

Searching for dark matter in extended Higgs sectors



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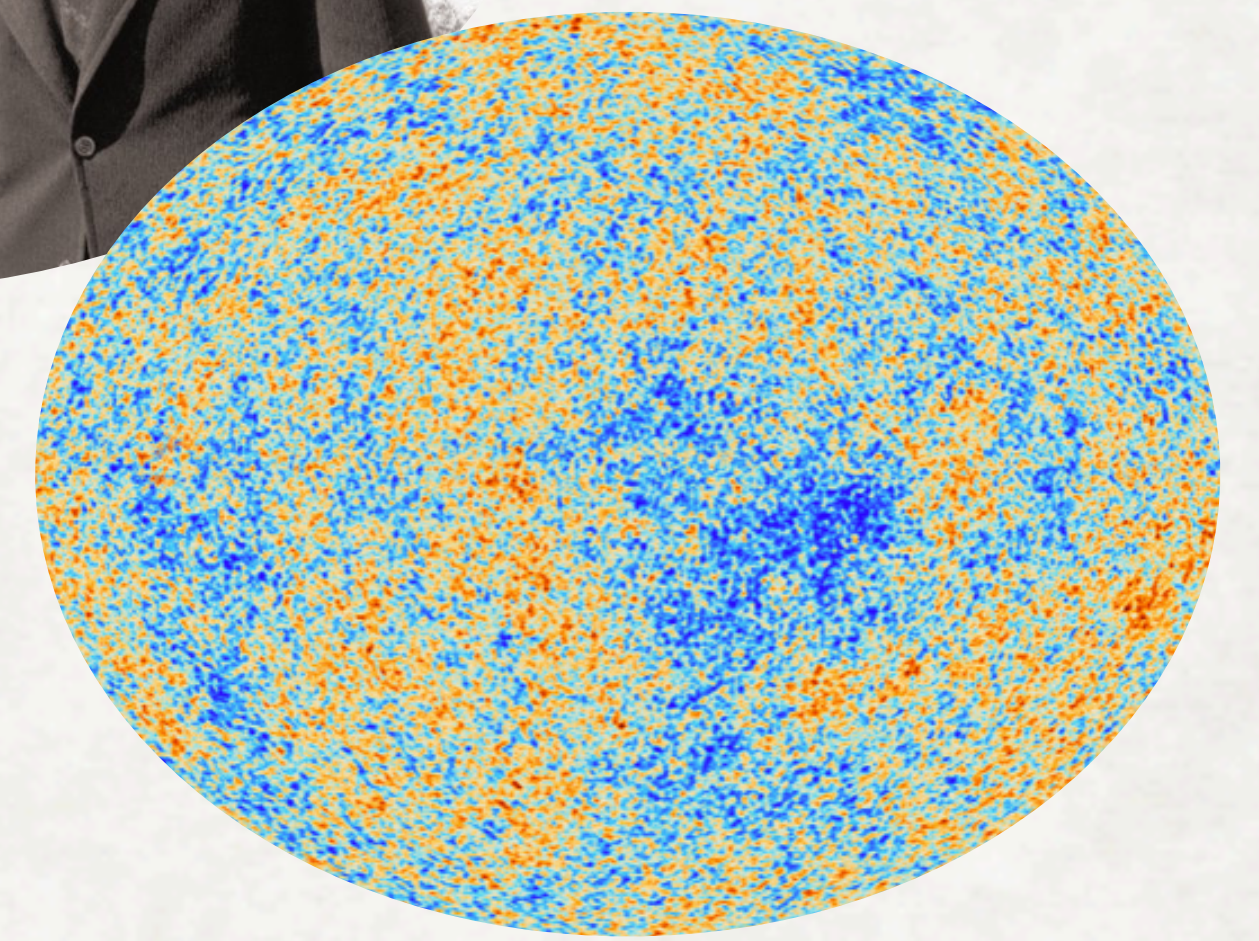
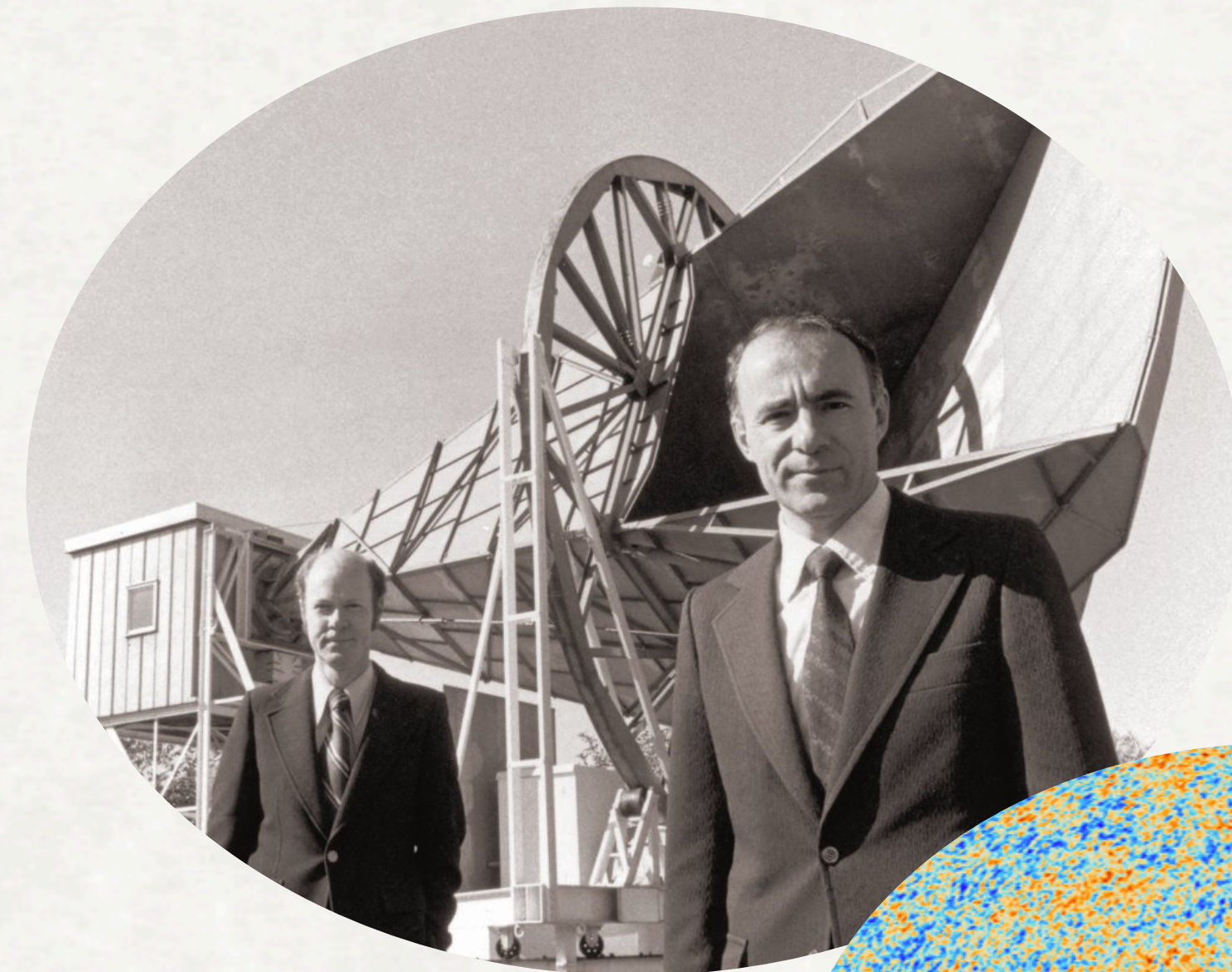
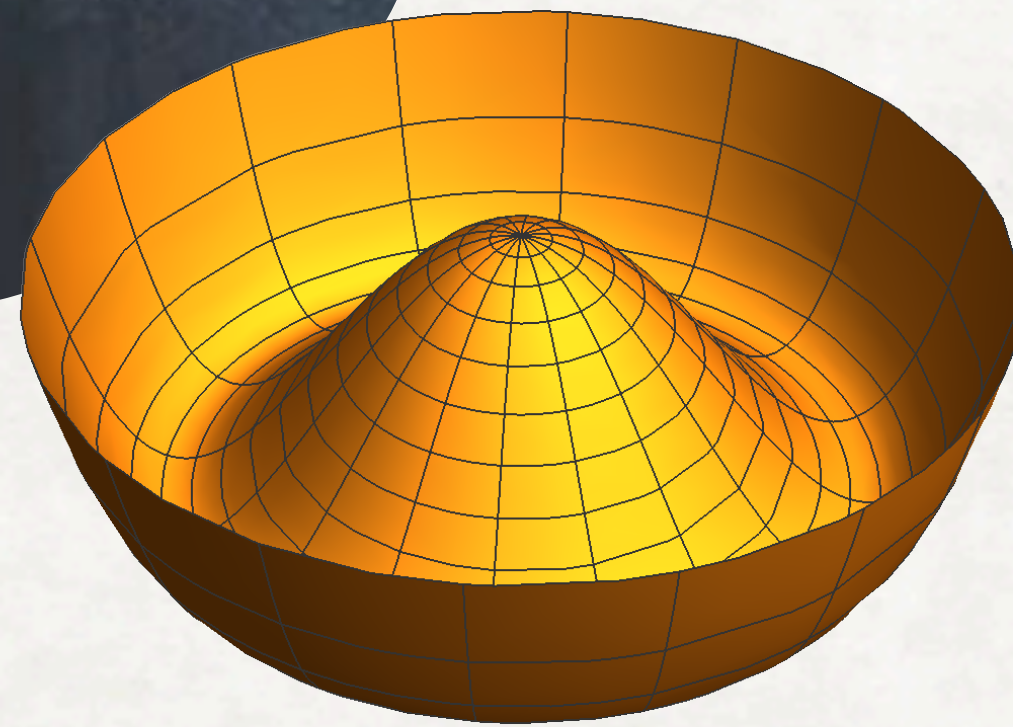
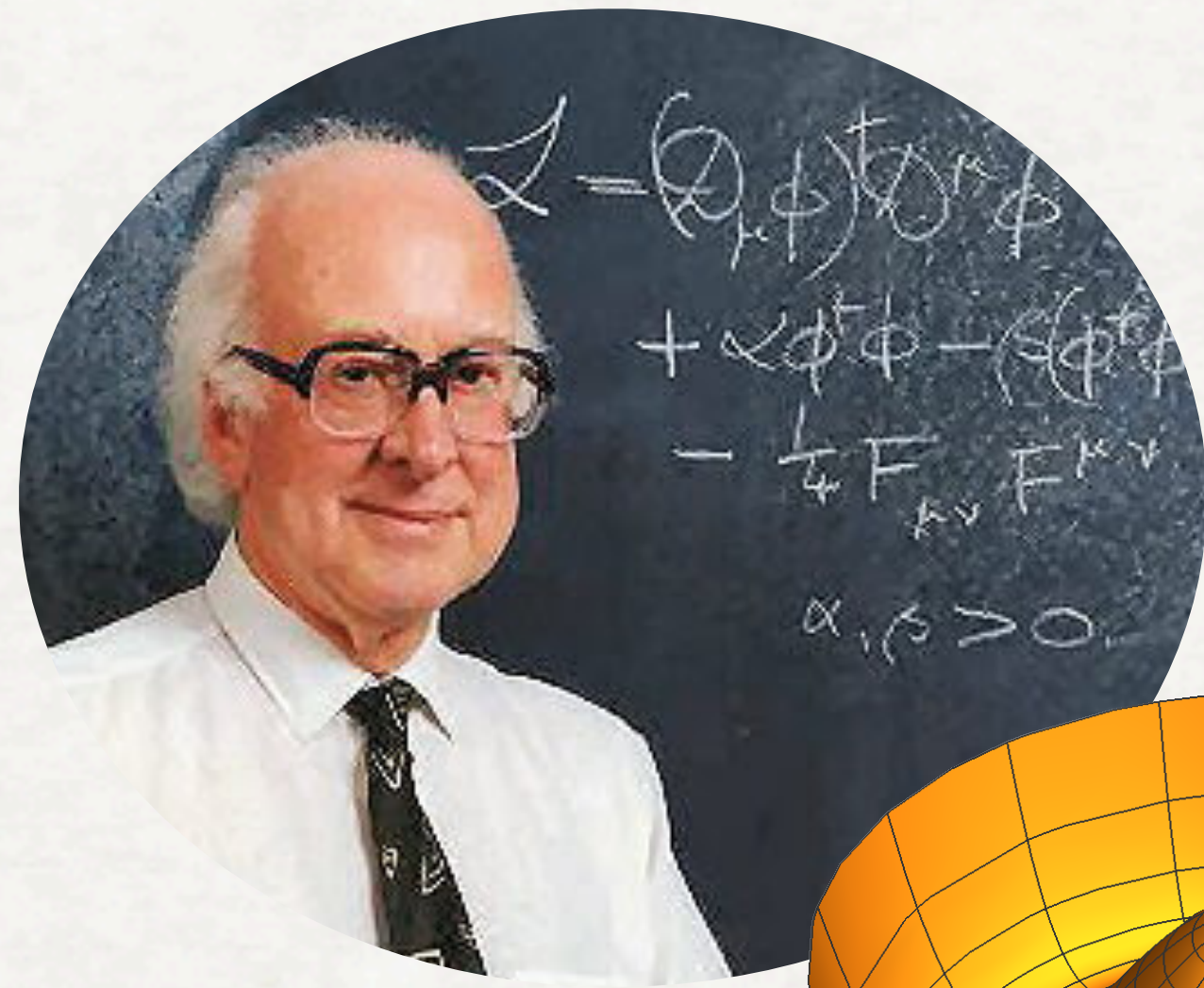
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Higgs mechanism

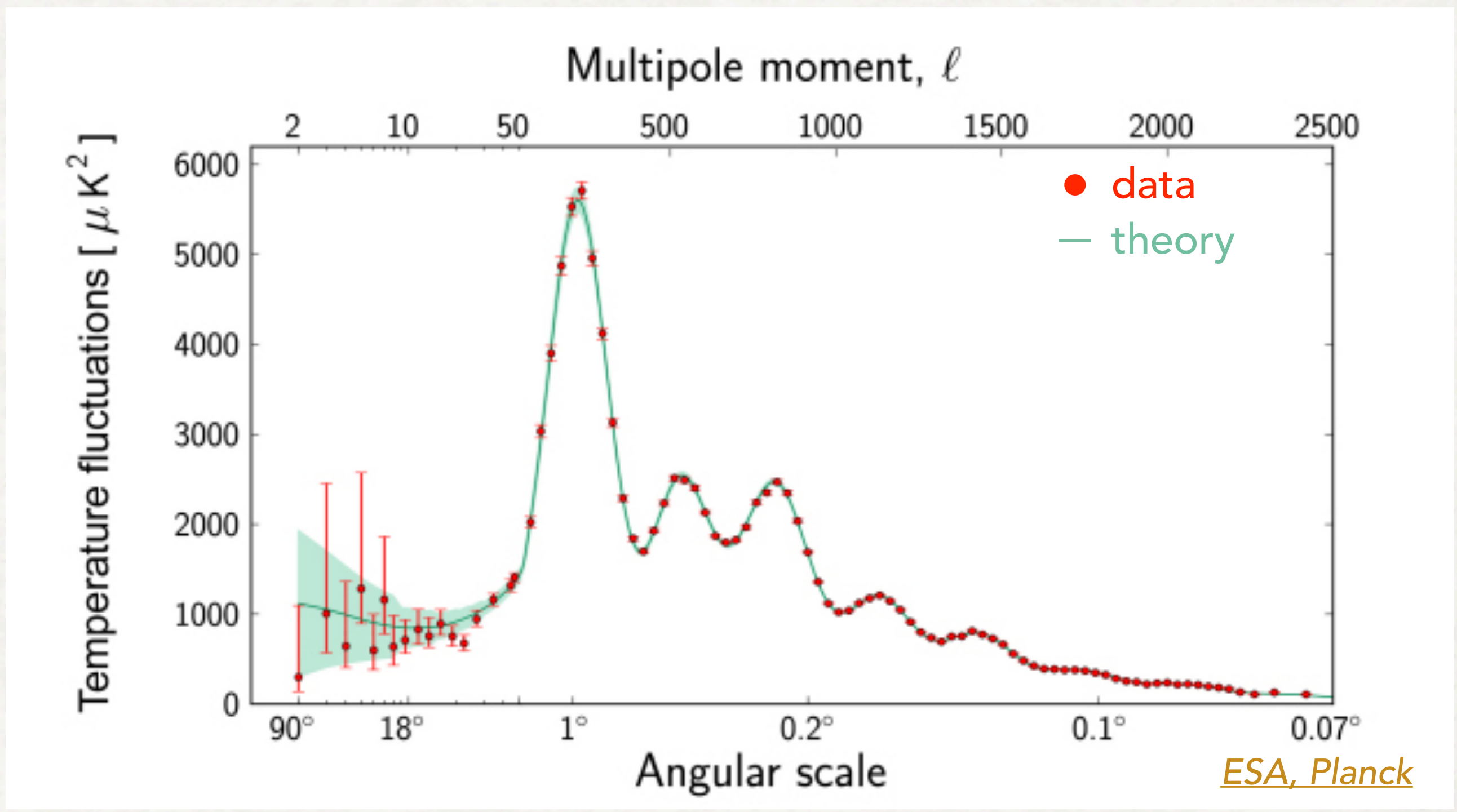
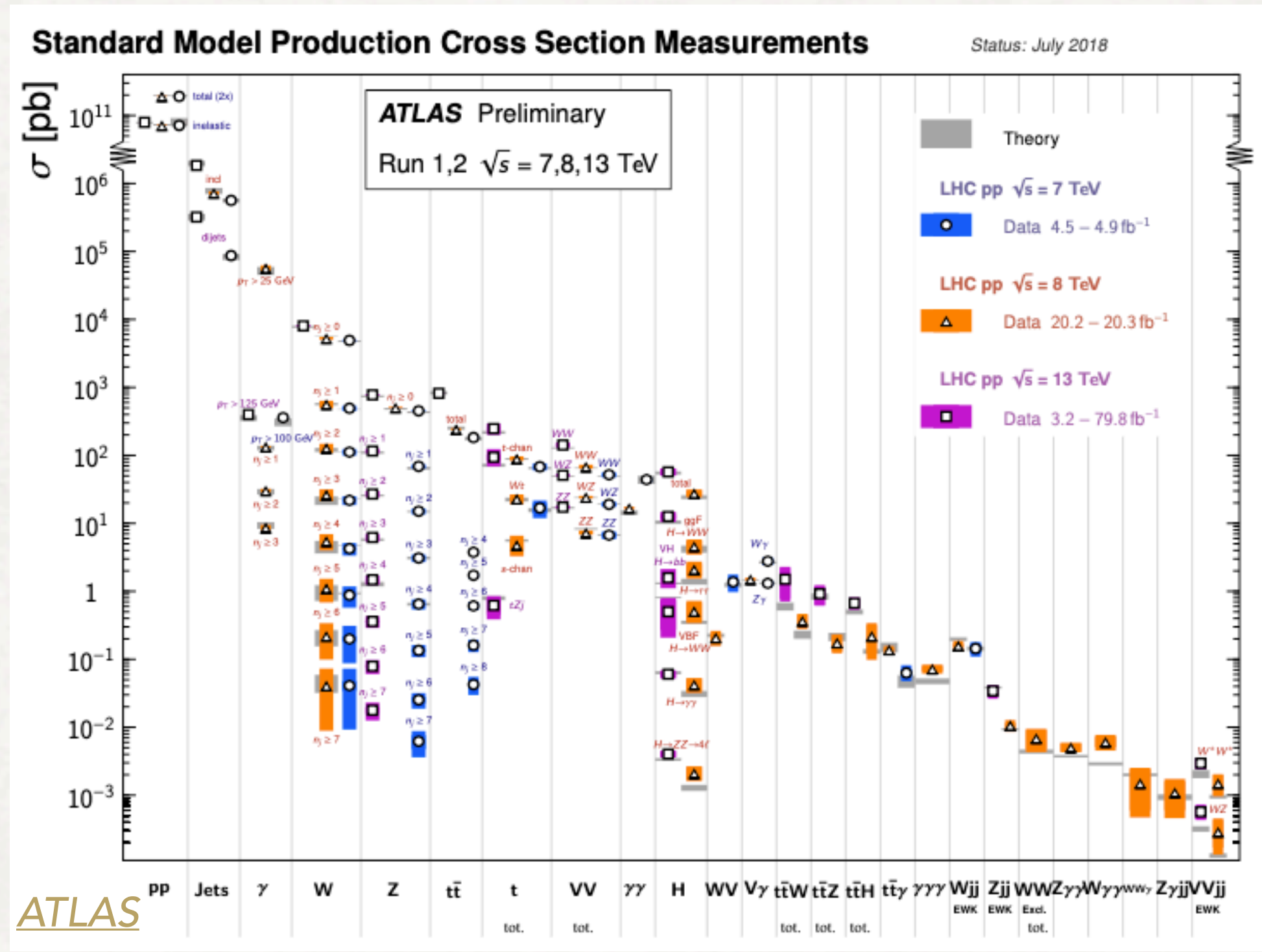
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The two Standard Models

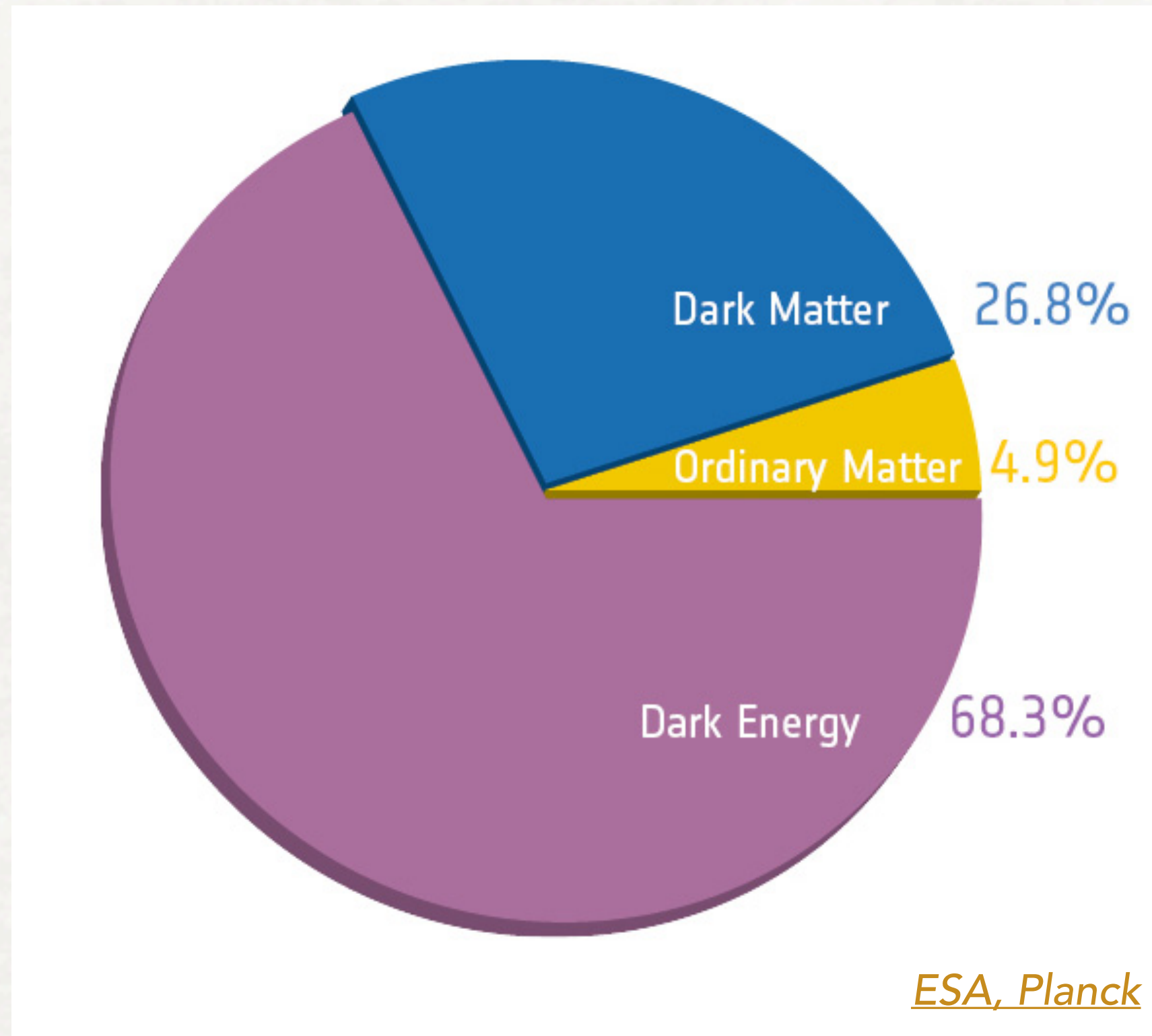
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perfectly describe (almost) everything we measure

Open questions



Dark Energy

What is the nature of DE?

