

# New LHC bound on low-mass diphoton resonances



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# Introduction

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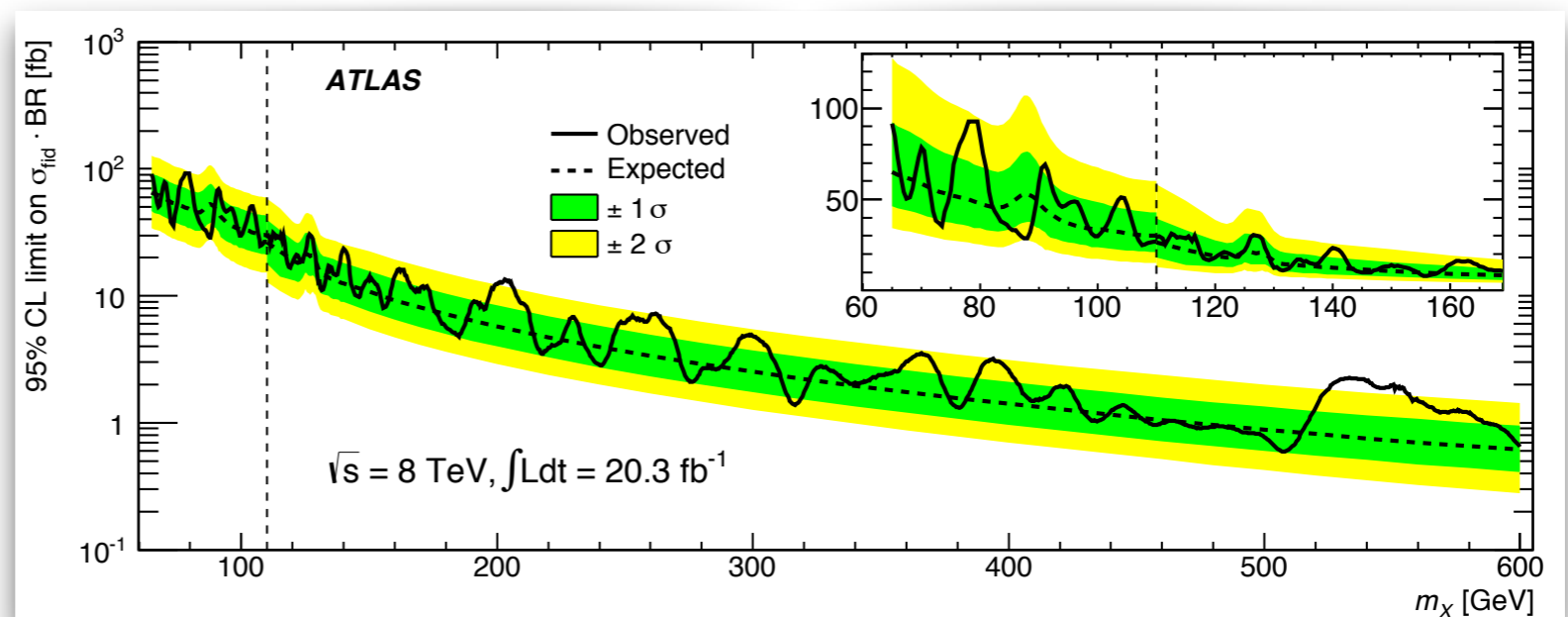
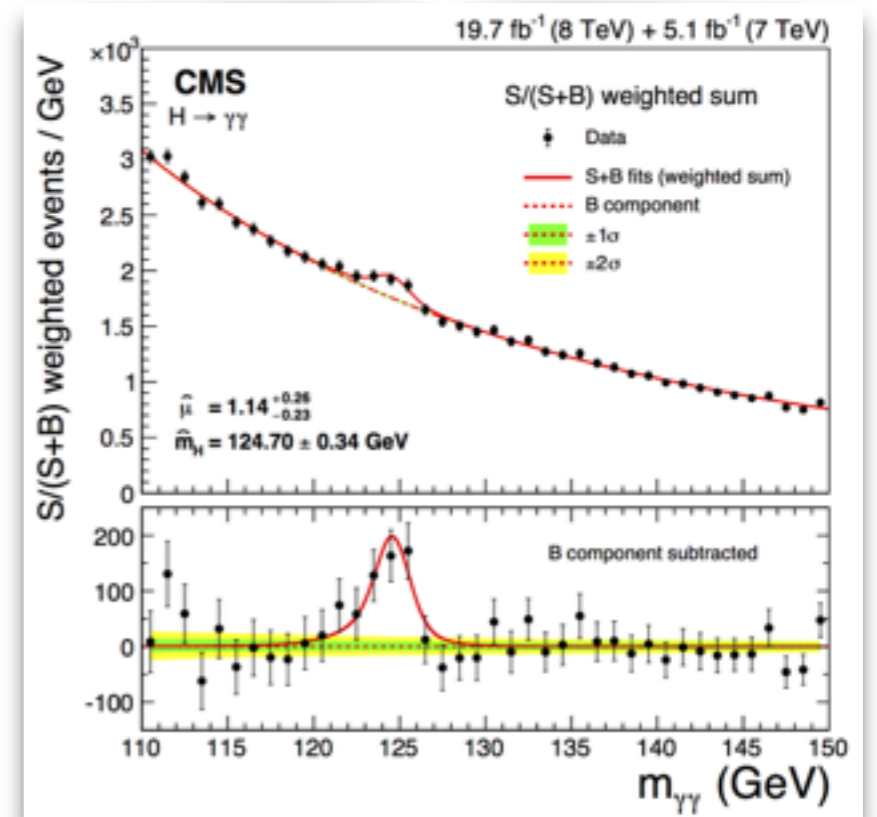
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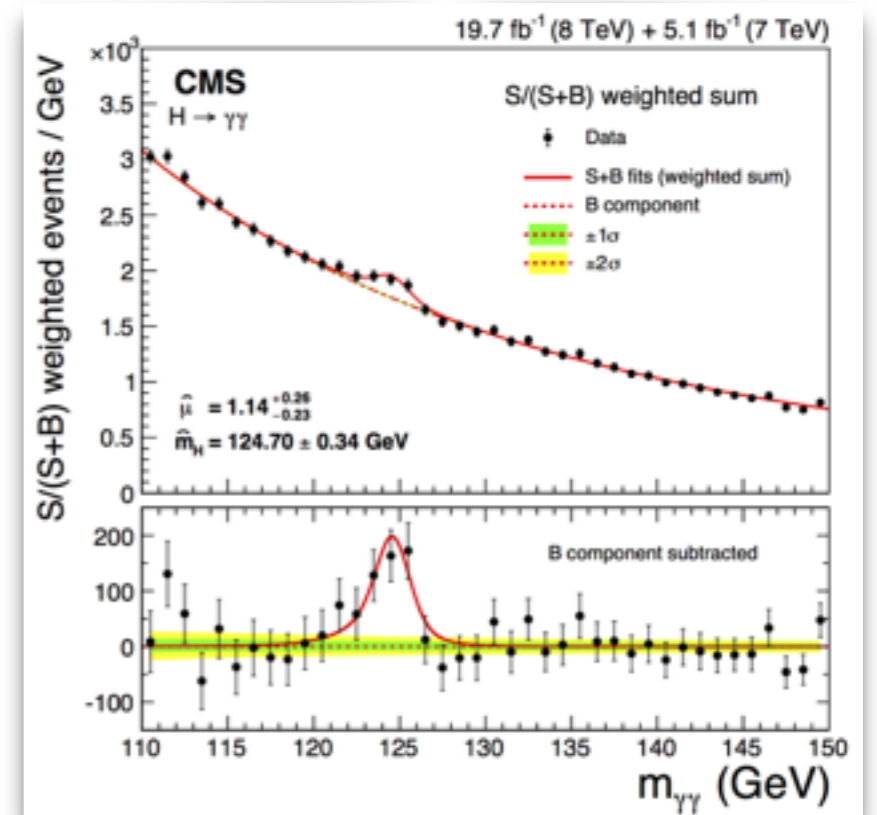
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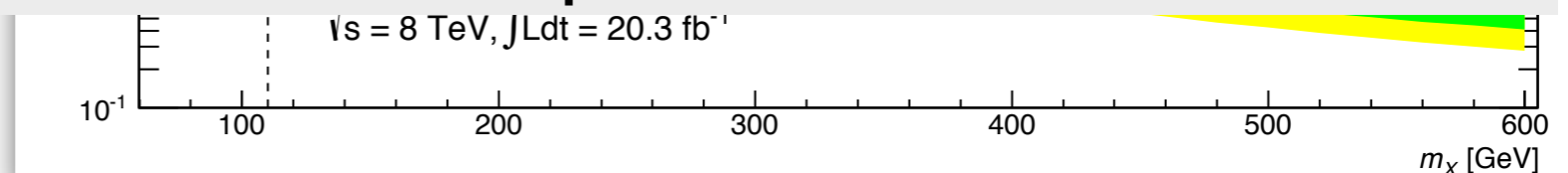
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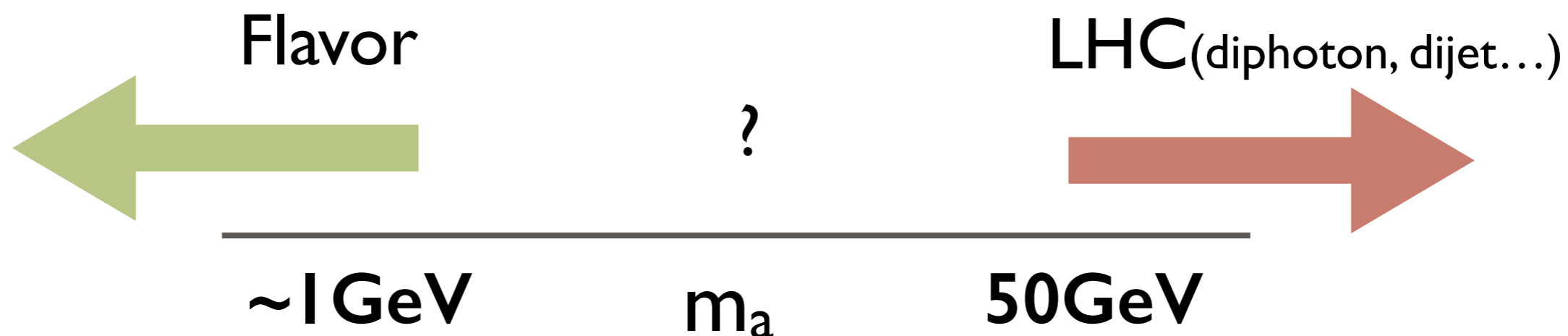
1. Theoretical bias/motivation to high mass ( $W'$ ,  $Z'$ , Heavy higgs..)
2. Common belief, low mass resonance is constrained by previous colliders or precision measurements
3. For LHC, low mass is difficult due to  $p_T$  cuts



