

# Putting it all together: what we can learn from BSM global fits

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# Outline

1. BSM global fits
2. What we can learn (example: LHC global fits)
3. Why it's difficult
4. GAMBIT



# 1. BSM global fits

*How can we extract the most physics from our data?*

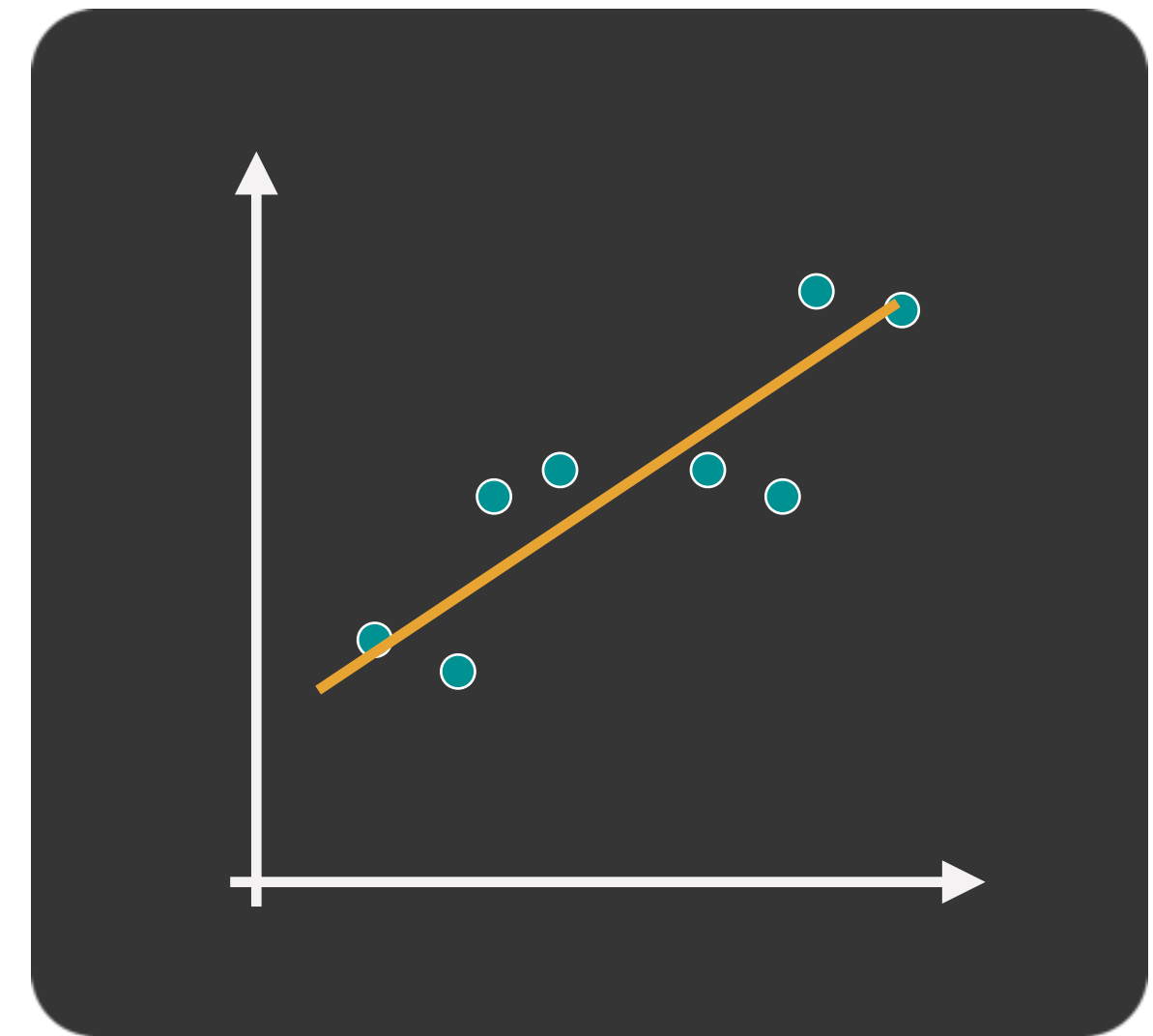
*Easy! Construct a physics model, test it against data, repeat as needed...*

- But what is **a model**?
- And **how** to test it against data?

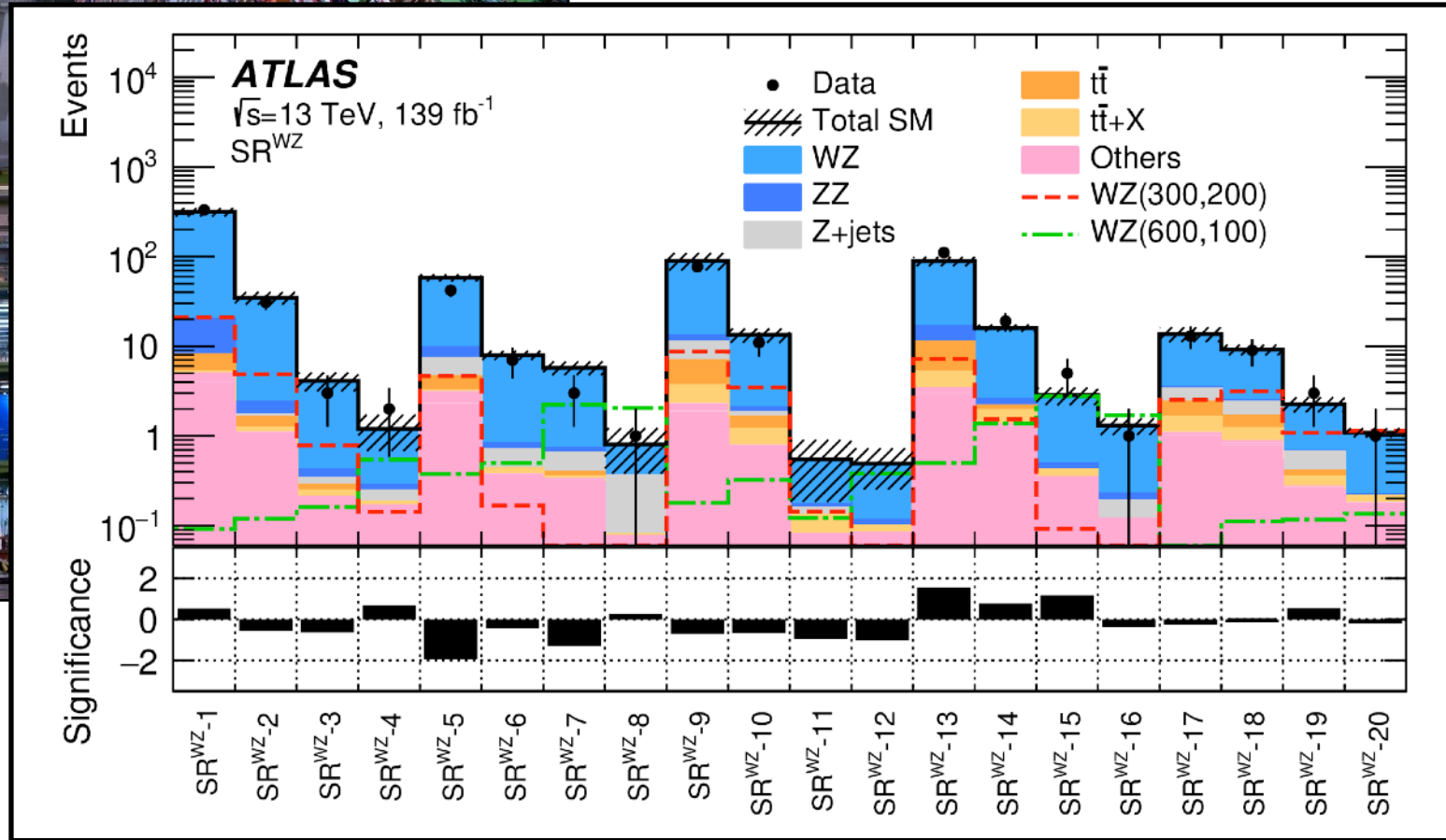
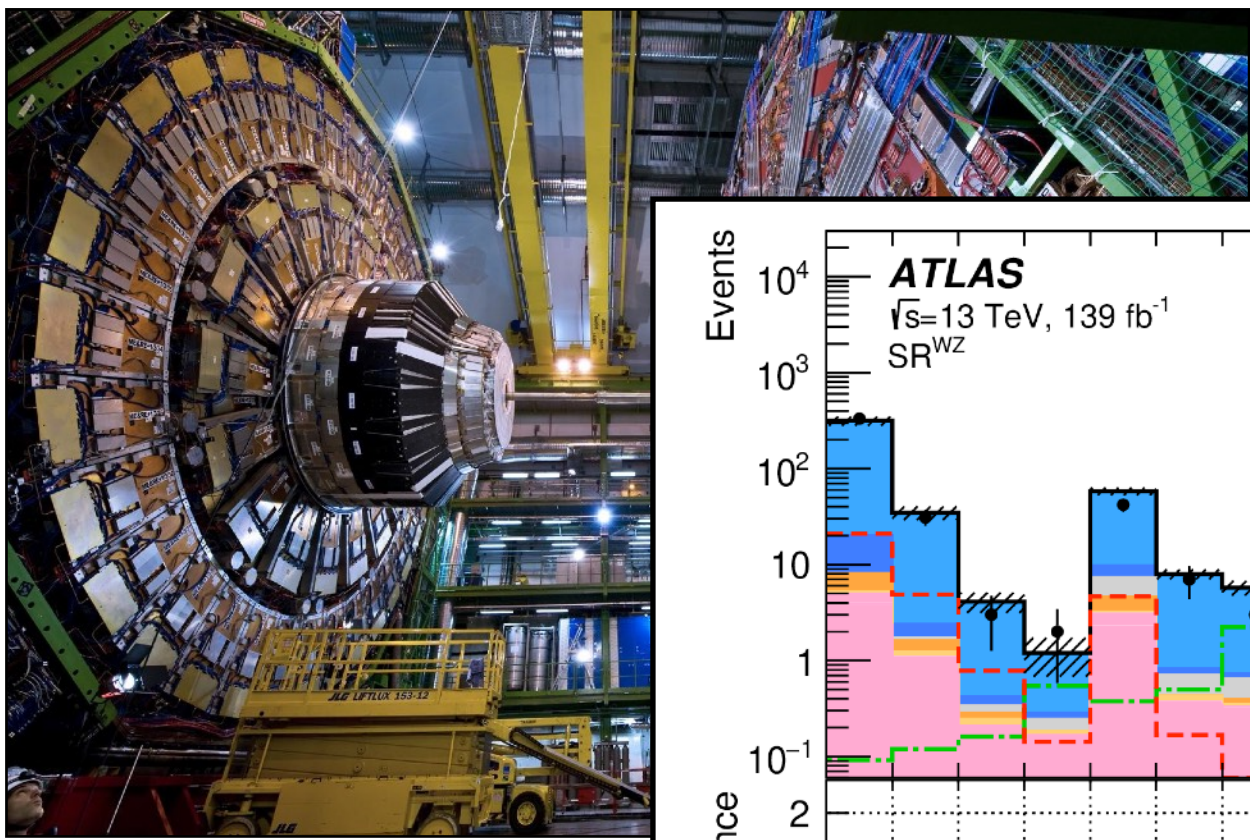
*But what is a model?*

**A joint probability distribution for the data**

$$f(x) = ax + b + \epsilon, \quad \epsilon \sim N(0, \sigma)$$



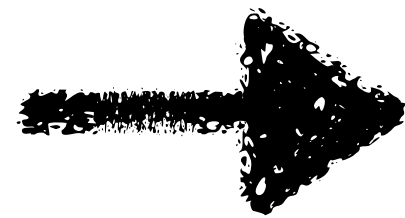
$$p(y_1, y_2, \dots | x_1, x_2, \dots, a, b, \sigma) = N(f(x_1; a, b), \sigma) N(f(x_2; a, b), \sigma) \dots$$



$$p(n_1, n_2, \dots | \boldsymbol{\theta}) = \text{Pois}(\lambda_1(\boldsymbol{\theta})) \text{Pois}(\lambda_2(\boldsymbol{\theta})) \dots$$

$$\text{Pois}(\lambda(\boldsymbol{\theta})) = \frac{\lambda(\boldsymbol{\theta})^n e^{-\lambda(\boldsymbol{\theta})}}{n!}$$

$\lambda(\boldsymbol{\theta})$



- Differential cross-sections, decay rates, ...
- Simulate events
- Simulate detector effects
- Mimic the experiment's data selection procedure
- ...

$\boldsymbol{\theta}$



- Lagrangian parameters
- Experiment parameters
- Expected background rates
- ...

*How to compare your model against data?*  
The **likelihood** is key

$$p(\mathbf{D}_{\text{obs}} | \boldsymbol{\theta}) \equiv L(\boldsymbol{\theta})$$

Bayesian

frequentist

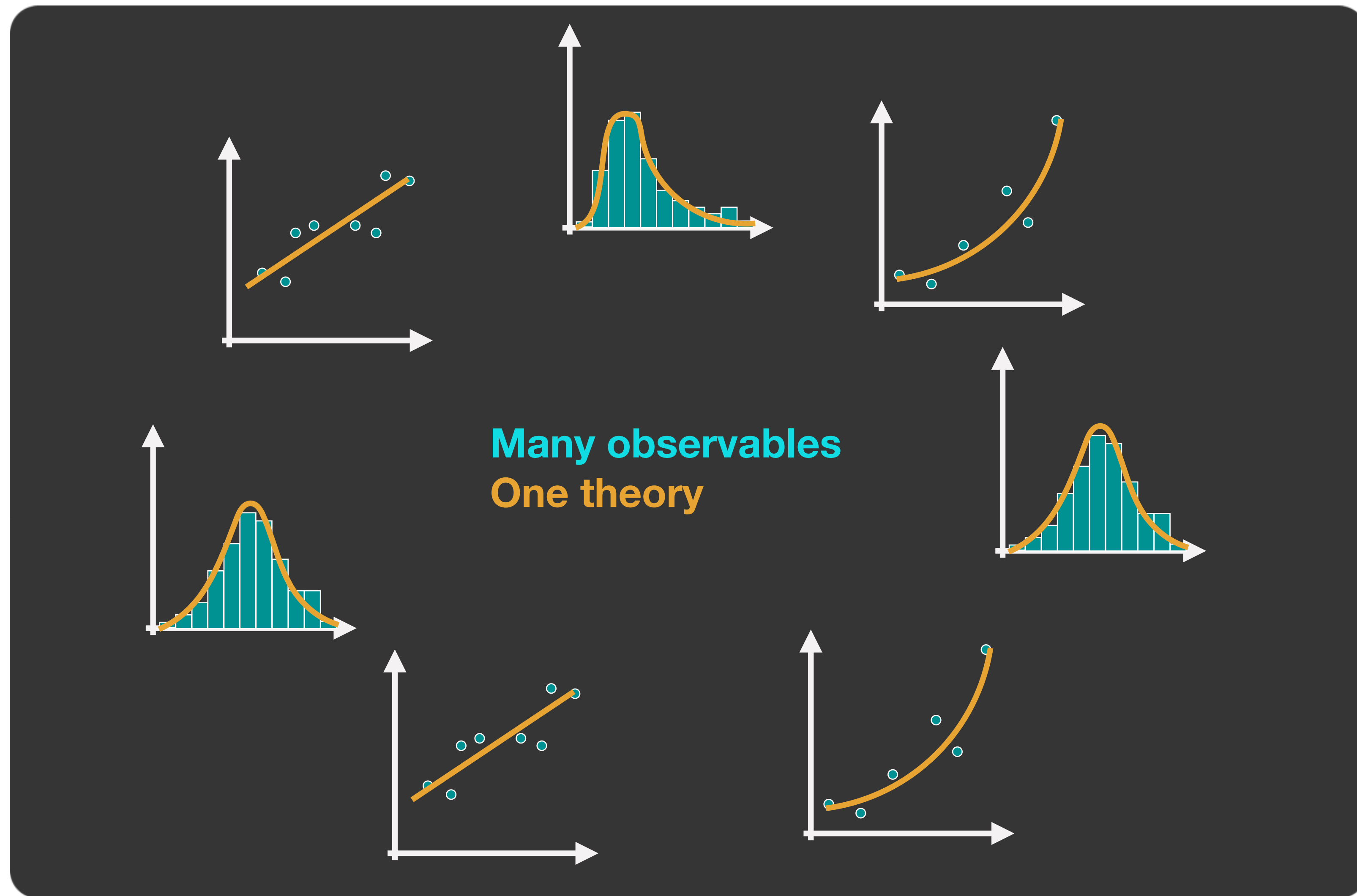
$$p(\boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathbf{D}_{\text{obs}}) = \frac{p(\mathbf{D}_{\text{obs}} | \boldsymbol{\theta}) p(\boldsymbol{\theta})}{p(\mathbf{D}_{\text{obs}})}$$

$$p(\boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathbf{D}_{\text{obs}}) = \frac{L(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \pi(\boldsymbol{\theta})}{Z}$$

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+ assumptions/simulations  
of hypothetical data

# Global fits



# The basic steps of a BSM global fit

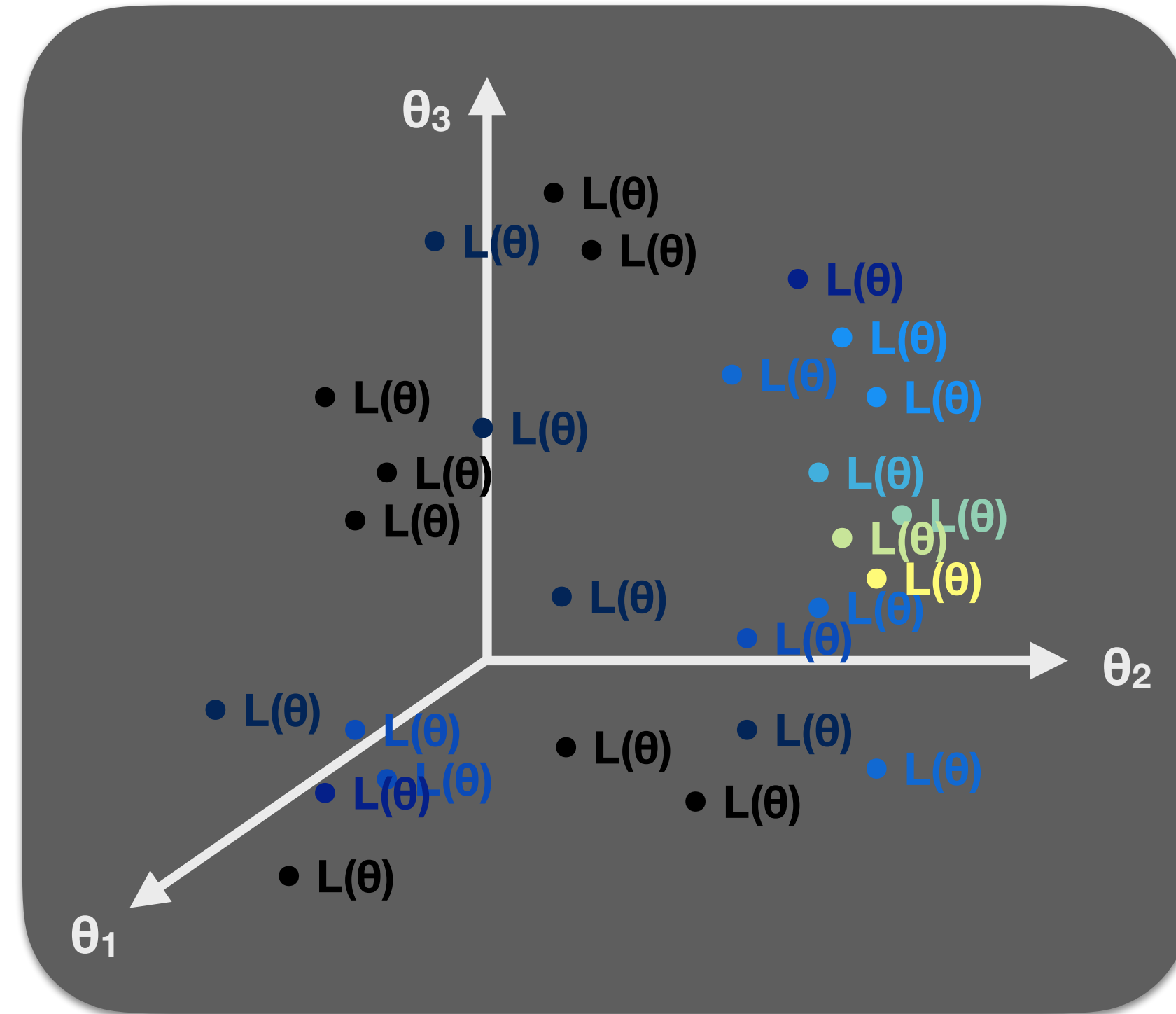
- Choose your **BSM theory and parameterisation**
- Construct the **joint likelihood function** including observables from collider physics, dark matter, flavor physics, +++

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{collider}} \mathcal{L}_{\text{DM}} \mathcal{L}_{\text{flavor}} \mathcal{L}_{\text{EWPO}} \dots$$

- Use **sophisticated scanning techniques** to explore the likelihood function across the parameter space of the theory
- From likelihood samples, carry out frequentist or Bayesian inference (parameter estimation, model comparison, ...)



- **Explore the model parameter space** ( $\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3, \dots$ )
- At every point  $\theta$ : **compute all predictions**( $\theta$ )  $\rightarrow$  **evaluate likelihood**  $L(\theta)$



- Region of highest  $L(\theta)$ :  
**the model's highest predicted joint probability for the observed data**  
 (but not necessarily a *good* fit to the data, or the most *probable*  $\theta$ ...)



## **2. What we can learn**

# Example: LHC global fits

*Understanding the full implications of [experimental] searches requires the interpretation of the experimental results in the context of many more theoretical models than are currently explored at the time of publication.*

**HEP Software Foundation [arxiv:1712.06982]**

See also:

- *Publishing statistical models: Getting the most out of particle physics experiments*  
**[arxiv:2109.04981]**
- *Reinterpretation of LHC Results for New Physics: Status and Recommendations after Run 2*  
**[arxiv:2003.07868]**
- *Simple and statistically sound strategies for analysing physical theories*  
**[arxiv:2012.09874]**

# The many interpretations of «reinterpretation»

- **Analysis preservation and reuse internally in an experiment**
  - High accuracy (full access to analysis details, full detector simulation, ...)
  - High computational cost per model point
- **Simulation-based reinterpretation by outside groups**
  - Medium accuracy
  - Medium-to-high computational cost per model point
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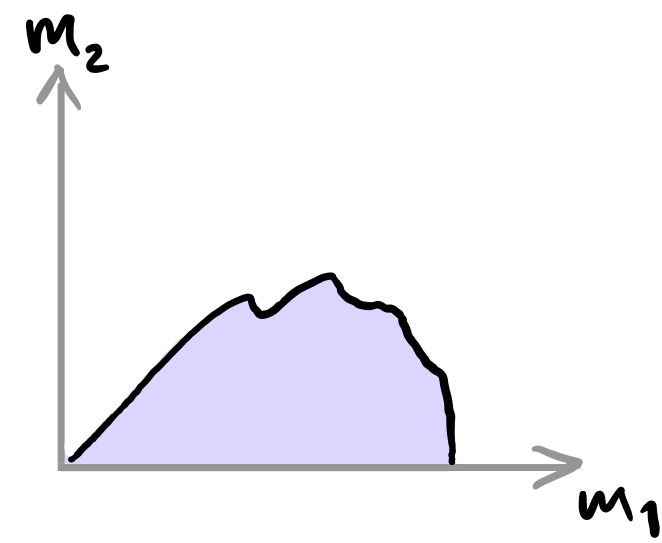
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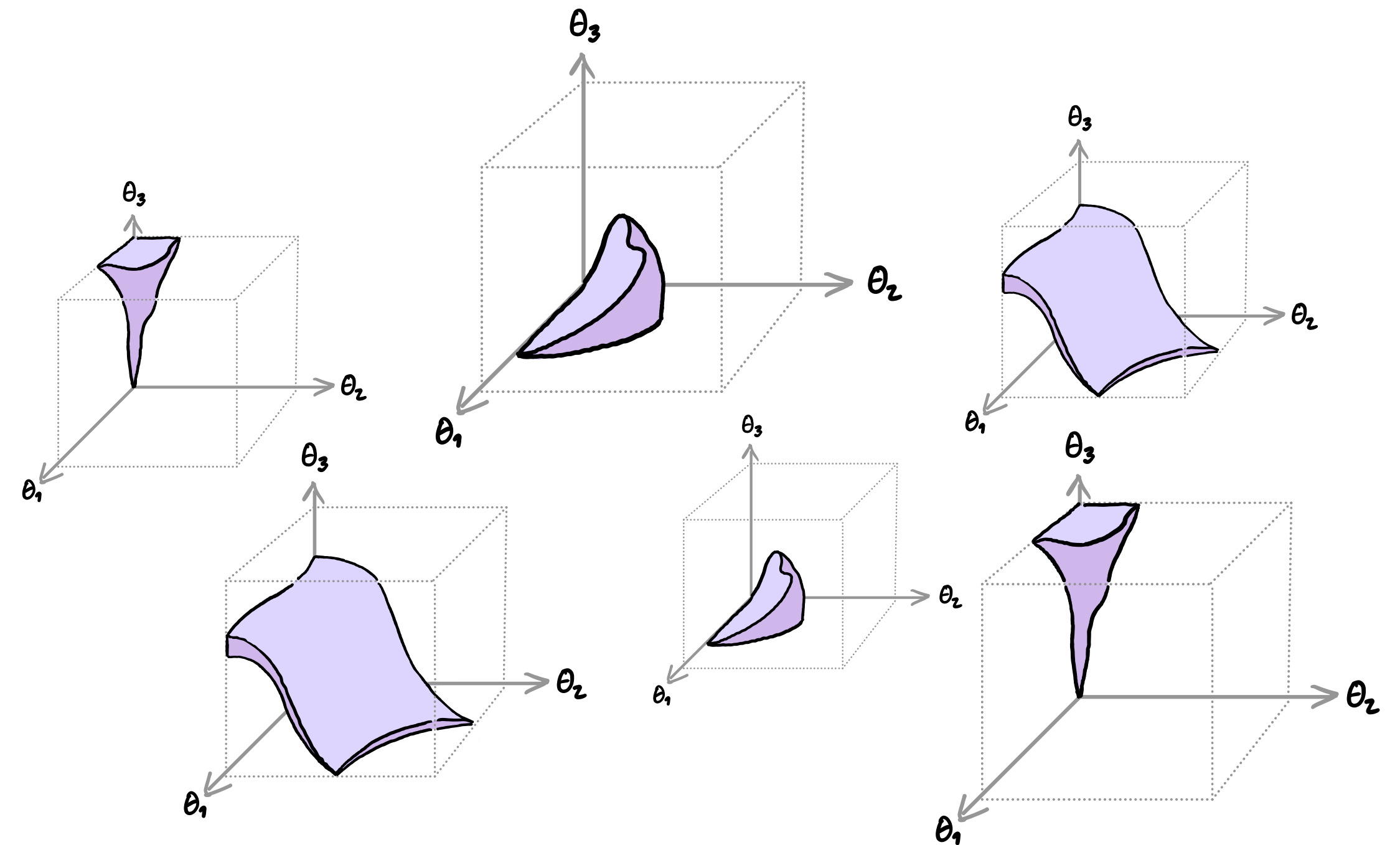
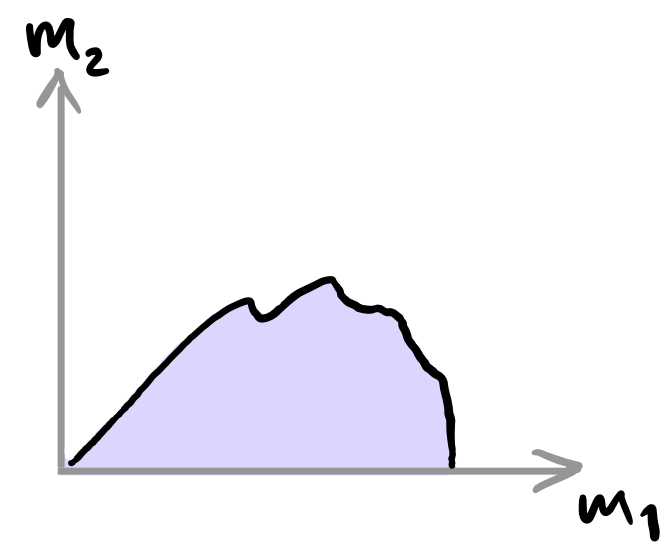
What we have learned at time of publication

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What we have learned long after publication

