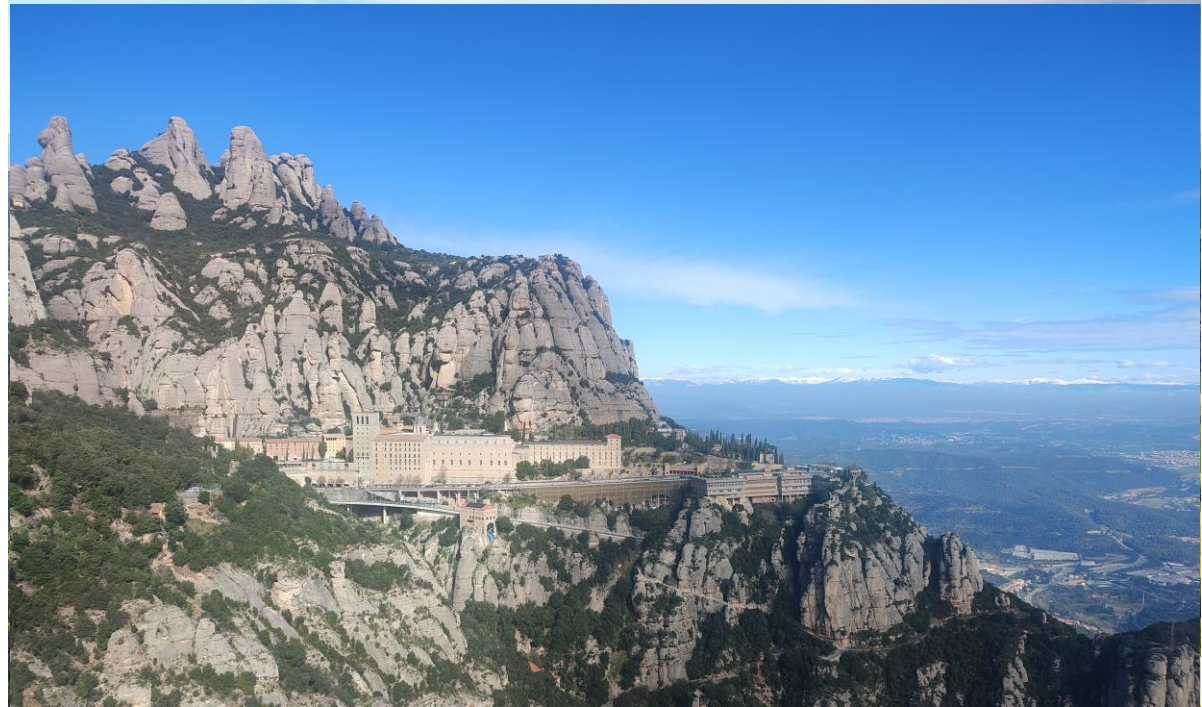




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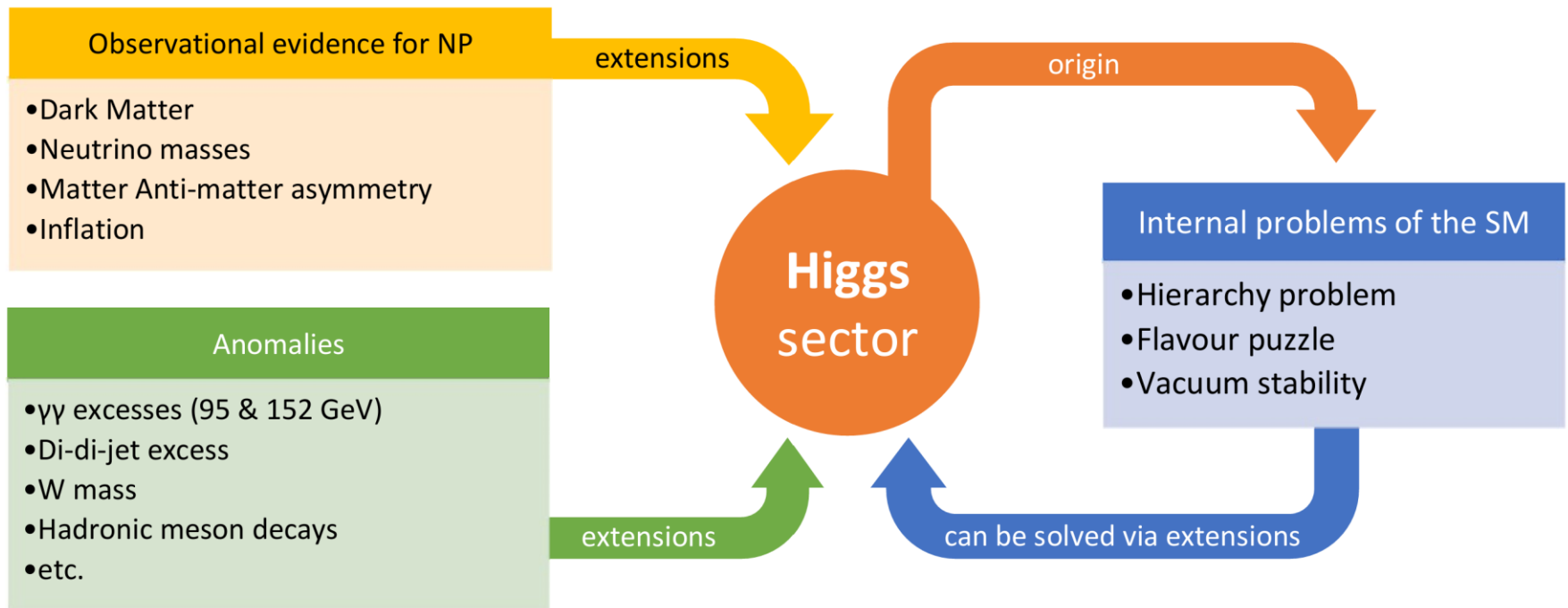
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Evidence for New Higgses at the EW scale and Implications for CEPC

CEPC workshop, Barcelona, 17.06.2025

Why new Higgses?

- No theoretical principle forbids new Higgses
- Nearly all top-down approaches have new scalars



Higgs sector very promising place to expect NP

New Higgses at the Electroweak Scale

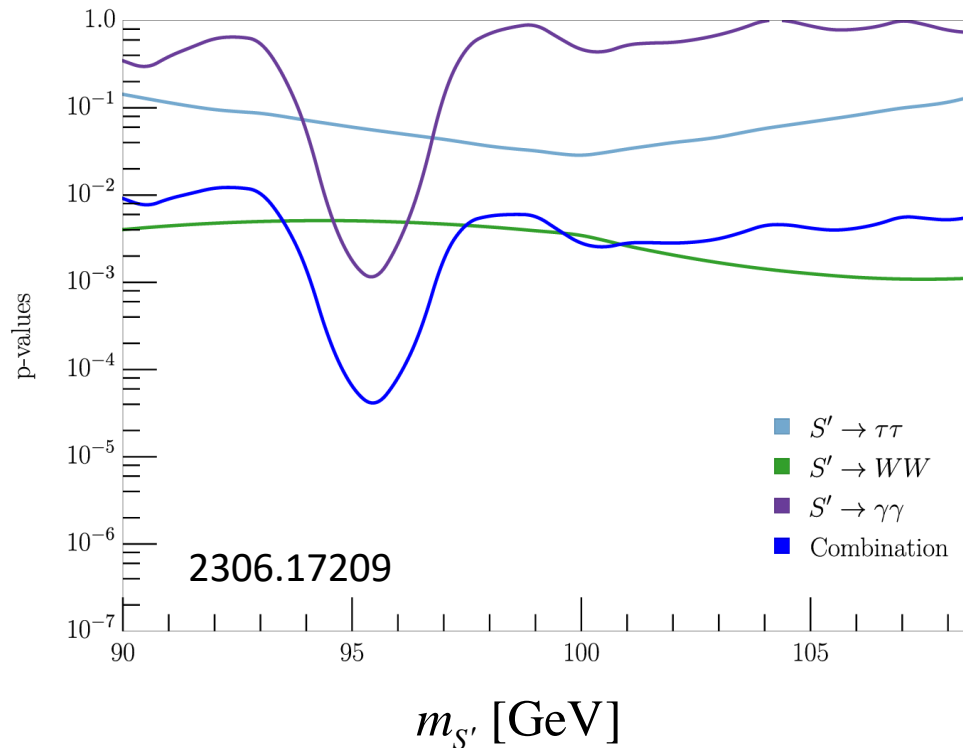
- Signatures of new Higgses expected to be sub-leading compared to the SM Higgs (SM-signal strength as EW precision)
- Large SM background
- Small p_T leads to low detector efficiencies
- Non-resonant signatures, like scalars decaying to W bosons (directly or via top quarks) are weakly constrained

EW scale Higgses could be hiding in the LHC data

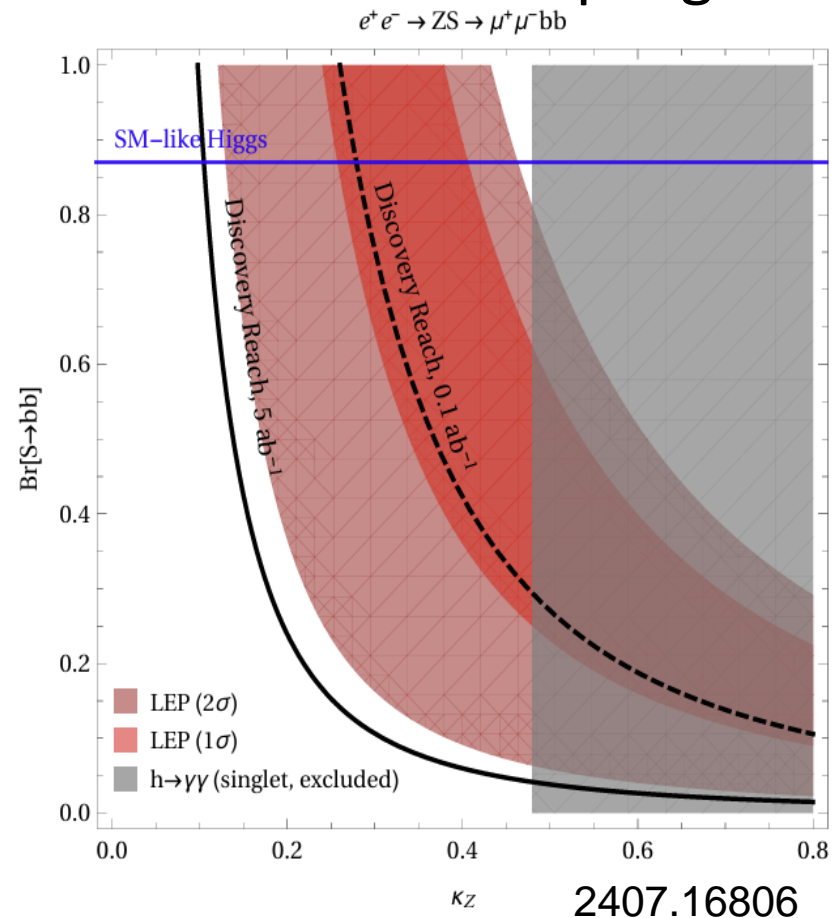
- Associated searches can significantly reduce the ratio of signal over background!

95 GeV Combination

- LEP used to reduce the look-elsewhere effect



- CEPC prospects depend on electron coupling

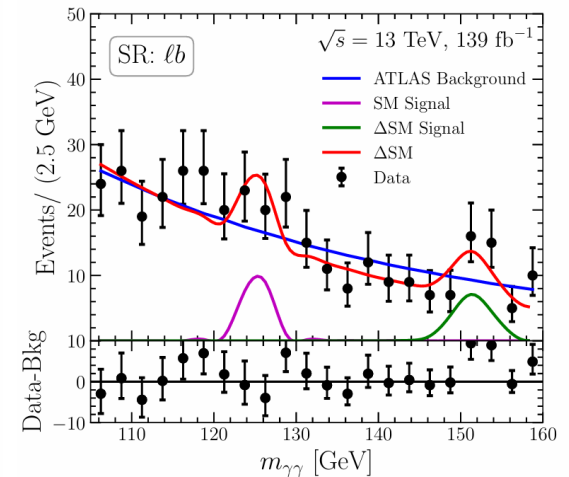
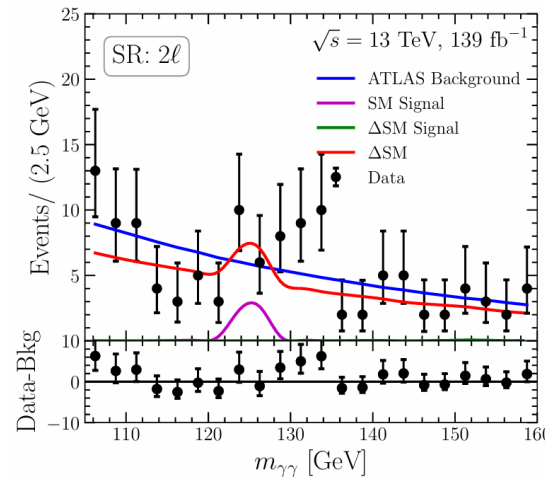
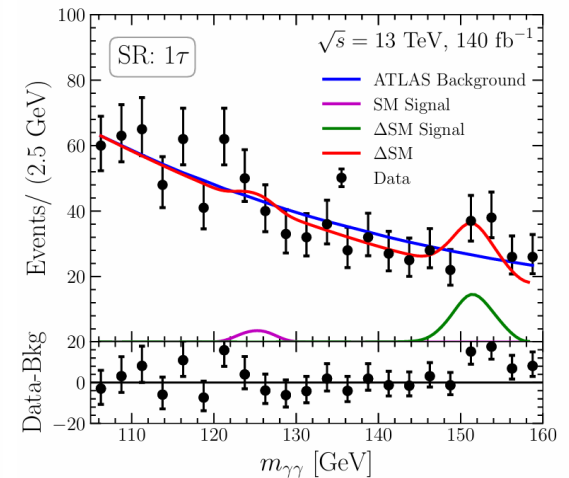
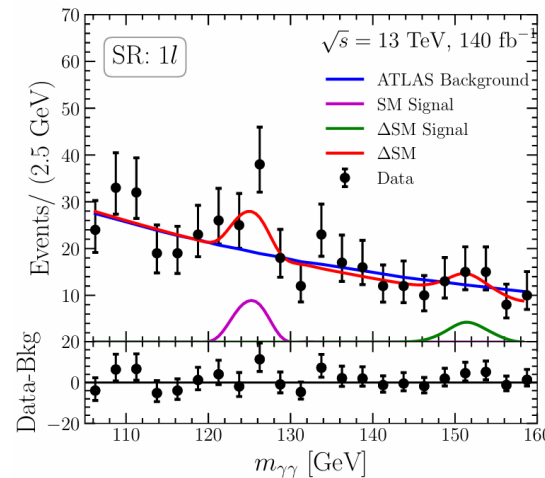


