

# Beyond the Standard Model physics at colliders

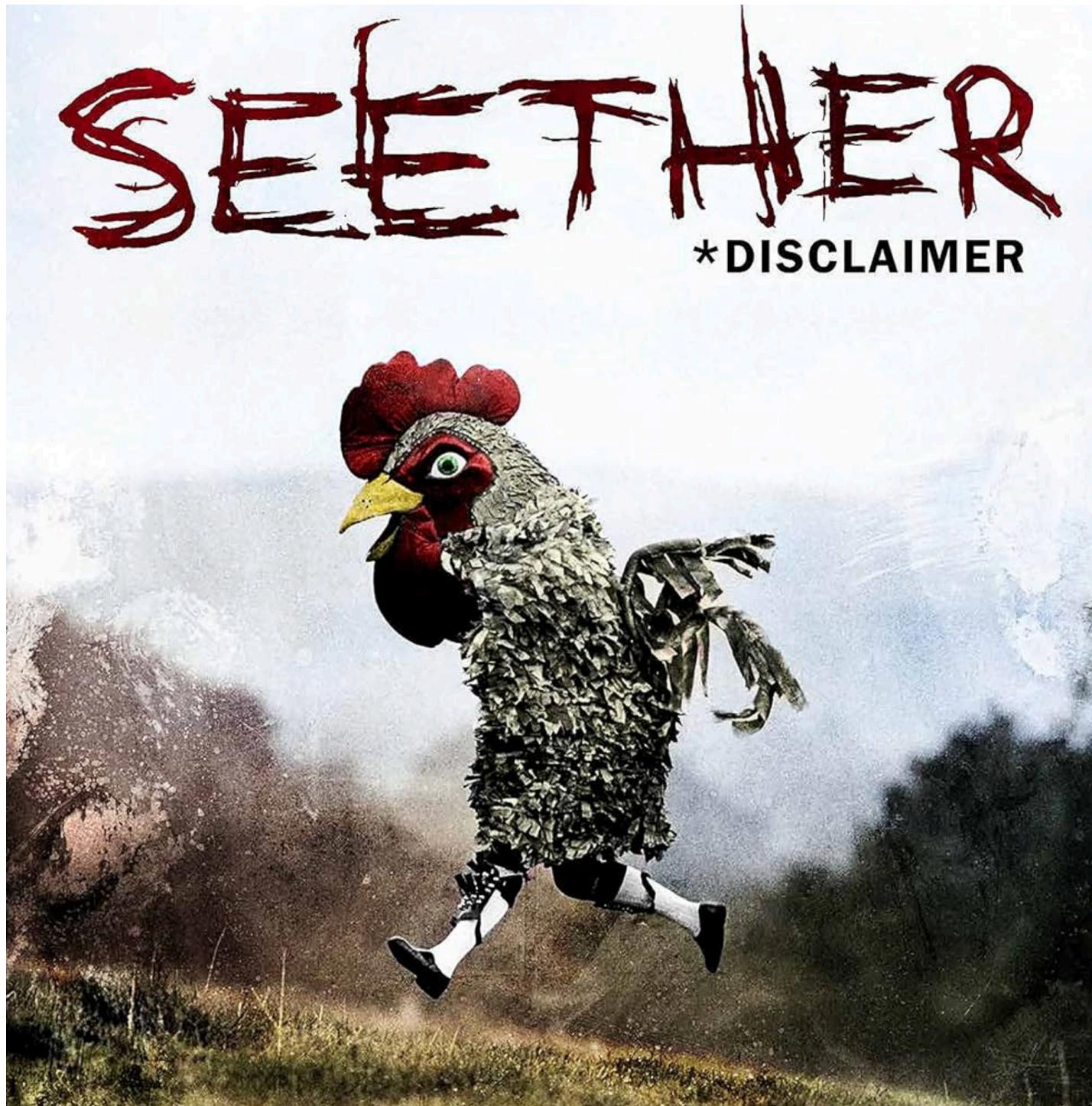
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# Disclaimer



## Very broad topic

- Dozens of new results every week
- 25-minute talk
- Subjective choices to be made
  - A lot of interesting papers not covered
- SUSY-connected picks
  - It is a SUSY conference!
  - Choices have been made...

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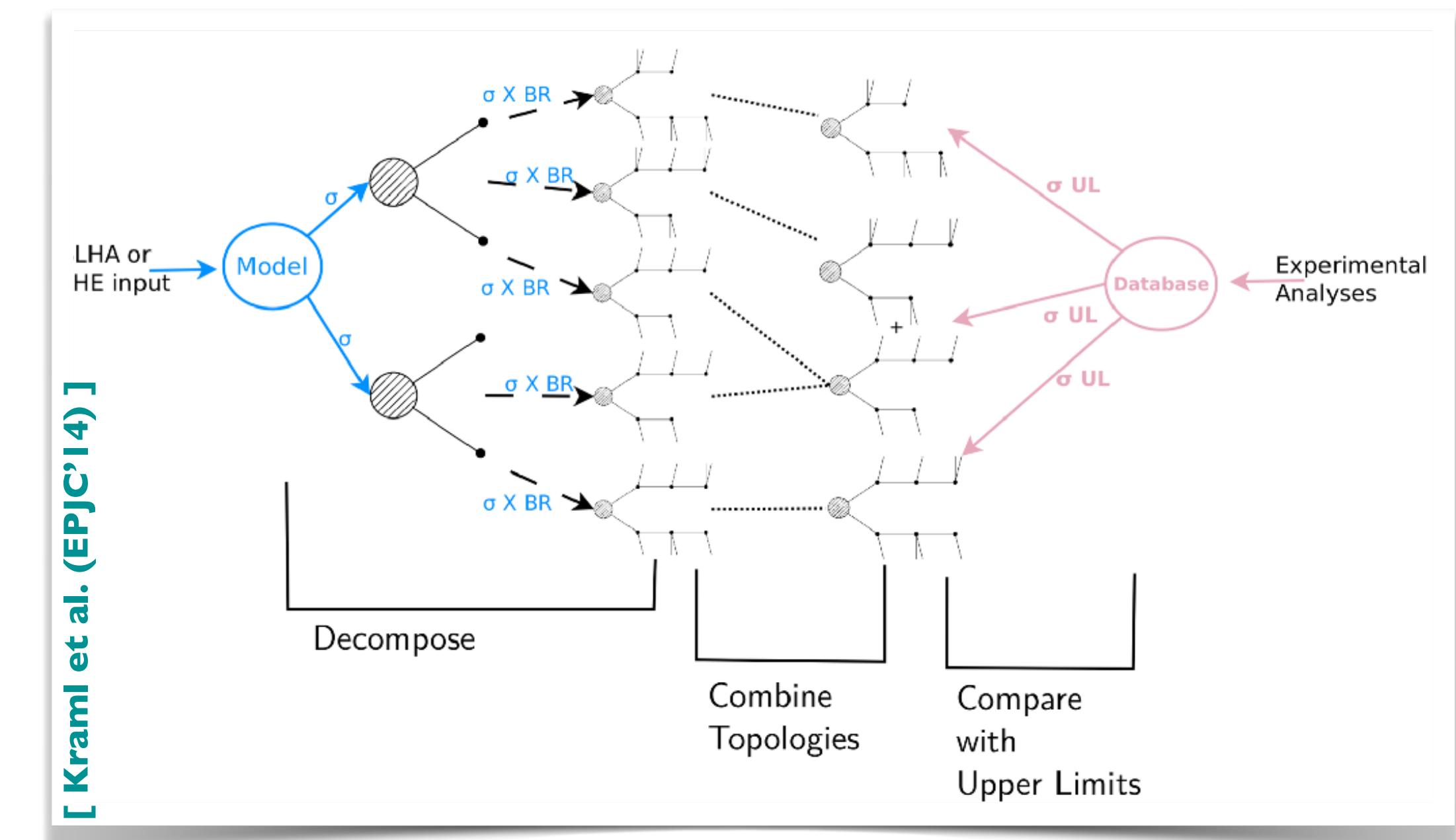
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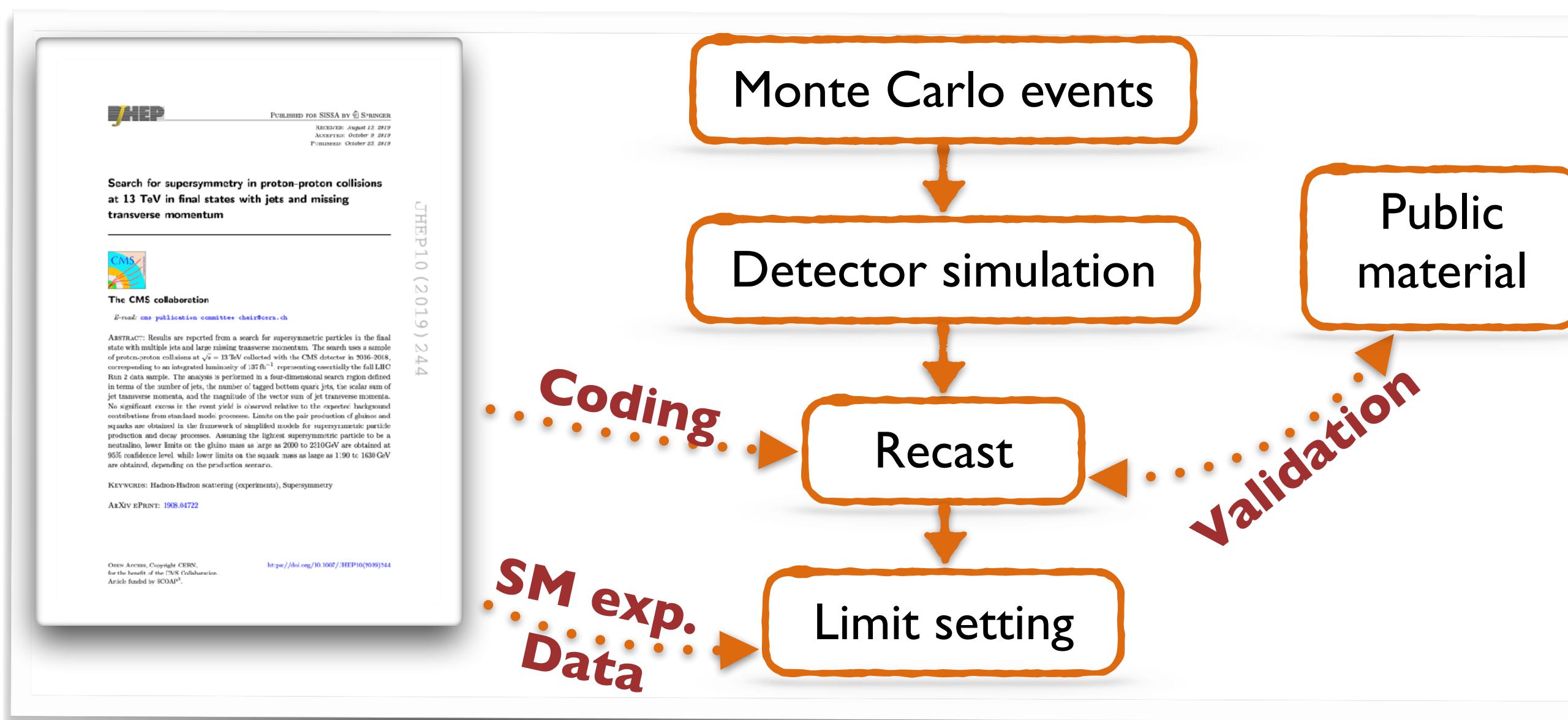
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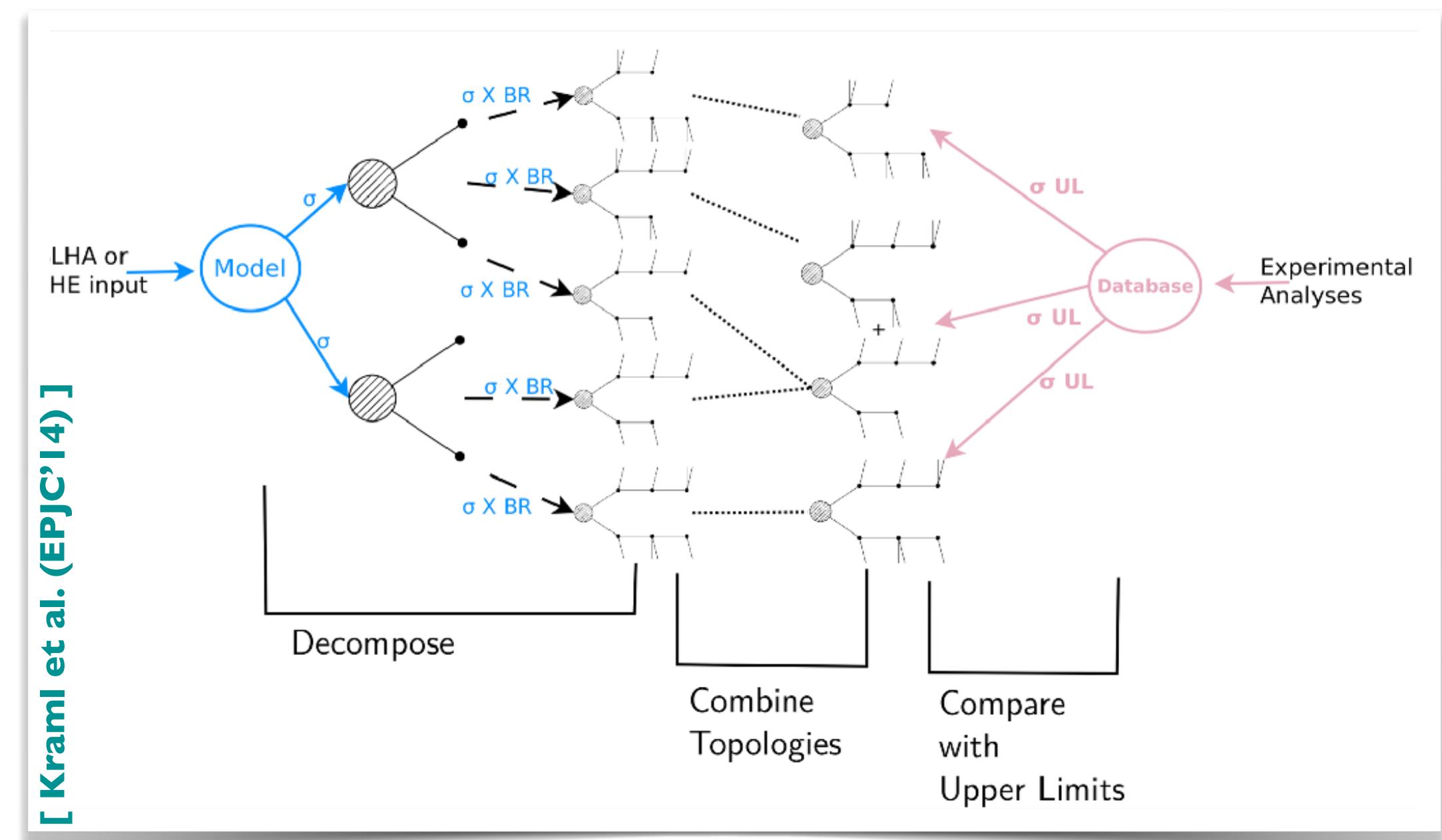
Reinterpretation based on simulations

- Detector modelling mimicking ATLAS / CMS
- Development of full frameworks
  - Implementations of searches (and validation)
  - Event yields from simulated signals



