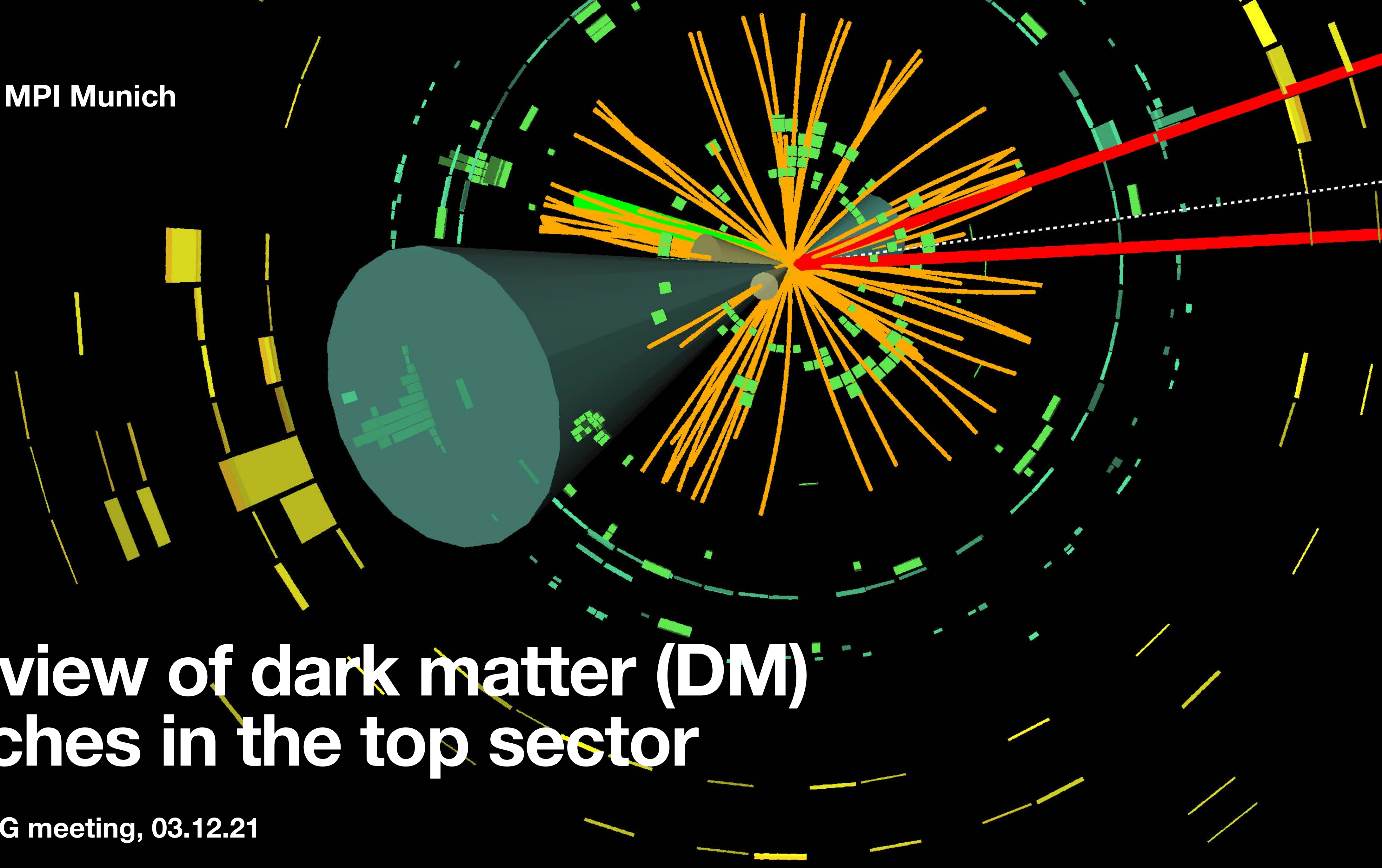


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# Overview of dark matter (DM) searches in the top sector

LHC TOP WG meeting, 03.12.21



# Fabio asked for the following

“[...] We also hold a “fun session” on topics that go beyond the core measurement activities. In this context, we thought it could be interesting to have a kind of “review” talk about  $t\bar{t}+\text{DM}$  searches. [...]”

To have “fun”, I will interpret “review” & “DM” rather loosely focusing on interesting top signatures, giving examples of BSM physics that searches for them allow to test

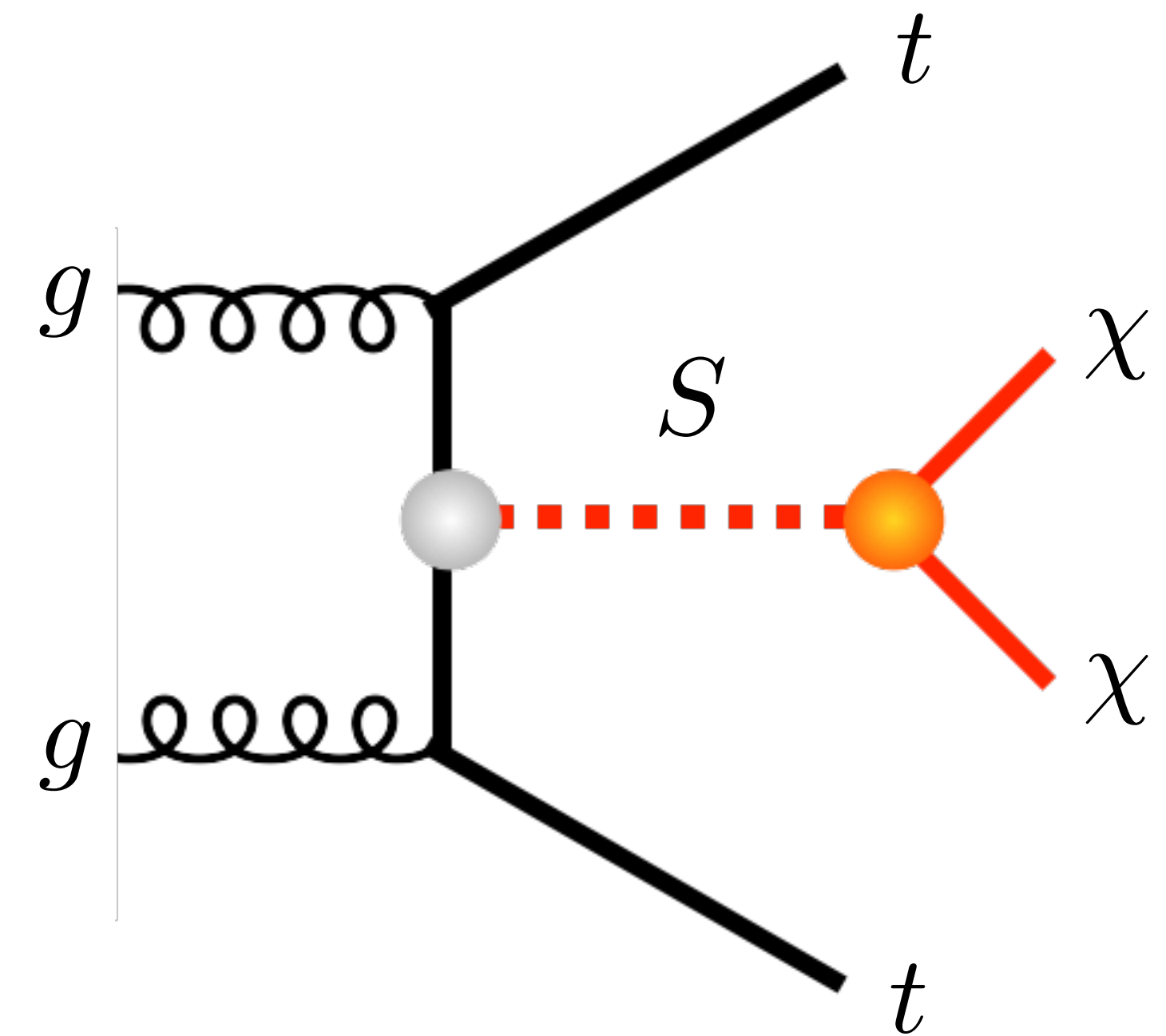
# $t\bar{t} + E_{T,miss}$ : simplified spin-0 DM model

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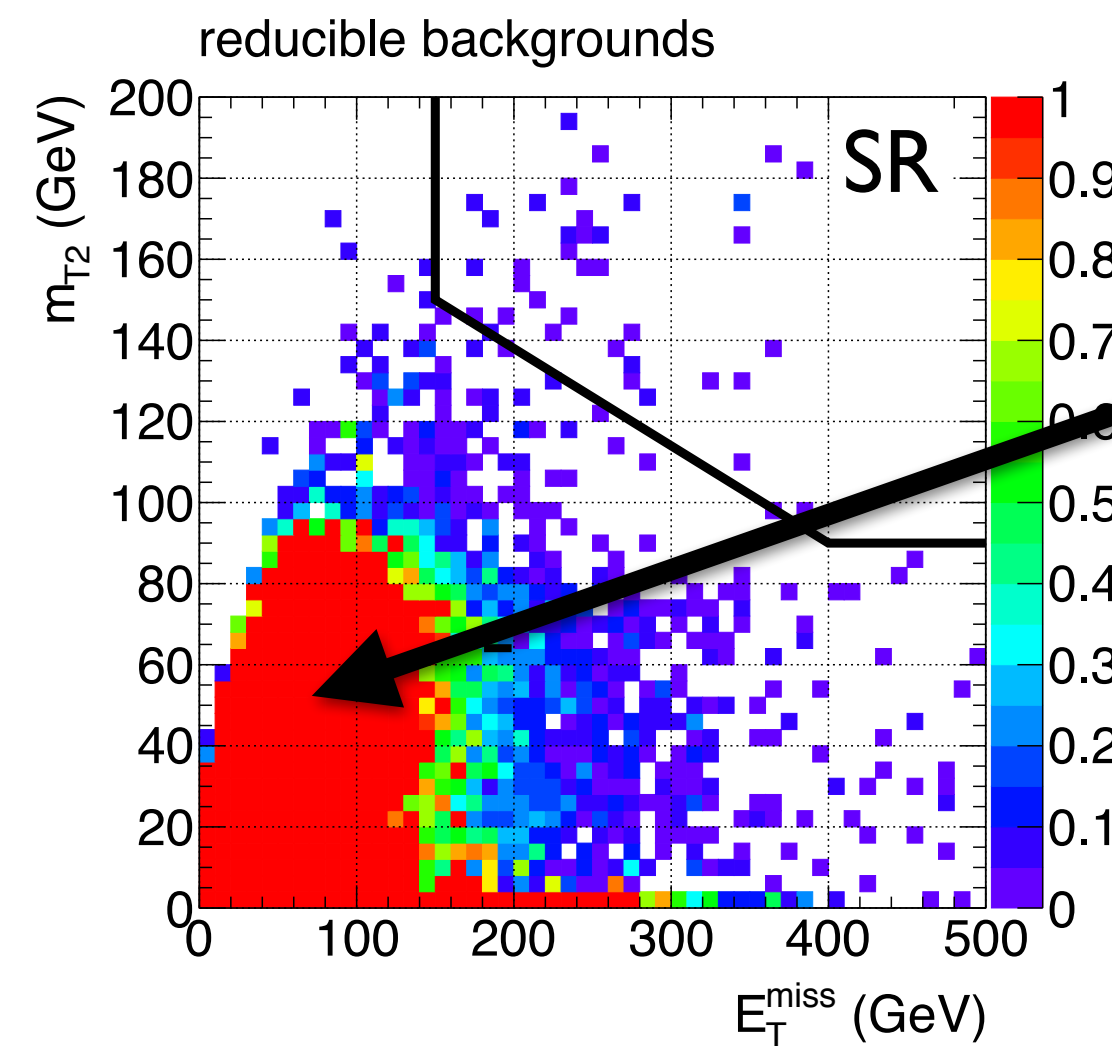
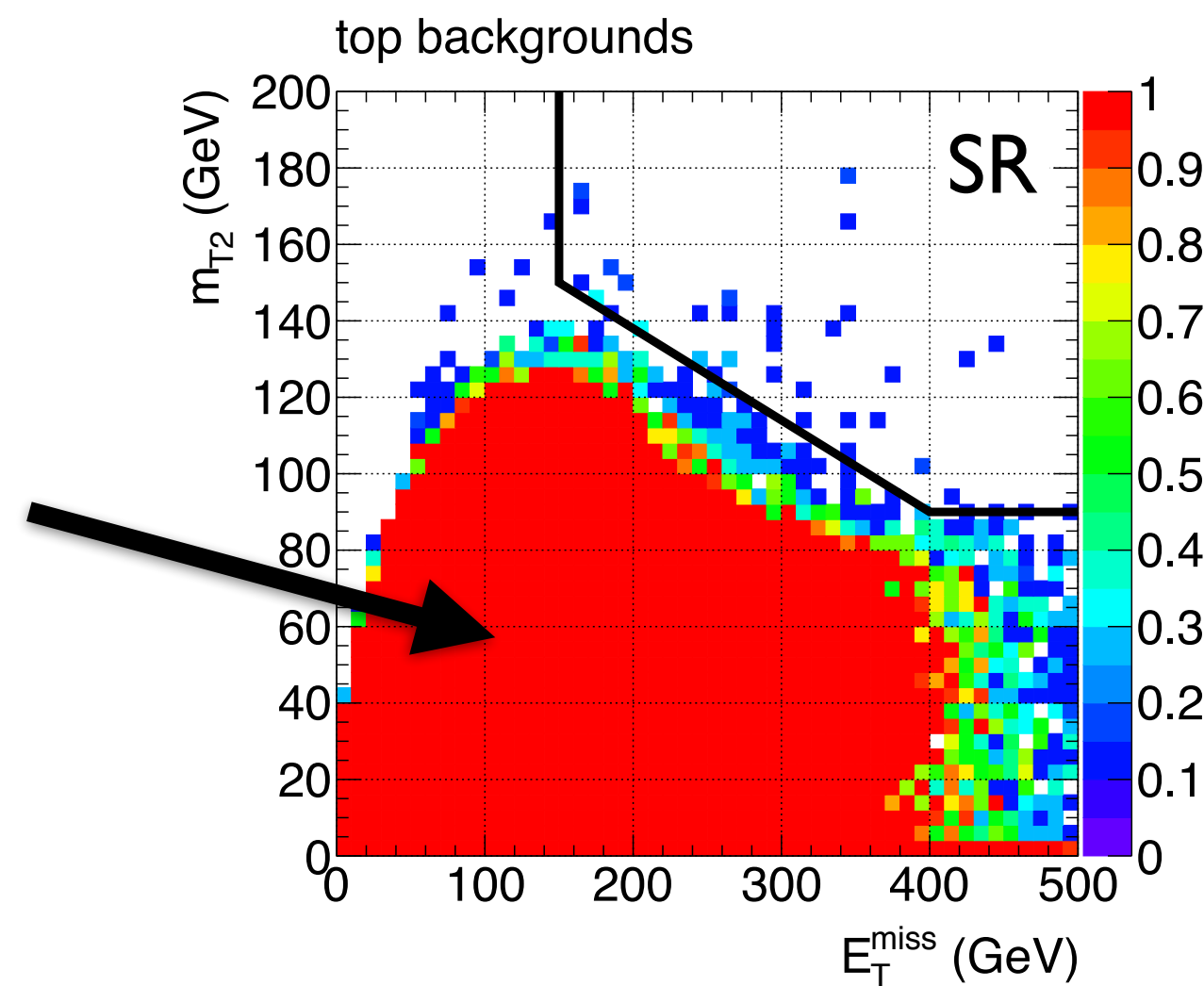
$$+ g_{DM} \bar{\chi}\chi S$$

Dirac DM candidate      scalar (or pseudoscalar) mediator



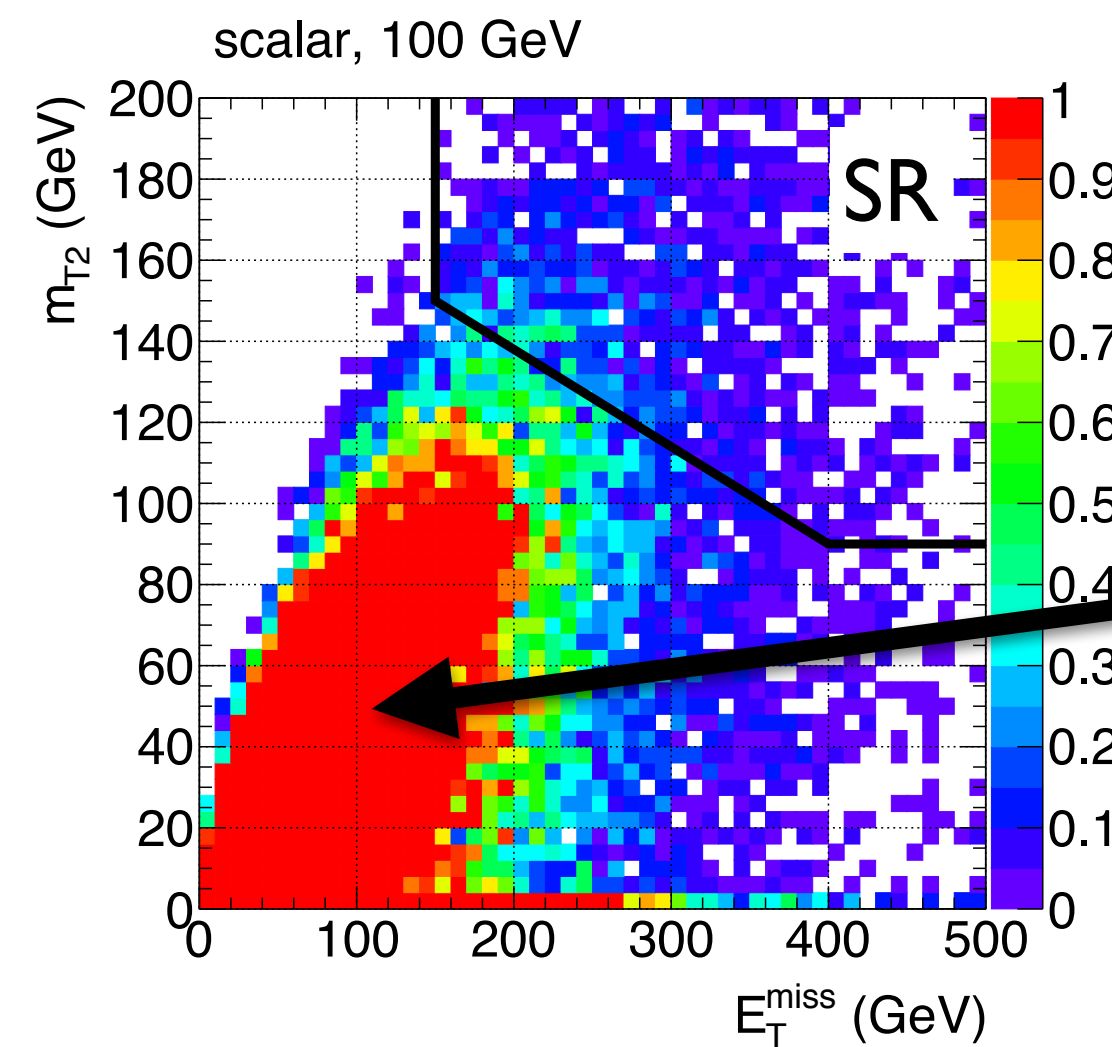
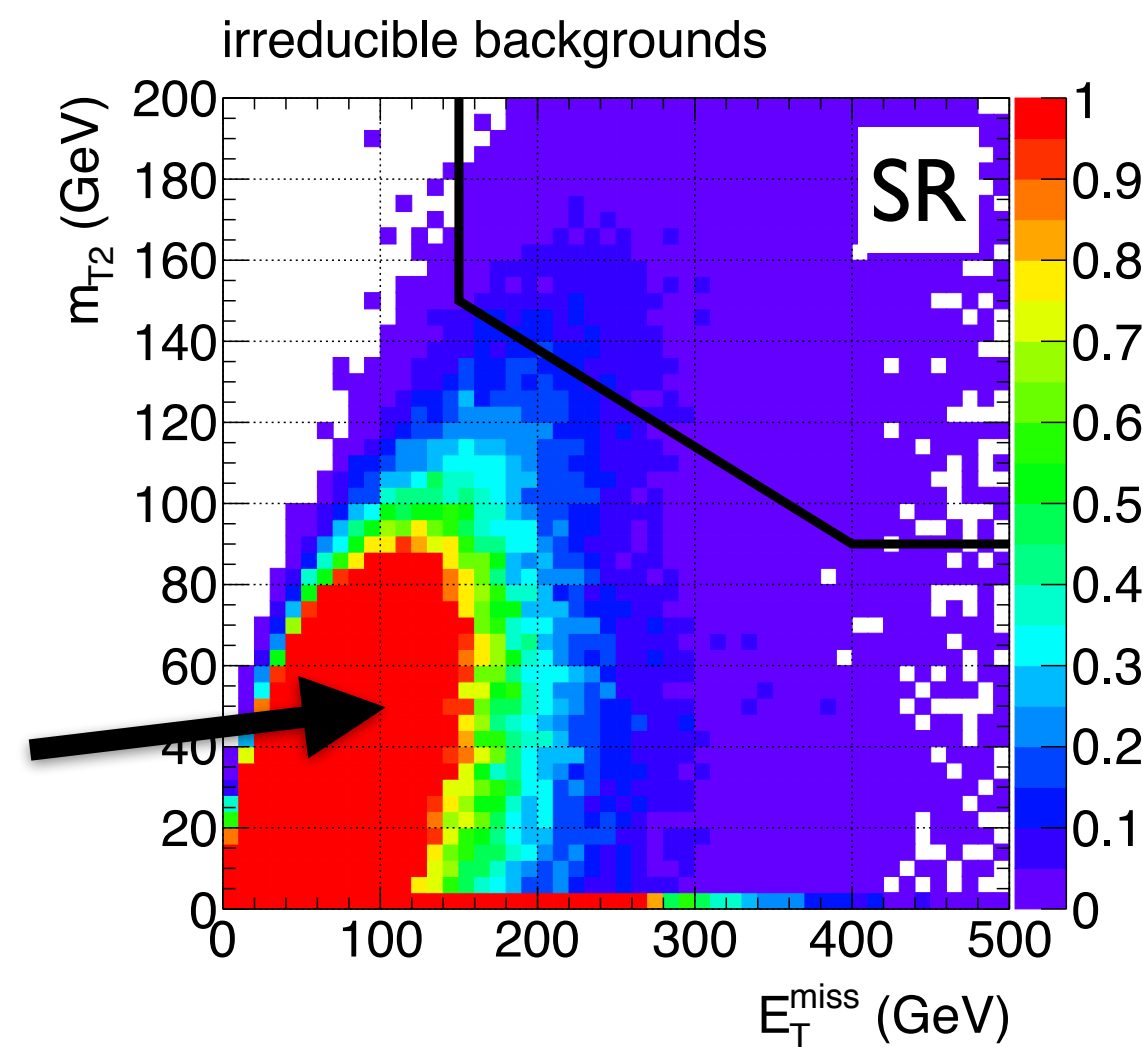
# $t\bar{t} + E_{T,miss}$ : DM signal vs. background

top background:  
 $t\bar{t}$  &  $tW$



reducible background:  
 $WW$ ,  $WZ$ ,  
 $ZZ$  &  $Z$ +jets

irreducible  
background:  
 $t\bar{t}Z$  &  $t\bar{t}W$



DM signal

# $t\bar{t} + E_{T,\text{miss}}$ : background modelling

events / (300 fb<sup>-1</sup>)

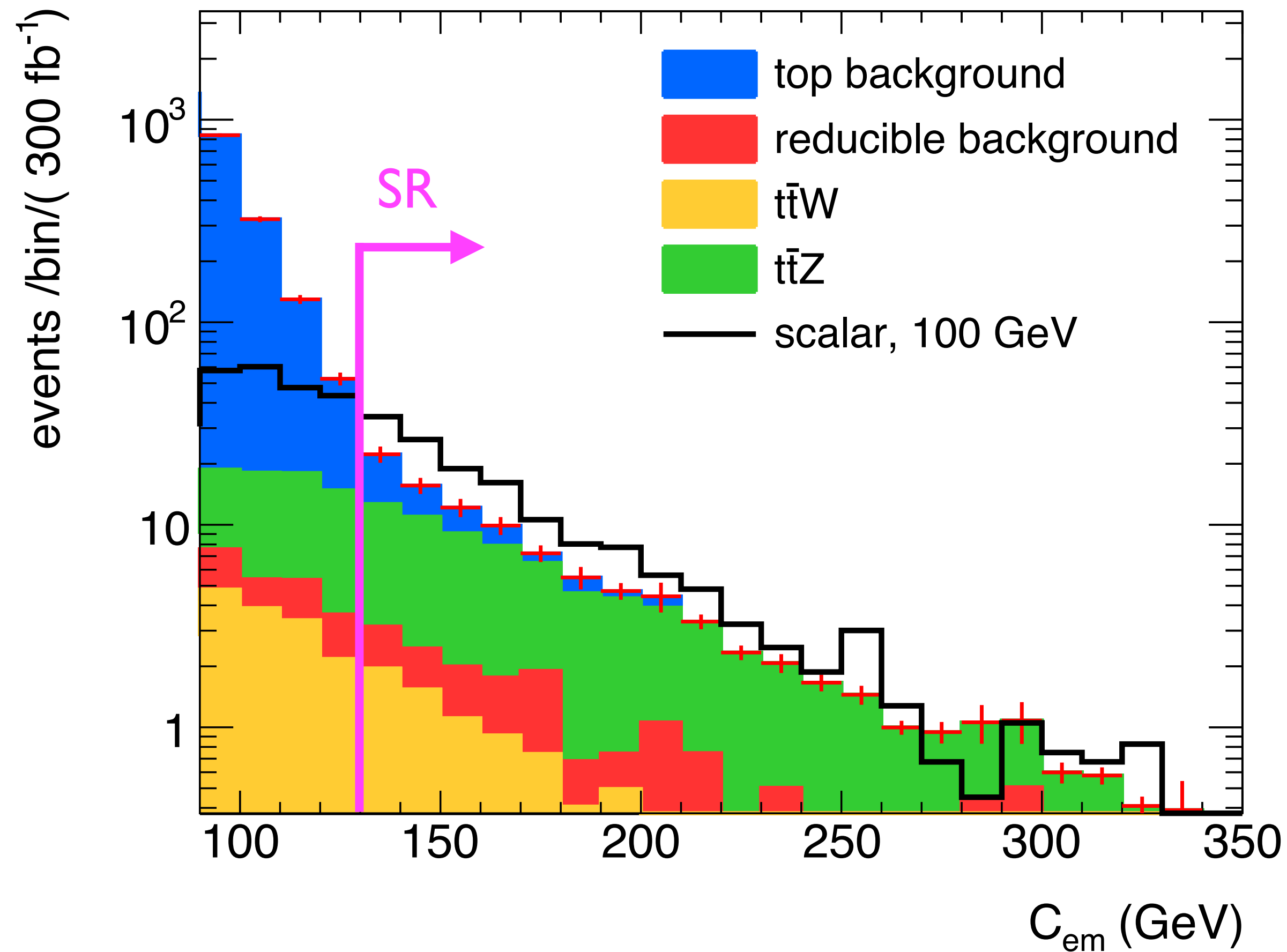
	$t\bar{t}$	$t\bar{t}Z$
LO, narrow width approximation	0	47
LO, off-shell decays	17	49
NLO, narrow width approximation	0	47
NLO, off-shell decays	19	48

Off-shell & NLO QCD effects of O(few %) in case of leading SM background

To correctly model 2l events in exclusive fiducial region, very important to include off-shell effects in top decays. NLO QCD effects of O(10%)

# $t\bar{t} + E_{T,\text{miss}}$ : background suppression

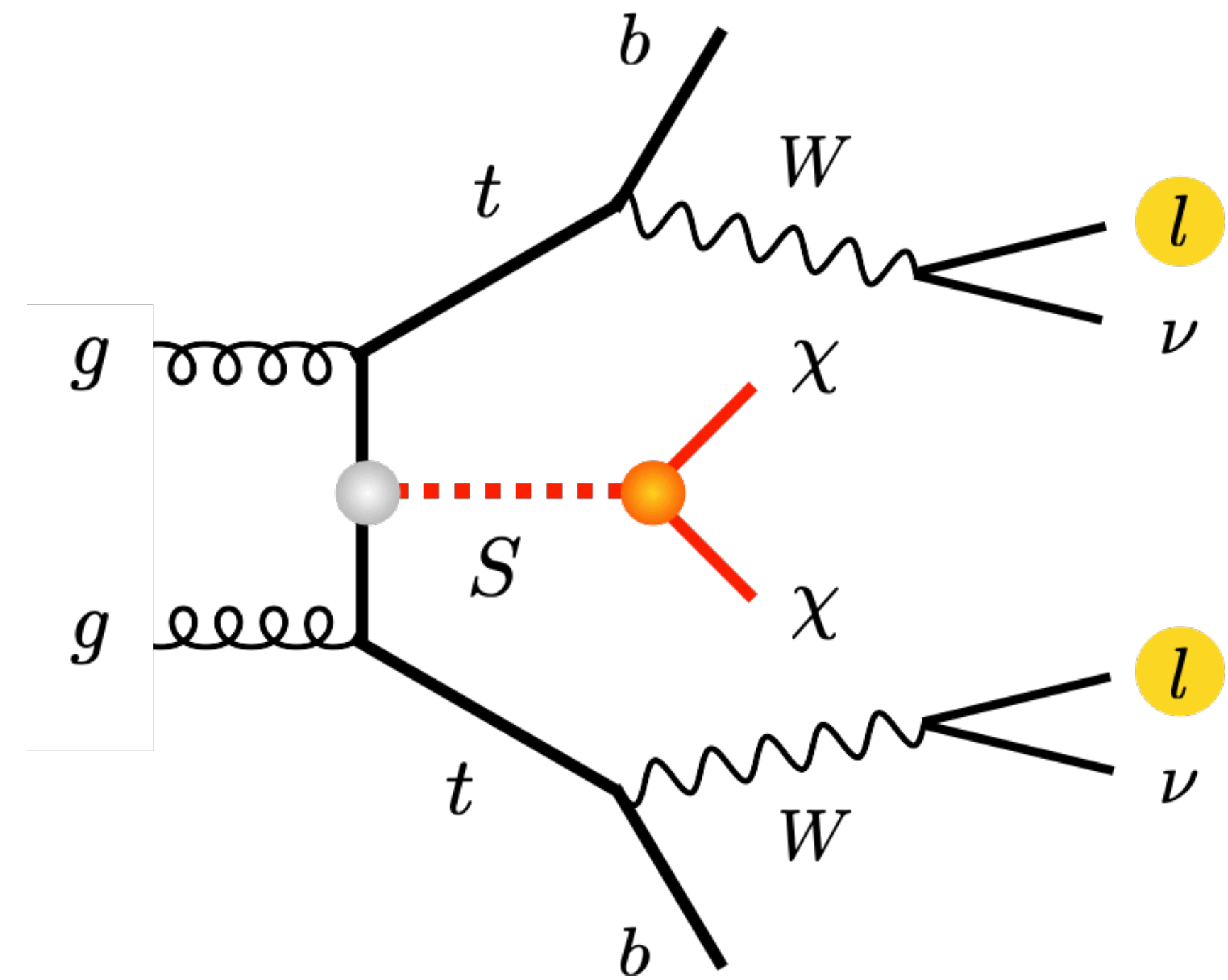
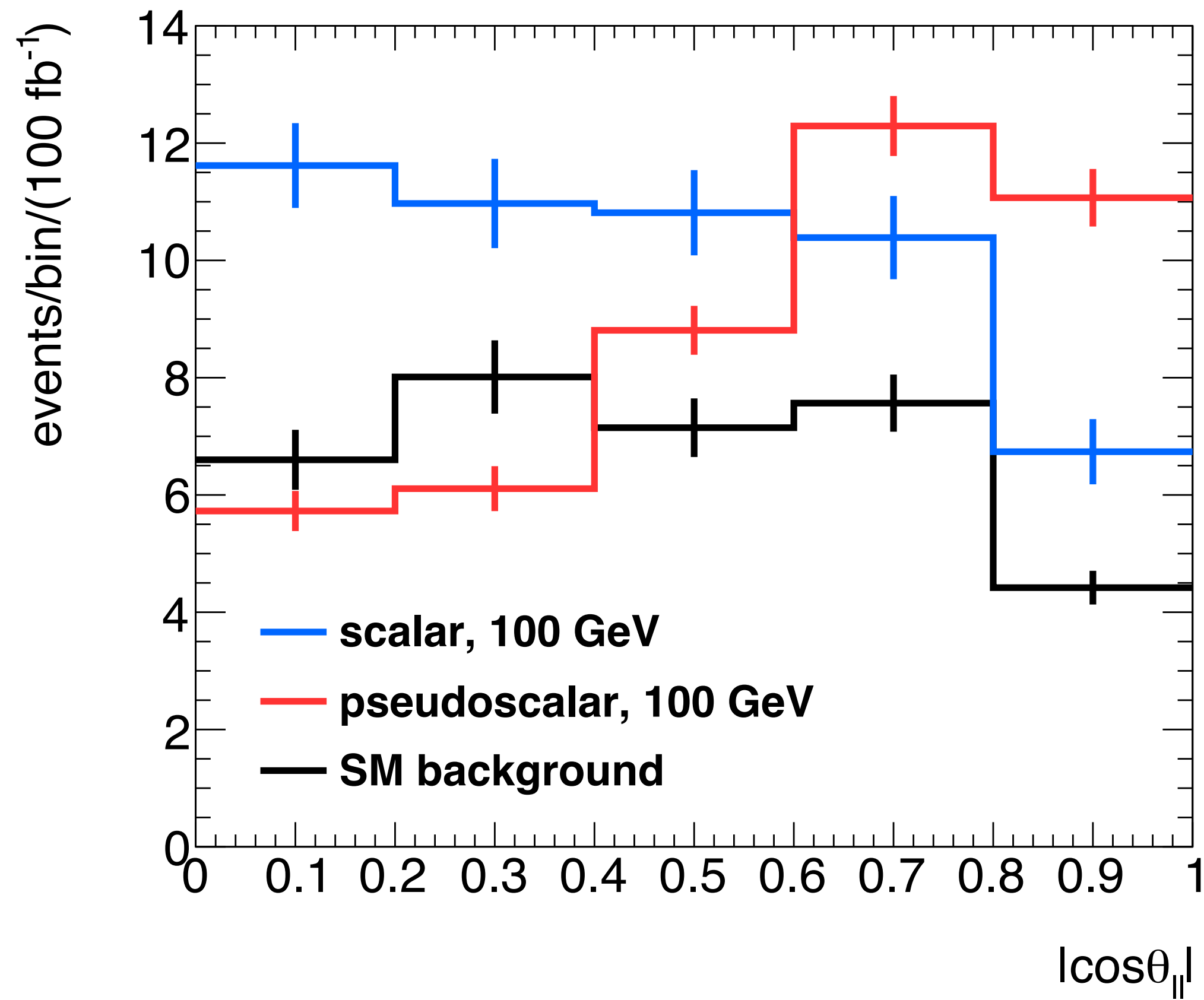
[UH, Pani & Polesello, 1611.09841]



$$C_{\text{em}} = m_{T2} - 0.2 (200 \text{ GeV} - E_T^{\text{miss}})$$

One possible variable to suppress backgrounds. Latest ATLAS & CMS searches use, depending on final state, combinations of observables such as  $E_{T,\text{miss}}$ ,  $H_{T,\text{sig,miss}}$ ,  $m_T$ , topness,  $m_{\text{top,reclustered}}$ , ...

# $t\bar{t} + E_{T,miss}$ : signal discrimination



Pseudorapidity difference of two leptons  
 $\cos\theta_{||} = \tanh(\Delta\eta_{||}/2)$  allows to discriminate  
 between signal hypotheses

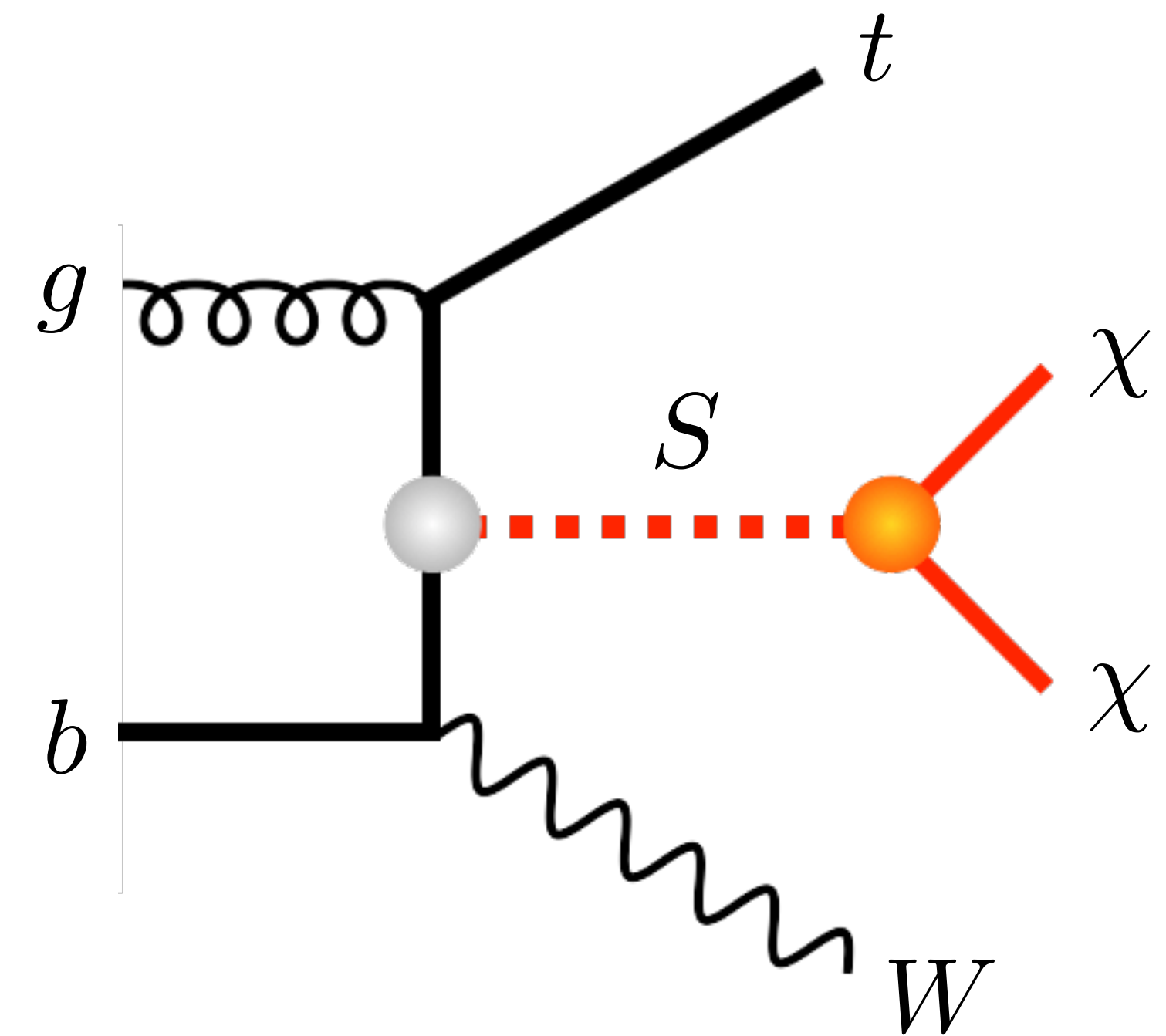
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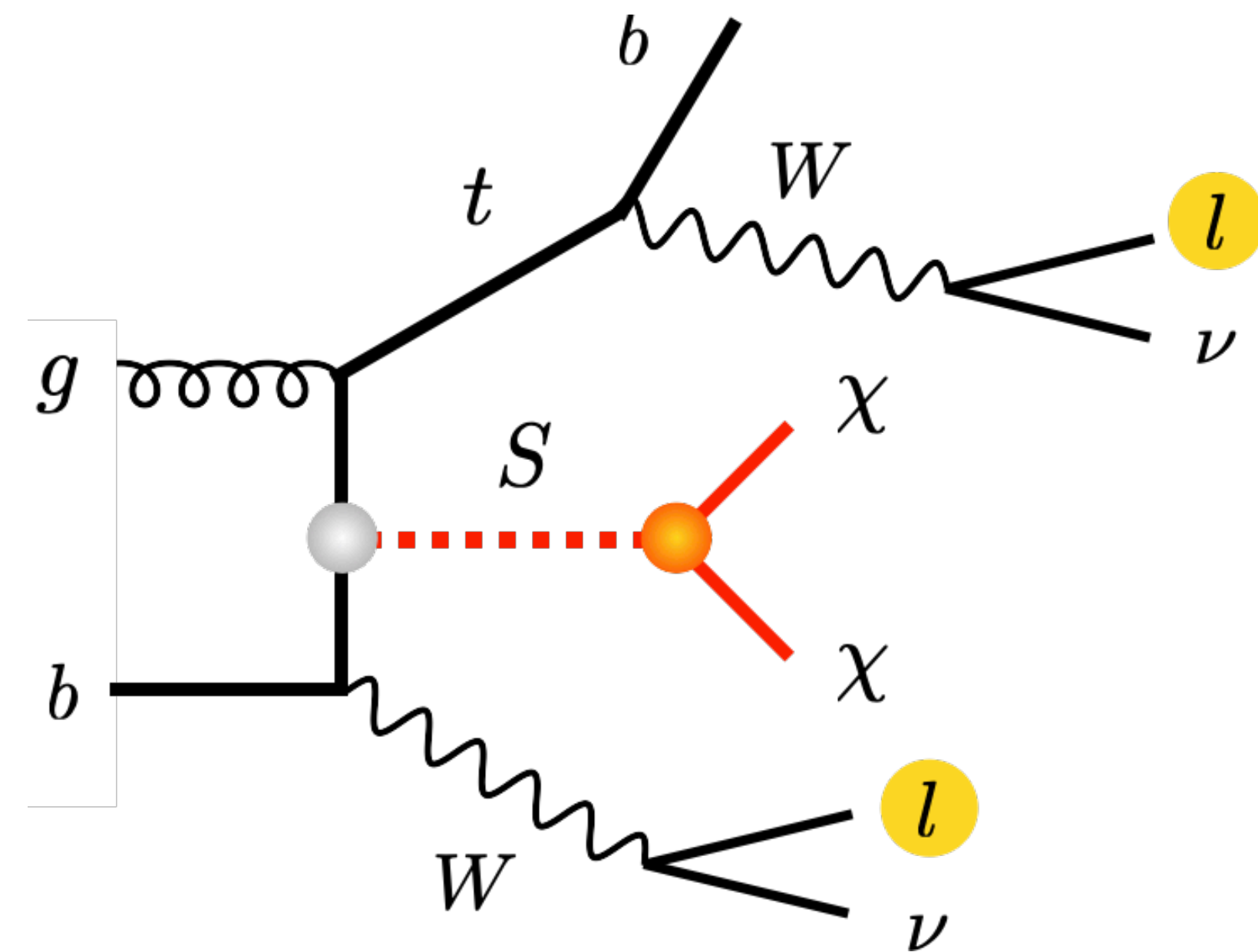
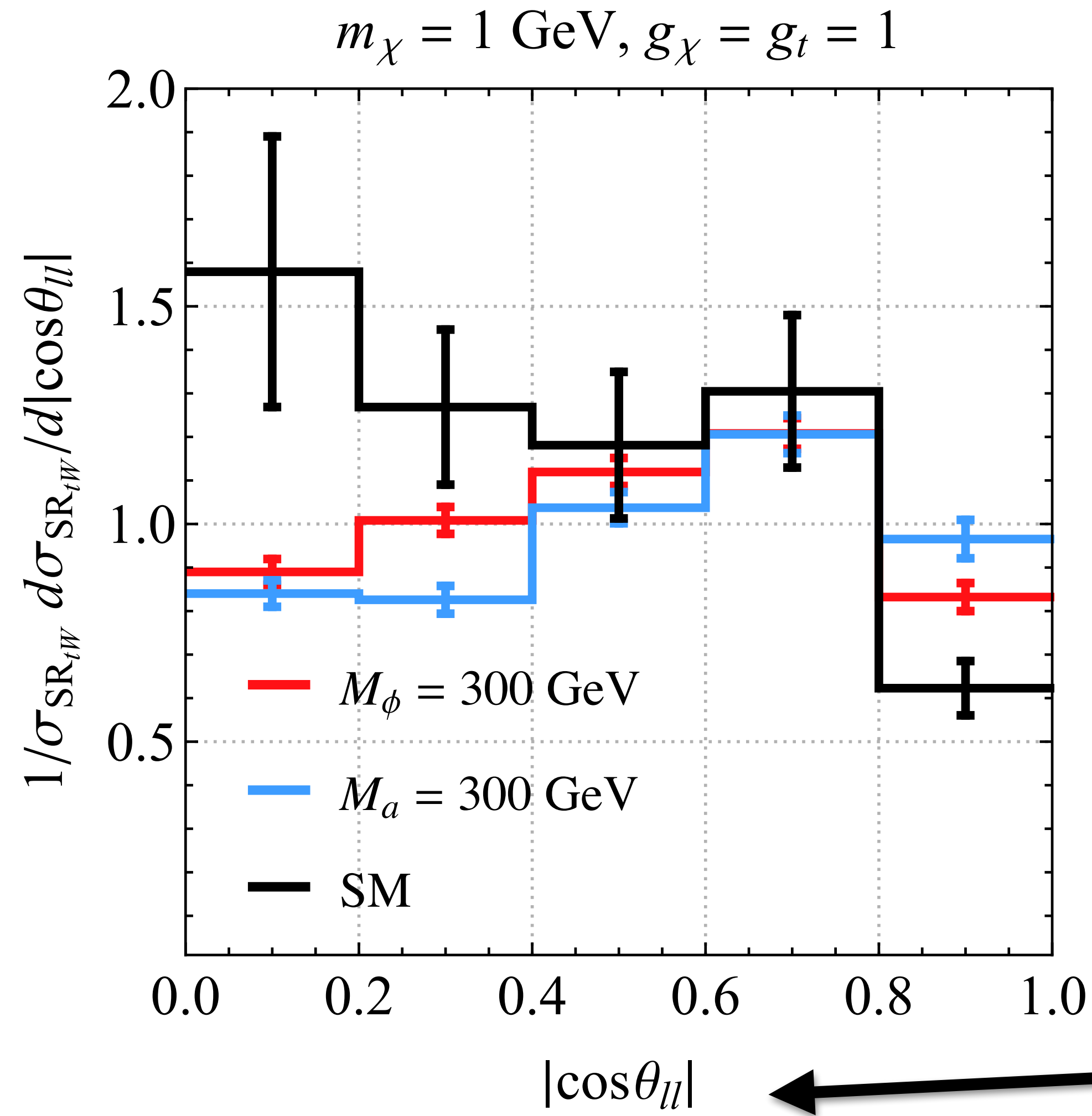
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[see Pinna et al., 1701.05195; Plehn, Thompson & Westhoff, 1712.08065 for first studies]

