



# Constraint for a light charged Higgs boson and its neutral partners from top quark pairs at the LHC

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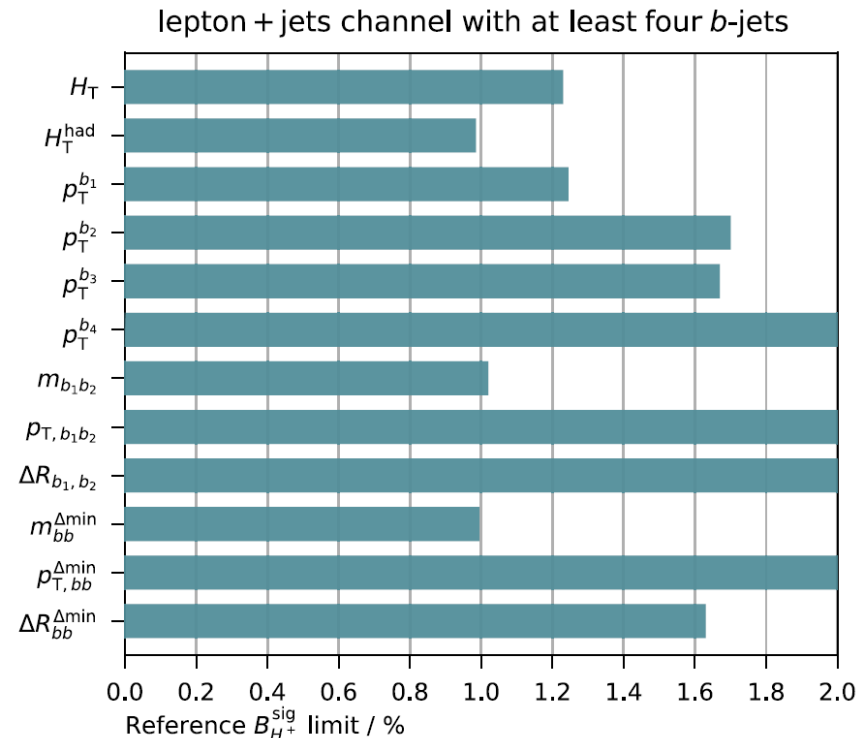
