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Searches for Dark Higgs Bosons at ATLAS

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Roadmap of Dark Matter models for Run3, May 13-17, 2024

Two-Mediator DM (2MDM) model

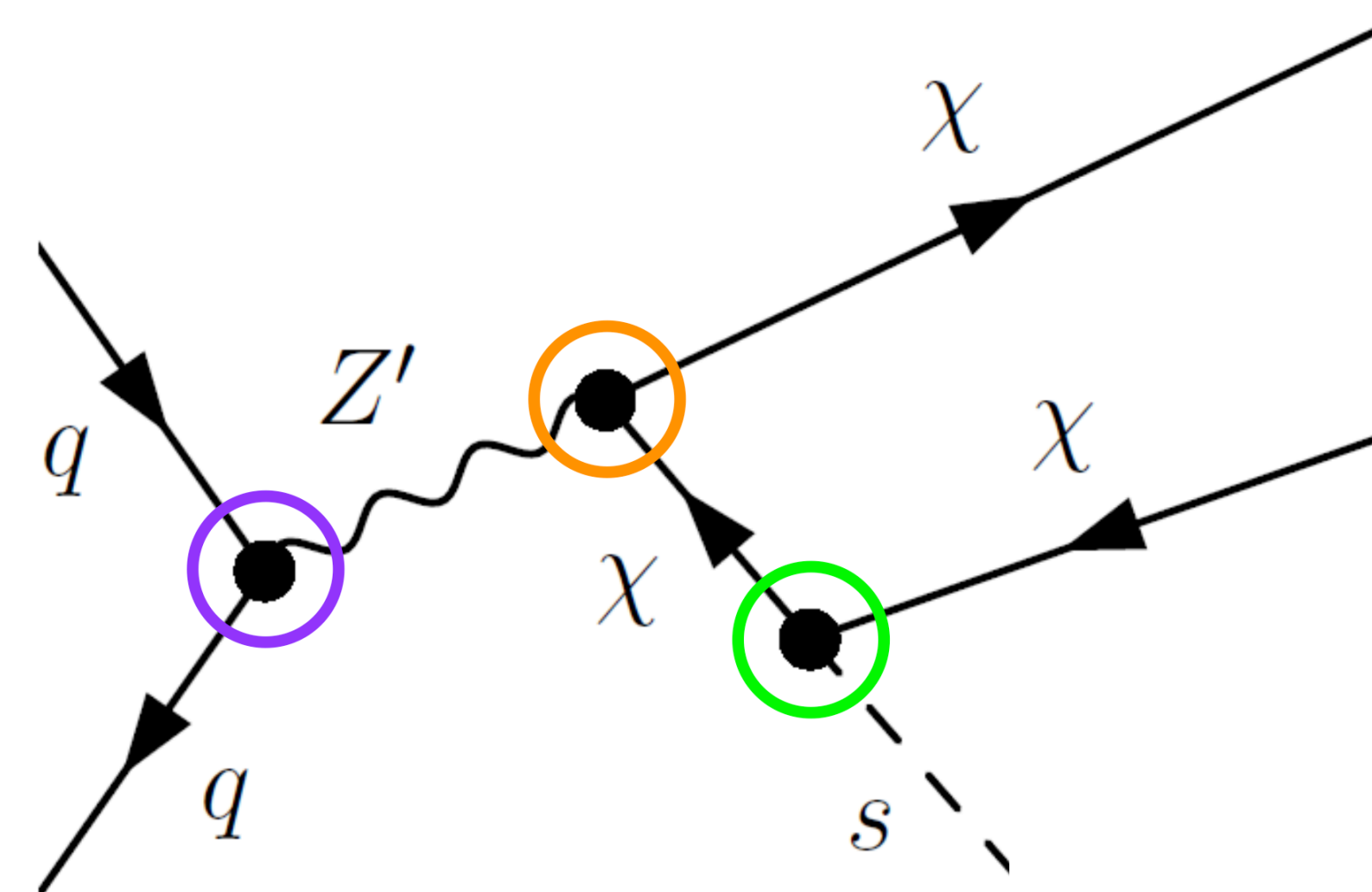
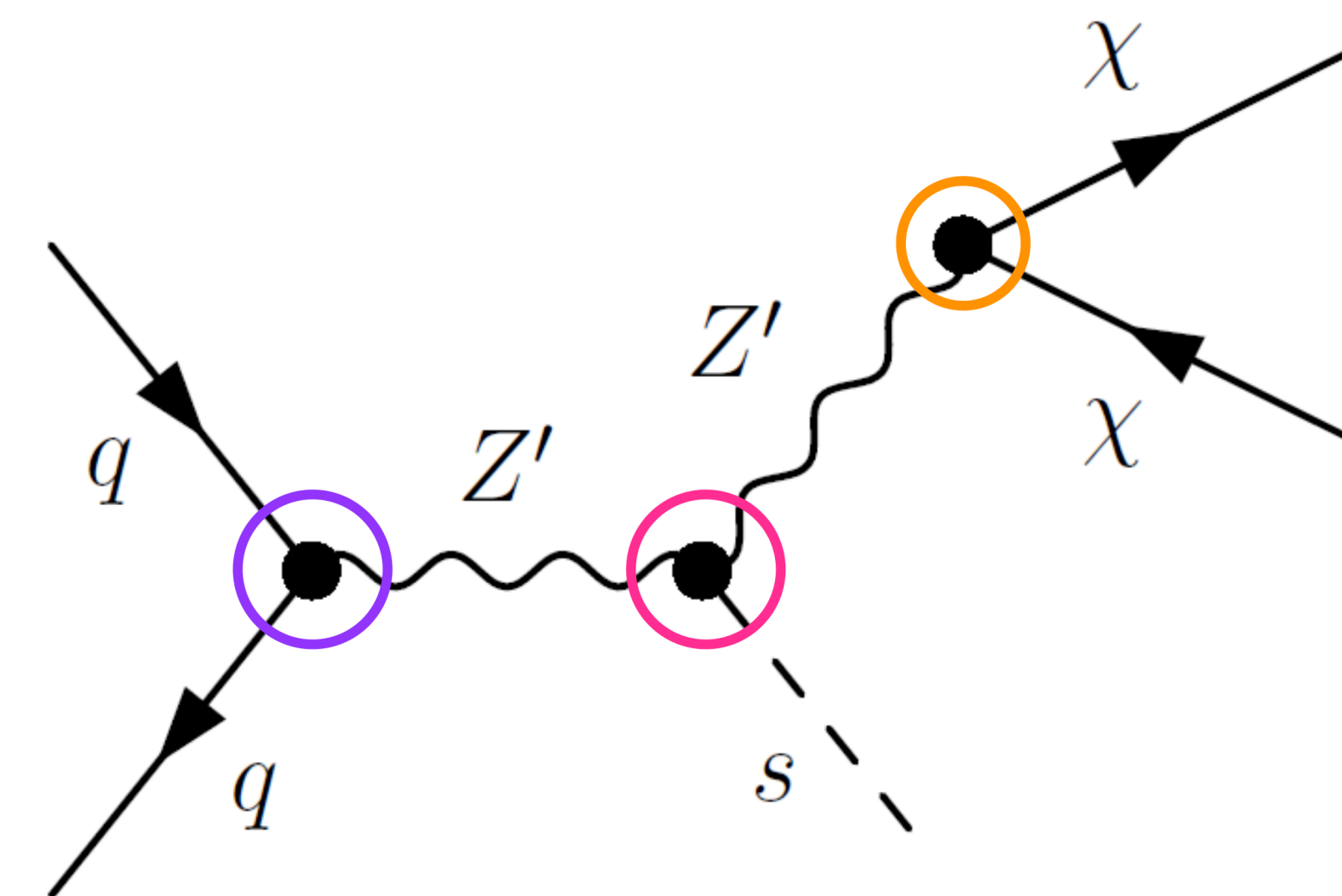
- Simplified model for DM production at the LHC, extends spin-1 mediator models of LHC DM WG
 - Majorana DM (χ) interacts with two different mediators:
 - Massive vector boson Z' and a dark Higgs s , is responsible for generating both DM and Z' mass

$$\mathcal{L}_\chi = -g_q Z'^\mu \bar{q} \gamma_\mu q$$

$$\mathcal{L}_\chi = -\frac{1}{2} g_\chi Z'^\mu \bar{\chi} \gamma^5 \gamma_\mu \chi - g_\chi \frac{m_\chi}{m_{Z'}} s \bar{\chi} \chi + 2 g_\chi Z'^\mu Z'_\mu (g_\chi s^2 + m_{Z'} s)$$

- Parameters and their recommended value from LHC DM WG

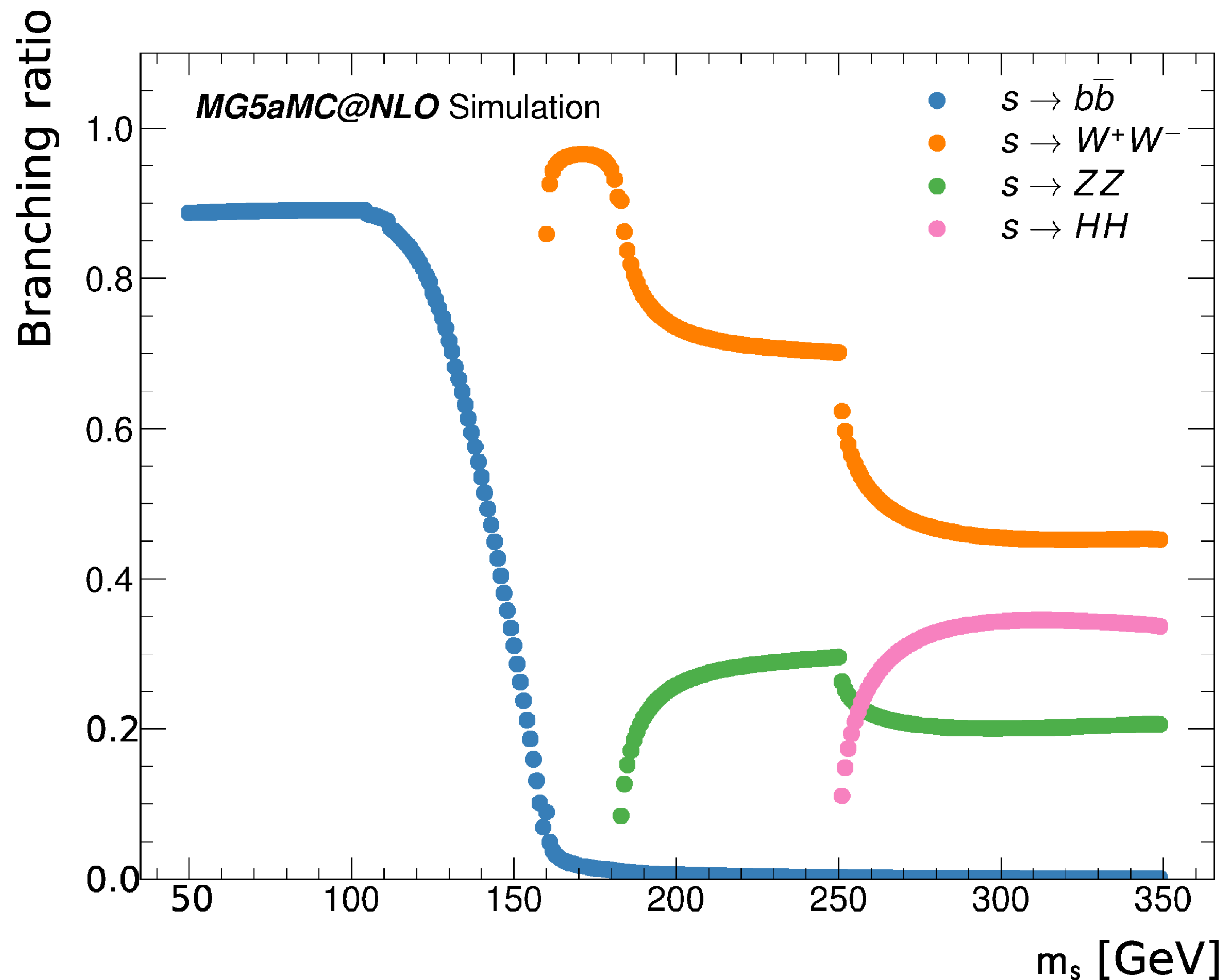
Particle Masses		Coupling Constants	
Majorana DM mass	$m_\chi = 200 \text{ GeV}$	Dark-sector coupling	$g_\chi = 1.0$
Z' mass	$m_{Z'}$	Quark- Z' coupling	$g_q = 0.25$
Dark Higgs mass	m_s	Mixing angle with SM Higgs	$\theta = 0.01$



Various final states Targeted

$$m_s > 150 \text{ GeV}$$

Non-Zero $\theta \rightarrow$ unstable s and decays into SM states



Dark Higgs $s(VV)$ hadronic analysis, denoted as *monoSVV had.*

- Final states: $E_T^{\text{miss}} + VV(qqqq)$
- [Phys. Rev. Lett. 126 \(2021\) 121802](#)

Dark Higgs $s(WW)$ semileptonic analysis, denoted as *monoS WW semilep.*

- Final states: $E_T^{\text{miss}} + WW(l\nu qq)$
- Higher cross section than fully-leptonic
- Cleaner signature than fully-hadronic
- [JHEP 07 \(2023\) 116](#)

$$m_s \leq 150 \text{ GeV}$$

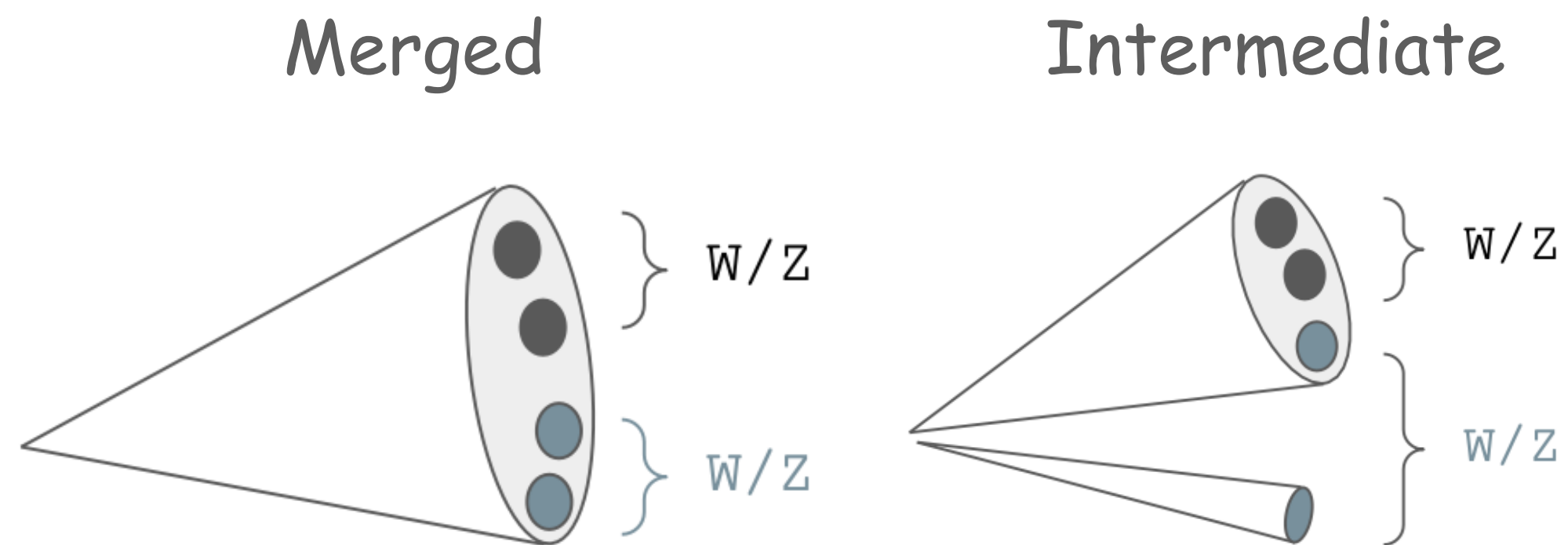
Dark Higgs $s(bb)$ analysis, denoted *monoS bb*

- Final states: $E_T^{\text{miss}} + bb$
- Dominates in low m_s
- [ATLAS-CONF-2024-004](#)

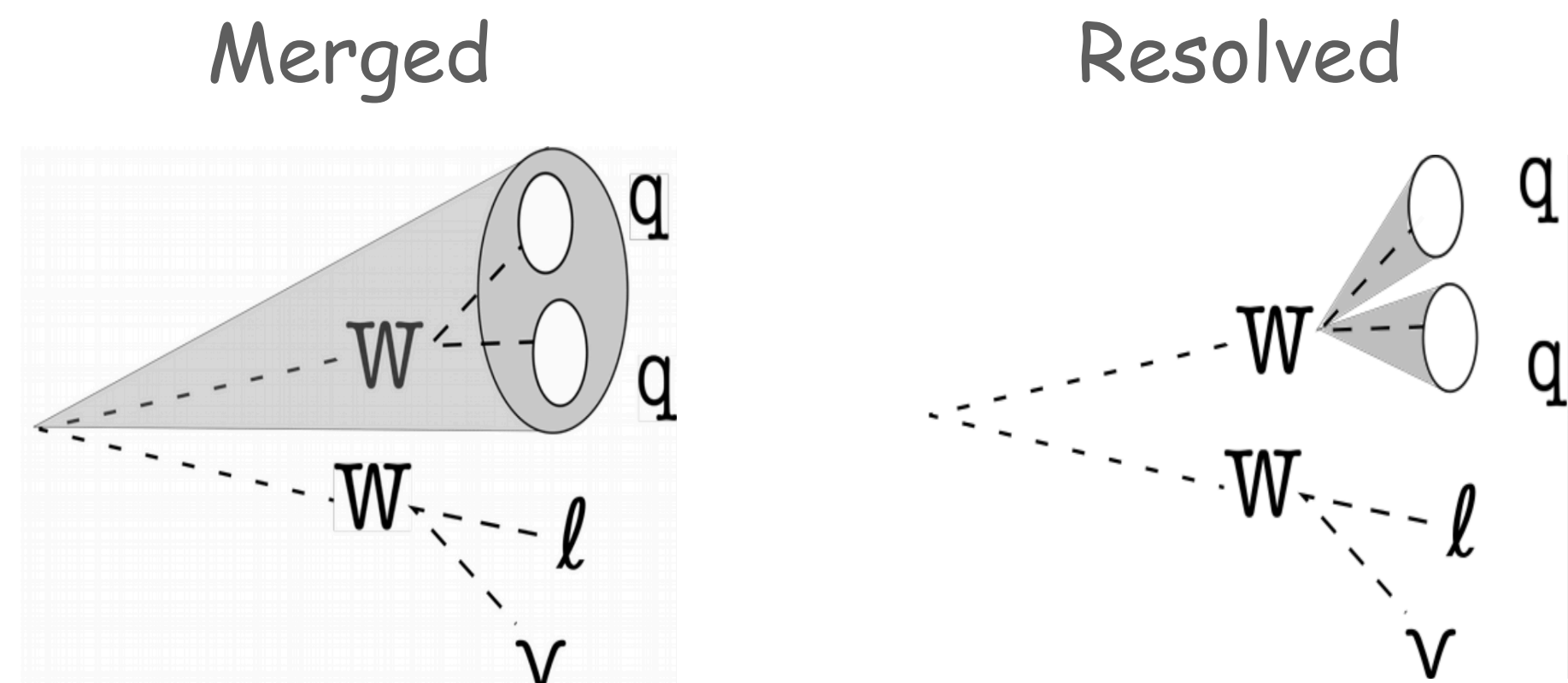
Reconstruction of the s decay

$m_s > 150 \text{ GeV}$

monoSVV had.

