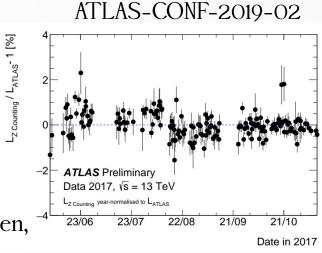


Highlight the unique and leading contributions of ATLAS Liverpool members in the following

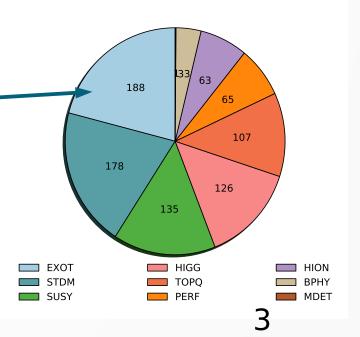
- 9 members of staff Yanyan Gao left for Edinburgh (continued collaboration)
- Carl Gwilliam appointed as new lecturer from Aug 2020
- 14 PhD students, a new PDRA starting on January 1st (Cristiano Sebastiani) 2

### Fundamental Contributions and Leadership

- State-of-the art analyses enabled by ground work, e.g.
  - Tagging heavy-flavour jets (Nikos, Andy, Carl, Jordan (PhD))
  - Electron (Eliosa (PhD)) and Tau (Nikos) identification
  - Luminosity measurements (Uta, Jan, Michael (PhD), Harry (PhD))
  - Monte Carlo simulation (Jan, Monica, Harry (PhD))
  - Analysis software coordination (Andy)
  - SCT data acquisition, software, radiation damage, tracking simulation (Helen, Hanna (PhD)
  - Pileup simulation (Carl)
- Liverpool ATLAS members leadership positions in 2019:
  - Max: chair of Collaboration Board ("John Bercow" of ATLAS)
  - Carl: convenor of Exotic group
  - Uta: Speaker committee advisory board, Jan: Publication committee
  - Nikos: ATLAS NMSSM contact in the LHC HXSG
  - Monica: ATLAS coordinator for HL-LHC Beyond SM physics
  - Major contributions and leadership in ATLAS Upgrade → Jon's talk

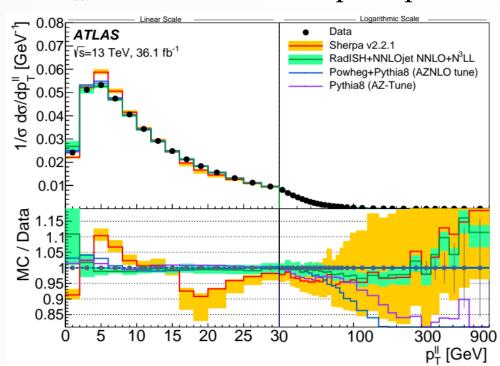


ATLAS - Papers/Lead-group

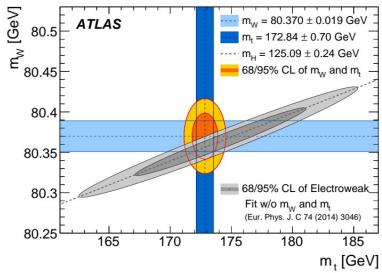


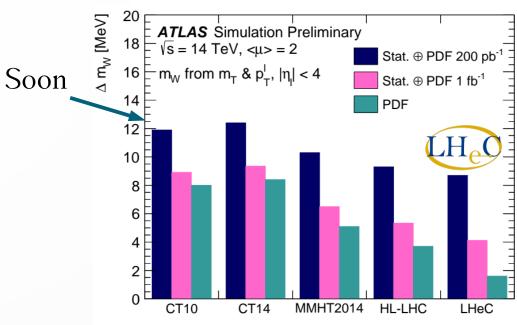
#### Electroweak Precision Measurements (Harry (PhD), Jan Uta, Max)

- W-boson mass important indirect constraint on new physics - but a "near impossible" measurement
- Working on supporting measurement towards  $\Delta m_W \rightarrow$  10 MeV and prospect studies



