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Real Higgs triplet at the LHC

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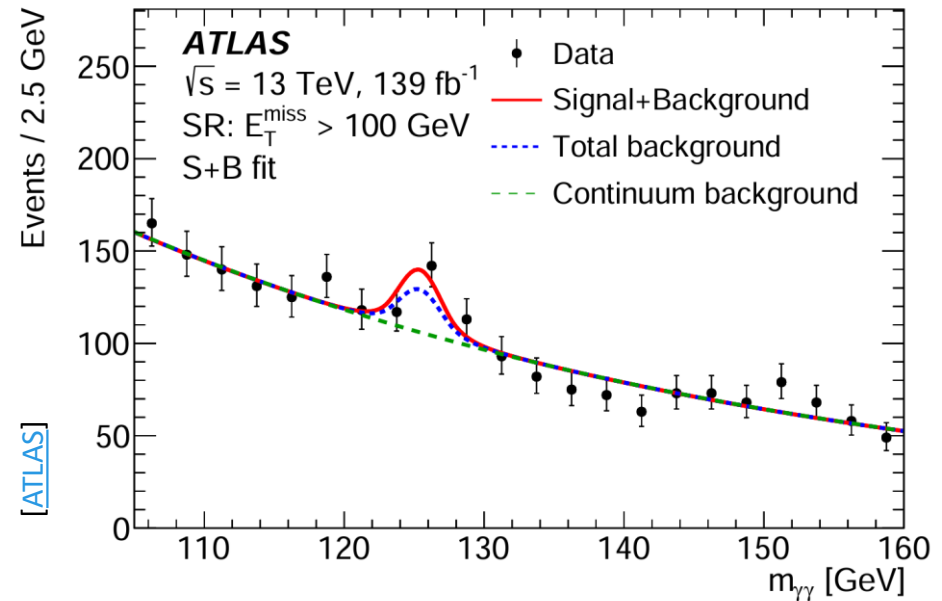
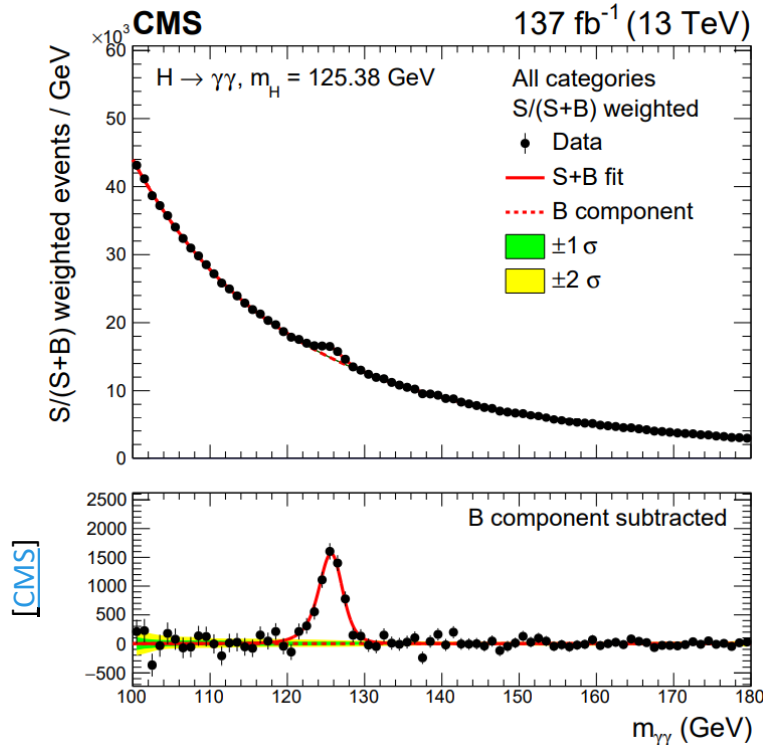
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Hints for New Physics @152 GeV

➔ No significant excess in **inclusive $\gamma\gamma$** searches

➔ Interesting excesses in **$\gamma\gamma + X$** (additional particles in the signal regions)



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Vacuum expectation value of the triplet Δ