# Resonance Searches

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However, poorly constrained mass range exists



This talk:

Constraint such mass range 10-100GeV  
using LHC diphoton x-section measurements

# Theory perspectives & Search Framework

# Theory perspective

**pNGB: pseudo Nambu Goldstone bosons**  
 common among BSM models, mass scale is arbitrary light

Axion-like-particle(**ALP**) e.g.

- R-axion from low-scale SUSY

Bellazzini, Mariotti, Redigolo, Sala, Serra(1702.02152)

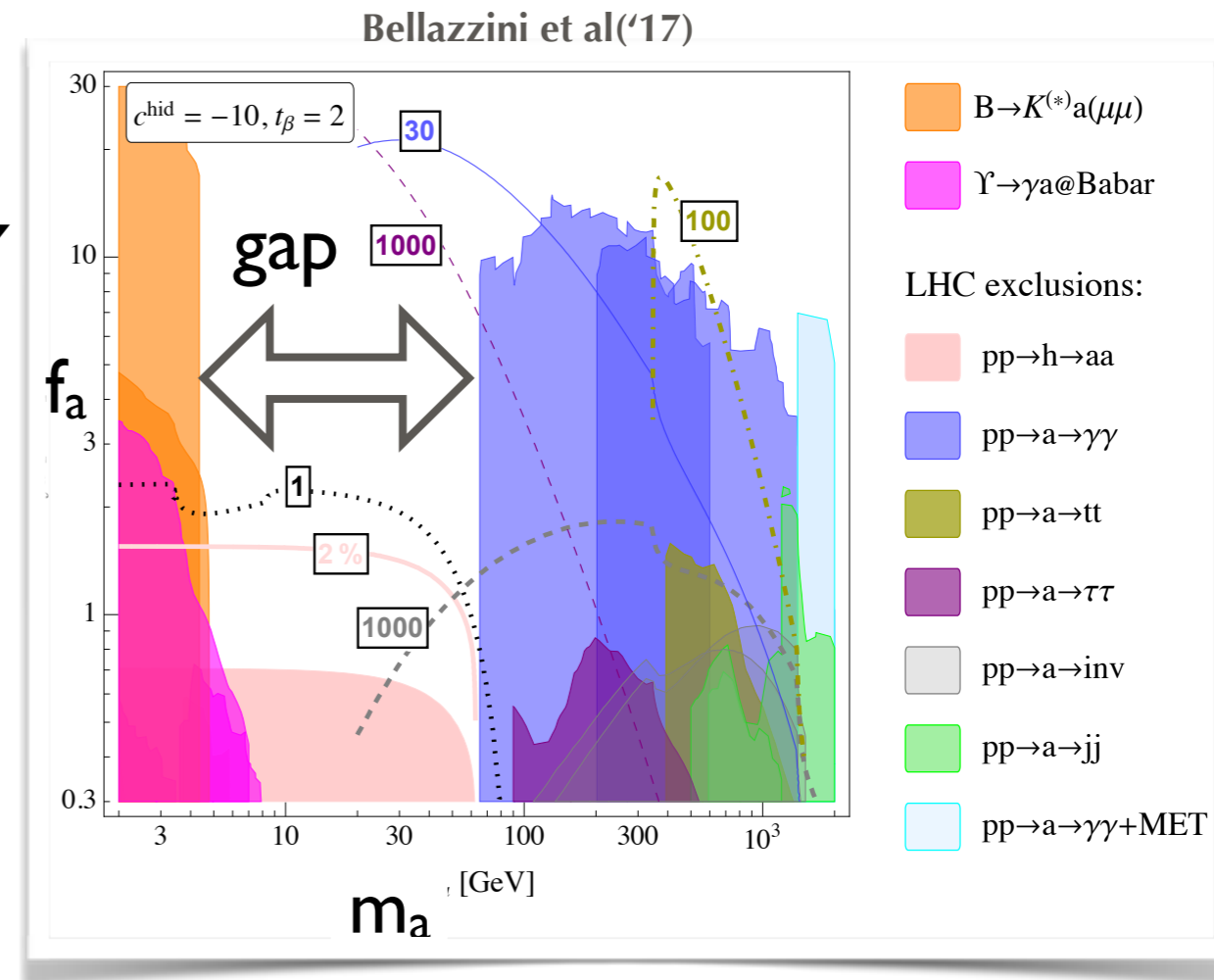
- New pion from TeV QCD'

Kilic, Okui, Sundrum('09), Nakai, Sato, KT ('16) ...