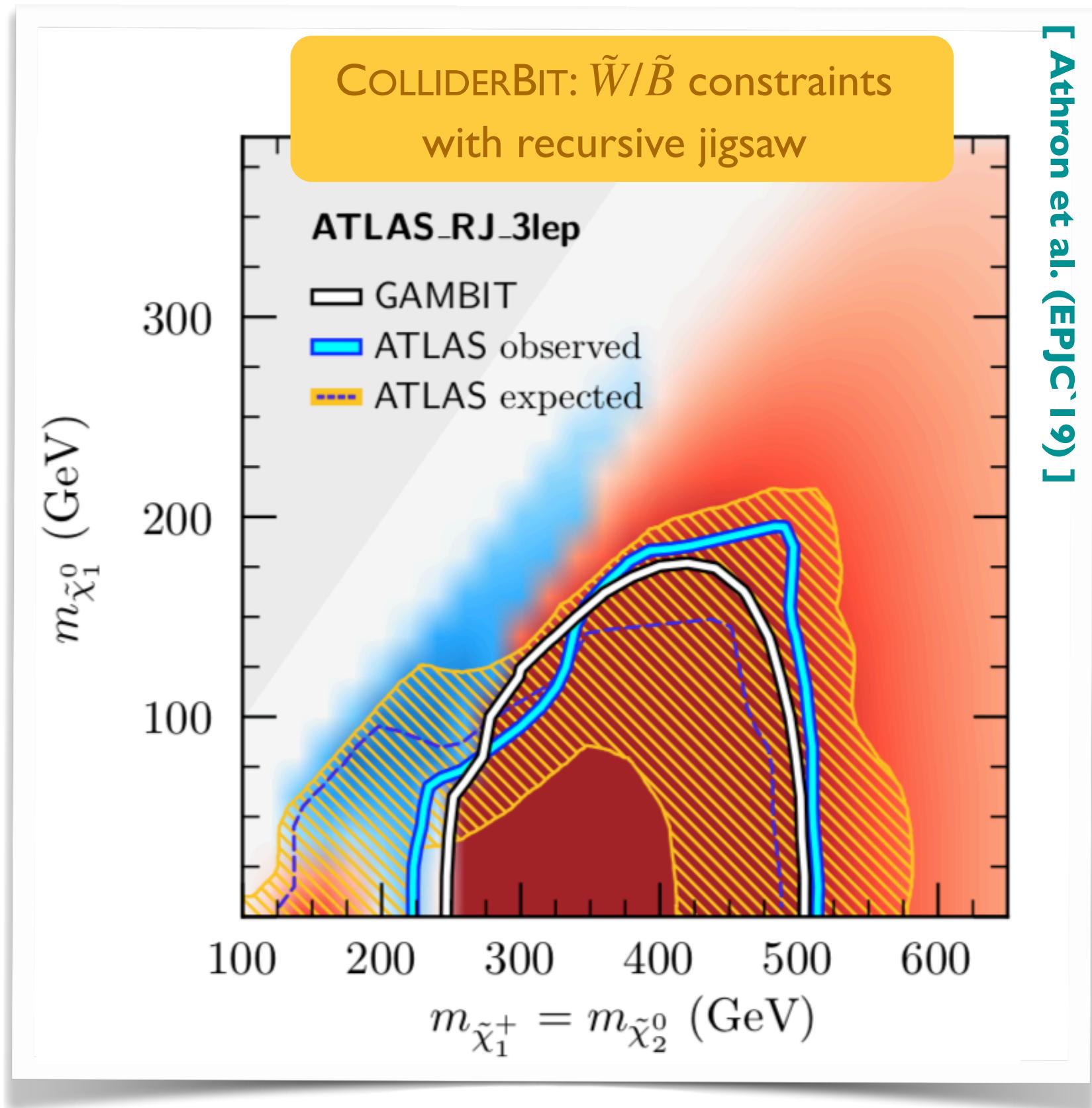
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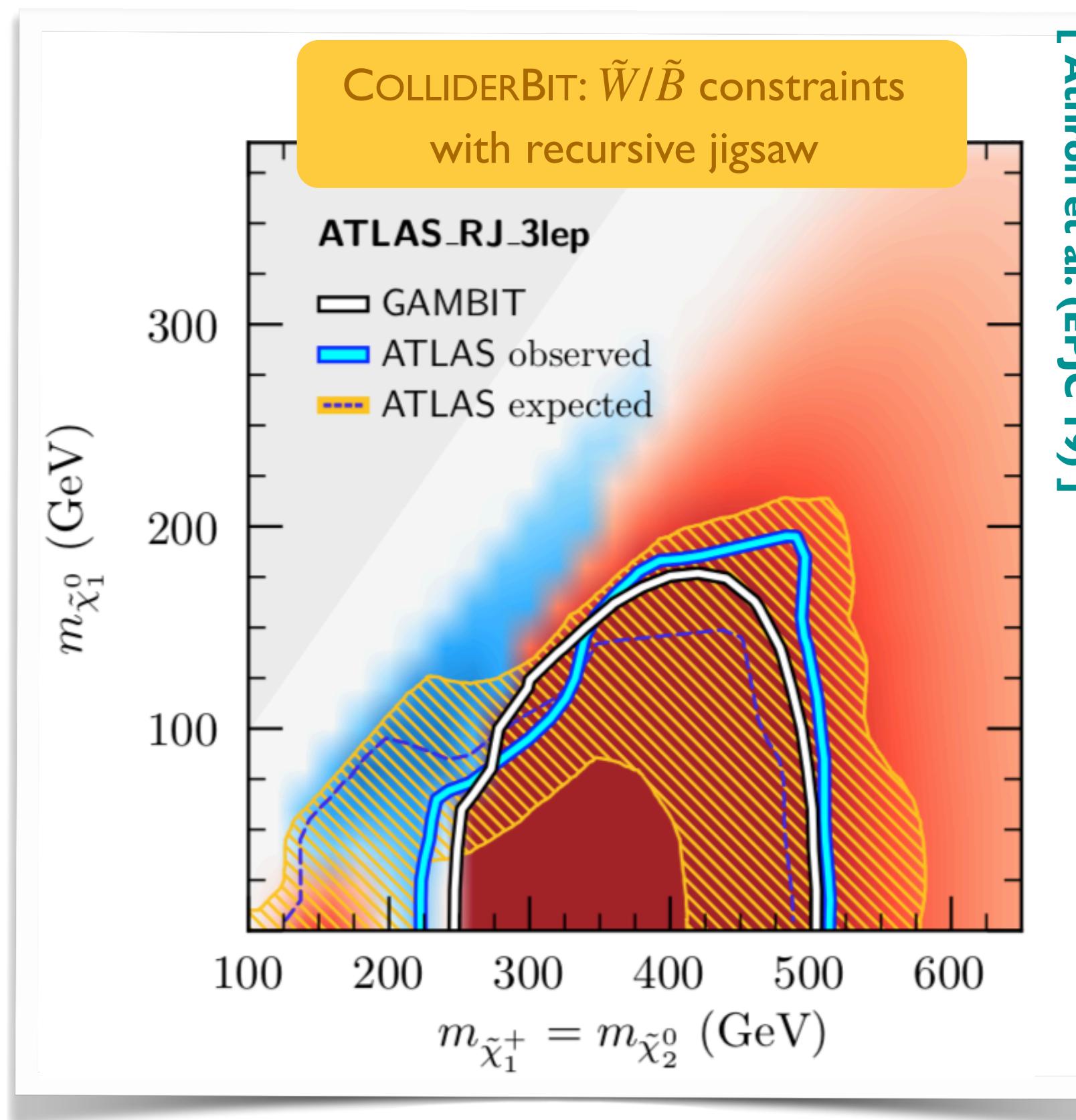
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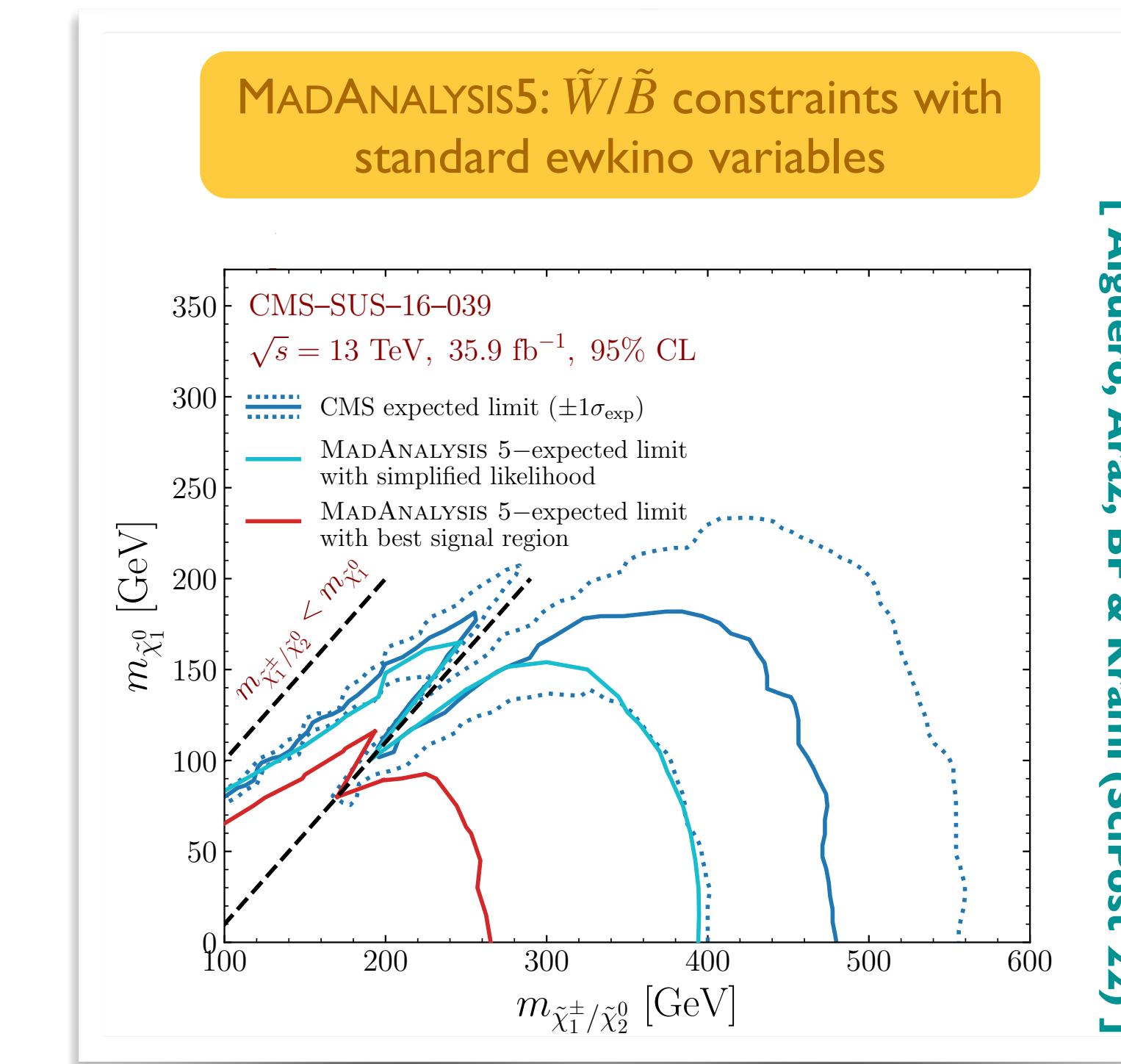
## Better limit settings procedures

- Signal region combination  
→ CMS correlation matrices (Gaussian-approximate likelihoods)

$$\mathcal{L}_S(\mu, \theta) = \prod_{i=1}^N \frac{(\mu s_i + b_i + \theta_i)^{n_i} e^{-(\mu s_i + b_i + \theta_i)}}{n_i!} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\theta^T \mathbf{V}^{-1} \theta\right)$$

[ CMS-NOTE-2017-001; Buckley et al. (JHEP`19) ]

→ ATLAS (full) PYHF likelihoods [ Heinrich, Feickert, Stark & Cranmer (JOSS'21) ]



## Combination mandatory

- Wino/bino scenarios ( $\tilde{W}$  decays into EW bosons)
- 100+ SRs; signal over ≠SRs
- Sensitivity reduced with the 'best region' only
- Covariance matrices and PYHF models crucial

# SMS-based *public* tools

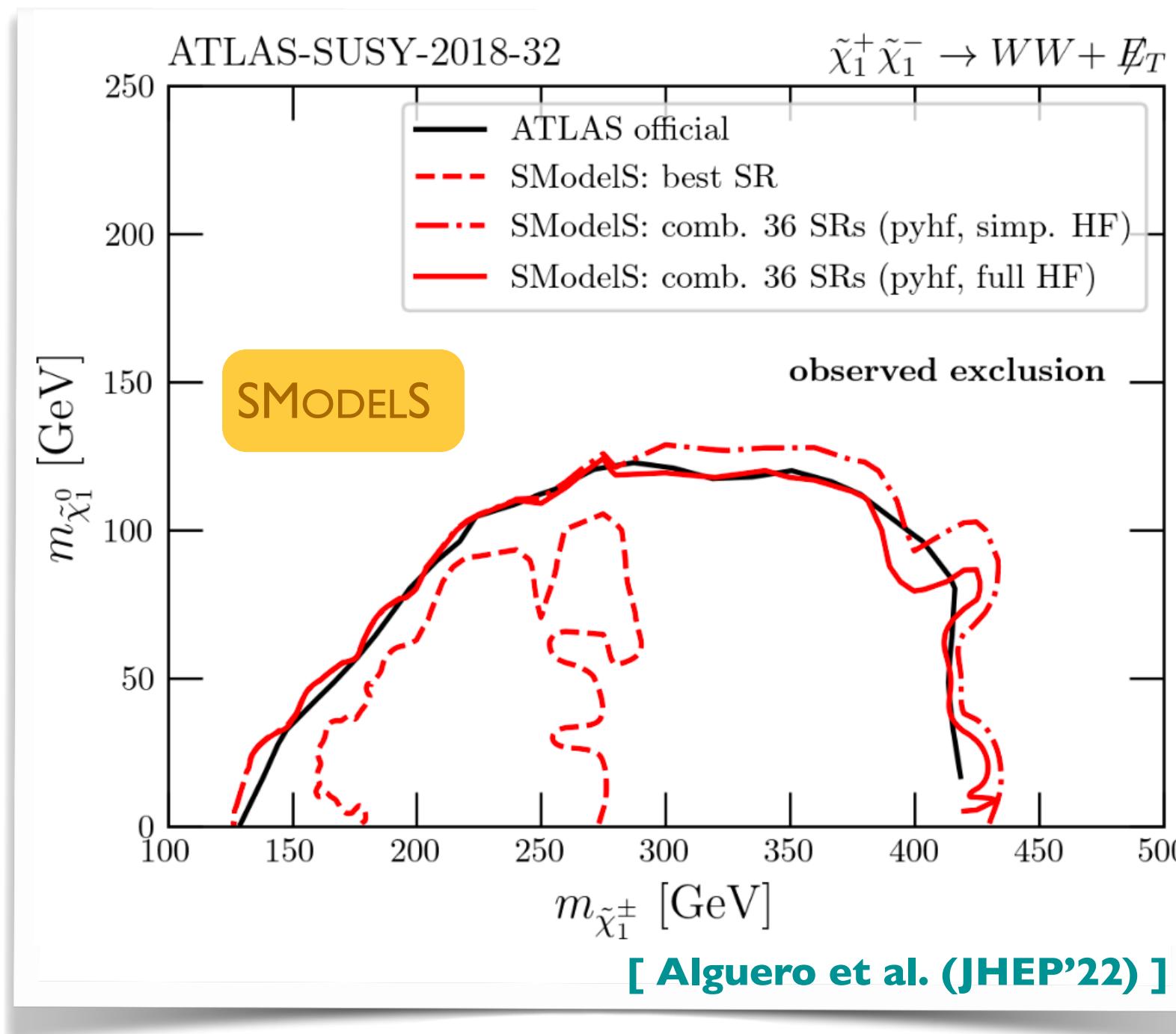
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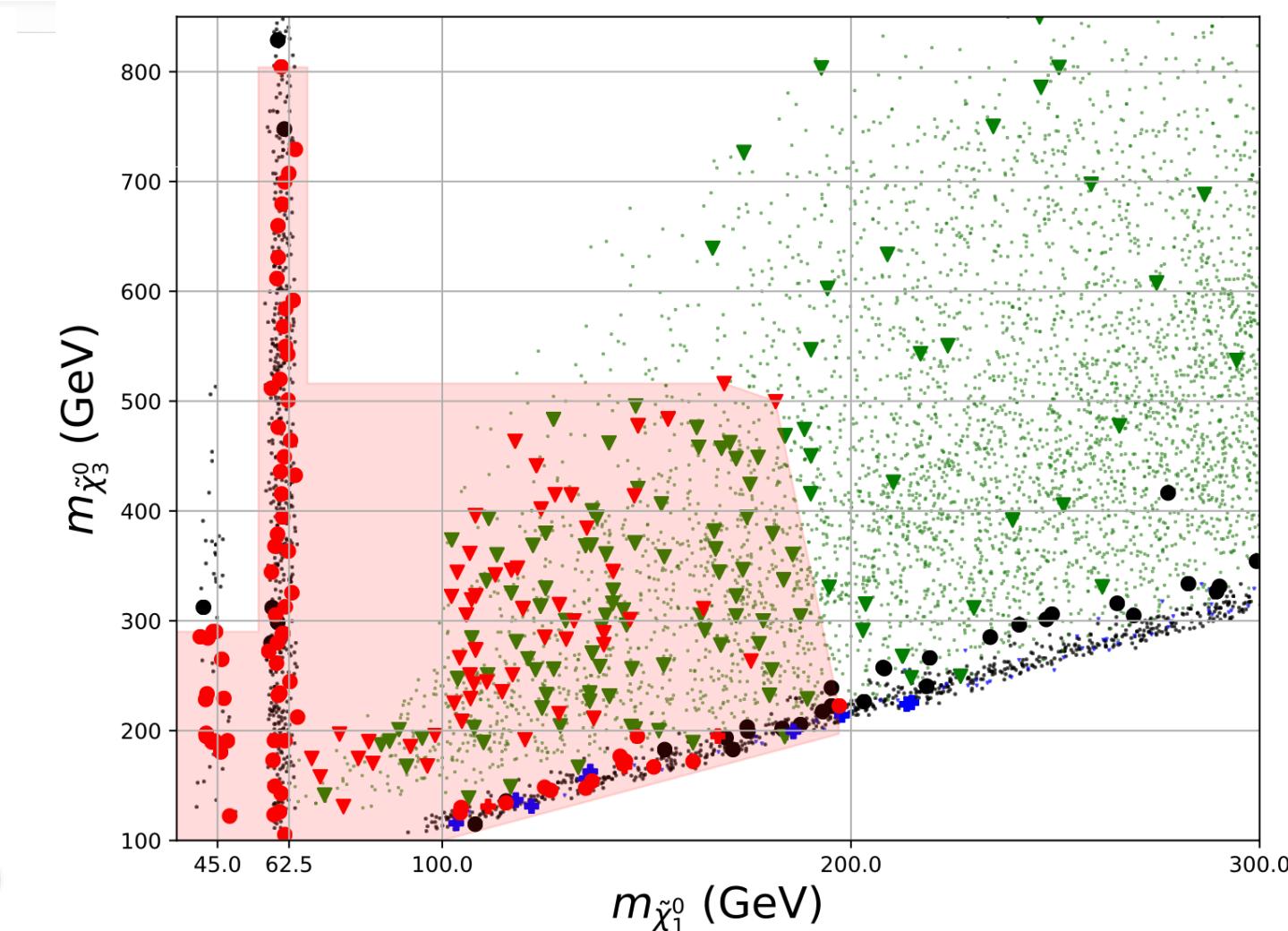
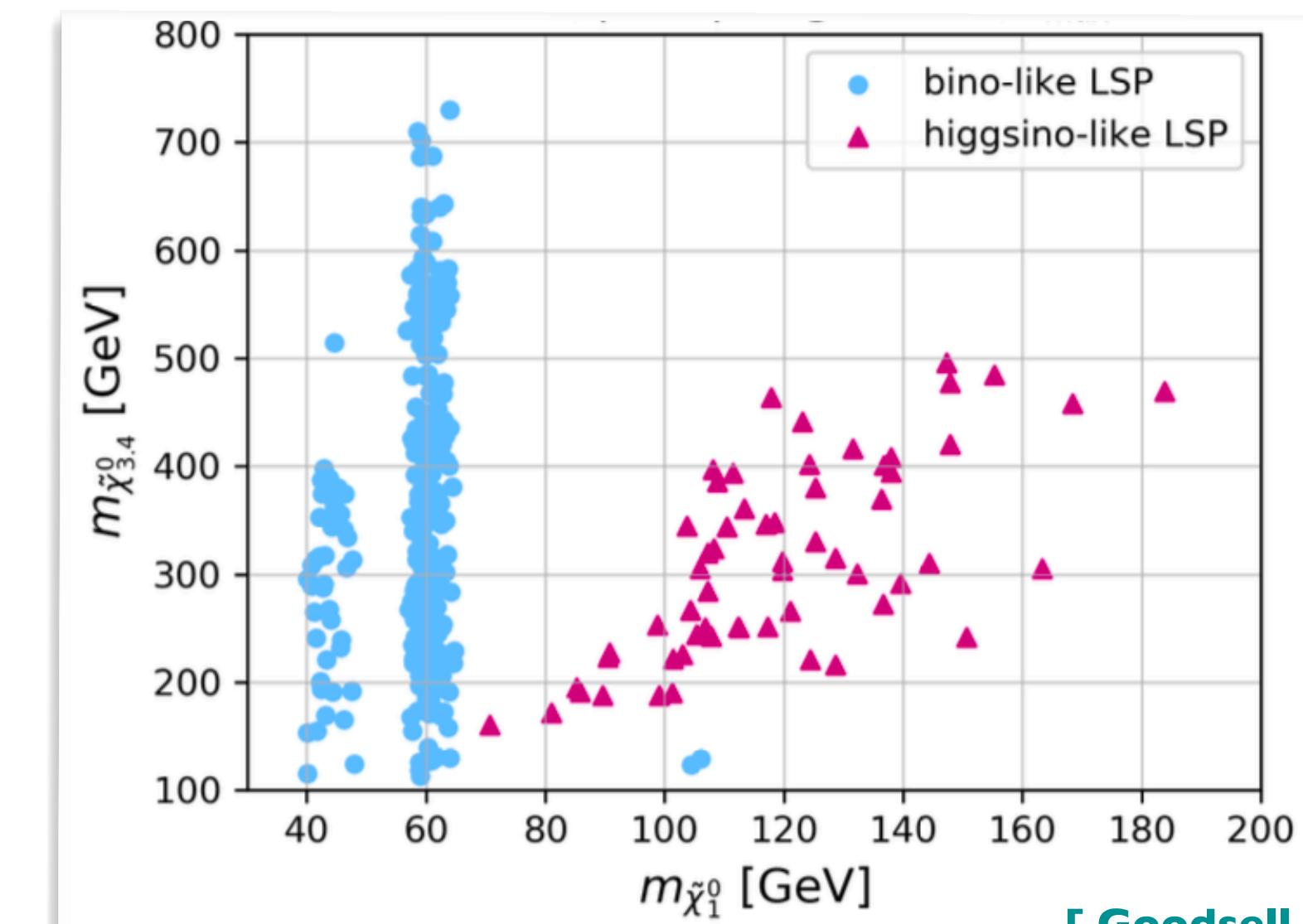
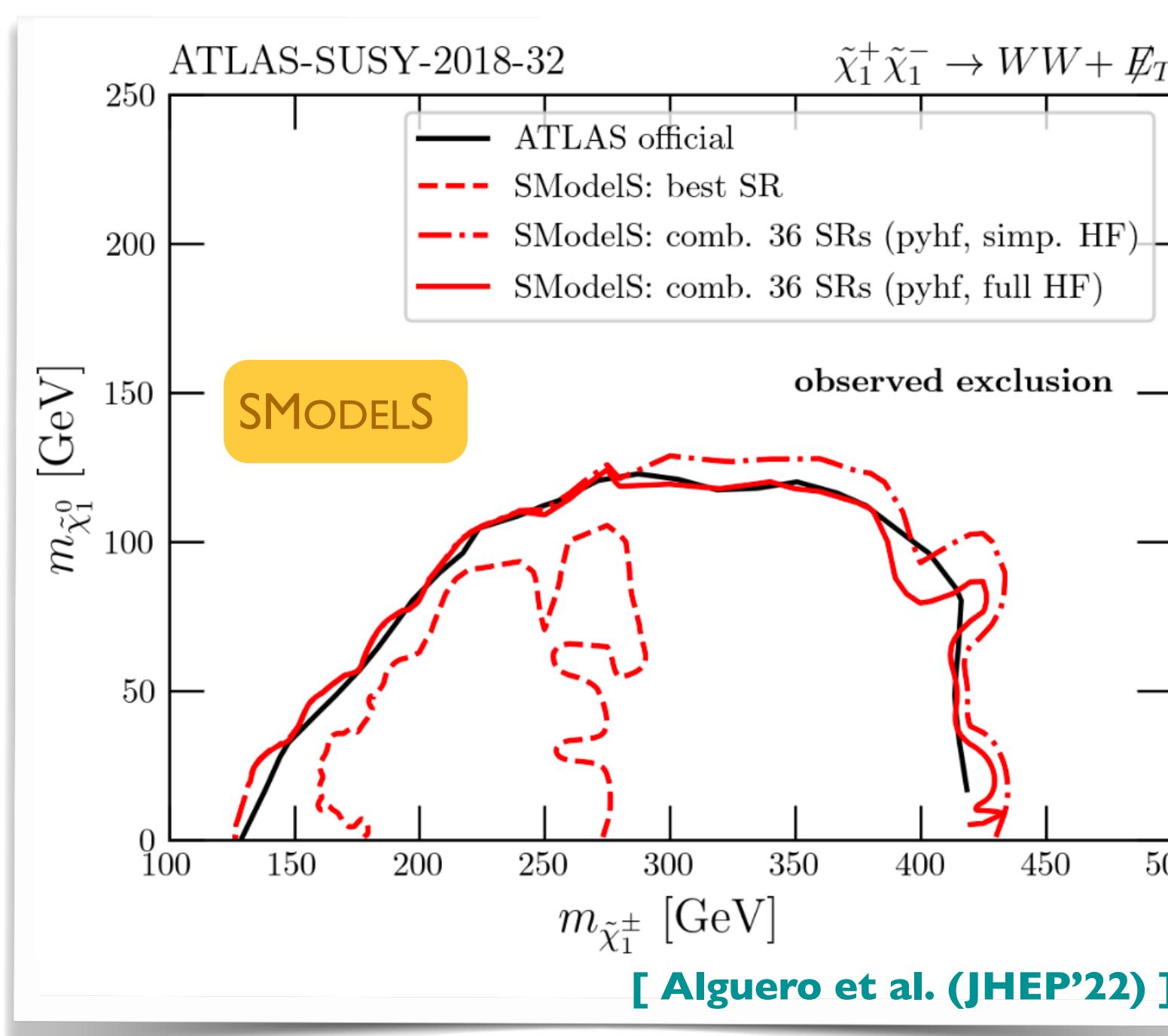