Mixing angle between SM Higgs h – neutral component of the triplet Δ^0

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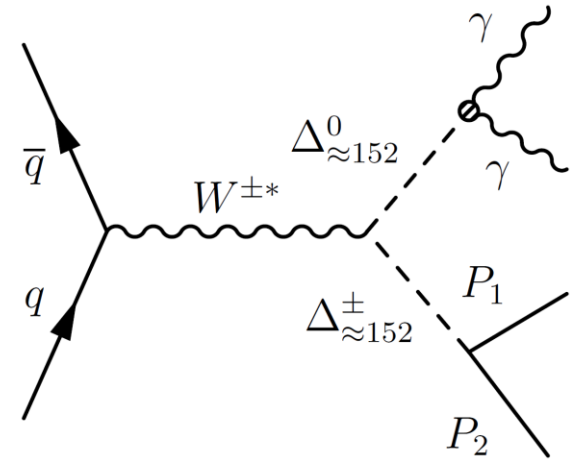
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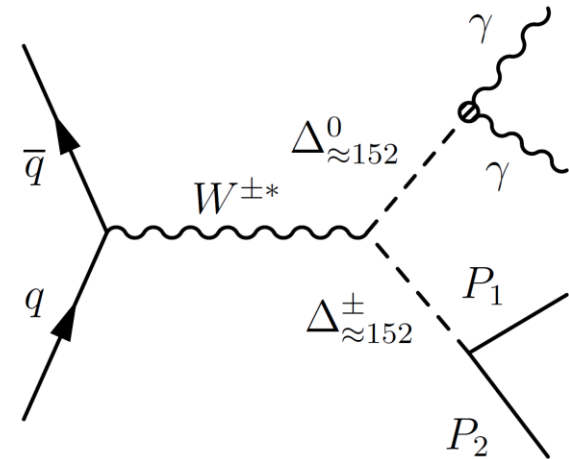
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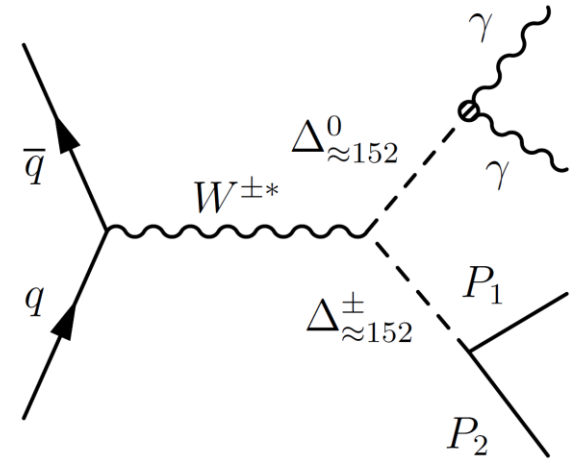
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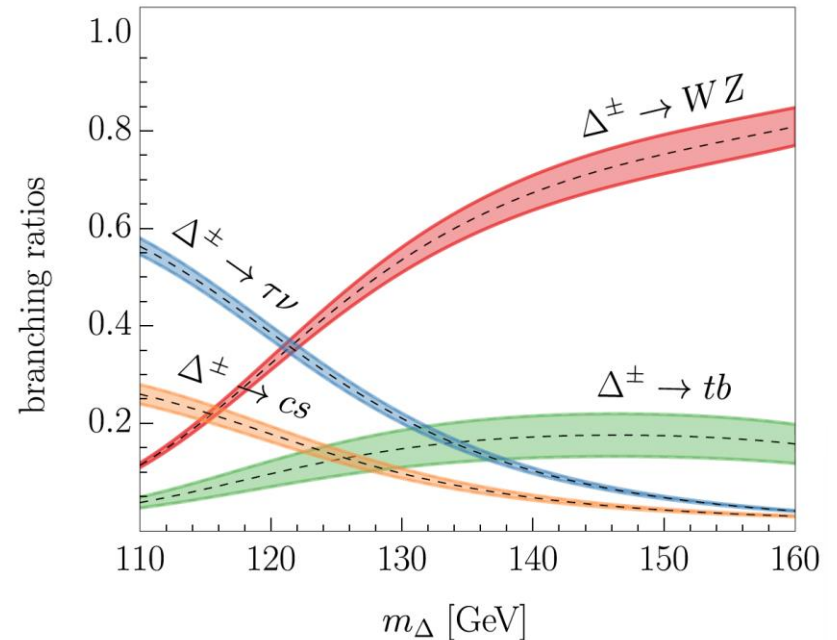
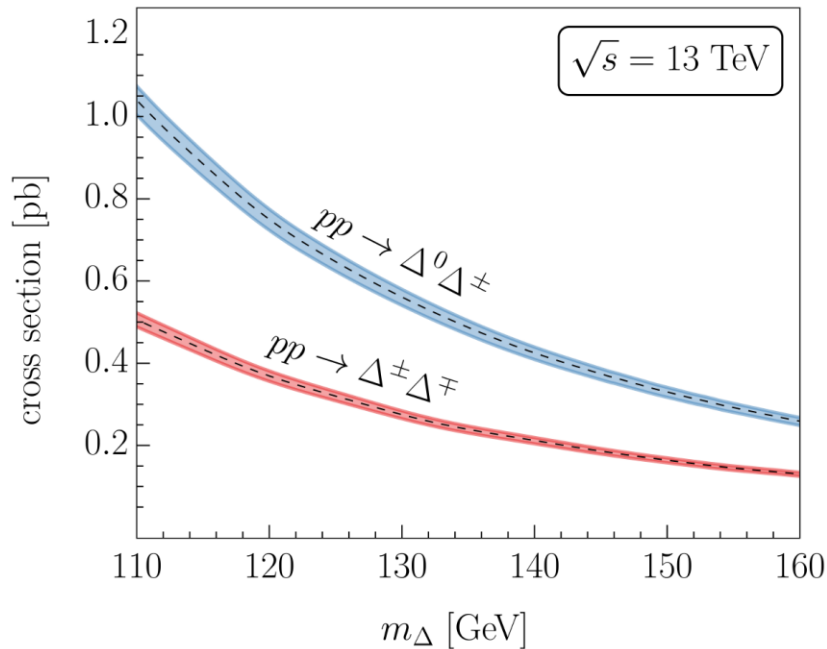
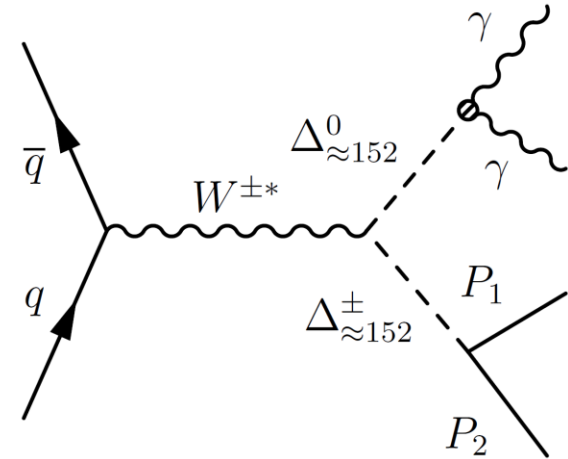
The Δ SM model