Baryon Asymmetry

why matter dominates over antimatter?

Dark Matter

What is the nature of DM?

+ are these connected with the Higgs sector?

The Higgs - cosmology connection

1. Scalar bosons ubiquitous in cosmology

[Brax, RPP 81 \(2018\) 016902](#)

[Gubitosi et al JCAP 02 \(2013\) 032](#)

[Bezrukov, Shaposhnikov, PLB 659 \(2008\) 703](#)

[Germani, Kehagias, PRL 105 \(2010\) 011302](#)

[Burrage et al, JCAP 11 \(2018\) 036](#)

2. EW phase transition can trigger baryogenesis

[Kuzmin, Rubakov, Shaposhnikov, PLB 155 \(1985\) 36](#)

[Shaposhnikov, NPB 287 \(1987\) 757 \(1987\)](#)

[Nelson, Kaplan, Cohen, NPB 373 \(1992\) 453](#)

3. Higgs sector can act as a portal to the dark sector

➔ **this talk**

based on: SA, Brandt, Haisch [2109.13597](#) & SA, Haisch [2202.12631](#)

[Silveira, Zee, PLB 161 \(1985\) 136](#)

[Ipek et al, Phys. Rev. D 90 \(2014\) 055021](#)

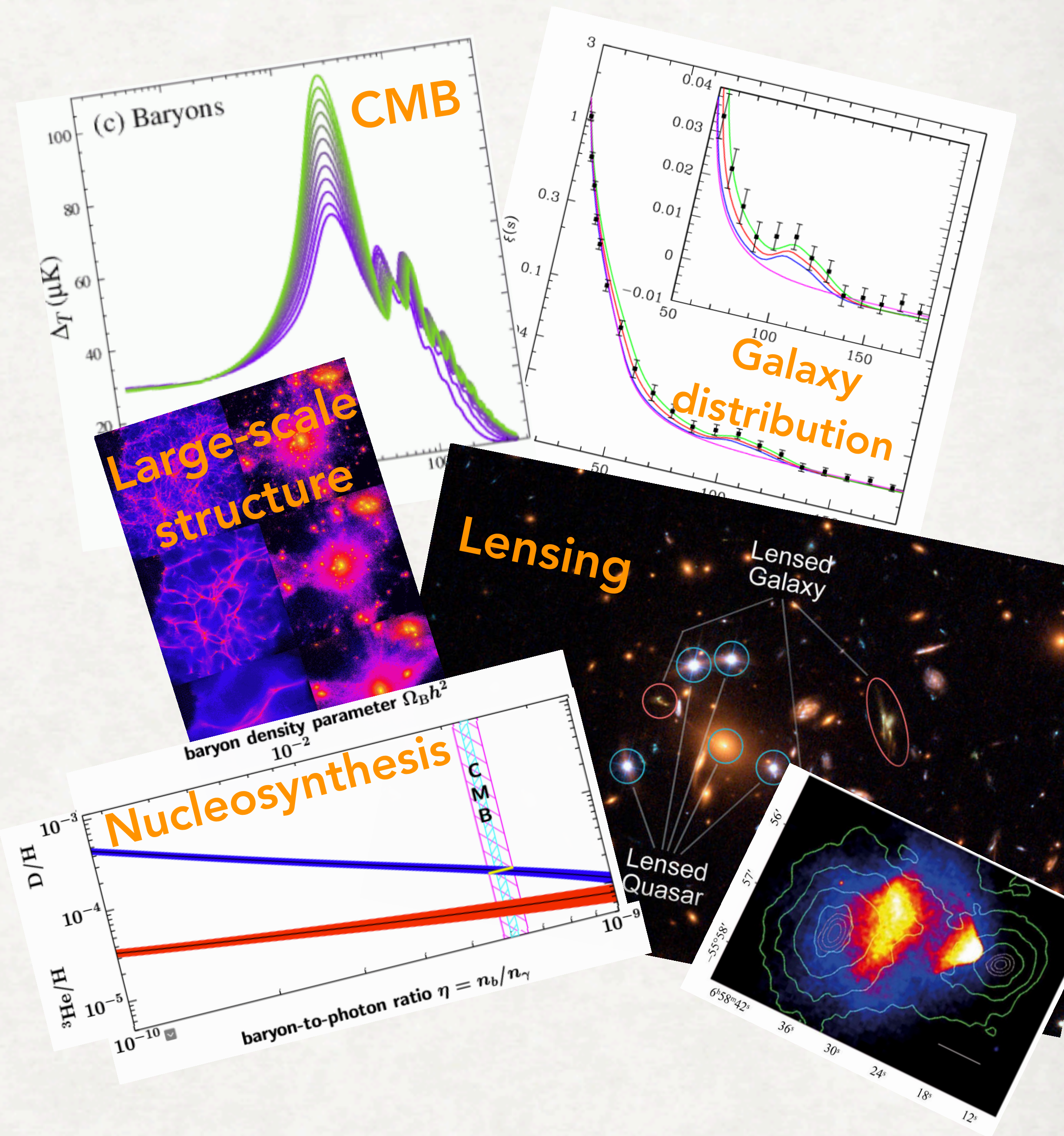
[Bell et al, JCAP 03 \(2017\) 015](#)

[Berlin et al, JHEP 06 \(2014\) 078](#)

[Duerr et al, JHEP 09 \(2016\) 042](#)

DM properties

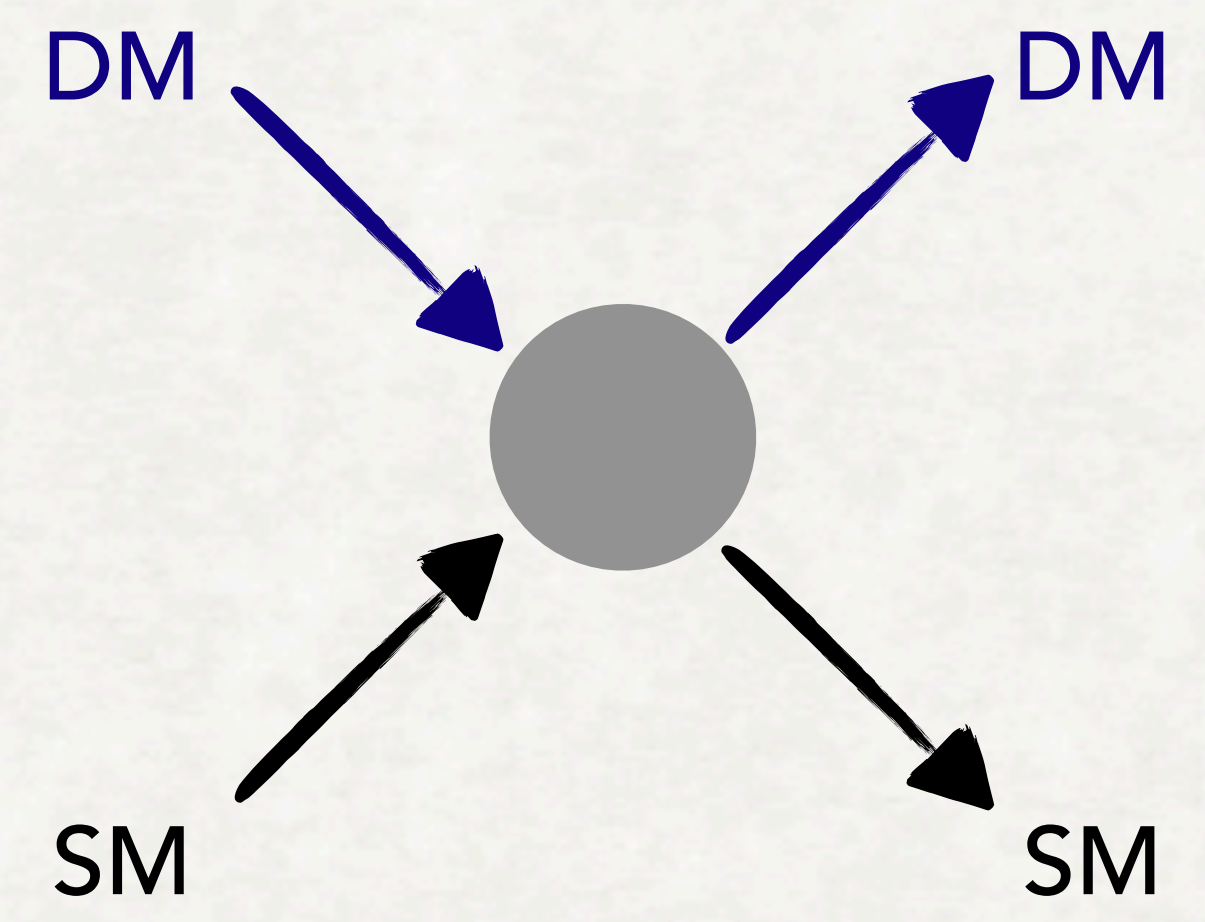
- stable
- weakly interacting
- non-relativistic ("cold")
- non-baryonic
- probably "matter" (not modified gravity)
- can't consist solely of dark astronomical objects (MACHO)



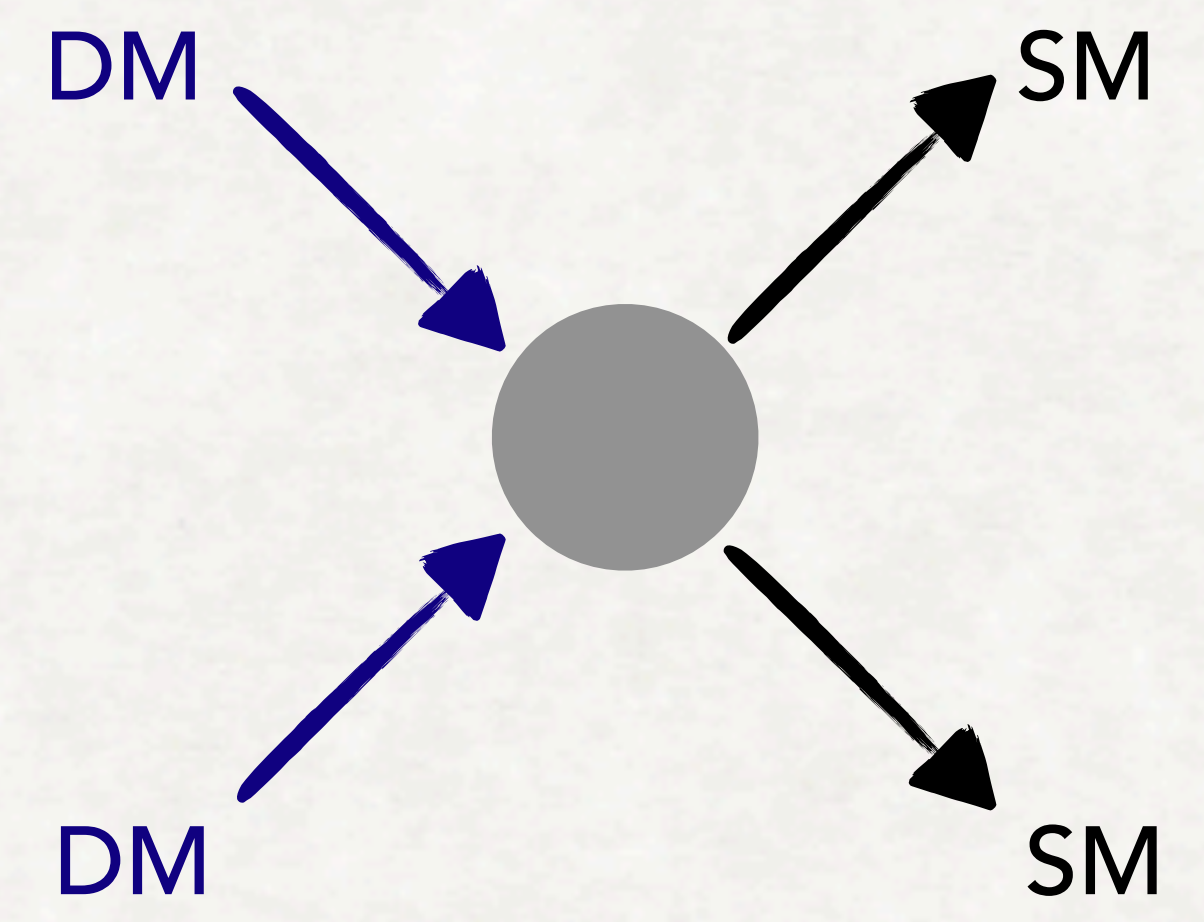
→ Look for stable weakly interacting massive BSM particles

DM detection

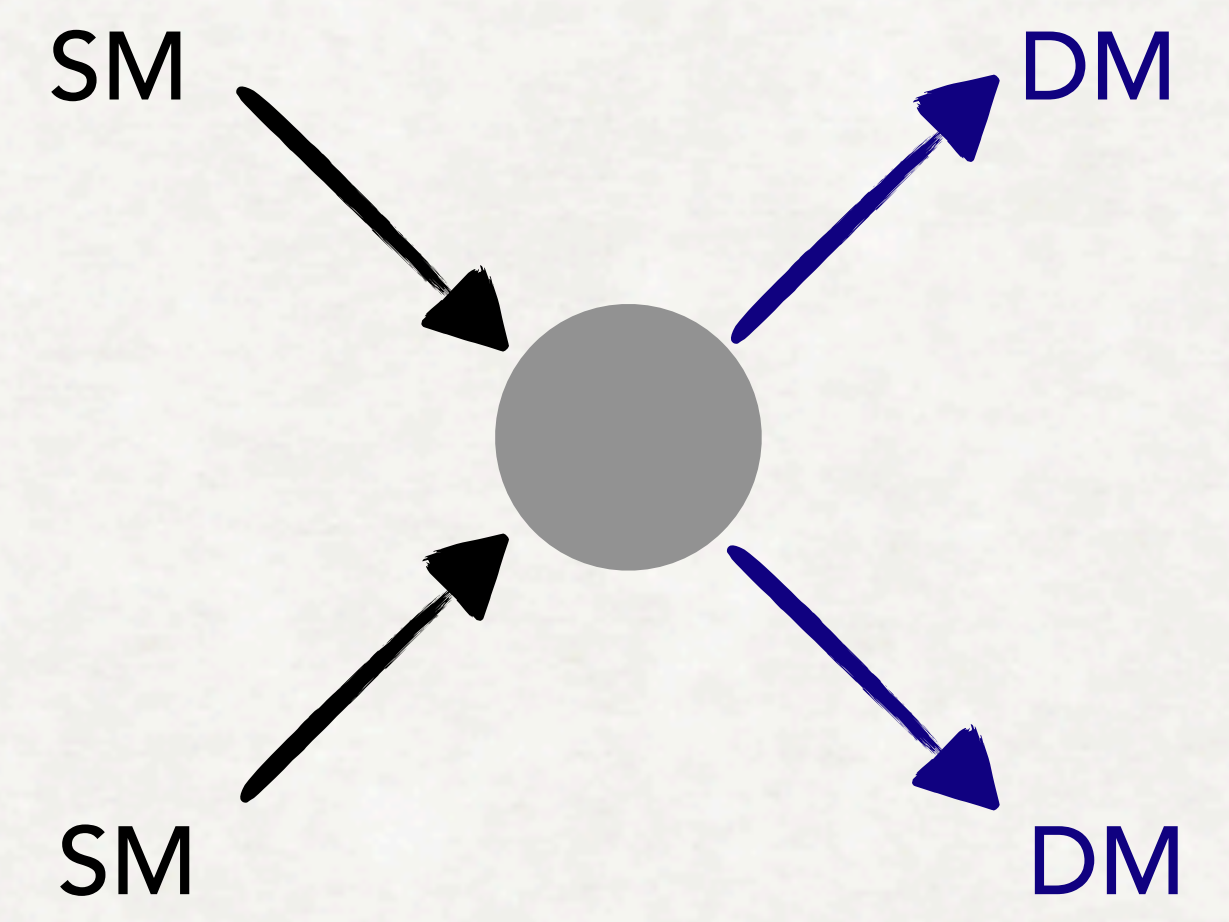
Direct Detection



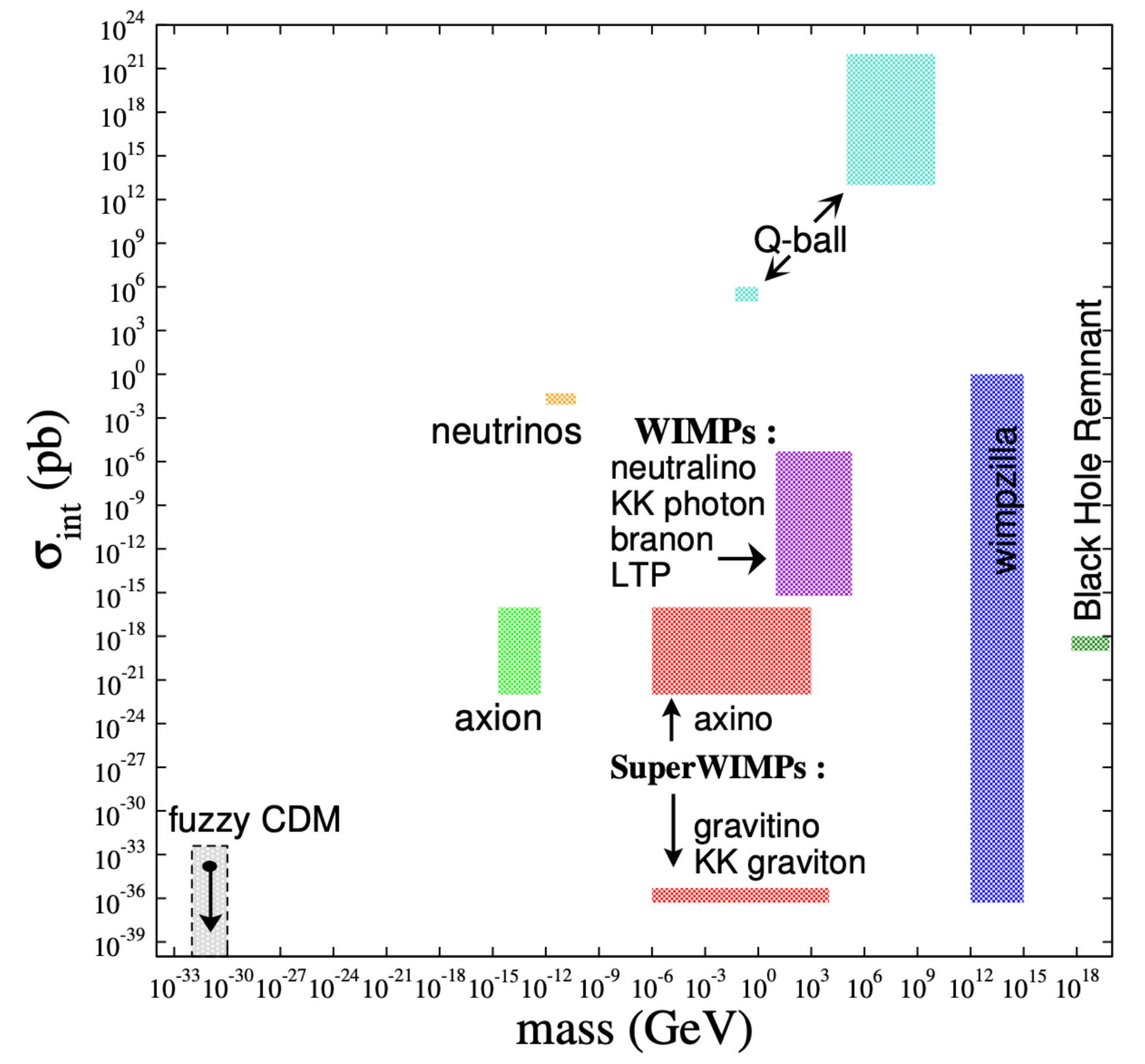
Indirect Detection



Colliders

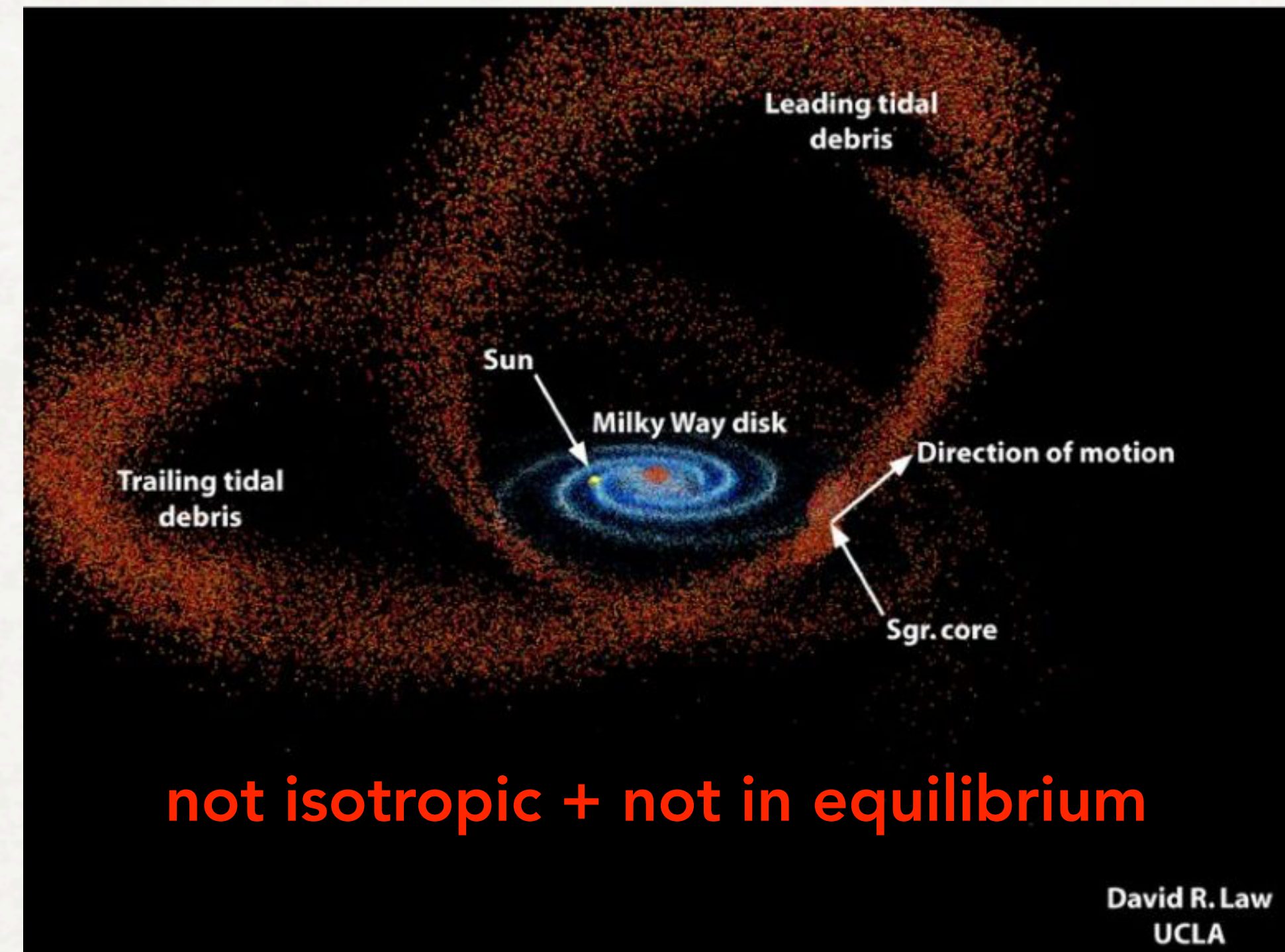
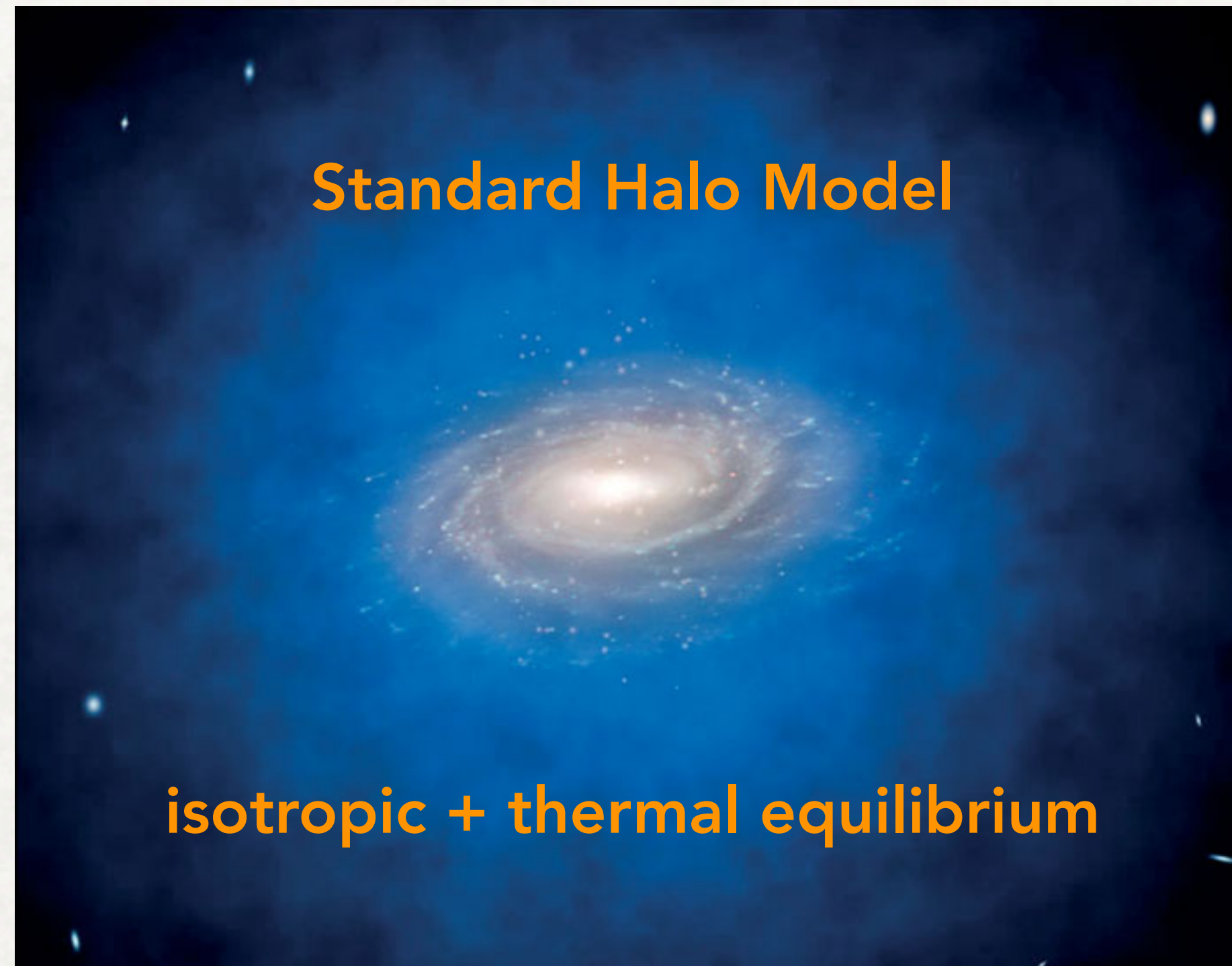


