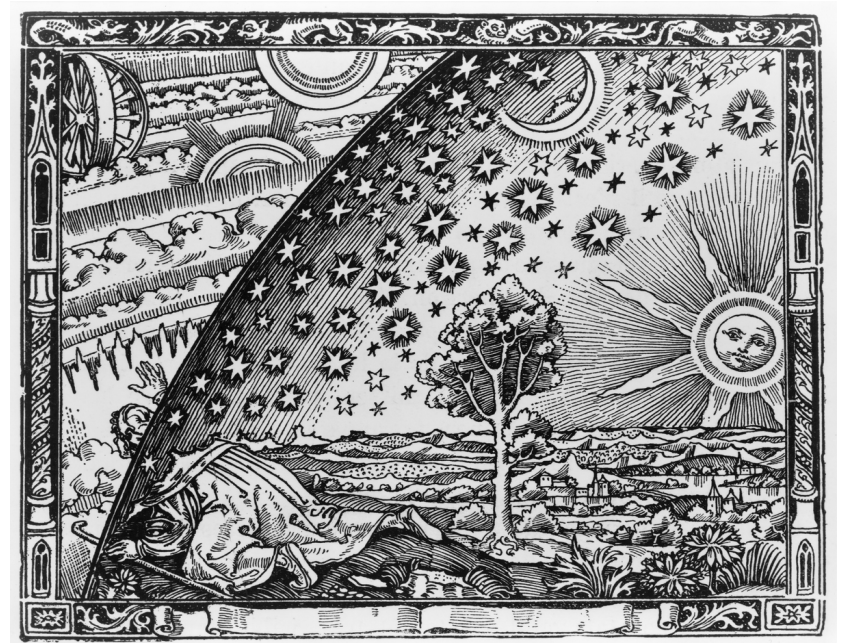


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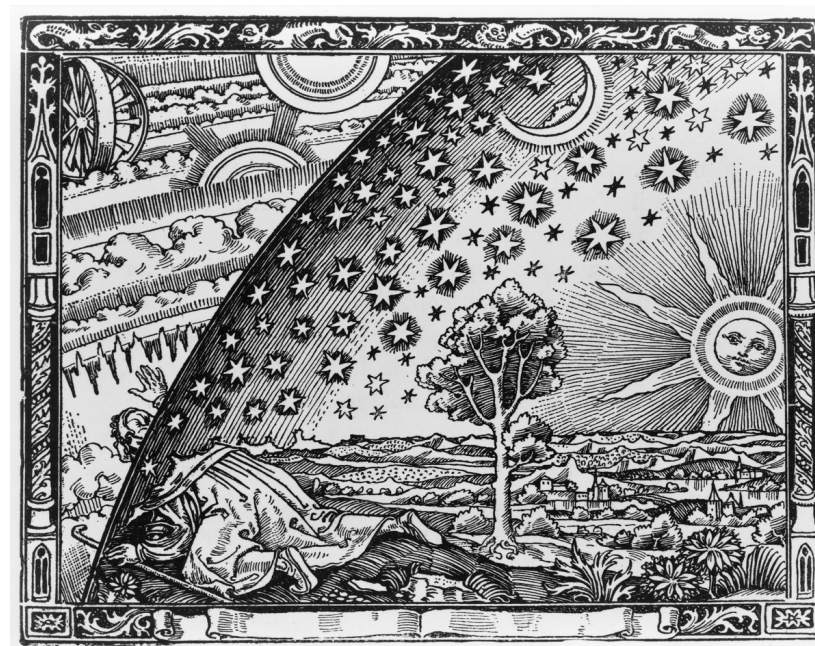
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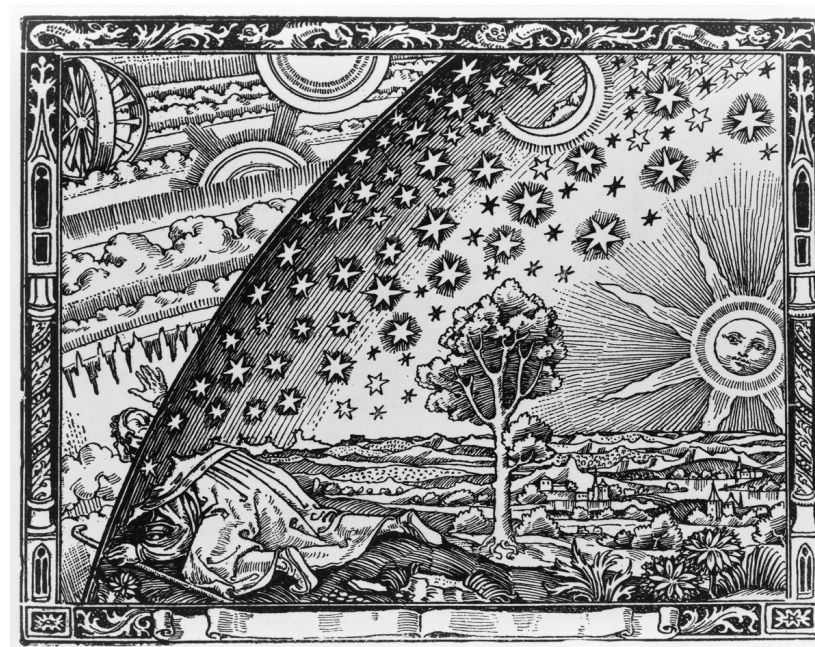
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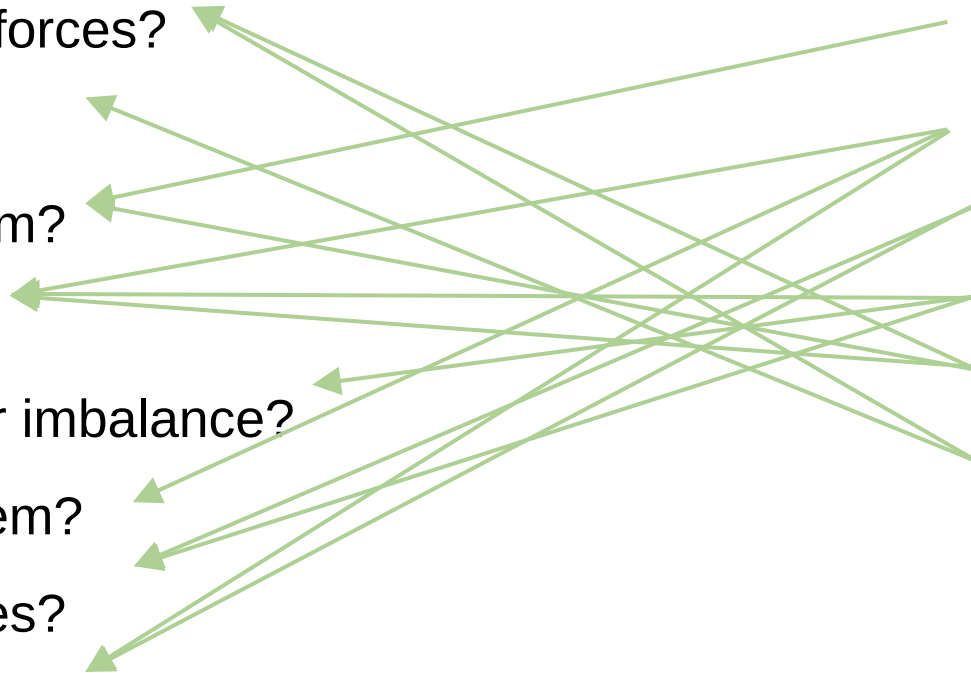
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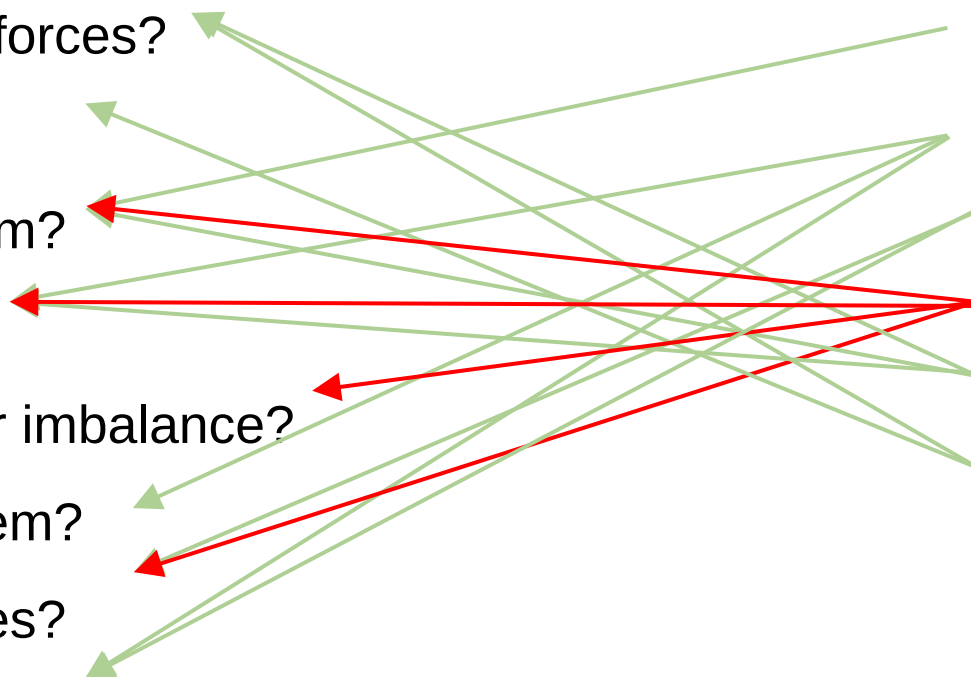
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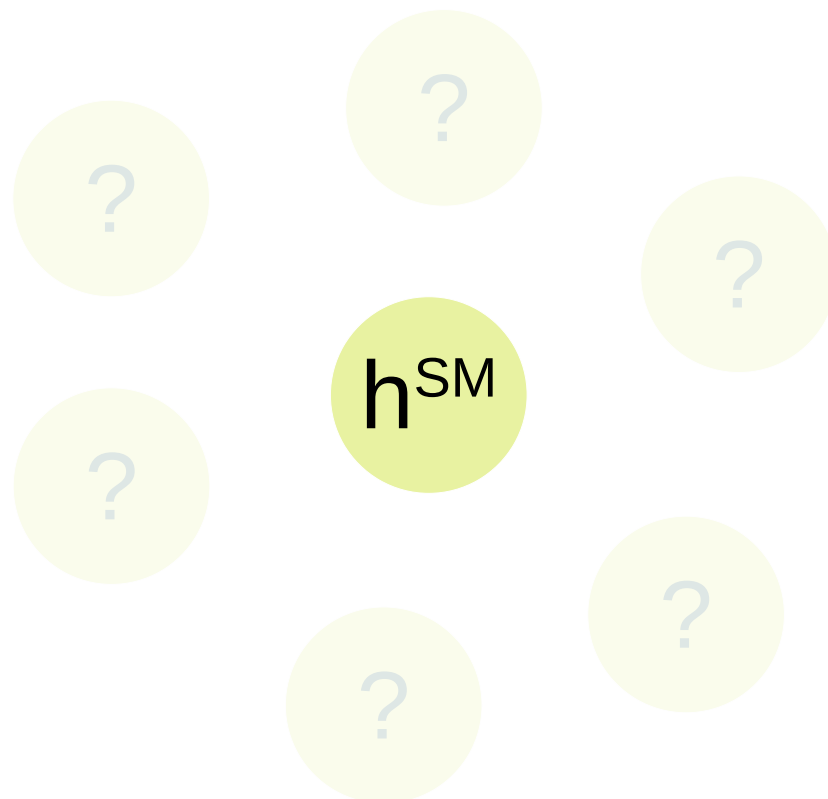
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Why look for more Higgs bosons?

- > Supersymmetry: predicts a second Higgs doublet
- > Axion DM models: require at least one more Higgs doublet or Higgs triplet
- > Additional sources of CP violation in the Higgs sector: possible with another Higgs doublet



The 125 GeV Higgs boson could just be the first of its kind.

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- > ... need to ensure that BSM theory predictions do not contradict existing measurements

- > ρ parameter constraints

- ρ depends on structure of Higgs sector
 - $\rho = 1$ in SM
 - Value confirmed in measurements
- BSM model with multiple Higgs doublets:
- For example: $SU(2)$ doublets with $Y = \pm 1$
 - Yields $\rho = 1$!

$$\rho = \frac{M_W^2}{M_Z^2 \cos^2 \theta_W}$$

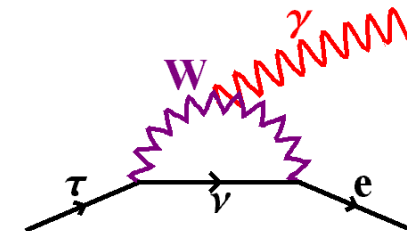
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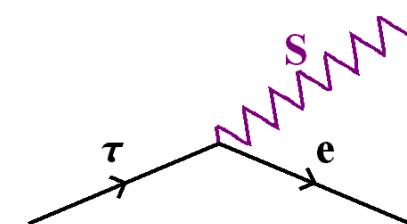
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 - Never observed in precision measurements
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Standard Model FCNC



Beyond-the-SM FCNC



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 - Amplitudes for self-scattering of longitudinal vector bosons must not violate unitarity
 - SM Higgs sector regularises these scattering amplitudes

$$V_L V_L \rightarrow V_L V_L$$

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- > 2 VEVs:

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2HDM: particle content

- > 8 real fields
- > 3 fields provide longitudinal degrees of freedom for W, Z
- > 5 Higgs fields after EWSB:
2 scalars, 1 pseudoscalar, 2 charged

$$\Phi_a = \begin{pmatrix} \phi_a^+ \\ \frac{v_a + \rho_a + i\eta_a}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}, \quad a = 1, 2$$

SM

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- > Re-parameterise potential in terms of 8 “physical” parameters:

– $m_h, m_H, m_A, m_{H^\pm}, \tan\beta, \cos(\beta-\alpha), M_{12}$

$$\tan\beta = \frac{v_2}{v_1}$$

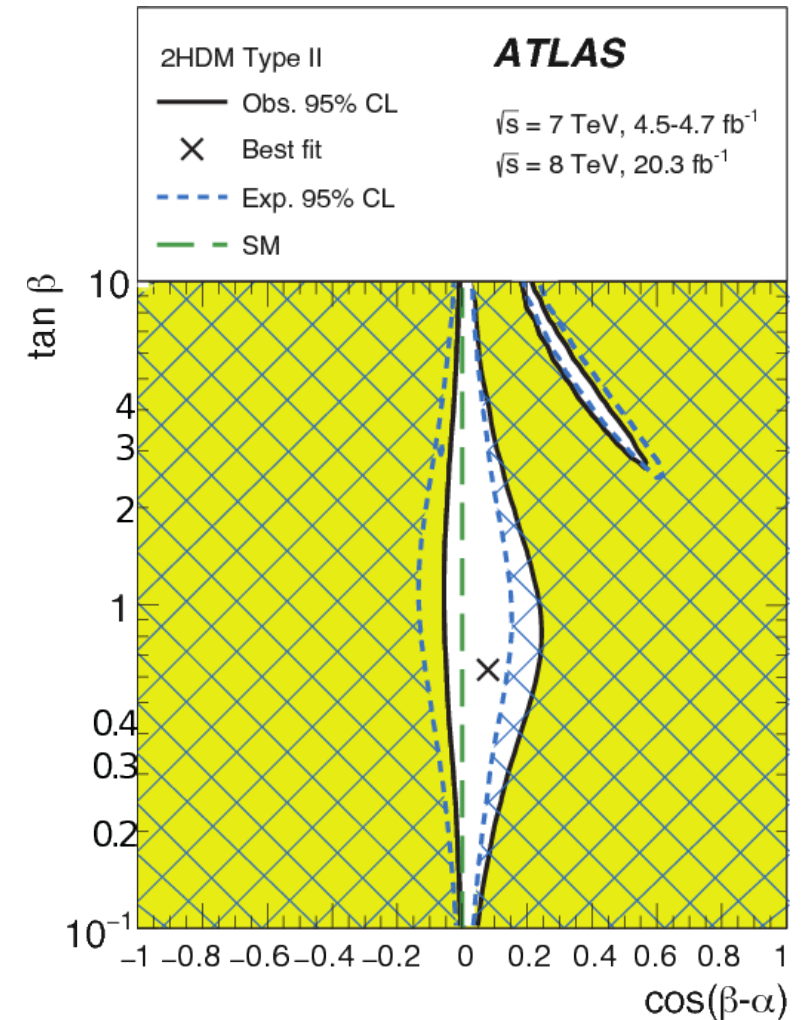
H-h mixing angle

Scale of soft Z^2
symmetry breaking

2HDM: parameters

- > Constraints from precision measurements of 125 GeV boson
 - Couplings to fermions and limits on invisible decays
- > Alignment limit $\cos(\beta-\alpha) = 0$ favoured
 - Assume lighter scalar h is the 125 GeV boson with SM couplings

$$h = H^{\text{SM}}$$



2HDM: Yukawa structure

- > No FCNC $\rightarrow$ each type of fermion couples to only one of the doublets (Z^2 symmetry)
- > Four Yukawa coupling scenarios:

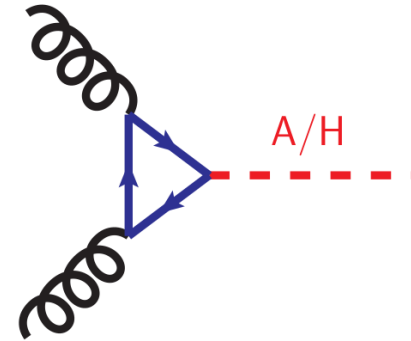
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Type II	Φ_2	Φ_1	Φ_1
Lepton-specific	Φ_2	Φ_2	Φ_1
Flipped	Φ_2	Φ_1	Φ_2

SUSY models

- > Type-II 2HDM:
 - Up quark coupling $\sim 1/\tan\beta$
 - Down quark / lepton coupling: $\tan\beta$

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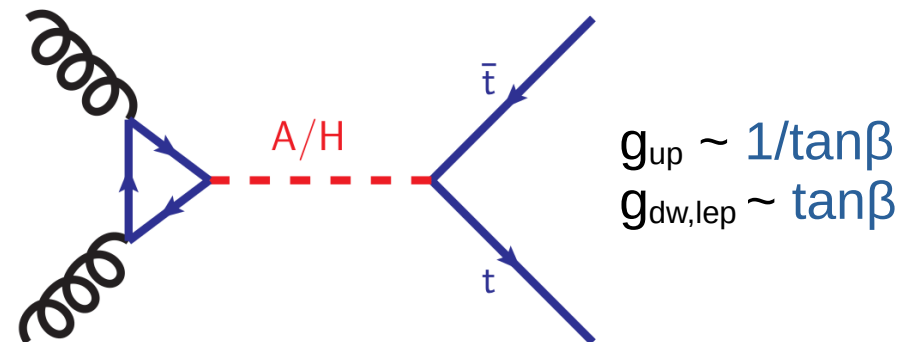
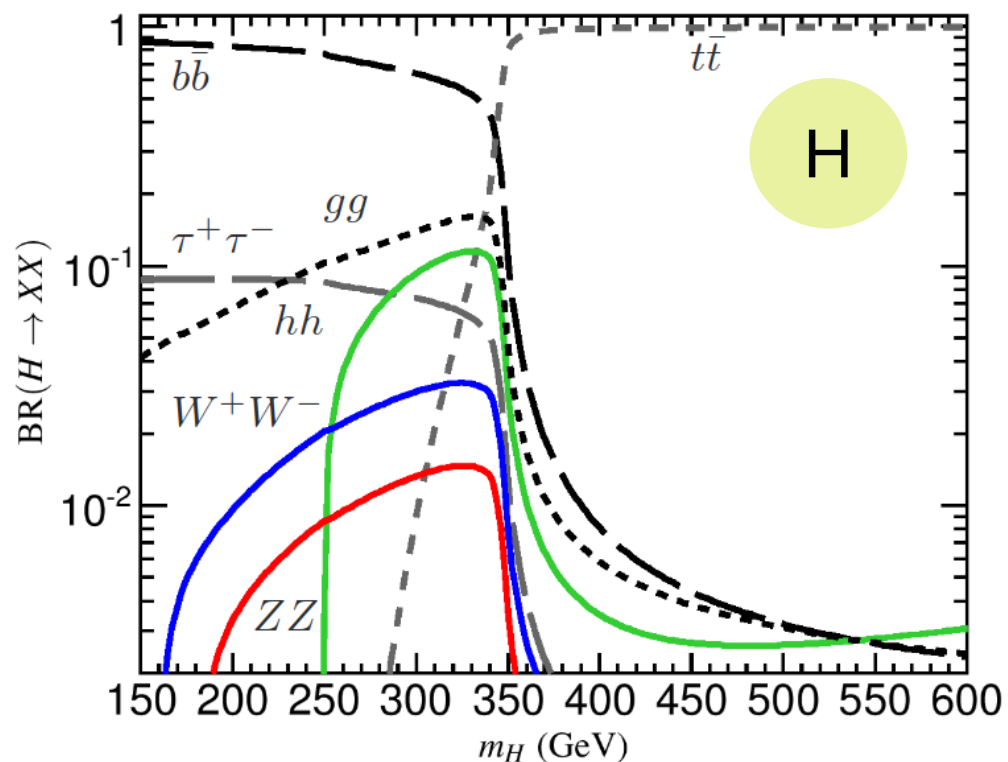
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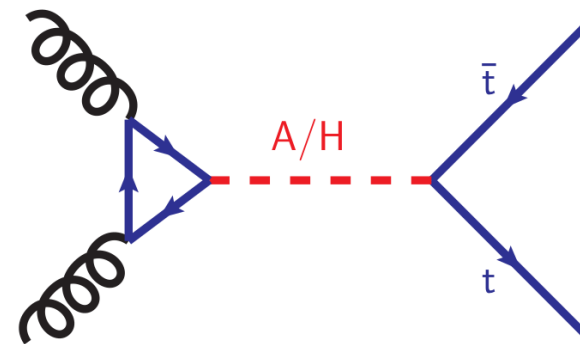
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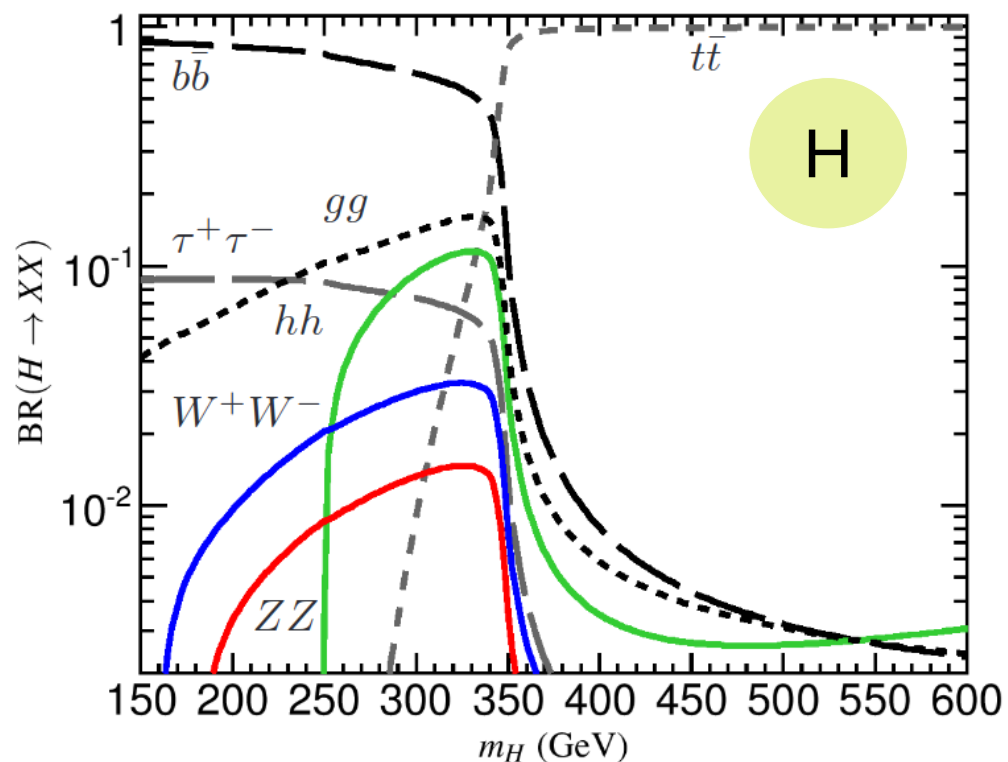
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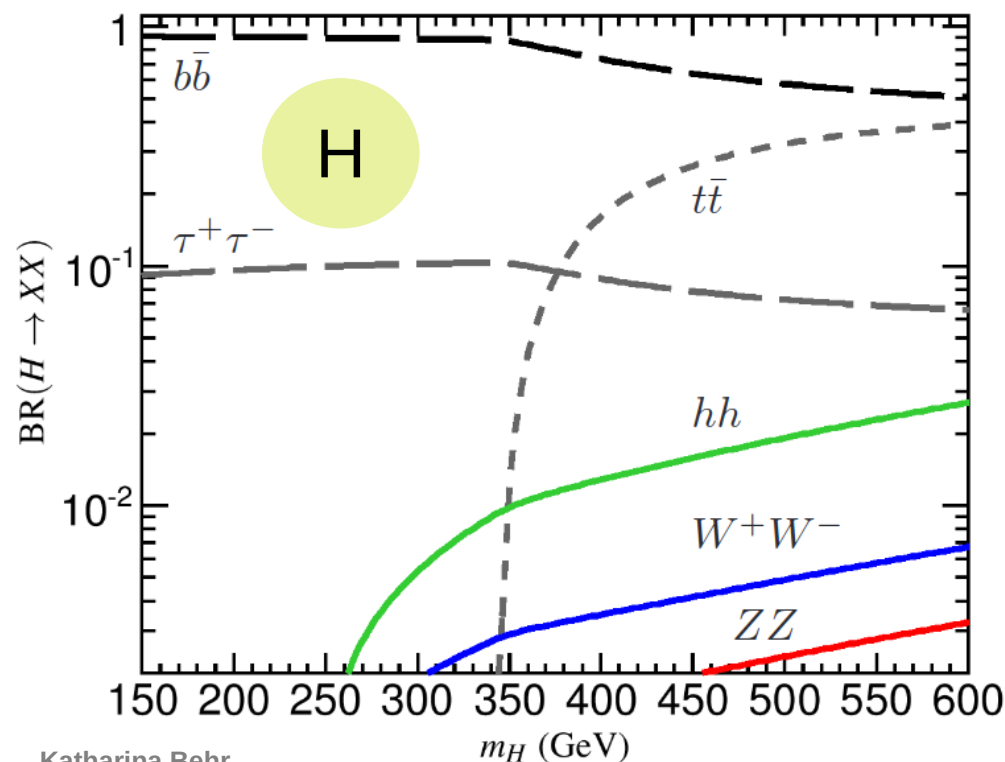
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$$g_{\text{dw,lep}} \sim \tan\beta$$