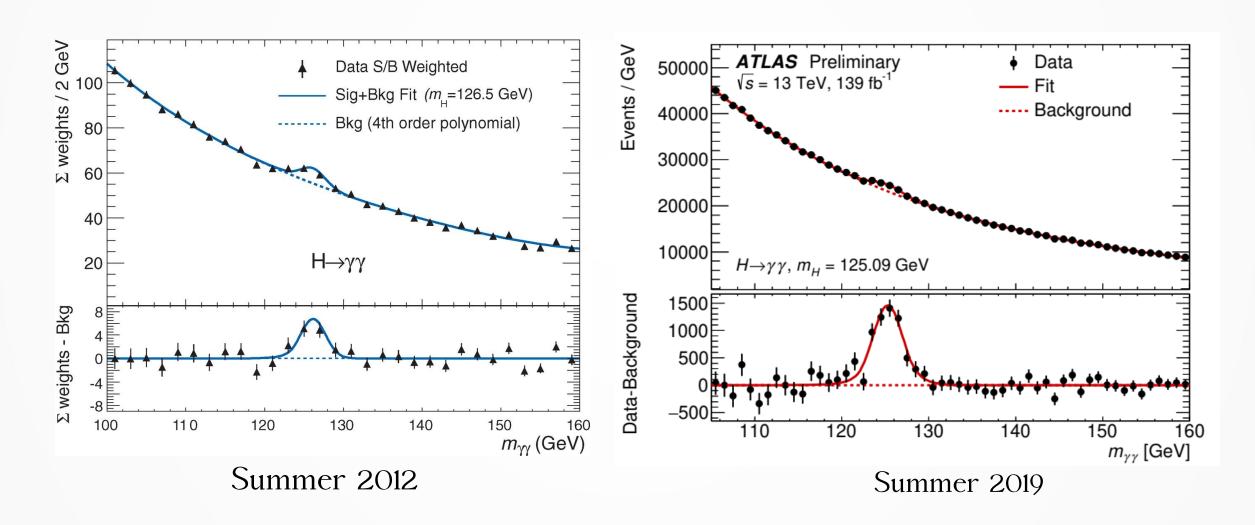
arXiv:1912.02844 (Uta (EB), Jan, Harry (Rivet, tuning))



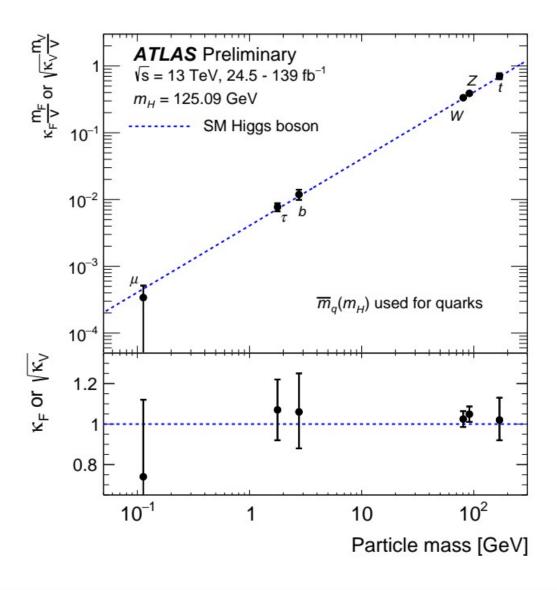


ATL-PHYS-PUB-2018-026, part of European Strategy submission for HL-LHC, arXiv:1902.04070 (Jan)

