

# The Future of Particle Physics

The story so far

Higgs puzzles

Dark matter

Direct and indirect approaches

**Stop Press:** More Higgs bosons or a new quarkonium?

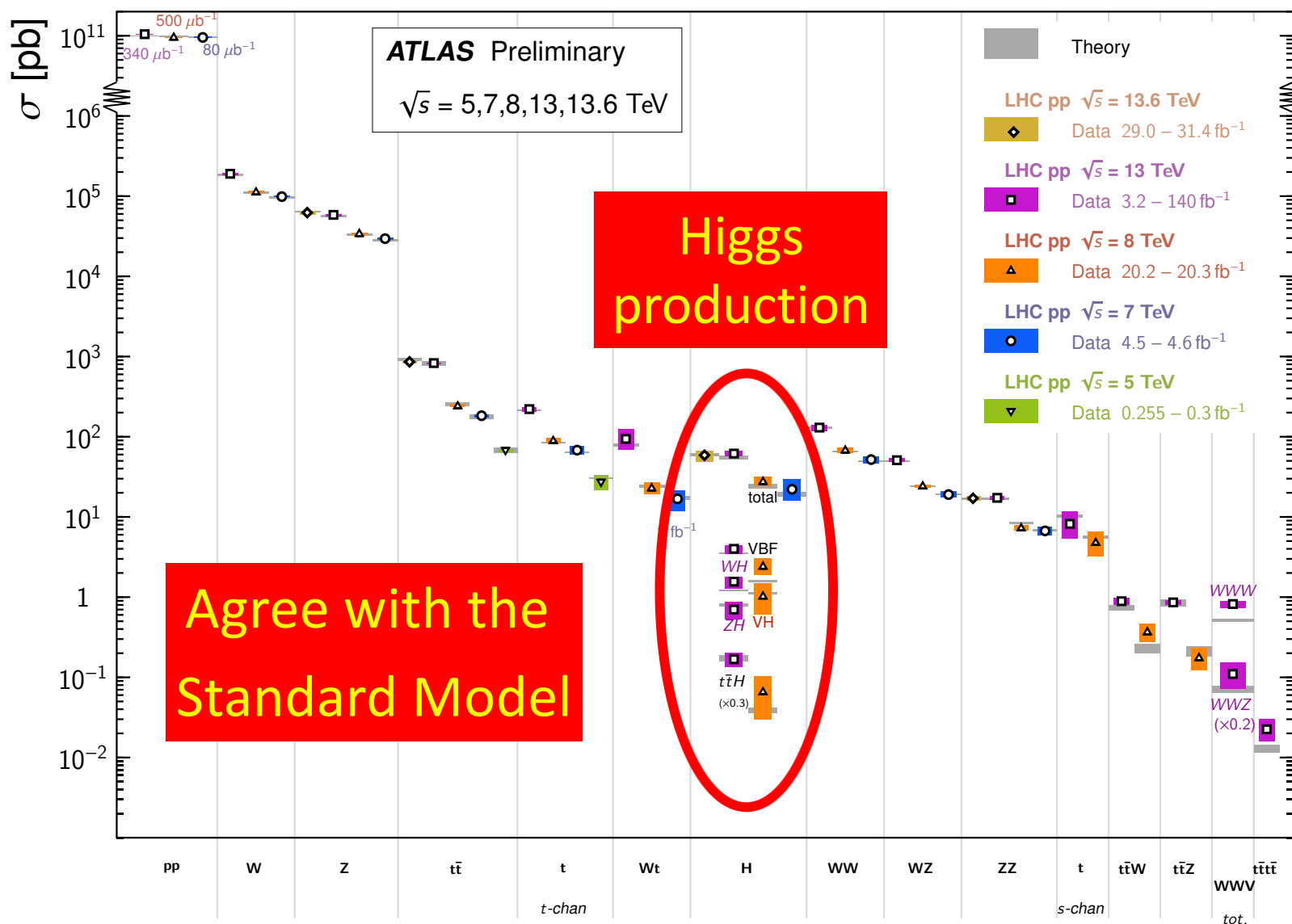
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# LHC Measurements

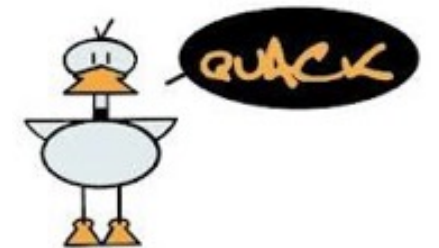
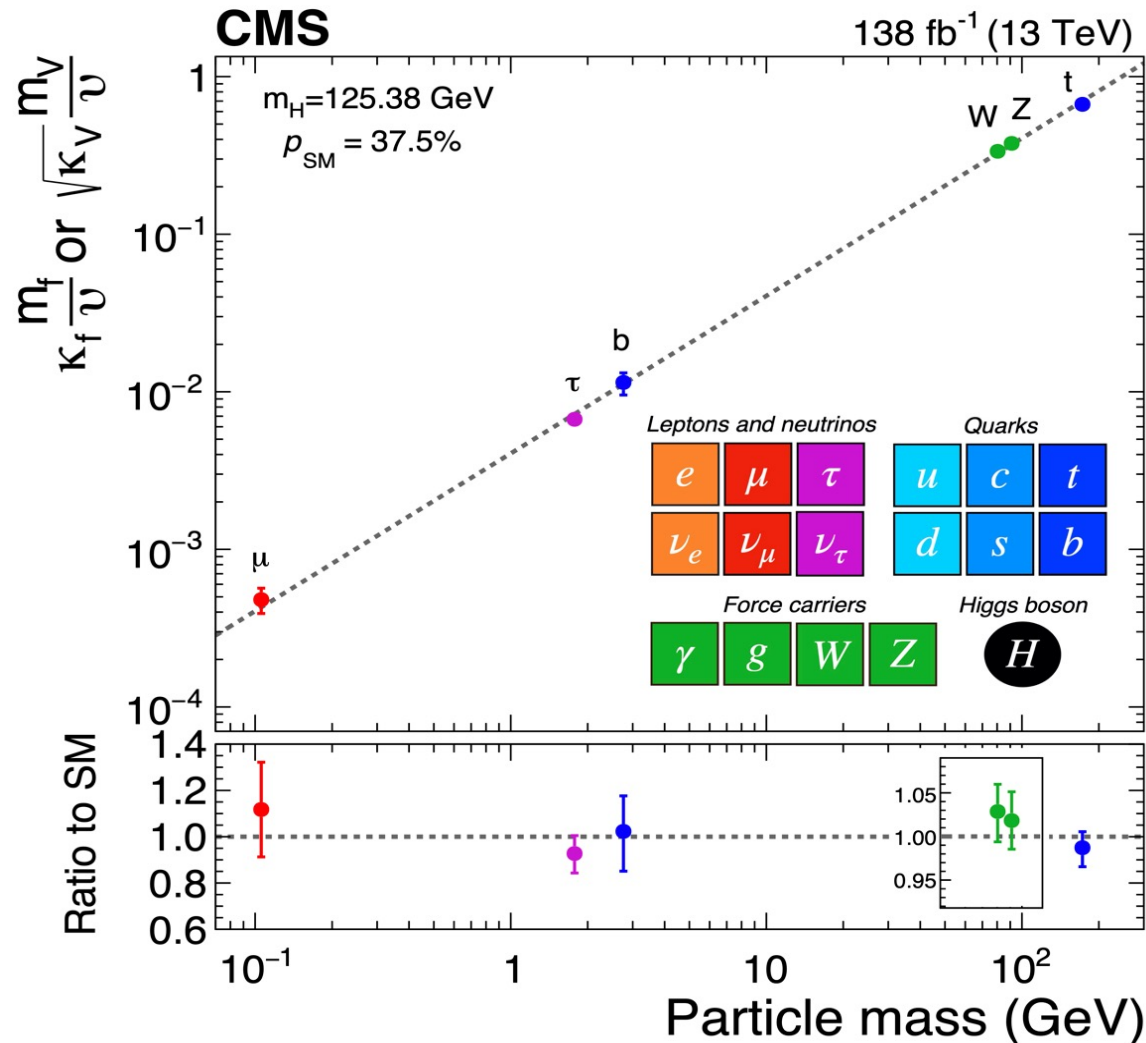
Standard Model Total Production Cross Section Measurements

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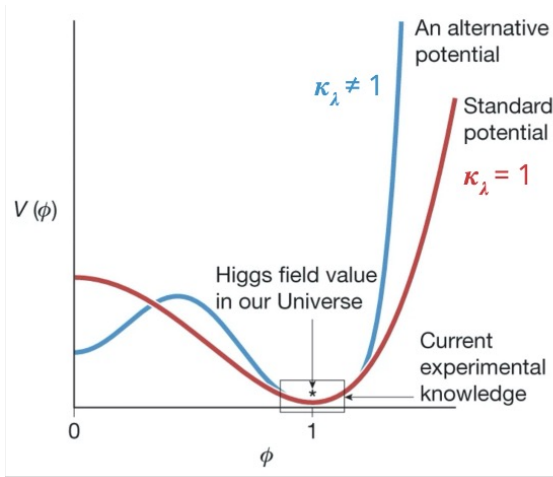


# It Walks and Quacks like a Higgs

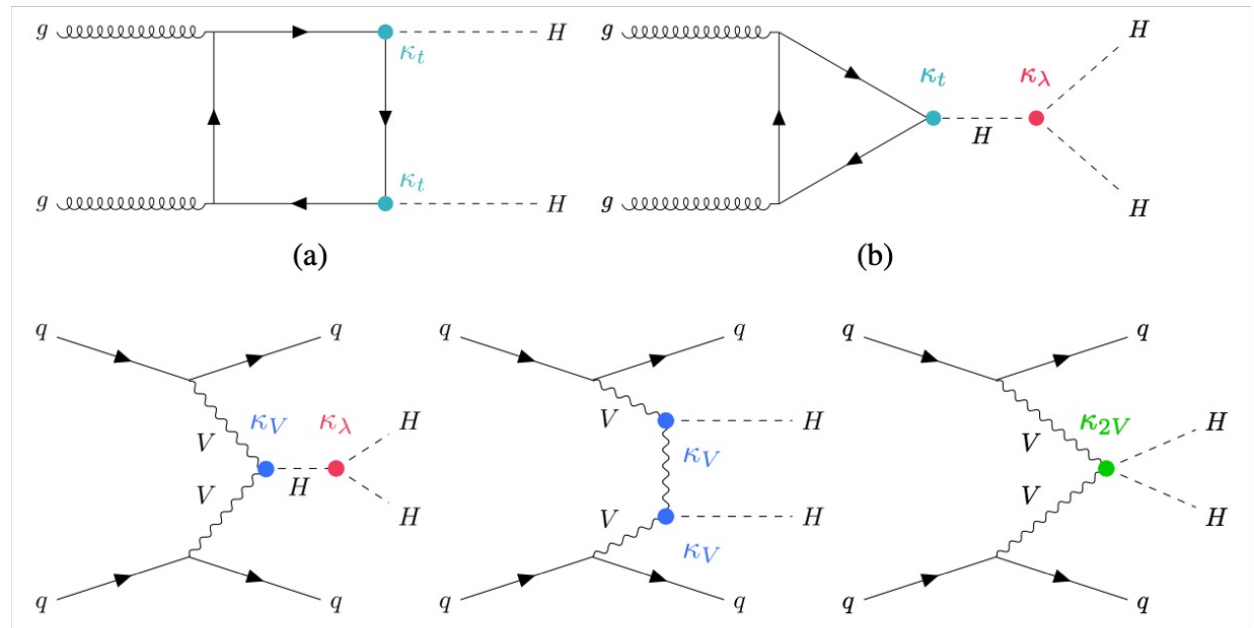
- Do couplings scale  $\sim$  mass? With scale =  $v$ ?



