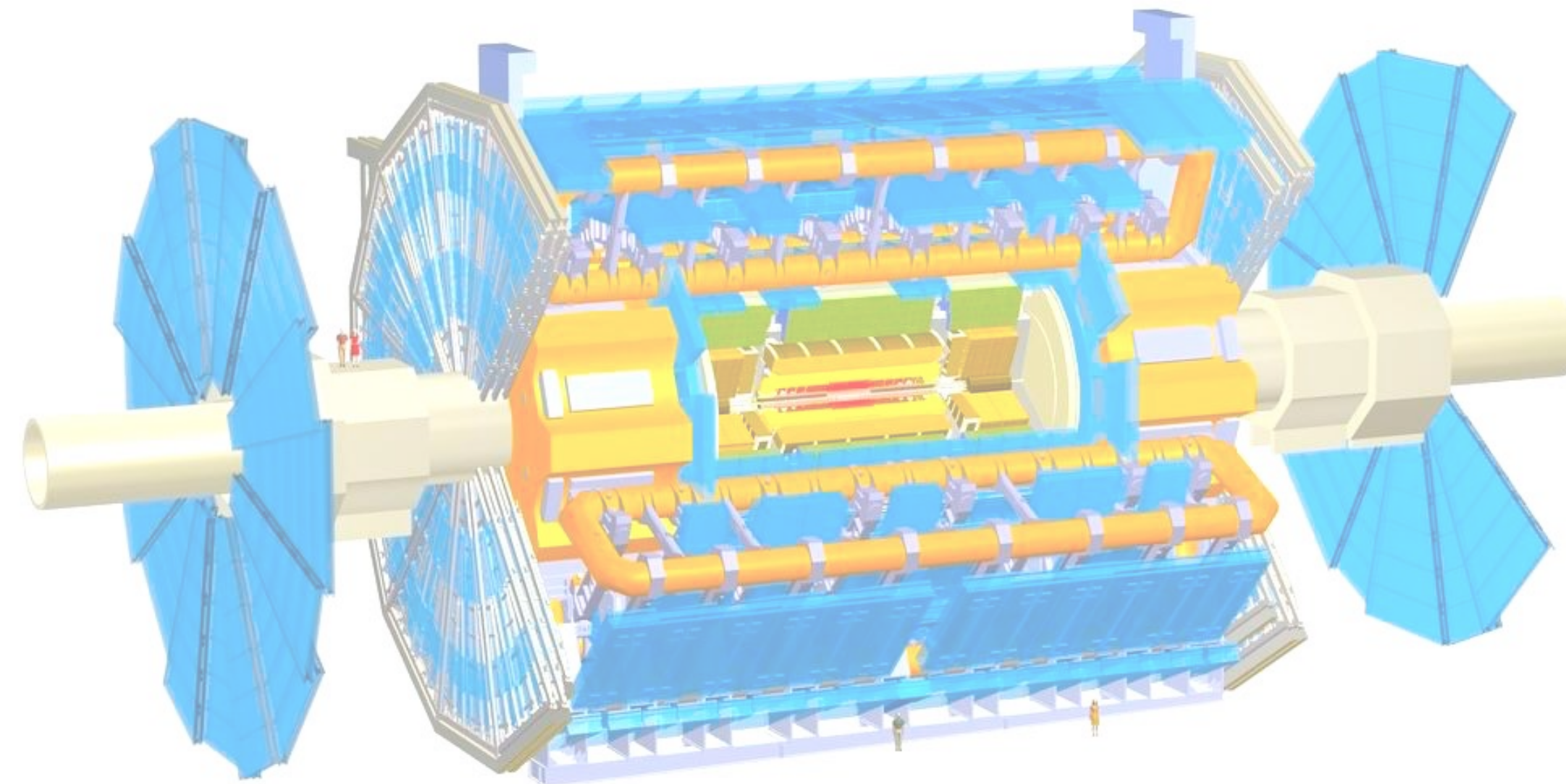


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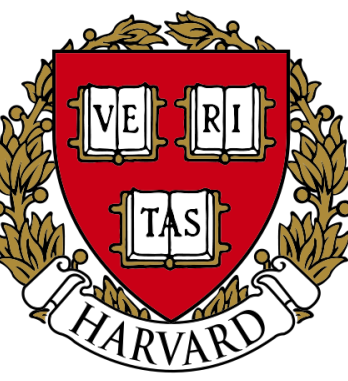


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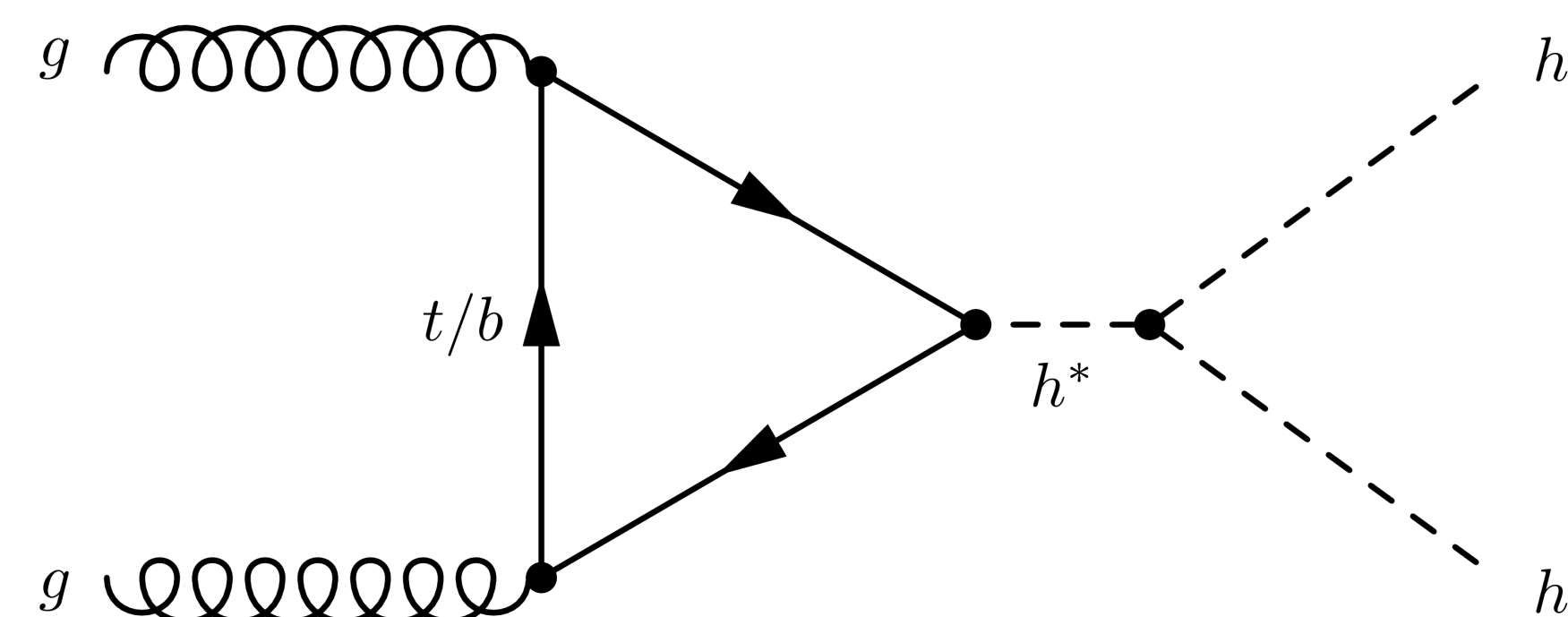
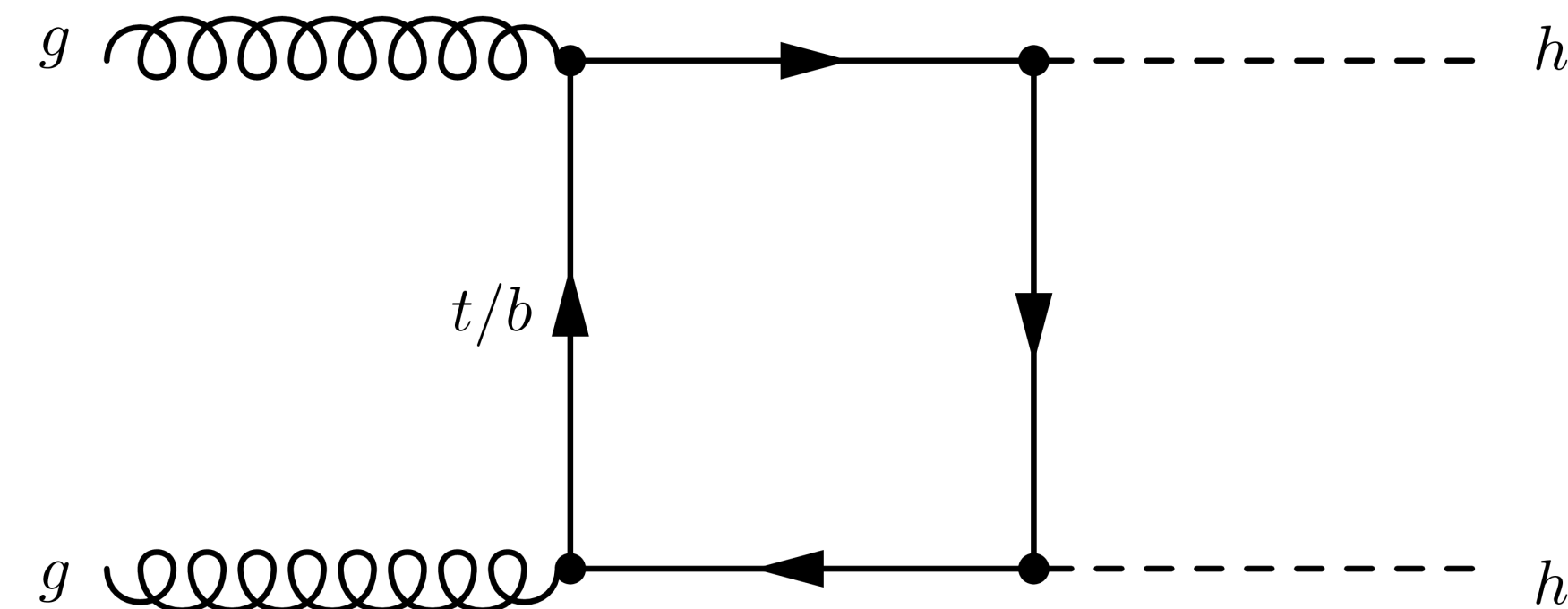
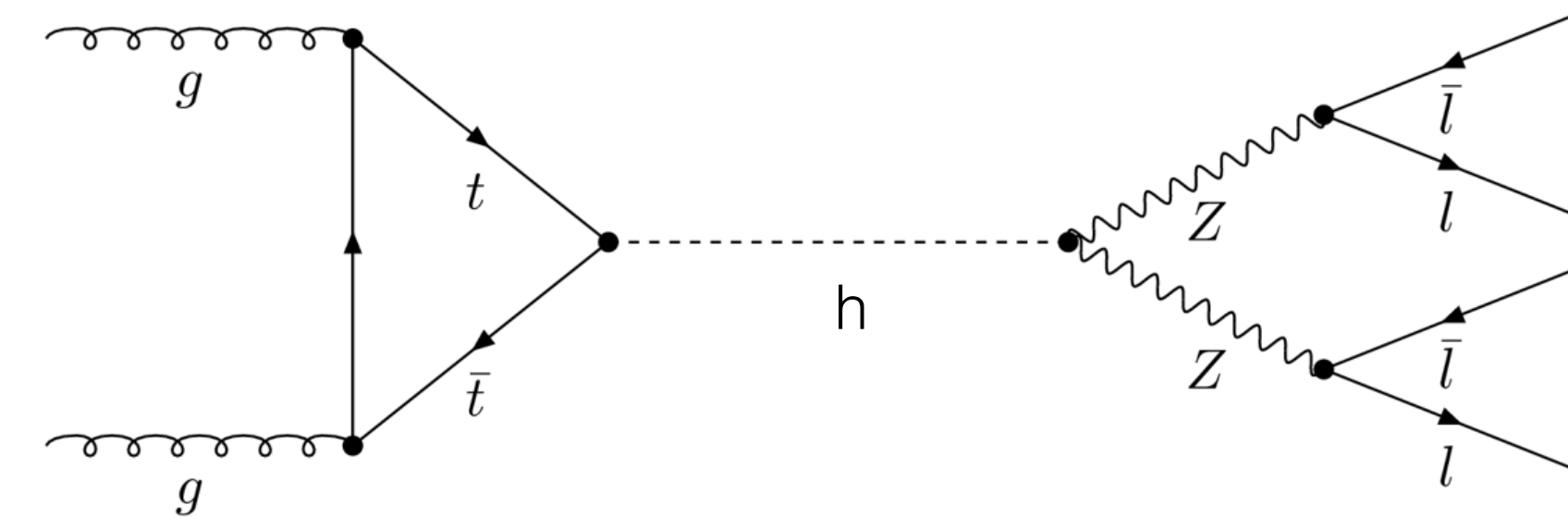
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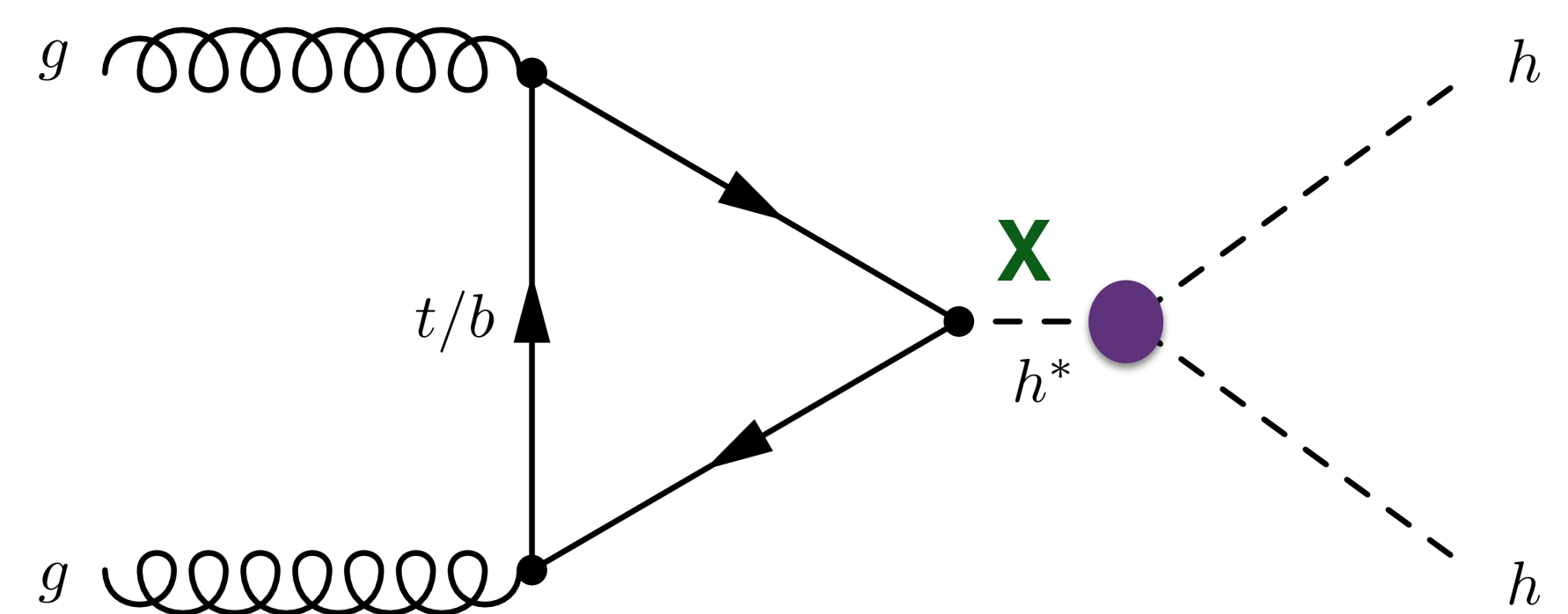
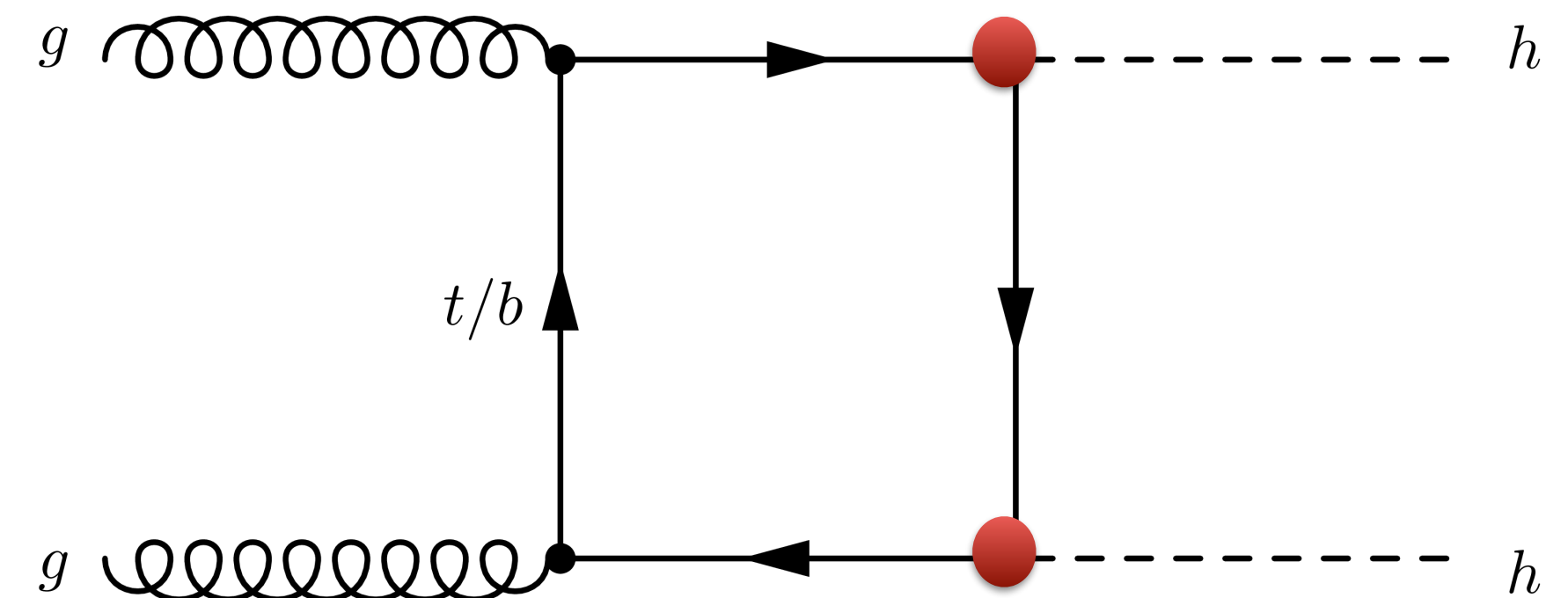
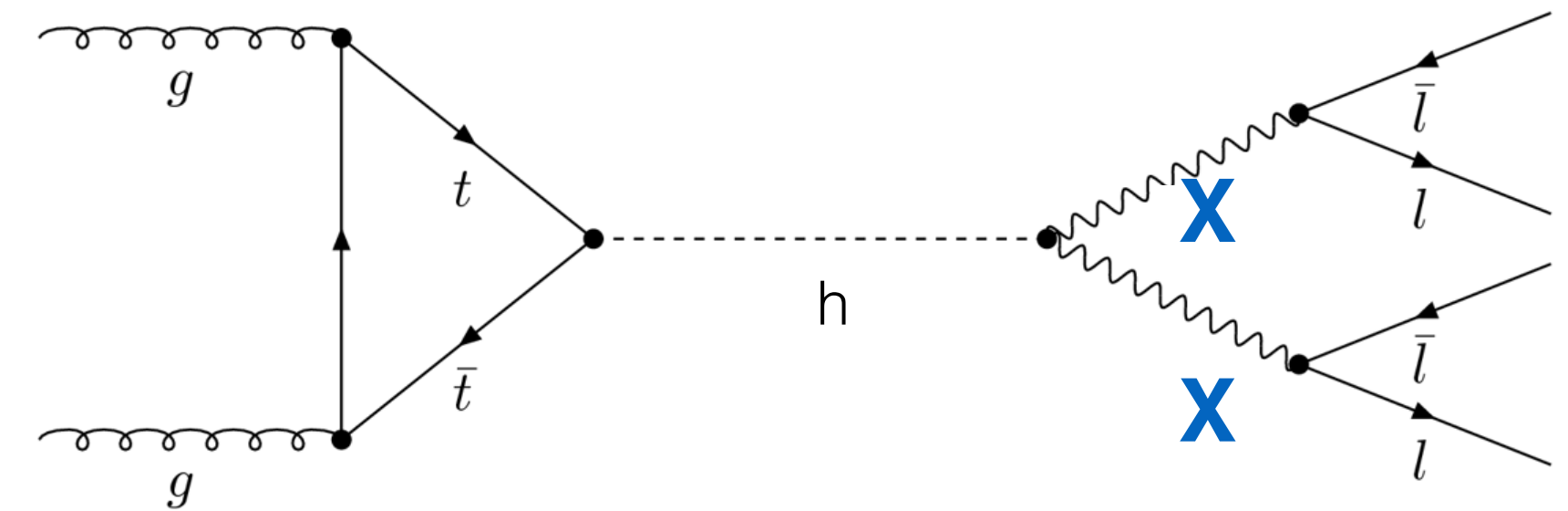
# From the SM Higgs Boson

- Two rare yet known processes
- $h \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow \ell\ell\ell\ell$  — small branching ratio but very clean signature
- $hh \rightarrow bbbb$  — small cross section at 13 TeV  $\sim 11.3$  fb (NNLO + NNLL)