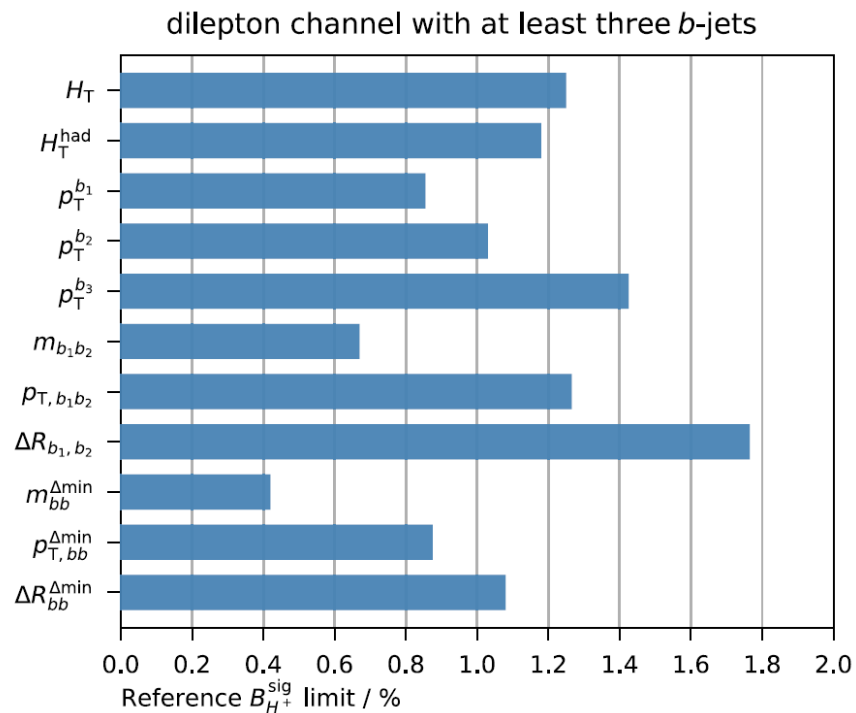
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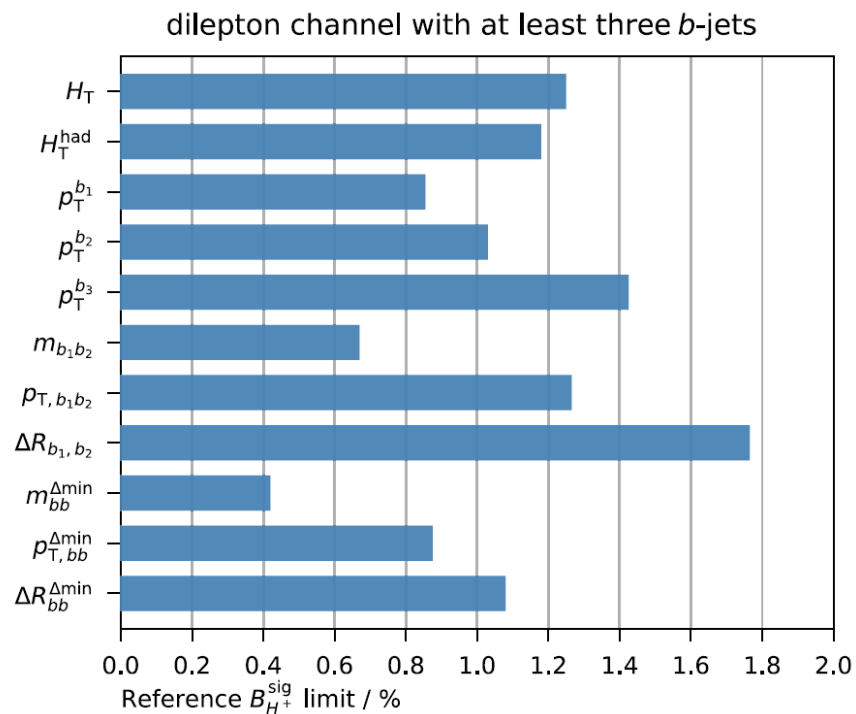
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