

# DIPHOTON EXCESS: 750 GEV SCALAR OR THE KITCHEN SINK?

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THE FIELD...

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Luckily our field isn't the only one having issues...

# A TALE OF TWO CITIES...

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# WHAT'S ALL THE FUSS?

- Dec 15 ATLAS and CMS release first results from 13 TeV
- slight excess in a search for a Higgs-like object found in both experiments - 3.6 sigma local, 2.0 global (ATLAS), 2.6 local, 1.2 global (CMS)
- What's this mean?
  - roughly 1/100-1/1000 chance local or 1/20 to 1/3 with LEE
  - but there's two experiments...
  - AND it would be the first particle ever beyond the SM, so the stakes are high!

SO WHAT HAPPENED?

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## Composite Models for the 750 GeV Diphoton Excess

Keisuke Harigaya, [Yasunori Nomura](#)

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We present composite models explaining the diphoton excess of mass around 750 GeV recently reported by the LHC experiments.

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*/ˈbænd,wəɡən/*

*noun*

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2. a particular activity or cause that has suddenly become fashionable or popular.  
"the local deejays are on the home-team bandwagon"



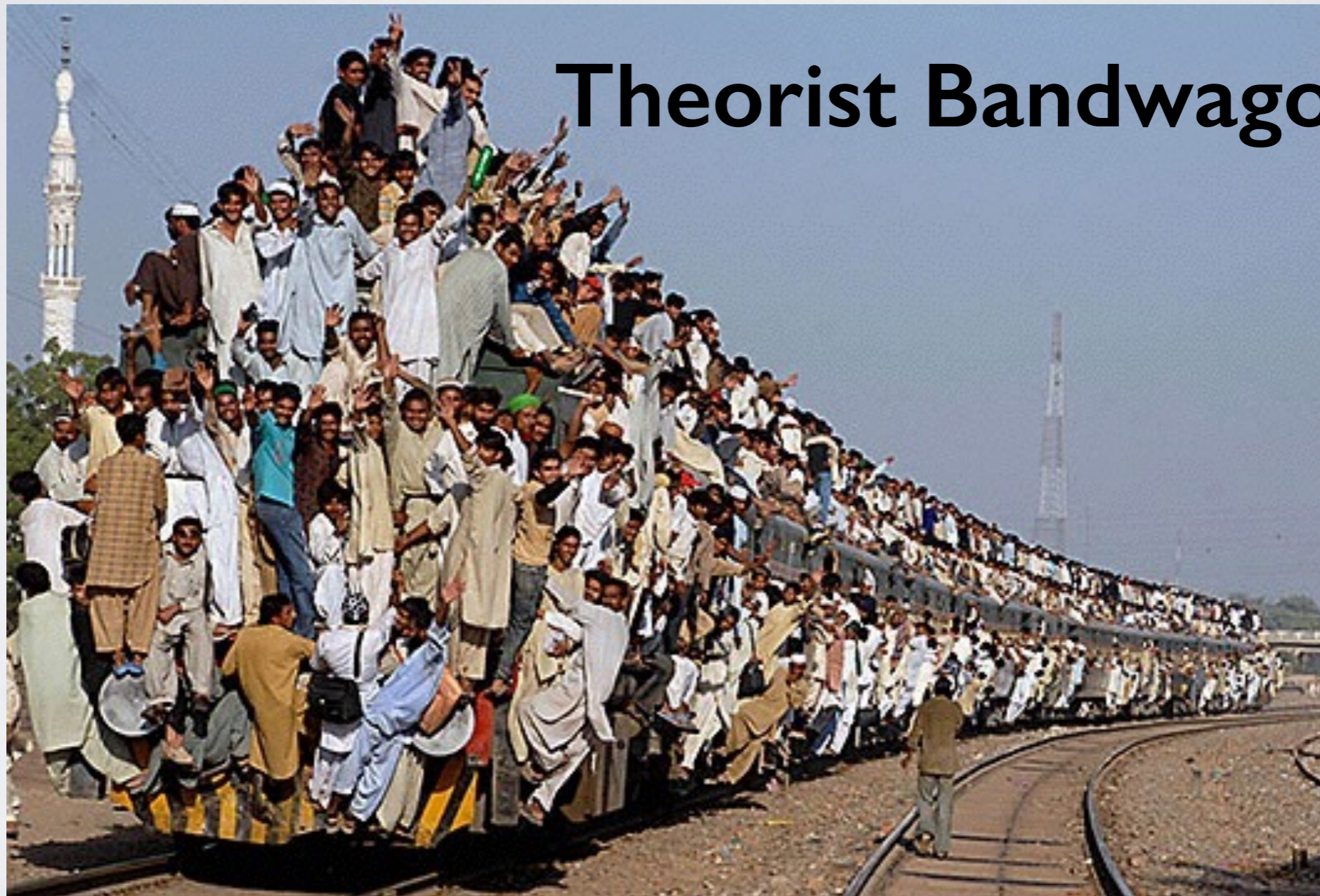
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Abstract	<p>This note presents a search for the Standard Model Higgs boson in the diphoton decay channel in proton-proton collisions at a centre-of-mass energy of sqrt(s)=7 TeV using data corresponding to an integrated luminosity of 4.9 fb<sup>-1</sup> collected with the ATLAS detector at the LHC. Over the diphoton mass range 110-150 GeV the maximum deviation from the background-only expectation is observed at 126 GeV with a local significance of 2.8 standard deviations. Taking the look-elsewhere effect into account, the significance is 1.5 standard deviations. The expected cross section exclusion at 95% confidence level varies between 1.6 and 2.9 times the Standard Model cross section over the mass range 110-150 GeV. The observed exclusions lie between 0.9 and 4.0 times the Standard Model cross section, and a Standard Model Higgs boson is excluded at 95% confidence level in the mass range of 114-115 GeV and 135-136 GeV.</p>

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## Implications of a 125 GeV Higgs for the MSSM and Low-Scale SUSY Breaking

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*(Submitted on 13 Dec 2011)*

Recently, the ATLAS and CMS collaborations have announced exciting hints for a Standard Model-like Higgs boson at a mass of approximately 125 GeV. In this paper, we explore the potential consequences for the MSSM and low scale SUSY-breaking. As is well-known, a 125 GeV Higgs implies either extremely heavy stops ( $>\sim 10$  TeV), or near-maximal stop mixing. We review and quantify these statements, and investigate the implications for models of low-scale SUSY breaking such as gauge mediation where the  $A$ -terms are small at the messenger scale. For such models, we find that either a gaugino must be superheavy or the NLSP is long-lived. Furthermore, stops will be tachyonic at high scales. These are very strong restrictions on the mediation of supersymmetry breaking in the MSSM, and suggest that if the Higgs truly is at 125 GeV, viable models of gauge-mediated supersymmetry breaking are reduced to small corners of parameter space or must incorporate new Higgs-sector physics.