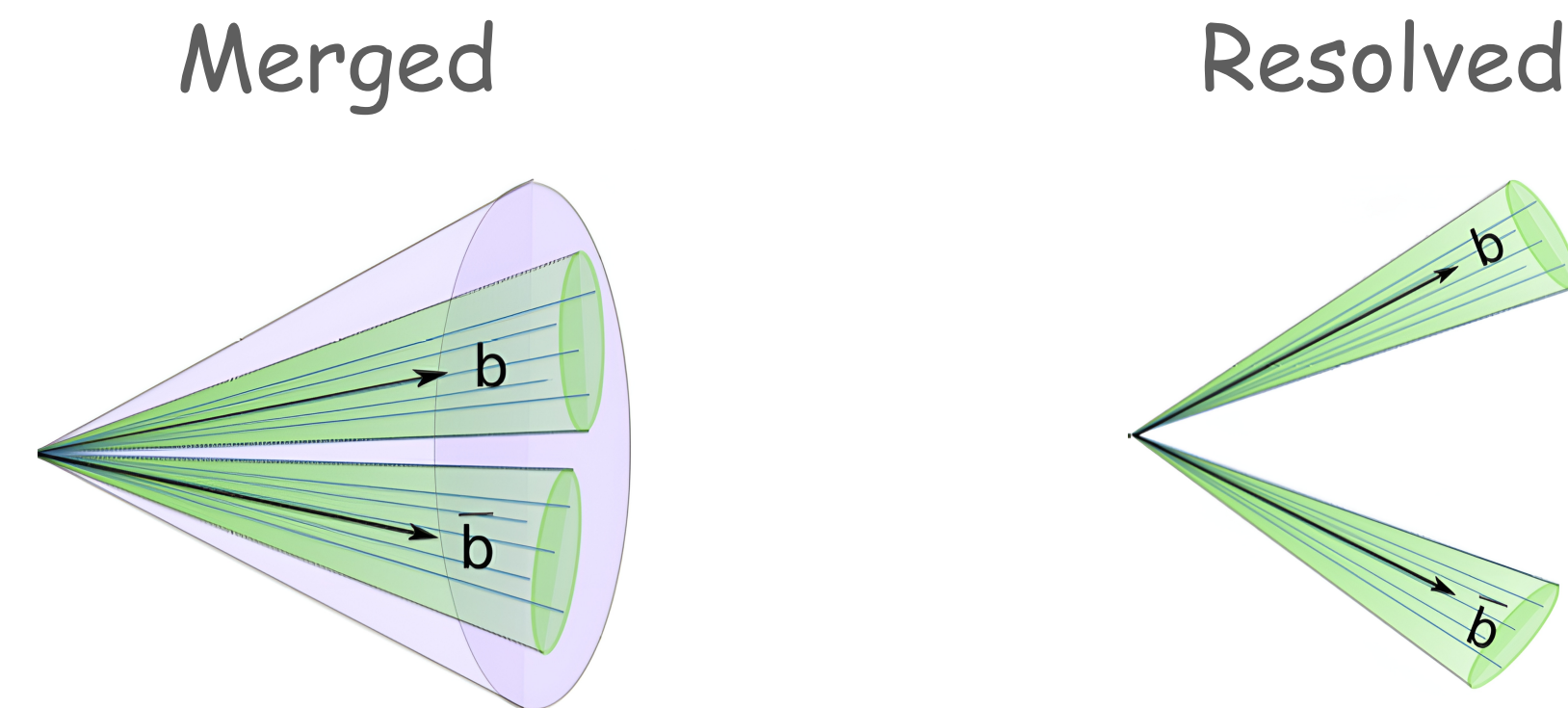


monoS WW semilep.



$m_s \leq 150 \text{ GeV}$

monoS bb

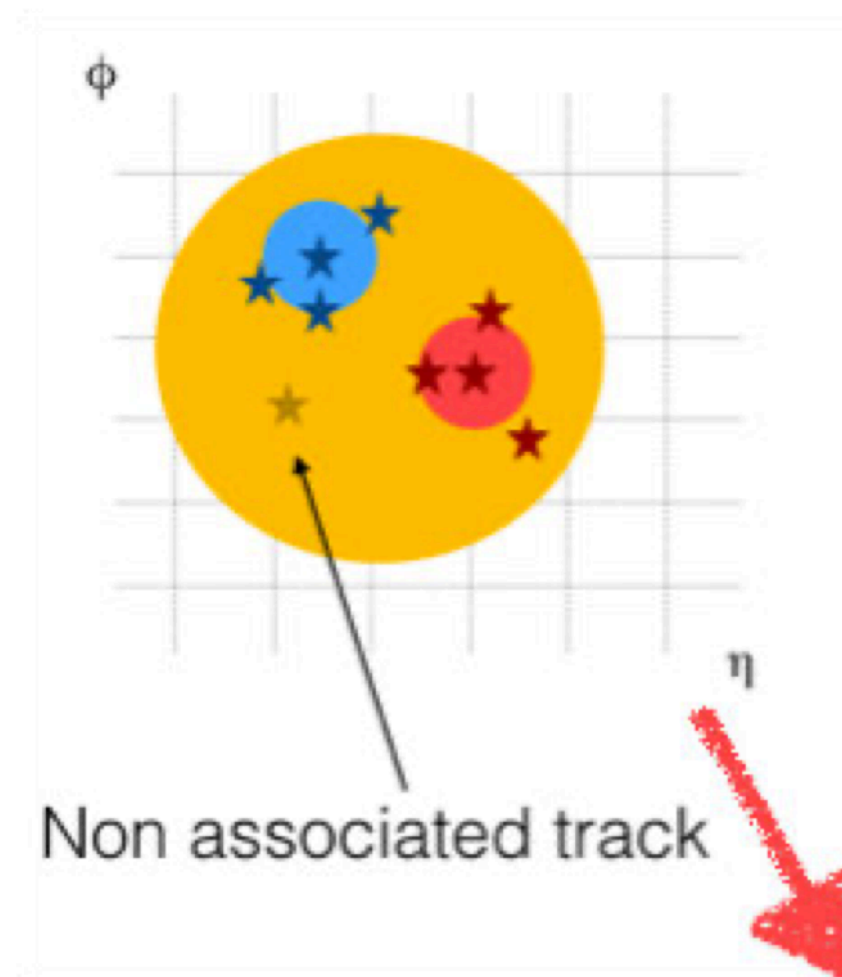
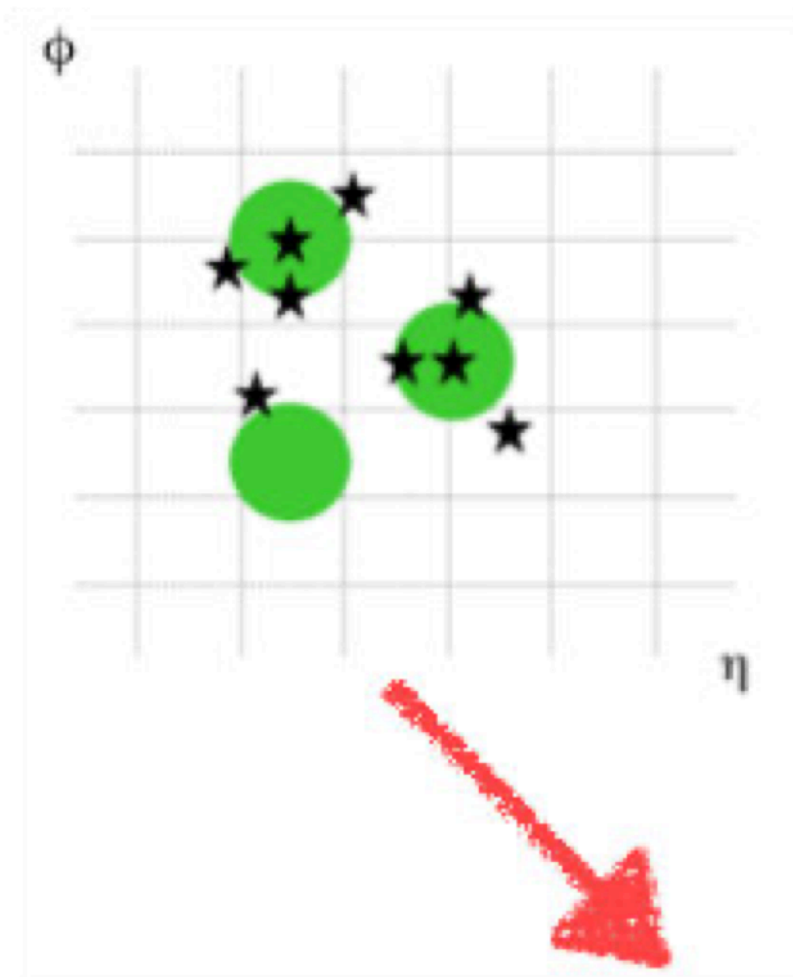


In all three analyses, Merged SR dominates sensitivity

Reconstruction techniques used in Merged / Intermediate regions

monoS bb	<i>Reclustered large-R jets</i> (allows for exploring the low m_s) + Xbb tagger
monoSVV had. / monoS WW semilep.	<i>Reclustered + track assisted large-R jets</i> + the cuts on the substructure variables

Reclustering and Track Assisted large-R jets



Use excellent angular resolution of the ATLAS tracker system

$$p_T^{\text{track,new}} = p_T^{\text{track,old}} \times \frac{p_T^j}{\sum_{i \in j} p_T^i}$$

where the index i runs over all tracks matched to subset j

Track Assisted Reclustering

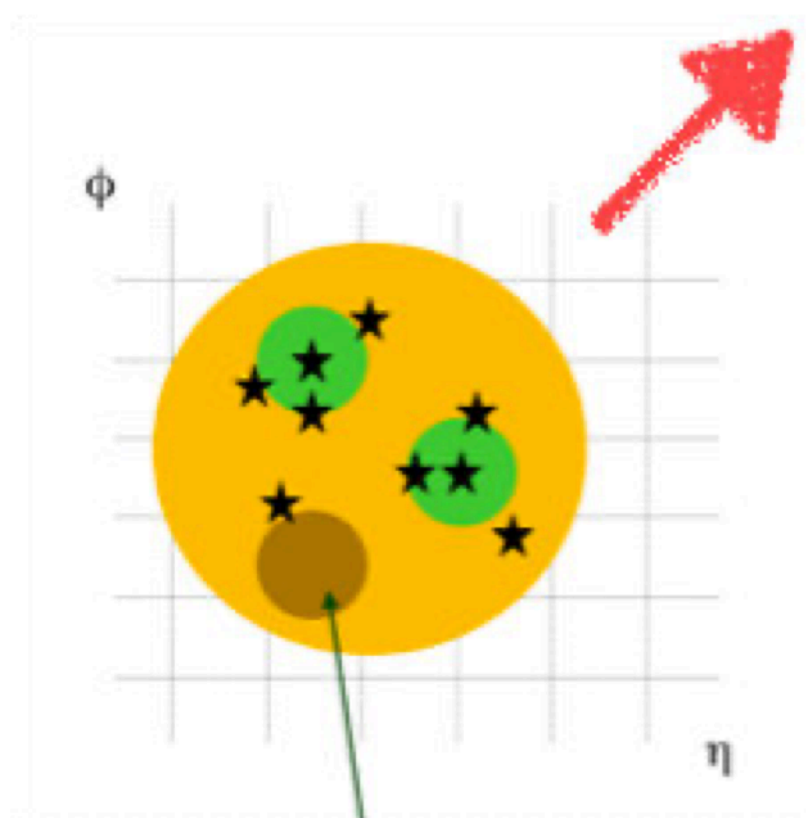
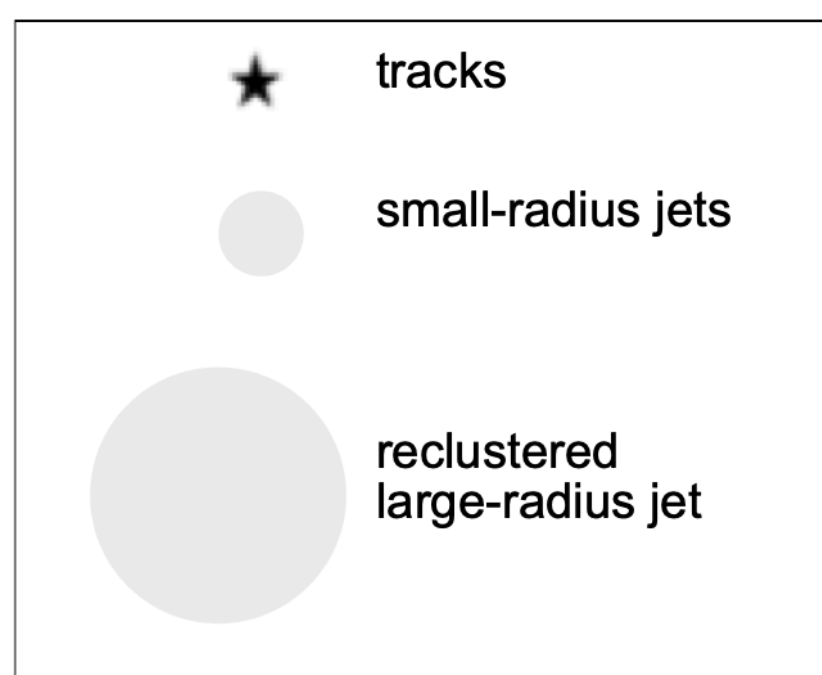
Calibrated small-radius jets

Recluster input jets to trimmed large-radius jets

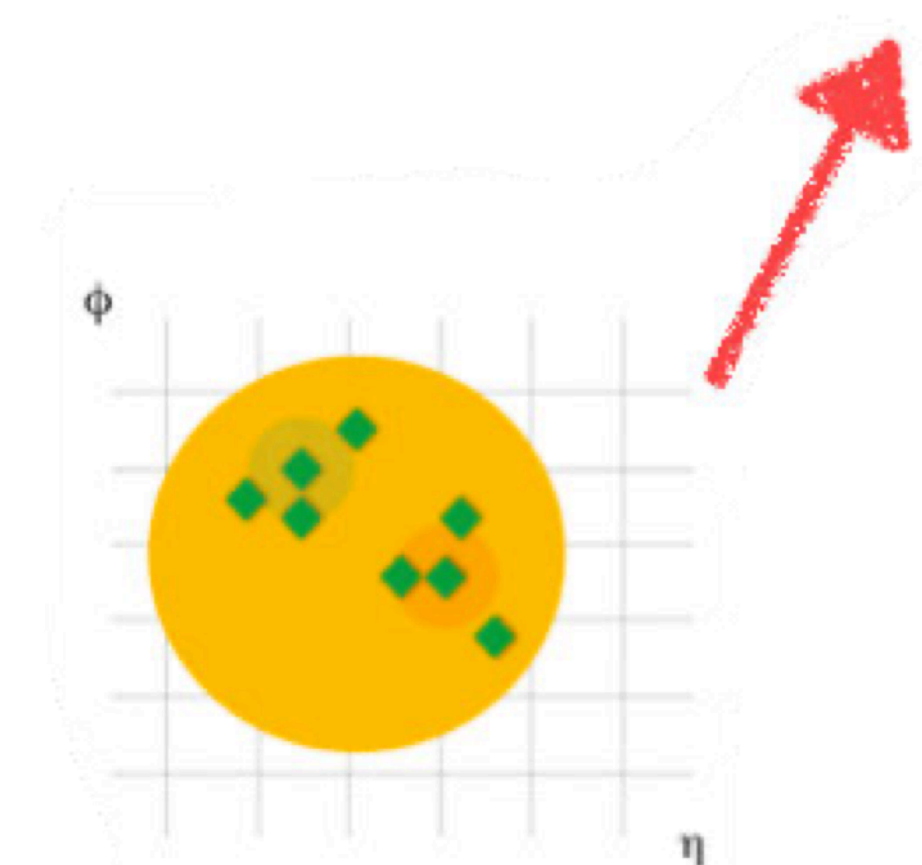
Match tracks to constituent small-radius jets