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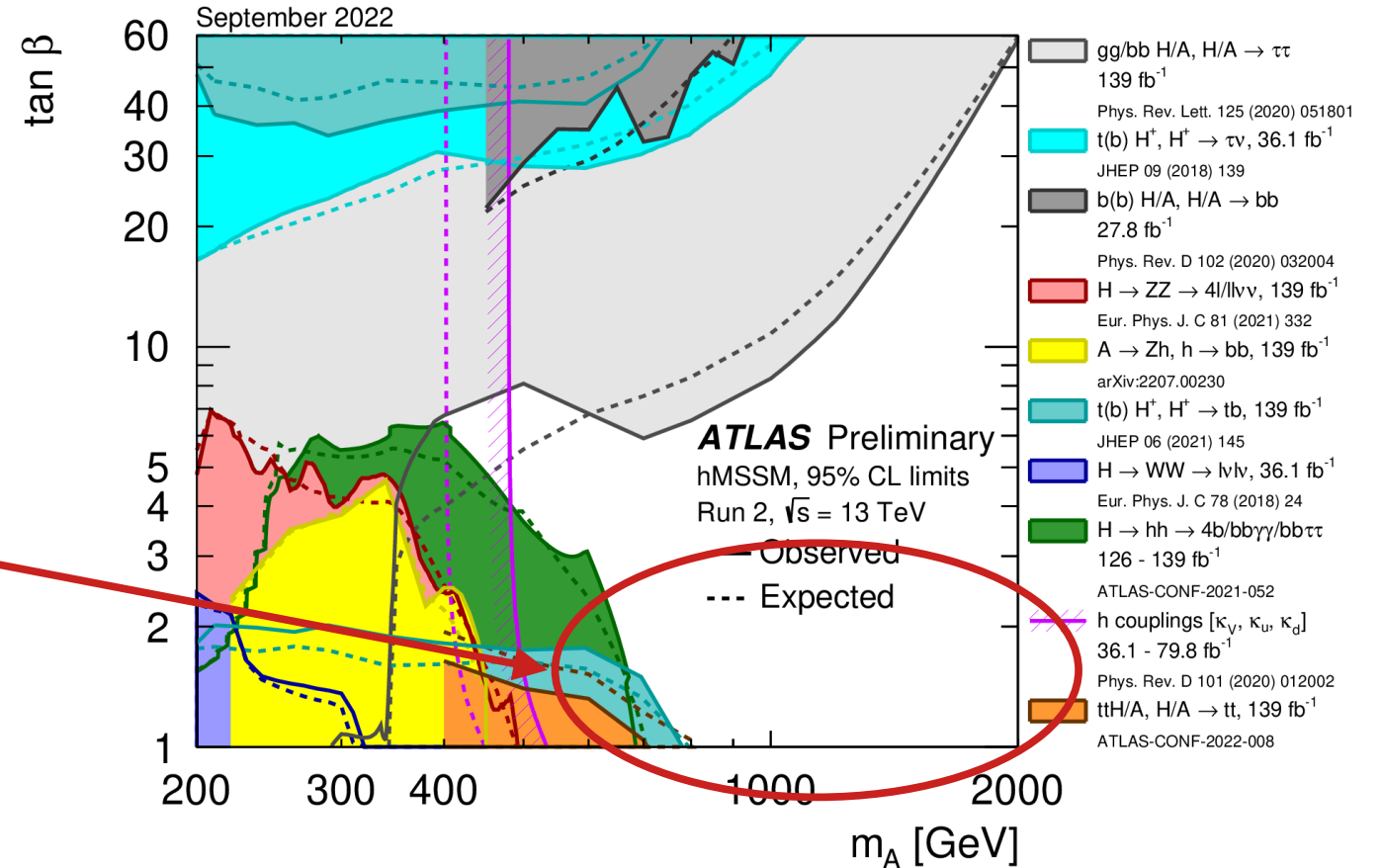
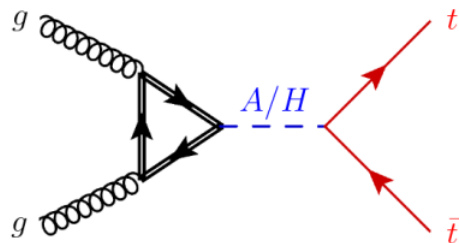


Example: hMSSM

- > Minimal supersymmetric model
 - Higgs-sector: type-II 2HDM
 - SUSY particles assumed to be heavy
- > Only 2 free parameters: m_A , $\tan\beta$

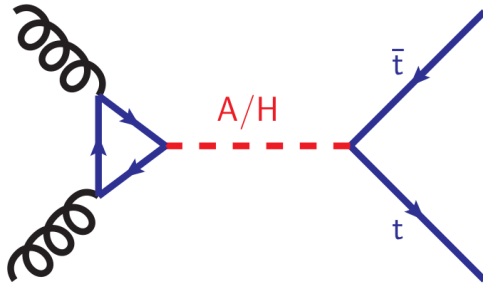
Main uncovered region at high m_A , low $\tan\beta$:

Preferential A/H coupling to $t\bar{t}$!



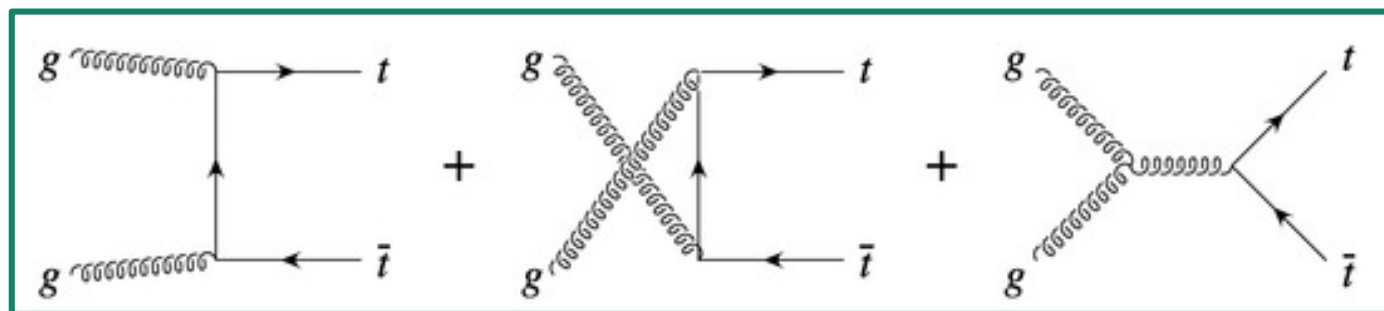
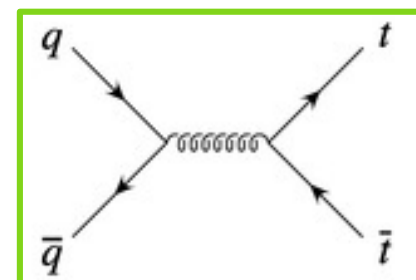
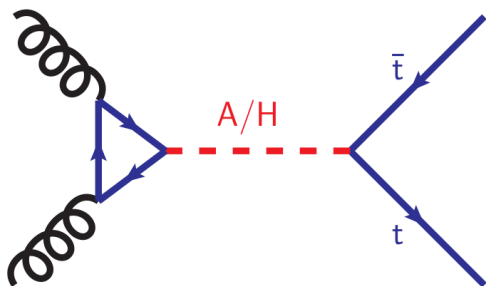
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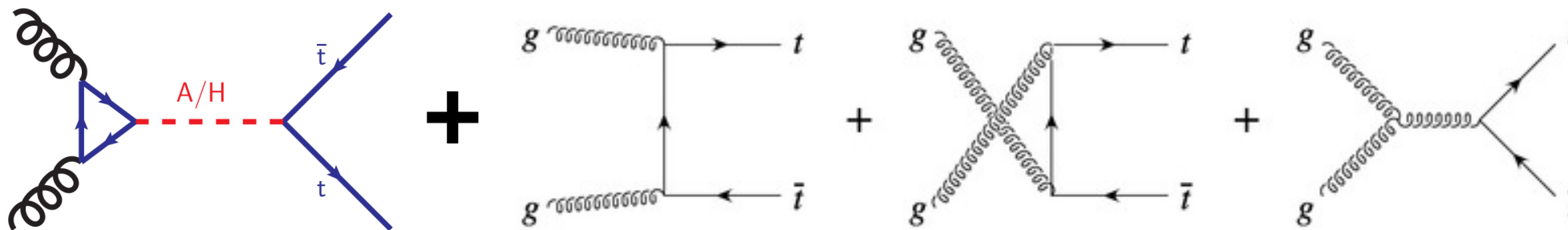
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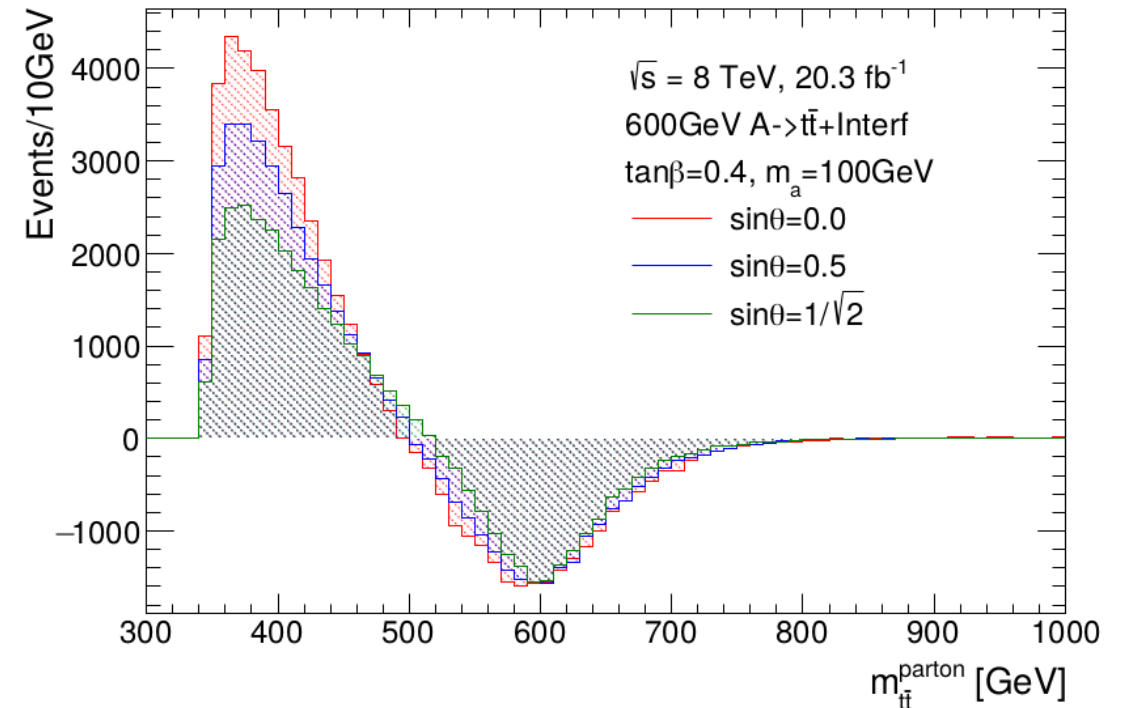
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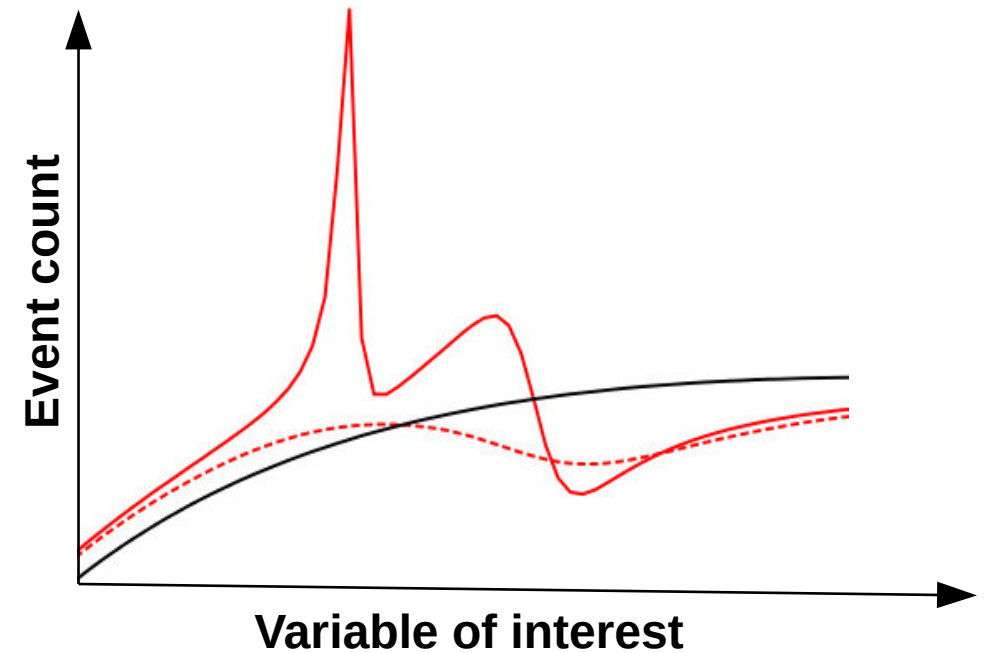
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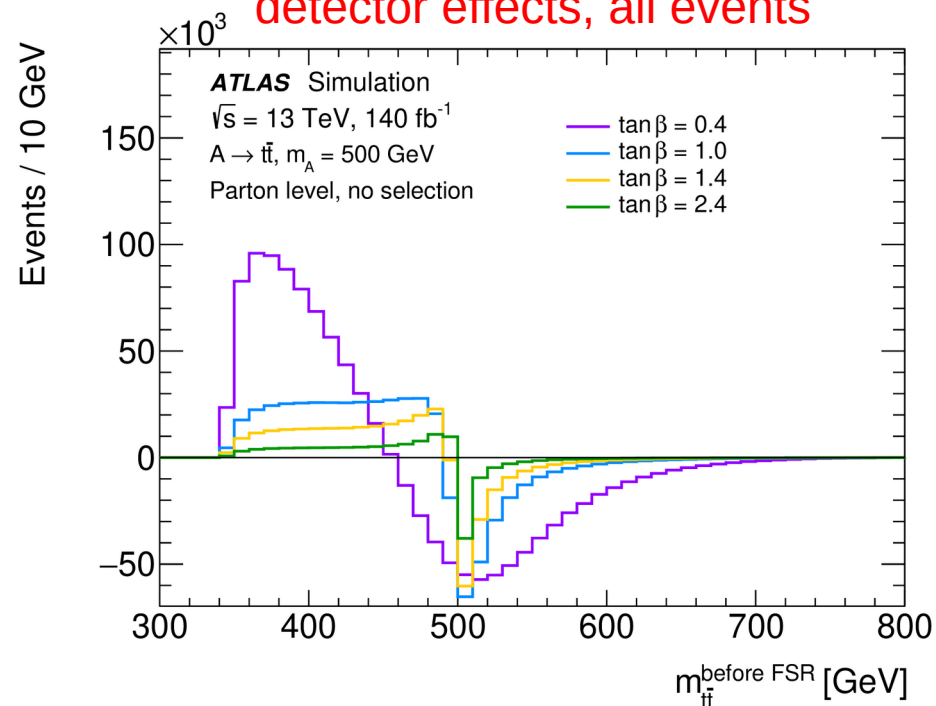


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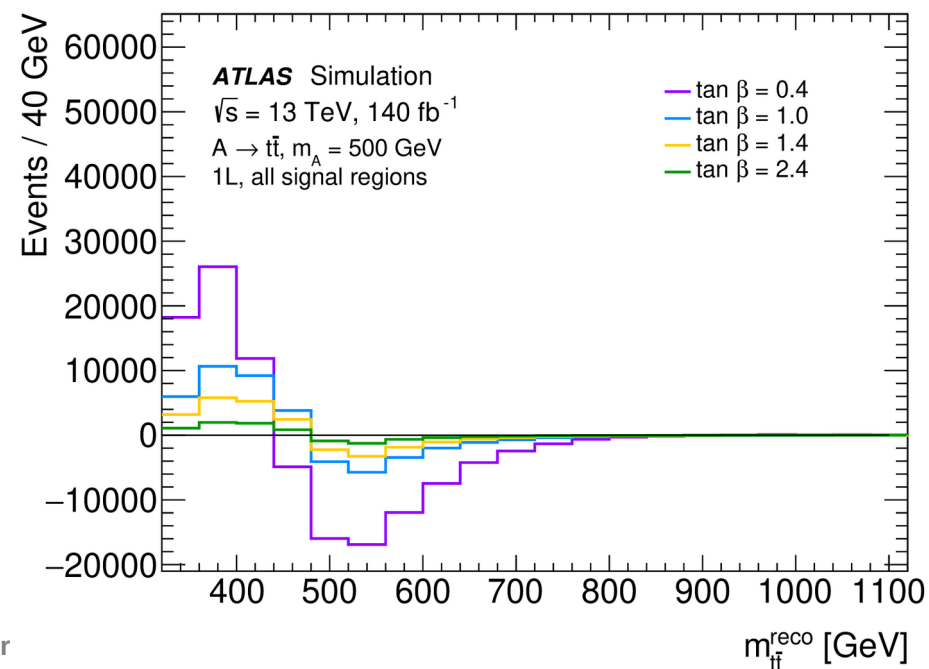
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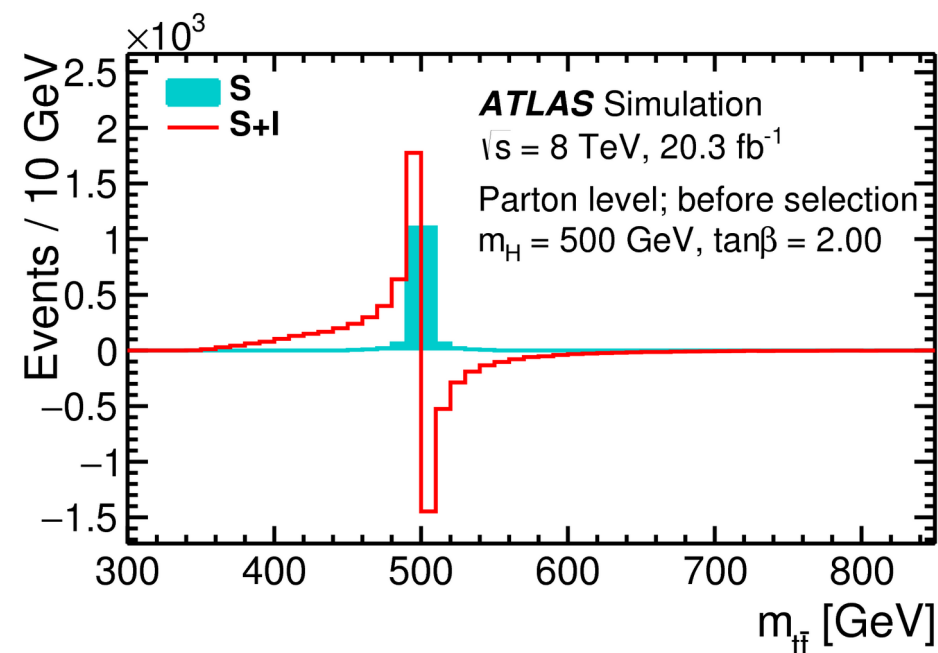


