

# Gravitational wave searches of the type-II seesaw model

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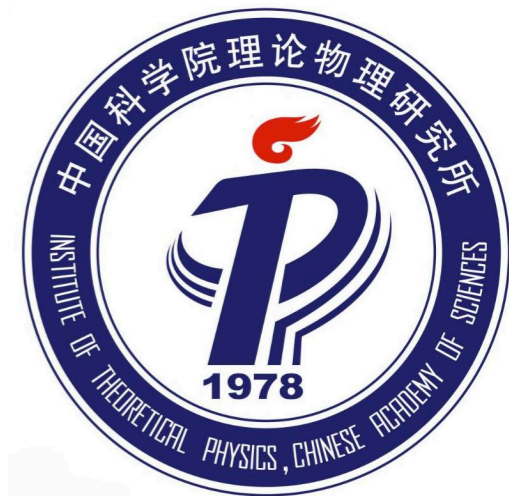
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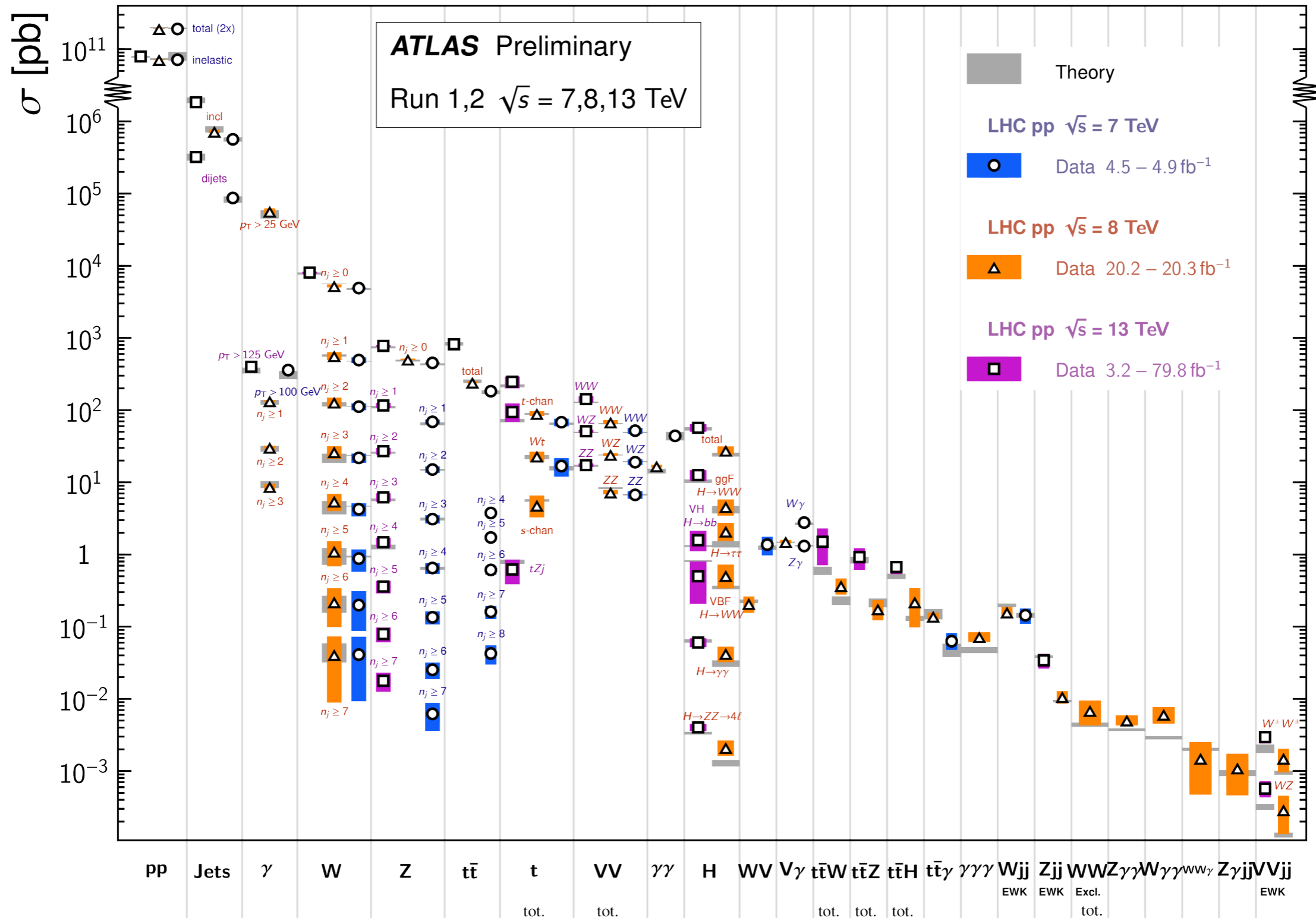
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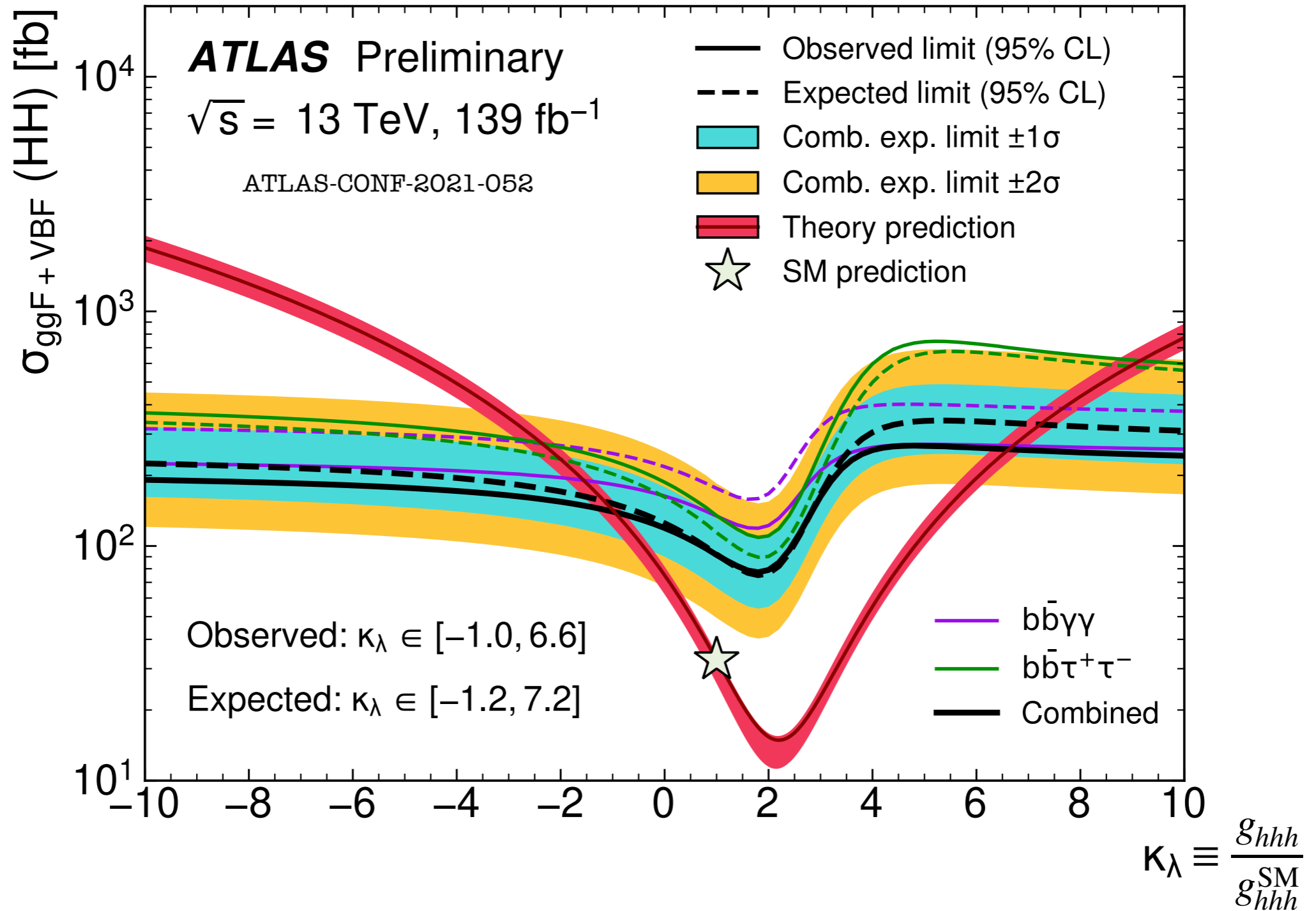
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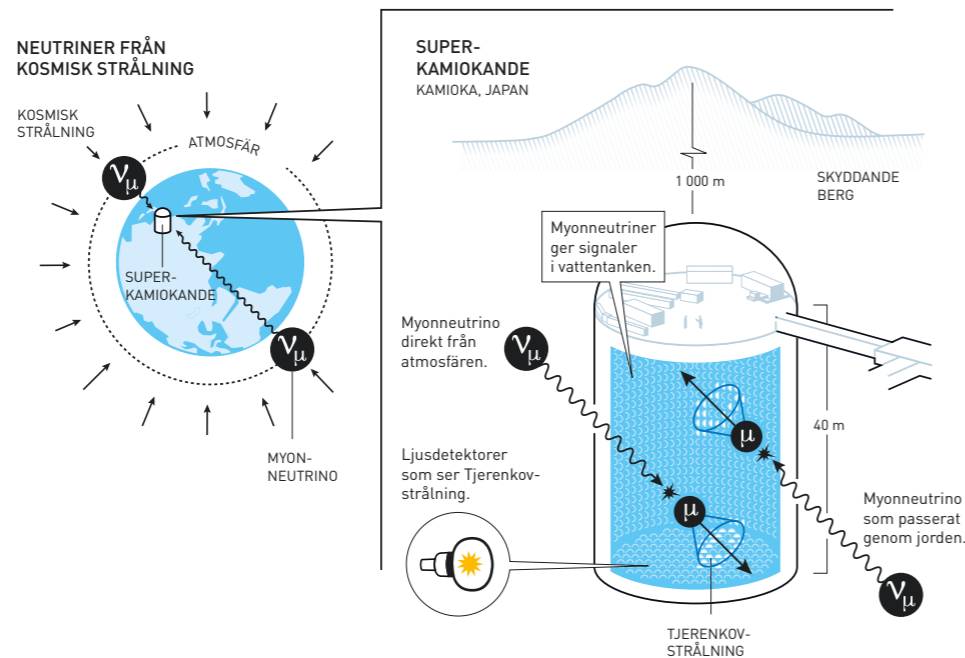
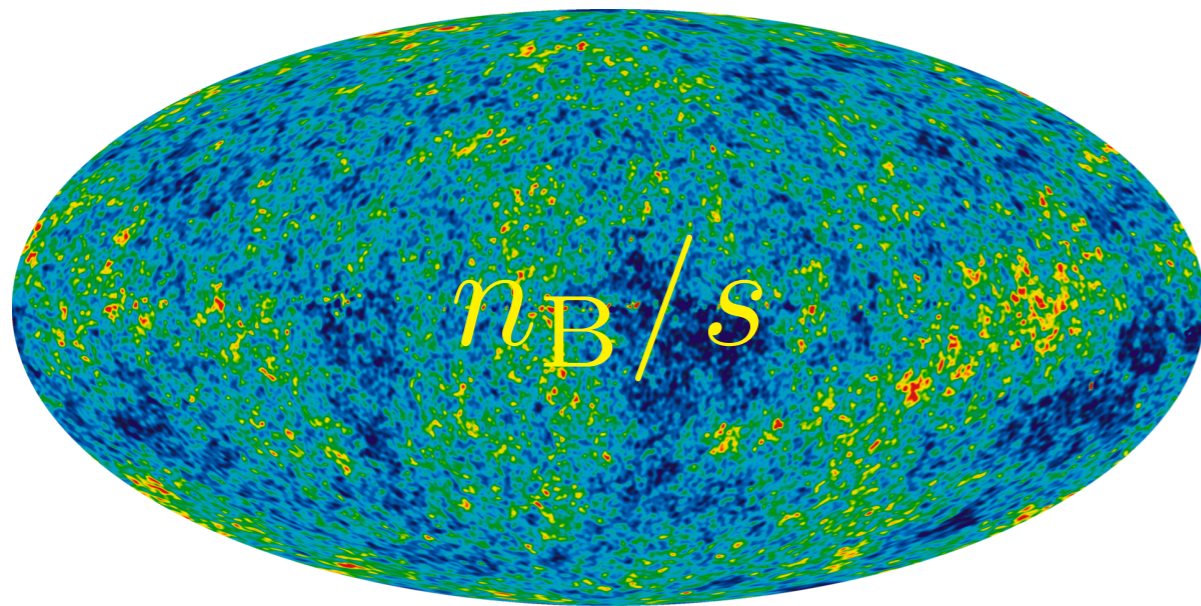