Rescale tracks to p_T of the matched small-radius jets

Calculate substructure from tracks

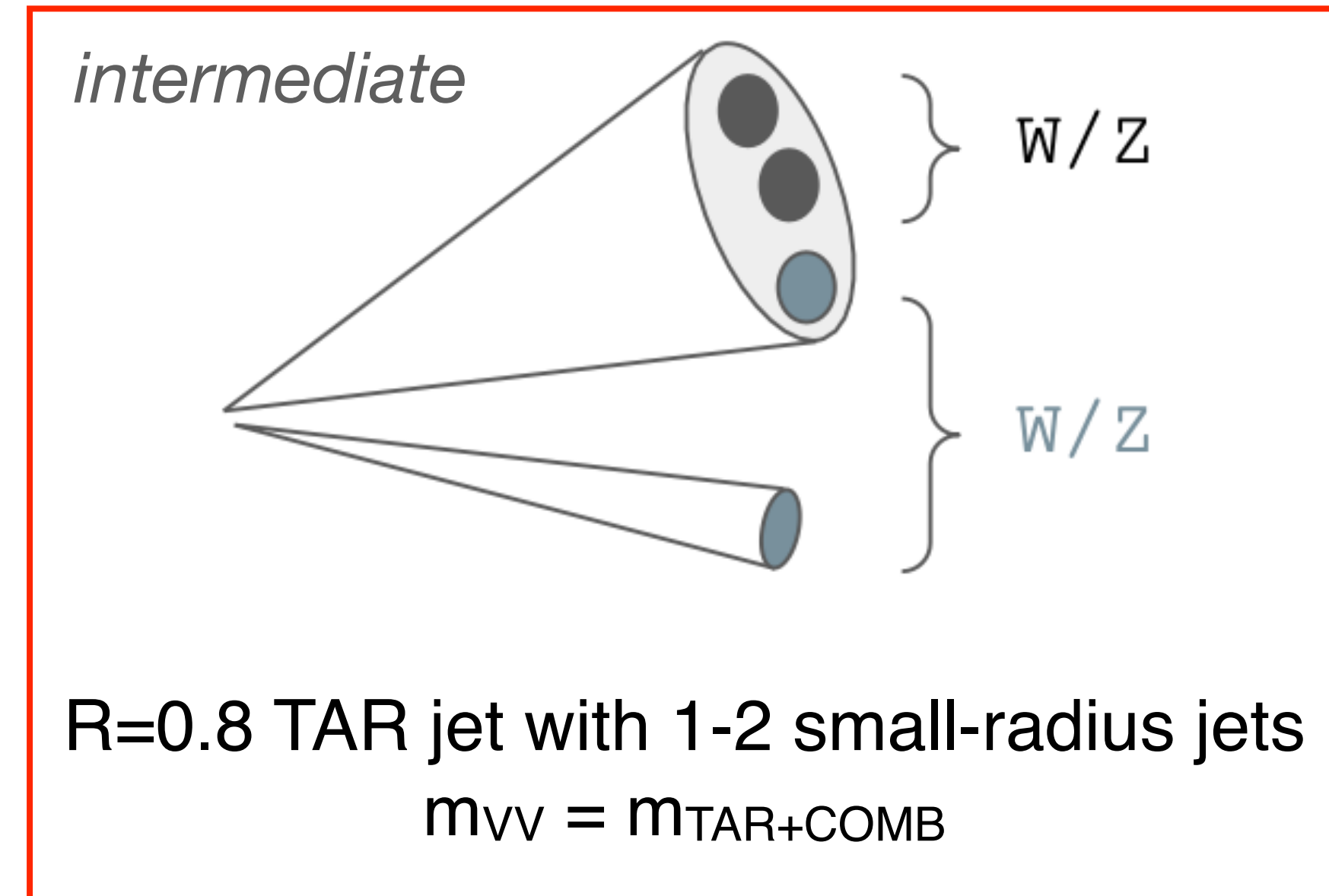
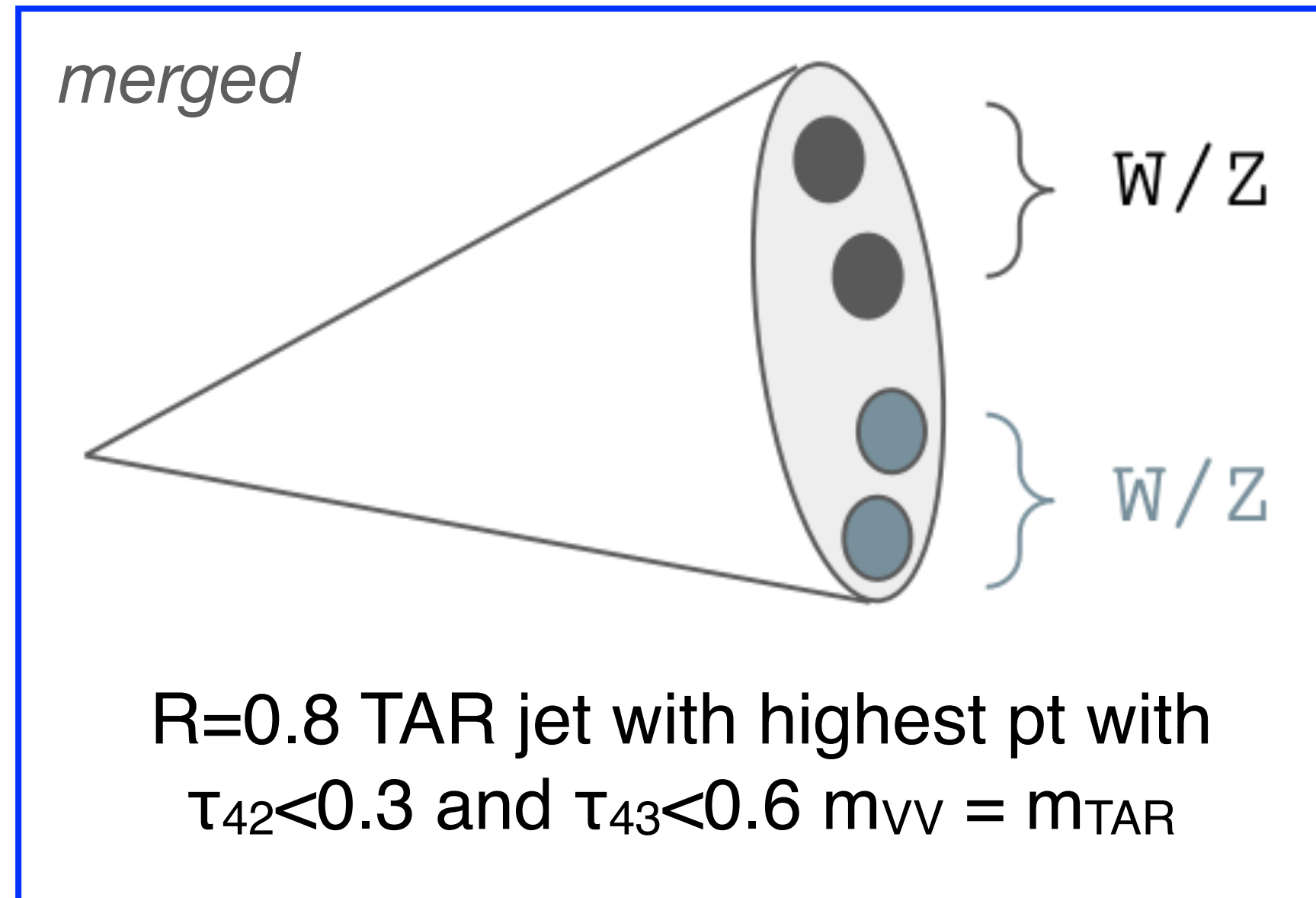


Tracks



monoSVV had.
Analysis

Overview

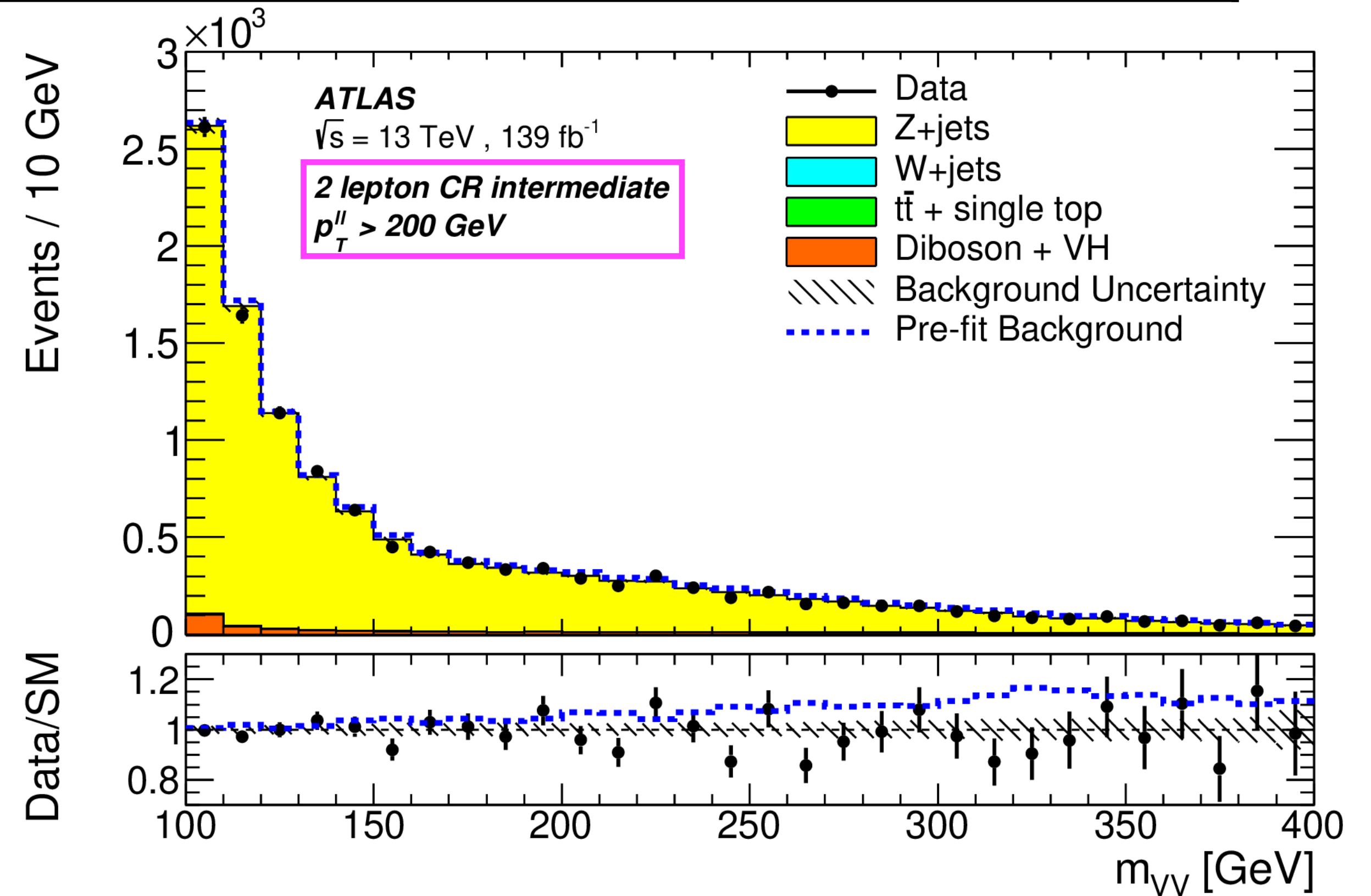
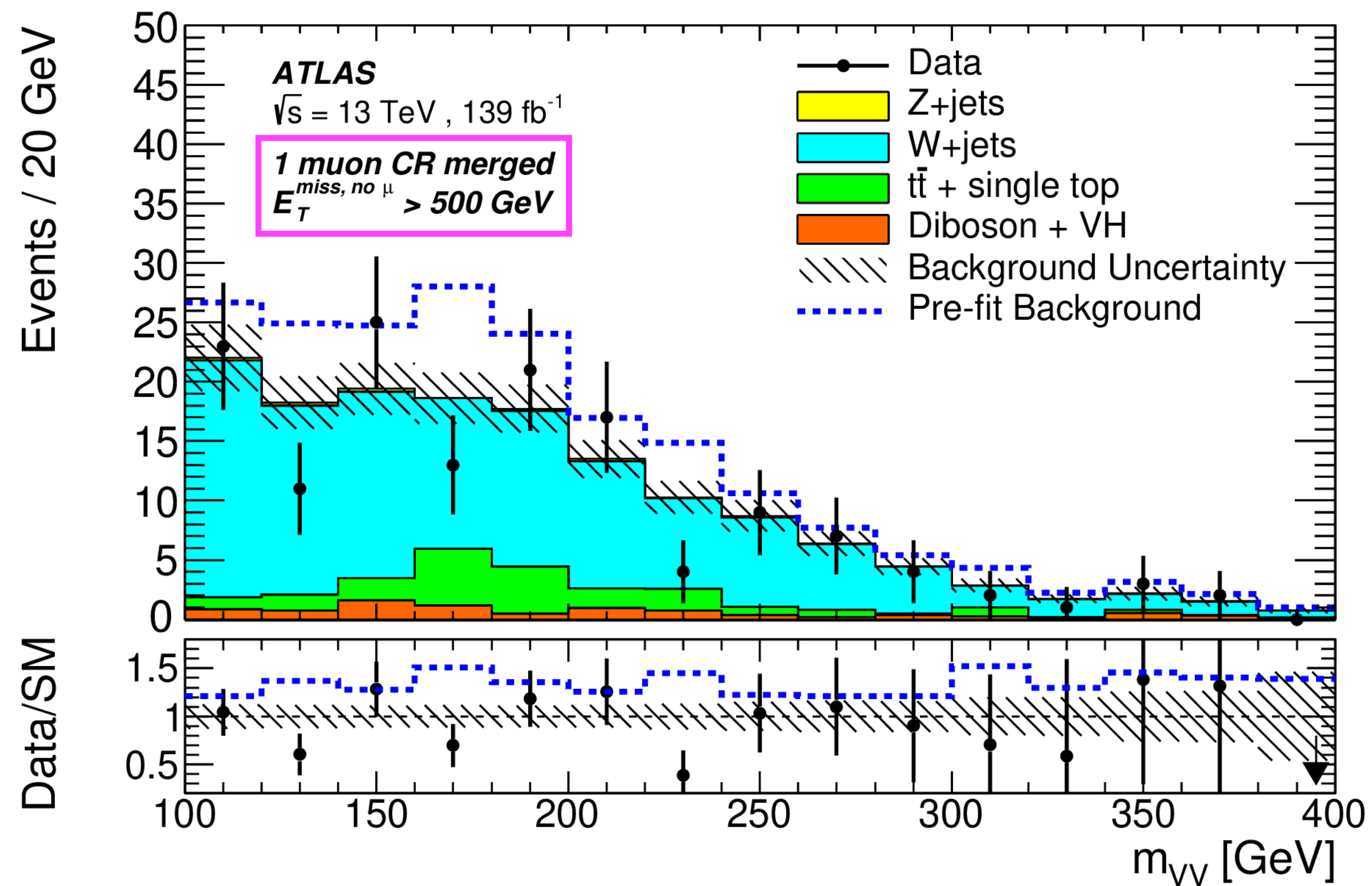


	0 lepton	1 μ	2 lepton
✘	signal region	W+jets control region	Z+jets control region
	E_T^{miss} bins	E_T^{miss} proxy = $(E^{\text{miss}} + p^\mu)_T$ bins	E_T^{miss} proxy = $p_{T(l)}$ bins

- E_T^{miss} triggers used in 0 lepton and 1 μ channel, combination of single lepton triggers in 2 lepton channel
- $N(\text{small-R jets}) \geq 2$, dedicated # of lepton for each channel, E_T^{miss} (or E_T^{miss} proxy) > 200 GeV
- anti-QCD cuts, tau veto, b-tag veto