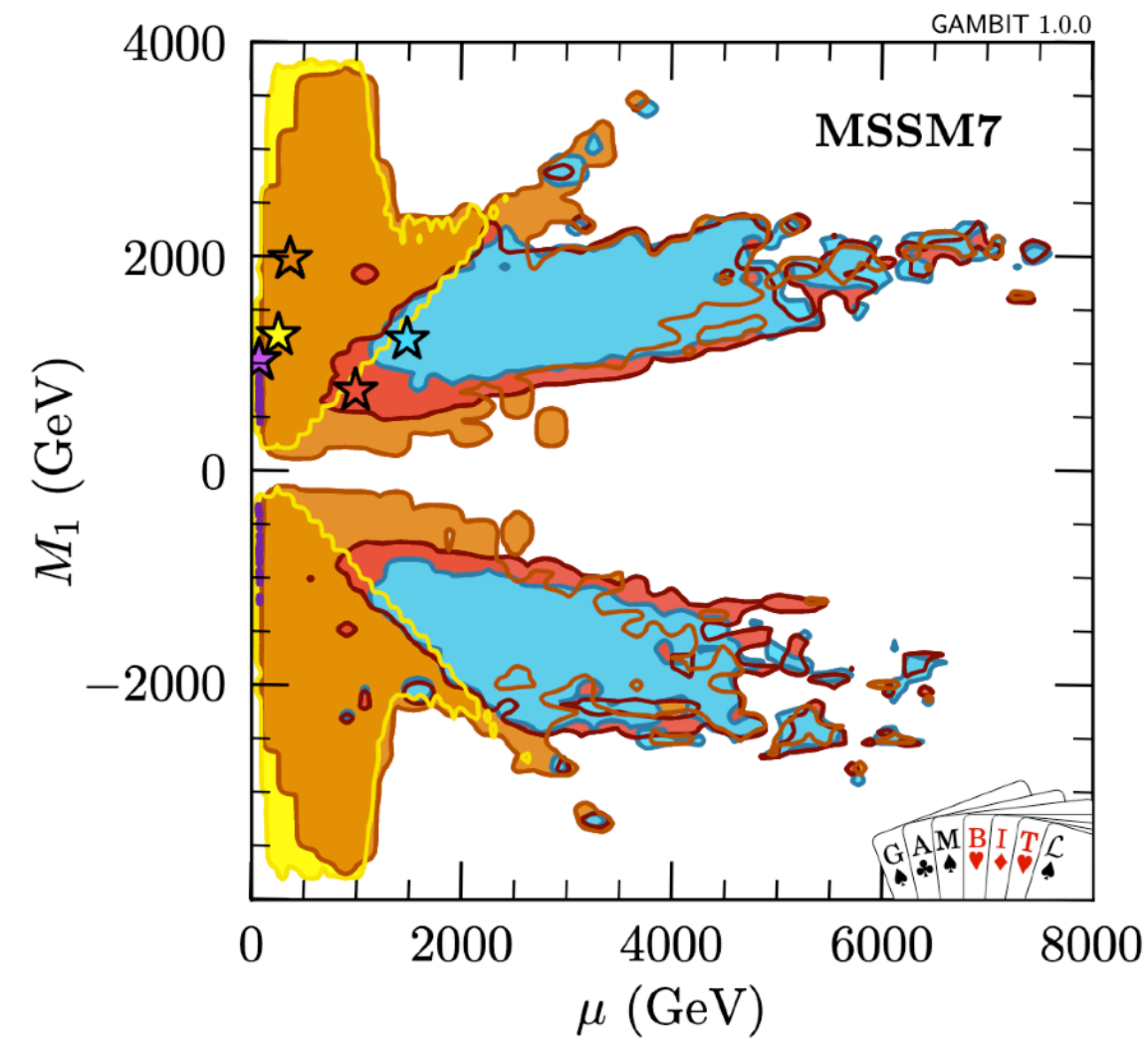
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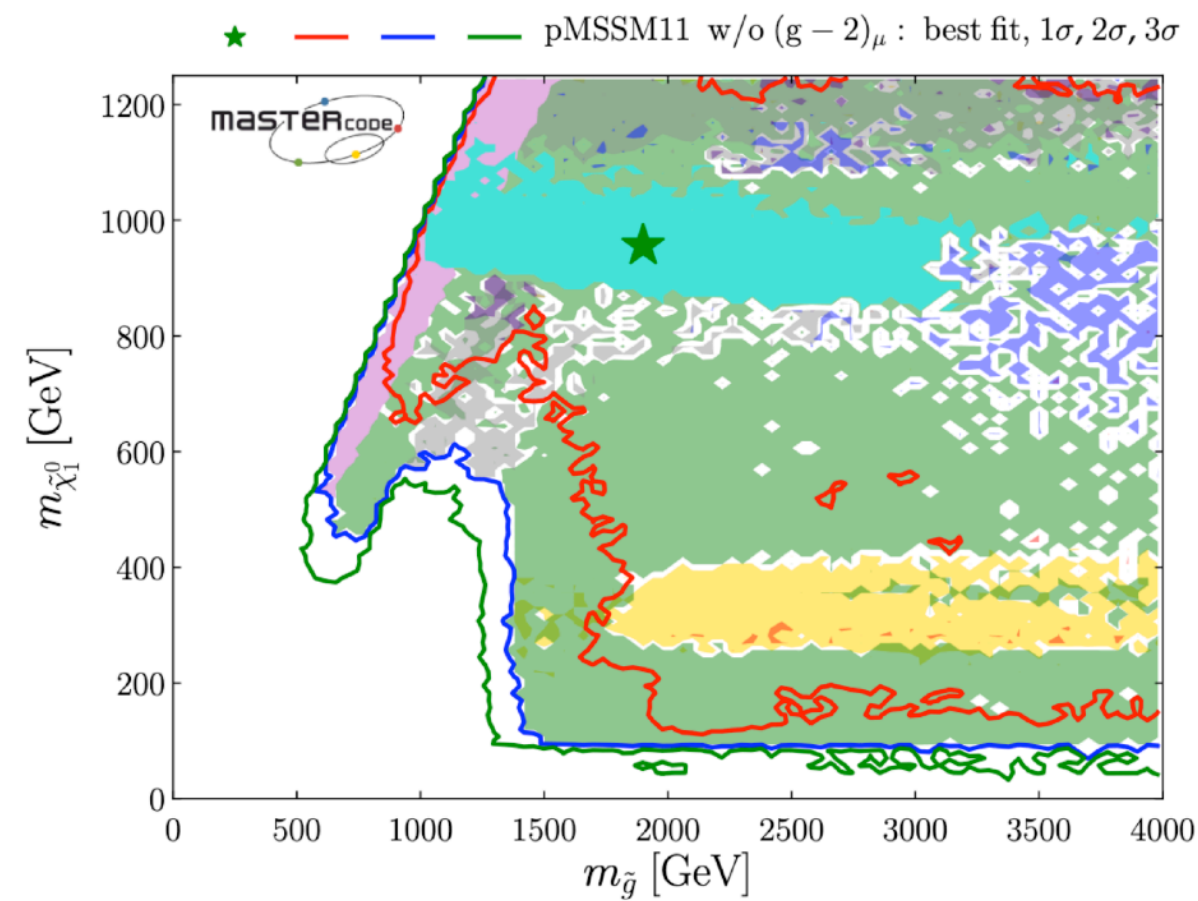


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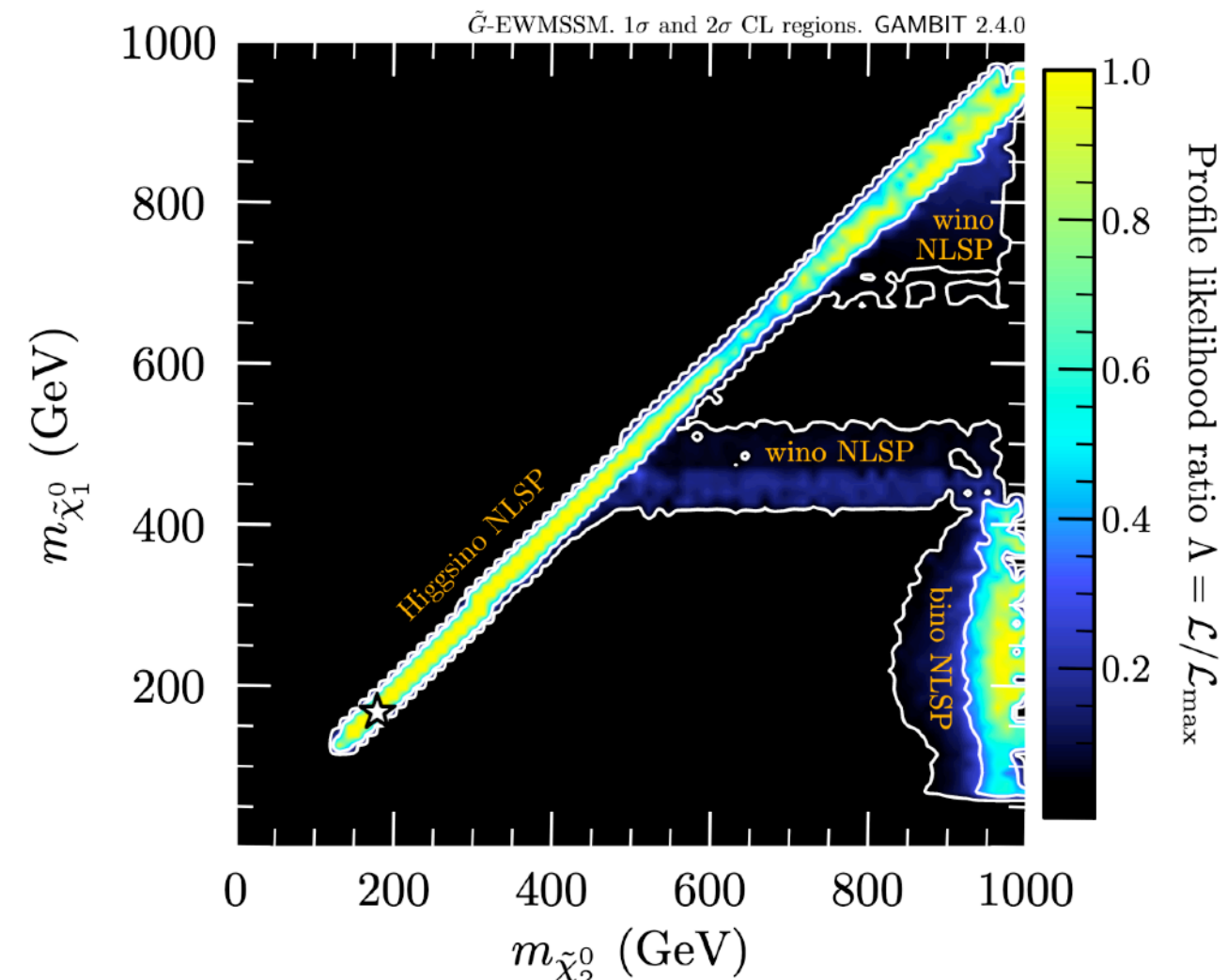
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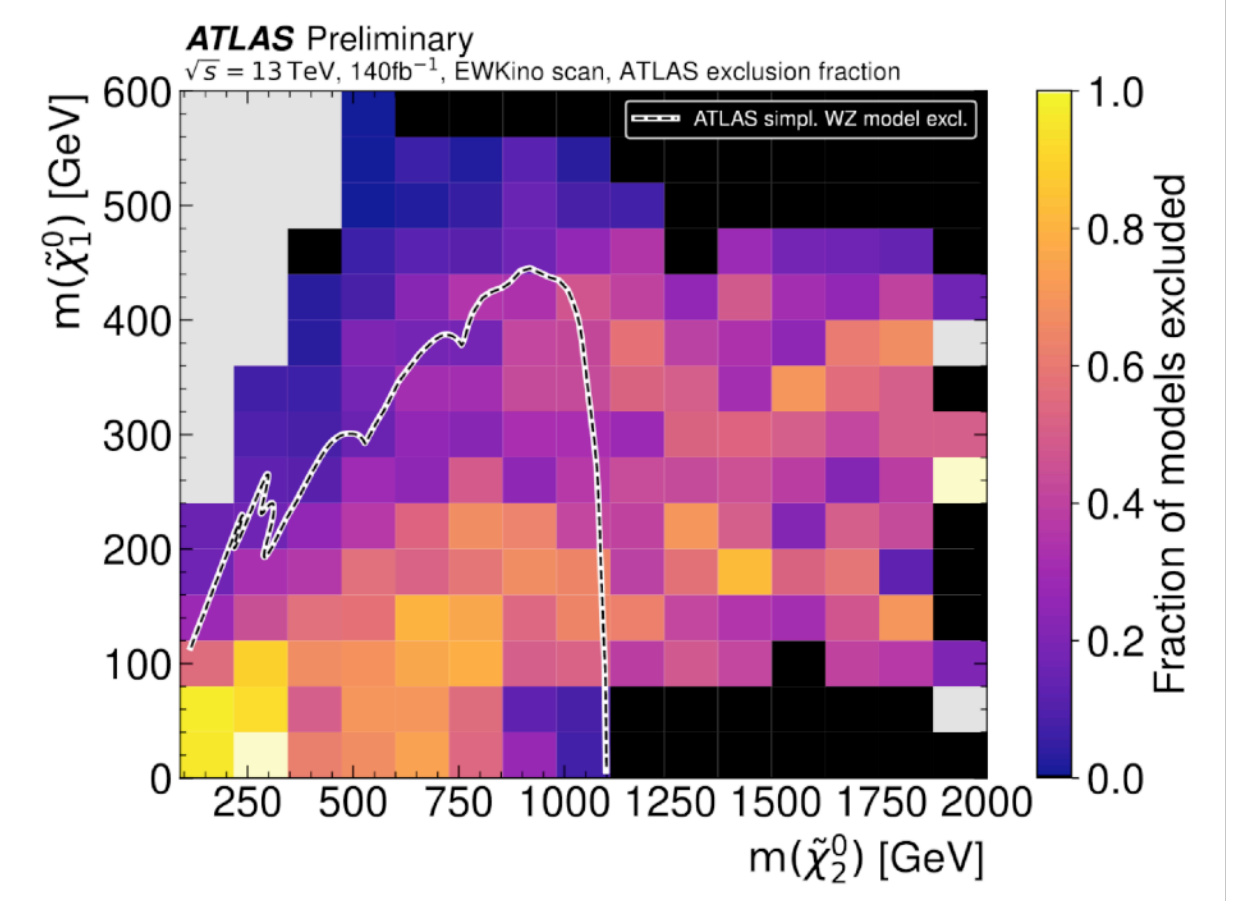
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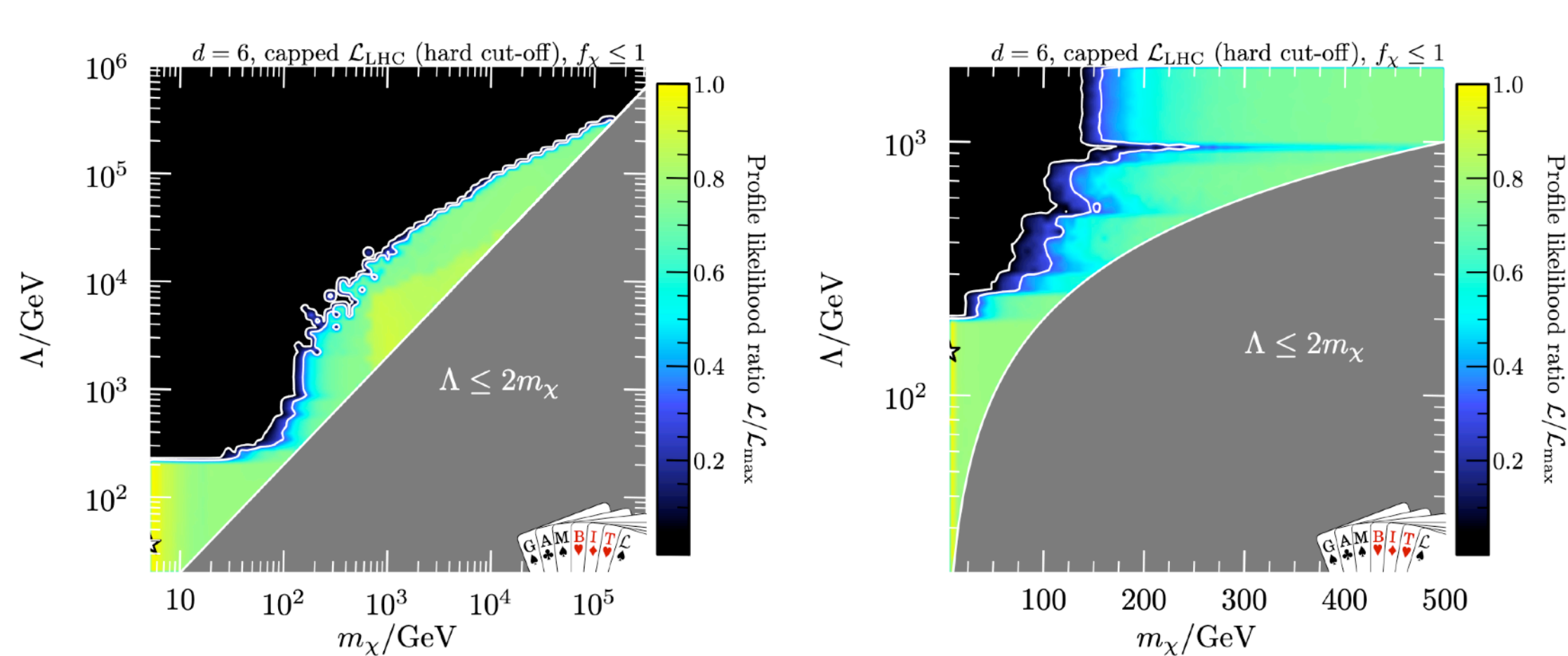
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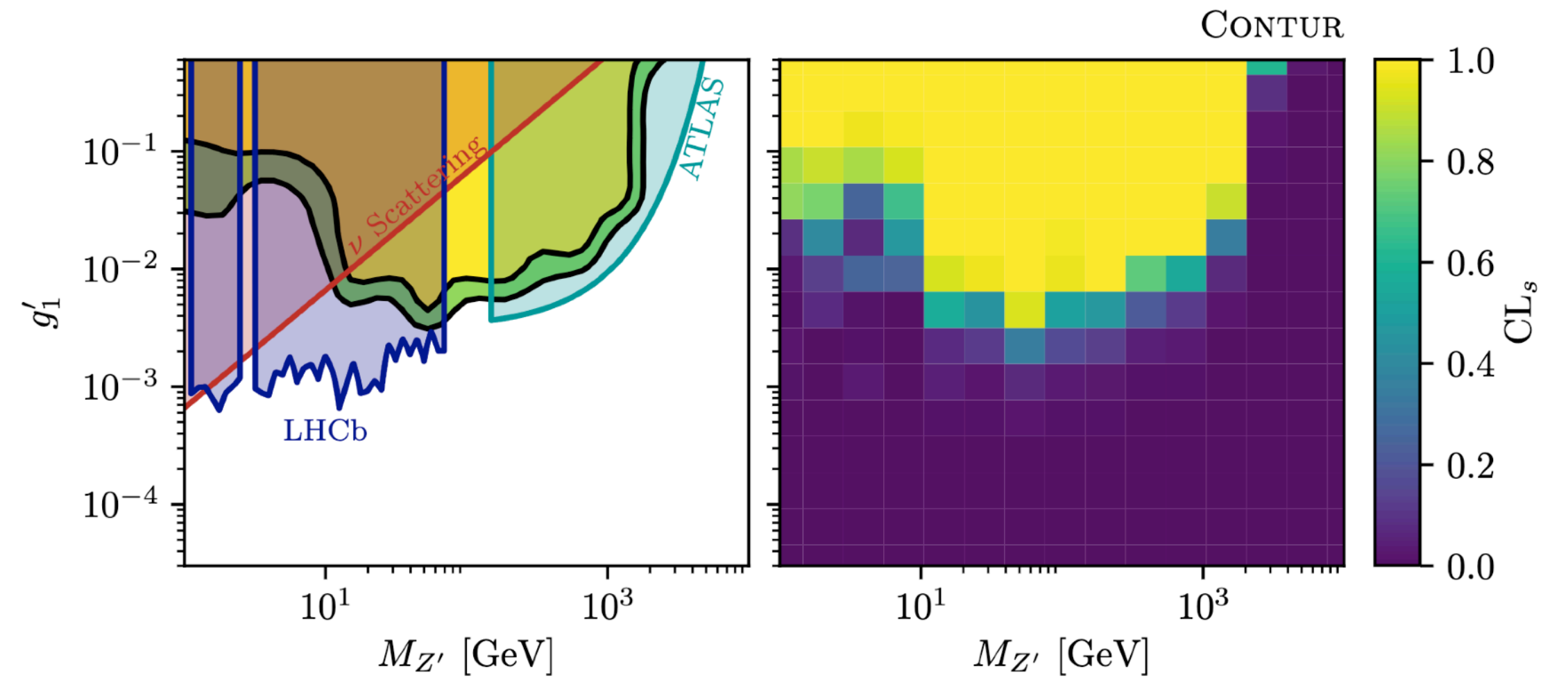
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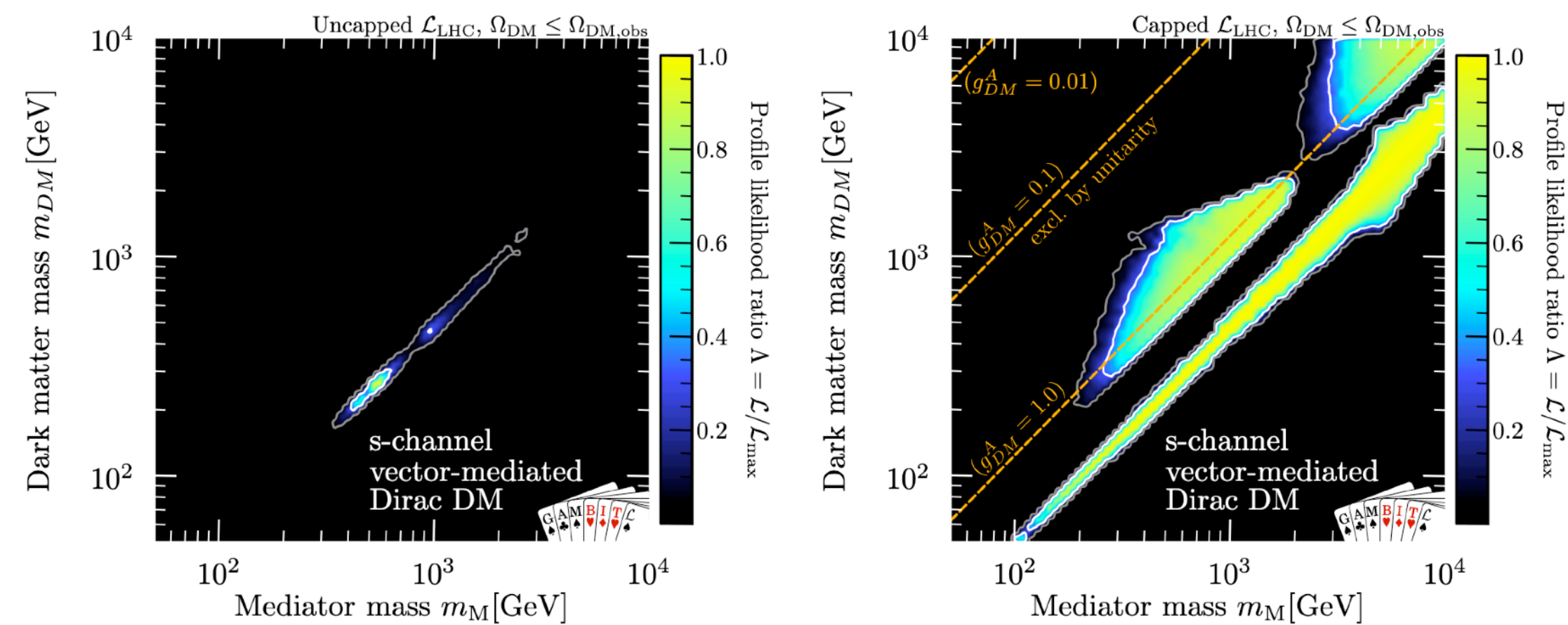
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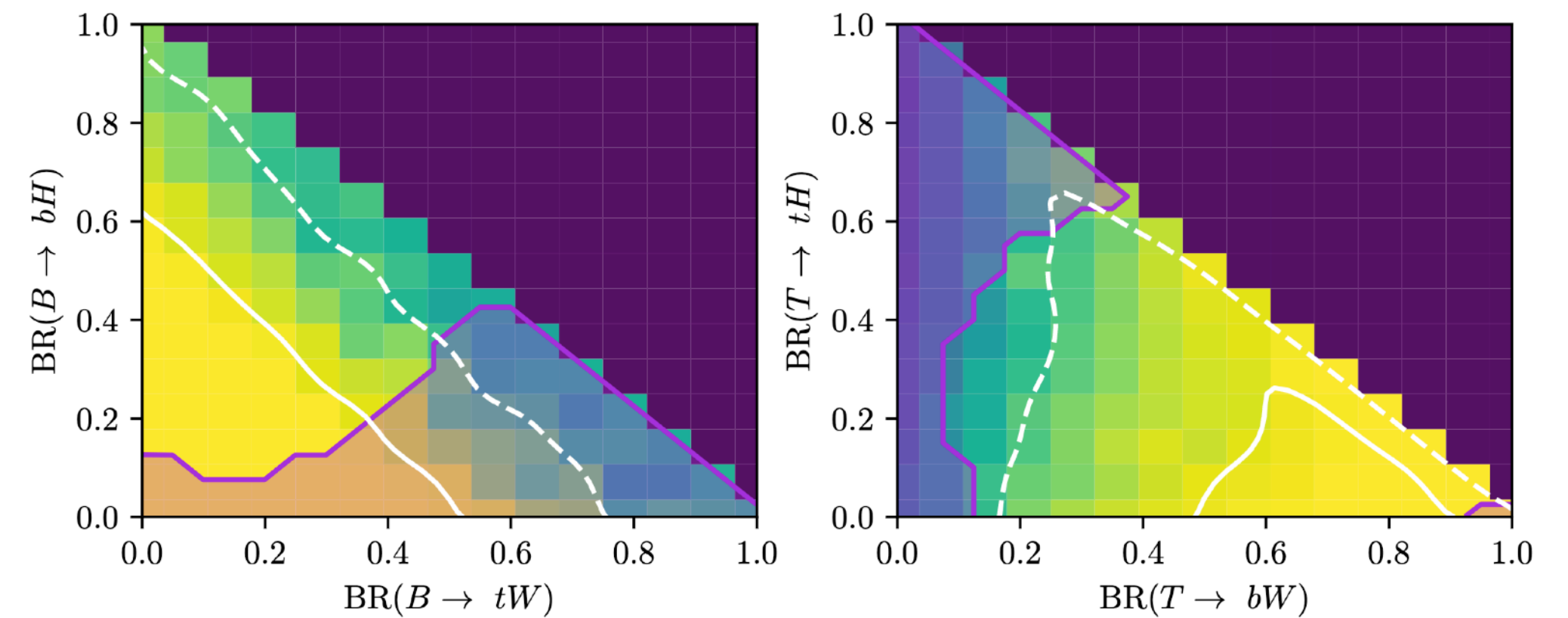
DM EFTs [2106.02056]



B-L gauge model [1811.11452]



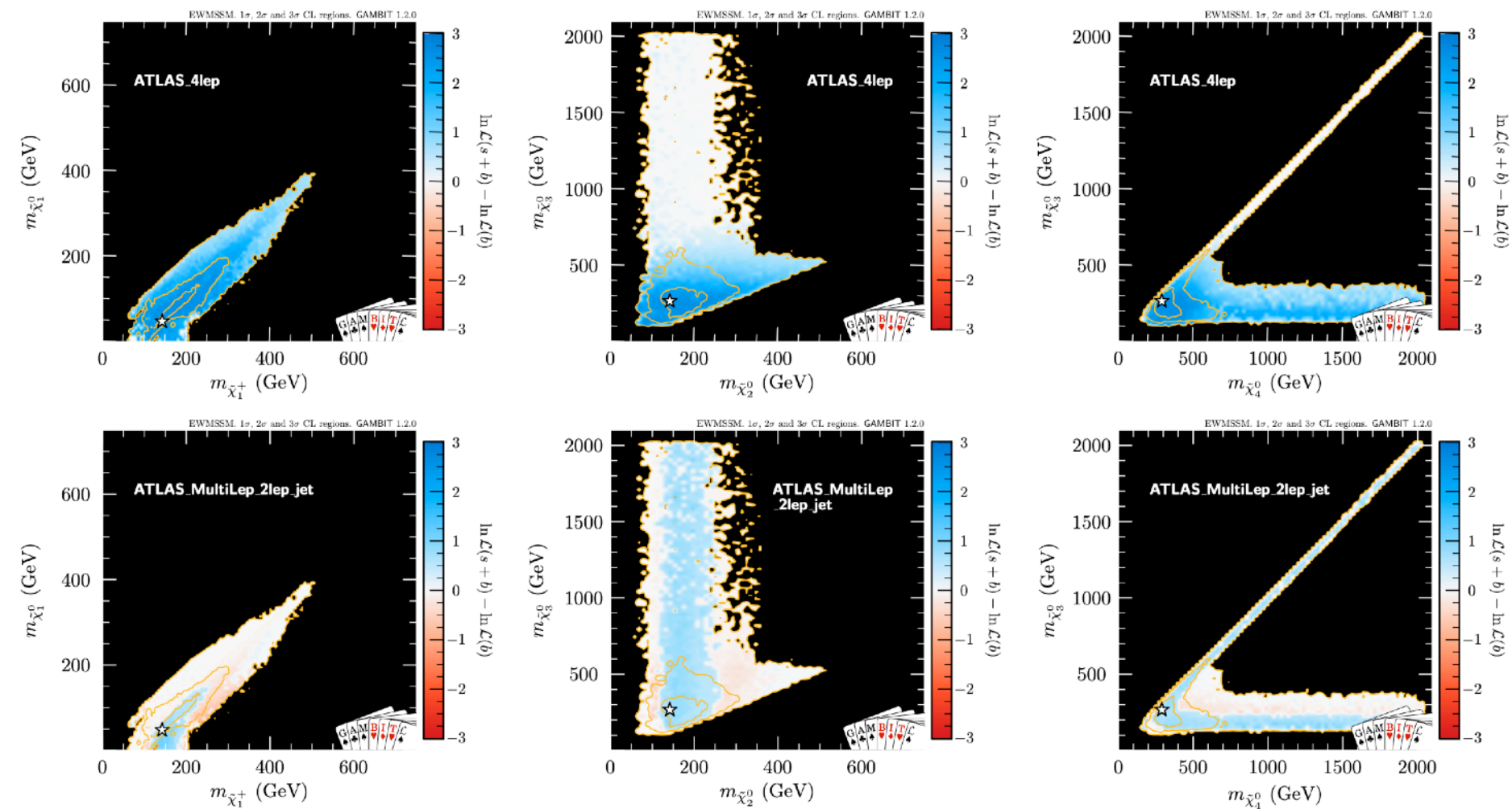
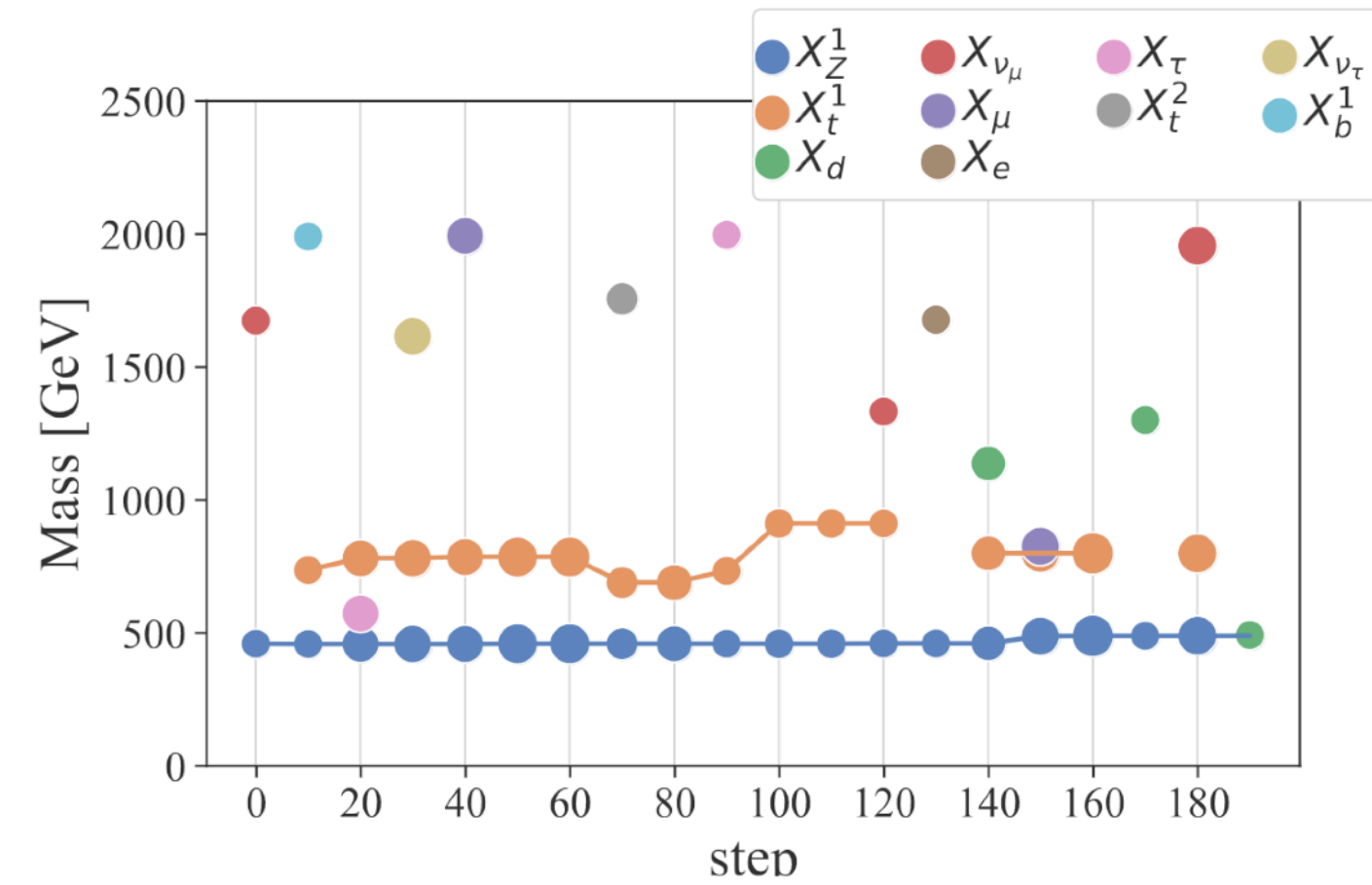
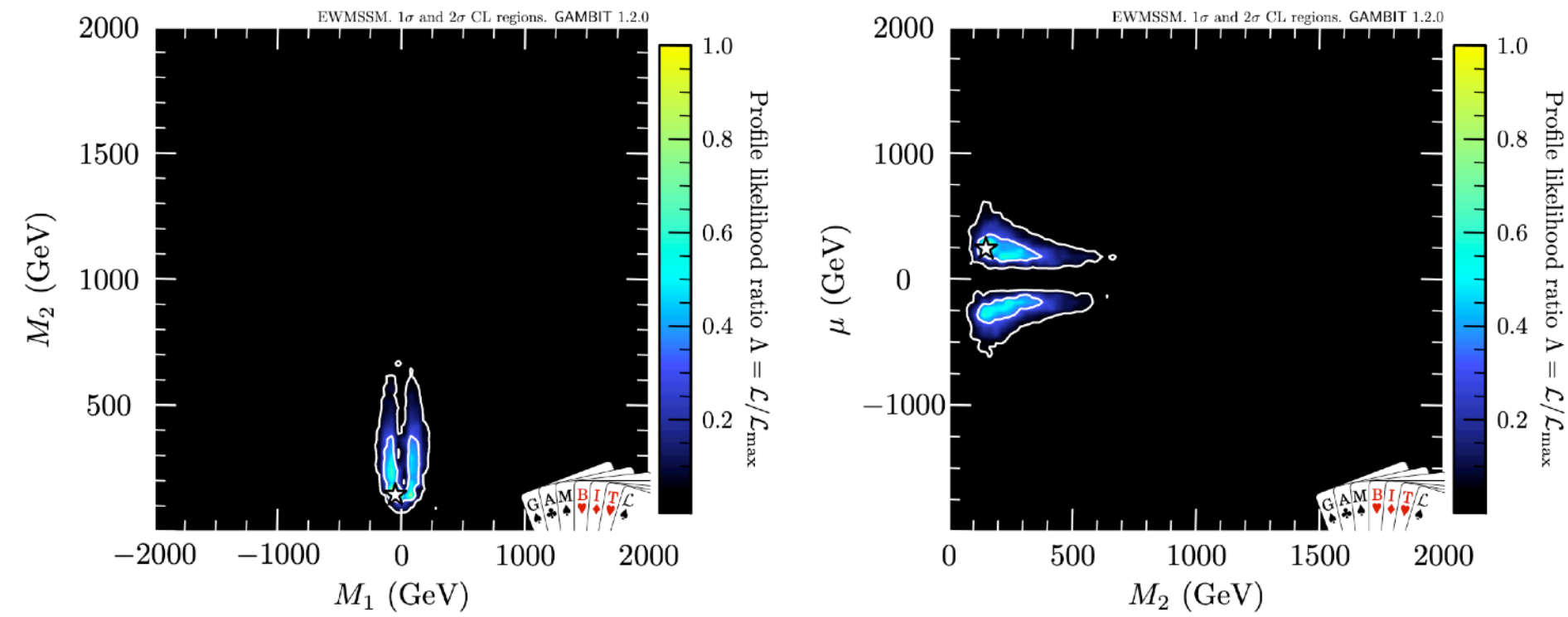
DM w/ vector mediator [2209.13266]