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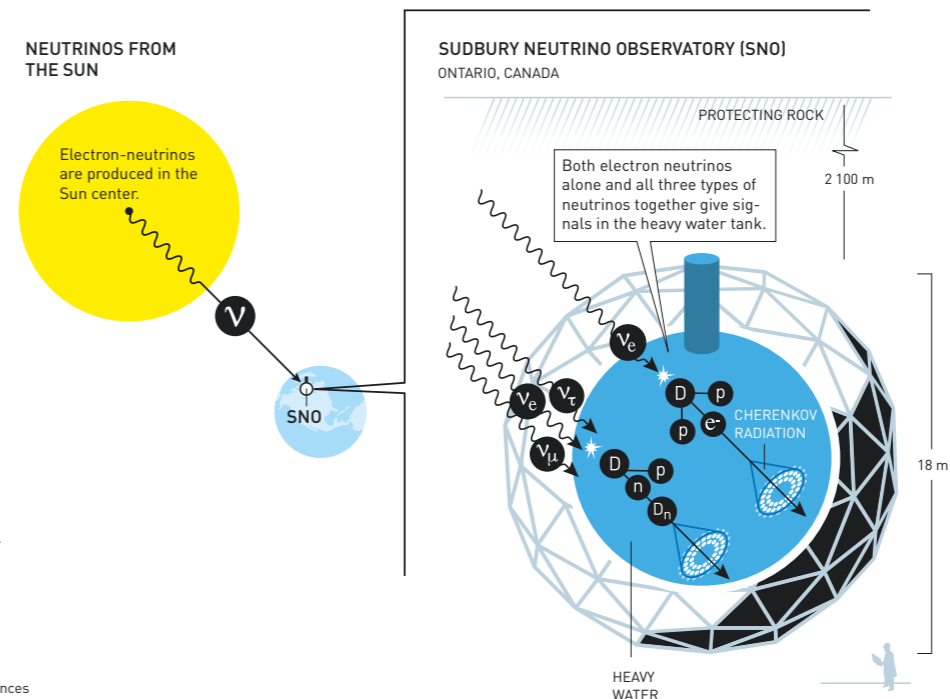
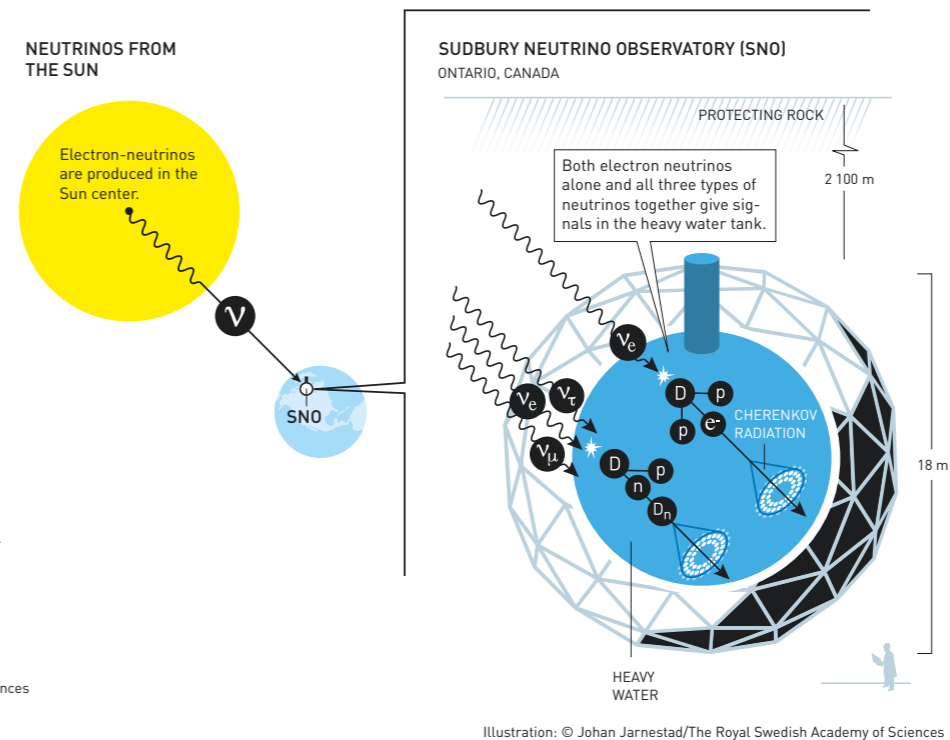
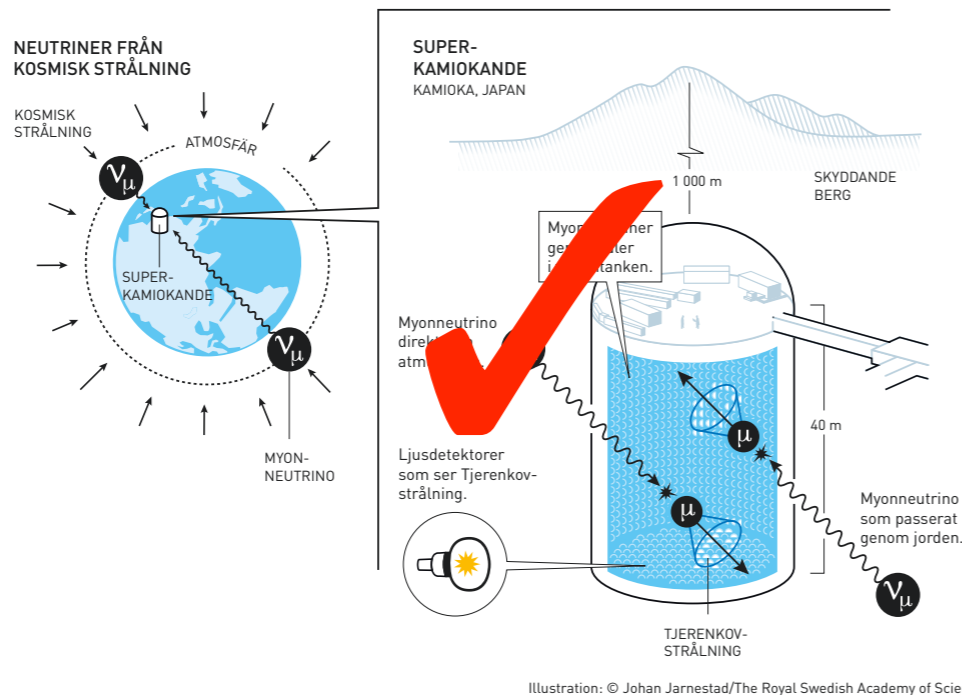
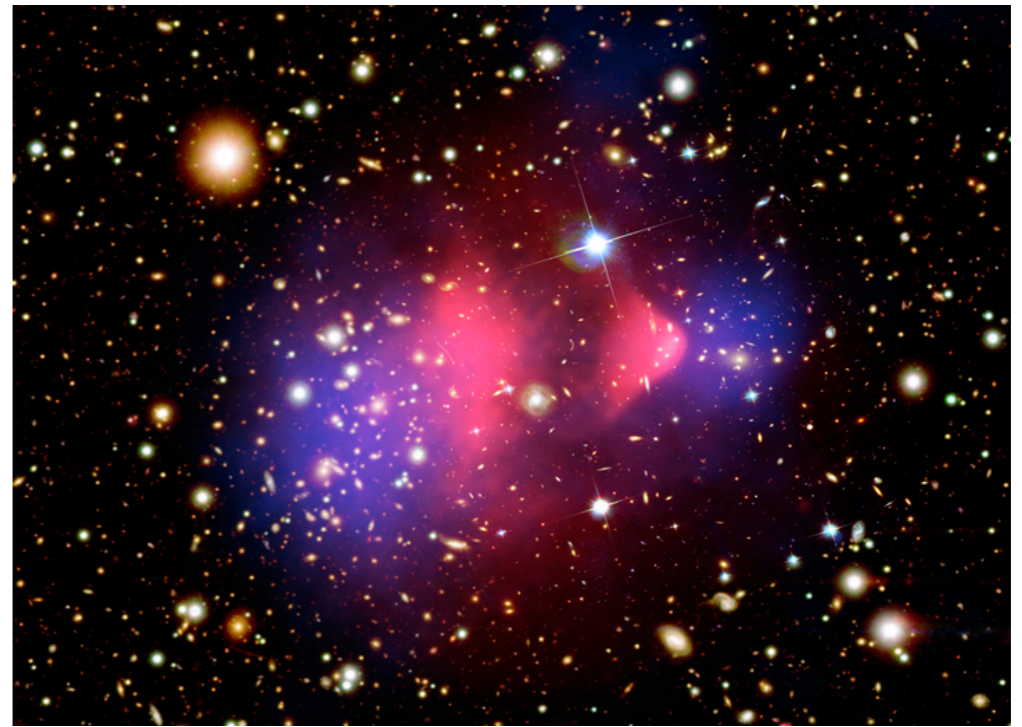
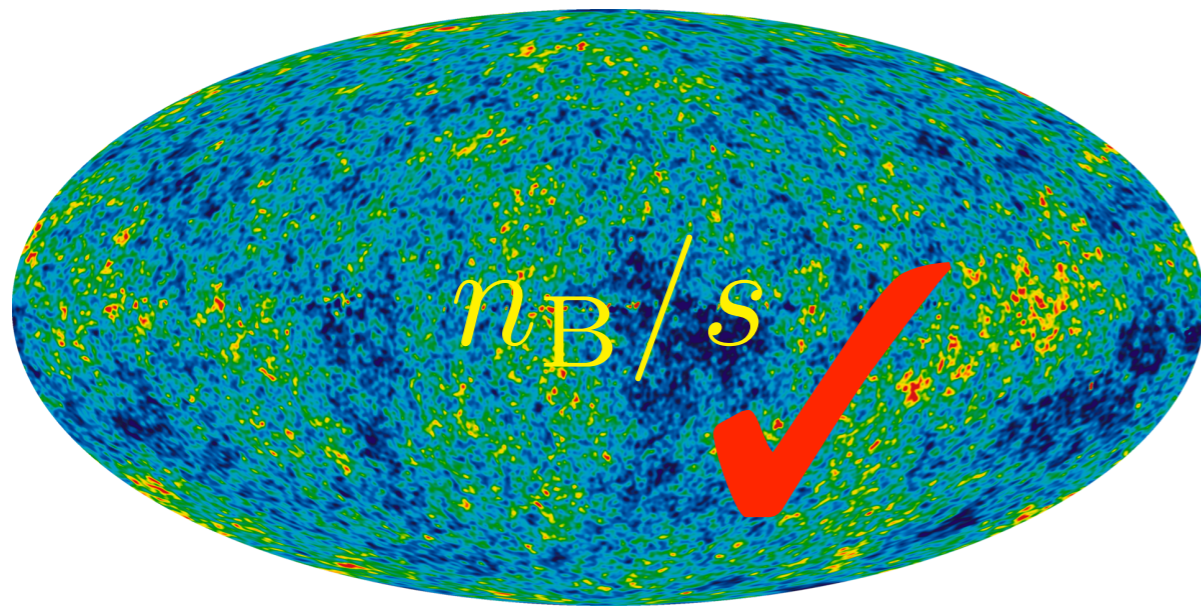


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# Outline

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# Model setup



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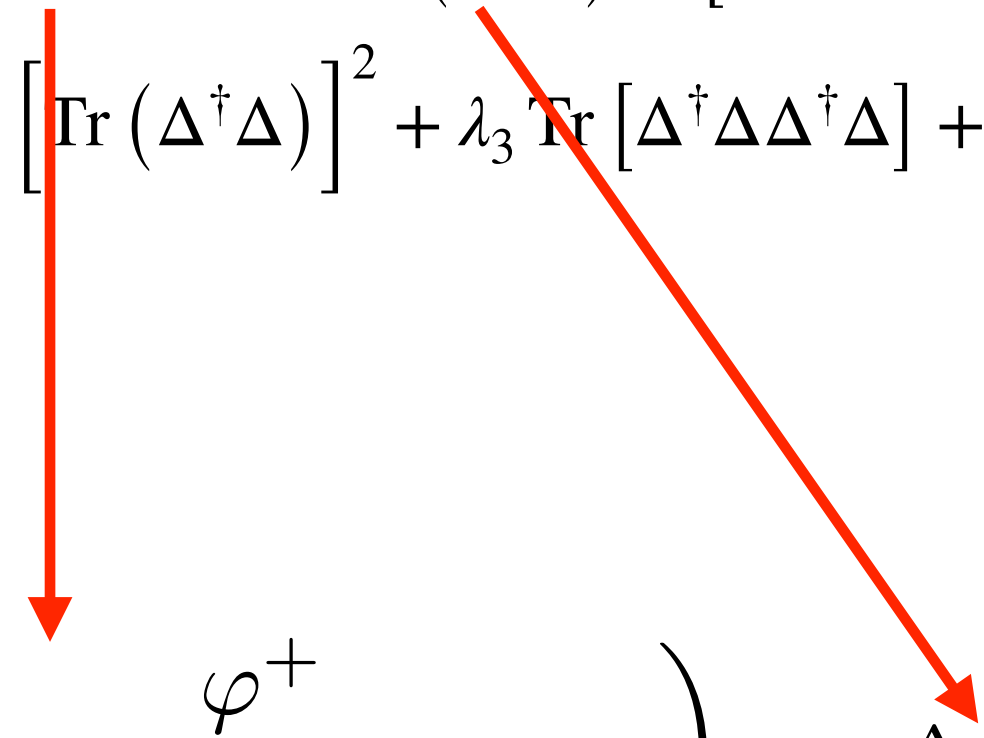
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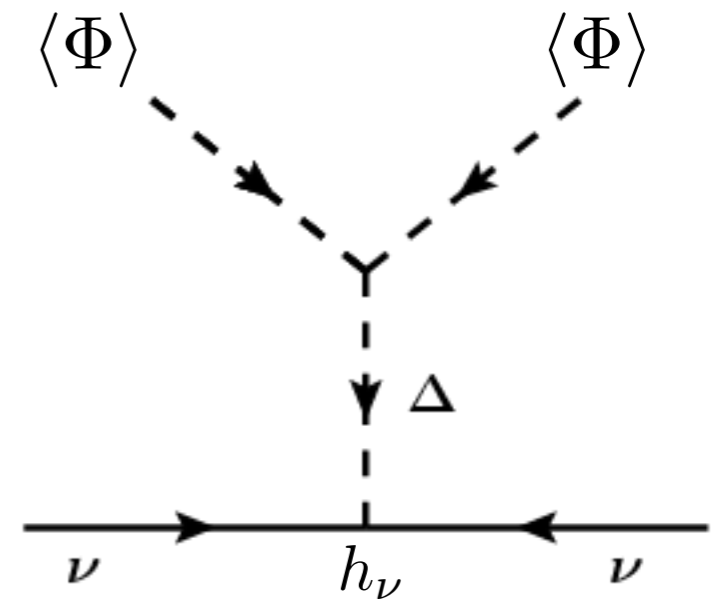
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$$\mathcal{L}_Y = (h_\nu)_{ij} \overline{L^{ic}} i\tau_2 \Delta L^j + \text{h.c.}$$

$$\xrightarrow{\text{EWSB}} (m_\nu)_{ij} = \sqrt{2} (h_\nu)_{ij} v_\Delta$$



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$$v = \sqrt{v_\Delta^2 + v_\Phi^2} = 246 \text{ GeV}$$

$$v_\Delta \ll v_\Phi \simeq v$$

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(Global minimum of the triplet potential)

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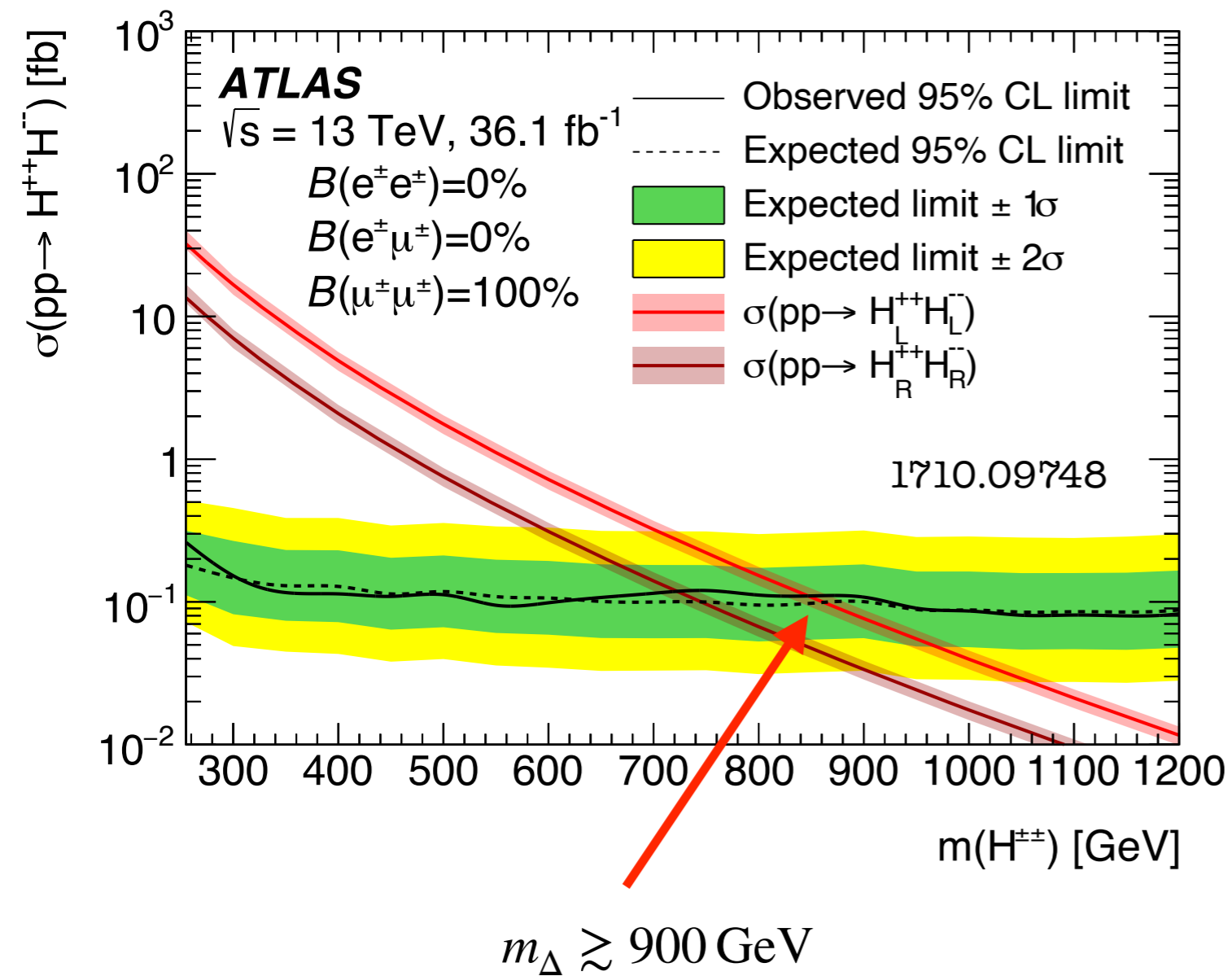
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**Basically the mass  
scale of the triplet**