3.4 σ global significance

Hints for a 152 GeV scalar

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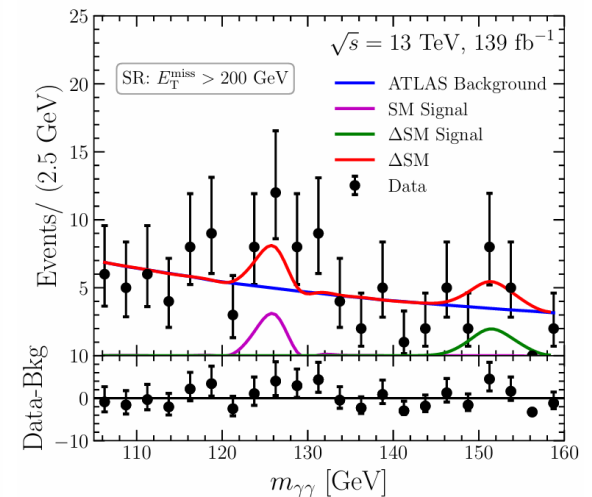
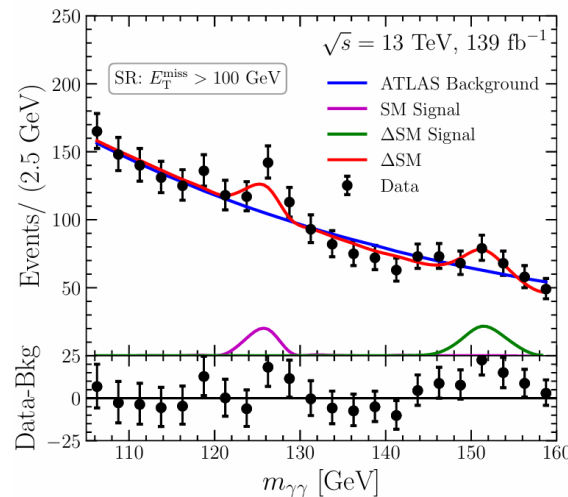
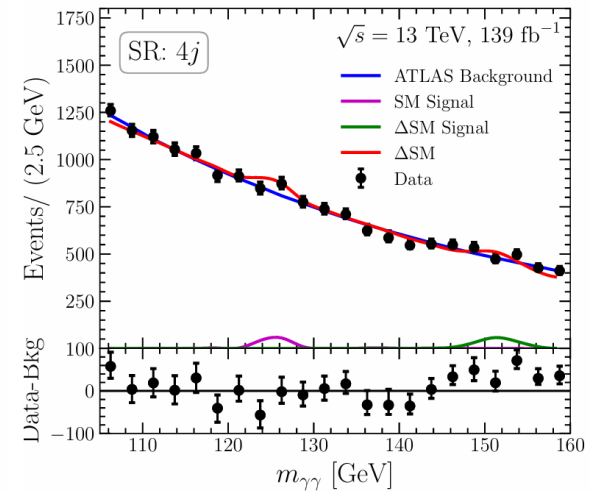
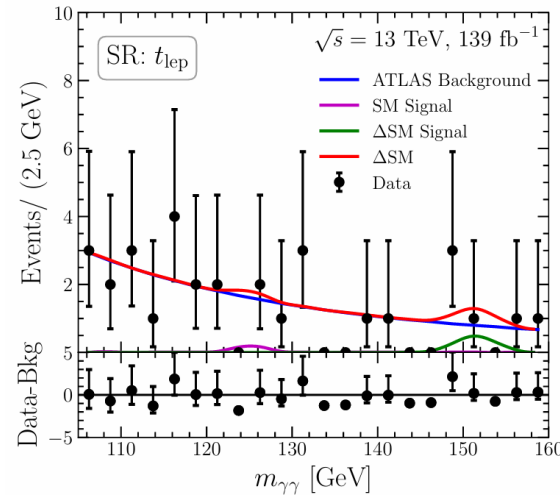
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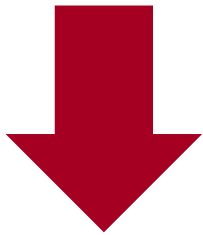
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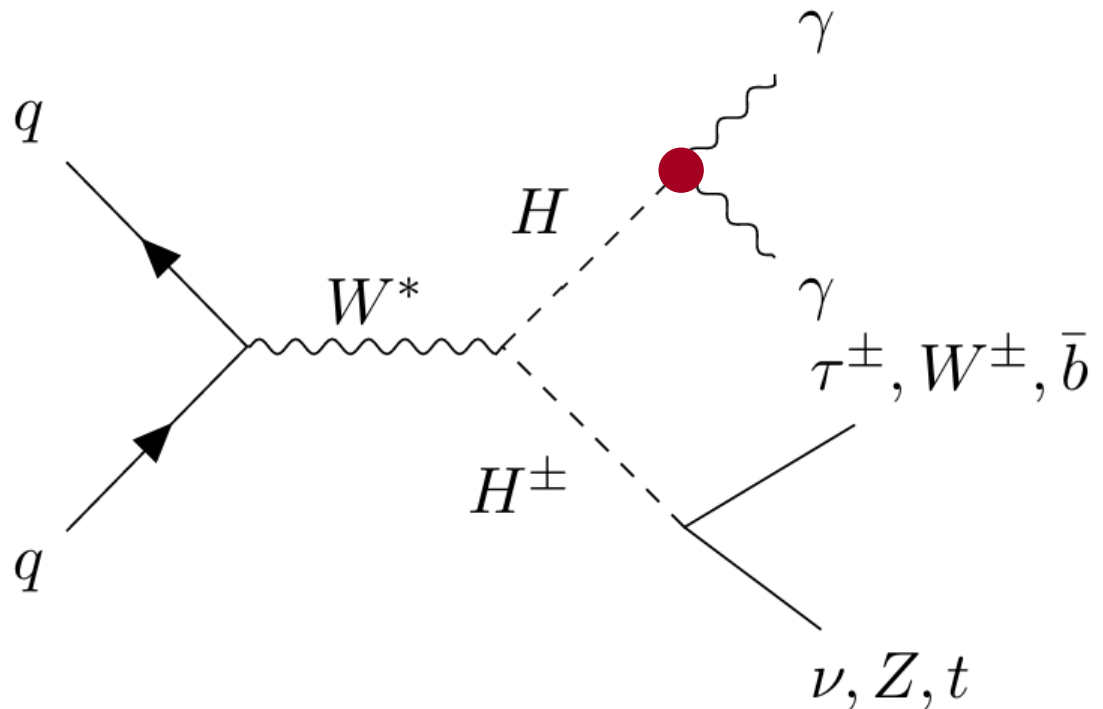
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Drell-Yan Production

- One leptons, but not two leptons
- One tau but not two taus
- lb but not t_{lep}
- Moderate MET



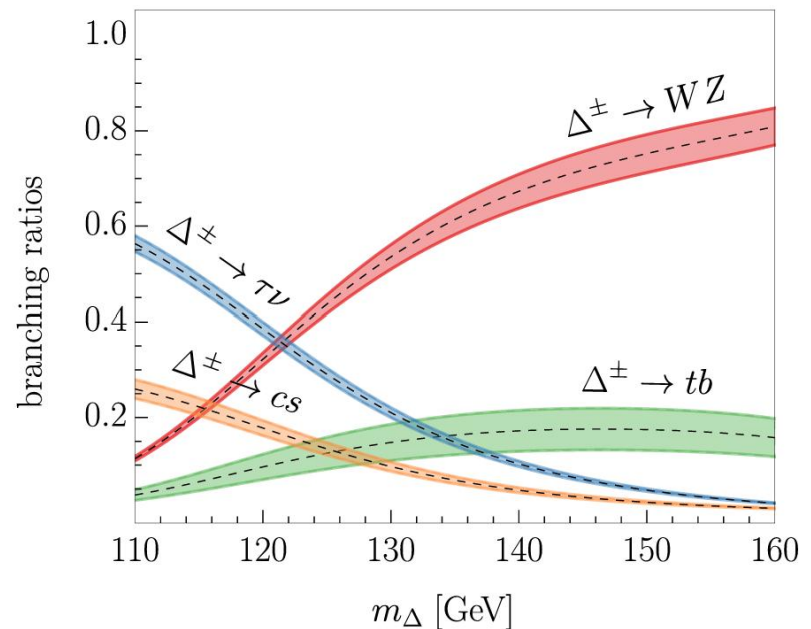
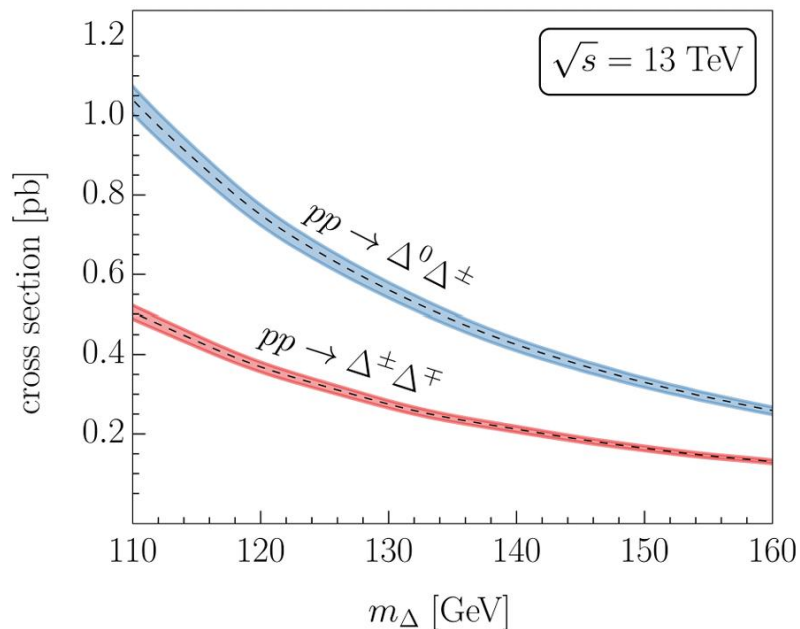
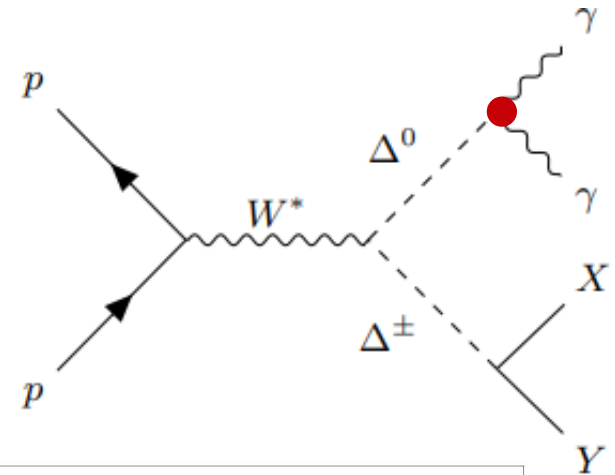
- DY production of charged and neutral Higgs



New Scalar with non-trivial SU(2) representation

Is the 152 GeV Higgs a Triplet (Δ)?

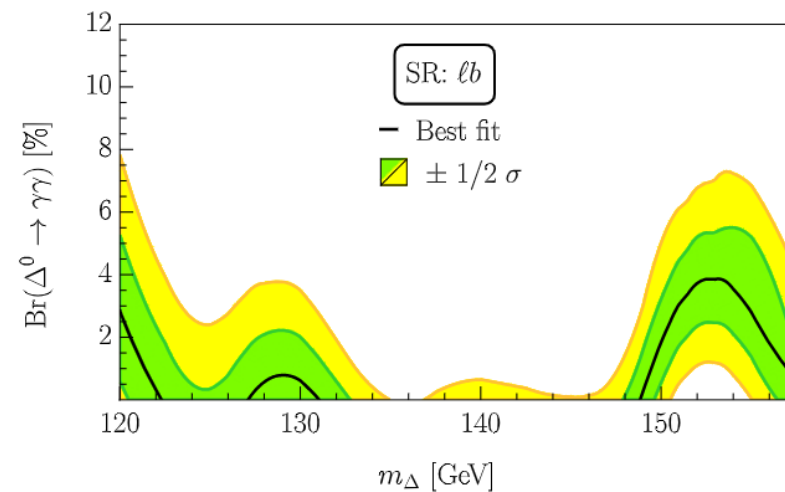
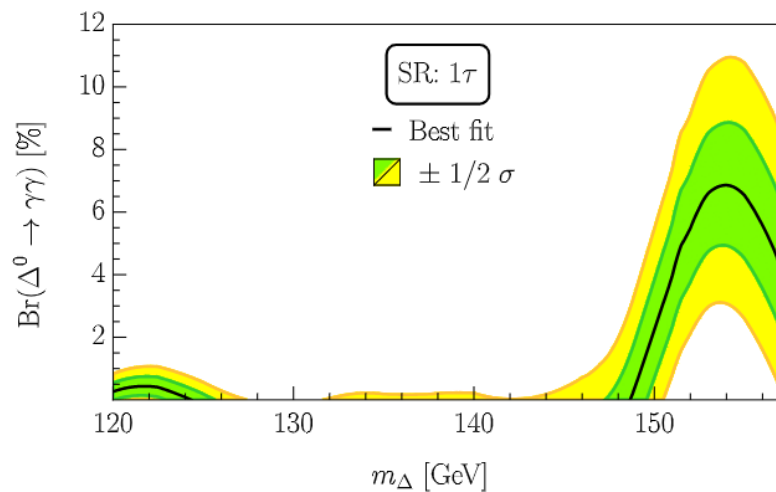
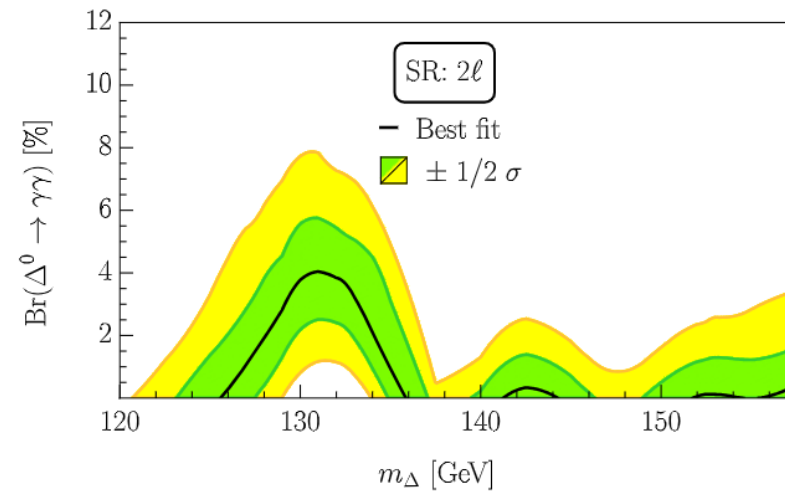
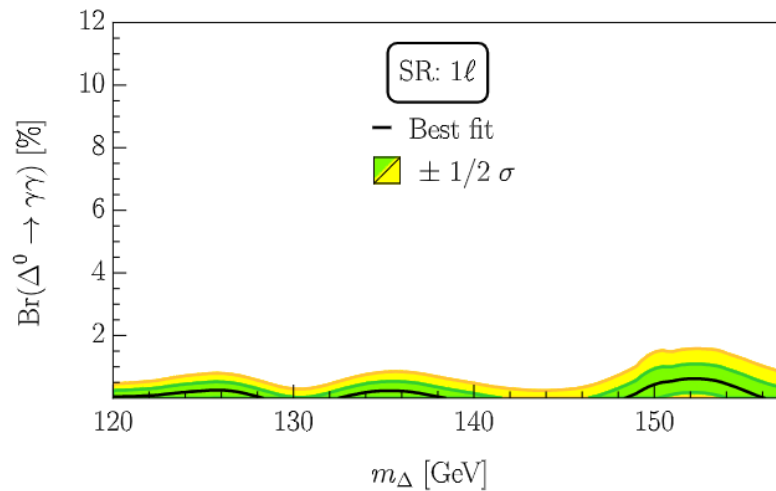
- Δ^0 decays dominantly to WW
- Positive shift in the W mass as preferred by the EW fit
- Quasi degenerate in mass



