

# Sniffing out new physics with Standard Model Standard Candles

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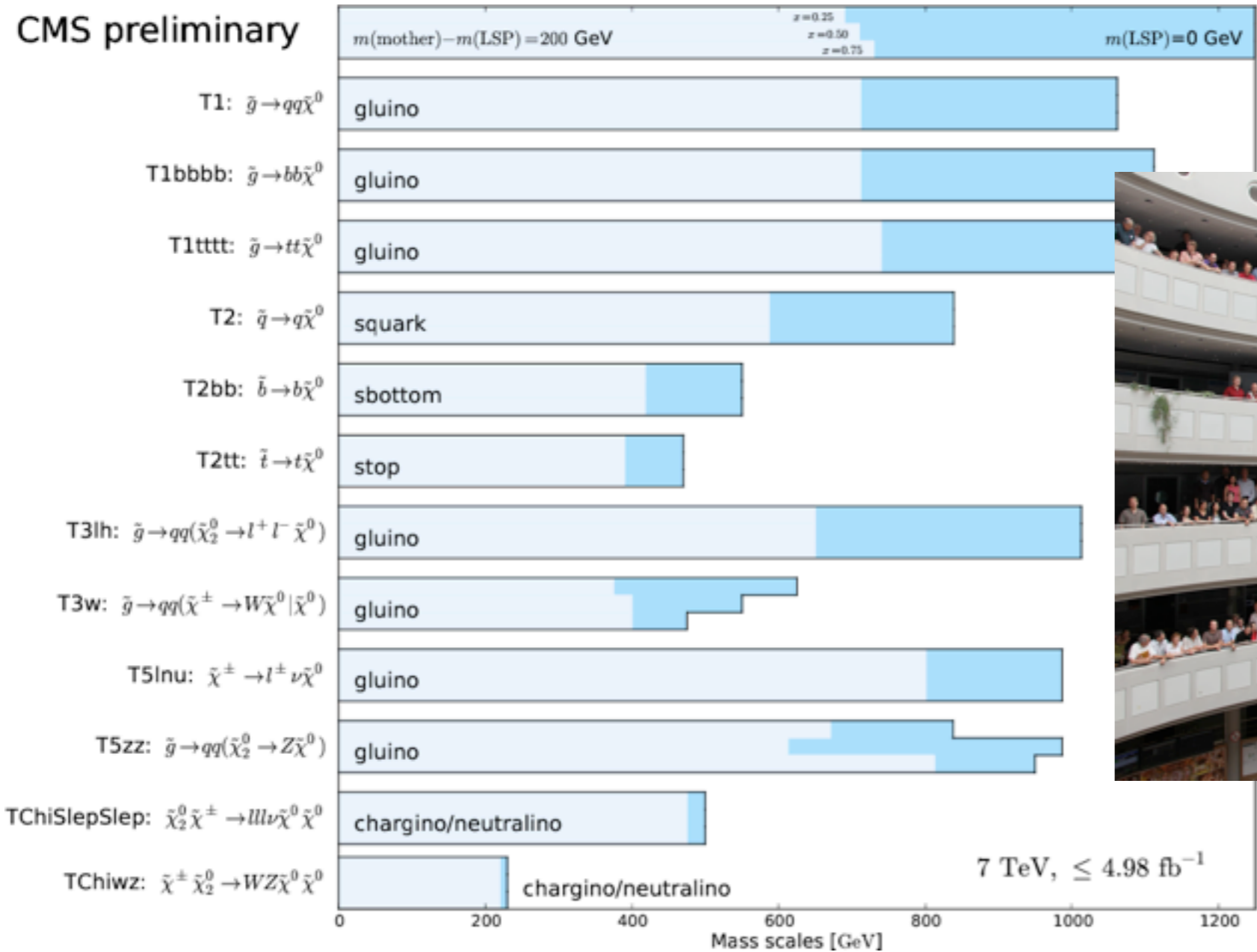
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(DC, Prerit Jaiswal, Patrick Meade)  
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# Outline

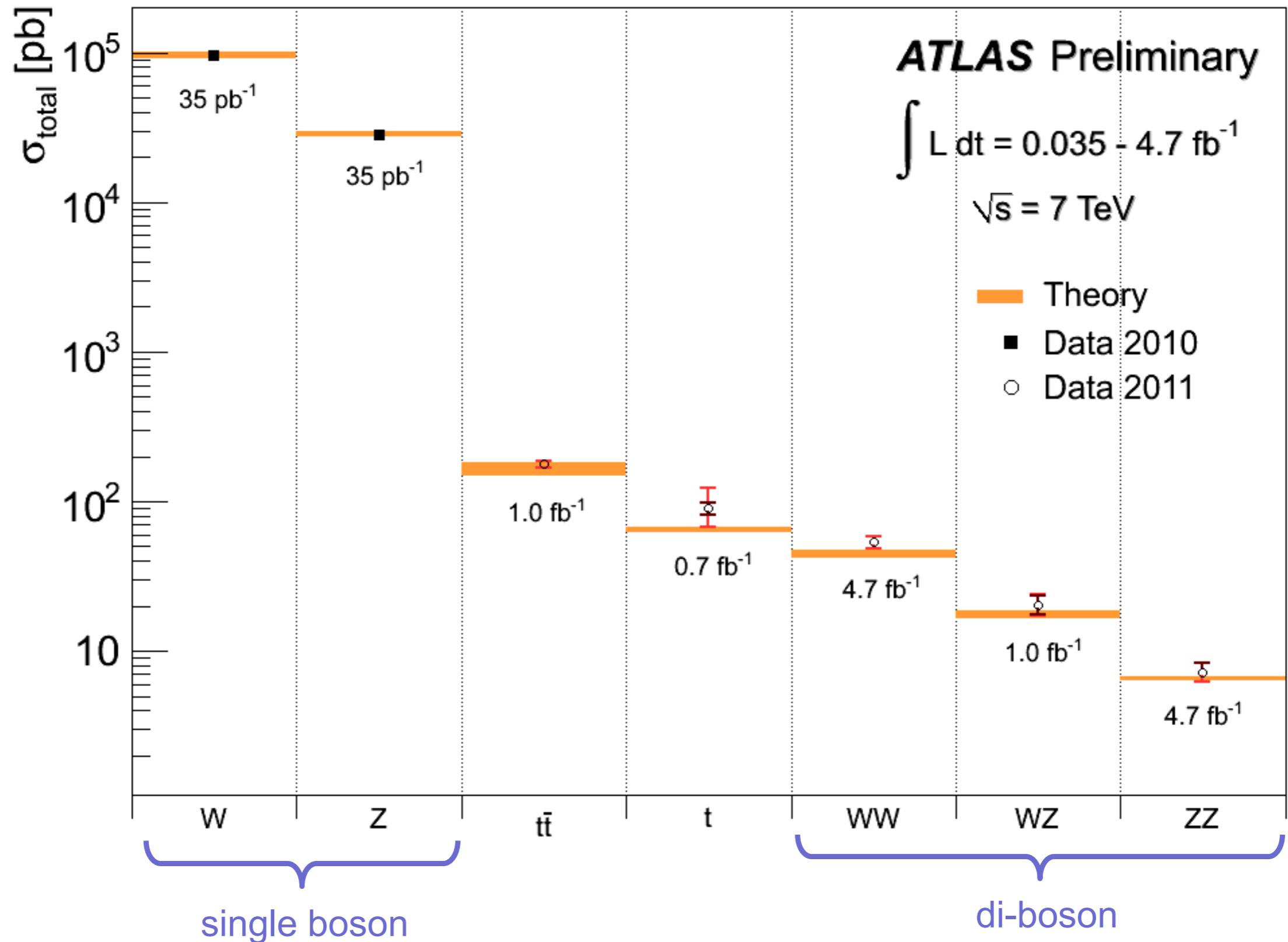
- *Something's afoot in WW...*
- **Something Fancyful:**  
Dreaming about **new electroweak states** to explain the discrepancies
- **Something Archival:**  
**“Boring” SM measurements have BSM exclusion power!** (Don't need LEP-like precision)  
→ **Produce qualitatively new limits**
- Being responsible citizens: what else could it be?

# Oh SUSY, where art thou?

CMS preliminary



# Let's use Standard Candles to look under the lamppost...

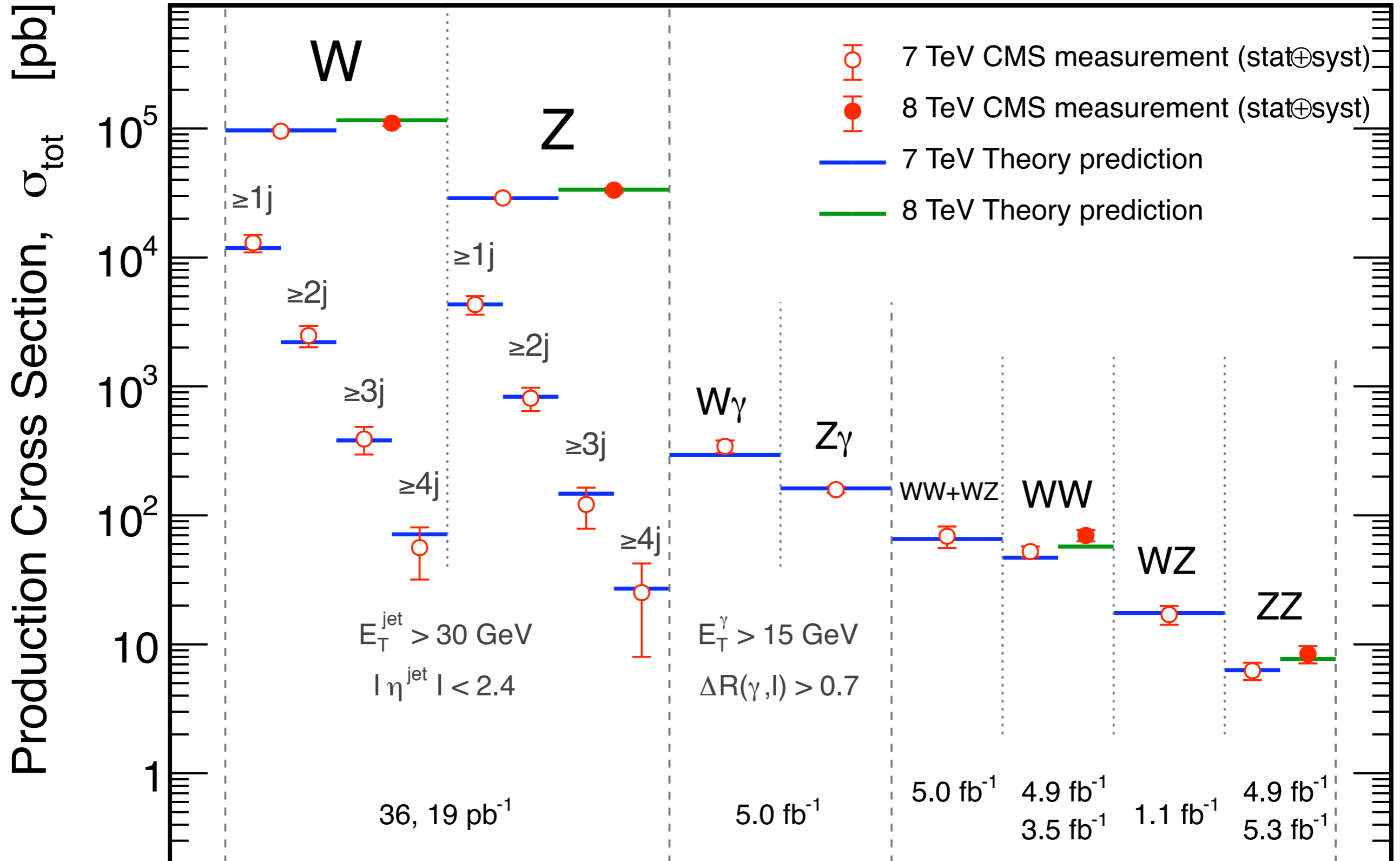


- Very similar agreement with (N)NLO predictions is observed by CMS

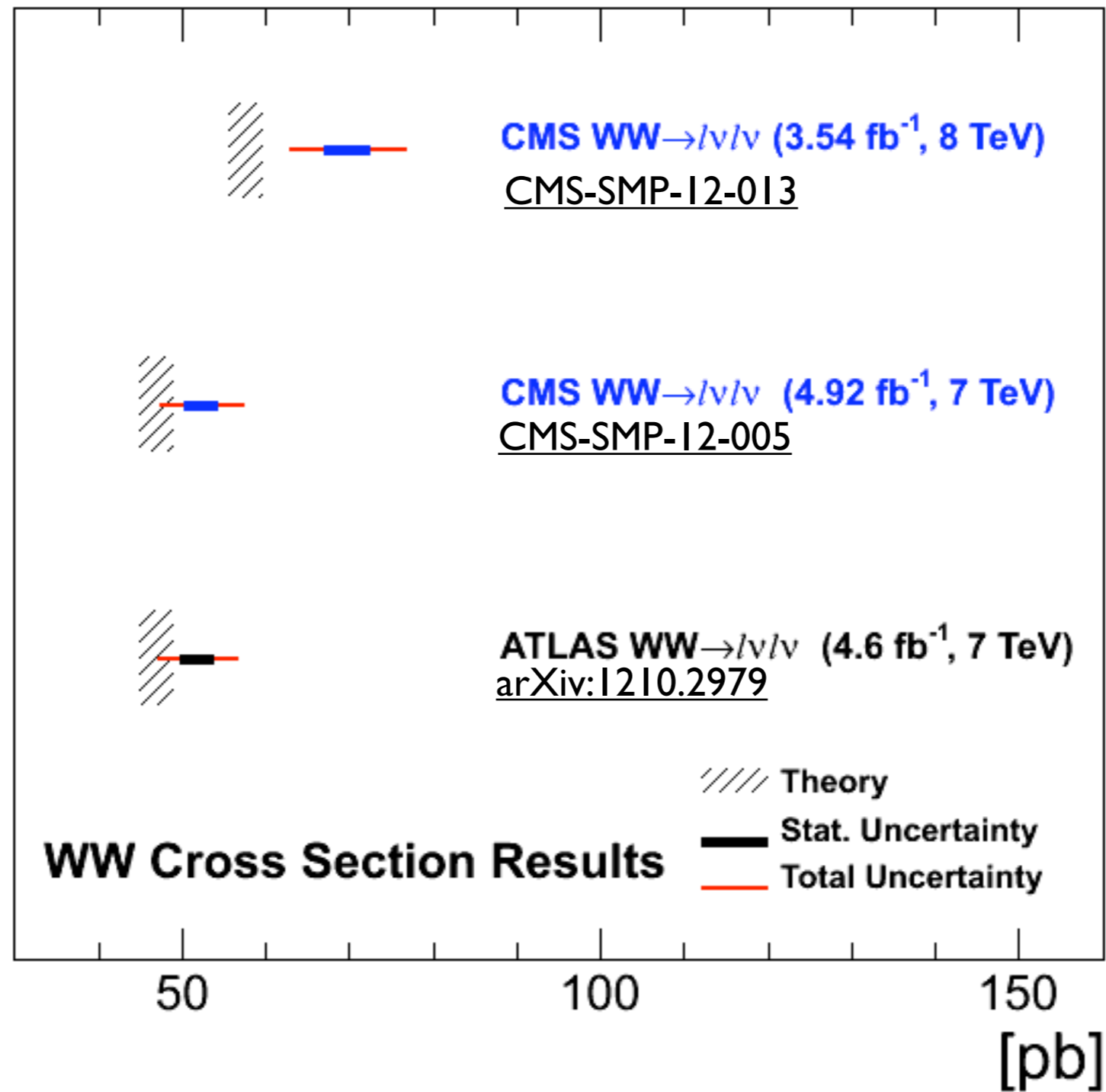
# CMS EW HCP ZOOM IN

Nov 2012

CMS



# Some visual “evidence”



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h->ww measurement (0j)  
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MET > about 50, pTLL > about 50  
mLL < 50  
delta\_phi\_ll < 1.8

h->ww control region (0j)  
as above, except  
mLL > about 100  
no delta\_phi\_ll requirement

SO BASICALLY h->WW and WW have same cuts, except for and additional mLL and phiLL requirement for h->WW

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*NOT Fermi line high...*

**No neutron stars or earth's limb either....**

# WW cross sec measurements

## ATLAS 7

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## CMS 7

$$\sigma(pp \rightarrow W^+W^-) = 52.4 \pm 2(\text{stat}) \pm 4.5(\text{sys}) \pm 1.2(\text{lum}) \text{ pb}$$

## NLO theory at 7 TeV:

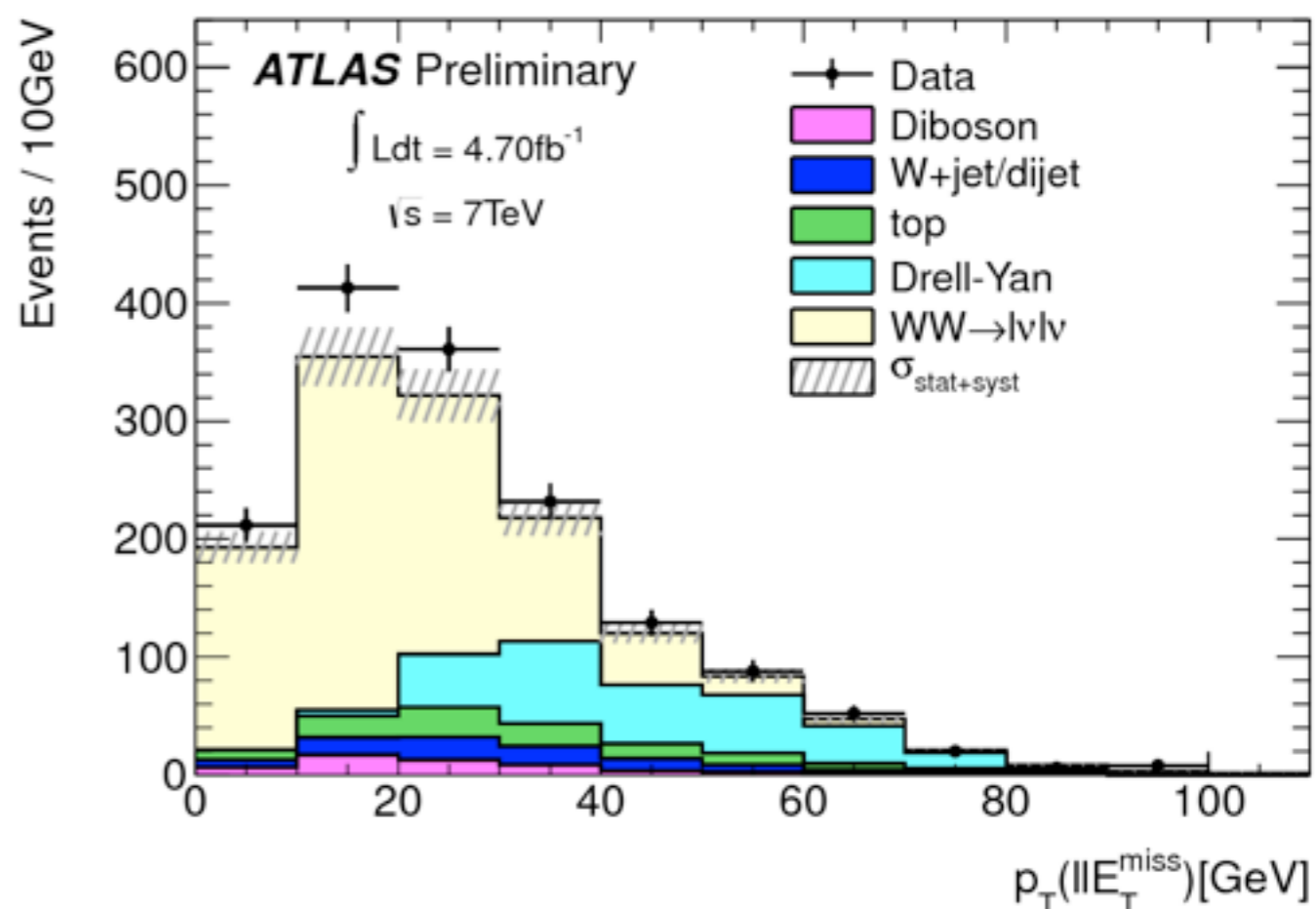
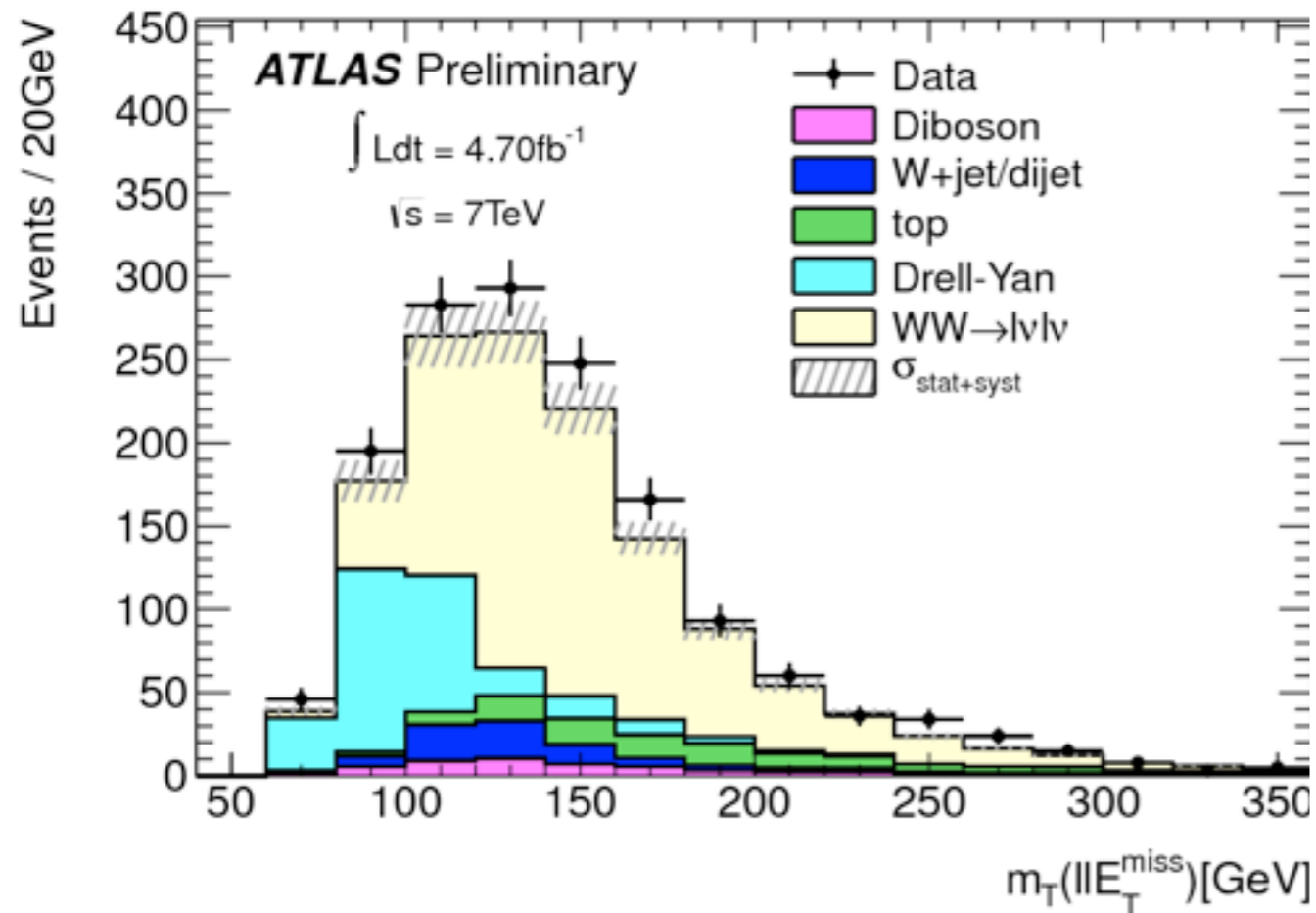
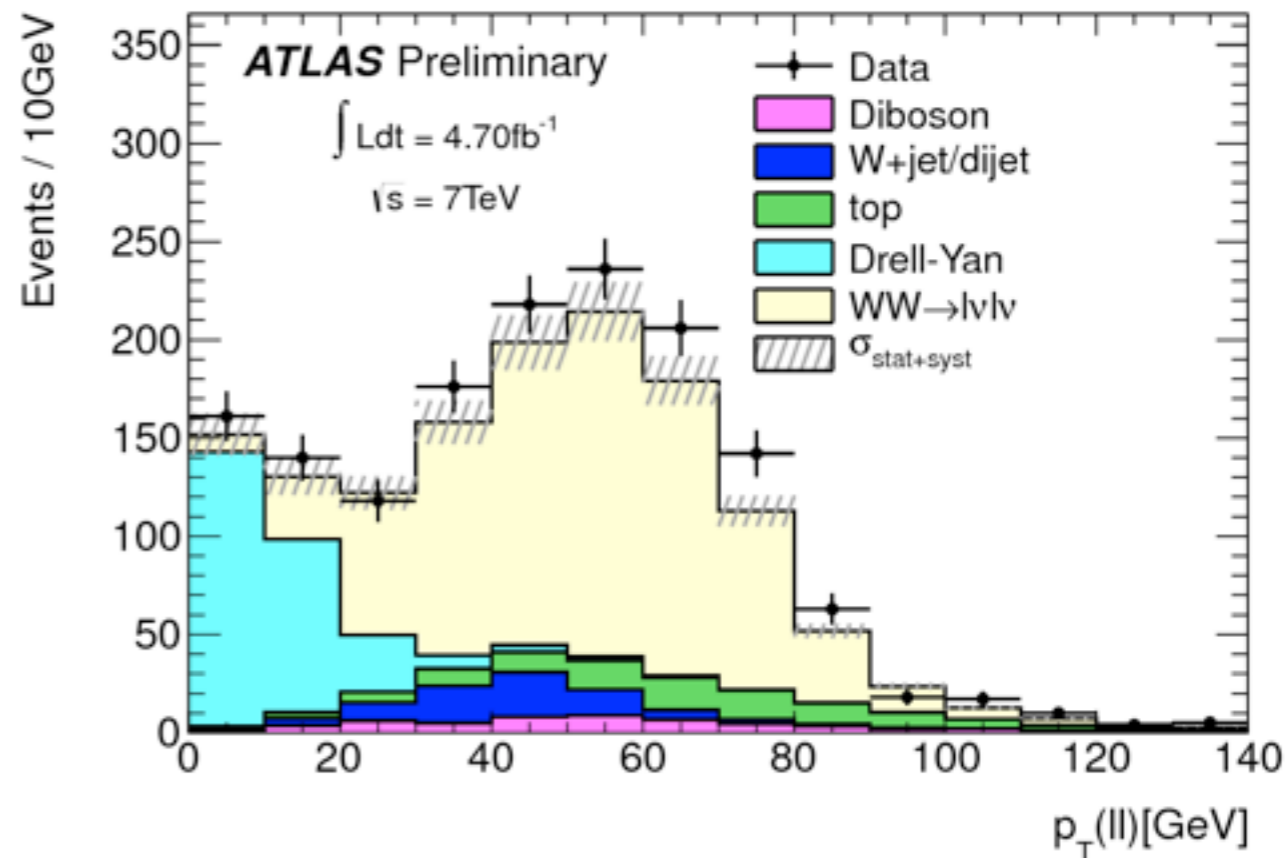
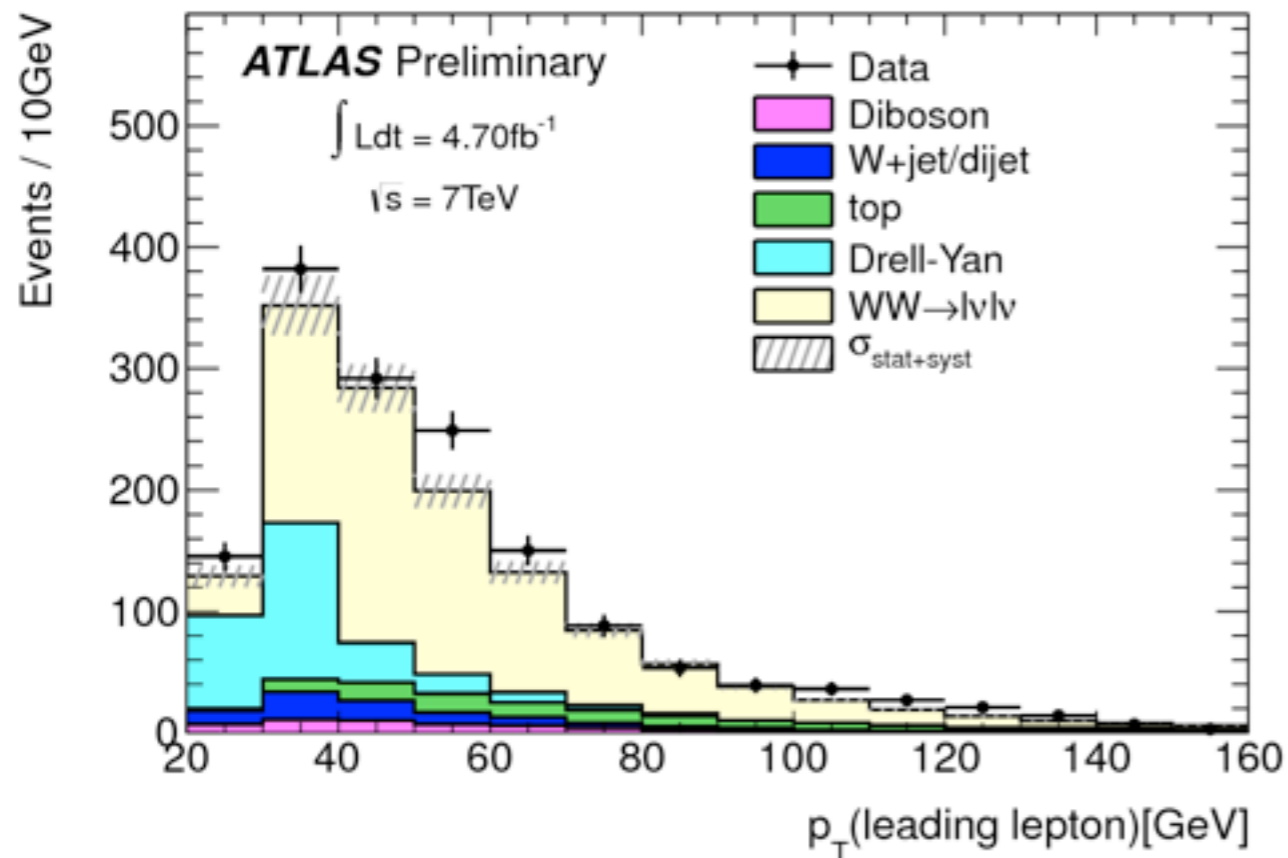
$$\sigma(pp \rightarrow W^+W^-) = 45.1 \pm 2.8 \text{ pb} \quad \text{ATLAS MC@NLO}$$

$$\sigma(pp \rightarrow W^+W^-) = 47 \pm 2 \text{ pb} \quad \text{MCFM}$$

Campbell,  
Ellis,  
Williams

1.4 $\sigma$  and 1 $\sigma$  is an “anomaly”?