$$m_\Delta^2 \equiv \frac{v_\Phi^2 \mu}{\sqrt{2} v_\Delta}$$

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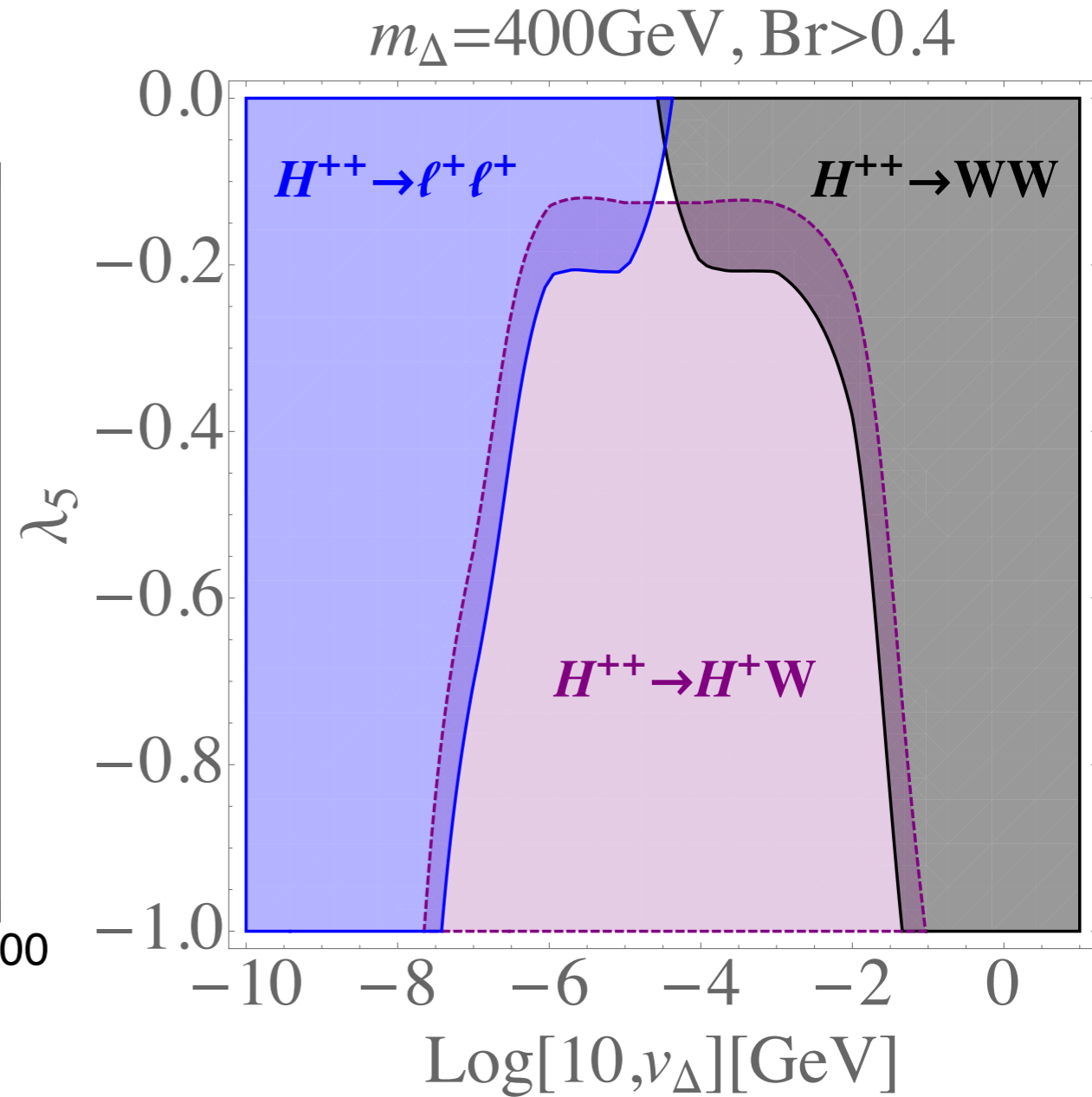
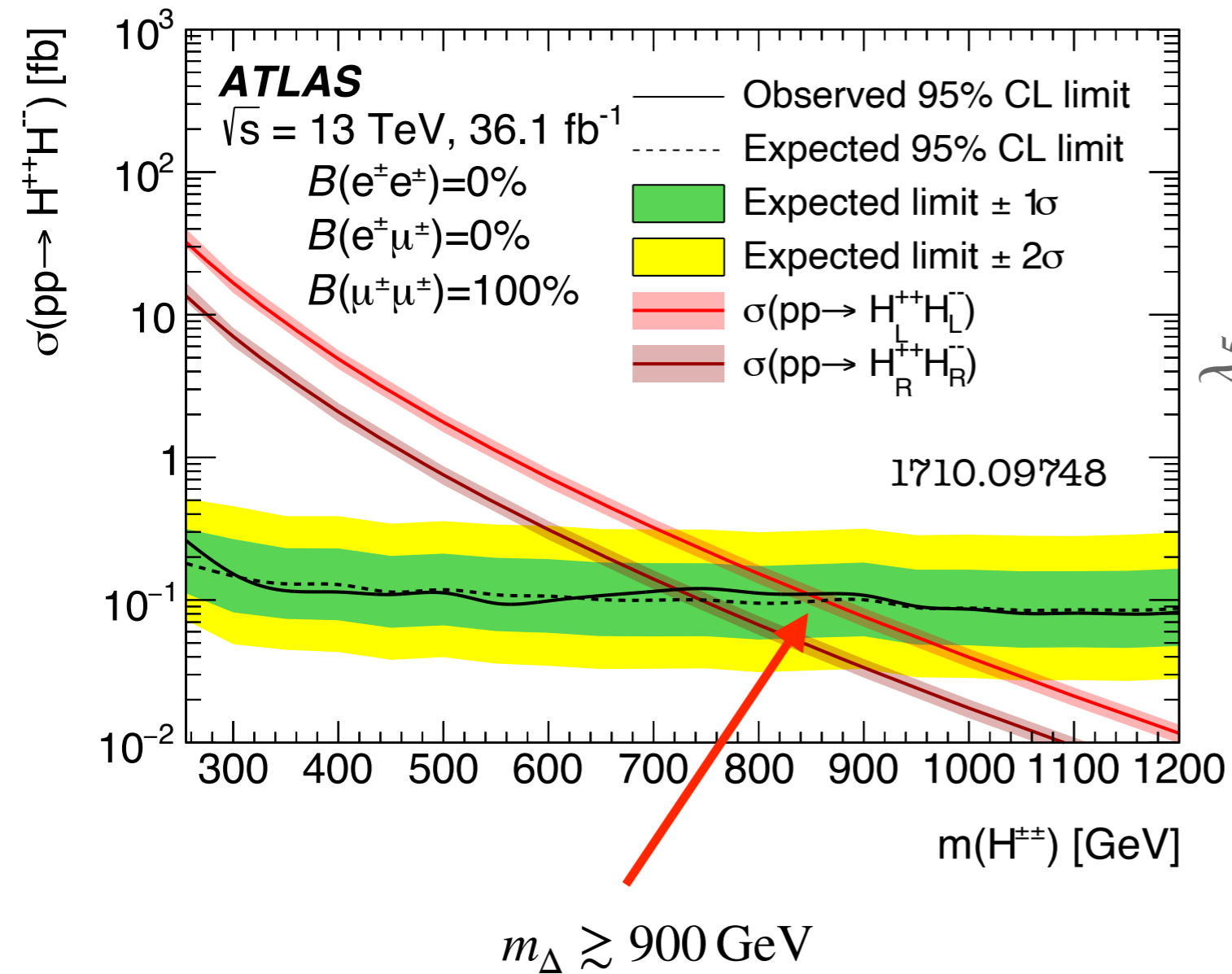
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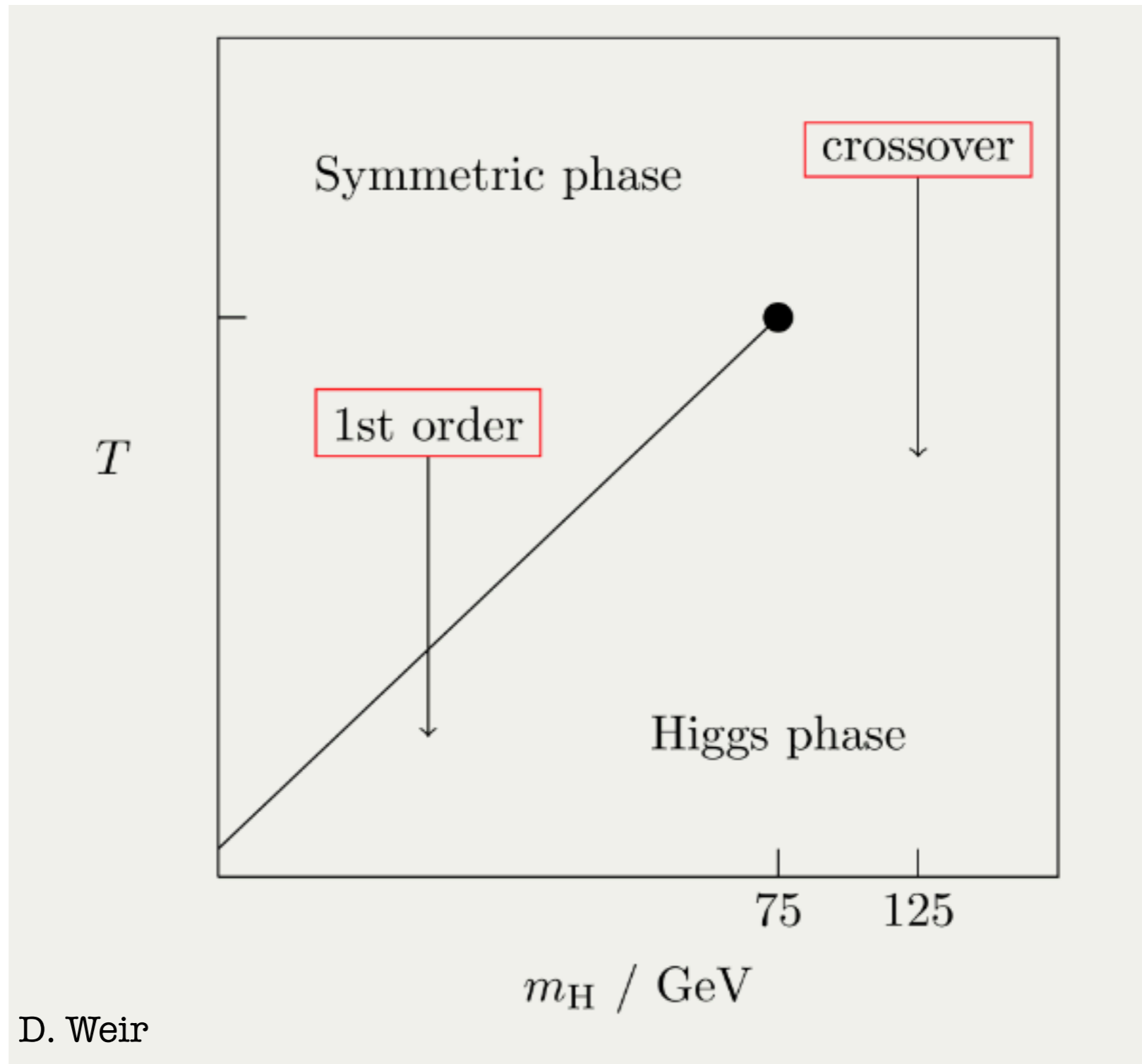
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YD et al, JHEP 1901 (2019) 101



# Phase transition in the type-II seesaw model

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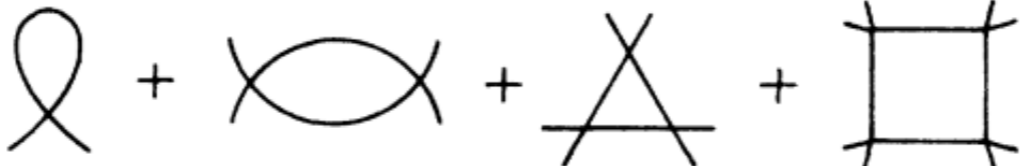


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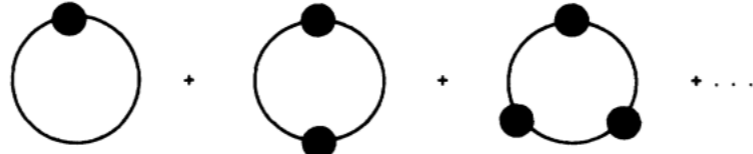
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+ ... (CW potential)