- pNGB from composite Higgs

Barnard, Gherghetta, Ray('13), Ferretti('16)...

*such ALP/pNGB can be the first signal*



many previous studies for ALPs:

Photonphilic ALP: LEP [jaeckel, Spannowsky('15)] Heavy-ion [Knapen et al('16)]  
 Sub 10GeV, ALP-W int. induces FCNC( $B \rightarrow Ka$ ) [Izaguirre, Lin, Shuve('16)], etc.

# ALP Effective Lagrangian

Consider only anomaly/ Wess-Zumino-Witten terms

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} = \frac{a}{4\pi f_a} \left[ \alpha_s c_3 G\tilde{G} + \alpha_2 c_2 W\tilde{W} + \alpha_1 c_1 B\tilde{B} \right]$$

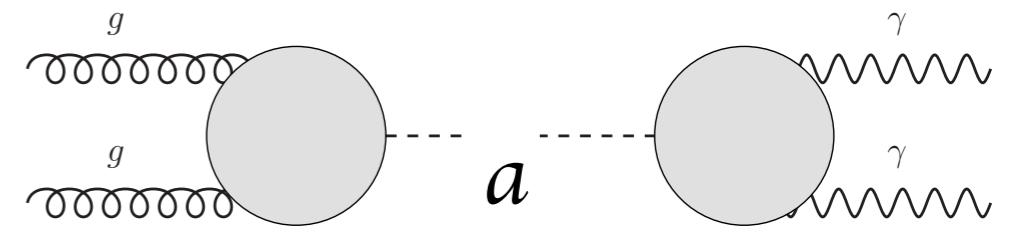
$$\alpha_1 = 5/3\alpha'$$

Broad class of models

$$f_a \sim 0.1 - 10 \text{ TeV and } c_3 \neq 0$$

Take  $c_1 = c_2 = c_3 = 10$  for benchmark

- Narrow resonance,
- production@LHC is gluon fusion,
- decay to **dijet** or **diphoton** due to kinematics ( $m_a < m_Z$ )





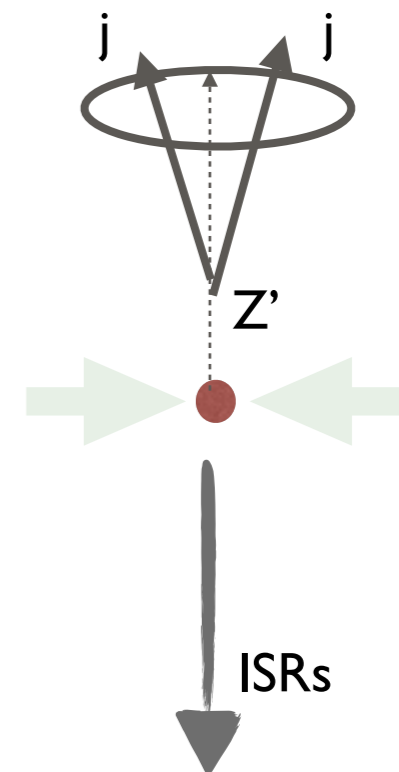
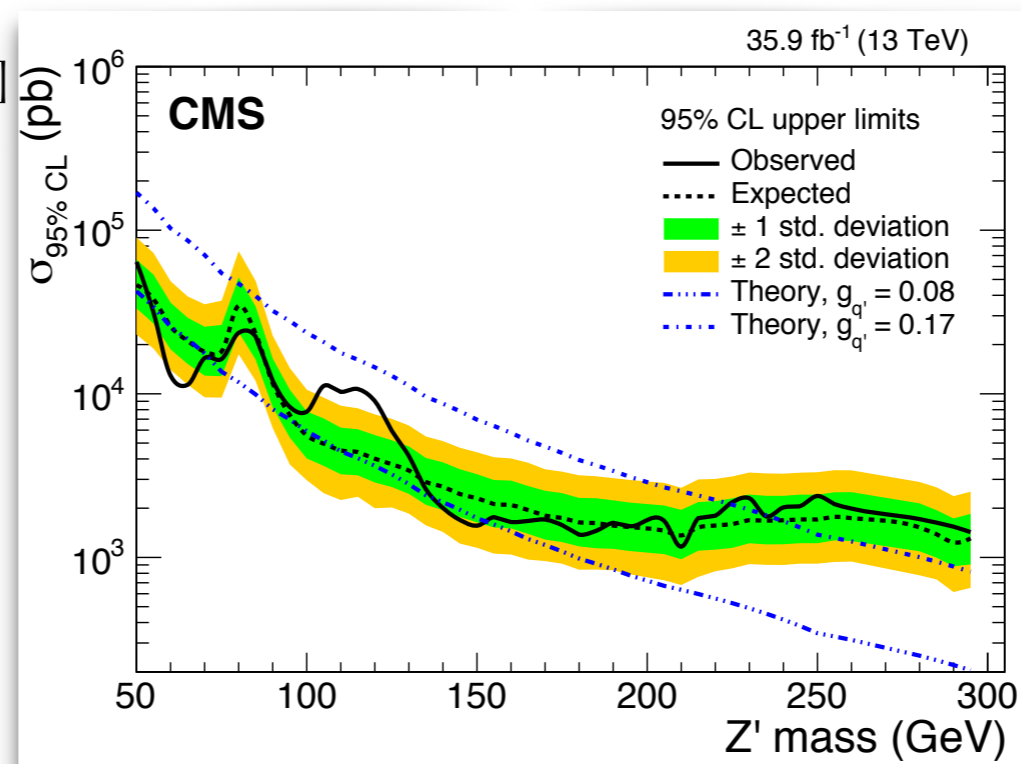
# New Bound

# Existing constraints for $m_a < 100\text{GeV}$

Experiment	Process	Lumi	$\sqrt{s}$	low mass reach	ref.
LEPI	$e^+e^- \rightarrow Z \rightarrow \gamma a \rightarrow \gamma jj$	$12 \text{ pb}^{-1}$	Z-pole	10 GeV	[26]
LEPI	$e^+e^- \rightarrow Z \rightarrow \gamma a \rightarrow \gamma\gamma\gamma$	$78 \text{ pb}^{-1}$	Z-pole	5 GeV	[27]
LEPII	$e^+e^- \rightarrow Z^*, \gamma^* \rightarrow \gamma a \rightarrow \gamma jj$	$9.7, 10.1, 47.7 \text{ pb}^{-1}$	161, 172, 183 GeV	60 GeV	[28]
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D0/CDF	$p\bar{p} \rightarrow a \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$	$7/8.2 \text{ fb}^{-1}$	1.96 TeV	100 GeV	[30]
ATLAS	$pp \rightarrow a \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$	$20.3 \text{ fb}^{-1}$	8 TeV	65 GeV	[31]
CMS	$pp \rightarrow a \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$	$19.7 \text{ fb}^{-1}$	8 TeV	80 GeV	[32]
CMS	$pp \rightarrow a \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$	$19.7 \text{ fb}^{-1}$	8 TeV	150 GeV	[33]
CMS	$pp \rightarrow a \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$	$35.9 \text{ fb}^{-1}$	13 TeV	70 GeV	[34]

