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ATLAS and CMS Dark Matter Searches: Results and Future Opportunities

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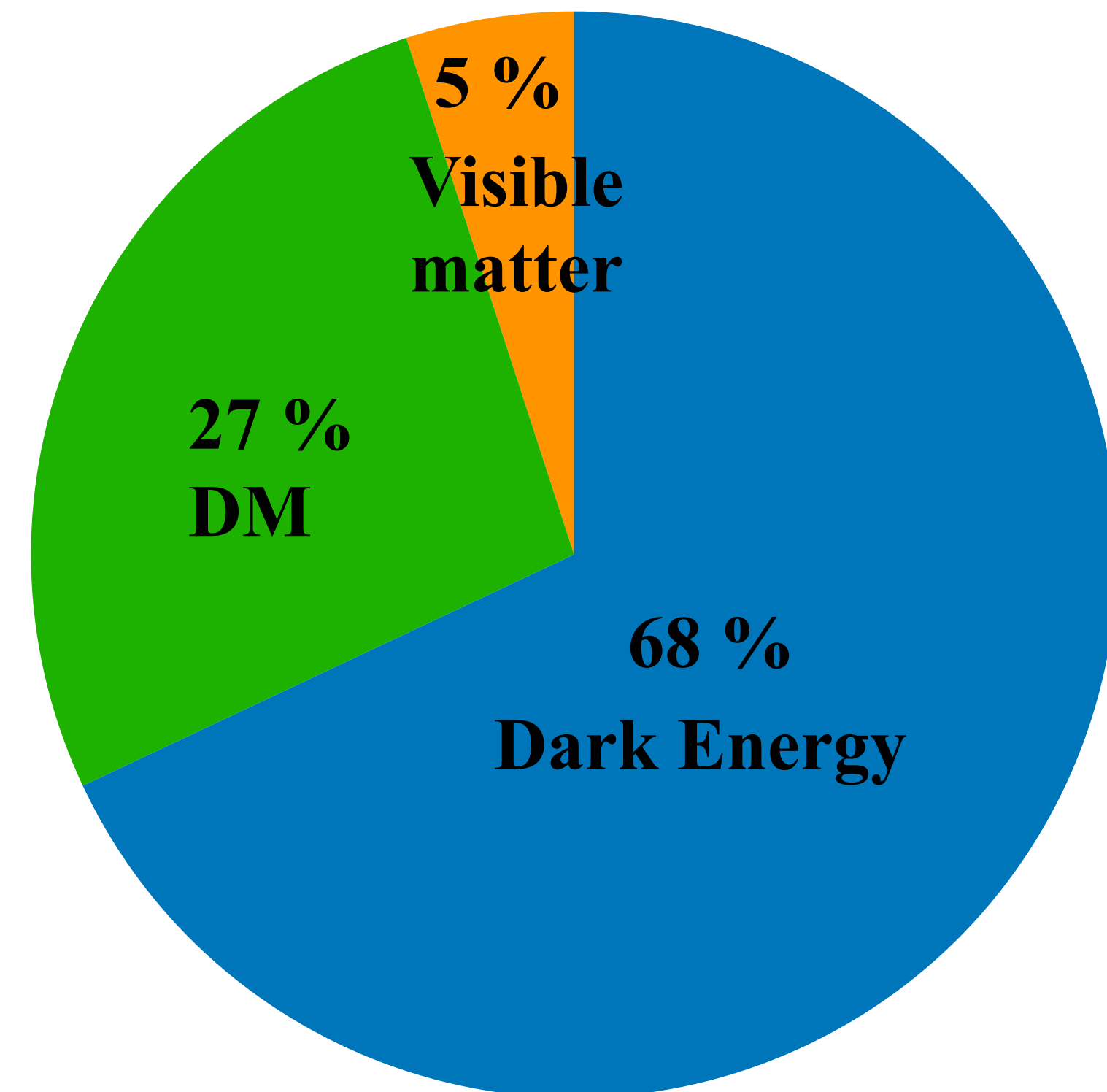
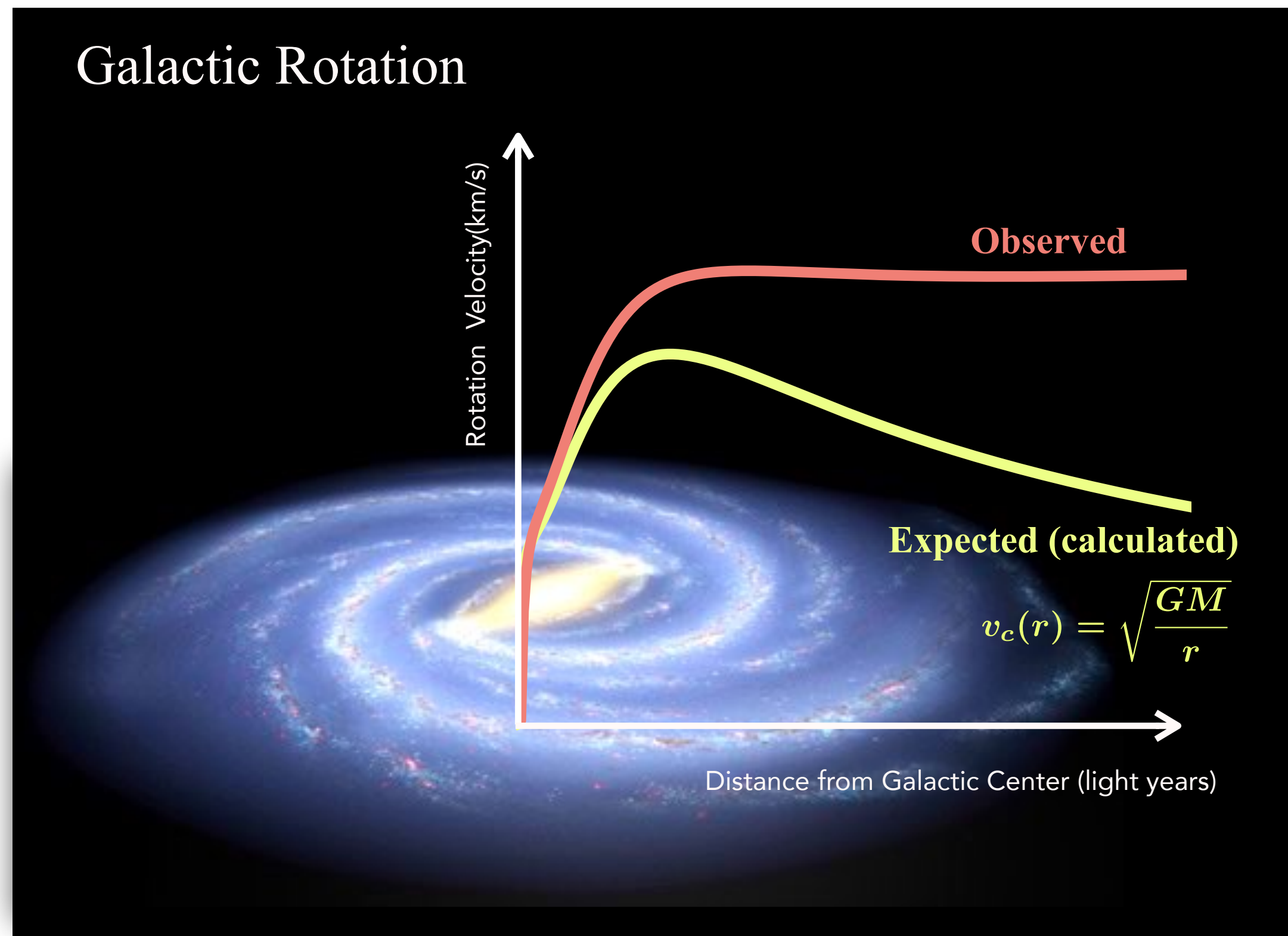
On behalf of the ATLAS and CMS collaborations

Dark Matter

Long-standing evidences for Dark Matter (DM) from astronomical observations and gravitational effects:

- Galactic rotation curves
- Gravitational lensing
- Cosmic Microwave Background anisotropies, ...

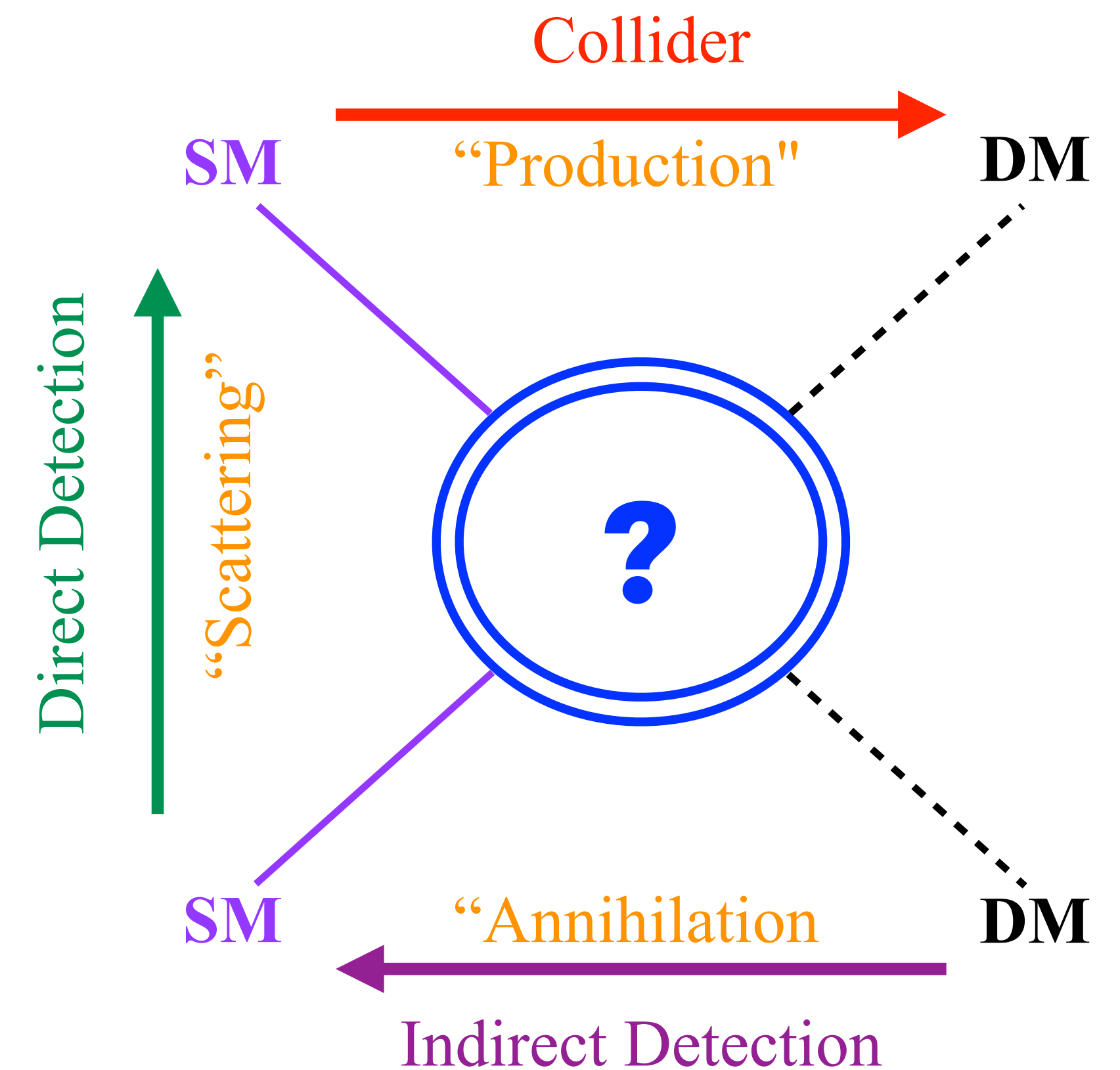
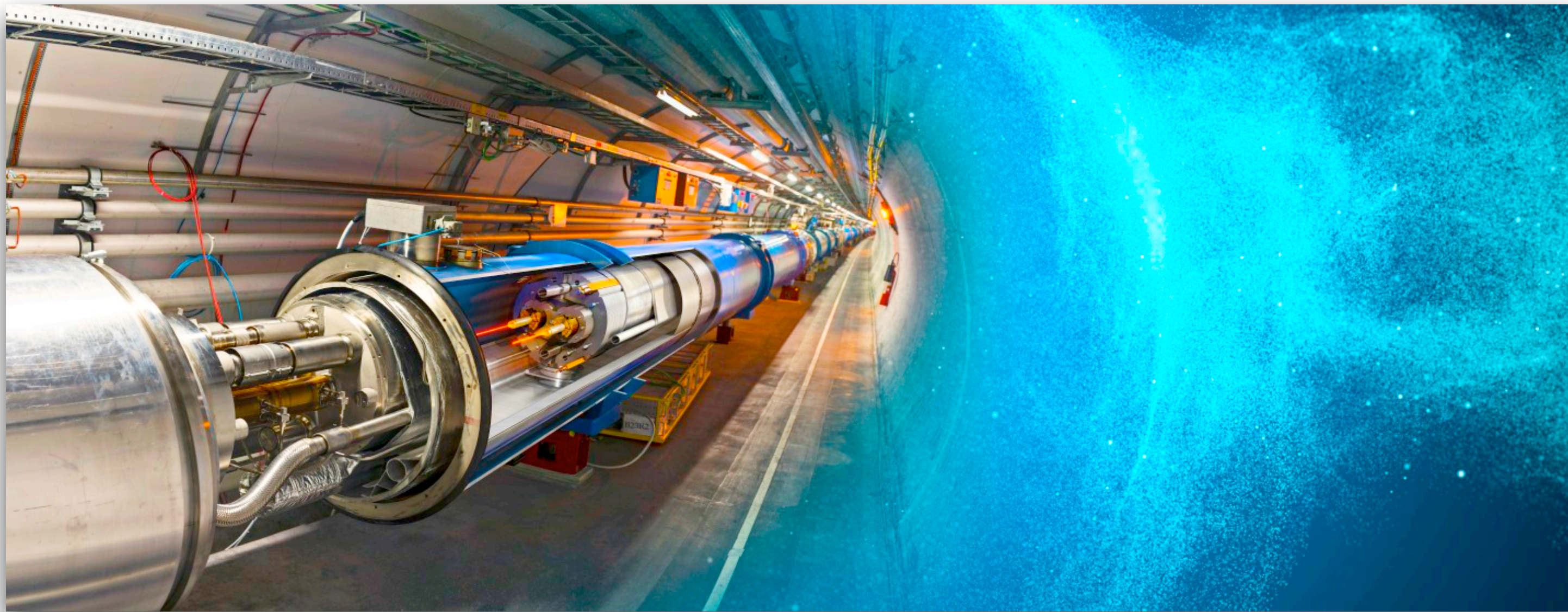
The estimated matter-energy content in the universe is:



Dark Matter Detection

DM-SM weak interaction enables different searches:

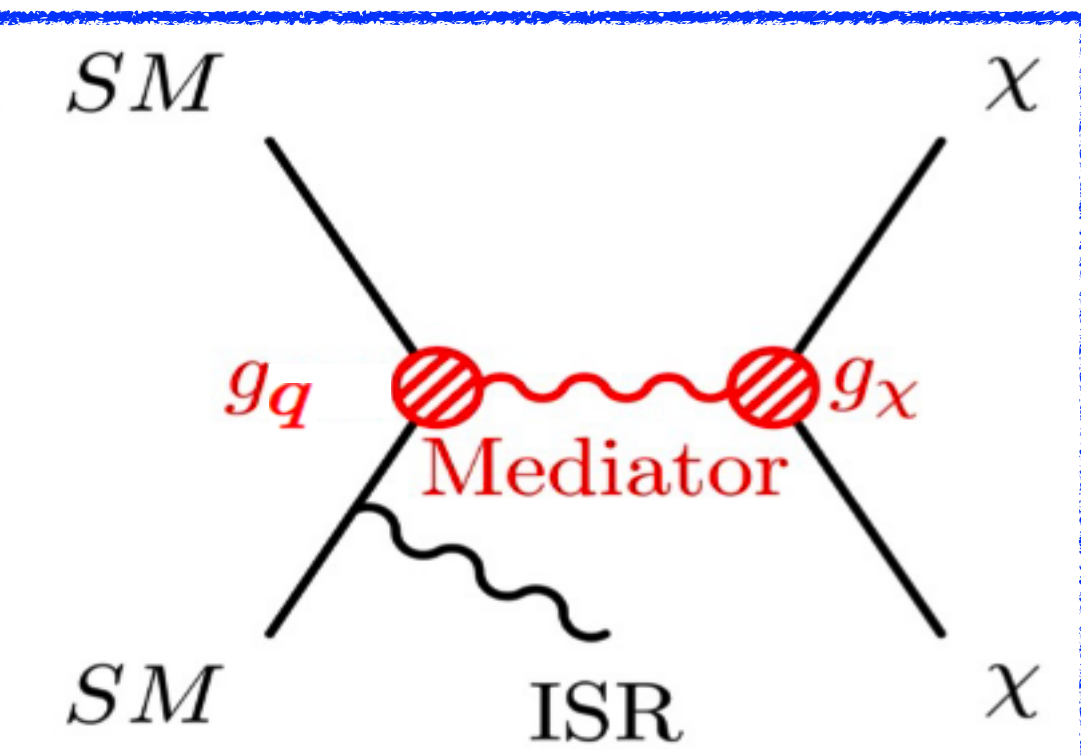
- **Indirect Detection (ID):** products from DM annihilation (HESS, IceCube, ..)
- **Direct Detection (DD):** nuclear recoils from DM-nuclei scattering (XENON, SNOLAB)
- **Colliders:** DM production in high-energy collisions (LHC)



- Directly probes the DM production mechanism.
- Complementary to DD and ID searches.

Dark Matter Models at the LHC

Simplified models

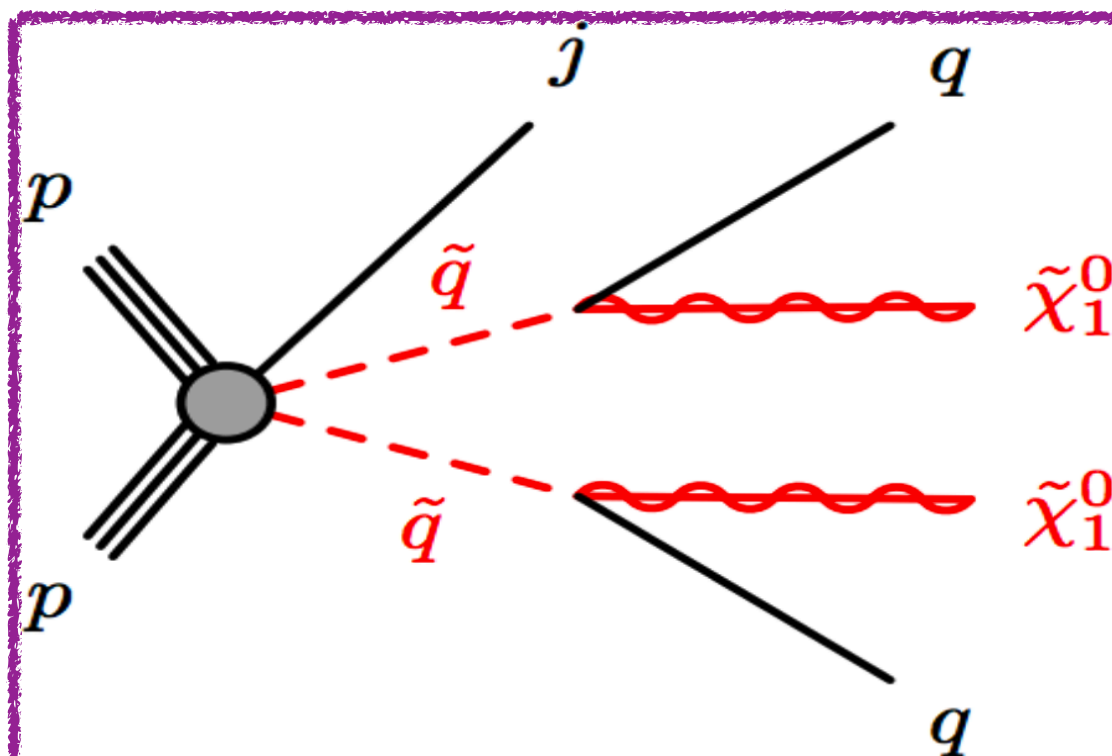


SM-DM boson mediator:

- Spin-0: Scalar (S) or pseudo-scalar (a)
- Spin-1: Vector (V/Z') or axial-vector (A)
- Minimal set of parameters:

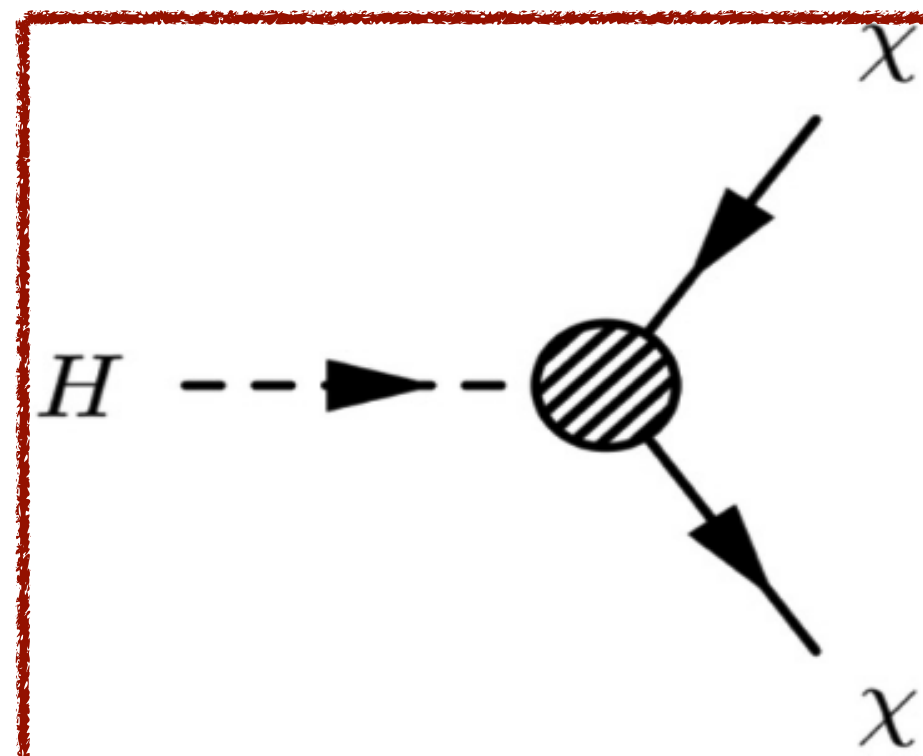
$$M_\chi, M_{\text{mediator}}, g_\chi, g_q, g_\ell$$

SUSY



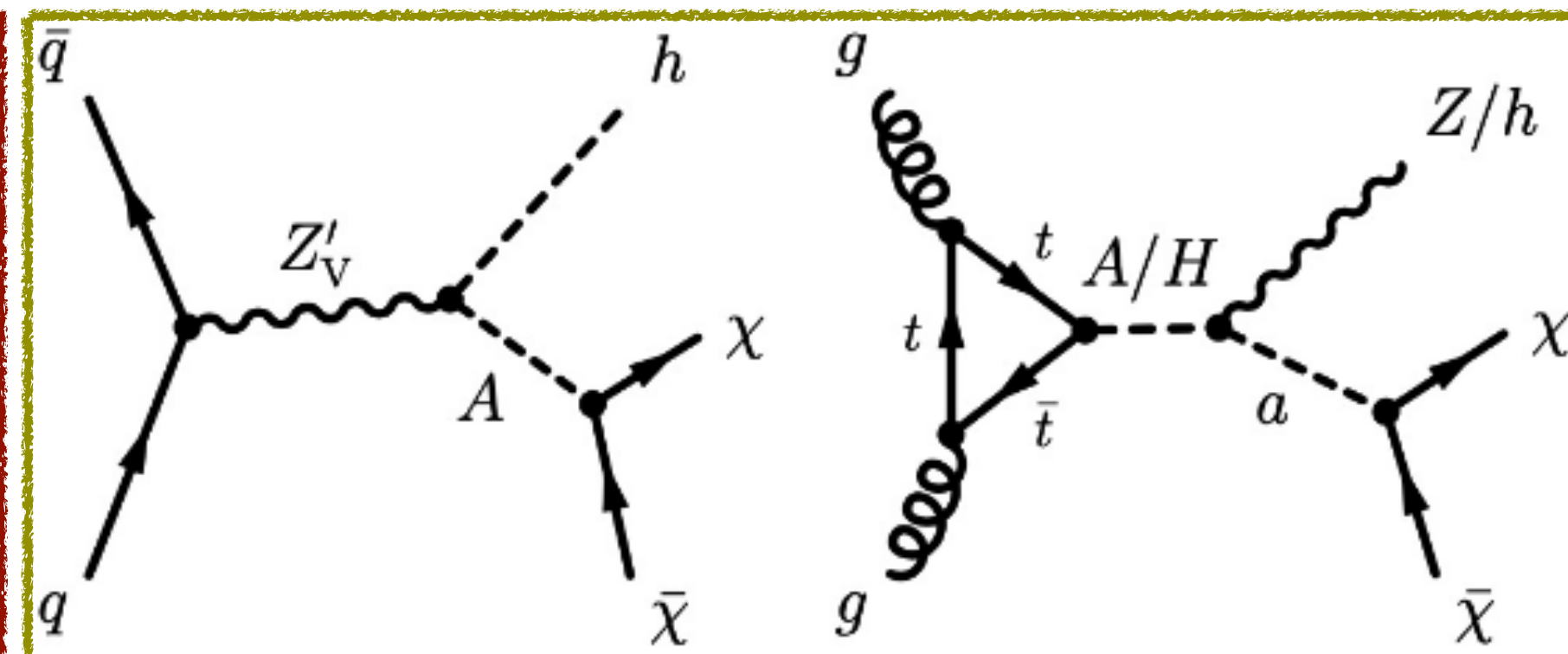
- Provides good candidate for DM
- R-parity conservation
- Lightest supersymmetric Particle (LSP)
- Model-dependent limit on DM candidate

Higgs portal



- Higgs boson mediates DM-SM interaction:
 $H \rightarrow \text{invisible}$
- Parameters: m_χ, χ spin

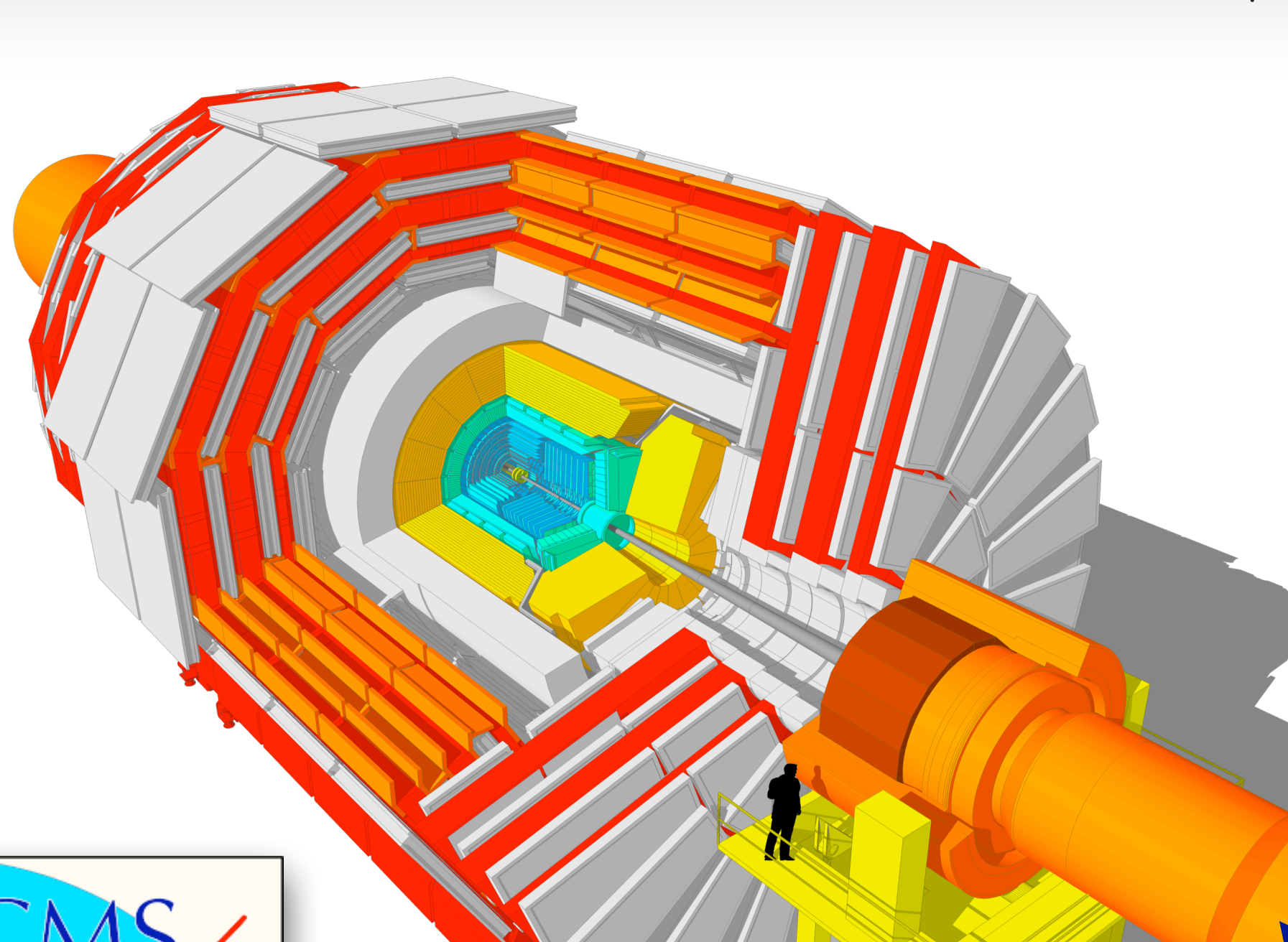
Extended Higgs sector



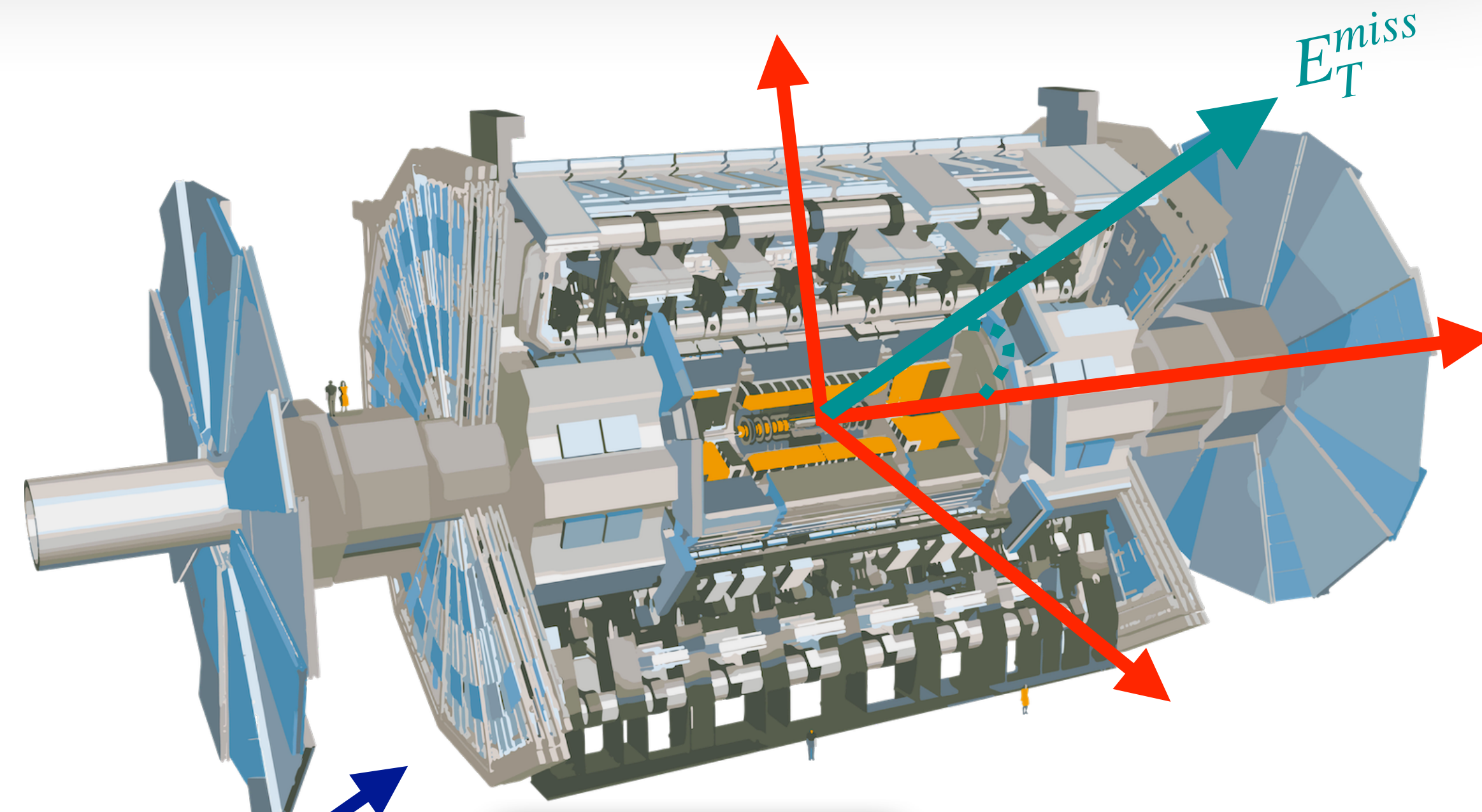
- More complete models (more free parameters and better sensitivity) involving several Higgs-like (or scalar) bosons: 2HDMa, Dark Higgs, ..

ATLAS and CMS

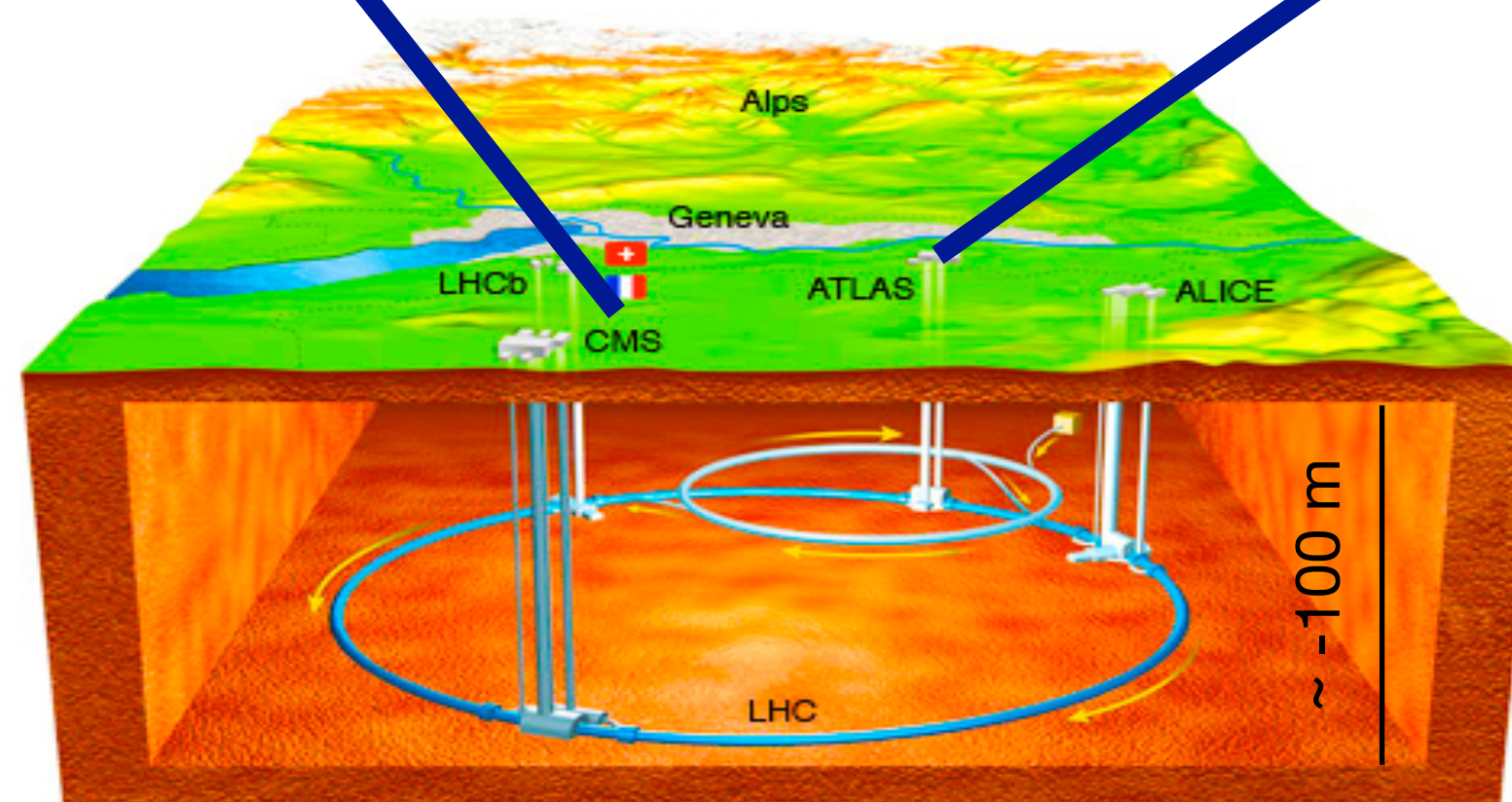
p-p LHC Run 2: Center of mass energy $\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}$, integrated luminosity $139 \text{ (137) fb}^{-1}$ for ATLAS (CMS)



21m long, 15m high,
weighs 14000 tonnes



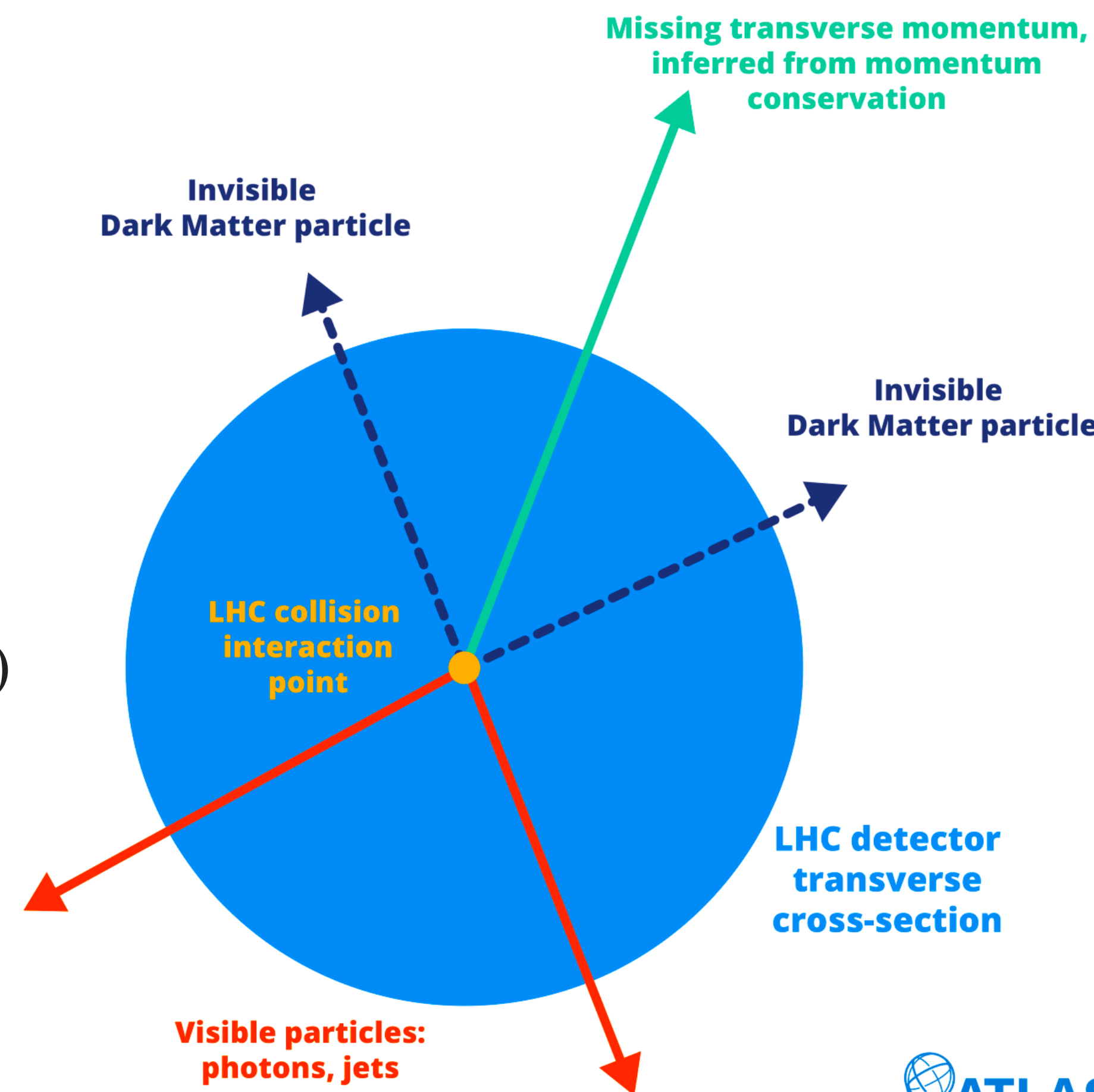
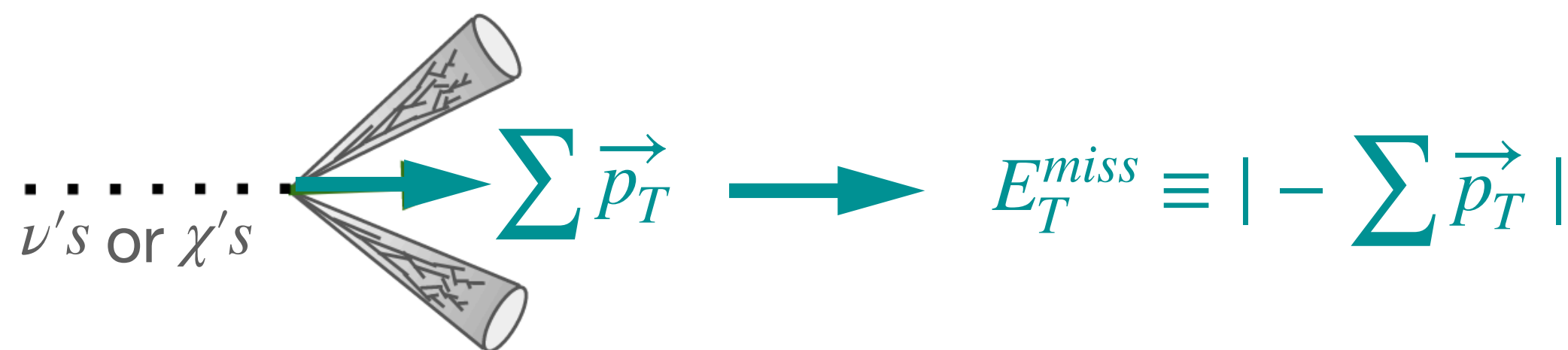
46m long, 25m high,
weighs 7000 tonnes



Dark Matter at the LHC

At the LHC experiments (ATLAS and CMS):

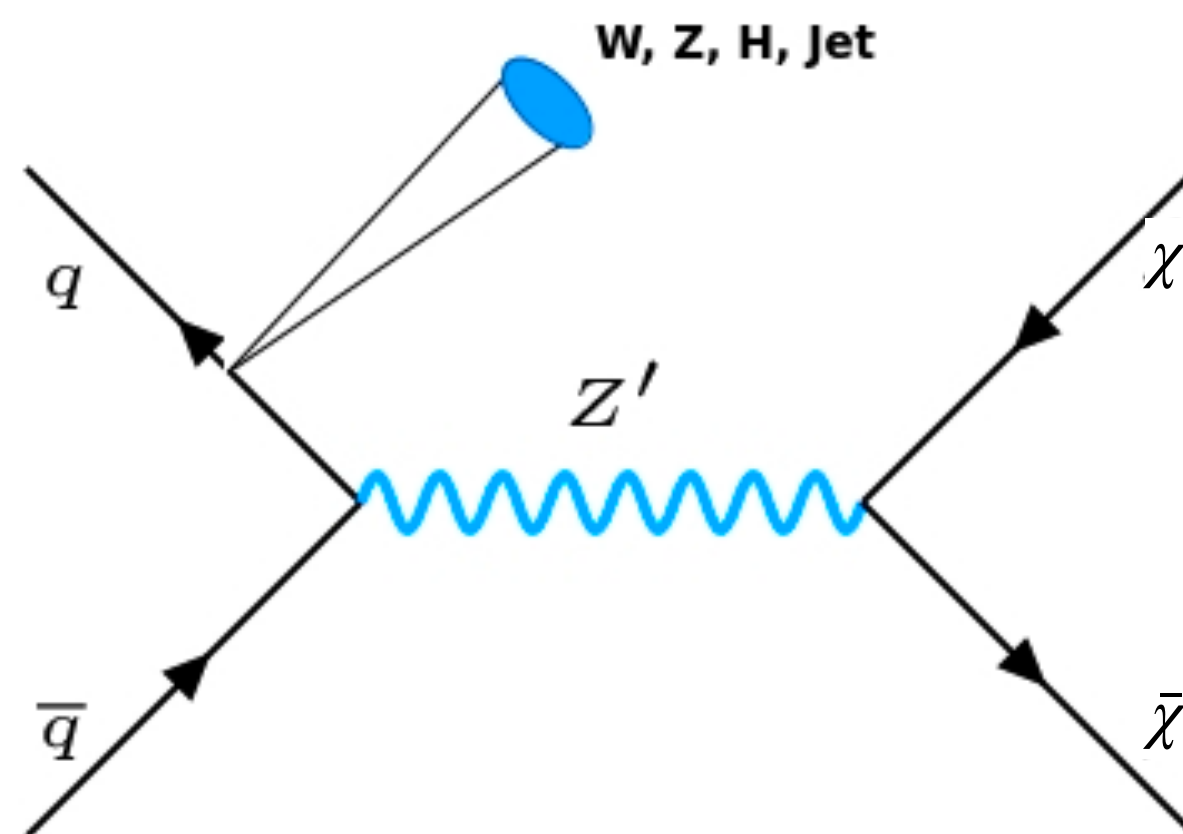
- DM makes an important part of the LHC search program
- DM does not interact with the apparatus.
 - Final states with undetected particles.
 - Creates a transverse momentum p_T imbalance
 - => Detected as **Missing transverse energy** E_T^{miss} .
- Favourite collider DM candidate: WIMP
 - Weakly interacting, heavy, & stable
 - Naturally accounts for observed relic density (WIMP Miracle)



ATLAS and CMS Dark Matter Searches: **Results**

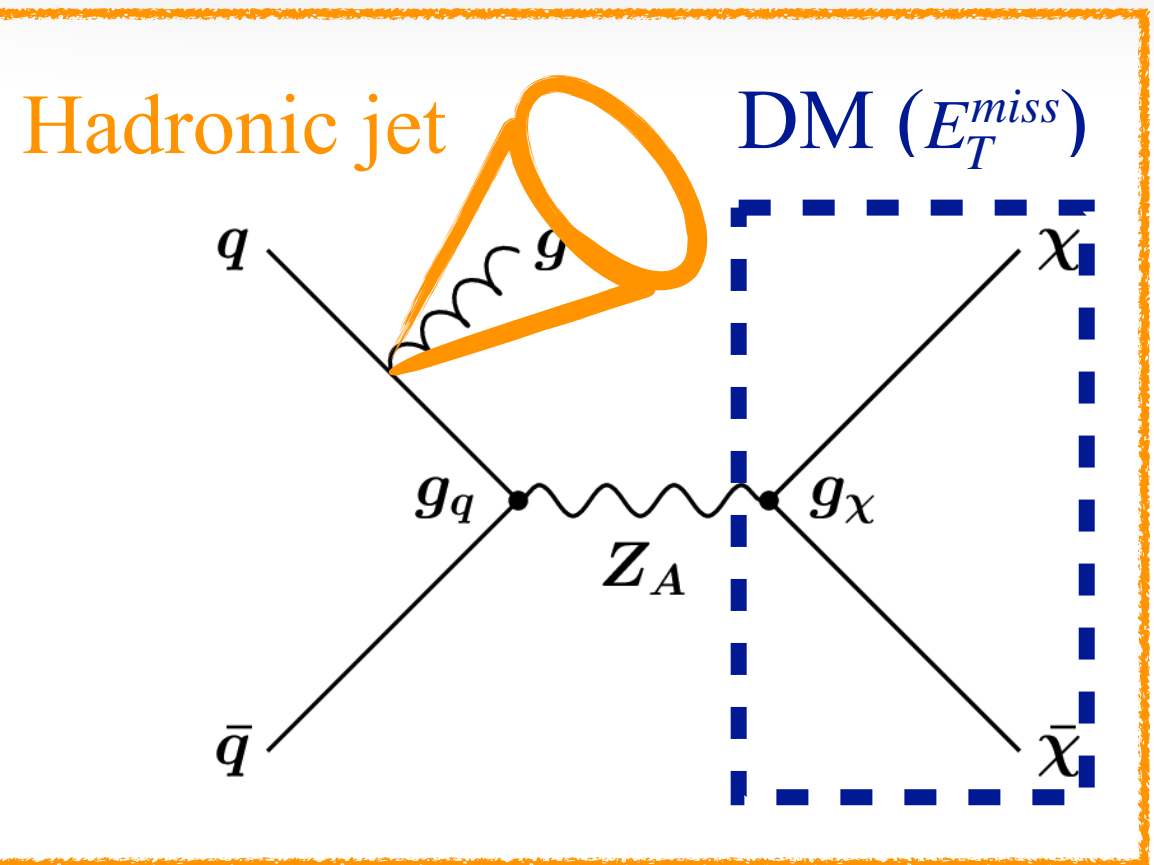
**Disclaimer: focusing only on the most recent results.
More results are included in the backup slides.**

MonoX searches: $X + E_T^{miss}$



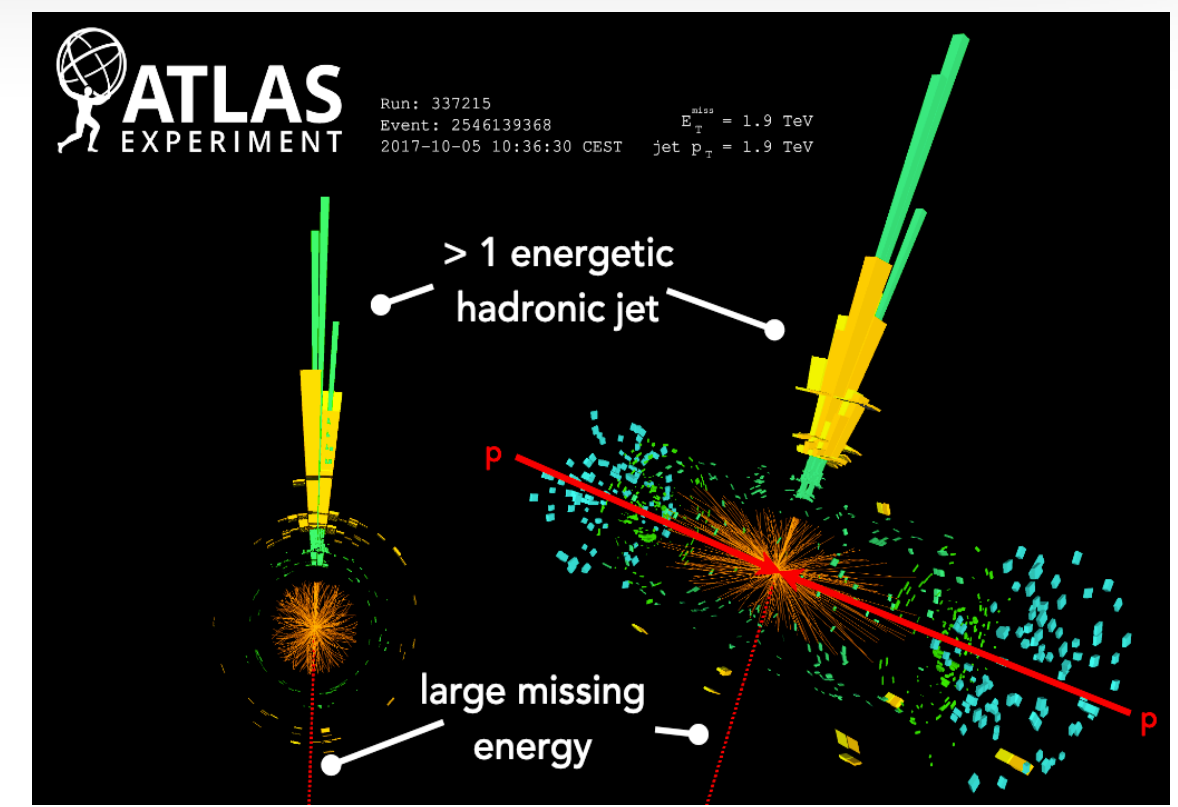
Inclusive signature sensitive to a wide range of New Physics theories

jet + E_T^{miss} events displays



Main Backgrounds

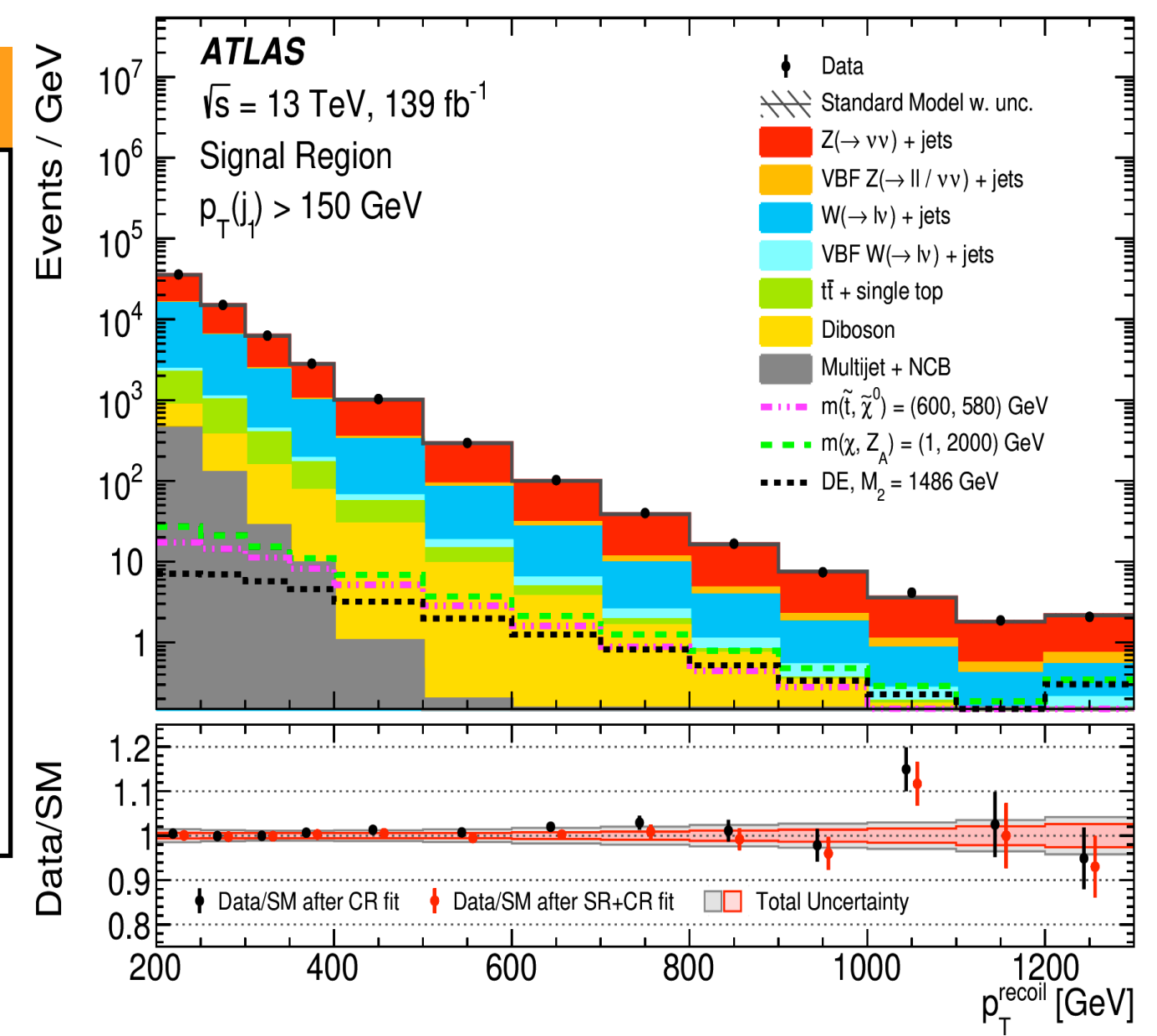
- ✓ Dominant contribution from $Z(\rightarrow \nu\nu) + jets$ and $W(\rightarrow \ell\nu) + jets$
 - ➔ Constrained in 1/2 ℓ regions
 - ➔ Shapes modelled by state-of-the-art MC simulation: NNLO QCD+ NLO EW
- ✓ 5 Control Regions (CR) in the fit: $W(e\nu)$, $W(\mu\nu)$, $Z(ee)$, $Z(\mu\mu)$, $t\bar{t} + single\ t$
- ✓ Total background uncertainty: 2-4%



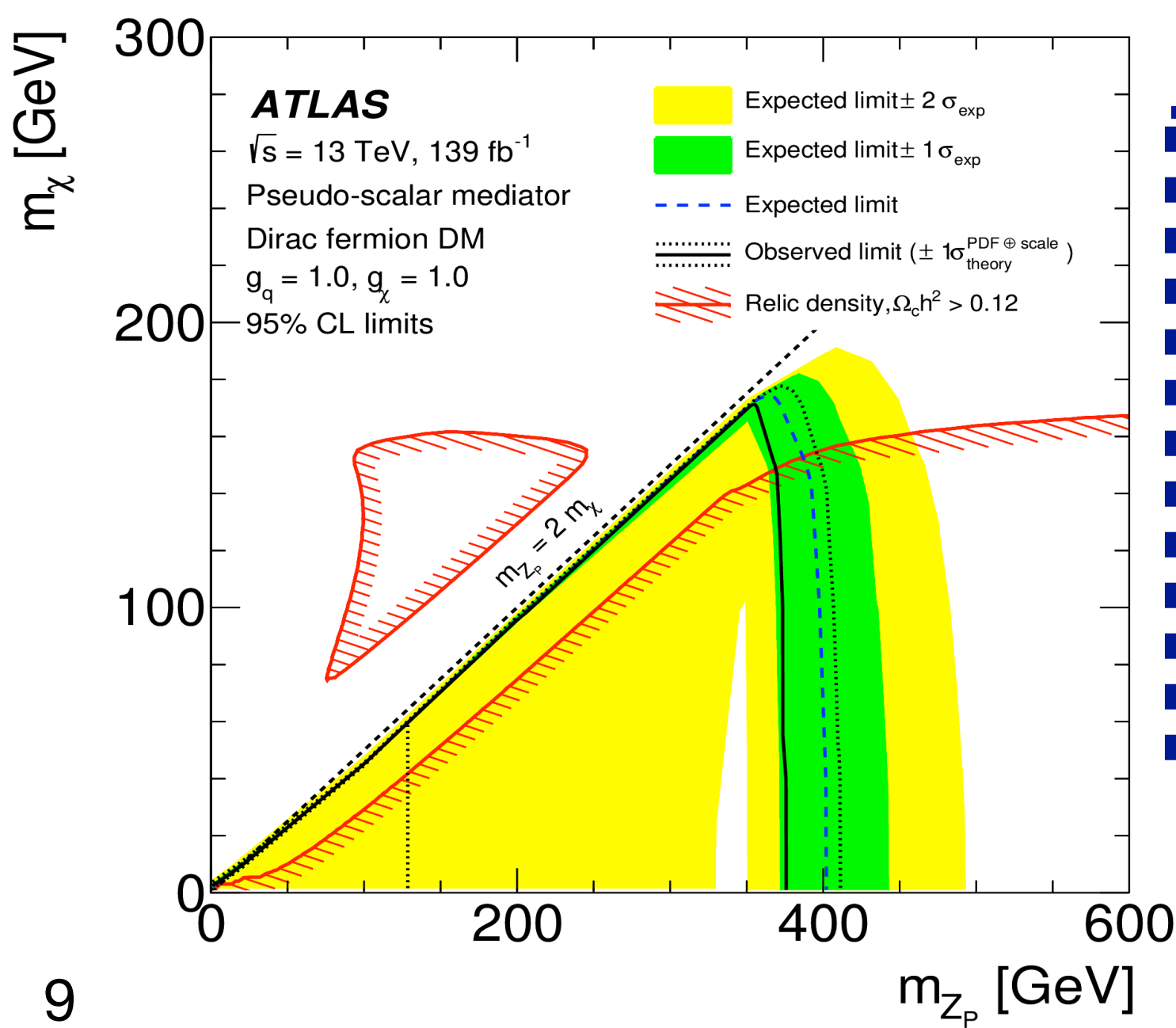
'simplified DM model'

- ### Signal Region (SR)
- E_T^{miss} triggered events
 - $E_T^{miss} > 200$ GeV for
 - Up to 4 jets well separated from E_T^{miss}
 - Require jet from ISR with $p_T > 150$ GeV and $|\eta| < 2.4$
 - Veto leptons and photon

Simultaneous fit to p_T^{recoil}



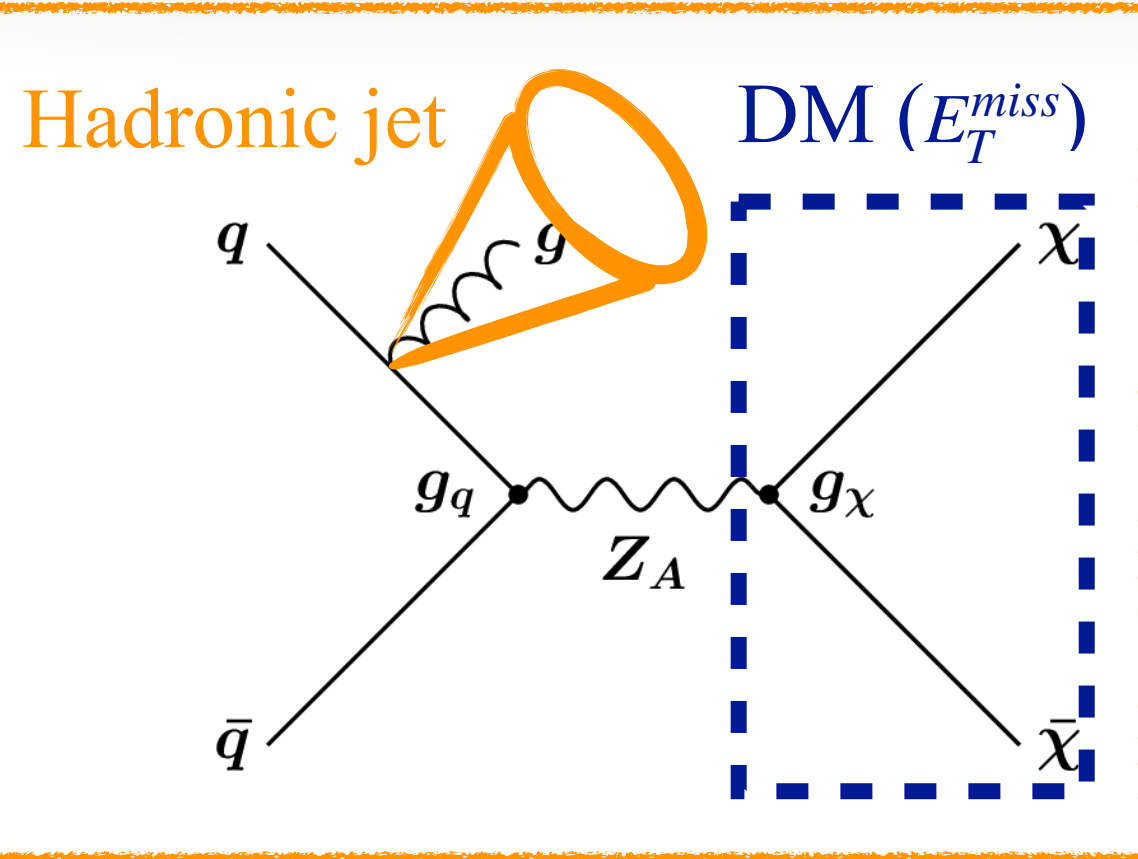
Limit on Pseudo-scalar mediator



Various interpretations: model dependent & independent limits on (WIMPs, squark pair production, extra dimensions, scalar dark energy, invisible Higgs, ALPs) are included in the paper.