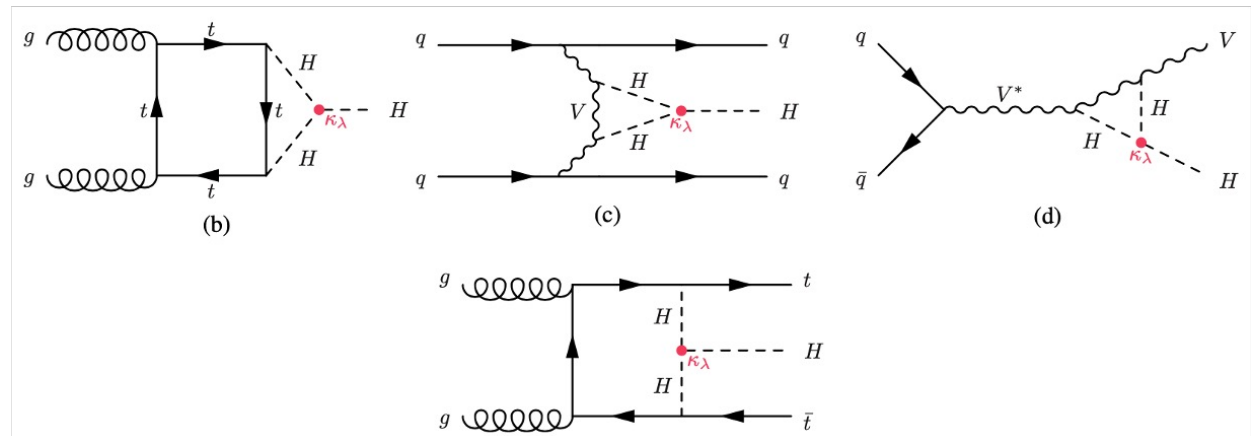
# Search for Triple-H Coupling



Diagrams for double-Higgs production



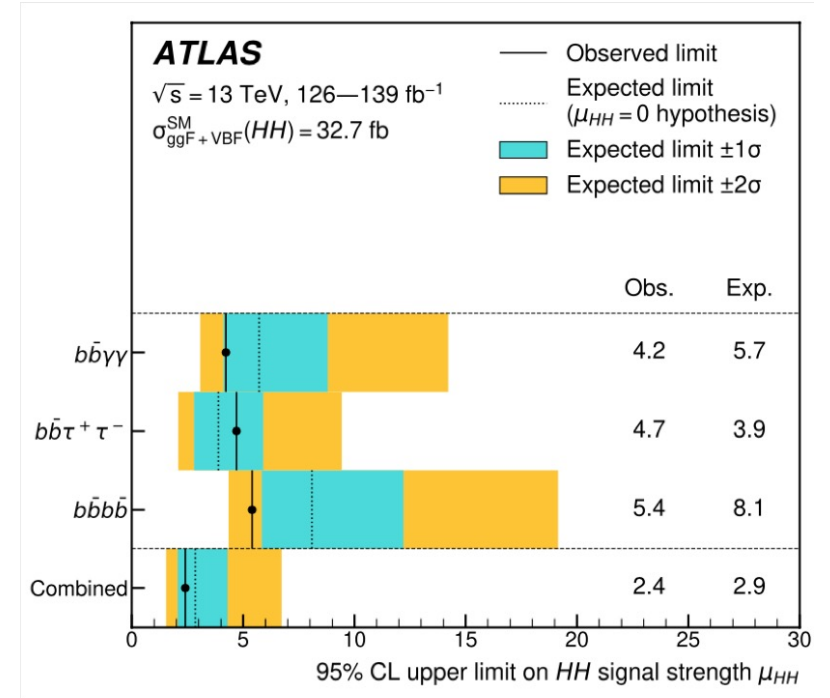
Loop corrections to single Higgs production



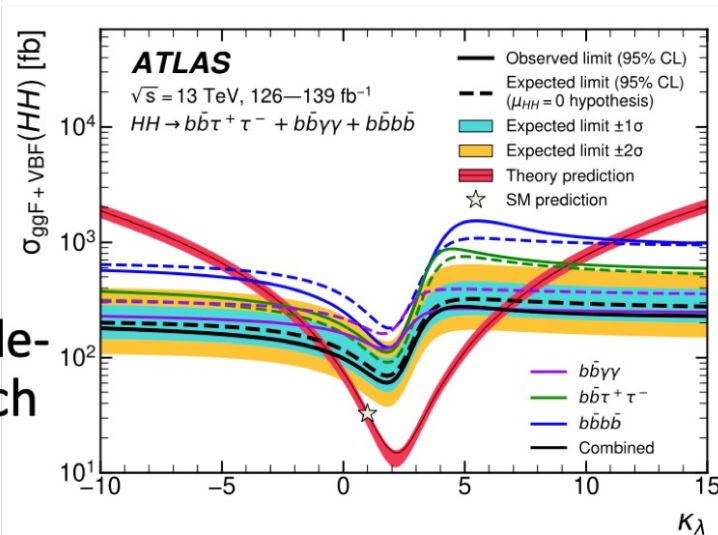
Next frontier in Higgs measurements

# Search for HHH Coupling

Limit on double-Higgs production

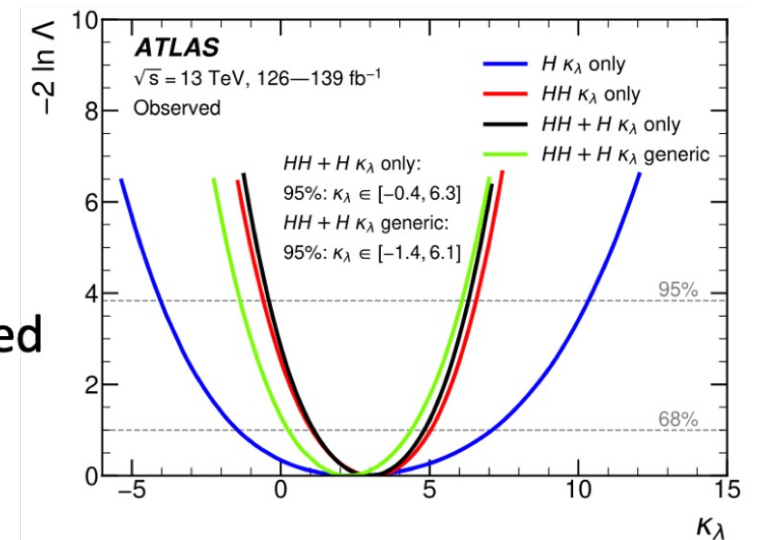


## Limits on triple-Higgs coupling



From double-Higgs search

Combined limit





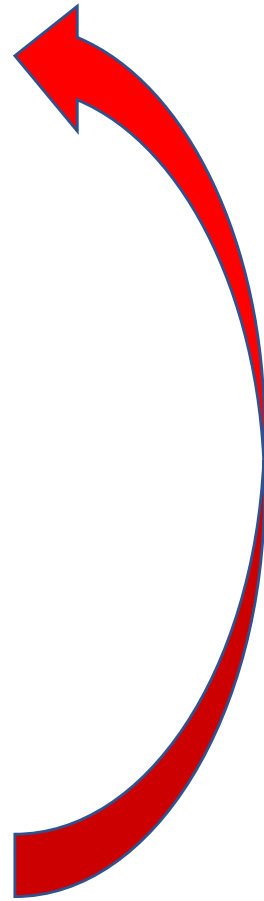
*... to make an end is to make a  
beginning.*

*The end is where we start from.*

*T.S. Eliot, *Little Gidding**

# Higgstorical Summary

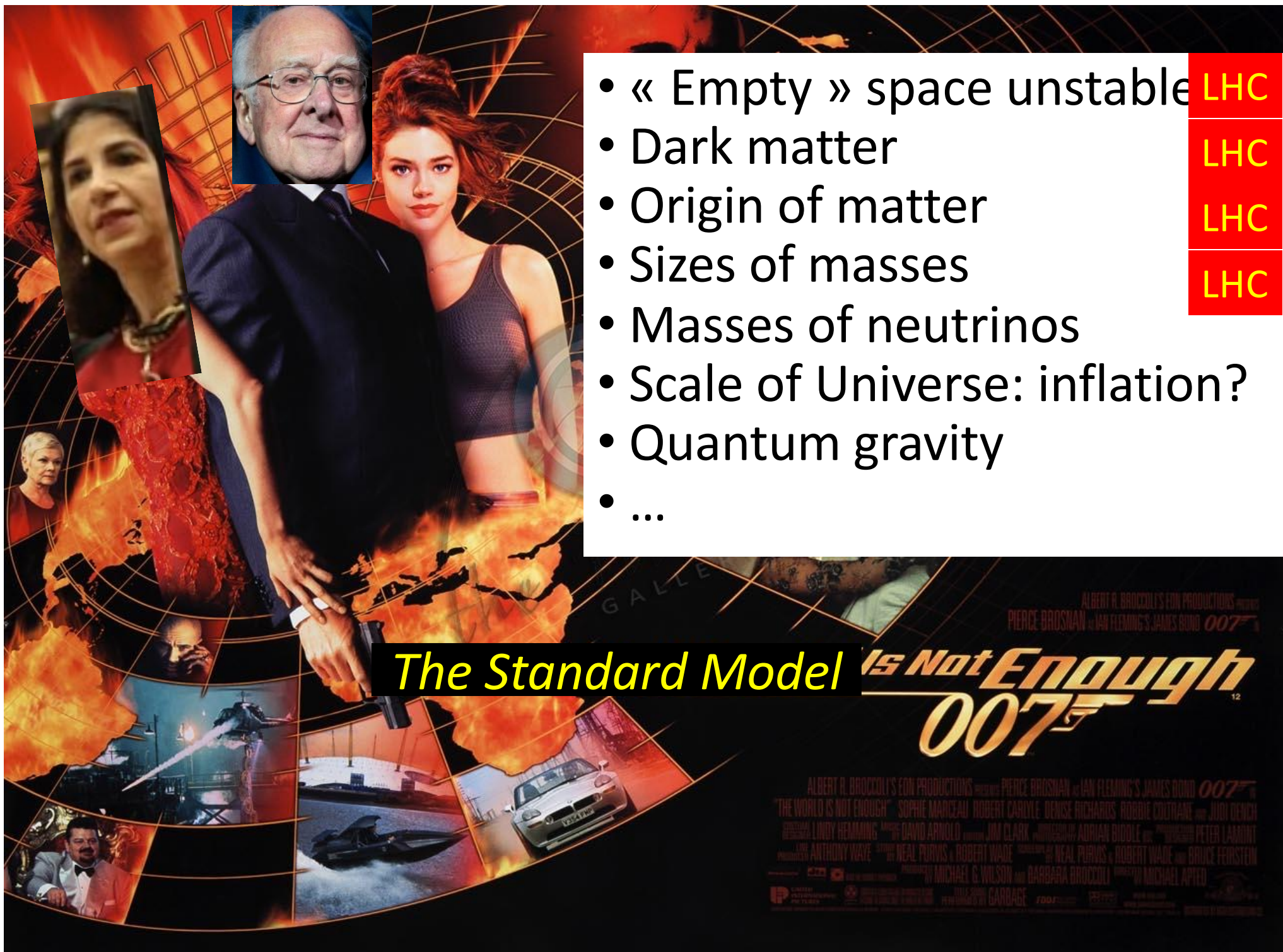
- Speculation
- Hypothesis
- Theory
- Search
- Discovery
- Building-block



Time to  
repeat?







- « Empty » space unstable **LHC**
- Dark matter **LHC**
- Origin of matter **LHC**
- Sizes of masses **LHC**
- Masses of neutrinos
- Scale of Universe: inflation?
- Quantum gravity
- ...