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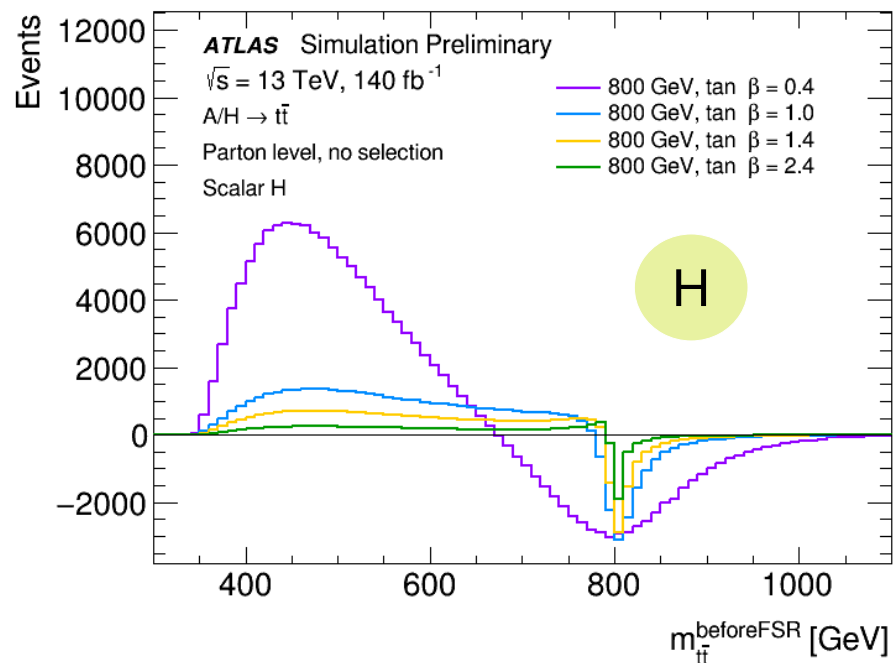
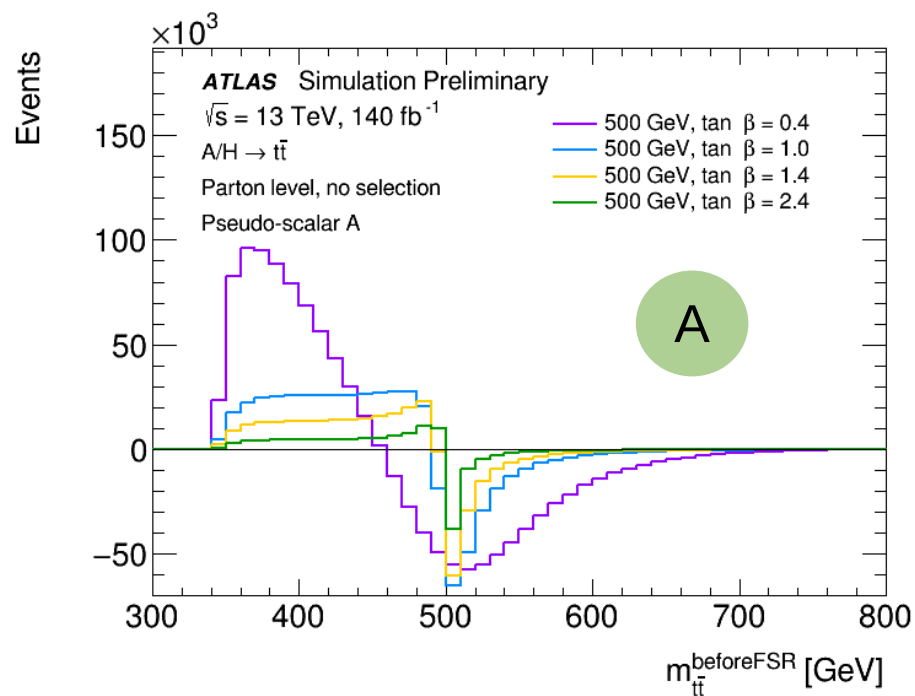
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 - Risk to miss narrow patterns
 - Peak and dip in the same bin cancel out
 - Statistical interpretation
 - ...



The advantage: interference

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 - **Fingerprint** that carries information about particle properties



Larger $\tan \beta$



Smaller total width

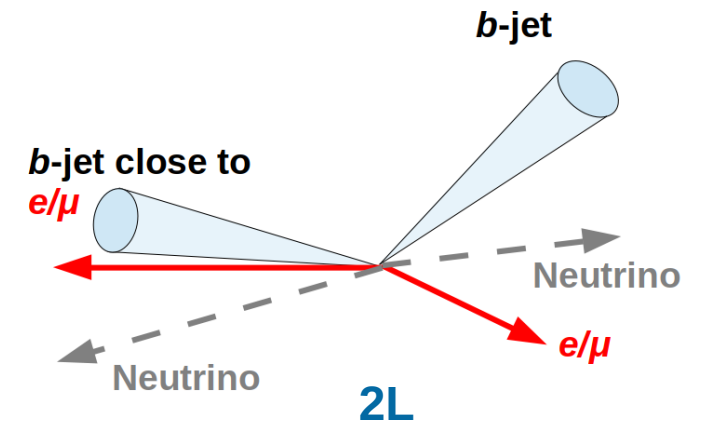
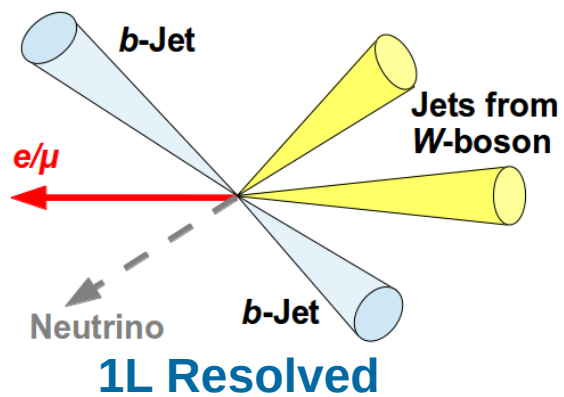


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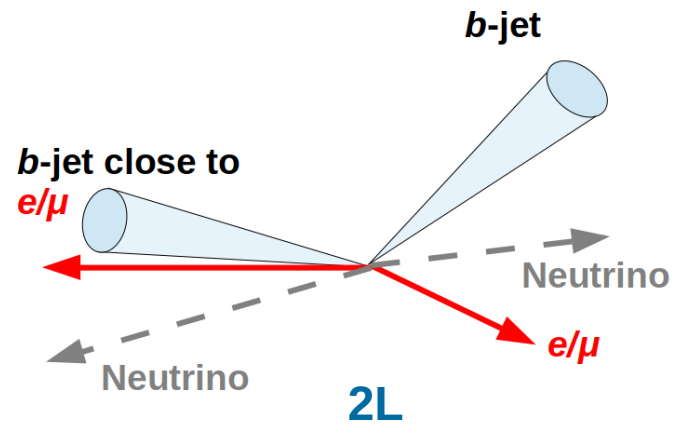
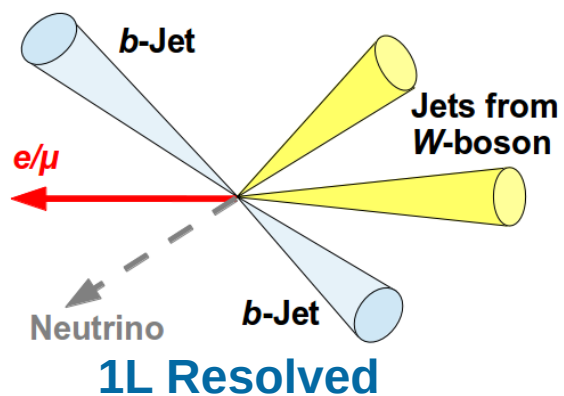
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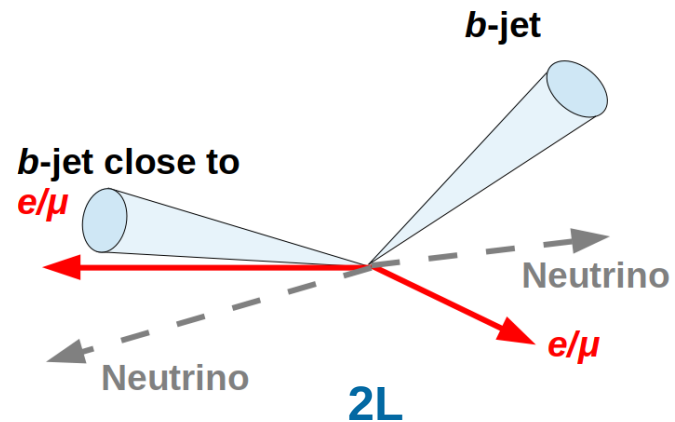
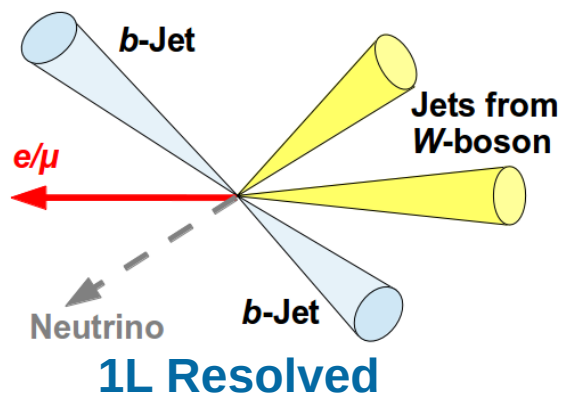
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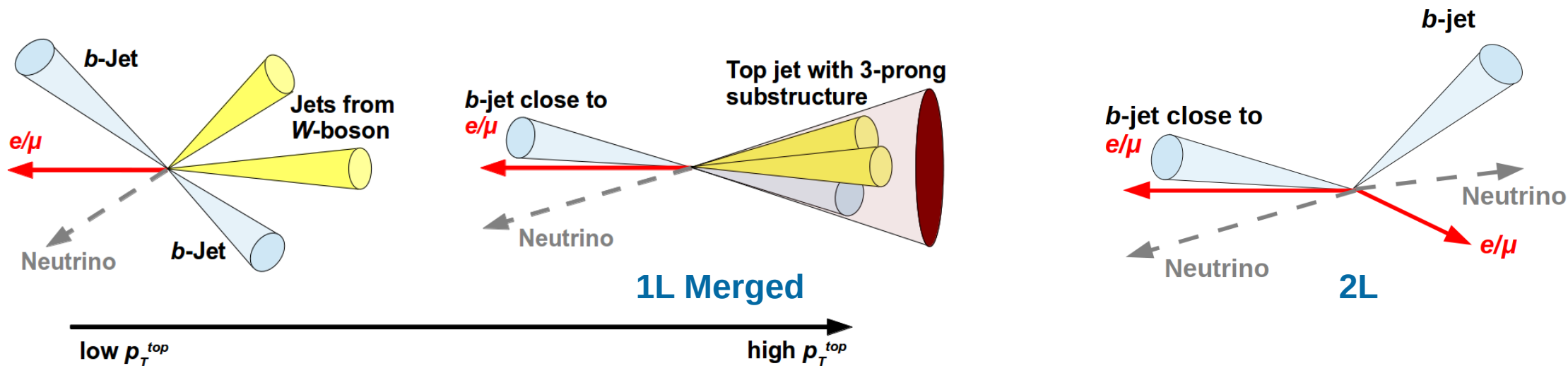
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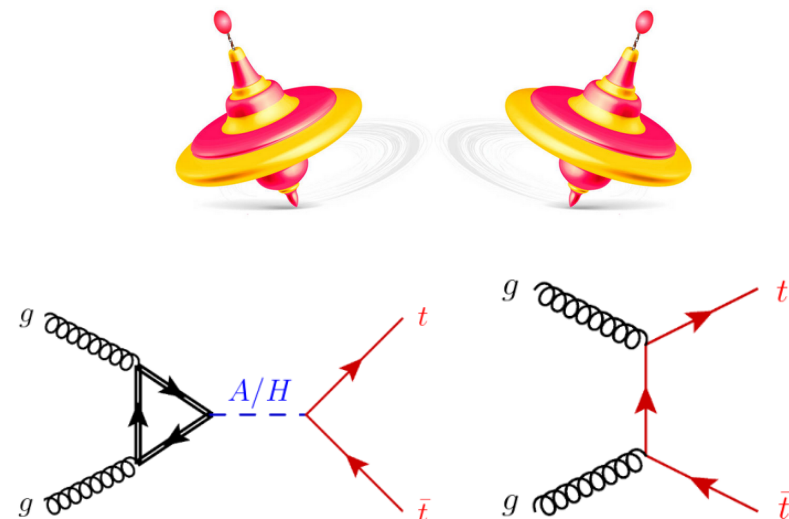
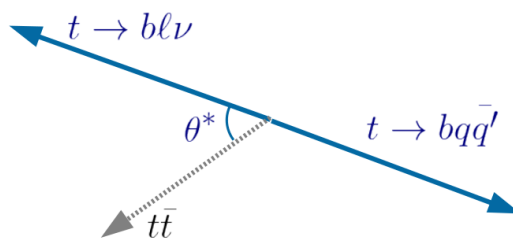
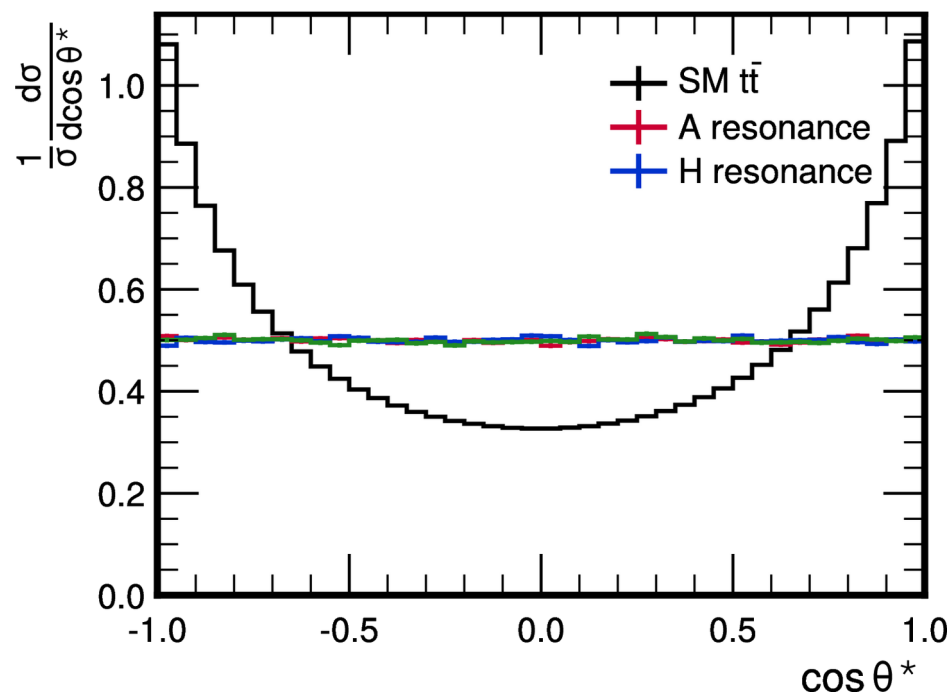
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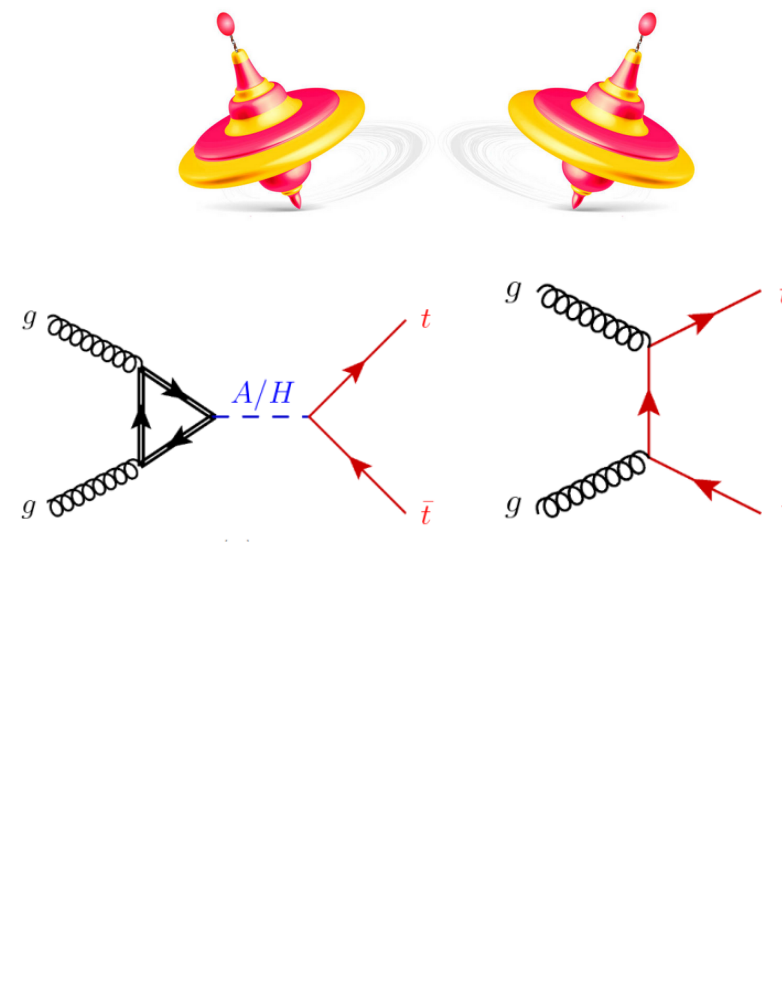
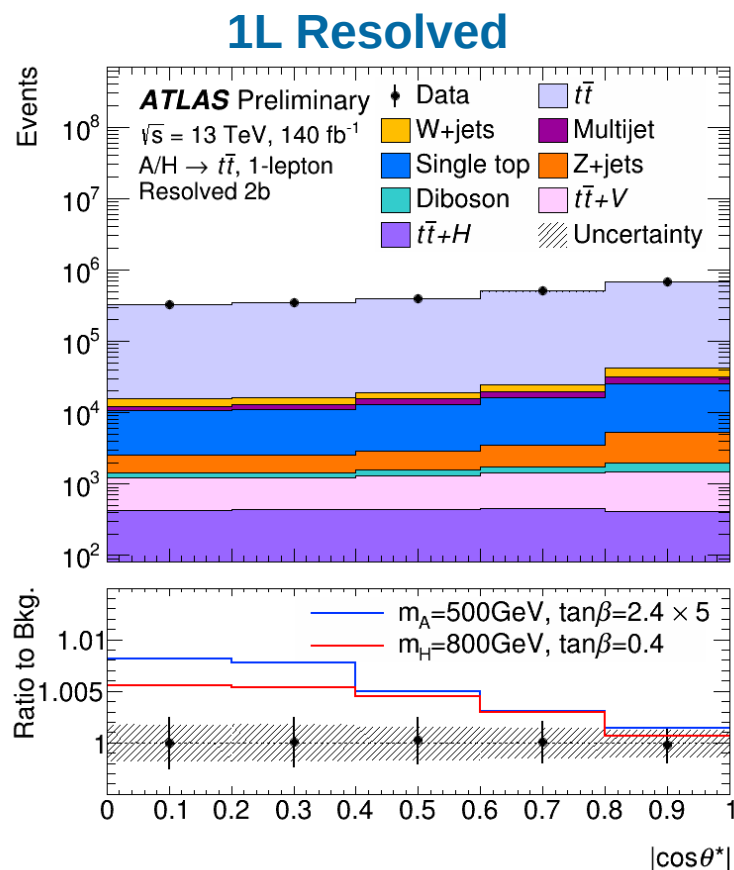
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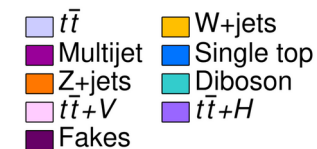
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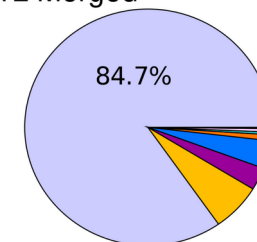
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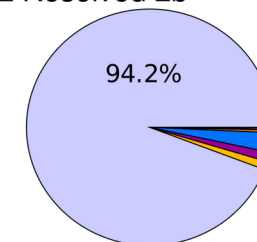
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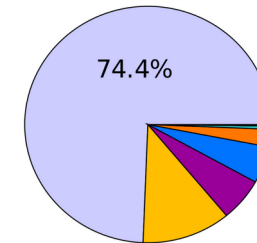
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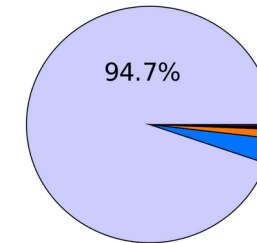
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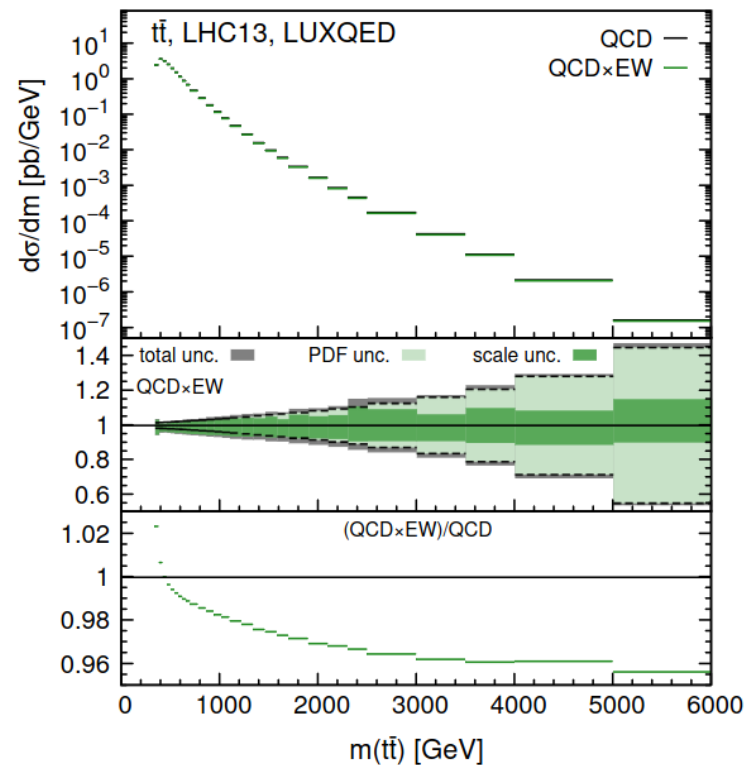
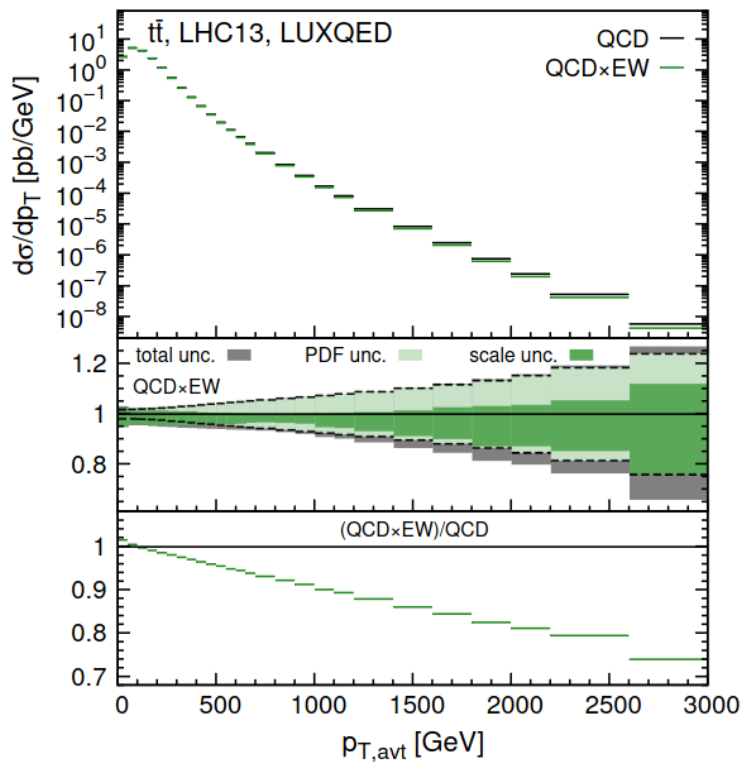
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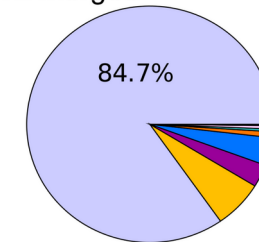