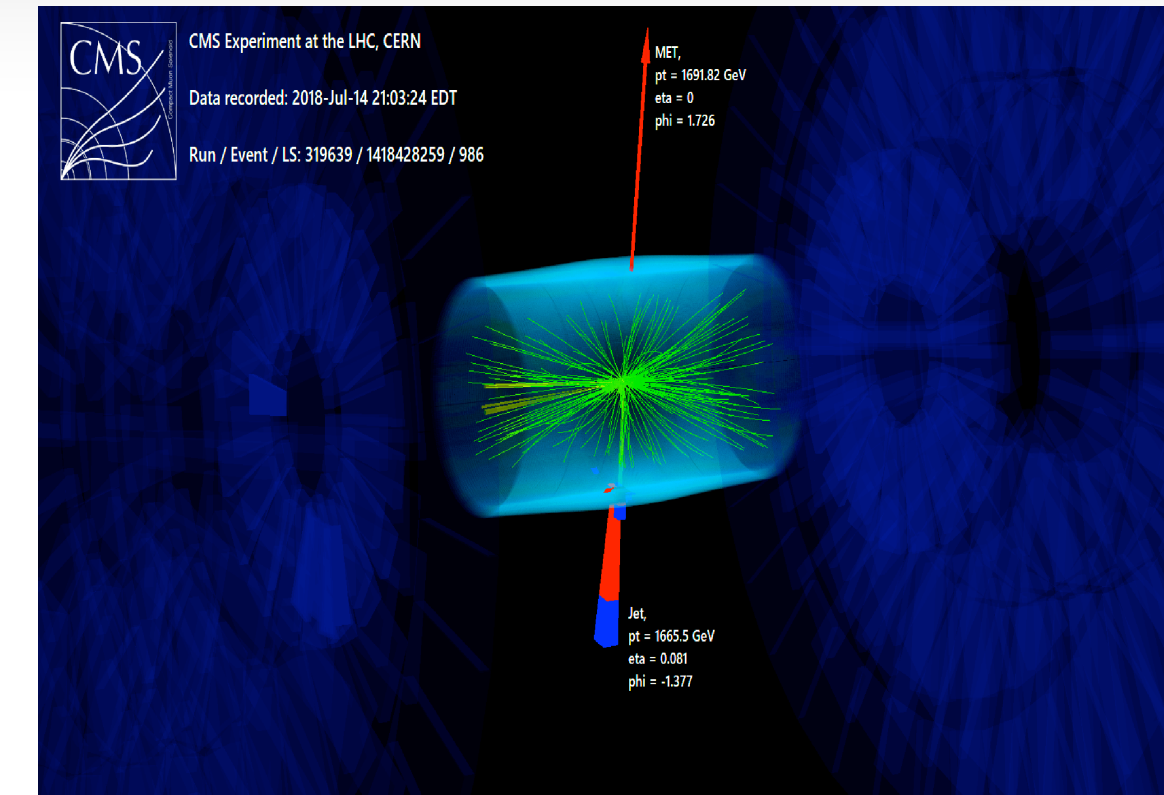
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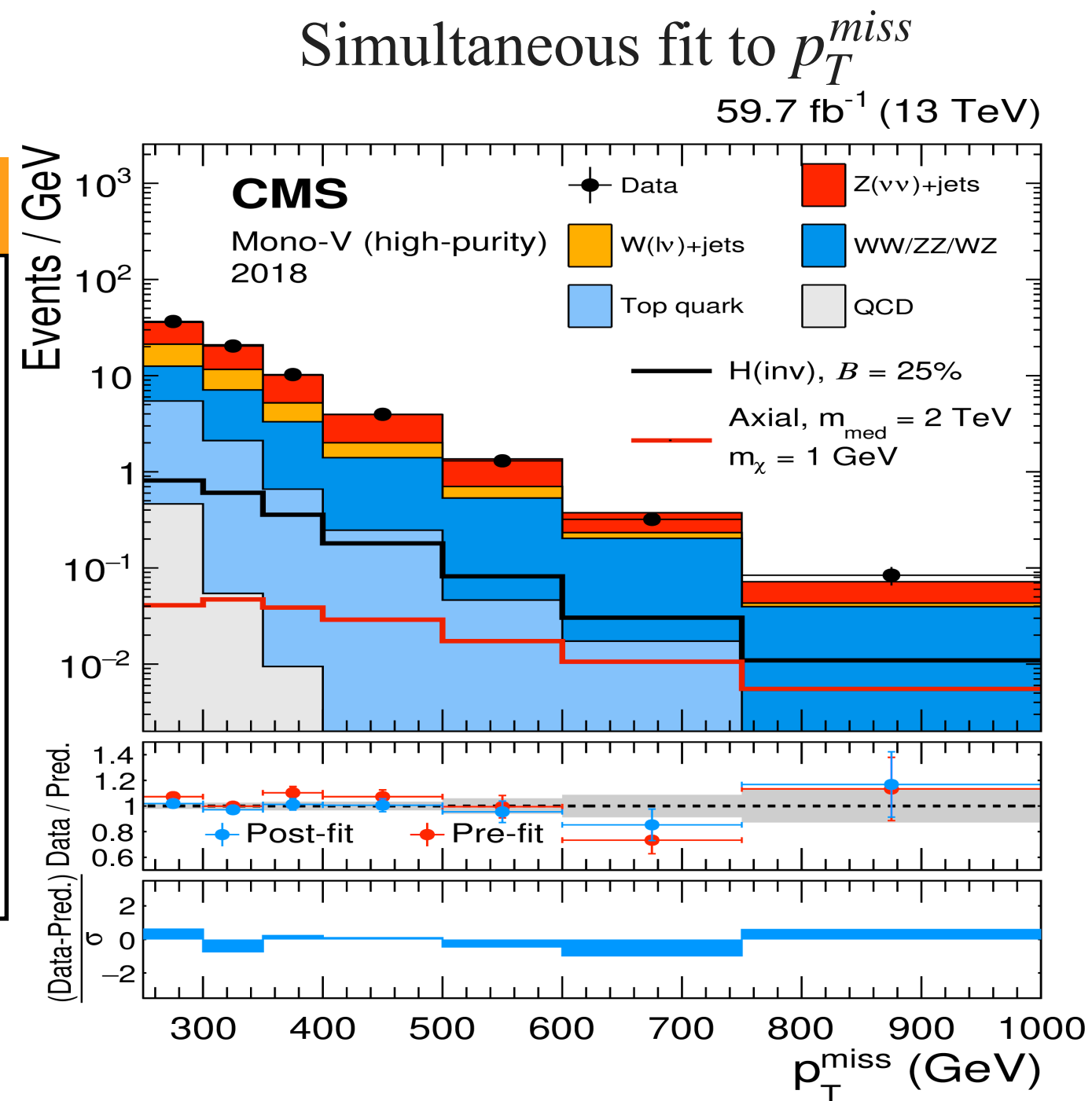
Main Backgrounds

- ✓ Dominant contribution: $Z(\rightarrow \nu\nu) + jets$, $W(\rightarrow \ell\nu) + jets$ and $\gamma + jets$
 - ➔ Constrained in 3 CRs: 1ℓ , 2ℓ and 1γ .
- ✓ QCD Multi-jet: **Data-Driven**
- ✓ Signal includes also $V(had) + E_T^{miss}$

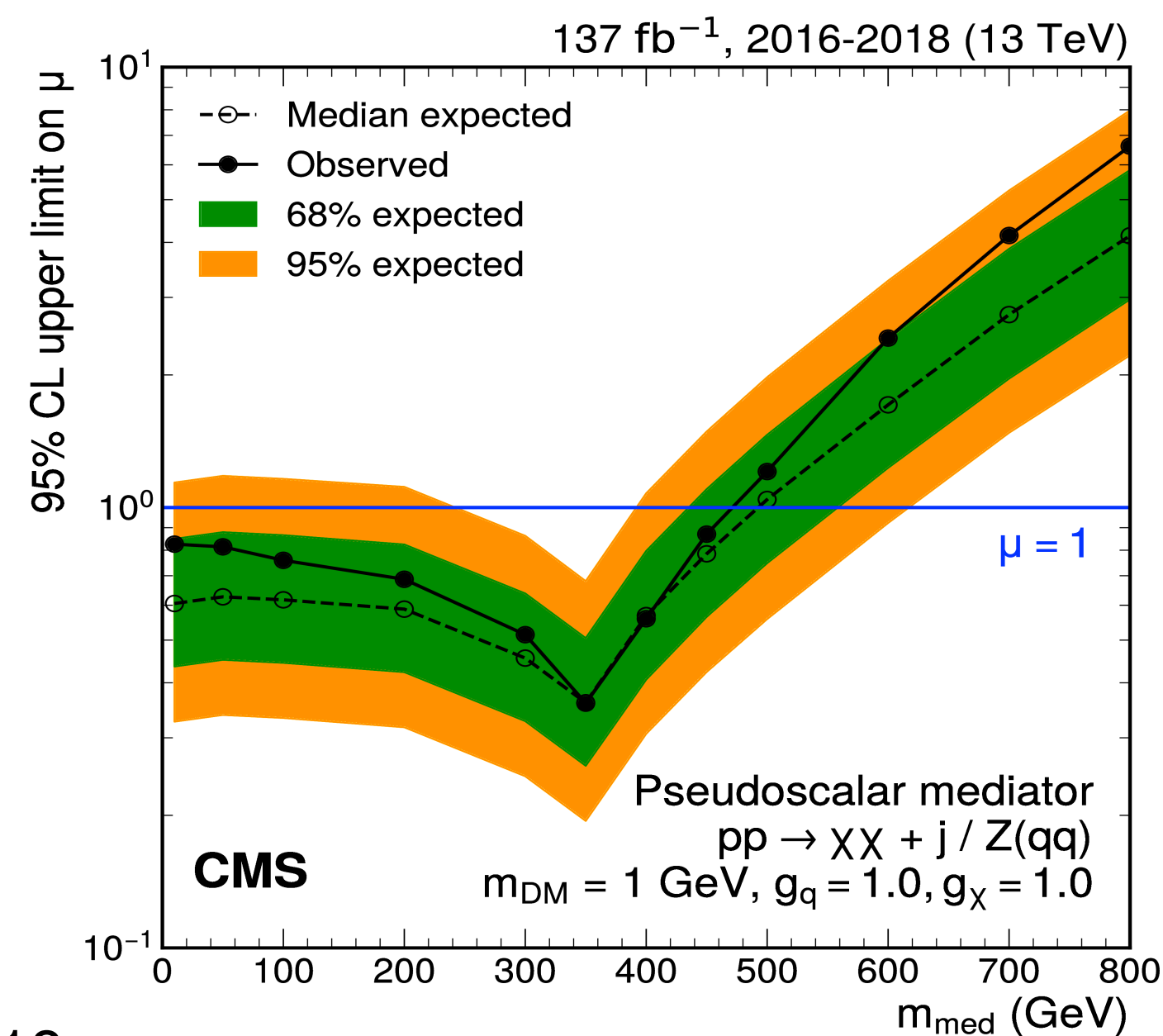


'simplified DM model'

- ### Signal Region (SR)
- E_T^{miss} triggered events
 - $E_T^{miss} > 250$ GeV for
 - Up to 4 jets well separated from E_T^{miss}
 - Require jet from ISR with $p_T > 100$ GeV and $|\eta| < 2.4$
 - Veto leptons and photon



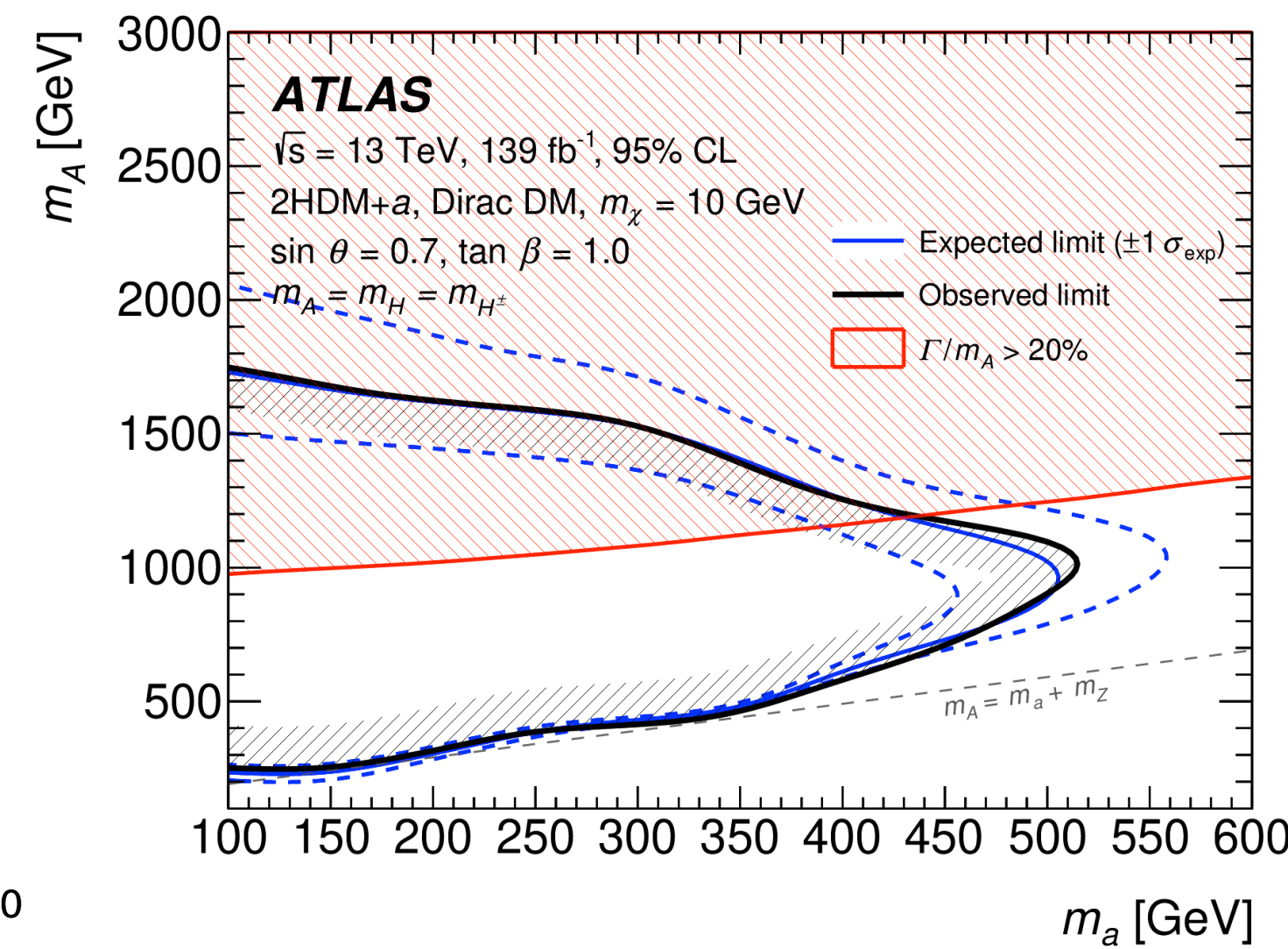
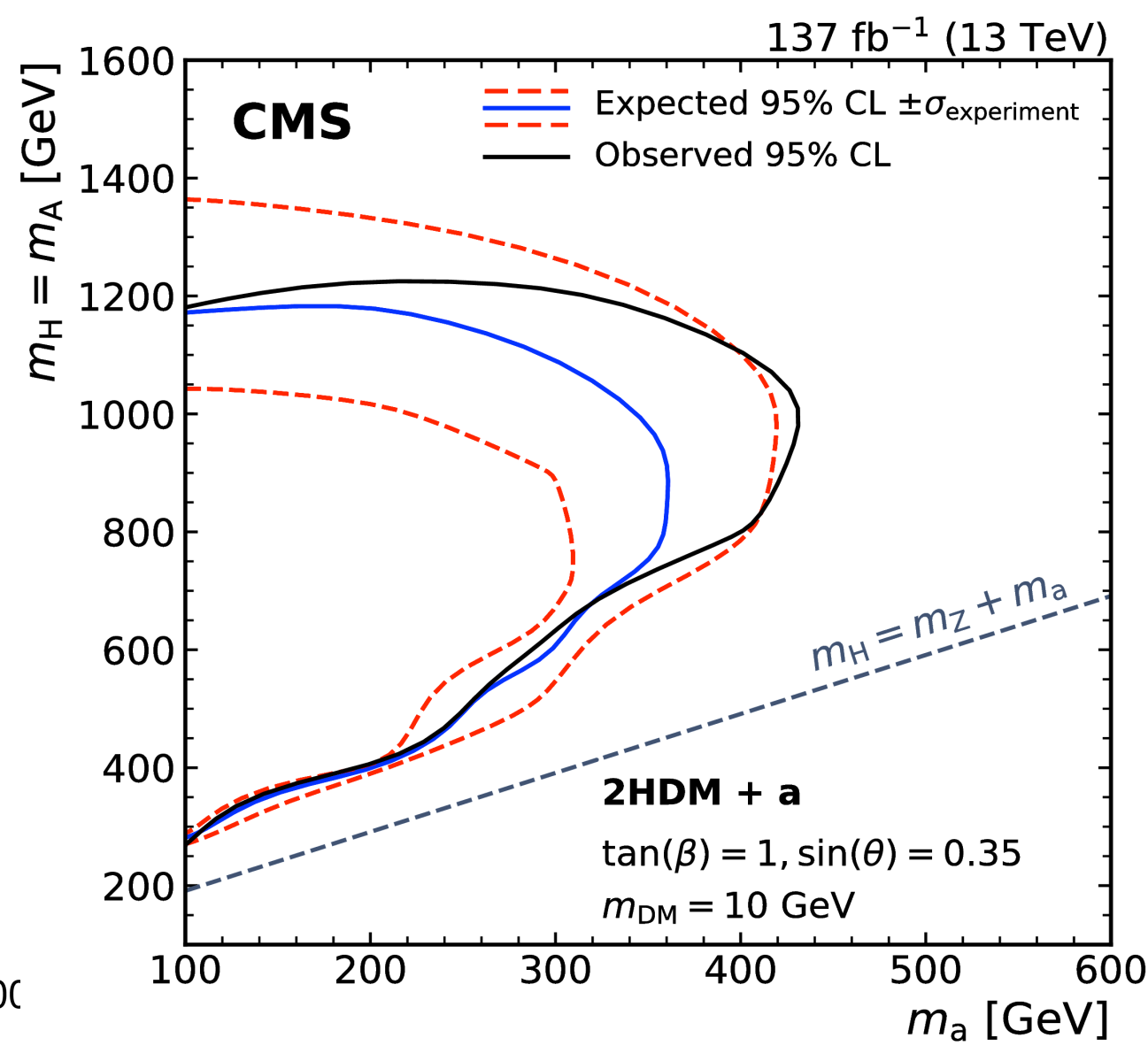
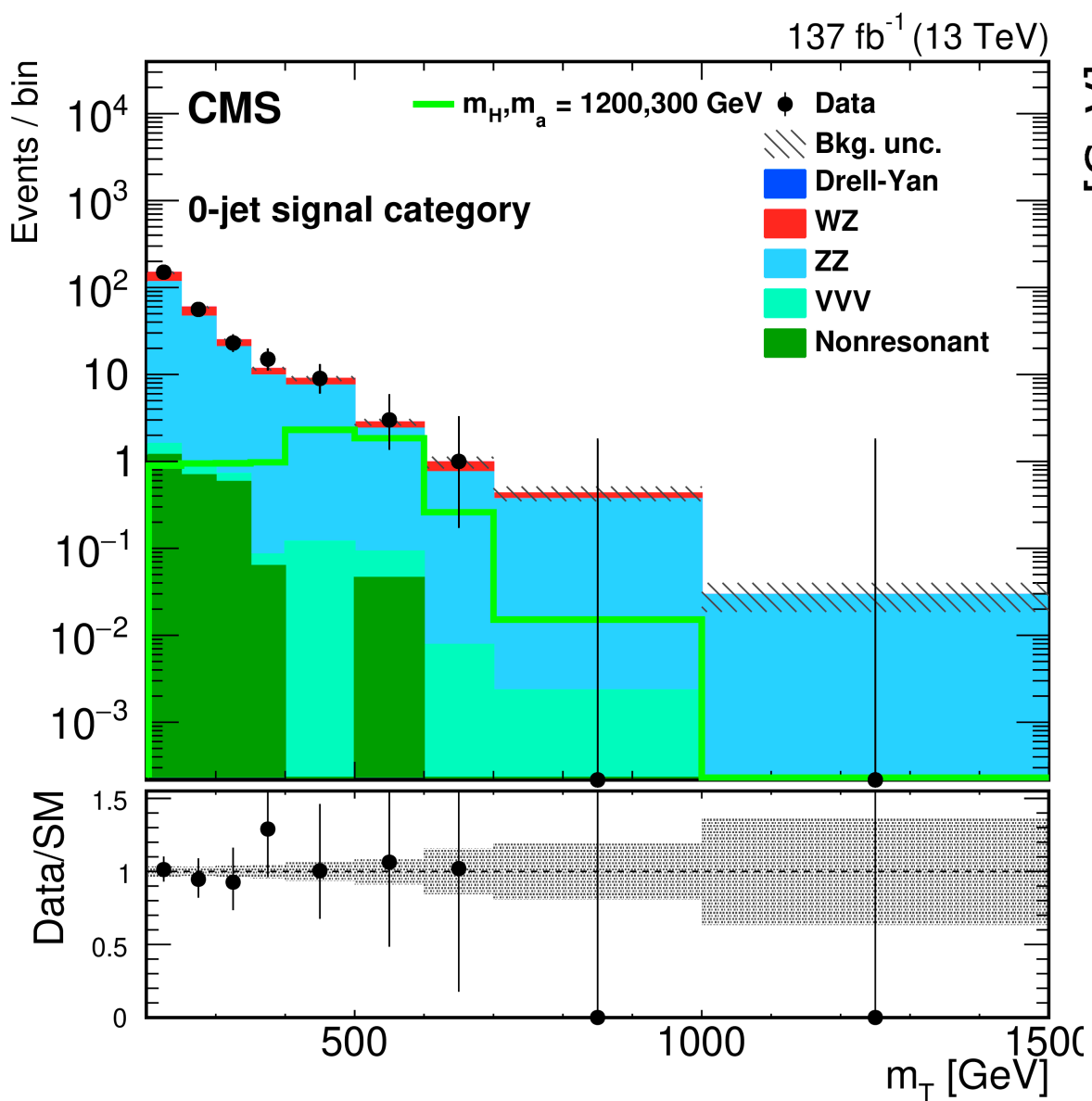
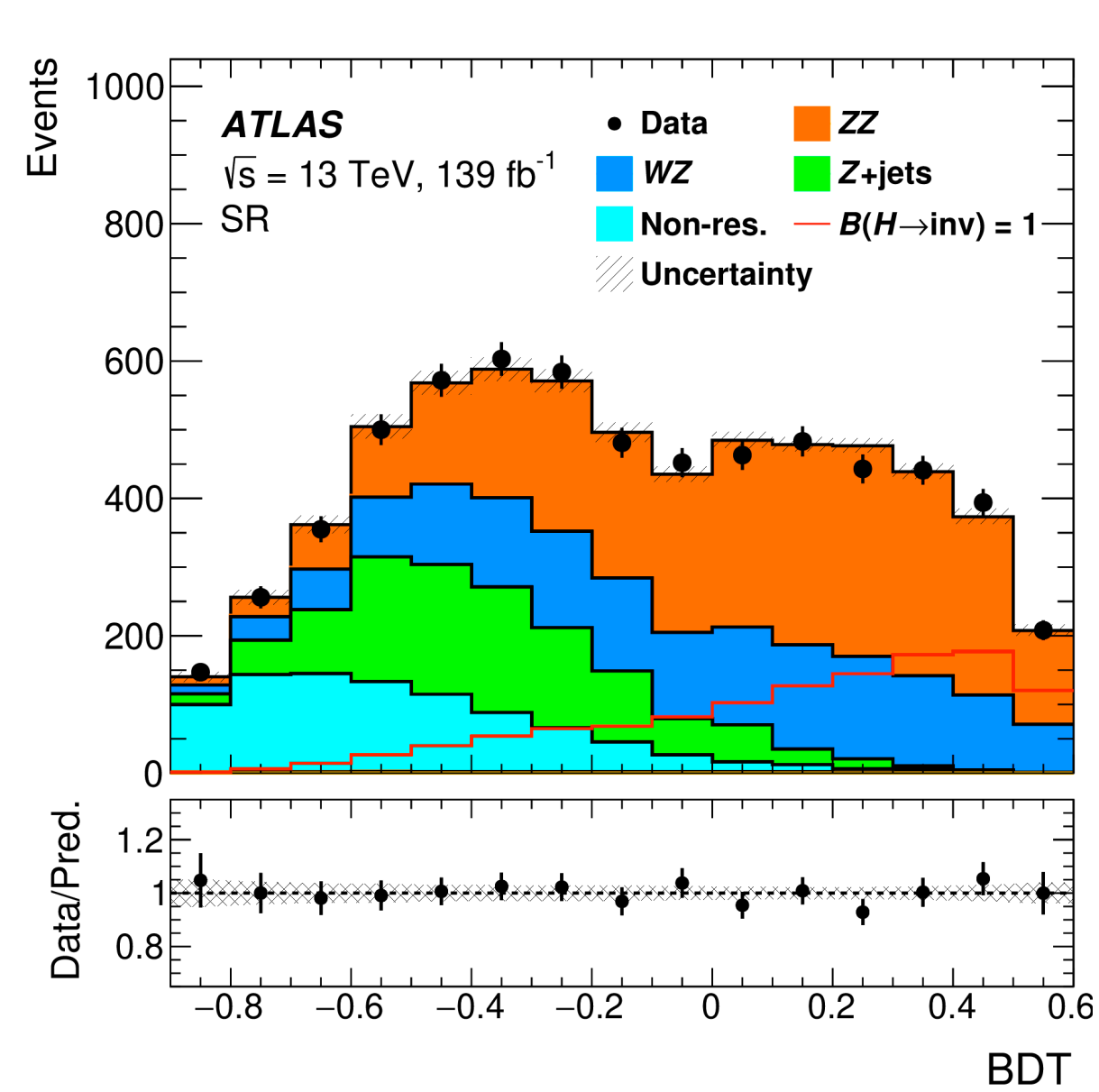
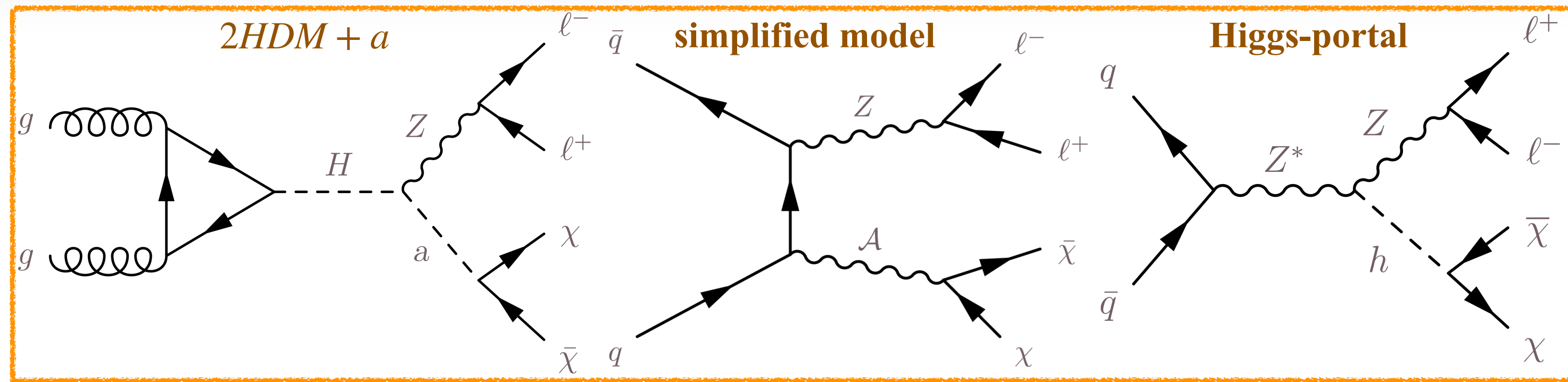
Limit on Pseudo-scalar mediator



Various interpretations:
Limits on dark matter particle production in the context of simplified models with vector mediator and axial-vector mediator are included in the paper.

'2HDM + a, simplified DM model (spin-1 mediator), Higgs-portal'

- ✓ **Signature:** 2 SFOC leptons + E_T^{miss}
- ✓ **Trigger:** 1/2 leptons
- ✓ **Dominant background:** SM $qq \rightarrow ZZ$.
 - 3 ℓ , 4 ℓ CRs used to constrain WZ/ZZ predictions
 - emu CR to constrain non-resonant (ttbar, WW) processes
- ✓ **SR:** $|m_{\ell\ell} - m_Z| < 15$ GeV, $E_T^{miss} > 80$ (90) GeV for CMS (ATLAS), $\Delta R < 1.8$ and $p_T^{\ell\ell} > 60$ GeV (CMS to reject DY).



Simplified DM model

✓ **Trigger:** E_T^{miss}

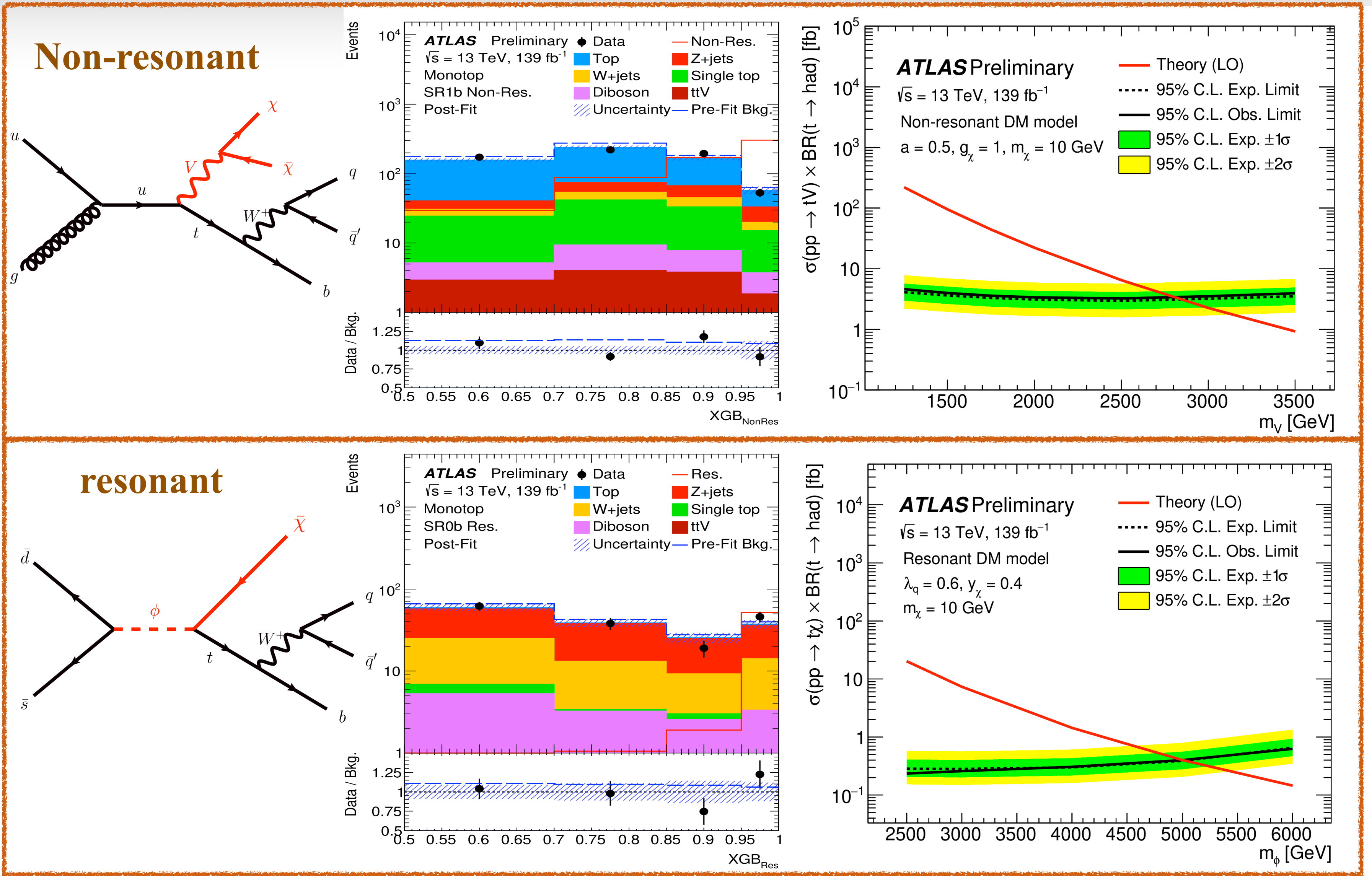
✓ **Dominant background:**

- $t\bar{t}$ and Z/W+jets → constrained in CRs

✓ **SR:**

- 0ℓ .
- $E_T^{miss} \geq 250$ GeV.
- ≥ 1 boosted Large-R jet associated to the top quark.
- $\Delta\phi_{min}(E_T^{miss}, small - Rjet) > 0.2$

✓ **BDT (XGBoost)** is used to discriminate signal/ background (E_T^{miss} based variables and ΔR_{max} among the most important features in the training)



'2HDM + a, mediator search'

✓ Trigger: E_T^{miss}

✓ Dominant background:

- $t\bar{t}$, Z/W+jets and $t\bar{t}Z \rightarrow$ constrained in CRs

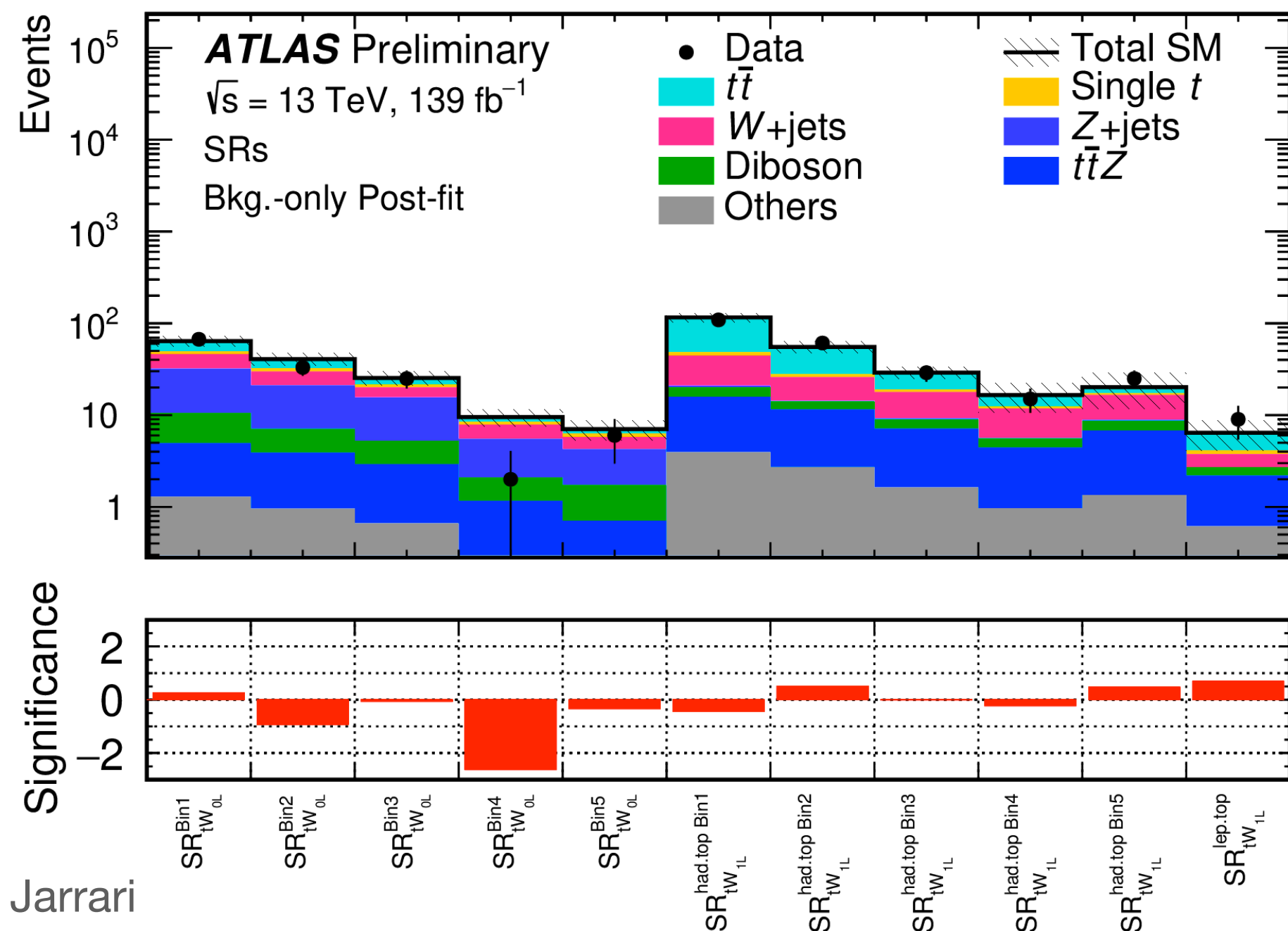
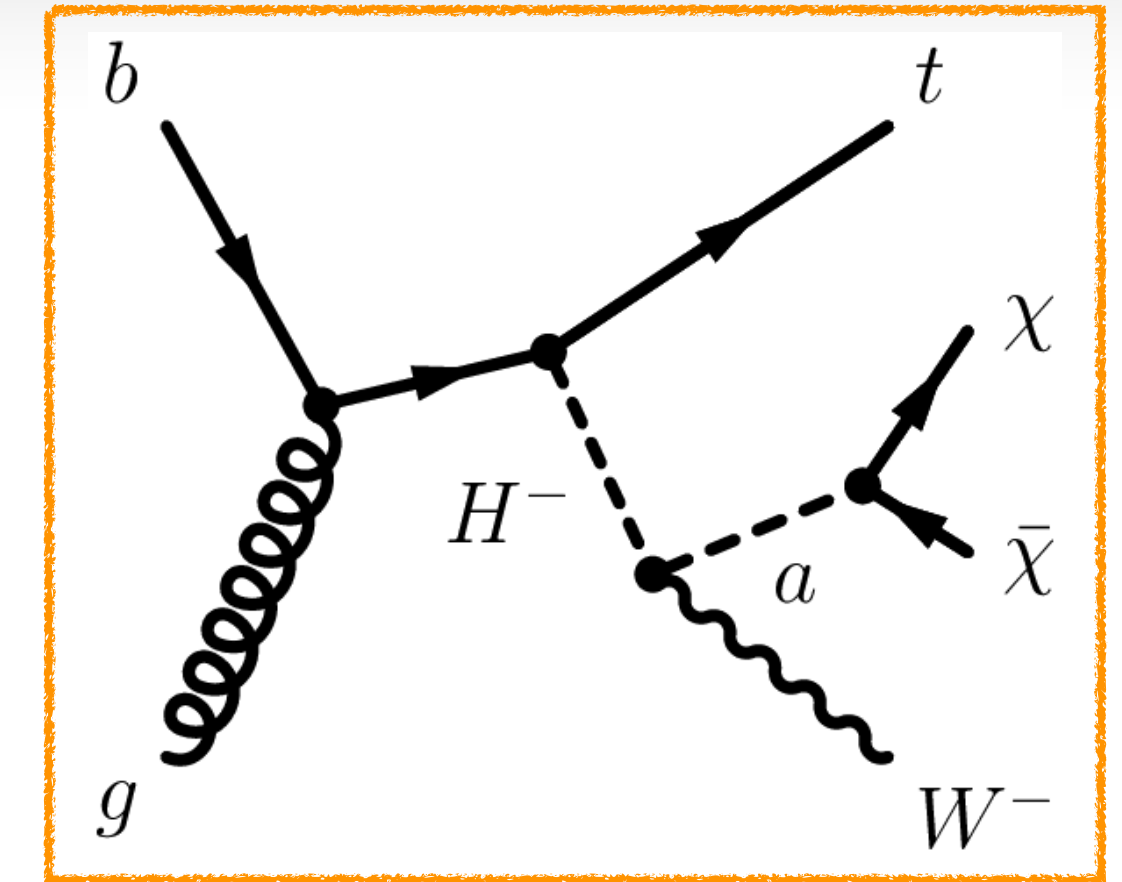
✓ SR: 0-1 electrons/muons, 1 b-jet, $E_T^{miss} \geq 250$ GeV. Large-R jets with W-tagging or two small-R jets for hadronic W candidate.

✓ Discriminators depend on the target signature: m_T , BDT, ..

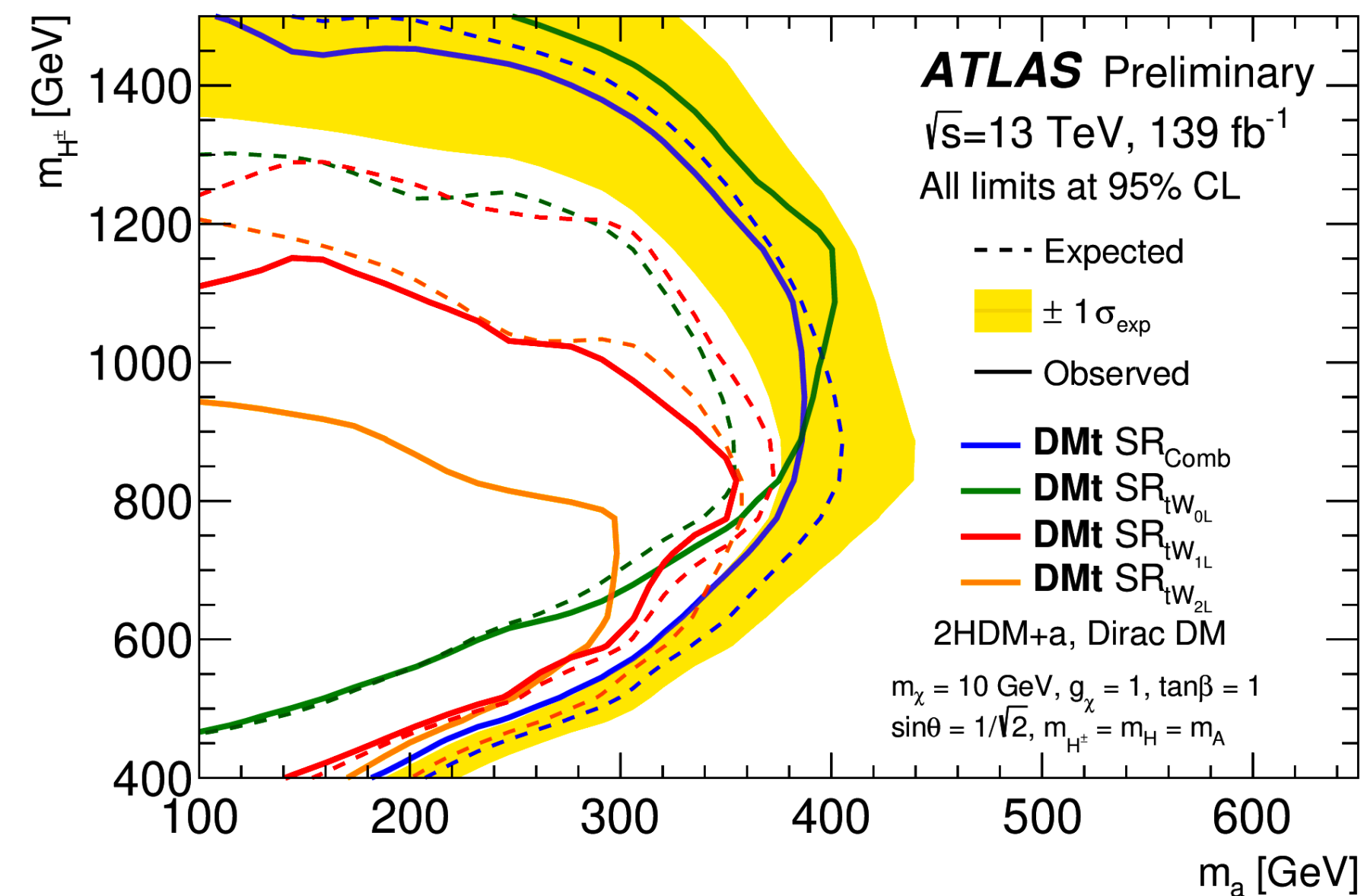
✓ 6 CRs, 6 VRs: $t\bar{t}$ ($tW_{0\ell}$, $tW_{1\ell}$), single t , $V + jets$ and $t\bar{t}Z$

✓ Fit to data under the background-only hypothesis yields to measure the normalization of the main backgrounds.

✓ Results provided for separate and combined 0, 1 and 2 lepton selections



Model excluded up to $m_a = 350$ GeV and $m_{H^\pm} = 1500$ GeV



'2HDM + a, 2HDM + Z', Z'_B'

✓ Trigger: E_T^{miss}

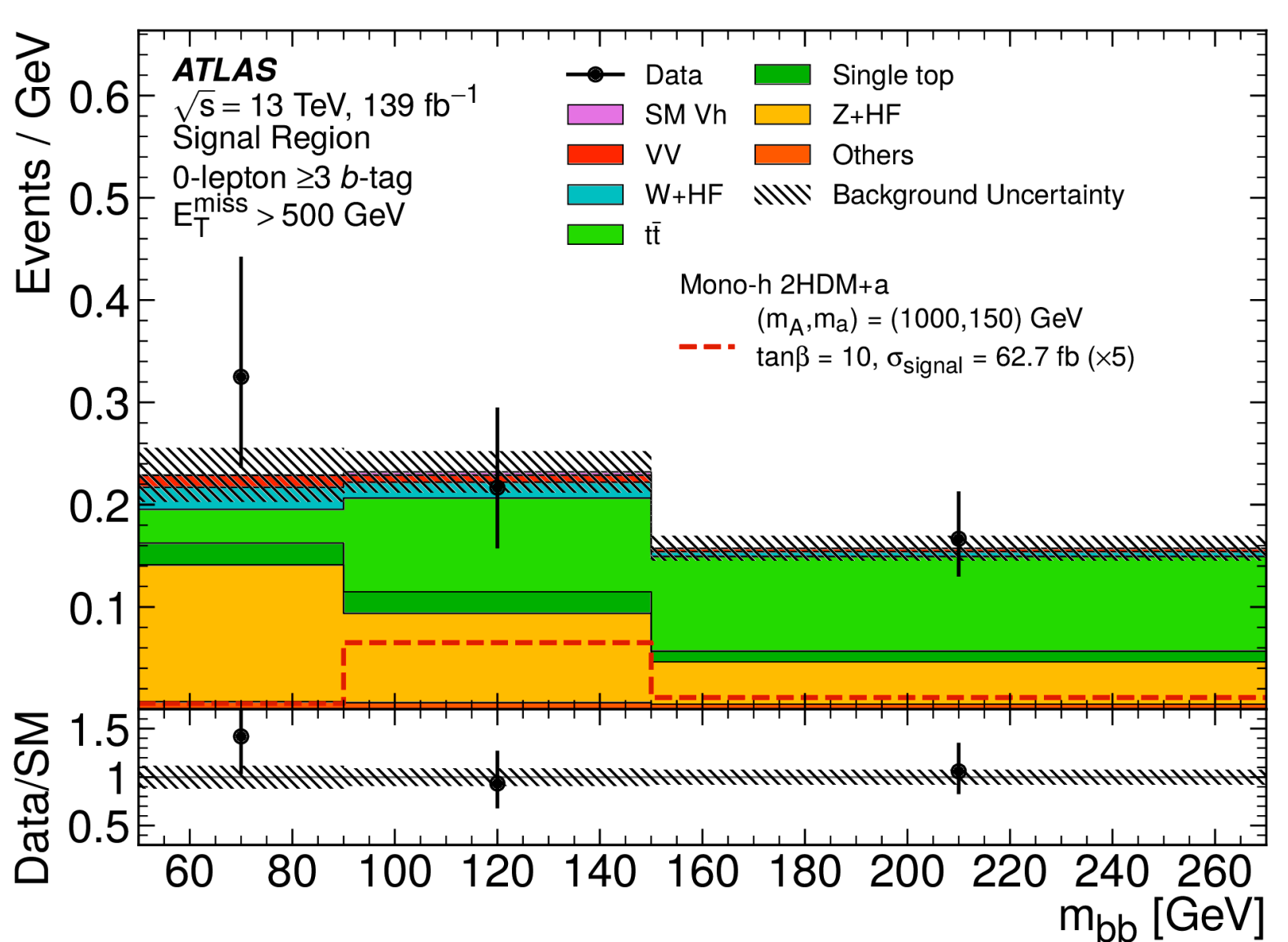
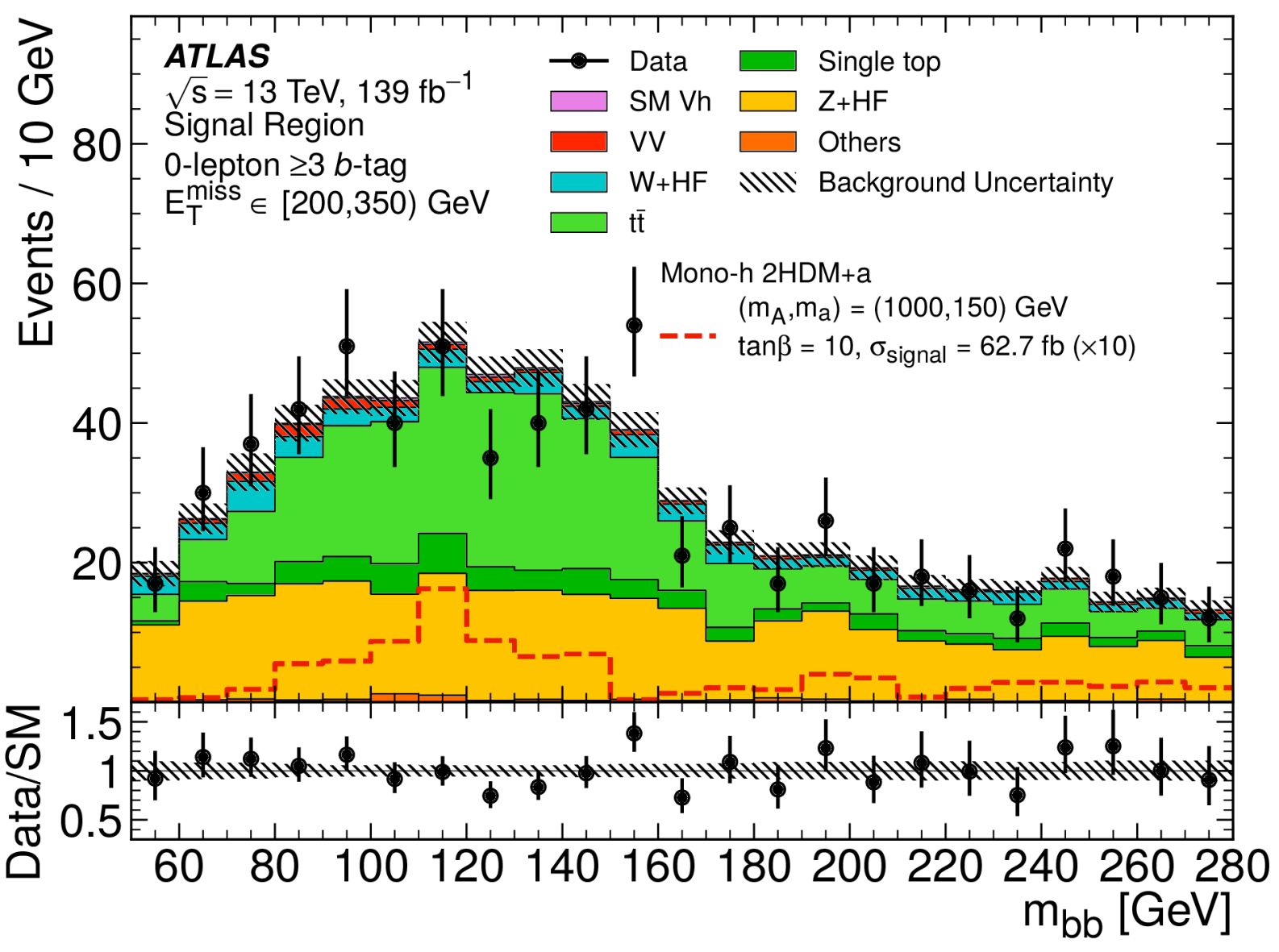
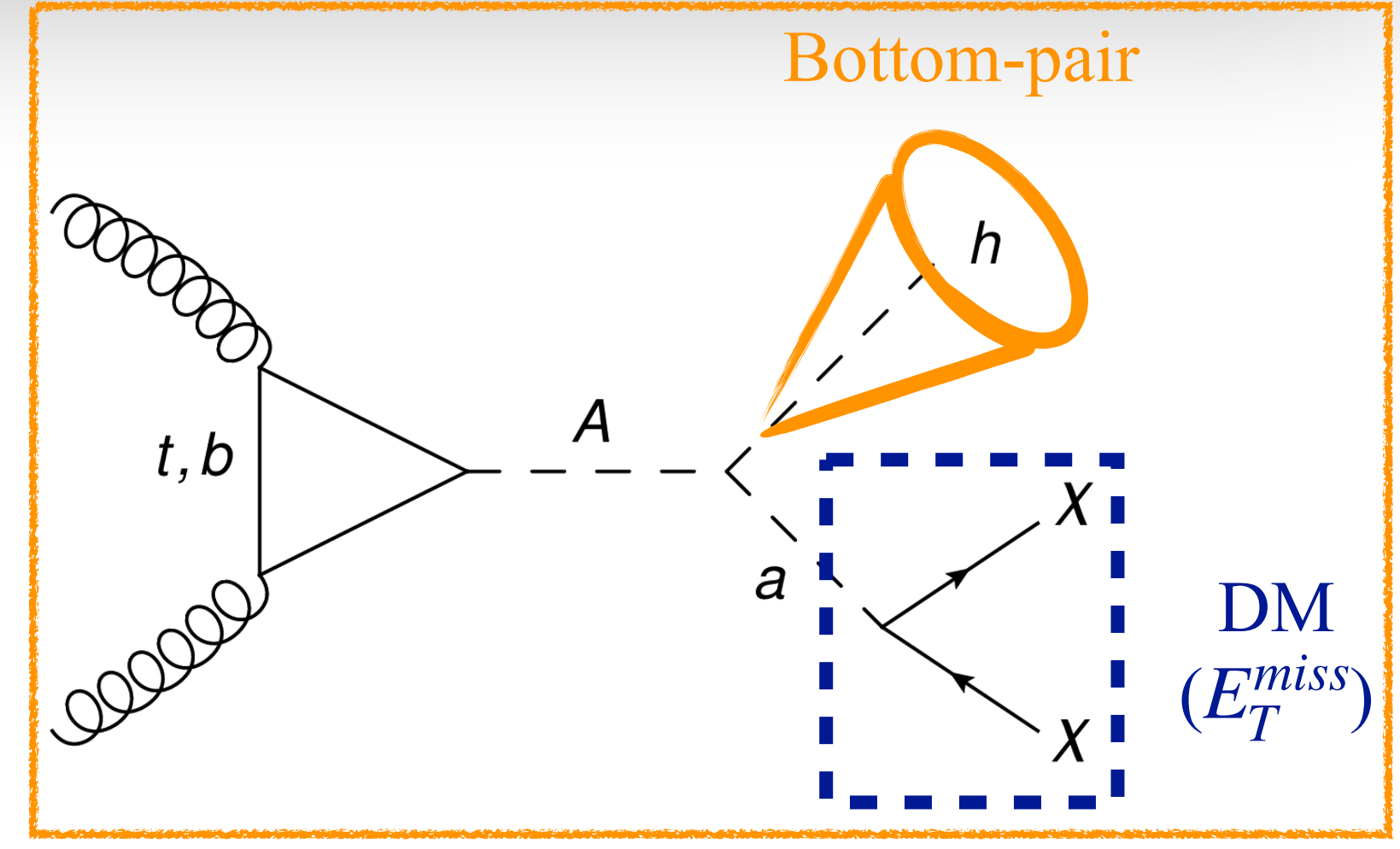
✓ Dominant background: $V + (HF)$ jets (constrained in CR1 (1 muon) and CR2 (2 leptons))
 $t\bar{t}$ (suppressed by a cut on the missing energy significance $S < 5$)

Resolved topology

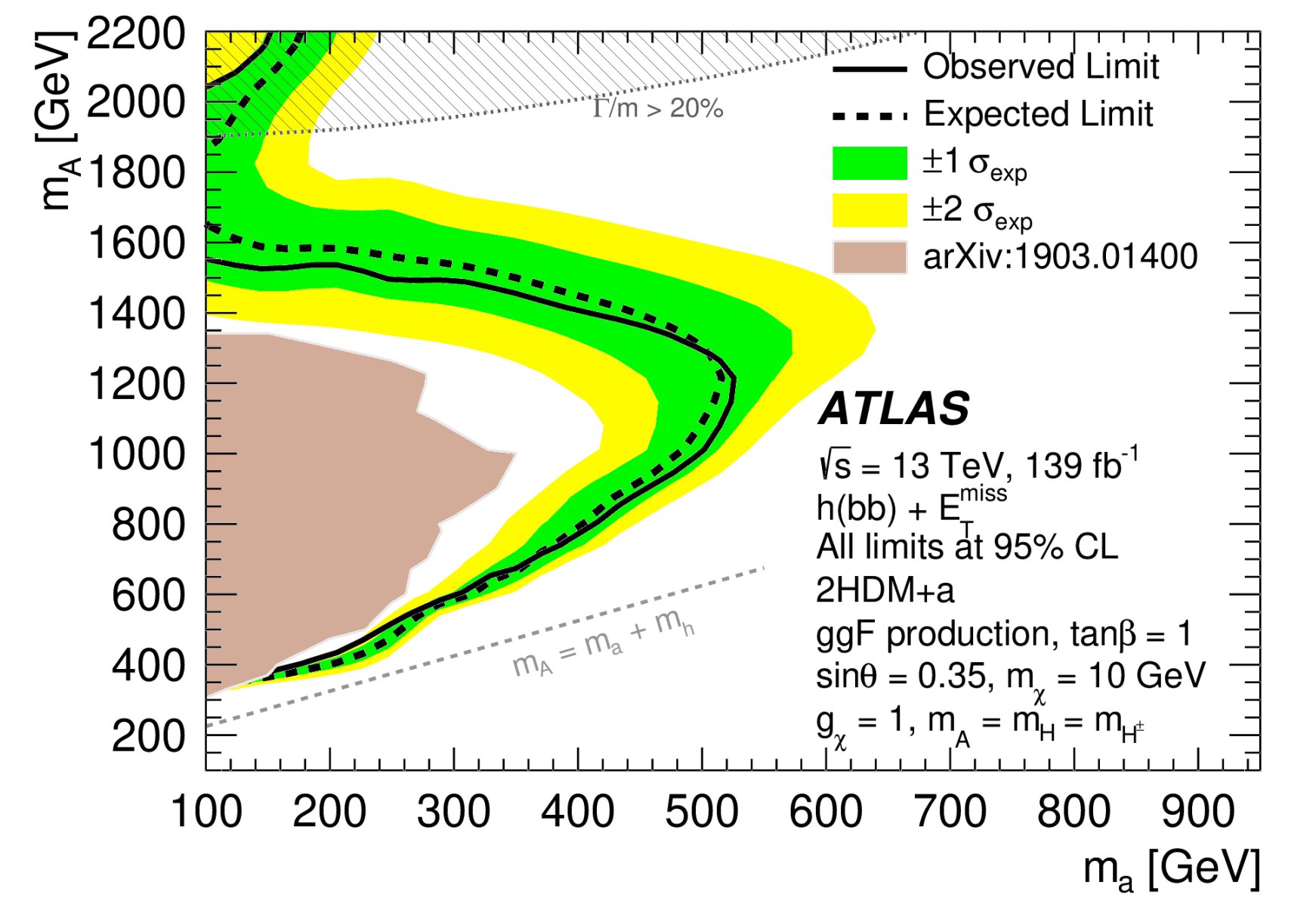
$150 < E_T^{miss} < 500$ GeV
 50 GeV $< m_h < 280$ GeV
 At least 2 small-R jets

Merged topology

$E_T^{miss} > 500$ GeV
 50 GeV $< m_h < 270$ GeV
 At least 1 large-R jet



Limits set on a variety of models: 2HDM+a, ...