## The Standard Model

*Is Not Enough*  
**007**

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PIERCE BROSNAN in JAN FLEMING'S JAMES BOND **007**  
"THE WORLD IS NOT ENOUGH" SOPHIE MARCEAU ROBERT CARVILLE DENISE RICHARDS ROBBIE COLTRANE and JUDI DENCH  
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# Everything about Higgs is Puzzling

$$\mathcal{L} = yH\psi\bar{\psi} + \mu^2|H|^2 - \lambda|H|^4 - V_0 + \dots$$

- Pattern of Yukawa couplings  $y$ :

- **Flavour problem**

- Magnitude of mass term  $\mu$ :

- **Naturalness/hierarchy problem**

- Magnitude of quartic coupling  $\lambda$ :

- **Stability of electroweak vacuum**

- Cosmological constant term  $V_0$ :

- **Dark energy**

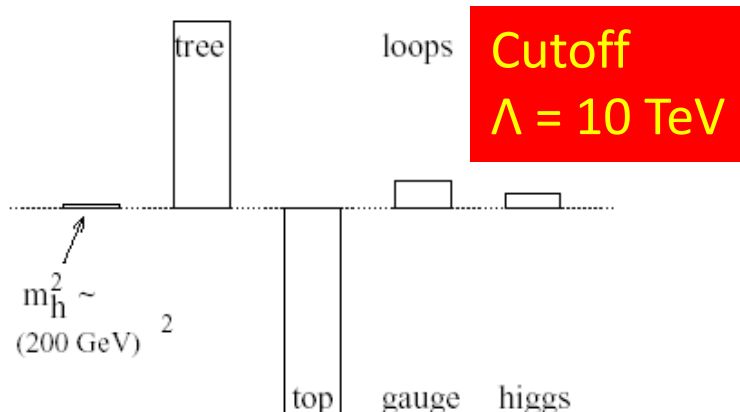
Higher-dimensional interactions?

## Elementary Higgs or Composite?

- Higgs field:

$$v = \langle 0 | H | 0 \rangle \neq 0$$

- Quantum loop problems
- $M_h$ ,  $v$ , other masses have quadratic divergences



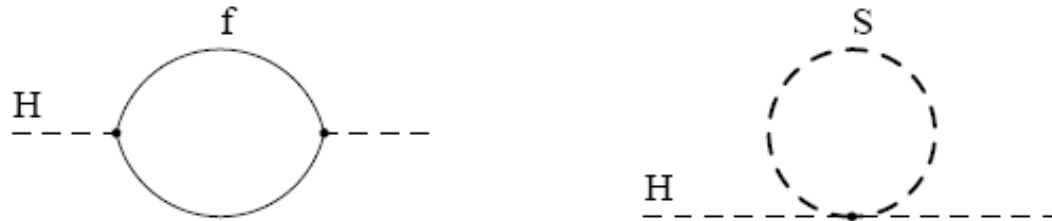
Cut-off  $\Lambda \sim 1 \text{ TeV}$  with  
Supersymmetry?

- Fermion-antifermion condensate?
- Just like  $\pi$  in QCD, Cooper pairs in BCS superconductivity
- Need new 'technicolour' force

- Heavy scalar resonance?
- (Problems with precision electroweak data)
- Pseudo-Nambu-Goldstone boson?

# Loop Corrections to Higgs Mass<sup>2</sup>

- Consider generic fermion and boson loops:



- Each is quadratically divergent:  $\int^{\Lambda} d^4k/k^2$

$$\Delta m_H^2 = -\frac{y_f}{16\pi^2} [2\Lambda^2 + 6m_f^2 \ln(\Lambda/m_f) + \dots]$$

$$\Delta m_H^2 = \frac{\lambda_S}{16\pi^2} [\Lambda^2 - 2m_S^2 \ln(\Lambda/m_S) + \dots]$$

- Leading divergence cancelled if

$$\lambda_S = y_f^2 \times 2 \quad \text{Supersymmetry!}$$

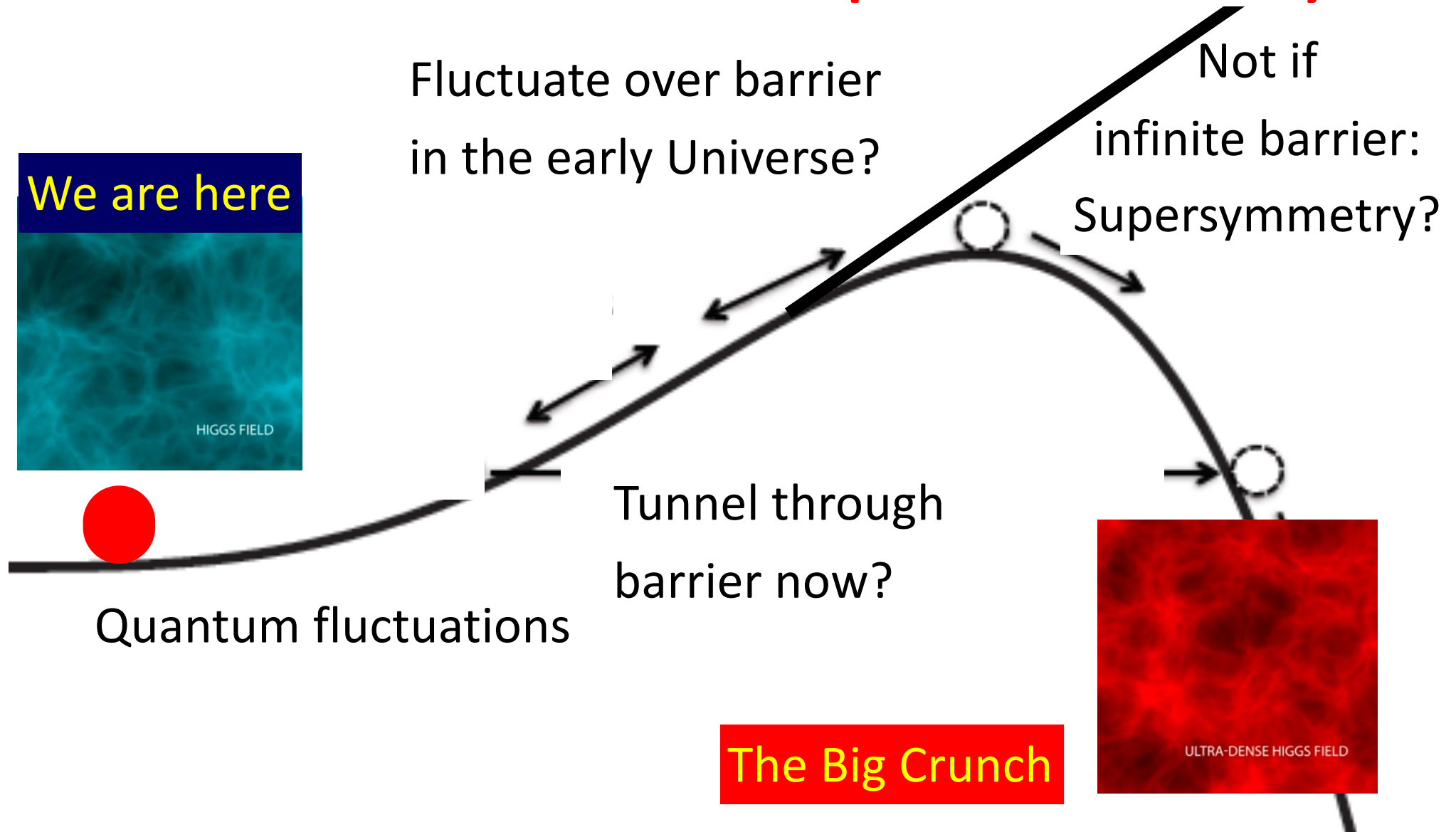
# What lies beyond the Standard Model?

## Supersymmetry

New motivations  
from LHC

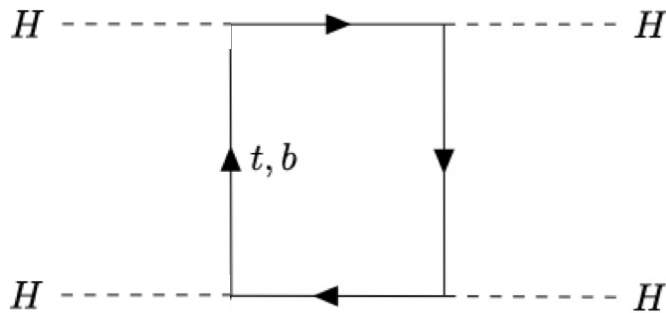
- Stabilize electroweak vacuum
- Successful prediction for Higgs mass
  - Should be  $< 130$  GeV in simple models
- Successful predictions for couplings
  - Should be within few % of SM values
- Naturalness, GUTs, string, **dark matter**,  $g_\mu - 2$ , ...

# Will the Universe Collapse? Should it have Collapsed already?



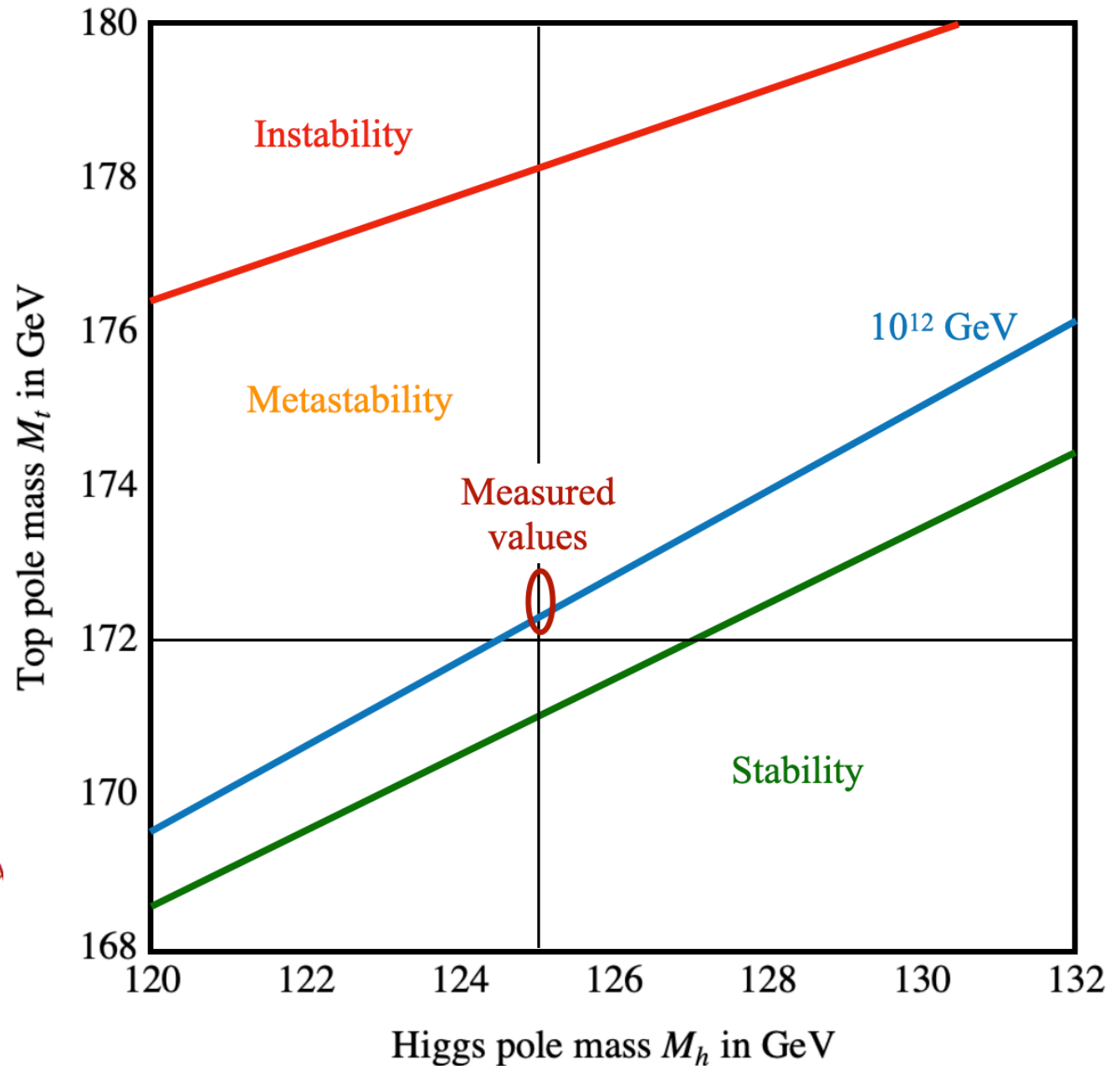
# Is “Empty Space” Unstable?

