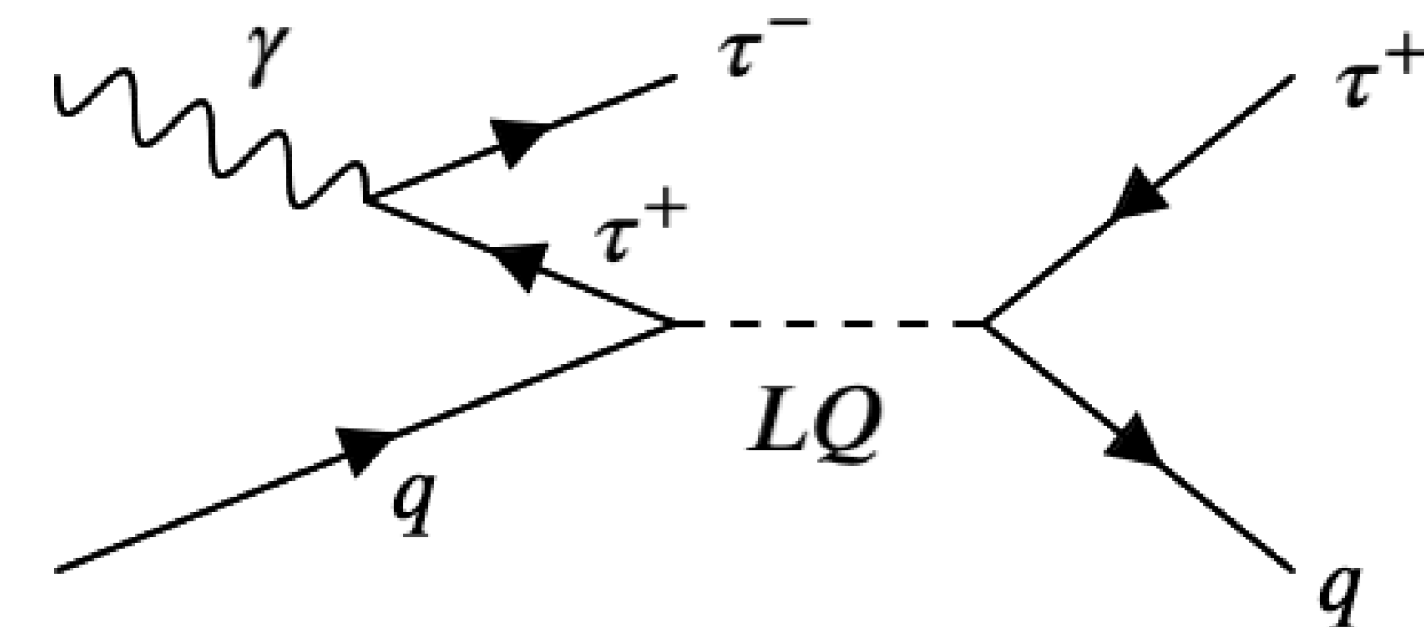
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## example CRs and VRs: e + b-jet

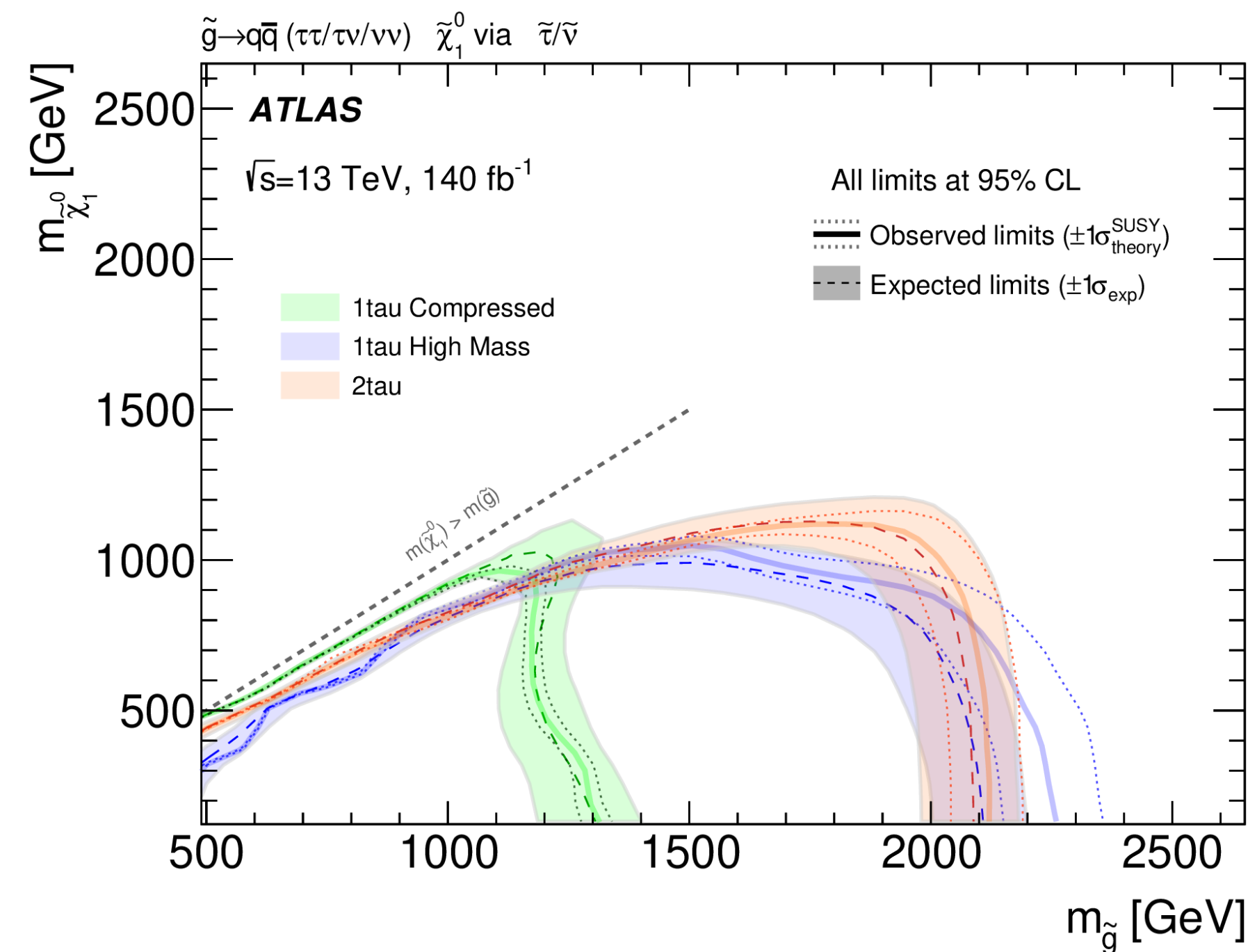
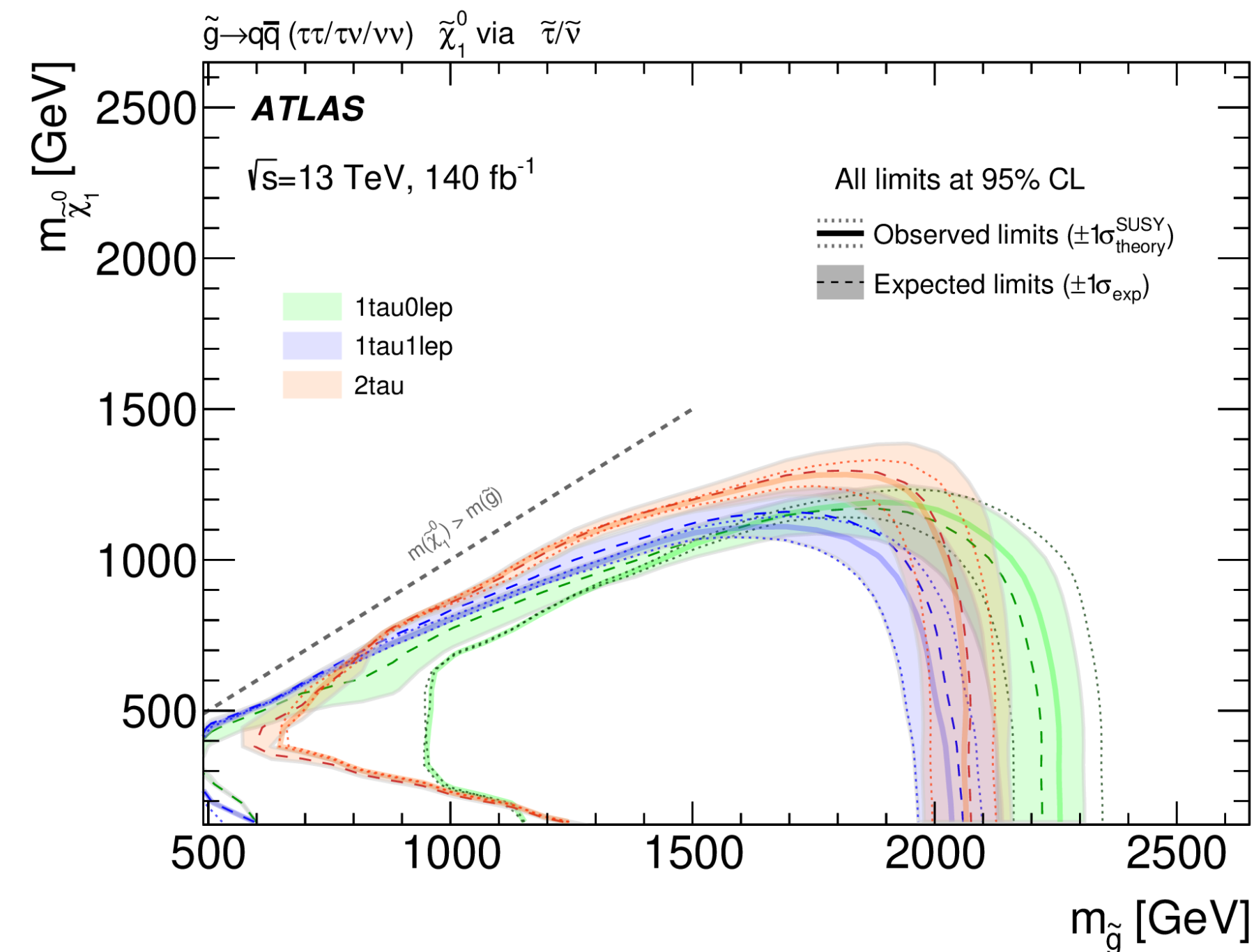


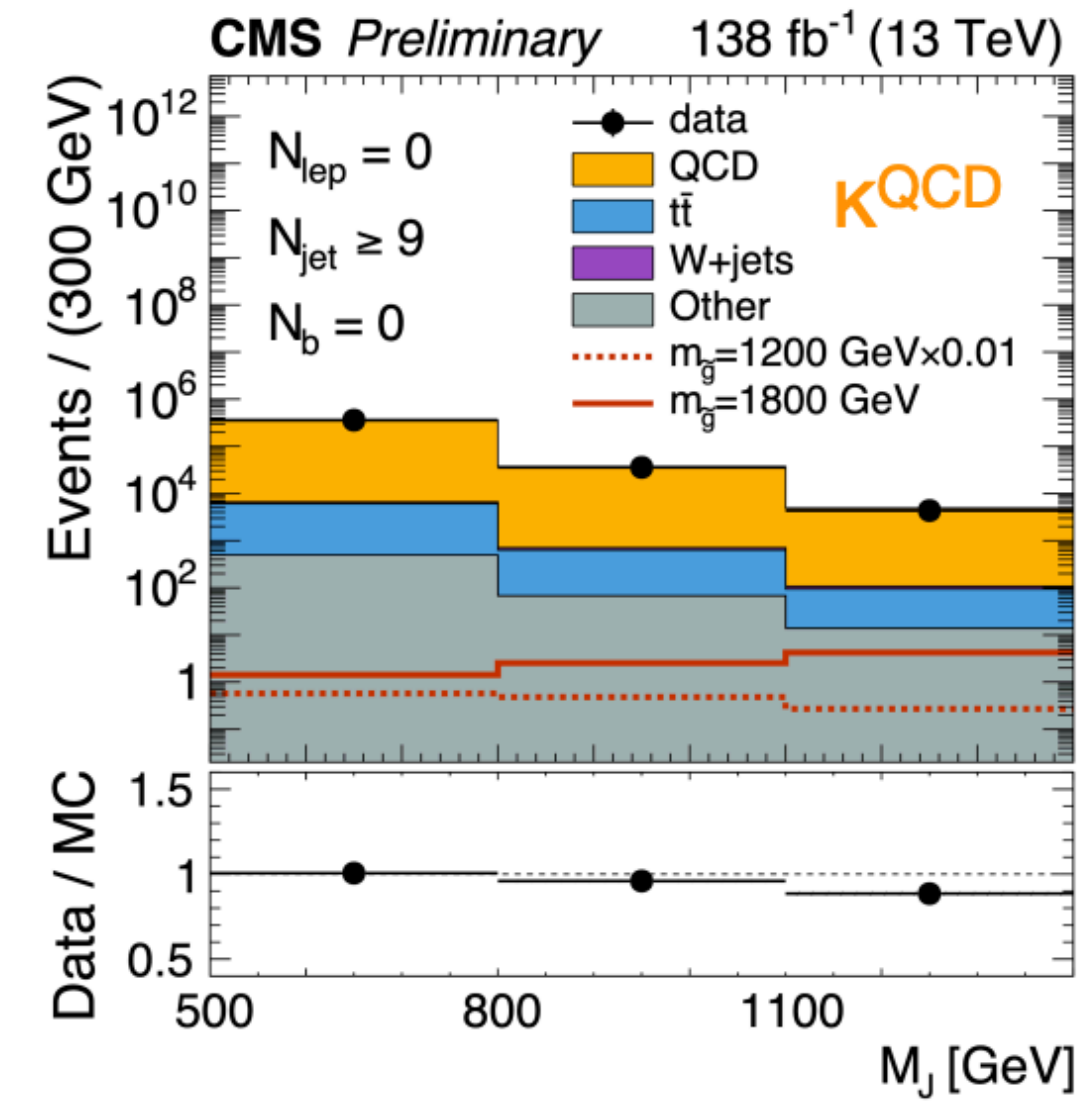
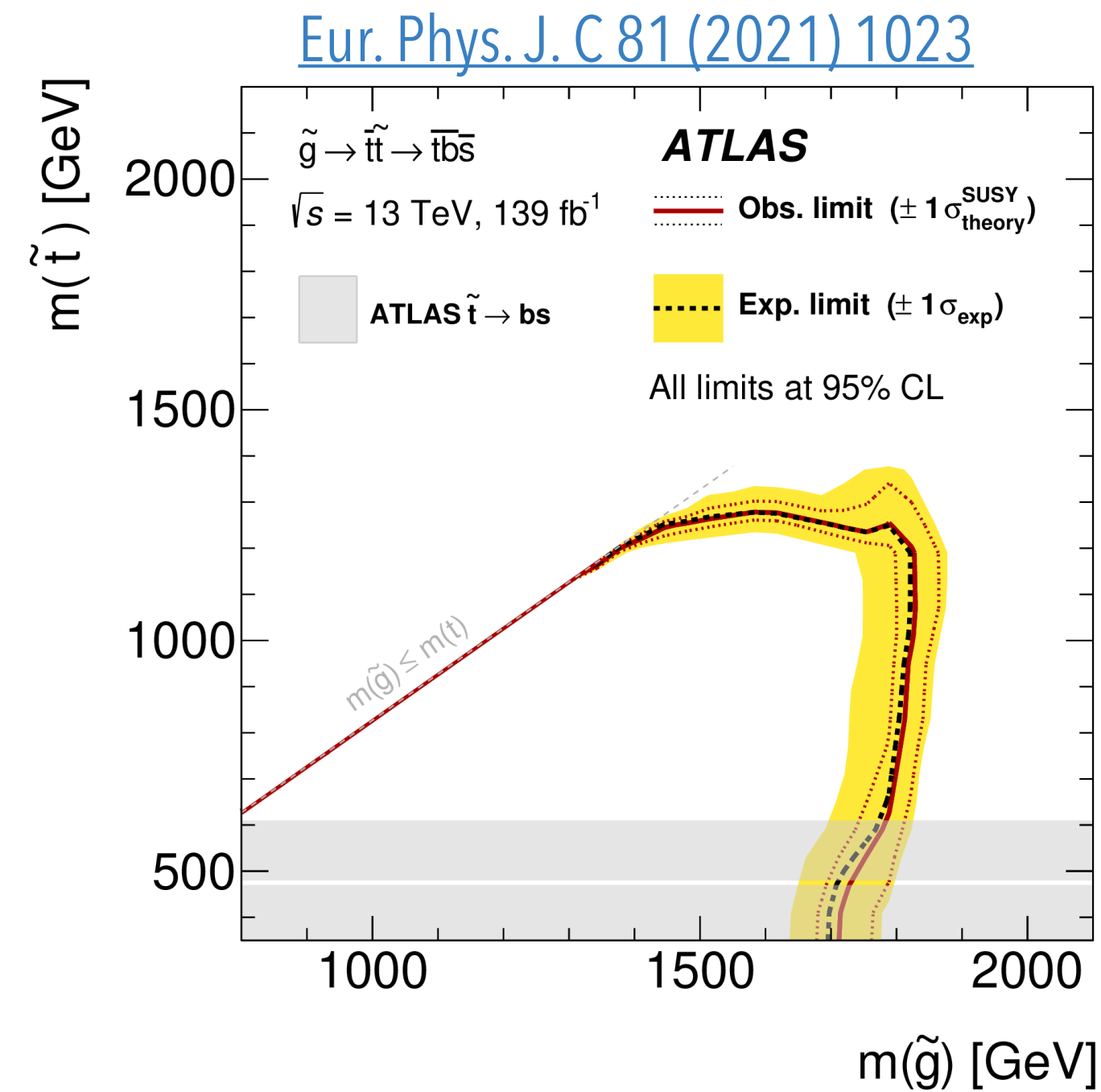
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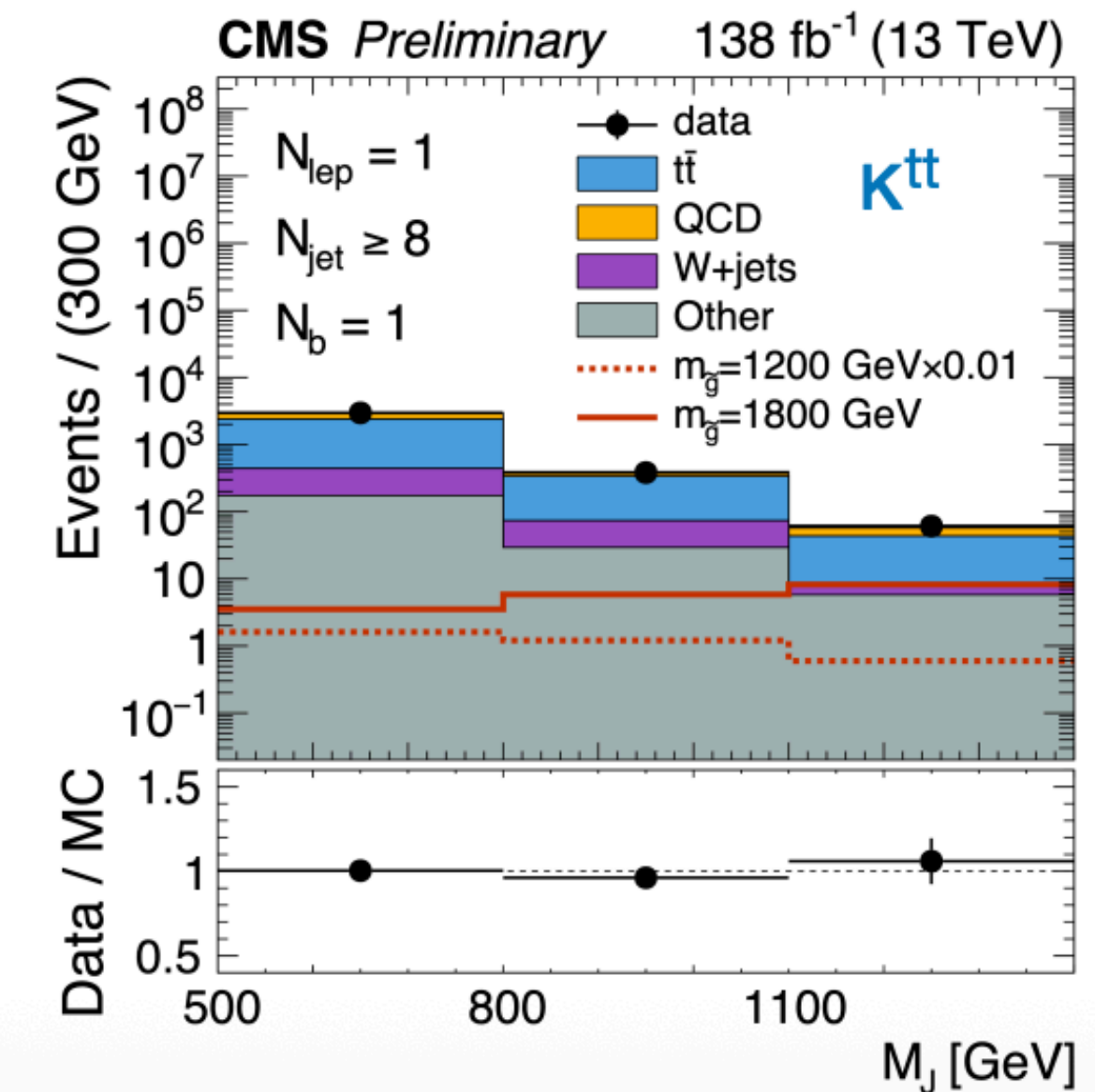
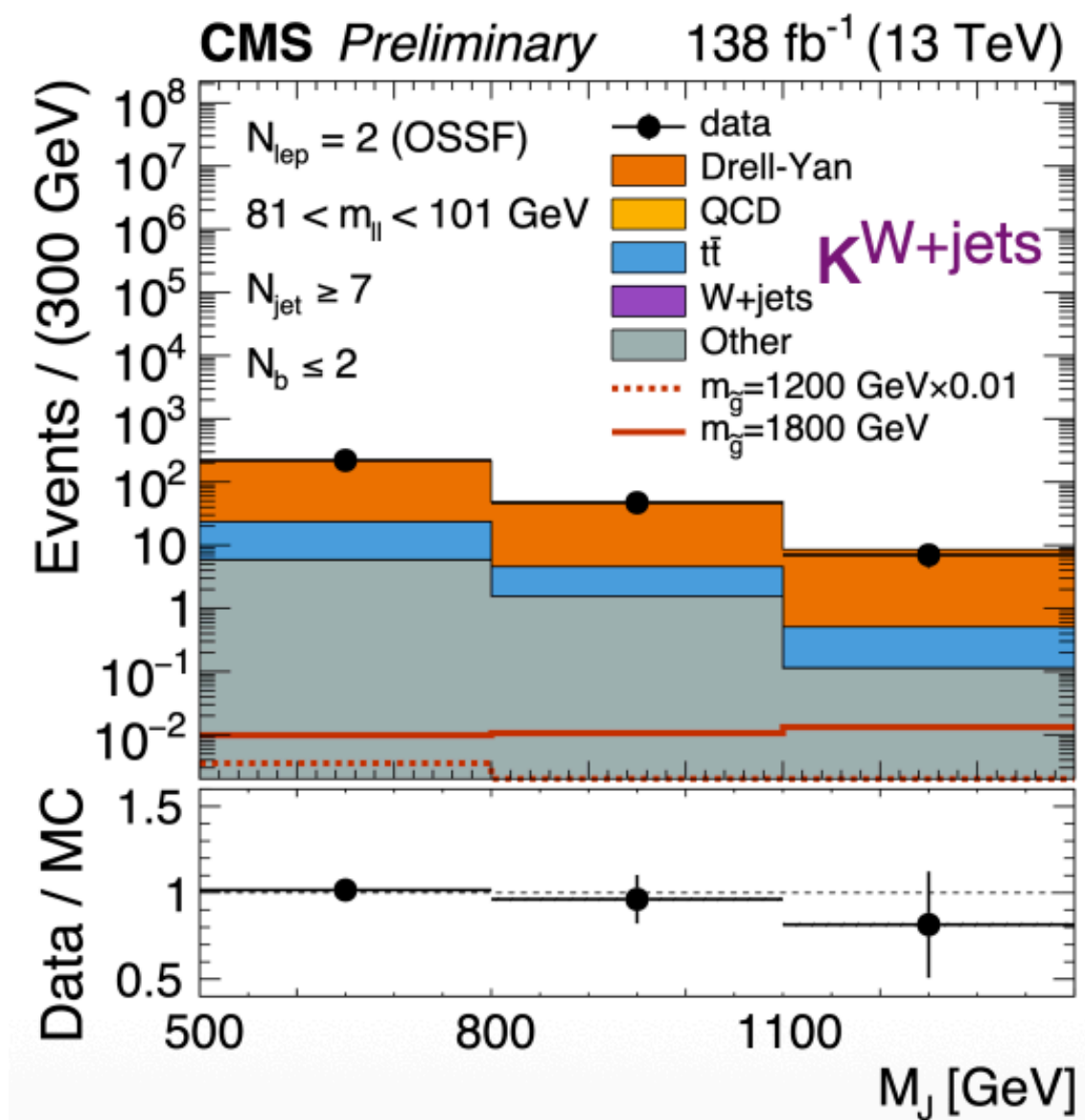