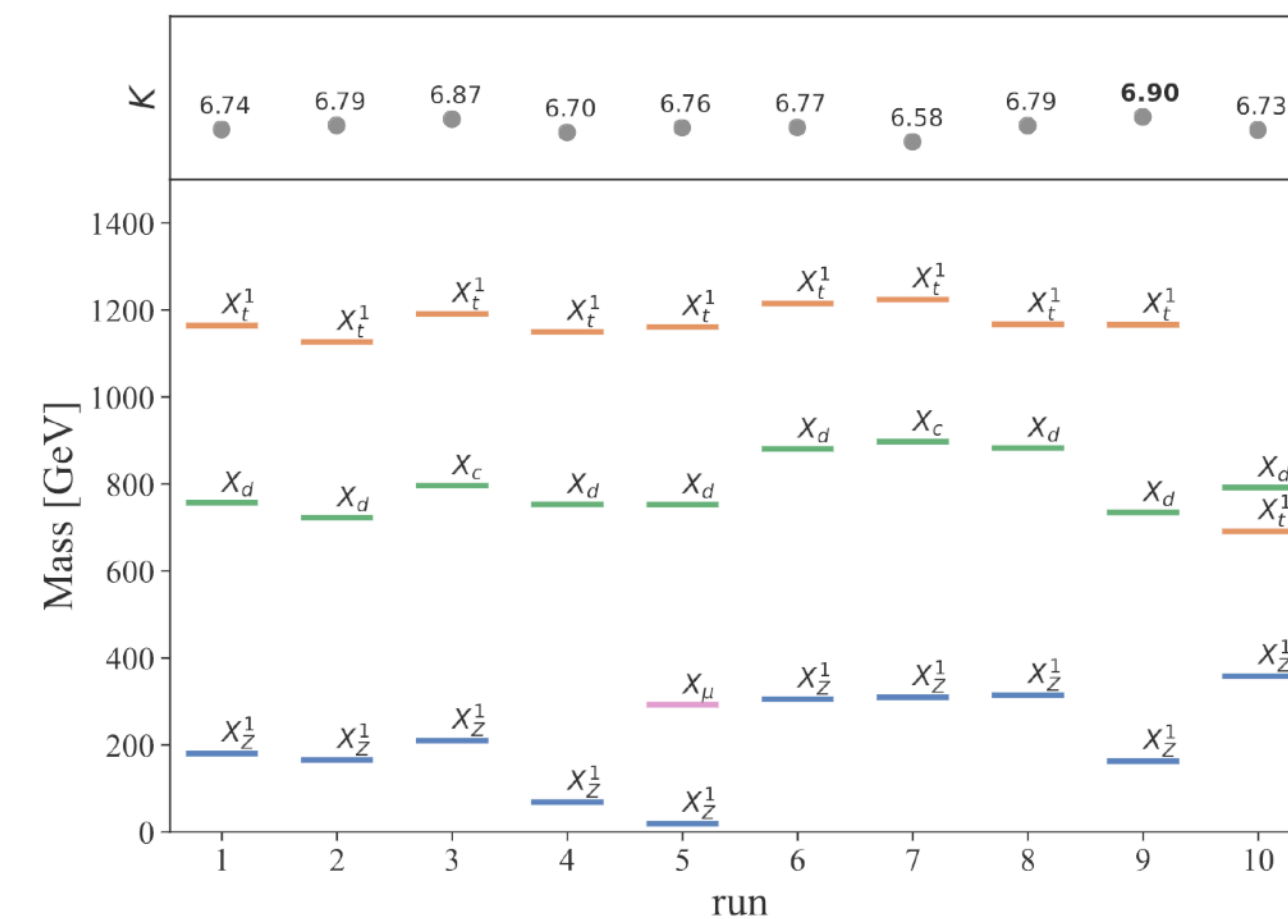
Vector-like quarks [2006.07172]



# Learning more #2: We can identify best-fit scenarios



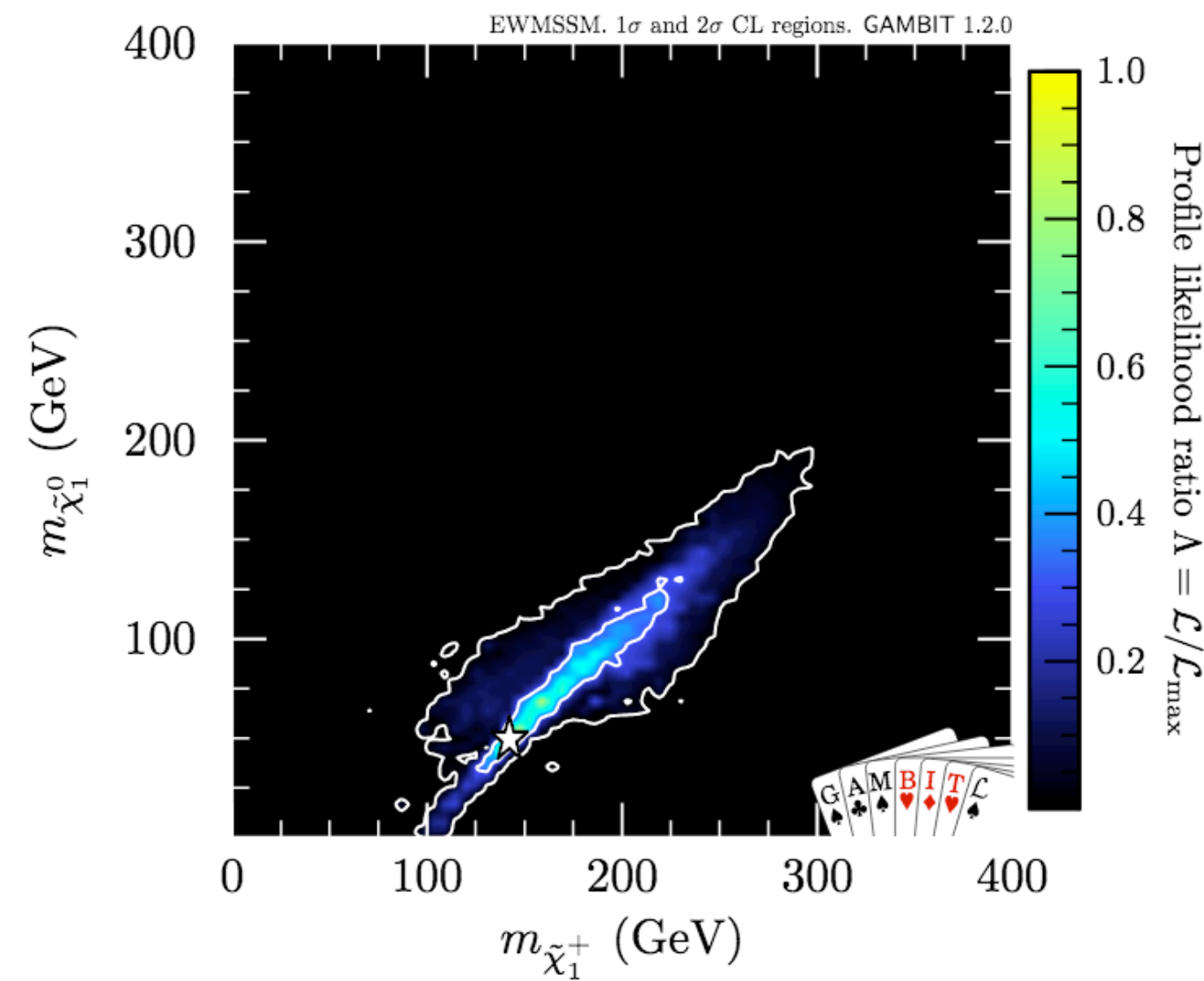
Explore MSSM EWino sector [1809.02097]



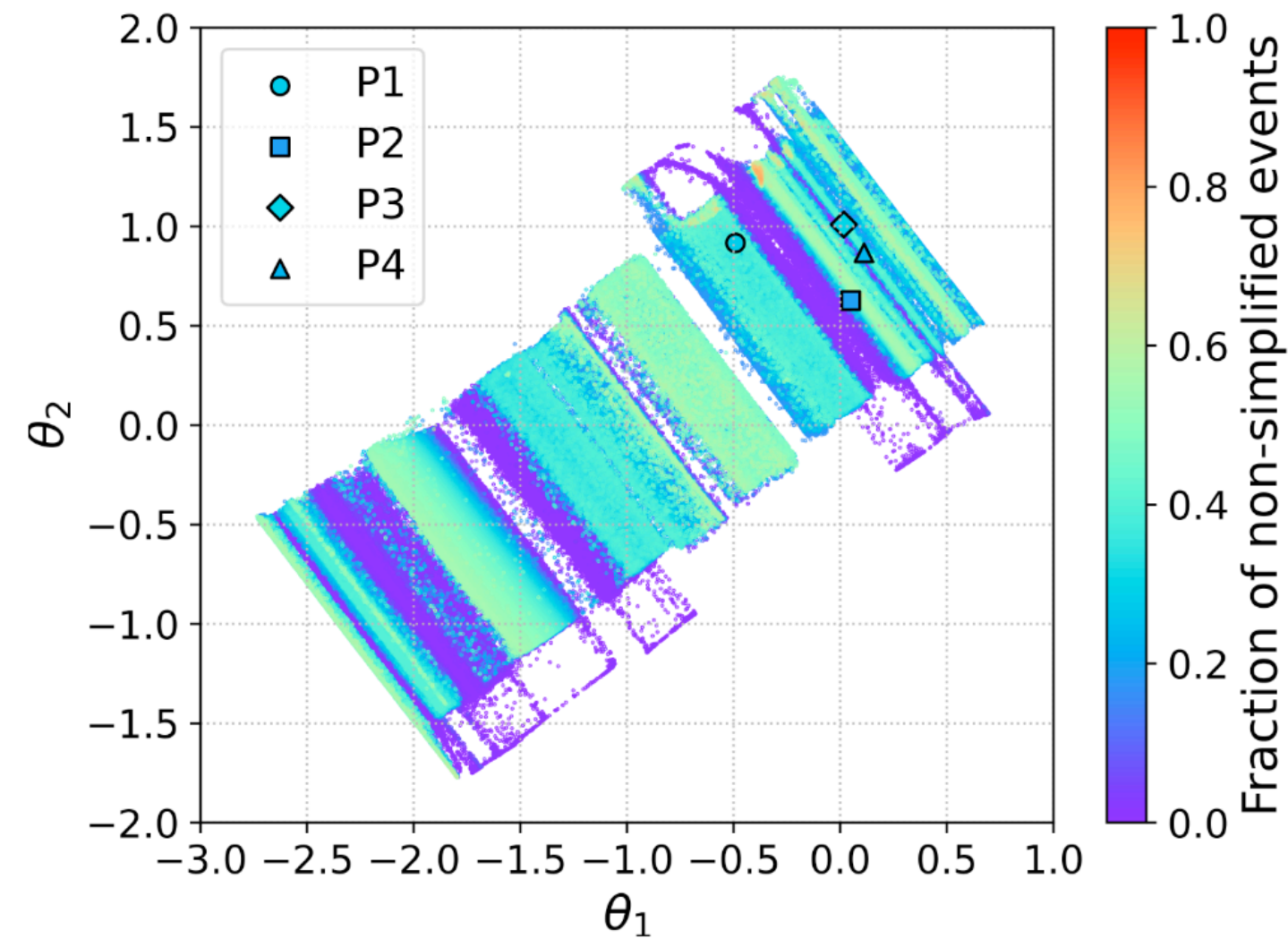
Explore space of simplified models [2012.12246]

# Learning more #3:

## We can learn how to plug «holes» in theory space



[1809.02097]



[2305.01835]

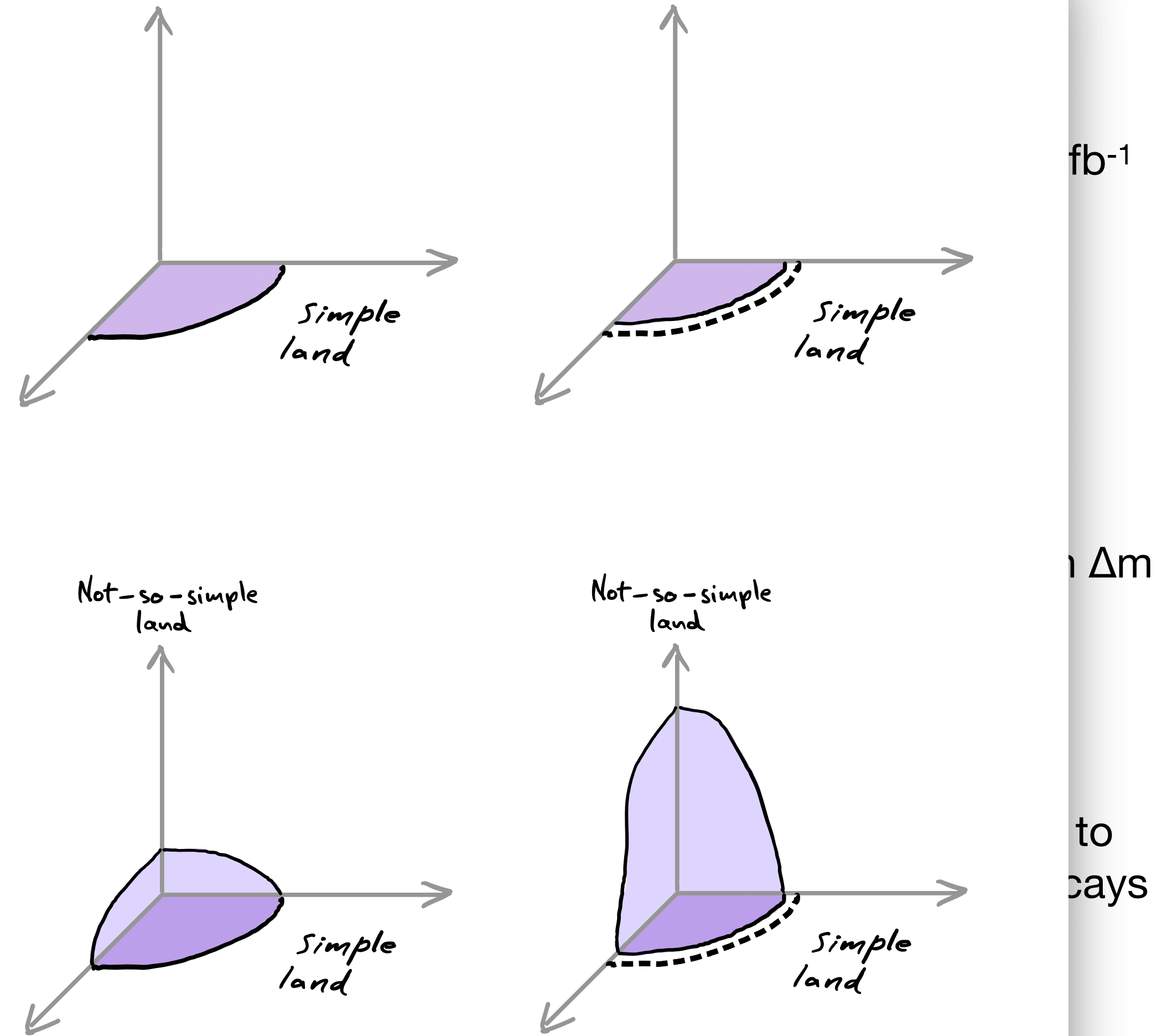
- Studied benchmark points that survived 36 fb<sup>-1</sup> searches. Example:
  - 3 Higgsinos ~200 GeV,  $\Delta m \sim 40$  GeV
  - 2 winos ~ 300 GeV
- Compare to wino/bino simplified model with  $\Delta m \sim 100$  GeV
  - Main signature is similar: on-shell W + Z + MET
  - But gives **less clean final states**, due to not-necessarily-soft products from decays between higgsinos
- Replace «simplified model cut»  $n_{\text{jets}} = 0$  with a «less simplified» cut  $H_T < X$  ?

# Learning more #3:

W

$m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0}$  (GeV)

When optimising searches on simplified models, at what point do we start losing rather than gaining sensitivity to volumes of «similar» theory space?



with a «less simplified» cut  $H_T < X$  ?

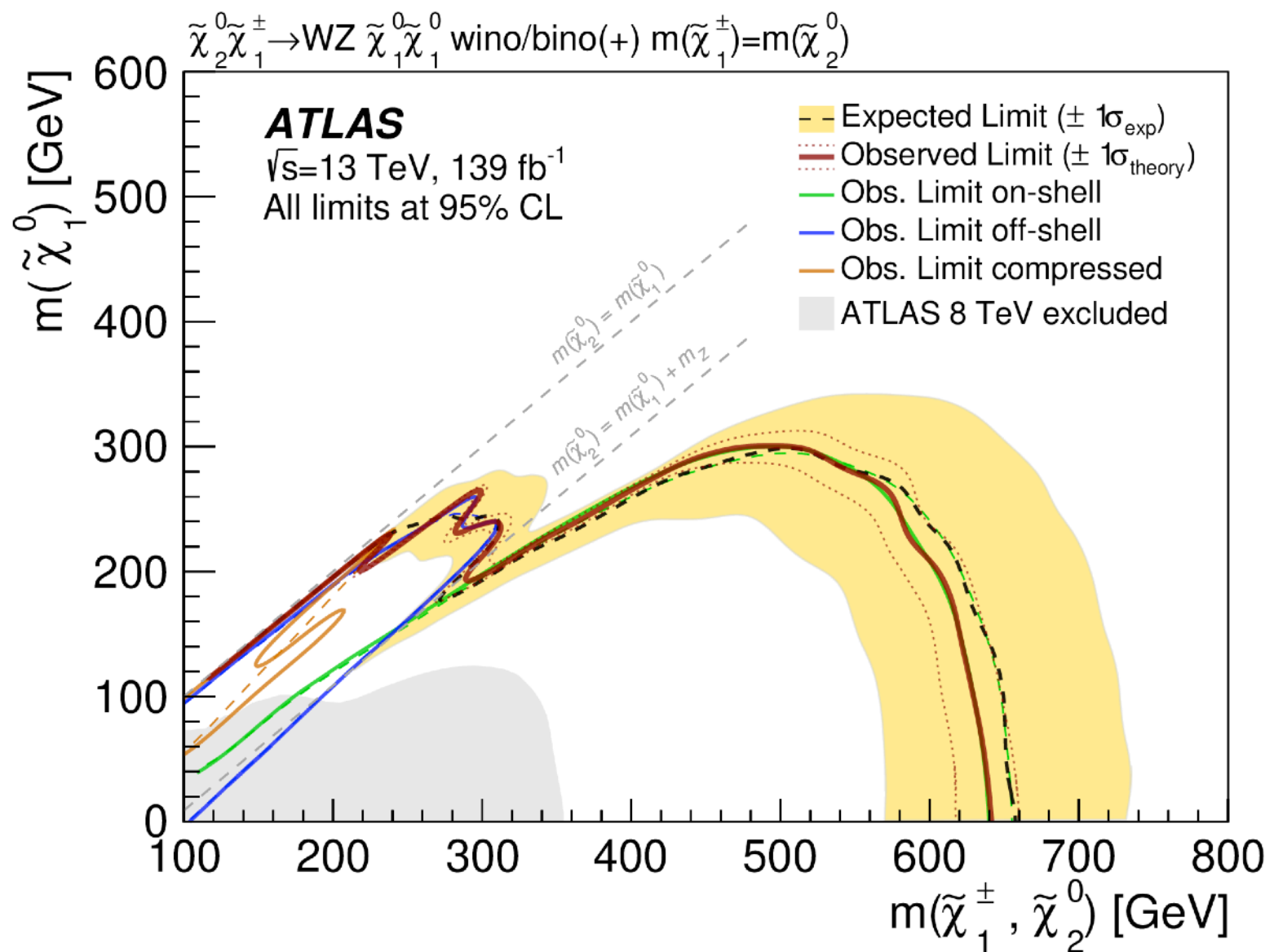
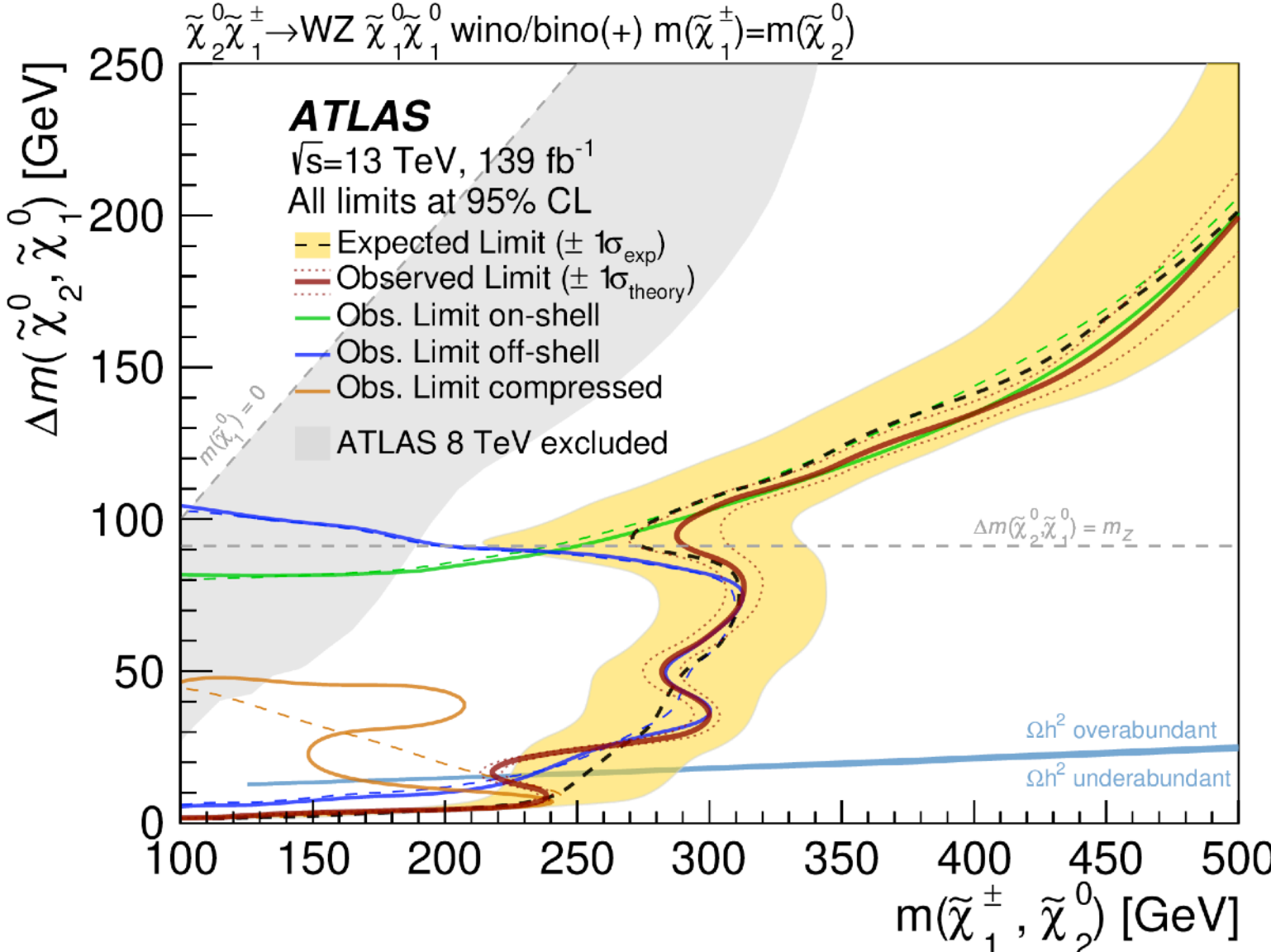
fb<sup>-1</sup>

$\Delta m$

to  
says



In short:  
 Results like these are very interesting and useful...



[ATLAS, 2106.01676]



As a community we can **learn far more physics** from an experimental result that is **reinterpretable** compared to one that is not.



# **3. Why it's difficult**

# Is enough information public?

The image shows a complex interface for physics data. On the left, there are several tables of cross-sections for various processes like WZ, tt, Z-jets, Higgs, Tribson, and Others, categorized by regions and SR bins. In the center, there's a 'Rivet analyses reference' section with a list of publications and a code snippet for 'ATLAS\_2020\_1105908'. On the right, there's a search interface for HEPData, showing a search bar and a search button. Below the search bar, there's a search result for 'e.g. reaction P P -> LQ LQ X, title has "photon collisions", collaboration is LHCF or D0'.

vs

Digitise a graph in Figure 73 c) in Appendix B of some PhD thesis from 10 years ago...

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**Rivet analyses reference**

**ATLAS\_2020\_1105908**

Electroweak ZJ at 13 TeV  
 Experiment: ATLAS (LHC)  
 Region: FC0233  
 Status: VALIDATED  
 Author: ...  
 Reference: ...  
 Beam energy: (8000.0, 8000.0) GeV  
 Run details: ...

**HEPData**  
 Repository for publication-related High-Energy Physics data  
 Search on 9506 publications and 100479 data tables.  
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# And can the information be used?