[S. Banik, GC, A. Crivellin et al.]

All relevant parameters are fixed by the model except

→ m_{Δ^0, Δ^\pm}

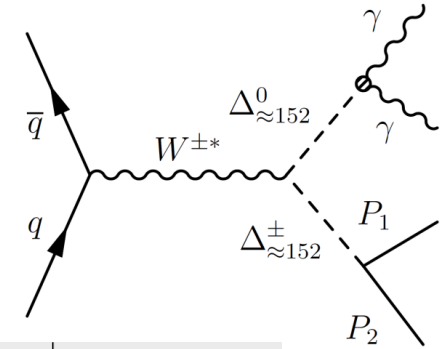
→ $\text{Br}(\Delta^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)$



ATLAS: $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma + X$

[ATLAS]

- ➔ ATLAS search for AP with full Run2 data
- ➔ **SM** $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma + X$ ($m_{\gamma\gamma} = 105\text{-}160$ GeV)
- ➔ Multiple categories ($X = l, j, j_b, E_T^{\text{miss}} \dots$)

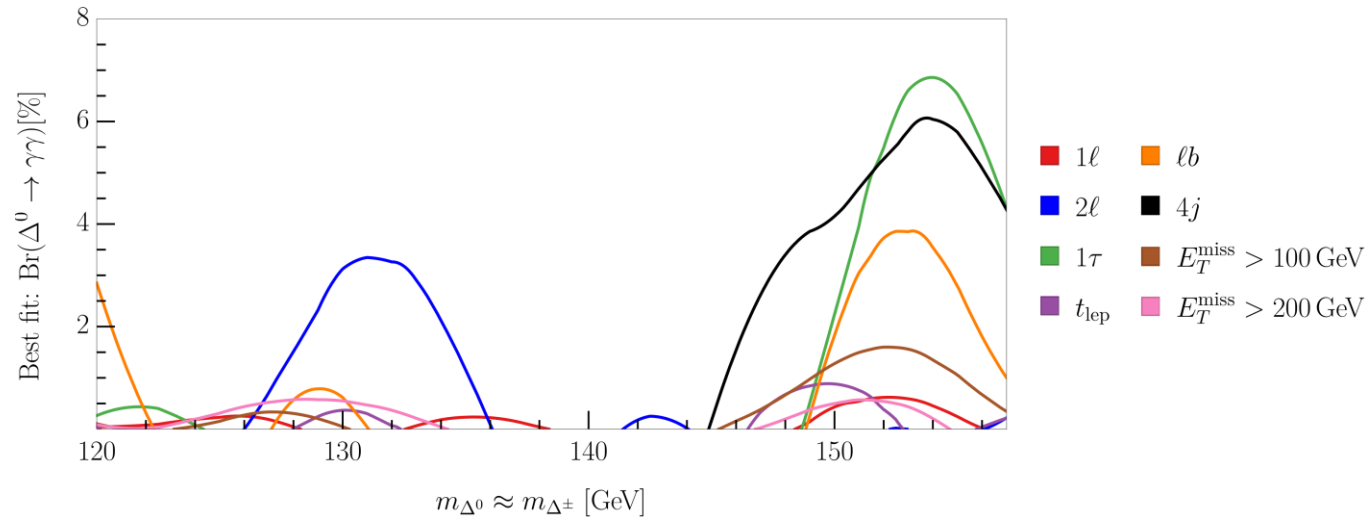


Target	Signal region	Detector level	Correlations
High jet activity	$4j$	$n_j \geq 4$	-
Top	ℓb t_{lep}	$n_\ell \geq 1, n_{b\text{-jet}} \geq 1$ $n_{\ell=e,\mu} = 1, n_{\text{jet}} = n_{b\text{-jet}} = 1$	-
Lepton	2ℓ 1ℓ	$ee, \mu\mu$ or $e\mu$ $n_\ell = 1, n_{\text{had}} = 0, n_{b\text{-jet}} = 0$	< 26%
Tau	$1\tau_{\text{had}}$	$n_\ell = 0, n_{\tau_{\text{had}}} = 1, n_{b\text{-jet}} = 0$	-
E_T^{miss}	$E_T^{\text{miss}} > 100$ GeV $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 200$ GeV	$E_T^{\text{miss}} > 100$ GeV $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 200$ GeV	29%