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## Application: Dirac gauginos at the LHC

- Model not considered by ATLAS/CMS
  - Full scan of the EW sector of the model
  - Varied constraints (EWPT, relic density, etc.)
- Points excluded by S<sub>M</sub>ODELS (with  $r \geq 1$ )
  - DM funnels
  - Larger set of analyses than other tools
- Comparison with full recasts (from MADANALYSIS 5)
  - SMS approach **more conservative and faster**
  - Full recasts sensitive to **complex spectra/signatures**

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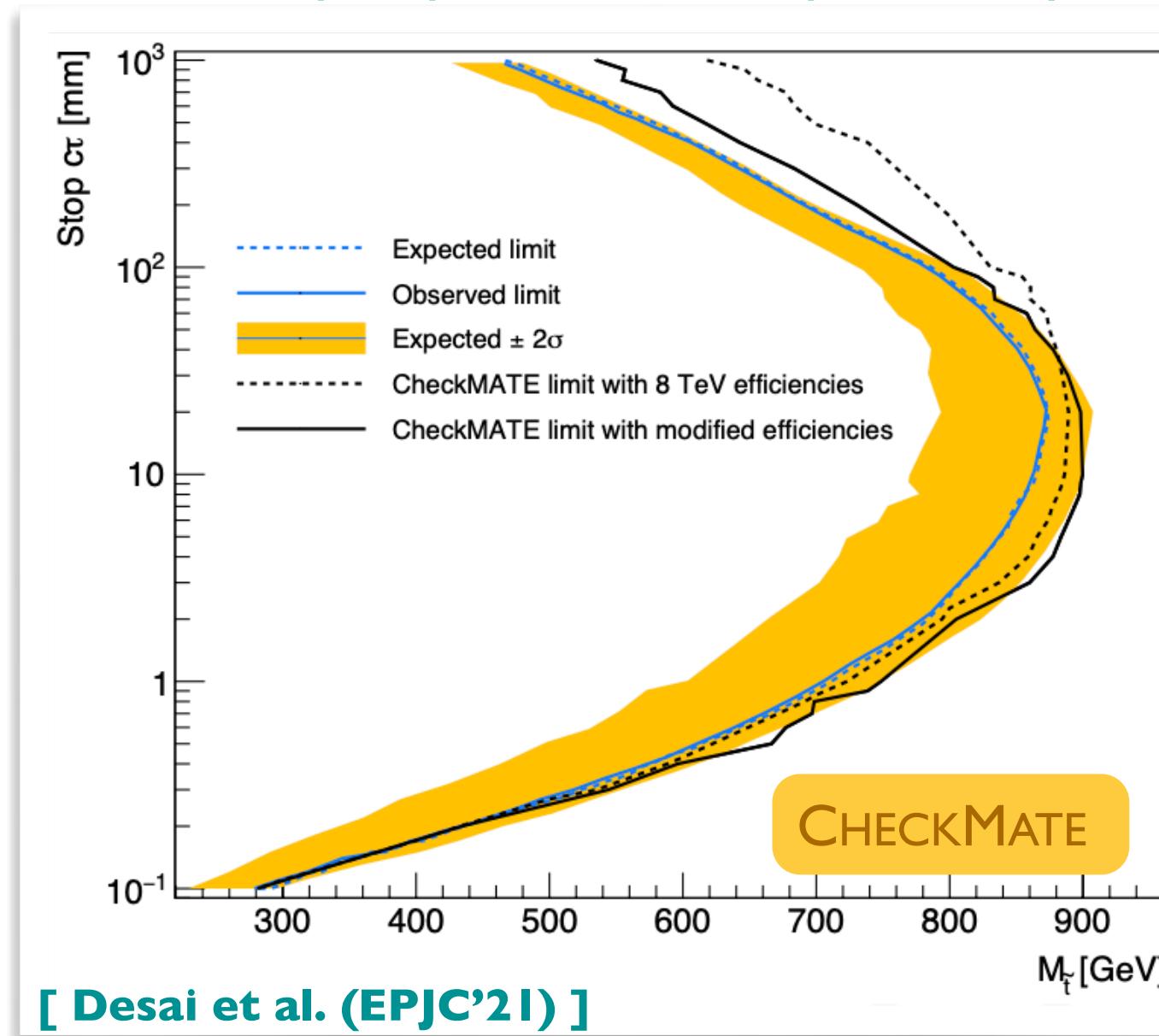
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# Recasting SUSY searches to study... SUSY

## LHC recasting

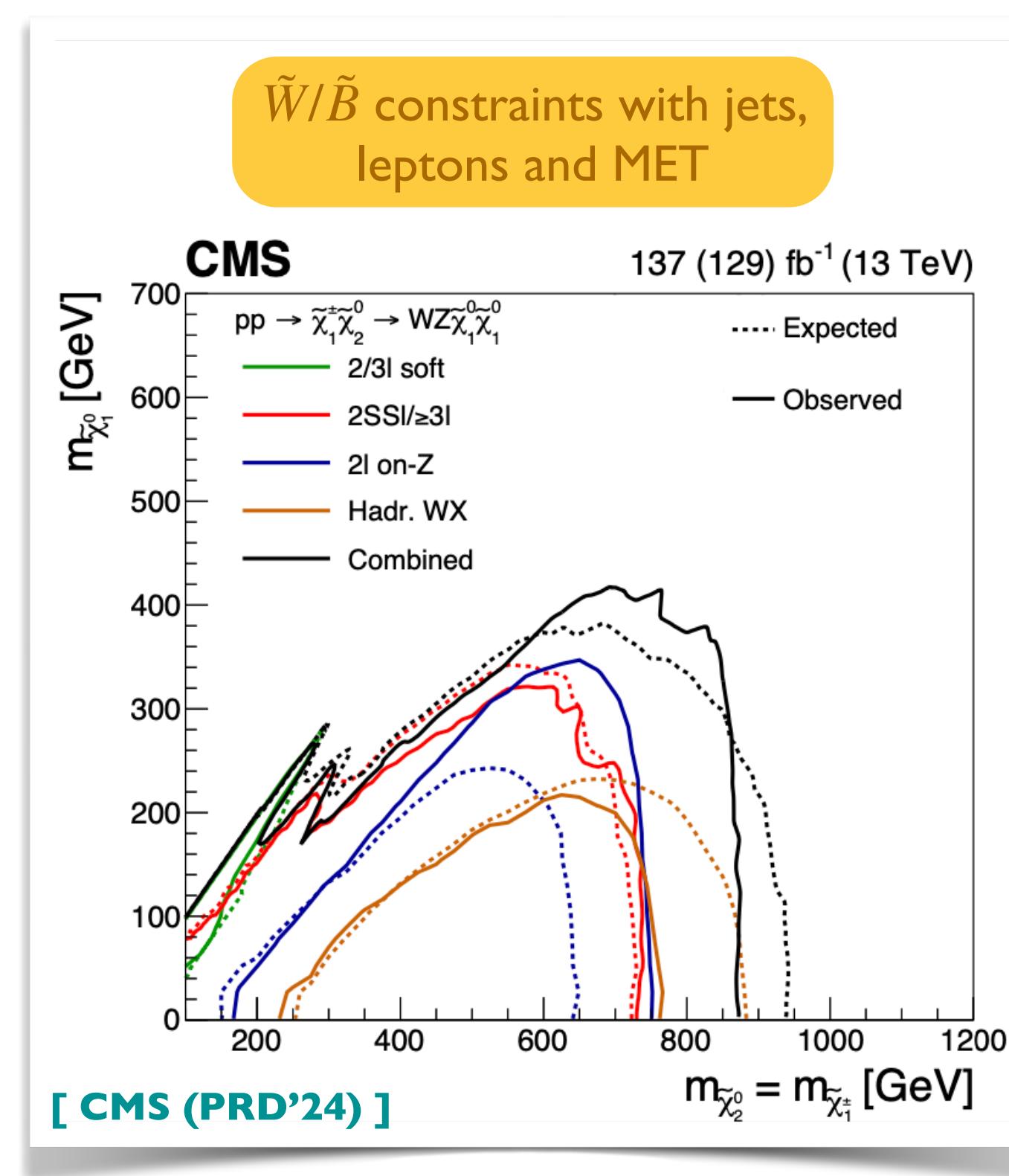
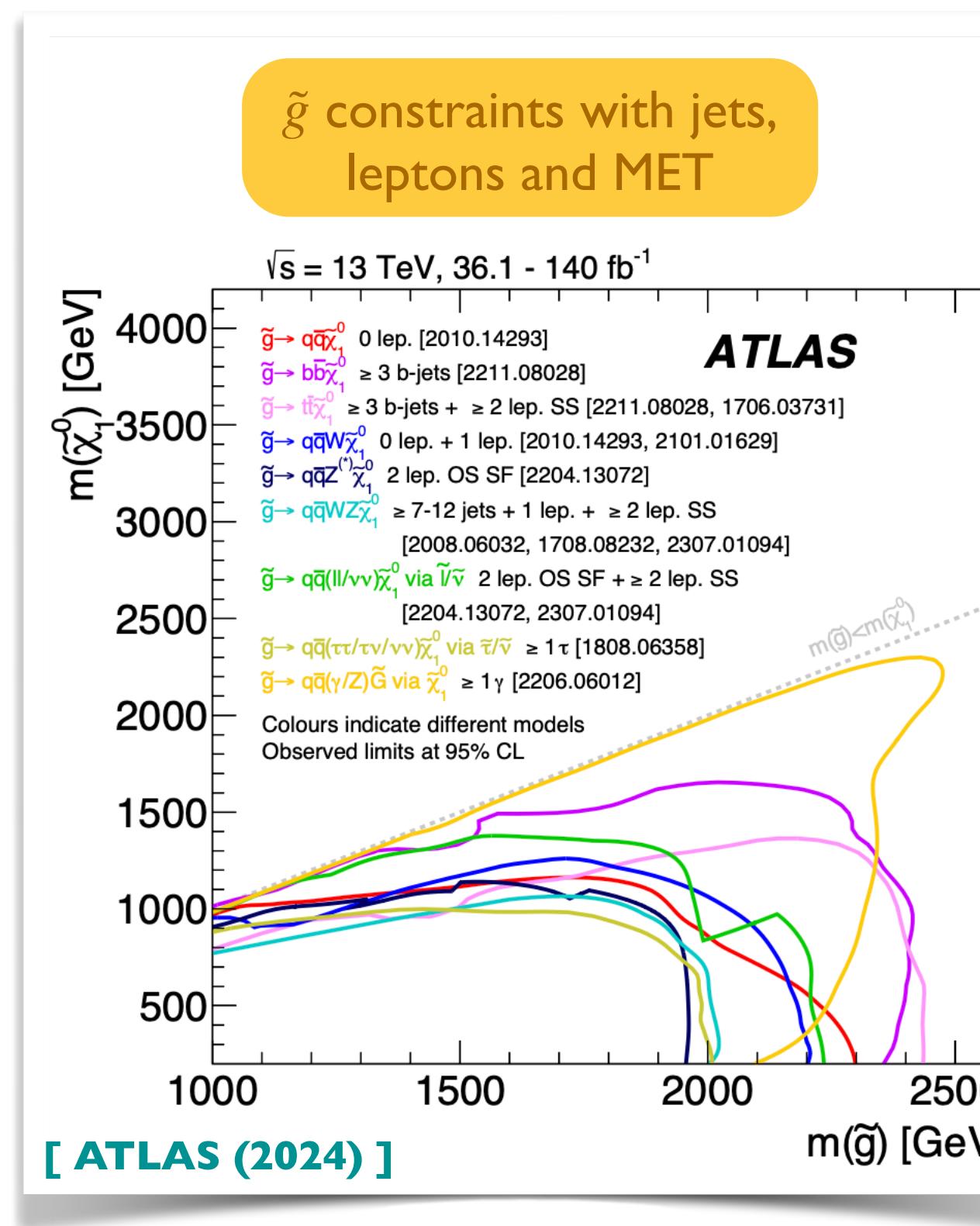
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  - Beyond those addressed in LHC searches
  - Minimal and non-minimal setups