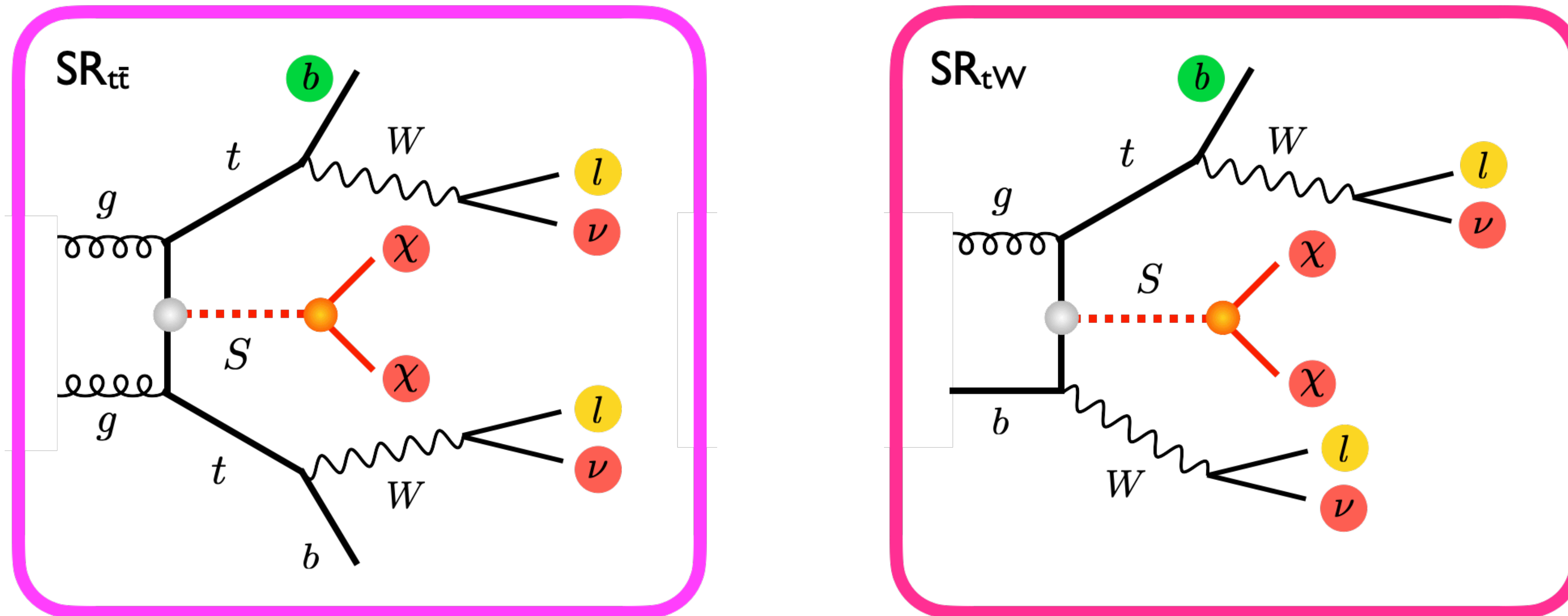


# tW+E<sub>T,miss</sub>: signal discrimination



Angular correlations of leptons again allow to discriminate between signal hypotheses

# Combined $t\chi + E_{T,\text{miss}}$ search strategy



$2lb + E_{T,\text{miss}}$  final state receives contributions from  $t\bar{t} + E_{T,\text{miss}}$  &  $tW + E_{T,\text{miss}}$  channel.

To enhance sensitivity of search, design two signal regions  $SR_{t\bar{t}}$  &  $SR_{tW}$  that target different production mechanisms

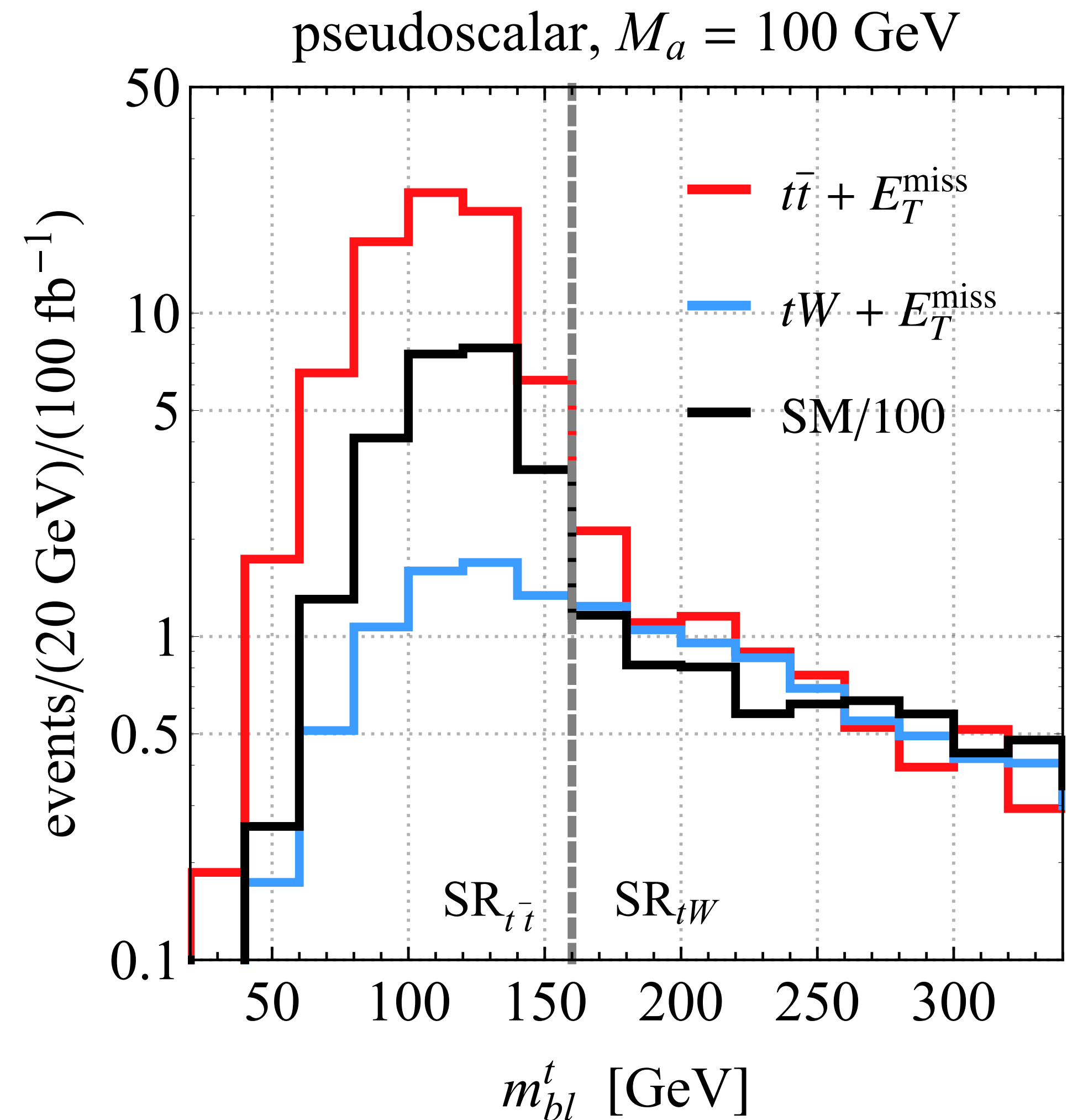
# Combined $tX+E_{T,\text{miss}}$ search strategy

- Invariant mass of b-jet in semi-leptonic top decay bounded by:

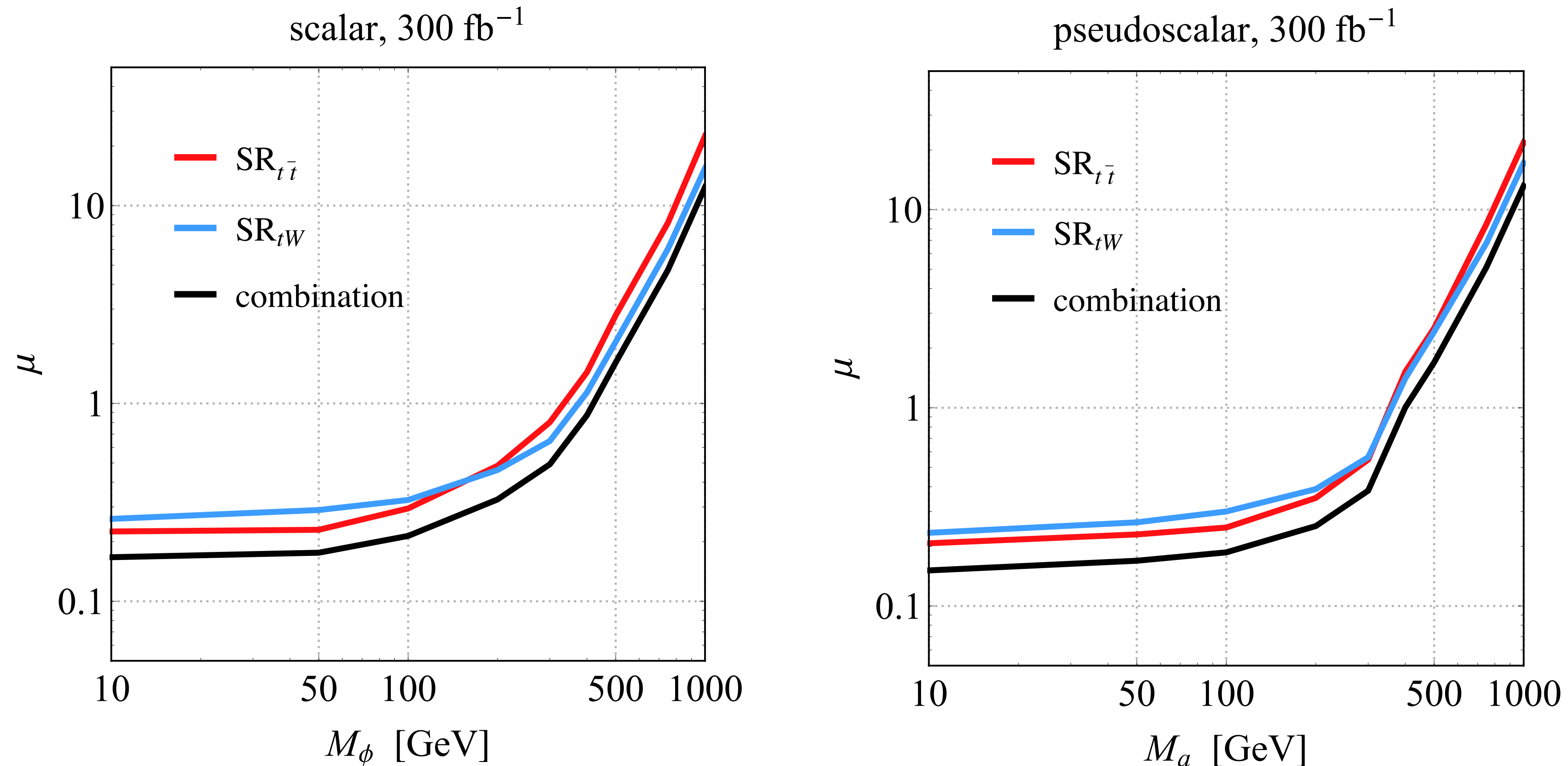
$$\sqrt{m_t^2 - m_W^2} \simeq 153 \text{ GeV}$$

- Events compatible with two semi-leptonic top decays can hence be selected by using:

$$m_{bl}^t = \min(\max(m_{l_1 j_a}, m_{l_2 j_b}))$$

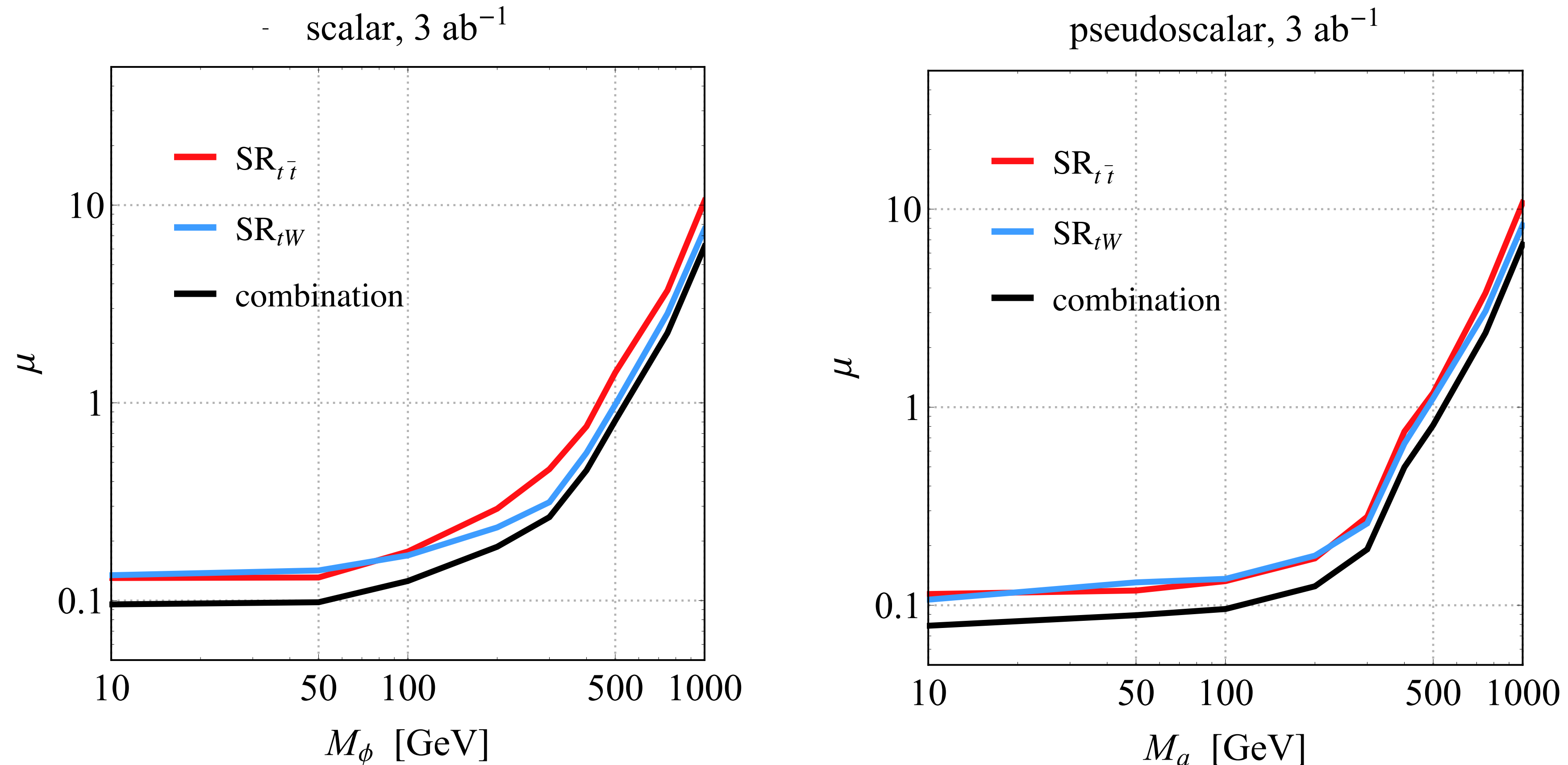


# $t\bar{t} + E_{T,miss}$ LHC Run 3 projections



Compared to standard  $SR_{t\bar{t}}$  search, sensitivity of combined  $SR_{t\bar{t}}$  &  $SR_{tW}$  analysis higher by around 20% (80%) at low (high) mediator masses

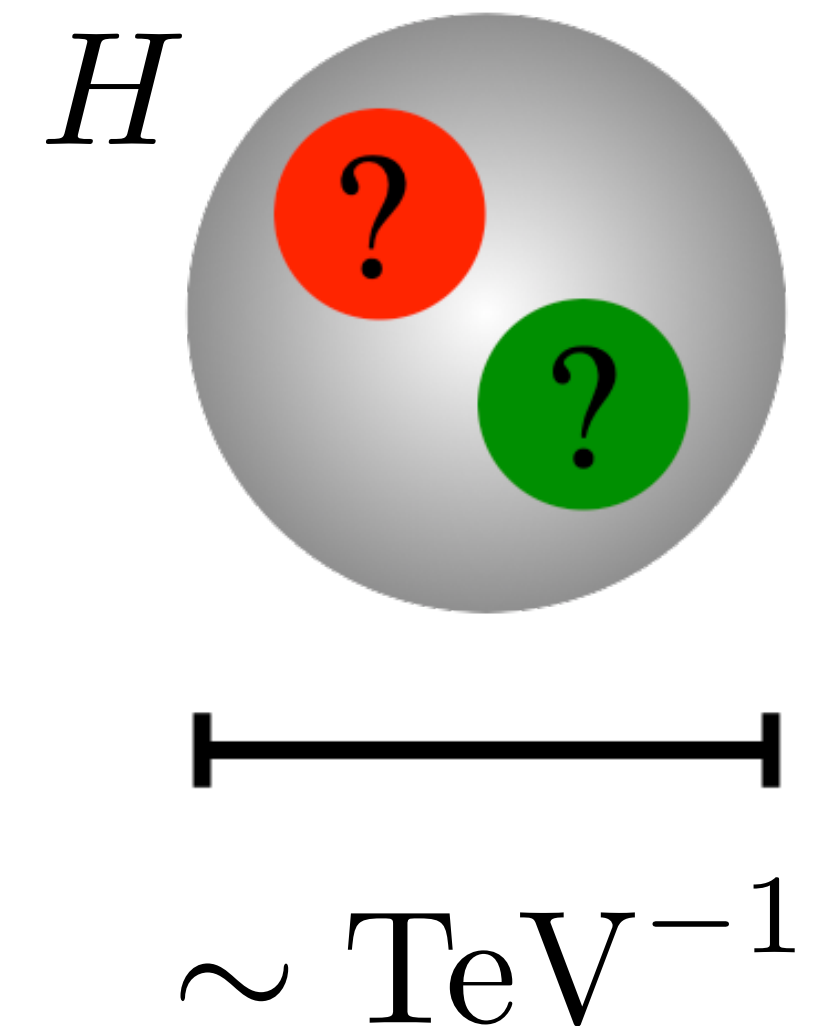
# $t\bar{t} + E_{T,\text{miss}}$ HL-LHC projections



For  $m_\chi = 1 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $g_{\text{SM}} = g_{\text{DM}} = 1$  & assuming  $3 \text{ ab}^{-1}$  of 14 TeV LHC data, combined analysis leads to 95% CL limit of around 530 GeV on mediator mass

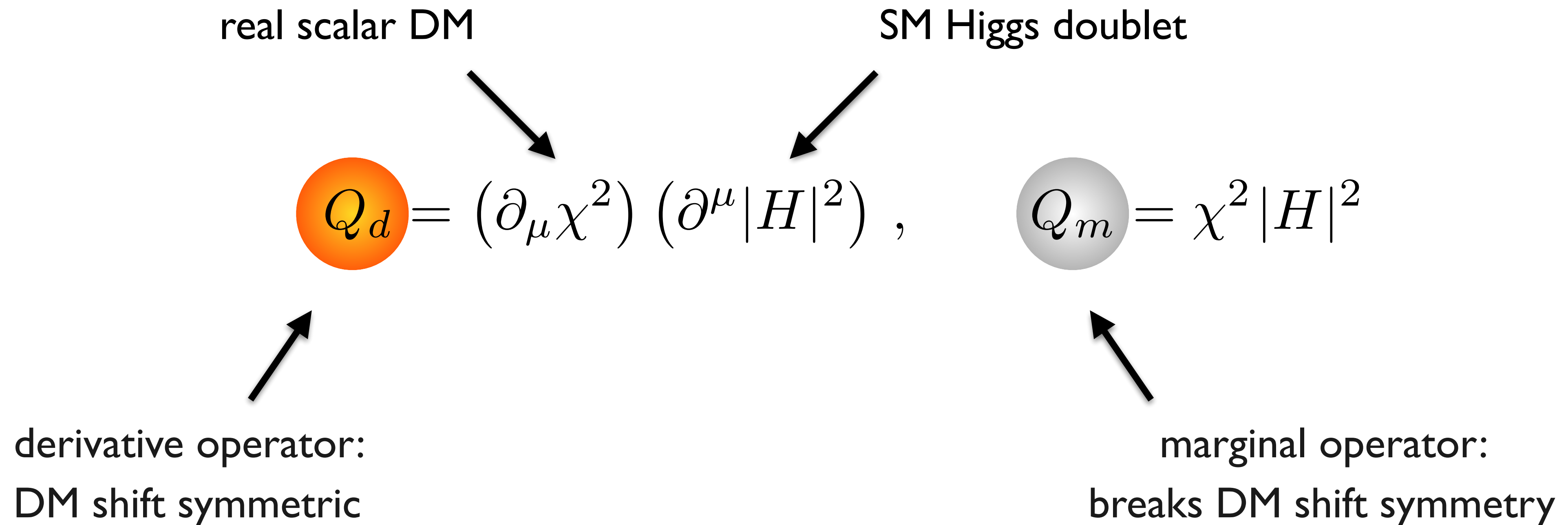
# Composite Higgs & DM

- A light elementary scalar is unnatural
- Possible solution is that Higgs is a bound state of a new strong sector. Description of theory changes above confinement scale of  $O(1 \text{ TeV})$  & Higgs mass is screened
- In analogy to QCD pions, Higgs arises as approximate Nambu-Goldstone boson (pNGB) & remains light
- No reason for Higgs to be alone. In fact, if stable, extra pNGB scalar  $\chi$  makes attractive DM candidates since light & weakly coupled



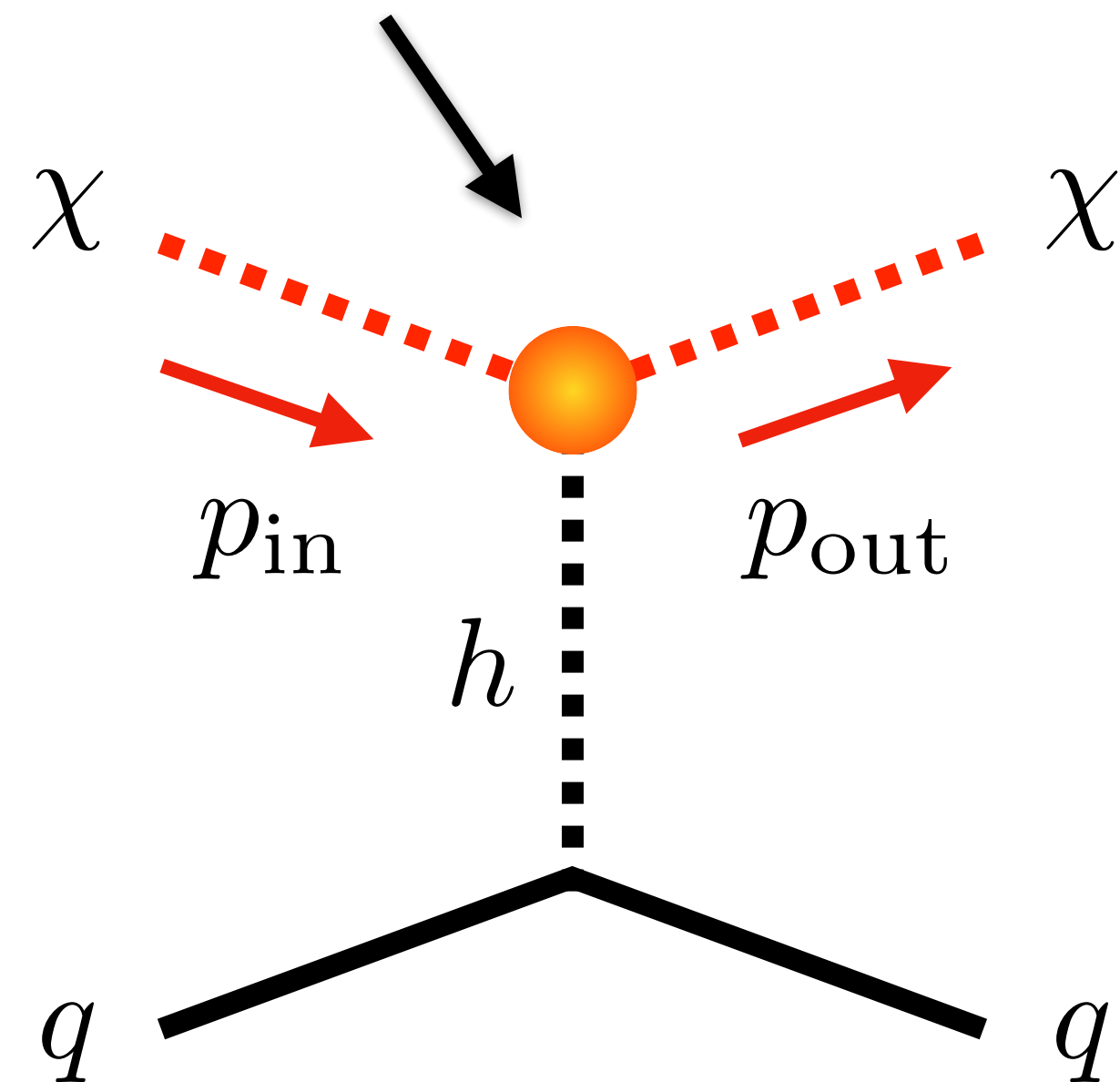
# pNGB DM models

Couplings of  $\chi$  determined by global symmetry & explicit breaking, but at least two relevant interactions:



# pNGB DM: direct detection bounds

$$\frac{c_d}{\Lambda^2} (\partial_\mu \chi^2) (\partial^\mu |H|^2)$$

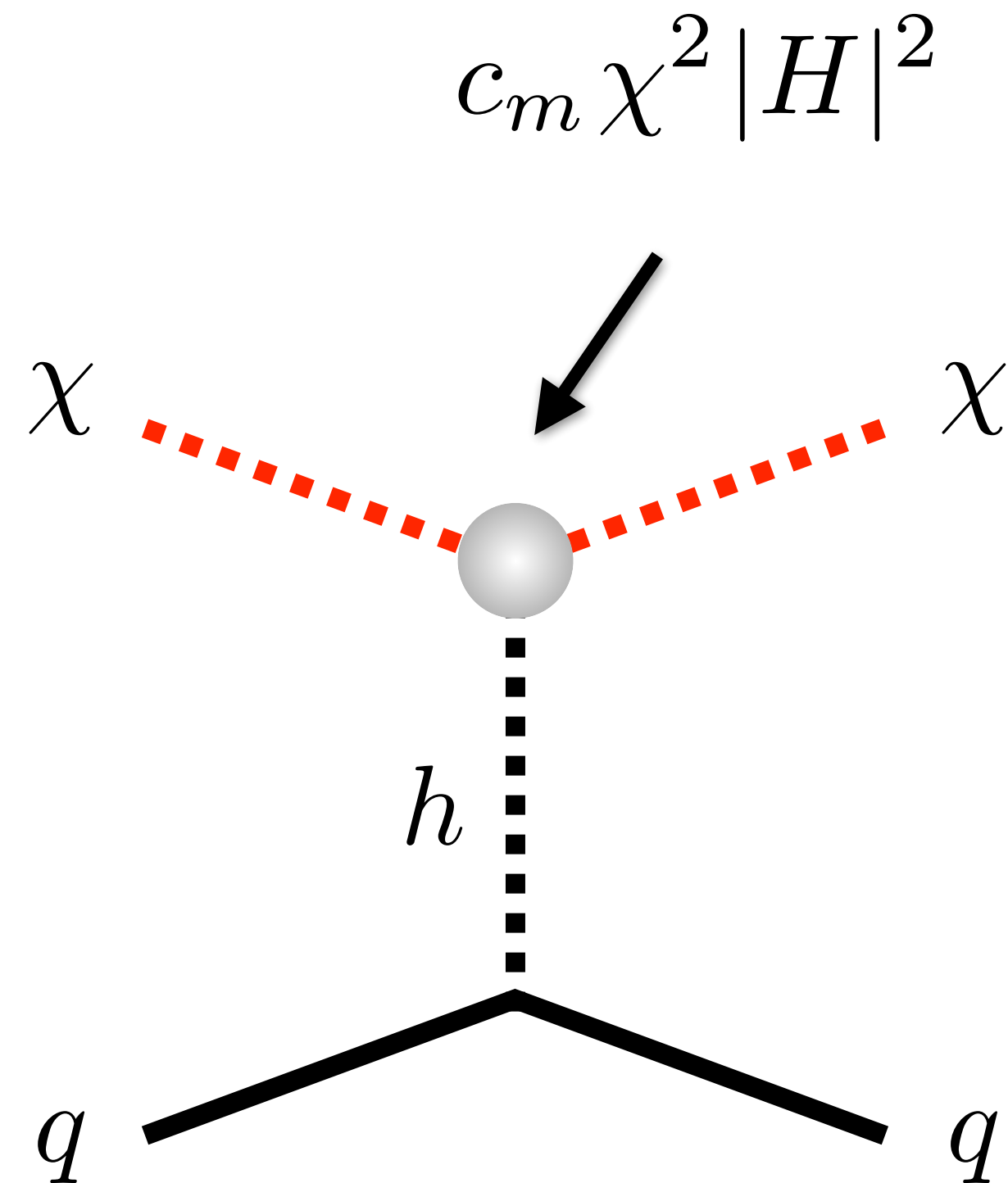


$$\propto \frac{(p_{in} - p_{out})^2}{\Lambda^2} \lesssim \frac{(100 \text{ MeV})^2}{\Lambda^2}$$

Due to momentum suppression  
direct detection limits easily avoided  
for new-physics scales  $\Lambda$  of  $O(1 \text{ TeV})$



# pNGB DM: direct detection bounds



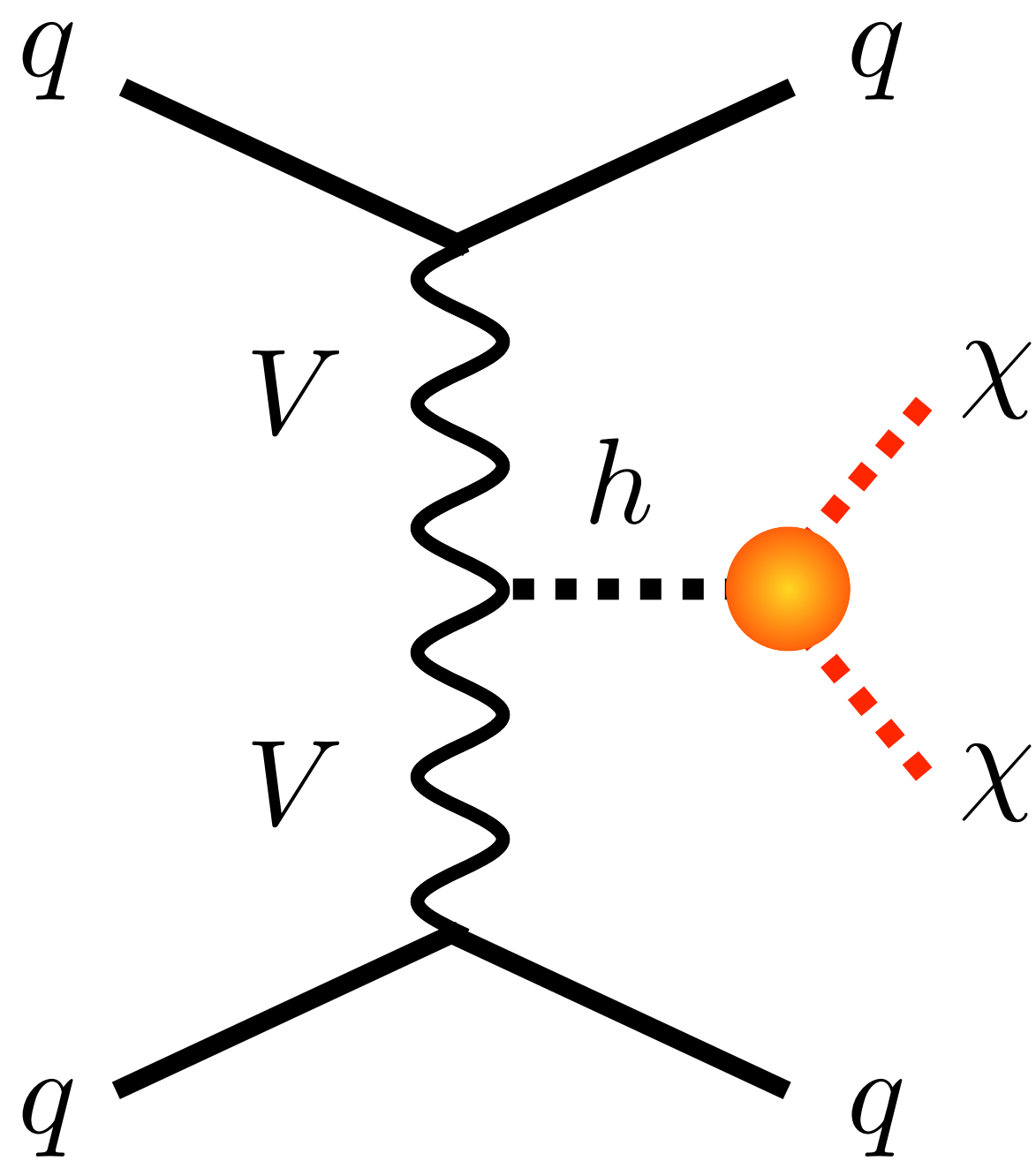
$$\sigma_{\text{SI}} = \frac{c_m^2 m_N^4 f_N^2}{\pi m_h^4 (m_\chi + m_N)^2}$$

$$\sigma_{\text{SI}} \lesssim 9 \cdot 10^{-47} \text{ cm}^2 \quad (m_\chi = 100 \text{ GeV})$$

$$\Rightarrow |c_m| \lesssim 5 \cdot 10^{-3}$$

Derivative portal is only scalar DM-Higgs operator that satisfies constraints from spin-independent (SI) DM-nucleon cross section  $\sigma_{\text{SI}}$  once loop effects are considered

# pNGB DM: invisible Higgs decays

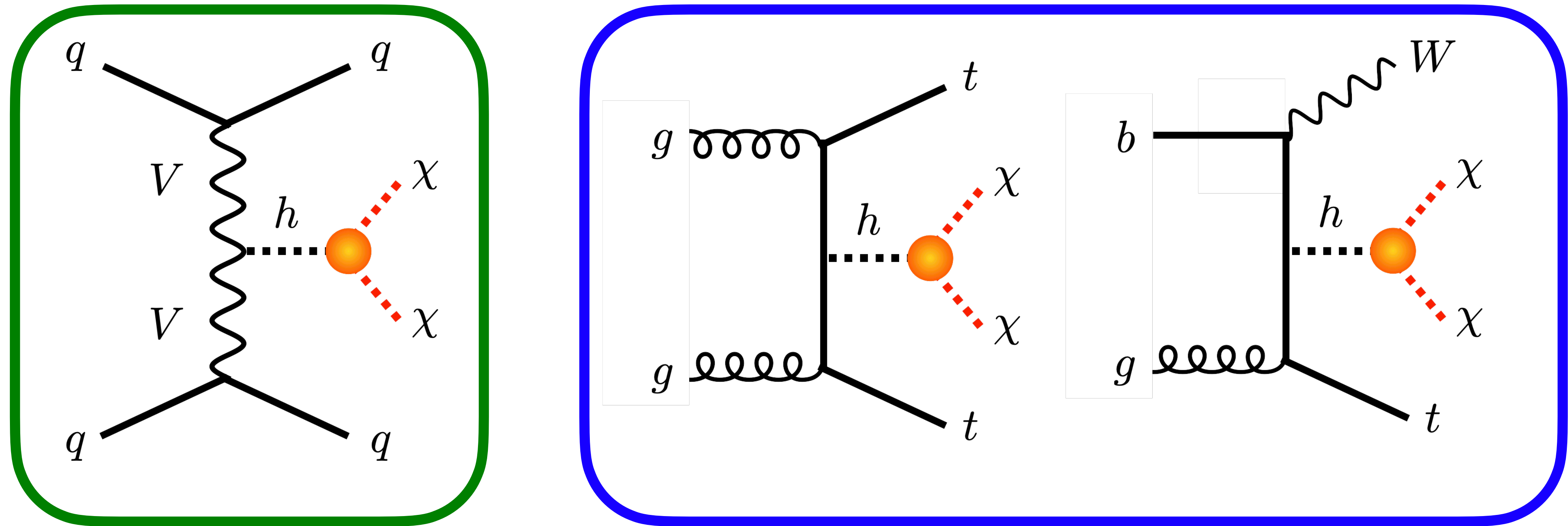


$$\Gamma(h \rightarrow \chi\chi) \simeq \frac{v^2}{8\pi m_h} \left( \frac{m_h^2 c_d}{\Lambda^2} + c_m \right)^2$$

$$\text{BR}(h \rightarrow \text{inv}) \simeq \frac{\Gamma(h \rightarrow \chi\chi)}{4 \text{ MeV}} < 0.11$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\Lambda}{\sqrt{c_d}} \gtrsim 1.7 \text{ TeV}, \quad |c_m| \lesssim 5 \cdot 10^{-3}$$

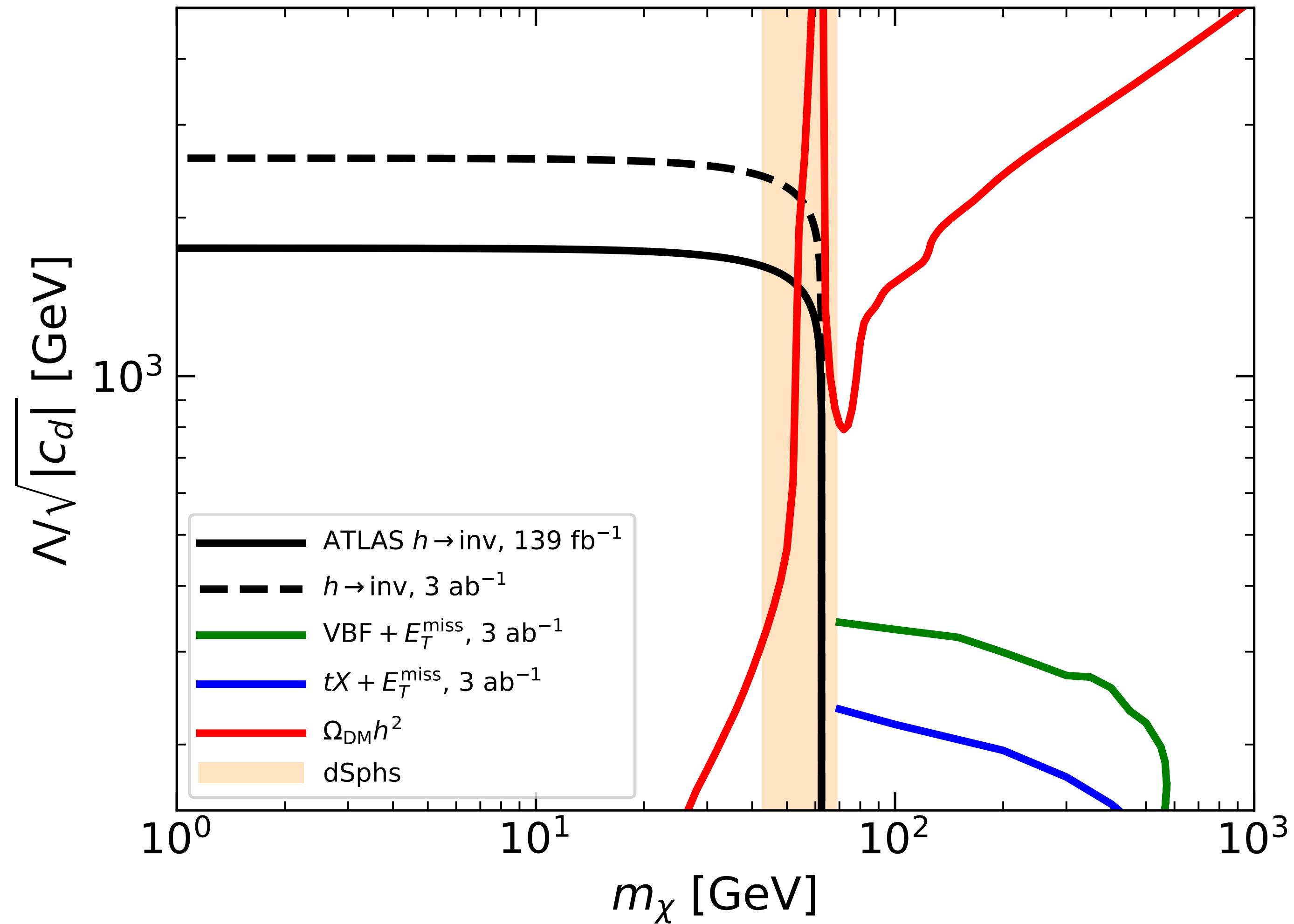
# pNGB DM: off-shell DM search strategies