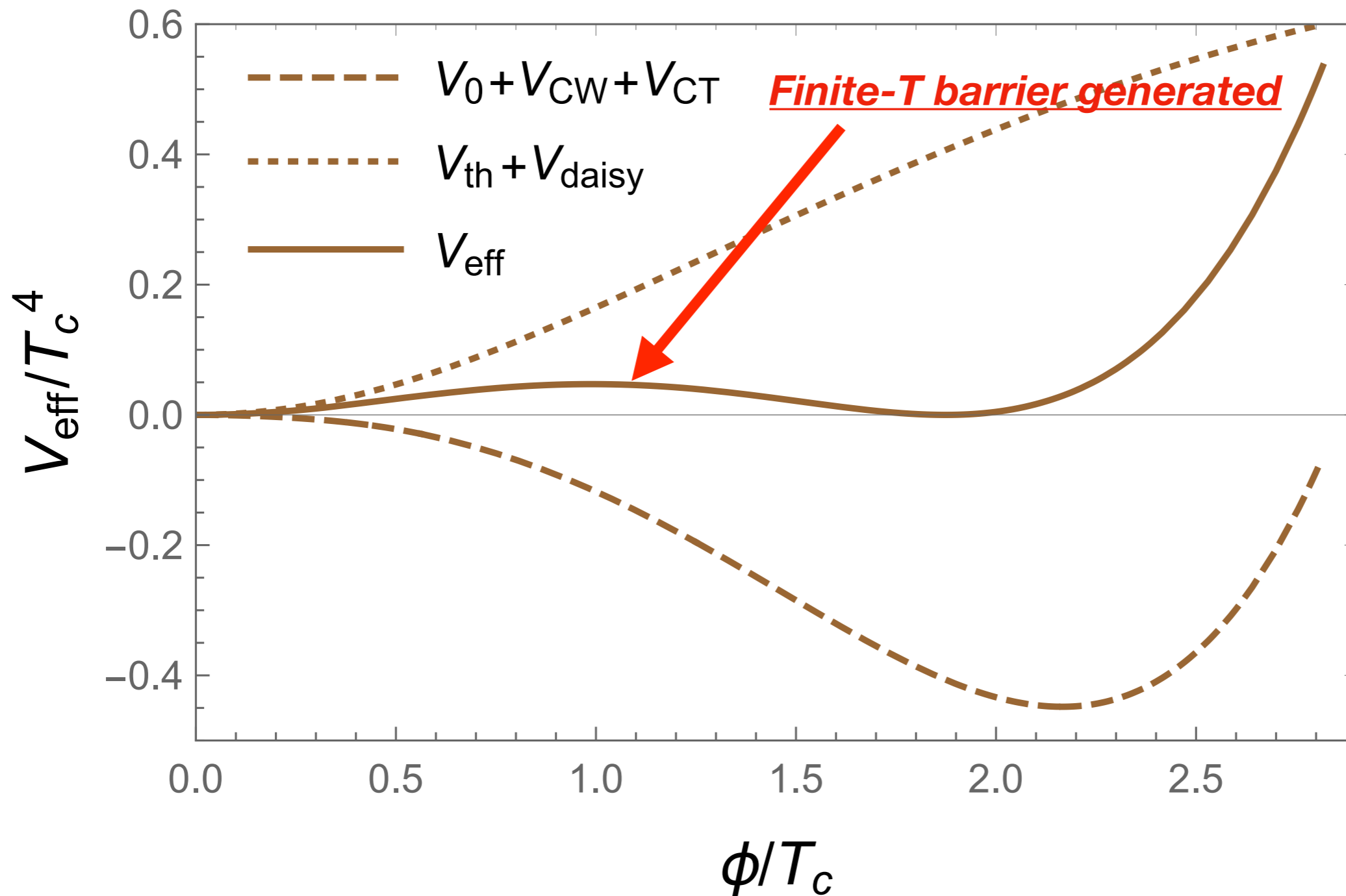
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(Thermal corrections)

Coleman, Weinberg, PRD 7 (1973) 1888  
Dolan, Jackiw, PRD 9 (1974) 12, 3320  
Carrington, PRD 8 (1992) 8, 2933

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$$\lambda_4 = 1.97$$

$$\lambda_5 = 2.29$$

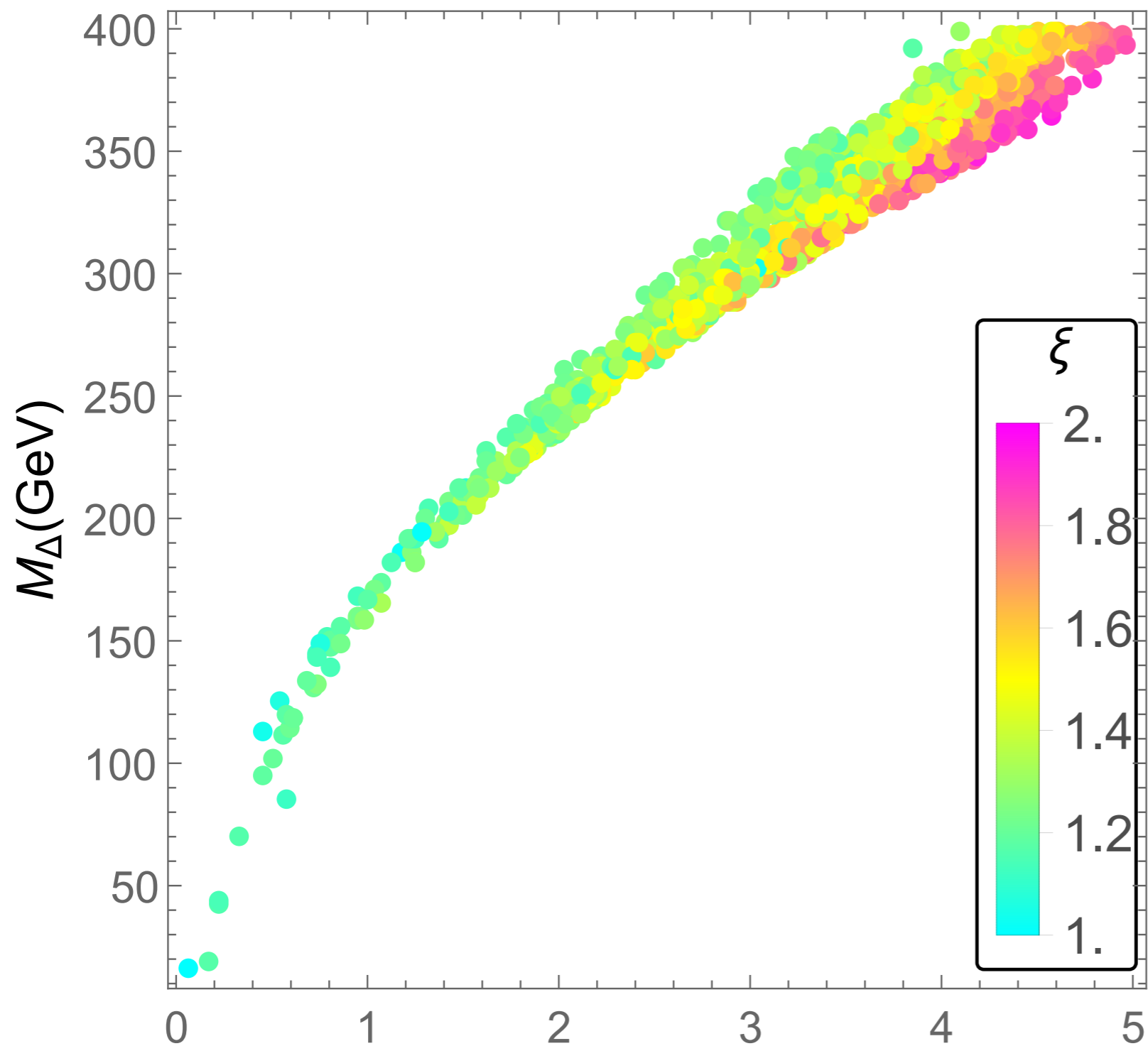
$$m_\Delta \simeq 354 \text{ GeV}$$

$$v_\Delta \simeq 10^{-6} \text{ GeV}$$



# Phase transition: The transition plots

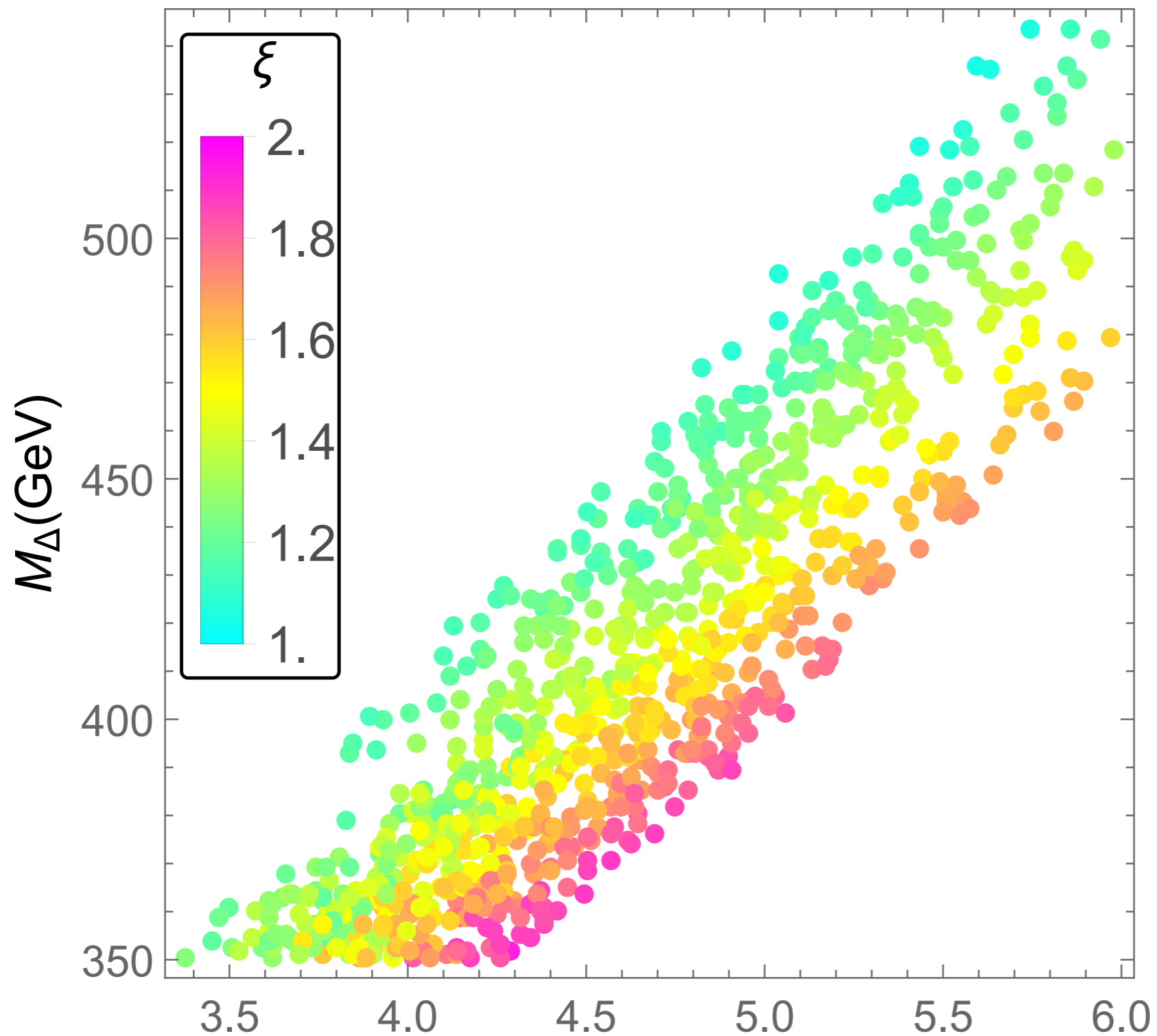
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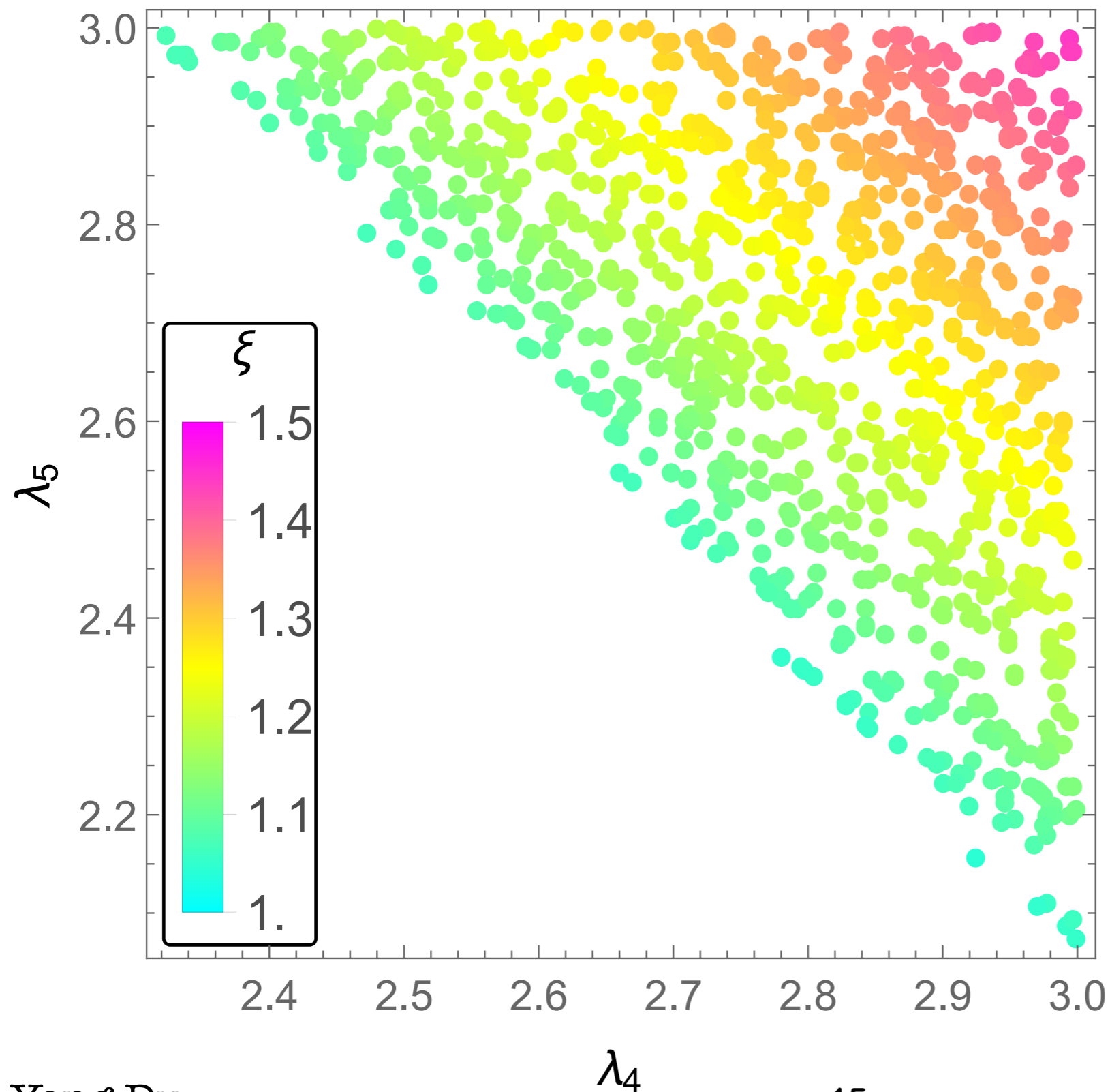
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Case 3: After model discovery

$$m_{\Delta} = 500 \text{ GeV}$$

# Phase transition: *The transition plots*

Now the question is:

Can we detect the generated gravitational waves during this phase transition now and in the future?