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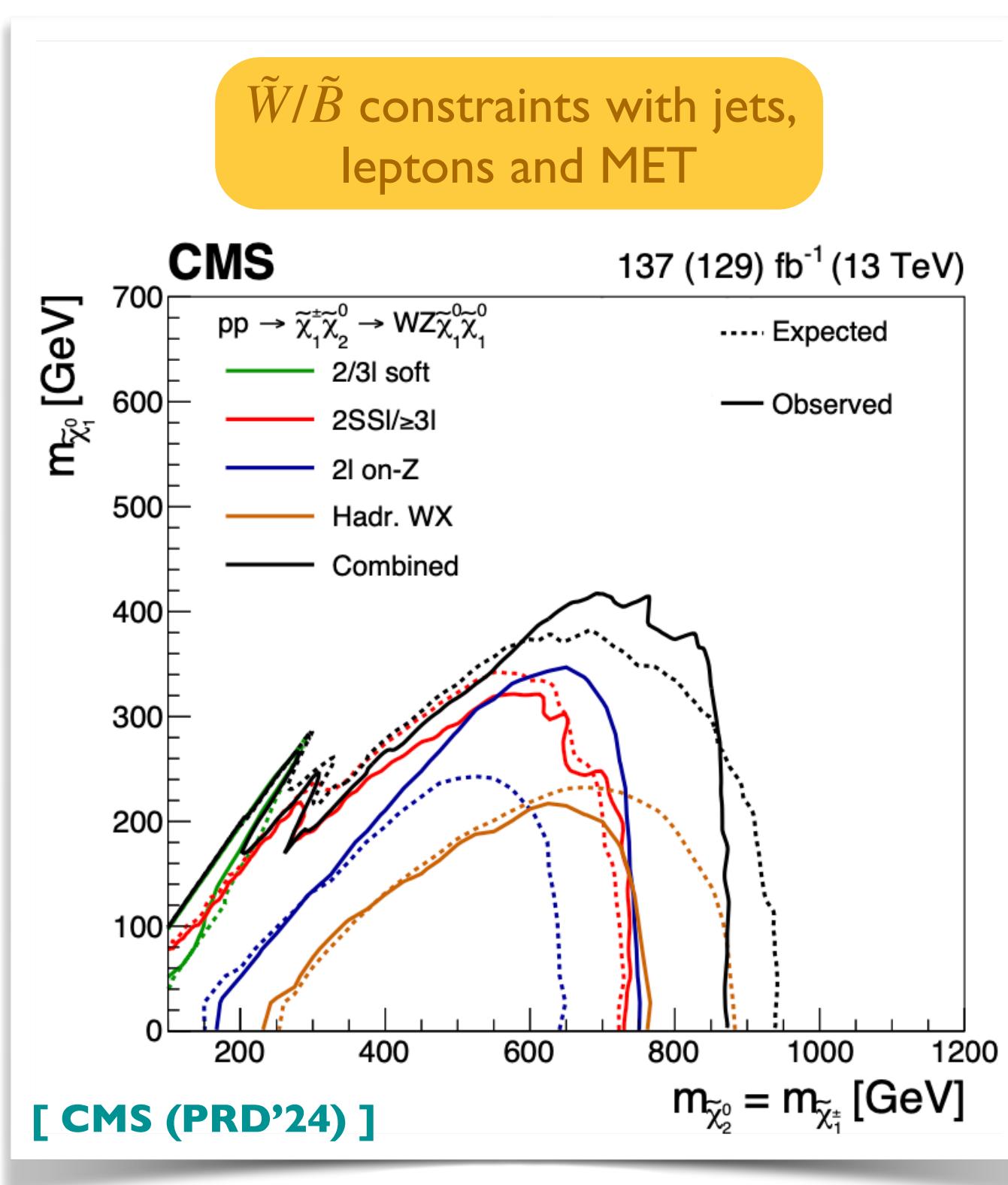
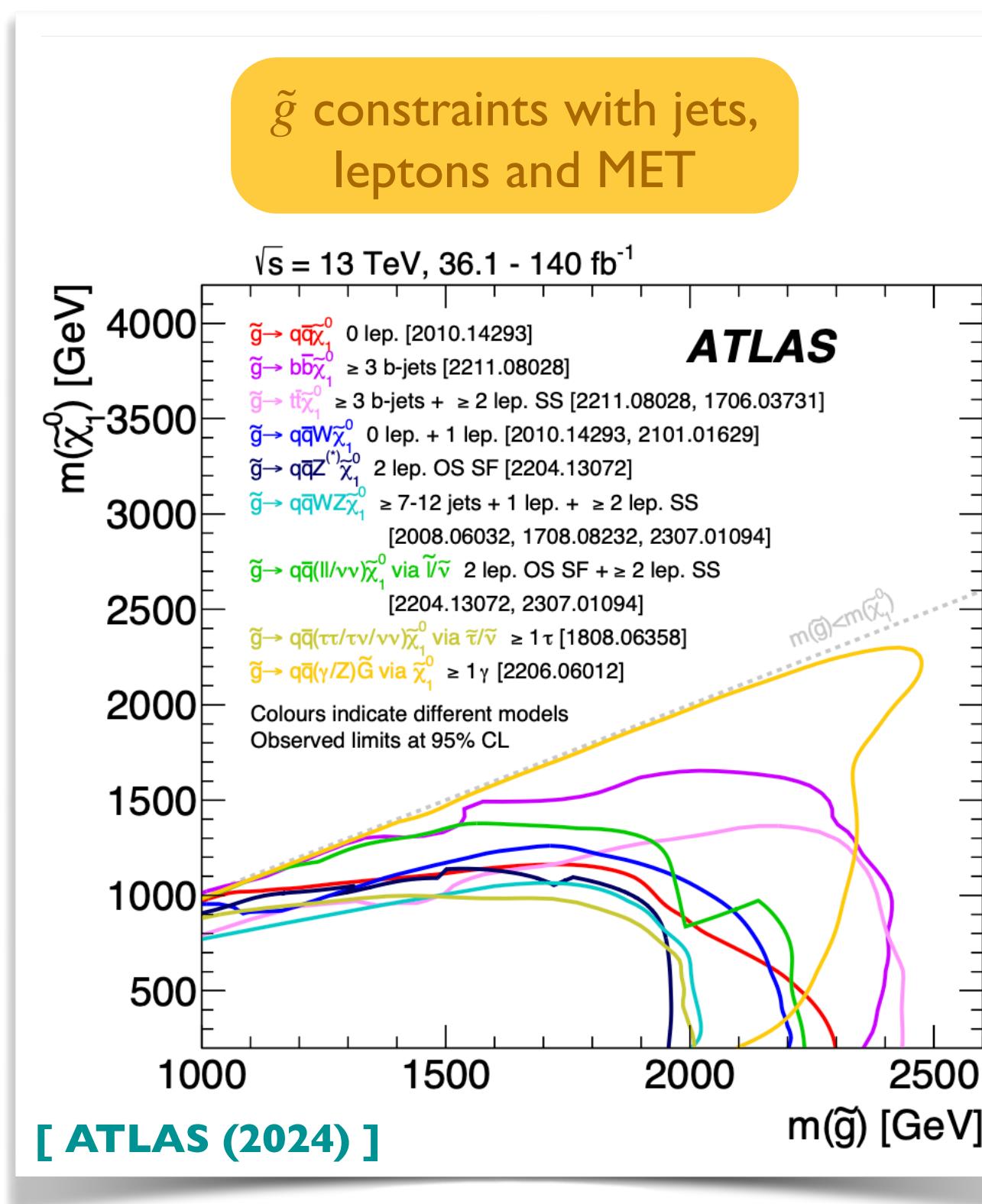
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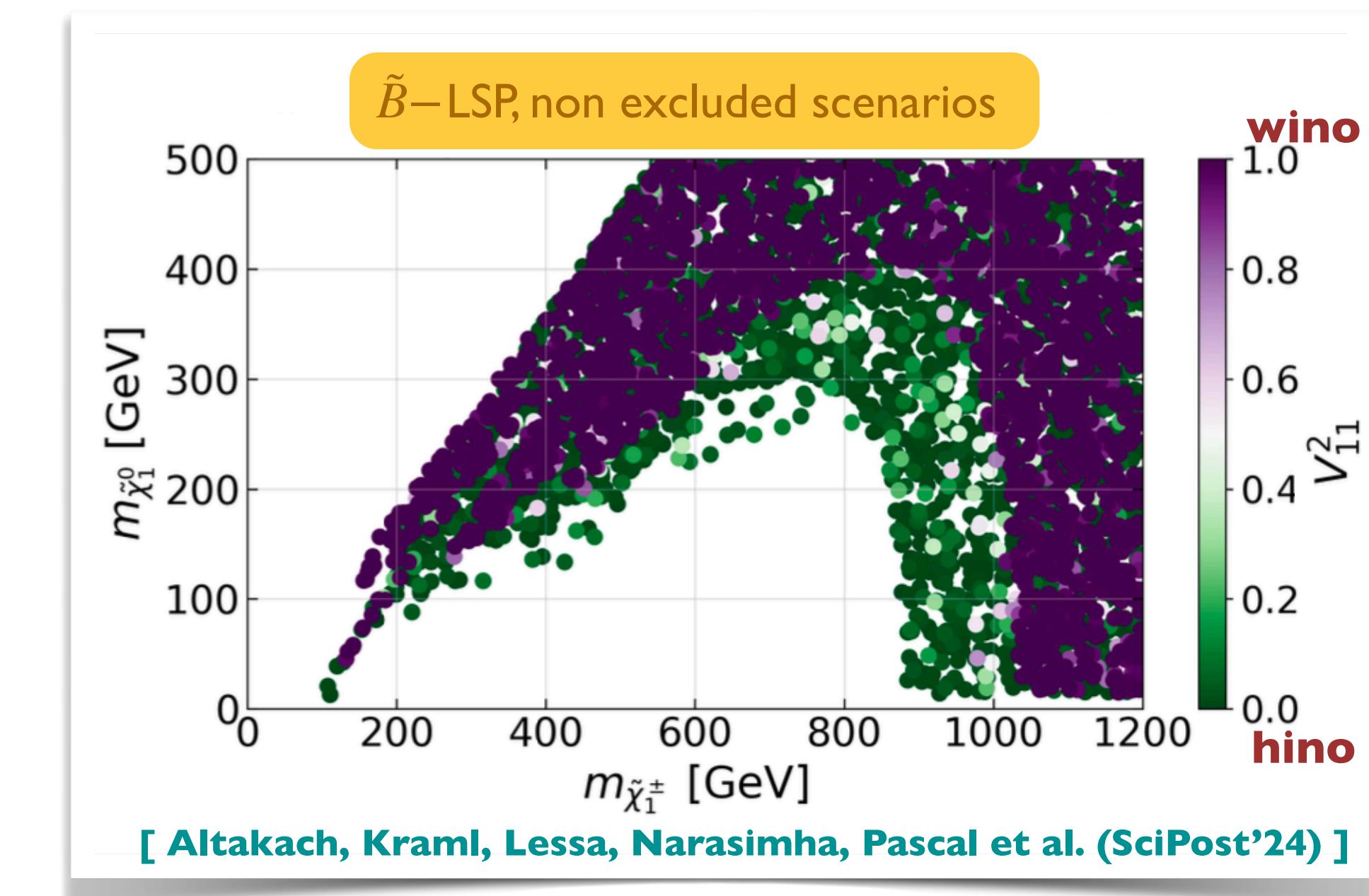
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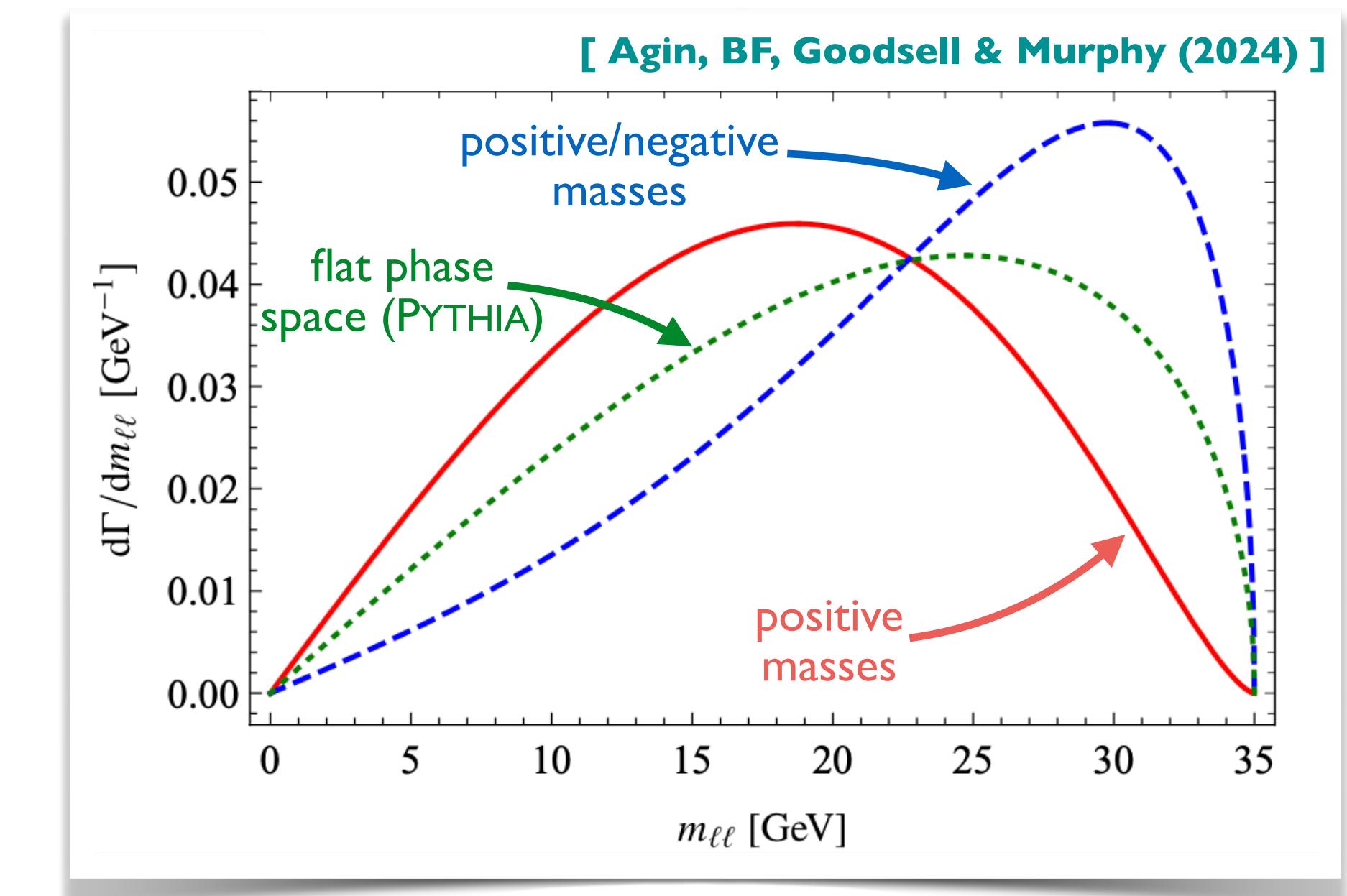
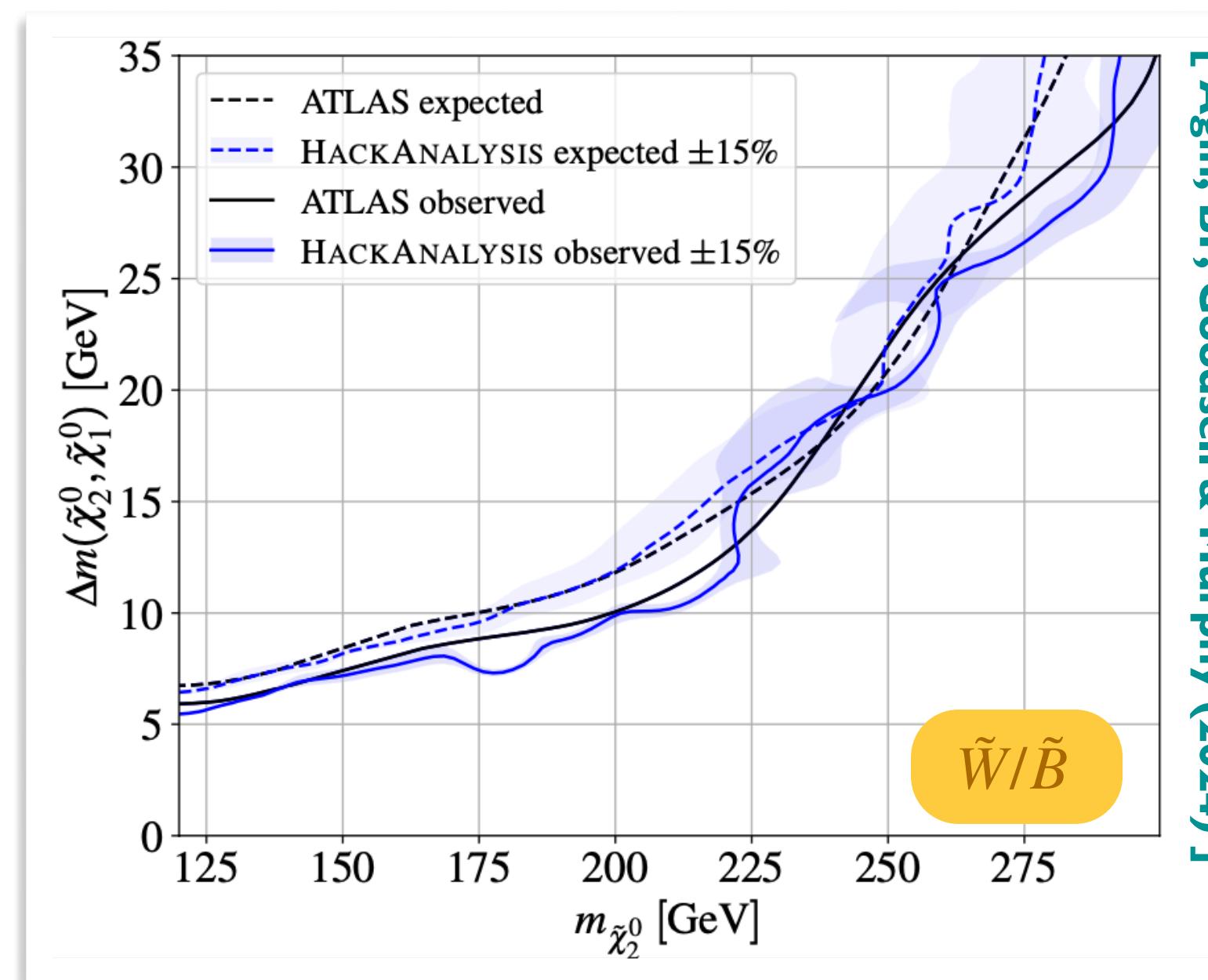
- **Not really:** MSSM-inspired simplified models
  - Most superpartners decoupled
  - Specific decay table
  - **Simplistic scenarios**
- Signatures typically more complex
  - **Constraints not necessarily that strong**
- Example: EWino search recasts with SMODELS
  - Scan over  $\{M_1, M_2, \mu, \tan \beta\}$