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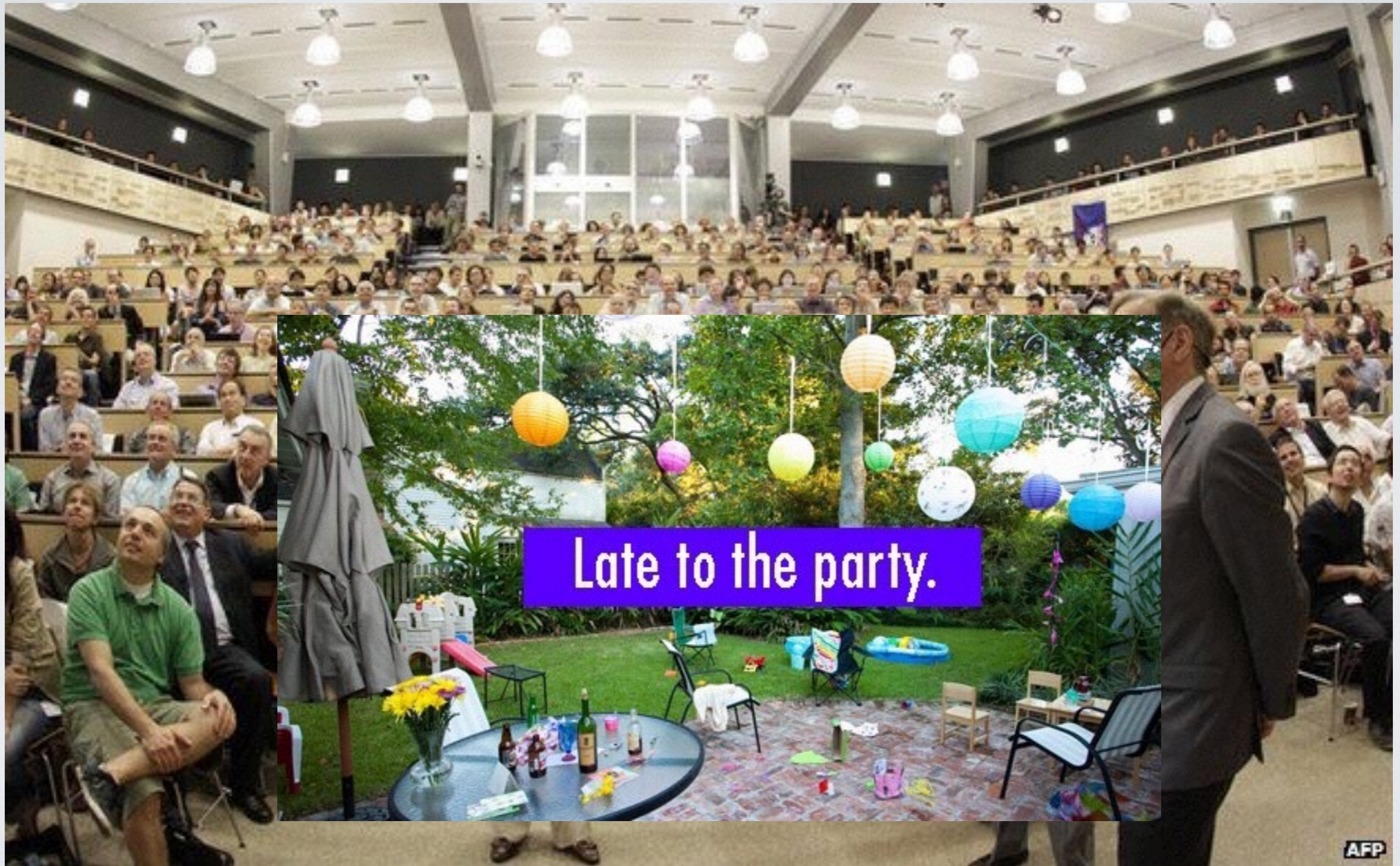
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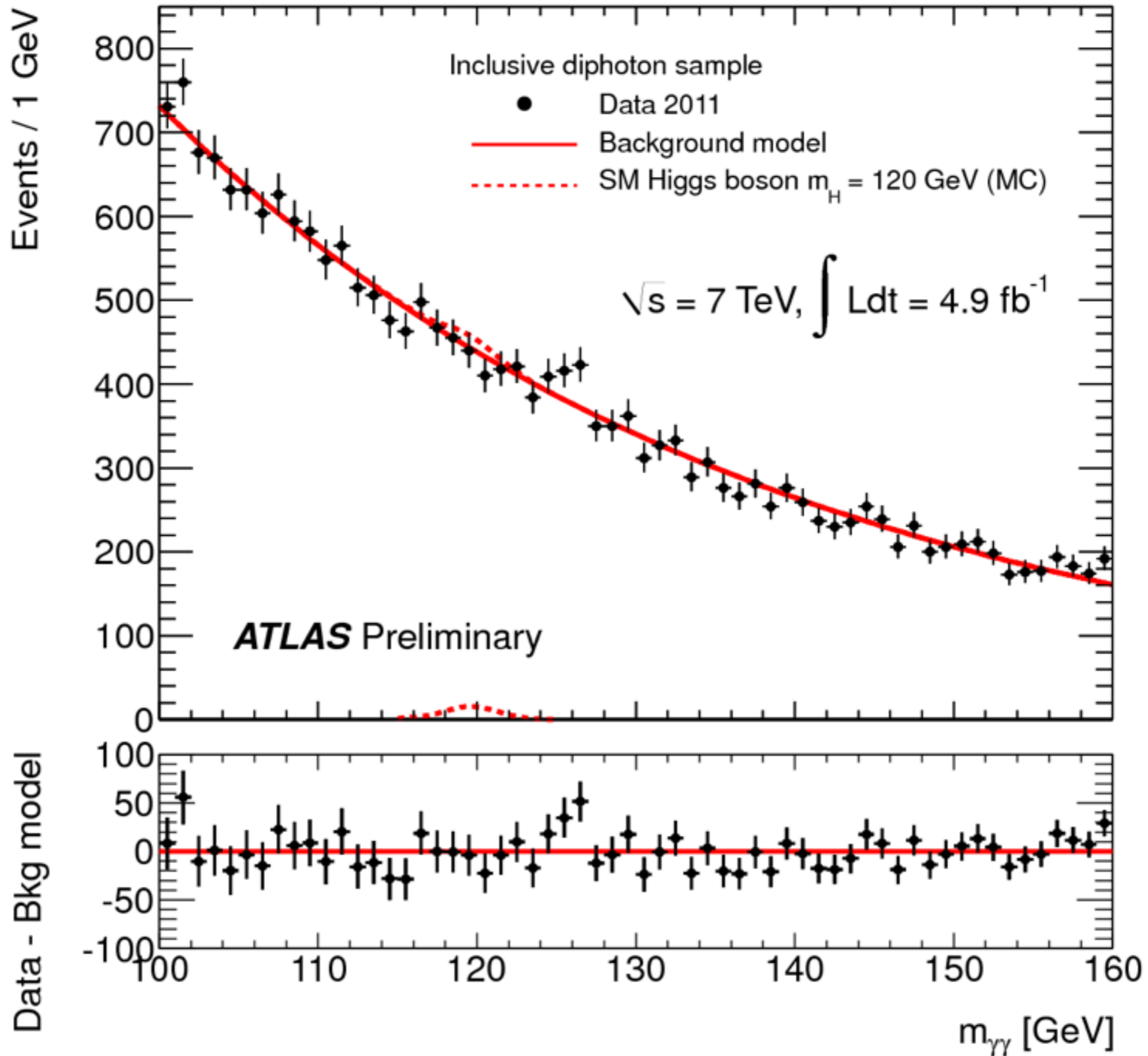
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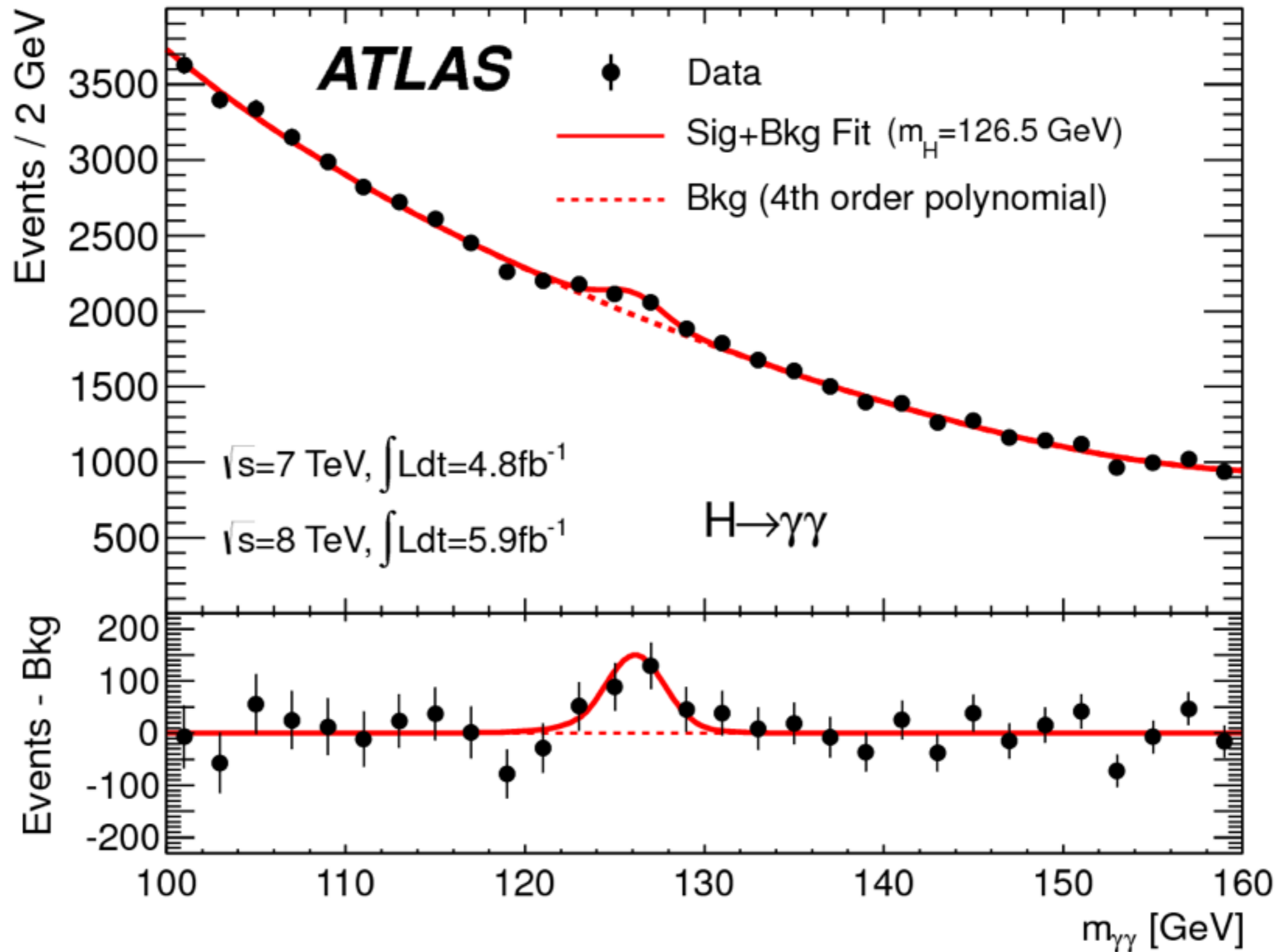