Drell-Yan production at the LHC

$h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma + X$ from ATLAS

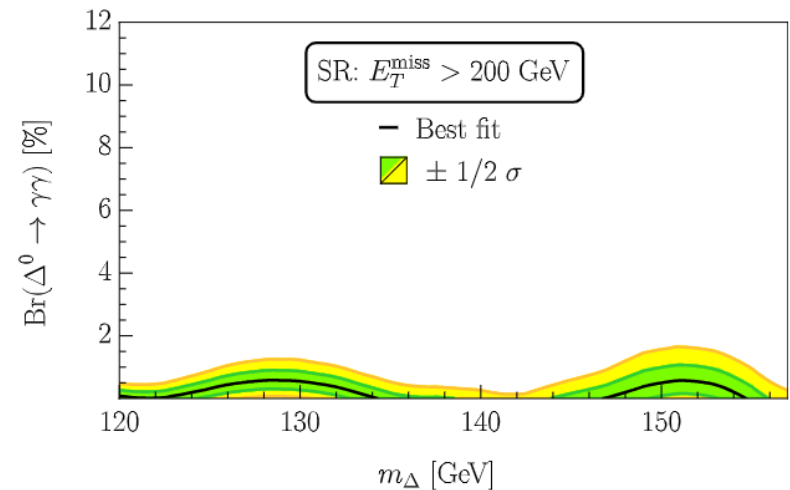
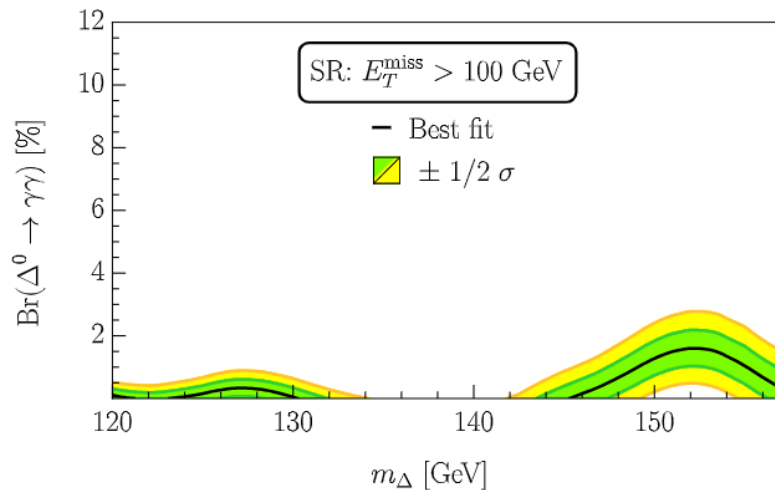
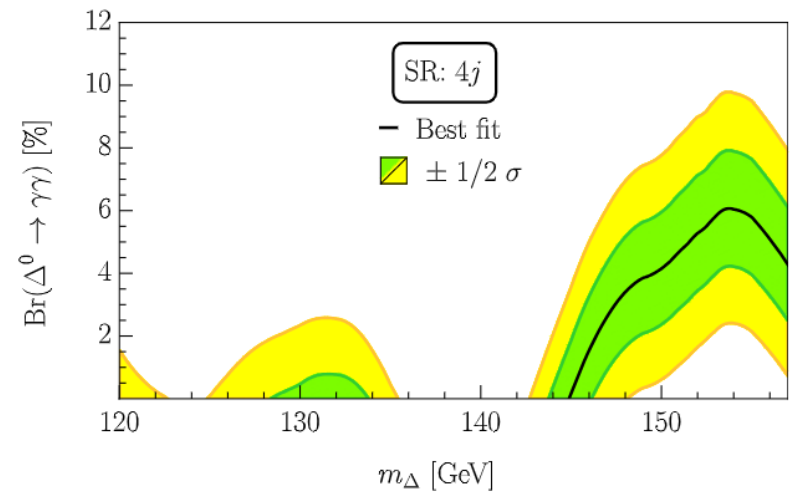
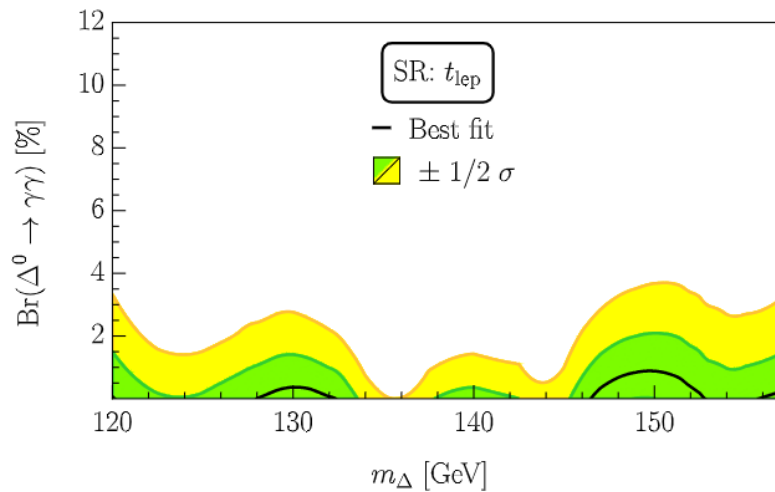
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Triplet consistently explains $h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma + X$ excesses

$h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma + X$ Channels

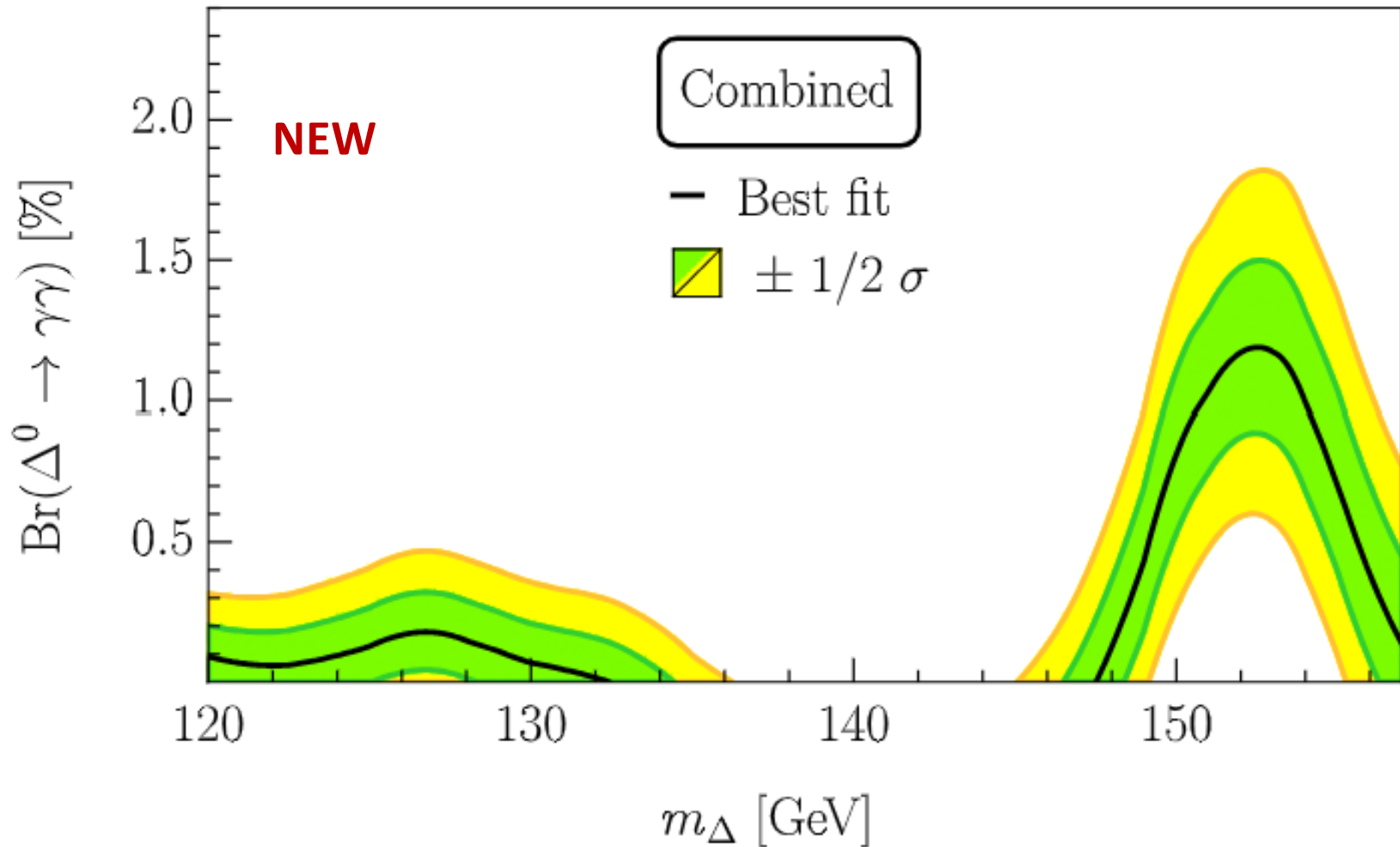
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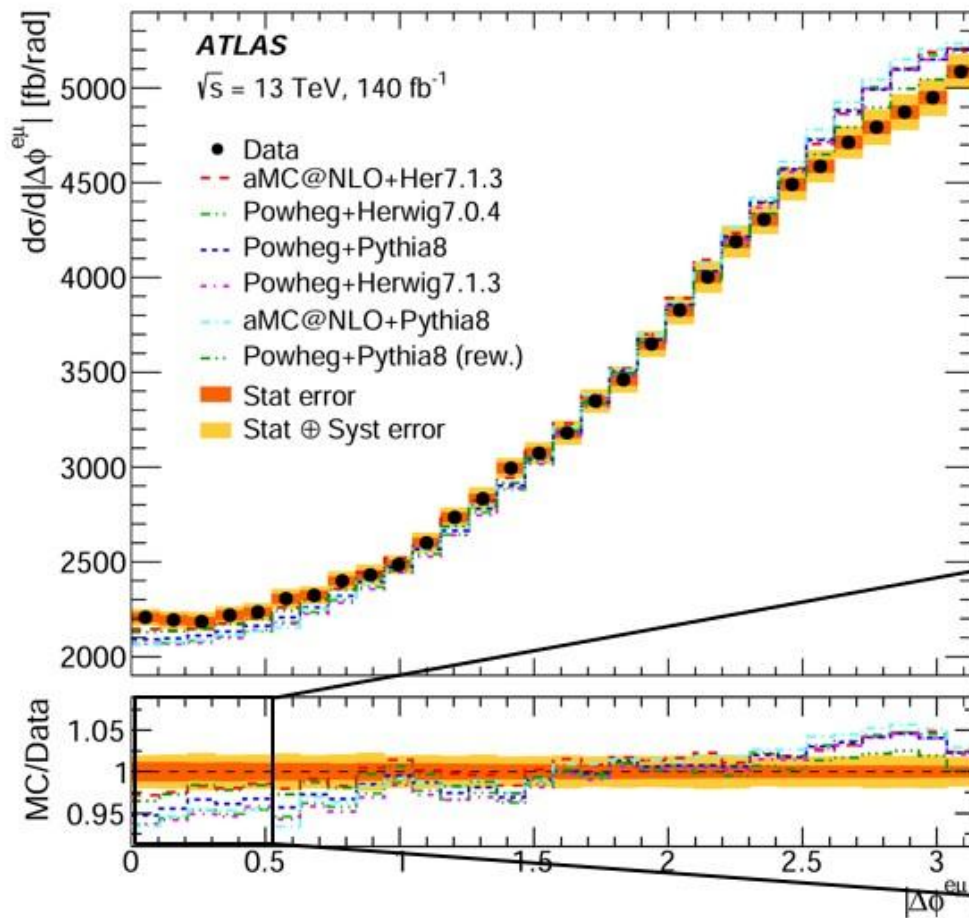
Triplet Combination

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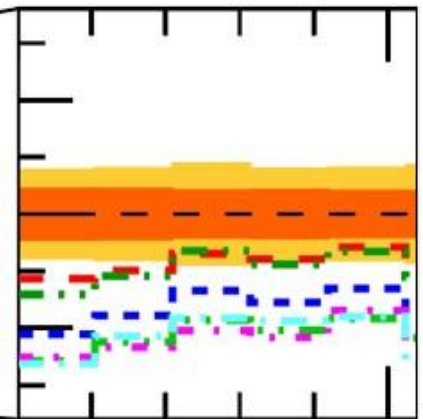