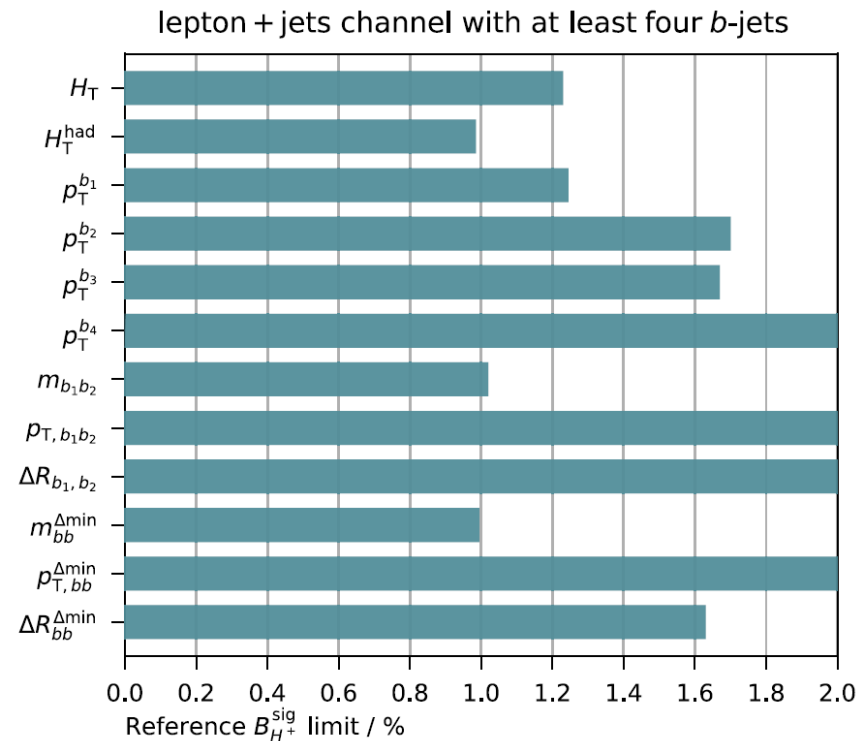


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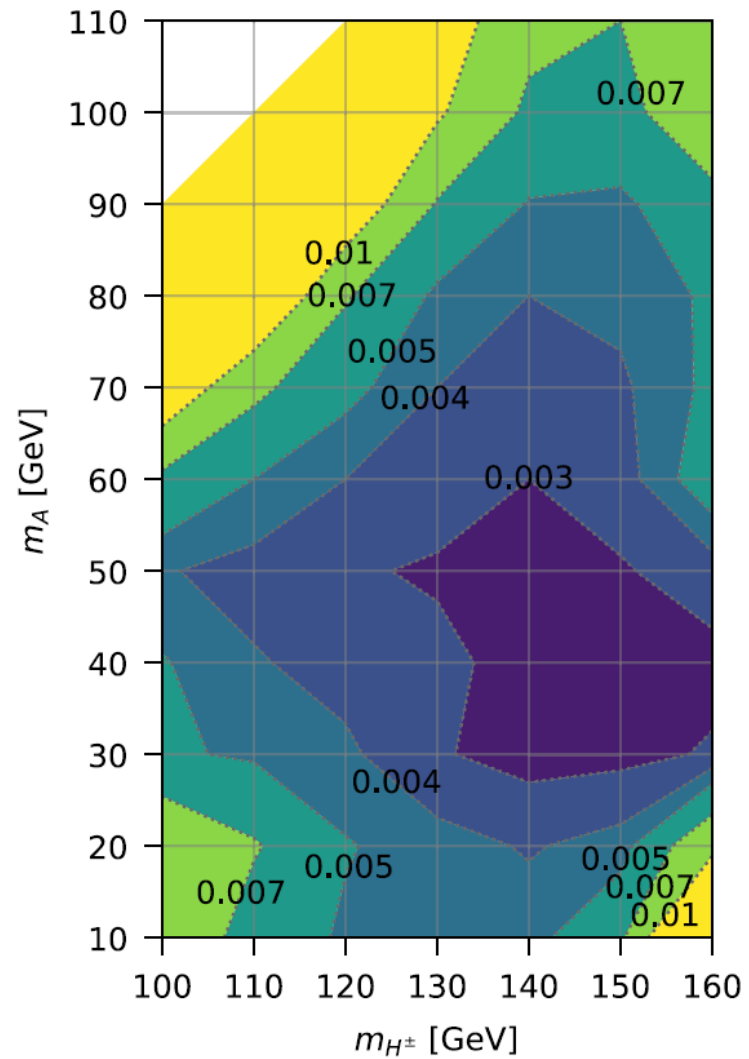
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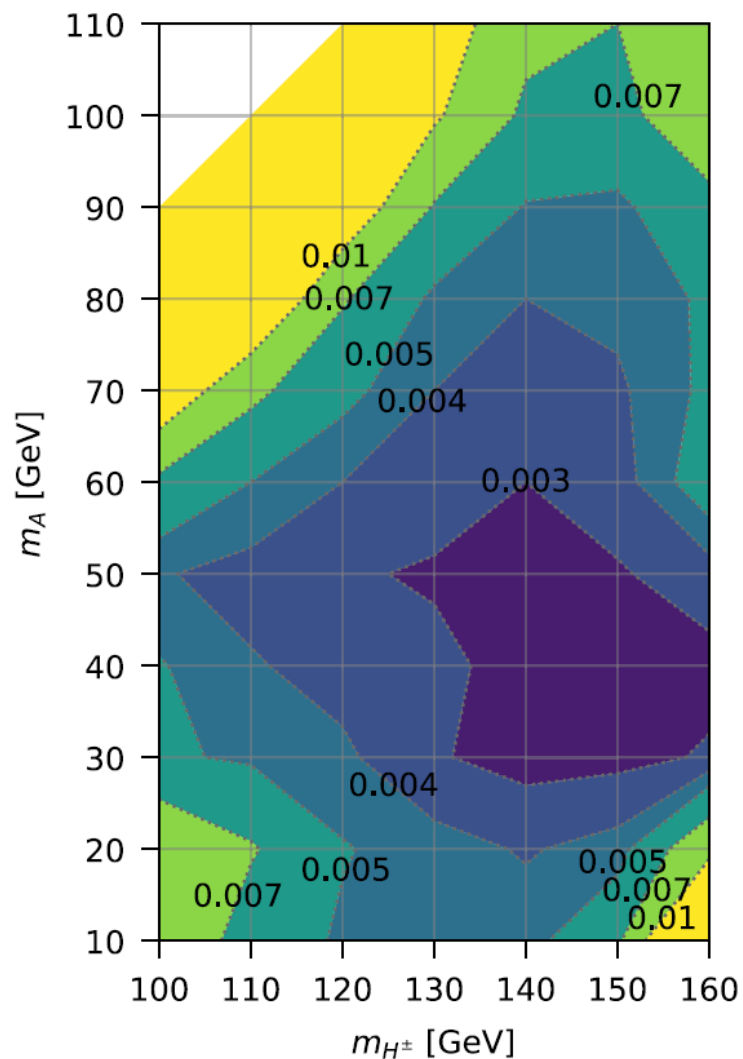