If DM is not kinematically accessible in Higgs decay, can test pNGB DM models in vector-boson fusion (VBF) Higgs production plus  $E_{T,\text{miss}}$  & in  $t\chi + E_{T,\text{miss}}$  channels

# Constraints on derivative operator

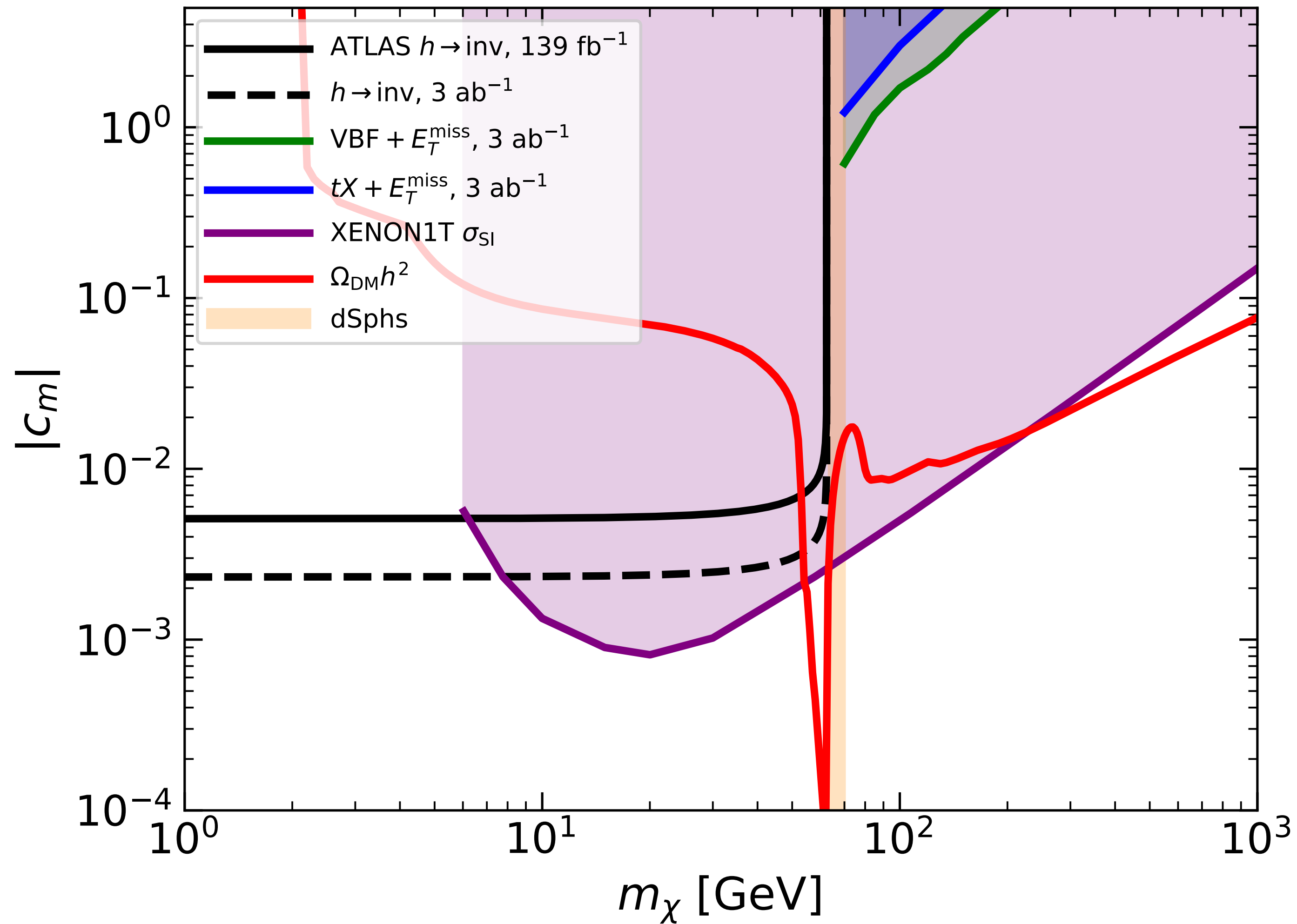
[Agryopoulos, Brandt & UH, 2109.13597]



[Higgs off-shell bounds from Ruhdorfer, Salvioni & Weiler, 1910.04170; UH, Polesello & Schulte, 2107.12389]

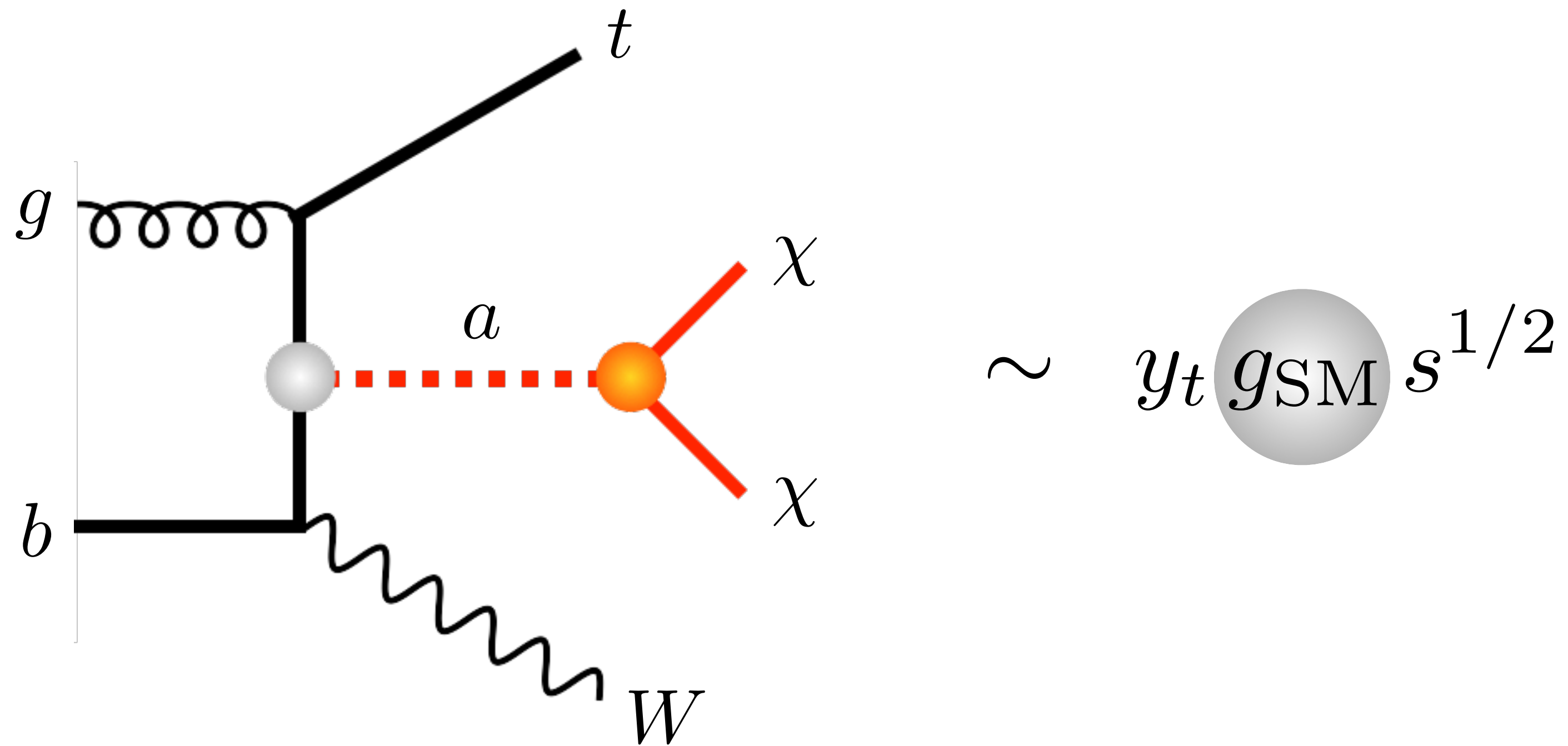
# Constraints on marginal operator

[Agryopoulos, Brandt & UH, 2109.13597]



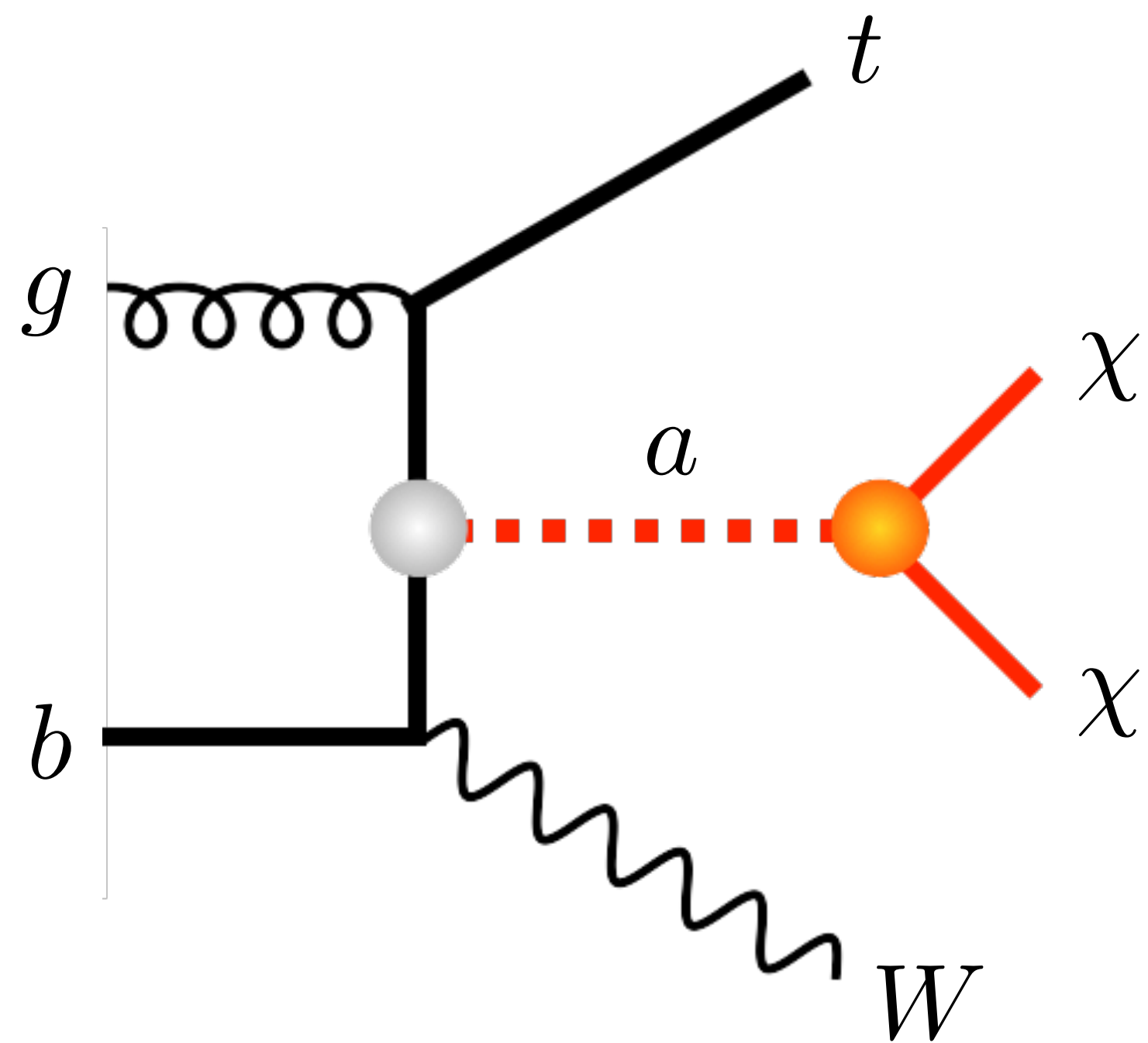
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# Unitarity considerations



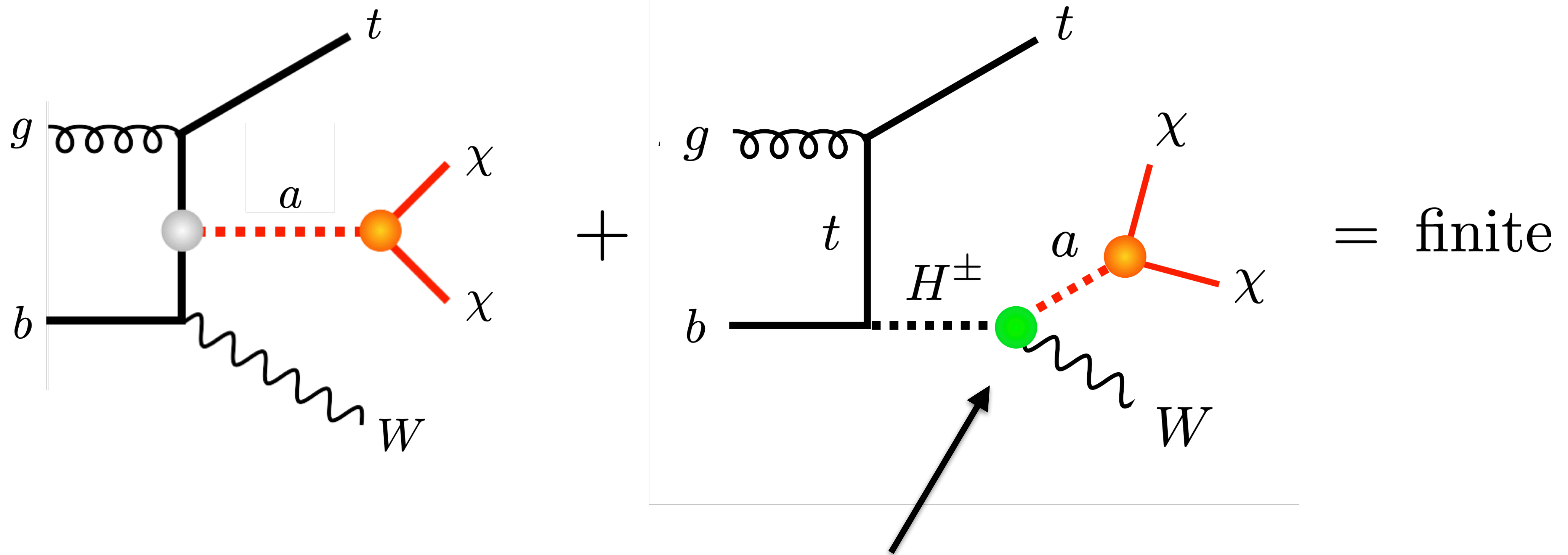
Unitarity violation small unless  $g_{\text{SM}}$  large and/or  $s^{1/2} \gg 14 \text{ TeV}$ , but ...

# still can ask ...



+ ? = finite

# One possible solution



A  $aH^\pm W$  coupling only exists in models that feature an extended Higgs sector



# 2HDM+a model

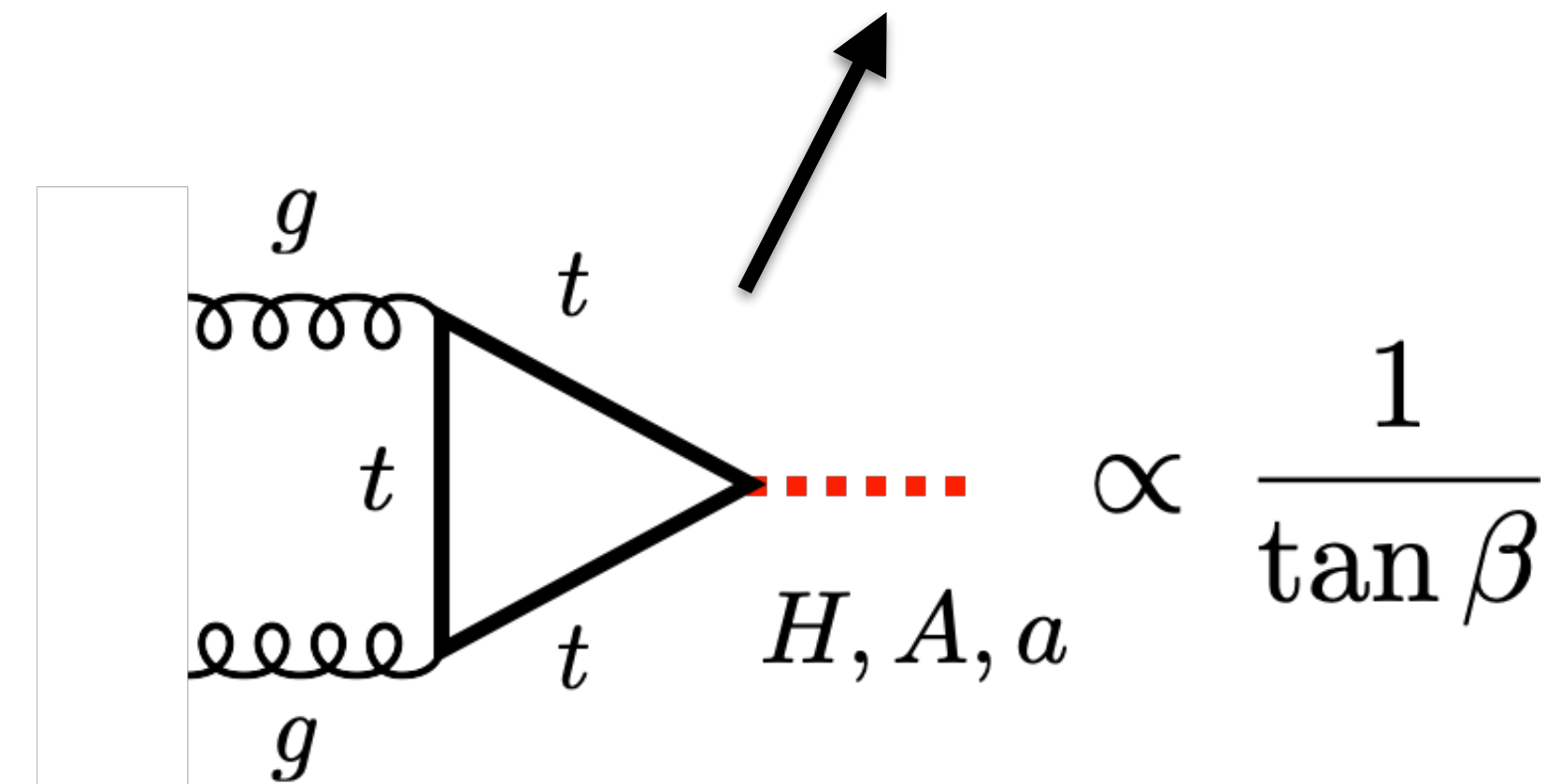
$$\mathcal{L} \supset \underbrace{-\bar{Q}Y_u\tilde{H}_2d_R + \bar{Q}Y_dH_1u_R}_{\text{yellow}} - \underbrace{ib_P P H_1^\dagger H_2}_{\text{red}} - \underbrace{iy_\chi P \bar{\chi} \gamma_5 \chi}_{\text{black}} + \text{h.c.}$$

states:  $h, H, A, H^\pm, a$

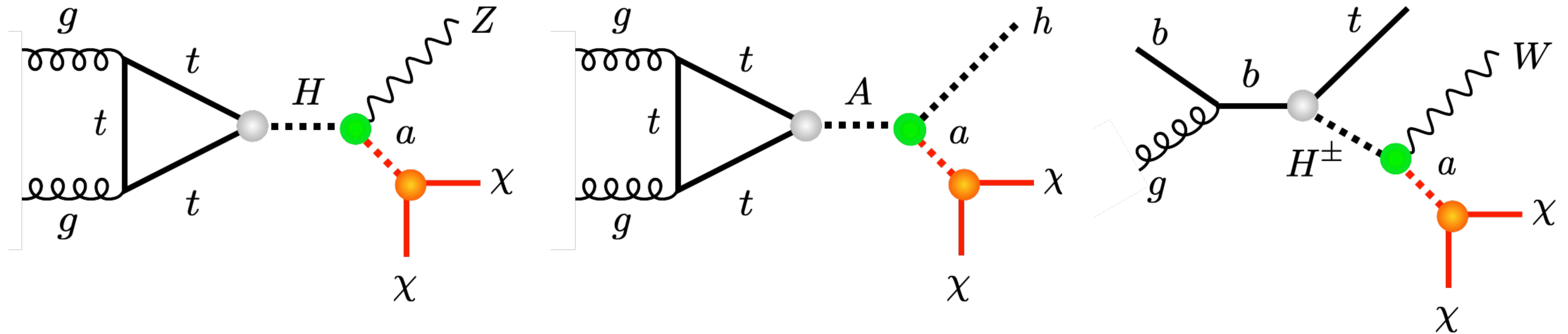
angles:  $\alpha, \beta, \theta$

h is SM-like for  
 $\cos(\beta-\alpha) \simeq 0$

mostly P  
for small  $\theta$

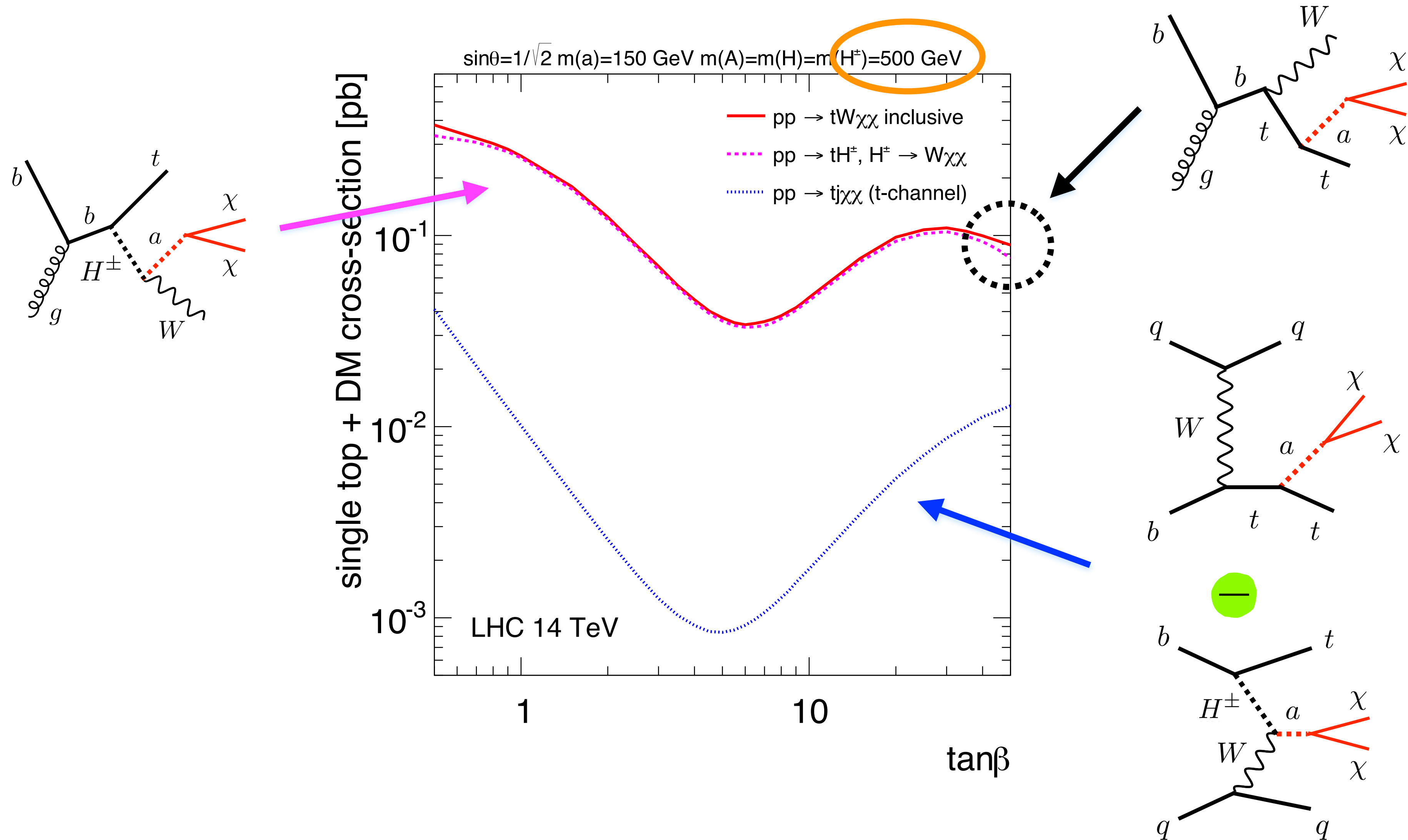


# 2HDM+a model: resonant $E_{T,\text{miss}}$ signatures

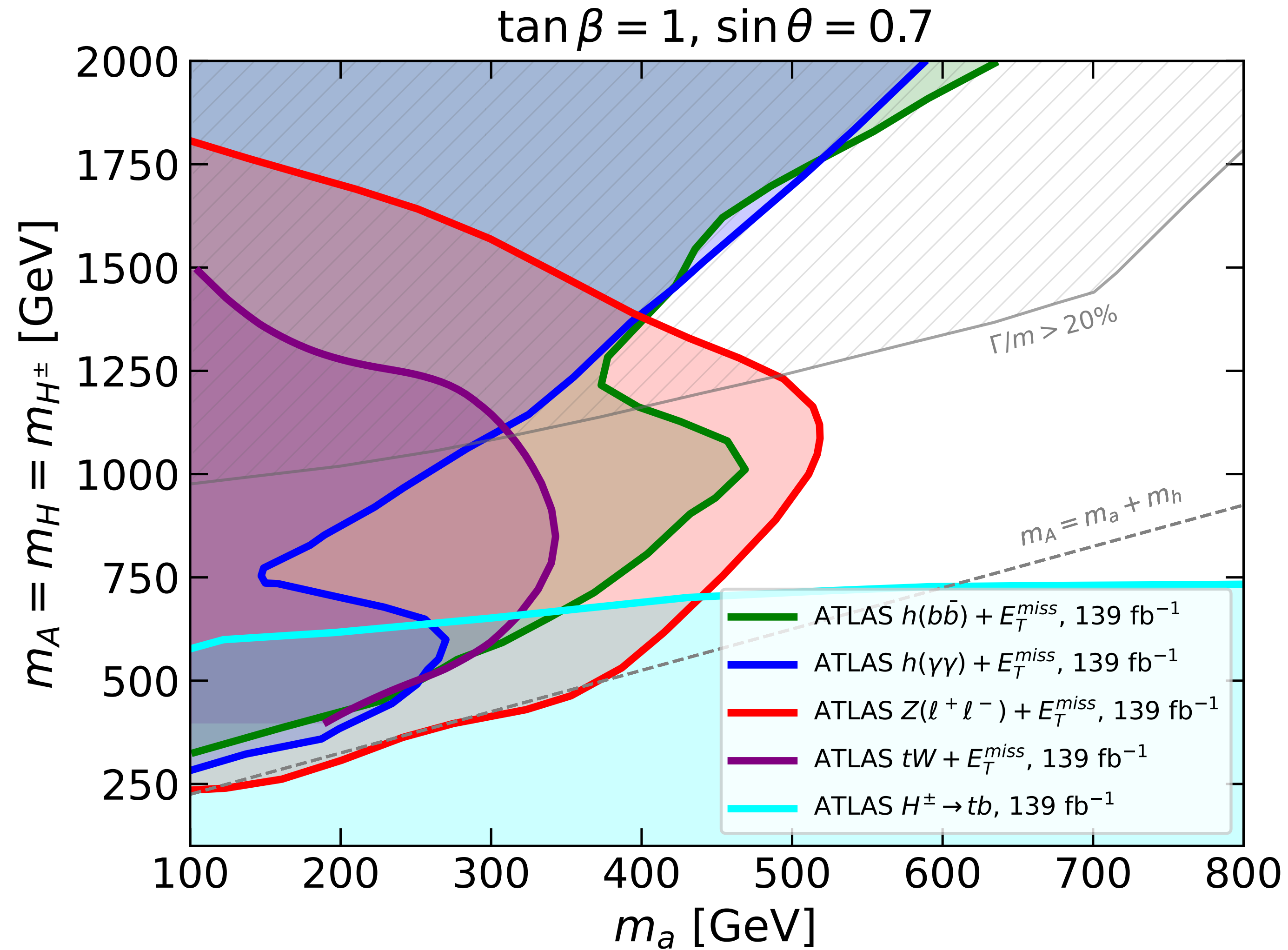


Mono- $Z$ , mono-Higgs &  $tW + E_{T,\text{miss}}$  channels are subleading in simplified spin-0 DM models. In 2HDM+a model, presence of  $H$ ,  $A$ , &  $H^\pm$  allows for resonant production of these mono- $X$  signatures

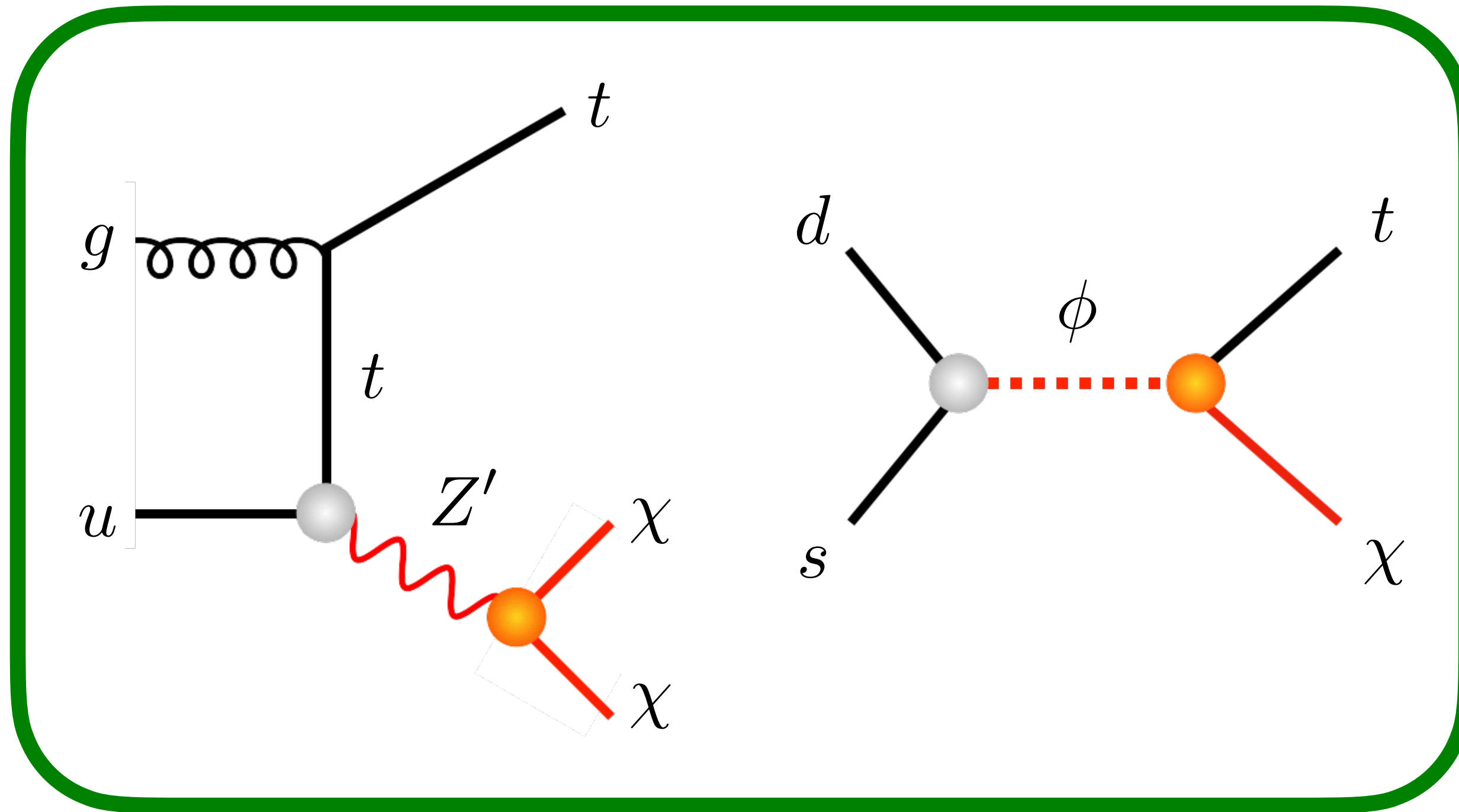
# 2HDM+a model: single-t plus $E_{T,miss}$



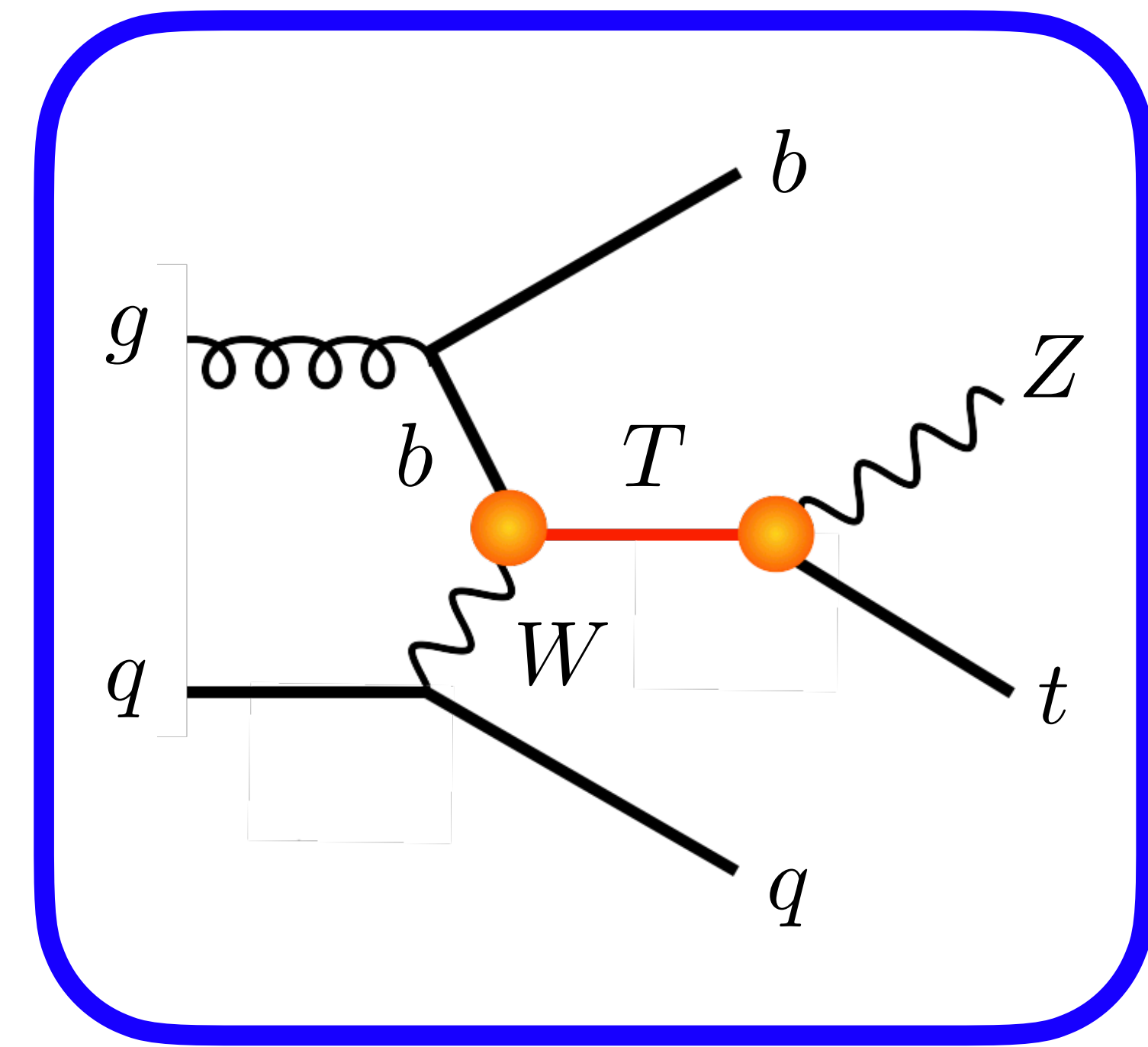
# Constraints on 2HDM+a model



# Models with mono-top signatures



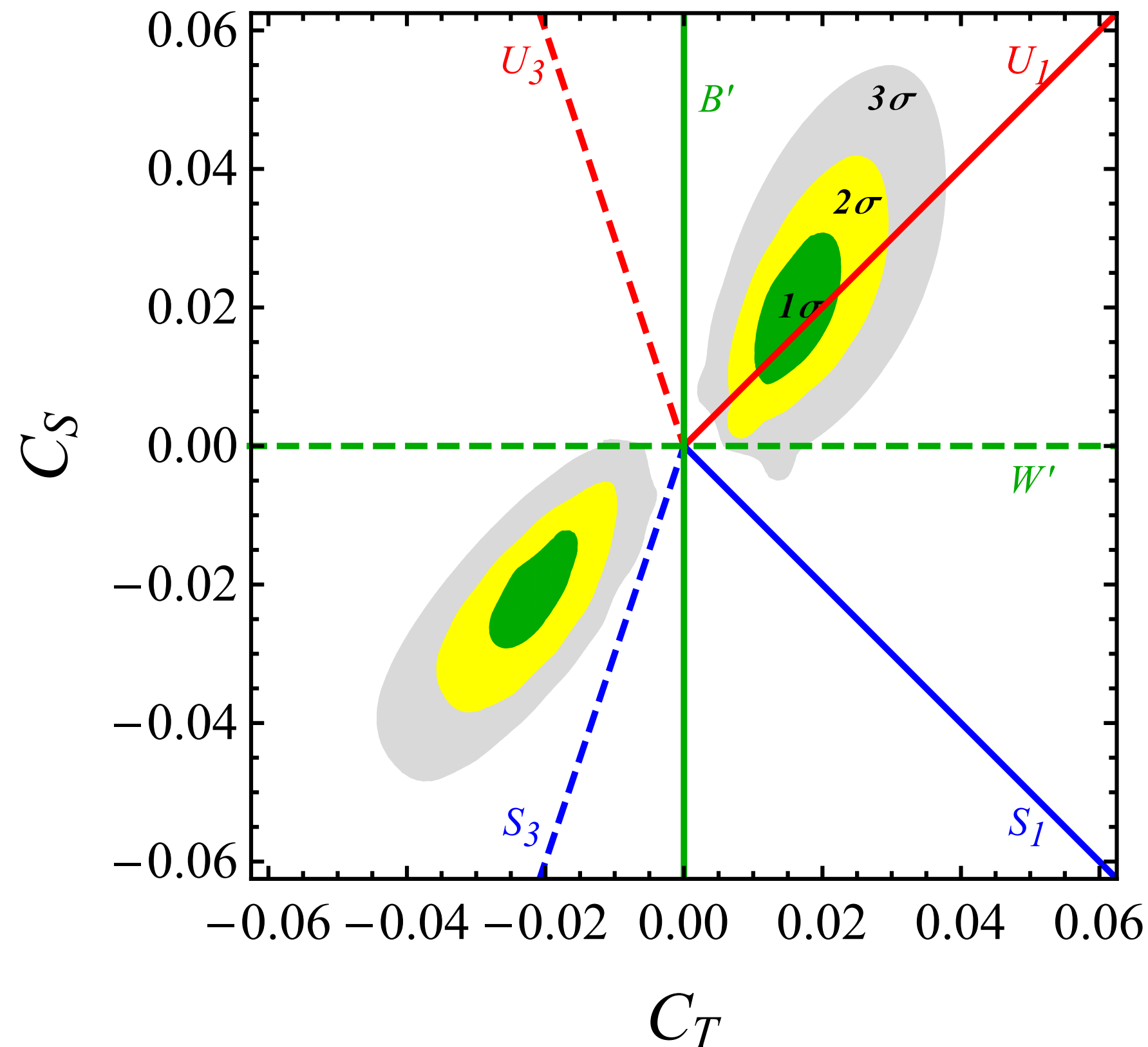
DM models with flavour-changing vector or scalar interactions



Models with vector-like top-quark partners without DM candidate

# Simplified models for B anomalies

$$\lambda_{ij}^q \lambda_{\alpha\beta}^l \left( C_T (\bar{Q}_L^i \gamma_\mu \sigma^a Q_L^j) (\bar{L}_L^\alpha \gamma^\mu \sigma^a L_L^\beta) + C_S (\bar{Q}_L^i \gamma_\mu Q_L^j) (\bar{L}_L^\alpha \gamma^\mu L_L^\beta) \right)$$