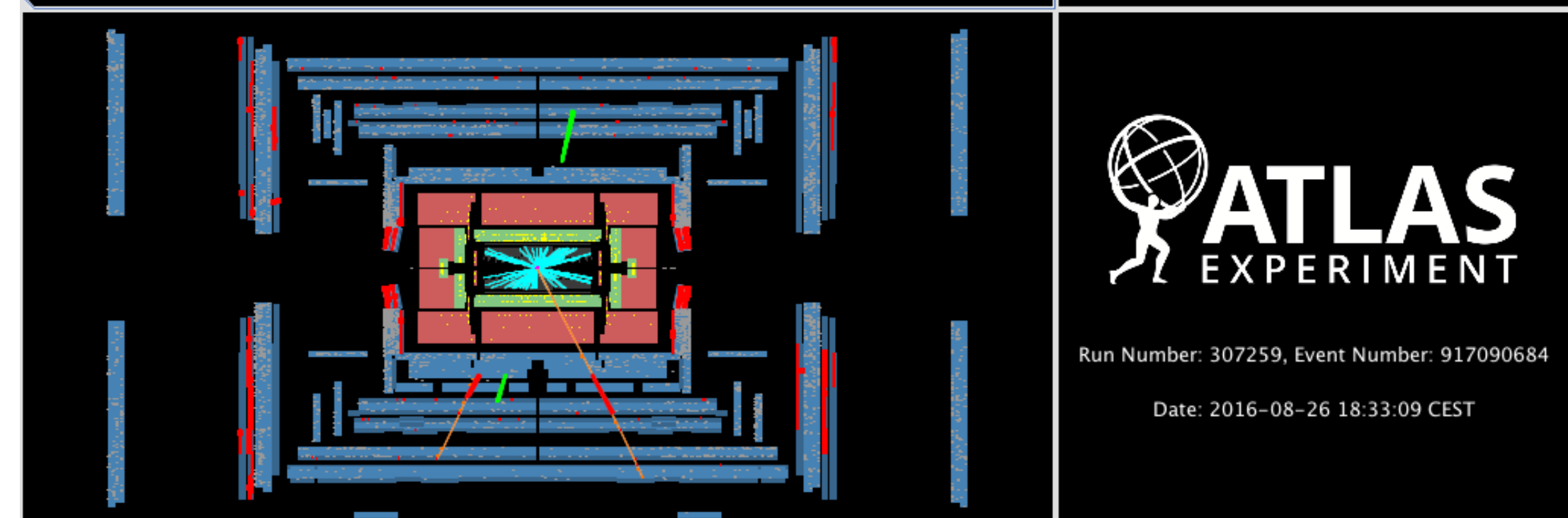
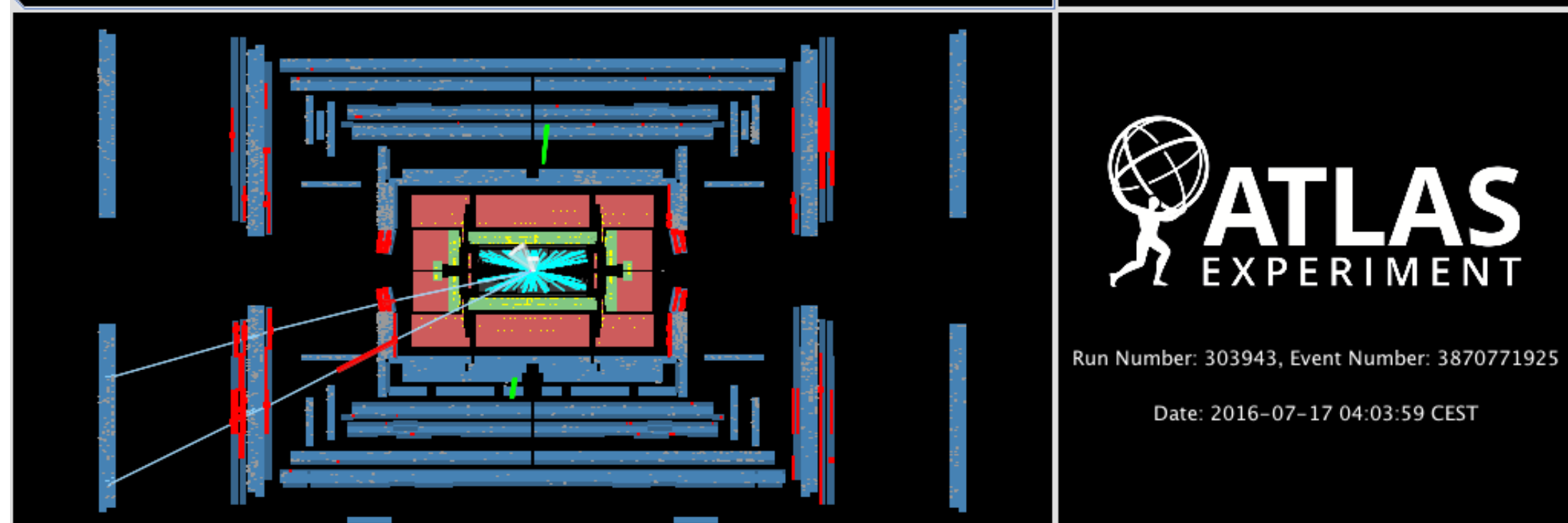
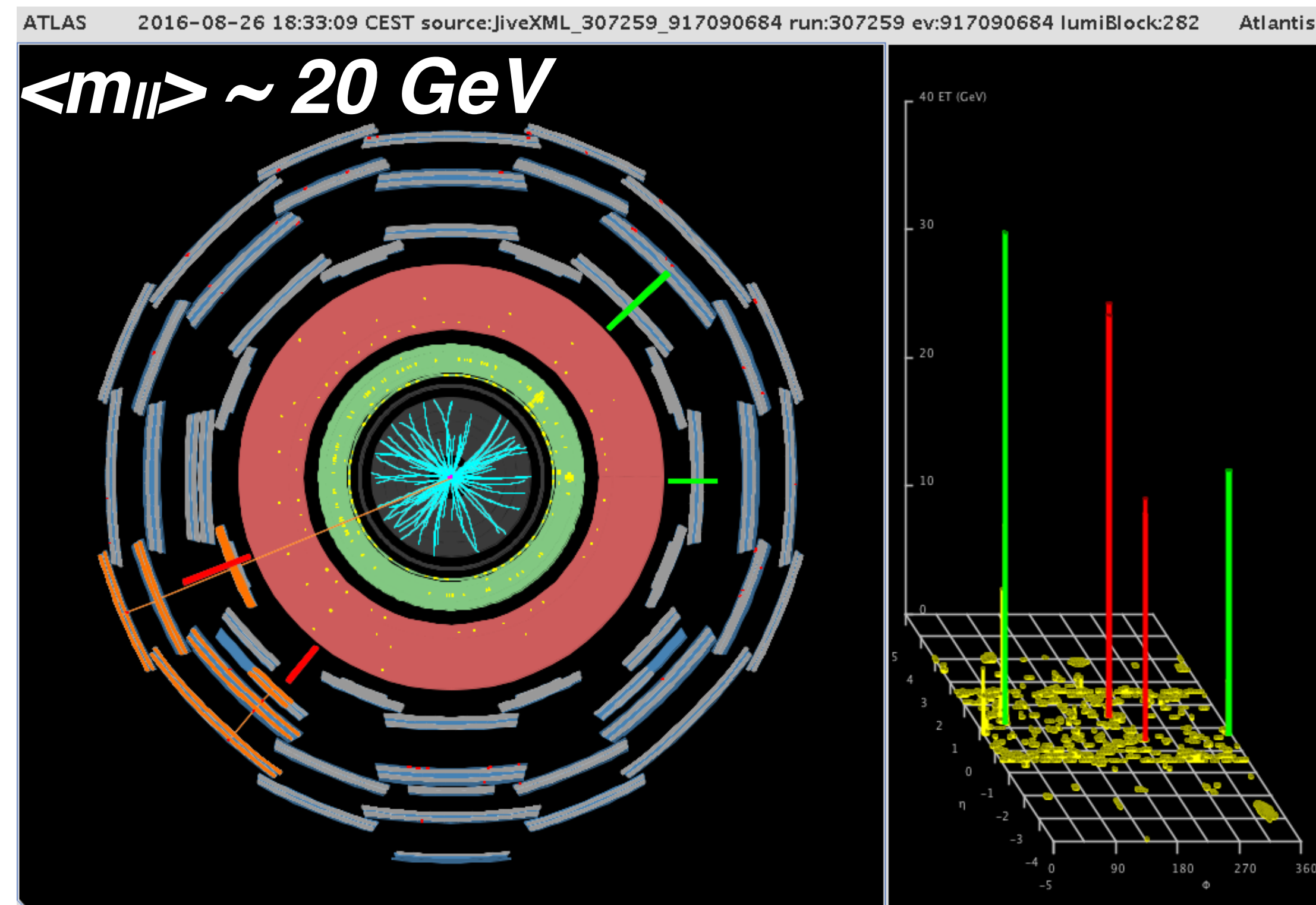
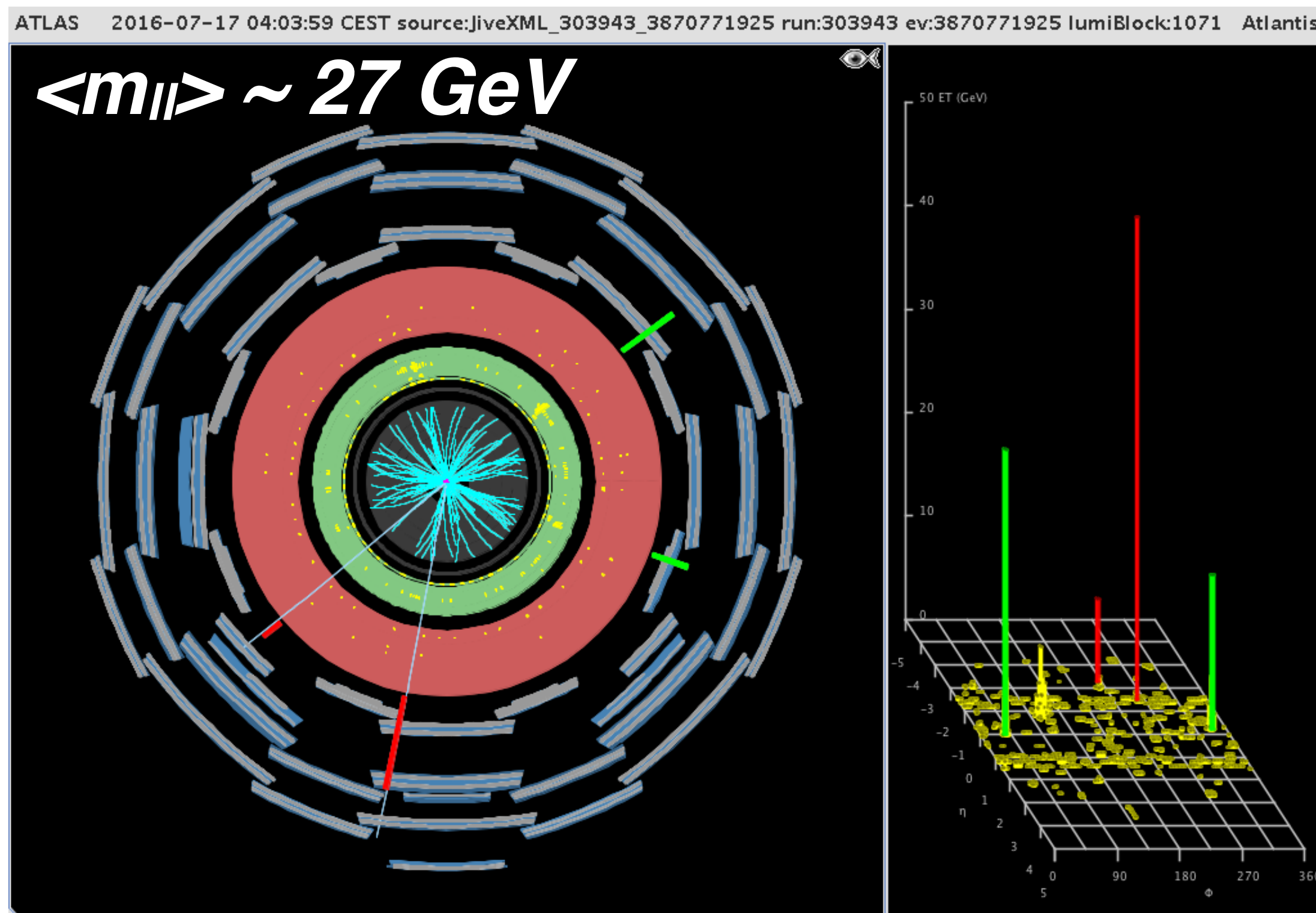
# To beyond SM physics

- Two possible enhancements
  - $h \rightarrow \mathbf{XX} \rightarrow \mathbf{llll}$ 
    - new vector boson  $\mathbf{Z}_d$
    - pseudo-scalar  $a_0$
  - $hh \rightarrow \mathbf{bbbb}$ 
    - non resonant enhancements
      - tth vertex modifications
      - modified  $\lambda_{hhh}$  triple-Higgs coupling
    - resonant enhancements  $\mathbf{X} \rightarrow hh$ 
      - KK **Graviton**, spin 2
      - Heavy Higgs: 2HDM, spin 0





# Higgs to 4l event topology



# Channels: low mass + high mass

- Split because only muons are measured well at low momentum
- Require 2 pairs of same flavor opposite sign leptons, firing di/tri-lepton triggers
- Select quadruplet with smallest  $\Delta m_{ll} = |m_{12} - m_{34}|$

Selection	Low Mass (X 1–15 GeV)	High Mass (X 15-62 GeV)
<b>Electron</b>	—	$p_T > 7 \text{ GeV}$
<b>Muon</b>	$p_T > 5 \text{ GeV}$	$p_T > 5 \text{ GeV}$
<b>Higgs Mass Cut</b>	$120 < m_{4l} < 130 \text{ GeV}$	$115 < m_{4l} < 130 \text{ GeV}$
<b>Dilepton Mass Cut</b>	$0.88 < m_{12,34} < 20 \text{ GeV}$	$5 < m_{12,34} < 64 \text{ GeV}$ $5 < m_{14,32} < 75 \text{ GeV}$

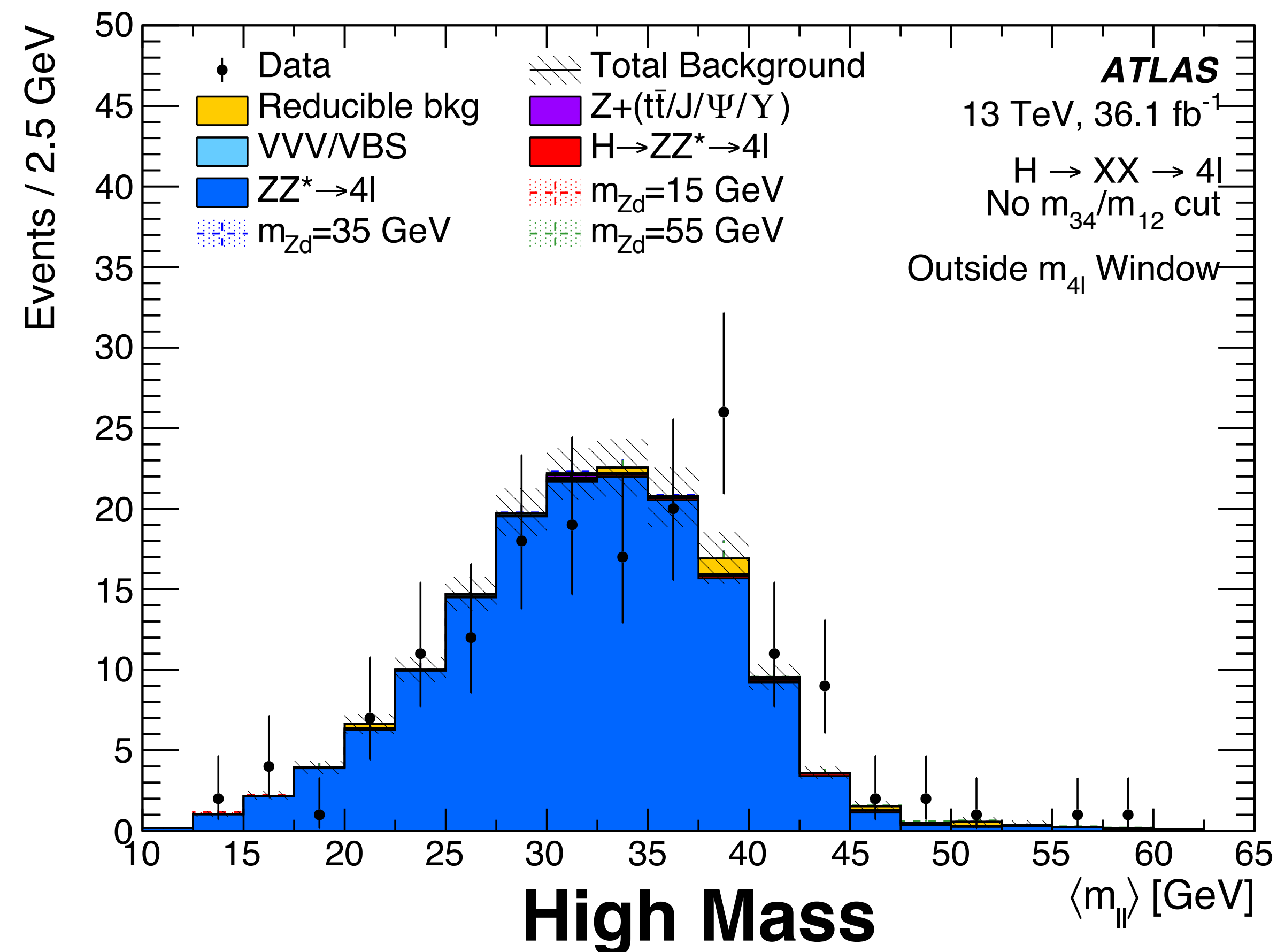
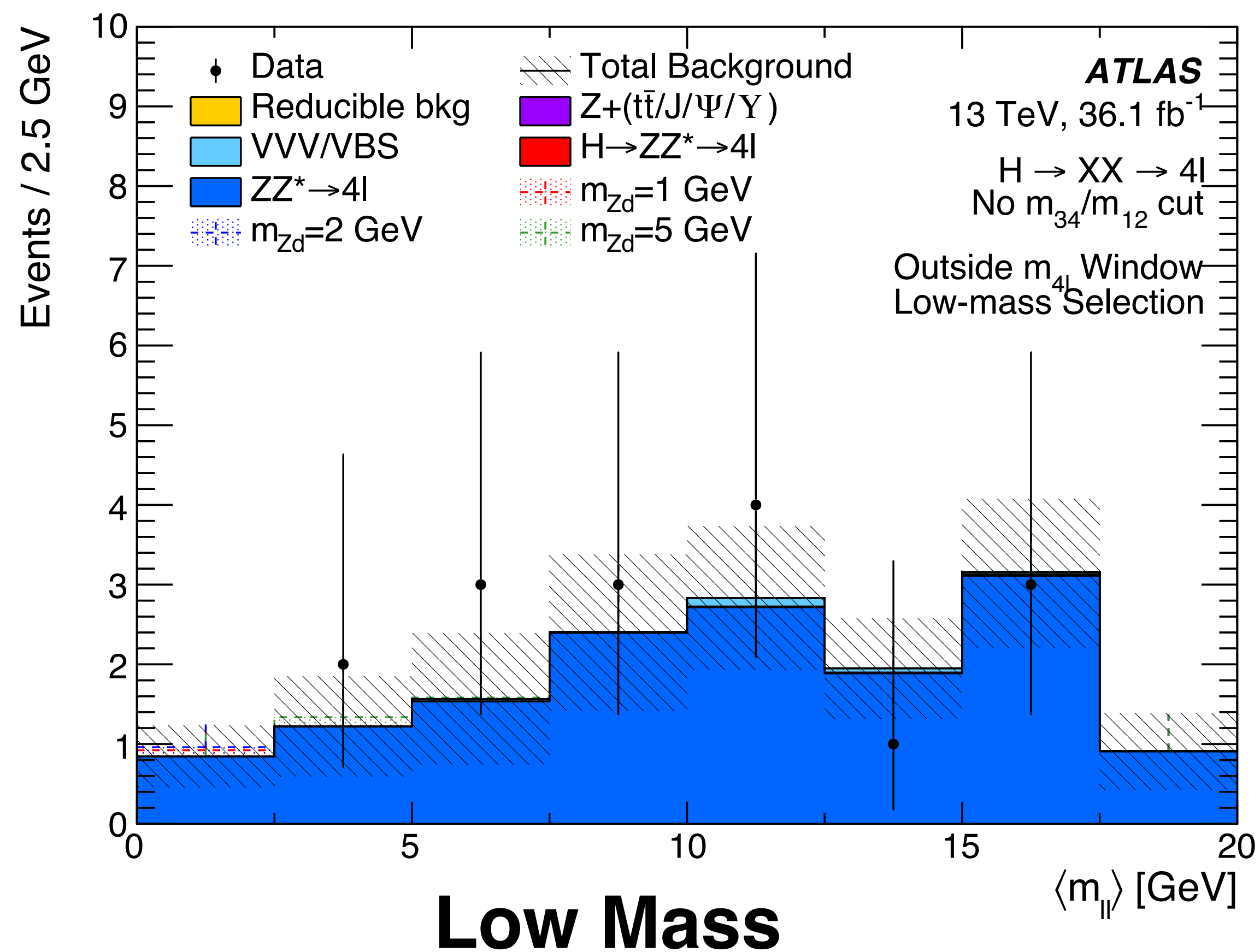
\* $m_{12}$  is defined to be the pair closer to  $m_z$ .