# A few words on soft lepton excesses...

## ATLAS-SUSY-2018-16: Soft di-lepton + $E_T$

- Selection (the second lepton could be a track)
  - 1 OSSF pair +  $E_T$  + at least 1 hard jet
  - Object isolation,  $m_T$ , jigsaw, etc.; bins in  $m_{\ell\ell}$
  - PYHF model file
- Recasting challenges
  - Using RESTFRAMES (cf. jigsaw variables) ≈ strong impact on exclusions
  - Event generation details important for compressed spectra
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- Equivalent CMS search: CMS-SUS-18-004



## ATLAS-SUSY-2019-09: 3 leptons + $E_T$

- Selection
  - 3 leptons including 1 OSSF pair + small/large  $E_T$  + with/without jets
  - Object isolation, lepton properties, on-shell/off-shell Z boson; bins in  $m_{\ell\ell}$
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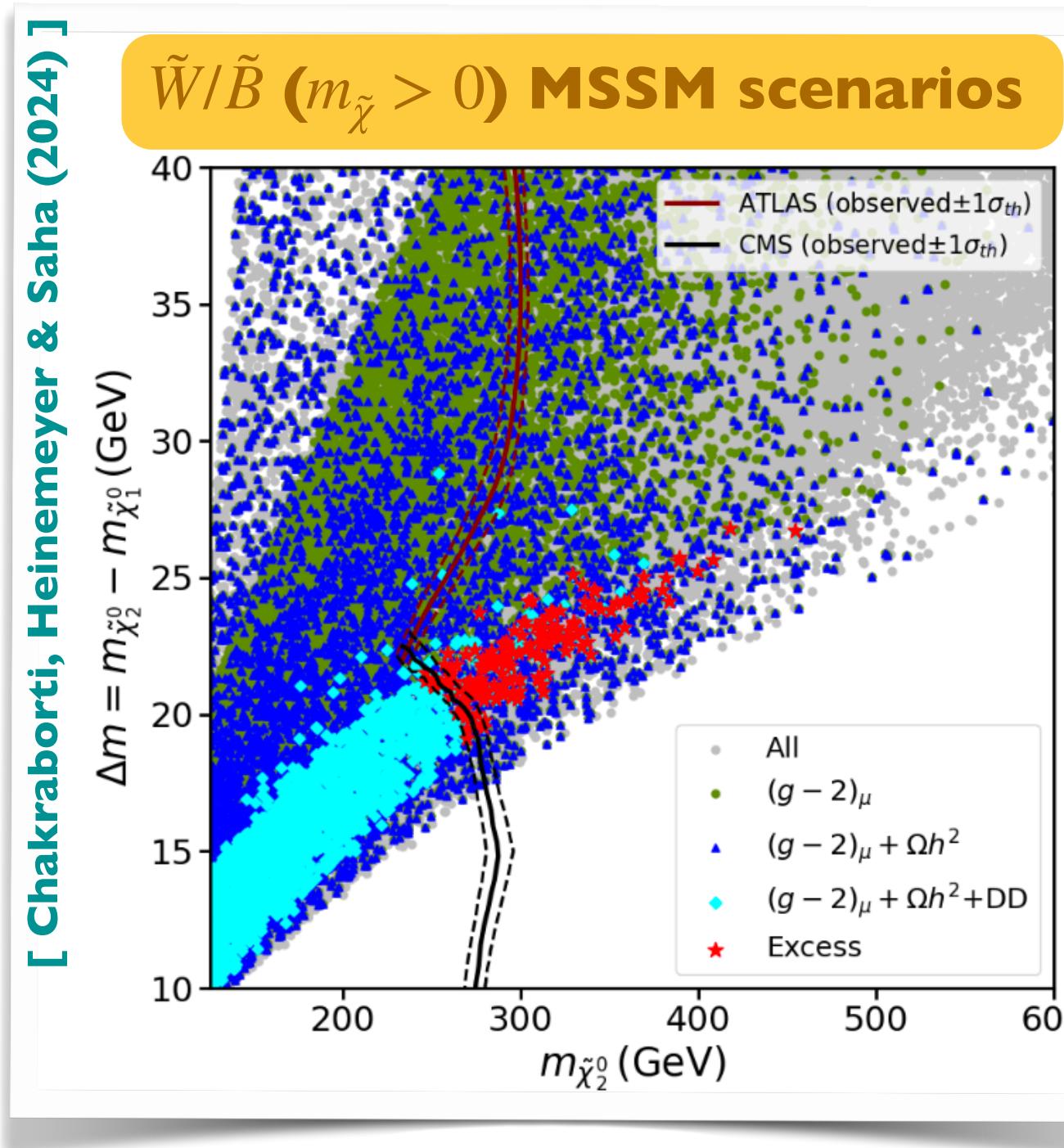
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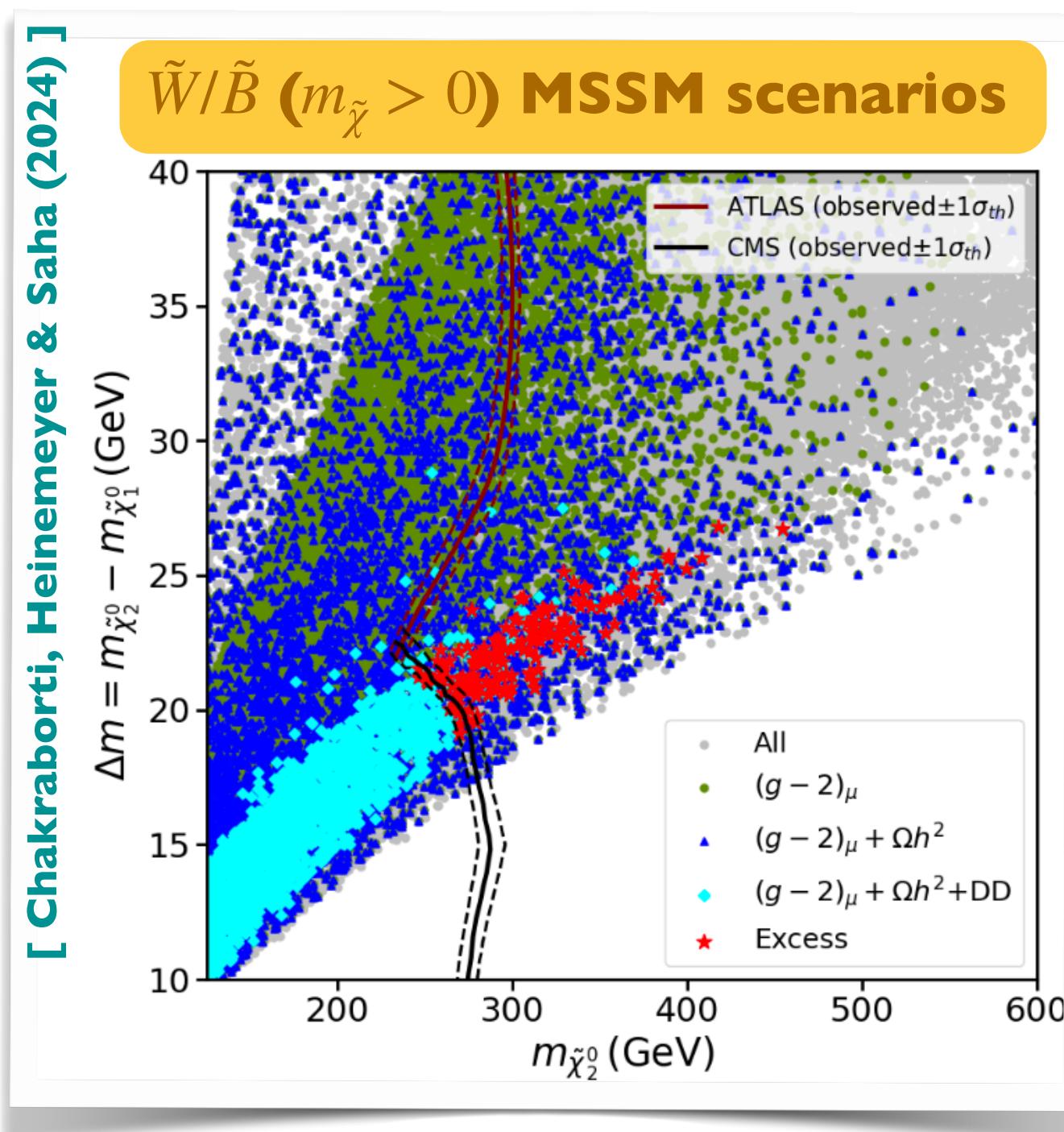
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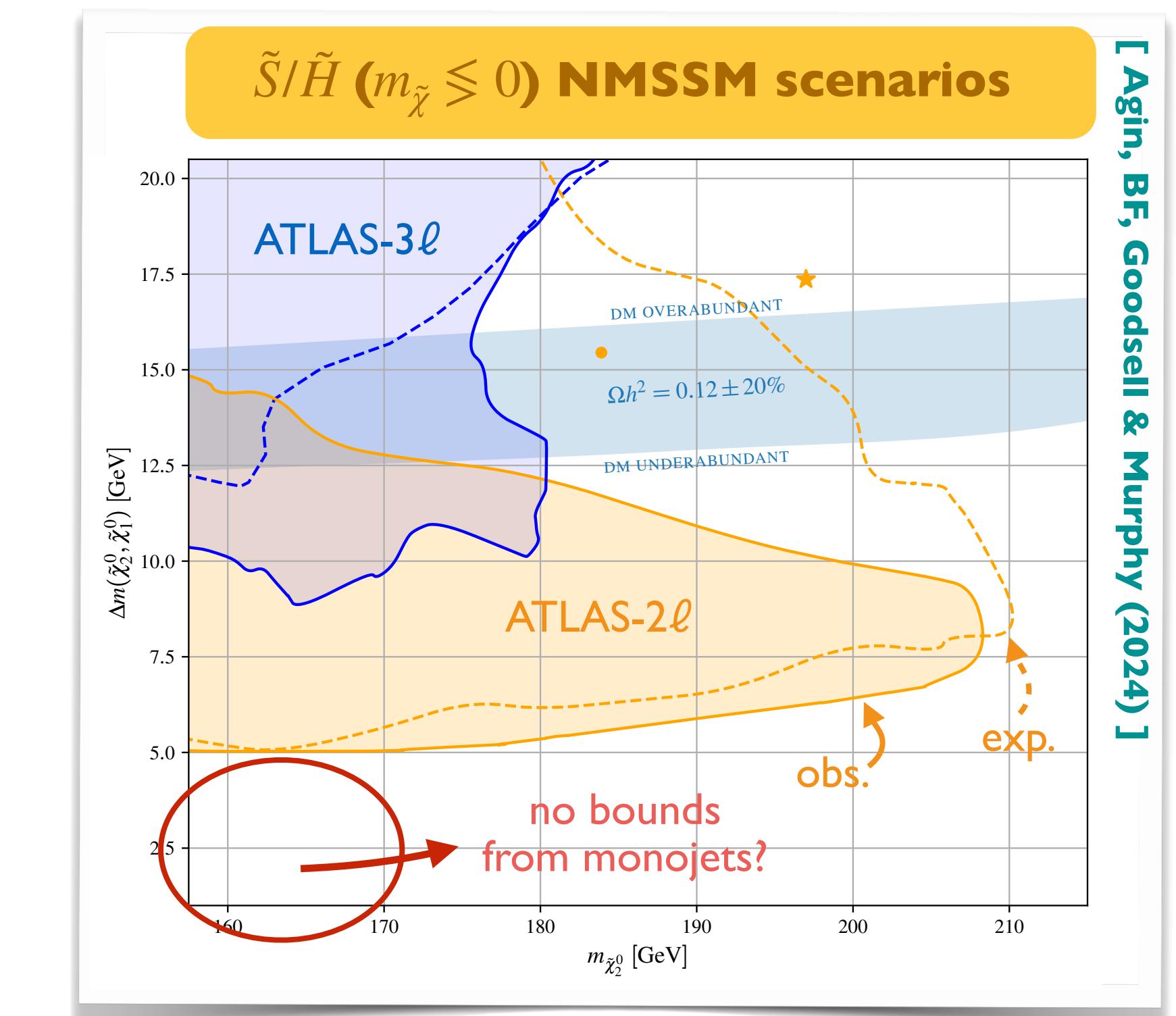
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NMSSM scan

- $\tilde{S}$ -like LSP (cf. DM)  $\leftrightarrow$  4 light ewkinos
- Excess compatibility can accommodate DM
  - cf. best fit points
- Monojet bounds in principle complementary
  - Existing excesses
  - Common explanation unclear

# More realistic models $\leftrightarrow$ more complex signatures

## More realistic scenarios - general features

- Several states possibly light and relevant  
→ Even true within simplified models
- Impact on BSM signal modelling