Complementarity is important



DM models predict a vast range of cross-sections/masses

Complementarity is important



Different experiments sensitive to different assumptions

Dark Matter interactions



In the following

- DM is assumed to be a SM singlet
- we concentrate on BSM Higgs portals

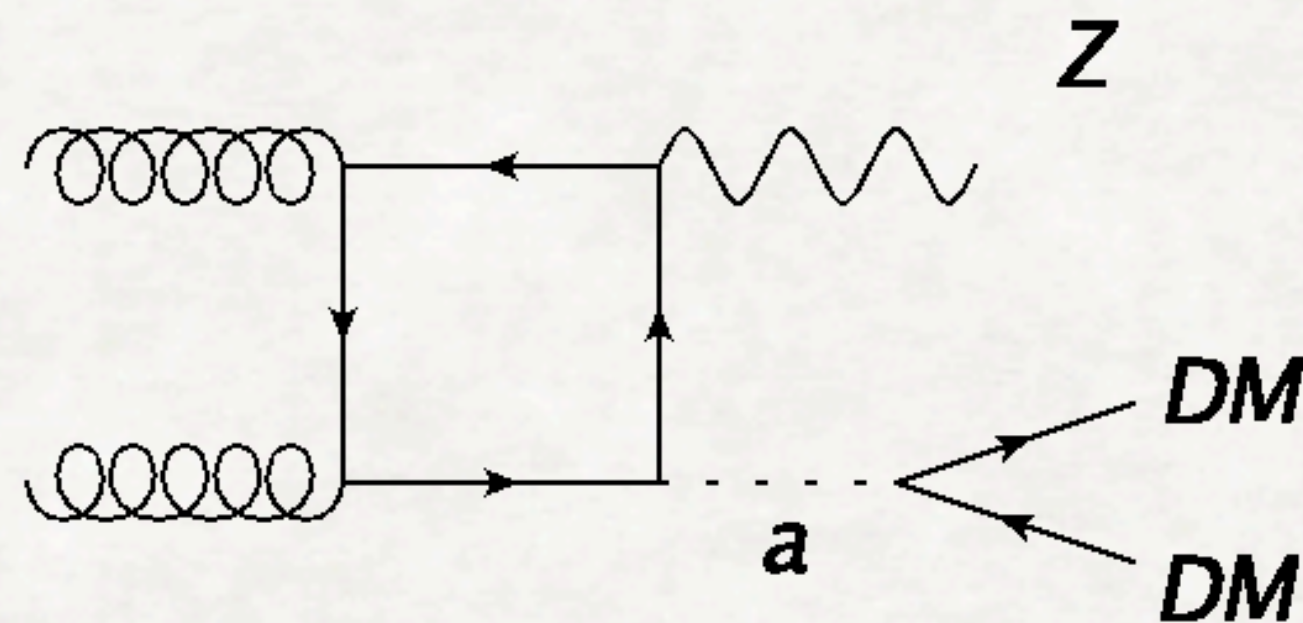
Classes of models

EFT

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + \frac{c}{\Lambda^{d-4}} \mathcal{O}_{\text{DM}}^{(d)}$$

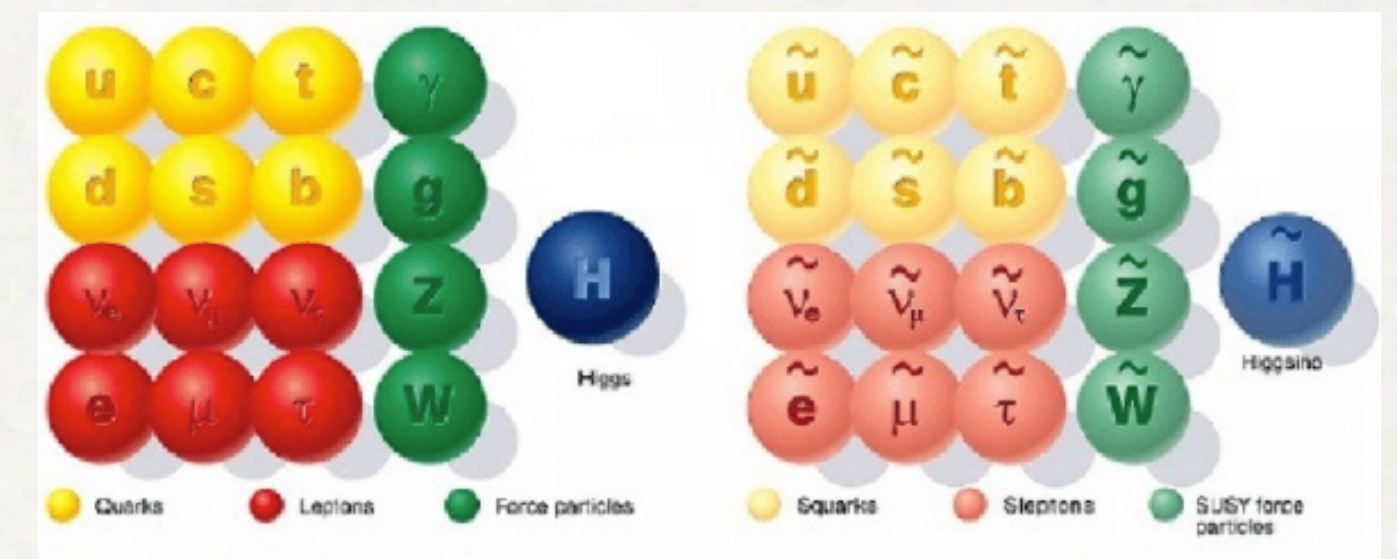
- agnostic to microscopic (UV) theory
- ✓ only 1 parameter (Λ)
- ⊙ breaks down at high energies

Simplified



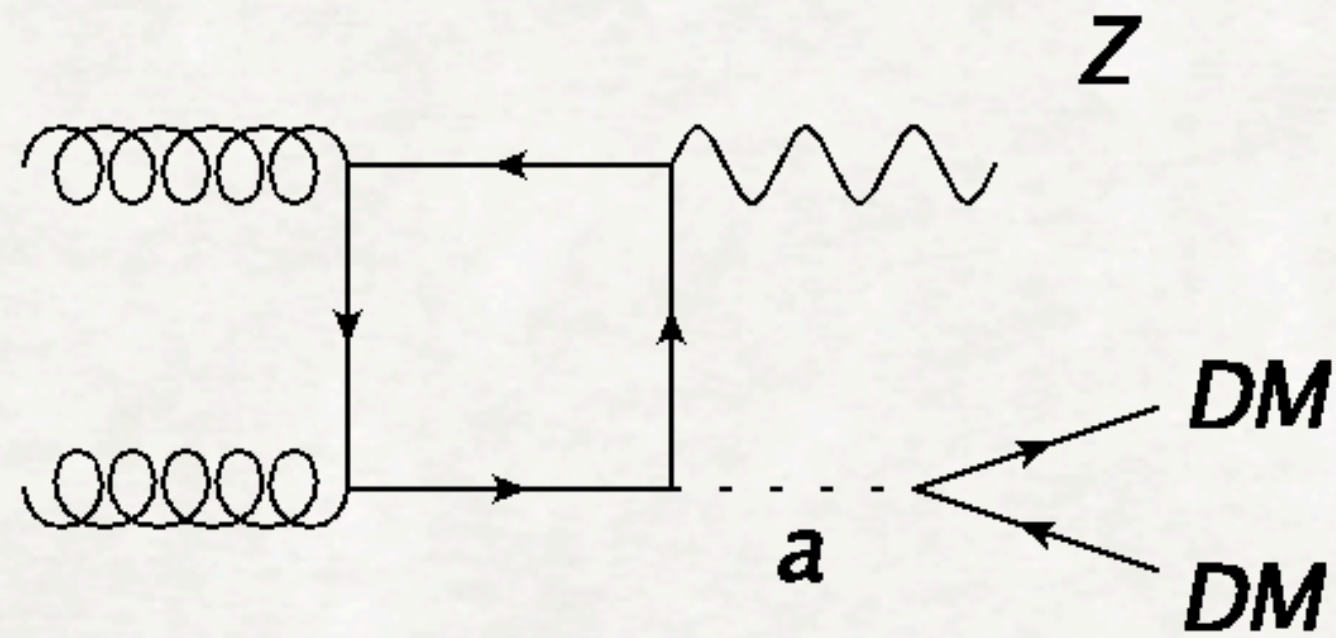
- add only 1/few mediator coupling DM to SM
- ✓ very few parameters ($g_{\text{SM}}, g_{\text{DM}}, m_a$)
- ✓ easier to constrain
- ➔ workhorse for DM searches

Complete



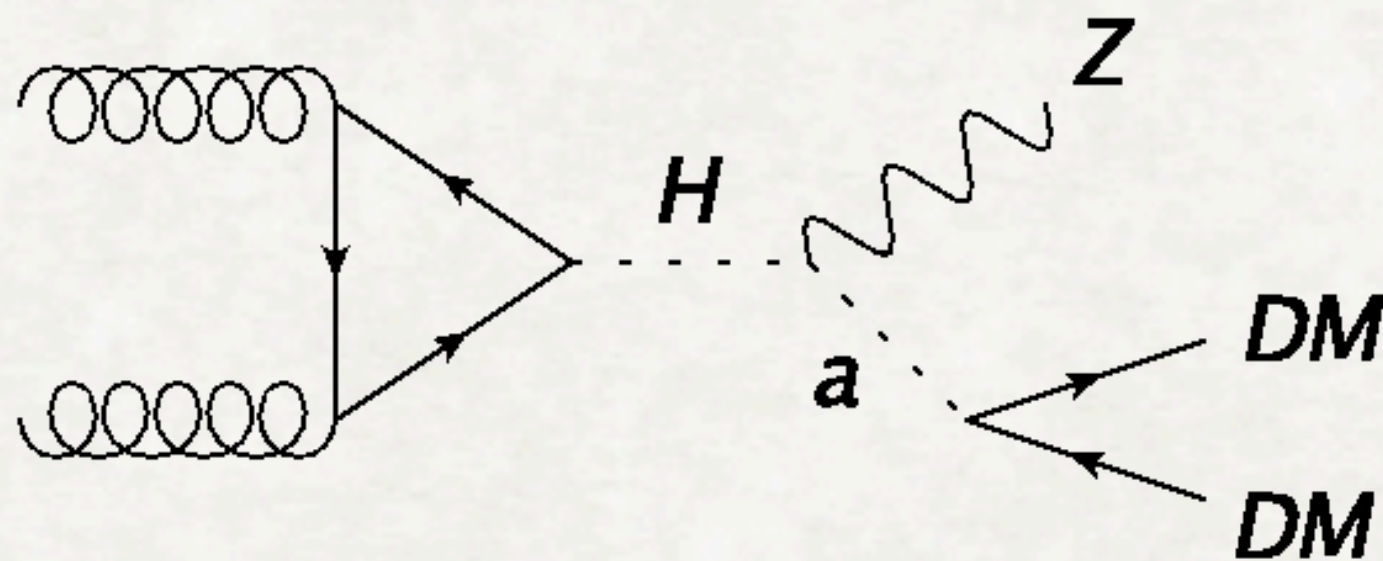
- e.g. MSSM
- several new particles
- ✓ valid at high energy scales
- ✓ predictions for everything
- ⊙ many parameters
- ⊙ very hard to constrain

The need for extended Higgs sectors



If a is singlet \Rightarrow unitarity violation

$$\mathcal{M} \sim \ln^2 s$$

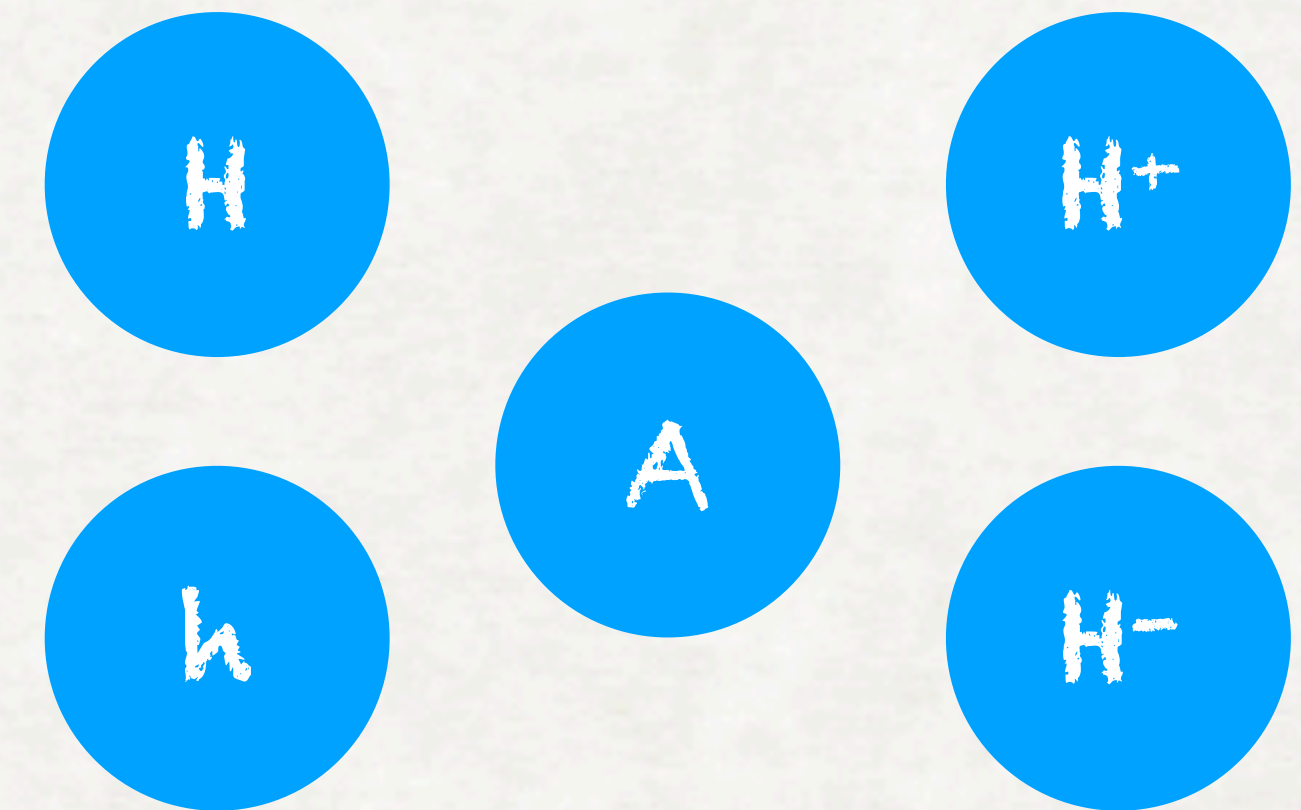


Extended Higgs sector:

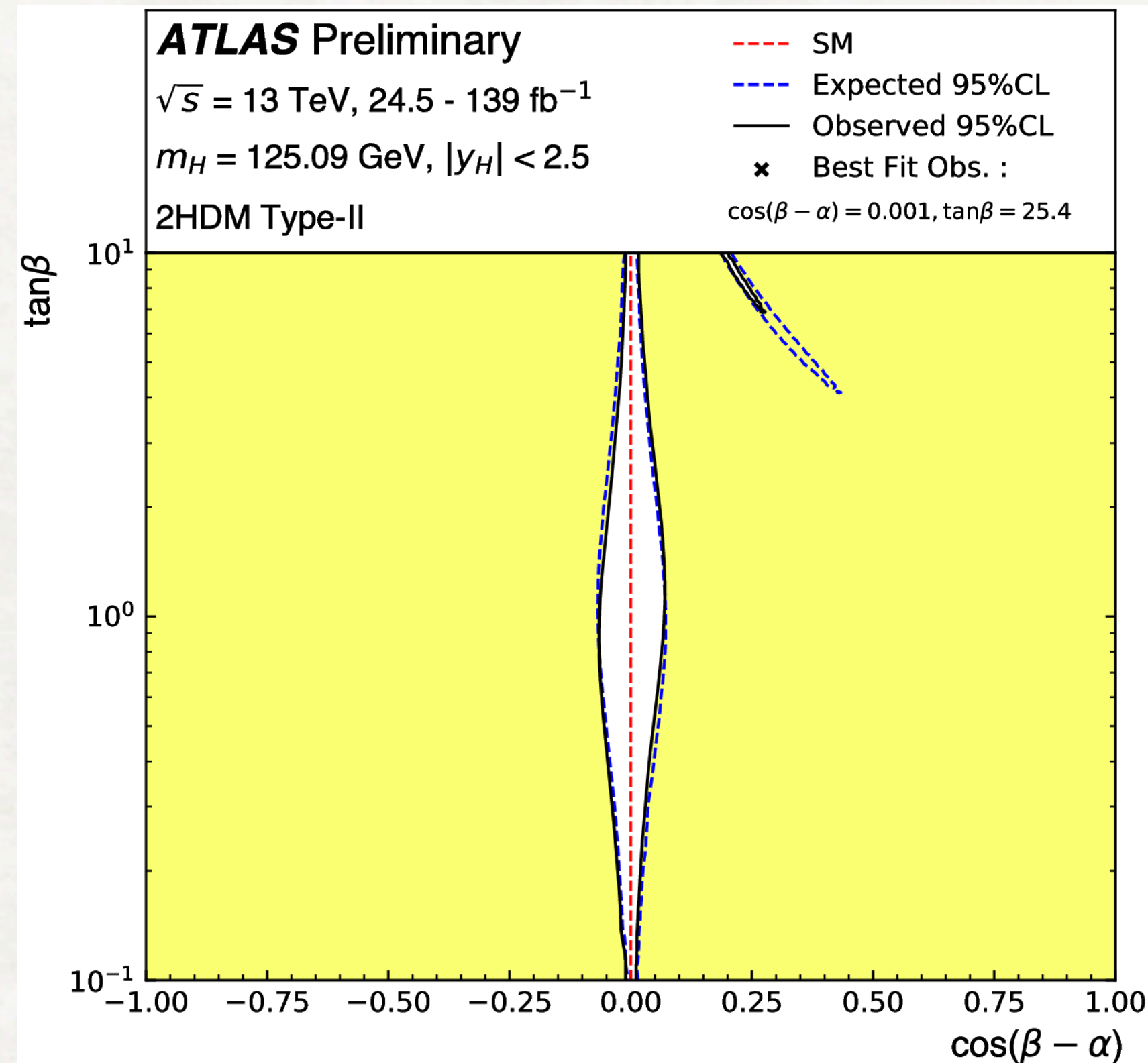
- fixes unitarity violation
- ★ bonus: resonant signatures

The 2 Higgs Doublet Model

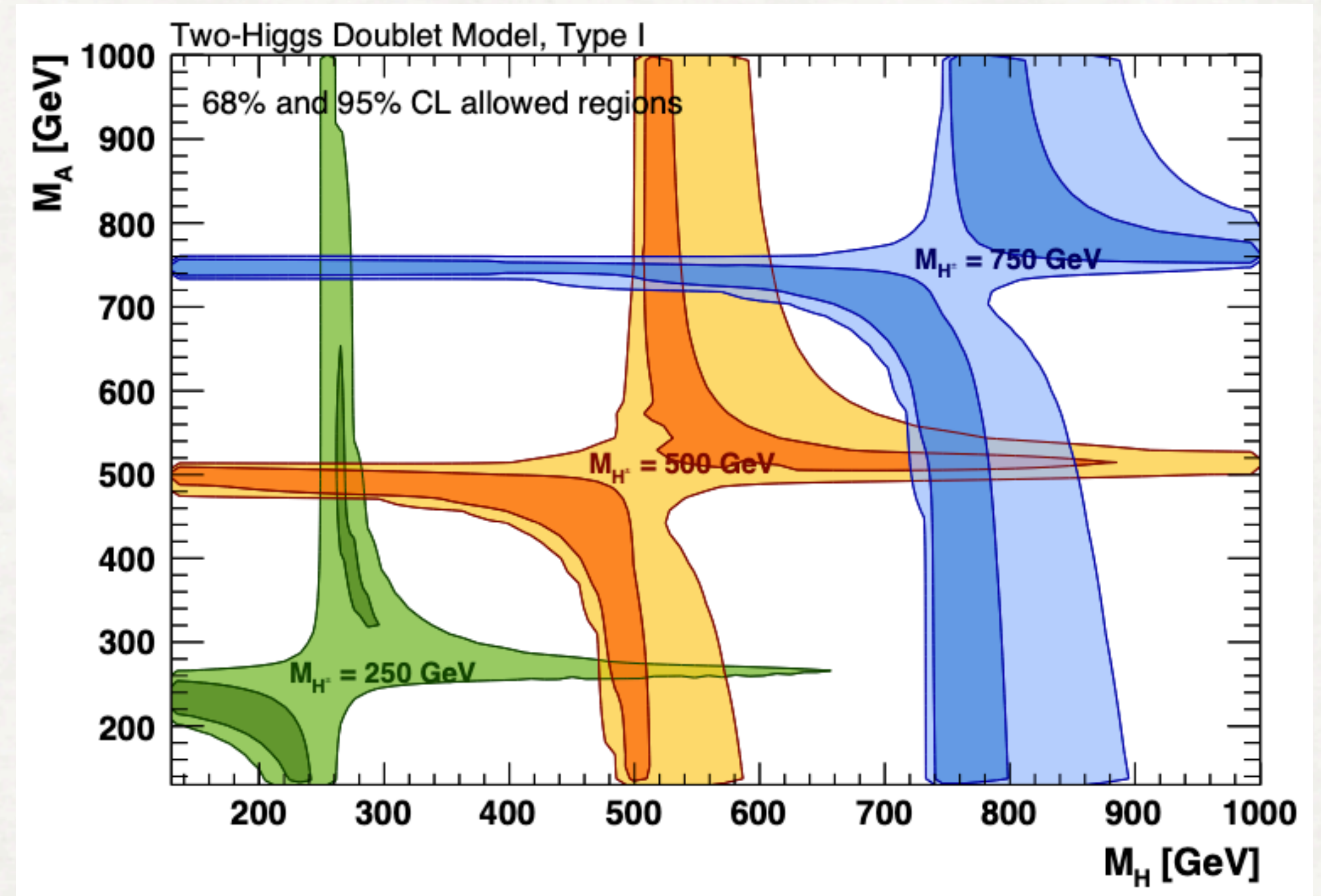
- 5 Higgs bosons
- 5 parameters considered:
 - m_A, m_H, m_{H^\pm}
 - α : mixing between H, h
 - $\tan\beta$: ratio of vacuum expectation values
- Different Yukawa structures
 - suppressed/enhanced couplings to fermions
- Alignment limit: $\cos(\beta-\alpha)=0$
 - h has the same couplings as the SM Higgs
- related to other models (e.g. axion, MSSM, ...)