- ATLAS and CMS are more consistent with each other than the SM...
- NOT just a “rate” anomaly



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Three different SM cross sections @ 7 TeV  
have been given: 45.1, 47, 44.7

Experiments need consensus outside of Higgs  
on cross sections...

# CMS 8 TeV 3.5/fb

WW → 2ℓ2ν at 8 TeV: systematics & results



$$\sigma = 69.9 \pm 2.8 \text{ (stat)} \pm 5.6 \text{ (sys)} \pm 3.1 \text{ (lum)} \text{ pb}$$

$$\text{NLO prediction (MCFM): } 57.25 \left( \begin{array}{c} +2.35 \\ -1.60 \end{array} \right) \text{ pb}$$

- Already 4% statistical precision
- About 1.8σ higher than the NLO prediction

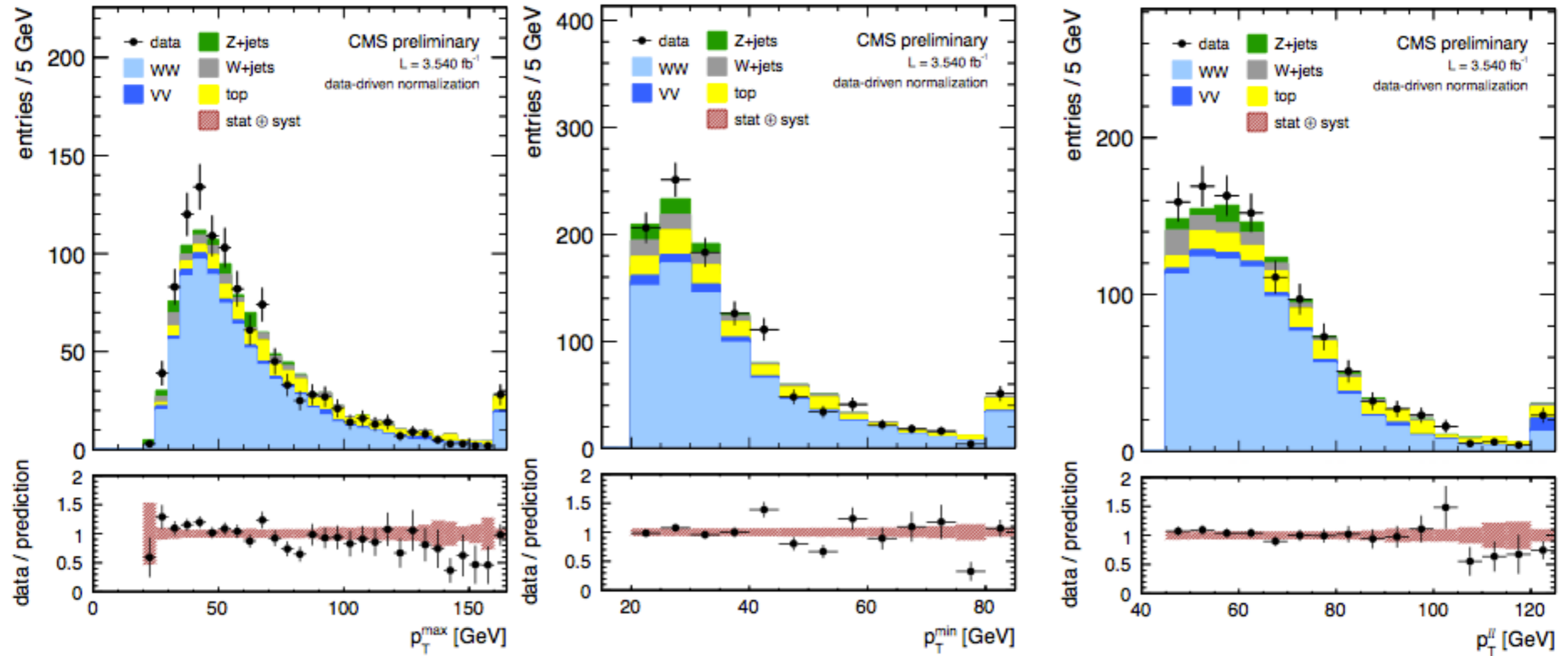
It grows at 8 TeV even faster!

$$\left. \frac{\sigma(8)}{\sigma(7)} \right|_{\text{th}} = 1.21$$

$$\left. \frac{\sigma(8)}{\sigma(7)} \right|_{\text{exp}} = 1.33$$

almost 3σ when combined with LHC7

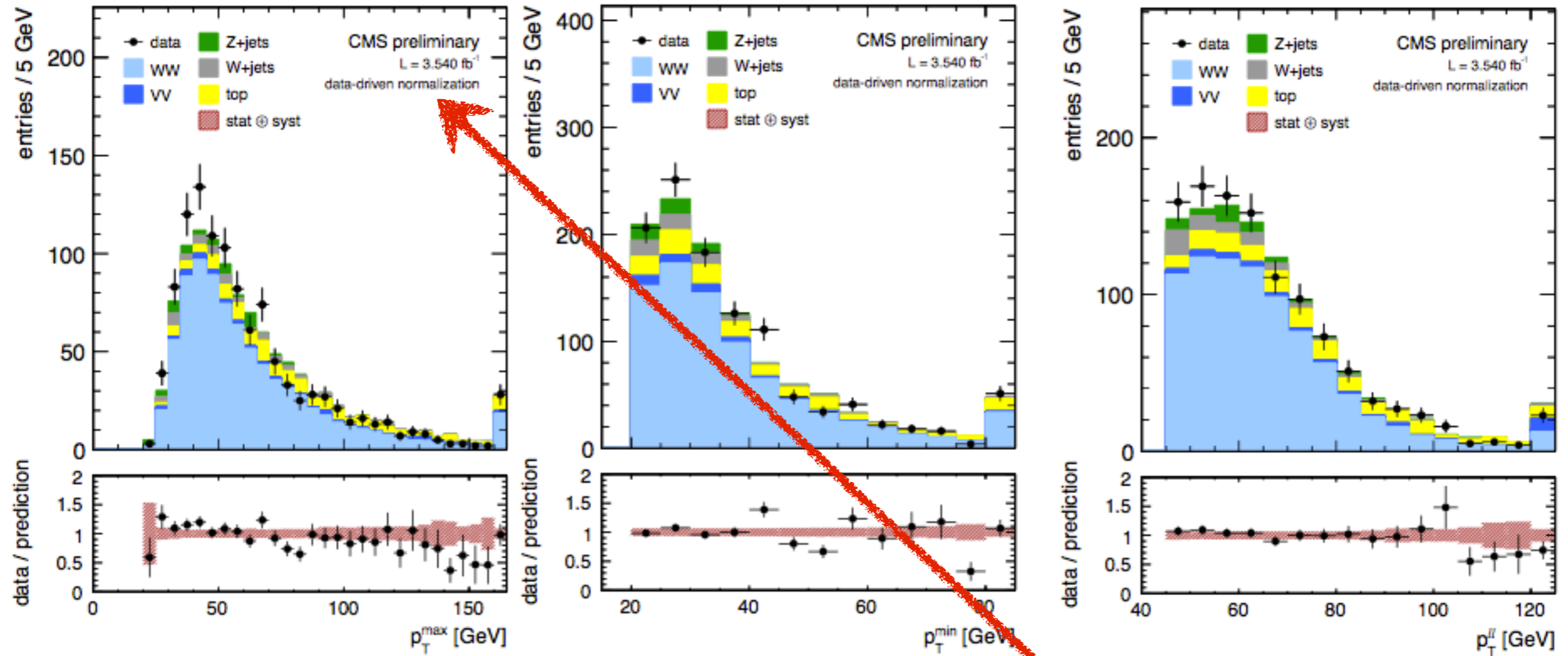
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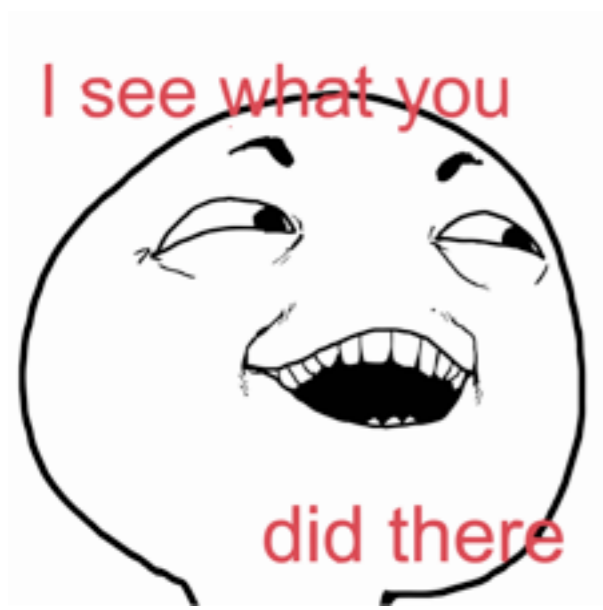
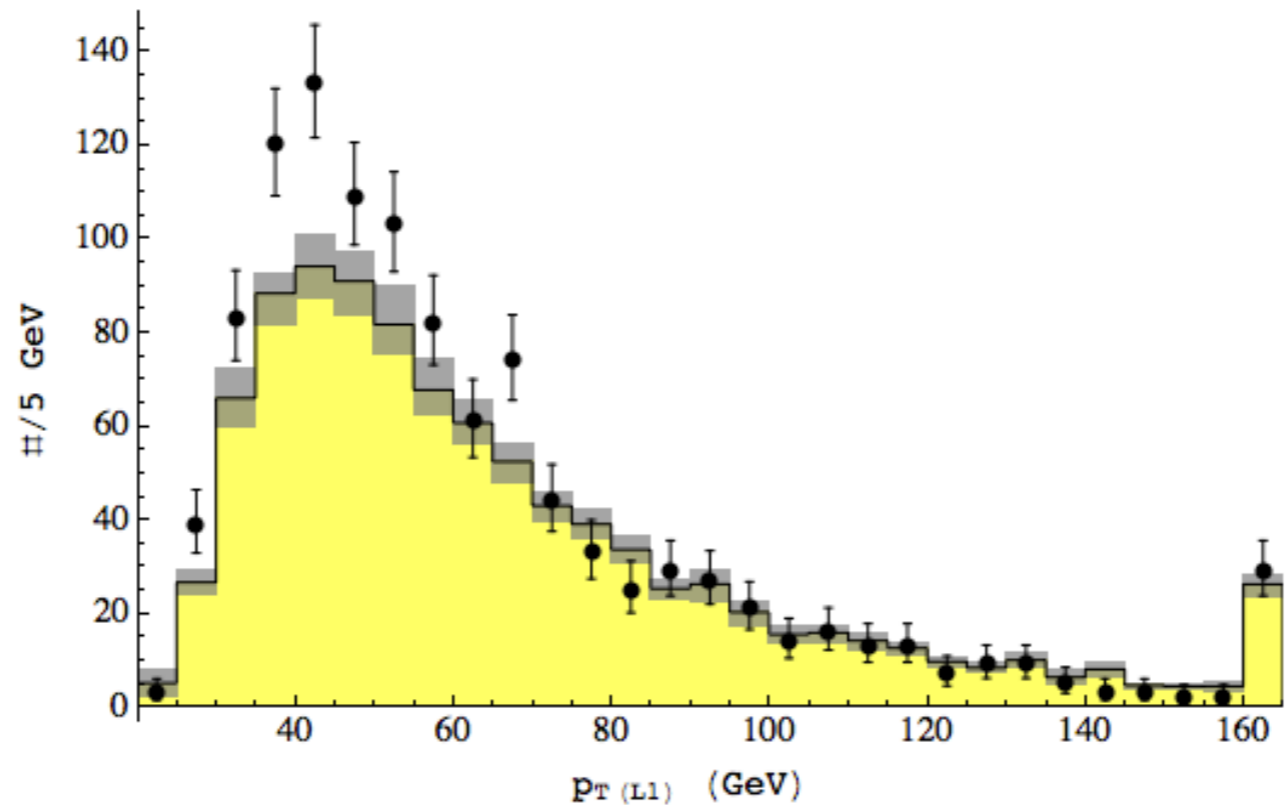
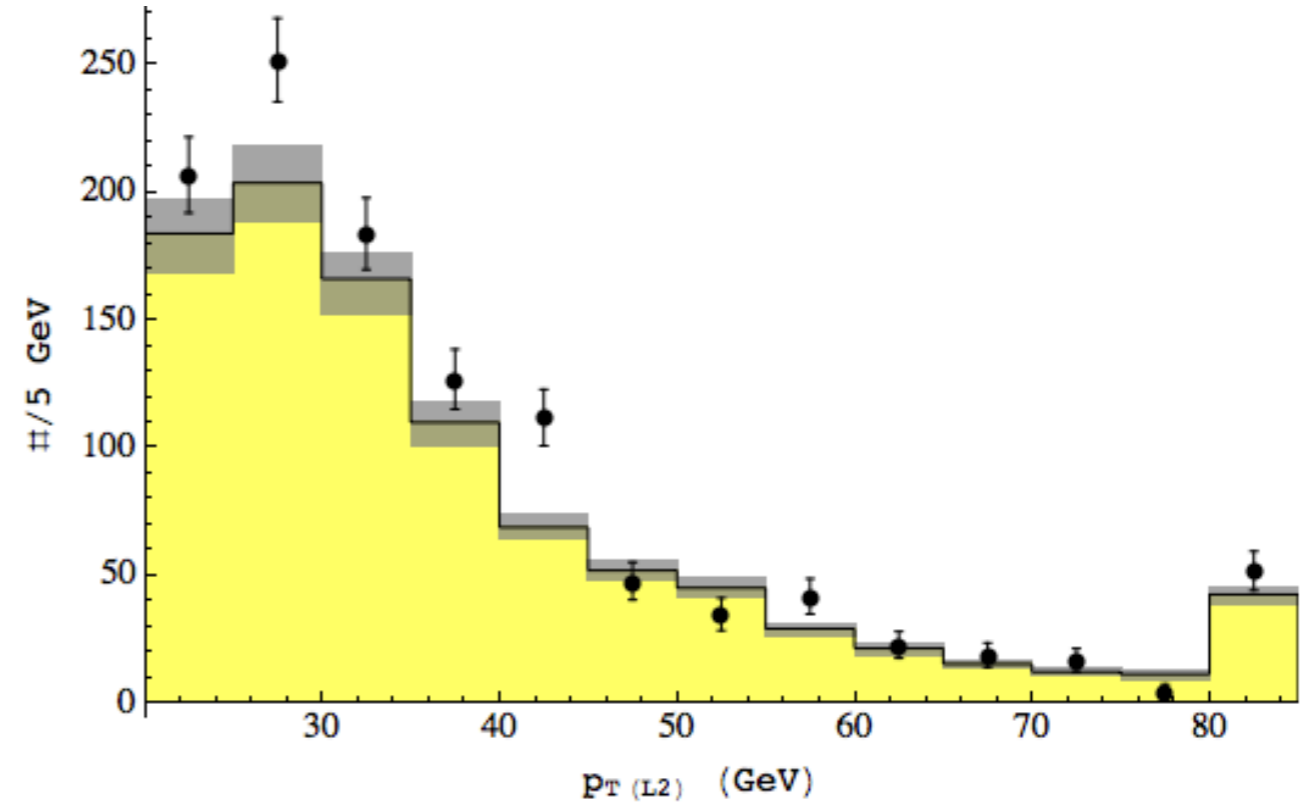
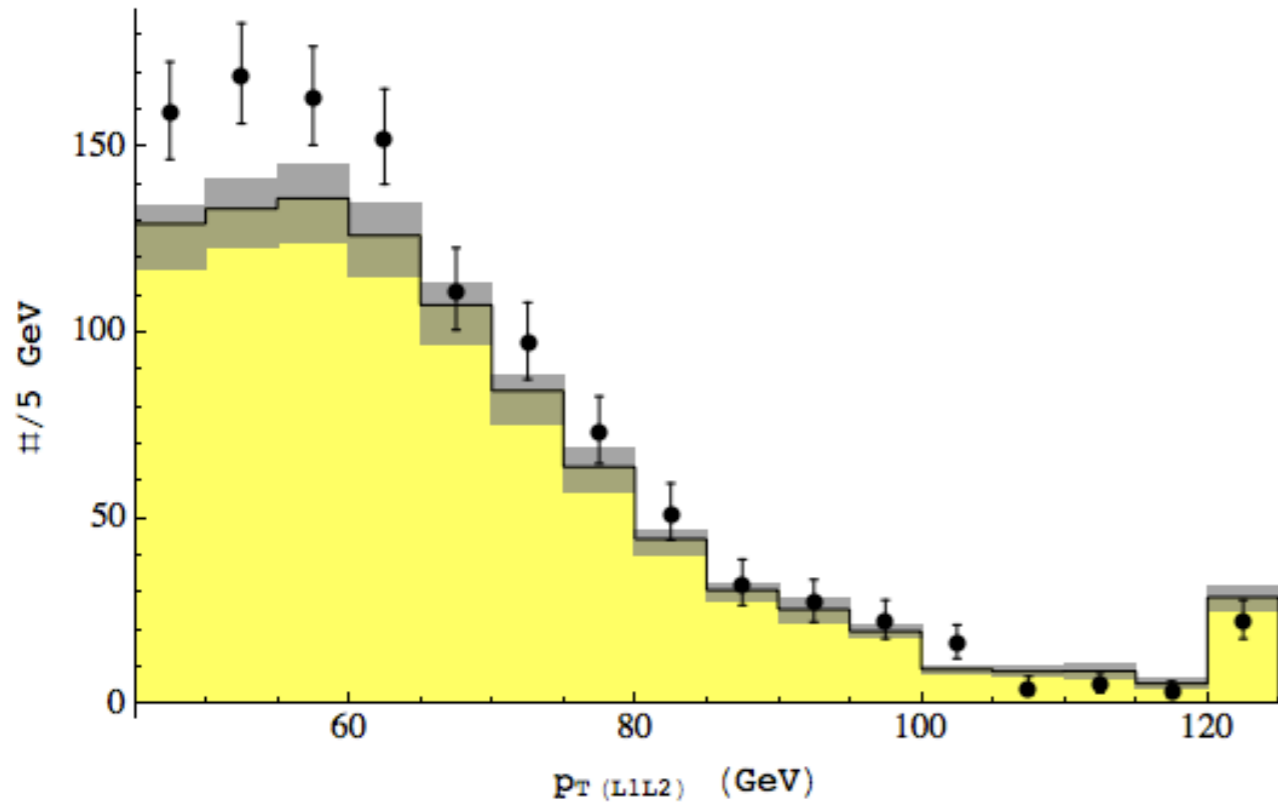
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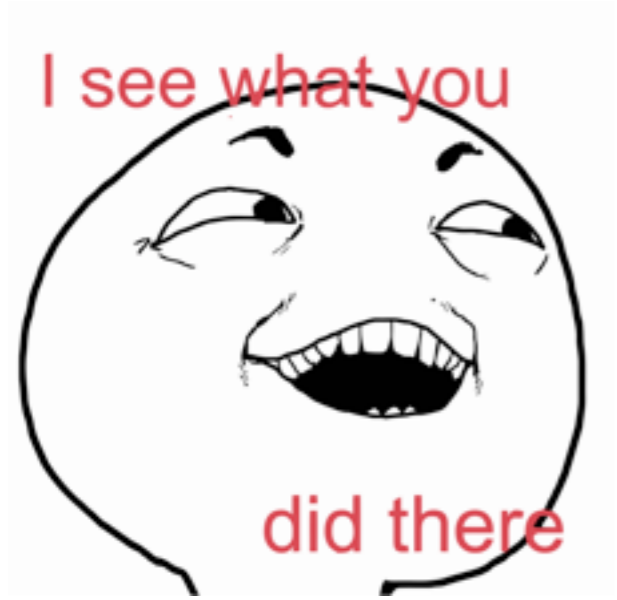
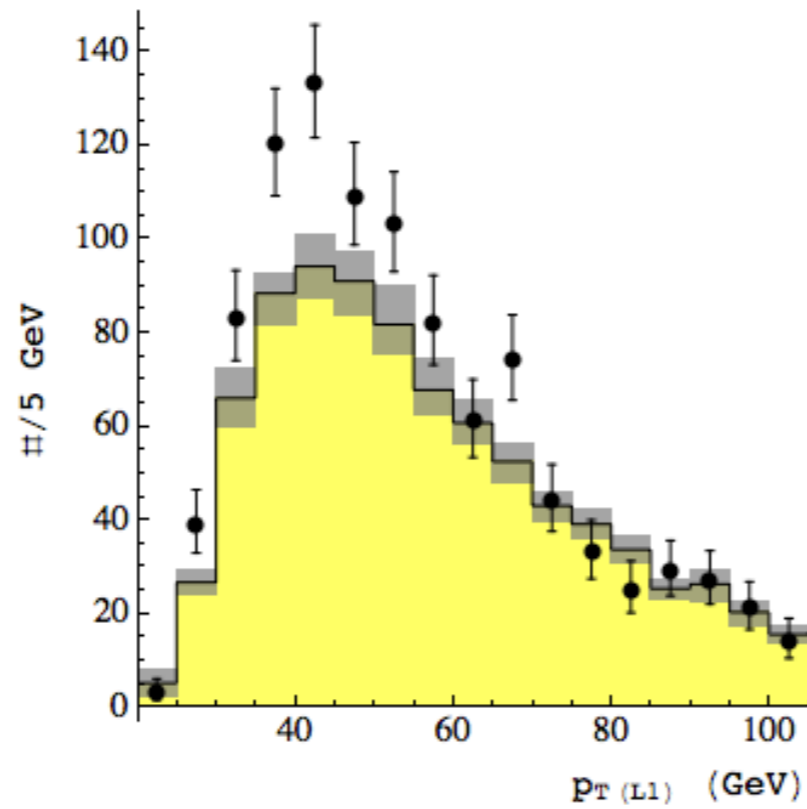
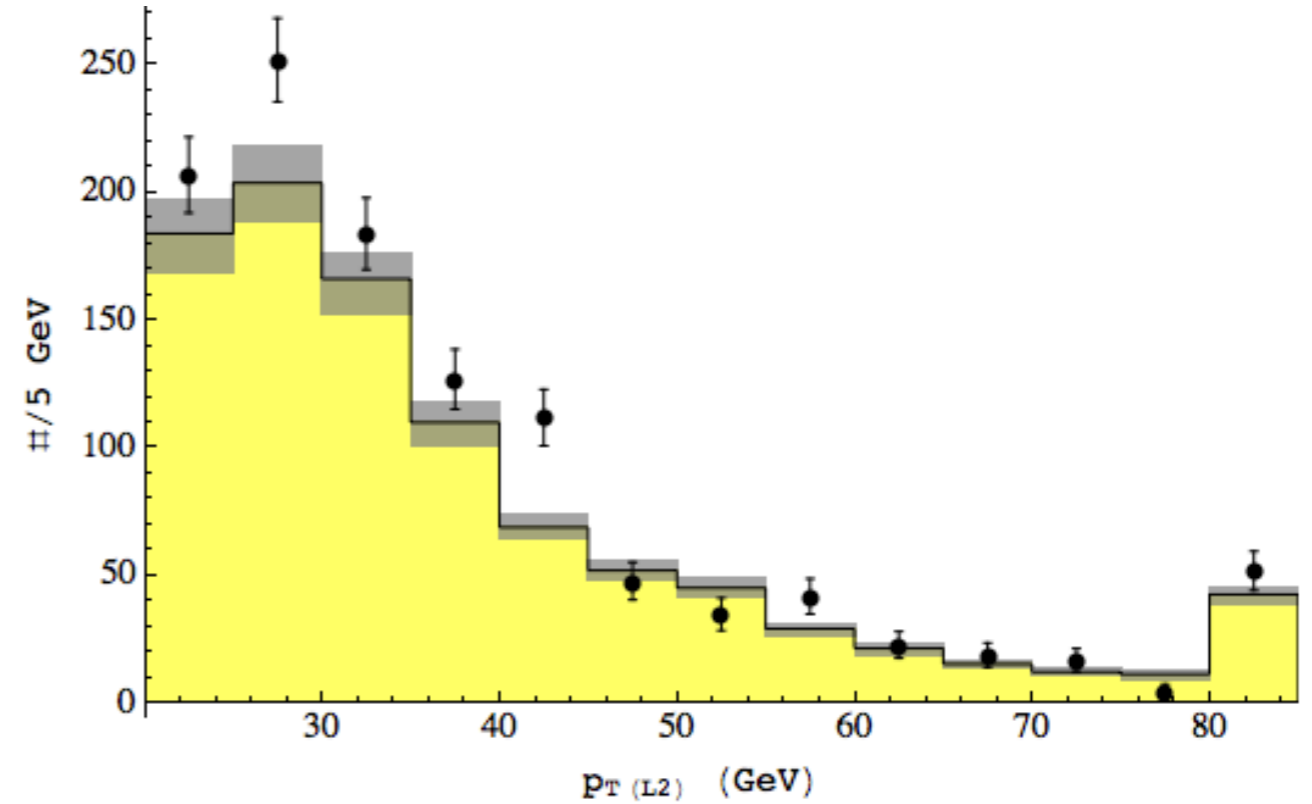
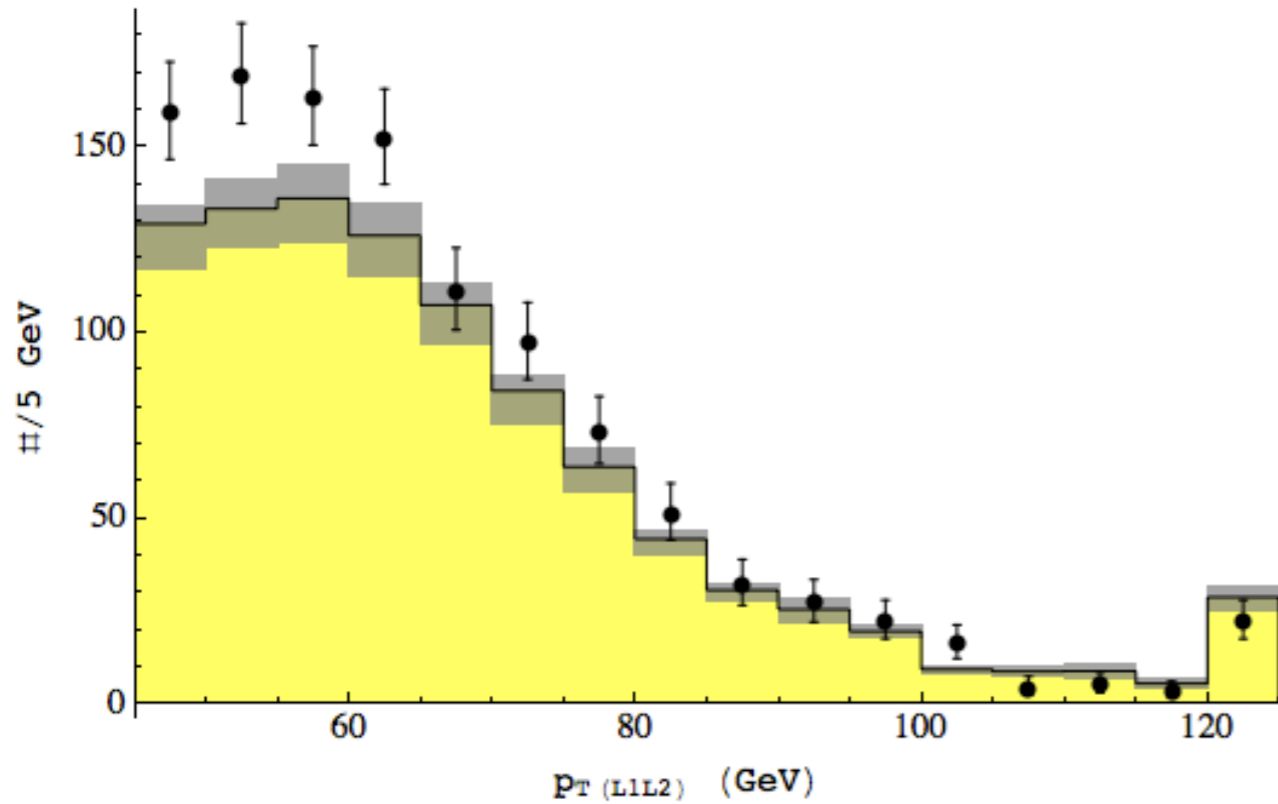
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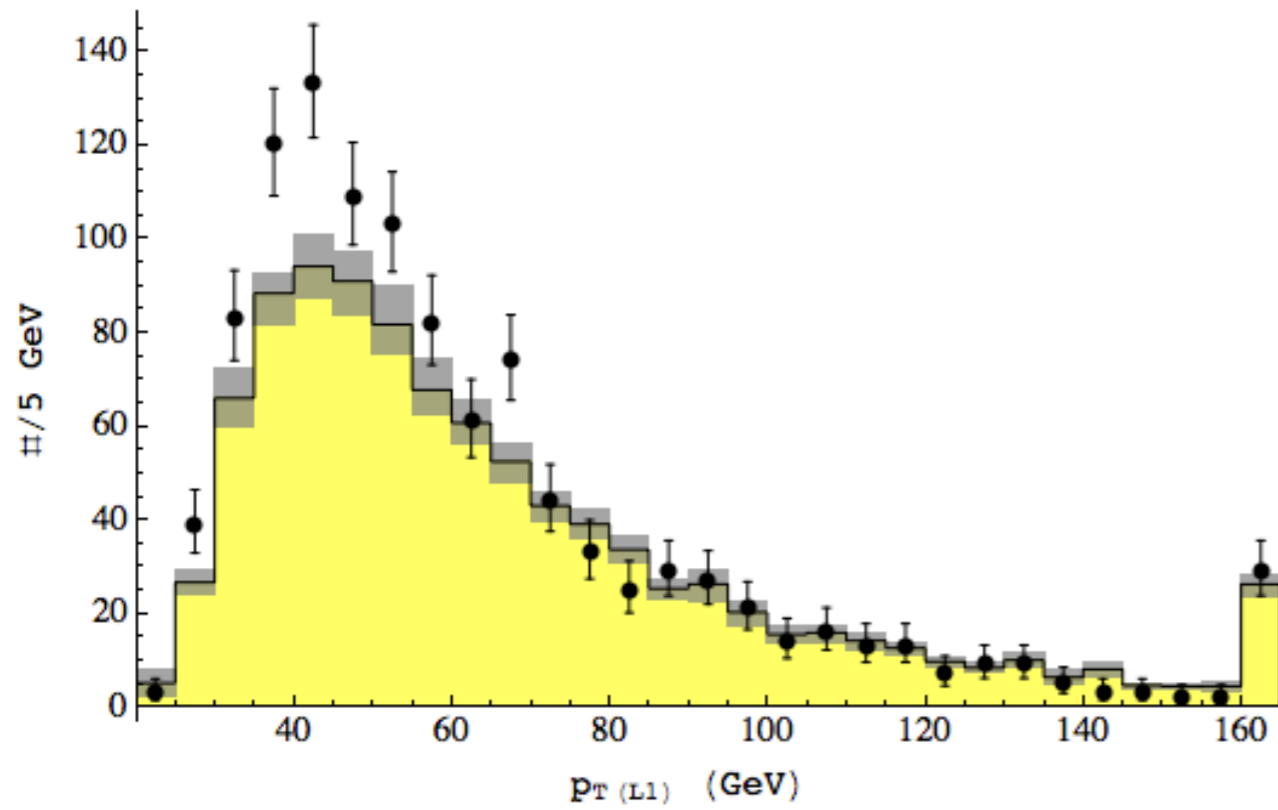


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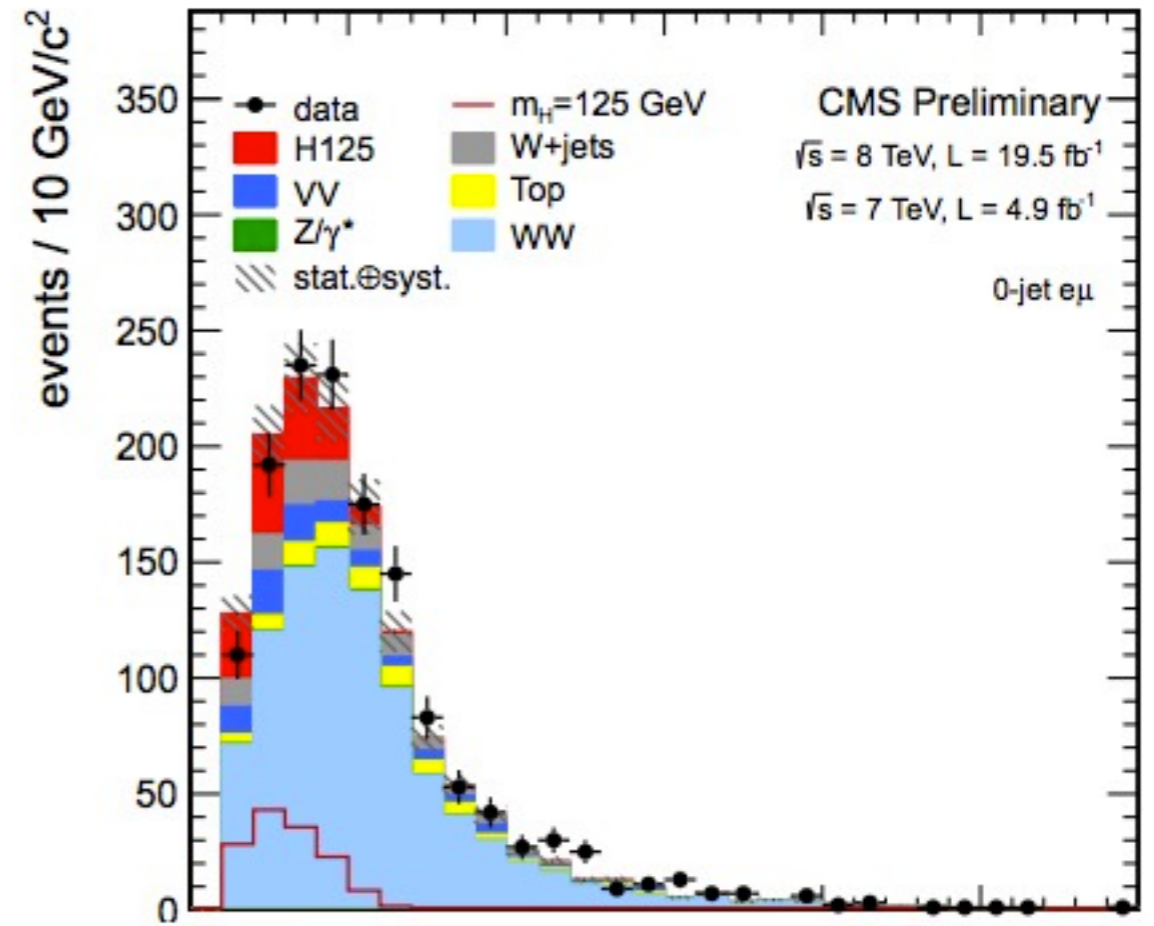


(Apologies to SEARCH workshop attendees.)