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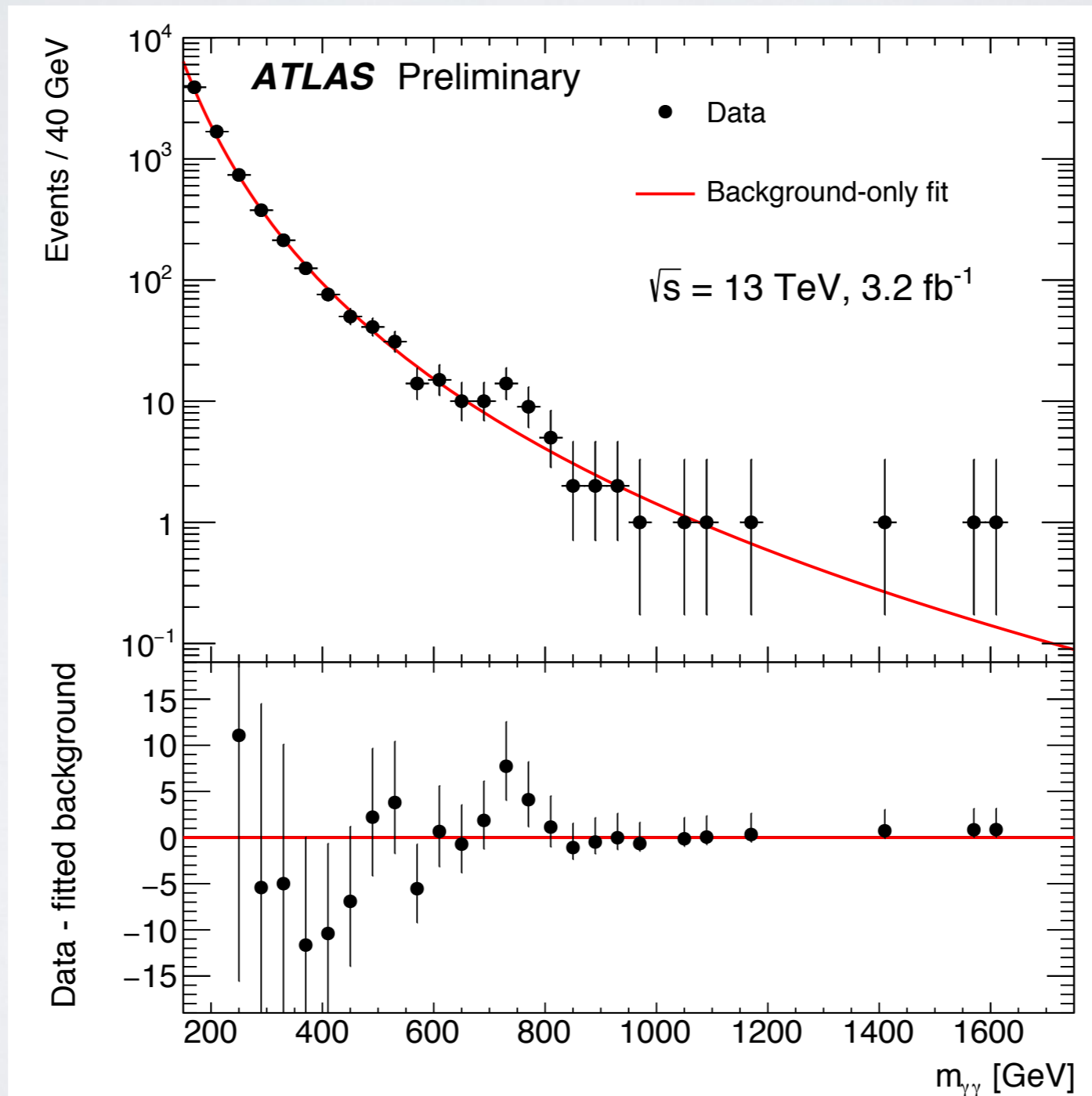
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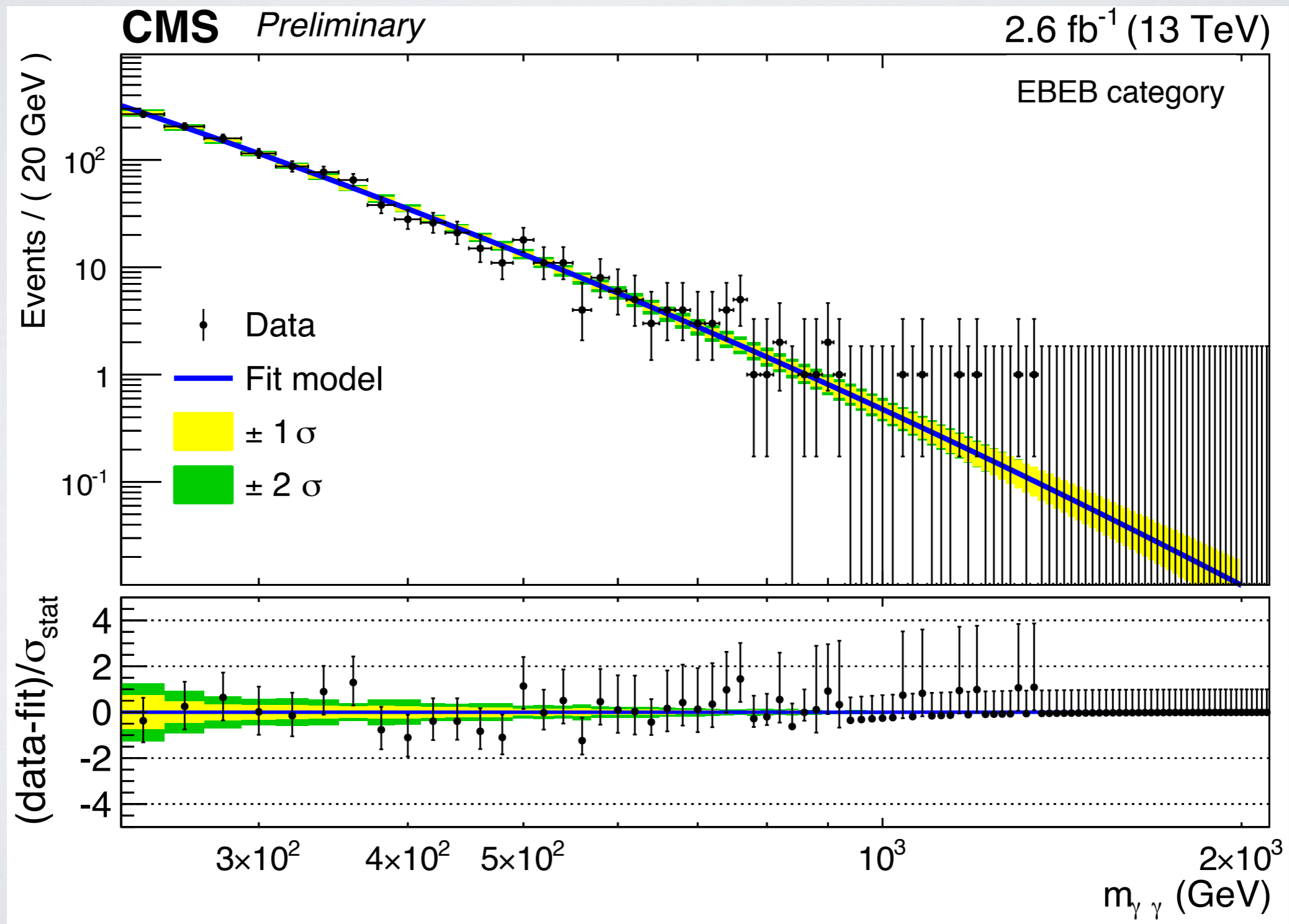


