

Rare Higgs decays, Higgs BSM and di-Higgs

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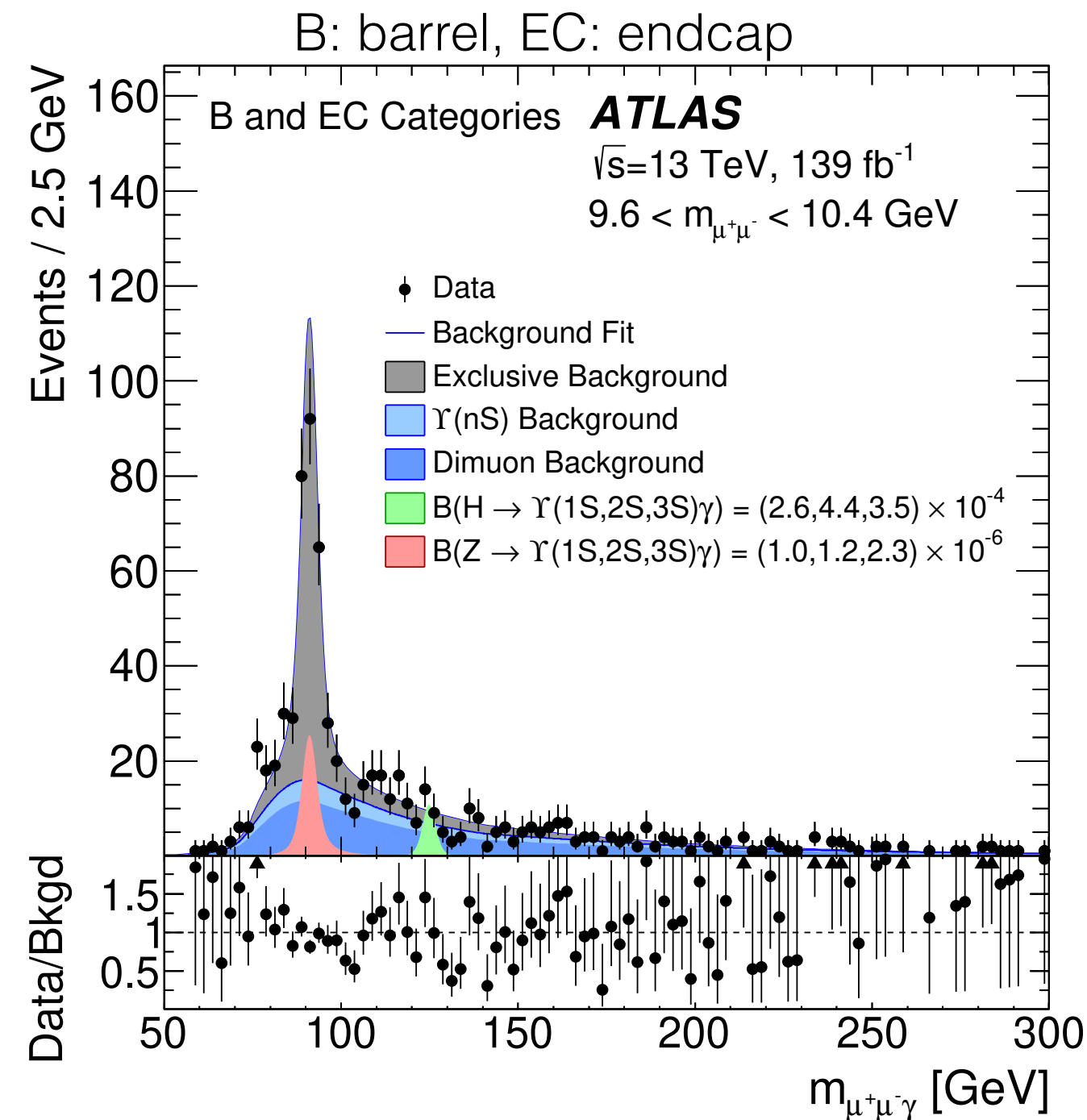
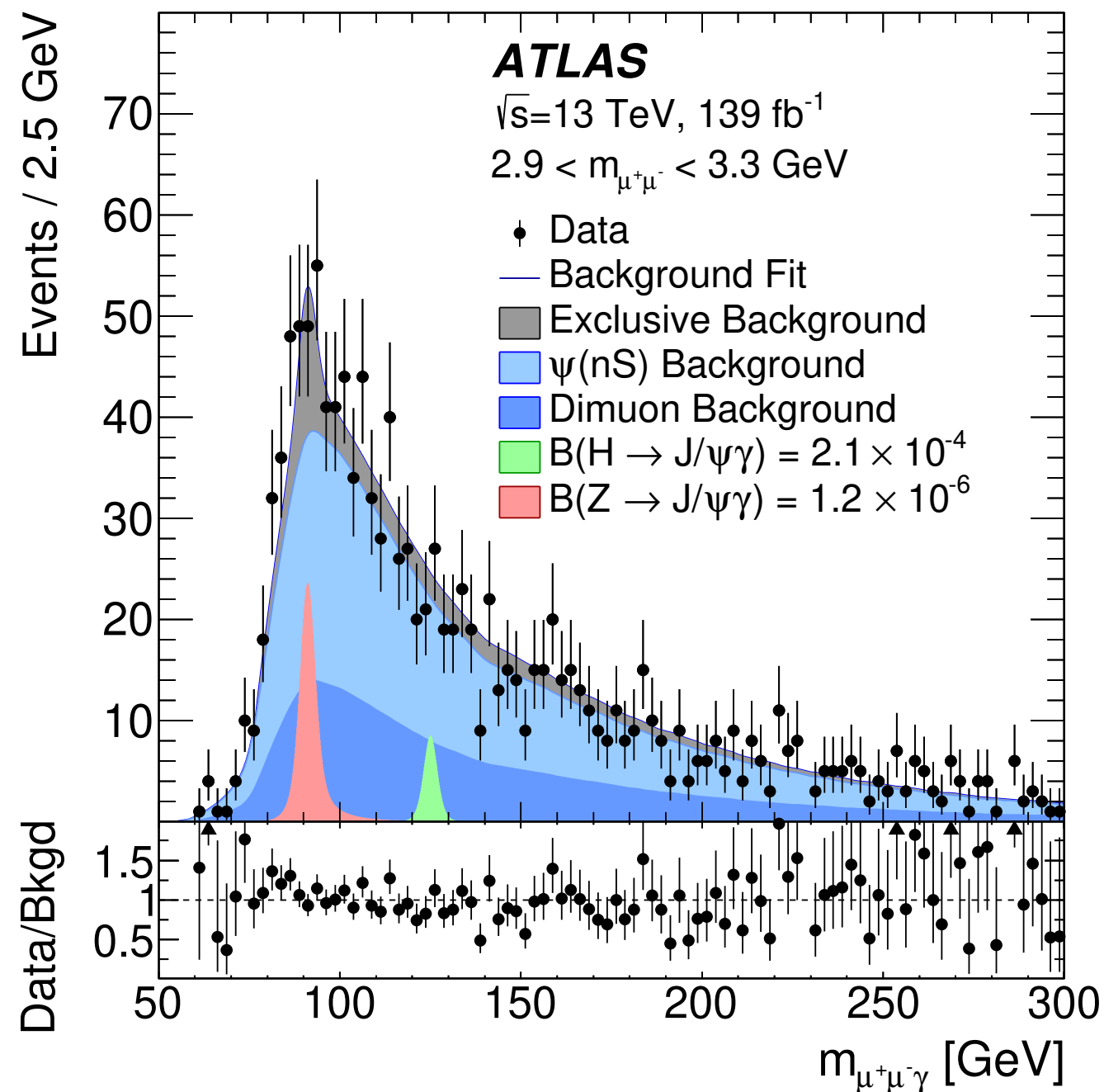
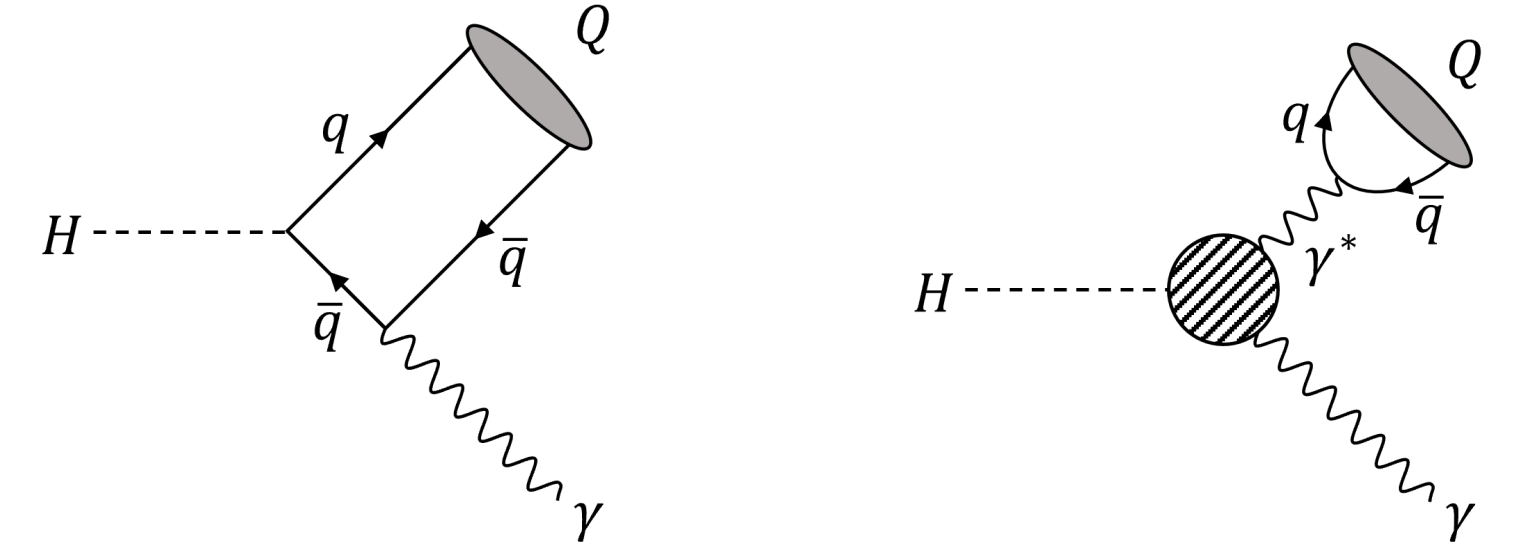
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Rare Higgs decays

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Higgs decays to Quarkonium + photon

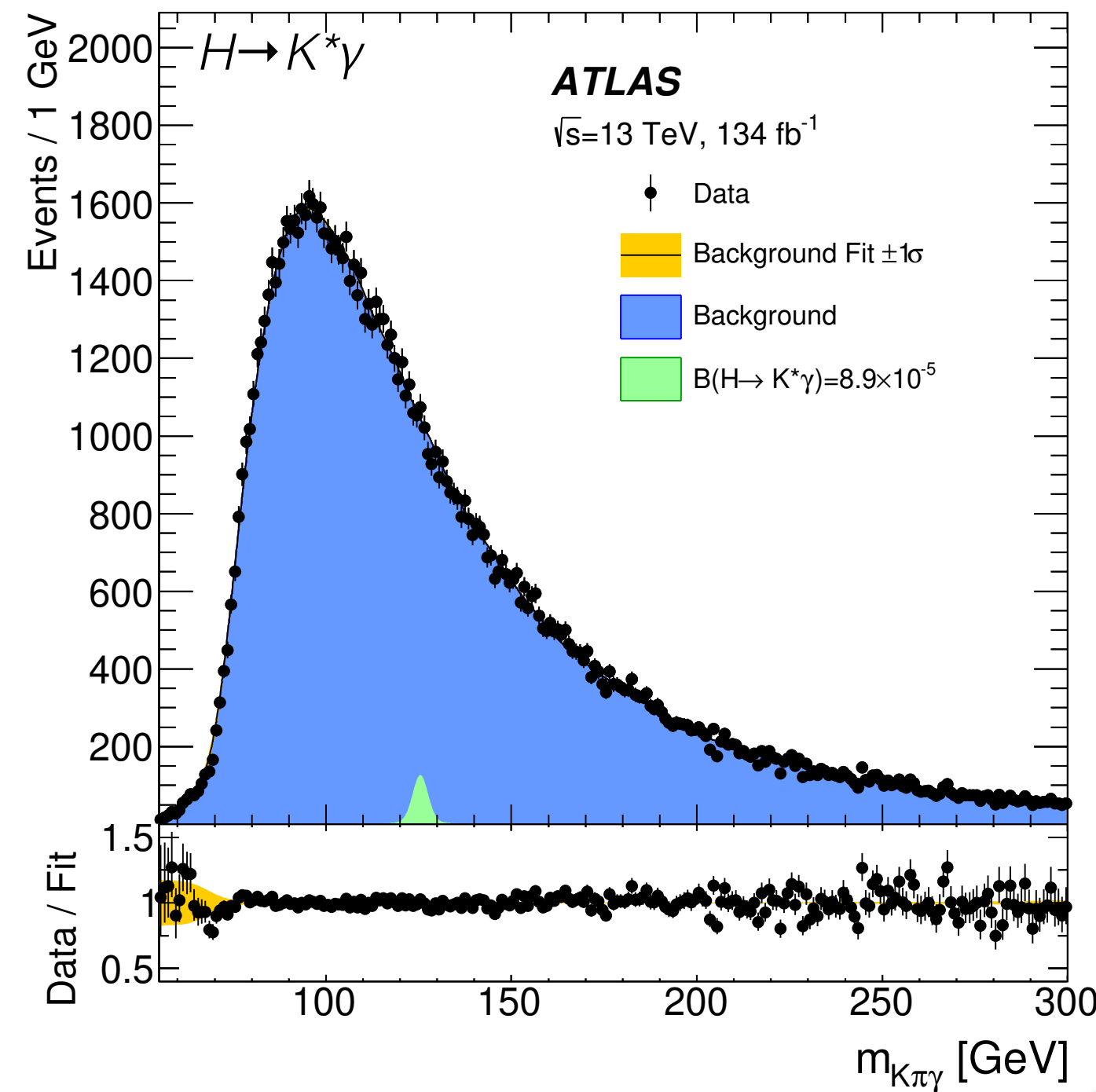
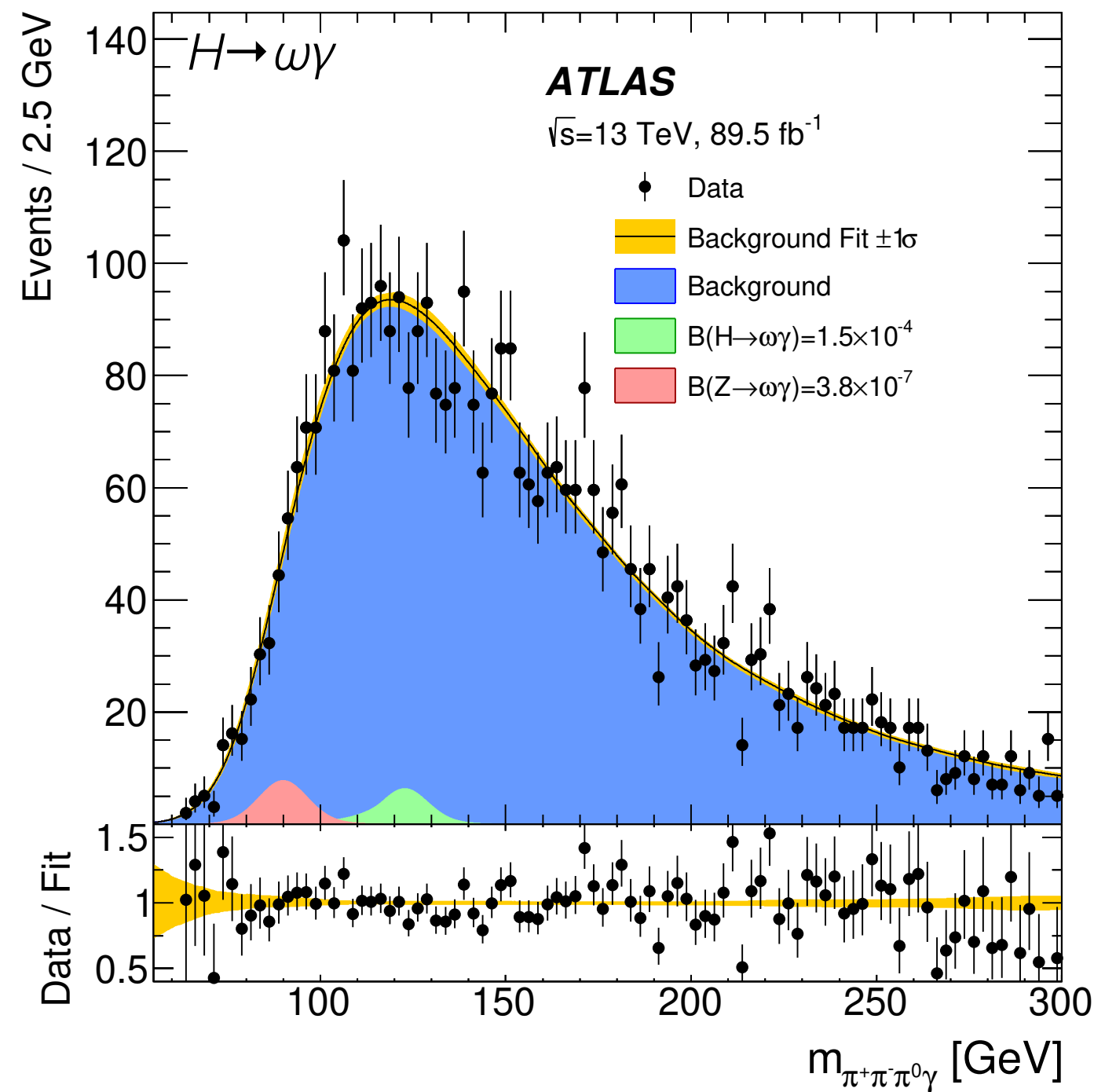
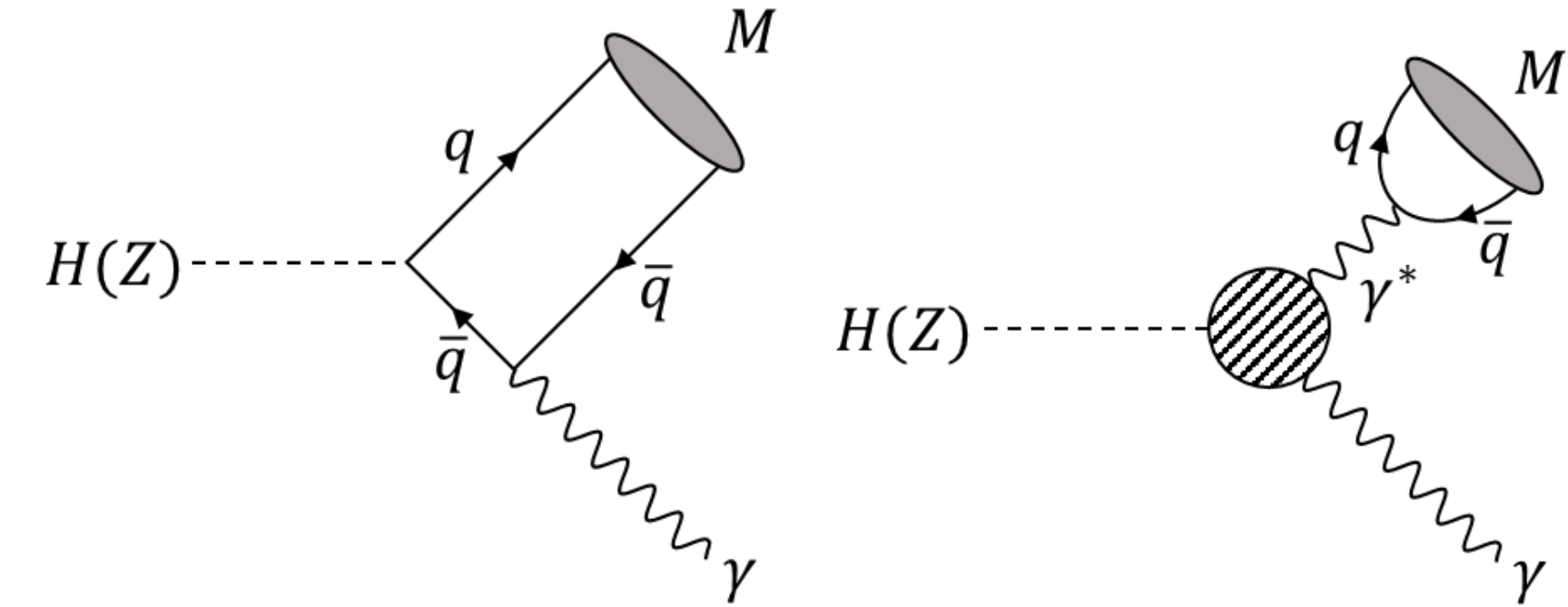
- Allows for exploration of the Higgs couplings to c and b quarks
- Reconstruction of the event is performed via the muons from the Quarkonium decay and the photon



Decay channel	95% CL upper limits					
	Branching fraction				$\sigma \times \mathcal{B}$	
	Higgs boson [10^{-4}]		Z boson [10^{-6}]		Higgs boson [fb]	Z boson [fb]
	Expected	Observed	Expected	Observed	Observed	Observed
$J/\psi \gamma$	$1.9^{+0.8}_{-0.5}$	2.1	$0.6^{+0.3}_{-0.2}$	1.2	12	71
$\psi(2S) \gamma$	$8.5^{+3.8}_{-2.4}$	10.9	$2.9^{+1.3}_{-0.8}$	2.3	61	135
$Y(1S) \gamma$	$2.8^{+1.3}_{-0.8}$	2.6	$1.5^{+0.6}_{-0.4}$	1.0	14	59
$Y(2S) \gamma$	$3.5^{+1.6}_{-1.0}$	4.4	$2.0^{+0.8}_{-0.6}$	1.2	24	71
$Y(3S) \gamma$	$3.1^{+1.4}_{-0.9}$	3.5	$1.9^{+0.8}_{-0.5}$	2.3	19	135

Higgs decays to $\omega\gamma$ and $K^*\gamma$

- Rare decays allow for exploration of Higgs couplings to light quarks
- Exclusive decay analysis targeting flavor-changing interactions
- Events are reconstructed via their predominant $\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0$ and $K^\pm\pi^\pm$ final states

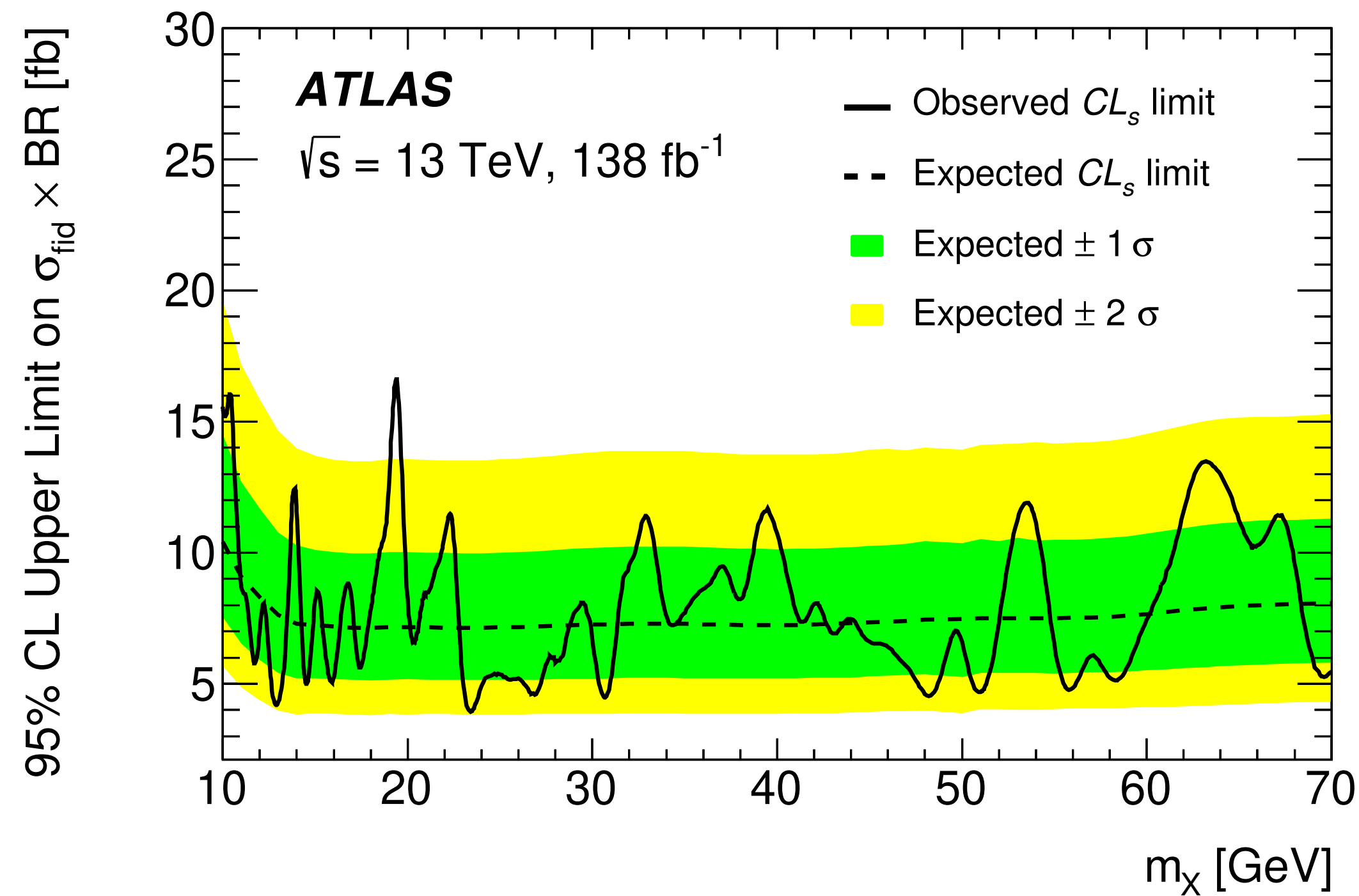
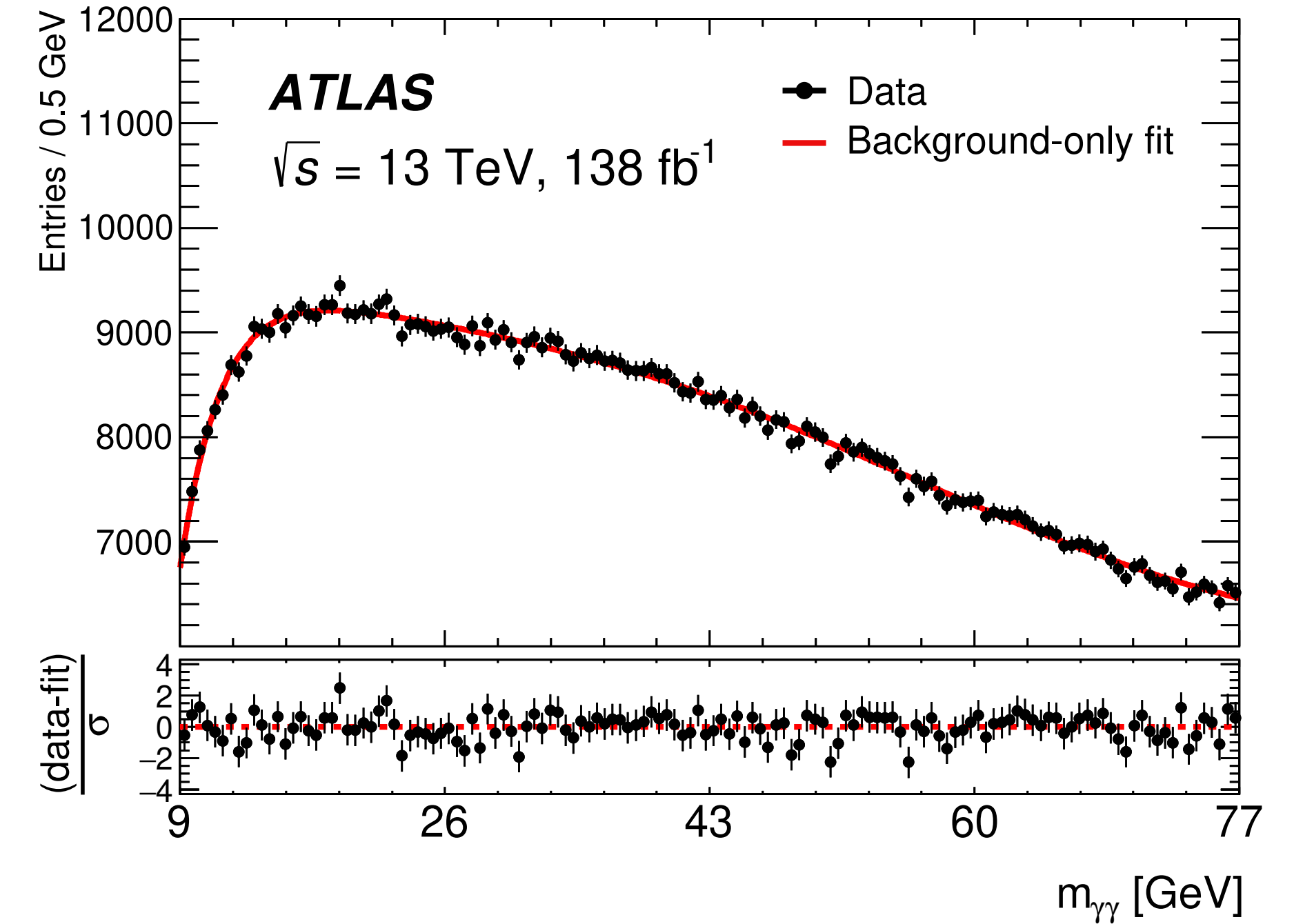