Depends on masses of Higgs boson and top quark

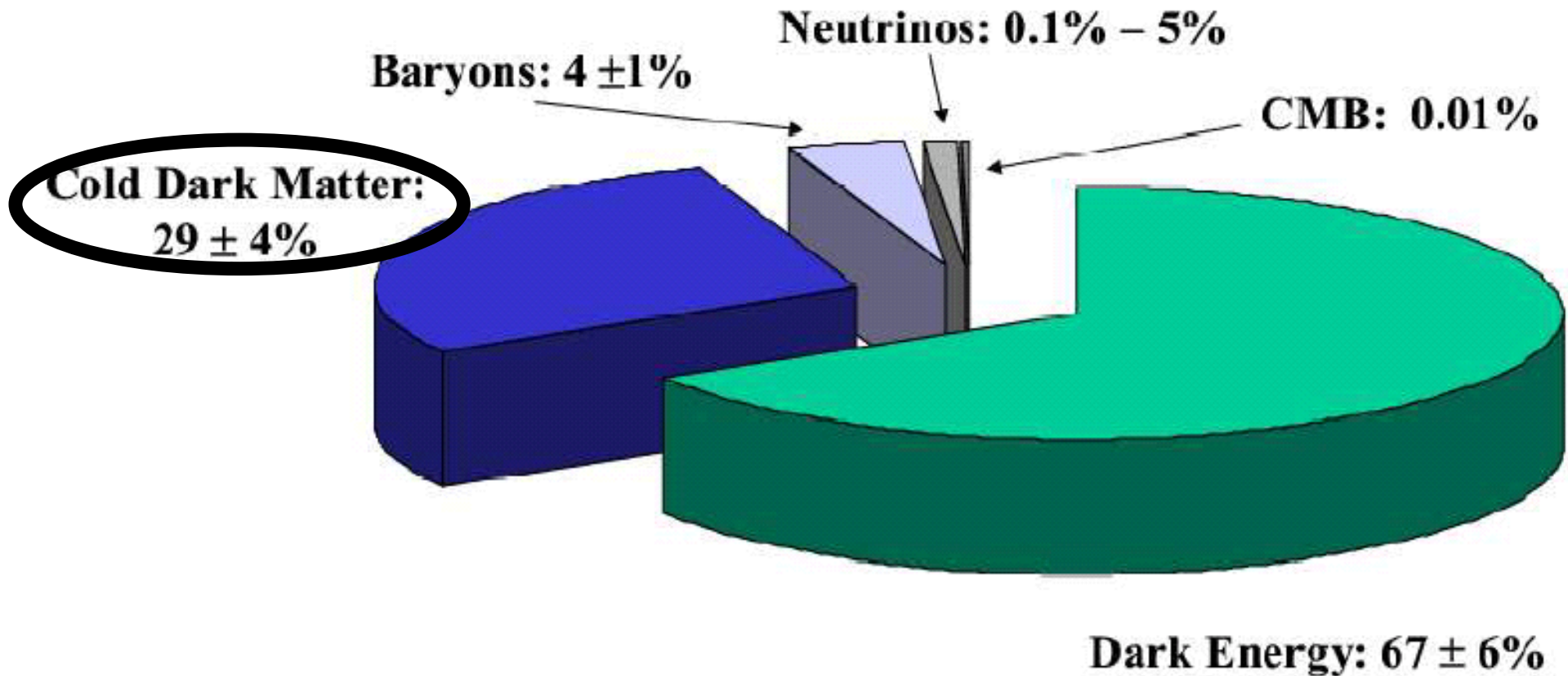


$$16\pi^2 \frac{d\lambda}{dt} = 12(\lambda^2 + h_t^2 \lambda - h_t^4) + \mathcal{O}(g^4, g^2 \lambda)$$

$$t = \log(Q^2)$$



# Strange Recipe for a Universe



The 'Standard Model' of the Universe indicated by astrophysics and cosmology



# WIMP Candidates

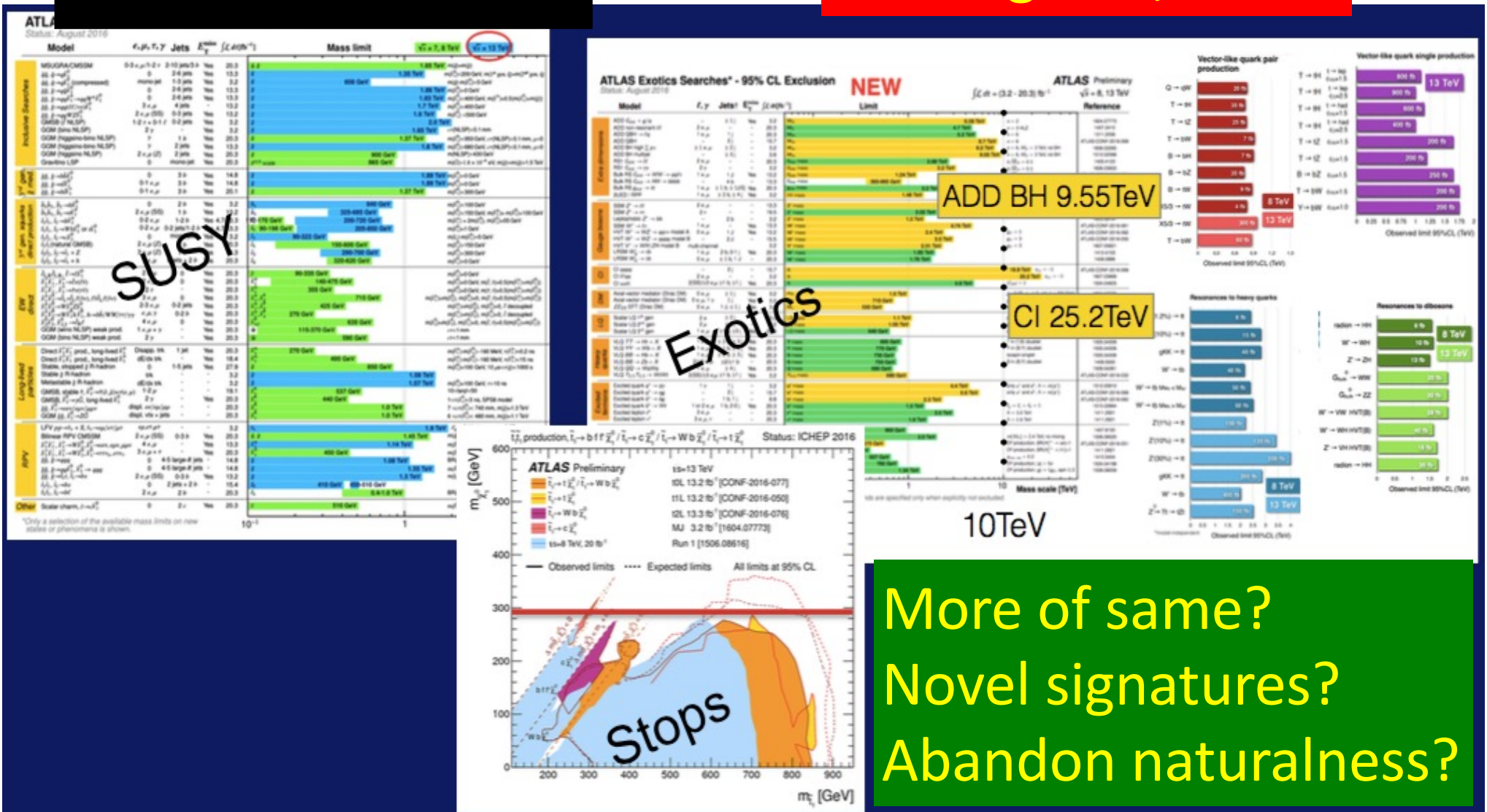
- Could have right density if weigh 100 to 1000 GeV (accessible to LHC experiments?)
- Present in many extensions of Standard Model
- Particularly in attempts to understand strength of weak interactions, mass of Higgs boson
- Examples:
  - Extra dimensions of space
  - **Supersymmetry**



# Nothing (yet) at the LHC

No supersymmetry

Nothing else, either



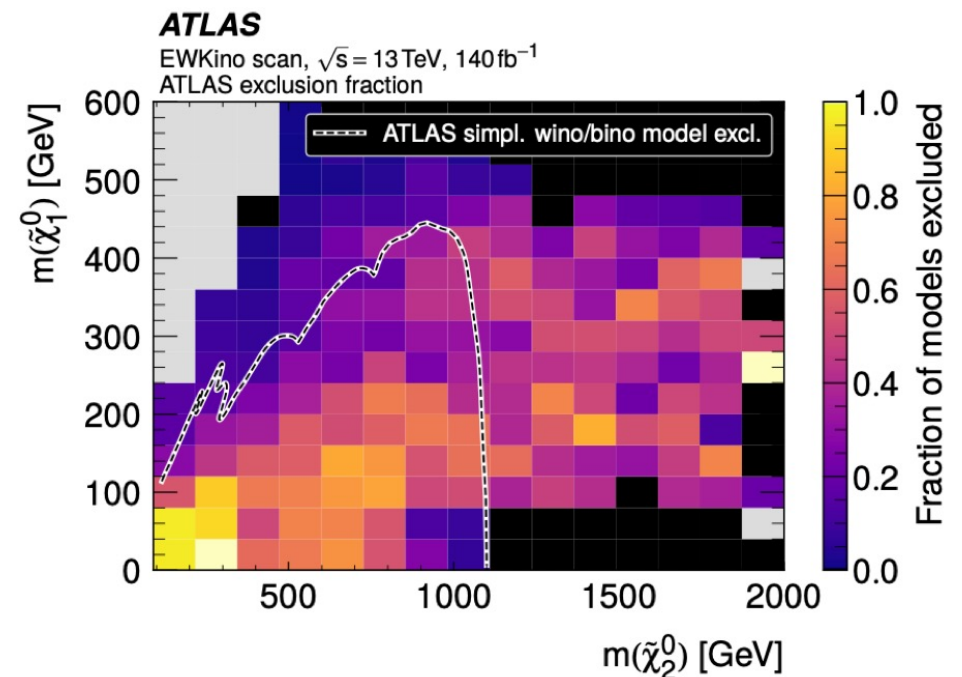
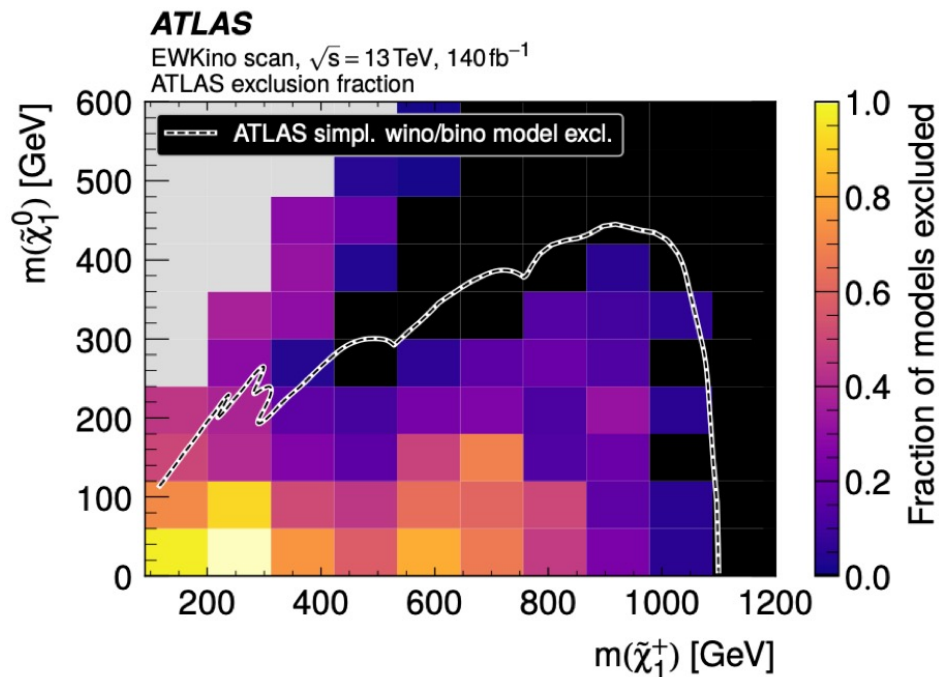
# Fraction of Models Excluded