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LIKE?

# WHAT'S THIS EXCESS LOOK LIKE?



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# WHAT COULD IT BE?

- Statistical fluctuation? Most likely explanation...
- Experimentalists screwed up? poor background modeling? Very very unlikely, but yet not impossible....
- New Physics? ehhhh....

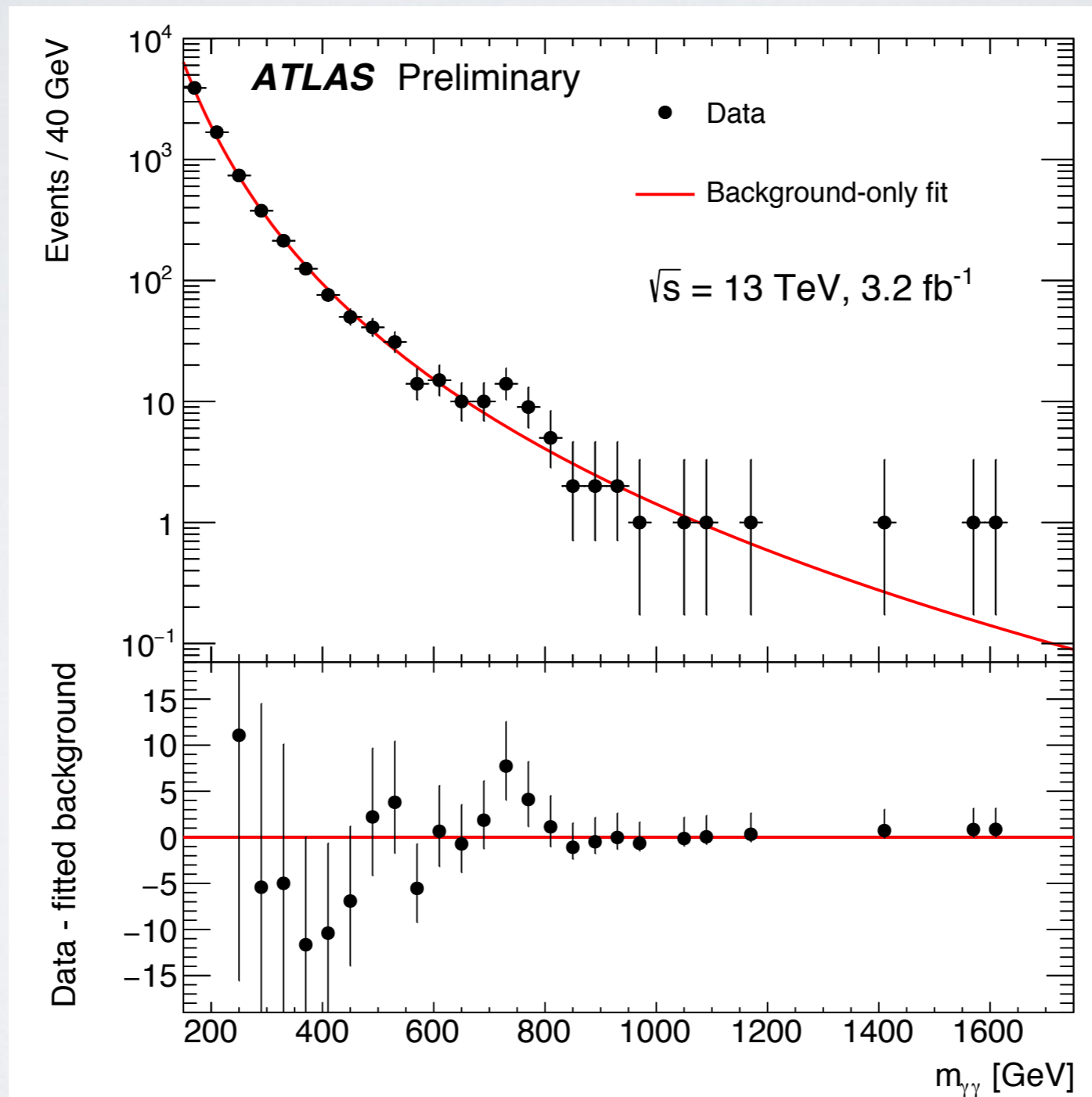
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Resonance