#### The Higgs Boson - From discovery to measurements

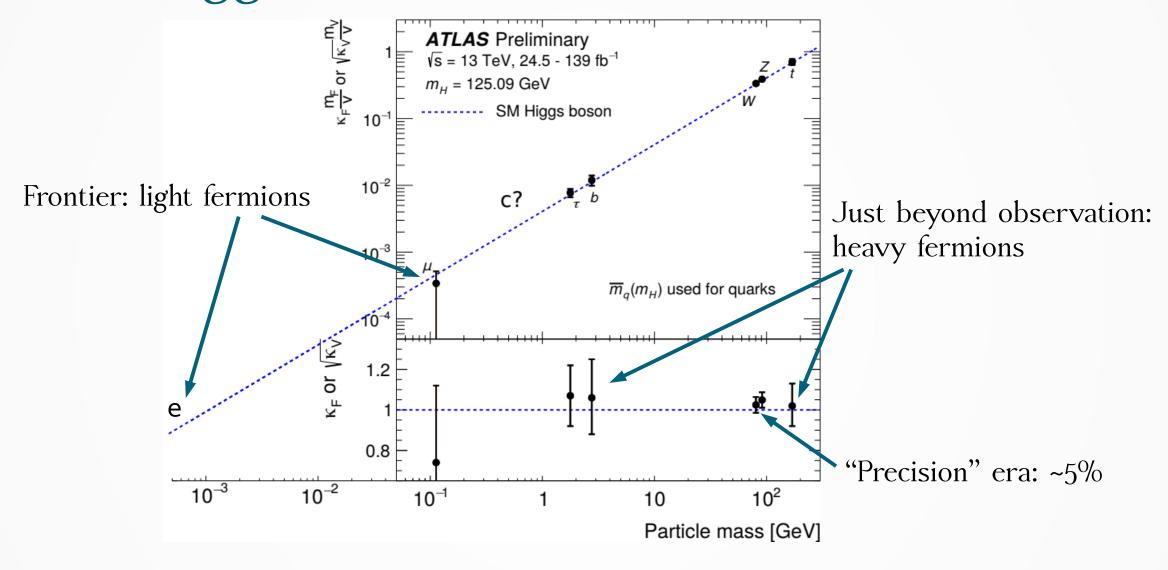


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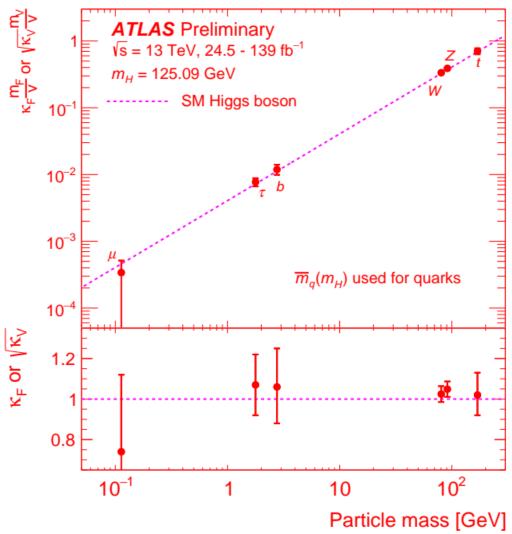
State-of-the-art characterisation of the Higgs Boson arXiv:1909.02845

### The Higgs Boson - Back to discoveries?



Leading Liverpool contributions to many SM Higgs analyses and their review: Andy (bb,  $\mu\mu$ , ee), Monica (ttH), Jan ( $\chi\chi$ ,  $\mu\mu$ , ee), Uta ( $\chi\chi$ ), PhD: Hanna ( $\mu\mu$ , ee)

### The Higgs Boson - Back to discoveries?

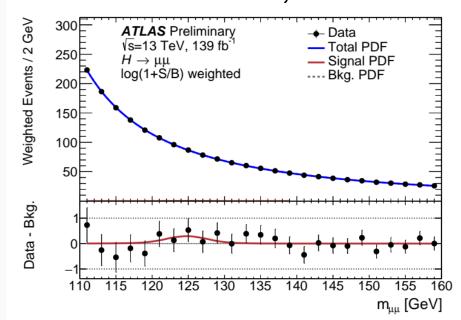


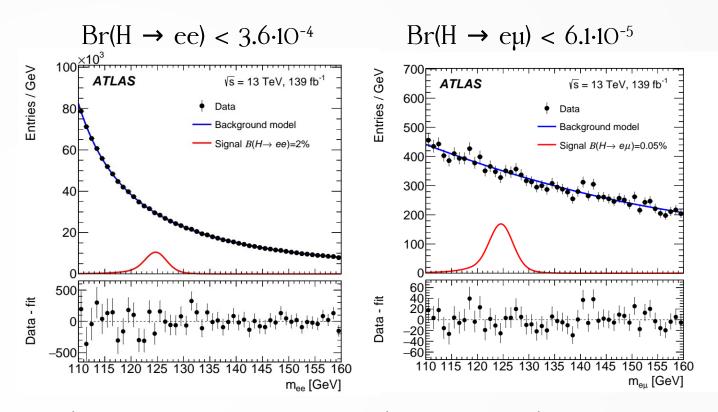
Use the Higgs boson as "tool" for direct discovery of physics beyond the SM Carl, Monica, Andy, Nikos, Uta, Jan PhDs: Hamish, Matt, Eloisa, Alessandro, Alan, Emily, Jordan, Joseph