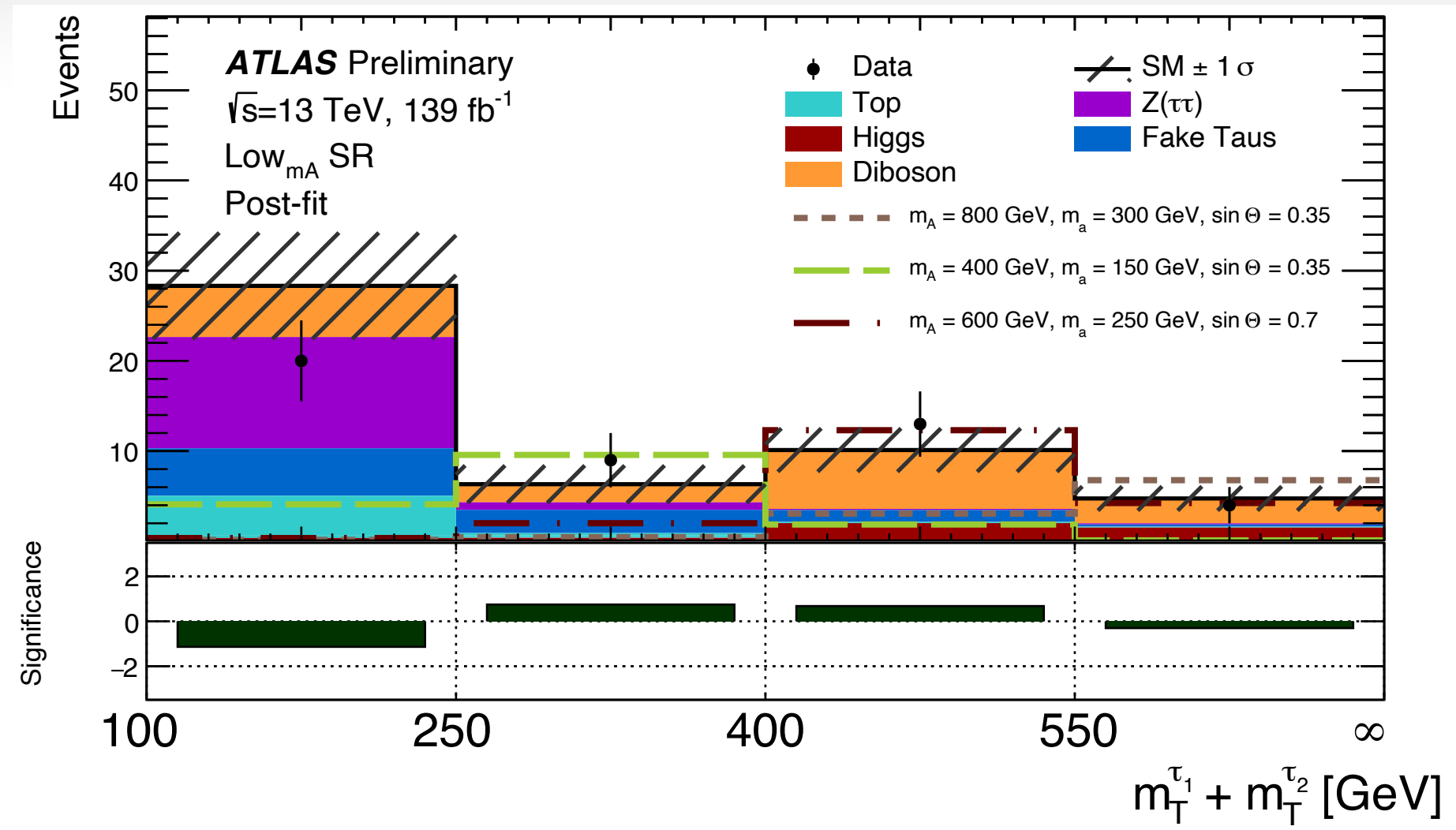


$H(\rightarrow bb)$ recoiling against large E_T^{miss}

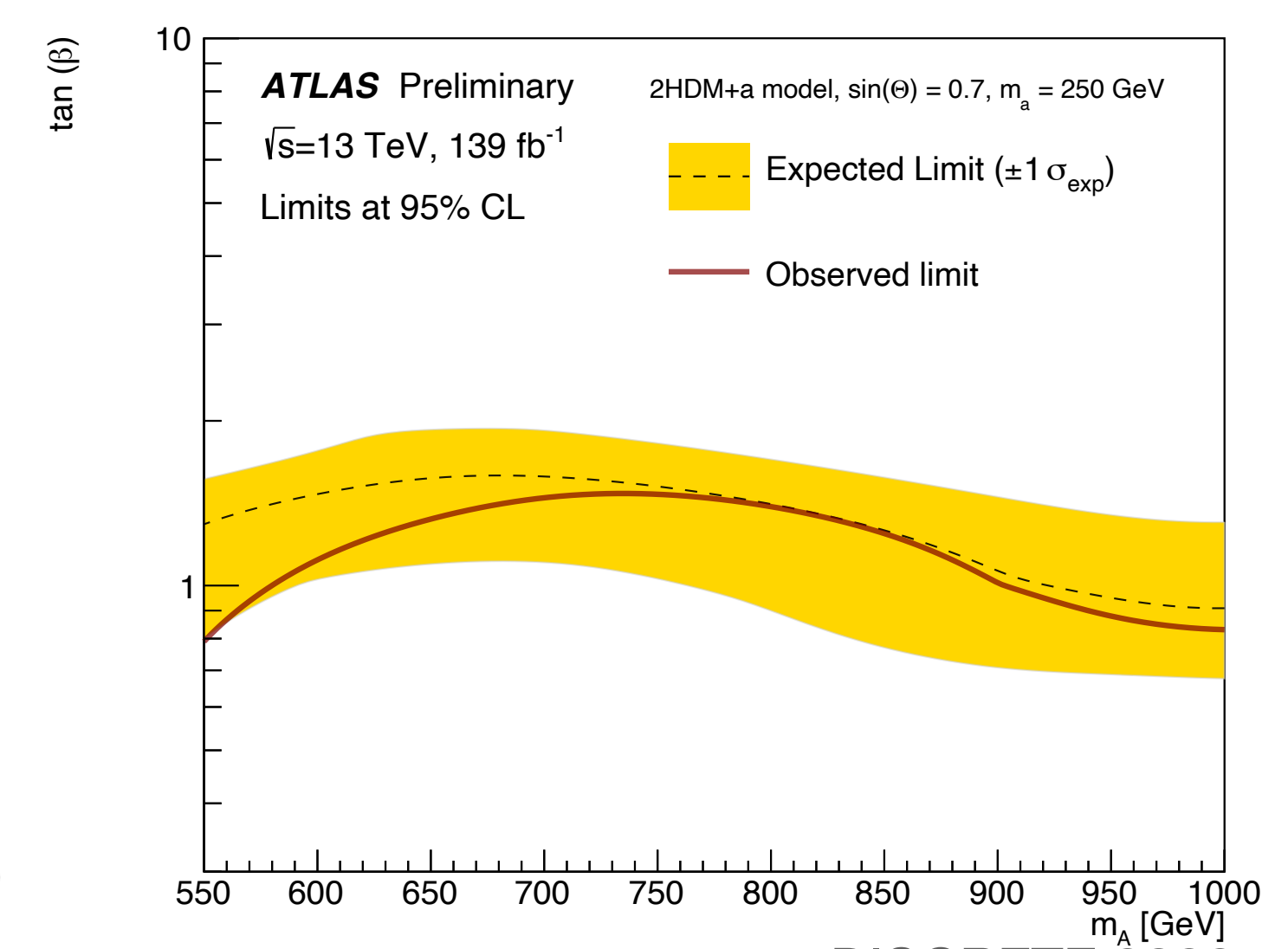
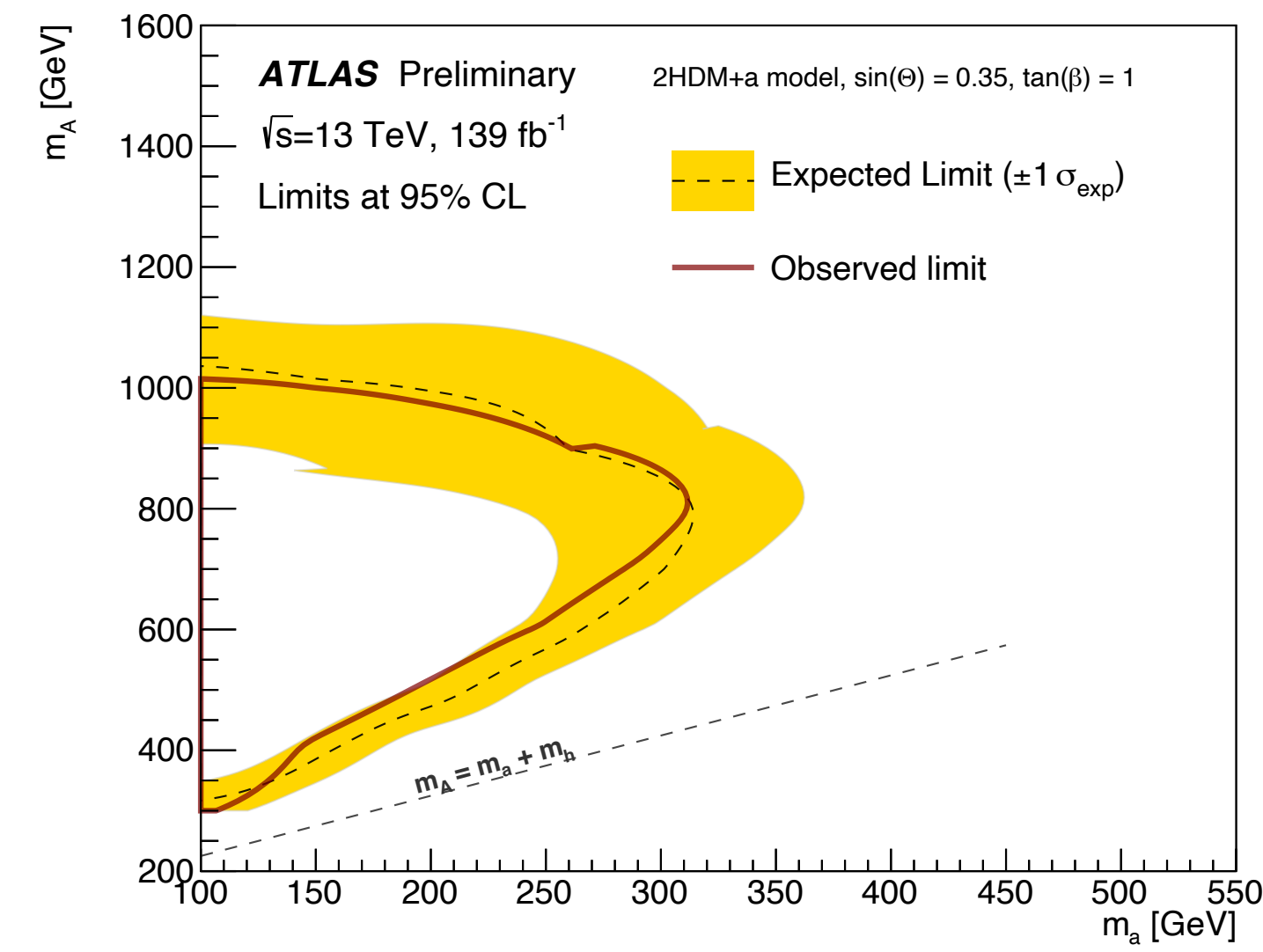
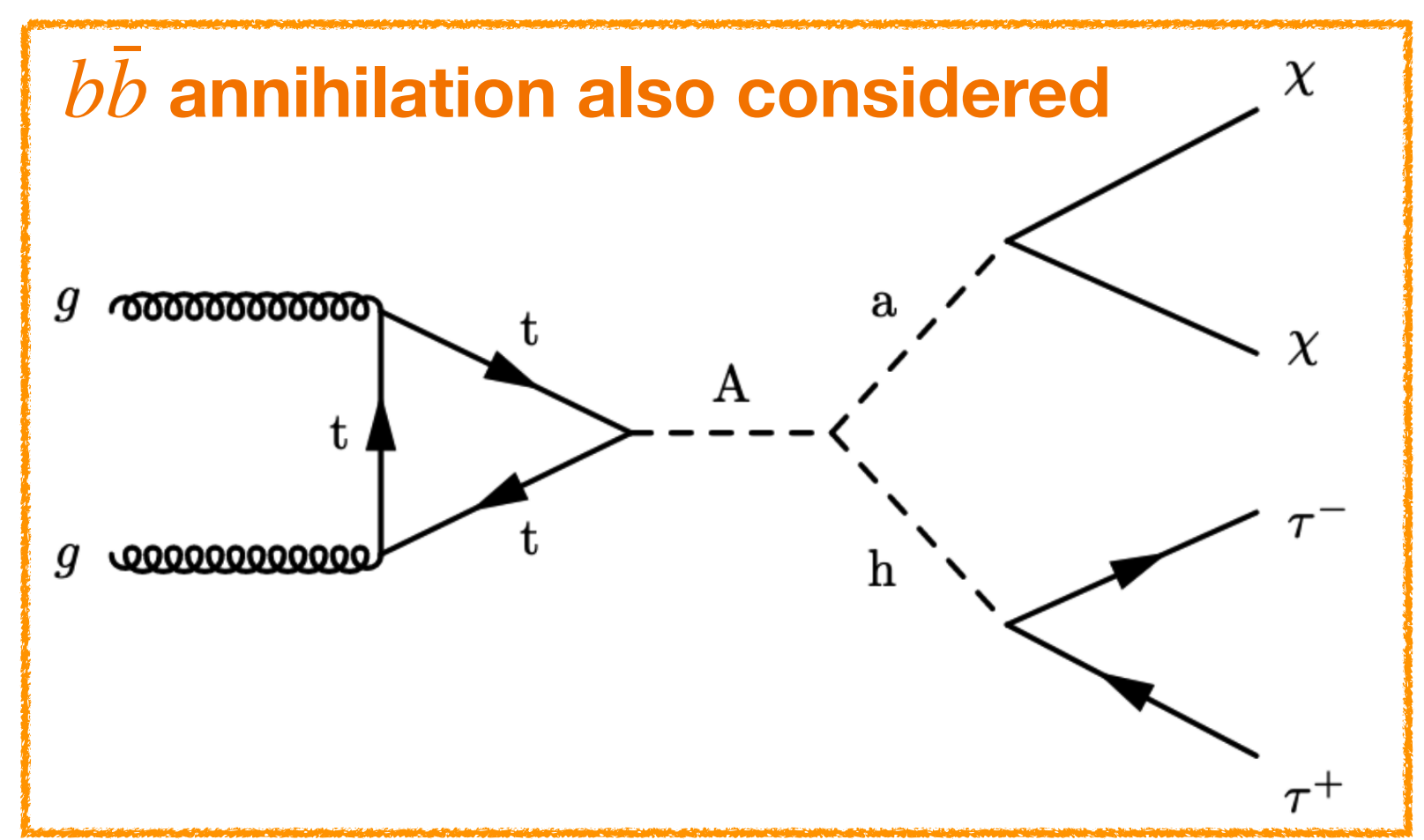
'2HDM + a'

Search for a new charged Higgs decay mode supported by numerous theoretical models.

- ✓ **Trigger:** di- $\tau_{had} + E_T^{miss}$
- ✓ **Discriminant variable:** Sum of τ -lepton transverse masse
- ✓ **Dominant background:** $VV, VH, t\bar{t}, V + jets$.
 - Lepton and b-jet veto applied.
 - Fake τ estimated using the Data-driven fake factor method.
 - CRs for $Z + jets, t\bar{t}$ and 4 VRs.
- ✓ Strong kinematics dependence on m_A
- ✓ DM candidate mass of 10 GeV
- ✓ Model-independent limits on BSM signal for every bin, $\sigma_{vis} < 0.04 - 0.08$ fb.



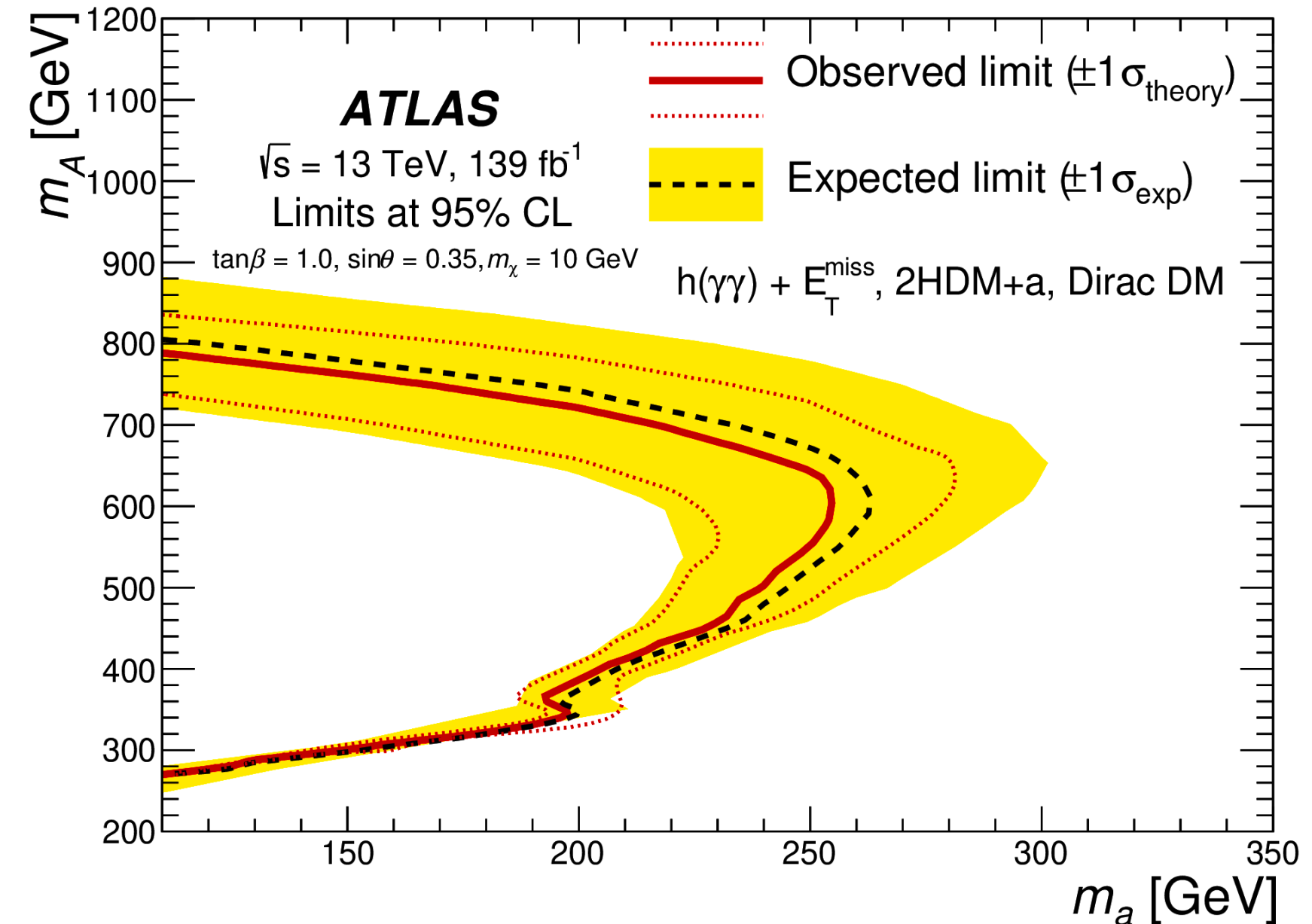
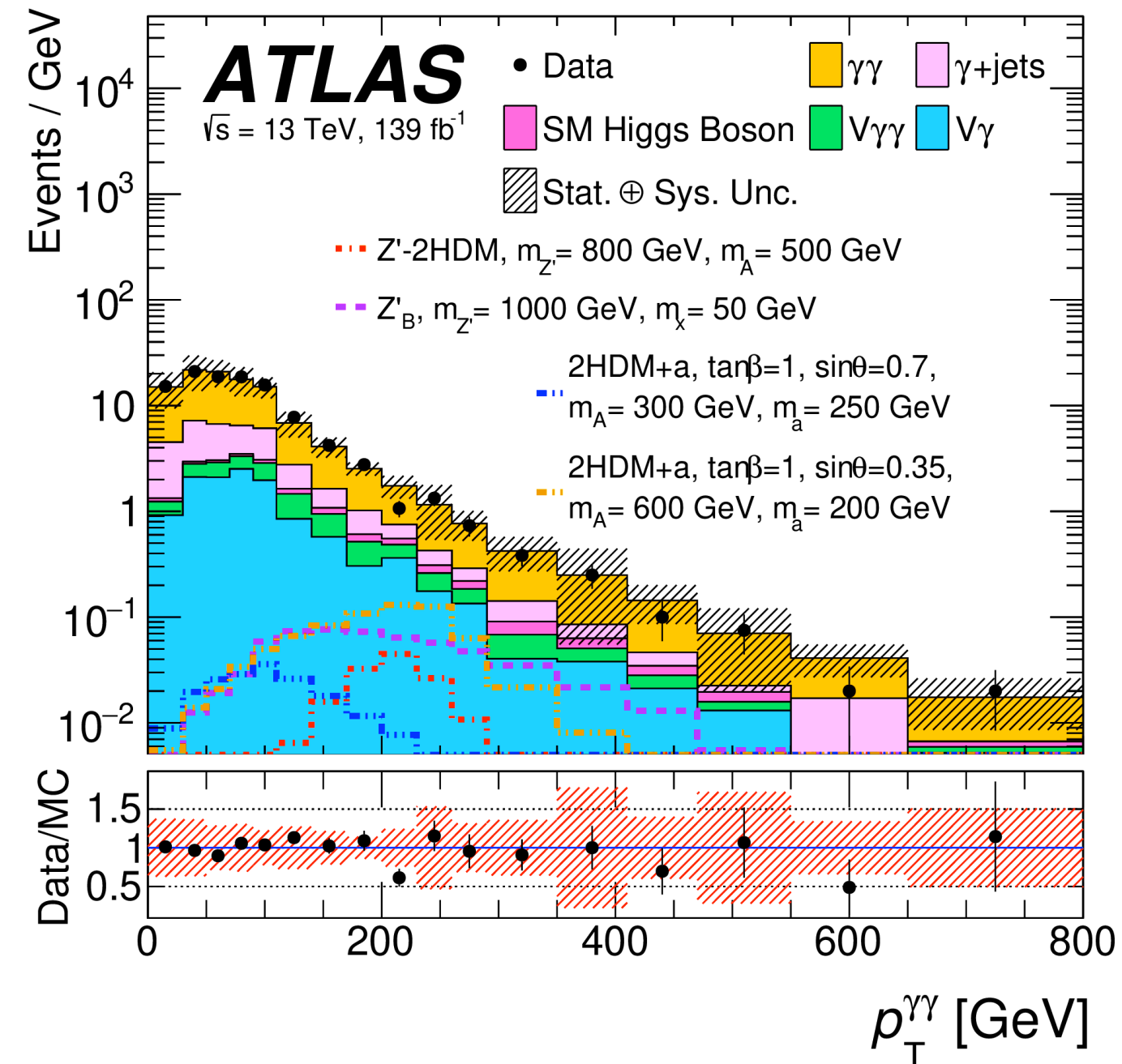
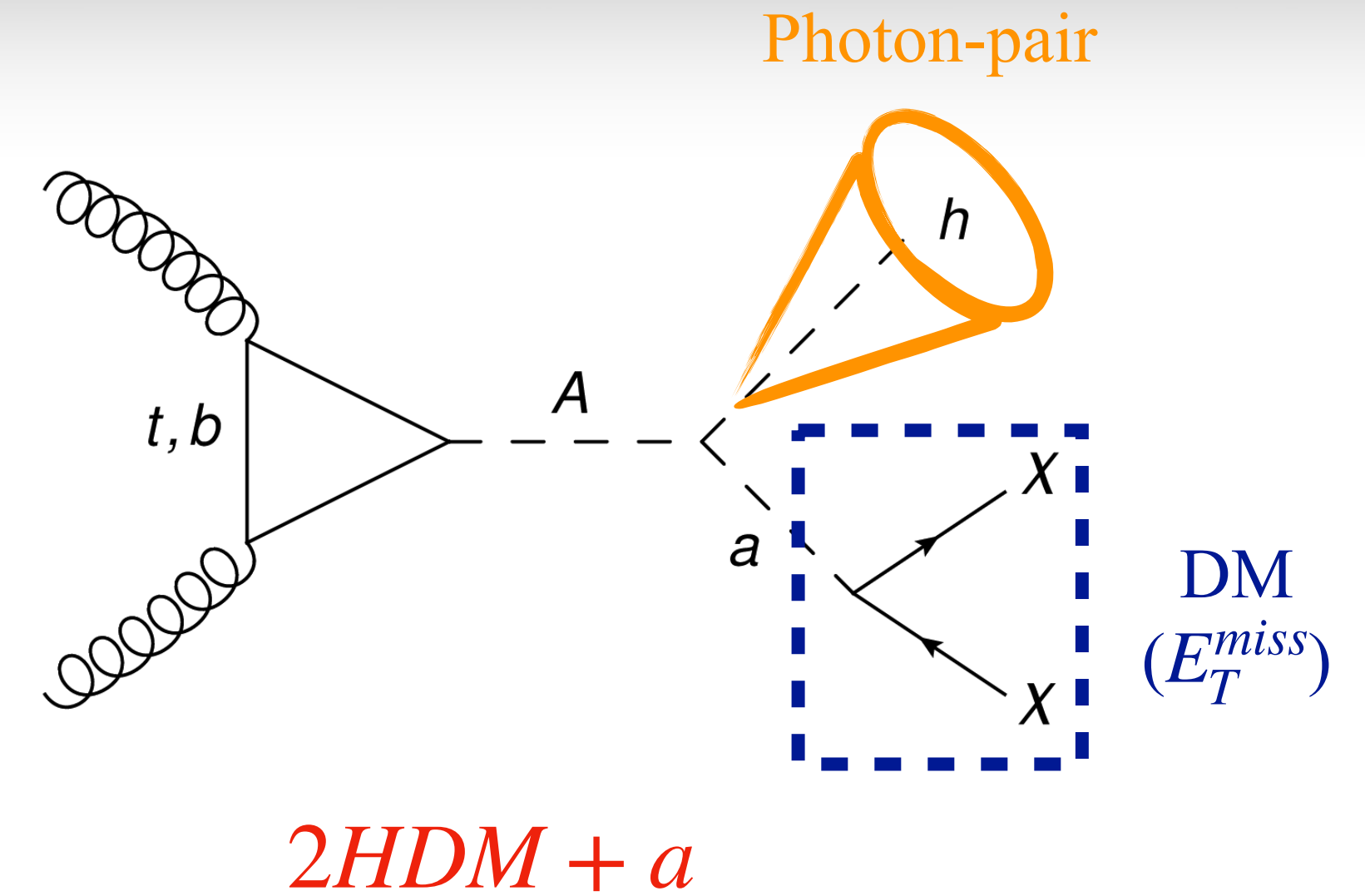
Scans in m_A vs m_a and $\tan(\beta)$ vs m_A .



'2HDM + a, 2HDM + Z', Z'_B'

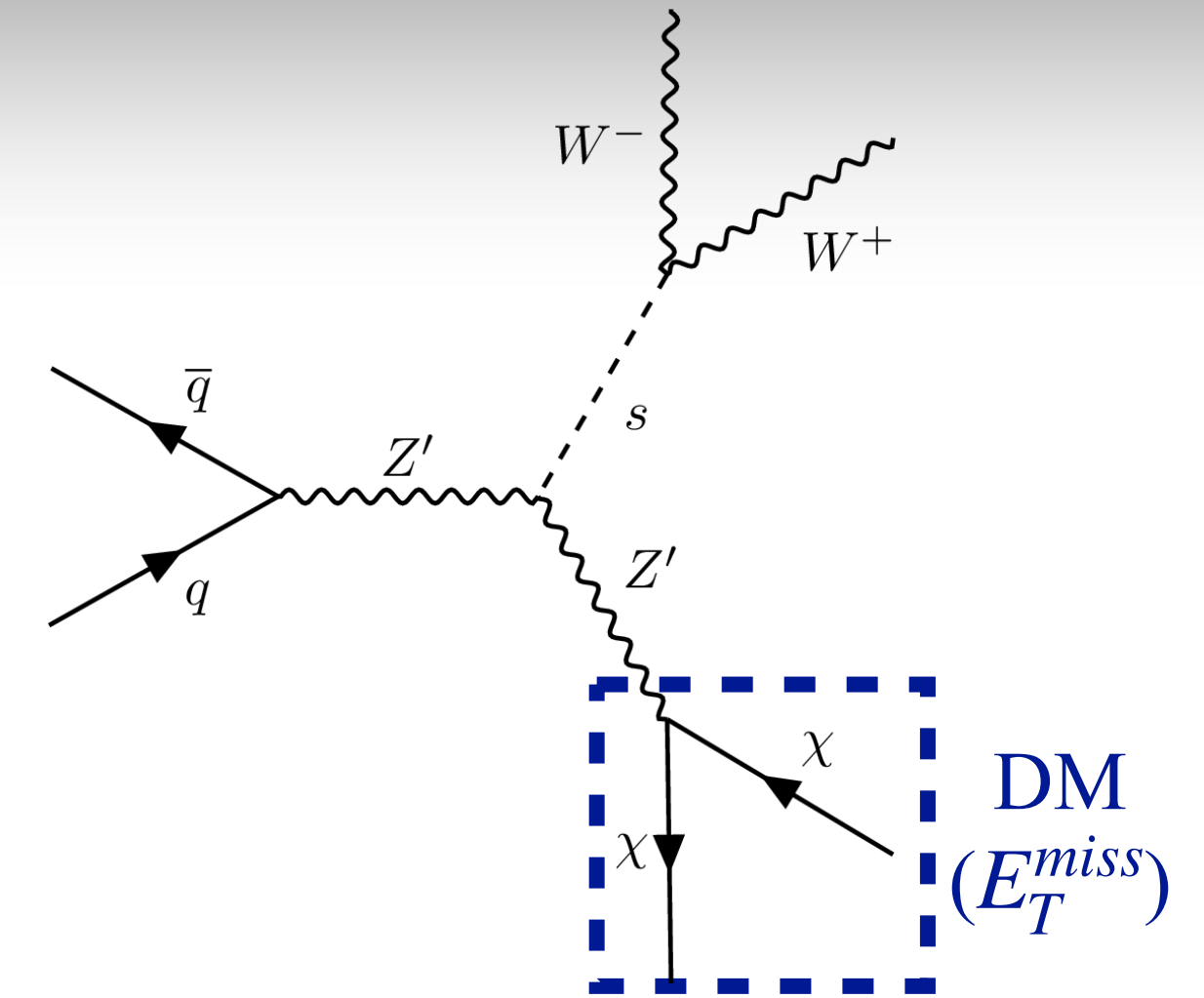
- ✓ **Signature:** 2 photon + E_T^{miss}
- ✓ **Trigger:** Diphoton
- ✓ **Dominant background:** SM Higgs boson, QCD-induced non-resonant diphoton ($\gamma\gamma, V_{\gamma\gamma}$)
- ✓ **BDT (XGBoost)** used to discriminate signal/ non-resonant diphoton background
- ✓ **SRs:** $105 < m_{\gamma\gamma} < 160 \text{ GeV}$ and $E_T^{miss} > 90 \text{ GeV}$

Category	E_T^{miss} requirement	BDT score range
High E_T^{miss} BDT tight	$E_T^{miss} > 150 \text{ GeV}$	$0.950 < \text{BDT score} < 1$
High E_T^{miss} BDT loose	$E_T^{miss} > 150 \text{ GeV}$	$0.694 < \text{BDT score} < 0.950$
Low E_T^{miss} BDT tight	$E_T^{miss} < 150 \text{ GeV}$	$0.864 < \text{BDT score} < 1$
Low E_T^{miss} BDT loose	$E_T^{miss} < 150 \text{ GeV}$	$0.386 < \text{BDT score} < 0.864$

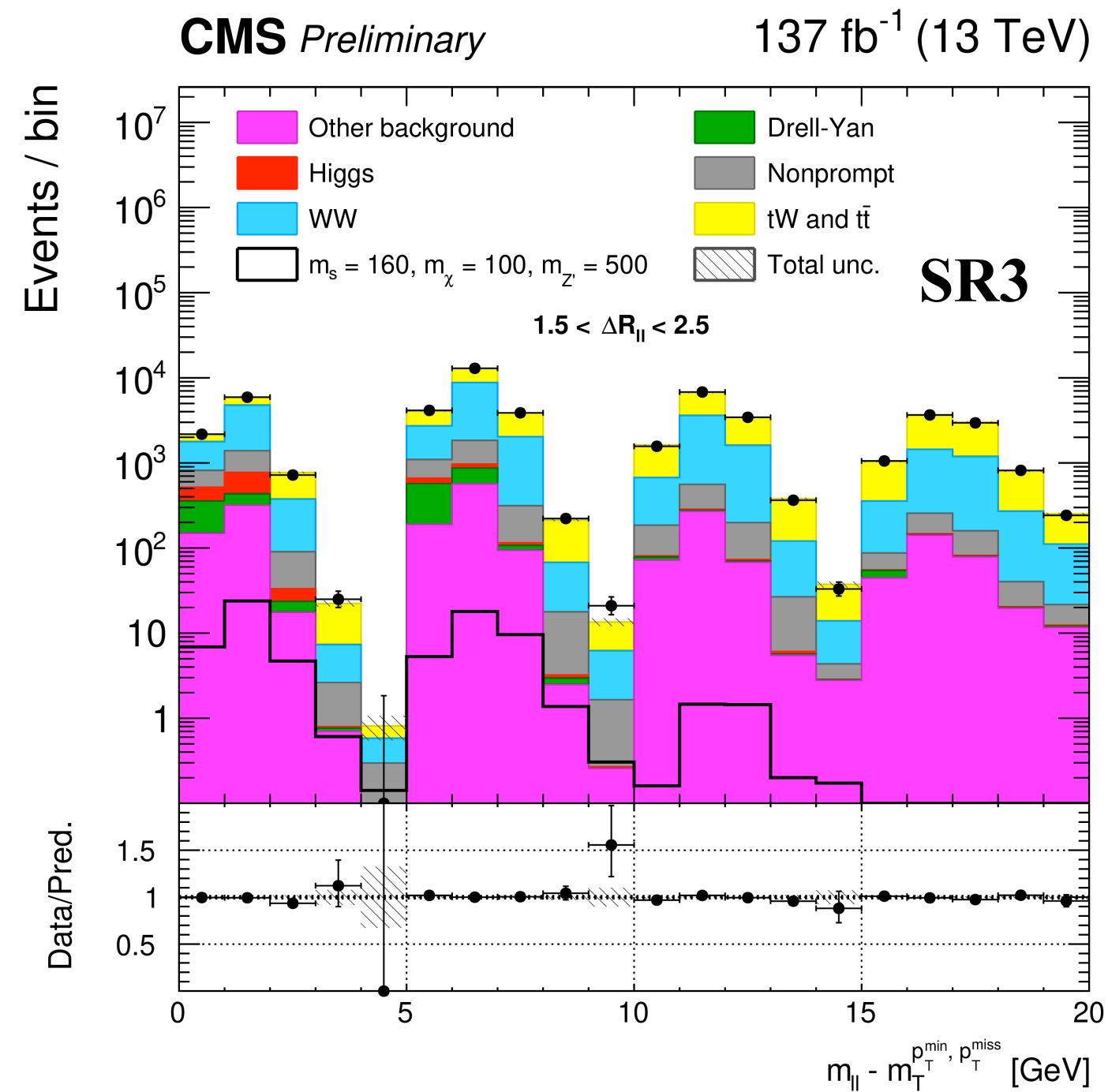
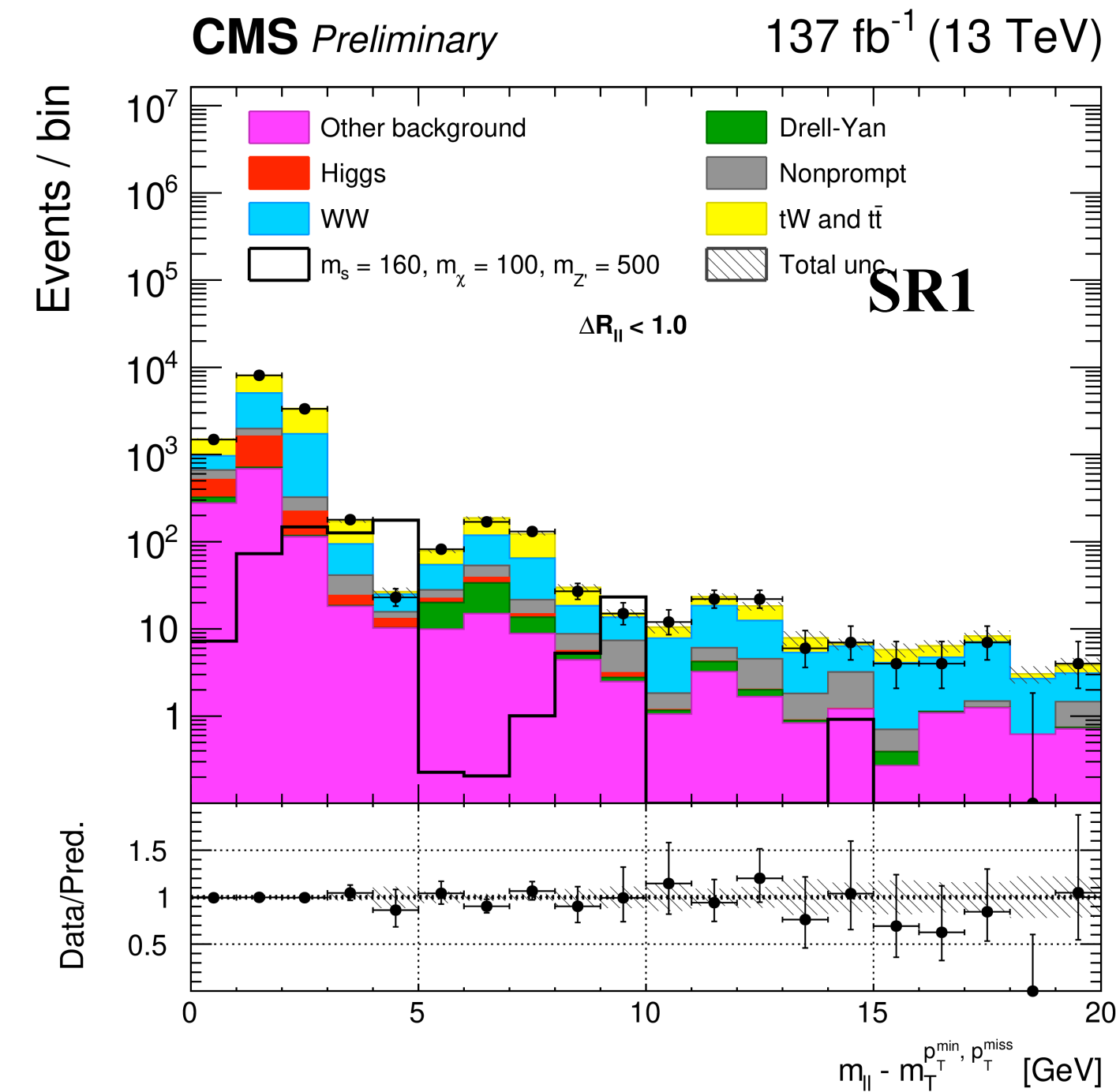
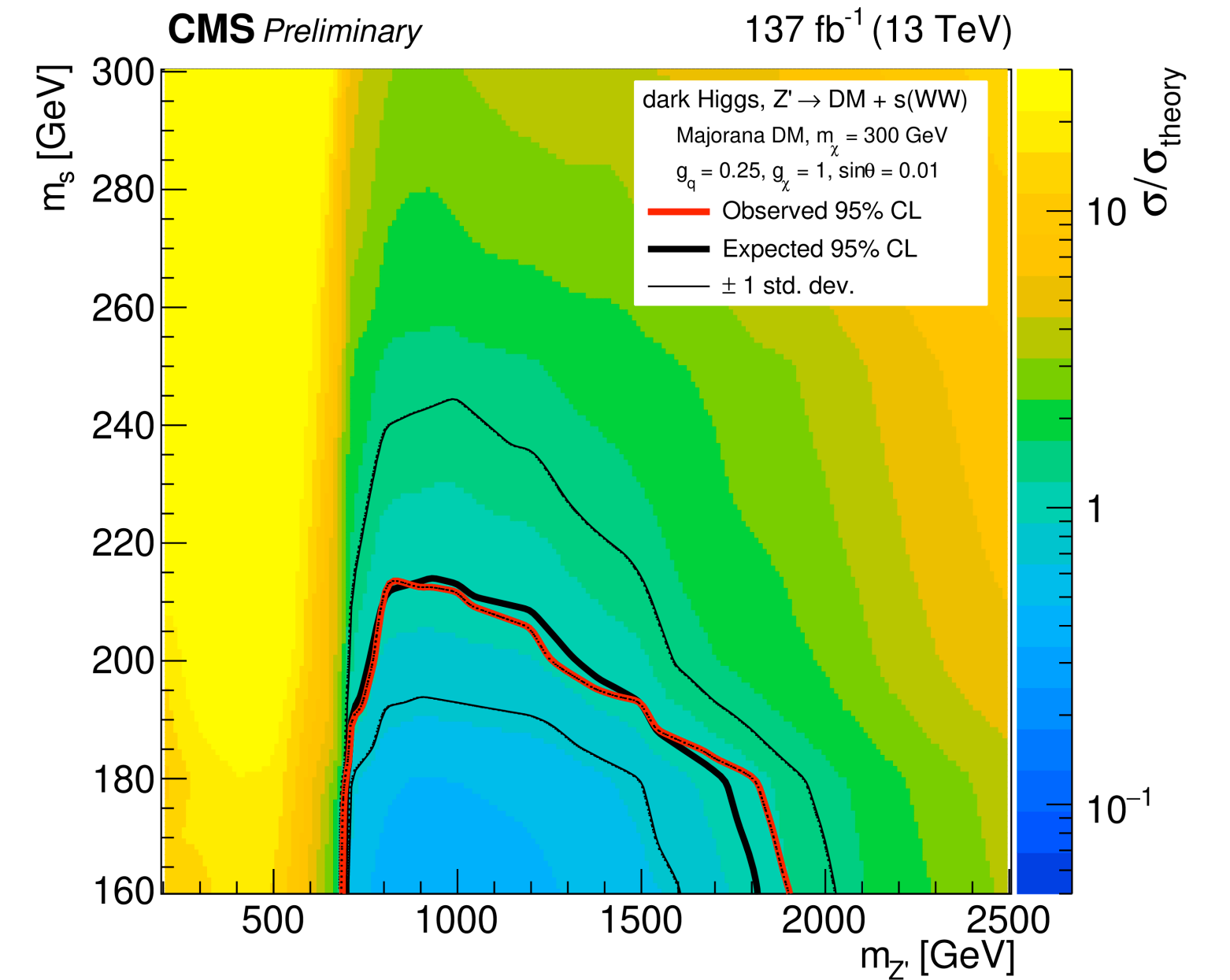


'Dark Higgs model'

- ✓ **Signature:** $s \rightarrow WW$ (2 charged leptons DFOC to suppress Drell-Yan)
- ✓ **3 SRs:** SR1 ($\Delta R_{\ell\ell} < 1.0$ high boost), SR2 ($1.0 < \Delta R_{\ell\ell} < 1.5$ medium boost), SR3 ($1.5 < \Delta R_{\ell\ell} < 2.5$ low boost)
- ✓ **Trigger:** 1/2 leptons
- ✓ **Dominant background:** W^+W^- , $t\bar{t} + tW$ and Drell-Yan (constrained in CRs enriched in these events by investing some the SR cuts [N b-jets, $\Delta R_{\ell\ell}$ and $m_T^{\ell\ell, p_T^{miss}}$])

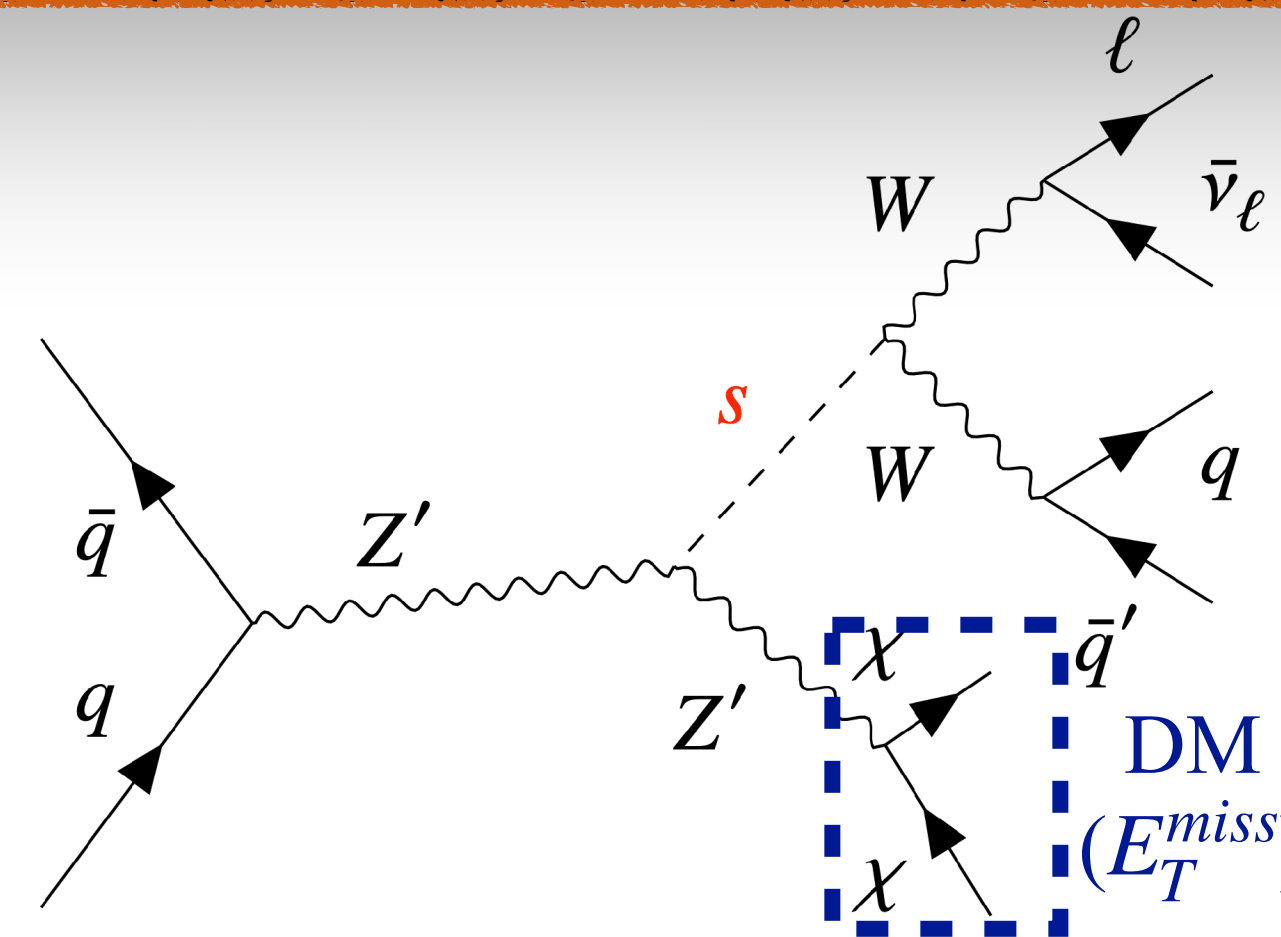


Dark Higgs model limit in the $(m_{Z'}, m_s)$ plane.