# Gravitational wave searches

# Gravitational wave searches: Tools

Currently: LIGO and Virgo (terrestrial based)



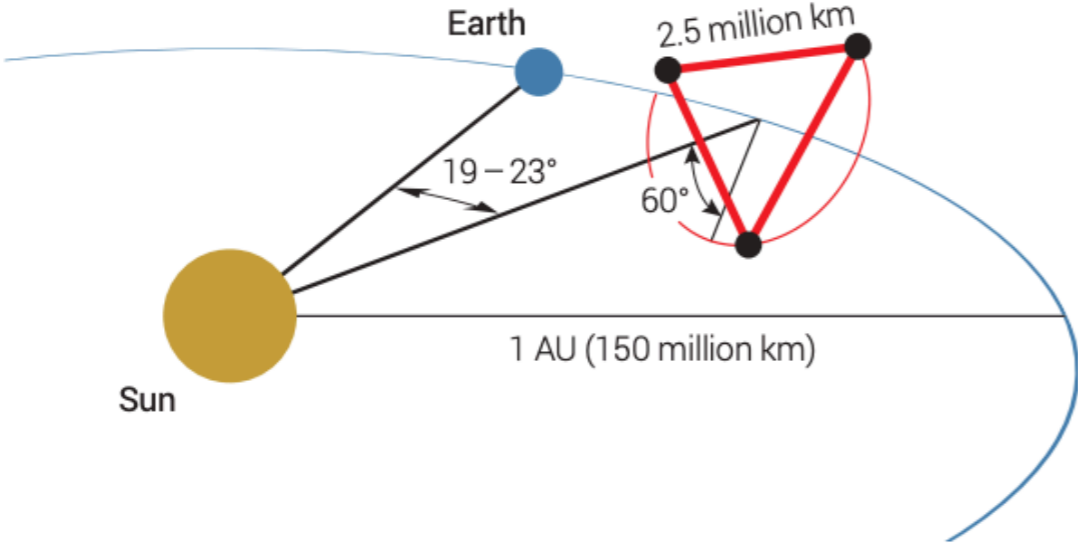
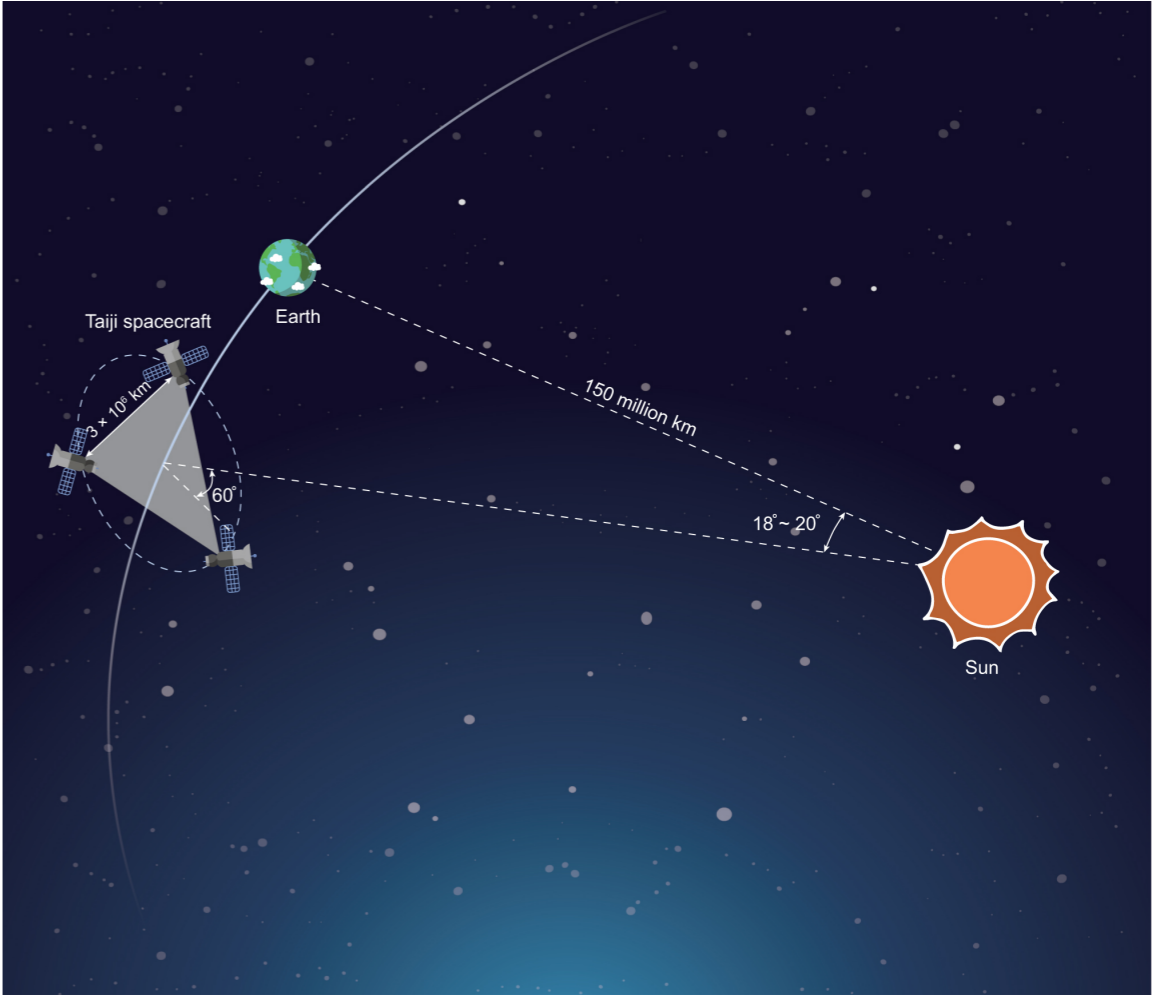
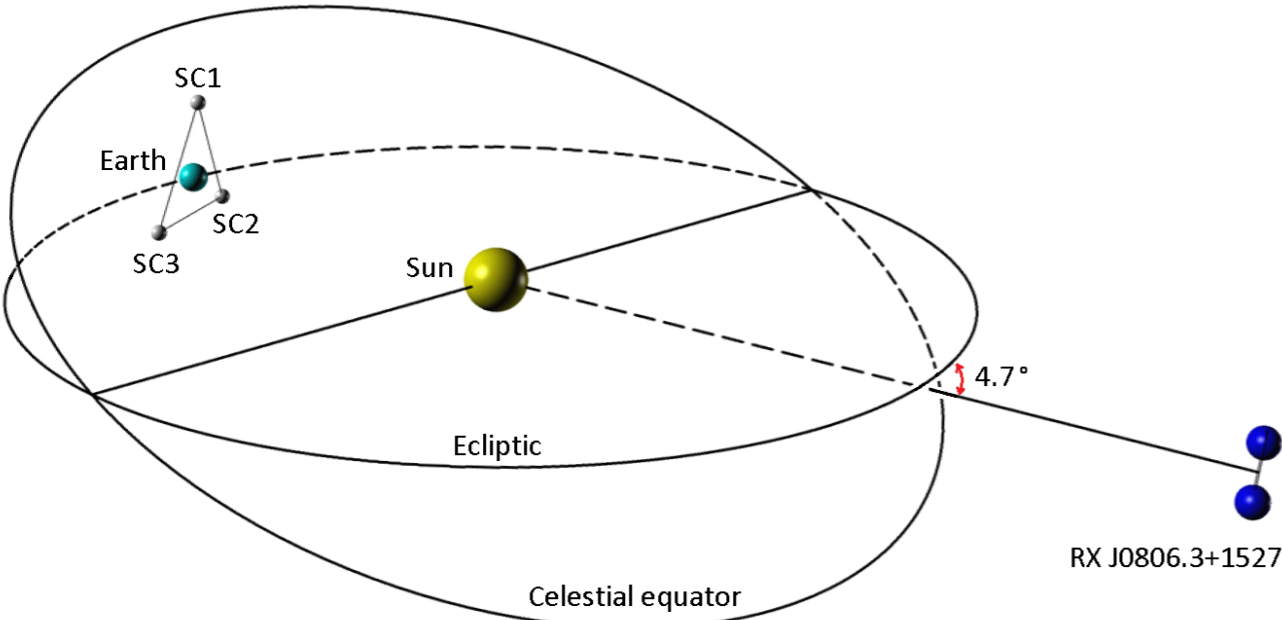
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\* Parkes Pulsar Timing Array (PPTA), see Xiao, Bian, et al, PRL 127 (2021) 25

# Gravitational wave searches: Tools

In future: Taiji, Tianqin, LISA, DECIGO, BBO (space based)

Tianqin collaboration, 1512.02076  
 LISA collaboration, 1702.00786  
 Hu, Wu, *Natl.Sci.Rev.* 4 (2017) 5, 685



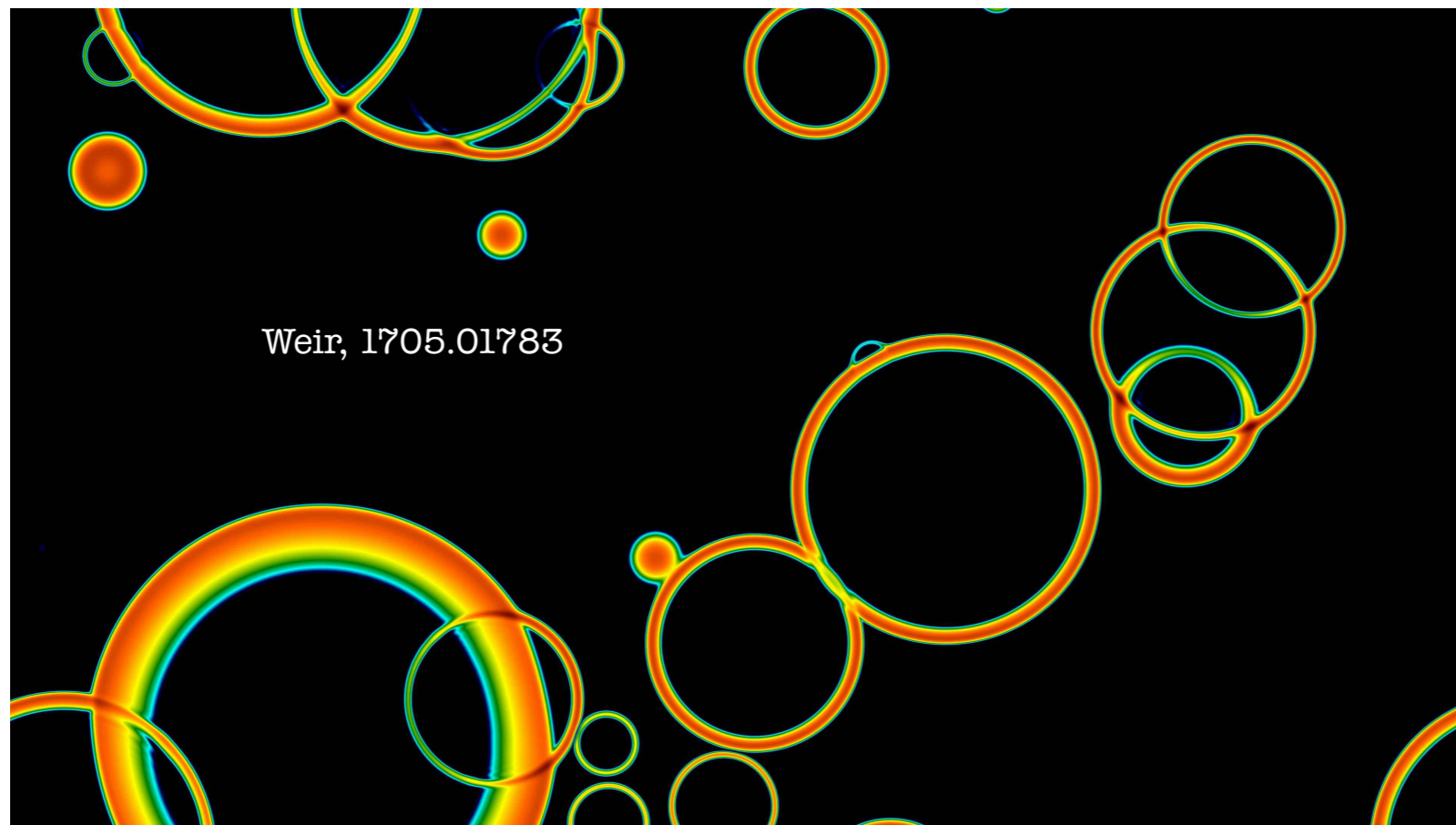
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Bubble collision