Constraints



[ATLAS-CONF-2021-053](#)



[Gfitter, EPJC 78 \(2018\) 675](#)

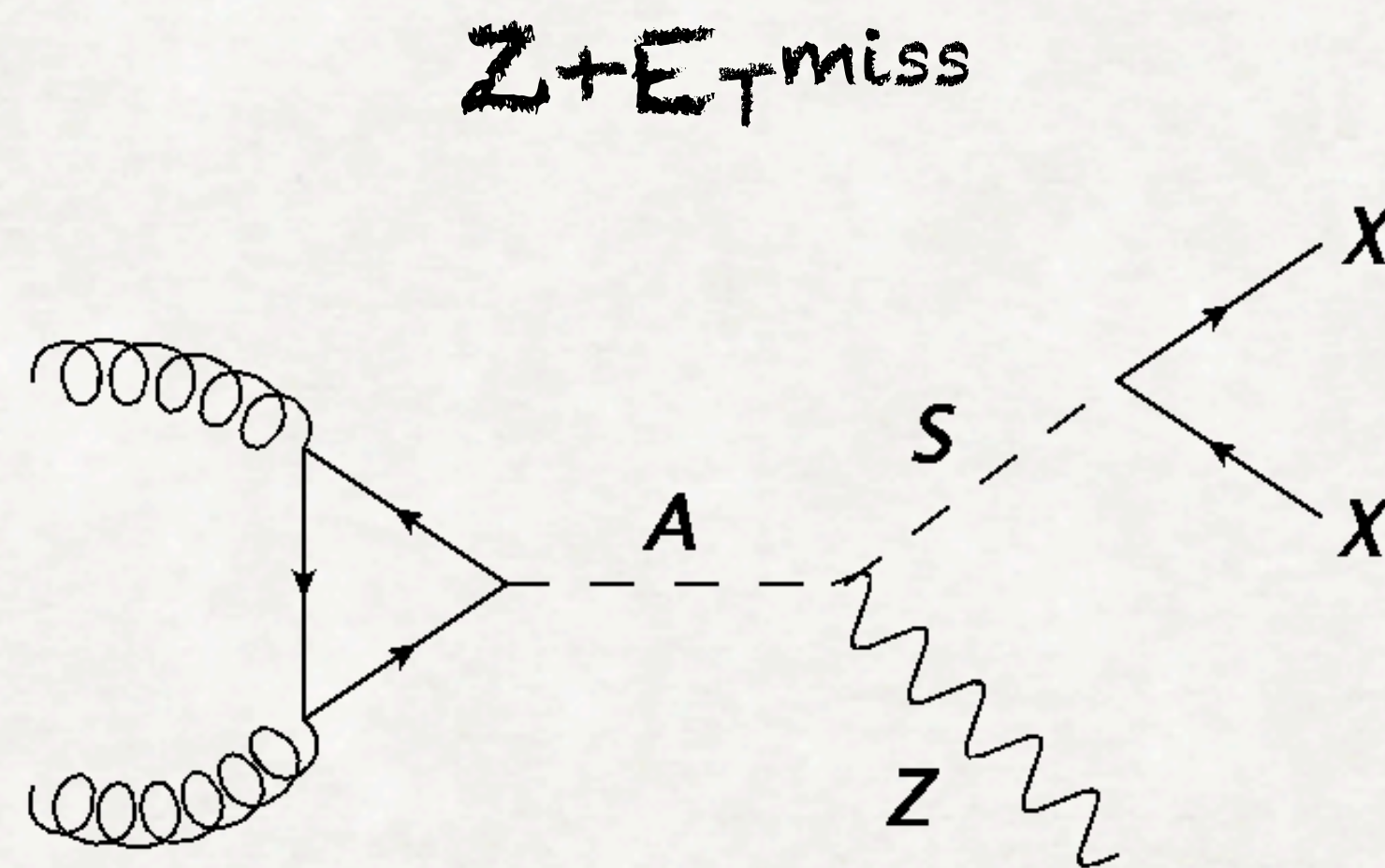
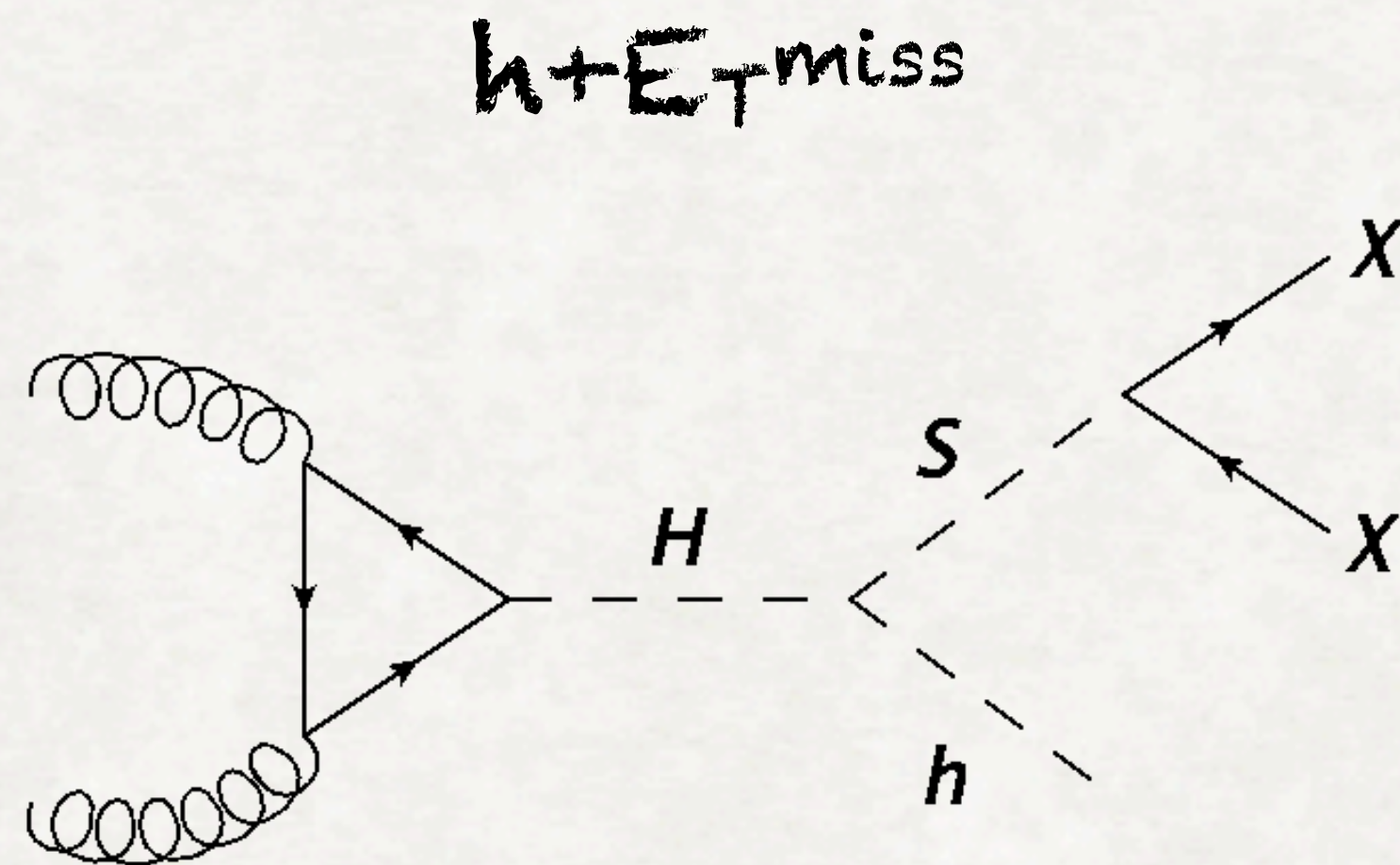
- Higgs coupling measurements: we are close to alignment limit
- H^\pm must be degenerate with A or H
 ➔ in the following we only consider $\cos(\beta - \alpha) = 0$ & $m_A = m_H = m_{H^\pm}$

Model #1: 2HDM + scalar

- 2HDM Type-II
- Extra **scalar mediator S** that couples to DM
- Mixing between CP-even scalars
- 6 Higgs bosons
- Resonant signatures

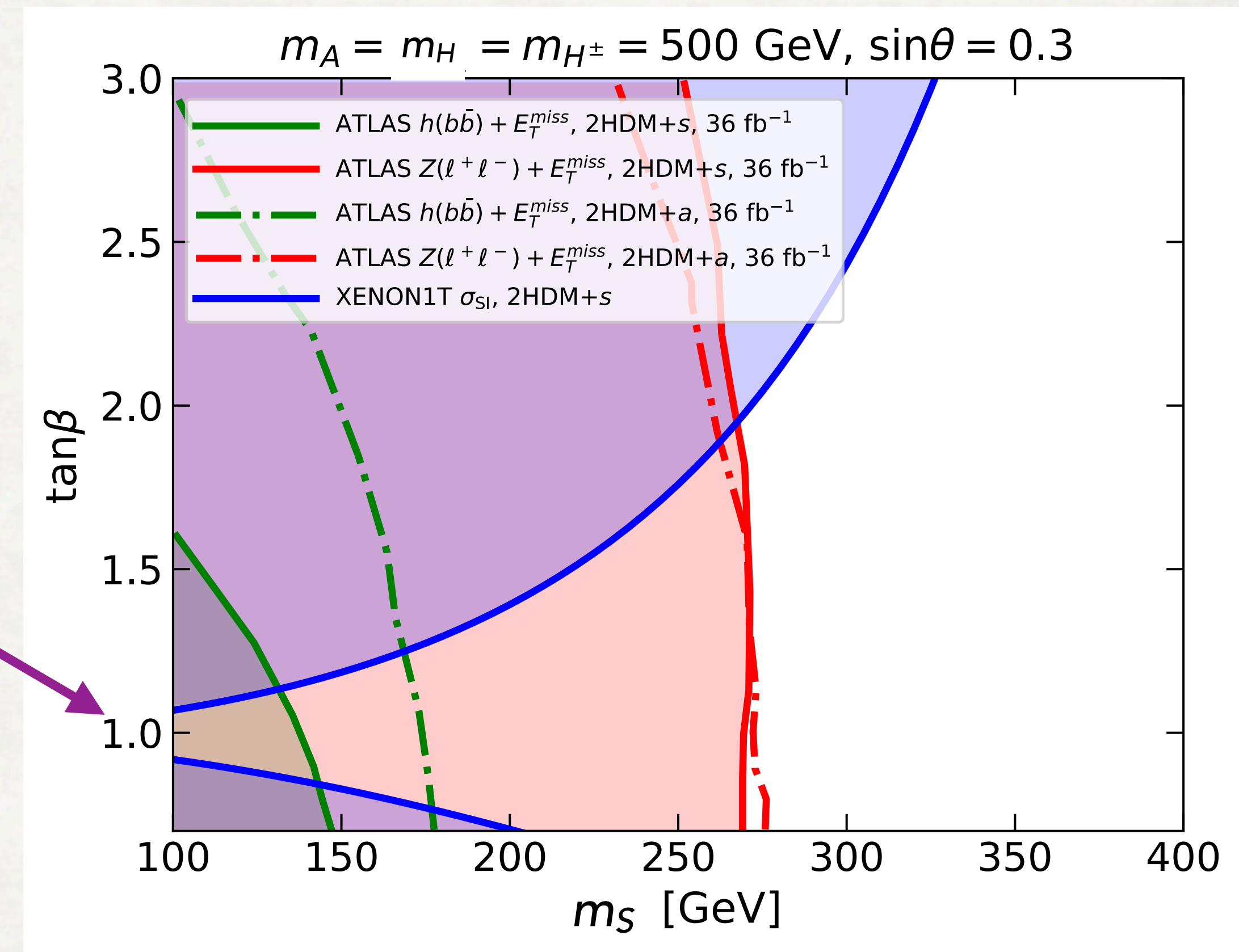
$$H = \cos \theta \tilde{H} + \sin \theta \tilde{S}$$

$$S = -\sin \theta \tilde{H} + \cos \theta \tilde{S}$$



2HDM + scalar: constraints

- Not very much explored @ LHC
- Scalar mediator \Rightarrow **dominant constraints from direct detection**
- ★ **DD experiments blind in certain regions**
 - scalars are degenerate ($m_S = m_H$)
 - $\tan\beta \cong 1$
 - even for models that are considered DD territory, **LHC can provide complementary constraints**



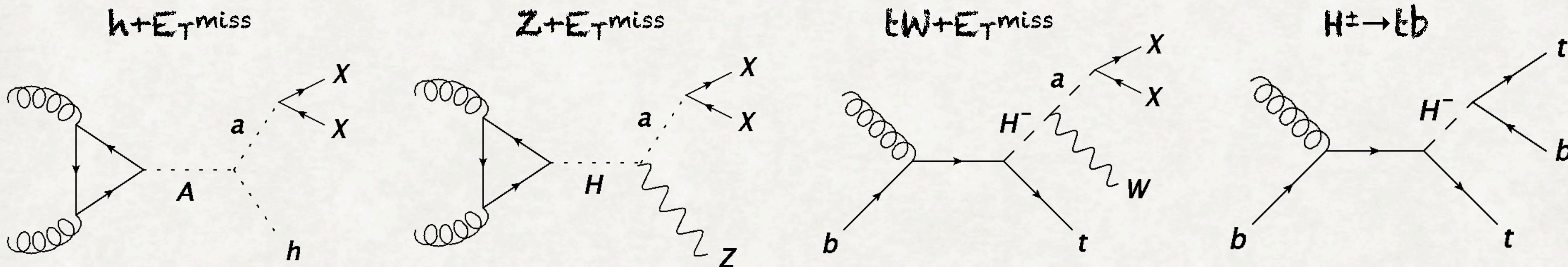
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Model #2: 2HDM + pseudoscalar

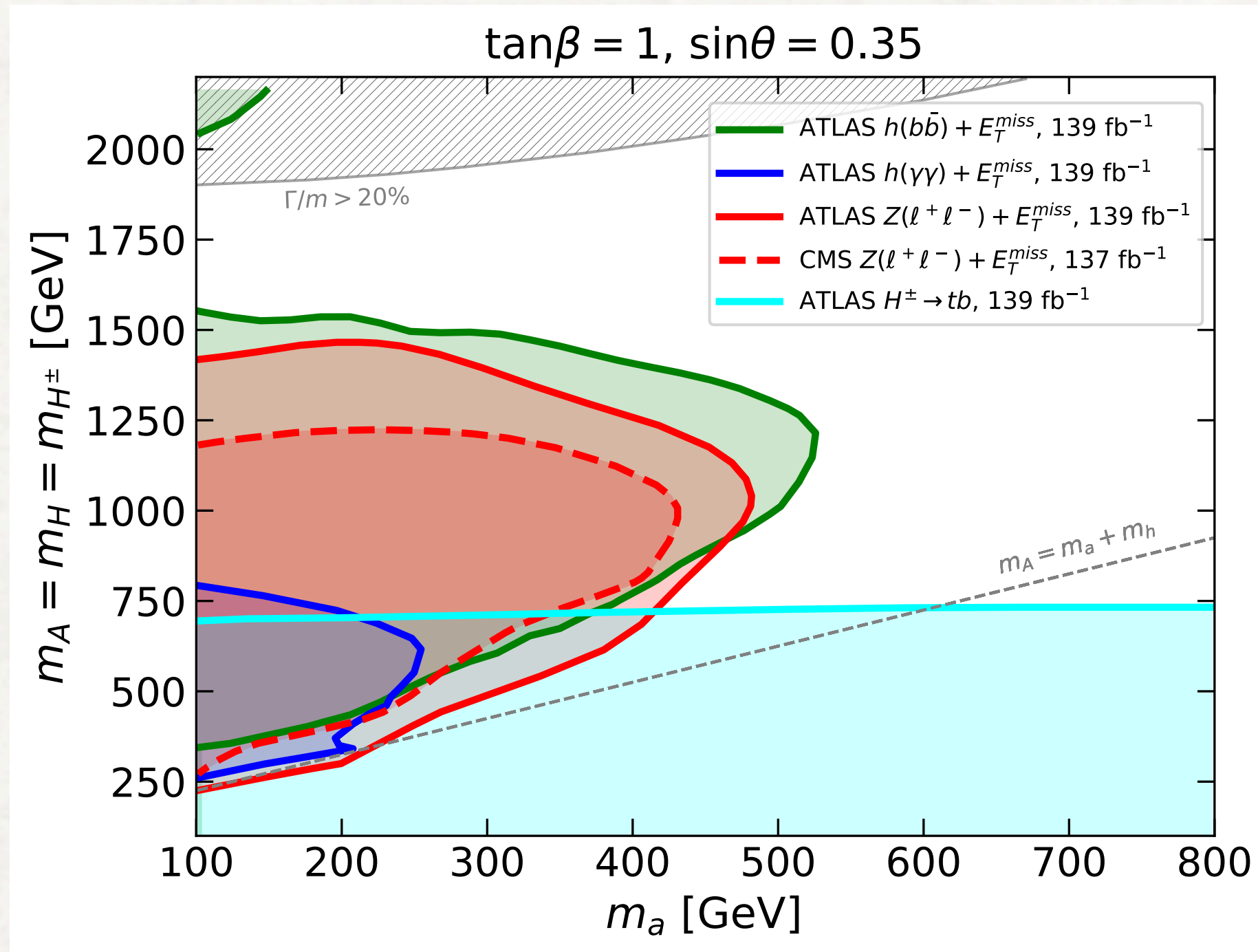
- 2HDM Type-II
- Mixing between CP-odd Higgses
- 6 Higgs bosons
- Extra **pseudoscalar mediator** a that couples to DM
 - suppressed DD constraints
 - originally proposed to explain Fermi-LAT excess
- Very rich phenomenology: colliders + ID + DD

$$A = \cos \theta \tilde{A} + \sin \theta \tilde{a}$$

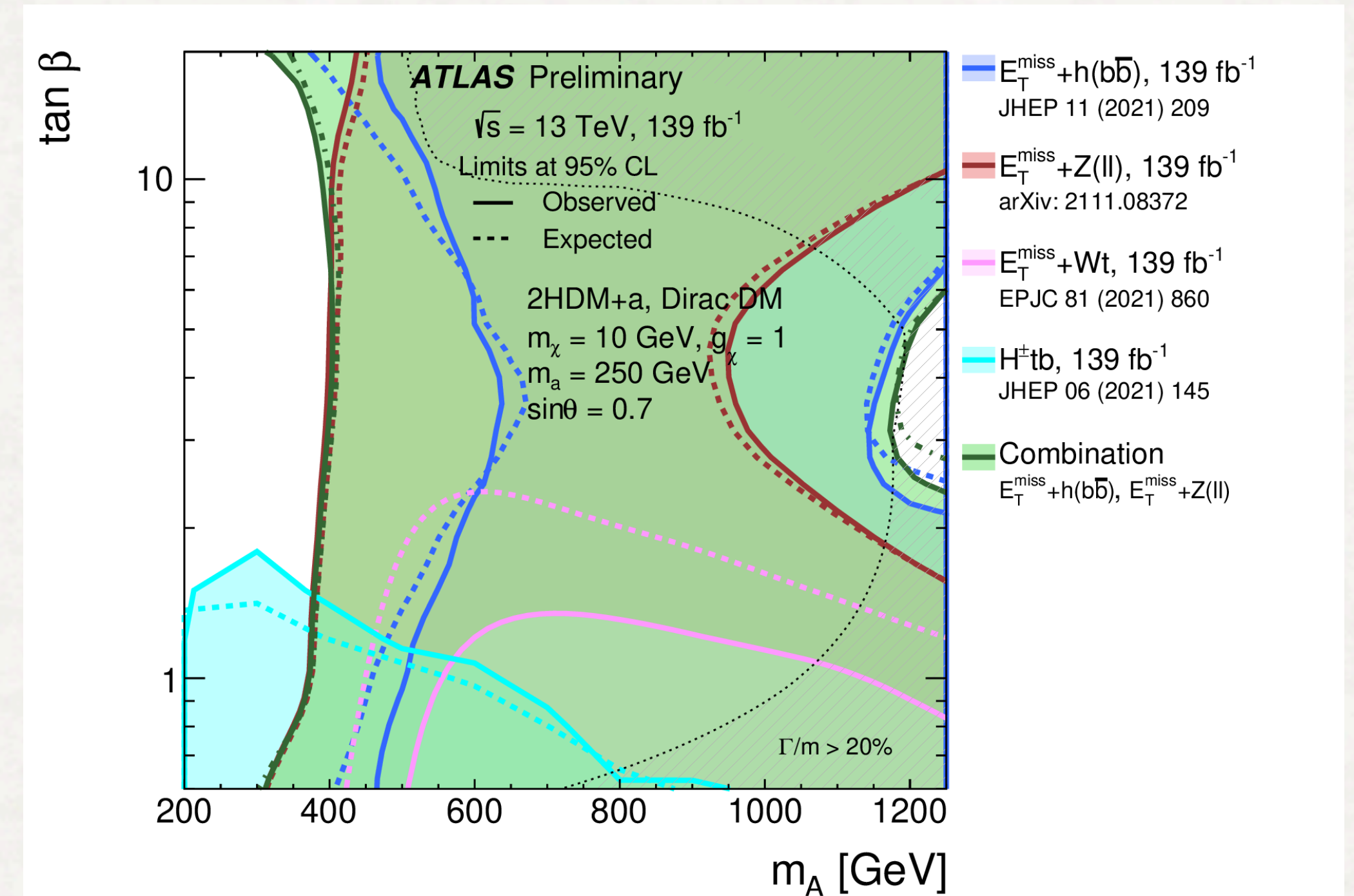
$$a = -\sin \theta \tilde{A} + \cos \theta \tilde{a}$$