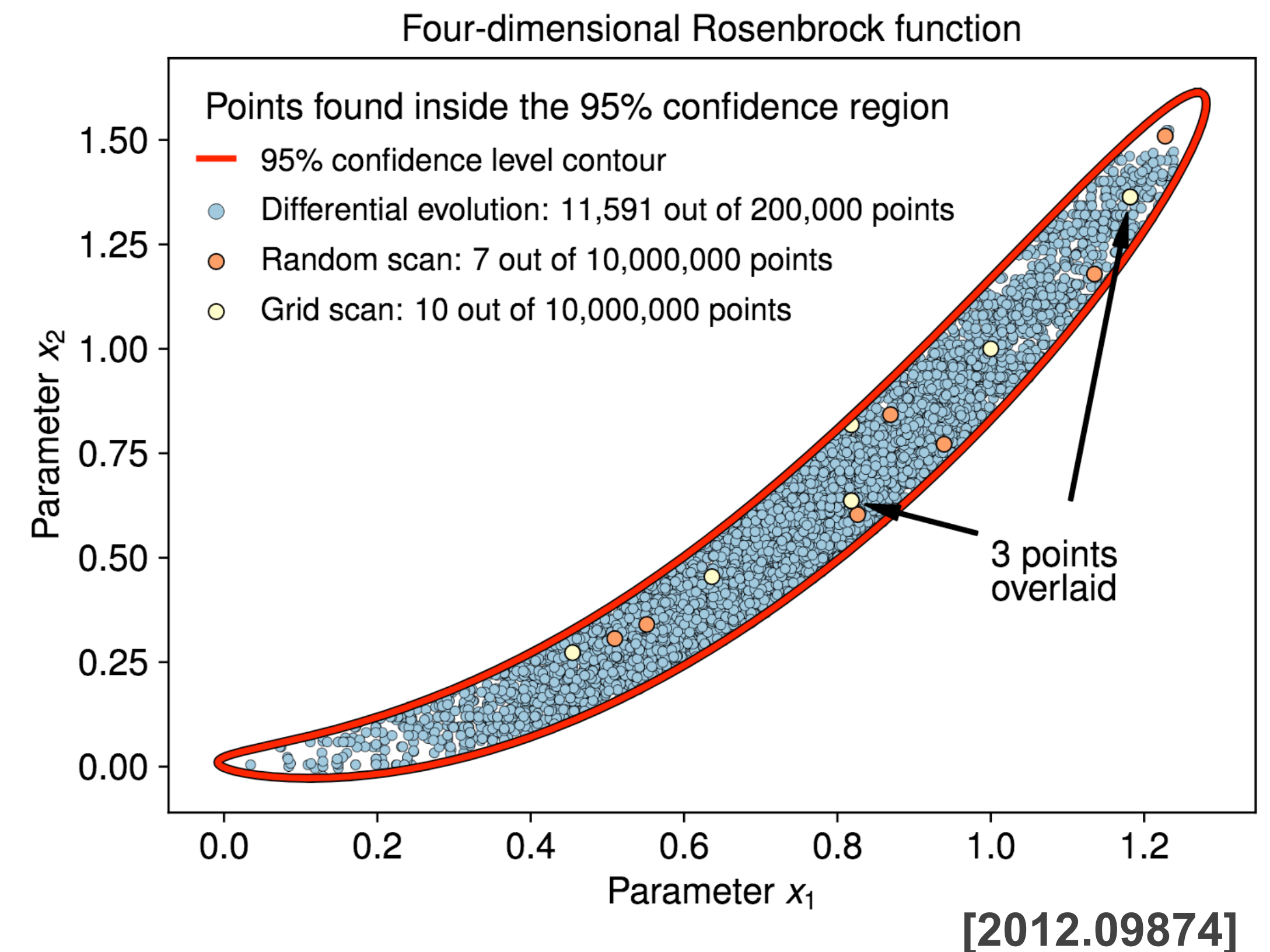
**Les Houches guide to reusable ML models in LHC analyses**

*Jack Y. Araz<sup>1</sup>, Andy Buckley<sup>2</sup>, Gregor Kasieczka<sup>3</sup>, Jan Kieseler<sup>4</sup>, Sabine Kraml<sup>5</sup>, Anders Kvellestad<sup>6</sup>, Andre Lessa<sup>7</sup>, Tomasz Procter<sup>2</sup>, Are Raklev<sup>6</sup>, Humberto Reyes-Gonzalez<sup>8,9,10</sup>, Krzysztof Rolbiecki<sup>11</sup>, Sezen Sekmen<sup>12</sup>, Gokhan Unel<sup>13</sup>*

[2312.14575]

# Will the scan take forever?

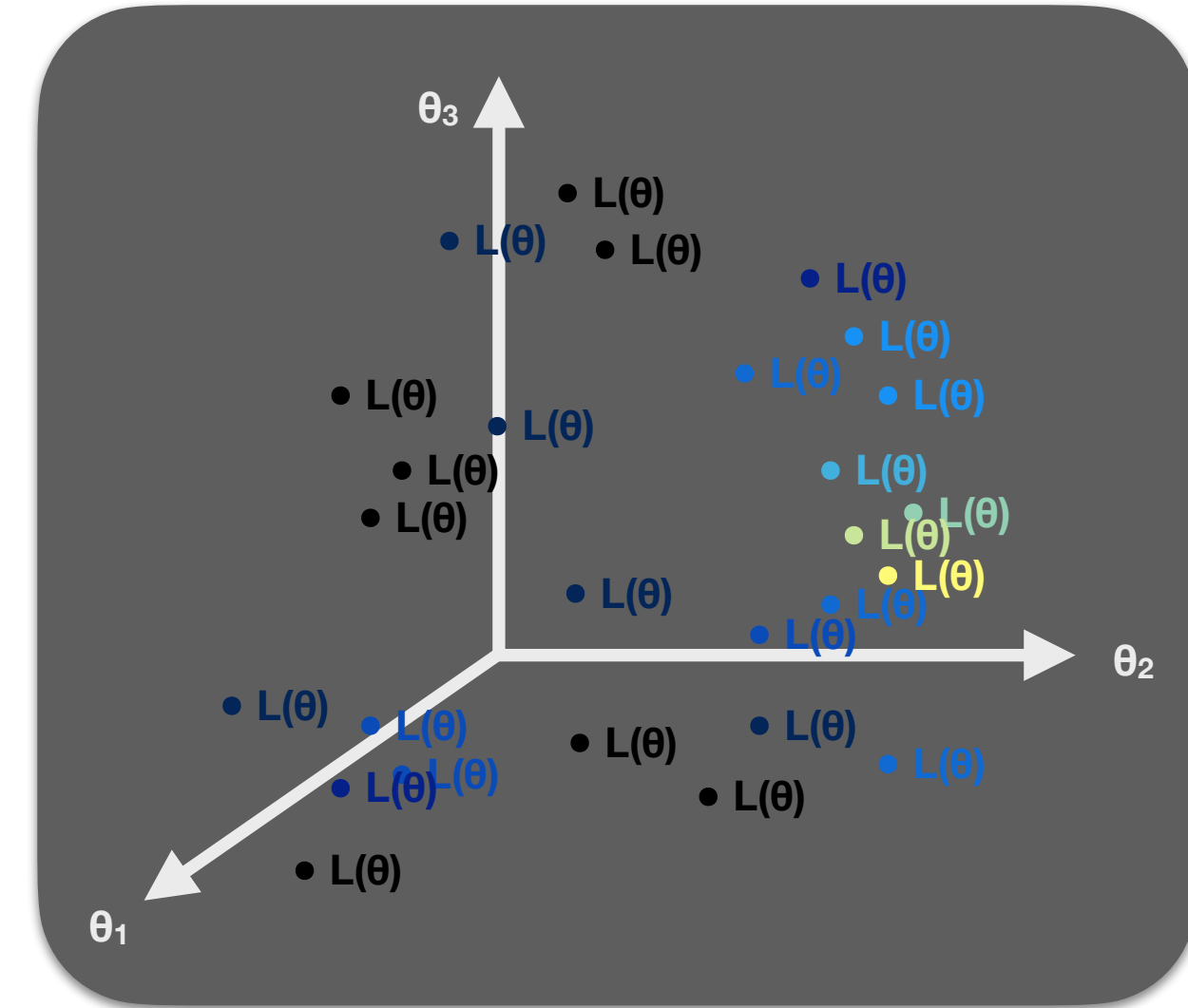
- First, BSM parameter spaces are **high-dimensional**
  - ...and theorists have limited CPU resources
- Second, in **global fits** we seek statistically rigorous conclusions about **regions of BSM parameter spaces**
  - Need properly **converged** explorations of the **likelihood function / posterior distribution**
  - Must use **adaptive sampling algorithms**, that focus on higher-likelihood regions
  - So the problem is **not trivially parallelisable** (we can't just sample first, simulate later)





## Computational challenges:

- Need **smart exploration** of parameter space
- Need **fast theory calculations**
- Need **fast simulations of experiments** (e.g. LHC)
- Need **sufficiently detailed likelihoods** or **full statistical models**



```
// Increment signal region counters: 2 same-sign leptons
if (preselection && nSignalLeptons==2 && nSignalTaus==0 && met>60 && conversion_veto)
  if (signalLeptons.at(0)->pid()*signalLeptons.at(1)->pid()>0) {
    if ((signalLeptons.at(0)->abspid()==11 && signalLeptons.at(0)->pT()>25) || (signal
bool pp = false;
bool mm = false;
if (signalLeptons.at(0)->pid() > 0) pp = true;
if (signalLeptons.at(0)->pid() < 0) mm = true;

if (num_ISRjets==0) {
  // The 0 jet regions
  if (mT < 100 && pT_ll < 50 && met < 100) _numSR["SS01"]++;
  if (mT < 100 && pT_ll < 50 && met >= 100 && met < 150 && pp) _numSR["SS02"]++;
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## Some code infrastructure challenges:

- Need **different parameter scanning algorithms**
- Need **model-agnostic core framework**
- Need to interface **many external physics codes**
- Need **massive parallelisation...**
- ...which implies a need for **diskless interfacing**
- ...which implies a need to **stop external codes from calling STOP and kill your 10,000-CPU scan... :)**

# 4. GAMBIT





# GAMBIT: The Global And Modular BSM Inference Tool

[gambit.hepforge.org](http://gambit.hepforge.org)

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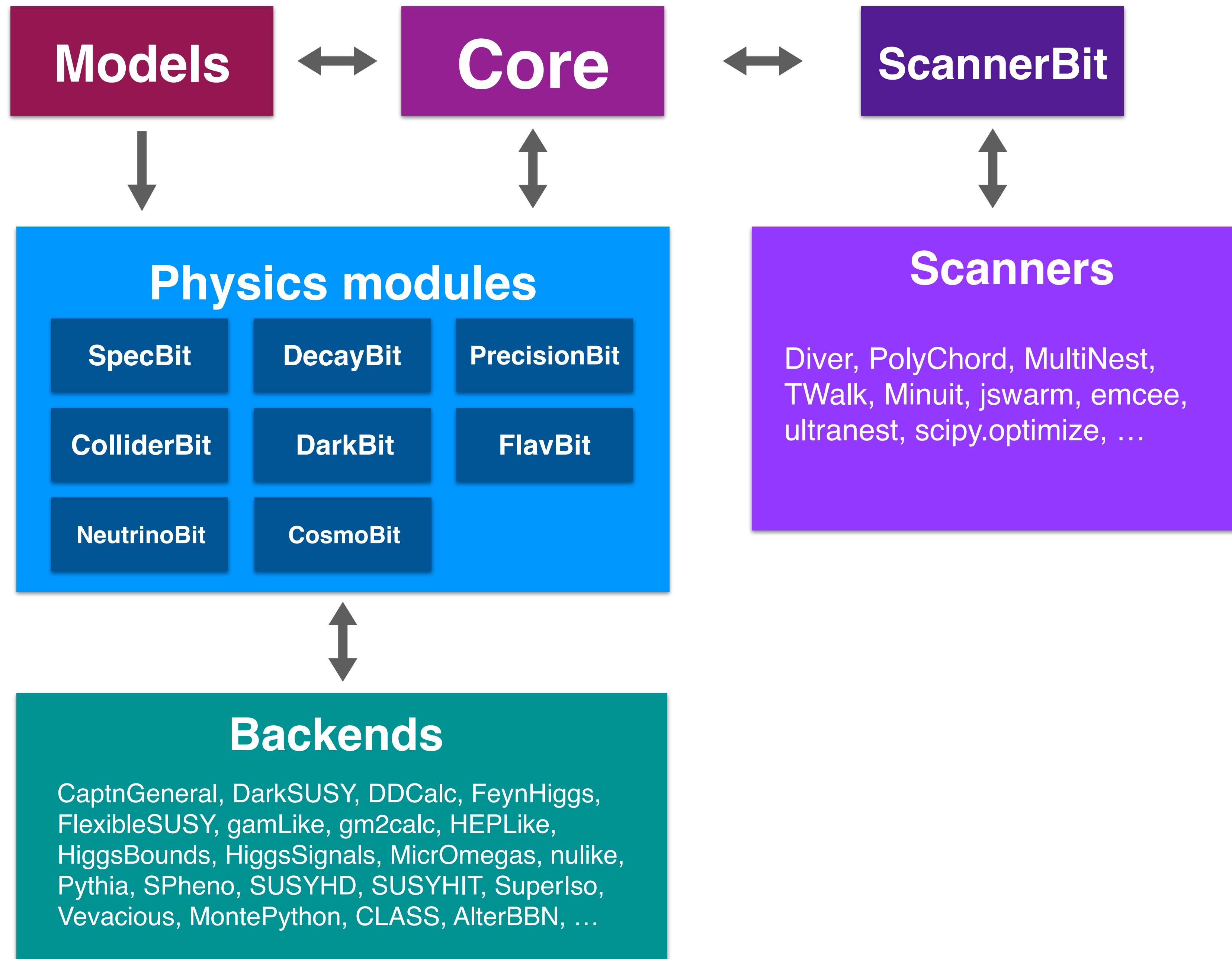
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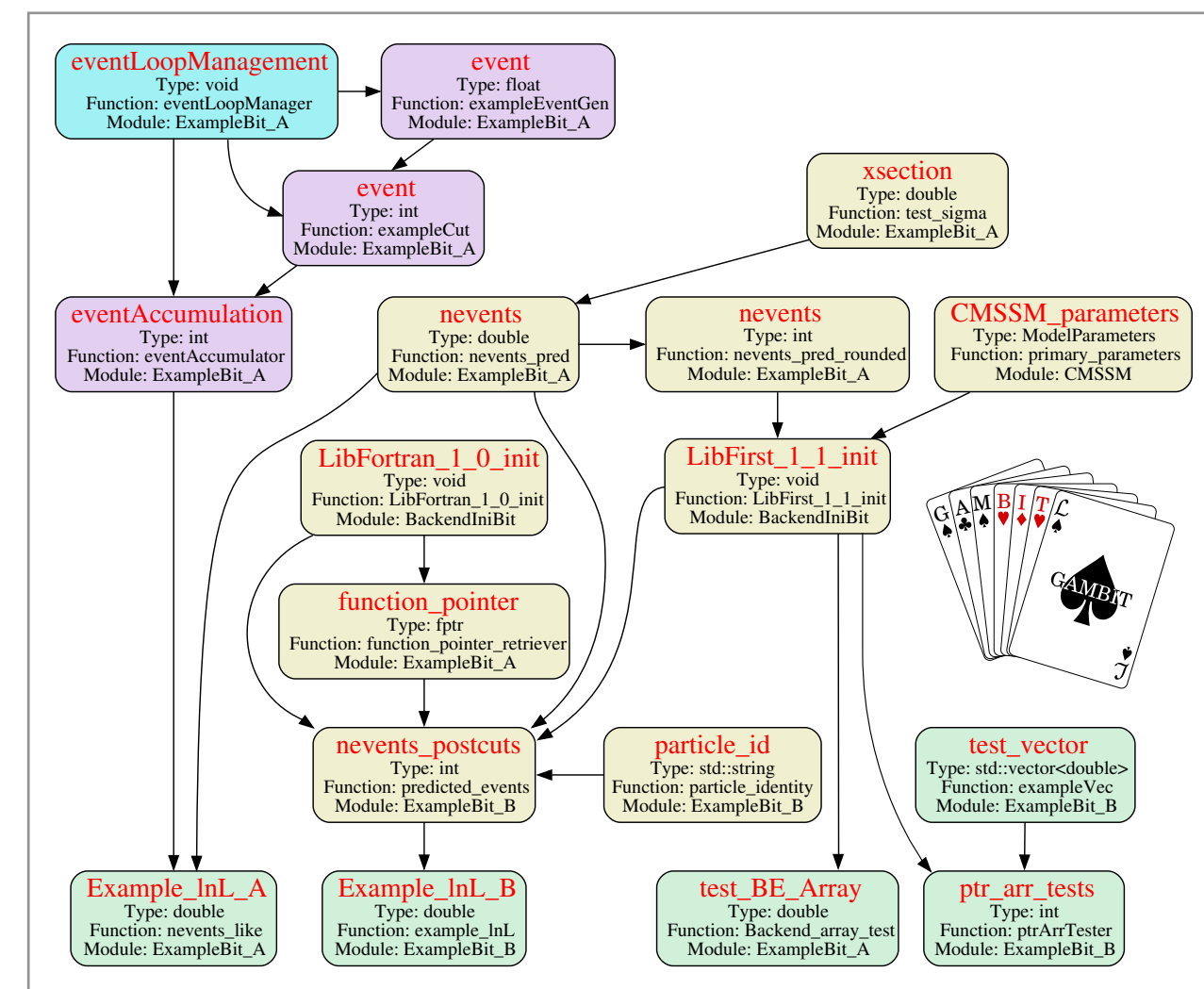
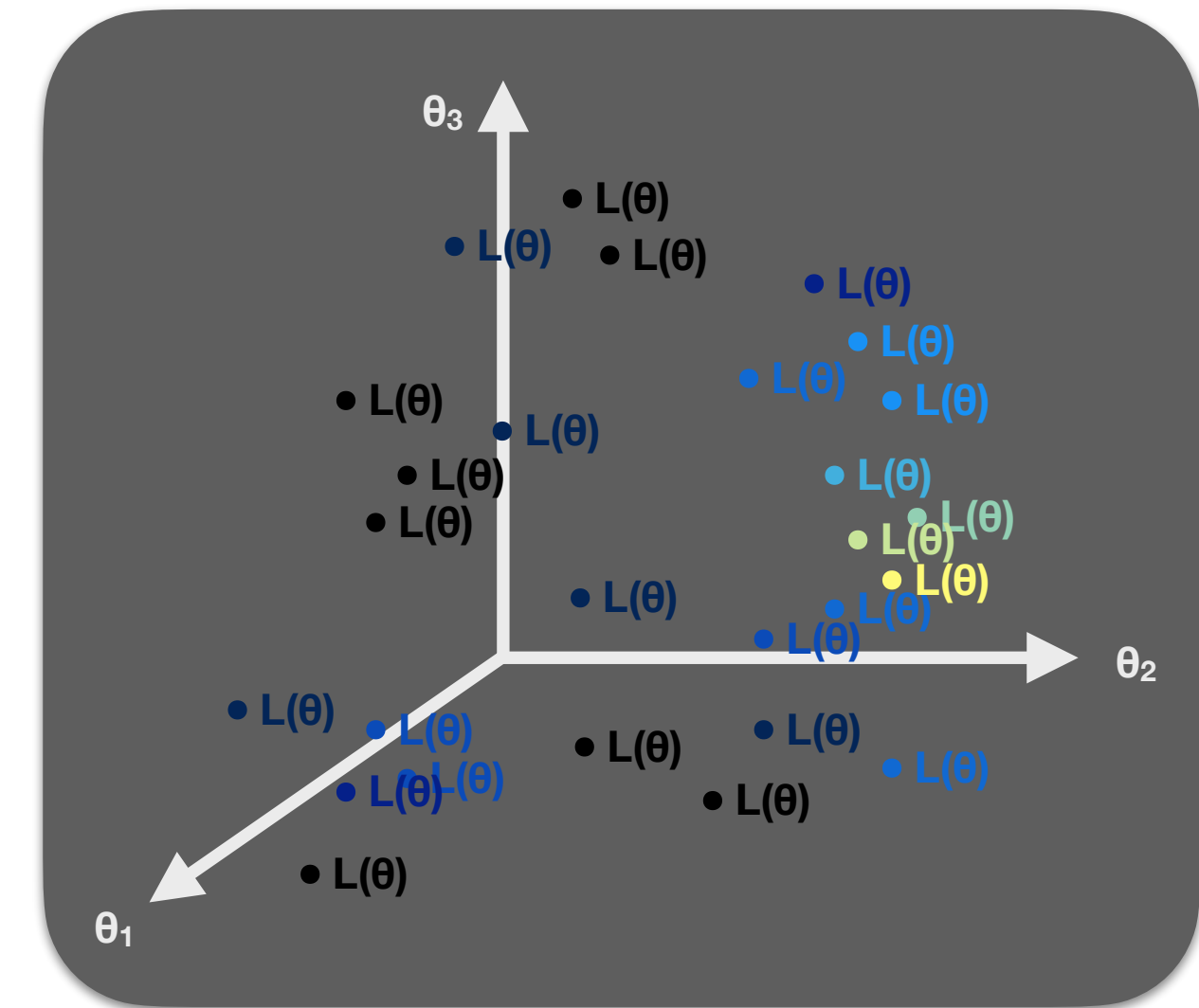






# Technical features

- Collection of **state-of-the-art sampling algorithms** as **plug-ins** (e.g. evolutionary algorithms, nested sampling, ...)
- **Model-agnostic** core framework
- Run configuration through **YAML** input file
- Many **highly detailed experiment likelihoods**



- **Fast parallel Monte Carlo simulations** of experiments (e.g. LHC)
- **Dynamic dependency resolution:** order of computations not hard-coded, decided at run time



# Technical features

- **Two-level parallelisation:**
  - **MPI** for parameter sampling algorithm
  - **OpenMP** for per-point model computations
- **Diskless interface** to external (physics) codes. **C**, **C++**, **Fortran**, **Python** and **Mathematica** codes as **runtime plug-ins**
- **Printer system** to store results in different formats, with buffering and resume ability for aborted scans
- **Logging system** for information and debugging
- **GAMBIT Universal Model** machine (GUM): **code auto-generation** for new physics models



[2107.00030]





# Dependency resolution

- Basic building blocks: **module functions**
- A physics module: **a collection of module functions** related to the same physics topic
- Each module function has a single **capability** (what it calculates)
- A module function can have **dependencies** on the results of other module functions
- A module function can declare which **models** it can work with
- GAMBIT determines which module functions should be run in which order for a given scan (**dependency resolution**)

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void function_name(double &result)
{
    ...
    result = ... // something useful
}
```

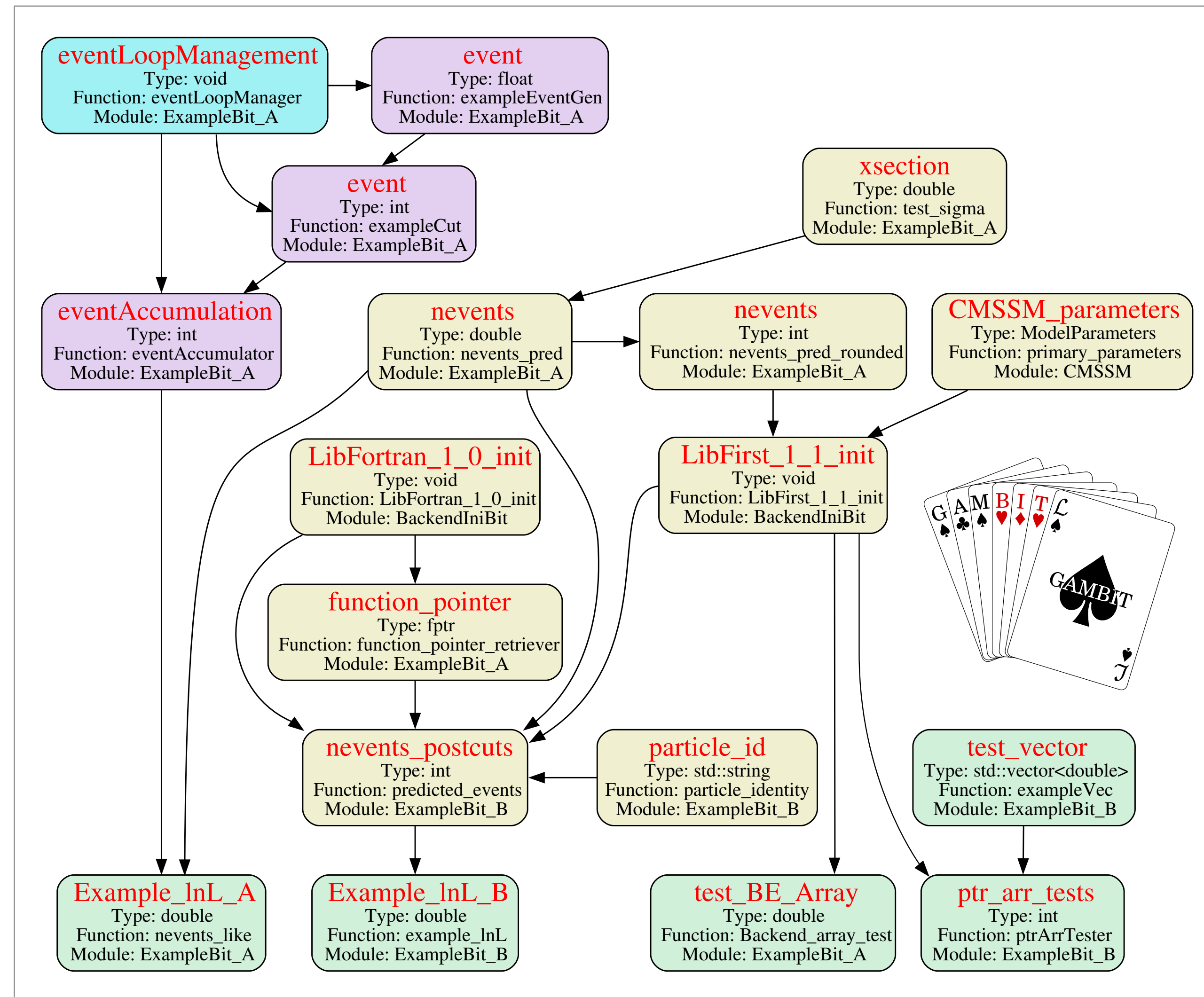
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// Observable: BR(B -> tau nu)
#define CAPABILITY Btaunu
START_CAPABILITY
#define FUNCTION SI_Btaunu
START_FUNCTION(double)
DEPENDENCY(SuperIso_modelinfo, parameters)
BACKEND_REQ(Btaunu, (libsuperiso), double, (const parameters*))
BACKEND_OPTION( (SuperIso, 3.6), (libsuperiso) )
#undef FUNCTION
#undef CAPABILITY
```

```
/// Br B->tau nu_tau decays
void SI_Btaunu(double &result)
{
    using namespace Pipes::SI_Btaunu;

    parameters const& param = *Dep::SuperIso_modelinfo;
    result = BEreq::Btaunu(&param);
}
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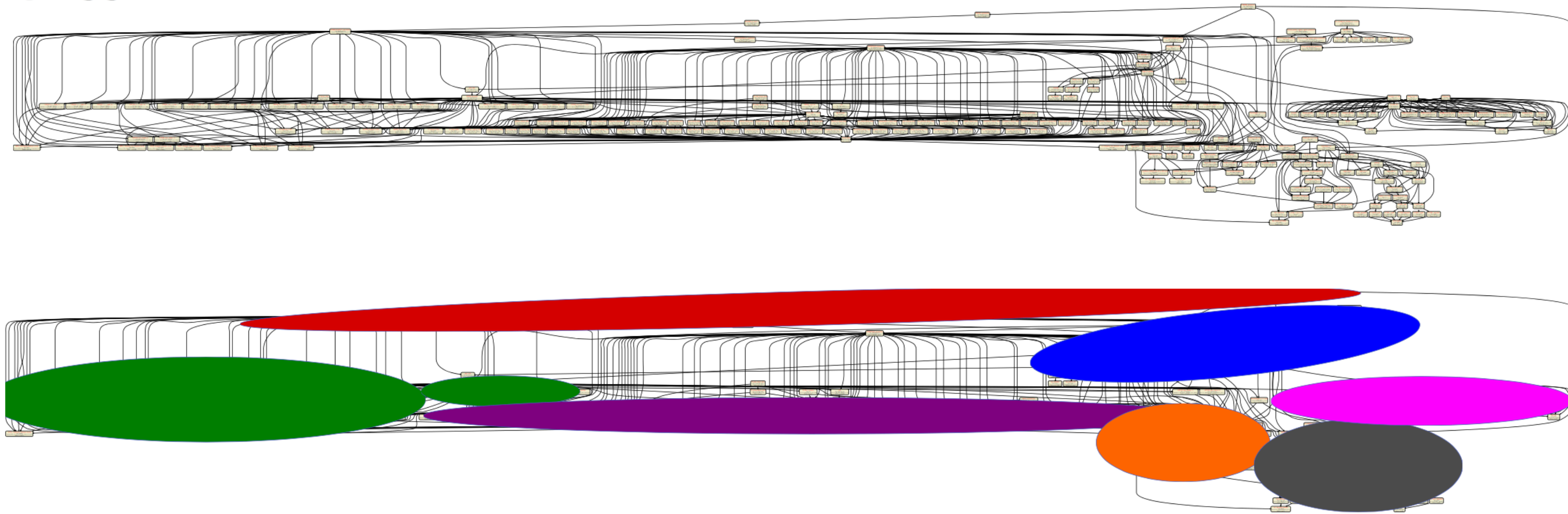


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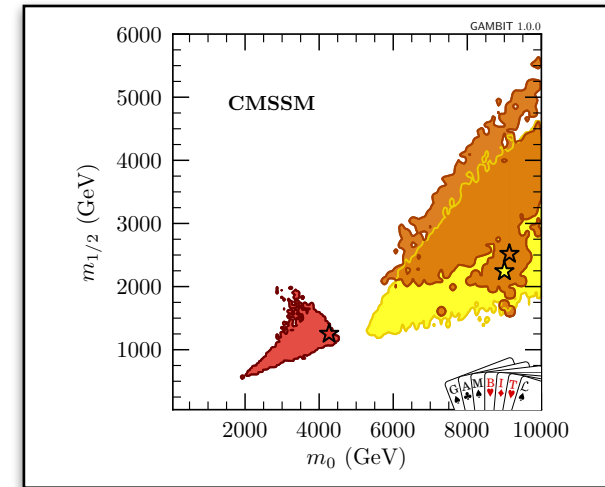
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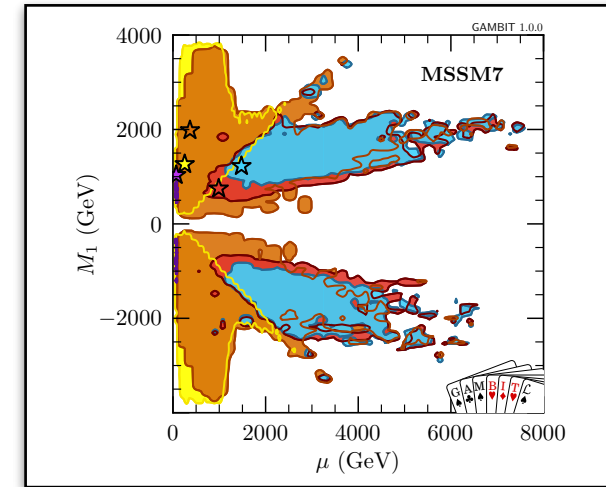
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- Green: LEP rates+likelihoods
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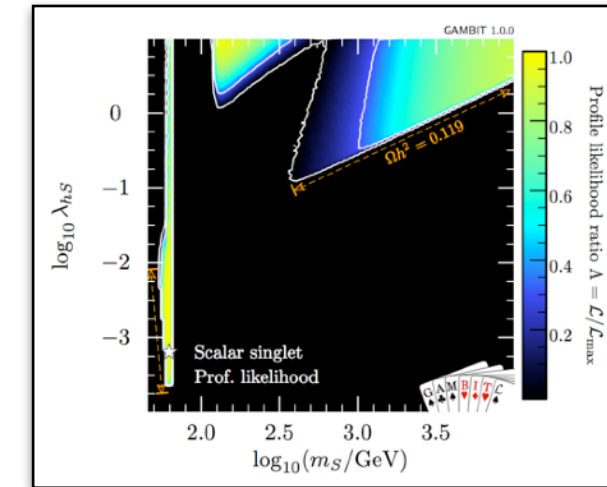