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$N_e + N_\mu$	= 0	$\geq 1$	= 0	$\geq 1$	–
$N_\tau$		= 1			2
$E_T^{\text{miss}}$ [GeV]		> 400			> 200
$H_T$ [GeV]	–		> 1000		> 800
$N_{\text{jets}}$	$\geq 2$		$\geq 3$		$\geq 3$
$p_T^{\tau_1}$ [GeV]	< 45		> 45		–
$m_T^{\tau_1}$ [GeV]	> 80	–	> 250	> 120	–
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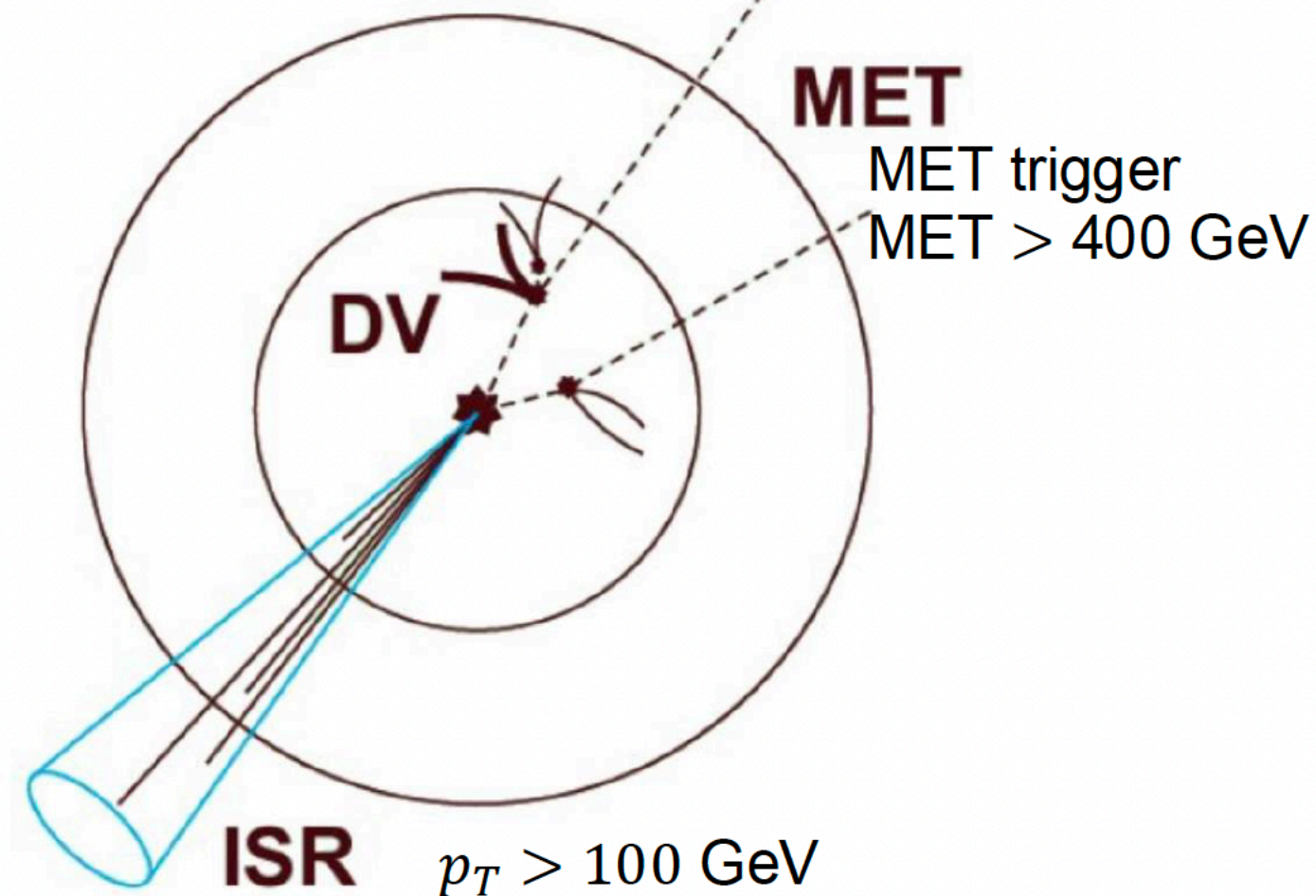


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## ISR + MET + Soft Displaced Vertex



Veto on selected e,  $\mu$ ,  $\gamma$ ,  $\tau$

### Non-standard track (pre)selection

Low  $p_T$ :  $> 0.5$  GeV

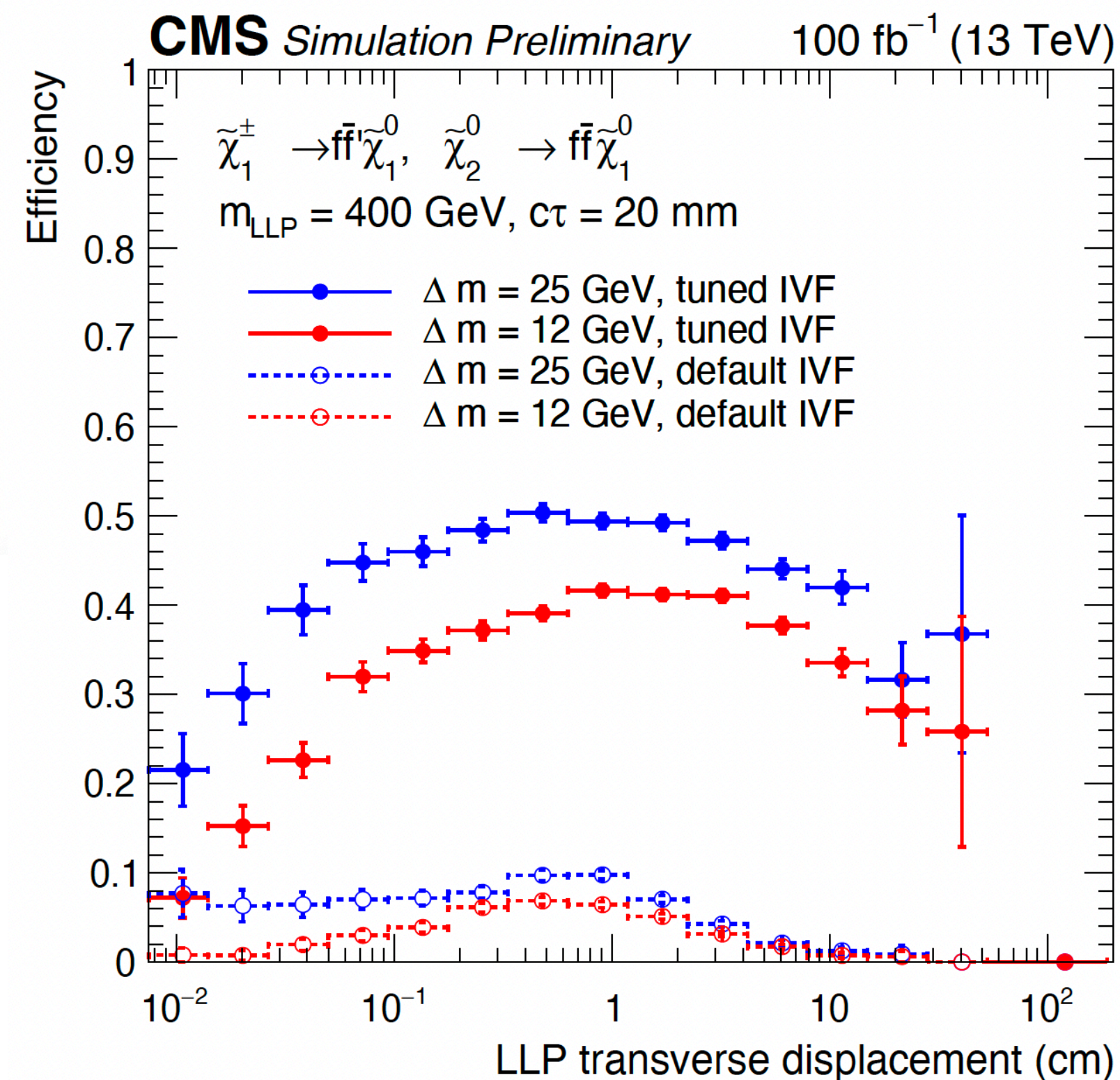
Displaced:  $|d_{xy}|/\sigma_{d_{xy}} > (2) 4$

Number of valid hits:  $> (6) 13$

## Soft Displaced Vertex

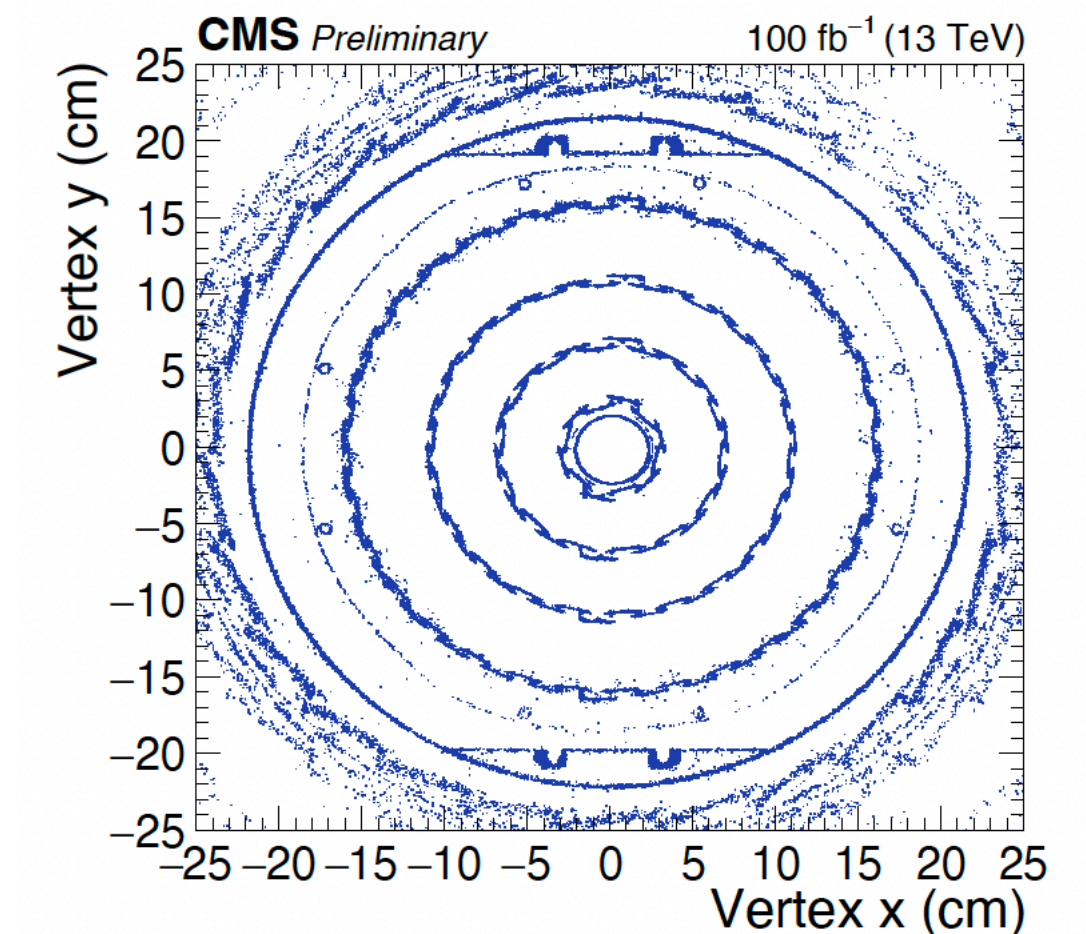
### Inclusive Vertex Finder **tuned** for LLP