# Backgrounds and validation

- Backgrounds are SM Higgs to  $ZZ^*$  to 4l, or non-resonant  $ZZ^*$  to 4l
- Validate with reversed  $m_{4l}$  requirements



Signal region:  $\langle m_{ll} \rangle = (m_{12} + m_{34})/2$

Obs

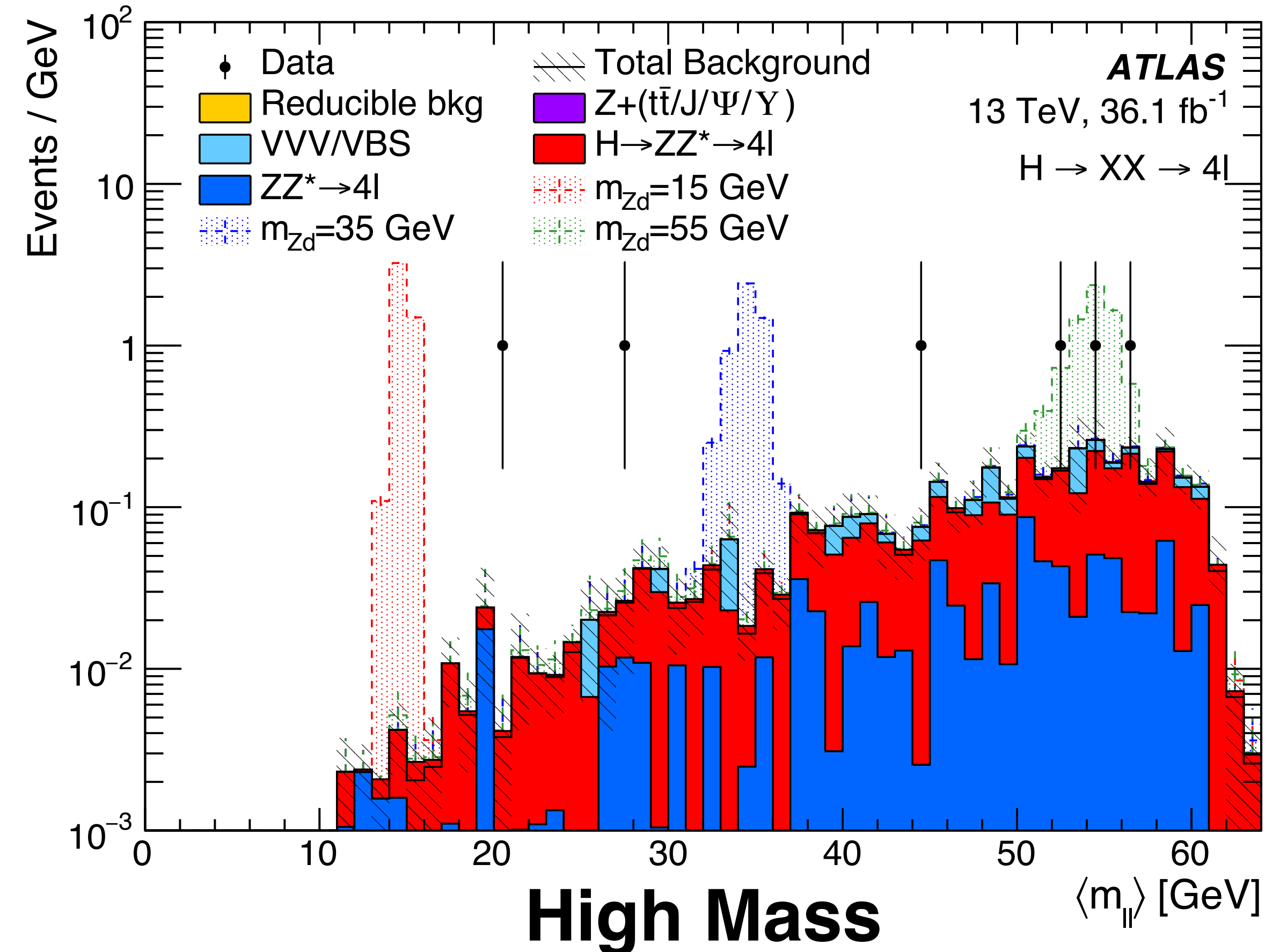
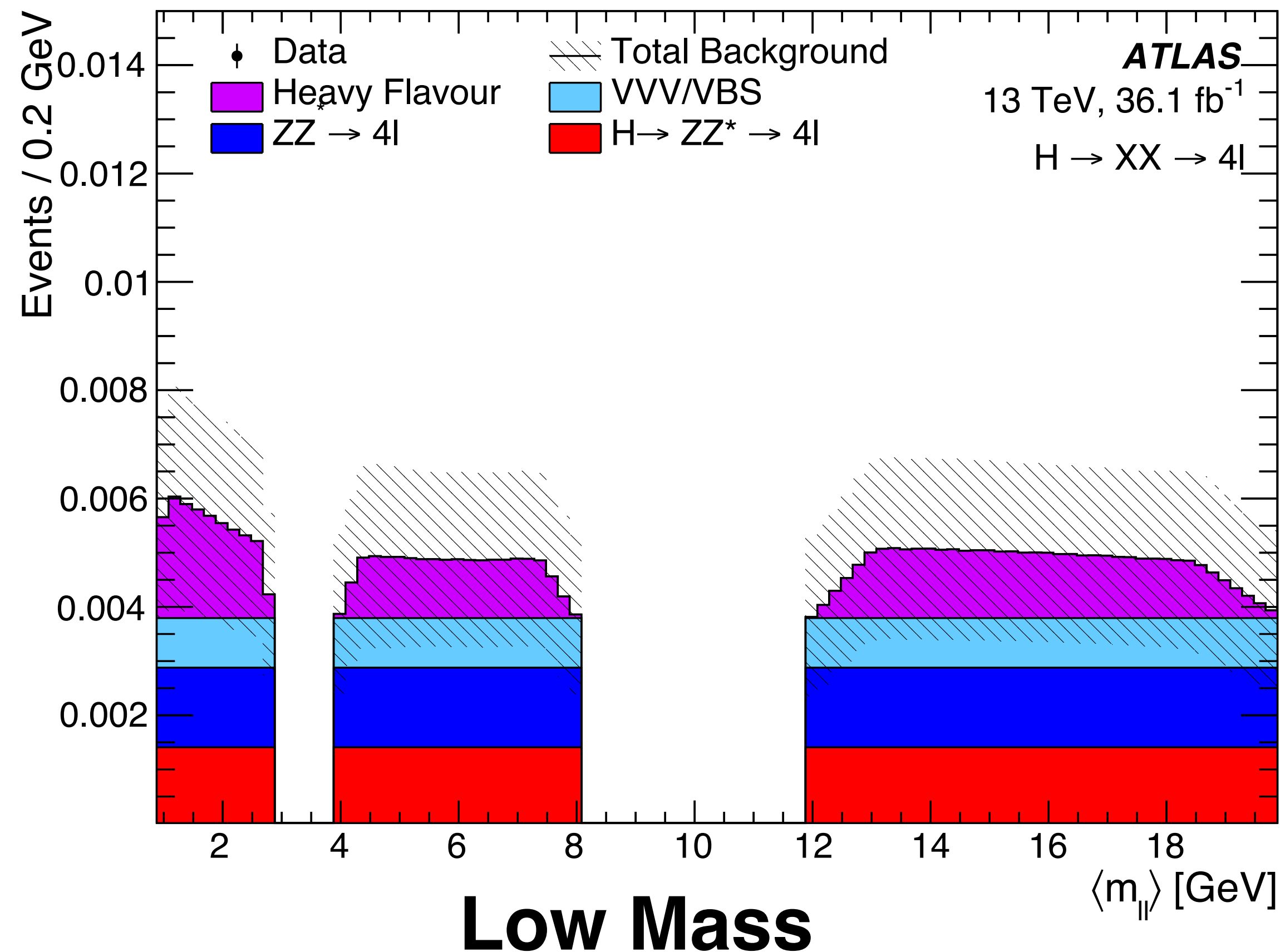
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Exp

$0.35 \pm 0.12$

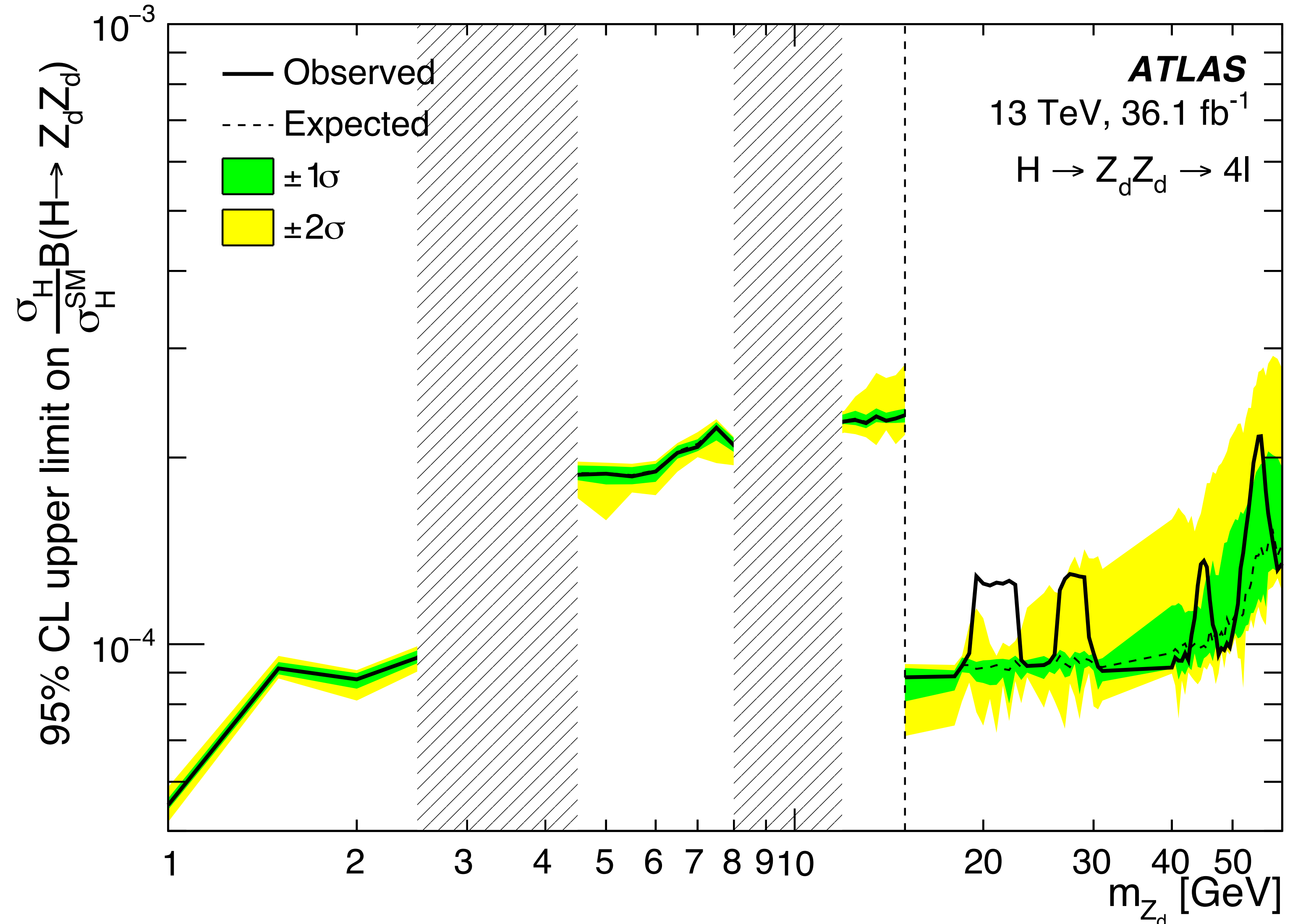
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$4.1 \pm 0.35$



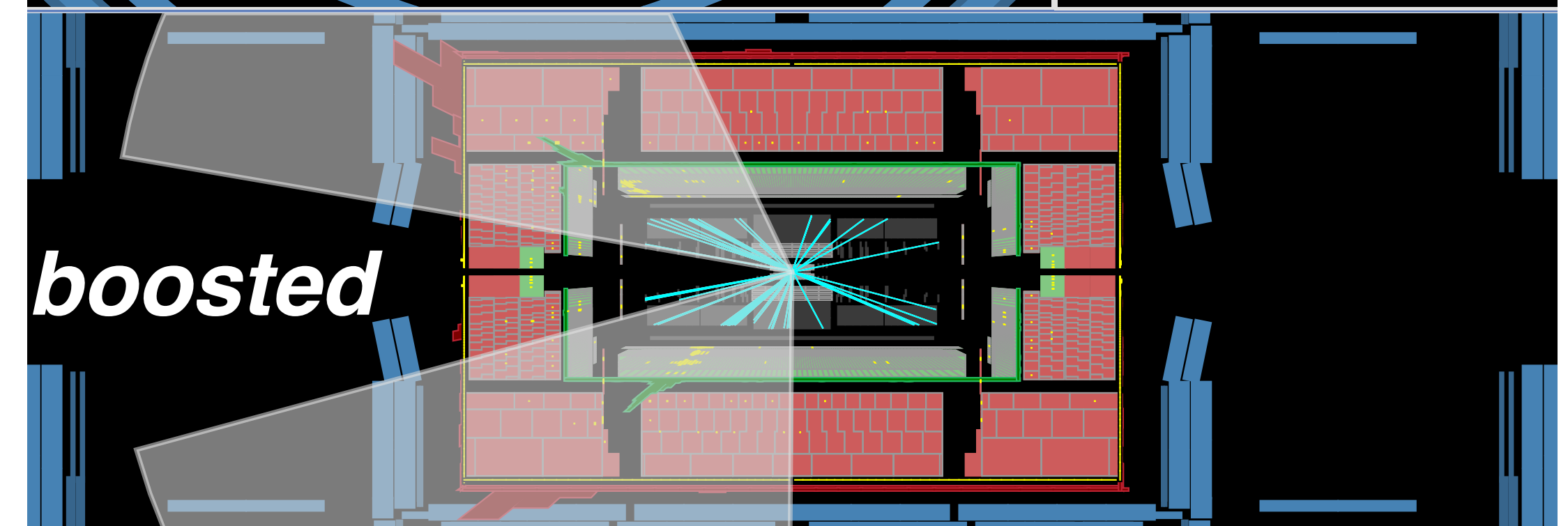
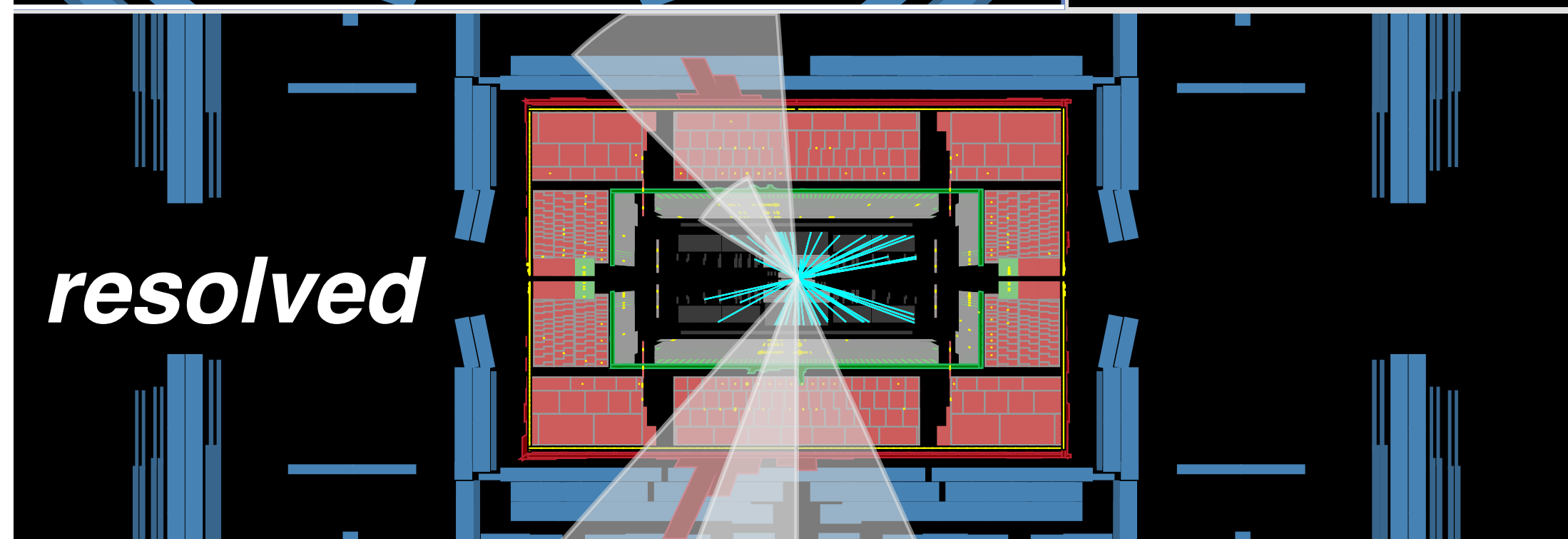
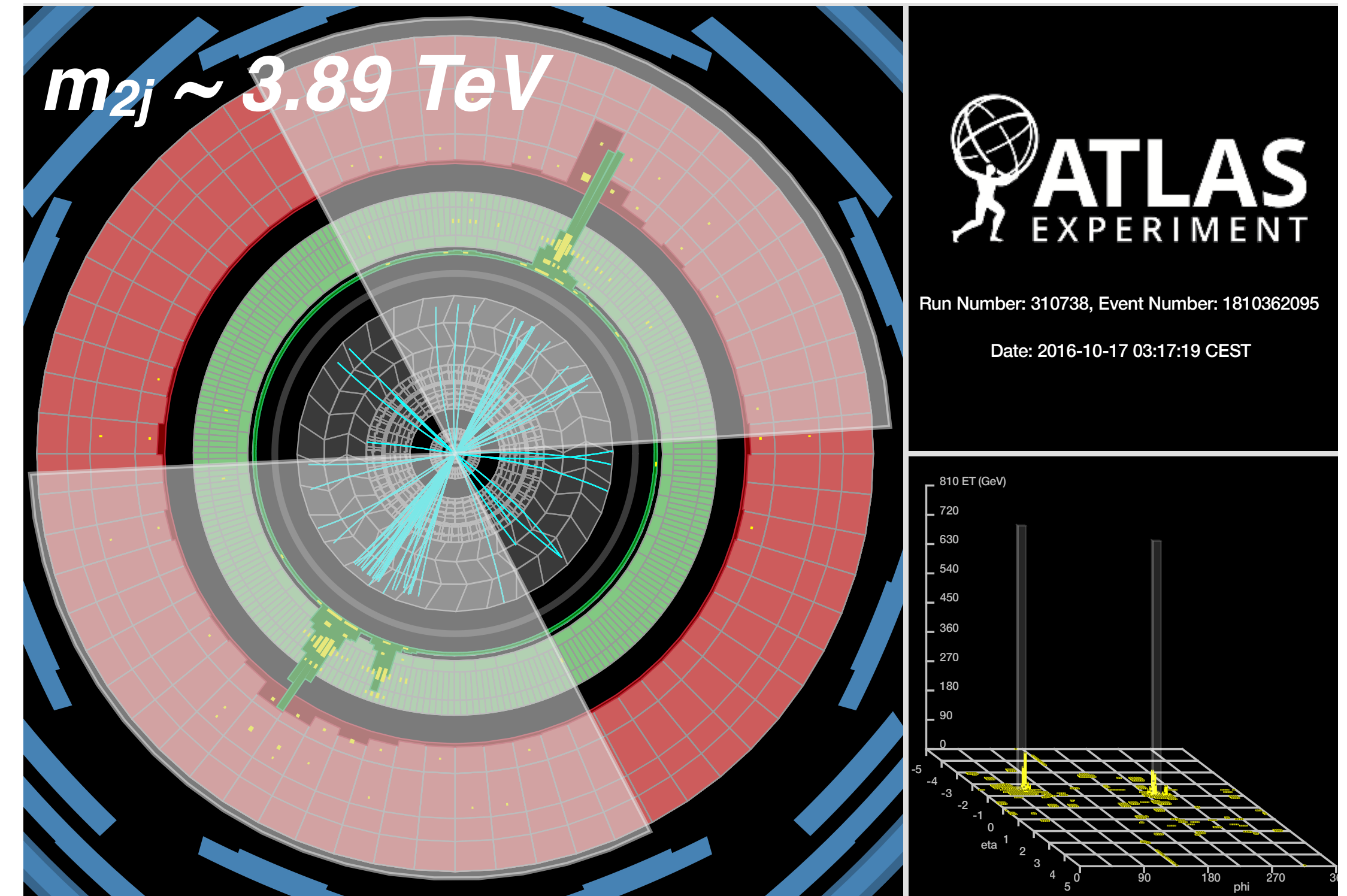
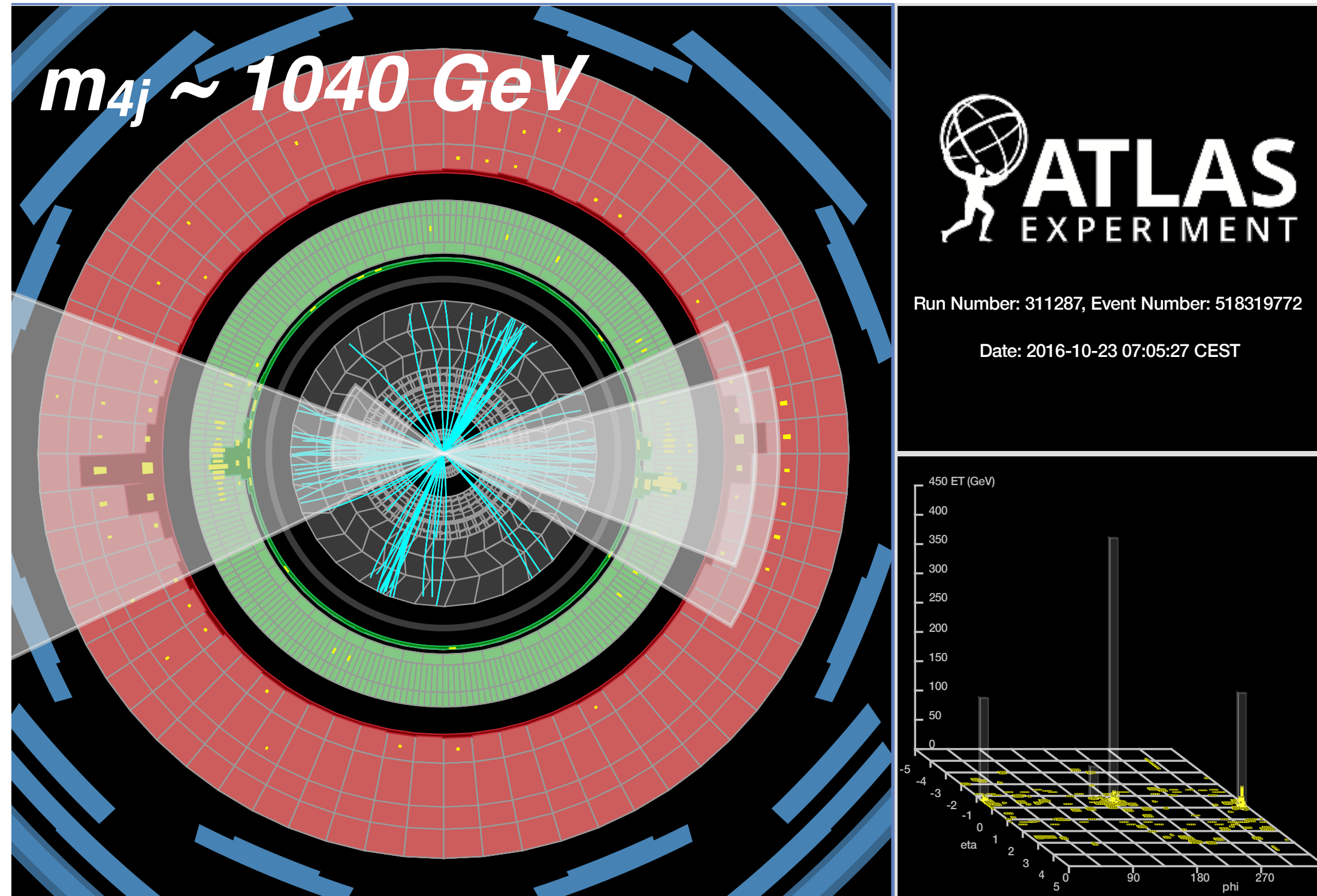
# Limits for Higgs to $Z_d Z_d$

- Discontinuity due to the addition of sensitivity to  $4e$  and  $2e2\mu$  final states (lowering the limit).
- The shaded areas are the quarkonia veto regions.
- Need more data!