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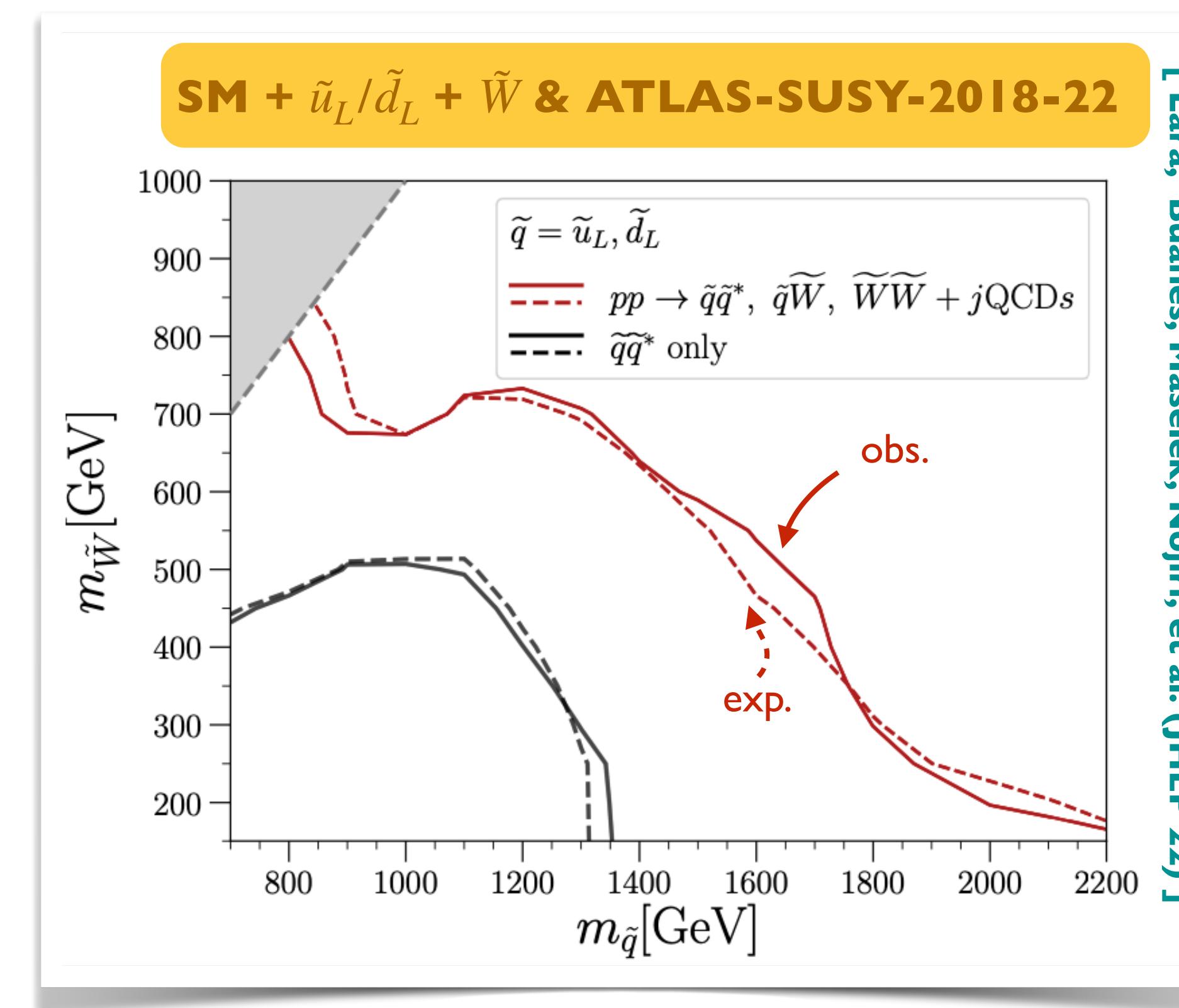
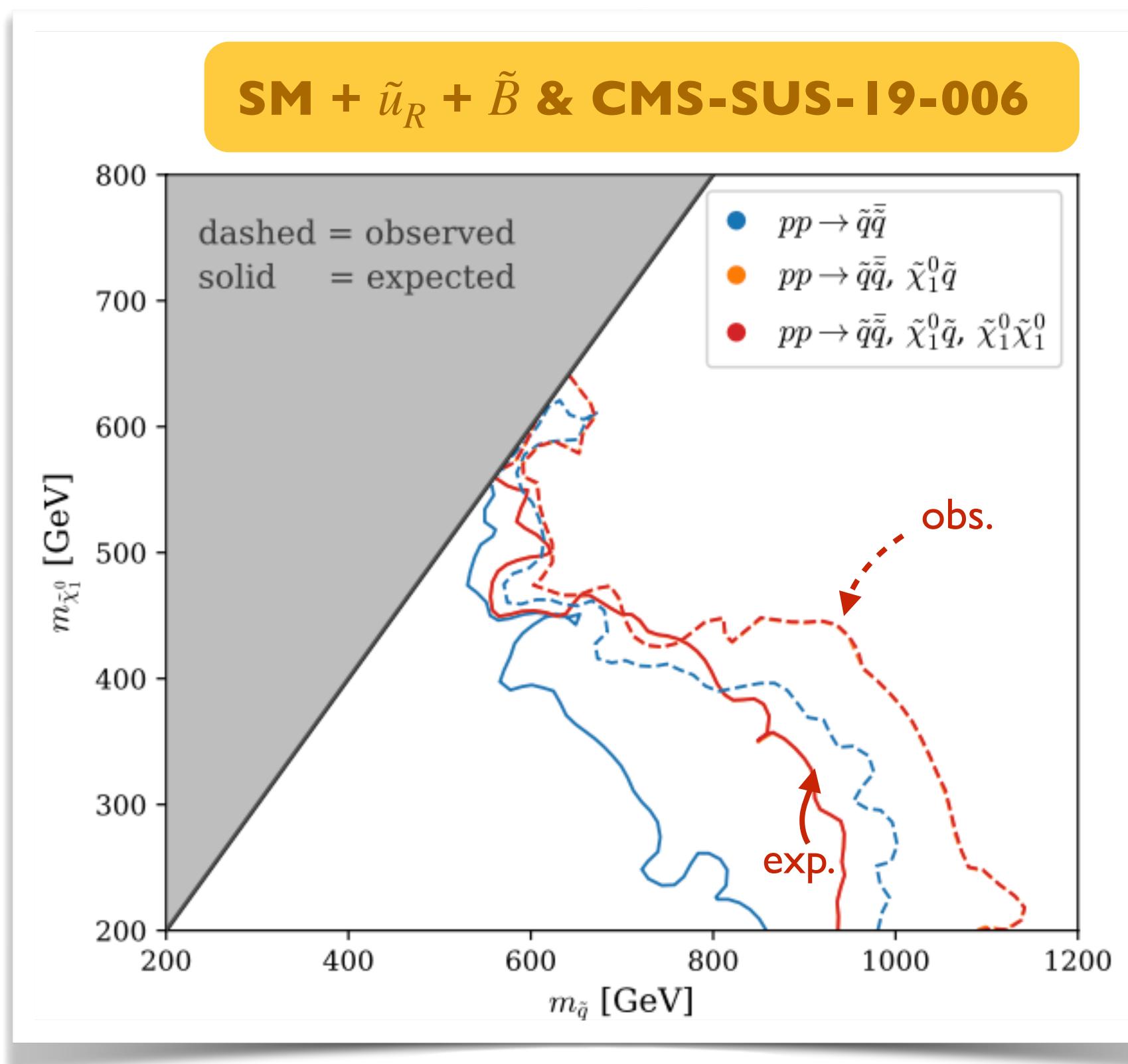
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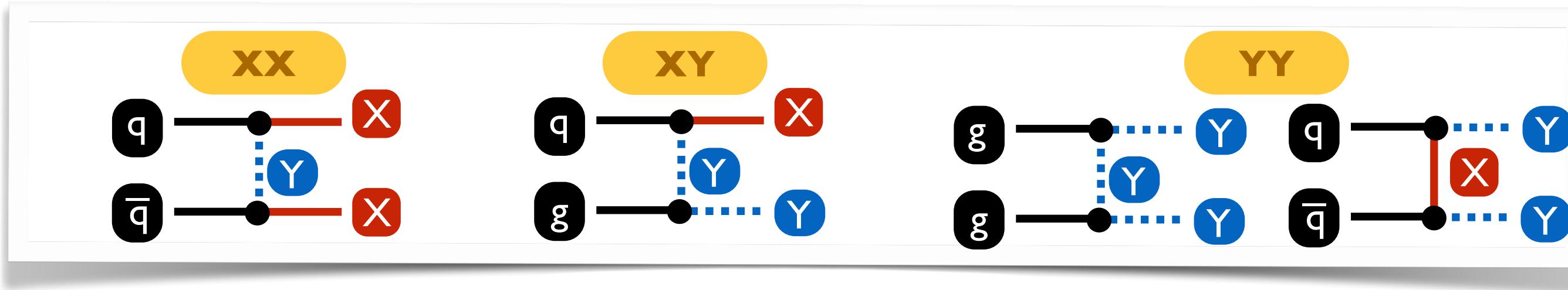
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( $\tilde{W}$ -LSP scenarios only)
- Bounds underestimated significantly  
→ Gain on  $m_{\tilde{q}}$ : 100-1000 GeV  
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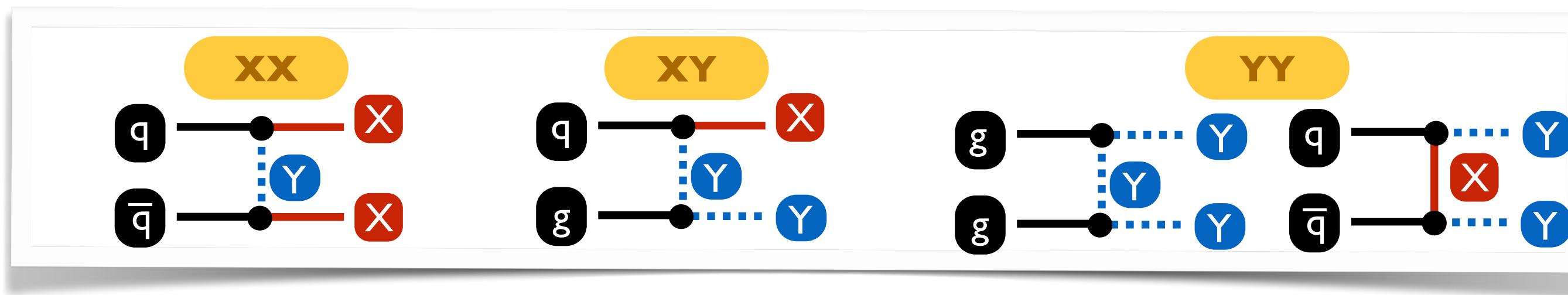
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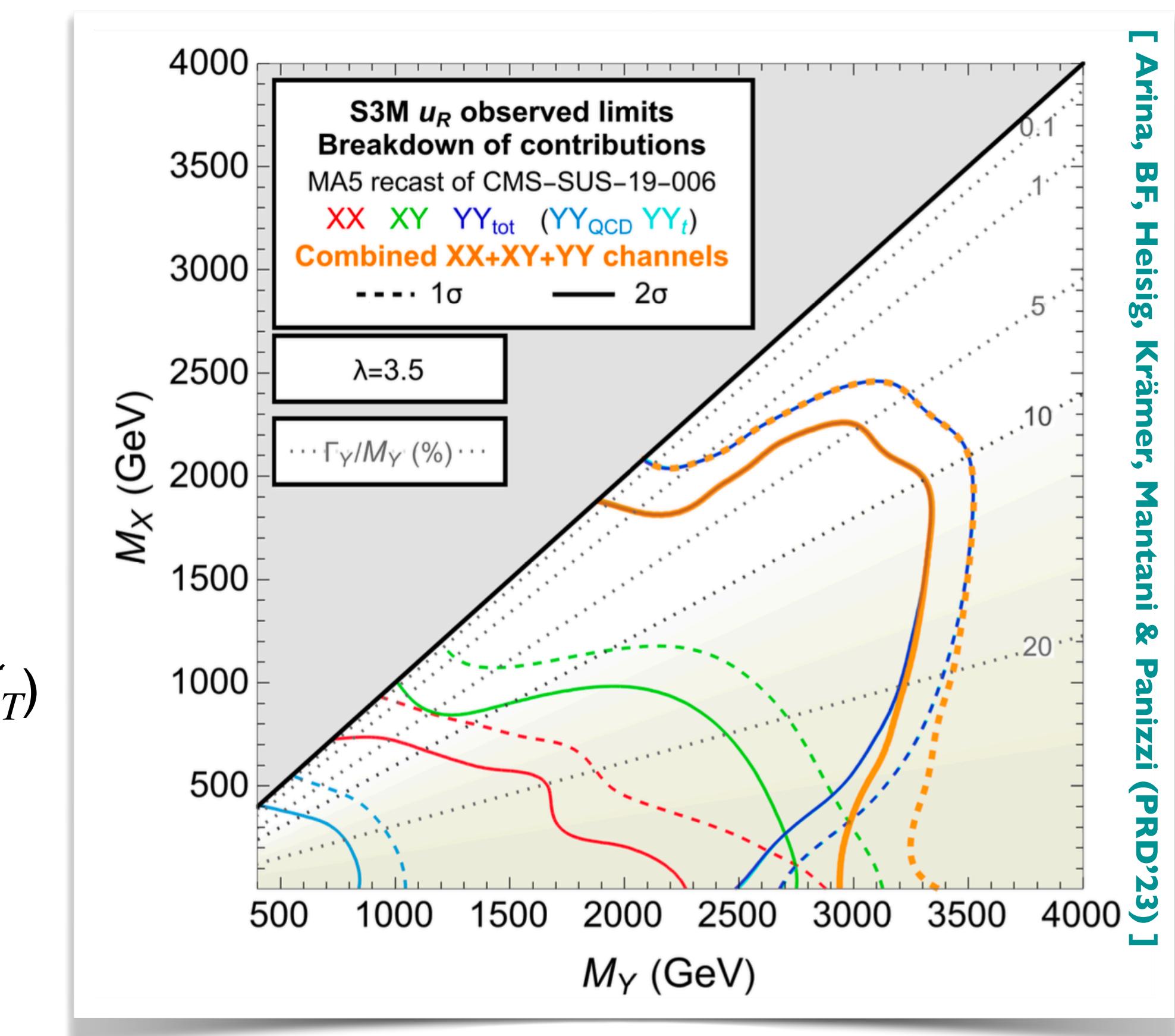


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- Full ‘squark production’:  $M_Y \lesssim 3$  TeV
- Light DM: associated production important

**BSM signal correct  
modelling crucial**



# Combinations of LHC analyses



## Theory-driven combinations

- Beyond those done in experiments
- Could be done in a good enough manner
  - Has to be conservative
  - Ideas on global status of models

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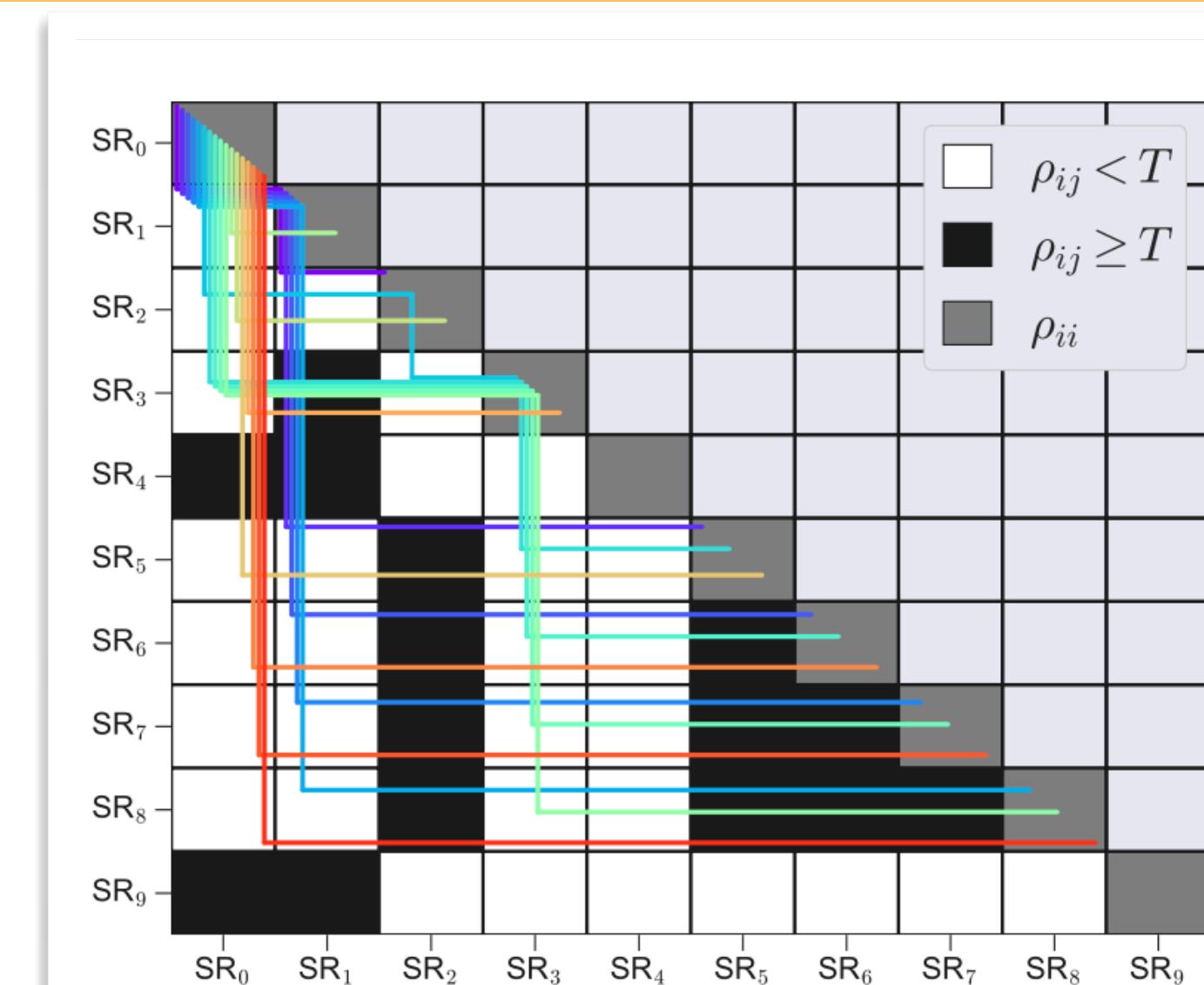
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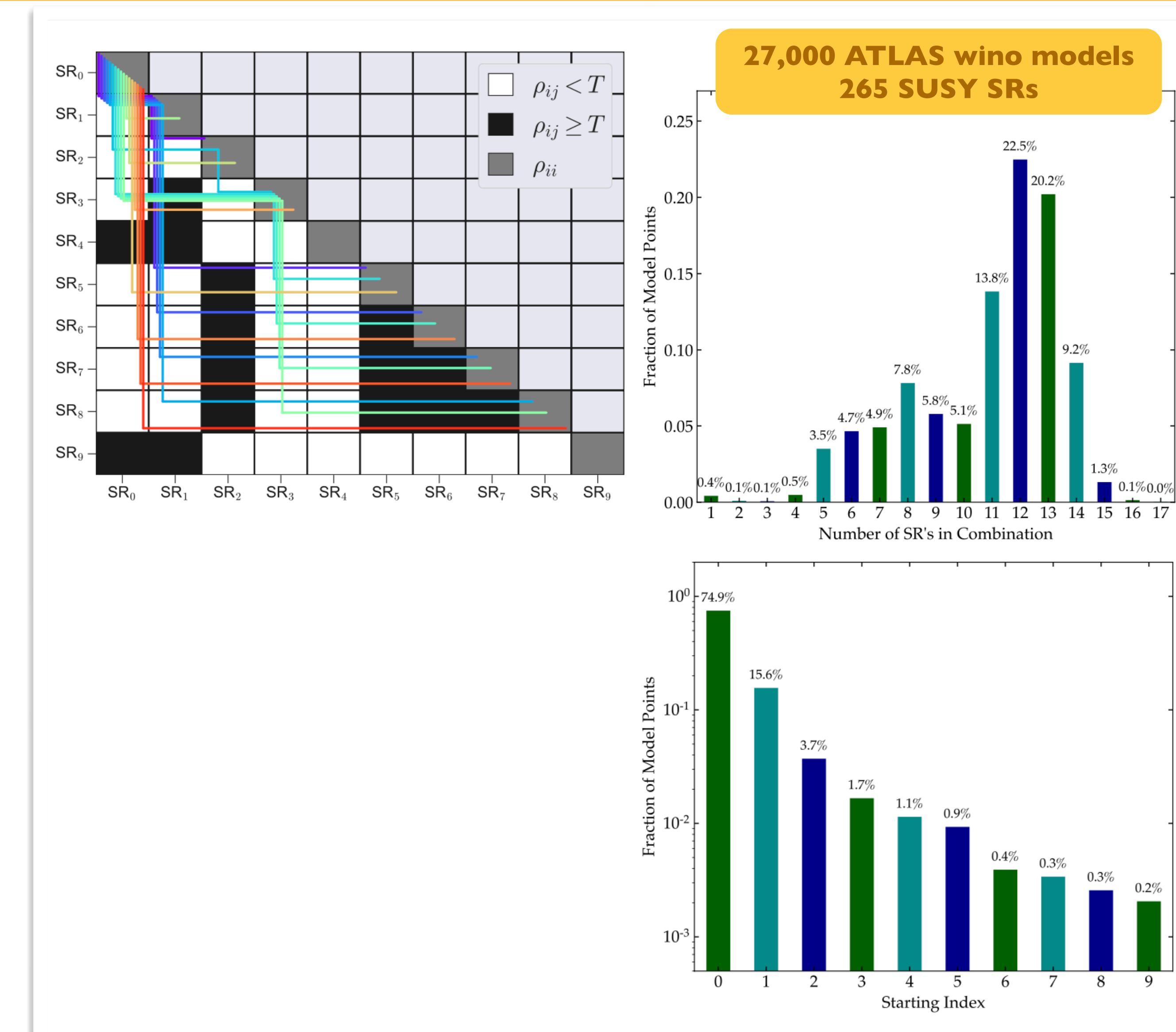