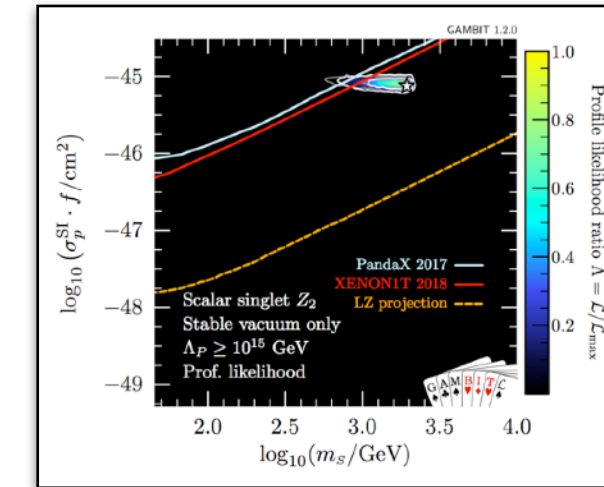
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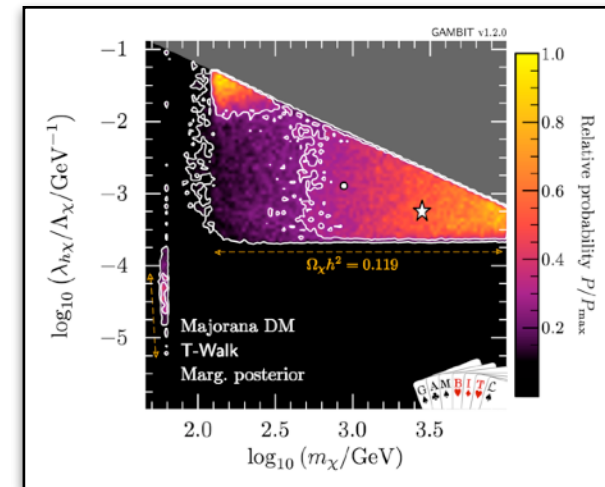
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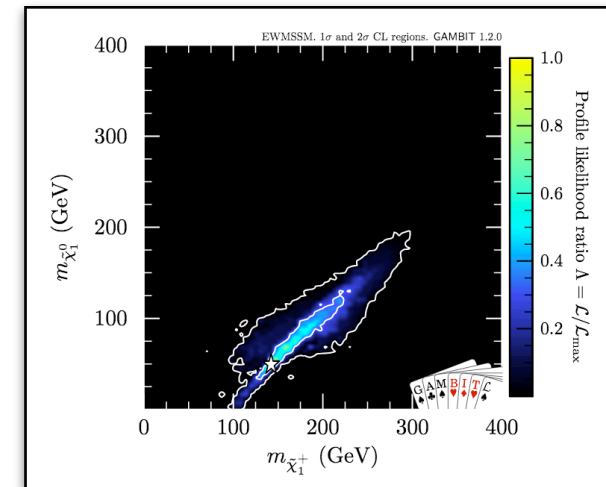
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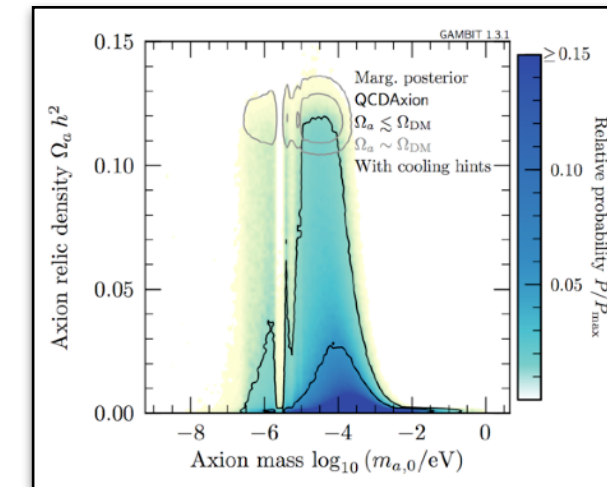
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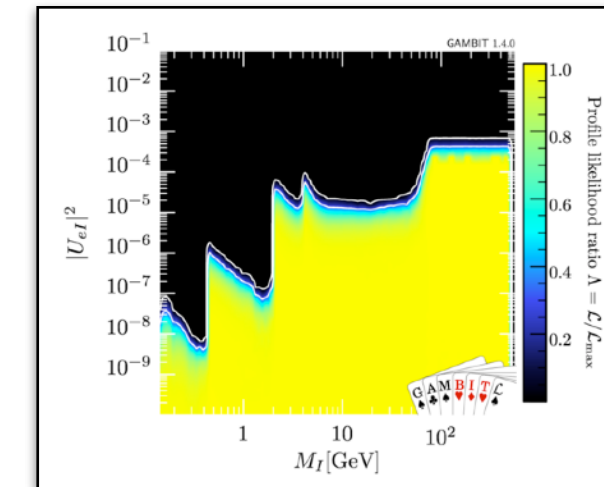
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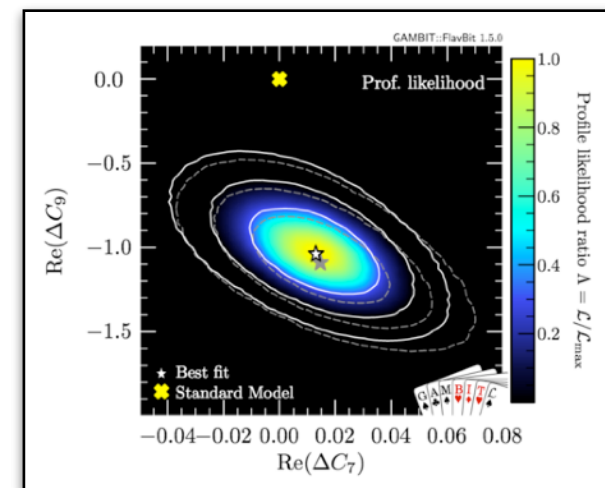
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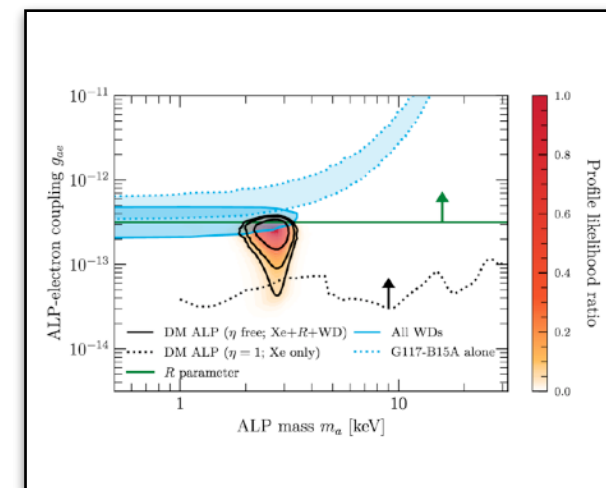
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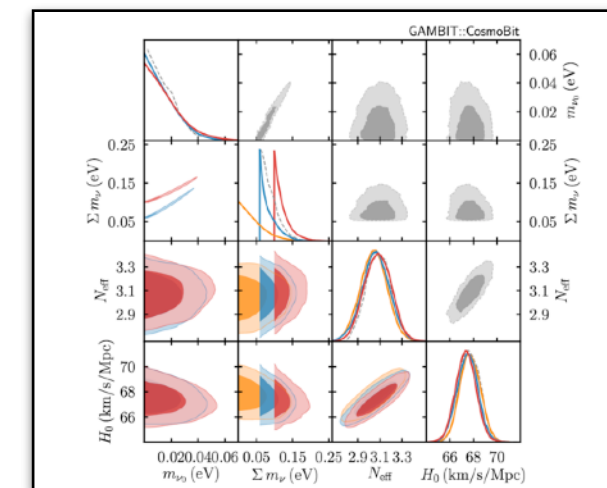
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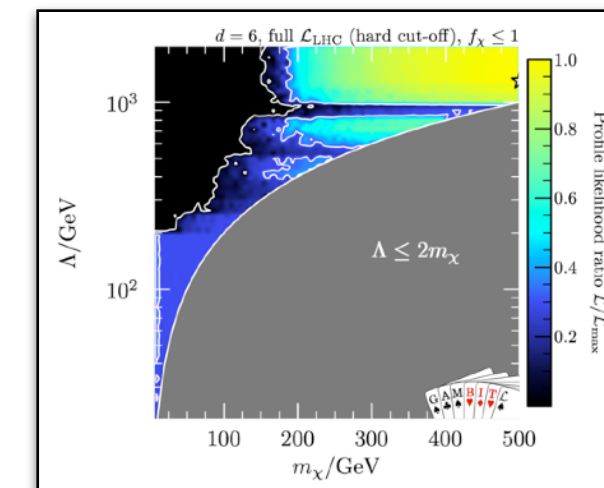
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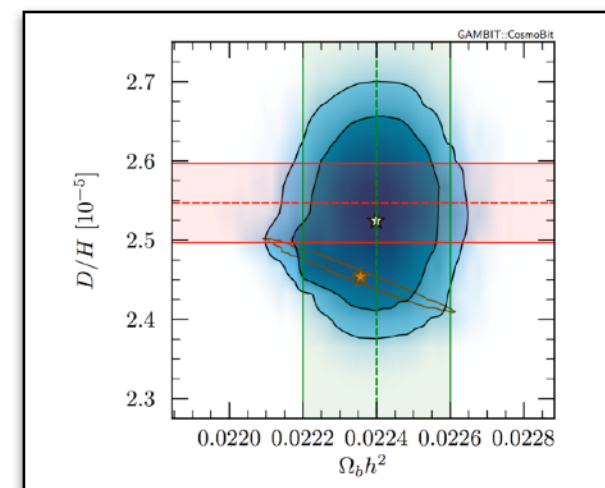
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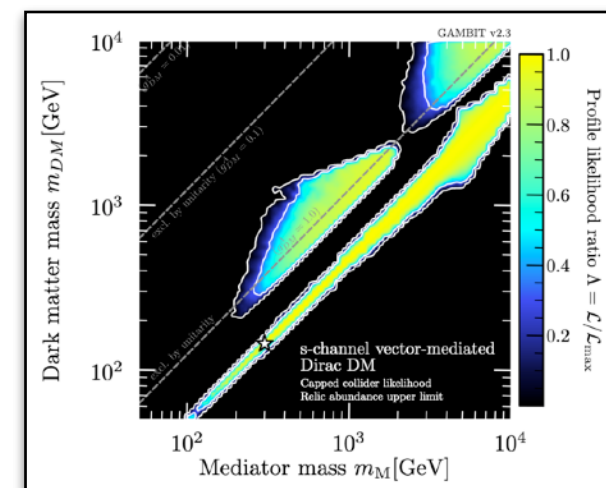
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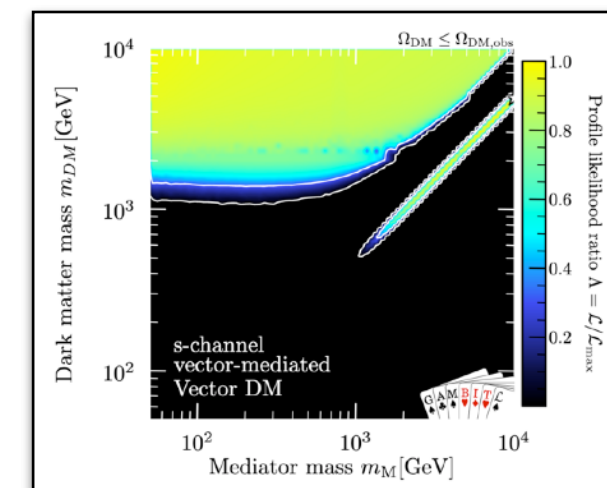
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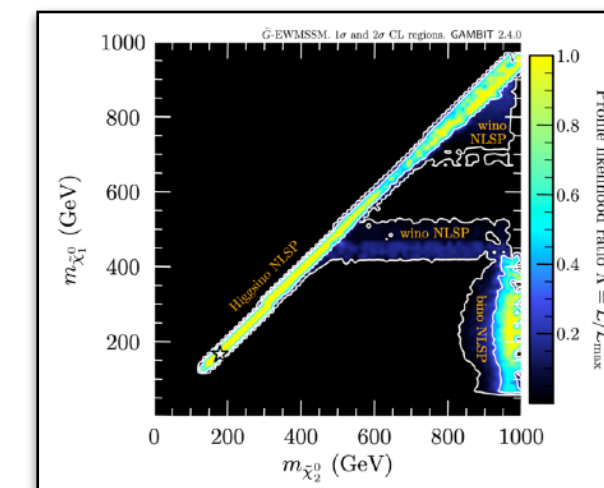
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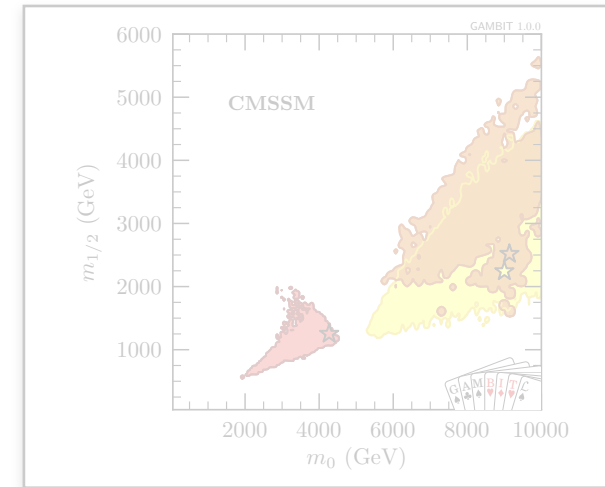
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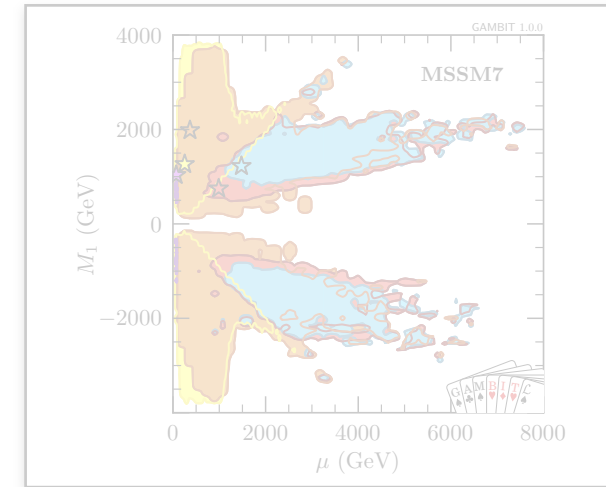
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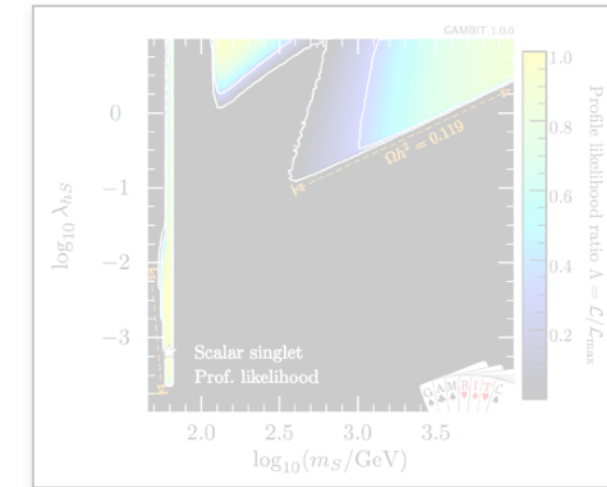




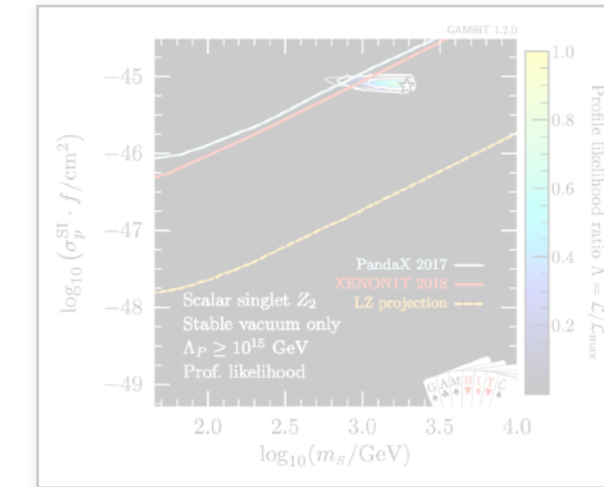
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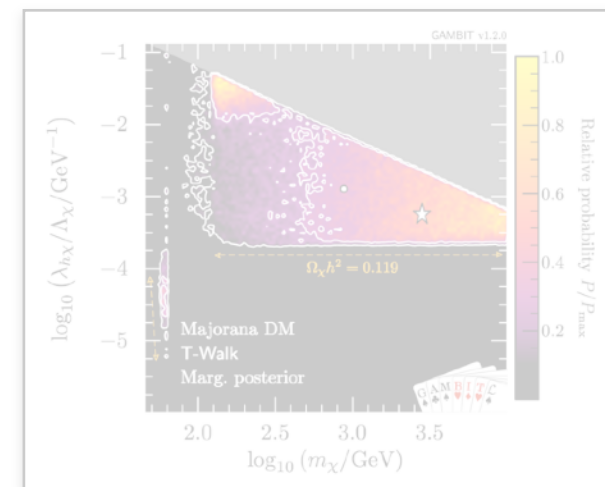
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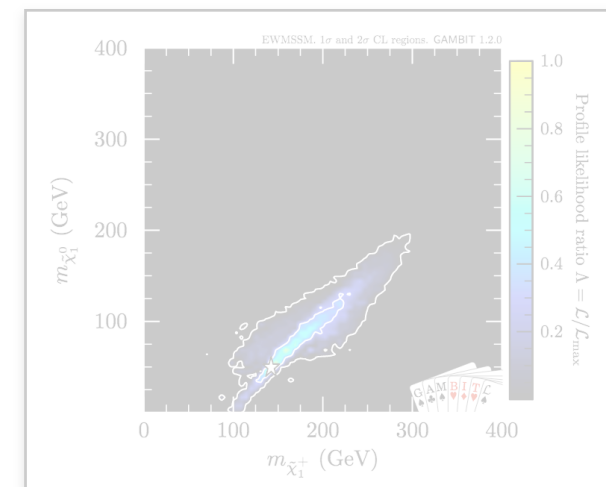
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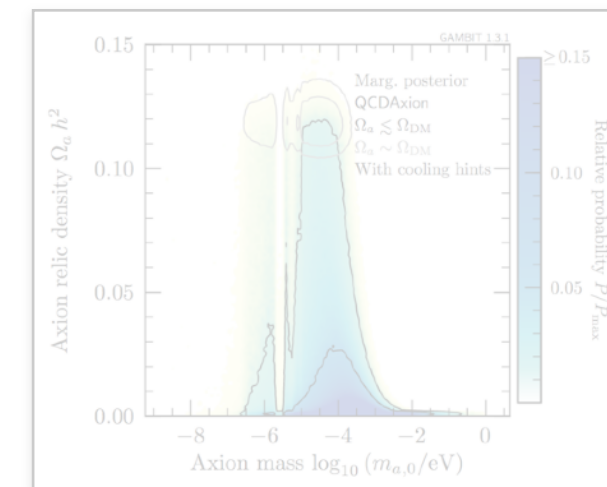
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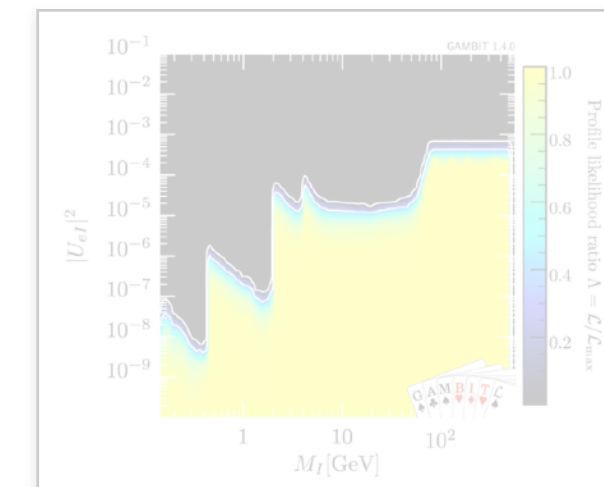
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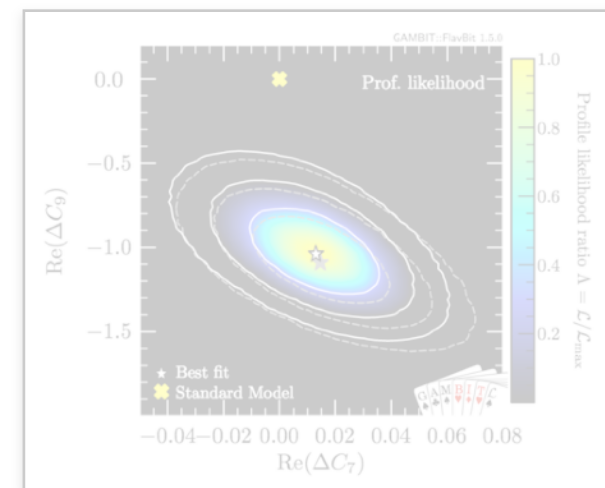
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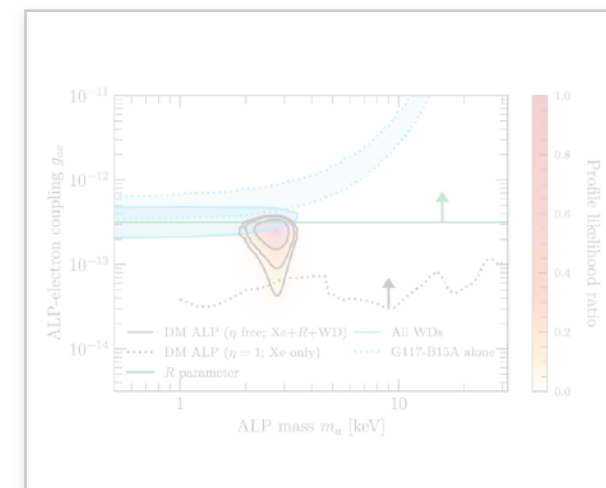
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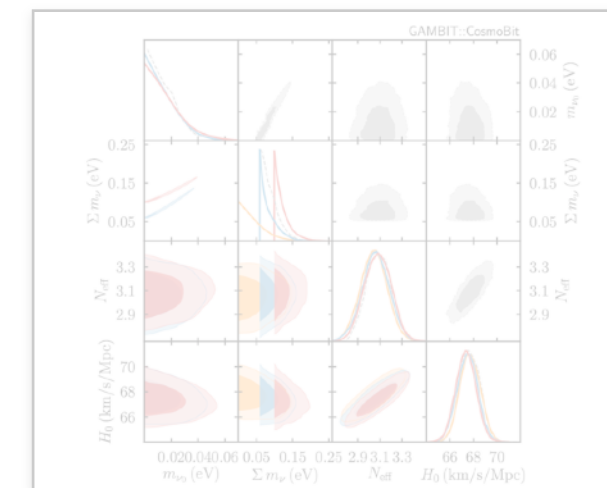
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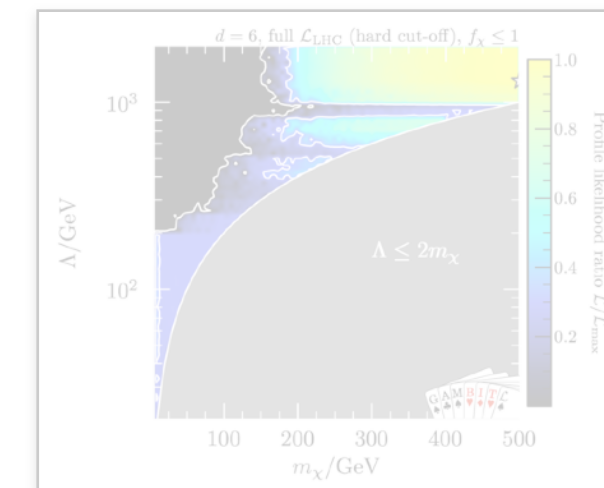
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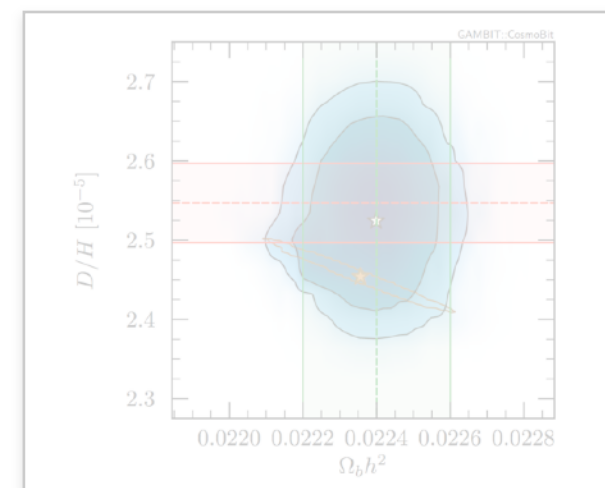
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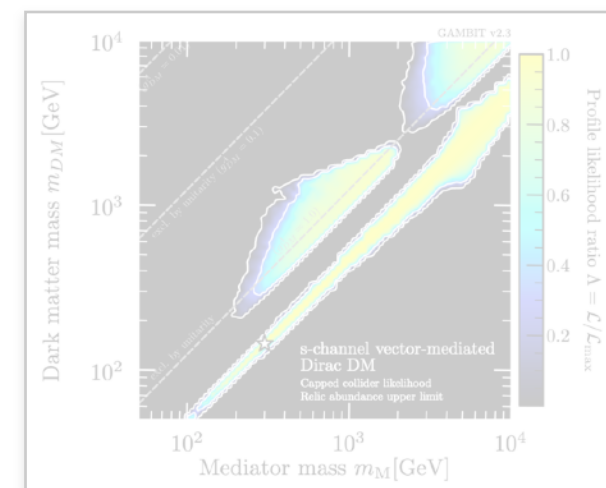
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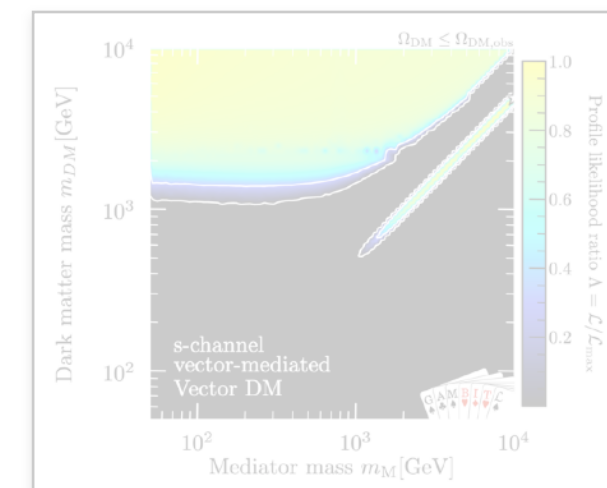
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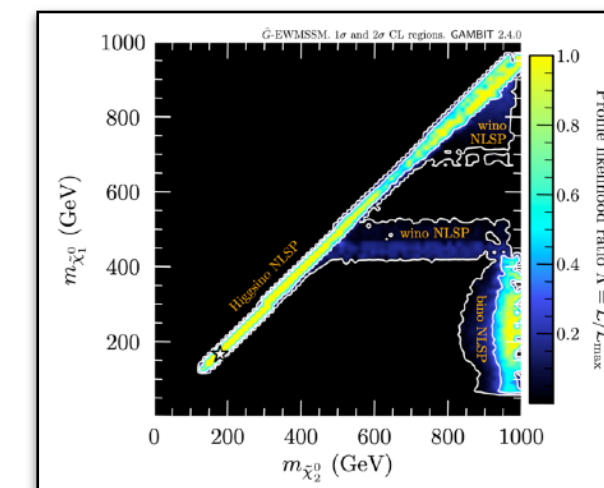
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# Simulation-based EWino fits with GAMBIT



## Question:

What are the 13 TeV collider constraints on the chargino/neutralino sector of the MSSM?