$\approx 4\sigma$ excess at 152 GeV

Differential Top-Quark Distributions



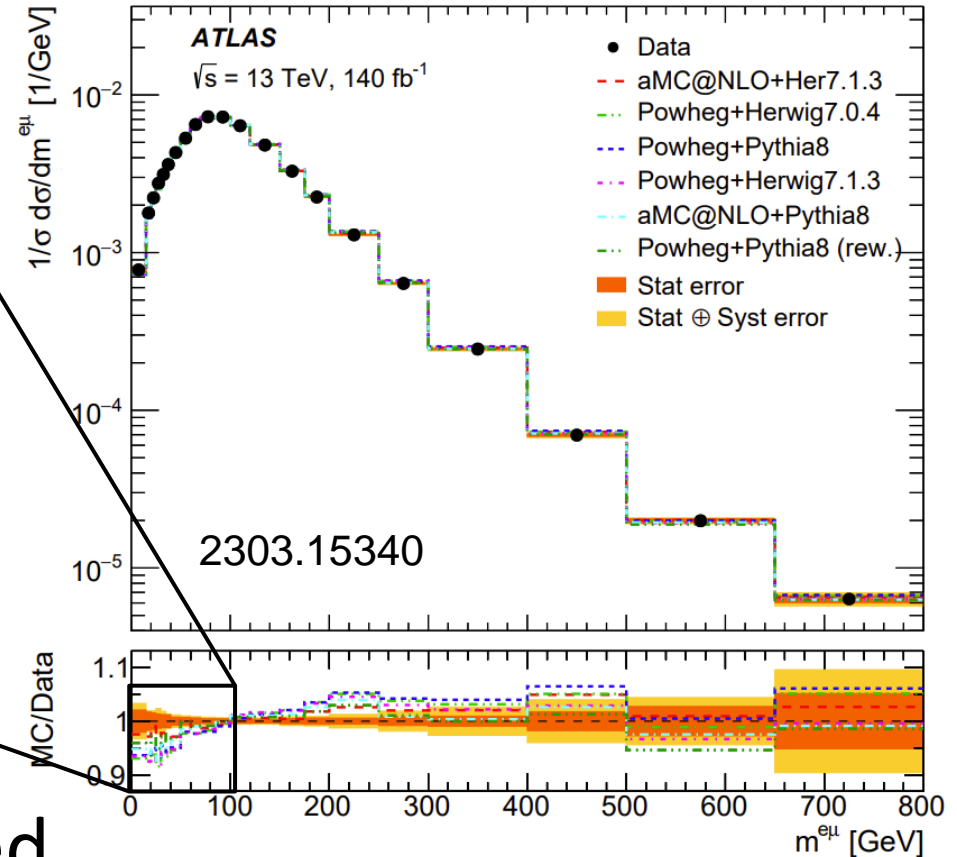
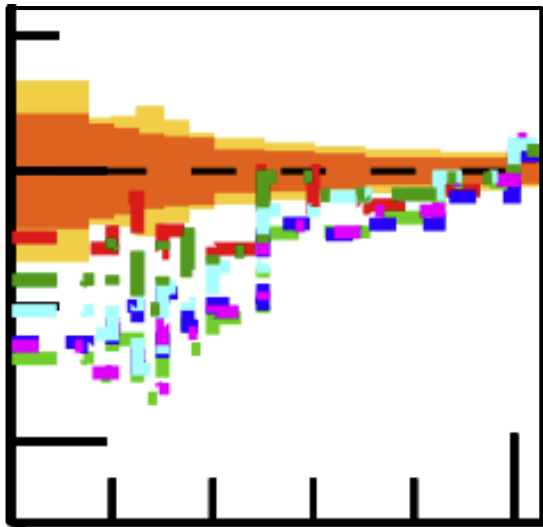
- ATLAS: *JHEP* 07 (2023) 141
“No model can describe all measured distributions within their uncertainties.”



- $\Delta\phi^{e\mu}$ angle between the leptons from the W decays

New Physics pollution of this SM measurement?

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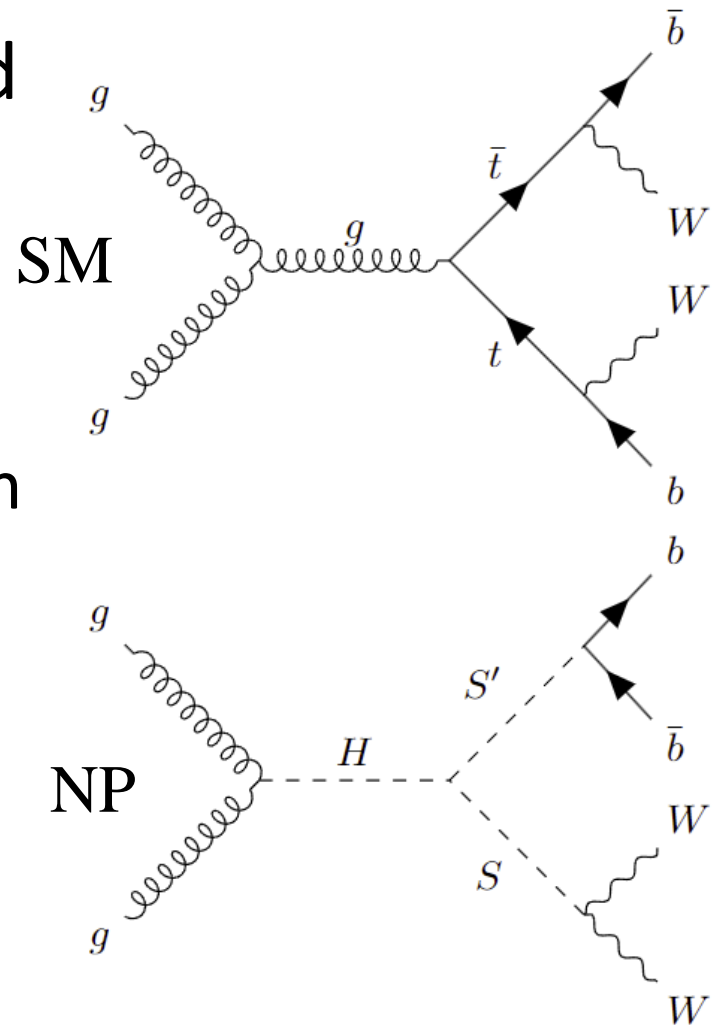


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New Physics in Top-Quark Distributions

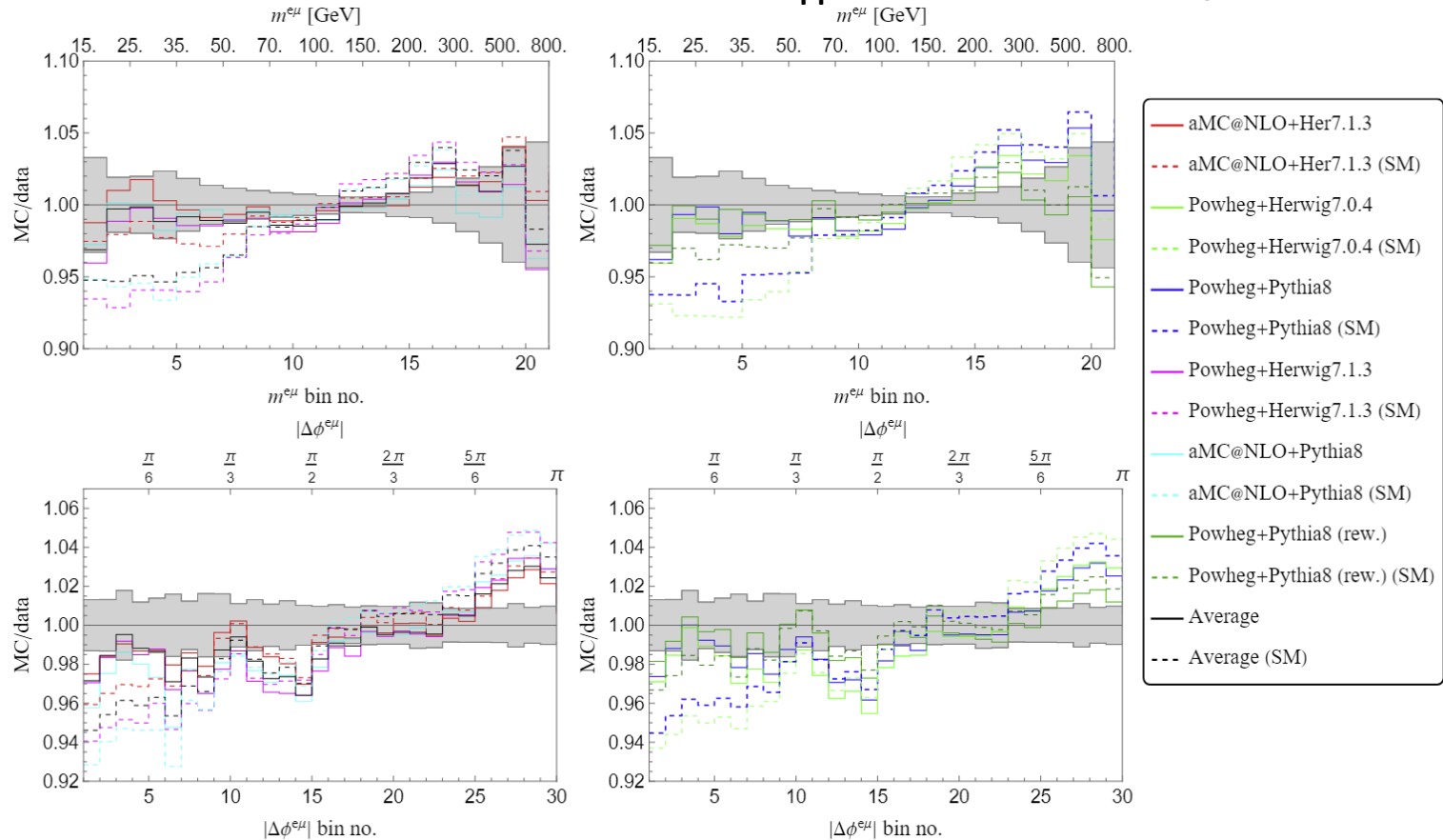
- ATLAS analysis normalized to the total cross section
- only sensitive to the shape of NP
- NP at small angles can explain deficit at large angles
- Associated production of new scalars decaying to WW and bb has a top-like signature



Related to the 95 GeV and 151.5 GeV hints?

Simplified Model: $H \rightarrow SS' \rightarrow WWbb$ 2308.07953

- Fix $m_S=152\text{GeV}$ and $m_{S'}=95\text{GeV}$ by the hints for narrow resonances. Weak m_H (270GeV) dependence.



Deficit at large $\Delta\phi^{e\mu}$ & $m^{e\mu}$ explained as well

Simplified Model: $H \rightarrow SS' \rightarrow WWbb$

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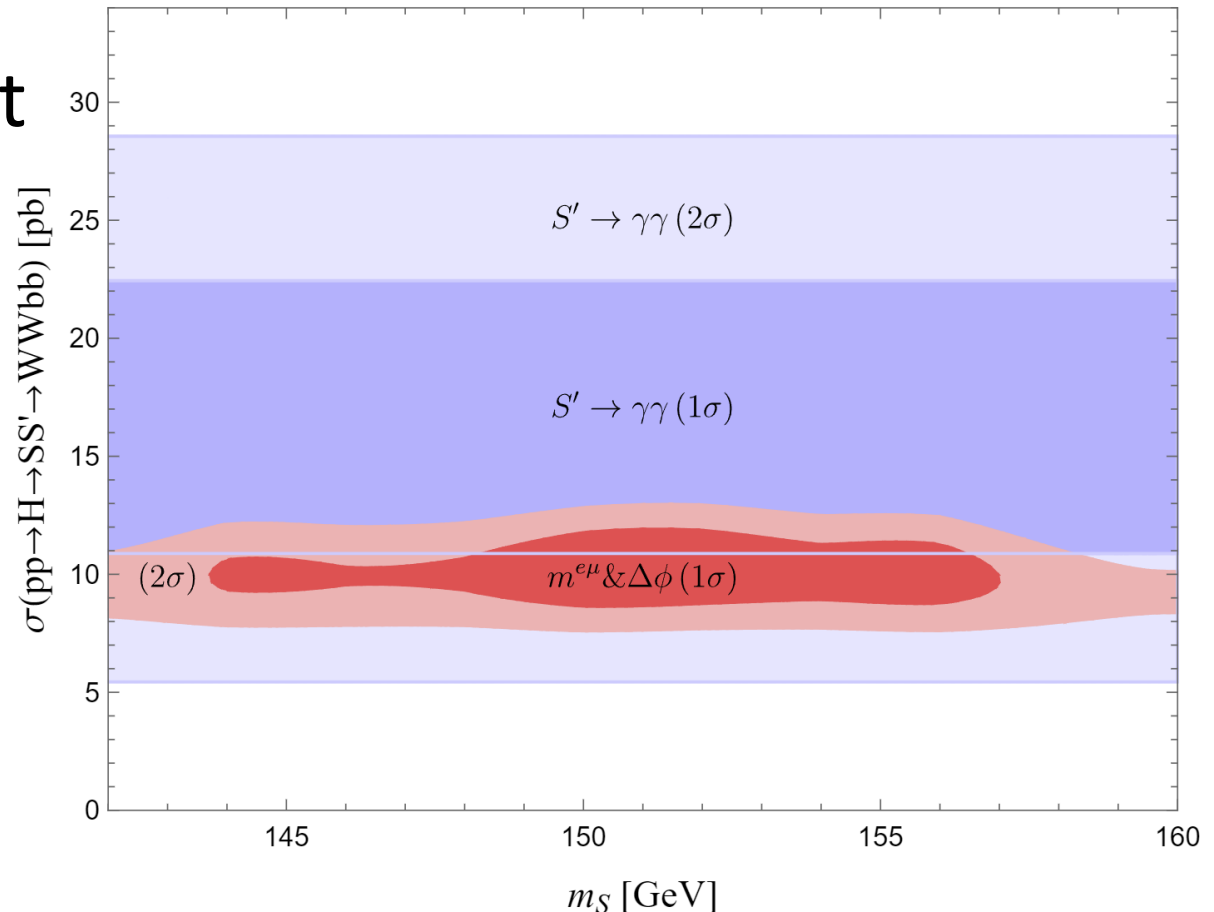
Monte Carlo	χ^2_{SM}	χ^2_{NP}	σ_{NP}	Sig.	$m_S[\text{GeV}]$
Powheg+Pythia8	213	102	9pb	10.5σ	143–156
aMC@NLO+Herwig7.1.3	102	68	5pb	5.8σ	—
aMC@NLO+Pythia8	291	163	10pb	11.3σ	148-157
Powheg+Herwig7.1.3	261	126	10pb	11.6σ	149-156
Powheg+Pythia8 (rew)	69	35	5pb	5.8σ	—
Powheg+Herwig7.0.4	294	126	12pb	13.0σ	149-156
Average	182	88	9pb	9.6σ	143-157

- Improvement of SM prediction imperative!

Agreement with data significantly improved ($>5\sigma$)

Is 95 GeV a singlet? Relation to 152 GeV?