- Large opening angle
- Vertex momentum not pointing to primary vertex

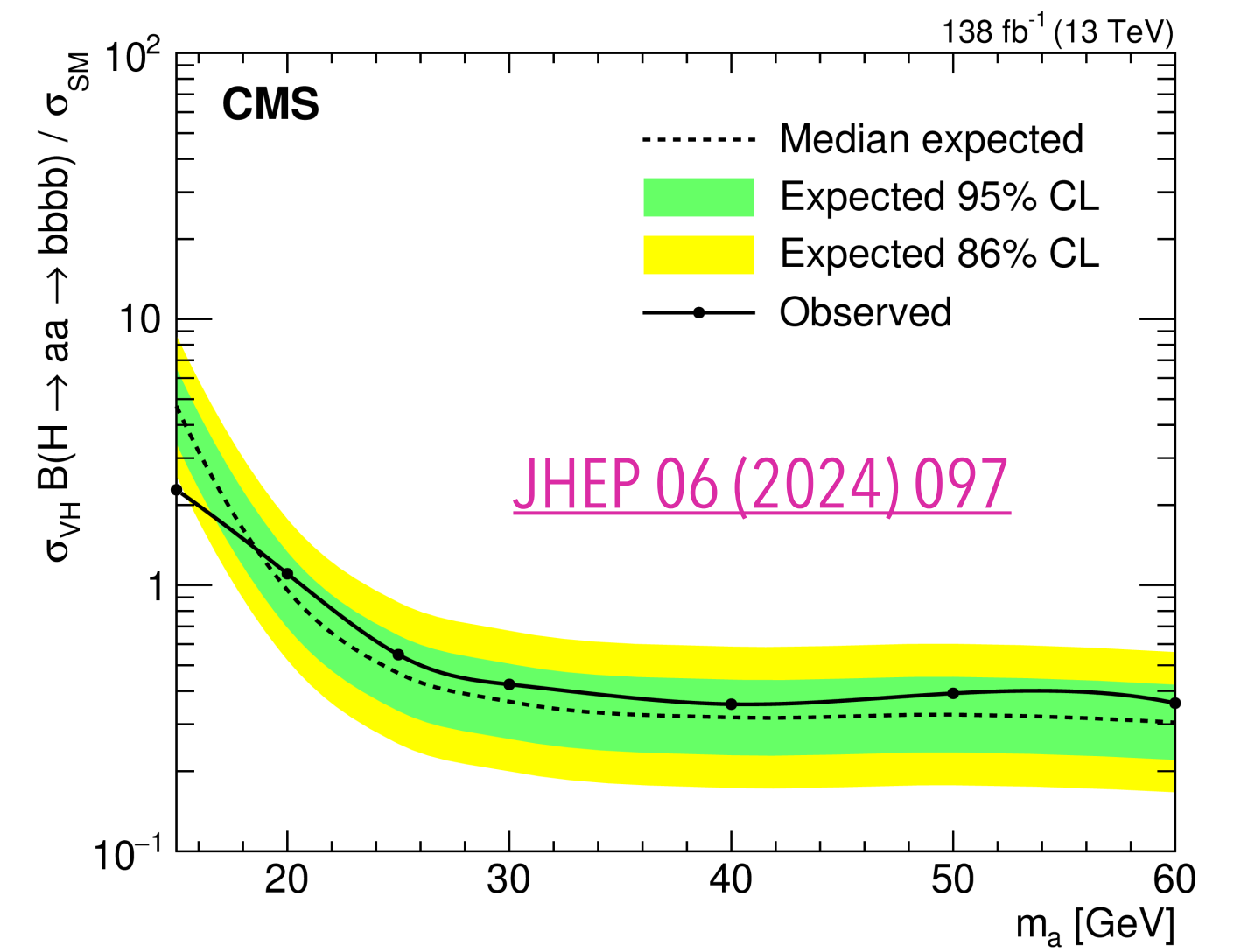
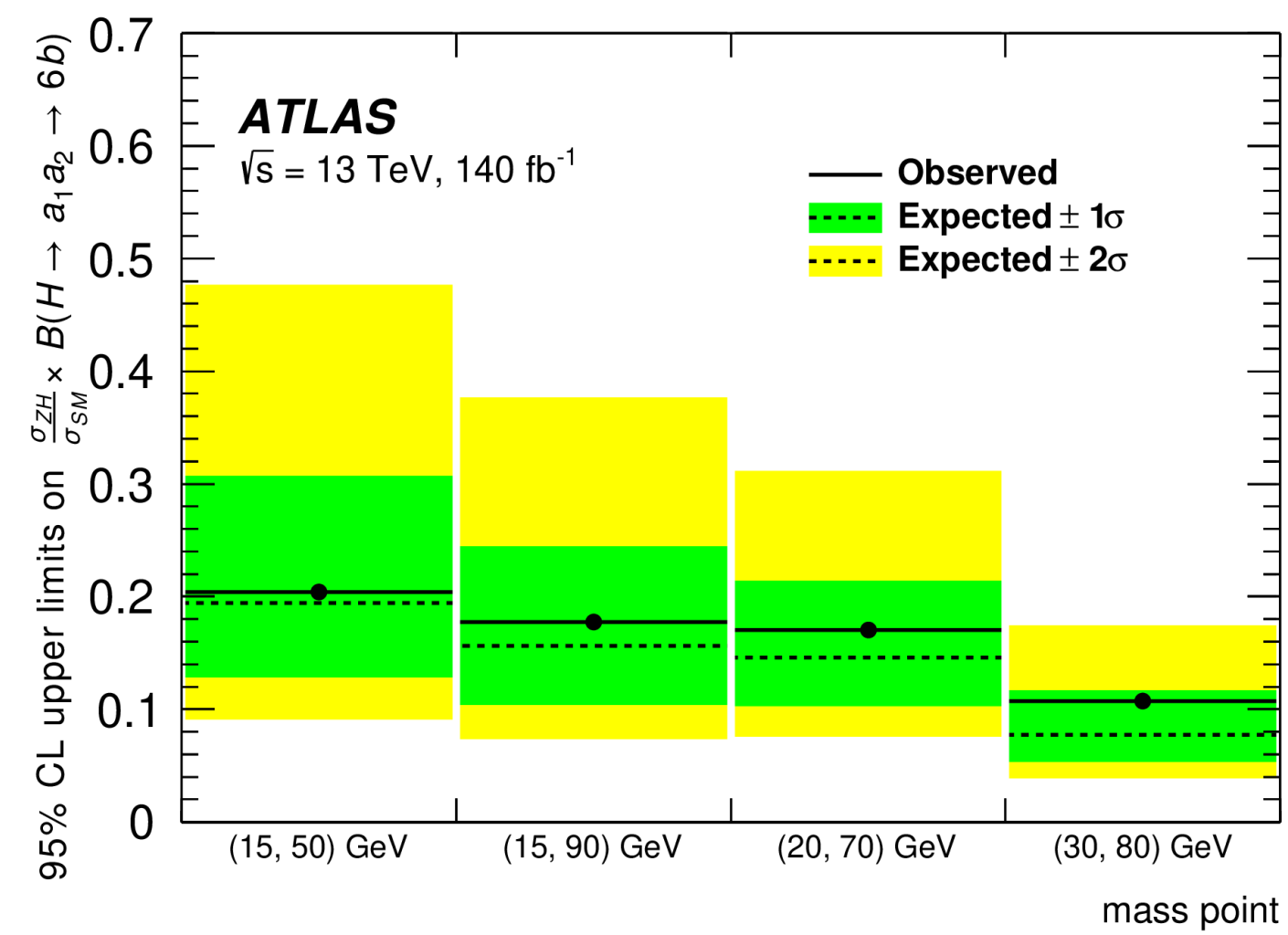
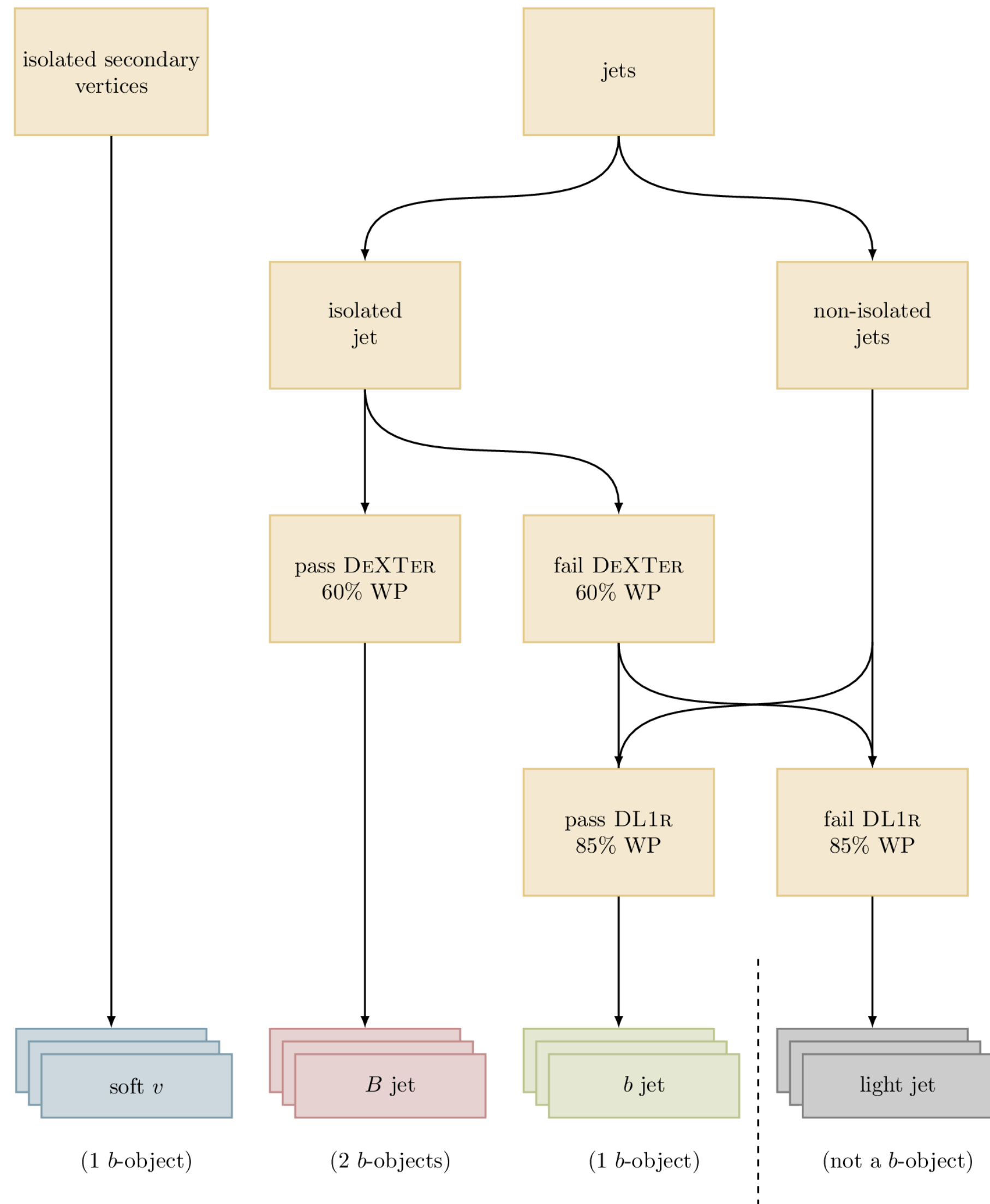