Non-Resonance



# NON-RESONANT OPTION



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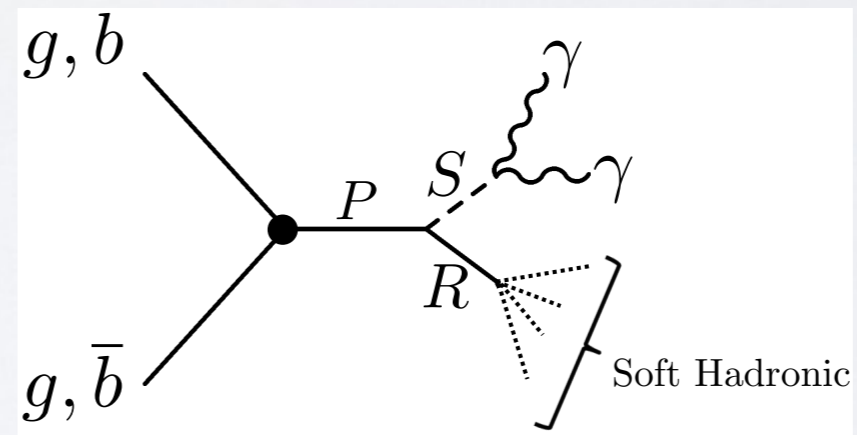
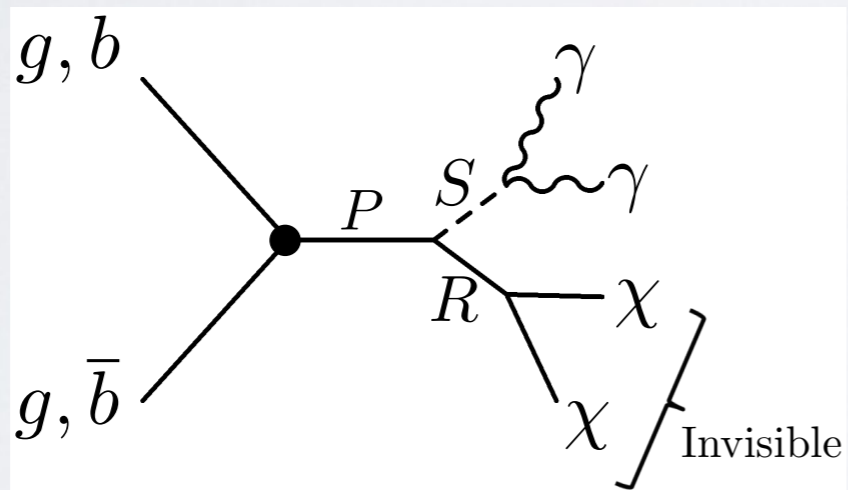


*"We have testimony that you walk like a duck and you quack like a duck. Tell the court—are you a duck?"*

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# MAYBE THAT'S A BIT HARSH...

- However... if you have non resonant production you have other things in the event



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- However... if you have non resonant production you have other things in the event
- Both experiments explicitly said that the events look like the events in their sideband regions, i.e. pp to diphoton in the SM which doesn't contain other objects...
- Not an impossible option, but no indications, this is something that **could** be cleared up with the existing data quite a bit

# RESONANCE

- Spin 0 - Likely - could be different types of production and decay
- Spin 1 - No
- Spin 2 - Unlikely
  - couple to stress-energy so you have bounds right away from other channels

# What is the $\gamma\gamma$ resonance at 750 GeV?

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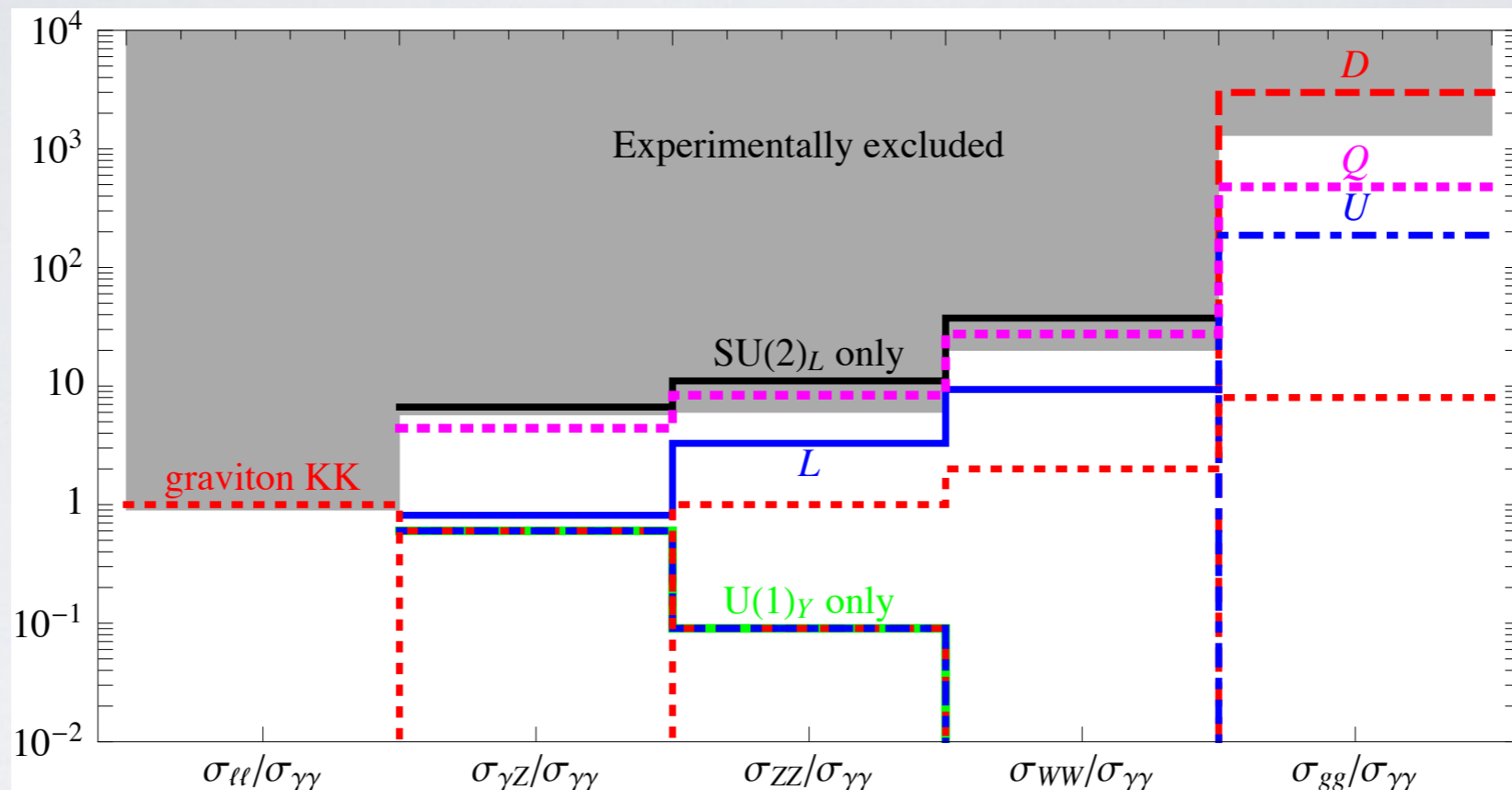