# This is serious business....



CMS8 WW

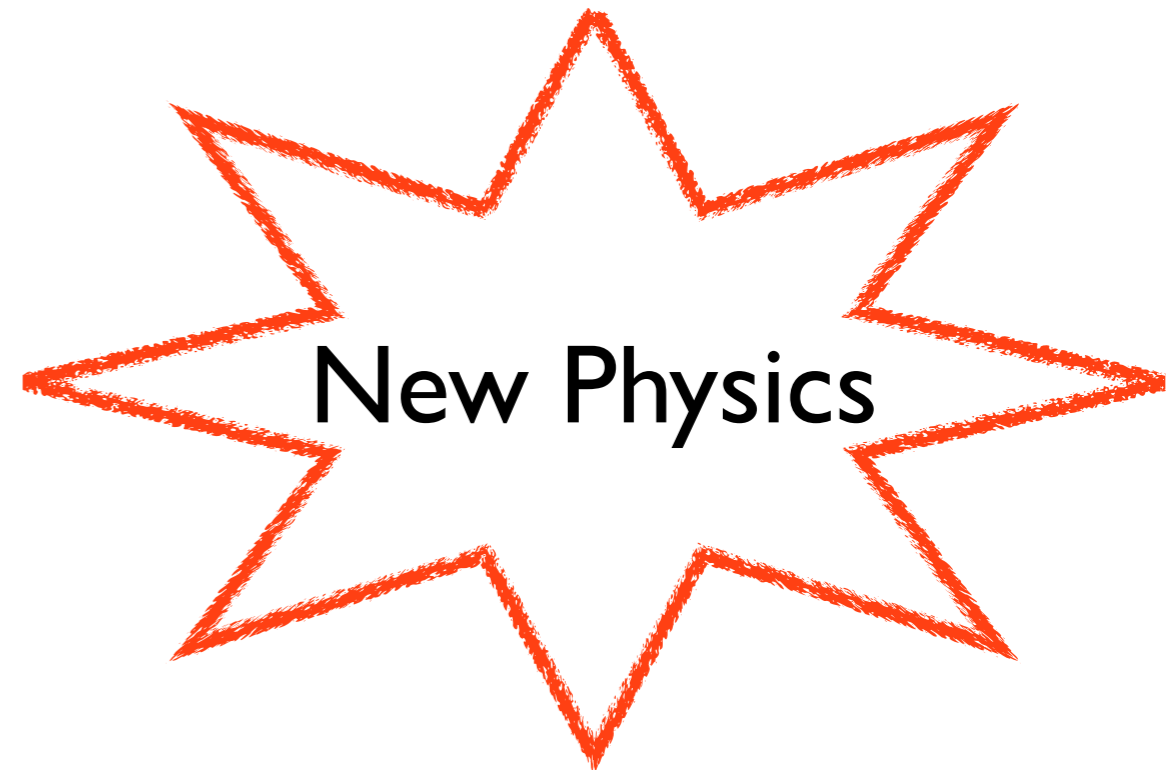


CMS8 H  $\longrightarrow$  WW

# Upward fluctuations in all measurements or a trend?

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,  
and sorry I could not travel both...

SM calculation  
wrong



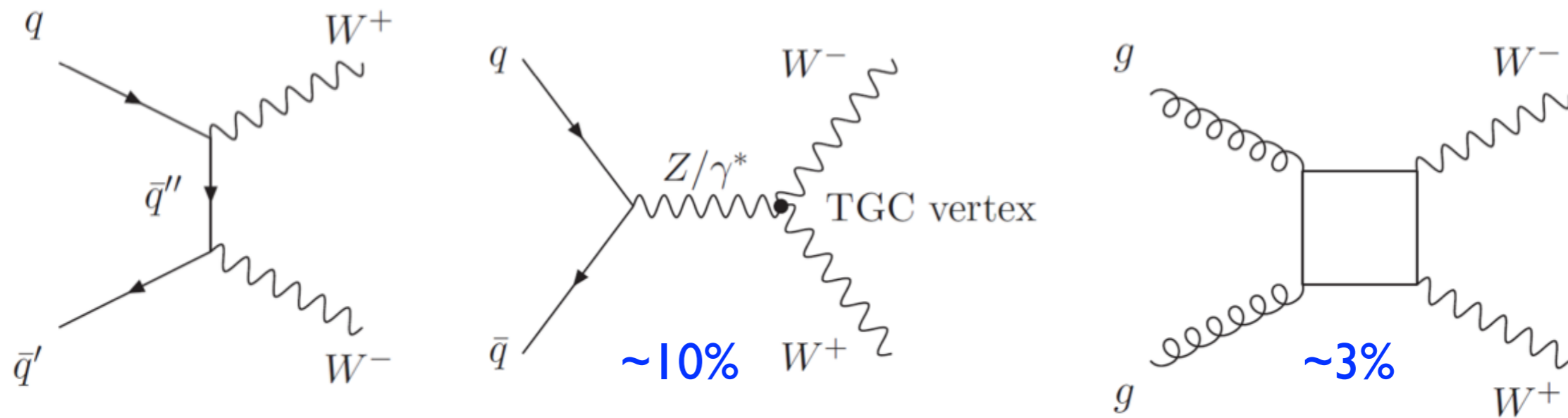
Will come back to the less traveled one  
and that of course may make all the difference...

Let's be hopeful.

# Possible BSM Explanations for WW Excess

# Ingredients for a BSM explanation

When you're measuring the WW cross section...

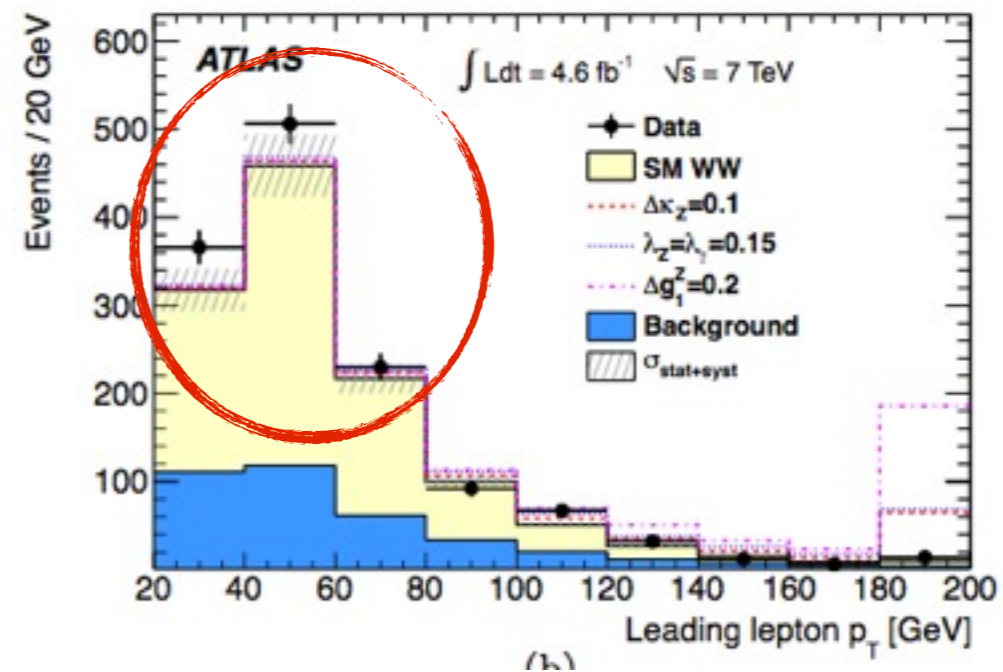
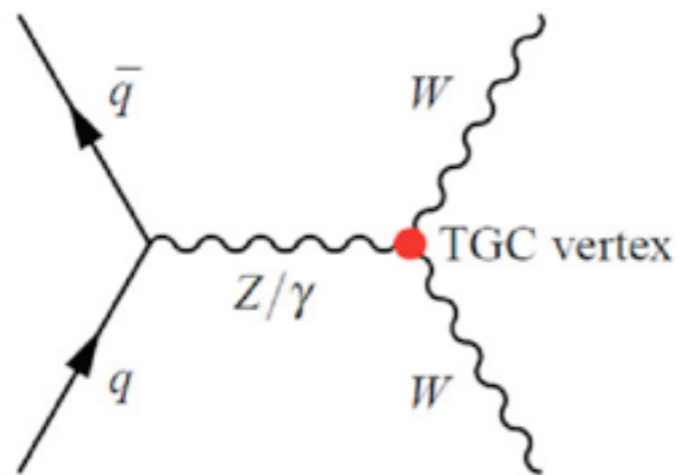


.. you're really counting the number of dilepton + MET events in fiducial region with jet veto

$$\sigma_{WW} = \frac{N_{\text{data}} - N_{\text{bkg}}}{C_{WW} \times A_{WW} \times \text{BR} \times \mathcal{L}}$$

# Ingredients for a BSM explanation

- Need to produce dileptons + MET and NOTHING ELSE (jet veto)
- These new events do **not** have to contain real Ws (but that could help)
- The experimentalists do use WW to look for certain kinds of new physics...



.. but this modifies the TAILS of the distributions. We need to modify the BULK.

**We need a few pb of WW-like events from BSM!**



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*Hadron Colliders  
relatively insensitive  
to EW NP.*

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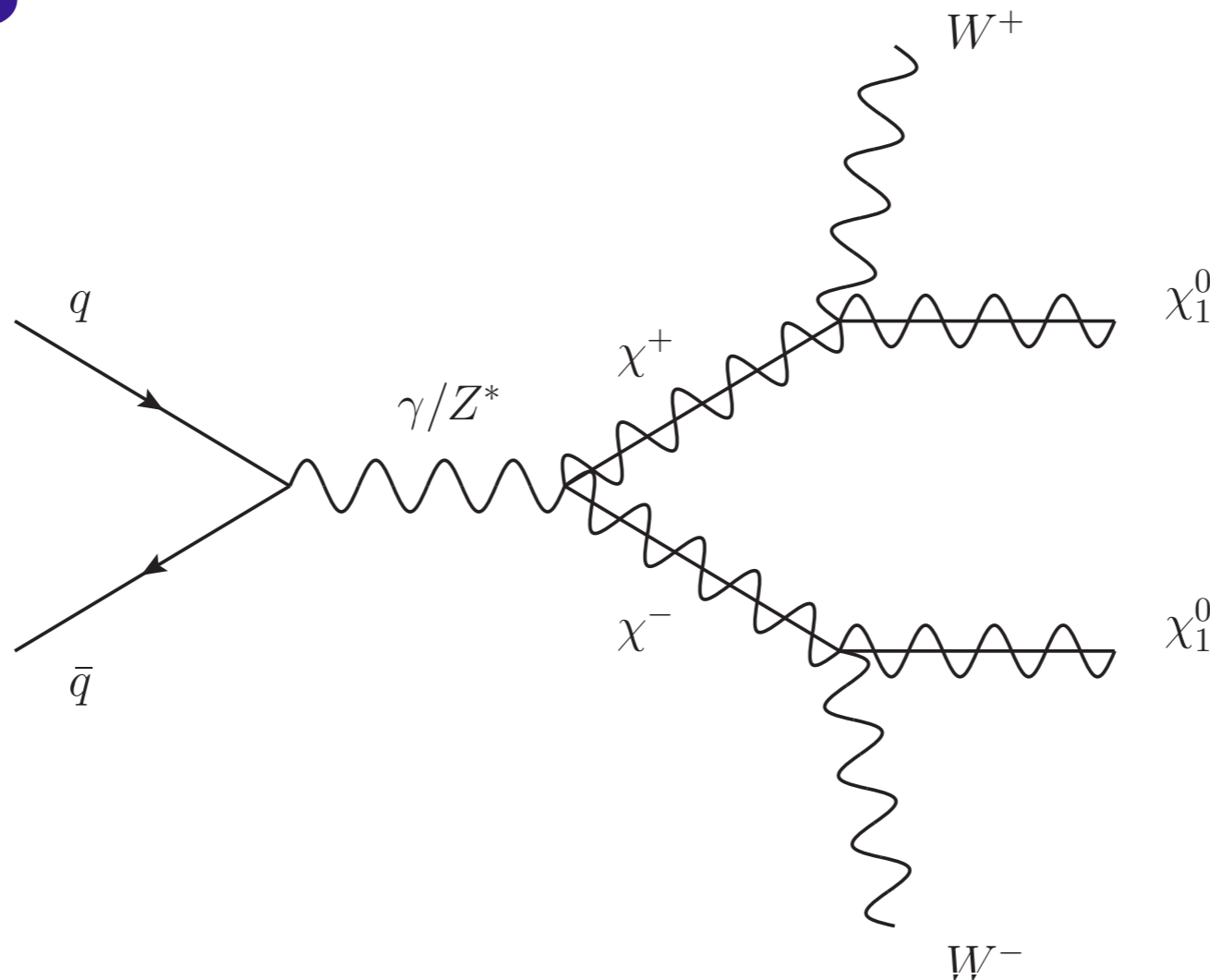
————— ~ **1 TeV** colored States (LHC run I limits)

————— ~ **100 GeV** EW States (LEP limits)

**EW NP game is just beginning!**

# Example Topology for WW + MET:

## Chargino Pair Production



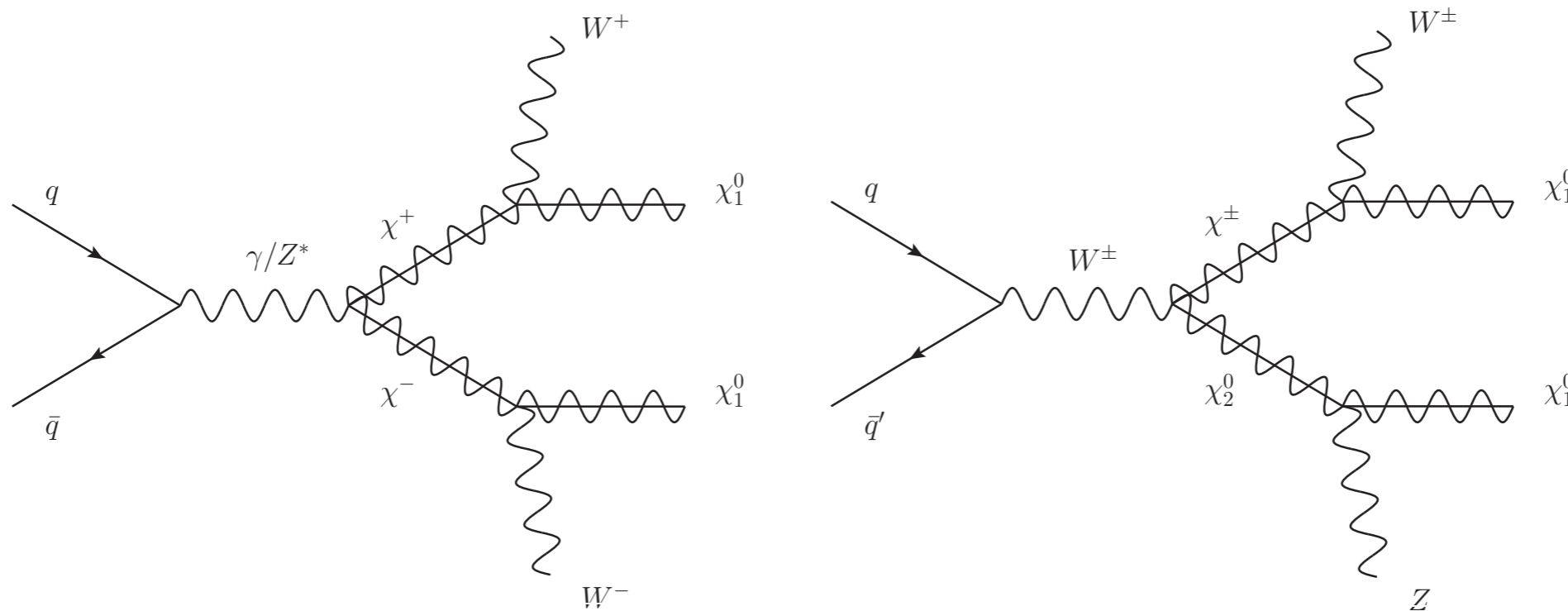
# Charginos

- Consider Gravity-Mediated scenario right above the LEP bound

$$\text{————— } \chi_1^\pm, \chi_2^0 \quad \sim 100 \text{ GeV}$$

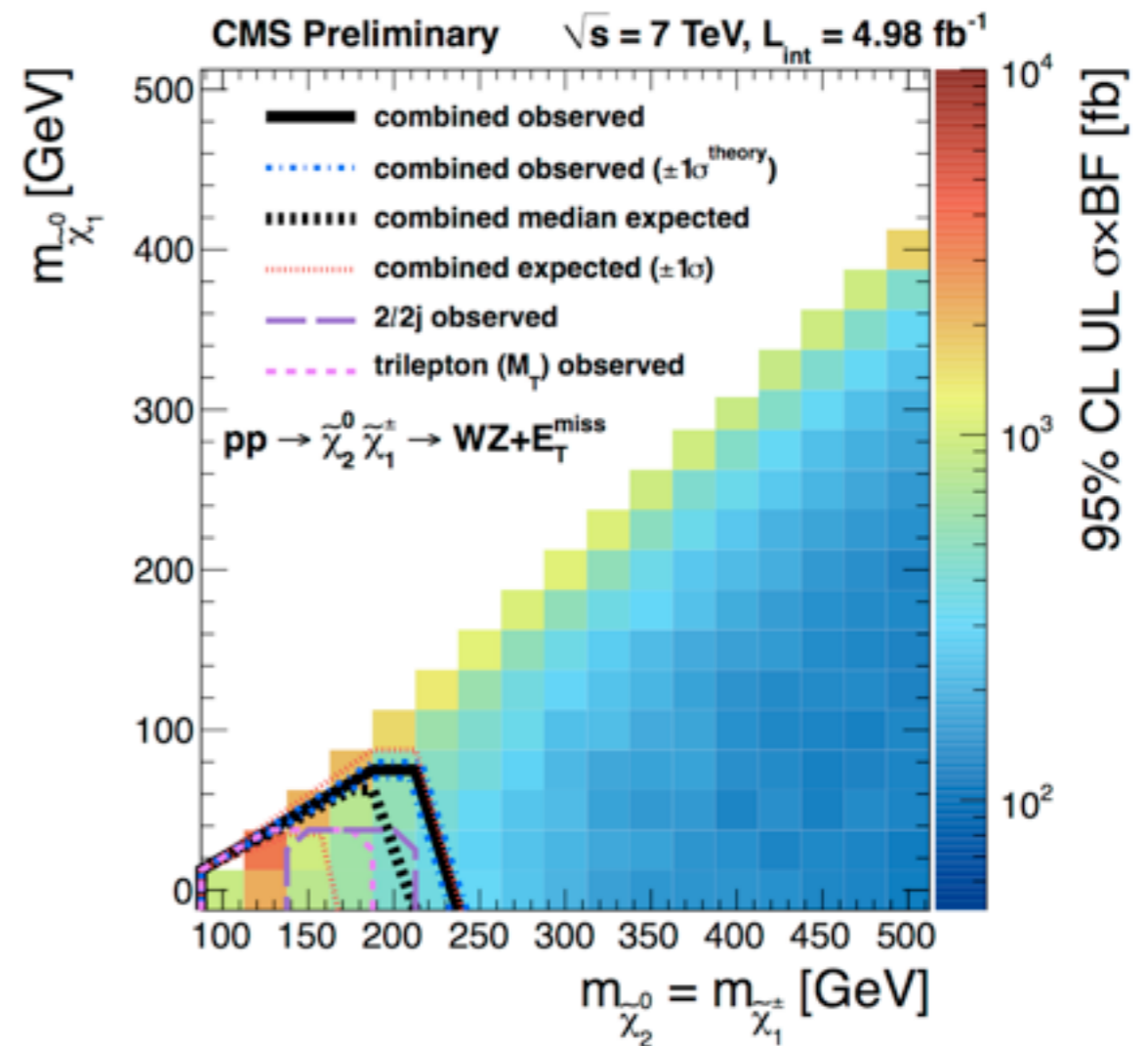
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- Get plenty of **WW**, but also **WZ** or **Wh** production (wino or higgsinos)



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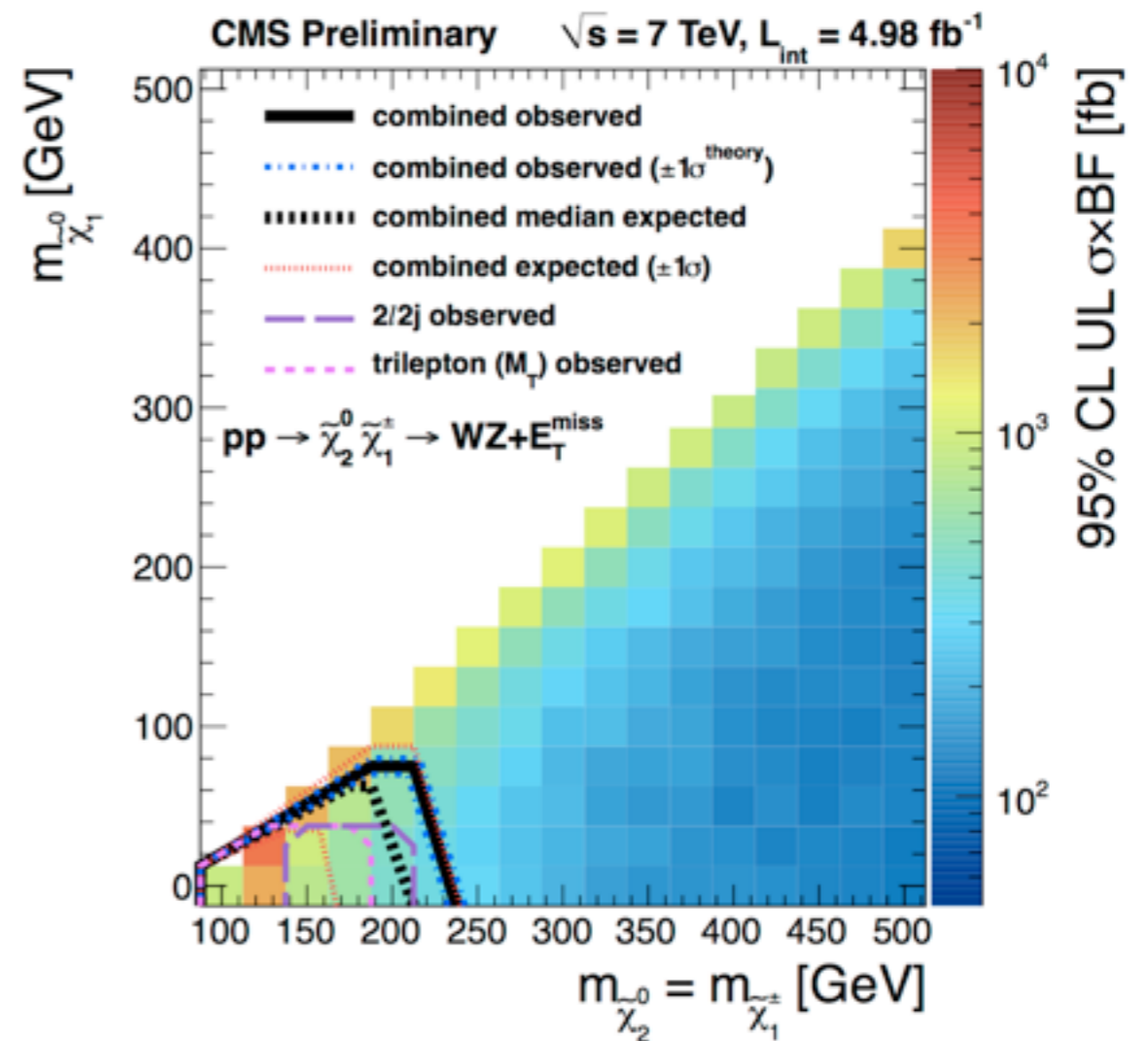
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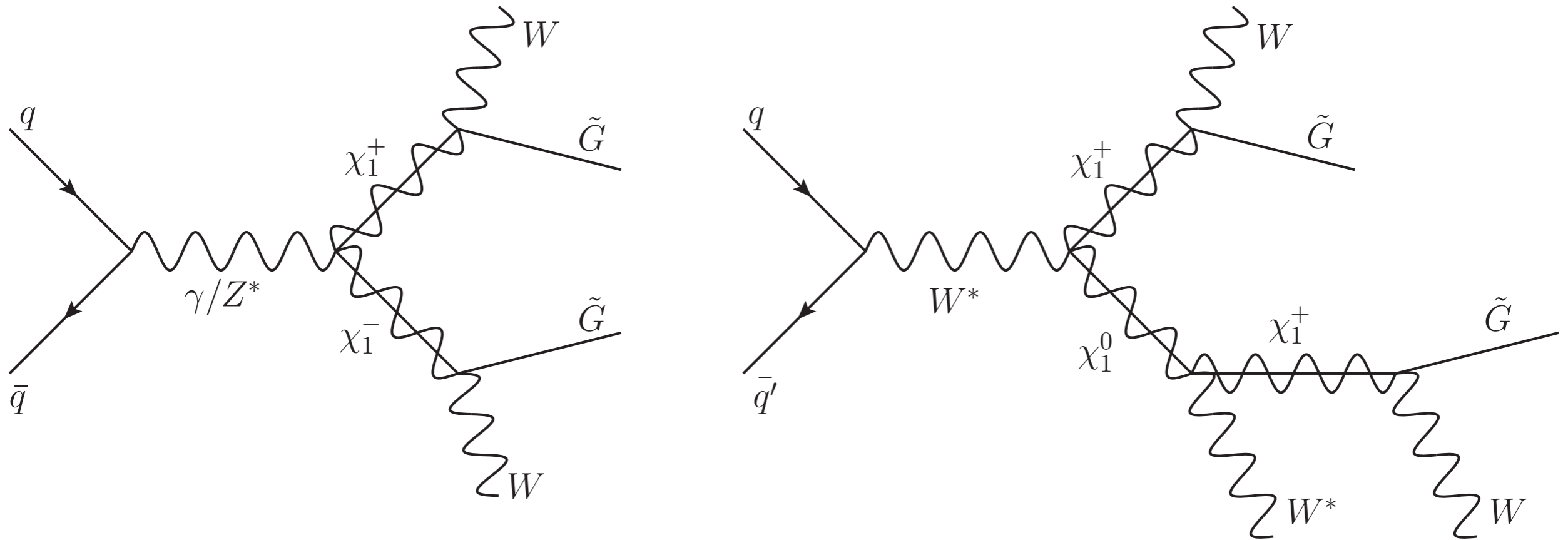


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**We set this limit in 1206.6888, not ATLAS.**