### Veto on tracker material region:

→ nuclear interaction is a source of background vertices



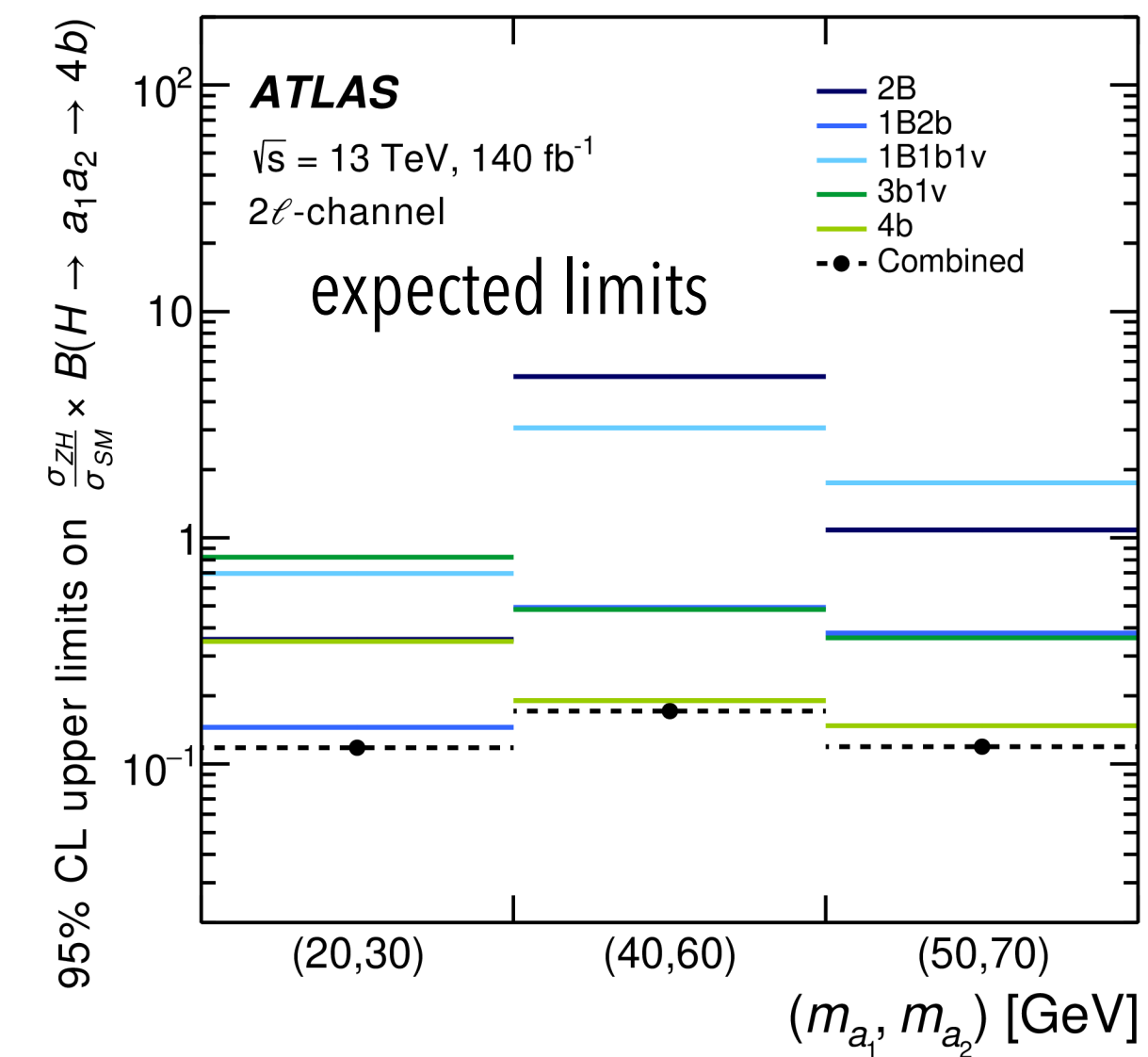
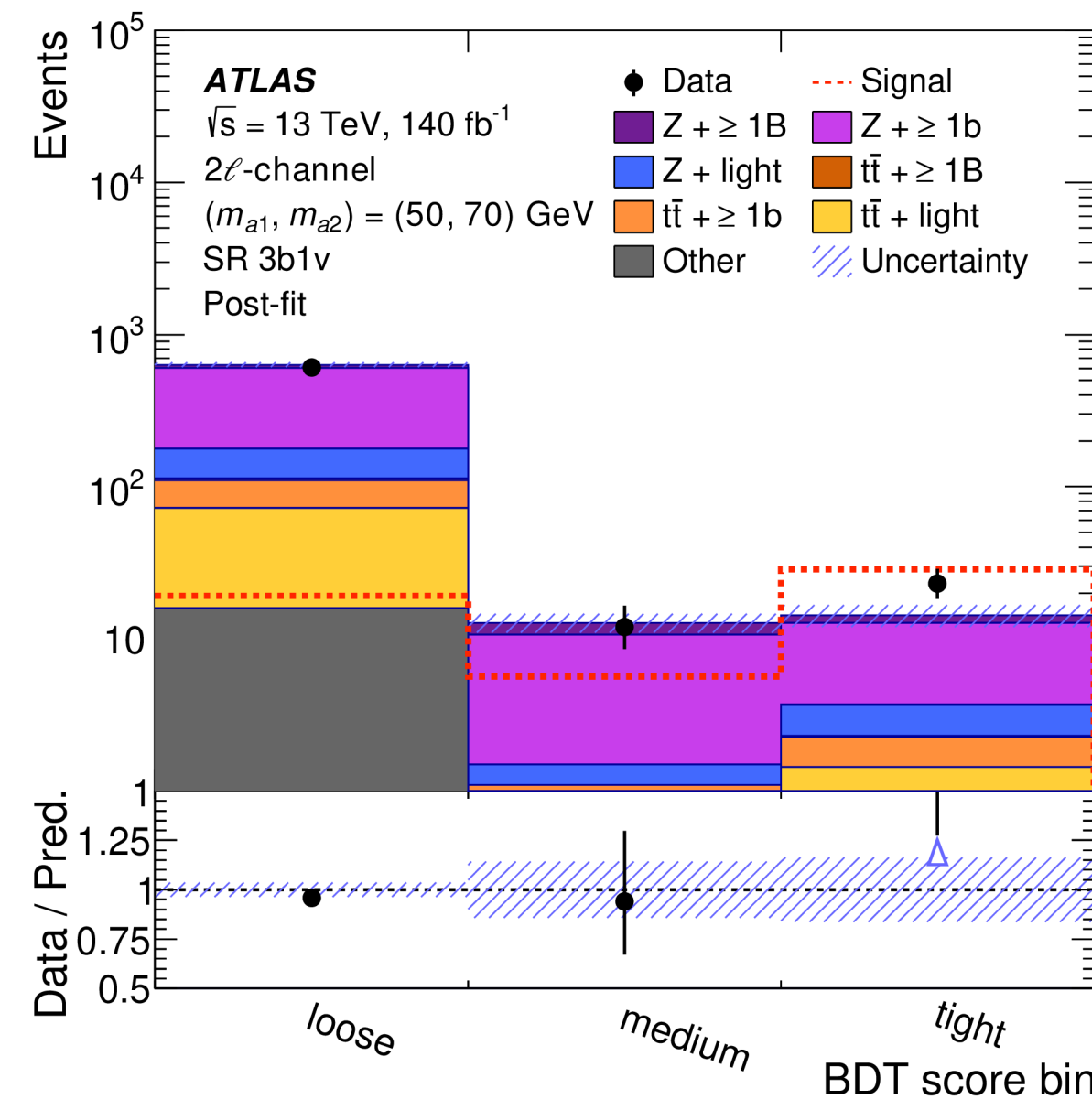
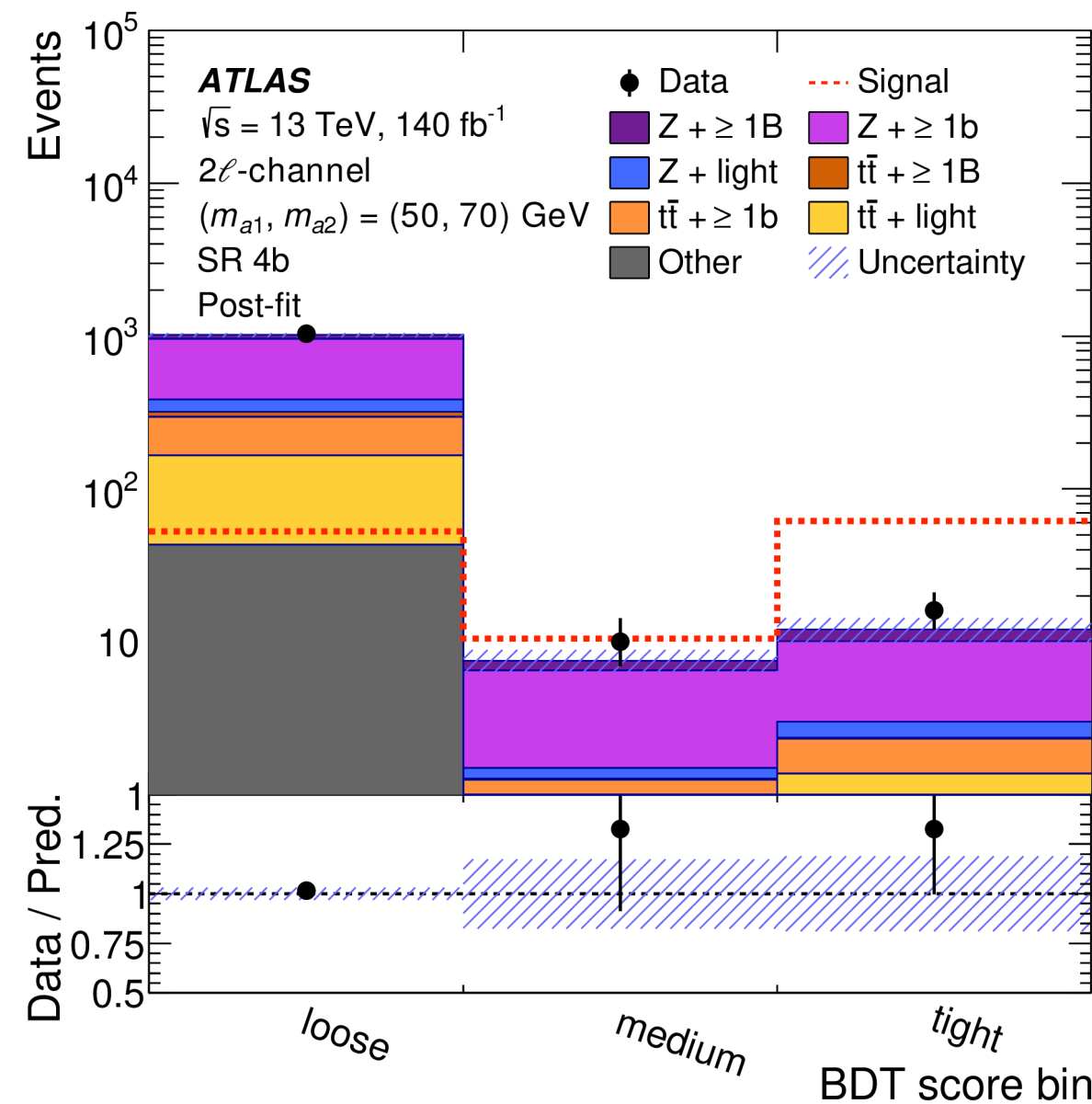
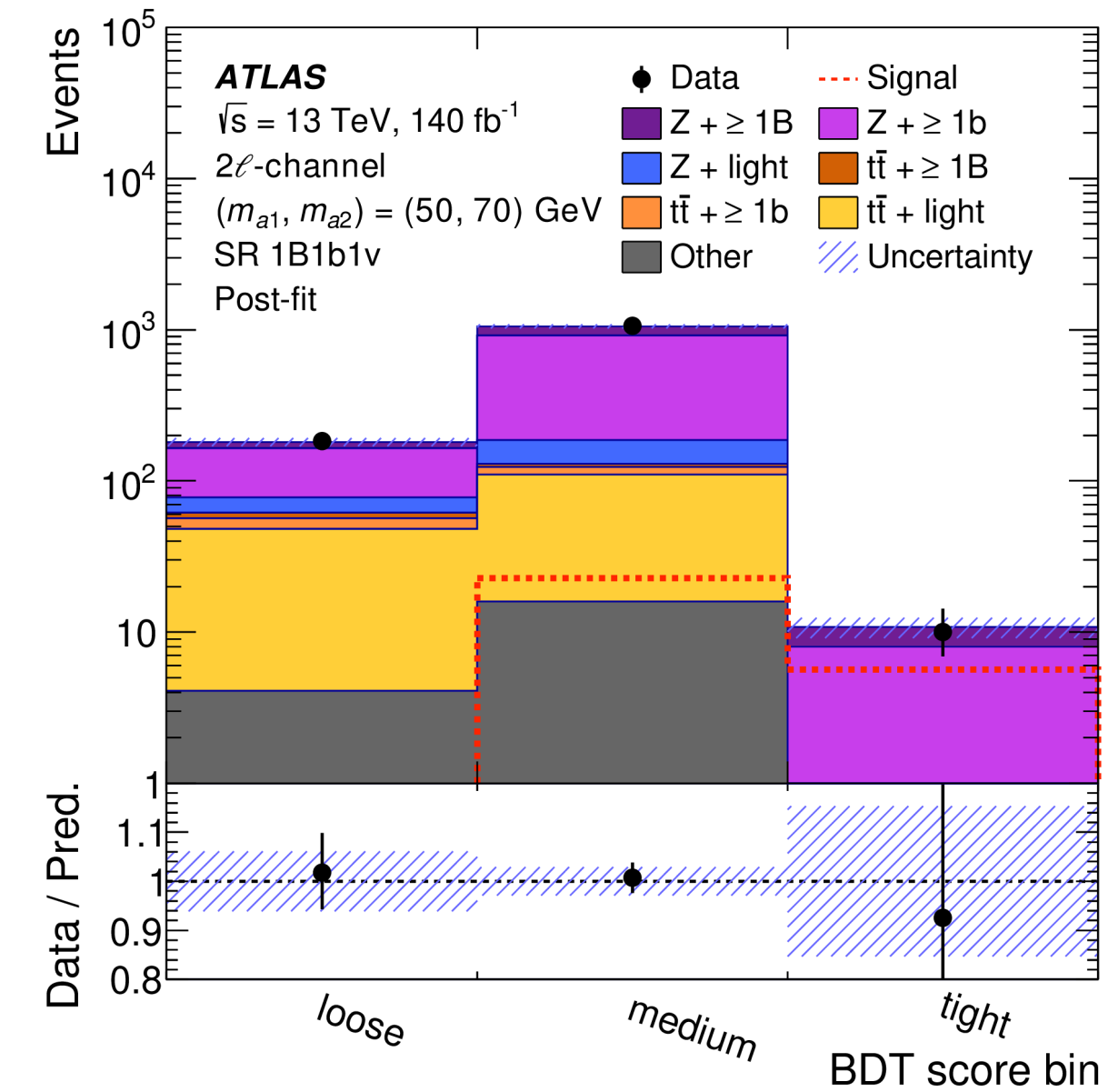
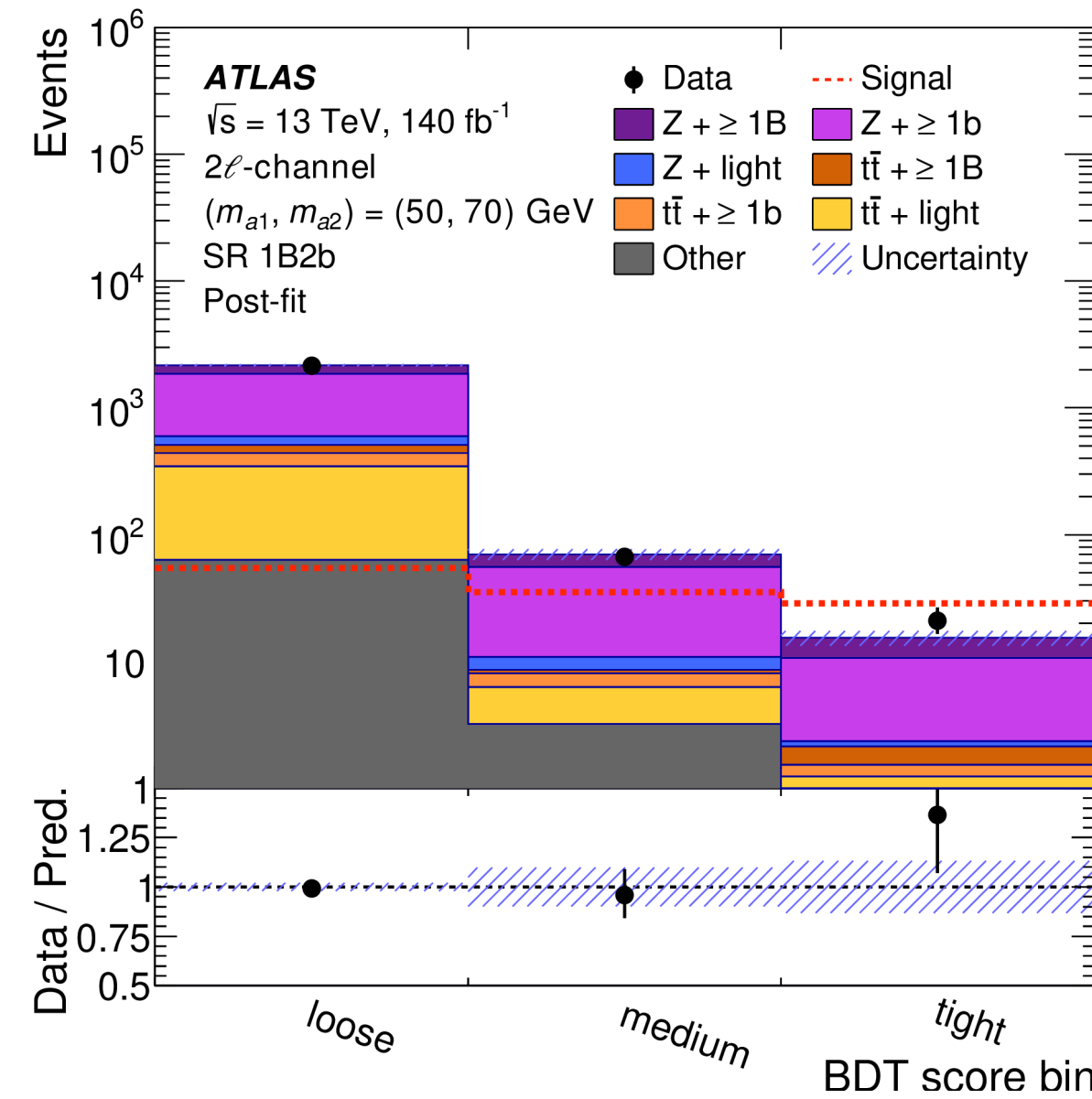
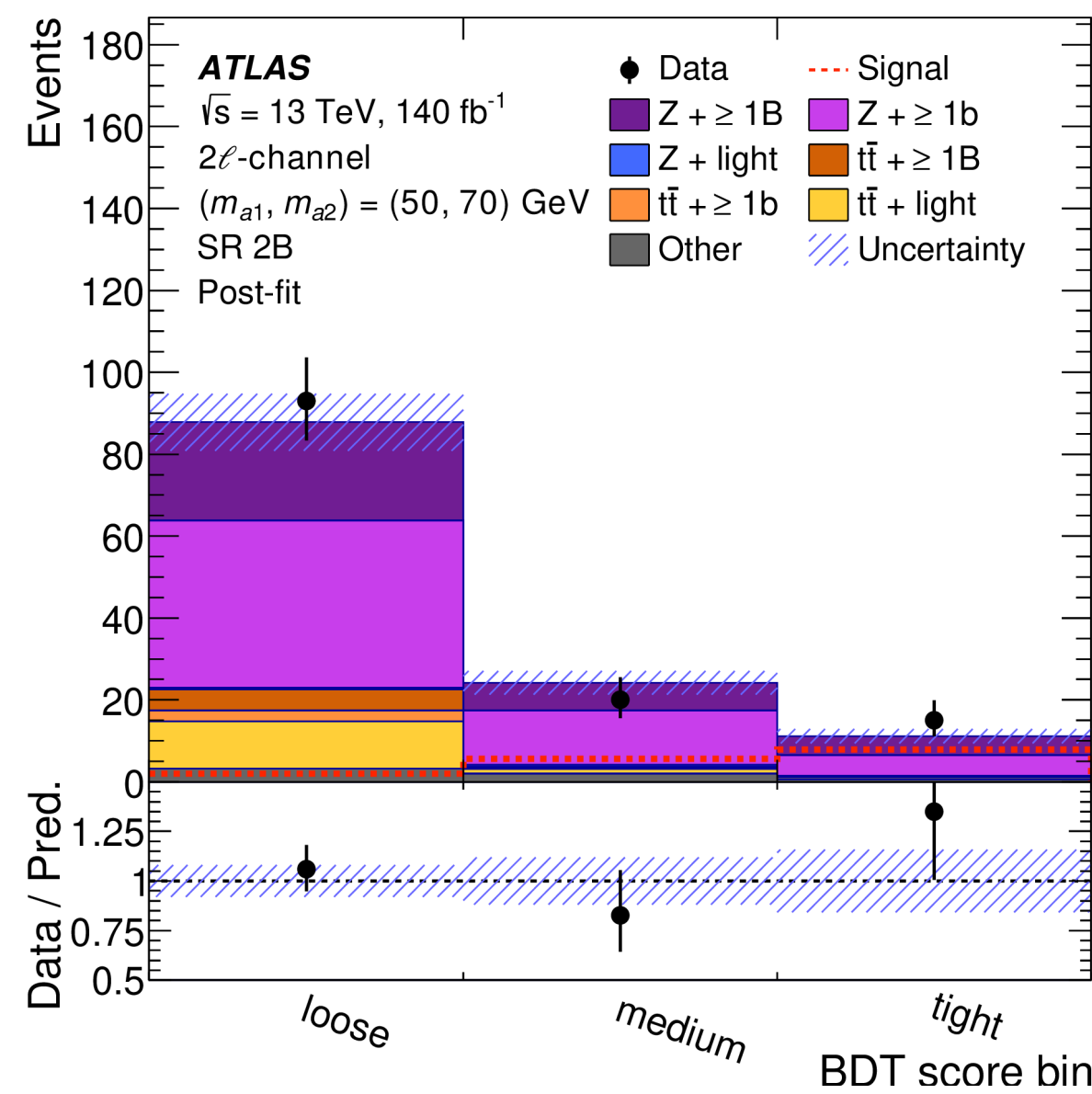