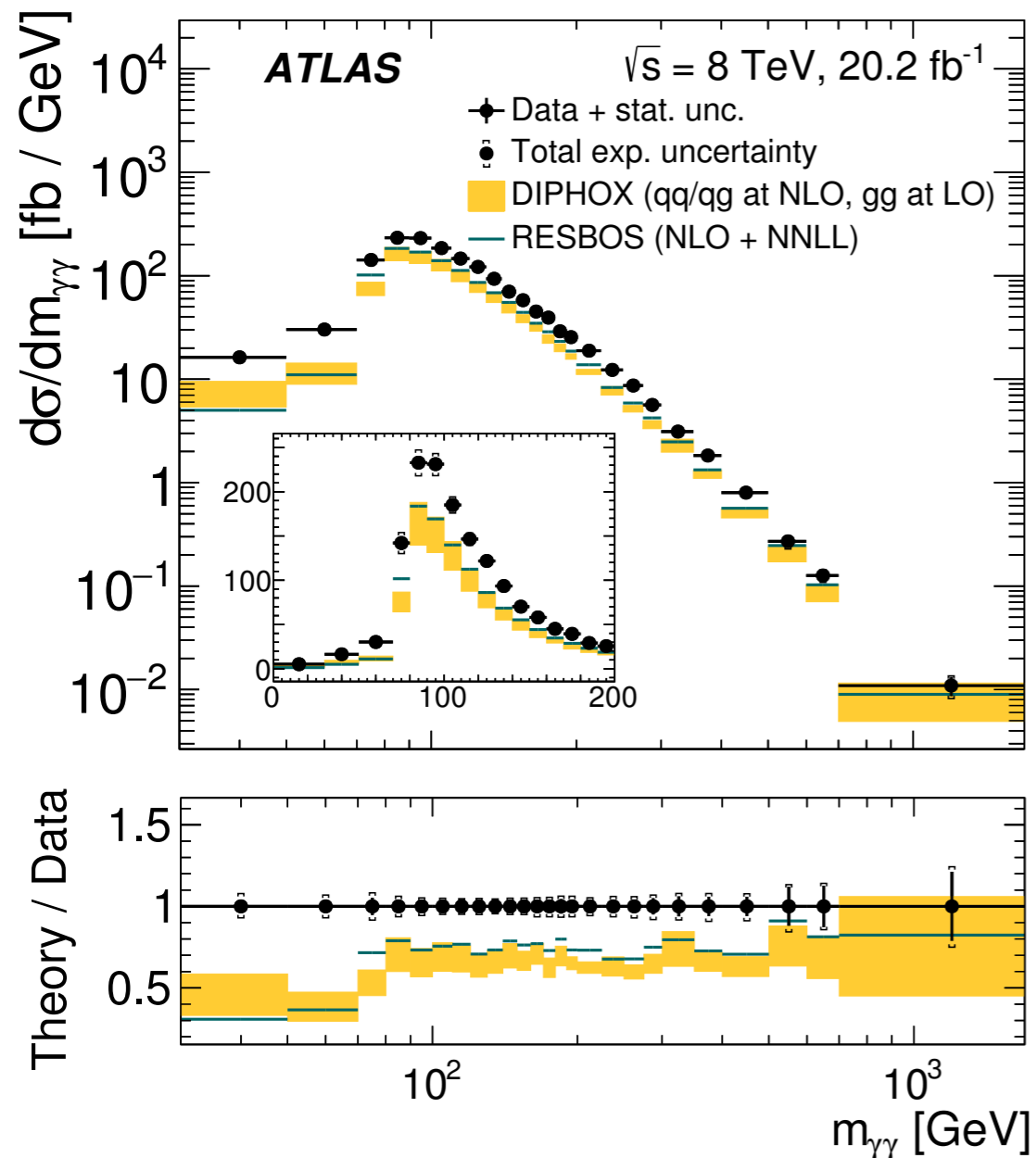
## Boosted dijet( $Z'$ )+ISR [50,300]GeV

CMS [arXiv:1710.00159]