Reduced SM background and enhanced NP sensitivity

Results: $\Delta^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma + X$

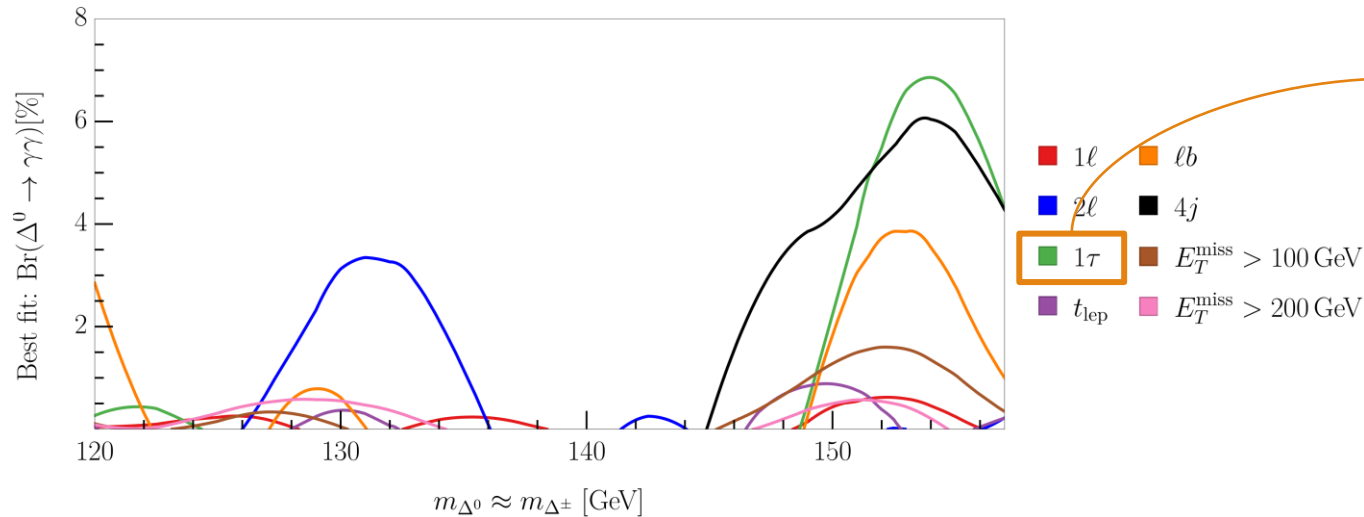
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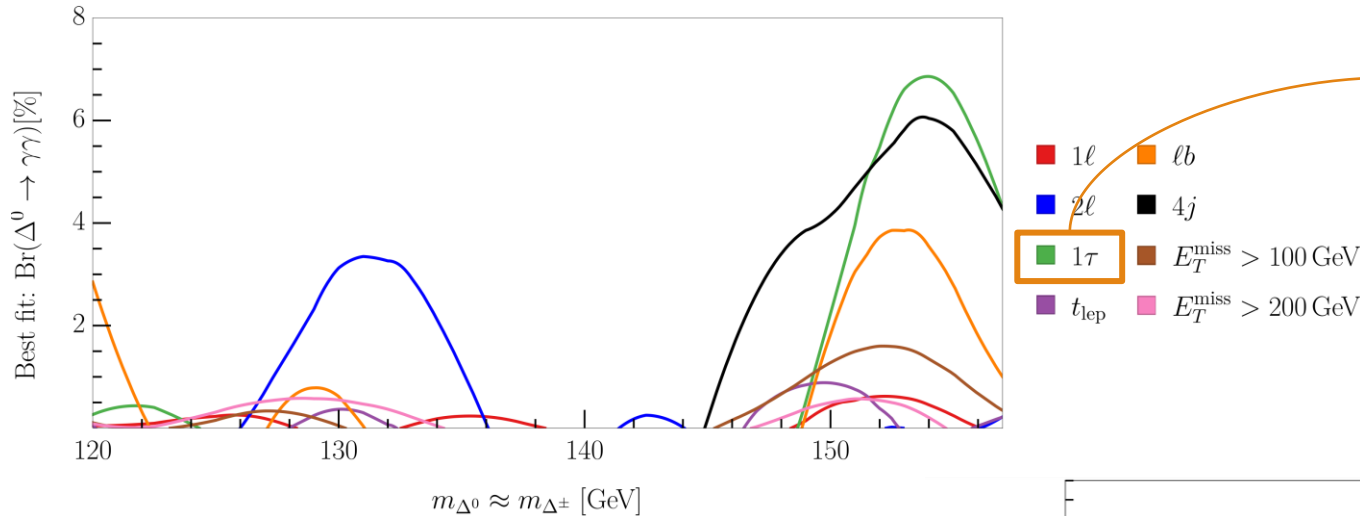