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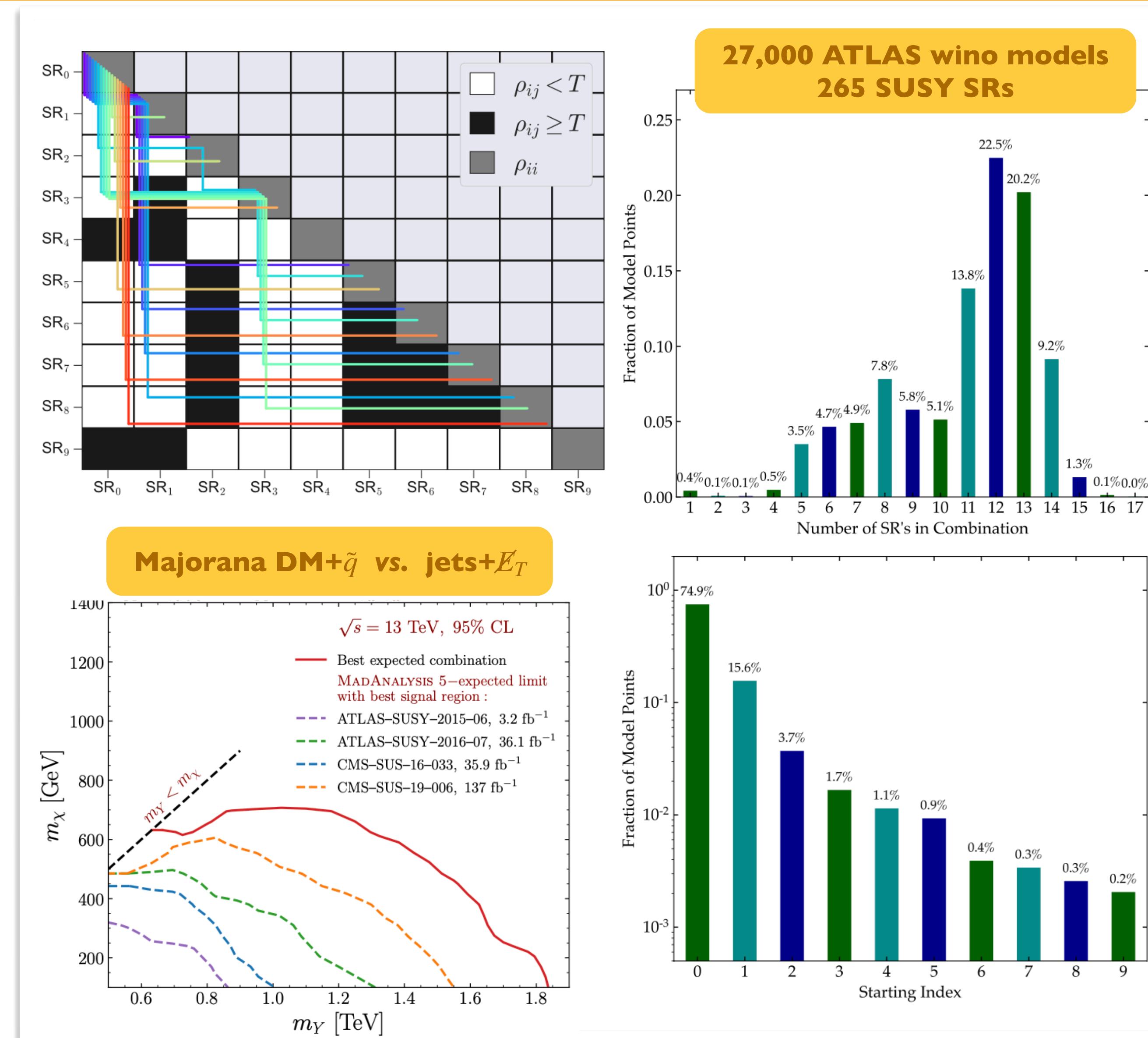
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- Advantage of quantified measure of overlap
  - with respect to a naive guess

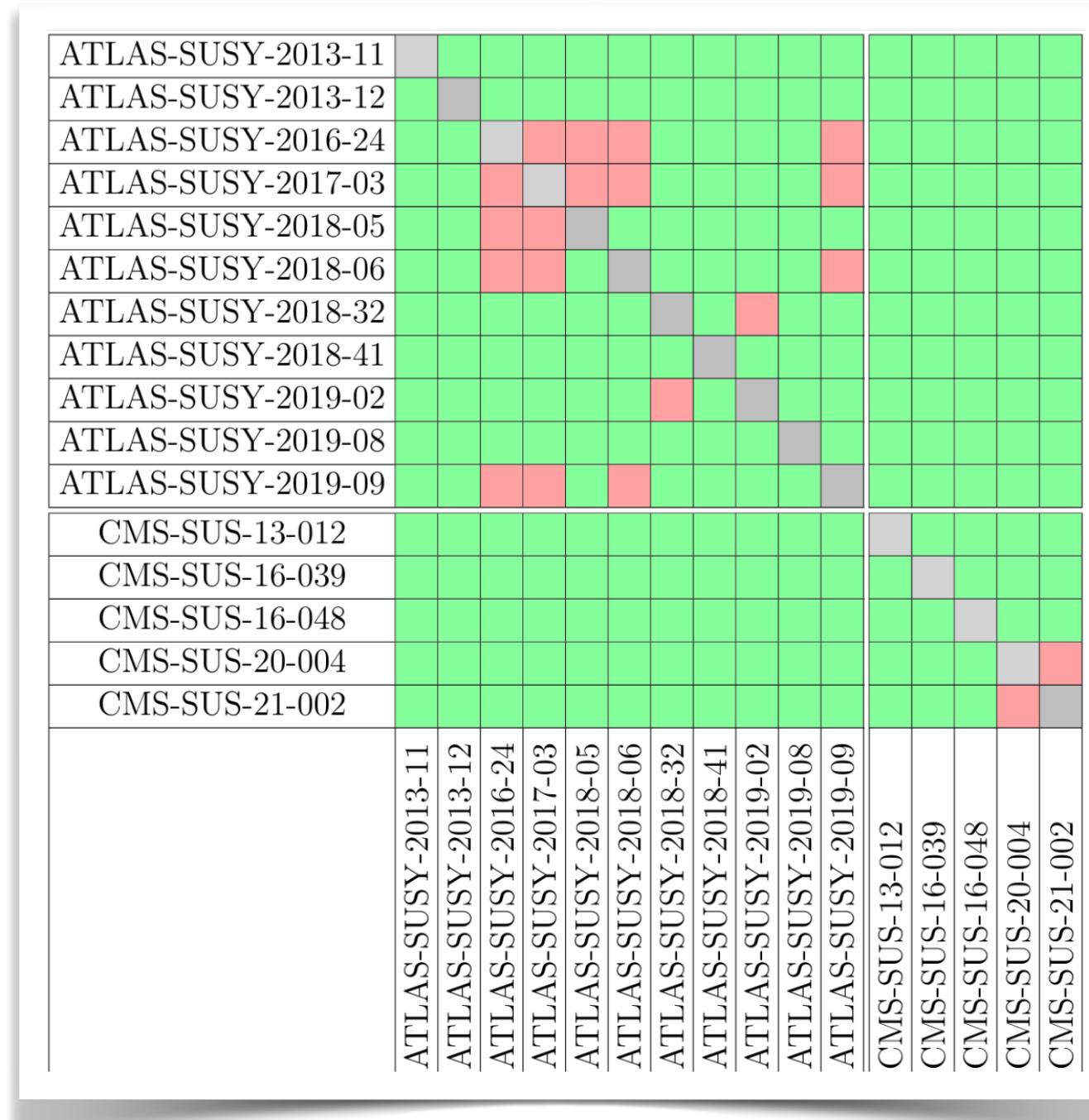


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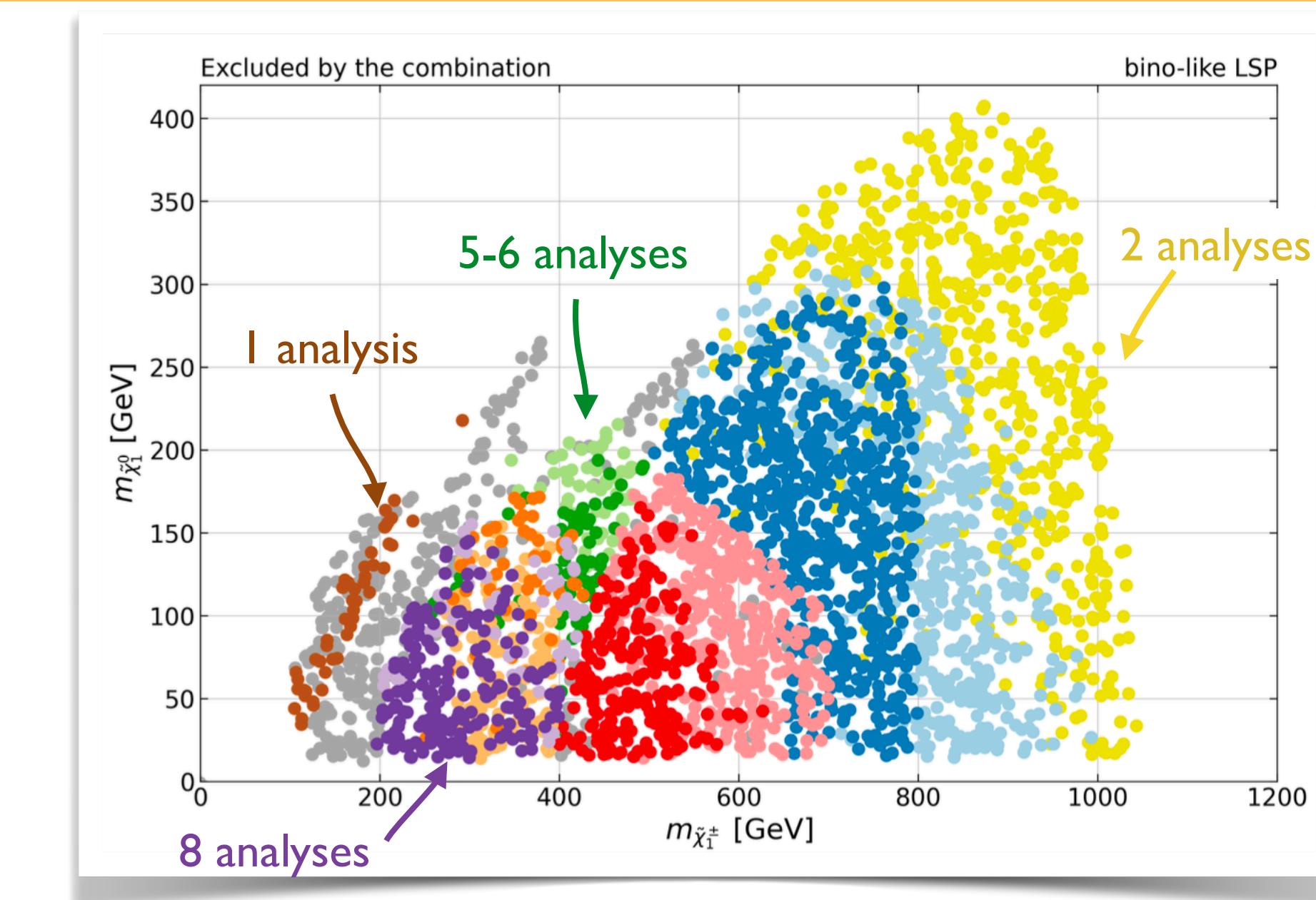
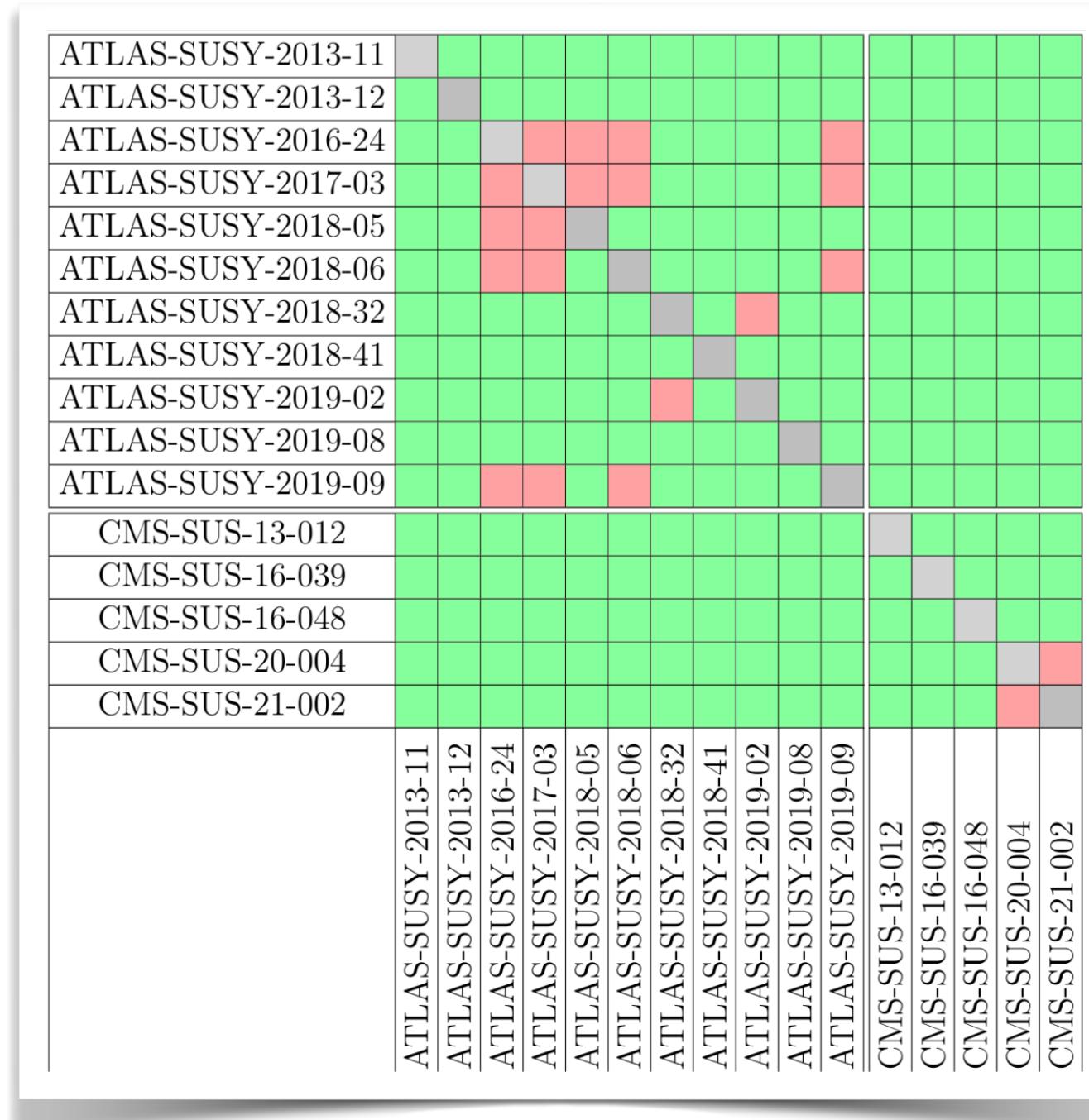


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## Application: the ewkino sector

- Scan over  $\{M_1, M_2, \mu, \tan \beta\}$  [ $O(20k)$  points]
- Colour code = different combinations
  - Better coverage of the different parameter space regions
  - Combination more relevant for light states
- Pros:
  - Better assessment of the sensitivity
  - Compensation of over/under fluctuations
- Beware: overlap matrix determined from assumptions
  - Also with TACO: unavoidable

# New player: four-top production

## Four-top production is coming...

- Already run 2 SM measurements  
→ Large room for BSM physics
- Precision with run 3
- Useful for SUSY (despite of no  $E_T$ )  
→ Dirac gluinos!