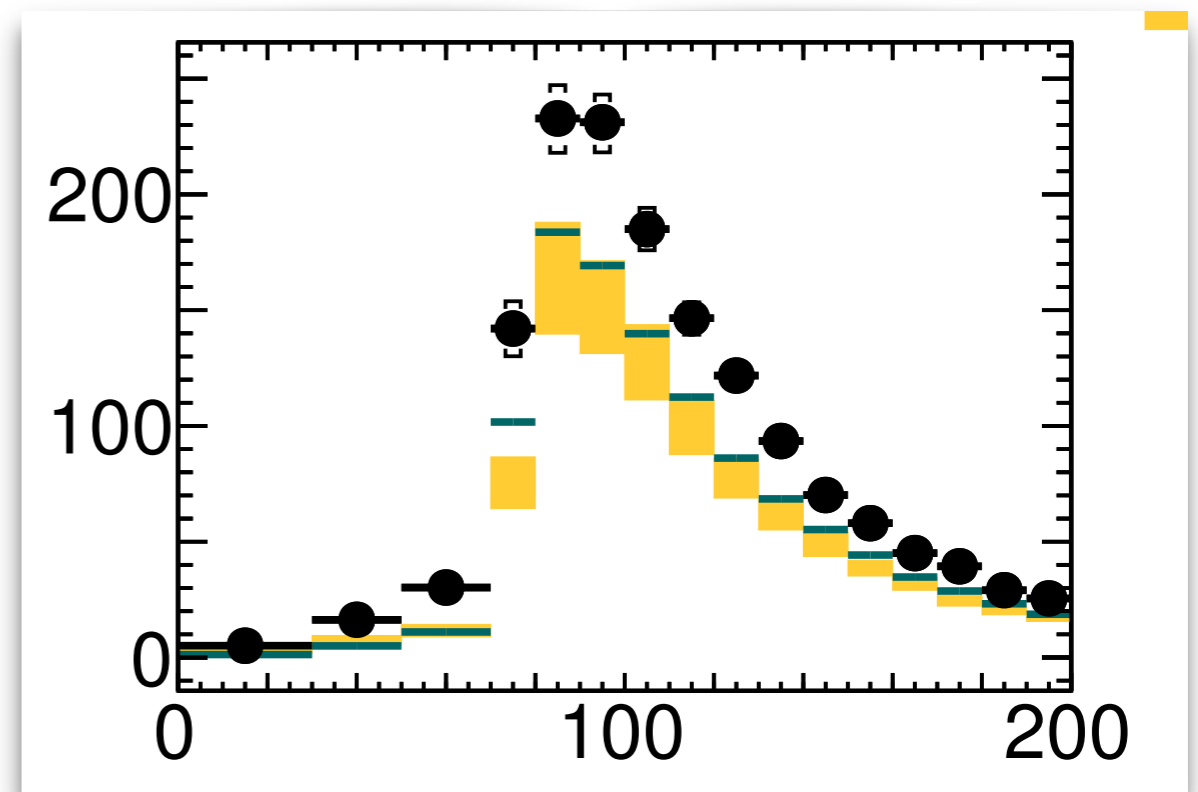


# Diphoton x-section measurements

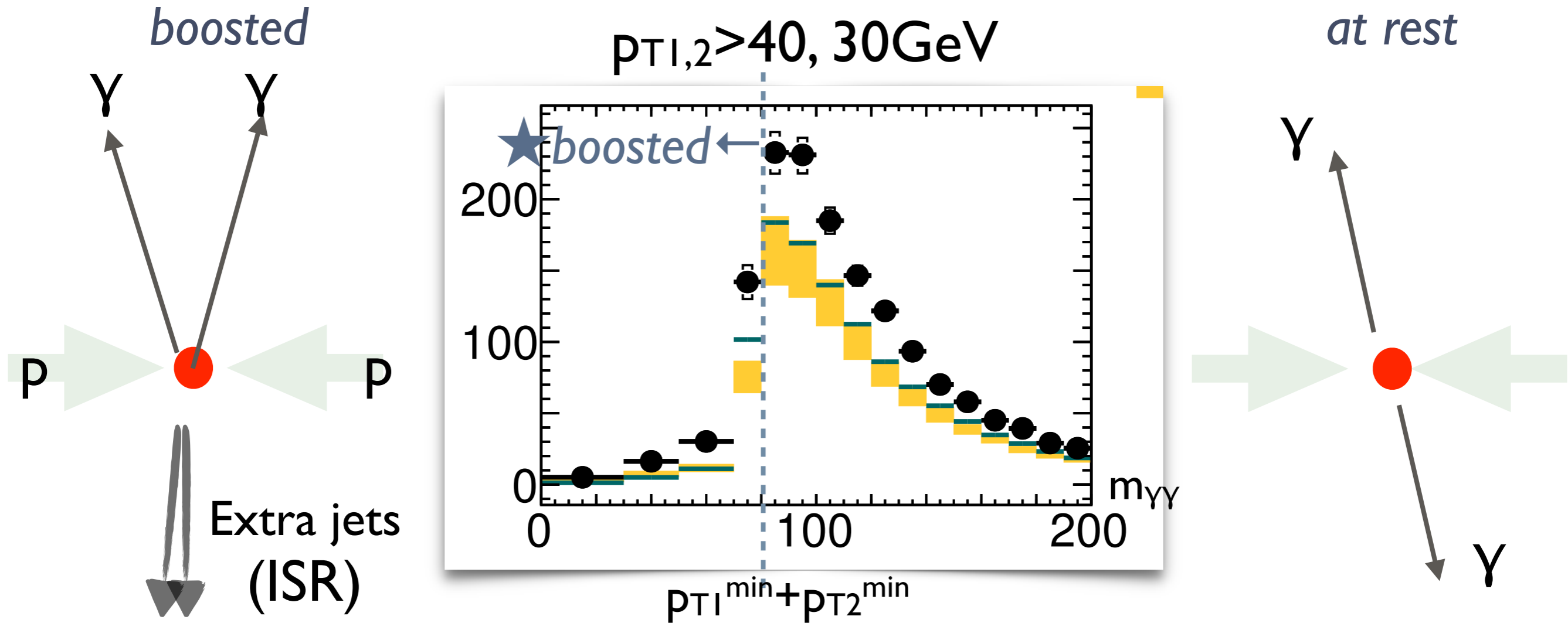
D0 ( $\sigma_{\gamma\gamma}$ )	$p\bar{p} \rightarrow a \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$	$4.2 \text{ fb}^{-1}$	1.96 TeV	$p_{T_1, T_2} > 21, 20 \text{ GeV}$	[35]
CDF ( $\sigma_{\gamma\gamma}$ )	$p\bar{p} \rightarrow a \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$	$5.36 \text{ fb}^{-1}$	1.96 TeV	$p_{T_1, T_2} > 17, 15 \text{ GeV}$	[36]
ATLAS	$pp \rightarrow a \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$	$4.9 \text{ fb}^{-1}$	7 TeV	$p_{T_1, T_2} > 25, 22 \text{ GeV}$	[8]
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CMS	$pp \rightarrow a \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$	$5.0 \text{ fb}^{-1}$	7 TeV	$p_{T_1, T_2} > 40, 25 \text{ GeV}$	[10]



report lower mass



# Diphoton x-section measurements



★ strict lower bound of  $m_{\gamma\gamma}$  from  $\Delta R > 0.4$

diphoton angular separation

$$m_{\gamma\gamma} > \Delta R \cdot \sqrt{p_{T1}^{\min} p_{T2}^{\min}} \sim 13.8 \text{ GeV}$$

$m_a$ in GeV	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100	110	120
$\epsilon_S$ for $\sigma_{8\text{TeV}}$ ATLAS [9]	0	0.0007	0.008	0.014	0.024	0.037	0.071	0.233	0.347	0.419	0.452	0.484

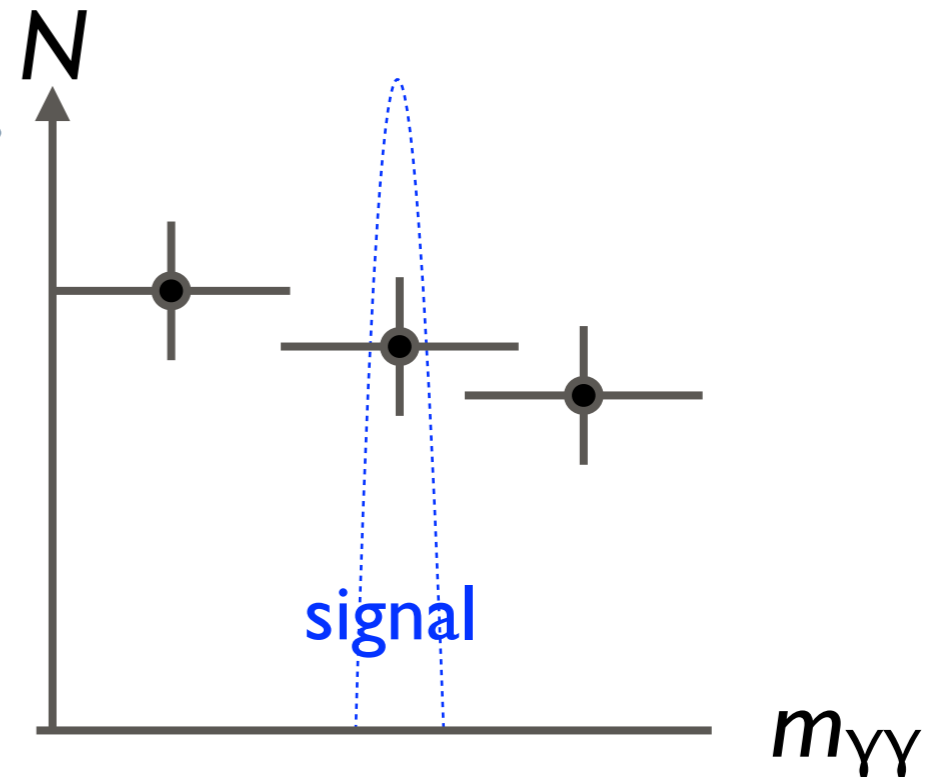
# Bound from Diphoton x-section measurement