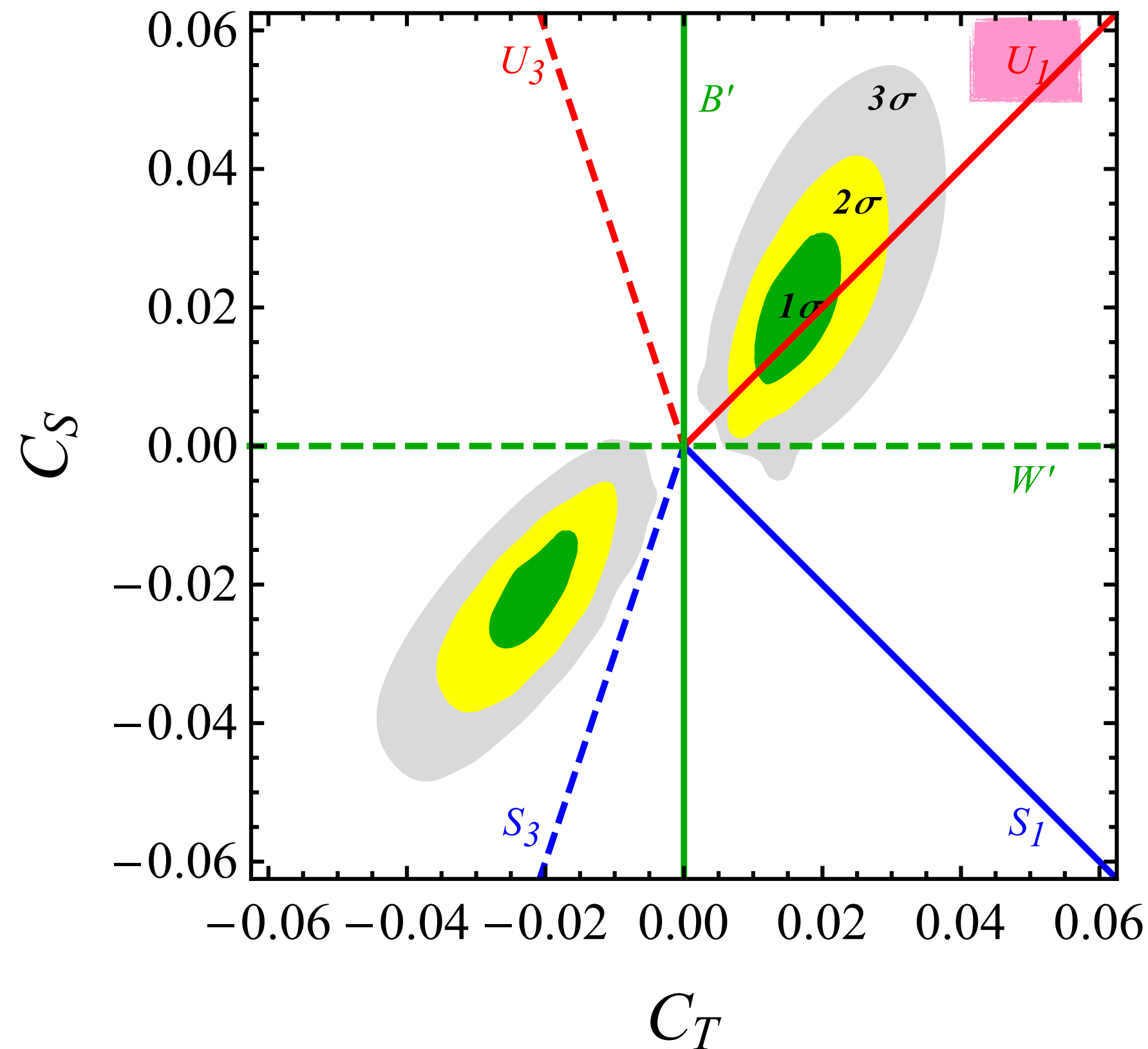


Model	Mediator	$b \rightarrow s$	$b \rightarrow c$
Colorless vectors	$B' = (1, 1, 0)$	✓	✗
	$W' = (1, 3, 0)$	✗	✓
Scalar leptoquarks	$S_1 = (\bar{3}, 1, 1/3)$	✗	✓
	$S_3 = (\bar{3}, 3, 1/3)$	✓	✗
Vector leptoquarks	$U_1 = (3, 1, 2/3)$	✓	✓
	$U_3 = (3, 3, 2/3)$	✓	✗

$b \rightarrow s$  ( $b \rightarrow c$ ) anomalies alone can be accommodated by several simple single-mediator models

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U1 singlet vector leptoquark (LQ) is only single-mediator model that can explain both sets of anomalies

# Vector leptoquark (LQ) model for B anomalies

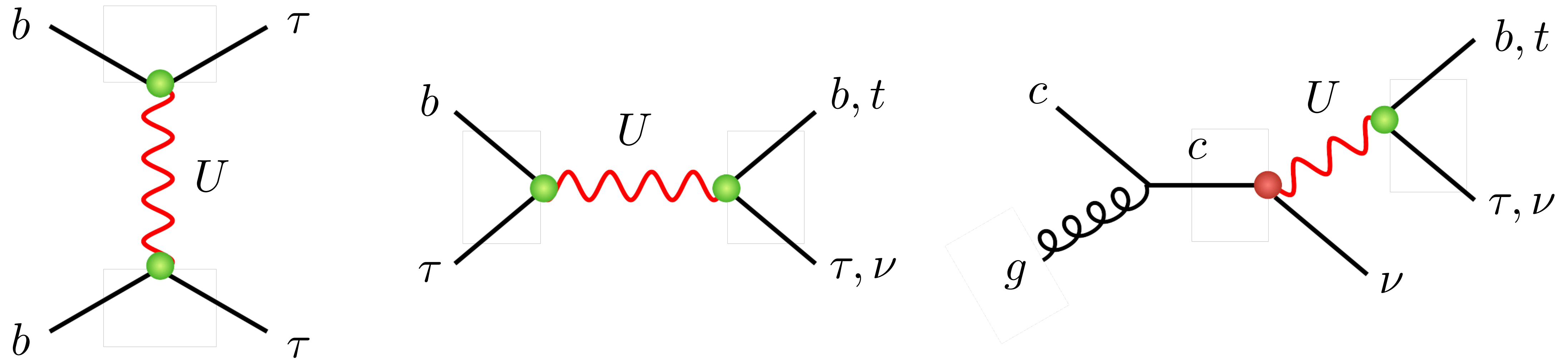
$$\mathcal{L} \supset \frac{g_U}{\sqrt{2}} \left[ \beta_L^{ij} \bar{Q}_L^{i,a} \gamma_\mu L_L^j + \beta_R^{ij} \bar{d}_R^{i,a} \gamma_\mu \ell_R^j \right] U^{\mu,a} + \text{h.c.},$$

$$|\beta_L^{22}| \lesssim |\beta_L^{32}| \ll |\beta_L^{23}| \lesssim |\beta_L^{33}| = \mathcal{O}(1)$$

Parameters		Branching ratios			
$\beta_L^{33}$	$\beta_L^{23}$	BR ( $U \rightarrow b\tau^+$ )	BR ( $U \rightarrow t\bar{\nu}_\tau$ )	BR ( $U \rightarrow s\tau^+$ )	BR ( $U \rightarrow c\bar{\nu}_\tau$ )
1	0	51%	49%	0%	0%
1	1	25%	22%	25%	27%

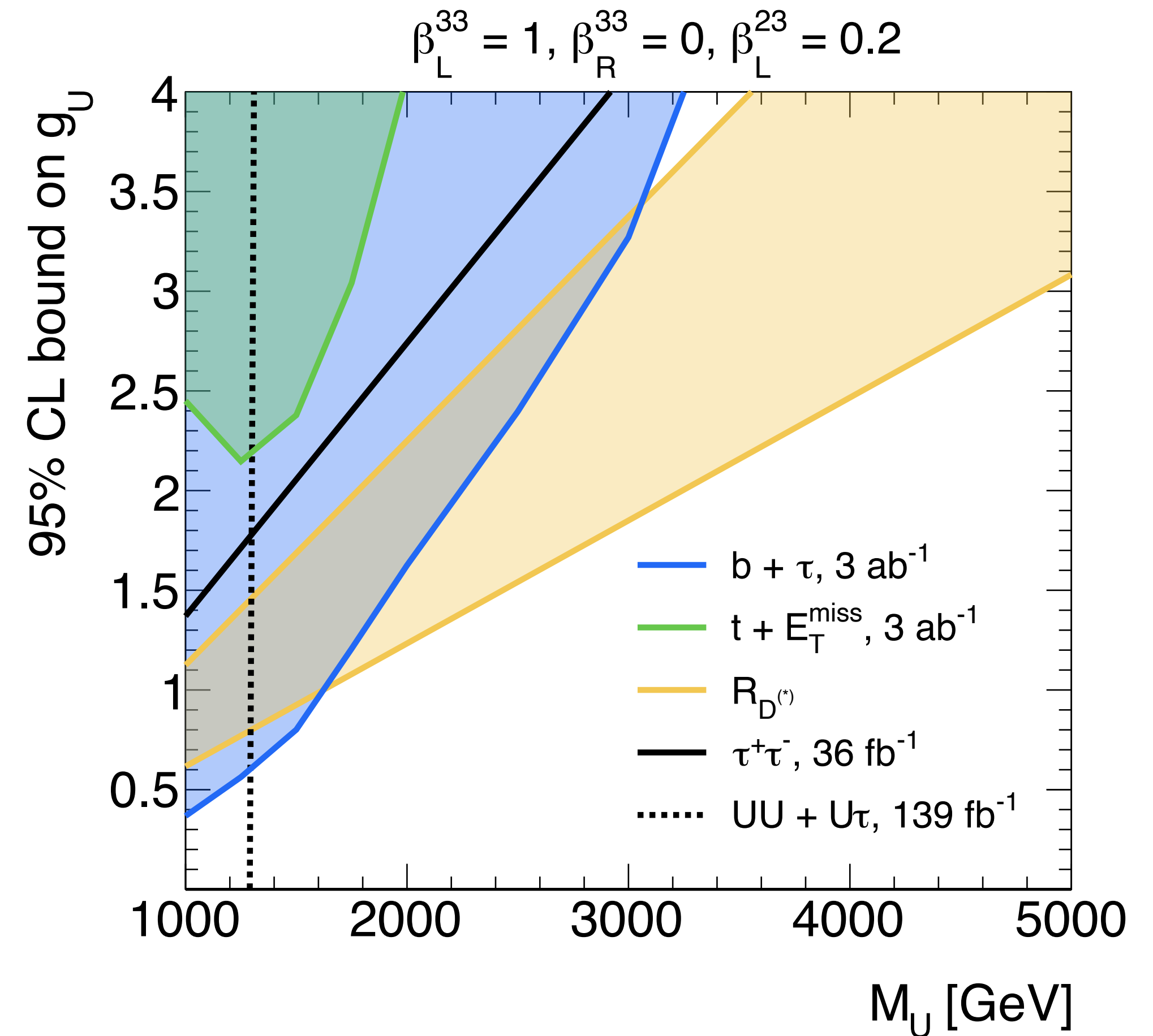
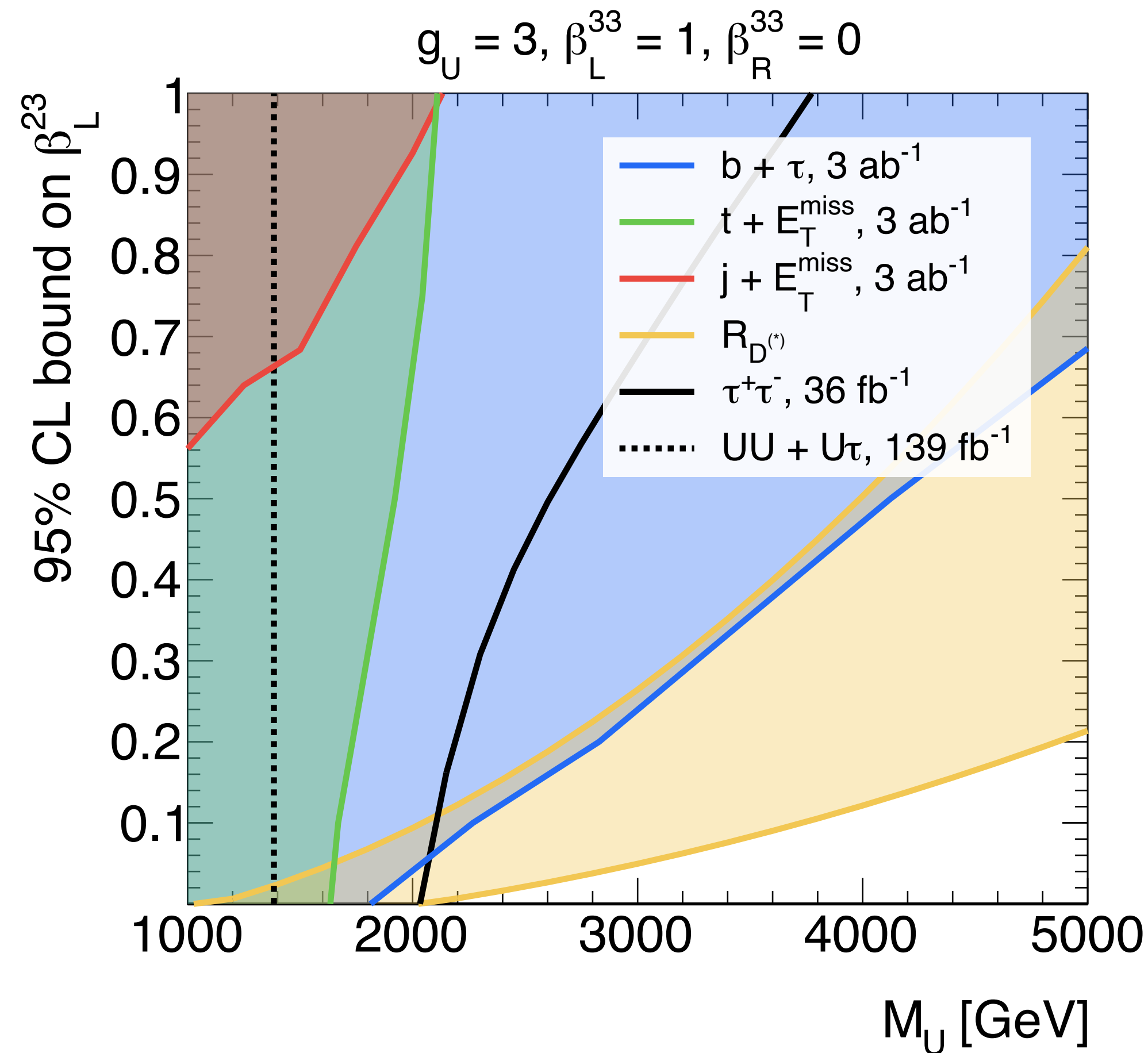


# 3<sup>rd</sup> generation vector LQ: LHC signatures



Flavour structure needed to explain  $b \rightarrow c$  anomalies singles out  $pp \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-$ ,  $pp \rightarrow b \tau$  &  $pp \rightarrow t \nu$  as most interesting channels. In case of 33 & 23 mixing both  $2 \rightarrow 2$  &  $2 \rightarrow 3$  processes relevant. Because two topologies lead to final states with very different kinematic features, it is essential to develop two separate search strategies for them

# Comparison of LQ search strategies

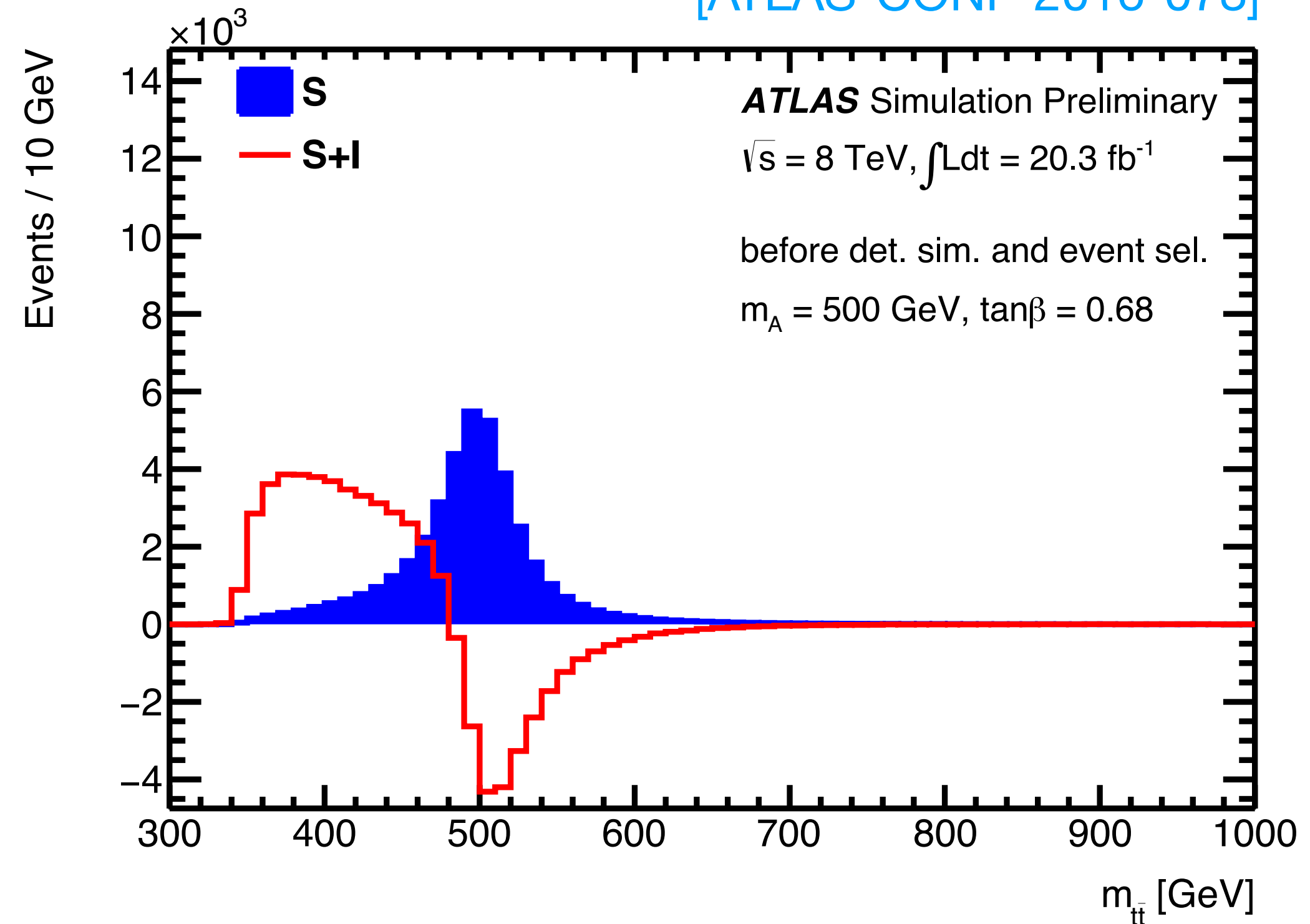
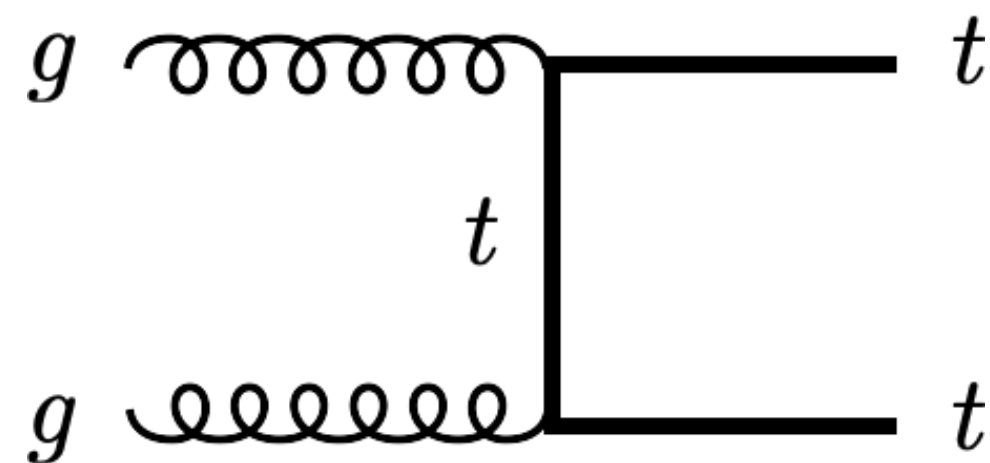
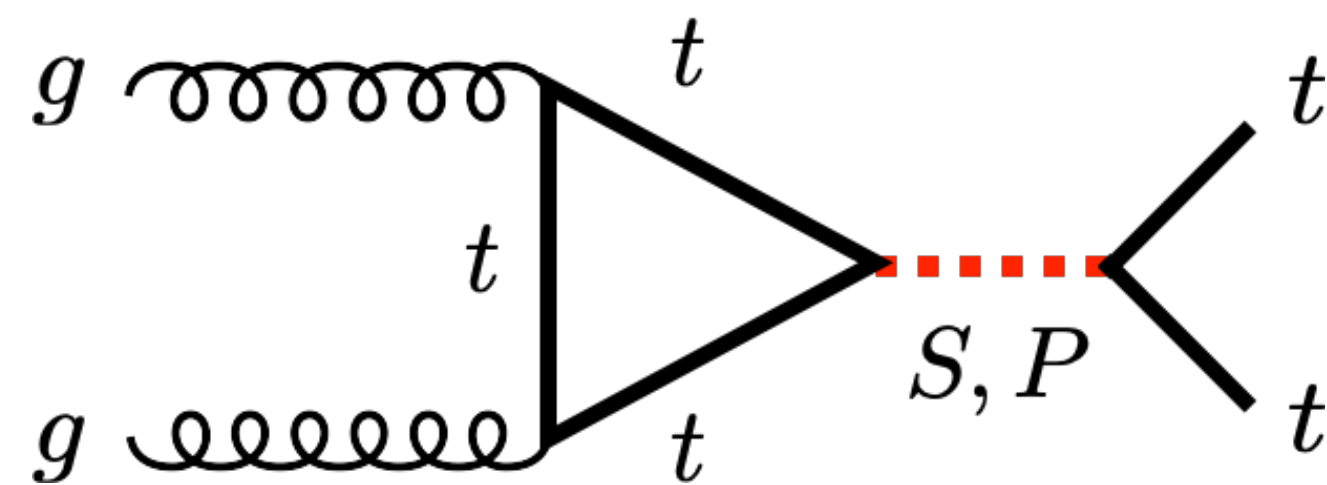


# Summary

- Top physics offers a rich spectrum of processes such as top pair, single-top & mono-top production to look for DM. Searches for these final states allow to set relevant constraints for instance on simplified spin-0 DM models, pNGB DM & 2HDM+a model
- Channels like mono-top,  $t\bar{t}Z$ ,  $t\bar{t}$ , four-top, etc. also provide test of other BSM scenarios such as vector-like fermions, leptoquarks, heavy Higgses, etc. that are not necessarily connected to DM —  $t\bar{t}Z$  discussed in backup

# Heavy Higgs effects in ditop production

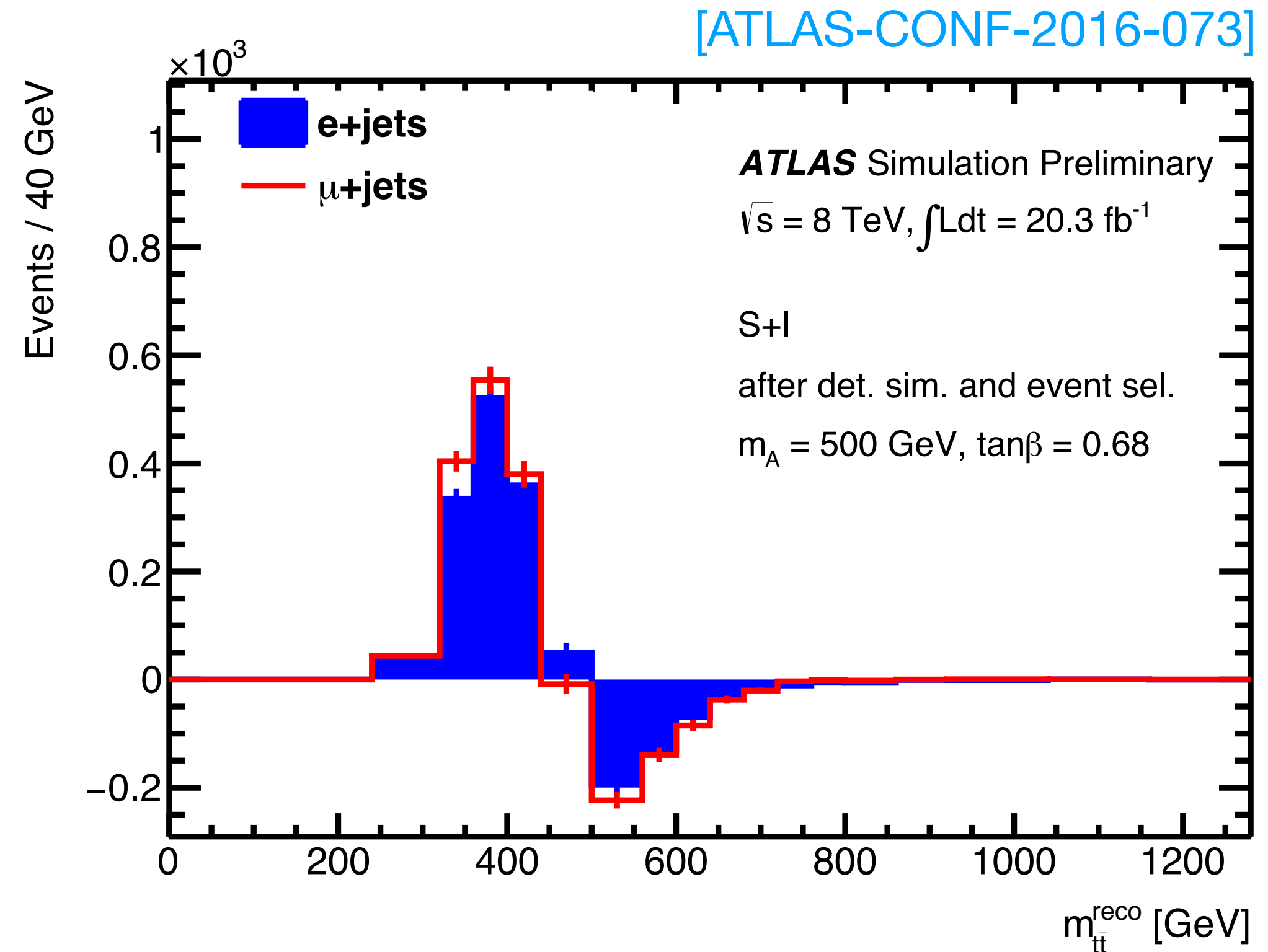
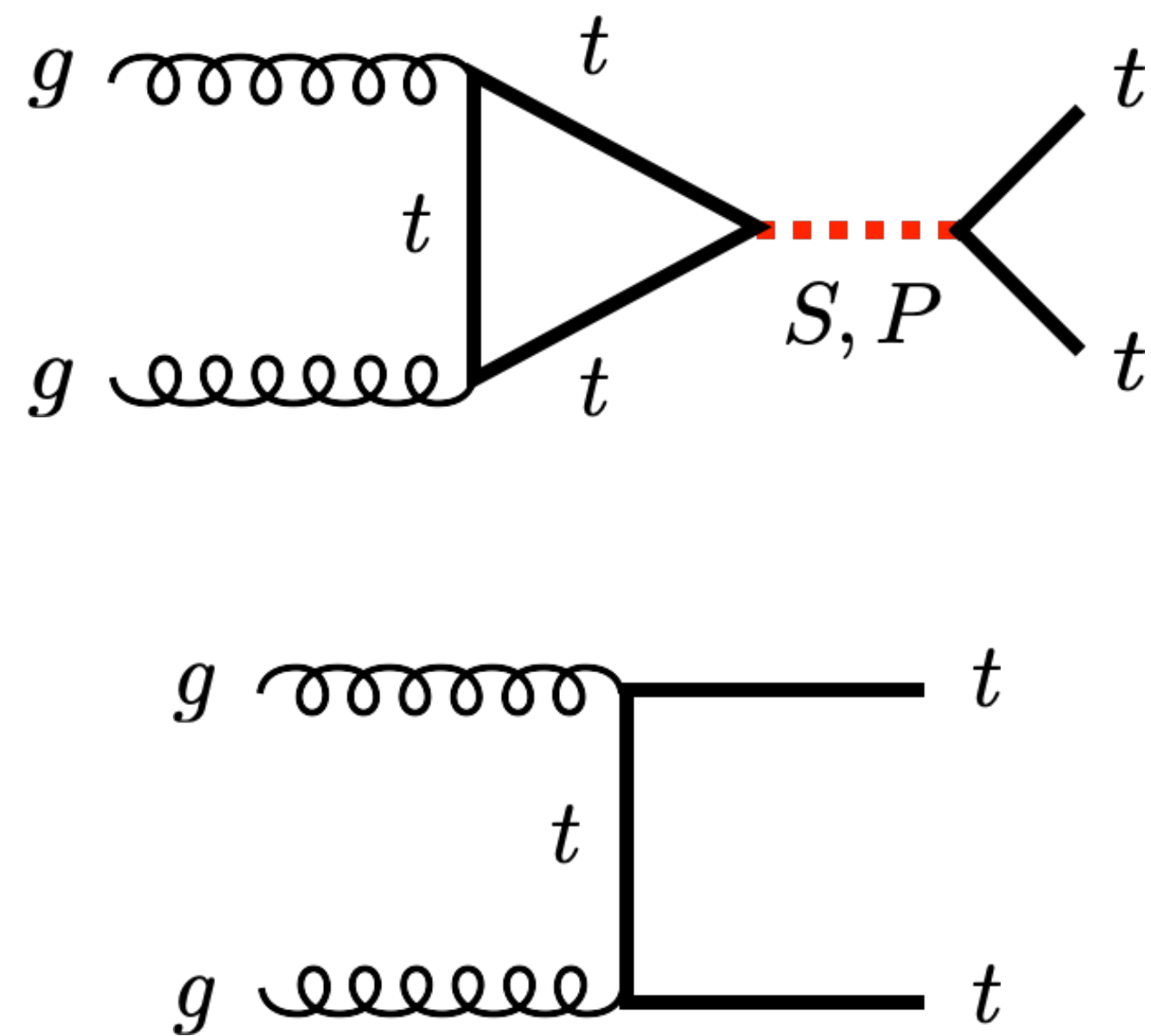
[ATLAS-CONF-2016-073]



Spin-0 ditop resonances interfere maximal with SM background, which leads to a peak-dip structure in  $m_{t\bar{t}}$  invariant mass spectrum

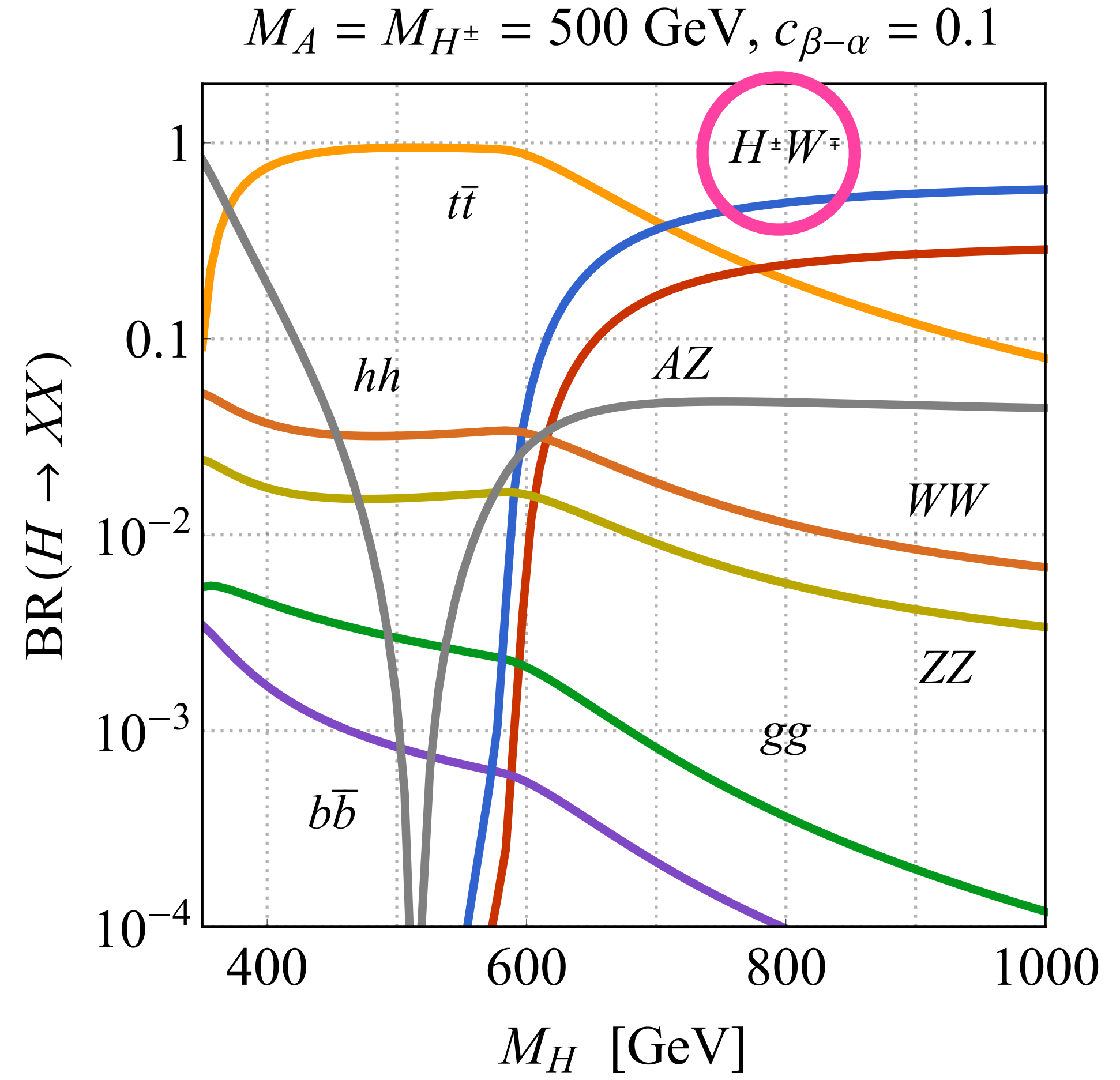
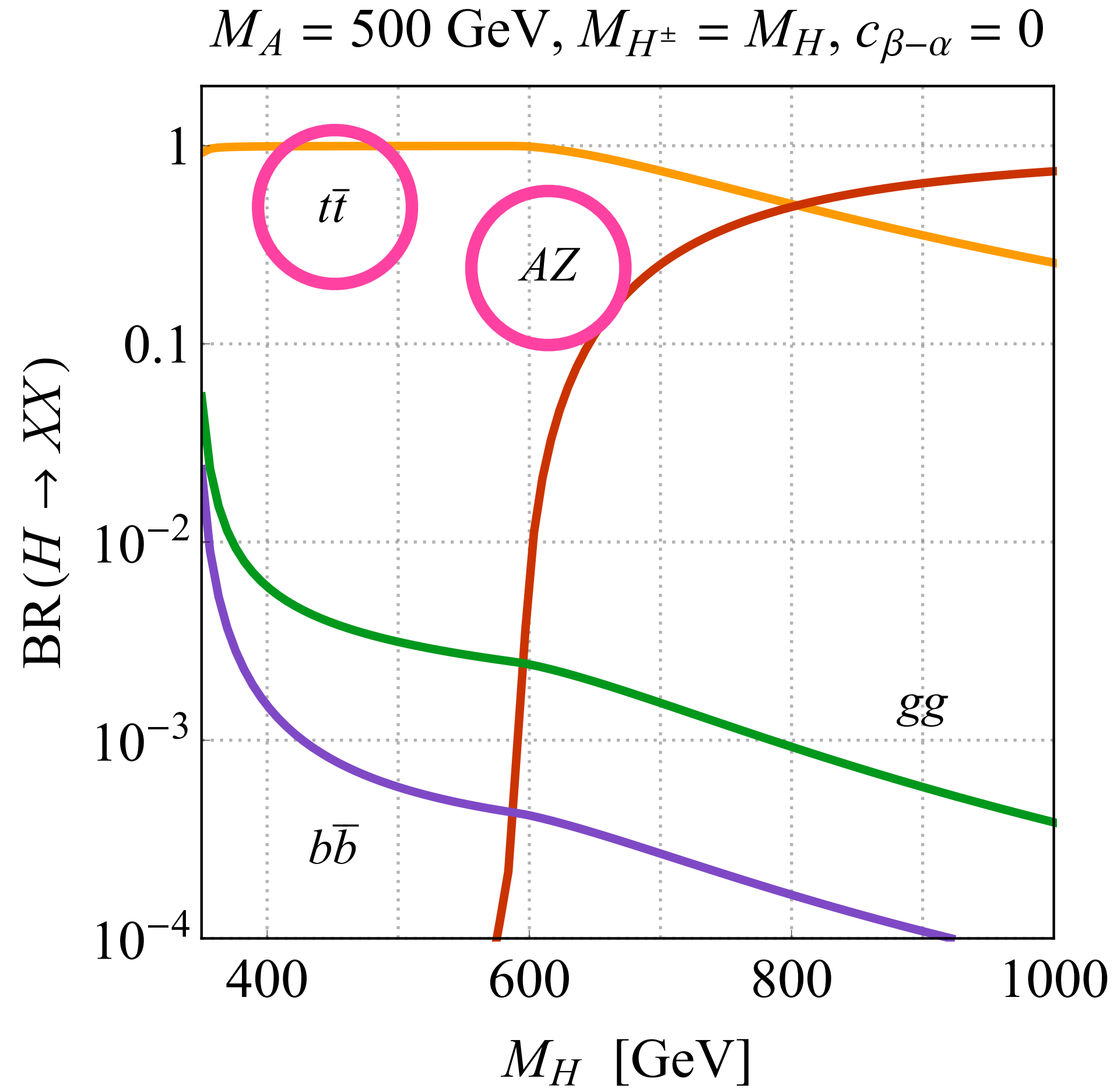
[see for instance Dicus et al., hep-ph/9404359; Frederix & Maltoni, 0712.2355; Craig et al., 1504.04630]

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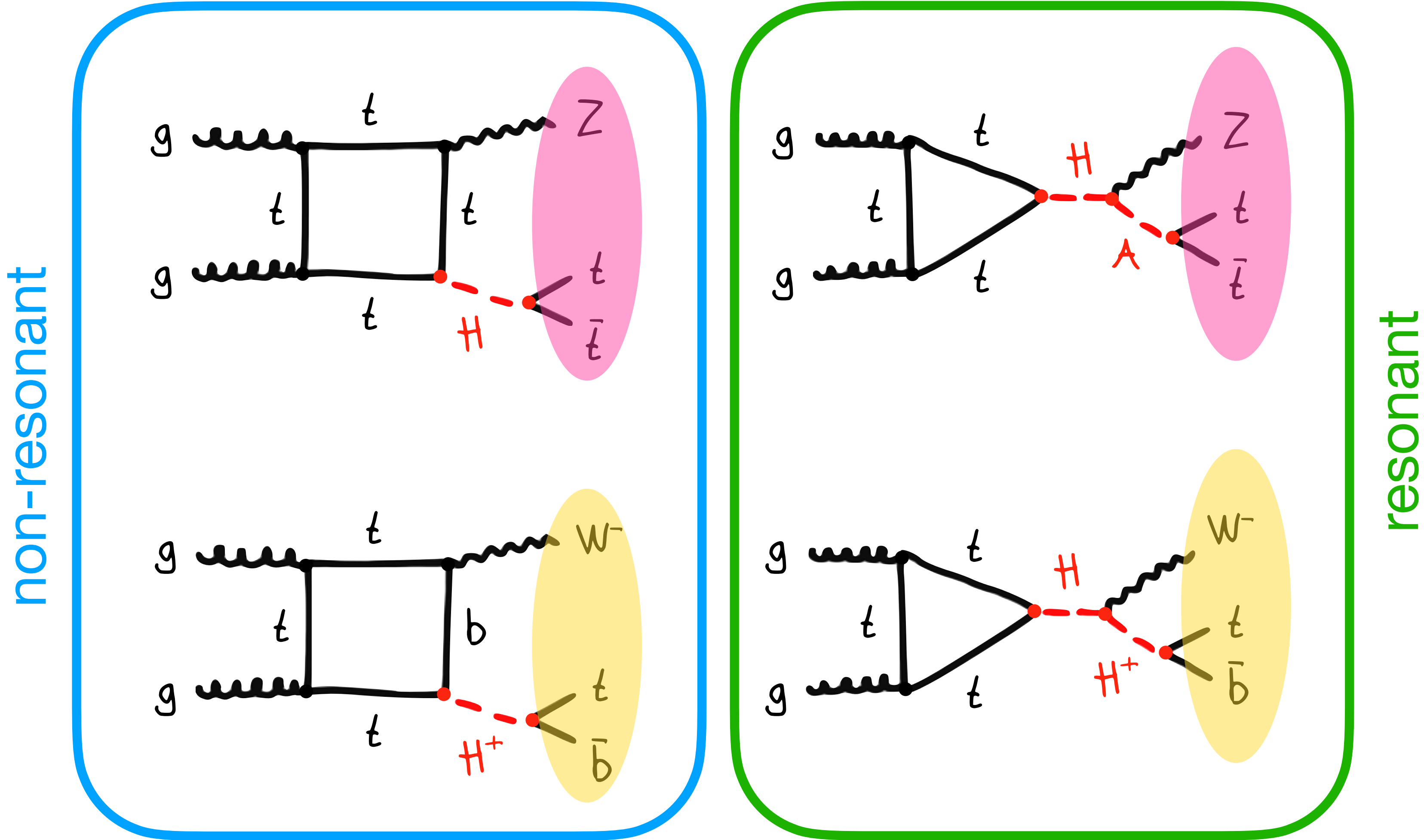


Compared to parton-level spectra, reconstructed distributions are more strongly distorted due to limited detector resolution. As a result, it is difficult to constrain spin-0 ditop resonances.