BR limits

Channel	95% CL upper limit	
	Expected	Observed
$H \rightarrow \omega\gamma$ [10^{-4}]	$3.0^{+1.2}_{-0.8}$	1.5
$H \rightarrow K^*\gamma$ [10^{-5}]	$12.2^{+4.9}_{-3.4}$	8.9

Higgs BSM

- Narrow resonances of mass 10-70 GeV are explored
- Events with pairs of closely spaced photons with large $p_{T^{\gamma\gamma}}$ are selected
- Analysis also recasted in a so-far uncovered phase-space of axion-like particles by di- γ searches



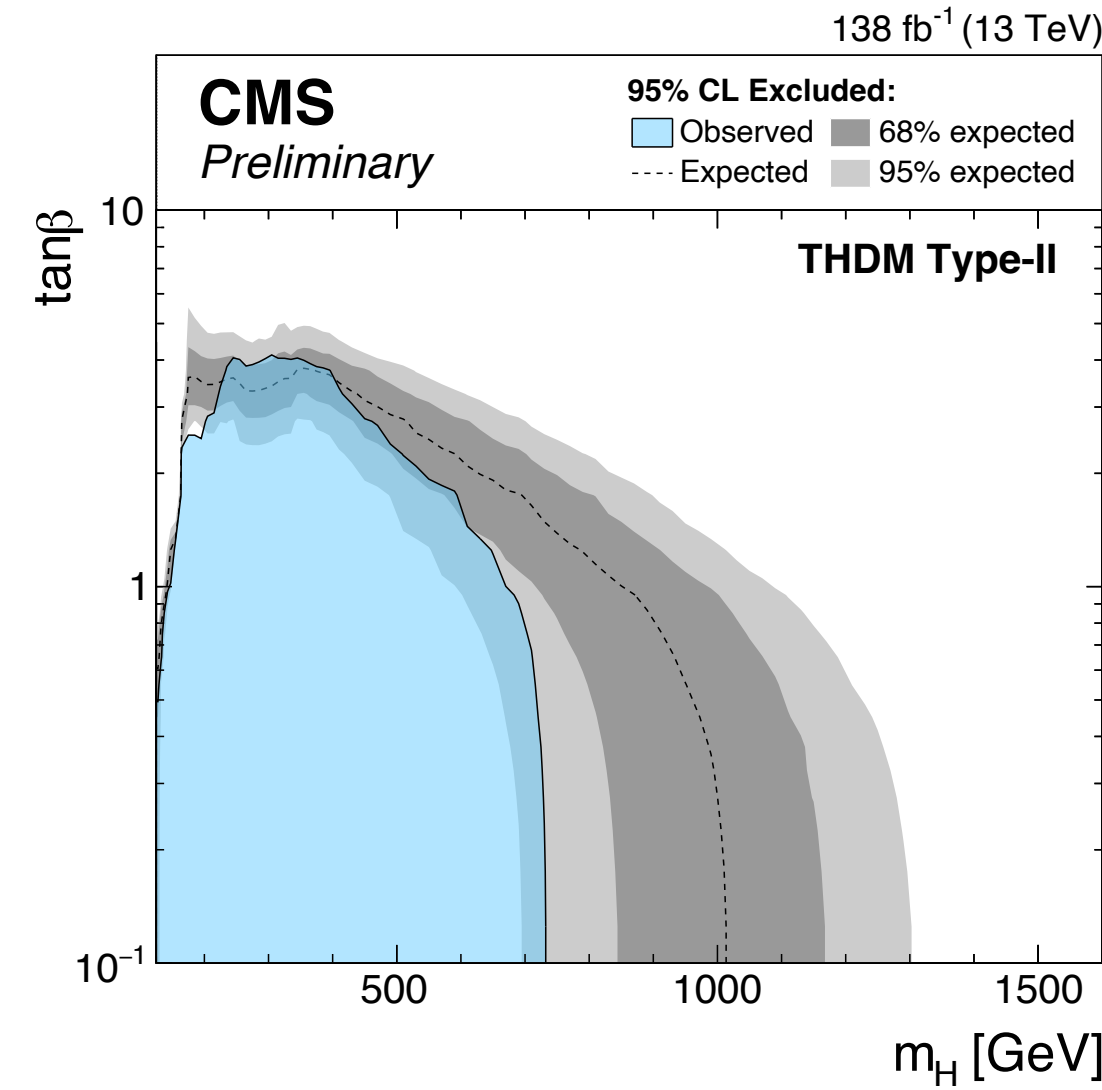
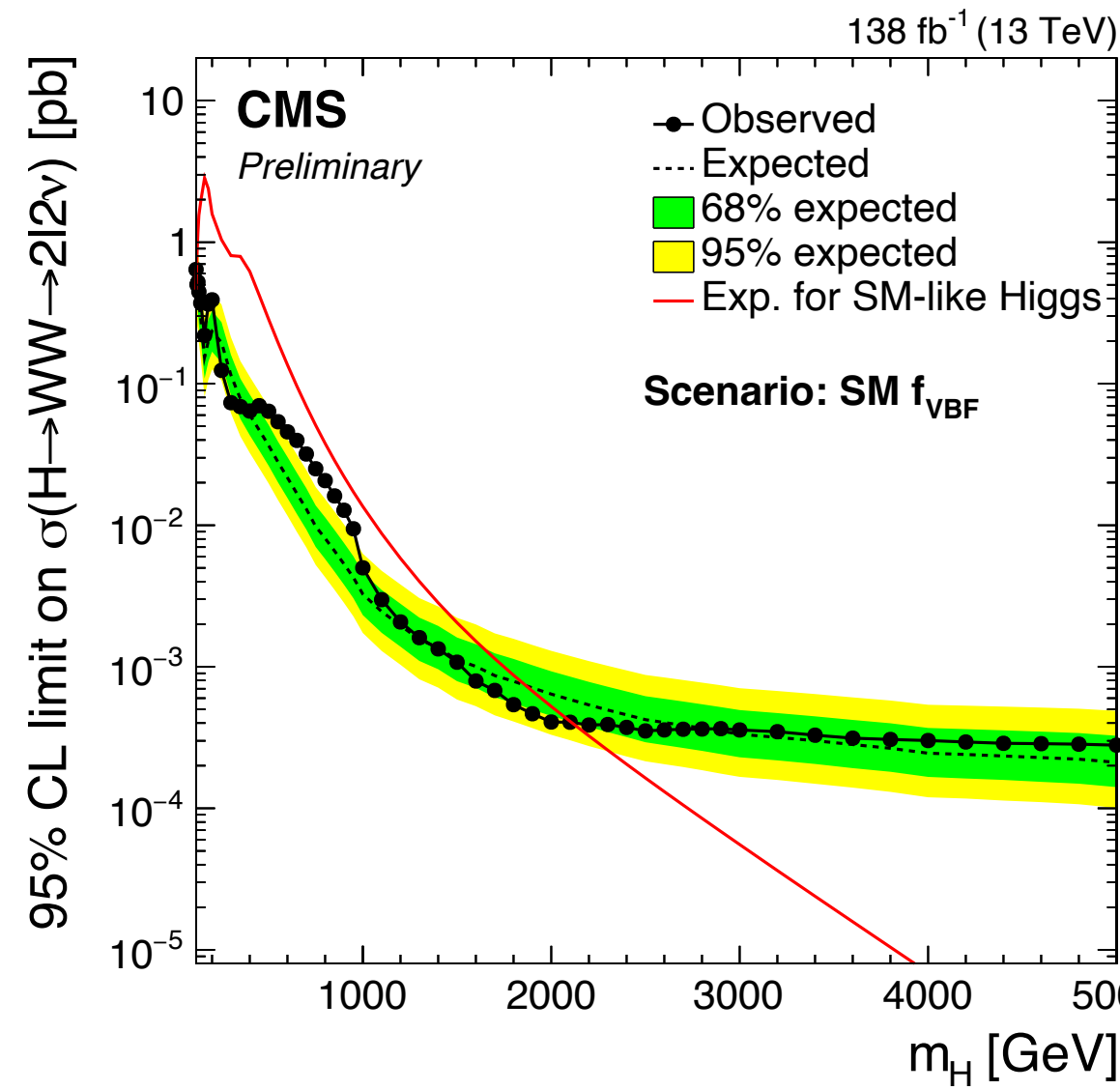
- Deviation at $m_\chi = 19.4 \text{ GeV}$ with local significance 3.1σ and global significance 1.5σ

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$H \rightarrow W^+W^- \rightarrow e\nu\mu\nu, \mu\nu\mu\nu, e\nu e\nu$

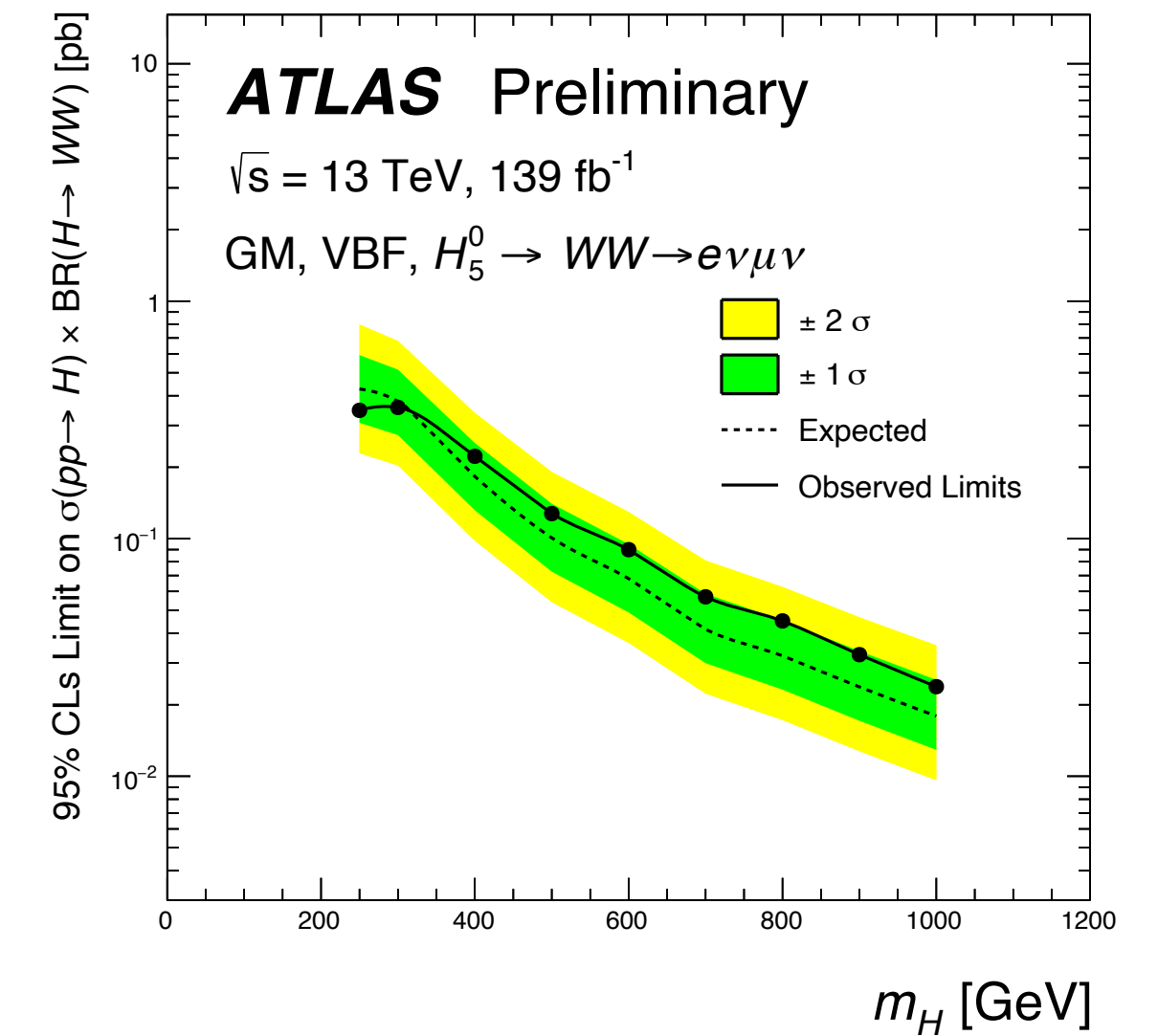
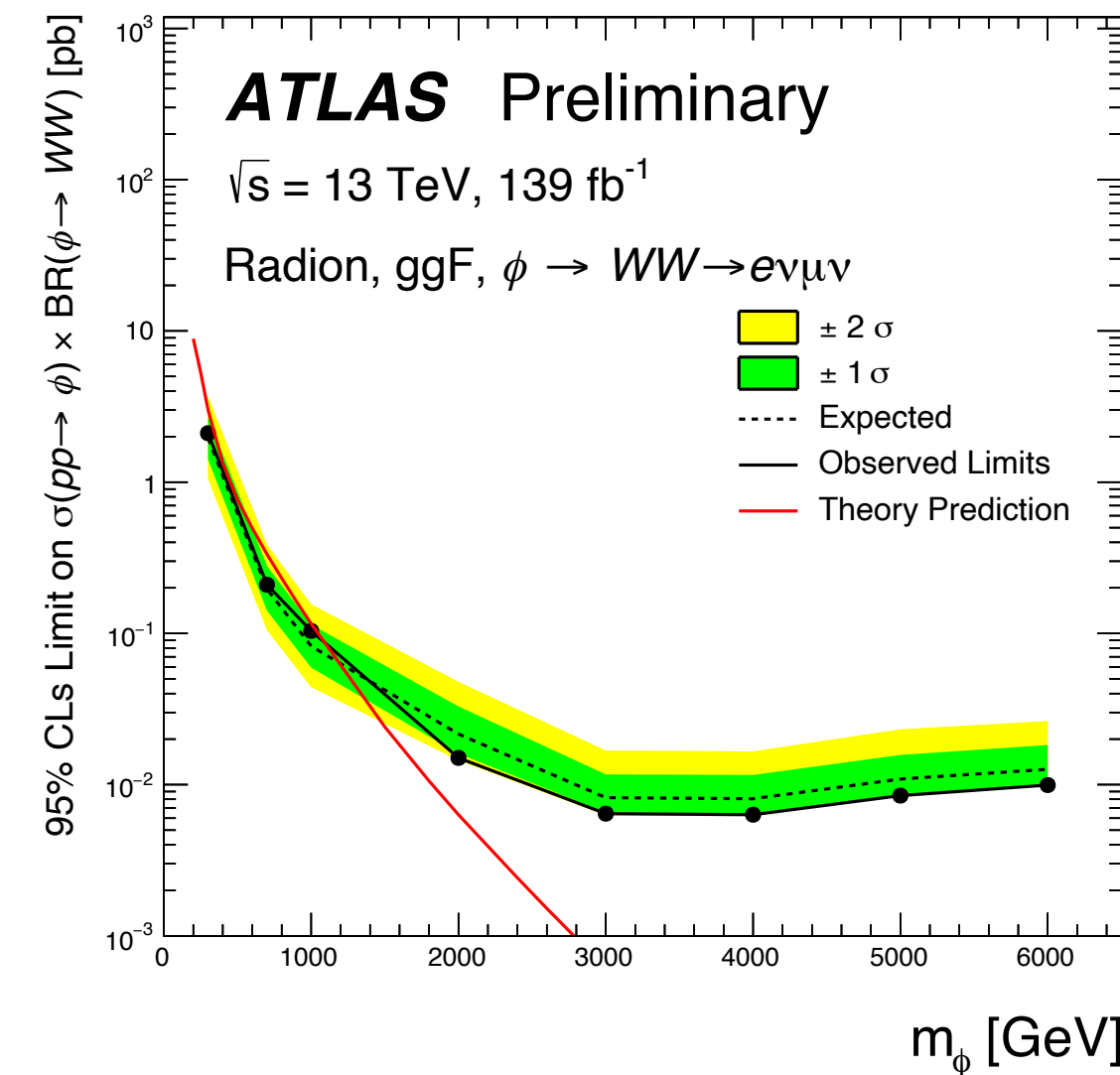
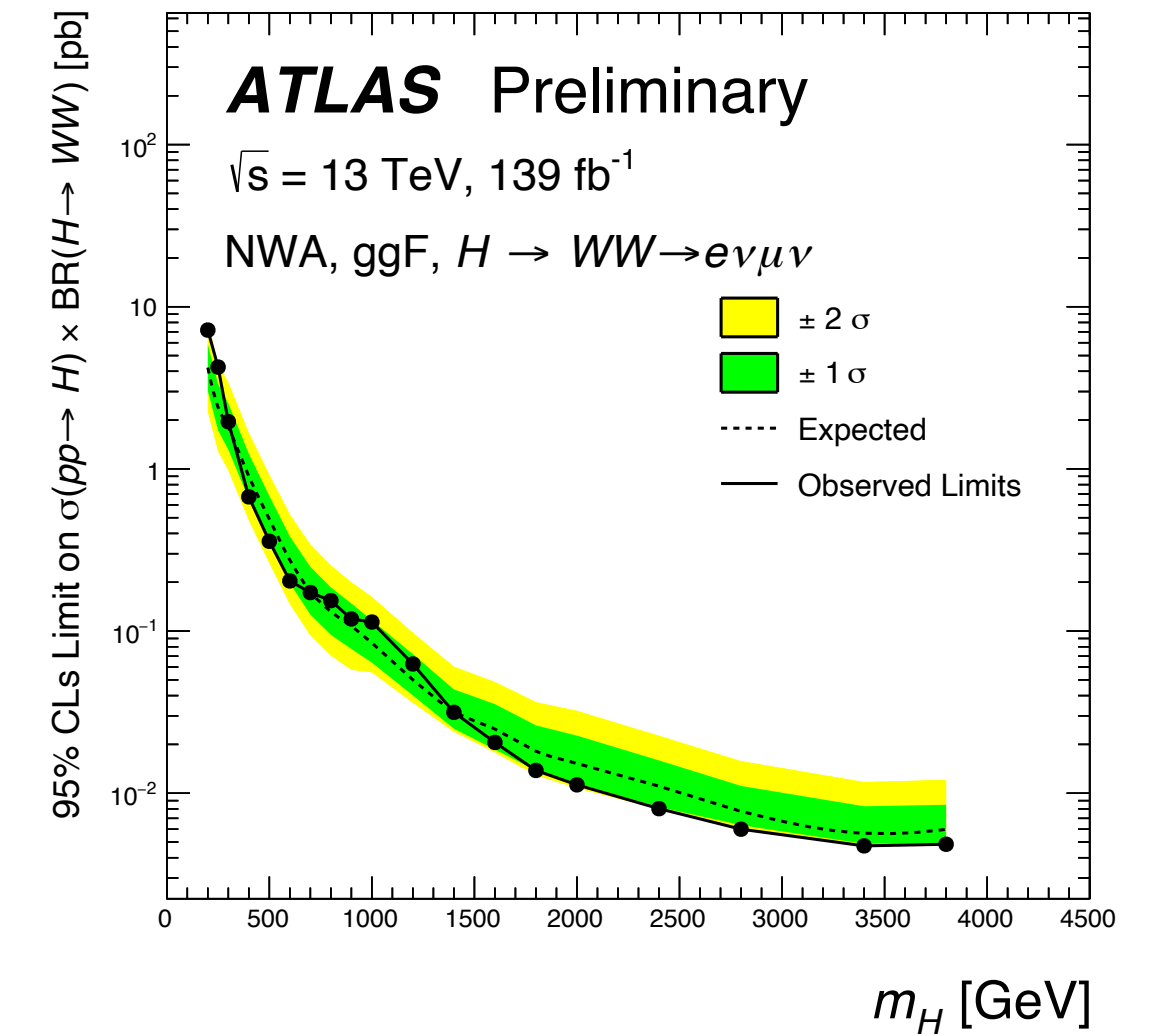
- In addition to a narrow width, various relative widths up to 10% have been considered
- The fraction of VBF production (f_{VBF}) has been studied in the range $0 < f_{VBF} < 1$
 - Non-negligible interference effects are accounted for



- Interpretation in the framework of NMSSM and 2HDM also performed
- Small excess of data is observed in a $DNN m_T$ range