2HDM + pseudoscalar: constraints



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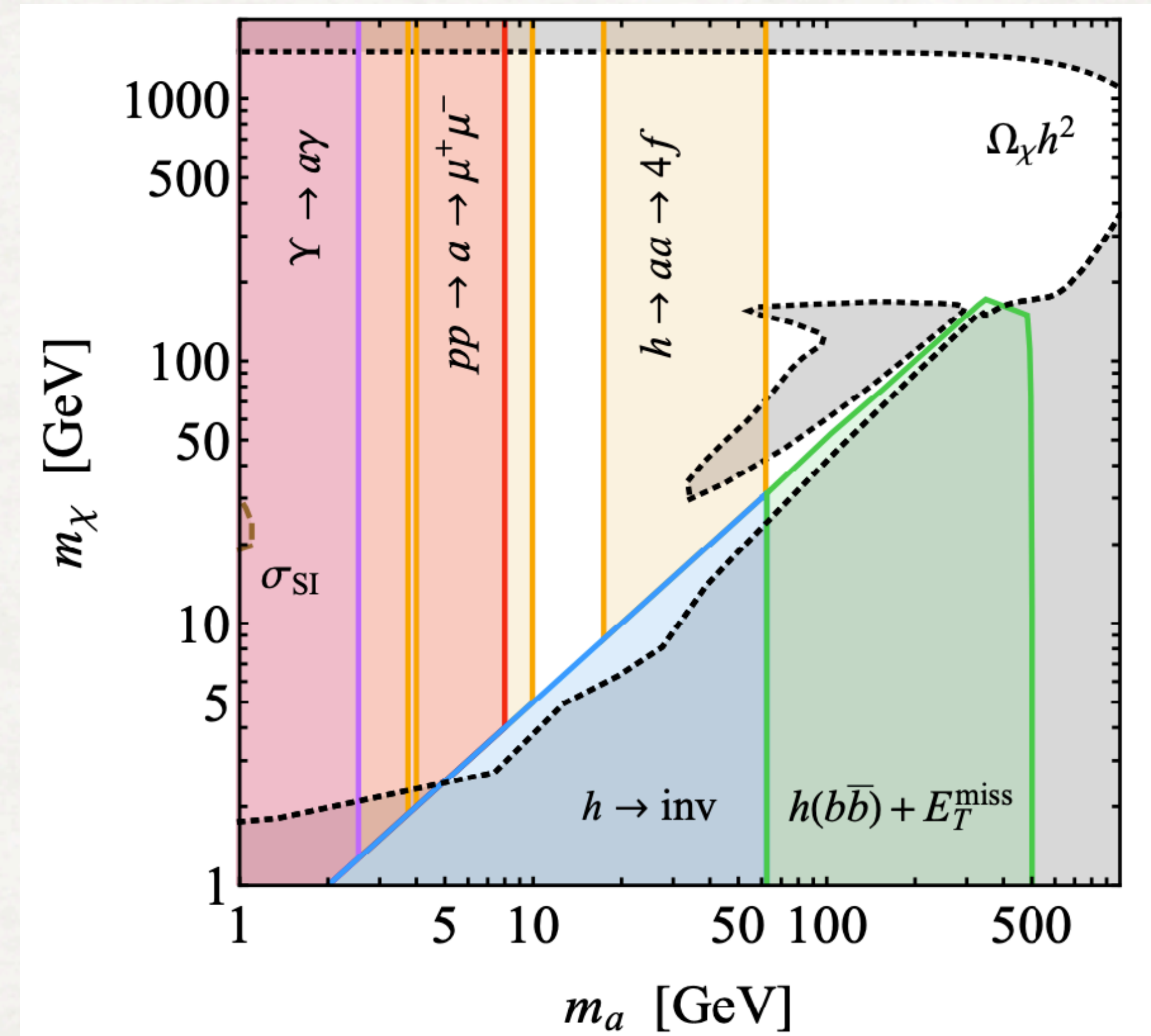
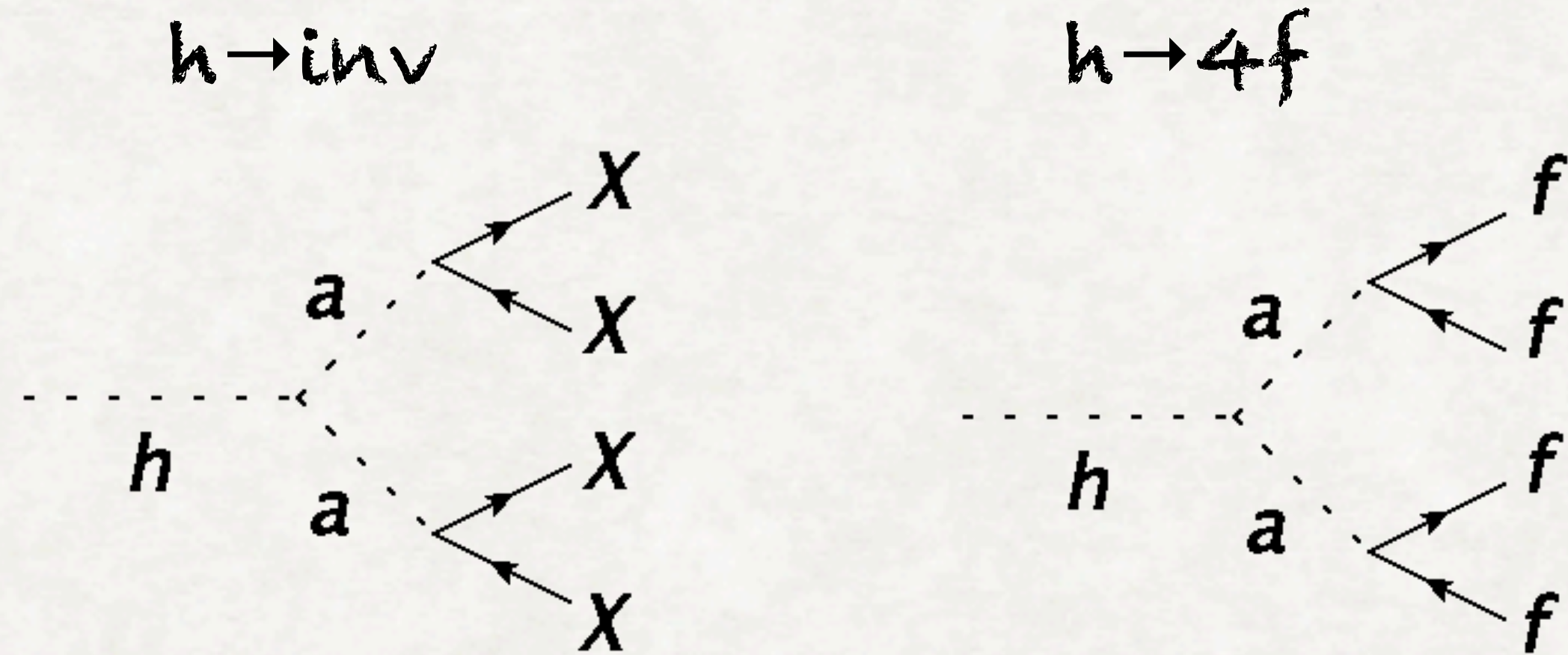


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- A lot of parameter space excluded, $m_a \gtrsim 500 \text{ GeV}$, $m_A \gtrsim 1 \text{ TeV}$ for a range of mixing angles
- Goal: close sensitivity gaps (e.g. low m_A, m_a at intermediate $\tan\beta$)

2HDM + pseudoscalar: complementary searches

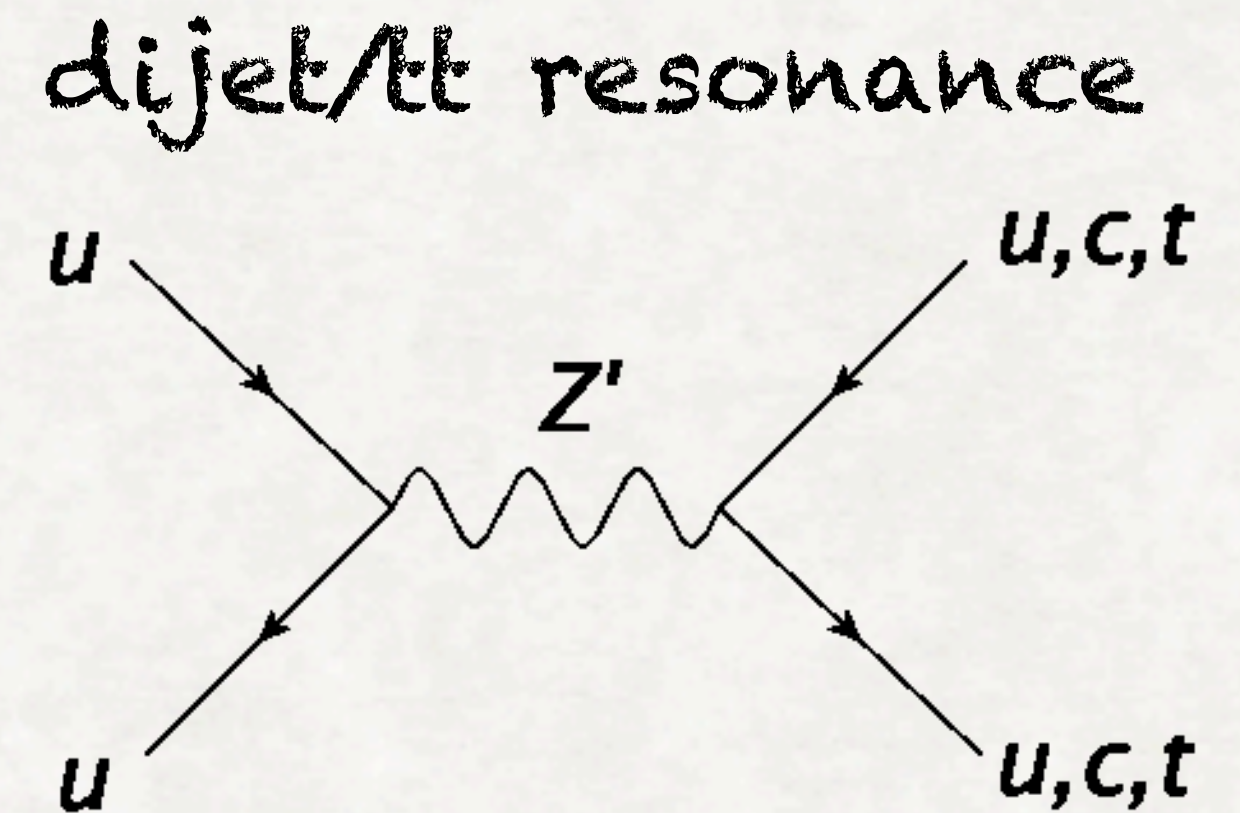
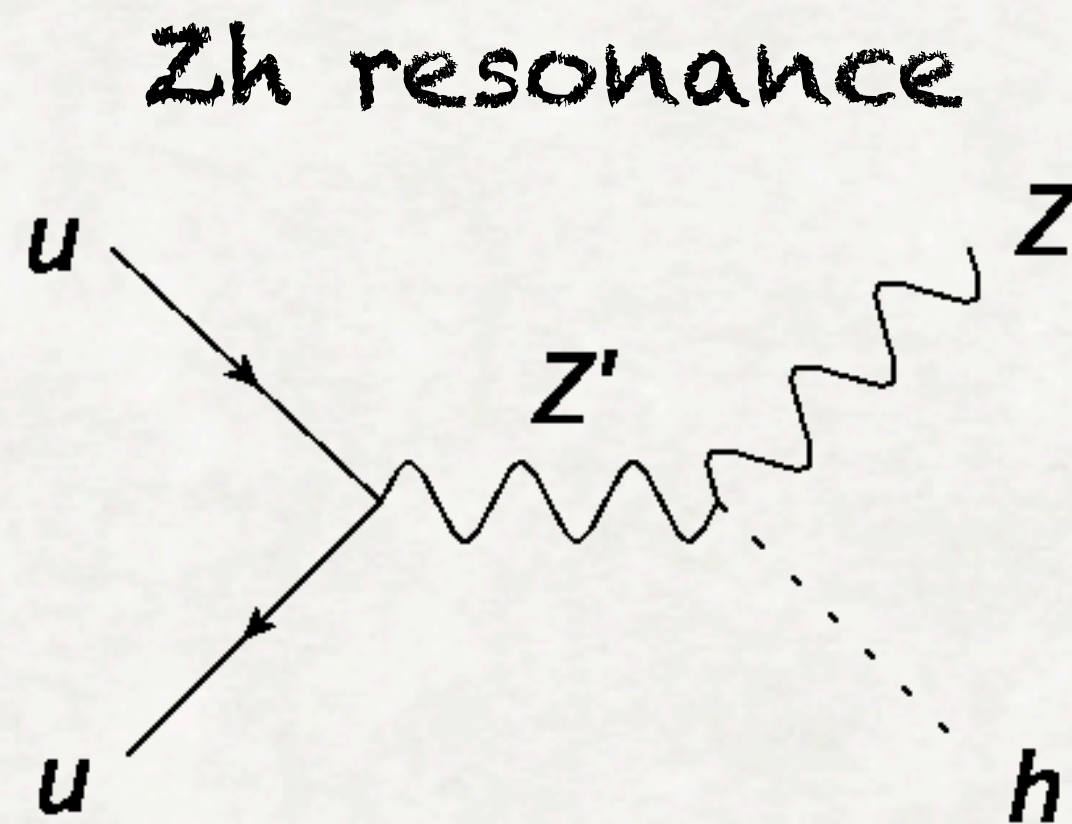
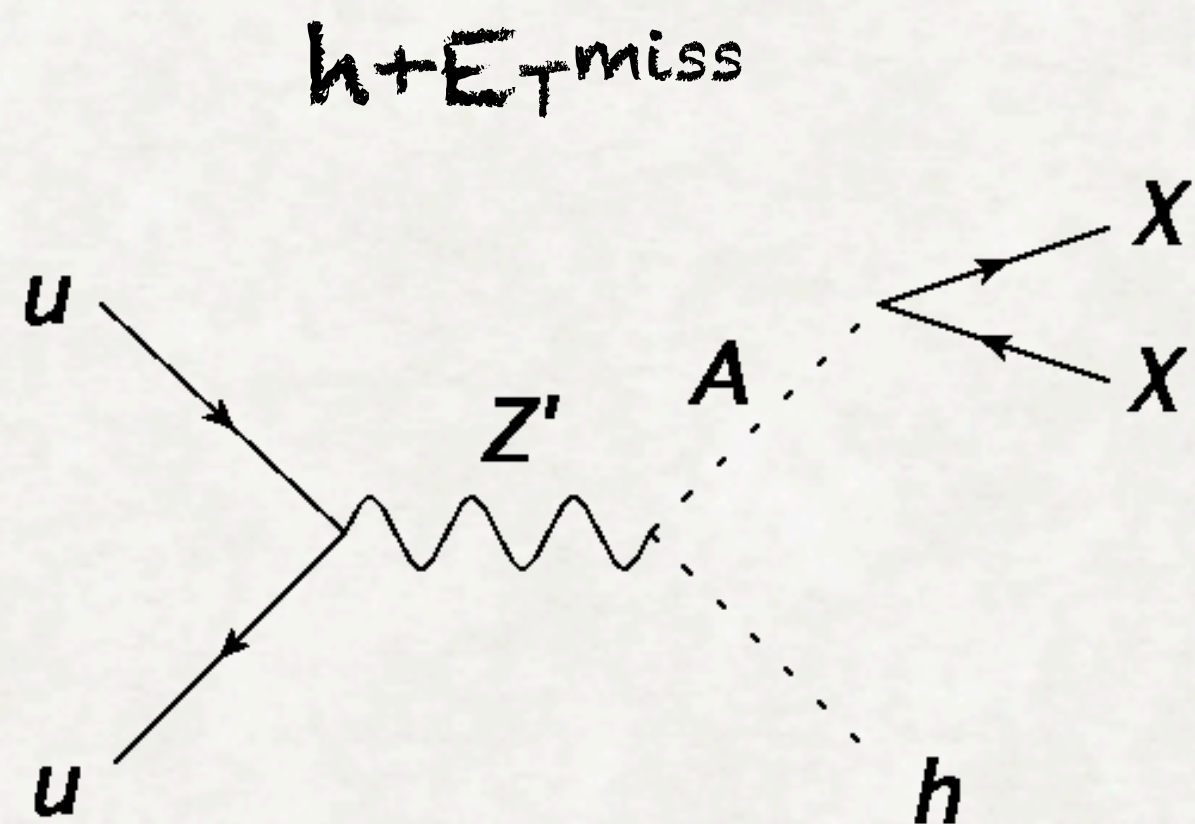
- $m_a > m_h/2$ & low m_χ : $X + E_T^{\text{miss}}$
- $m_a < m_h/2$ & $m_\chi < m_a/2$: $h \rightarrow \text{invisible}$
- $m_a < m_h/2$ & $m_\chi > m_a/2$: $h \rightarrow 4$ fermions
- generally when $h \rightarrow aa$ is open the model is tightly constrained from Higgs width unless finely tuned



[SA, Haisch, 2202.12631](#)

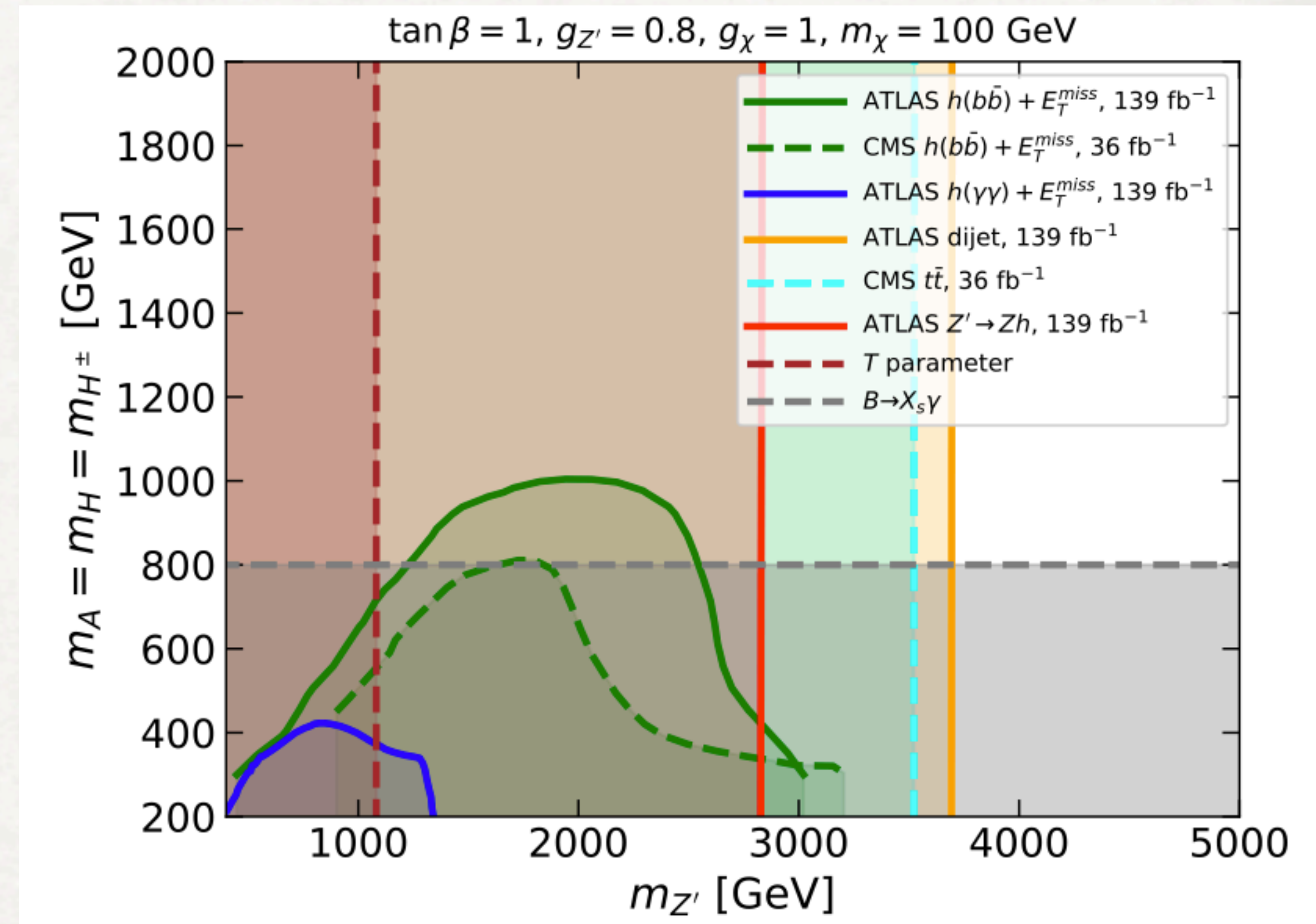
Model #3: 2HDM + vector

- 2HDM Type-II + Z' only coupling to up-type quark \Rightarrow evades dilepton constraints
- CP-odd Higgs A couples to DM particles
- Large $h + E_T^{\text{miss}}$ signal (highly boosted Higgs in contrast to 2HDM+a)
- Also constraints from EW measurements and dijets



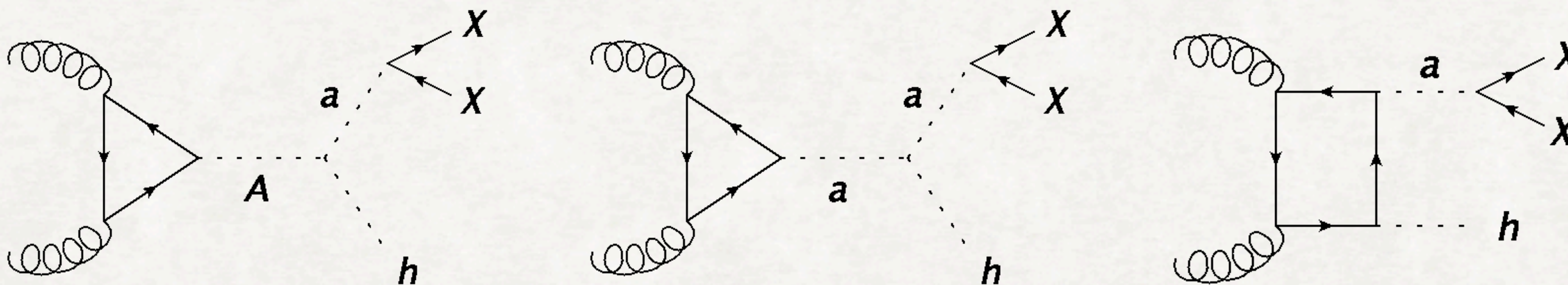
2HDM + vector: constraints

- $m_{Z'}$ excluded up to 2-3 TeV for $m_A \lesssim 1$ TeV
- EW and flavour measurements provide significant constraints
- Zh and dijet resonances provide better constraints (and this seems hard to avoid)
 - ➔ “DM searches” don’t always provide the best constraints to DM models