Reconstructed m_{VV} in CR

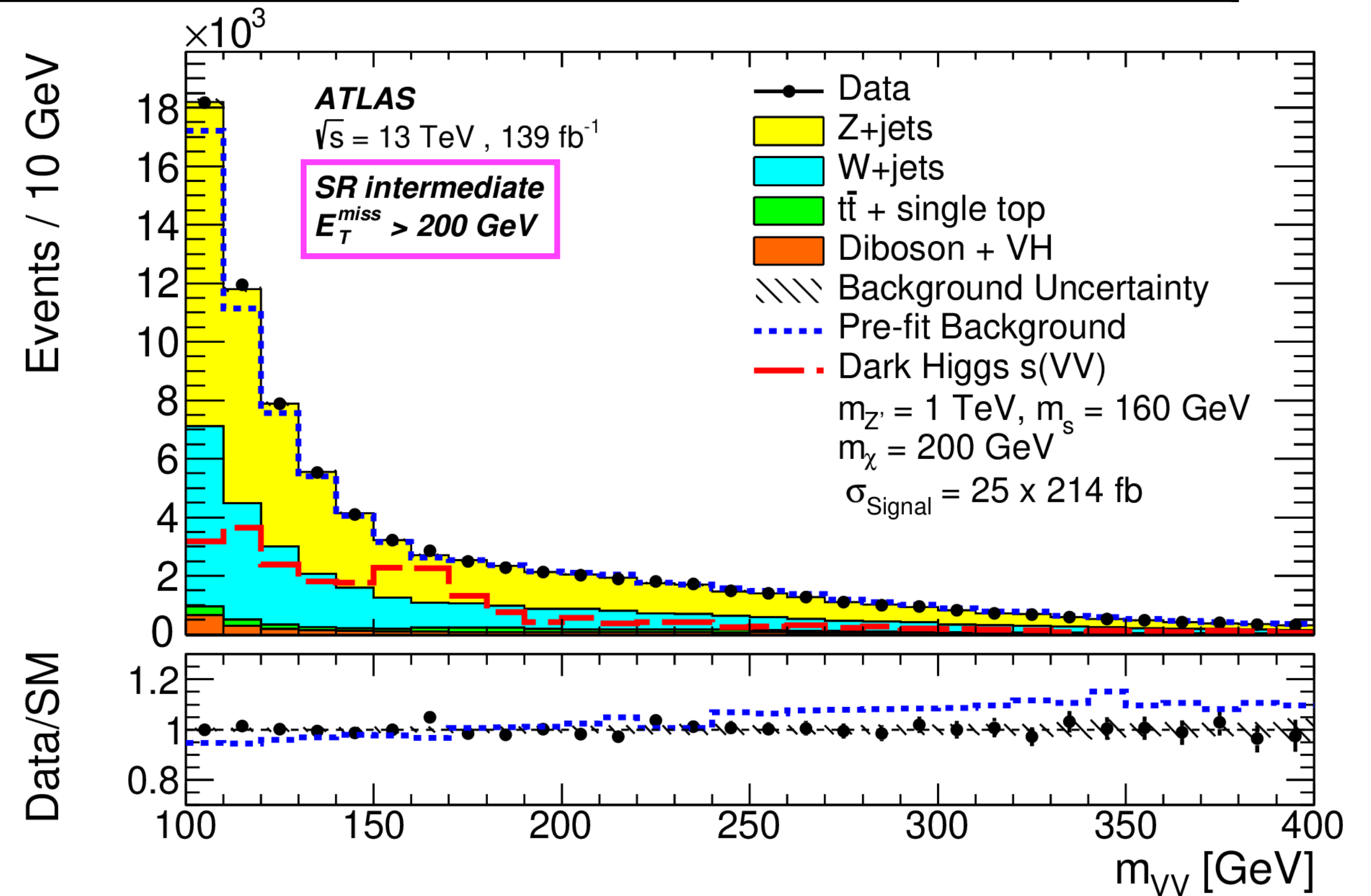
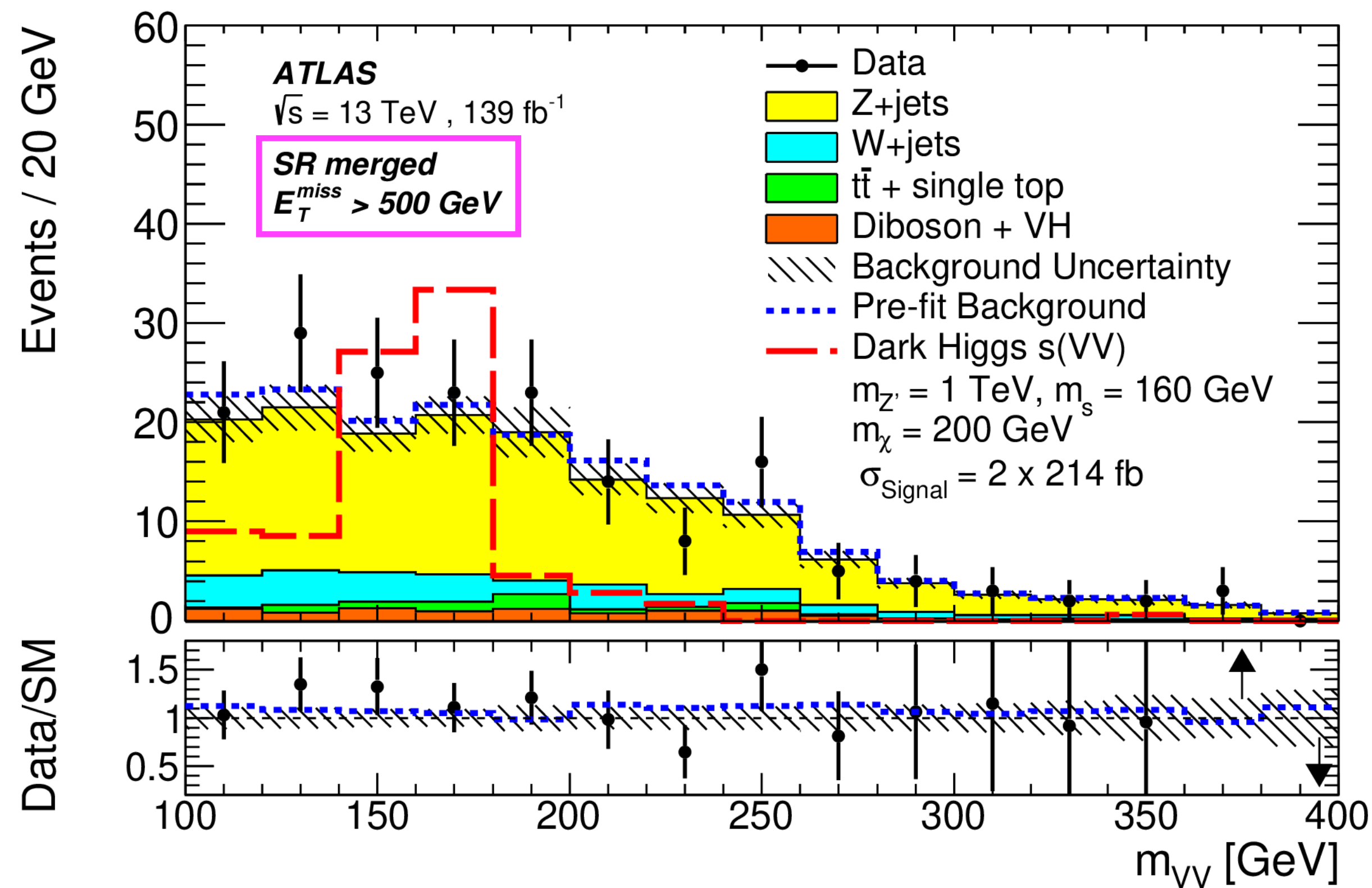
E_{T}^{miss}	200 - 300 GeV	300 - 500 GeV	> 500 GeV
merged	not considered	prioritized	prioritized
intermediate	prioritized	not prioritized	not prioritized



A good modelling of the m_{VV} observed, only yield information in CRs used in fit, shape not

Reconstructed m_{VV} in SR

E_{T}^{miss}	200 - 300 GeV	300 - 500 GeV	> 500 GeV
merged	not considered	prioritized	prioritized
intermediate	prioritized	not prioritized	not prioritized



fit on m_{VV} shape in the SRs

Dominant Sources of Uncertainty

Source of uncertainty	Uncertainty [%]		
	(a)	(b)	(c)
Signal modeling	11	10	10
W +jets modeling	9	21	14
Z +jets modeling	7	12	13
MC statistics	11	14	23
Jet energy scale	8	17	24
Jet energy resolution	11	18	15
Lepton reconstruction	8	9	5
Track reconstruction	6	7	5
Systematic uncertainty	30	42	55
Statistical uncertainty	16	25	50
Total uncertainty	34	49	74

3 selected signals

	$m_{Z'}$ [TeV]	m_s [GeV]
a	1	160
b	1	235
c	1	310

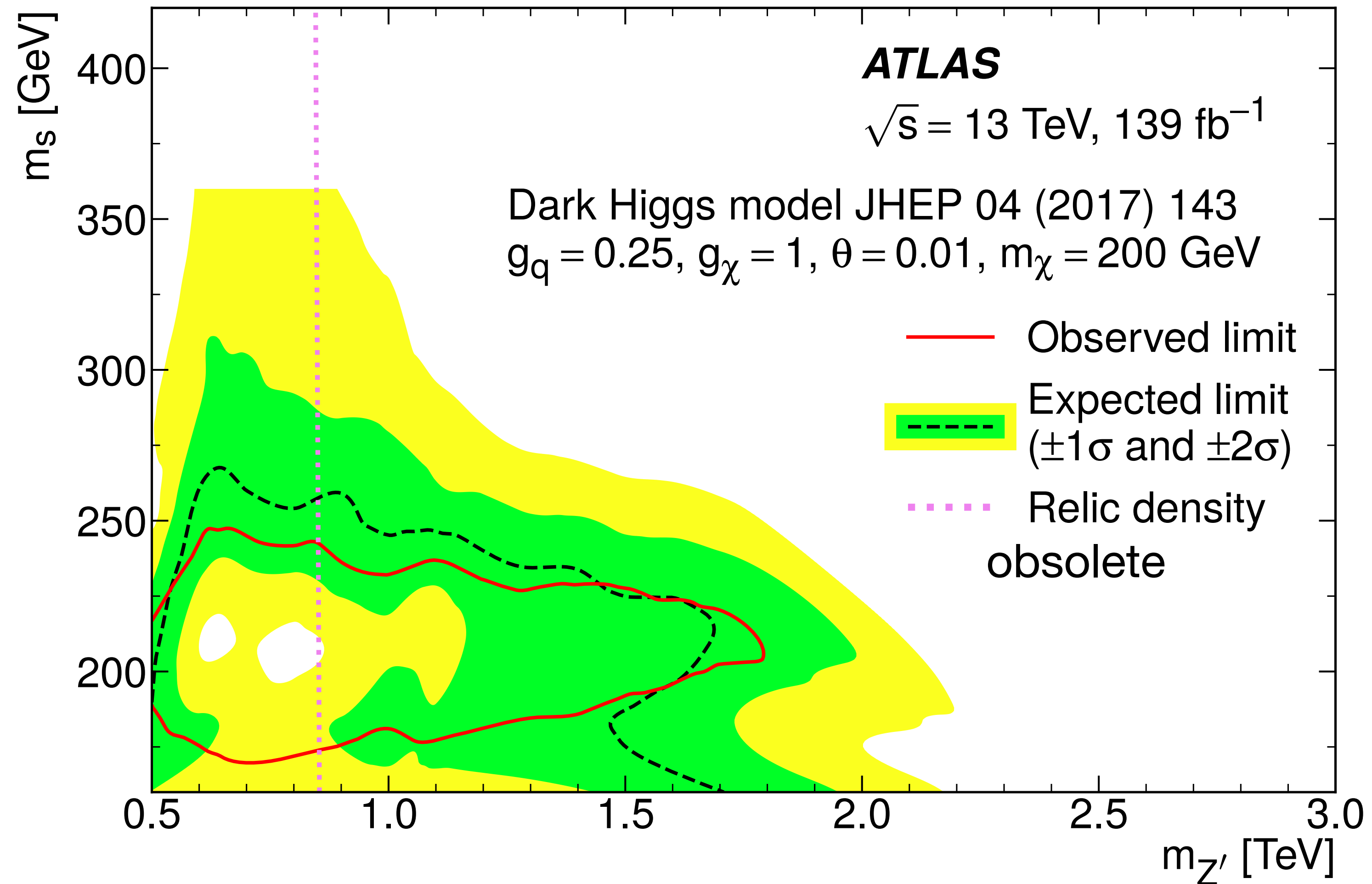
Strongest impact on theory predicted signal strength from:

- W/Z +jets modelling
- Jet systematics
- signal modelling

systematics dominated

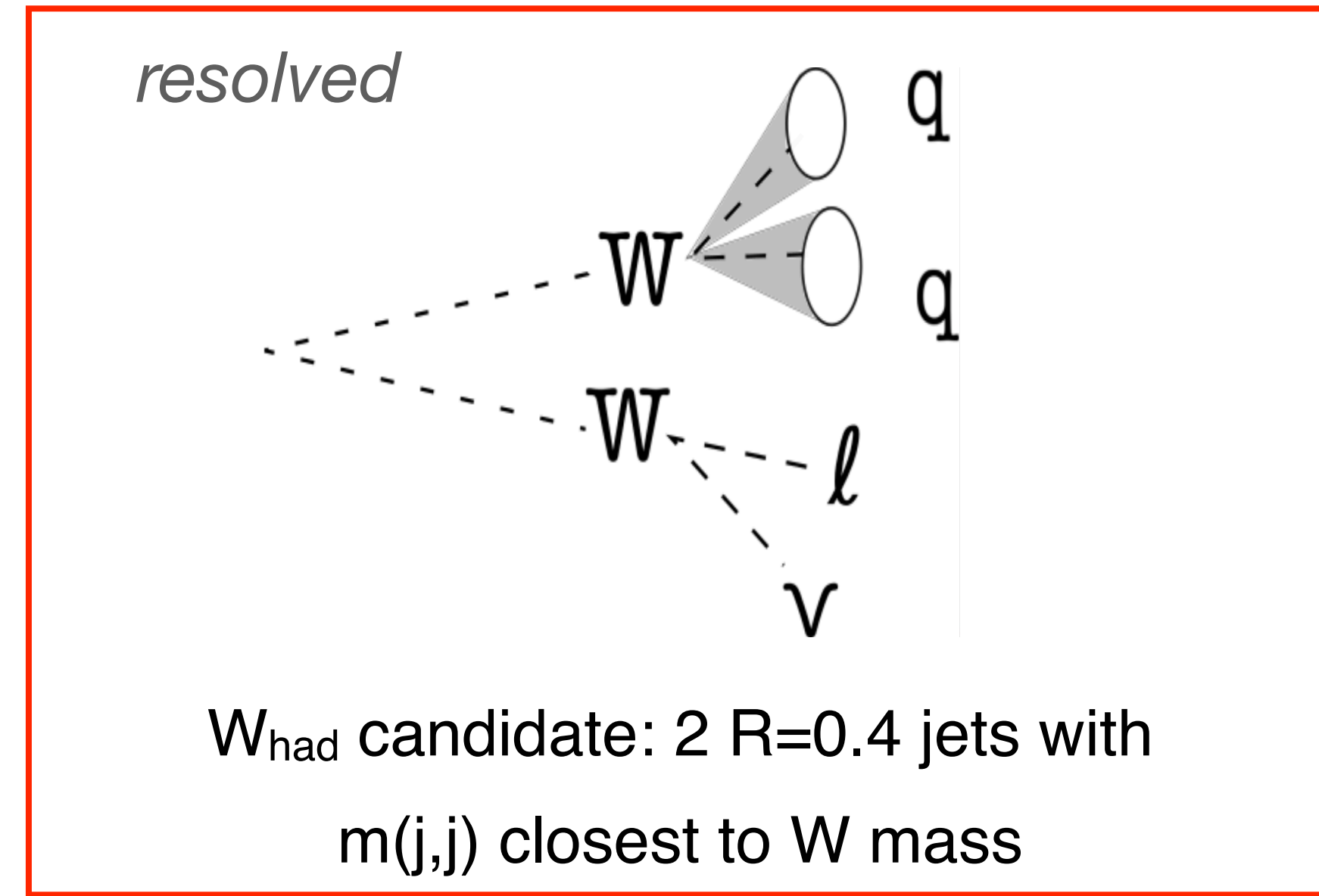
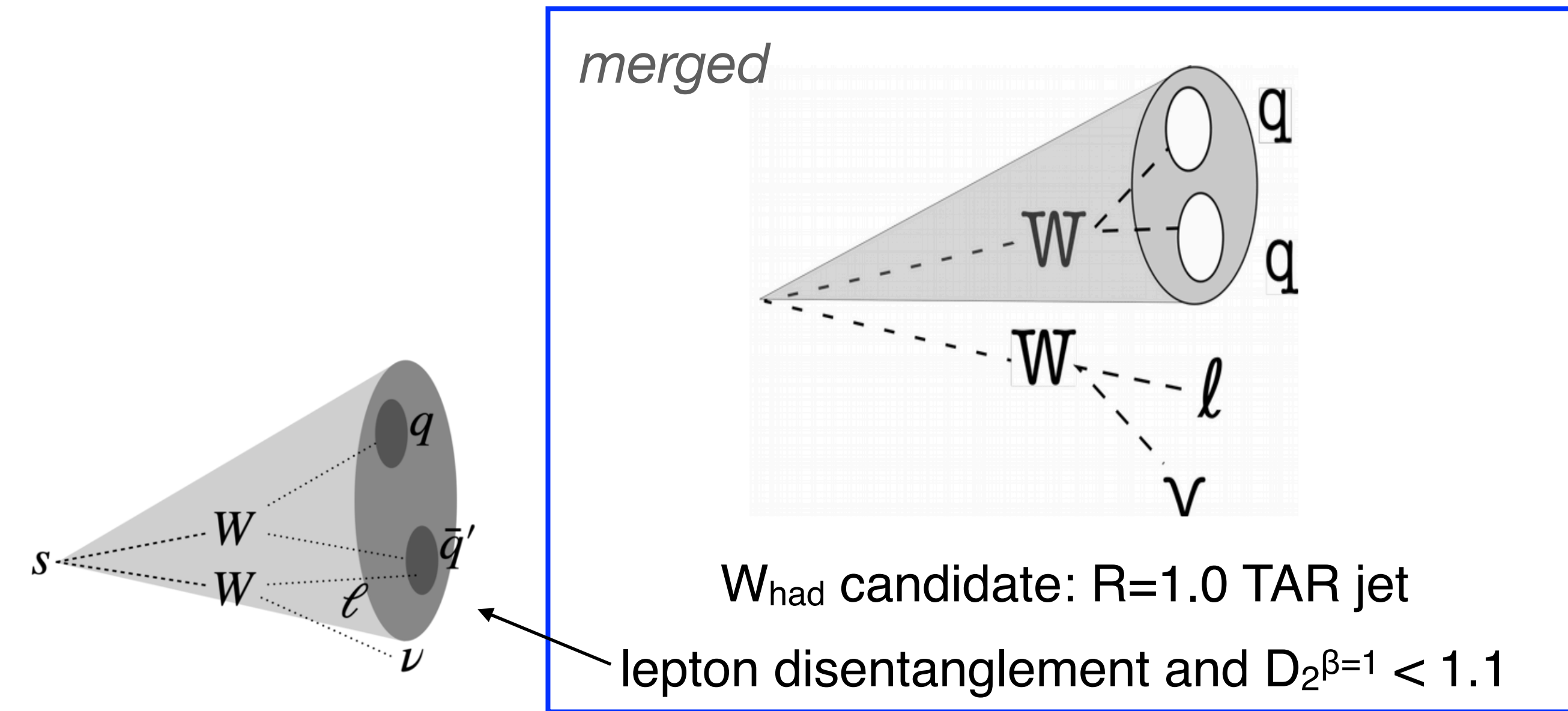
Limit Contours in $m_{Z'}$ - m_s -plane