- $S'(95)$: Singlet decays dominantly to bb
- $S(152)$: decays dominantly to WW



Consistent with 95 GeV $\gamma\gamma$ signal strength & a mass of S of 152 GeV

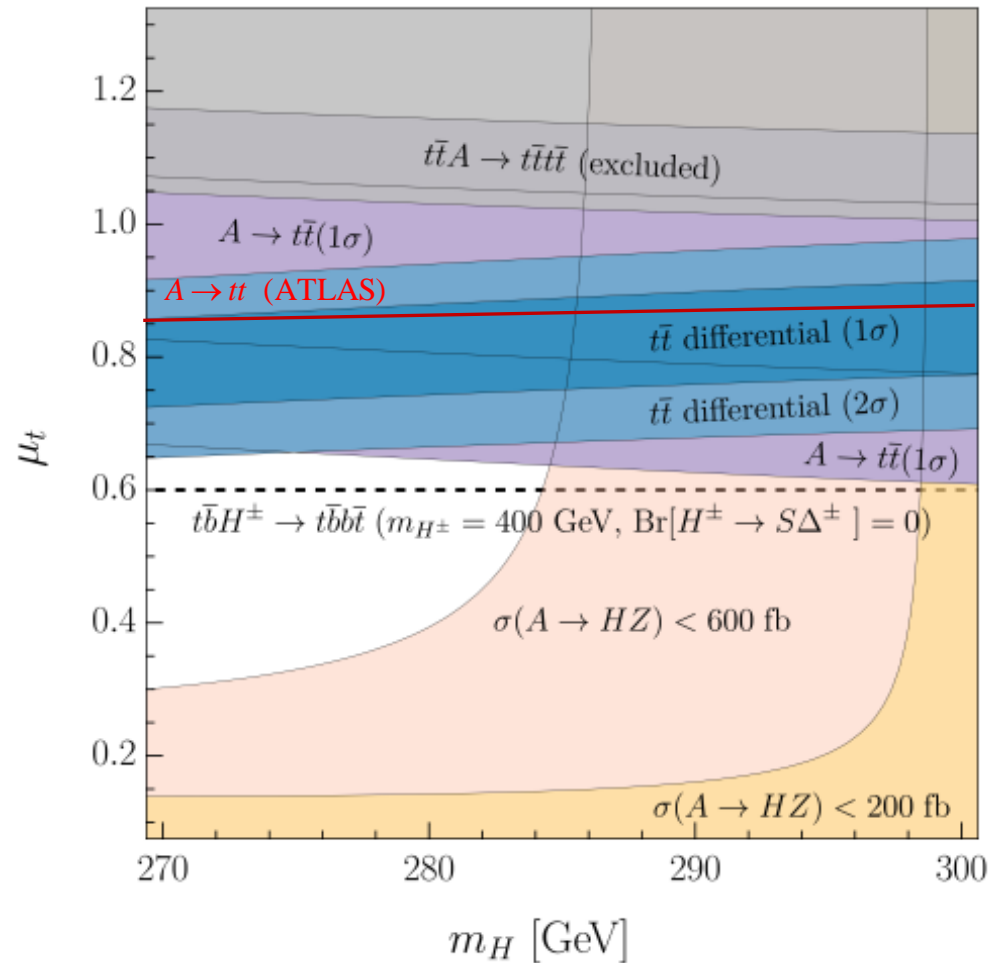
$\Delta 2\text{HDMS}$ and top-quark production

Field	$SU(2)_L$	$U(1)_Y$
ϕ_s	1	0
ϕ_2	2	1/2
ϕ_1	2	1/2
Δ	3	0

Explains:

- Top-quark differential distributions
- Di-photon excesses
- Resonant top-quark production Elevated 4-top cross section

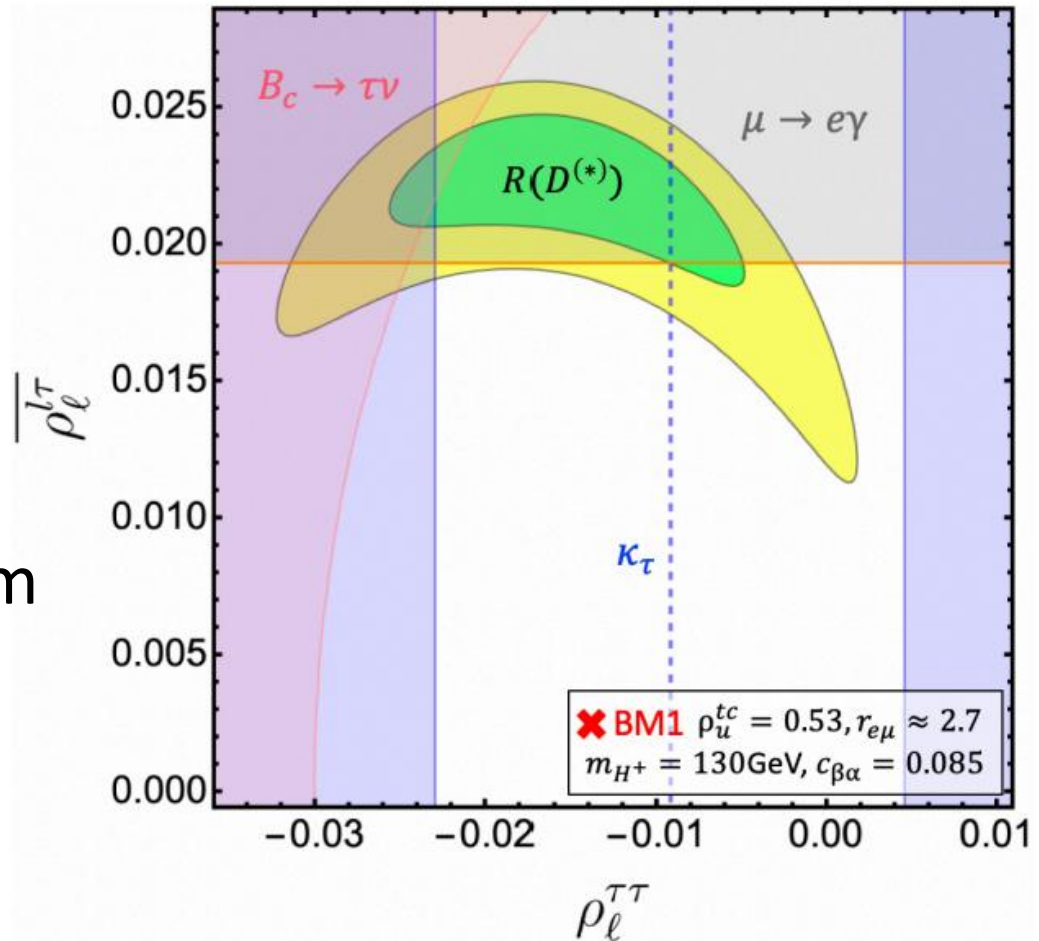
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Combined explanation possible

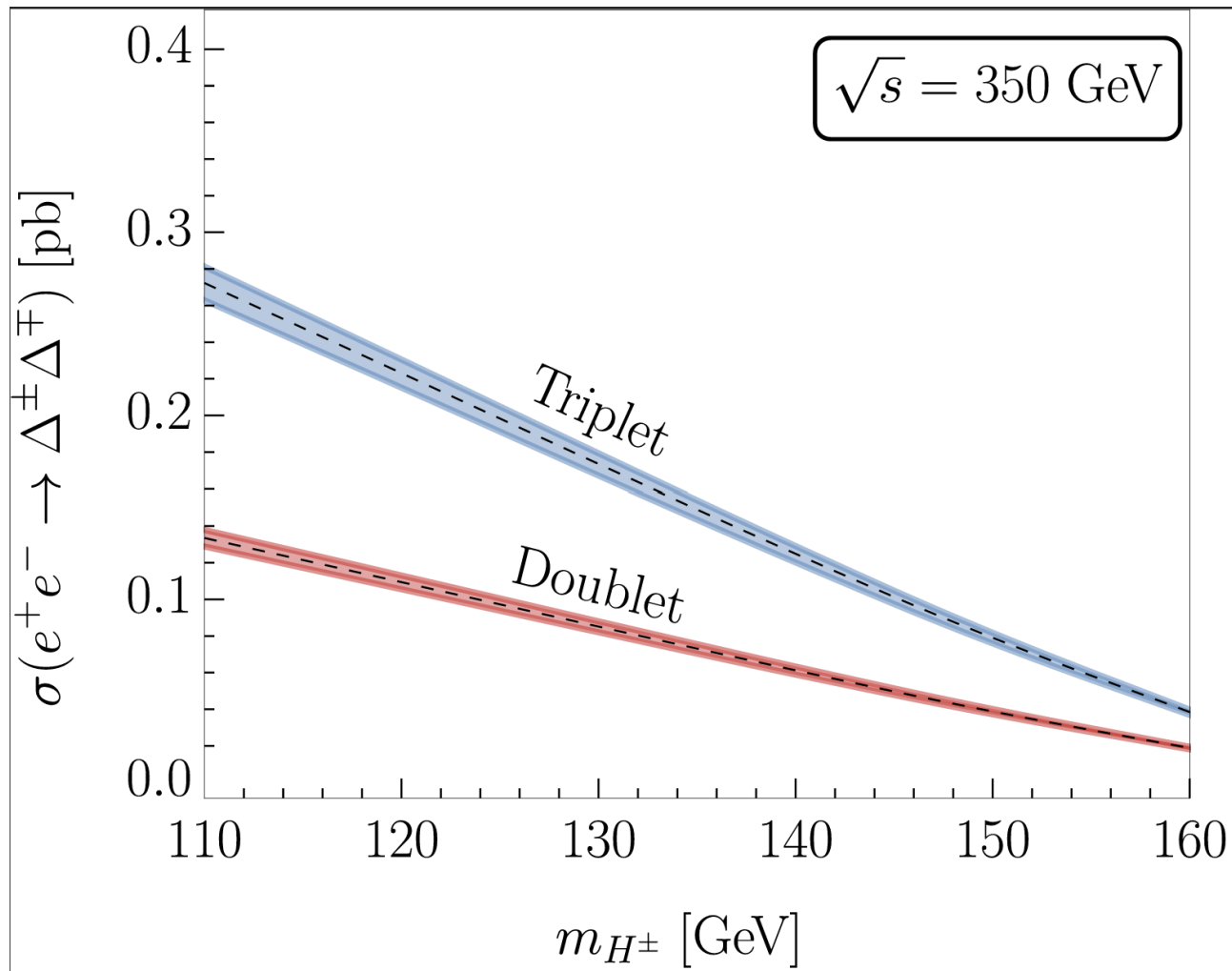
B anomalies and a light charged Higgs

- Charged Higgs can explain
 - $R(D)$ and $R(D^*)$ at tree-level
 - $b \rightarrow s \mu^+ \mu^-$ via an off-shell photon penguin
- Only light Higgs masses allowed from LHC searches
- ATLAS excess in $t \rightarrow (H^+ \rightarrow cb)b$





Indications for a light charged Higgs from B physics

Light Charged Higgses at CEPC



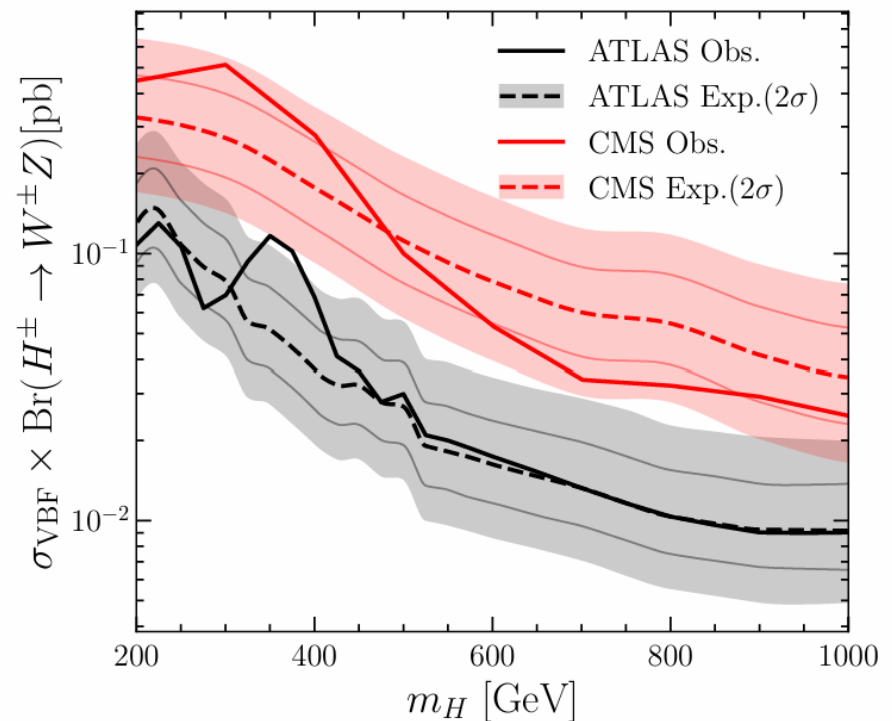
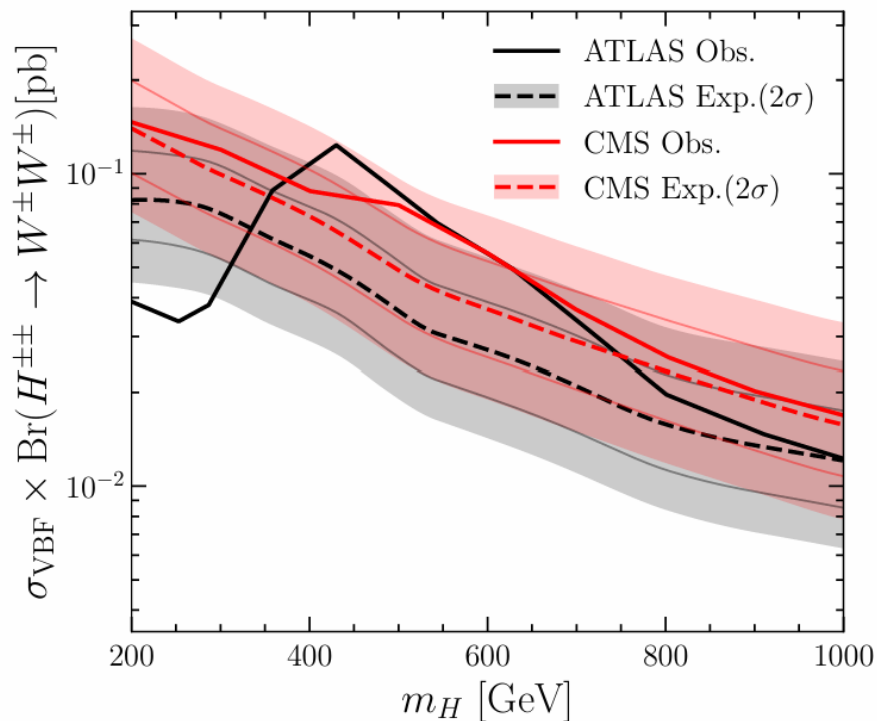
Great discovery prospects