'Dark Higgs two-mediator DM model'

- ✓ **Signature:** $s \rightarrow WW \rightarrow \ell \nu q \bar{q}'$ (1 charged lepton)
- ✓ **Trigger:** E_T^{miss} or single muon
- ✓ **Discriminant variable:** m_s^{min}
- ✓ **Dominant background:** $W + jets$ (constrained in a CR requiring a large $\Delta\phi(W_{had}, \ell)$)
 $t\bar{t}$ (constrained in a CR requiring at least two b-quark jets)

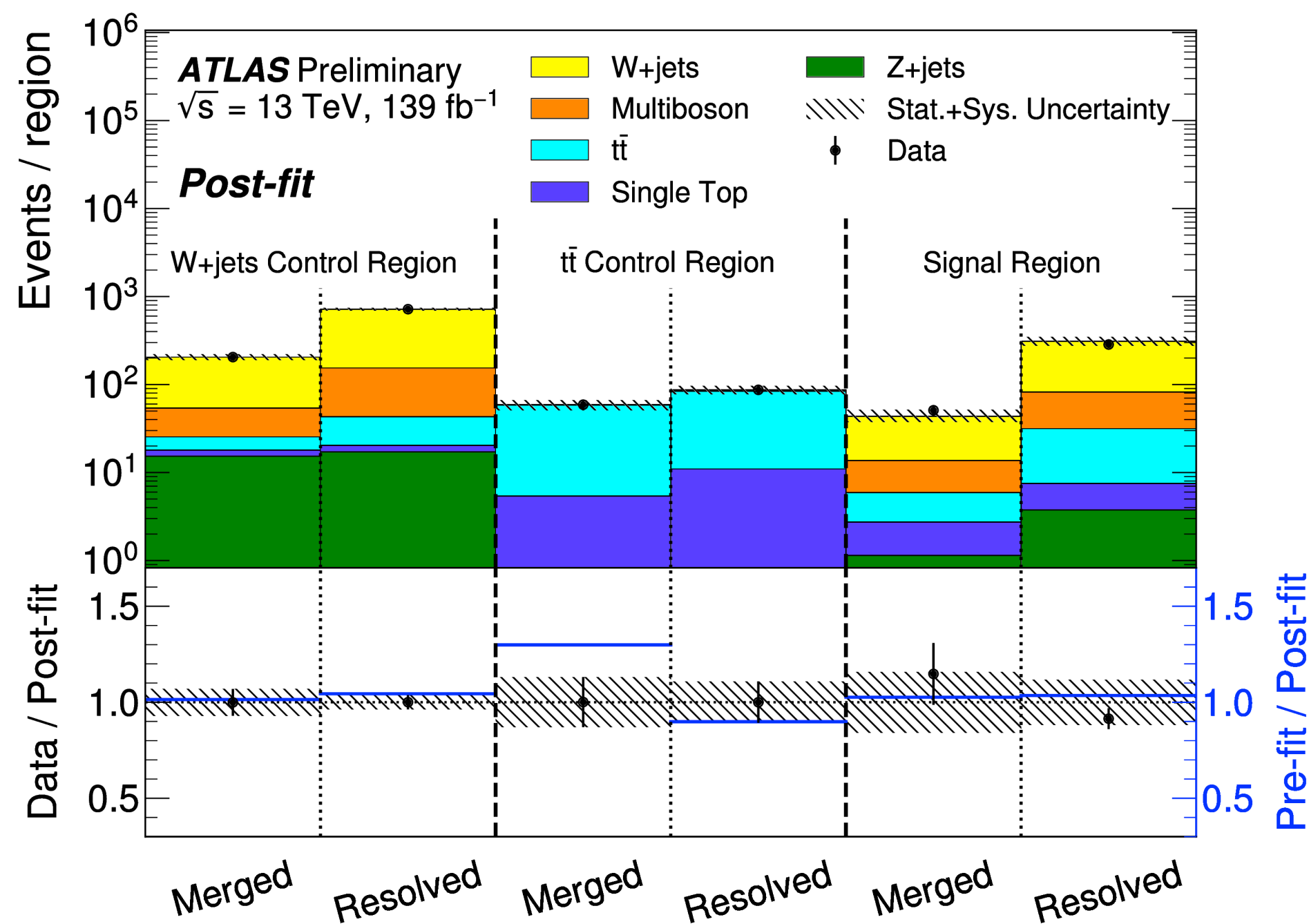


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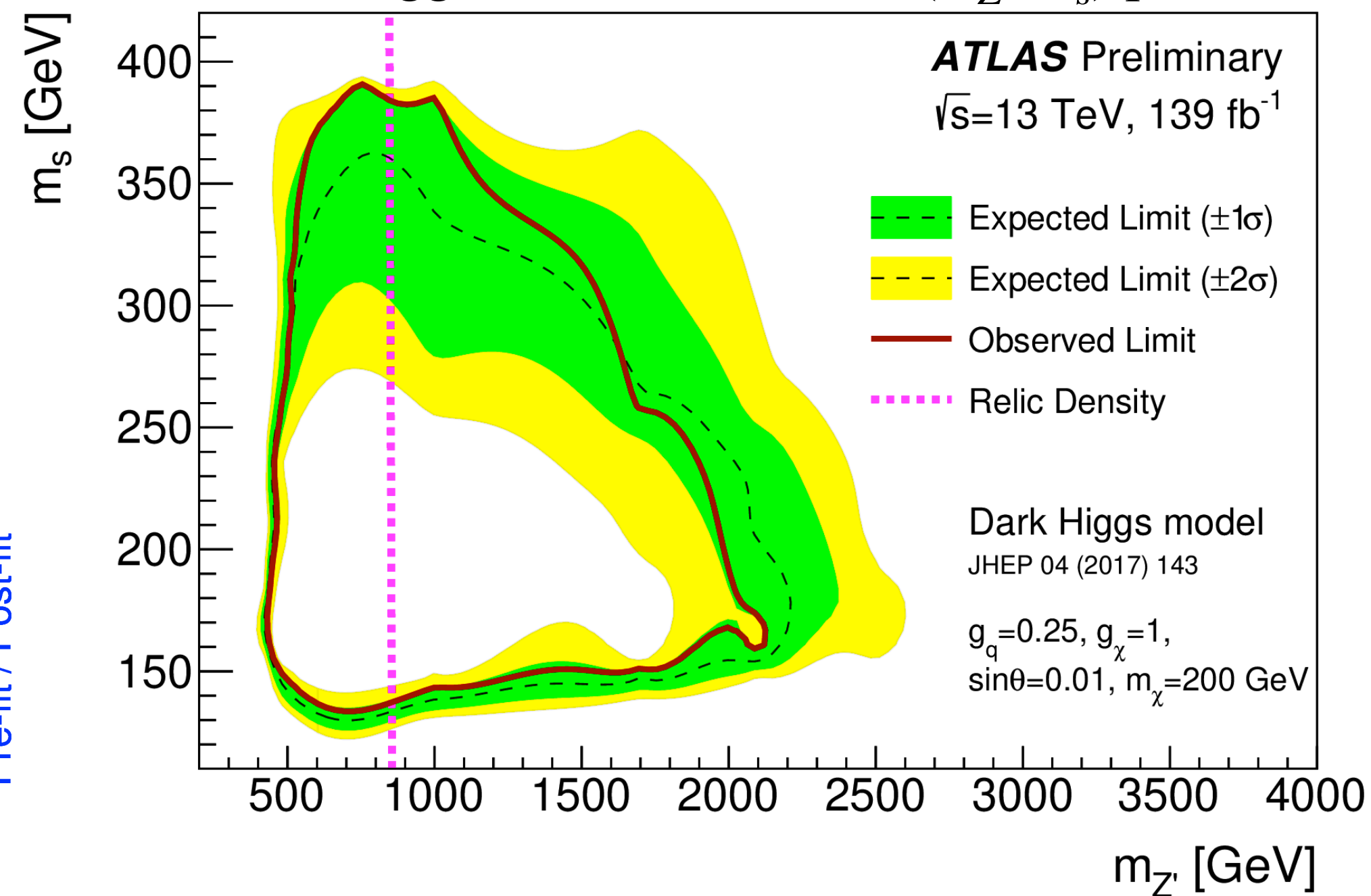
$E_T^{miss} > 250$ GeV
 $m_T > 200$ GeV
 At least 2 small-R jets

Merged topology

$E_T^{miss} > 200$ GeV
 $m_T > 220$ GeV
 At least 1 large-R jet

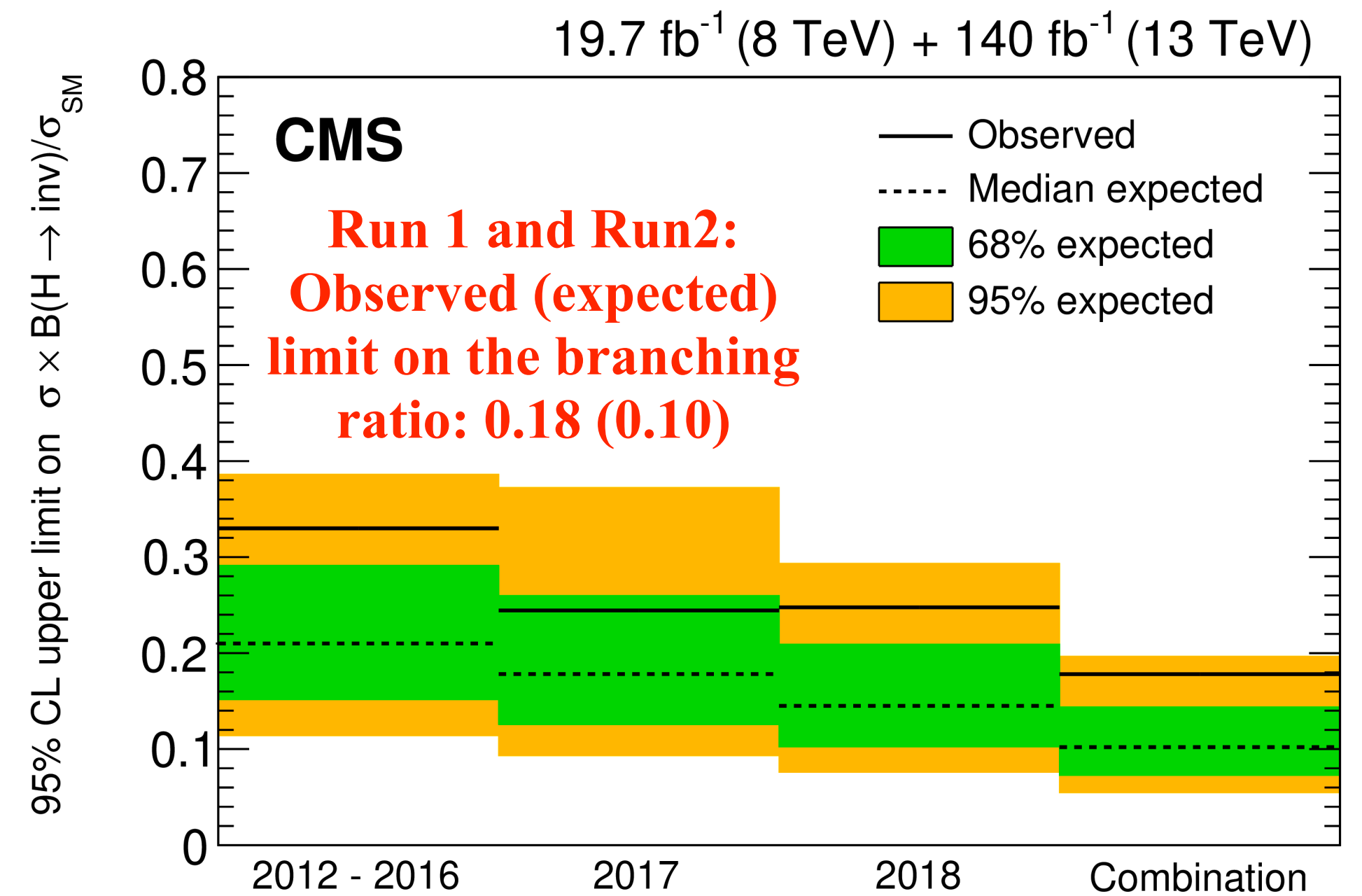
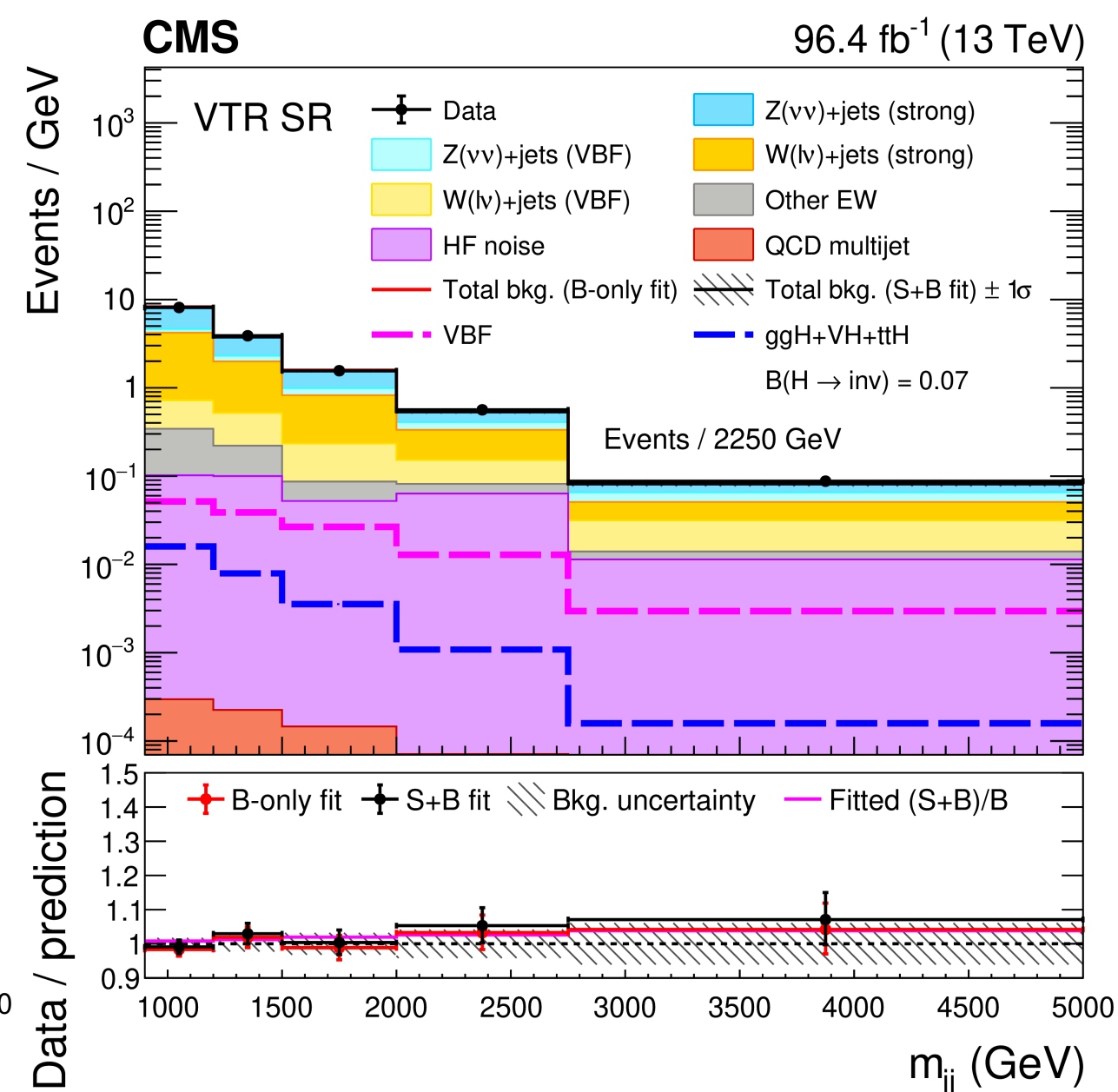
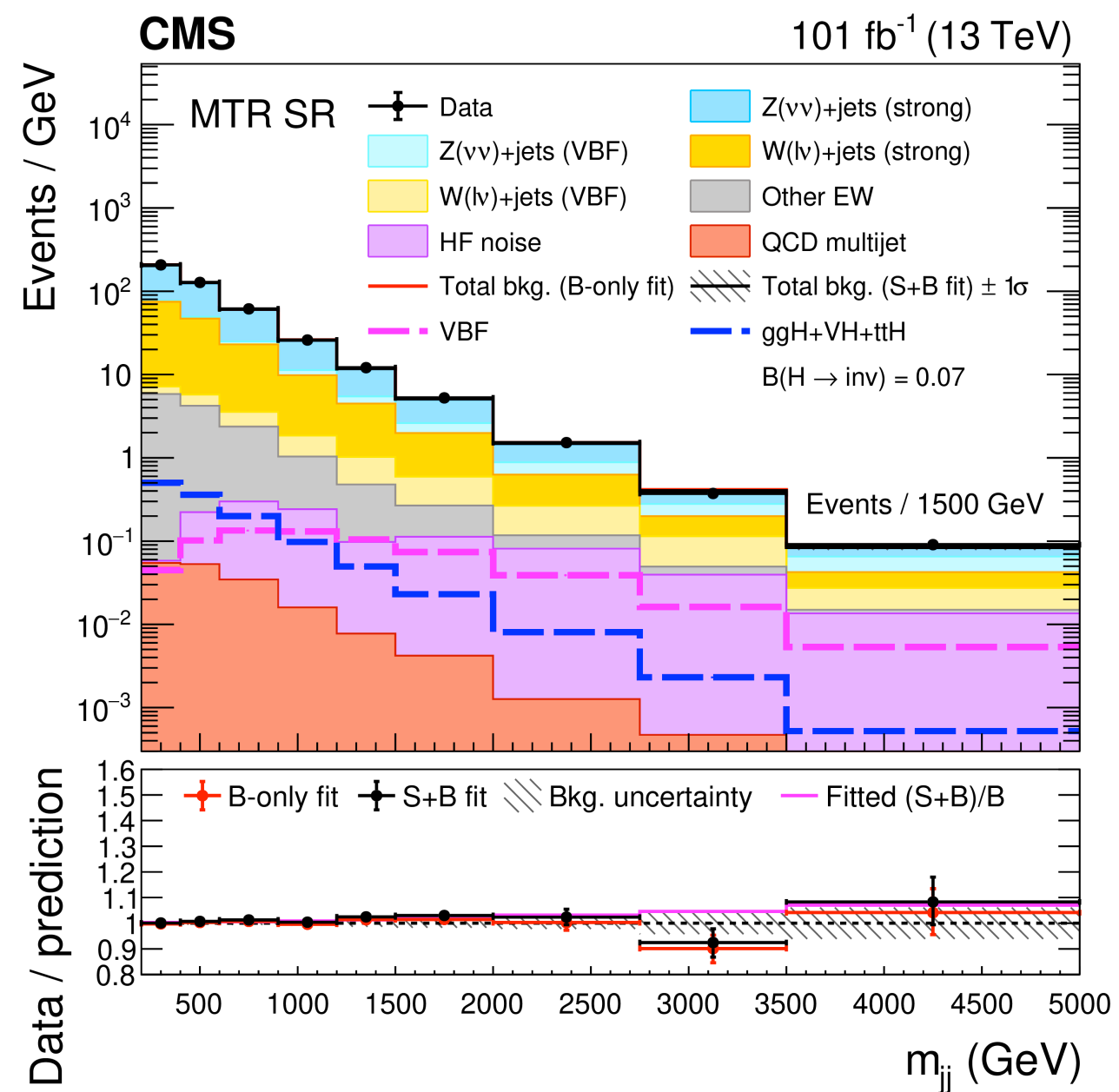
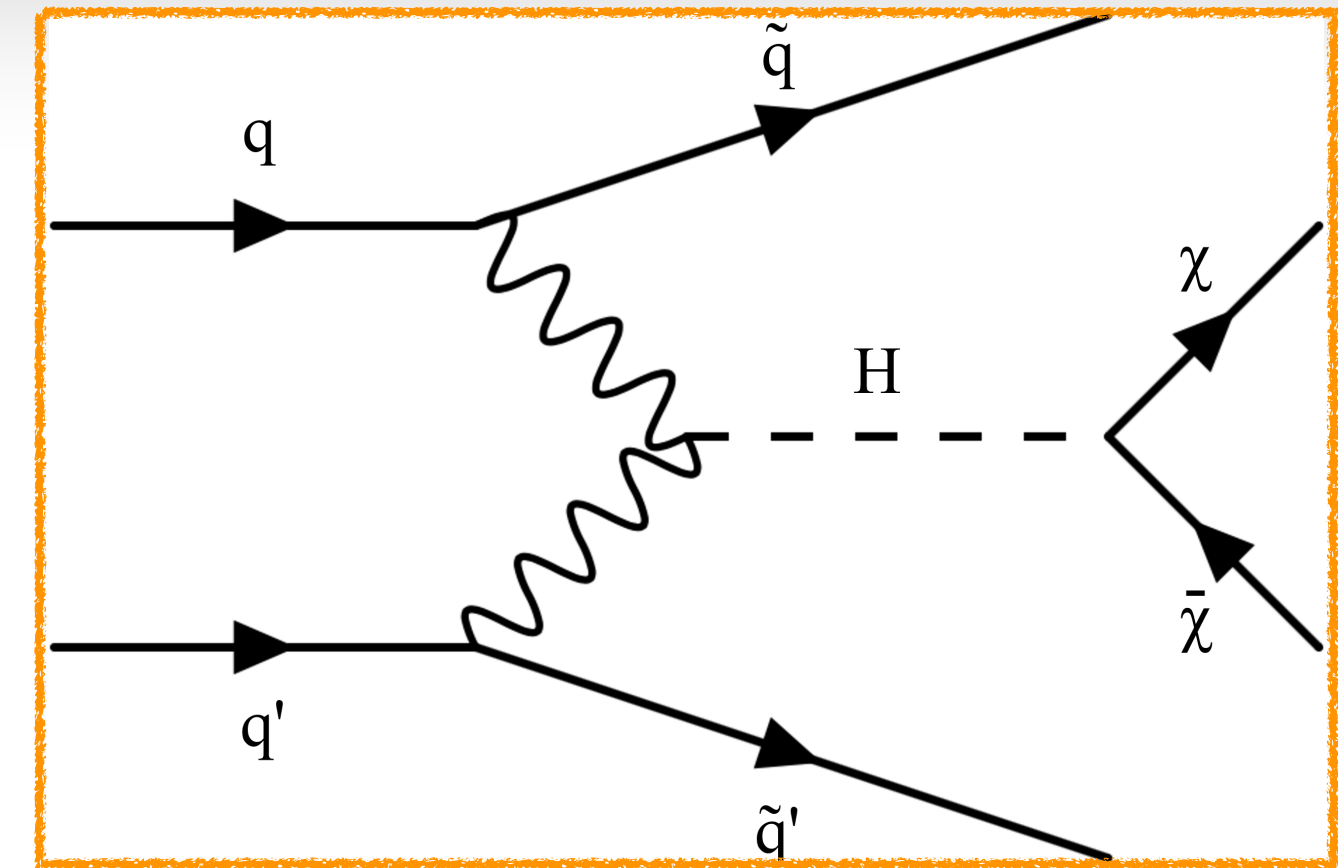


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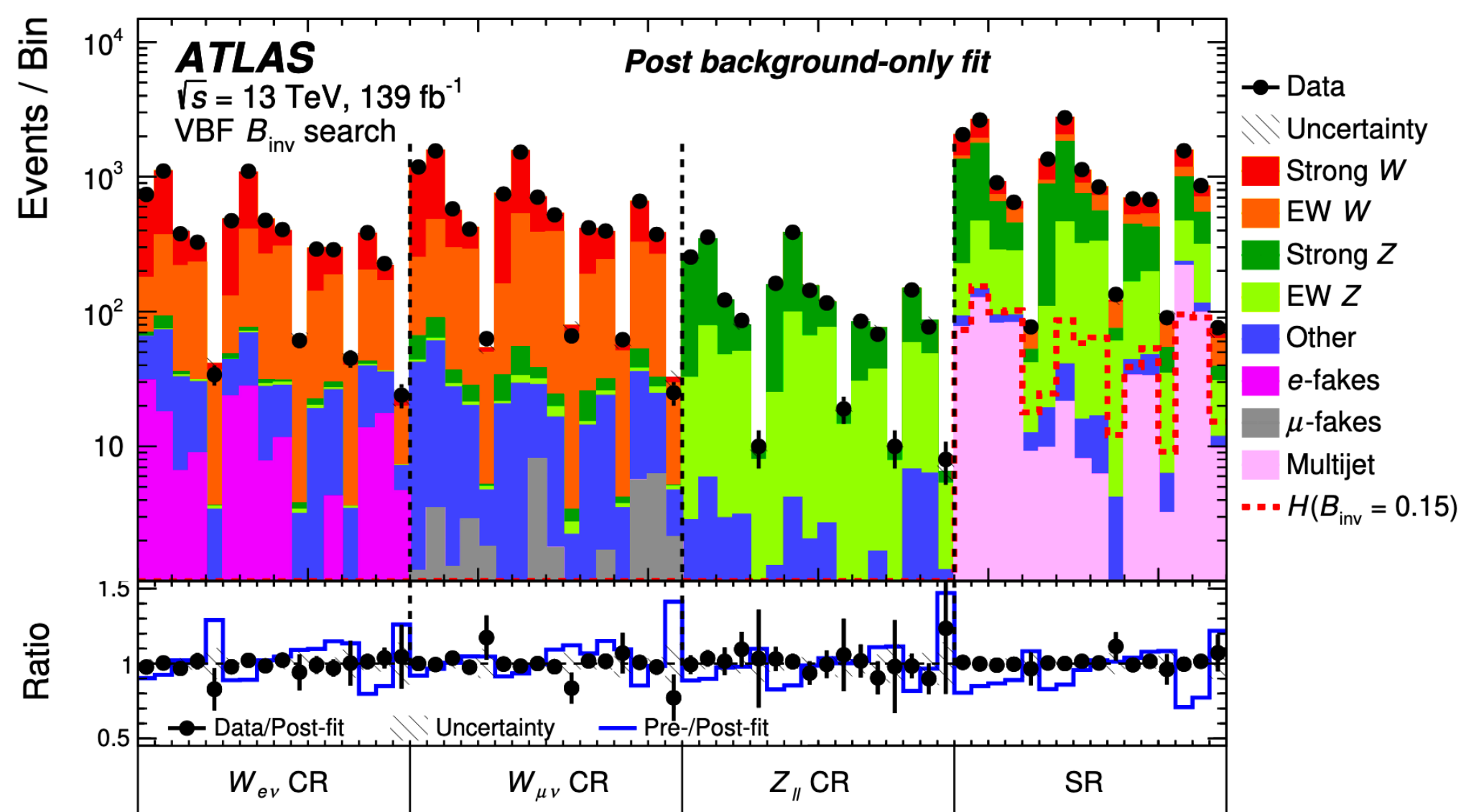
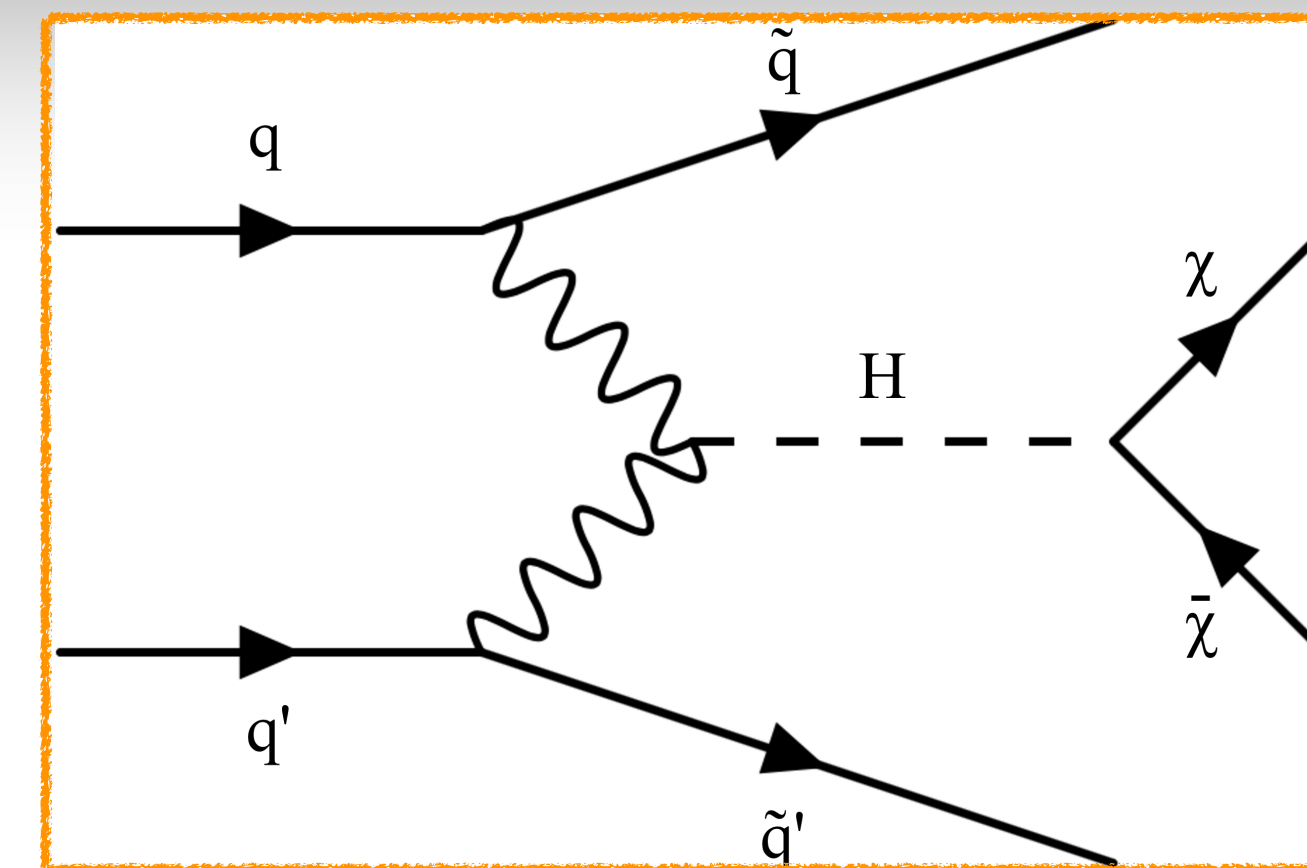
Higgs Portal, most sensitive $H \rightarrow invisible$ channel

- ✓ **Signature:** Vector-Boson Fusion VBF [large $\Delta\eta_{jj}$ and m_{jj} . Small $\Delta\phi_{jj}$]
- ✓ **Dominant background:** $Z \rightarrow \nu\nu$, $W \rightarrow \ell\nu$, multijet
- **SR:** Two different trigger strategies
 - MTR:** missing momentum triggered region: $E_T^{miss} > 250$ GeV, $m_{jj} > 200$ GeV
 - VTR:** VBF jets triggered region: $160 < E_T^{miss} \leq 250$ GeV, $m_{jj} > 900$ GeV

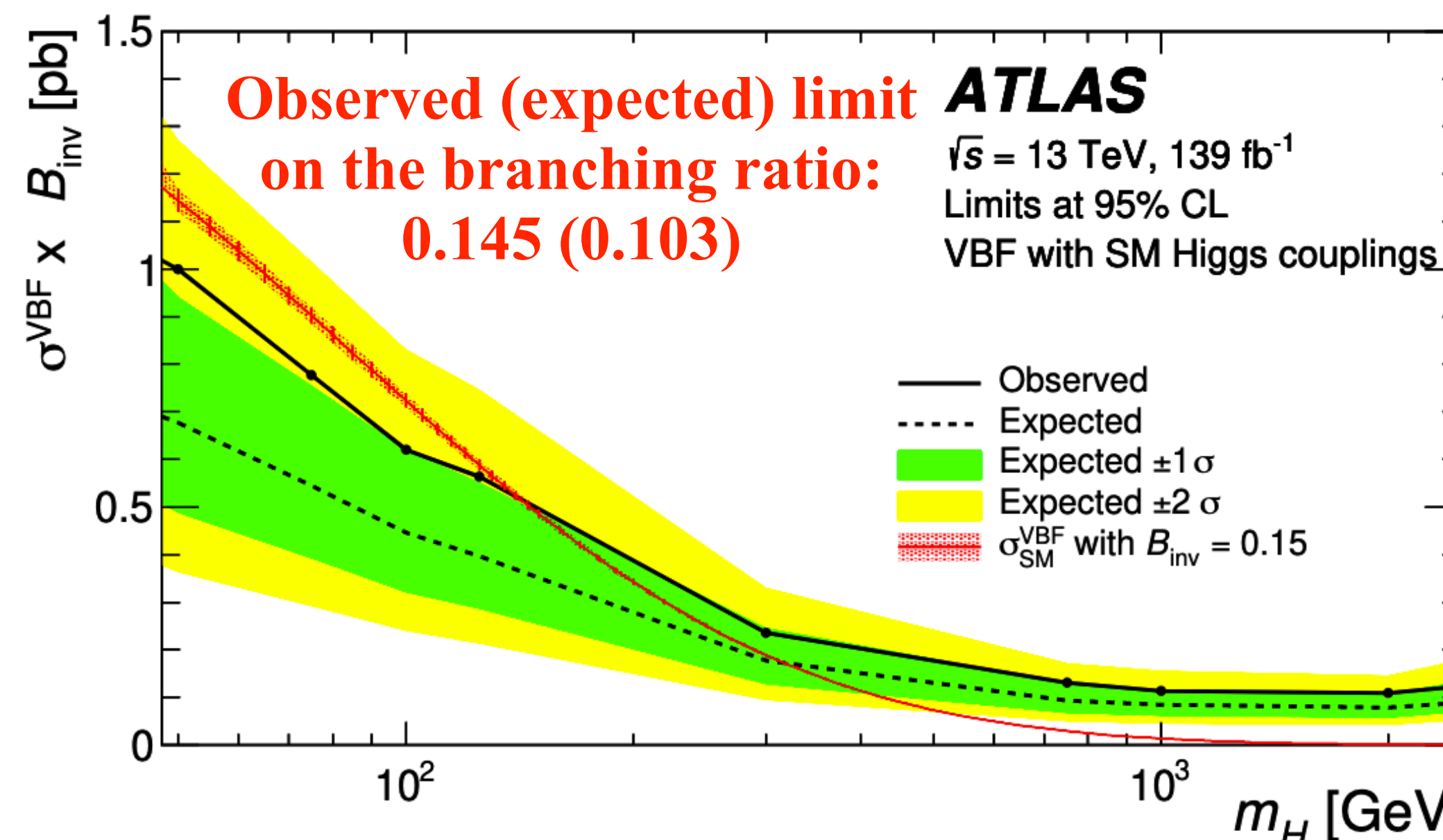


Higgs Portal, most sensitive $H \rightarrow invisible$ channel

- ✓ **Signature:** Vector-Boson Fusion VBF [large $\Delta\eta_{jj}$ and m_{jj} . Small $\Delta\phi_{jj}$]
- ✓ **SR:** $E_T^{miss} \geq 160$ GeV. 2, 3 or 4 jets with $p_T > 25$ GeV.
 Leading/Subleading jet: $p_T > 85/ 50$ GeV ($\Delta\phi_{jj} < 2$, $m_{jj} > 0.8$ TeV)
- ✓ **Trigger:** E_T^{miss} (SR), 1/2 leptons ($V + jets$ CR) and single-jet (QCD multi-jet)
- ✓ **Dominant background:** $Z \rightarrow \nu\nu$, $W \rightarrow \ell\nu$, multijet
- ✓ Strong and ewk $V + jets$ correction: State-of-the art precision achieved thanks to the double ratio $R_{TH}^{Z/W} / R_{MC}^{Z/W}$



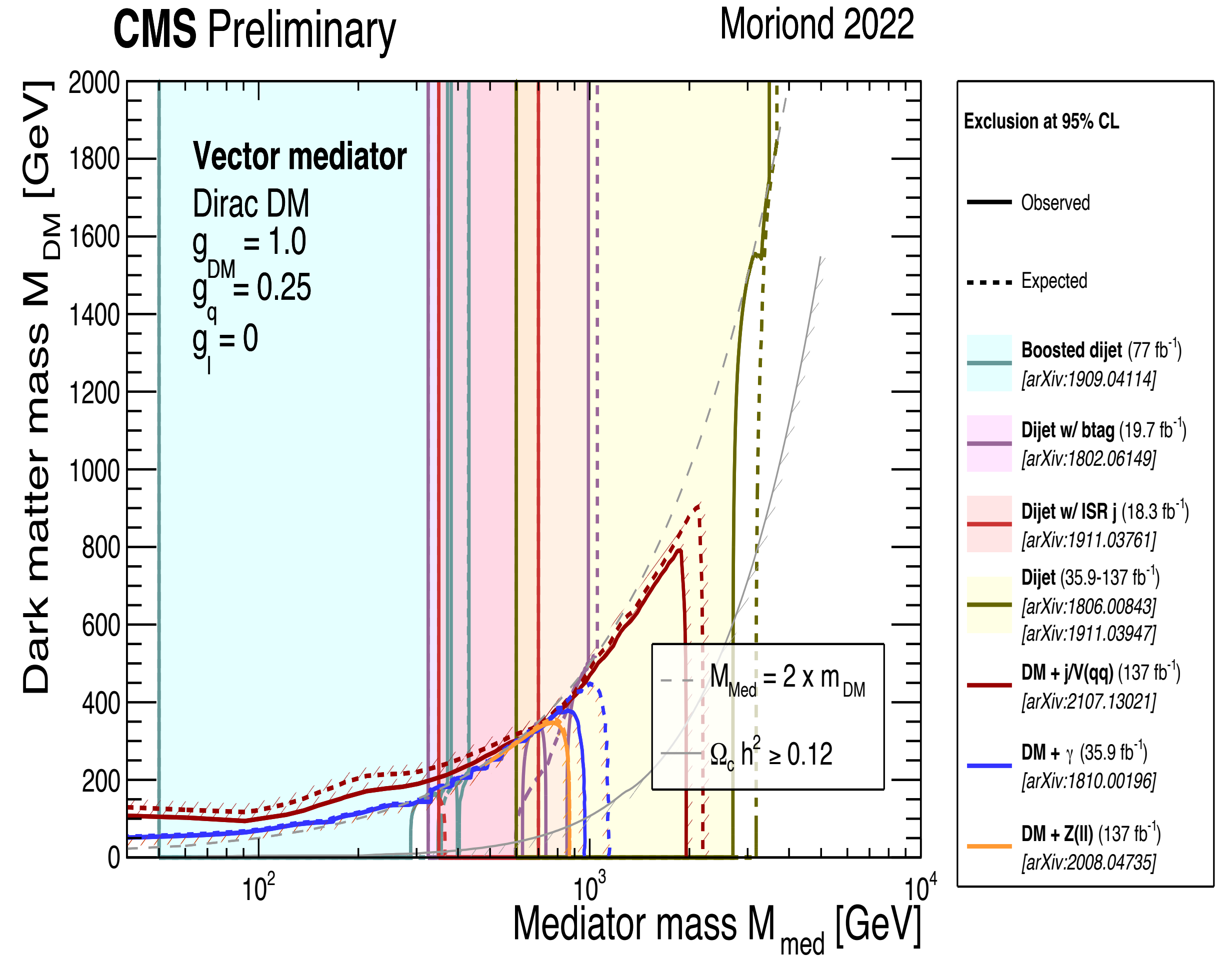
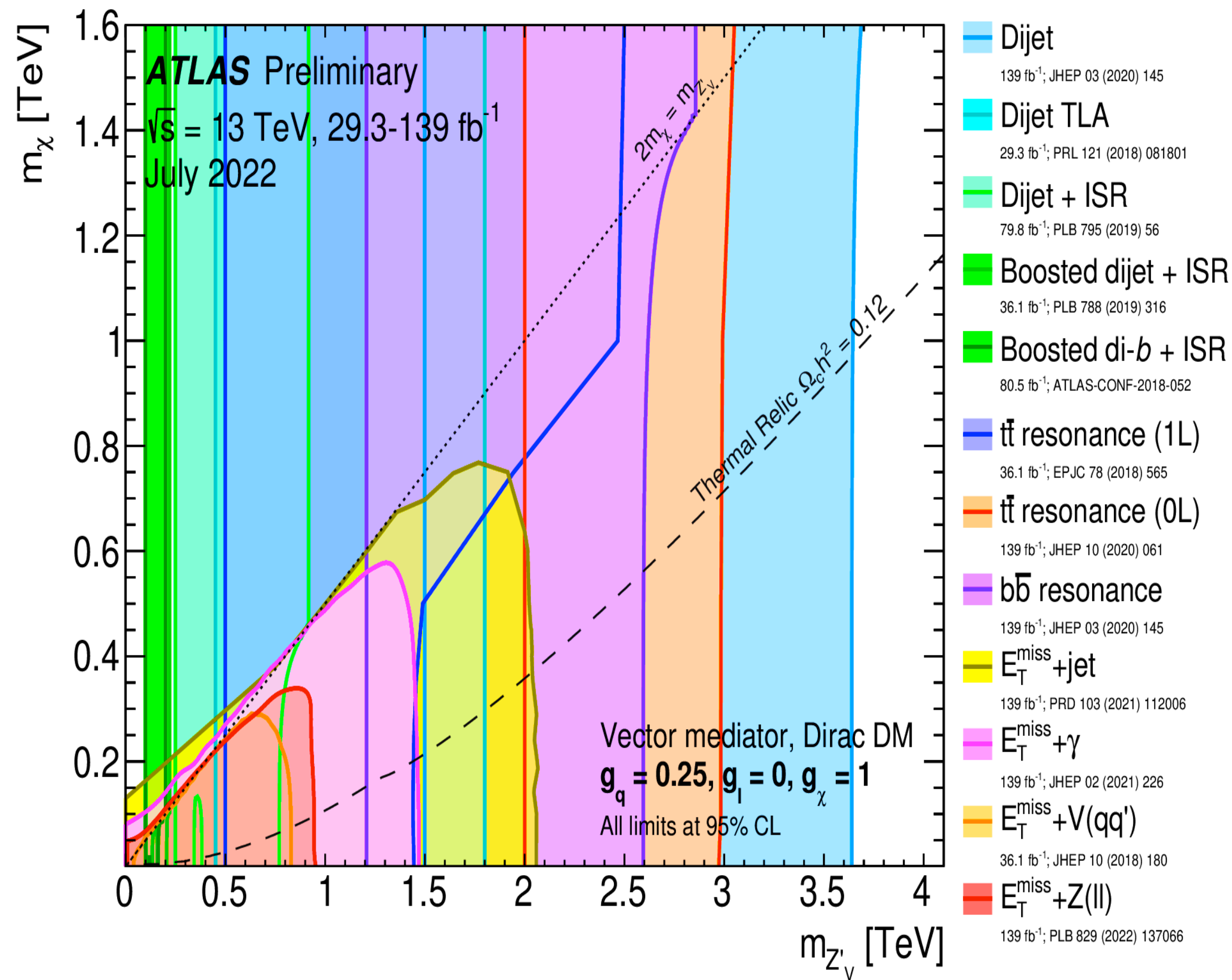
No excess over
Standard Model predictions



NEW $H \rightarrow invisible$ combination in the backup: page 51

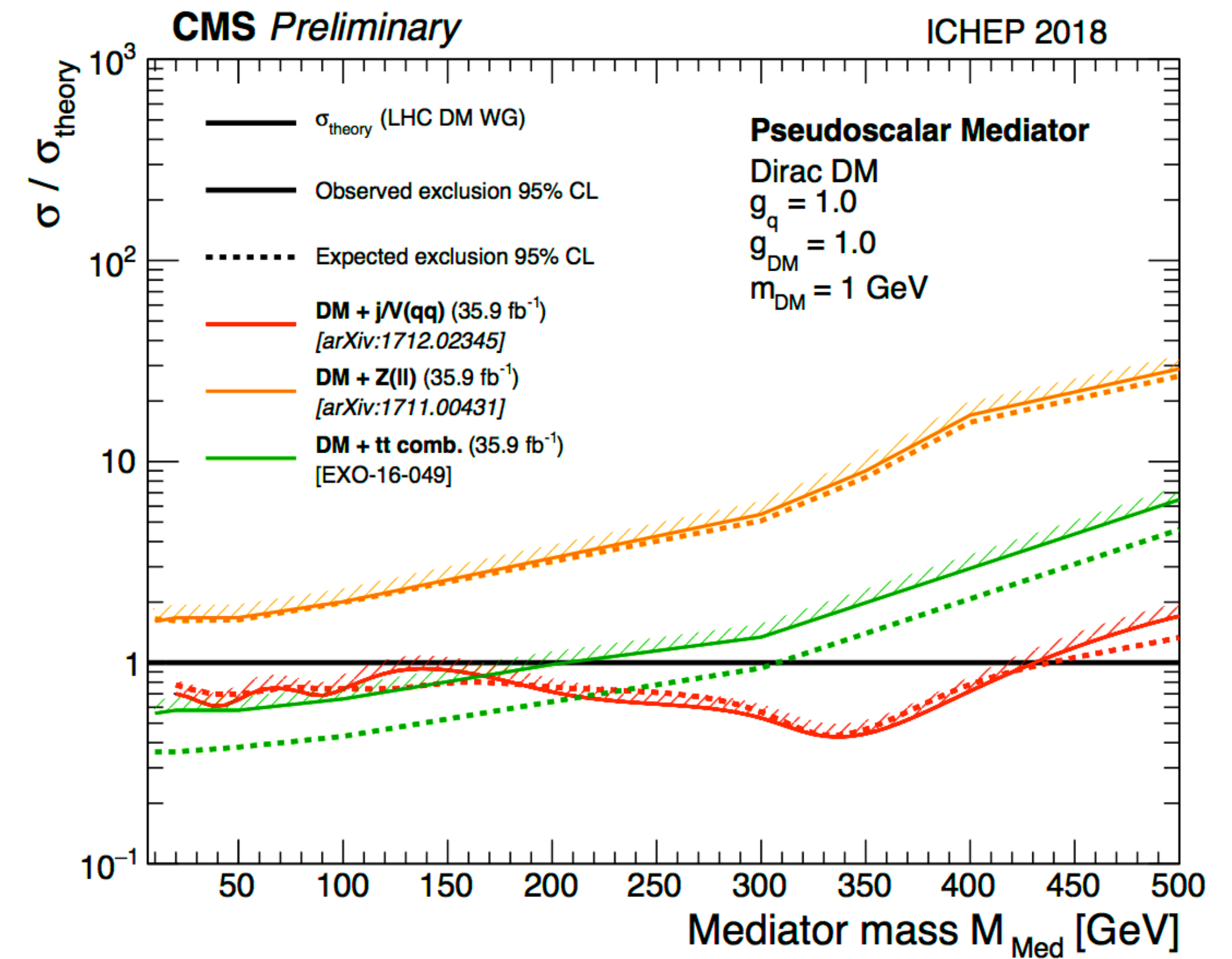
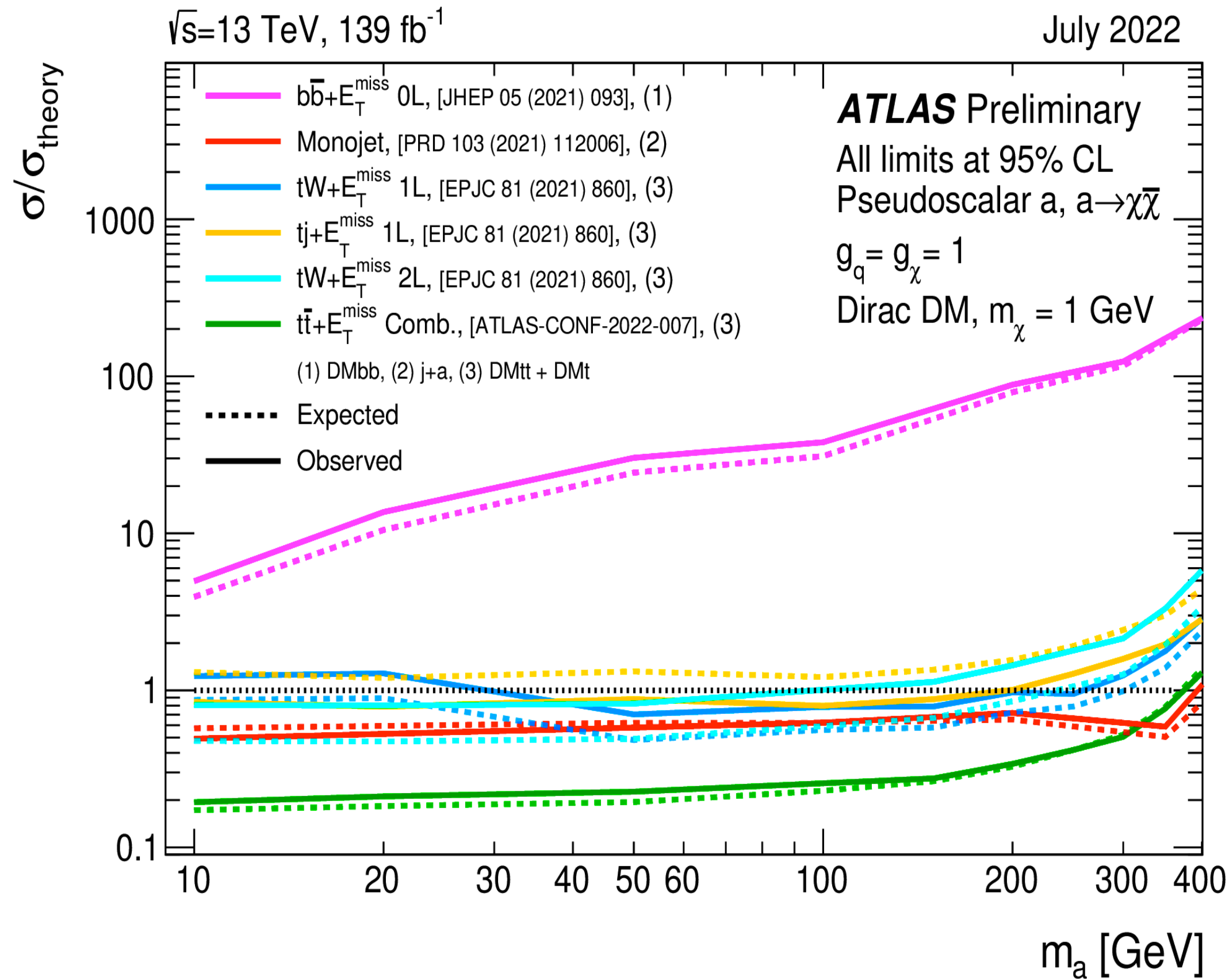
Summary /combination results

Simplified DM model Vector



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Simplified DM model Pseudo-scalar mediator



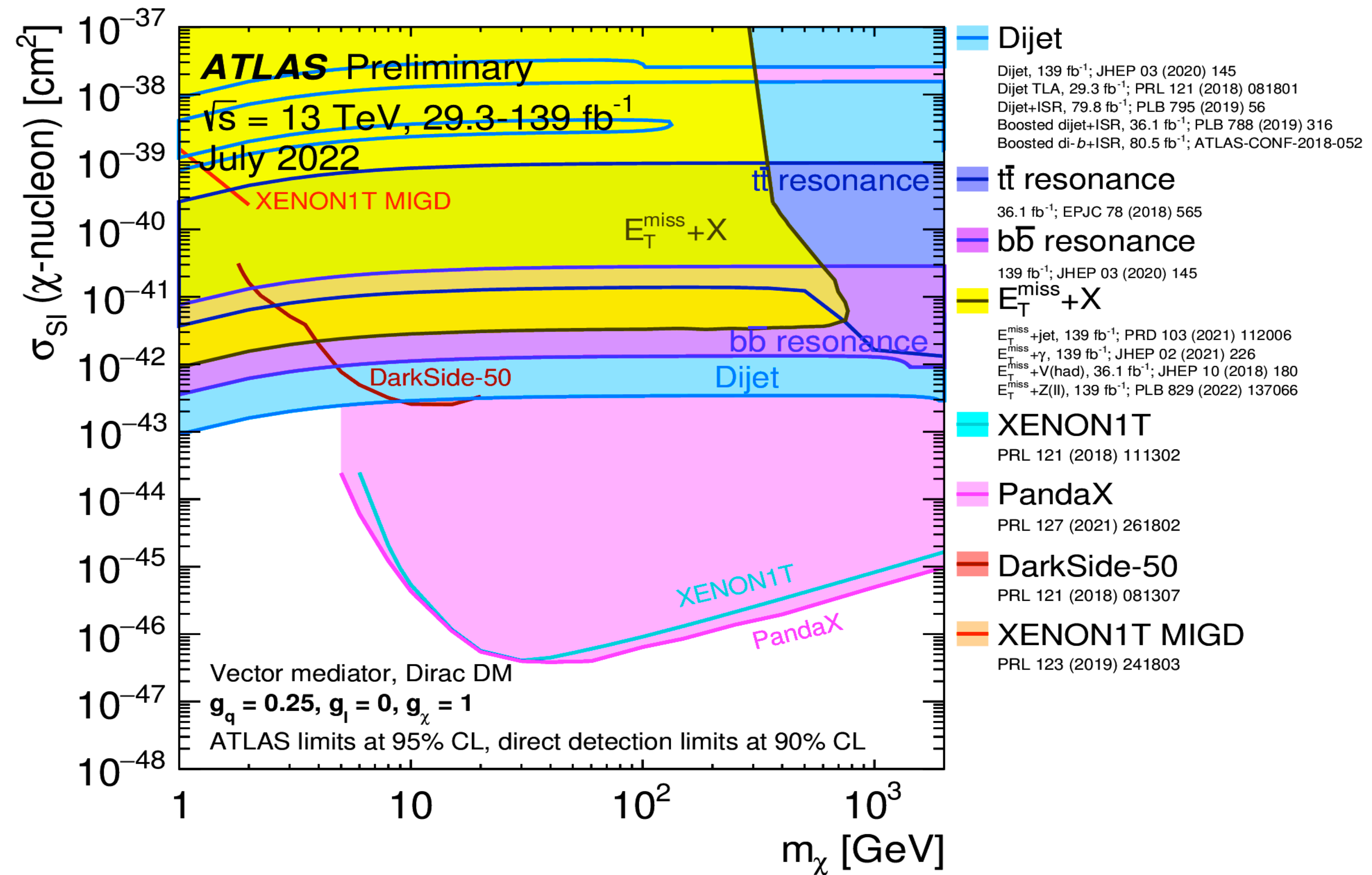
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Simplified DM model

Combination with DD experiments

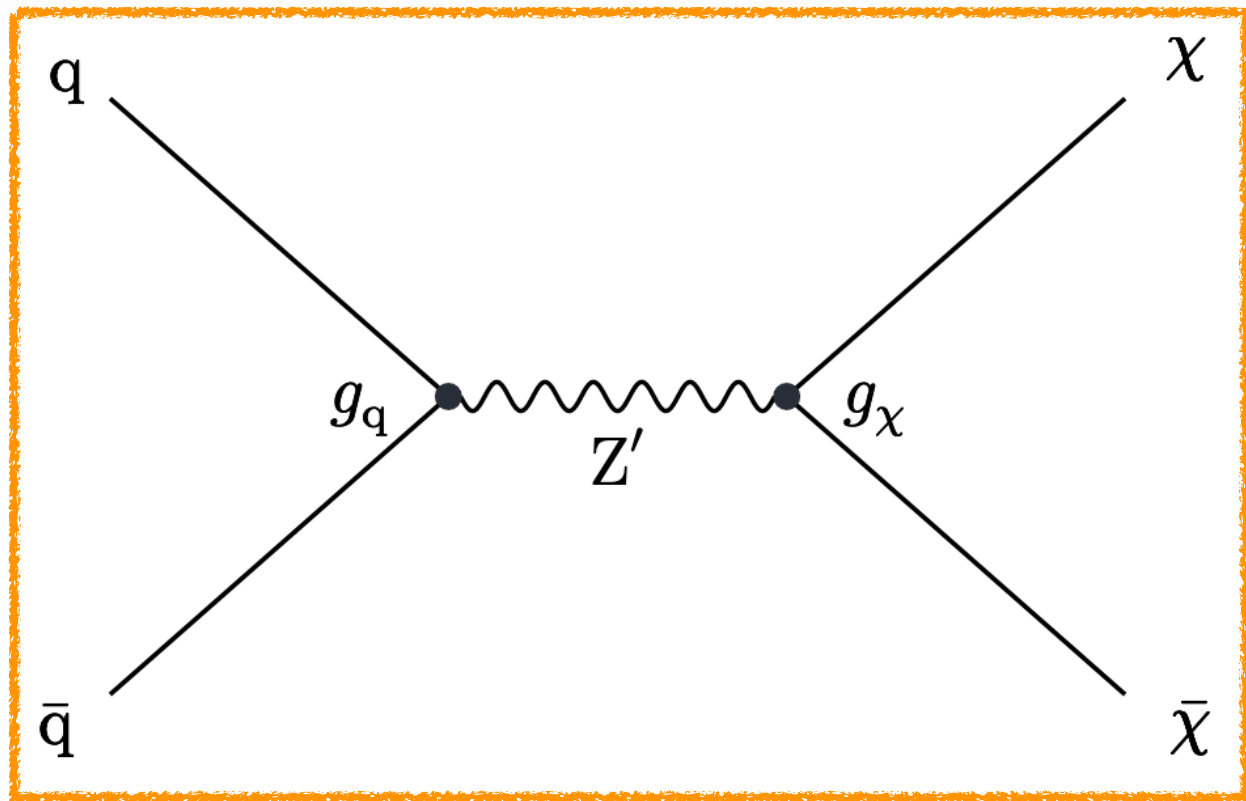
ATLAS results are also used to extract limits on the DM-nucleon cross-section with a better exclusion limits at lower dark matter masses.