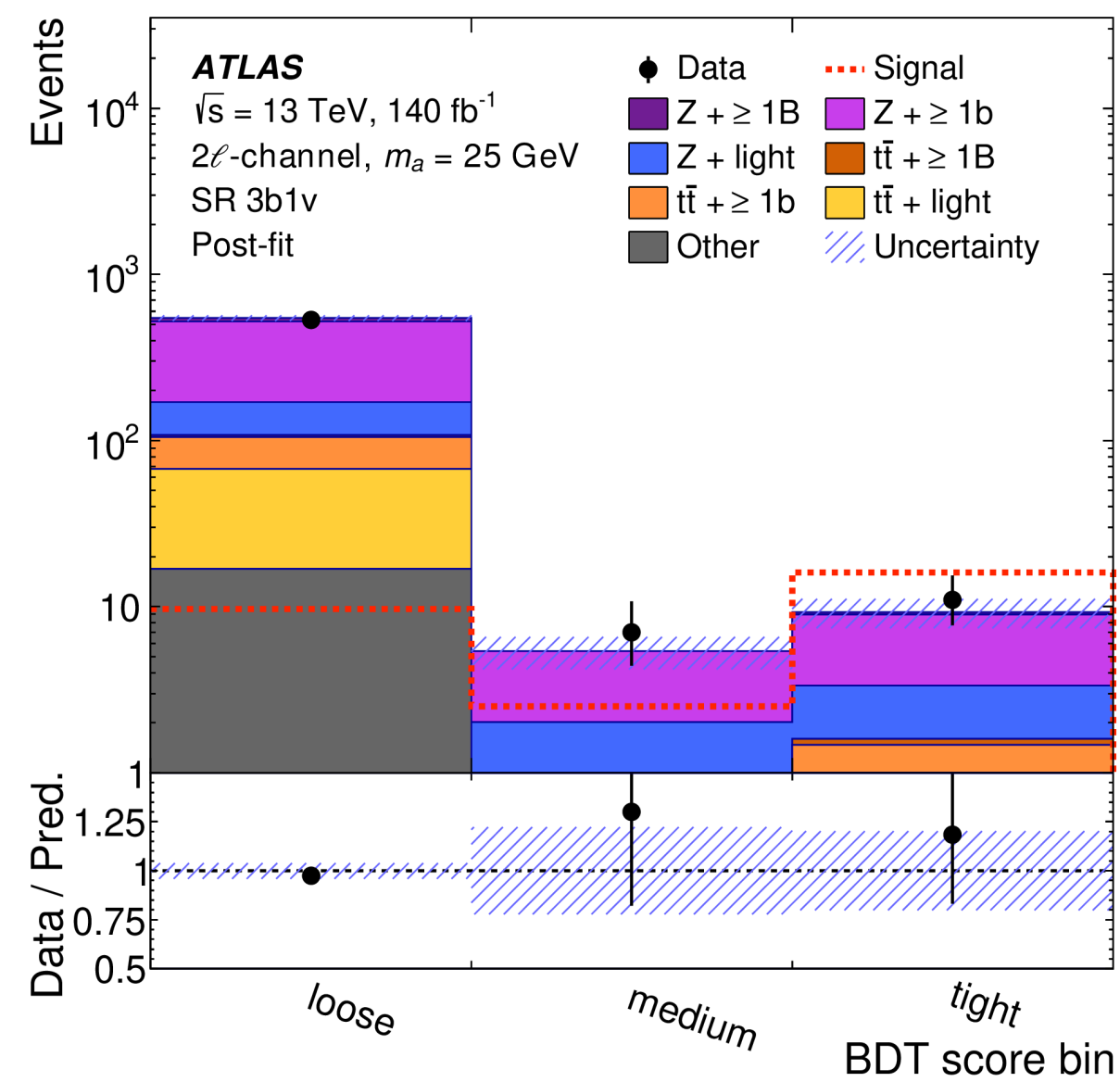
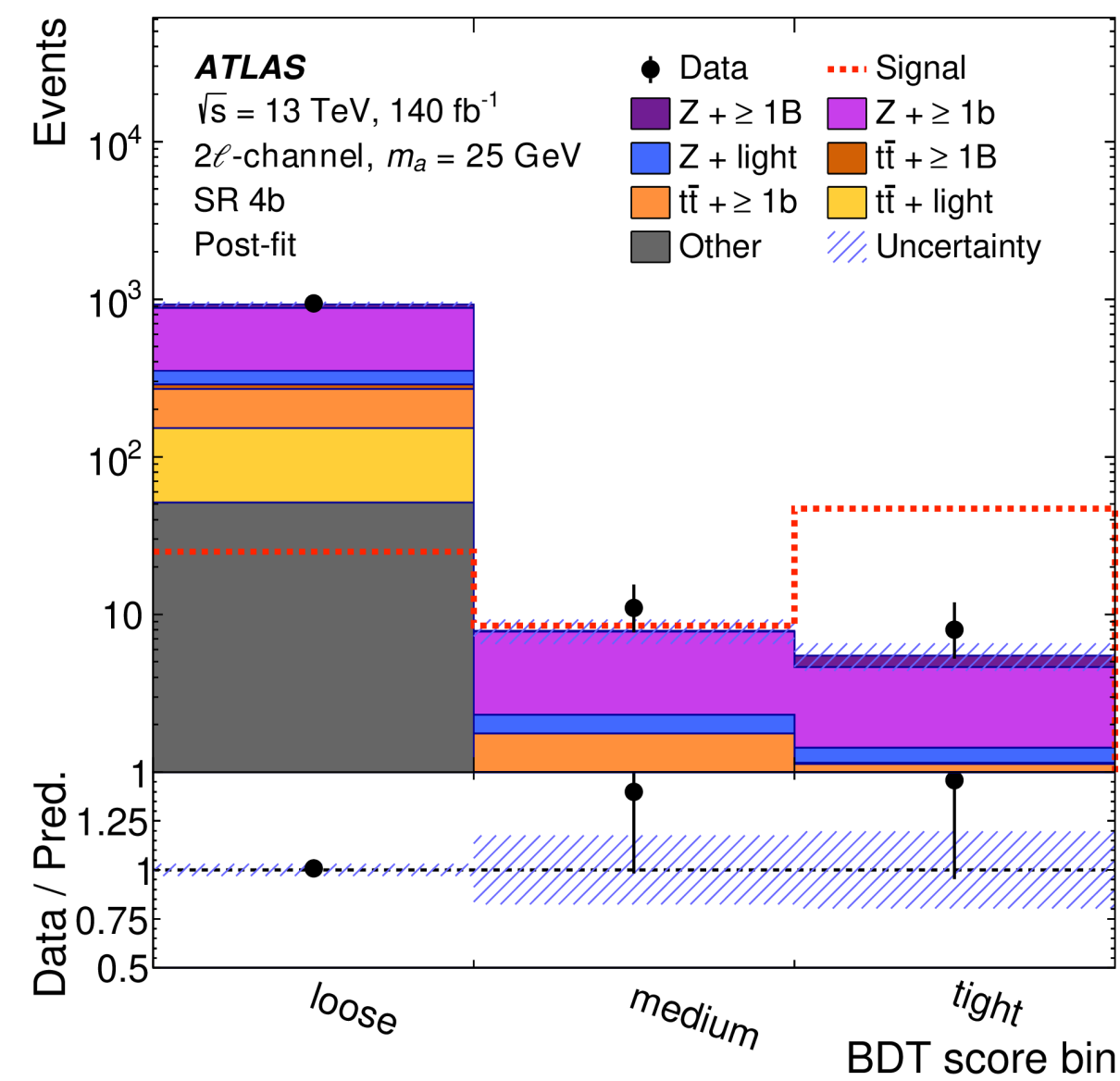
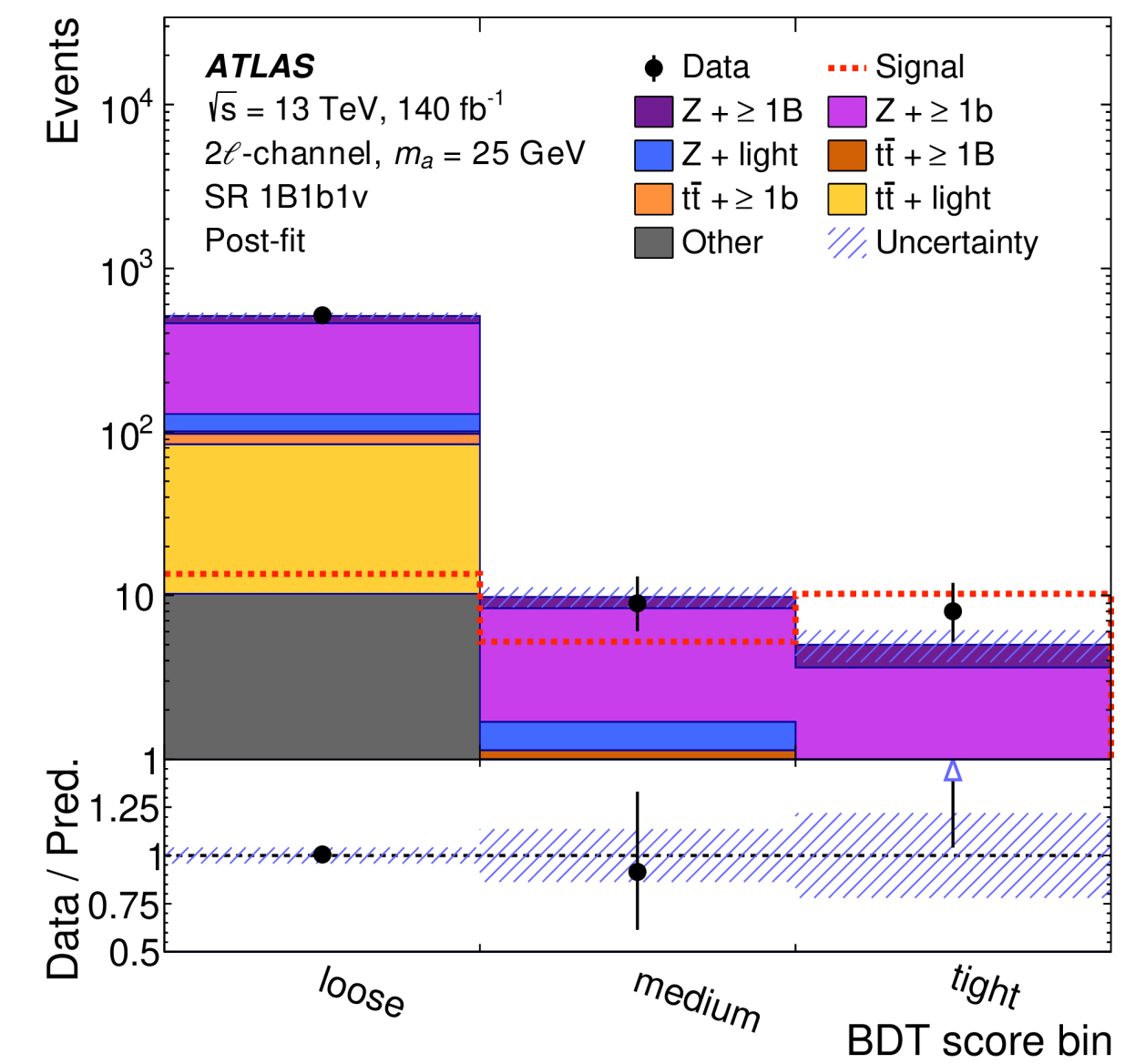
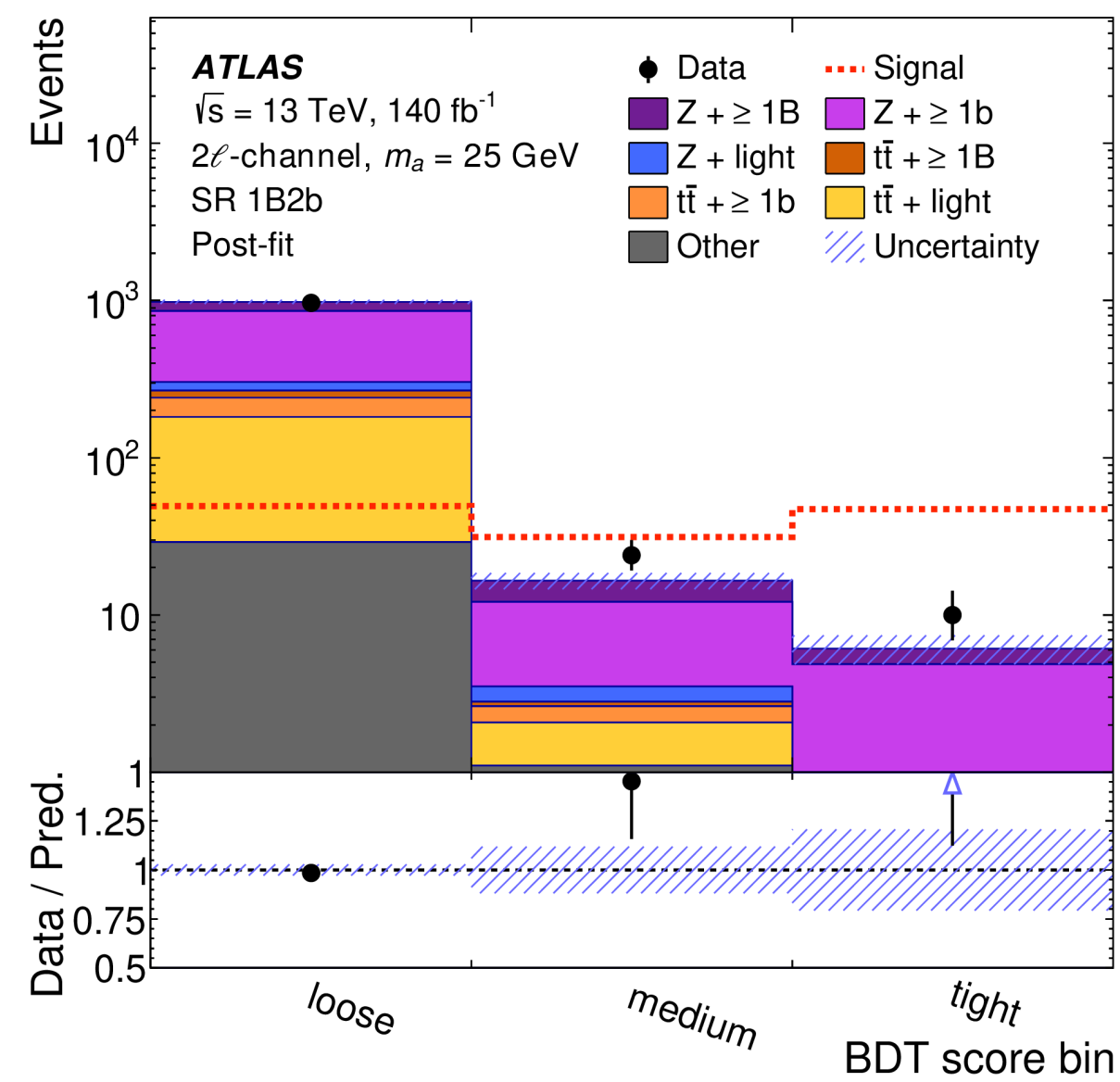
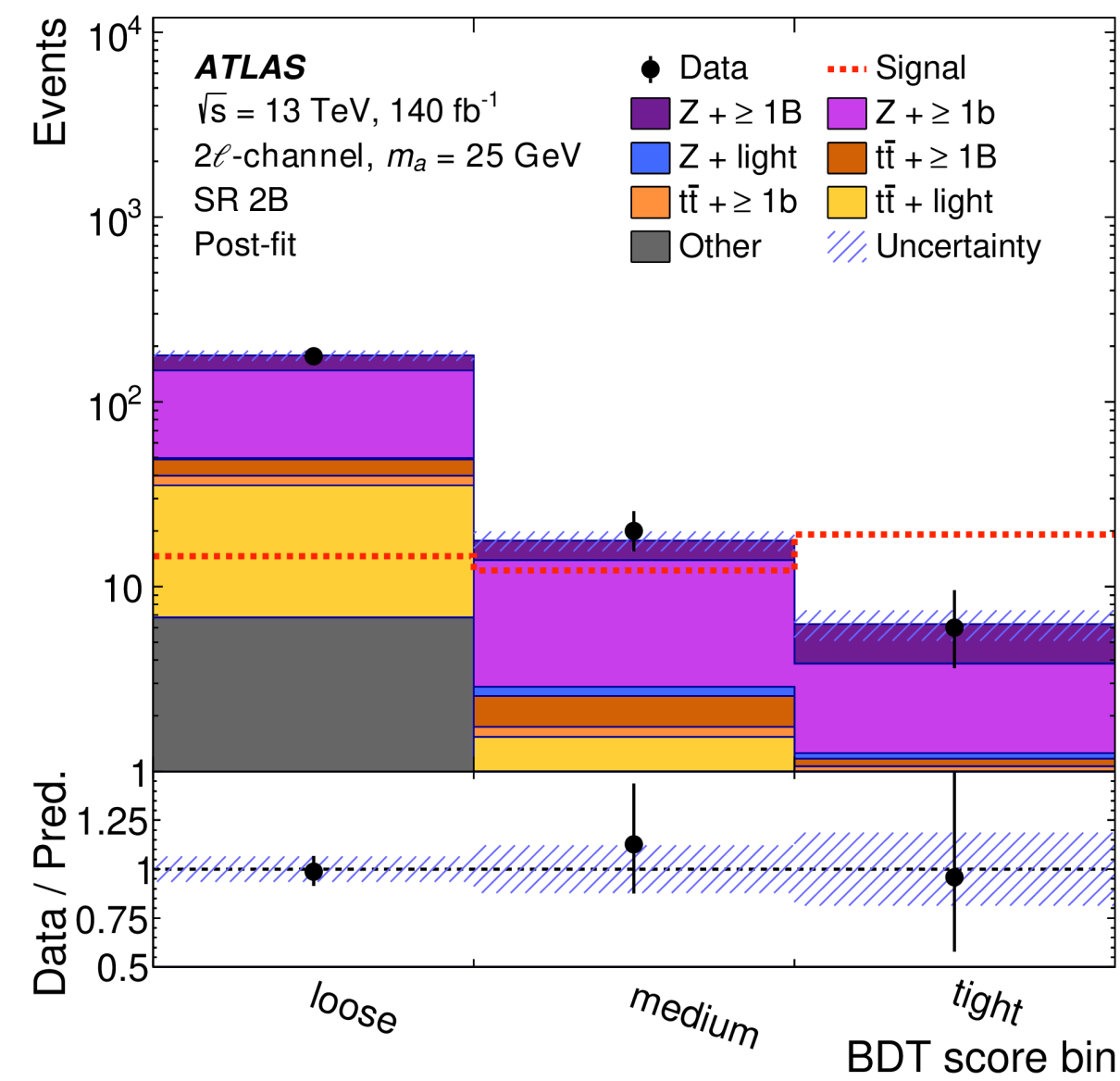
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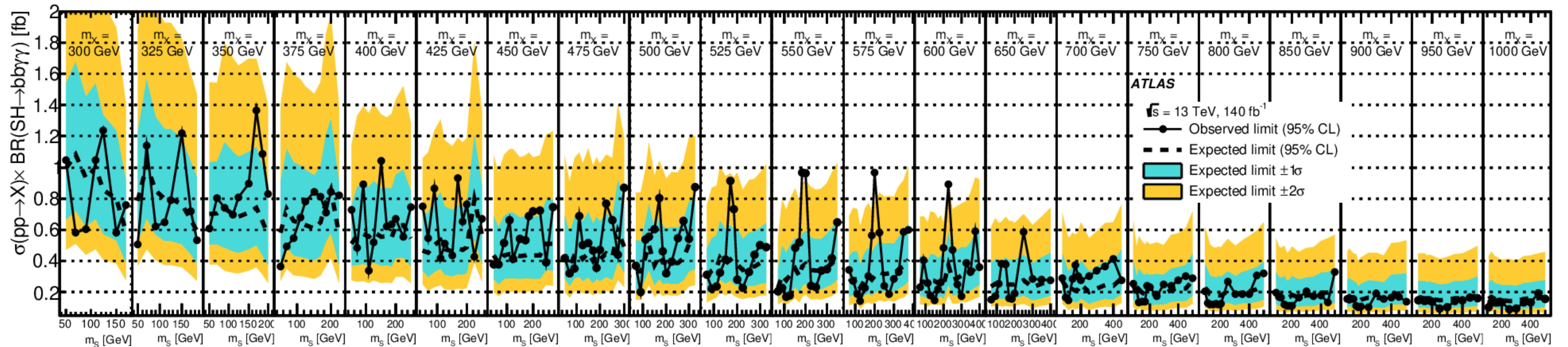
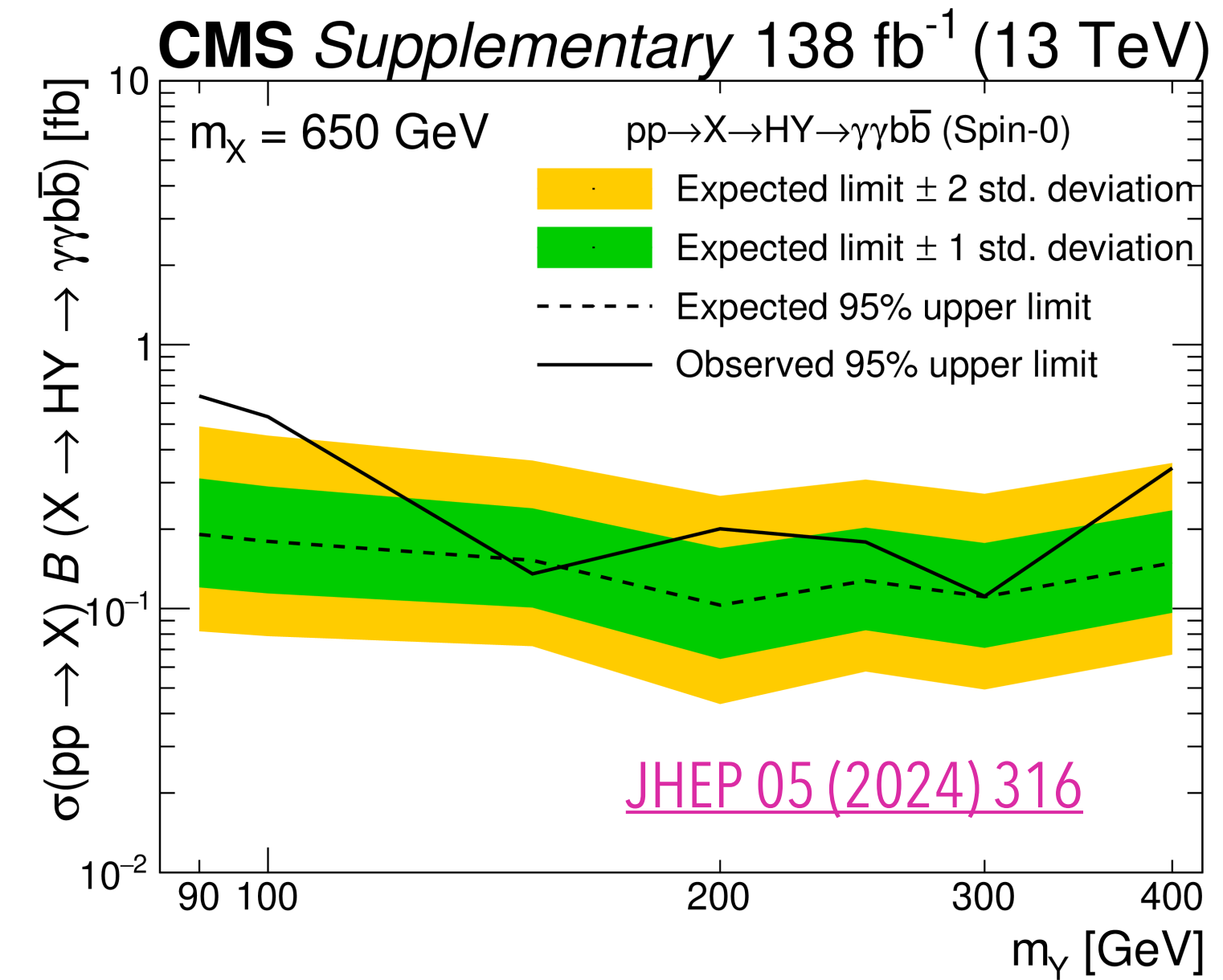
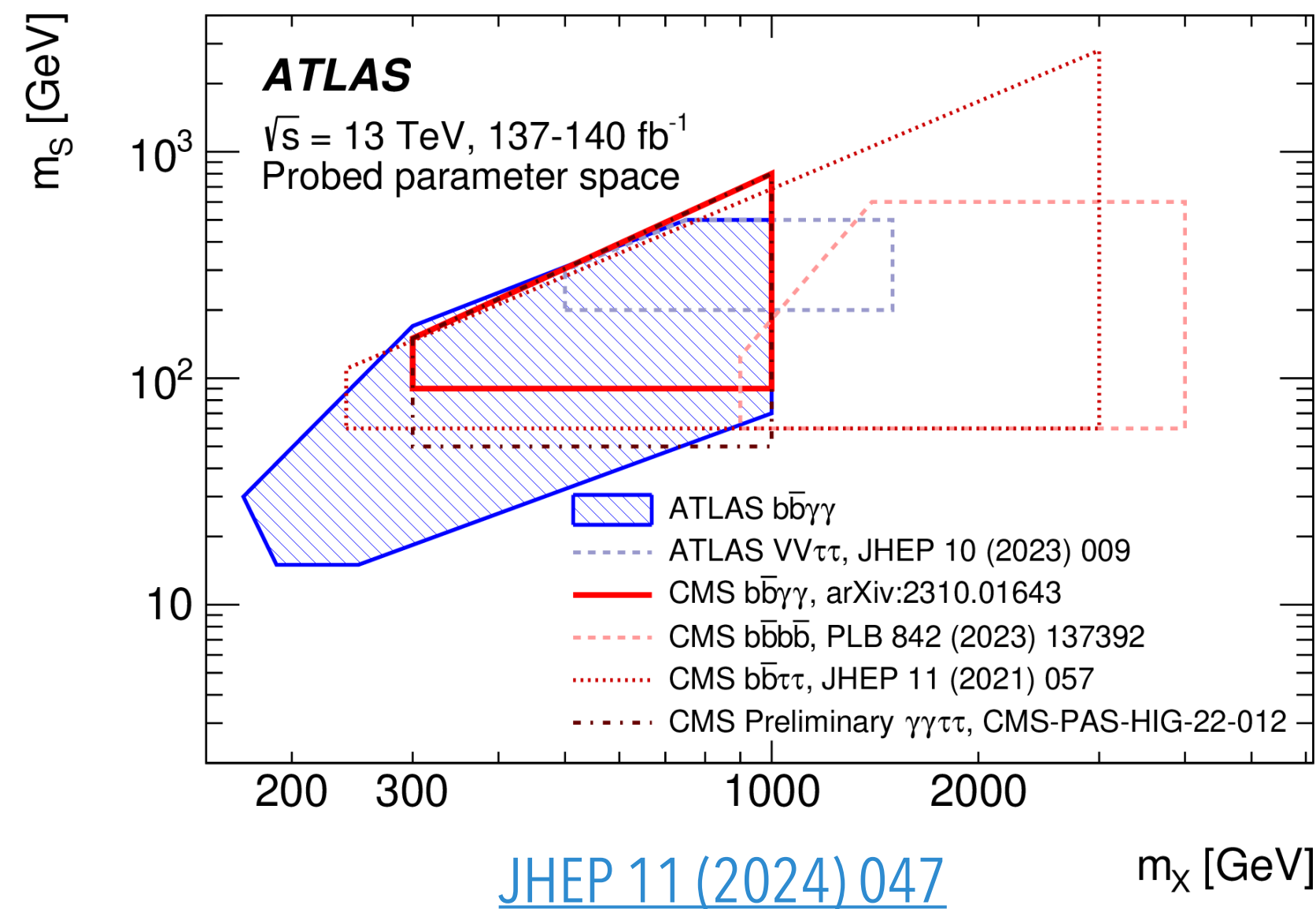