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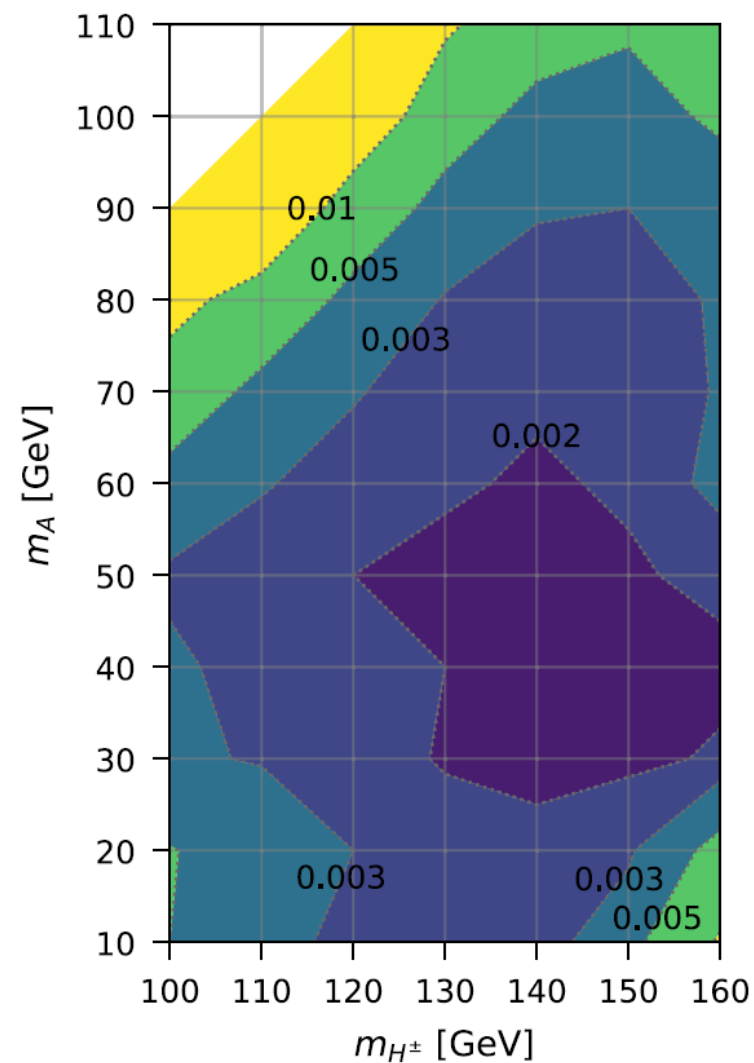
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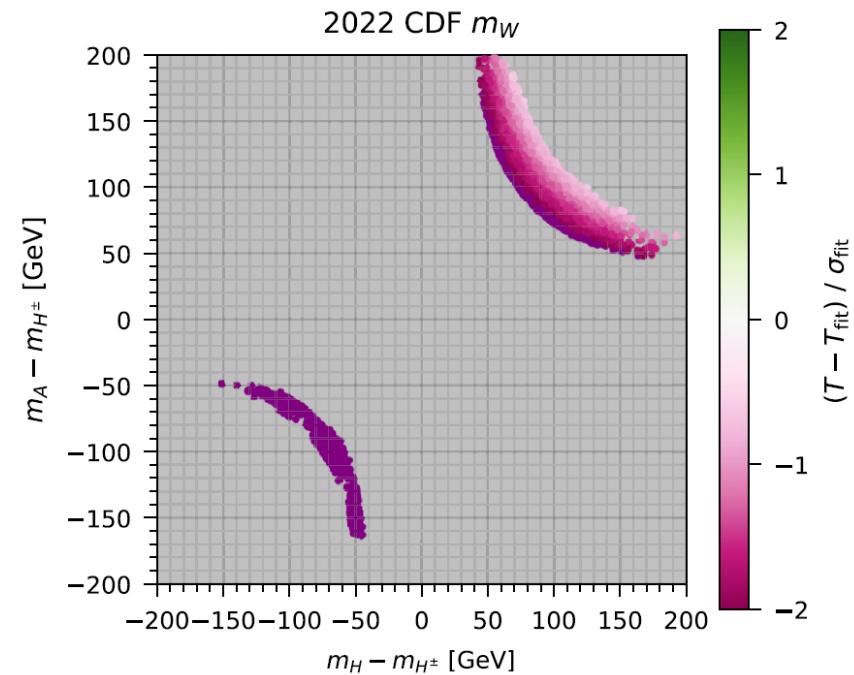