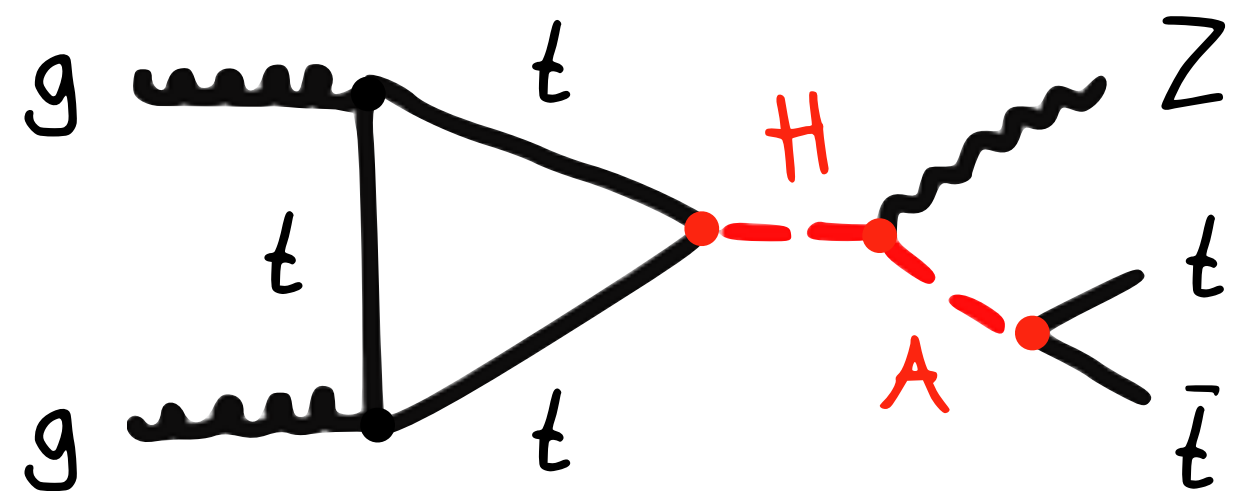
# H decays in alignment limit of 2HDM



# Interesting/unexplored H, A search channels



# Kinematics of H, A contribution to $t\bar{t}Z$



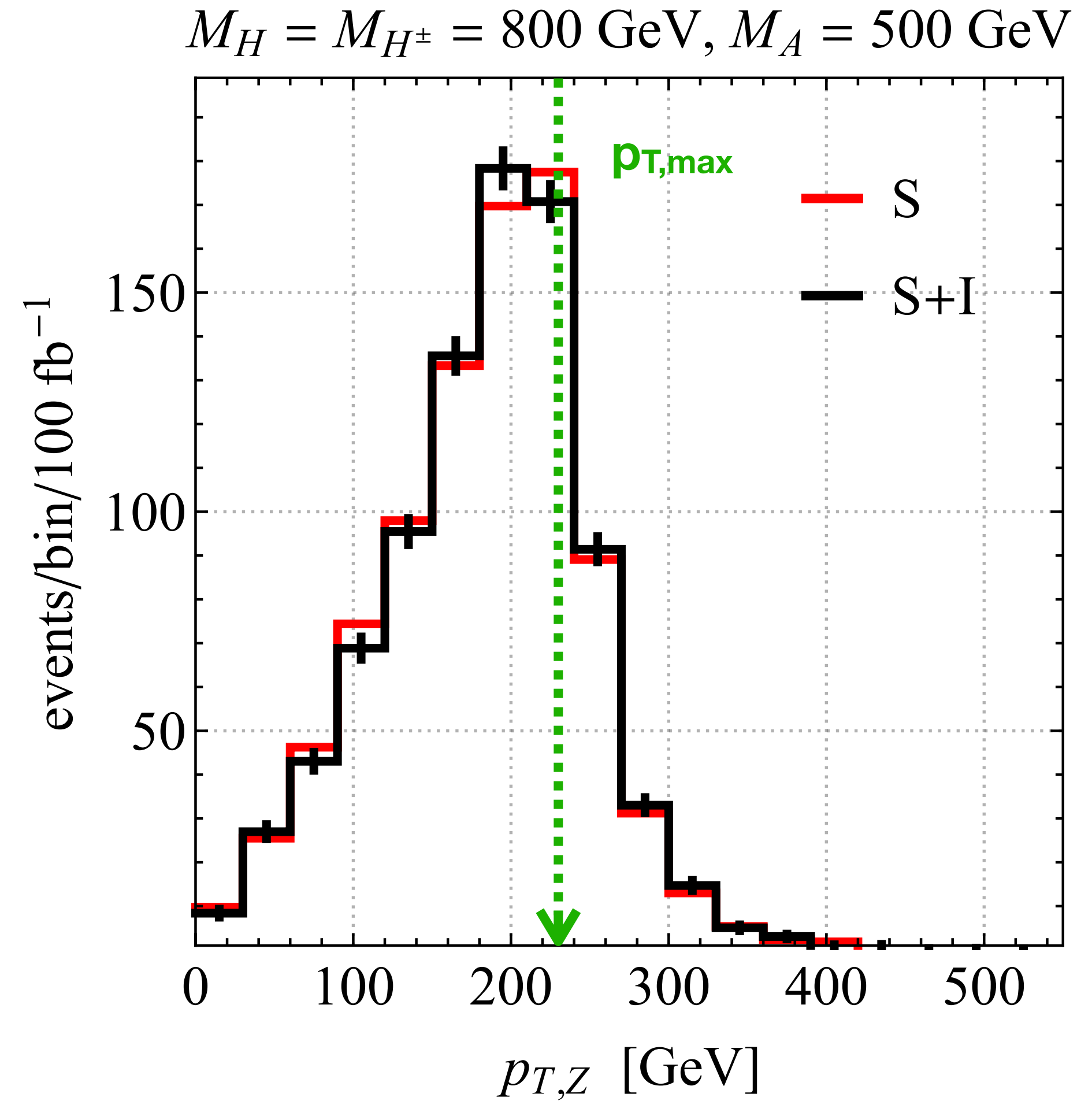
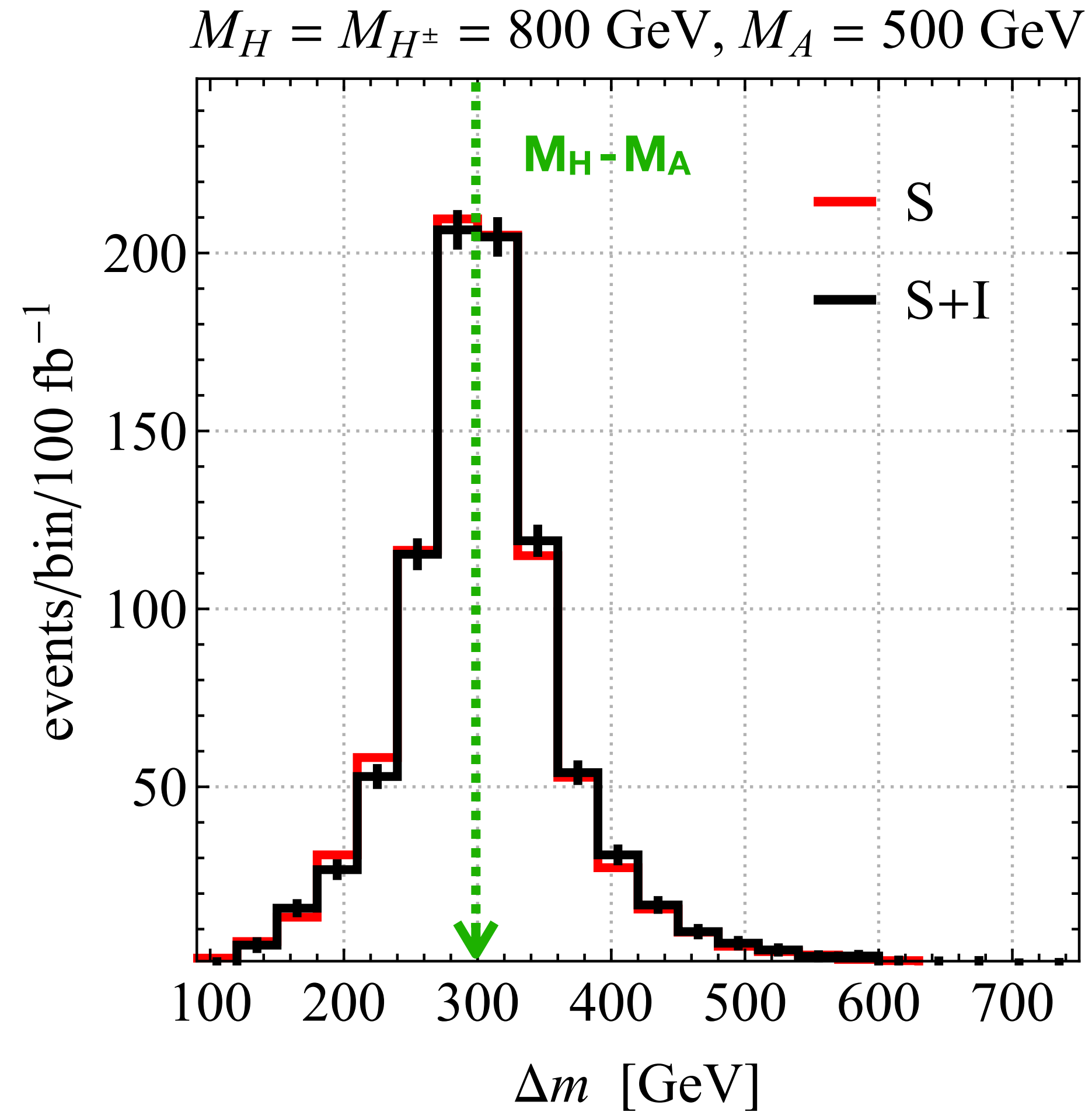
if kinematically allowed, H, A  
are preferentially on-shell

$$\Delta m = m_{t\bar{t}Z} - m_{t\bar{t}} \simeq M_H - M_A$$

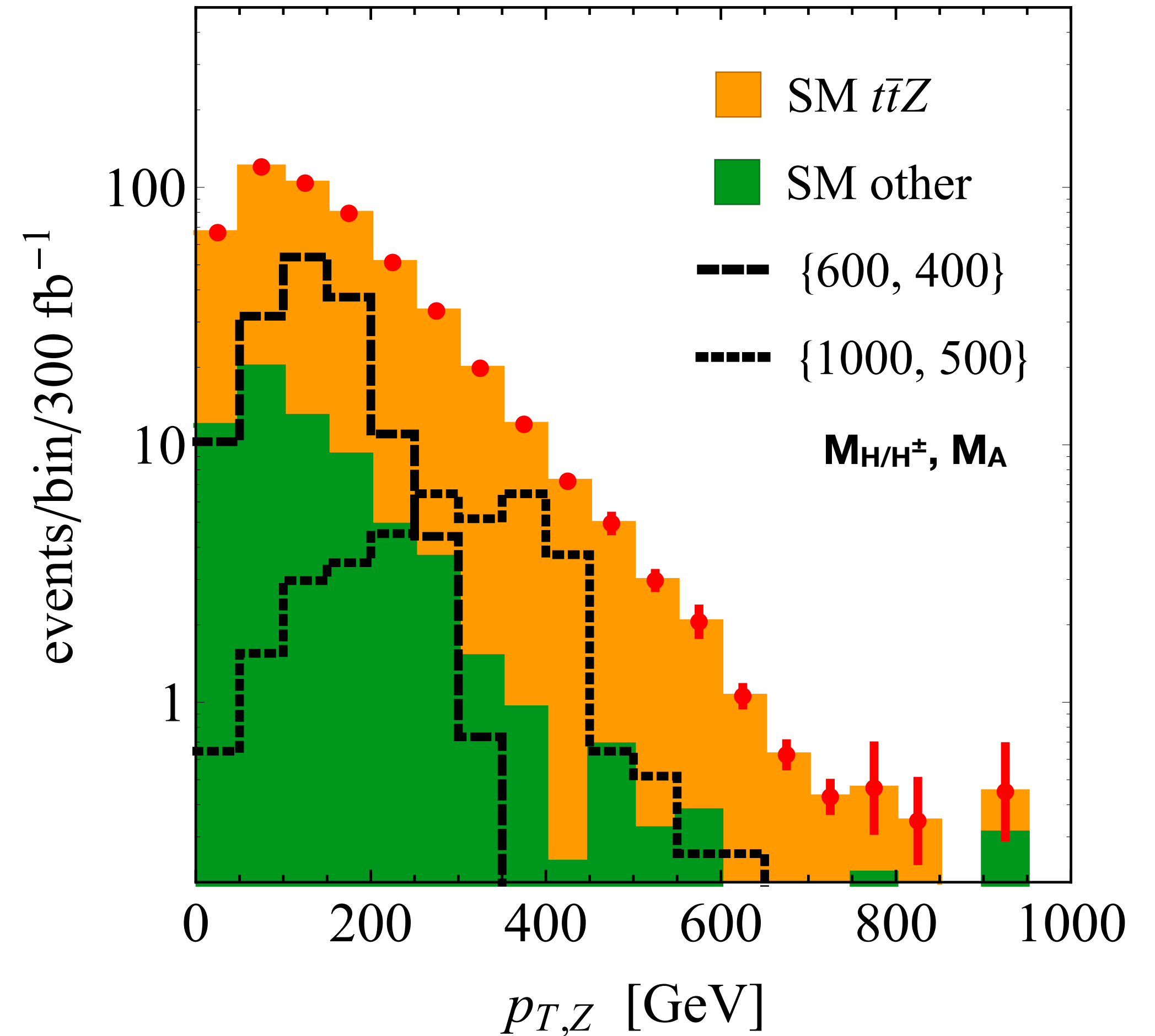
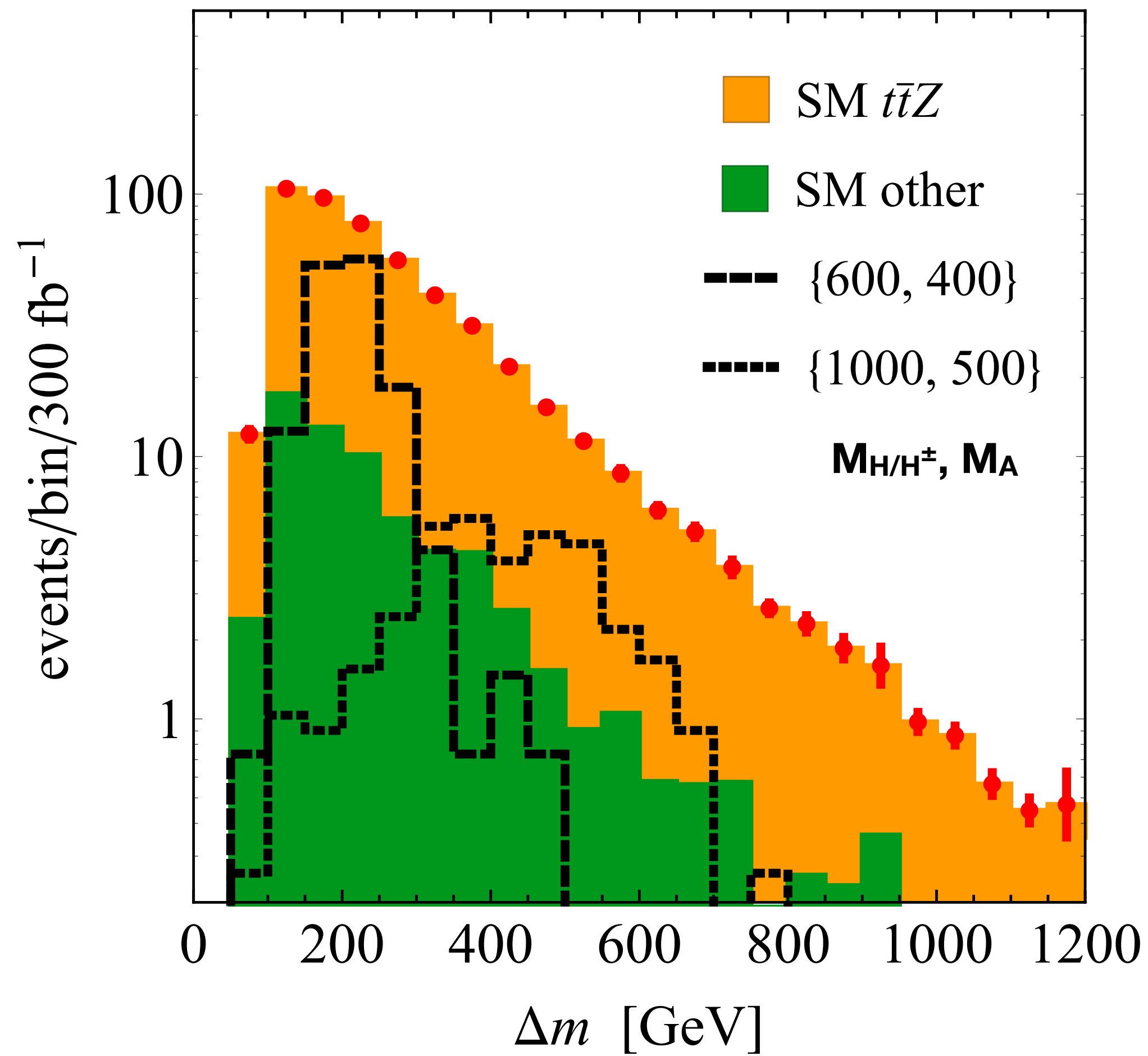
$$p_{T,Z}^{\max} \simeq \frac{1}{2M_H} \sqrt{(M_H^2 - M_A^2 - M_Z^2)^2 - 4M_A^2 M_Z^2}$$



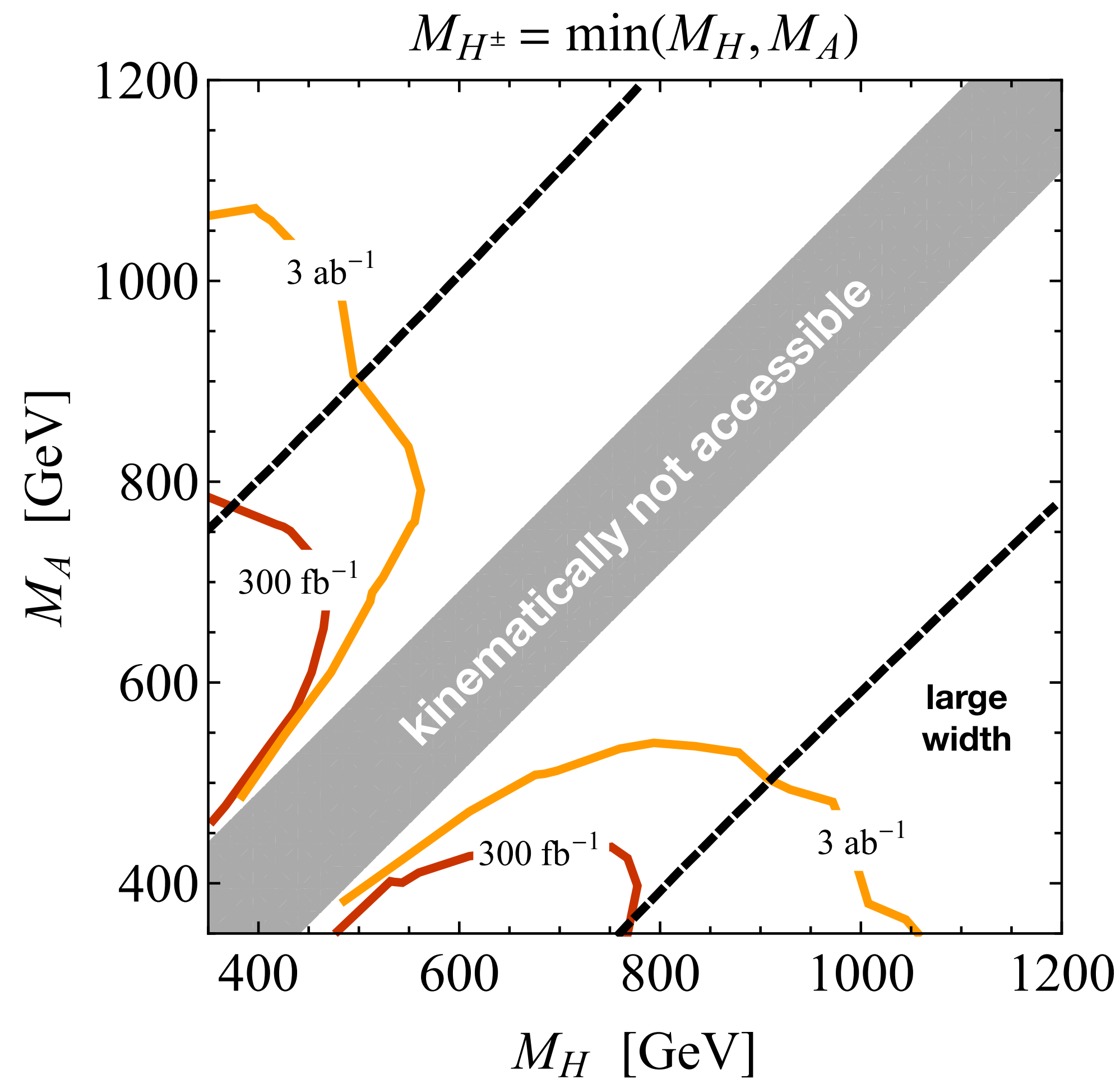
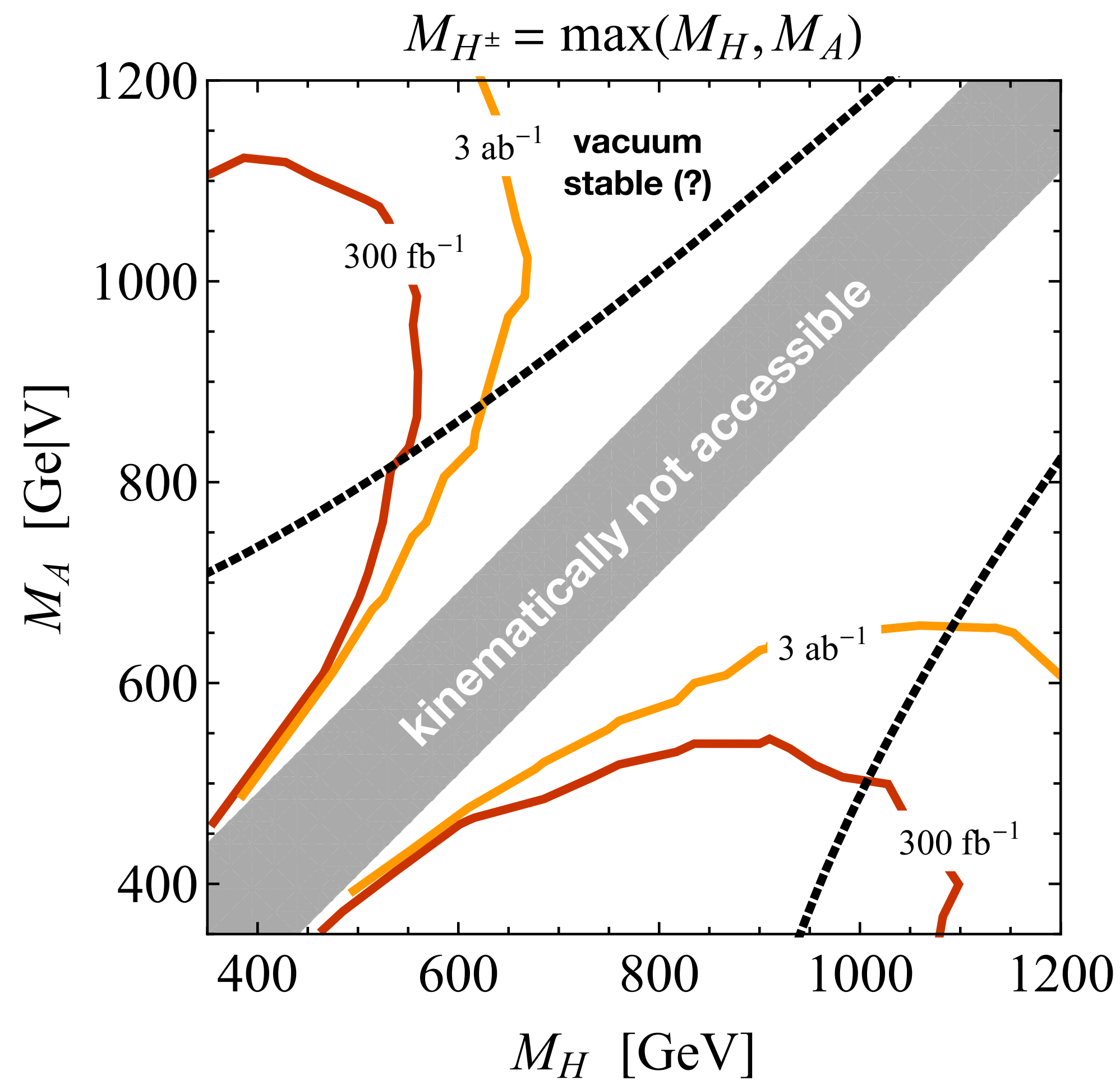
# Kinematics of H, A contribution to $t\bar{t}Z$



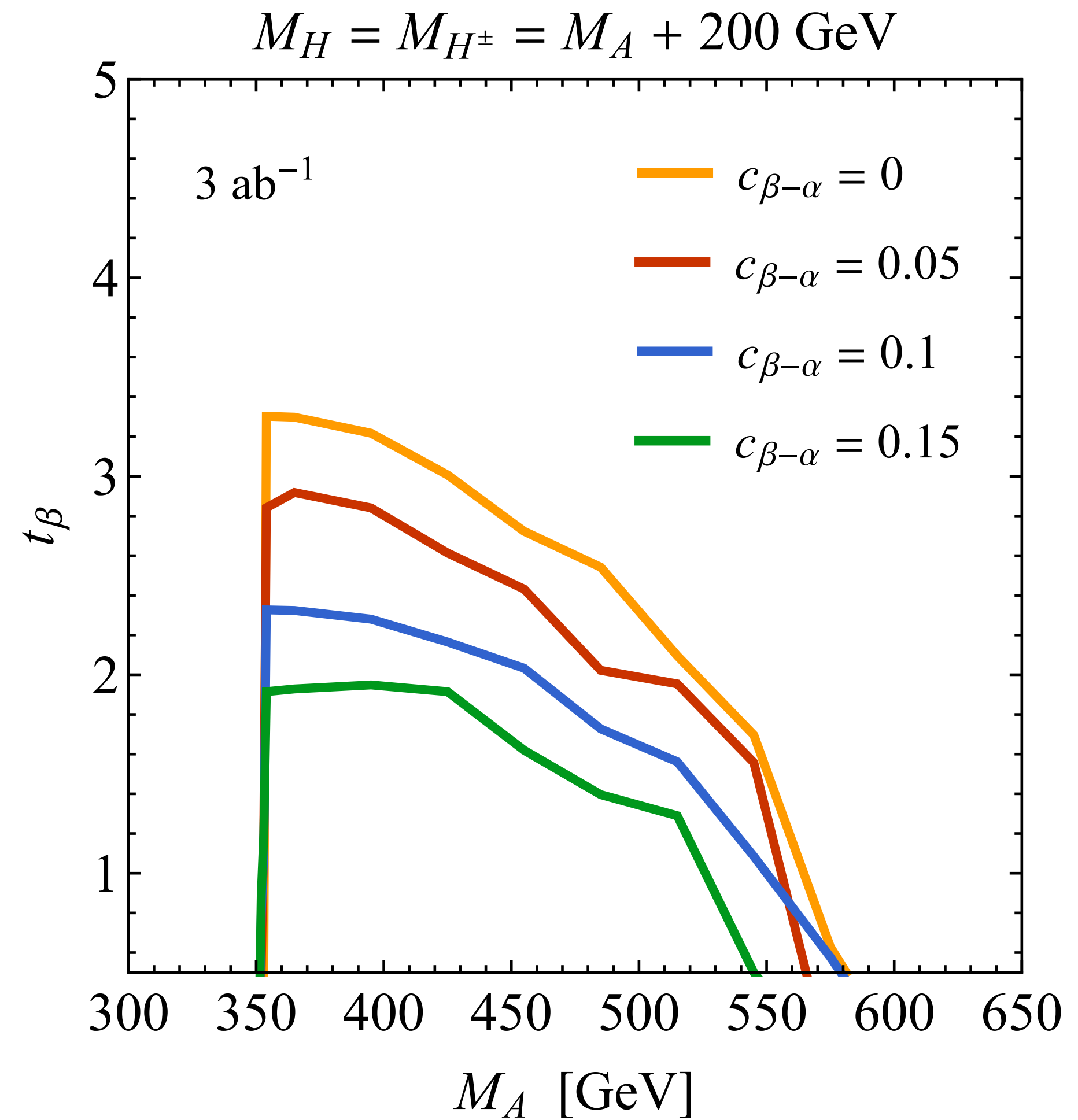
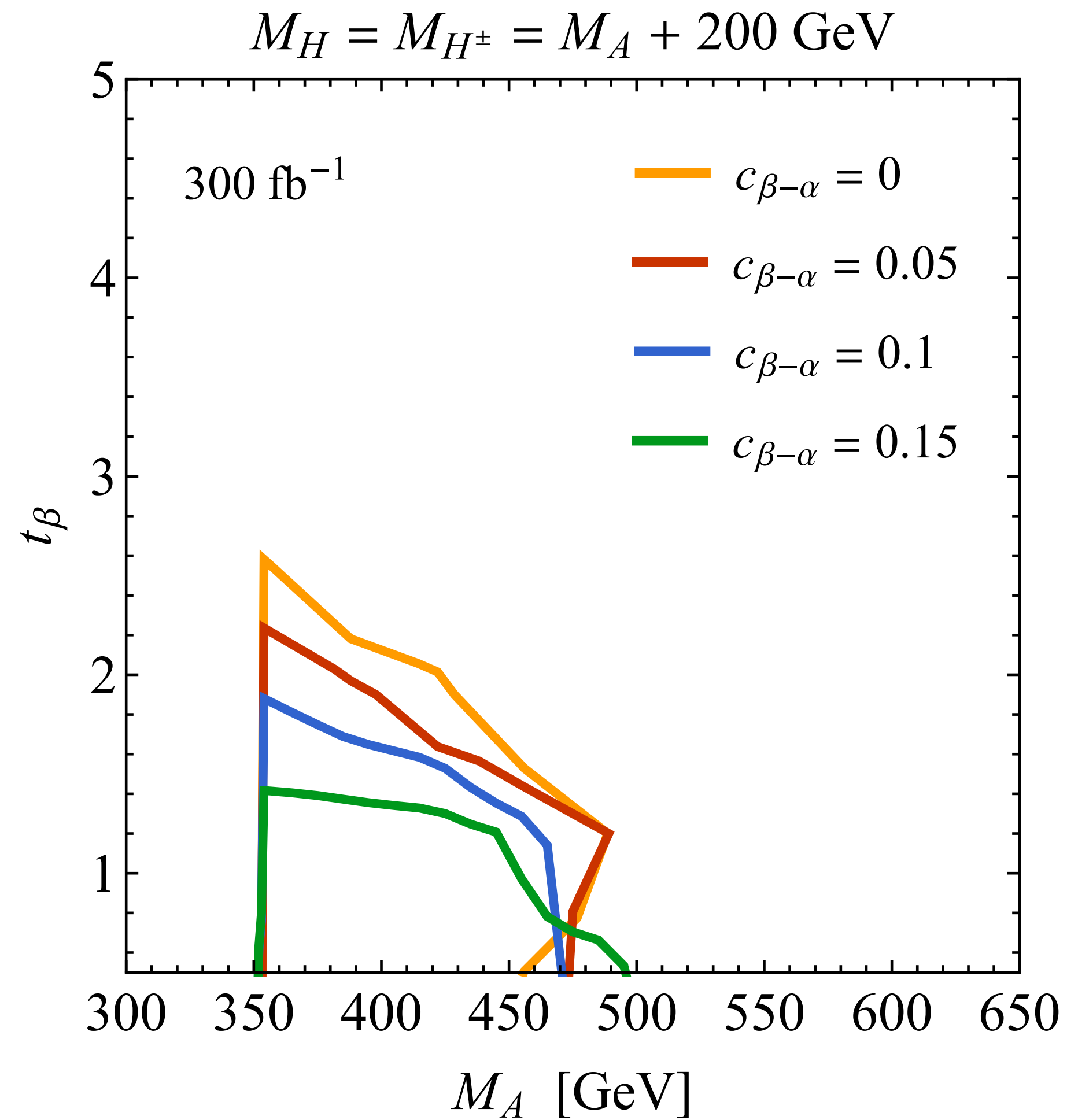
# $t\bar{t}Z$ : signal vs. backgrounds



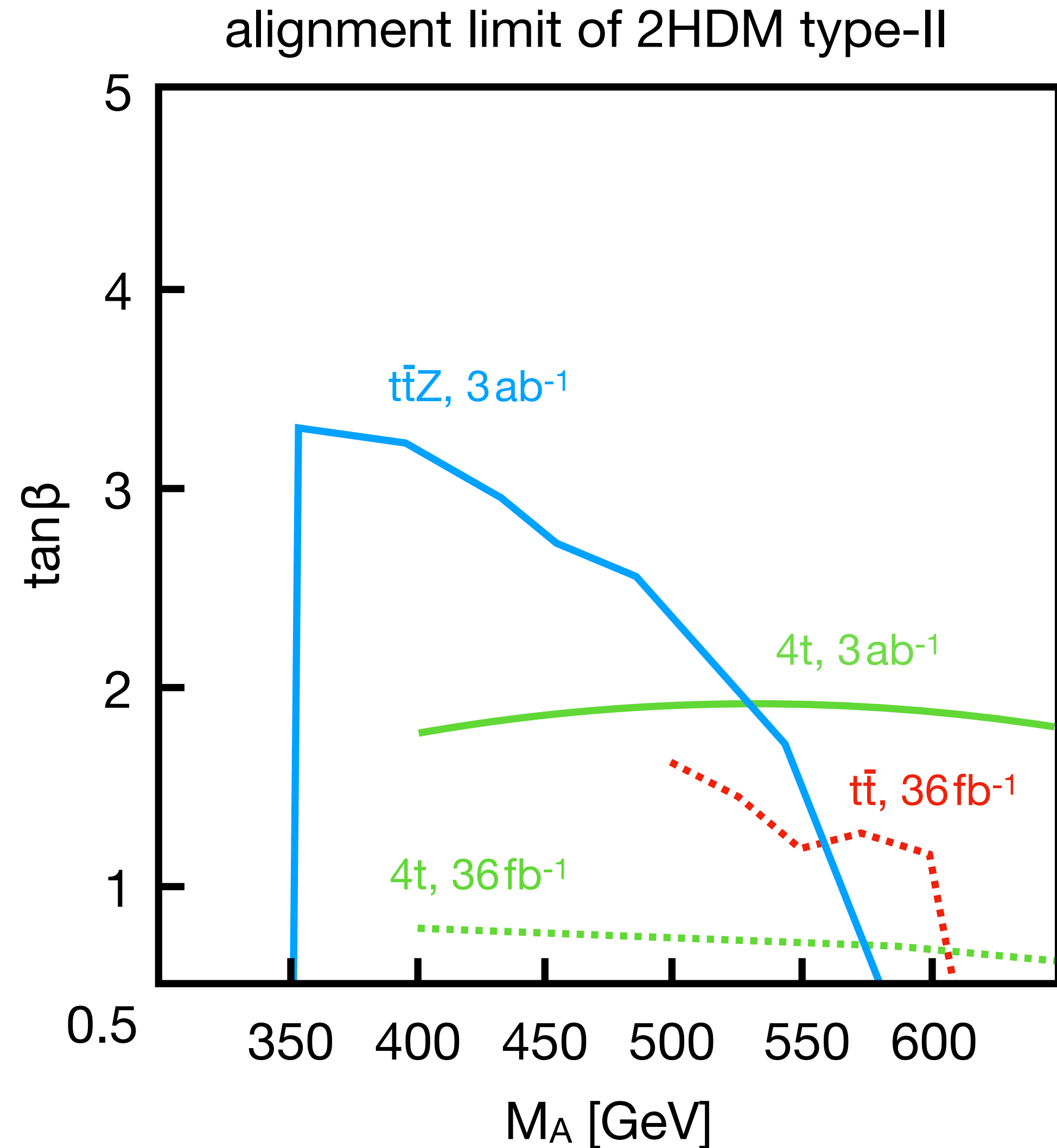
# $t\bar{t}Z$ : LHC exclusions in $M_H$ - $M_A$ plane



# $t\bar{t}Z$ : LHC exclusions in $M_H$ - $\tan\beta$ plane



# Comparison of bounds from top final states



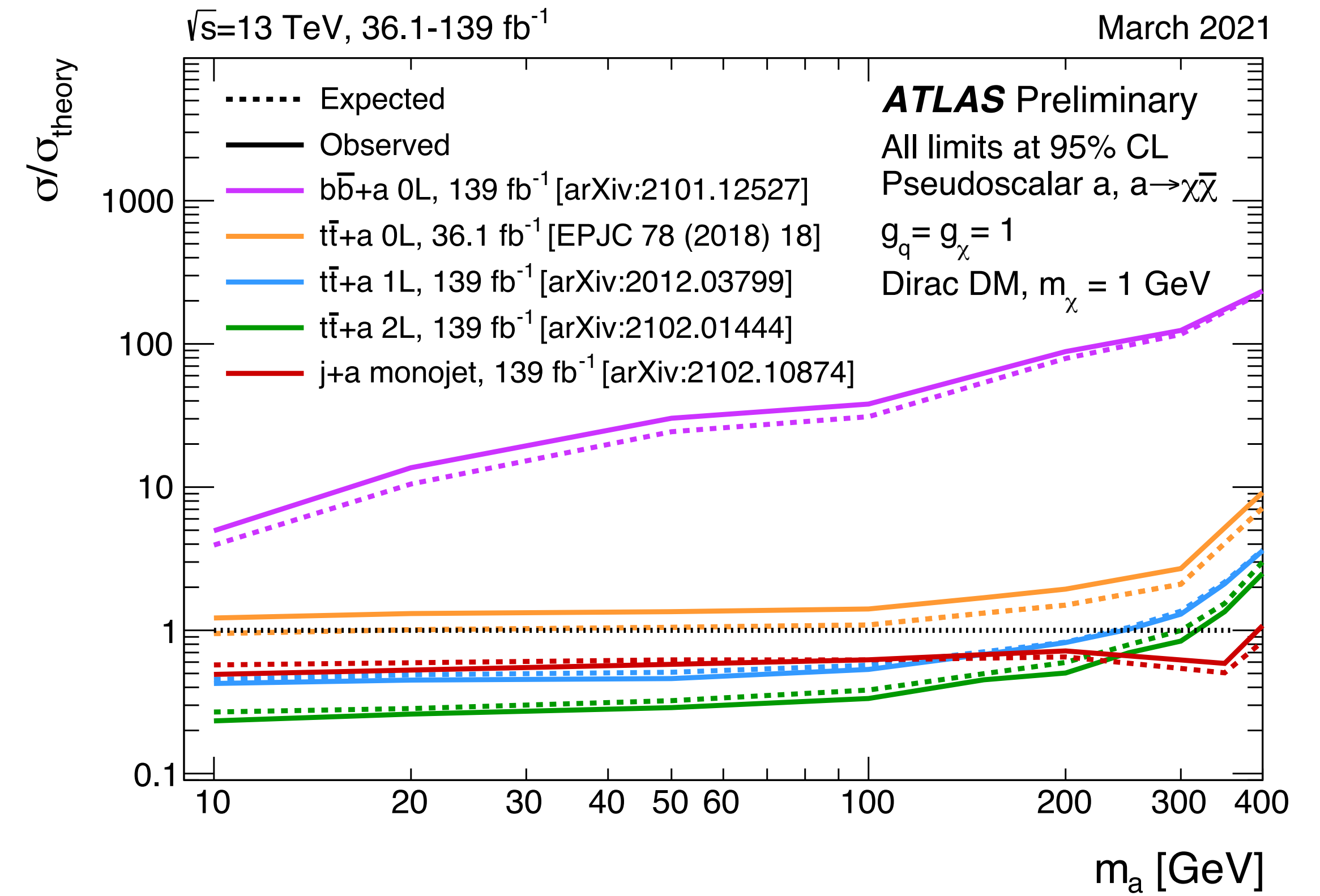
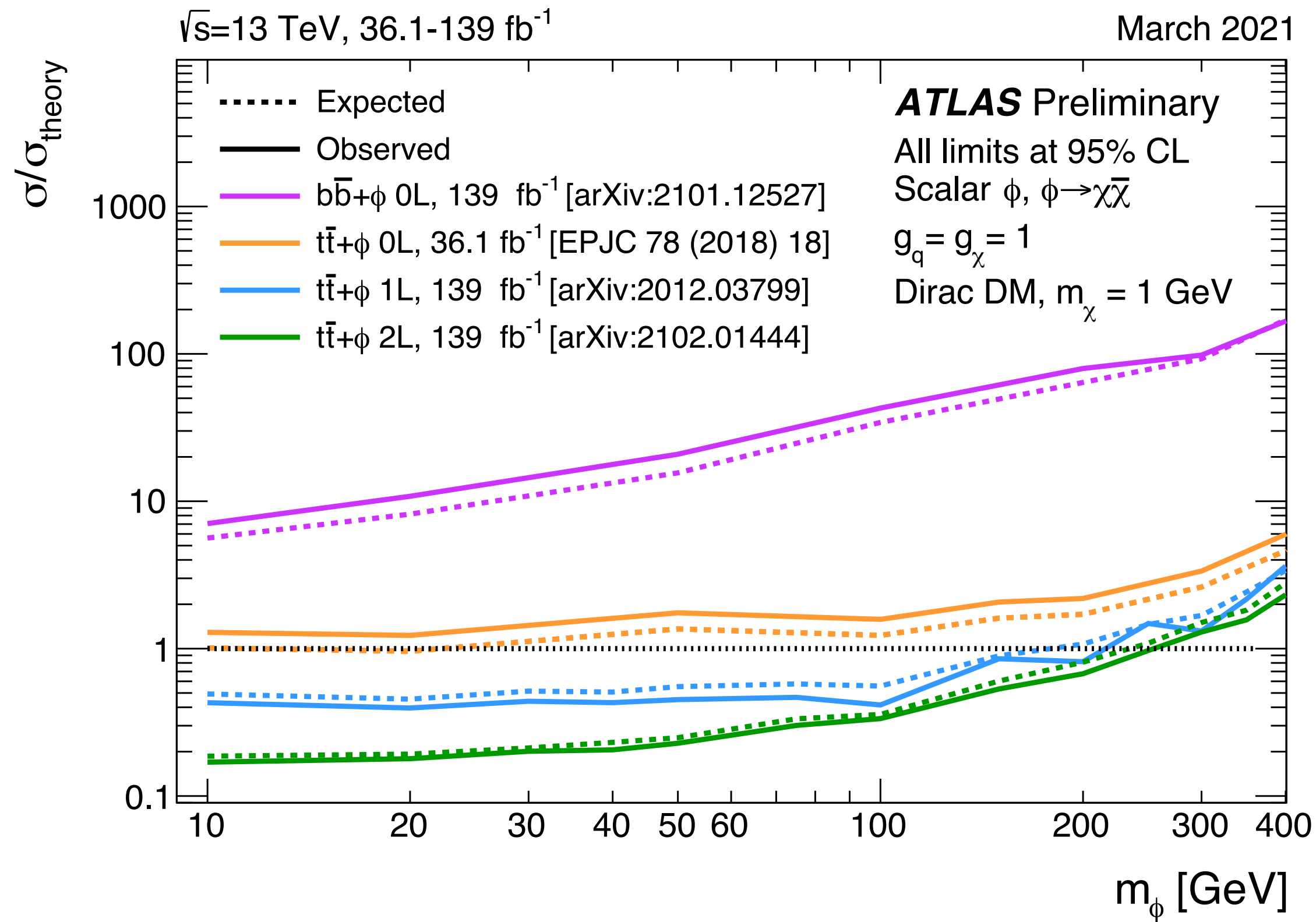
- UH & Polesello, 1807.07734
- ⋯ ATLAS, 1807.11883
- Gori et al., 1602.02782
- ⋯ ATLAS, 1707.06025

shown limits based on different choices of  $M_H$  &  $M_{H^\pm}$ , so plot is only meant to guide the eye