Direct detection has better exclusion limits for the spin-independent nucleon cross-section

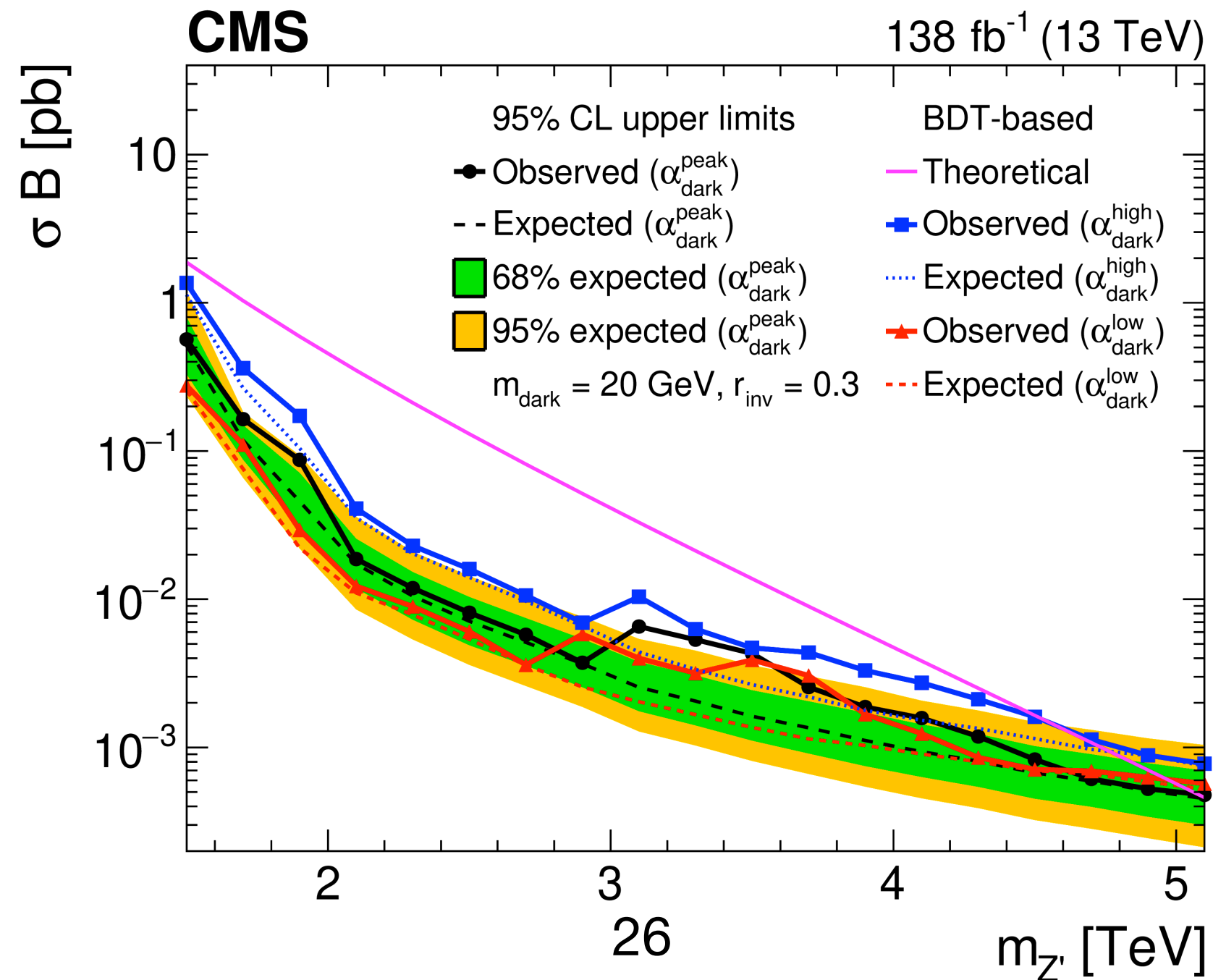
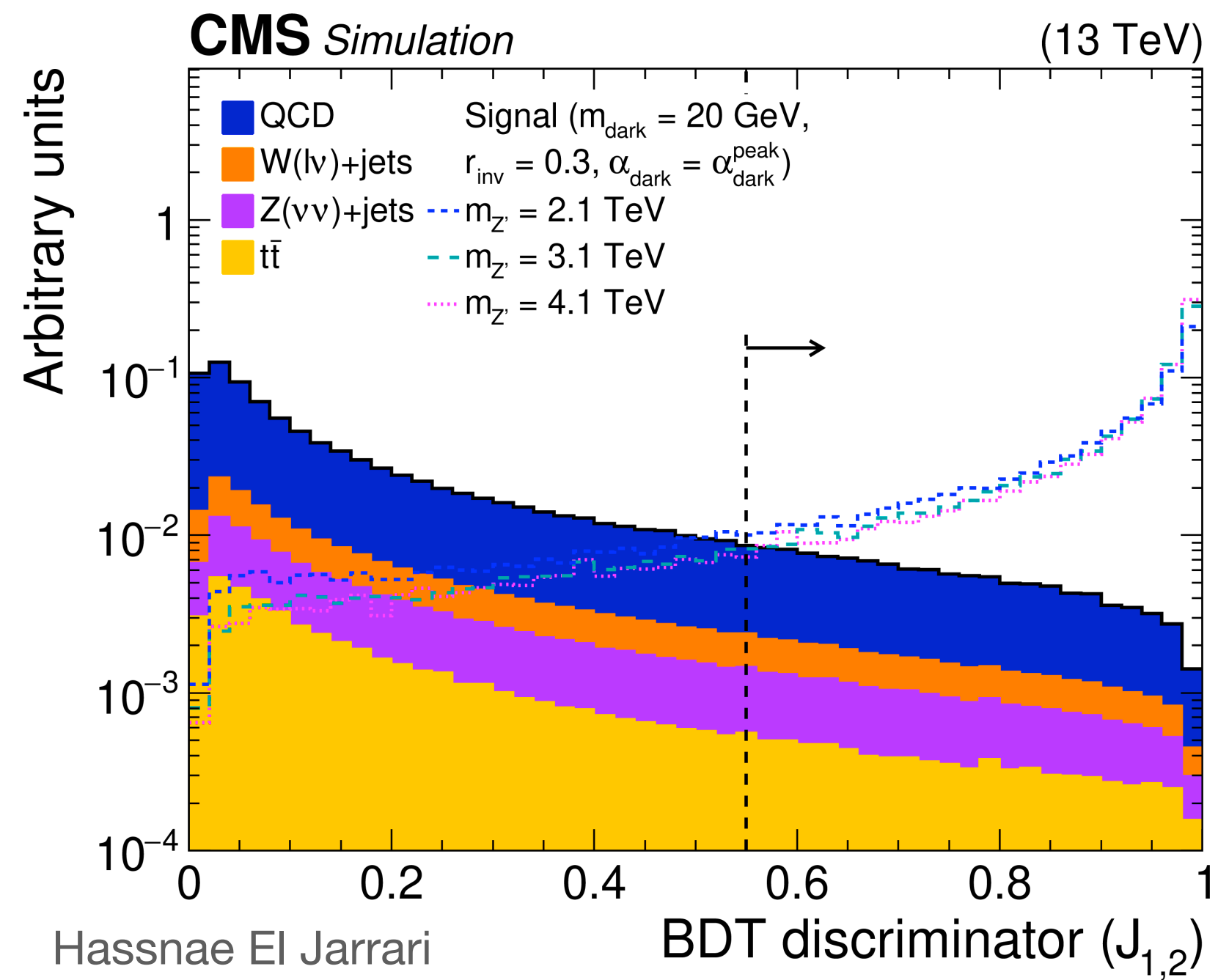


non-WIMP DM candidates

Strongly-interacting dark sector Dark quarks form bound dark hadron states

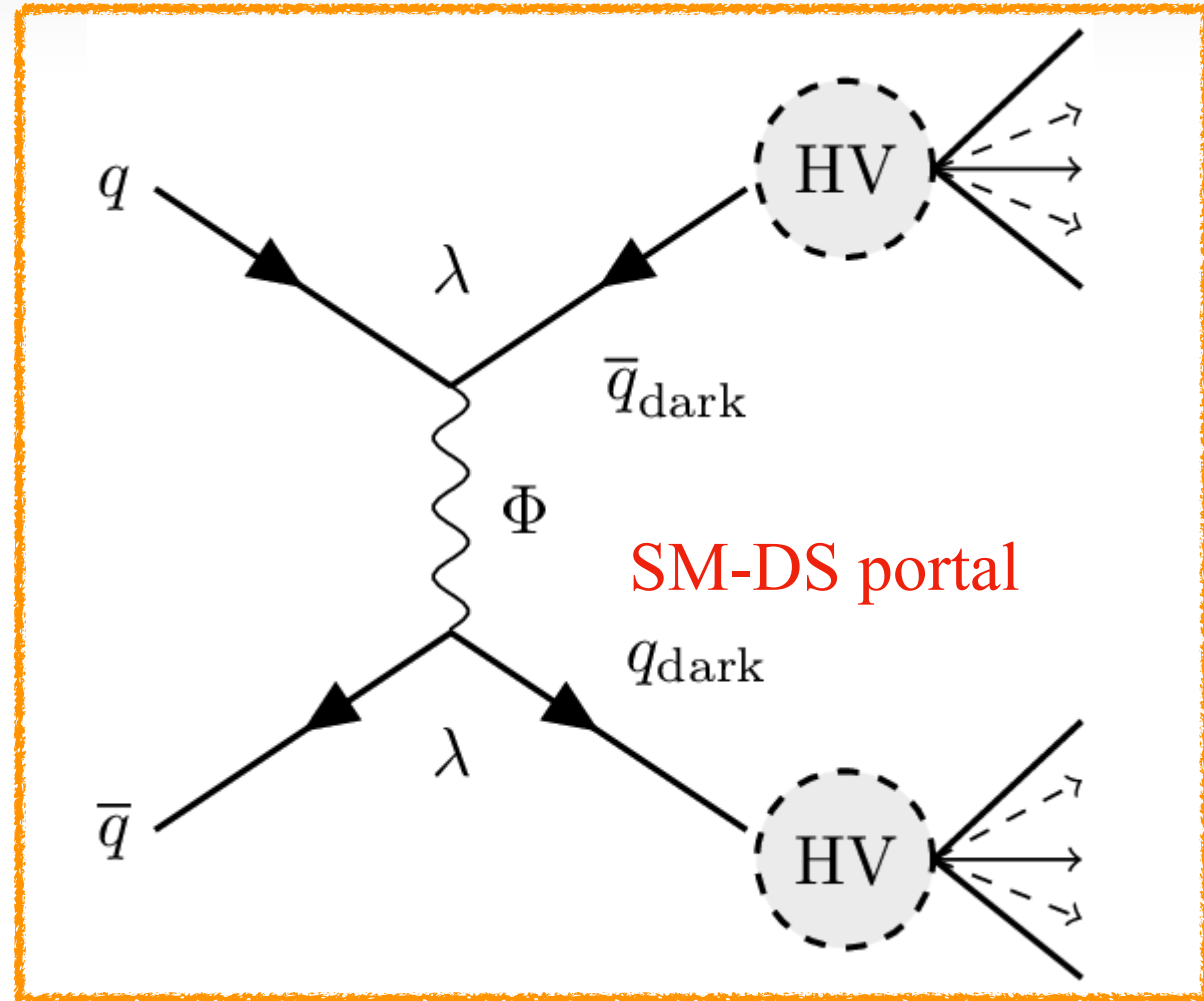


- ✓ **Signature:** 1 jet aligned to the E_T^{miss} direction → Previous searches for jets+ E_T^{miss} not sensitive.
- ✓ The scalar mediator (Z') acts as a SM-DS portal
- ✓ **Trigger:** jet
- ✓ BDT used to tag semivisible jets and define a high purity category.
- ✓ **Sensitive variables:** Di-jet transverse mass m_T and E_T^{miss}
- ✓ **Dominant background:** QCD multijet, rejected by $R_T = p_T^{miss}/m_T > 0.15$ and this reject t-channel as well
- ✓ **SR:** 2 are defined (low- R_T : $0.15 < R_T \leq 0.25$ and high- R_T : $R_T > 0.25$). Focus on s-channel

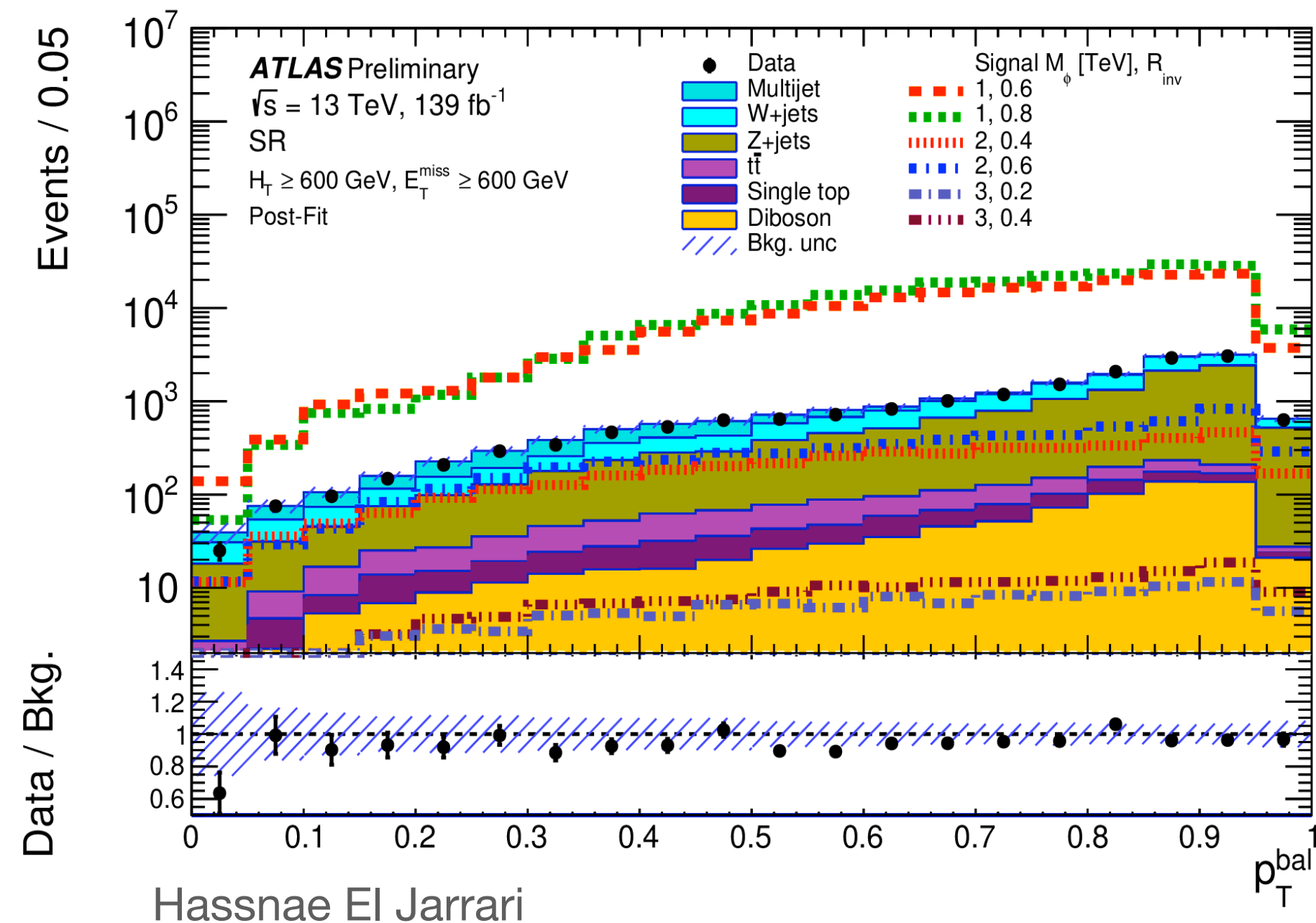


- Large improvement vs analysis without BDT identification of semi-visible jets
- Excluding $1.5 \leq m_{Z'} \leq 5$ TeV for $r_{Inv} = 0.3$
- Excluding $0.01 \leq r_{Inv} \leq 0.77$ TeV for $m_{dark} = 20$ GeV
- Small excess around $m_{Z'} = 3.5$ TeV with no real significance ($\sim 2\sigma$ local)

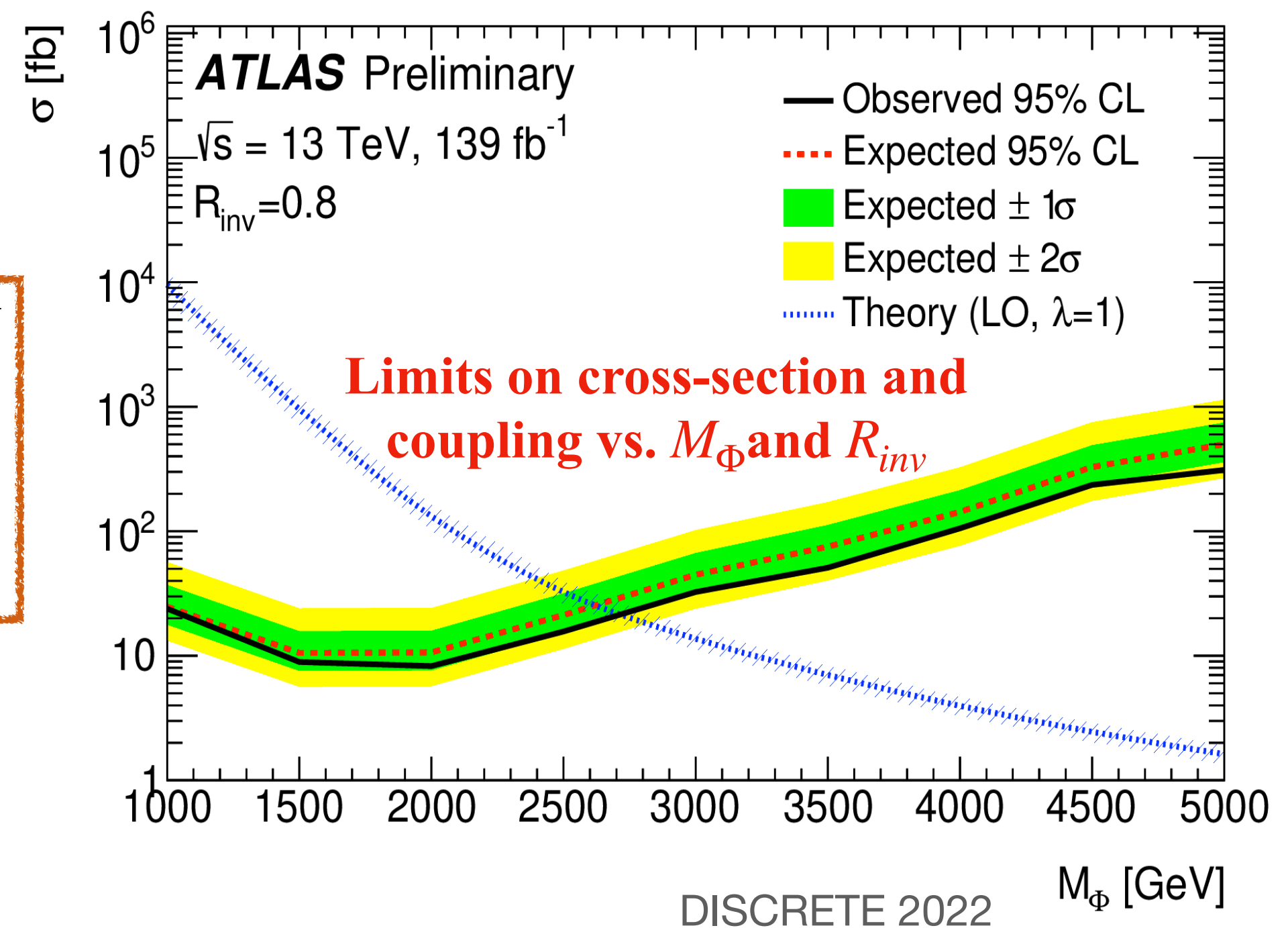
Strongly-interacting dark sector



- ✓ **t-channel**: to probe a broad class of non-resonant signals and reach higher masses
- ✓ **Trigger**: E_T^{miss}
- ✓ **CR**: 1L, 1L1B and 2L control regions
- ✓ **Discriminant variables**: p_T balance and $|\Phi_{max} - \Phi_{min}|$
- ✓ **SR**: 2 semi-visible jets (SVJs), Leading/sub-leading jet $p_T > 150/30$ GeV
 - ≥ 1 additional jet to suppress the **dominant** multijet background
 - Veto e, μ , and ≥ 2 b-tags to suppress other backgrounds
 - High $E_T^{miss} > 600$ GeV and $H_T = \sum_{jets} p_T > 600$ GeV



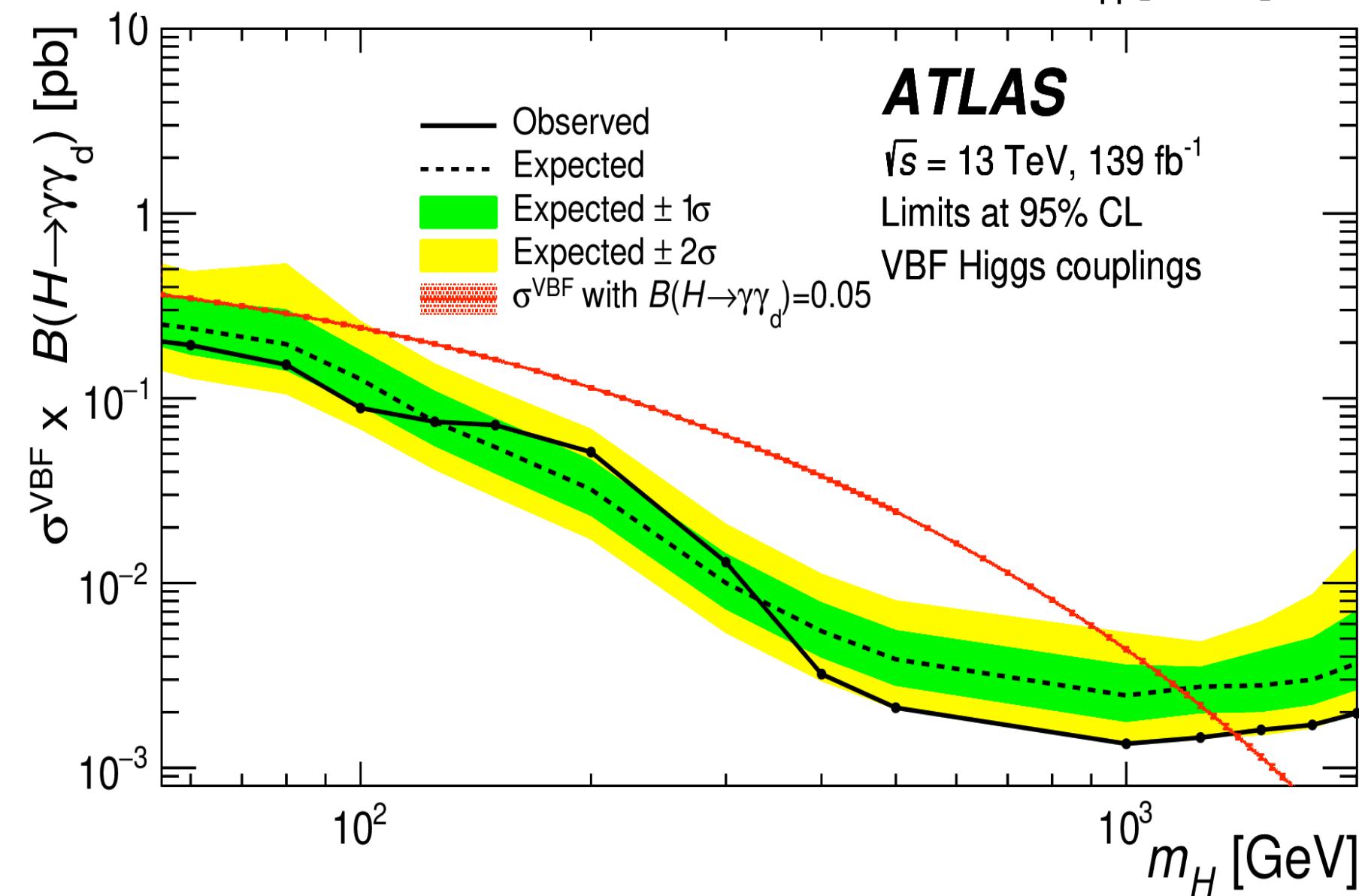
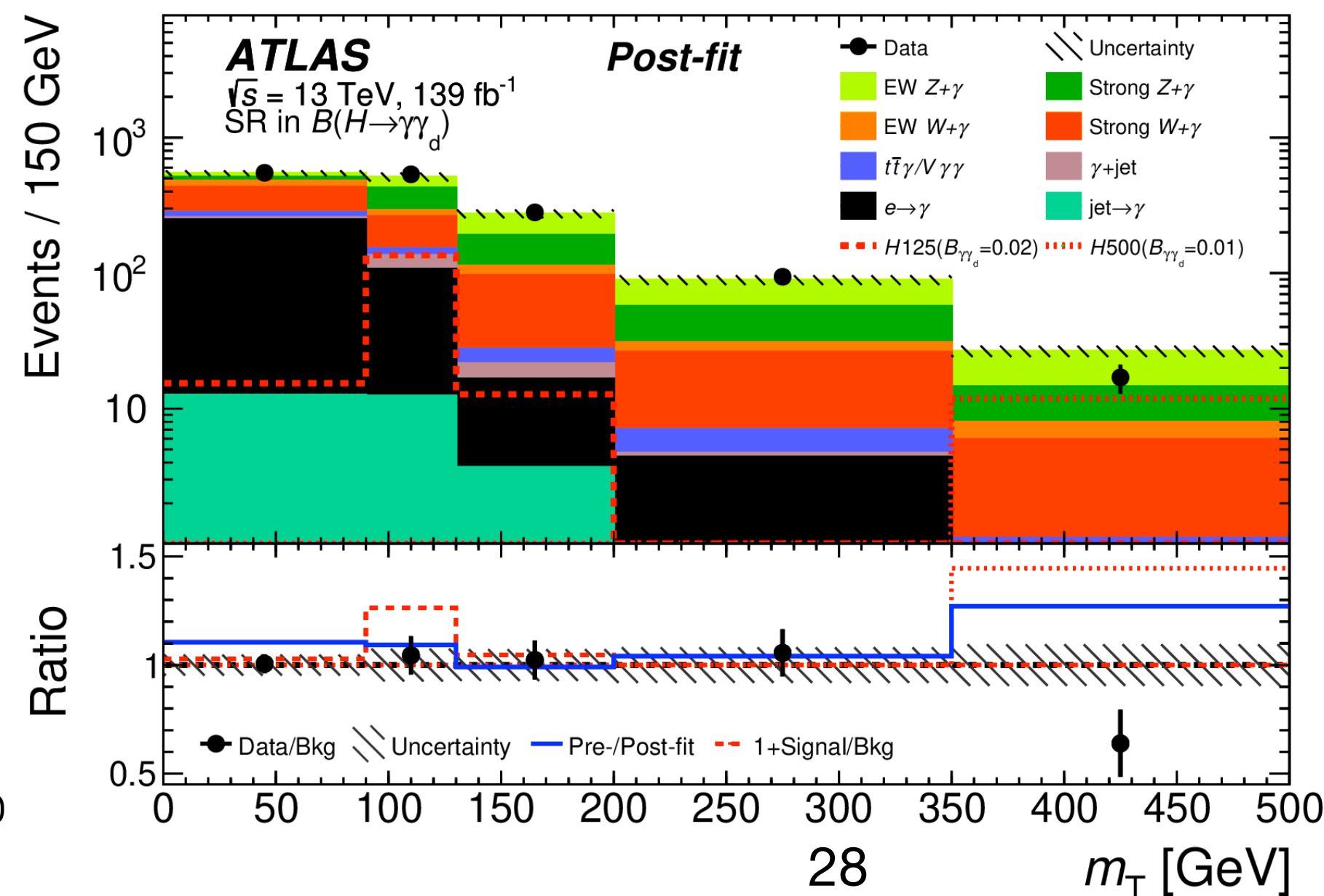
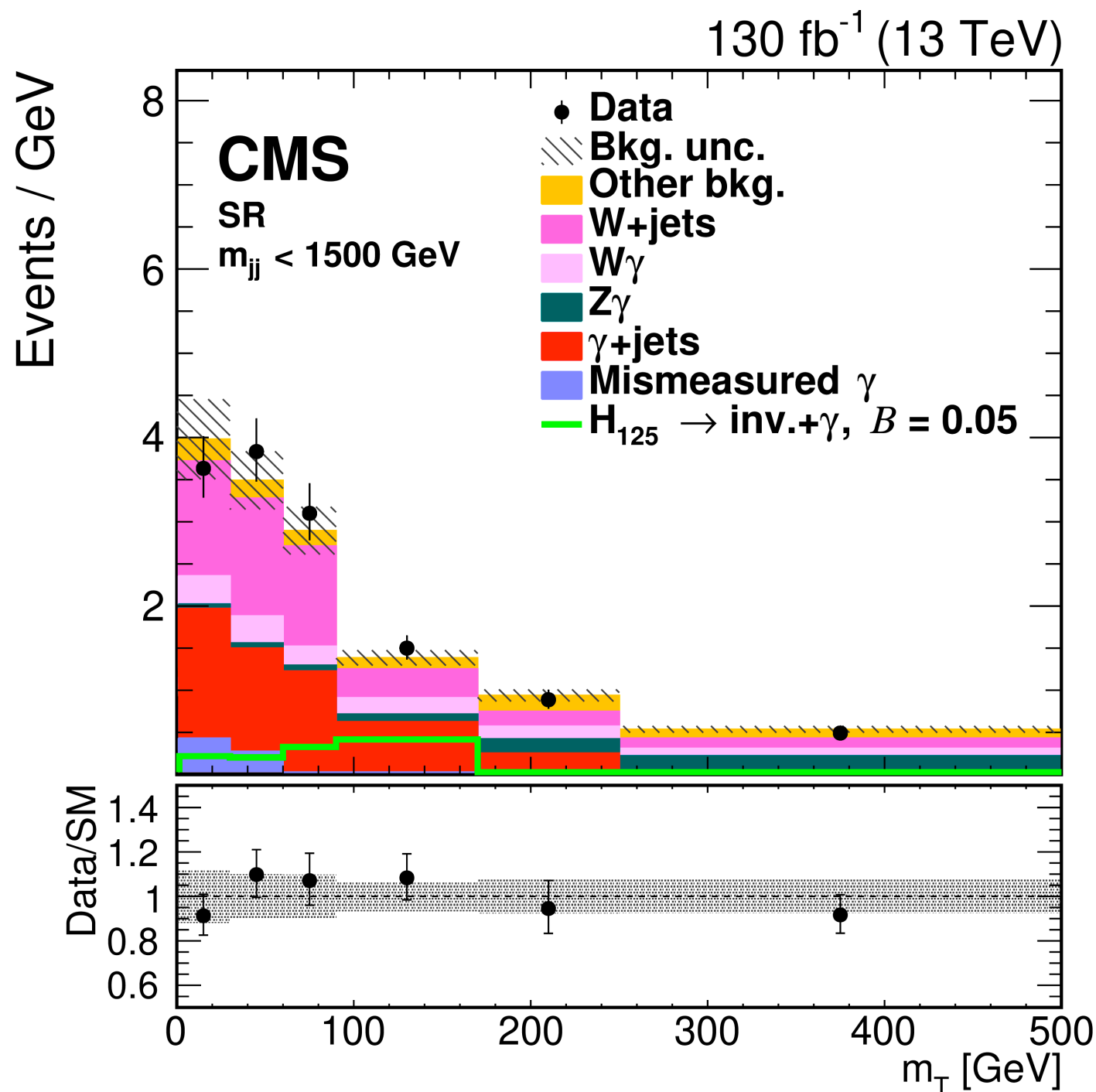
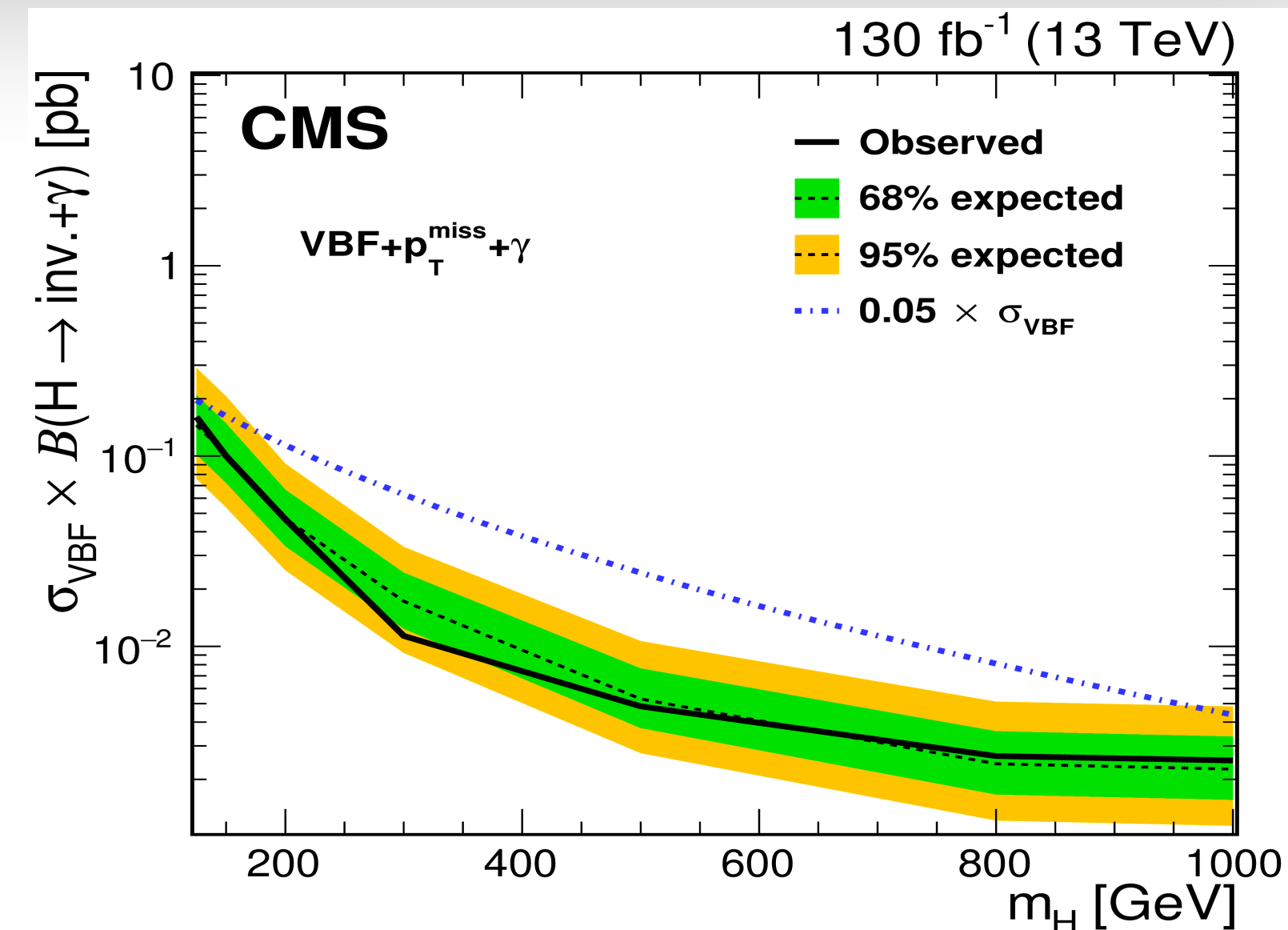
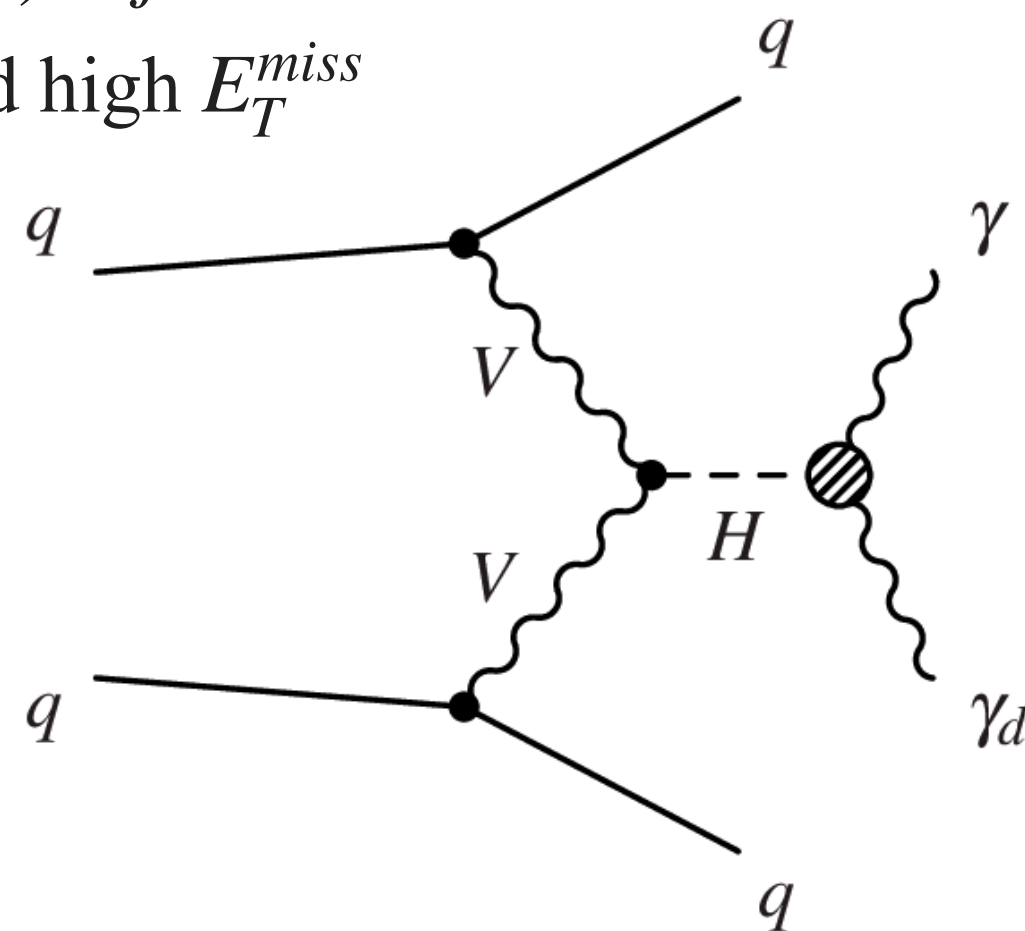
✓ mediator masses up to 2.7 TeV can be excluded
 ✓ Upper limits on the coupling strength



Dark Photons (VBF)

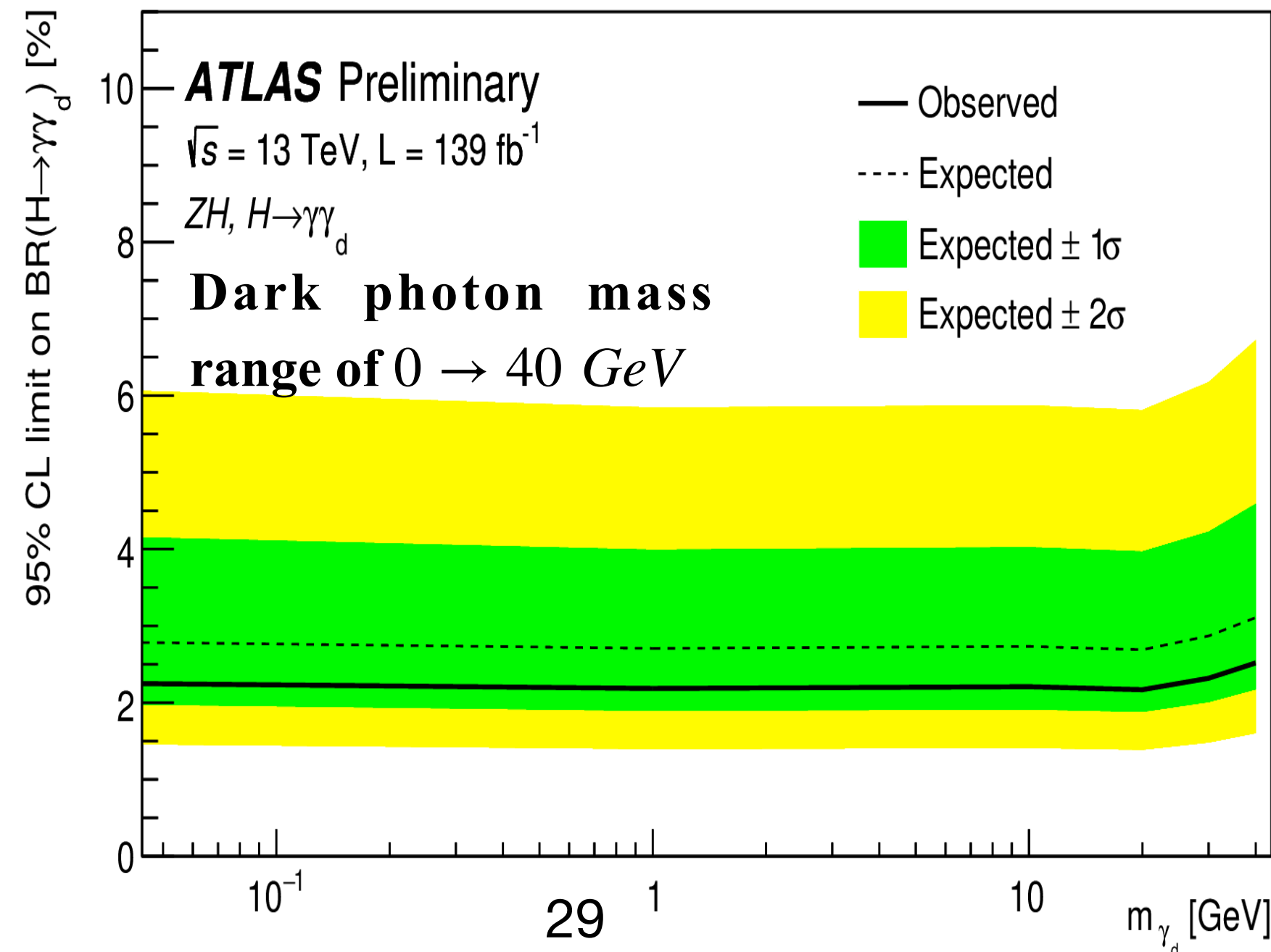
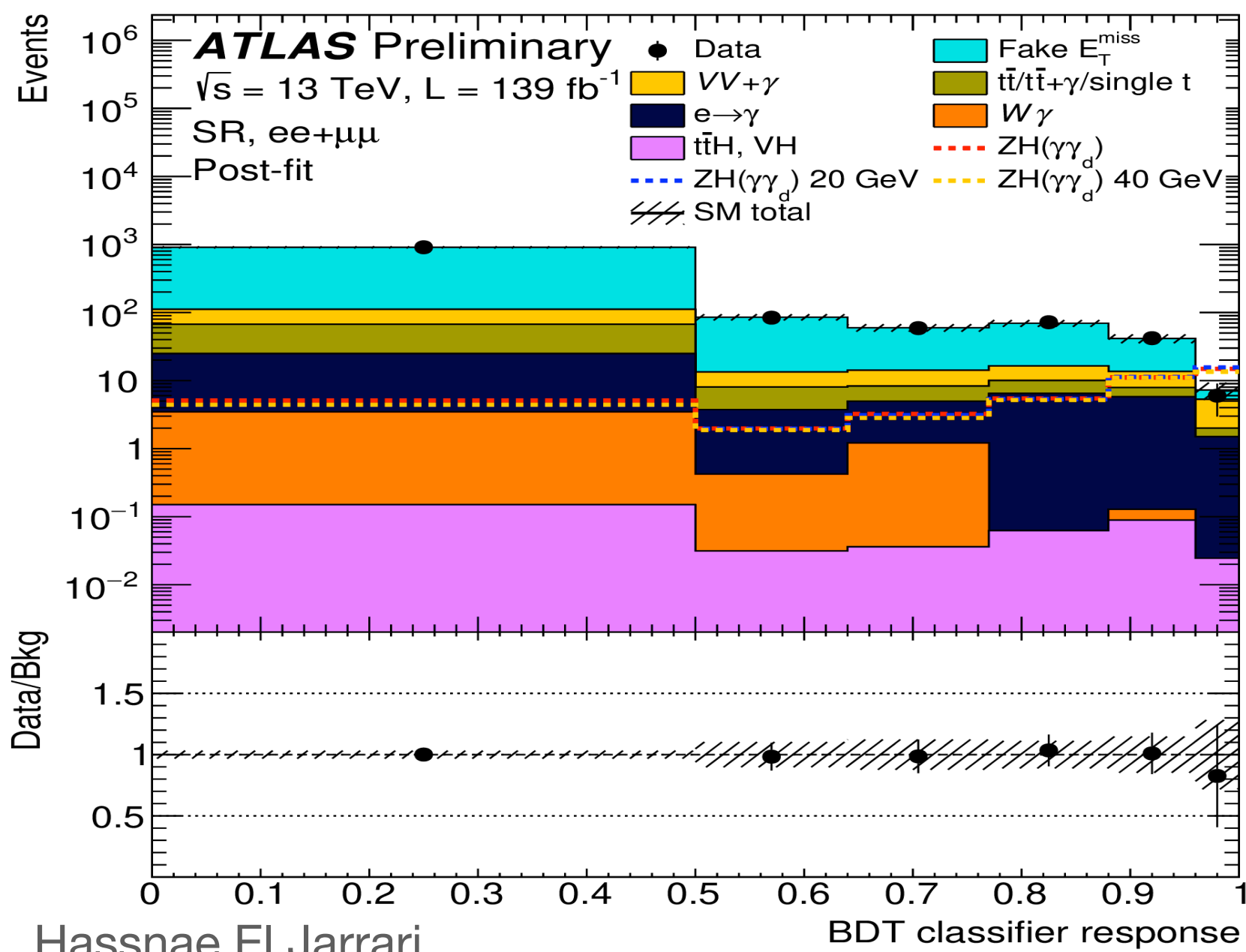
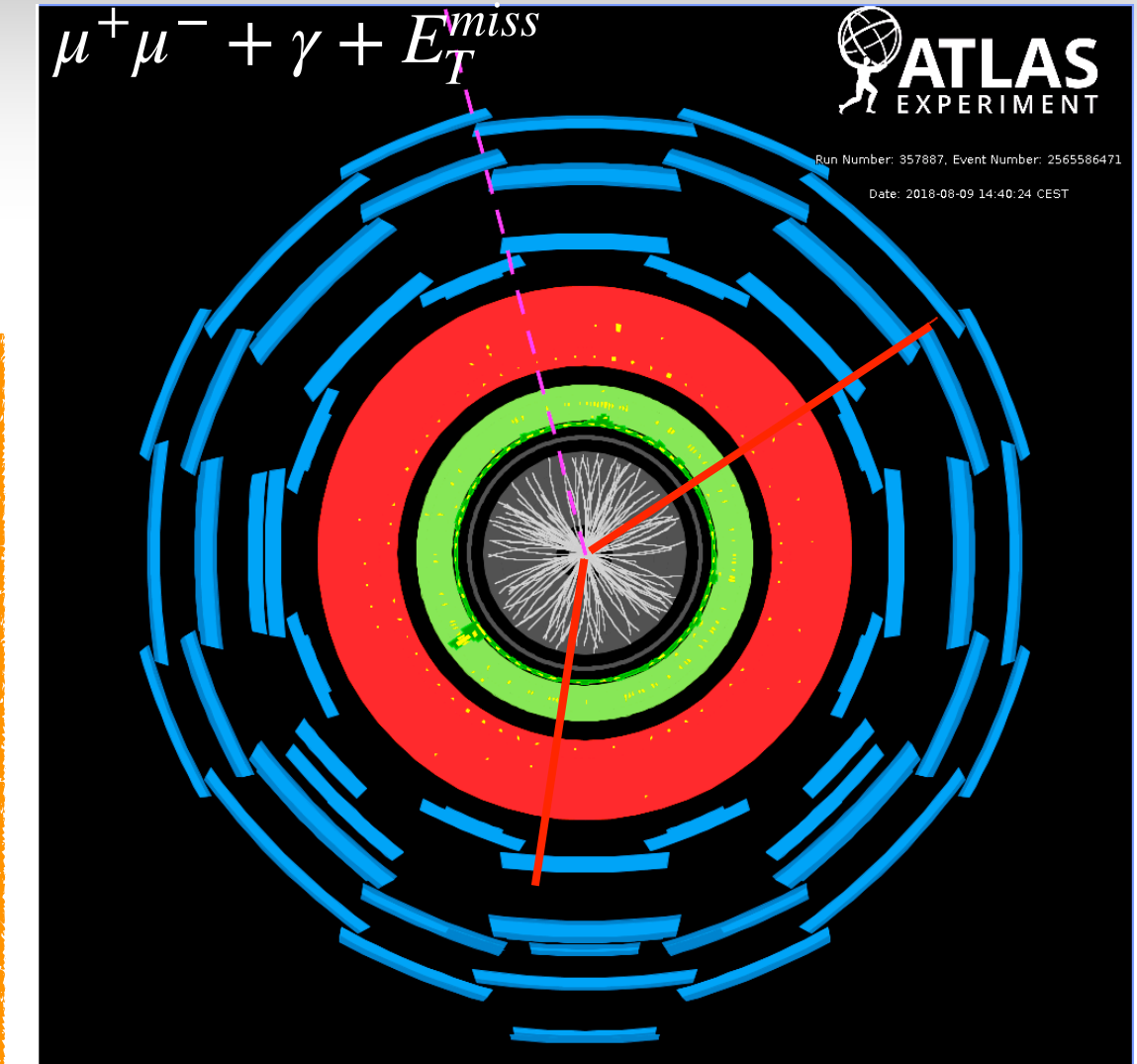
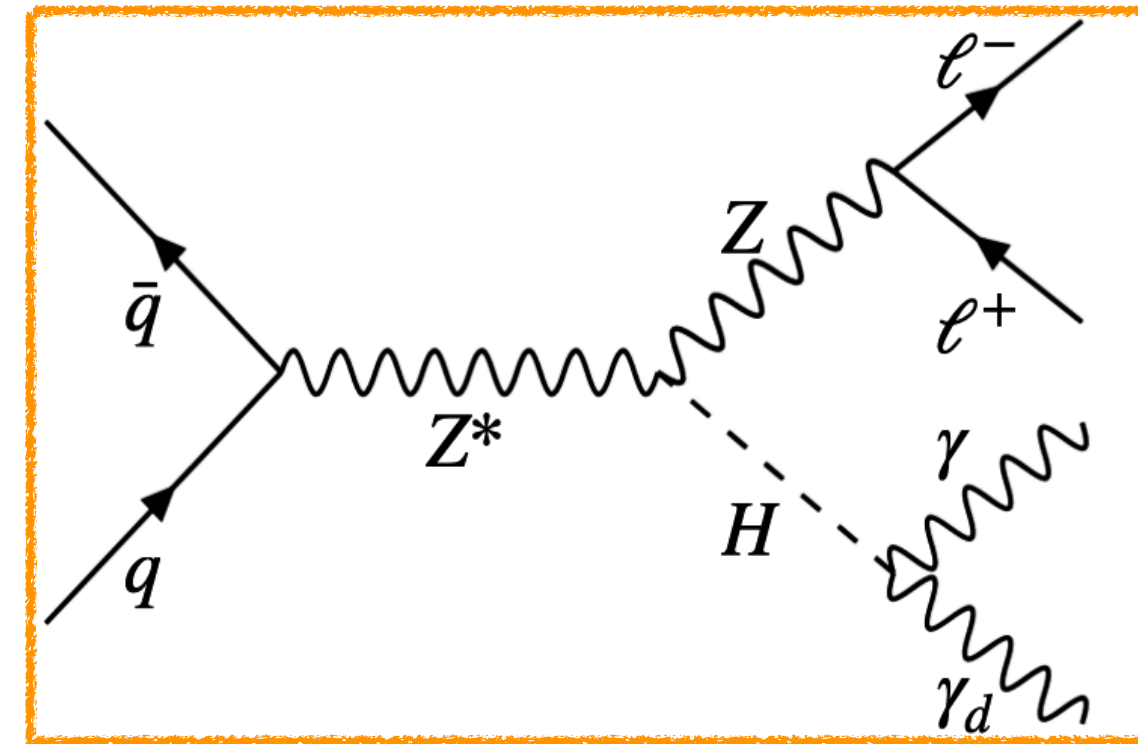
- ✓ **Trigger:** single-photon (ATLAS, CMS)+ E_T^{miss} (CMS)
- ✓ **Dominant background:** $W(\rightarrow \ell\nu)(+\gamma) + jets$ and $Z(\rightarrow \nu\nu)(+\gamma) + jets$
- ✓ **SR:** Selecting events with a photon, two jets with $|\Delta\eta_{jj}| > 2.5$ and high E_T^{miss}

$$m_T(\gamma, E_T^{miss}) = \sqrt{2p_T^\gamma E_T^{miss} [1 - \cos(\phi_\gamma - \phi_{E_T^{miss}})]}$$



- ✓ **Signal:** $ZH, Z \rightarrow \ell^+\ell^-$ and $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma_d$ (undetected dark photon $\rightarrow E_T^{miss}$).
- ✓ **BDT classifier response** (XGBoost) is used to enhance the analysis sensitivity using 6 input variables.
- ✓ **Background estimation:**

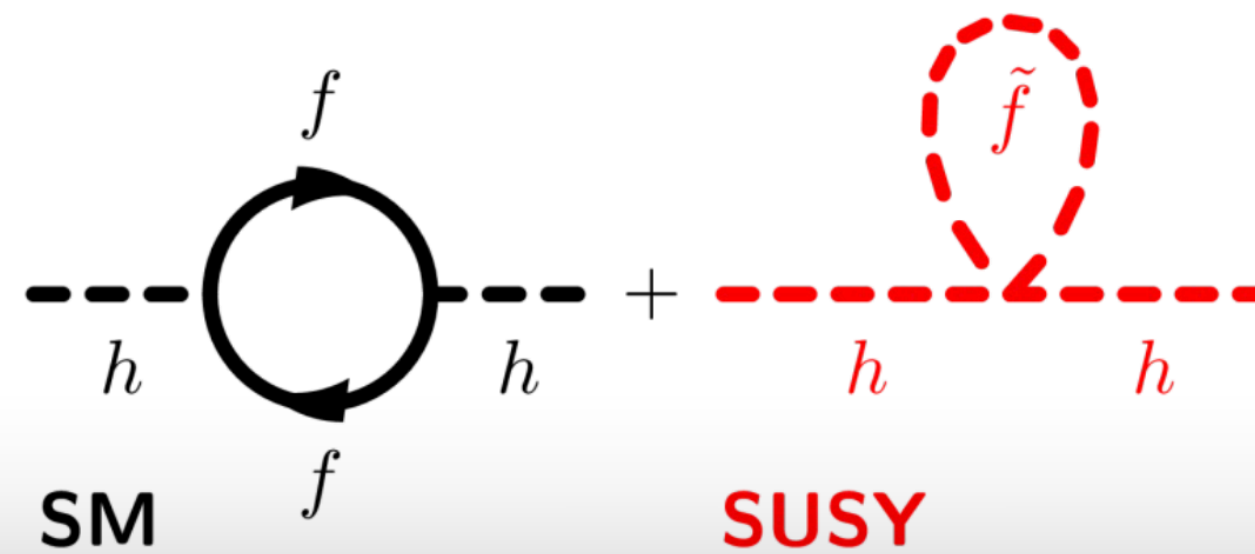
- * **Fake E_T^{miss} :** $Z\gamma + jets, Z + jets \Rightarrow$ Data-driven ABCD
- * $e \rightarrow \gamma$ **fake:** $VV, VVV \Rightarrow$ Data-driven fake rate and probe-electron CR
- * **top:** MC, with 20% systematic uncertainty from the **top VR** (≥ 1 b-tag).
- * **VV γ :** MC normalised to data in the $VV\gamma$ **CR** (enhanced in $WZ\gamma$ ($3 \mu + 1\gamma$)).
- * **$W\gamma, Higgs$:** pure MC.



Observed (expected) exclusion limits at 95% CL on the $BR(H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma_d)$ as a function of the dark photon mass:
 are found to be within the **[2.19-2.52]%** (**[2.71-3.11]%**) range.

Observed (expected) LHC Limits on $BR(H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma_d)$ for massless dark photons:

Production	ZH	VBF
ATLAS	2.3 (2.8)%	1.8 (1.7)%
CMS	4.6 (3.6)%	3.5 (2.8)%



SUSY as a DM generator

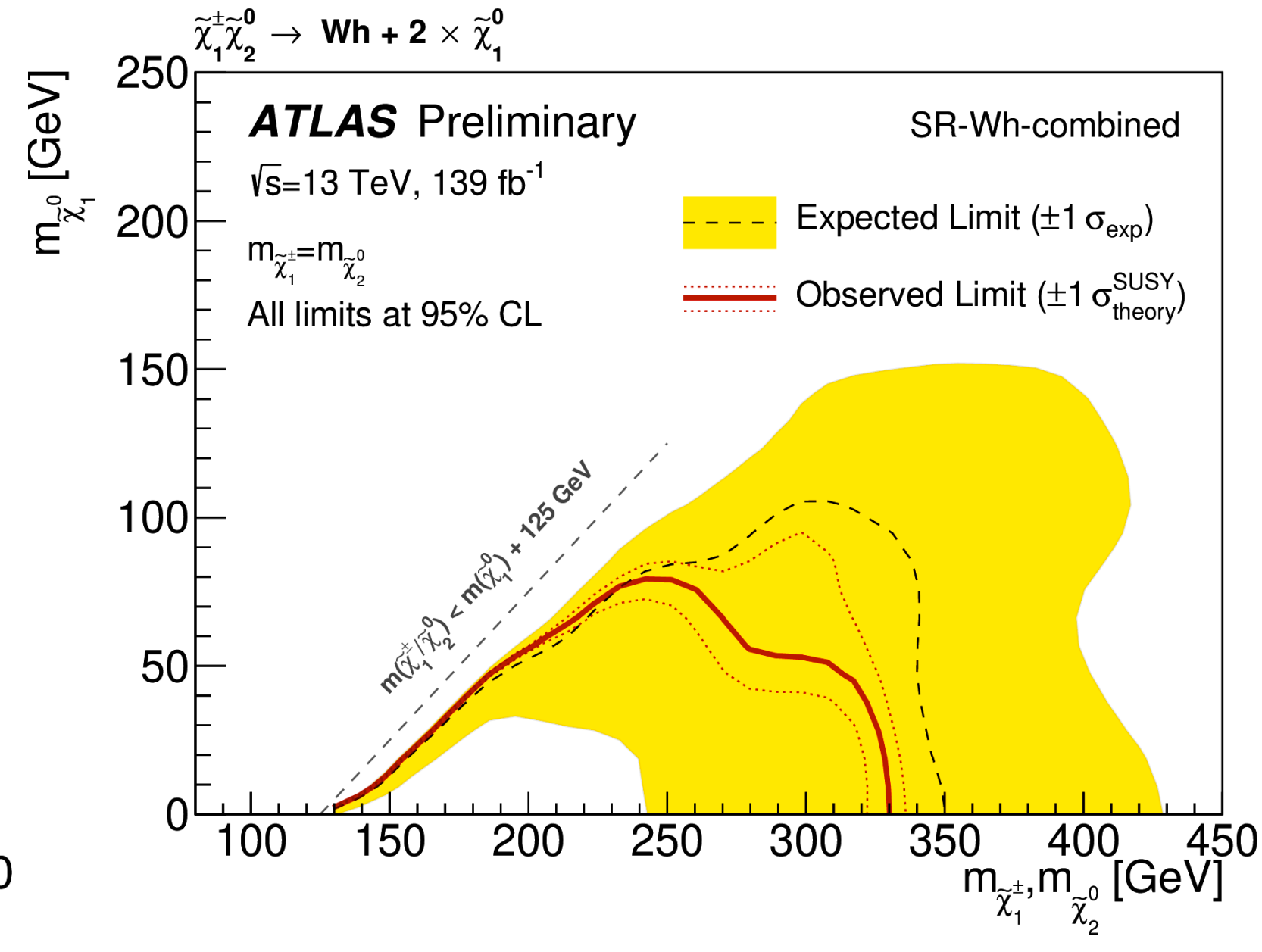
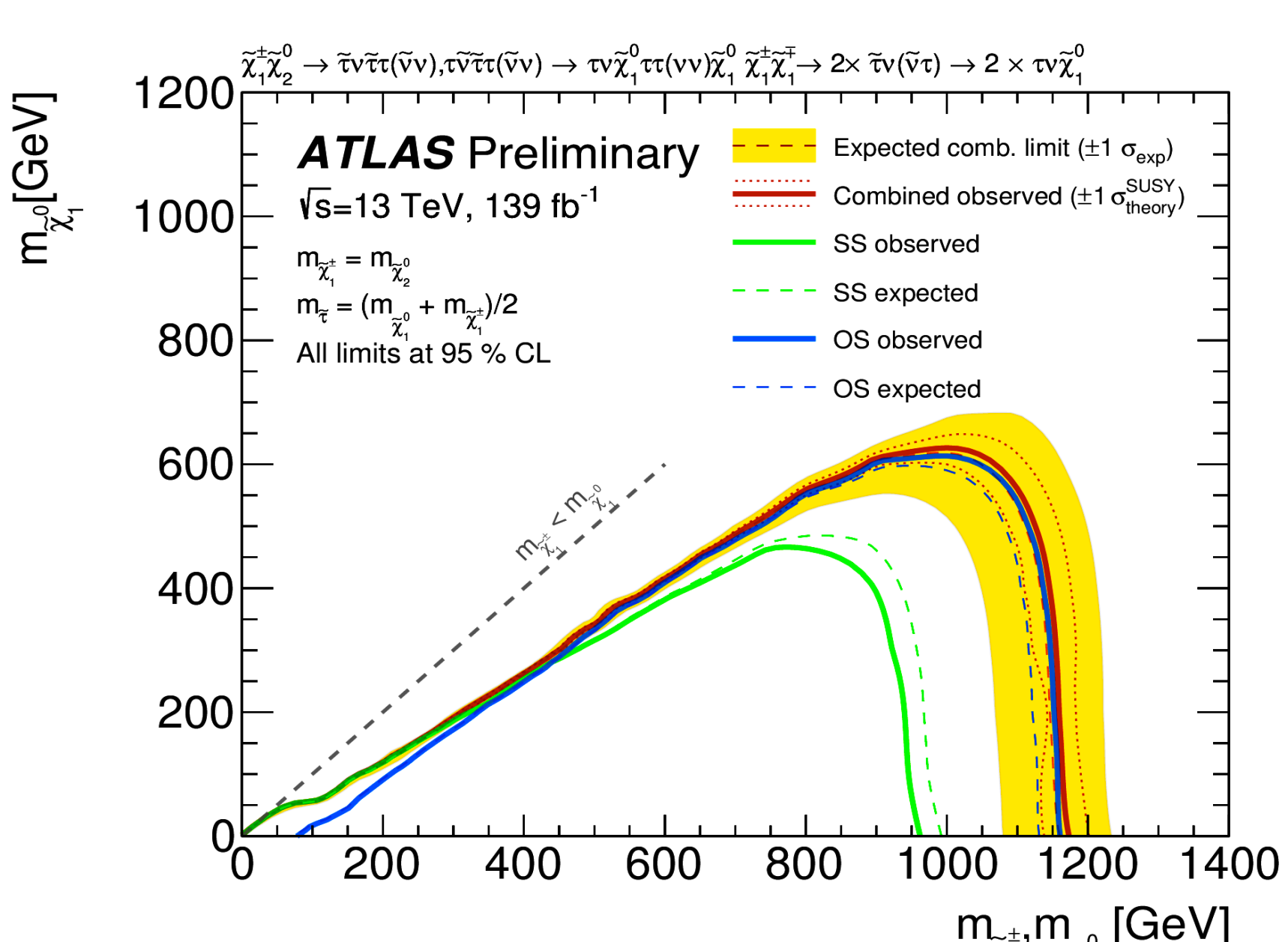
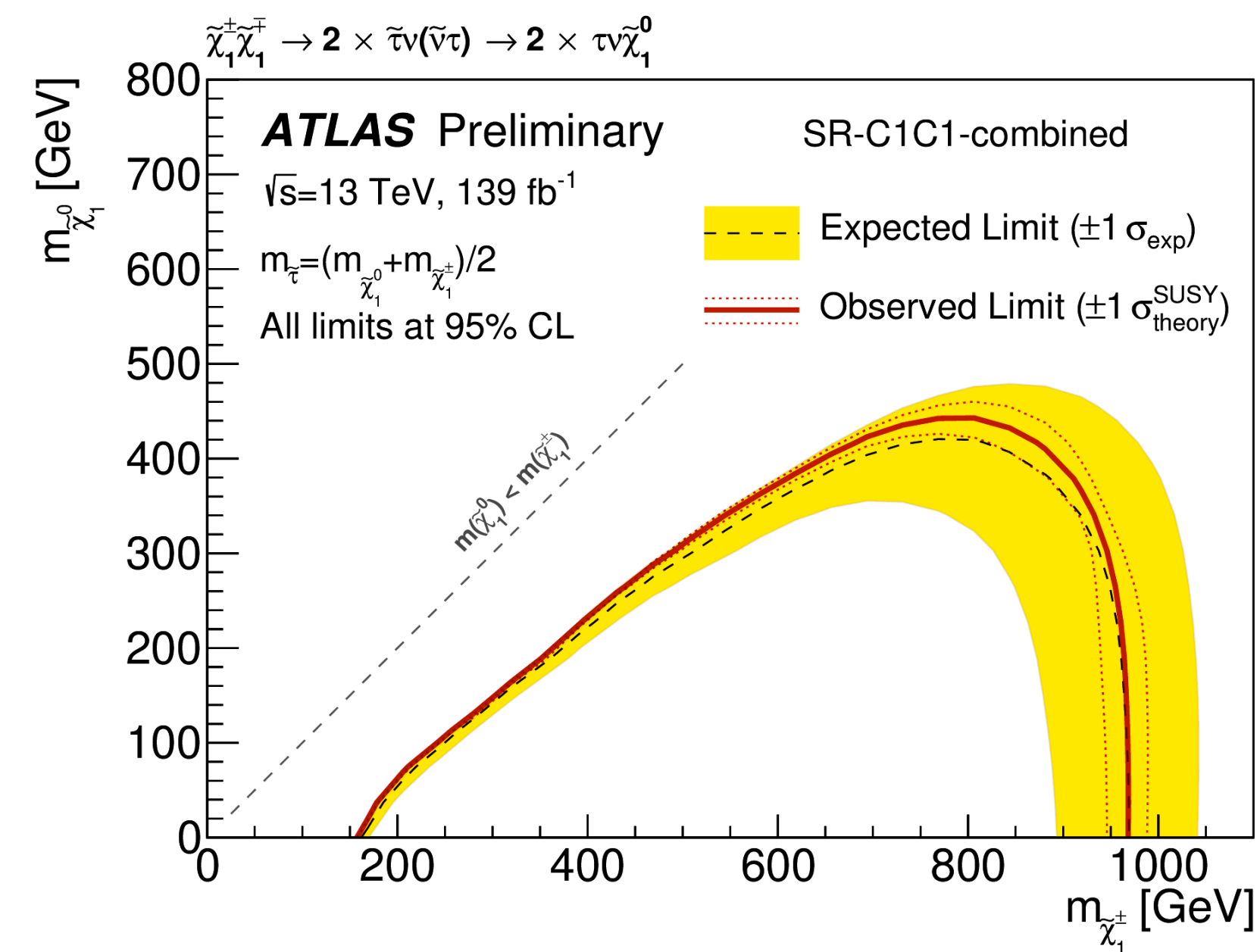
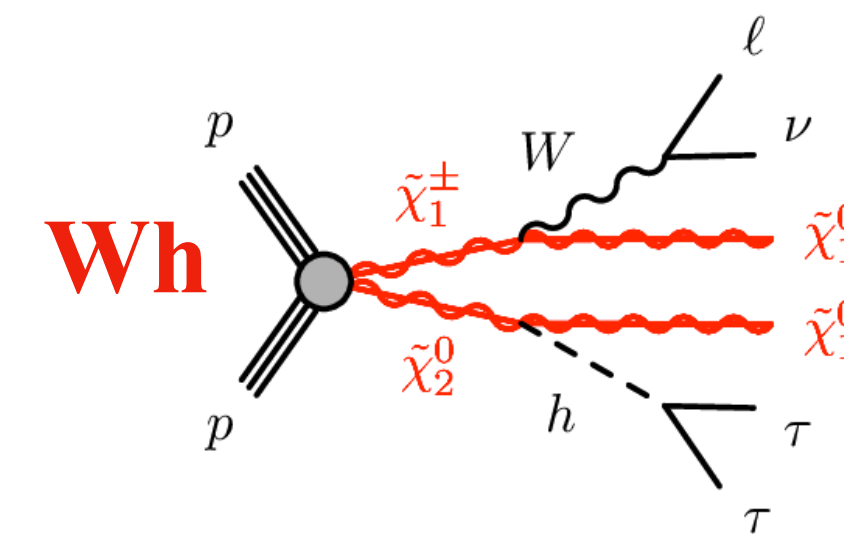
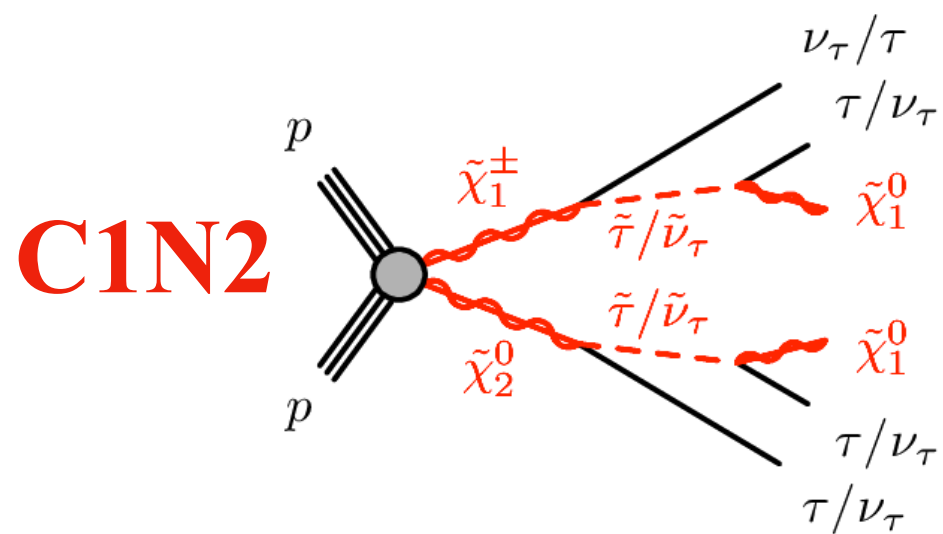
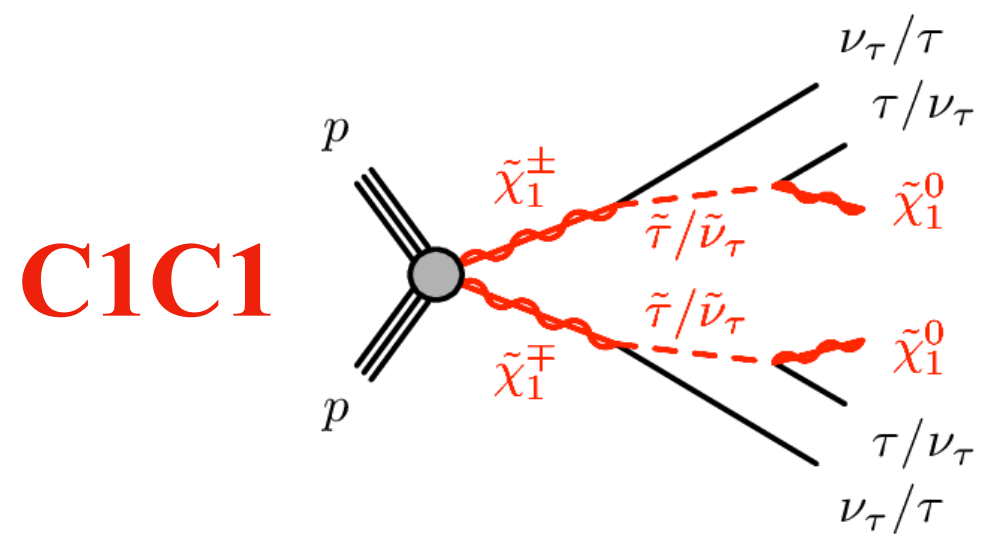
Remember that supersymmetry can be a dark matter model as well.