$H \rightarrow W^+W^- \rightarrow e\nu\mu\nu$

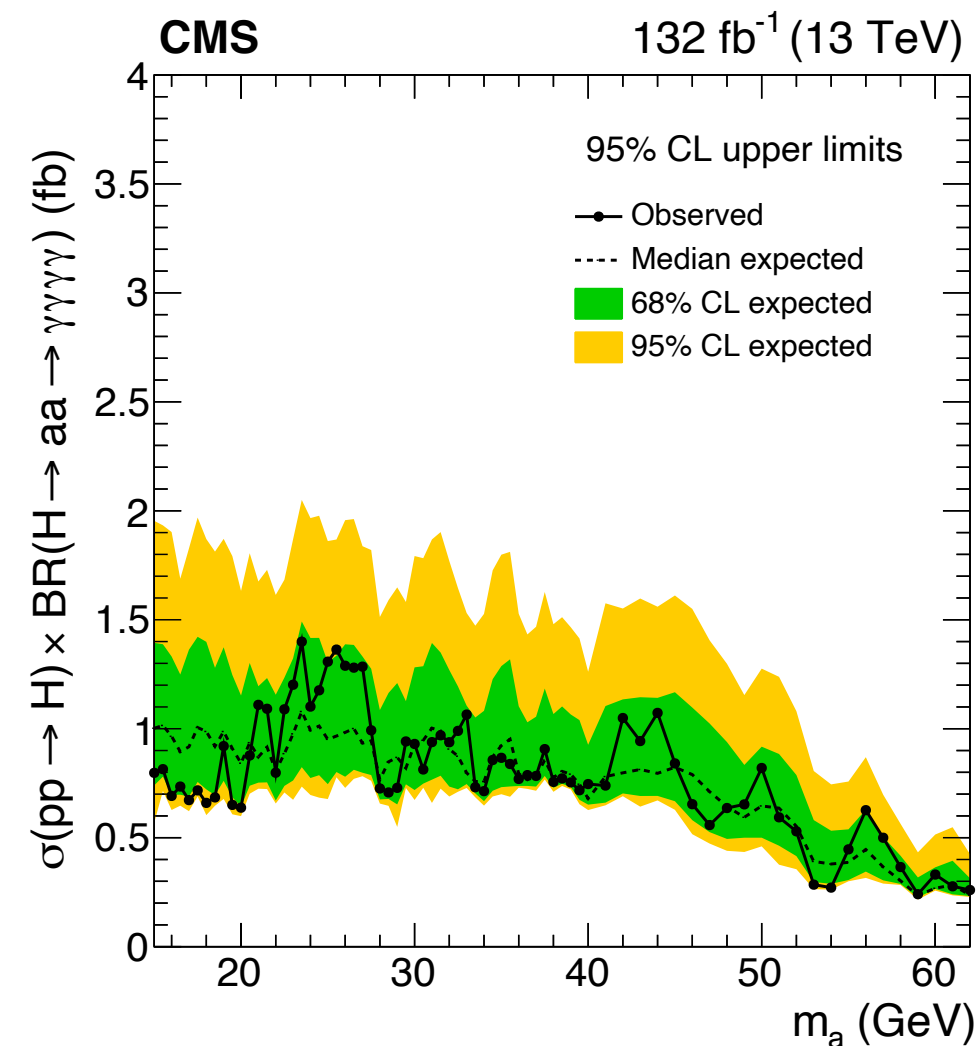
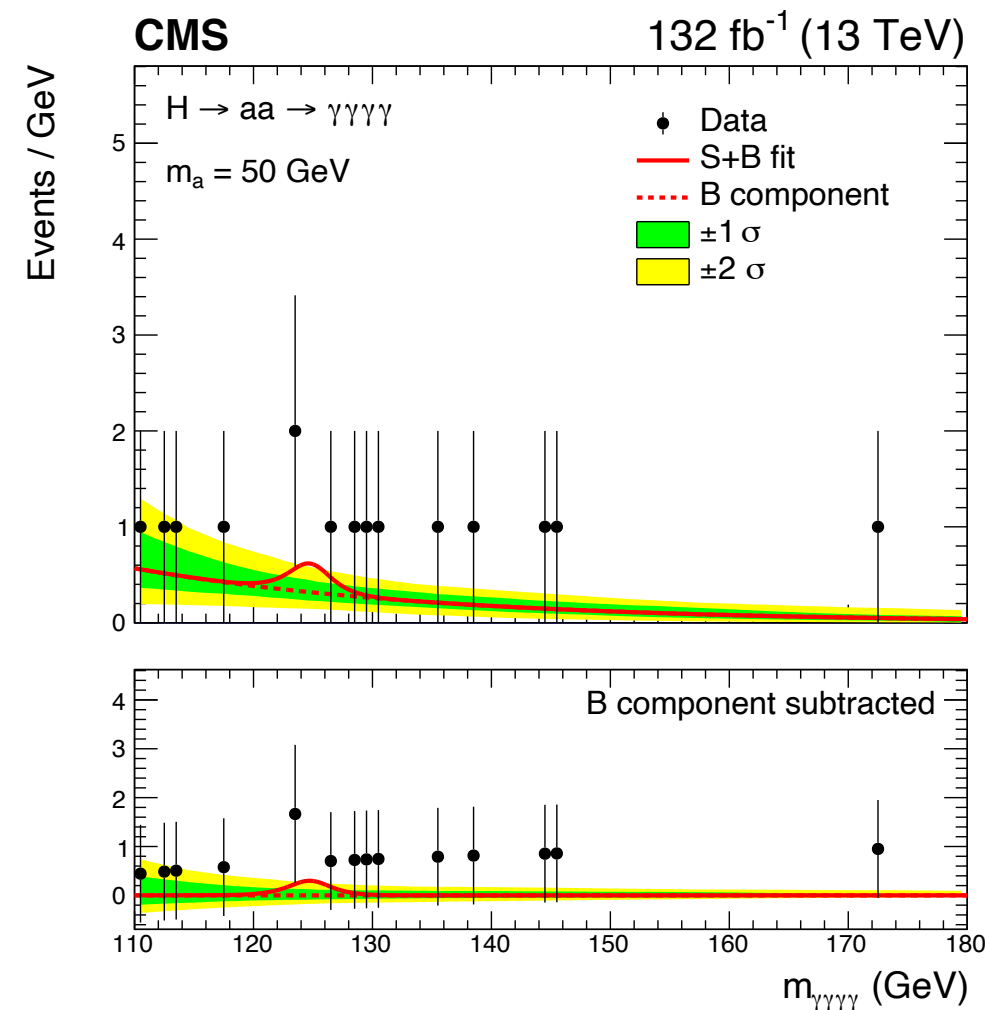
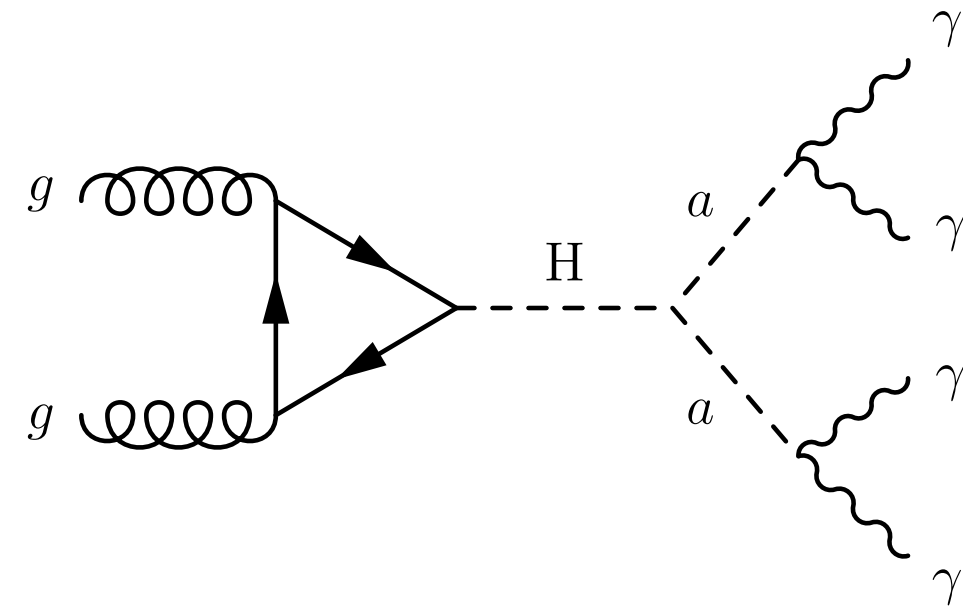
- Production via ggF and VBF mechanisms treated separately
- Considers three scalars: NWA, Radion and GM scalar (VBF production only)
- Radions of mass lower than 1090 GeV are excluded



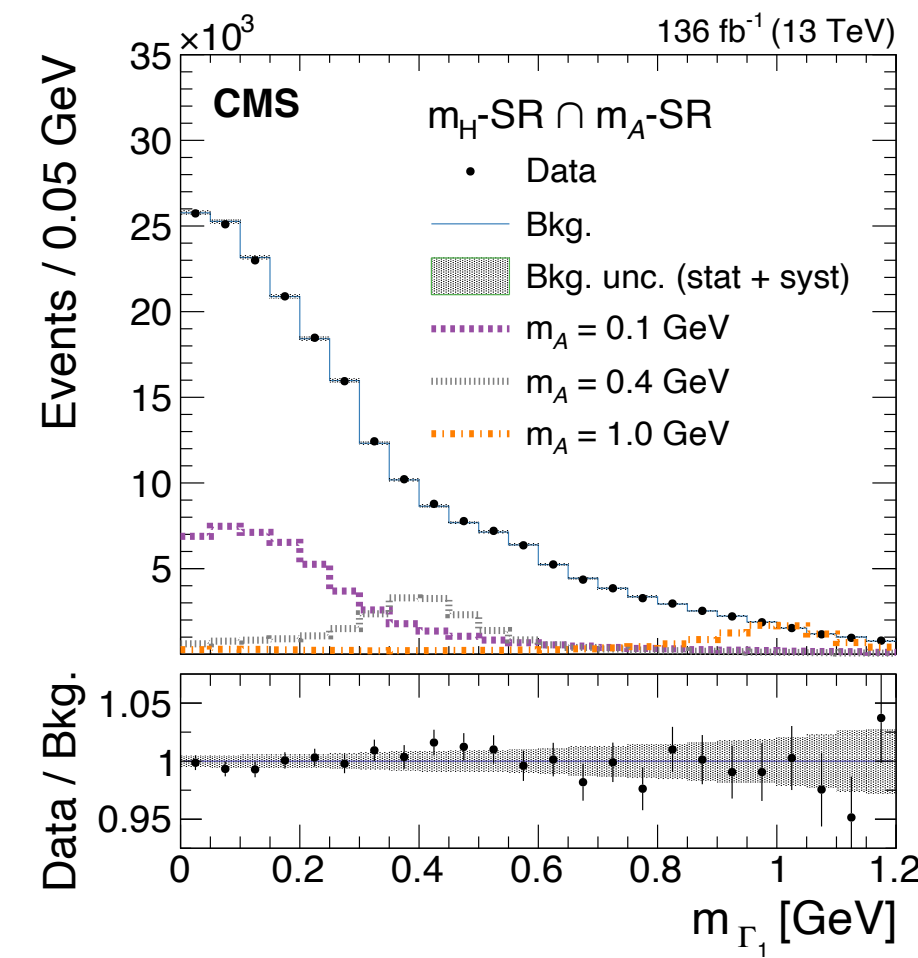
Scenario	Mass [GeV]	ggF cross sec. [pb]	VBF cross sec. [pb]	Local signi. [σ]	Global signi. [σ]
SM f_{VBF}	800	0.16	0.057	3.2	1.7 ± 0.2
$f_{VBF} = 1$	650	0.0	0.16	3.8	2.6 ± 0.2
$f_{VBF} = 0$	950	0.19	0.0	2.6	0.4 ± 0.6
floating f_{VBF}	650	2.9×10^{-6}	0.16	3.8	2.4 ± 0.2

Resolved [arXiv:2208.01469](https://arxiv.org/abs/2208.01469) [CMS-HIG-21-003](https://cds.cern.ch/record/2811003)

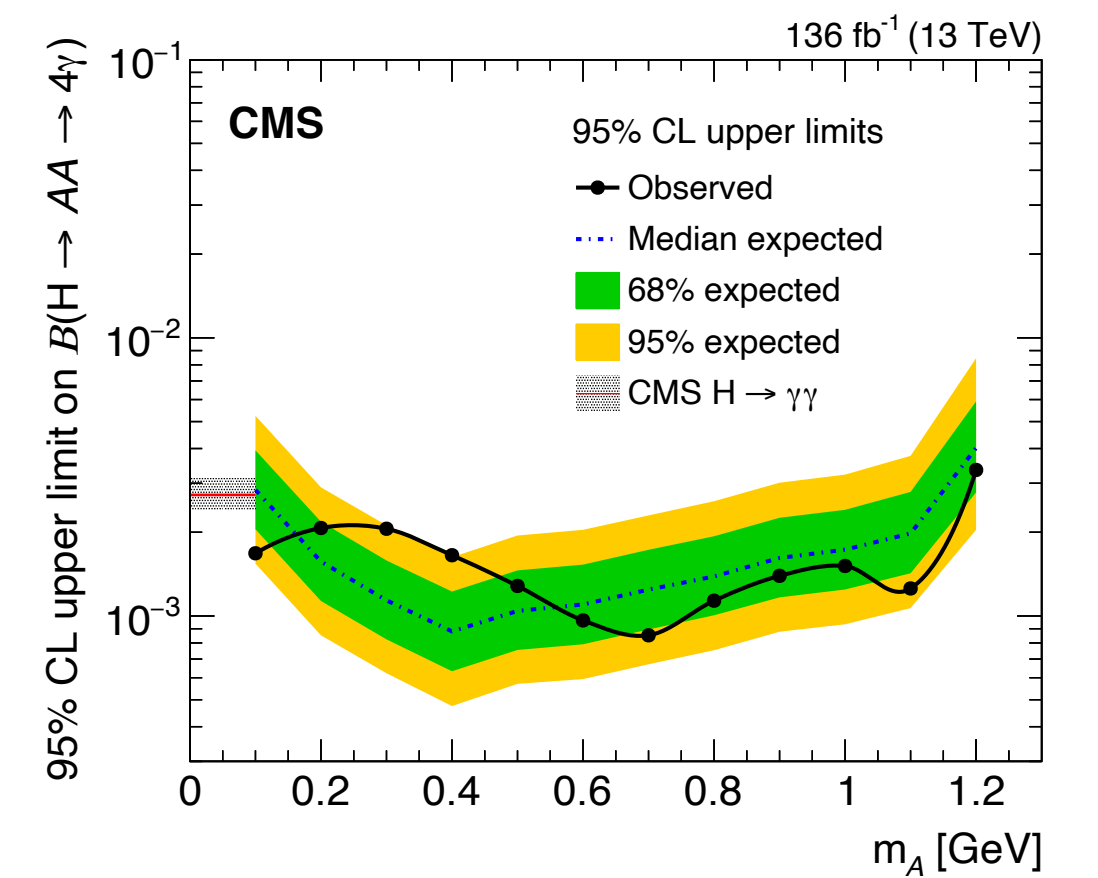
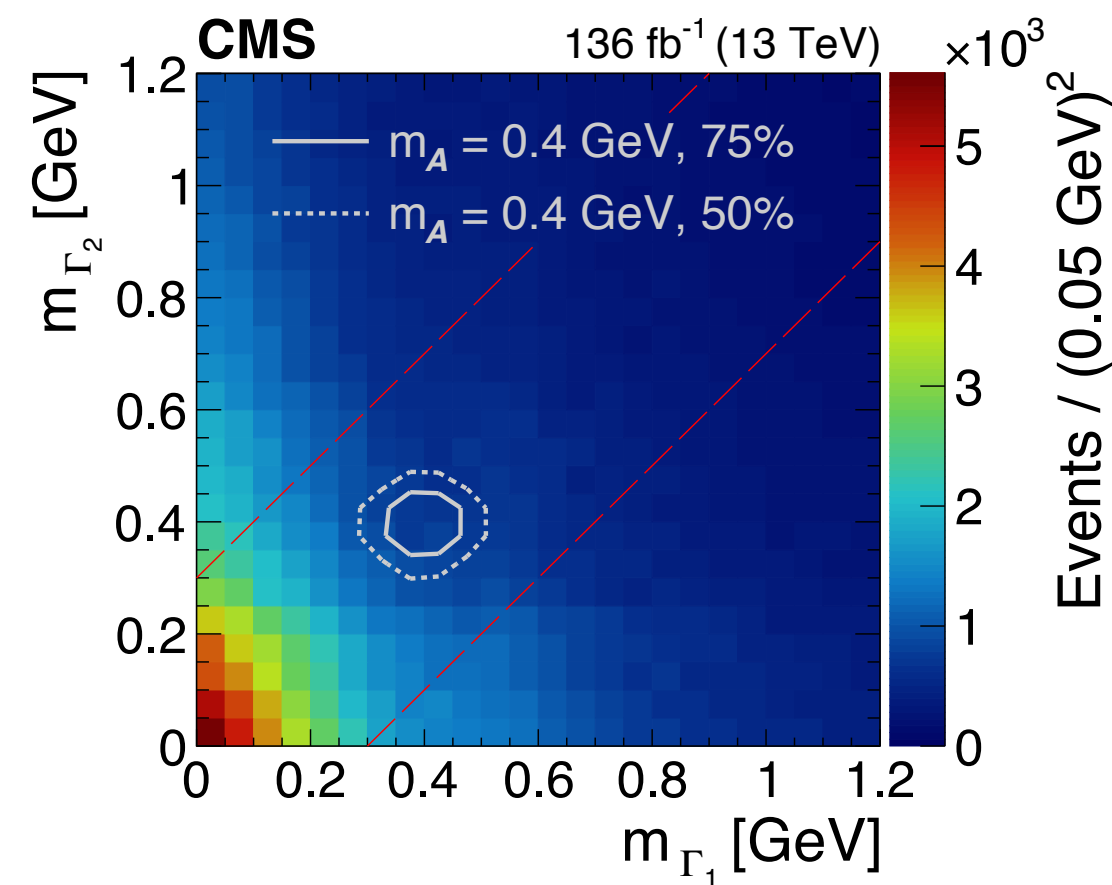
- Probes pseudoscalars with mass 15-62 GeV
- Well isolated photons in final state
- A parametrized signal model is built for each m_a hypothesis



Merged [arXiv:2209.06197](https://arxiv.org/abs/2209.06197) [CMS-HIG-21-016](https://cds.cern.ch/record/2811016)

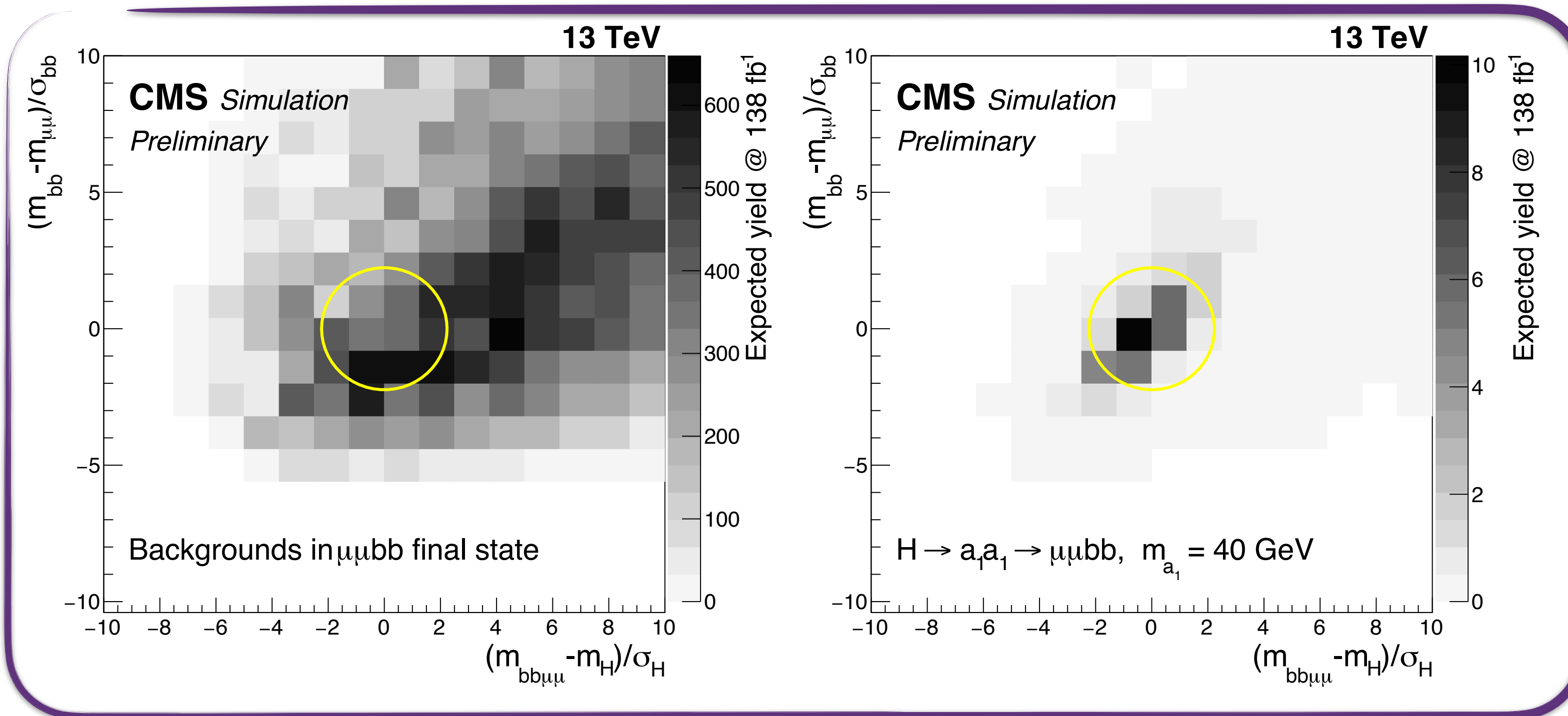
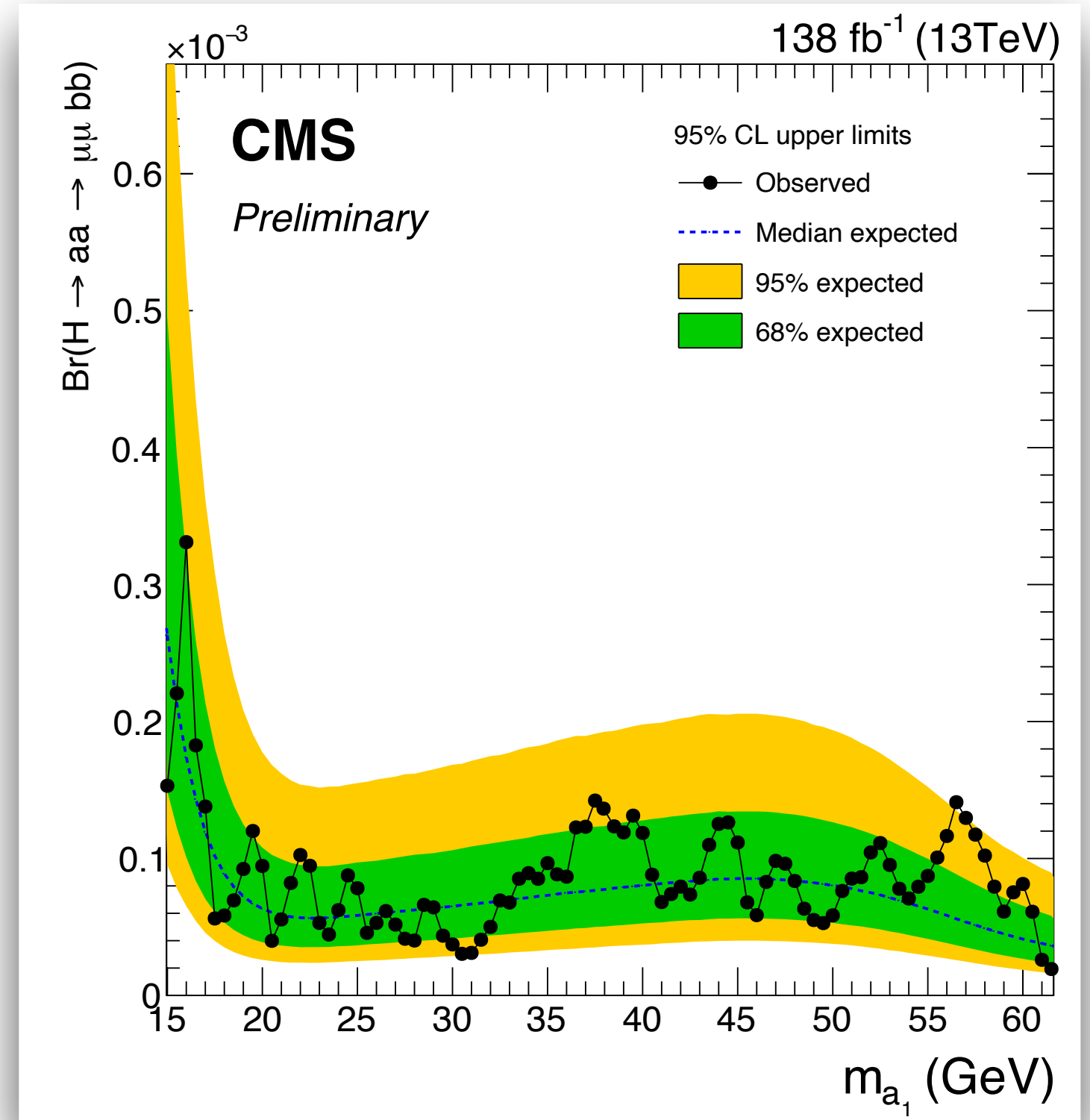


- $A \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ relevant for $m_A < 1$ GeV
- Distance between photons lower than Moliere radius of ECAL material
 - The two photons are reconstructed as a single photon-like object
- Best constraints for this decay mode in studied m_A range



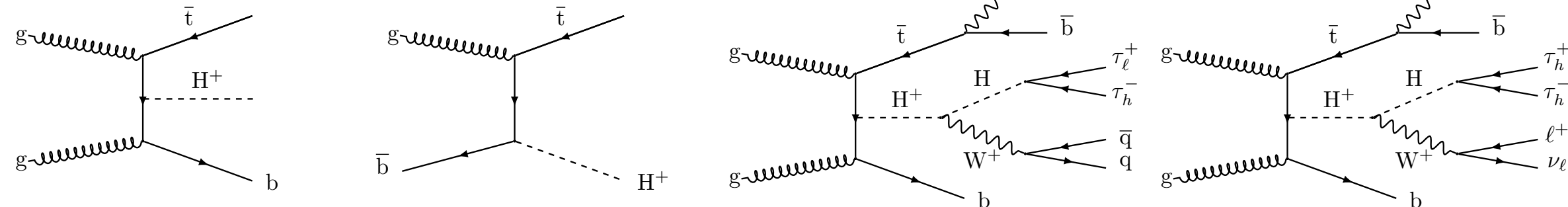
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- Covers range $15 < m_a < 62.5$ GeV
- Considers both ggF and VBF production mechanisms
- The compatibility of the bb and $\mu\mu$ systems with a , and of the $bb\mu\mu$ system with H is used to select the signal
- Events are categorized in terms of b-jet p_T , production mechanism and b-jet classification score



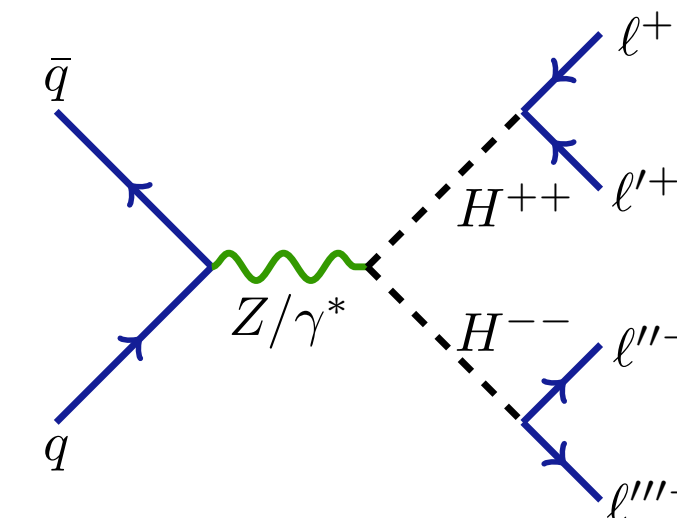
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H^\pm