Exclusions not 100%, not as strong as often stated

Lines = Exclusions in searches with simplifying assumptions on spectrum and decay modes

Black = < 10% of pMSSM models excluded

Cream = > 90% of pMSSM models excluded

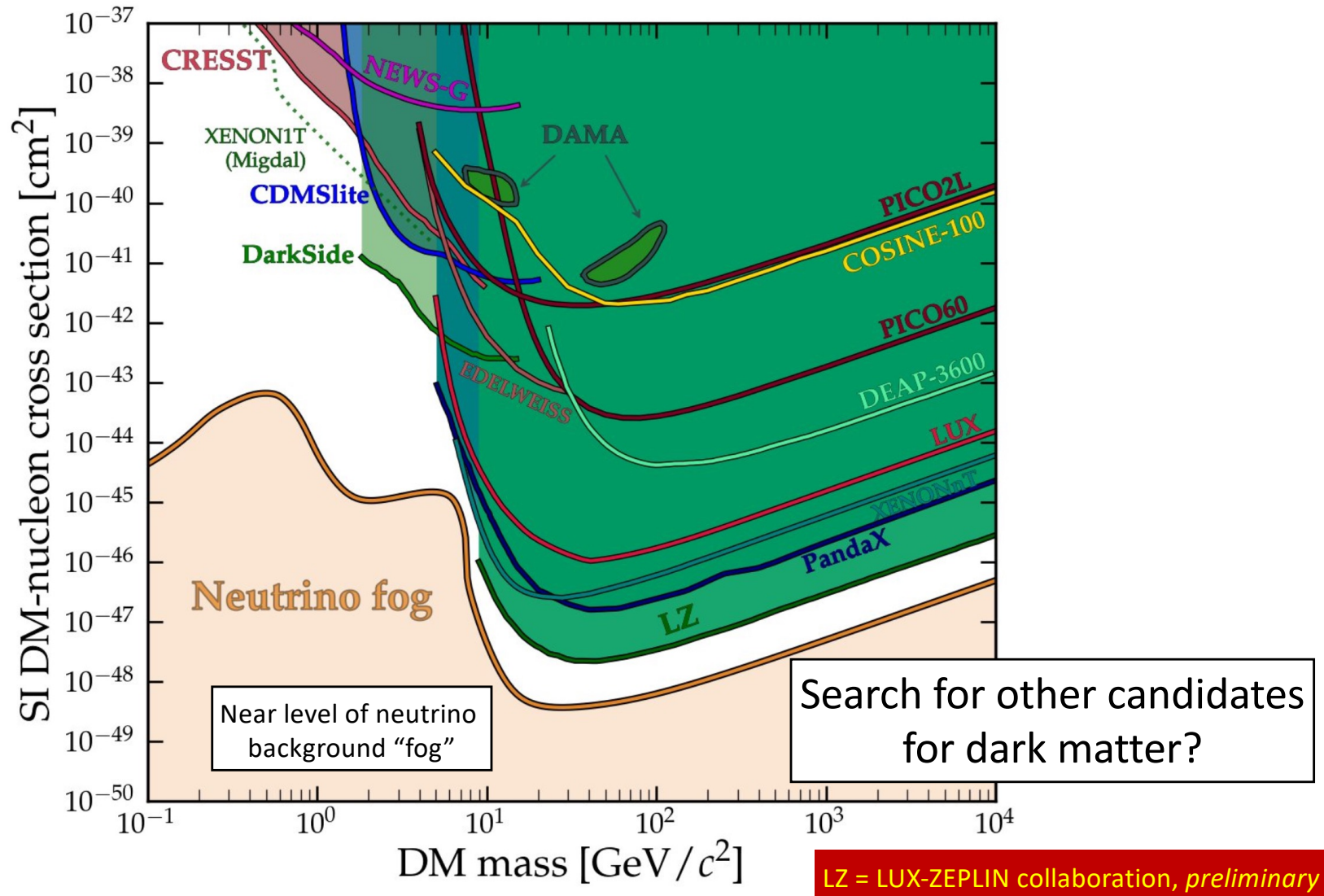


Many low-mass pMSSM models consistent with constraints

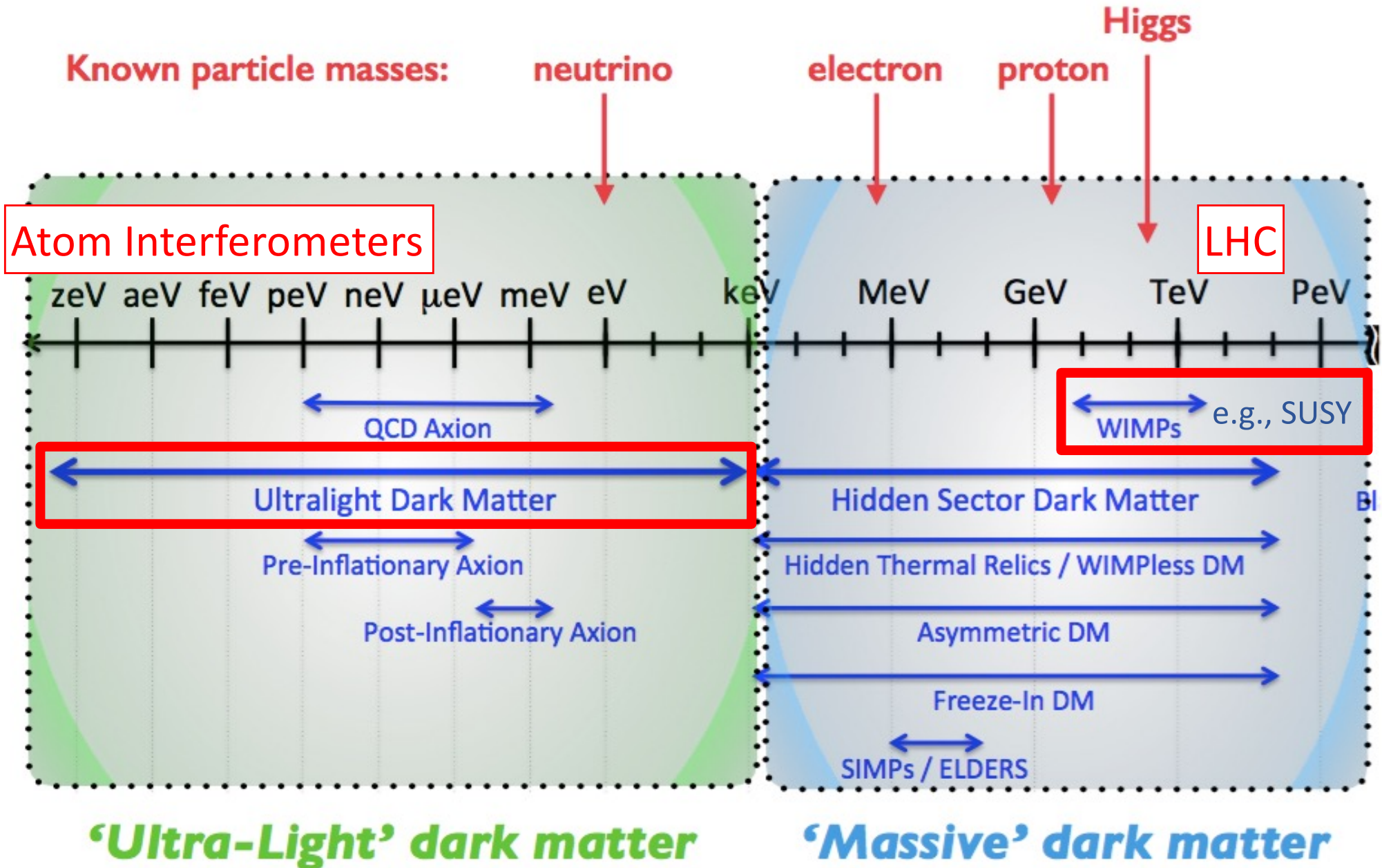
Hope springs eternal!

# Direct Dark Matter Searches

Latest experimental results



# Other Candidates for Dark Matter

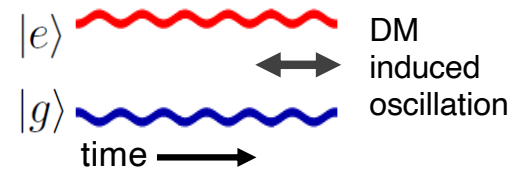
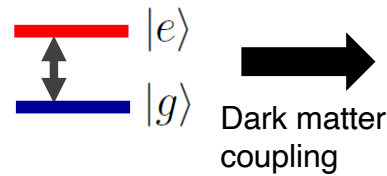


# Searches for Light Dark Matter

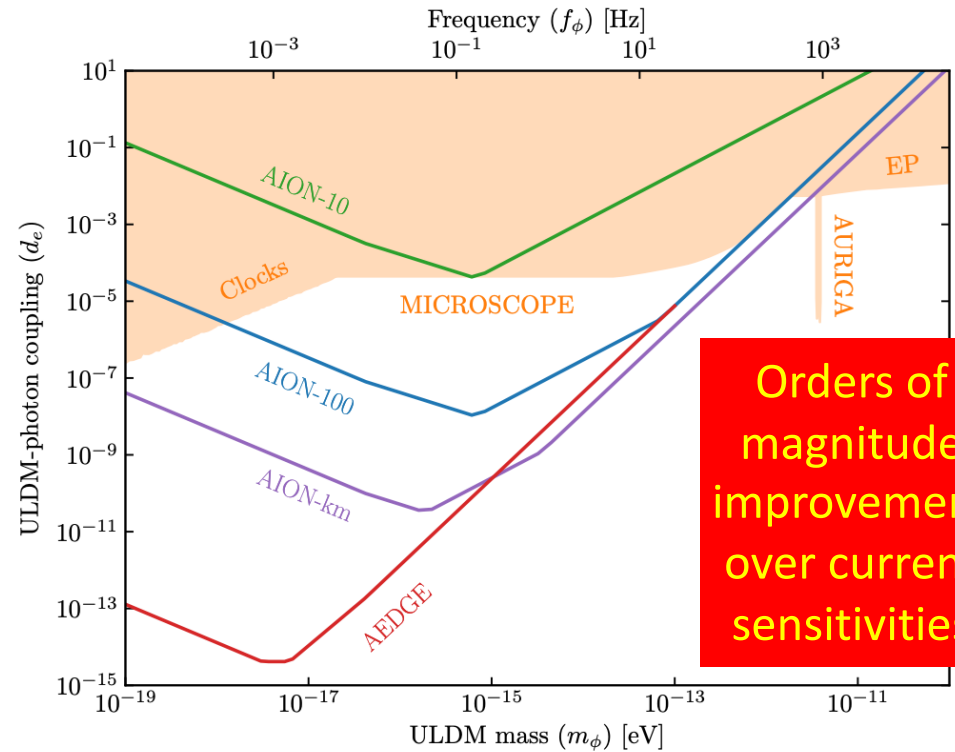
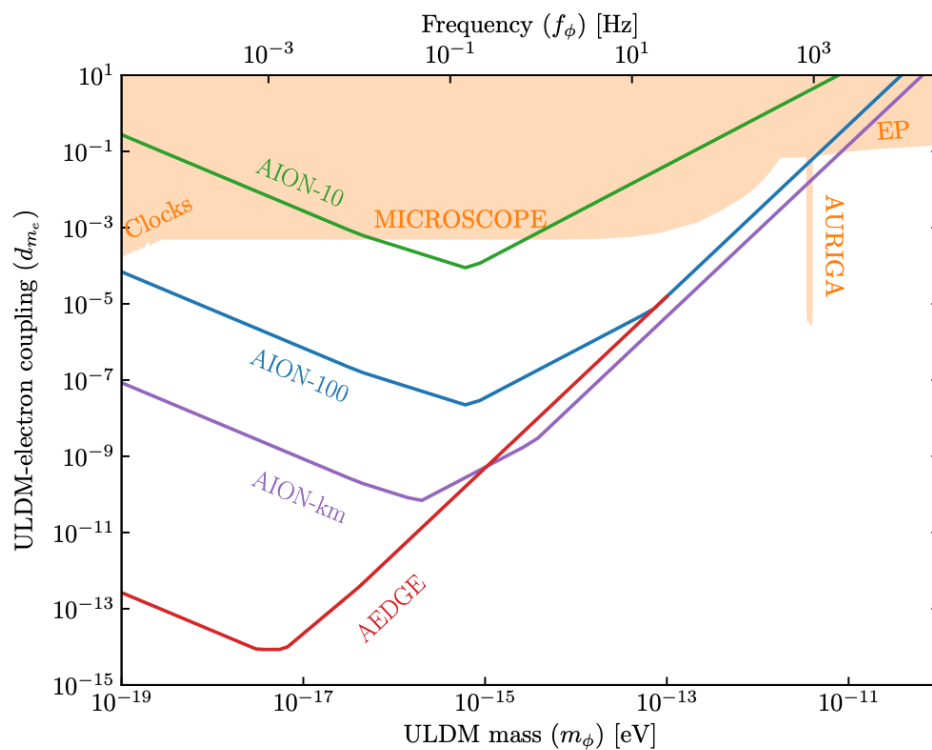
Linear couplings to gauge fields and matter fermions