- TAR jet can improve the sensitivity up to 2.5 compared to conventional large-R jet



monoSWW semilep. Analysis

Overview



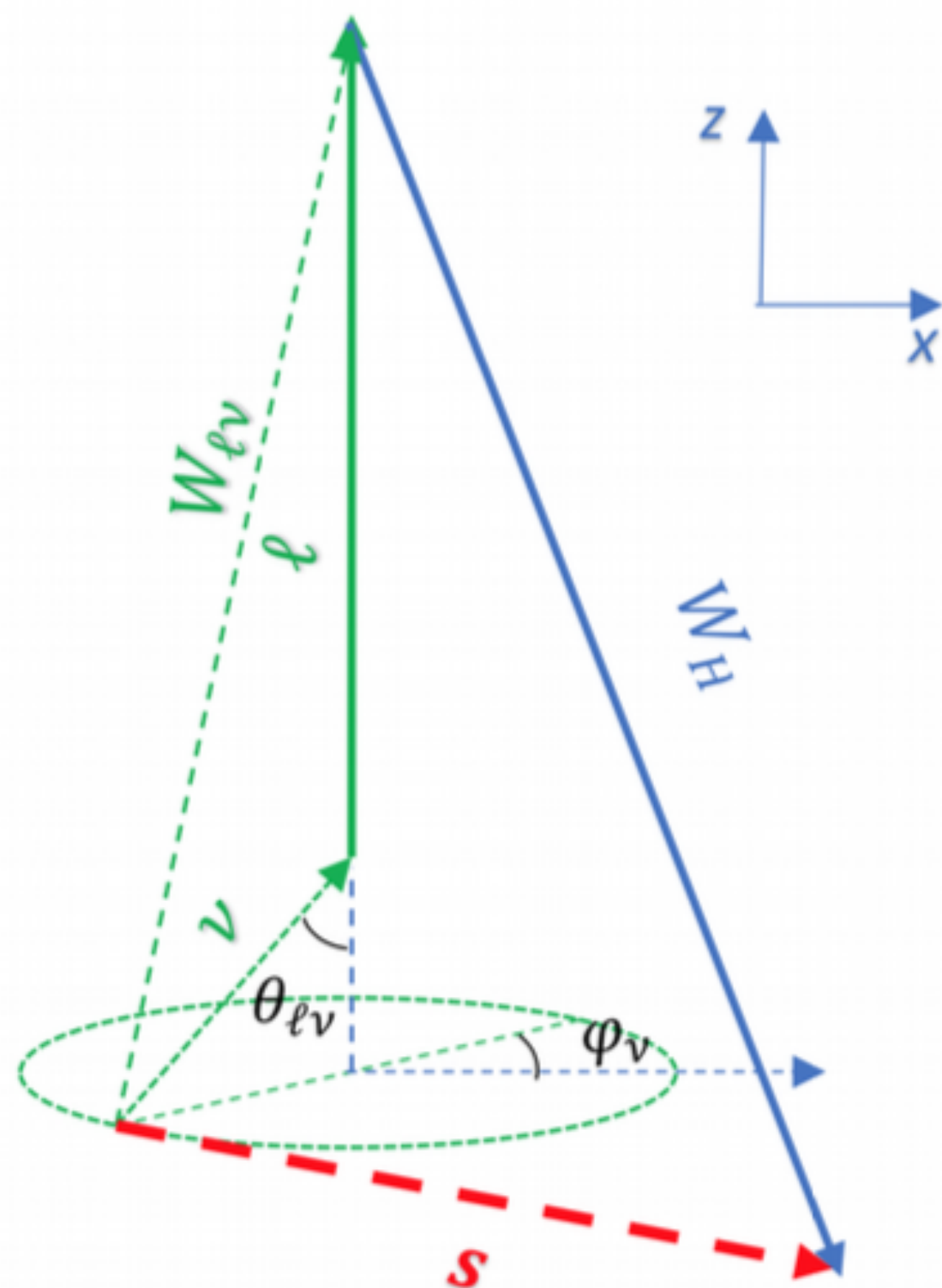
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	SR	W+jets CR	ttbar CR
$N_{\text{b-jet}}$	0	0	≥ 2
$\Delta R(W_{\text{can.}}, \text{lep})$	< 1.2	> 1.8	< 1.2

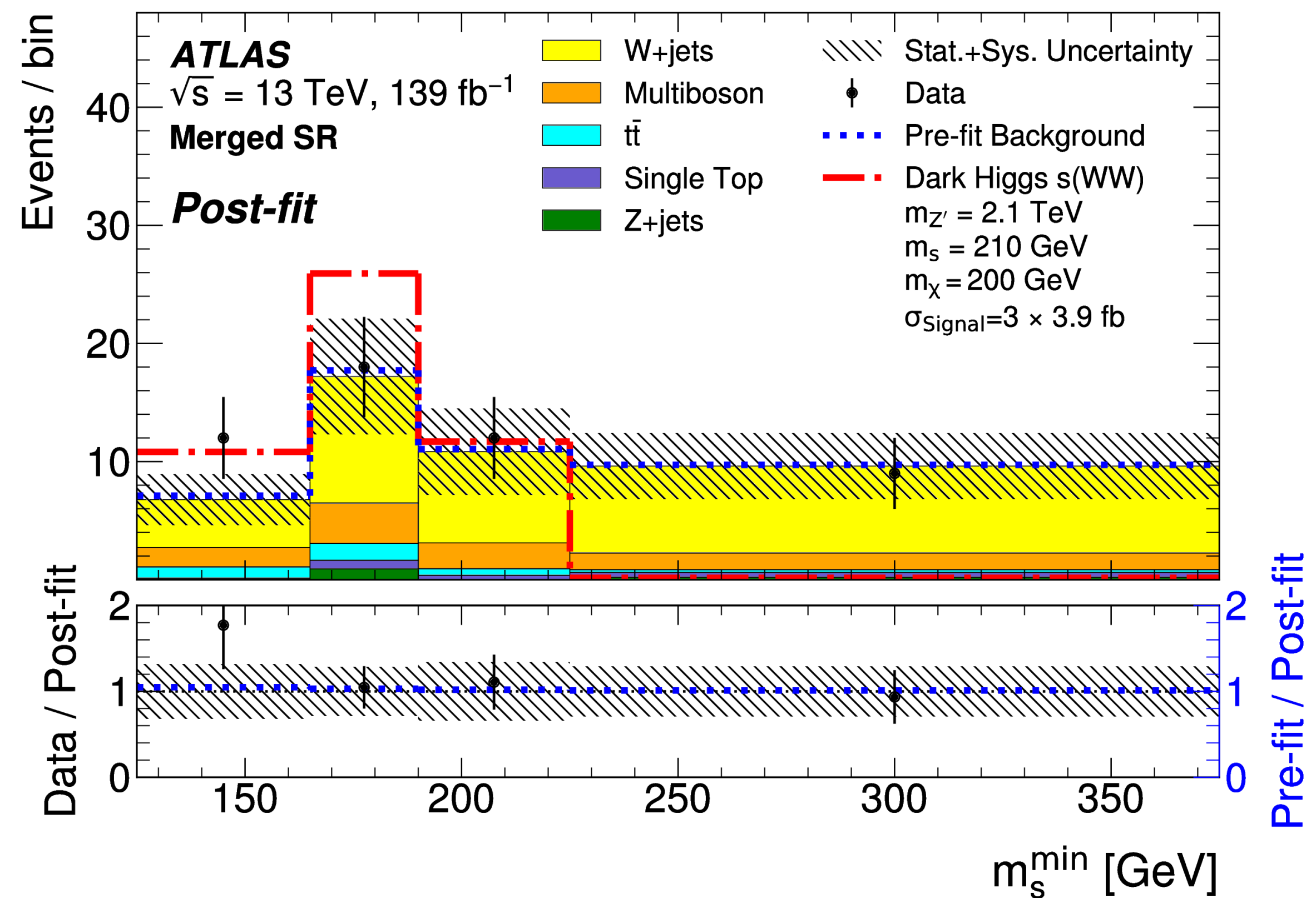
- passed $E_{\text{T}}^{\text{miss}}$ trigger or single muon trigger, $N(\text{lep}) = 1$, high $E_{\text{T}}^{\text{miss}}$ and high $m_{\text{T}}(\text{lep}, E_{\text{T}}^{\text{miss}})$
- $E_{\text{T}}^{\text{miss}}$ significance cuts, window cut on $m_{W_{\text{cand}}}$.
- Recycling strategy: Only consider events for the resolved category if they fail the merged criteria

Analytical solution of $s \rightarrow WW \rightarrow qq\ell\nu$ system

- 3 invisible (neutrino + 2 DM) particle in the decay products \rightarrow direct dark-Higgs reconstruction impossible
- Used a rotated frame of reference with lepton along Z-axis and W_{had} in X-Z plane.
- Find minimum m_s (m_s^{min}) consistent with W_{had} and lepton momenta and m_W constraint. details in backup



credit to monoSWW team



fit on m_s^{min} shape in the SRs + yield in CRs simultaneously

Dominant Sources of Uncertainty

Source of uncertainty	Uncertainty [%]		
	(2100, 210)	(1000, 140)	(1000, 360)
W +jets modelling	4	5	2
Diboson modelling	5	4	1
$t\bar{t}$ modelling	7	4	1
Single top modelling	9	5	11
Signal modelling	1	3	0
Statistical uncertainty of MC	26	15	29
$R = 0.4$ jet energy scale	11	12	14
$R = 0.4$ jet energy resolution	9	4	7
$R = 0.2$ jet energy scale	9	9	14
$R = 0.2$ jet energy resolution	13	10	16
E_T^{miss}	7	1	7
Track reconstruction	5	2	2
Lepton reconstruction	2	3	1
Systematic uncertainty	38	28	40
Statistical uncertainty of data	38	32	37
Total uncertainty	53	43	55

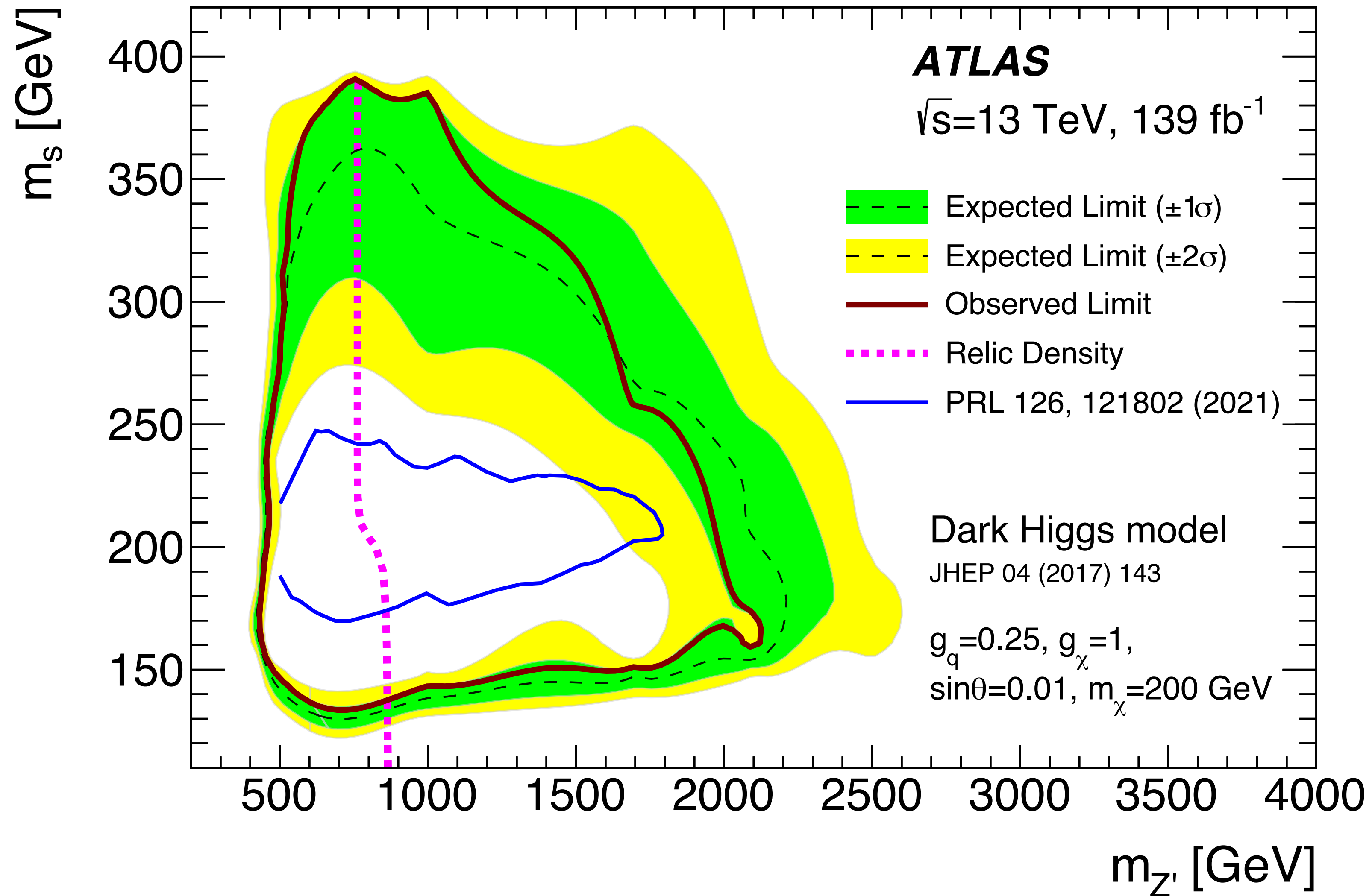
($m_{Z'}$, m_S)

Strongest impact on fitted signal strength from:

- MC statistics (mainly W +jets)
- Jet uncertainties

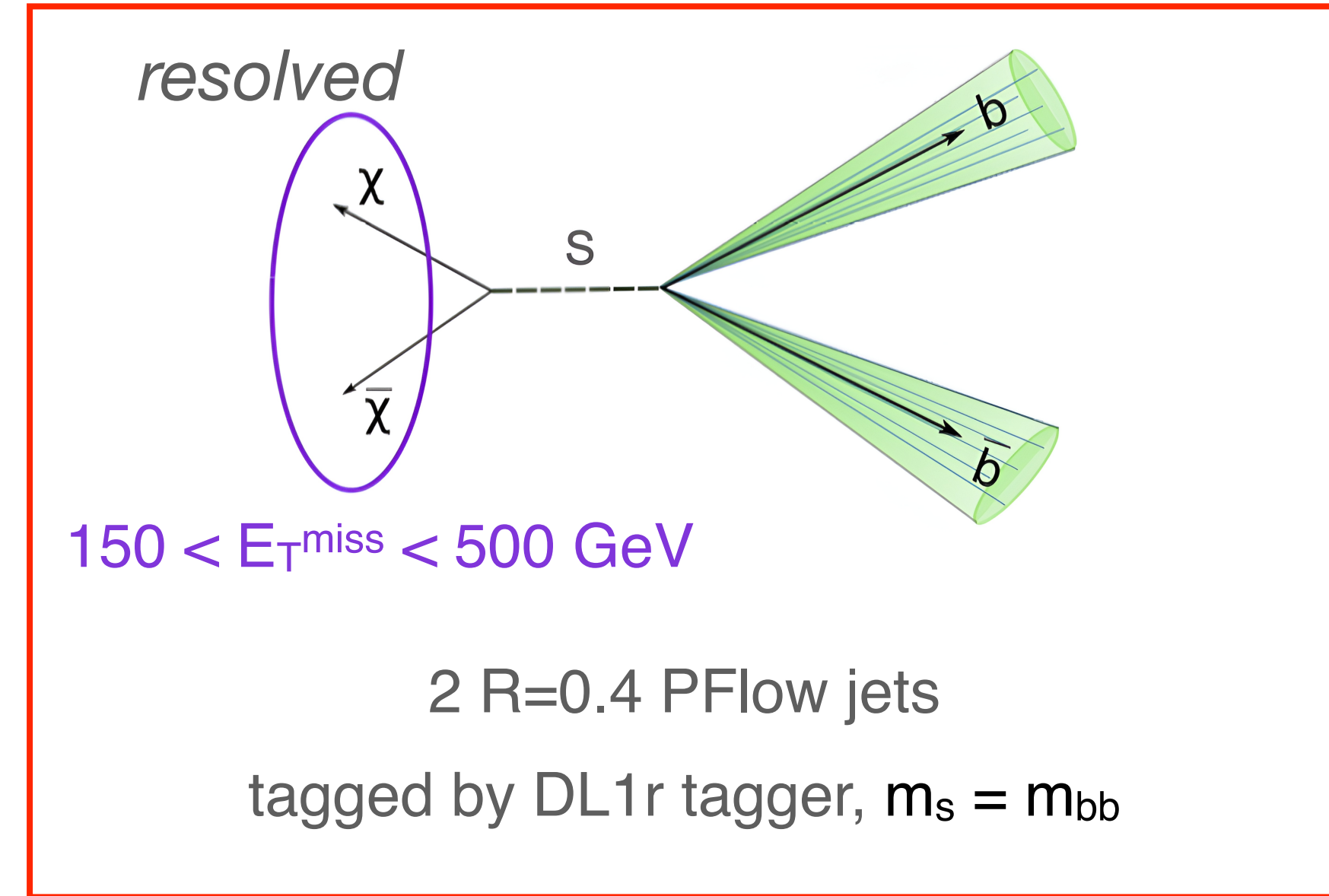
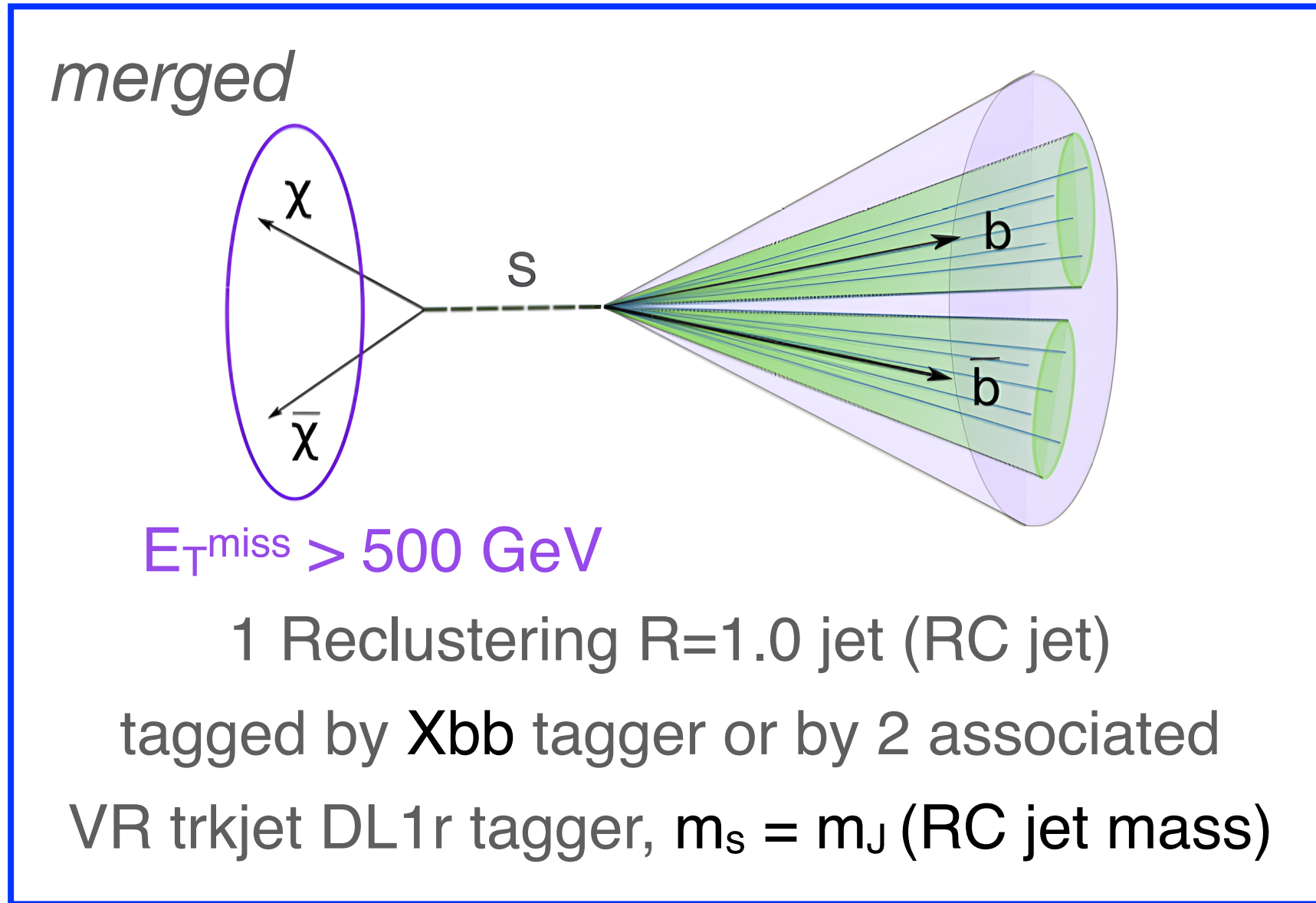
systematic uncertainty (incl. MC statistics) is comparable to statistical uncertainty