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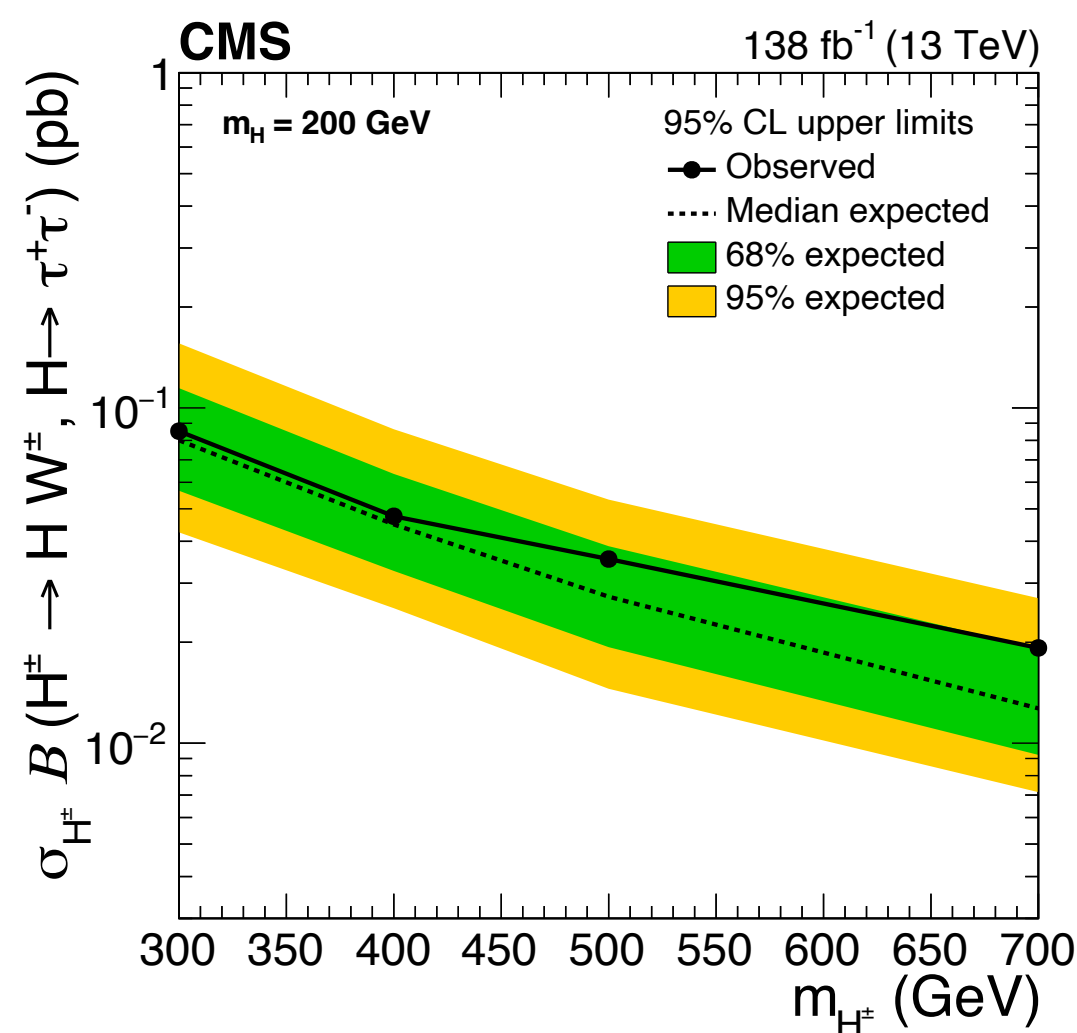
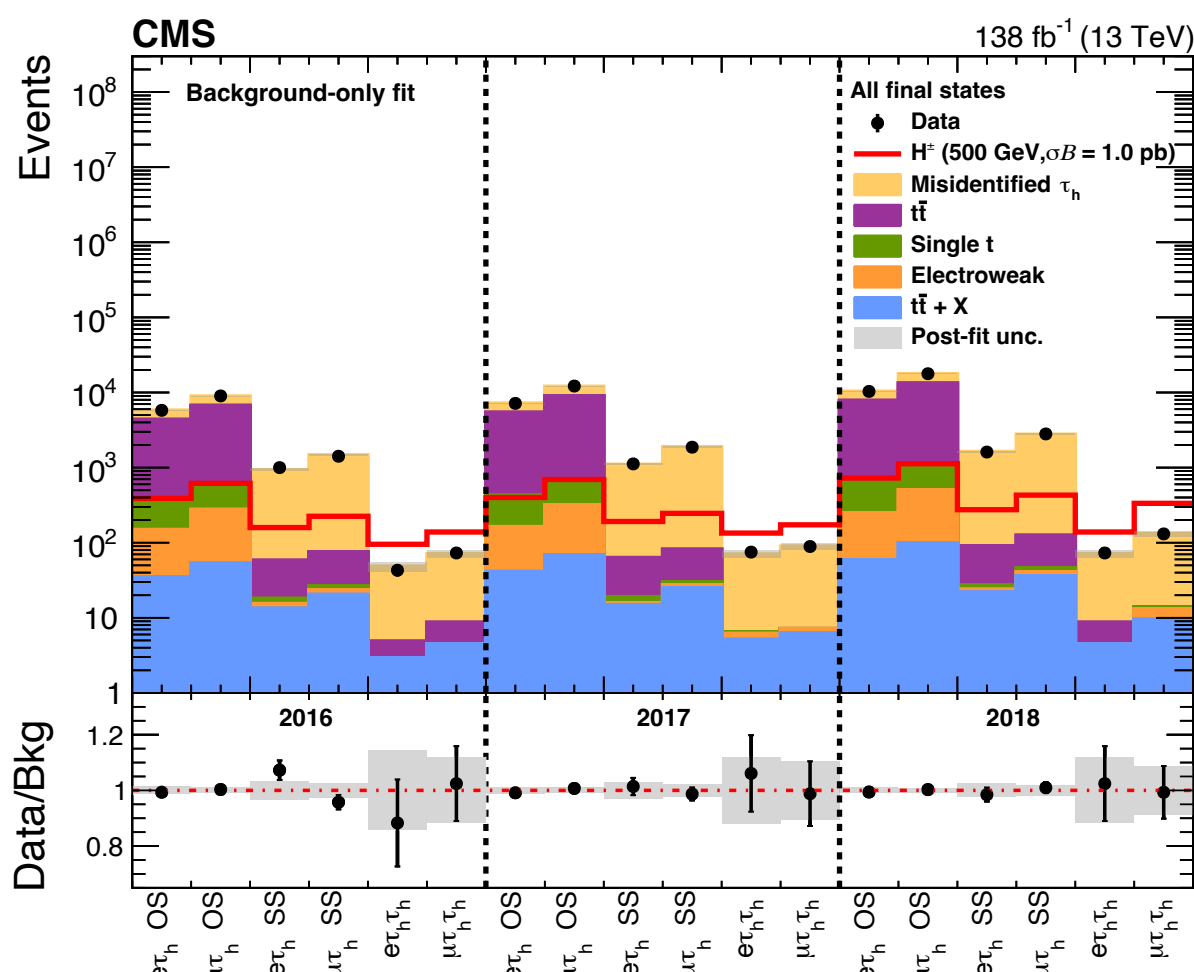
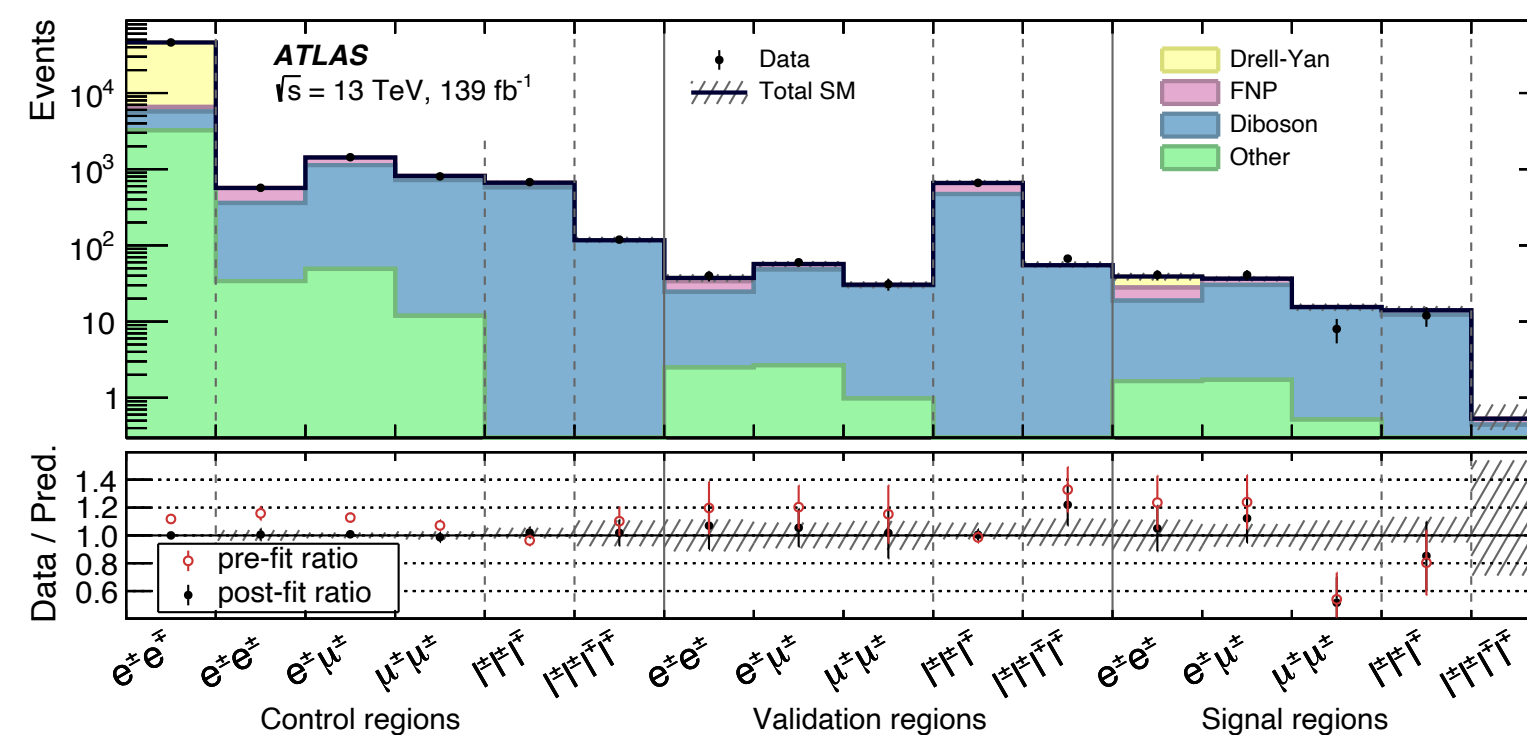
$H^{\pm\pm}$



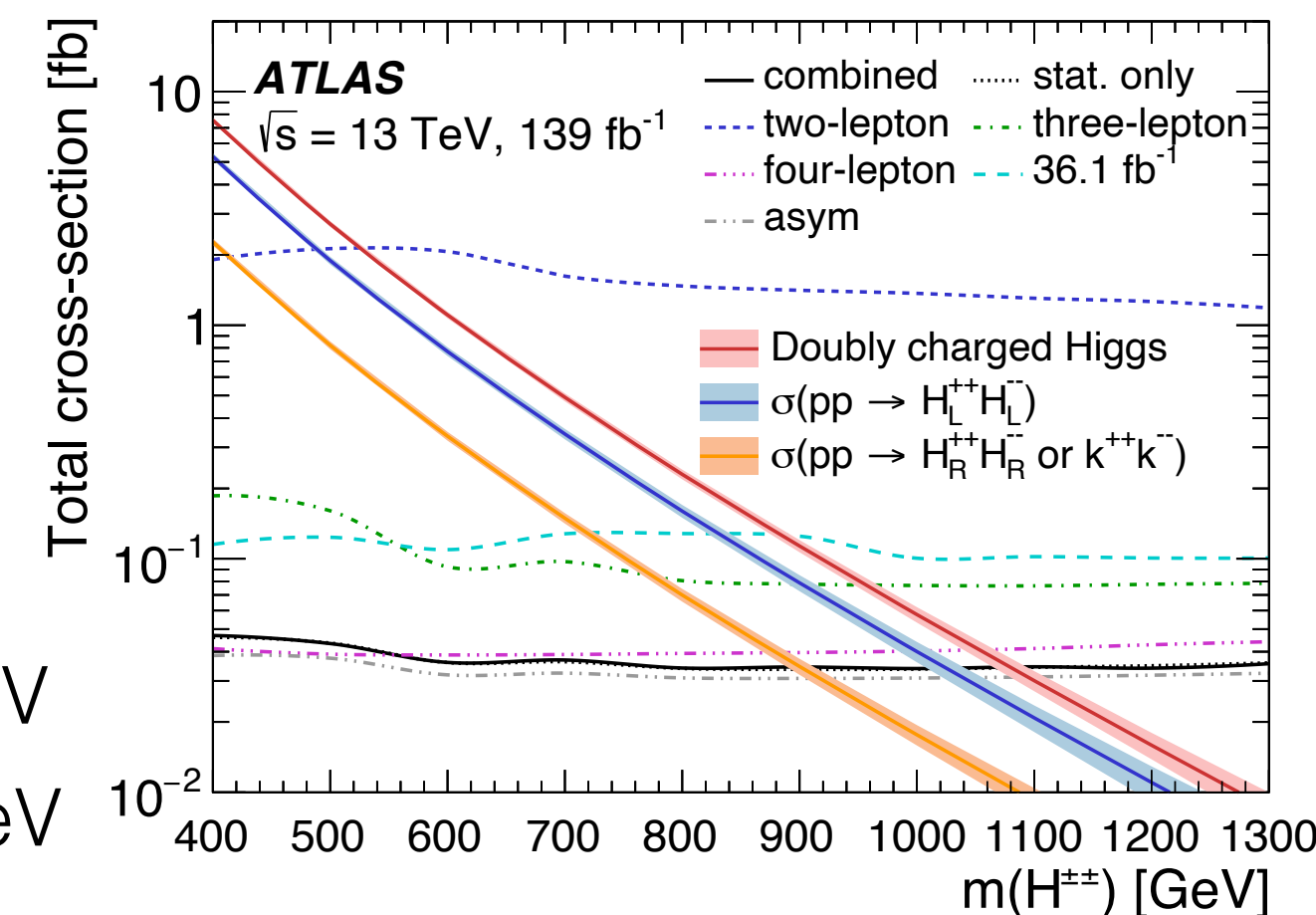
- Focus on H^\pm production in association with a Top quark that decays hadronically and $m_H=200$ GeV
- The mutually exclusive eT_h , μT_h , eT_hT_h and μT_hT_h final states are considered and the selection is optimized for each
- lT_hT_h final states provide the largest sensitivity, and addition of lT_h improves the result by 20-35%

- Doubly charged Higgs exist in type-II seesaw models, LRSMs, Zee-Babu neutrino mass model, and others.
 - Using DY production, type-II seesaw and Zee-Babu models can be used for

- Analysis focuses on decays to a pair of leptons of the same charge assuming that all leptonic final states are equally possible



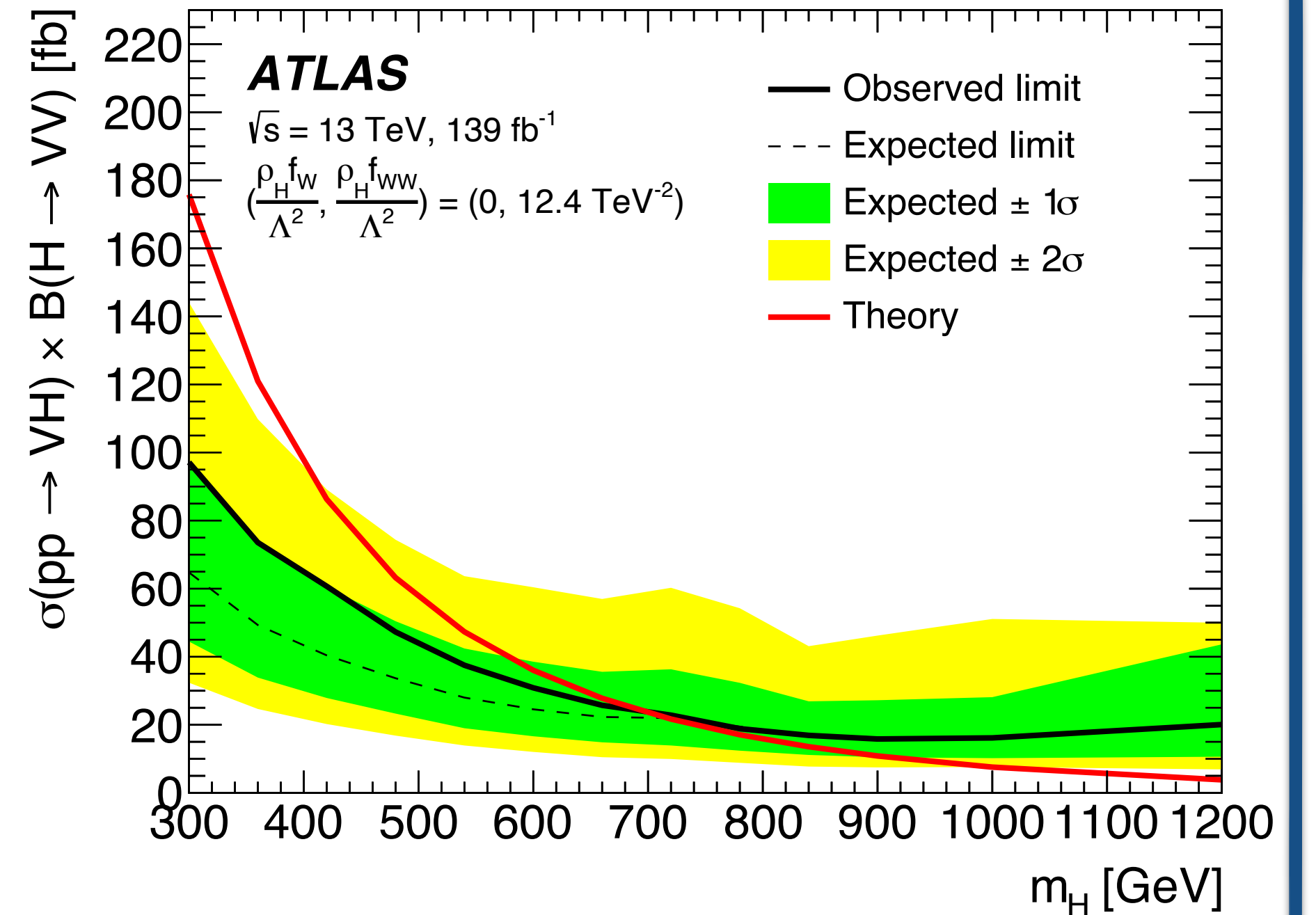
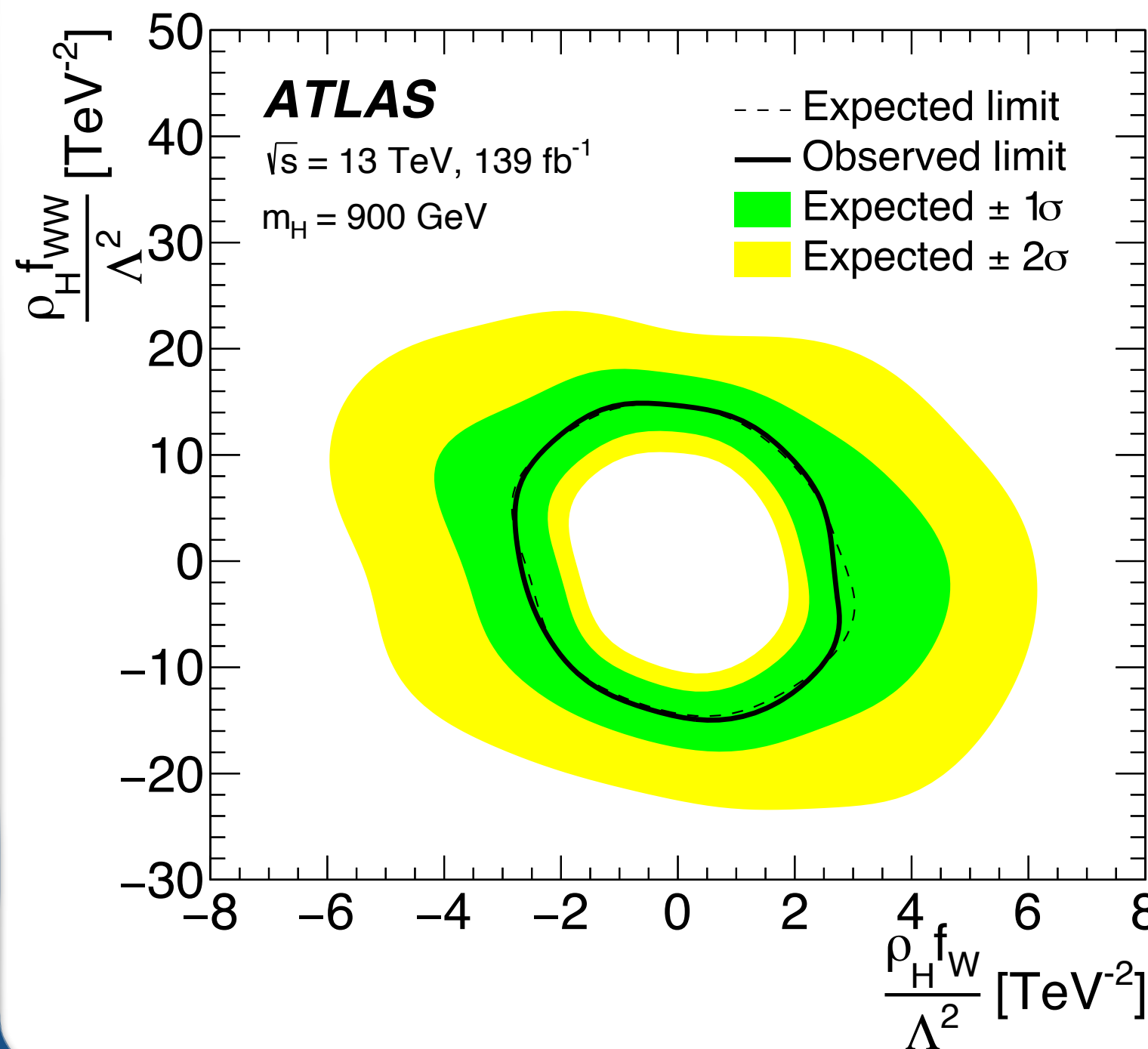
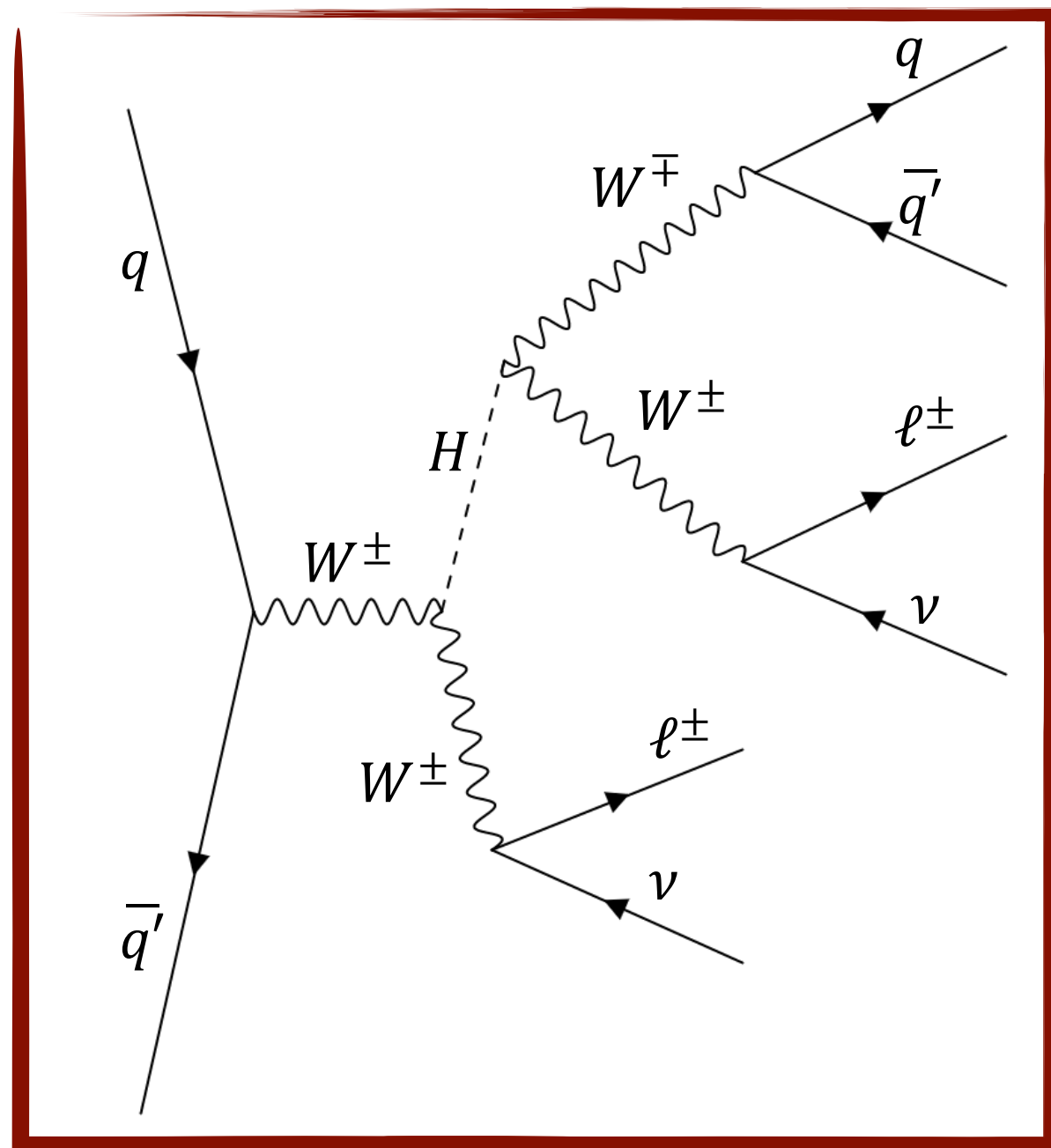
- Shape analysis using $m(l^\pm, l^\pm)_{\text{lead}}$ is performed for 2- and 3-lepton category
- 4-lepton category as single bin fit
- Observed (expected) limits
 - LRSMs: $1080 (1065^{+30}_{-50})$ GeV
 - Zee-Babu: $900 (800^{+30}_{-40})$ GeV



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- Generic search in the $W^\pm H \rightarrow W^\pm W^\pm W^\pm \rightarrow l^\pm \nu l^\pm \nu jj$ final state with hadronic W decaying to resolved jets or a single large-R jet
- Lower SM background compared to other bosonic VH decay channels and sizeable $H \rightarrow WW$ BR yields highest sensitivity
- Production is described by an EFT Lagrangian that includes dimension-six operators with negligible $H \rightarrow Vh$ production

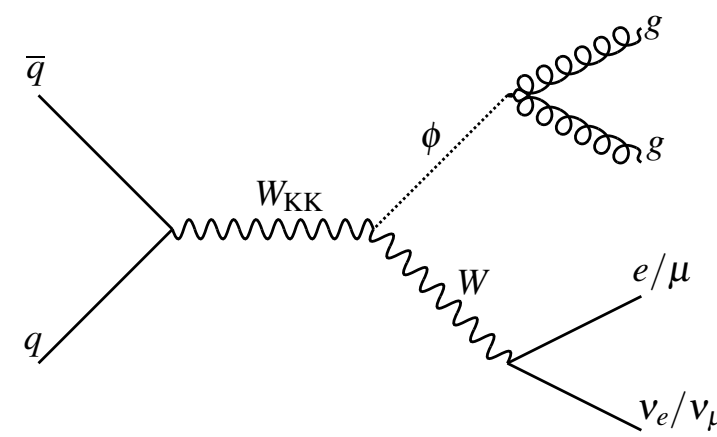
$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{hWW}^{(4)} &= \rho_h g m_W h W^\mu W_\mu, \\ \mathcal{L}_{hZZ}^{(4)} &= \rho_h \frac{g m_W}{2c_W^2} h Z^\mu Z_\mu, \\ \mathcal{L}_{HWW}^{(4)} &= \rho_H g m_W H W^\mu W_\mu, \\ \mathcal{L}_{HZZ}^{(4)} &= \rho_H \frac{g m_W}{2c_W^2} H Z^\mu Z_\mu, \\ \mathcal{L}_{HWW}^{(6)} &= \rho_H g m_W \frac{f_W}{2\Lambda^2} (W_{\mu\nu}^+ W^{-\mu} \partial^\nu H + h.c.) - \rho_H g m_W \frac{f_{WW}}{\Lambda^2} W_{\mu\nu}^+ W^{-\mu\nu} H, \\ \mathcal{L}_{HZZ}^{(6)} &= \rho_H g m_W \frac{c_W^2 f_W + s_W^2 f_B}{2c_W^2 \Lambda^2} Z_{\mu\nu} Z^\mu \partial^\nu H - \rho_H g m_W \frac{c_W^4 f_{WW} + s_W^4 f_{BB}}{2c_W^2 \Lambda^2} Z_{\mu\nu} Z^{\mu\nu} H \end{aligned}$$