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"Model-independent" Limits

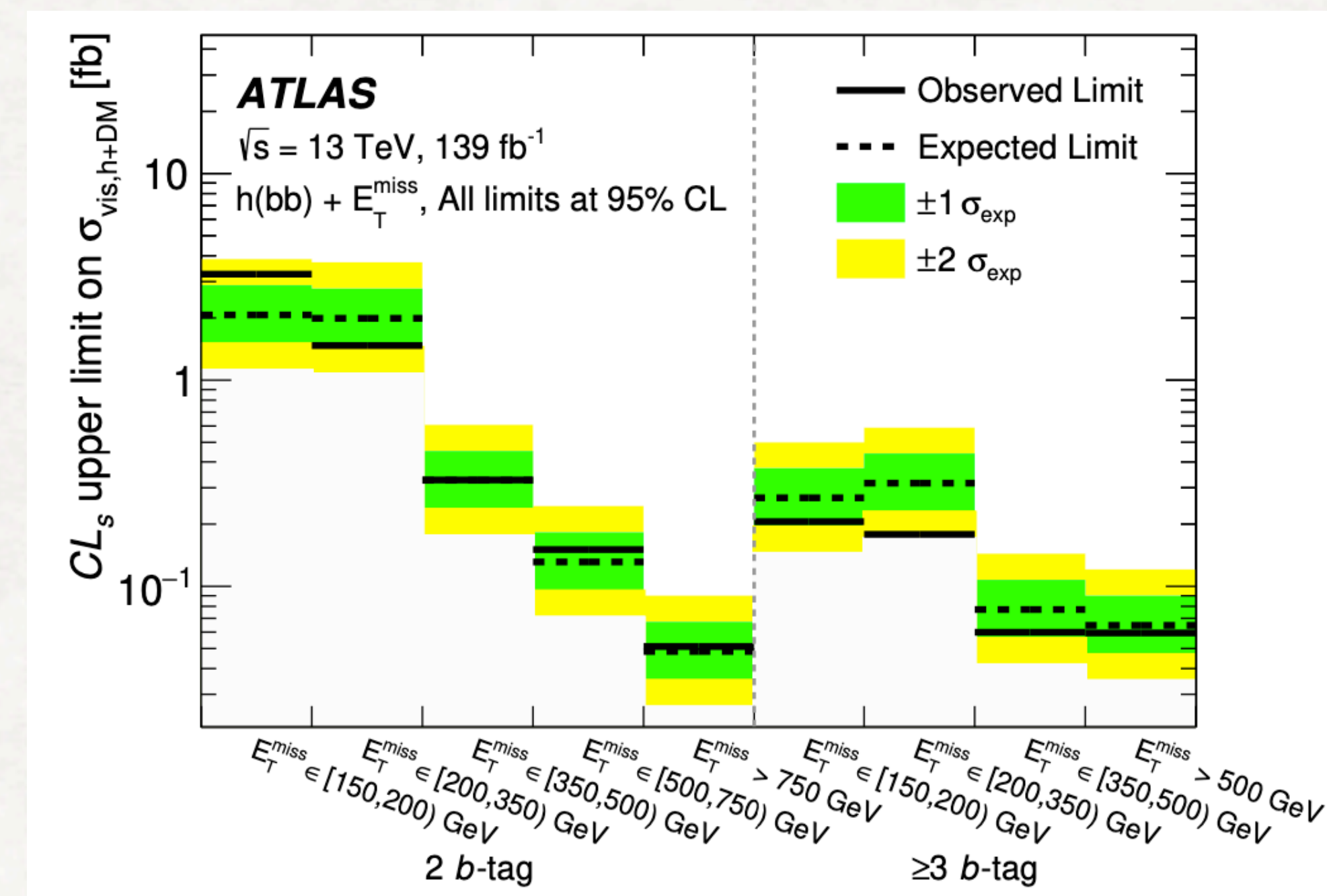
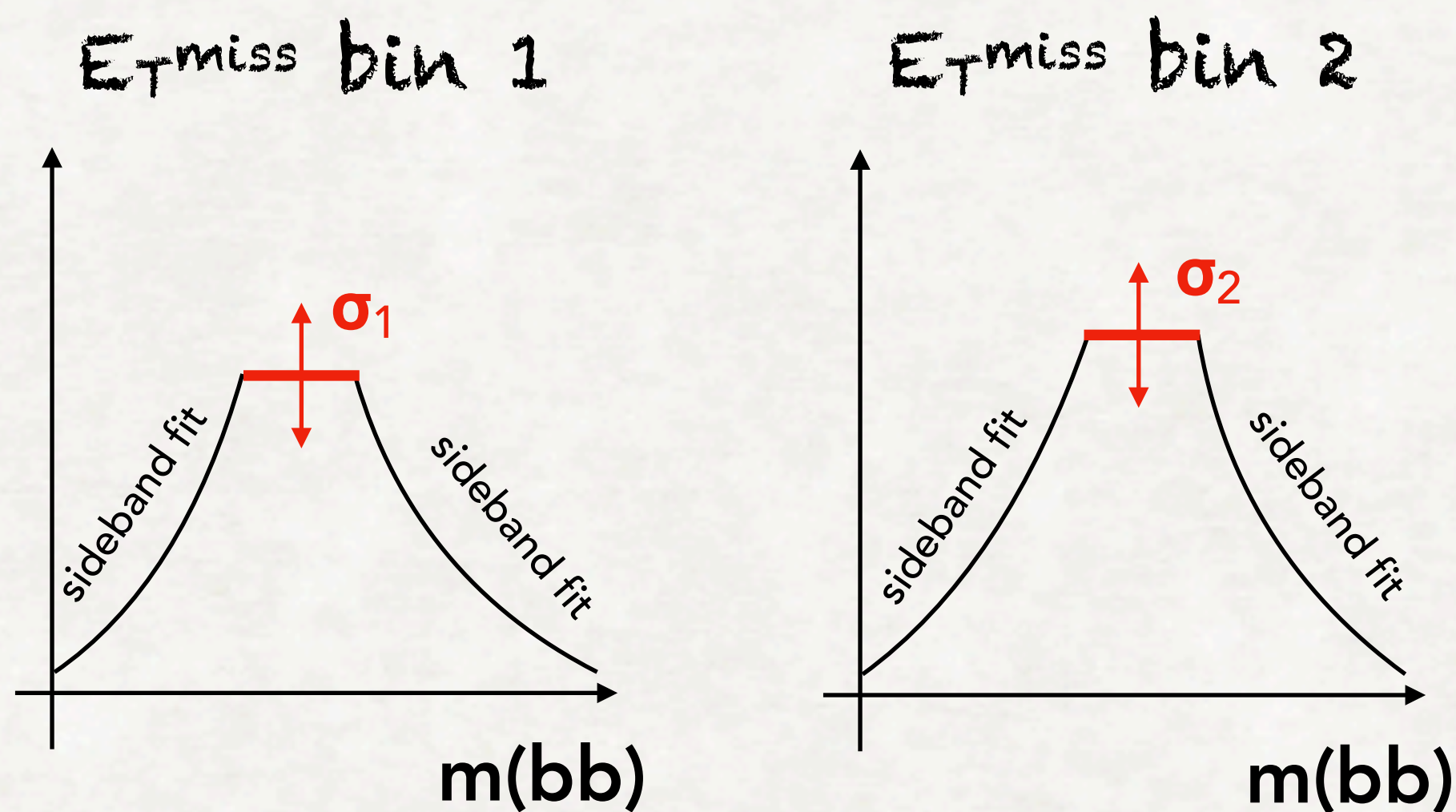


- Parameter choices can affect signal characteristics (e.g. softer E_T^{miss})

➔ How to produce limits that are easy to re-interpret?

"Model-independent" Limits

- Present constraints in terms of $\sigma_{h+\text{DM}}^{\text{vis}} \equiv \sigma_{h+\text{DM}} \times \text{BR}(h \rightarrow b\bar{b}) \times (\mathcal{A} \times \epsilon)$



[JHEP 11 \(2021\) 209](https://arxiv.org/abs/2105.08001)

- **Maximum cross-section of a signal-like resonance** that the data can accommodate in bins of a given variable (e.g. E_T^{miss})
- Folding with $A \times \epsilon$ theorists can re-interpret results in any model with SM-like Higgs

Conclusions

Dark Matter: among the few evidence for new physics

Multifaceted approach necessary

➔ different experiments + different analyses

Higgs sector(s) can provide a portal to DM

➔ studying SM and BSM Higgs sectors crucial

Simple models increasingly ruled out - we need:

➔ systematic approach: combinations + re-interpretations

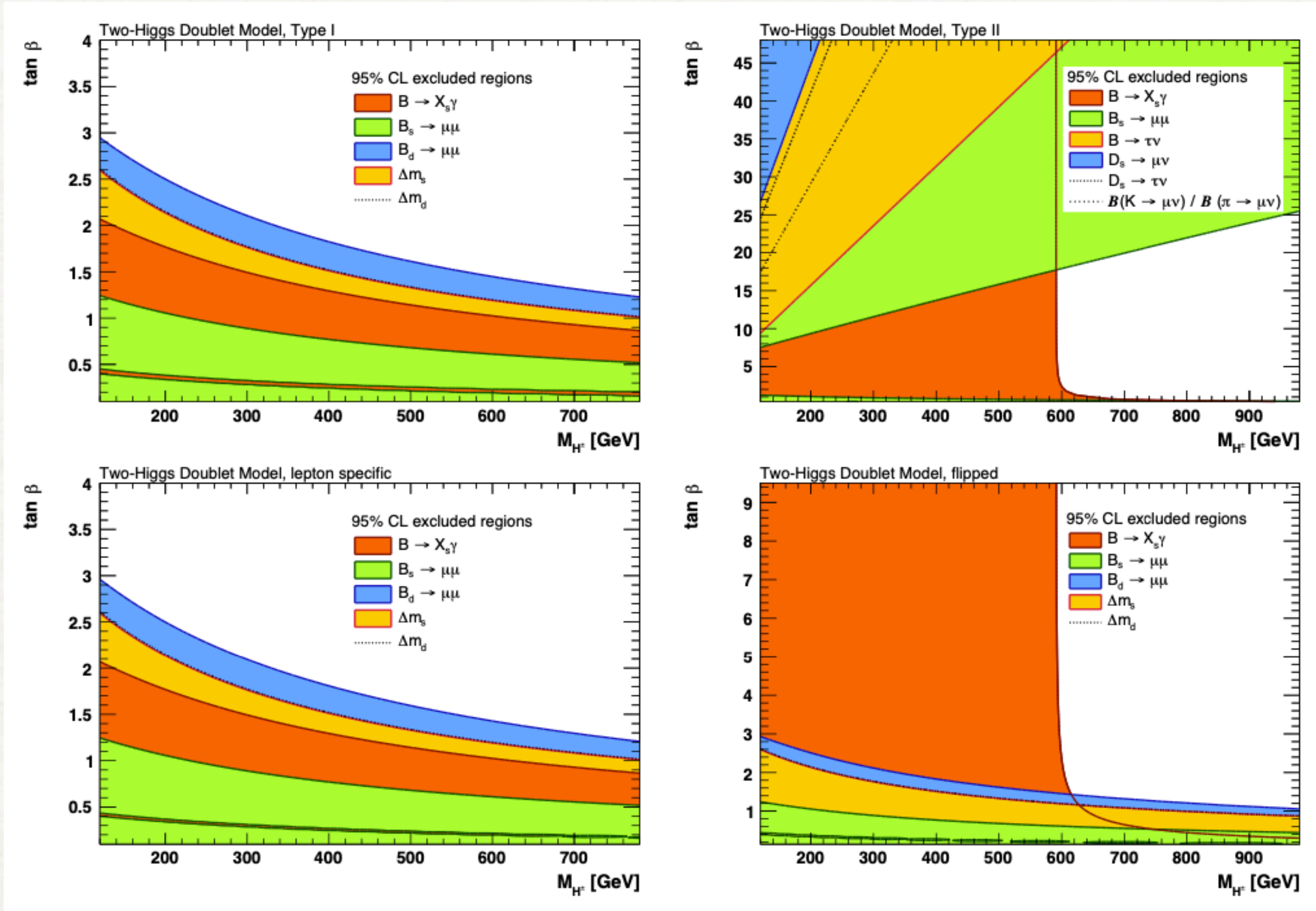
➔ exploration of all possible final states

Backup

2HDM couplings

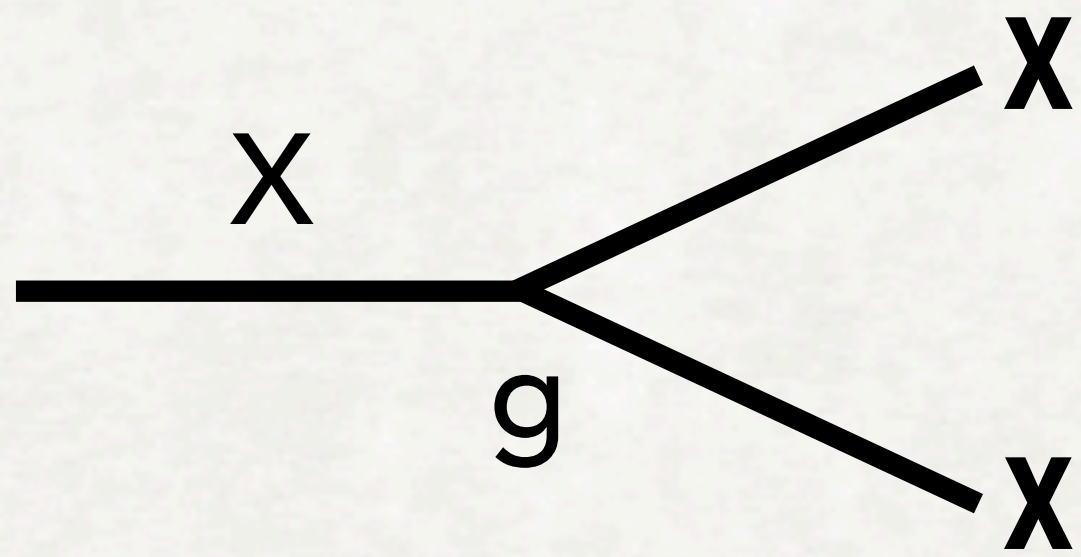
Coupling modifier	Type I	Type II
$\xi(h,u)$	$s_{\beta-a} + c_{\beta-a}/t_{\beta}$	$s_{\beta-a} + c_{\beta-a}/t_{\beta}$
$\xi(h,d), \xi(h,l)$		$s_{\beta-a} - c_{\beta-a}t_{\beta}$
$\xi(H,u)$	$c_{\beta-a} - s_{\beta-a}/t_{\beta}$	$c_{\beta-a} - s_{\beta-a}/t_{\beta}$
$\xi(H,d), \xi(H,l)$		$c_{\beta-a} + s_{\beta-a}t_{\beta}$
$\xi(A,u)$	$1/t_{\beta}$	$1/t_{\beta}$
$\xi(A,d), \xi(A,l)$		t_{β}
$\xi(h,VV)$		$s_{\beta-a}$
$\xi(H,VV)$		$c_{\beta-a}$
$\xi(A,VV)$		0

2HDM constraints



Higgs vs Z portal

from U.Haisch



$$\Gamma(X \rightarrow \chi\bar{\chi}) \sim g^2 m_X$$

$$\text{BR}(X \rightarrow \chi\bar{\chi}) = \frac{\Gamma(X \rightarrow \chi\bar{\chi})}{\Gamma_X}$$

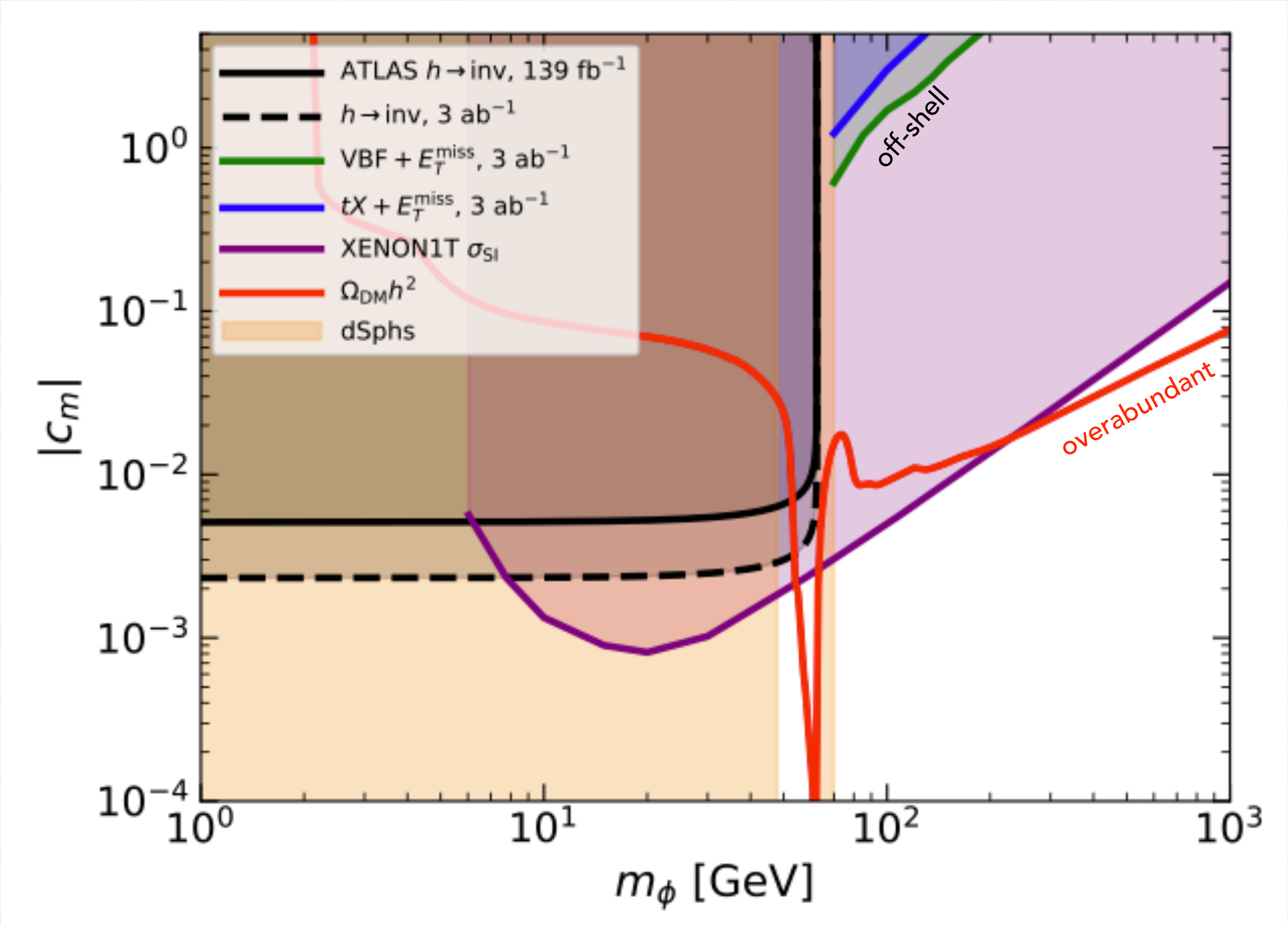
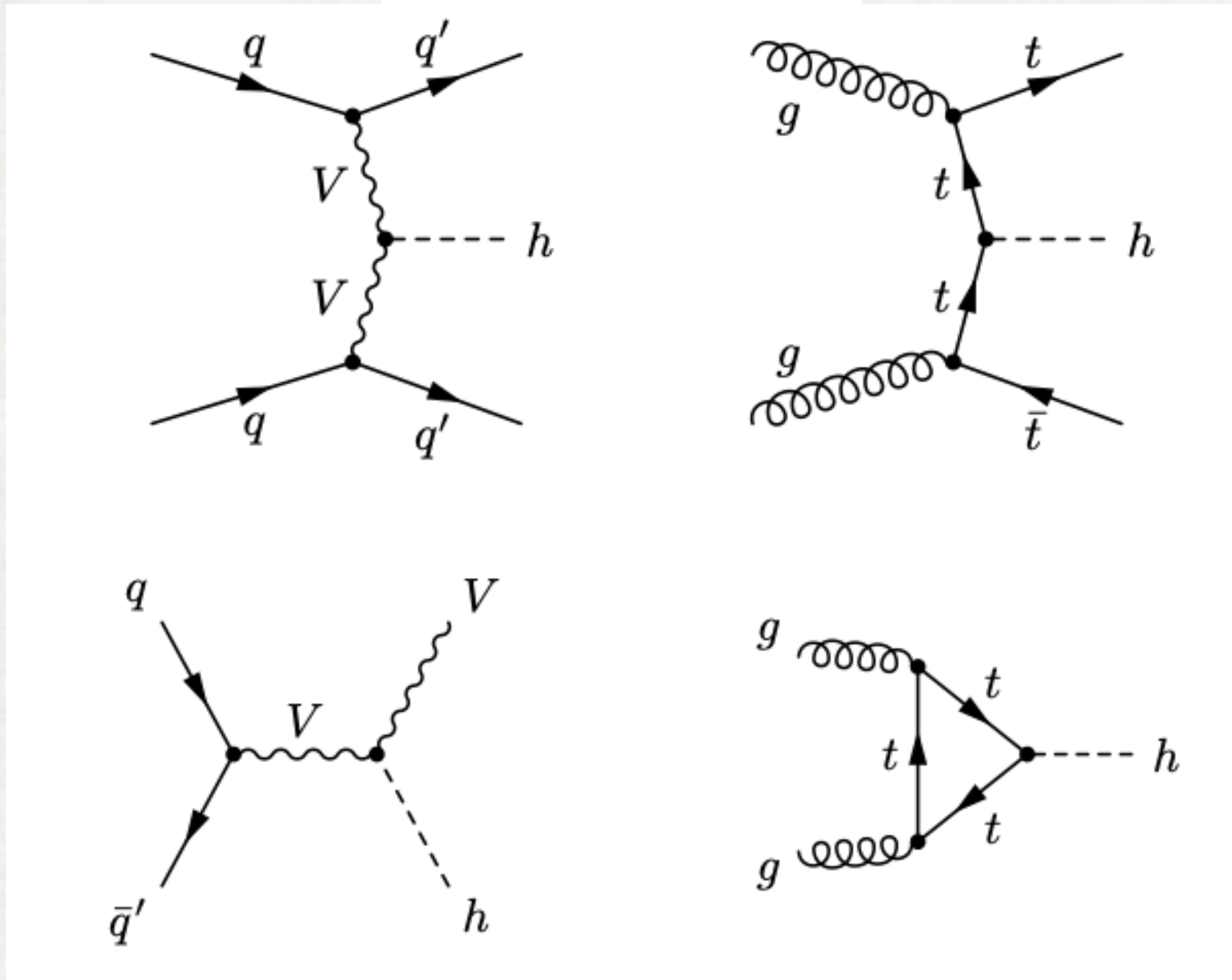
$$g \sim \frac{\Gamma_X \cdot \text{BR}(X \rightarrow \chi\bar{\chi})}{m_X}$$

$$\Gamma_Z \simeq 2.5 \text{ GeV}, \Gamma(Z \rightarrow \chi\bar{\chi}) \lesssim 2 \text{ MeV} \Rightarrow g \lesssim 0.03$$

$$\Gamma_h \simeq 4.1 \text{ MeV}, \Gamma(Z \rightarrow \chi\bar{\chi}) \lesssim 0.5 \text{ MeV} \Rightarrow g \lesssim 0.01$$