# Combined $t\bar{t} + E_{T,\text{miss}}$ search strategy

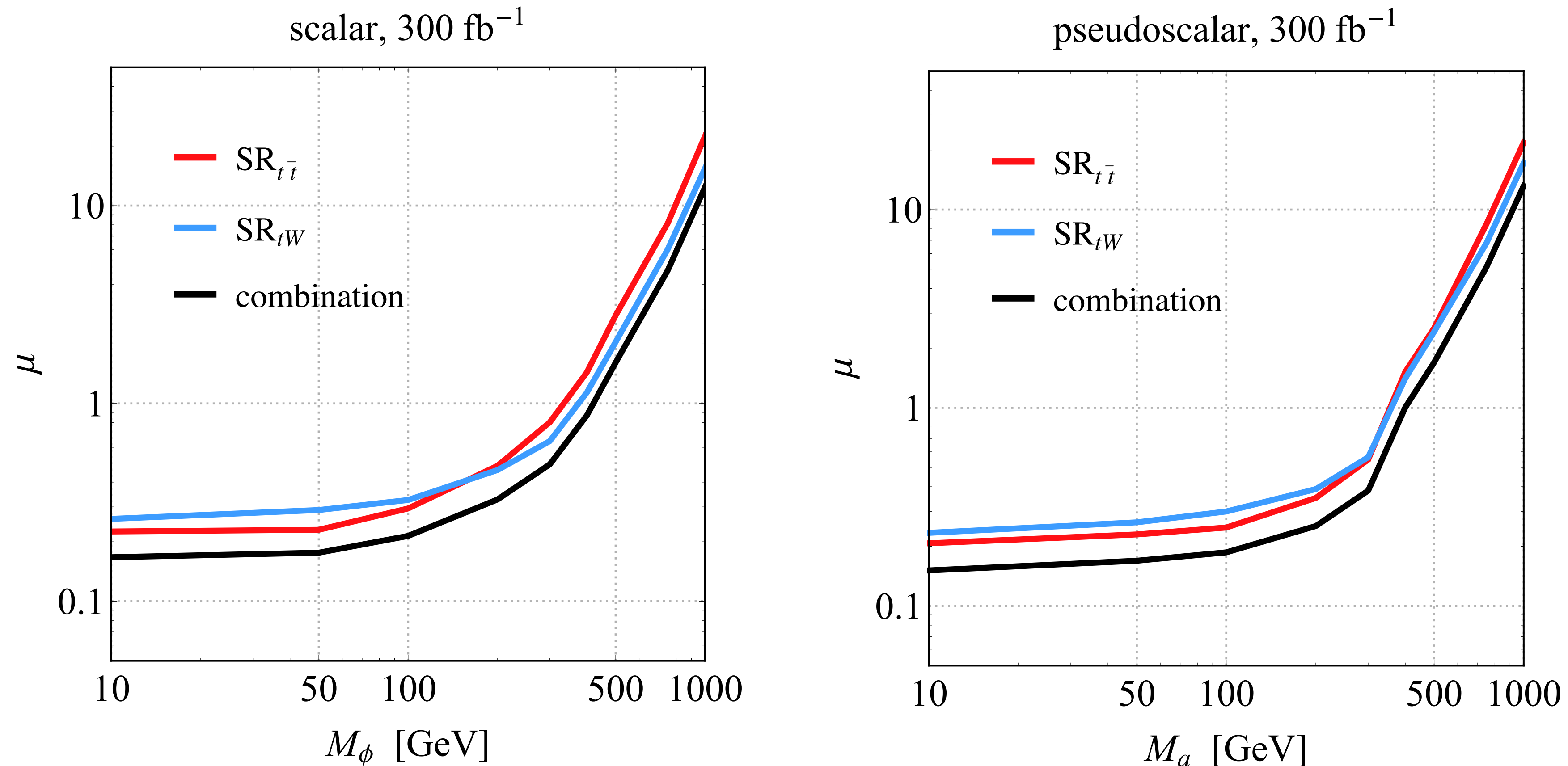
	$SR_{t\bar{t}}$	$SR_{tW}$
$N_l$	$= 2,$	$p_{T,l_1} > 25 \text{ GeV}, \quad p_{T,l_2} > 20 \text{ GeV}, \quad  \eta_l  < 2.5$
$m_{ll}$	$> 20 \text{ GeV},$	Z-boson veto for opposite-sign leptons
$N_b$	$> 0,$	$p_{T,b} > 30 \text{ GeV}, \quad  \eta_b  < 2.5$
$m_{T2}$		$> 100 \text{ GeV}$
$m_{bl}^t$	$< 160 \text{ GeV}$	$> 160 \text{ GeV} \quad    \quad N_j = 1$
$ \Delta\phi_{min} $	$> 0.8$	$> 0.8$
$ \Delta\phi_{boost} $	$< 1.2$	n/a
$M_{scal}$	n/a	$< 500 \text{ GeV}$
$C_{em}$	$> 200 \text{ GeV}$	$> 200 \text{ GeV}$
$ \cos\theta_{ll} $	shape fit	shape fit

# Existing spin-0 simplified DM bounds



[plots from ATL-PHYS-PUB-2021-006 & similar results by CMS]

# $t\bar{X} + E_{T,\text{miss}}$ LHC Run 3 projections

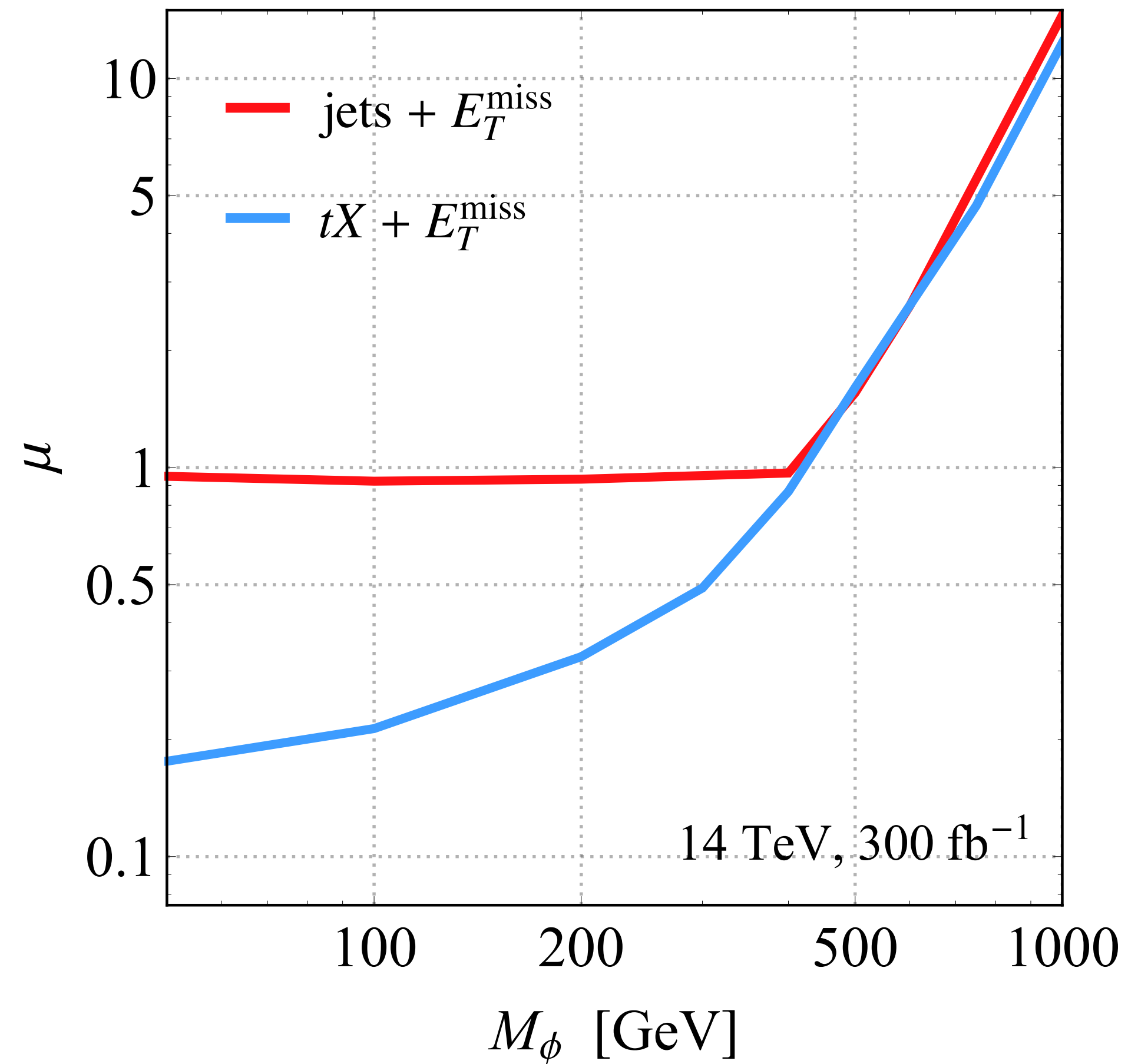


For  $m_\chi = 1$  GeV,  $g_{\text{SM}} = g_{\text{DM}} = 1$  & assuming 300 fb<sup>-1</sup> of 14 TeV LHC data, combined analysis leads to 95% CL limit of around 410 GeV on mediator mass

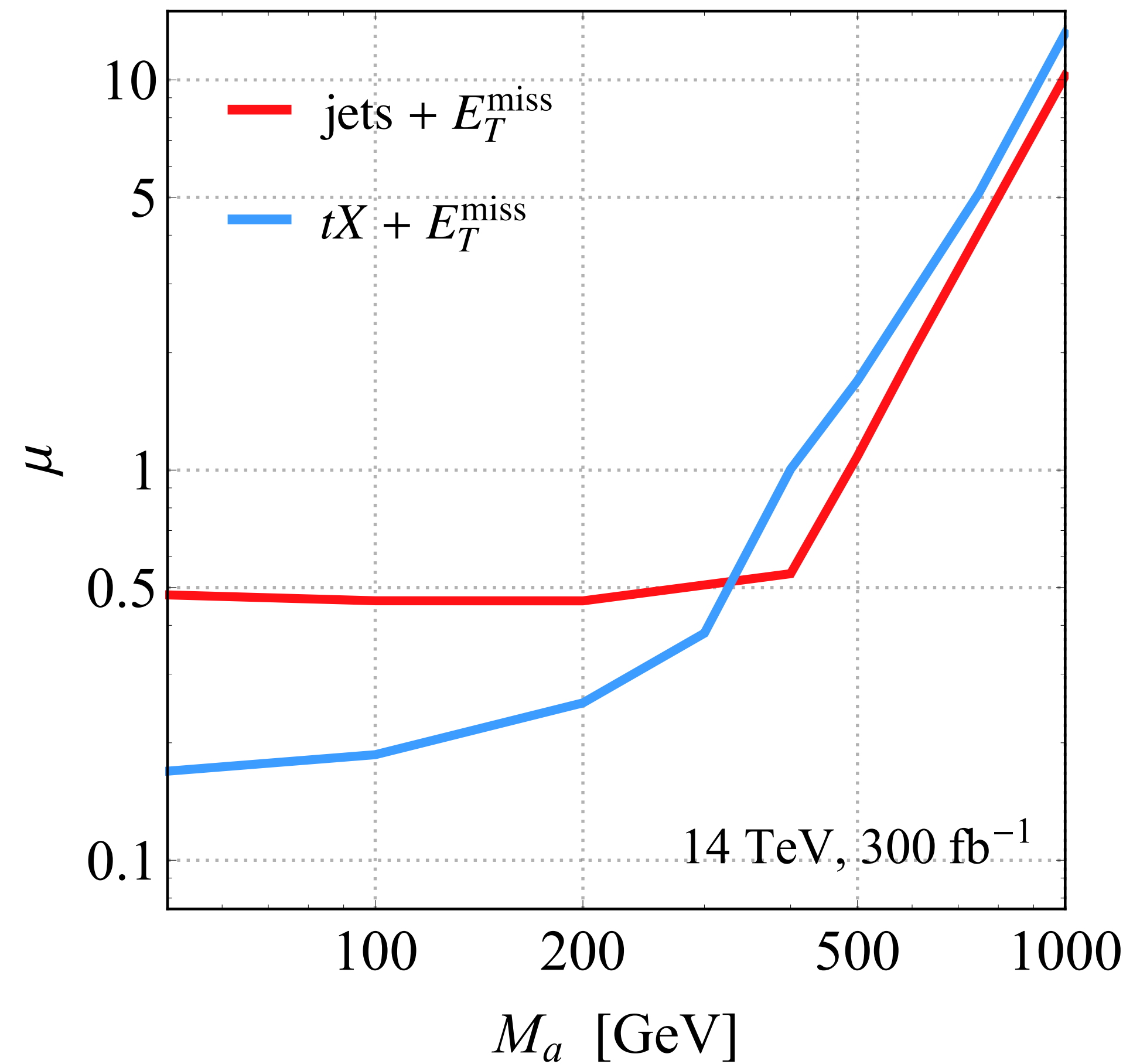


# Spin-0 simplified DM: $tX + E_{T,miss}$ VS. $j + E_{T,miss}$

scalar,  $m_\chi = 1$  GeV,  $g_\chi = g_t = 1$

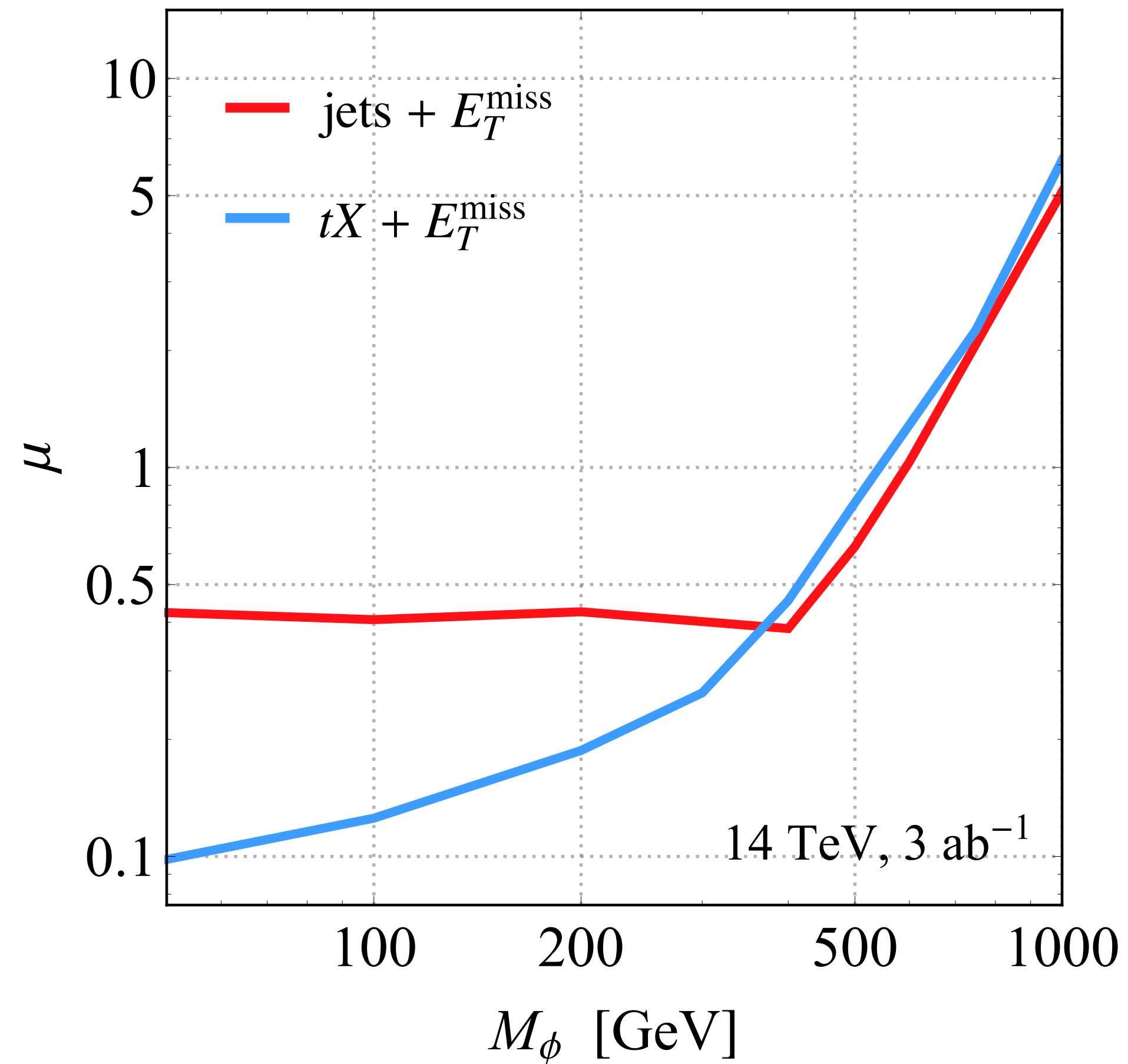


pseudoscalar,  $m_\chi = 1$  GeV,  $g_\chi = g_t = 1$

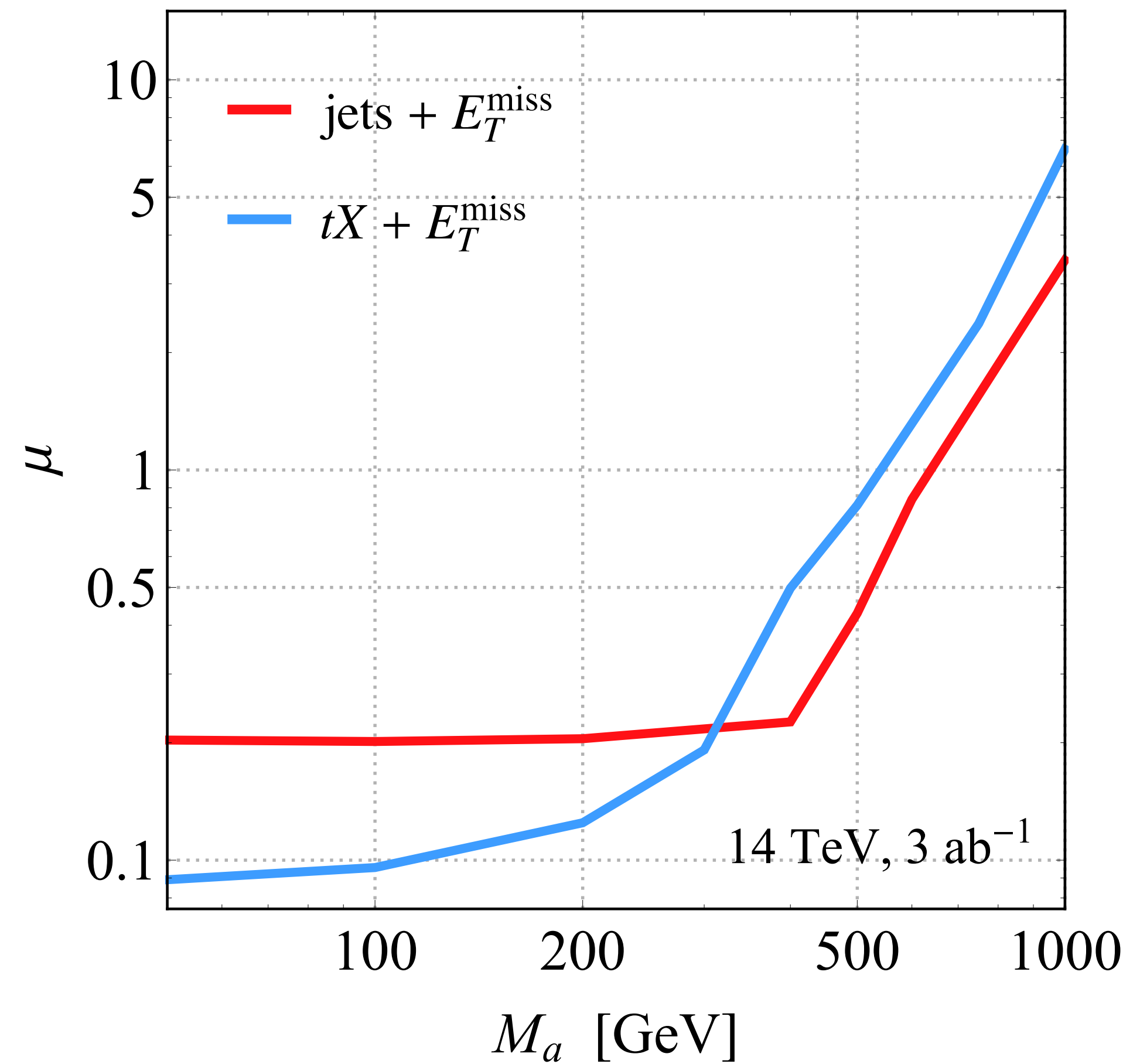


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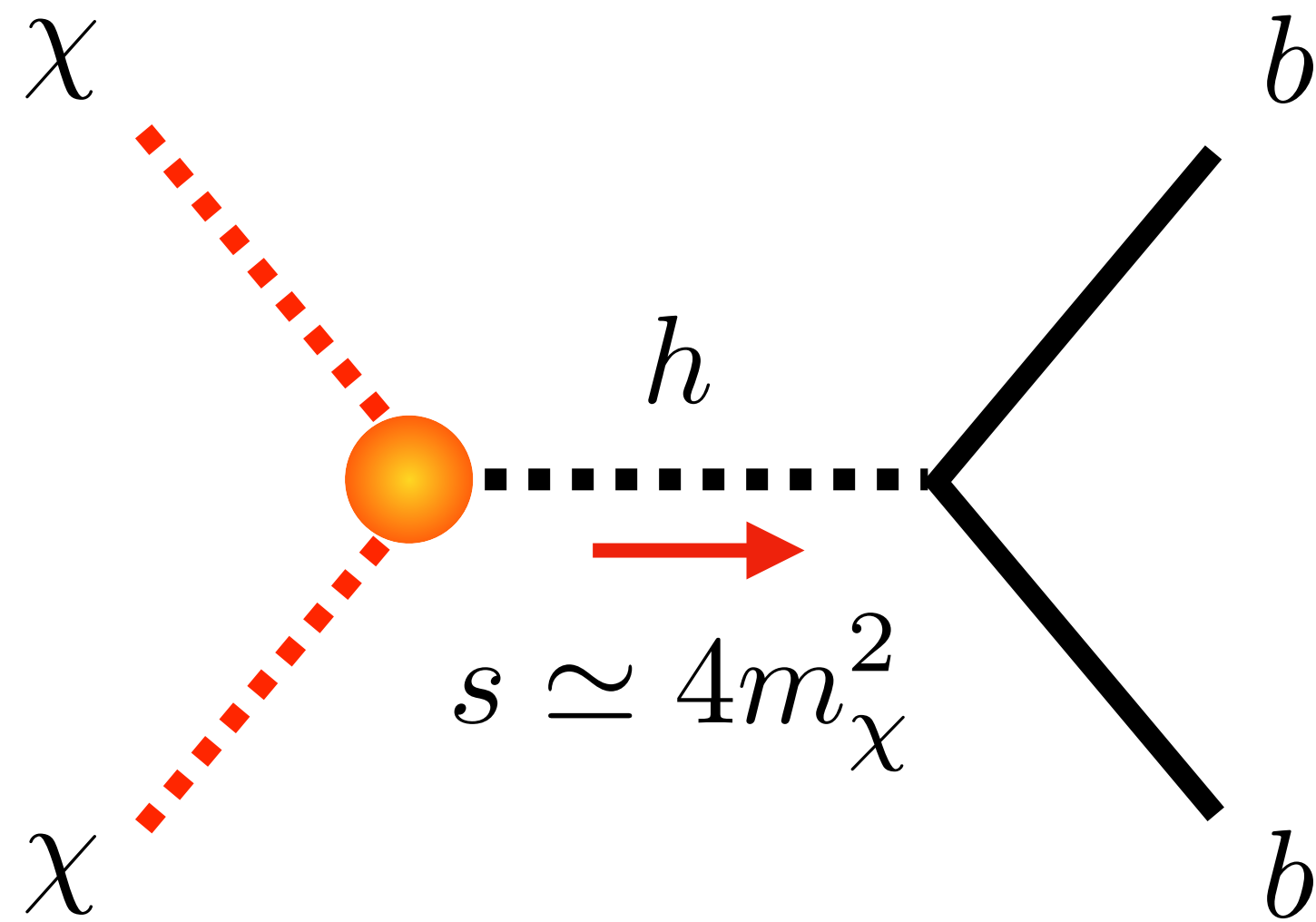
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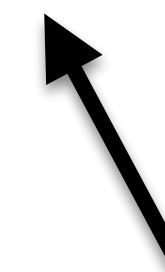
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# pNGB DM: indirect detection bounds



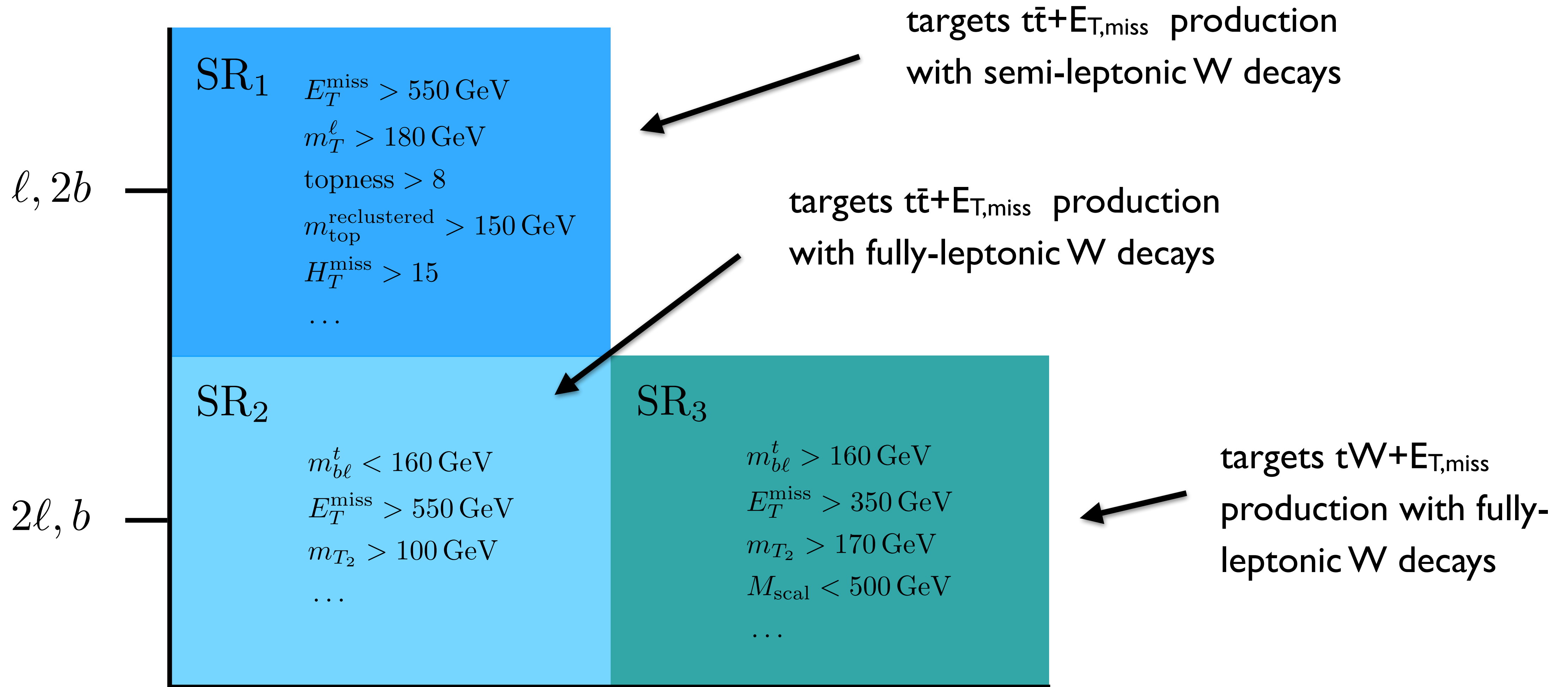
$$\langle \sigma v \rangle_b \propto \left| \frac{1}{4m_\chi^2 - m_h^2} \left( \frac{4m_\chi^2 c_d}{\Lambda^2} + c_m \right) \right|^2$$



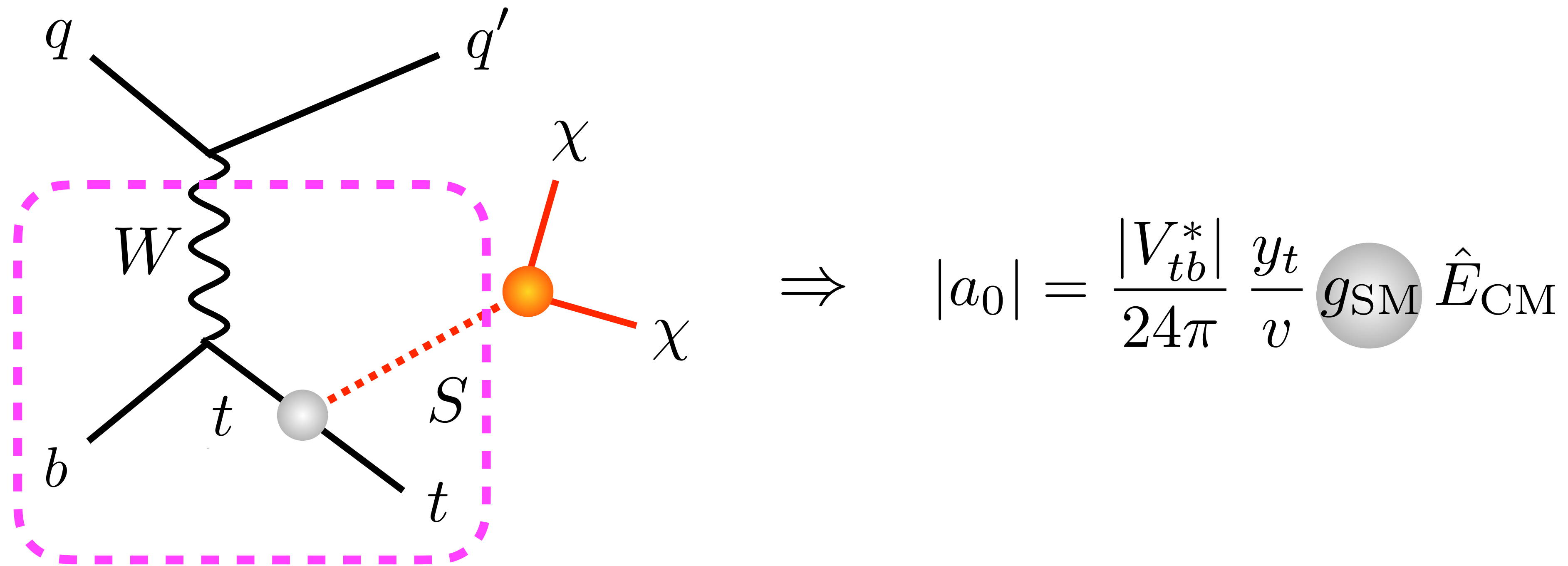
$$\frac{\Omega_\chi h^2}{0.12} \simeq \frac{3 \cdot 10^{-26} \text{ cm}^3/\text{s}}{\sum_X \langle \sigma v \rangle_X}$$

s-wave DM annihilation into SM particles. For light DM, resonant bottom contribution dominant. Above threshold, DM relic density  $\Omega_\chi h^2$  set by annihilation to W, Z, h & t pairs

# pNGB DM: $t\bar{t}+E_{T,\text{miss}}$ search strategy



# Unitarity considerations



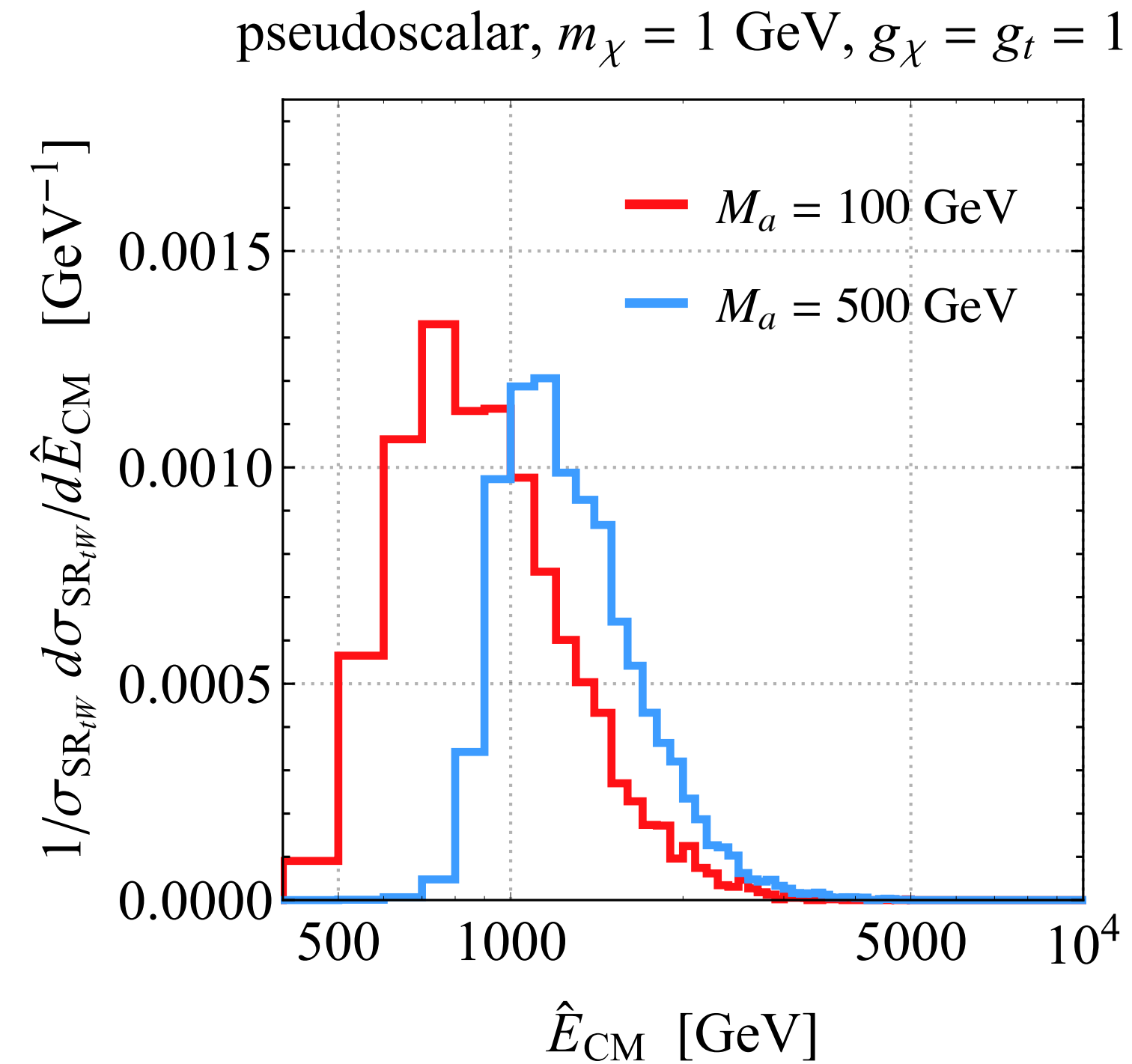
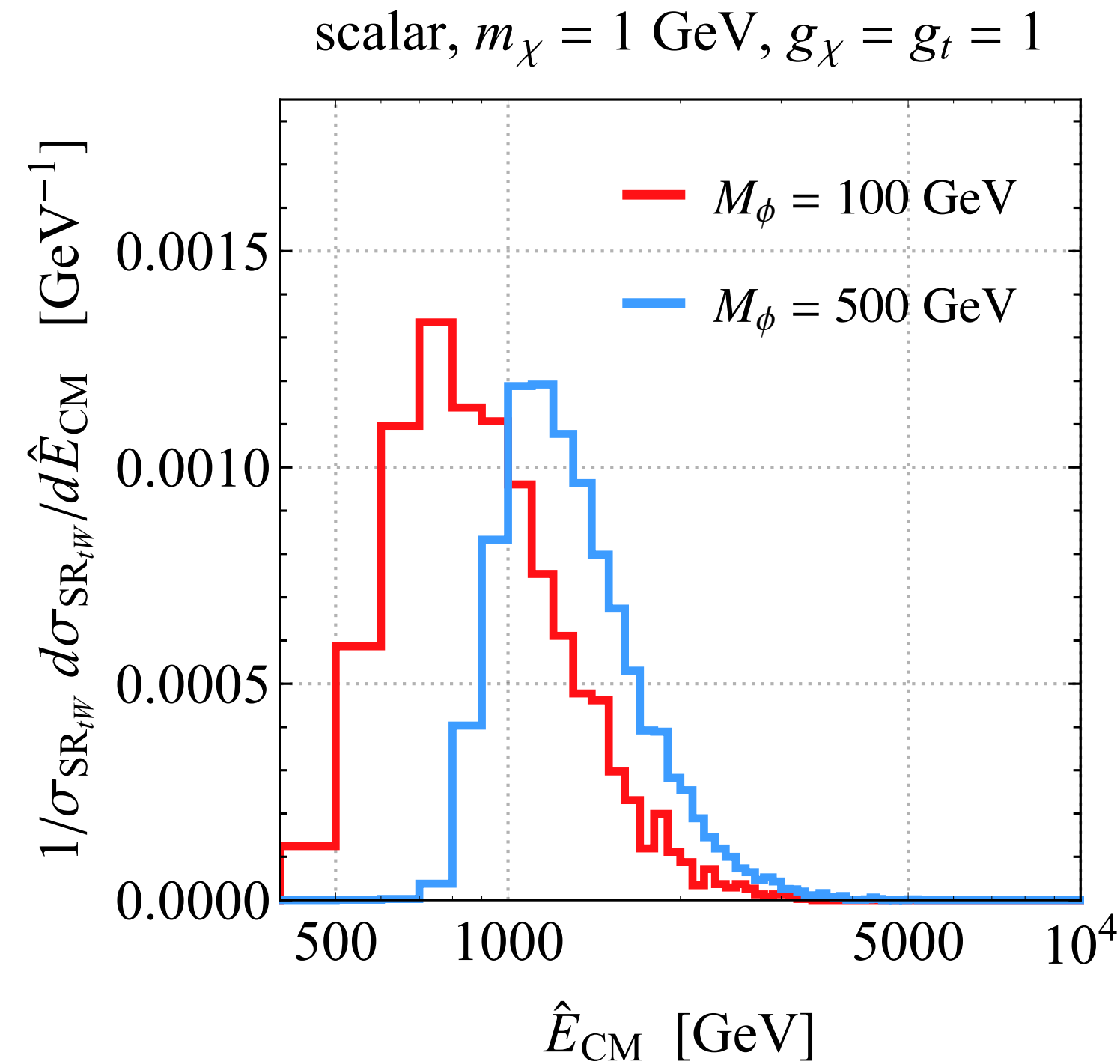
All single- $t$  plus  $E_{\text{T,miss}}$  signals involve  $b \rightarrow tWS$  subprocess in simplified scalar DM models. Corresponding s-wave amplitude  $a_0$  grows with partonic centre-of-mass (CM) energy  $\hat{E}_{\text{CM}}$

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$$|a_0| = \frac{|V_{tb}^*|}{24\pi} \frac{y_t}{v} g_{\text{SM}} \hat{E}_{\text{CM}} \Rightarrow \Lambda \simeq \frac{24\pi}{|V_{tb}^*|} \frac{v}{y_t} \frac{1}{g_{\text{SM}}} \simeq \frac{18.6 \text{ TeV}}{g_{\text{SM}}}$$

Imposing that  $|a_0| < 1$  & identifying  $\Lambda \simeq \hat{E}_{\text{CM}}$ , one can estimate cut-off scale  $\Lambda$  where perturbative unitarity is lost. To make amplitude well-behaved additional particles/couplings have to appear at or before  $\Lambda$

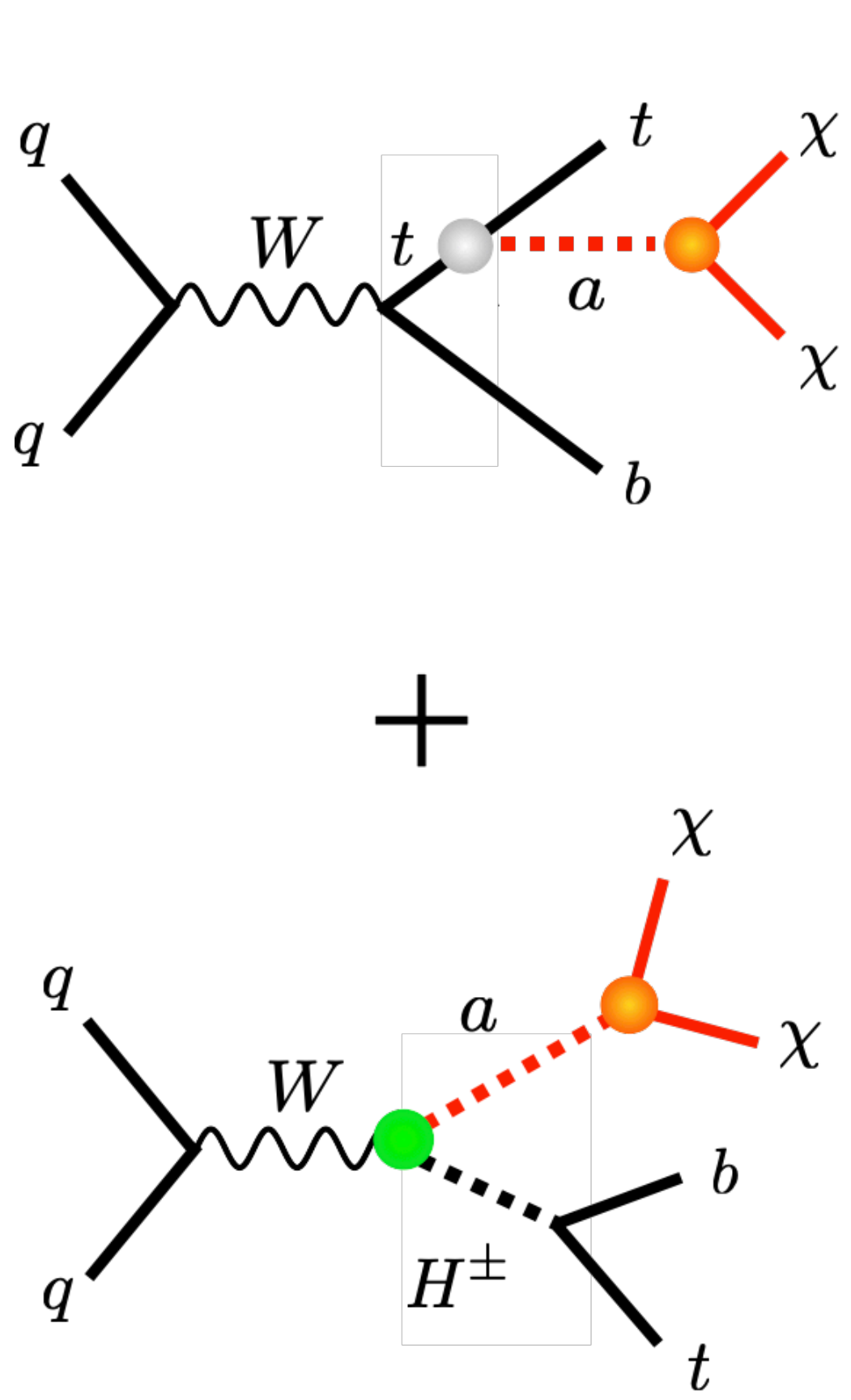
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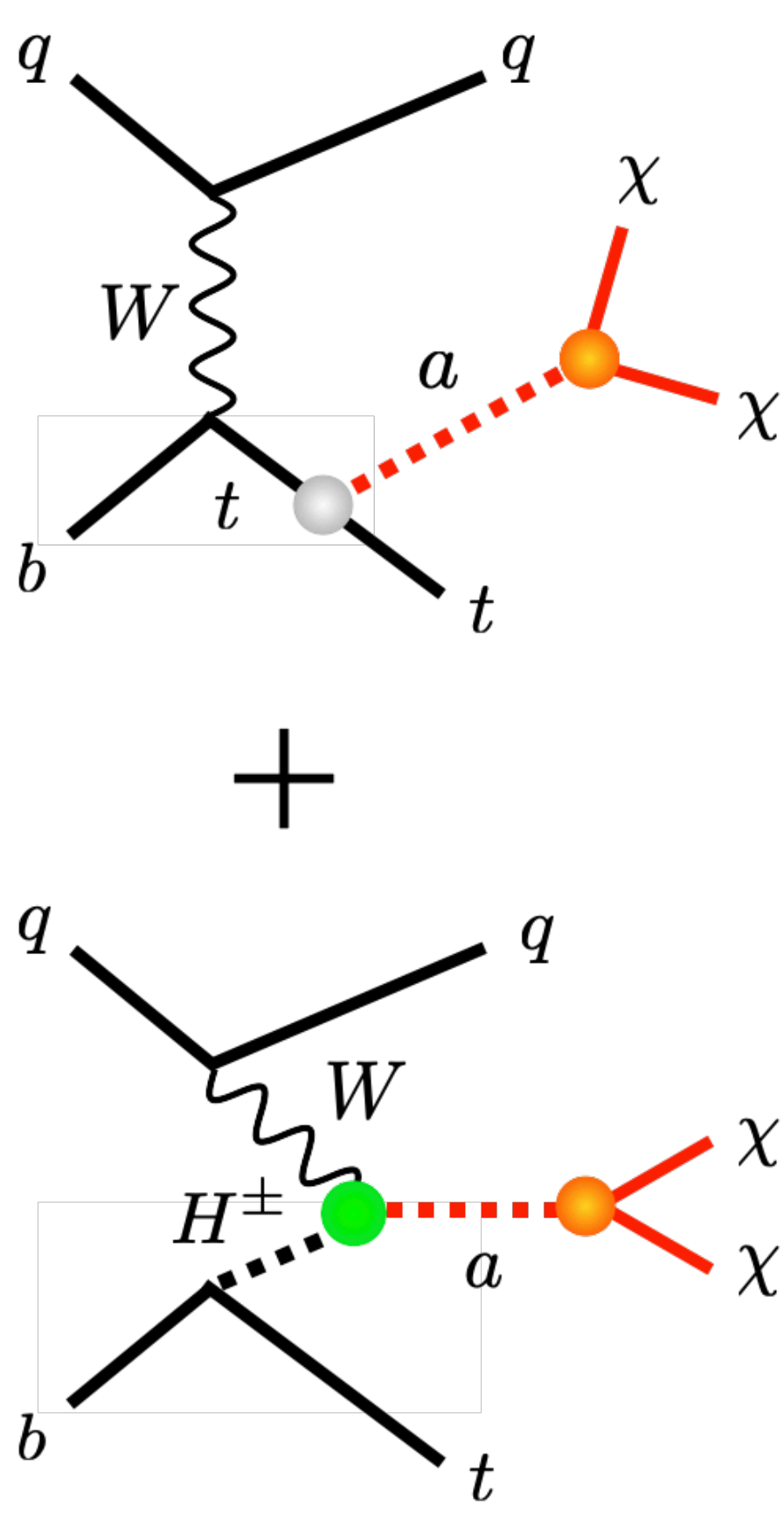
Fraction of single-t plus  $E_{\text{T,miss}}$  events with  $\hat{E}_{\text{CM}}$  in multi-TeV range negligible (i.e. far below 1%) at LHC energies. Predictions not plagued by artefacts due to unitarity violation in simplified spin-0 DM models