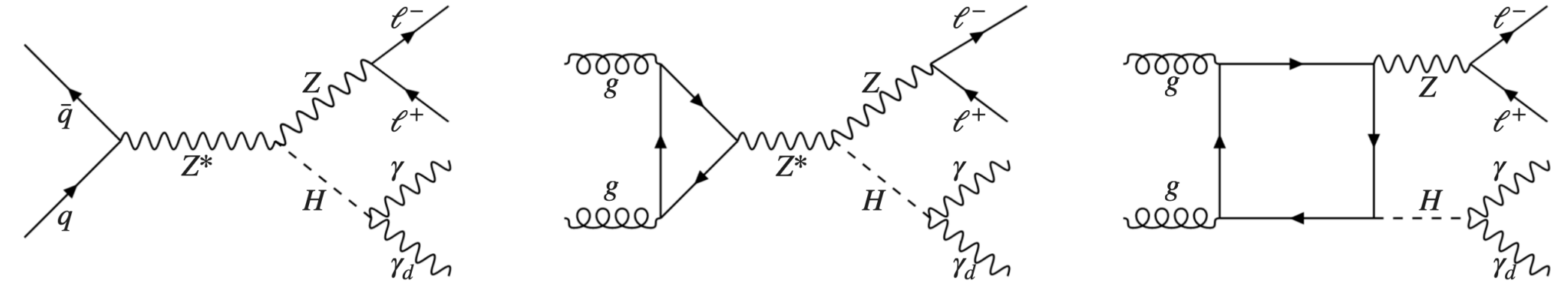
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Search for new physics in multi-body invariant masses

- Production of a Kaluza-Klein excitation of a gauge boson decaying into a radion and a SM W boson
- Assumes $m_{W_{KK}} - m_{\phi} = 250$ GeV to minimize signal peak width
- Larger mass differences result in larger neutrino p_T affecting $m_{W_{KK}}$ reconstruction
- Three-body invariant mass distribution is tested for deviations in smoothly falling background
- Invariant masses $m_{jll}, m_{jjll}, m_{jbl}, m_{bbl}$, tested between 0.4 and 8 TeV
- Largest deviation observed at $m_{jjl}=1.3$ TeV with local significance 3.5σ and global significance 1.5σ

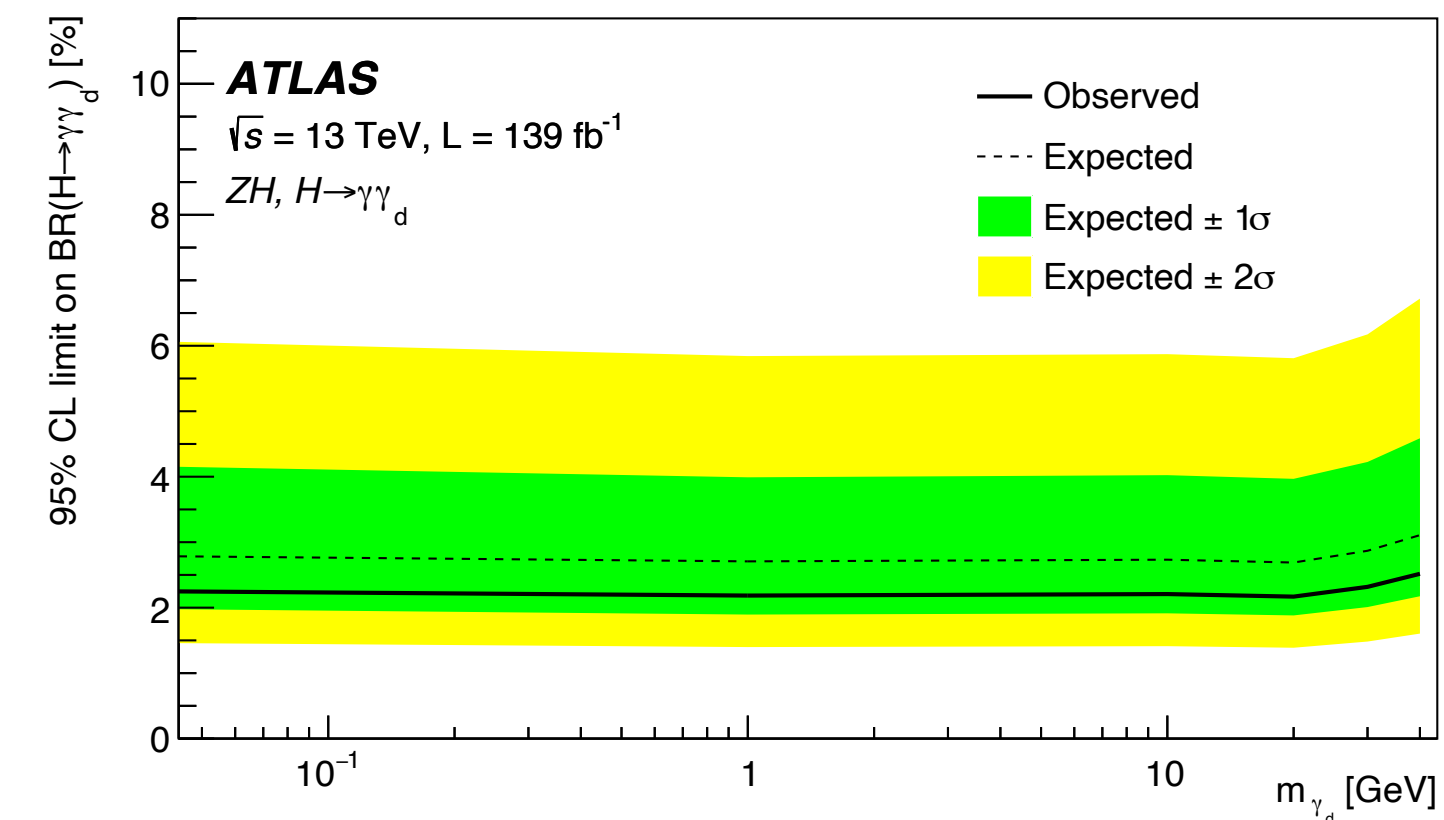
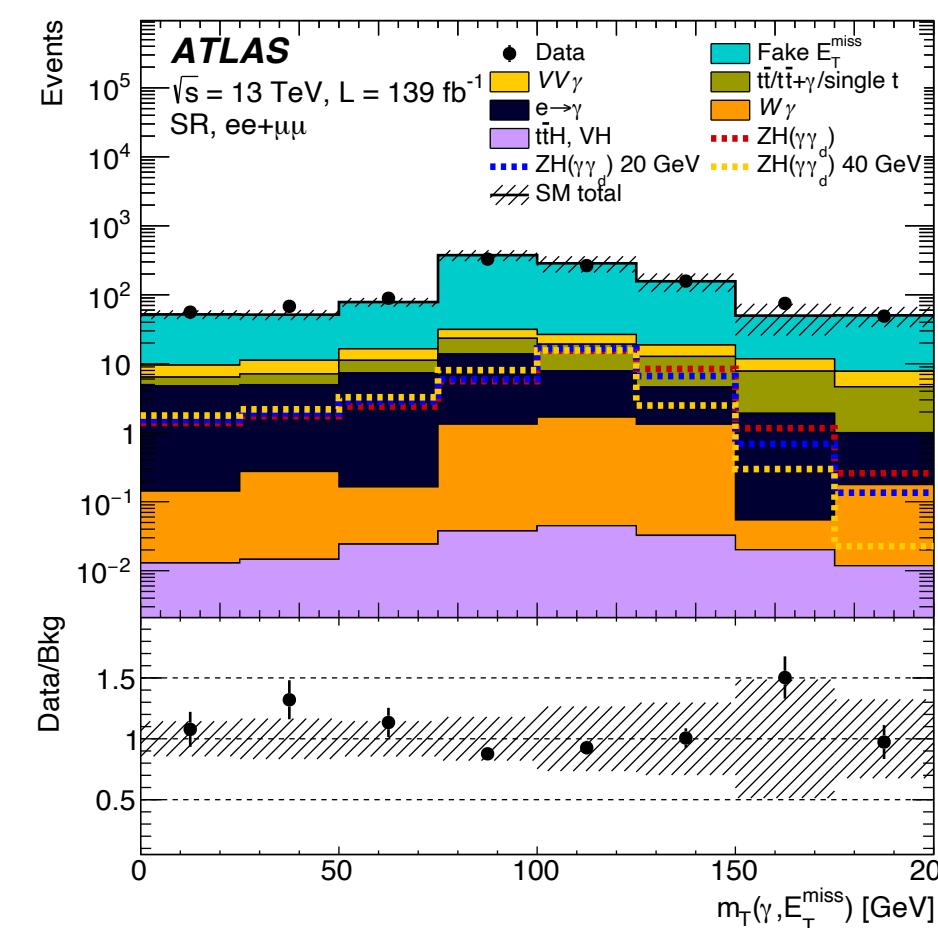
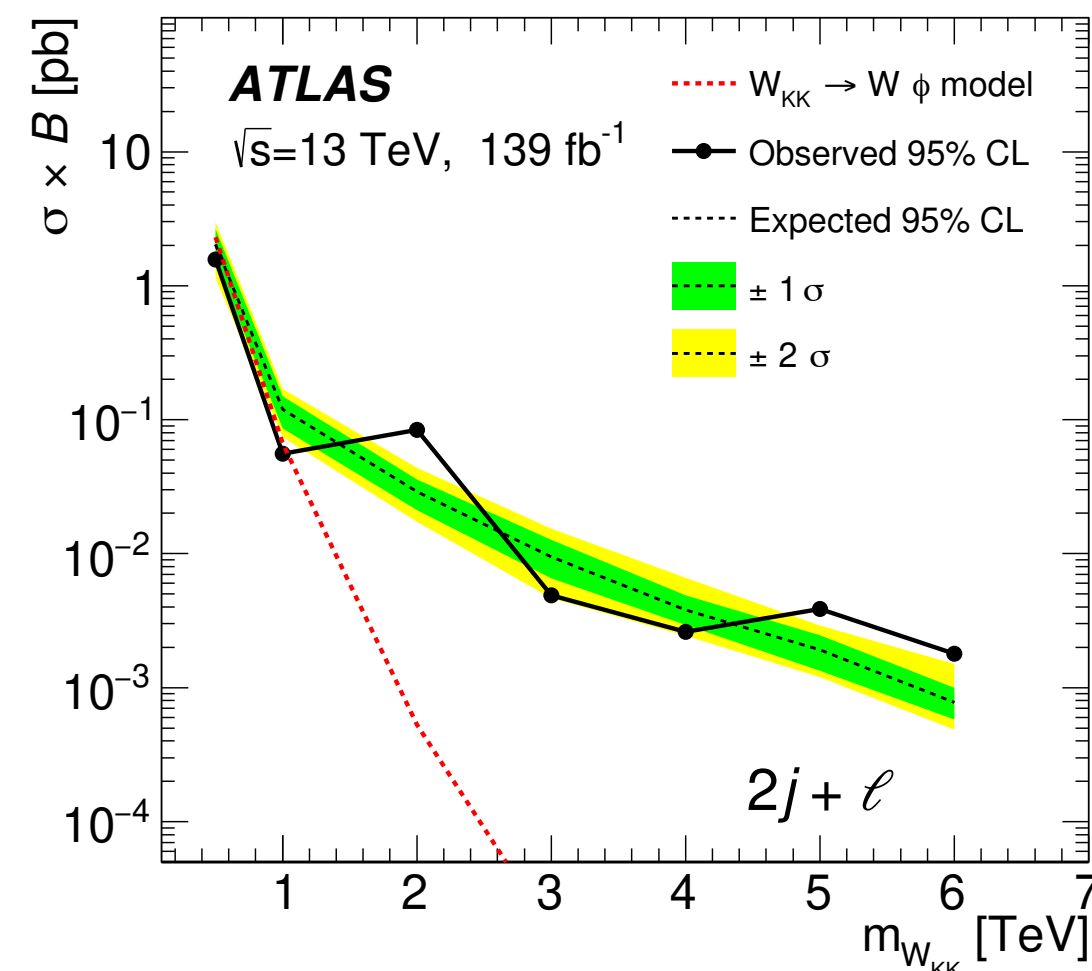
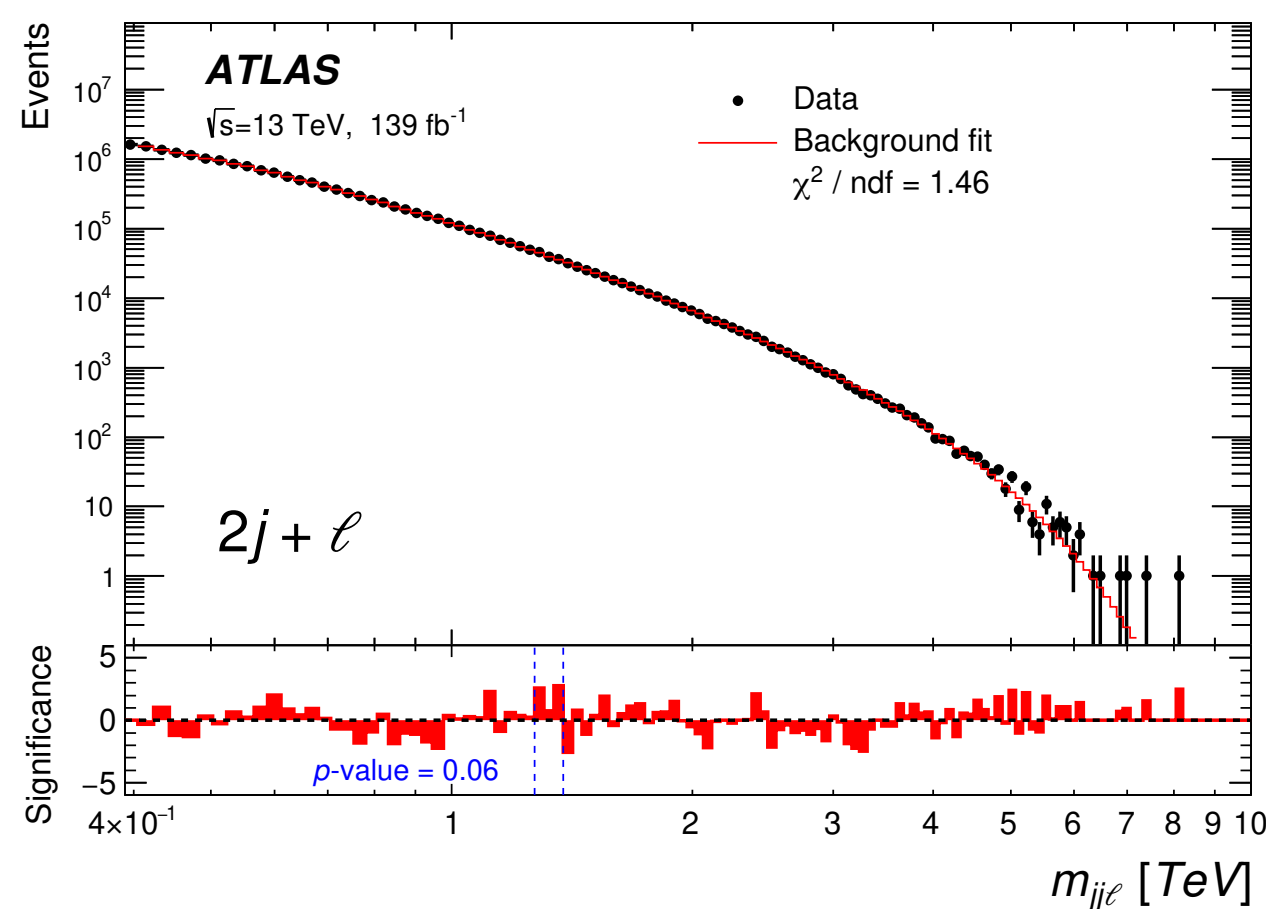


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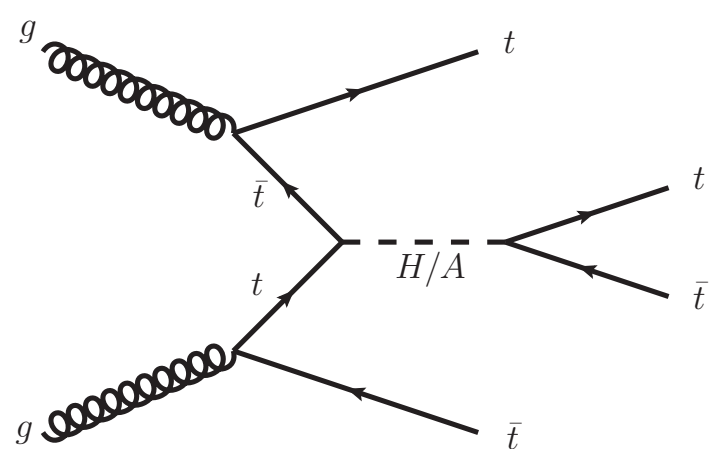


Search for dark photons in ZH production in dilepton final state

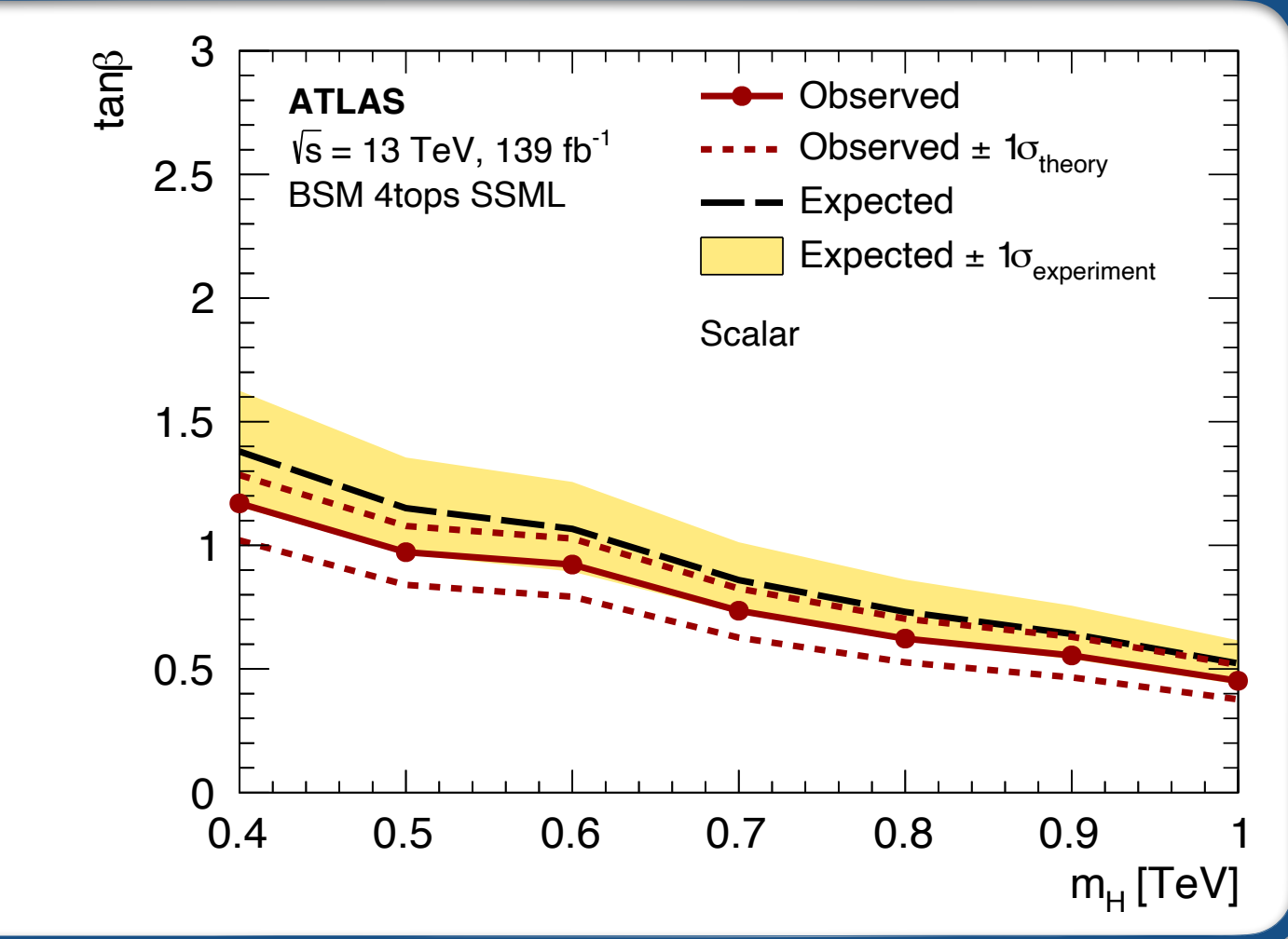
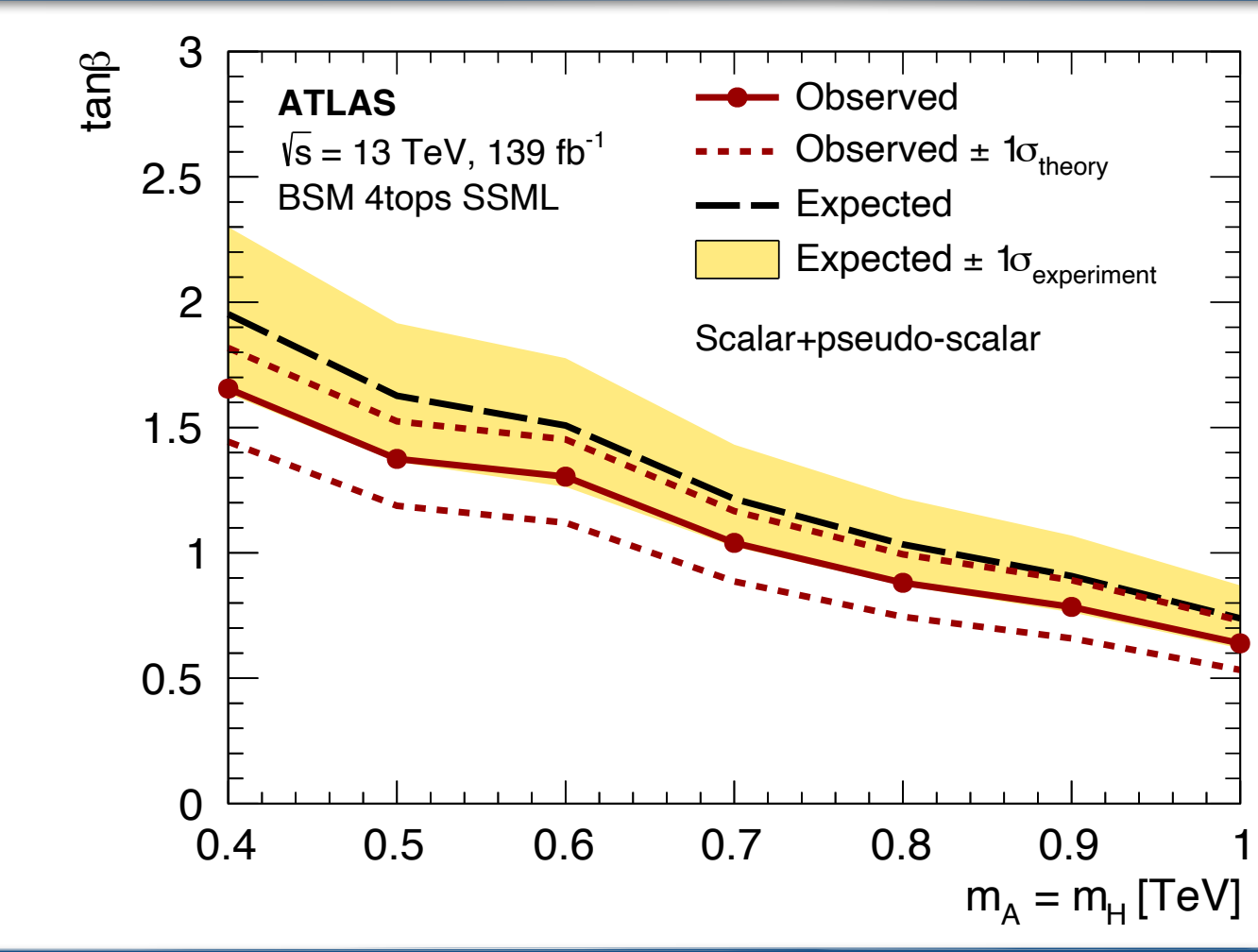
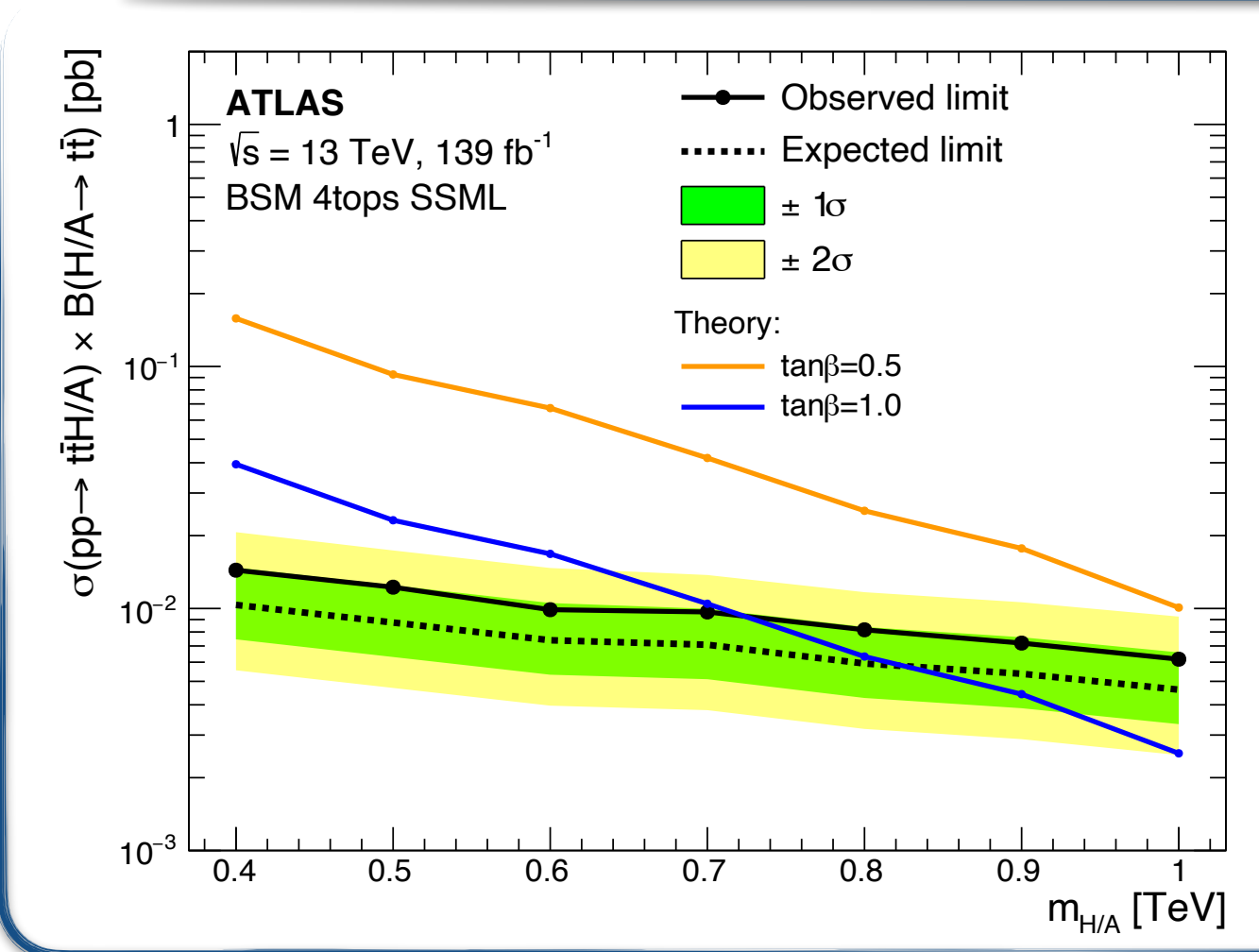
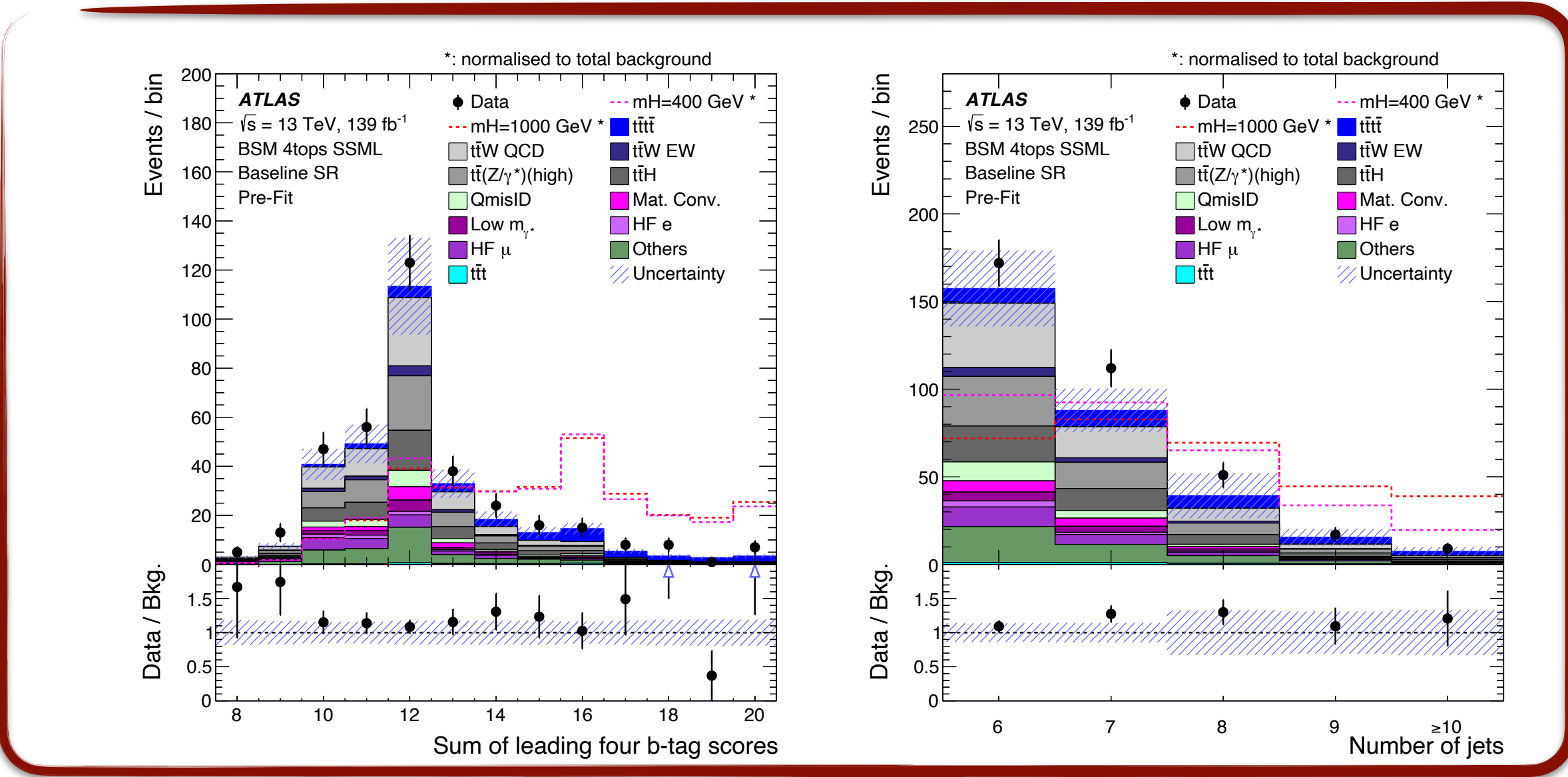
- Coupling of $m_H=125$ GeV Higgs to dark photon with mass in range 0-40 GeV is studied
- Leptons are used as a handle for triggering on the signal events
- Transverse mass of $\gamma\text{-}\gamma_D$ ($\gamma\text{-}E_T^{miss}$) system used as a variable of interest in ML-based classification
- Observed upper limits on $BR(H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma_D)$ range from 2.17% to 2.52%