(MSSM  $\neq$  simplified model)

## Method:

- Scan 4D EWino parameter space w/ adaptive sampler
- *At every point:* Run MC simulations of 13 TeV searches
  - Calculate joint likelihood function for all searches
  - Produce profile likelihood plots

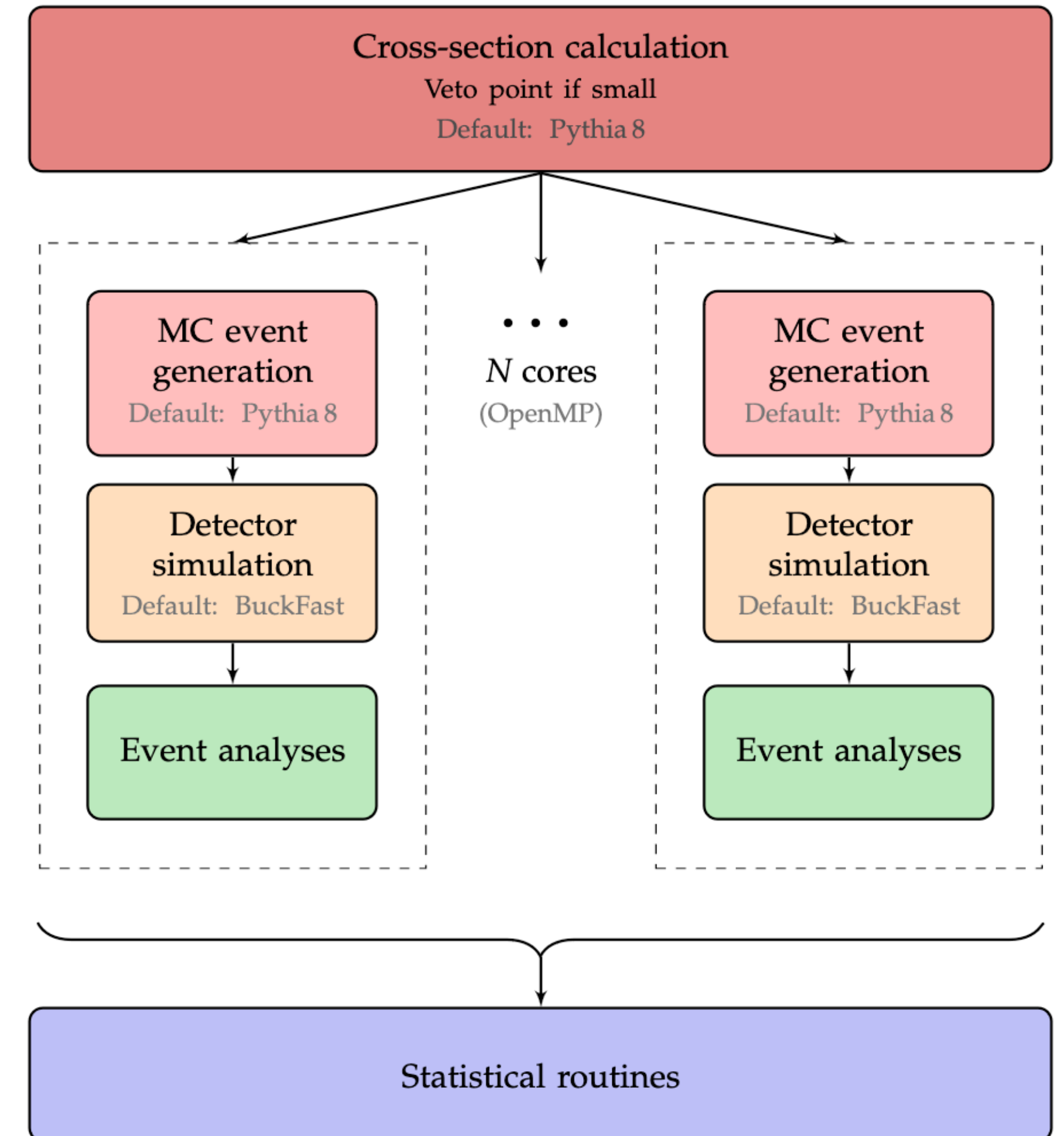
## Main challenges:

- Computational cost
- Reproduce ATLAS/CMS searches w/ sufficient accuracy



# ColliderBit

- For **each parameter point** in a scan:
  - Run **Pythia simulations** of all relevant SUSY processes
  - Pass events through **fast detector simulation** (four-vector smearing + efficiencies)
  - Pass events through **our implementations of ATLAS and CMS searches**
    - → signal predictions for all SRs
  - Compute a **combined likelihood** for the parameter point
    - We combine as many analyses and SRs as we reasonably can, given available info
- Plus an analogous pipeline for measurements, using **Rivet + Contur**



# Two models: EWMSSM and G-EWMSSM

## EWMSSM

- **MSSM** w/ neutralinos and charginos within LHC reach
- **6 SUSY particles below 1.5 TeV:**  
4 neutralinos, 2 charginos
- **4D theory parameter space:**  
M1, M2,  $\mu$ ,  $\tan \beta$

## G-EWMSSM

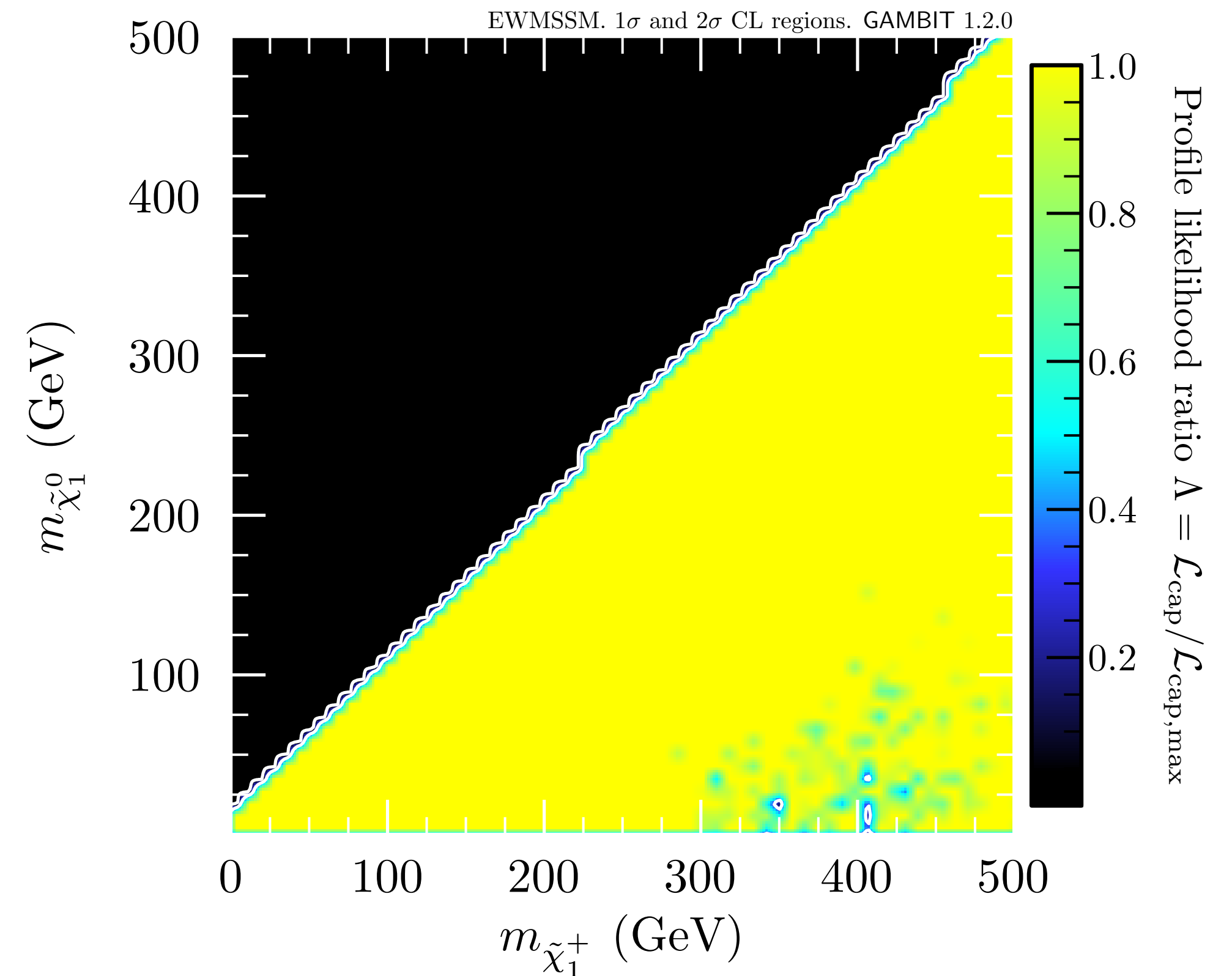
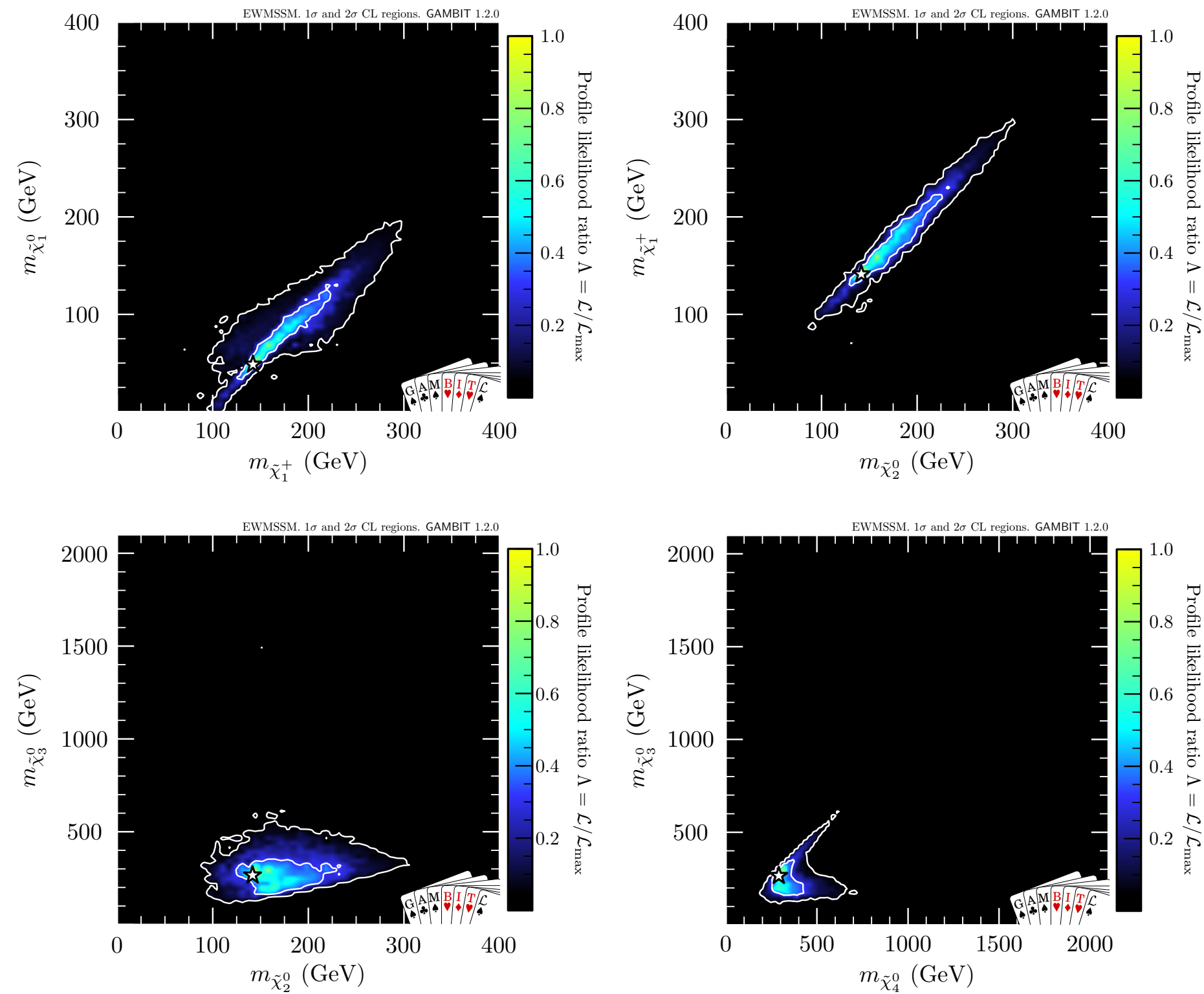
- **EWMSSM + near-massless gravitino**  
(1 eV gravitino, for prompt decays)
- **7 SUSY particles below 1.5 TeV:**  
4 neutralinos, 2 charginos, 1 gravitino
- Same 4D parameter space, quite different collider pheno



# Back in 2019: EWMSSM

[1809.02097]

- 12 ATLAS/CMS searches
- LEP cross-section limits



Identified a possible explanation for a pattern of (at the time interesting) excesses across multiple ATLAS searches

*Comparing to SM rather than to the best-fit point:*  
Found that no point in the chargino-neutralino mass plane was conclusively ruled out at that time

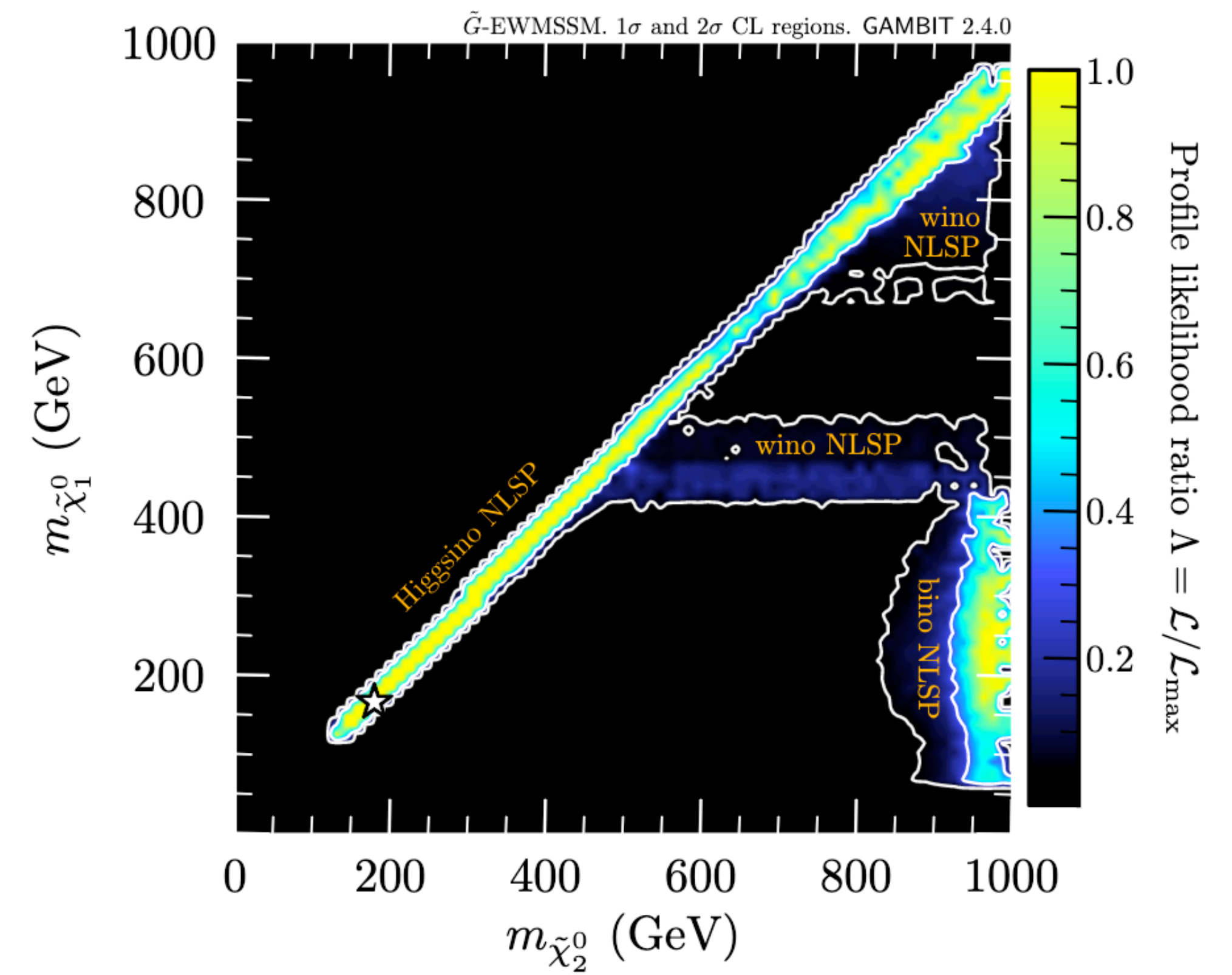
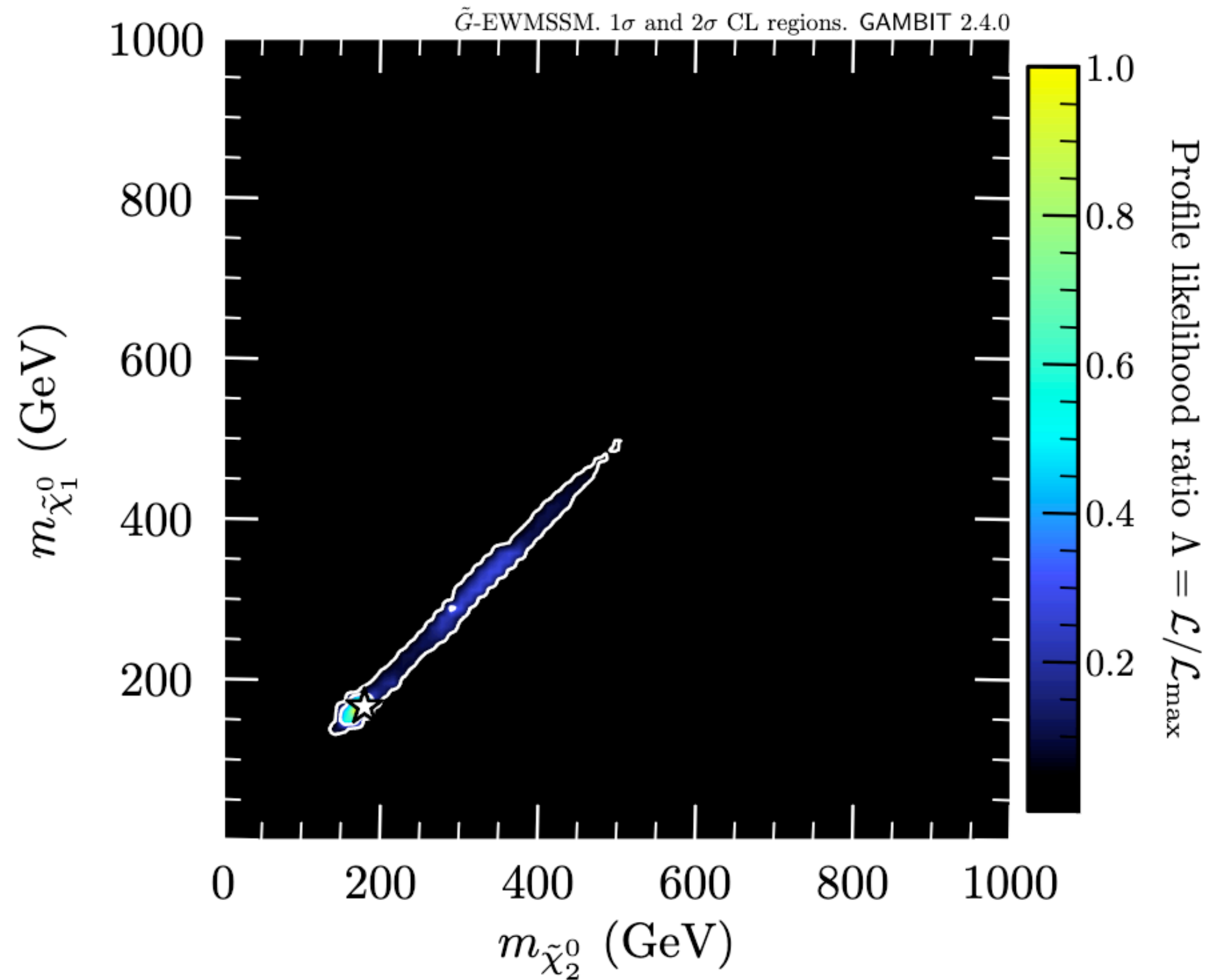




# 2023: G-EWMSSM

[2303.09082]

- 27 ATLAS/CMS searches
- Many «SM measurements»
- LEP cross-section limits



Scenario with light higgsinos  $\rightarrow$  Z/H + gravitino could partly fit small excesses in searches for leptons + MET and b-jets + MET

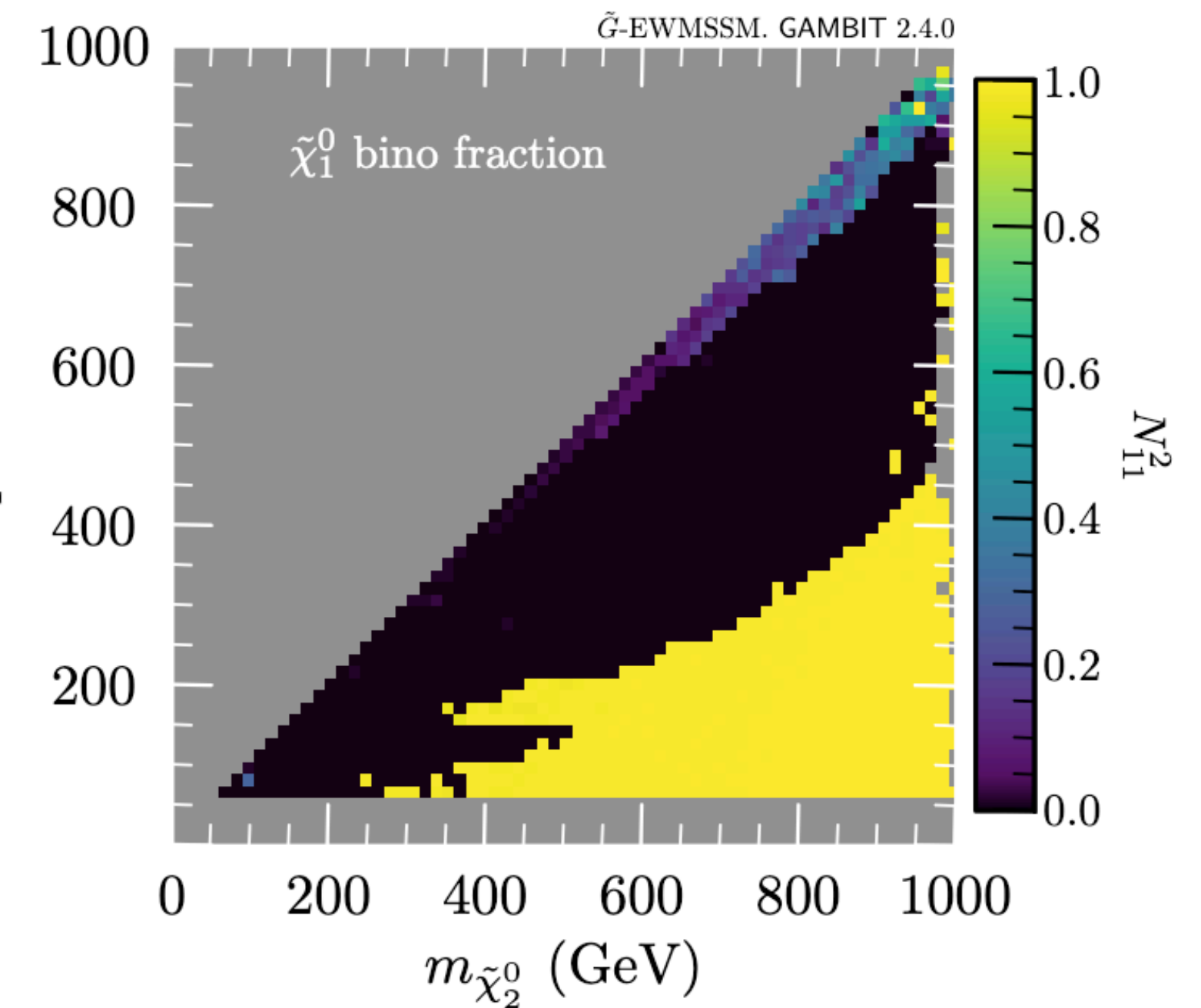
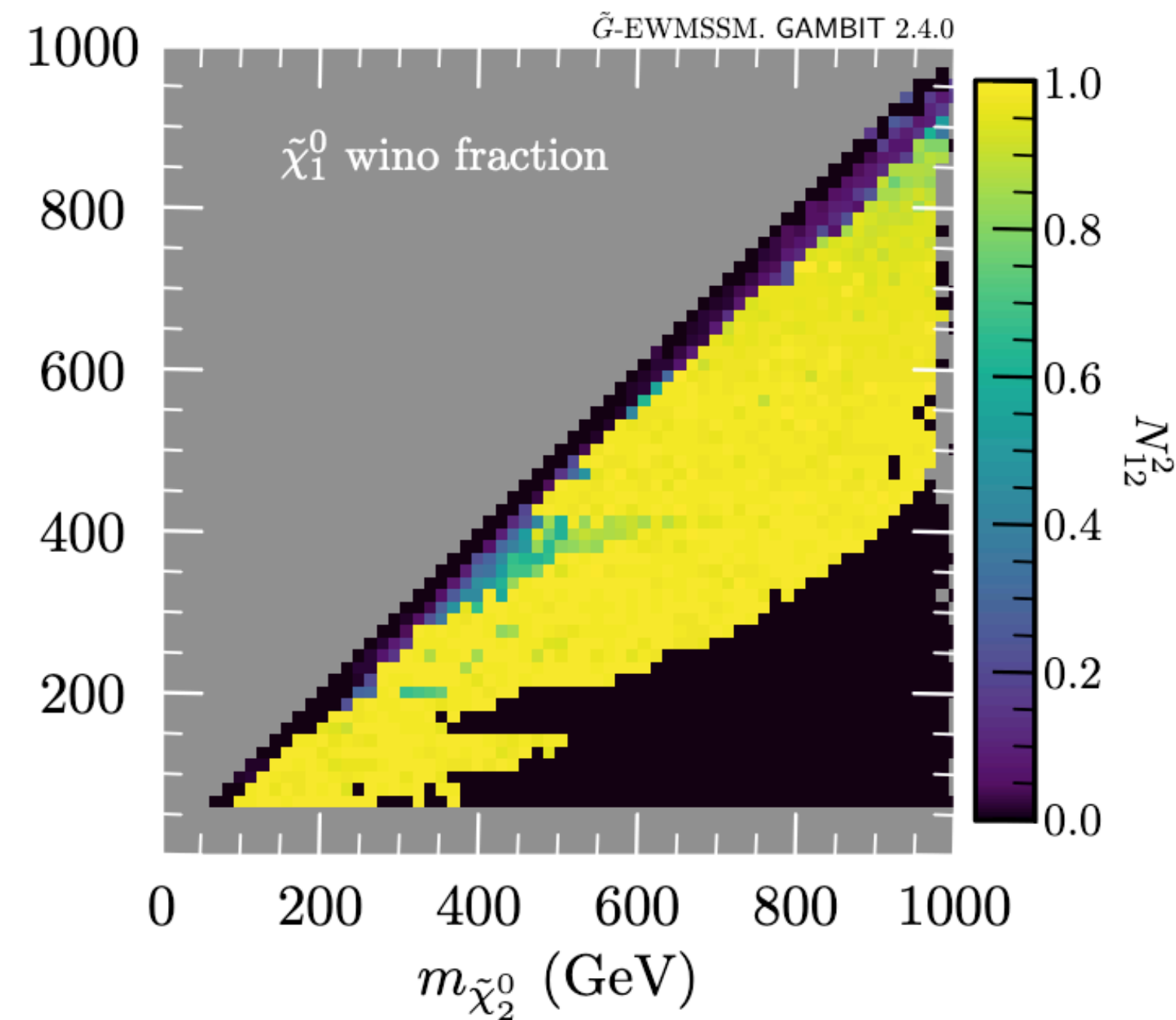
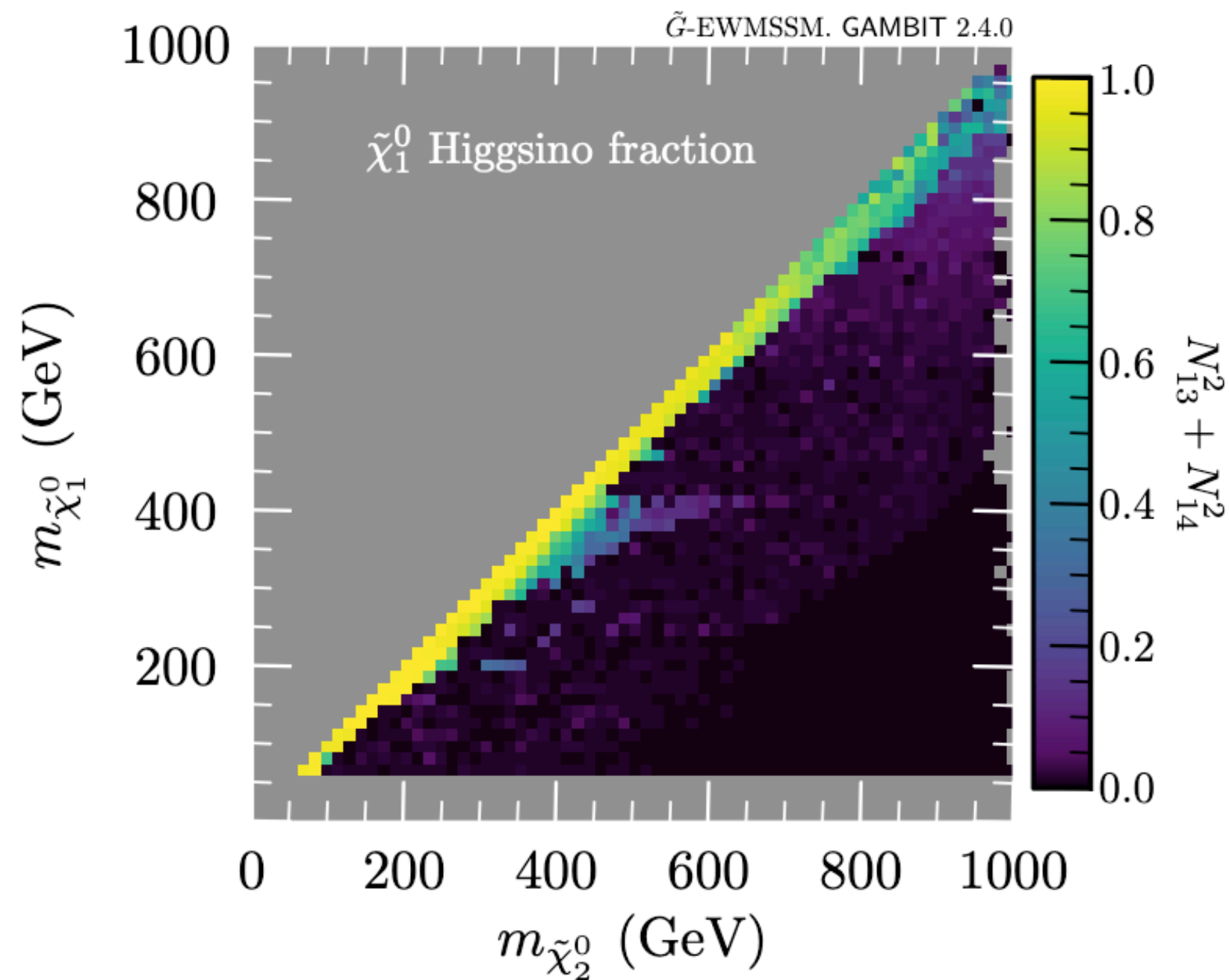
*Comparing to SM rather than to the best-fit point:*  
Strong constraints, but several scenarios survive