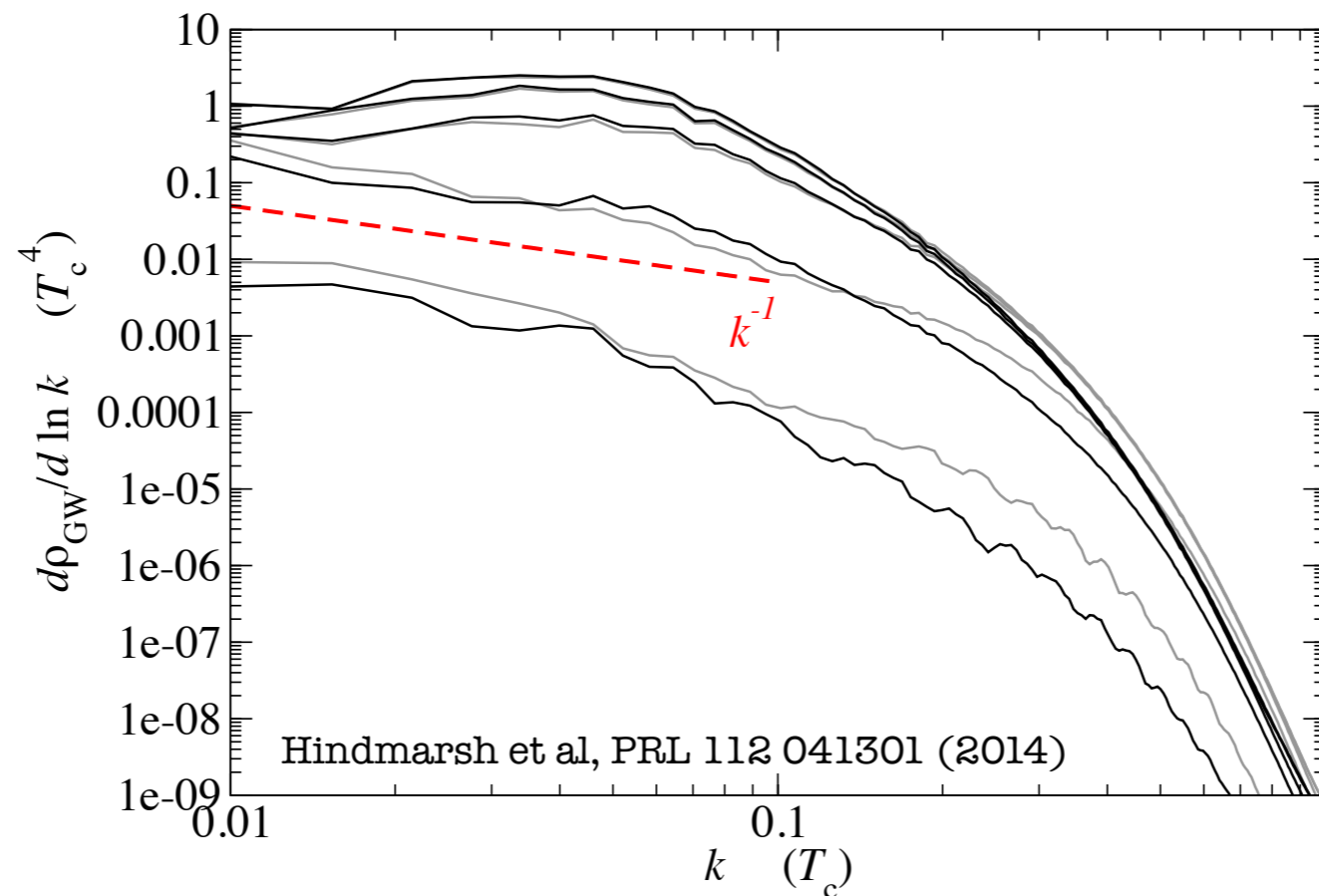
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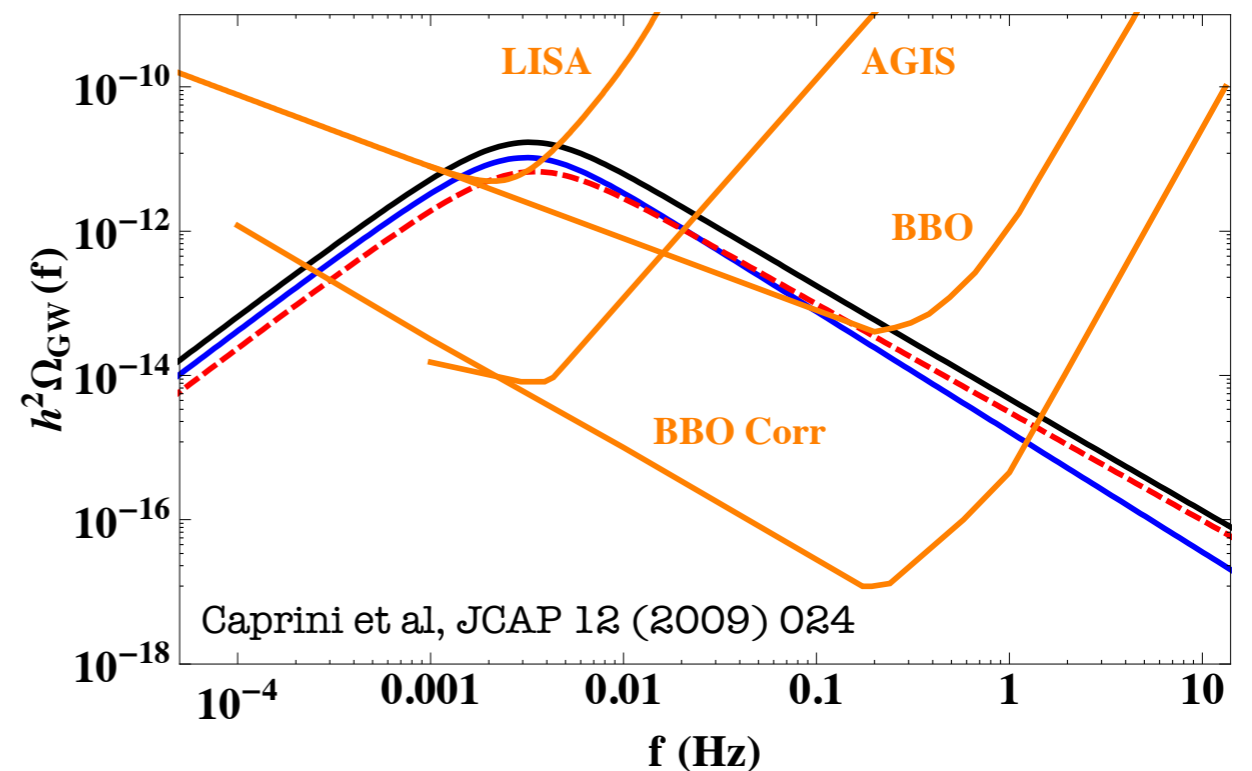
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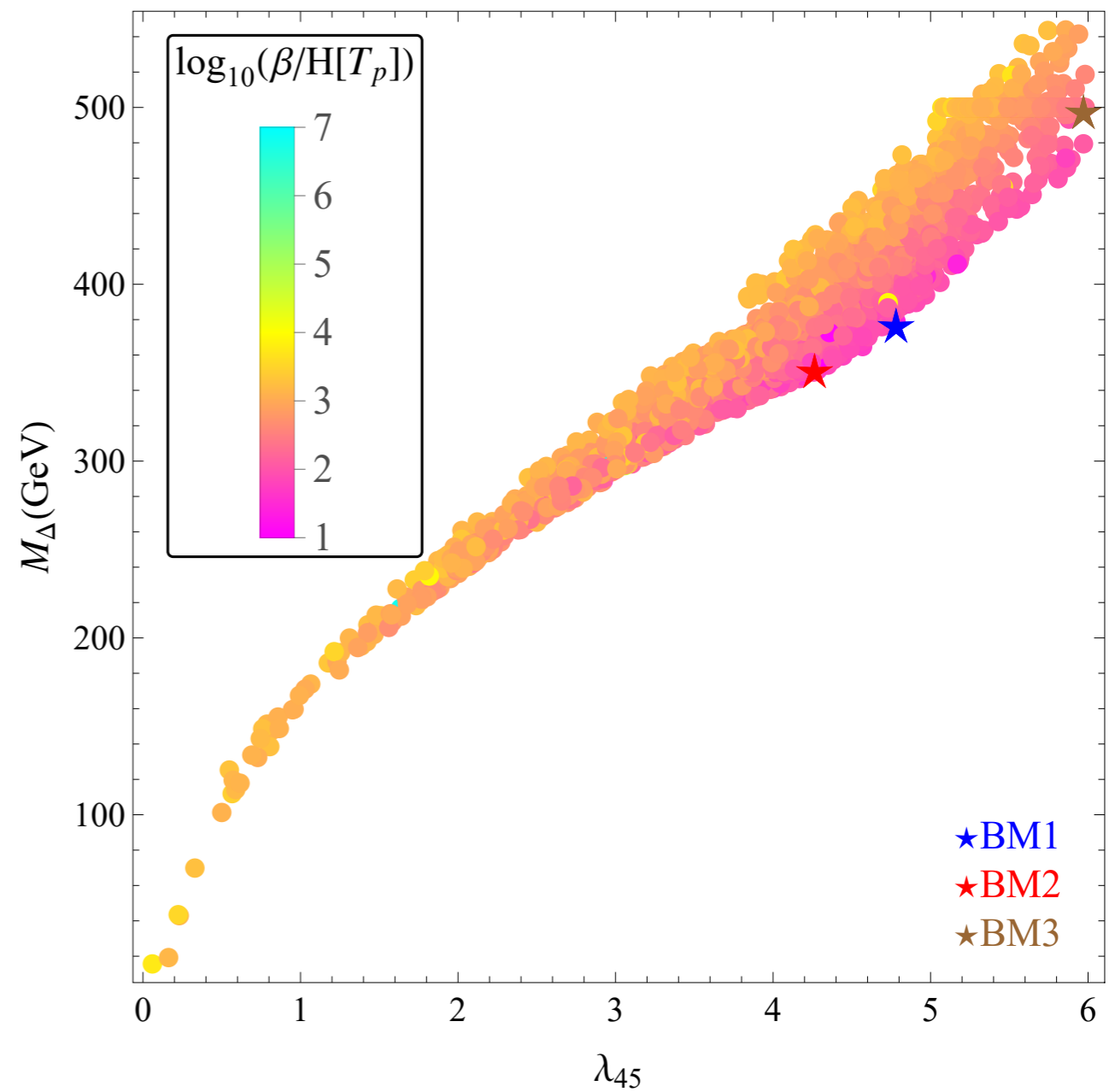
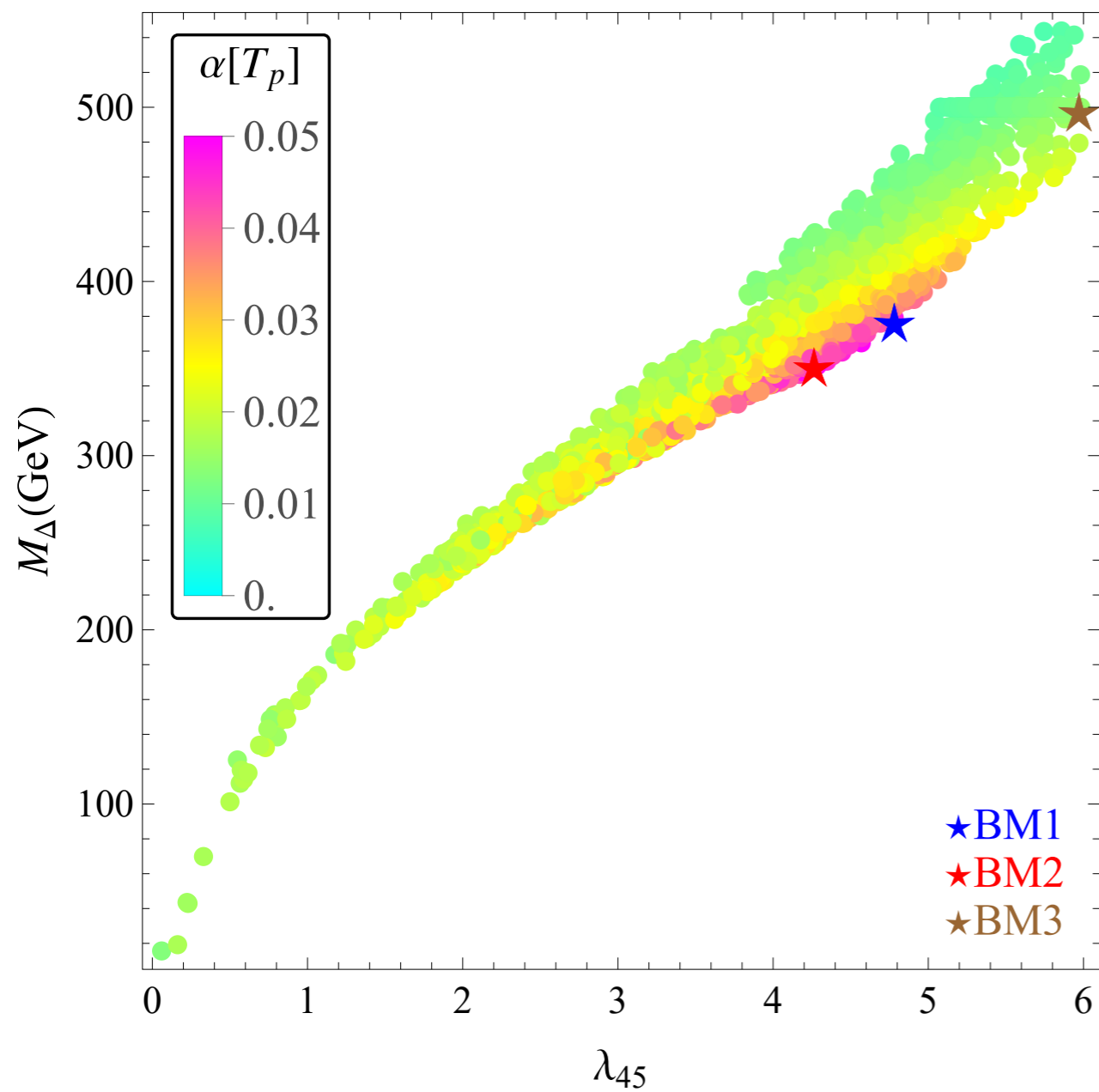
Sound wave

Magneto-hydrodynamic turbulence

$T_* = 100 \text{ GeV}, \beta/H = 100$

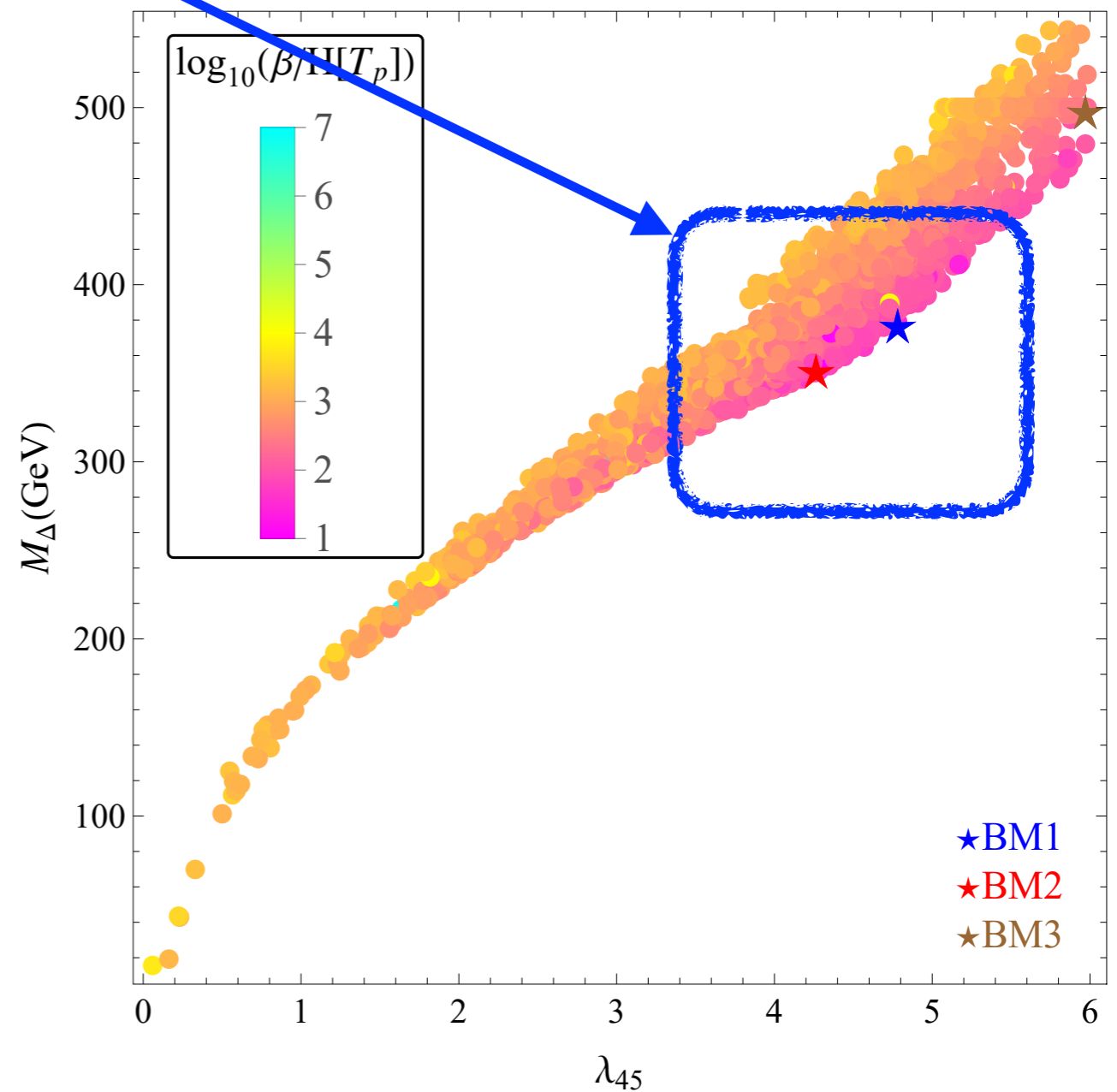
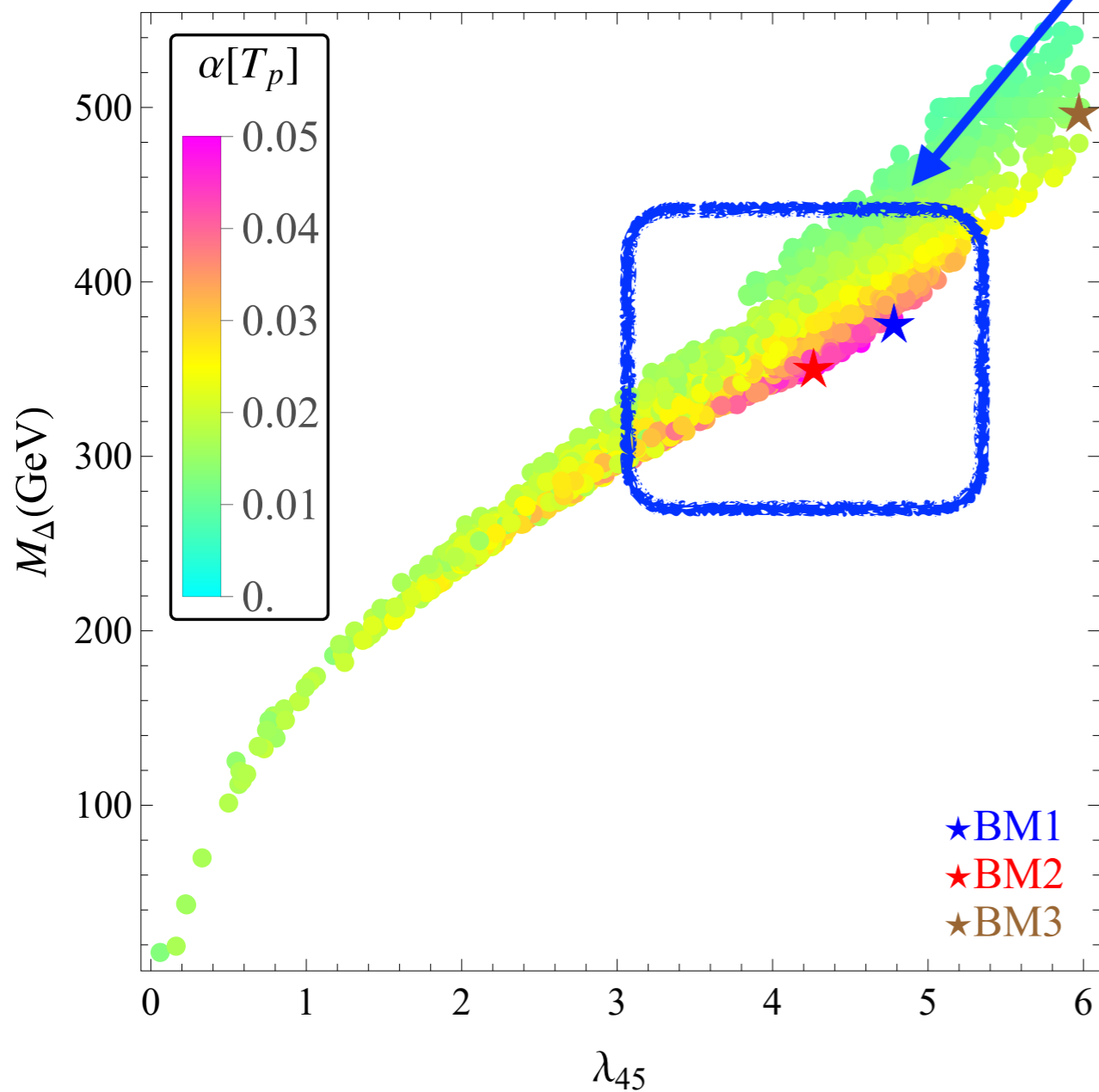