# Can you have charginos without $WZ/Wh$ ?

- Consider **Chargino-NLSP** in gauge-mediated SUSY breaking.
  - low  $\tan\beta$ , large Wino-Higgsino mixing



$$m_{\chi_1^\pm} \approx 110 \text{ GeV}$$

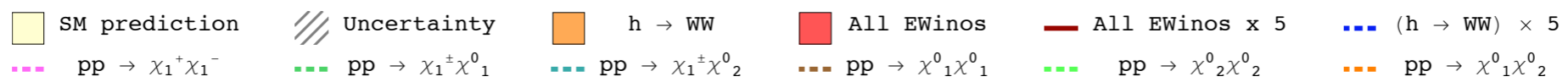
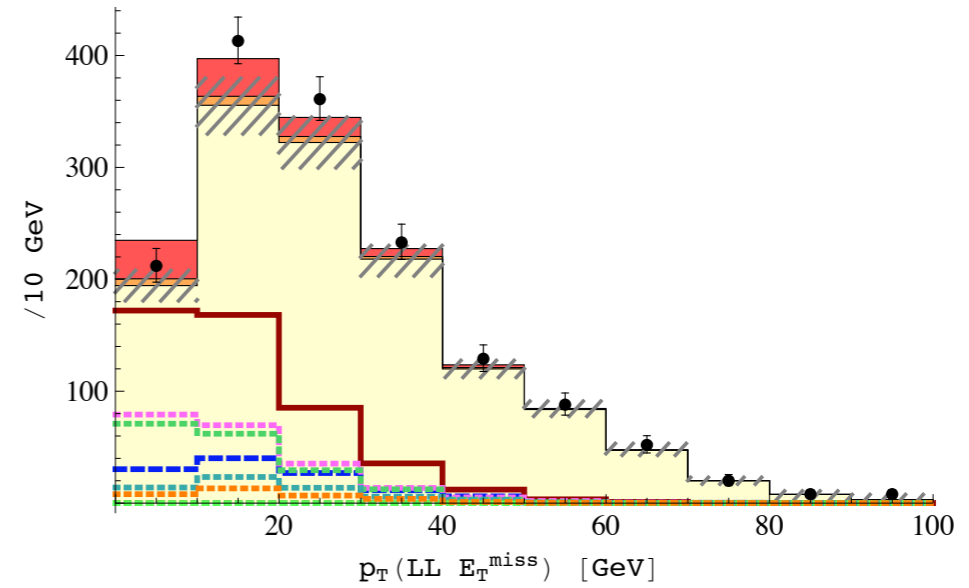
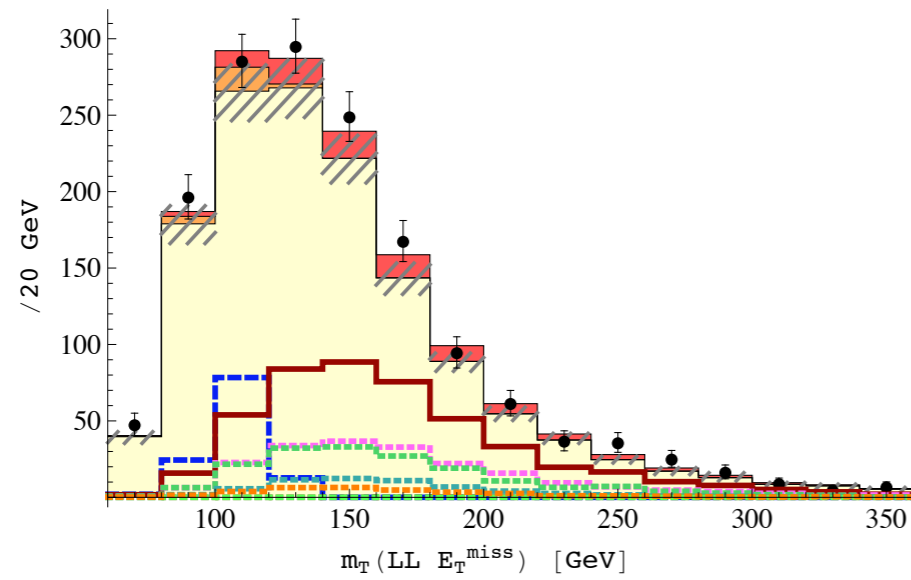
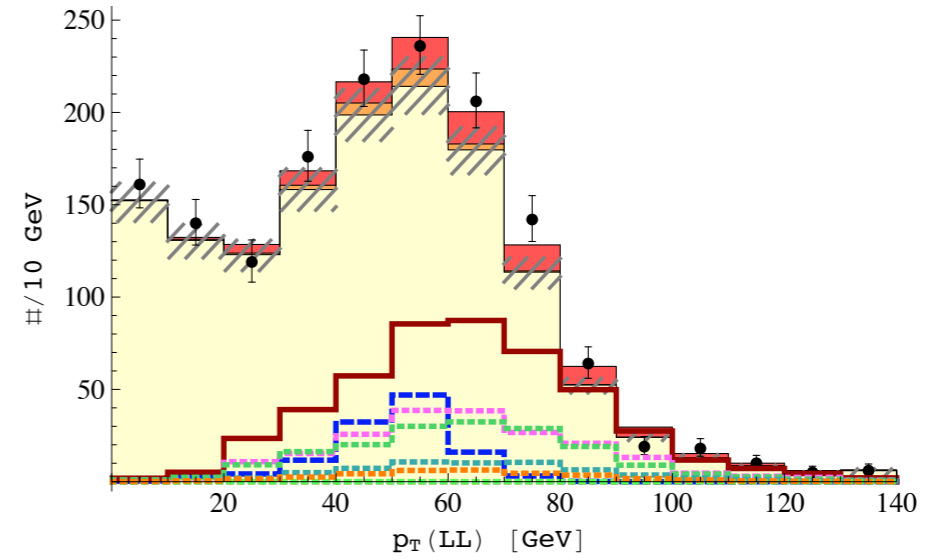
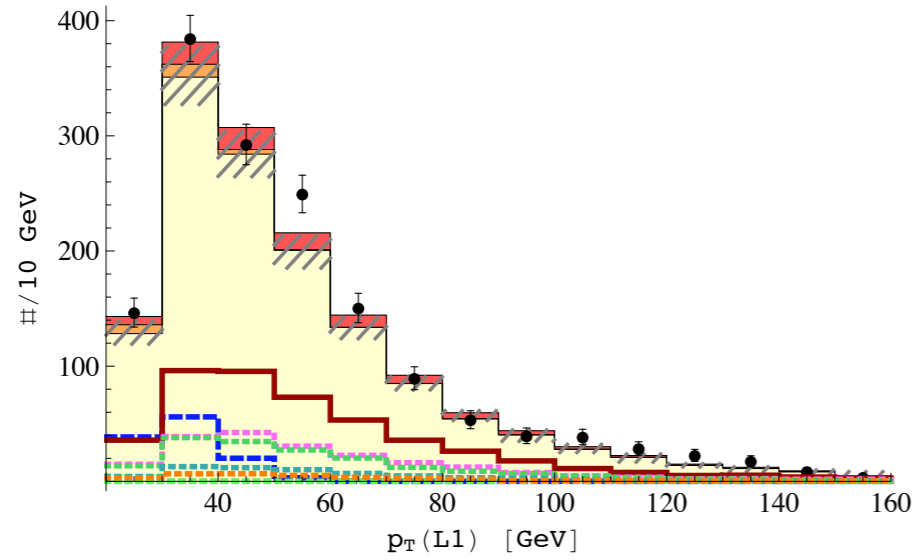
$$m_{\chi_1^0} \approx 113 \text{ GeV}$$

$$m_{\chi_2^0} \approx 130 \text{ GeV}$$

$$\sigma_{NLO} \sim 4.3 \text{ pb}$$

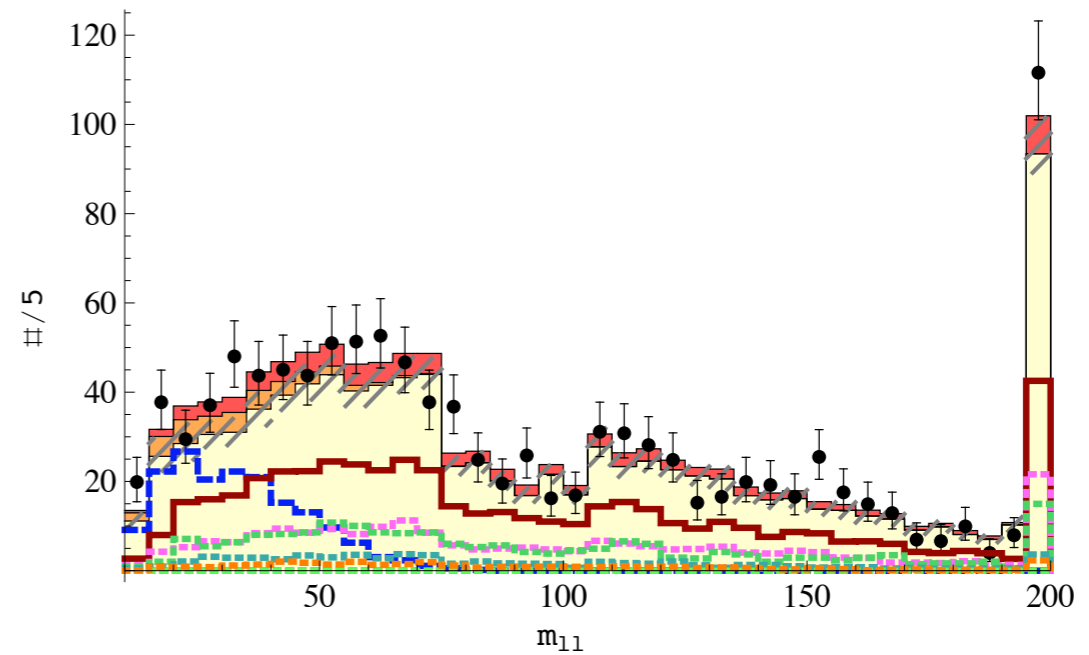
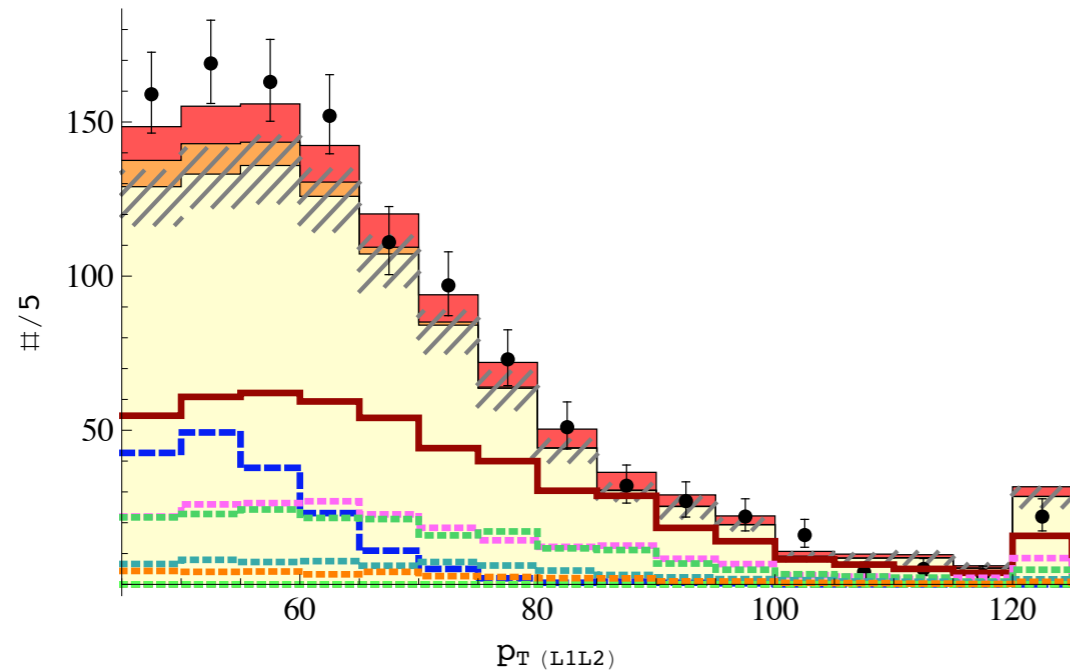
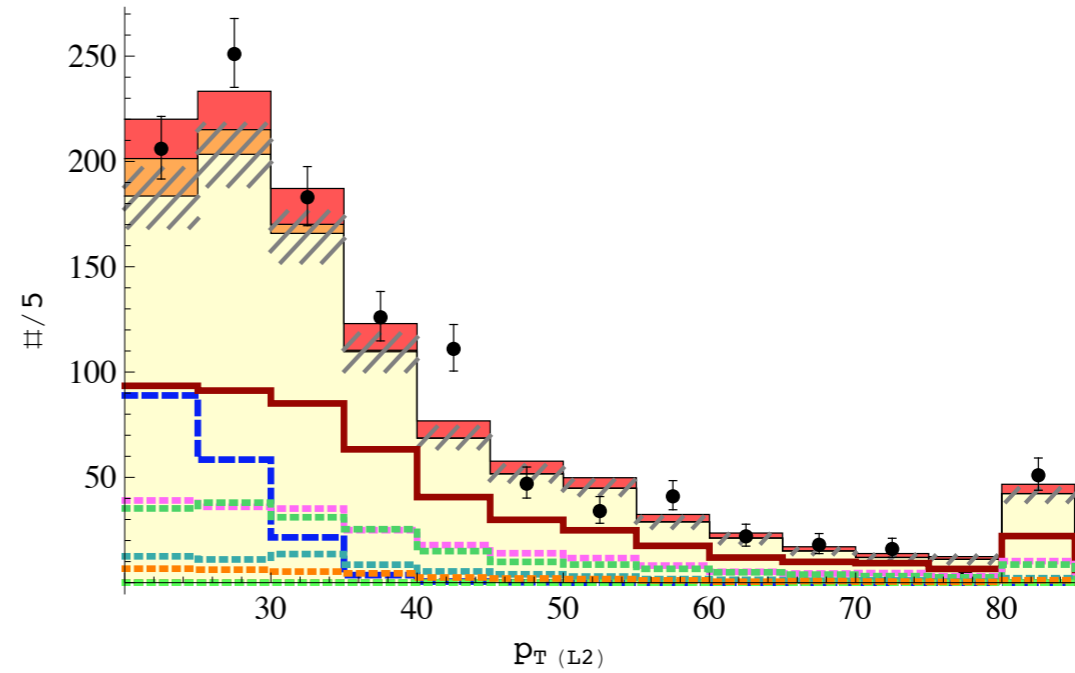
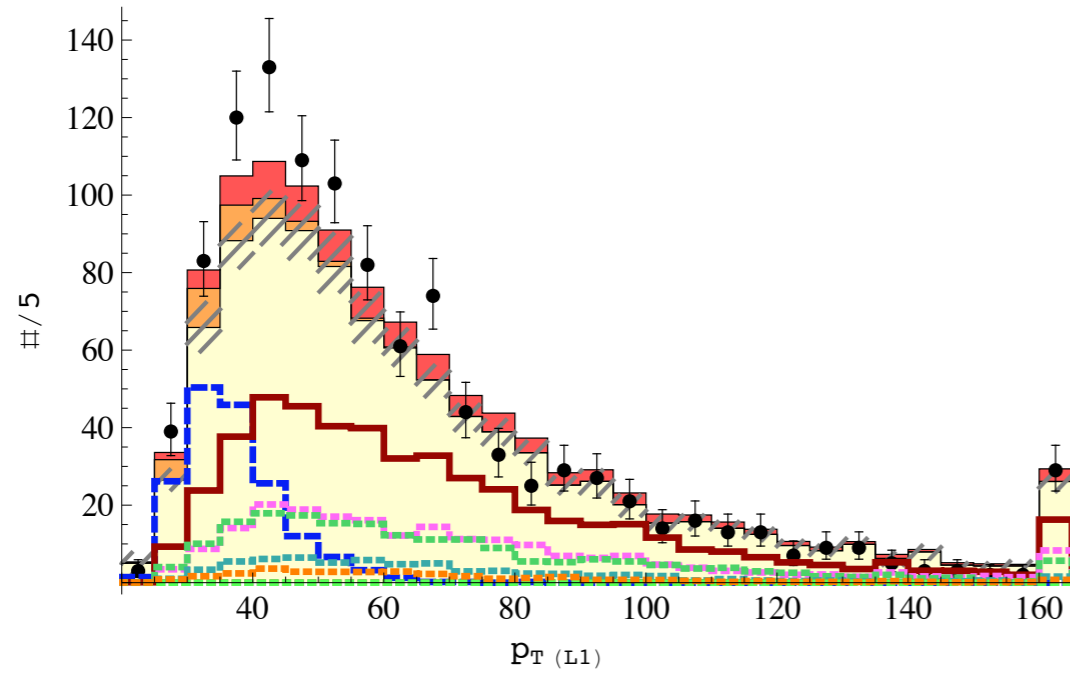


# ATLAS7



$\chi^2$  cut in half compared to SM

# CMS8



SM p-value 0.001

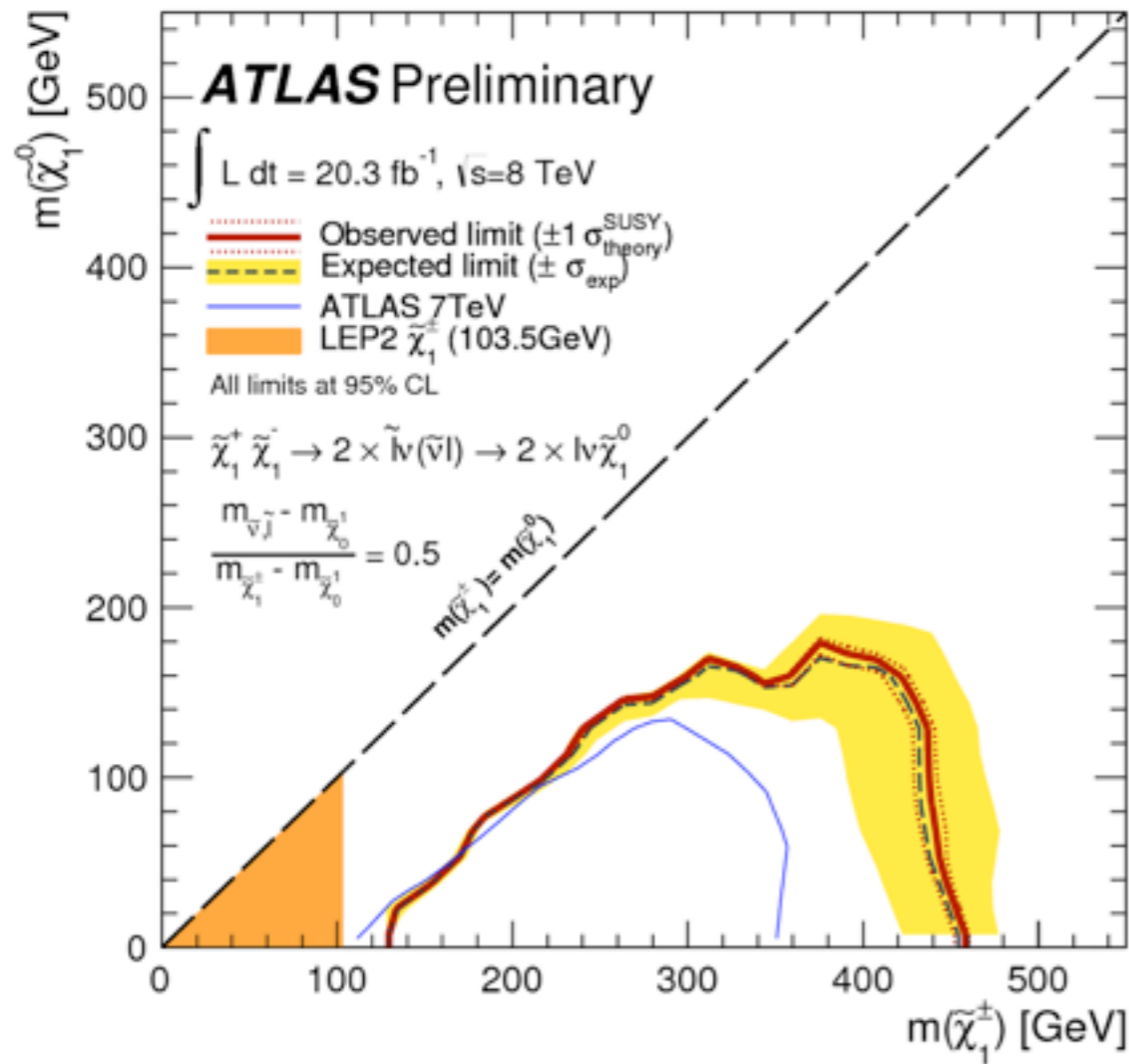
SM+h 0.1

SM+charginos 0.3

SM+h+charginos 0.75

# ATLAS 20/fb Chargino Search [Dilepton]

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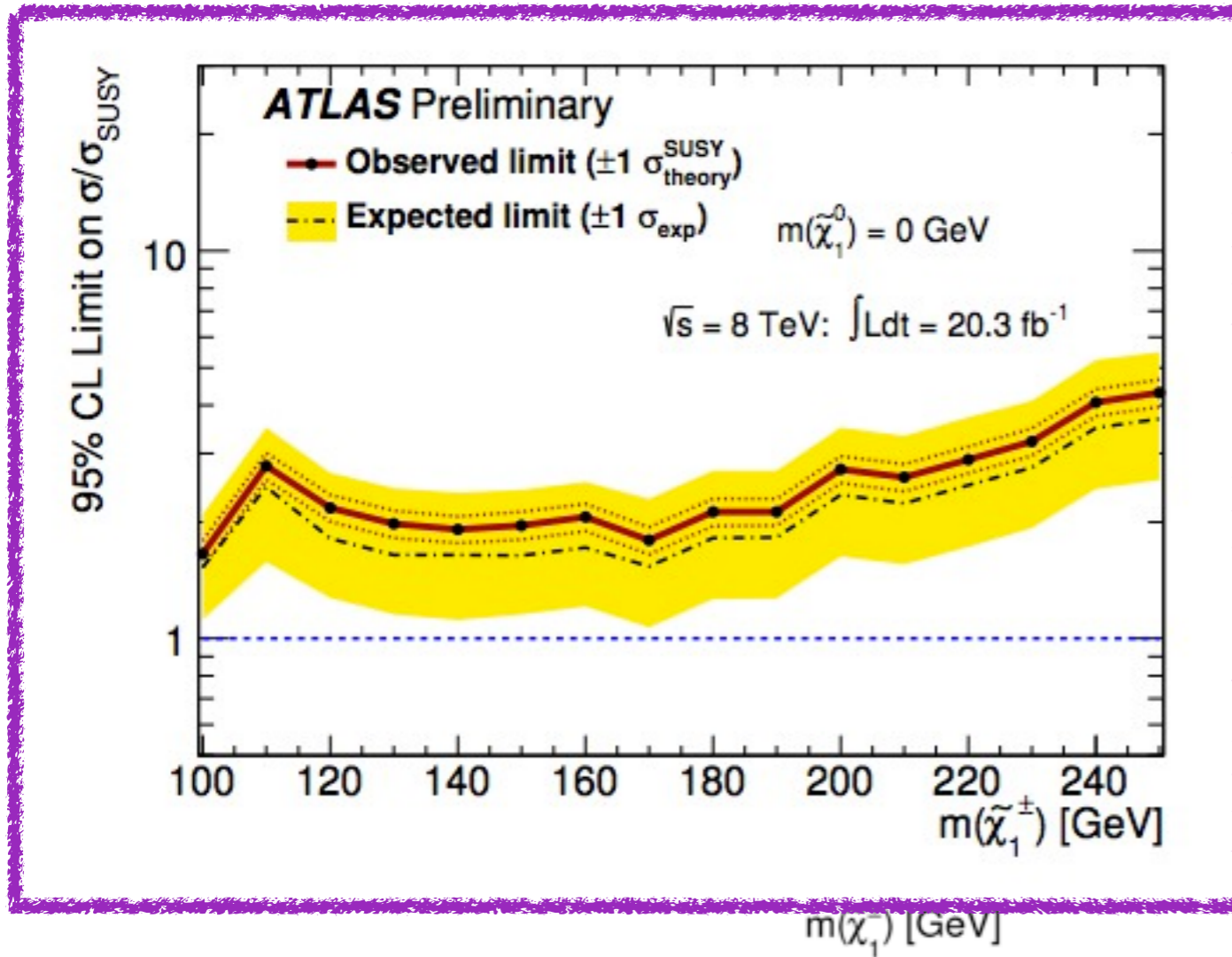
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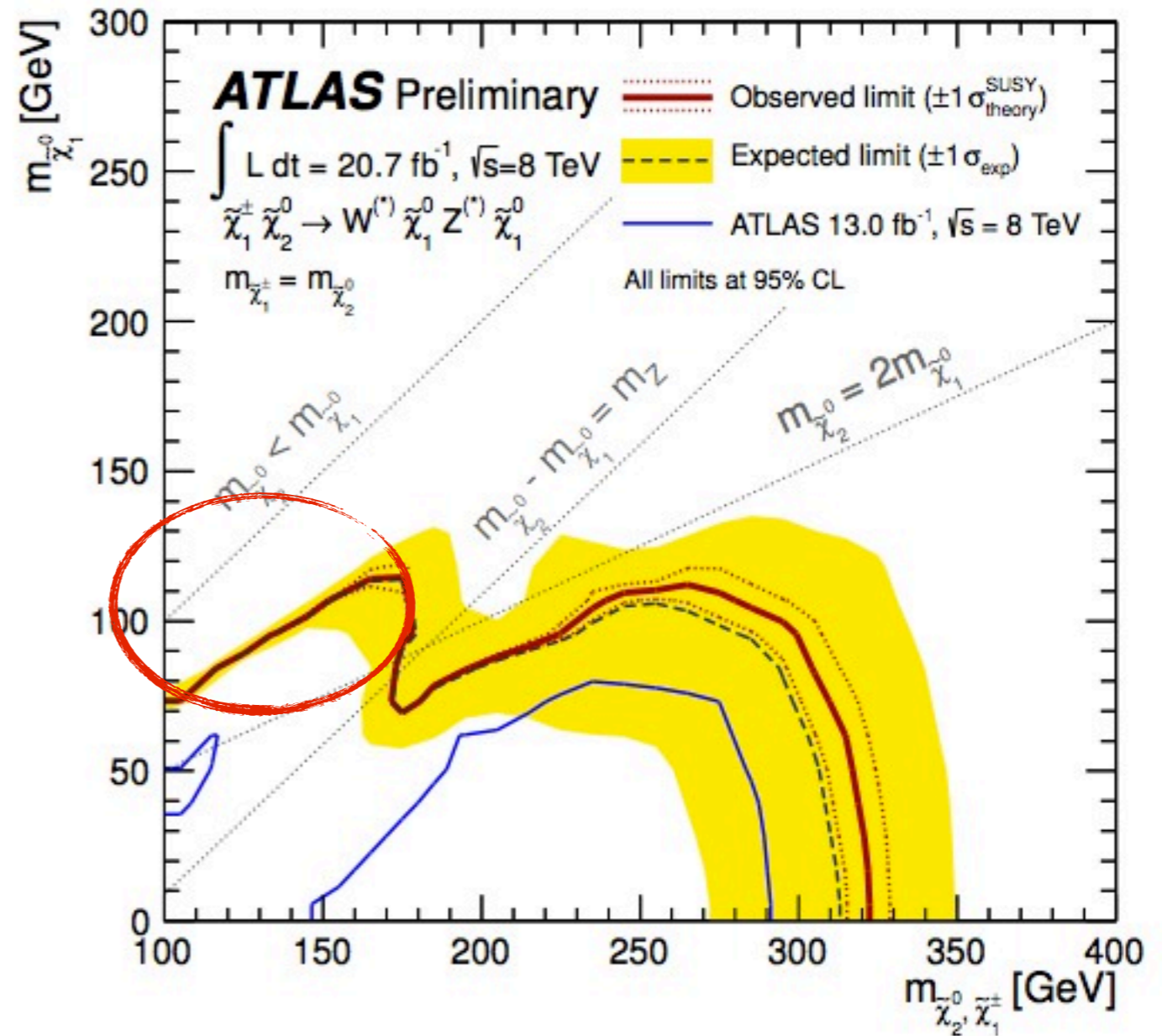
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Not exactly our model,

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but it looks like  
we're still OK.

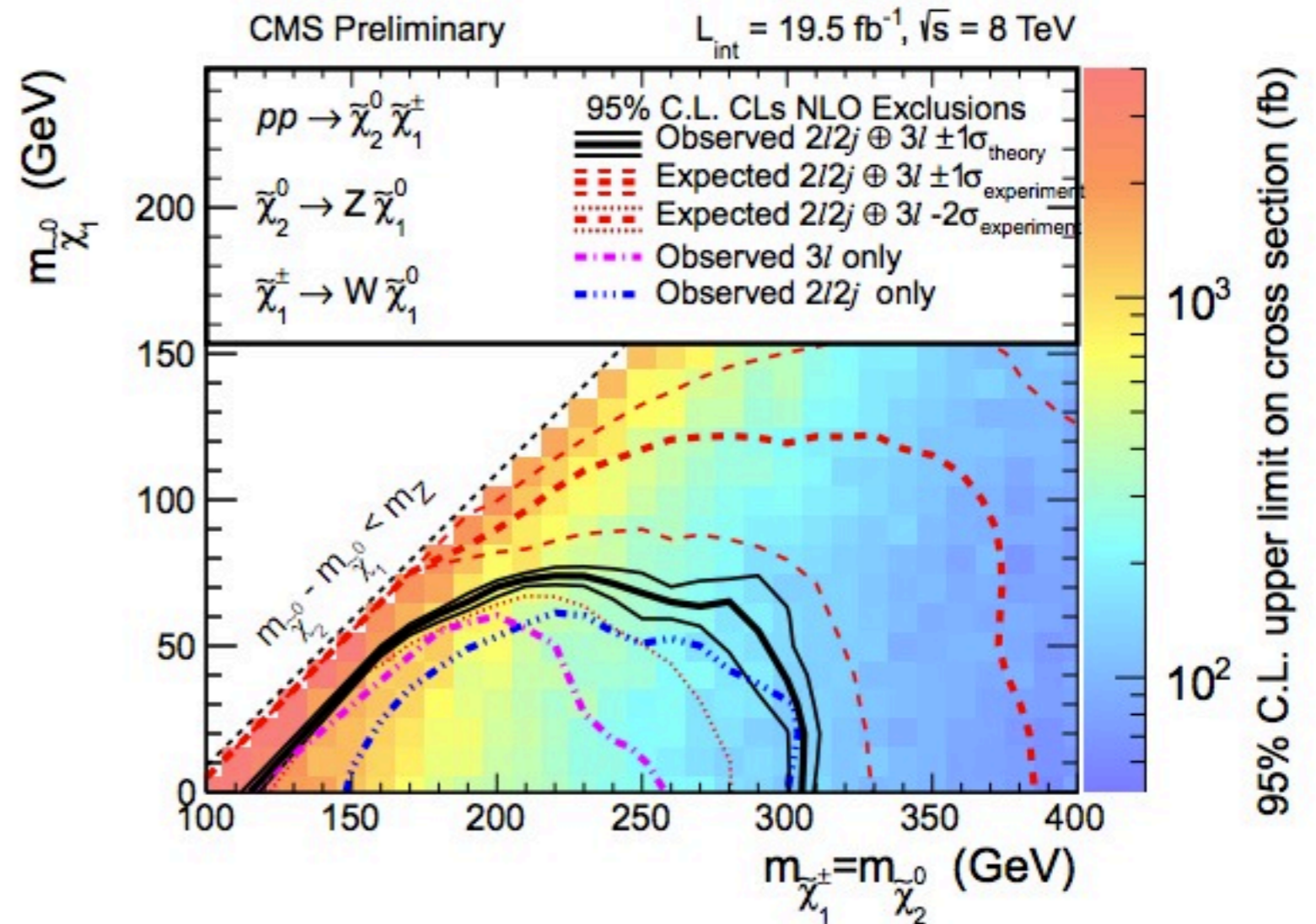


(b) Decay via gauge bosons

# CMS 20/fb Chargino Search [Trilepton]

SUS-13-006-PAS

does not look sensitive to our model.