#### Higgs frontier: light leptons and flavour violation

Br(H  $\rightarrow \mu\mu$ )/exp. SM = 0.5 ± 0.7

- almost at SM sensitivity





ATLAS-CONF-2019-028 (Jan, Andy, Hanna (PhD))

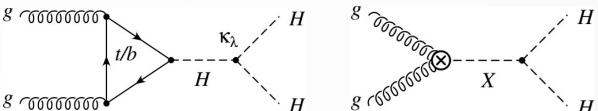
Phys. Lett. B 801 (2020) 135148 (Andy, Jan, Hanna (PhD))

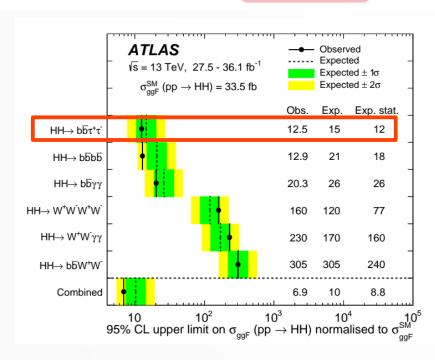
- Among the first ATLAS Higgs analyses on full Run 2 dataset; worldleading sensitivity
- Results on lepton-flavour violating decays complement low-energy precision studies
- Work ongoing on eτ, μτ channels (Uta, Carl, Joseph (PhD))

## Higgs-boson Pair Production

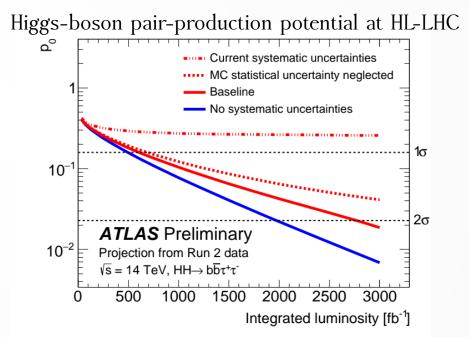
Exploring the Higgs potential + search for new resonances X

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} \left[ (\partial_{\mu} - igA_{\mu}) (v + h) (\partial^{\mu} + igA^{\mu}) (v + h) \right] + \frac{1}{2} \mu^{2} (v + h)^{2} - \frac{1}{4} \lambda (v + h)^{4} - \frac{1}{4} F^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu}.$$





Phys. Lett. B 800 (2020) 135103 (Carl, Nikos, Andy, Emily (PhD))

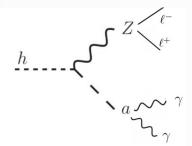


ATL-PHYS-PUB-2018-053, part of European Strategy submission for HL-LHC, arXiv:1902.00134 (Carl)

- World-leading sensitivity, esp. through  $b\tau b\tau$  analysis by Liverpool, work on full Run 2 Analysis (Carl, Nikos, Jordan (PhD))
- Work on full Run 2 A→ZH (Nikos, Alan (PhD)

### Higgs bosons as Portal to Dark Matter

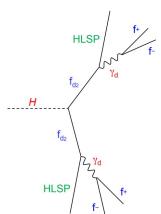
- Direct constraints on Br(H→invisible) < 20% – significant room for coupling to new physics
- The group is covering a wide variety of different signatures



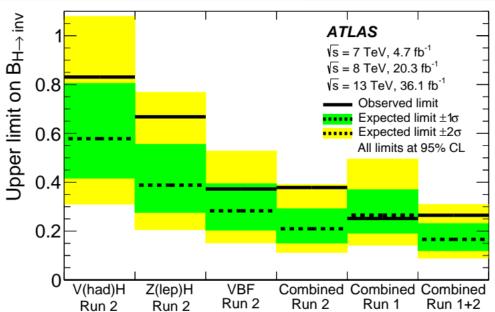
Axions from Higgs decays: Nikos, Sergey, Adam R. (PhD)

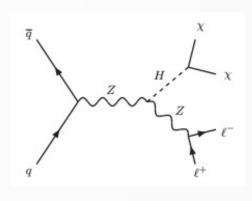


Dark matter with top-quarks: Monica, Matt (PhD), Hamish (PhD)