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- Search for heavy H/A with $m_{H/A} > 2m_t$
- Destructive interference effect in $gg \rightarrow A/H \rightarrow t\bar{t}$ can be avoided by looking at ttH/A production
- Focuses on events with two leptons of same charge or at least three leptons
- b-tagging provides important separation power for the MVA



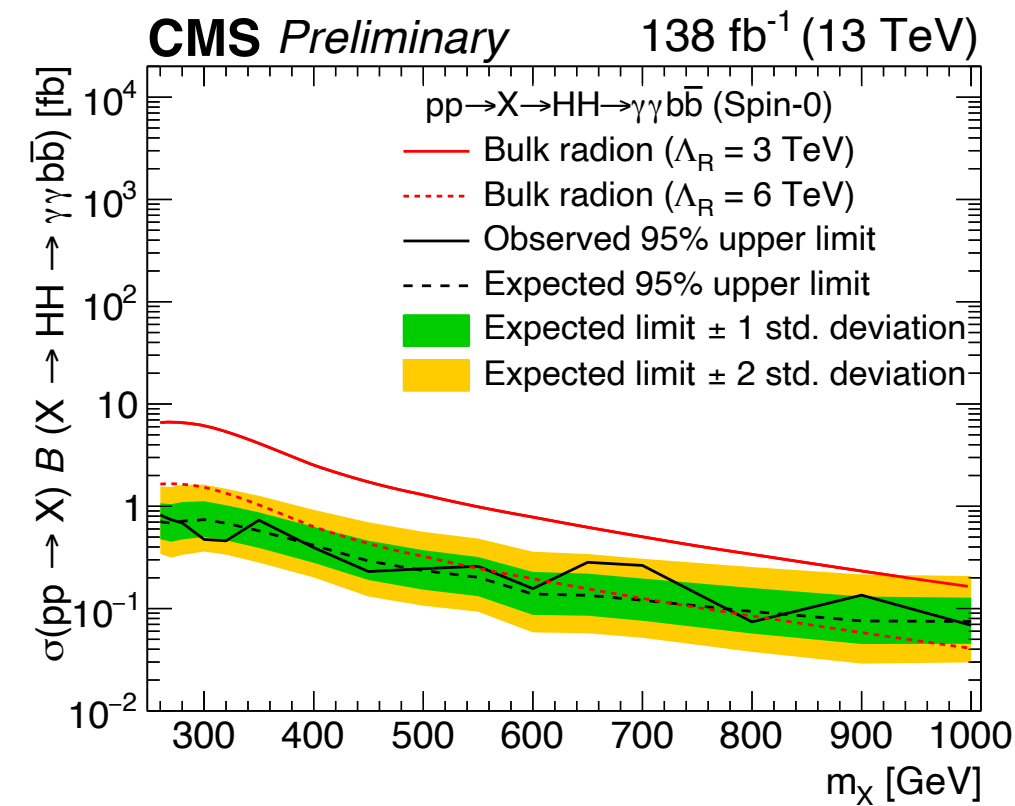
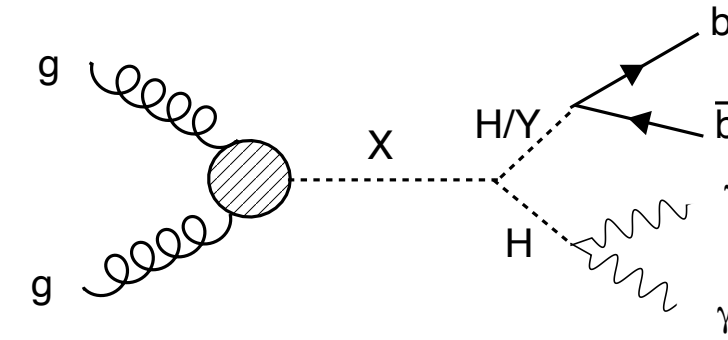
Higgs pair production

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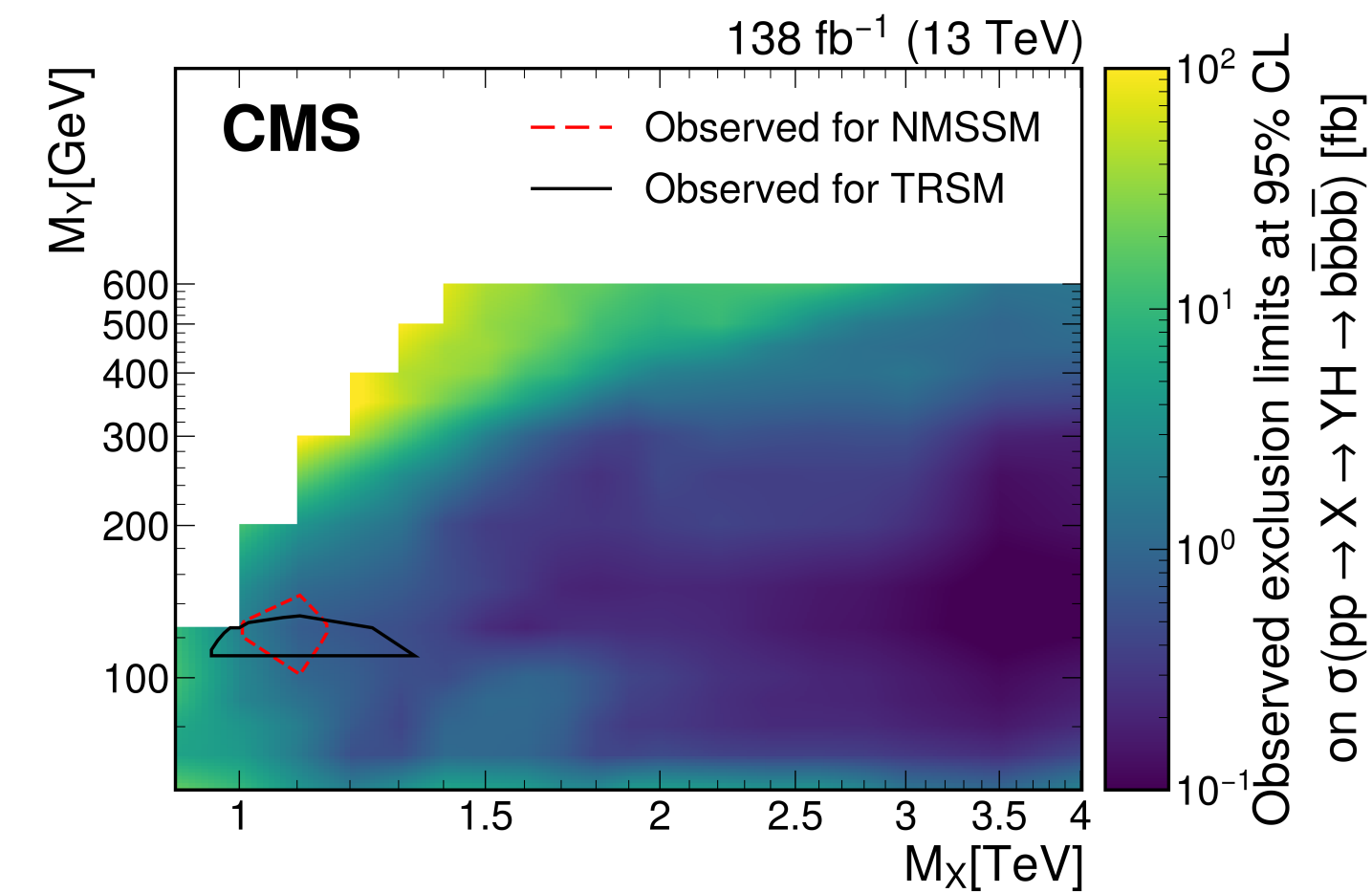
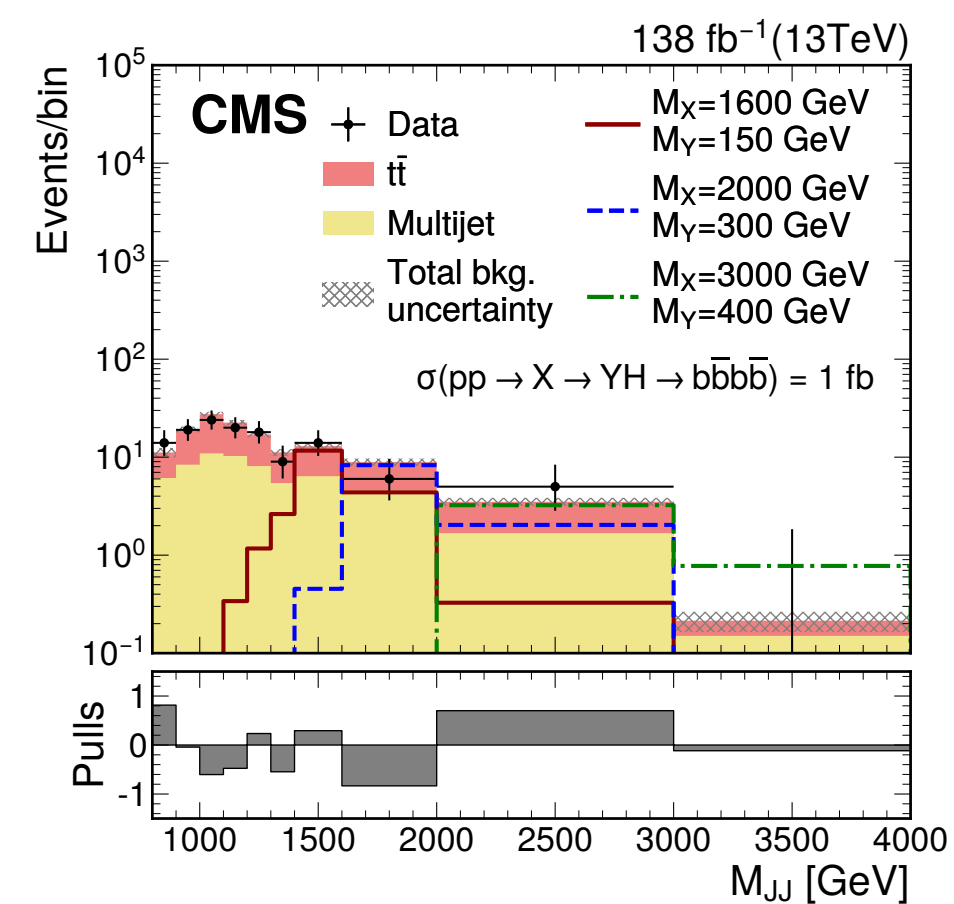
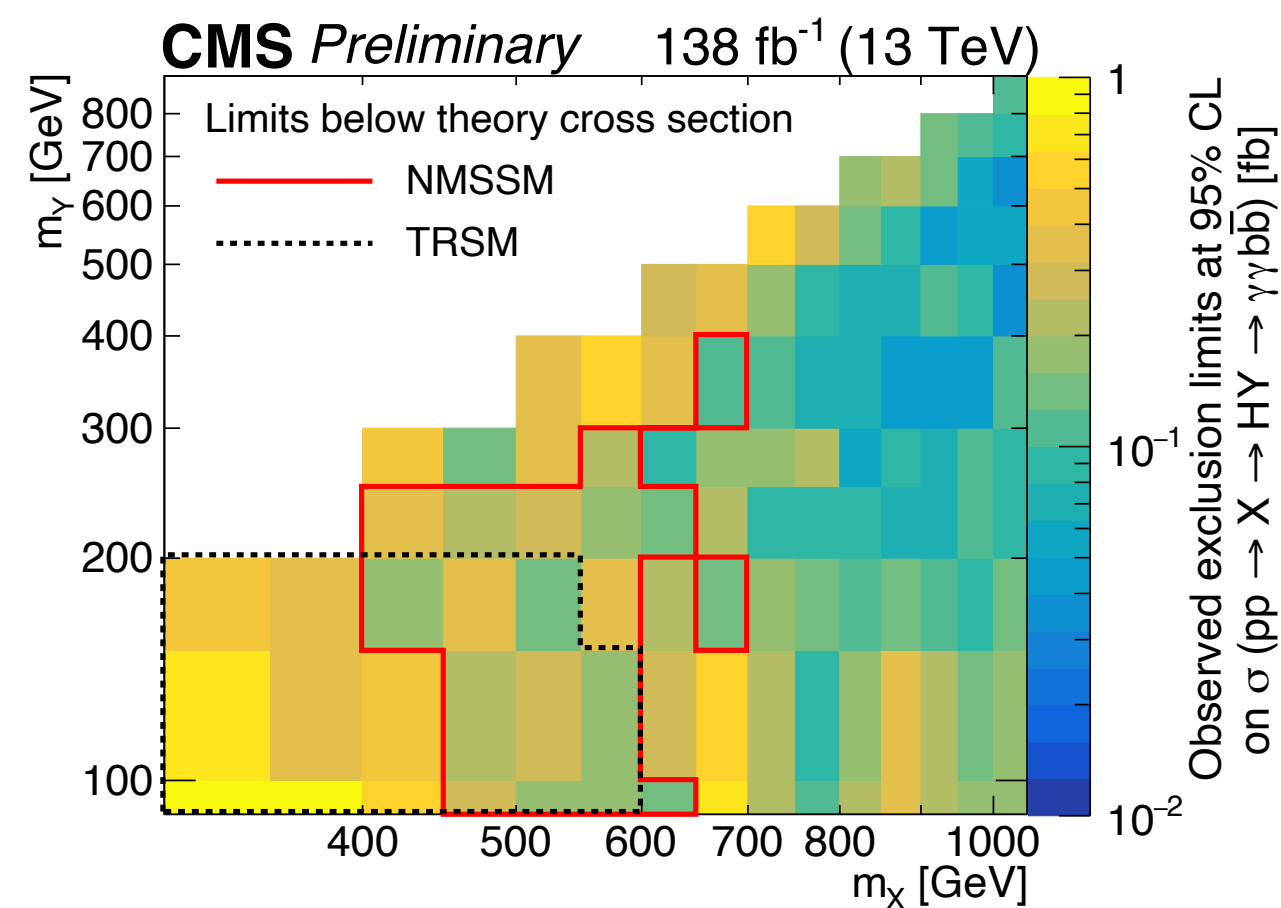
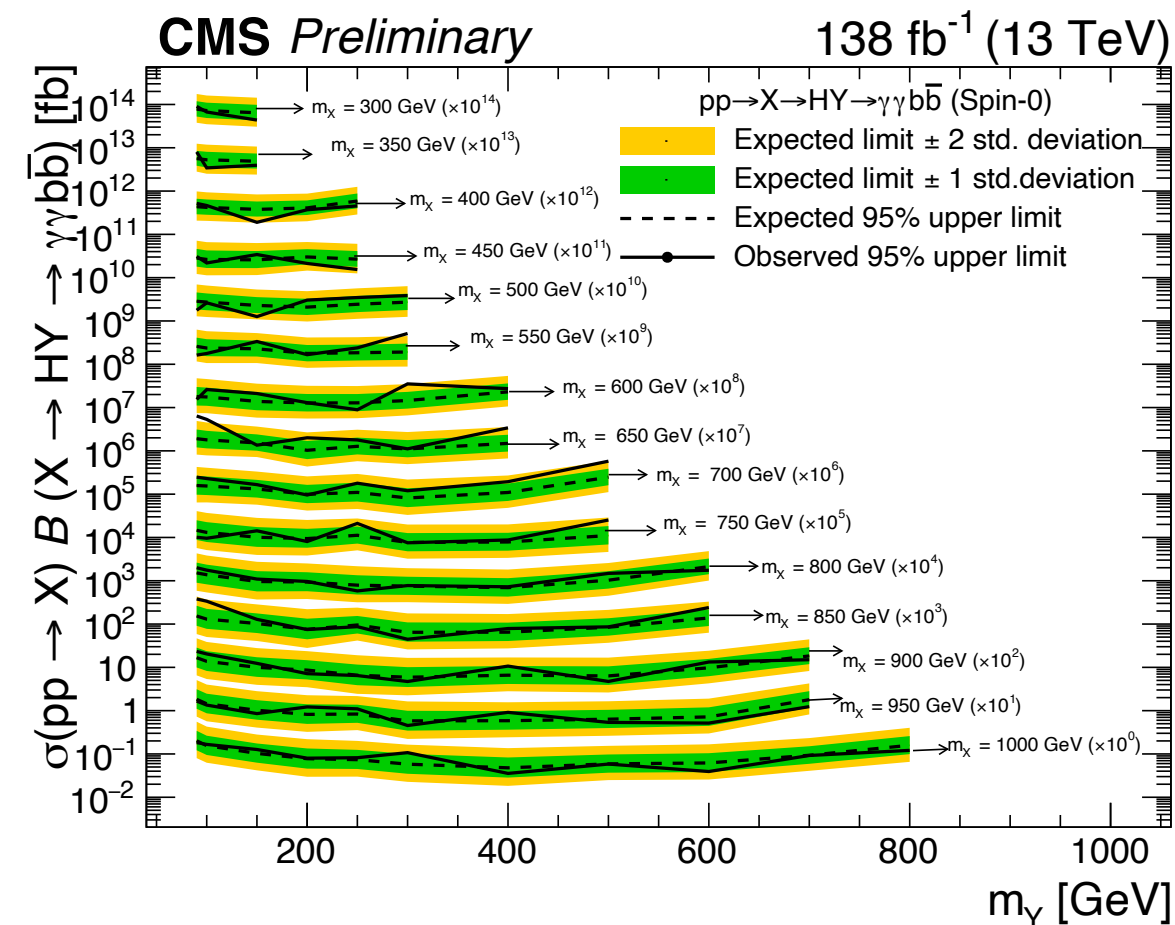
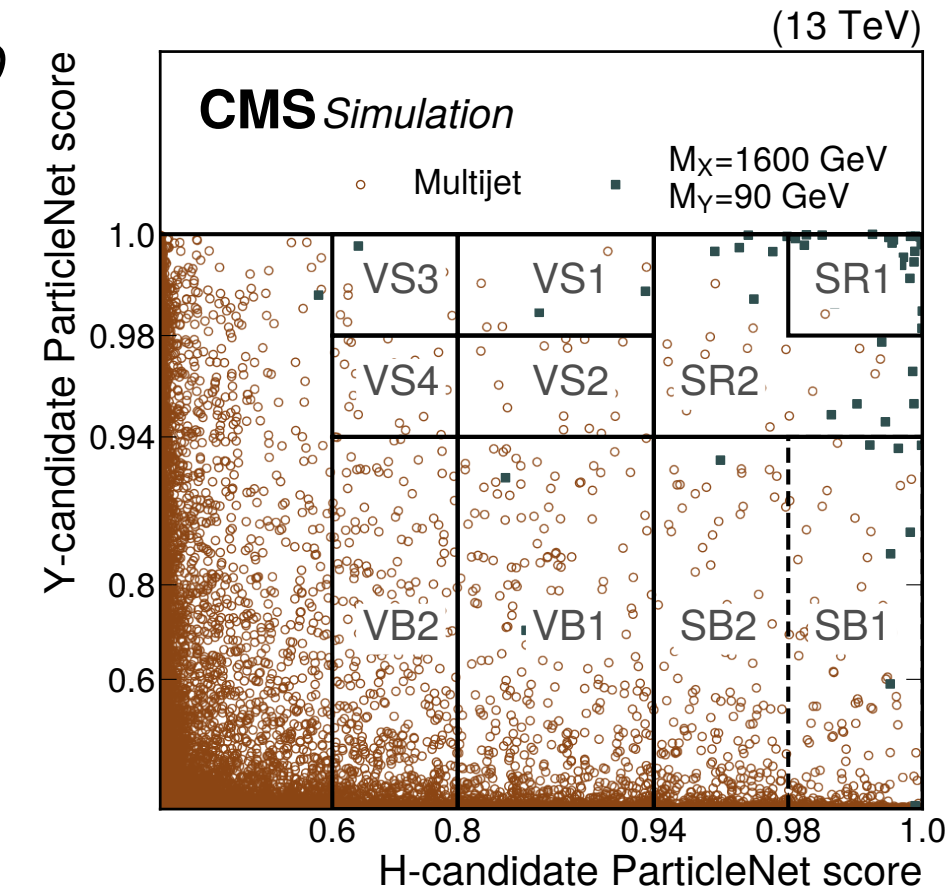
$X \rightarrow (H/Y)H \rightarrow b\bar{b}\gamma\gamma$

- Model independent analysis using narrow with approximation for X
 - Interpreted in NMSSM and TRSM
- Resonance reconstructed from invariant mass of the two photons and the two b-jets
- Two-dimensional fit in $m_{jj}-m_{\gamma\gamma}$ plane