R-parity conservation requires an even number of SUSY particles in each interaction.

Therefore, Lightest Supersymmetric Particles (LSP) must be stable \Rightarrow DM candidate!

May induce non-trivial signals in detectors

- Chargino/neutralino pair production decaying to LSP via stau using ≥ 2 tau final states
- Categorized into chargino-chargino(C1C1)/ chargino-neutralino(C1N2), same-sign(SS)/ opposite-sign(OS) and high-mass(HM)/ low-mass(LM) channels

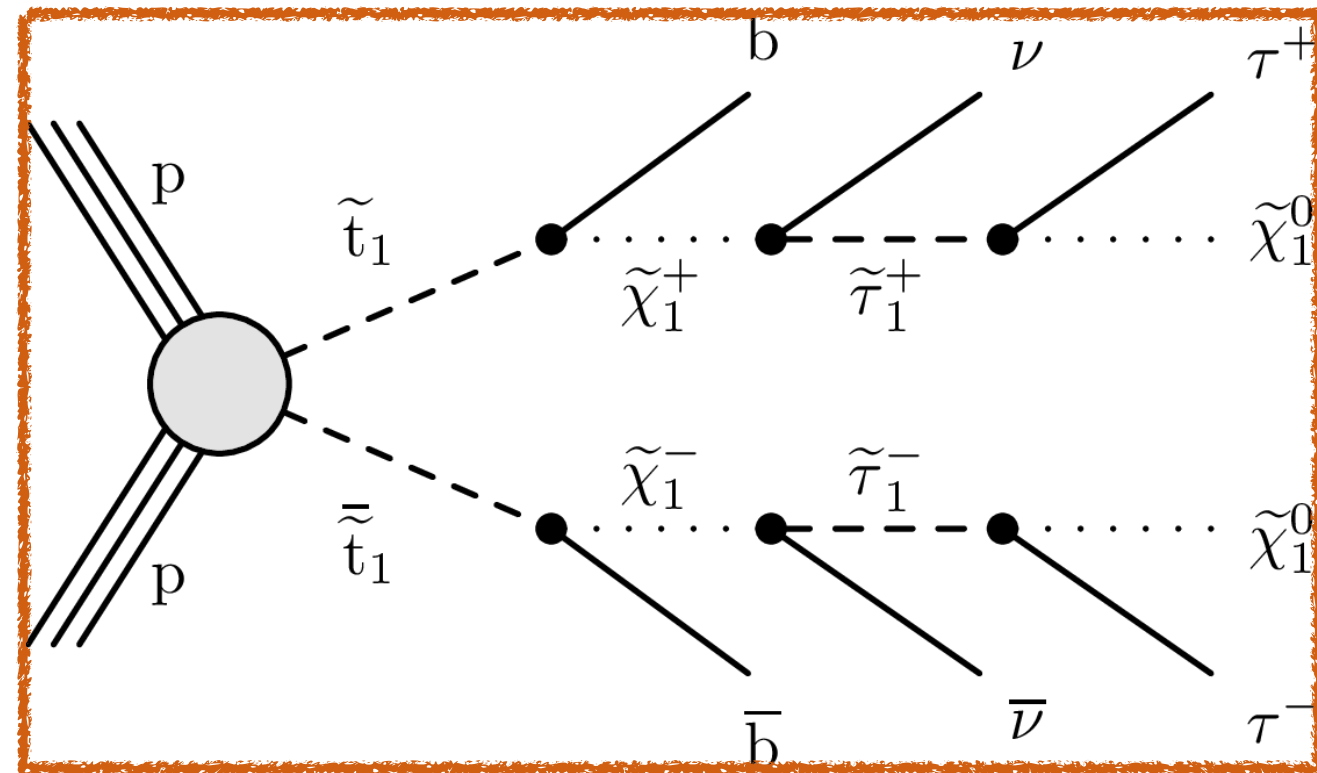


C1C1/C1N2: Chargino/neutralino mass $< \sim 1$ TeV is excluded

Wh: $< \sim 300$ GeV is excluded

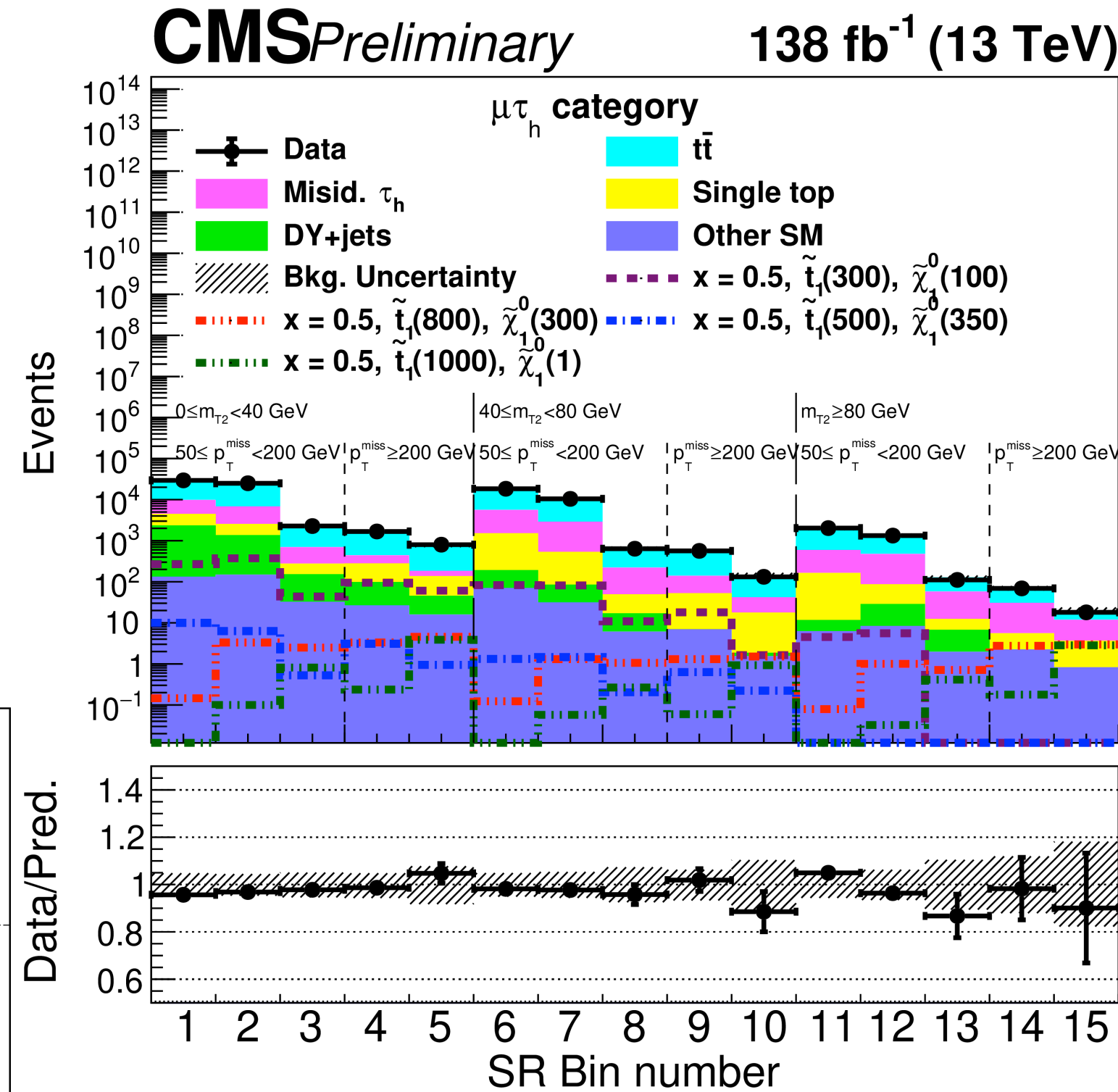
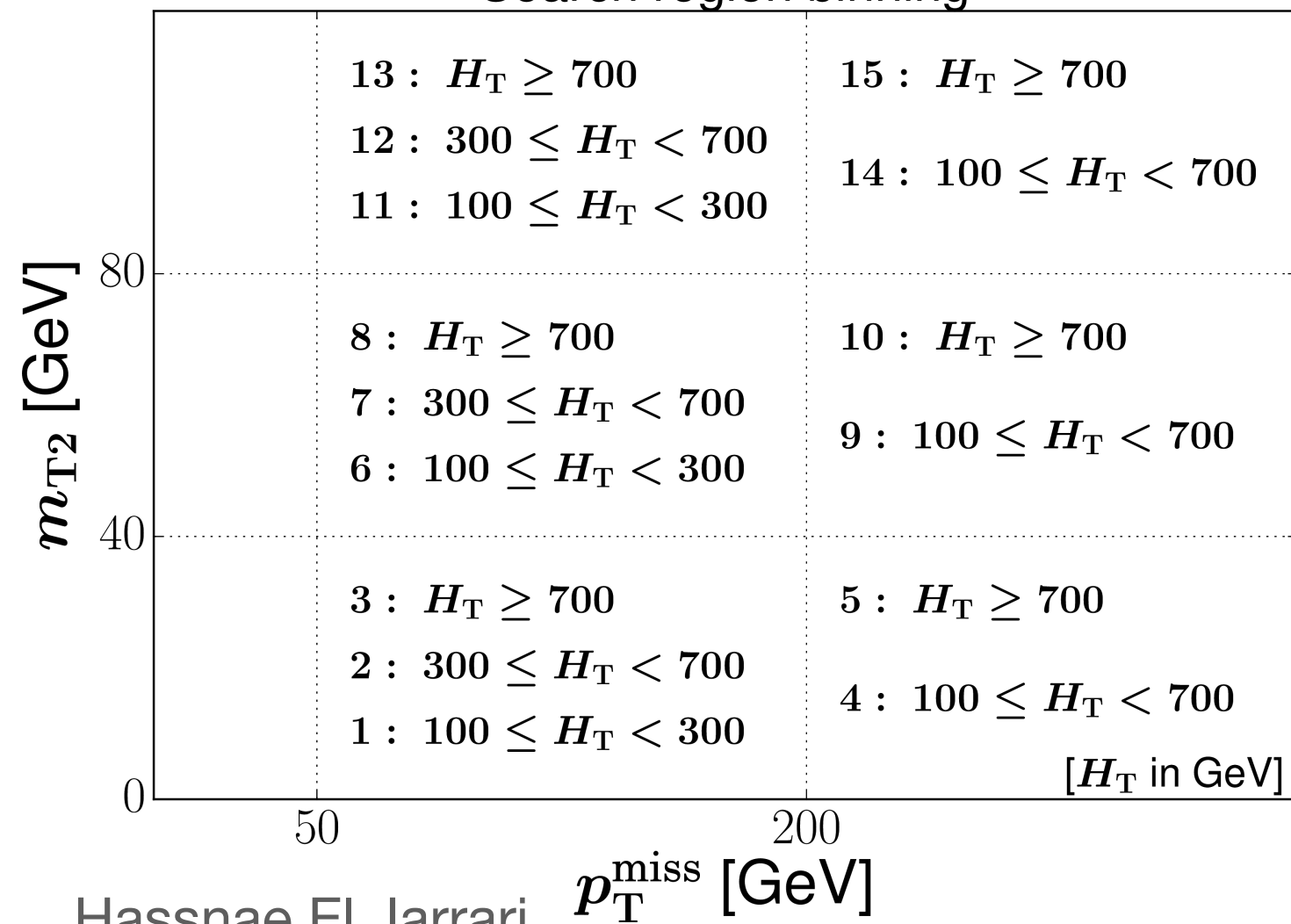
➔ Using as assumption: $m_{\tilde{\tau}} = (m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm} + m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0})/2$

- Highly sensitive to high $\tan(\beta)$ and higgsino-like scenarios.
- Exclusion limits on top squark and lightest neutrino masses under the assumption of simplified models.

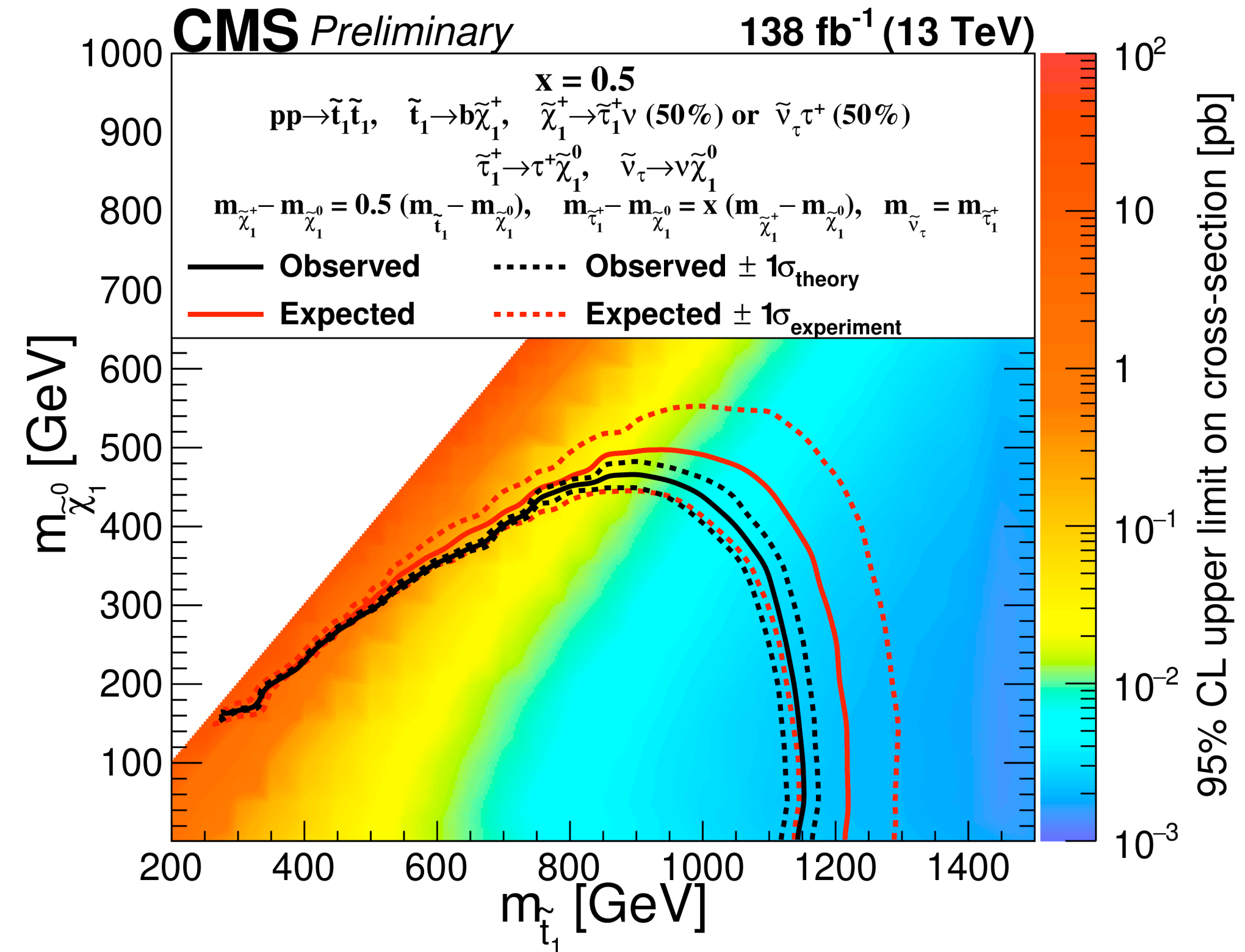


- 15 bin signal region
- 3 categories: $e\tau_h$, $\mu\tau_h$, $\tau_h\tau_h$

Search region binning



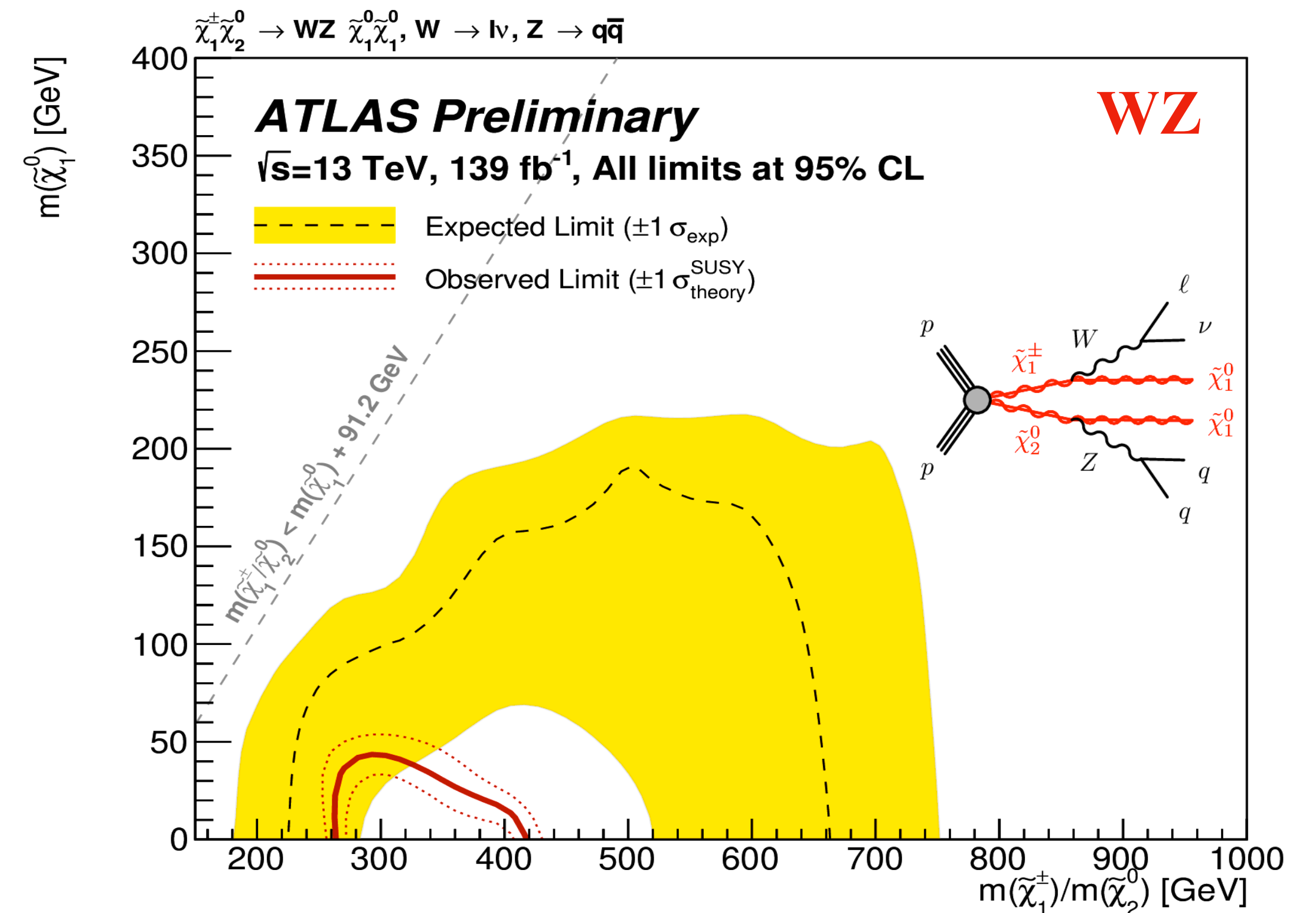
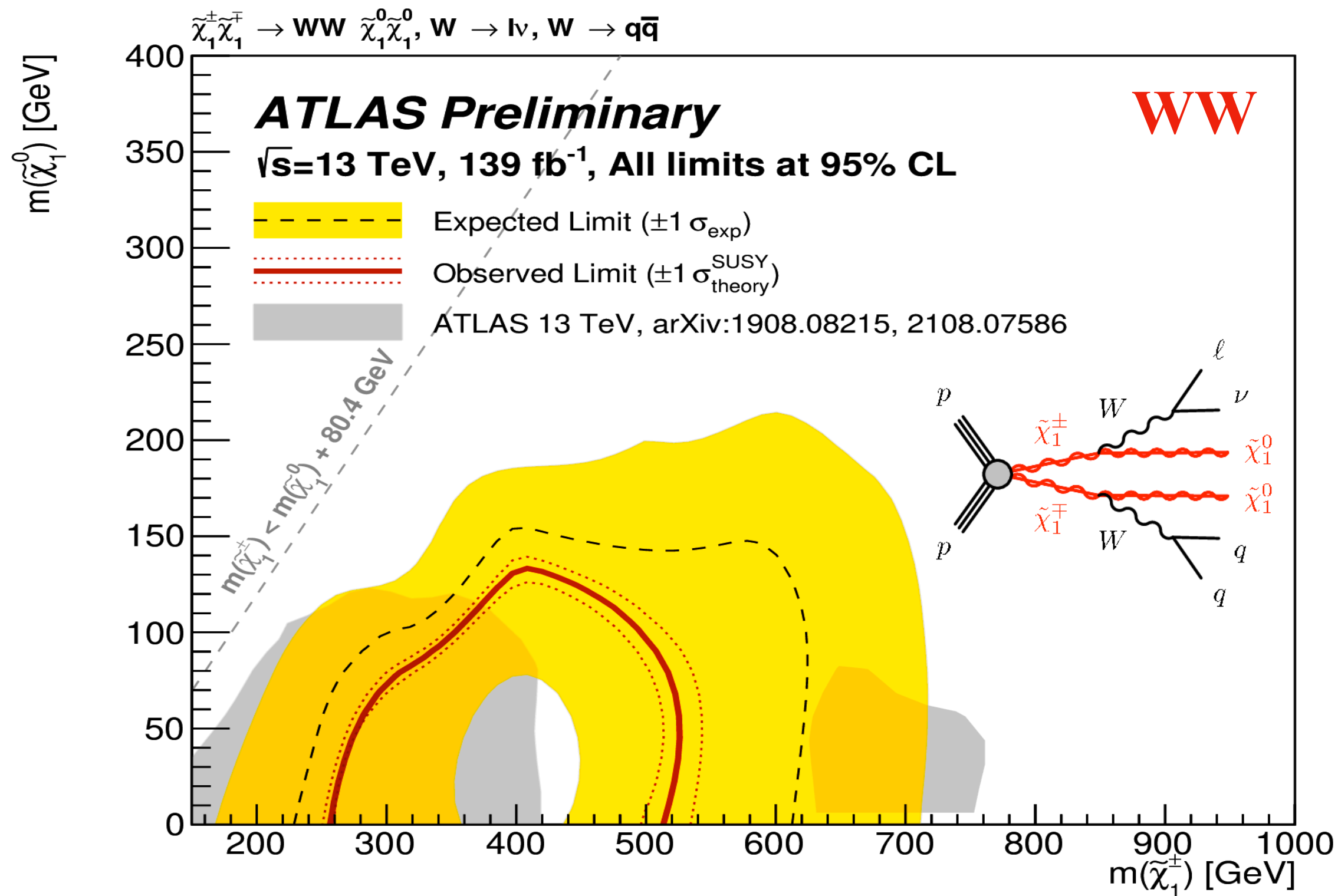
Results also available for $x=0.25$ and $x=0.75$



- Exclusion of top squark masses up to 1150 GeV for a nearly massless neutralino (1 GeV LSP).
- LSP masses up to 450 GeV excluded for a top squark mass of 900 GeV.

Best sensitivity for such signal model

- ✓ **Trigger:** single lepton
- ✓ **Dominant background:** $W + jets$ and VV
- ✓ **Signature:** single isolated lepton, at least two jet, and missing transverse energy.

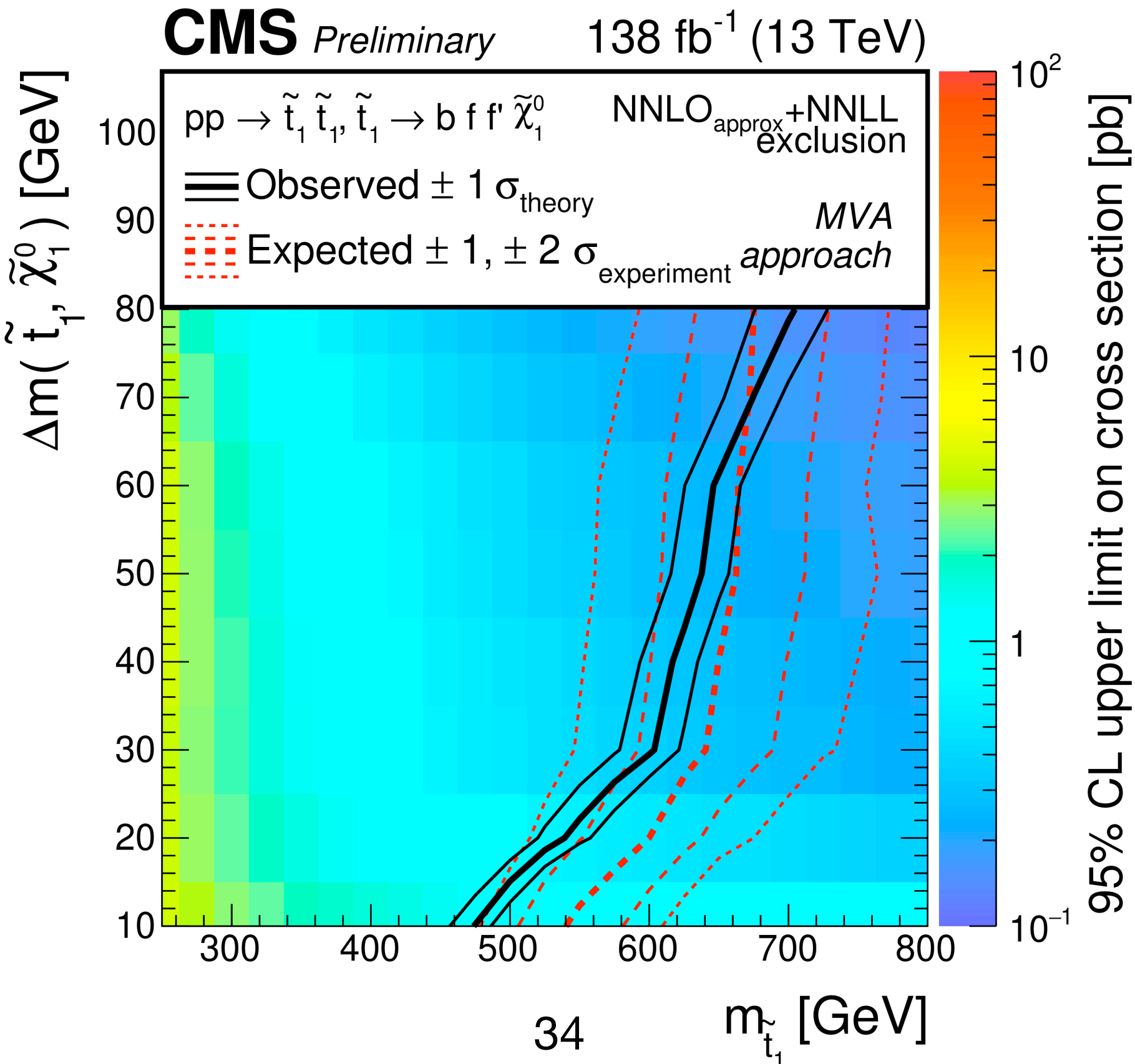
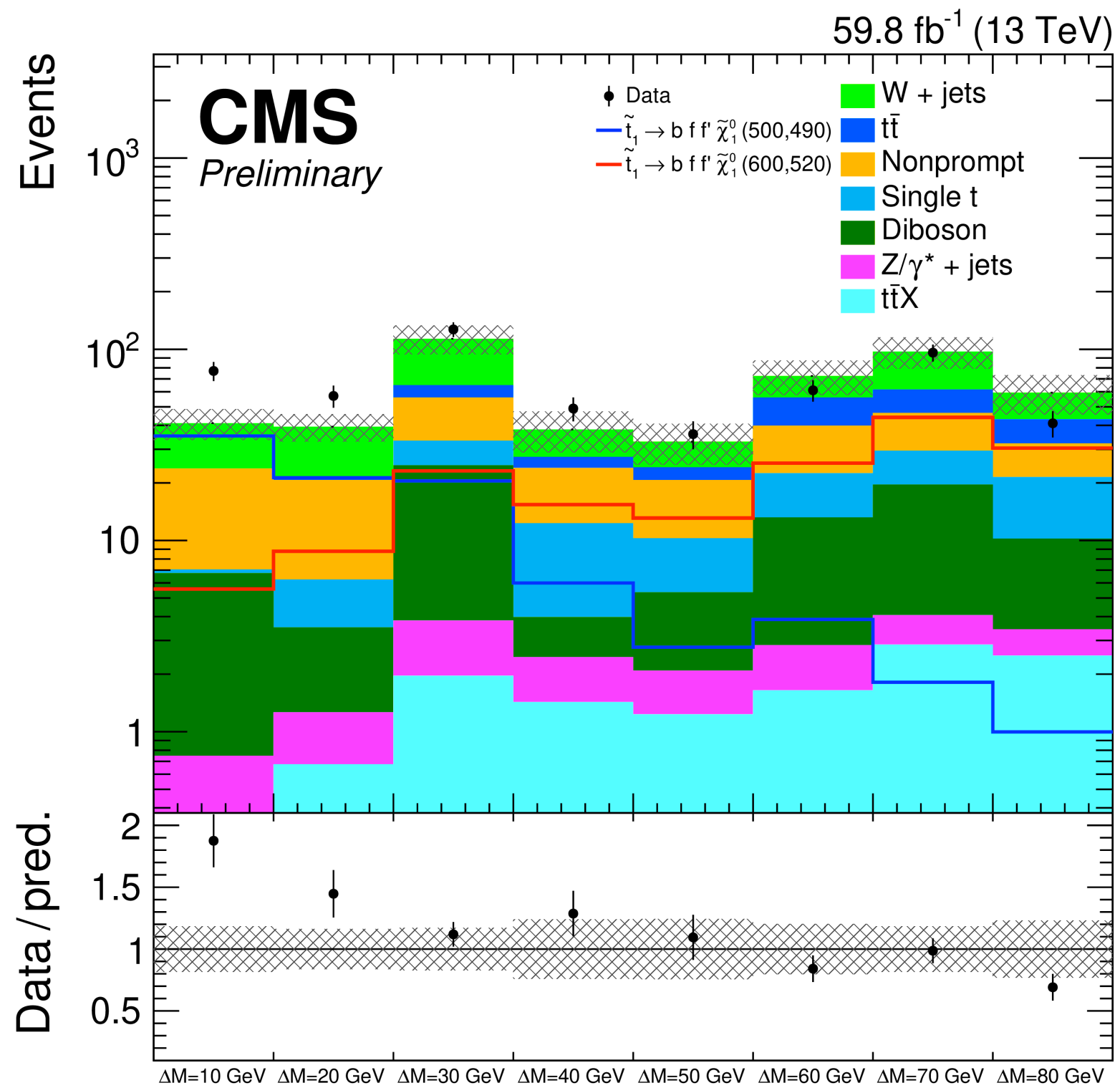
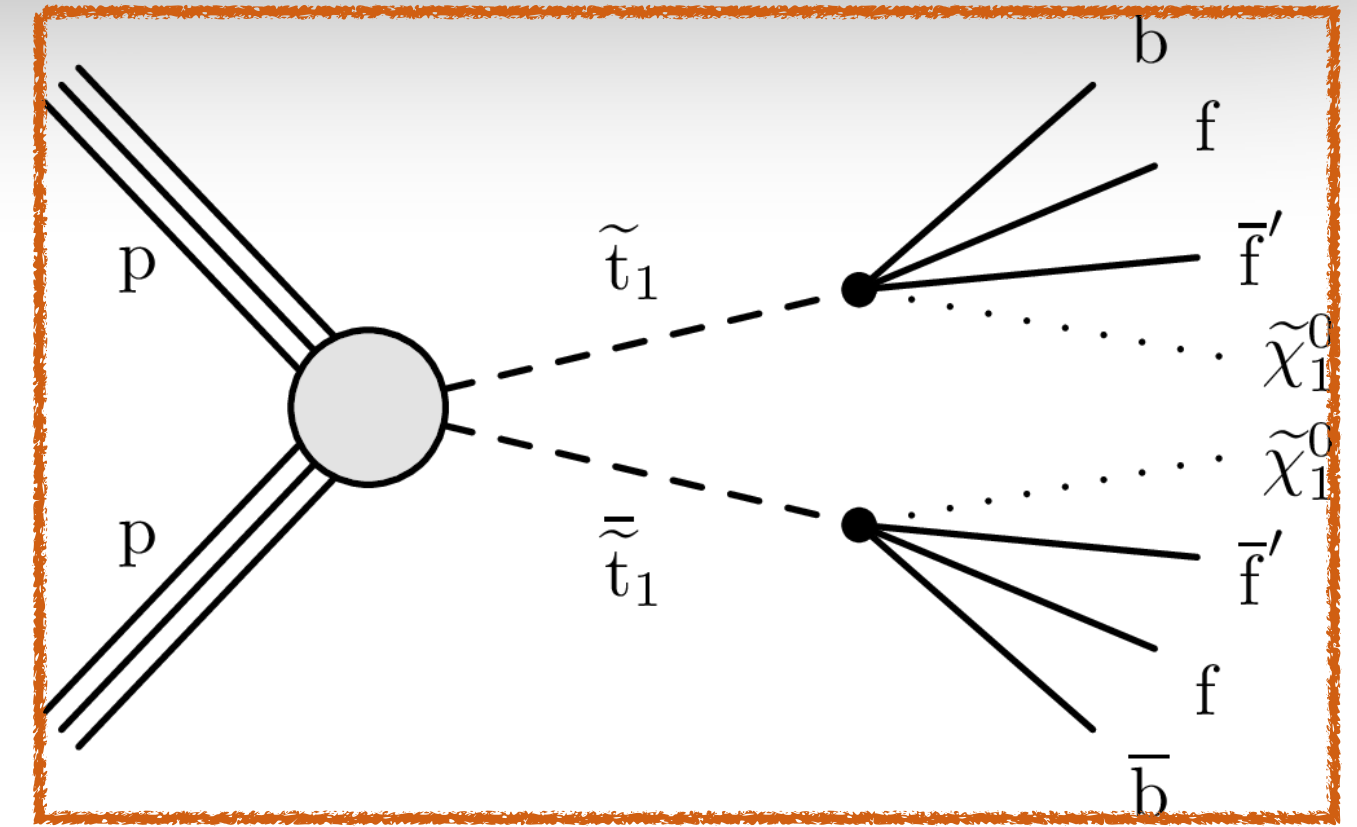


✓ **WW:** chargino masses 260-520 GeV can be excluded (for a massless neutralino).

✓ **WZ:** degenerate chargino/neutralino masses 260-420 GeV can be excluded (for a massless neutralino).

Best sensitivity in 1L2J

- Four-body decay of the \tilde{t}_1 : $b\bar{f}f'\tilde{\chi}_1^0$
- **Signature:** high p_T^{jet} , significant E_T^{miss} and low $p_T^{e||\mu}$
- Signal selected based on a multivariate approach (BDT) adapted to the $m(\tilde{t}_1) - m(\tilde{\chi}_1^0)$ mass difference that should not exceed the W boson mass.
- Leading background processes ($W + jets$, $t\bar{t}$) are determined from data.

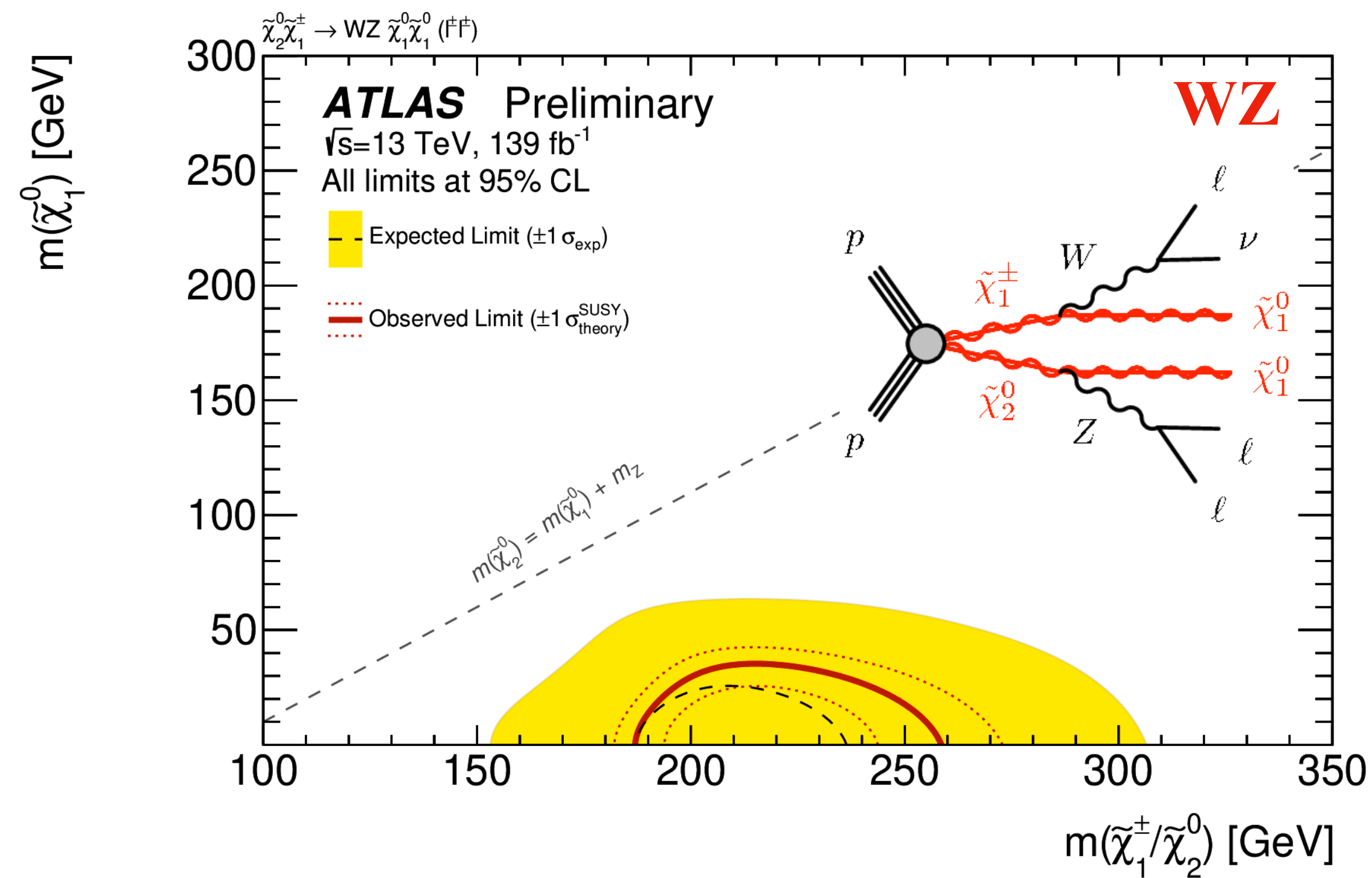
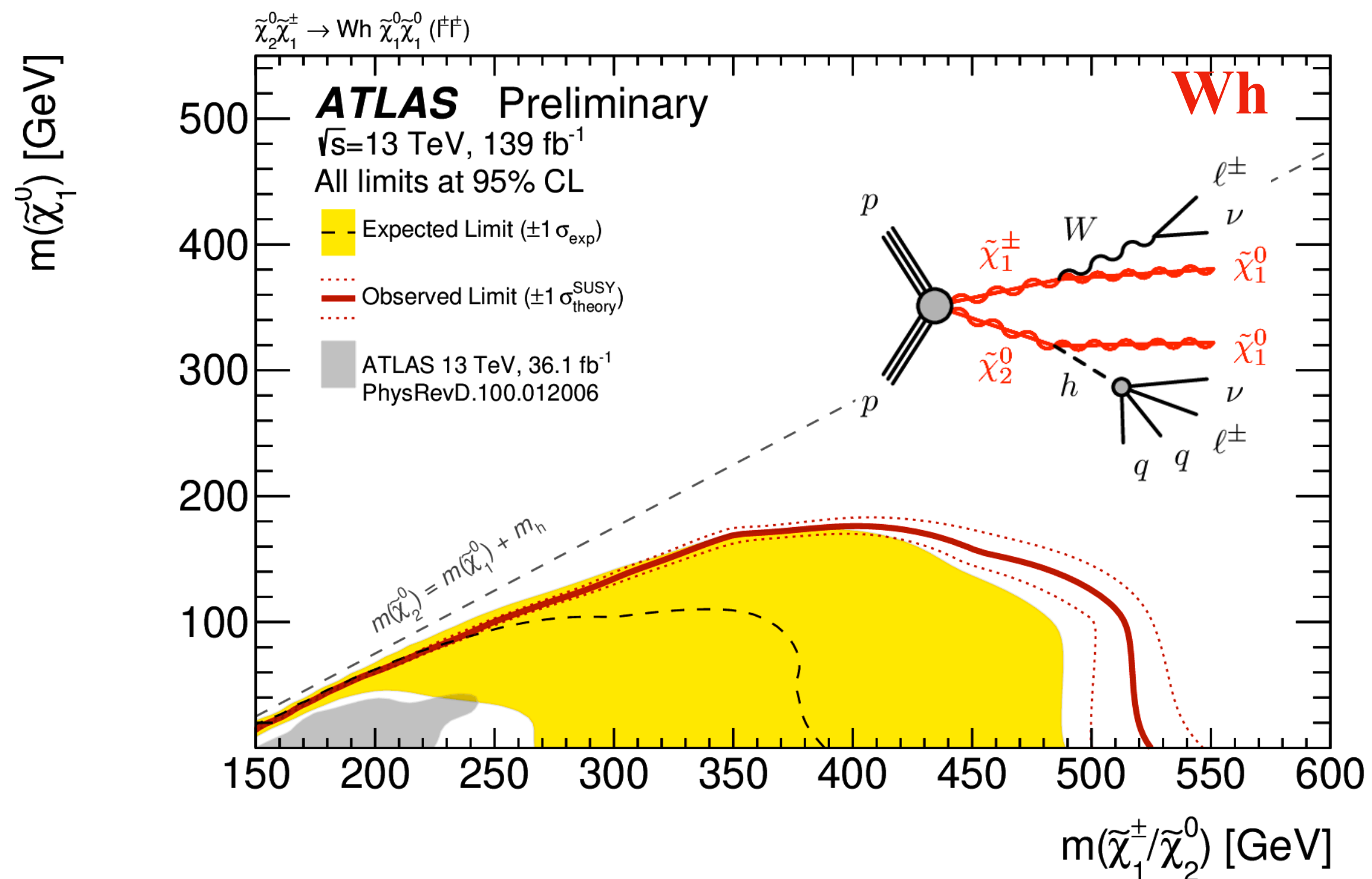


- Exclusion limits on the production cross section as a function of the \tilde{t}_1 and $\tilde{\chi}_1^0$ masses under the assumption of simplified models.

- top squark masses excluded depending on the $\Delta m = m(\tilde{t}_1) - m(\tilde{\chi}_1^0)$ mass difference.
- $\Delta m = 10$ GeV \Rightarrow up to 480 GeV excluded,
- $\Delta m = 80$ GeV \Rightarrow up to 700 GeV

Best sensitivity for such signal model

- ✓ **Trigger:** di-lepton+ E_T^{miss}
- ✓ **Dominant background:** WW and WZ
- ✓ **Signature:** Wino-bino production with Wh or WZ bosons (a pair of isolated light leptons (same sign), $m_{jj} < 350$ GeV (to reduce WW))

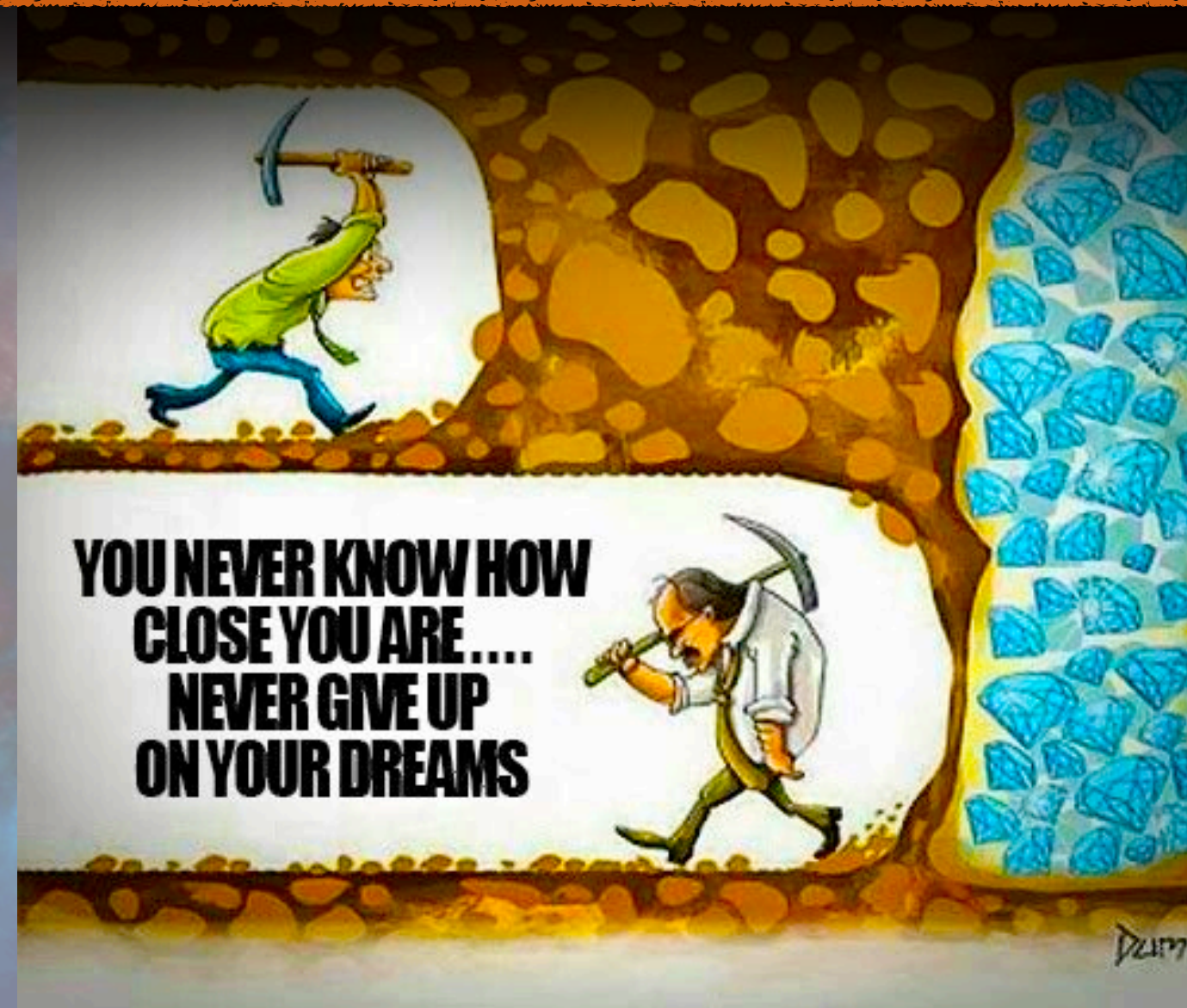


✓ wino masses up to 525 GeV and 260 GeV are excluded (for Wh and WZ respectively).

✓ Higgsino masses smaller than 440 GeV are excluded

Best sensitivity in 2-SSL

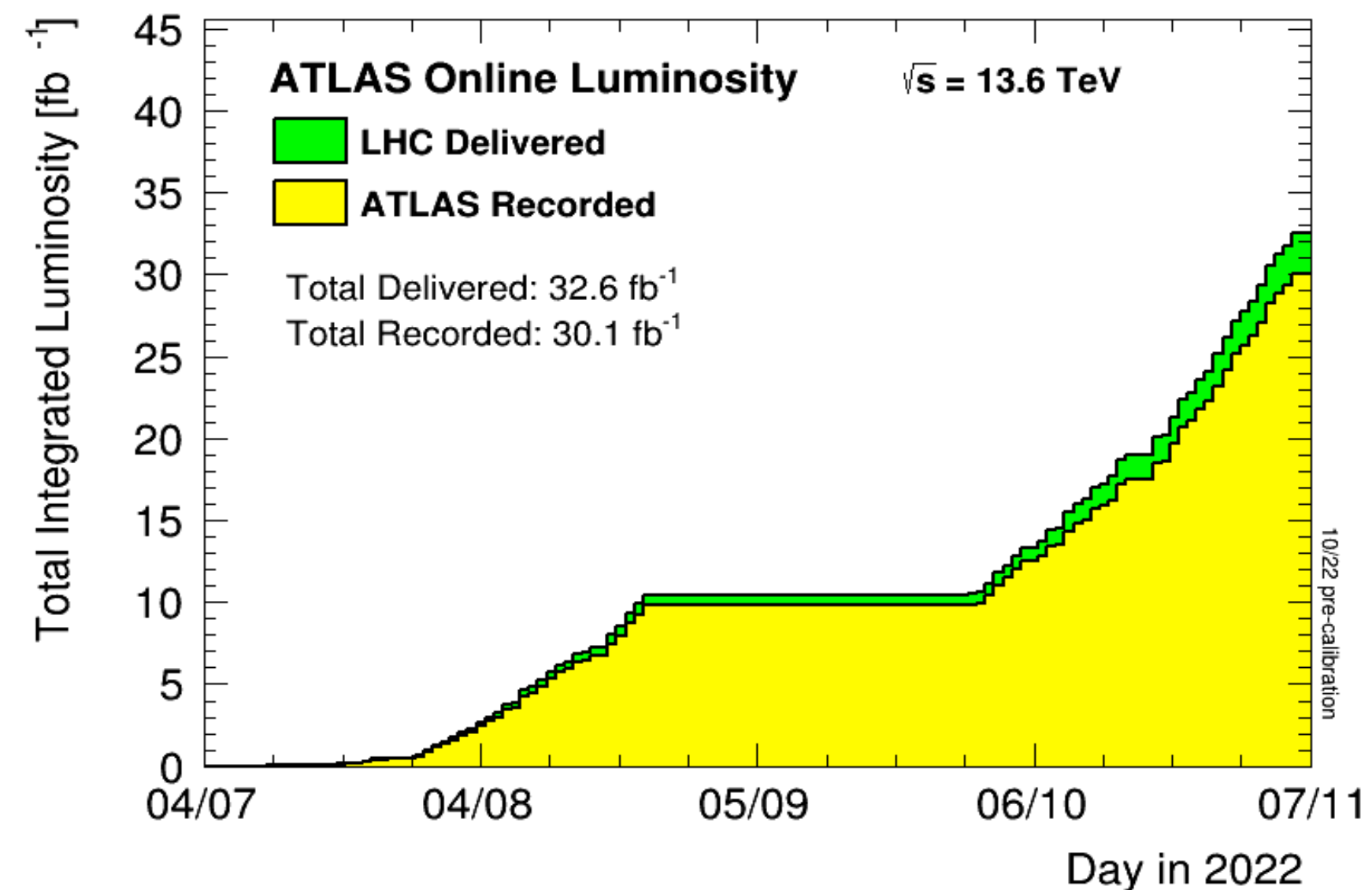
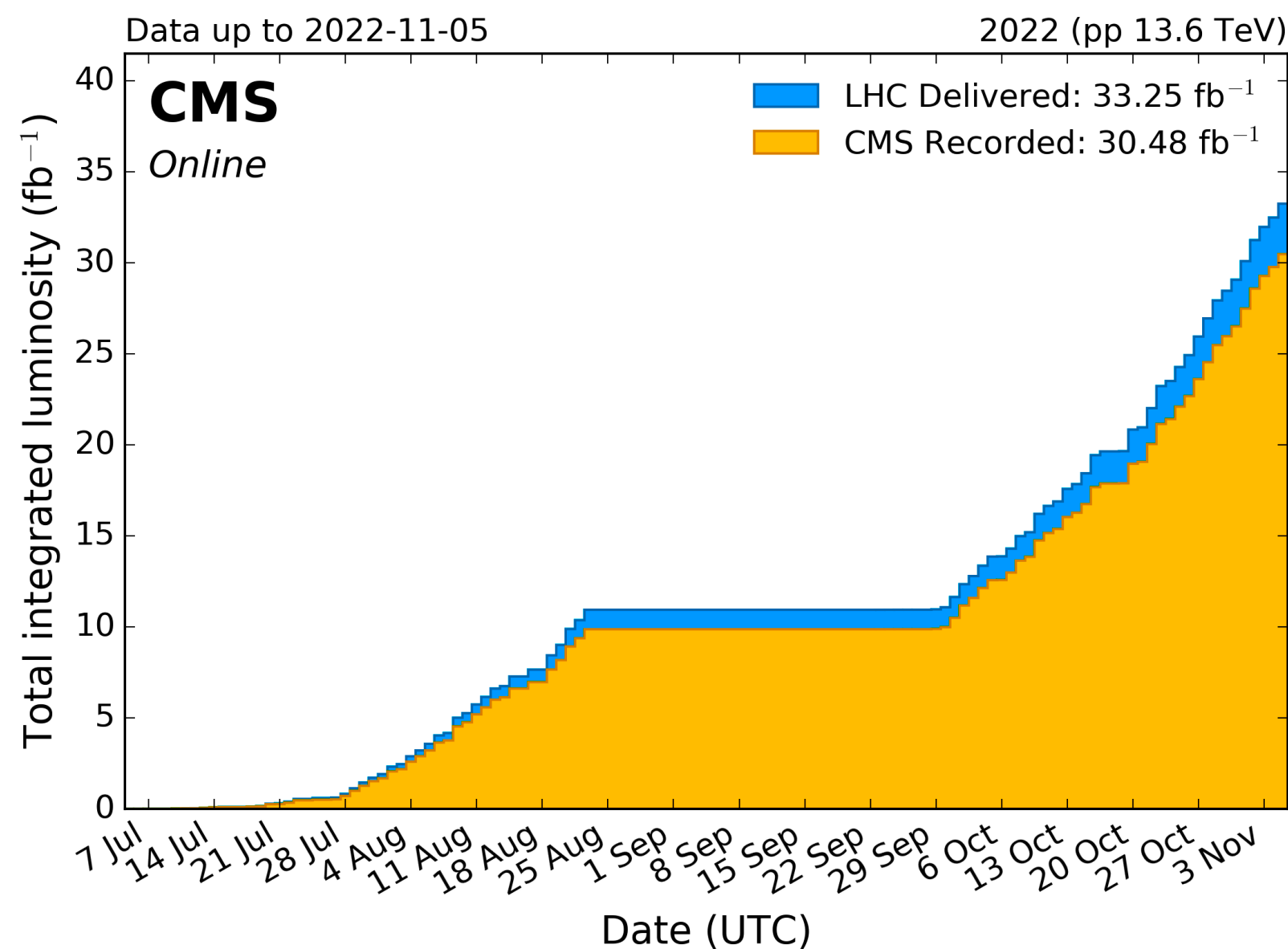
ATLAS and CMS Dark Matter Searches: Future Opportunities



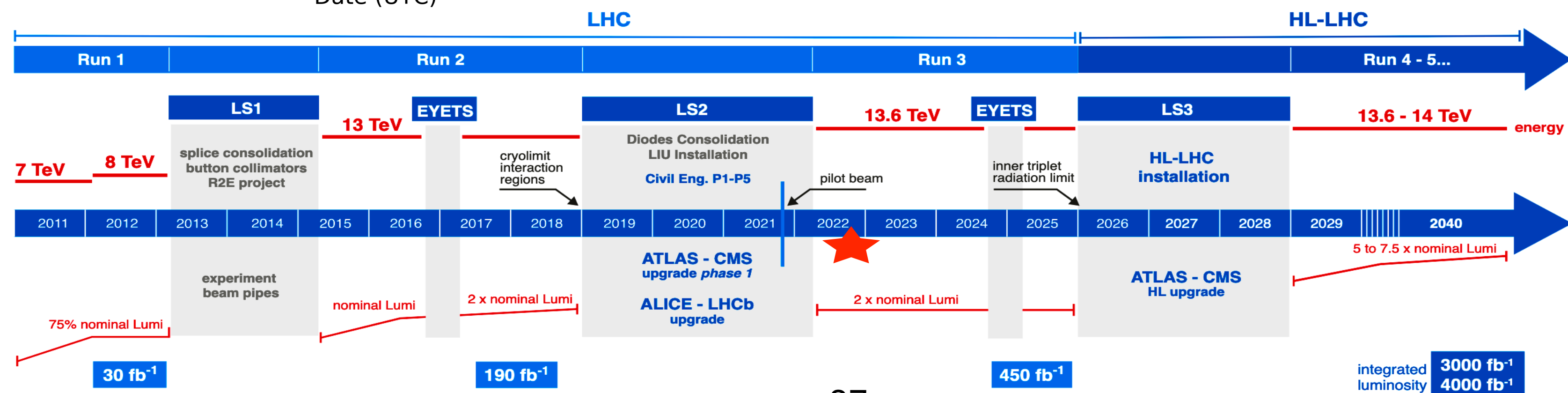
The LHC Timelines

LHC $\sqrt{s} = 13.6$ TeV RUN3 is ongoing.