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}\phi} = \kappa\phi \left[ +\frac{d_e}{4e^2} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} - \frac{d_g\beta_3}{2g_3} F_{\mu\nu}^A F^{A\mu\nu} - \sum_{i=e,u,d} (d_{m_i} + \gamma_{m_i} d_g) m_i \bar{\psi}_i \psi_i \right]$$

Atom  
Interferometry



Affects E level  
Phase shift



Orders of magnitude improvement over current sensitivities

# Looking Beyond the Standard Model with the SMEFT

France

LHC

FCC

- *"...the direct method may be used...but indirect methods will be needed in order to secure victory..."*
- *"The direct and the indirect lead on to each other in turn. It is like moving in a circle...."*
- *"Who can exhaust the possibilities of their combination?"*

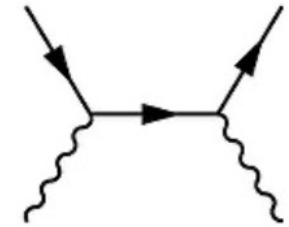
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FCC-ee + FCC-hh?  
CEPC + SppC?

# Effective Field Theories (EFTs)

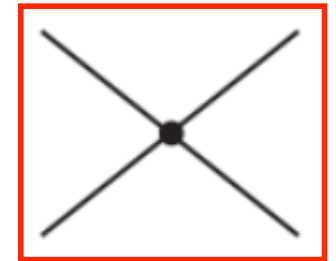
a long and glorious History

- 1930's: "Standard Model" of QED had  $d=4$

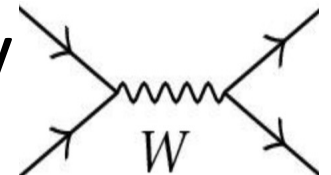


- **Fermi's four-fermion theory of the weak force**

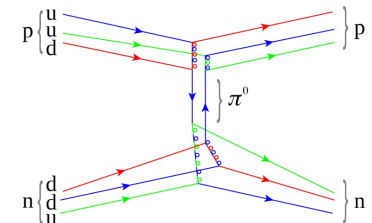
- Dimension-6 operators: form = S, P, V, A, T?
  - Due to exchanges of massive particles?



- V-A  $\rightarrow$  massive vector bosons  $\rightarrow$  gauge theory



- Yukawa's meson theory of the strong N-N force
  - Due to exchanges of mesons?  $\rightarrow$  pions



- Chiral dynamics of pions:  
 $(\partial\pi\partial\pi)\pi\pi$  clue  $\rightarrow$  QCD



# Standard Model Effective Field Theory

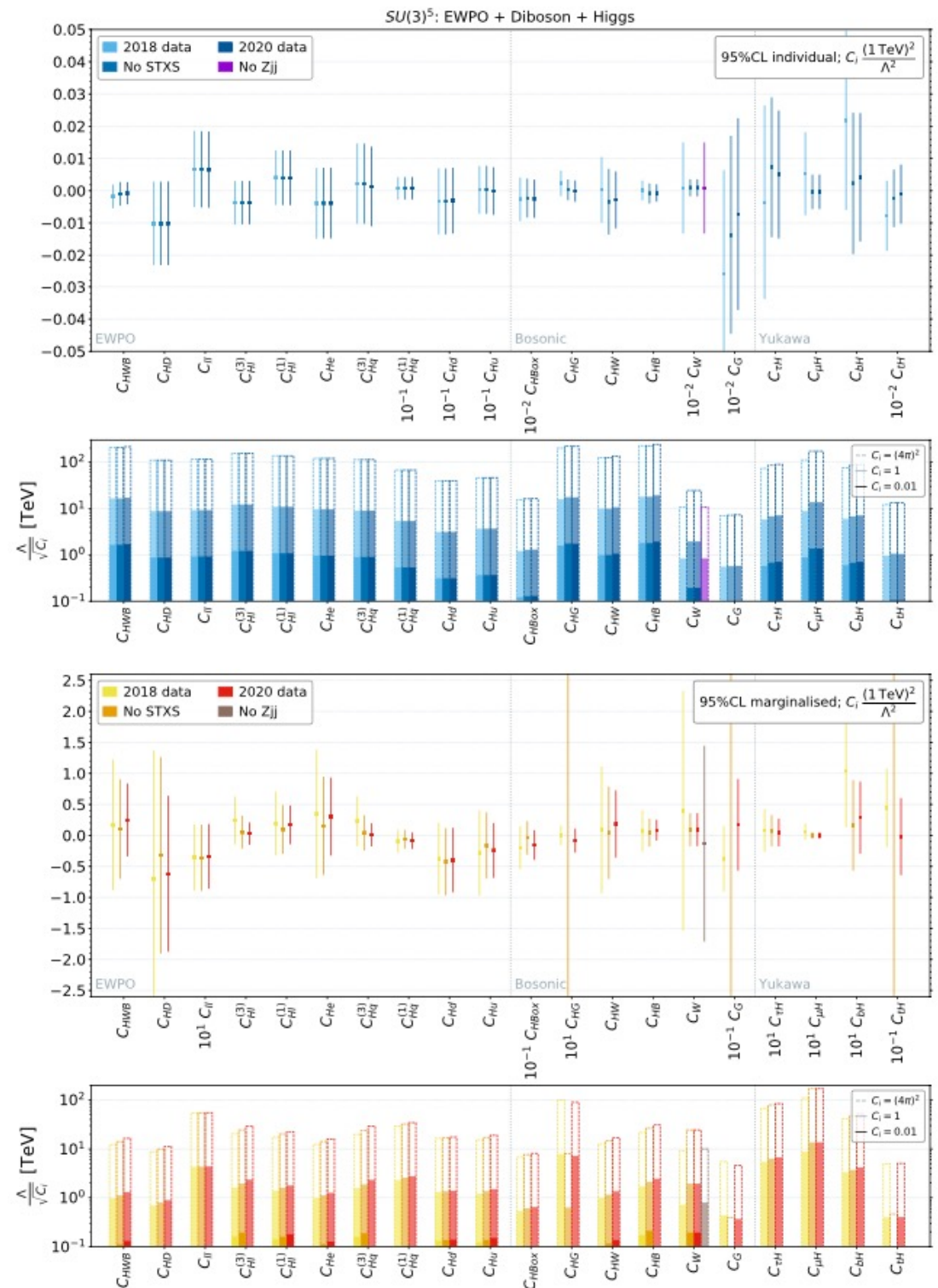
A powerful way to analyze the data

- Assume the Standard Model Lagrangian is correct (quantum numbers of particles) but incomplete
- Look for additional interactions between SM particles due to exchanges of heavier particles
- Analyze Higgs data together with electroweak precision data and top data
- Most efficient way to extract largest amount of information from LHC and other experiments
- **Model-independent way to look for physics beyond the Standard Model (BSM)**

# Dimension-6 Constraints with Flavour-Universal $SU(3)^5$ Symmetry

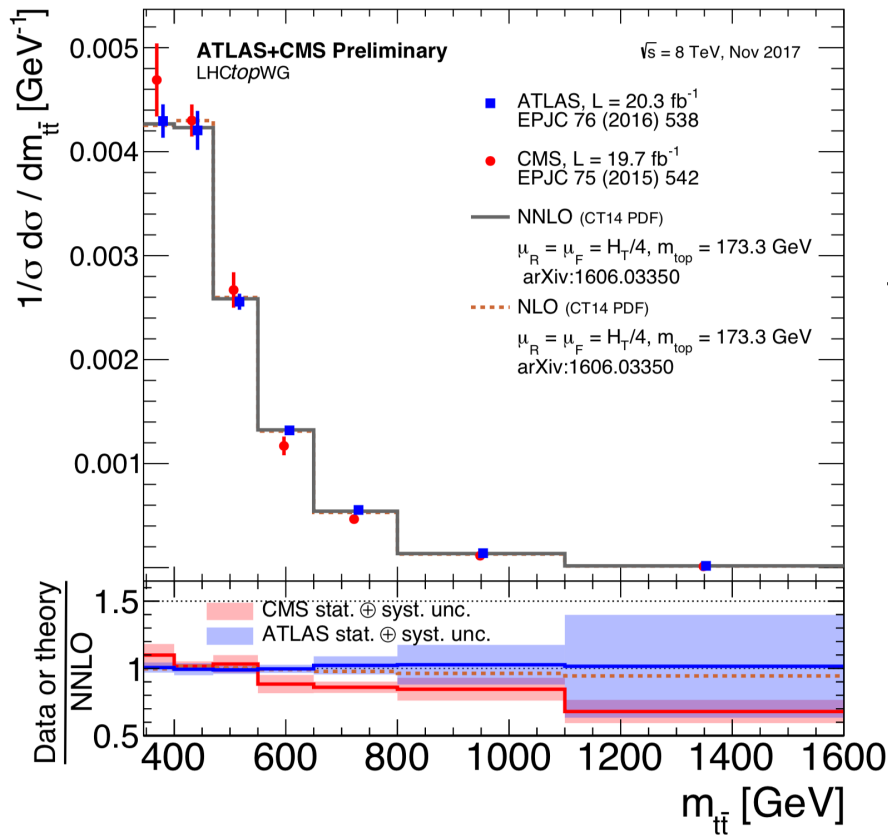
- Individual operator coefficients
- Marginalised over all other operator coefficients

No significant deviations from SM

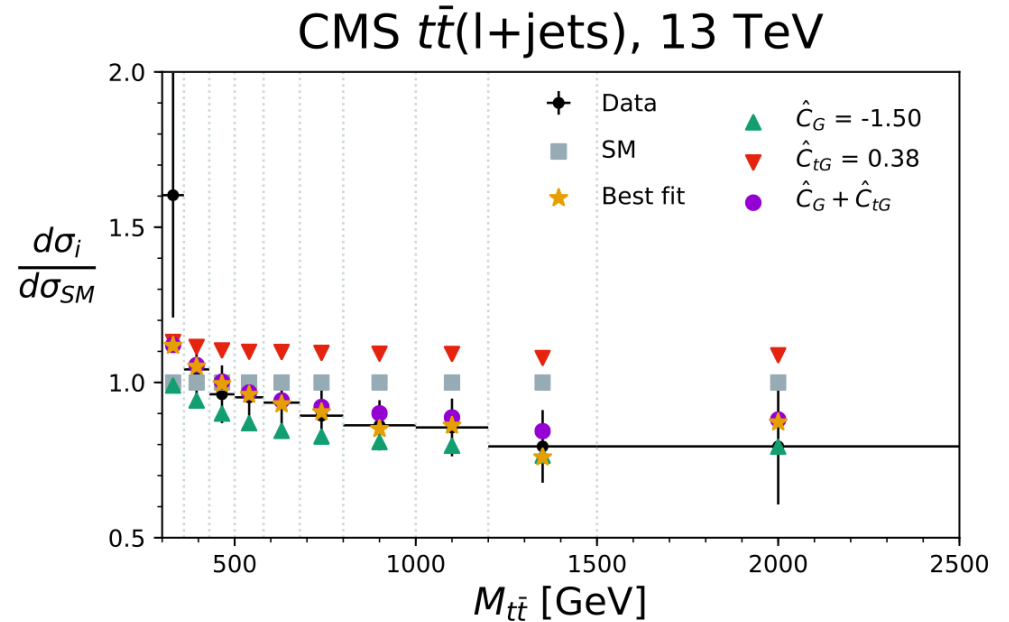


Stop press from the LHC!