Limit Contours in $m_{Z'}$ - m_s -plane



monoSbb Analysis

Overview

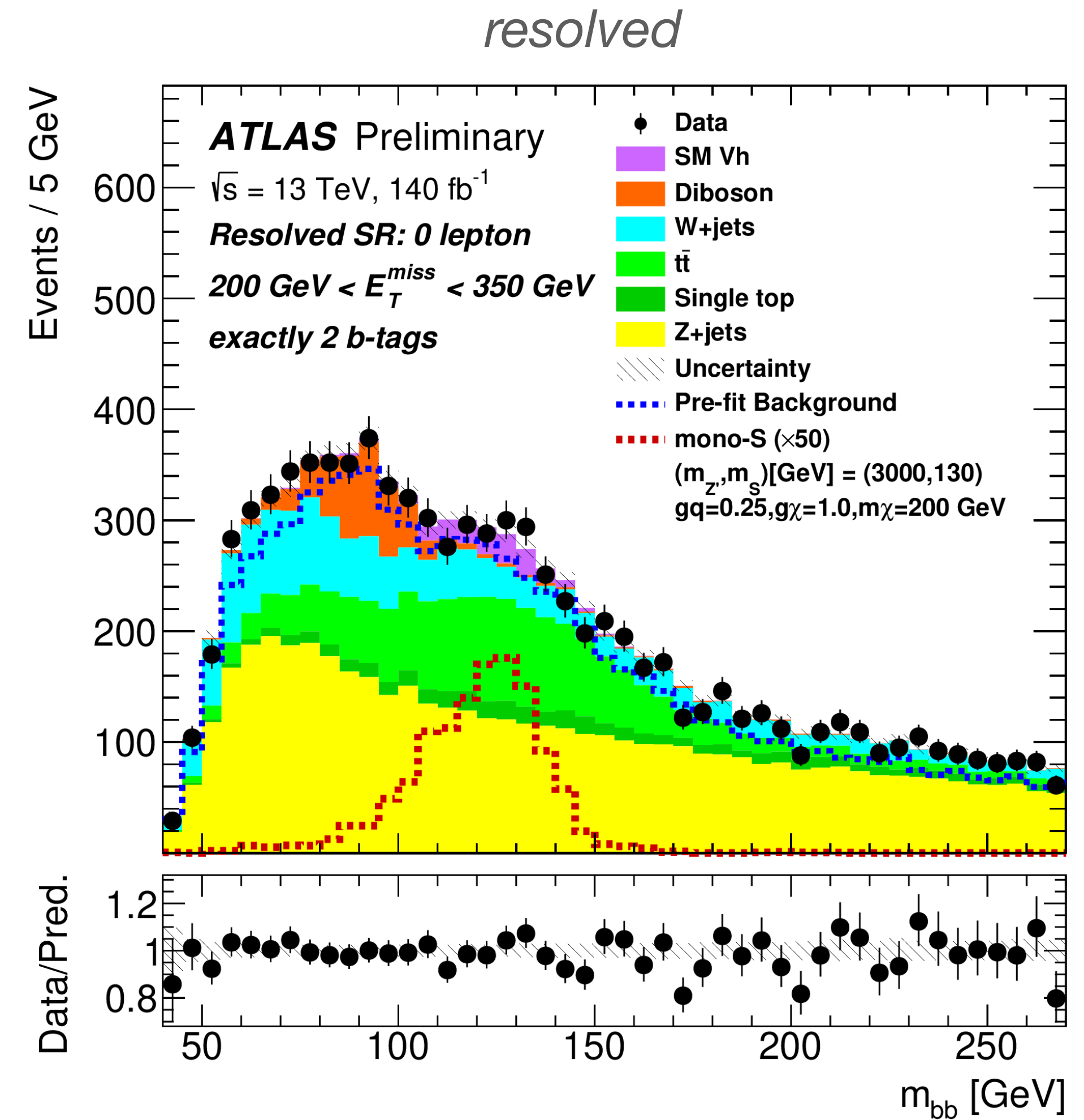
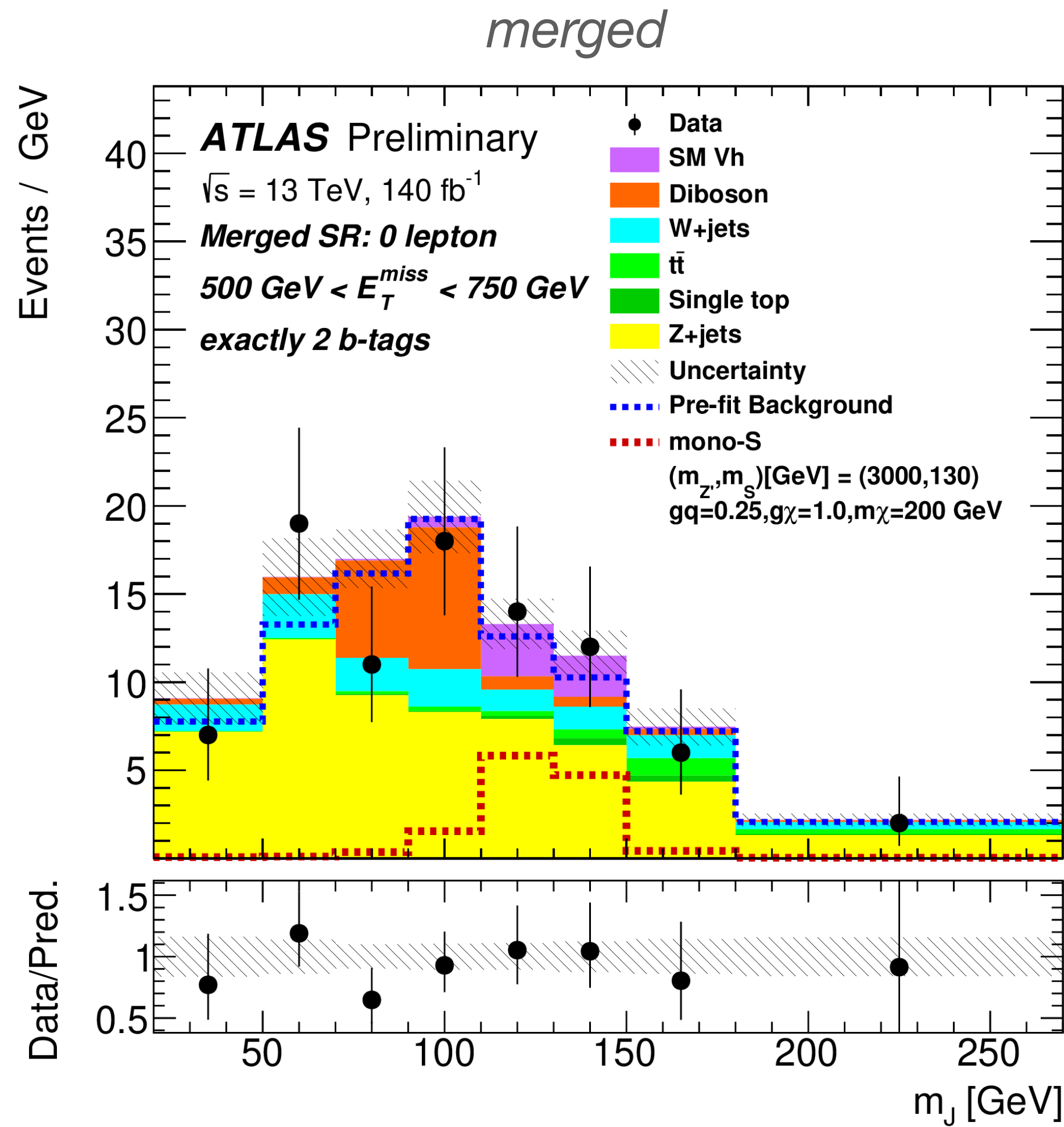


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- E_T^{miss} triggers used in 0 lepton and 1 μ channel, combination of single lepton triggers in 2 lepton channel
- dedicated # of lepton for each channel, E_T^{miss} and S_{bb} recoil, boosted decay with $2m/p_T < 0.6$ for RC jet
- anti-QCD cuts, tau veto, b-tag veto outside RC jet

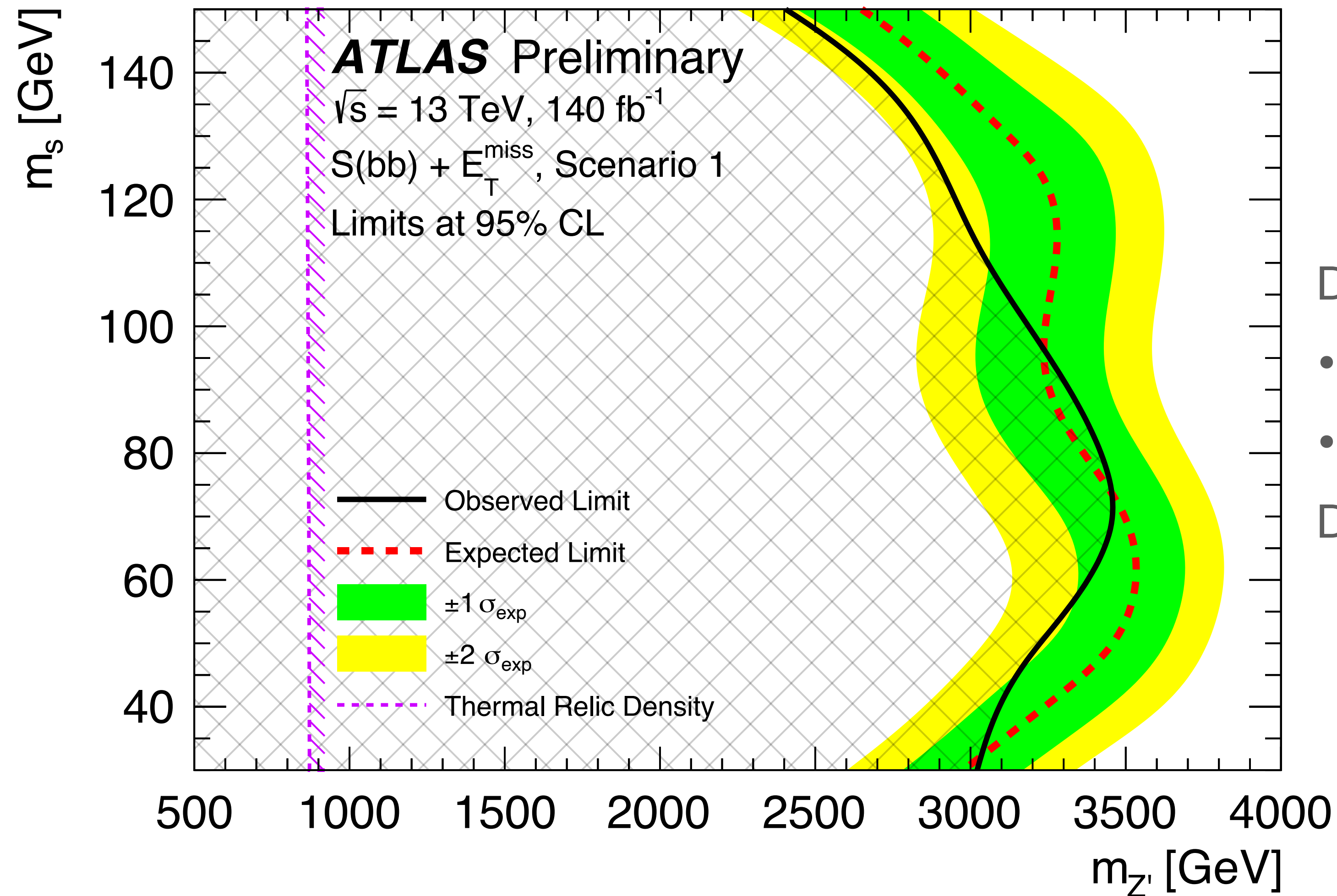
Reconstruction of the $s \rightarrow bb$



fit on m_J or m_{bb} shape in the SRs + yield in CRs simultaneously

Limit Contours in $m_{Z'}$ - m_s -plane

- Xbb tagger can improve the limit results by up to 30%



Dominant systematic uncertainties from:

- large-R jet b-tagging (Xbb tagger) calibration
- modeling of Z+jets

Data statistical uncertainties dominated.

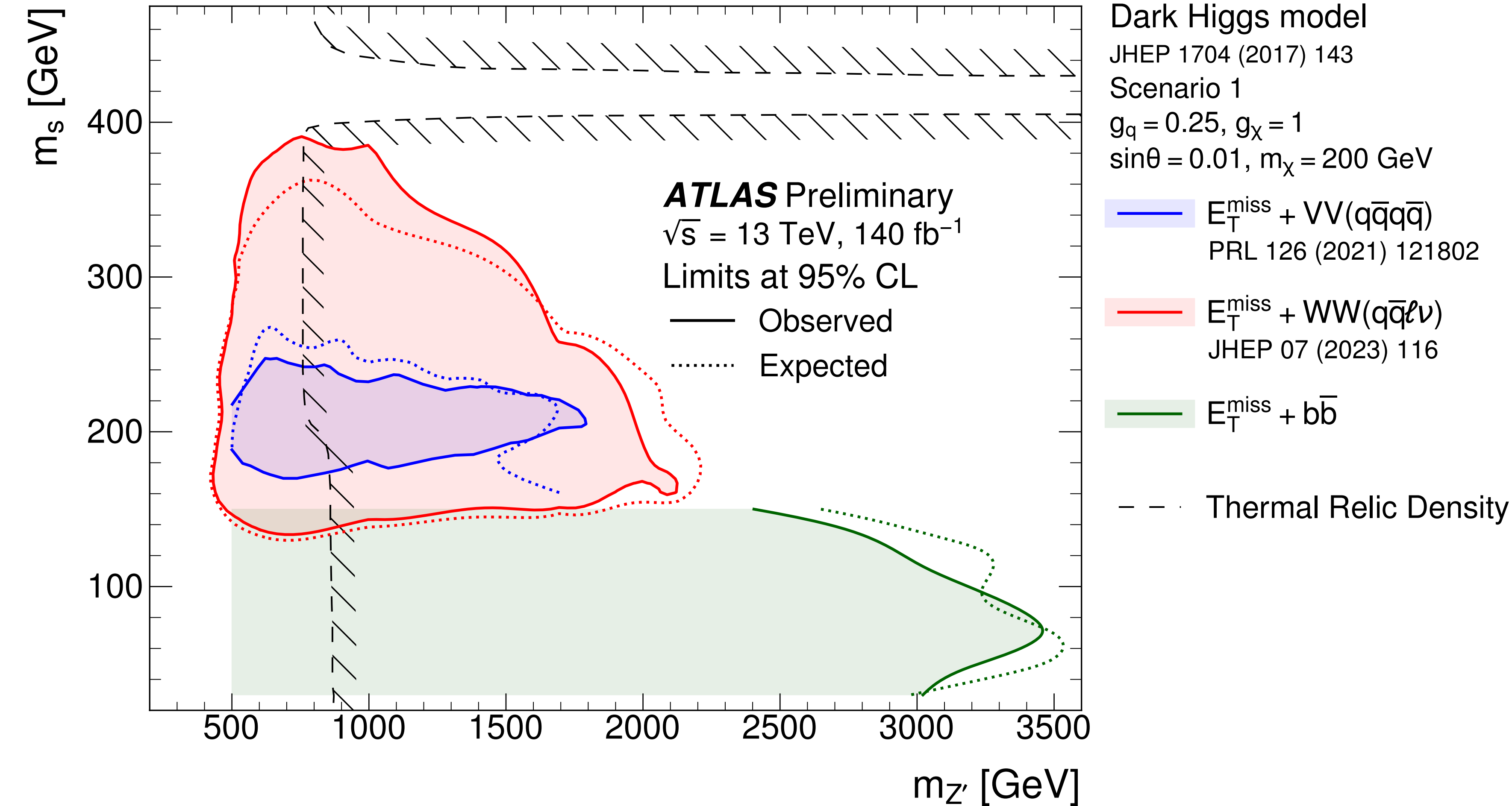
Summary on Limit Contours

$m_s > 150 \text{ GeV}$

Thanks to the cleaner signature in **monoSWW semilep.** has a stronger exclusion power than **monoSVV had**