- ➔ Higgs production rate ($\sigma * L$) 7% larger than Run2.
- ➔ Total ~50M Higgs to be produced by the end of RUN3.



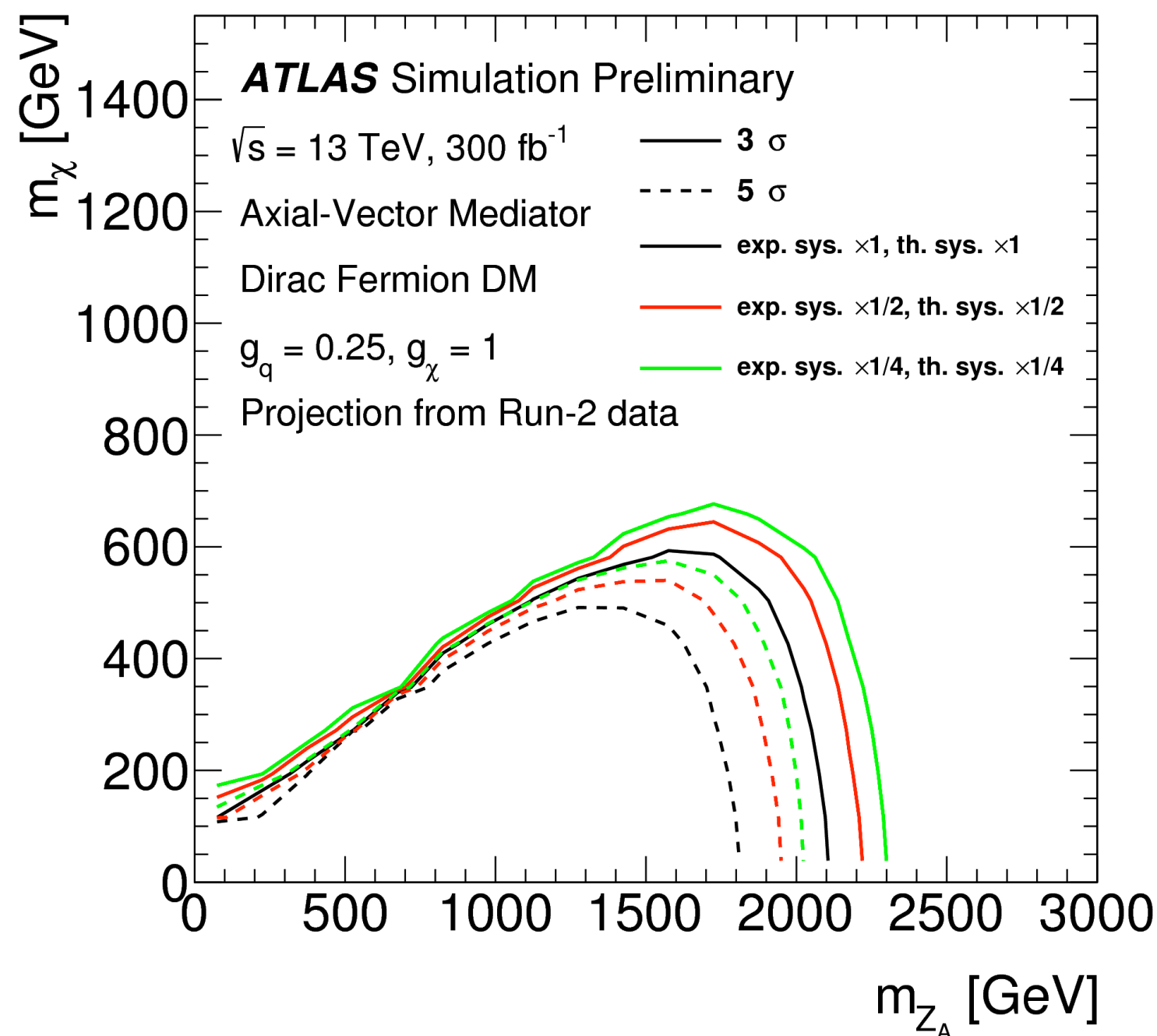
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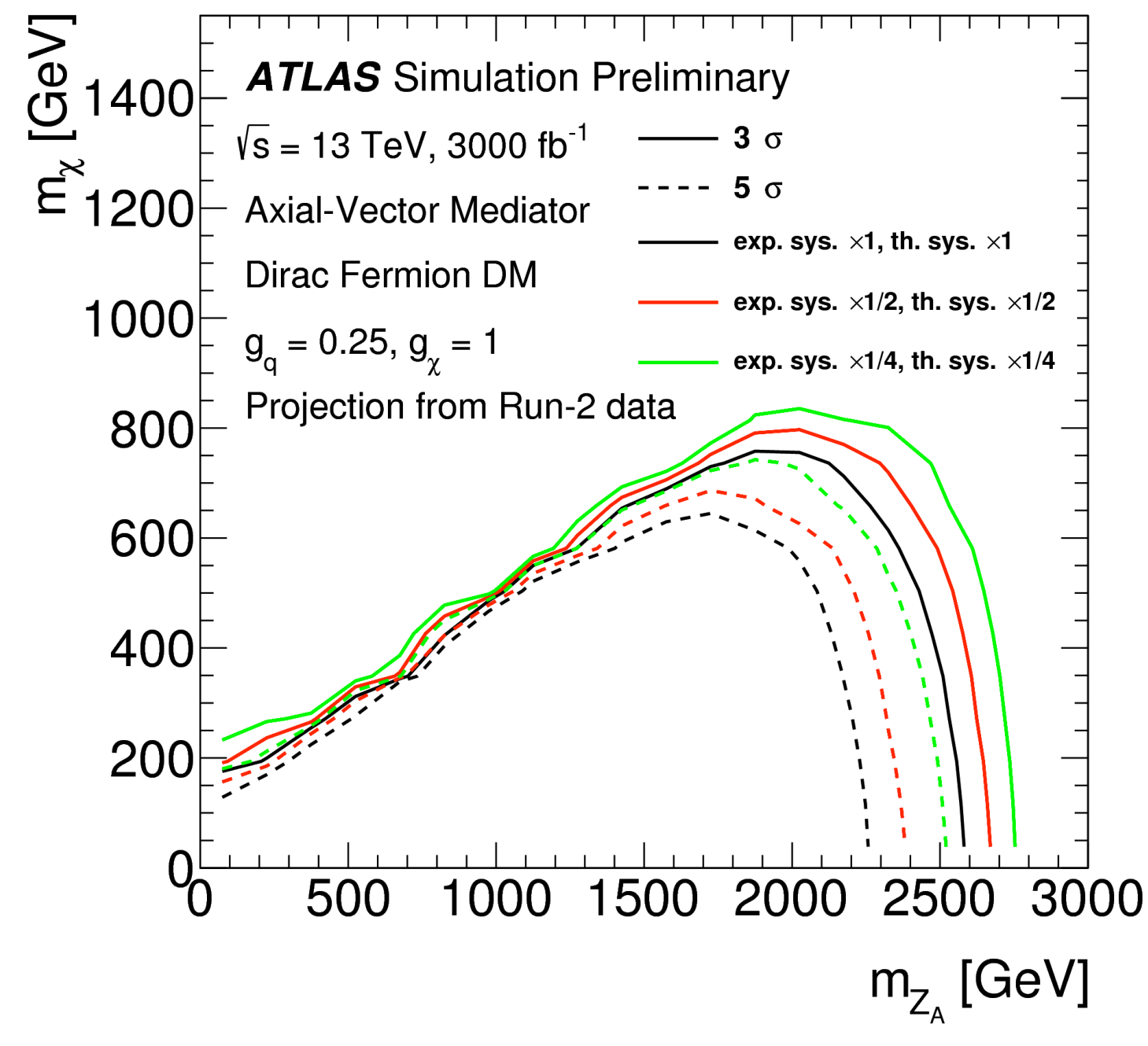
HL-LHC operation foreseen from 2029 to achieve $>3000/\text{fb}$.

- Extrapolation from current results to 300 fb^{-1} (Run2+Run3) and 3000 fb^{-1} (HL-LHC) show the reach in DM searches
- Impact of different systematic uncertainties scenarios was investigated

Run2+Run3

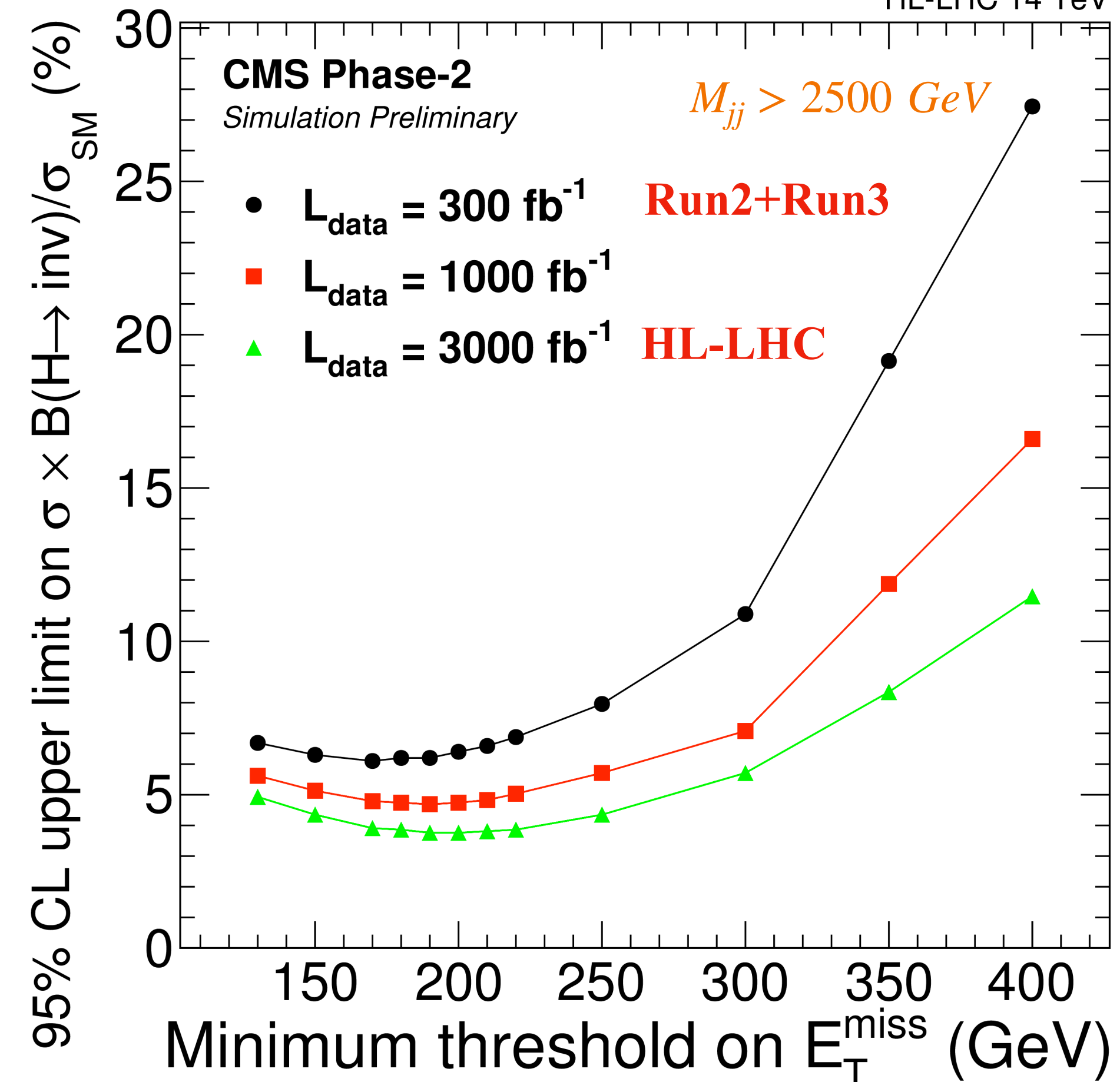


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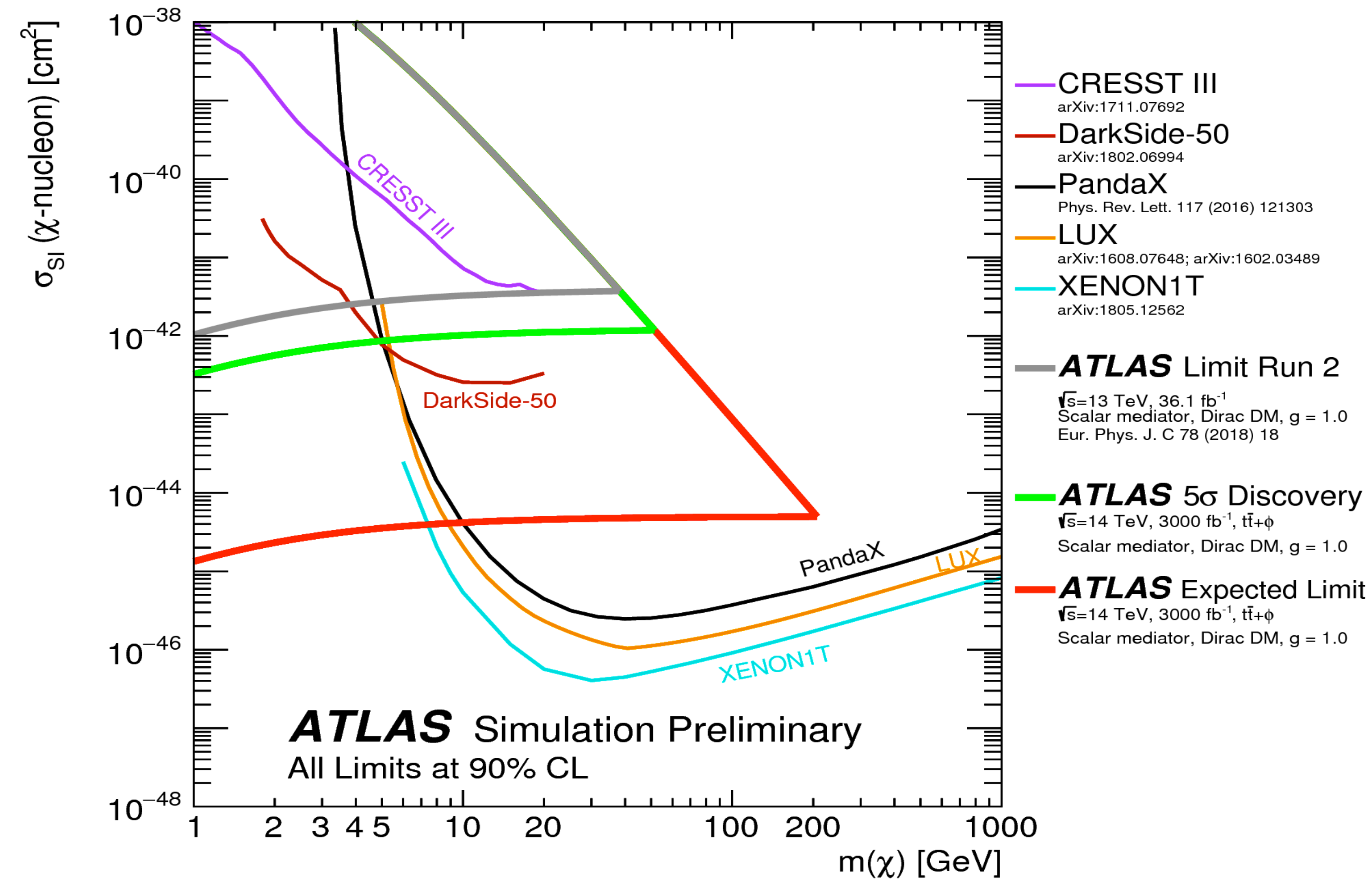


Mono-jet search (one of the most systematic-limited DM analyses):
 Expected 3σ (solid) and 5σ (dashed) discovery contours on the (m_χ, m_{Z_A}) mass plane

VBF, $H \rightarrow \text{invisible}$ HL-LHC 14 TeV



Heavy quarks:
 Comparison of the spin-independent DM-nucleon cross-section as a function of DM mass, to the DD experiments



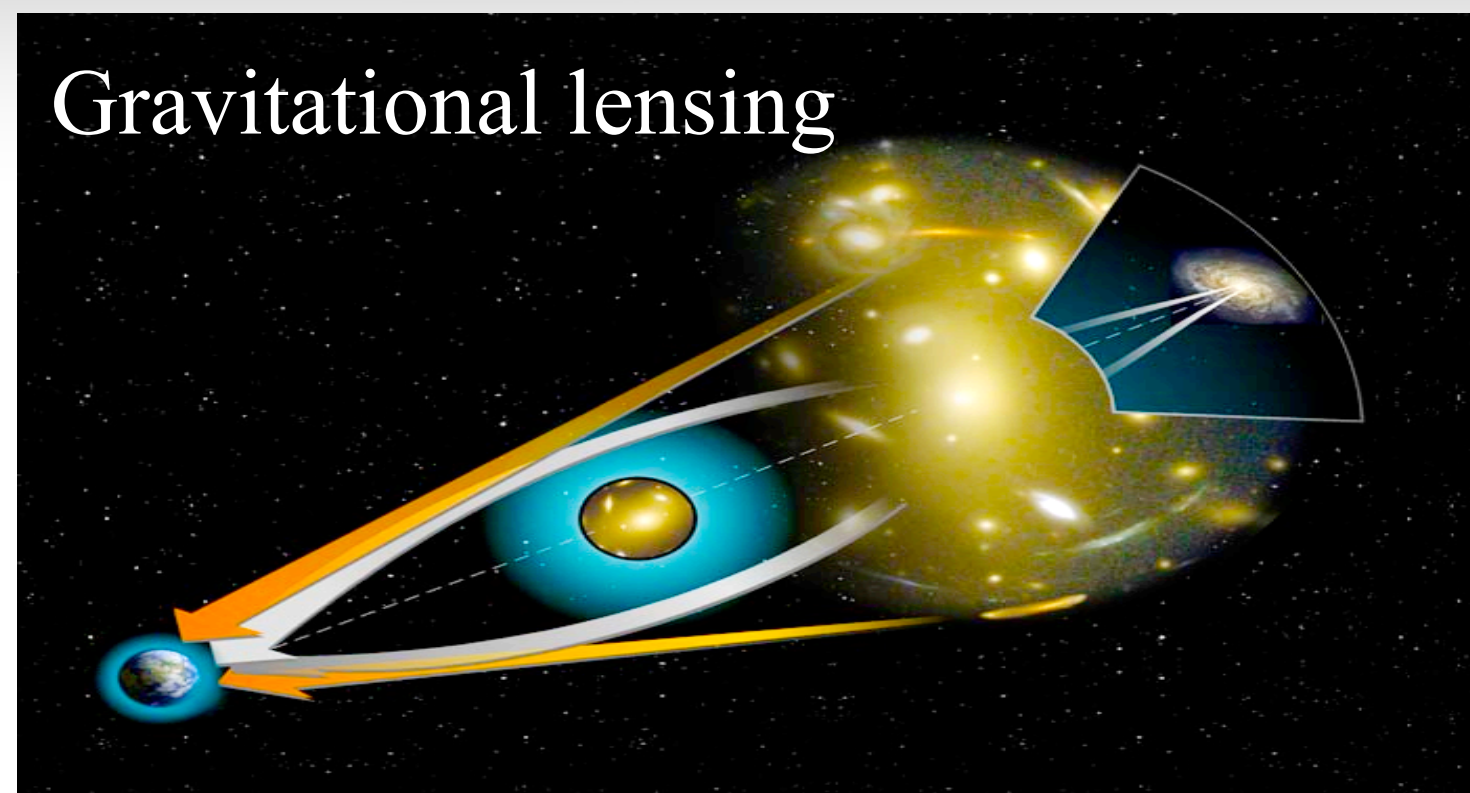
Conclusion

- Both astrophysical and terrestrial searches are needed to uncover a complete dark matter model.
- Many signatures were explored thanks to excellent detector performance
- Wide range of parameter space investigated by ATLAS and CMS, no hint so far
- No significant excess of events above SM background prediction with the current LHC Run 2 data.
- Observed complementarity with non-collider DM searches.
- ATLAS and CMS ATLAS underwent several upgrades during the Long Shutdown 2.
- All legacy and upgraded components (re)commissioned using splashes and pp collision data
- The LHC delivered the stable proton-proton collisions at 13.6 TeV, on July 5, starting Run 3
- Stay tuned for new Run 3 ATLAS and CMS results



Thank you

Dark Matter

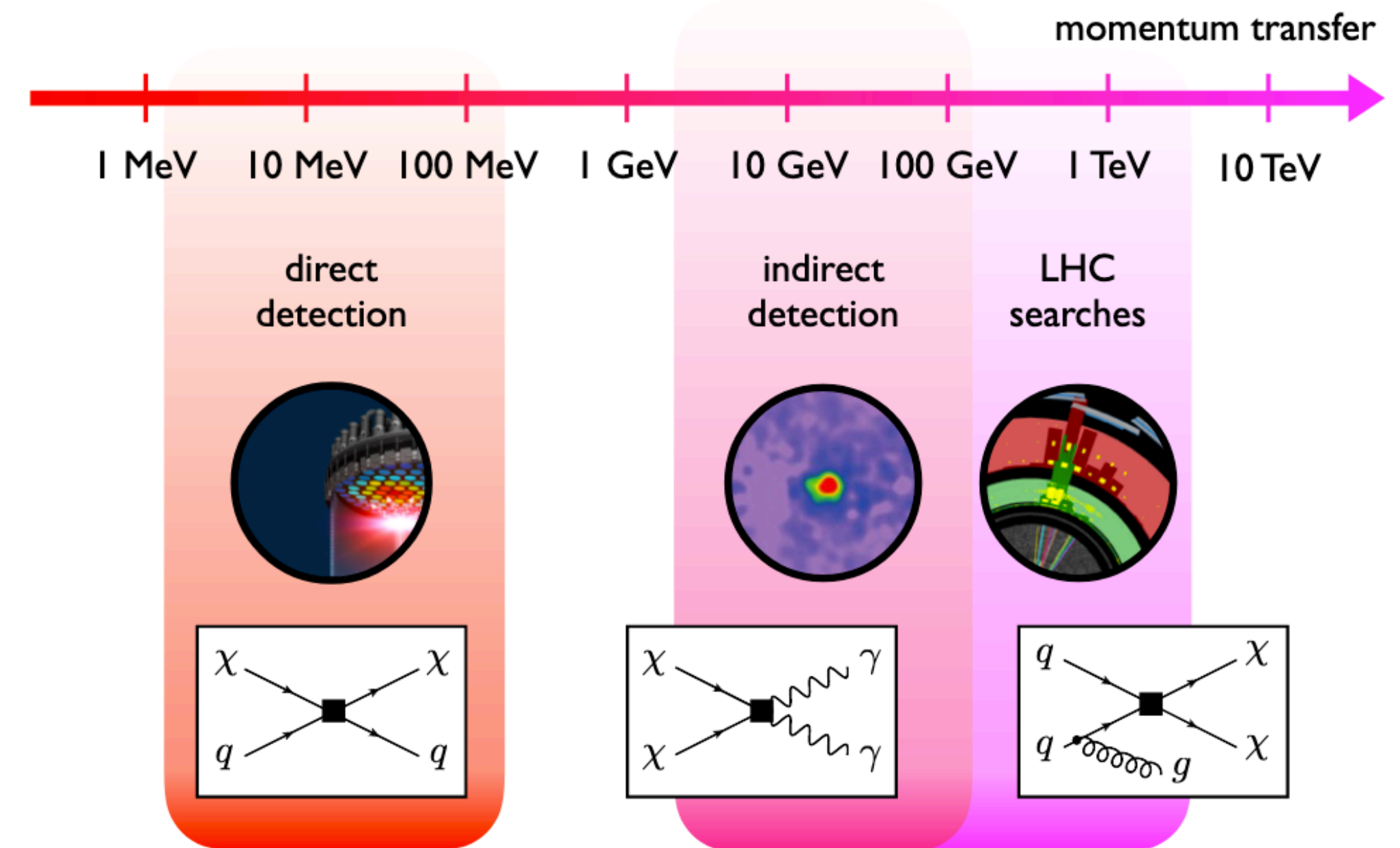


What do we know about DM ?

- Stable
- Massive
- Non-baryonic
- Electrically neutral
- No SM candidate
- 85% of all matter in the Universe
- Sensitive to gravitational interactions

Dark Matter Detection

Range of momenta probed in DD, ID experiments and LHC searches



[arXiv:1810.09420](https://arxiv.org/abs/1810.09420)

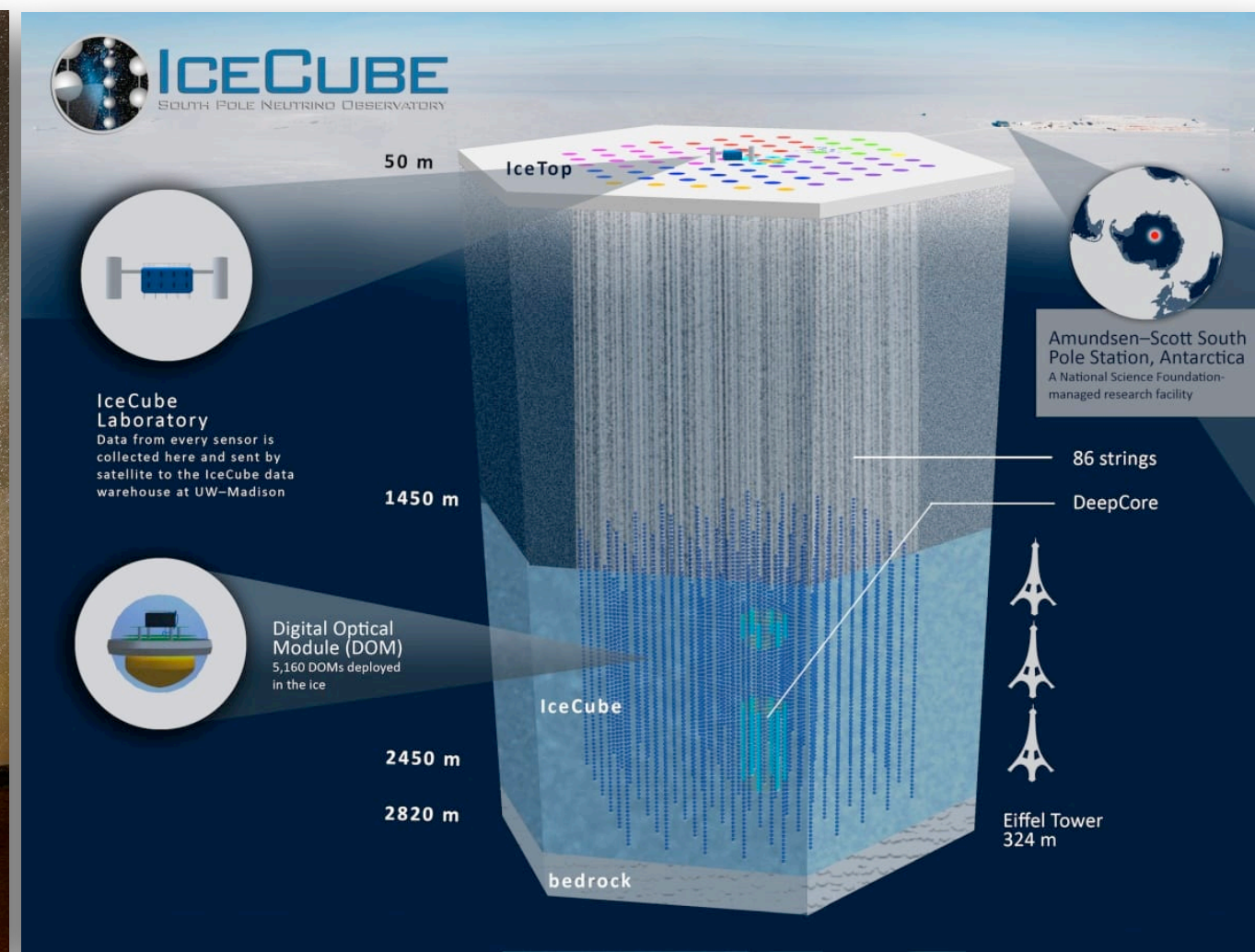
Dark Matter Detection

DM-SM weak interaction enables different searches:

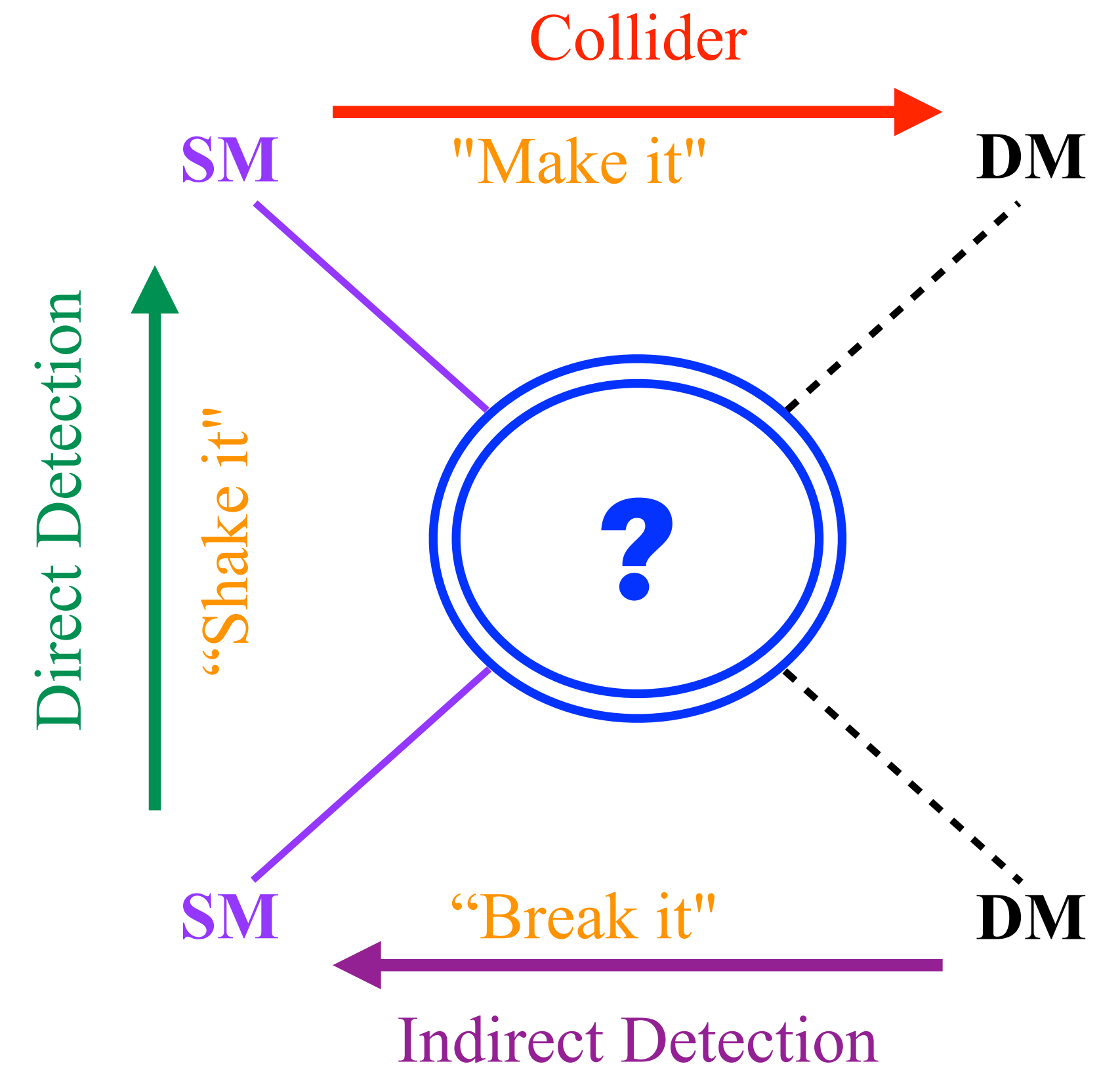
- **Indirect Detection (ID):** products from DM annihilation



HESS



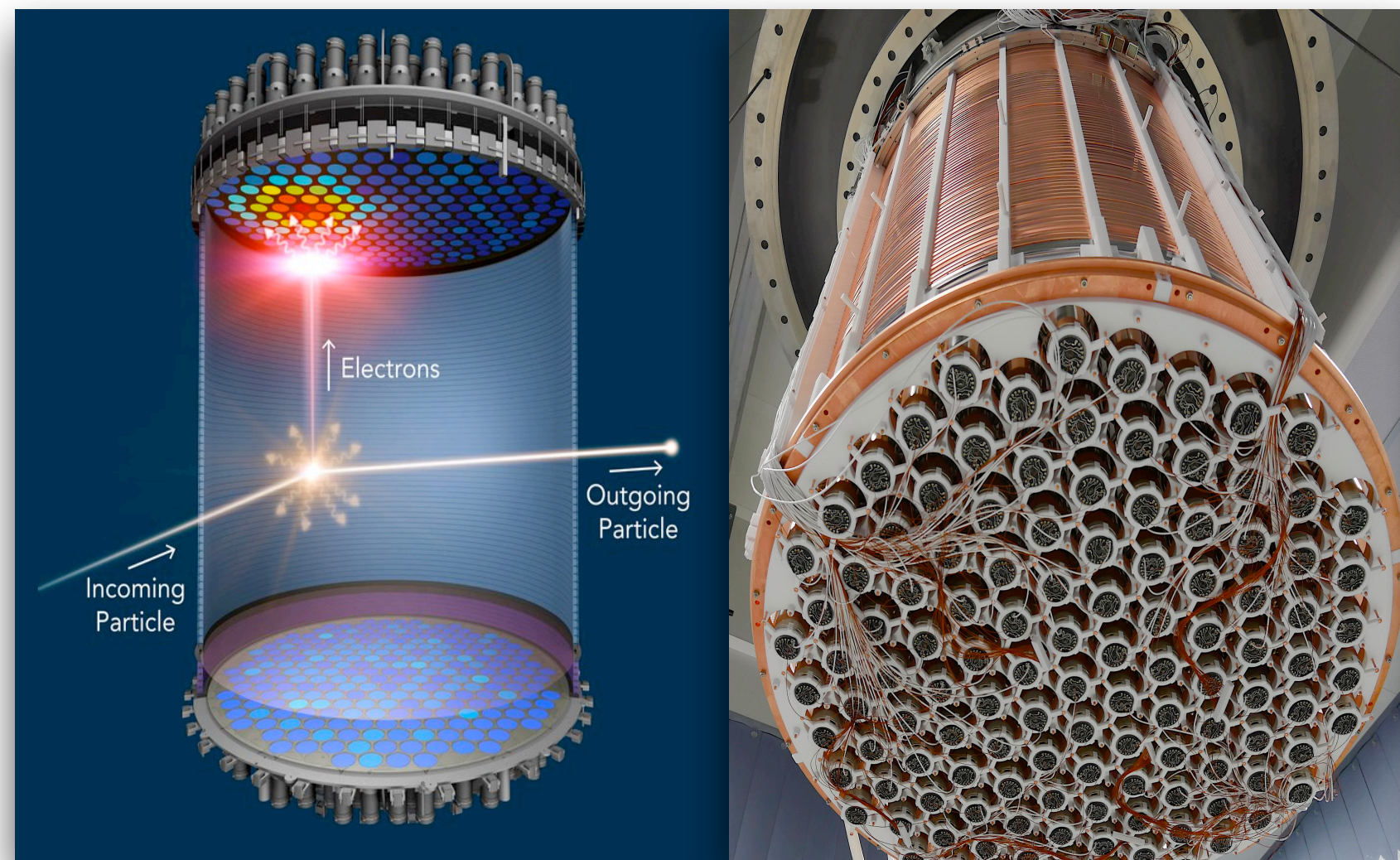
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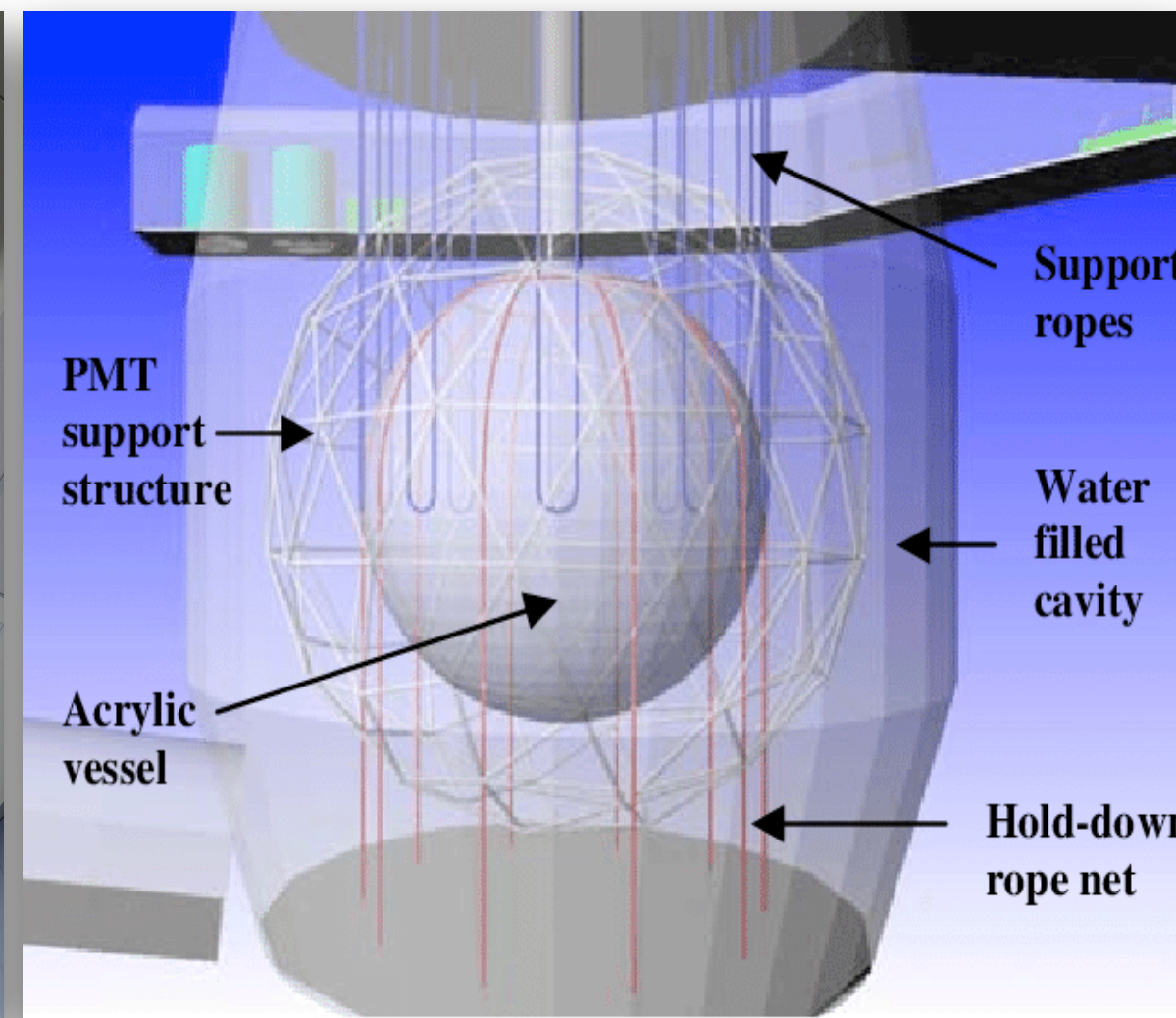
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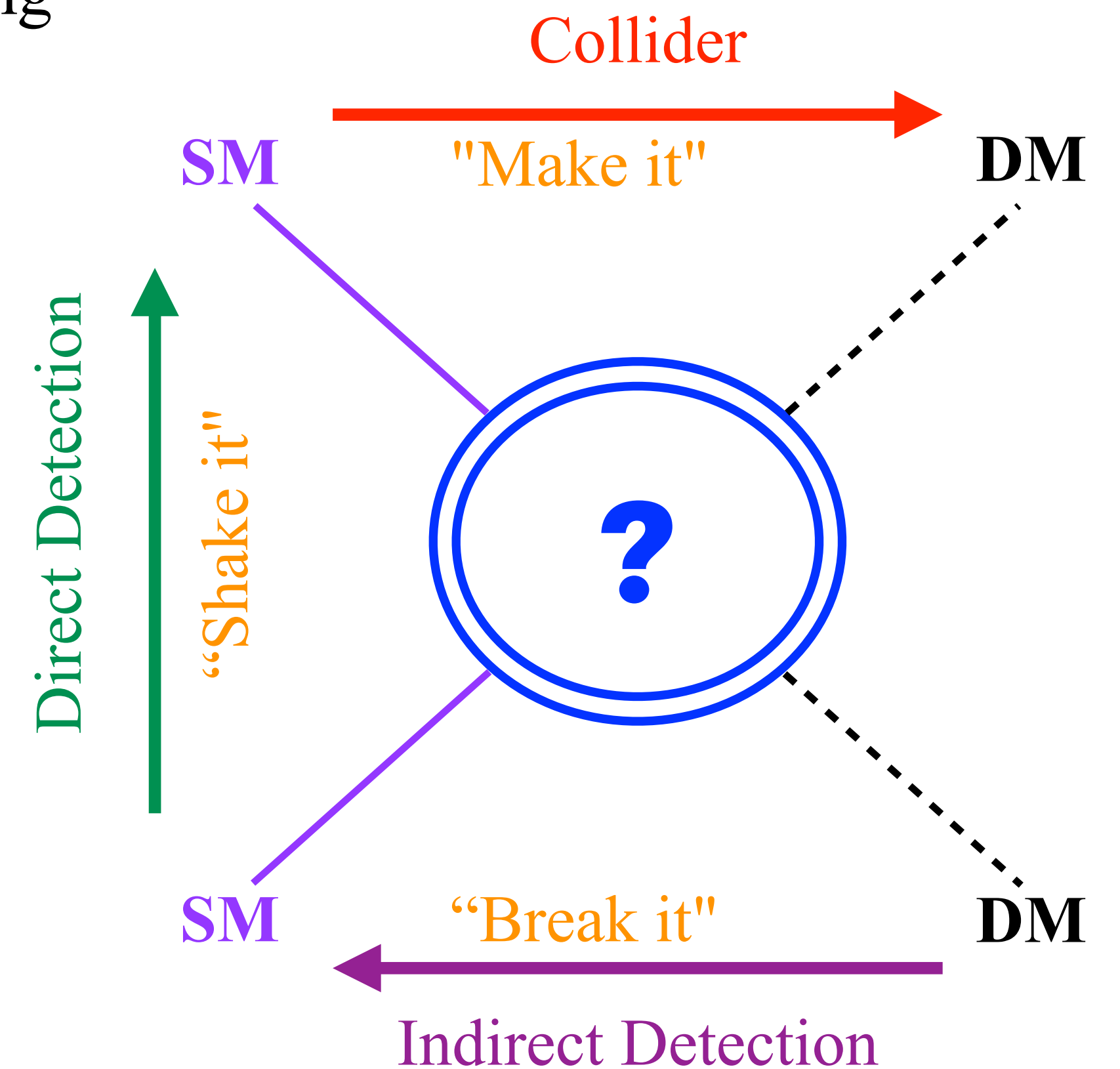
- **Indirect Detection (ID):** products from DM annihilation
- **Direct Detection (DD):** nuclear recoils from DM-nuclei scattering



XENON



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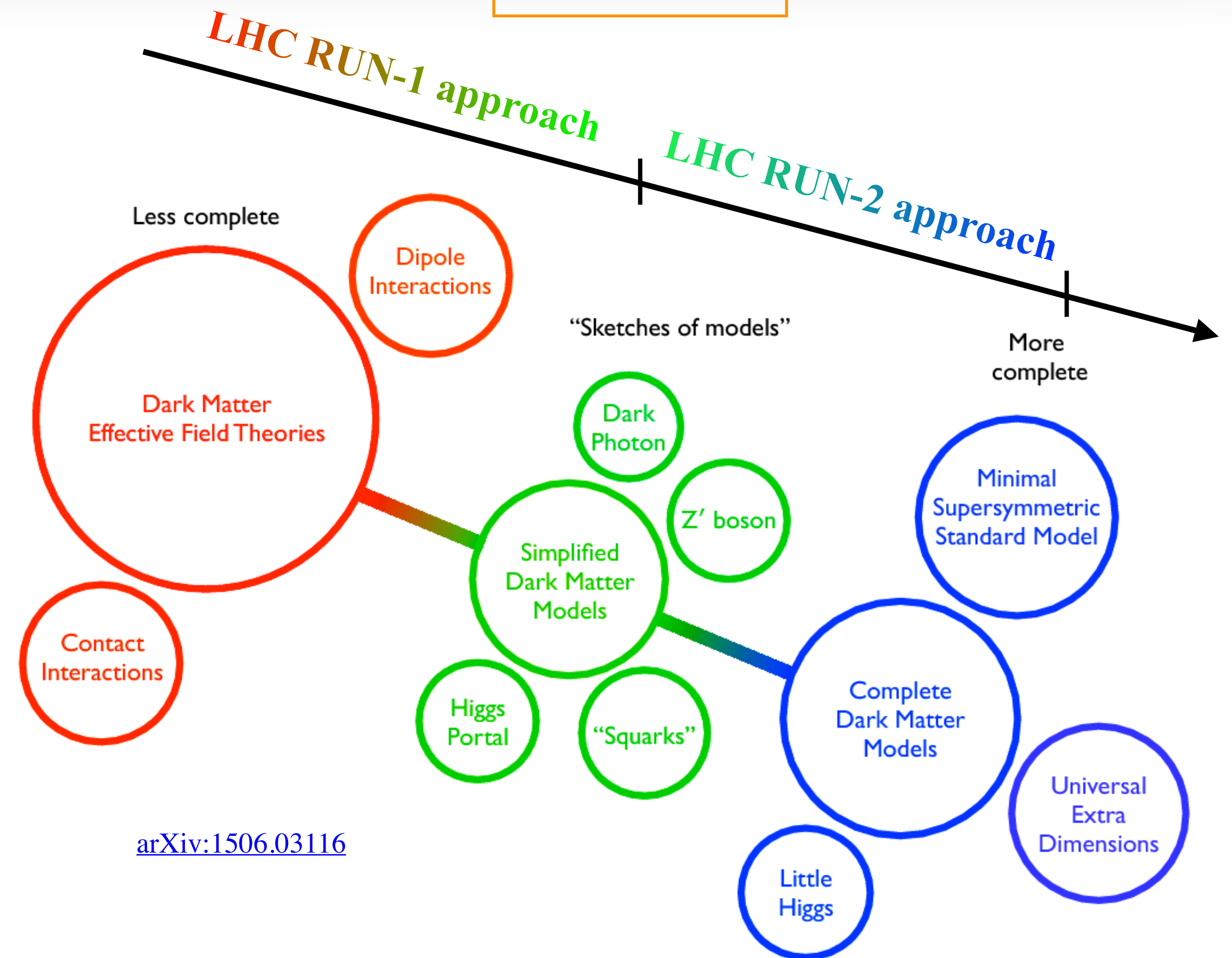
Dark Matter Models

Theories of Dark Matter



Perhaps a new dark sector consisting of many DM particles

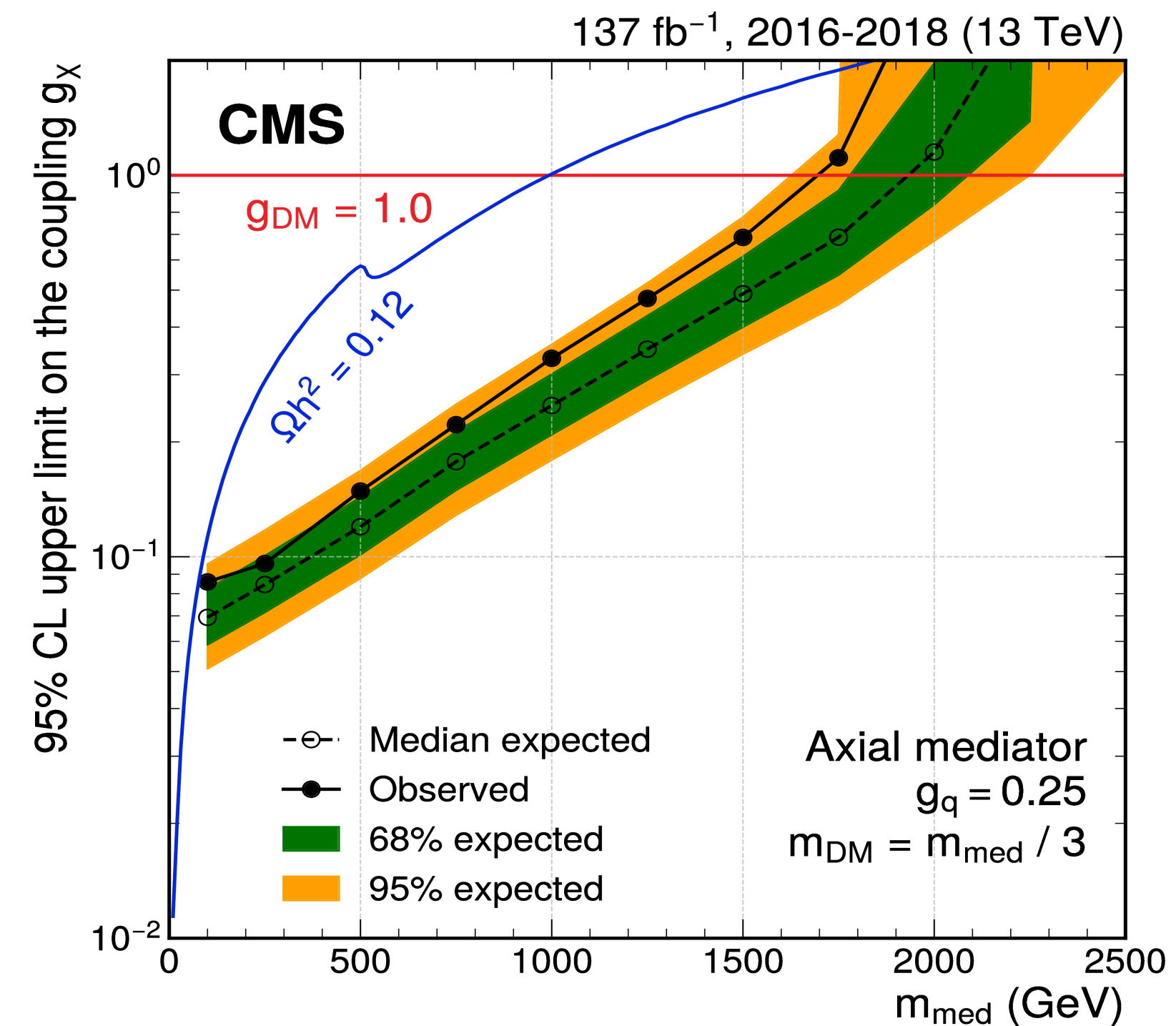
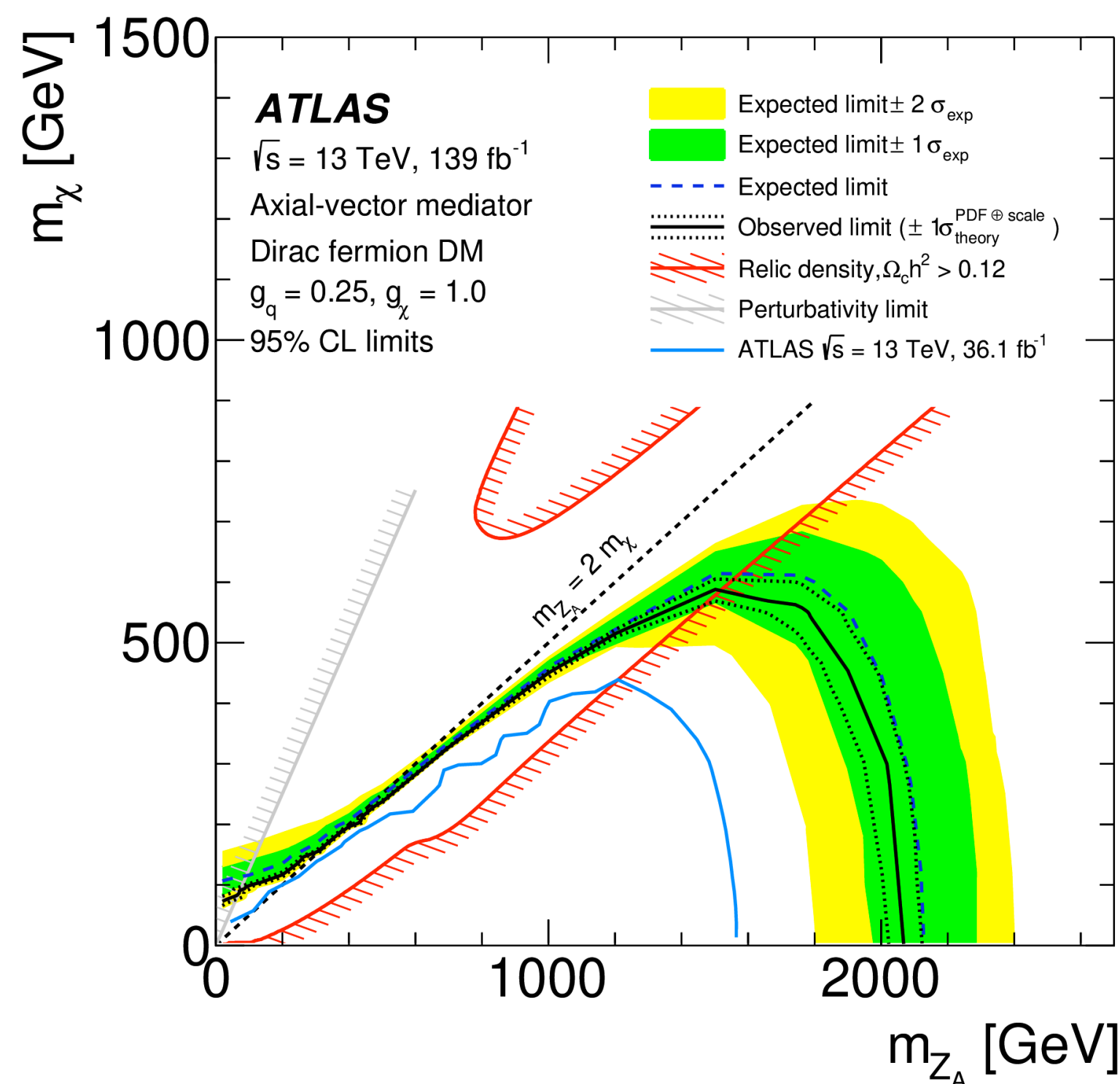
At the LHC