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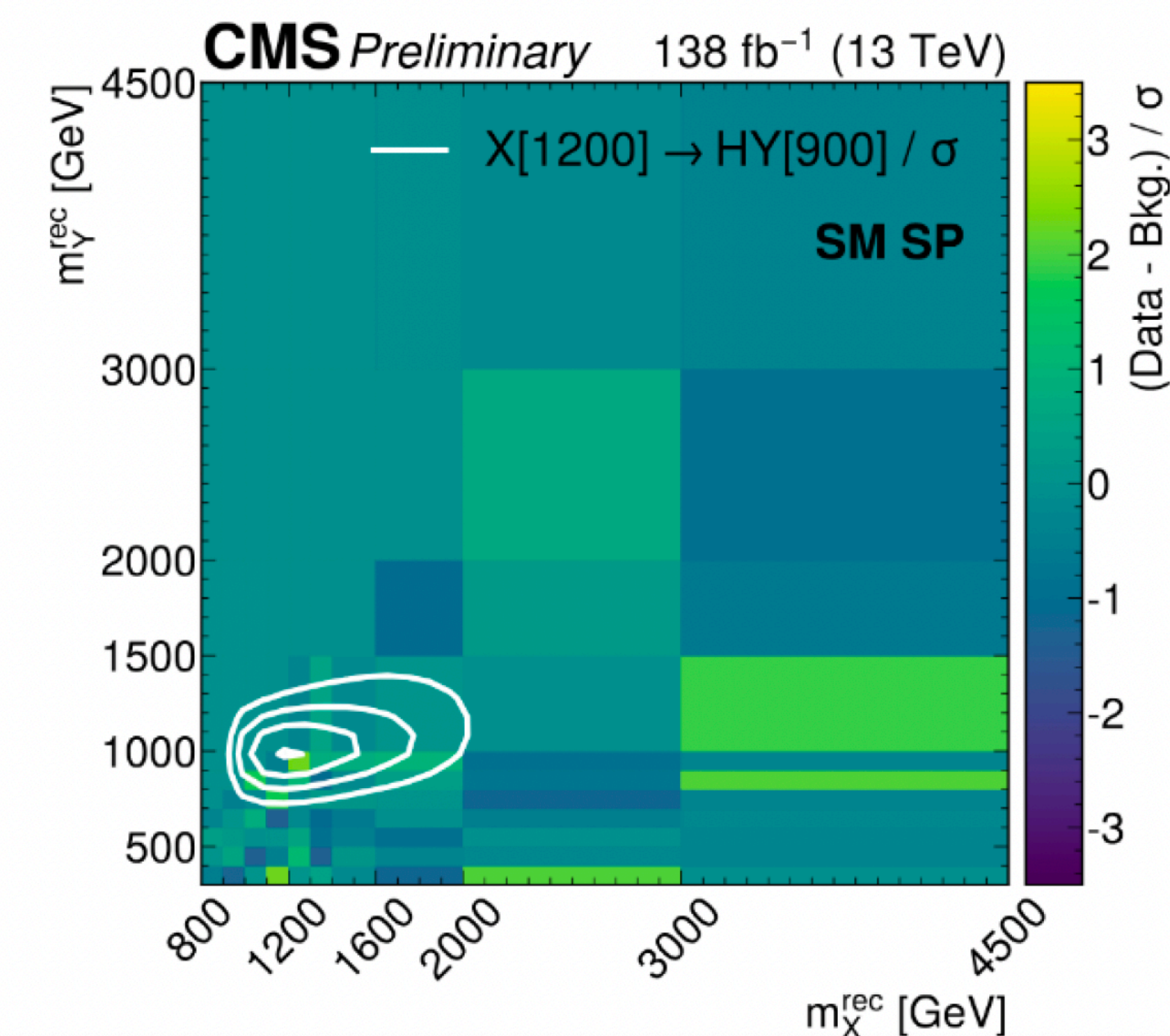
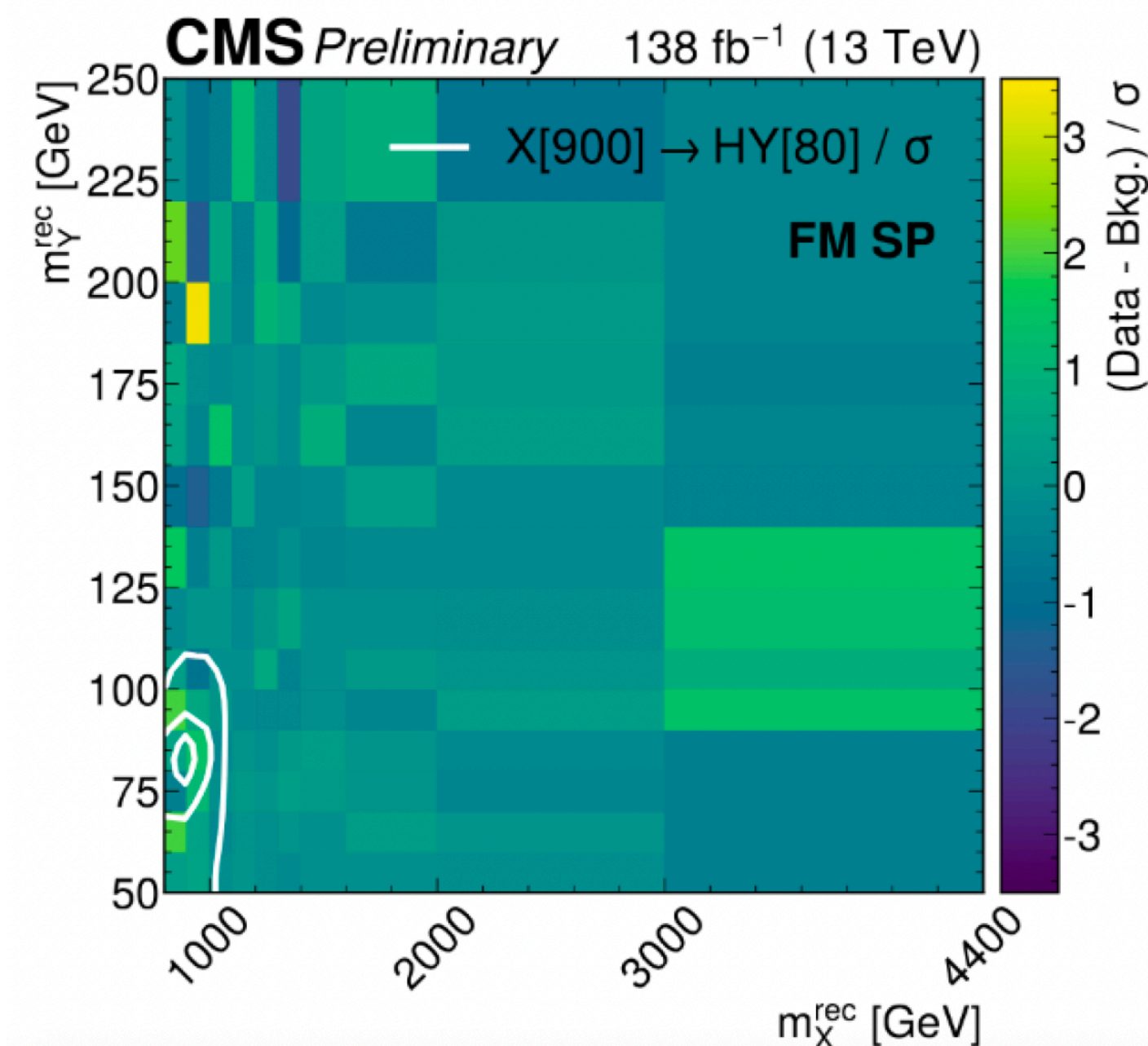


The analysis exploits **state-of-the-art substructure techniques and taggers to identify boosted final states**:

- ✓ **PARTICLENET** jet tagger for  $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$  and  $V \rightarrow q\bar{q}$ : the leading graph-based tagger in CMS [[PhysRevD.101.056019](https://arxiv.org/abs/1905.05601)]
- ✓ **PART** jet tagger for  $Y \rightarrow VV \rightarrow 4q$ : novel attention-based “particle transformer” [[arXiv:2202.03772](https://arxiv.org/abs/2202.03772)]

## Data-driven background prediction:

- **Signal (SP, SF) and Validation (VP, VF) regions** are defined, with **Pass and Fail Modes** to predict background in a data-driven way.
- **[QCD prediction in SP] = [Data in SF]  $\times$   $R(m_X, m_Y)$** 
  - $R(m_X, m_Y)$  parametrized as 2D Bernstein polynomials





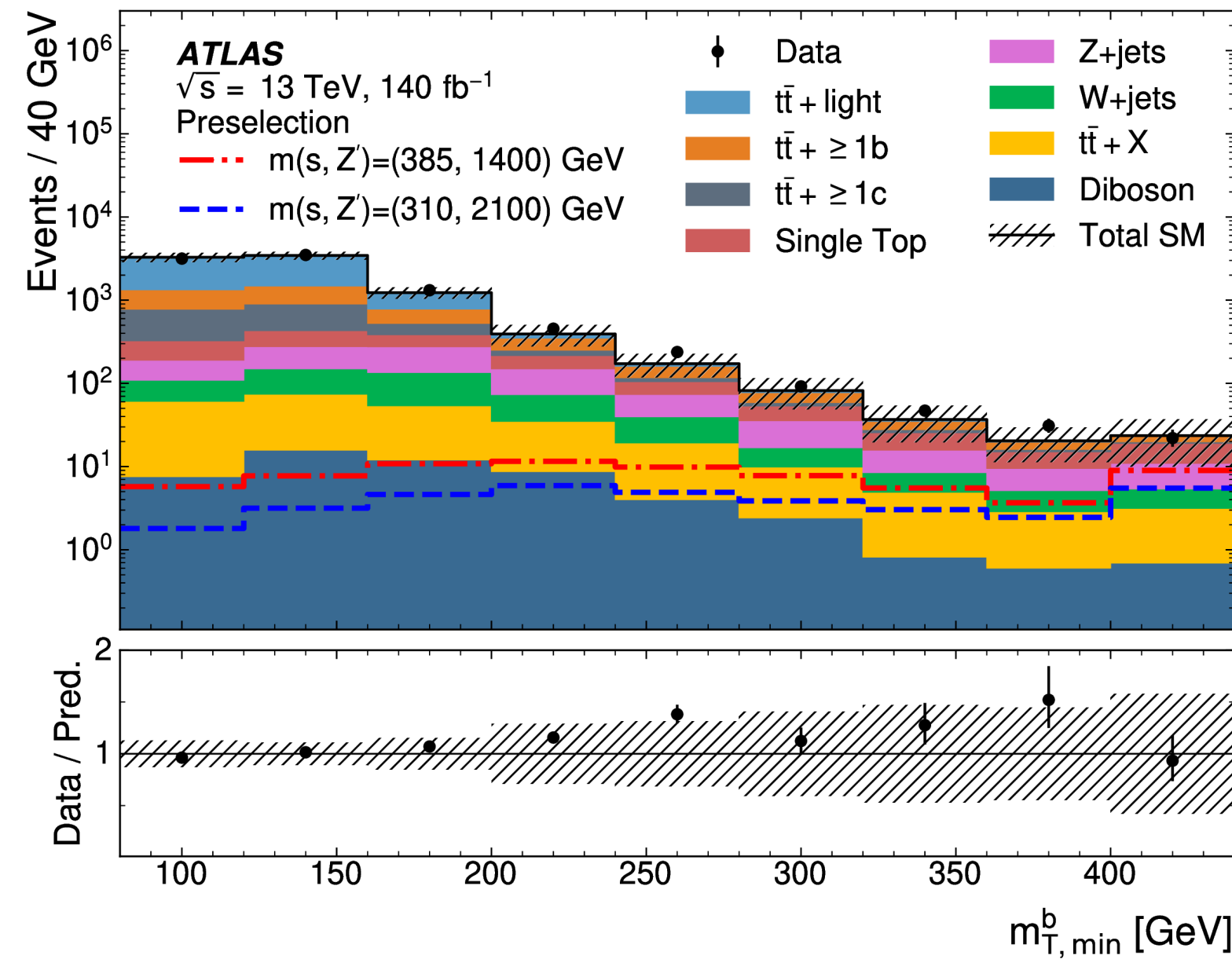


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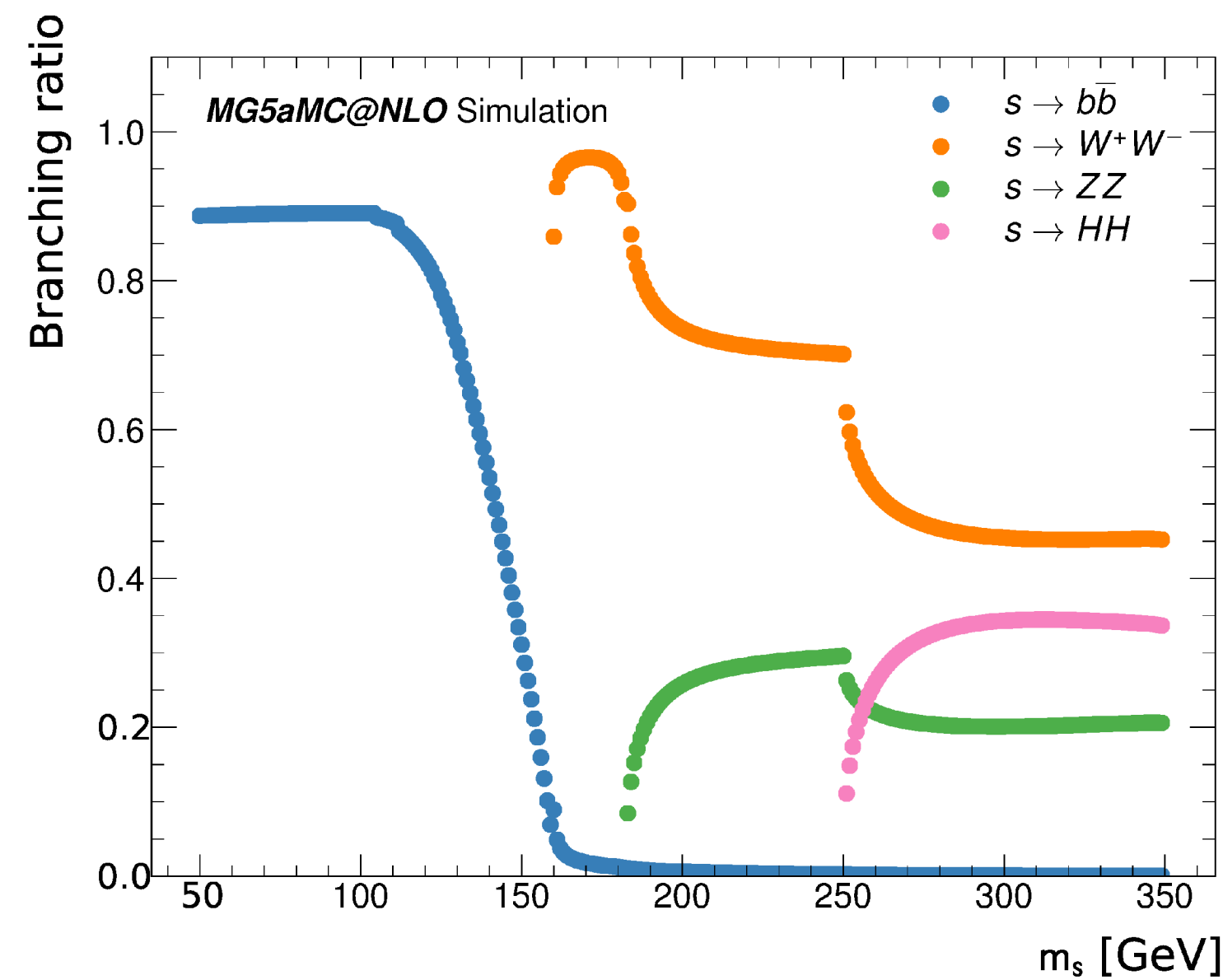
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- selections made on  $p_T^{\text{miss}}$ -based variables:  $m_{T,min}^b$ ,  $\Delta\phi_{min}^{4j}$  and  $S(p_T^{\text{miss}})$



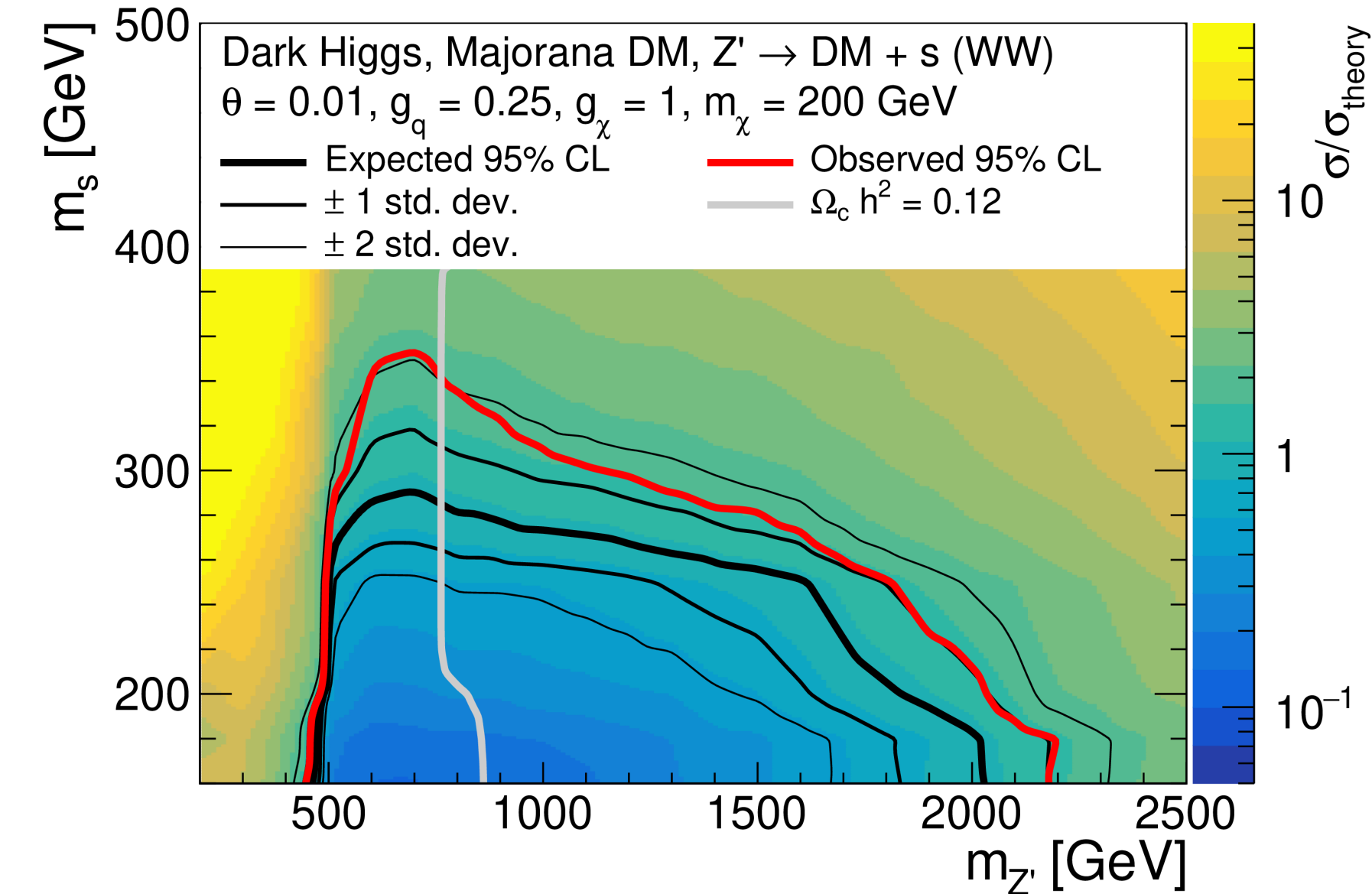
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**CMS**

138 fb<sup>-1</sup> (13 TeV)