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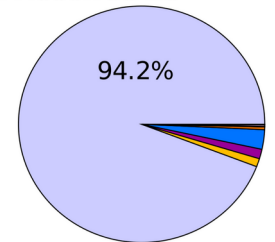
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 $\sqrt{s}=13$ TeV
 $A/H \rightarrow t\bar{t}$

$t\bar{t}$ (light blue)
 Multijet (purple)
 Z+jets (orange)
 $t\bar{t}+V$ (pink)
 Fakes (dark purple)
 W+jets (yellow)
 Single top (blue)
 Diboson (teal)
 $t\bar{t}+H$ (light purple)

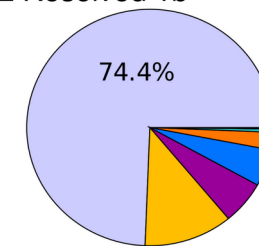
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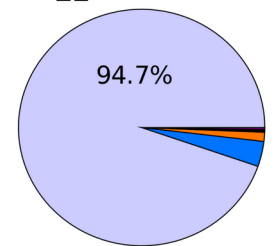
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Statistical analysis without interference

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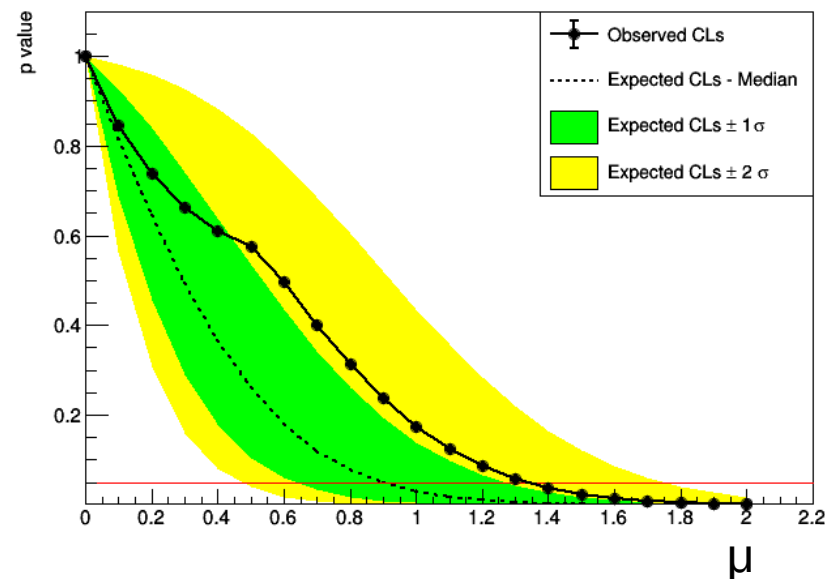
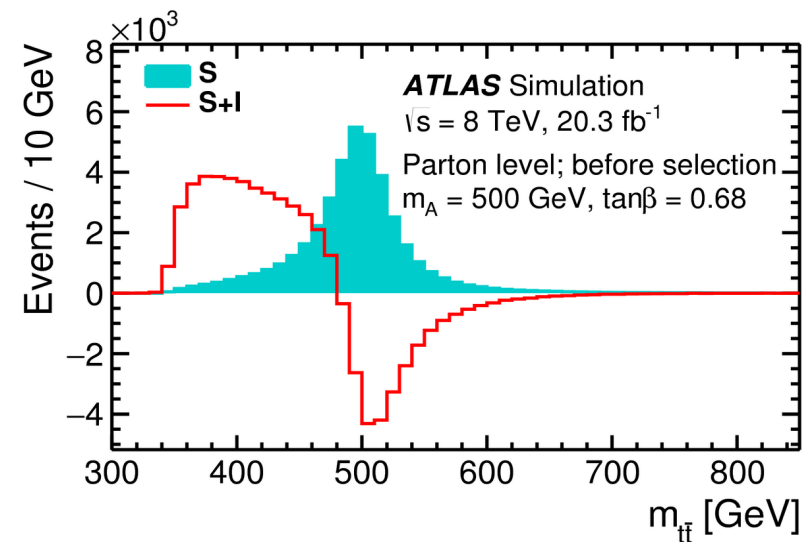
- > Simple likelihood parameterisation in terms of signal strength

$$\mu \cdot S + B$$

- > Linear dependence on POI = μ
- > Standard LHC profile likelihood test statistic

$$\lambda(\mu) = \frac{L(\mu, \hat{\hat{\theta}}(\mu))}{L(\hat{\mu}, \hat{\theta})}$$

- > p-value scan to determine upper limits on μ

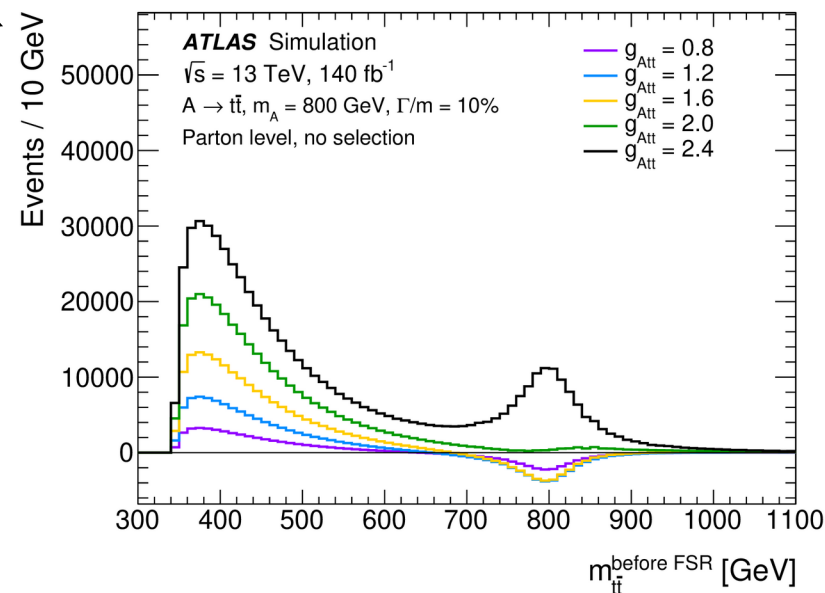
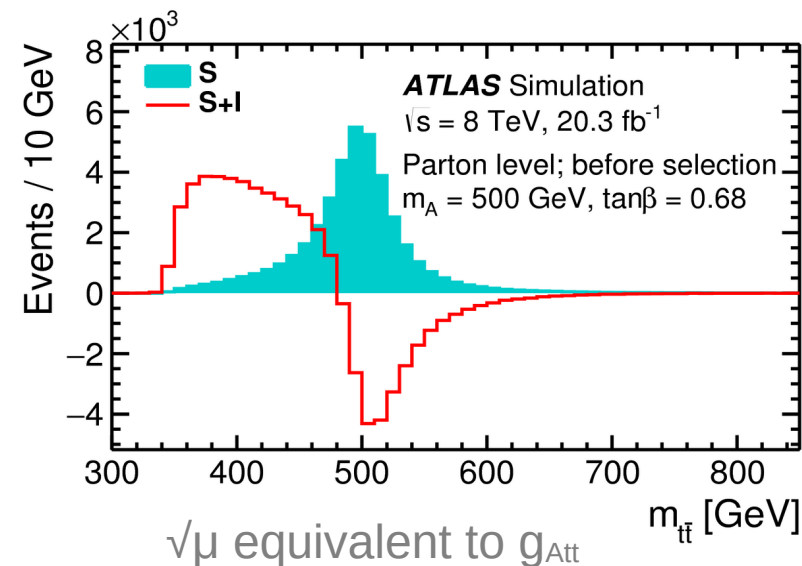


- > Extend likelihood to include interference term

$$\mu \cdot S + \sqrt{\mu} \cdot I + B = (\mu - \sqrt{\mu}) \cdot S + \sqrt{\mu} \cdot (S + I) + B$$

- > Quadratic dependence on POI = $\sqrt{\mu}$

- Interference shape changes with POI

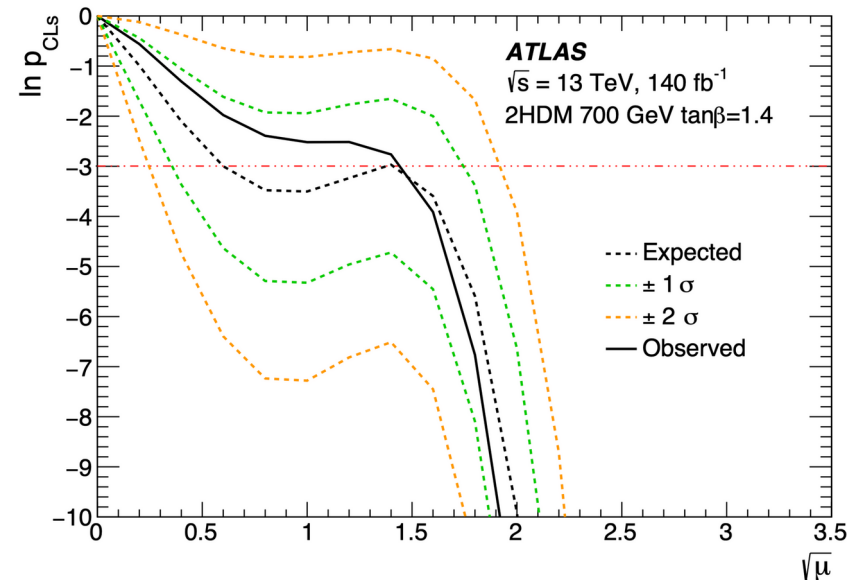
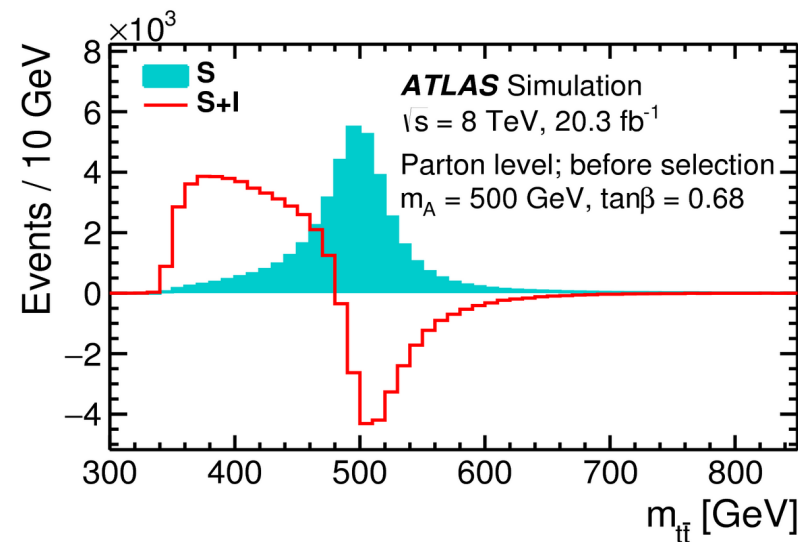


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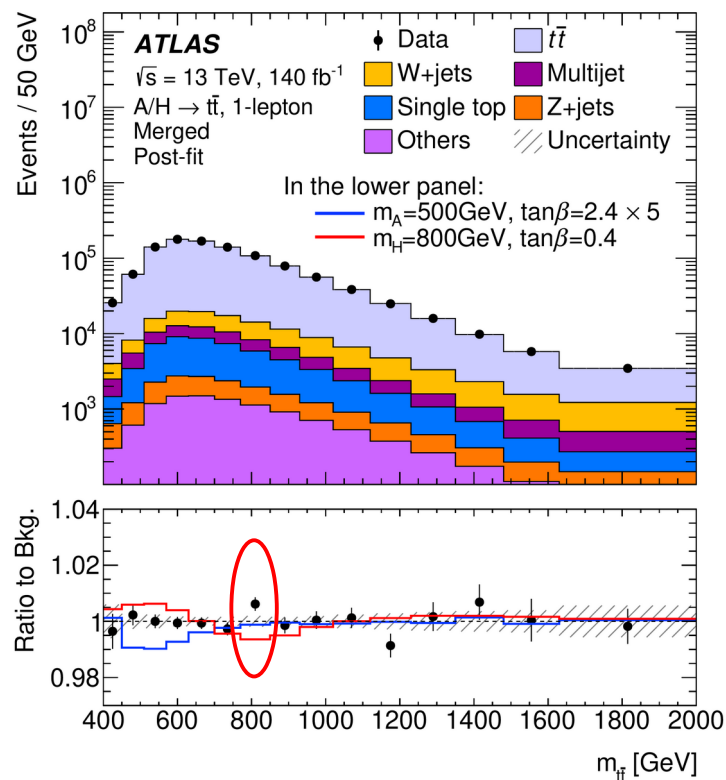


Search stage

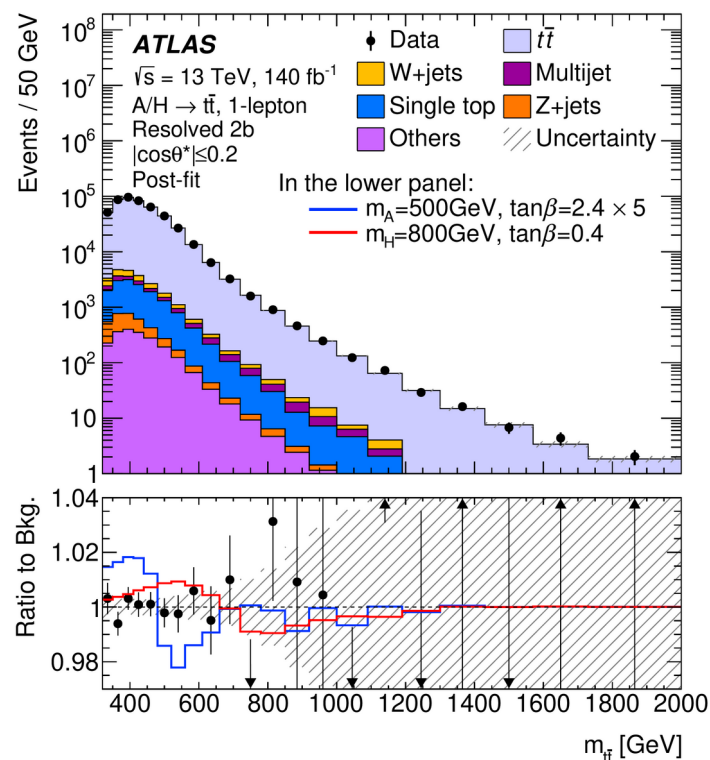
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- > Tested agreement between data and **S+I+B hypotheses** with masses [400,1400] GeV and widths [1,40]%
- > Most significant deviation from SM-only (2.3σ local): $m_A = 800$ GeV, $\Gamma_A/m_A = 10\%$ and $\sqrt{\mu} = 4.0$