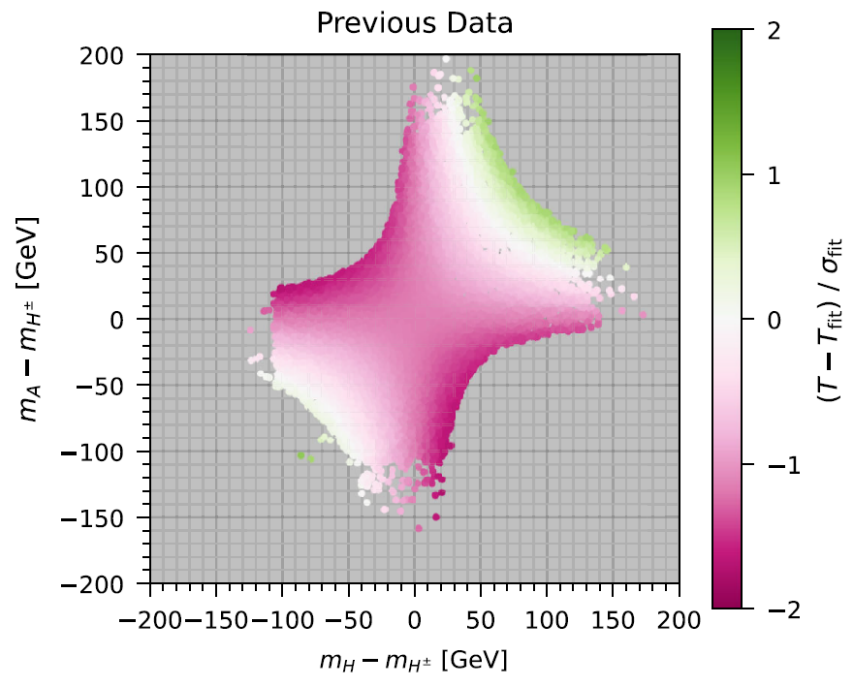
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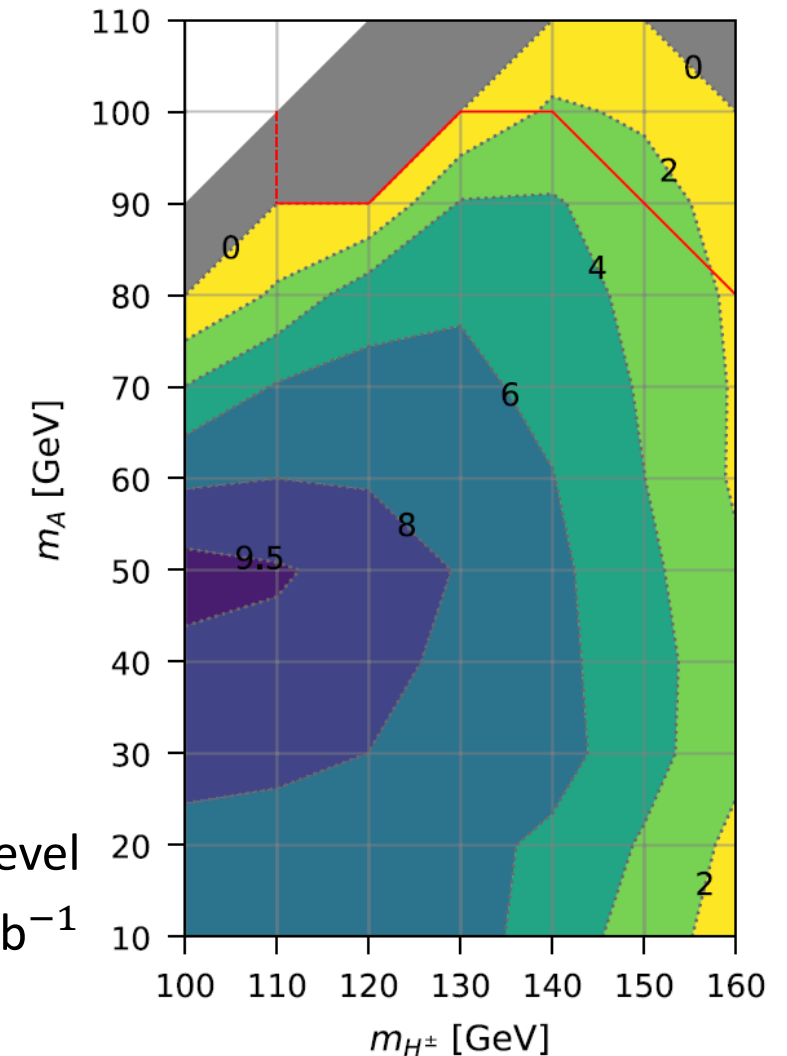
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