The Four Tops in 2022

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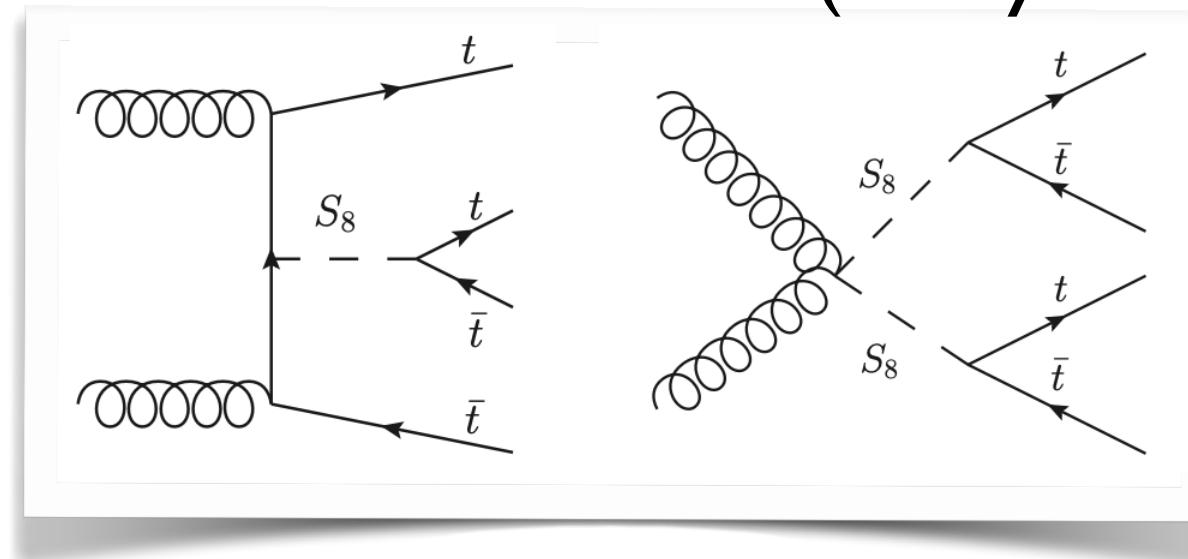
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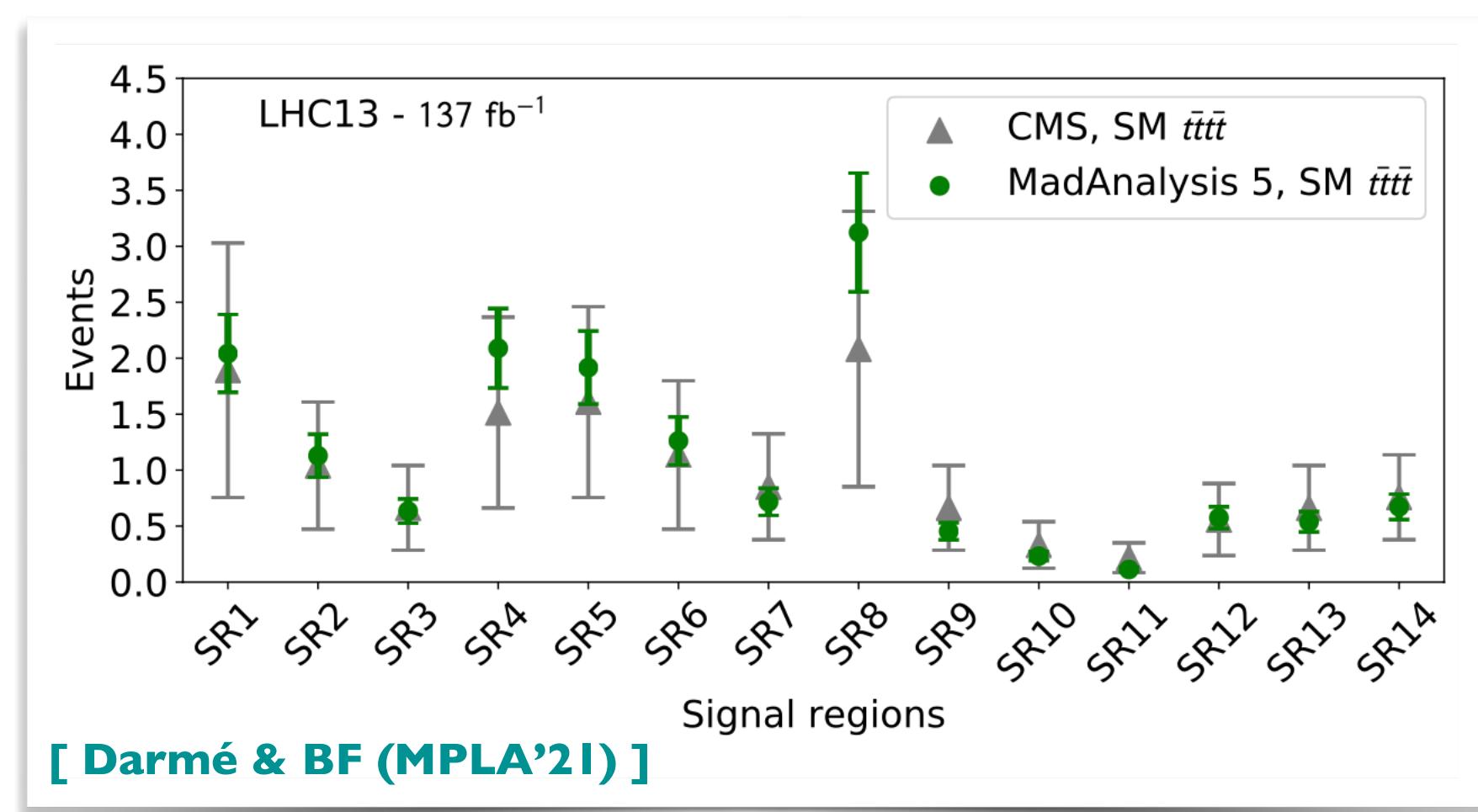
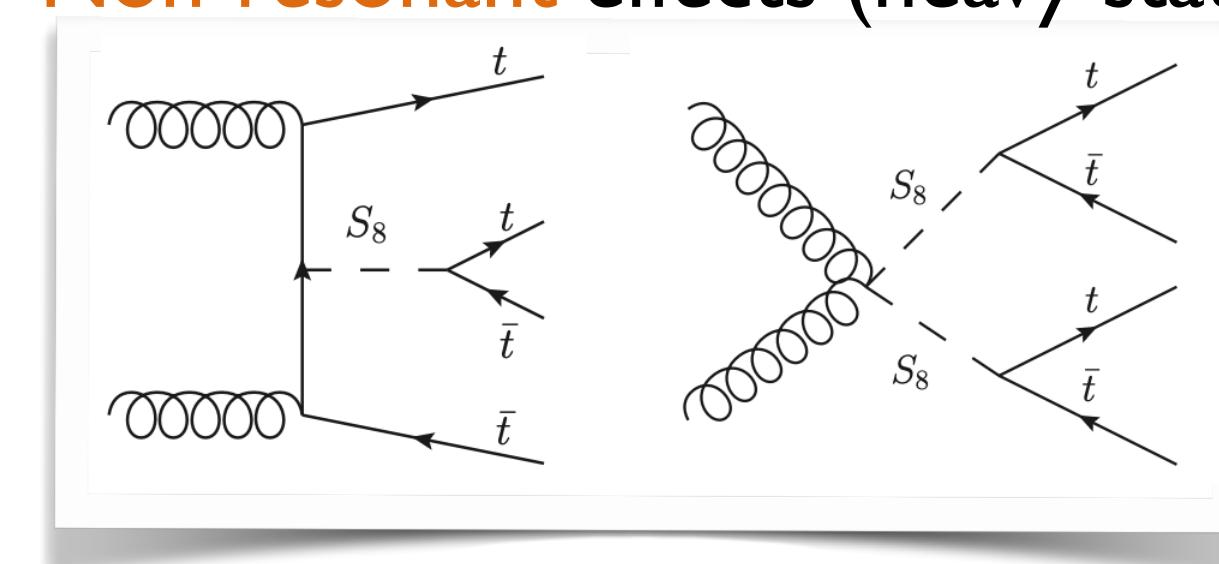
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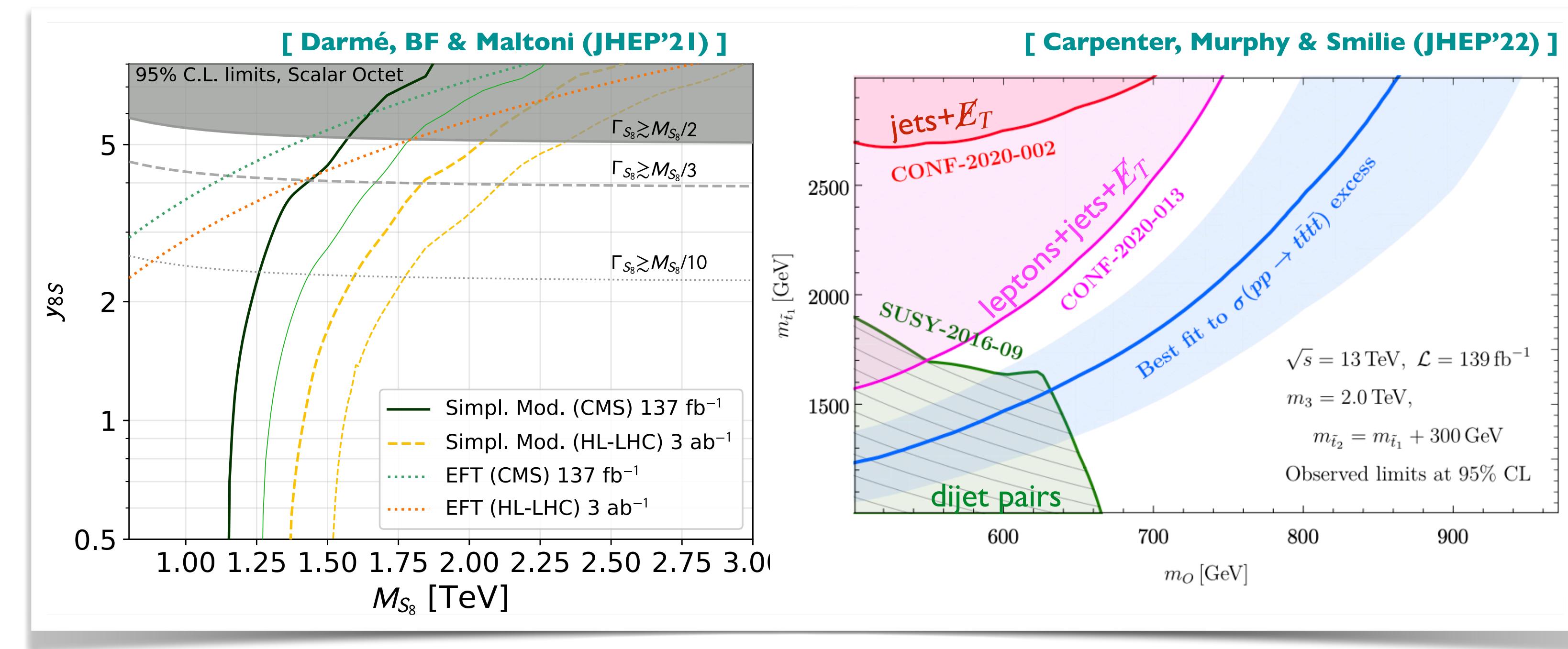
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- 14 SRs: cf. (b-)jet/lepton multiplicities
- $H_T$  spectra measured  
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[ Darmé, BF & Goodsell (PLB'18) ]
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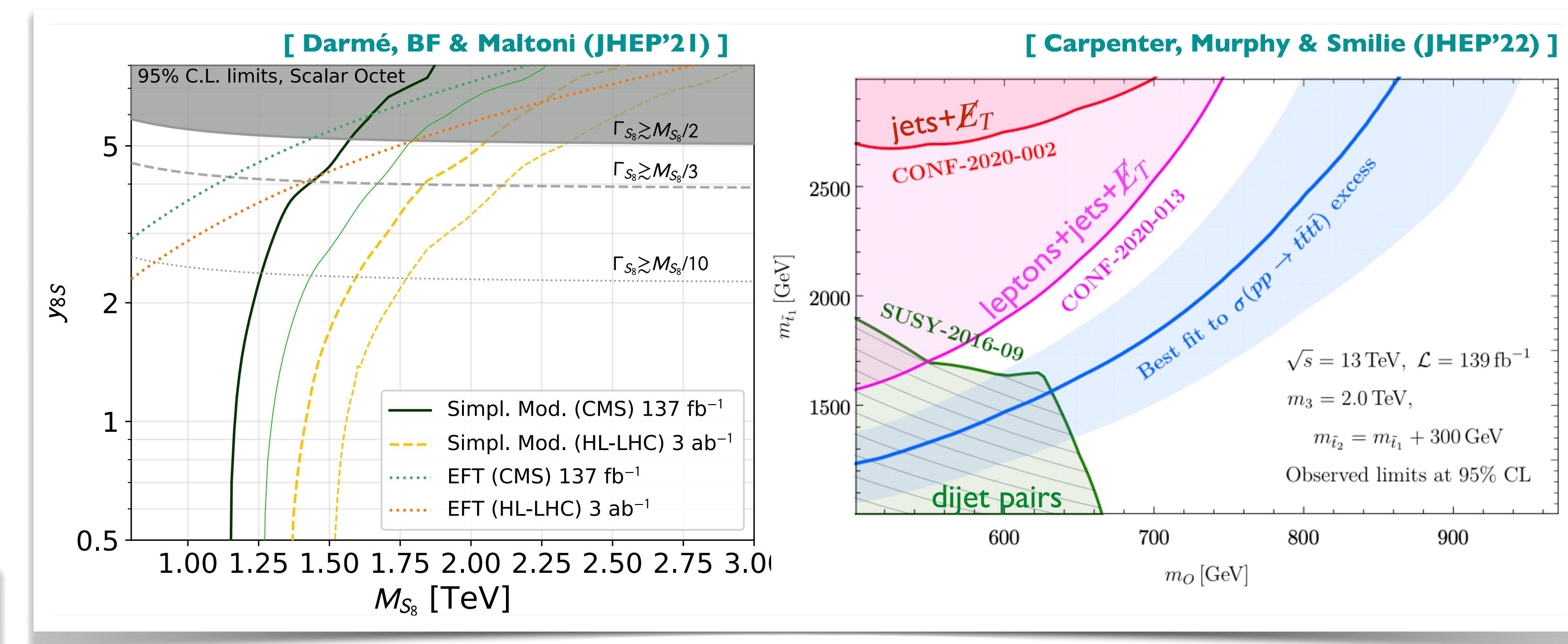
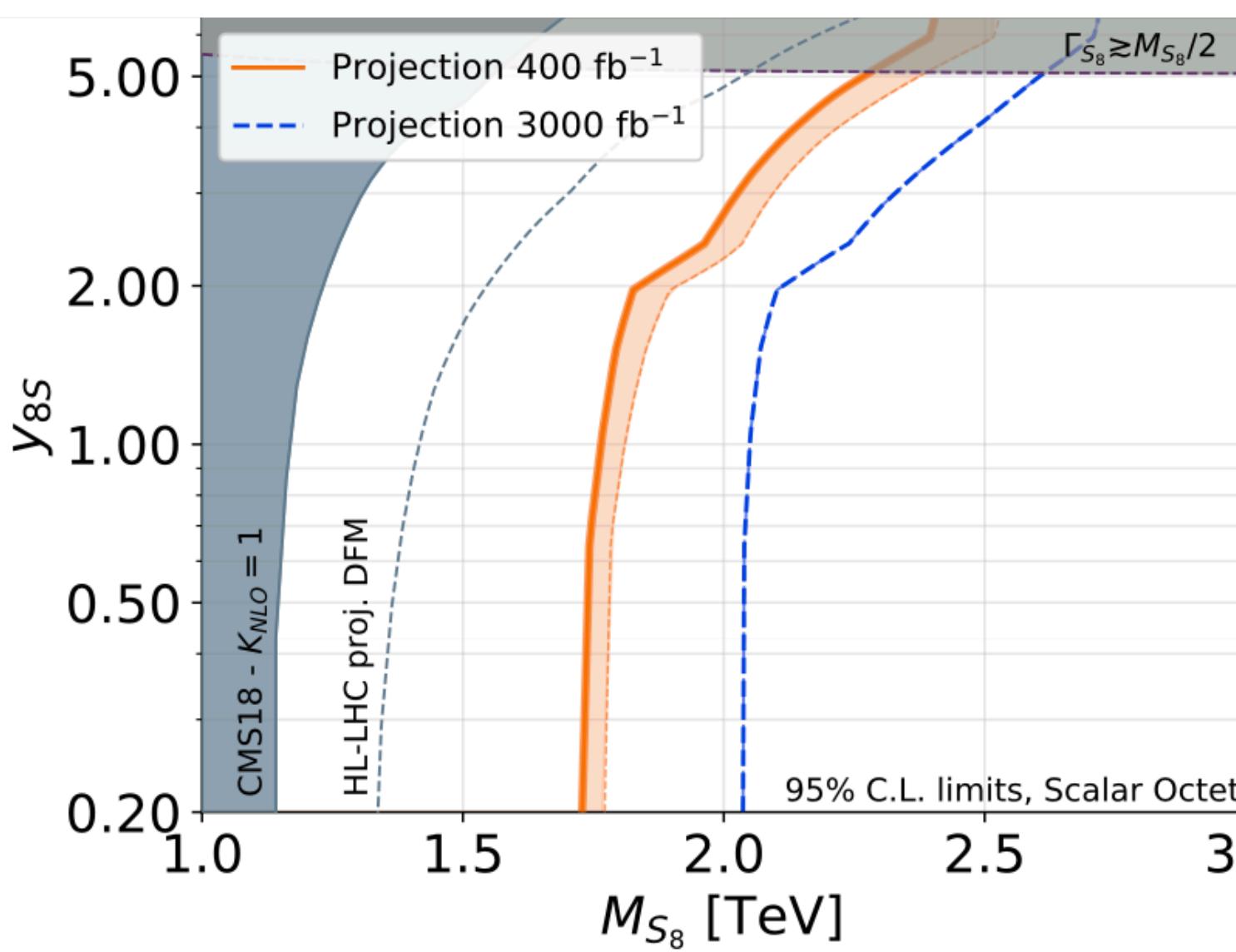
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- Reconstruction of the four-top system
  - Reconstruction of boosted and leptonic tops
  - Tagging 3/4 tops + SS2L cases
  - 66% of all signal event tagged!
- Tailored cuts (pair/associated production)
  - Pair of resonance constraints (pair)
  - Top relative direction constraints (single)
- Reaching 2 TeV @ HL-LHC
  - Even for small Yukawas

# Summary - outlook

SUSY searches  $\leftrightarrow$  excellent templates for BSM searches

- Large set of shared signatures with numerous models
- Crucial to reproduce analyses (aka *LHC recasting*)

LHC recasting paves the way to interesting studies

- Non-simplified models; non-minimal models
- Understanding excesses [soft leptons? monojets? extra scalars?]

A lot of development over the past decade

- Two classes of public tools (SMS or simulation based)
- Validation  $\leftrightarrow$  detailed material
  - Great progress over the years!
  - Being transparent crucial
- Combination of SRs/analyses now possible
- ML-based searches  $\leftrightarrow$  the next frontier
  - ONNX-released networks
  - Already available in some tools [*not covered here*]

## Reproducibility

- Key principle in the scientific method
- Need for the TH/EXP communities to move together