# $t\bar{t}$ Cross Section as Function of $M_{t\bar{t}}$



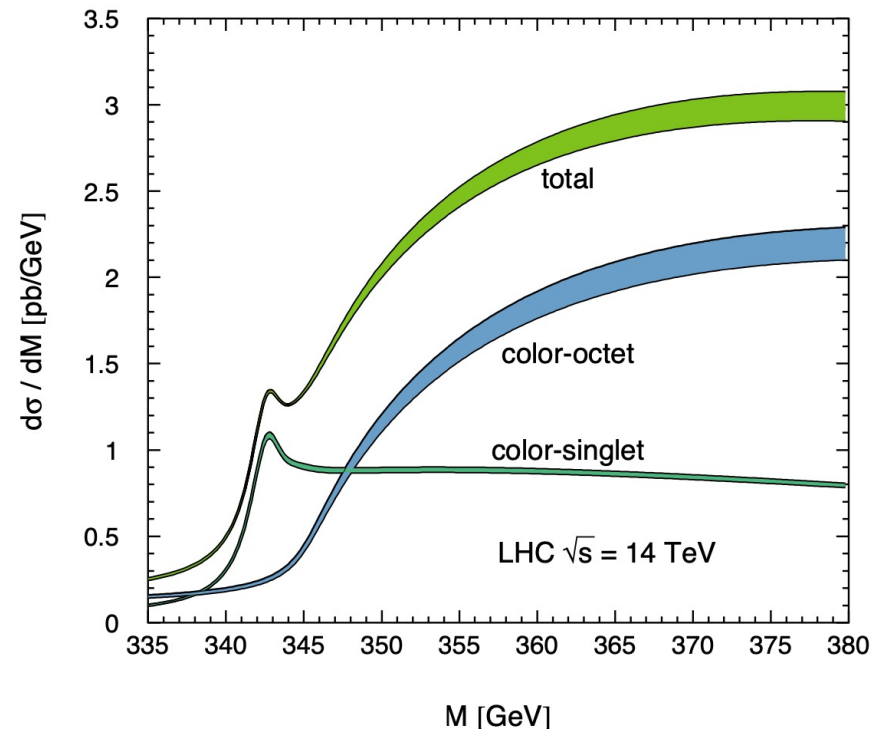
- Good match to theory, except close to threshold?




- Can problem be fixed by BSM?
- No improvement with SMEFT
- Higher-order QCD effects?

# Is the LHC Discovering a Boson with Mass around 340 GeV?

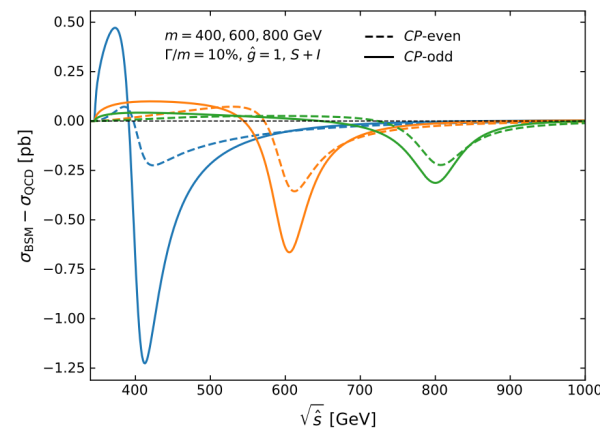
- An elementary boson – or pseudoscalar toponium?
- Predicted to have a mass a few GeV below the  $t\bar{t}$  threshold: 343.5 GeV
- Production of vector toponium in  $e^+e^-$  collisions studied in detail
- Relatively few studies for toponium in proton-proton collisions
- Fascinating QCD problem!



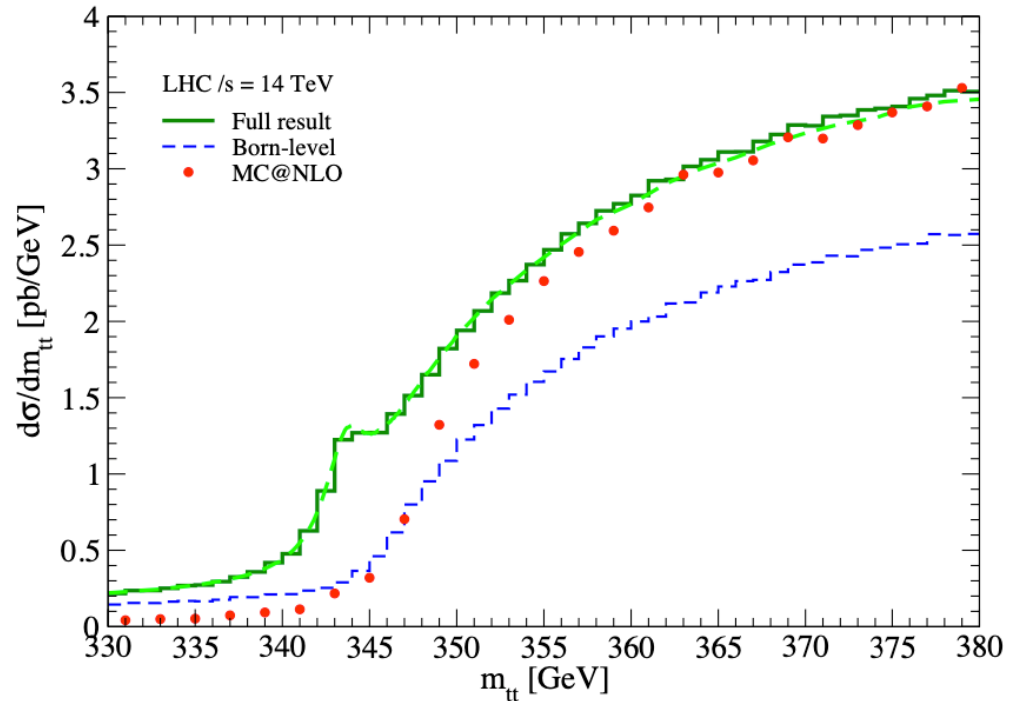
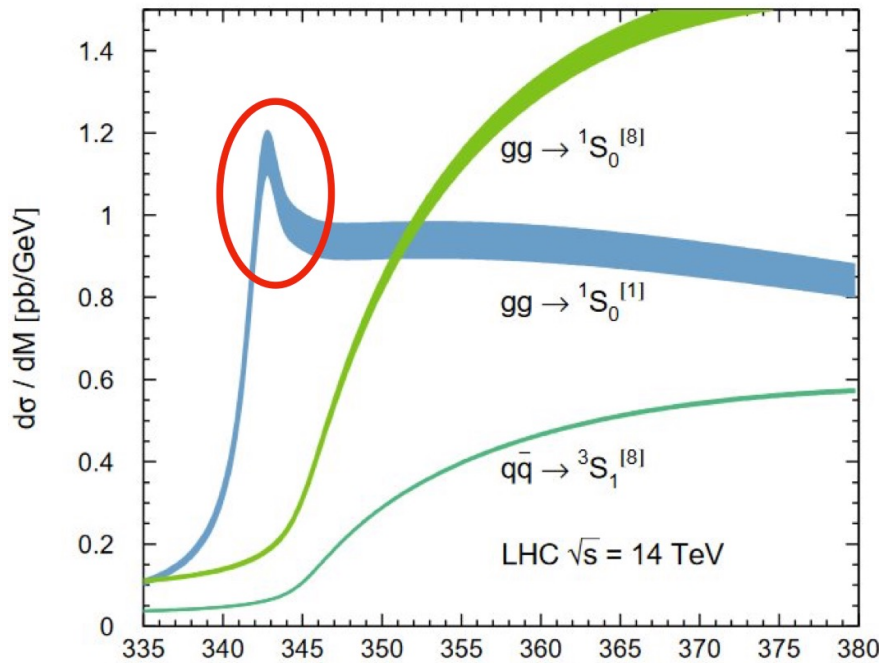
# $t\bar{t}$ Bound State vs Additional Higgs?

- Prediction of QCD
  - Sommerfeld enhancement: summation of  $(\alpha_s/v)^n$
- 
- Lowest-lying  $t\bar{t}$  states in s-wave:  $t\bar{t} \ ^1S_0, \ ^3S_1$  (pseudoscalar, vector)
  - Production of scalar  $t\bar{t} \ ^3P_0$  suppressed

- BSM, e.g., 2 Higgs doublet model
- 4 extra physical Higgses: neutral pseudoscalar, scalar, charged  $A, H, H^\pm$
- Expect  $A, H$  interference with QCD background (peaks & dips)