For this measurement, signal is  $SM\gamma\gamma\dots$

## 1. Conservative bound

data=signal

$$N_{\text{bin}} + 2\Delta N_{\text{bin}} > S_a$$



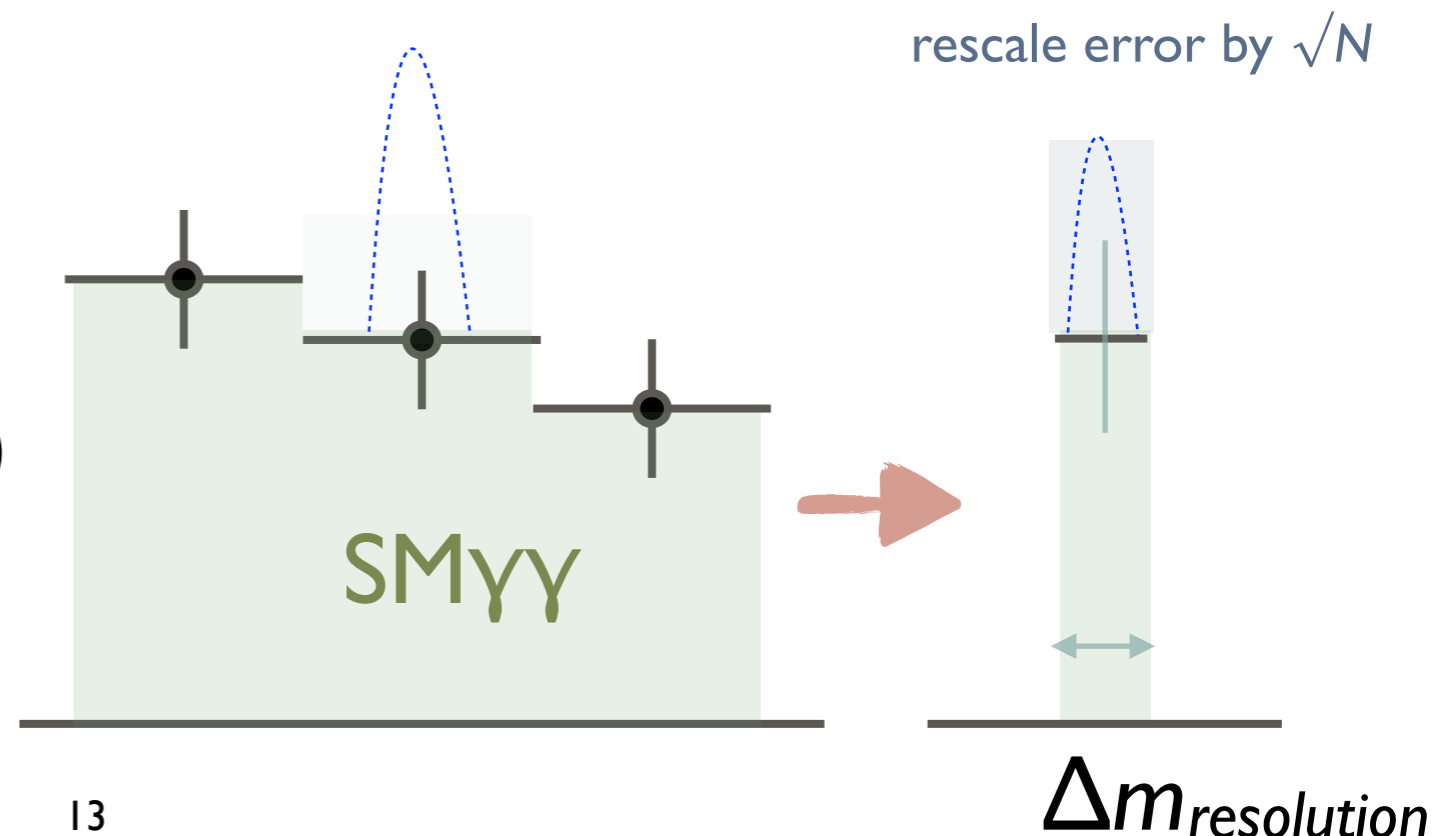
## 2. Sensitivity(reach)

assume data= $SM\gamma\gamma$

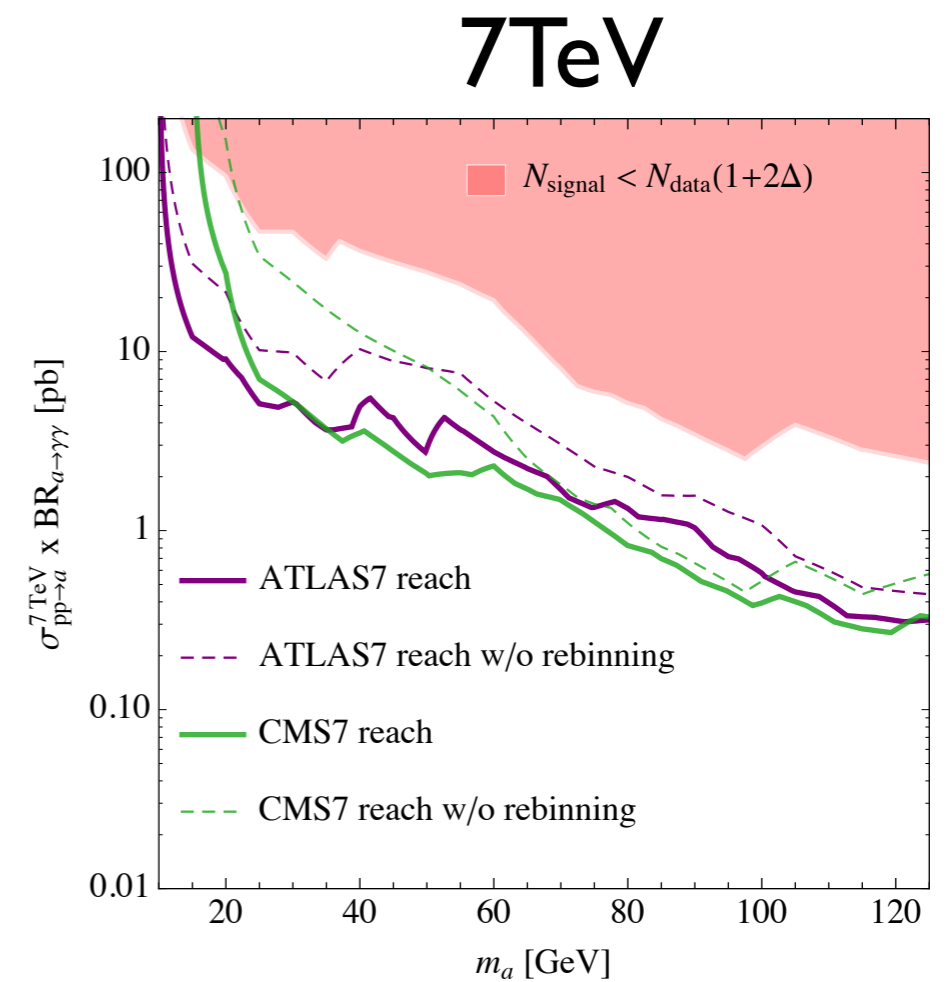
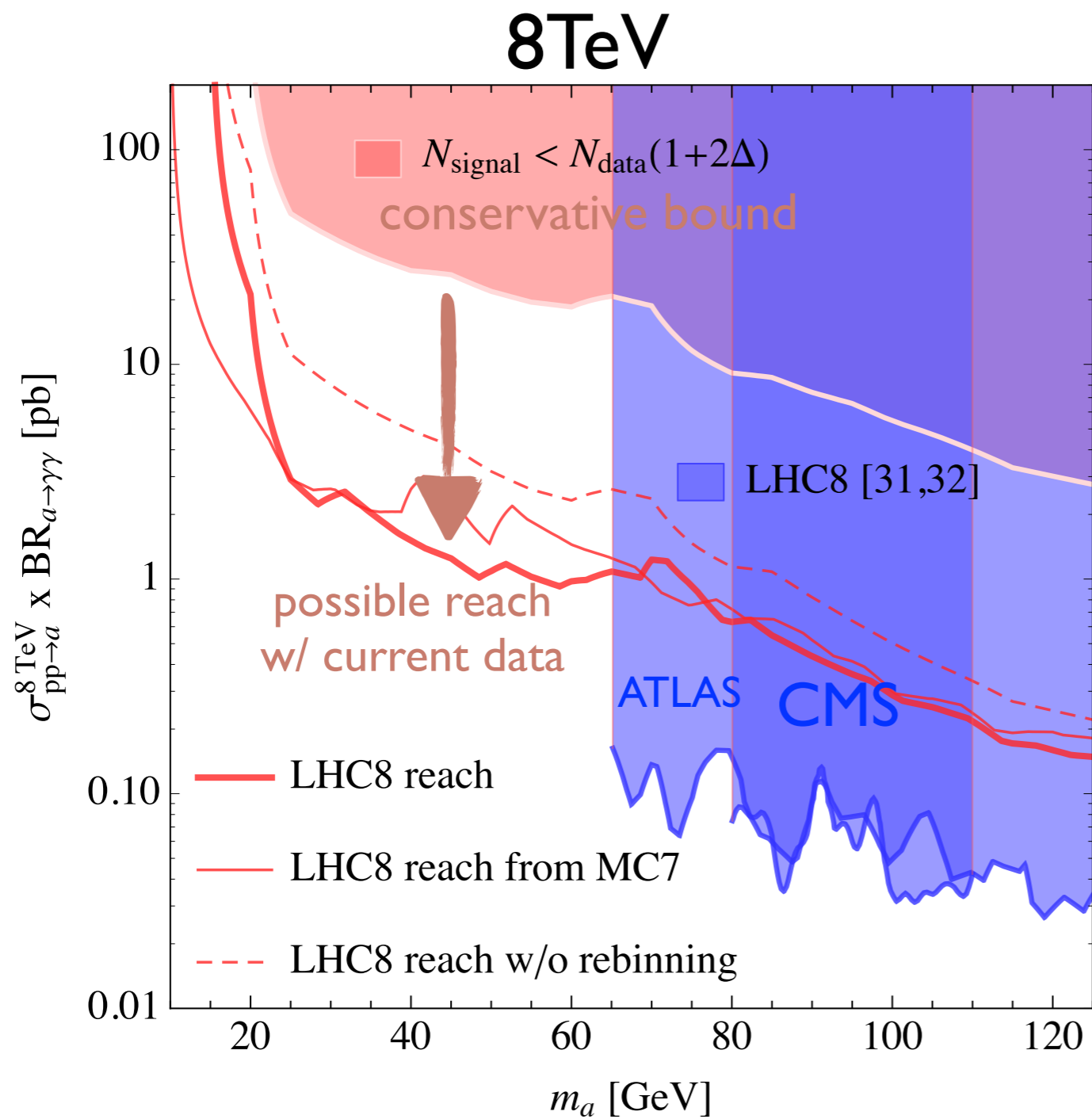
$$2\Delta N_{\text{bin}} > S_a$$