SM Higgs portal

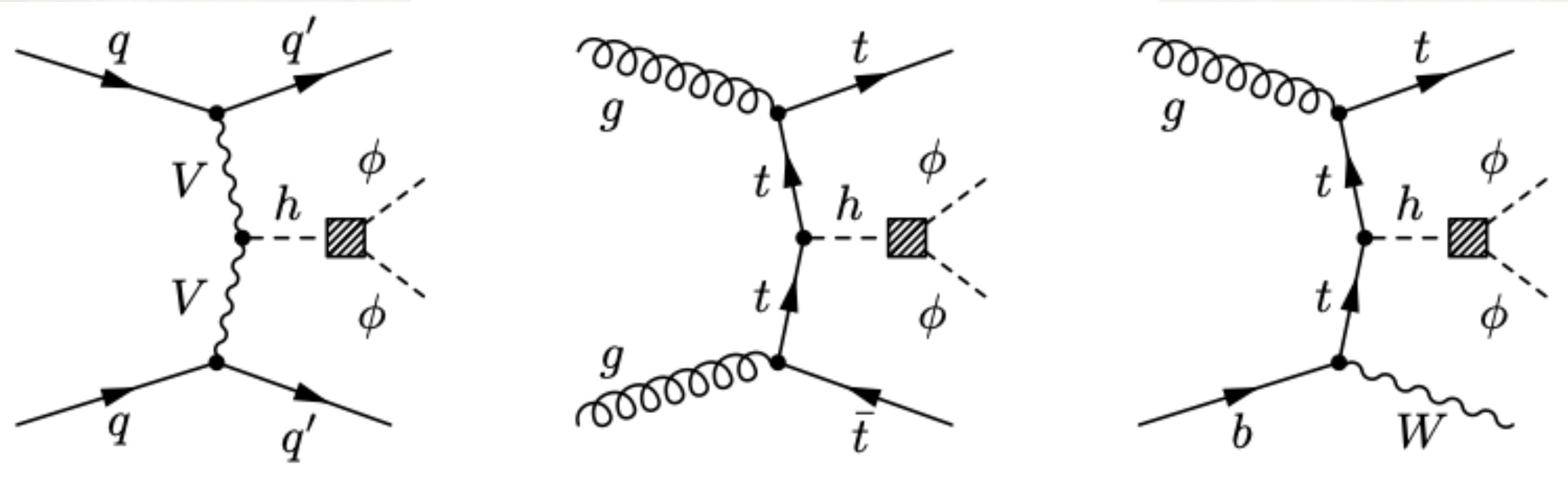
$$c_m \phi^2 (H^\dagger H)$$



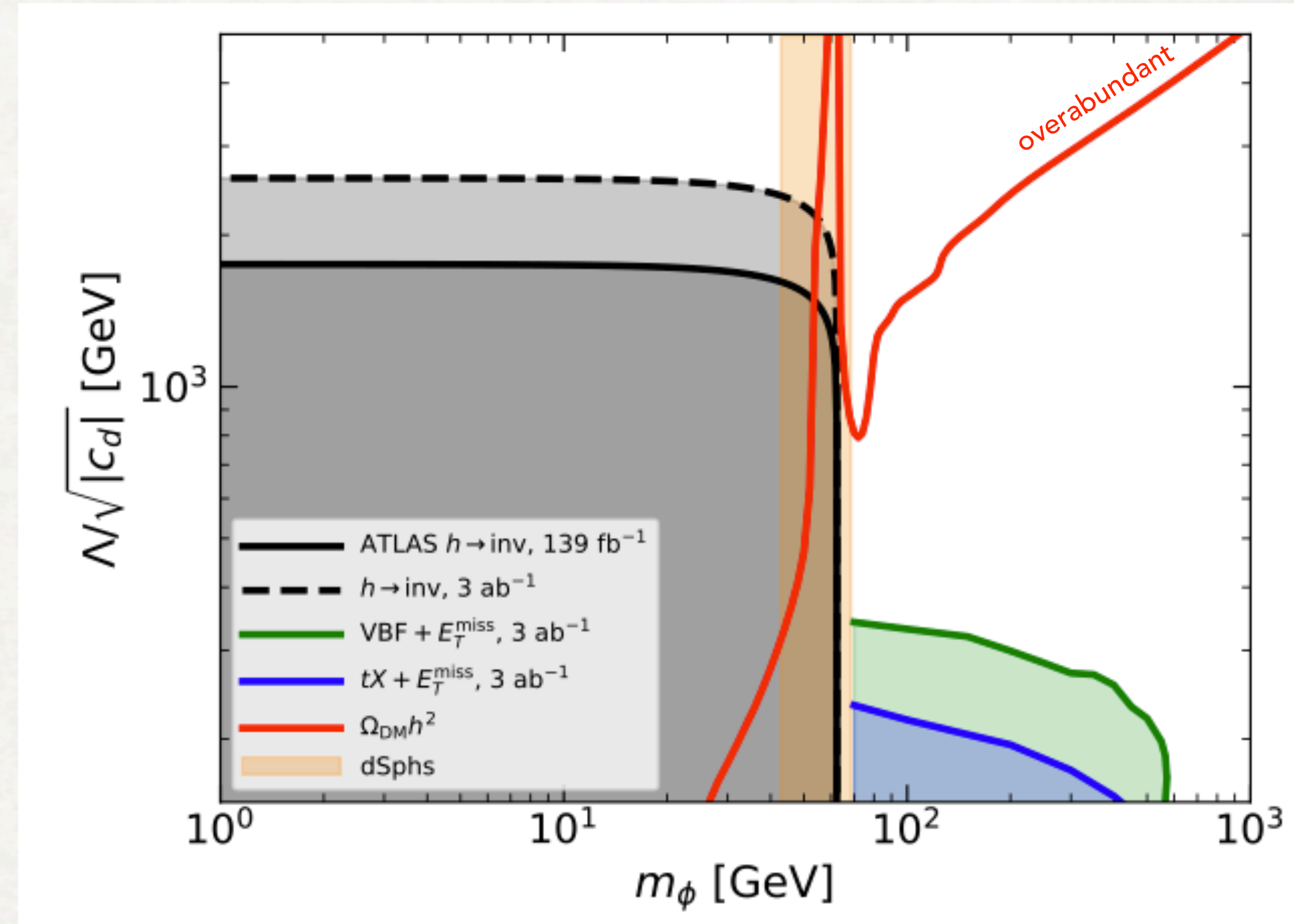
- DM scalar - dim 4 operator
- LHC constraints relevant for $m < 5$ GeV
- ID constraints from Fermi-LAT assume $\phi\phi \rightarrow bb$ and $\Omega h^2 = 0.12$, so model dependent

Derivative Higgs portal

$$\frac{c_d}{\Lambda^2} (\partial_\mu \phi^2) (\partial^\mu (H^\dagger H))$$



- dim 6 EFT operator
- arise in models with global symmetry breaking, where DM is a pNGB - $\Lambda \sim$ scale of symmetry breaking
- kinetic dependence of interaction suppresses DD constraints



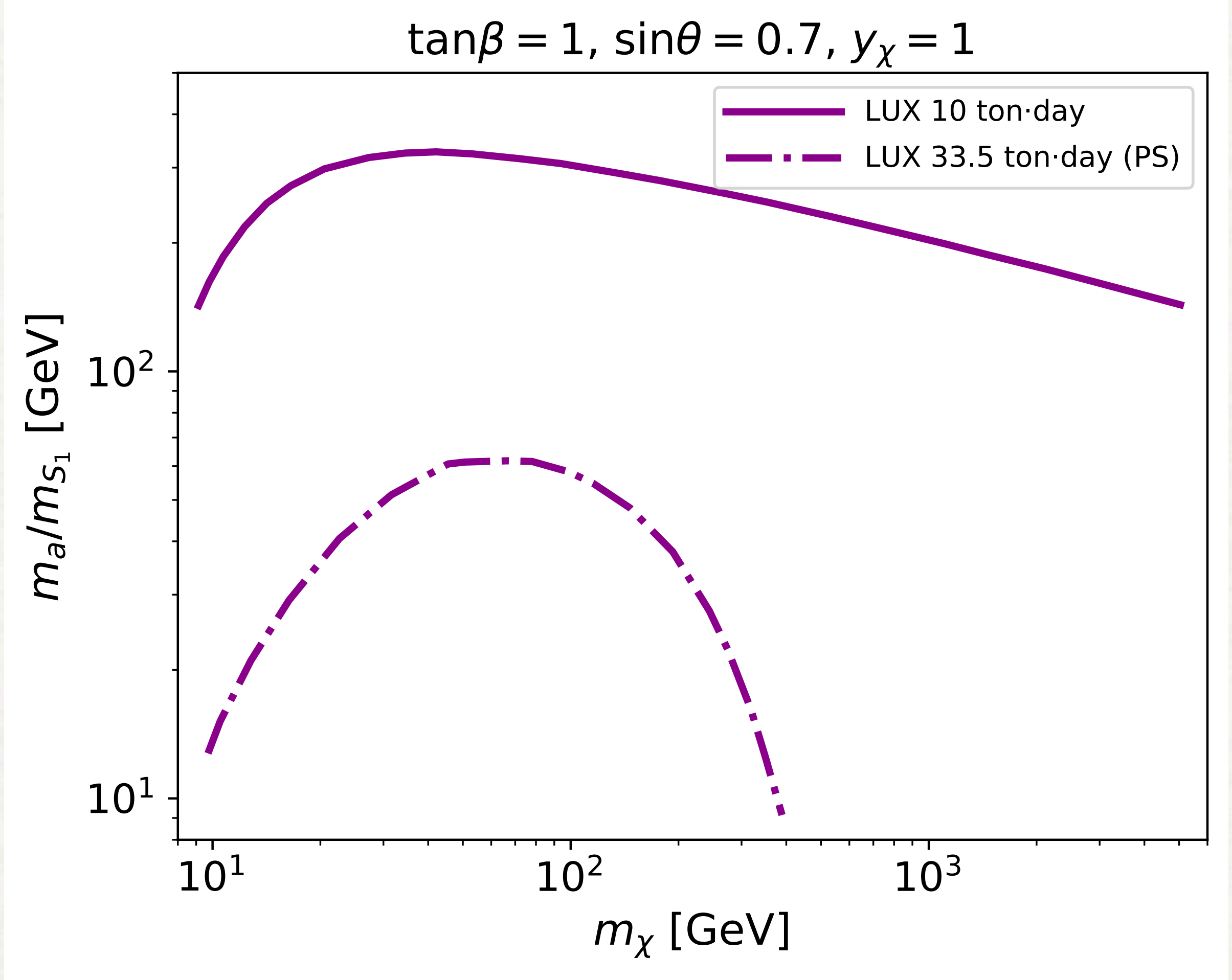
2HDM + scalar: WIMP-nucleon cross-section

Wilson coefficient of $\chi\bar{\chi}N\bar{N}$

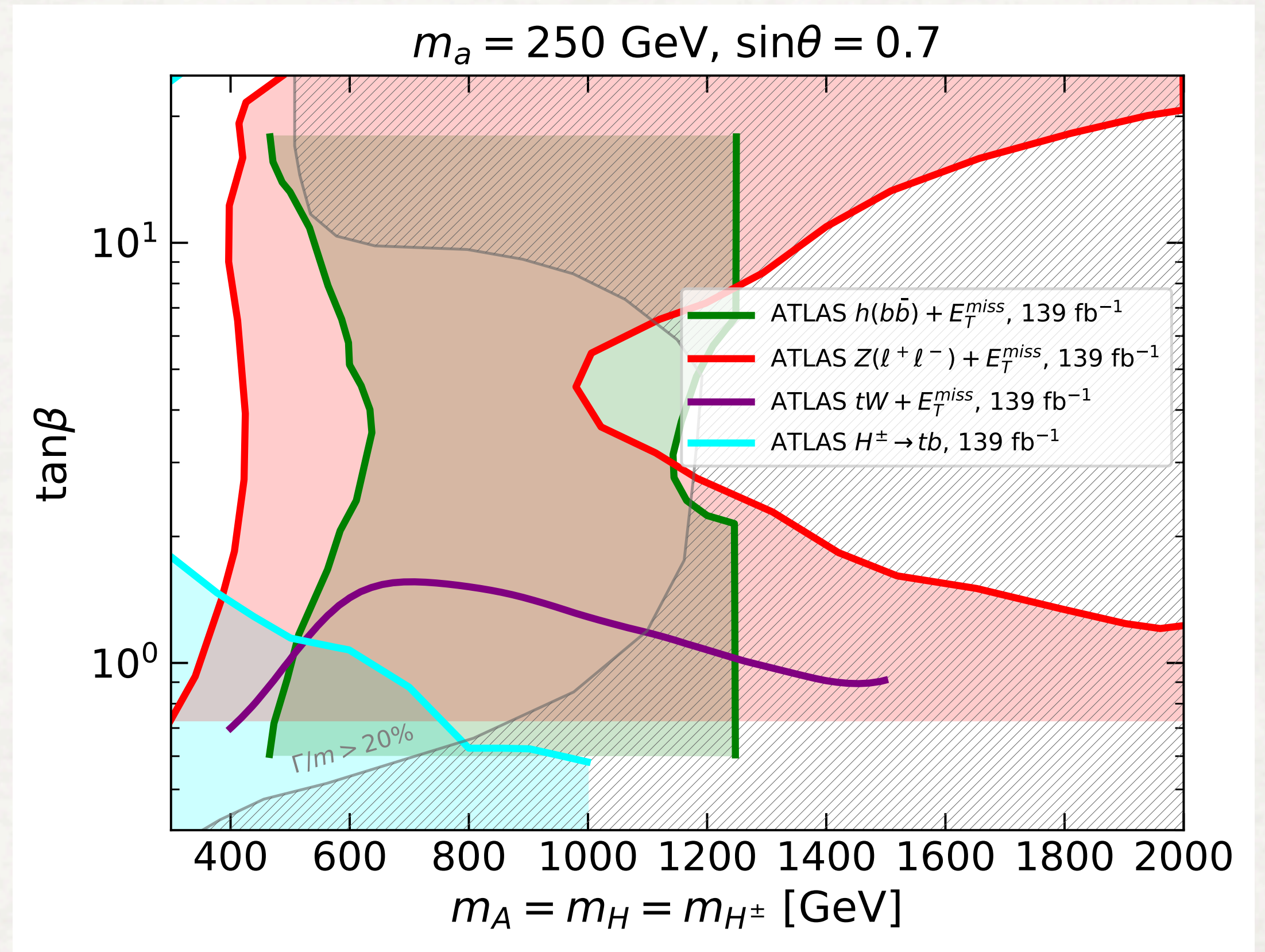
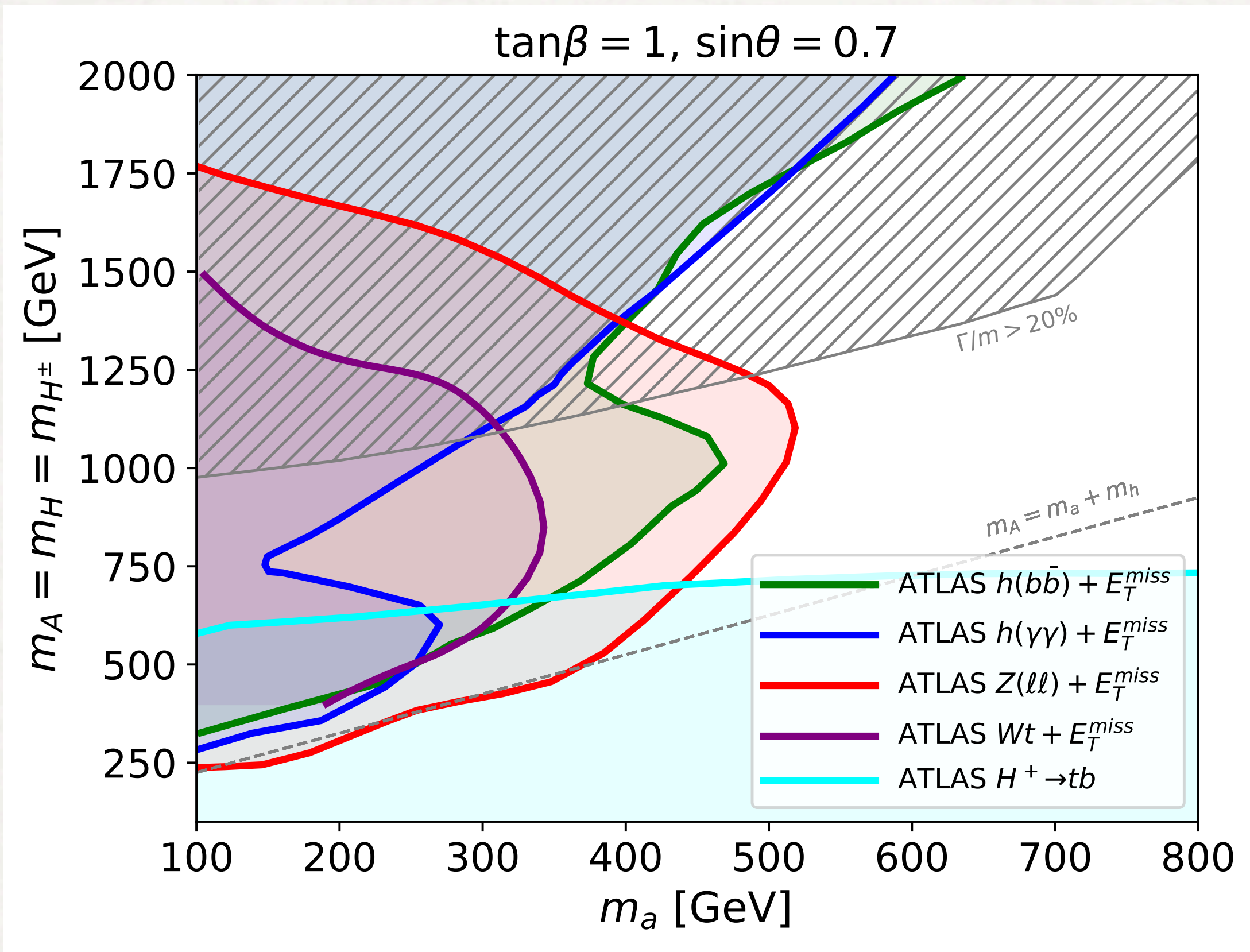
$$c_N = \frac{m_N}{v} \frac{y_\chi \sin(2\theta)}{2} \left(\frac{1}{m_{S_1}^2} - \frac{1}{m_{S_2}^2} \right) \\ \times \left[\cot \beta f_{T_u}^N - \tan \beta \sum_{q=d,s} f_{T_q}^N + \frac{4 \cot \beta - 2 \tan \beta}{27} f_{T_G}^N \right]$$

- Up and down-quark contributions interfere destructively in Type-II
- Numerically close to 0 for $\tan \beta \cong 1$

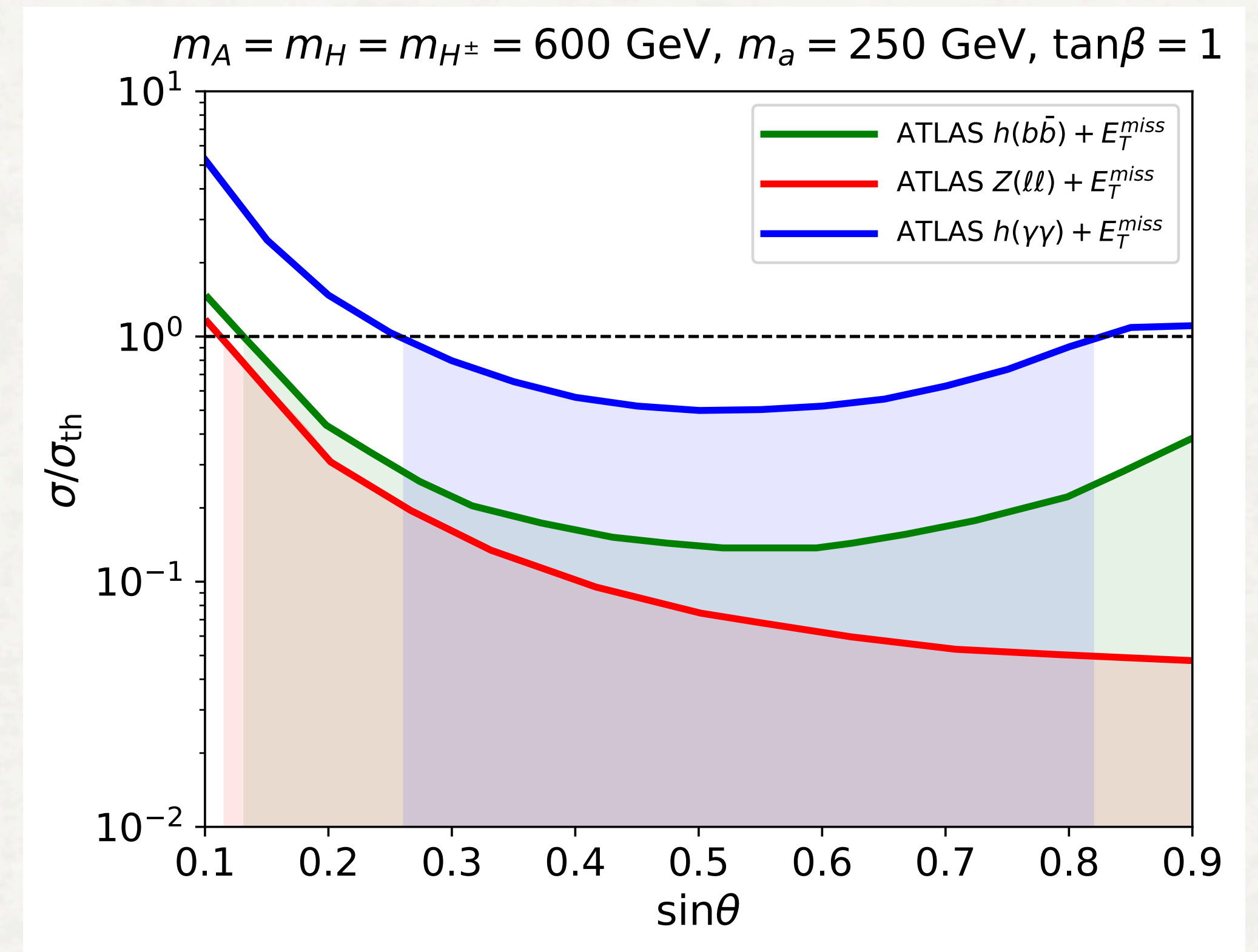
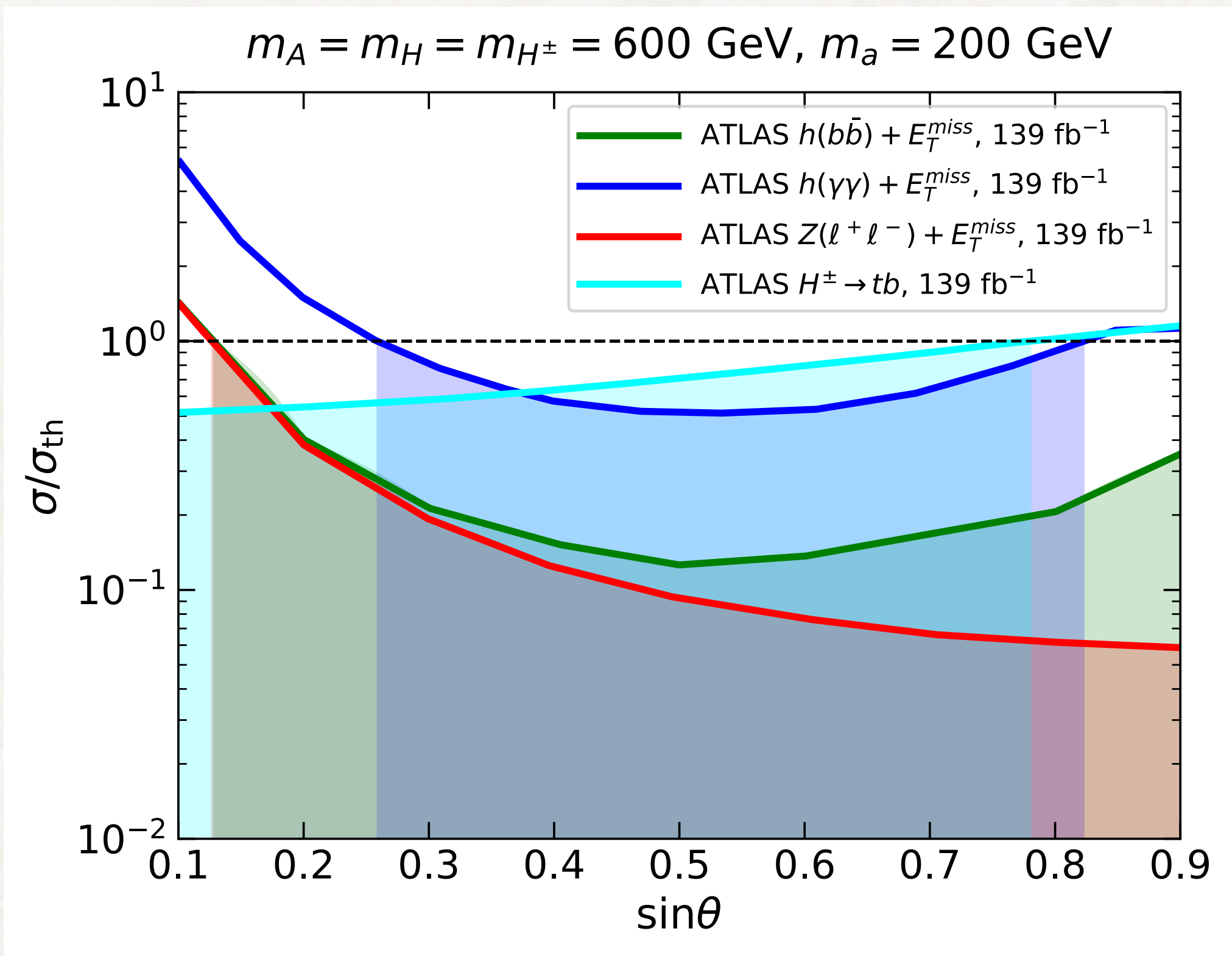
DD scalar vs pseudoscalar