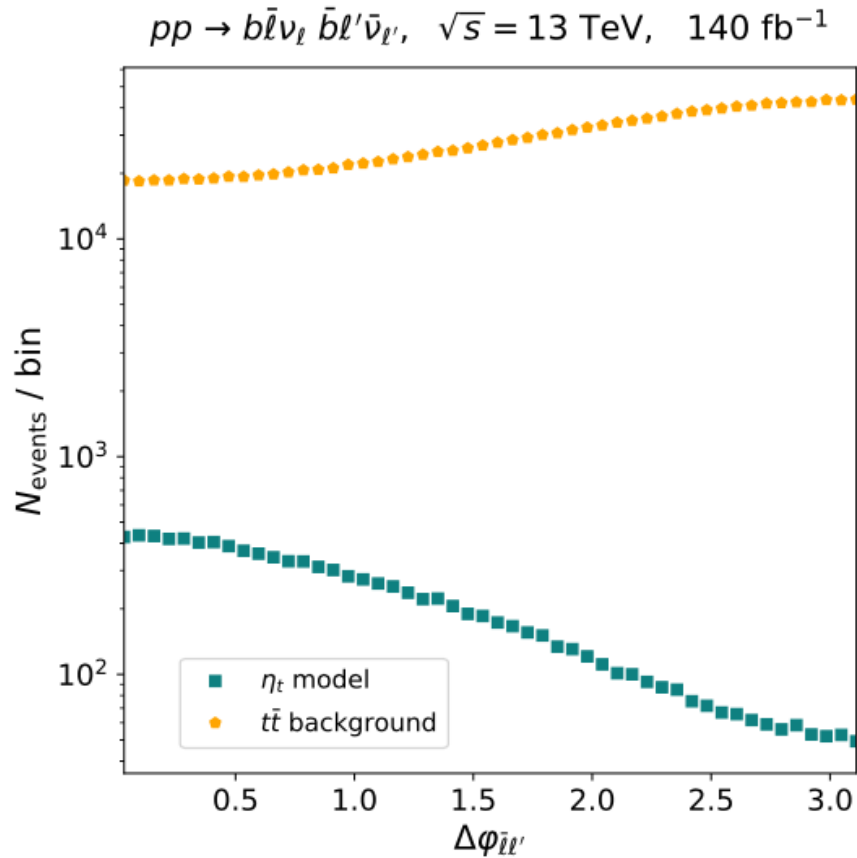
# $t\bar{t}$ Sommerfeld Enhancement



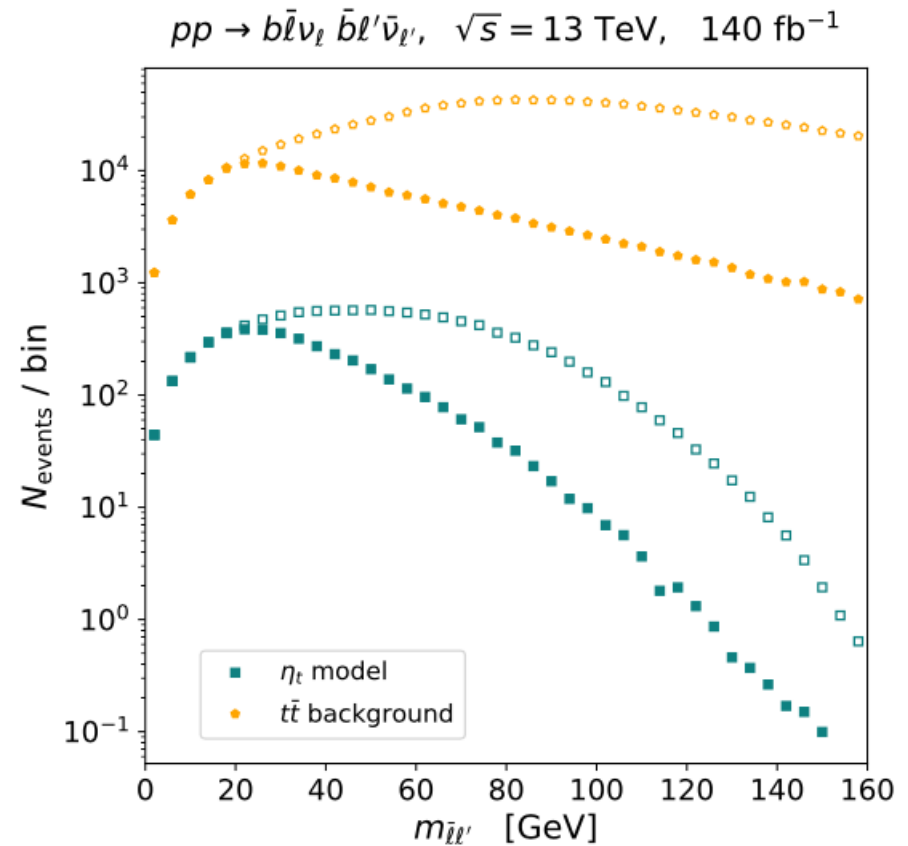
Sumino & Yokoya, arXiv:1007.0075

- Colour-singlet,  $\eta_t$  pole dominant below nominal  $t\bar{t}$  threshold
- Cross-section  $\gg$  perturbative QCD calculation of  $d\sigma/dm_{t\bar{t}}$

# Toponium Decay Kinematics

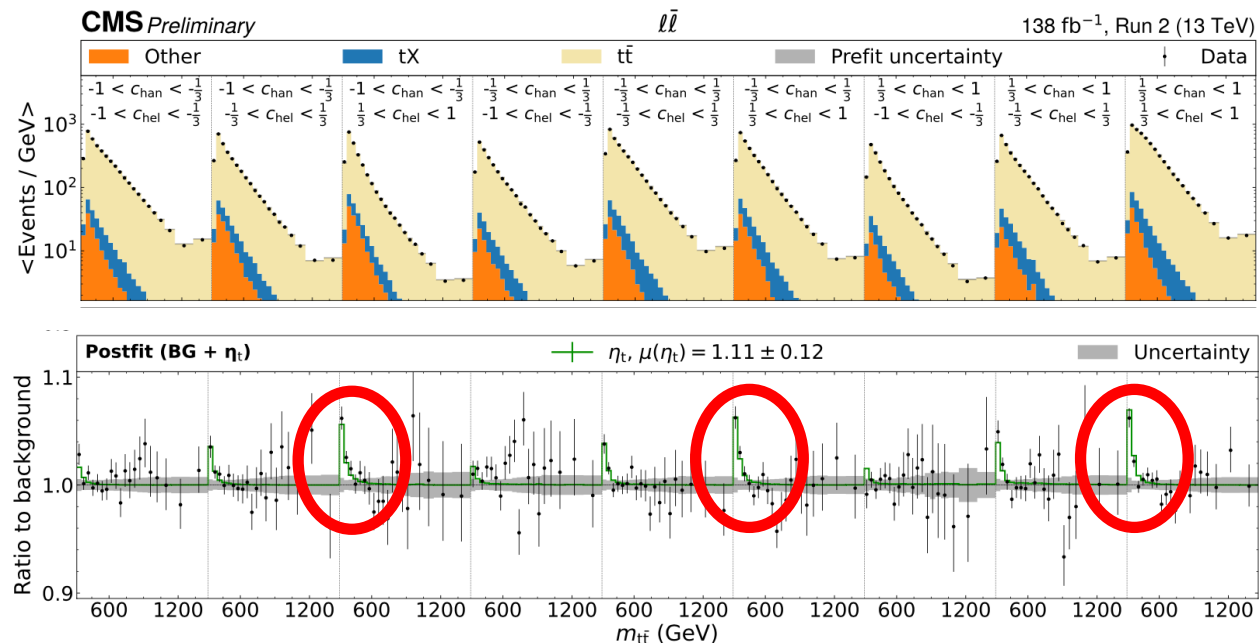


$\bar{\ell}\ell'$  azimuthal angle difference



$m_{\bar{\ell}\ell'}$ , with(out) azimuthal angle cut

# Observation of $\eta_t$ Signal?



SM  $\eta_t$  hypothesis fits data well  
 Measured cross section 7.1pb( $\pm 11\%$ ) consistent with theory: 6.43pb<sup>(\*)</sup>  
 Nominal significance  $> 5\sigma$   
 Fits data better than BSM Higgs boson

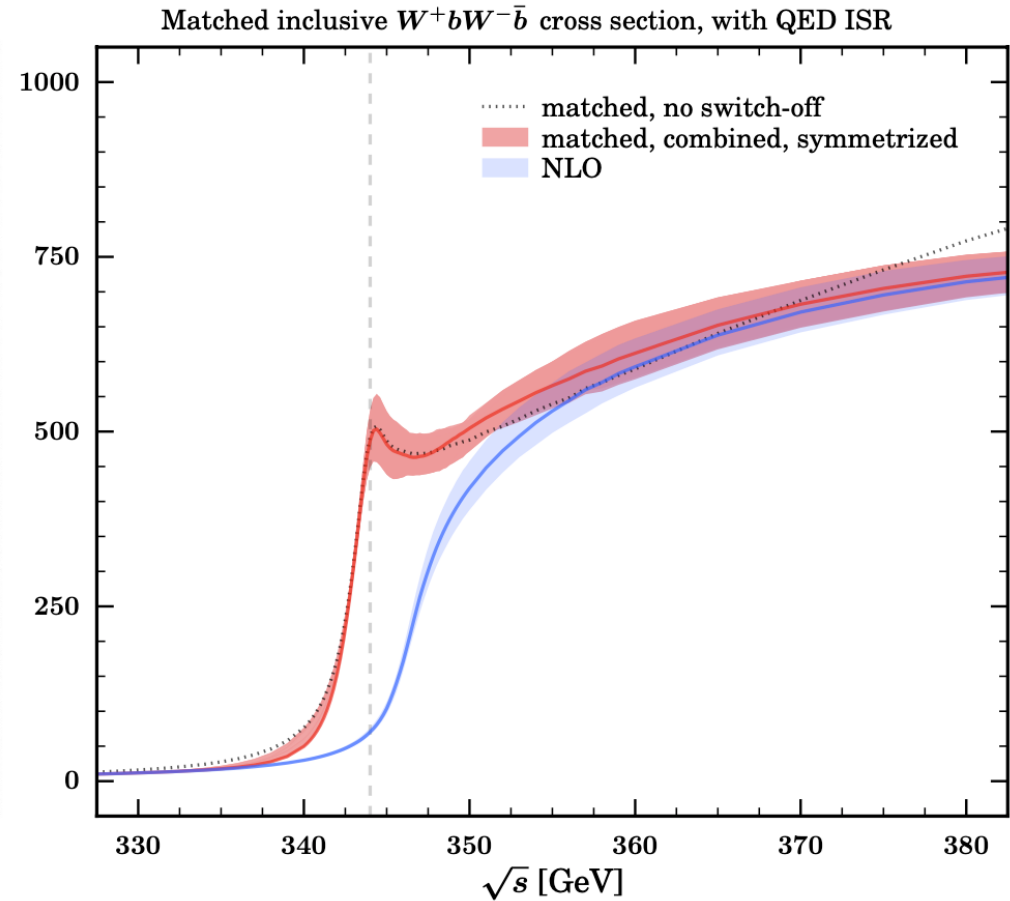
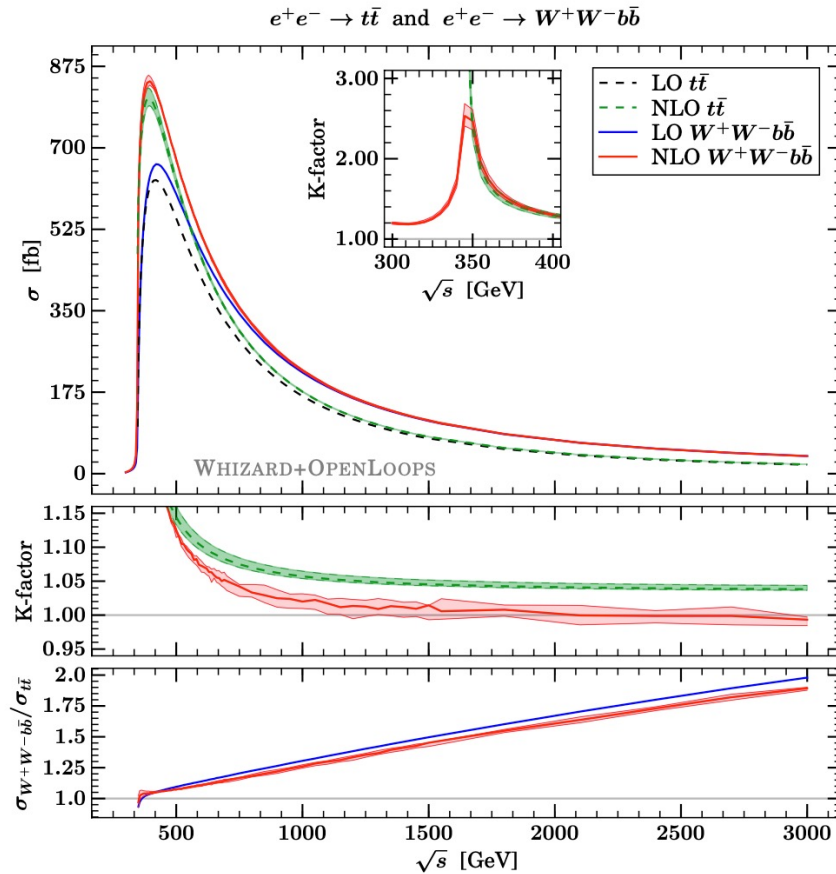
	Best-fit point	Difference in $-2 \ln L$
$\eta_t$ interpretation	$\mu(\eta_t) = 1.11$	-86.2
Single A interpretation	$m_A = 365 \text{ GeV}, \Gamma_A/m_A = 2\%, g_{A t\bar{t}} = 0.78$	-72.6
Single H interpretation	$m_H = 365 \text{ GeV}, \Gamma_H/m_H = 2\%, g_{H t\bar{t}} = 1.45$	-10.4

(\*)Fuks, Hagiwara, Ma & Zheng, arXiv:2102.11281



Interesting possibility for the future?

# Toponium in $e^+e^-$ Annihilation



- Precise calculations available of vector toponium in  $\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow t\bar{t})$
- Need better calculations of pseudoscalar toponium in  $pp \rightarrow t\bar{t} + X$  near threshold

# Inconclusive Summary

- No shortage of puzzles indicating need for BSM
  - Everything about the Higgs is puzzling
    - Flavour, vacuum stability, EW mass scale, ...
      - **Abandon naturalness? For what?**
- Dark matter
  - Heavy fermion (WIMP) or ultralight bosonic clouds?
    - No experimental sign of WIMP at LHC or elsewhere
      - **Broaden experimental search**
- Combine direct and indirect approaches for BSM
  - **FCC-ee/CEPC + FCC-hh/SppC**
- LHC stop press: More Higgs bosons or **toponium**?
  - **Great 50th birthday present for charmonium!**