Conclusions

- Hints for narrow resonances at 95 GeV & 152 GeV
- Significant tensions in top quark differential distributions ($>5\sigma$)
- Can be explained via $pp \rightarrow H \rightarrow SS'$ with masses consistent with the narrow resonances
- 95 GeV decays to dominantly to bb  singlet?
- 152 GeV decays dominantly to WW  triplet?
- $\gamma\gamma+X$ excesses consistent with DY production of triplet
- Doublet and GM model alternative options

Most significant hints for new particles at the LHC

- ATLAS excesses in same sign WW (450 GeV, 3.2σ) and ZW (375 GeV, 2.8σ) in vector-boson fusion
- CMS observes weaker-than expected limits



Tripelts with sizable vevs

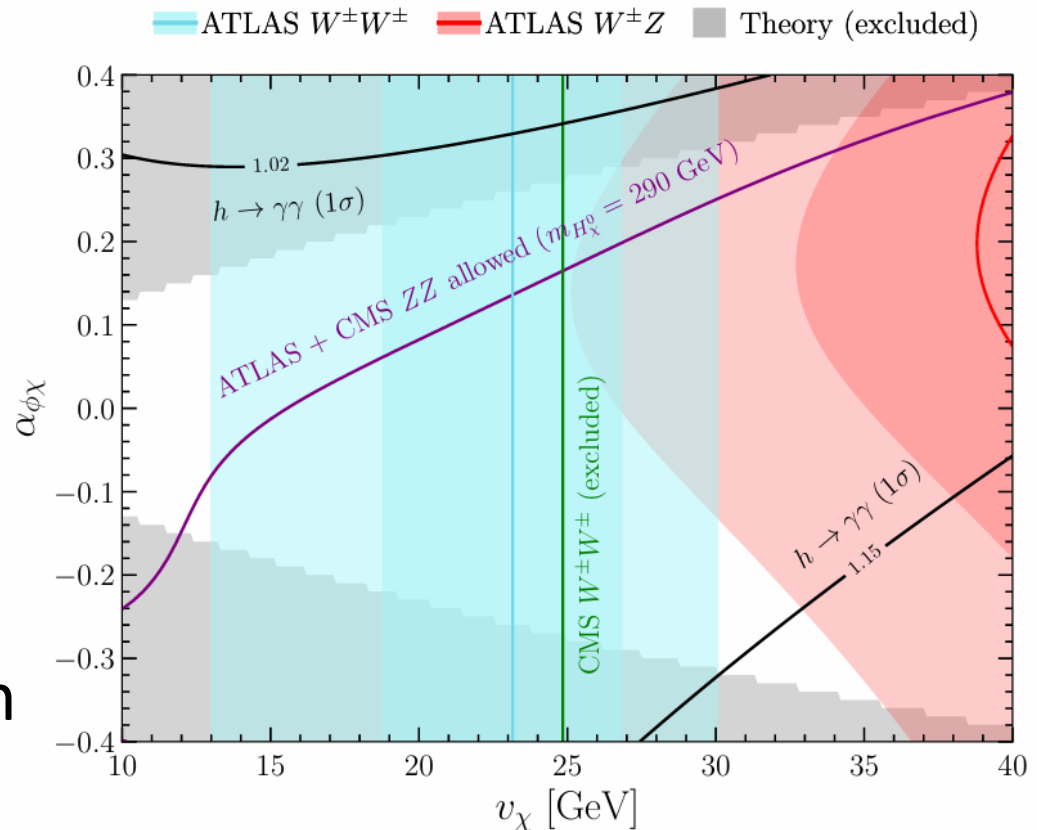
Generic Georgi-Machacek Model

SM extend

- $Y=0$ triplet (ζ)
- $Y=1$ triplet (χ)
- Vevs of the triplet can be sizable due to cancellation in the W mass

→ sizable vector-boson fusion cross section

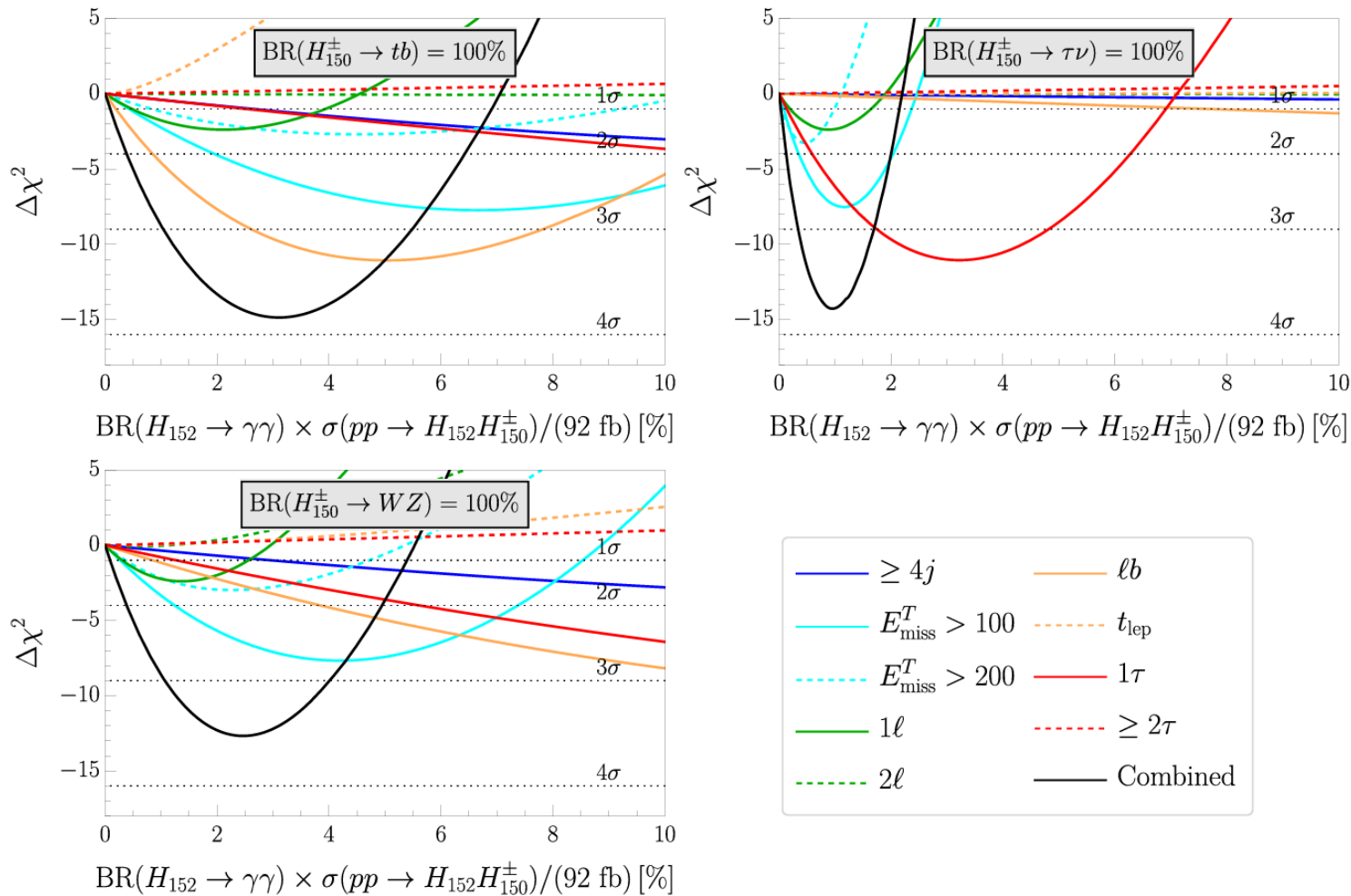
- Generic version needed for different masses



Y=1 Triplet in the GM model explain WW and ZW

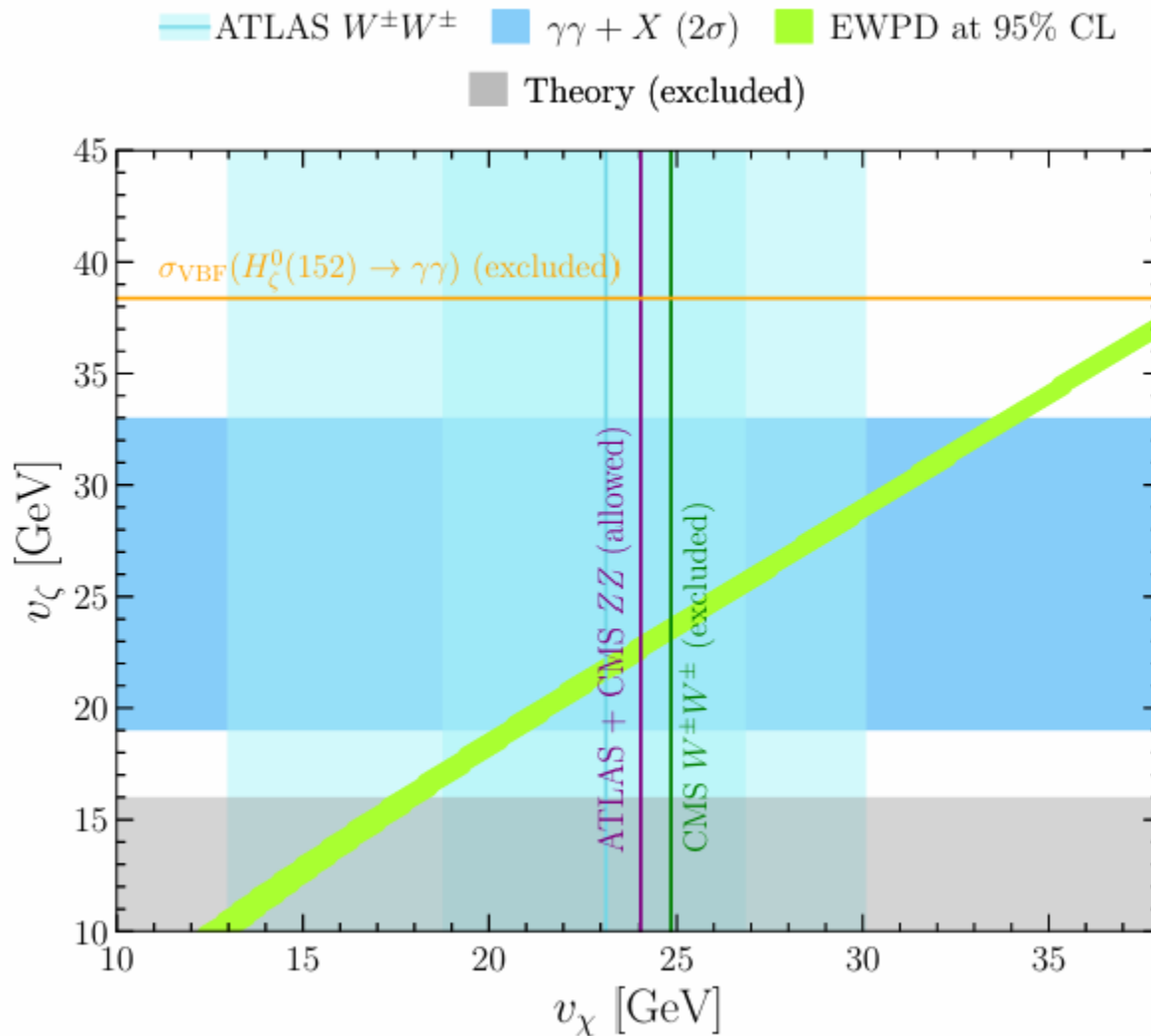
Simplified Model Analysis

S. Banik, AC, 2407.06267



Triplet or Doublet?

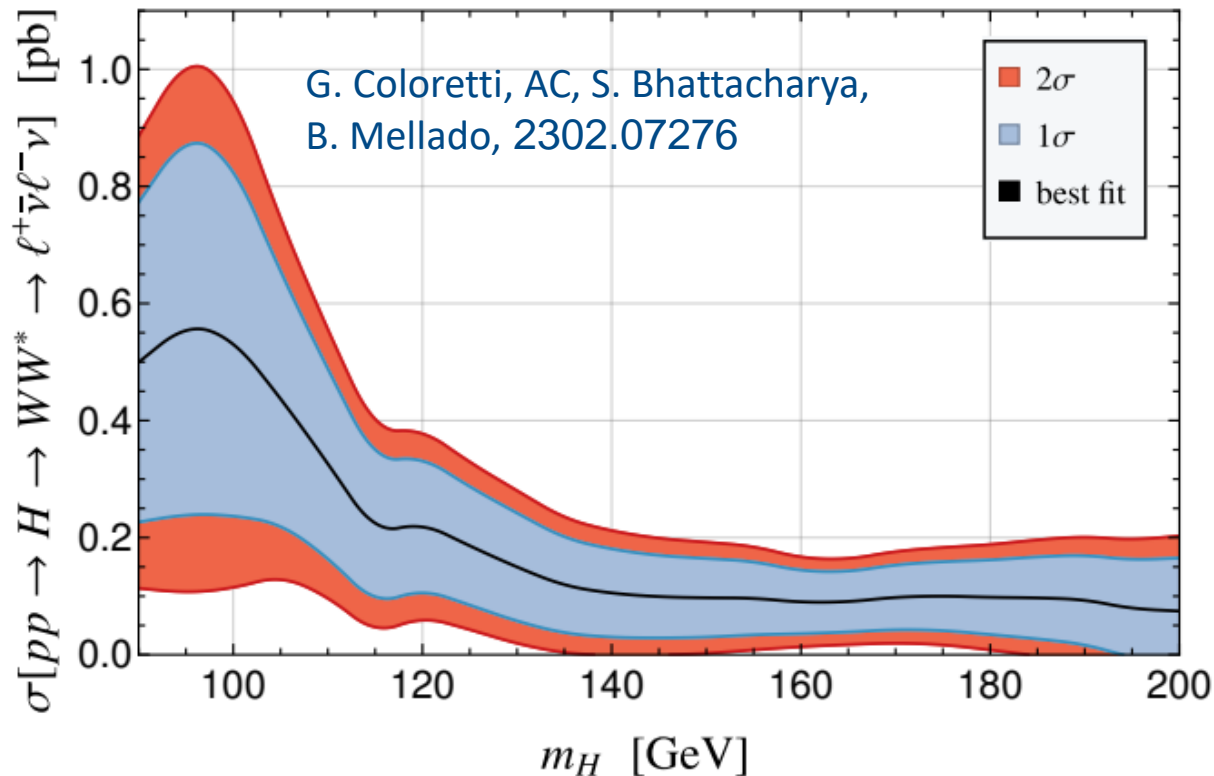
Generic Georgi-Machacek Model



$Y=1$ can explain WW, ZW ; $Y=0$ $\gamma\gamma$ (152)