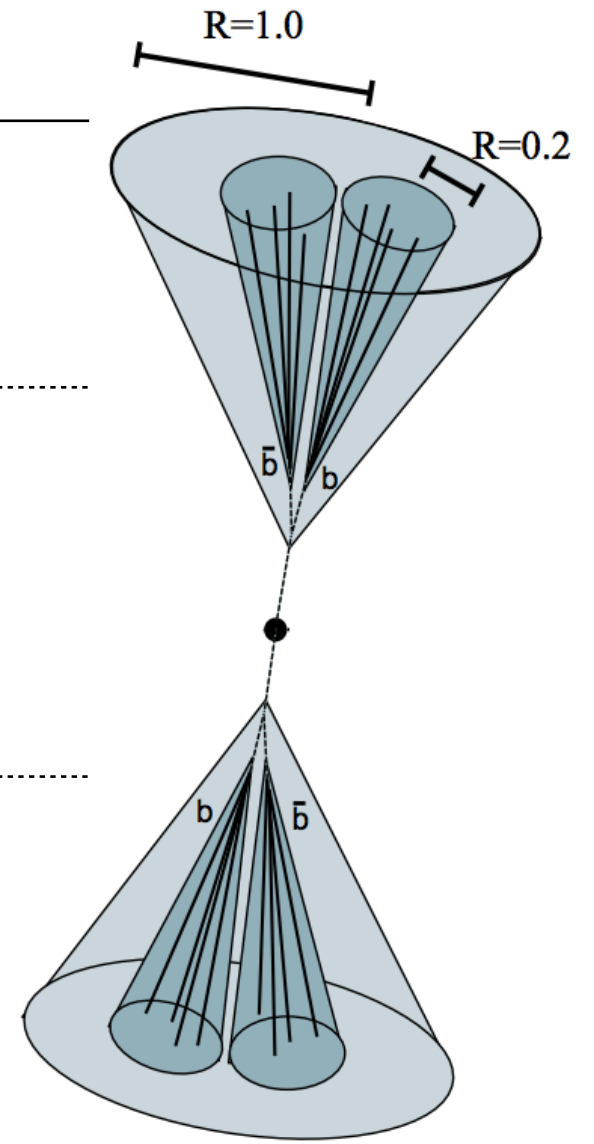
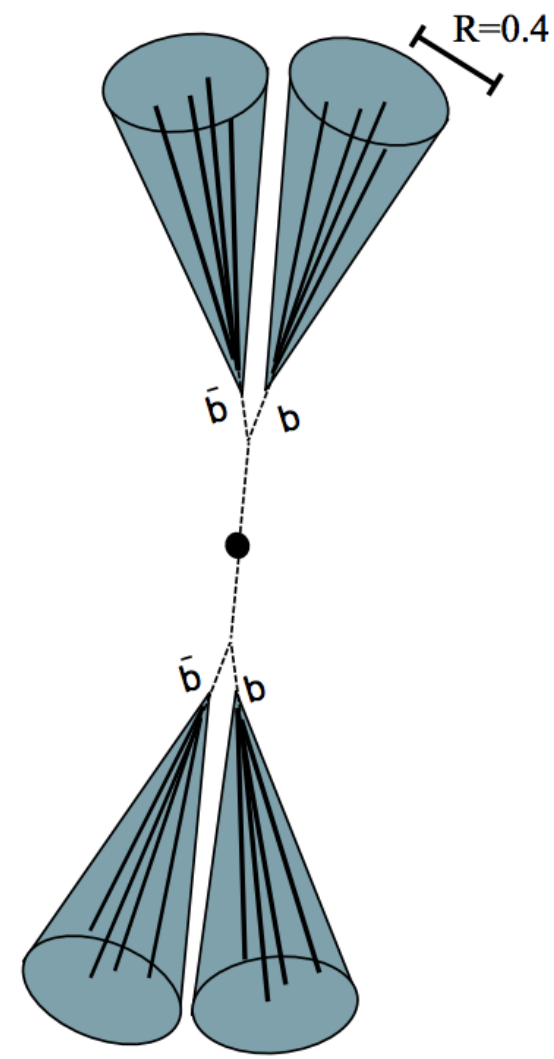
# di-Higgs to 4b event topology



# Channels: Resolved + Boosted

- Standard resolved 4b jets for the low mass range
- **1.5 TeV** resonance  $\rightarrow \sim 600$  GeV Higgs  $\rightarrow \Delta R_{bb} \sim 2m_h/p \sim \mathbf{0.4}$

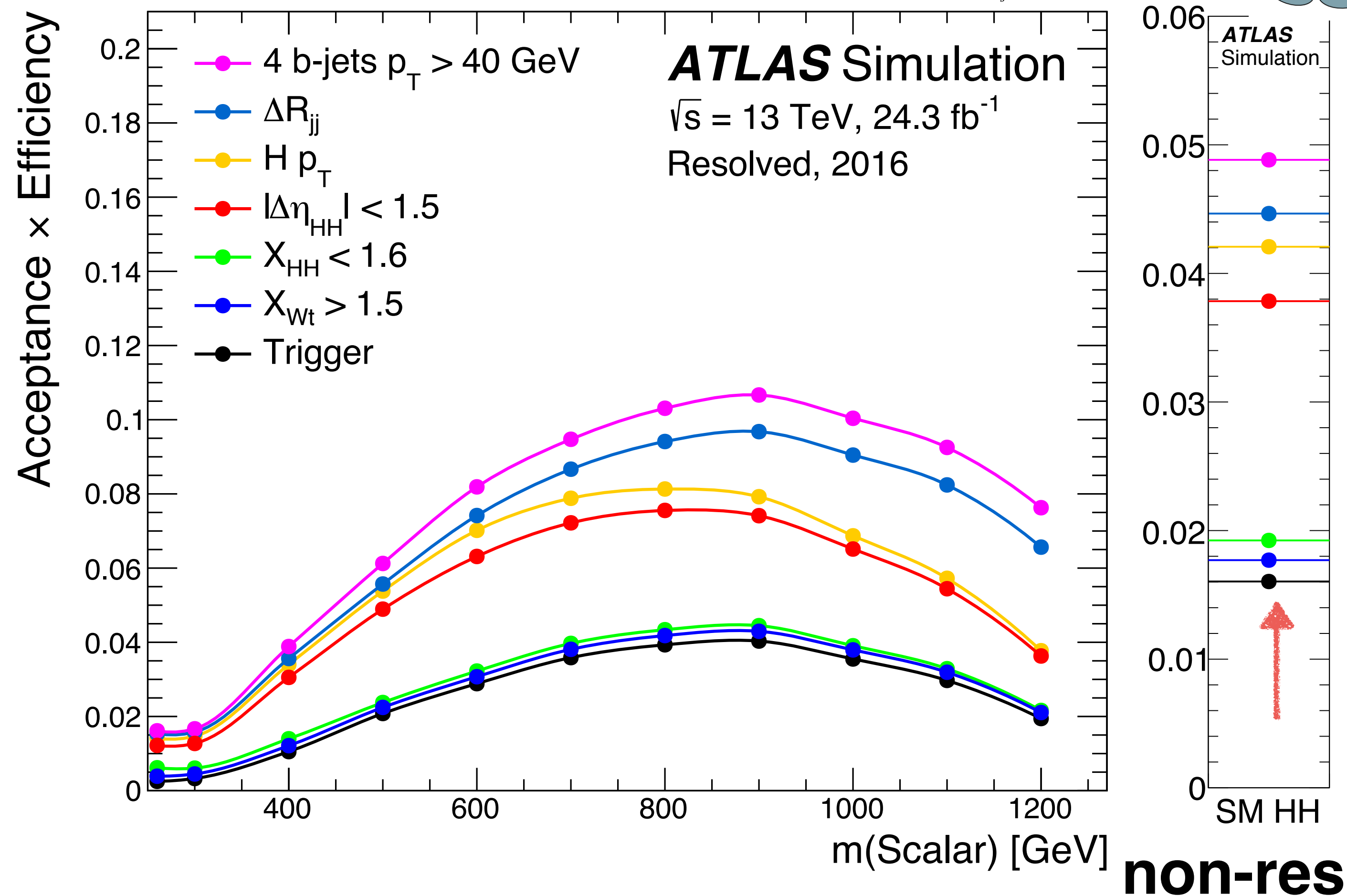
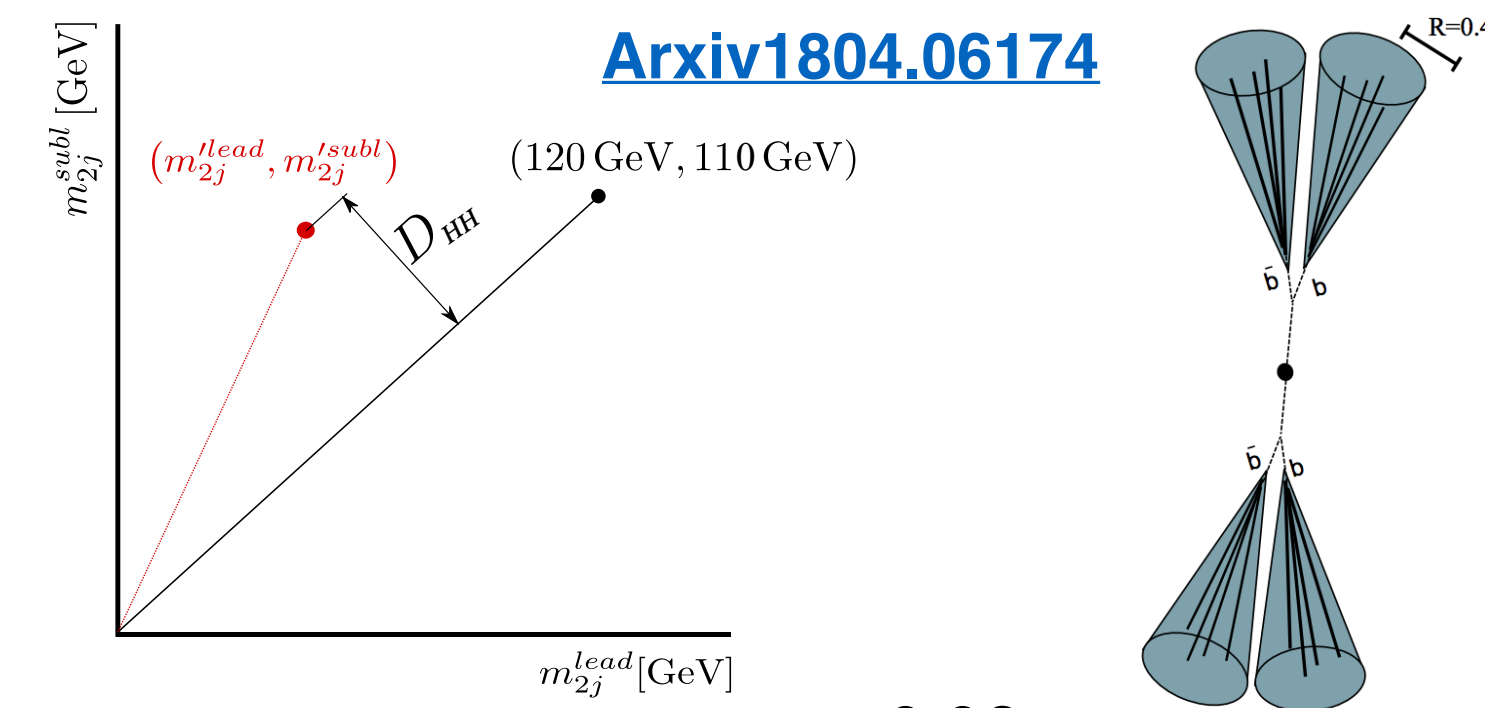
Objects/ Final State	Resolved (260–1400 GeV)	Boosted (1000-3000 GeV)
<b>Trigger</b>	Mixed b Trigger	Large R-jet Trigger
<b>Jets</b>	Four R= <b>0.4</b> Jets	Two R= <b>1.0</b> trimmed Jets
<b>pT cuts</b>	Jet pT > <b>40</b> GeV	Leading > <b>450</b> GeV Subleading > <b>250</b> GeV
<b>B-tagging</b>	70% WP	70% WP on R= <b>0.2</b> track-jets





# Resolved: Jets Pairing and Cuts

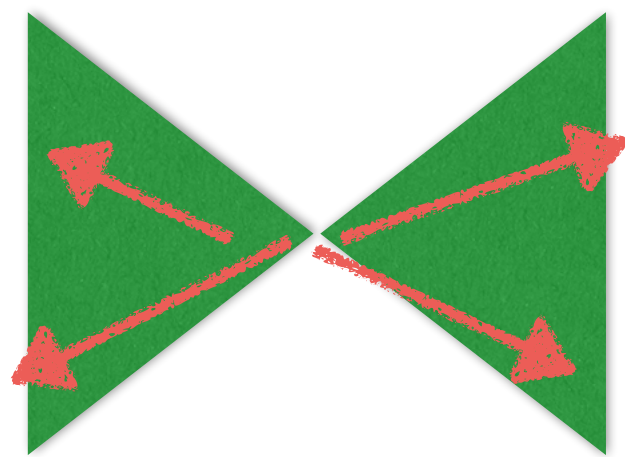
- Select hh pair that has the minimal distance to a diagonal line on the 2D mass plane
- $m_{4j}$  dependent requirements on h **p<sub>T</sub>**, **eta**, and **dR<sub>jj</sub>**
- **Fine** signal efficiency across **large** mass ranges



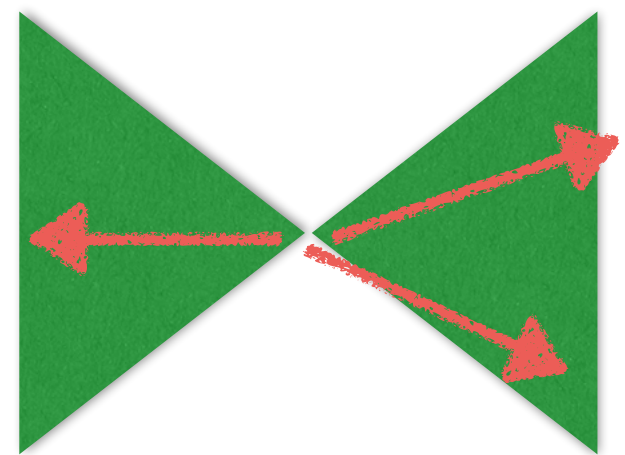


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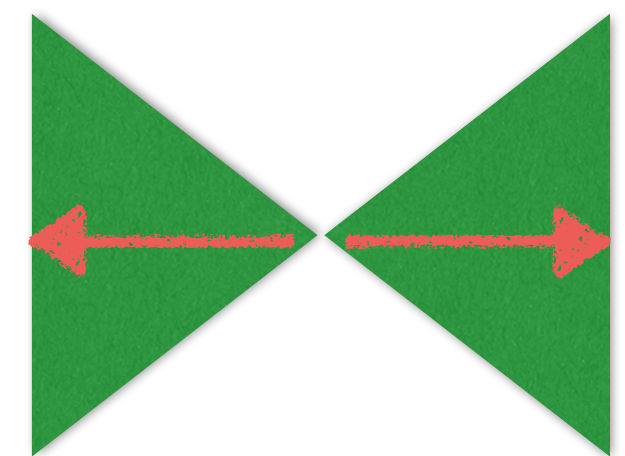
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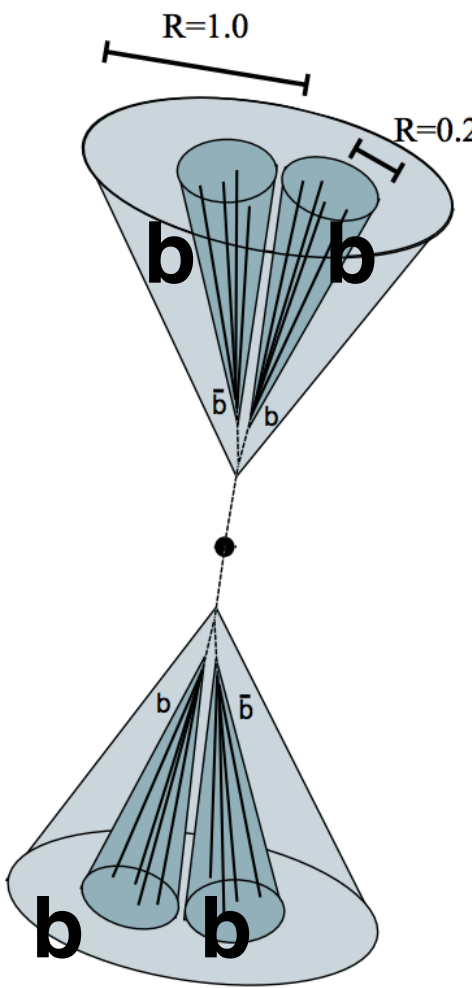
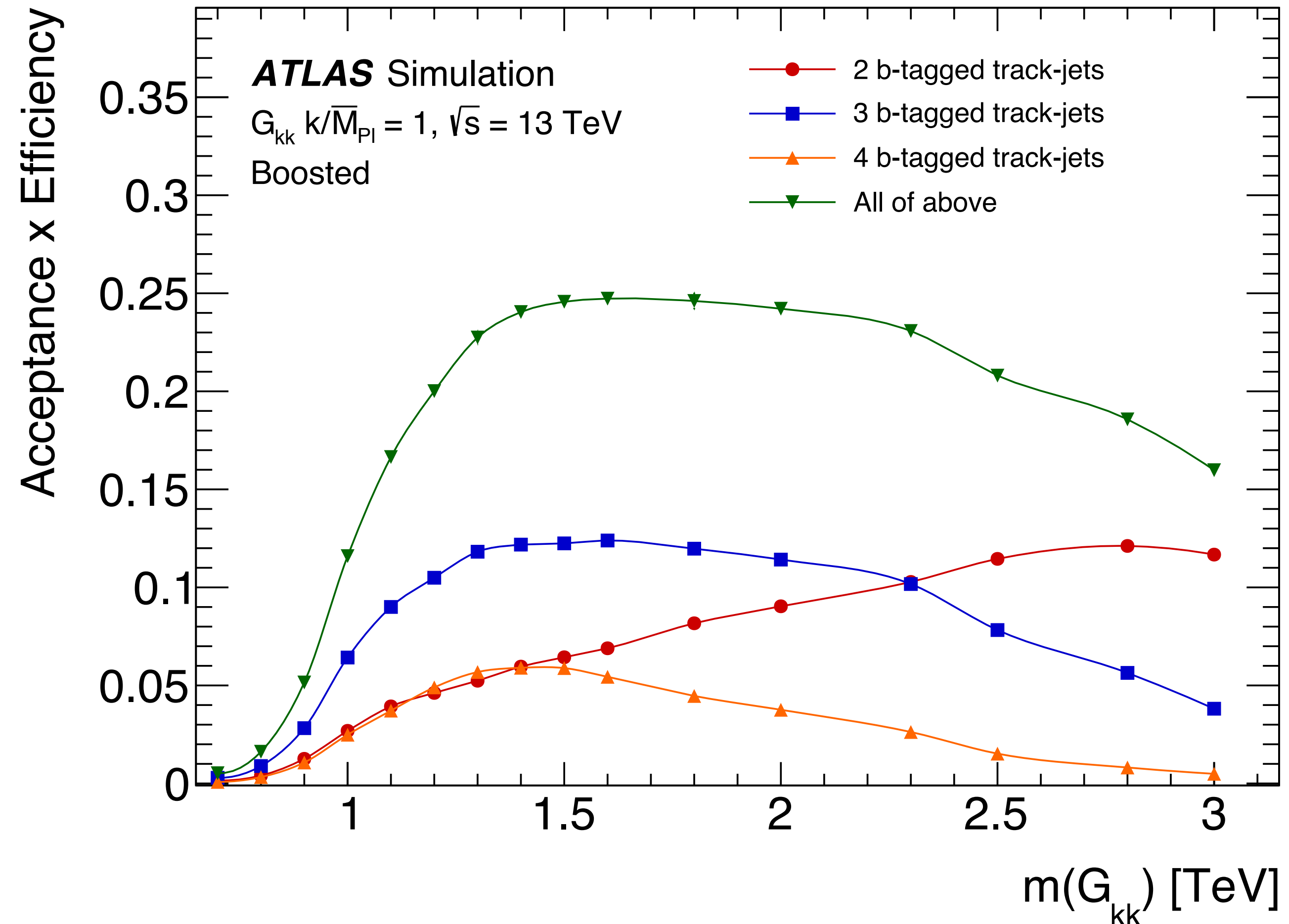
- 4b