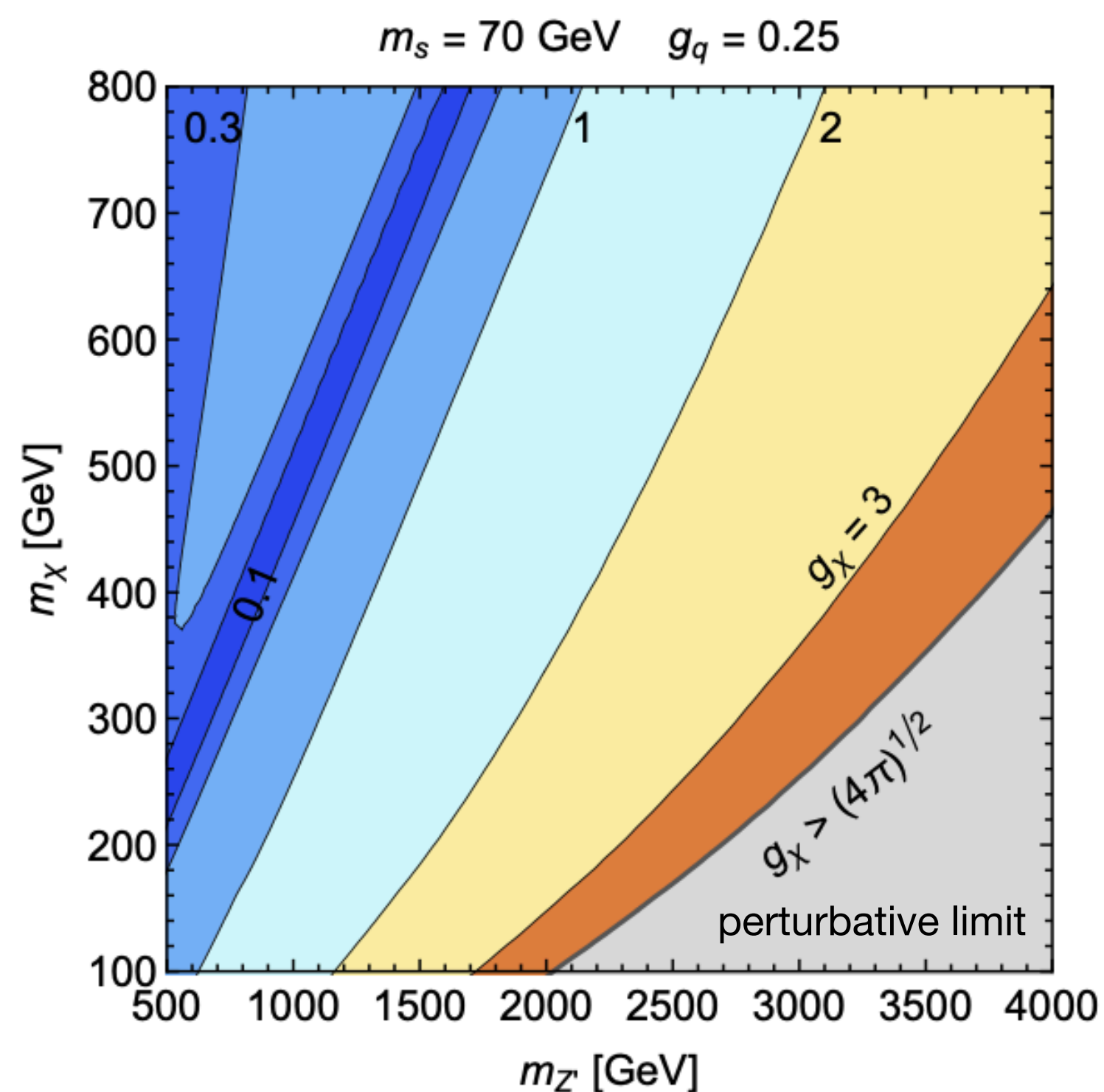
$m_s \leq 150 \text{ GeV}$

monoSbb has a strongest exclusion power at high m_z



Constraint from observed DM relic abundance

- Up to now fixing $g_q = 0.25$ and $g_X = 1.0$, this has important drawbacks when
 - The couplings combination adopted so far is excluded by di-jet resonances for a wide range of Z' masses
 - The observed DM relic abundance only reproduced for certain combination of the masses of the particles in the dark sector



When constraint from the observed DM relic abundance considered (fixing g_q), possible DM annihilation processes:

- $XX \rightarrow Z' \rightarrow qq$
 - when $m_X \approx m_{Z'}/2$, resonantly enhanced, dominant, small g_X is sufficient to reproduce relic abundance
- $XX \rightarrow ss \rightarrow \text{SM}$
 - becomes leading when far from $m_X \approx m_{Z'}/2$
- Larger Z' -DM coupling also implies a larger partial decay width for $Z' \rightarrow XX$, di-jet signal rates suppressed

values of g_X determined by the relic abundance

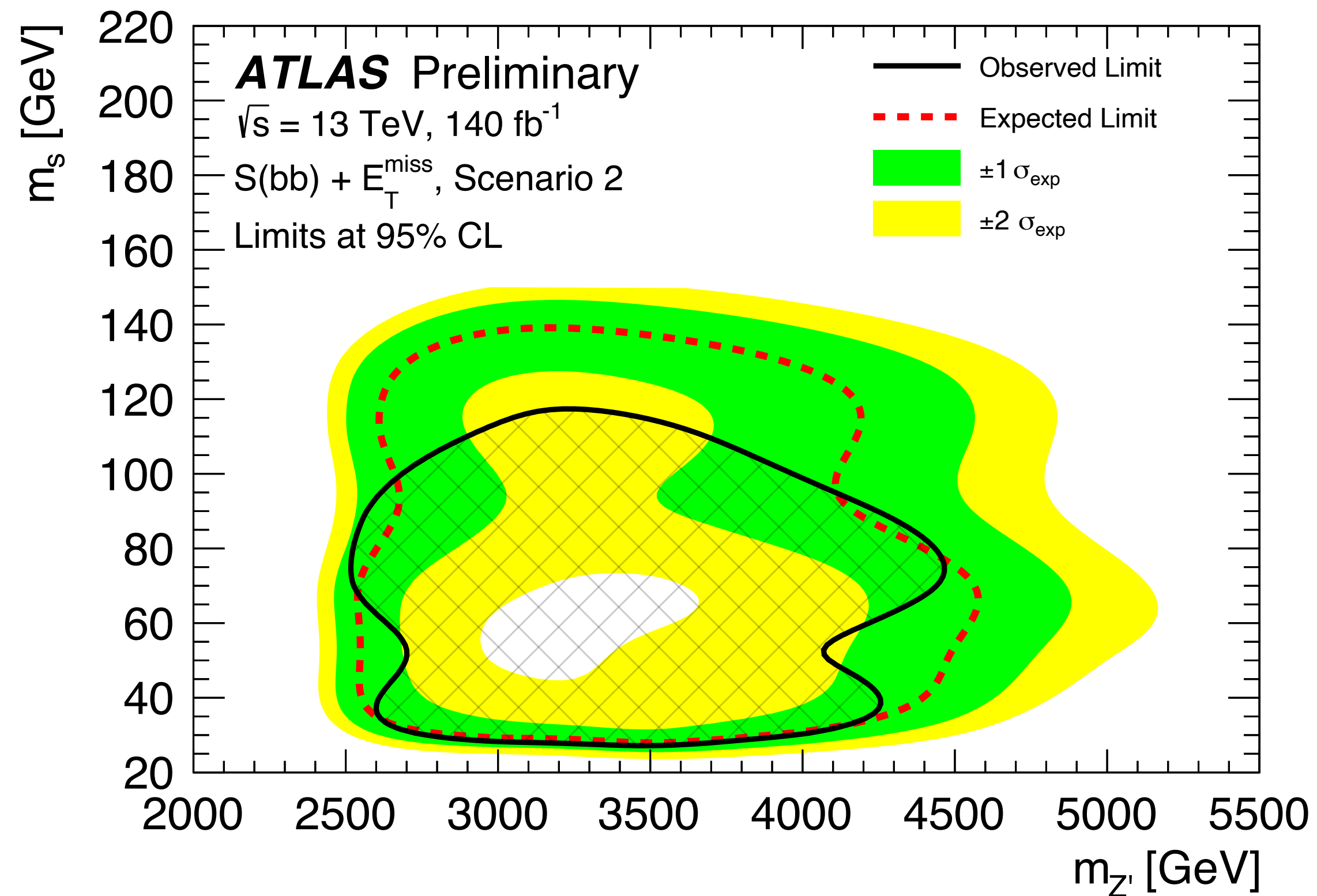
Two new scenarios proposed

	Parameters	m_S	Fixed values of the rest parameters
1	$m_S - m_{Z'}$	$30 < m_S < 150 \text{ GeV}$	$\sin\theta = 0.01, m_X = 200 \text{ GeV}, g_q = 0.25, g_X = 1.0$
2	$m_S - m_{Z'}$	$30 < m_S < 150 \text{ GeV}$	$\sin\theta = 0.01, m_X = 900 \text{ GeV}, g_q = 0.25,$ $g_X \text{ determined by relic density}$
3	$m_X - m_{Z'}$	$m_S = 70 \text{ GeV}$	$\sin\theta = 0.01, g_q = 0.25, g_X \text{ determined by relic density}$

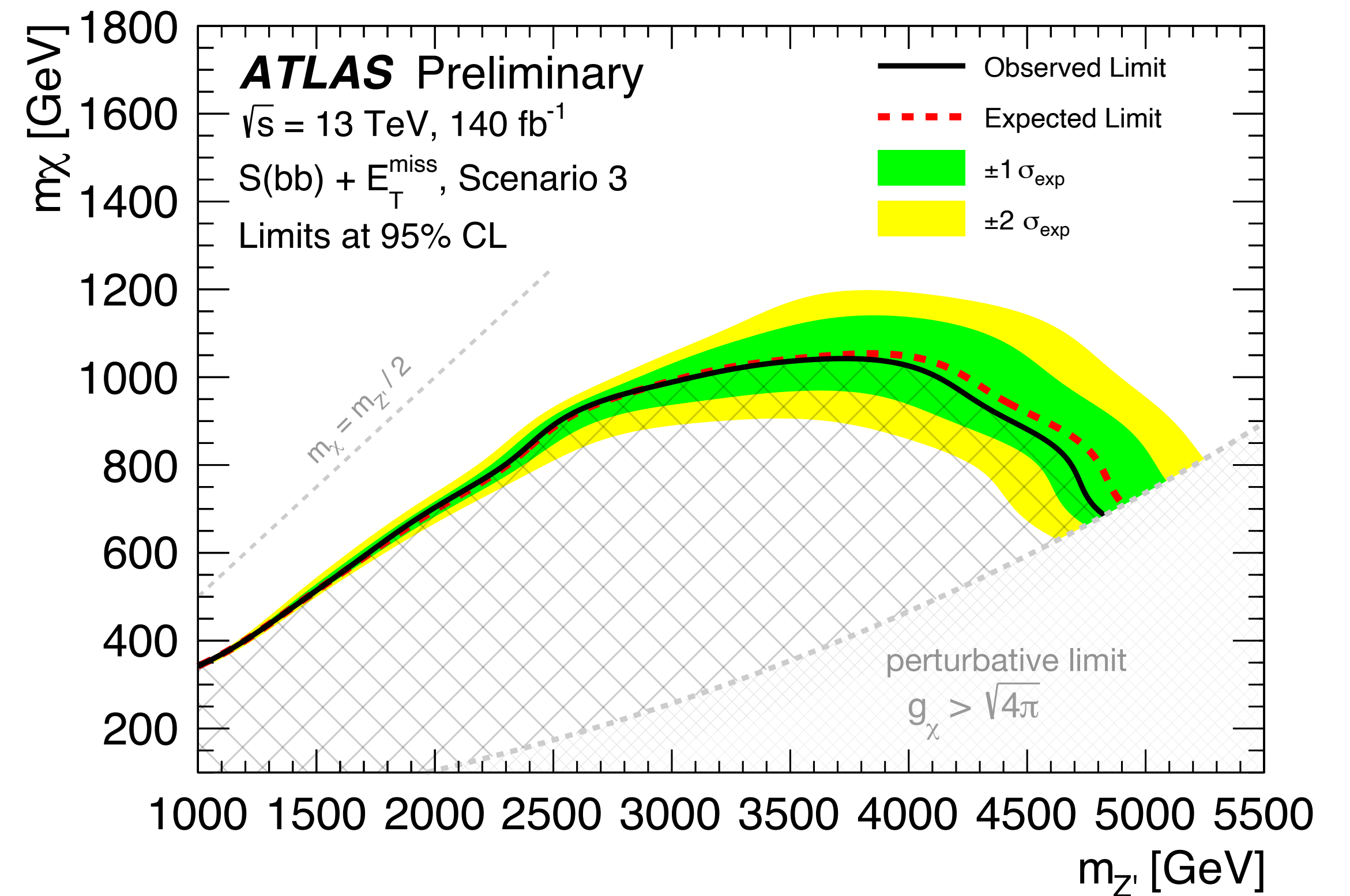
- In addition to the [LHCDM WG recommendation](#), monoSbb analysis proposes:
 - Scenario2: $g_X = 1 \rightarrow$ value determined by relic density abundance, m_X increased to 900 GeV
 - Scenario3: $g_X = 1 \rightarrow$ value determined by relic density abundance, $m_S = 70$ GeV for the largest sensitivity on $m_X - m_{Z'}$ - plane, also proposed in paper [JHEP 04 \(2017\) 143](#)

Looking forward to further discussions

Limit Contours from monoSbb



$\sin\theta = 0.01, m_x = 900 \text{ GeV}, g_q = 0.25,$
 g_x determined by relic density



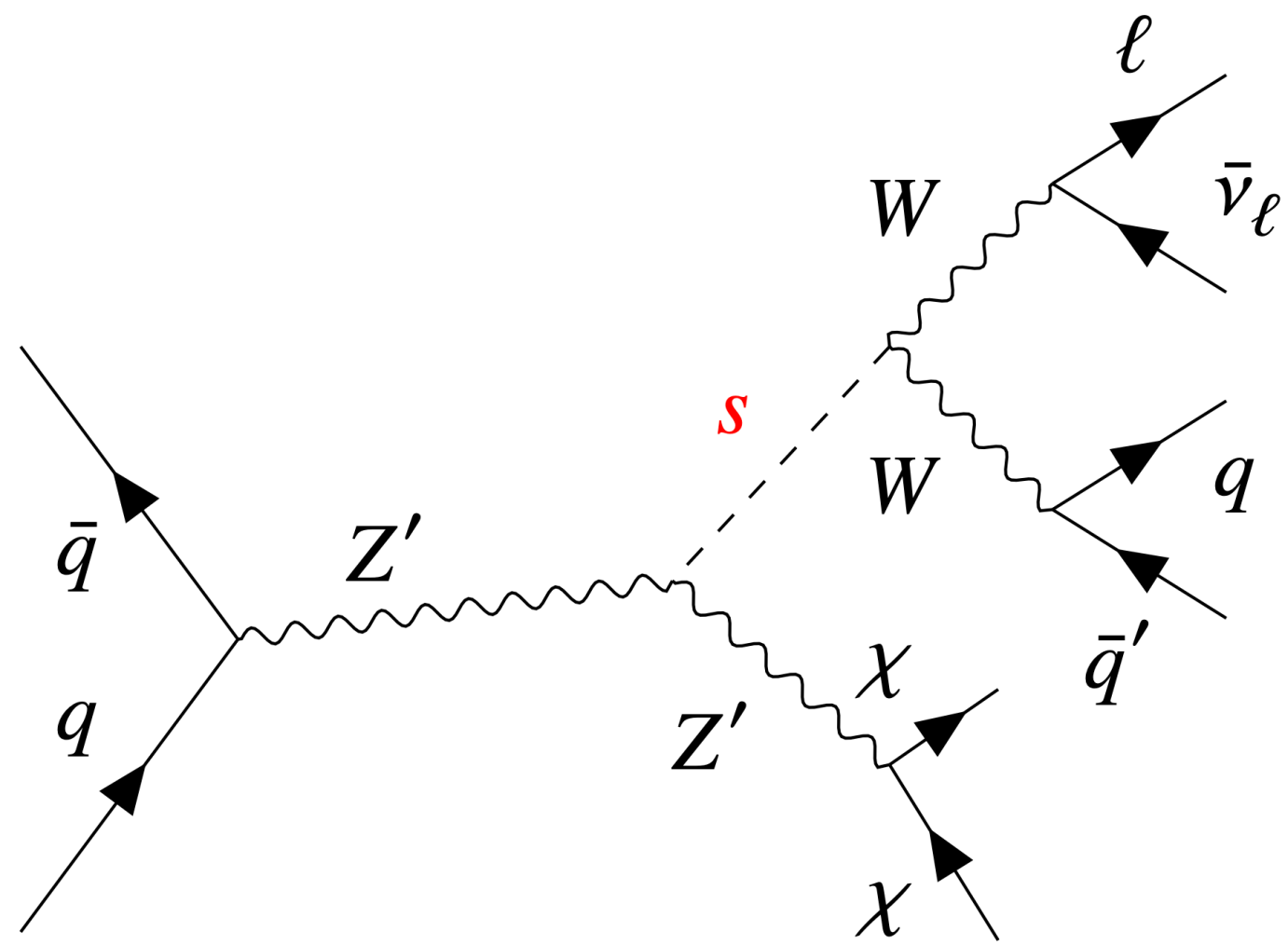
$m_s = 70 \text{ GeV}, \sin\theta = 0.01, g_q = 0.25,$
 g_x determined by relic density