# 2023: G-EWMSSM

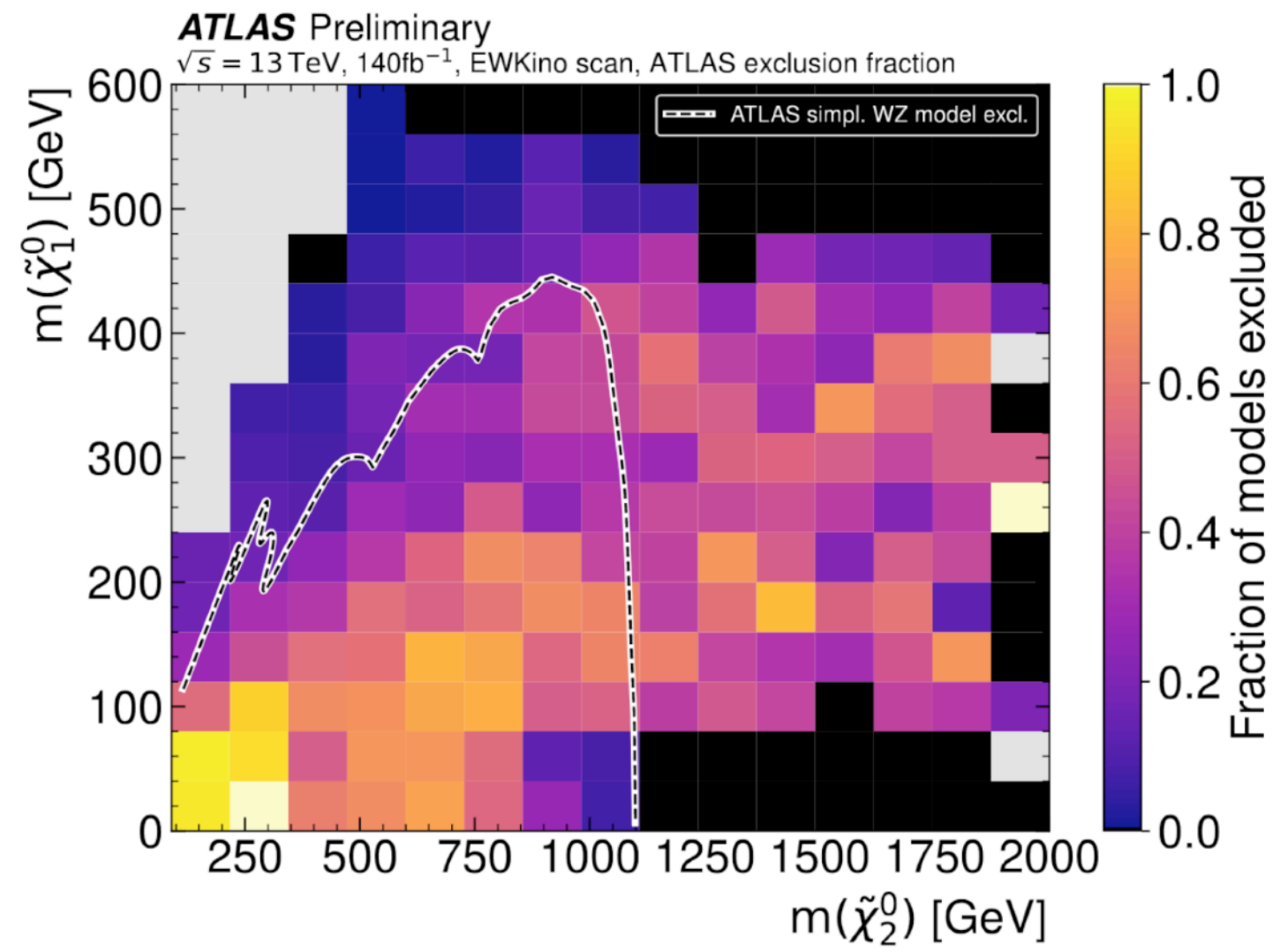
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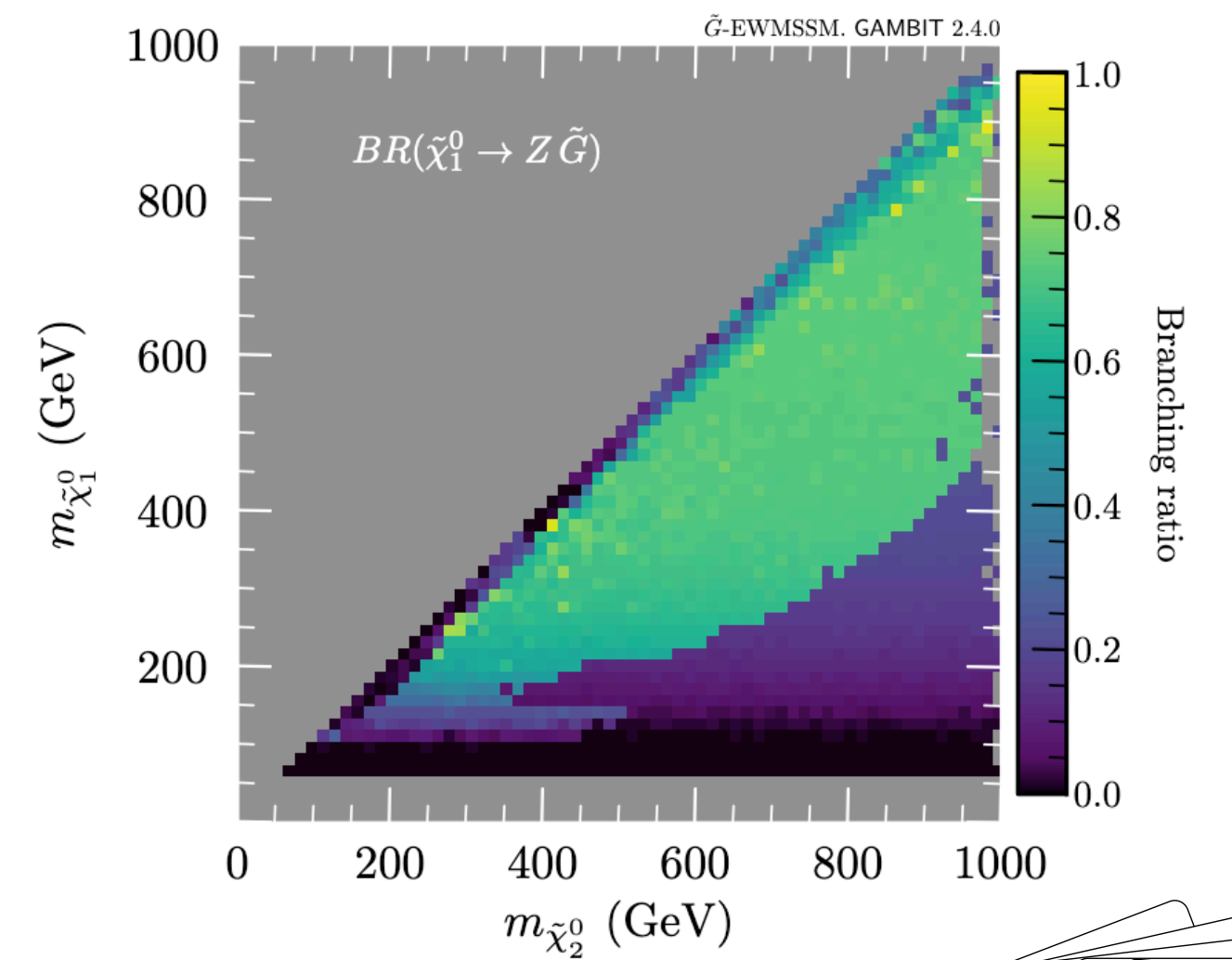
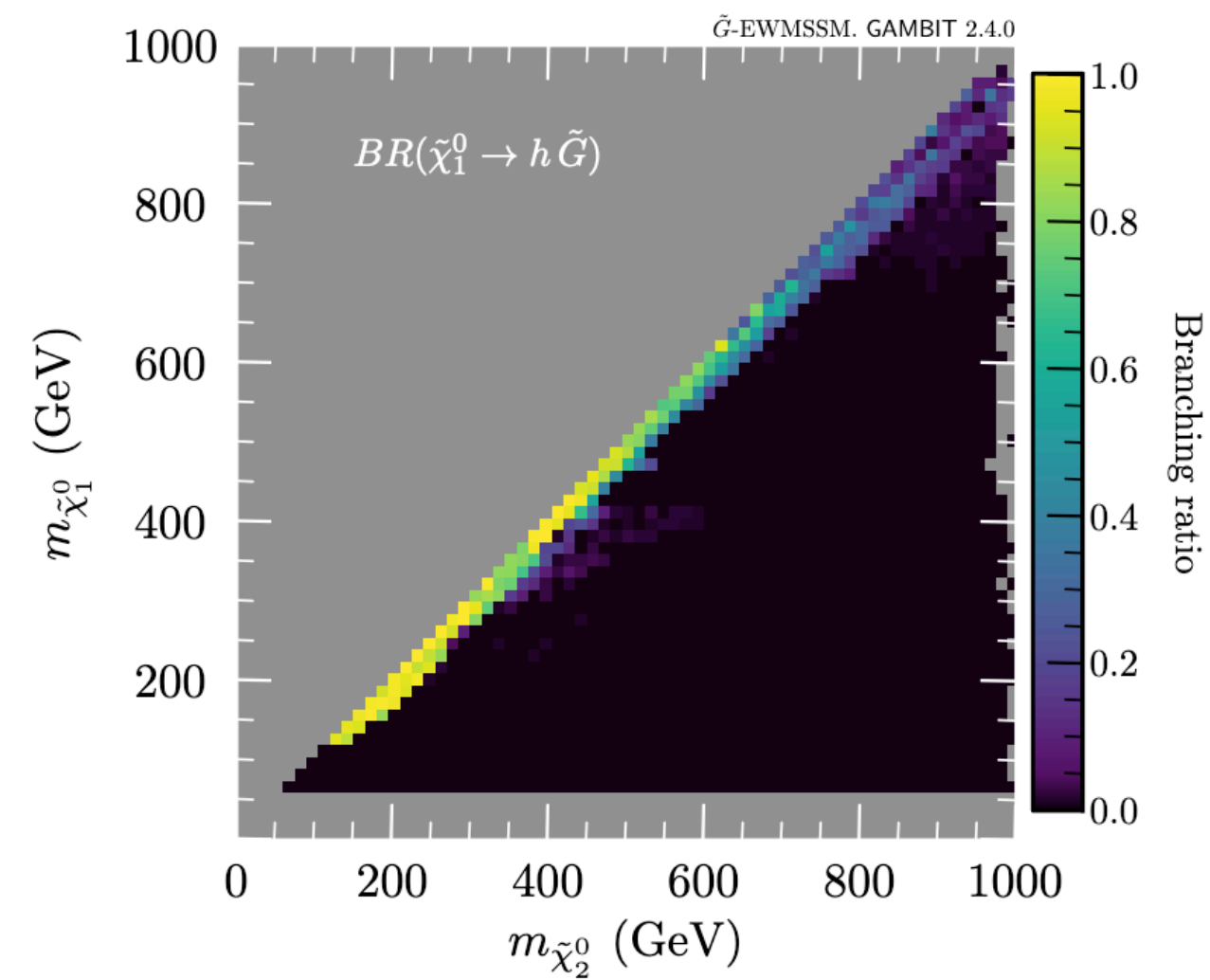
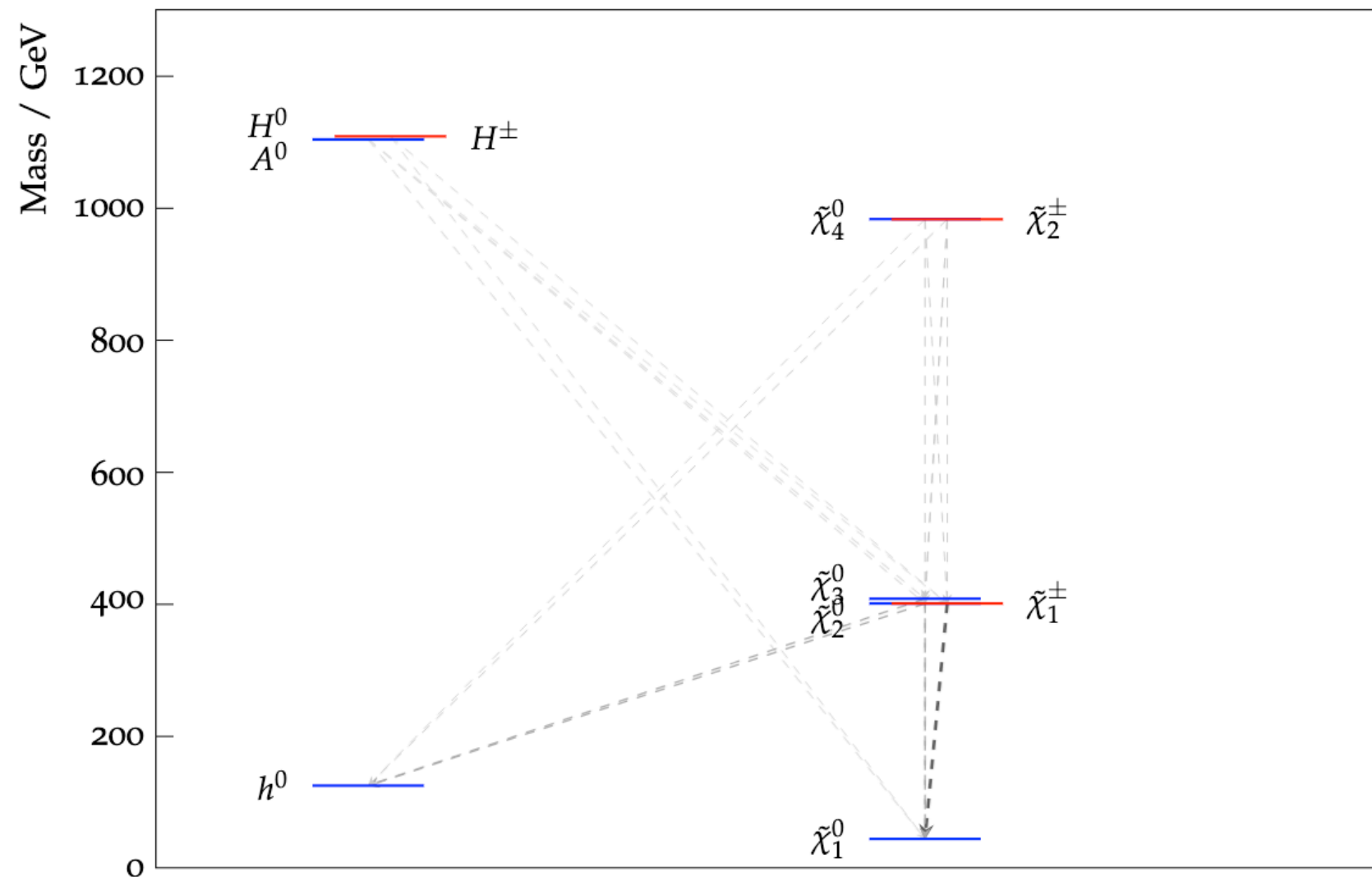
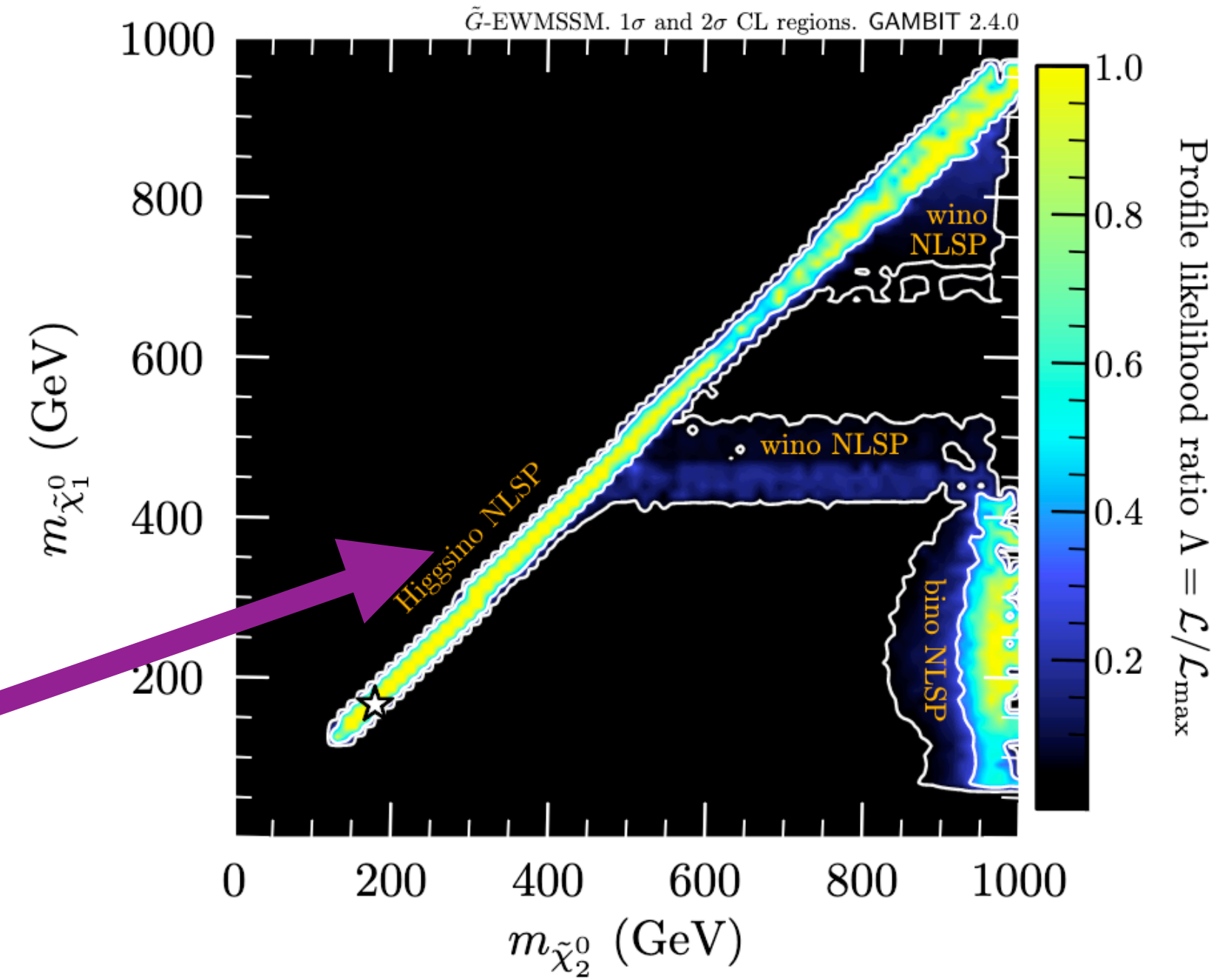
*Profile likelihoods can be complicated:*  
Neighbouring points in e.g. a mass plane can belong to very different theoretical scenarios





[2402.01392]

Quite similar scenarios



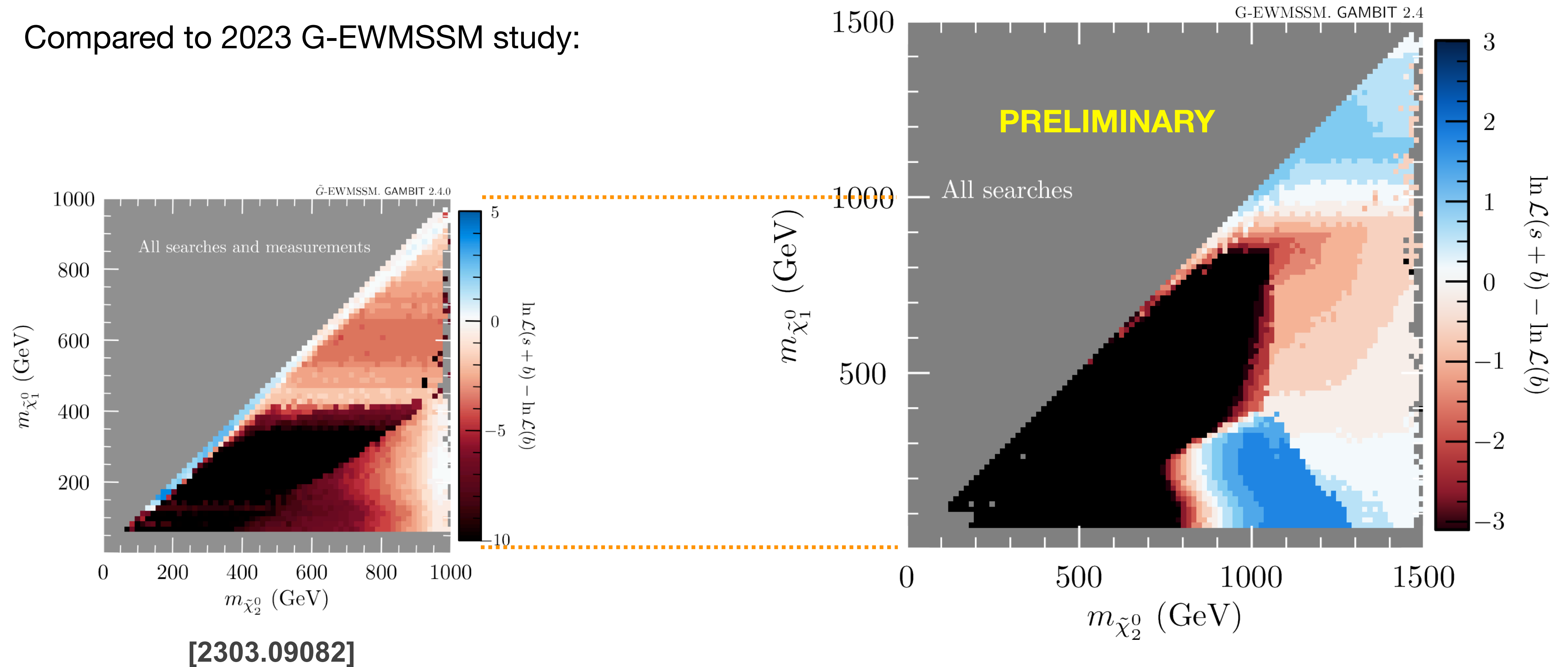


Ongoing work: **EWMSSM** and **G-EWMSSM** after Run 2



# G-EWMSSM: Preliminary

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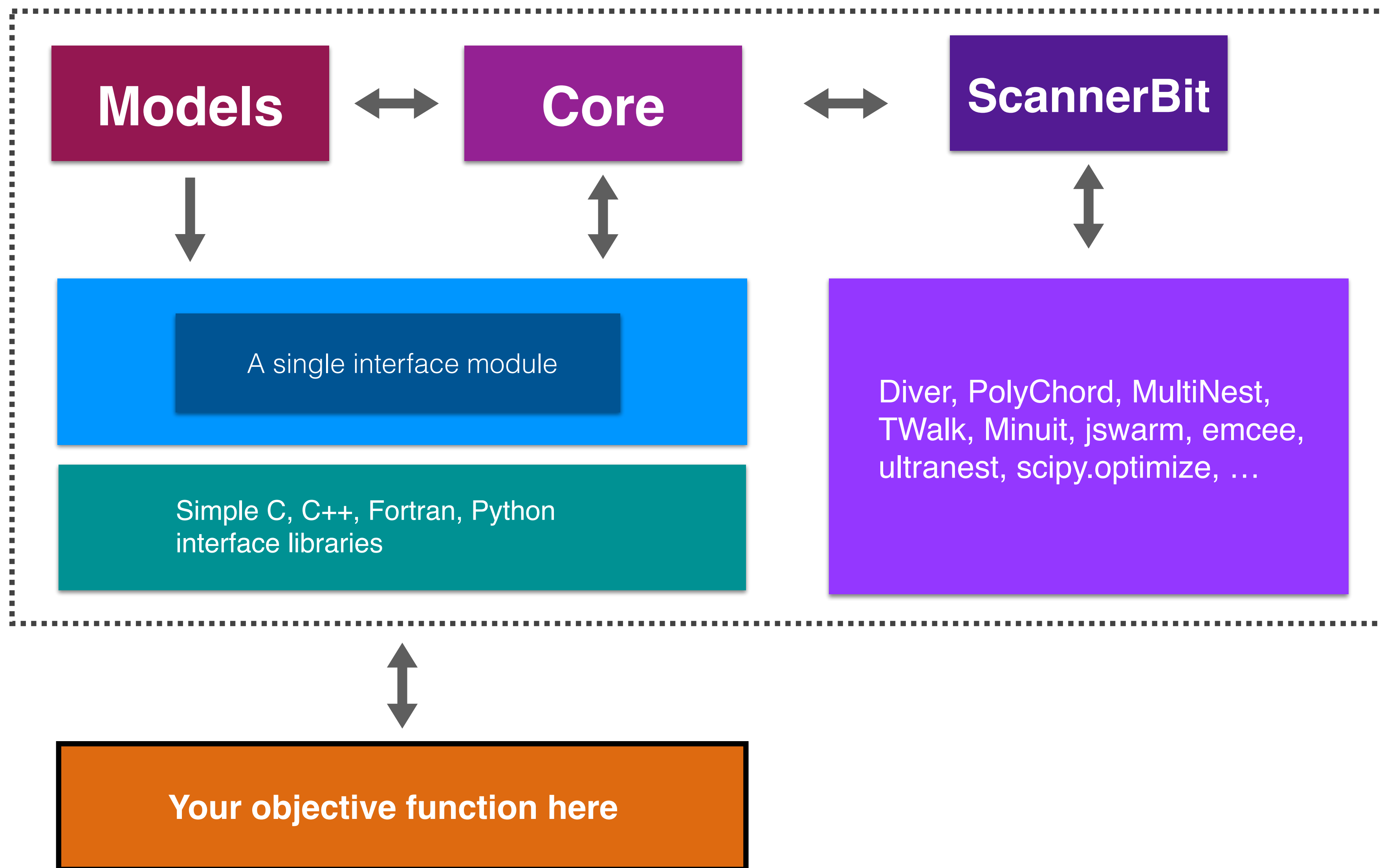


# Summary

- How can we **maximise the scientific impact of experimental results?**
  - Reinterpret experimental results in terms of many (realistic) theories
  - Combine constraints from many experiments in a statistically sound way
  - → **Do global fits!**
- **GAMBIT** is an open-source tool for **large-scale BSM global fits**
- **Most recent GAMBIT results:**
  - *Here:* LHC impact on SUSY w/ light gravitino [2303.09082]
  - Sub-GeV dark matter [2405.17548]
- **More results in the pipeline**
  - Neutrinos, DM, SUSY after LHC Run 2, THDMs, ...
- Got a neat idea for a global fit study? Got a new, shiny code for computing some theory prediction or likelihood? **Do get in touch :)**
- **[gambitbsm.org](http://gambitbsm.org)**



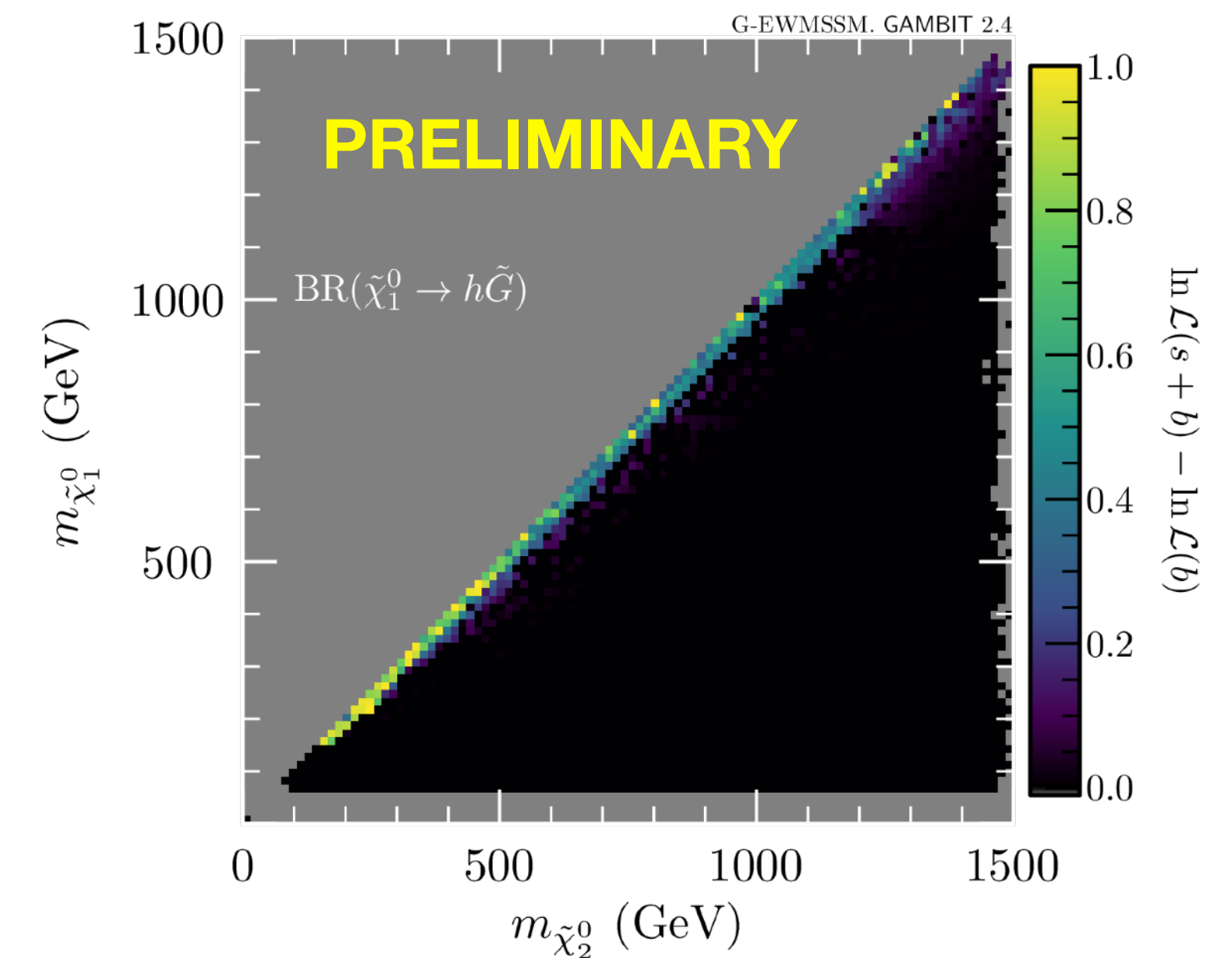
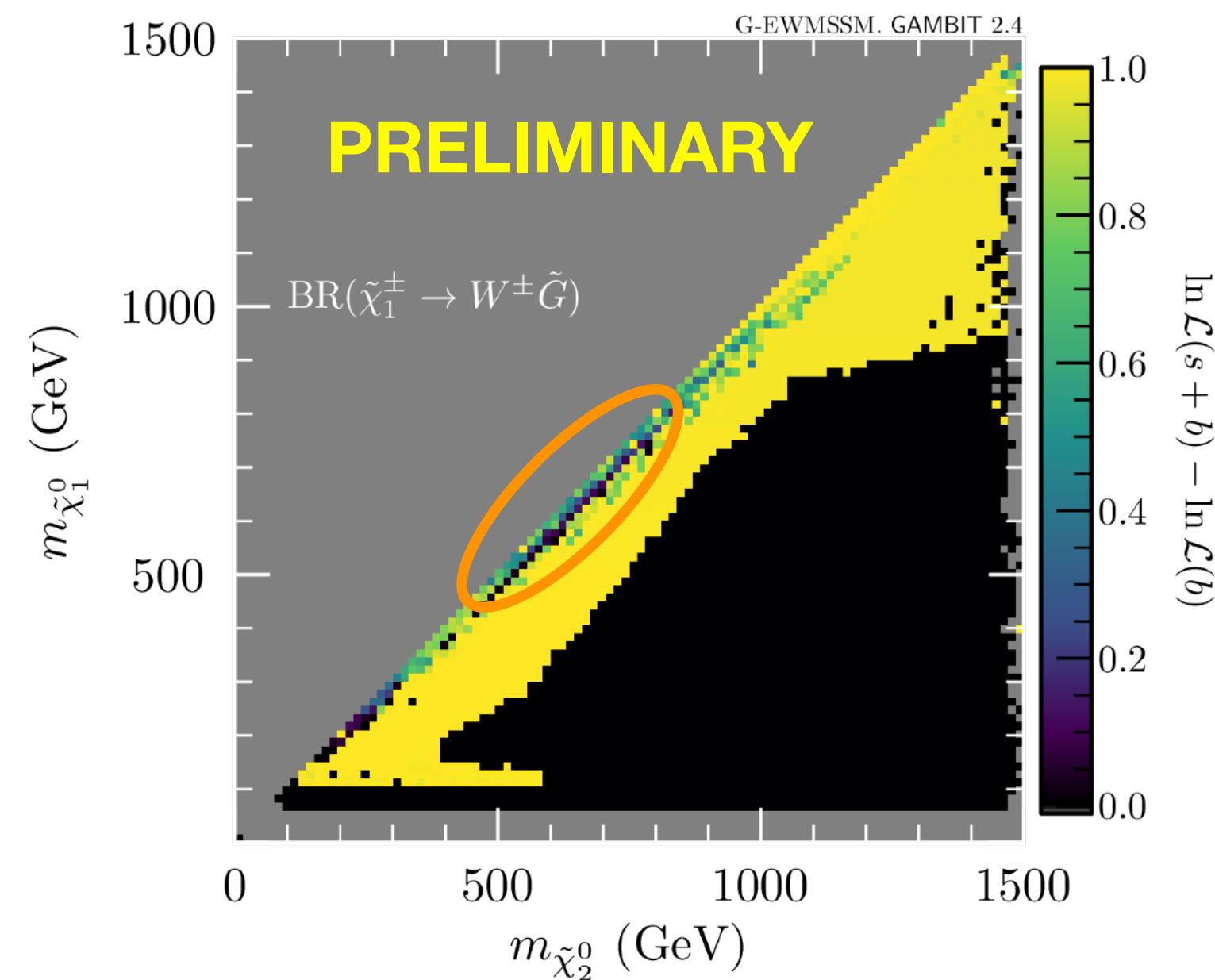
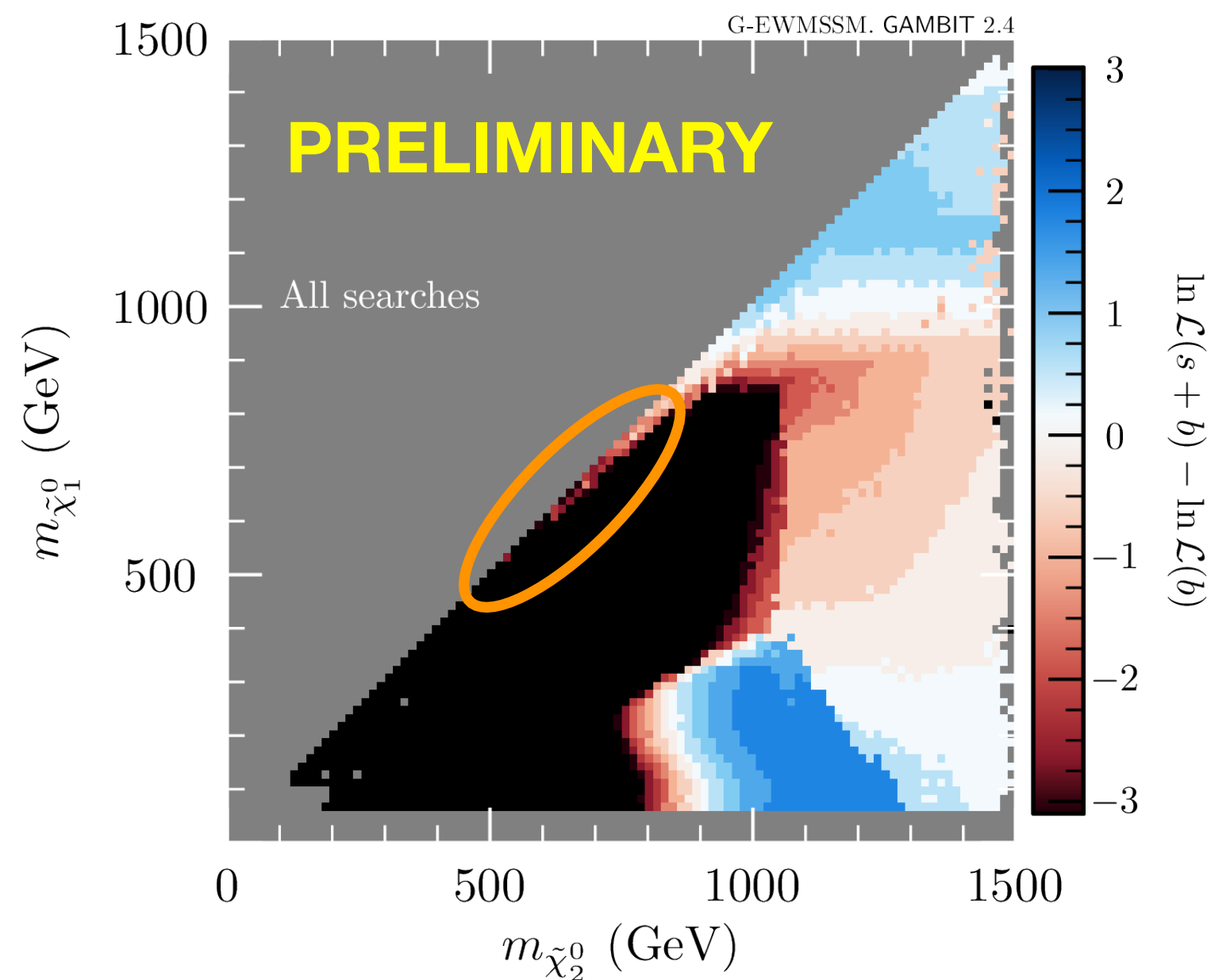
# Soon public: **GAMBIT-light**