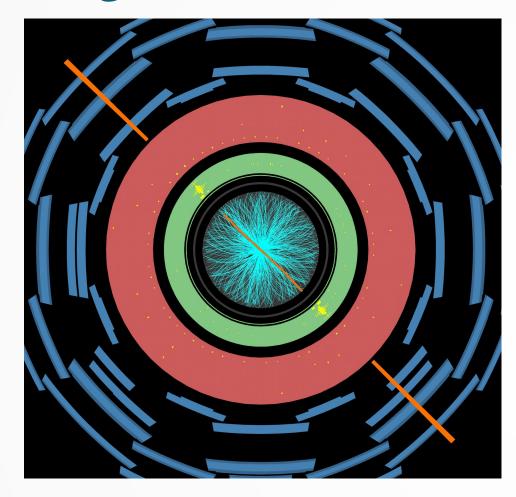
Dark photons from Higgs decays: Monica, Alessandro (PhD)





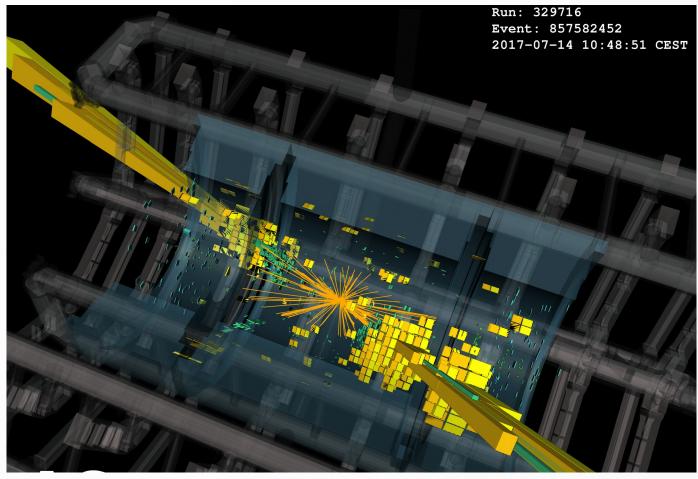
Higgs to Dark matter/invisible: Monica, Andy, Eloisa (PhD)

# High-mass resonances

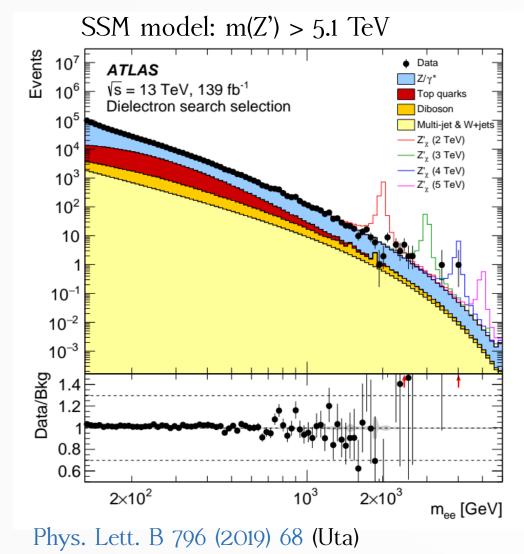


Di-electron event  $m_{ee}$ =4.1 TeV

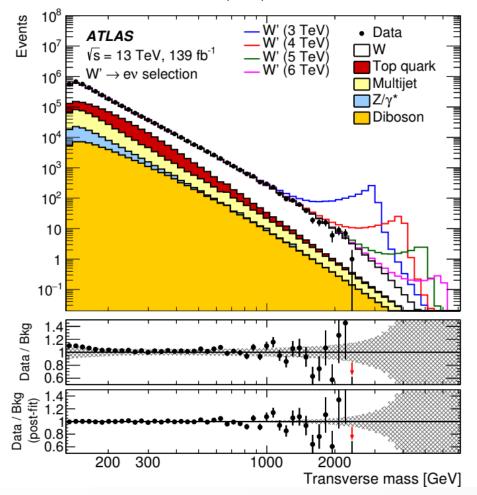
Di-jet event  $m_{ij}$ =9.5 TeV



## High-mass resonances



Liverpool lead on electron channel SSM model: m(W') > 6.0 TeV

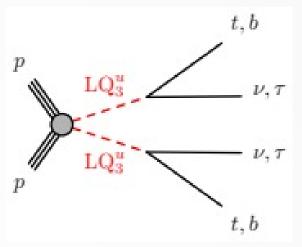


Phys. Rev. D 100 (2019) 052013 (Uta, Michael (PhD))