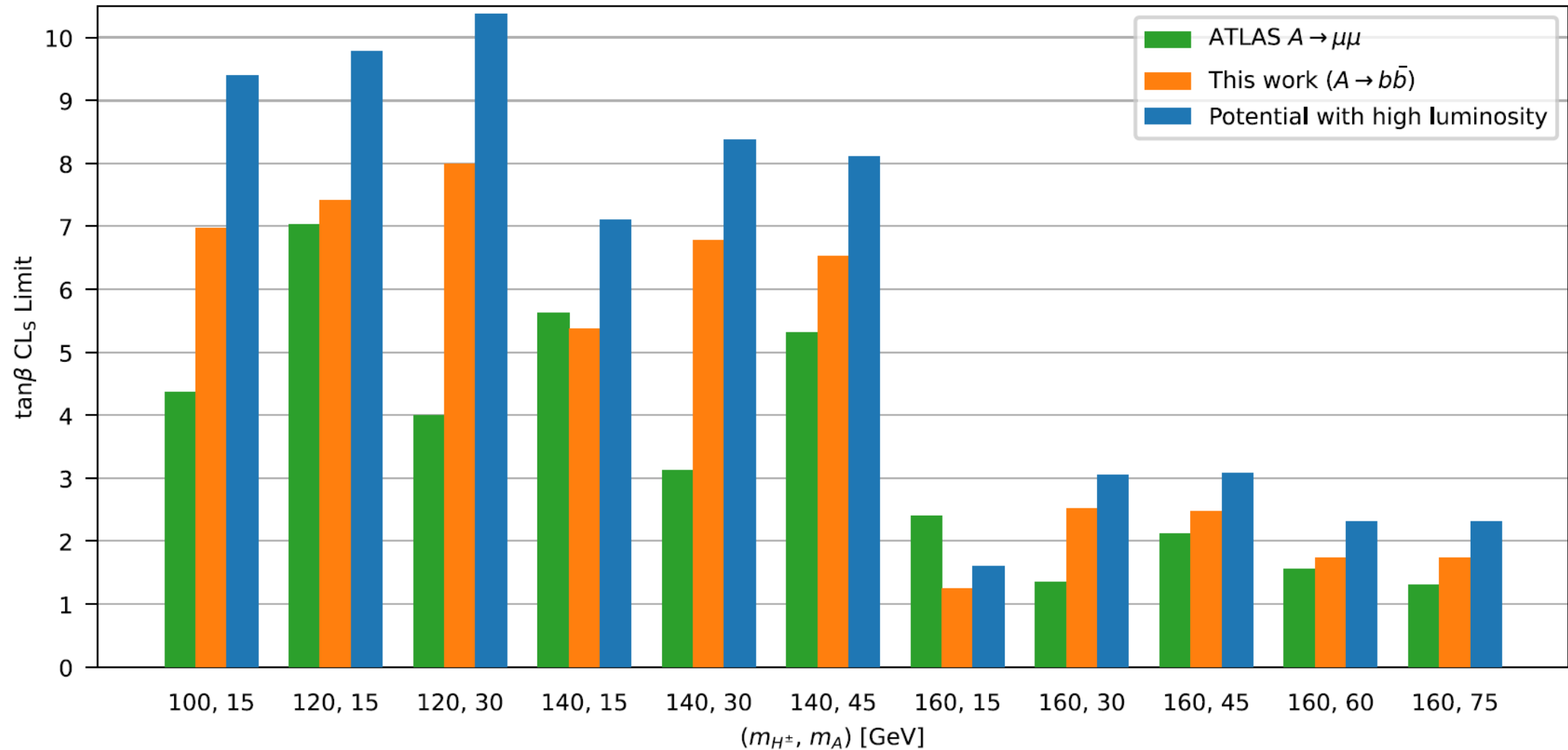
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Lower limits on  $\tan \beta$  at 95% confidence level  
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