Low mass WW resonances searches

- ATLAS and CMS combination



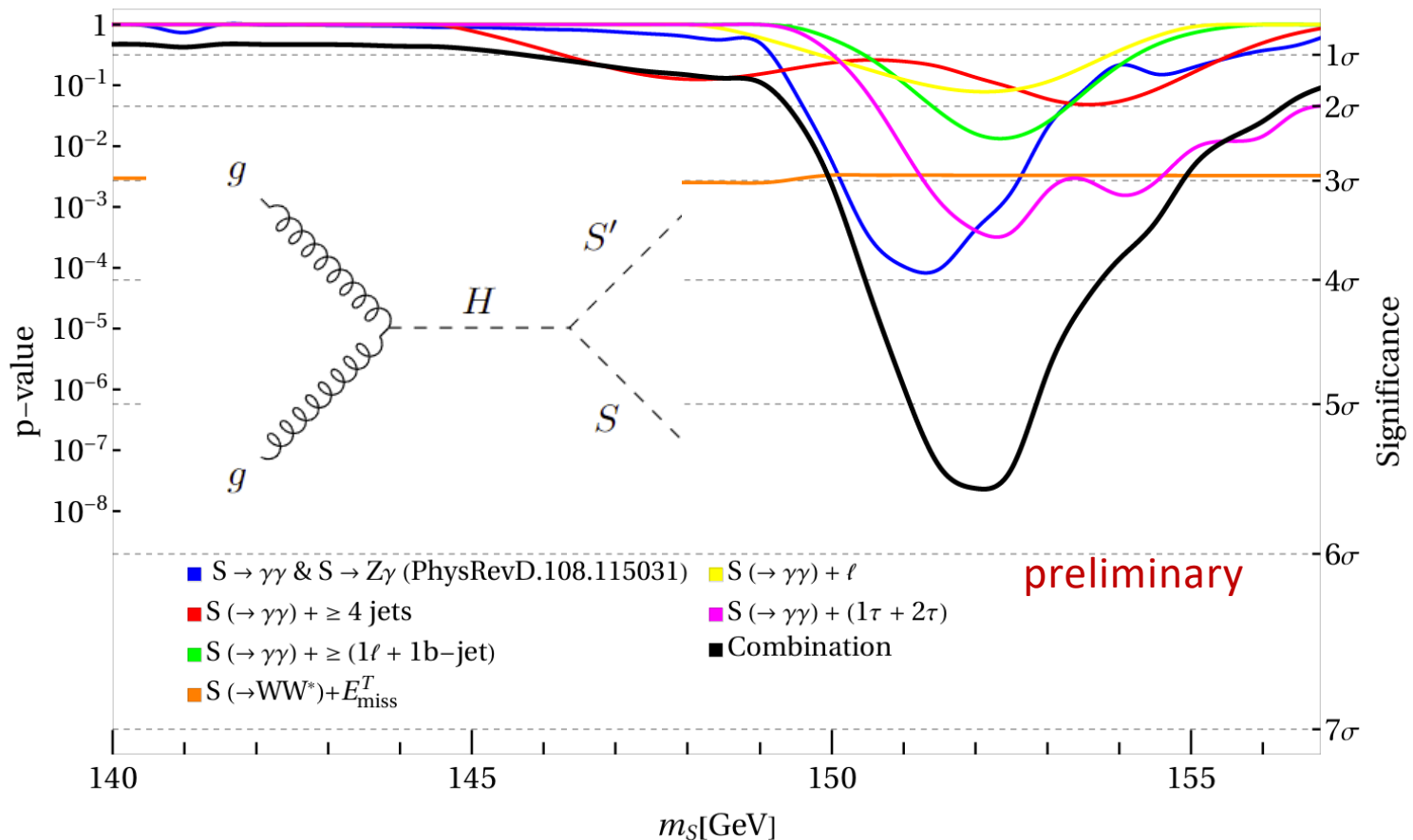
Transverse mass
sensitive to
additional
missing energy
from associated
production

- New physics effect preferred over the whole range

Related to 95GeV and 151GeV?

Hints for new Scalars at 152 GeV

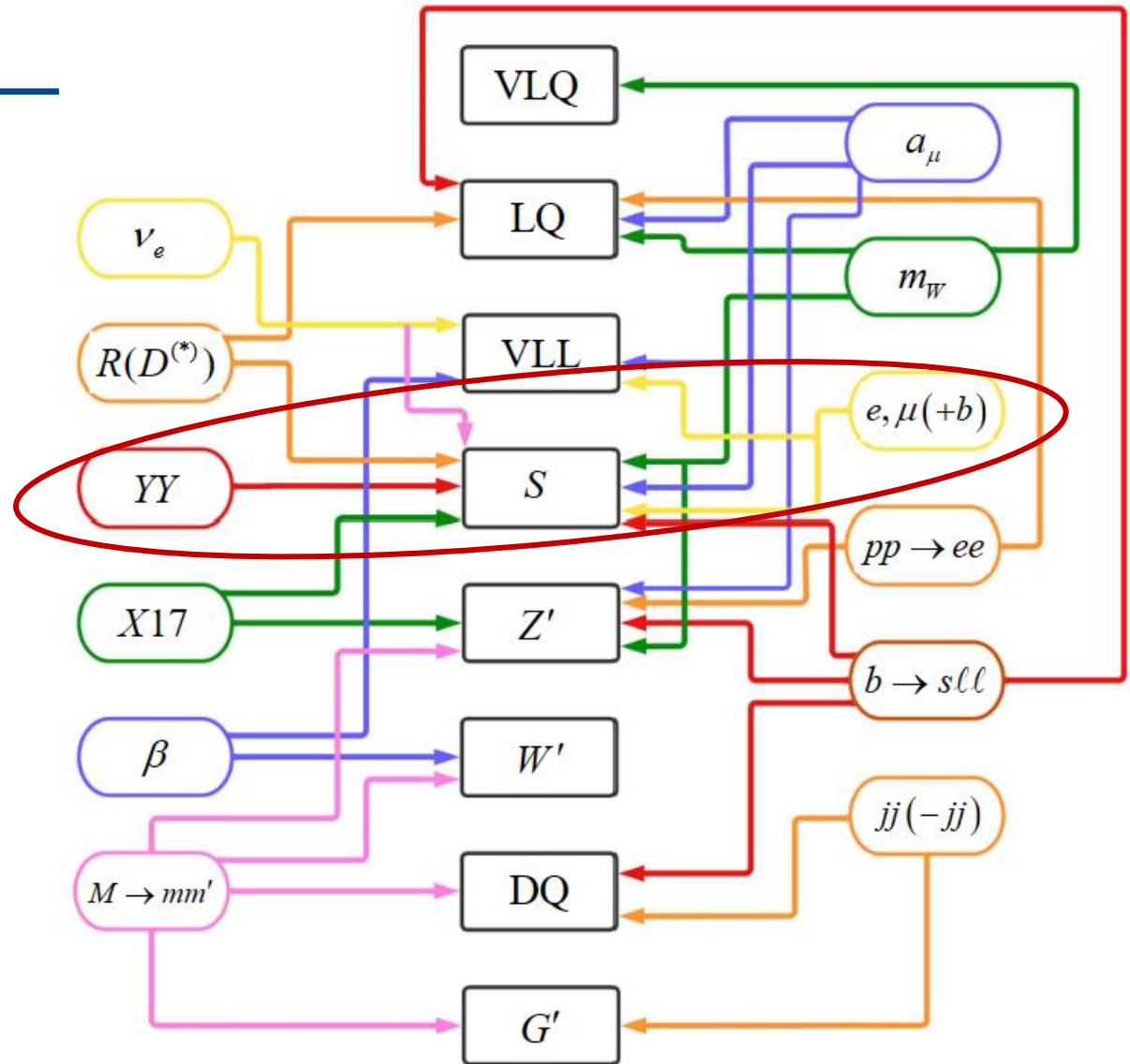
- Combination within the simplified model
 $H \rightarrow SS^*$ with $S \rightarrow WW, \text{MET}, \gamma\gamma$



>5 σ global significance for simplified model

Outlook

- Intriguing anomalies emerged in the last years which point towards new particles

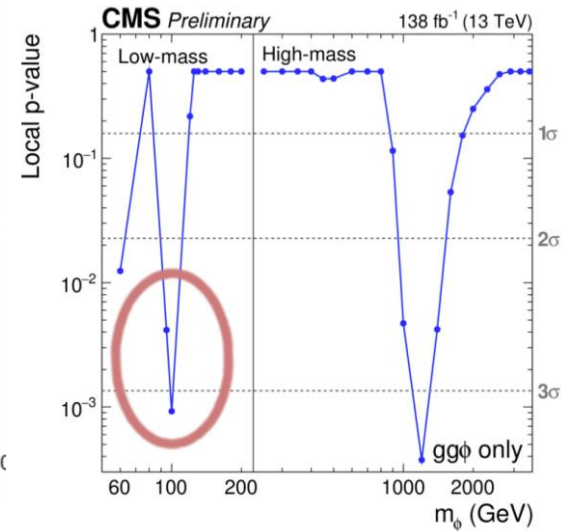
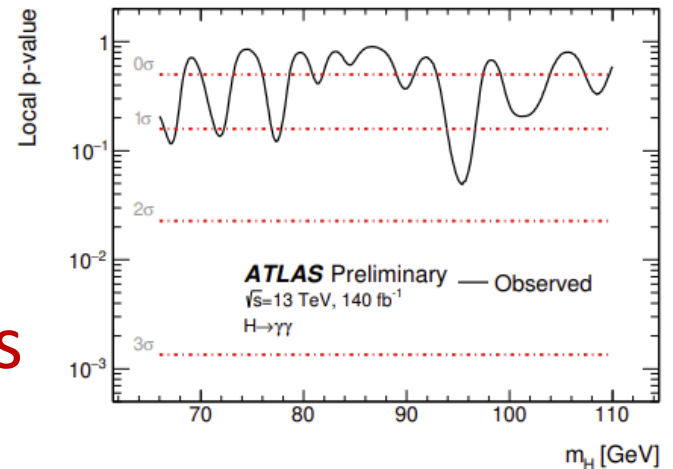
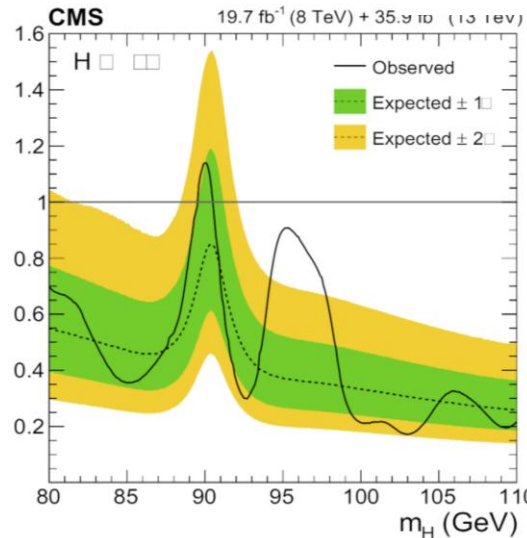
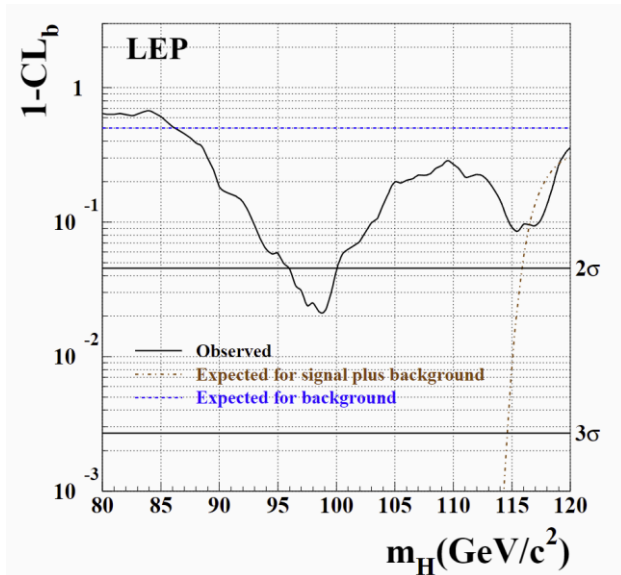


The Standard Model is crumbling

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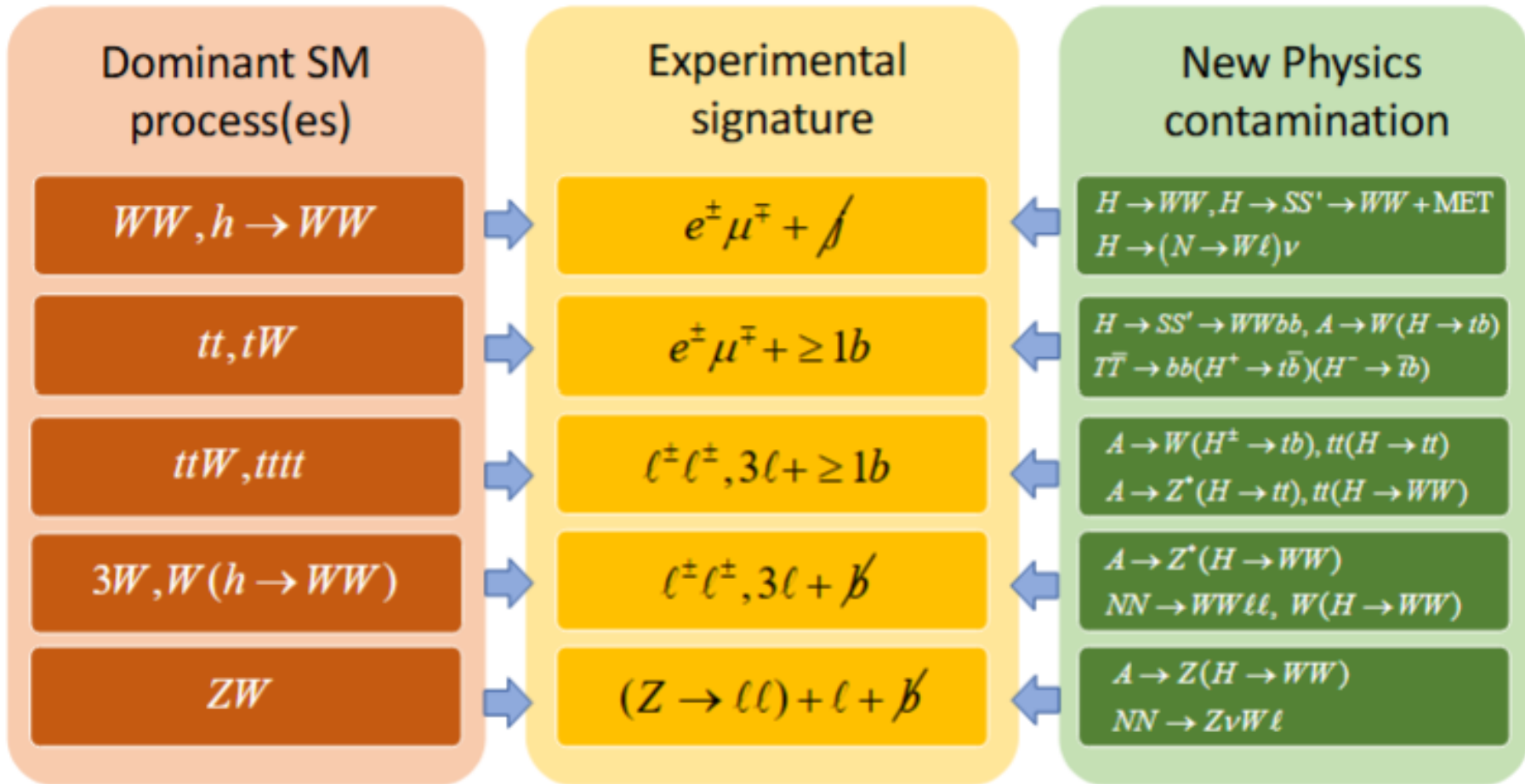
Hints for a 95 GeV Higgs