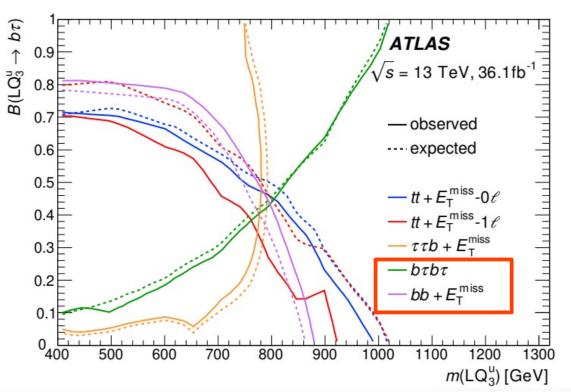
• Extending analyses to search for non-resonant signals, measure high-mass cross sections, EFT analysis (Uta, Jan, PhD: Michael, Ricardo)

# Leptoquarks

Connection of lepton and quark sector?
3<sup>rd</sup> generation LQs may provide explanation for flavour anomalies



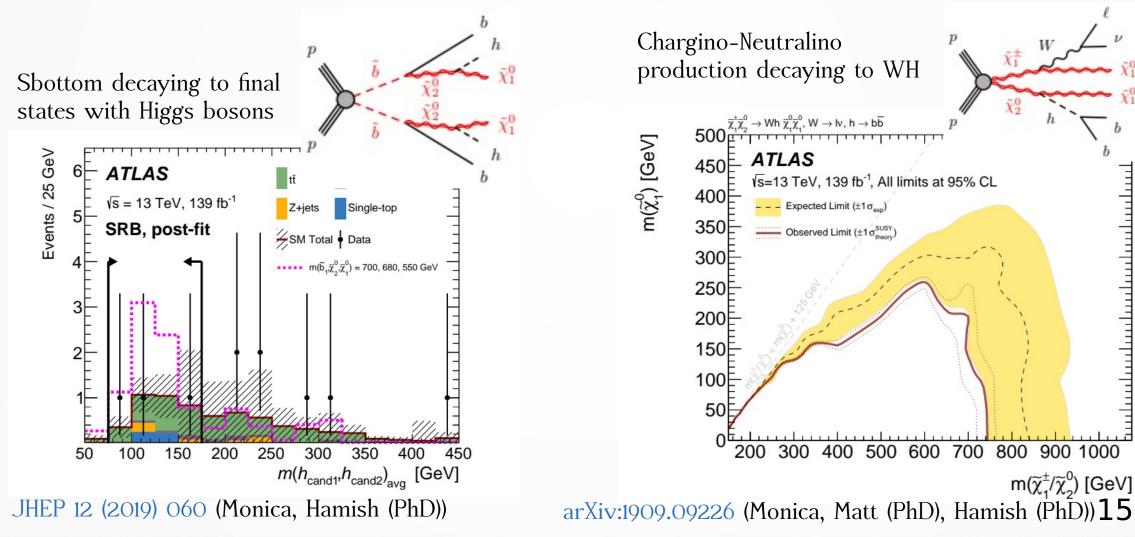
- Summary paper with world-leading sensitivity and strong Liverpool contributions on  $b\tau b\tau$  and  $bb+E_{T}^{miss}$
- Work ongoing on LQ analyses including 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> and & 3<sup>rd</sup> generations as well as first time mixed LQ (Andy, Monica, Adam J. (PhD)



JHEP 06 (2019) 144 (Carl, Andy, Monica, Emily (PhD))