Summary and Outlook for Run3

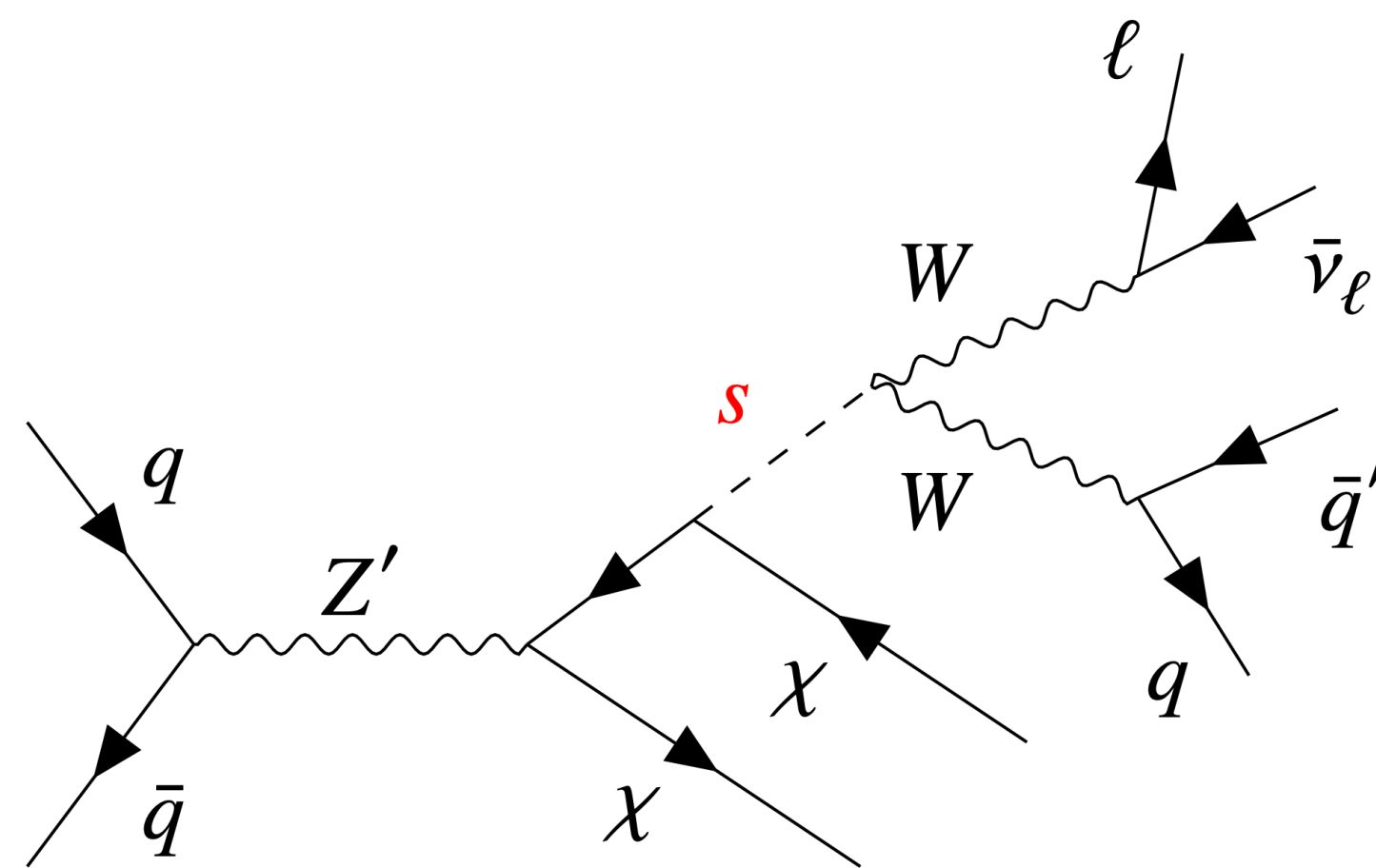
- Targeting 2MDM models, three analyses introduced
 - Thanks to the novel techniques, the sensitivities are enhanced and strong constraining power obtained
- Towards Run3, we will / may have:
 - large data statistics (a big benefit to monoSbb)
 - better background modeling (W/Z+jets)
 - new large-R jet reconstruction
 - with new dedicated tagger for W/Z in the dense environment to replace the TAR jet to simplified the signal reconstruction (benefit to monoSVV)
 - with new Xbb tagger (GN2x) (benefit to monoSbb)
 - other final states:
 - $s \rightarrow WW \rightarrow l\nu l\nu$, already done by CMS, see the next talk from [Alicia Calderon Tazon](#)
 - $s \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4lep$, clean signature though low branching ratio, maybe not practical yet
- combination across two experiments

Backup

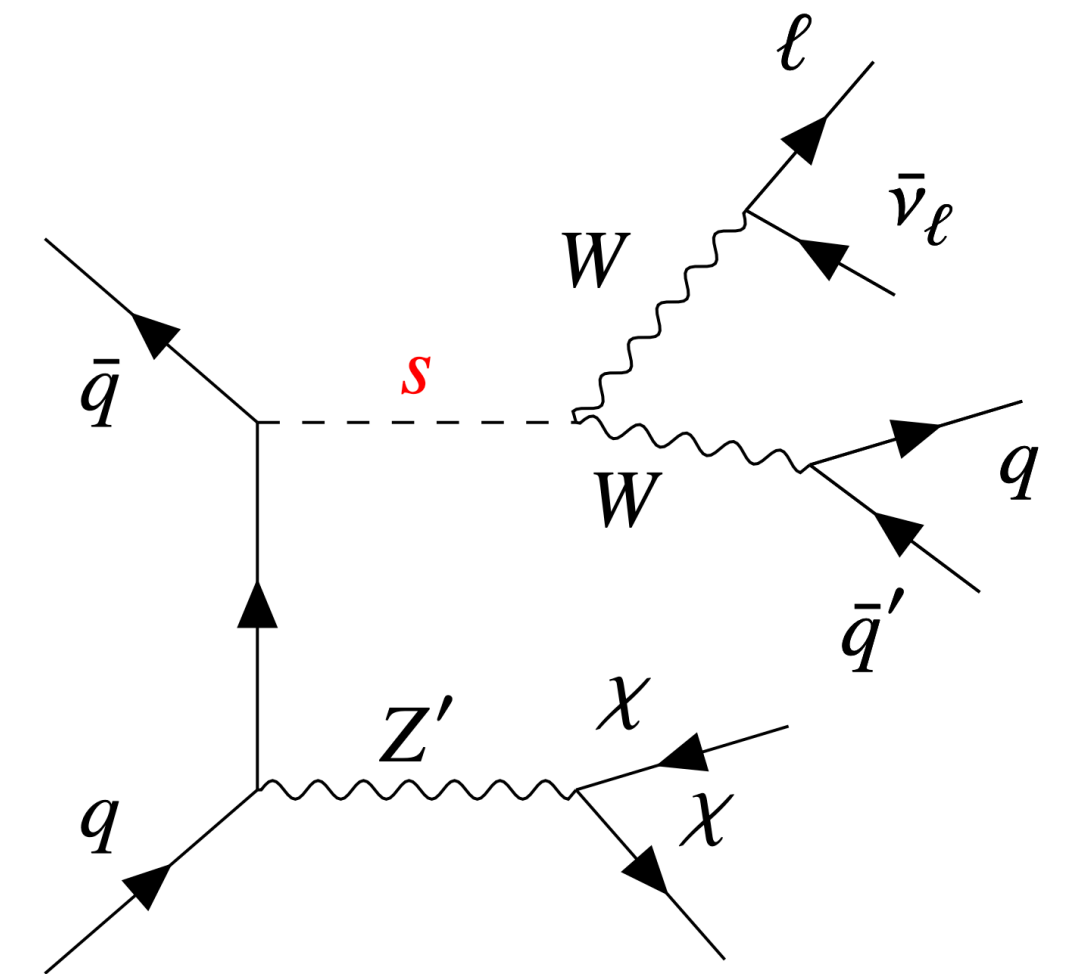
Feynman Diagram for monoSWW Production



Typically dominates
for high $m_{Z'}$



Sizable contribution throughout
the parameter space considered



Contribution most for
 $m_{Z'} < 2m_\chi + m_s$

Reconstruction of TAR jets

- s to VV in Hadronic

scalar boson candidate mass:

invariant mass of $R=0.8$ TAR jet with highest p_T

Track-Assisted Reclustered jet:

jet re-clustering algorithm using AntiKt4EMTopoJets with substructure information computed from tracks matched to the constituent jets

Track quality selection	Loose
Track p_T	> 0.5 GeV
Track $ \eta $	< 2.5
Track Si hits	7 or more
Track to vertex association: $z_0 \times \sin(\theta)$	< 3.0 mm
Track to vertex association: transverse distance d_0	< 2.0 mm
Input jet selection	signal $R = 0.4$ jets
Input jet p_T	$p_T^{\text{jet}} > 20$ GeV
Reclustering radius	$R = 0.8$
TAR jet p_T	$p_T^{\text{TAR}} > 100$ GeV
Trimming radius	$R = 0.2$
Trimming p_T fraction	0.05
Track to jet association	$\Delta R(\text{jet}, \text{track}) < 0.5$

- s to WW in Leptonic

- track-assisted reclustering, using tracks and calibrated $R=0.2$ LCW (R-scan) jets as input
- lepton disentanglement: remove tracks associated with electrons/muons, and $R=0.2$ jets within $\Delta R < 0.2$ of an electron from input
- jets are reclustered with $R=1$ AntiKt
- tracks are associated to $R=0.2$ jets and rescaled to jet p_T
- mass and substructure of TAR jets are calculated from tracks, making use of superior tracking resolution

Track selection	Loose quality $p_T > 0.5$ GeV $ \eta < 2.5$
Track-to-vertex association	$ z_0 \times \sin \theta < 3.0$ mm $ d_0 < 2.0$ mm
Tracks removed if associated to	electrons, muons
Input jet selection	$R = 0.2$ topo jets $p_T > 20$ GeV $ \eta < 2.5$
Reclustering radius	$R = 1.0$
TAR jet p_T	$p_T^{\text{TAR}} > 100$ GeV
Trimming radius	$R = 0.2$
Trimming p_T fraction	$f_{\text{cut}} = 0.05$
Track-to-jet association	$\Delta R(\text{jet}, \text{track}) < 0.3$
jet-electron overlap removal	$\Delta R(\text{jet}, \text{electron}) < 0.2$

Jet substructure / shape variables

- **Energy Correlation ratios**, C2 and D2

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{ECF1} &= \sum_{i \in J} p_{T_i}, & e_2 &= \frac{\text{ECF2}}{(\text{ECF1})^2}, & C_2 &= \frac{e_3}{(e_2)^2}, \\
 \text{ECF2}(\beta^{\text{ECF}}) &= \sum_{i < j \in J} p_{T_i} p_{T_j} (\Delta R_{ij})^{\beta^{\text{ECF}}}, & e_3 &= \frac{\text{ECF3}}{(\text{ECF1})^3}, & D_2 &= \frac{e_3}{(e_2)^3}, \\
 \text{ECF3}(\beta^{\text{ECF}}) &= \sum_{i < j < k \in J} p_{T_i} p_{T_j} p_{T_k} (\Delta R_{ij} \Delta R_{ik} \Delta R_{jk})^{\beta^{\text{ECF}}},
 \end{aligned}$$

- **N-subjettiness ratios** $\tau_{21} = \frac{\tau_2}{\tau_1}$ and $\tau_{32} = \frac{\tau_3}{\tau_2}$ (used to distinguish W and top jets)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \tau_0(\beta^{\text{NS}}) &= \sum_{i \in J} p_{T_i} R_0^{\beta^{\text{NS}}}, & \tau_2(\beta^{\text{NS}}) &= \frac{1}{\tau_0(\beta^{\text{NS}})} \sum_{i \in J} p_{T_i} \min(\Delta R_{a_1,i}^{\beta^{\text{NS}}}, \Delta R_{a_2,i}^{\beta^{\text{NS}}}), \\
 \tau_1(\beta^{\text{NS}}) &= \frac{1}{\tau_0(\beta^{\text{NS}})} \sum_{i \in J} p_{T_i} \Delta R_{a_1,i}^{\beta^{\text{NS}}}, & \tau_3(\beta^{\text{NS}}) &= \frac{1}{\tau_0(\beta^{\text{NS}})} \sum_{i \in J} p_{T_i} \min(\Delta R_{a_1,i}^{\beta^{\text{NS}}}, \Delta R_{a_2,i}^{\beta^{\text{NS}}}, \Delta R_{a_3,i}^{\beta^{\text{NS}}}),
 \end{aligned}$$

Analytical solution of $s \rightarrow WW \rightarrow qq\ell\nu$ system

$$E_\nu = \frac{m_W^2}{2E_\ell(1 - \cos\theta_{\ell\nu})}$$

$$p_\nu = \frac{m_W^2}{2E_\ell(1 - \cos\theta_{\ell\nu})} (\sin\theta_{\ell\nu} \cos\phi_\nu, \sin\theta_{\ell\nu} \sin\phi_\nu, \cos\theta_{\ell\nu}, 1)$$

The invariant mass of the $s \rightarrow WW$ system is then

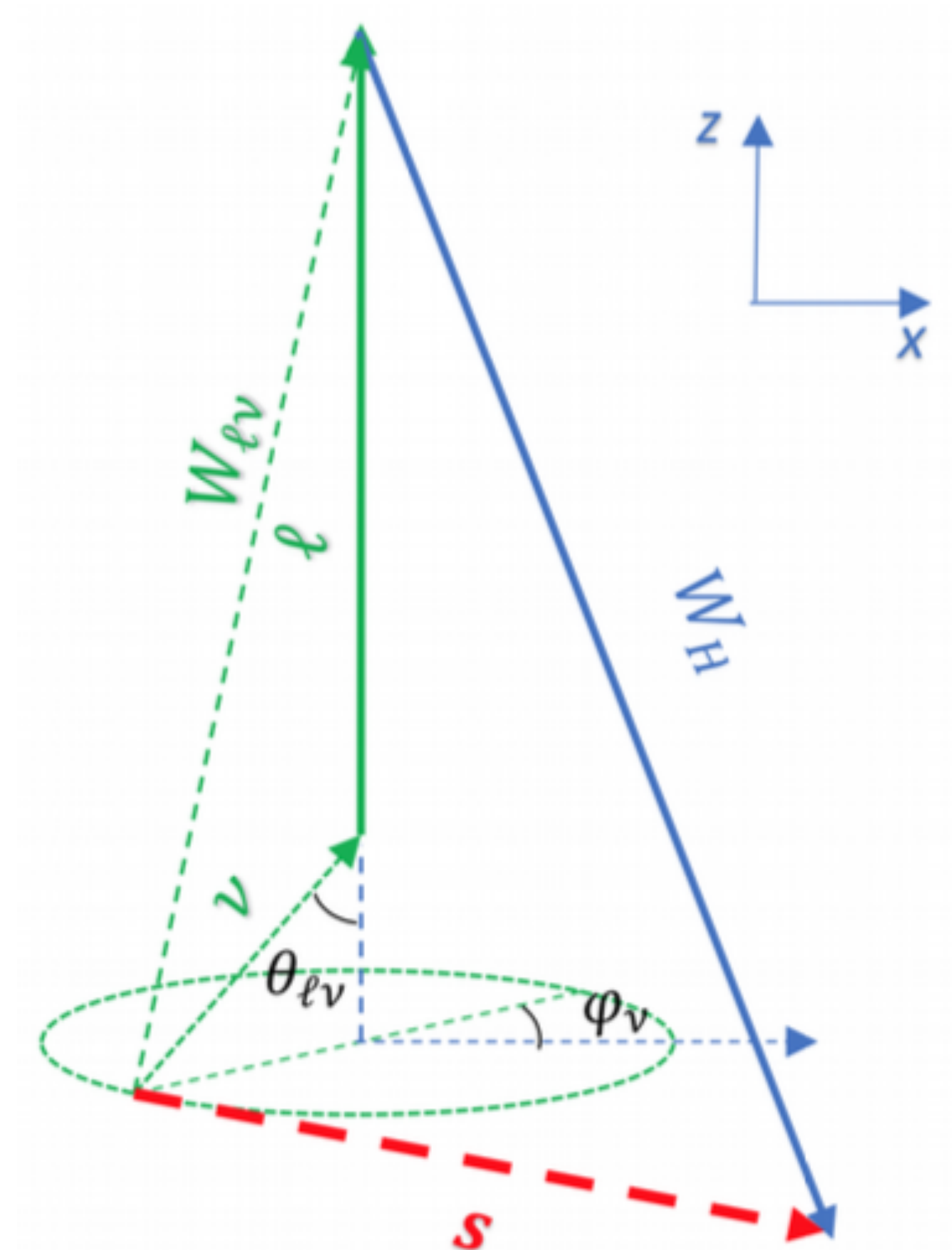
$$\begin{aligned} m_s^2 &= (p_{W_{\text{cand}}} + p_\ell + p_\nu)^2 \\ &= (E_{W_{\text{cand}}} + E_\ell + E_\nu)^2 - (p_{x,W_{\text{cand}}} + E_\nu \sin\theta_{\ell\nu} \cos\phi_\nu)^2 \\ &\quad - (E_\nu \sin\theta_{\ell\nu} \sin\phi_\nu)^2 - (E_\ell + p_{z,W_{\text{cand}}} + E_\nu \cos\theta_{\ell\nu})^2 \end{aligned}$$

It can be shown that the minimum occurs when $\phi_\nu = 0$.

$$\begin{aligned} m_s^2 &= \left(E_\ell + \frac{m_W^2}{2E_\ell(1 - \cos\theta_{\ell\nu})} + E_{W_{\text{cand}}} \right)^2 - \left(\left| \vec{p}_{W_{\text{cand}}} \right| \sin\theta_{W_{\text{cand}}}\ell + \frac{m_W^2 \sqrt{1 - \cos^2\theta_{\ell\nu}}}{2E_\ell(1 - \cos\theta_{\ell\nu})} \right)^2 \\ &\quad - \left(E_\ell + \left| \vec{p}_{W_{\text{cand}}} \right| \cos\theta_{W_{\text{cand}}}\ell + \frac{m_W^2 \cos\theta_{\ell\nu}}{2E_\ell(1 - \cos\theta_{\ell\nu})} \right)^2, \end{aligned}$$

leaves only $\cos\theta_{\ell\nu}$ as an unknown

$$m_s^{\min} \equiv \min_{\cos\theta_{\ell\nu}} (m_s)$$



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