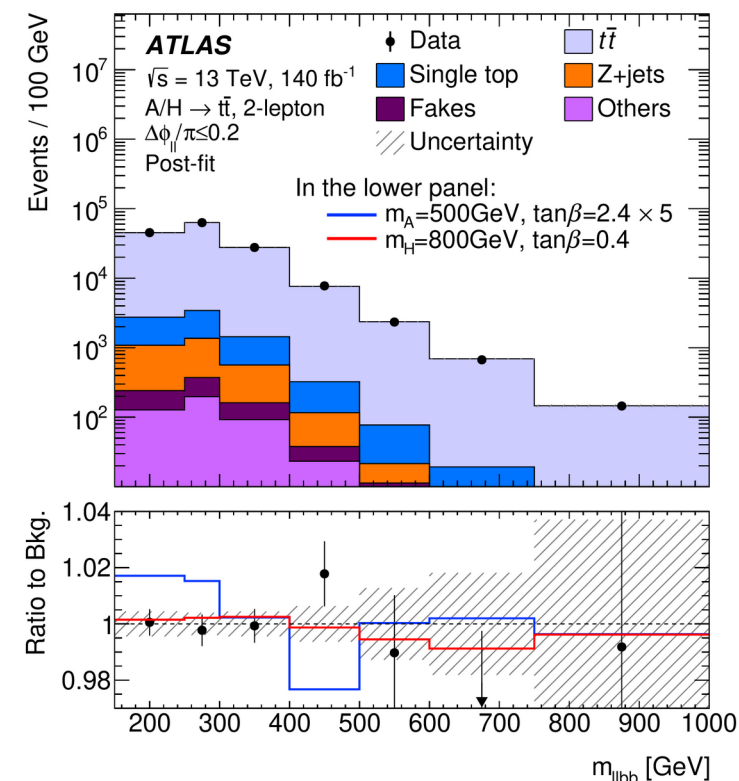
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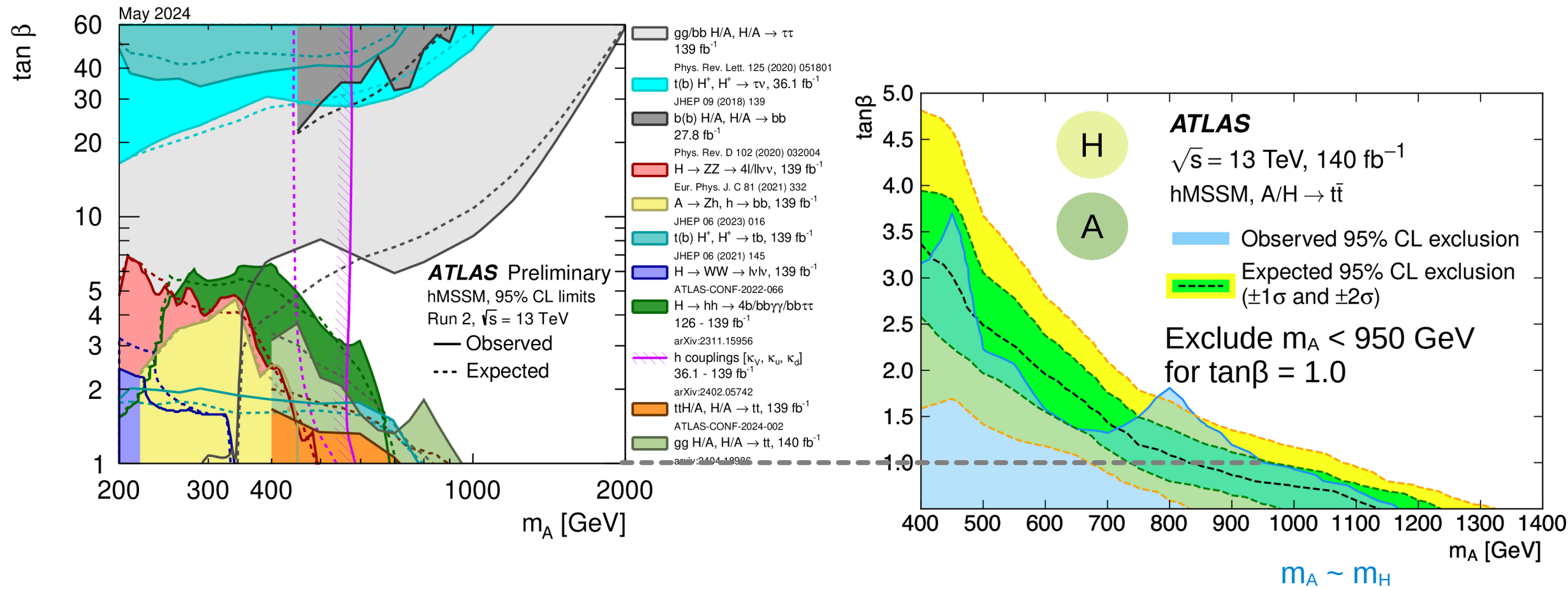
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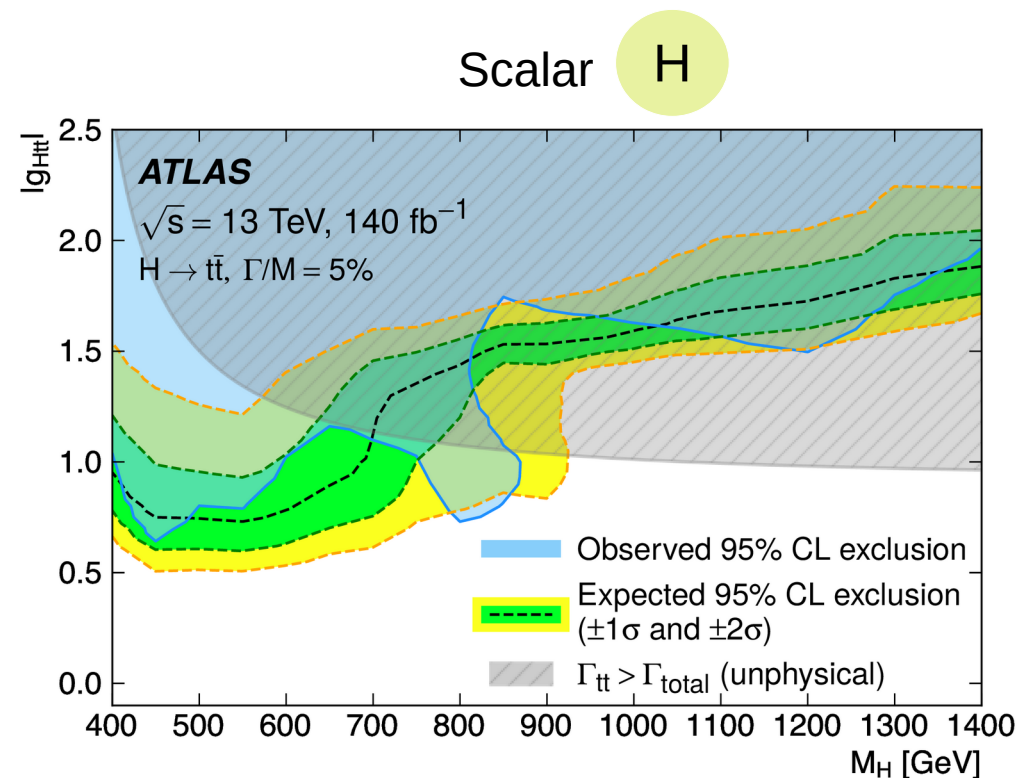
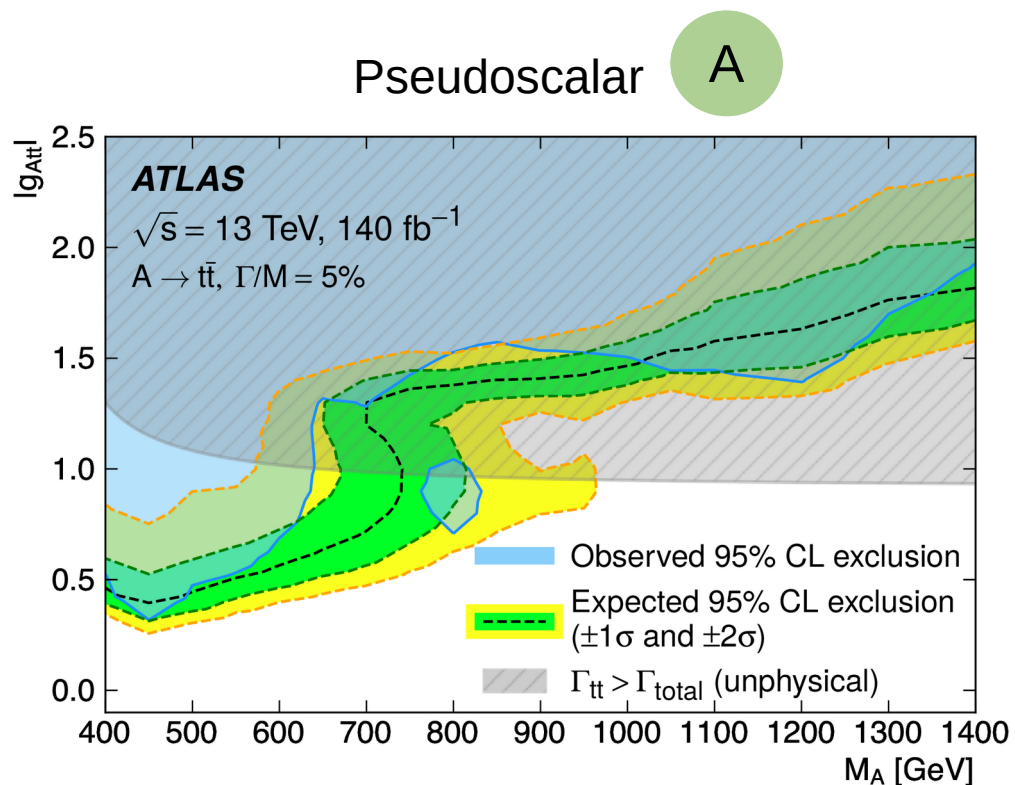


> Strongest constraints on m_A at lowest value of $\tan\beta = 1.0$



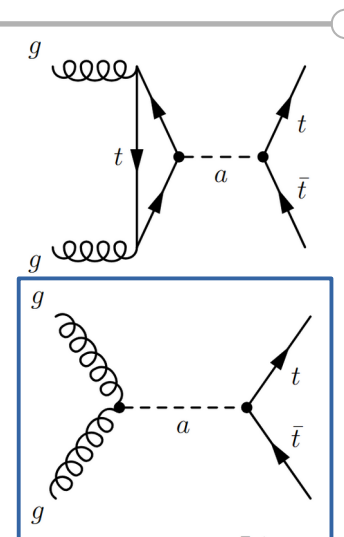
Coupling constraints for a single (pseudo)scalar

- > Upper limit on coupling to top quarks for a fixed width
- > “Island” due to local minima in likelihood scan



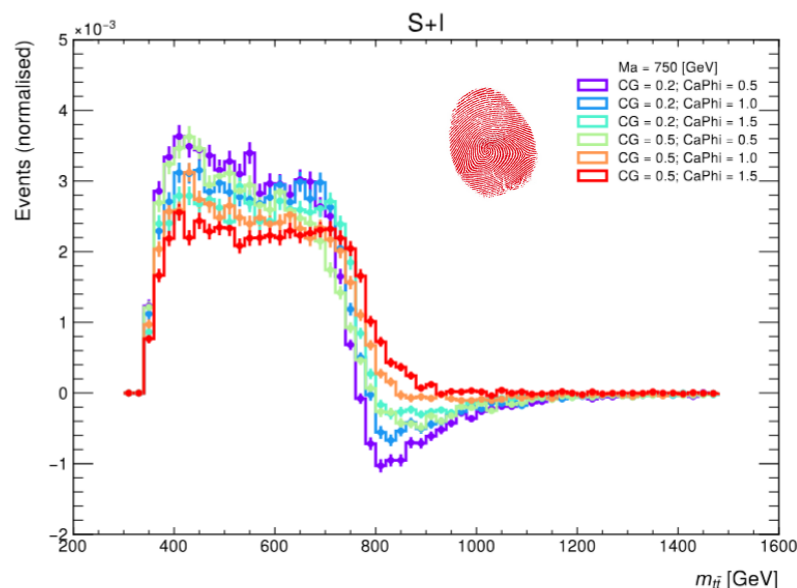
Extra: ALPs coupling to top quarks

- > Interference searches sensitive to axion-like particles (ALPs) at the GeV scale
- > **Key difference** compared to heavy Higgs bosons: **direct gluon coupling!**
 - Different interference pattern!



Unique for ALPs!

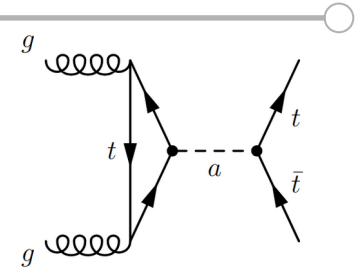
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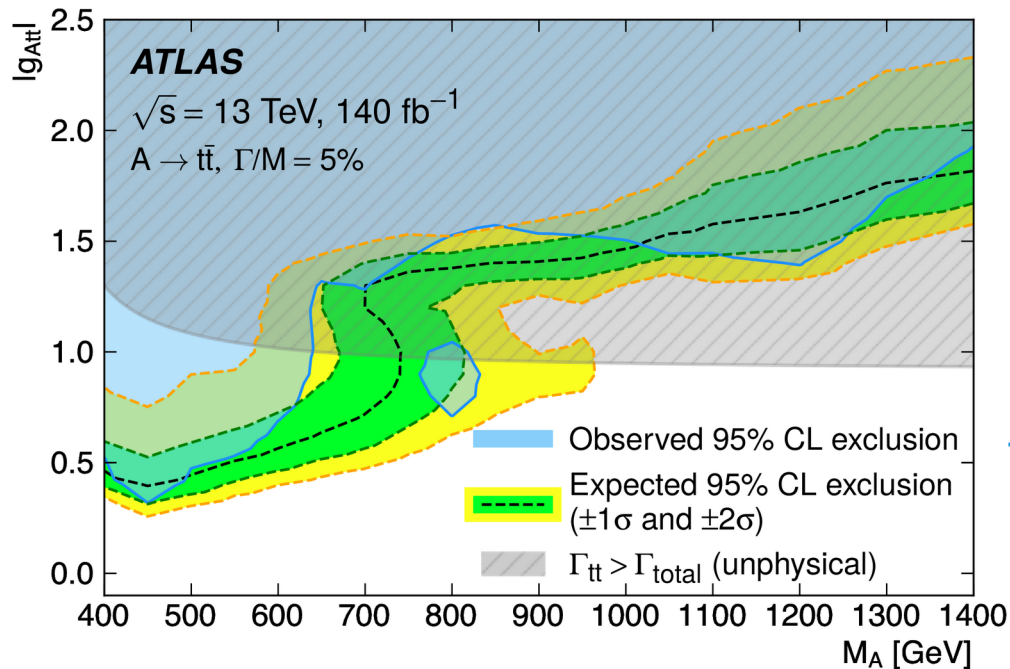
Related work:
Jeppe et al: DESY-24-059
Carra et al: PRD 104 (2021) 9, 092005

Extra: ALPs coupling to top quarks

- > Assume $c_G = 0$
- > Constraints from heavy-Higgs search directly translate to constraints on c_t

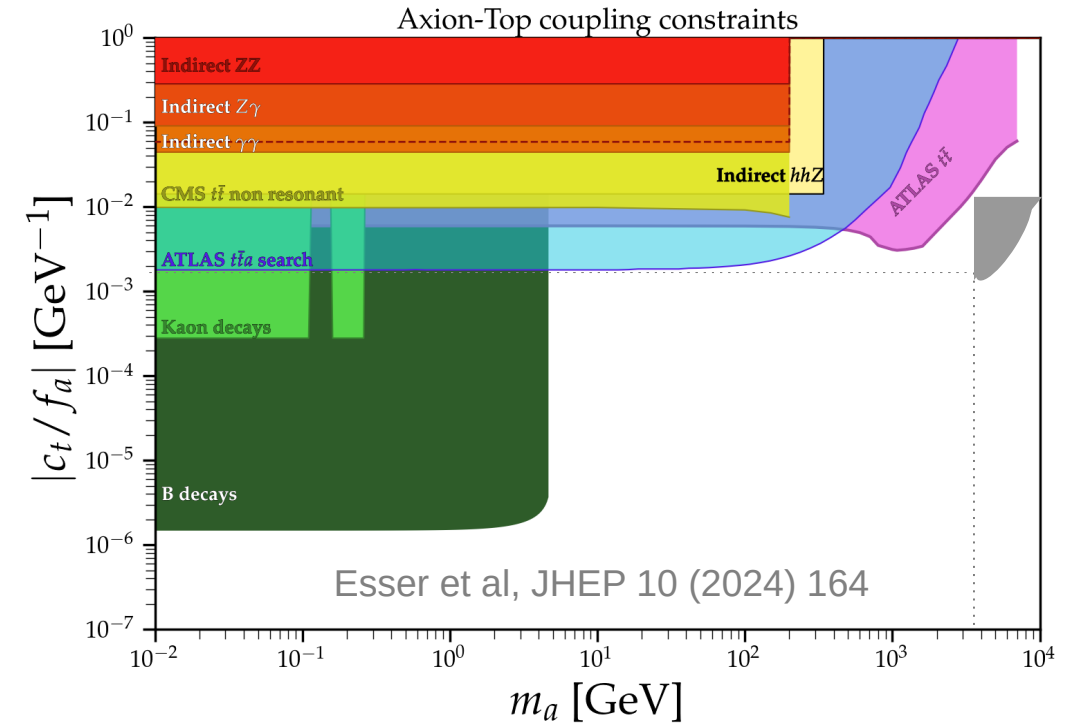


Fixed pseudoscalar width



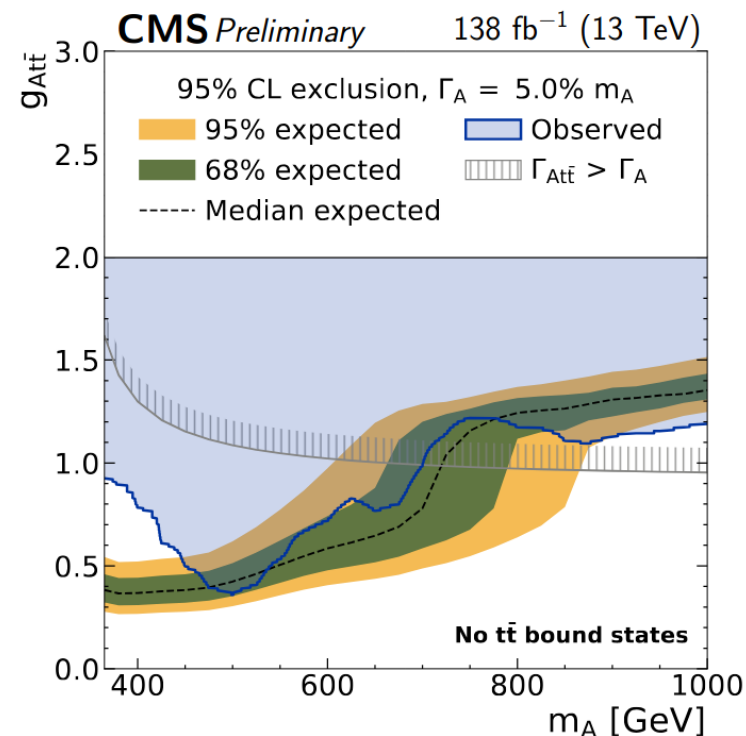
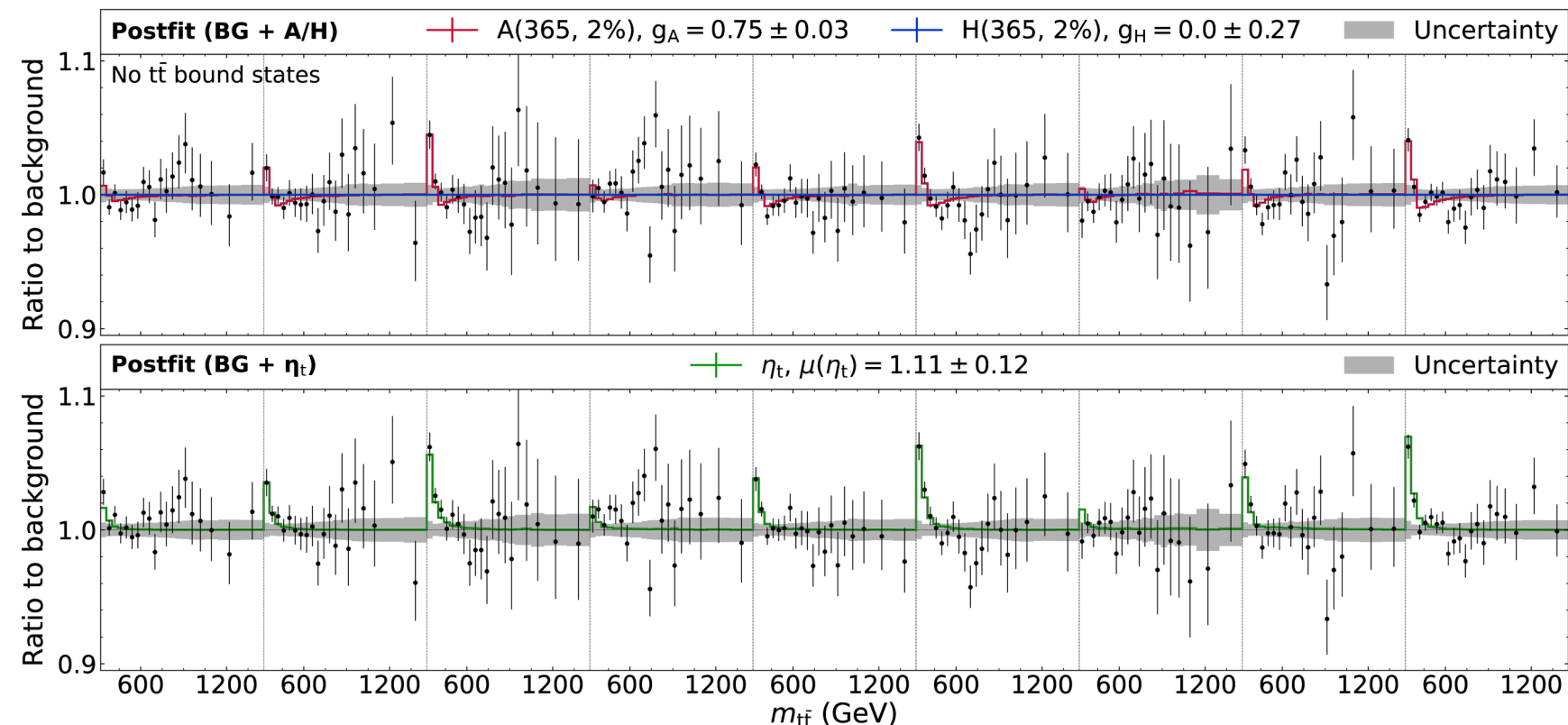
$$g_{\text{Att}}/v = c_t/f_a$$

Width depends on m_a and c_t



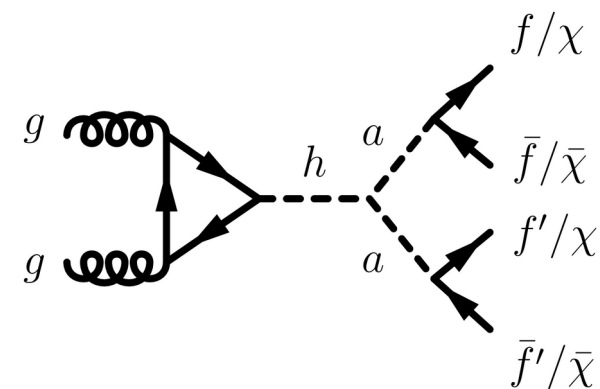
A little twist ...

- > Similar analysis by CMS but more optimised for low- $m_{t\bar{t}}$ than high- $m_{t\bar{t}}$ region
- > Observe $> 5\sigma$ deviation of the data from the prediction in the $t\bar{t}$ threshold region ($m_{t\bar{t}} < 400$ GeV)

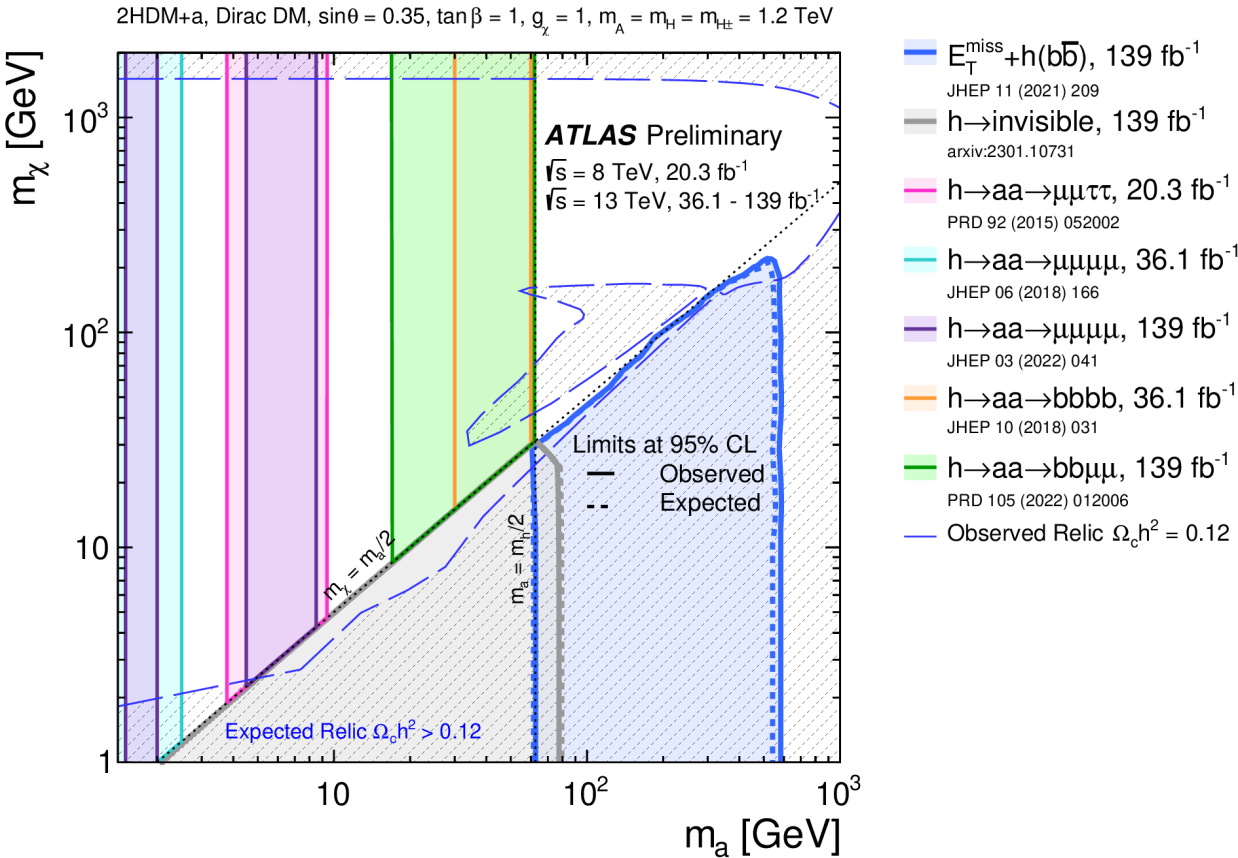
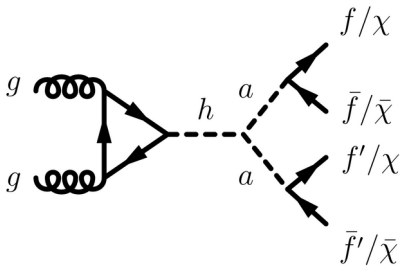
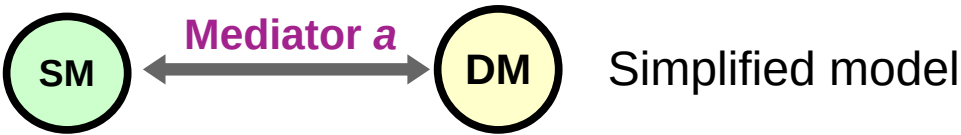


What if extra bosons are light?