# UV finiteness channel by channel

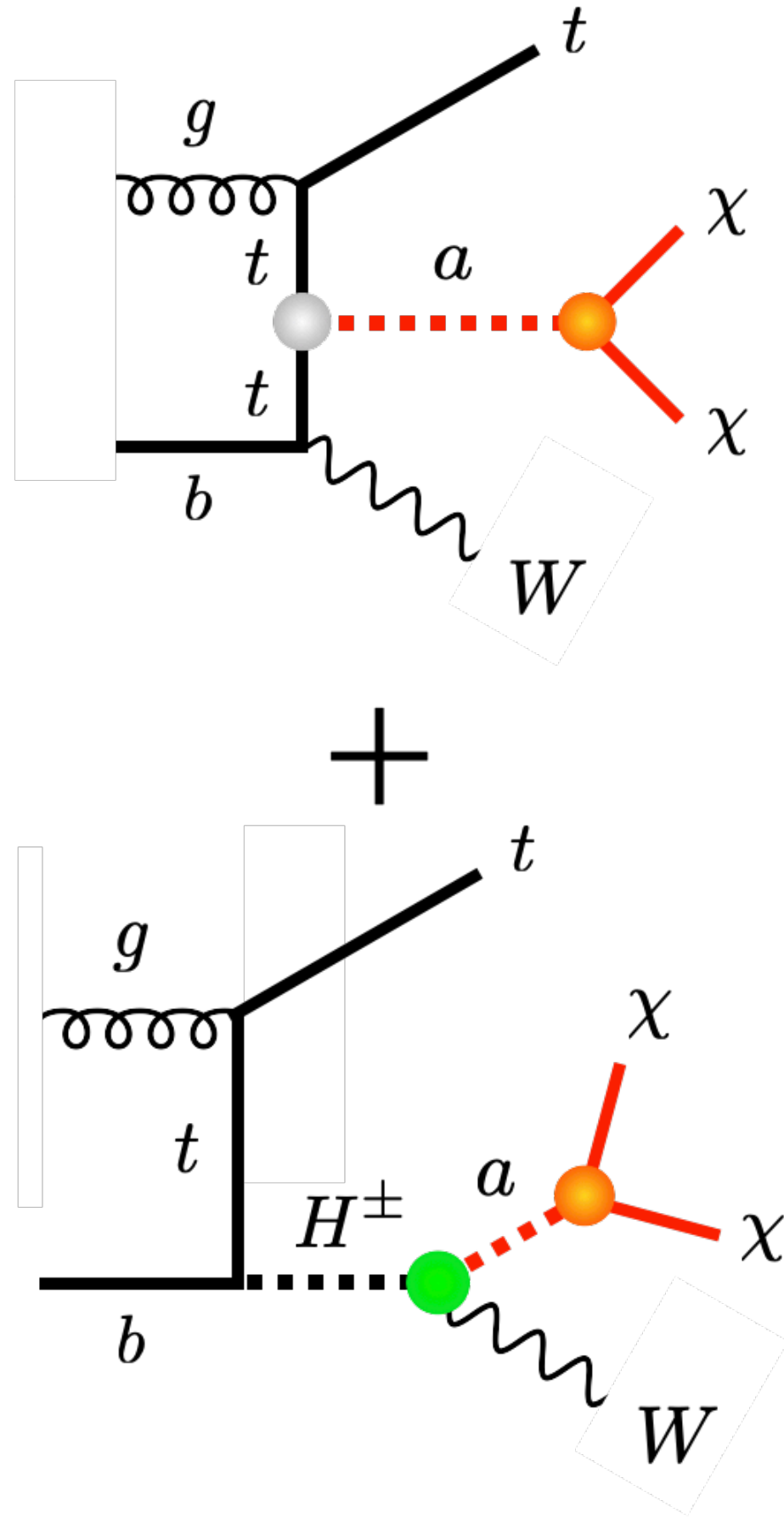
s-channel



t-channel

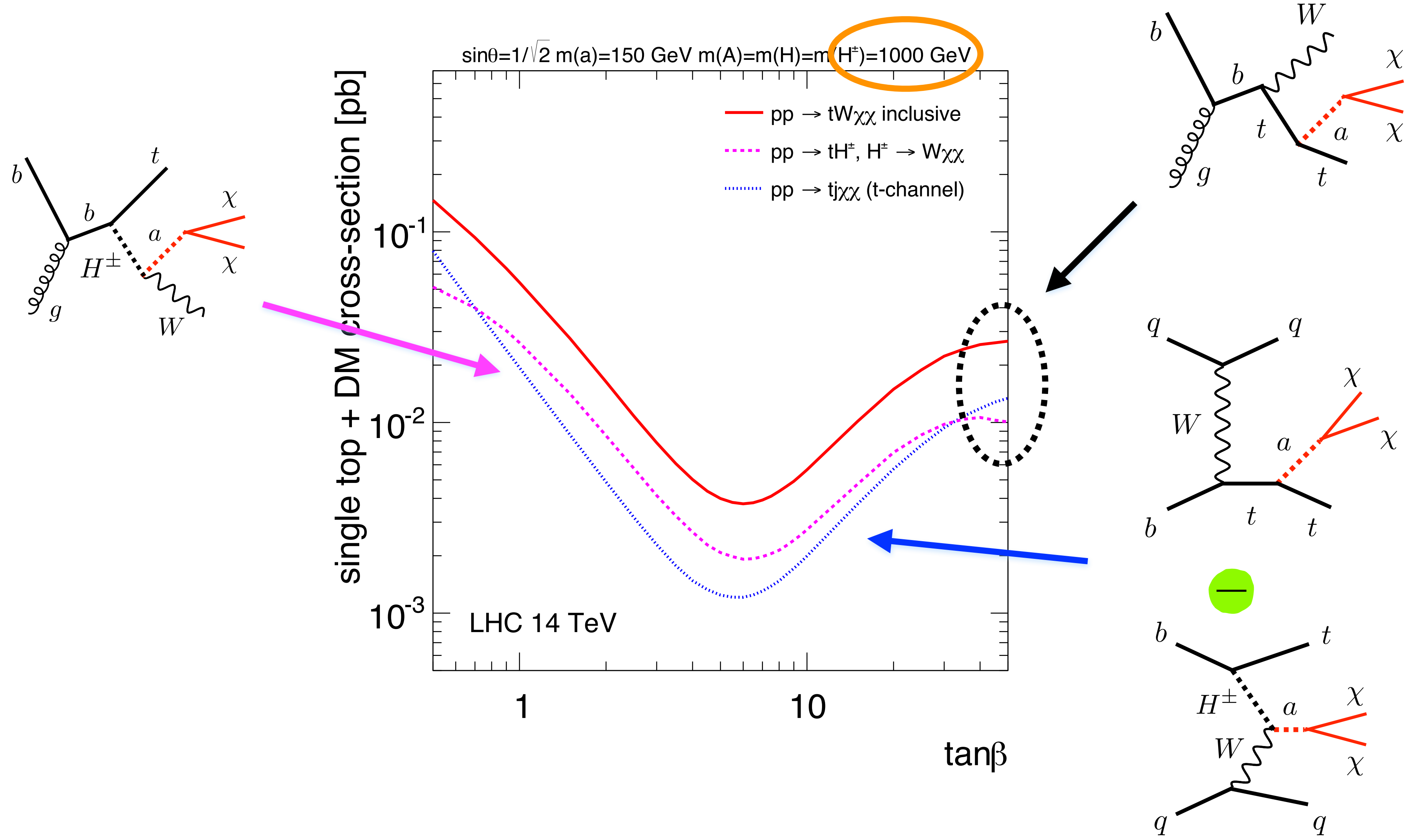


tW associated

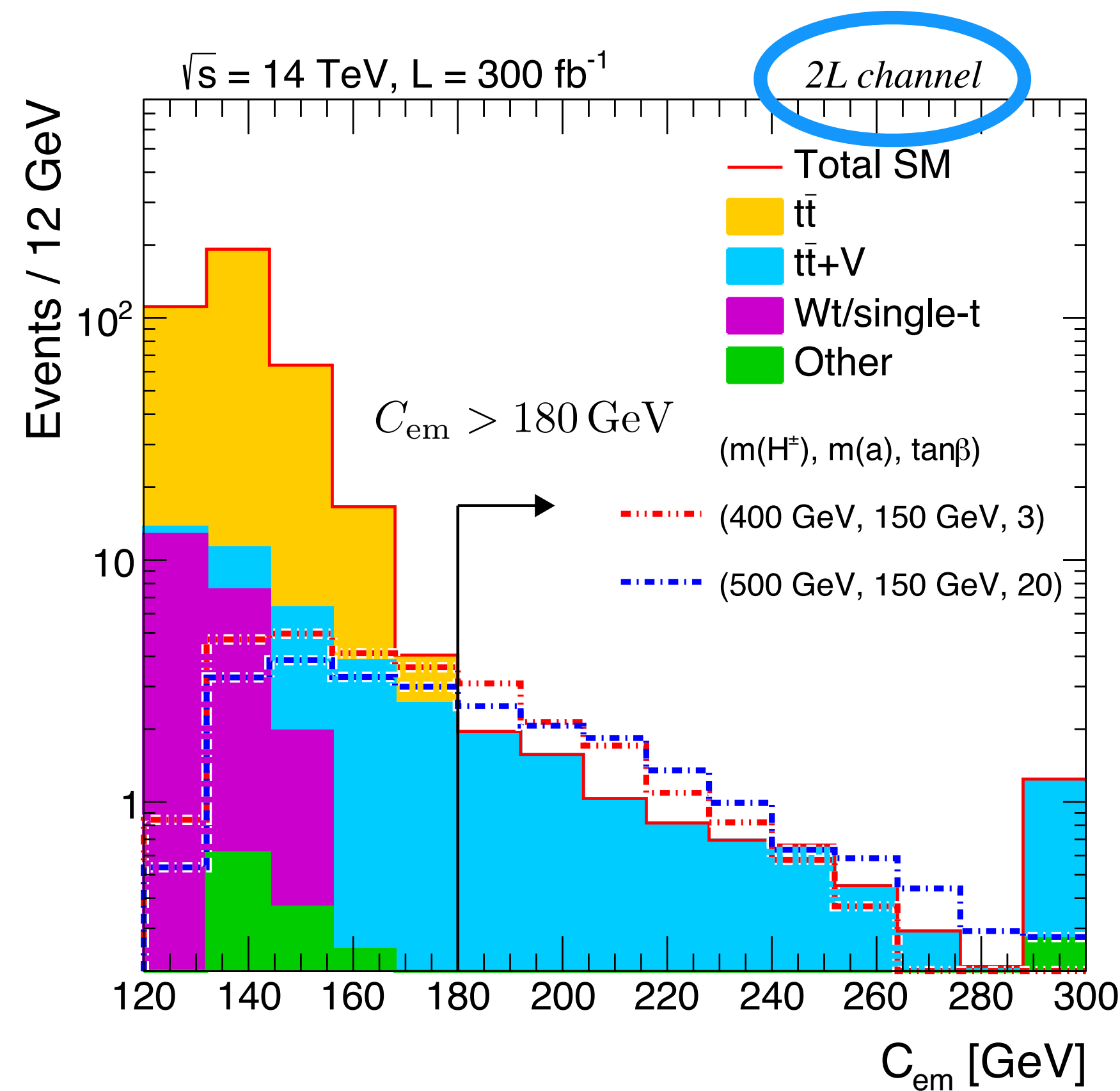




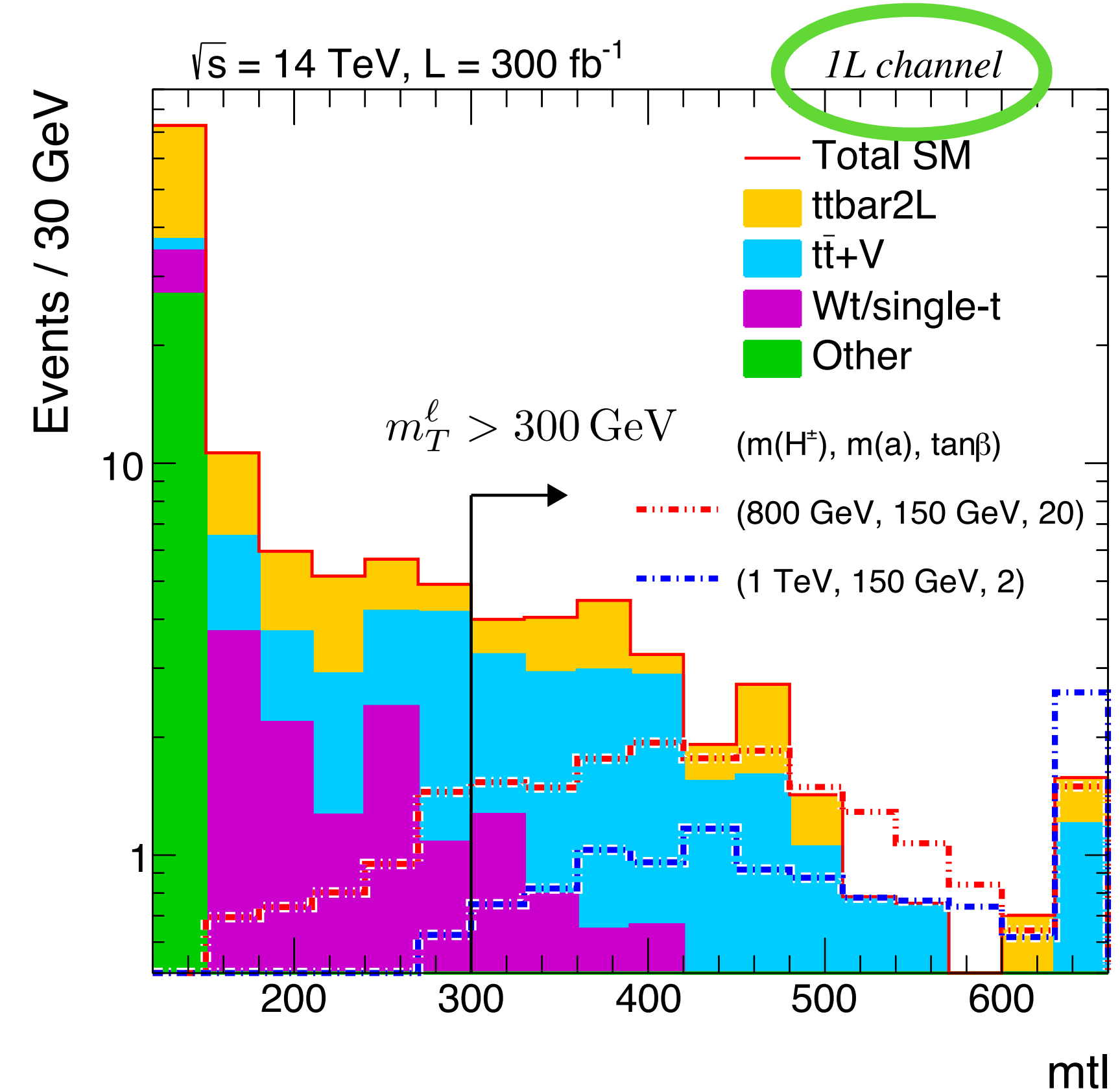
# 2HDM+a model: single-t plus $E_{T,miss}$



# tW+E<sub>T,miss</sub> signal discriminants

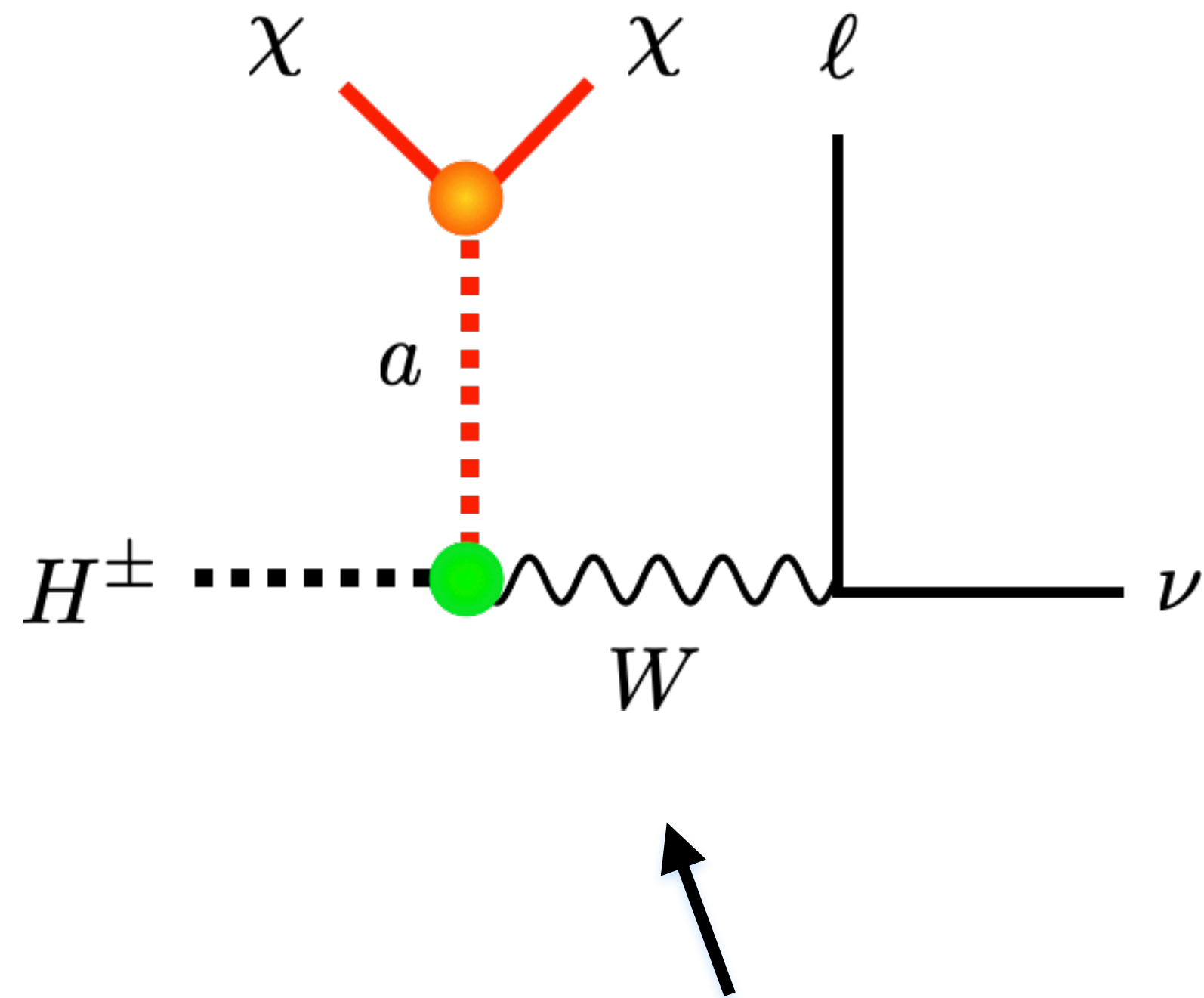


$$C_{em} = m_{T2} + 0.2 E_T^{\text{miss}}$$

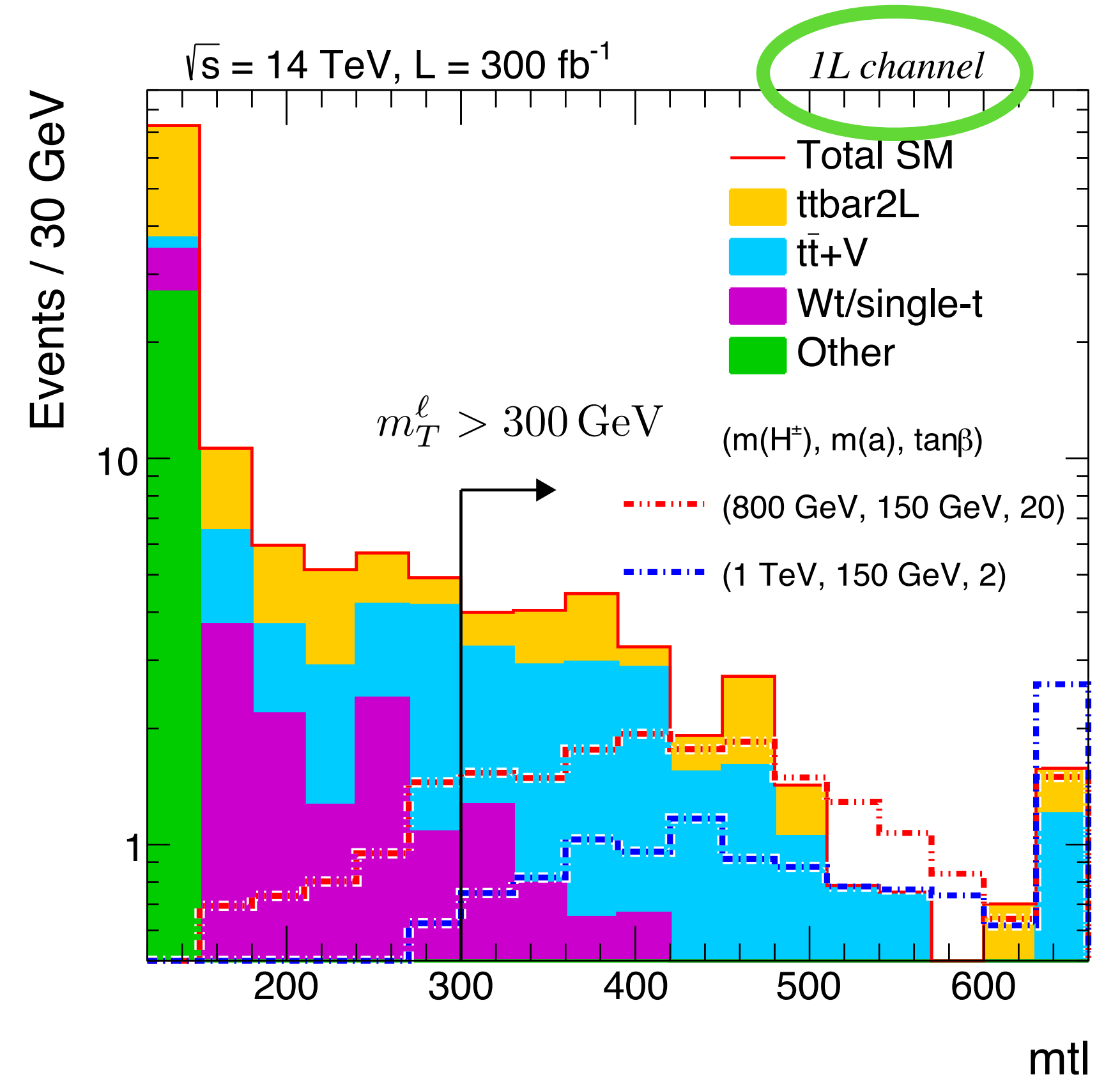


$$m_T^\ell = 2 |\vec{p}_T^\ell| |\vec{p}_T^{\text{miss}}| (1 - \cos \Delta\phi_{\vec{p}_T^\ell \vec{p}_T^{\text{miss}}})$$

# $tW + E_{T,miss}$ signal discriminants

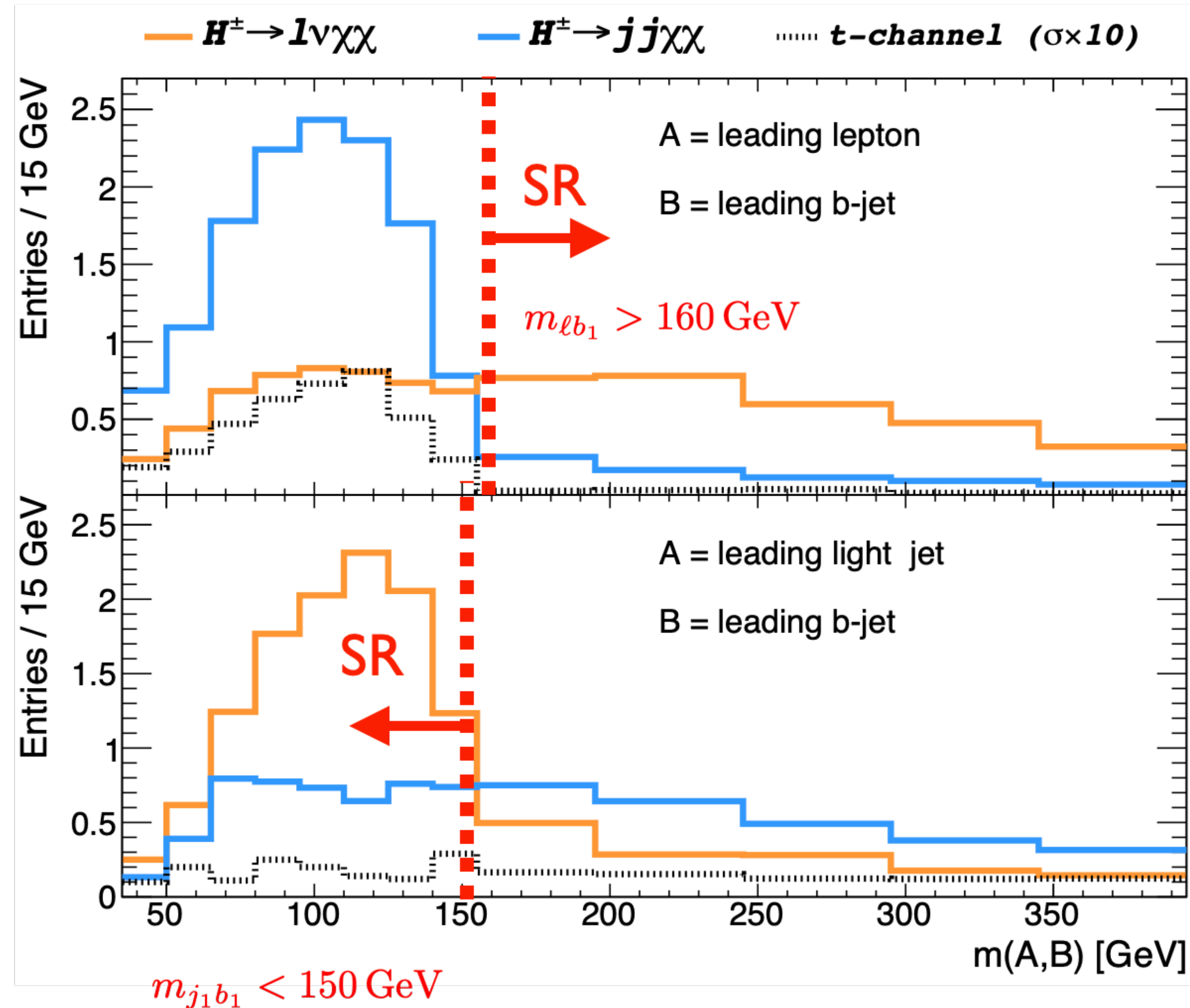


$H^\pm$  decay chain leads to endpoint in  $m_T^\ell$  spectrum of one-lepton signal

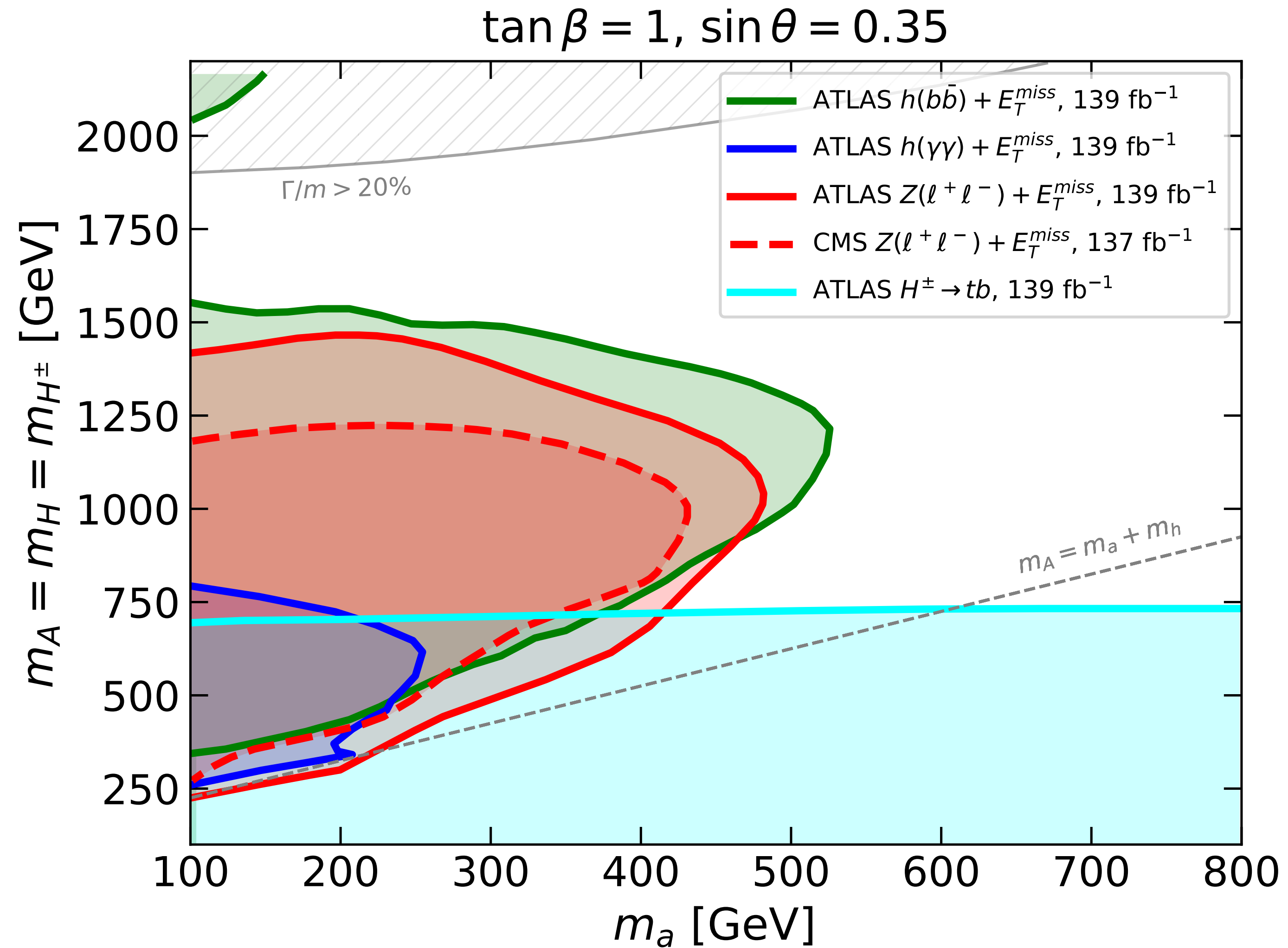


$$m_T^\ell = 2 |\vec{p}_T^\ell| |\vec{p}_T^{\text{miss}}| (1 - \cos \Delta\phi_{\vec{p}_T^\ell \vec{p}_T^{\text{miss}}})$$

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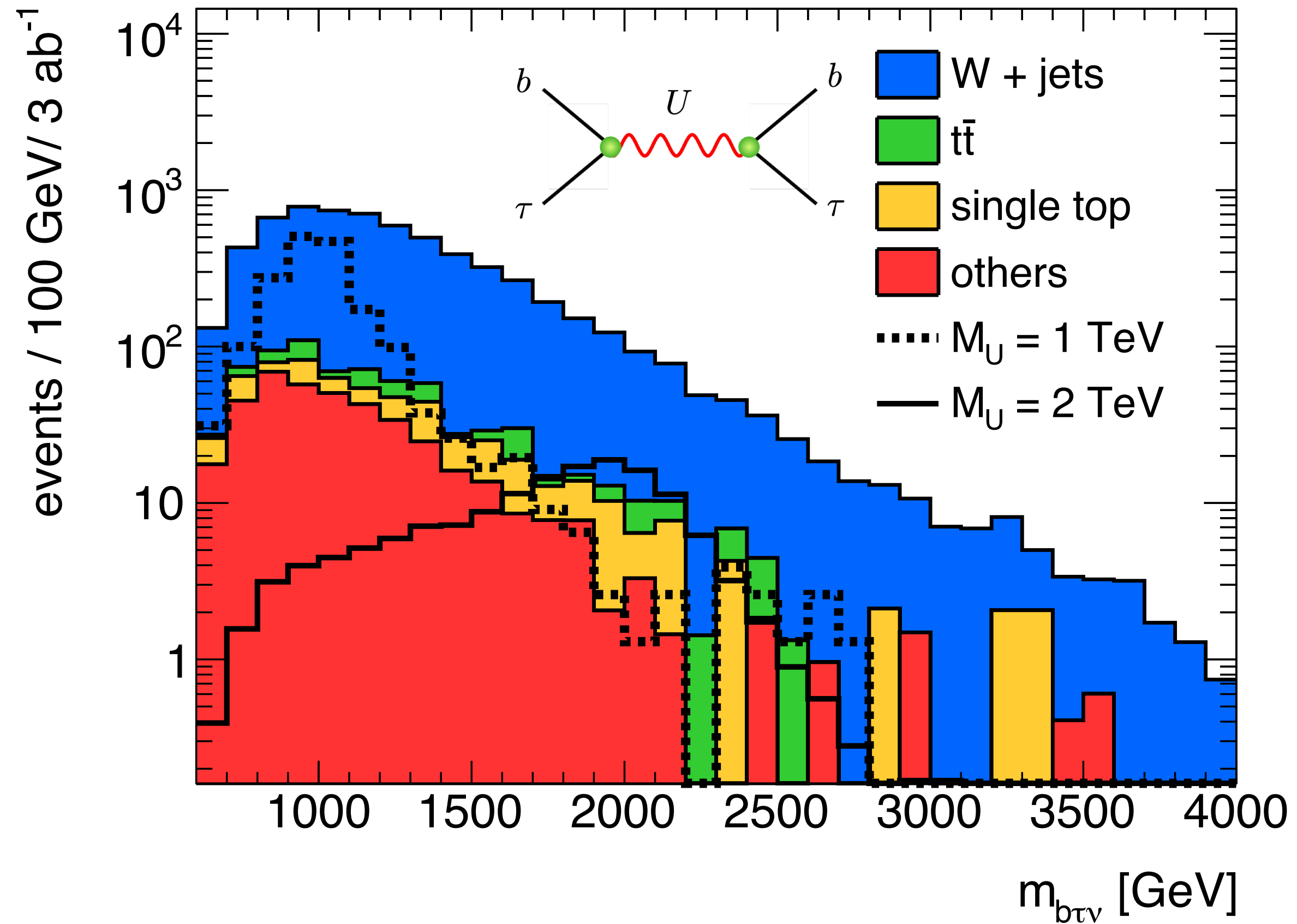


# Constraints on 2HDM+a model

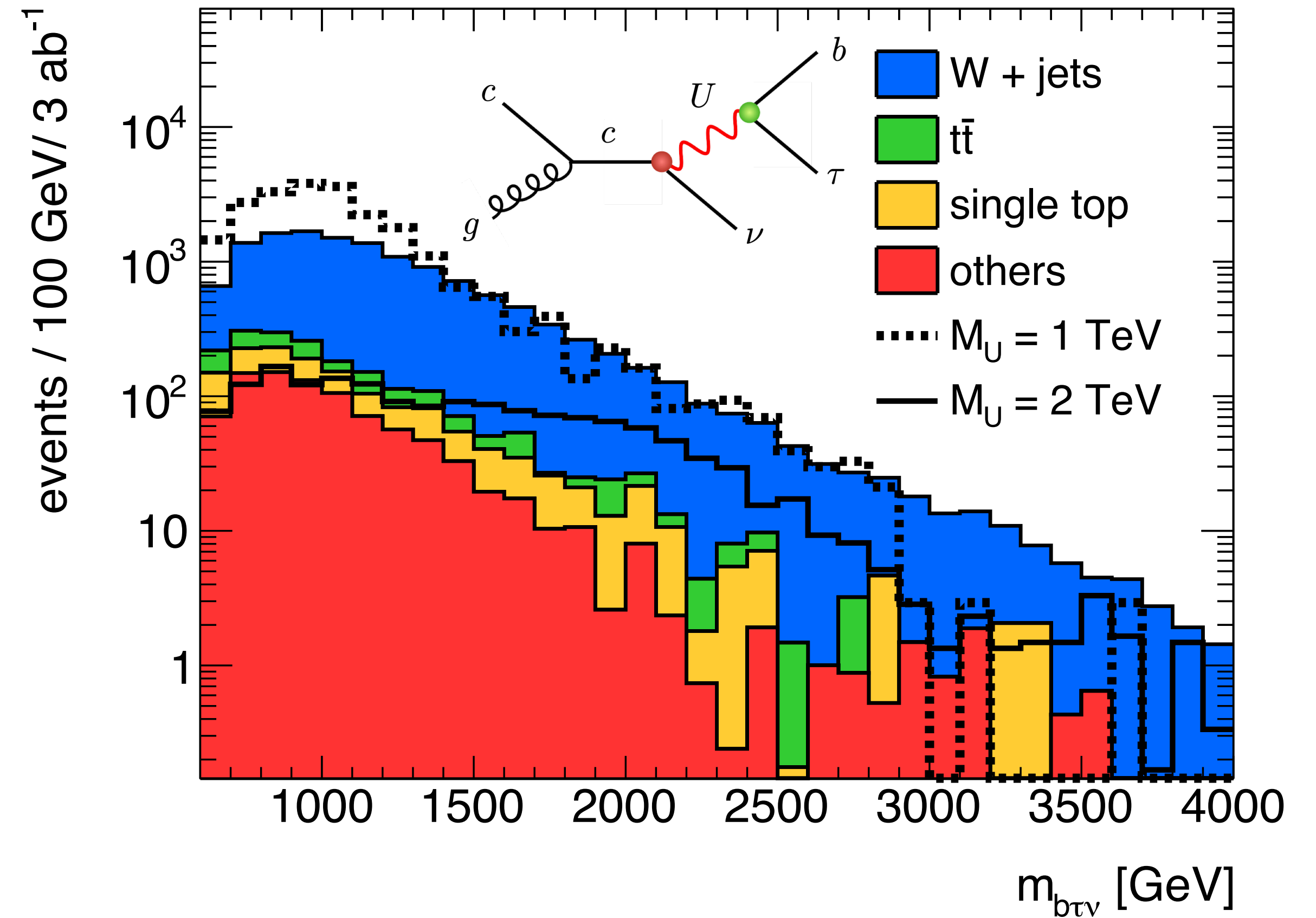


# Kinematic distributions of $b\tau$ signal

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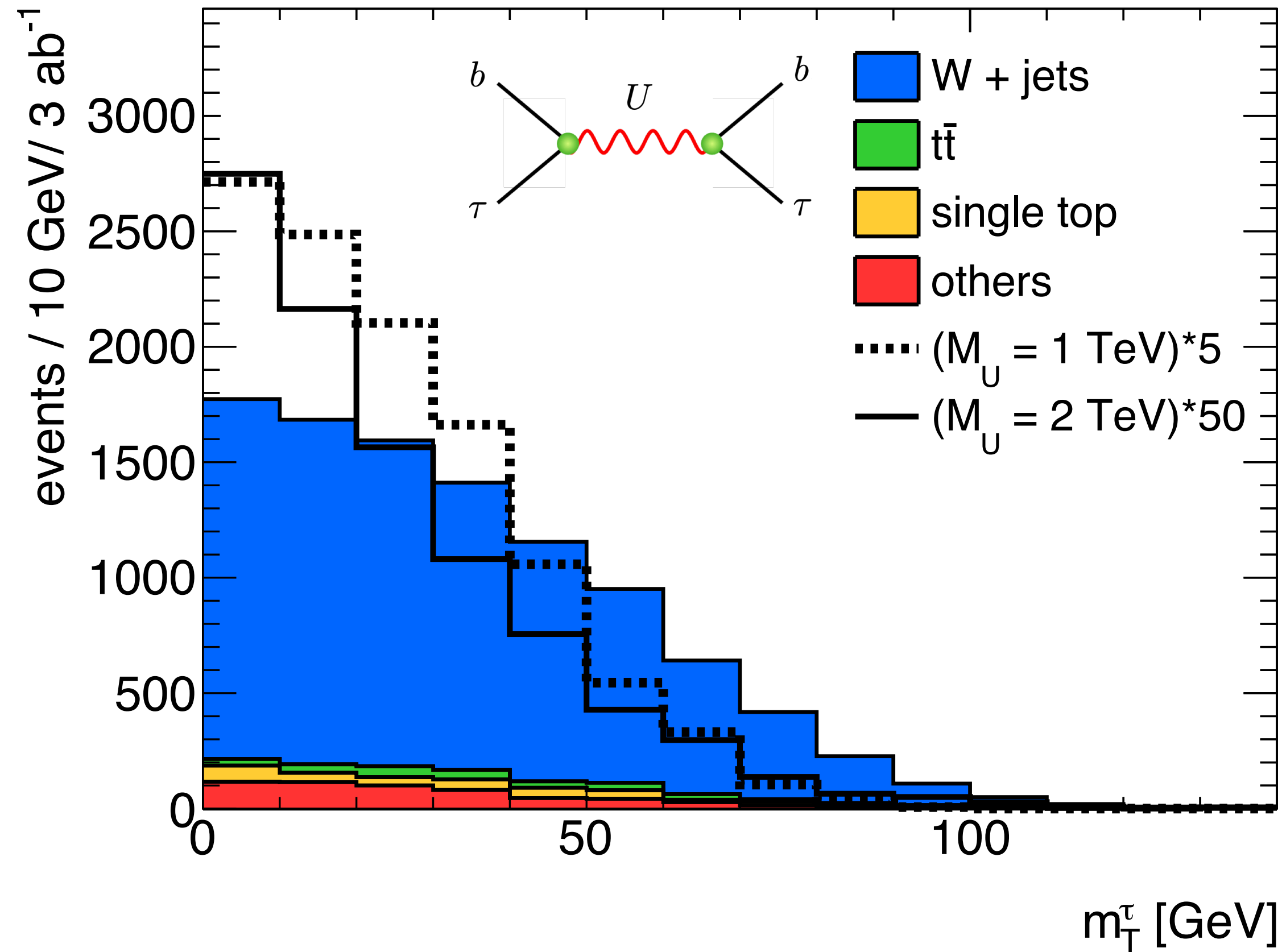