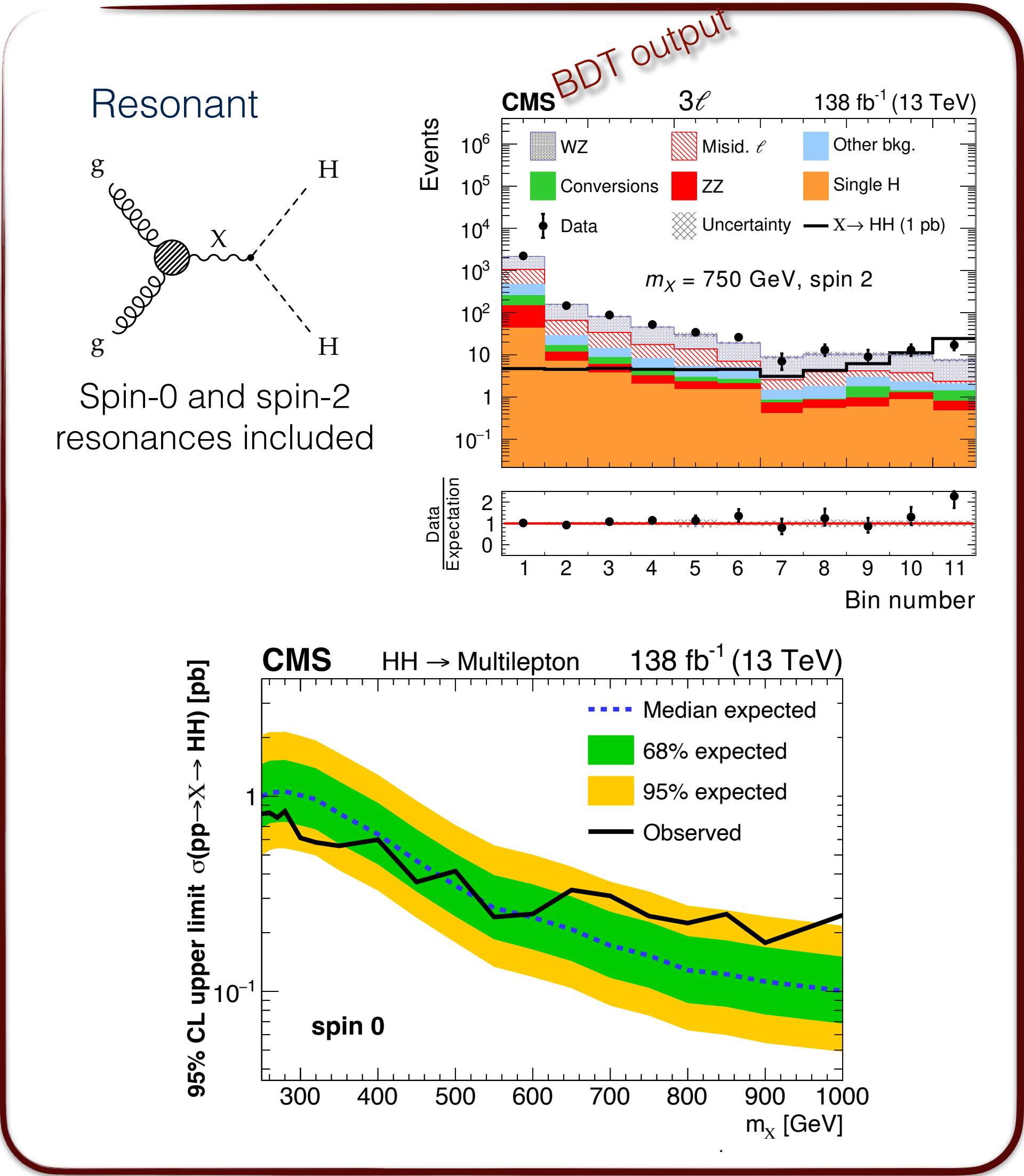
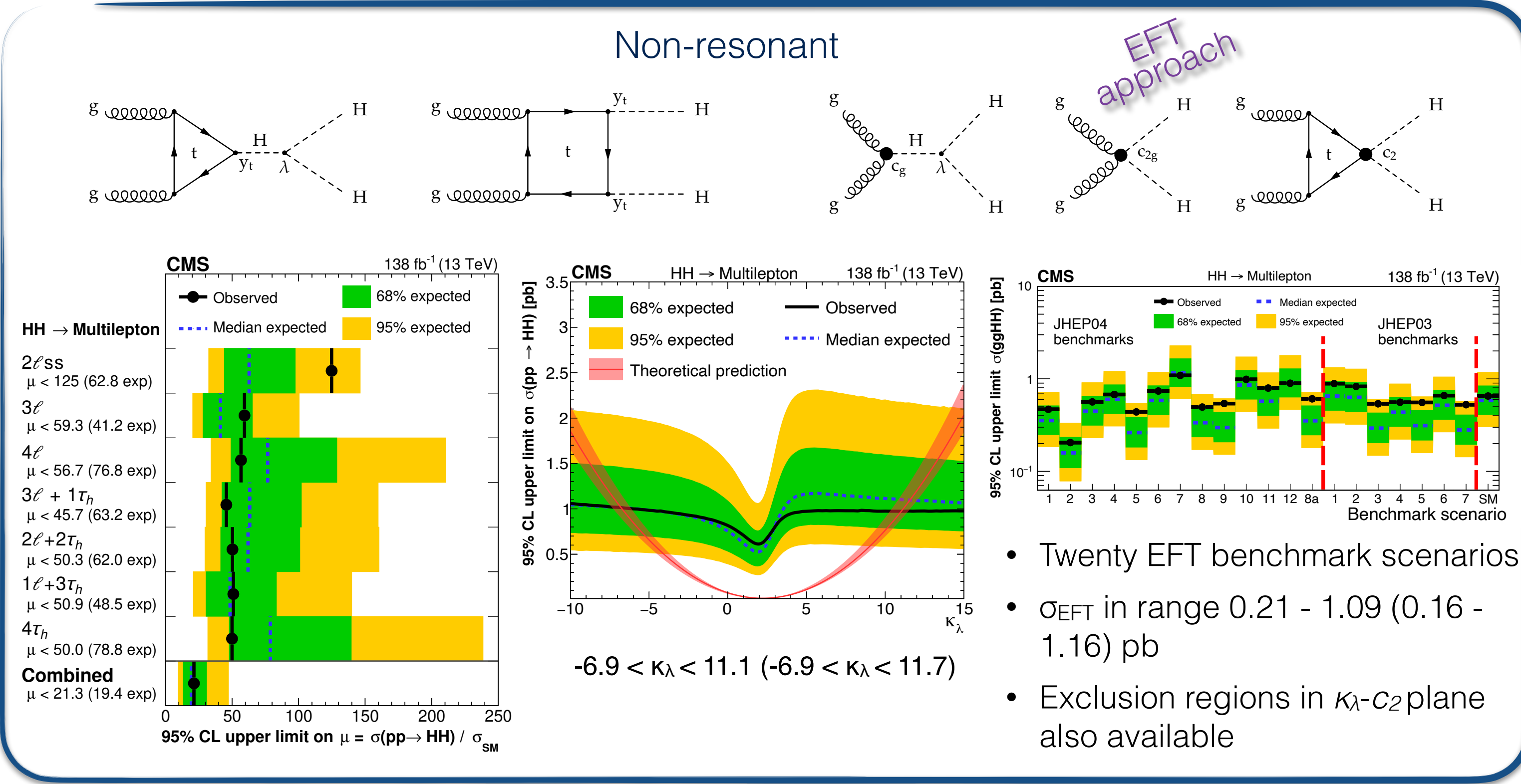
$X \rightarrow YH \rightarrow b\bar{b}b\bar{b}$

- NMSSM and TRSM allow for such process
- Studies fully boosted topology with $Y \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ and $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ contained in single large-R jet
 - ▶ $M_X > M_Y + M_H$
 - ▶ $M_X \gg M_Y, M_H$
 - ▶ $60 < M_Y < 600$ GeV
- Makes use of ML-based *ParticleNet* algorithm to identify boosted decays against background



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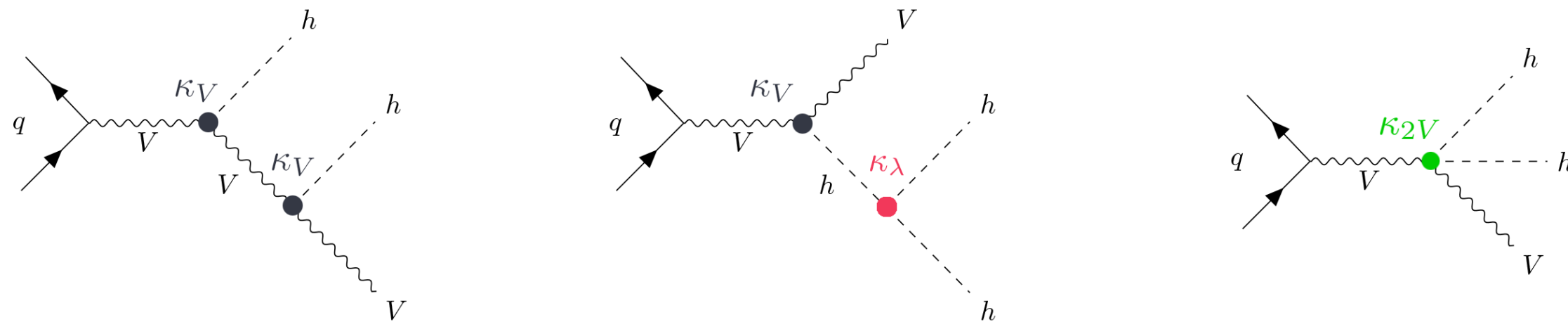
- Explores multi-lepton topology including $l=(e, \mu)$ and hadronically decaying τ
 - Covers a total of seven final states: $2l$ same sign, $3l$, $4l$, $3l+\tau_h$, $2l+2\tau_h$, $1l+3\tau_h$ and $4\tau_h$
- Investigates non-resonant production as predicted by the SM and in multiple EFT scenarios
- BDTs are trained to classify HH from background for both non-resonant and resonant scenarios and for all seven final states



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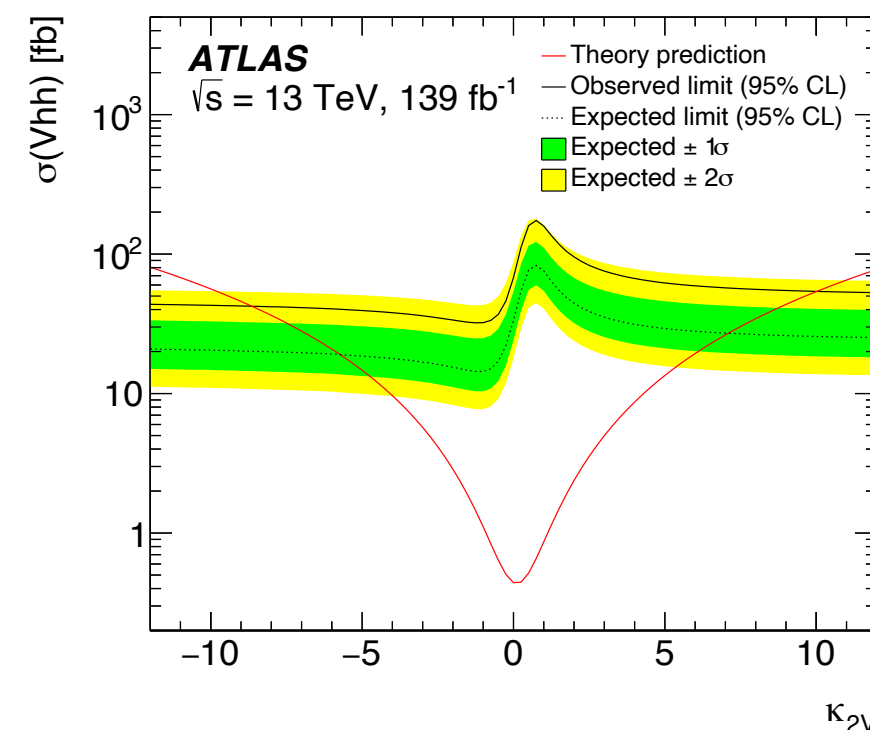
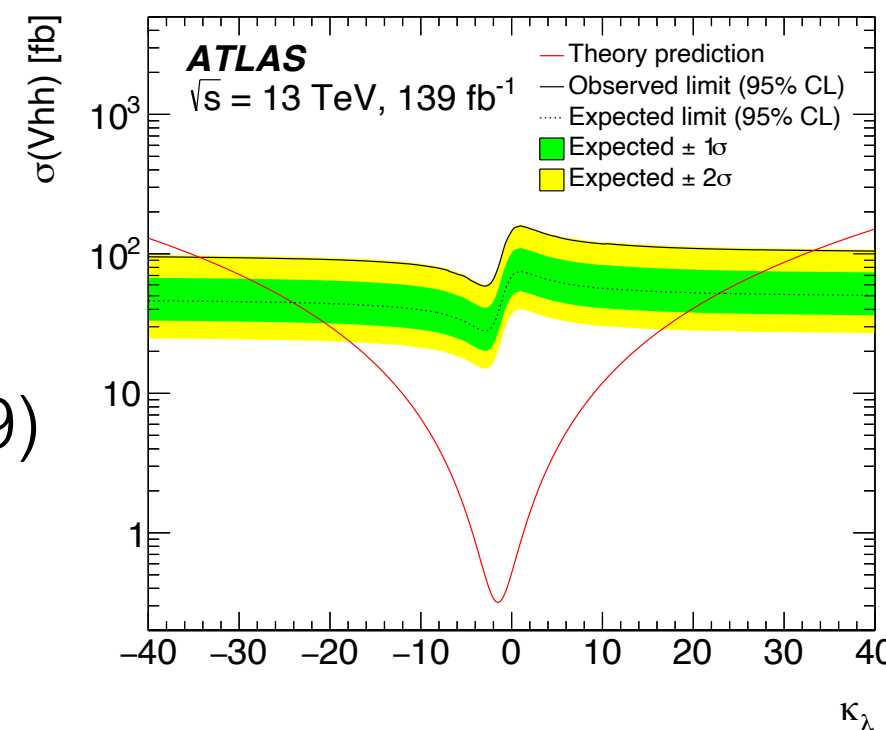
- Targets both non-resonant (SM) and resonant production (BSM)
 - ▶ Non-resonant production arises from three different couplings (κ_V , κ_λ and κ_{2V}) and has much smaller cross section than ggF and VBF processes
 - ▶ Resonant production includes scenarios such as *Higgsstrahlung* ($VH \rightarrow Vhh$) where H is a narrow resonance, and $A \rightarrow ZH \rightarrow Zhh$, where A has a width and H is a narrow resonance
- Final states cover leptonic decays of vector bosons and $h \rightarrow bb$

Non-resonant

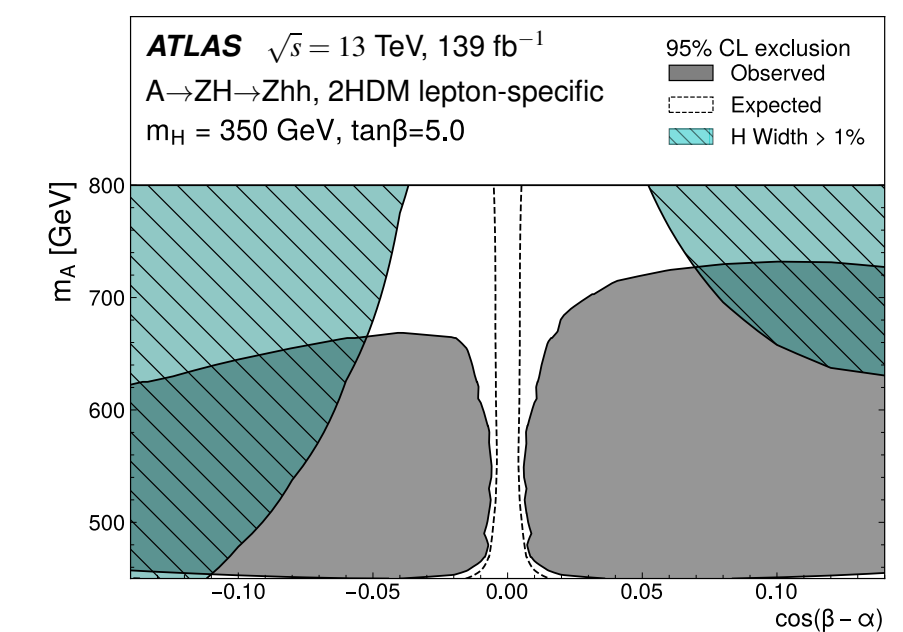
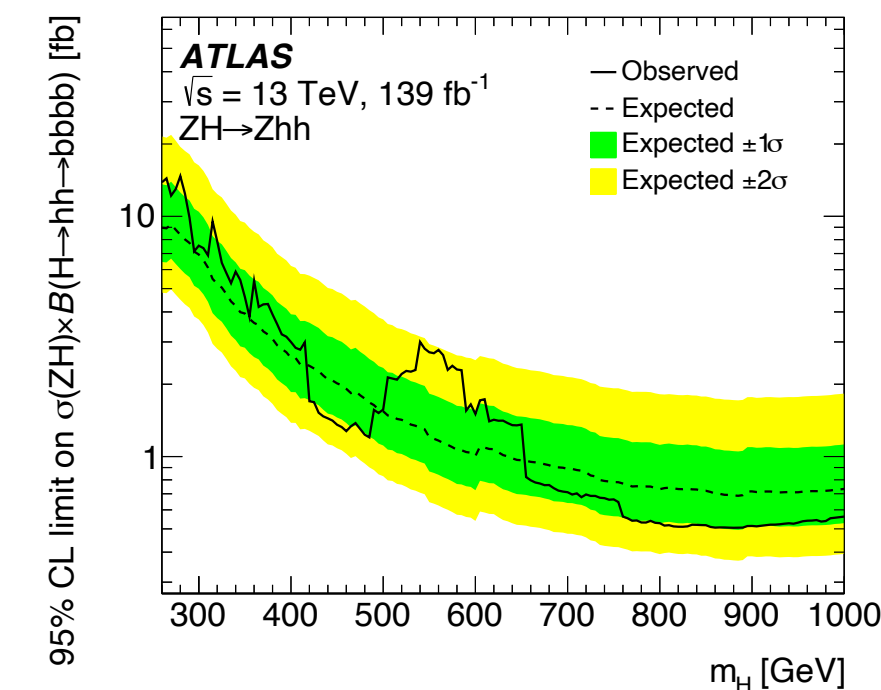
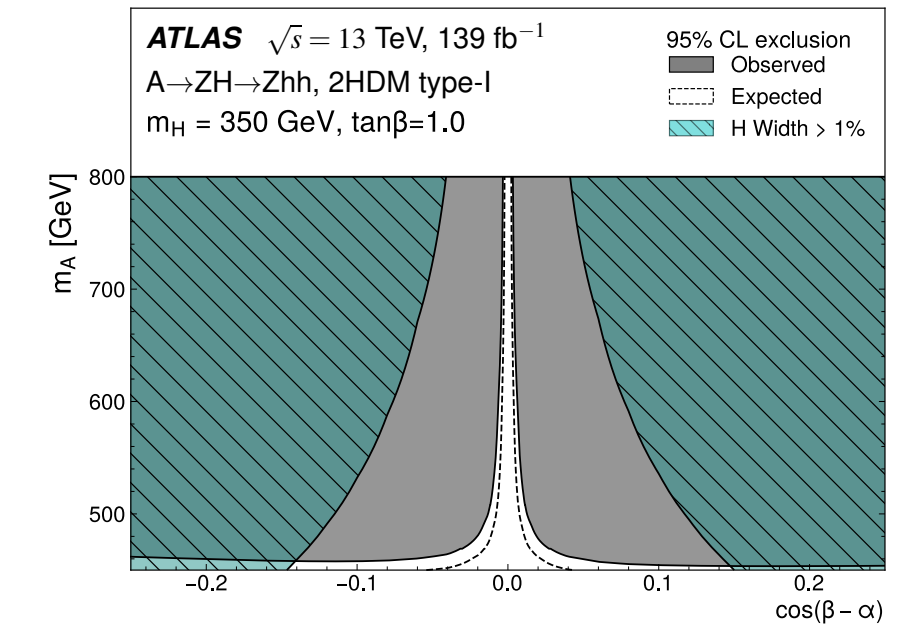
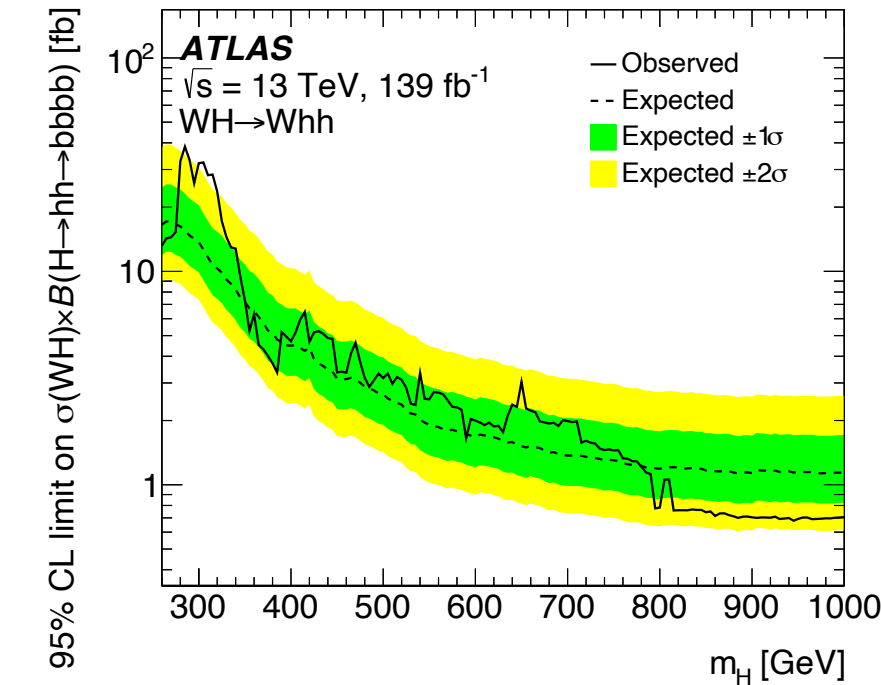
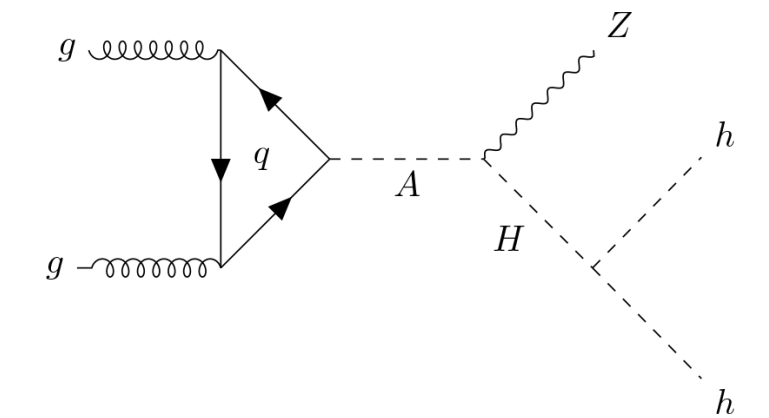
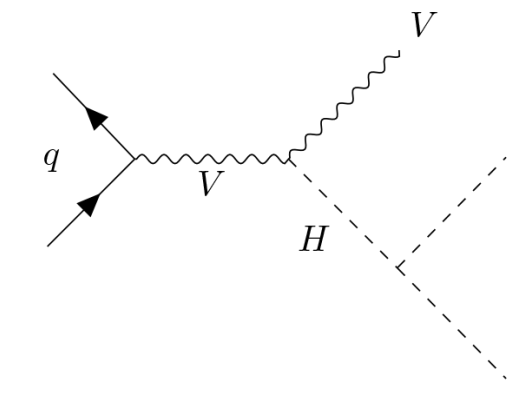


Observed (expected) limits

- SM Vhh : $183 (87^{+41}_{-24}) \times \sigma_{SM}$
- $-34.3 < \kappa_\lambda < 33.3$ ($-24.1 < \kappa_\lambda < 22.9$)
- $-8.6 < \kappa_{2V} < 10.0$ ($-5.7 < \kappa_{2V} < 7.1$)



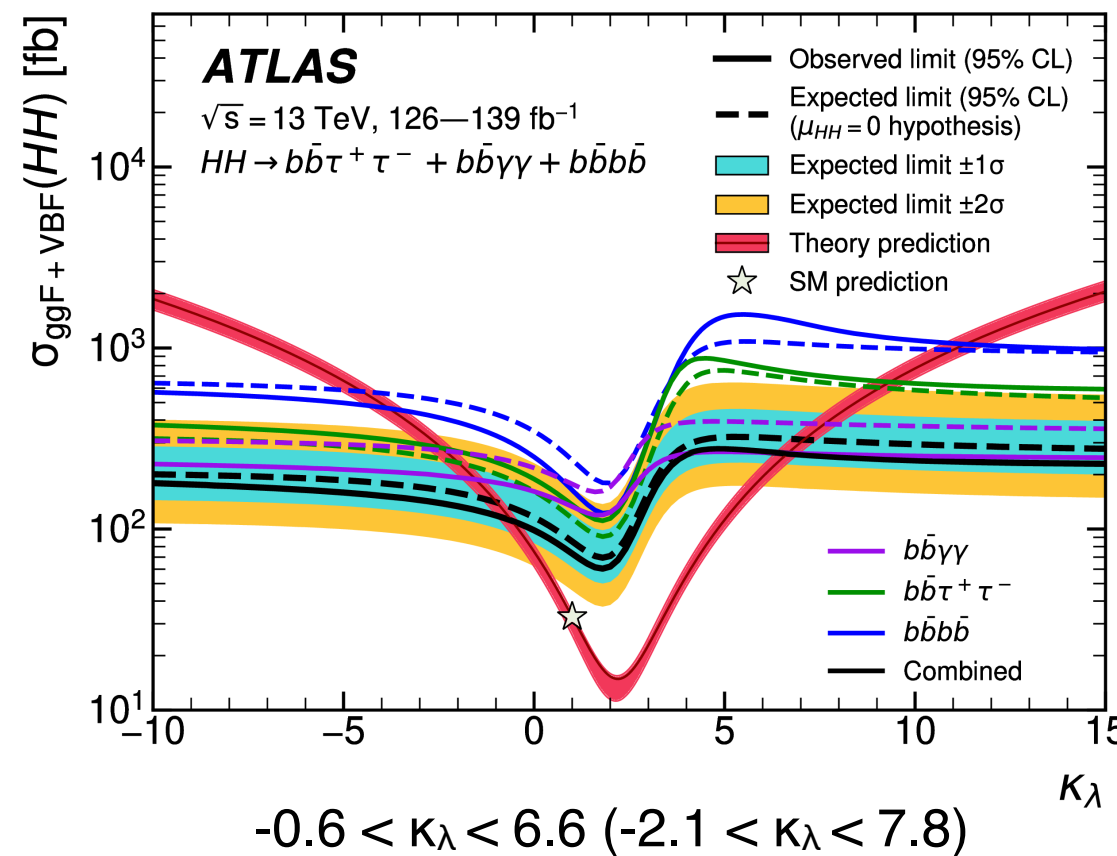
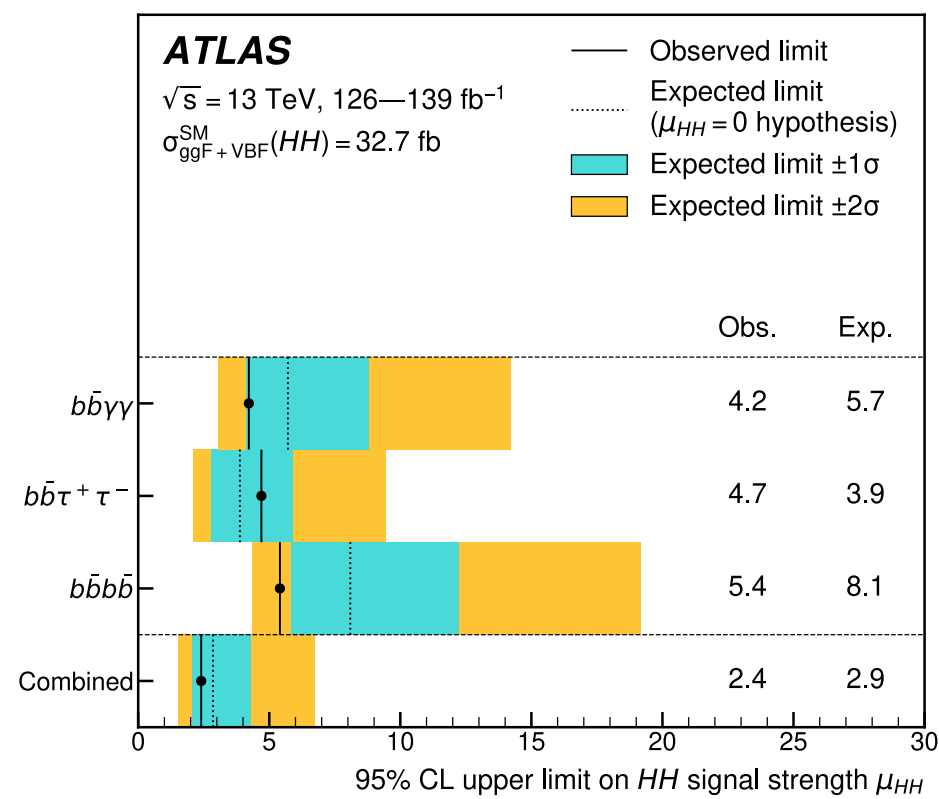
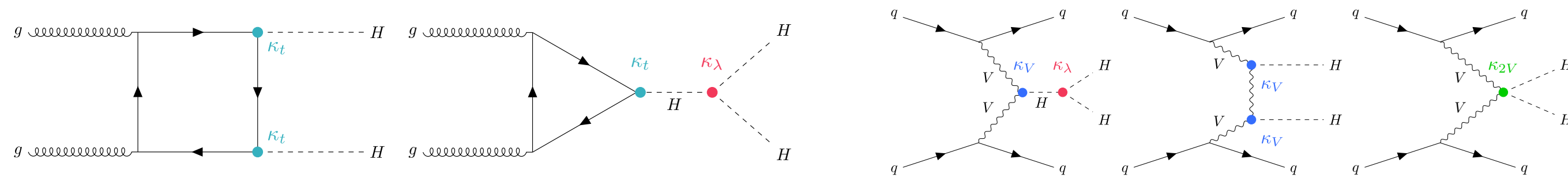
Resonant