# Other consequences of this Scenario

- Smoking Gun: **SS Dileptons**, some OS dileptons
  - **Can discover/exclude with 20/fb!**
- Amusingly, this is the only scenario in which charginos can increase  $h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ , by about 15%

# Other consequences of this Scenario

- $h \rightarrow WW$  measurement:
  - control region ( $m_{\parallel} > 100 \text{ GeV}$ )\* used to scale  $WW$  MC prediction in signal region ( $m_{\parallel} < 50 \text{ GeV}$ )\*
  - Our charginos look so much like  $WW$  that they pollute signal and control region in proportion to  $WW$
- ➔ charginos do NOT significantly affect  $h \rightarrow WW$  sensitivity

\*ATLAS 7 TeV



# Another possibility: squeezed stops.

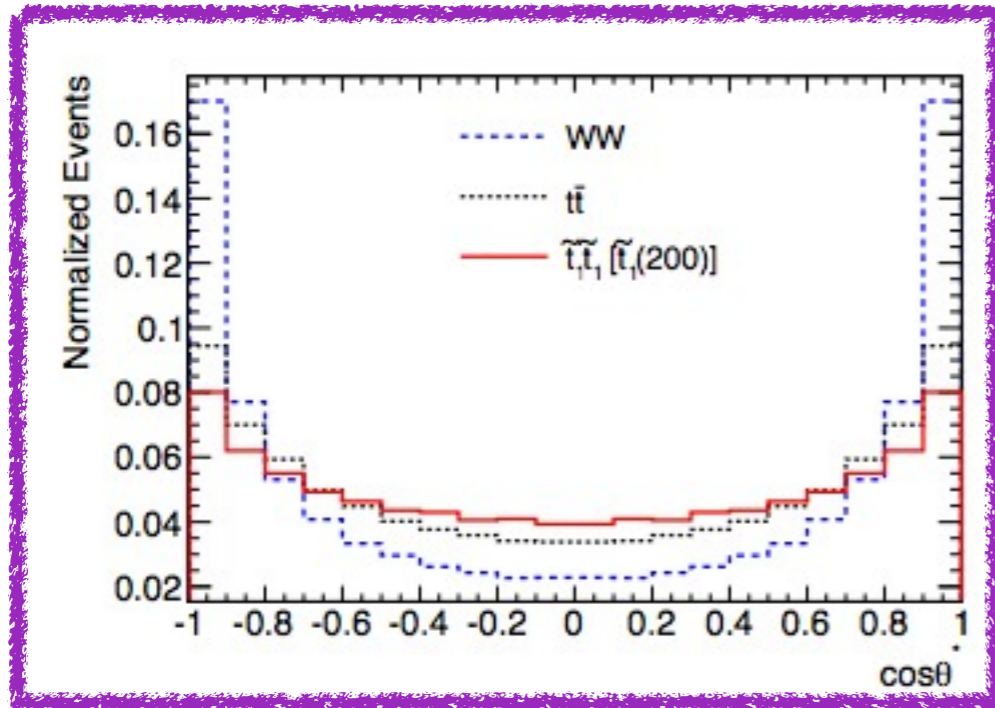
- Recently proposed by Rolbiecki, Sakurai (1303.5696)

$$\begin{array}{lll}
 \text{—————} & \tilde{t}_1 & \sim 200 \text{ GeV} \\
 \text{—————} & \chi_1^\pm, \chi_2^0 & \sim 190 \text{ GeV}
 \end{array}$$

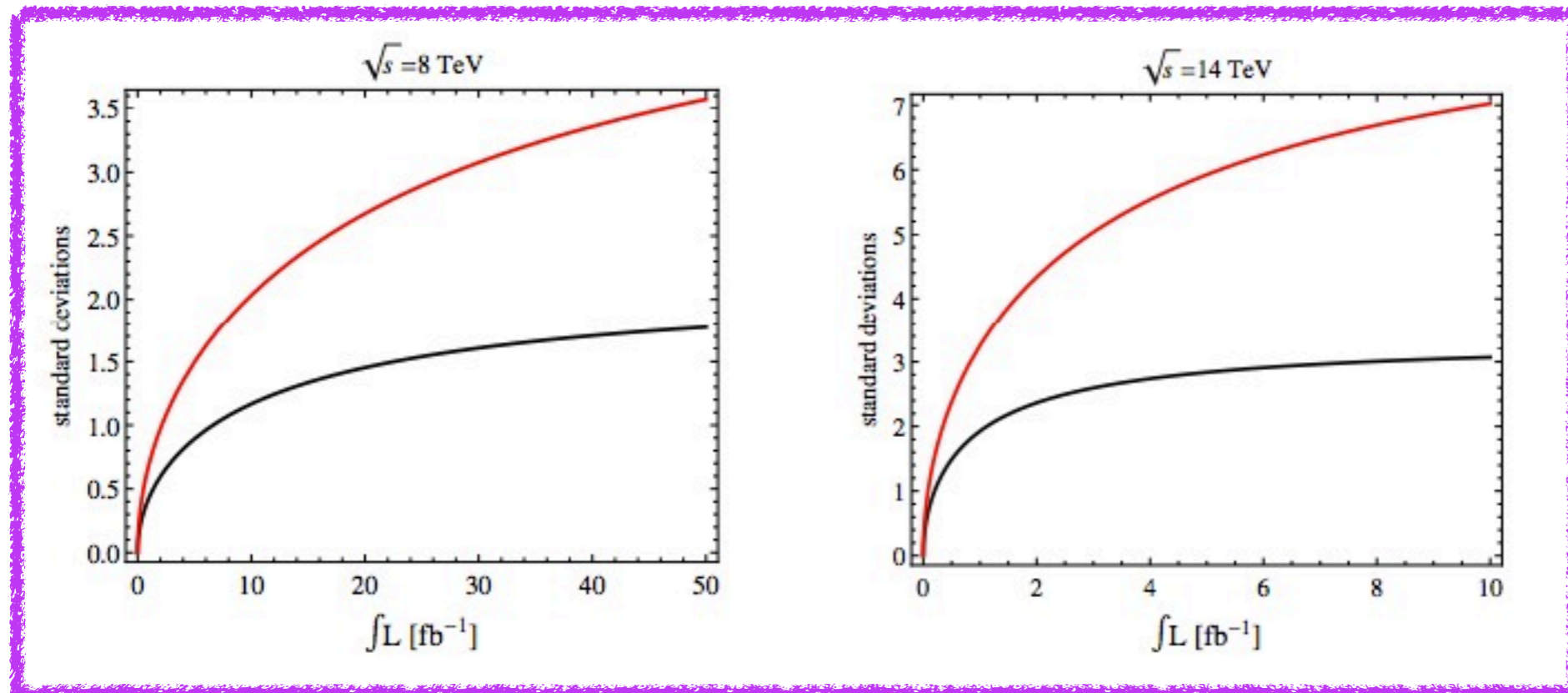
$$\text{—————} \quad \chi_1^0 \quad \sim 105 \text{ GeV}$$

- Light stops decay via  $\tilde{t}_1 \rightarrow \bar{b} \tilde{\chi}_1^+$  where b is soft (undetected)
- Effectively allows relatively heavy charginos to be produced with the (relatively light) stop pair production cross section  $O(10 \text{ pb})$
- Avoids SS dilepton signal and hides a light stop!

# Another possibility: squeezed stops.

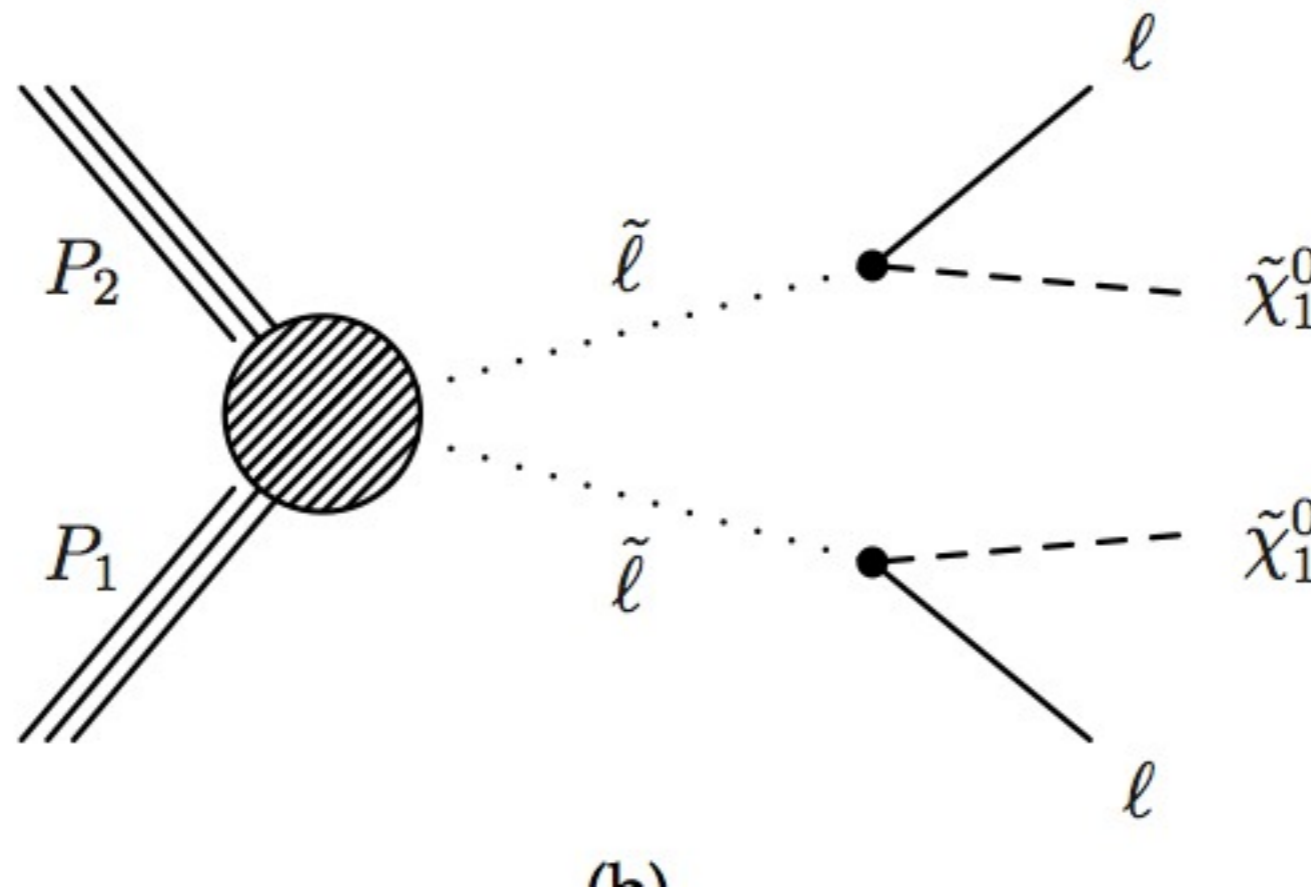


There are kinematic discriminants that may enable 3 sigma discovery with full LHC8 data.



# Example Topology for $\text{II} + \text{MET}$ :

## Slepton Pair Production

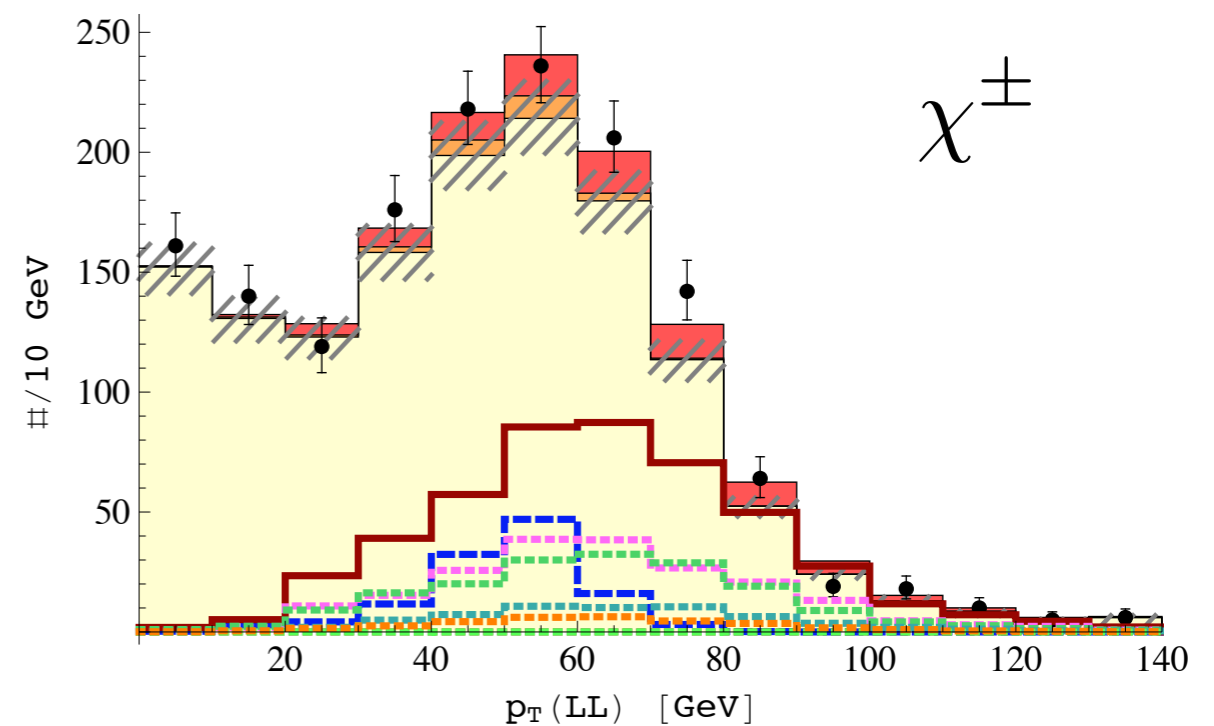
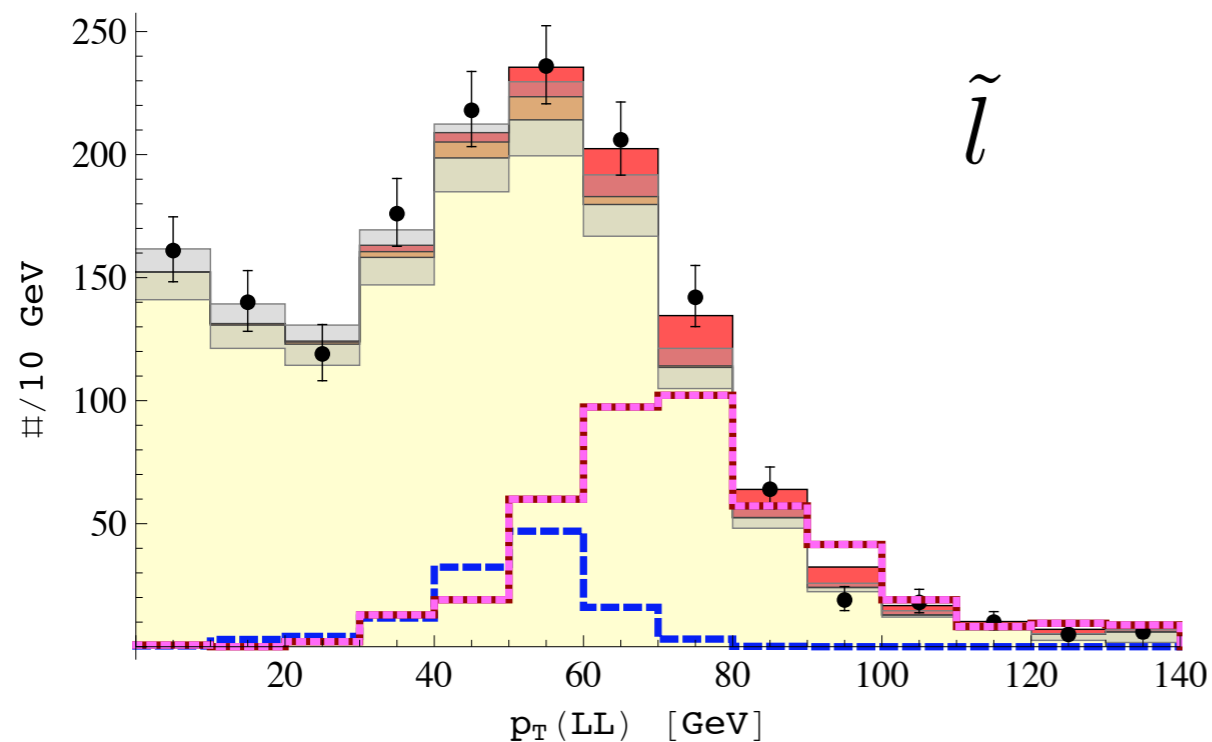


# Sleptons

$$\text{—————} \quad \tilde{e}_{L,R} , \tilde{\mu}_{L,R} \quad \sim 110 \text{ GeV}$$

$$\text{—————} \quad \chi_1^0 \quad \sim 60 \text{ GeV}$$

- Lower production cross section, but 100% Br to  $ll + \text{MET}$
- Only get SFOS dileptons  $\rightarrow$  safe from SS dilepton, trilepton bounds!
- Naively has more MET, but can **fit just as well as charginos!**



Sleptons + Binos can do all kinds of nifty things for you...

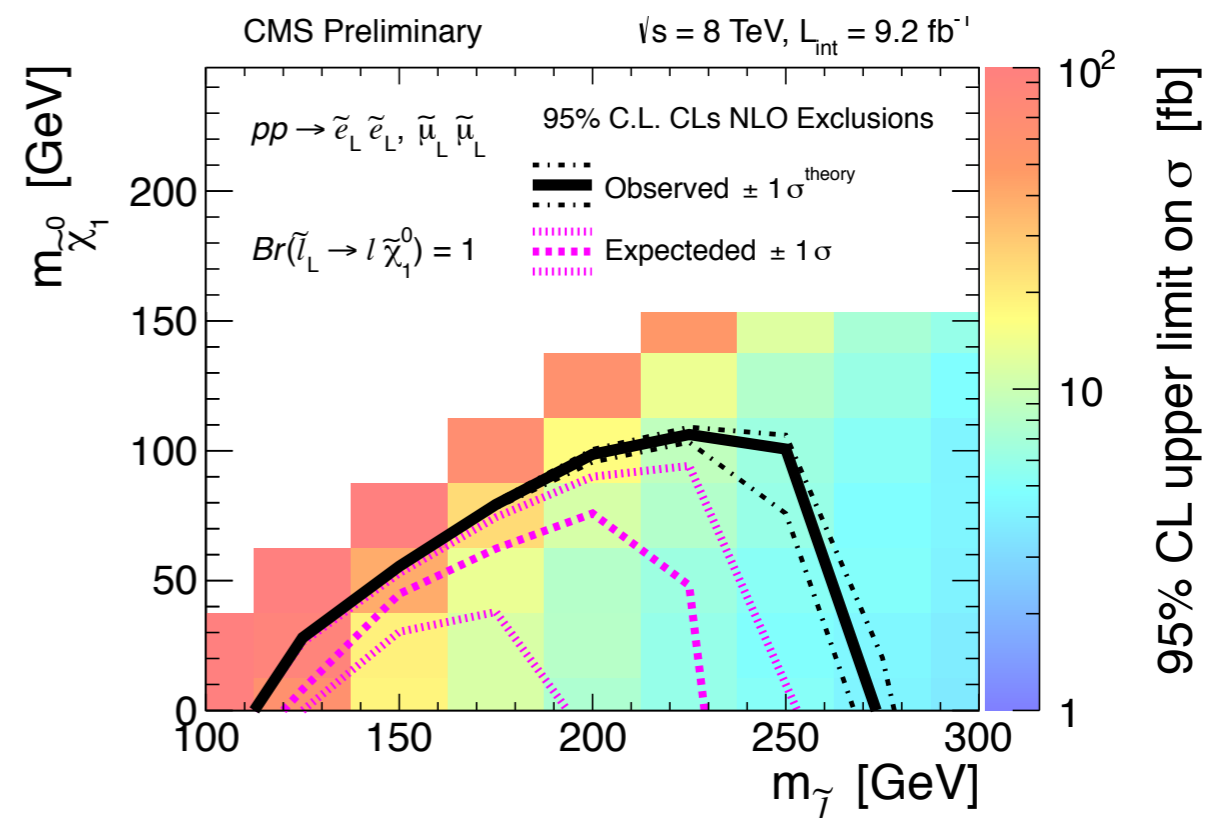
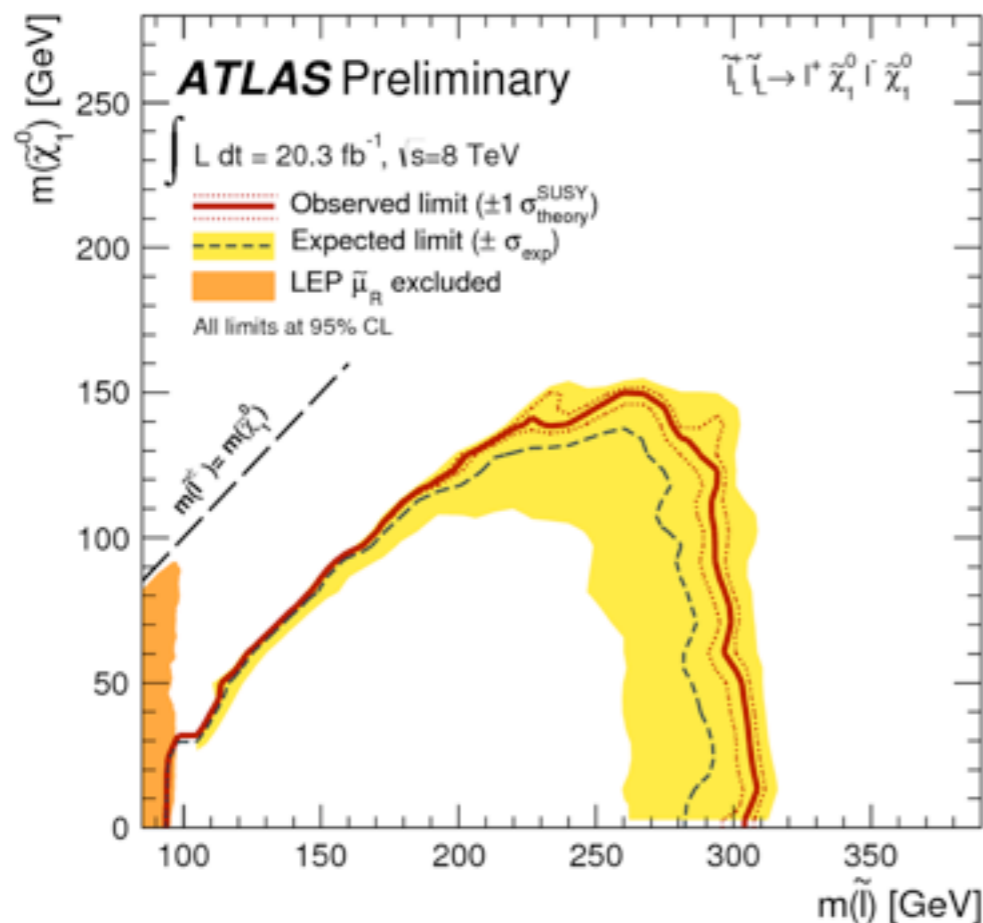
but let's take a step back first...

and talk about something (possibly) more archival:

Setting new bounds on EW  
physics with  
Standard Model  
Standard Candles

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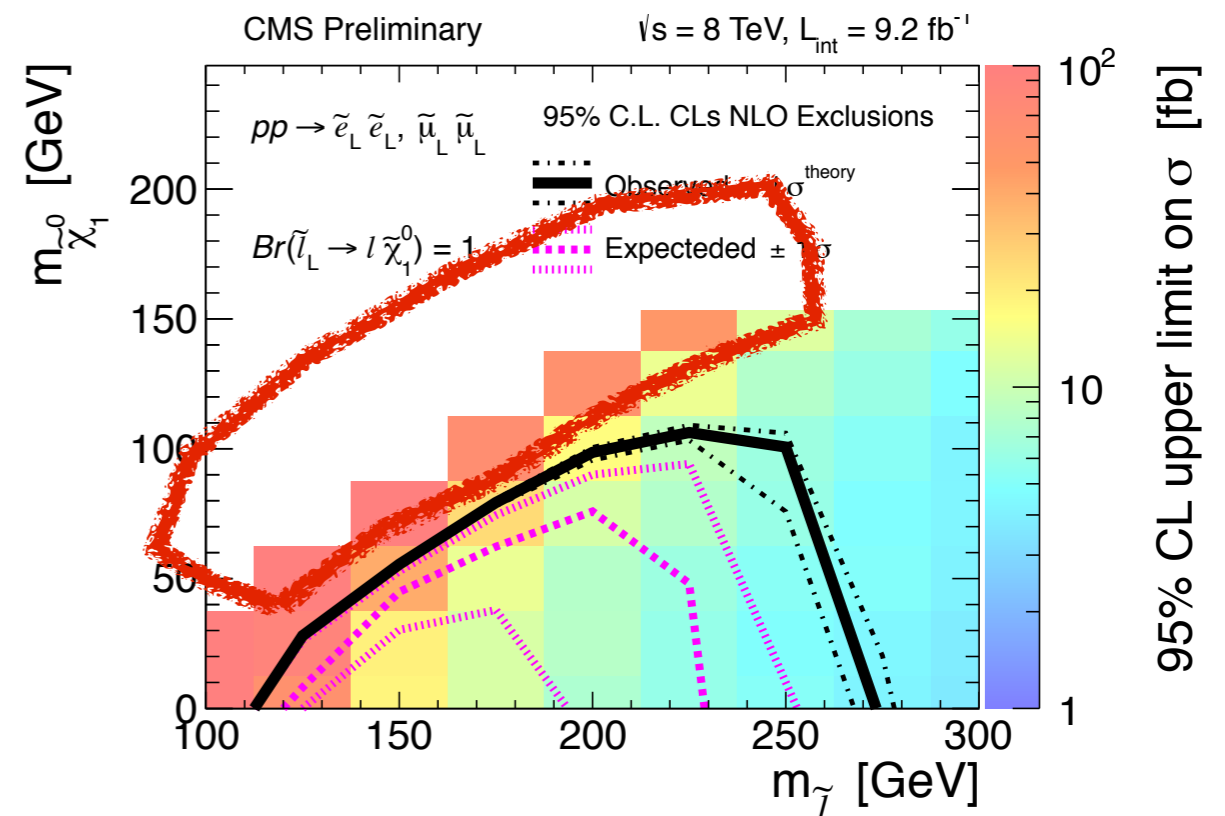
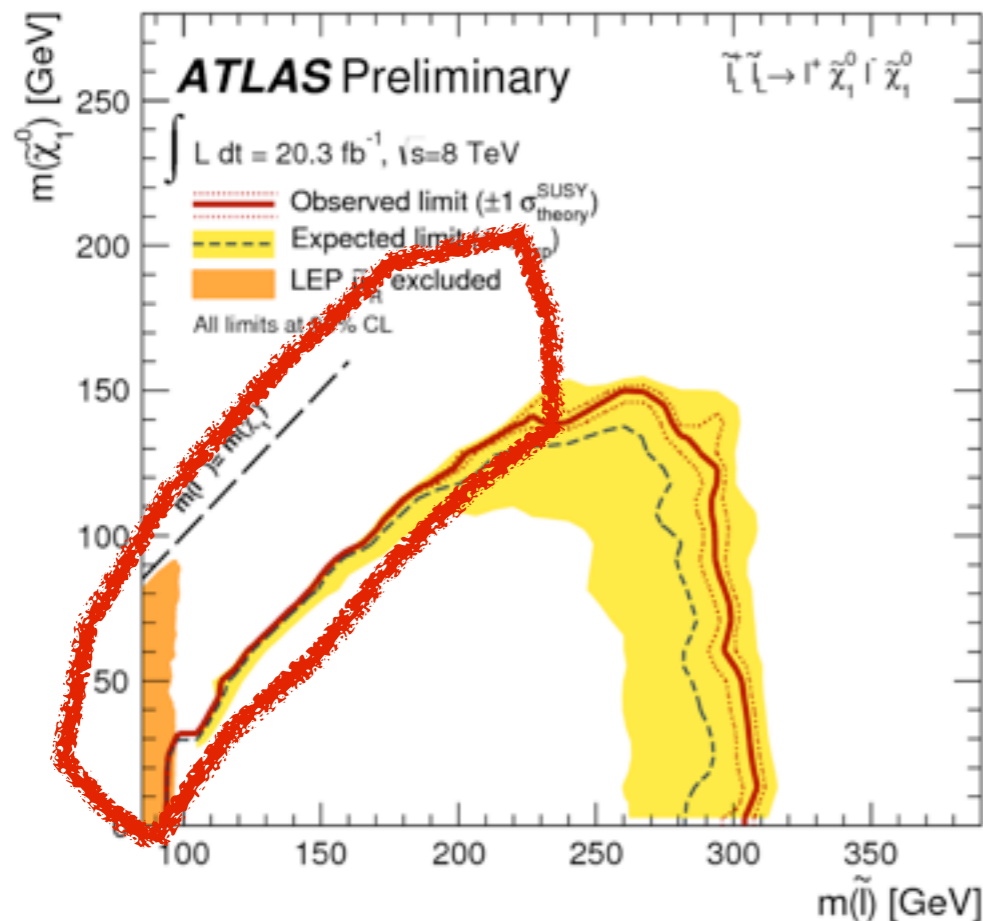
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→ Exclude New Physics along the “WW-like Funnel”

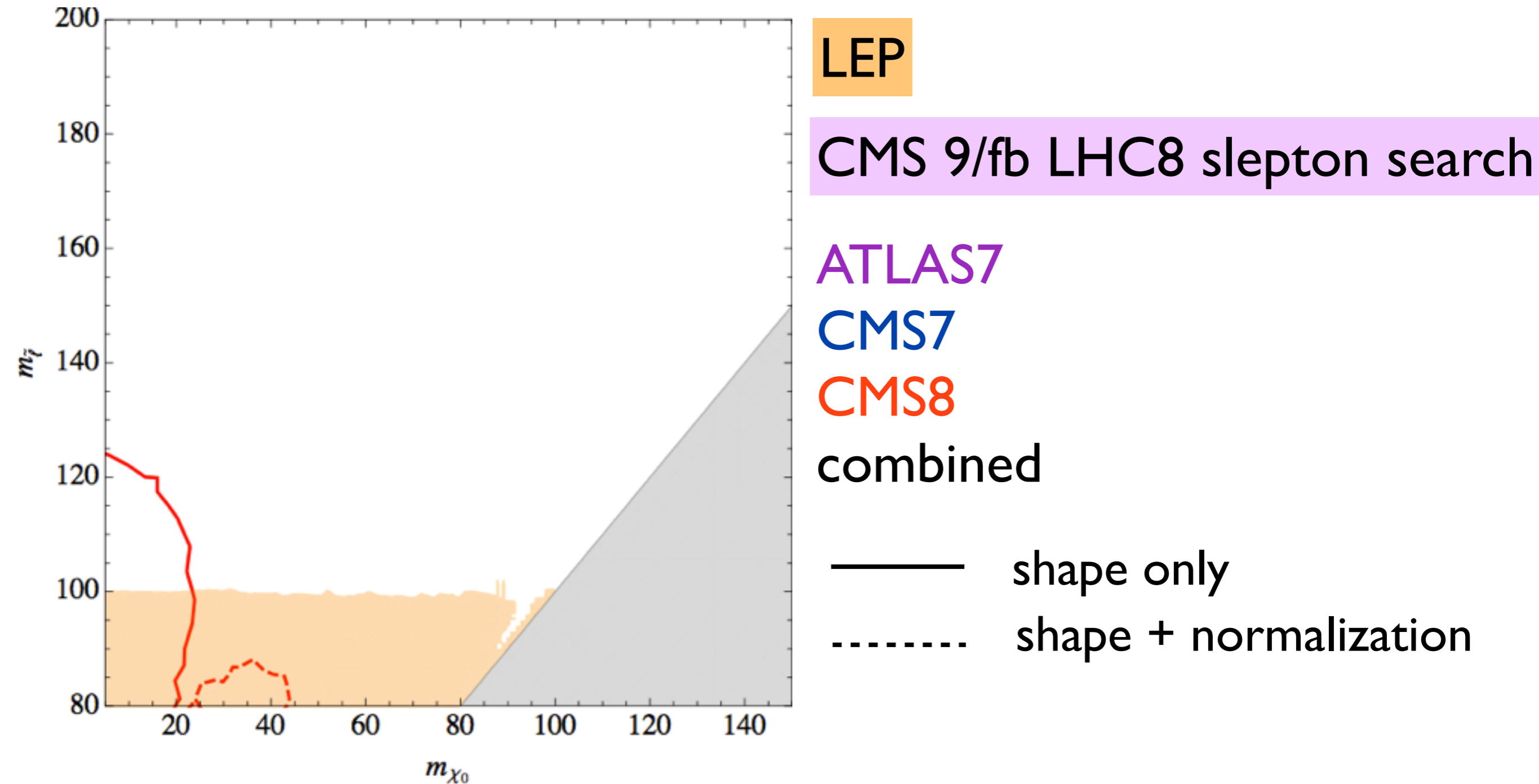


# Slepton Exclusions from WW Measurement

- Treat the WW Measurement like a slepton search.
- Obtain 95% CL limits on slepton production
  - Do we trust the overall WW cross section calculation? We'd like to, but we don't know for sure...
  - Obtain limits with **shape+normalization** (powerful) or **shape-only** (robust!) of kinematic distributions