- 3b: (recover efficiency)



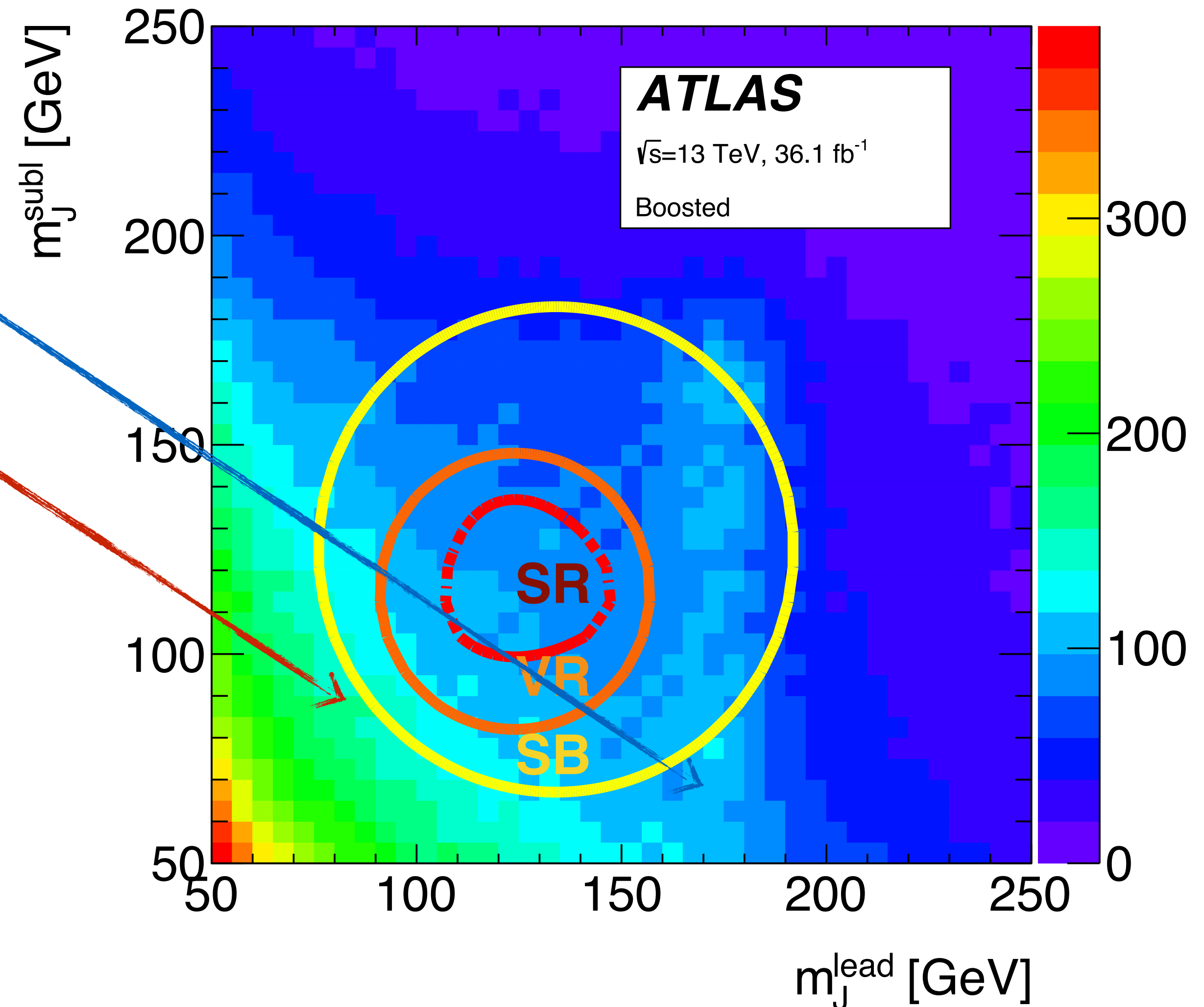
- 2b split (merging of track-jets)



# Backgrounds

- Background:
  - 10-15% **ttbar**—MC
  - 90-85% **qcd**—data driven
- Data driven because heavy flavor MC is hard to simulate
- Generalized ABCD method: Use lower-b-tag, lower-signal yield region to model higher-b-tag regions

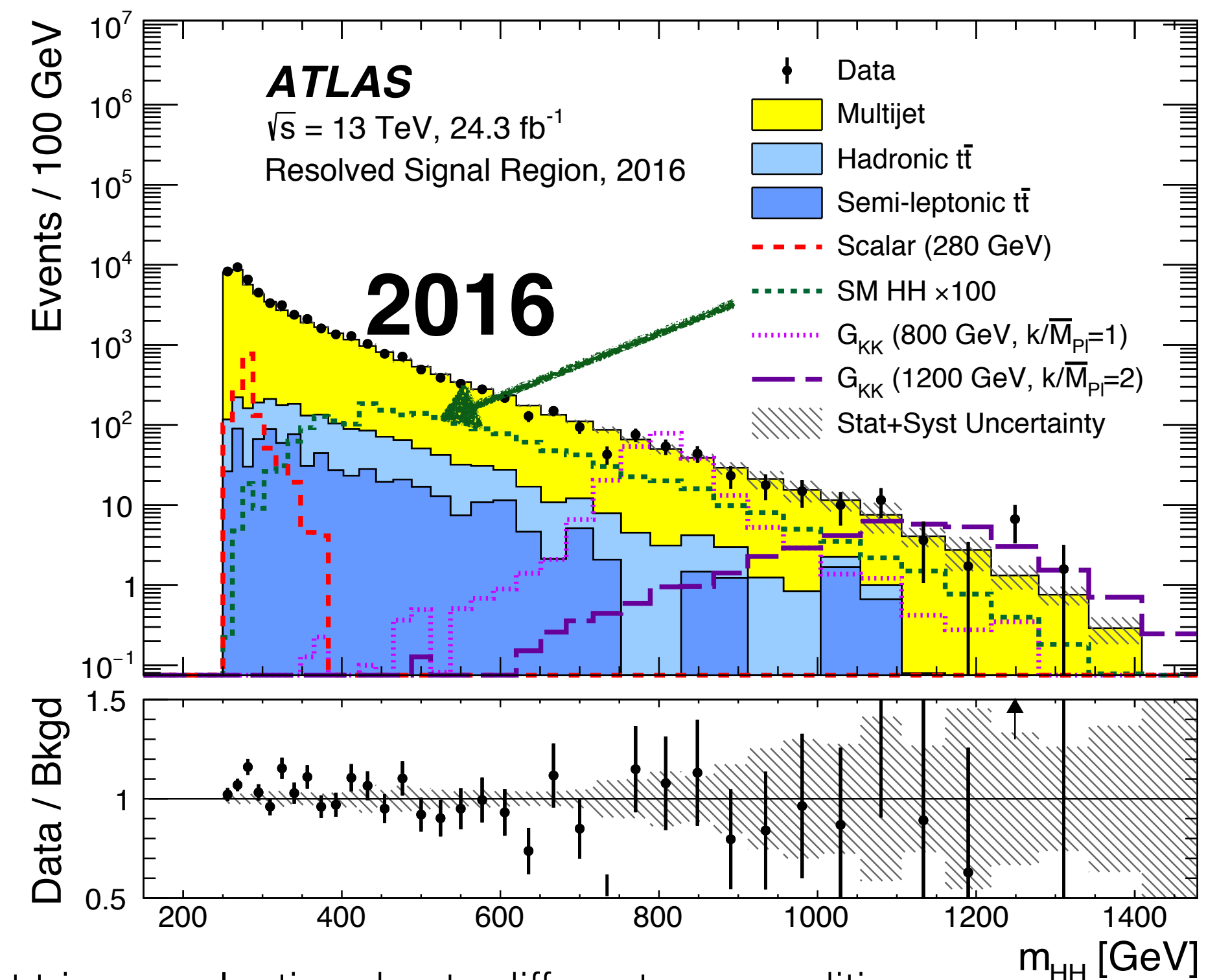
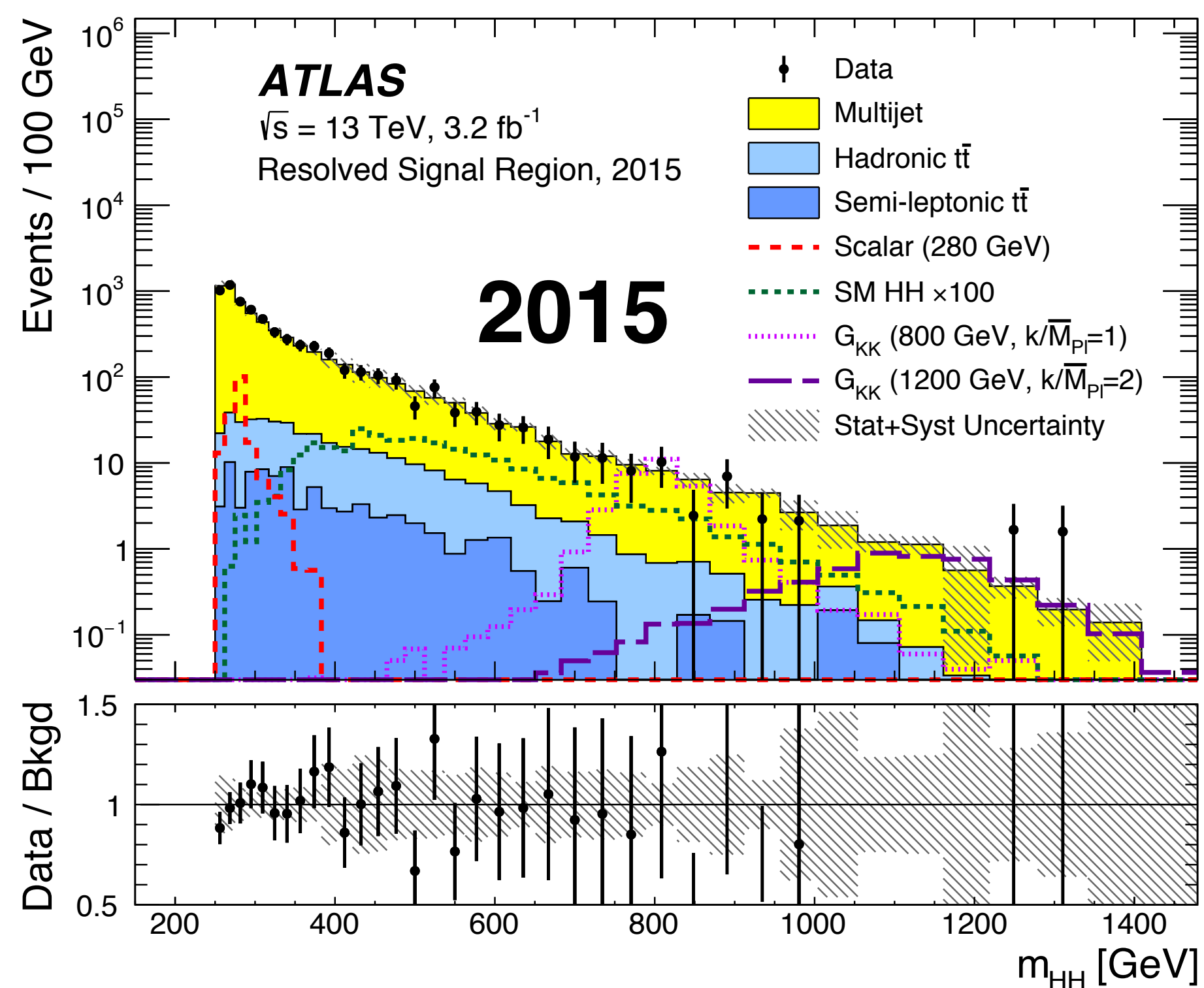
## Boosted 2Tag Background Prediction



# Signal Region: Resolved

- Final discriminant: **m4j, four jets's invariant mass**; no significant excess observed

<b>Data</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>
<b>Obs</b>	<b>928</b>	<b>7430</b>
<b>Exp</b>	<b>930 ± 70</b>	<b>7130 ± 130</b>



\*2015 and 2016 have different trigger selection due to different run conditions

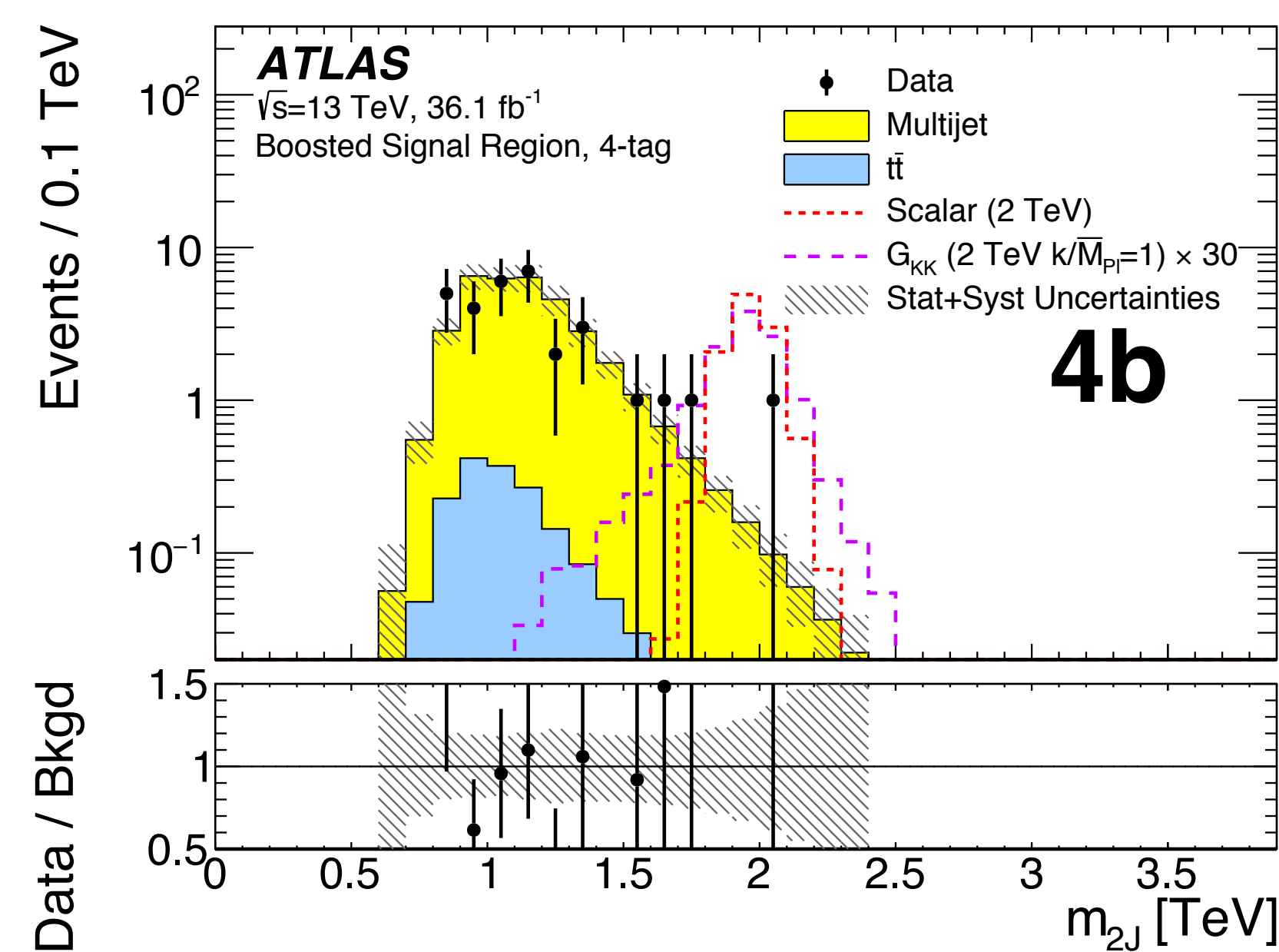
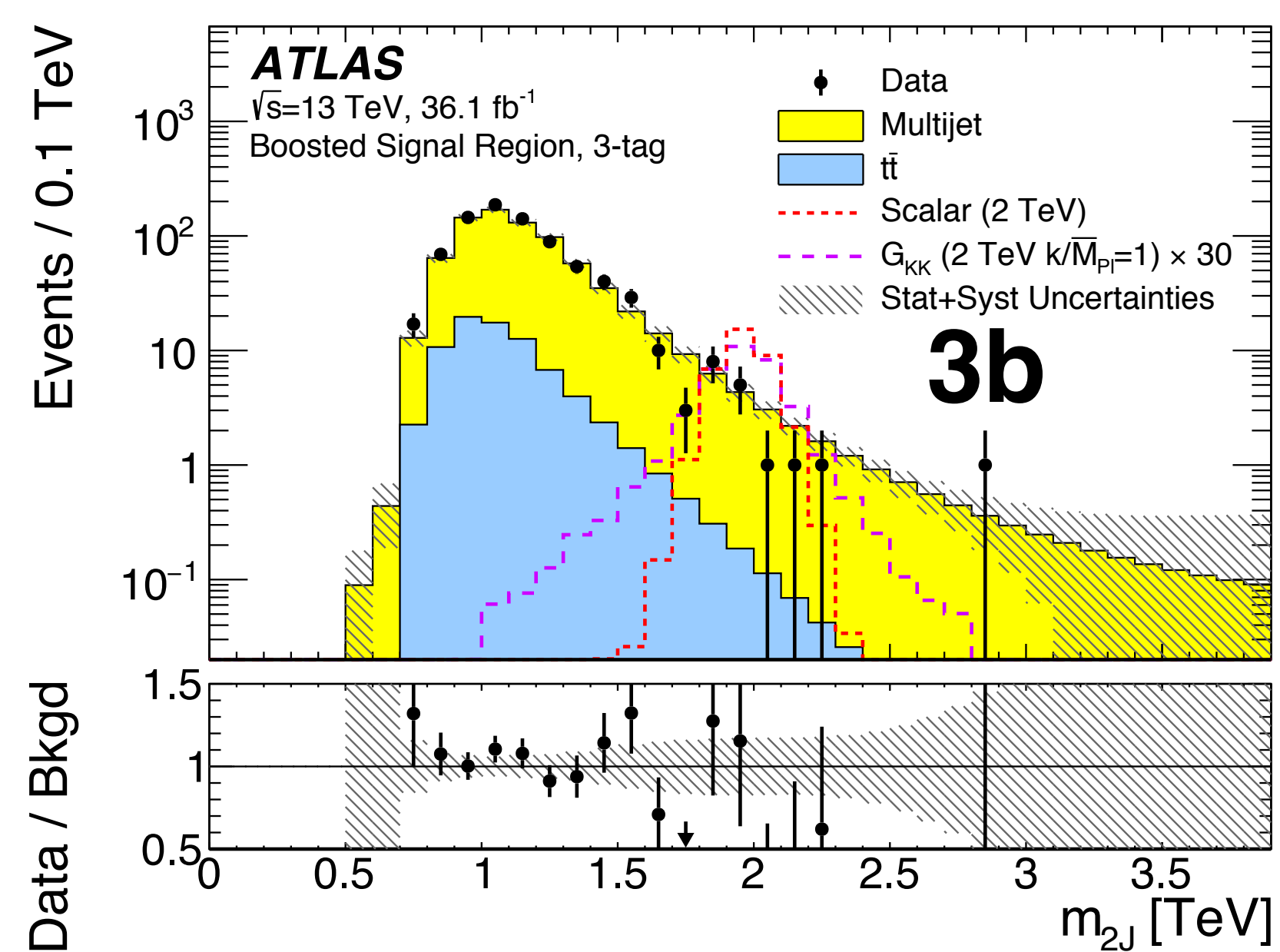
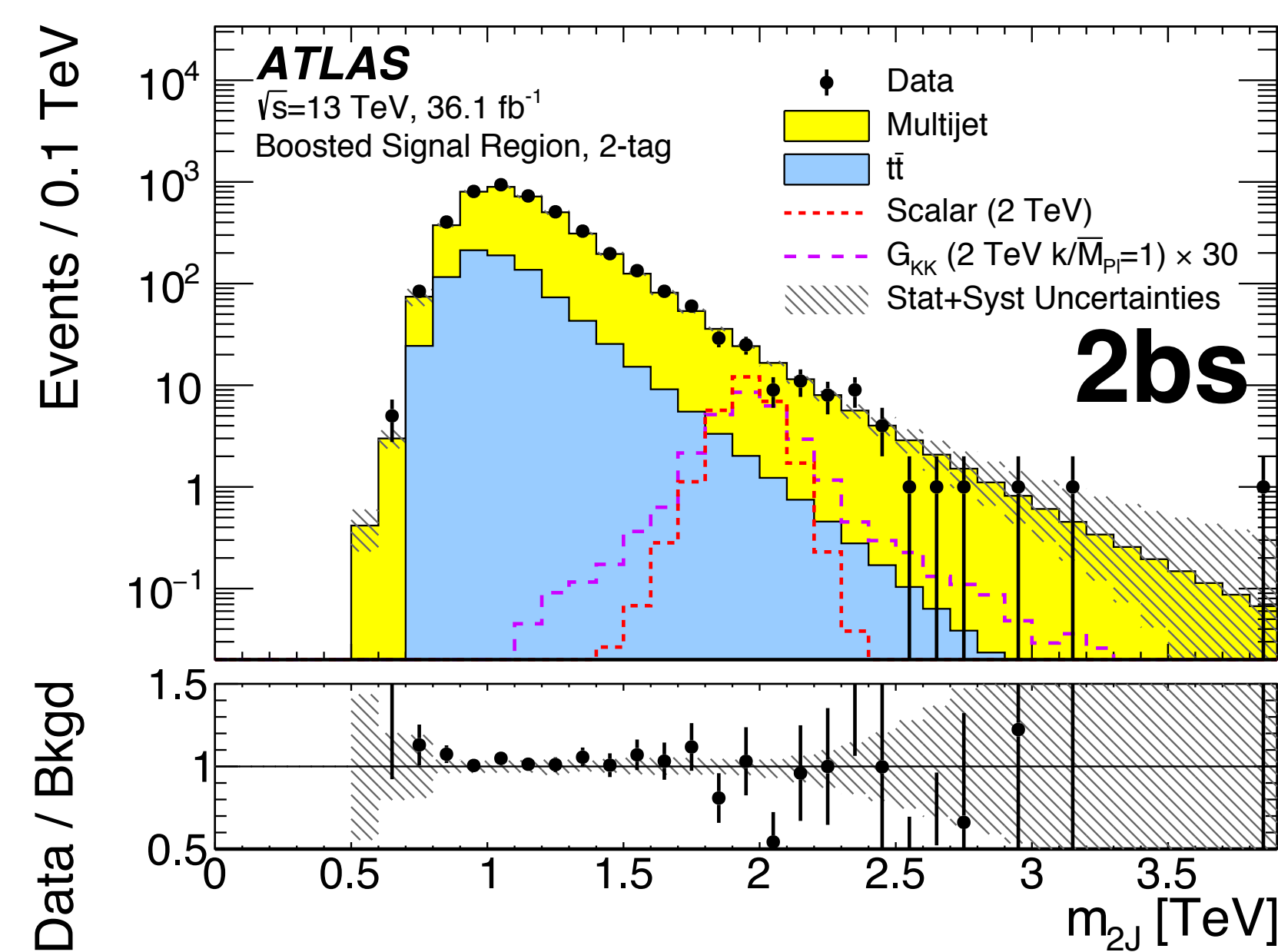