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- Constrains the Higgs self coupling via the combination of HH and H analyses
 - HH final states: $bbbb$, $bb\tau\tau$ and $bb\gamma\gamma$
 - H final states: $\gamma\gamma$, ZZ^* , WW^* , $\tau\tau$ and bb
- Combination allows for more stringent or less model dependent constraints to be derived
- Most stringent constraints on λ_{HHH} to date

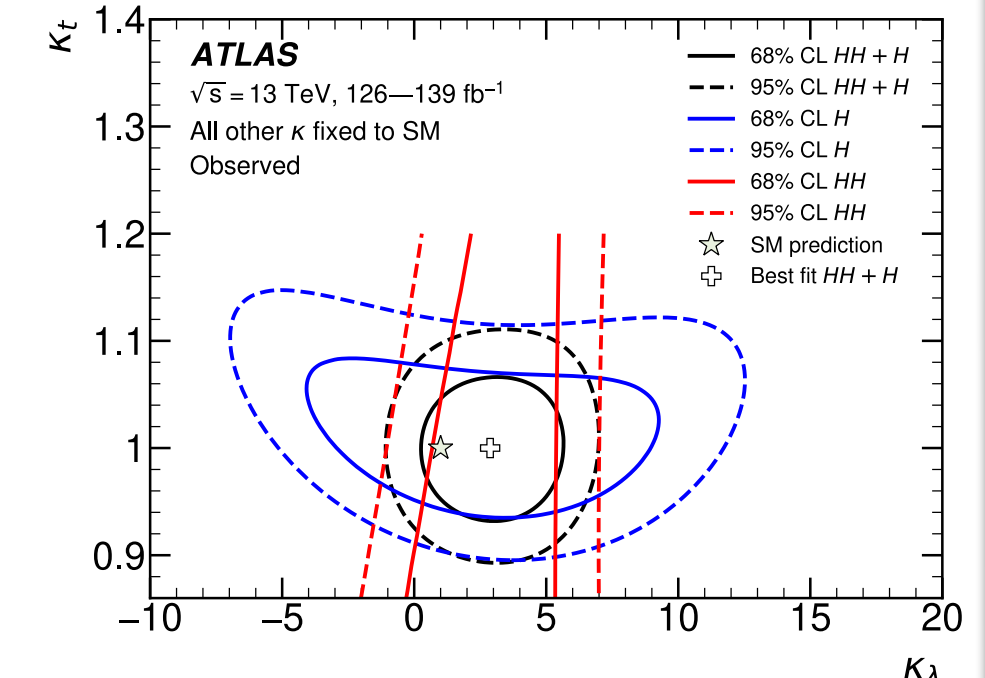
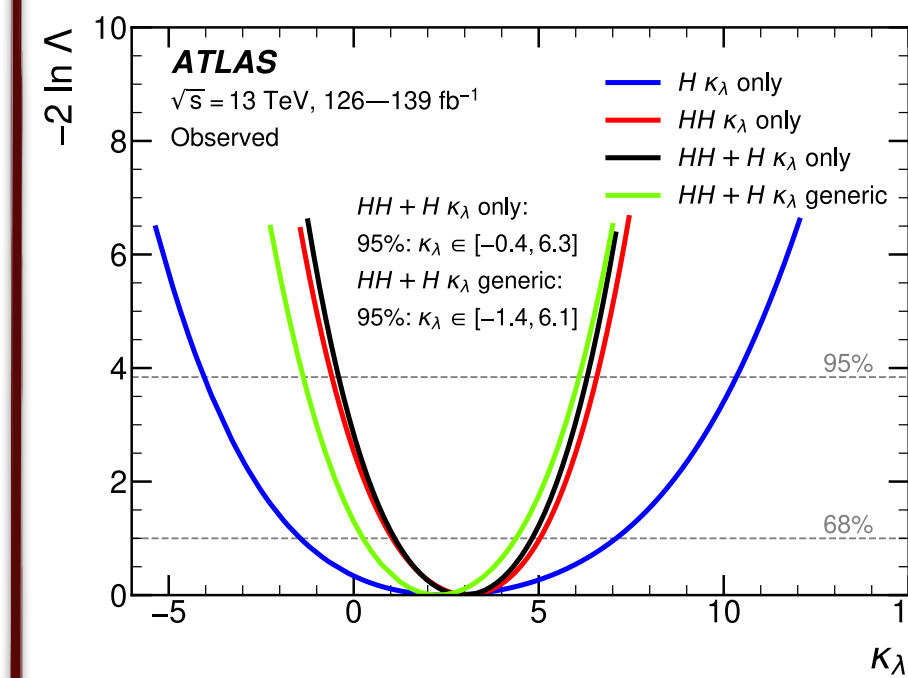
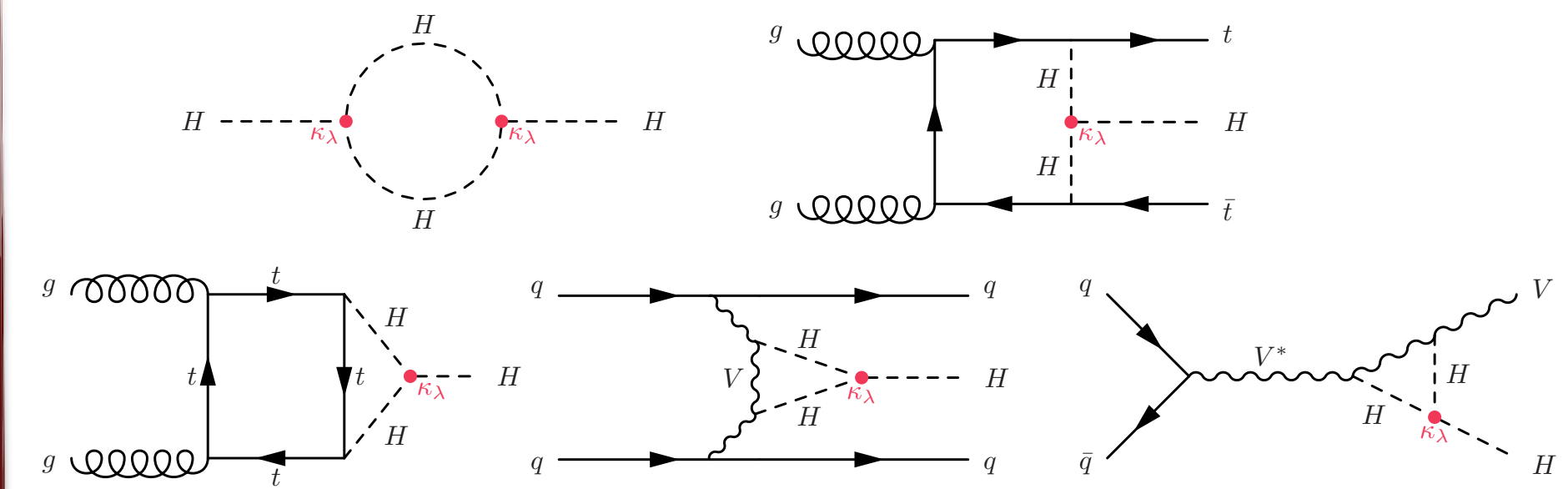
HH combination



Also sensitive to $HHVV$: $0.1 < \kappa_{2V} < 2.0$ ($0.0 < \kappa_{2V} < 2.1$)

- SM ggF production yields $\sigma_{SM}=31.0$ fb at 13 TeV
- SM VBF production yields $\sigma_{SM}=1.72$ fb at 13 TeV

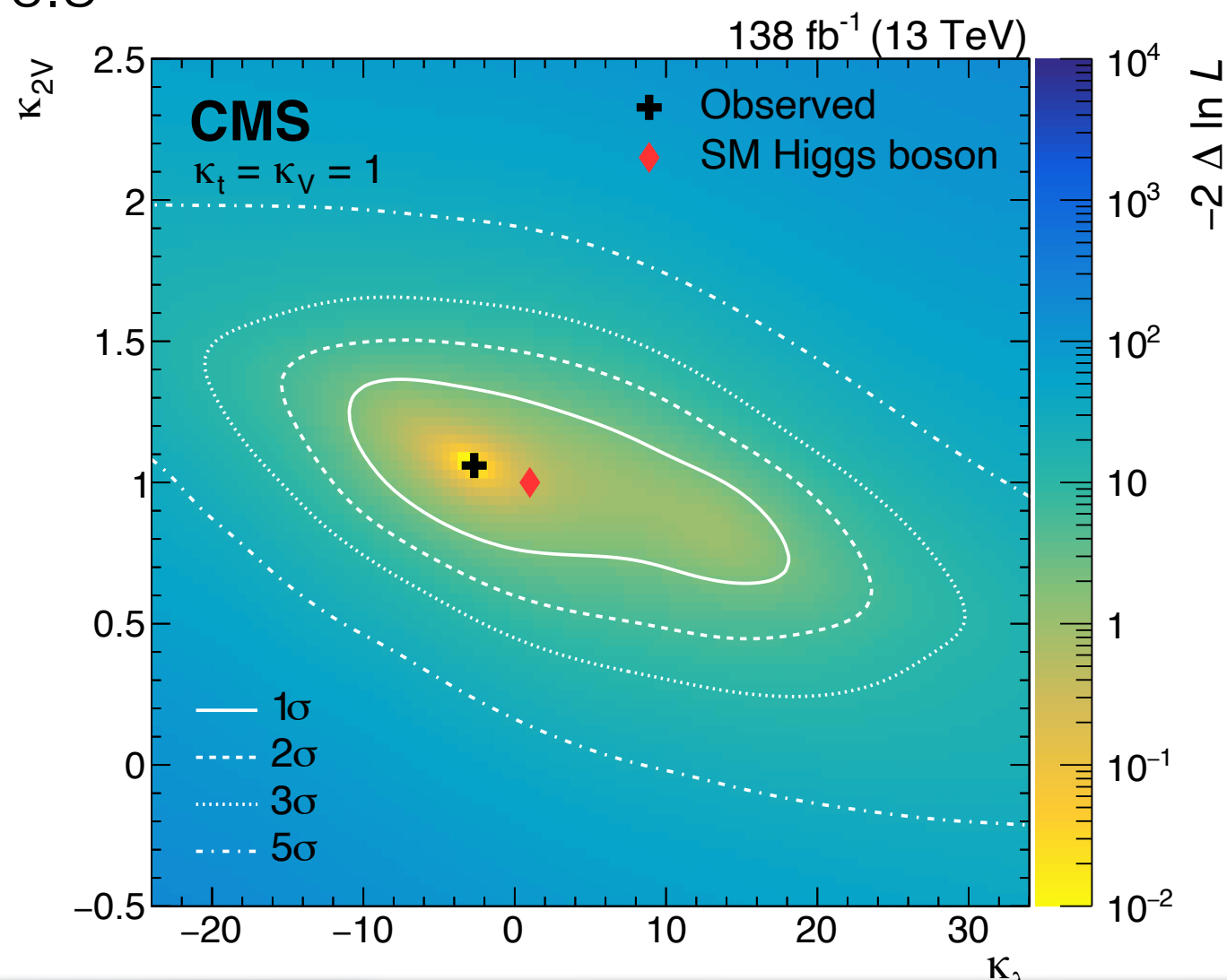
H+HH combination



Combination assumption	Obs. 95% CL	Exp. 95% CL	Obs. value ^{+1σ} _{-1σ}
HH combination	$-0.6 < \kappa_\lambda < 6.6$	$-2.1 < \kappa_\lambda < 7.8$	$\kappa_\lambda = 3.1^{+1.9}_{-2.0}$
Single- H combination	$-4.0 < \kappa_\lambda < 10.3$	$-5.2 < \kappa_\lambda < 11.5$	$\kappa_\lambda = 2.5^{+4.6}_{-3.9}$
$HH+H$ combination	$-0.4 < \kappa_\lambda < 6.3$	$-1.9 < \kappa_\lambda < 7.6$	$\kappa_\lambda = 3.0^{+1.8}_{-1.9}$
$HH+H$ combination, κ_t floating	$-0.4 < \kappa_\lambda < 6.3$	$-1.9 < \kappa_\lambda < 7.6$	$\kappa_\lambda = 3.0^{+1.8}_{-1.9}$
$HH+H$ combination, $\kappa_t, \kappa_V, \kappa_b, \kappa_\tau$ floating	$-1.4 < \kappa_\lambda < 6.1$	$-2.2 < \kappa_\lambda < 7.7$	$\kappa_\lambda = 2.3^{+2.1}_{-2.0}$

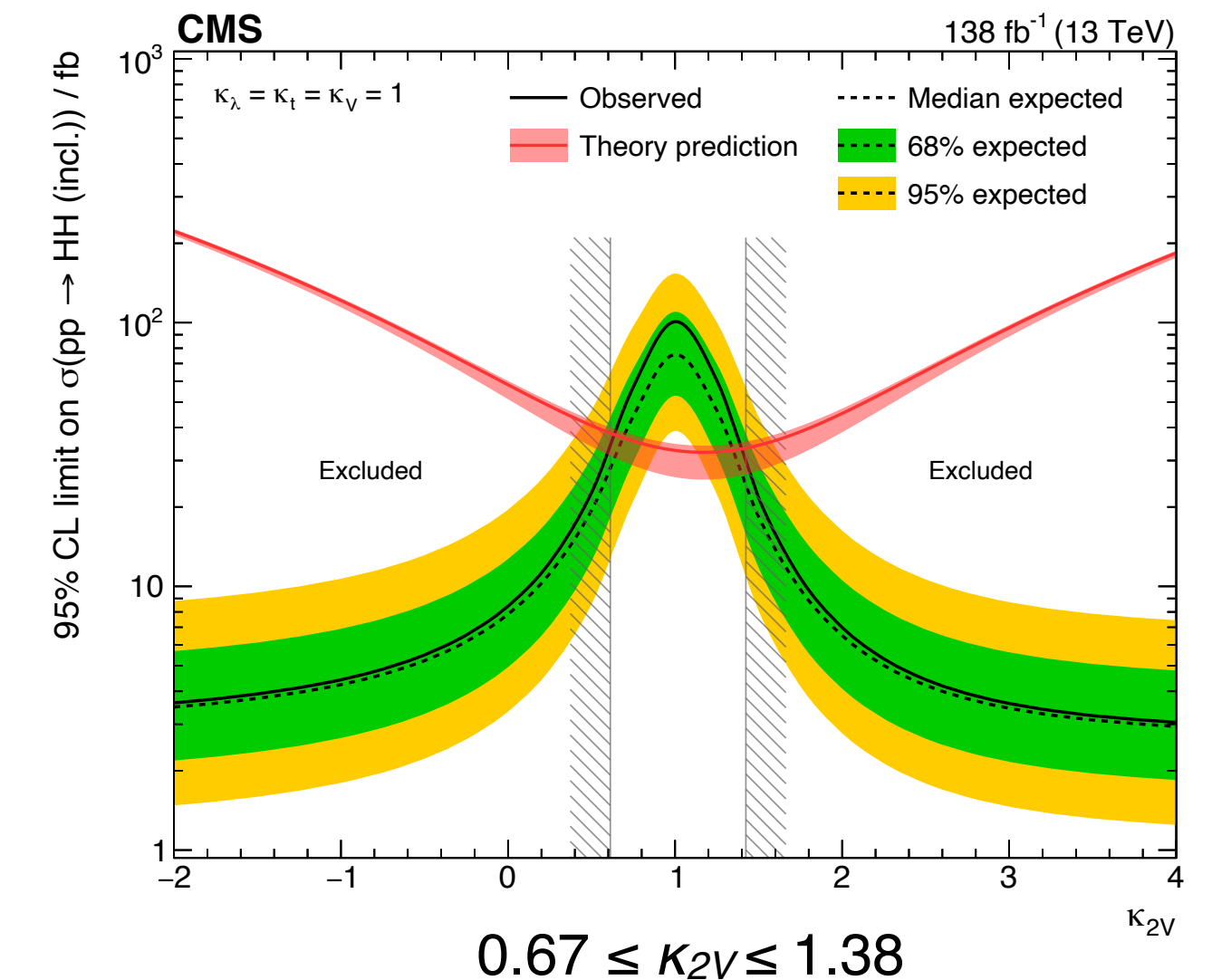
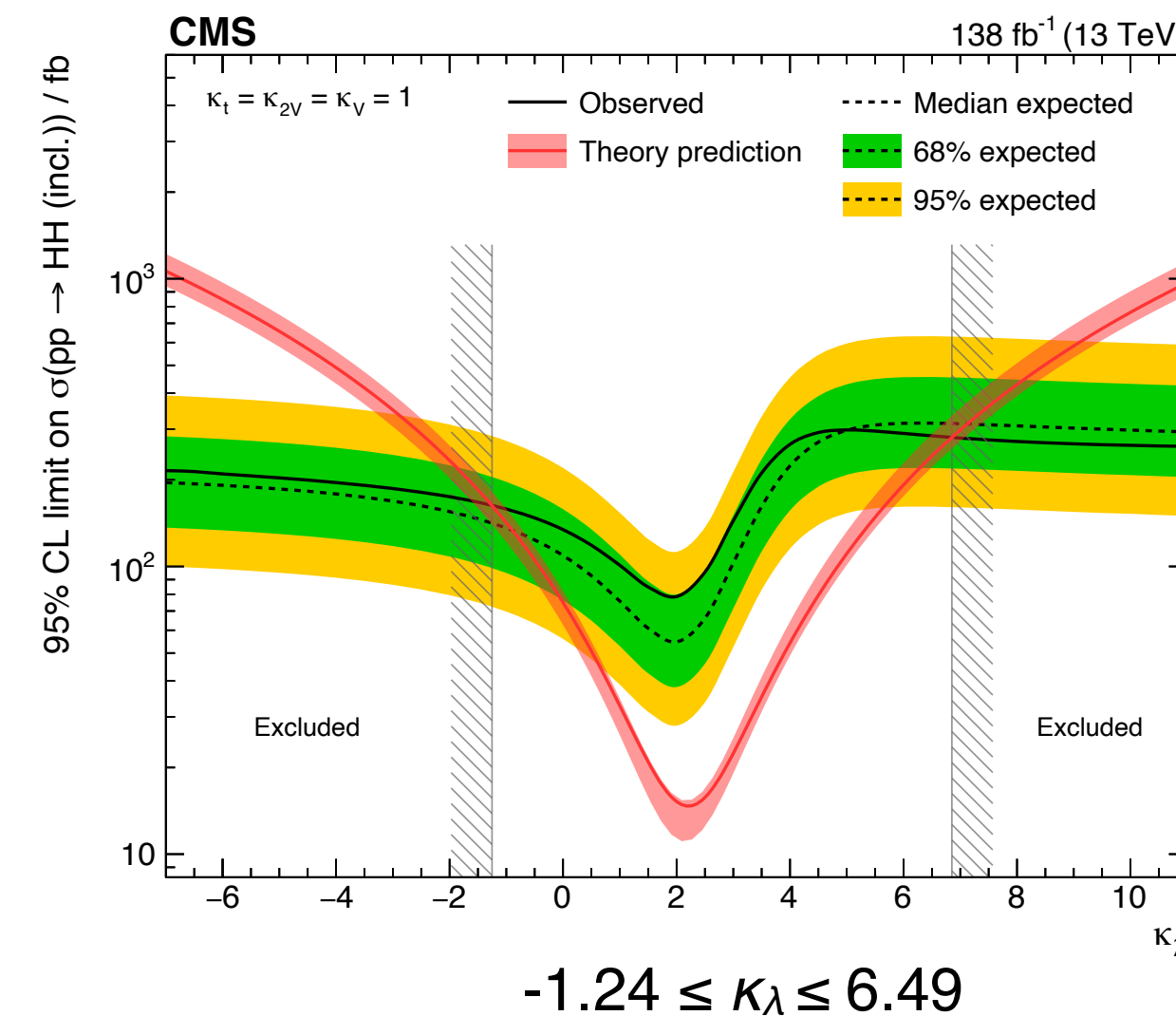
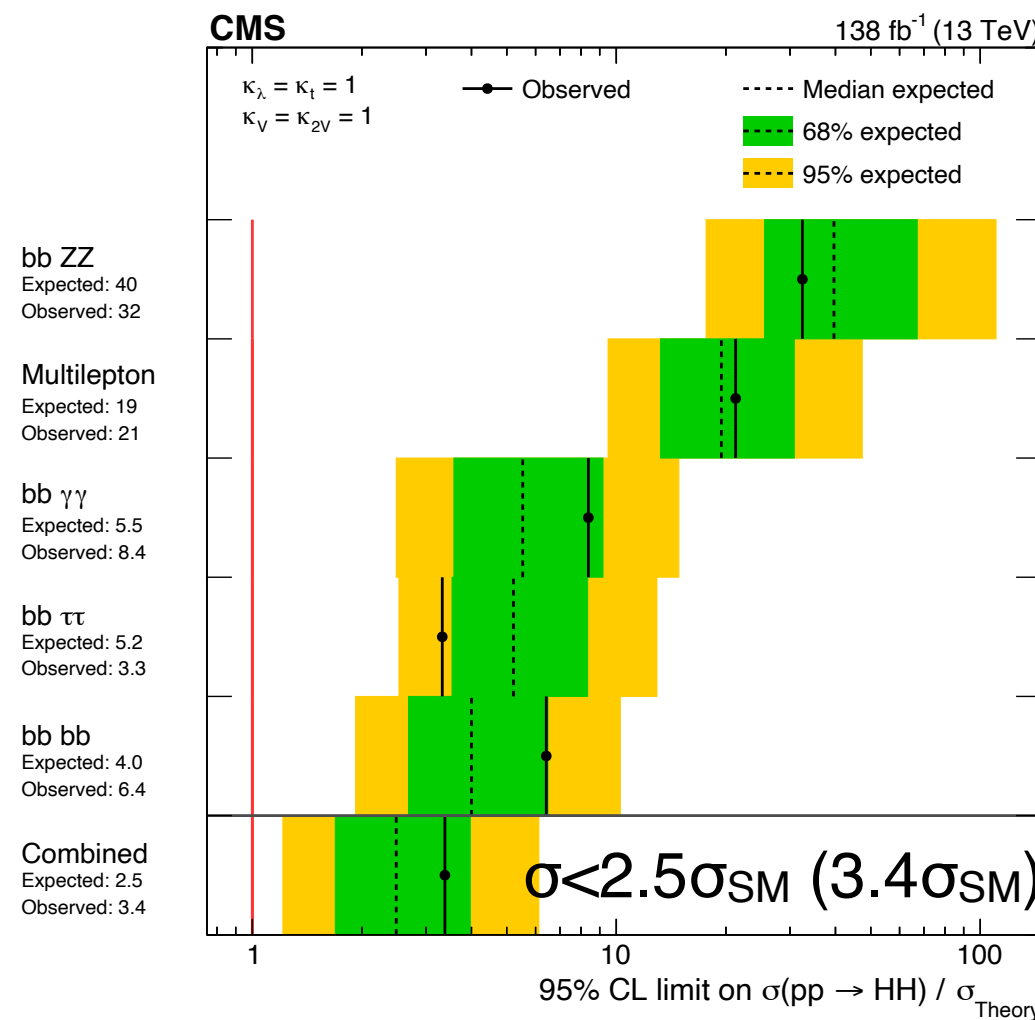
Non-resonant $HH \rightarrow bbbb$

- Search for pairs of boosted H produced via ggF and VBF
- Benefits from advances in boosted $H \rightarrow bb$ reconstruction and identification
- Exclusion limits
 - ▶ SM: $\sigma < 9.9\sigma_{SM}$ ($5.1\sigma_{SM}$)
 - ▶ $-9.9 \leq \kappa_\lambda \leq 16.9$ ($-5.1 \leq \kappa_\lambda \leq 12.2$)
 - ▶ $0.62 \leq \kappa_{2V} \leq 1.41$ ($0.66 \leq \kappa_{2V} \leq 1.37$)
- $\kappa_{2V}=0$ excluded for the first time with significance of $\sigma=6.3$



Combination of HH

- Constrains Higgs self coupling and $HHVV$ coupling by combining HH analyses
 - ▶ HH final states: $bbbb$, $bb\tau\tau$, $bb\gamma\gamma$, $multilepton$ and $bbZZ$
- $\kappa_{2V}=0$ excluded with significance of $\sigma=6.6$
- Non-resonant $HH \rightarrow bbbb$ main contributor to κ_{2V} exclusion and helps make $HH \rightarrow bbbb$ the most sensitive channel



Closing remarks

The ATLAS and CMS collaborations continue to scrutinize every corner of physics available to the LHC through sophisticated and creative approaches