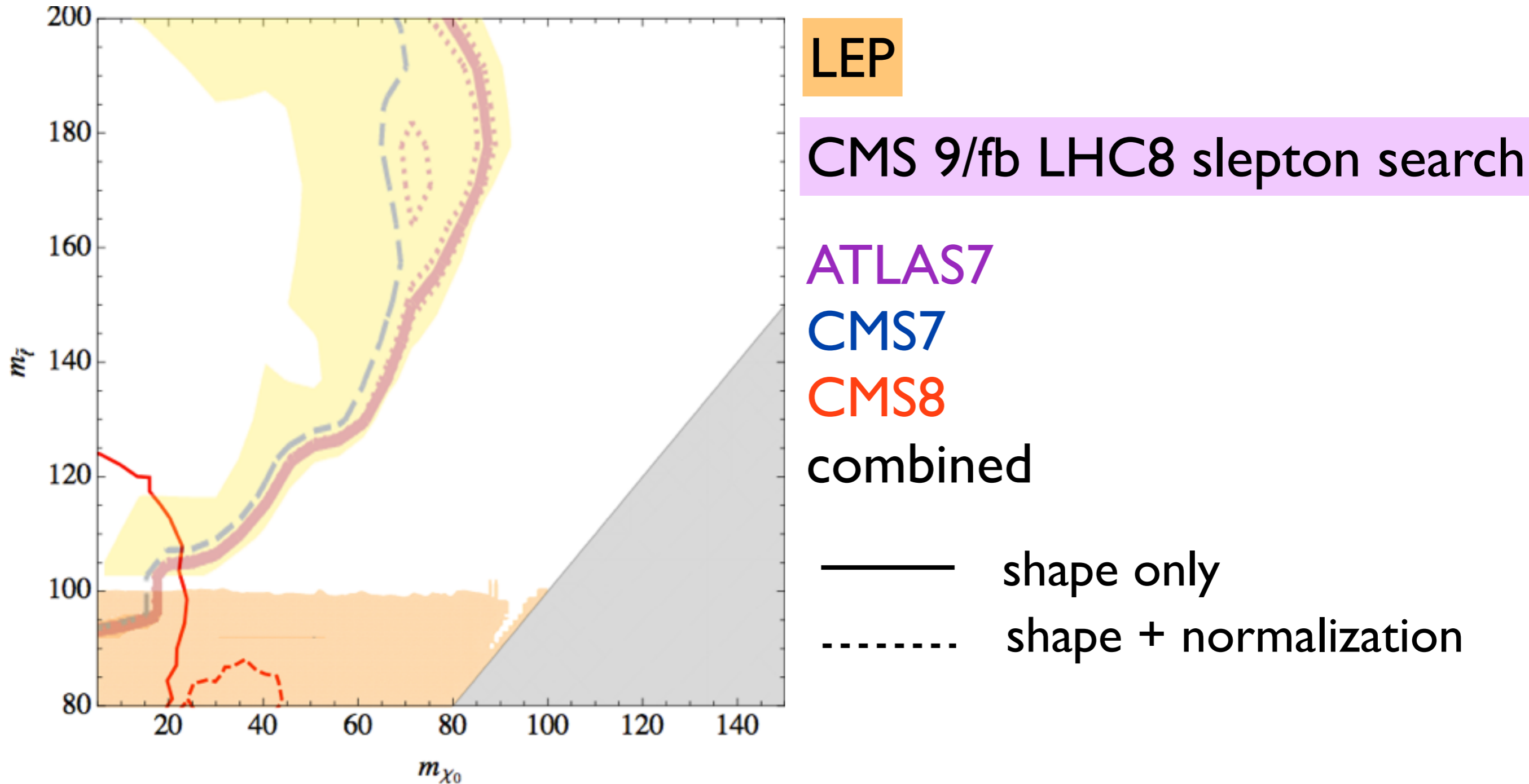


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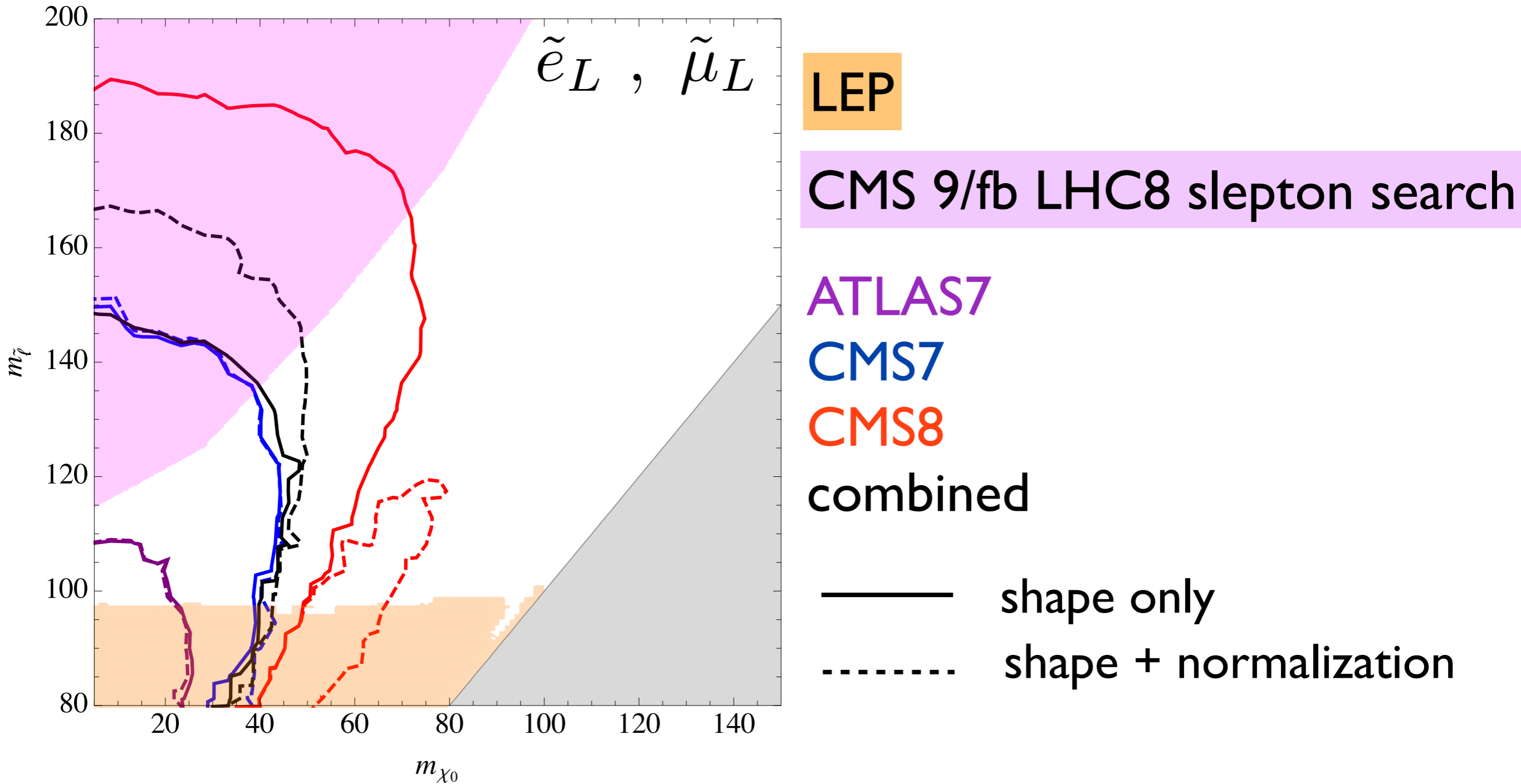


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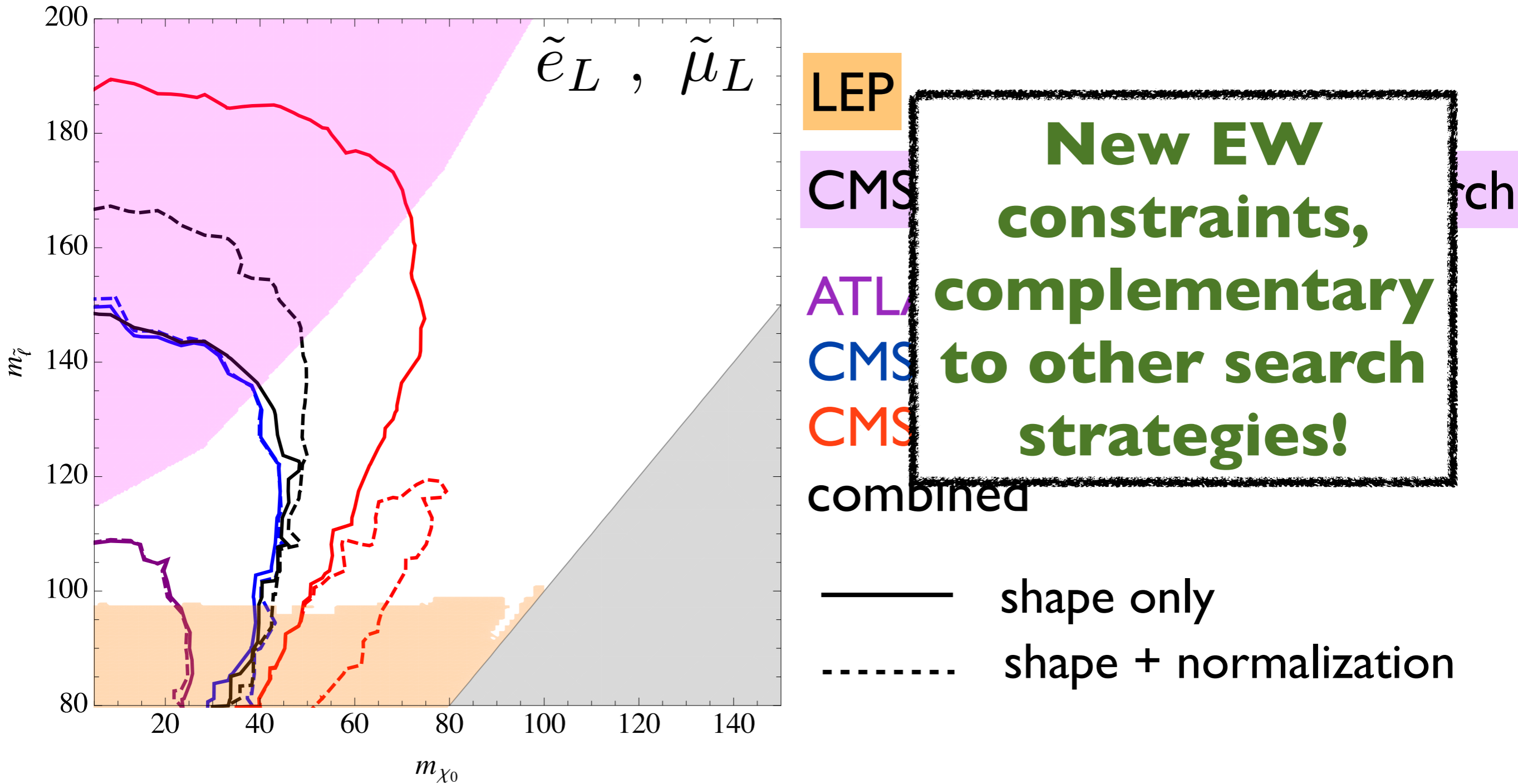
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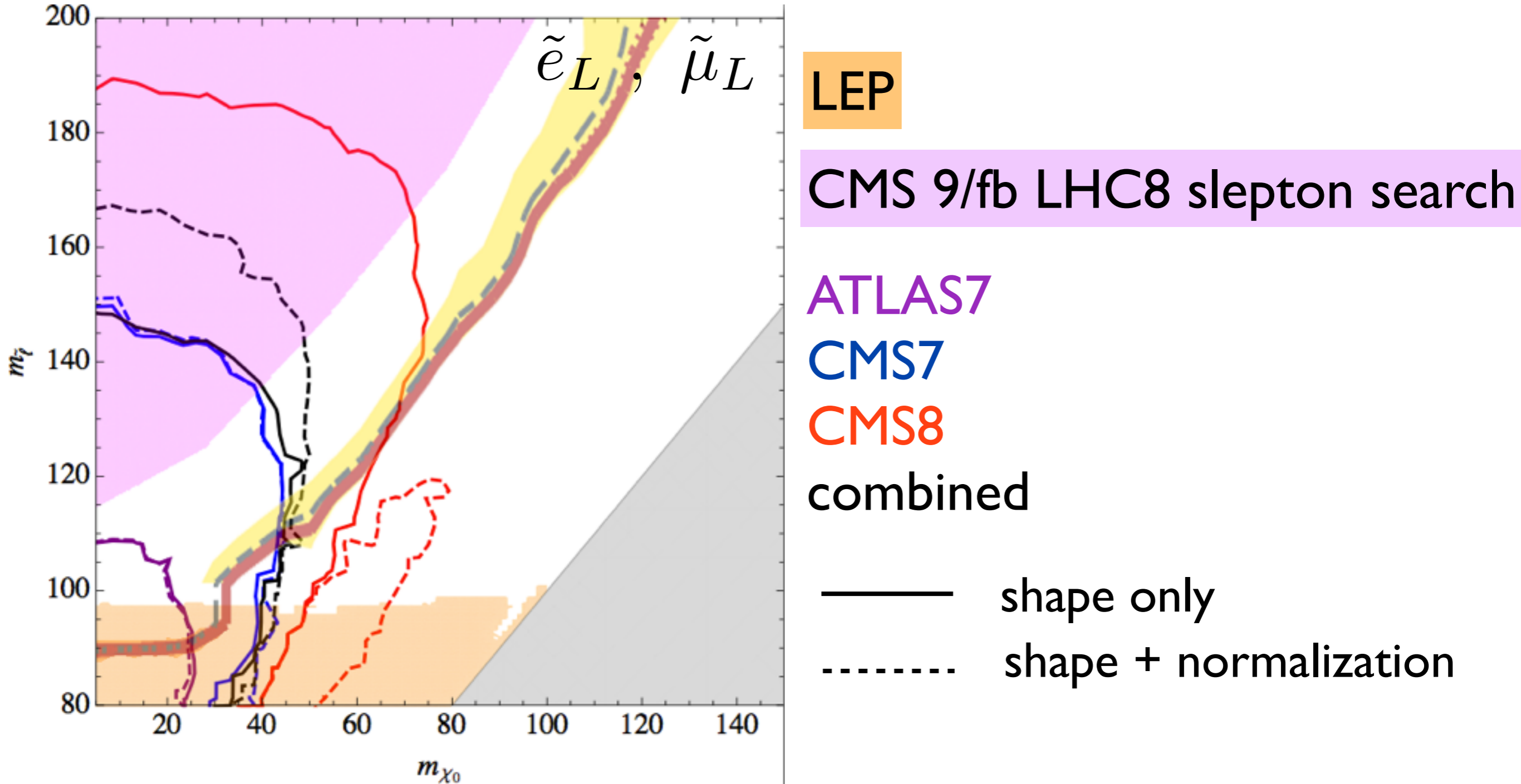


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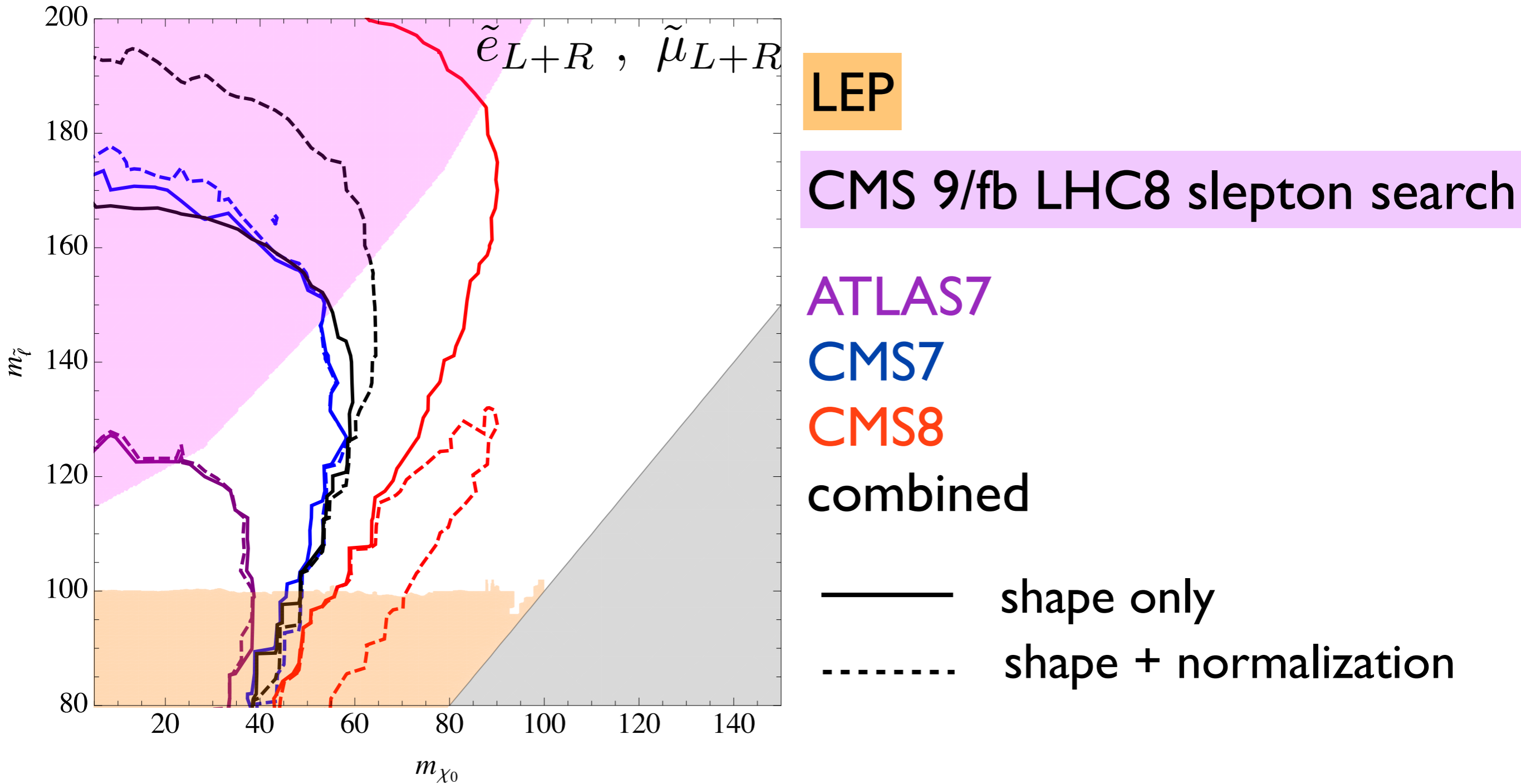


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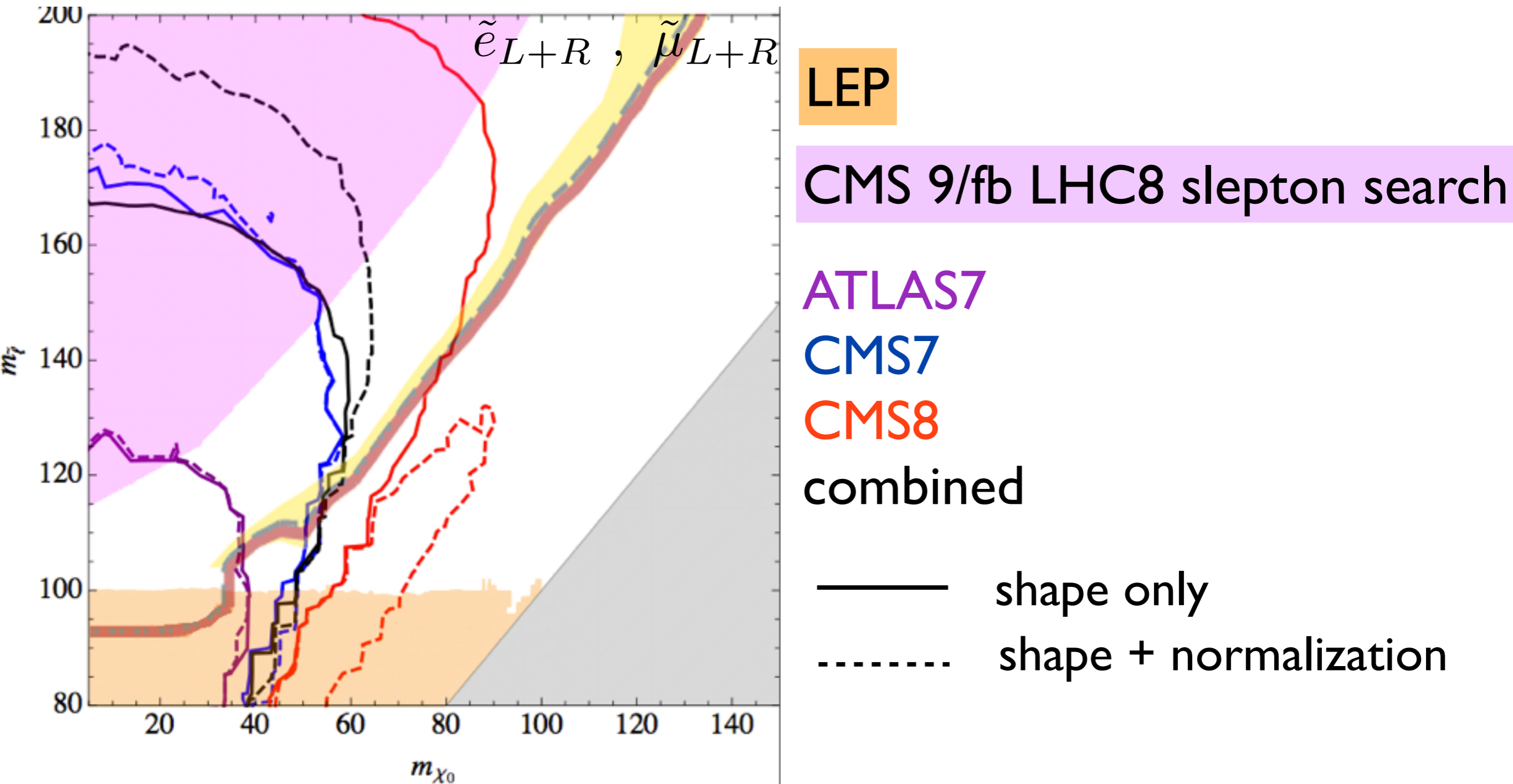