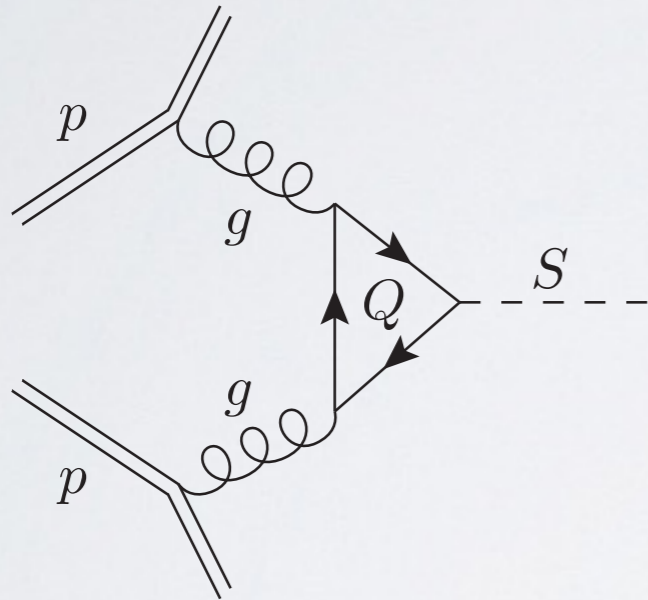
Figure 3: Predicted cross section into various final states in units of  $\sigma(pp \rightarrow S \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)$  compared to the experimental bounds. The models that satisfy all bounds are: a loop of vector-like right-handed up quarks  $U$  (blue dot-dashed), a loop of vector-like left-handed  $L$  weak doublets (blue), or of any lepton with  $U(1)_Y$  charges only (green), provided that a production mechanism is found. The models that violate some bounds are: a loop of particles with  $SU(2)_L$  charges only (black), a loop of vector-like right-handed down quarks  $D$ , of vector-like left-handed quarks  $Q$  (red dashed and magenta dotted), and a KK graviton (red dotted).

# WHAT DOES A MODEL NEED TO ACCOMPLISH?

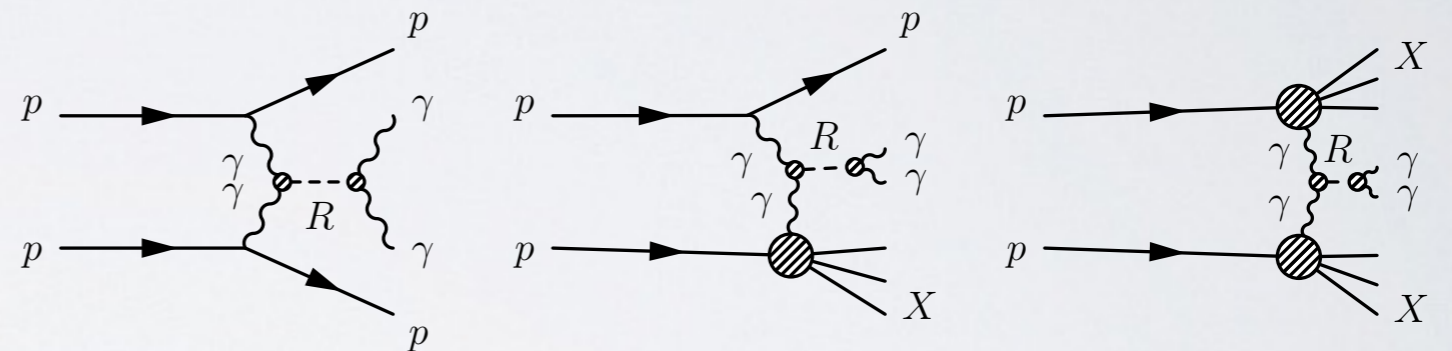
- You need sufficient diphoton events
- You need to not screw up other channels...
- You need a large enough width?

# SPIN 0

Colored or Uncolored Production?



Can do easily\*  
in weak coupling



May be possible but **needs** strong  
coupling

Effective Operators?



# OUR SINGLET EXAMPLE

Basically the signal is the same as the Higgs... except you don't want the tree-level decays!

Add a scalar singlet under the SM, but you need to couple it somehow to photons so this isn't sufficient on its own.

$$\mathcal{L}_{QL} \supset \frac{1}{2}m_S^2 S^2 + y_Q \bar{Q}QS + m_Q \bar{Q}Q + y_L \bar{L}LS + m_L \bar{L}L$$

**Minimal** model: Scalar Singlet + Vector-like Fermions

# PRODUCTION AND DECAY

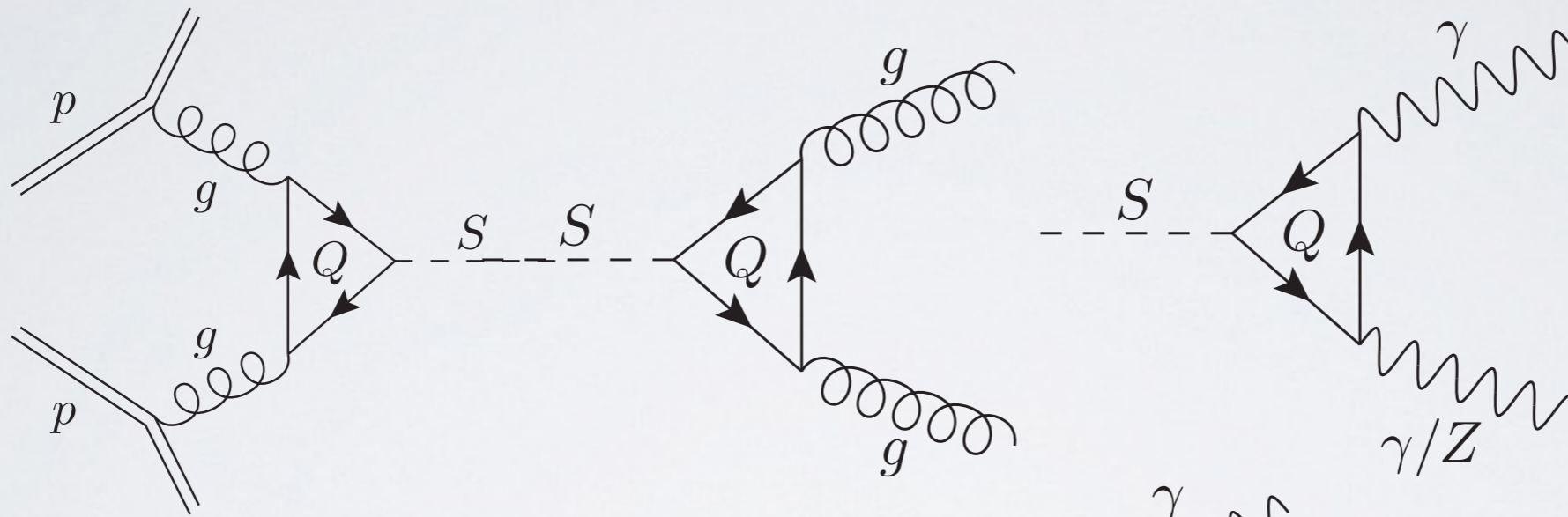
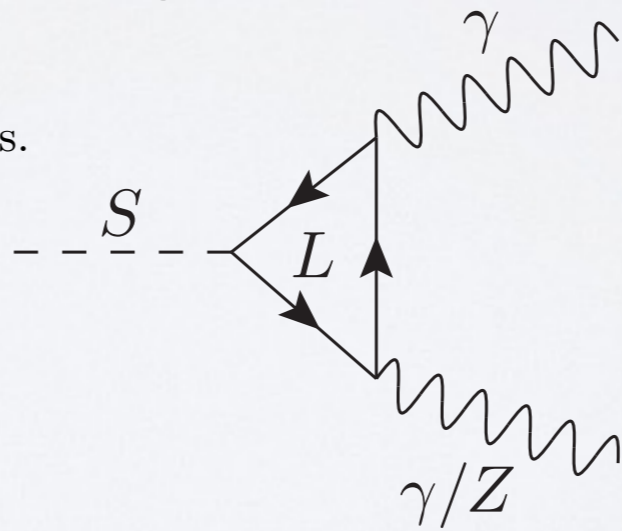


FIG. 1. Production of  $S$  particles from a loop of  $Q$ 's.