Most models provide some kind of **WIMPs**

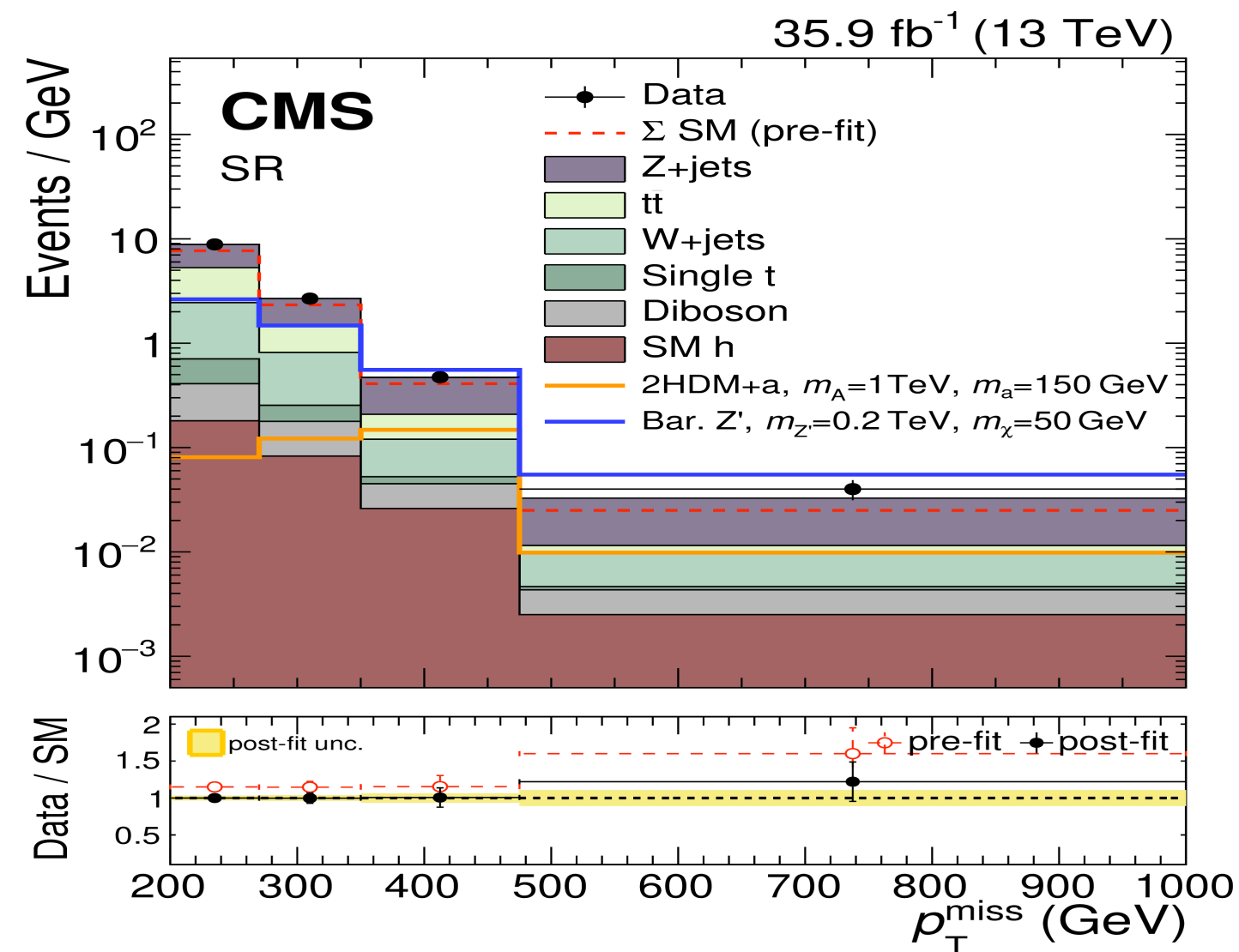
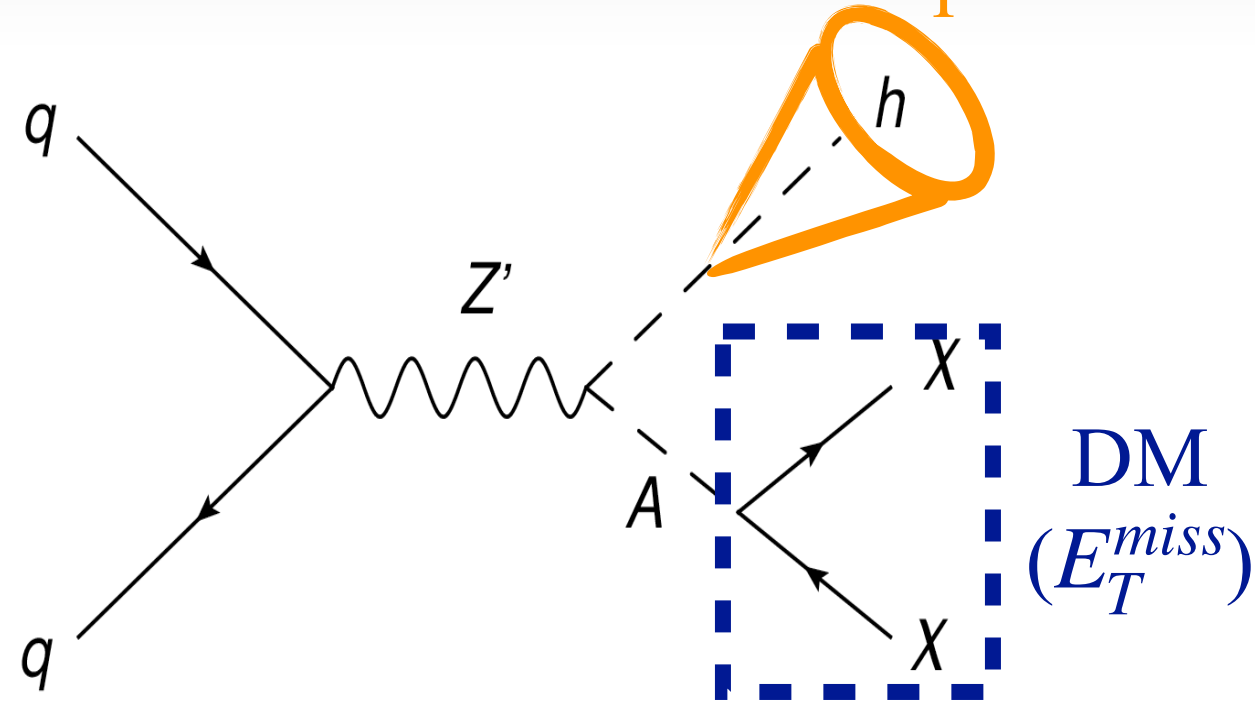
- ✓ Additional background from t , $t\bar{t}$, VV and Multijet (data-driven jet-smearing)
- ✓ CMS: Additional background from t , $t\bar{t}$, VV (MC simulation)

Limit on Axial-vector



'2HDM + a, 2HDM + Z', Z'_B'

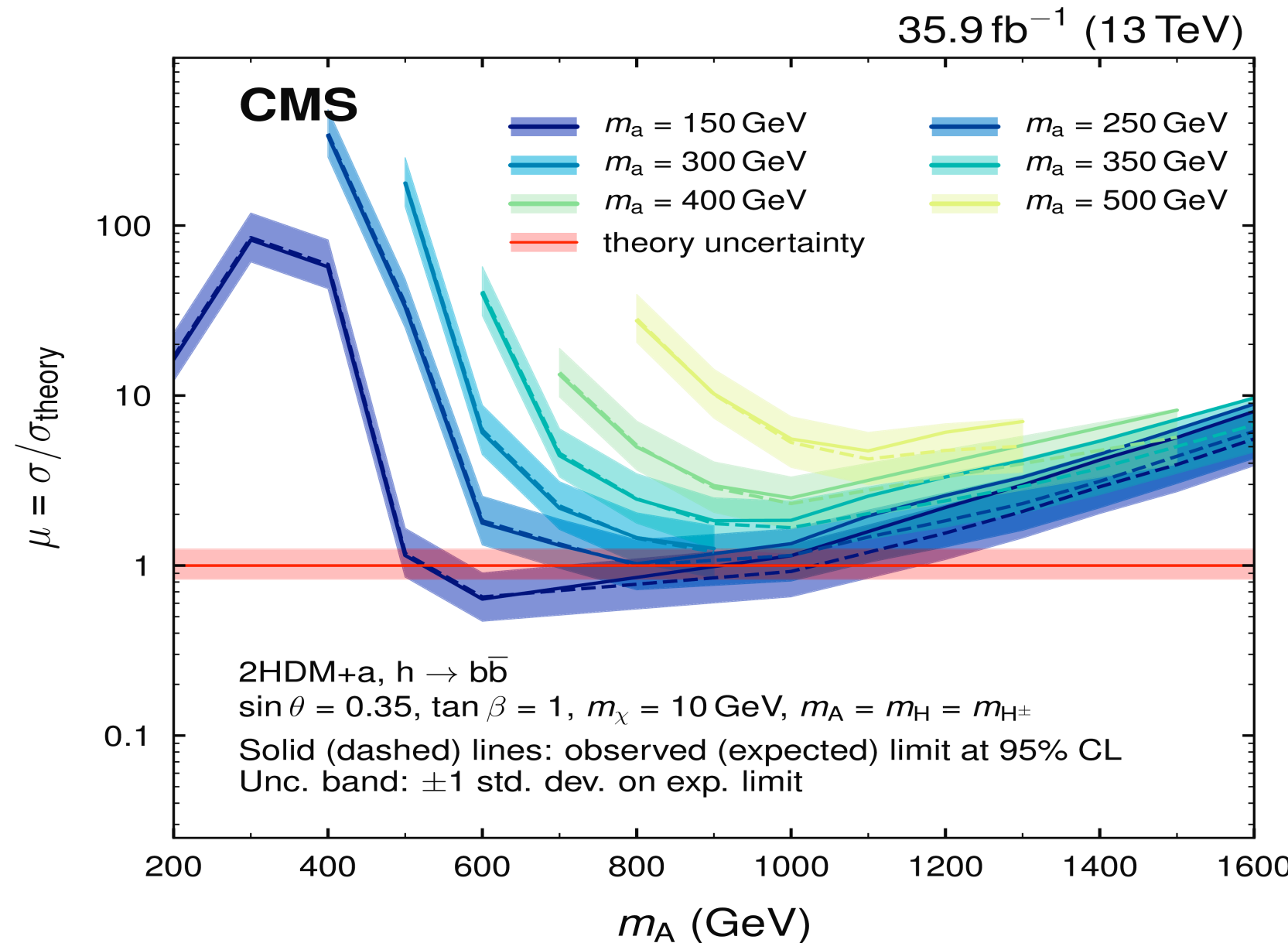
Bottom-pair



The data are in agreement with the post-fit SM predictions

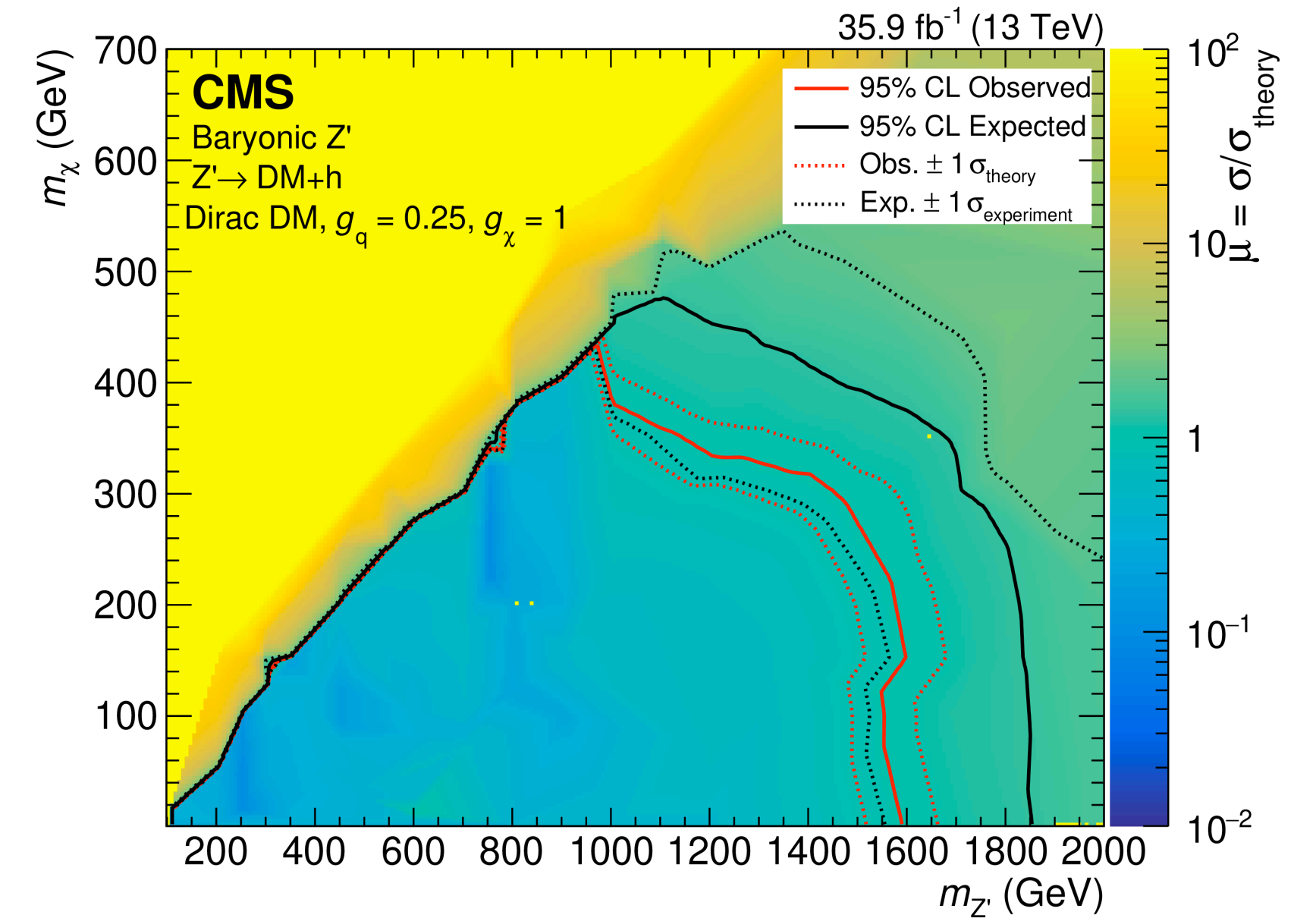
SR

- E_T^{miss} triggered events. $E_T^{miss} > 200$ GeV
- Double-b tag. Veto leptons and photon
- jet $p_T > 200$ GeV and $|\eta| < 2.4$

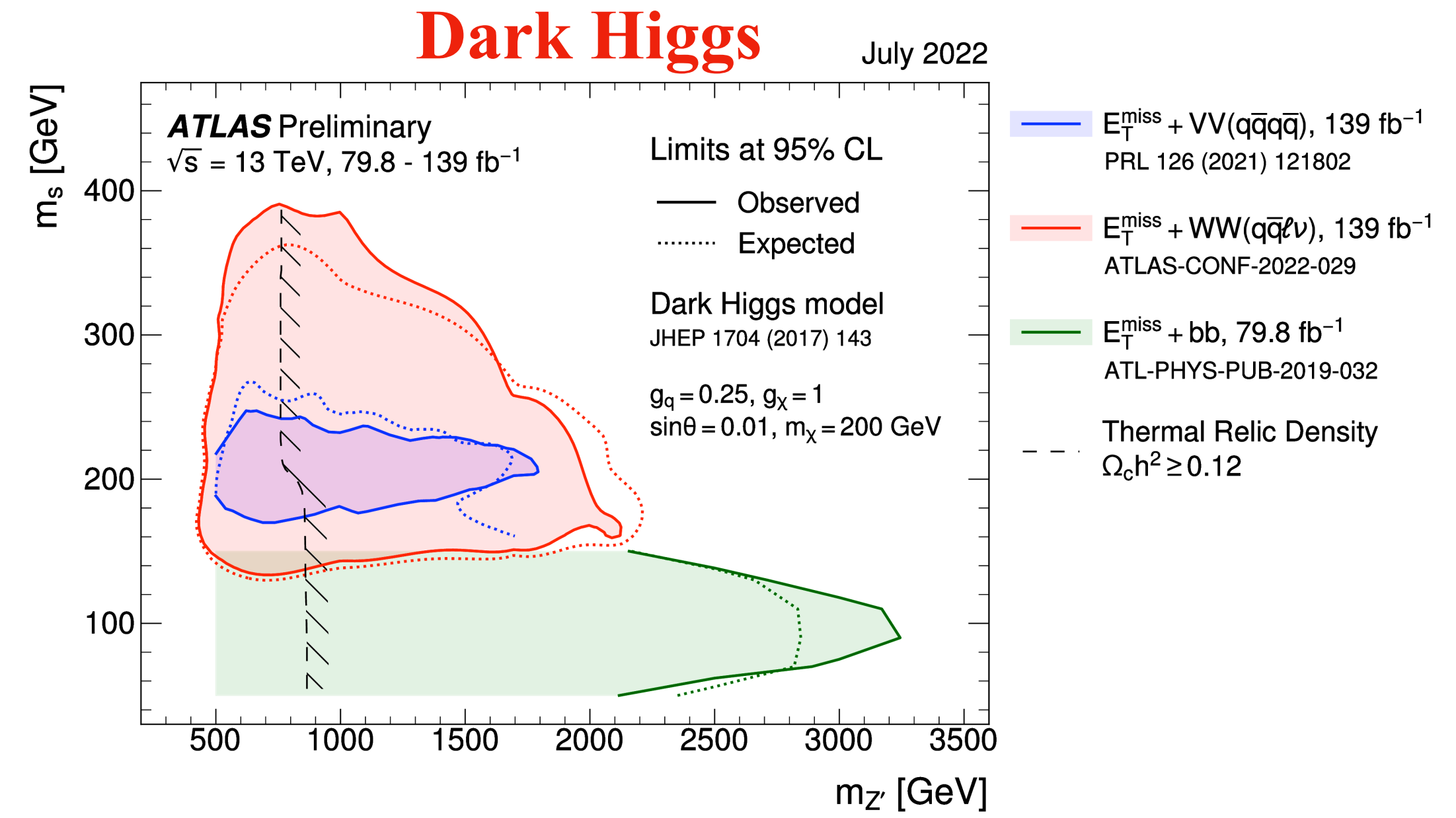
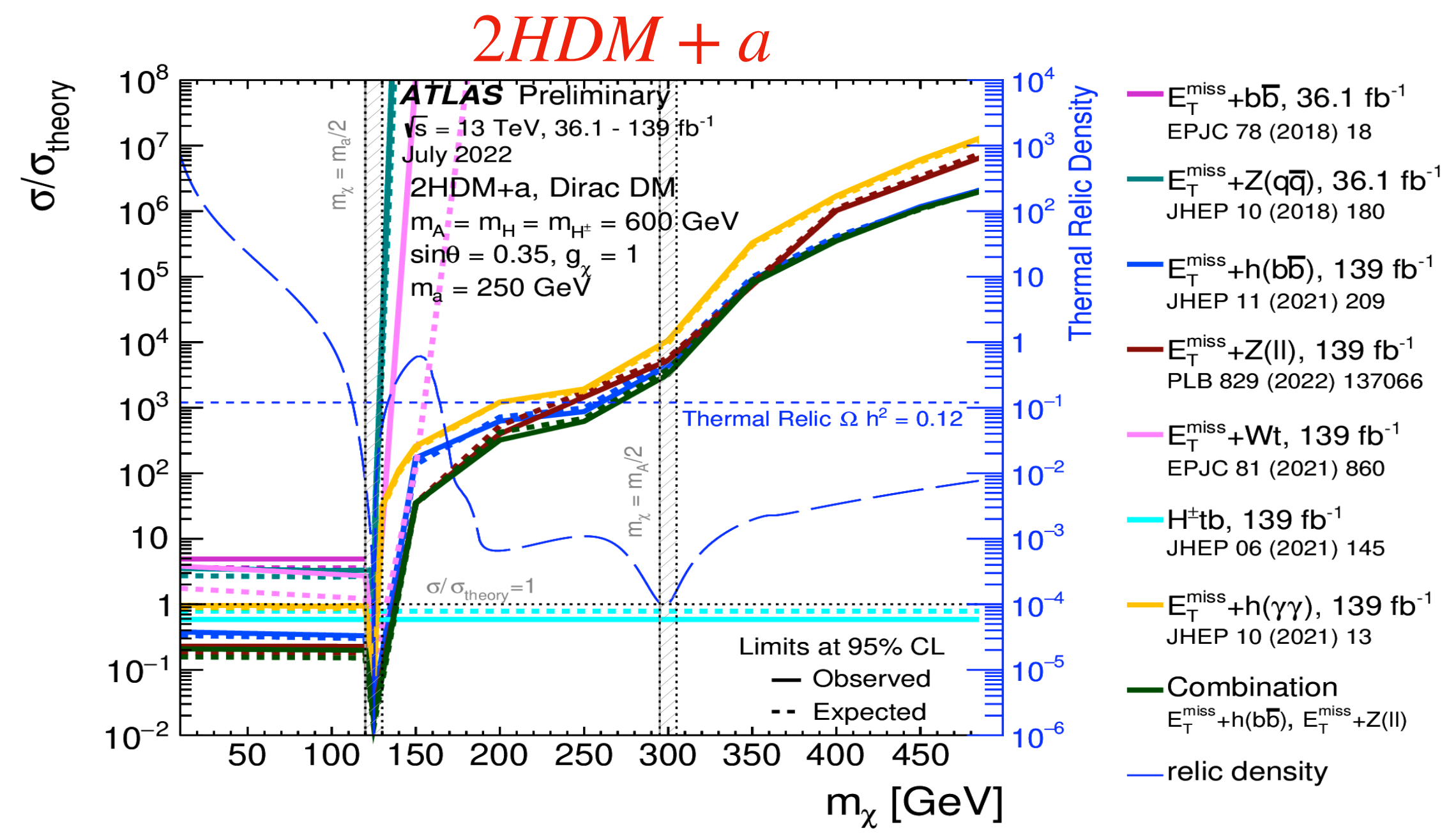


Upper limits for the 2HDM+a on the signal strength modifier: $\mu = \sigma/\sigma_{theory}$ as a function of m_A

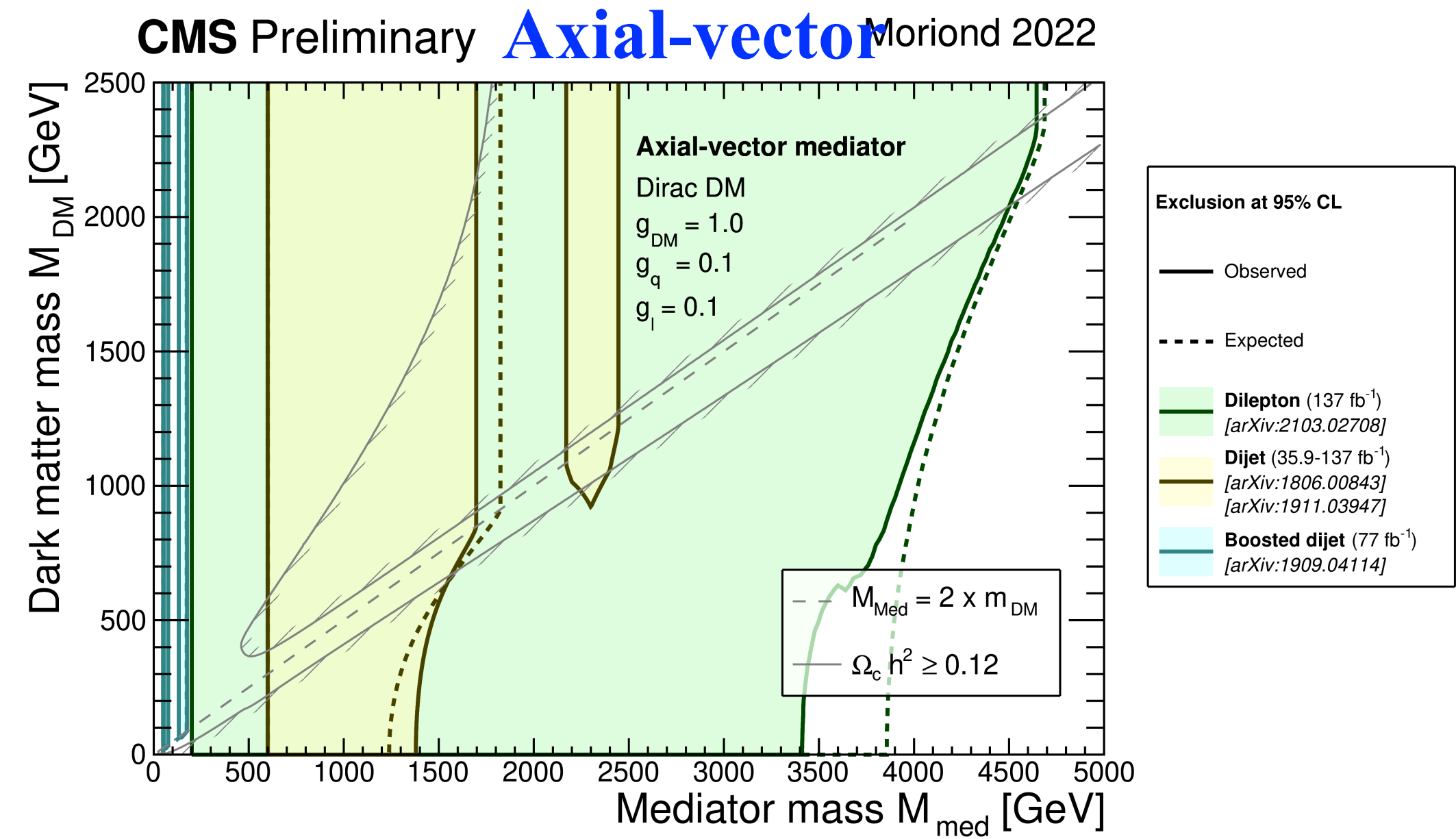
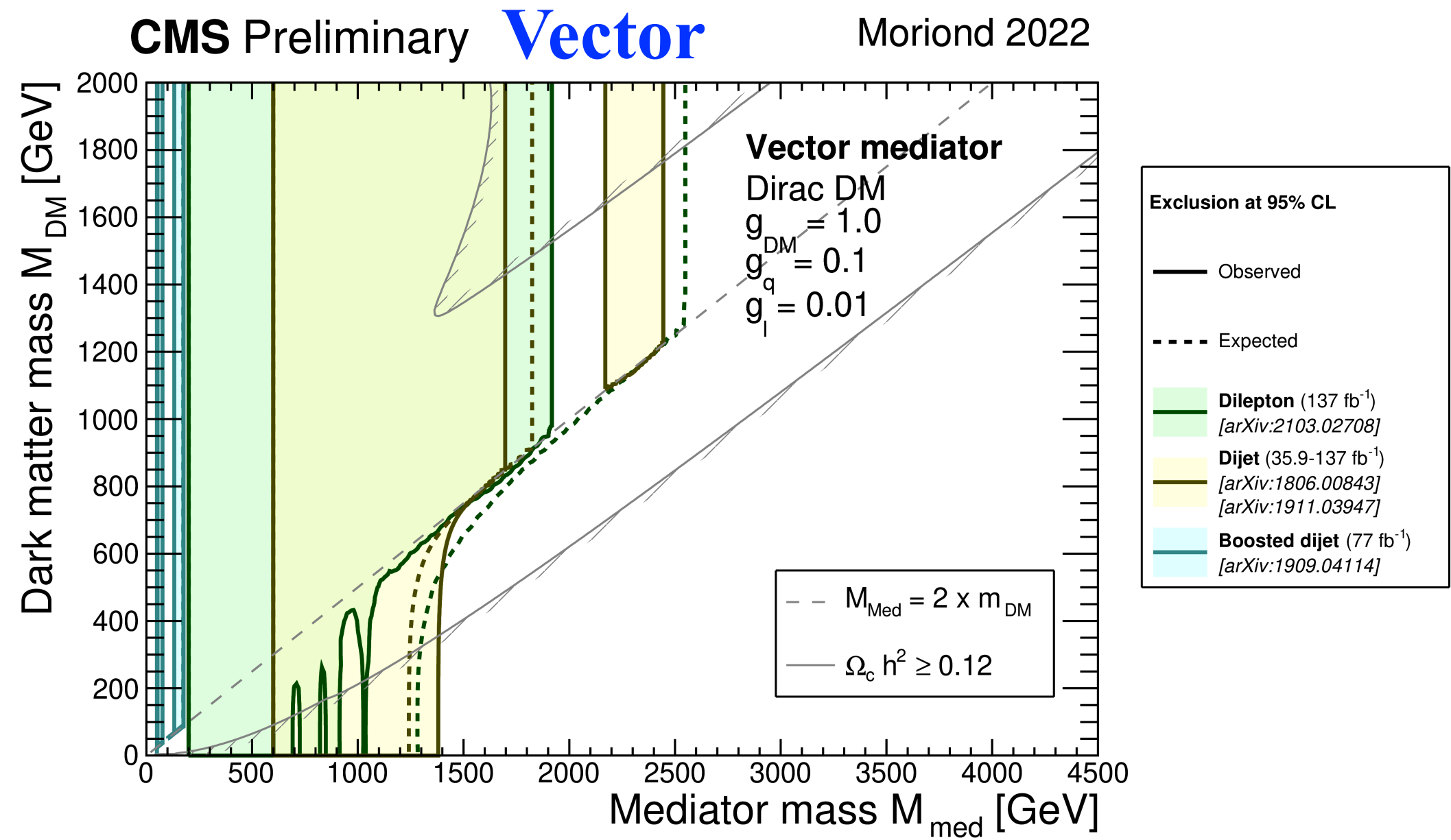
Region	Main background process
Signal	Z+jets, $t\bar{t}$, W+jets
Single-lepton	W+jets, $t\bar{t}$
Single-lepton, b-tagged	$t\bar{t}$, W+jets
Dilepton	Z+jets



Upper limits for the Baryonic Z' model on the signal strength modifier: $\mu = \sigma/\sigma_{theory}$ as a function of $m_{Z'}$

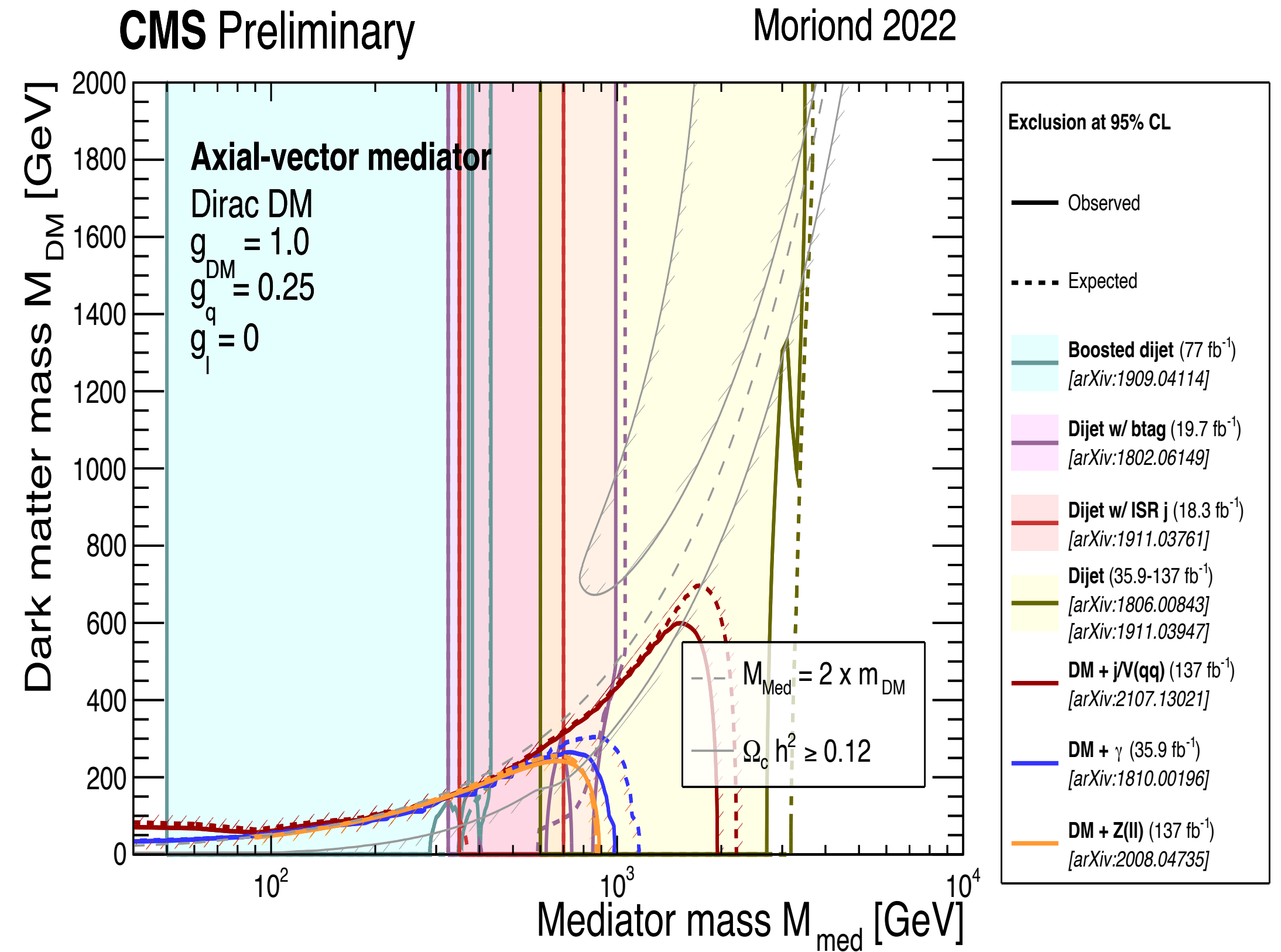
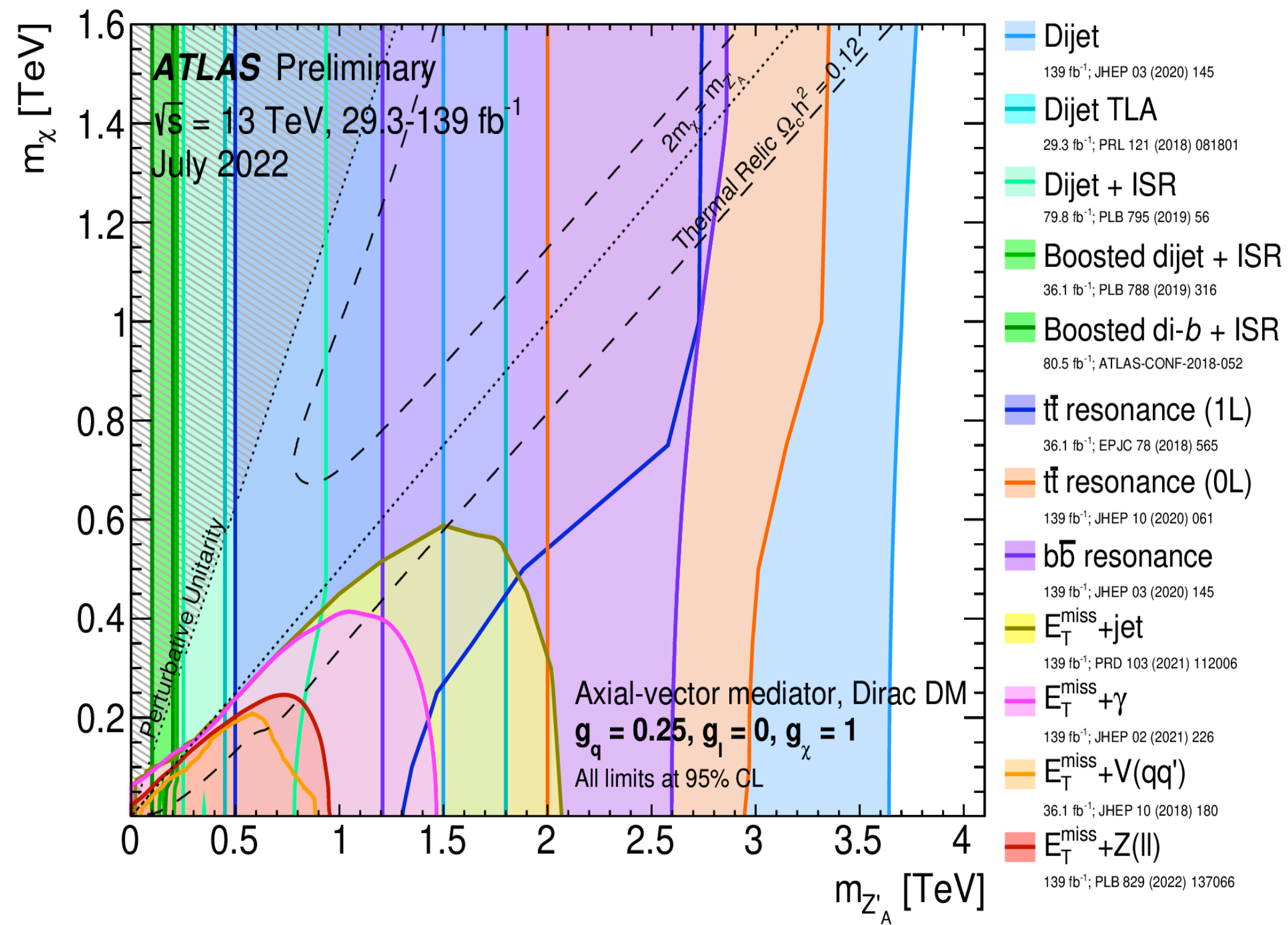


Simplified DM model

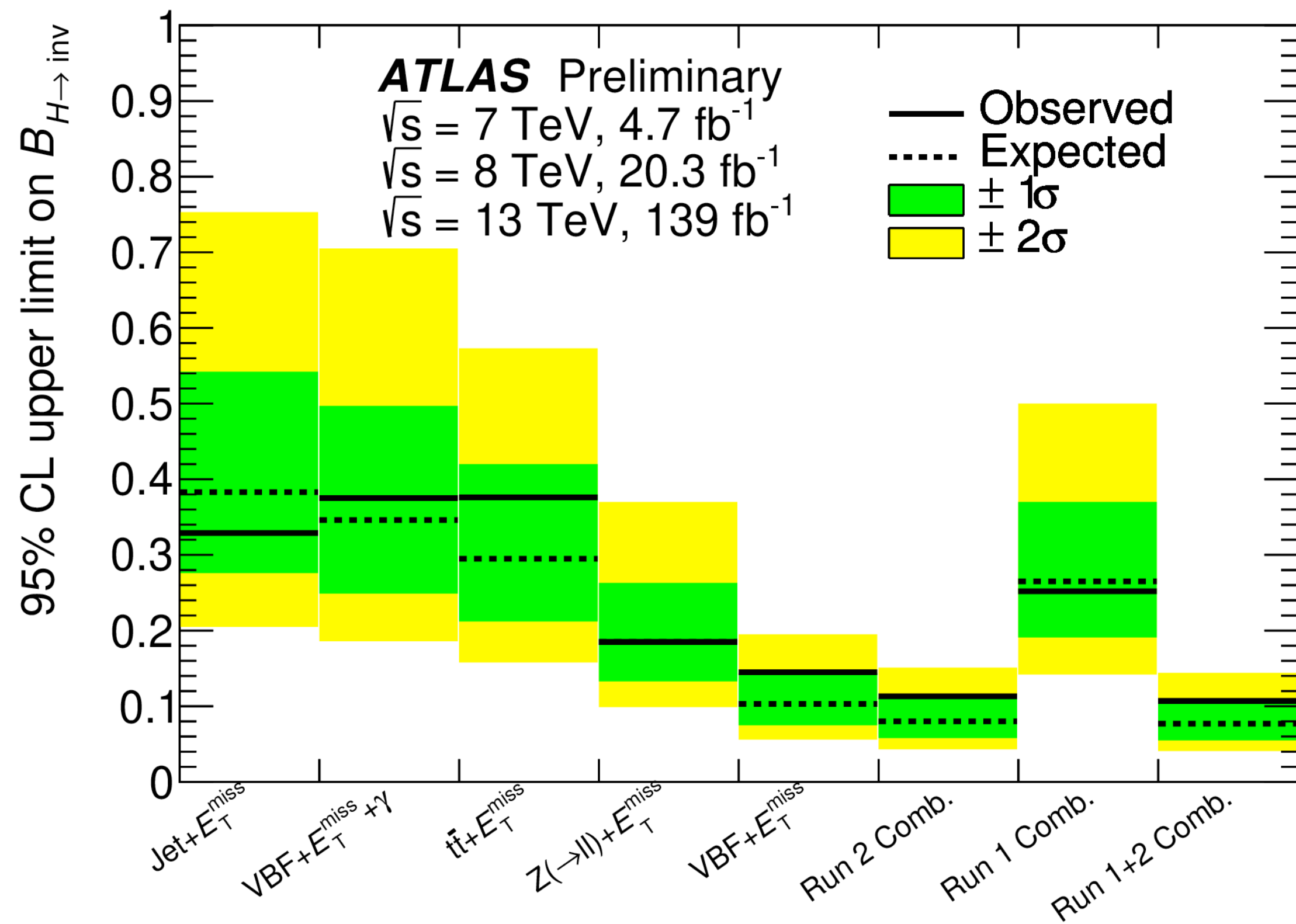


Simplified DM model

Axial-vector

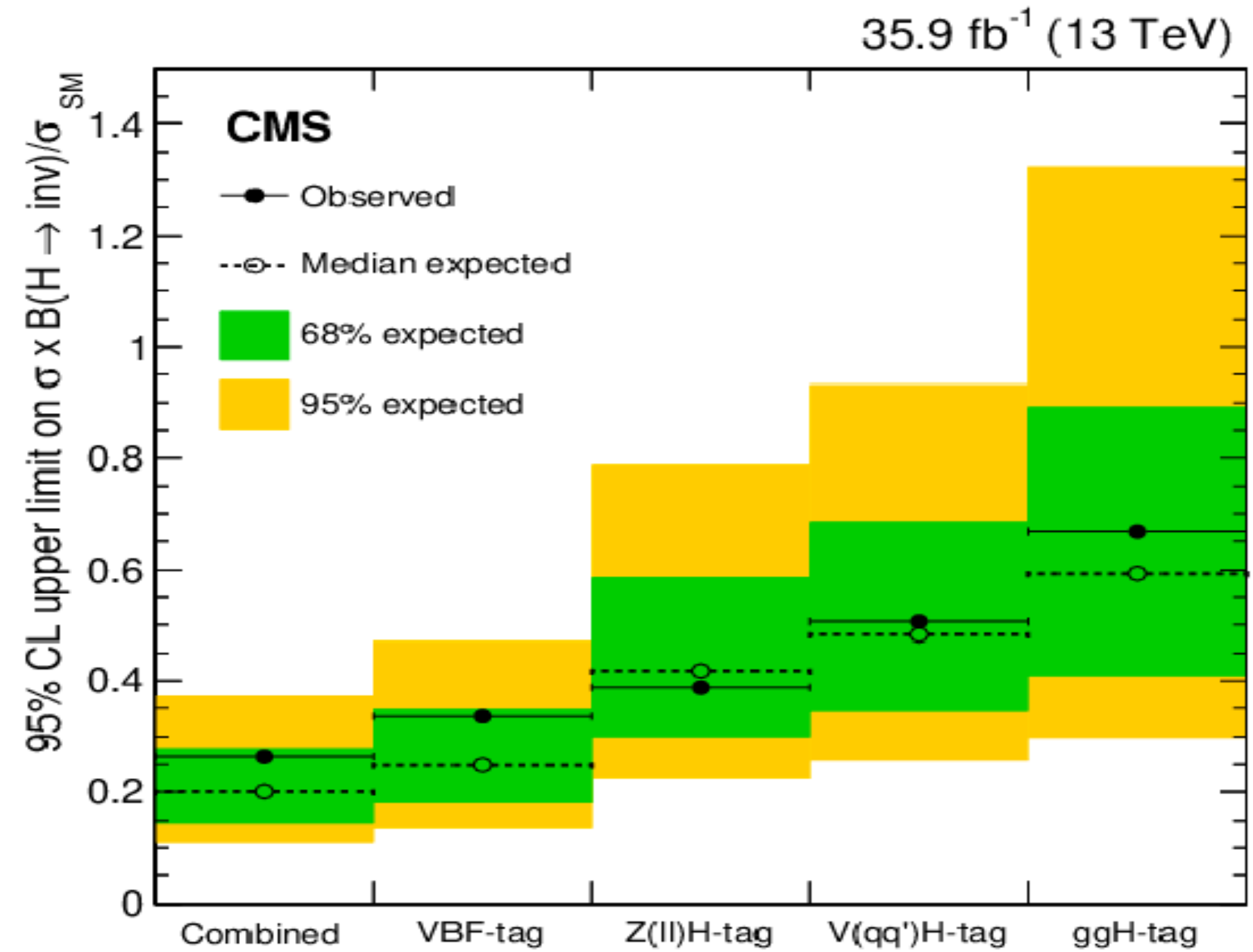


Higgs portal



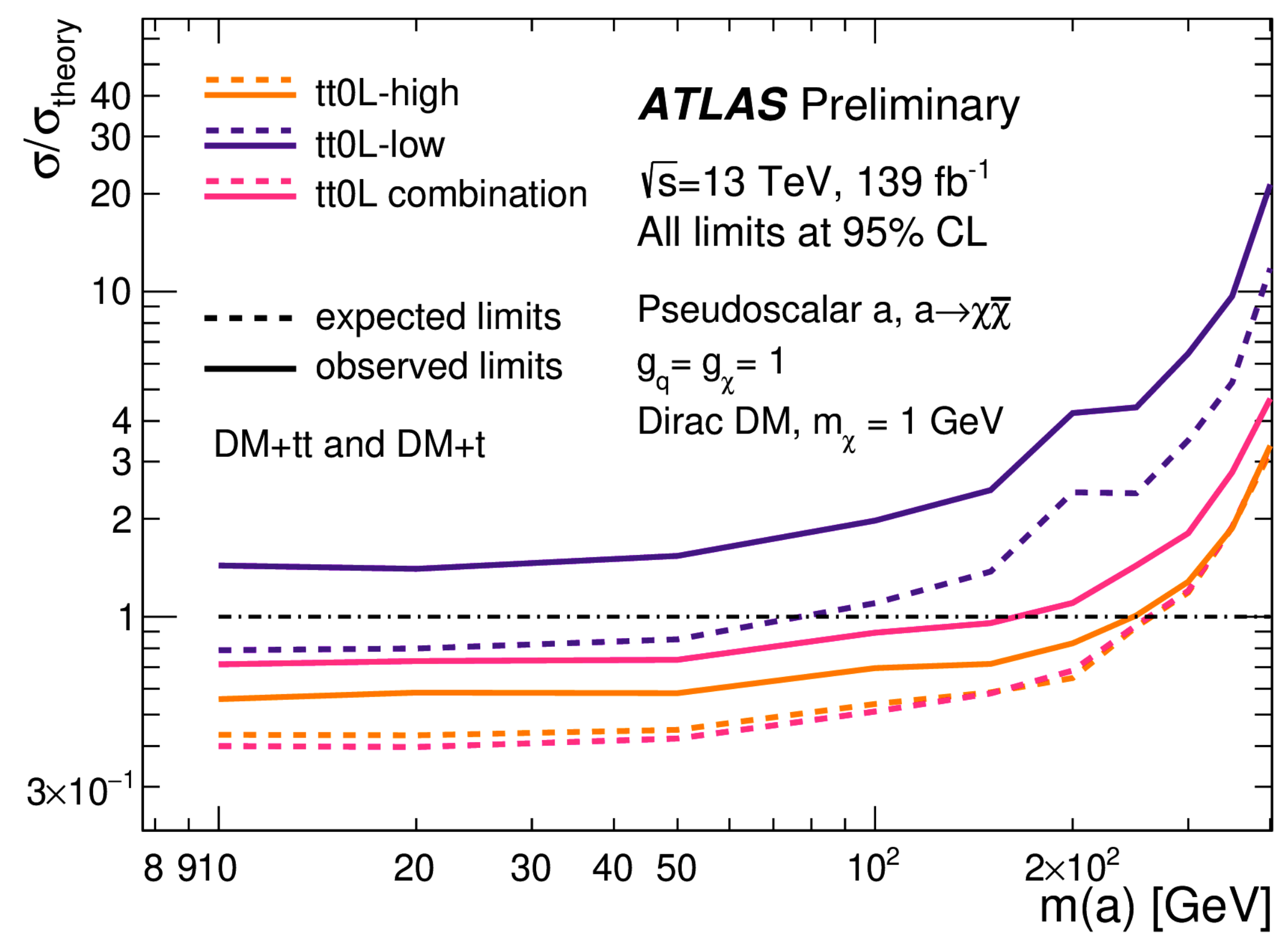
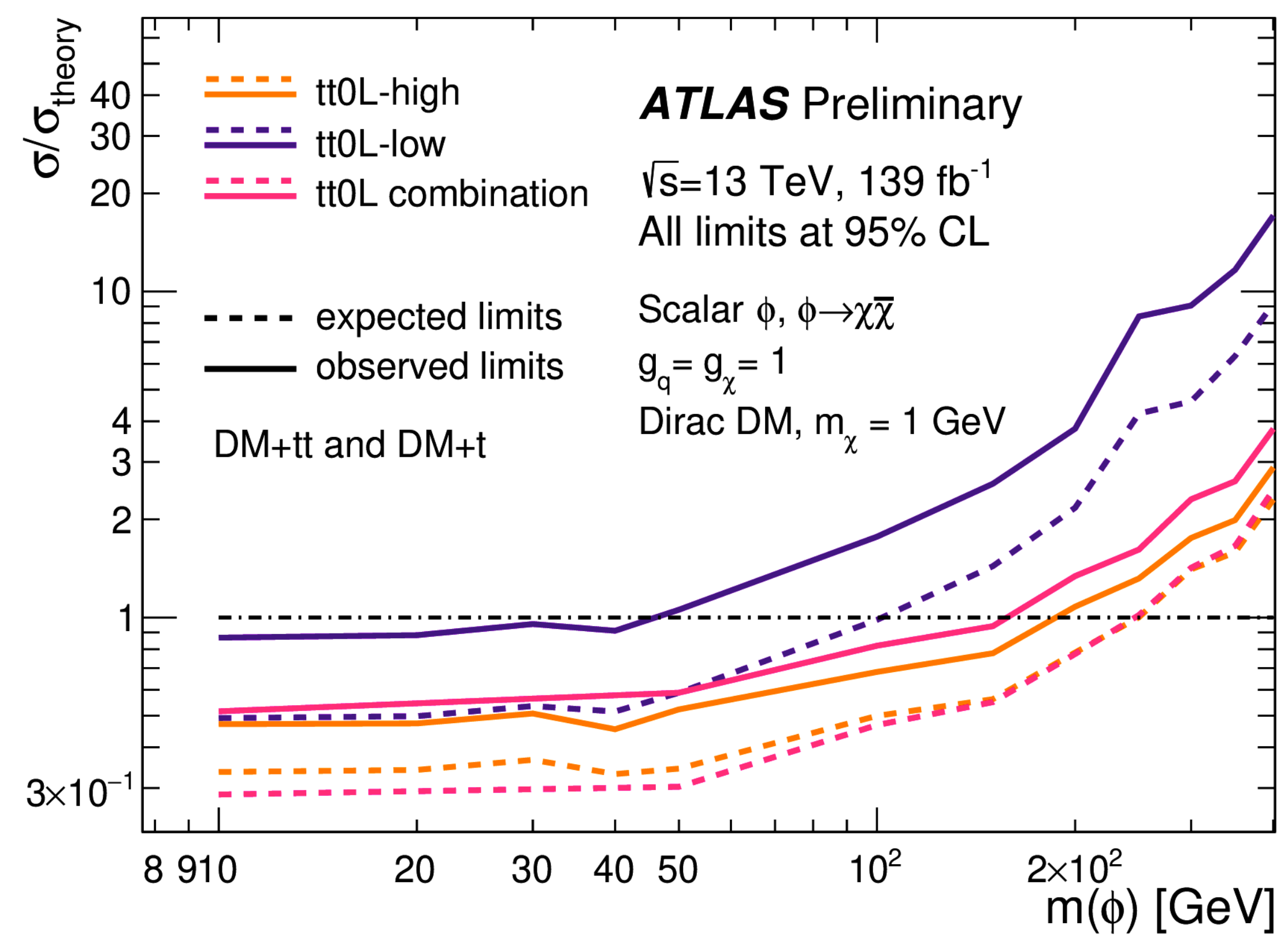
ATLAS full Run-2 data:
 $BR(H \rightarrow inv) < 11\%$ (11% exp)

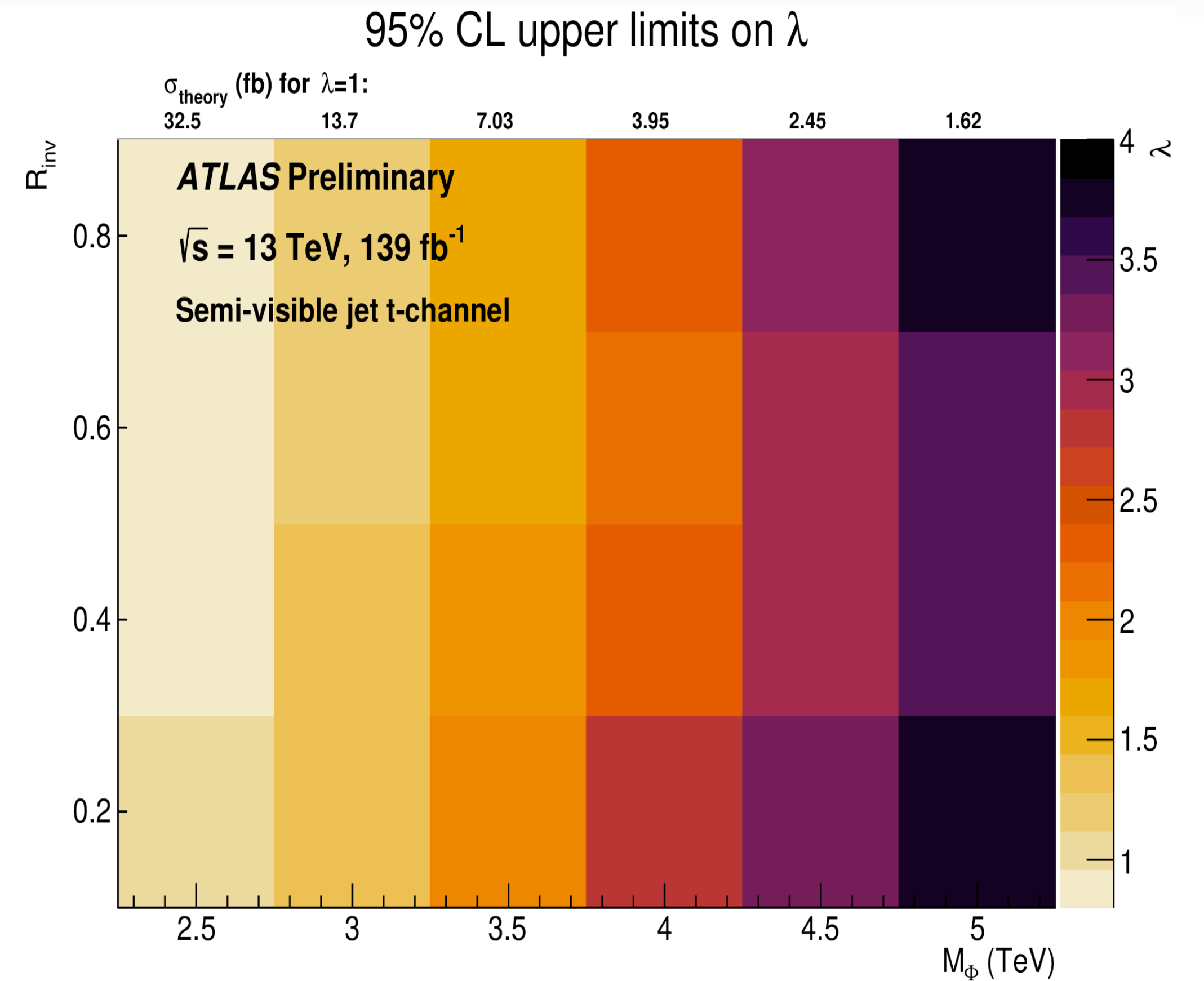
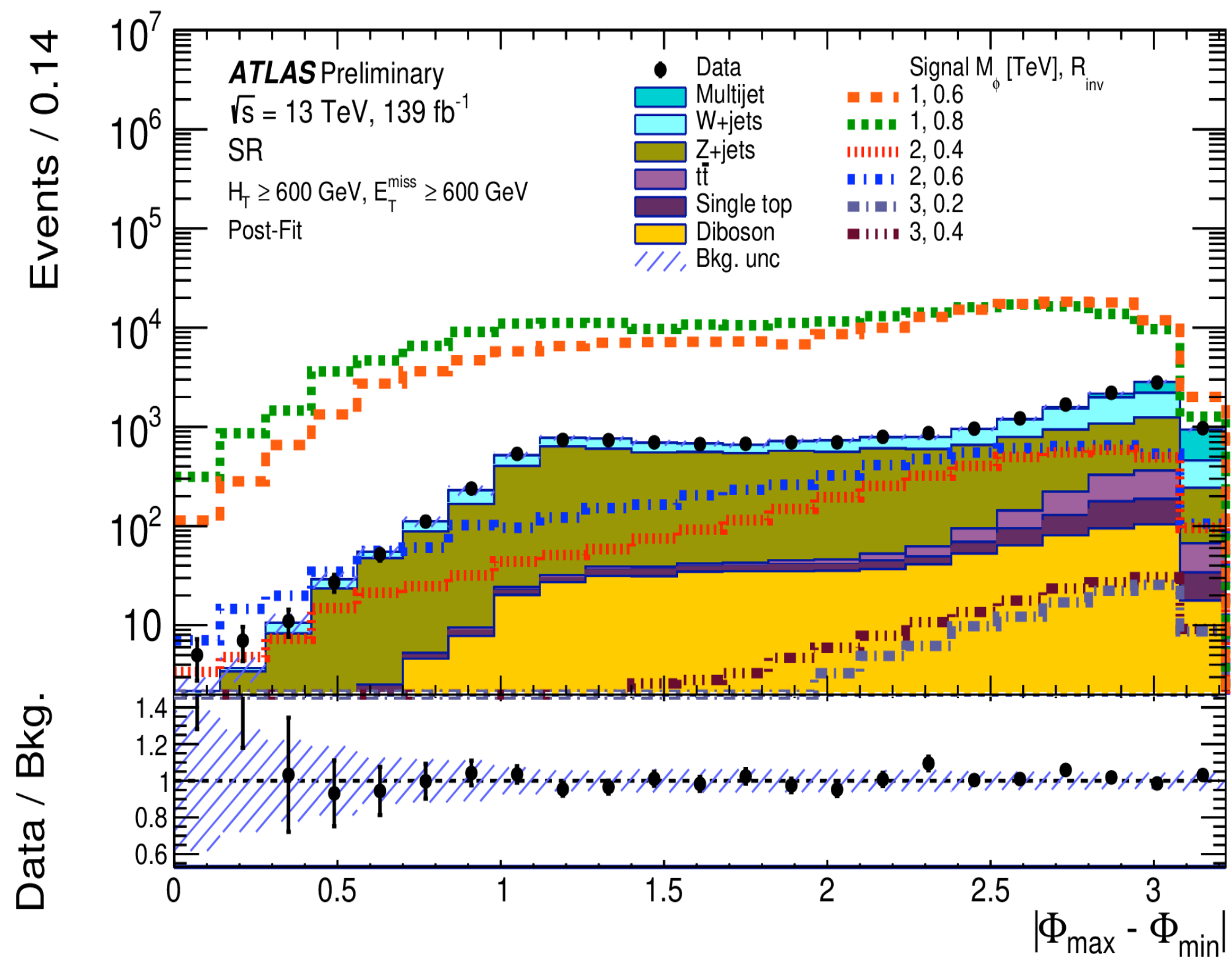
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CMS 2015 + 2016 data : $BR(H \rightarrow inv) < 19\%$ (15% exp)
 Full Run-2 data H_{inv} VBF : $BR(H \rightarrow inv) < 18\%$ (10%)

Simplified model





- **L1Calo**: Finer-granularity LAr Calorimeter \implies better resolution and background rejection
- **New ATCA-based Feature Extractors**:
 - ✓ eFEX: sophisticated clustering algorithms and isolation \implies Better e, γ , tau ID
 - ✓ jFEX : jet reconstruction algorithms \implies jet, ETmiss, had-decaying taus
- **L1Muon**
 - ✓ New Small Wheel ($1.3 < |\eta| < 2.7$) \implies improve fake muons rejection
 - ✓ New RPC detectors: RPC-BIS78 ($1.0 < |\eta| < 1.3$) \implies between barrel and endcap
 - ✓ Coincidences between TGC and NSW/RPC-BIS78. New L1 Muon endcap logic
- **HLT**: Large radius tracking, Faster track reconstruction, Better pile-up suppression, New triggers for unconventional signatures.