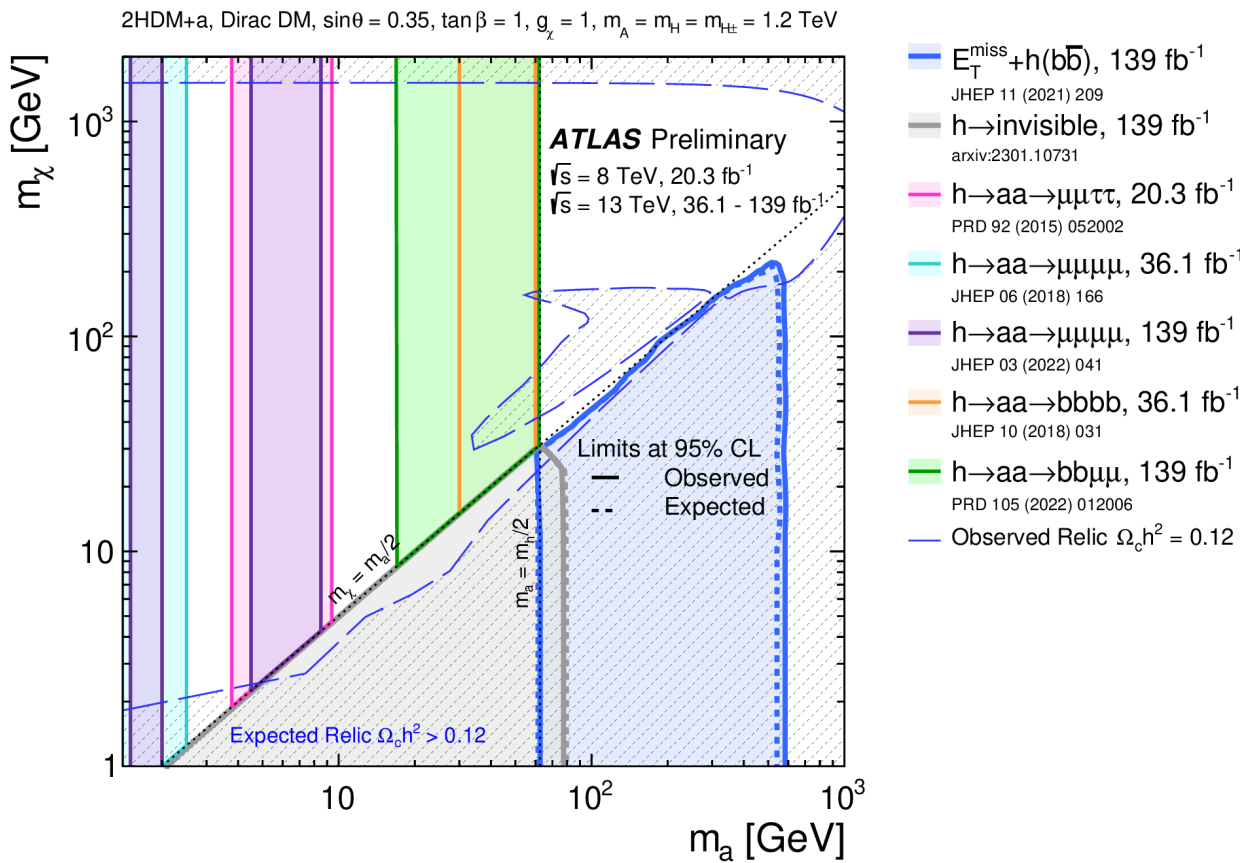
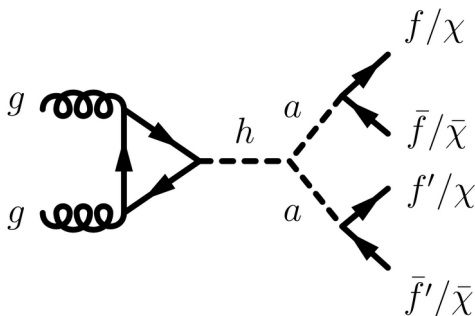
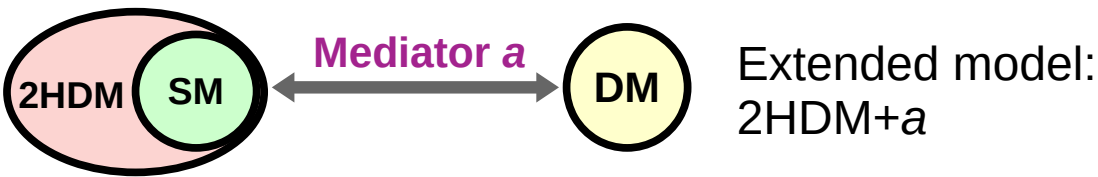
- > New (pseudo)scalar states with mass < 125 GeV constrained but not excluded by LEP etc.
- > Motivation especially for light pseudoscalars:
 - Extended Higgs sector models
 - ALPs
- > Exotic Higgs decays: $h_{125} \rightarrow aa$
- > Detector signatures depend on
 - Mass m_a ($\rightarrow$ Yukawa coupling to SM fermions)
 - $h_{125} \rightarrow aa \rightarrow 4b$
 - $h_{125} \rightarrow aa \rightarrow 4\mu$
 - ...
 - Couplings to BSM particles, e.g. DM
 - $h_{125} \rightarrow aa \rightarrow 4b$
 - Lifetime of a
 - ...



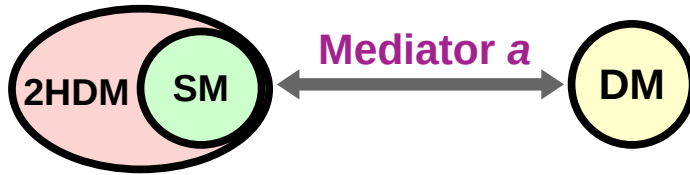
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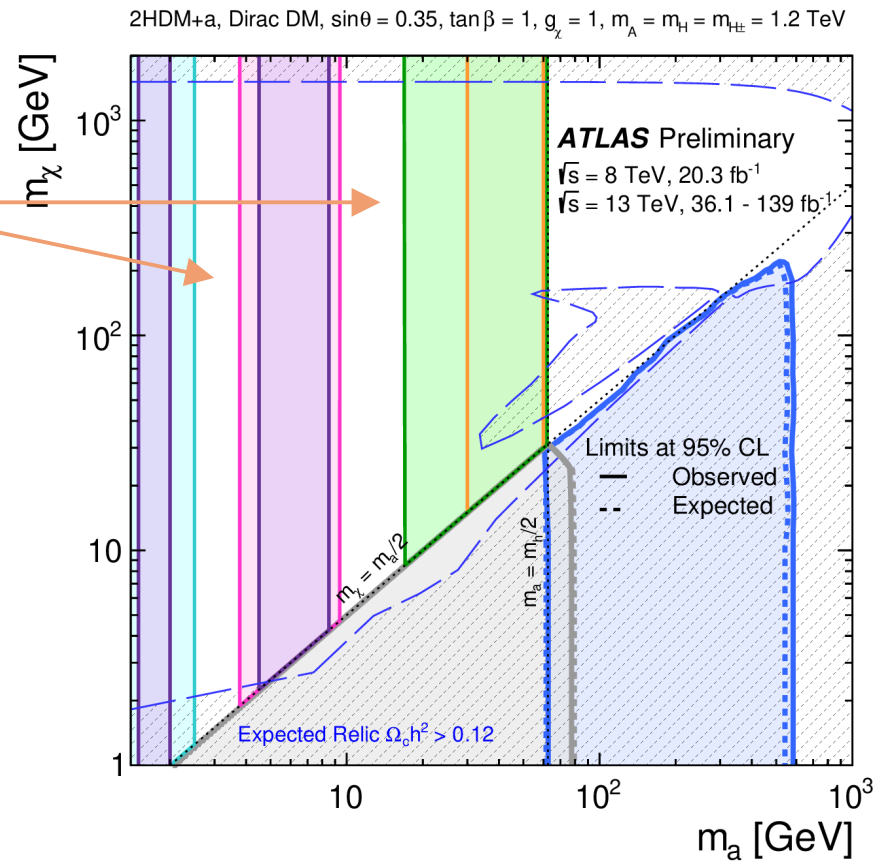
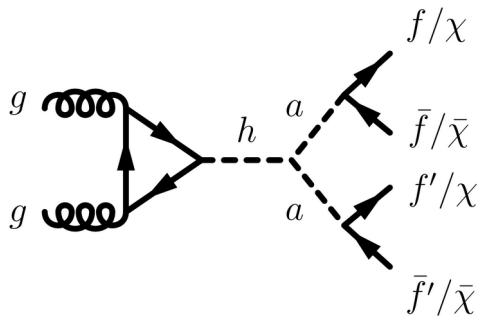


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Extended model:
2HDM+a

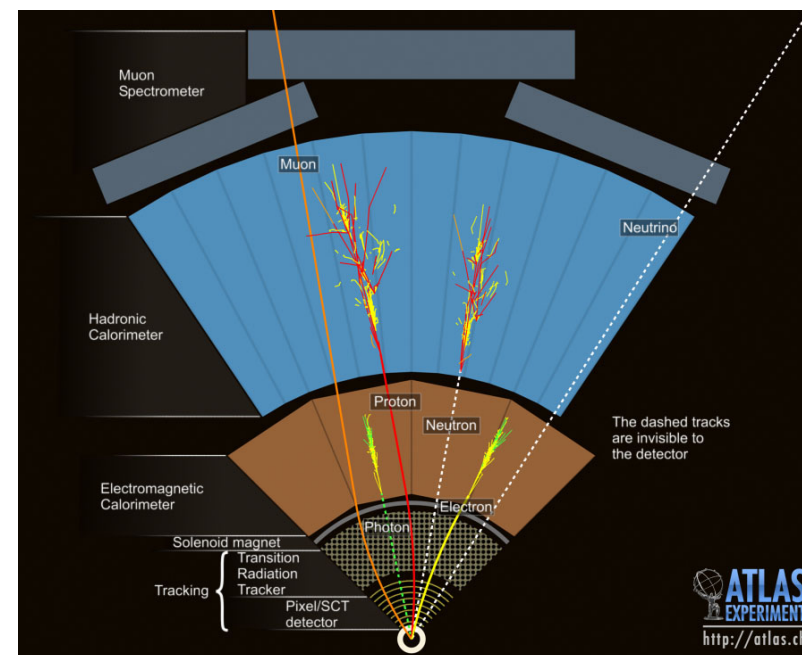
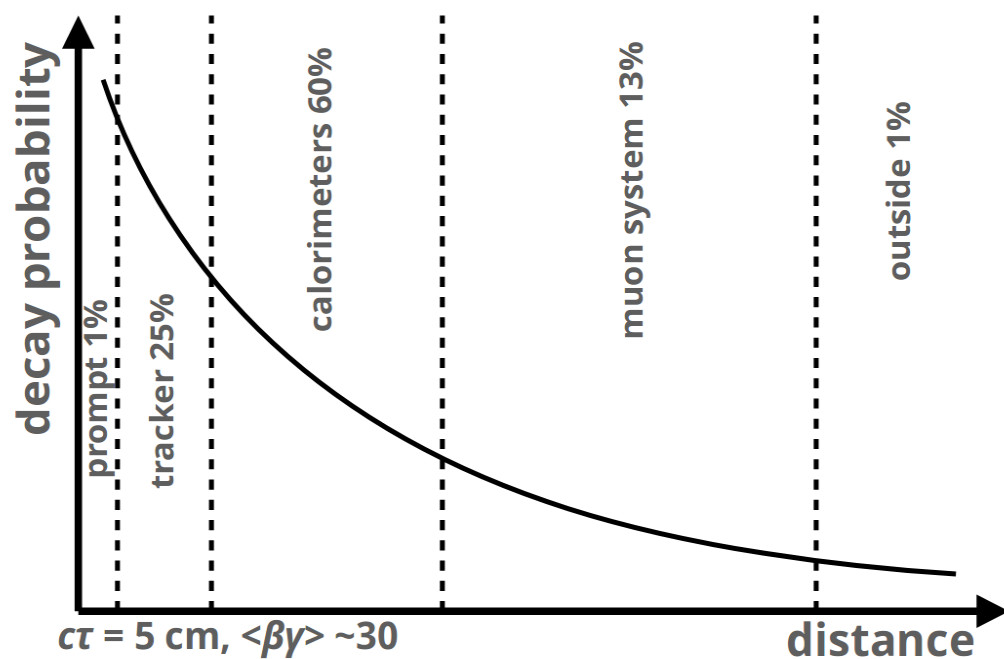
J/Psi and Upsilon resonances
→ resonant background, difficult
to model, large uncertainties



- $E_T^{\text{miss}} + h(b\bar{b})$, 139 fb⁻¹
JHEP 11 (2021) 209
- $h \rightarrow \text{invisible}$, 139 fb⁻¹
arxiv:2301.10731
- $h \rightarrow aa \rightarrow \mu\mu\tau\tau$, 20.3 fb⁻¹
PRD 92 (2015) 052002
- $h \rightarrow aa \rightarrow \mu\mu\mu\mu$, 36.1 fb⁻¹
JHEP 06 (2018) 166
- $h \rightarrow aa \rightarrow \mu\mu\mu\mu$, 139 fb⁻¹
JHEP 03 (2022) 041
- $h \rightarrow aa \rightarrow bbbb$, 36.1 fb⁻¹
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- Observed Relic $\Omega_\chi h^2 = 0.12$

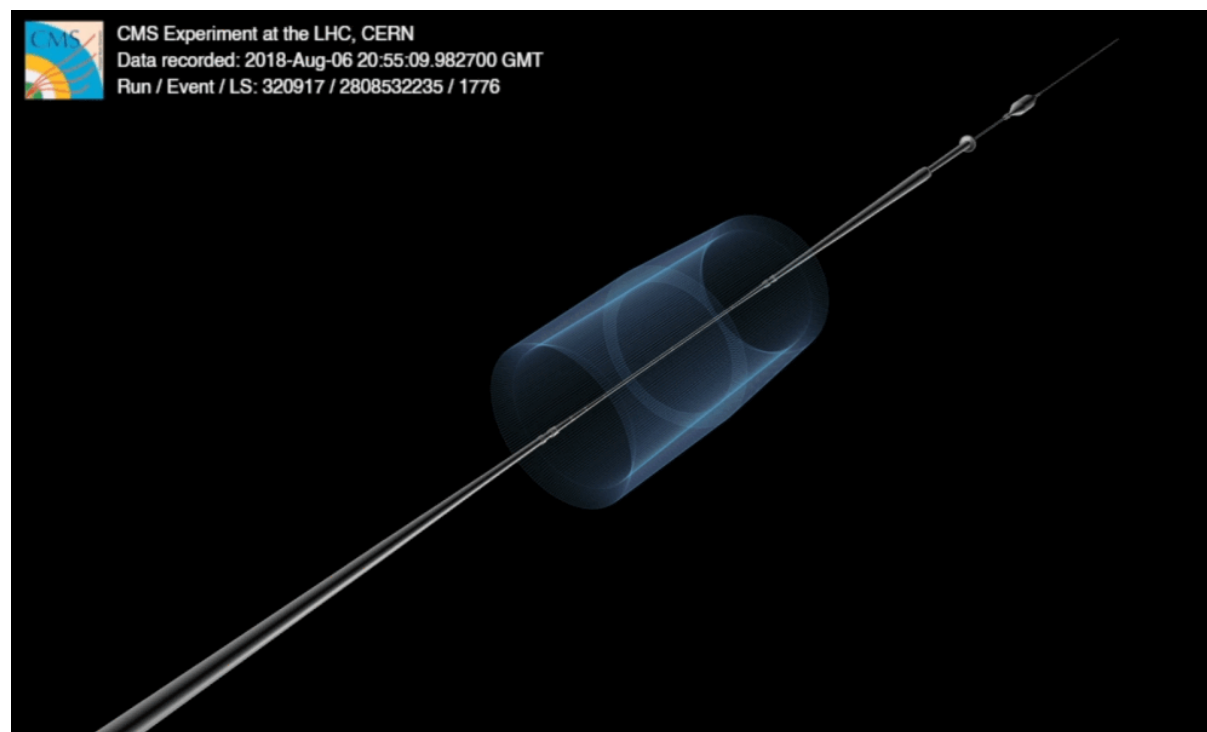
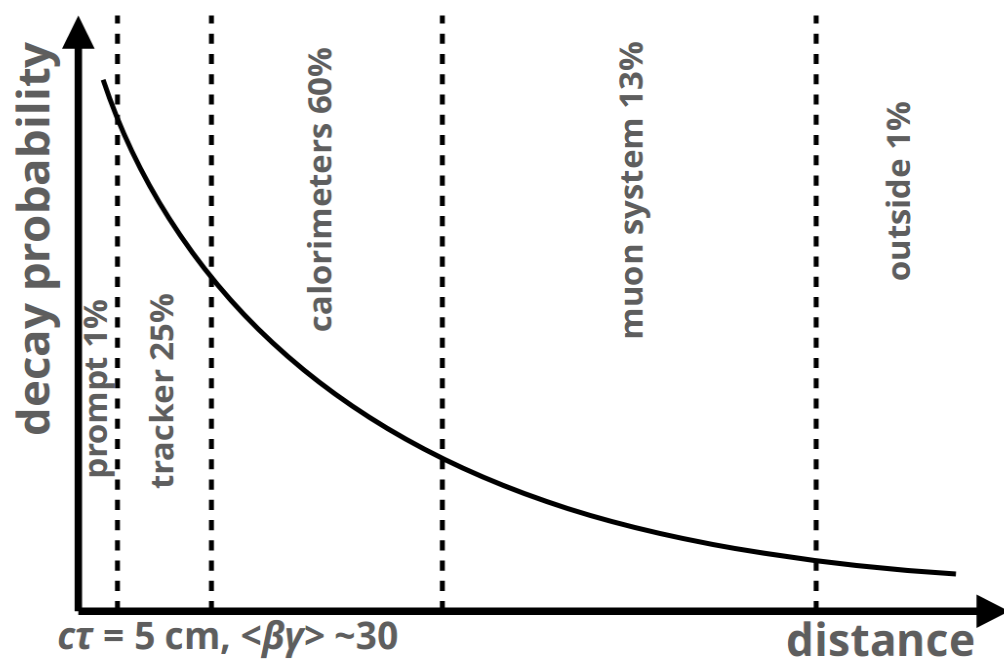
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- > Exotic decay products (a , S , ...) of the Higgs could be long-lived
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 - Not captured by standard particle identification algorithms!