3. Narrow given bin( $\sim 10\text{GeV}$ )  
to mass resolution( $\sim 3\text{GeV}$ )

$$2\Delta N_{\text{resolution}} > S_a$$

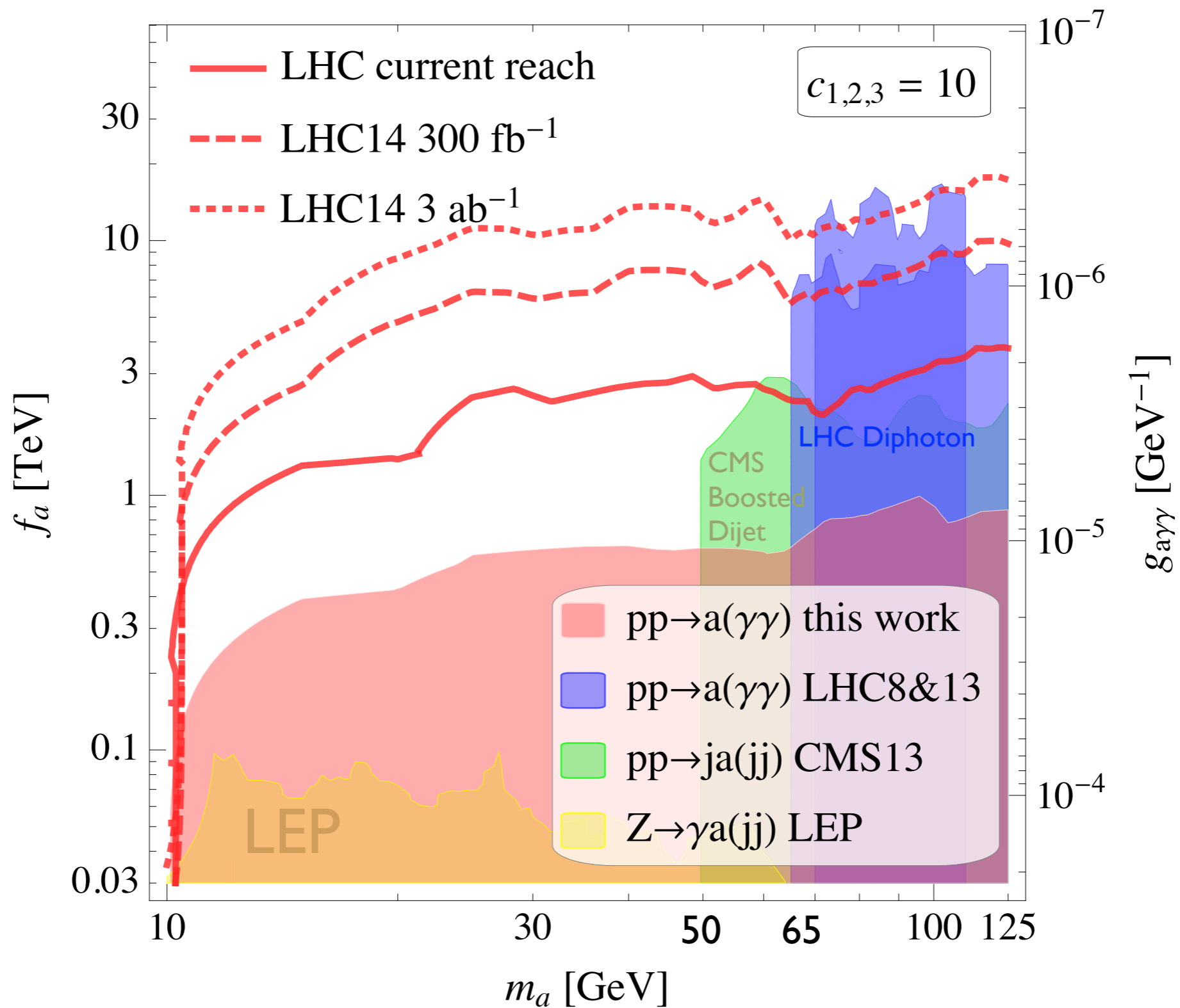


# Bound/sensitivity on cross section



**ATLAS7 down to 10GeV**

# ALP parameter space



**LHC  $\gg$  LEP! And,  $f_a < \text{TeV}$  can be covered.**

# Summary and Prospects

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- pNGB/ALP of 1-50GeV was poorly constrained
- 10-100GeV can be covered by x-sec measurement
- Conservative bound is already strongest. Sensitivity with current data can be x10 better(in x-section). Encourage ATLAS&CMS!
- Challenge is 1-10GeV
  - Lower  $p_T$  or  $\Delta R$  cut. Use trigger level analysis, or data parking (record fraction of data)
  - Substructure technique. Extend boosted dijet+ISR analysis to low mass. Boosted diphoton+ISR is interesting direction