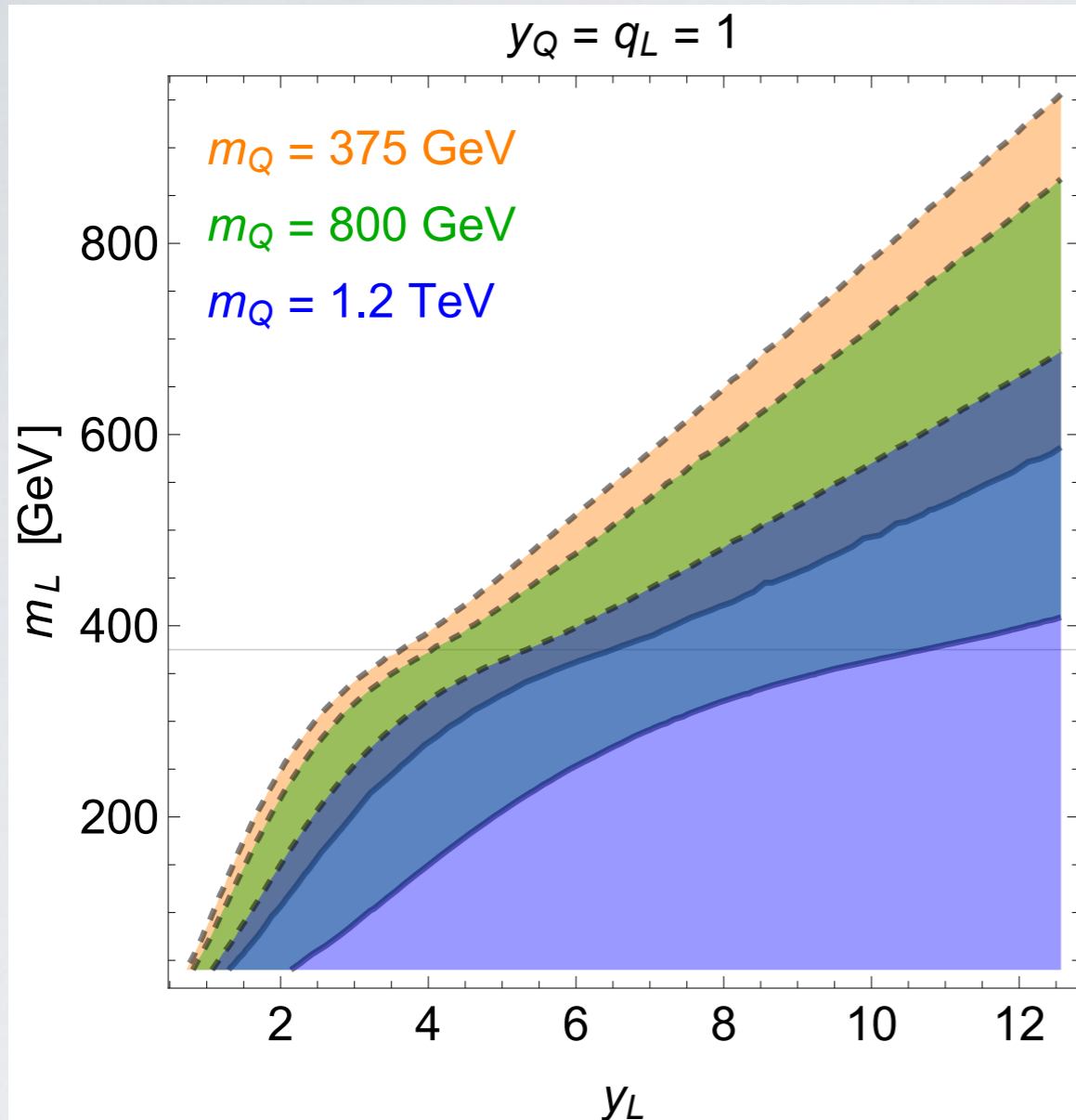


FIG. 3. Contours of  $N_{\gamma\gamma}$  for the model in Eq. (5) with  $y_Q = q_L = 1$ . On the dashed (solid) lines we get 5 (15) events with  $\mathcal{L} = 3.2 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  and  $\epsilon \times A = 0.5$ . The colored particle mass is fixed by the color coding;  $m_Q = 375 \text{ GeV}$  is ruled out by direct searches, but is included for illustration. Below the faint solid line the  $S$  has on-shell decays to  $L$ .