# Signal Region: Boosted

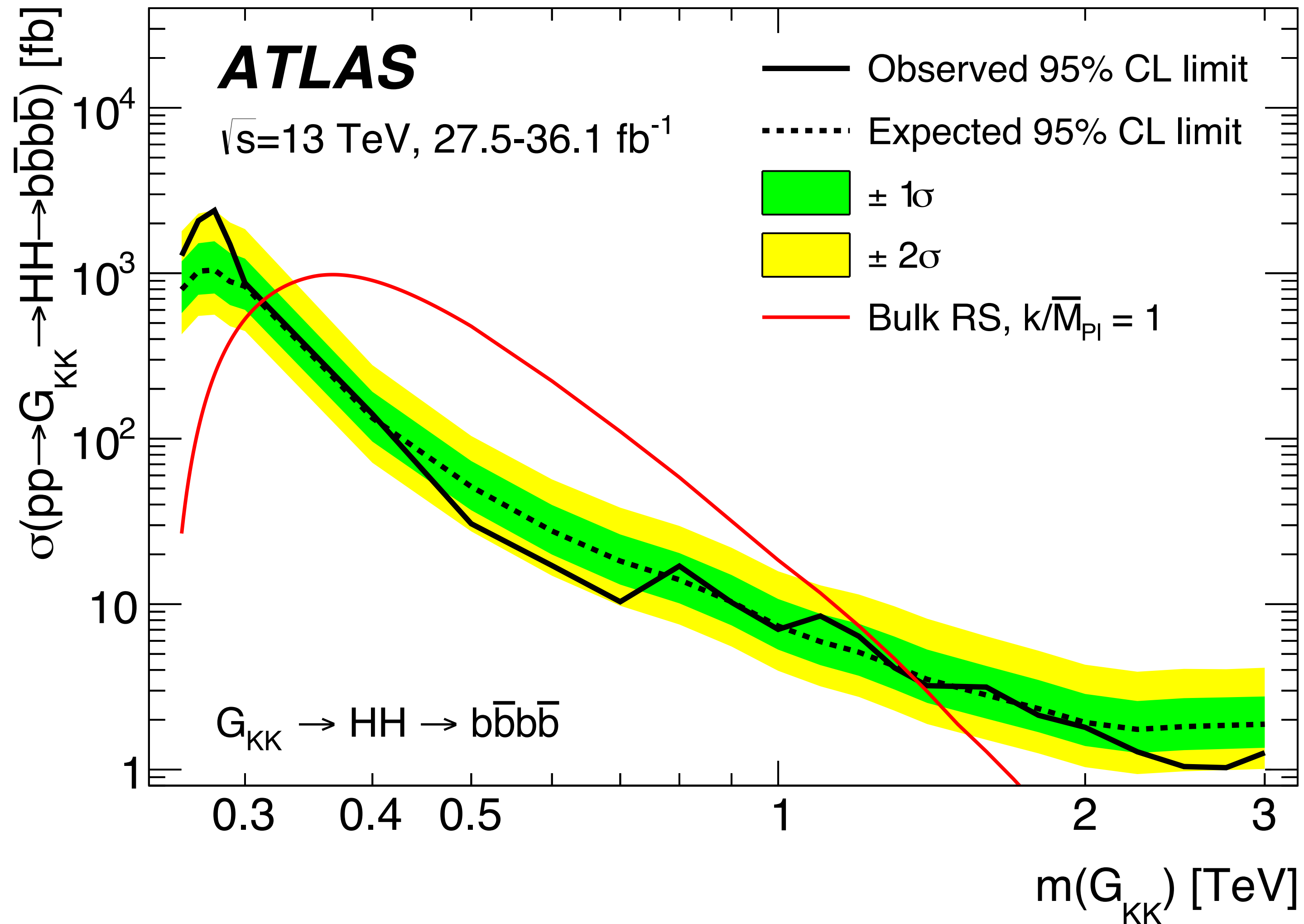
- Final discriminant: **m<sub>2j</sub>**, **dijet invariant mass**; no significant excess observed

Channel	2bs	3b	4b
Obs	4376	801	31
Exp	4250 ± 130	782 ± 51	35 ± 6



# Combined Limits

- No significant excess
- Non-Resonant **hh**  $\rightarrow$  **bbbb** cross section limit:
  - **147 fb**
  - $\mu = \sigma/\sigma_{SM} \sim 13$   
(20.7 expected)



# Conclusion

- Two very different searches in exotic Higgs sector
  - Search for  $h \rightarrow Z_d Z_d \rightarrow \mu\mu\mu\mu$  for low and high mass  $Z_d$
  - Search for  $hh \rightarrow bbbb$  for non-resonant and resonant
- So far **no significant excess observed**, 13 TeV non-resonance di-Higgs limit at **13** times the SM prediction
- **Check out and stay tuned for more results!**
  - Rare decays:  $h \rightarrow aa \rightarrow \gamma\gamma gg$  and  $h \rightarrow \rho\gamma/\Phi\gamma$  [Arxiv1803.11145](https://arxiv.org/abs/1803.11145)
  - di-Higgs: other channels with 36 fb will come soon! [Arxiv1712.02758](https://arxiv.org/abs/1712.02758)





# Back up Slides

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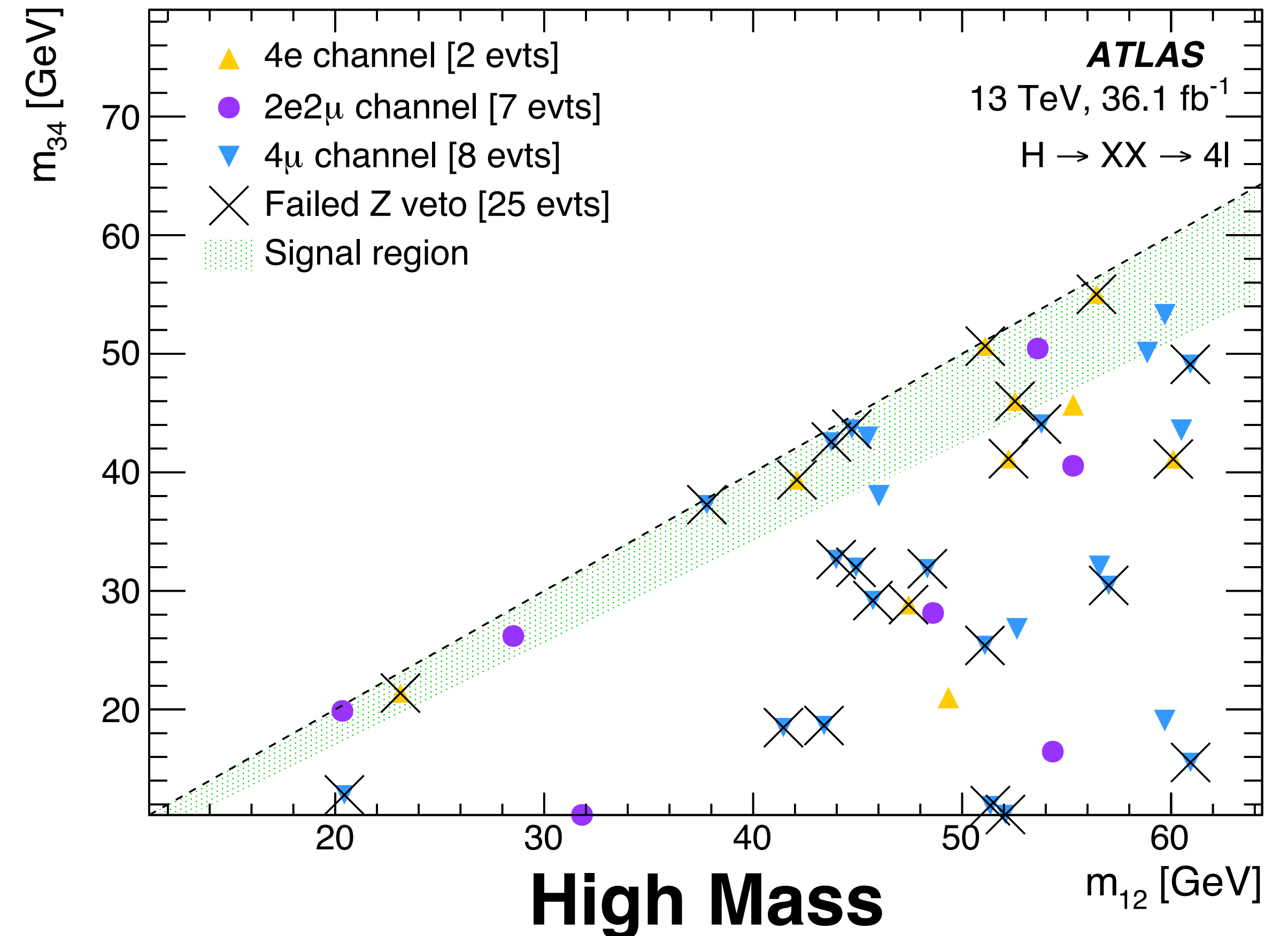
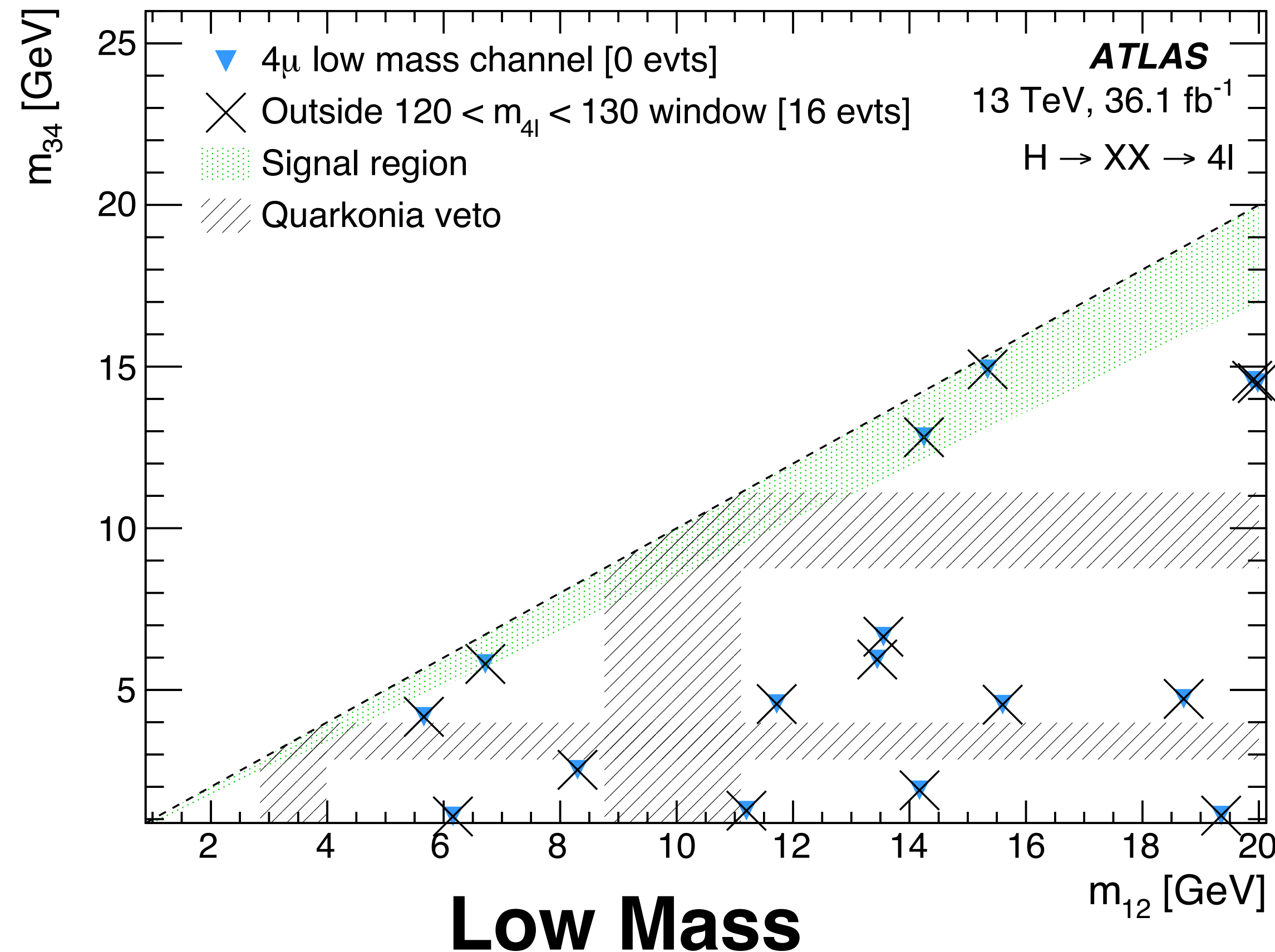
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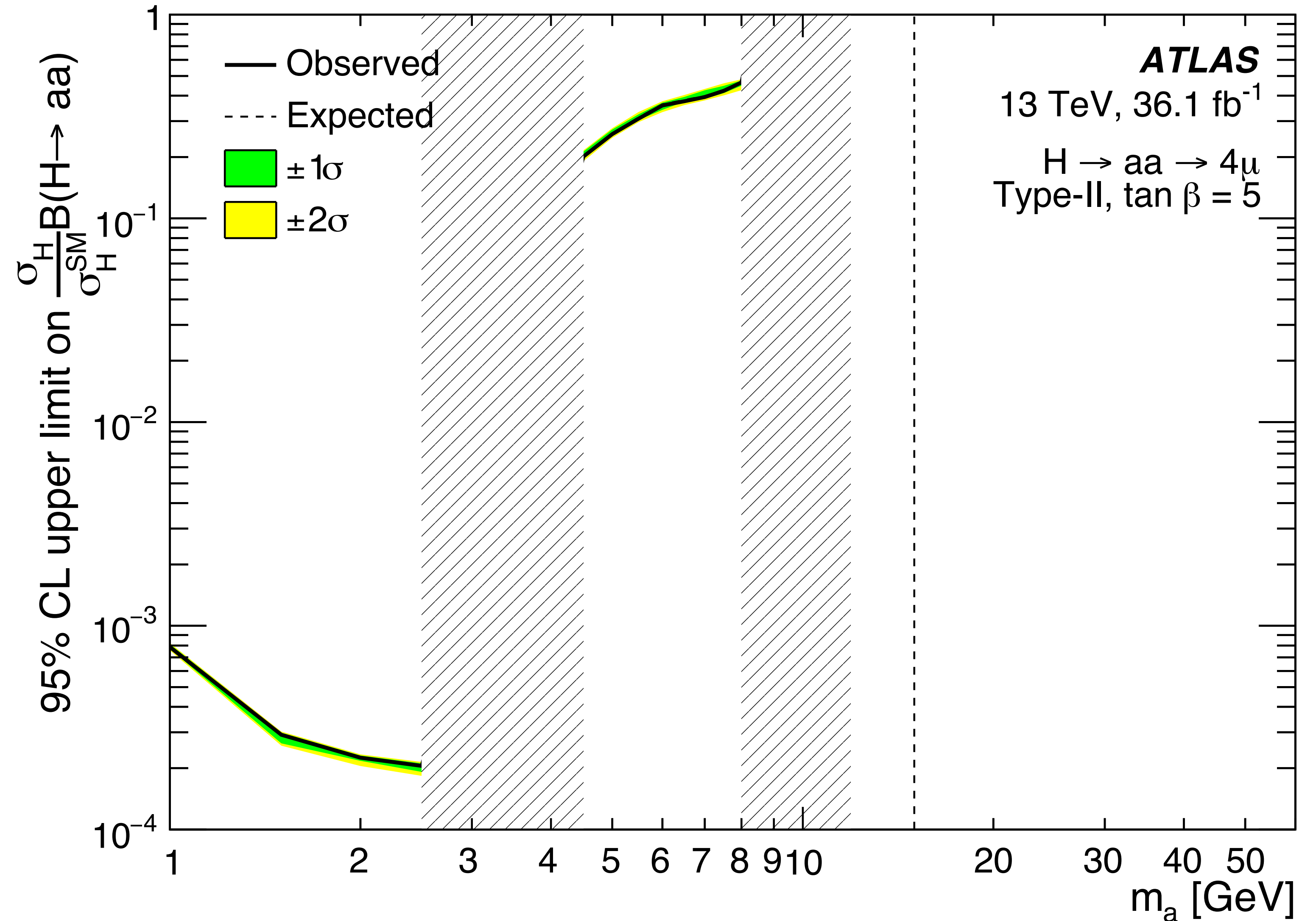
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# Limits for Higgs to $aa$