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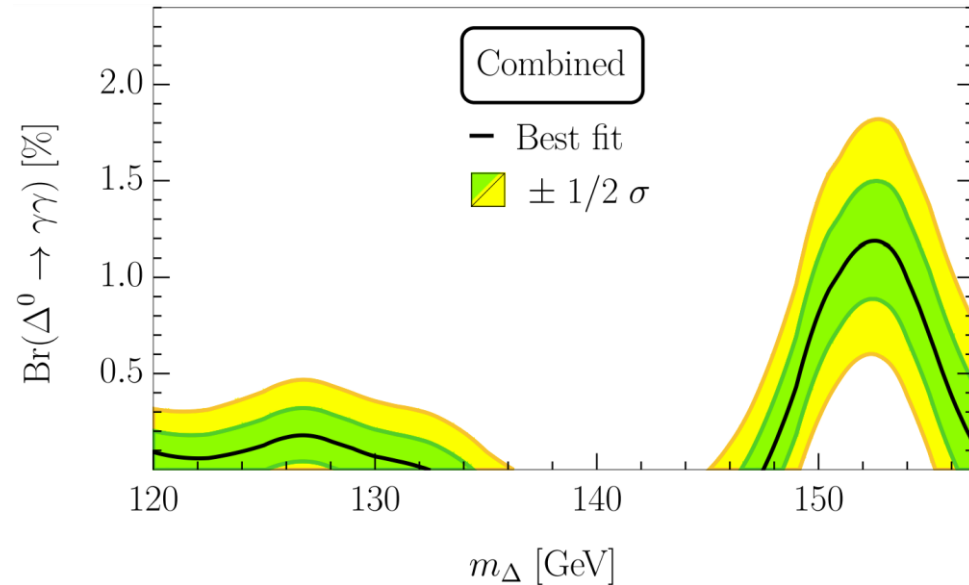
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$\text{Br}(\Delta^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma) \approx 1\%$
preferred over SM by $\approx 4\sigma$



Comparison

2HDM type-I

- Several parameters and fields as input
- Included in multiple new physics model
- Best fit for the $\gamma\gamma + X$ excesses at 152 GeV

Δ SM

- Minimal set of parameters and fields
- Most degrees of freedom fixed by the model
- $H^\pm \rightarrow W^\pm Z$ affects goodness of the 152 GeV excesses fit

Common requirements is a neutral scalar with a mass of 152 GeV mostly produced via Drell-Yan

Conclusions and outlook

1. Interesting hints for NP at 152 GeV in associated production (resonant di-photon searches, multi-lepton anomalies)
2. Real Higgs triplet explains such excesses and is preferred over SM by $\approx 4\sigma$
3. Run3 data and HL-LHC will scrutinize such NP scenario
4. Δ^\pm suitable candidate for future e^+e^- colliders
5. A real triplet is enough for a **strong first order EW phase transition** [[Bandyopadhyay et al.](#)]

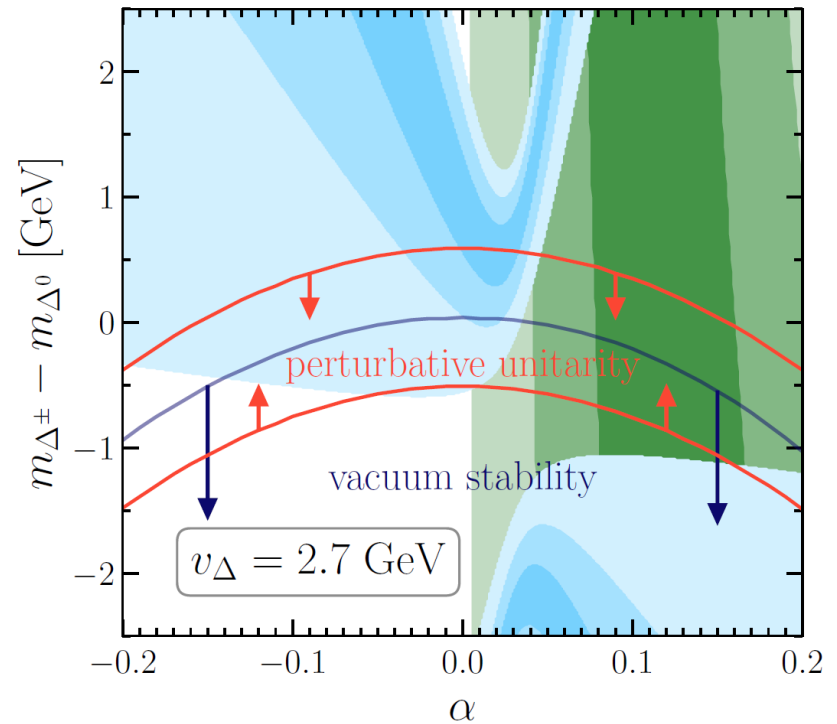
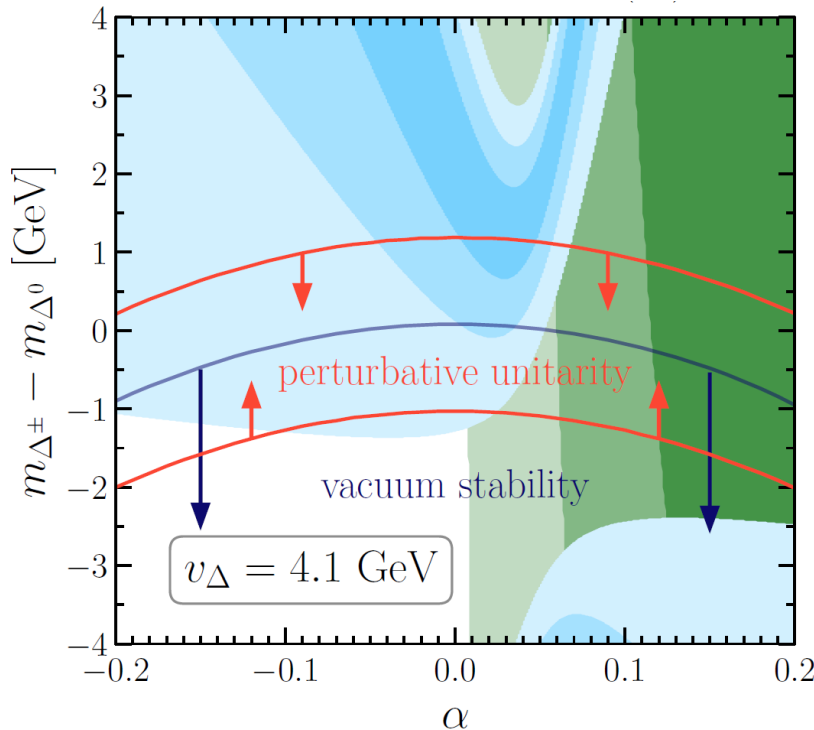
BACK UP SLIDES