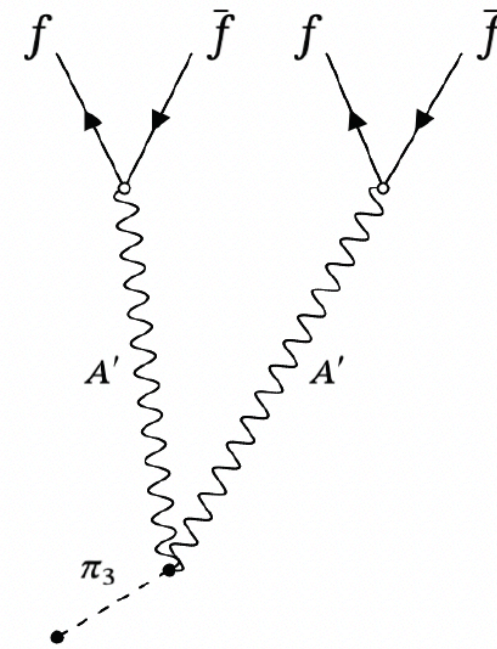


$$m_{T,min}^b = \min_{1 \leq i \leq 3} \sqrt{(p_T(b_i) + p_T^{\text{miss}})^2 - (p_x(b_i) + p_x^{\text{miss}})^2 - (p_y(b_i) + p_y^{\text{miss}})^2}$$

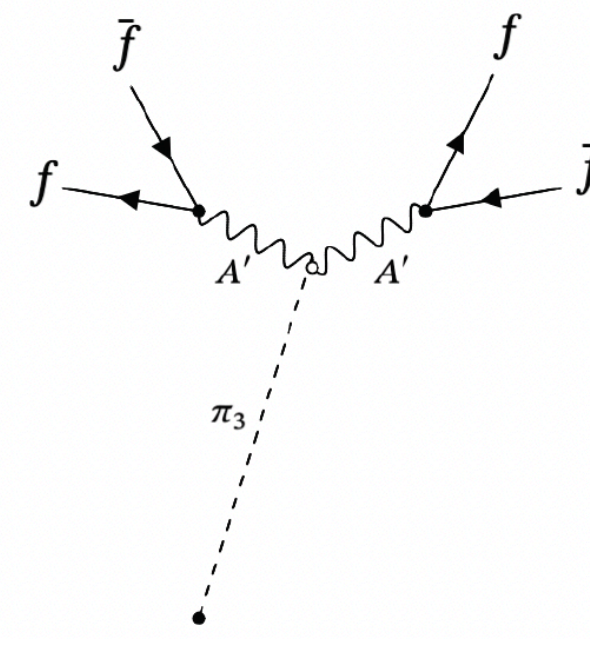


## Dark Shower Scenarios:

Scenario A: long-lived  $A'$



Scenario B1: long-lived  $\pi_3$



If only two muons from a SV are found, the event is categorized as a dimuon event. For dimuon events, we first define two orthogonal regions in  $|\Delta\Phi(\mu\mu, SV)|$ , distinguishing *pointing* and *nonpointing* topologies, with  $|\Delta\Phi(\mu\mu, SV)| < 0.02$  and  $0.02 < |\Delta\Phi(\mu\mu, SV)| < \pi/2$ , respectively.

first analysis to study displaced dimuon vertices beyond 11 cm using scouting data

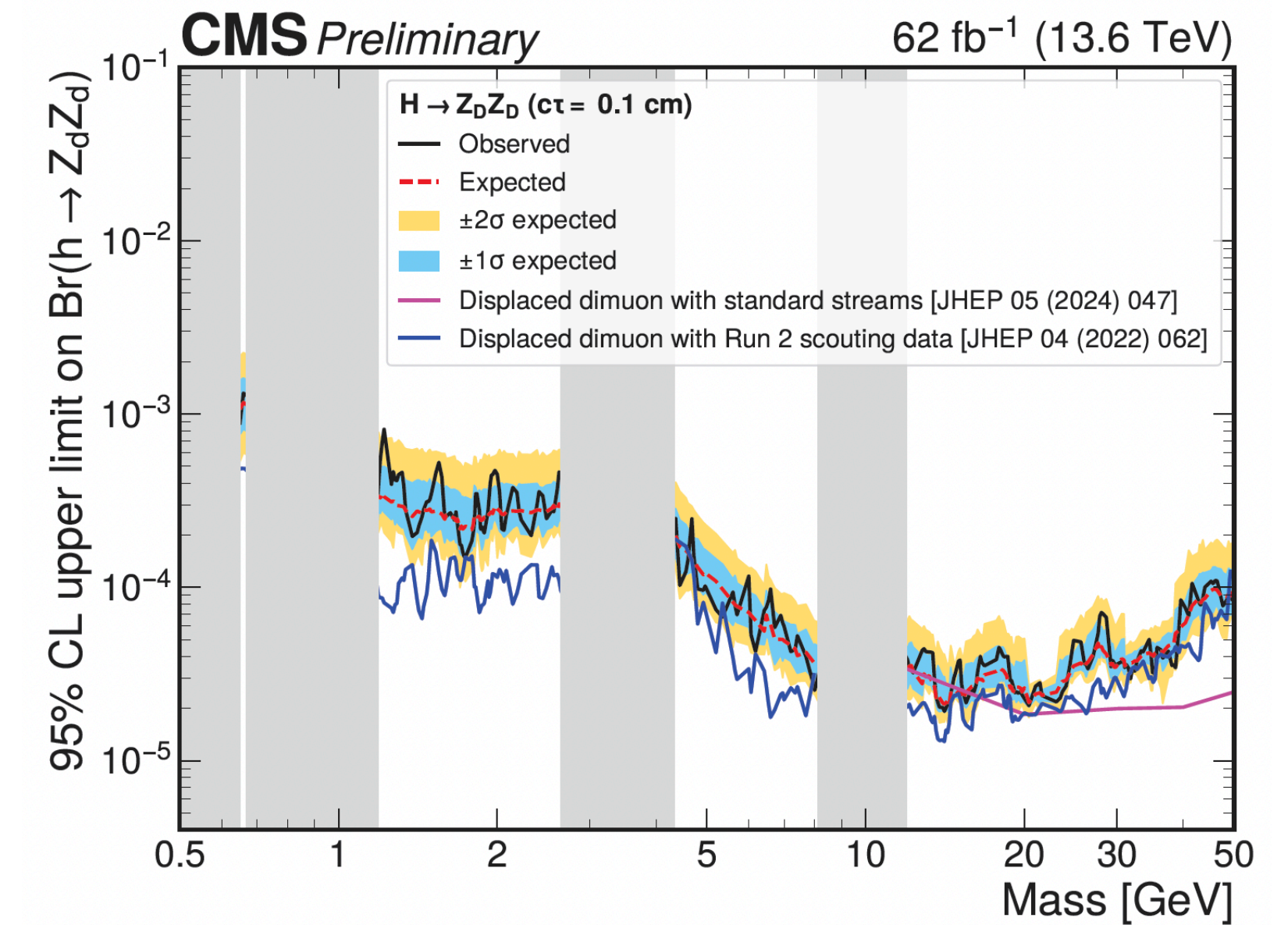
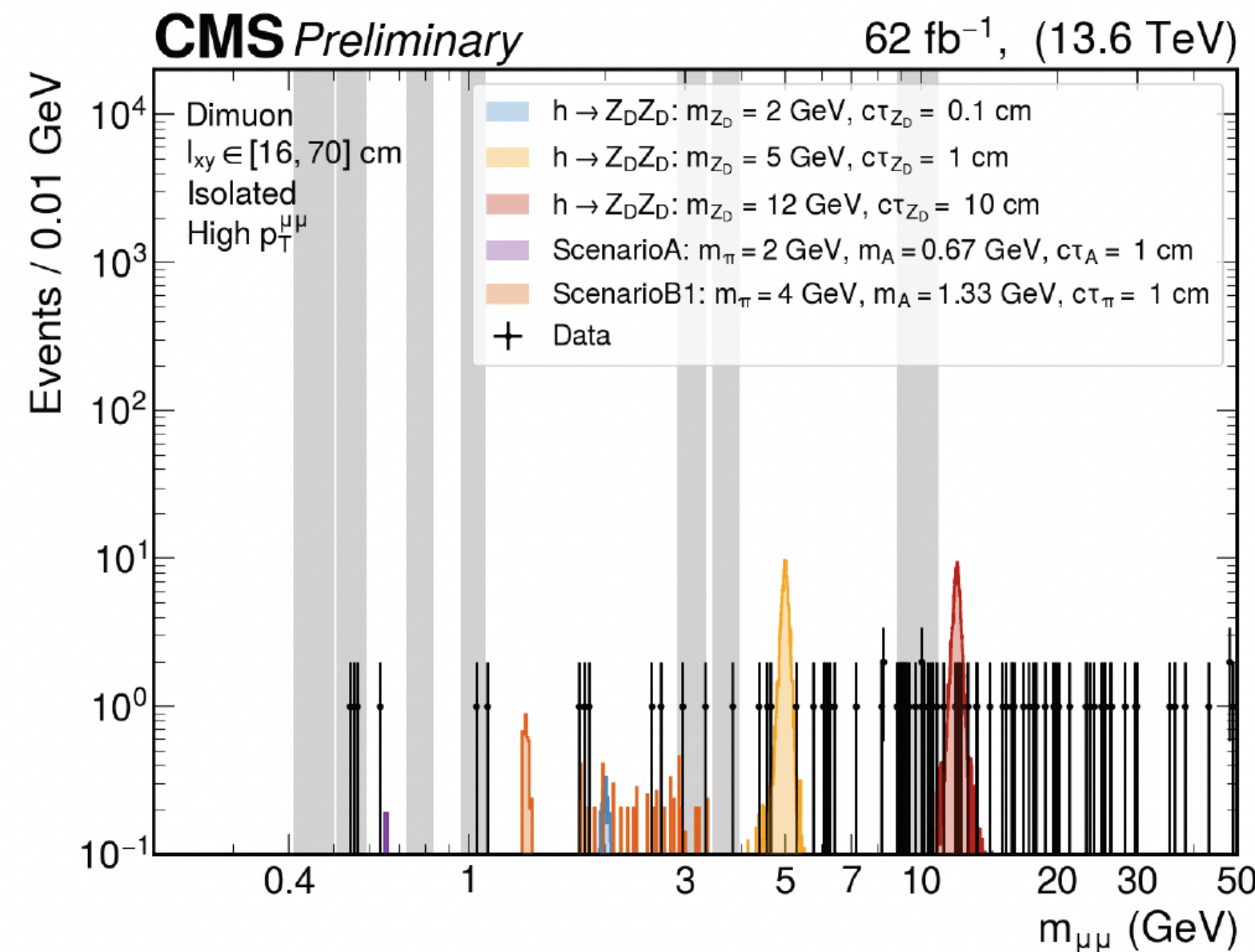
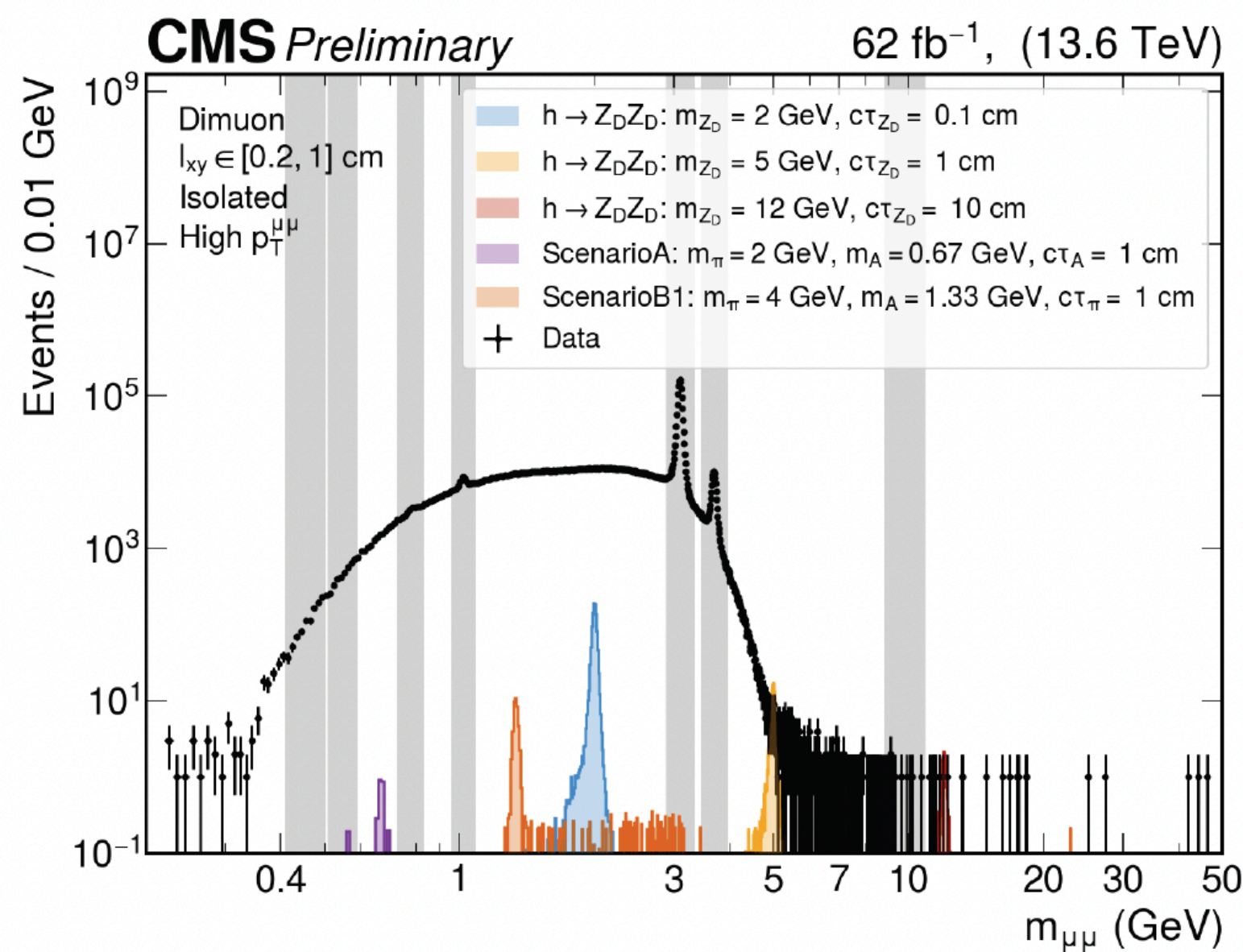




Table 2: The LLP triggers and their total rates at the HLT in Run 3, calculated from 2024 data for an instantaneous luminosity of  $2.1 \times 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$ , with a mean PU of 63.6. Triggers implemented for the first time in Run 3 are indicated by a dagger ( $^\dagger$ ). Rate values in parentheses correspond to the parked data rates; all others are standard data rates except for dimuon scouting. Nearly all rates shown have a statistical uncertainty of less than 1 Hz. “Disp.” is used as an abbreviation for “displaced” and “req.” is used as an abbreviation for “requirement”. The terms used in this table are explained in the corresponding subsection within Section 6.

Triggered signature	Trigger description	HLT rate [Hz]
Disappearing track	$p_T^{\text{miss}} > 105 \text{ GeV} + \geq 1 \text{ isolated track } (p_T > 50 \text{ GeV})$	4
Disp. tau	$\geq 2 \text{ disp. } \tau_h (p_T > 32 \text{ GeV}, d_0 > 0.005 \text{ cm})^\dagger$ $\geq 1 \text{ disp. } \tau_h (p_T > 24 \text{ GeV}) + \geq 1 \mu (p_T > 24 \text{ GeV})^\dagger$ $\geq 1 \text{ disp. } \tau_h (p_T > 34 \text{ GeV}) + \geq 1 \text{ e } (p_T > 34 \text{ GeV})^\dagger$	36
Disp. jet	$\geq 2 \text{ jet } (p_T > 40 \text{ GeV}, \text{ inclusive tagging req.}) + H_T > 430 \text{ GeV}$ $\geq 2 \text{ jet } (p_T > 40 \text{ GeV}, \text{ disp. tagging req.})$ $+ H_T > 240 \text{ GeV} + \geq 1 \text{ L1 } \mu (p_T > 6 \text{ GeV})$	53 (163)
HCAL-based disp. and delayed jet	$\geq 2 \text{ jet } (p_T > 40 \text{ GeV}, \text{ displ. tagging req.}) + H_T > 170 \text{ GeV}^\dagger$ $\geq 2 \text{ jet } (p_T > 40 \text{ GeV}, \text{ inclusive. tagging req.}) + H_T > 200 \text{ GeV}^\dagger$ $\geq 1 \text{ jet } (p_T > 60 \text{ GeV}, \text{ neutral hadron energy fraction } > 0.7) + H_T > 200 \text{ GeV}^\dagger$	35
ECAL-based delayed jet	$\geq 1 \text{ inclusive and trackless jet}^\dagger$	37 (77)
Delayed diphoton	$\geq 2 \text{ ECAL superclusters } (\text{time} > 1 \text{ ns})^\dagger$	15
Disp. photon + $H_T$	$\geq 1 \gamma (p_T > 60 \text{ GeV}) + \text{PF } H_T > 350 \text{ GeV}$	12
Disp. single and dimuon	$\geq 2 \text{ L2 } \mu (p_T > 10 \text{ GeV}, d_0 > 1 \text{ cm})^\dagger$ $\geq 2 \text{ L3 } \mu (p_T > 16, 10 \text{ GeV}, d_0 > 0.01 \text{ cm})^\dagger$ $\geq 2 \text{ L2 } \mu (p_T > 23 \text{ GeV})$ $\geq 1 \text{ L2 } \mu (p_T > 50 \text{ GeV}, d_0 > 1 \text{ cm})^\dagger$ $\geq 1 \text{ L3 } \mu (p_T > 30 \text{ GeV}, d_0 > 0.01 \text{ cm})^\dagger$	165
Double disp. L3 muon	$\geq 2 \text{ L3 } \mu (p_T > 43 \text{ GeV})$	2
Disp. L3 muon+photon	$\geq 1 \text{ L3 } \mu (p_T > 43 \text{ GeV}) + \gamma (p_T > 43 \text{ GeV})$ $\geq 1 \text{ L3 } \mu (p_T > 38 \text{ GeV}, d_0 > 1 \text{ cm}) + \gamma (p_T > 38 \text{ GeV})$	5
Dimuon scouting	$\geq 2 \text{ scouting } \mu (p_T > 3 \text{ GeV})$	4200
MDS in CSCs	$\geq 1 \text{ CSC cluster } (\geq 200/500 \text{ hits in outer/inner rings})^\dagger$ $\geq 2 \text{ CSC clusters } (\geq 75 \text{ hits})^\dagger$	14
MDS in CSCs + X	$\geq 1 \text{ CSC cluster } (\geq 100 \text{ hits}) + \geq 1 \text{ e } (p_T > 5 \text{ GeV})^\dagger$ $\geq 1 \text{ CSC cluster } (\geq 100 \text{ hits}) + \geq 1 \text{ L3 } \mu (p_T > 5 \text{ GeV})^\dagger$ $\geq 1 \text{ CSC cluster } (\geq 100 \text{ hits}) + \geq 1 \tau_h (p_T > 10 \text{ GeV})^\dagger$ $\geq 1 \text{ CSC cluster } (\geq 50 \text{ hits}) + \geq 1 \gamma (p_T > 20 \text{ GeV})^\dagger$	14
MDS in DTs	$\text{L1 } p_T^{\text{miss}} > 150 \text{ GeV} + \geq 1 \text{ DT cluster } (\geq 50 \text{ hits})^\dagger$ $\geq 1 \text{ L1 CSC cluster} + \geq 1 \text{ DT cluster } (\geq 50 \text{ hits})^\dagger$	9
Jet No-BPTX	$\geq 1 \text{ out-of-time jet } (E > 60 \text{ GeV})$	1
Muon No-BPTX	$\geq 1 \text{ out-of-time L2 } \mu (p_T > 40 \text{ GeV})$	7