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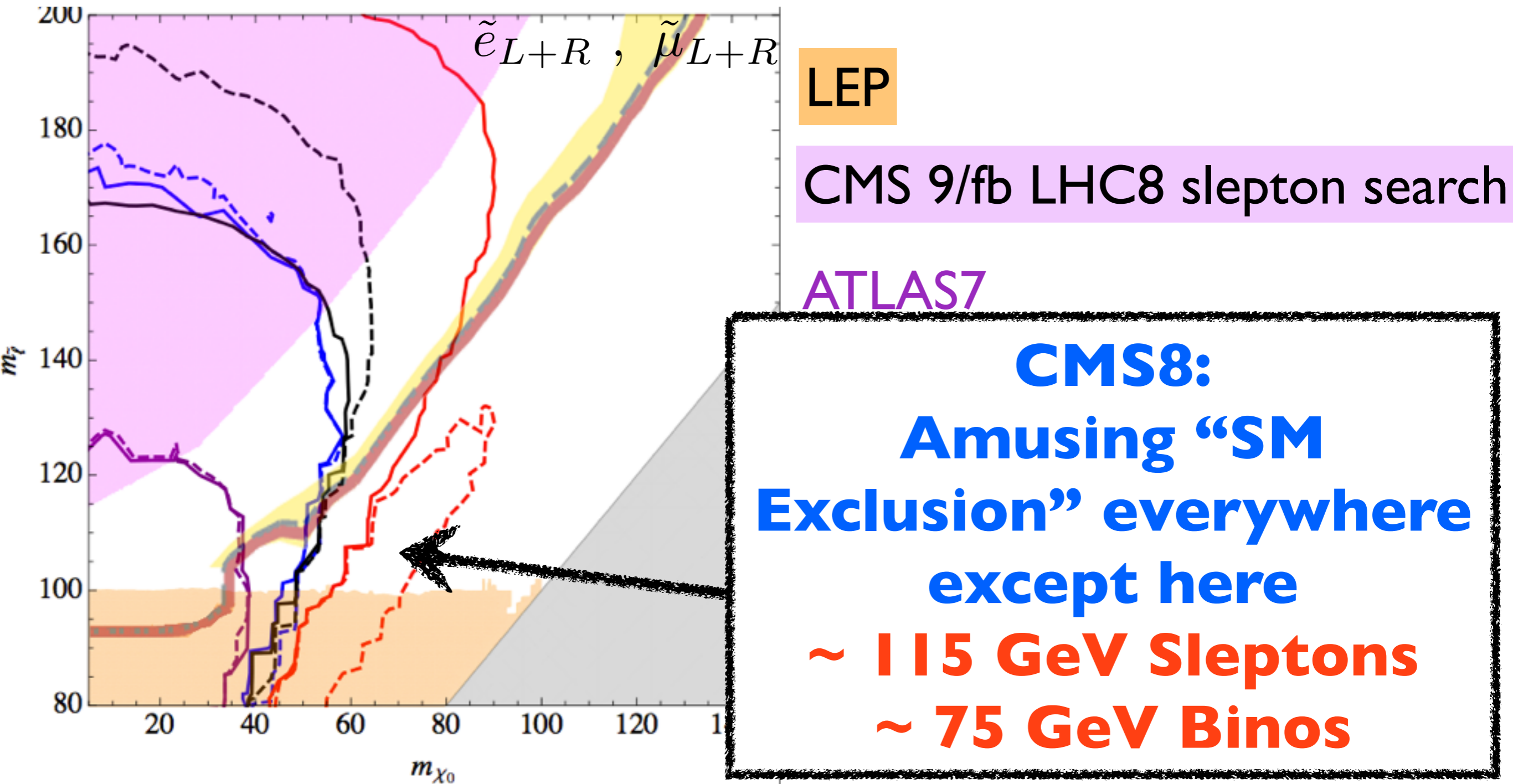
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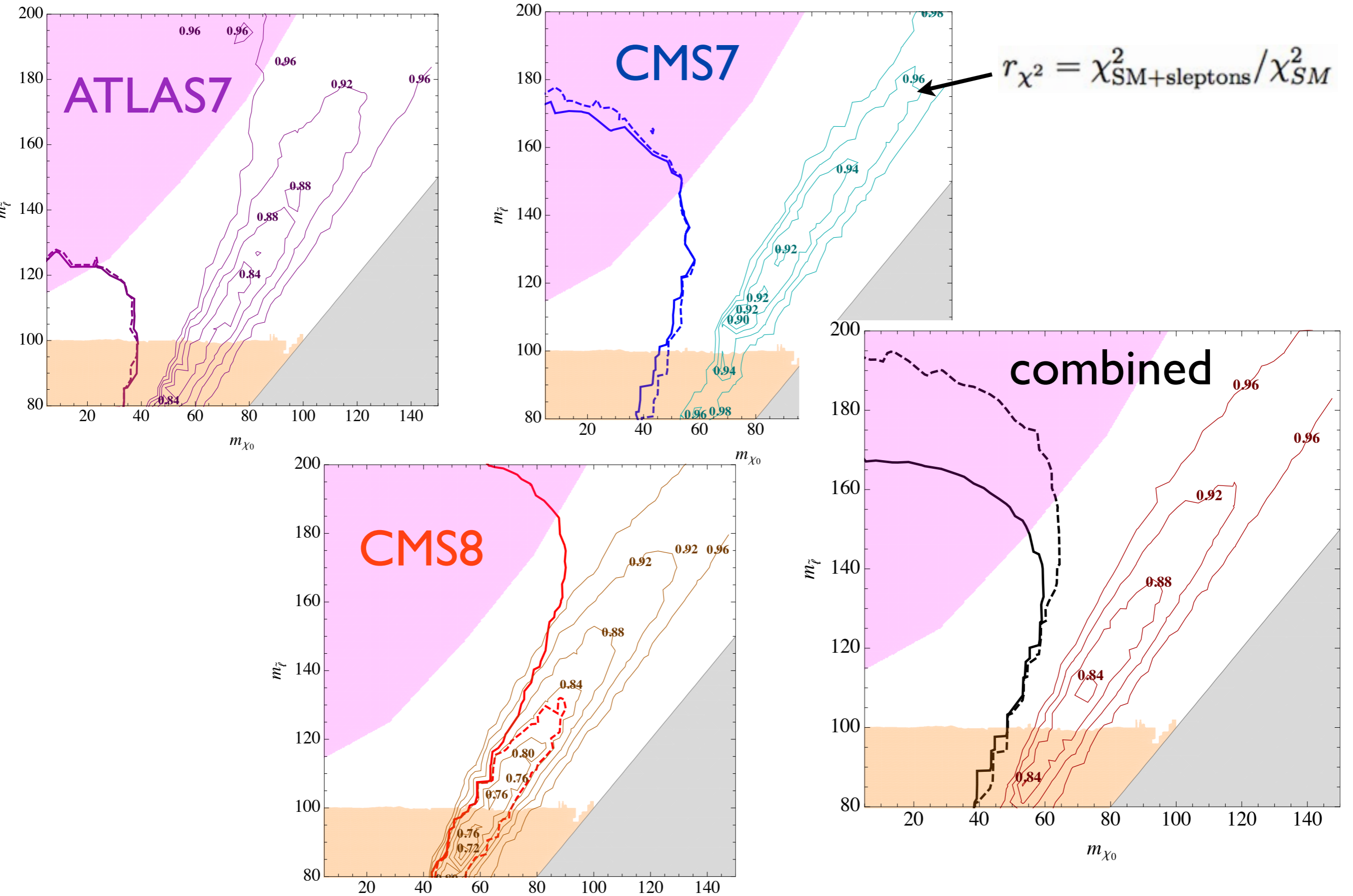
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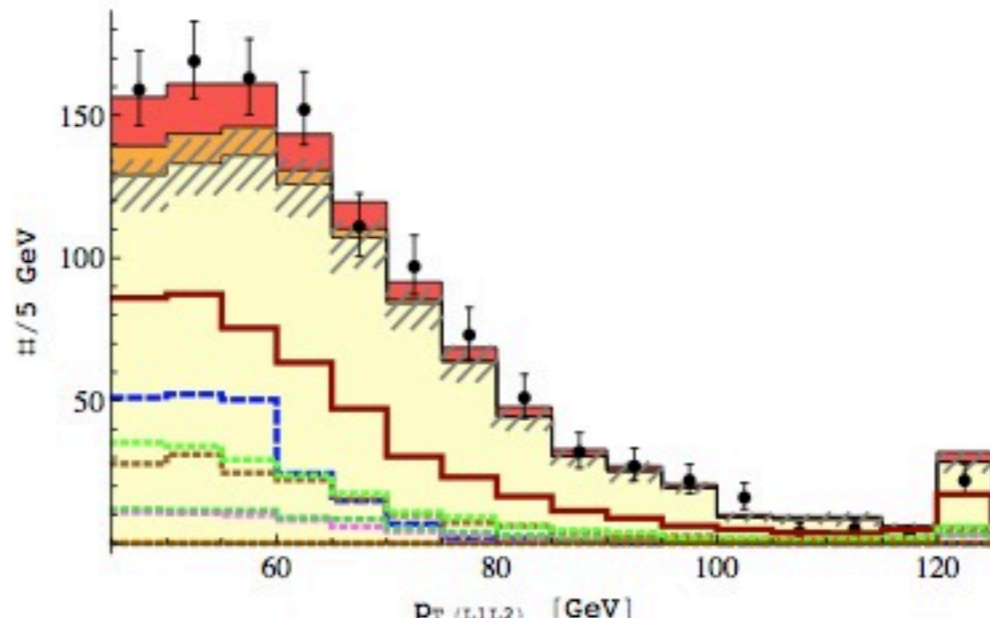
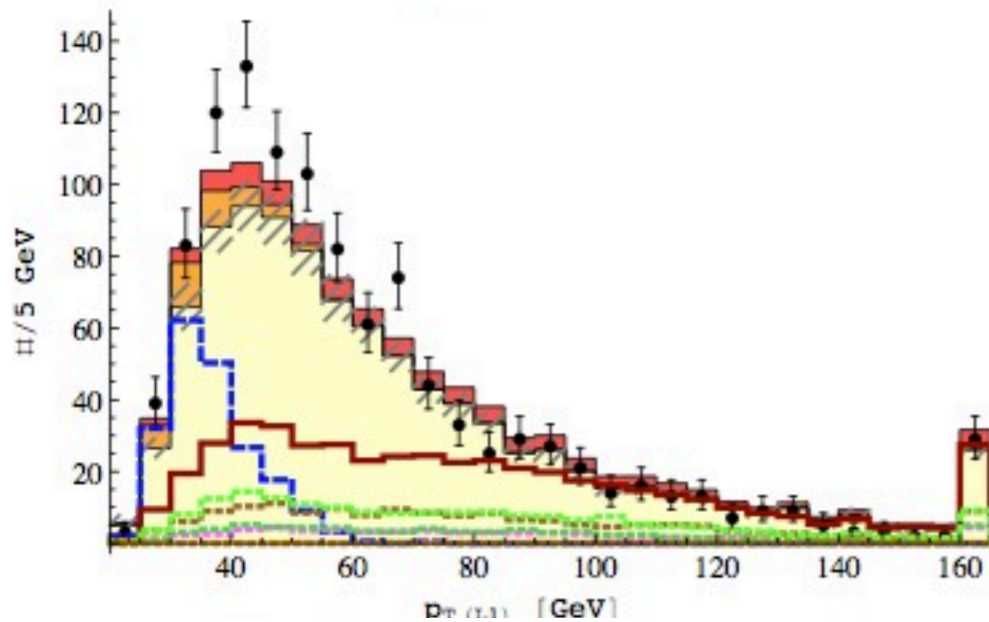
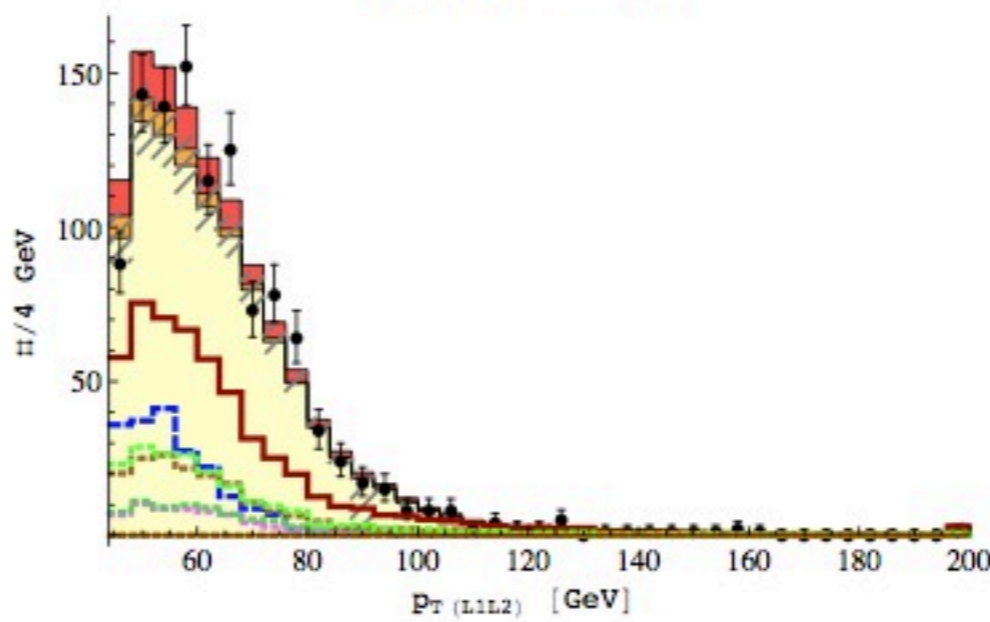
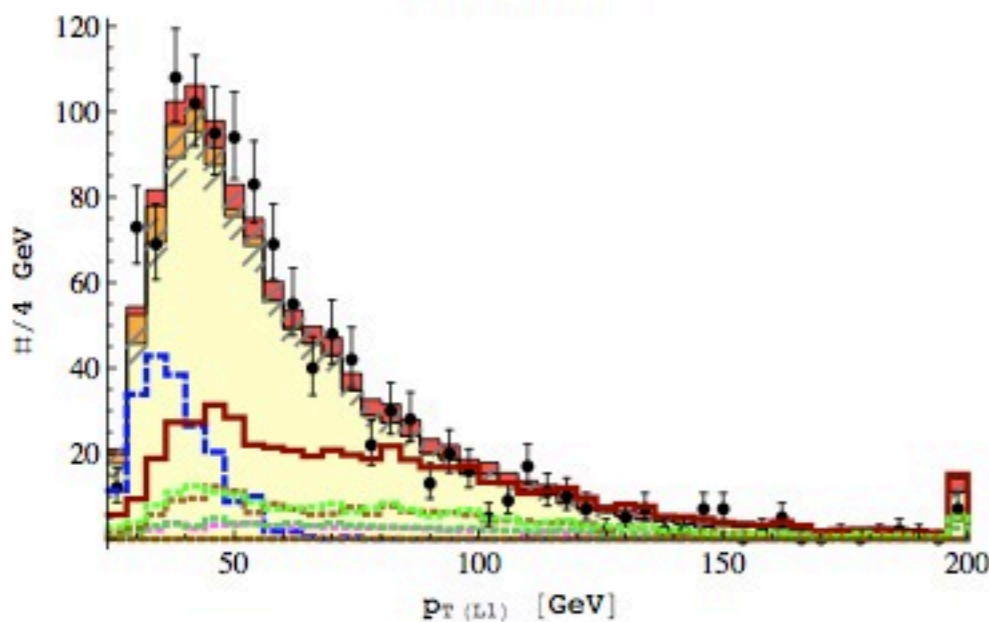
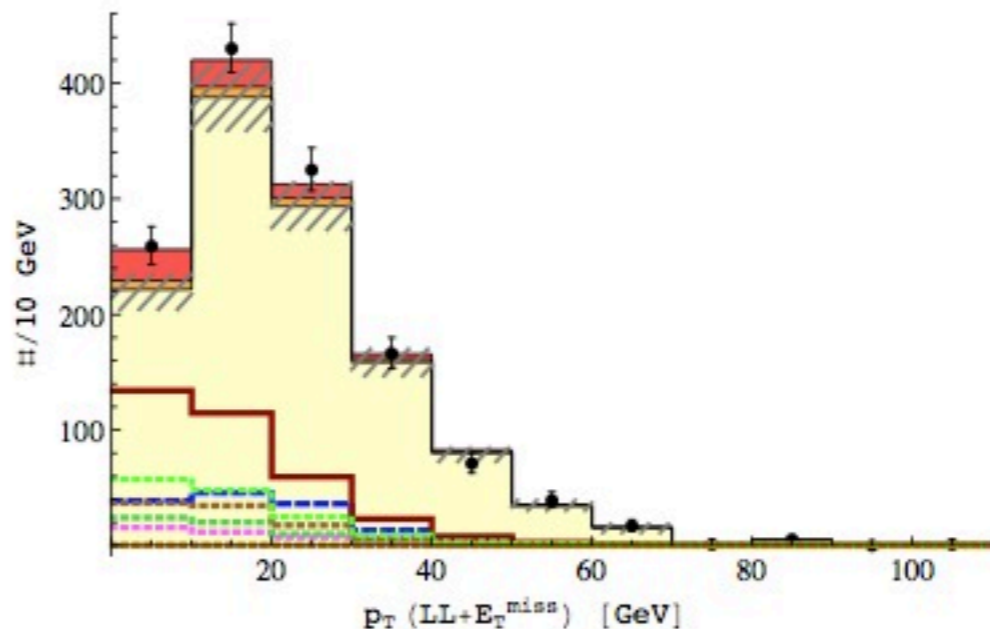
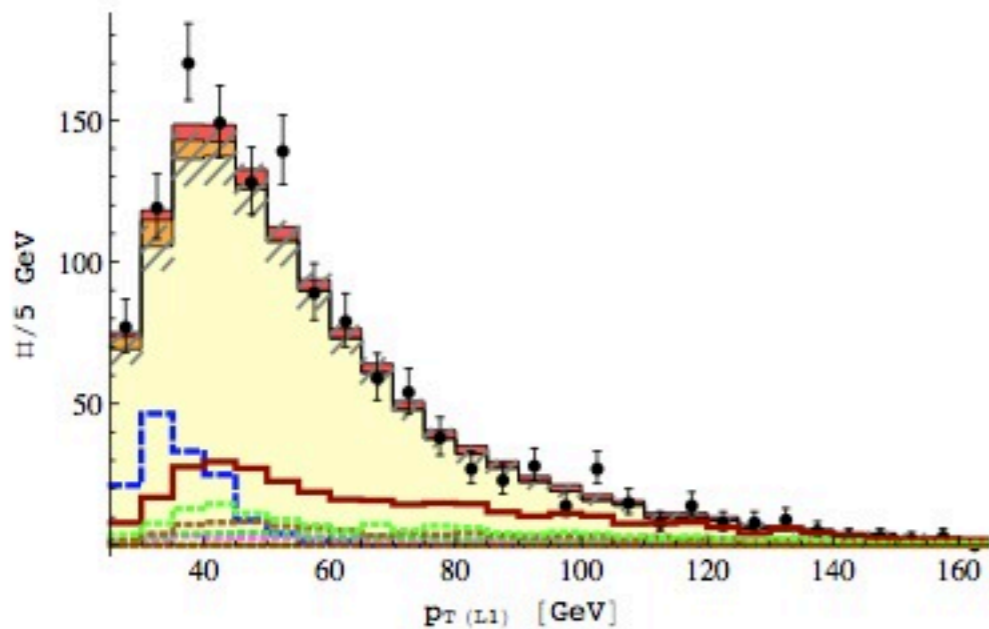




Back to hypothesizing about  
New Physics...

# Sleptons can improve WW fit





# Are there any dangerous processes?

**No!**

However, WW excess should be concentrated in Same-Flavor channels.

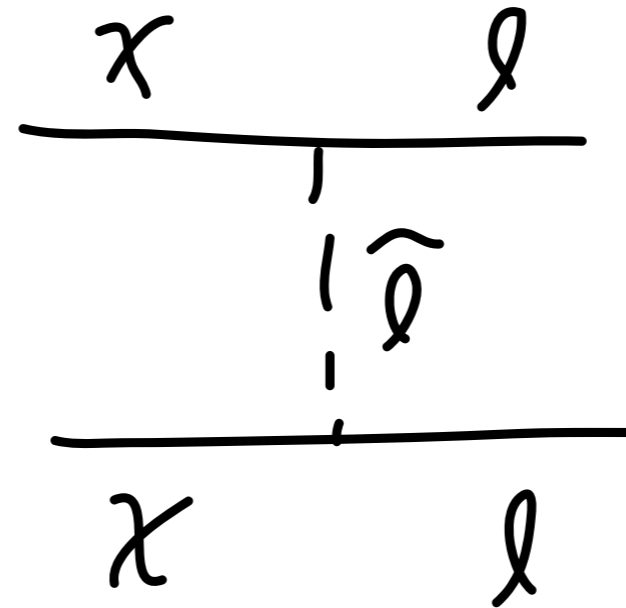
**→ That's our smoking gun!**

We sure would love to see more flavor-resolved kinematic distributions for WW.

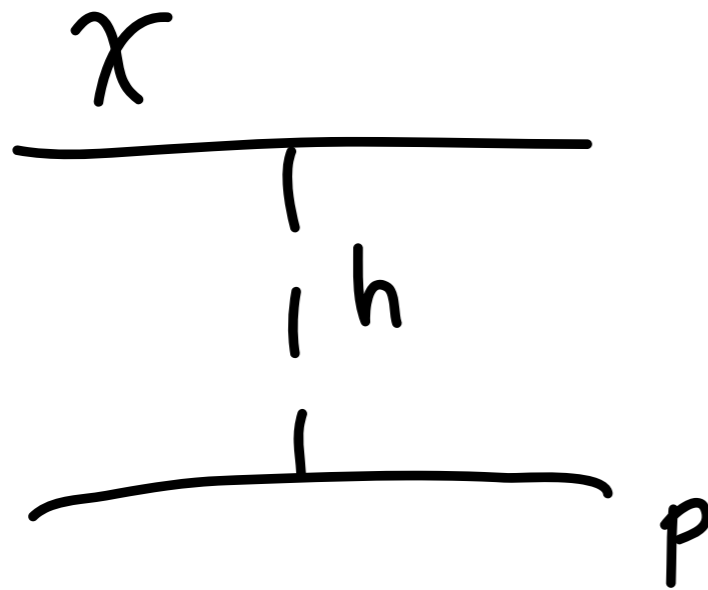
Also, 20/fb?

# Can light sleptons do anything else for you?

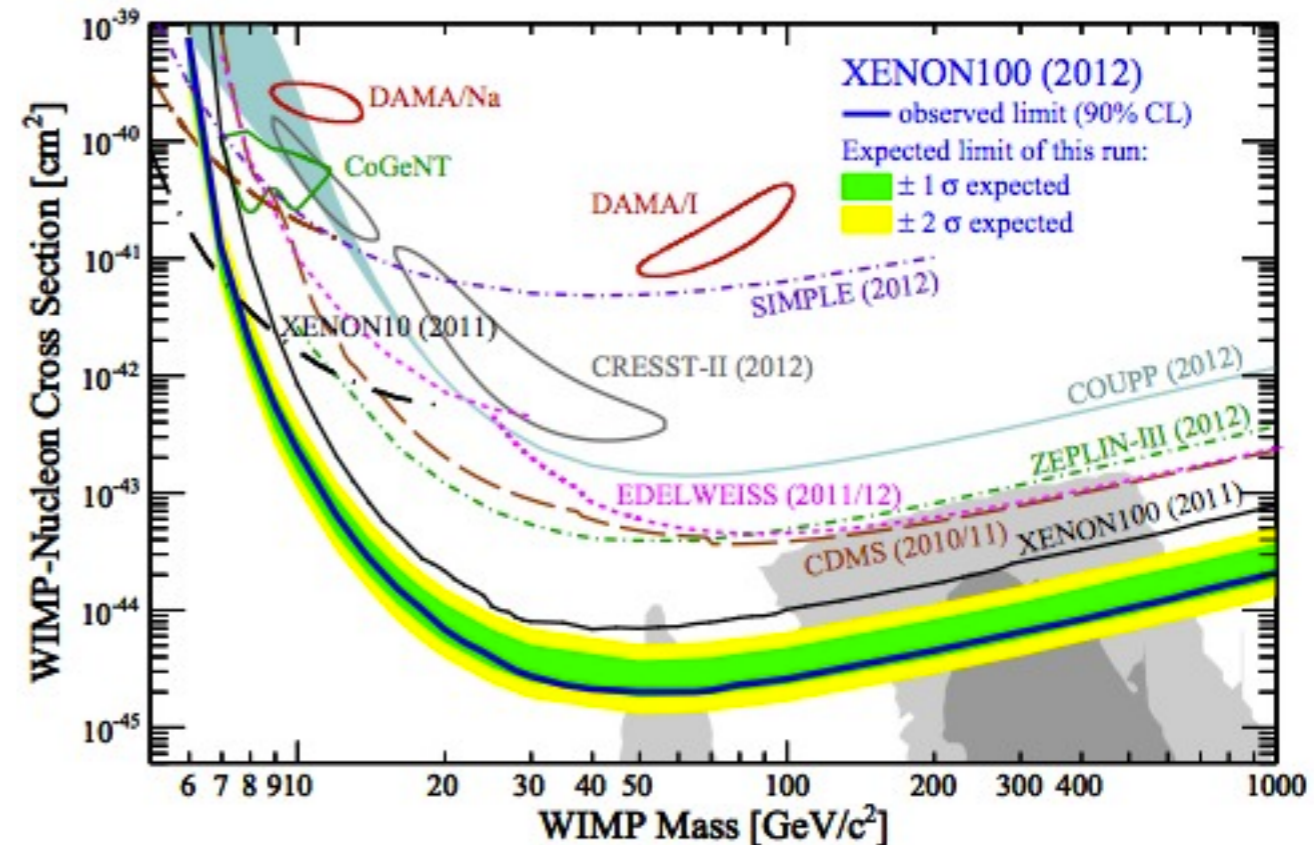
**BINO  
DM!**



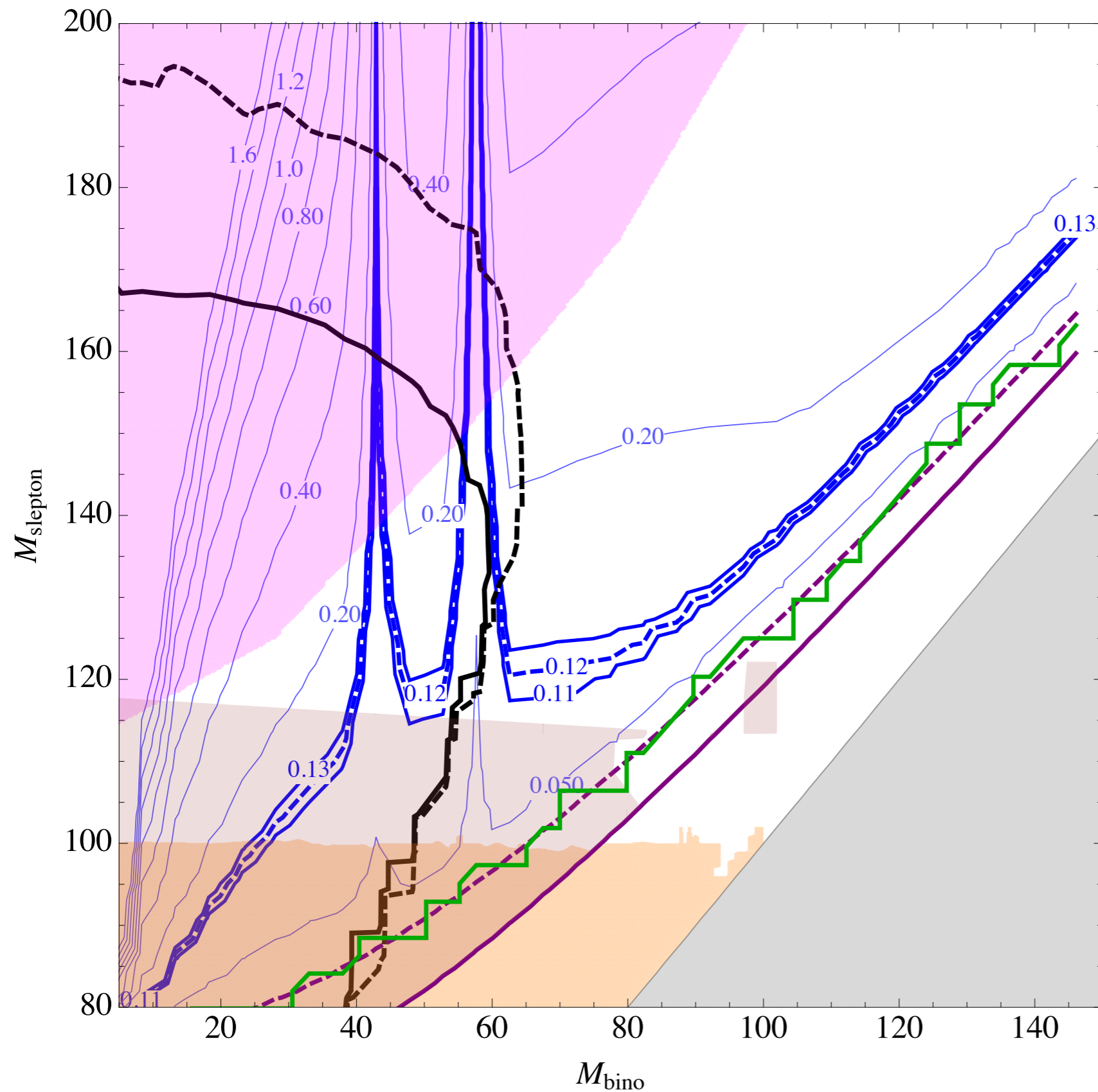
Can get right relic density



Direct Detection sails right through and is interesting for **XenonIT!**



# DM and light sleptons



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 $\tan \beta = 6$

CMS slepton

LEP

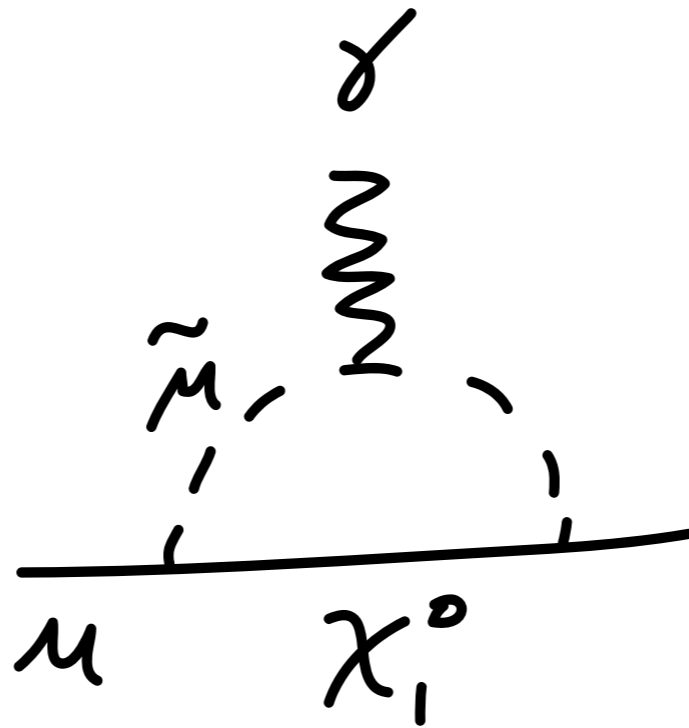
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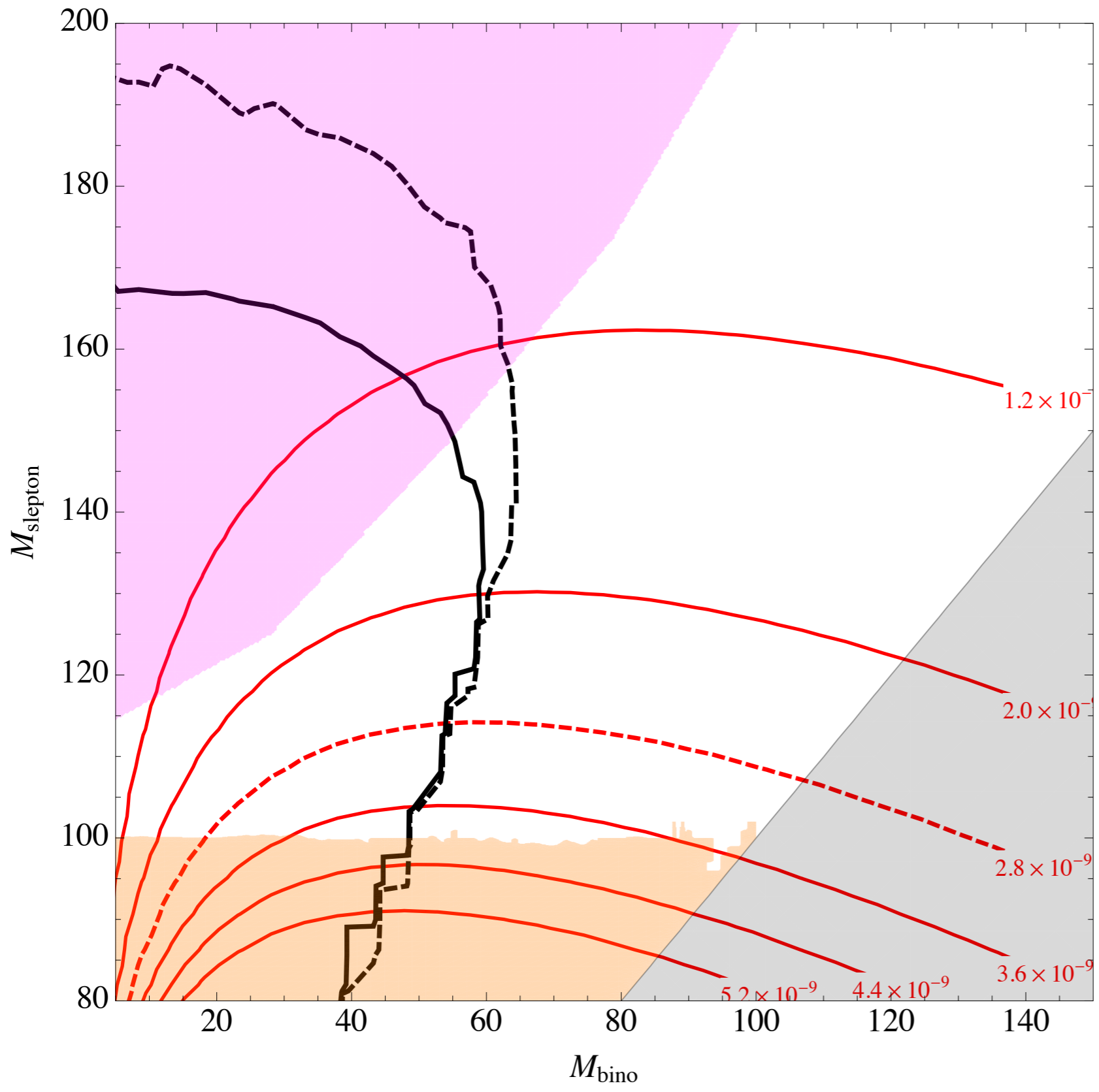
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## Muon (g-2) !



$$\delta a_\mu = a_\mu^{\text{exp}} - a_\mu^{\text{SM}} = (2.8 \pm 0.8) \times 10^{-9}$$

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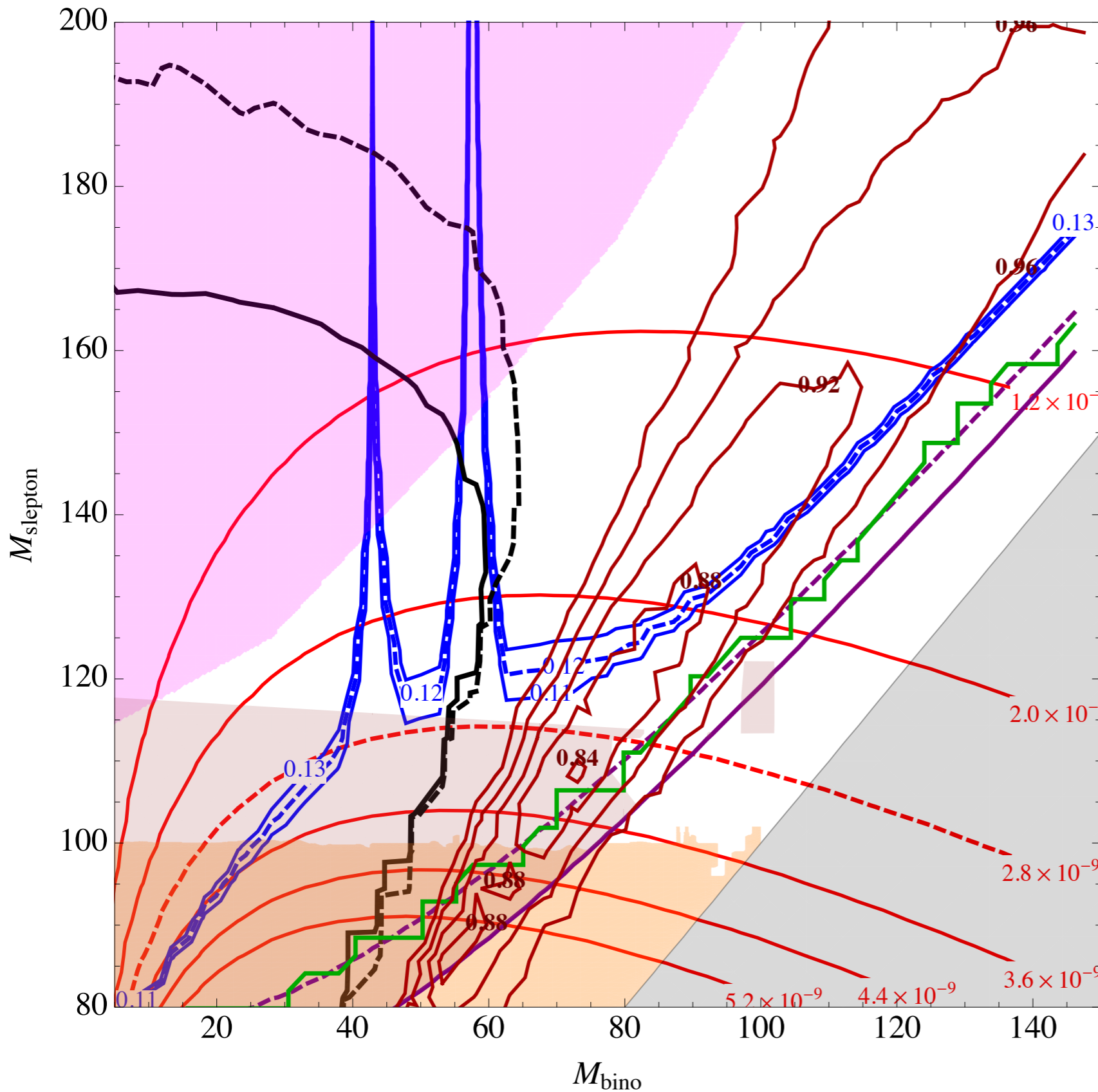
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# DM, WW, g-2 all work simultaneously!