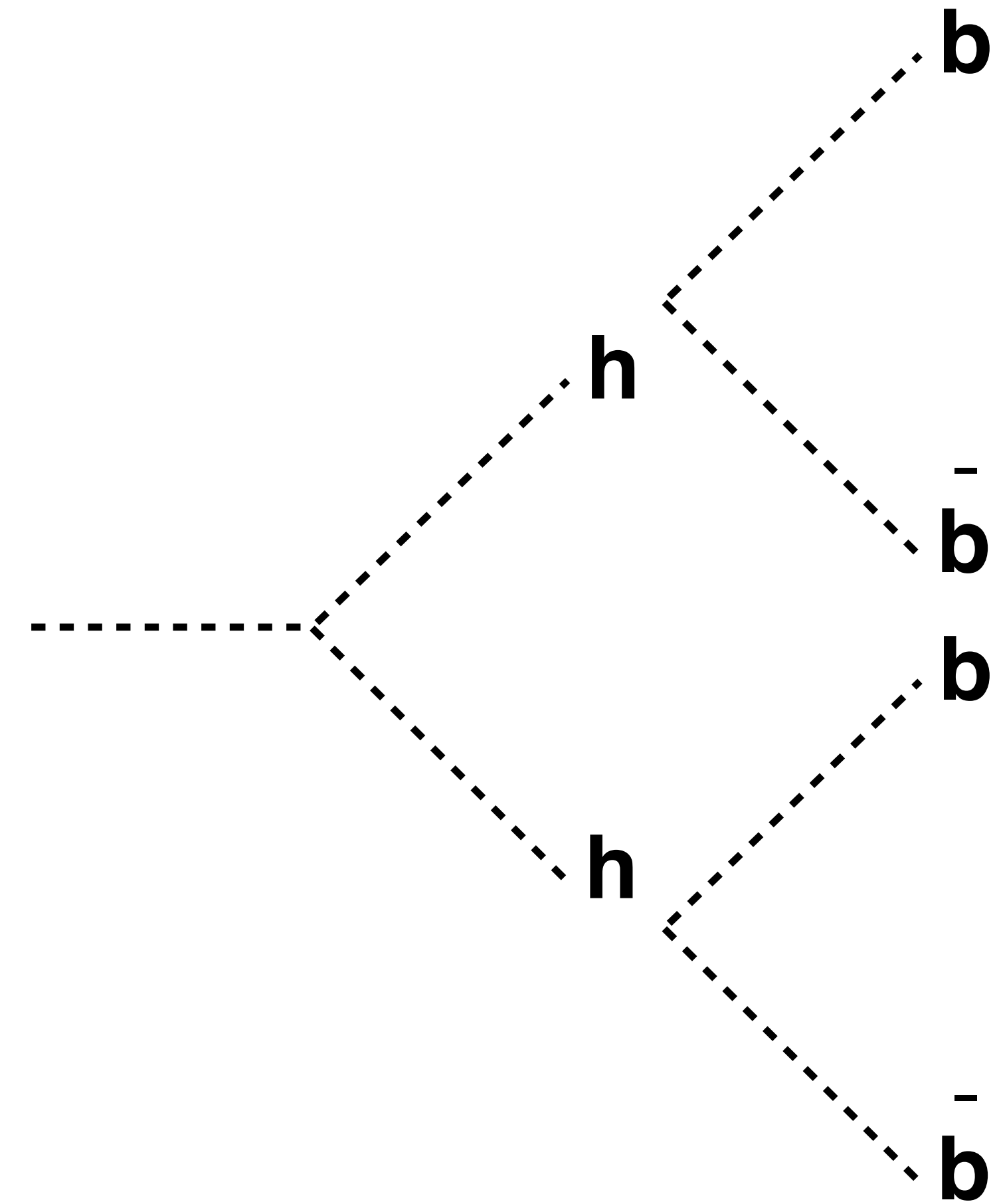
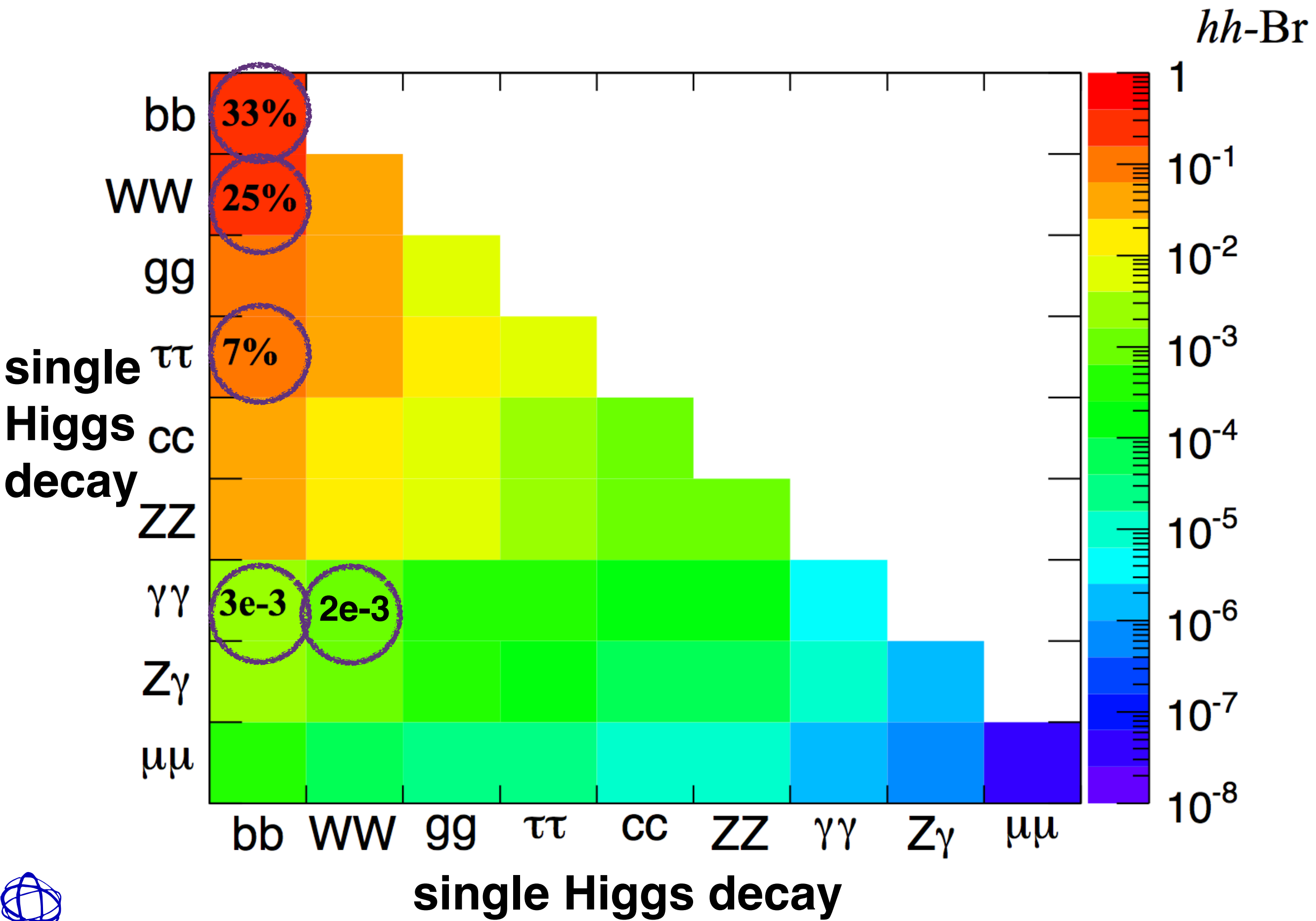
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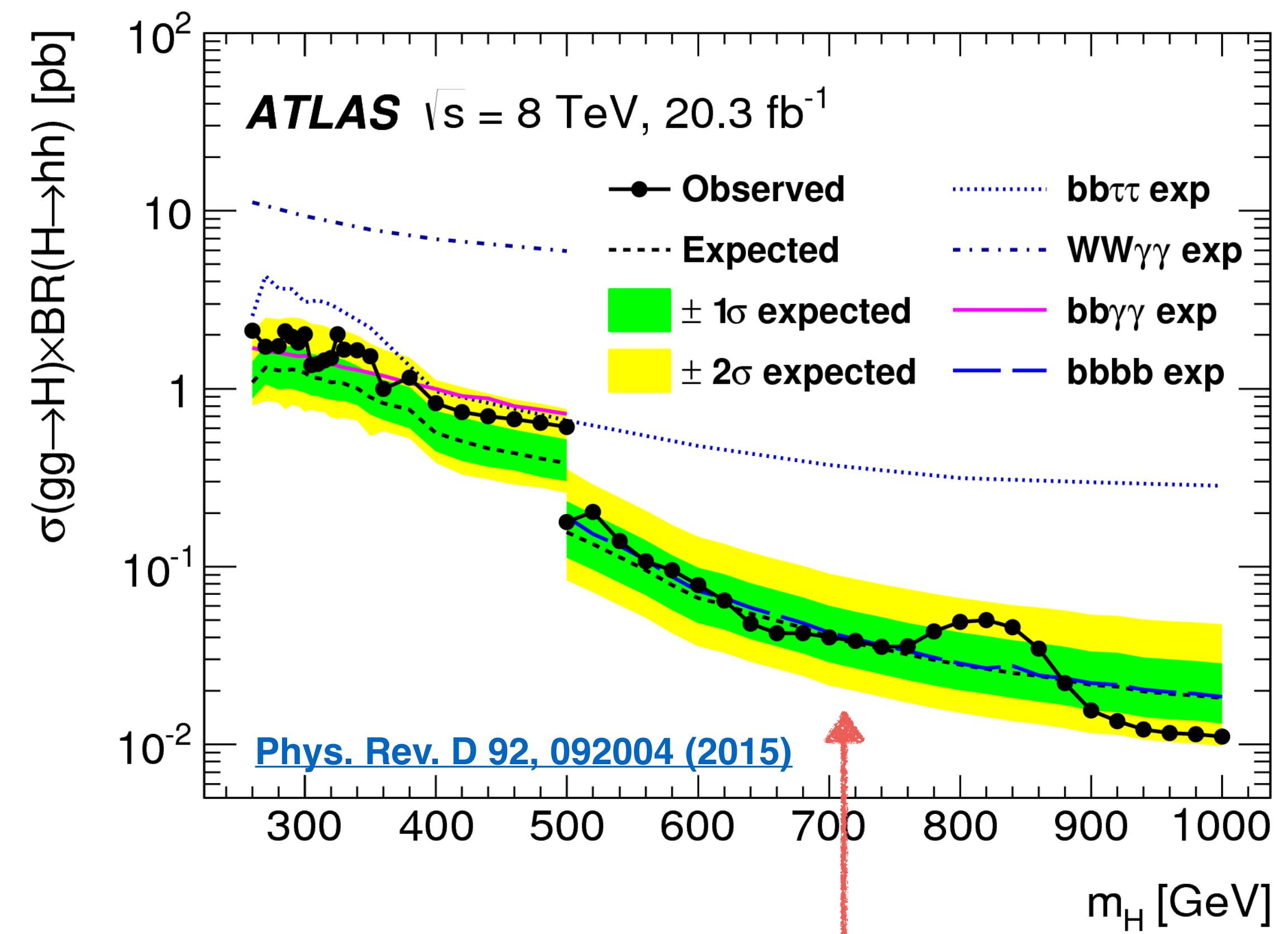
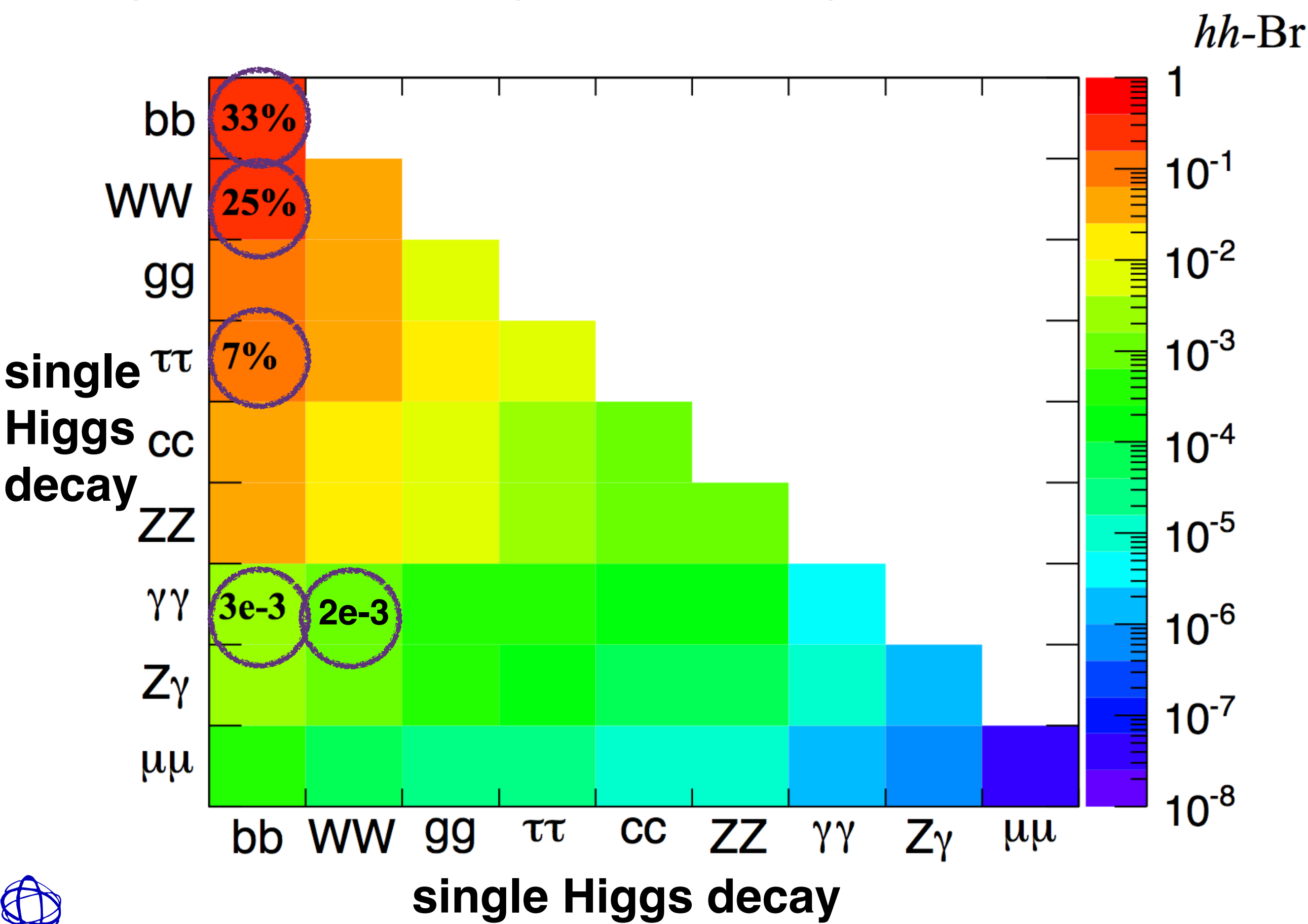
# Di-Higgs decay

larger branching ratio—higher yield



# Di-Higgs decay

larger branching ratio – higher yield



4b better limit for higher mass



# Summary of HH ATLAS Results

ATLAS Search Results	8TeV, fb <sup>-1</sup>	13TeV, fb <sup>-1</sup>	HL-LHC
<b>bbbb</b>	<u>20</u>	<u>3</u> / <u>13</u> / <u>36</u>	<u>prospect</u>
<b>bb<math>\tau\tau</math></b>	20		<u>prospect</u>
<b>bb<math>\gamma\gamma</math></b>	<u>20</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>prospect</u>
<b>WW*<math>\gamma\gamma</math></b>	20	<u>13</u>	
<b>Combination</b>	<u>20</u>		

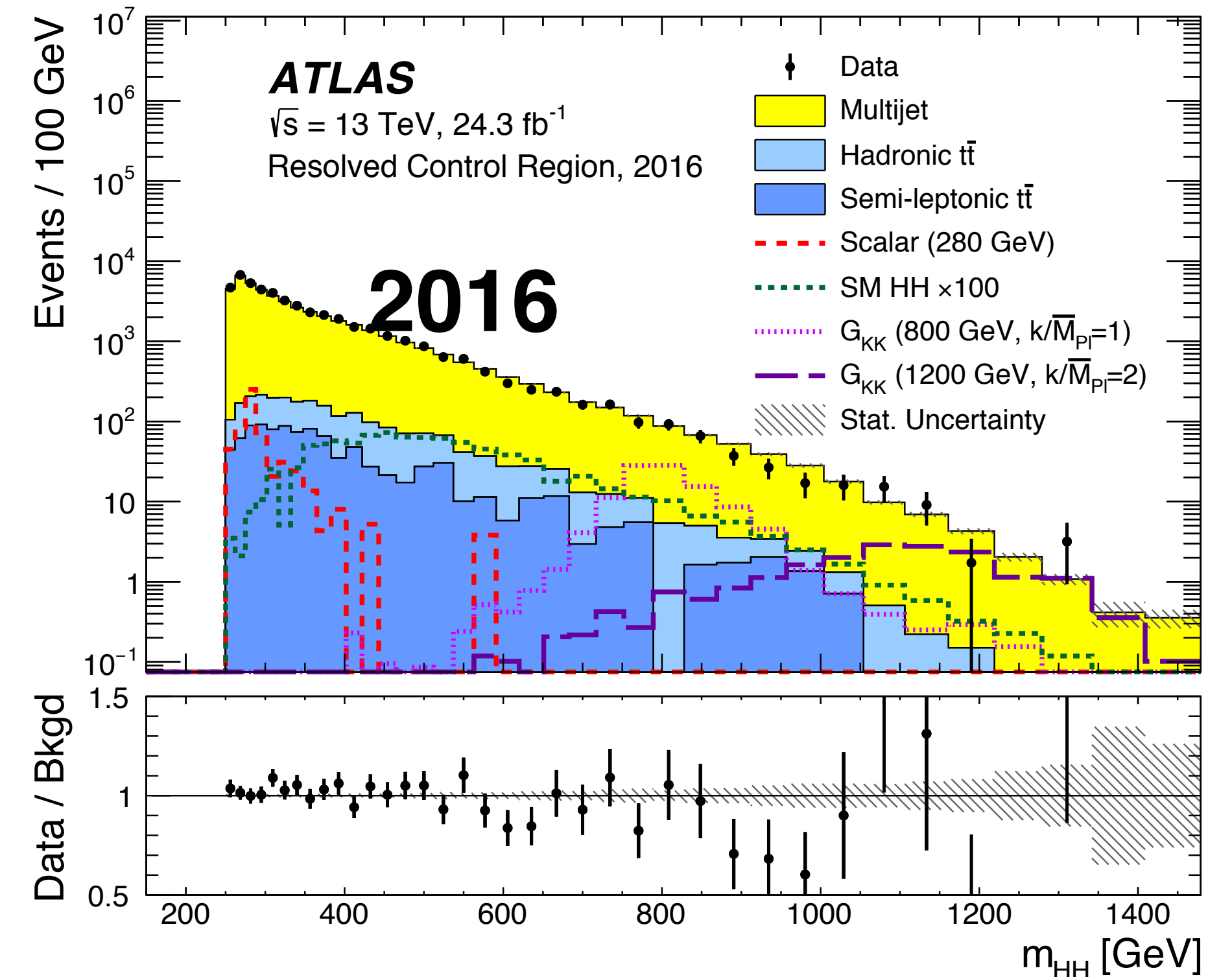
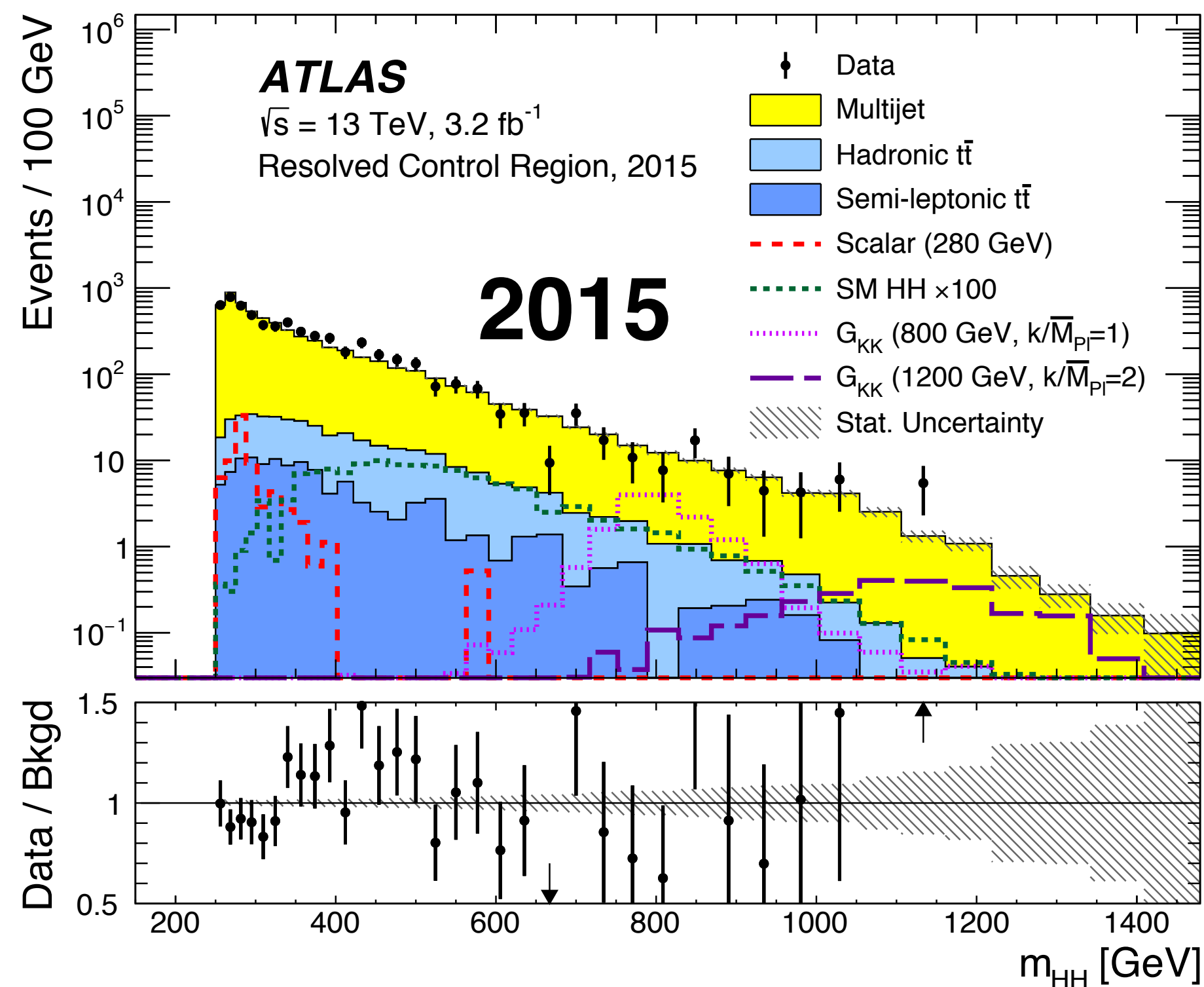