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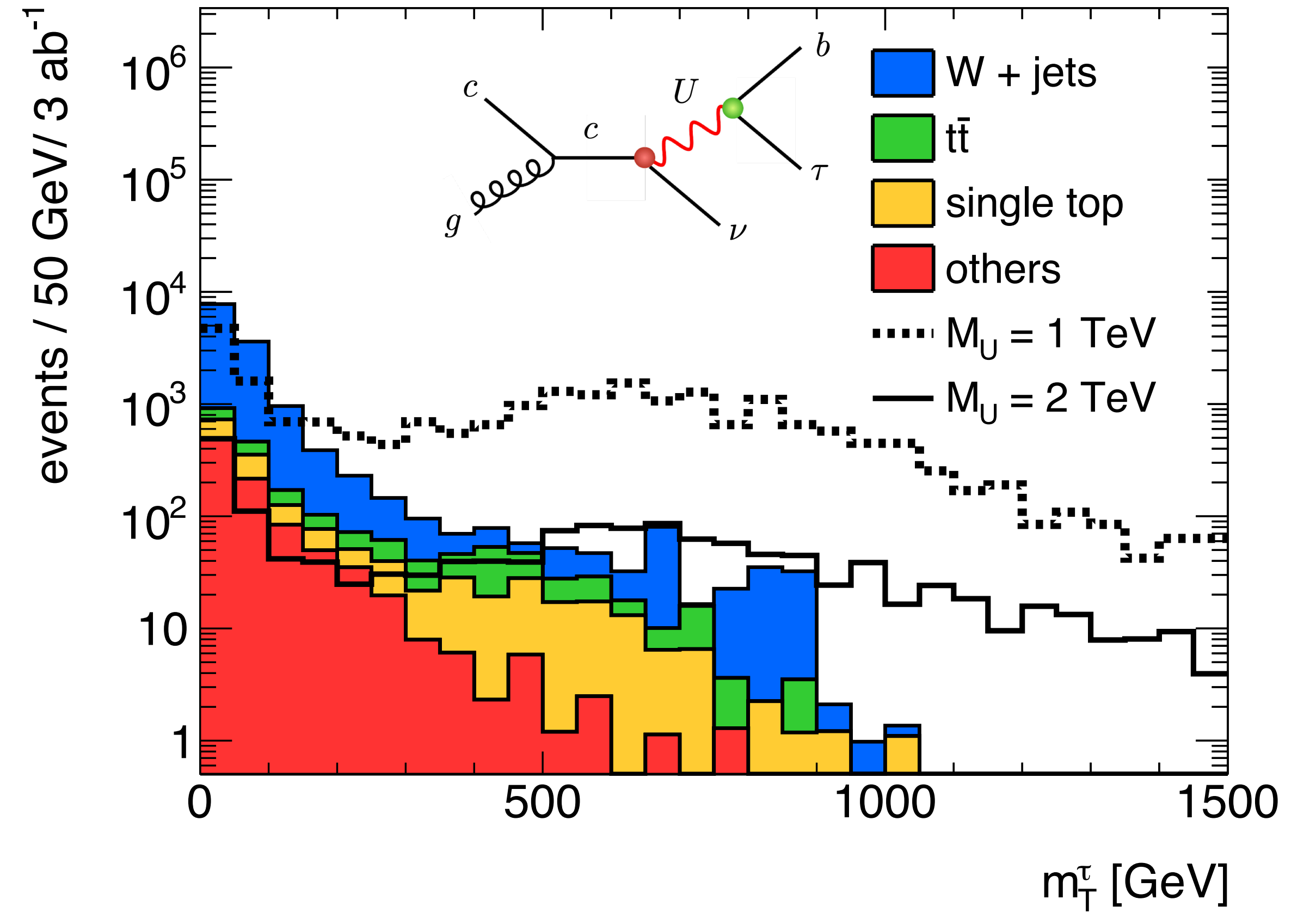


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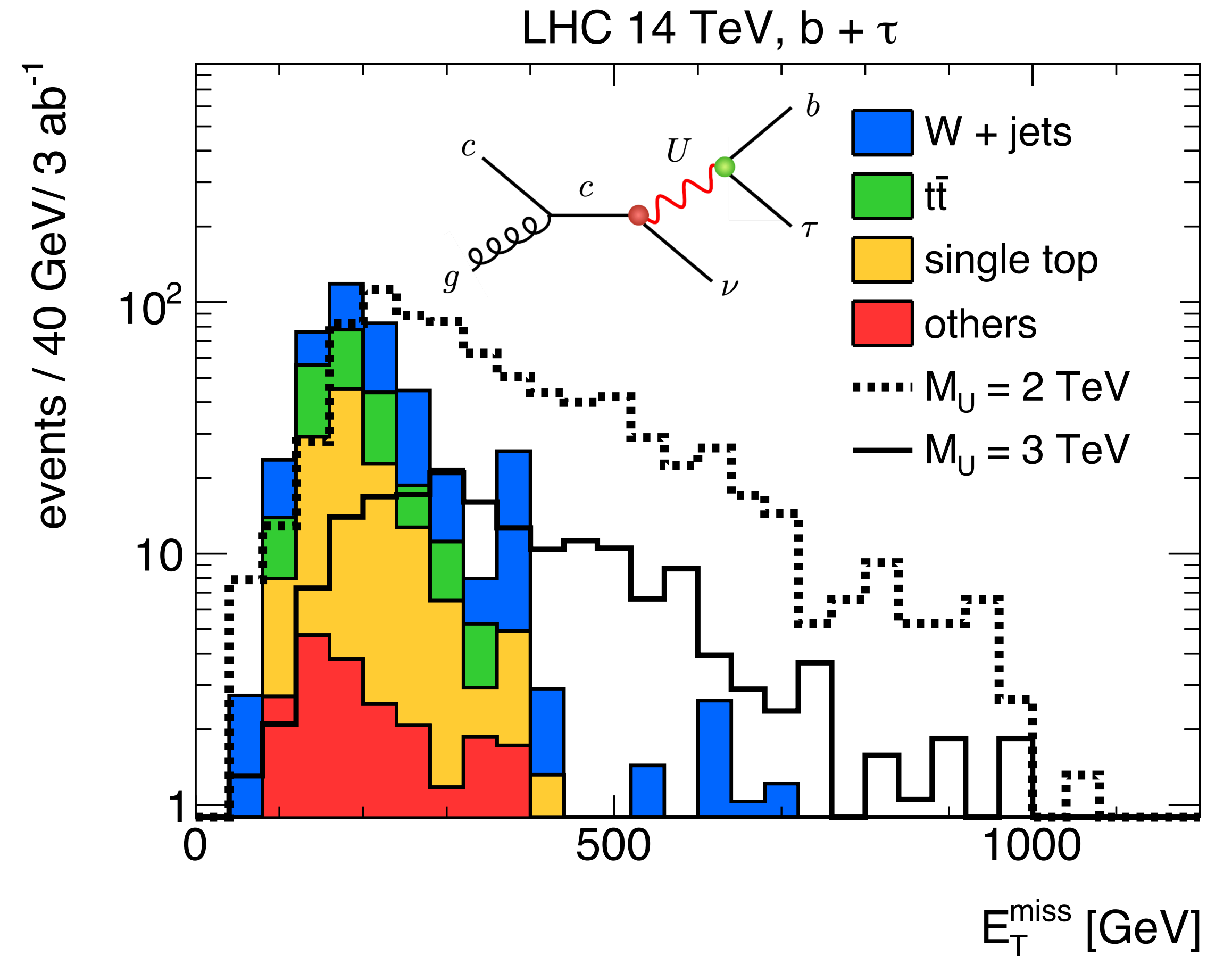
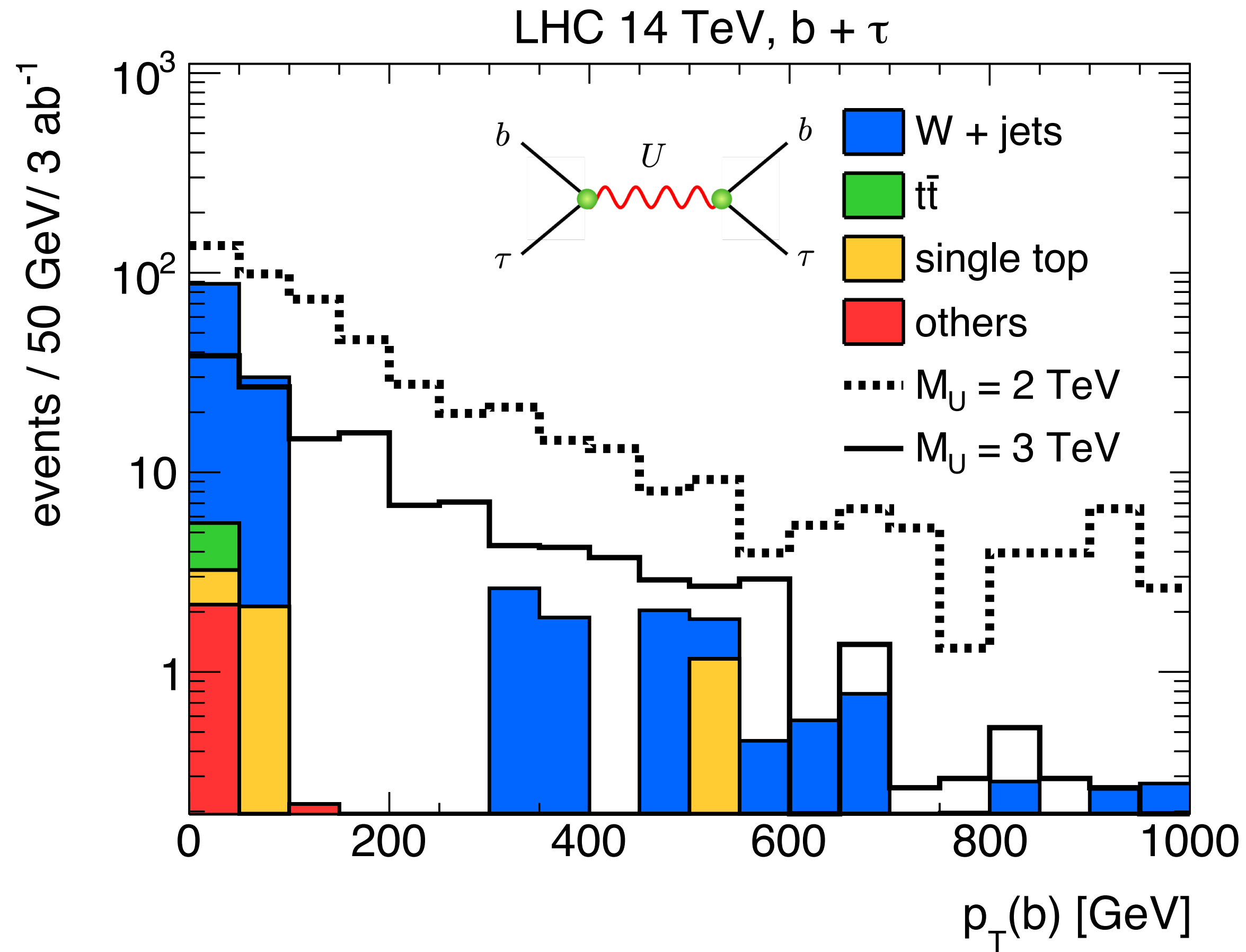
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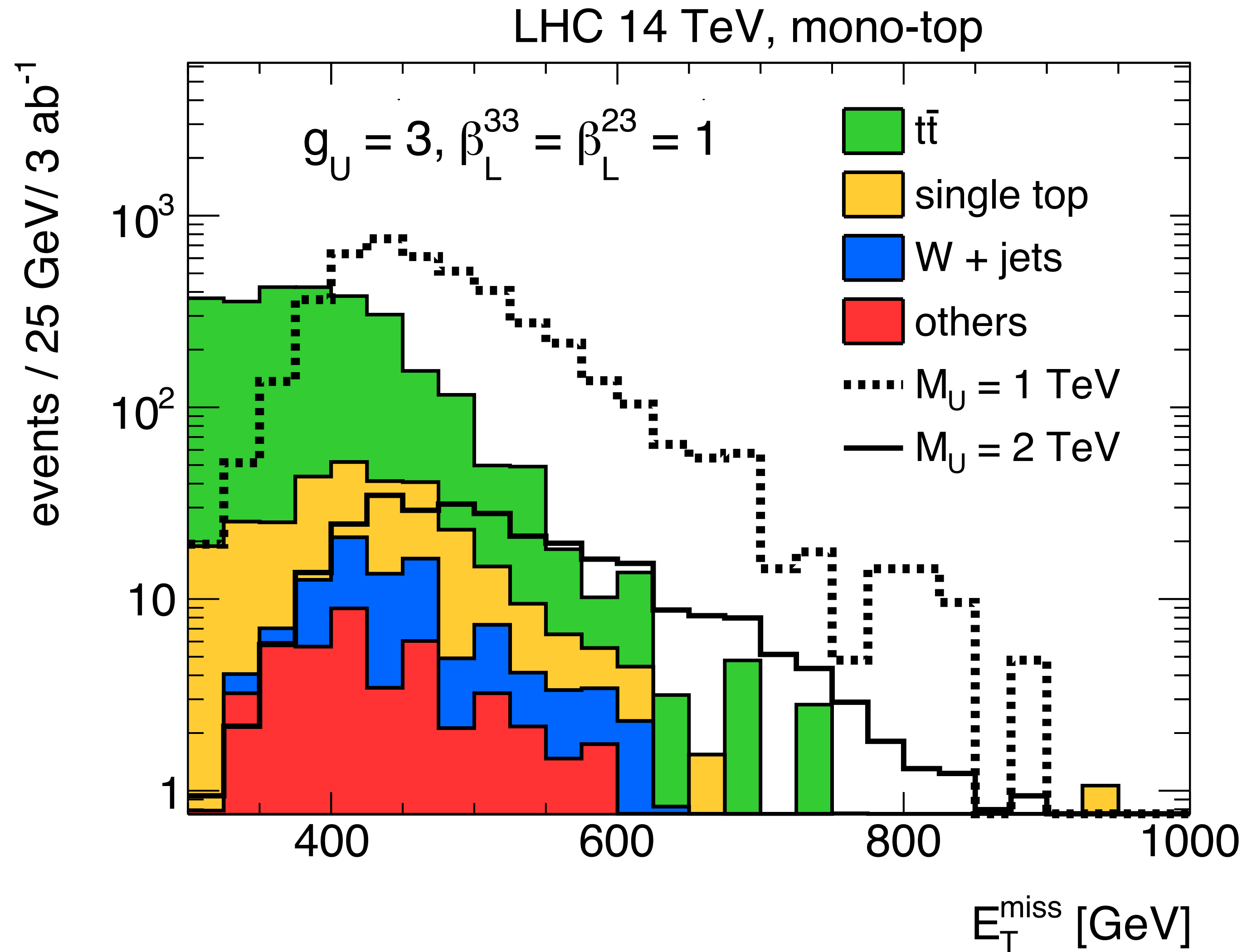


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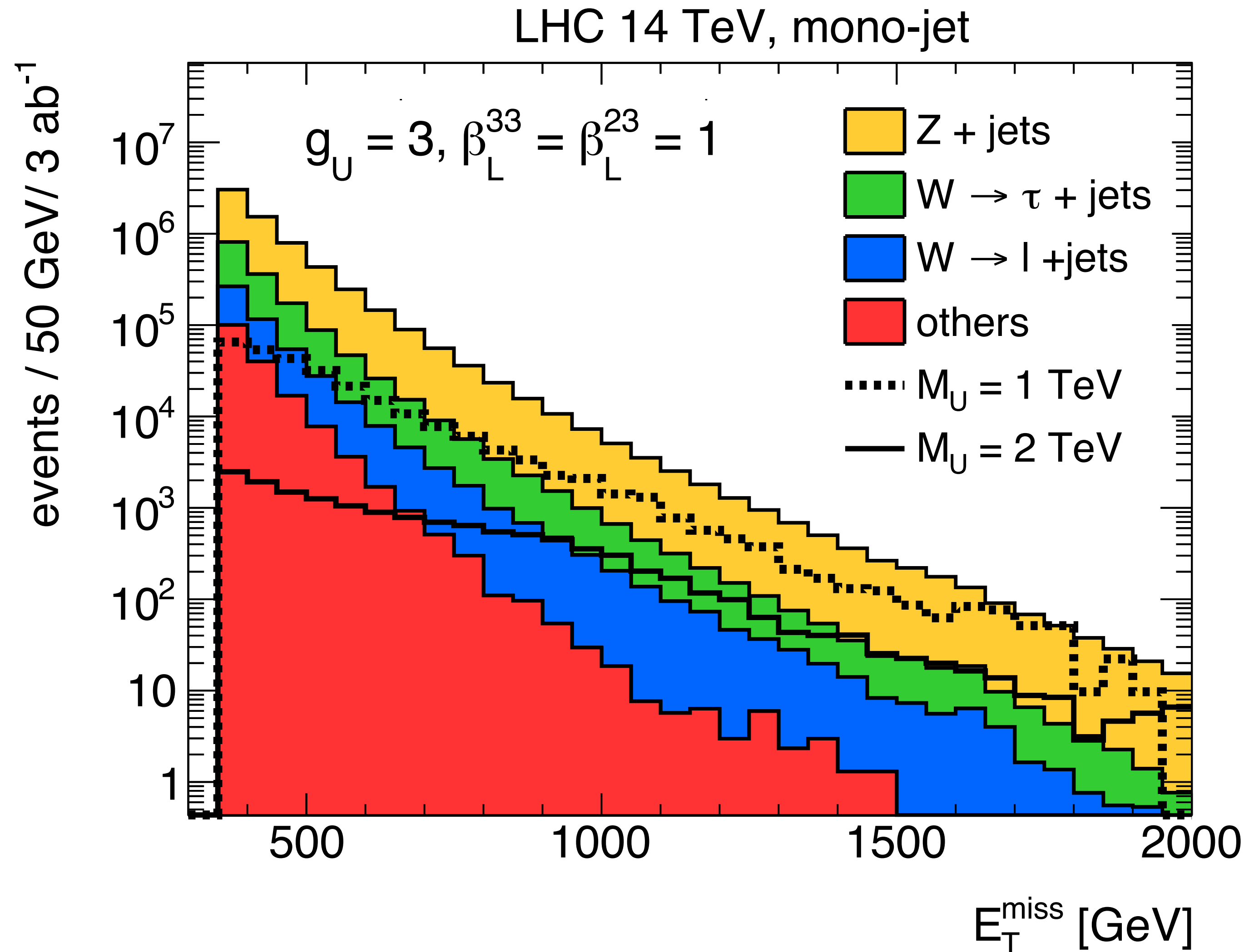




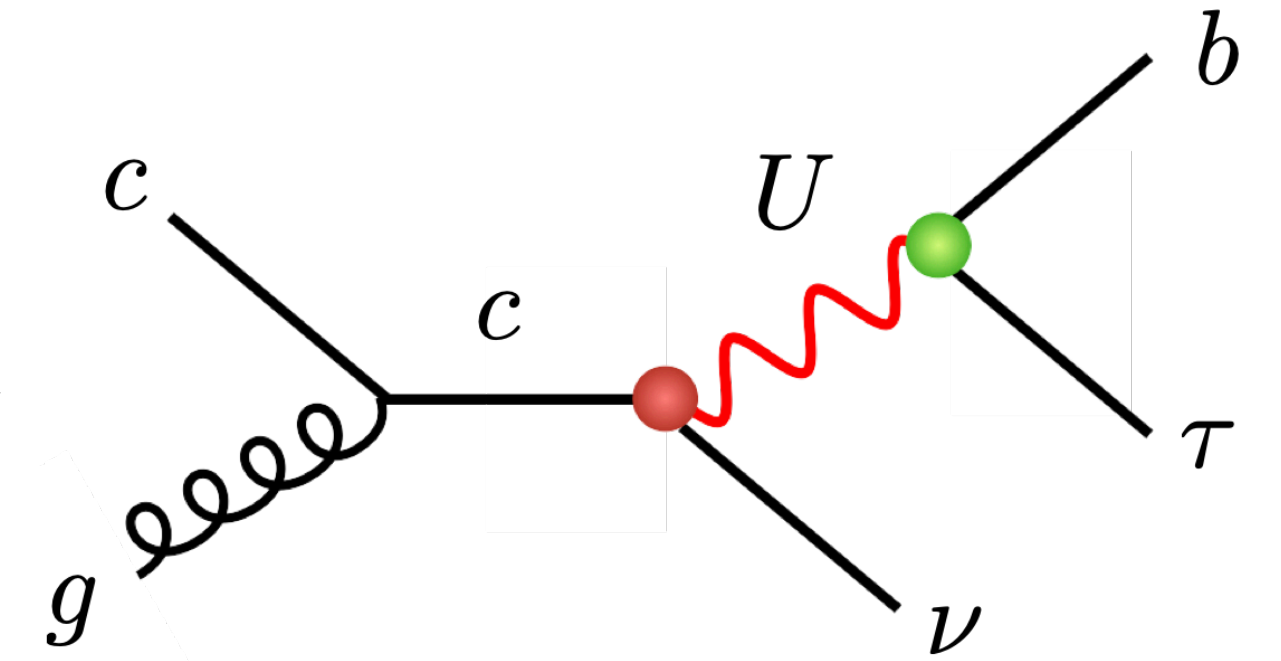
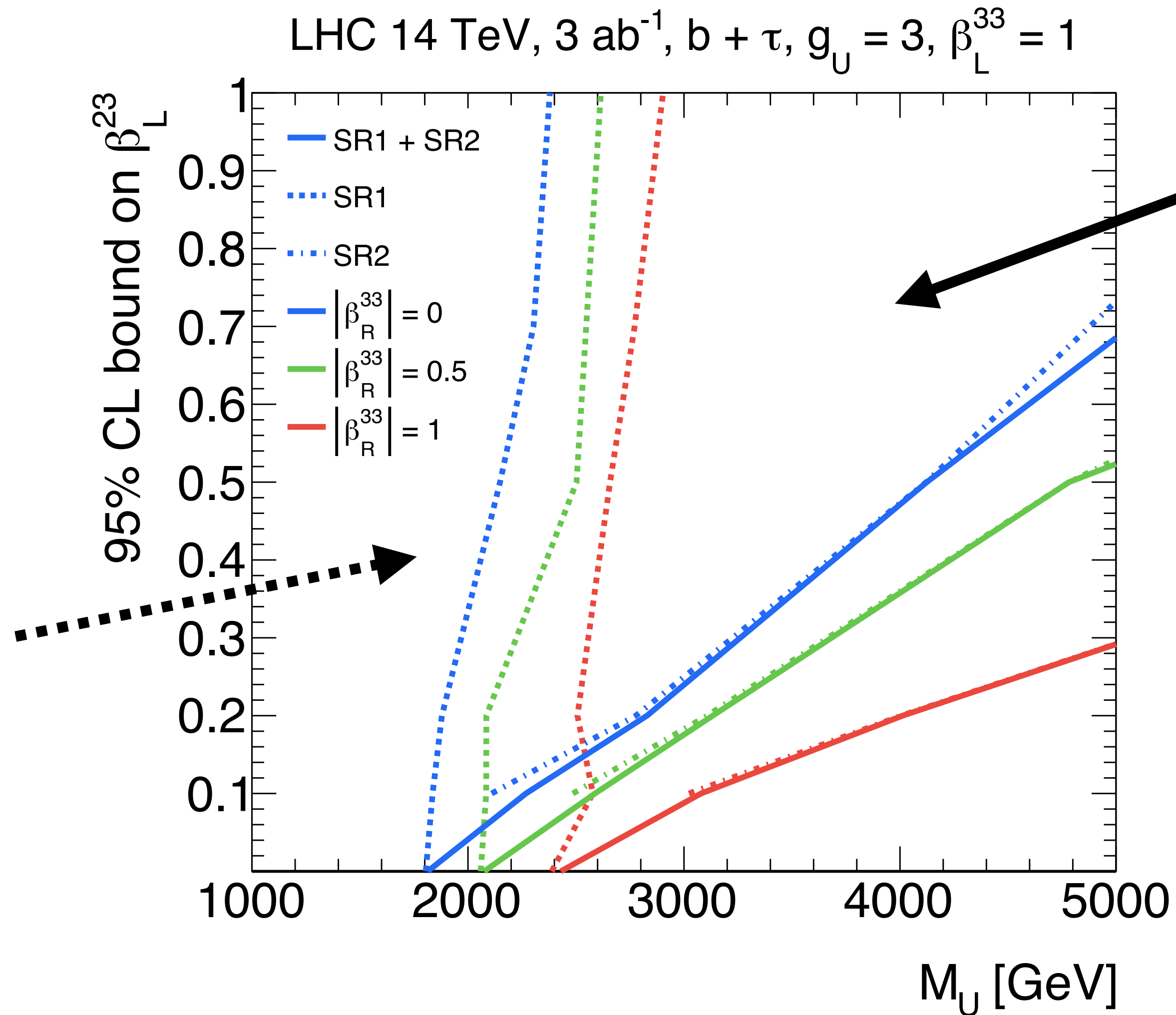
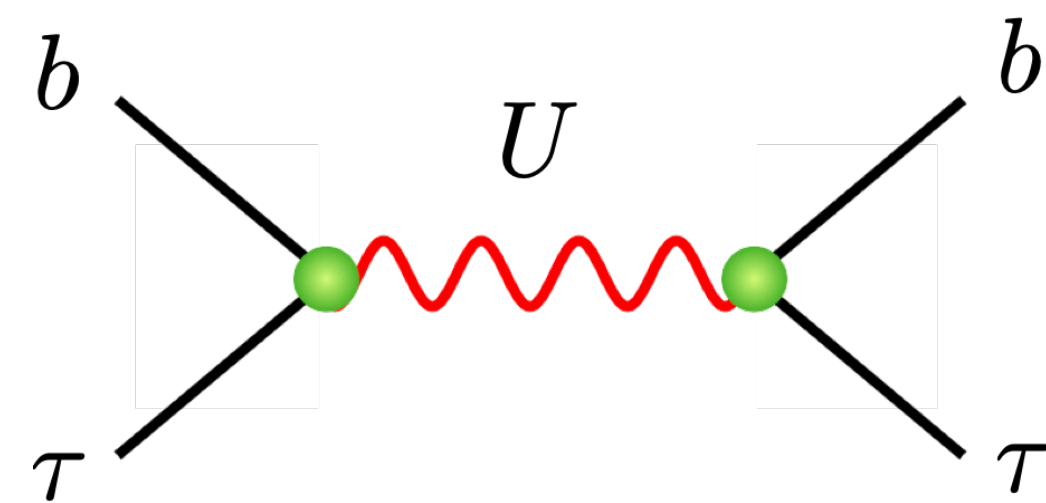
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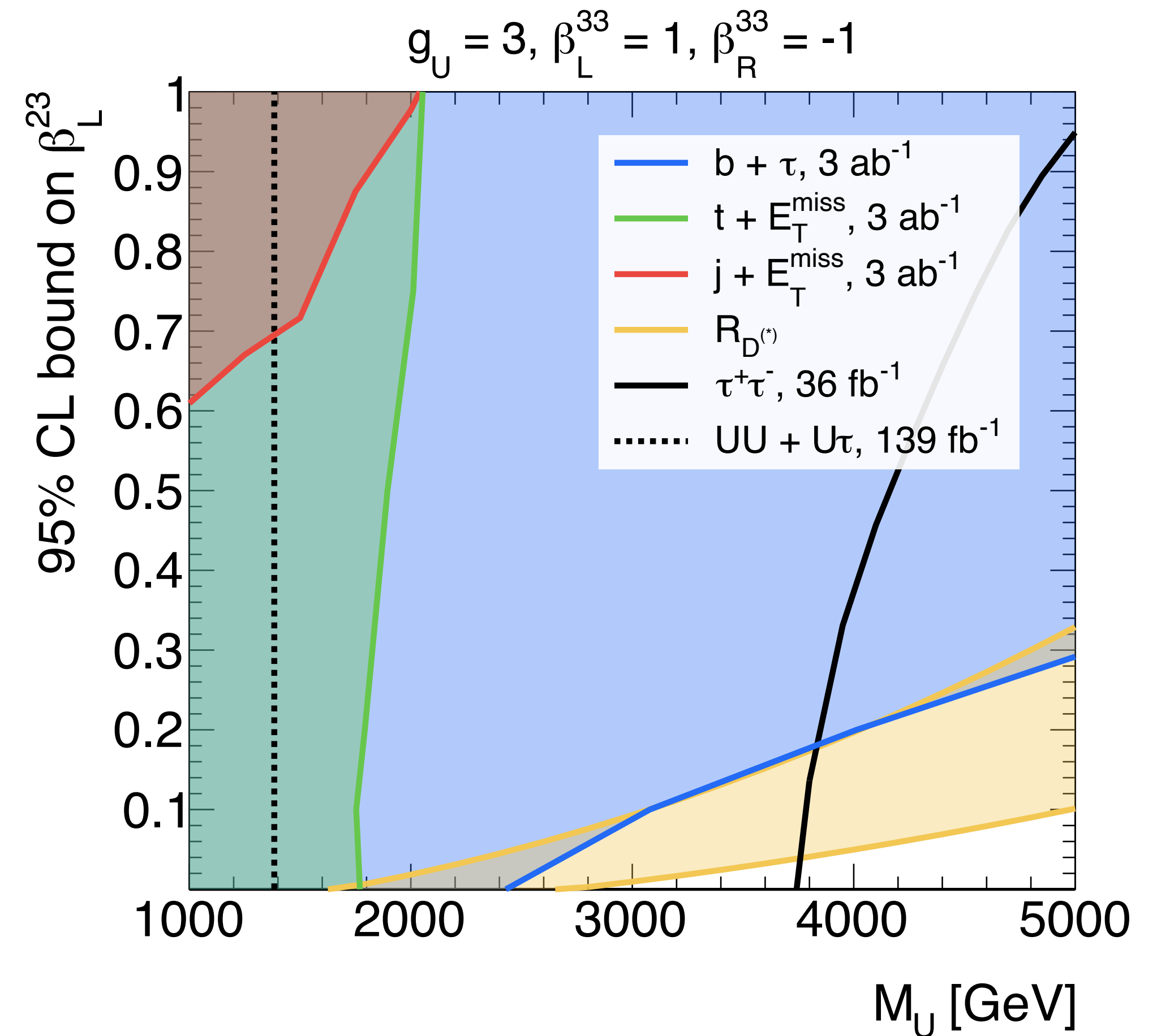
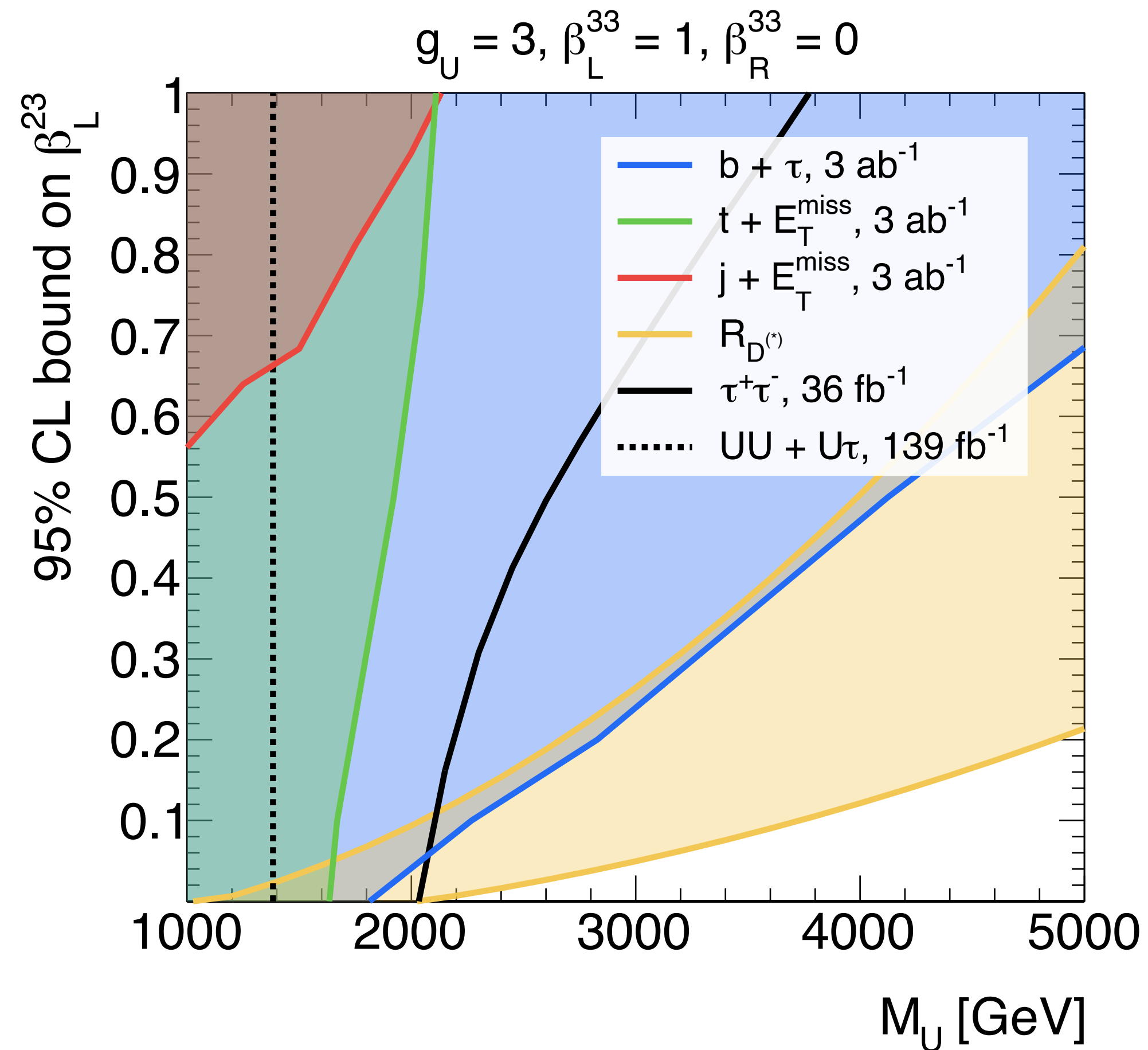
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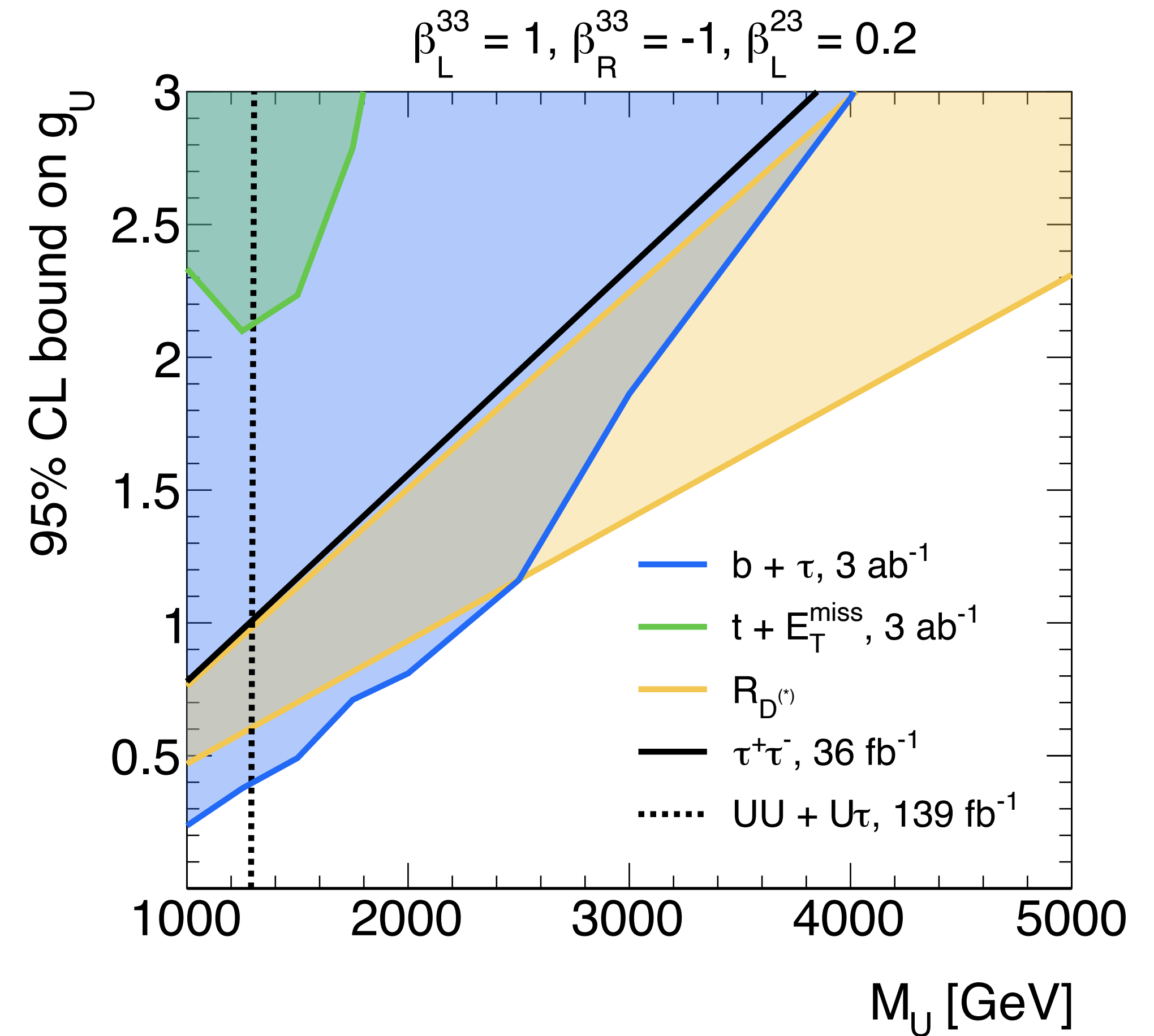
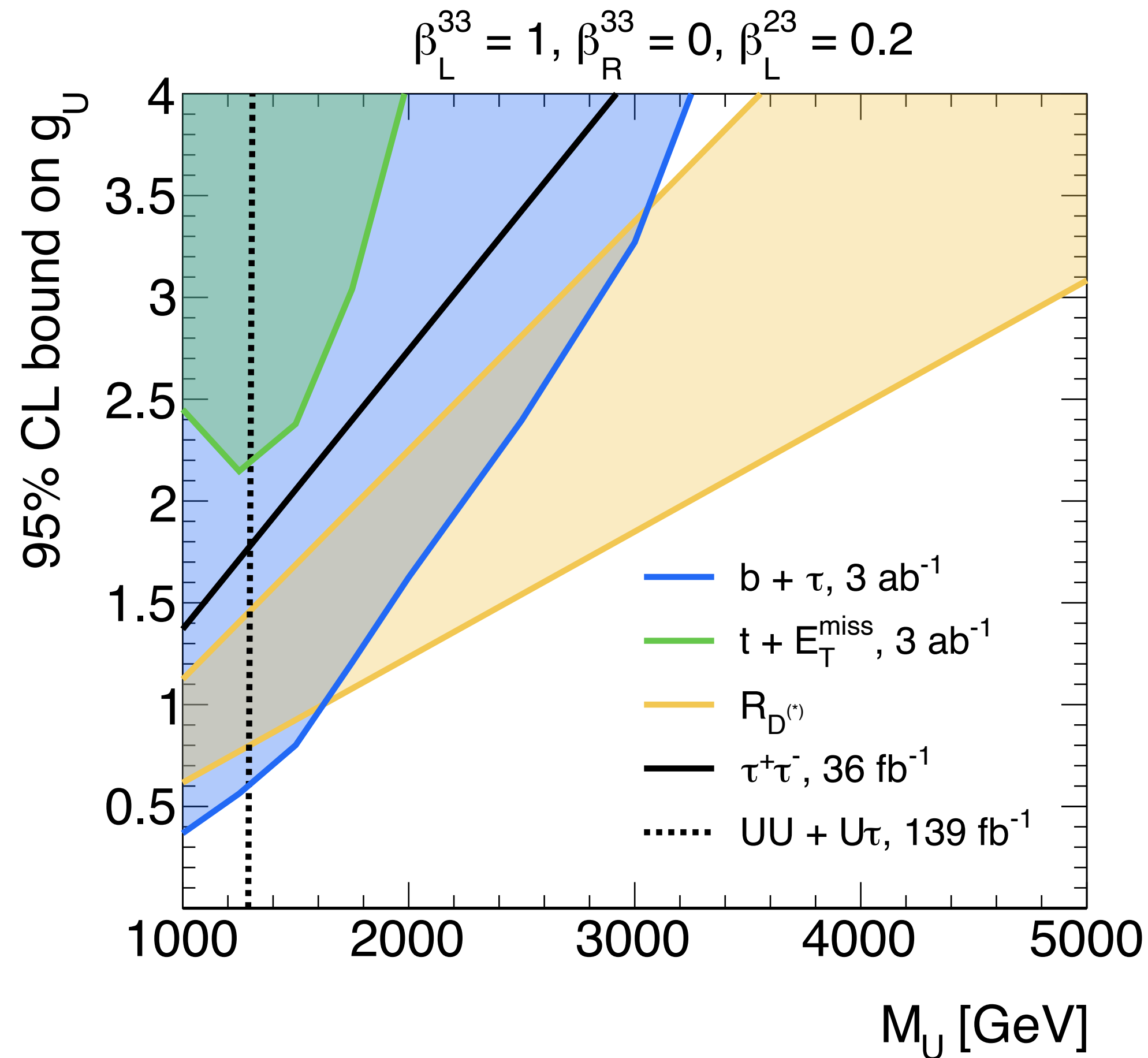
# $b\tau$ constraints from $2 \rightarrow 2$ & $2 \rightarrow 3$ processes



# Comparison of LQ search strategies



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# Prospects of LQ search strategies