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$\int \mathcal{L} dt = (3.6 - 139) \text{ fb}^{-1}$

$\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}$

Model		$\ell, \gamma$	Jets <sup>†</sup>	$E_{\text{T}}^{\text{miss}}$	$\int \mathcal{L} dt [\text{fb}^{-1}]$	Limit		Reference	
Extra dimen.	ADD $G_{KK} + g/q$	$0\ e, \mu, \tau, \gamma$	$1 - 4\ j$	Yes	139	$M_D$	11.2 TeV	$n = 2$ 2102.10874	
	ADD non-resonant $\gamma\gamma$	$2\ \gamma$	–	–	36.7	$M_S$	8.6 TeV	$n = 3$ HLZ NLO 1707.04147	
	ADD QBH	–	$2\ j$	–	139	$M_{\text{th}}$	9.4 TeV	$n = 6$ 1910.08447	
	ADD BH multijet	–	$\geq 3\ j$	–	3.6	$M_{\text{th}}$	9.55 TeV	$n = 6, M_D = 3\ \text{TeV}$ , rot BH 1512.02586	
	RS1 $G_{KK} \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$	$2\ \gamma$	–	–	139	$G_{KK}$ mass	4.5 TeV	$k/\overline{M}_{Pl} = 0.1$ 2102.13405	
	Bulk RS $G_{KK} \rightarrow WW/ZZ$	multi-channel	–	–	36.1	$G_{KK}$ mass	2.3 TeV	$k/\overline{M}_{Pl} = 1.0$ 1808.02380	
	Bulk RS $g_{KK} \rightarrow tt$	$1\ e, \mu$	$\geq 1\ b, \geq 1J/2j$	Yes	36.1	$g_{KK}$ mass	3.8 TeV	$\Gamma/m = 15\%$ 1804.10823	
2UED / RPP	$1\ e, \mu$	$\geq 2\ b, \geq 3\ j$	Yes	36.1	KK mass	1.8 TeV	Tier (1,1), $\mathcal{B}(A^{(1,1)} \rightarrow tt) = 1$ 1803.09678		
Gauge bosons	SSM $Z' \rightarrow \ell\ell$	$2\ e, \mu$	–	–	139	$Z'$ mass	5.1 TeV	$\Gamma/m = 1.2\%$	1903.06248
	SSM $Z' \rightarrow \tau\tau$	$2\ \tau$	–	–	36.1	$Z'$ mass	2.42 TeV		1709.07242
	Leptophobic $Z' \rightarrow bb$	–	$2\ b$	–	36.1	$Z'$ mass	2.1 TeV		1805.09299
	Leptophobic $Z' \rightarrow tt$	$0\ e, \mu$	$\geq 1\ b, \geq 2\ J$	Yes	139	$Z'$ mass	4.1 TeV		2005.05138
	SSM $W' \rightarrow \ell\nu$	$1\ e, \mu$	–	Yes	139	$W'$ mass	6.0 TeV		1906.05609
	SSM $W' \rightarrow \tau\nu$	$1\ \tau$	–	Yes	139	$W'$ mass	5.0 TeV	ATLAS-CONF-2021-025	
	SSM $W' \rightarrow tb$	–	$\geq 1\ b, \geq 1\ J$	–	139	$W'$ mass	4.4 TeV	ATLAS-CONF-2021-043	
	HVT $W' \rightarrow WZ$ model B	$0-2\ e, \mu$	$2\ j / 1\ J$	Yes	139	$W'$ mass	4.3 TeV	$g_V = 3$ 2004.14636	
	HVT $W' \rightarrow WZ \rightarrow \ell\nu\ell'\ell'$ model C	$3\ e, \mu$	$2\ j$ (VBF)	Yes	139	$W'$ mass	340 GeV	$g_V c_H = 1, g_f = 0$ 2207.03925	
HVT $Z' \rightarrow WW$ model B	$1\ e, \mu$	$2\ j / 1\ J$	Yes	139	$Z'$ mass	3.9 TeV	$g_V = 3$ 2004.14636		
LRSM $W_R \rightarrow \mu N_R$	$2\ \mu$	$1\ J$	–	80	$W_R$ mass	5.0 TeV	$m(N_R) = 0.5\ \text{TeV}, g_L = g_R$ 1904.12679		
CI	CI $qqqq$	–	$2\ j$	–	37.0	$\Lambda$	21.8 TeV	$\eta_{LL}^-$	1703.09127
	CI $\ell\ell qq$	$2\ e, \mu$	–	–	139	$\Lambda$	35.8 TeV	$\eta_{LL}^-$	2006.12946
	CI $eebs$	$2\ e$	$1\ b$	–	139	$\Lambda$	1.8 TeV	$g_* = 1$	2105.13847
	CI $\mu\mu bs$	$2\ \mu$	$1\ b$	–	139	$\Lambda$	2.0 TeV	$g_* = 1$	2105.13847
	CI $tttt$	$\geq 1\ e, \mu$	$\geq 1\ b, \geq 1\ j$	Yes	36.1	$\Lambda$	2.57 TeV	$ C_{4\ell}  = 4\pi$	1811.02305
	DM	Axial-vector med. (Dirac DM)	–	$2\ j$	–	139	$m_{\text{med}}$	3.8 TeV	$g_q=0.25, g_\chi=1, m(\chi)=10\ \text{TeV}$
Pseudo-scalar med. (Dirac DM)		$0\ e, \mu, \tau, \gamma$	$1 - 4\ j$	Yes	139	$m_{\text{med}}$	376 GeV	$g_q=1, g_\chi=1, m(\chi)=1\ \text{GeV}$	2102.10874
Vector med. $Z'$ -2HDM (Dirac DM)		$0\ e, \mu$	$2\ b$	Yes	139	$m_{Z'}$	3.0 TeV	$\tan\beta=1, g_Z=0.8, m(\chi)=100\ \text{GeV}$	2108.13391
Pseudo-scalar med. 2HDM+a		multi-channel	–	–	139	$m_a$	800 GeV	$\tan\beta=1, g_\chi=1, m(\chi)=10\ \text{GeV}$	ATLAS-CONF-2021-036
LQ	Scalar LQ 1 <sup>st</sup> gen	$2\ e$	$\geq 2\ j$	Yes	139	LQ mass	1.8 TeV	$\beta = 1$	2006.05872
	Scalar LQ 2 <sup>nd</sup> gen	$2\ \mu$	$\geq 2\ j$	Yes	139	LQ mass	1.7 TeV	$\beta = 1$	2006.05872
	Scalar LQ 3 <sup>rd</sup> gen	$1\ \tau$	$2\ b$	Yes	139	$LQ_3^u$ mass	1.49 TeV	$\mathcal{B}(LQ_3^u \rightarrow b\tau) = 1$	2303.01294
	Scalar LQ 3 <sup>rd</sup> gen	$0\ e, \mu$	$\geq 2\ j, \geq 2\ b$	Yes	139	$LQ_3^d$ mass	1.24 TeV	$\mathcal{B}(LQ_3^d \rightarrow t\nu) = 1$	2004.14060
	Scalar LQ 3 <sup>rd</sup> gen	$\geq 2\ e, \mu, \geq 1\ \tau, \geq 1\ j, \geq 1\ b$	–	–	139	$LQ_3^s$ mass	1.43 TeV	$\mathcal{B}(LQ_3^s \rightarrow t\tau) = 1$	2101.11582
	Scalar LQ 3 <sup>rd</sup> gen	$0\ e, \mu, \geq 1\ \tau, 0 - 2\ j, 2\ b$	Yes	139	$LQ_3^d$ mass	1.26 TeV	$\mathcal{B}(LQ_3^d \rightarrow b\nu) = 1$	2101.12527	
	Vector LQ mix gen	multi-channel	$\geq 1\ j, \geq 1\ b$	Yes	139	$LQ_3^V$ mass	2.0 TeV	$\mathcal{B}(\bar{U}_1 \rightarrow t\mu) = 1, \text{Y-M coupl.}$	ATLAS-CONF-2022-052
	Vector LQ 3 <sup>rd</sup> gen	$2\ e, \mu, \tau$	$\geq 1\ b$	Yes	139	$LQ_3^V$ mass	1.96 TeV	$\mathcal{B}(LQ_3^V \rightarrow b\tau) = 1, \text{Y-M coupl.}$	2303.01294
Vector-like fermions	VLQ $TT \rightarrow Zt + X$	$2e/2\mu \geq 3e, \mu$	$\geq 1\ b, \geq 1\ j$	–	139	$T$ mass	1.46 TeV	SU(2) doublet	2210.15413
	VLQ $BB \rightarrow Wt/Zb + X$	multi-channel	–	–	36.1	$B$ mass	1.34 TeV	SU(2) doublet	1808.02343
	VLQ $T_{5/3} T_{5/3} / T_{5/3} \rightarrow Wt + X$	$2(SS)/\geq 3\ e, \mu$	$\geq 1\ b, \geq 1\ j$	Yes	36.1	$T_{5/3}$ mass	1.64 TeV	$\mathcal{B}(T_{5/3} \rightarrow Wt) = 1, c(T_{5/3} Wt) = 1$	1807.11883
	VLQ $T \rightarrow Ht/Zt$	$1\ e, \mu$	$\geq 1\ b, \geq 3\ j$	Yes	139	$T$ mass	1.8 TeV	SU(2) singlet, $\kappa_T = 0.5$	ATLAS-CONF-2021-040
	VLQ $Y \rightarrow Wb$	$1\ e, \mu$	$\geq 1\ b, \geq 1\ j$	Yes	36.1	$Y$ mass	1.85 TeV	$\mathcal{B}(Y \rightarrow Wb) = 1, c_R(Wb) = 1$	1812.07343
	VLQ $B \rightarrow Hb$	$0\ e, \mu$	$\geq 2b, \geq 1j, \geq 1J$	–	139	$B$ mass	2.0 TeV	SU(2) doublet, $\kappa_B = 0.3$	ATLAS-CONF-2021-018
	VLL $\tau' \rightarrow Z\tau/H\tau$	multi-channel	$\geq 1\ j$	Yes	139	$\tau'$ mass	898 GeV	SU(2) doublet	2303.05441
Excited ferm.	Excited quark $q^* \rightarrow qg$	–	$2\ j$	–	139	$q^*$ mass	6.7 TeV	only $u^*$ and $d^*, \Lambda = m(q^*)$	1910.08447
	Excited quark $q^* \rightarrow q\gamma$	$1\ \gamma$	$1\ j$	–	36.7	$q^*$ mass	5.3 TeV	only $u^*$ and $d^*, \Lambda = m(q^*)$	1709.10440
	Excited quark $b^* \rightarrow bg$	–	$1\ b, 1\ j$	–	139	$b^*$ mass	3.2 TeV	$\Lambda = 4.6\ \text{TeV}$	1910.08447
	Excited lepton $\tau^*$	$2\ \tau$	$\geq 2\ j$	–	139	$\tau^*$ mass	4.6 TeV		2303.09444
Other	Type III Seesaw	$2,3,4\ e, \mu$	$\geq 2\ j$	Yes	139	$N^0$ mass	910 GeV	$m(W_R) = 4.1\ \text{TeV}, g_L = g_R$ DY production DY production DY production, $ q  = 5e$ DY production, $ g  = 1g_D, \text{spin } 1/2$	2202.02039
	LRSM Majorana $\nu$	$2\ \mu$	$2\ j$	–	36.1	$N_R$ mass	3.2 TeV		1809.11105
	Higgs triplet $H^{\pm\pm} \rightarrow W^\pm W^\pm$	$2,3,4\ e, \mu$ (SS)	various	Yes	139	$H^{\pm\pm}$ mass	350 GeV		2101.11961
	Higgs triplet $H^{\pm\pm} \rightarrow \ell\ell$	$2,3,4\ e, \mu$ (SS)	–	–	139	$H^{\pm\pm}$ mass	1.08 TeV		2211.07505
	Multi-charged particles	–	–	–	139	multi-charged particle mass	1.59 TeV		ATLAS-CONF-2022-034
	Magnetic monopoles	–	–	–	34.4	monopole mass	2.37 TeV		1905.10130

$\sqrt{s} = 13\ \text{TeV}$   
partial data

$\sqrt{s} = 13\ \text{TeV}$   
full data

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Mass scale [TeV]

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<sup>†</sup>Small-radius (large-radius) jets are denoted by the letter j (J).

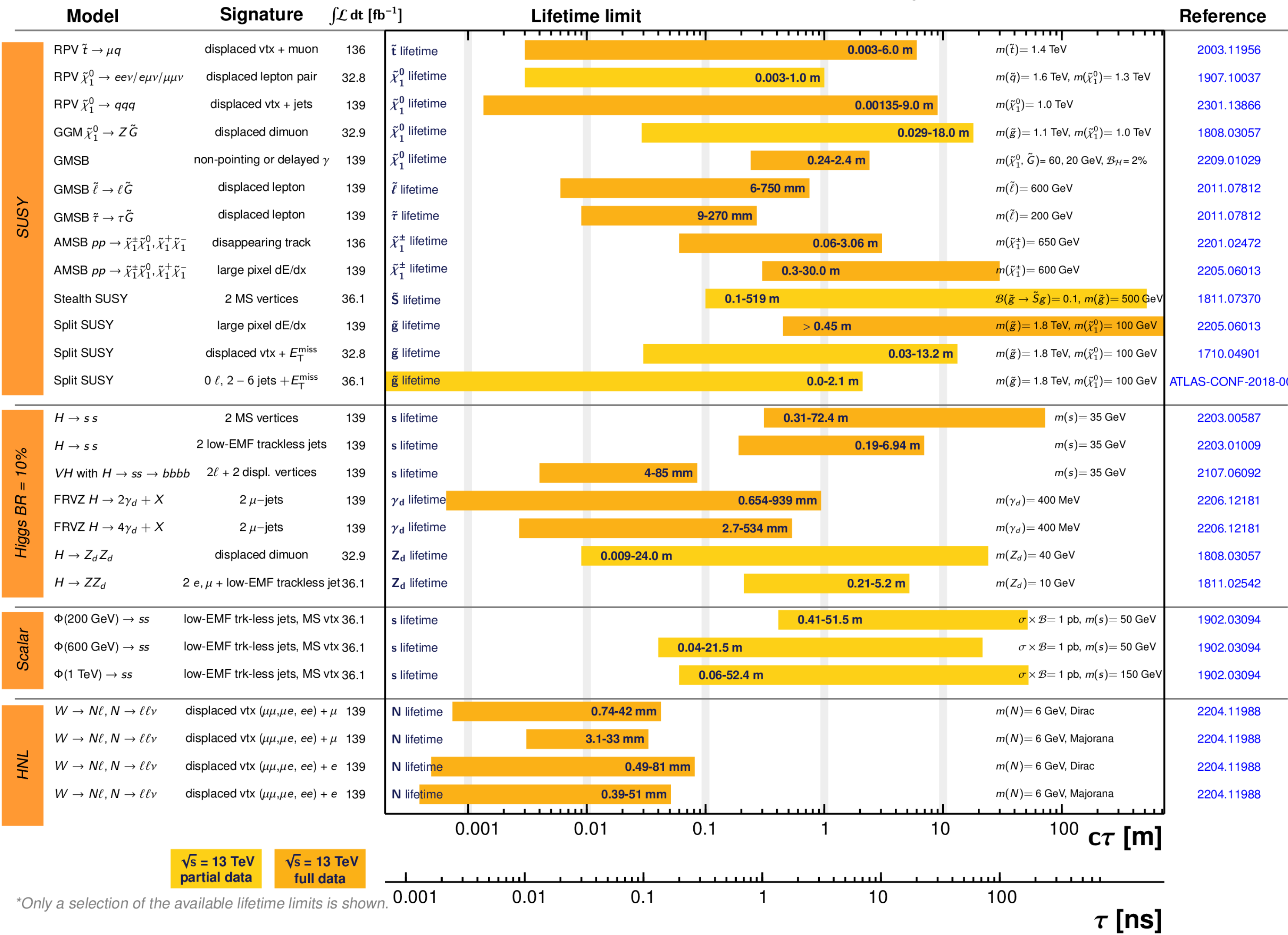


## ATLAS Long-lived Particle Searches\* - 95% CL Exclusion

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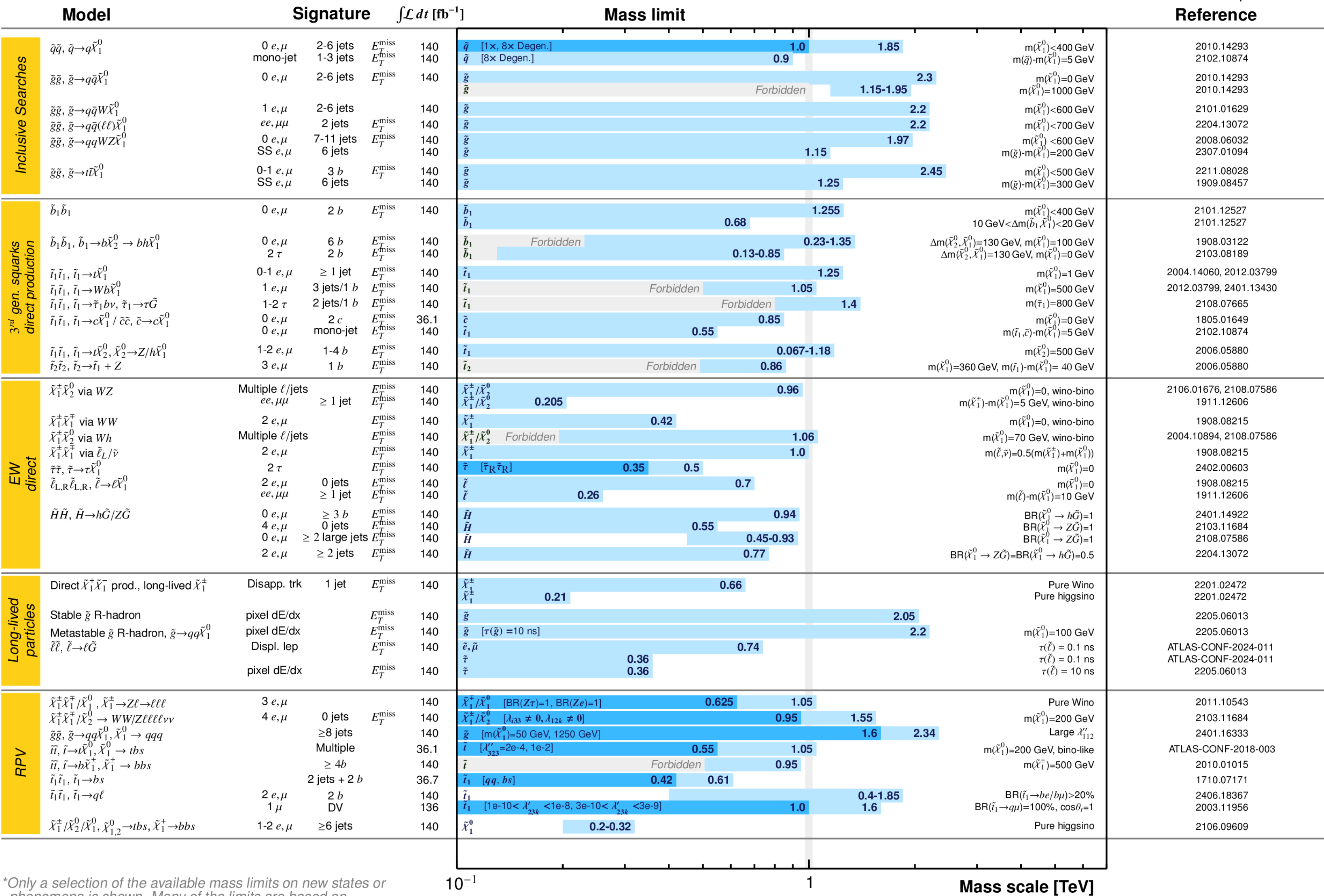


## ATLAS SUSY Searches\* - 95% CL Lower Limits

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