# Control Region: Resolved

- **Good** agreement in shape and normalization

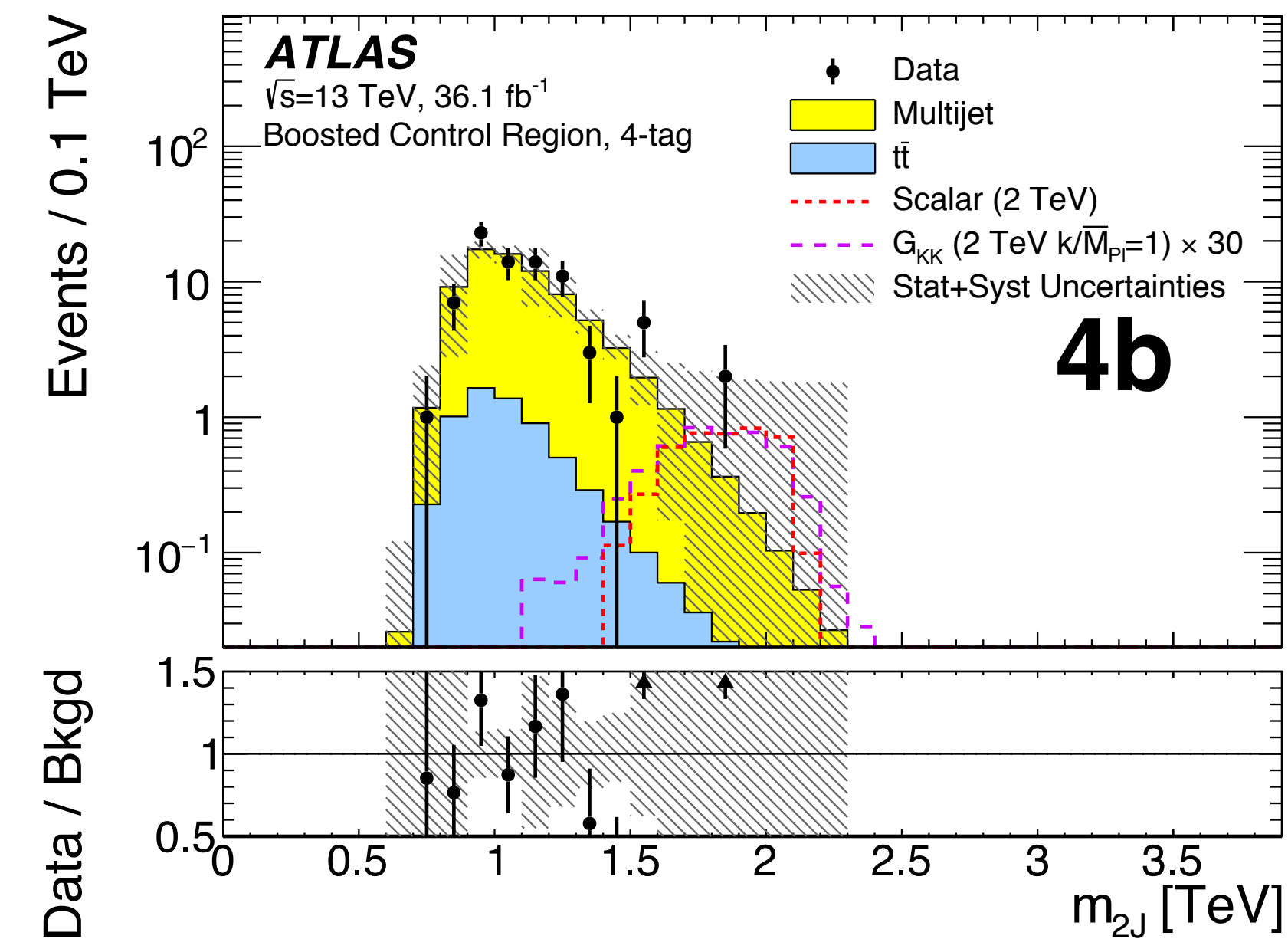
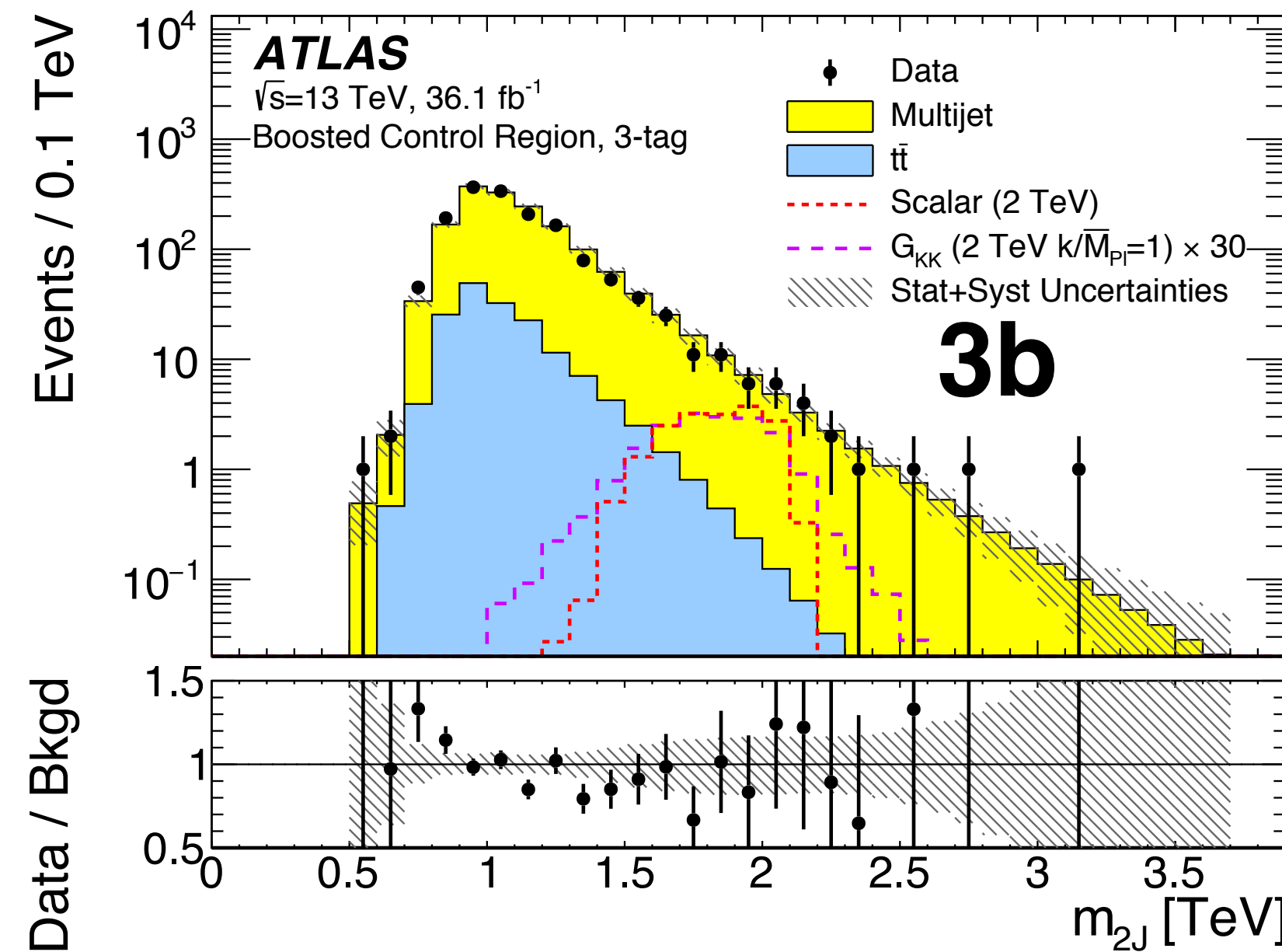
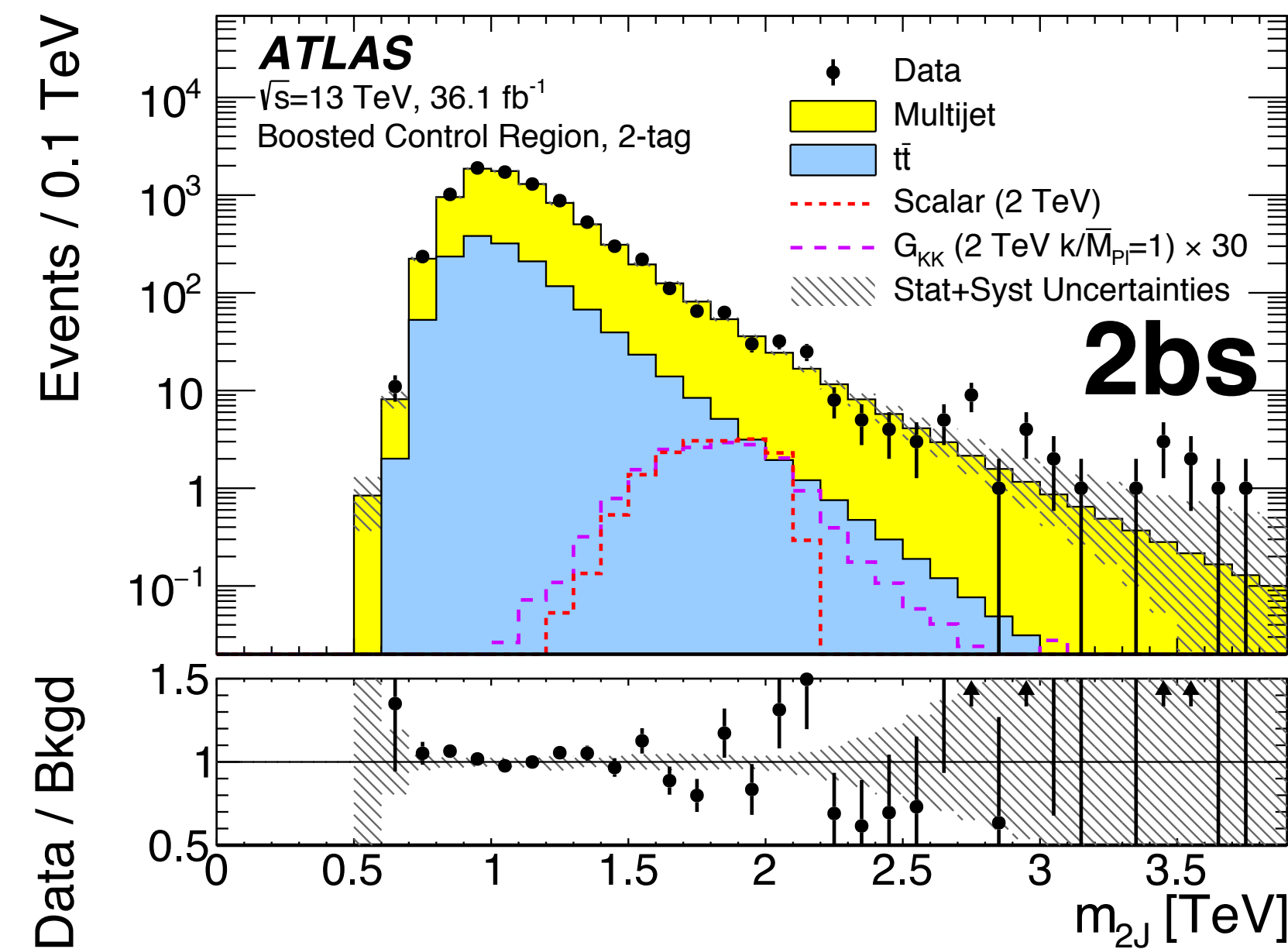
Data	2015	2016
Obs	969	7656
Exp	$956 \pm 50$	$7550 \pm 130$



# Control Region: Boosted

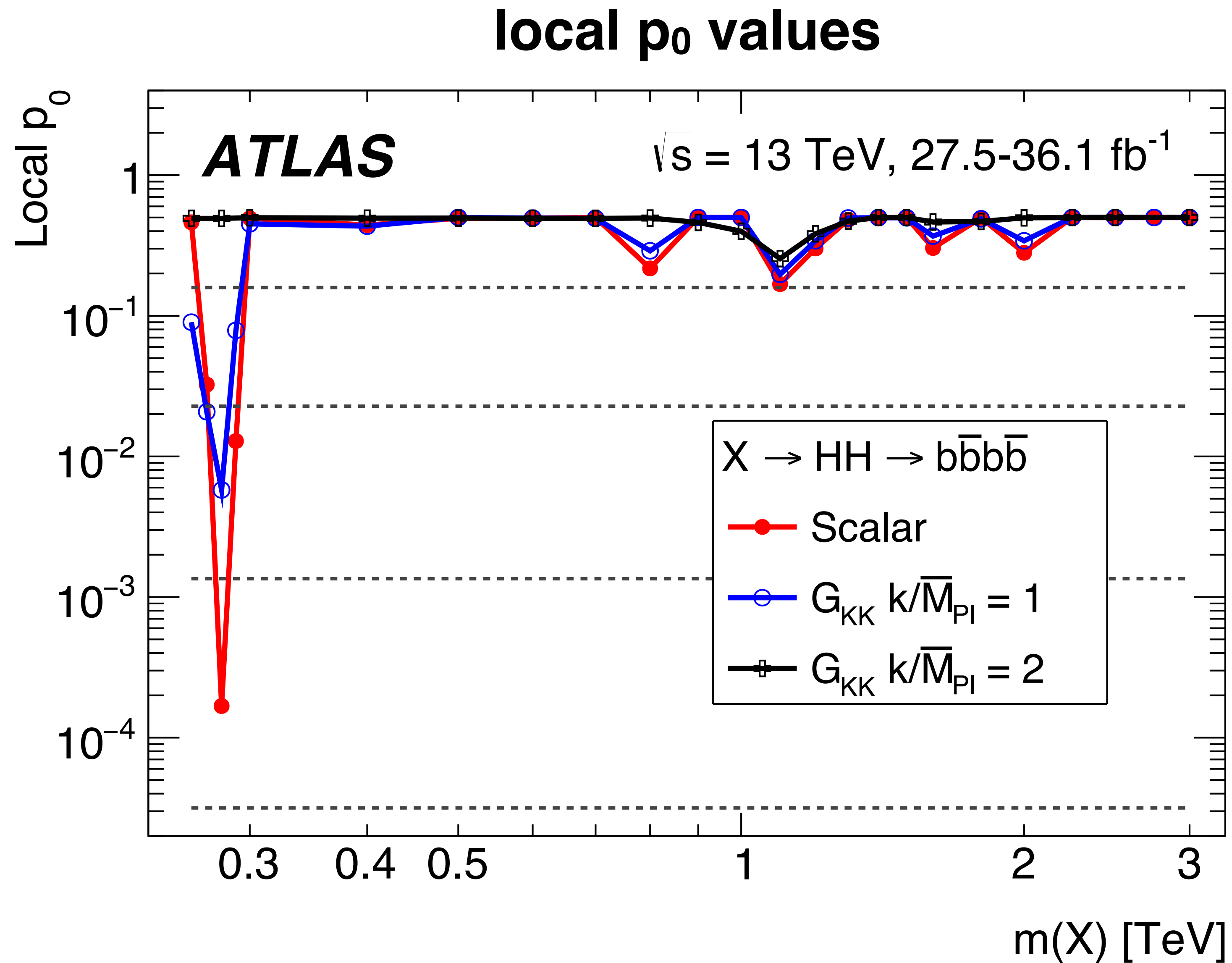
- **Good** agreement in shape and normalization

Channel	2bs	3b	4b
Obs	8486	1553	81
Exp	$8333 \pm 67$	$1587 \pm 36$	$77 \pm 8$



# di-Higgs $p$ -values

- The smallest  $p_0$  is found for the narrow-width scalar at 280 GeV and corresponds to 3.6 (2.3 global) standard deviations from the background-only hypothesis.
- The  $p_0$  value for the  $G_{KK}$  model with  $k/\bar{M}_{Pl}=1$  at the same mass is 2.5 standard deviations, the  $G_{KK}$  model with  $k/\bar{M}_{Pl}=2$  is too wide to fit the excess.

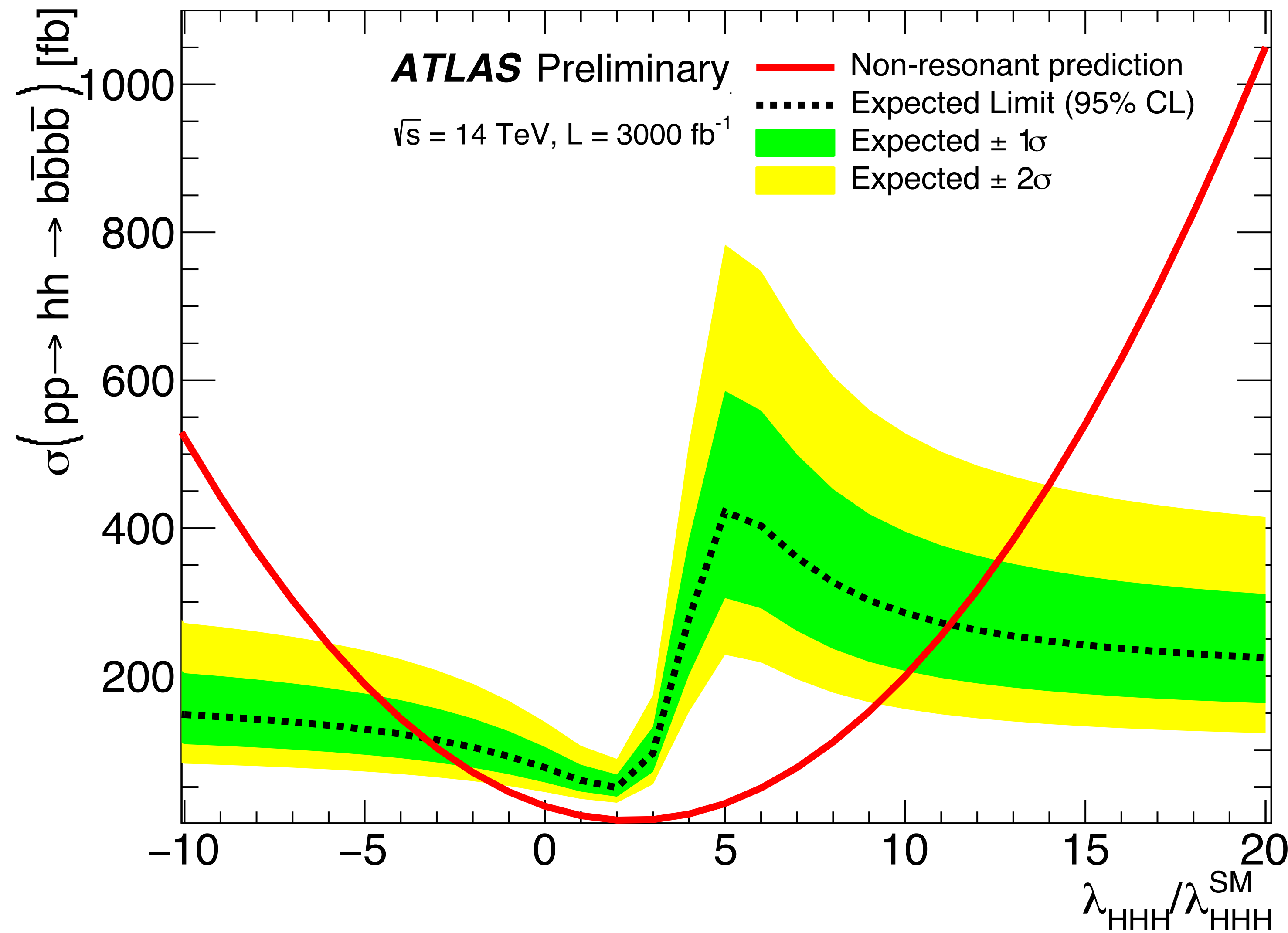




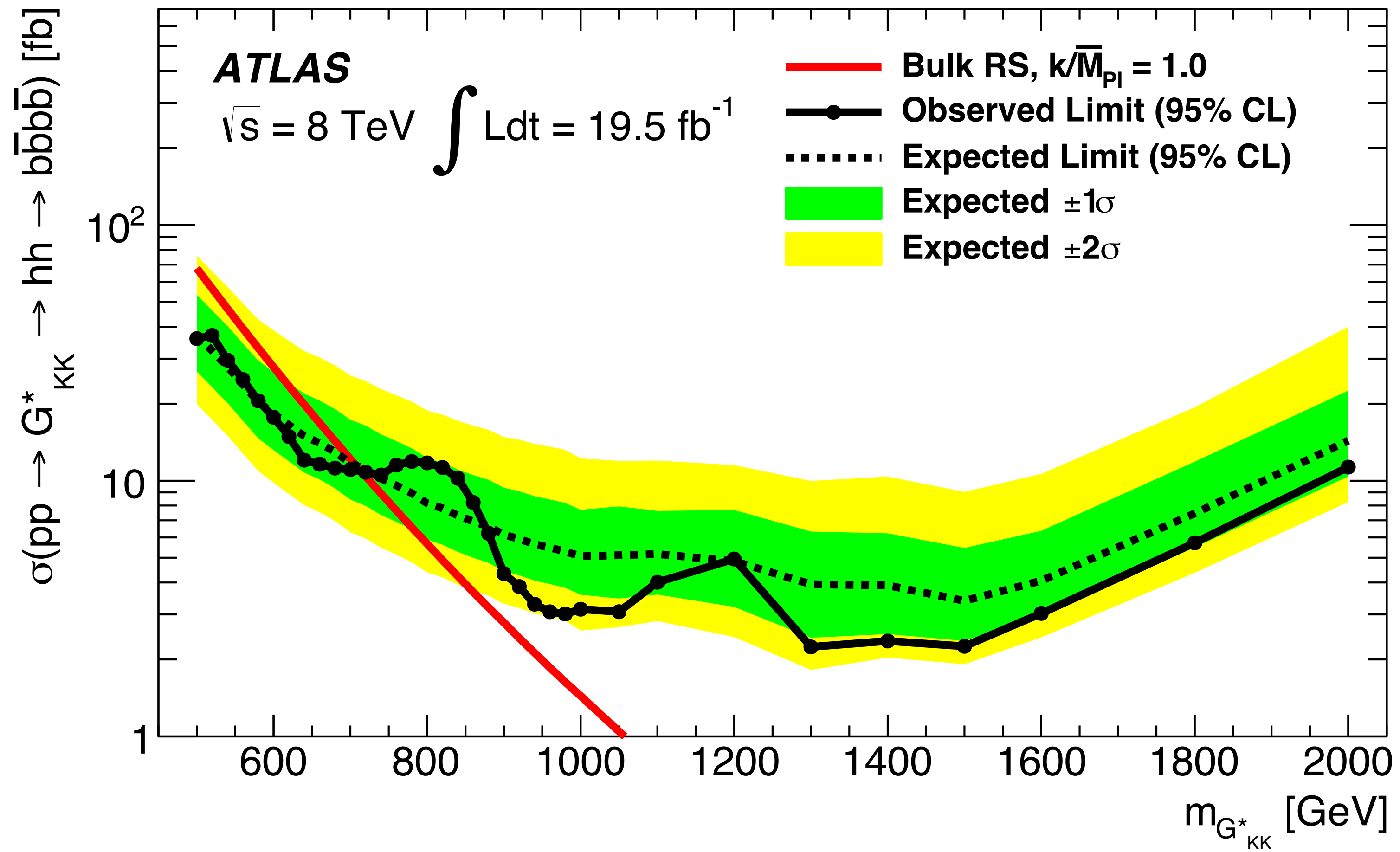
# Future Perspectives

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- Extrapolation of current 2016 results
- Limit:  $-3.5 < \lambda_{hhh} < 11$



# Combined Limit



*Run I non-res limit comparison*[Phys. Rev. D 92, 092004 \(2015\)](#)

RunI non-res limits rel to SM	Obs( <b>Exp</b> )
<b><math>bb\tau\tau</math></b>	160 ( <b>130</b> )
<b><math>WW^*\gamma\gamma</math></b>	1150 ( <b>680</b> )
<b><math>bb\gamma\gamma</math></b>	220 ( <b>100</b> )
<b><math>bbbb</math></b>	63 ( <b>63</b> )
<b>Combination</b>	70 ( <b>48</b> )





# Resolved and Boosted Results

Sample	Signal Region Yield
Multijet	$81.4 \pm 4.9$
$t\bar{t}$	$5.2 \pm 2.6$
Z+jets	$0.4 \pm 0.2$
<b>Resolved</b>	
Total	$87.0 \pm 5.6$
Data	87
SM $hh$	$0.34 \pm 0.05$
$G_{KK}^*$ (500 GeV), $k/\bar{M}_{Pl} = 1$	$27 \pm 5.9$

Sample	Signal Region Yield
Multijet	$23.5 \pm 4.1$
$t\bar{t}$	$2.2 \pm 0.9$
Z+jets	$0.14 \pm 0.06$
<b>Boosted</b>	
Total	$25.7 \pm 4.2$
Data	34
$G_{KK}^*$ (1000 GeV), $k/\bar{M}_{Pl} = 1$	$2.1 \pm 0.6$