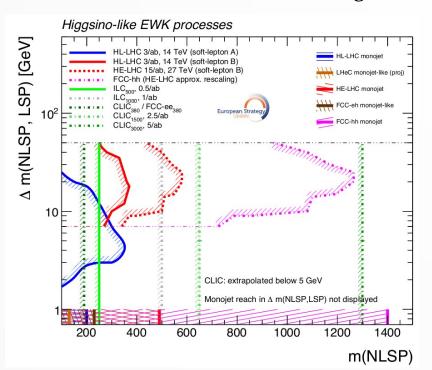
### Supersymmetry

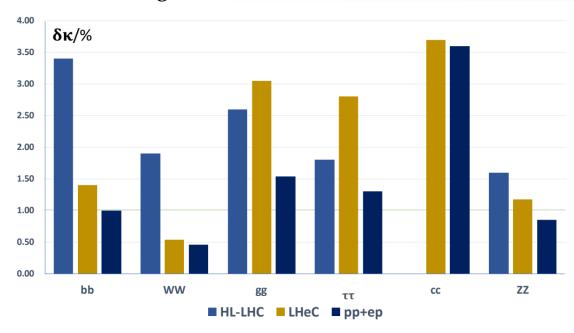
- A lot of activity on searches for SUSY: framework for searches with signatures typical of Beyond SM theories, candidate for Dark Matter
- Starting up: signatures with disappearing tracks (Helen, Monica, James (Phd)



#### European Strategy and Future Collider Prospects

- LHeC: Project Leader Max, Convenors: Monica, Uta
  - Involvement of 5 UK institutes;
  - Collaboration on PERLE with Daresbury, Orsay, CERN, Jlab and others
- Vital contributions from Liverpool on physics studies for HL-LHC, HE-LHC and LHeC:
  - BSM report arXiv:1812.07831: Monica, Carl, Matt (PhD), Yanyan (now Edinburgh), Hamish (PhD)
  - SM report arXiv:1902.04070: Jan
  - Higgs report arXiv:1902.00134: Carl, Nikos
- Convenors for "Granada Meeting" and work on "Briefing Book" arXiv:1910.11775: Monica, Uta

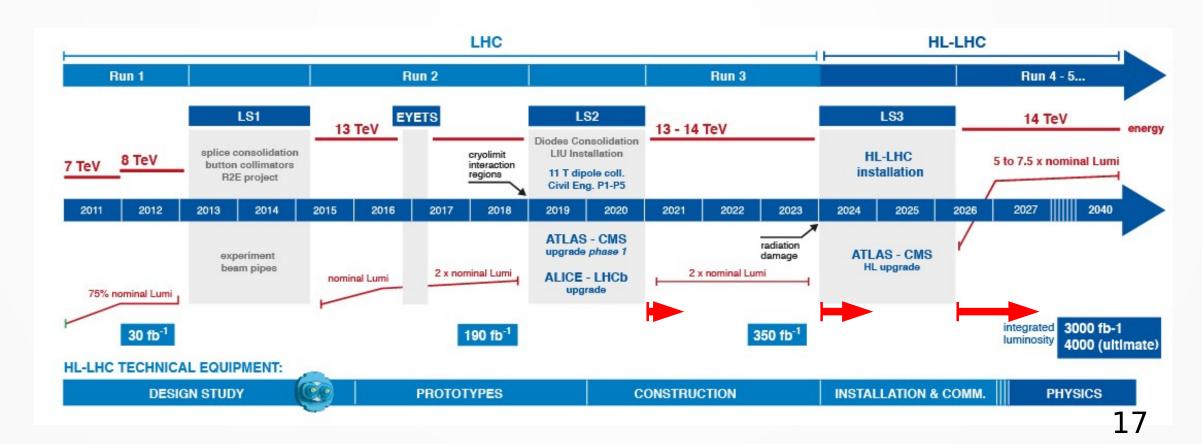




LHeC White Paper (to appear, Uta, Monica, Max)

# Upgrades and High-Luminosity LHC

- Currently in "Long shutdown 2" (LS2) with intense upgrade activities (ATLAS: Muon New "Small" Wheel, Trigger) extended to mid 2021
- Extend Run 3 by one year: more data, more time to prepare HL-LHC
- Extend "Long Shutdown 3" by one year: HL-LHC to start mid 2027



## Summary

- 2019 was a very active year for ATLAS physics and Liverpool group members make leading contributions to high-profile publications – at world-leading precision or sensitivity
- We have made leading contributions to the European Strategy process to shape the future of collider physics
- We would also like to thank the computing team for their essential support of our activities
- Merry Christmas!