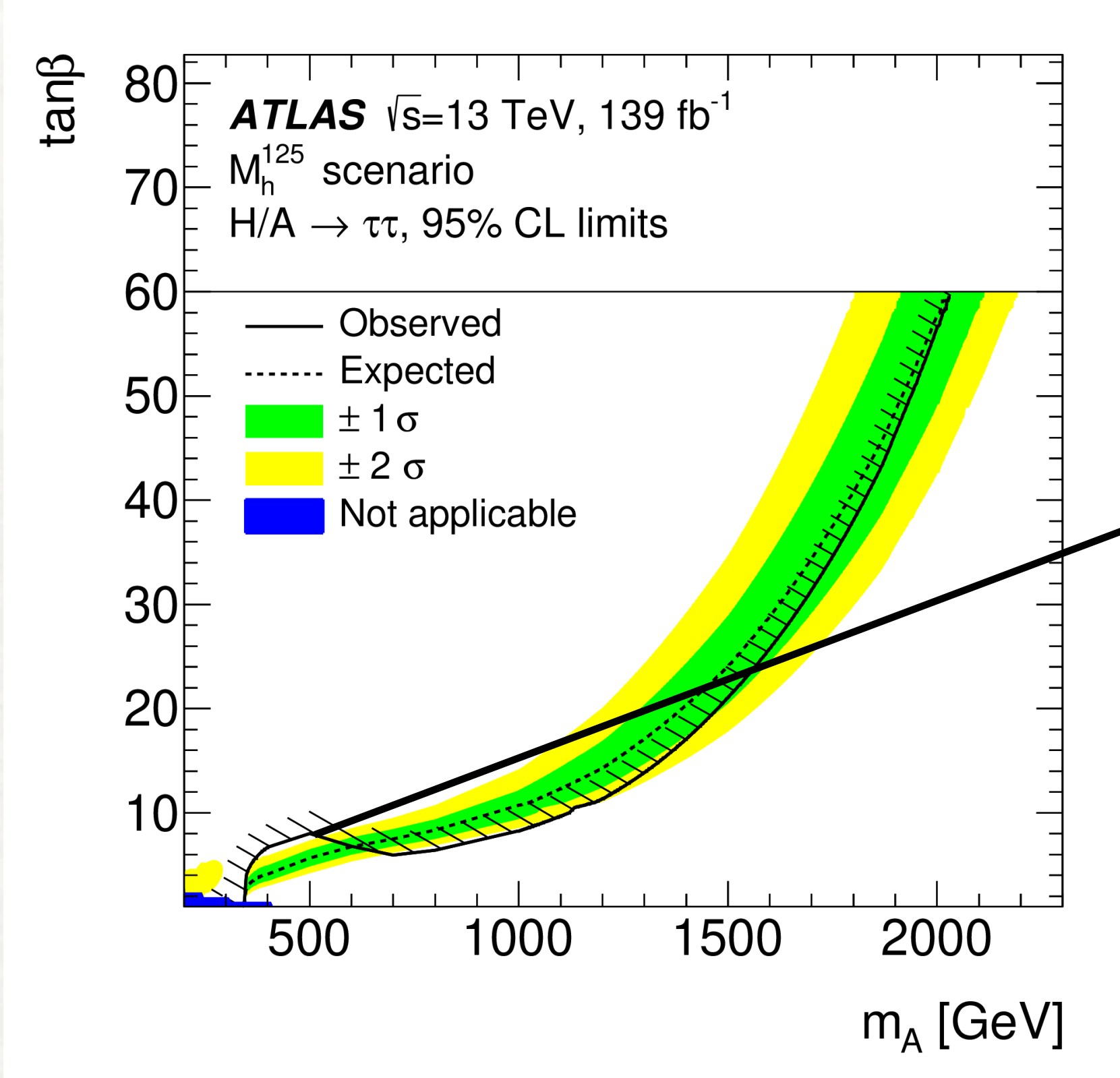
2HDM+a - Large mixing



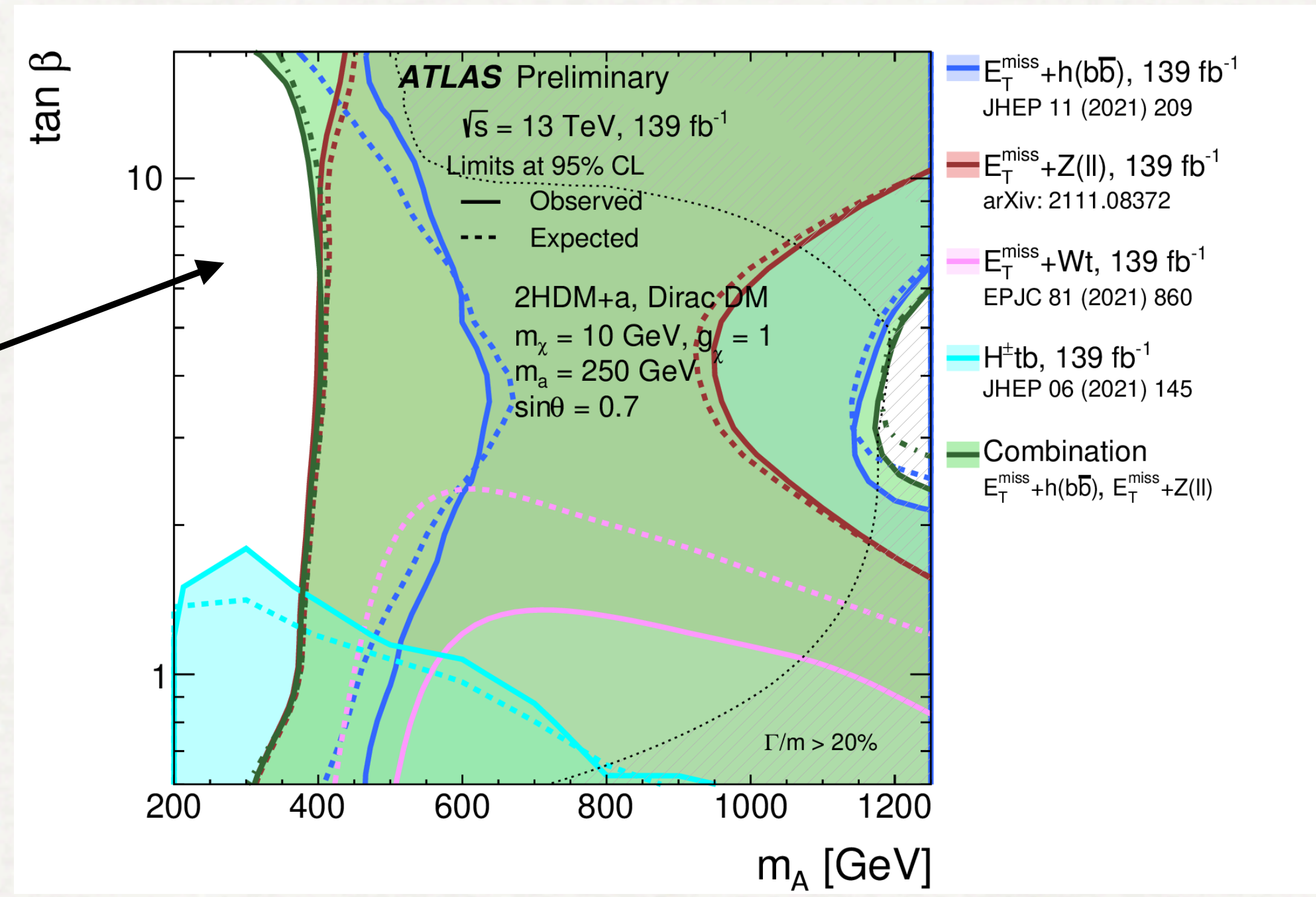
2HDM+a - mixing angle scan



Constraints from taus



[Phys. Rev. Lett. 125 \(2020\) 051801](#)



Higgs width constraints

$$\Gamma(h \rightarrow aa) = \frac{g_{haa}^2 m_h}{32\pi} \sqrt{1 - \frac{4m_a^2}{m_h^2}} > \Gamma_h^{u.l.} = 1.1 \text{ GeV}$$

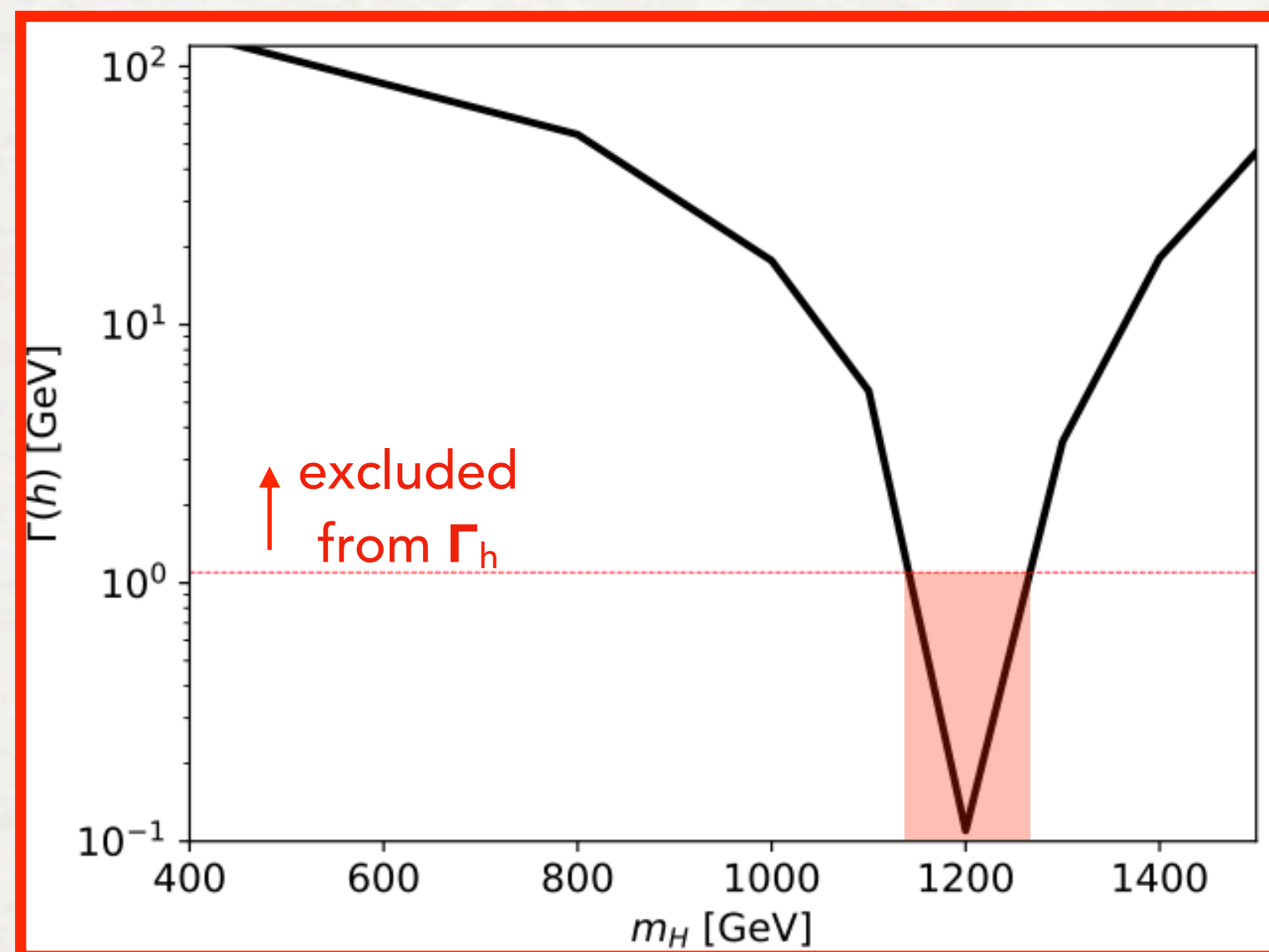
$$g_{haa} = \frac{1}{m_h v} \left[2 \left(m_A^2 - m_a^2 + \frac{m_h^2}{2} - \lambda_3 v^2 \right) \sin^2 \theta - 2(\lambda_{P1} \cos^2 \beta + \lambda_{P2} \sin^2 \beta) v^2 \cos^2 \theta \right]$$

$\cos(\beta - \alpha) = 0$
 $m_A = m_H = m_{H^\pm}$

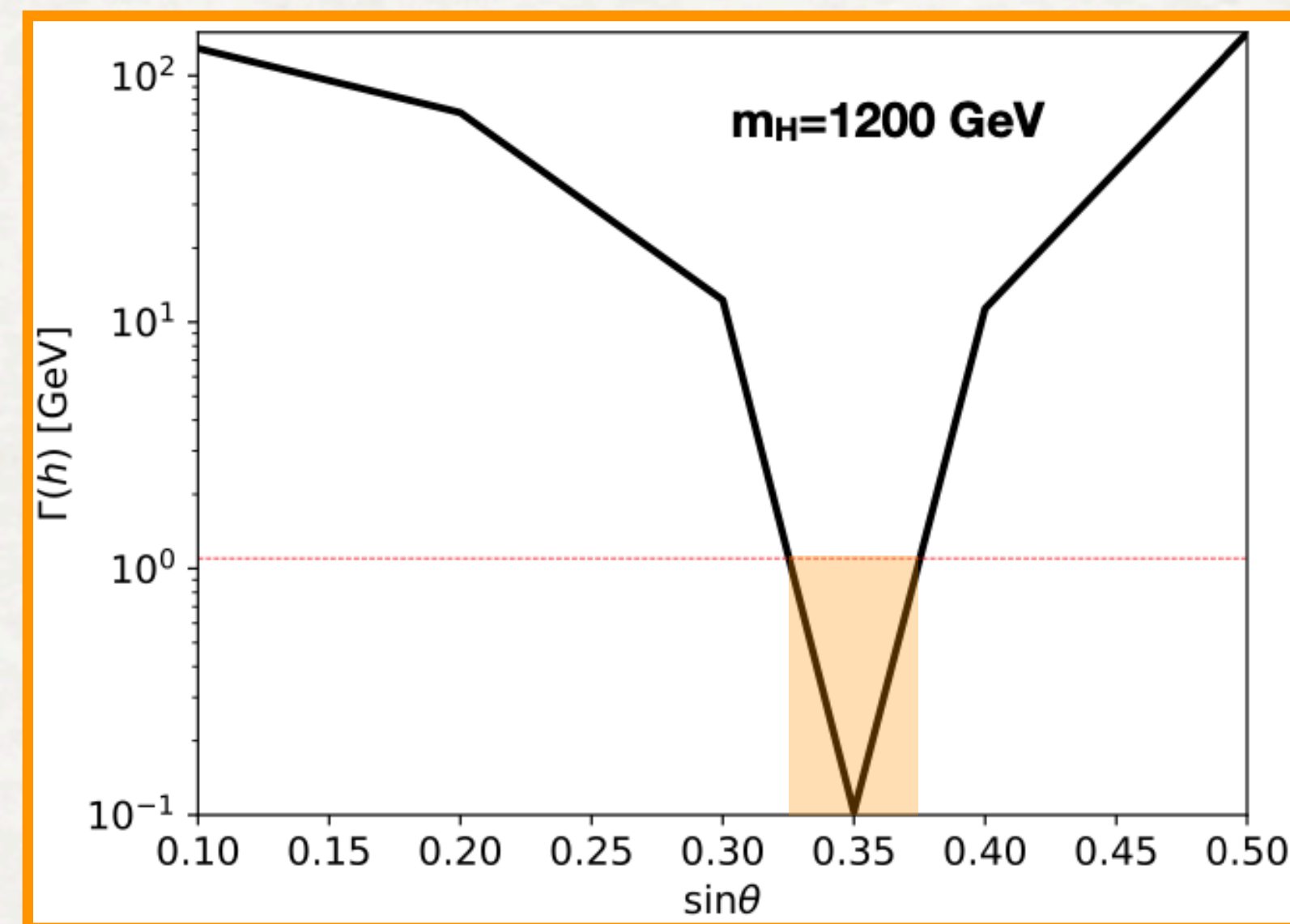
$$= \frac{1}{m_h v} \left[2 \left(m_A^2 - m_a^2 + \frac{m_h^2}{2} \right) \sin^2 \theta - 2\lambda_3 v^2 \right]$$

$\lambda_3 = \lambda_{P1} = \lambda_{P2}$

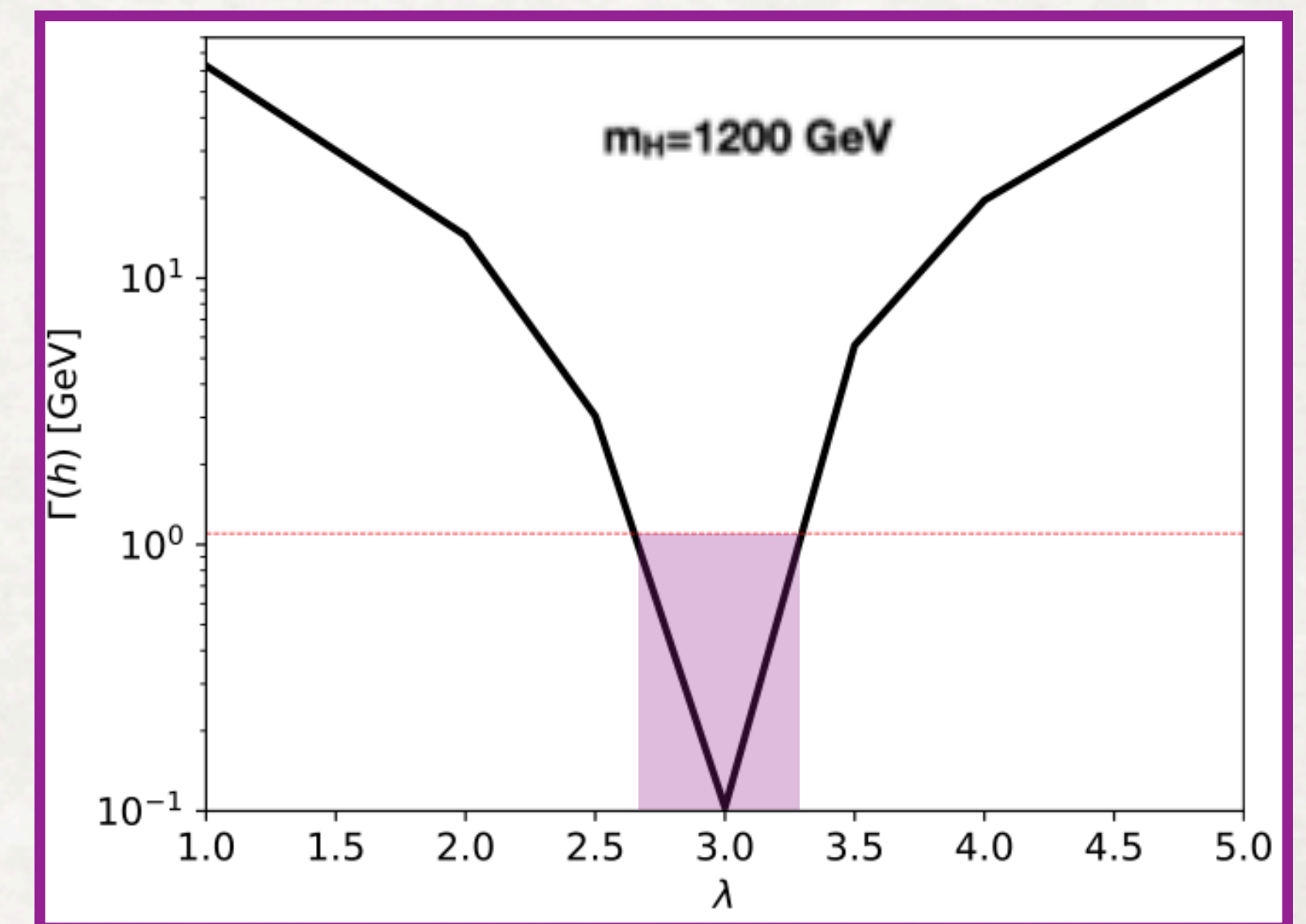
m_A



$\sin\theta$



λ_3



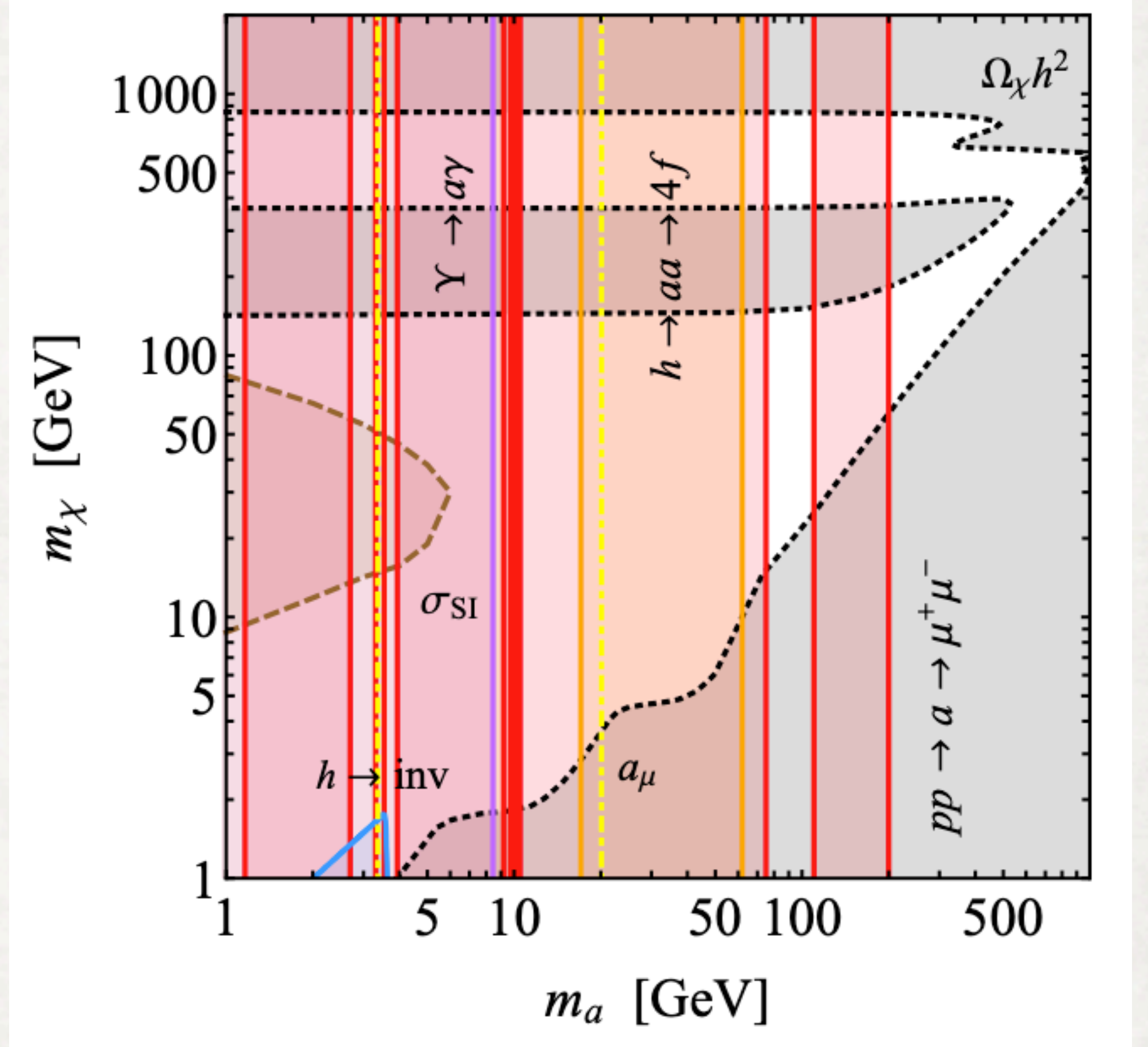
LHC vs $g-2$

- Original idea from Arcadi, Djouadi & Queiroz (2112.11902) to simultaneously explain DM & muon $g-2$
- Can also evade constraints from Γ_h
- Large $\tan\beta$ and small m_a needed to get the correct sign for δa_μ
- $h \rightarrow 4f$ extend down to very low m_χ because $\Gamma(a \rightarrow \chi\chi) \sim y_\chi^2 \cos^2\theta = 0.005$
- $h \rightarrow \text{inv}$ has small BR and MET spectrum very soft so mono- $h(bb)$ has no sensitivity

However

1. $g-2$ motivated region already ruled out
2. Non-perturbative Haa coupling ($g_{Haa} \sim 40$) leading to $\Gamma_H > m_H$ over the whole m_a - m_χ plane

$$\{m_A, \tan\beta, \sin\theta, \lambda_3, y_\chi\} = \{1.0 \text{ TeV}, 40, 0.7, 8, 0.1\}$$



2HDM+Z': coupling scan