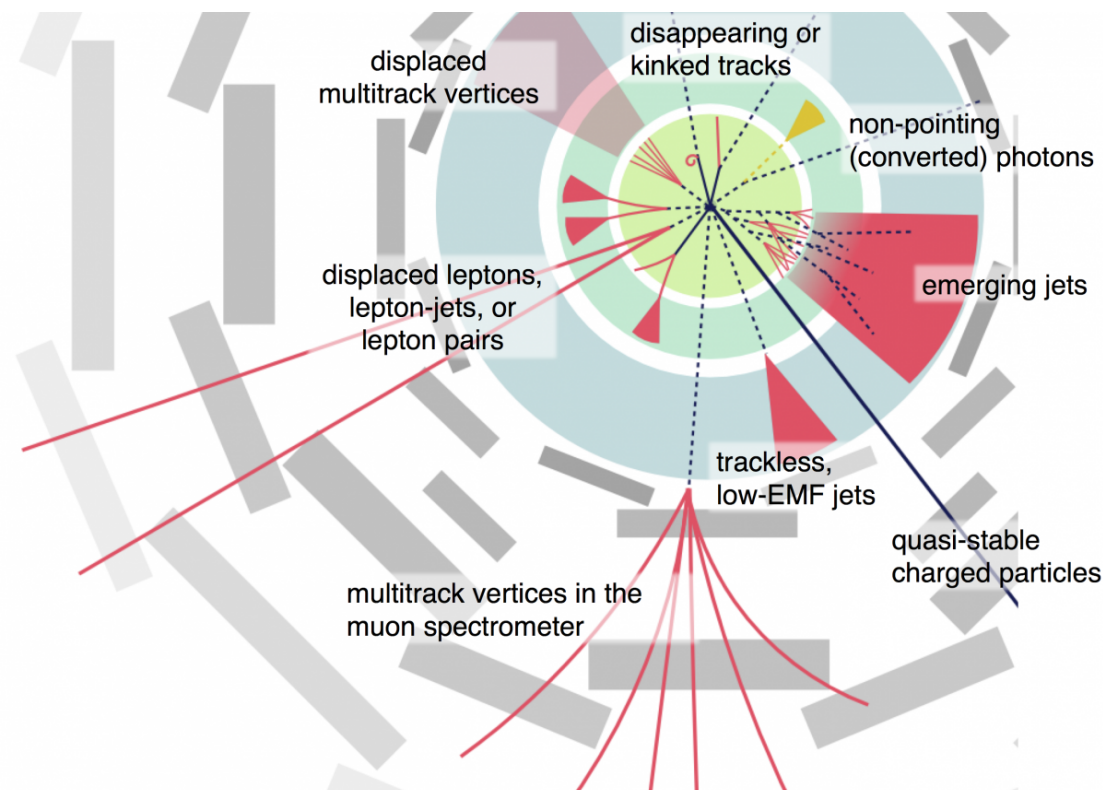
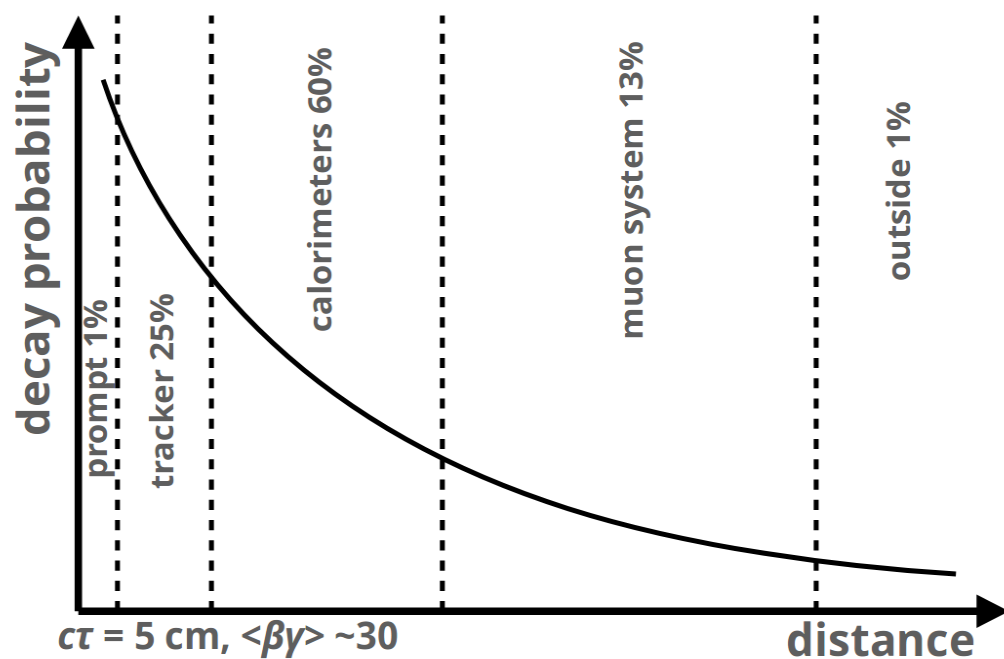
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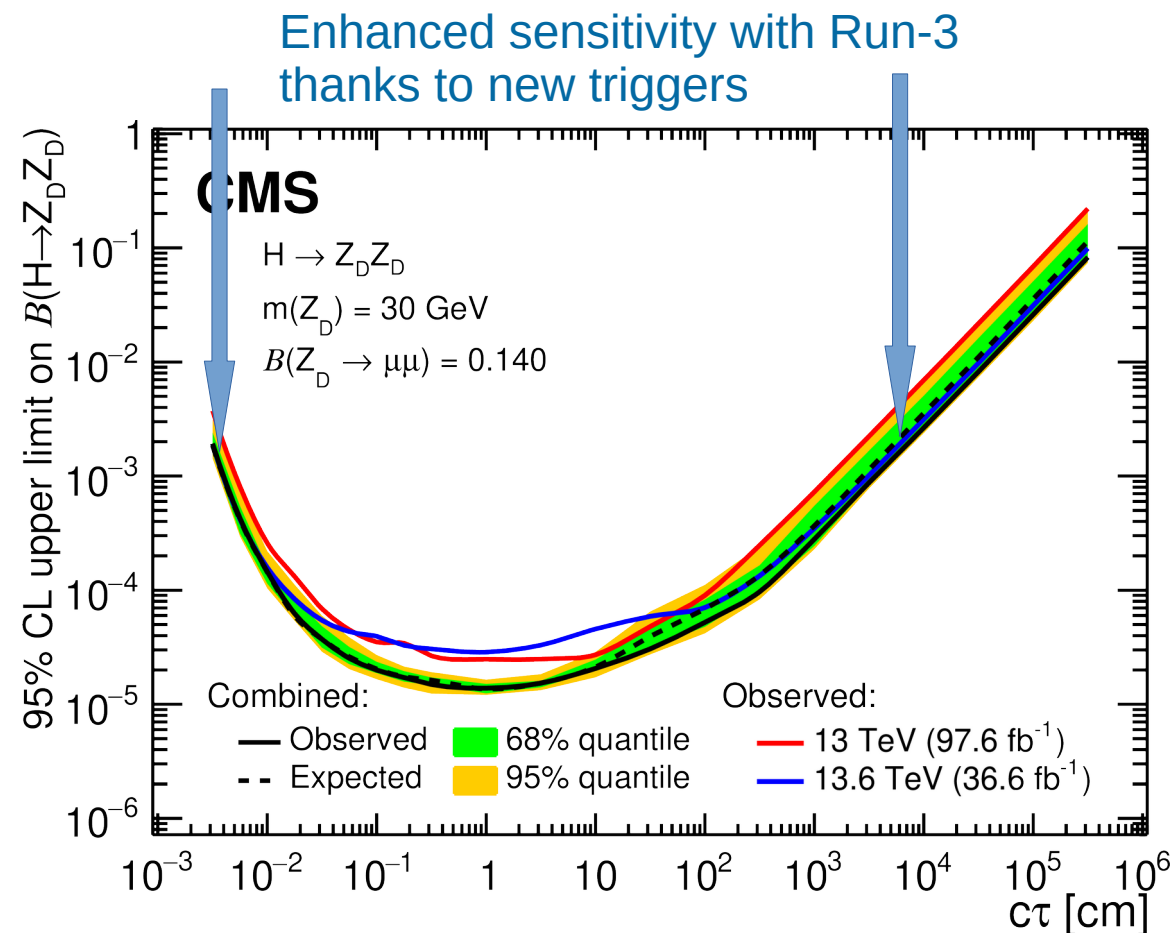
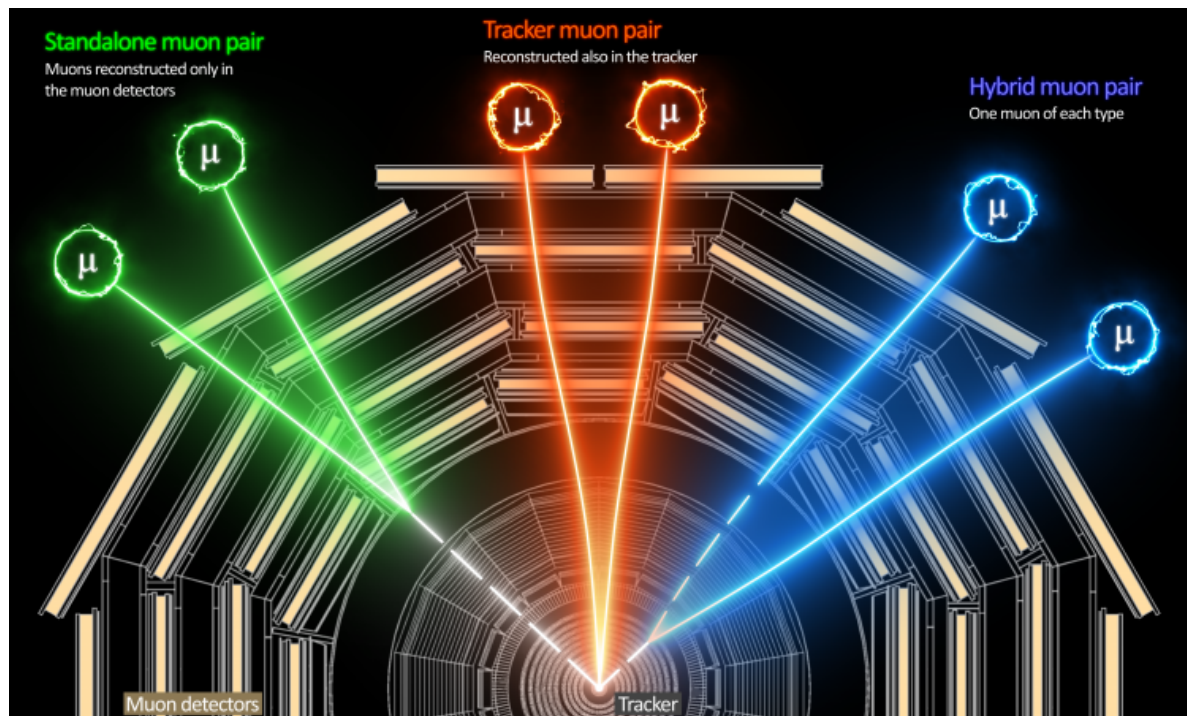
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Example: displaced muon pairs

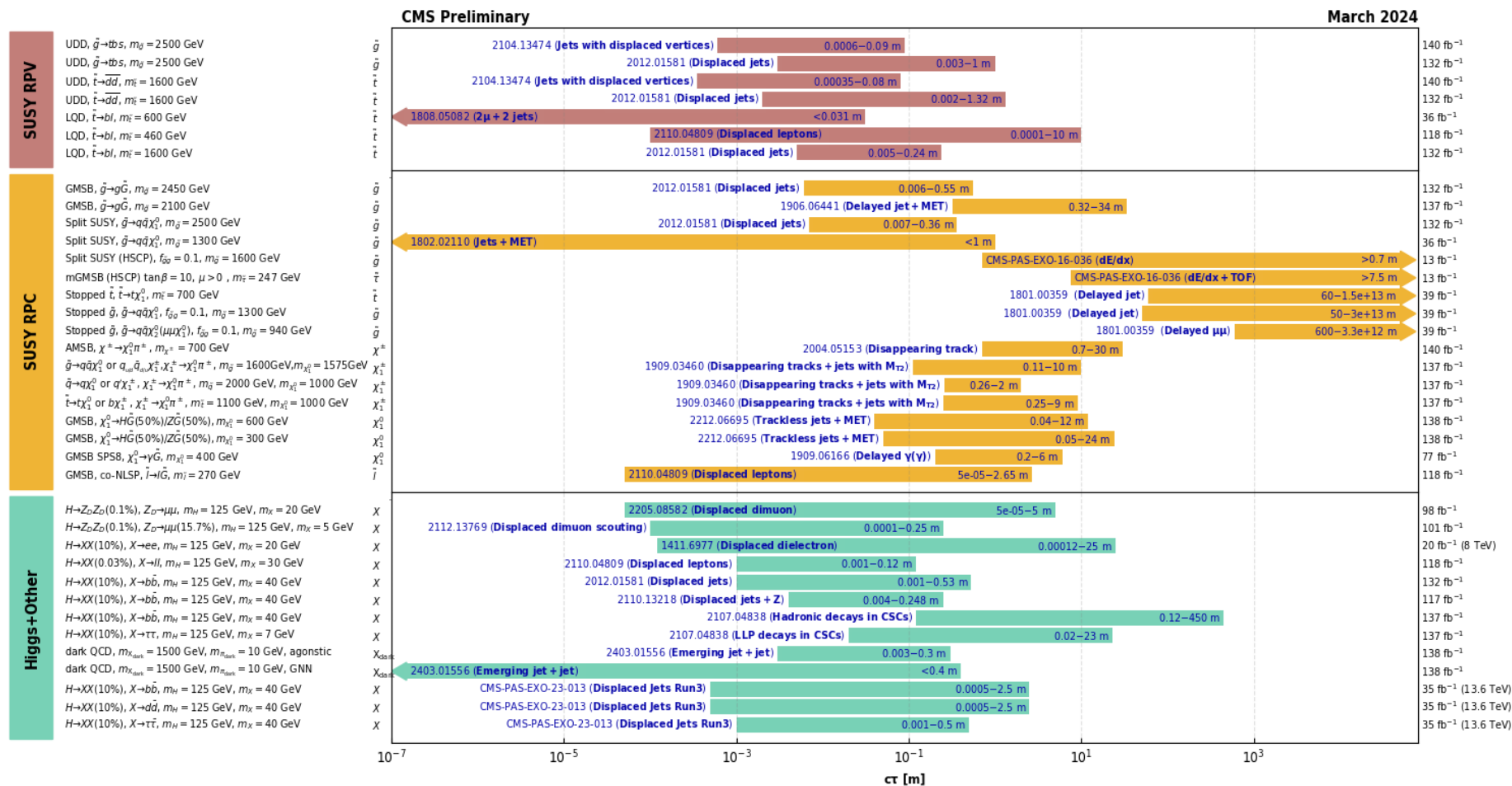
- > Exotic Higgs decay to a pair of long-lived dark photons: $h \rightarrow Z_D Z_D \rightarrow \mu\mu \mu\mu$
- > Implemented novel triggers targeting displaced muon pairs + other offline analysis techniques
- > Significant sensitivity boost across lifetime range



Impressive lifetime coverage

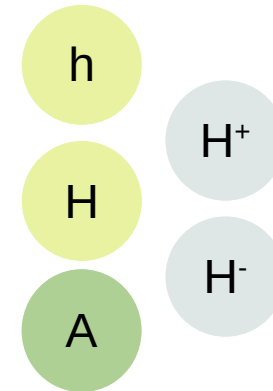
- > Probing lifetimes/decay lengths from $O(\mu\text{m})$ to $O(10\text{m})$

Overview of CMS long-lived particle searches



Higgs Part 3: Summary

- > Extended Higgs sectors part of many well-motivated extensions of the SM
- > Broad experimental programme to search for extra Higgs bosons
 - Different production modes (gg-fusion, exotic Higgs decays)
 - Different decay modes
- > Decays to top quarks particularly challenging due to interference
 - Excess seen at $t\bar{t}$ threshold ... **see bonus lecture!**



Overall summary

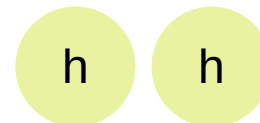
> Part 1: The vacuum is not empty

- Significant progress in characterising the Higgs boson
- Measurements in agreement with SM within current uncertainties → much room for BSM physics



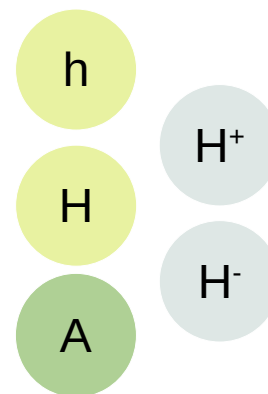
> Part 2: What is the fingerprint of the vacuum?

- Unprecedented constraints on self-couplings from hh searches on LHC Run-2 data
- Algorithm improvements via AI crucial



> Part 3: Is there even more to the vacuum?

- Broad search programme for new states
- Exciting news from ttbar threshold
- Plethora of little explored unusual signatures



BONUS SLIDES

> Search stage:

- Should we reject SM in favour of (any) BSM hypothesis?
- Test agreement of data with range of interference patterns
- Consider all possible values of POI

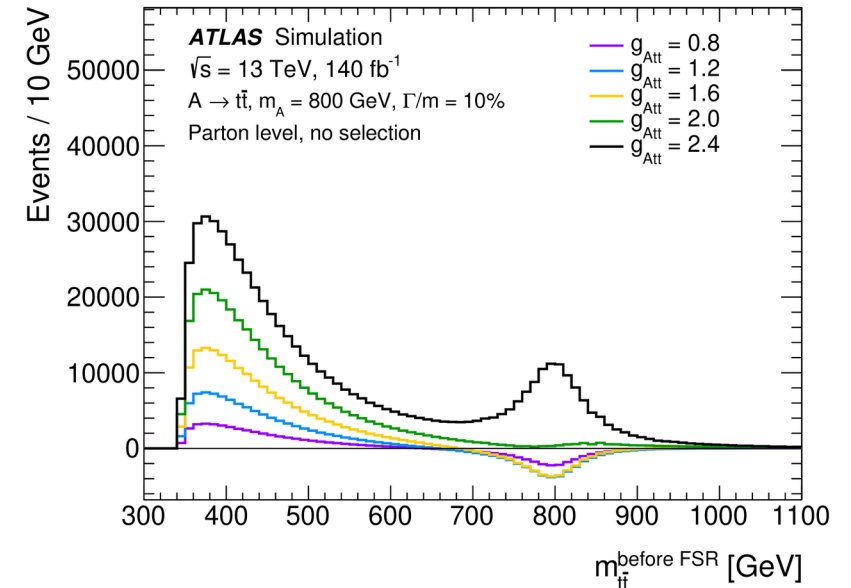
$$q_0 = -2 \ln \frac{\mathcal{L}(0, \hat{\theta}_0)}{\mathcal{L}(\sqrt{\hat{\mu}}, \hat{\theta}_{\sqrt{\hat{\mu}}})}$$

> Exclusion stage:

- Should we reject the BSM hypothesis ($\mu=1$) under consideration?
- Test (dis)agreement of data with specific interference pattern of tested signal hypothesis

$$q_{1,0} = -2 \ln \frac{\mathcal{L}(1, \hat{\theta}_1)}{\mathcal{L}(0, \hat{\theta}_0)}$$

$\sqrt{\mu}$ equivalent to g_{Att}



$$\lambda(\mu) = \frac{L(\mu, \hat{\theta}(\mu))}{L(\hat{\mu}, \hat{\theta})}$$

Systematic uncertainties (ATLAS)

- > Largest sources of uncertainty:
SM $t\bar{t}$ modelling
- > $t\bar{t}$ NNLO includes:
 - Uncertainties in reweighting
 - Scale and PDF uncertainties on calculation
 - Uncertainty on EW component from comparison of NN vs LUX PDFs
- > $t\bar{t}$ lineshape: comparison with MadSpin
- > $t\bar{t}$ PS: Pythia vs Herwig
- > $m_{\text{top}}: \pm 0.76 \text{ GeV}$

Uncertainty component	Fractional contribution [%]	
	$m_A = 800 \text{ GeV}$ $\tan \beta = 0.4$	$m_A = m_H = 500 \text{ GeV}$ $\tan \beta = 2.0$
Experimental	30	42
Small- R jets (JER, JES)	22	29
Large- VR jets	11	20
Flavour tagging	13	17
Leptons	4	5
Other (E_T^{miss} , luminosity, pile-up, JVT)	10	14
Modelling: SM $t\bar{t}$ and signal	91	79
$t\bar{t}$ NNLO	49	28
$t\bar{t}$ lineshape	27	29
$t\bar{t}$ ME-PS (p_T^{hard})	36	30
$t\bar{t}$ ME-PS (h_{damp})	41	25
$t\bar{t}$ ISR&FSR	9	13
$t\bar{t}$ PS	29	41
$t\bar{t}$ cross-section	21	31
$t\bar{t}$ Scales & PDF	21	16
m_t	6	4
Signal	19	9
Modelling: other	41	16
W +jets	11	8
Z +jets	1	2
Multijet	27	10
Fakes	<1	1
Other bkg.	29	10
MC statistics	18	26
Total systematic uncertainty	± 100	± 100
Total statistical uncertainty	< 1	< 1

- > Extend likelihood to include interference term

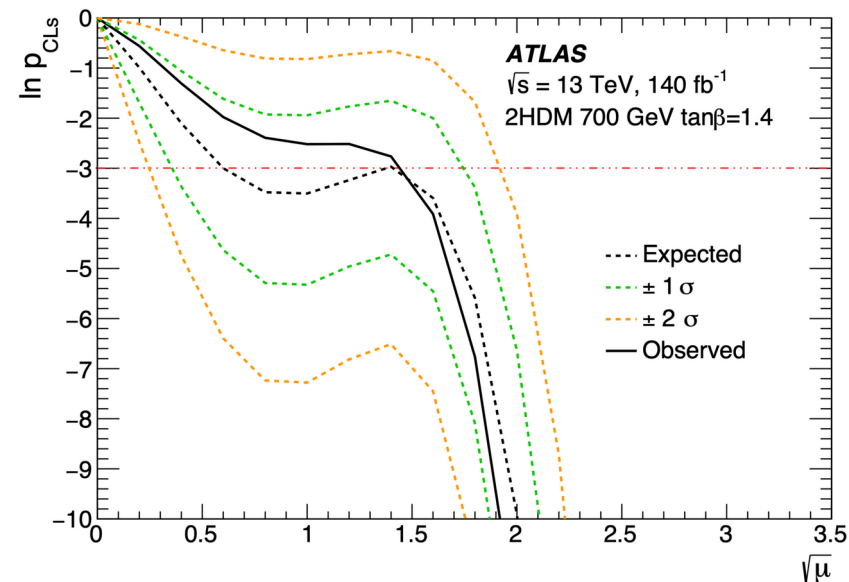
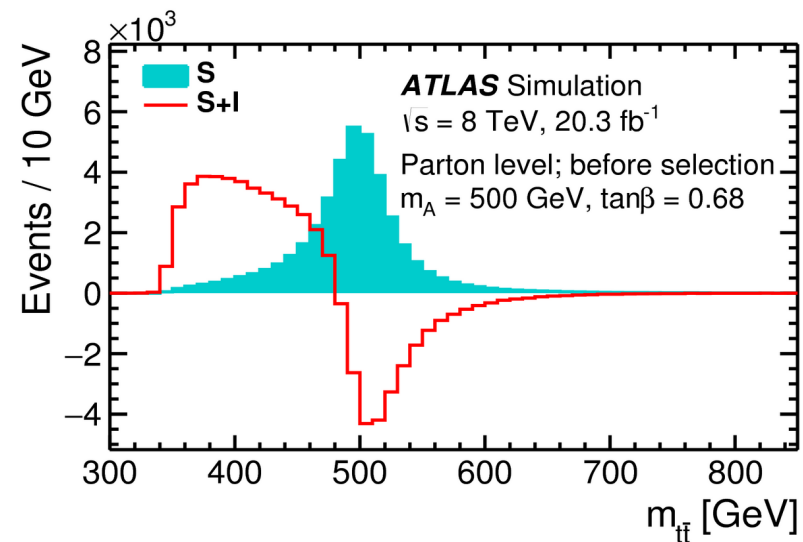
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- > Quadratic dependence on POI = $\sqrt{\mu}$

- Interference shape changes with POI
- Local minima can appear in CLs scan
- Upper limits not well defined!