Scalar potential

[S. Banik, GC, A. Crivellin et al.]

- ➔ Vacuum stability and perturbative unitarity in slight tension with other phenomenological observables
- ➔ Pointing to additional fields at or above the EW scale

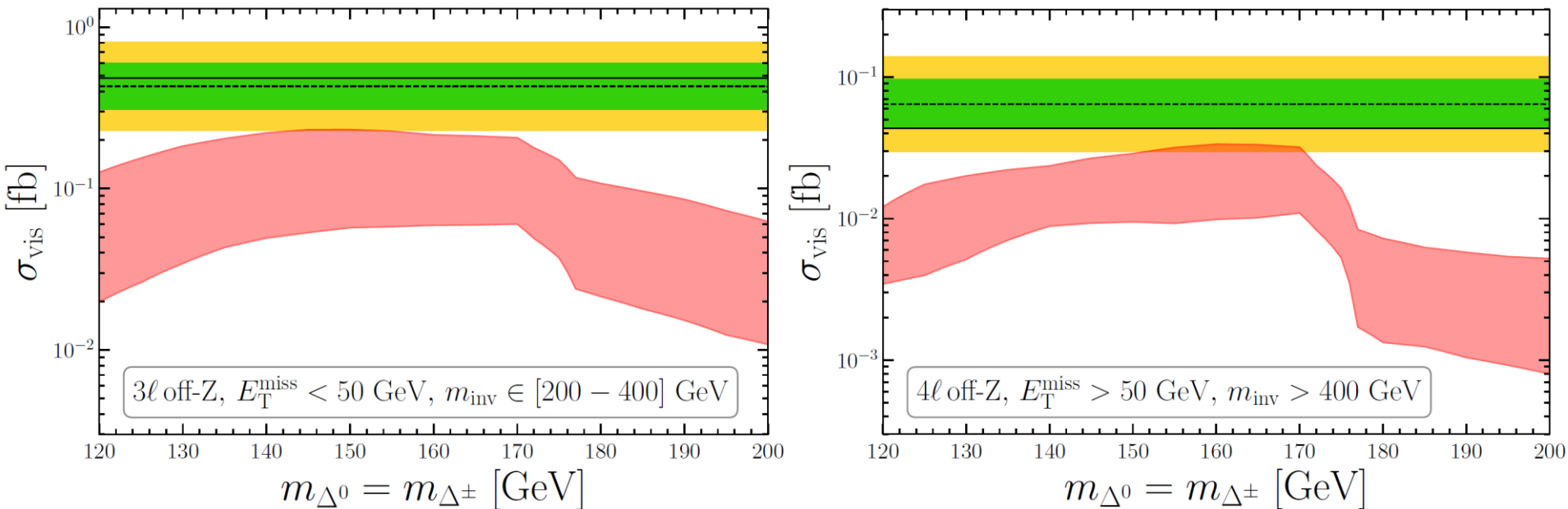
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■ $h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ (1σ)
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3 and 4 – leptons bounds

[In preparation...]

- ➔ Multi-lepton searches with 3 and 4 leptons as final states are not excluding a real Higgs triplet at low masses

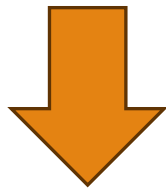


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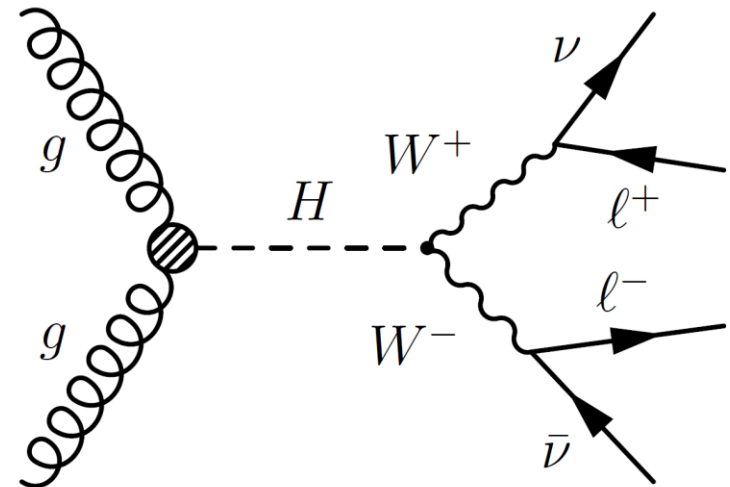
WW analysis

[GC, A. Crivellin et al.]