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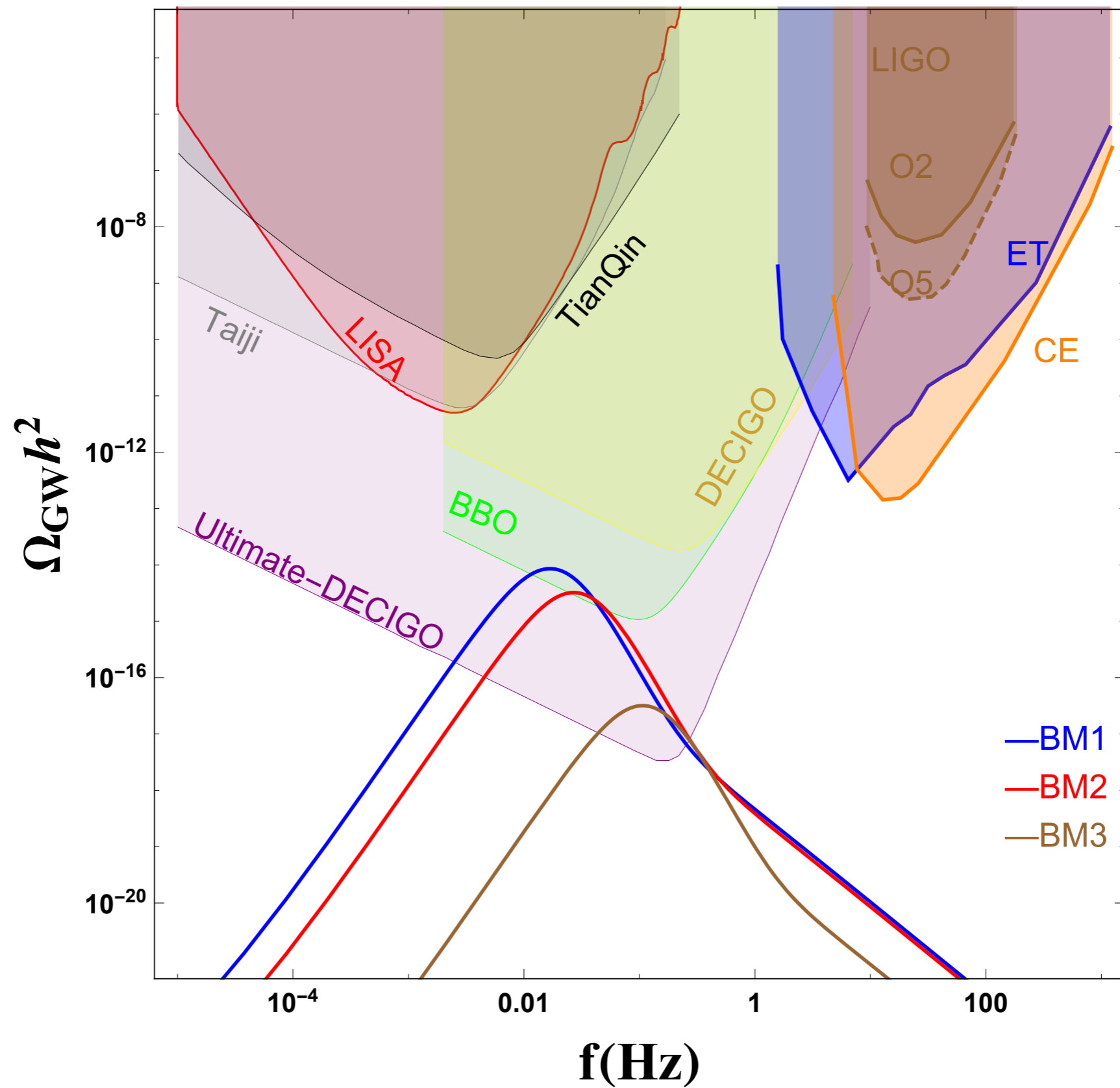


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Light triplet and large  $\lambda_{45}$  generically preferred

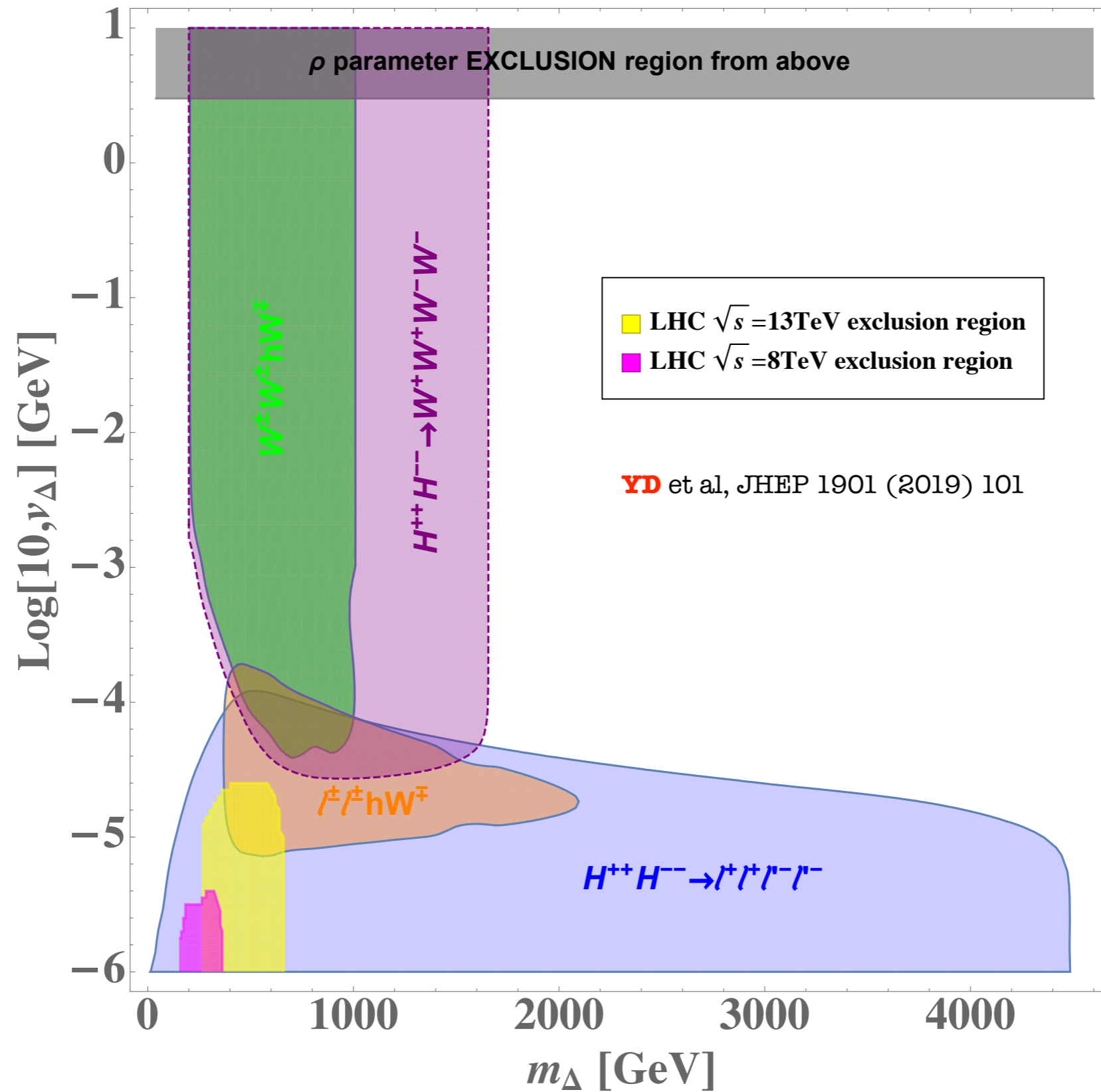


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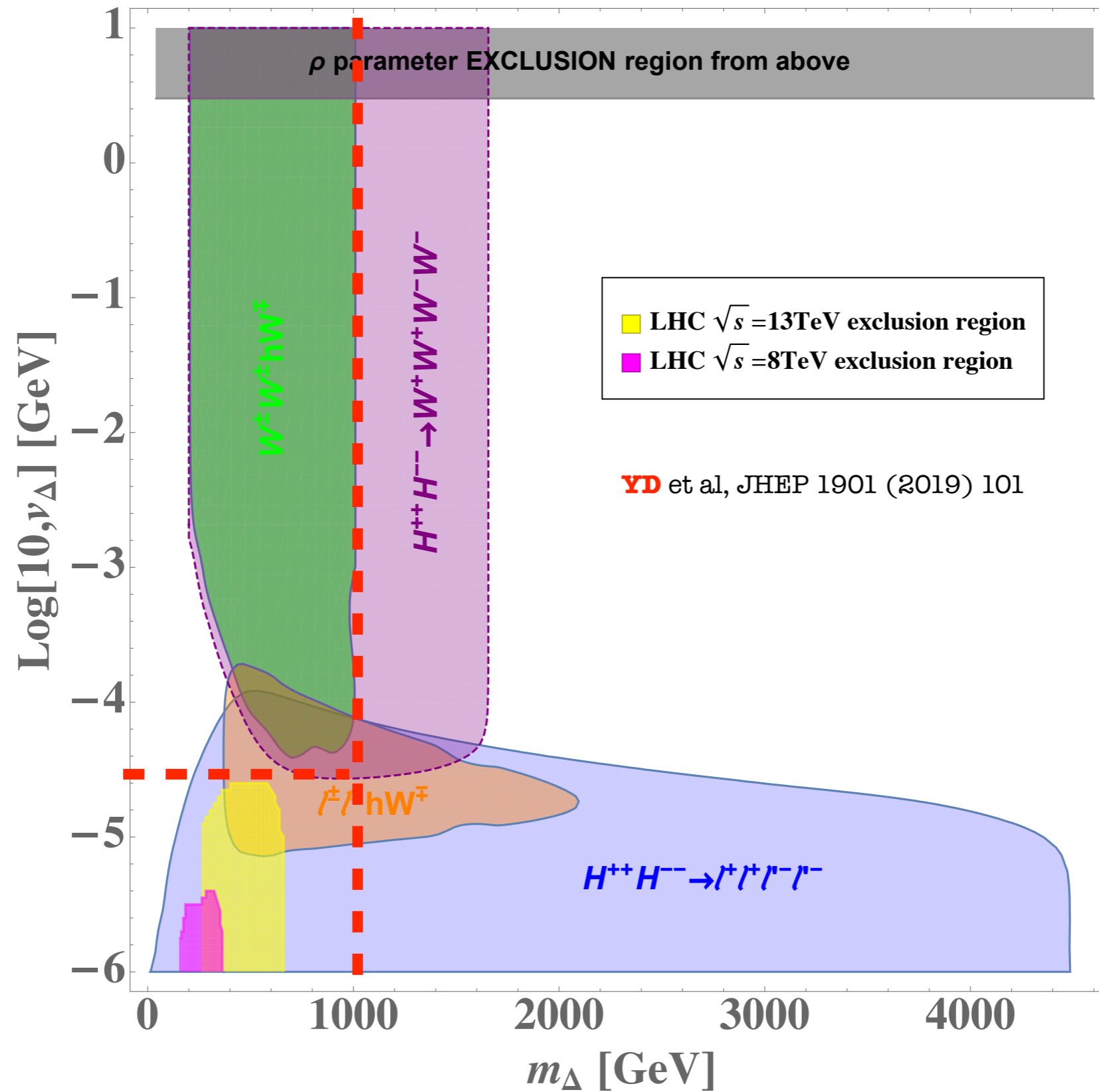