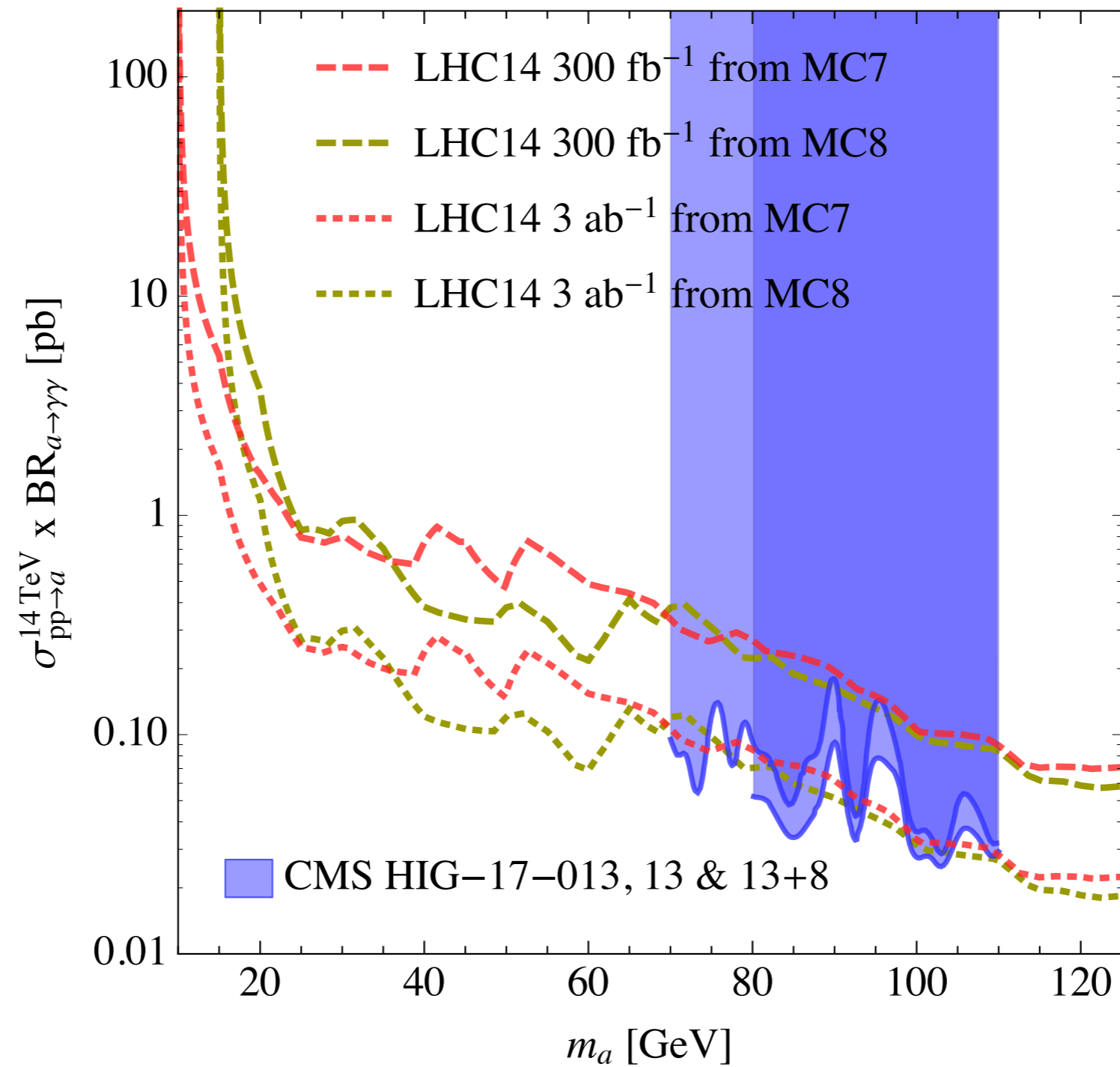


pic from <http://us.france.fr/en/discover/alps-0>

*Thank you!*

# Backup

# 14TeV Projection from 7TeV and 8TeV



# Validation of our MC

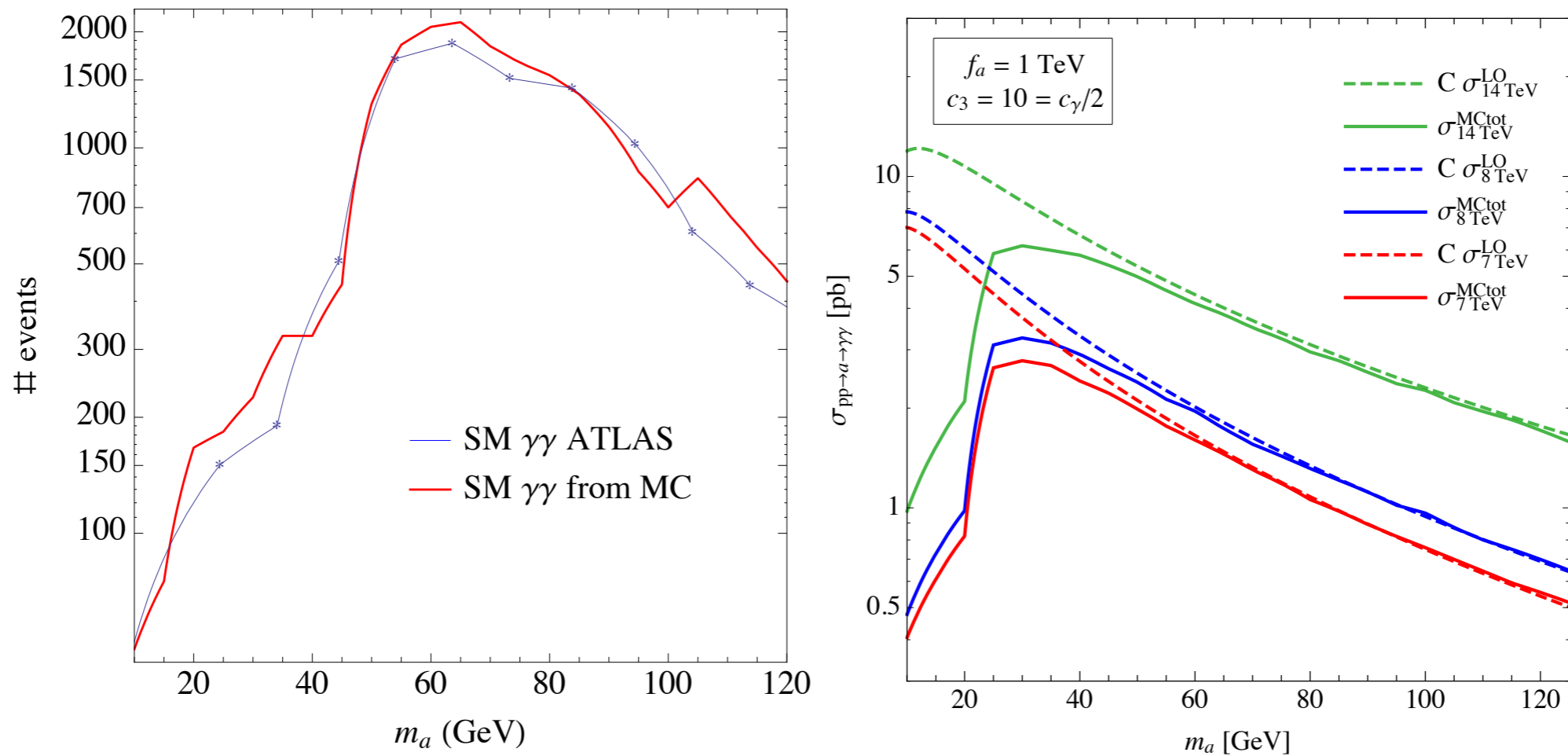


FIG. 3: Left: diphoton background shapes from our MC simulation (solid red) and from ATLAS cross section measurements (light blue) at 7 TeV. Right: Total signal strengths from our MC simulation with minimal cuts (solid lines), compared with the LO theoretical signal strengths (dashed lines). See text for more details.