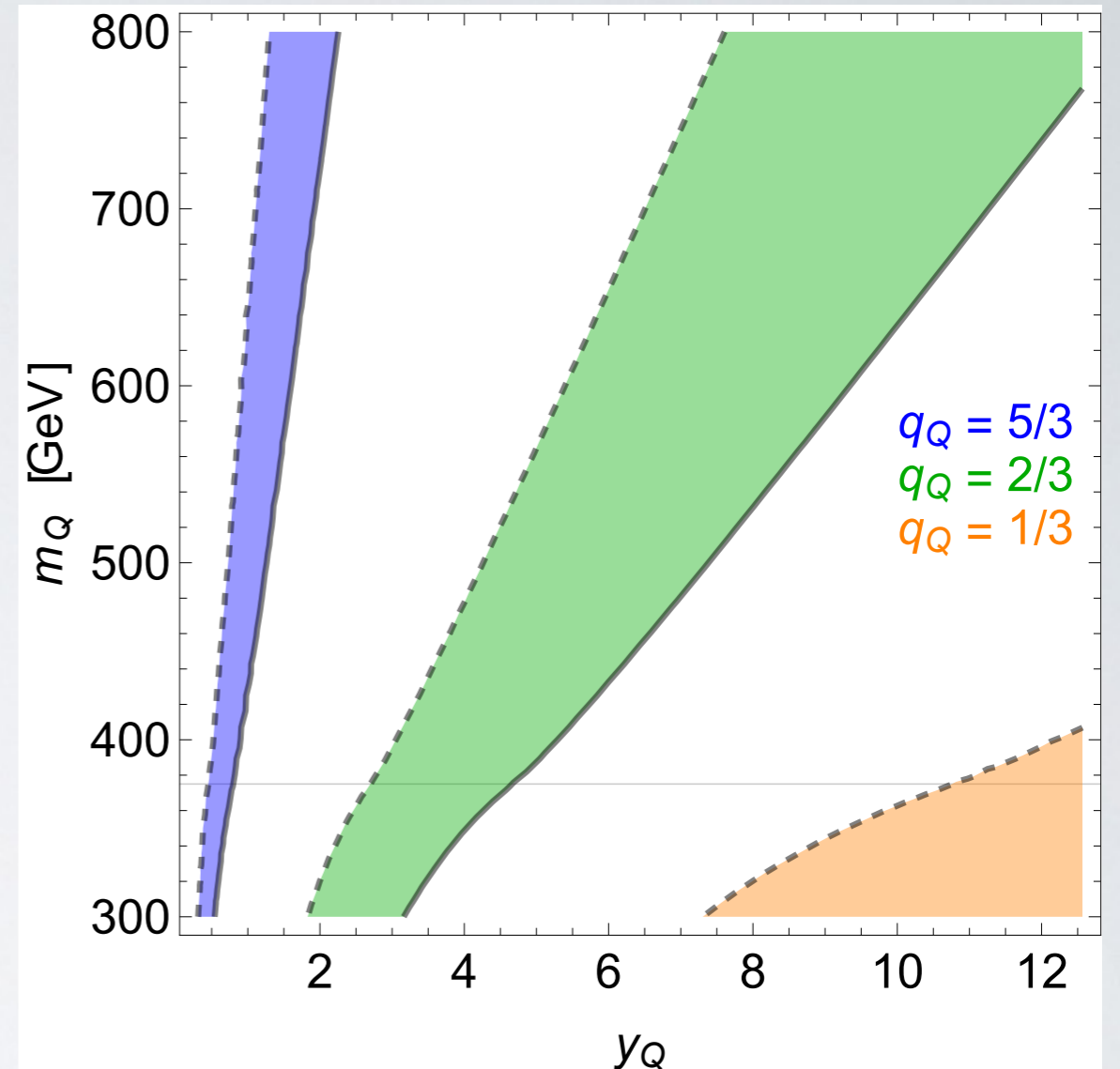


FIG. 4. Contours of  $N_{\gamma\gamma}$  for the model in Eq. (7). On the dashed (solid) lines we get 5 (15) events with  $\mathcal{L} = 3.2 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  and  $\epsilon \times A = 0.5$ . The quark electric charge is fixed by the color coding;  $q_Q = 1/3$  is ruled out by direct searches, but is included for illustration. Below the faint solid line, the  $S$  has on-shell decays to  $Q$ .

Colored particles can be decently heavy

# LARGE WIDTH?

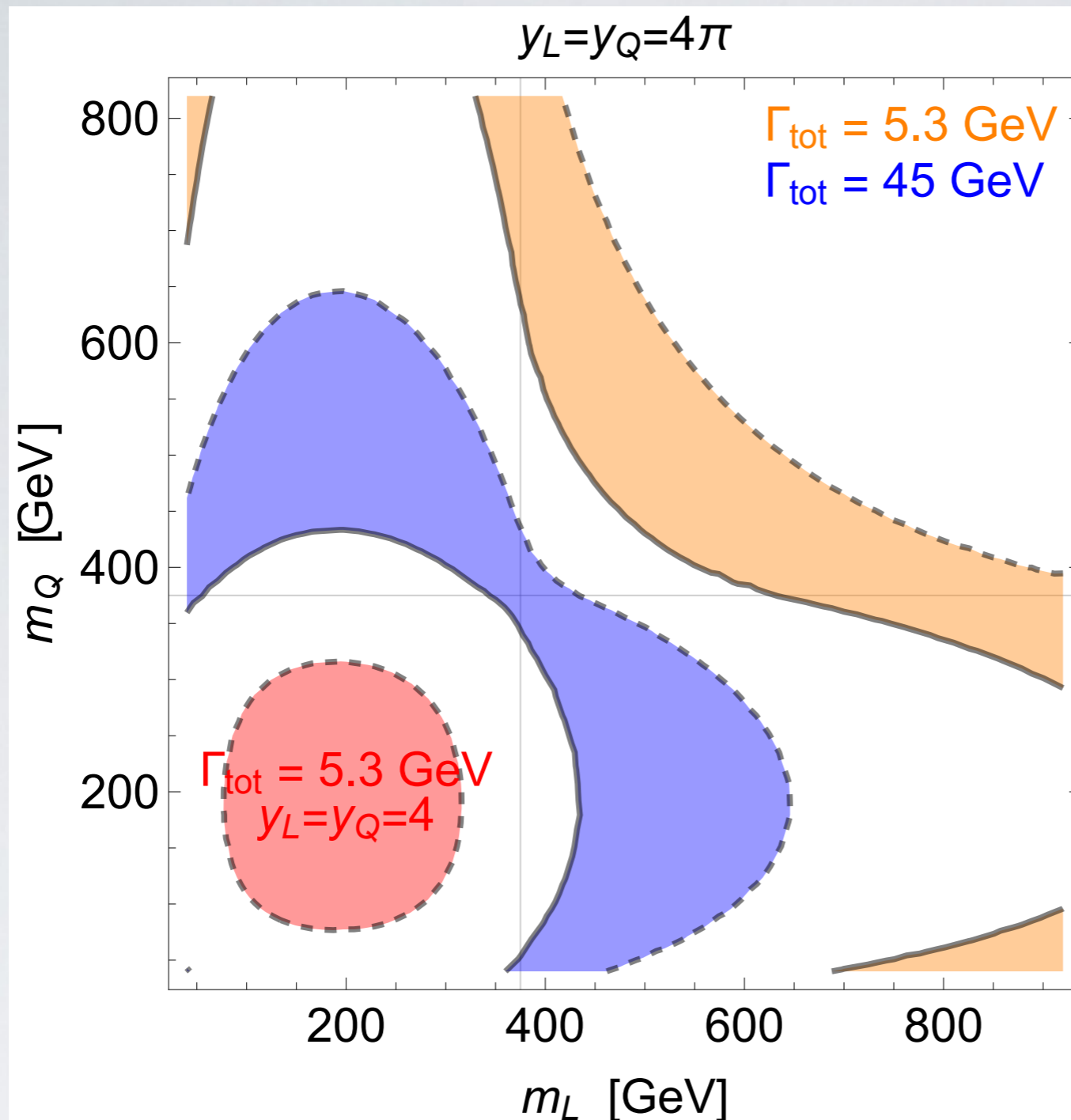
$$\Gamma_{tot} = \Gamma_{SM} + \Gamma_X$$

ATLAS definitely prefers a larger width at LEAST of the experimental resolution and best fit is 45 GeV

$$\Gamma_{SM} \sim \mathcal{O}(\text{MeV})$$

$$\Gamma_{det} \sim \mathcal{O}(5 \text{ GeV})$$

We'll start by being agnostic about what  $X$  is and just fix the total width, but of course that changes the branching fractions!



Can't accommodate it  
w/o strong coupling  
and light masses...

FIG. 5. Contours of  $N_{\gamma\gamma}$  in the  $m_L - m_Q$  plane for a fixed width. On the dashed (solid) lines, we get 5 (15) events with  $\mathcal{L} = 3.2 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  and  $\epsilon \times A = 0.5$ , assuming the total width to be fixed to the amount suggested by the color coding. Below and to the left of the faint solid lines, the  $S$  has on-shell decays to the new fermions. The 5.3 GeV width is motivated by the diphoton invariant mass resolution at ATLAS [1].

# WHAT CAN THE REST OF THE WIDTH BE? INVISIBLE?

$$y_\chi S \bar{\chi} \chi$$

There will be monojet constraints! It will decay to MET most of the time in this sort of scenario!

45 GeV width implies  $\sigma(pp \rightarrow S \rightarrow \text{invisible}) \sim 9 \text{ pb}$   
5.3 GeV width implies  $\sigma(pp \rightarrow S \rightarrow \text{invisible}) > 1 \text{ pb}$ .

$\cancel{E}_T$ threshold [GeV]	$\sigma_{\text{invisible}}$ [pb]
250	3
300	1.78
350	0.75
400	0.65
450	0.52

CMS monojet

TABLE I. Bounds from searches for mono-jet plus  $\cancel{E}_T$  in 8 TeV data [8].

# PREDICTIONS OF THE MODEL?

- It should show up in diphotons again...
- $\gamma Z$  you would need  $50 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  for 5 events w/o background and  $600 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  if you scaled up with current backgrounds to get to 3 sigma
- Depending on the width...

# WHAT NEXT?

- Wait for more data, or...



THROW EVERYTHING INCLUDING  
THE KITCHEN SINK AT IT...



Pseudoscalars are nice from the POV of strong dynamics  
Scalars can fit anywhere (hence the RS interpretations)  
The rest is up to nature and ATLAS and CMS...