- ➔ No dedicated BSM search for $gg \rightarrow H \rightarrow WW$ with full luminosity and including 90 GeV for the range of m_H
- ➔ [CMS](#) and [ATLAS](#) analyses available for **SM Higgs (135 fb^{-1})**



- ➔ Re-casting analyses to search for new scalars
- ➔ Simulation with **MadGraph5_aMC@NLO** (Pythia8, Delphes)

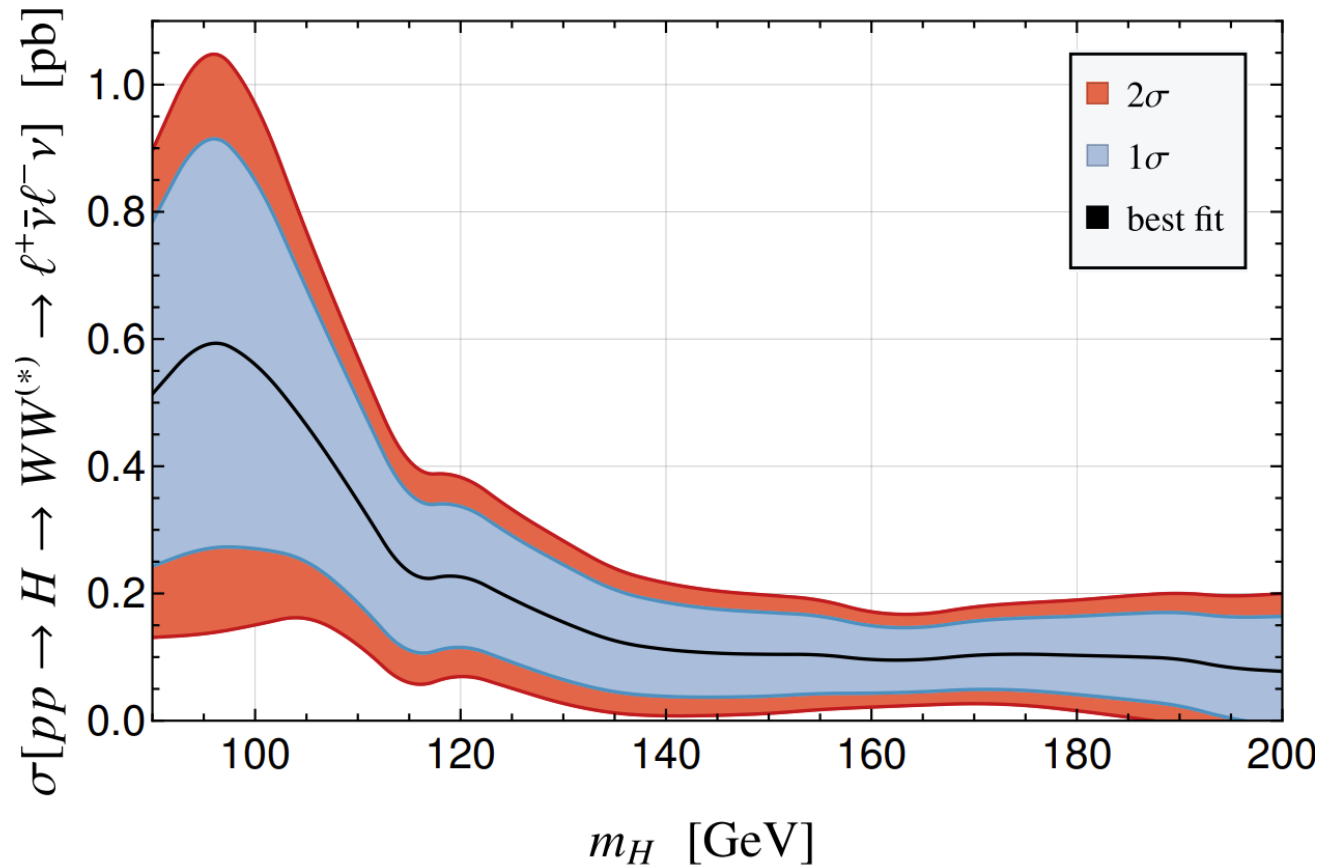


Leptonic decays \rightarrow jet veto

WW results

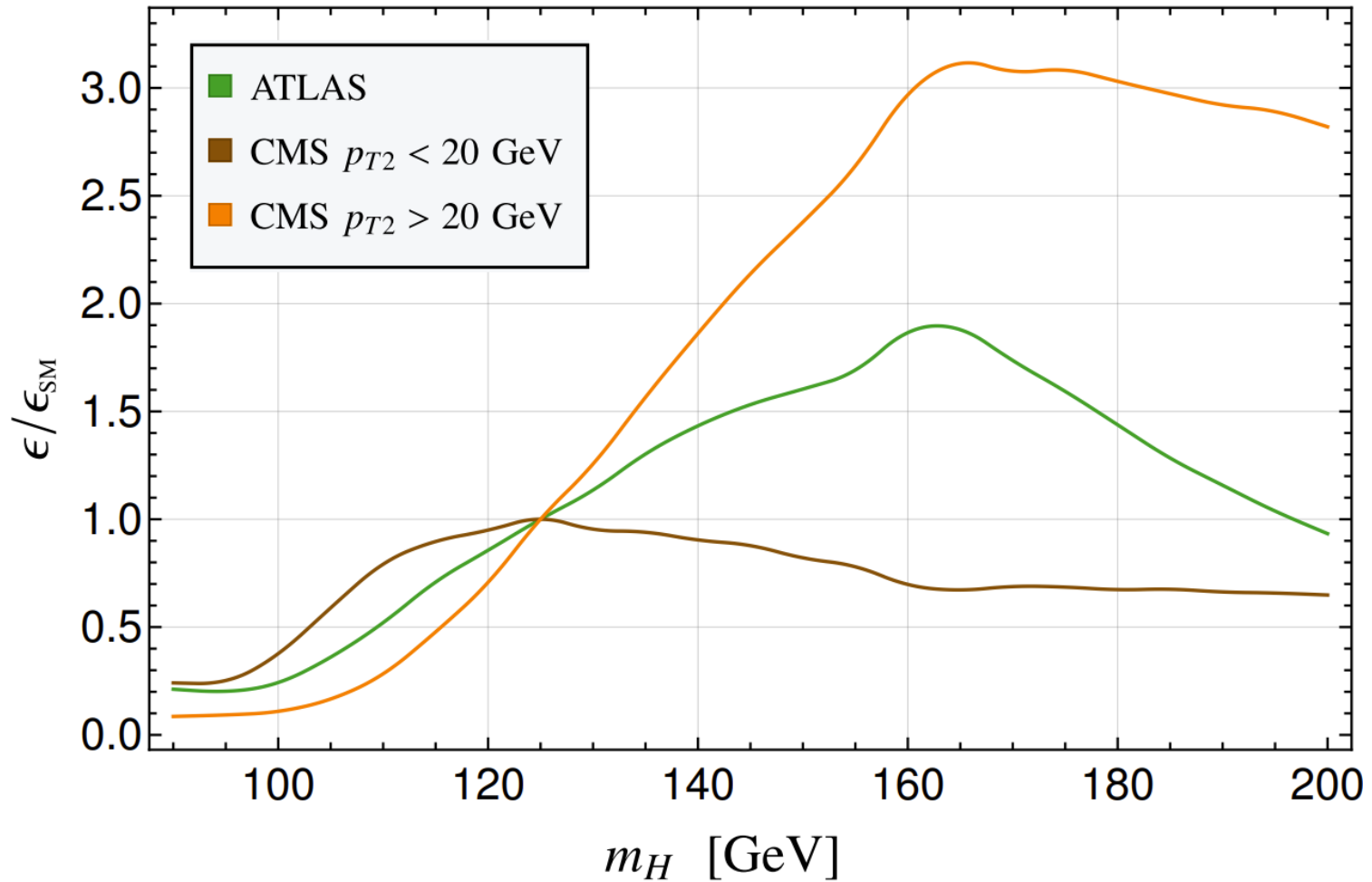
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- ➔ Observed limit is weaker than expected over the whole mass range (**room for BSM $\geq 2\sigma$**)