- > Requires going beyond common statistical approaches

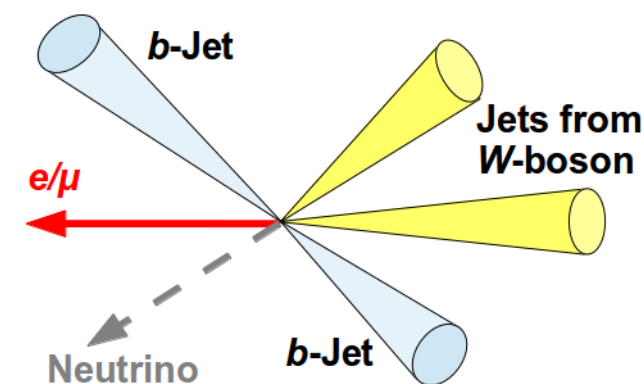
- Choice of appropriate test statistic
- Interpolation between signal hypotheses
- Correct limit band calculation
 - New baseline in ATLAS StatAnalysis (on cvmfs)
- Treatment of histograms with negative yields



1L Resolved

- > Require ≥ 4 jets, ≥ 1 b-jet
- > Reconstruct full $t\bar{t}$ system:
 - Neutrino 4-vector from W-mass constraint
 - Assignment of jets based on χ^2 minimisation

$$\chi^2 = \left[\frac{m_{jj} - m_W}{\sigma_W} \right]^2 + \left[\frac{(m_{jjb} - m_{jj}) - m_{t_h - W}}{\sigma_{t_h - W}} \right]^2 + \left[\frac{m_{jl\nu} - m_{t_l}}{\sigma_{t_l}} \right]^2 + \left[\frac{(p_{T,jjb} - p_{T,jl\nu}) - (p_{T,t_h} - p_{T,t_l})}{\sigma_{\text{diff } p_T}} \right]^2$$



1L Merged

> Top candidate jet:

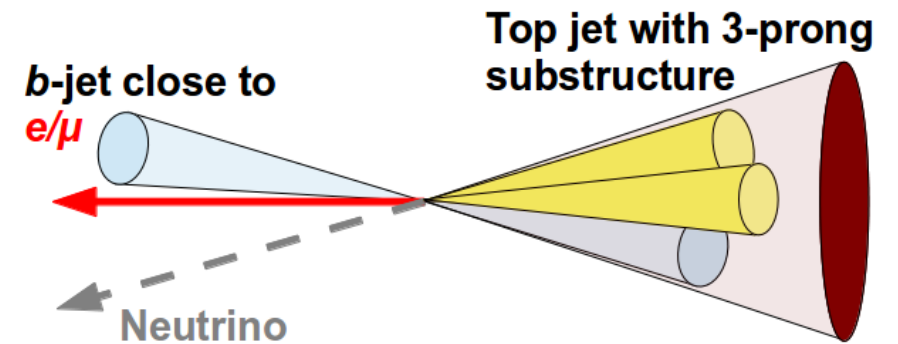
- **Variable- R jet** ($R_{\max} = 1.5$) optimised for intermediate top boosts ($m_{t\bar{t}} \sim 1 \text{ TeV}$)
- Jet radius shrinks with jet p_T
- Jet size automatically adapts to boost of top quark

> Leptonic top b-candidate jet: ≥ 1 small- R jet well separated from top candidate jet

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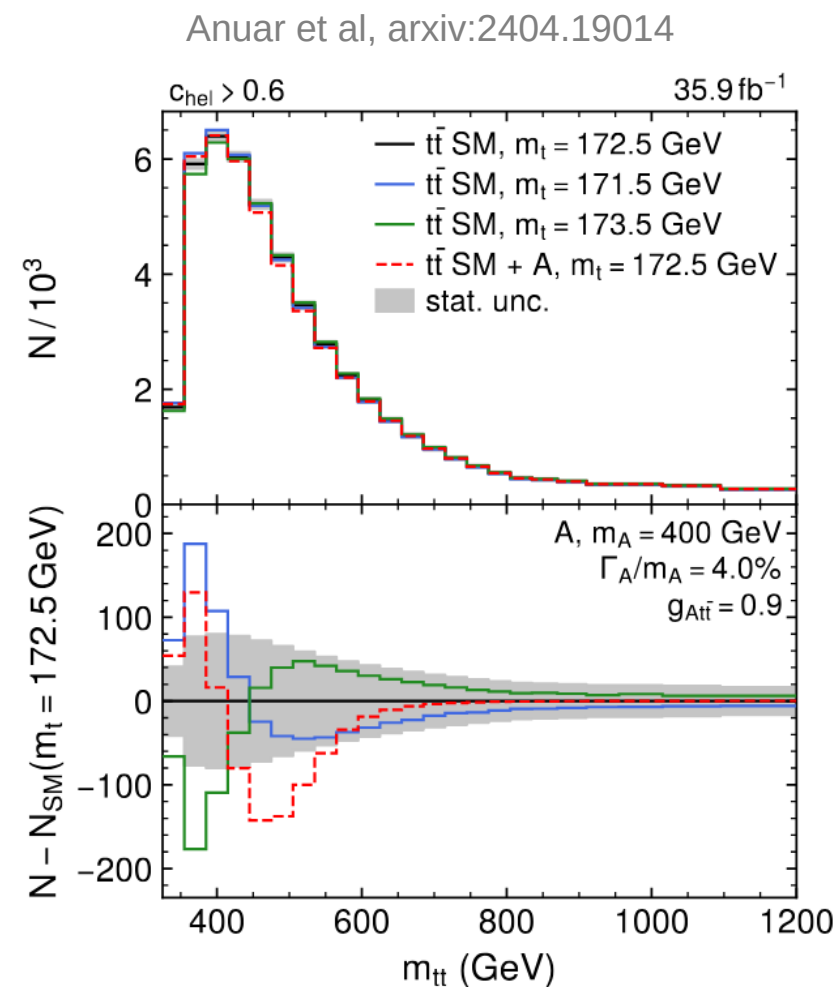
- Neutrino 4-vector from W -mass constraint
- Selected lepton
- Leptonic top b-candidate
- Top candidate jet

$$R_{\text{eff},i}(p_T) = \frac{\rho}{p_{T,i}} \quad (\rho = 600 \text{ GeV})$$



Differences in background modelling

- > Reweighting from NLO Powheg+Pythia to NNLO-QCD+NLO-EW
- > CMS:
 - Double differential reweighting in $m_{t\bar{t}}$ and $\cos\theta_t^*$
 - Calculated with HATHOR and MATRIX
 - $m_t = 172.5$ GeV
- > ATLAS: $m_t = 173.3$ GeV



Differences in treatment of systematic uncertainties

> Top Yukawa coupling

- Not included in ATLAS model, not provided by Mitov et al.
- Leading for CMS

> Top mass uncertainty

- Heavily constrained and high ranking for CMS
- Not the case for ATLAS

> Parton shower (Pythia8 vs Herwig7)

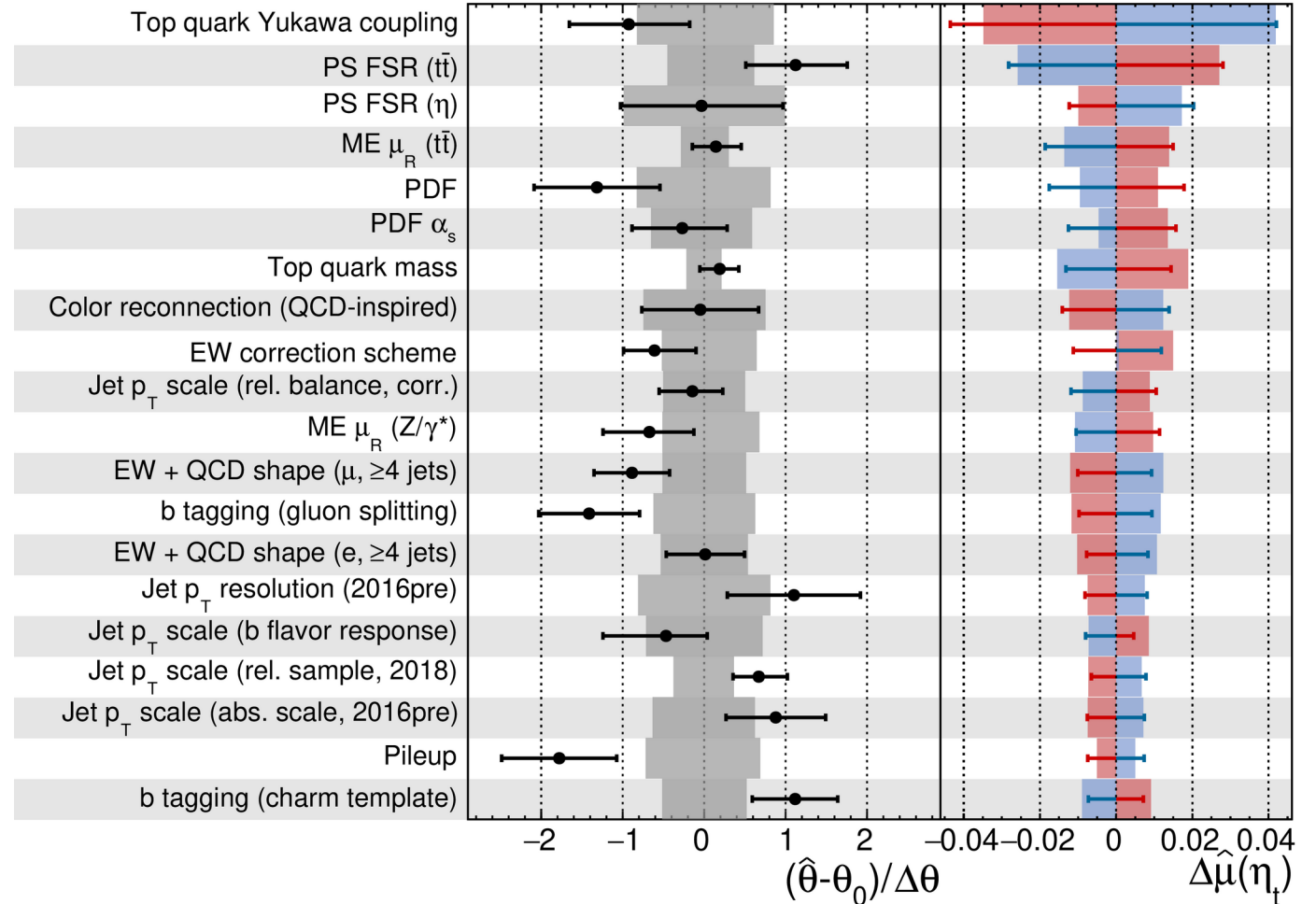
- Major uncertainty for ATLAS: high-ranking, pulled, and constrained
- Small impact for CMS (internal studies)
- Impact reduced by use of c_{hel} and c_{han} ?

CMS

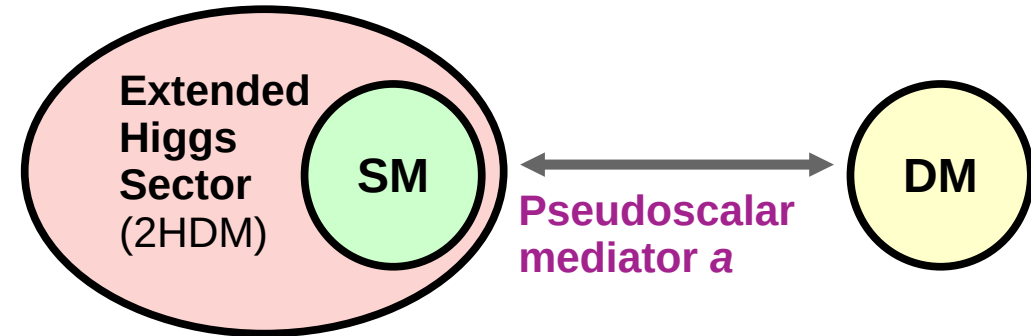
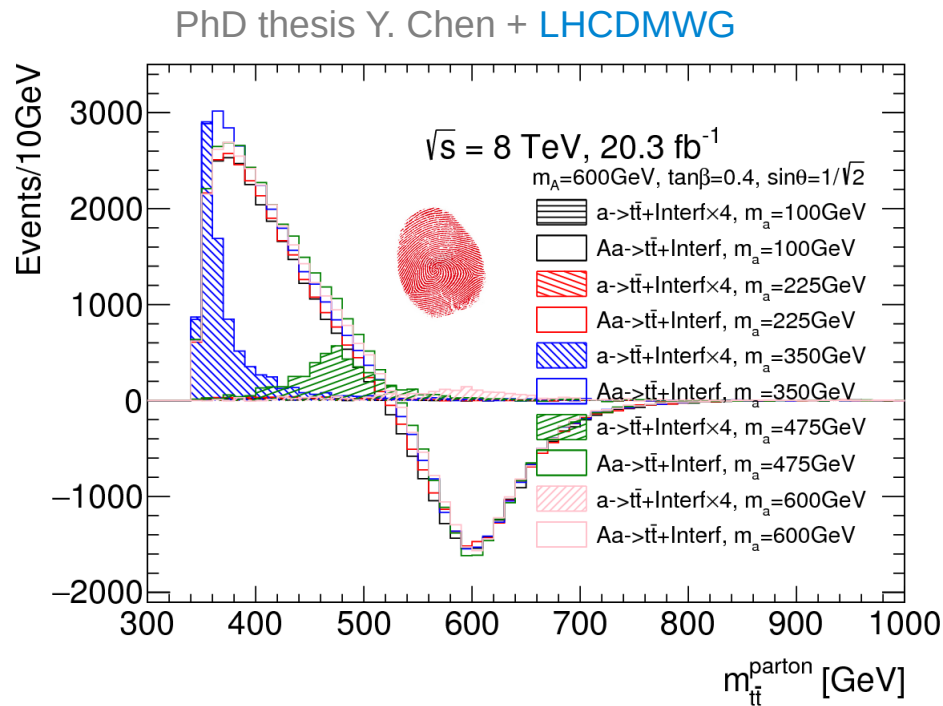
Preliminary

—●— Fit constraint (obs.) —+1σ impact (obs.) —-1σ impact (obs.)
 ■ Fit constraint (exp.) ■ +1σ impact (exp.) ■ -1σ impact (exp.)

$$\hat{\mu}(\eta_t) = 1.11 \pm 0.12$$



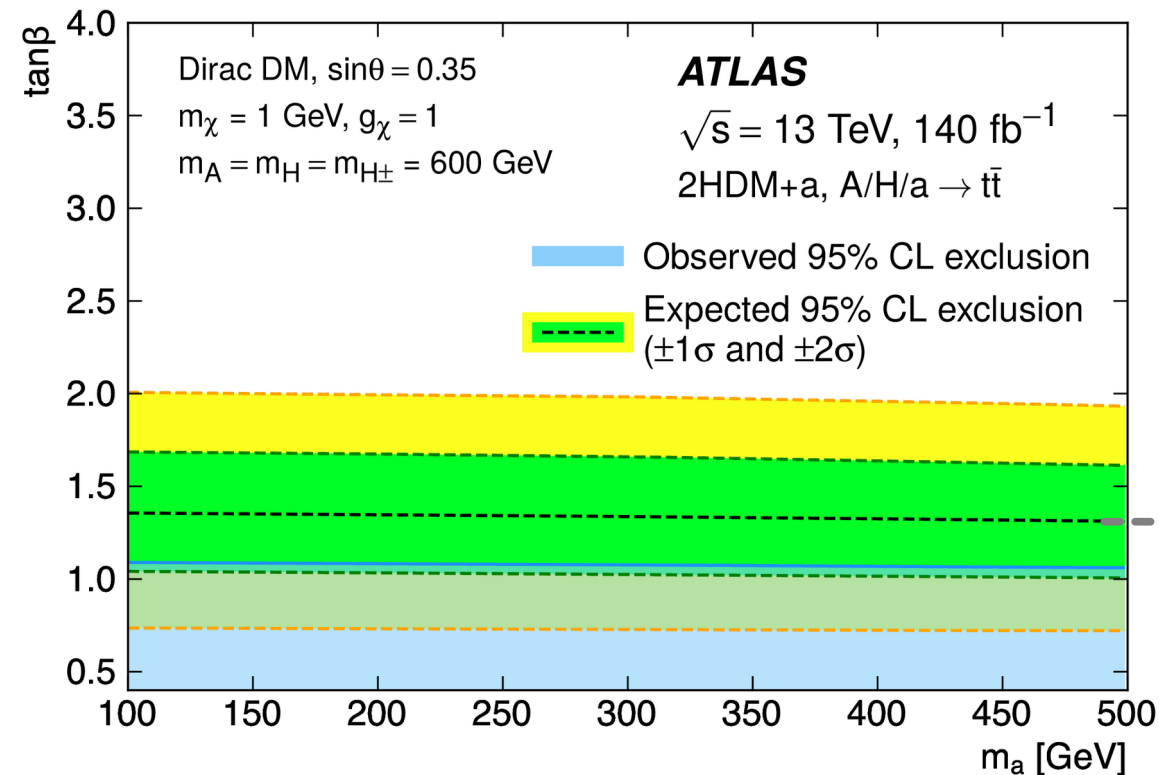
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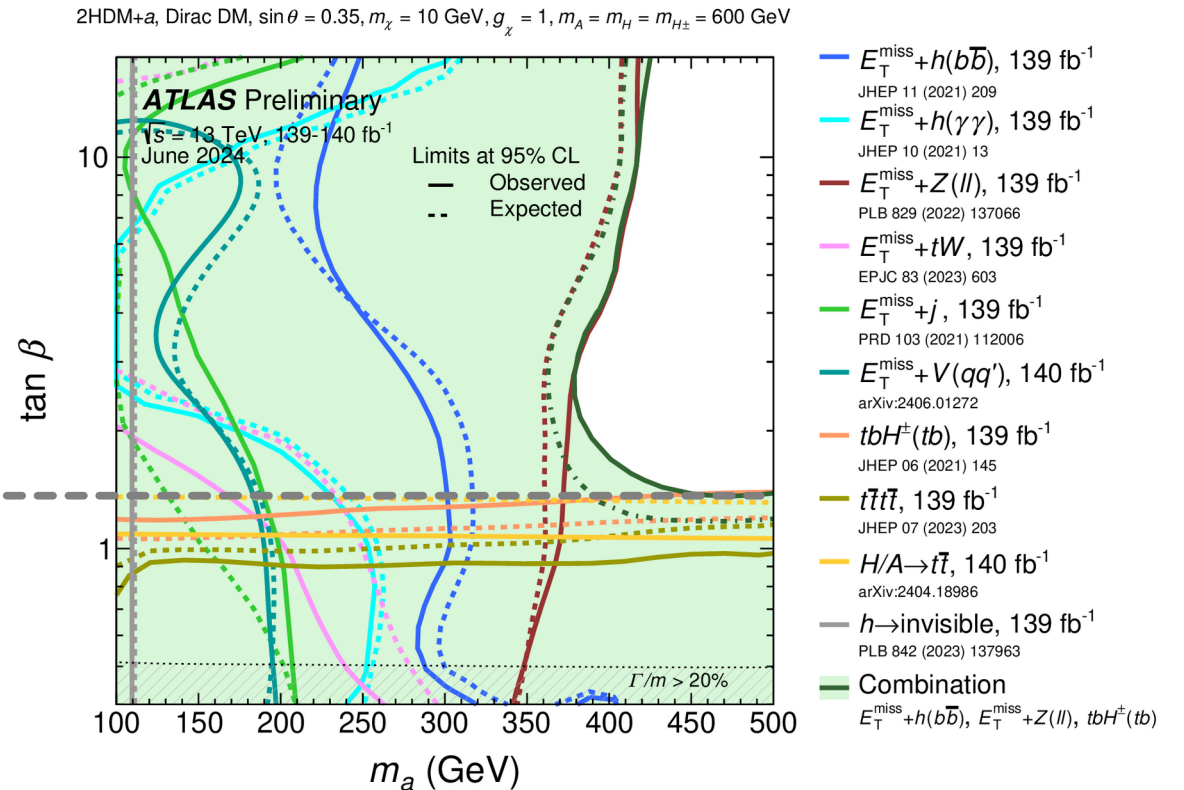
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- > Leading expected exclusion at high mediator mass
- > Observed exclusion slightly weaker than $H^+(tb)$ result due to downward fluctuation



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Key differences with ATLAS

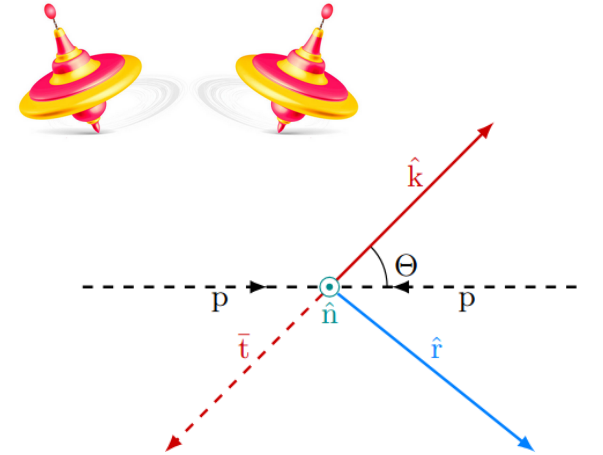
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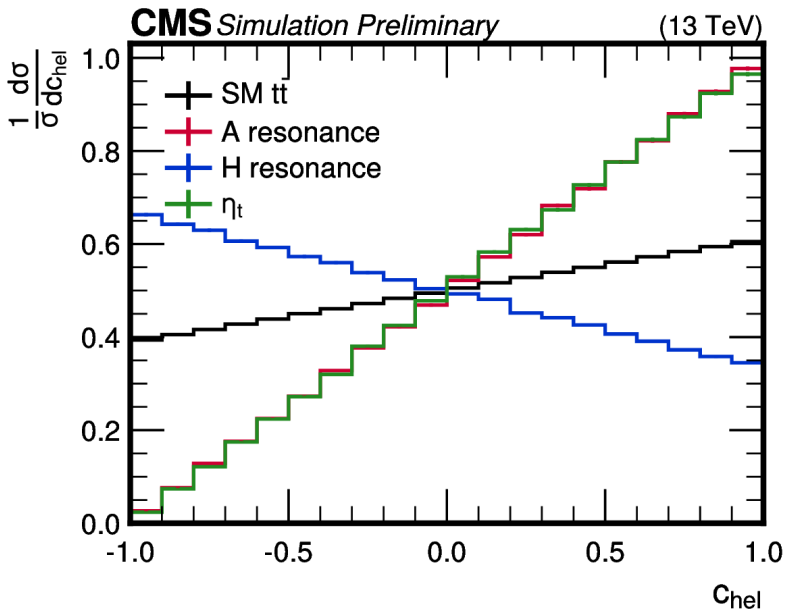
- 1L: $\cos\theta^*$
- 2L: C_{hel} , C_{chan}

$$C_{\text{hel}} = -(\hat{\ell}^+)_k(\hat{\ell}^-)_k - (\hat{\ell}^+)_r(\hat{\ell}^-)_r - (\hat{\ell}^+)_n(\hat{\ell}^-)_n$$

$$C_{\text{chan}} = +(\hat{\ell}^+)_k(\hat{\ell}^-)_k - (\hat{\ell}^+)_r(\hat{\ell}^-)_r - (\hat{\ell}^+)_n(\hat{\ell}^-)_n$$



Enhances sensitivity to pseudoscalar



Enhances sensitivity to scalar