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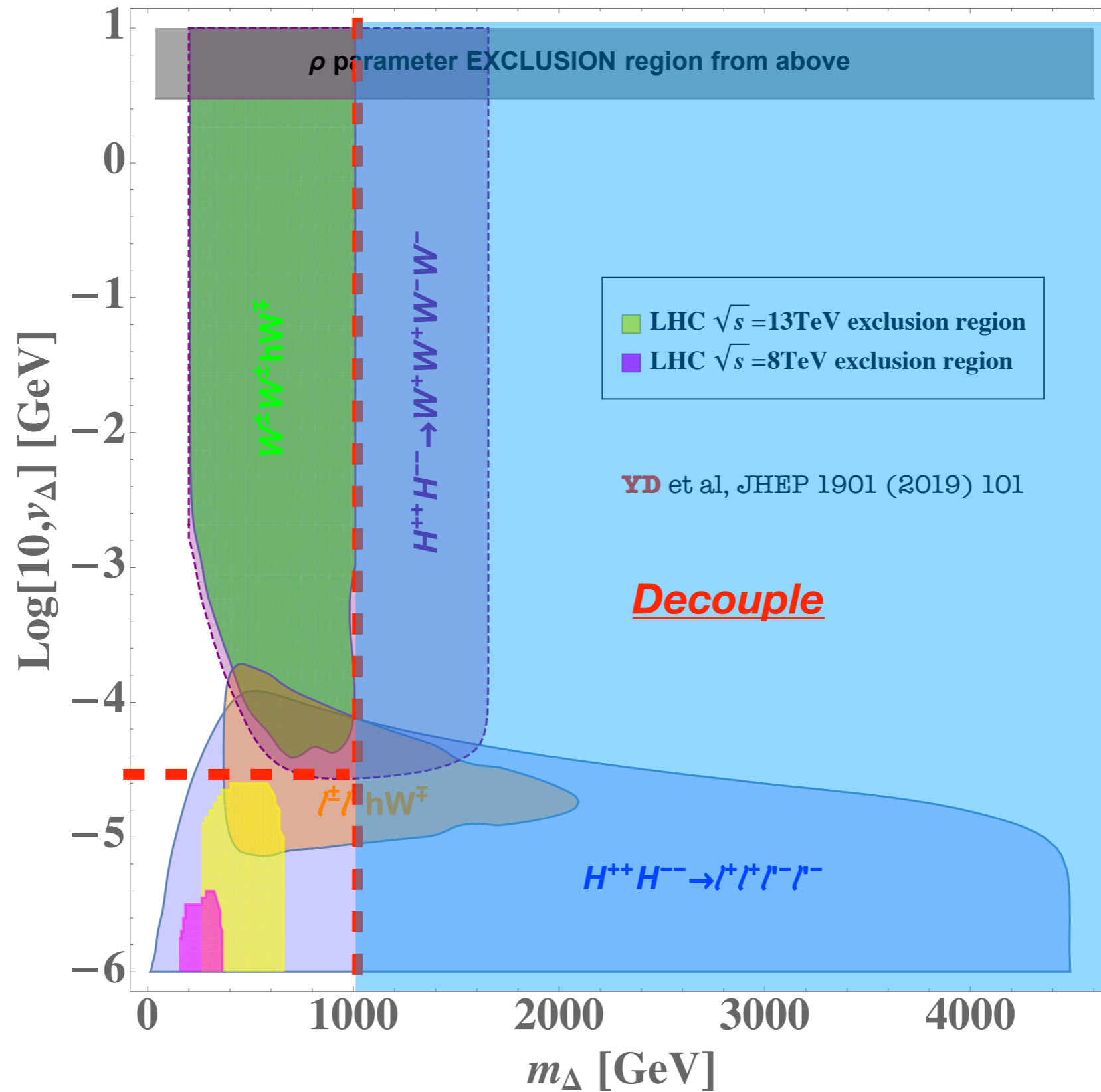


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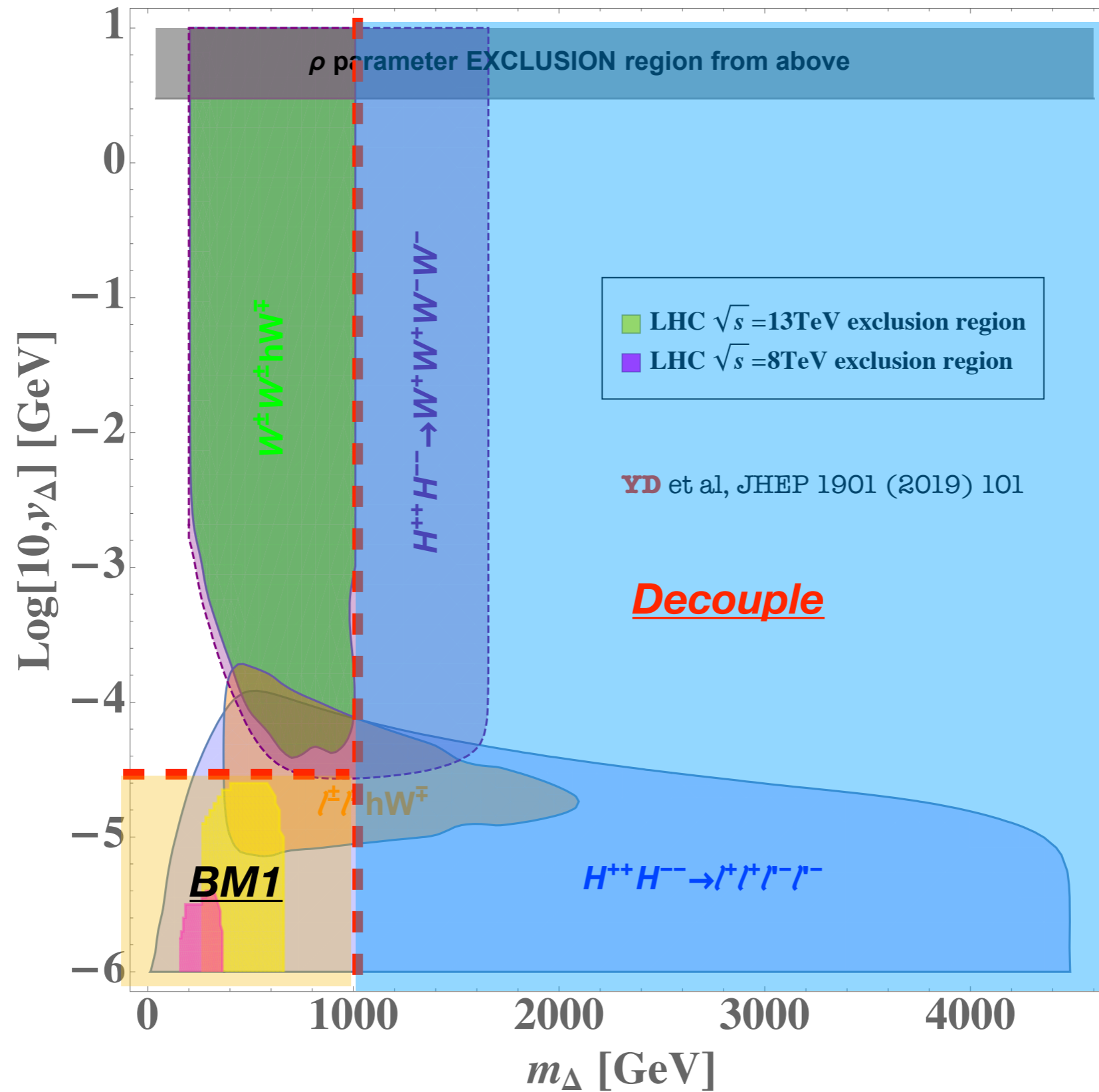




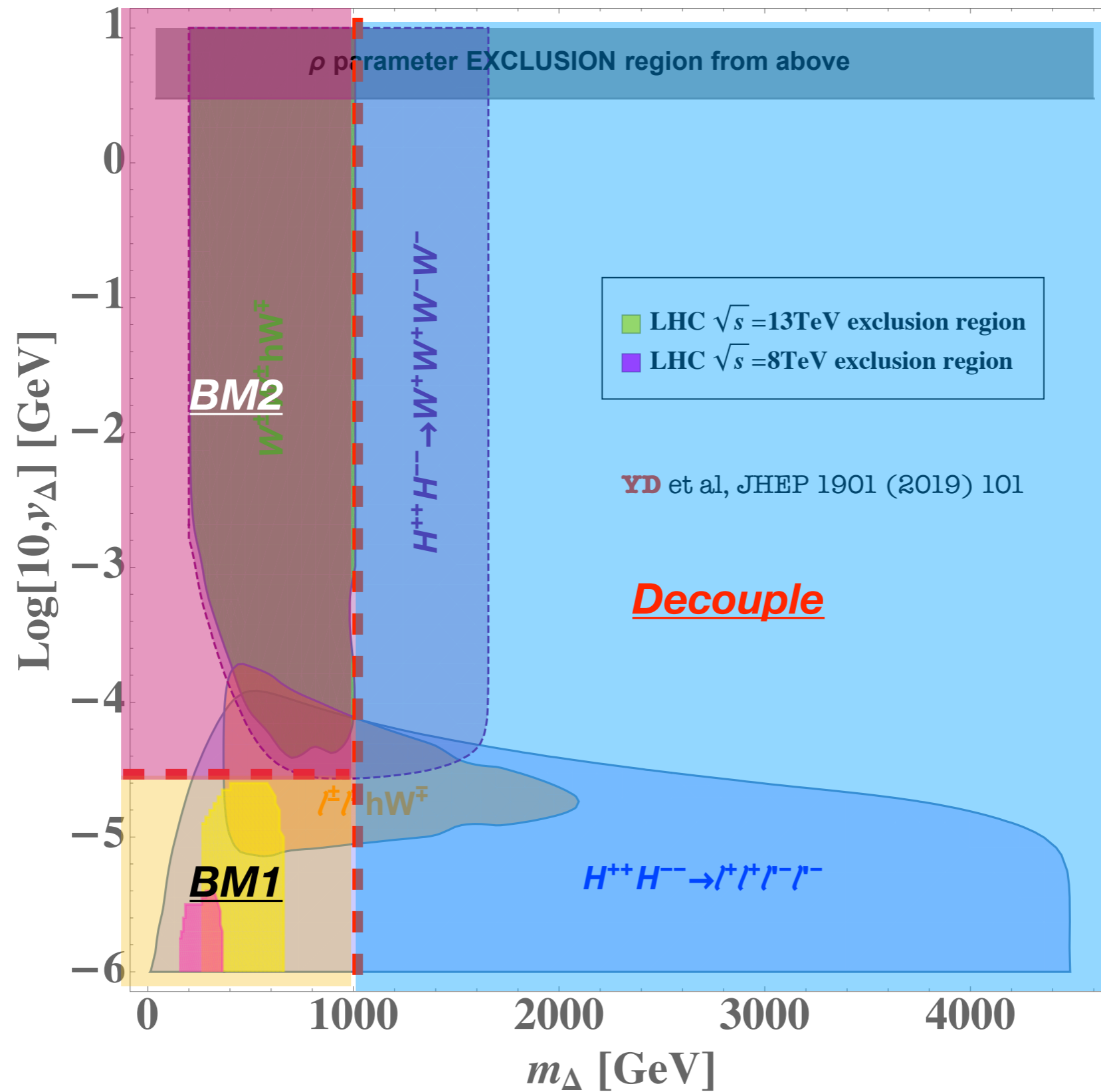
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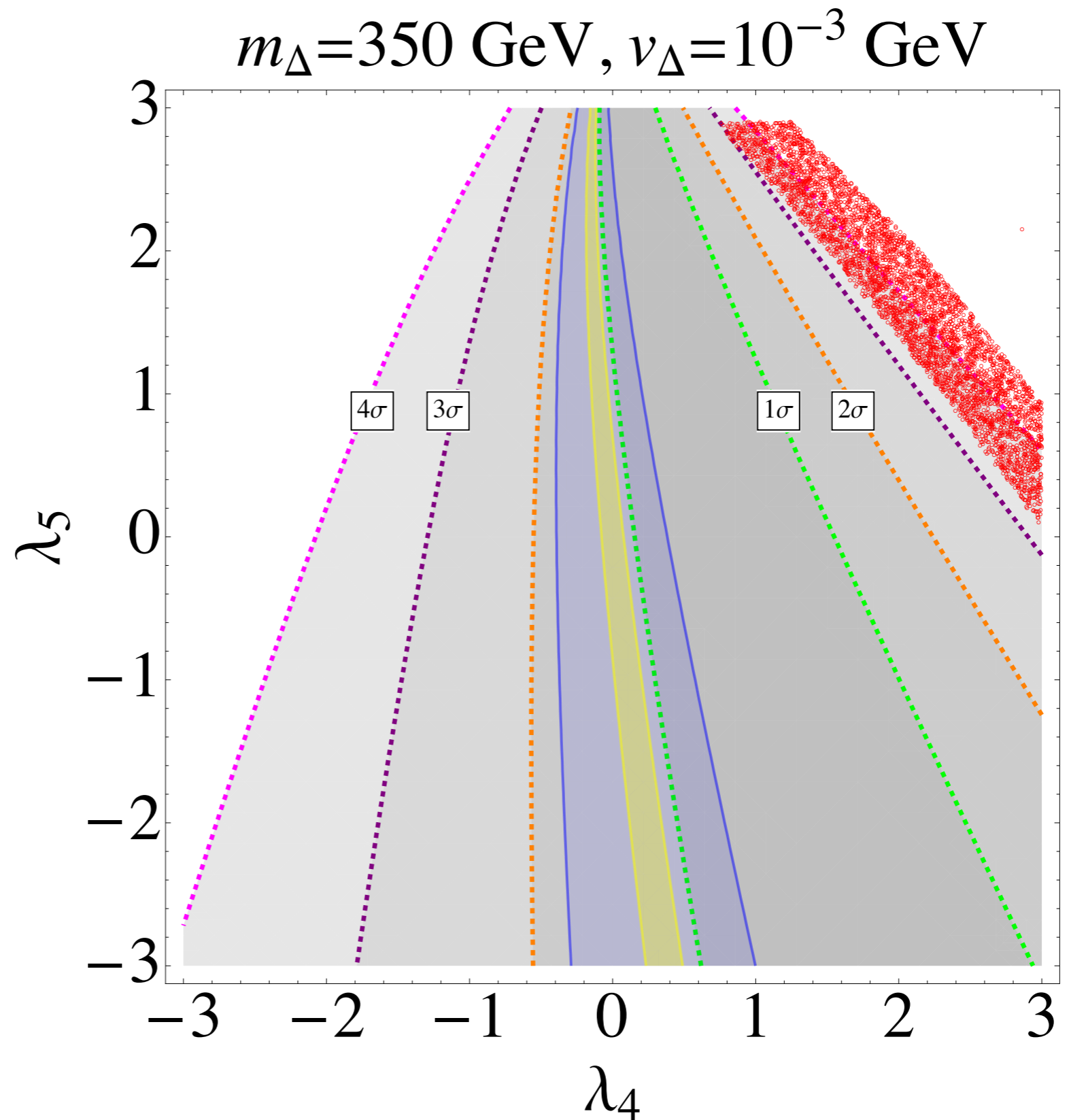
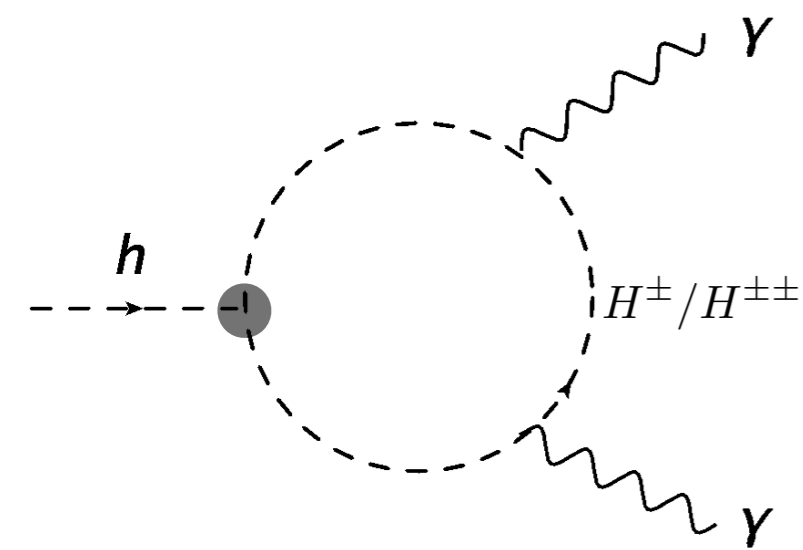
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# Complementarity: Precision tests



# Summary

- ❖ Electroweak phase transition and gravitational wave production in the type-II seesaw model are investigated for the first time.
- ❖ Both phase transition and gravitational wave production prefer a light triplet near 500 GeV.
- ❖ Being so light, direct searches at future colliders could be complementary (The same-sign same flavor di-lepton channel or the same-sign di-W boson channel could be the ideal channel, precision measurements of the  $h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  decay rate could also provide extra information).