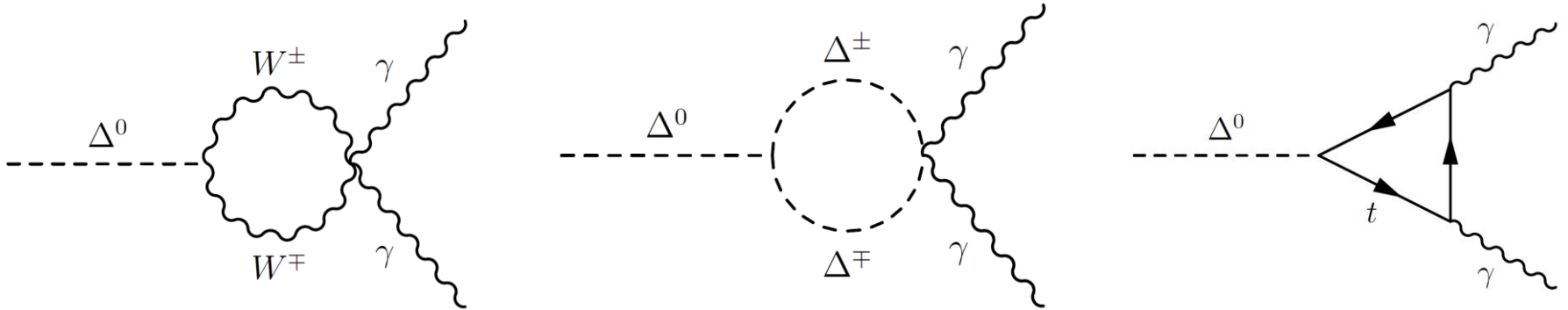
WW simulation efficiency

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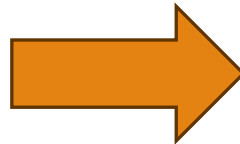
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$$f(m_{\Delta^0}, \alpha, m_{\Delta^\pm} - m_{\Delta^0}, v_\Delta; \dots)$$

For the fit, all parameters subsumed into single relevant phenomenological one



$$\text{Br}[\Delta^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma]$$

(although explicit formulae used to compute, for instance, bounds on SM $h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$)