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$\mu \sim 500$  GeV  
 $\tan \beta \sim 5$

CMS slepton

LEP

combined WW bounds

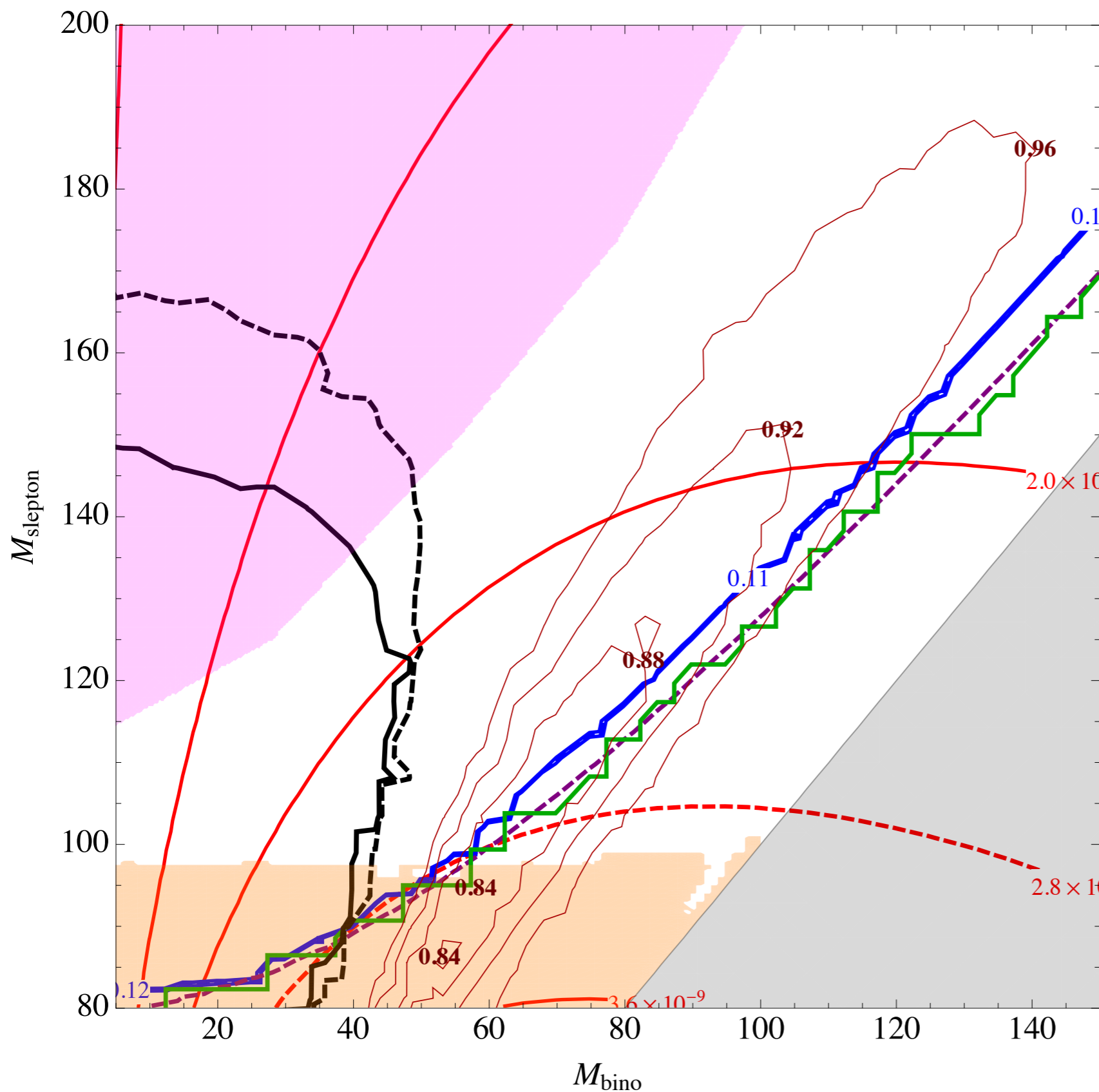
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WW preferred region

# Could work with just LH sleptons too



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$\mu \sim 1500$  GeV  
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$g-2$

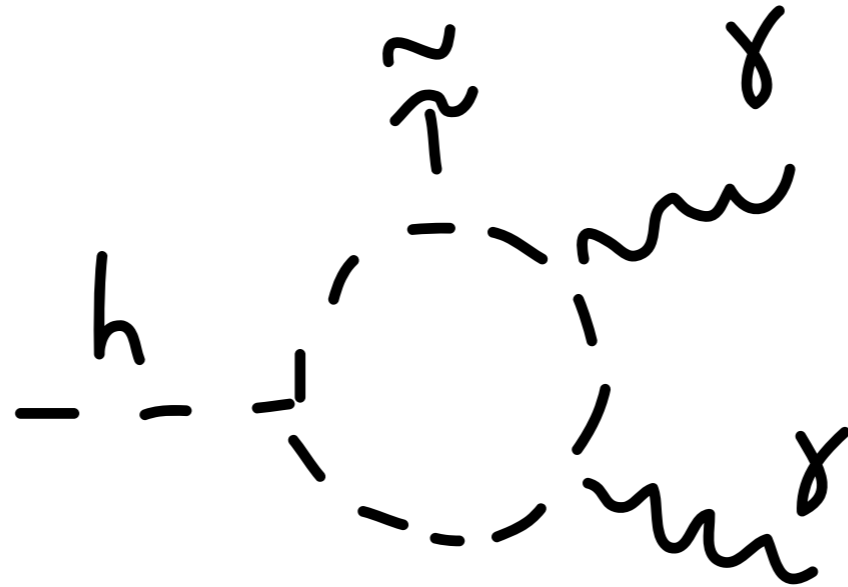
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$h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  ?



Some enhancement (15%) possible  
without diluting DM relic density.

Requires some slepton soft mass non-universality  
→ FLV bounds OK!

# What about $h \rightarrow WW$ ?

- BSM pollution in the control region ( $m_{\parallel} > 100 \text{ GeV}$ )\* leads to an overestimation of WW background.
- For charginos, this overestimation was ‘just right’ to account for their pollution of the signal region ( $m_{\parallel} < 50 \text{ GeV}$ )\*.
- The slightly harder slepton contribution is more skewed towards the control region.
- This leads to an OVERestimation of BG in the signal region  
→ UNDERestimates higgs signal strength.

\*ATLAS 7 TeV

Let's take a deep breath...

What are the likely SM  
explanations for WW  
excess?

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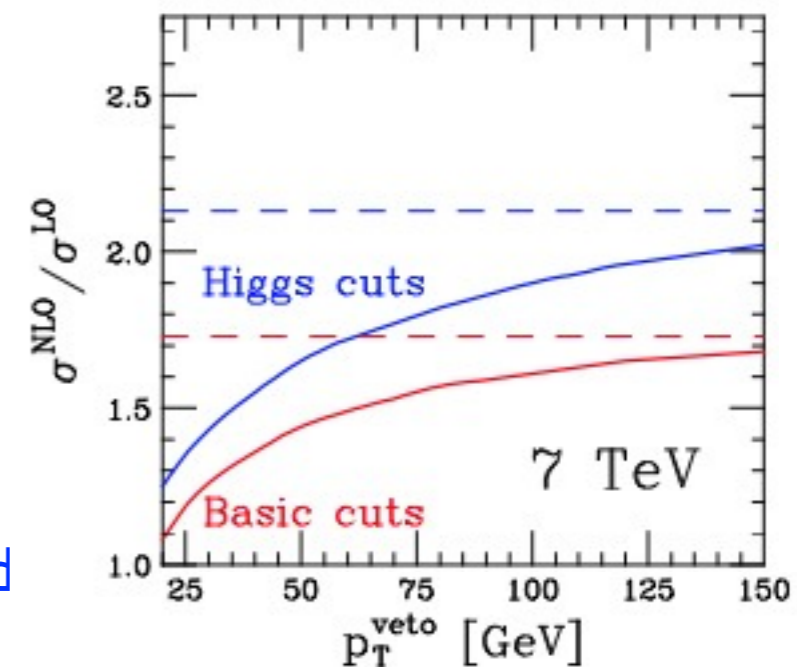
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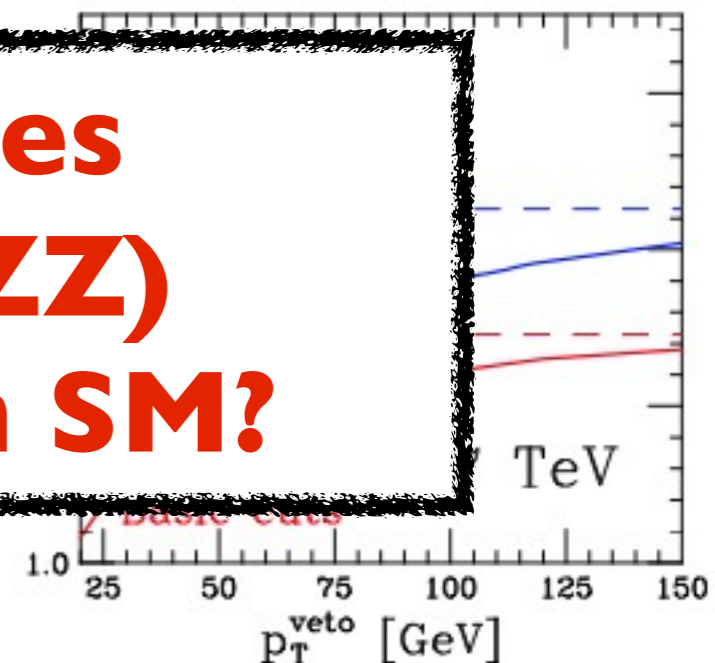
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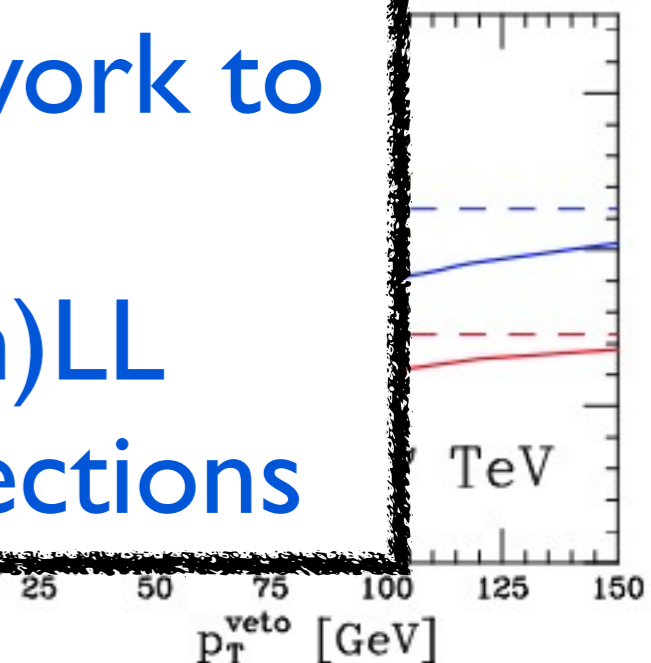
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Requires more work to  
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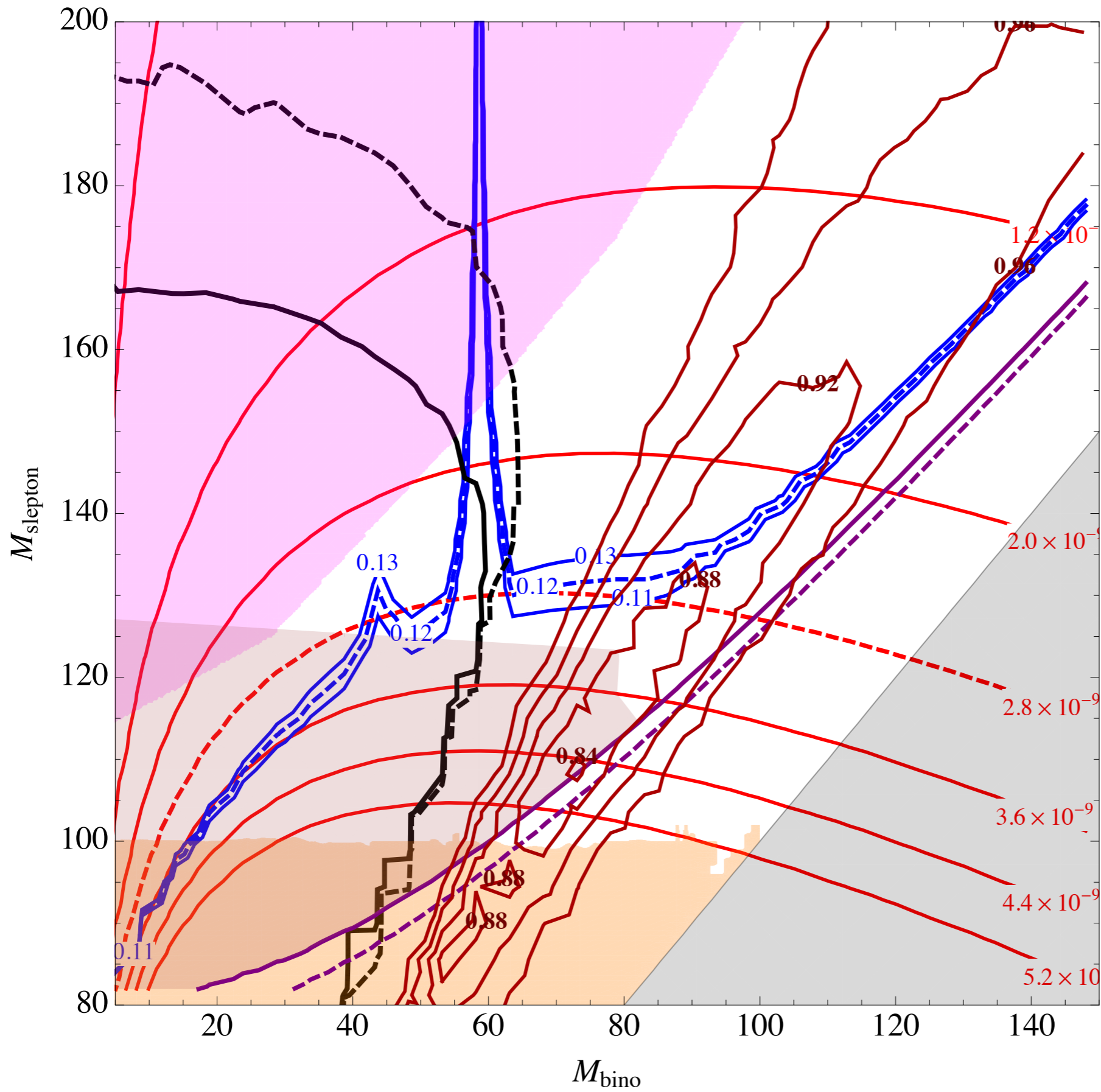




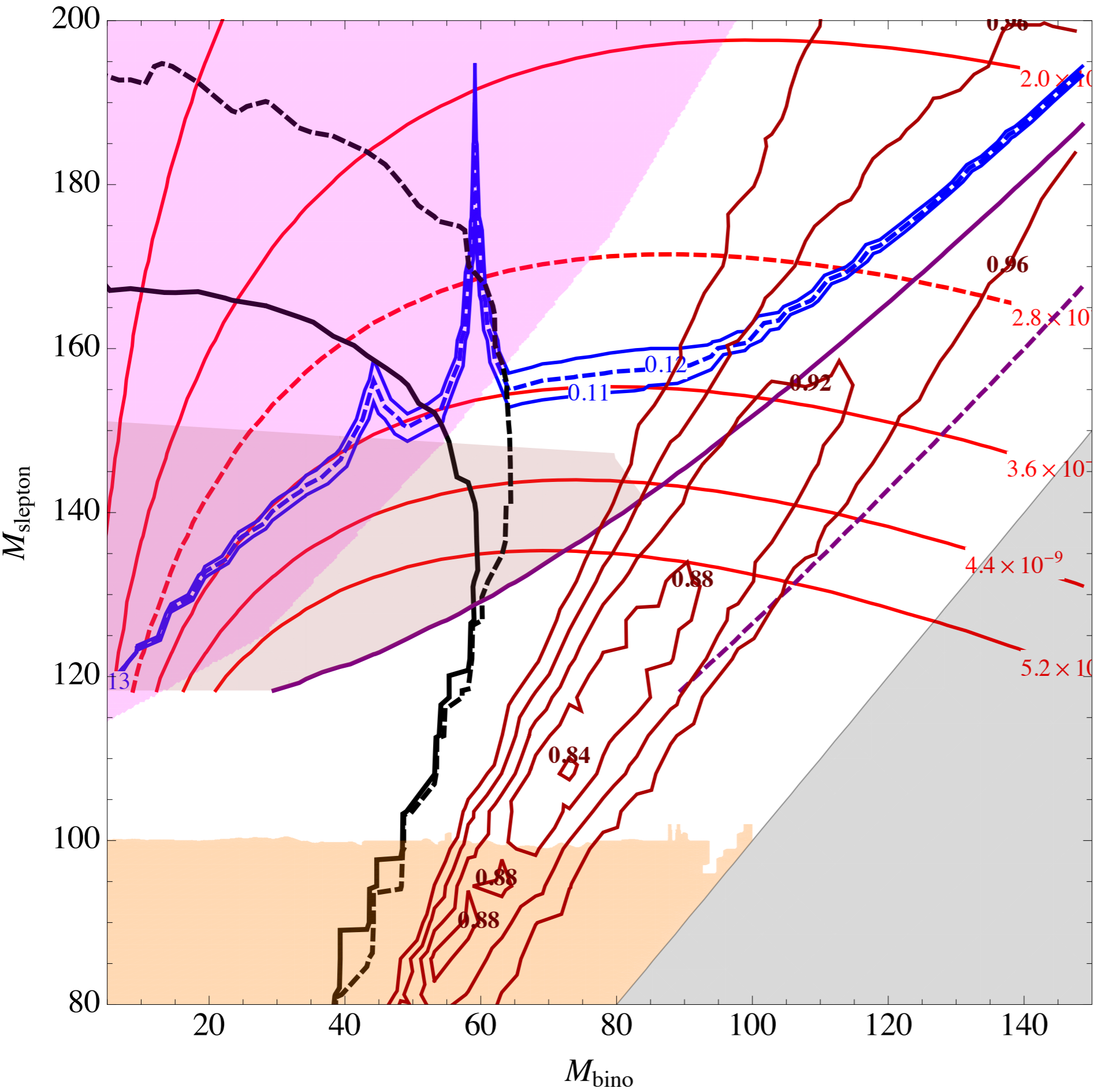
# Conclusions

- LHC SM Standard Candles can set EW bounds without requiring LEP-precision.
- WW sets bounds on EW physics that is invisible to other searches! (Sleptons, Higgsinos, ...)
- WW discrepancy is consistent enough to be interesting to theorists.
- New Physics can fit WW measurements better than SM:
  - **Chargino explanation** (real Ws) → tested soon with SS dileptons!
  - **Slepton explanation** (not Ws) → Can explain more phenomena, harder to see.
    - Want flavor-resolved WW measurement!
- SM calculations should be improved to NNLO+N<sup>(n)</sup>LL. Partial progress is starting to be made.

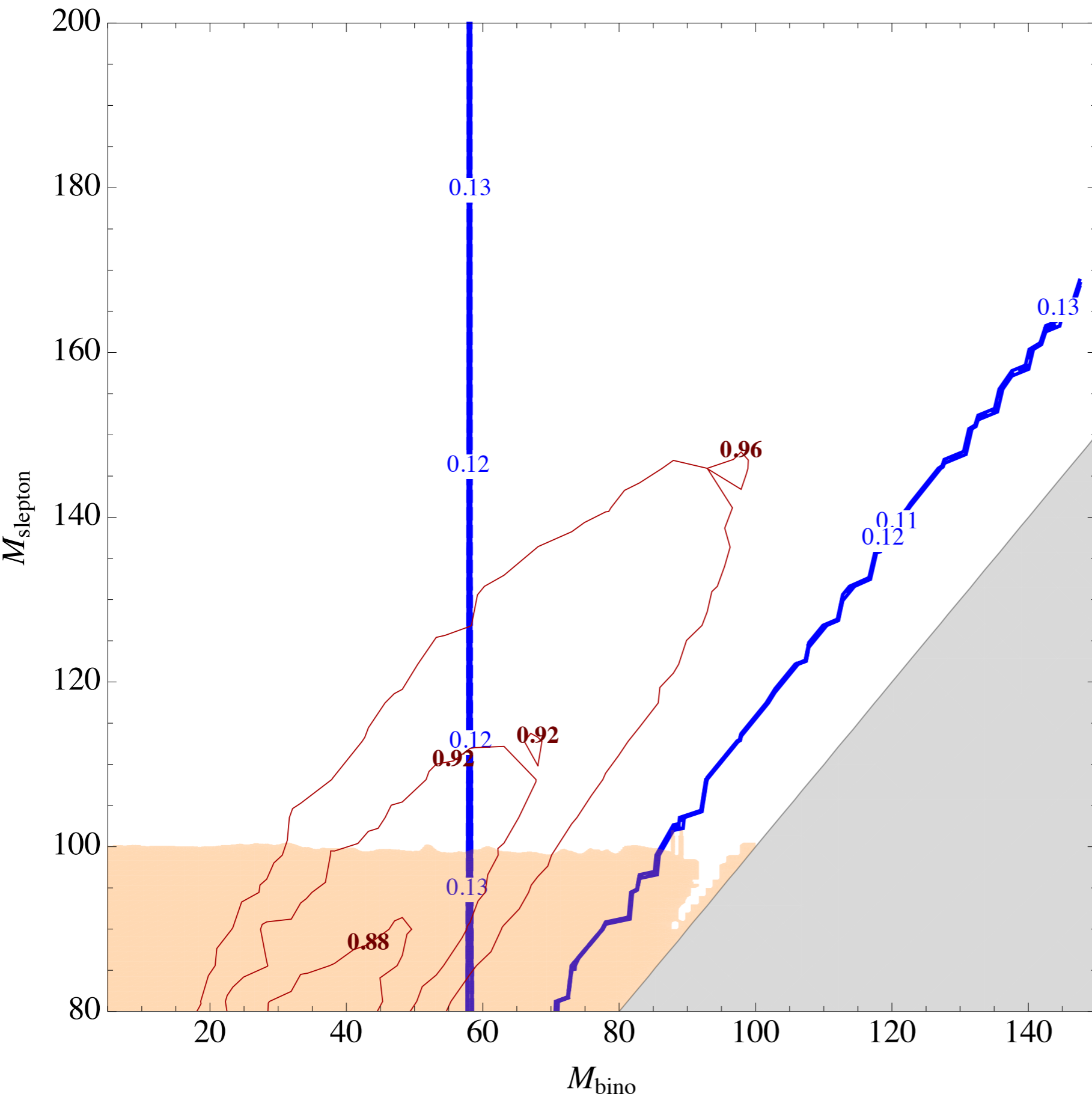
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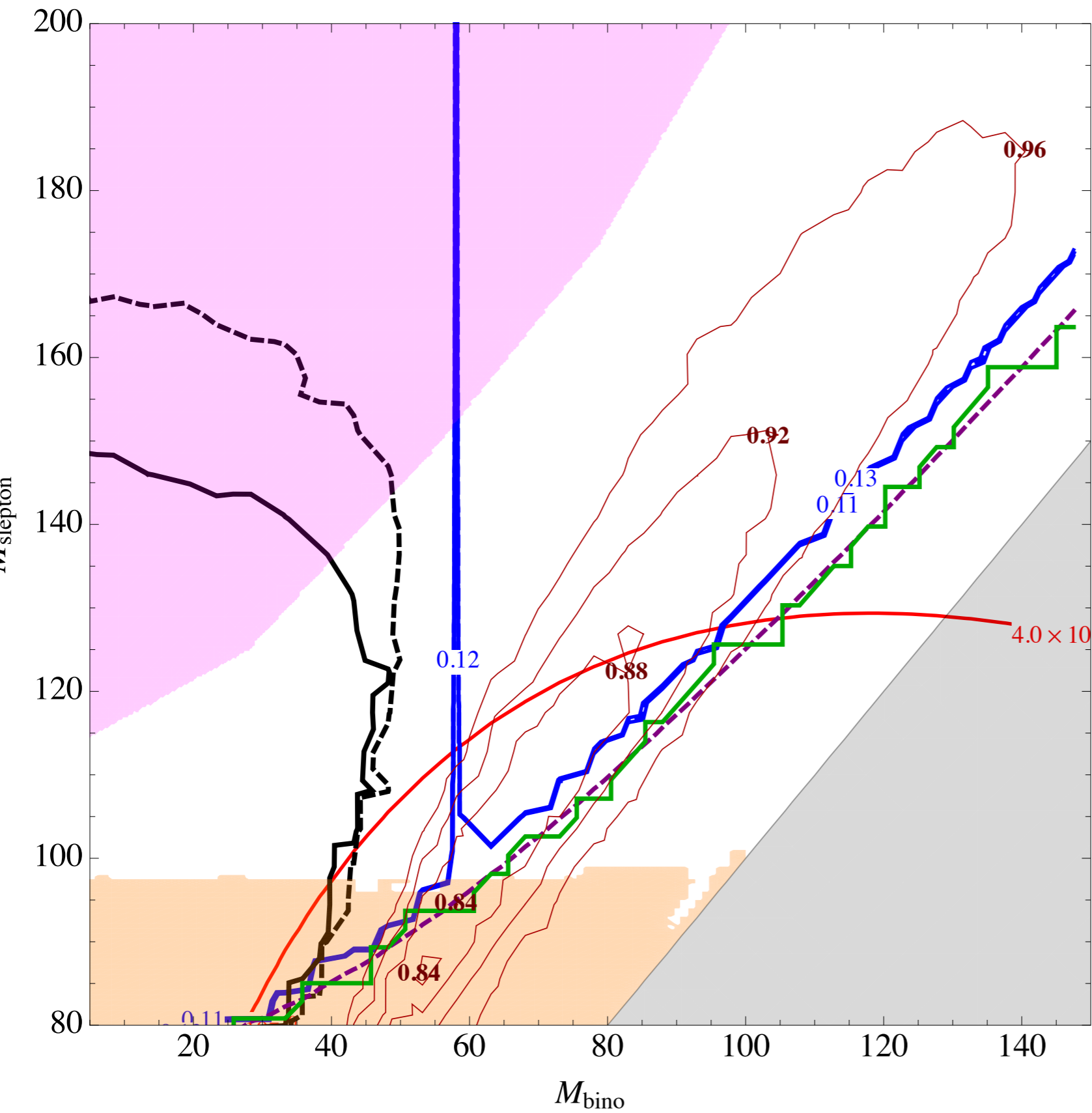
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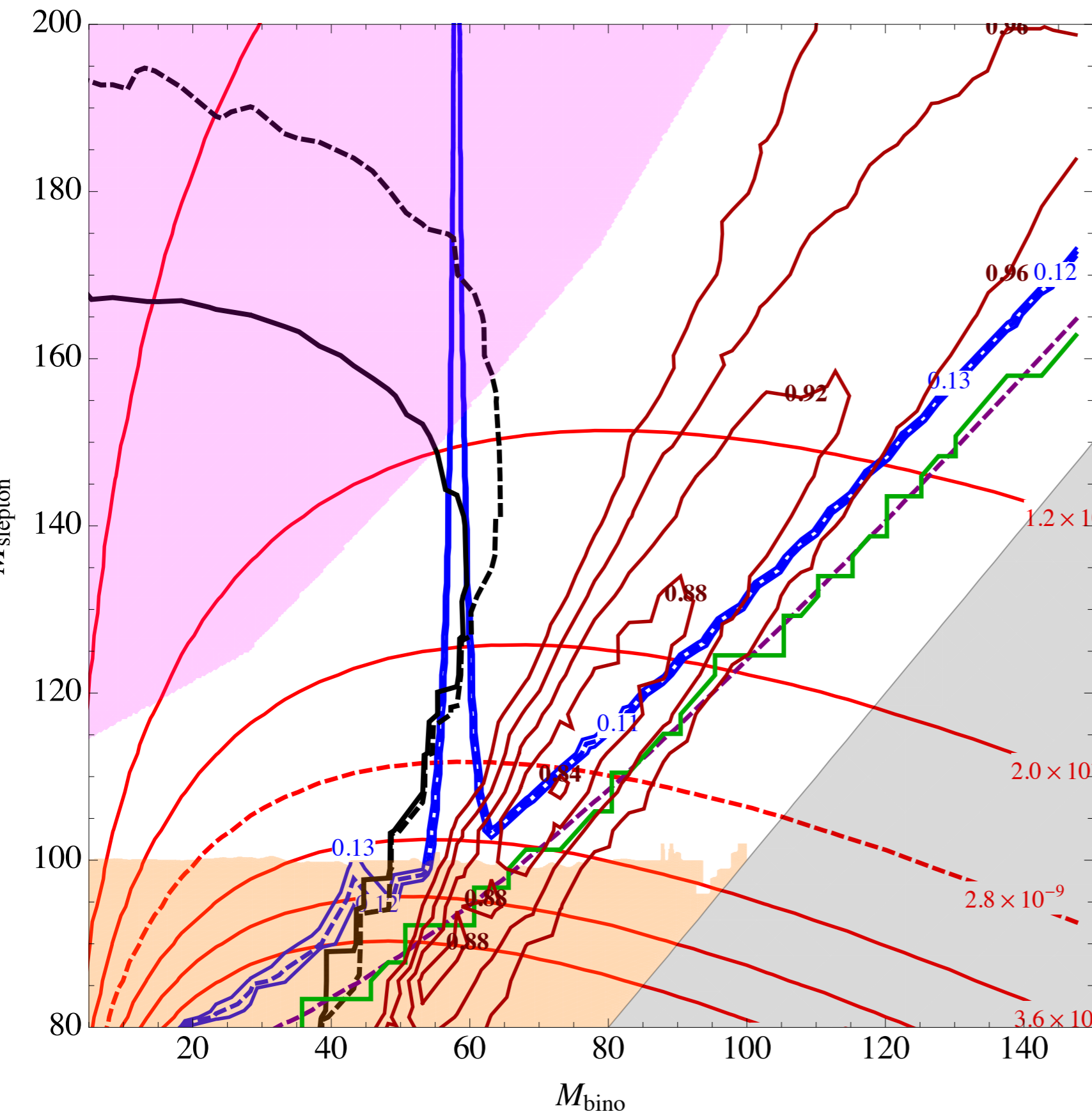
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