- LEP: $Z+bb$
- ATLAS & CMS: $\gamma\gamma$
- CMS: $\tau\tau$ (no signal in ATLAS)
- Ask Sven and Thomas for details



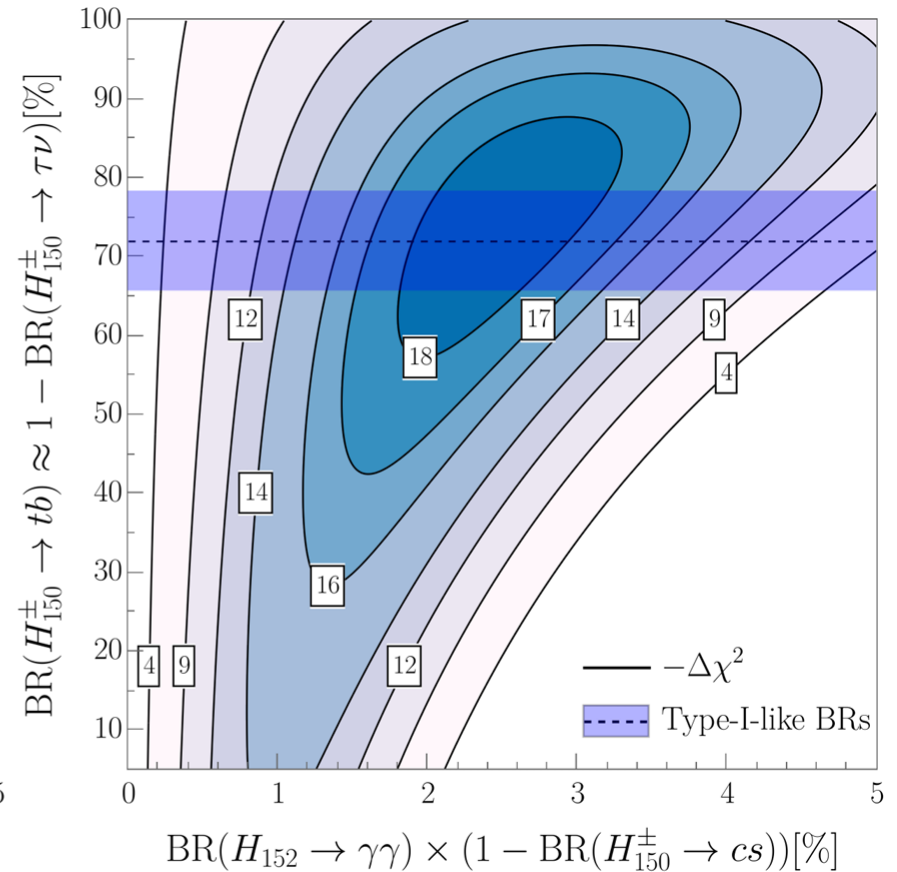
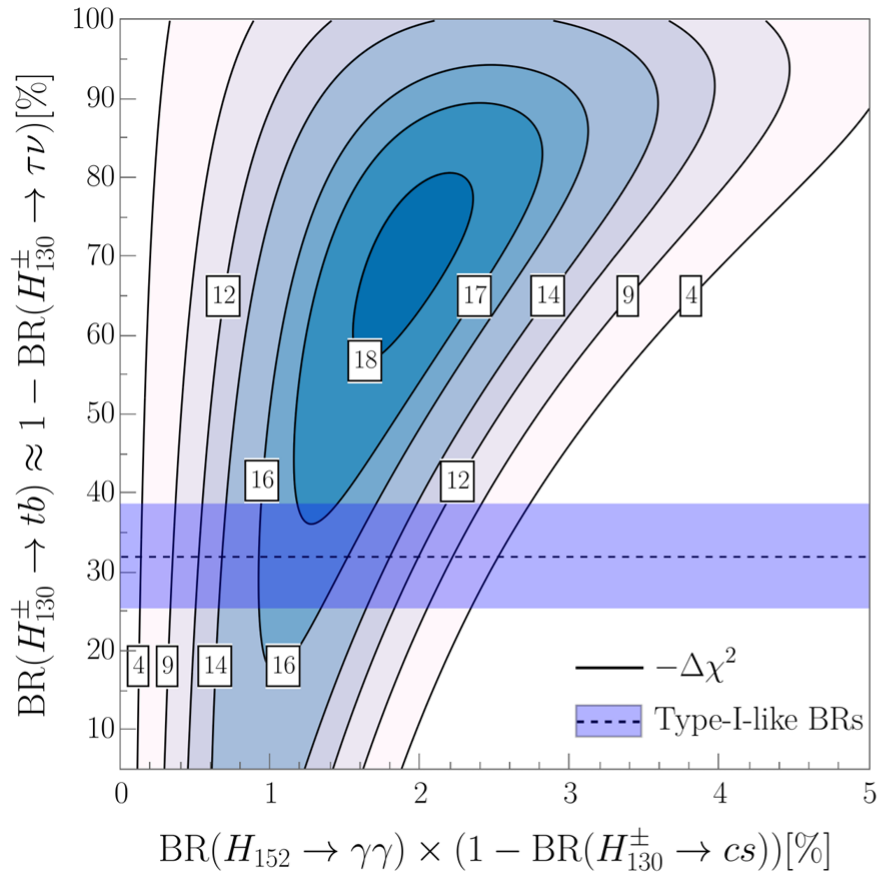
Multiple channels, no associated search

Multi-lepton anomalies



Two-Higgs Doublet Model type-I

- $\text{Br}(H^\pm \rightarrow WZ) = 0$ (at tree-level)



Above 4σ , large Br needed

Large $\text{Br}(H_{152} \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)$ via Z_2 breaking in 2HDMs

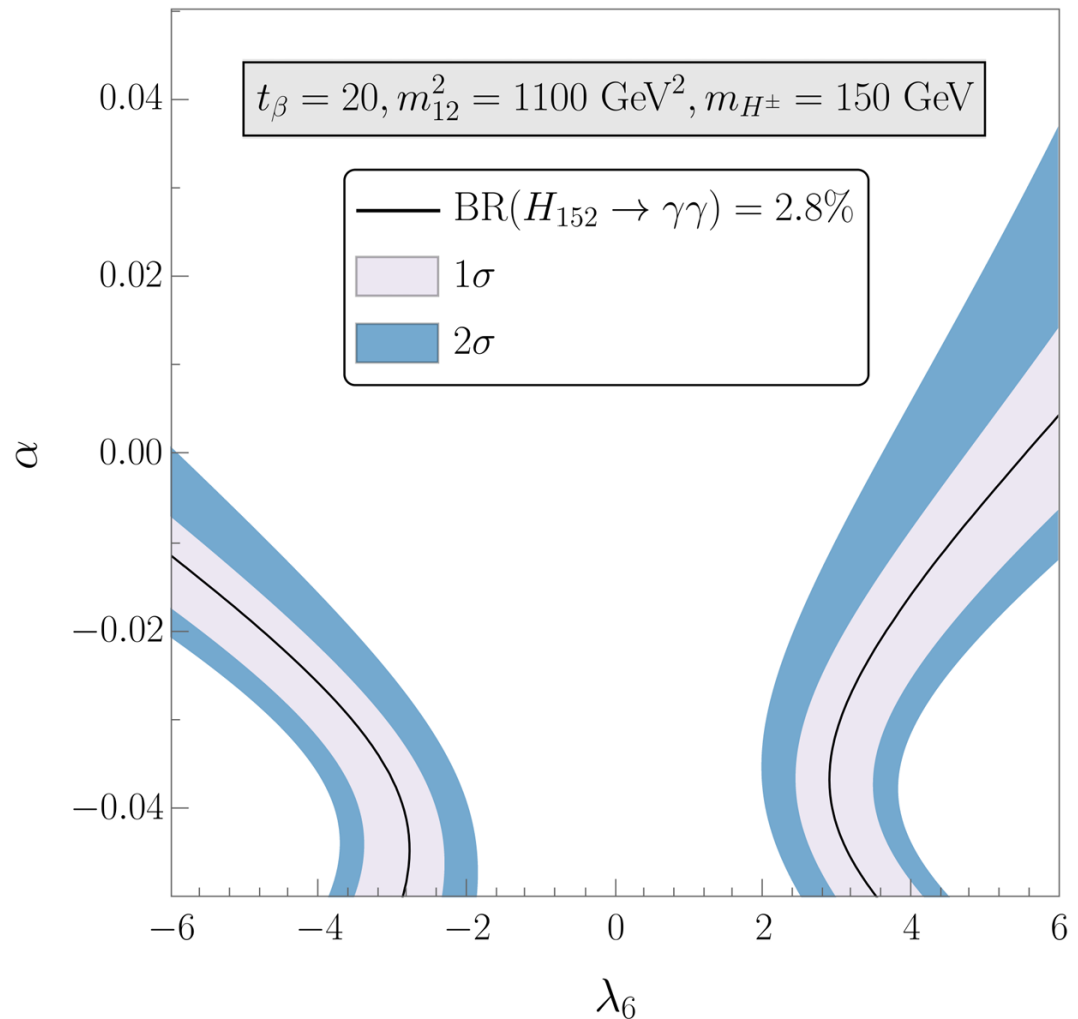
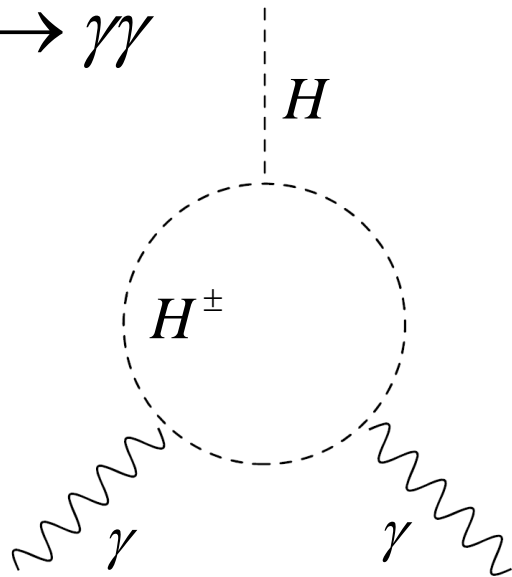
$$\lambda_6 H_1^\dagger H_1 H_2^\dagger H_1$$

- Dominant effect in

$$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$$

but suppressed in

$$h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$$



Consistent with vacuum stability, perturbativity

Multi-leptons history

Based Higgs p_T , hh, tth, VV in Run 1
Eur. Phys. J. C (2016) 76:580

Model defined and predictions made for
multilepton excesses

Multi-lepton excesses in Run 1 and few
Run 2 results available in 2017

J.Phys.G 45 (2018) 11, 115003

Model parameters fixed in 2017 with
 $m_H=270$ GeV, $m_S=150$ GeV,
S treated as SM Higgs-like,
dominance of $H \rightarrow Sh, SS$

Fixed final states and phase-space
defined by fixed model parameters.
NO tuning, NO scanning

Update same final states with
more data in Run 2

Study new final states where
excesses predicted and data
available in Run 1 and Run 2
(e.g., SS0b, 3l0b, ZW0b)

J.Phys. G46 (2019) no.11, 115001
JHEP 1910 (2019) 157
Chin.Phys.C 44 (2020) 6, 063103
Physics Letters B 811 (2020) 135964
Eur.Phys.J.C 81 (2021) 365

- Deviations from the SM predictions in LHC processes involving two or more leptons, with and without (b-)jets

Final state	Characteristics	SM backgrounds	Significance
$\ell^+ \ell^- + (b\text{-jets})$ ^{62,65,66}	$m_{\ell\ell} < 100 \text{ GeV}, (1b, 2b)$	$t\bar{t}, Wt$	$> 5\sigma$
$\ell^+ \ell^- + (\text{no jet})$ ^{61,67}	$m_{\ell\ell} < 100 \text{ GeV}$	$W^+ W^-$	$\approx 3\sigma$
$\ell^\pm \ell^\pm, 3\ell + (b\text{-jets})$ ^{64,68,69}	Moderate H_T	$t\bar{t}W^\pm, t\bar{t}t\bar{t}$	$> 3\sigma$
$\ell^\pm \ell^\pm, 3\ell, (\text{no } b\text{-jet})$ ^{63,70,71}	In association with h	$W^\pm h(125), WWW$	$\gtrsim 4\sigma$
$Z(\rightarrow \ell\ell)\ell, (\text{no } b\text{-jet})$ ^{62,72}	$p_T^Z < 100 \text{ GeV}$	ZW^\pm	$> 3\sigma$

A.C., B. Mellado, arXiv:2309.03870

Buddenbrock et al. arXiv:1901.05300

O. Fischer et al. arXiv: 2109.06065

- 1711.07874 found $m_S = 150 \pm 5 \text{ GeV}$
- Here focus on:
 - WW
 - Top-quark differential distributions

Statistically significant, motivate new EW scale scalars