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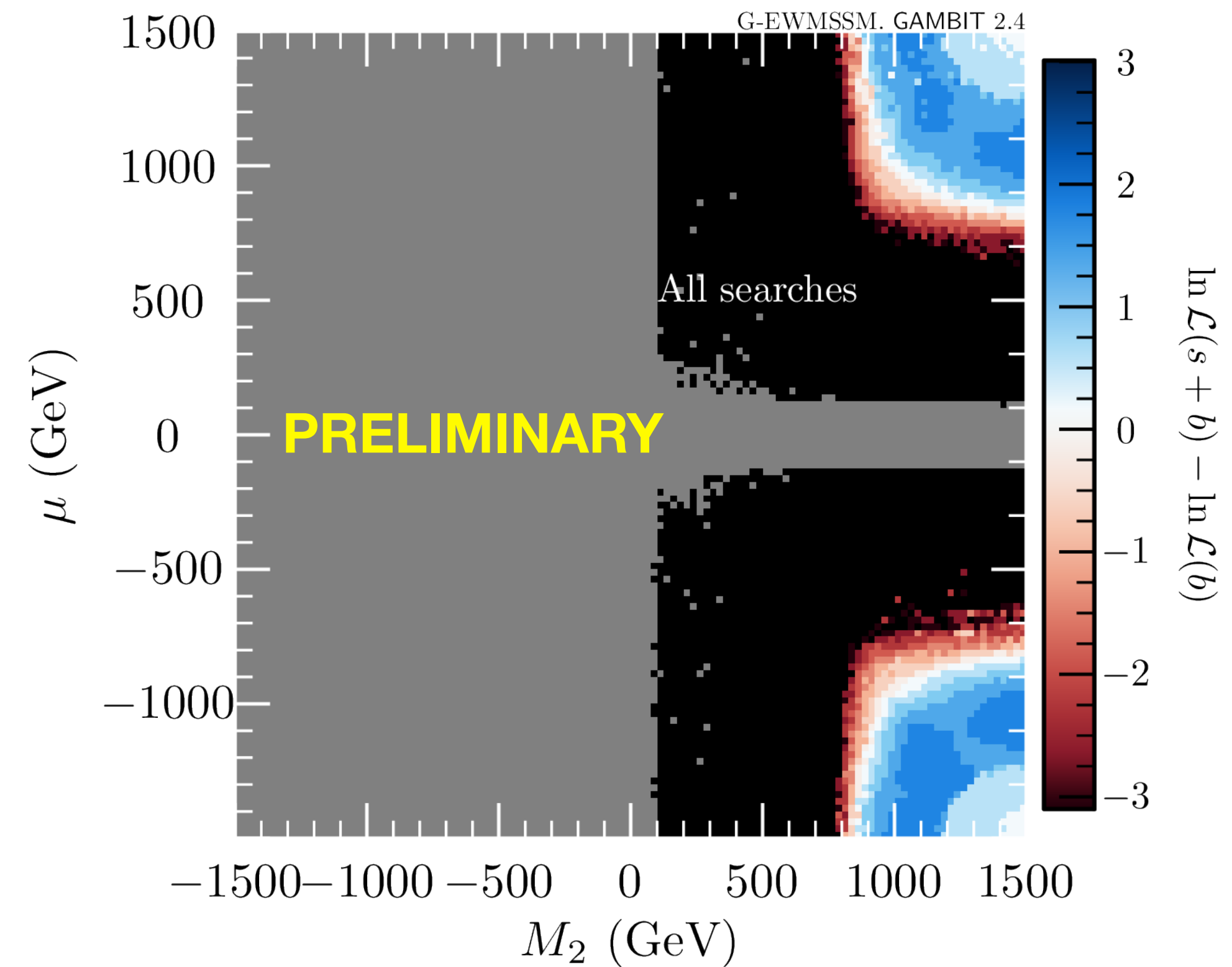
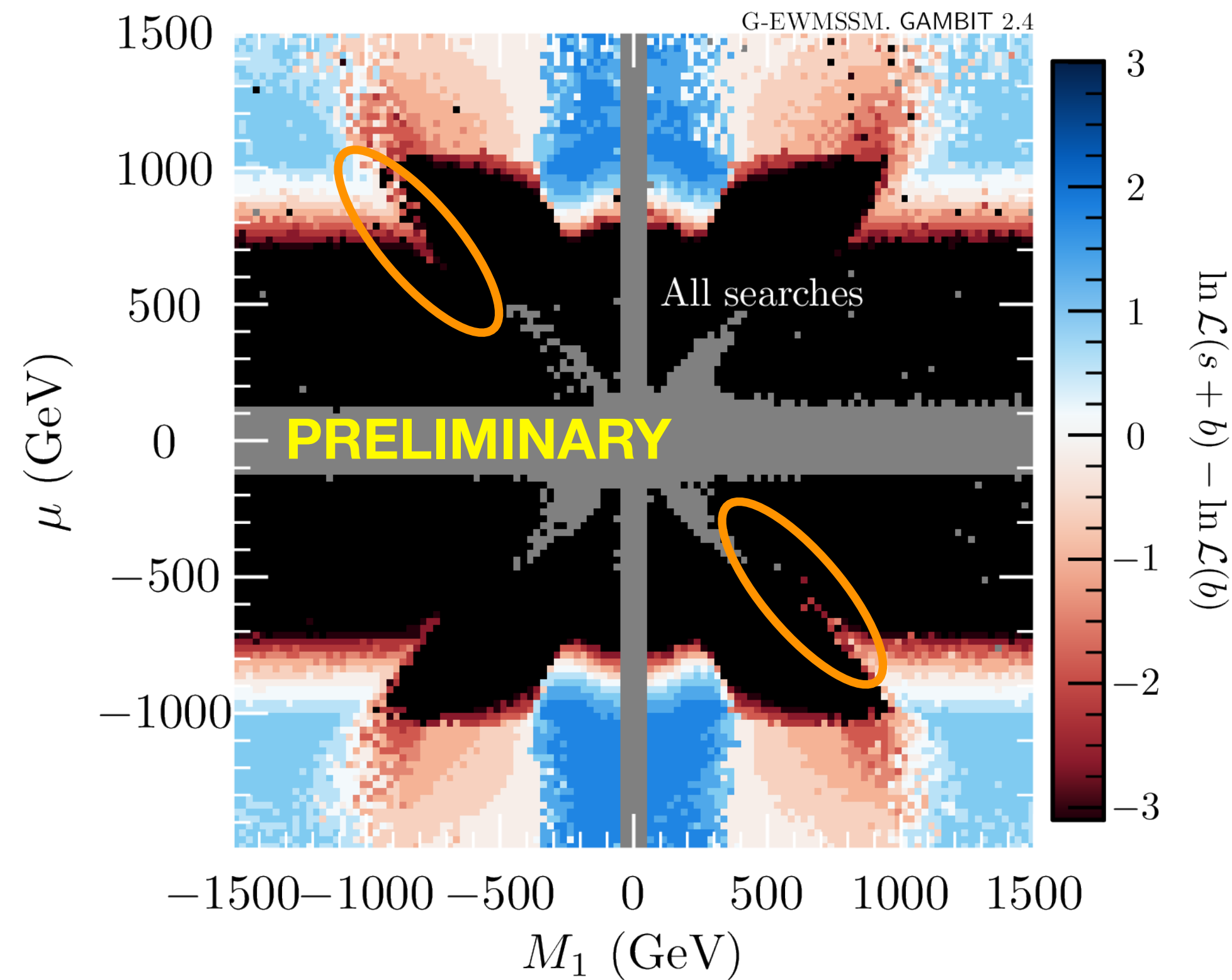
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Lowest-mass non-excluded higgsino scenarios violate the common simplified model assumption that N2/C1 always decay to N1 + soft stuff

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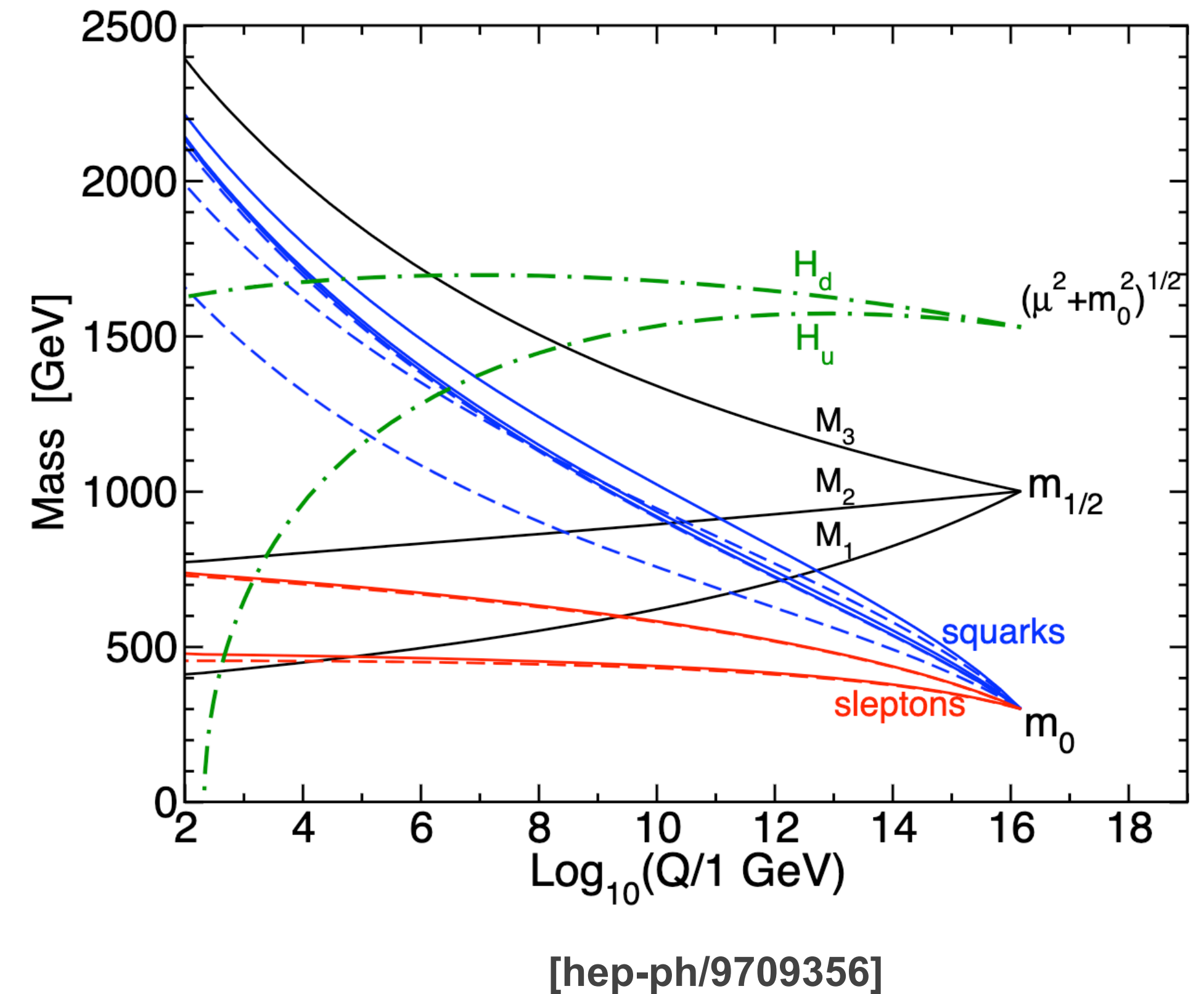
...and these scenarios are higgsino-bino mixture scenarios ( $M_1 \sim \mu$ )



## Reminder:

# Theory space is a strange, implausible place

- «Everyone» would assign **negligible prior belief** to **almost all points** in the **low-scale MSSM parameter space**
- MSSM expresses our ignorance of SUSY breaking
- Any «elegant»/«economic»/«reasonable» high-scale model maps to some tiny subspace of the low-scale MSSM
- And any simplified model plane maps to some strange hypersurface through low-scale MSSM
- A «large» exclusion in simplified model space:
  - **Maybe large, maybe small** impact on MSSM
- A «large» exclusion in low-scale MSSM
  - **Maybe decisive, maybe negligible** impact on the space of plausible high-scale models



# Parameter space

$$M_1 \quad M_2 \quad \mu \quad \tan \beta$$

## Neutralinos

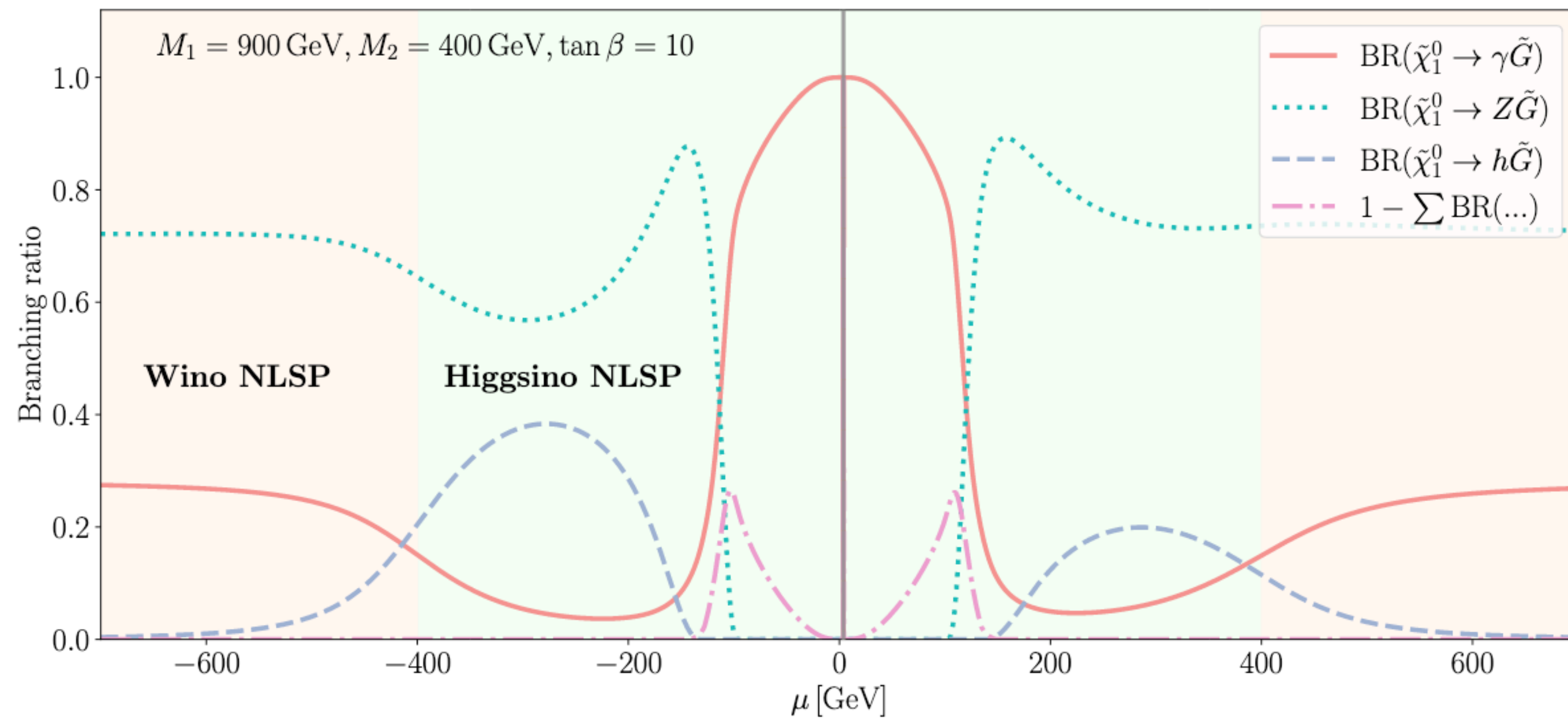
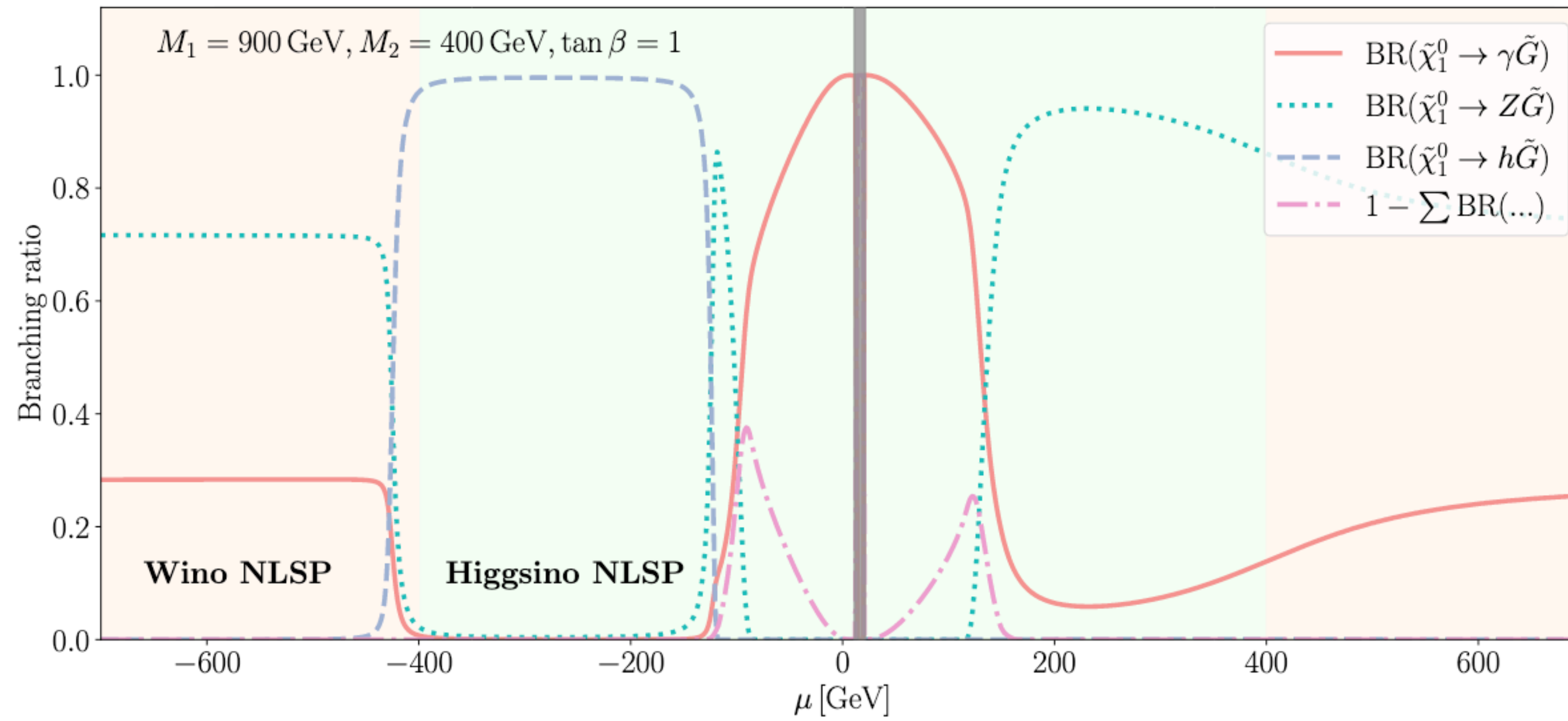
$$\psi^0 = (\tilde{B}, \tilde{W}^0, \tilde{H}_d^0, \tilde{H}_u^0)$$

$$M_N = \begin{pmatrix} M_1 & 0 & -\frac{1}{2}g'vc_\beta & \frac{1}{2}g'vs_\beta \\ 0 & M_2 & \frac{1}{2}gvc_\beta & -\frac{1}{2}gvs_\beta \\ -\frac{1}{2}g'vc_\beta & \frac{1}{2}gvc_\beta & 0 & -\mu \\ \frac{1}{2}g'vs_\beta & -\frac{1}{2}gvs_\beta & -\mu & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

## Charginos

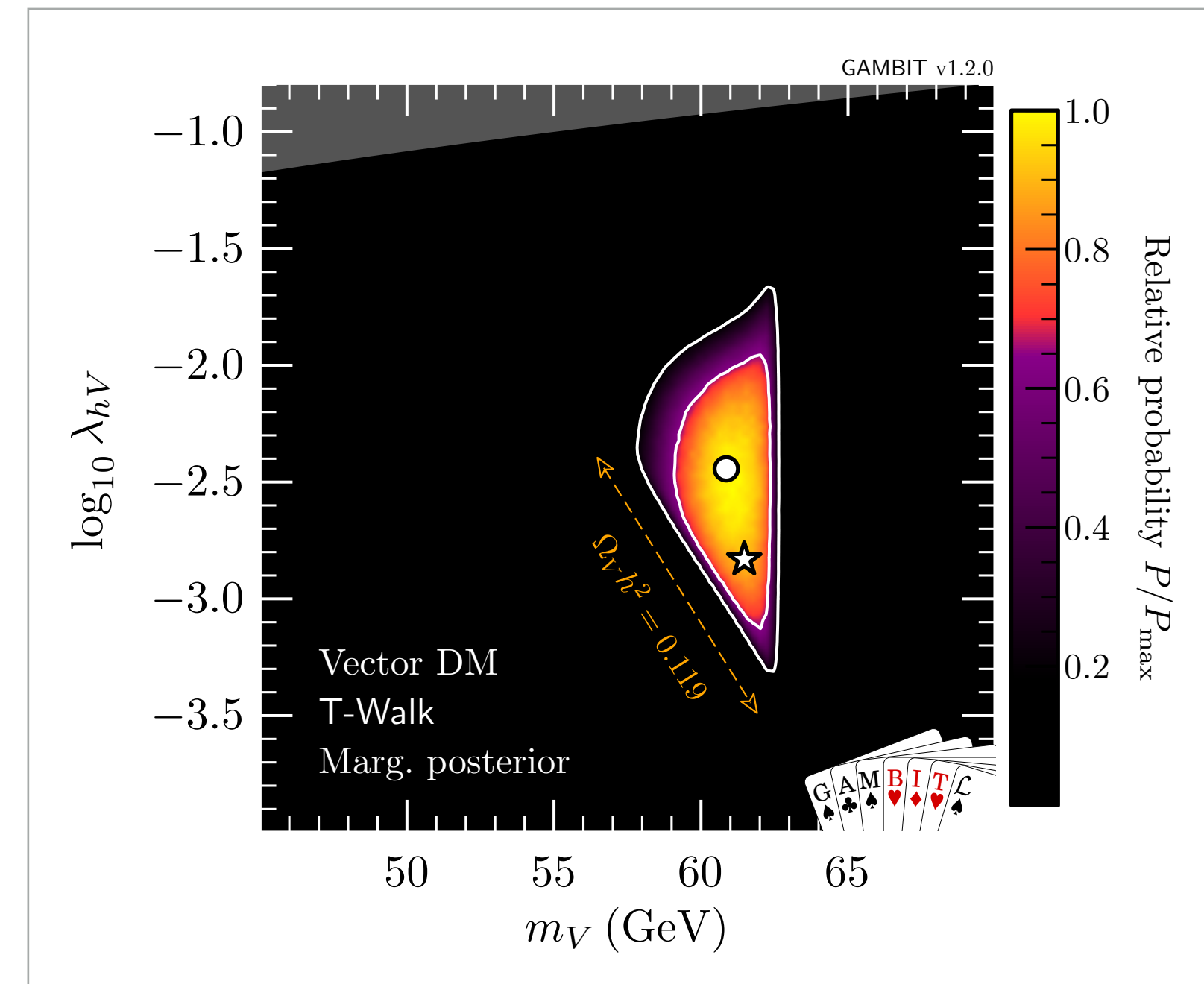
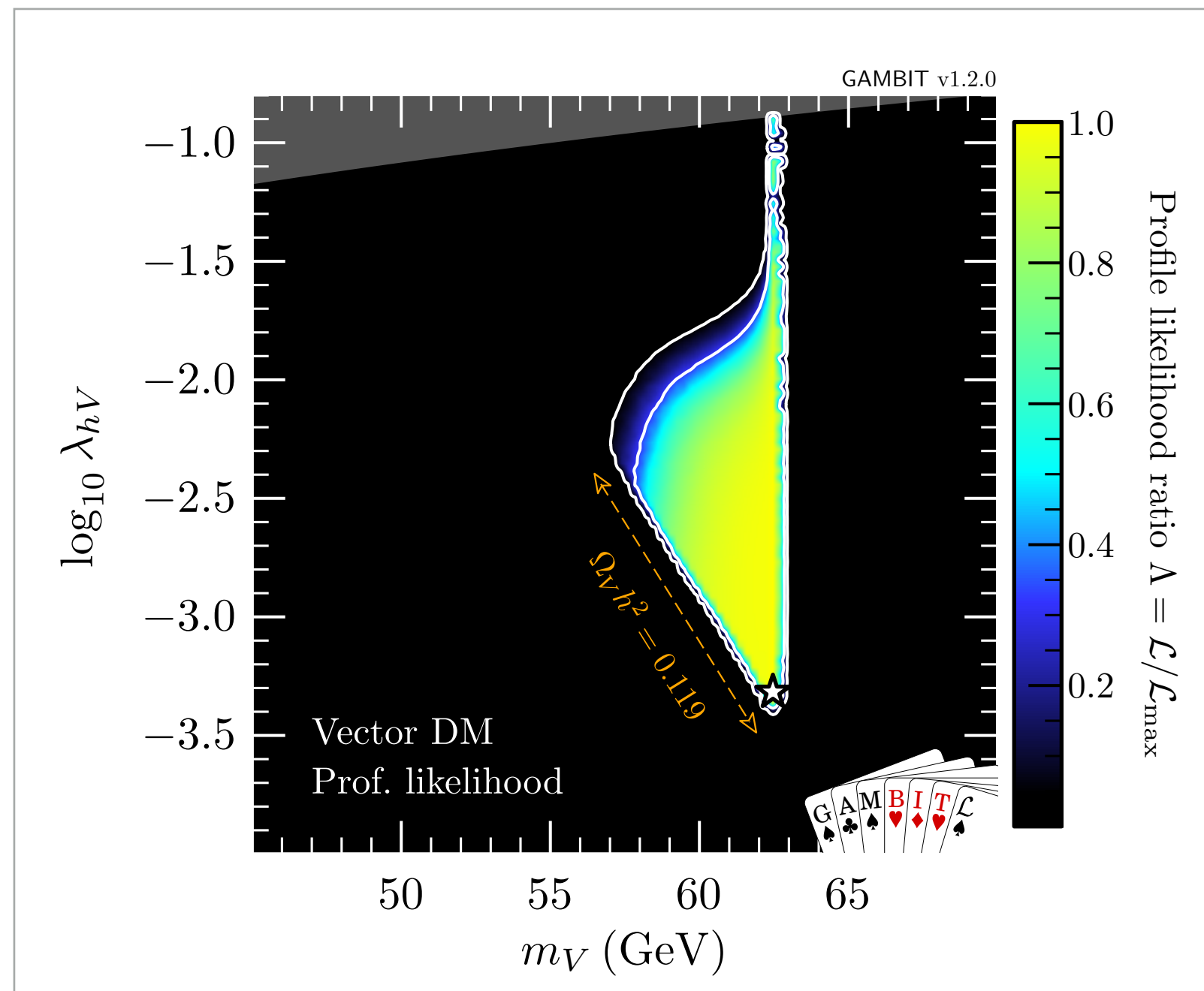
$$\psi^\pm = (\tilde{W}^+, \tilde{H}_u^+, \tilde{W}^-, \tilde{H}_d^-)$$

$$M_C = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & X^T \\ X & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \text{where } X = \begin{pmatrix} M_2 & \frac{gv s_\beta}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{gv c_\beta}{\sqrt{2}} & \mu \end{pmatrix}.$$



*Typical result:*

Parameter estimation, presented as **profile likelihood** and/or **posterior density** plots



[arxiv:1808.10465]



# B

**Interpretation:** For every point in the mass plane, there is *at least one point* in the MSSM parameter space that fits the data as well as (or better than) the SM expectation.

This does not tell us anything about *the size* of the viable parameter space...

